

Peter and John Arrested
Making Right Choices

Praise & Worship: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEL0WpeH088>
One Way - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCLWpd5Yj9c>

Scripture References: Acts 4:1-22 (Acts 3 - brief review - lame man healed)
Peter and John Heal a Man - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQTFNyctPVU>

Memory Verses of Power (MVP): But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Scripture summary:

1. Religious leaders were upset with Peter and John for healing the lame man and teaching that Jesus rose from the dead because many people believed them and became followers of Jesus. They arrested Peter and John, and put them in jail. vv. 1-4
2. The next day the religious leaders met with Peter and John, questioning them about how they were able to preach and heal. Peter courageously told them that he and John do everything in Jesus name. He reminded them that they were the ones who had Jesus crucified. Peter told them that salvation come only through Jesus. vv.5-13
3. The religious leaders were so mad, but they could not deny that miracles were done in Jesus name through Peter and John. They tried to bully them into not preaching in Jesus name. vv. 14-18
4. Boldly, Peter and John replied, "Which is right is God's eyes: to listen to you or to Him? You be the judges."

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Who was upset at Peter and John? Why were they upset?
2. What did they do to Peter and John?
3. What did the religious leaders tell Peter and John not to do? (Preach or teach in Jesus name.)
4. Peter and John asked the religious leaders whom they should they obey, them or God? Who do you think Peter and John should obey? Why?

Encouragement: When the disciples received the Holy Spirit they became very bold witnesses for Jesus. Not everyone was excited for them. The religious leaders and elders of the people were jealous of them because the people believed in Jesus. Even though the leaders arrested Peter and John, God protected them, and they continued to speak more boldly. Sometimes people won't understand or like the things God tells you to do. You continue to follow God. He will always be with you, leading and guiding you.

Object Lesson: Flopped Cookies. Bake two $\frac{1}{2}$ batches of cookies. Leave a key ingredient out of one of the batches. Bake both batches. What happens to the cookies where the directions weren't followed? The desired outcome did not happen. In the same way, we must follow God's directions if our lives are going to be successful. (This object lesson could be used with drink recipes like sweetened lemonade or sweet tea, as well. Omit the sugar in one recipe.) Following prescribed directions yields a desired outcome. Obeying God guarantees success in everything He leads you to do.

Prayer: Thank You, Father for helping me to obey You and make right choices. In Jesus name., Amen.

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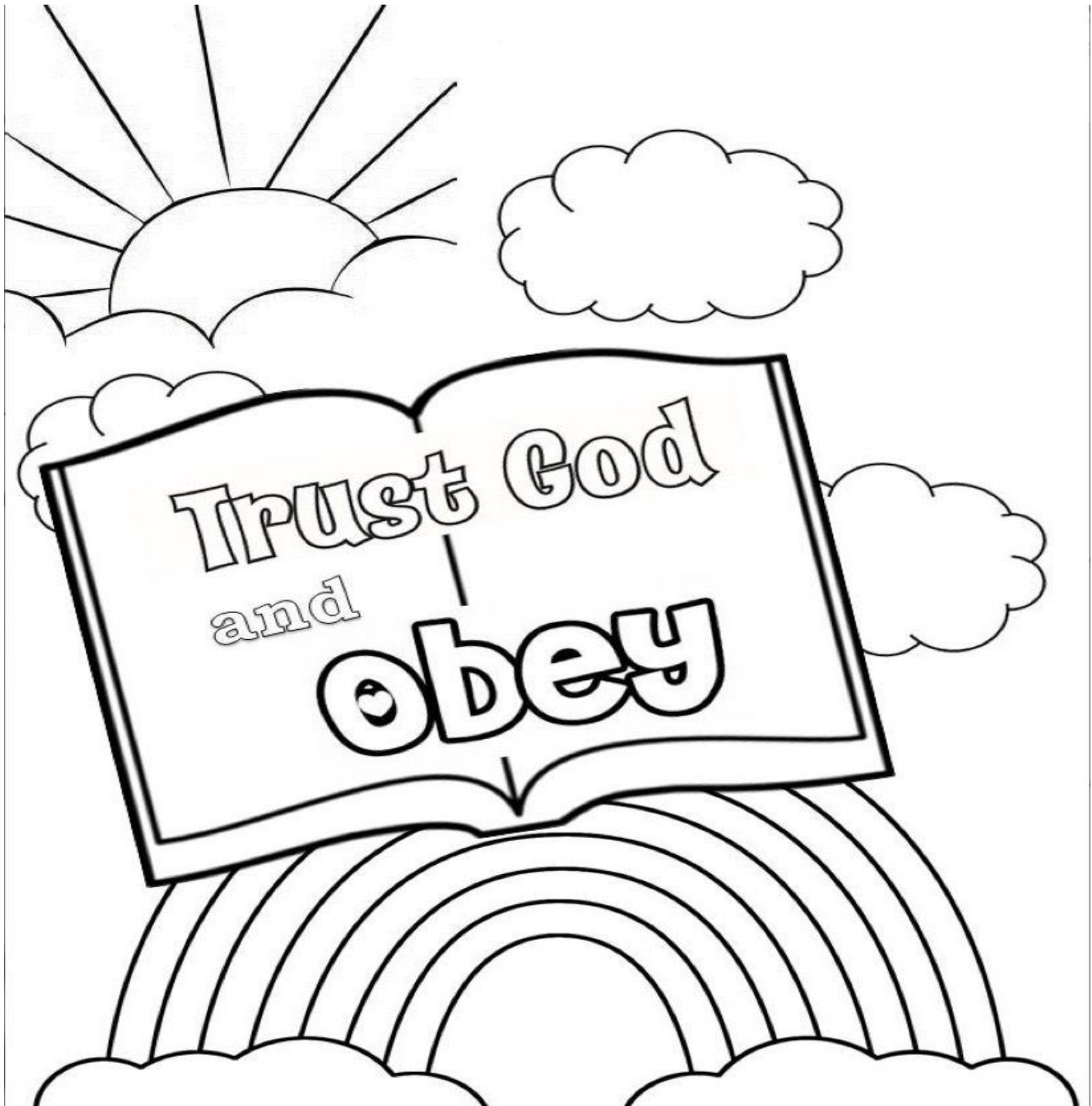


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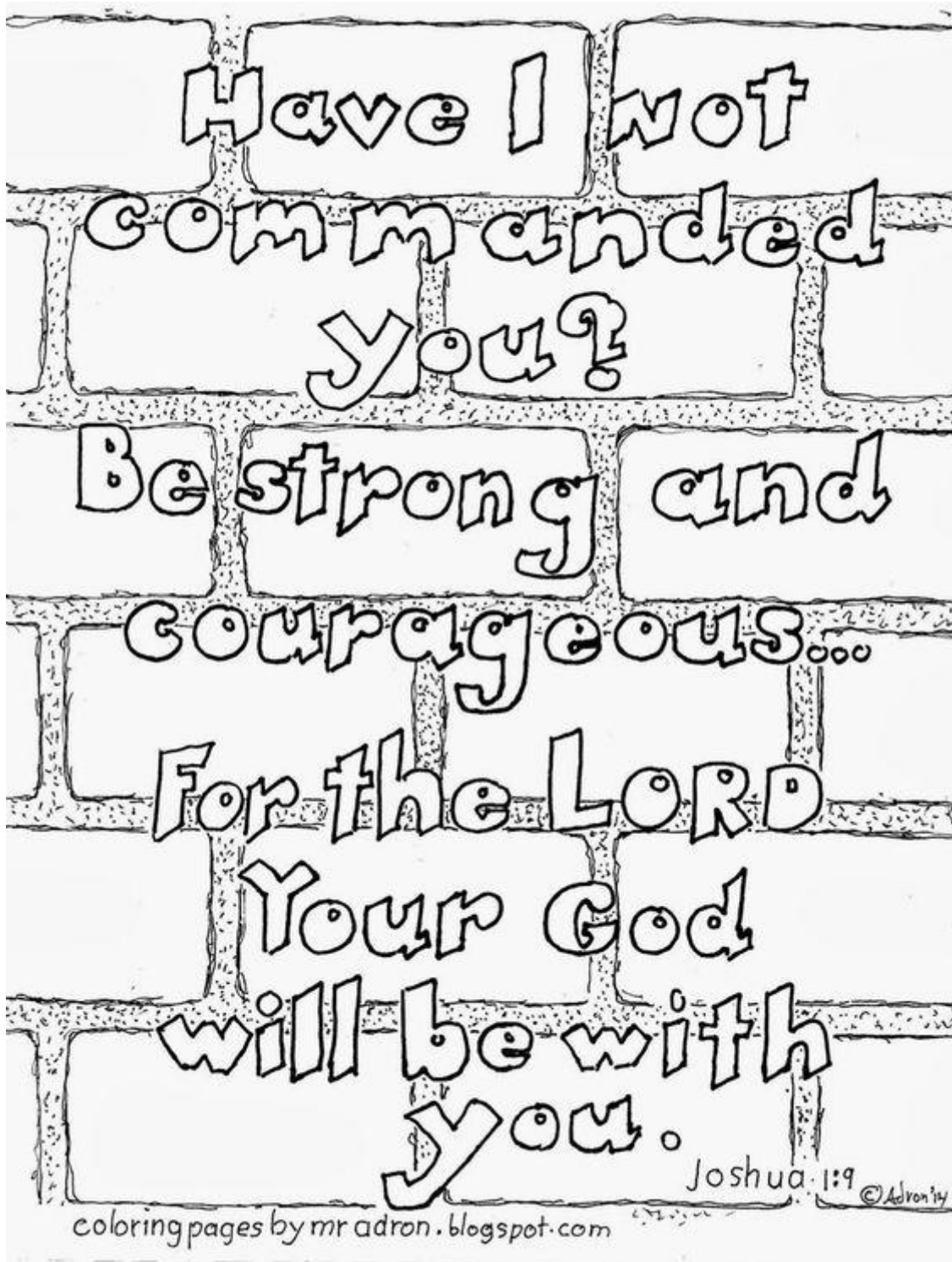


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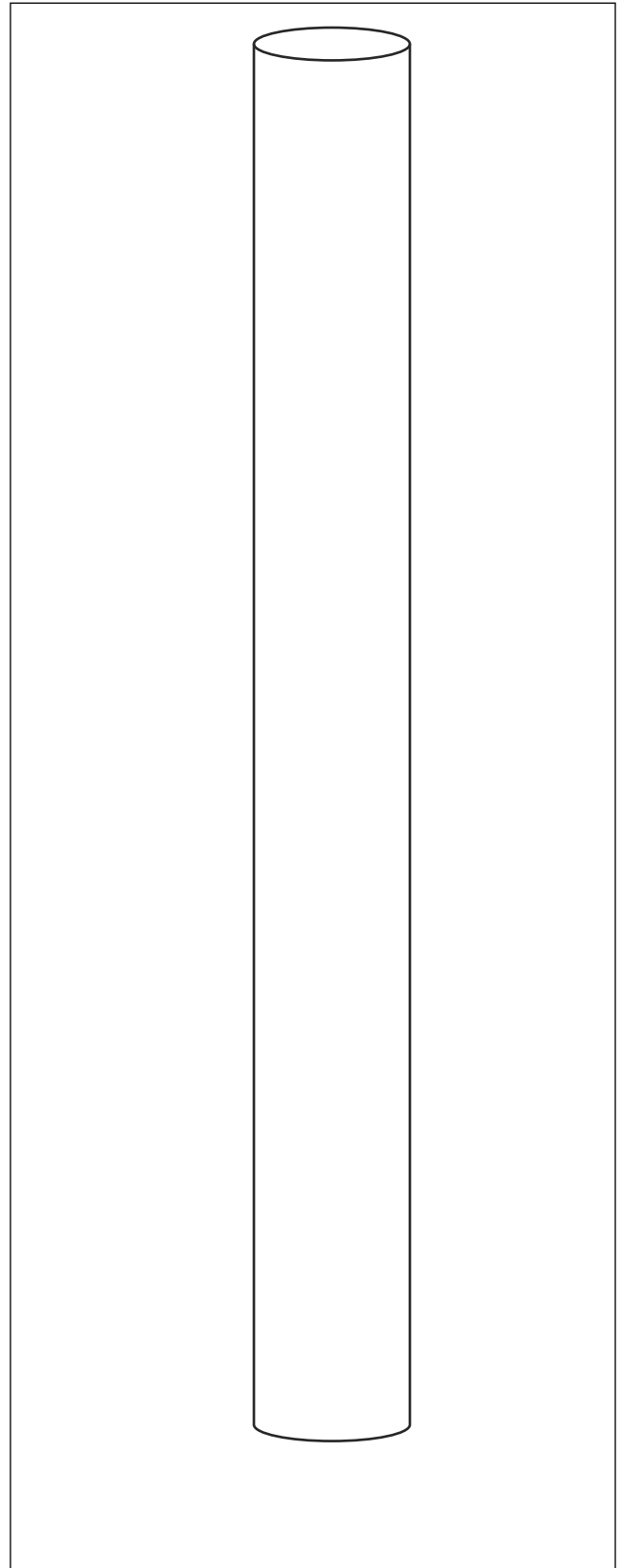
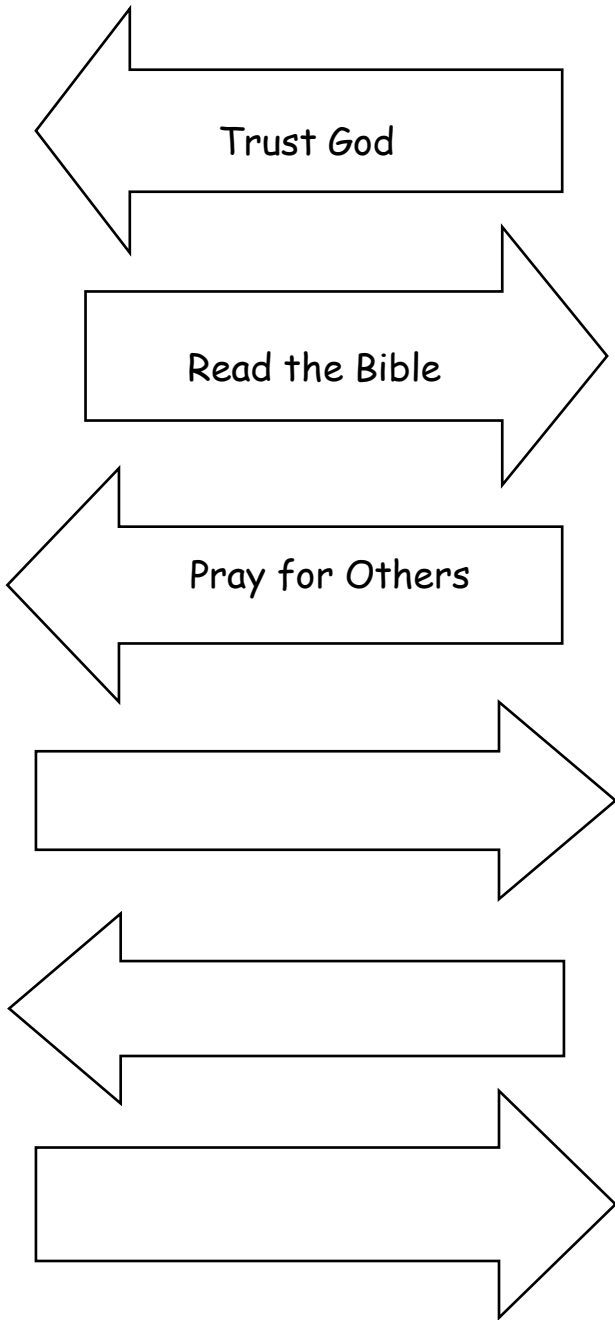


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On the blank arrows write down ways you can obey God. Color the arrows and the pole. Cut the paper down the center dividing the arrows from the pole. Cut out the arrows and glue them to the pole banner. Hang the banner so you will remember to obey God.