

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Genesis 1:3-4

The whole EARTH is a messenger, sent to point me to you, Lord Jesus. For the earth is your creation, I know. Your Father sent you, his beloved Word, out into deepest darkness. "LIGHT!" he shouted. And POOF, light appeared. WOW! What power you have. What beauty you control. That's what the earth tells me about you, Lord Jesus. You had your hand in making this huge and lovely thing. The whole world proclaims you!

Dear Father in heaven, Thank you for filling our world with light. Thank you for filling my heart with your love.

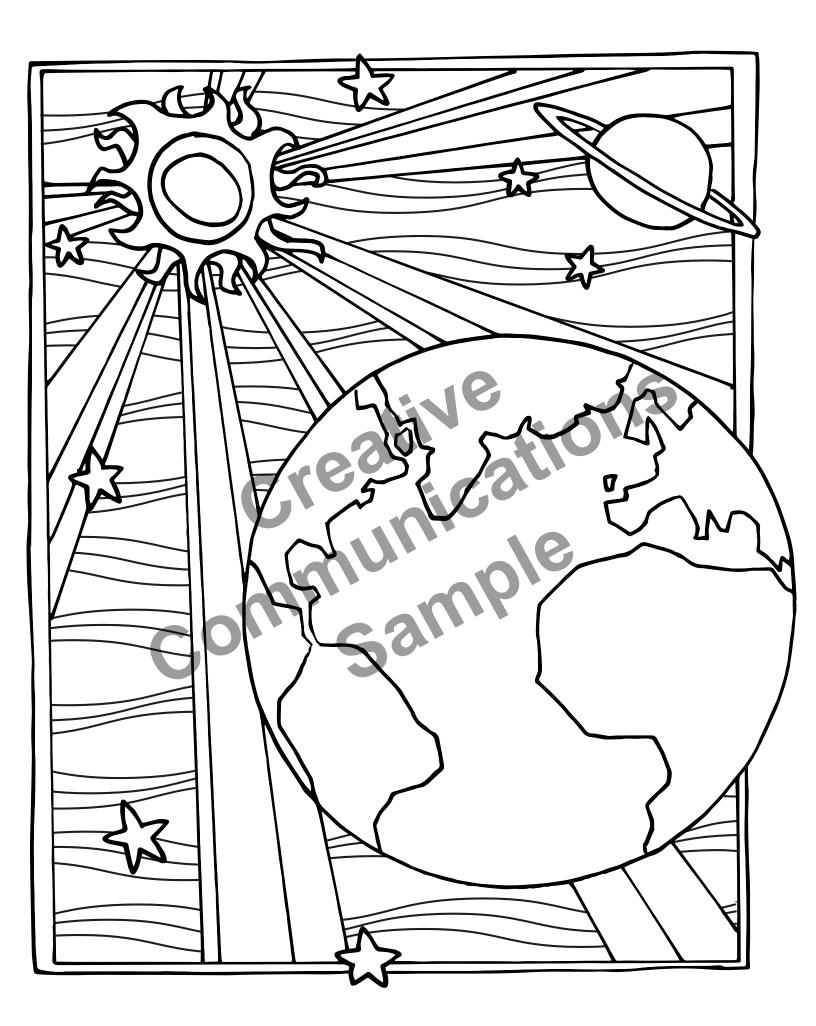
Amen.

DAY 2 · Stars

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Job 38:4-7

Lord, even the stars point to you ... because you were there when they were created. They sang songs to praise you! Do you remember those songs? Of course you do! Do you ever hum them as the melodies wind through your mind? Eventually another star would point the way to you as well—it would lead wise men to worship you in Bethlehem. Next time I look at the stars I'll try to remember your timeless greatness. And I'll sing a song of praise.

Dear God, make me a star pointing others to you!





DAY 3 · Adam & Eve

So God created humankind in his image. Genesis 1:27

You created human beings in your own image, Lord. That means we're CHILDREN, right? You made us with so much love in your heart. You made us to be your children. You made us to point to you—to be messengers of your loving, fatherly goodness. That's what kids do, after all. They reflect their parents. Chips off the old block. Do I do that, Lord? Do the things I do and say make you proud of me? I hope so! I want to proclaim my Father's love!

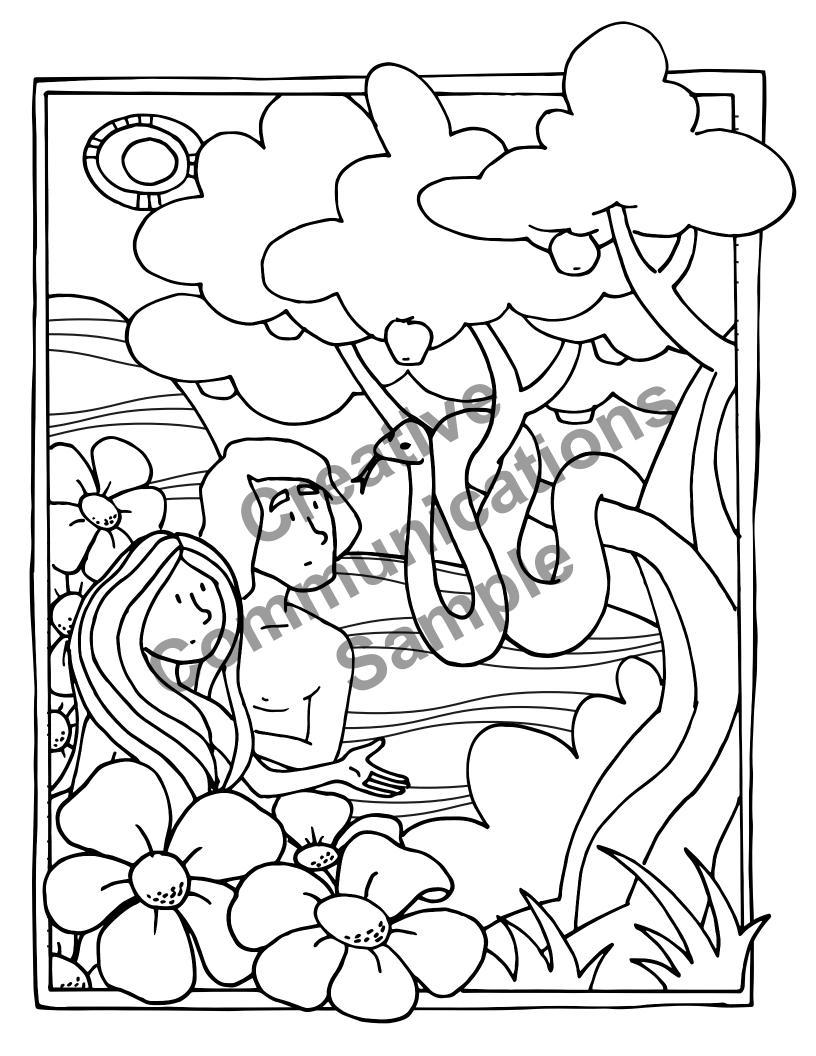
Dear God, thank you for creating me and for making me your special child. Please make me aware of your presence in my life, and help me to obey your commands. Amen.

DAY 4 · Smalke

"I will put enmity between you ... he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3:15

Oh, no! Your perfect creation was ruined, Lord, when a sneaky snake twisted your words and tempted your children. They listened to the snake. They disobeyed you. Sin entered your world ... entered every human heart. How sad that must have been for you. Yet, even on that sad day you sent a message—a message to and through that sneaky snake. You promised he would be destroyed some day. You would send a Savior!

Dear God, sin keeps us away from you, but you sent your son, Jesus, so that we can be close to you again.



DAY 5 · Joshua

"As commander of the army of the Lord I have come." Joshua 5:14

Joshua was given an impossible task, Lord. He was supposed to attack and defeat the fortress city of Jericho ... using only a small army of trumpeters! But before the battle Joshua saw a man with a sword. "Are you an enemy?" Joshua asked. "No," the man replied, "I am the commander of God's army." You sent that messenger angel to encourage Joshua for his difficult task. Encourage me in my difficult day, Lord, so that I can succeed in all your plans for me.

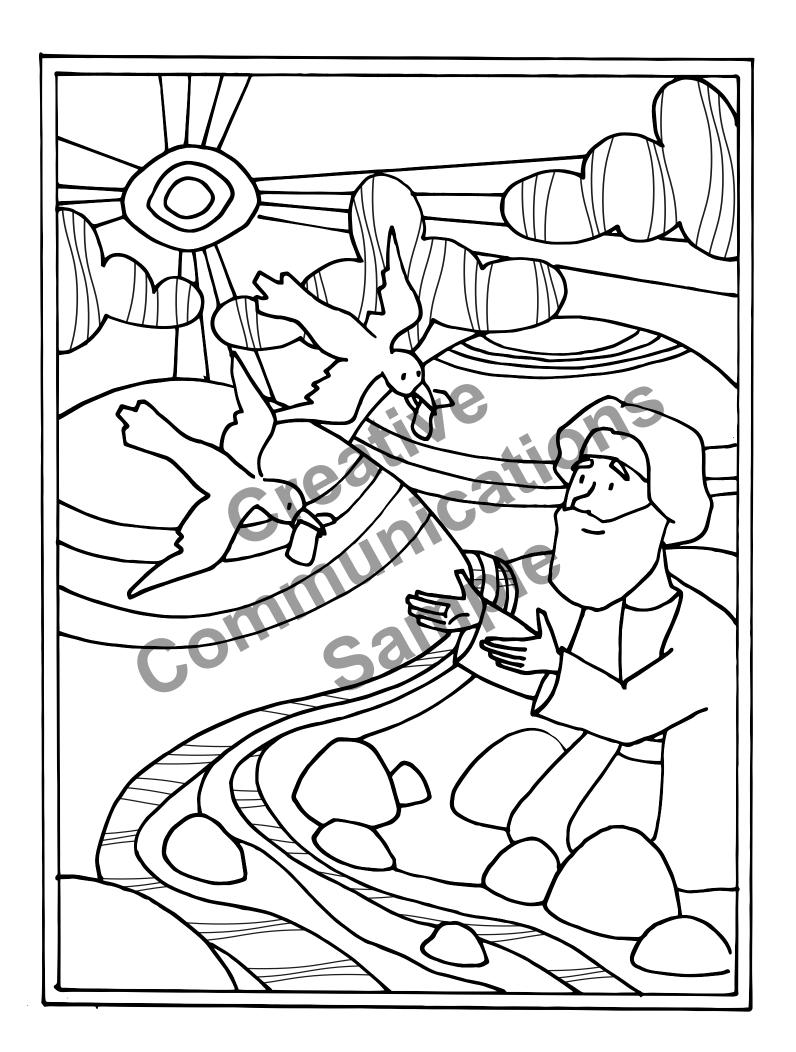
Lord, help me be strong and courageous as I wait for your coming.

DAY 6 · Elijah

"I have commanded ravens to bring you food." 1 Kings 17:4

Elijah was on the lam, running from the armies of a king who hated him ... who hated you as well, Lord. You had cursed the land of the king with a terrible drought. There was no food or water to be had. And so you sent your servant, Elijah, to a special hidden stream. And you sent ravens to him each day. They brought him miracle food: bread and meat. Do I always recognize your gifts to me as miracles ... or those who bring them to me as your messengers?

Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Give us this day our daily bread. Amen.



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