

# LITTLE STEPS TO STAND STRONG

STANDING STRONG WITH GOD





## Parent Guide

# Helping Your Preschooler Stand Strong with God

### Welcome, Parents!

Thank you for allowing your child to be part of our **Unshakable: Standing Strong with God** Vacation Bible School. This workbook is designed to help your preschooler learn about God's love and strength through fun, simple activities. You play a BIG role in helping them understand these lessons—and we're here to walk with you!

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### Talk About It

Children learn through repetition and conversation. Use these simple prompts to talk with your child:

- “What was your favorite part of the Bible Stories?”
- “How do you think God helps us?”
- “What’s something you want to thank God for today?”

Keep it short and sweet—your loving voice means the most.

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### Pray Together

End each day with a short prayer. Let your child repeat after you or say one of their own. Here's an example:

**“Dear God, thank You for helping me be strong and brave. Help me to obey You and love others. Amen.”**

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### Keep It Hands-On

Preschoolers learn best through play! Encourage coloring, singing, and acting out Bible stories together. If they want to draw Nehemiah's wall with blocks or pretend to be Josiah reading the Bible scroll—join in!

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### Home Connection Ideas

Here are simple ways to reinforce the lesson at home:

- **Joshua & Caleb** – Go on a nature walk and talk about being brave.
  - **Fiery Furnace** – Make a campfire or pretend one and talk about trusting God.
  - **King Josiah** – Read a children's Bible together.
  - **Nehemiah** – Build something together with blocks or boxes.
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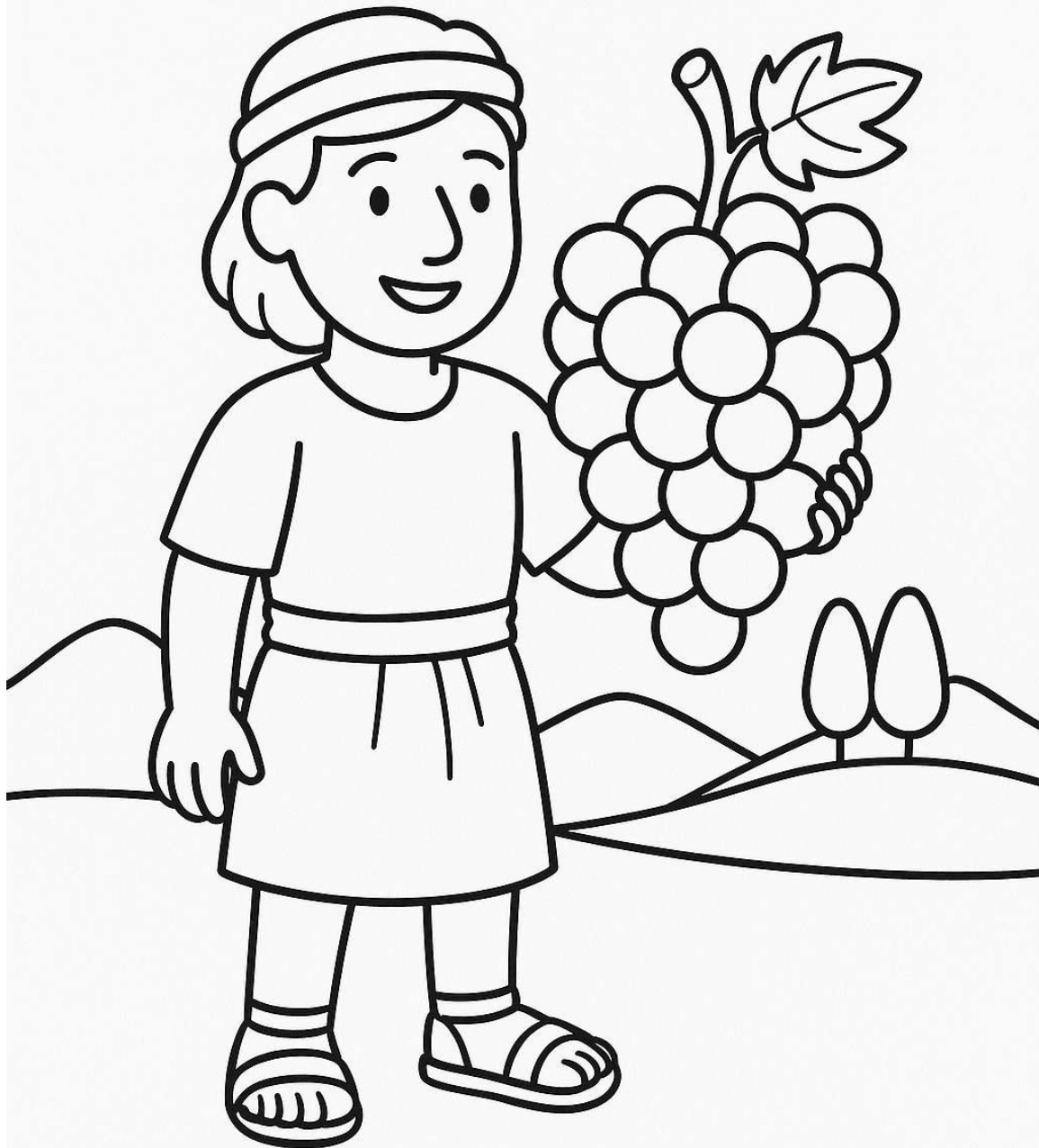
## 10 Parenting Tips to Help Your Preschooler

1. **Keep It Simple**  
Preschoolers don't need long explanations. Use short, clear phrases like "God helps us be brave" or "Jesus loves you always."
2. **Repeat Often**  
Children learn through repetition. Repeat key Bible truths daily: "God made you," "God loves you," "God is always with you."
3. **Make Faith Part of Everyday Life**  
Talk about God during meals, bath time, car rides. Everyday moments are perfect teaching times!
4. **Model What You Want to See**  
Show kindness, patience, and prayer in action. Your child will imitate what you do more than what you say.
5. **Turn Storytime into Faith Time**  
Read Bible stories or Christian picture books regularly. Use voices and expressions to make it come alive!
6. **Celebrate Obedience and Kindness**  
When your child listens or shares, celebrate it! Say things like, "You obeyed just like King Josiah!"
7. **Use Play to Reinforce Lessons**  
Act out Bible stories with toys or puppets. Let them be a "strong helper" like Nehemiah or a "brave friend" like Shadrach.
8. **Let Questions Happen**  
Preschoolers might ask: "Where is God?" or "Is Jesus big?" Don't worry about perfect answers—be honest and loving. "God is with us even when we can't see Him."
9. **Start a Simple Prayer Habit**  
Teach them to pray with you in the morning, at meals, and at bedtime. Keep it short: "Thank You, God, for today."
10. **Love Covers Everything**  
You won't get it right every time—and that's okay. What matters most is that your child feels safe, seen, and loved by you and by God.

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### **Encourage, Don't Pressure**

If your child just wants to color the same picture for three days in a row—great! The goal is **joy**, not perfection. Their understanding of faith grows little by little, and your encouragement plants seeds that will last.



**God helps me be  
brave like Joshua.**

## Moses sends twelve spies to the Promised Land.

Numbers 13:1—14:35



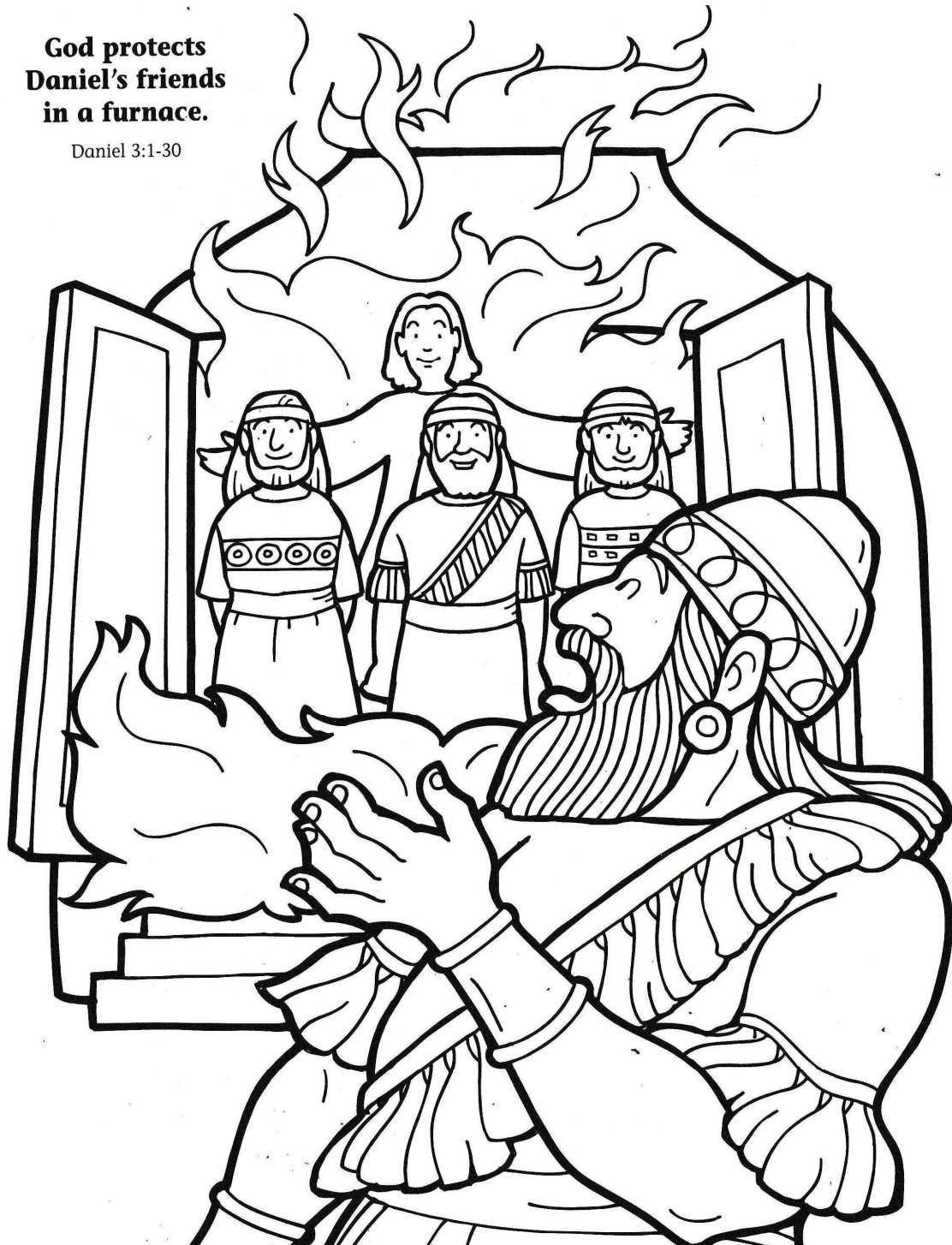


# God kept them safe in the fire



**God protects  
Daniel's friends  
in a furnace.**

Daniel 3:1-30



# KING JOSIAH



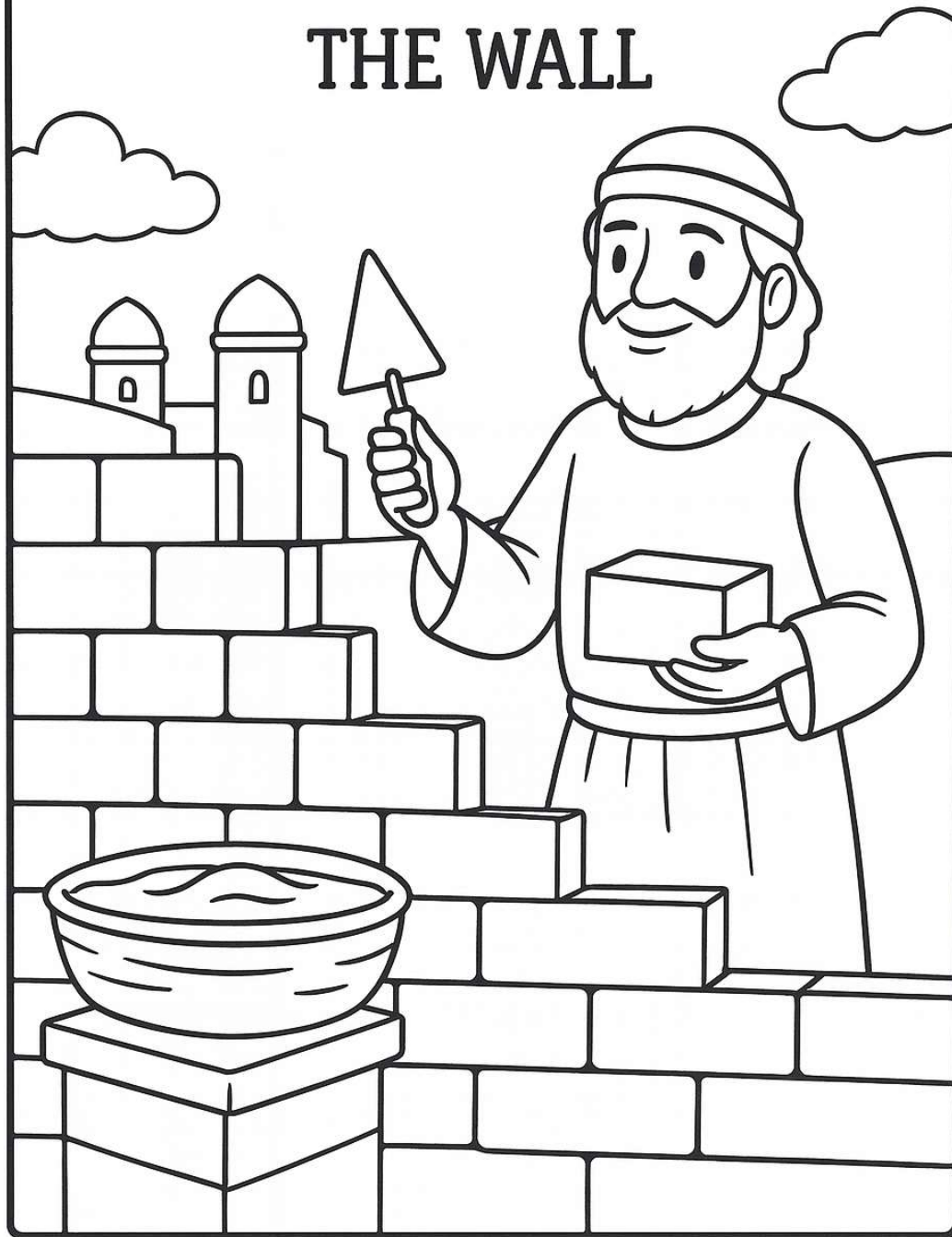


## **Nehemiah rebuilds the walls.**

Nehemiah 2:11—4:23



# NEHEMIAH BUILDING THE WALL





**Be on your guard;  
stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous;  
be strong.**

**1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)**

**Be on your  
guard**



**Stand firm  
in the faith**



**Be  
courageous**



**Be strong**



# THE ABC's

## OF BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

A

### ADMIT

you are a sinner and  
ask God to forgive  
you.

B

### BELIEVE

that Jesus is  
God's Son.



C

### CONFESS

your faith in  
Jesus as Savior  
and Lord.

