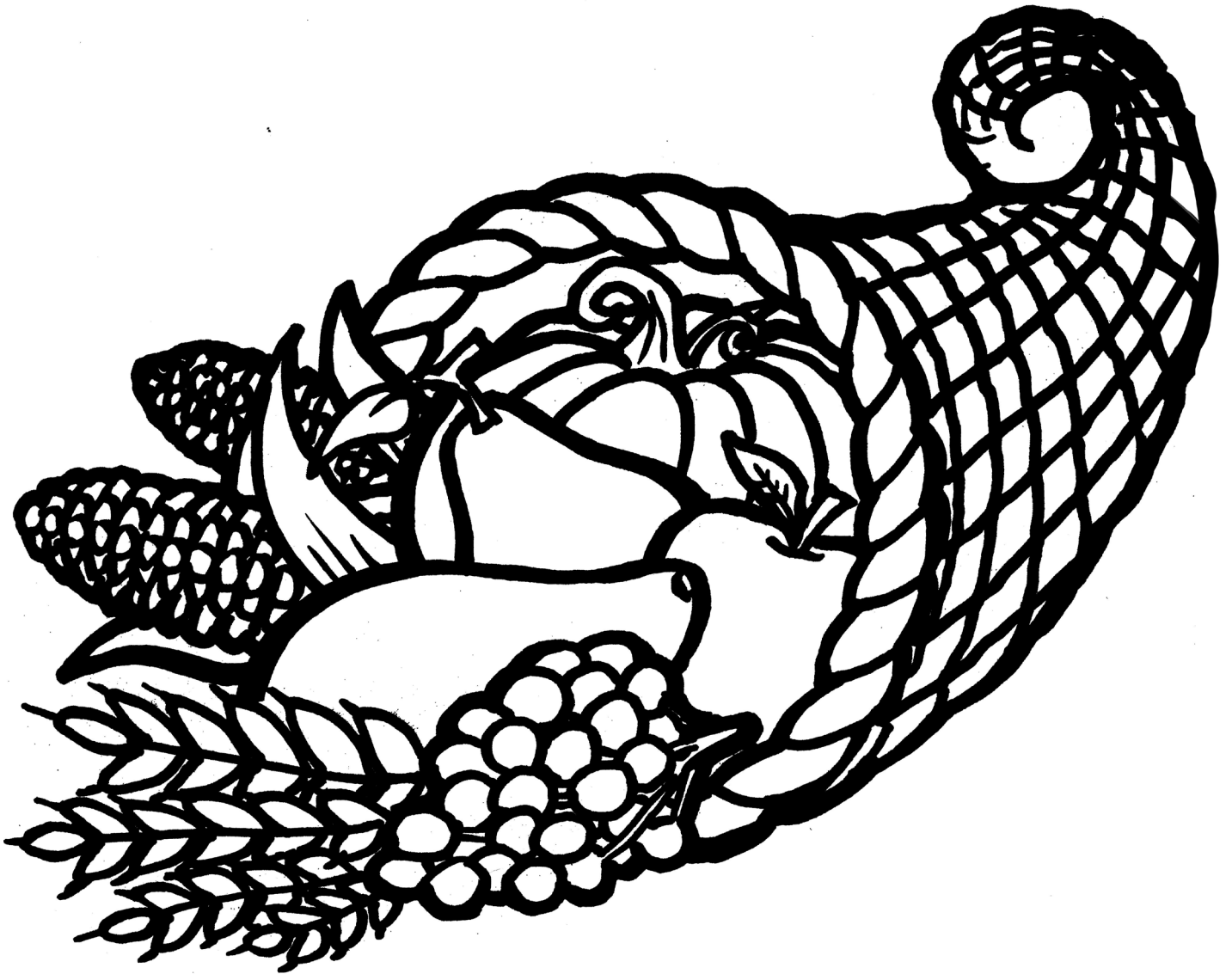


Fruit of the Spirit



Preface

I started this project with thanksgiving in mind. With the decorations out, I saw the cornucopia, a large horn-shaped container overflowing with produce. Through the year God has given the sun and the rain to grow the plants. The end result is a bountiful harvest. We thank God that we had a good year and we gratefully receive all the blessings He gives.

The cornucopia reminded me of the fruit of the Spirit. The Sun shines in our hearts and the rain from His Holy Spirit grows fruit in our lives. We thank God that He is active in our lives and grows the fruit of His Spirit in us so that we can reflect His image.

We must remember that the fruit of the Spirit, which consists of His attributes, can only come from Him. They are heaven-born. We cannot produce this fruit in and of ourselves. We must also remember that the term is 'fruit' of the Spirit, not 'fruits' of the Spirit. They all are one, and this fruit is the evidence of a life given over to Christ, with love being the chief attribute.

Love: God is love. Just before His death Jesus had His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He wept for the city that he loved because it did not accept Him. God gives us the freedom of choice and still loves us if we do not choose Him. He gave His life for the whole world, even for His enemies.

Joy: Heaven rejoices over one sinner that repents. Cheerfulness and gladness mark the Christian life.

Peace: We are complete in God when we are forgiven, with a quiet confidence in God's redemption.

Longsuffering: Christians bear long with others, having patient endurance in the midst of struggle.

Gentleness: Kindness and graciousness removes harshness and severity.

Goodness: Moral excellence, virtue, and the Spirit produce kindness to those that hate us.

Faith: God helps us to be constant and dependable as we trust in God to do what His Word says.

Meekness: Is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest. Humility stems from trust in God's goodness and His control over the situation. The meek person puts others before himself.

Temperance: Our body is the temple where God chooses to dwell. God gives us self-control to keep it in the best shape possible.

Moses asked to see God's glory. God covered Moses with His hand and showed him His back, declaring His name. God's character that He declared is very similar to the fruit of the Spirit. When we allow God to grow the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, we develop His lovely characteristics.

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God: He has given us a remedy for the sin in our lives.

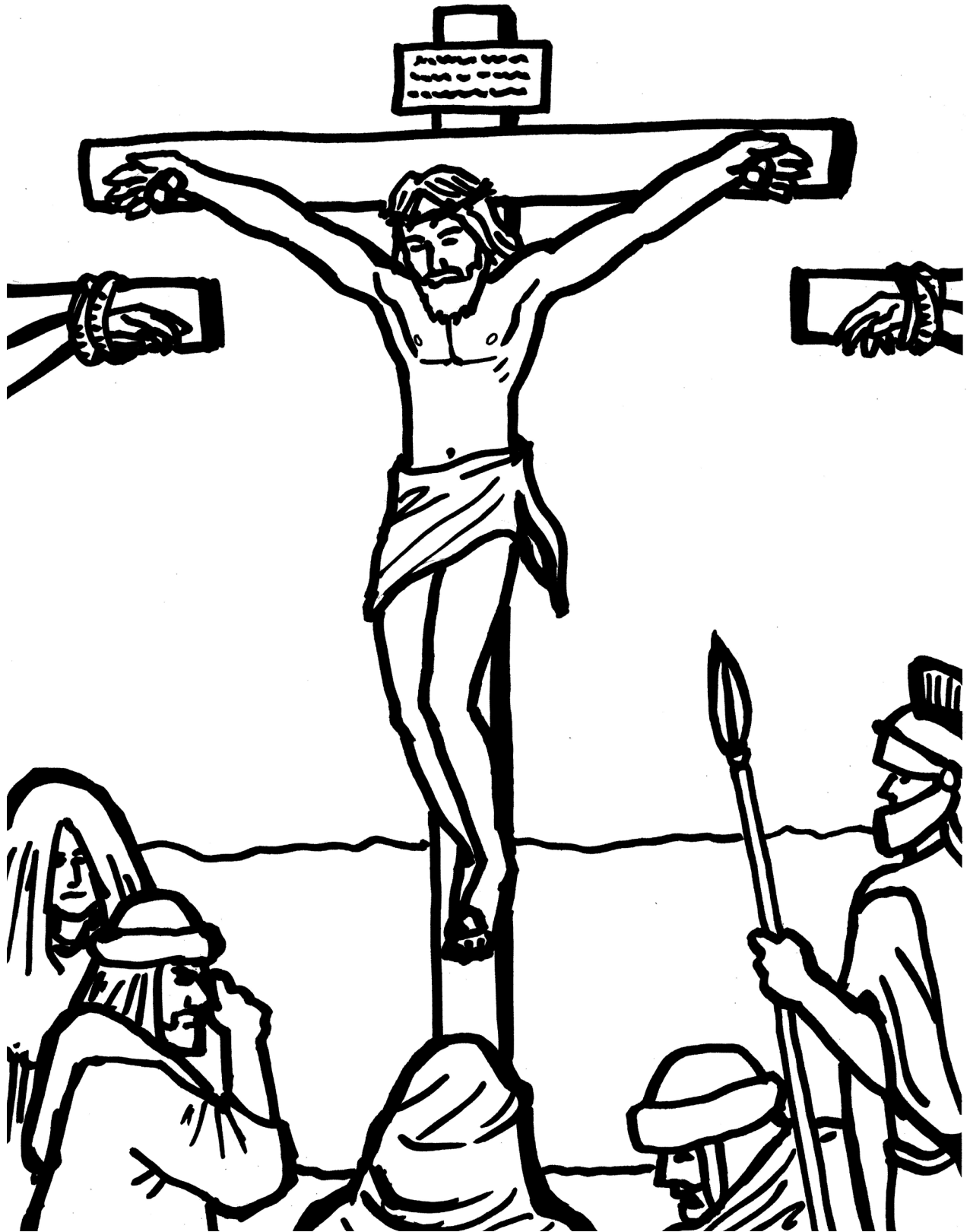
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Love



Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Joy



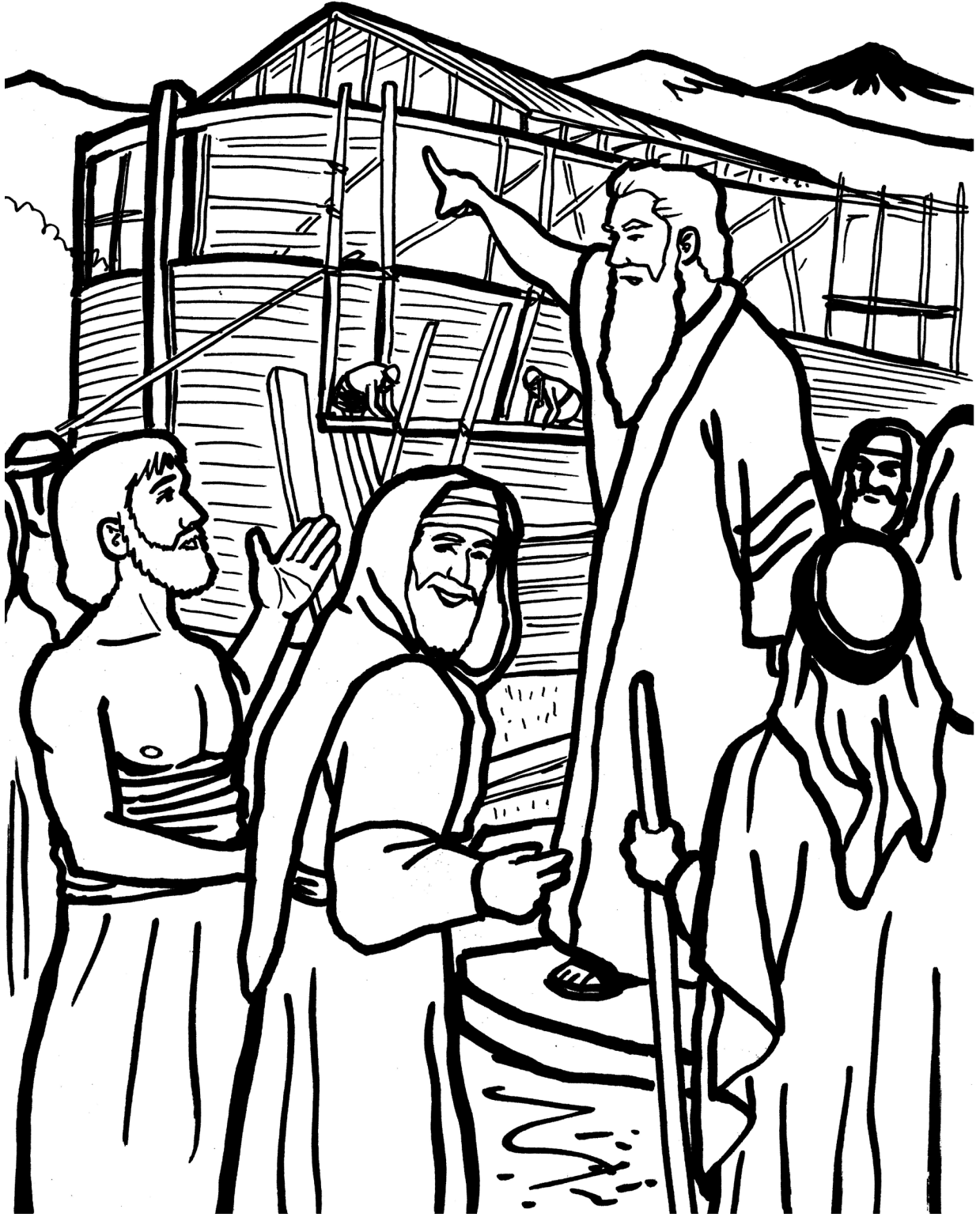
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10

Peace



And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:37-39

Longsuffering



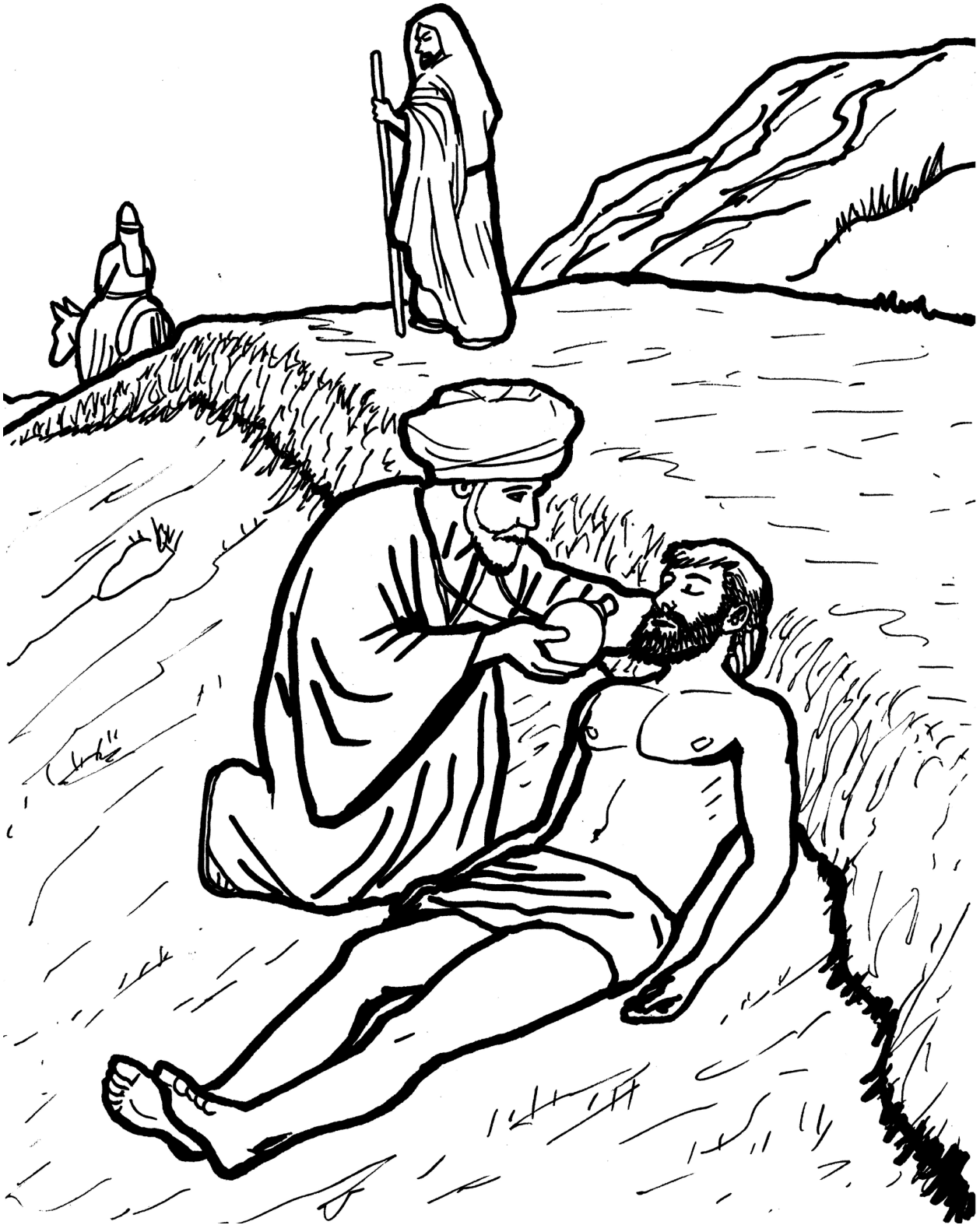
And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. Genesis 6:3

Gentleness



But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14

Goodness



But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. Luke 10:33

Faith



By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. Hebrews 11:23

Meekness



⁴He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.. John 13:4,5

Temperance



But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:8

Moses to See God's Glory



⁵And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. ⁶And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Exodus 34:5-7