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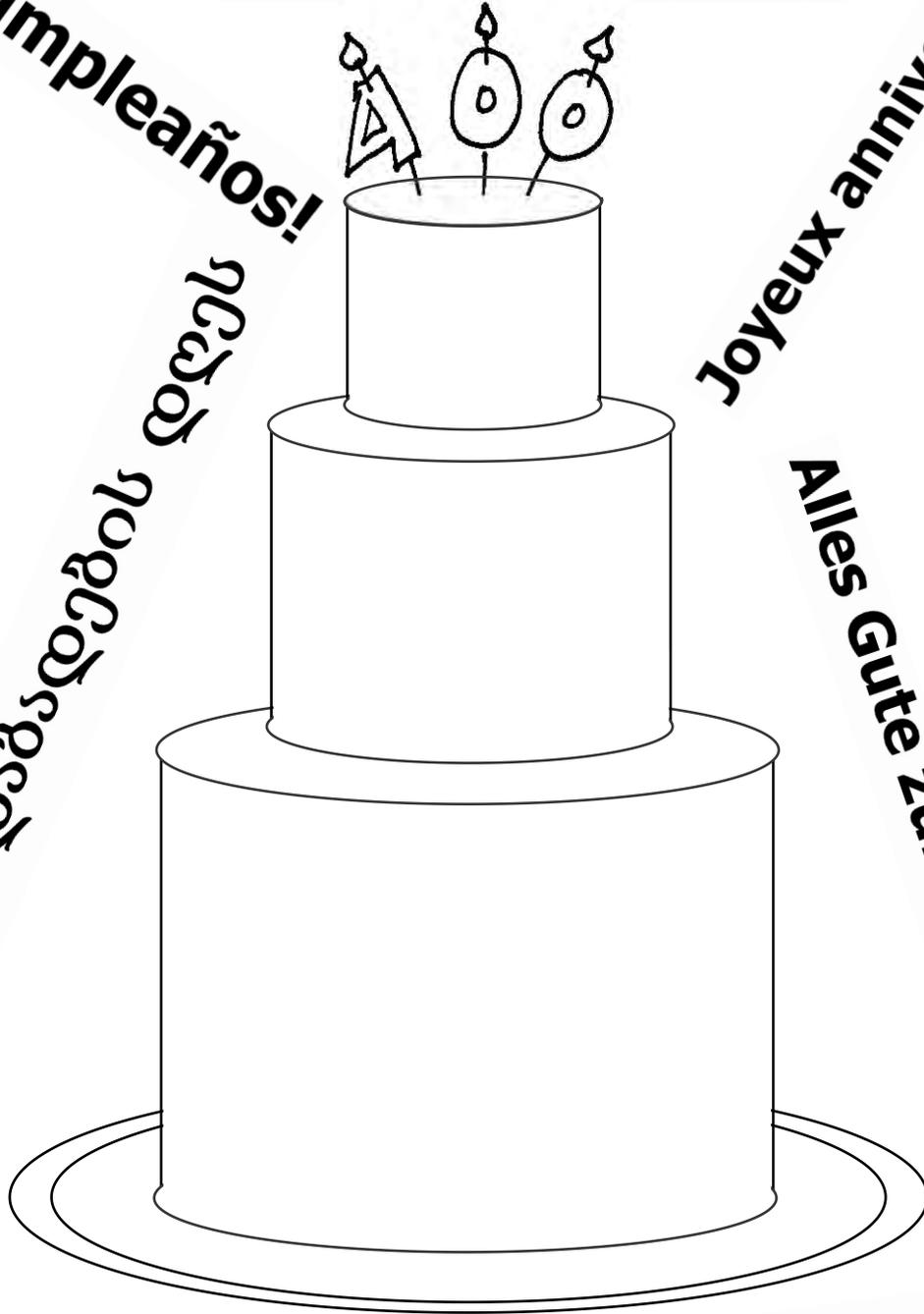
Happy Birthday

ifeliz cumpleaños!

Joyeux anniversaire

生日快乐

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Alles Gute zum Geburtstag

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Gelukkige Verjaarsdag С днем рождения

Nakutakia mema kwa siku yako ya kuzaliwa!

Welcome to the Baptist World Alliance Annual Gathering. This year we are celebrating the 400th birthday of Baptists. Some friends from around the world wanted to share our story with you...



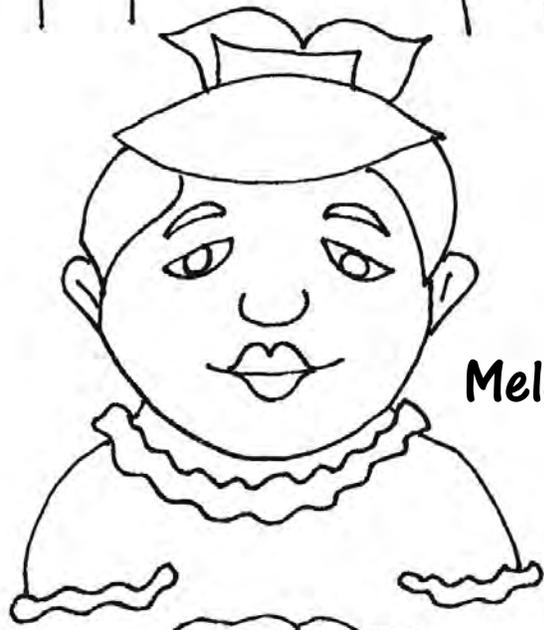
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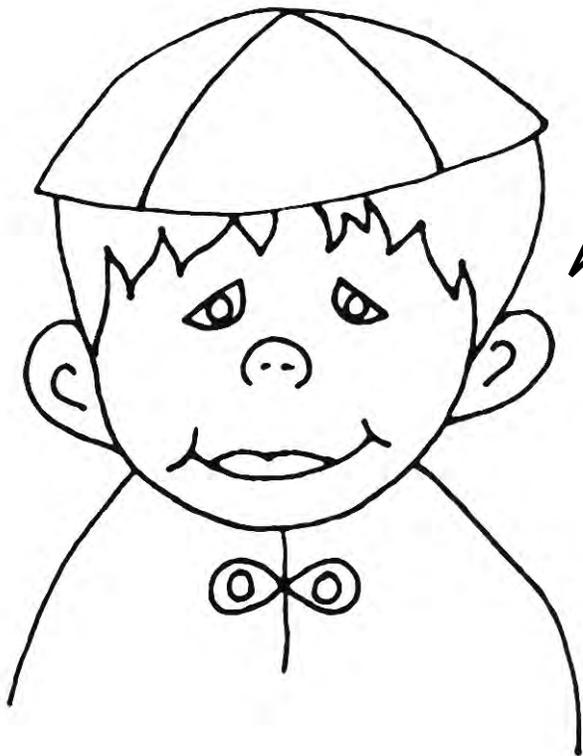


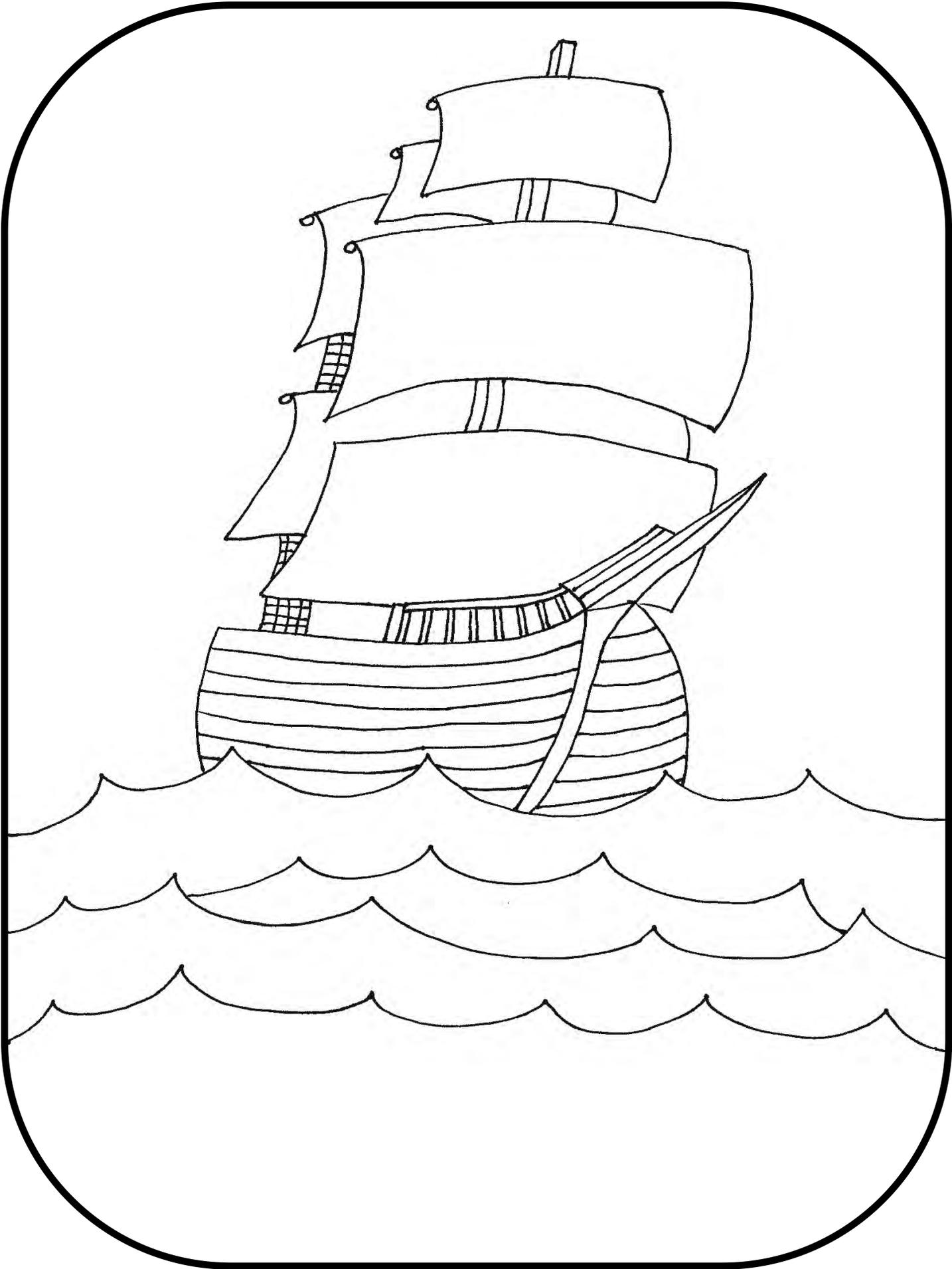
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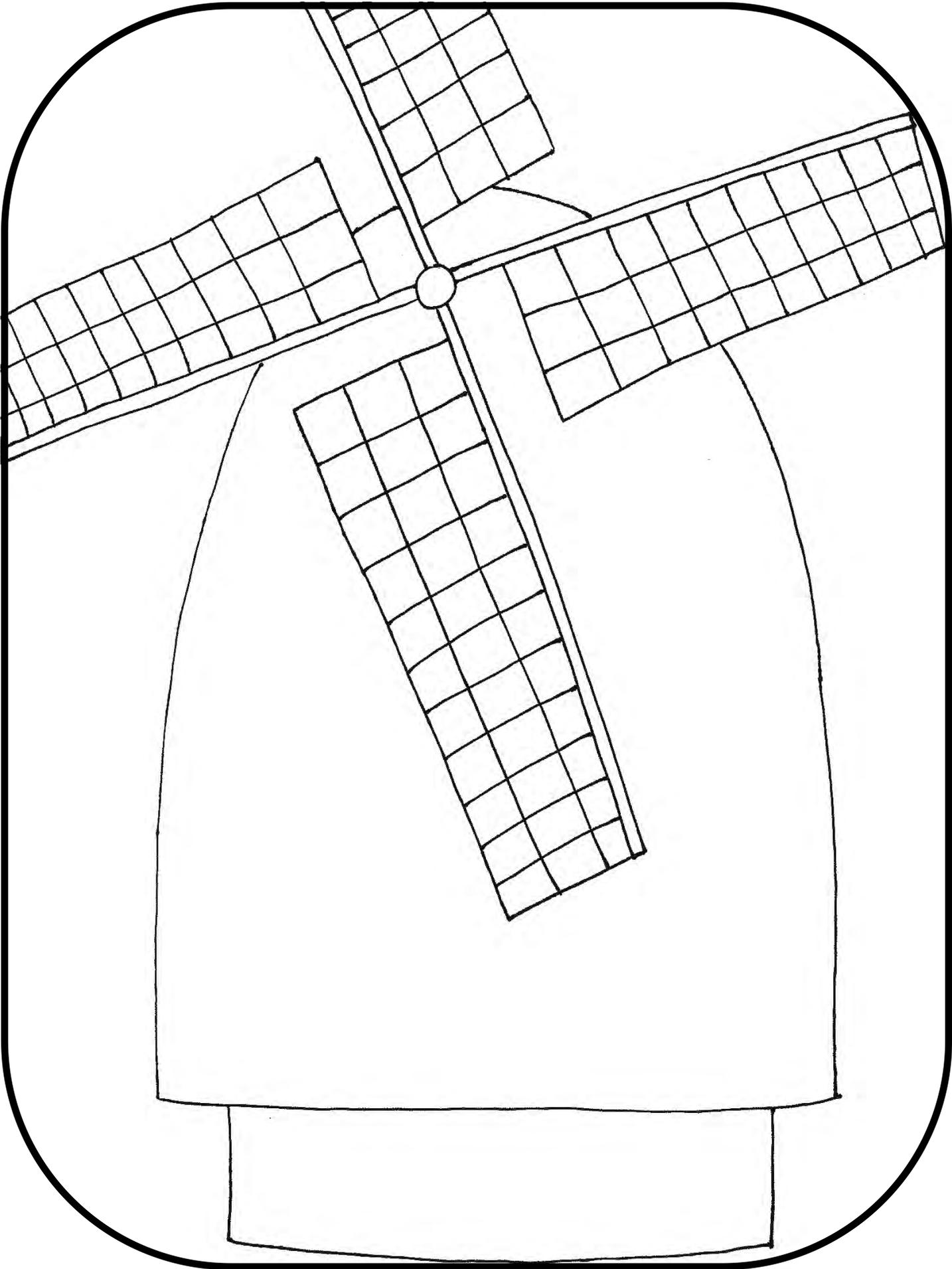
A long
time ago there were
some people who lived in
England. They could not have their
own church and the freedom to
worship Jesus, so they left their
homes on a ship to find a place
to be free.





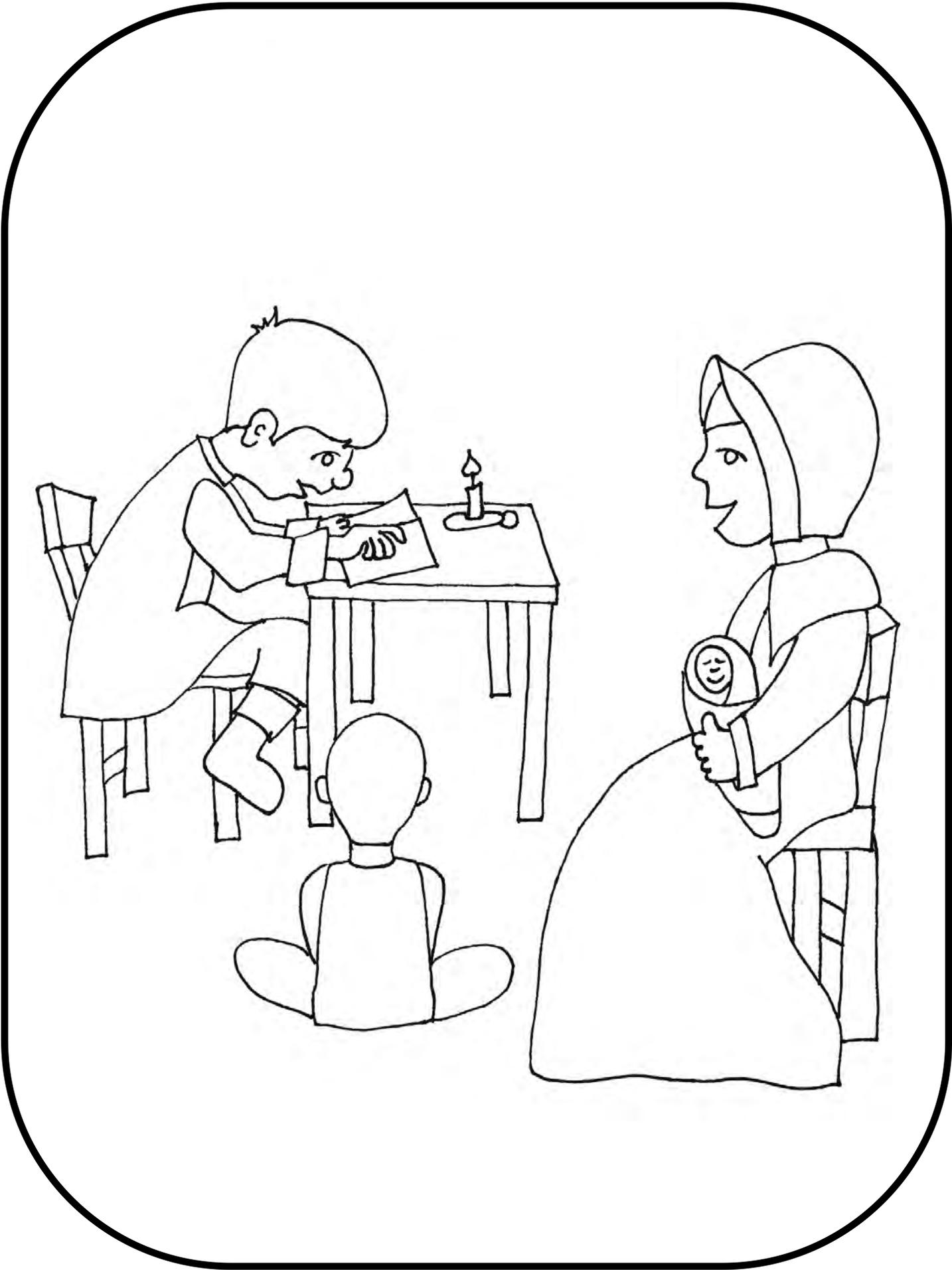
They
landed in Amsterdam and
found some new friends... the
Mennonites. The friends gave them
houses and work and helped them
to find a place for a new
church.





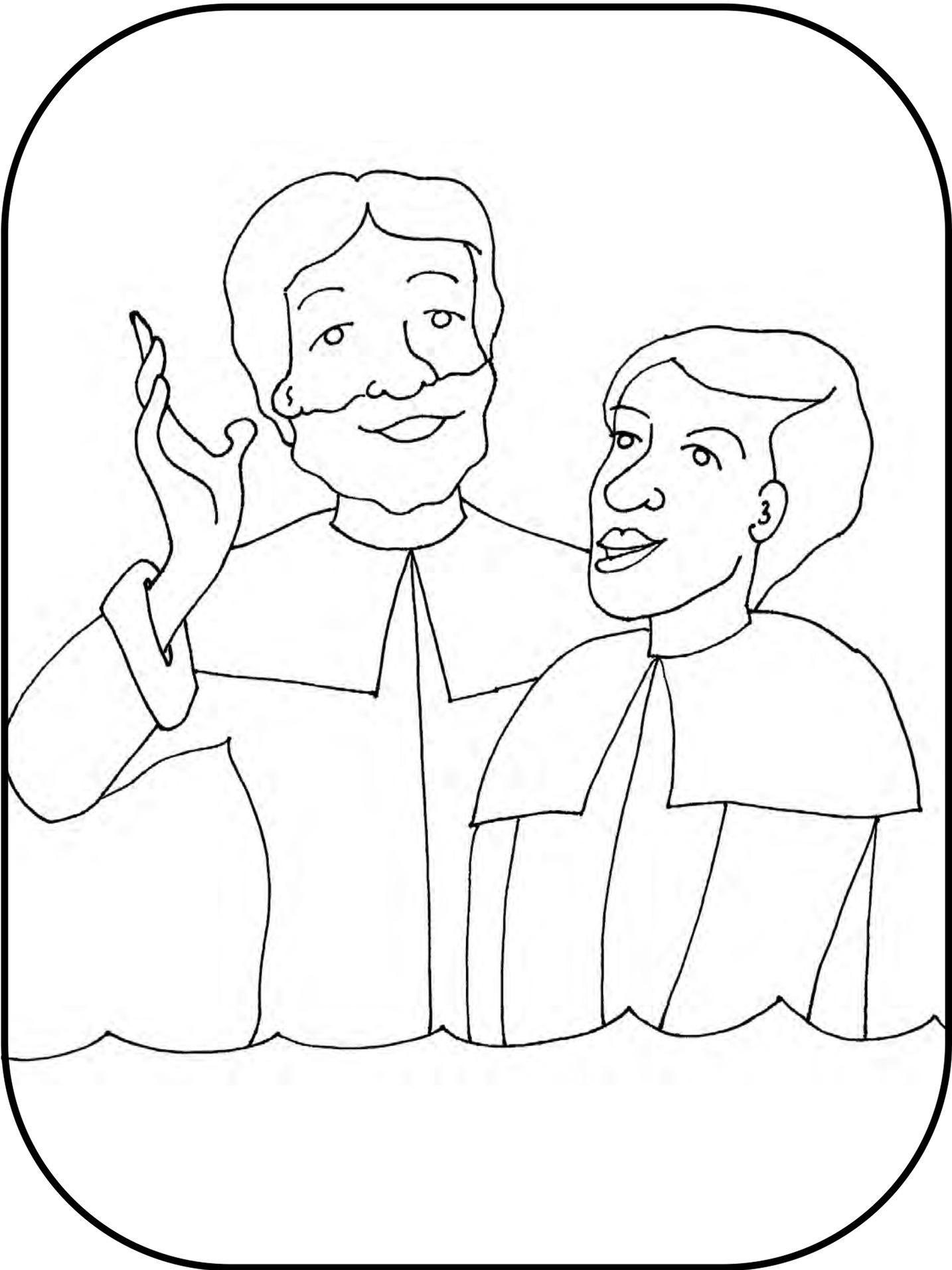
All the
people read the Bible
together with the pastors John
Smythe and Thomas Helwys. The
Bible says Jesus is Lord. The people
wanted to follow Jesus and make
him their Lord too.





The
people were baptized so
everyone would know they
belonged to Jesus now. Then they
formed a big family called
Baptists.

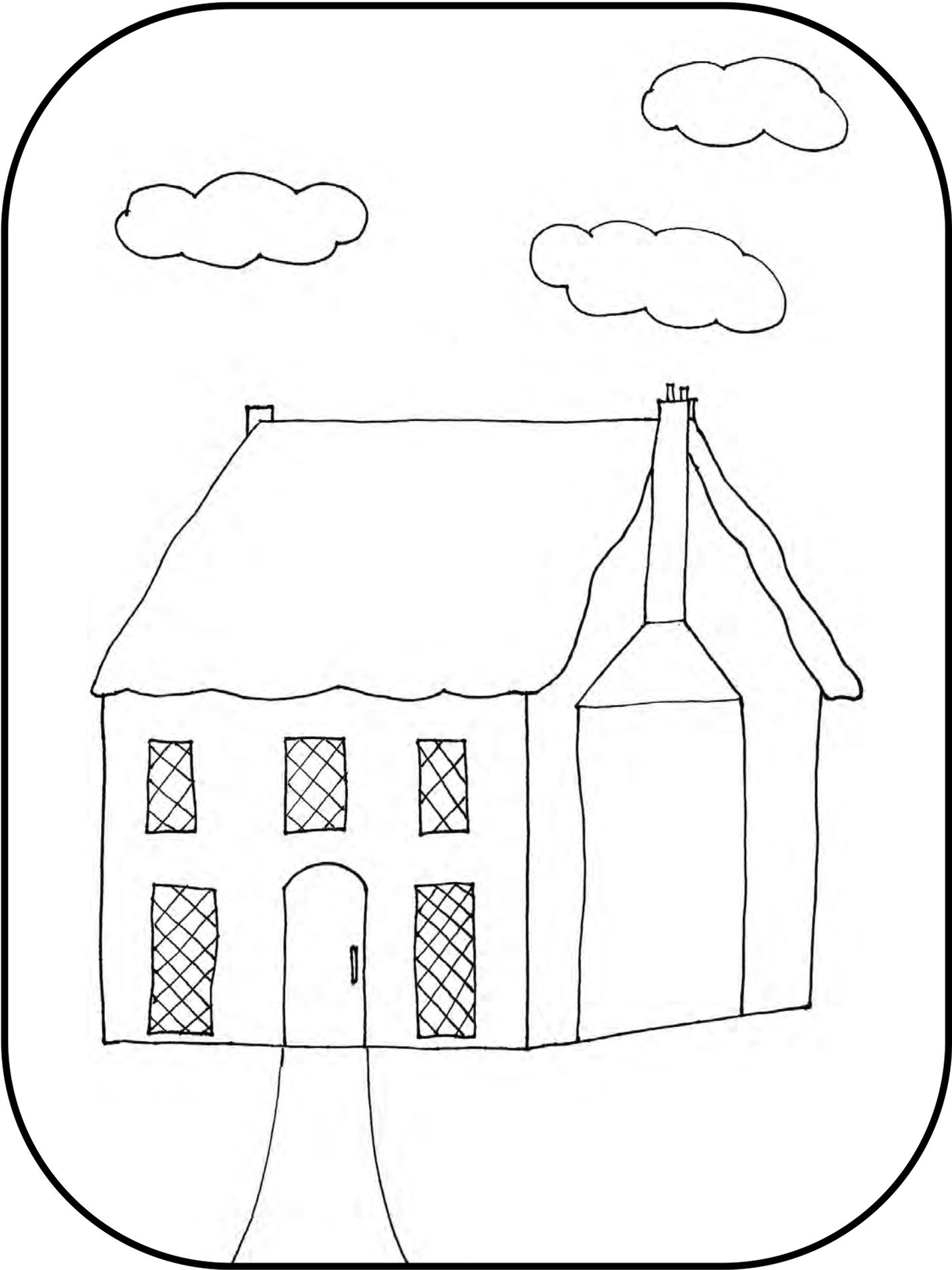




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Thomas and some of the Baptists decided to sail back to England. But when they landed they could not worship God in the new way. Some of them even went to jail. So they told others about Jesus quietly and worshipped in houses. These Baptists were very brave.

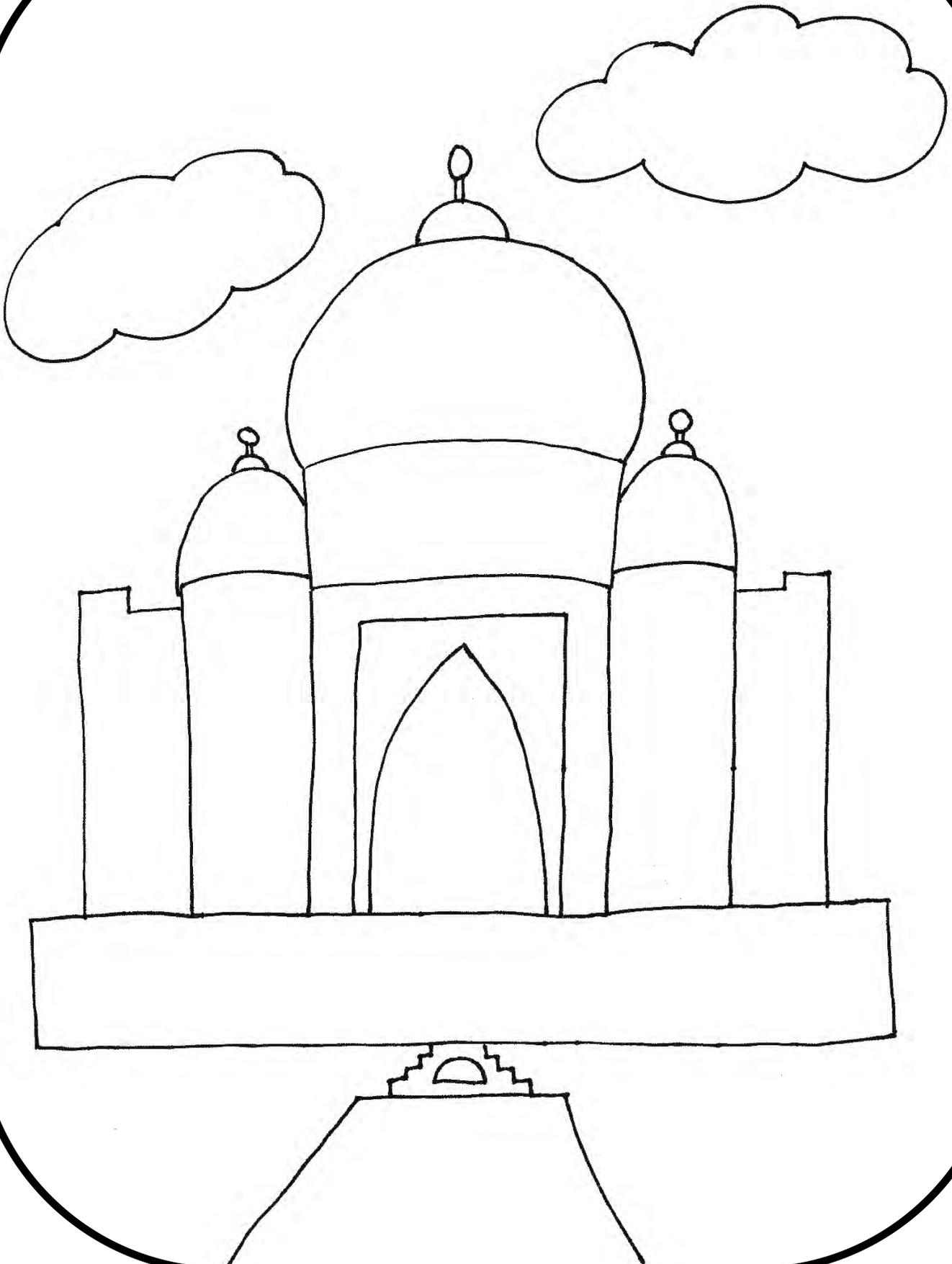




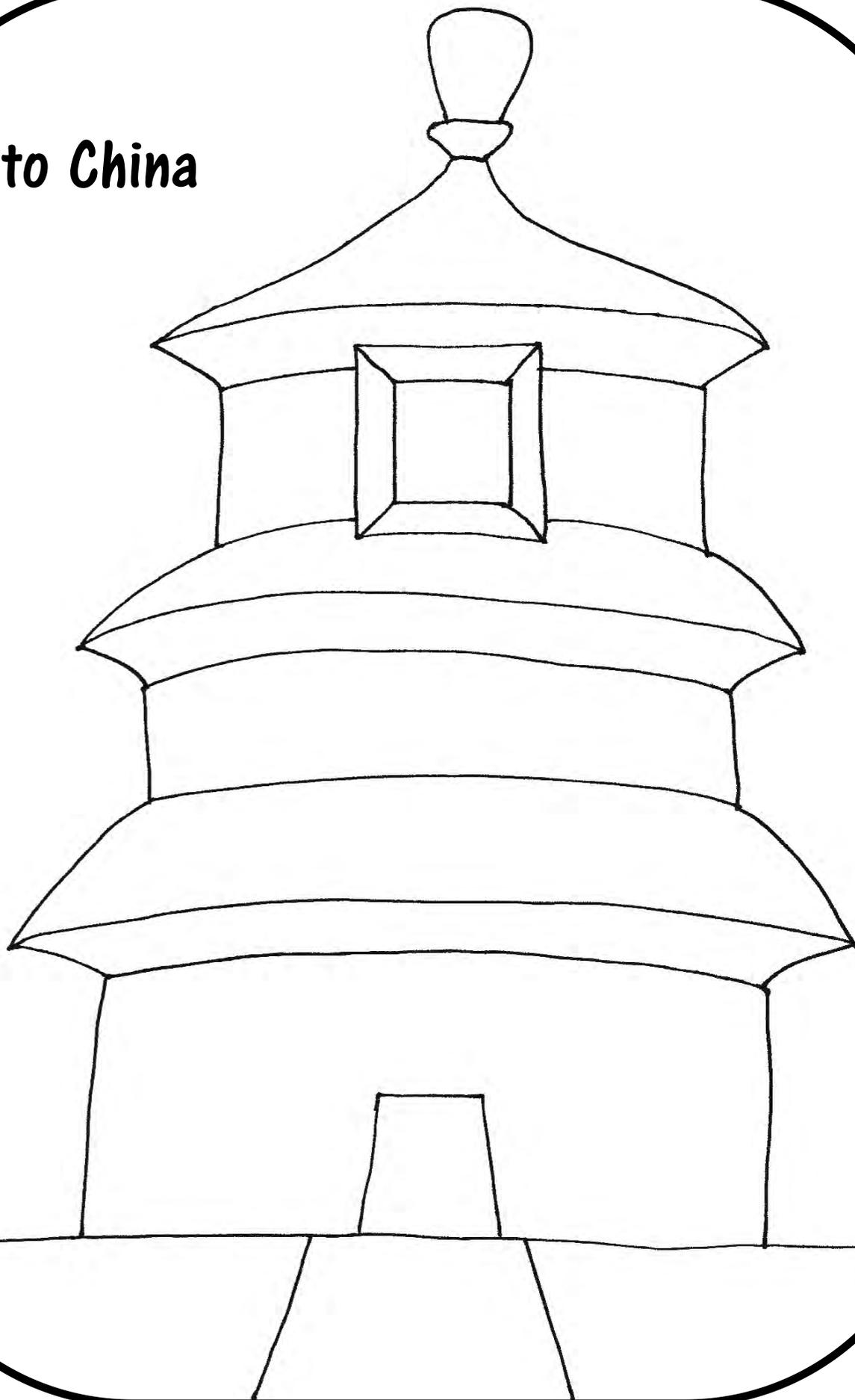
The
Baptists wanted the
whole world to know about
Jesus. They made copies of the
Bible in other languages. Some
people traveled all over the world
to teach others about Jesus
and to help people...



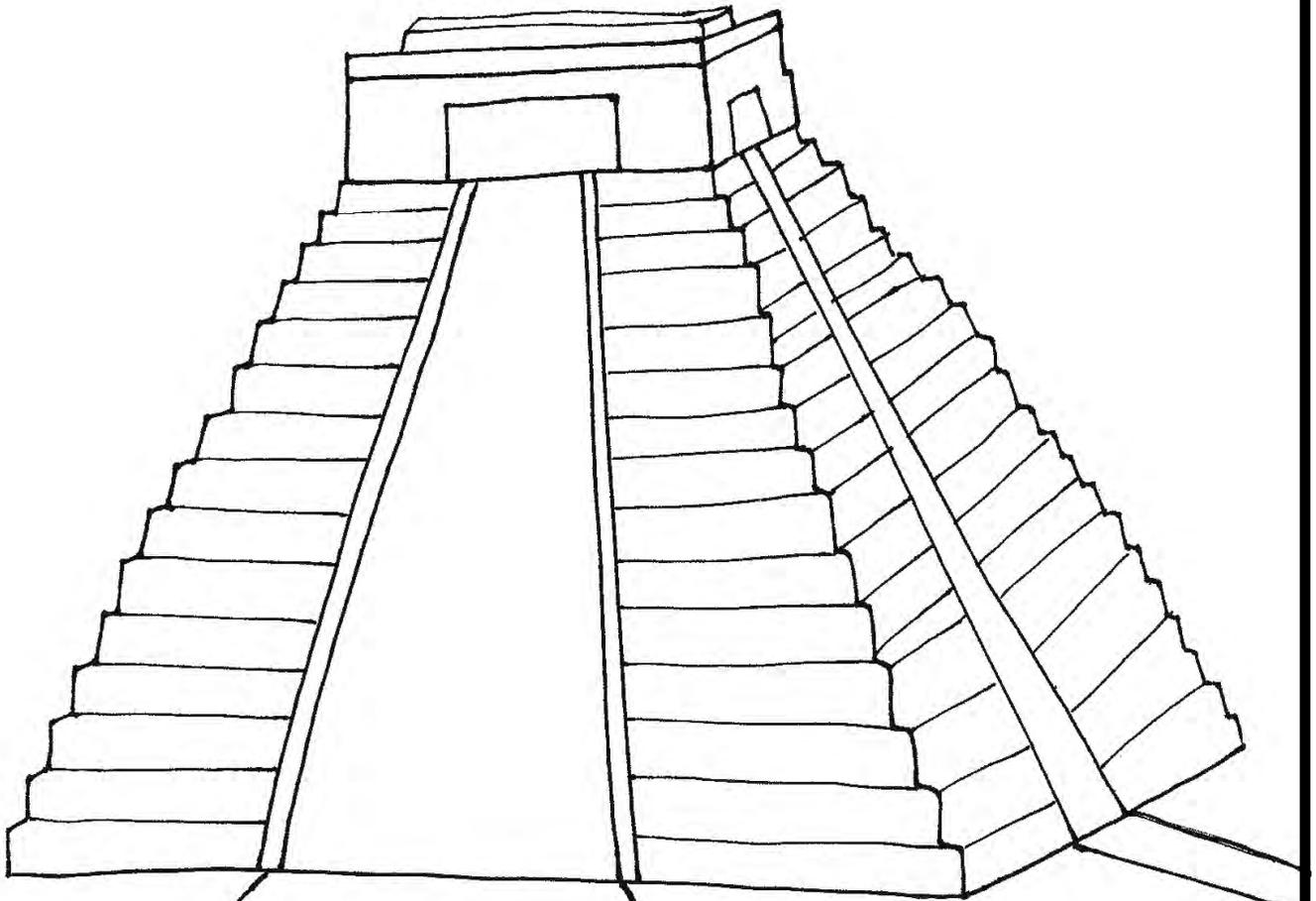
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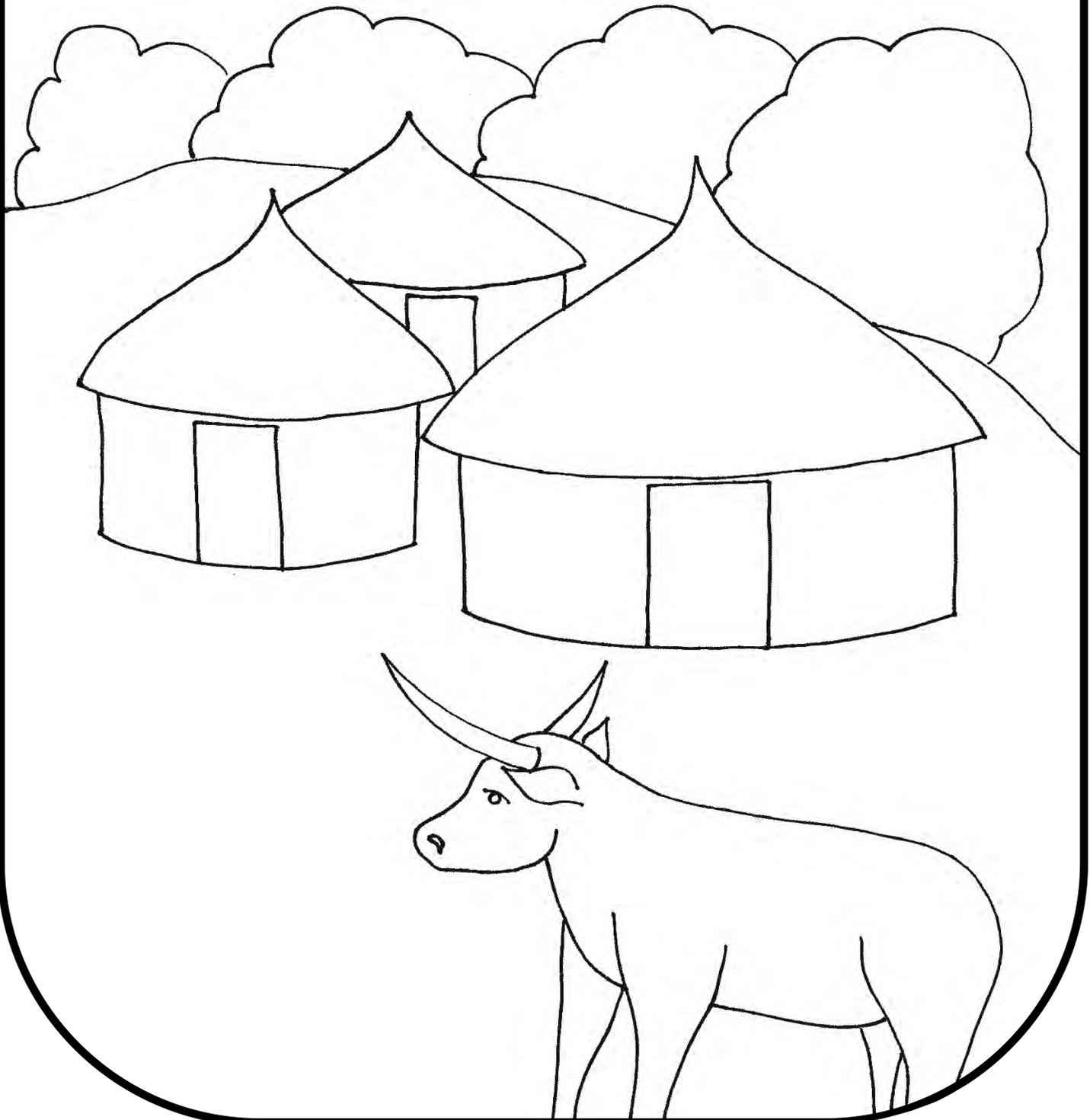
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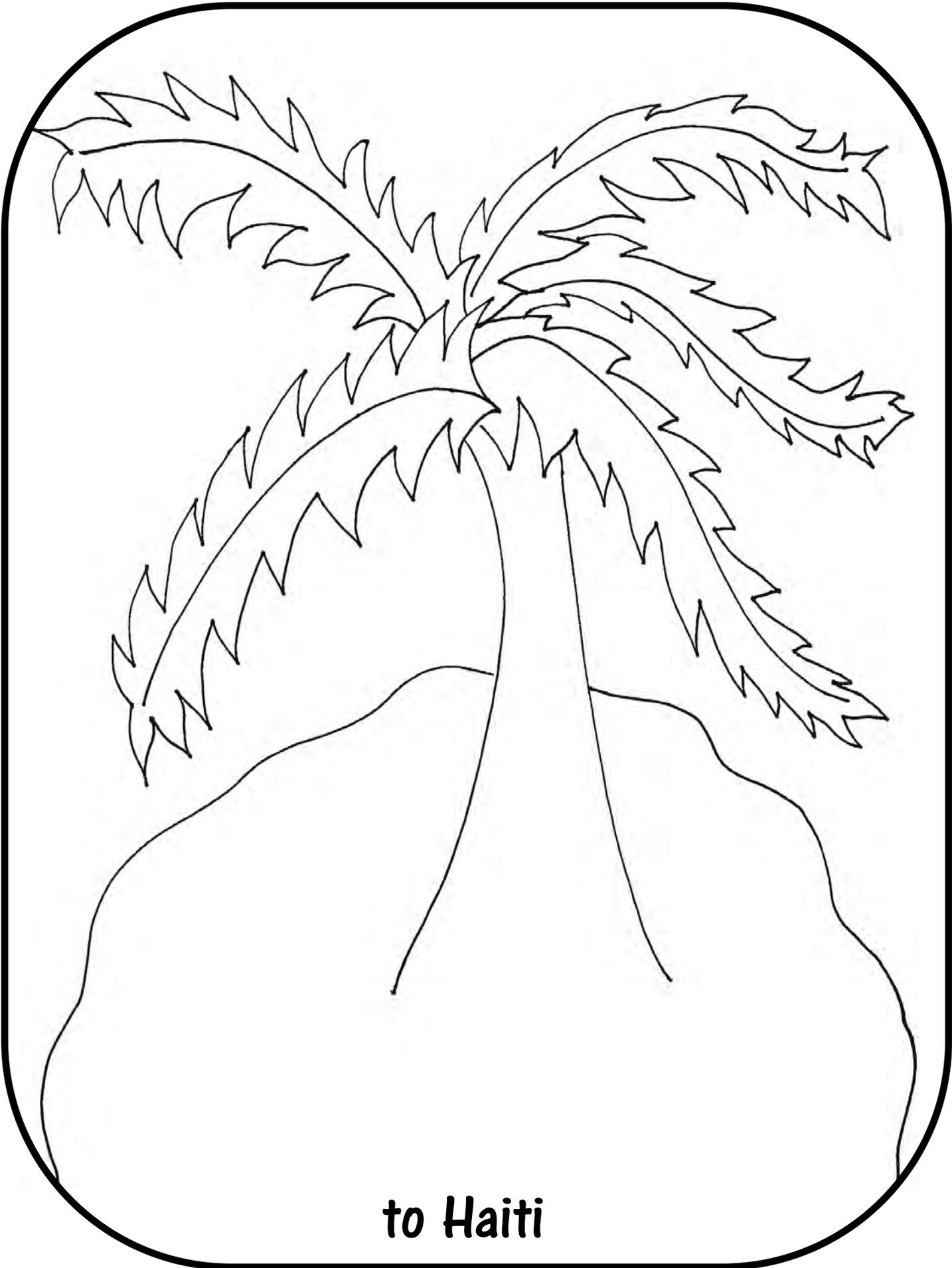


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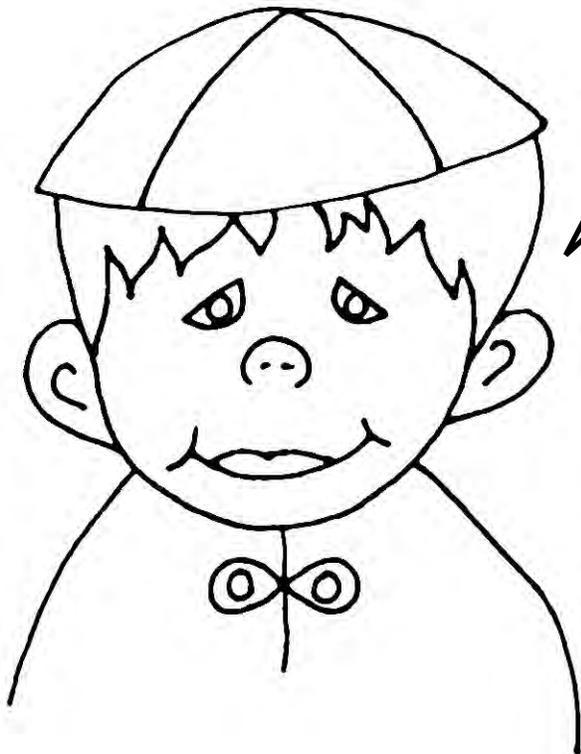
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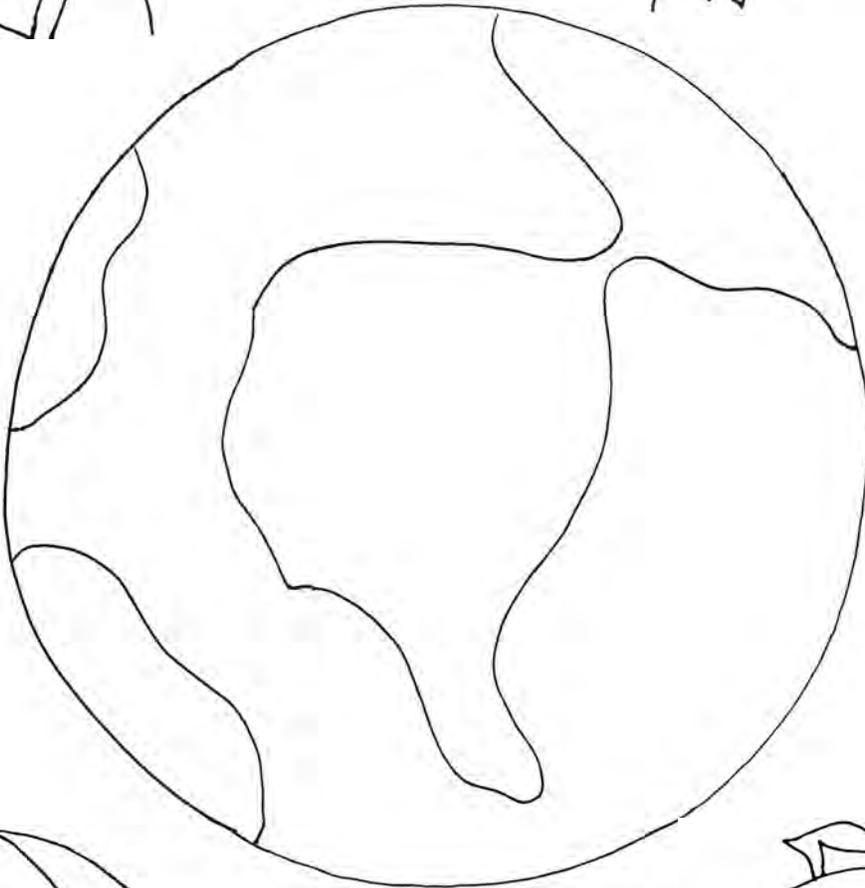
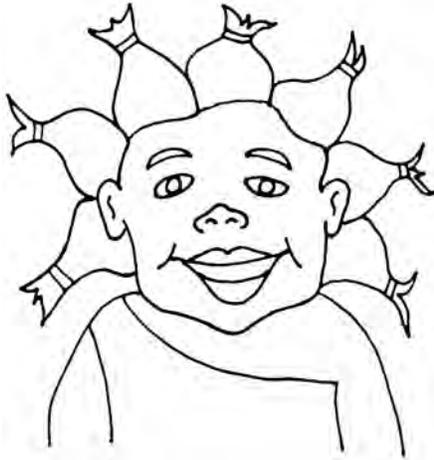




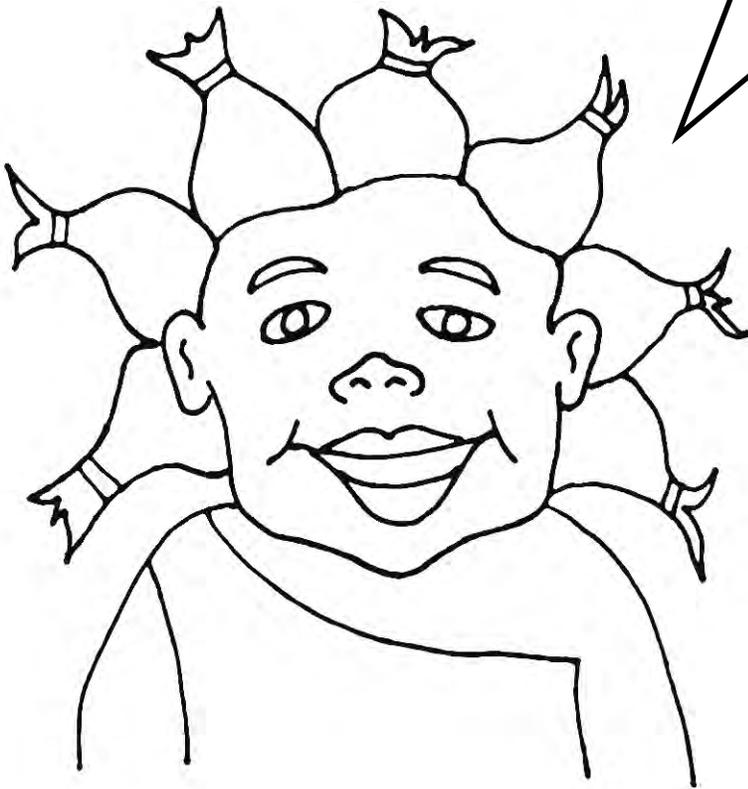
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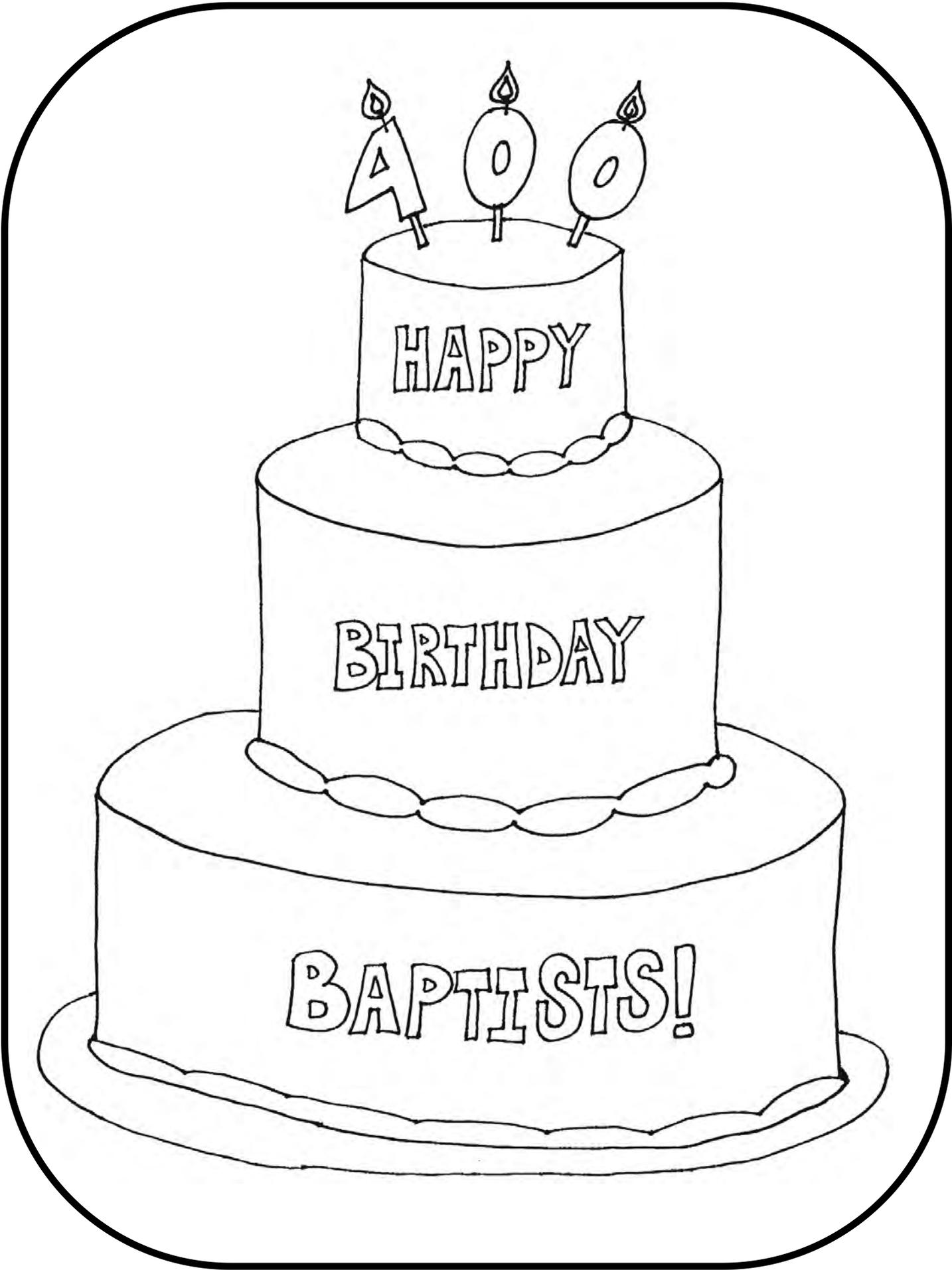
Today
there are millions of
Baptists around the world. They
read and study the Bible together.
They worship and sing to Jesus. They
want to help others and tell them
about Him.





They
are a big Baptist family
around the world and YOU are a
part of this family too!





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HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

BAPTISTS!



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