

# Philip and the Ethiopian



# Introduction

Acts 8:26-40 tells us how God led Philip to a high-ranking Ethiopian official to help him understand the Gospel. It reminds us that we should always be ready to share Jesus with others.

## Key Points:

- The Old Testament points to Christ.
- God gives us people to help understand the Bible.
- Salvation brings rejoicing.

## Lesson Guide

Remind your child that Philip was a respected and faithful man. He was one of the first seven deacons chosen to help the apostles. Phillip began by sharing food to the widows, but later shared the Gospel in Samaria, where many believed in Jesus. God then led him to a quiet desert road. Speak about how we should serve God wherever He leads us.

Introduce the Ethiopian. Share that he was a very important and trusted servant to the Queen as “an important official in charge of all the treasury.”

Explain that the Ethiopian was on his way home from Jerusalem and decided to pass the time reading the Old Testament. Think of games or activities you like to play with your children on a long car, bus, or plane journey. Play ‘Eye spy’, ‘Twenty Questions’ or listen to a story for example.

Ask your child if they remember the two parts of the Bible. One part is called the Old Testament, and the other is called the New Testament. Ask the child who they think is the most important person in the Bible. Talk about how Jesus is the way of salvation and the centre of the Bible. Without Him, we cannot be saved from our sins. Name off some Bible stories. Ask the child if they can tell you whether they are found in the Old or New Testaments.

Many Old Testament stories are like fuzzy pictures of Christ and His coming. The Ethiopian was reading an Old Testament passage that spoke of Christ, but since the Ethiopian man didn’t know about Jesus, he didn’t understand what those Scriptures meant.

Select some photos of people from a magazine. On paper, draw stick figures with enough detail to represent the photos. E.g., if the picture is of a man with a red shirt, draw a stick figure with a red shirt and no other details. (Be careful to select photos, so there is only one man with a red shirt) Play a matching game with your child. Explain that even though the picture isn’t a good drawing, we can tell it is a representation of the man. In the same way, some Old Testament stories are like fuzzy pictures of Jesus. For example, the Ark saved people from death in the flood just as Jesus saves people who trust in Him from eternal death. People placed blood on the doorways of their houses during the ten plagues to save those within the house. In the same way, we need Jesus’s blood to cleanse our hearts to save us. Discuss some other Bible stories that are types of Christ.

The Ethiopian man wanted to understand more of the Bible. Philip explained it to him, and the man believed in Jesus and was baptized as soon as possible.

Ask your child what the best thing to do when they don’t understand something is. Share how God gives us parents, grandparents, pastors, and teachers to help us understand the Bible. We should never be shy to ask when we don’t understand something.

The Ethiopian rejoiced in his salvation. Even though Philip vanished, God was with him. We can always rejoice that God is with His people. Read Philippians 4:4. You may choose to memorize the verse or even set it to music.

Pray and thank God that He is with His people. Ask Him to help you understand Him more and more.

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As soon as the chariot passed near some water, the Ethiopian asked to be baptised.

Philip baptised him in the water. When they came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit took Philip away to share the gospel with more people.

One day, a very important Ethiopian official was returning home from Jerusalem.

He was in charge of all the queens treasures.

On his journey, he began to read the Old Testament.

But He could not understand it.



Philip was a man who loved to tell people about Jesus.

An angel told him to walk on a quiet road in the desert.

He didn't know why until he heard the Ethiopian.

Philip ran up to his chariot to ask if he understood what he was reading.



The Ethiopian asked for Philip's help.

Philip got into the chariot.

Together they read the scrolls.

Philip explained the scriptures and shared the good news about Jesus.

The Ethiopian was so happy and believed in Jesus.

# Games and Activities

## Journey Games

Play some classical journey games. You could either make an actual journey or make a pretend car, bus, or airplane to sit inside.

Some ideas are 'Eye spy'; 'Grow that story' (where each person can say ten words, then the next person takes over the story. 'Going on a Trip Memory Game' (One person starts the game with "I'm going on a trip and I'm going to pack...", each player adds to the list). Or your family's favourite game.

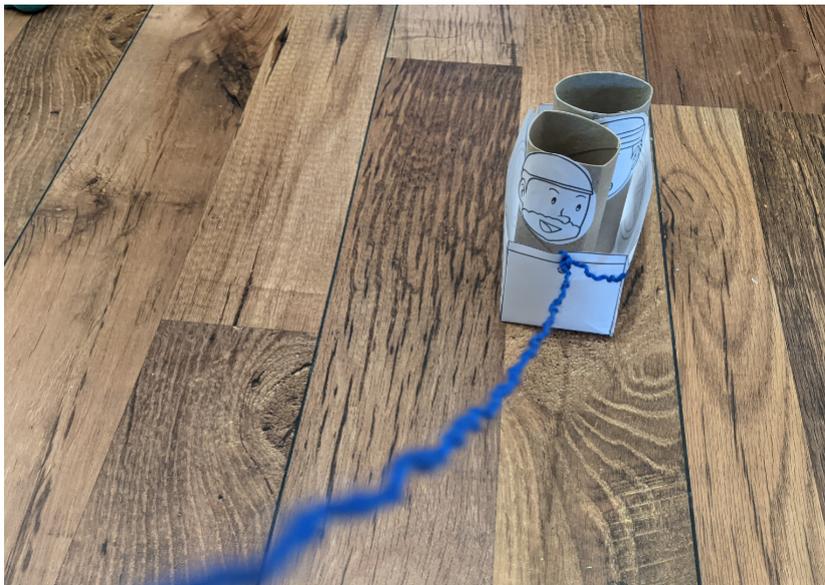
Speak about how the Ethiopian decided to read scripture on his long journey.



## Chariot race

Cut a hole in a cardboard box big enough for a soft toy. Attach some string to the box. This will become a chariot. Decided on a start and finish line and have your children race to pull the chariots. If the soft toy falls out, they must stop and put it back in before they can continue.

You could also use this week's craft.



## Learn about Ethiopia

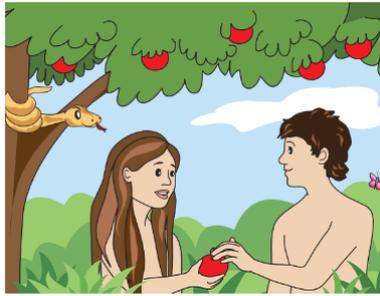
Help your child to learn some facts about Ethiopia. Find where it is on a map. Look at some photos and videos online or in a book. What food is common there? How do you say some simple words? Hello = Selam. Which animals live in Ethiopia?

This will help put some context to who the Ethiopian was and his journey.



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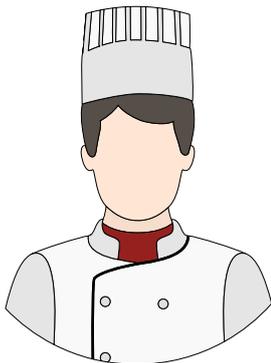
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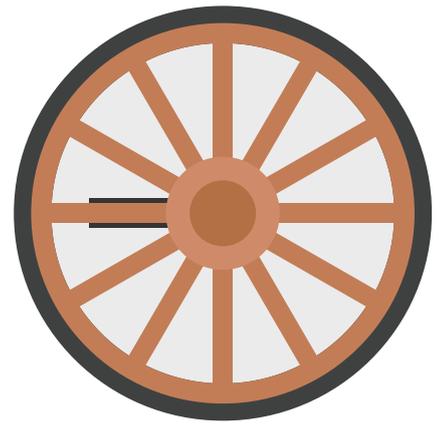
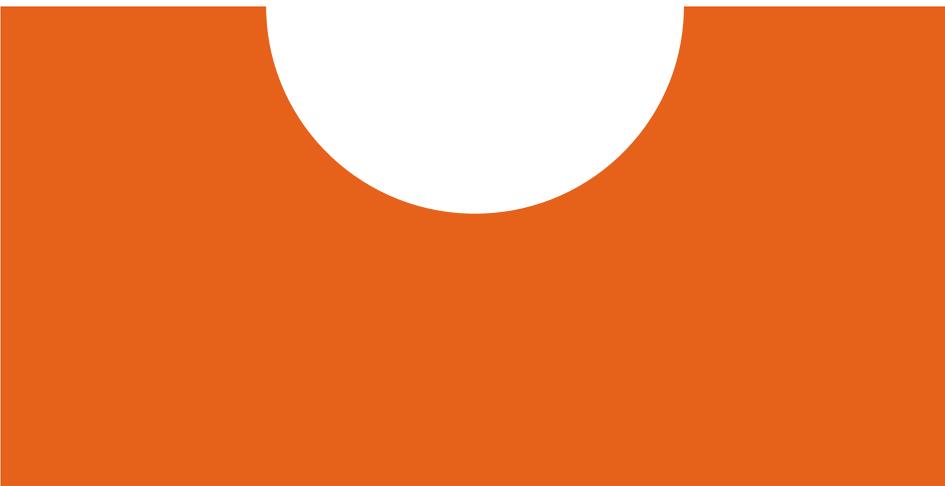
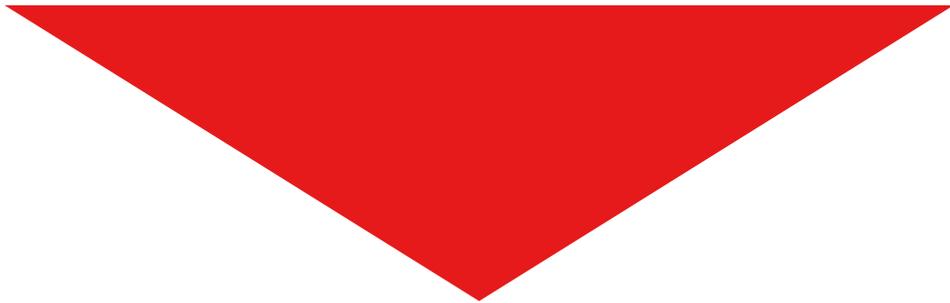
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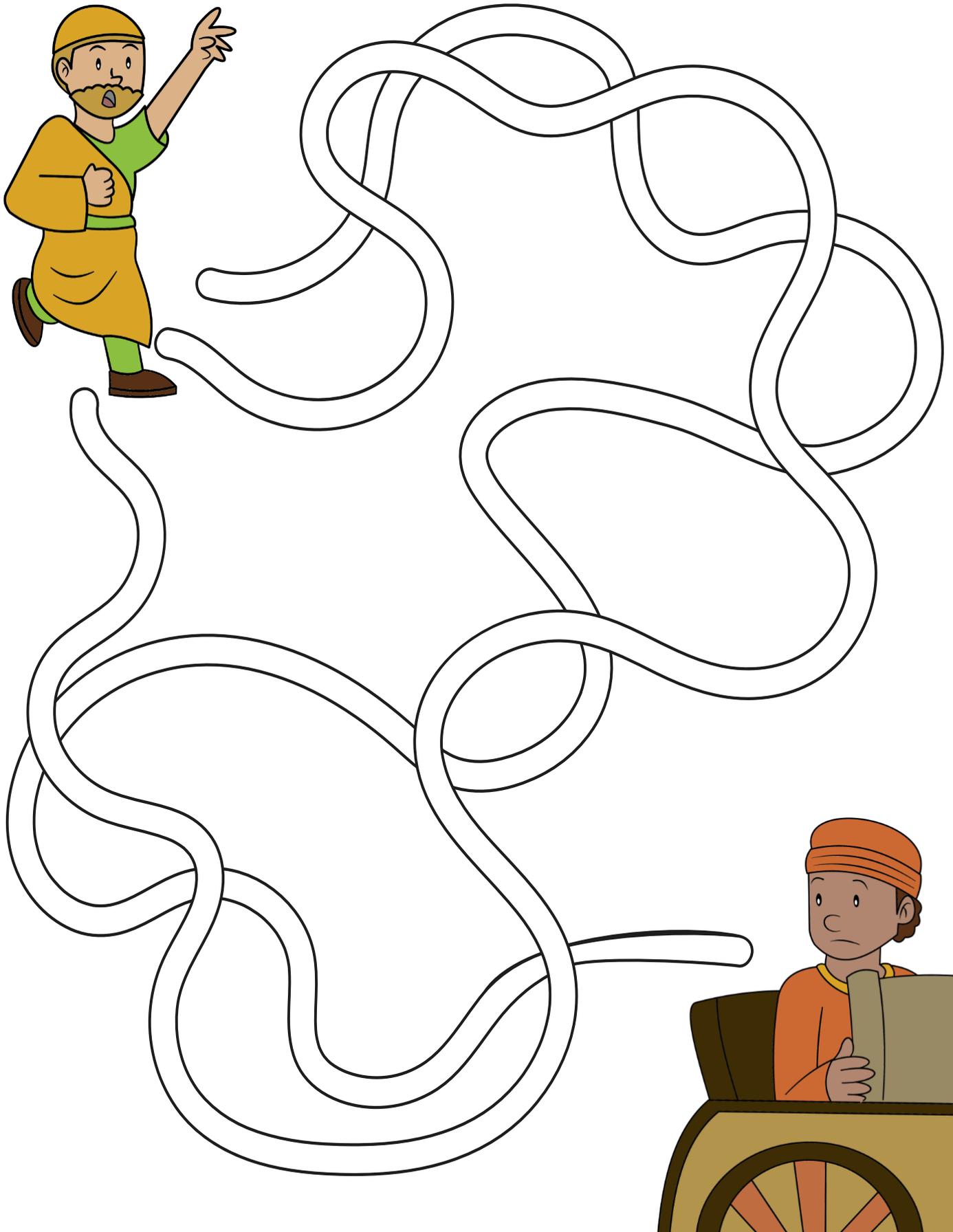
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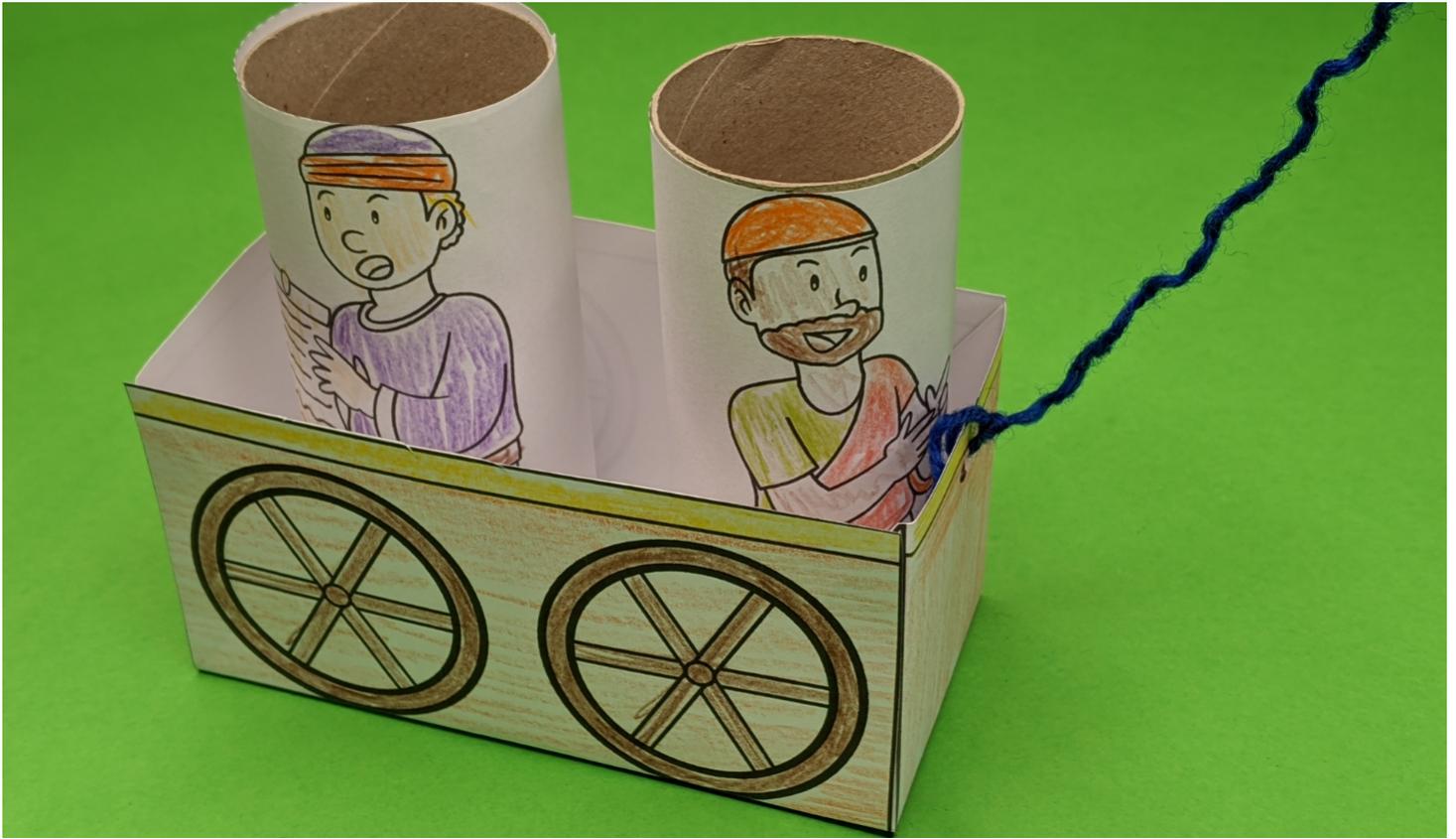
Cut and glue the shapes to make the chariot



# Which path should Philip take?



# Craft - Chariot



## What you need:

Template pages (on card  
for best results),  
2 Cardboard tubes,  
String,  
Colouring pencils,  
Scissors,  
Glue.

## What to do



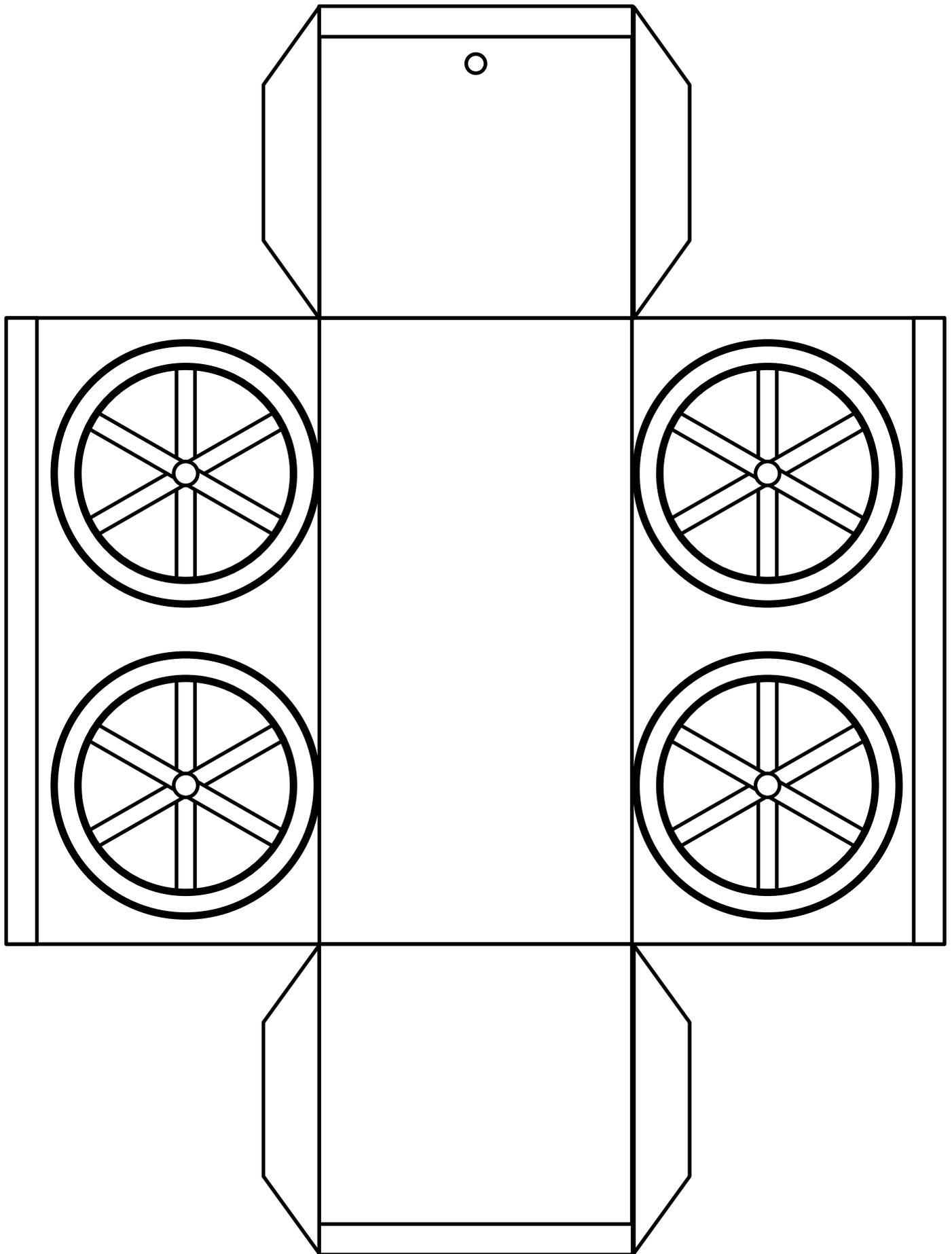
Colour the template pages



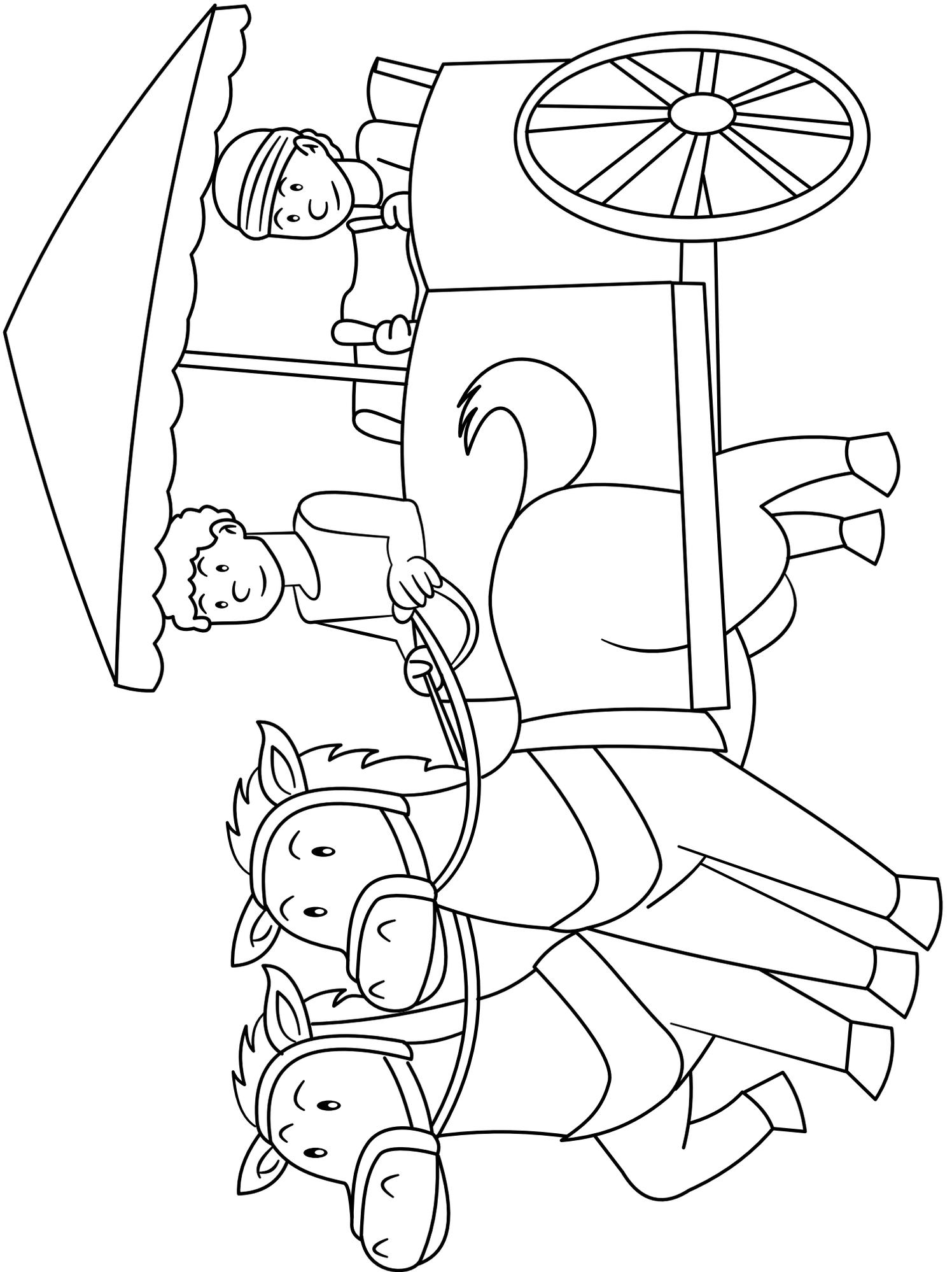
Cut out parts.  
Glue chariot together.



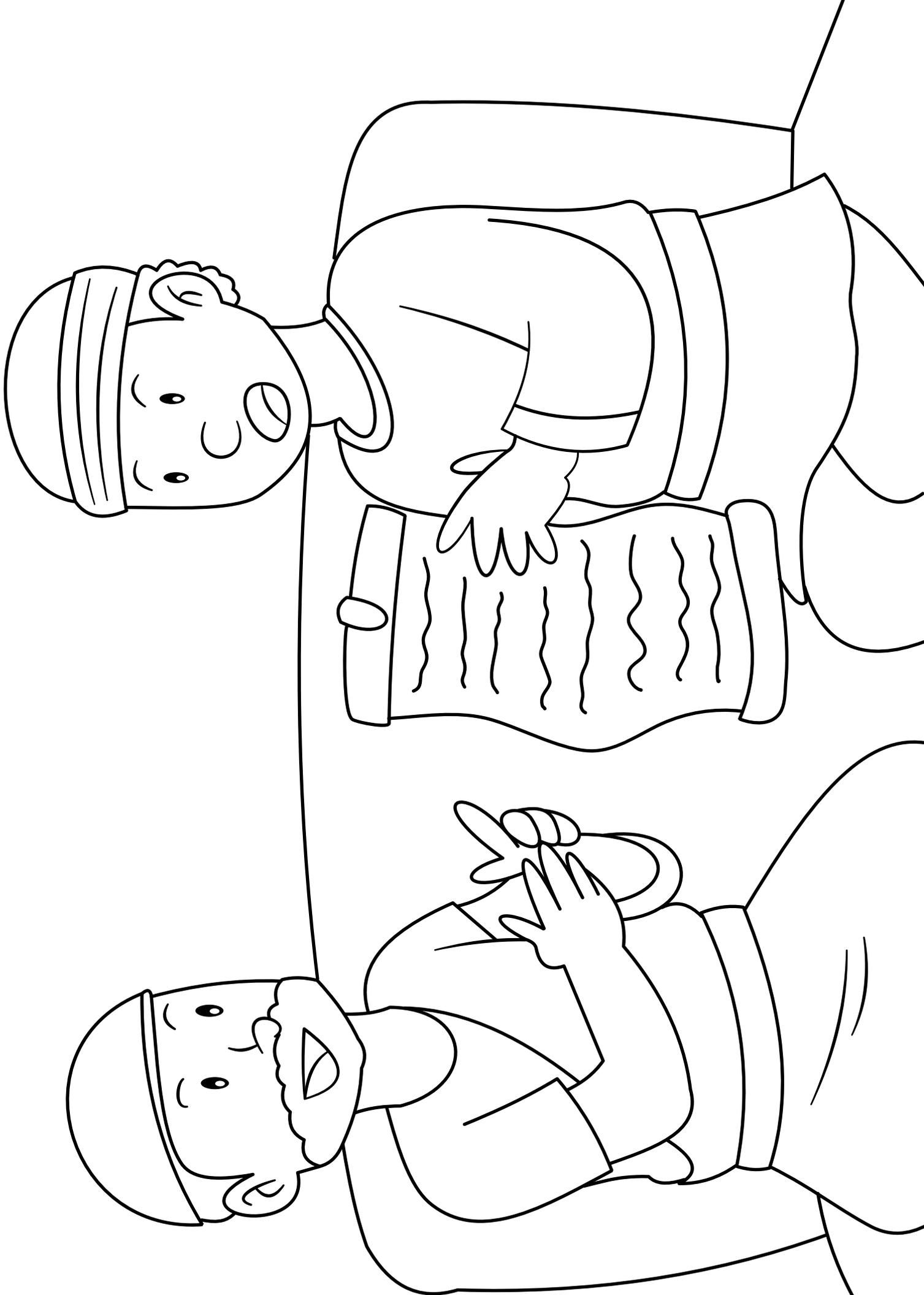
Glue one person on each  
cardboard tube.  
Attach string to the front  
of the chariot.

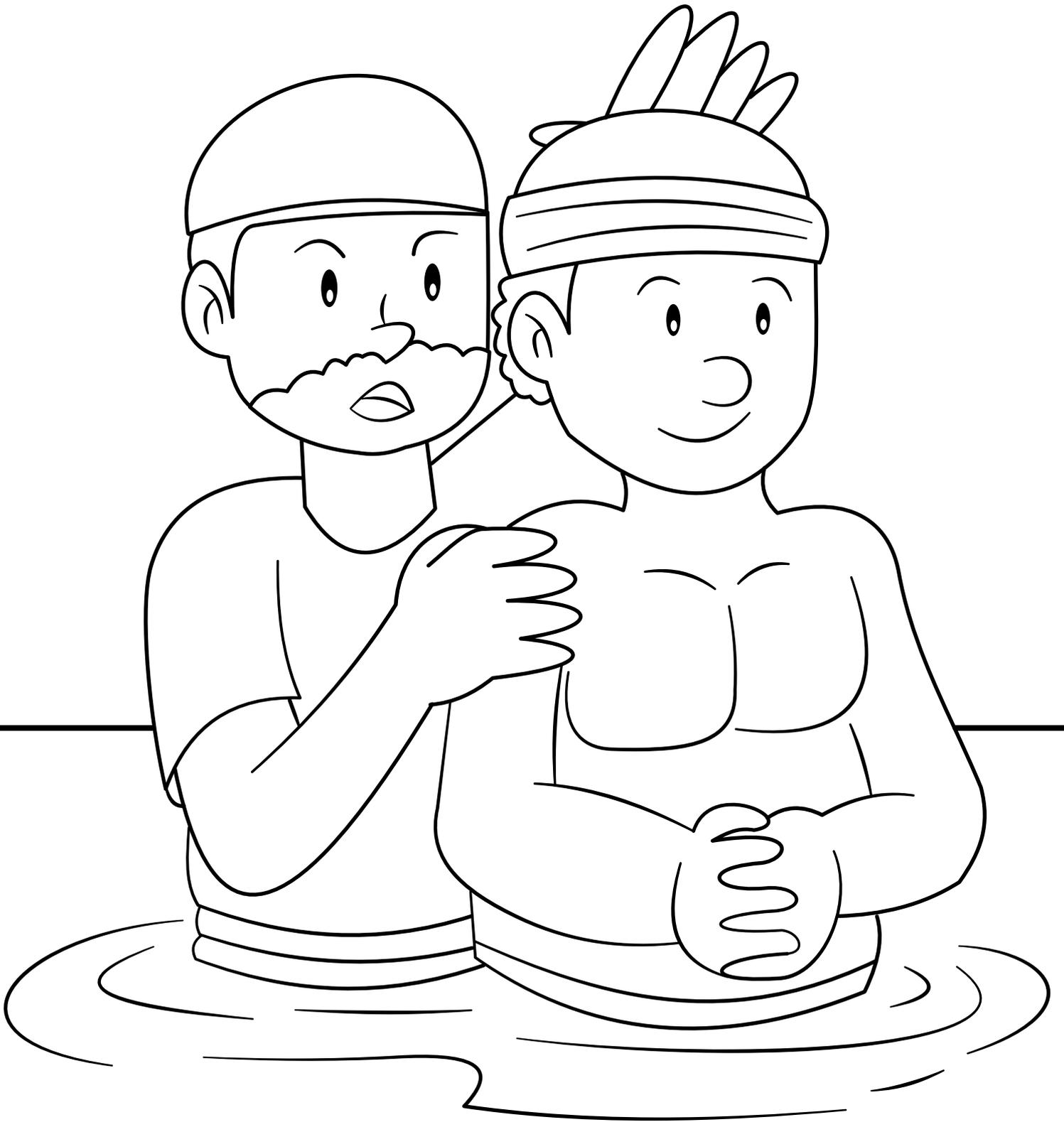












# Worship Time

Recommend worship songs. Not produced by Trueway Kids. YouTube Videos to be used for personal use only.

Romans 10 Lyric Video

<https://youtu.be/C38d00QrUfU>

Go and Make Disciples

<https://youtu.be/G0JeVbd5KHM>

Goin' to the River

<https://youtu.be/GIHkSftQ5Nk>



## Prayer

Thank God for revealing Himself to us through the Bible. Ask Him to help you share the Bible with others.

## Next Week

Peter is rescued (Acts 12)  
16th October 2020

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