



Preschool Lesson



Lesson 1: I Can't Wait!



Whatchagaddaknow:

"I'll Be Patient And Trust In God!"



Power Verse:

"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act..."

- Psalm 37:7

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story - This week, the kids will learn the story of how Saul was impatient and disobeyed God and Samuel (1 Samuel 10-13).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 5-8)
Hands-On Learning - The kids will learn that God's timing is always perfect.	Clock, Sunflower seeds	
Craft Option # 1 - Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 9)
Craft Option #2 - Sunflower Craft	Crayons or markers, Glue, Sunflower seeds, Card stock	Sunflower Craft Print Pieces (pg. 10)
Craft Option #3 - Kids With Sunflowers Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Kids With Sunflowers Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 11)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 5-8)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- Today’s Bible Story begins with the people of Israel. They noticed other nations had a king and they did not. They begged Samuel, the prophet, to ask God to give them a king.

Say- Samuel knew this would not turn out well, but he asked God anyway. God allowed Samuel to choose a king. Samuel found a man named Saul and chose him to be king. *(show pic)*

Say- Saul seemed like he would make a perfect king. He was tall, handsome, and strong. What could possibly go wrong?

Say- Samuel knew one of the first things that needed to be done was to worship God with a special sacrifice. Samuel told Saul to go to a place called Gilgal and wait. Say, “WAIT,” with me. *(say the word aloud with the kids)*

Say- *(show pic)* He said, “At Gilgal, wait for me. I will join you there to sacrifice offerings to the Lord. You must wait for seven days until I arrive and give you further instructions.”

Say- Seems like a pretty easy task, right? All Saul had to do was wait for Samuel. Say, “WAIT,” with me. *(say the word aloud with the kids)*

Say- Saul arrived at Gilgal and waited for Samuel to arrive. Saul waited seven days, but Samuel did not arrive. Saul felt impatient. Rather than wait any longer, Saul decided to perform the sacrifice to God himself. *(show pic)*

Say- He set the sacrifice on fire. Oh no! Samuel told Saul that God wanted him to wait. Saul was disobeying Samuel and God.

Say- Samuel arrived right as the sacrifice finished burning. He couldn’t believe how impatient Saul had been. *(show pic)* Samuel walked up and saw the smoldering fire of the sacrifice and said, “What have you done?”

Say- Samuel told Saul, “You have failed. If you had waited and obeyed God’s instructions, your kingdom would have lasted forever. Since you did not wait, your kingdom will come to an end.”

Say- Oh my! What an EPIC FAIL! Saul should have trusted God and waited for His timing.

Say- God has a plan for your life, and He wants you to be patient and trust Him!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Clock, Sunflower Seeds

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

-When you begin lesson time, do not say anything. Stand in front of the kids, holding the clock. Look at the clock and then at the kids. Do this until they start to wonder what you are doing and are tired of waiting, and then begin.-

Say- WAITING is super hard to do! Most of us do not like waiting. We don’t like waiting for our turn to play.

Say- We don’t like waiting for our moms and dads while they shop at the store. We don’t like waiting to eat dessert or for Christmas to arrive. Waiting, waiting, waiting; we don’t like it!

Say- I brought some sunflower seeds with me today. I want a sunflower today - right now! Let’s do this! (put the sunflower seed down and tell it to grow; ask nicely, pretend to cry and ask, get angry and ask, demand it to grow, etc.)

Ask- Why isn’t my sunflower seed growing?

-Allow time for the kids to respond-

Say- God made sunflowers, and they grow in His timing. If I want a sunflower, I have to plant the seed and wait for God’s timing.

Say- We sure don’t like waiting, but learning to wait on God’s timing is super important. Sometimes we think we know what’s best, especially when we don’t want to wait.

Say- (hold up the clock) We want things done on our time. Most of the time, that means RIGHT NOW! No waiting, no way!

Say- We must learn to trust God’s timing, which sometimes means we have to wait.

Say- God has a plan for you. Trust in His timing. Learn to wait patiently!

Say- I’ll be patient and trust God! Say that with me. (say the phrase aloud with the kids)

Pray



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 9); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: Sunflower Craft

Supplies Needed: Sunflower Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers; Glue; Sunflower seeds; Card stock

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Sunflower Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. This will work best if printed on card stock. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow each kid to decorate one Sunflower Craft page with crayons or markers and use the glue to attach sunflower seeds to the center of the sunflower. As you help with the craft, talk about being patient and waiting on God.



Craft #3: Kids With Sunflowers Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Kids With Sunflowers Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Kids With Sunflowers Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

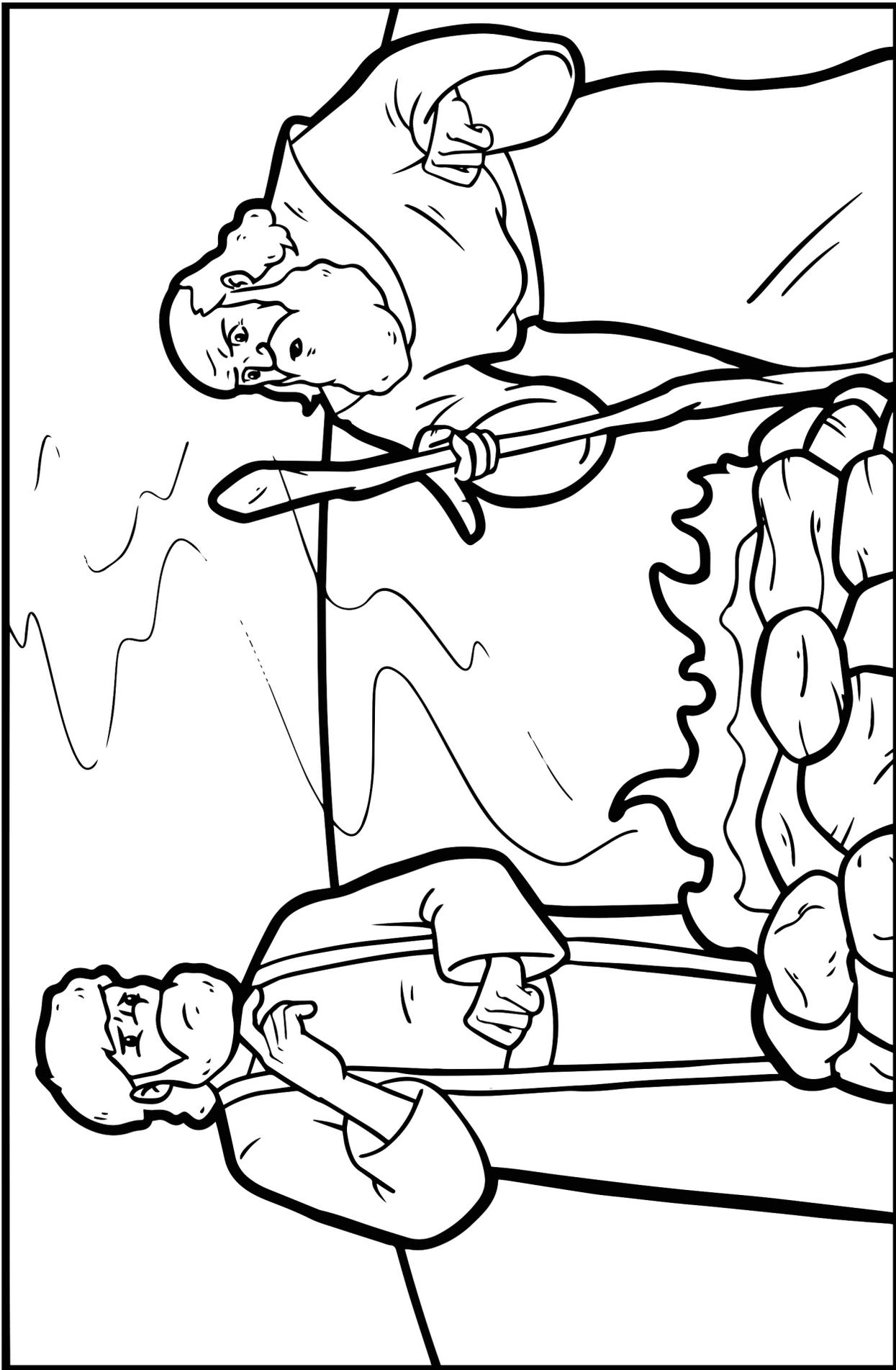
How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.





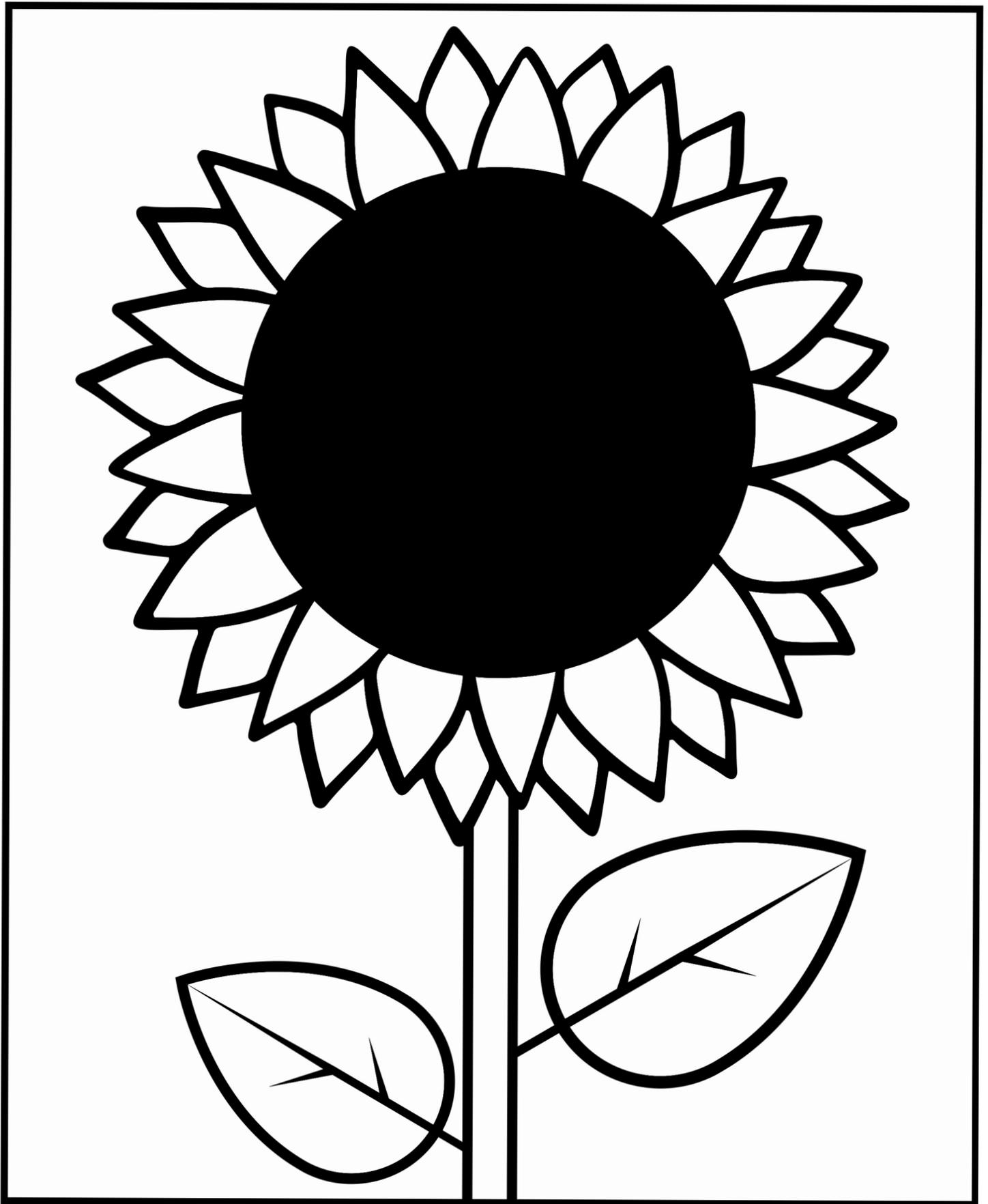




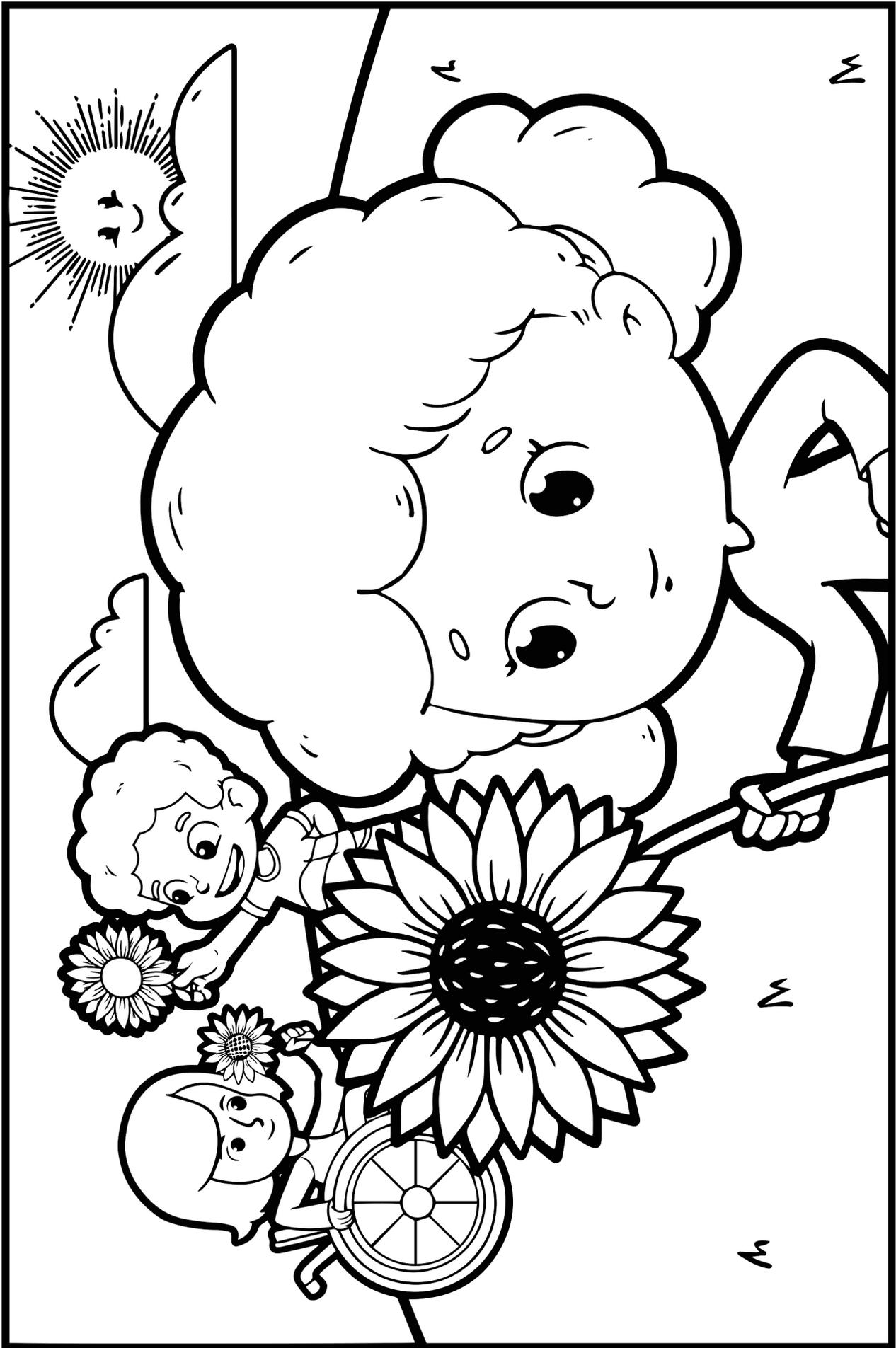


SAMUEL TOLD SAUL TO WAIT.

SAUL DISOBEYED GOD'S TIMING. SO HIS KINGDOM FAILED.



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