



# Companion Guide

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# WHAT WE ARE TEACHING: Breaking News



Kids may not be absorbing the news cycle like adults are, but they are experiencing the news cycle through others around them. It's tough to know what news is helpful and what news is true. This month, kids will have a chance to journey with a few prophets - Micah, Amos, Zephaniah, Ezekiel, and Isaiah - to discover news they can count on. Breaking News will help them develop a strong identity in an ever-changing world. Kids will learn that when things go wrong, they can choose what's right; when they worship God, they can be sincere; when times are tough, they can count on God; when they are lost, God will guide them, and that they can be faithful just like God is faithful.

# MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 16:13



**BE ON YOUR GUARD**

(march back and forth)

**STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH**

(stand up tall)

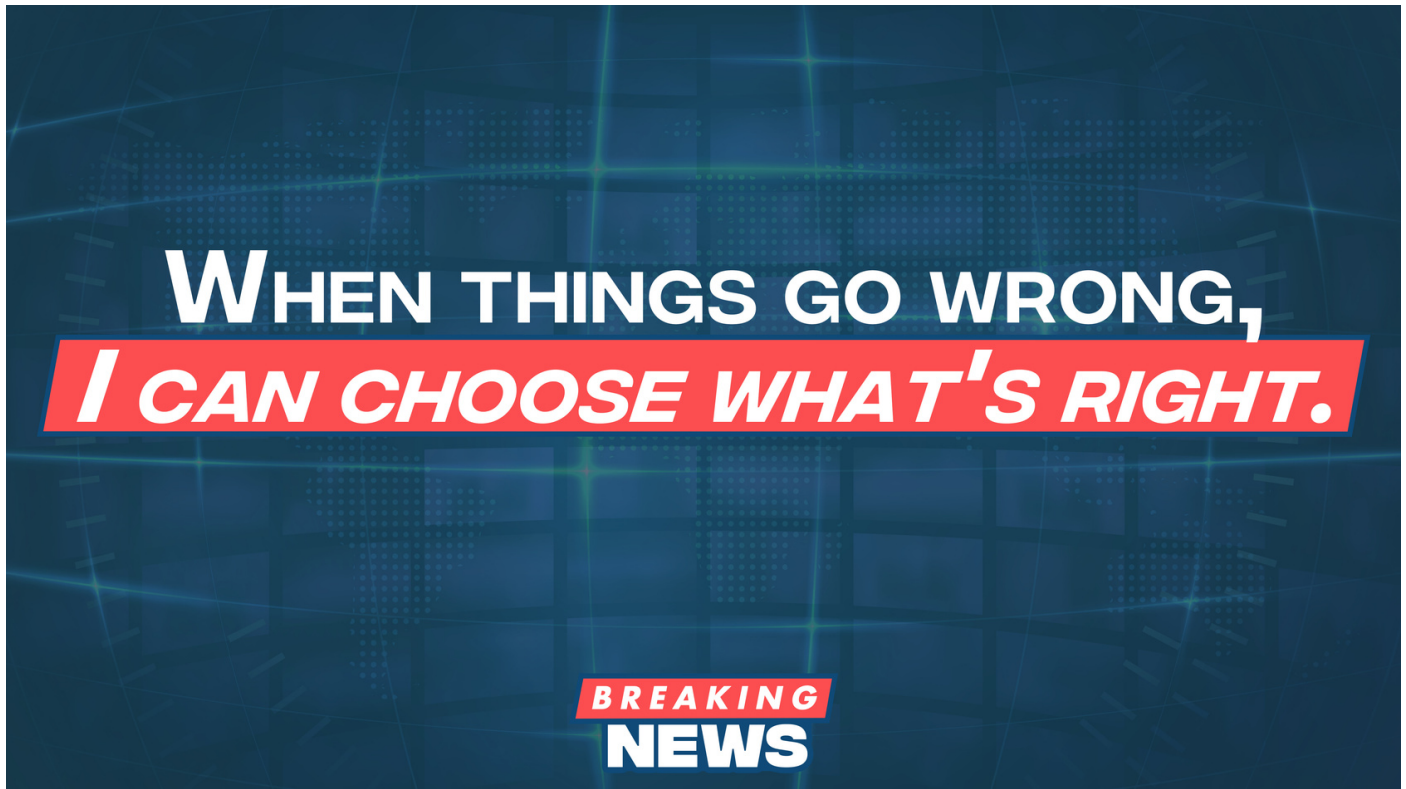
**BE COURAGEOUS**

(beat your chest)

**BE STRONG**

(flex your muscles)

# WEEK 1: When things go wrong, I can choose what's right



## THE BIG IDEA:

When things go wrong, I can choose what's right

## THE BIBLE:

Micah 3:5-12

## MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 16:13

## ACTIVITY:

Micah Says

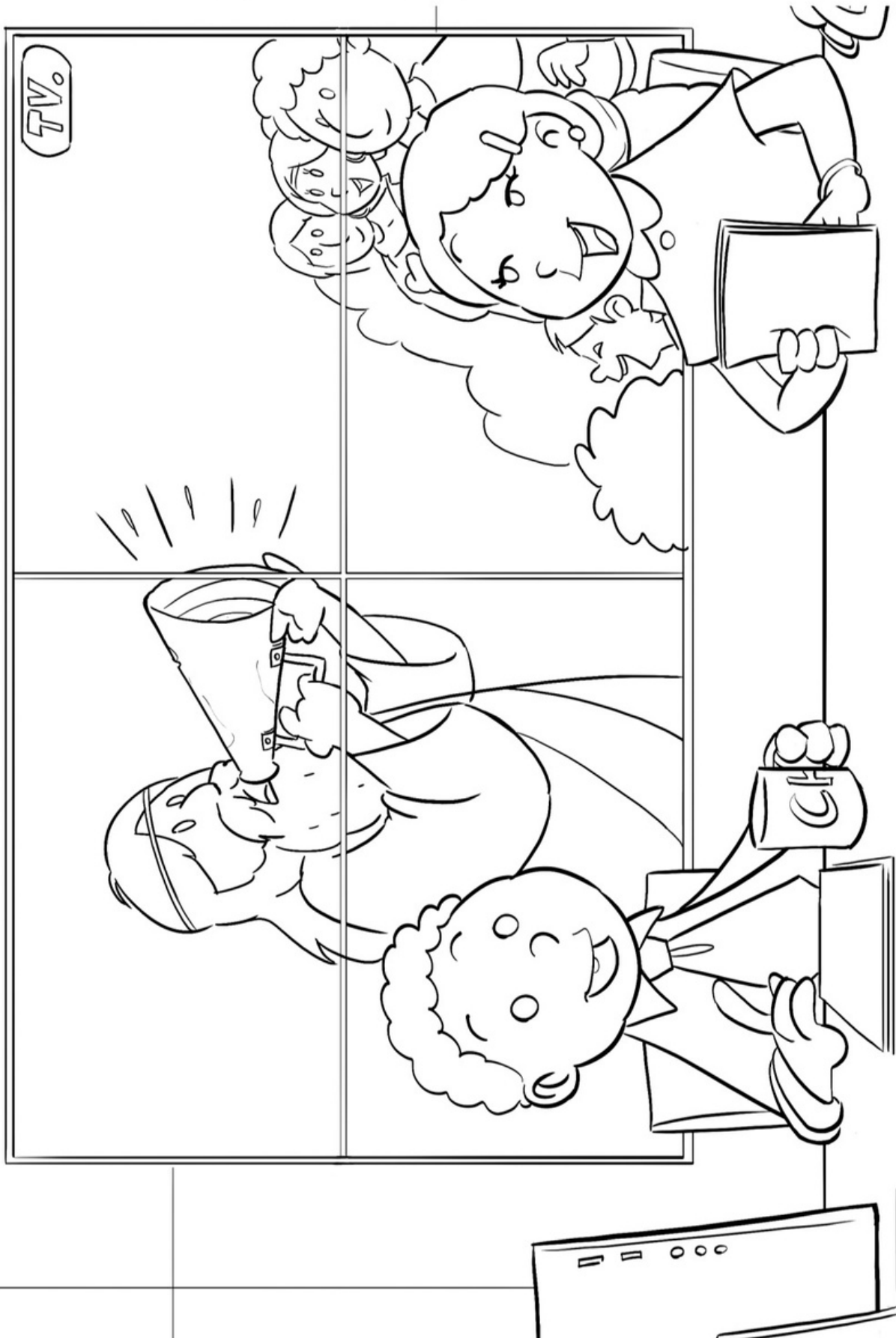
Tell the kids to stand up with some space between them. The adult leader gives the kids instructions that they must follow (such as touch your head, spin around, jump up high, etc.), but only when the leader starts by saying, "Micah says . . ." If the kids follow an instruction that didn't start with, "Micah says," then they must sit down.



# WEEK 1: Coloring Page

**THE BIG IDEA:** When things go wrong, I can choose what's right.

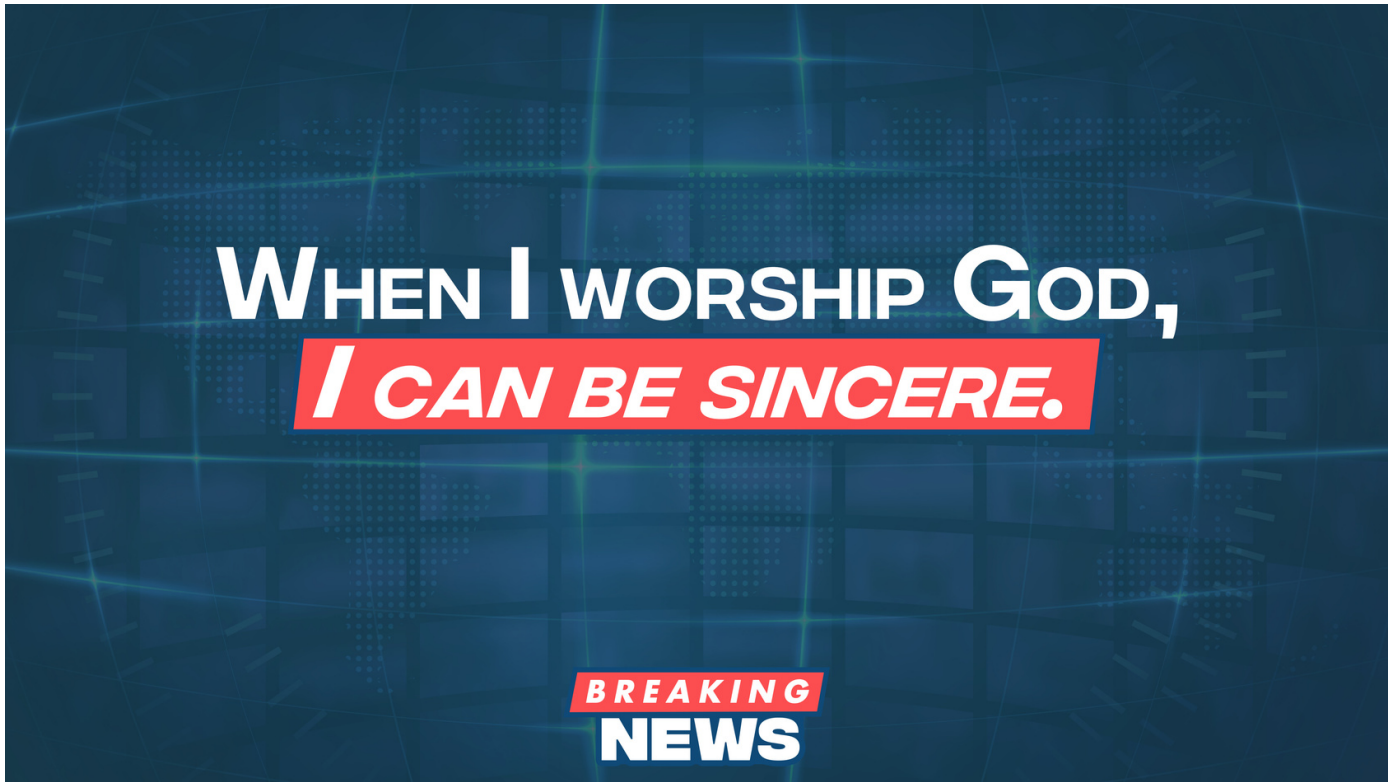
**THE BIBLE:** Micah: Micah 3:5-12



BREAKING NEWS

MICAH WARNS AGAINST DISOBEYING GOD

# WEEK 2: When I worship God, I can be sincere



## THE BIG IDEA:

When I worship God, I can be sincere

## THE BIBLE:

Amos 5:18-24

## MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 16:13

## ACTIVITY:

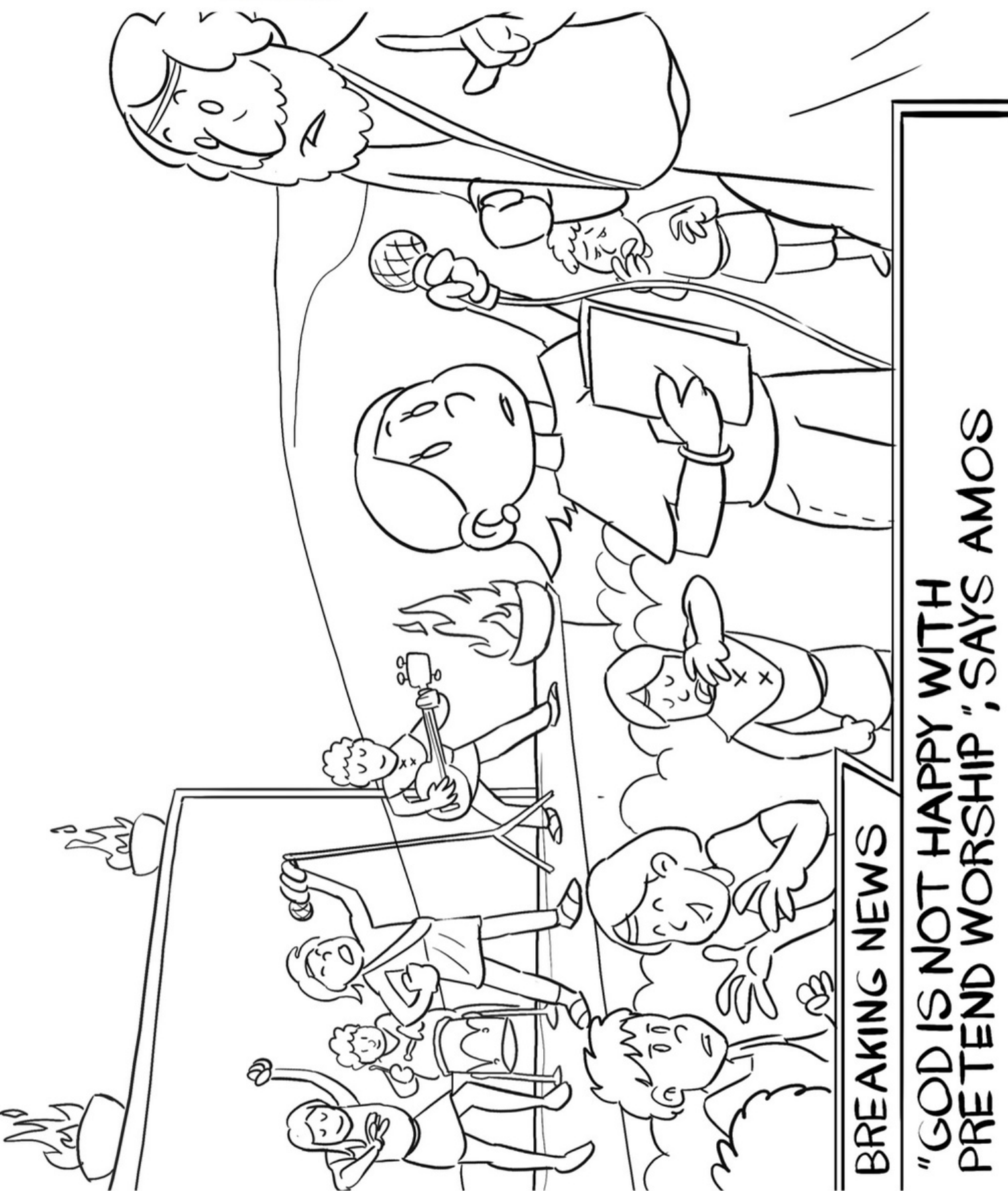
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Play an upbeat worship song. Tell the kids to dance, but when the music stops, they freeze in place. While they are "frozen," take pictures as though for a newspaper article. After you have taken pictures, resume the music. Repeat a few times. If possible, you might want to take a few real pictures and print them later with captions and post them in your space.

# WEEK 2: Coloring Page

**THE BIG IDEA:** When I worship God, I  
can be sincere.

**THE BIBLE:** Amos: Amos 5:18-24



**BREAKING NEWS**

**"GOD IS NOT HAPPY WITH  
PRETEND WORSHIP", SAYS AMOS**



# WEEK 3: When times are tough, I can count on God



**WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH,  
*I CAN COUNT ON GOD.***

**BREAKING  
NEWS**

## THE BIG IDEA:

When times are tough, I can count on God

## THE BIBLE:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; 3:14-17

## MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 16:13

## ACTIVITY:

Listening Lights

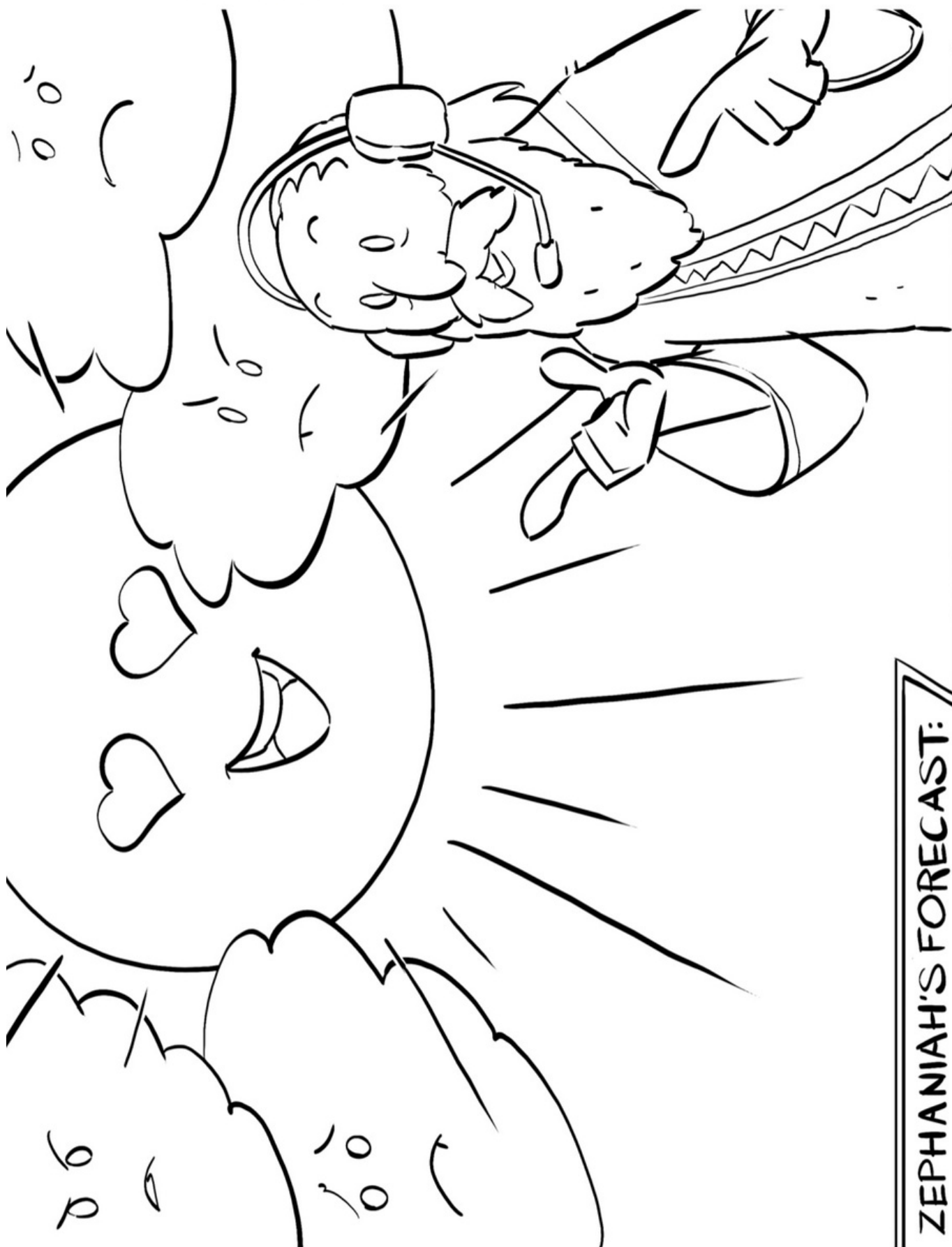
Instruct the kids to line up side by side on one end of the room and tell an adult volunteer to stand on the other end. When the adult volunteer says, "Green light," the kids start walking toward the volunteer. However, if the volunteer says, "Red light," the kids must stop walking. If the kids don't listen and are caught, they have to return to the start line.



# WEEK 3: Coloring Page

**THE BIG IDEA:** When times are tough,  
I can count on God.

**THE BIBLE:** Zephaniah: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 3:14-17



**ZEPHANIAH'S FORECAST:**

**HIGH LEVELS OF GOD'S LOVE  
TO REPLACE HEAVY RAINS**

# WEEK 4: When I am lost, God guides me

## WHEN I AM LOST, *GOD GUIDES ME.*

**BREAKING  
NEWS**

### THE BIG IDEA:

When I am lost, God guides me

### THE BIBLE:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

### MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 16:13

### ACTIVITY:

Follow the Leader

Tell all of the kids to stand up. Play a few rounds of “Follow the Leader.” Tell the kids to follow everything you do. If time permits, allow one kid to be the leader for a round. Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Today’s prophet talks about following our leader. Who is our ultimate leader? Our leader is God! Before our next story, though, let’s play a fun game that helps us be good listeners and followers!

# WEEK 4: Coloring Page

**THE BIG IDEA:** When I am lost, God guides me.

**THE BIBLE:** Ezekiel: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24



**BREAKING NEWS**

**EZEKIEL CONFIRMS GOD'S SHEEP  
WILL BE RESCUED**



# WEEK 5: I can be faithful like God is faithful



***I CAN BE FAITHFUL LIKE***  
**GOD IS FAITHFUL.**

***BREAKING***  
**NEWS**

## THE BIG IDEA:

I can be faithful like God is faithful

## THE BIBLE:

Isaiah 64:1-9

## MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 16:13

## ACTIVITY:

Keep the Balloon Up Part 1 and 2:

Part 1: Divide the kids into small groups. Give each group a balloon and encourage them to do their best to keep the balloon up. They can't hit the balloon two times in a row, so they need to rely on their team for help.

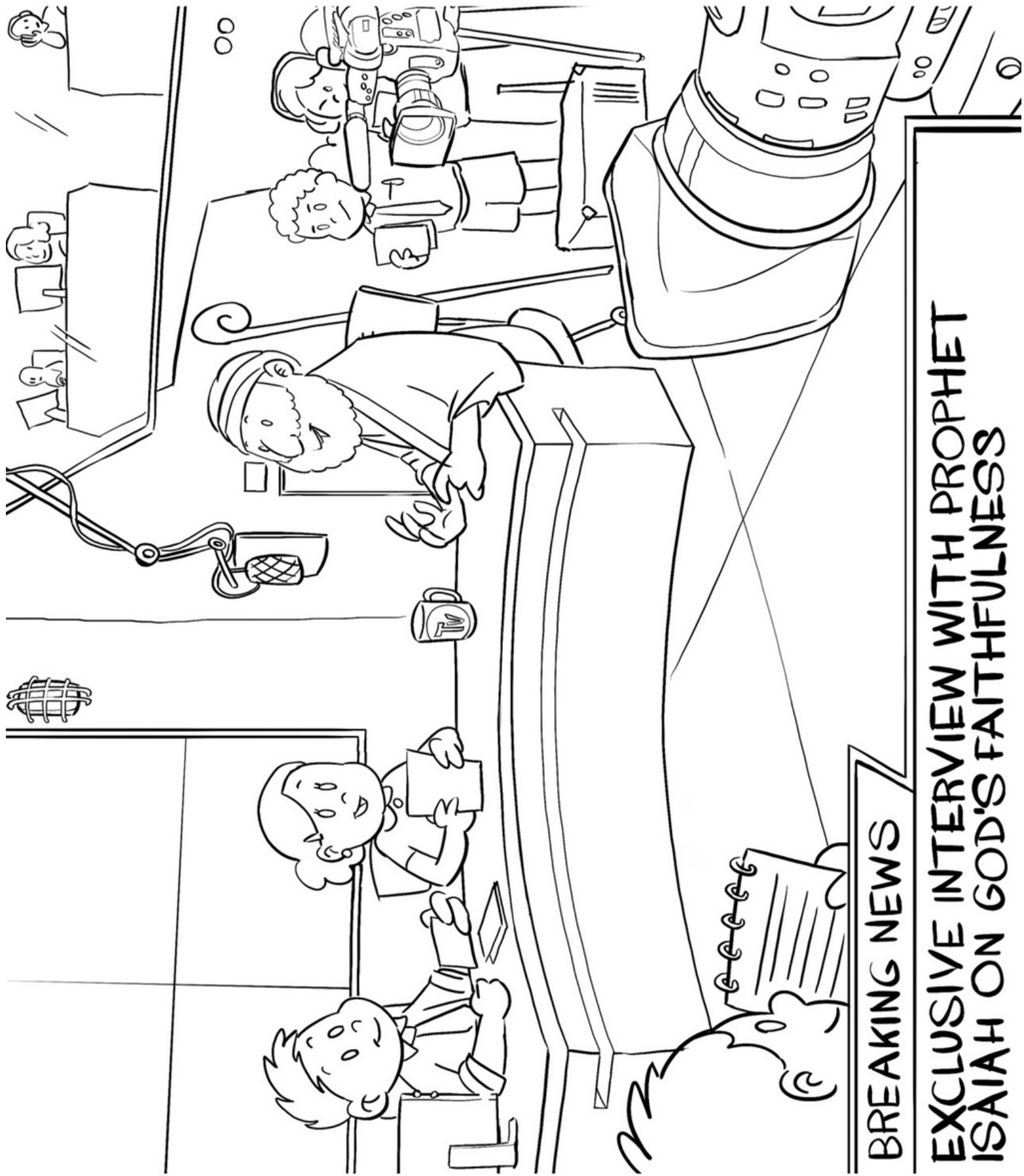
Part 2: Just like the activity in the beginning of this lesson, have the kids keep the balloon up in the air as long as possible. Only this time, they are working together as a whole group and have multiple balloons floating at one time.



# WEEK 5: Coloring Page

**THE BIG IDEA:** I can be faithful like  
God is faithful.

**THE BIBLE:** Isaiah: Isaiah 64:1-9





Hey Families!

I am so excited that this month we'll be talking and thinking together all about the amazing stories of some of the prophets. There is so much we can learn from their stories, and I hope you discover God's huge love for us as we learn about their stories.

Grace & Peace,  
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