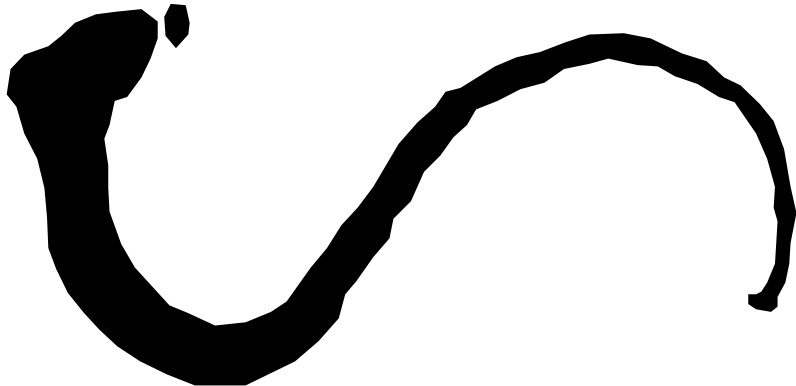
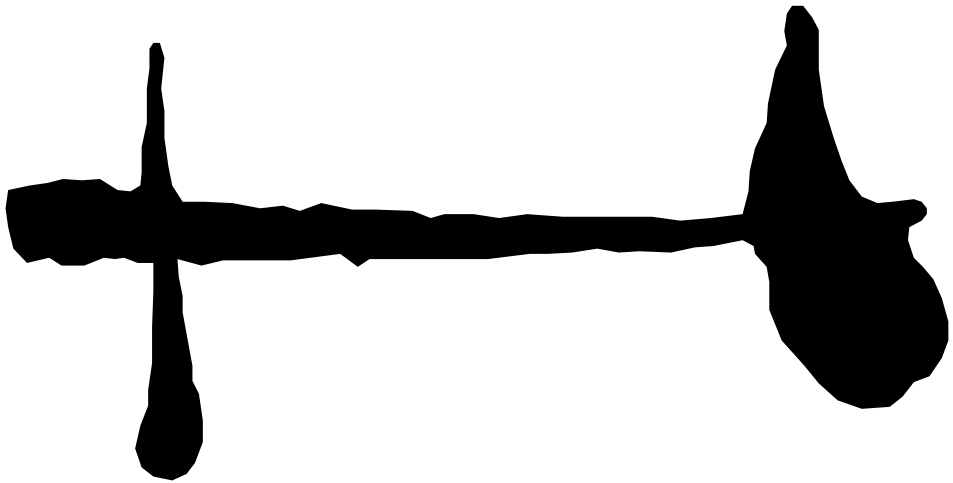
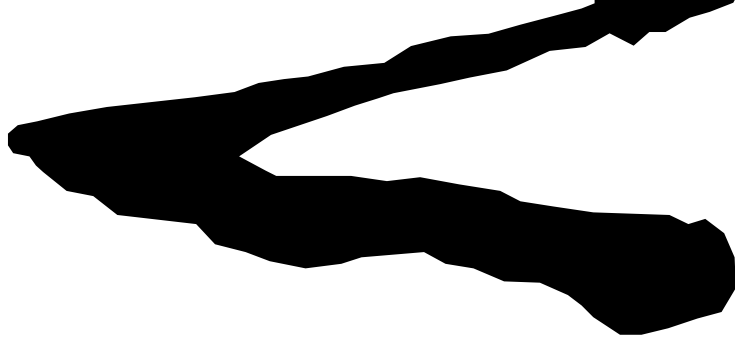


Activity:



Put a long piece of masking tape across the floor. Place a table one foot away from it, with “SIN” sign taped to it. Have each child stand at the line and reach to touch the sign. For each new child, move the table back a few inches until one of them loses their balance and steps over the line.

Christians will often try to obey God’s commands but still want to see how close to the line they can get without crossing it. This usually results in crossing a line into a behavior that is harmful to themselves or others. God doesn’t want us to see how “bad” we can be without being “too bad.” He wants us to always try our best to copy Him.

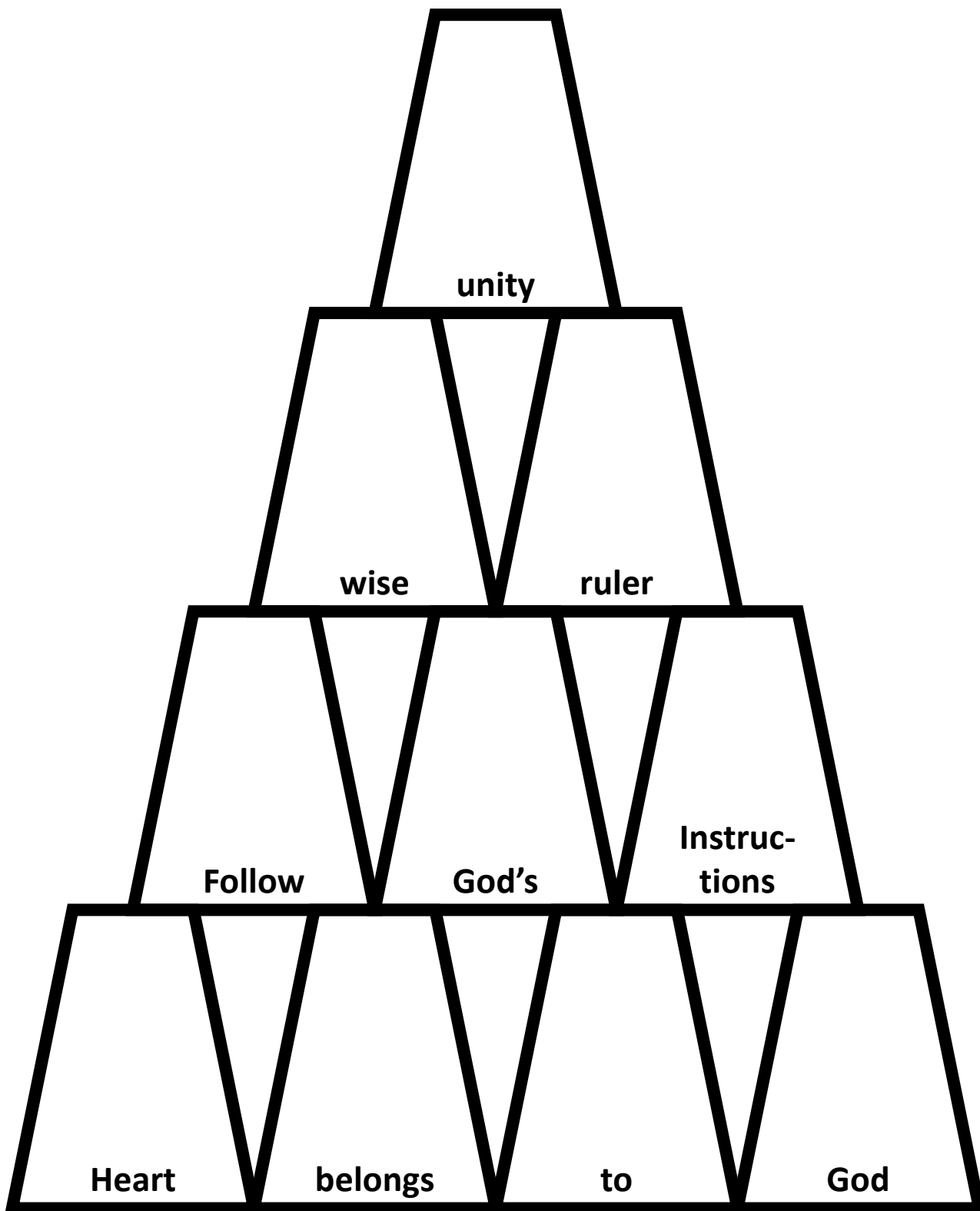


Activity:



Hand out cups with the below words written on them, in random order.

- What did God tell Saul he needed to have?
- A heart that belongs to God.
- Find the cups that say, “Heart belongs to God,” and line them up.
- What will a person do if their heart belongs to God?
- Follow God’s instructions.
- Find the cups that say, “Follow God’s instructions,” and place them on top of the first row of cups.
- What did God give Solomon as long as he followed after God with his heart and obeyed Him?
- He would make him a wise ruler.
- Find the cups that say, “Wise ruler,” and stack them on top of the pile.
- What did Israel have as long as Solomon led them in worshipping God alone?
- Unity.
- Add the Unity cup to the top of the pyramid.
- What will happen if we take away the bottom row?
- Everything will fall down.
- Push out the bottom cups so the rest fall down.
- When Solomon stopped following God with his whole heart, everything else that was built on top of that fell away, too. We need to have a good foundation in God.



Activity:



Ask children who they would go to for advice in each situation. If they choose the first one, have them hop forward. If they choose the second one, have them hop backward.

Your car is broken.	A mechanic	A bike repair shop
You have a chipped tooth.	A dentist	Someone who sells toothbrushes
Your dog is sick.	A veterinarian.	A pet groomer
You need to buy a new bed.	A salesperson.	A baby who naps a lot
You have termites in your house.	An exterminator	Your dog
You want to adopt a cat.	A person at the animal shelter	A person who photographs cats
You have a bad cold.	Your doctor	A medical student
You are lost.	A police officer	An actor who plays a police officer on TV

Rehoboam got advice from his friends instead of his father's advisors. Most of the time, parents and teachers will give you the best advice for life decisions. They have lived longer than your friends and have already had a chance to learn from their mistakes.

UPPER

ELEMENTARY

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



NAME: _____

Solomon, Jeroboam, Jerusalem, Shechem, Rehoboam,
Northern, Southern, Prophets

nehonrtr _____

hecsmeh _____

rajbeoom _____

ophrsept _____

ejmrusael _____

hareboom _____

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moolosno _____

Lower Elementary

The Divided Kingdom

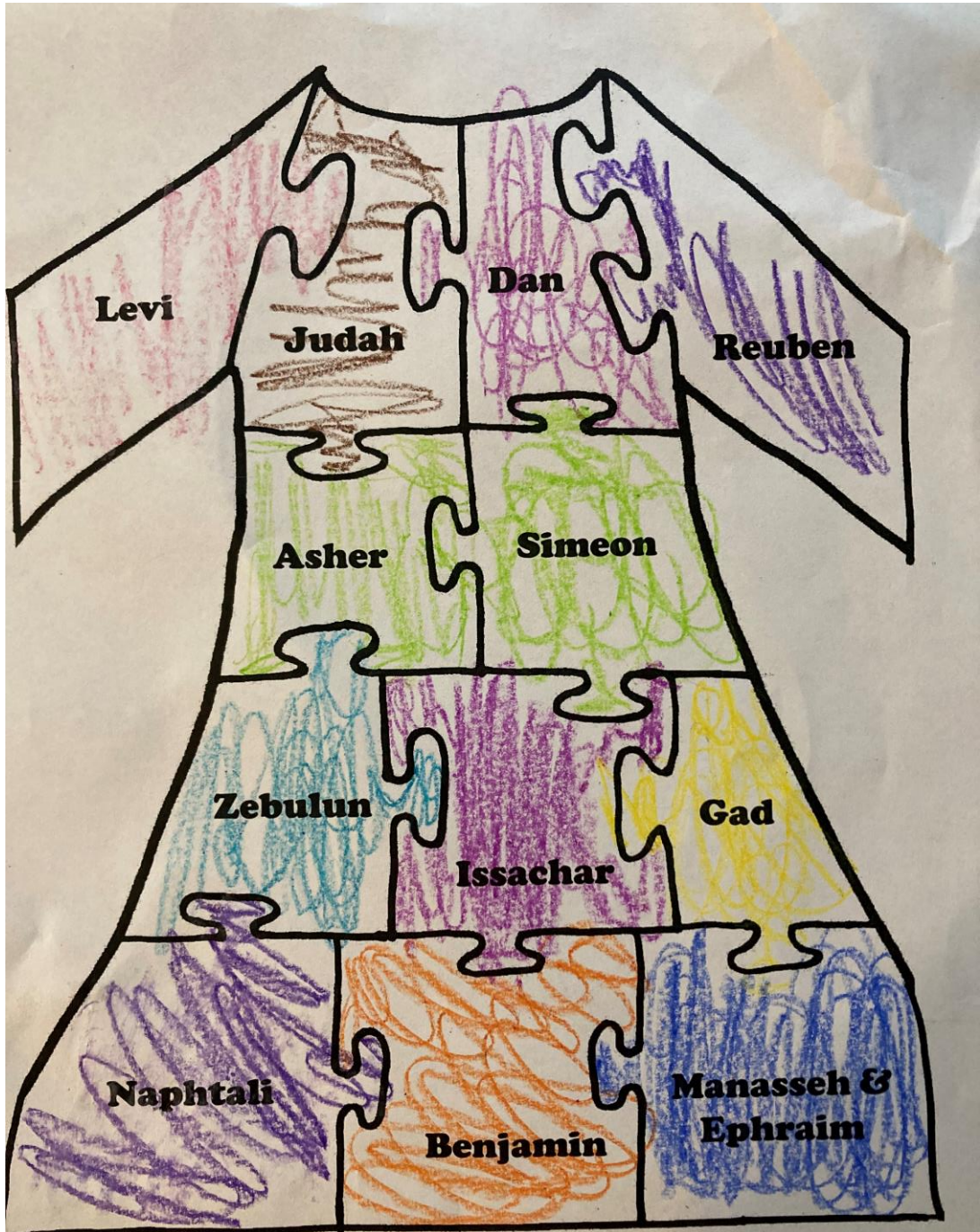
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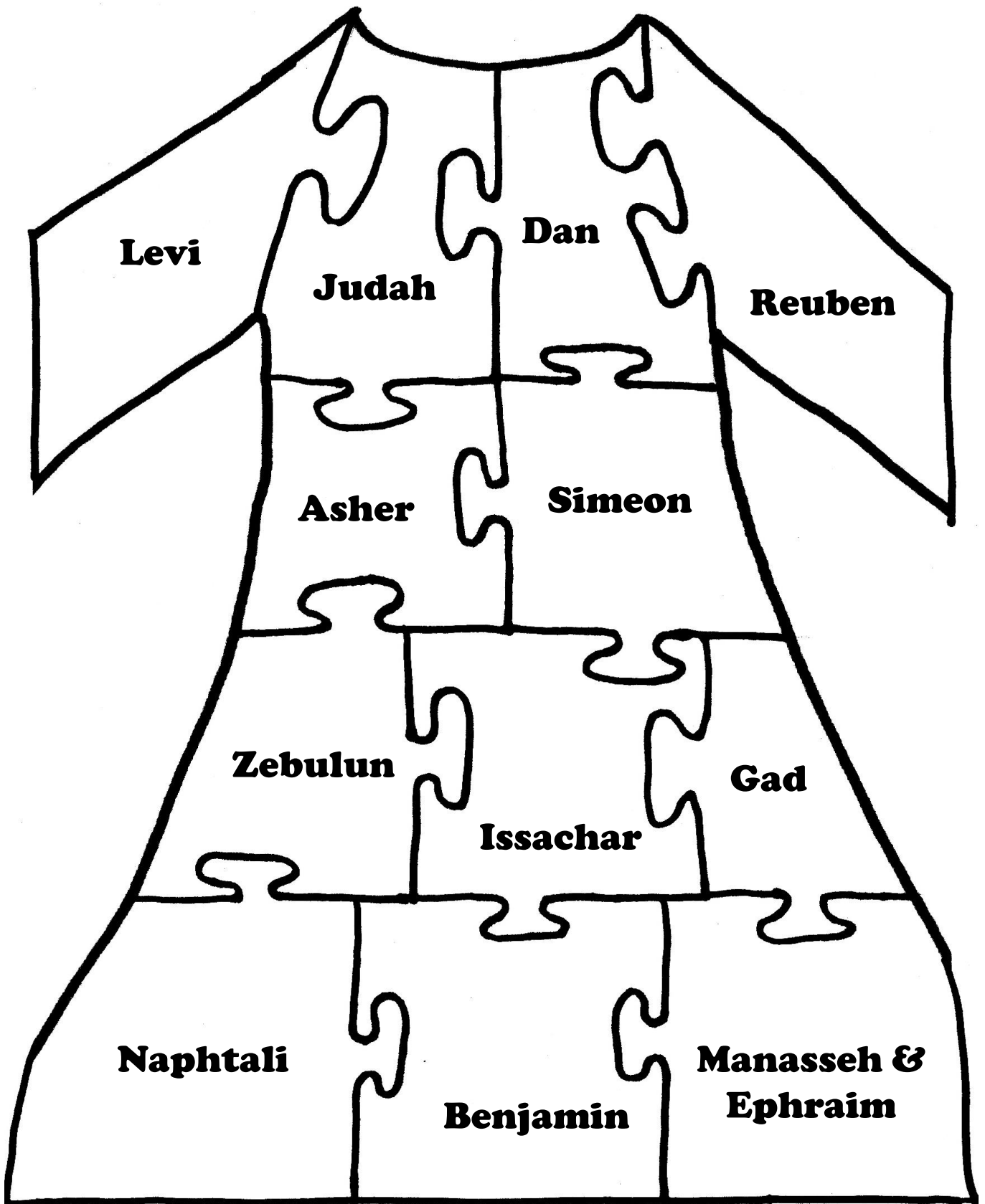


My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think.

~1 Corinthians 1:10

- ❖ Children color each puzzle piece a different color and cut out, then put back together.
- ❖ Act out the prophet showing Jeroboam what would happen to Israel.





Levi

Judah

Dan

Reuben

Asher

Simeon

Zebulun

Gad

Issachar

Naphtali

Benjamin

**Manasseh &
Ephraim**

Preschool

Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw themselves and someone they don't always get along with. Talk about ways to work together and have peace.

Modeling Dough:

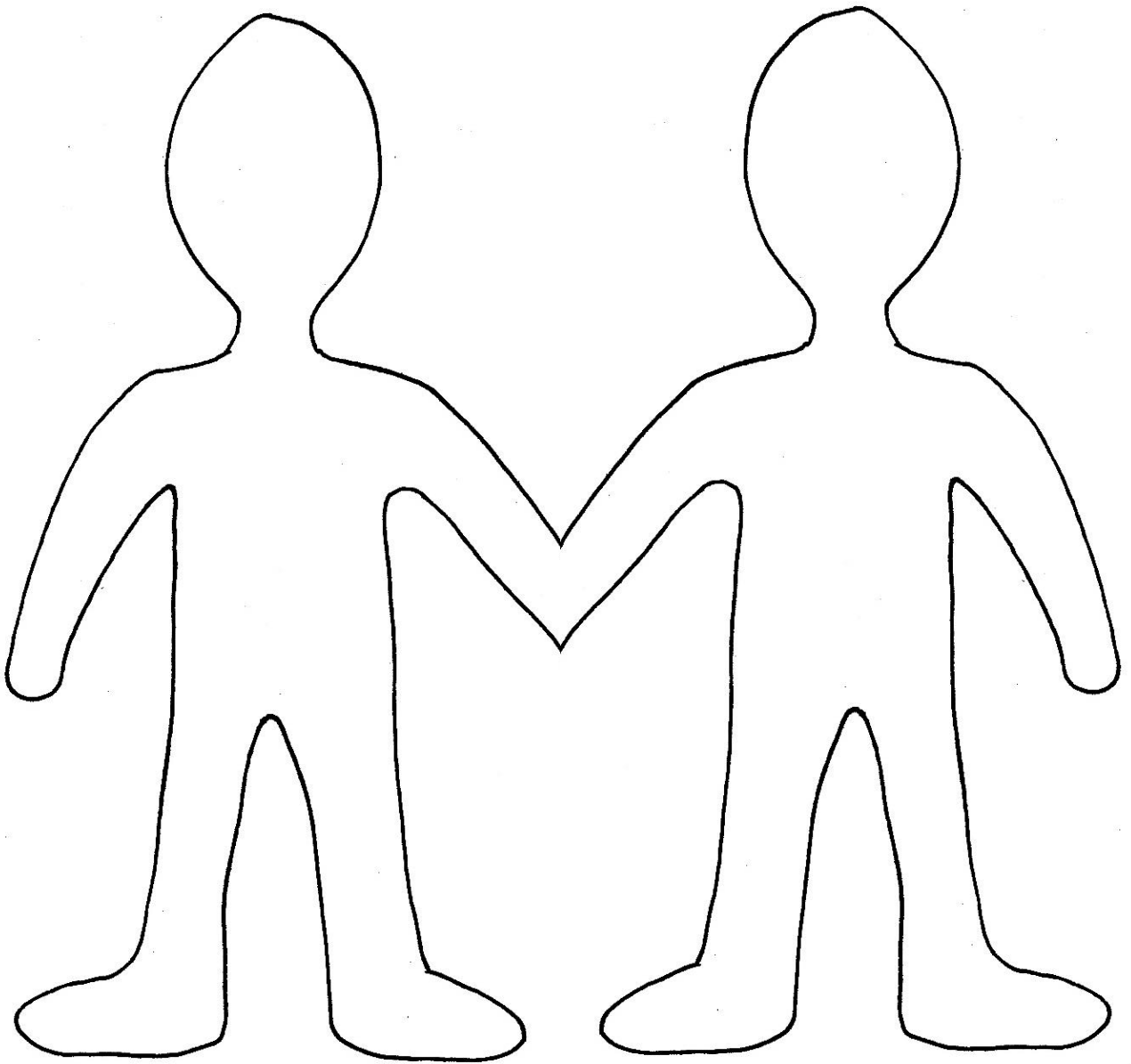
Encourage children to make a coat. Use a plastic knife to divide it into twelve pieces.

Game:

Ask for volunteers to have their legs tied together to do a three-legged race. Talk about how they had to work together and move as one. It is important for God's children to be united and not fight with each other.

The Divided Kingdom

Name: _____



God wants His children to be united.