

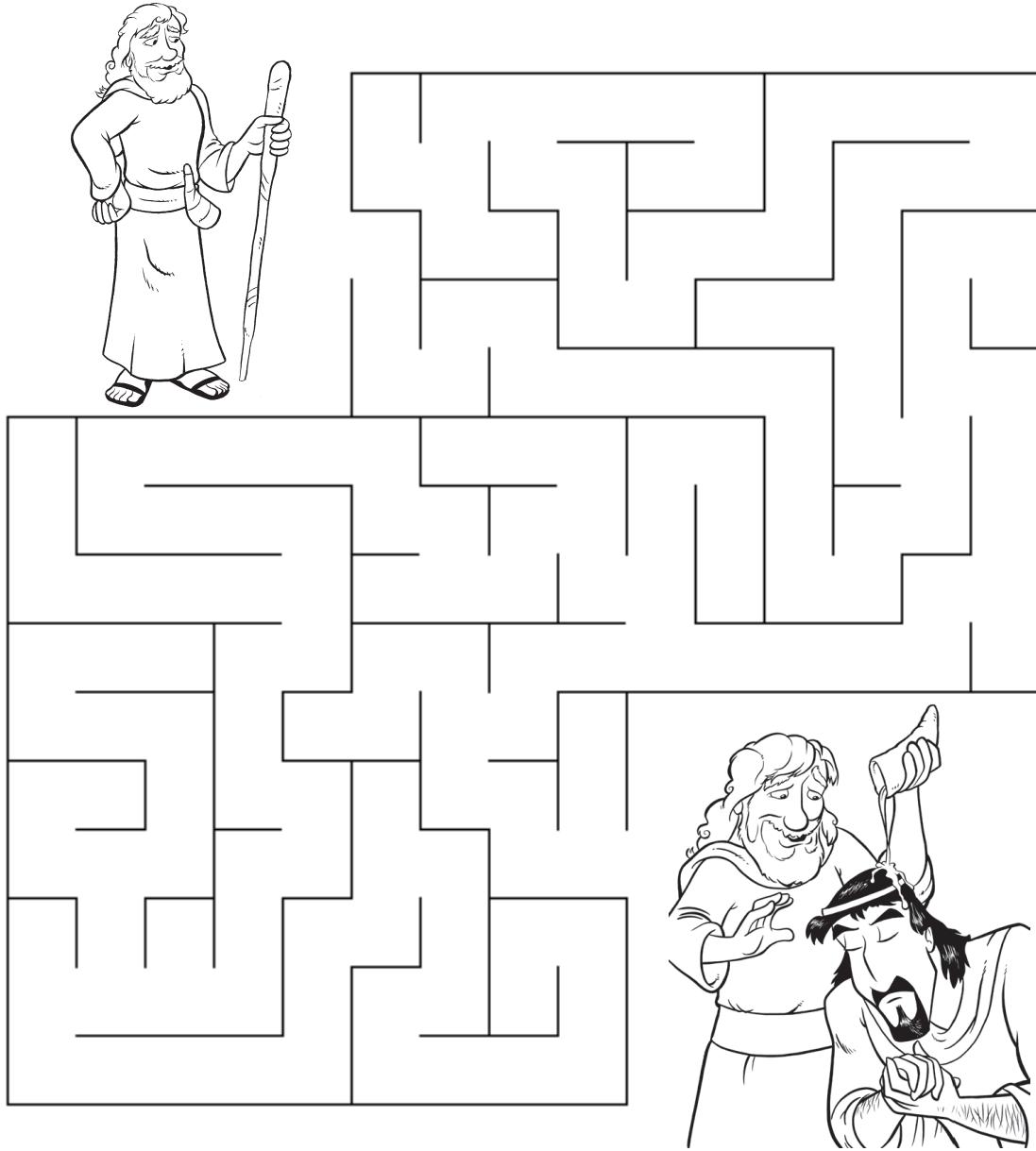
LESSON 15



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God sent the Israelites into exile because of their sin. But God also promised to keep a remnant safe and restore them to the promised land. Help the Israelites to safely arrive in Babylon.



Even though Samuel was well-known throughout Israel (1 Sam 3:20), even though Saul lived just a few miles from Samuel's hometown, and even though Saul's servant knew who Samuel was (9:6), Saul did not know who Samuel was, nor did he think to seek God's word regarding his donkey problem. Israel would get the king they deserved, a tall and godless one, just like the nations around them because they rejected the LORD as their king.

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Hidden Message

Find the words in the list below. The words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, or backwards. Starting in the upper left, the one-sentence hidden message will be revealed in the letters that were not selected as you read left to right. Write the message in the blanks at the bottom of the page.

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Hidden Message:

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How did God work through Israel's sin to establish the kingship? _____

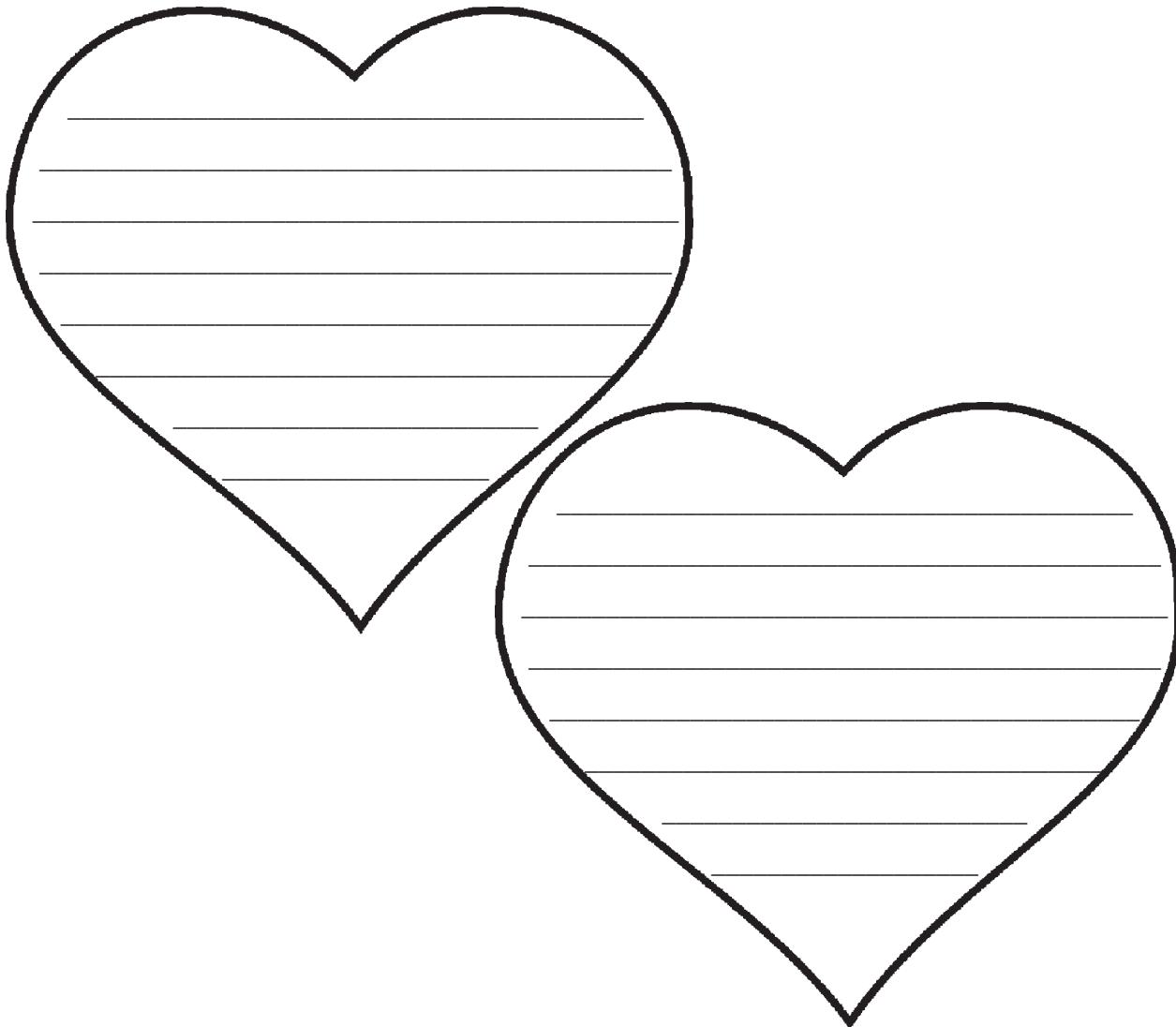


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God's Perfect Plans

In the first heart below, explain why Israel's request for a king was sinful.
In the second heart, explain why God was the only king Israel needed.



Is Christ ruling in your heart? How do you know if Christ is ruling in your heart? _____

Have you repented of your sin? Define the word *repentance*. _____

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See What You Know!

NAME _____

God is still King even when his people reject Him.

1. True or False: The people trusted God to lead them, judge them, and to fight their battles.

2. First Samuel 8:7 tells us that Israel rejected _____ as their king.

Samuel

the LORD

Baal

Saul

3. The Israelites wanted a human king to be like all the other _____, for the king to _____, and to _____ their battles (1 Sam. 8:20).

peoples, cook, win

nations, judge, fight

nations, cook, fight

peoples, judge, lose

4. Whom did the Lord choose for Israel's human king?

Samuel

Eli

Jesse

Saul

5. Samuel told the people that they had done _____ by asking for a king (1 Sam 12:17).

good

obedience

wickedness

nothing

6. True or False: The people recognized their sin and repented.

7. Define the word **mercy**. _____

8. Define the word **faithful**. _____

9. How did God demonstrate His mercy and faithfulness to the people? _____

10. What should be your response to God's mercy and faithfulness? _____
