

# King Jehoshaphat and the People Pray

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Application: The Lord can help us even when we are afraid and the situation seems impossible.

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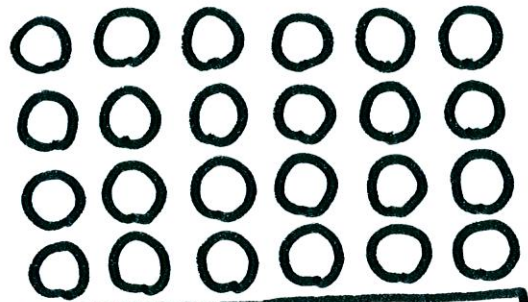
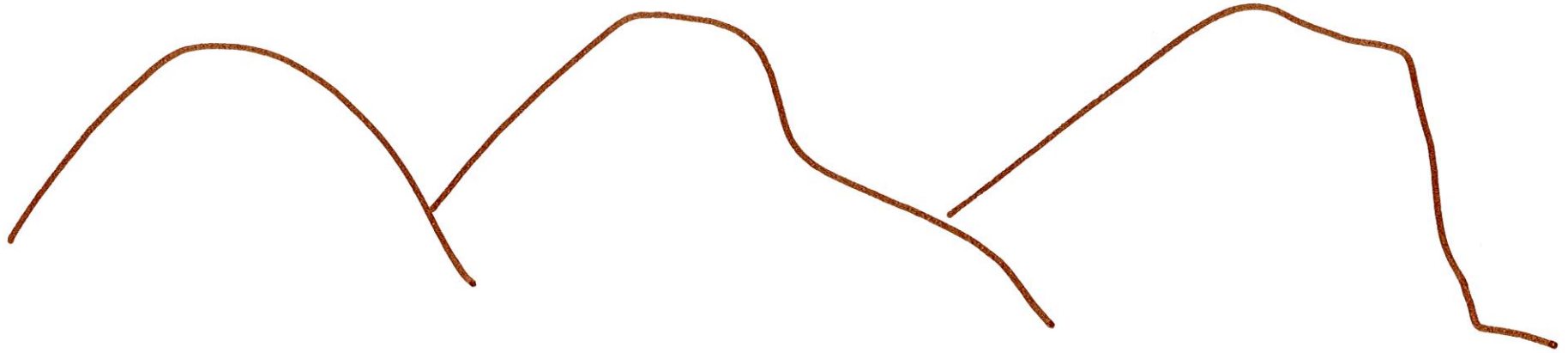
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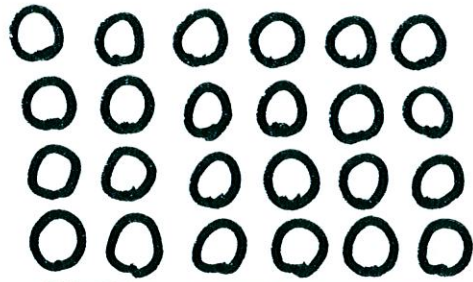
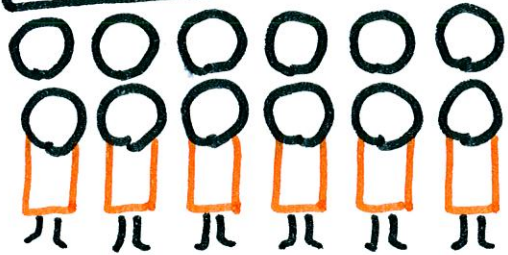
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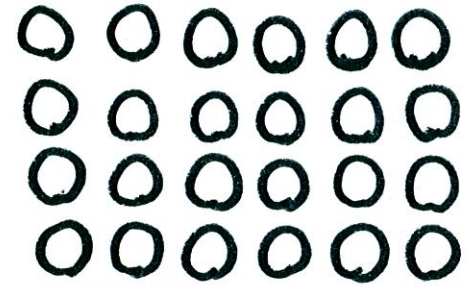
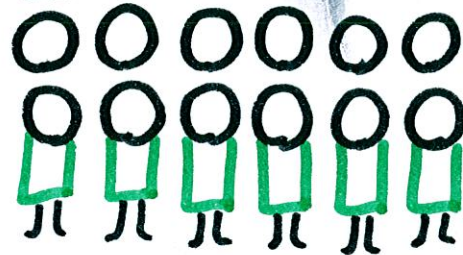
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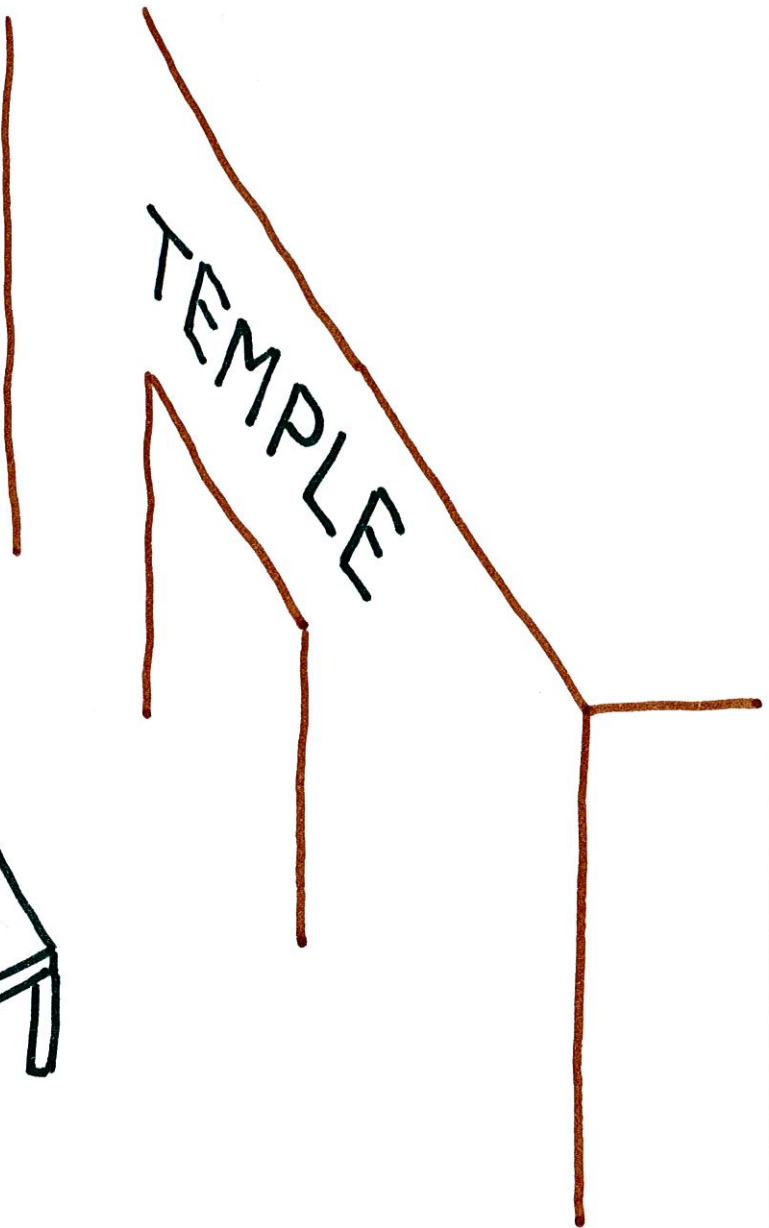
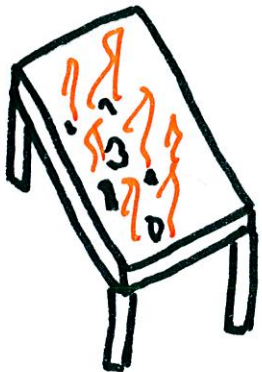
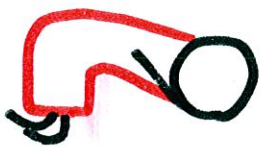


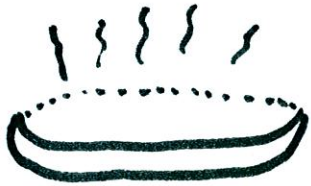
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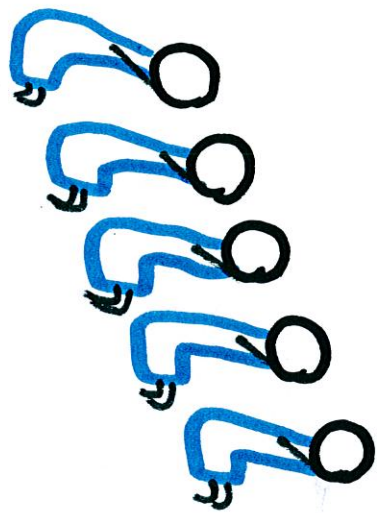


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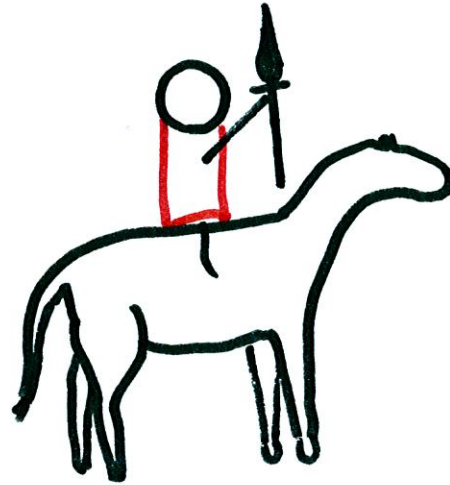
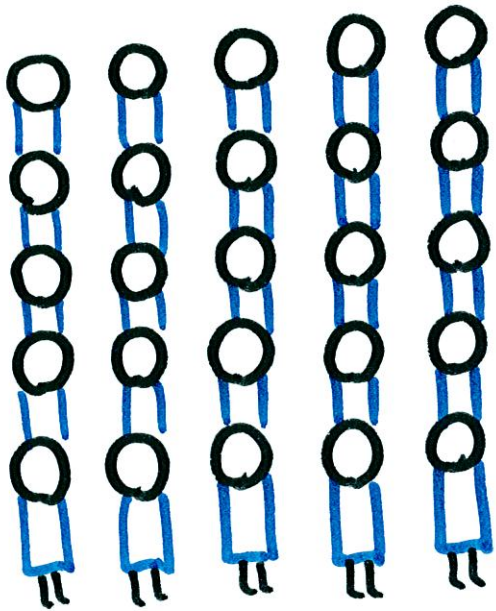
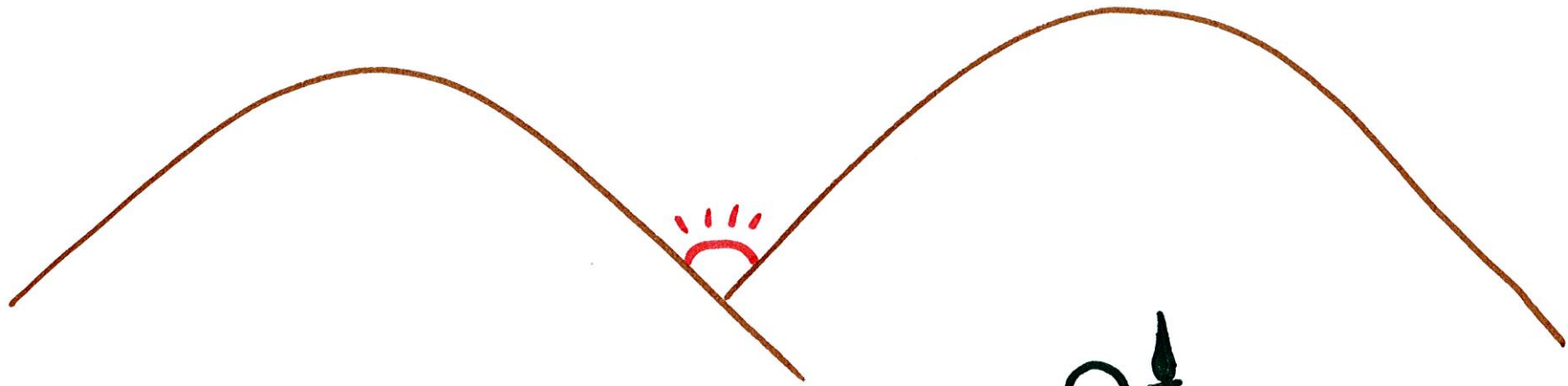


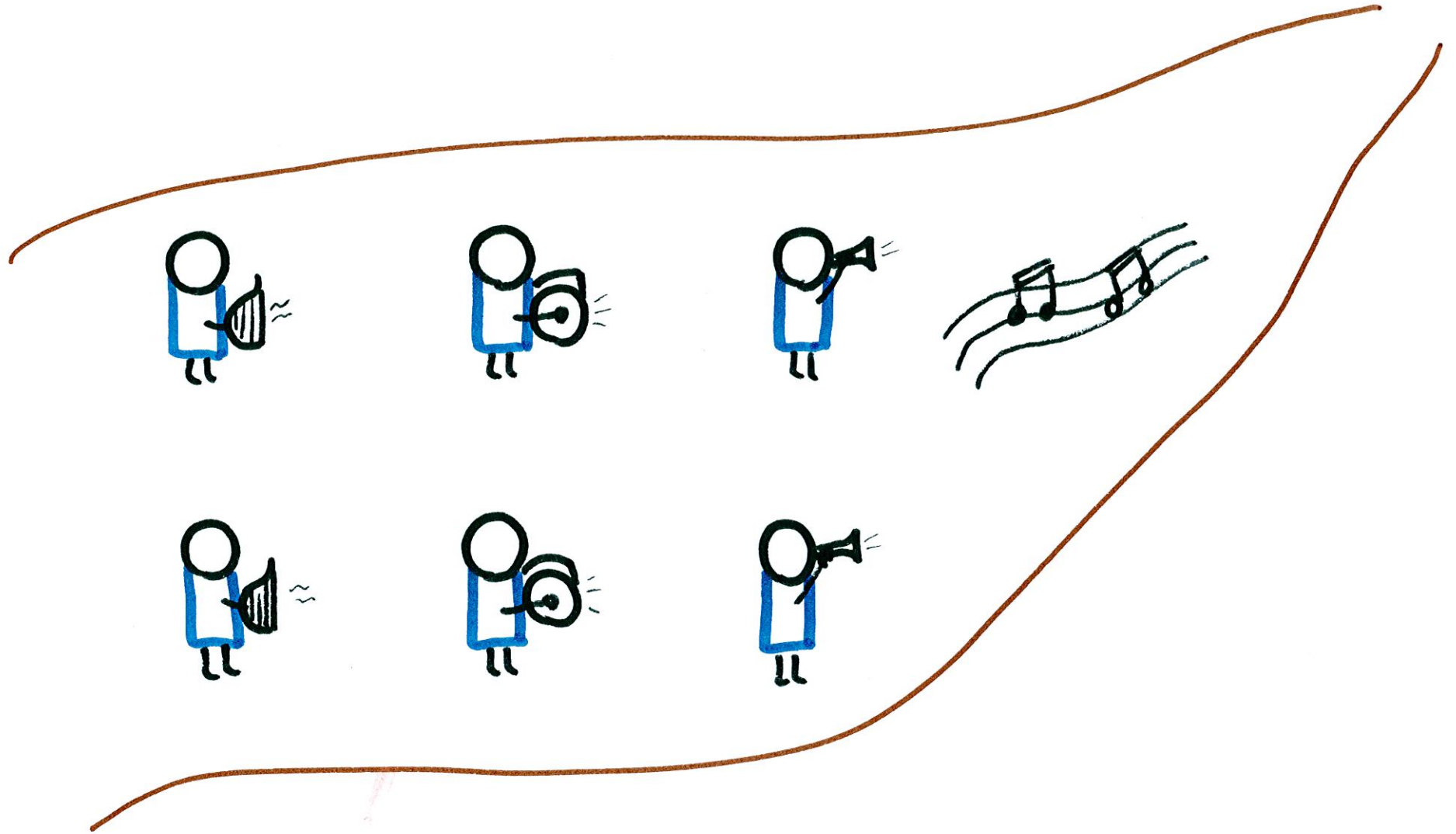




Do not be discouraged!

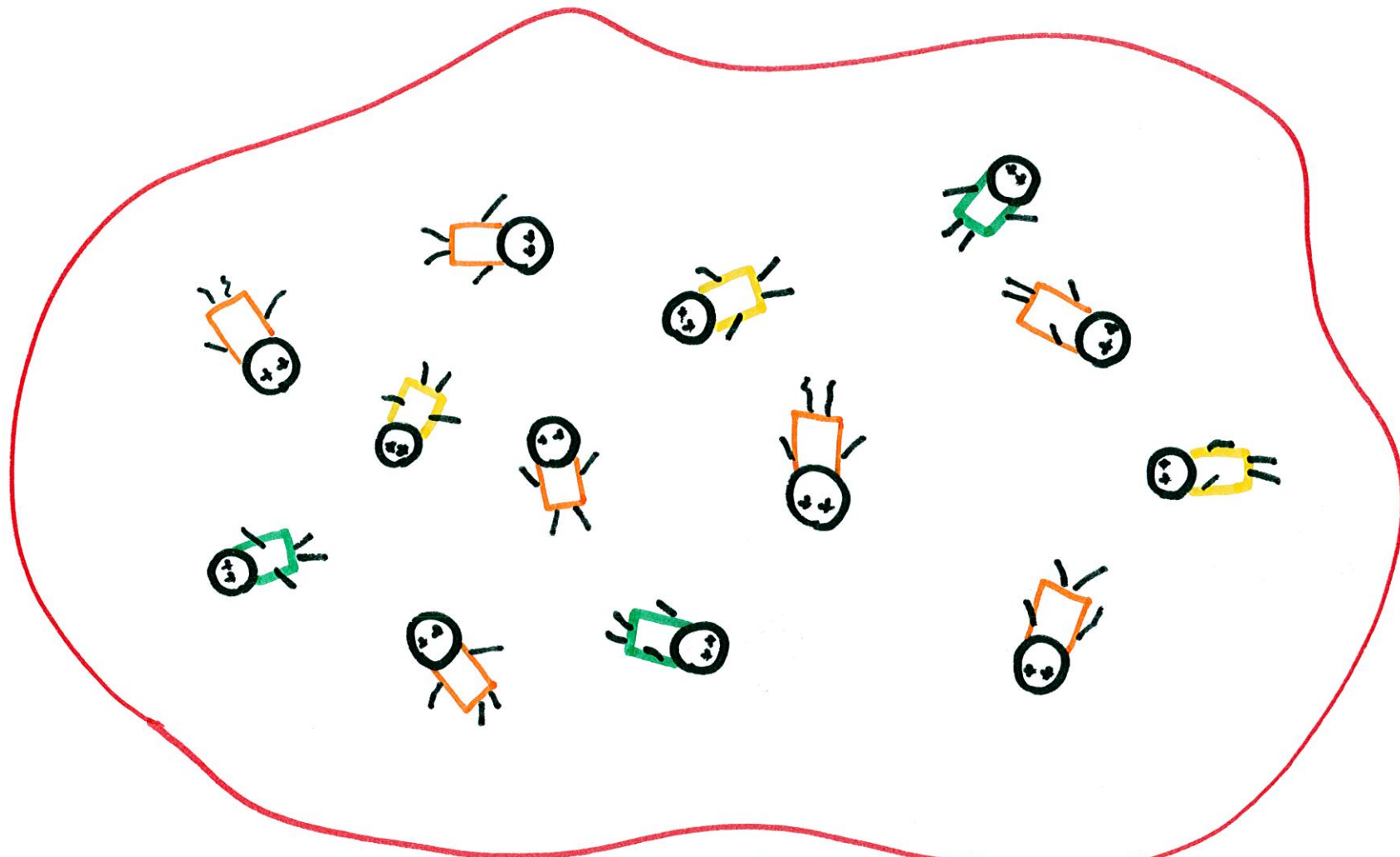
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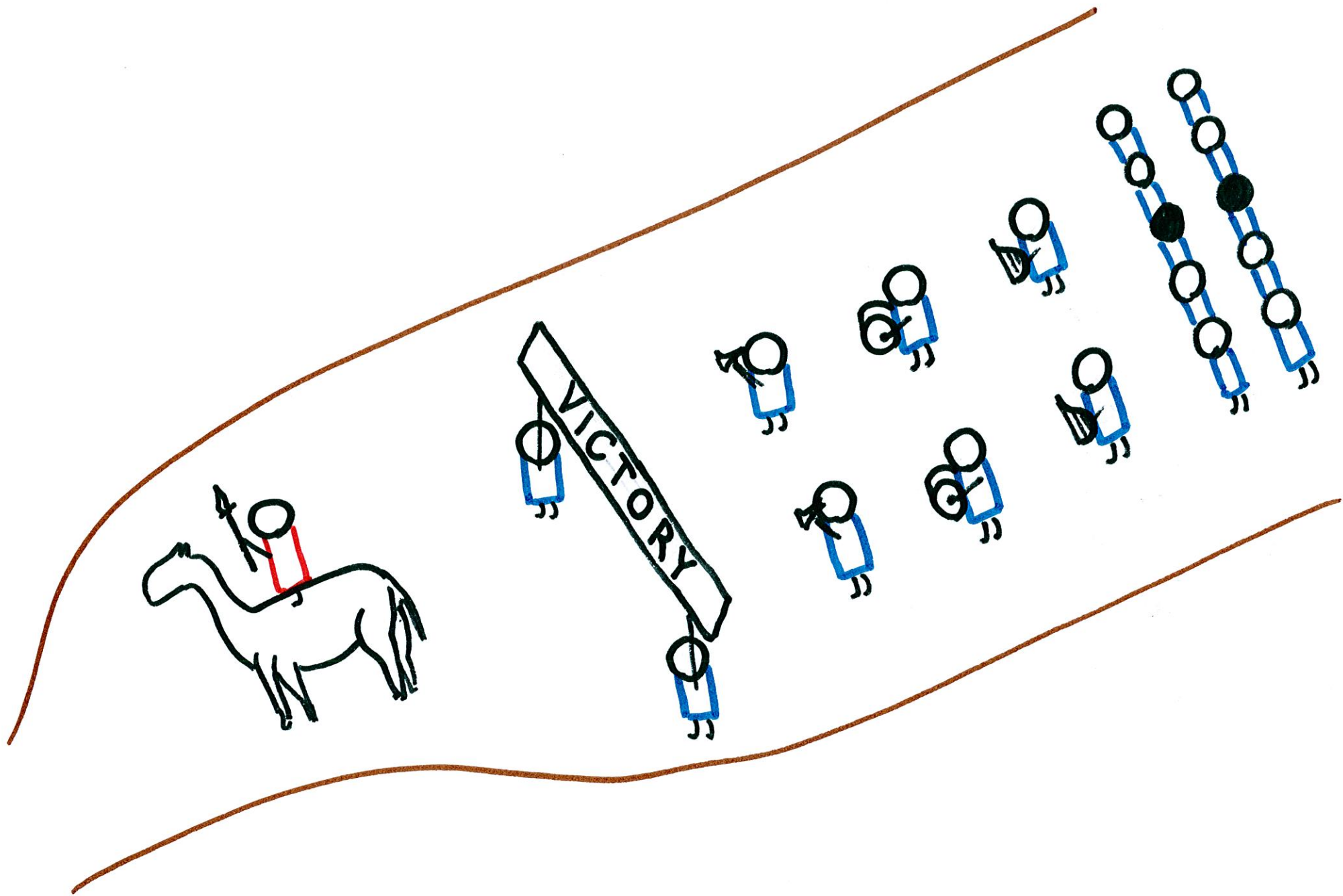


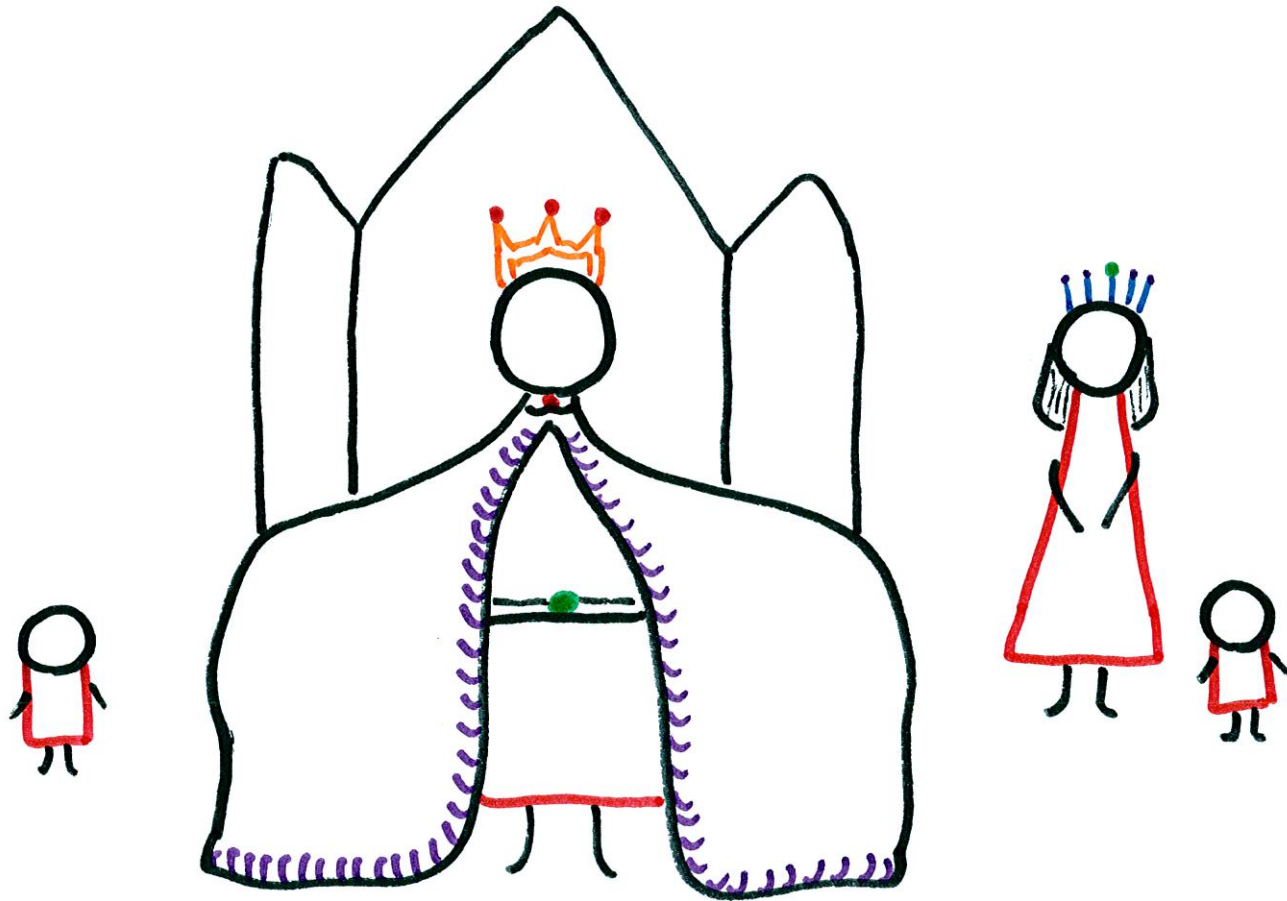












# **King Jehoshaphat and the People Pray**

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Words to go with the flip chart

**Instructions:** If printing the flip chart then print these words out and glue them to the back of the pictures. That allows you to hold up the picture so the children can see while you say the words.

**Cover:** King Jehoshaphat and the People Pray

**Page 1-** Have you ever had a big problem? Sometimes we are very afraid when we have a big problem. We might be worried about it. In today's Bible story we are going to learn about a King who had a big problem and became afraid. Let's find out about what he did.

**Page 2-** King Jehoshaphat wanted to be a good ruler in the country of Judah. King Jehoshaphat loved the Lord and tried to obey him. He taught the people how to worship God and do what he commands.

But Judah had enemies. The enemies were some of the countries nearby. They were called Moabites, Ammonites and Meunites. Sometimes these enemies would try to attack the country of Judah.

**Page 3-** One time the enemy was getting very close to attacking and Jehoshaphat was afraid for his people. He had a big problem. Instead of continued to worry and be afraid he decided to pray and ask the Lord what to do.

**Page 4-** King Jehoshaphat told all the people that no one should eat during this special time of prayer. Deciding not to eat so that you can concentrate on prayer is called fasting.

**Page 5-** All the people of Judah came together to ask God for help just as King Jehoshaphat told them to. Fathers, mothers and children all gathered for this special prayer.

When all of the people had gathered together, Jehoshaphat began to pray to God, "Lord, You are the God of everything. You have power and strength. No one can stand against You. You gave us this land. When trouble comes, we come to You and You hear us and You save us. Now these people have come and are trying to force us out of Your land. We have no power against their large army. We don't know what to do, so we look to You for help."

As the people all stood in front of the temple listening to their king pray, God spoke to them through one of the priests. He said, “Do not be afraid or discouraged ... for the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow, go down and stand before those people. You do not have to fight. The Lord will save you. Do not be afraid.”

When King Jehoshaphat heard God’s words, he began to thank Him. He and all the people bowed down before God and worshipped Him for hearing their prayer.

**Page 6-** The next day Jehoshaphat and his army went out into the desert and marched to meet their enemies

**Page 7-** Jehoshaphat put a special group of men in front of the army. These men sang songs of praises to the Lord. The army followed them.

**Page 8-** When the army arrived at the place where the enemy had been they received a big surprise. They did not find a strong army of soldiers to fight. Instead, they found that the battle had already been fought. The Lord had caused all of the enemy armies to fight each other.

**Page 9-** By the time Jehoshaphat and his army arrived, all of the enemies were dead! The Lord had been right! The battle did belong to the Lord. The Lord had fought the battle for Jehoshaphat and his people.

**Page 10-** King Jehoshaphat and all of the soldiers returned to Jerusalem praising the Lord. They went to the temple and worshiped Him. They wanted to thank the Lord for answering their prayer!

**Page 11-** Do you think King Jehoshaphat was happy that he had prayed asked God for help?

Jehoshaphat must have thought about what had happened. It had seemed like it was impossible to beat such a strong enemy. But God can do anything.

Is there anything that you are afraid of? Let’s pray about it right now so that God can help you.