

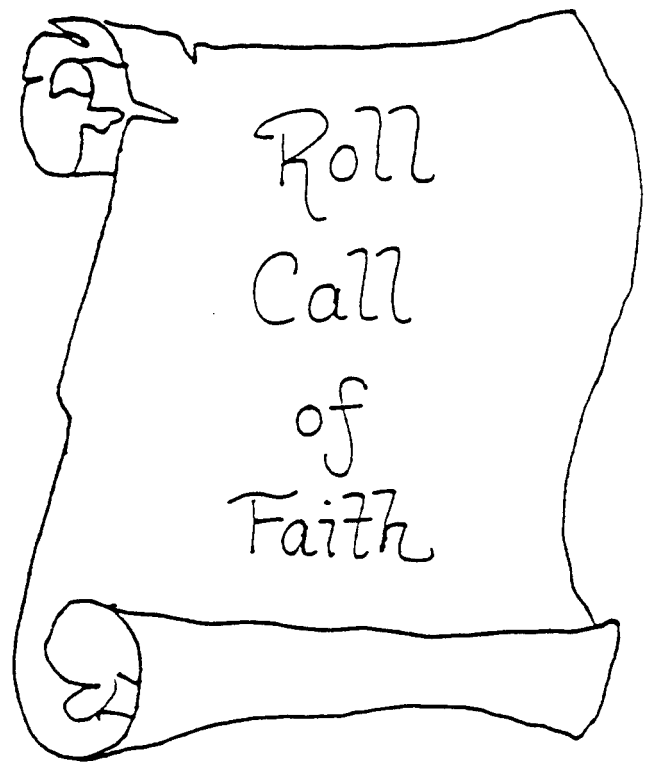
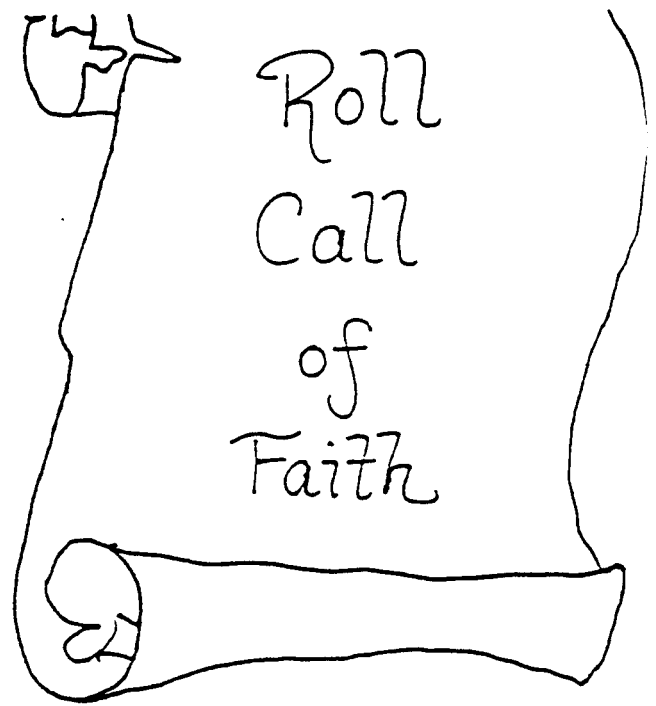
Today, we are going to talk about faith and those people of the Old Testament who had "great" faith. In Hebrews 11:6 it tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. So, if we don't have faith in him, then he is not pleased with us.

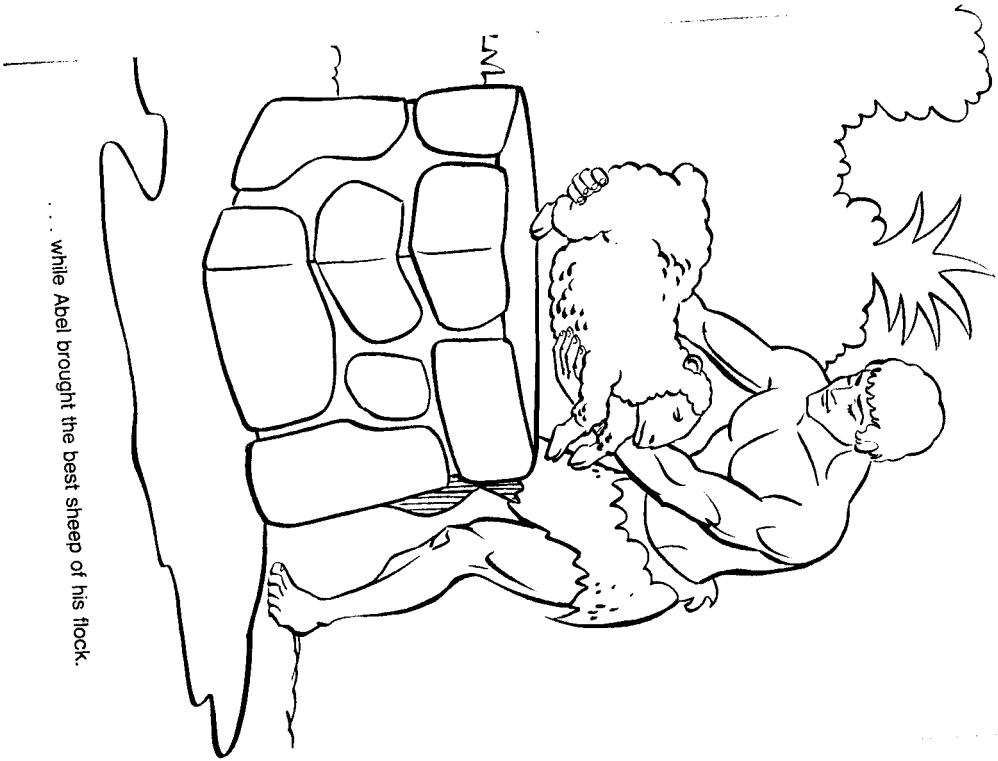
The first person we are going to talk about is Noah. What did he do to show he had great faith in God? He built a huge boat/ark, exactly like God told him. What did the people say about him? They thought he was crazy and made fun of him. Has anyone ever made fun of you? It's no fun, is it? Well, Noah didn't let it bother him. He had such faith that God was going to destroy everything on the earth that he continued to build the ark, even when people laughed at him. What is sad is that everyone who didn't believe that God was going to send a flood, died. They died displeasing God.

The second person we are going to talk about is Abraham. How did Abraham show he had faith in God? He was willing to sacrifice his son in order to please God. Do you think he was happy about killing his son? NO! But, he was willing to go that far to please God. Did he have to kill his son? No, God provided a ram to take Isaac's place.

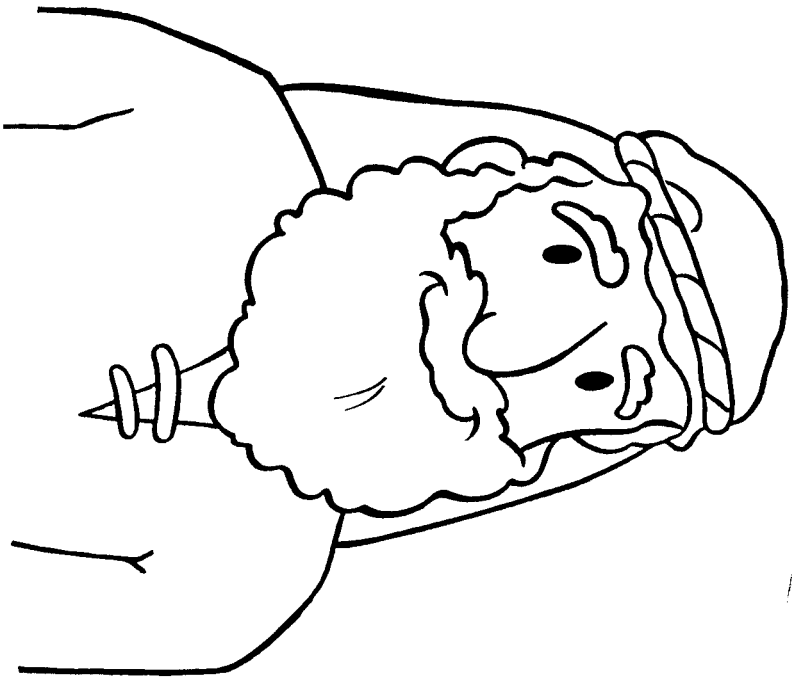
The last person we will talk about is Moses. Moses was taken to live with the daughter of Pharaoh. He was able to live like kings. While he was there his real mother taught him about God. Moses chose to obey God rather than live in a palace. He went to Pharaoh and pleaded with him to let the Israelites go free. God told him to do this and he did. He went back many times to beg Pharaoh to free the Hebrews. After the 10 plagues, Pharaoh let the people go. However, he chased after them, up to the Red Sea. The Israelites and Moses were trapped? Where could they go. God told Moses to lift up his rod over the sea. He did as God said. What happened? The sea divided and dry ground appeared for the Israelites to walk to the other side. Would that be scary to walk between 2 huge walls of deep water? But Moses had faith that God would take care of them.

Do you have faith in God like these 3 men we talked about? God gave the stories about these men to us, so that we may have strong faith just like them. If God asked you to build an ark, would you? If he asked you to sacrifice your son, would you? If he asked you to lead his people through dangerous times, would you?

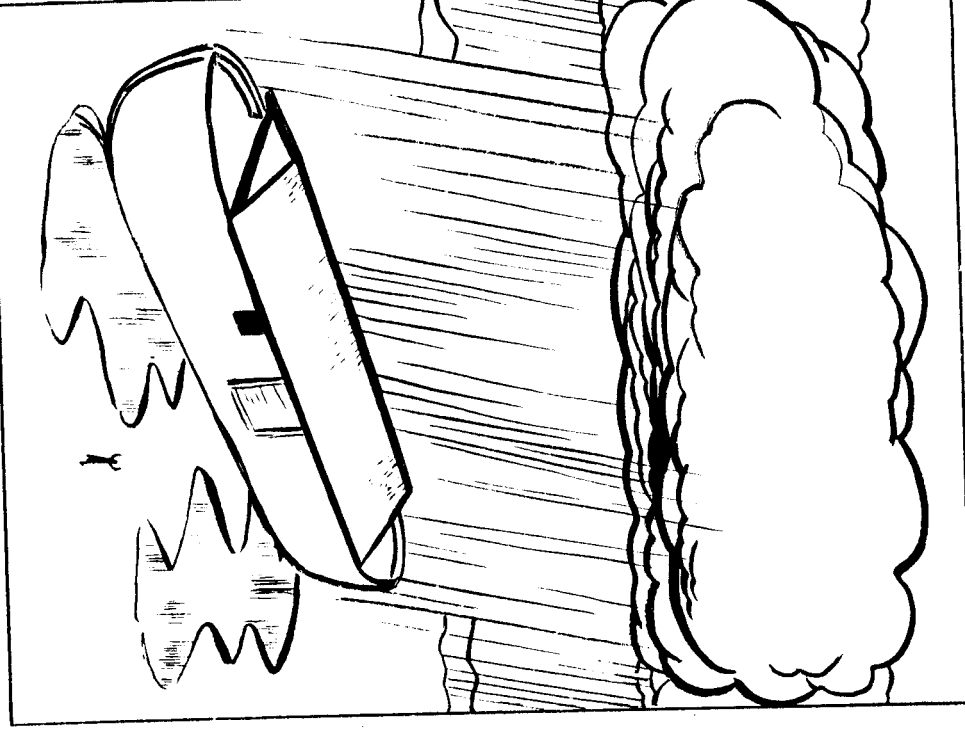




... while Abel brought the best sheep of his flock.



46. The rain begins to fall after Noah's family and the animals are safely inside the ark. Genesis 7:11-12



80. Abraham's faith is tested. God asks him to sacrifice his son, Isaac, but spares him at the last moment. Genesis 22:1-19



32. God opens up the sea so God's people can pass through. Exodus 14:1-15

Here are some examples of when we can show our faith.

- *by doing our Bible reading every day
- *by praying to God like he has told us
- *doing what is right, even though people may laugh at us
- *by coming and worshipping him every Sunday and Wednesday

Sing: 1st verse and chorus of "Faith of Our Fathers"

Say memory verse: Heb. 11:1

Sing memory verse to the tune of "It came upon a midnight clear"

Make "Roll Call of Faith" books for the kids to take home.

Visual Aids: While talking about Noah, Abraham and Moses, show pictures from The Children's Illustrated Bible located in the church library.

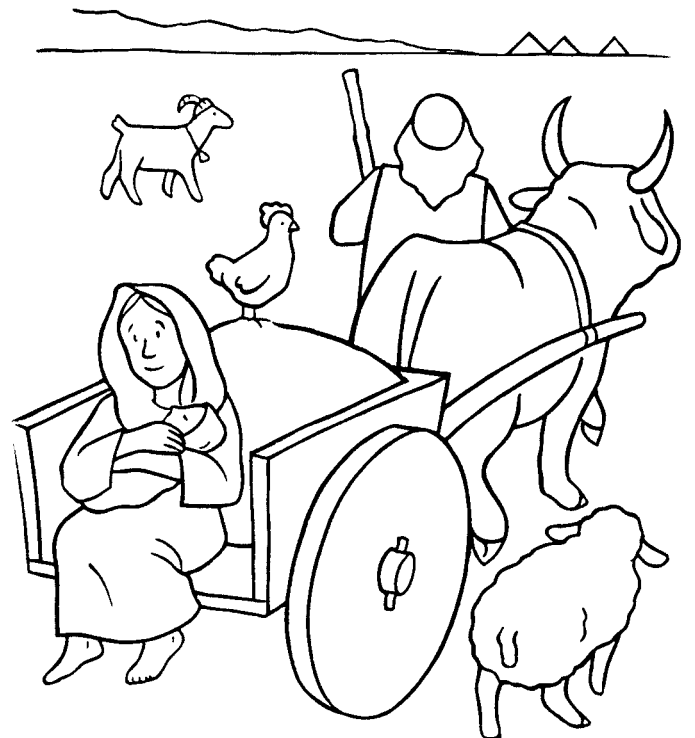
Noah - pages 24-27

Abraham - (42 & 43)

Moses - (70-79)



When it came time for the first-born's blessing, Isaac, who was old and blind, blessed Jacob, thinking he was Esau. Rebecca then decided to send Jacob to live with her brother.

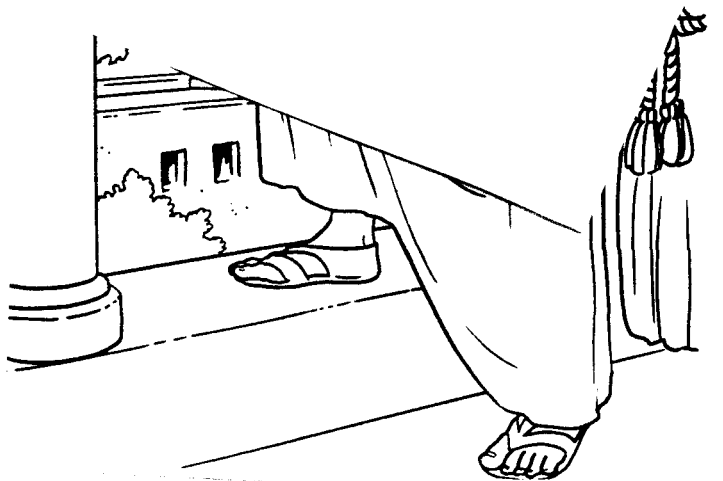




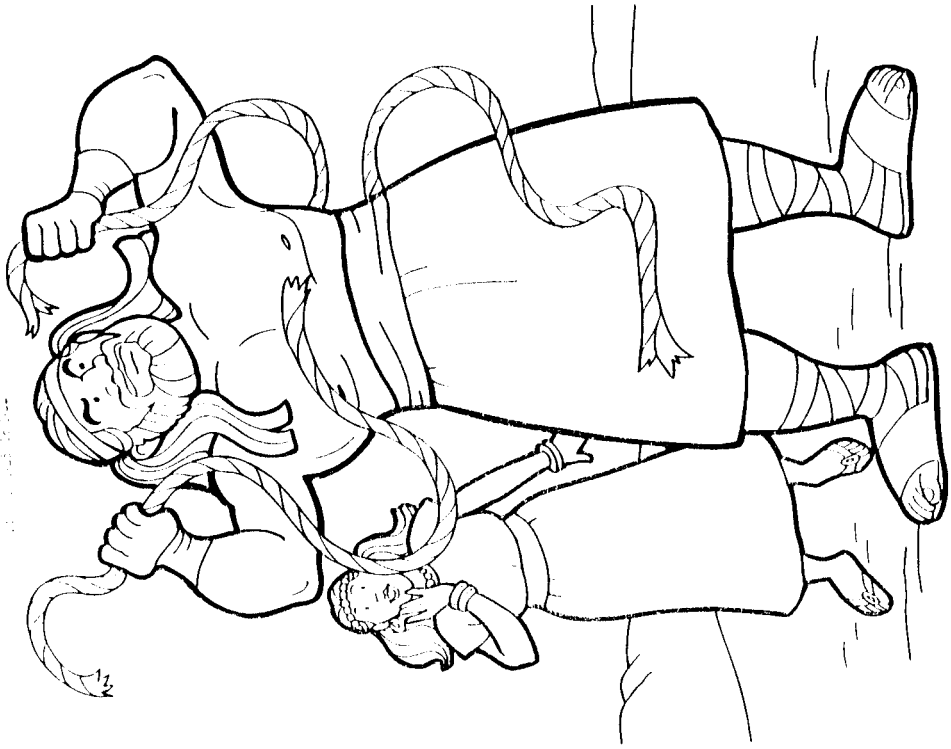
Deborah helps Barak.
Judges 4:9-15:21



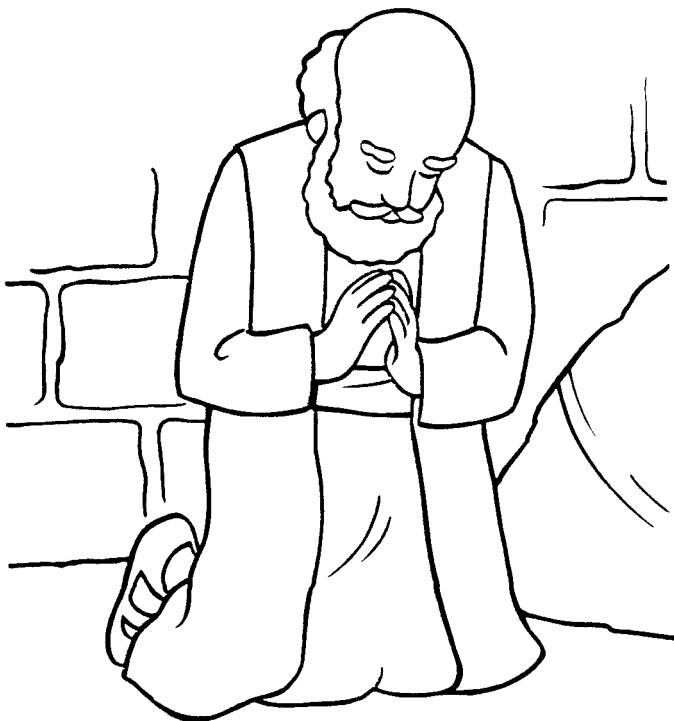
Rahab helps two spies.
Joshua 2:1-24



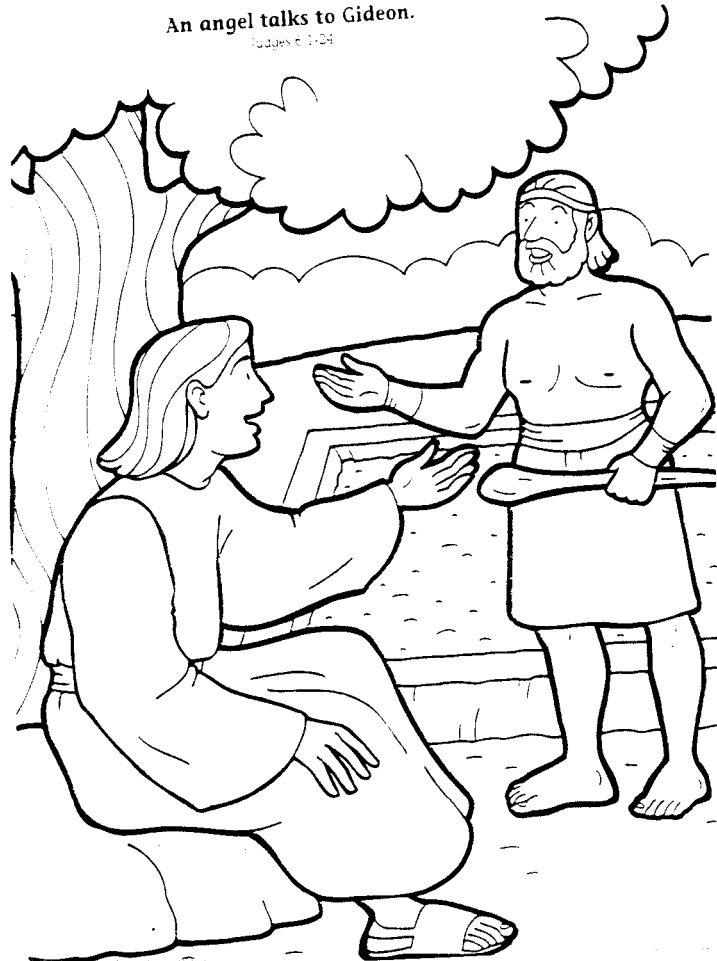
Samson is strong.

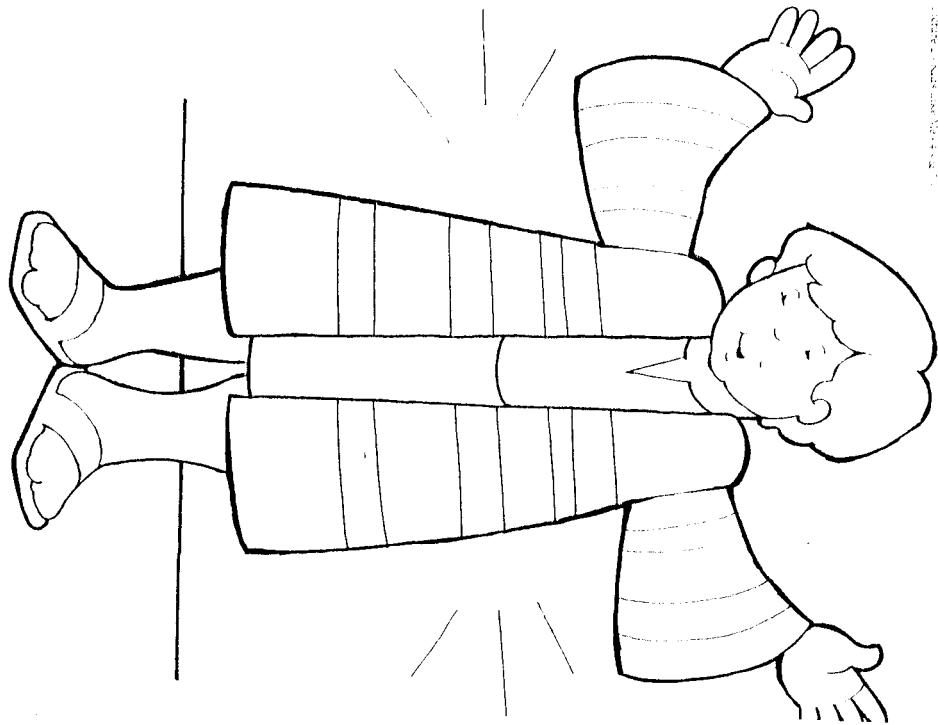


praying for help



An angel talks to Gideon.
Judges 6:1-24





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Samuel, son of Hannah and Elkanah grew up as the prophet who always spoke the truth.



