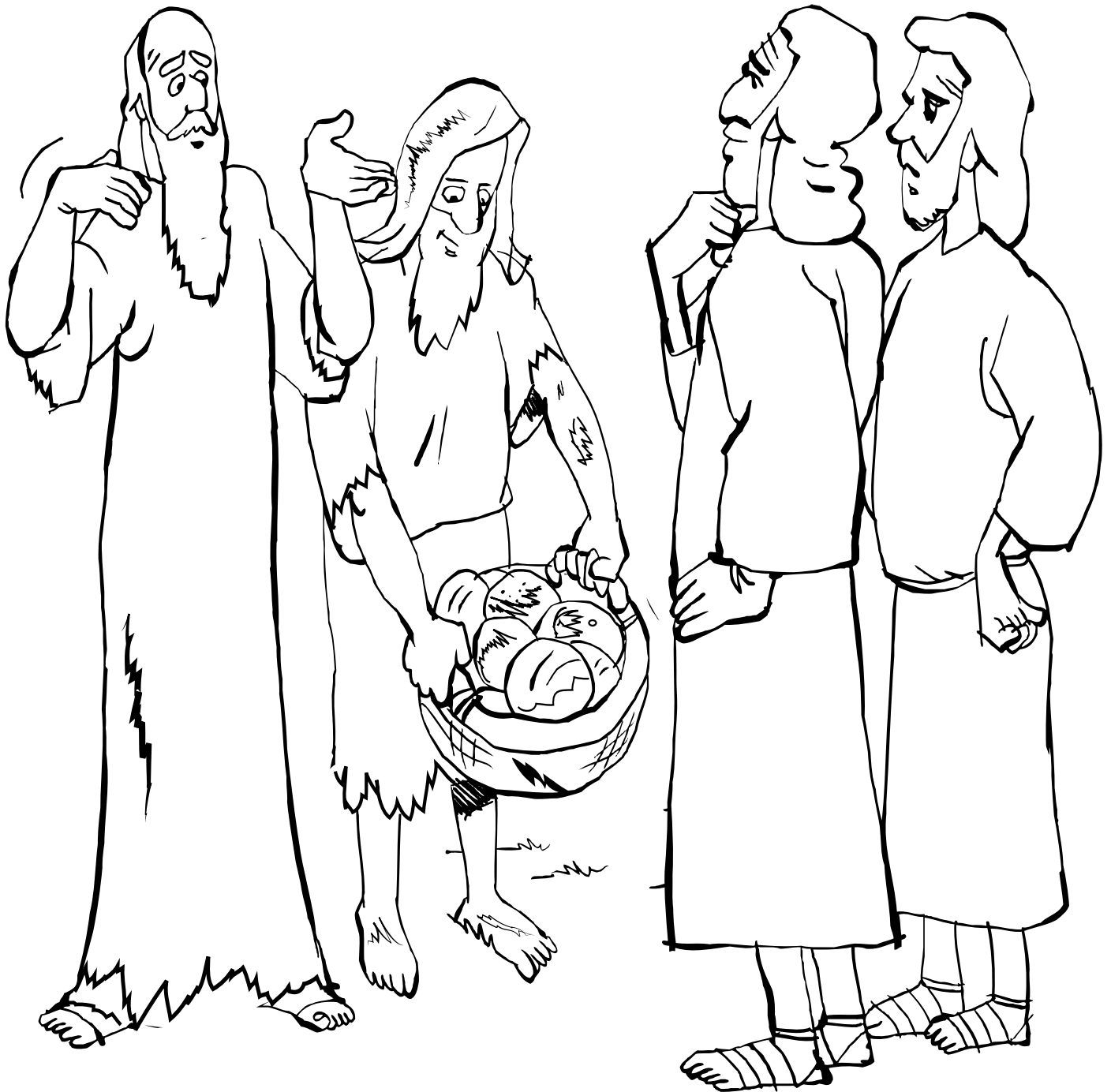


The Gibeonite Trick

Name: _____

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... speak truthfully to your neighbor. . .

Ephesians 4:25 (NIV)

Lies & Promises

Joshua 9

"I am really scared of the God of the Israelites," said the king of Gibeon. "He is so powerful!"

The king and all the Canaanites had seen the power of the Israelite God. They were afraid they were going to be conquered and destroyed. So, the Gibeonites made a sneaky plan to save themselves.

Some of the Gibeonites put on old sandals and old clothes. They put old, hard, moldy bread in their bags and went to visit the Israelites.

"We're from a country far, far away," they lied to Joshua and the leaders. "We've heard about your powerful God, and we want to make a peace agreement with you."

When the Israelite leaders saw their old clothes, sandals and the moldy bread, they believed they were from far away. Without asking God, they made a peace agreement with the Gibeonites. It was a sure promise to not attack them.

A few days later, the trick was discovered. The Israelites got mad, but the leaders decided it was important to keep their promise. They gave the Gibeonites the job of carrying water and wood for God's tabernacle and Israel protected Gibeon from their enemies.

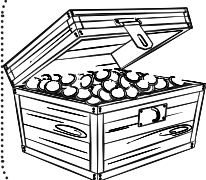


What did we discover?

- 1) The Gibeonites were afraid of the power of _____.
PHARAOH GOD HORSES
- 2) The Gibeonites deceived the Israelites with _____.
OLD BREAD PRETTY JEWELS LONG LETTERS
- 3) The leaders didn't ask _____ what they should do.
GOD JOSHUA CALEB
- 4) When they found out about the trick, the Israelites _____.
ATTACKED THEM KEPT THEIR PROMISE RAN AWAY



Can others trust me? Do I do what I say I'll do?



**I should do
what I say I'll do.**
Even when it's difficult,
I won't tell lies.



**Father God,
Help me
tell the truth!**

