

Hosea

Hosea was a prophet that spoke to Israel. God told Hosea to go marry a woman named Gomer who would not love him. God used the names of Hosea's children to deliver a message to Israel. The first child that Hosea and Gomer had together was named Jezreel. This name meant that God would scatter his people because they had been wicked. The second child was named Lo-ruhamah. This name meant that God would not show mercy or be easy to Israel. Hosea seemed to think that his wife Gomer loved another man. The third child was named Lo-Ammi. This name meant that Israel was no longer God's people because they had behaved so wickedly. Then, Hosea knew that Gomer loved another man.

God told Hosea to show Gomer that he loved her and bring her back. Hosea told Gomer that she would have to prove that she had changed her wicked ways. She had to prove that she loved only Hosea.

God used the story of Hosea and Gomer to show how God had loved Israel and she had left God to love other idols. God's heart was broken because His people would **not** love and obey Him! Because Israel had **not** obeyed, God would punish Israel by letting Assyria take them into captivity. God was so sad that He had to punish Israel but, they would **not** obey Him. How sad that Israel had forgotten God!

God asked the people to return to Him. He wanted them to love and serve Him so that He could bless them and do great things for them. God knew that after Israel had been punished, some of the people would return to God. God promised the people that when they changed their evil ways and put away idols, He would bless them again.

Main Points:

1. God will punish those who behave wickedly.
2. It breaks God's heart when we decide to not obey Him.
3. When we have been wicked, God wants us to change and return to Him.

Hosea Song

(To the tune of: Indiana Jones Theme Song)

Hosea was to go and marry Gomer

Who would not love him.

This would show Hosea

God's broken heart

When Israel

Would not obey Him!

Lesson 4 Questions: Hosea

1. Did God want Hosea to marry a woman that would love him?

Yes

No

2. Did the names of Hosea's children have special meanings for Israel?

Yes

No

3. Did Gomer leave Hosea and love another man?

Yes

No

4. Did God tell Hosea to show Gomer that he loved her and bring her back?

Yes

No

5. Did Gomer have to prove that she would love only Hosea?

Yes

No

6. Did God use the story of Hosea and Gomer to show how He felt when Israel disobeyed?

Yes

No

7. How does God feel when we disobey Him?

Happy

Sad

8. Would God punish Israel because she had not obeyed and loved Him?

Yes

No

9. Who would God use to punish Israel?

Egypt

Assyria

10. Will God punish those who disobey Him?

Yes

No

11. Does it break God's heart when we decide to not obey Him?

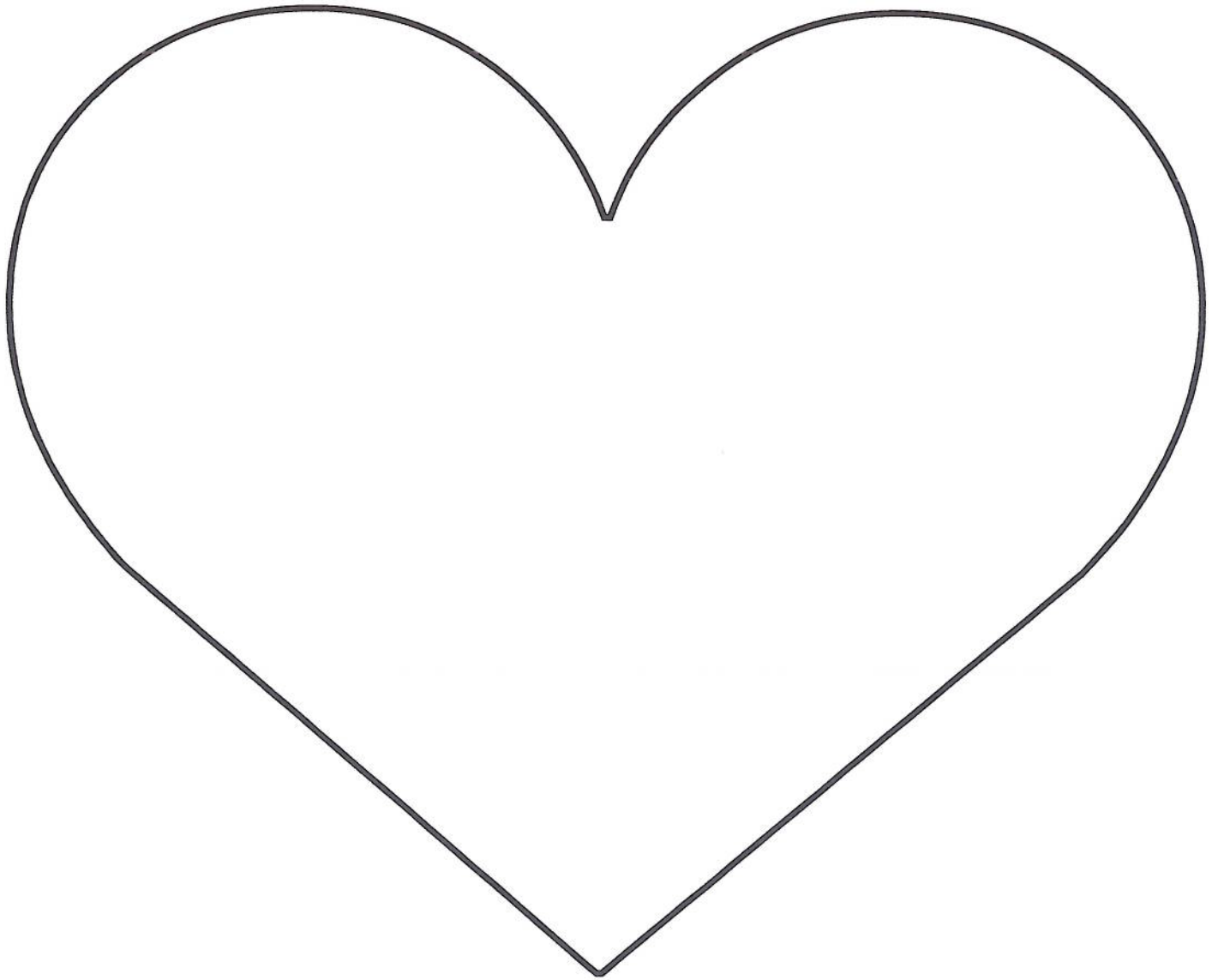
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12. Does God want us to change and turn back to Him when we have been wicked?

Yes

No



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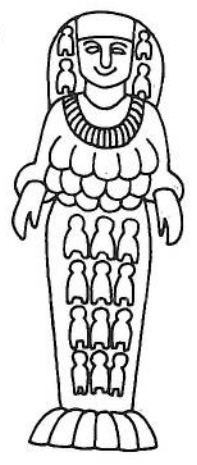


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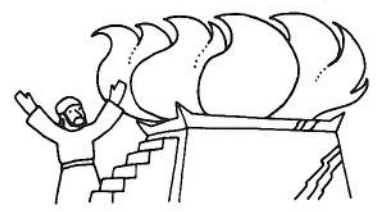
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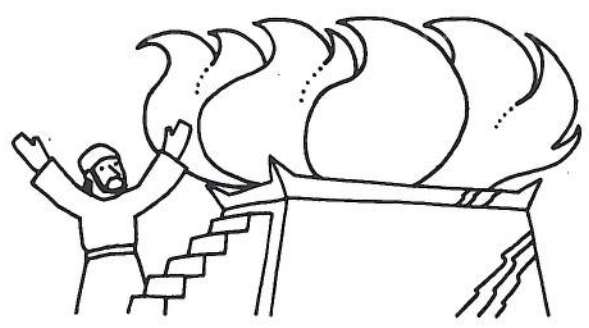
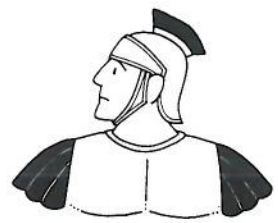
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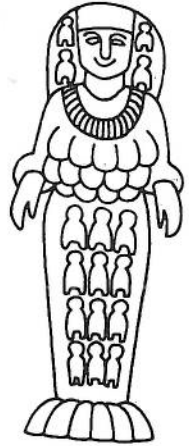


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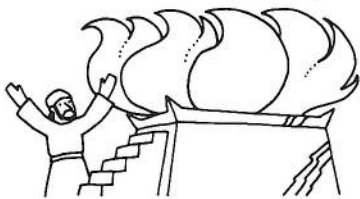
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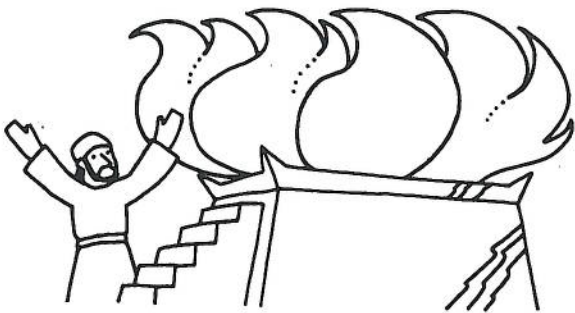


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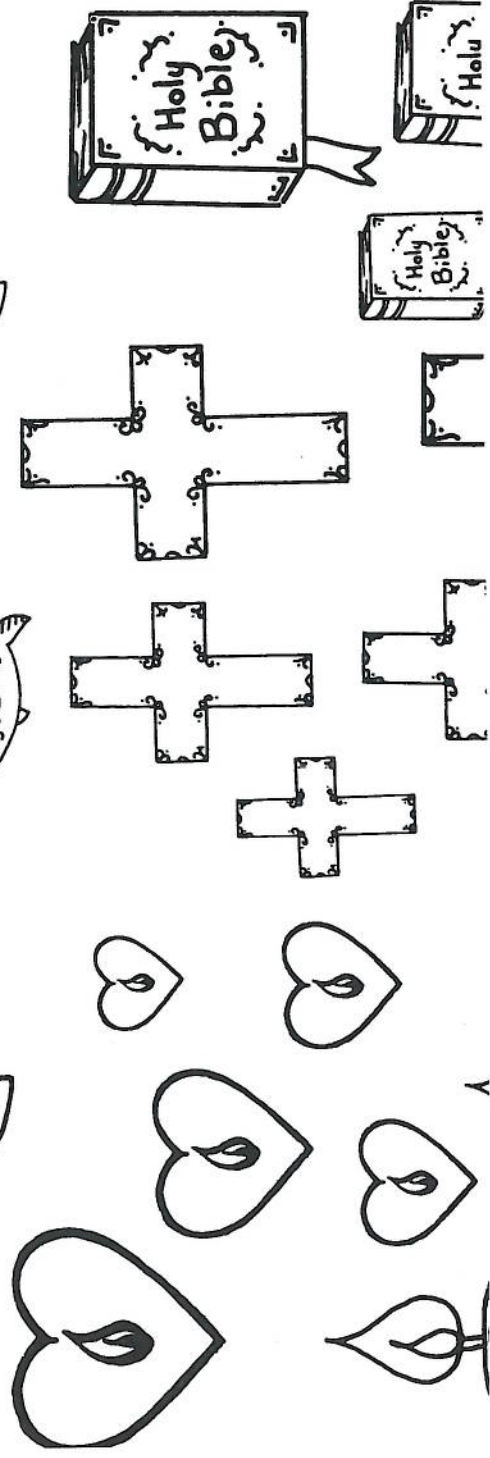
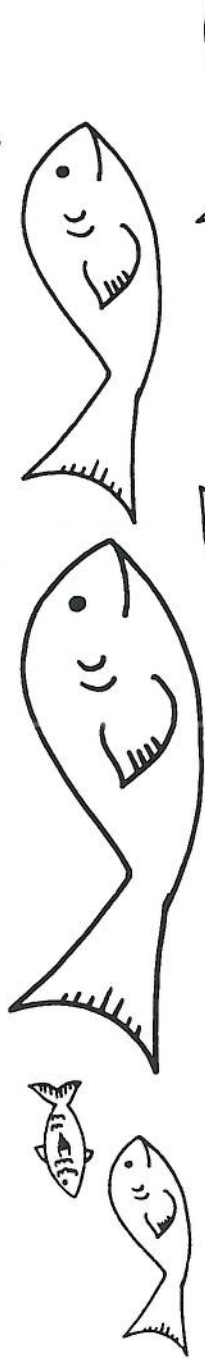
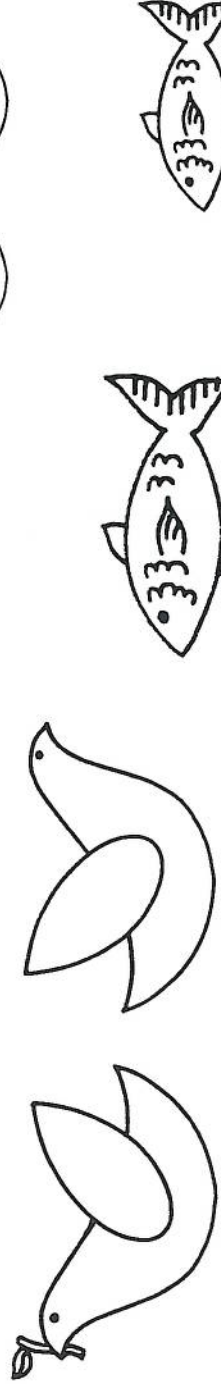
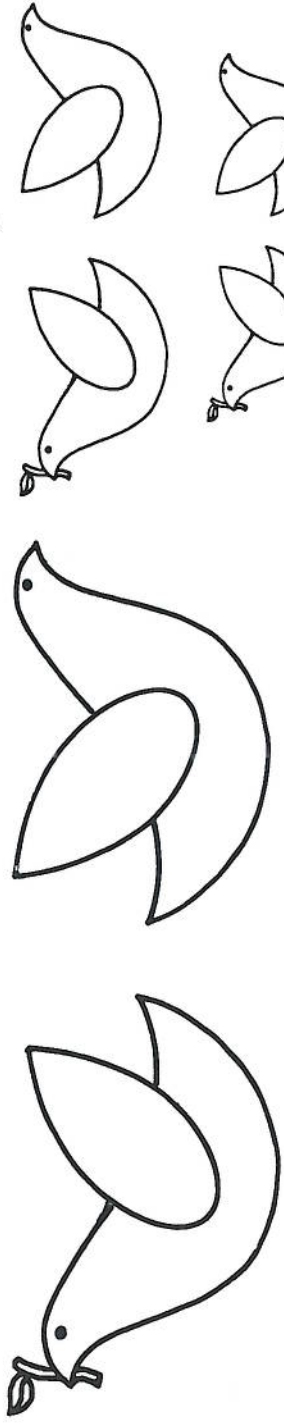
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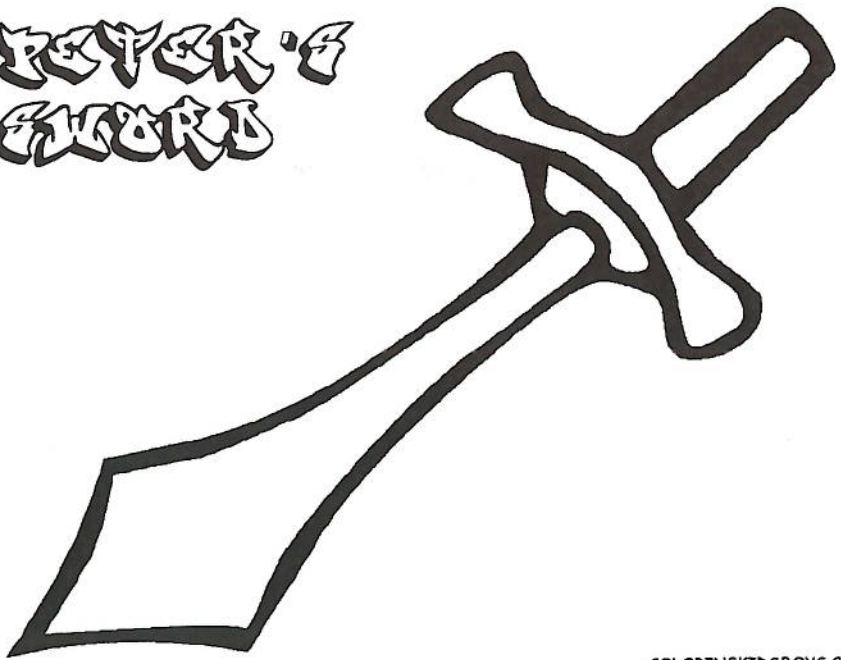


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