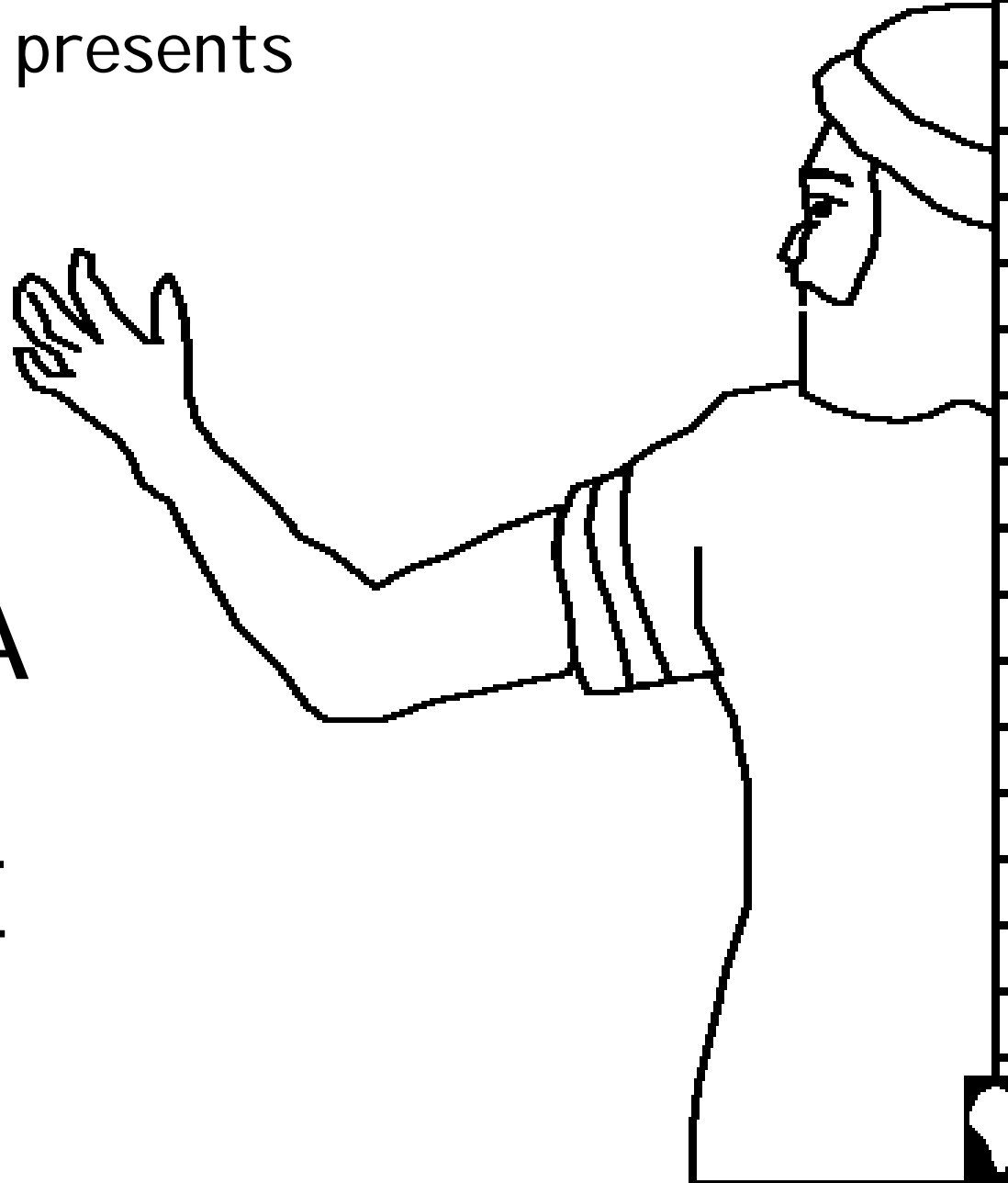


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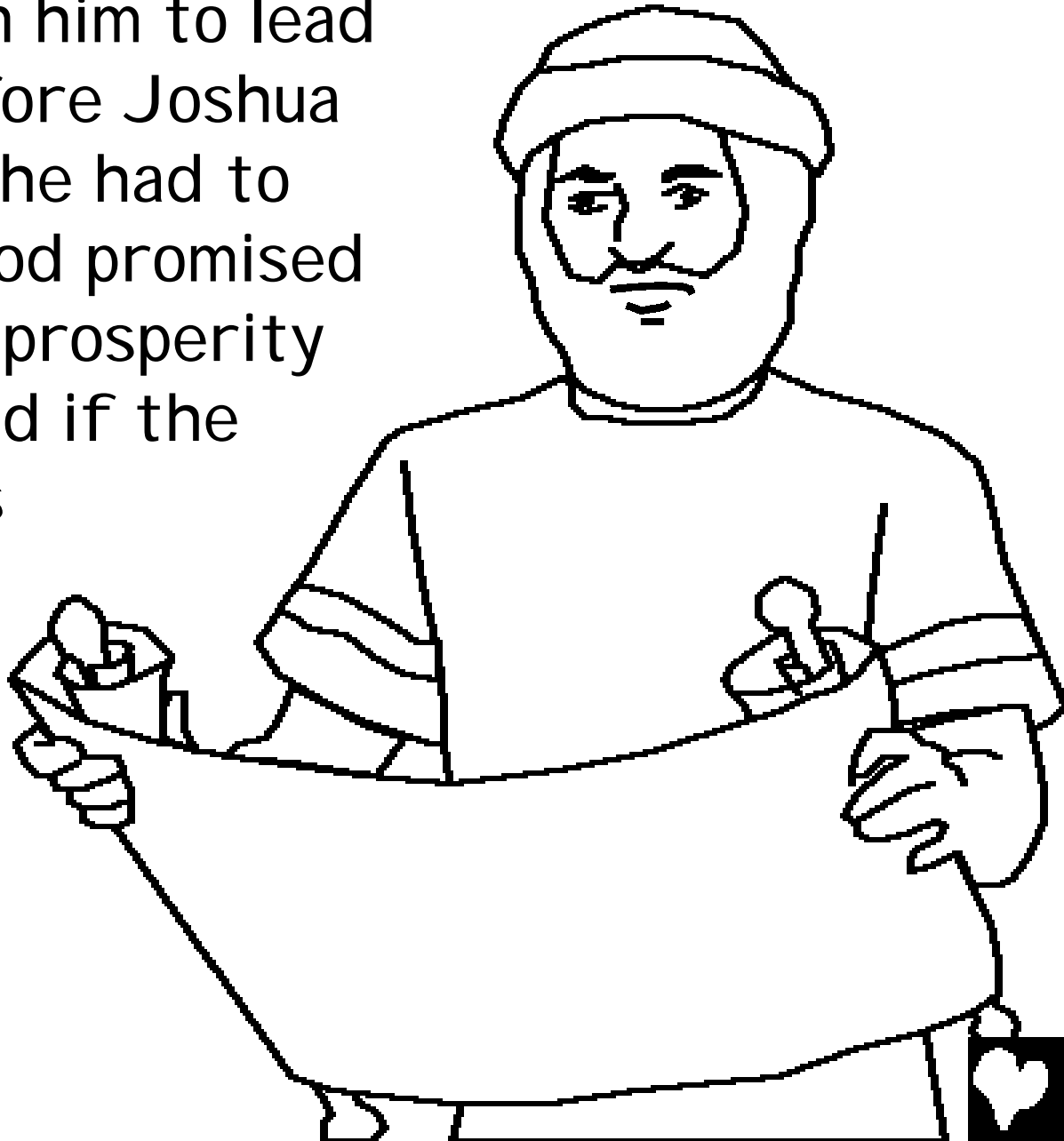
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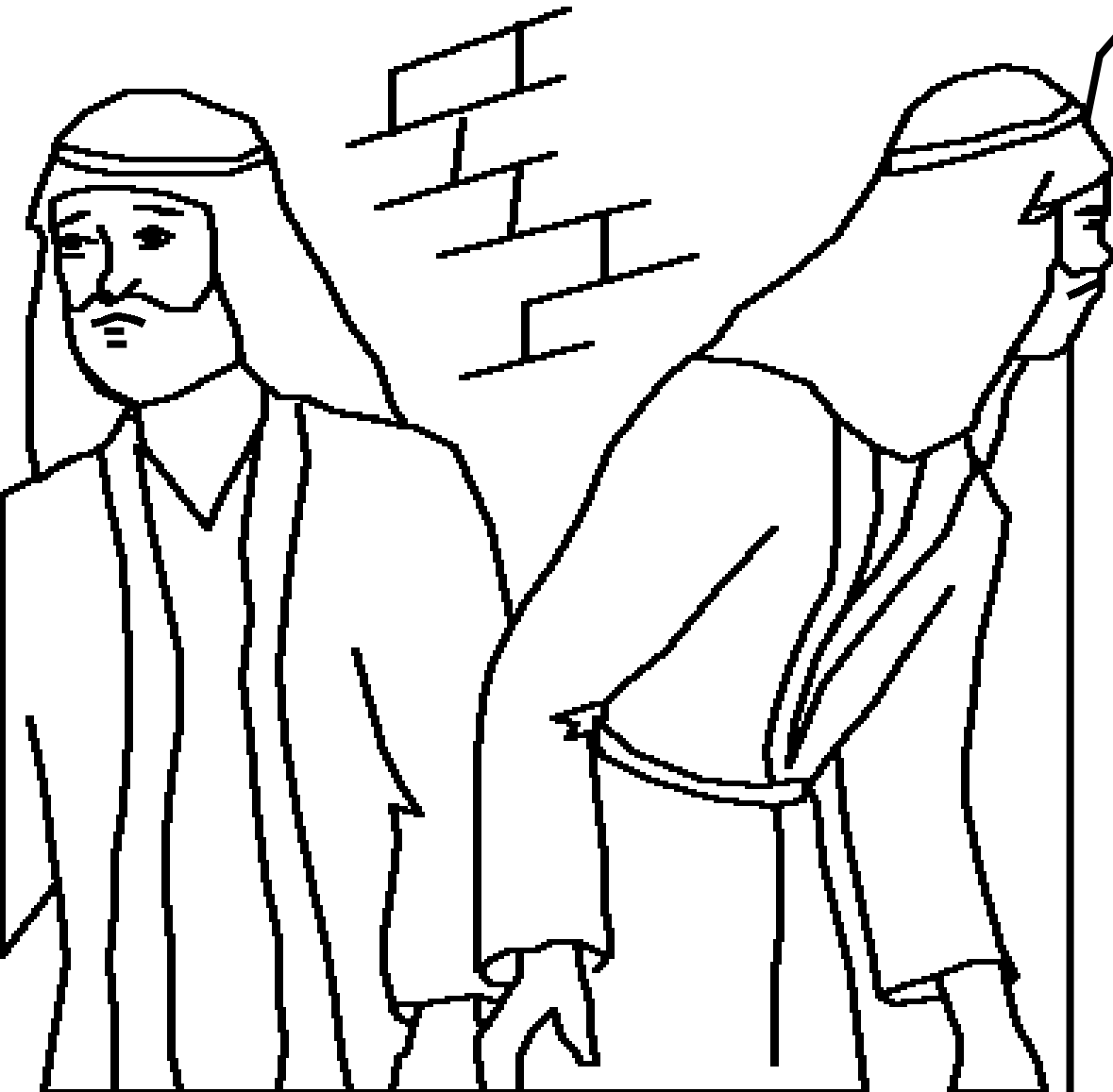
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Moses was dead. Joshua knew God had now chosen him to lead the Israelites. Before Joshua prepared his army, he had to prepare himself. God promised Joshua victory and prosperity in the Promised Land if the people would always obey God's Word.





The Israelites promised to follow Joshua and always obey God's Word. Wisely, the new leader sent spies into Canaan to study the defences of the great city of Jericho. Israel's first battle would be fought there.





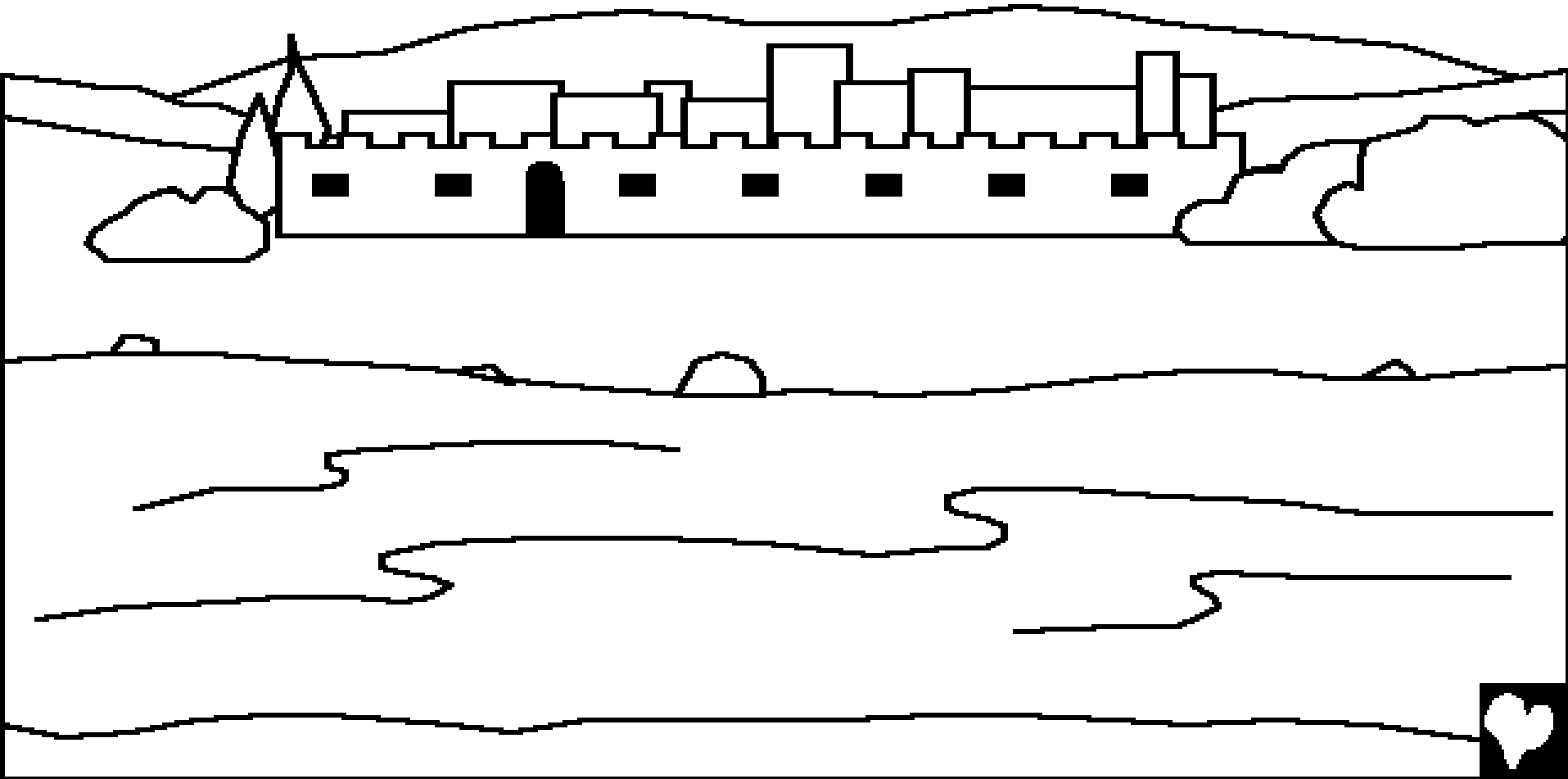
Somebody told the King of Jericho there were spies in town. He sent his soldiers to find them. The search began at Rahab's house, where the men were staying. The soldiers banged roughly on her door. Quickly, Rahab hid the men under some flax.



When the soldiers left, Rahab used a scarlet cord to lower the men down safely outside the city wall. Why did she help the spies? Because she knew God was with them. She wanted God to spare her life. The spies promised to save Rahab and her family.



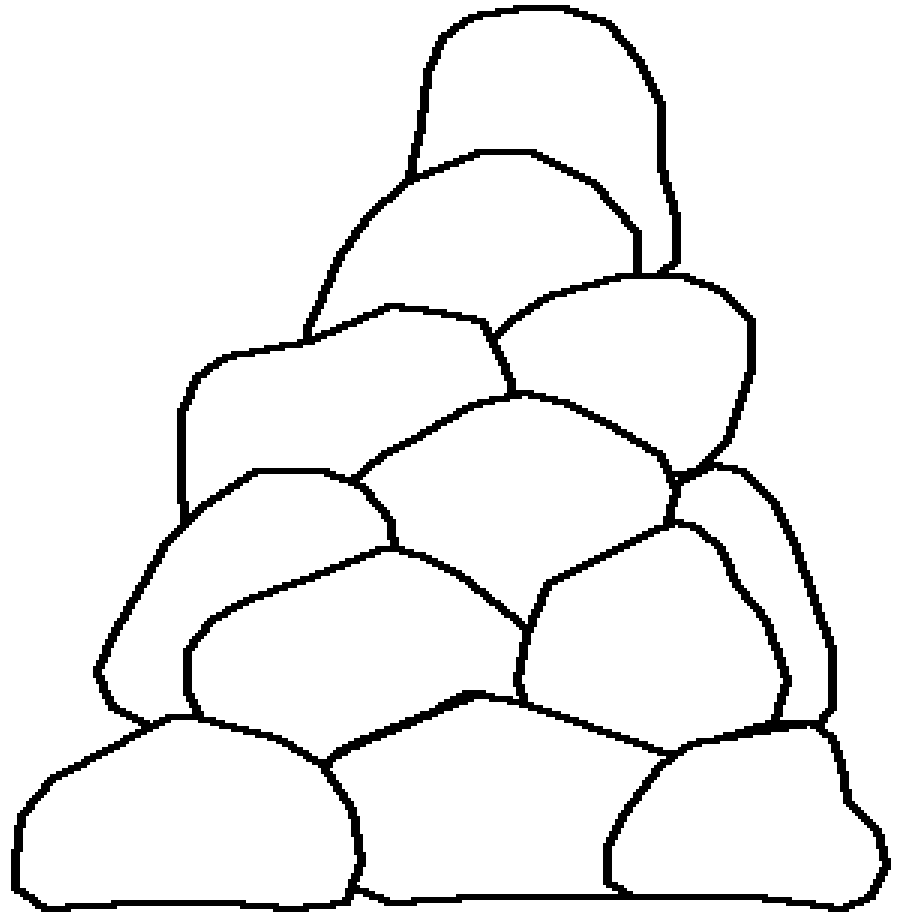
Before reaching Jericho, the Israelites had to cross the Jordan River into Canaan, the Promised Land. But there was no bridge! How would the people cross?



God told Joshua the priests' should lead the soldiers and people, carrying the ark which held the Ten Commandments. When the priest's feet touched the river's edge, God did a miracle. God made a dry path right through the water.



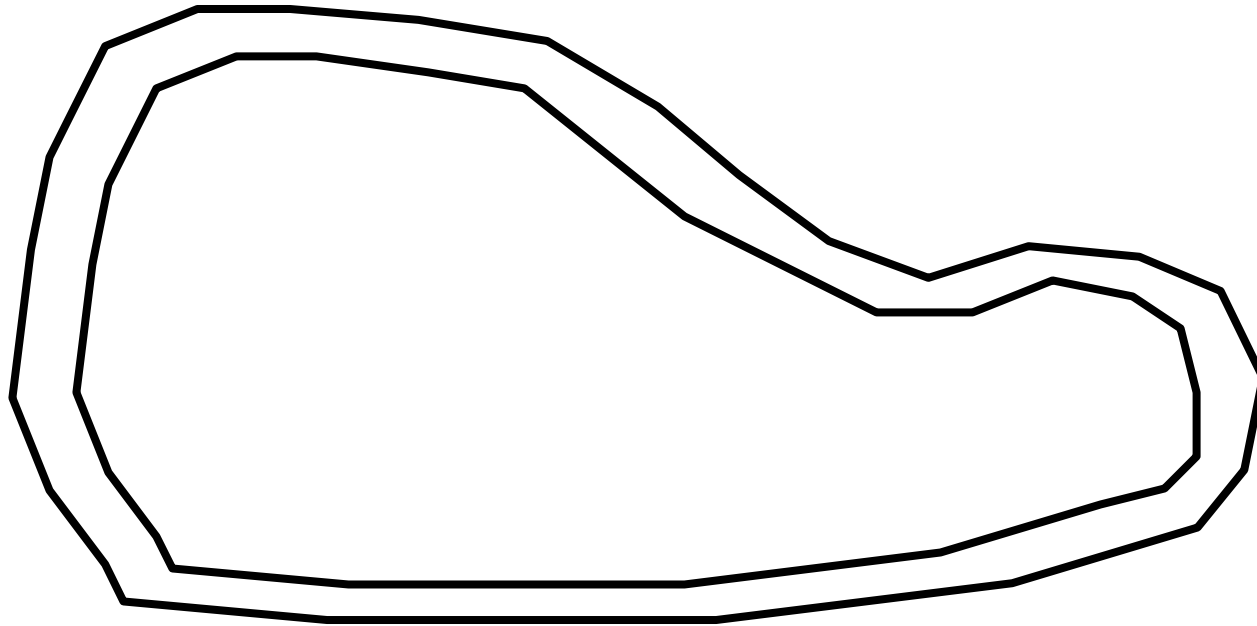
After all the people had crossed safely, they placed twelve big stones in the river bed and another twelve stones on Canaan's river bank. These were reminders to help the people teach their children about God's great power and love.





Jericho had strong, thick walls. As Joshua planned his attack, God sent the Captain of His army from Heaven to remind Israel's new leader that God wins the battles for His people.



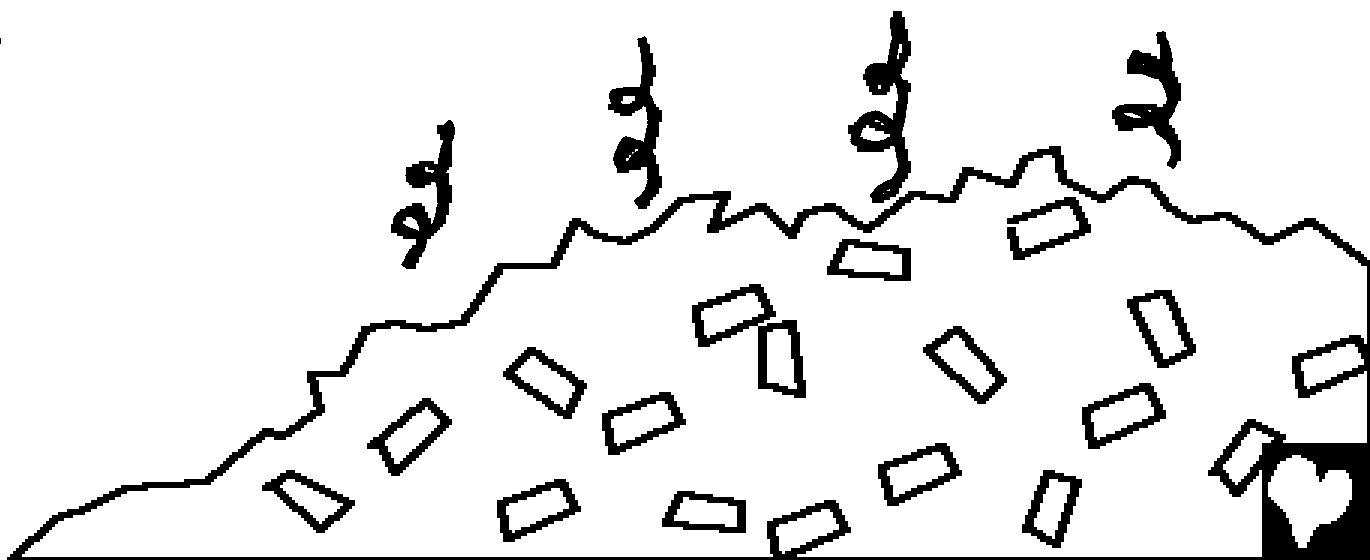
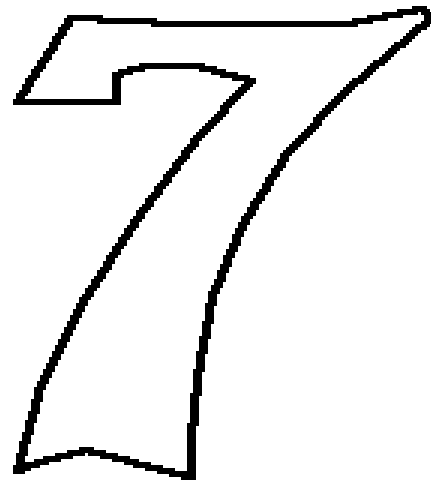
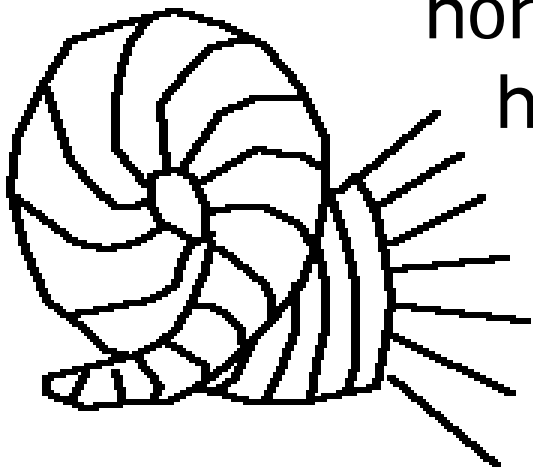


God told Joshua how to attack Jericho. It was a very strange plan. God's people had to march around the city once a day for six days, and seven times on the seventh day. Then they were to blow trumpets and shout, and the city walls would fall down flat!



Joshua and his army did just as God had commanded. Perhaps the people in Jericho laughed at them. But, after the seventh march on the seventh day the priest blew the ram's horn. And just as God had promised . . . . .

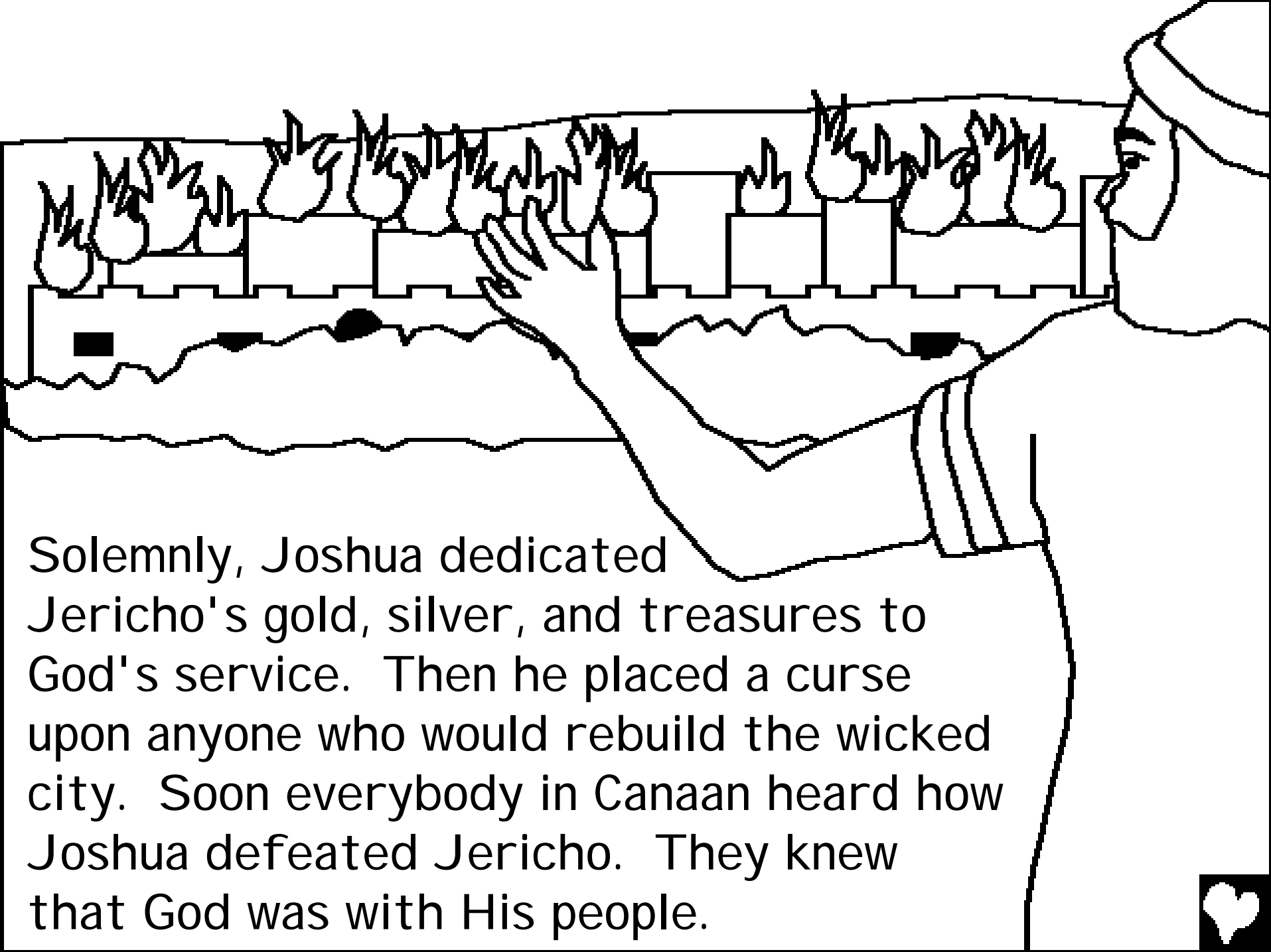
THE GREAT WALLS OF JERICHO CRUMBLED!





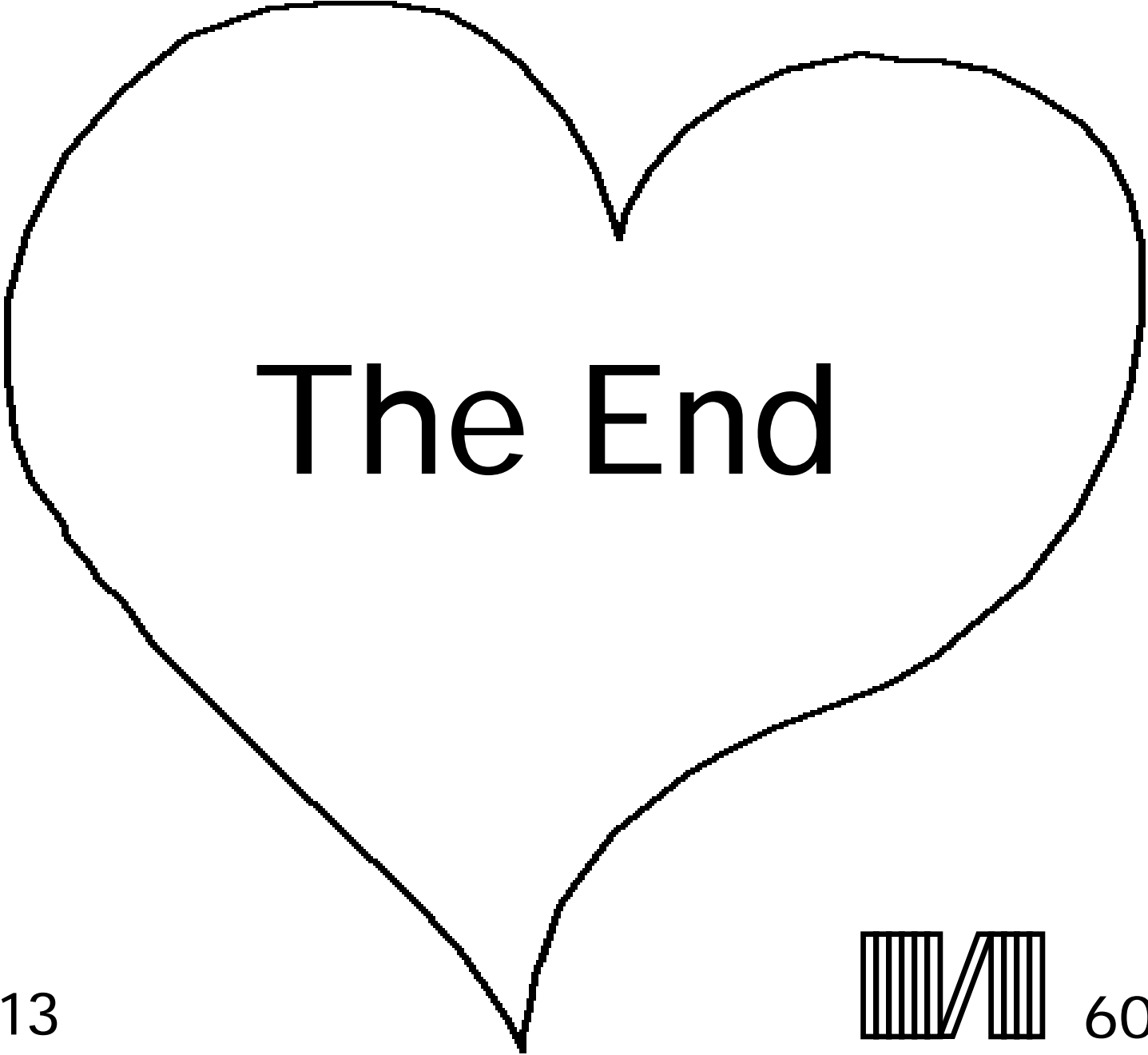
Only Rahab's house in the wall was safe. She had left the scarlet cord hanging from the window. Quickly, Joshua's men rescued Rahab and her family. Then Jericho was destroyed, as God commanded.





Solemnly, Joshua dedicated Jericho's gold, silver, and treasures to God's service. Then he placed a curse upon anyone who would rebuild the wicked city. Soon everybody in Canaan heard how Joshua defeated Jericho. They knew that God was with His people.





The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin.

The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God:

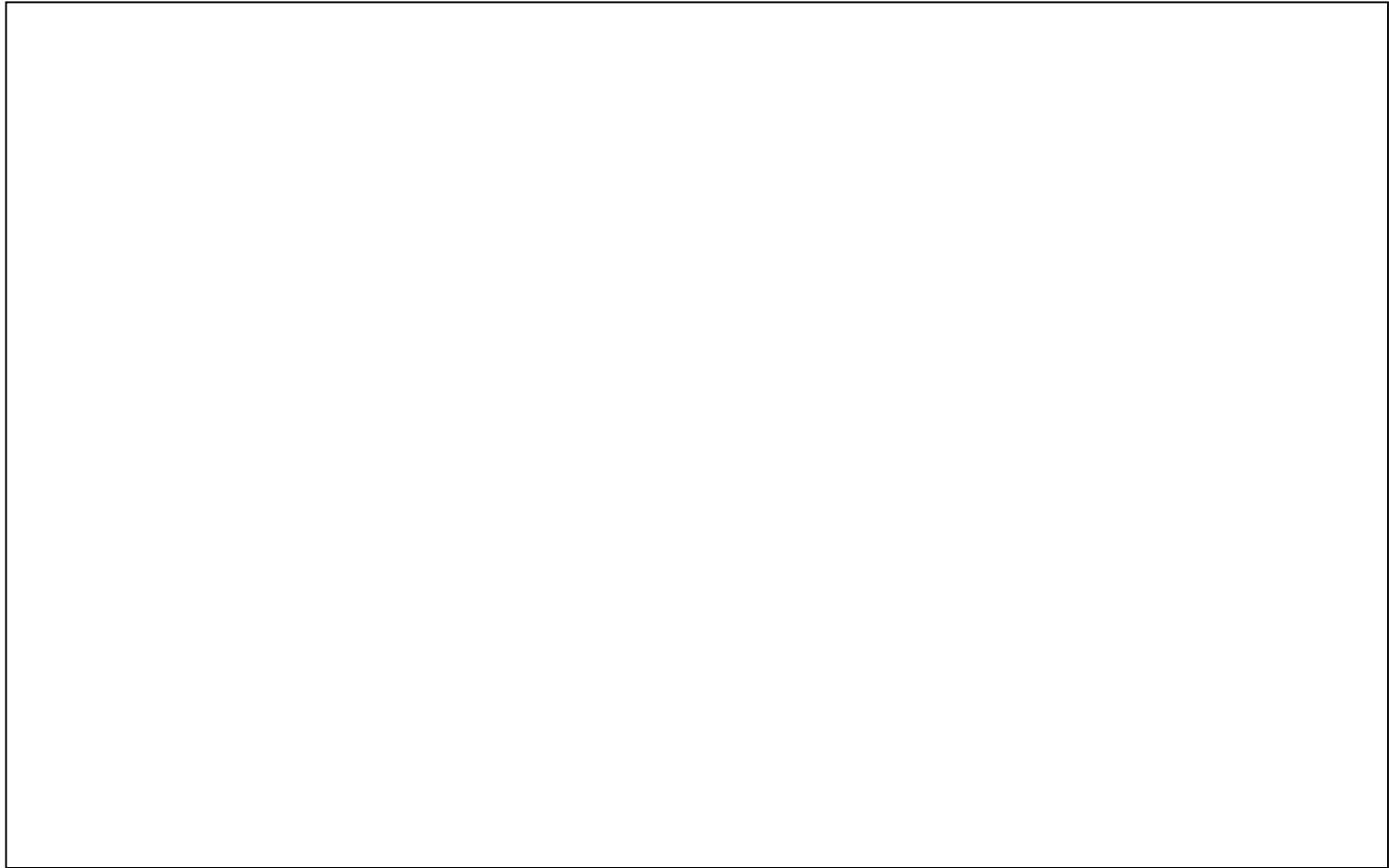
Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so that I can have new life now, and one day go to be with You forever. Help me to live for You as Your child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every day! John 3:16



# Joshua Takes Charge

A story from God's Word, the Bible, is found in  
Joshua 1-6



"The entrance of Your Word gives light." Psalm 119:130

