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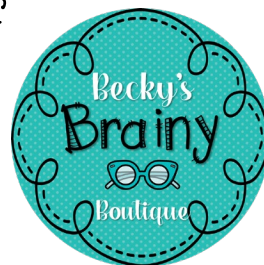
- A Mini-Lesson Plan to follow
- Full size (color and B/W) for teachers as you highlight the story with your class.
- Mini Books for you to print for your students.

Instructions

- Print the teacher book on cardstock and laminate for durability. (If using the B/W option, take some time to color it.)
- Print, cut and staple the student books on regular paper.
- I strongly recommend that you open up your Bible while you share this book with your students, so they understand that the whole story comes from the Bible.
- Later, your students can color these mini books and take them home to share with their family. Encourage the parents of your students to read these together and allow their child to share what they learned that week.

Happy Teaching!

~Becky

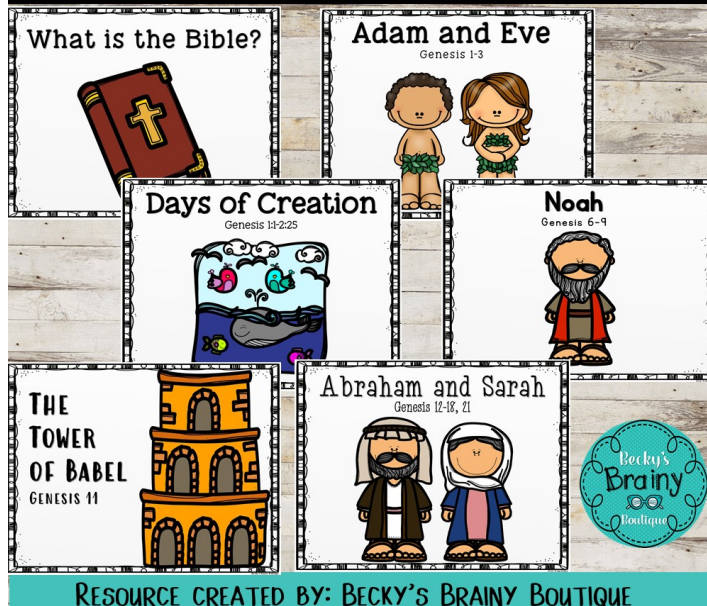


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Mini Lesson Plan

JONAH AND THE BIG FISH



OBJECTIVE

Students will learn about Jonah and his choice to try and run from God, the consequences of his sin, and God's love and forgiveness. They will also be able to answer discussion questions from the lesson.

MATERIALS

- Bible
- Printed Teacher Book
- Printed copies of the mini book for students (prepare these ahead of time by cutting the page into 8 pages and stapling the book together)
- Crayons/Pencils

TEACHING TIME (5 minutes)

Ask students to join you as you open your Bible to the Old Testament, the book of Jonah. Explain to students that they are going to learn about the a man named Jonah today.

Show students the cover page of the Teacher Book. Ask them to tell you what they see in the picture. Tell the students to listen as you read the story.

Read the pages and show students the pictures as you go.

ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Send students to their seats and distribute copies of their mini book. Direct students to write their name and color the pictures. When students are finished, move on to the discussion questions.

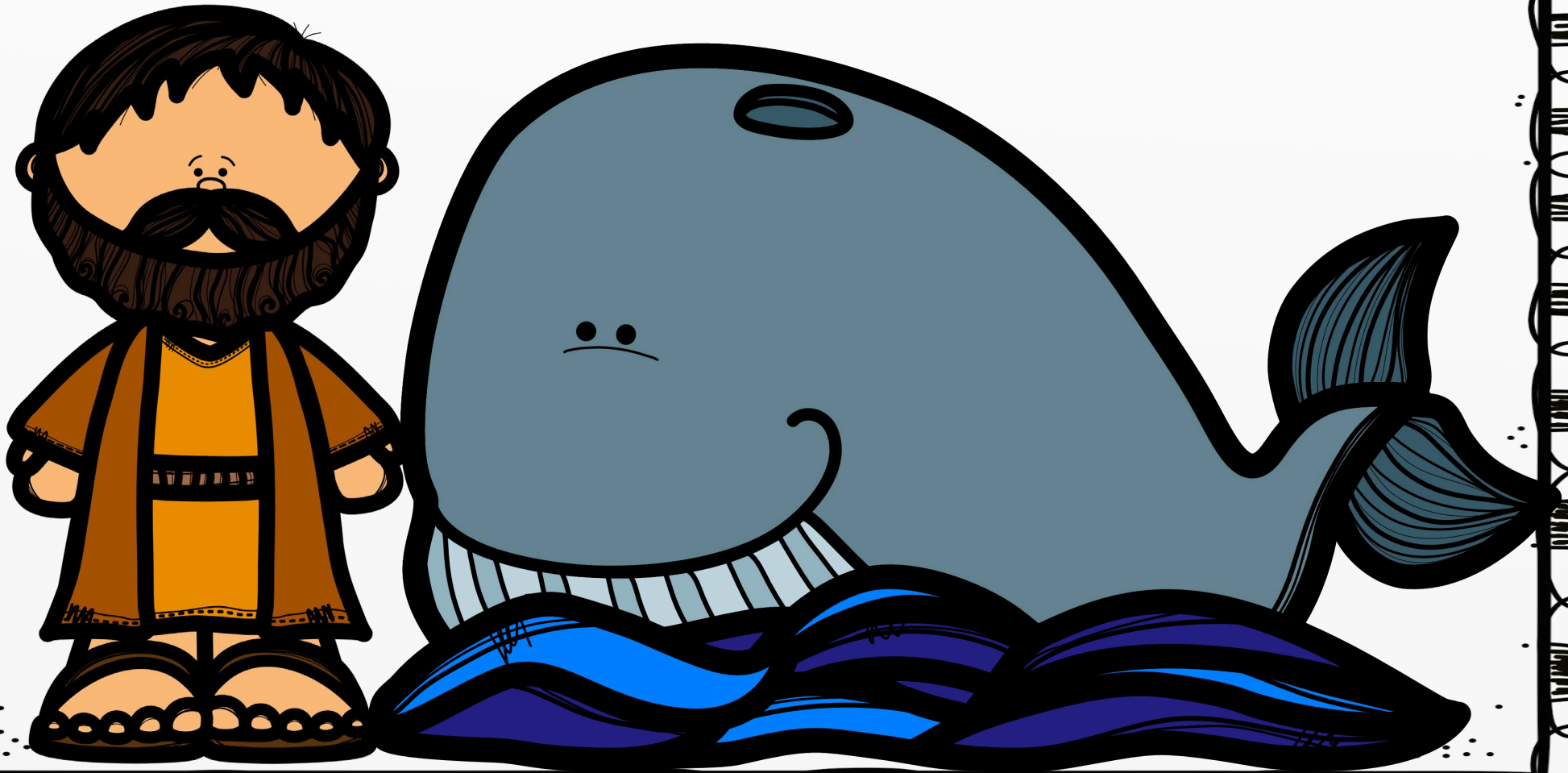
DISCUSSION (5 minutes)

1. Where did God tell Jonah to go? (God told Jonah to go to Nineveh.)
2. Did Jonah go to Nineveh the first time God told him to go? Explain. (Jonah did not obey because he did not like the people of Nineveh.)
3. Instead of going to Nineveh, where did Jonah go? (Jonah tried to run away and hide from God by getting on a ship.)
4. What happened when Jonah was on the ship? (A bad storm came and the ship started to sink.)
5. What did Jonah tell the sailors to do? Why? (Jonah told the sailors to throw him overboard because he knew the storm was his fault. He told the sailors that the storm would stop if he wasn't on the ship.)
6. When Jonah was first throw into the water, he started to drown. How did God save him? (God sent a big fish to swallow him whole.)
7. What did Jonah do when he was in the belly of the fish for three days? (Jonah did some thinking and praying. Then he asked God to forgive him.)
8. After God told the fist to spit Jonah out, what did Jonah do? (Jonah went to Nineveh.)
9. The people of Nineveh listed to Jonah's message from God. What happened next? (The people became followers of the one, true God.)

Total Time for Lesson. 15 minutes

Jonah and the Big Fish

Jonah 1-4



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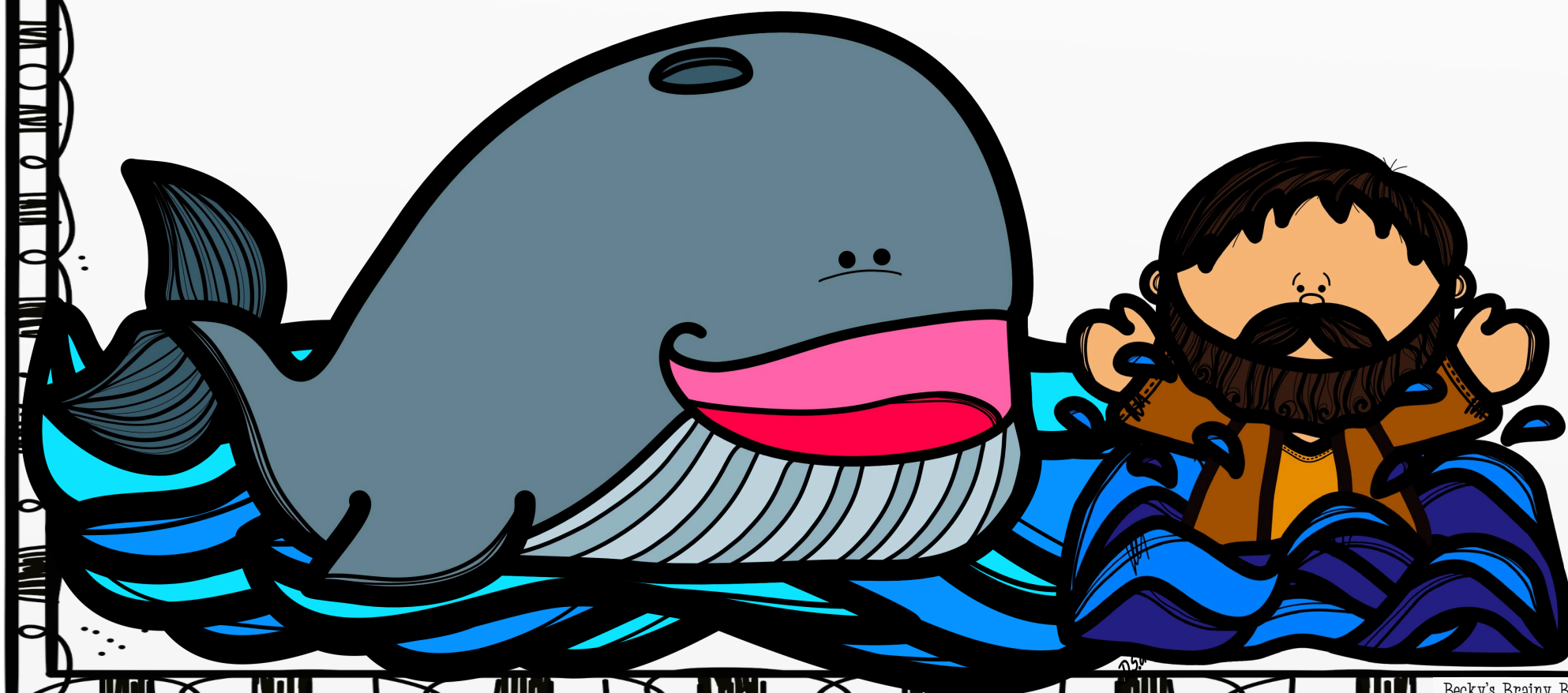


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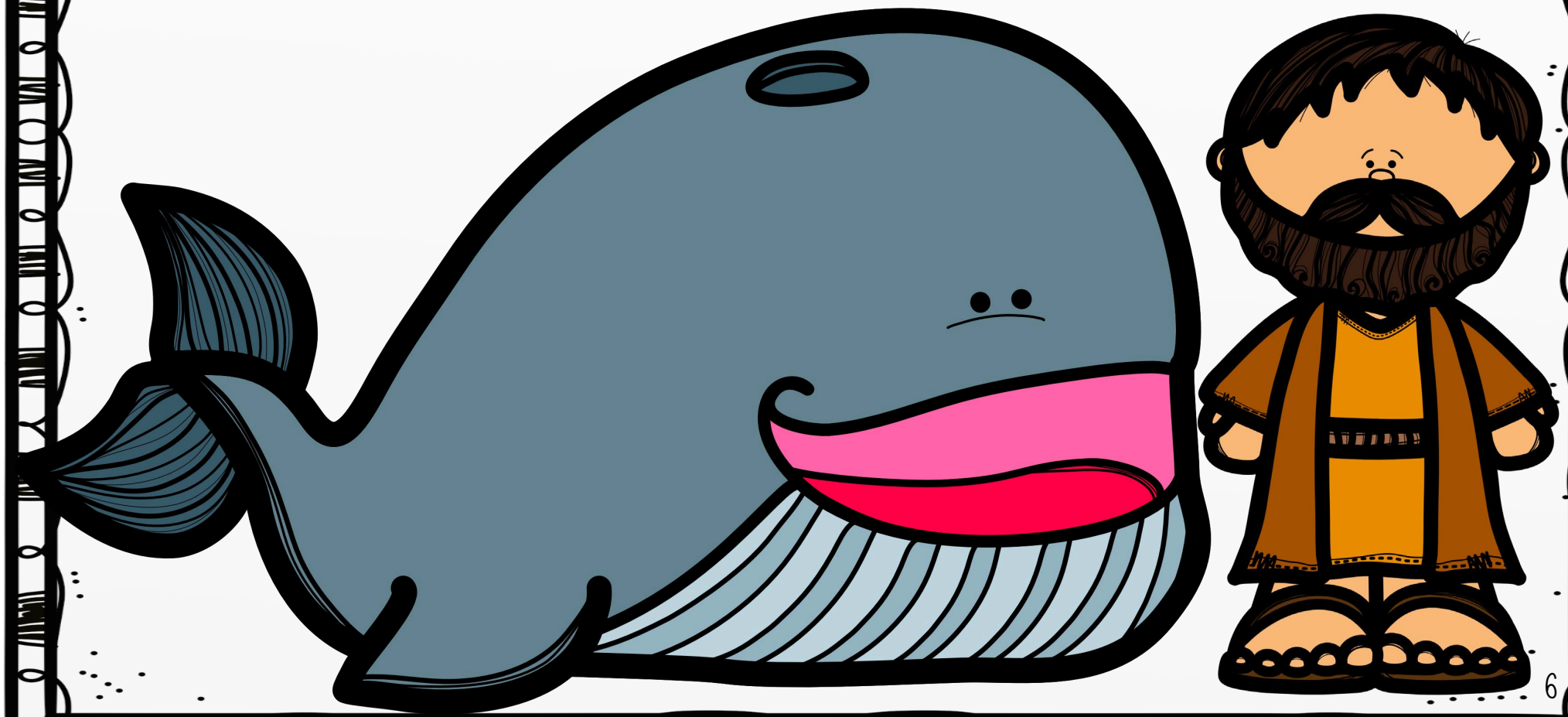
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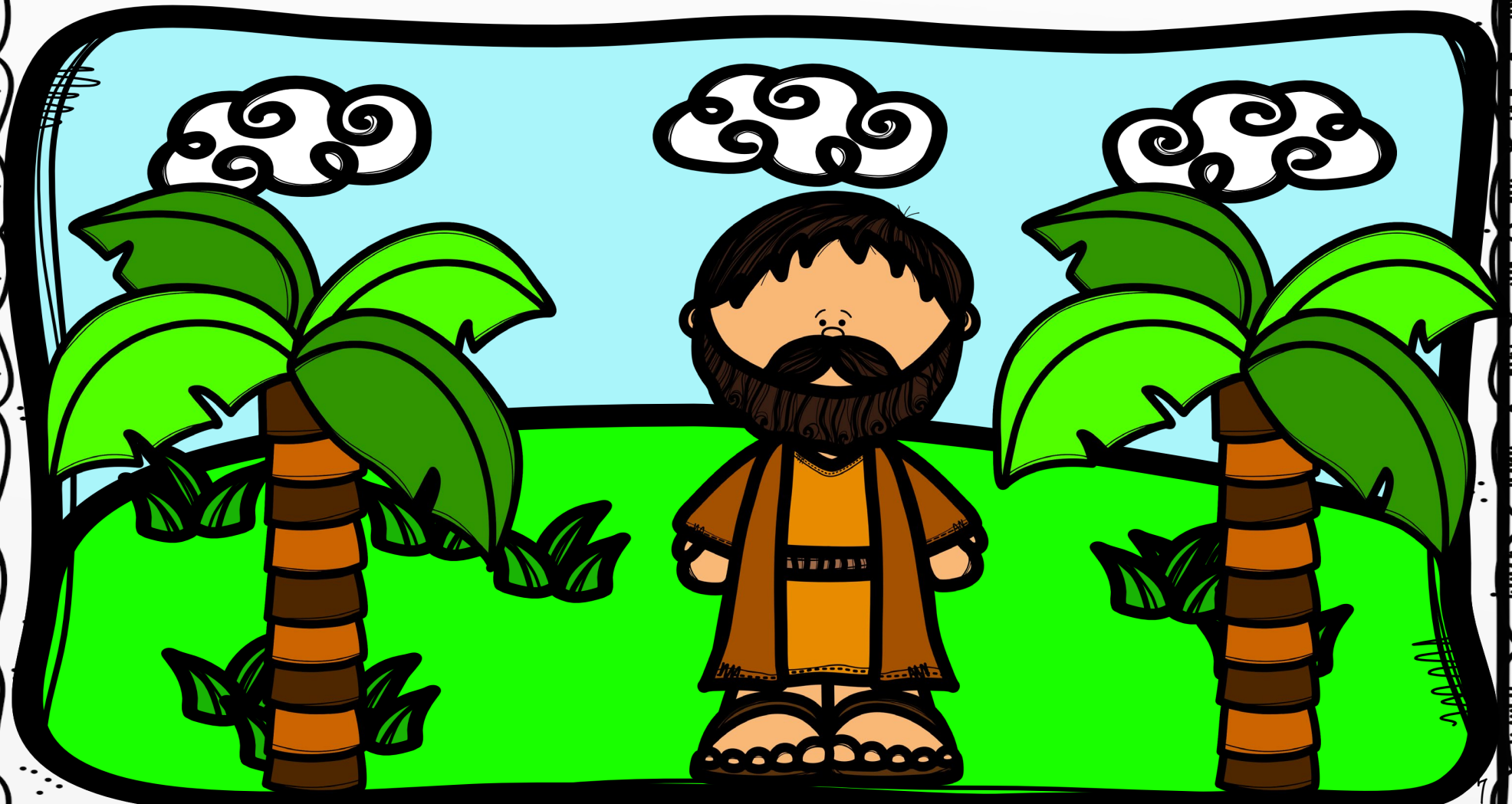
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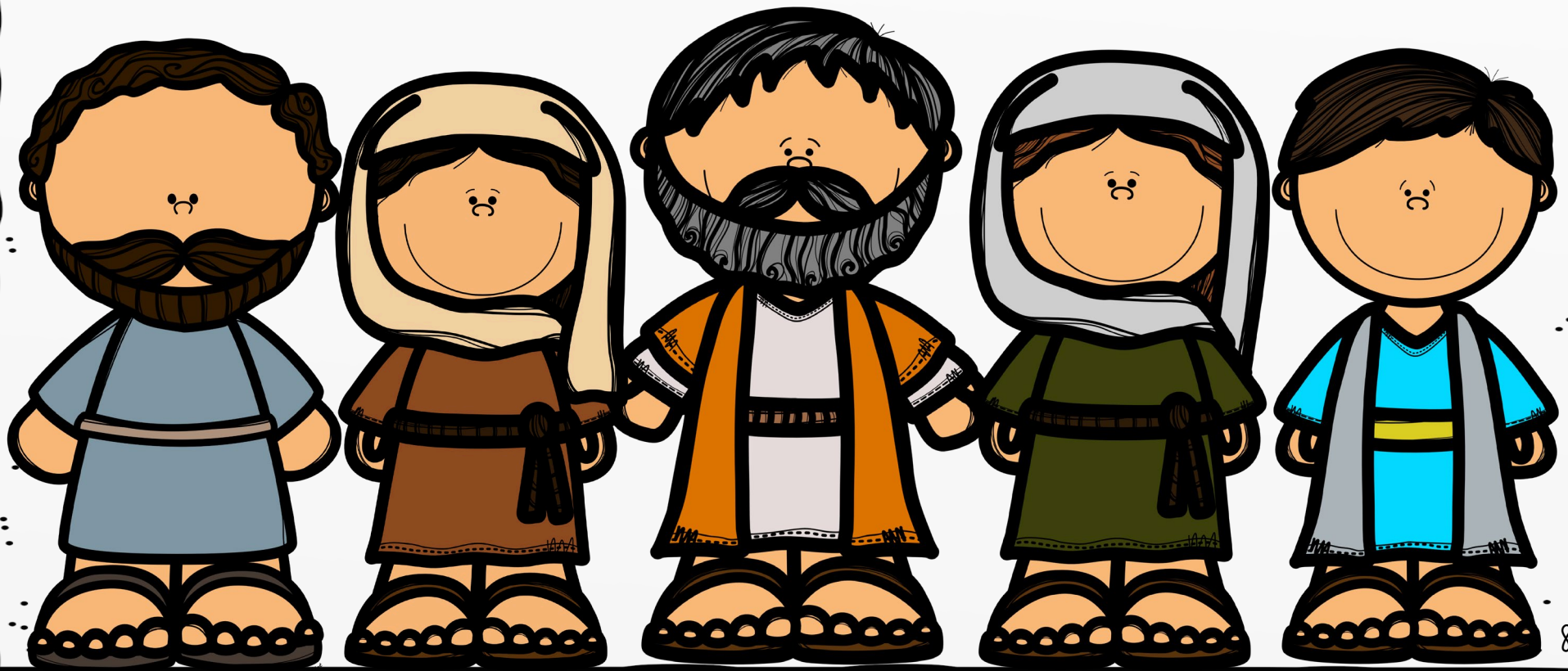
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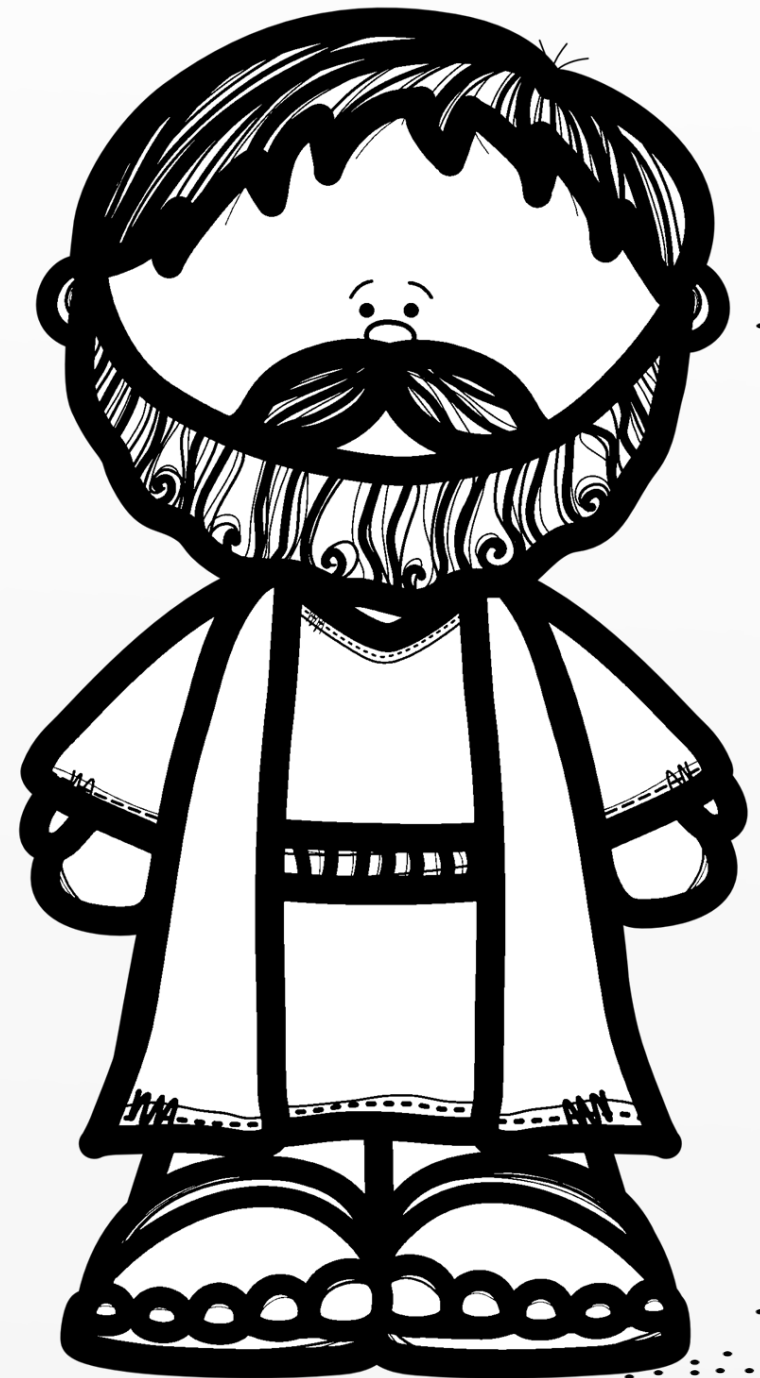


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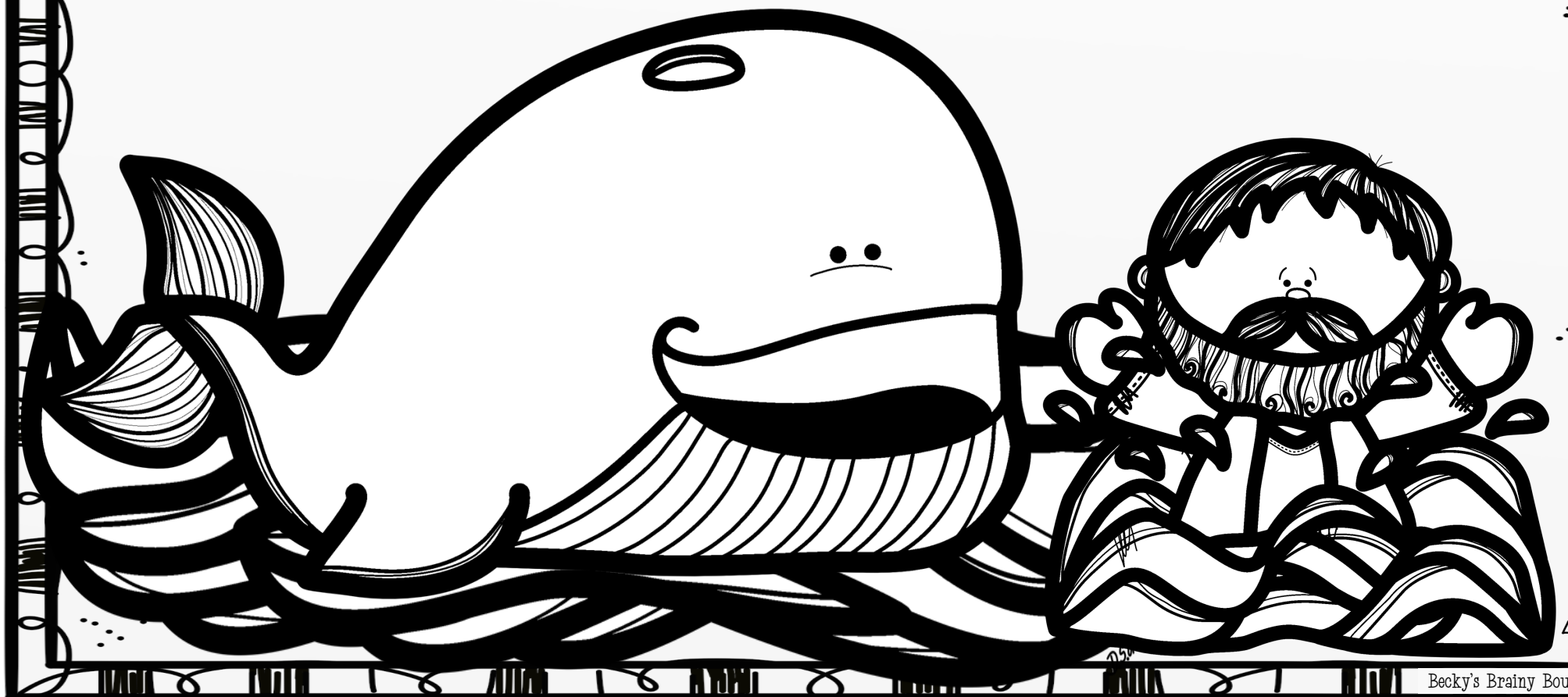


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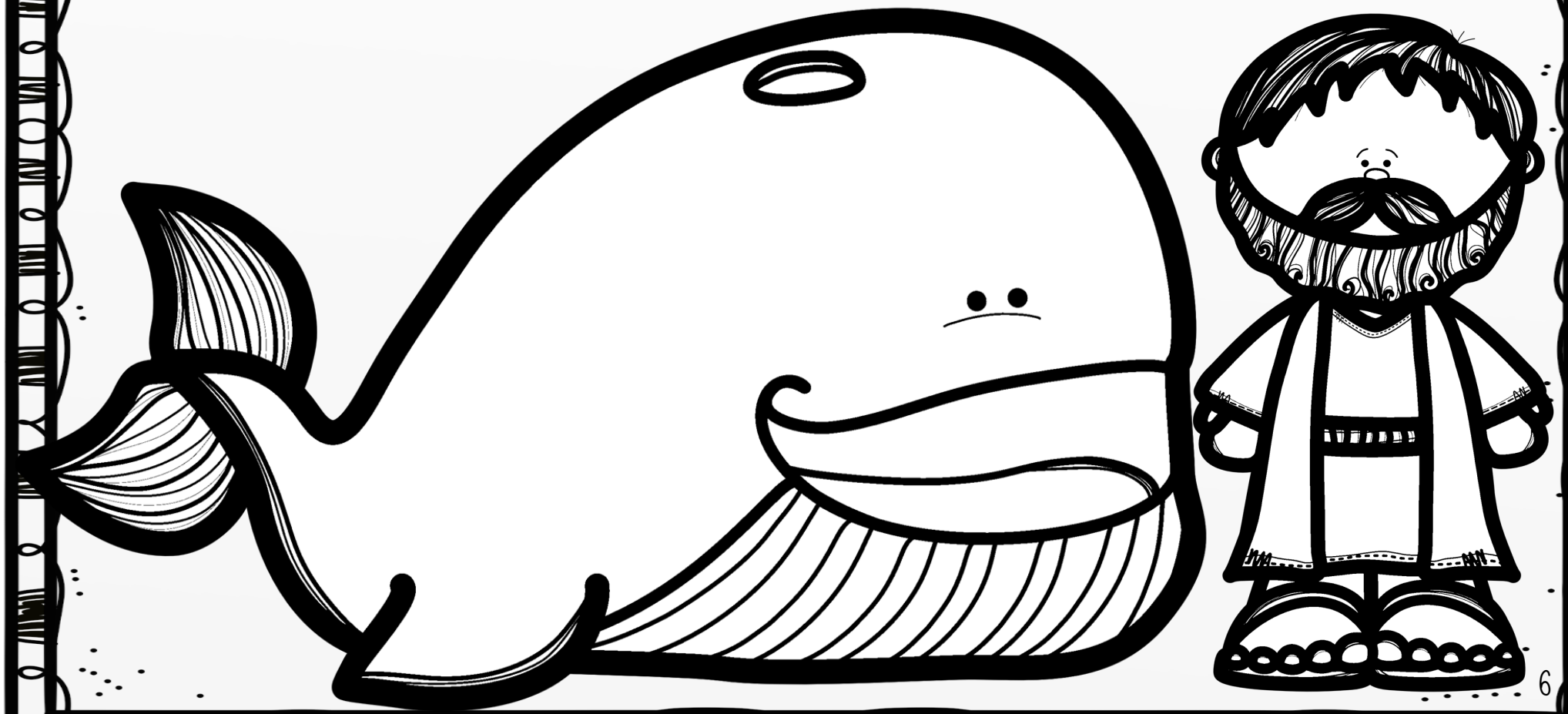
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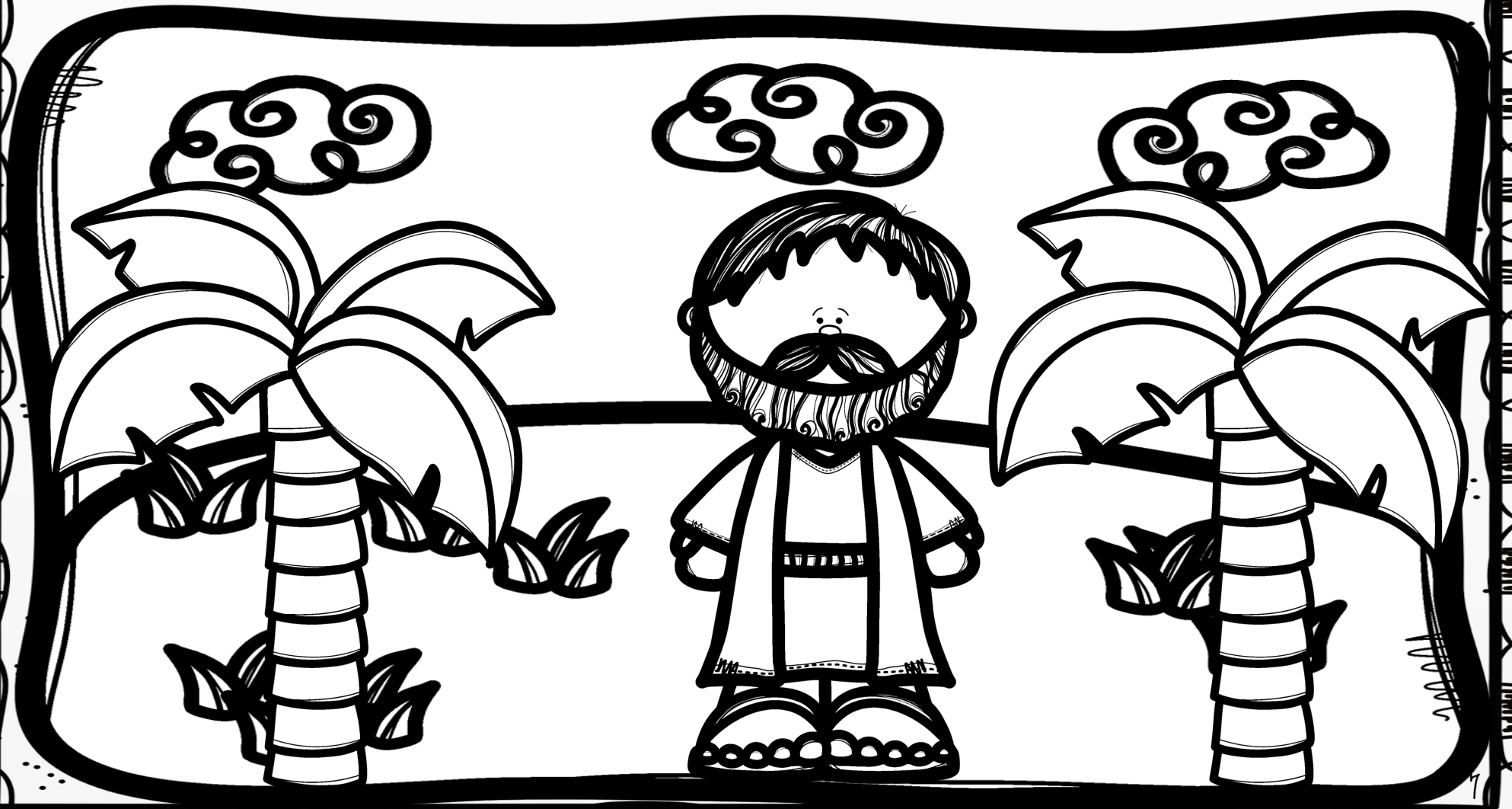
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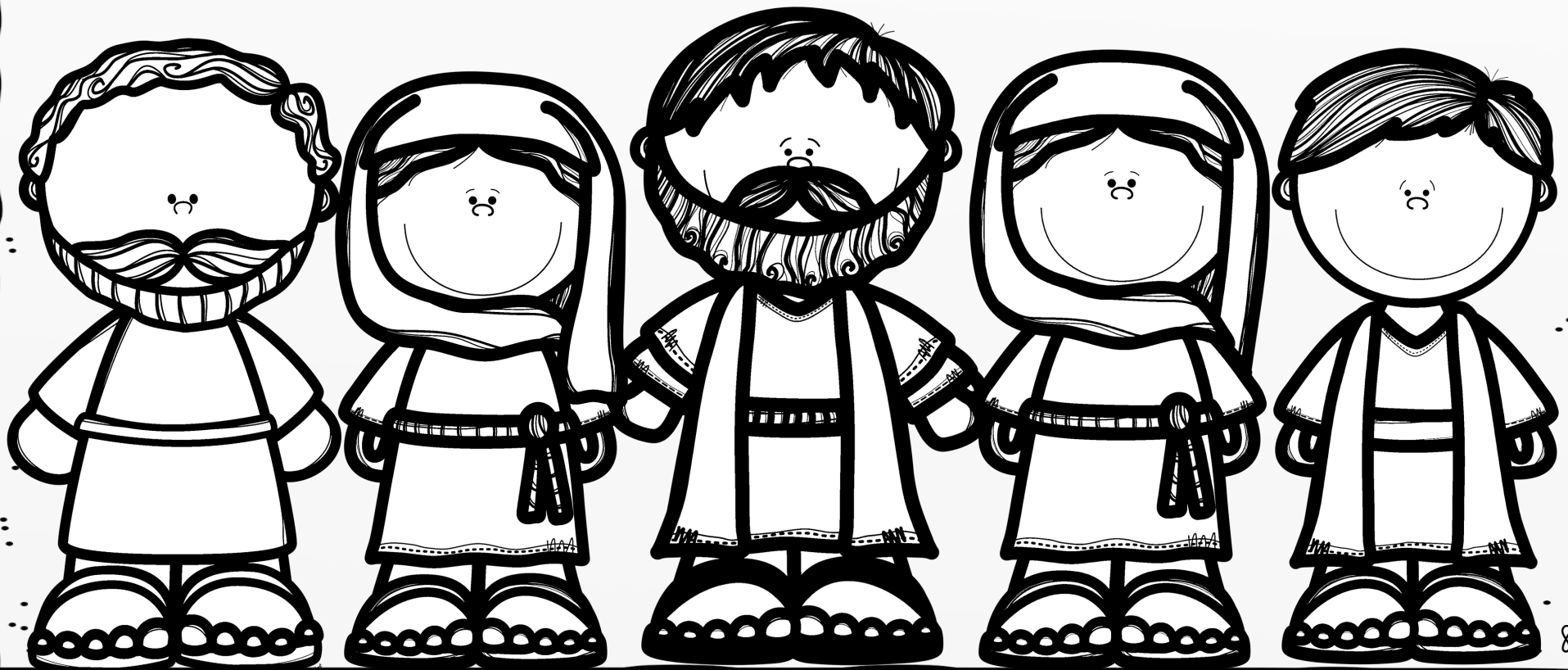
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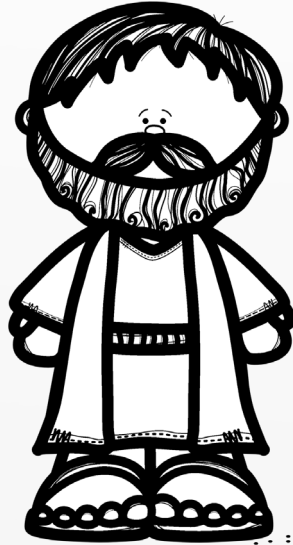
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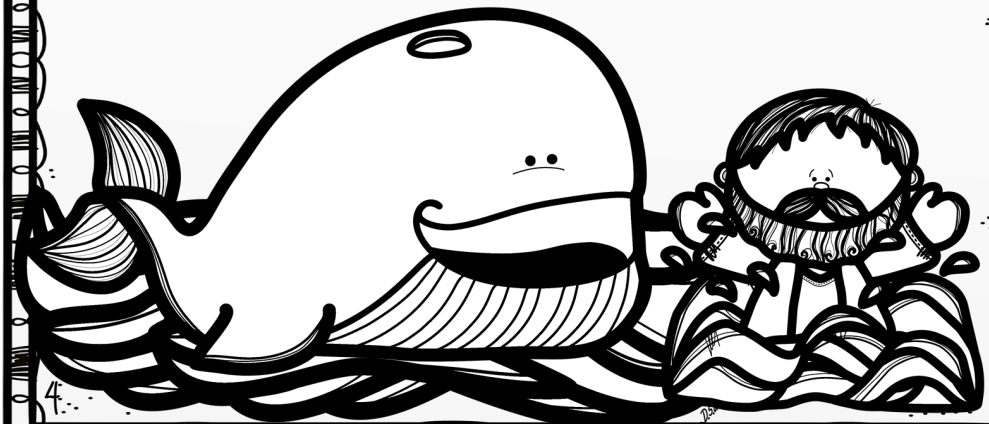
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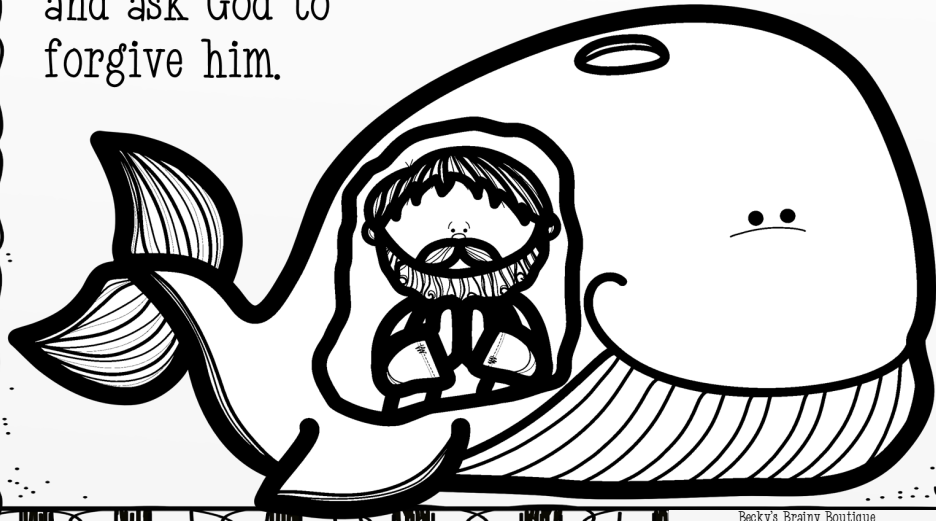
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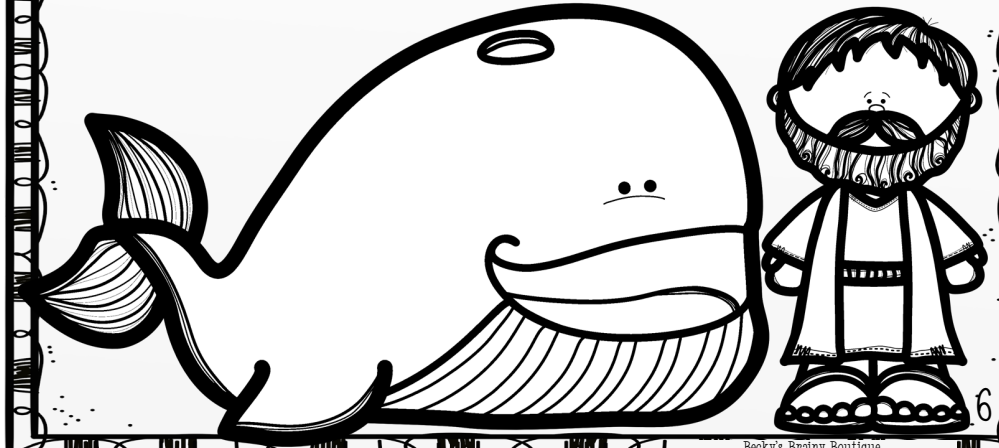
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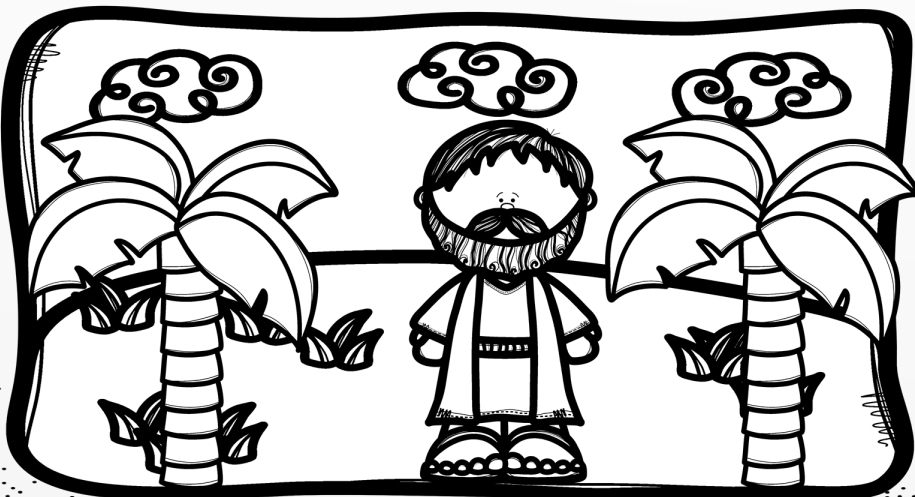
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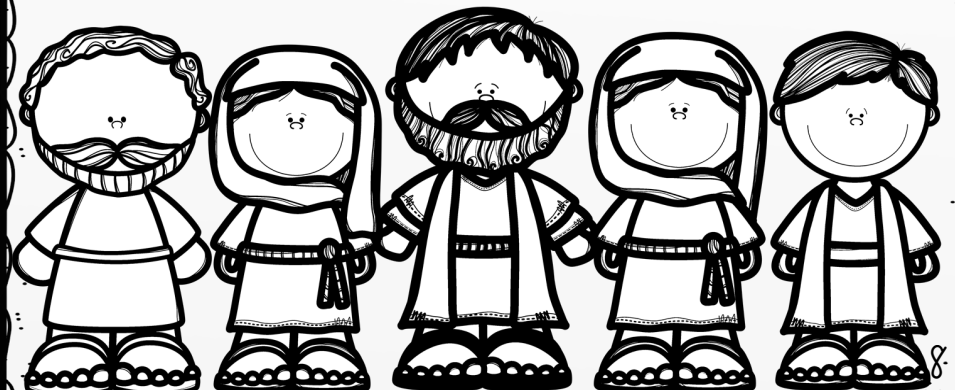
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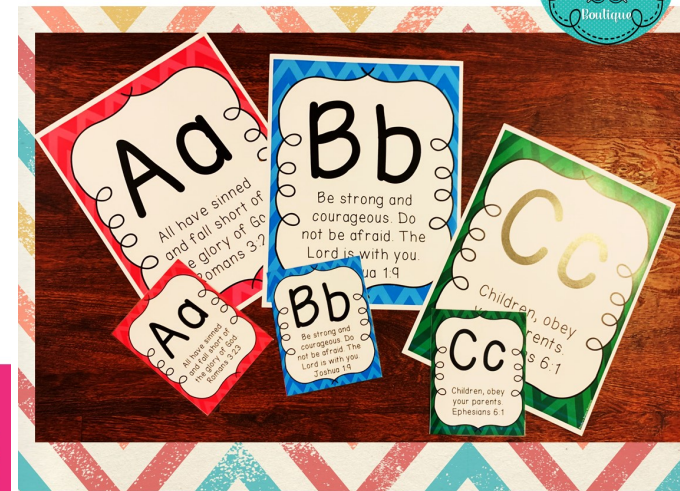
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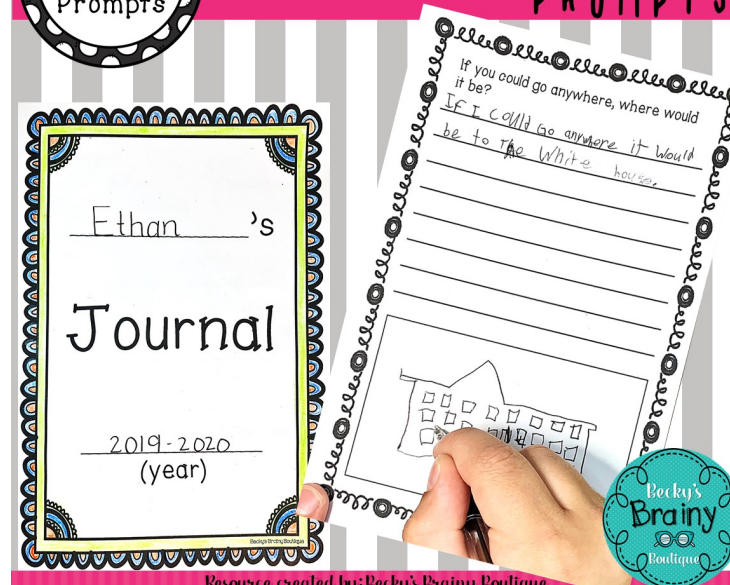


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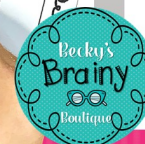
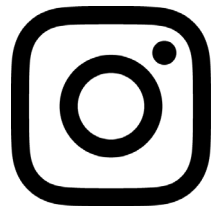
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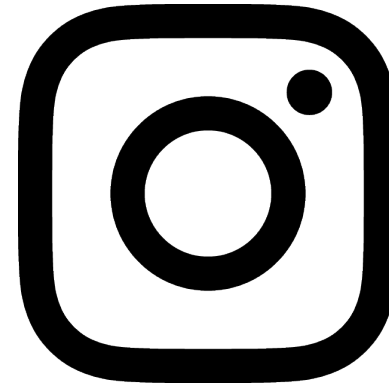
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