

**Year 2**

**Week 99**

## **Manasseh Turns to God**

**Scriptures: II Chronicles 33: 1-20, II Kings 21**

**Key Verse: 2 Chronicles 33:12 " Now when he was in affliction, he implored the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,"**

### **Key Points:**

**1.** Manasseh became king at the age of twelve. He did not follow God, but lead the people of Judah to become even more wicked than the Amorites, whom God destroyed. He reintroduced the worship of idols to the people of Judah, rebuilt the high places, practiced witchcraft, and killed innocent people.

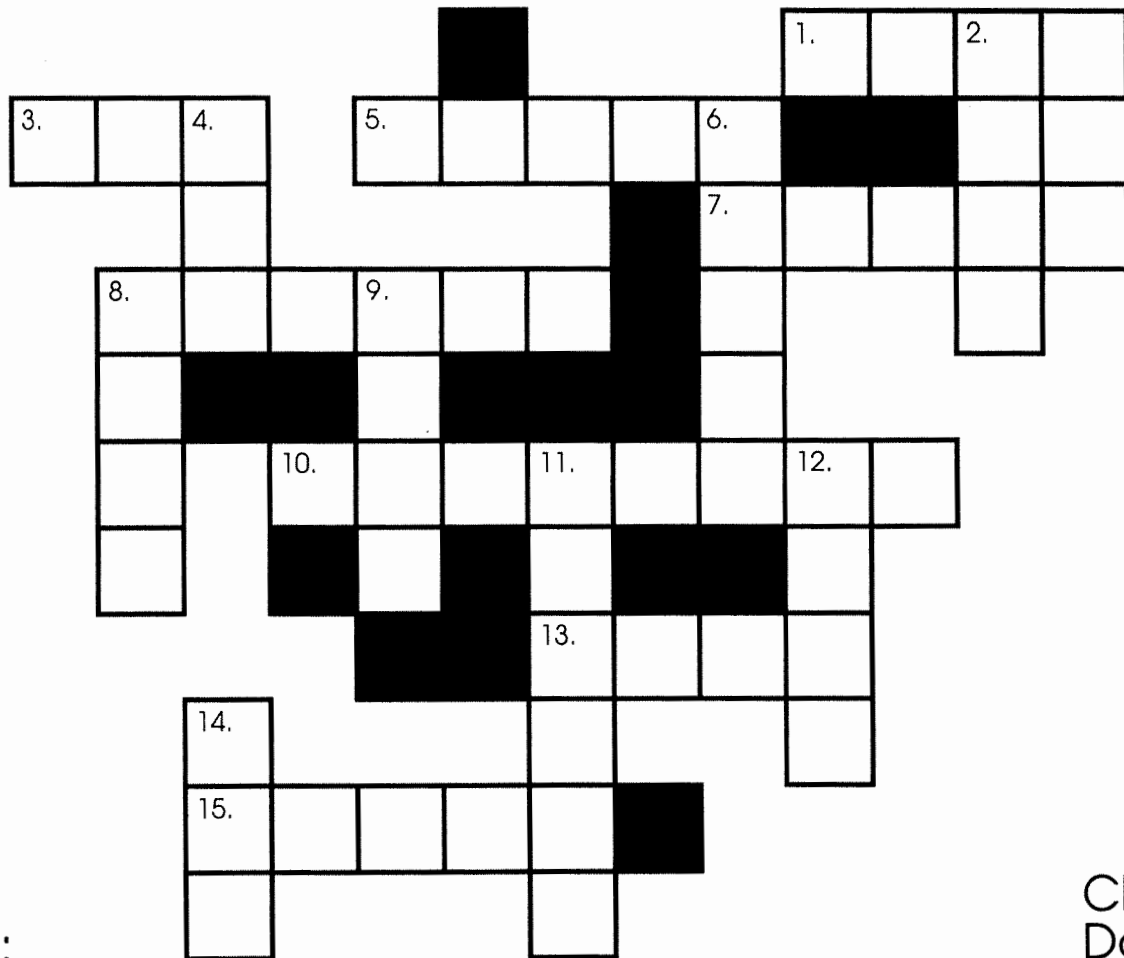
**2.** God sent prophets to Manasseh. They warned him that God was going to allow Judah to be destroyed. Manasseh and the people did not listen, so God sent the Assyrian army to take Manasseh captive (2Chronicles 33: 10-13). Once Manasseh was in trouble, he humbled himself and asked God to forgive and help him. God answered Manasseh's prayer and brought him home to Jerusalem. Then Manasseh knew who was the true God. He fortified his military defenses and began worshiping God. After reigning for 55 years, Manasseh died and was buried with his fathers.

**3.** His son, Amon, became king of Judah. Amon was 22 years old and was wicked. He followed idols, but unlike his father, he refused to repent. Amon was killed in his own house, by his servants, and his little boy, Josiah, became king.



# A King's Crossword

All the words in this puzzle are from the story "A Boy King." Look for the clues in the story. Find the missing words. Write the words that fit the clues in the empty boxes.



Clues  
Across:

Clues  
Down:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. He prayed to ____.      | 2. The ____ caught the king. |
| 3. God ____ him free.      | 4. army caught ____ king     |
| 5. This made God ____.     | 6. was only 12 ____ old      |
| 7. God sent an ____ army   | 8. ____ King Manasseh knew   |
| 8. an idol in the ____.    | 9. He ____ed to God.         |
| 10. ____ was a bad king.   | 11. He took down the ____    |
| 13. God was the ____ God.  | 12. He ____ put an idol in   |
| 15. put up an ____ to God. | 14. Manasseh was a ____      |

# A Boy King



king



altar



pray



Baal



temple



angry



























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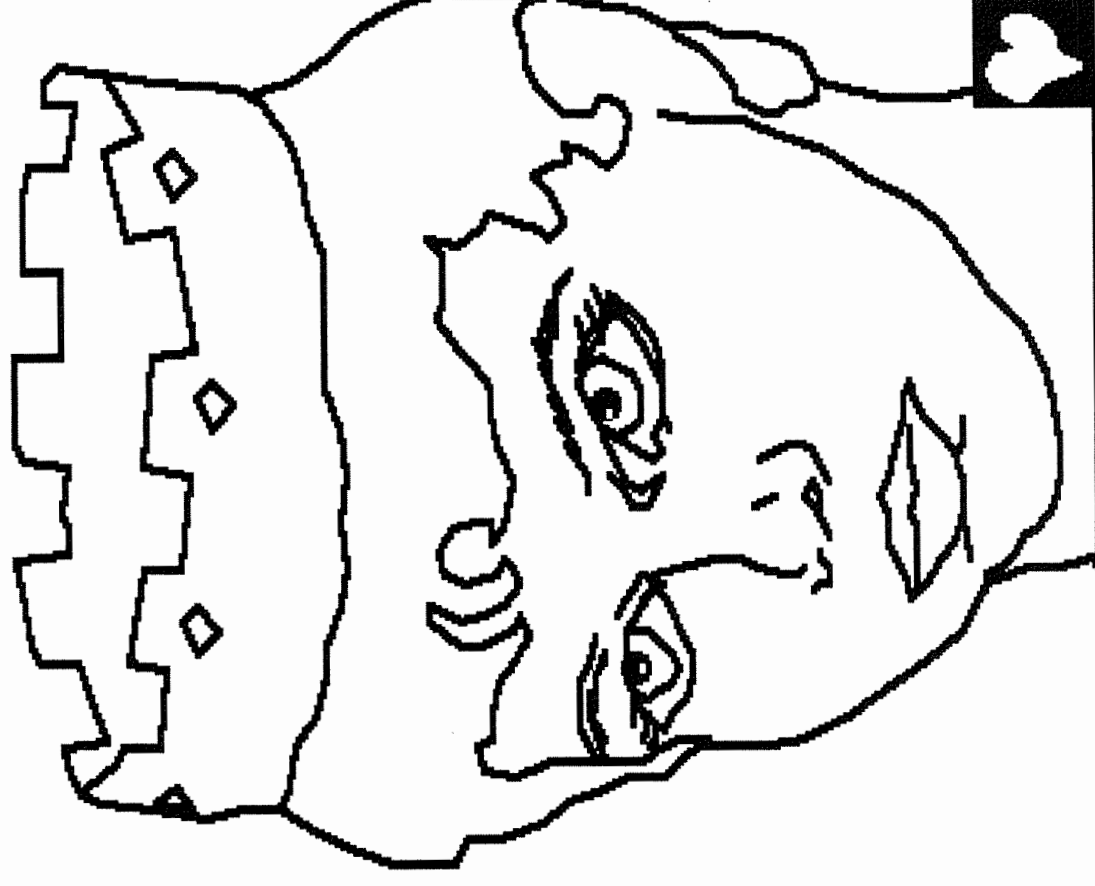
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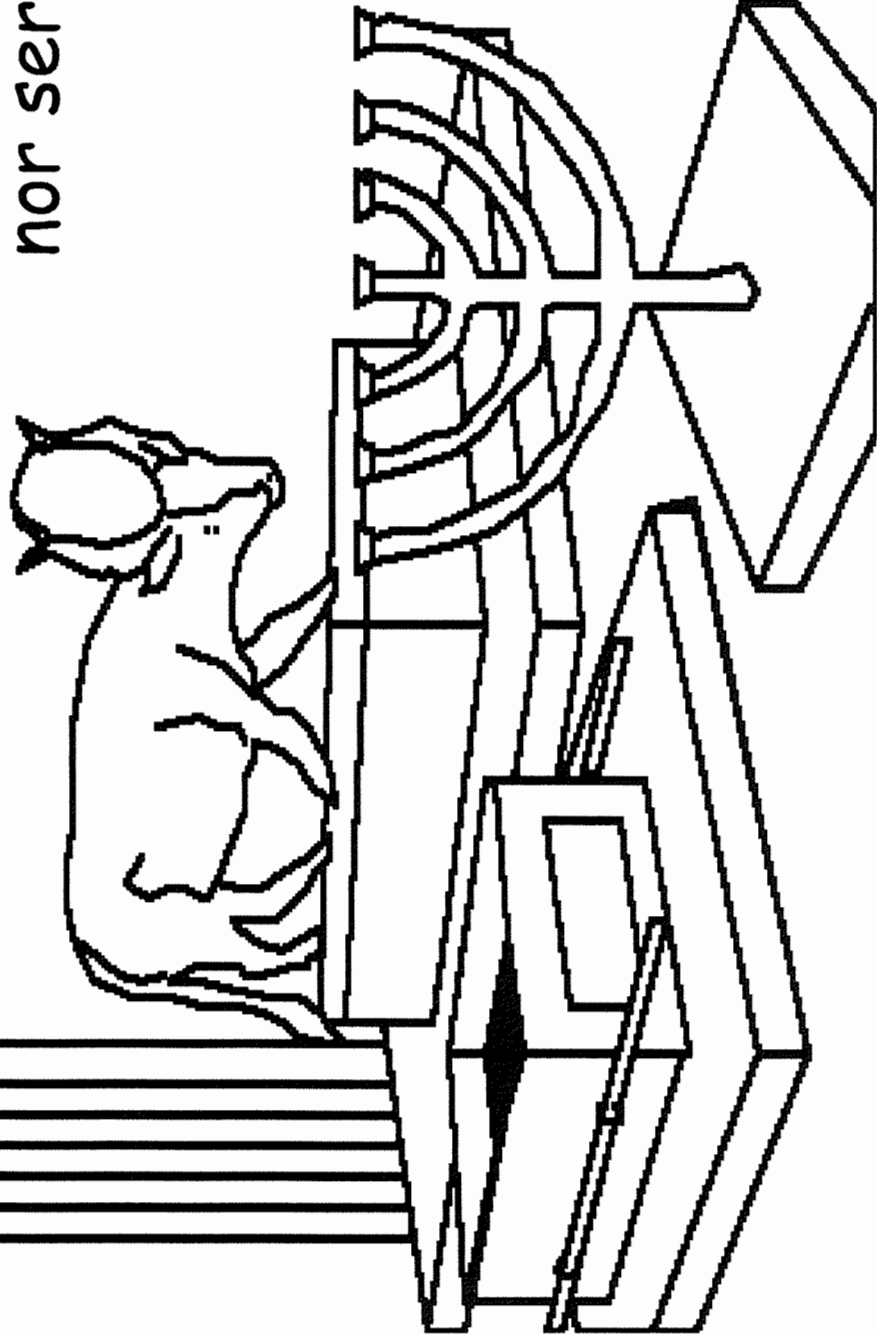
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How old should a  be? Manasseh was only 12 years old when he became . Manasseh was a bad . He built s to false gods. He ed to . He even put an idol in the . This made God . God sent an enemy  to fight against the . The  caught the  and put s on him.  Manasseh was a prisoner! The  was sorry he had been bad. He ed to God. He told God he was sorry. God set him free. Then  Manasseh knew God was the true God. He took  the s to . He took  the idol in the . He put up an  to God.  Manasseh ordered his people to serve God.

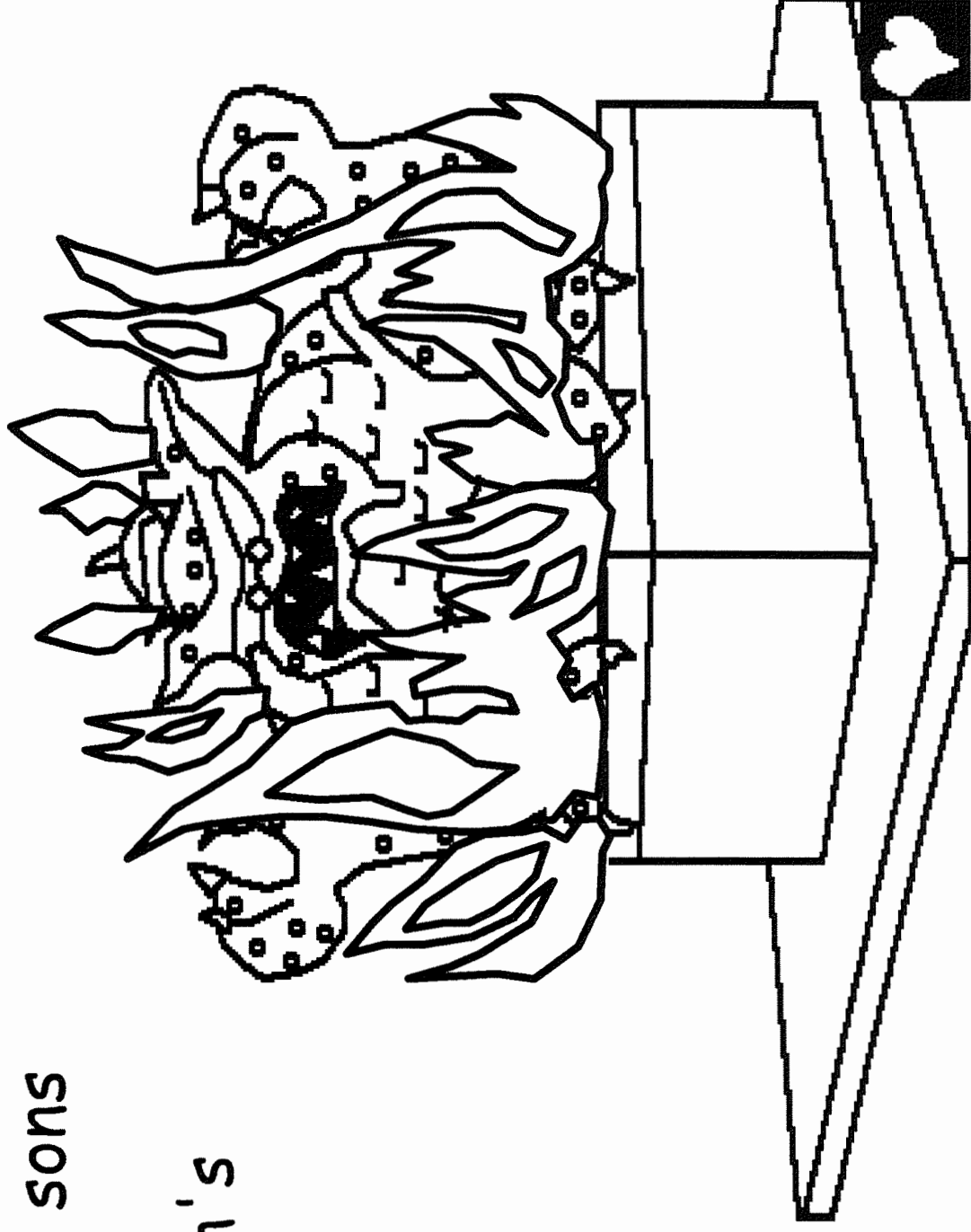
It was a sad day for Manasseh. His dad, King Hezekiah had just died. Now, only twelve years old, Manasseh was the new king over God's people in Judah. He didn't know it then, but Manasseh would be king for 55 years. Manasseh needed God's help to be a good king.



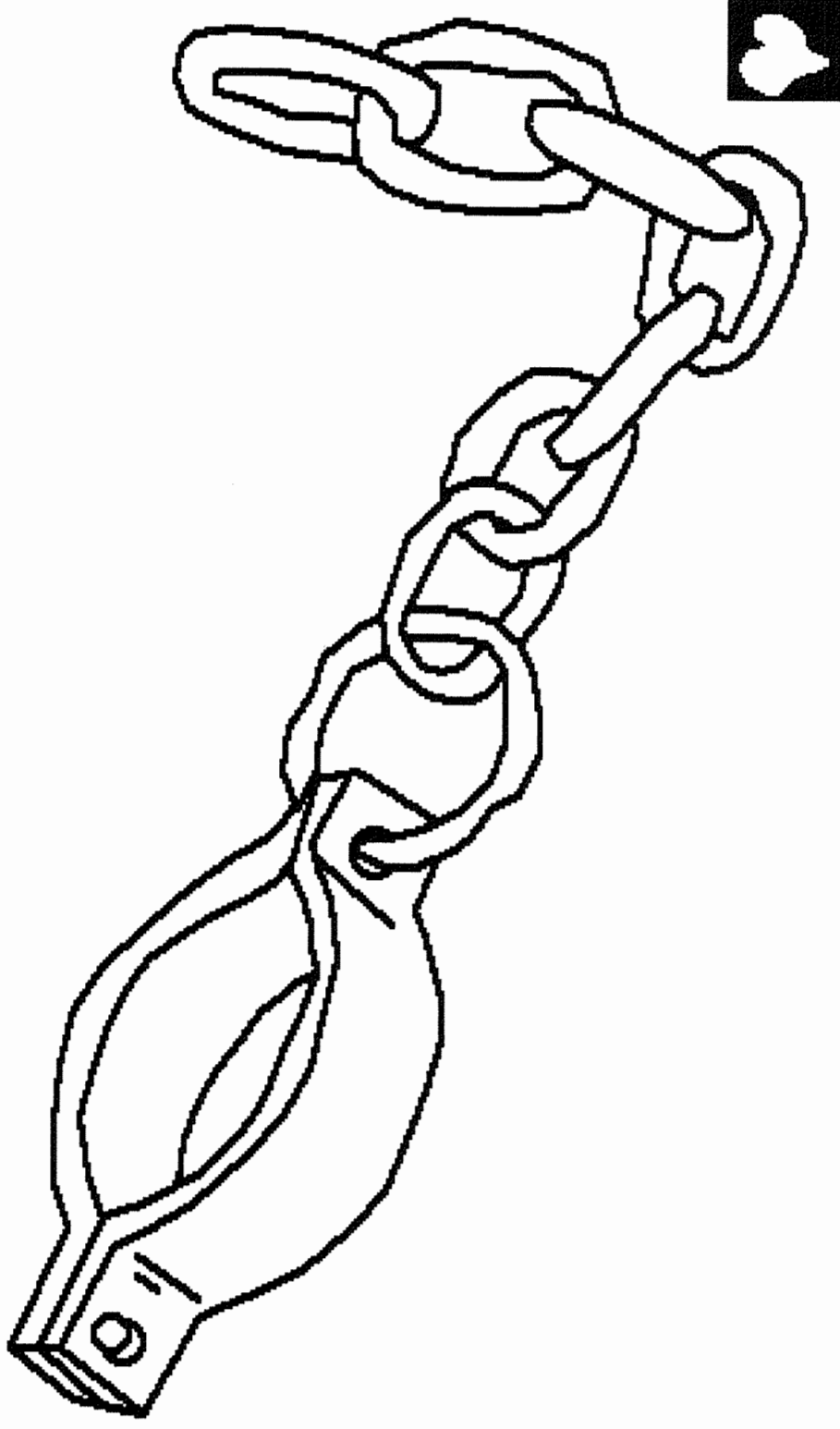
But Manasseh ignored God and did evil. Manasseh rebuilt altars for idol worship. He even made a carved image and set it in God's holy Temple! God had said through Moses, "You shall not make any carved images. You shall not bow down to them nor serve them."



Manasseh practised witchcraft and sorcery. He led the people away from God. The king even burned his sons as sacrifices to idols. Manasseh's disobedience angered God greatly.

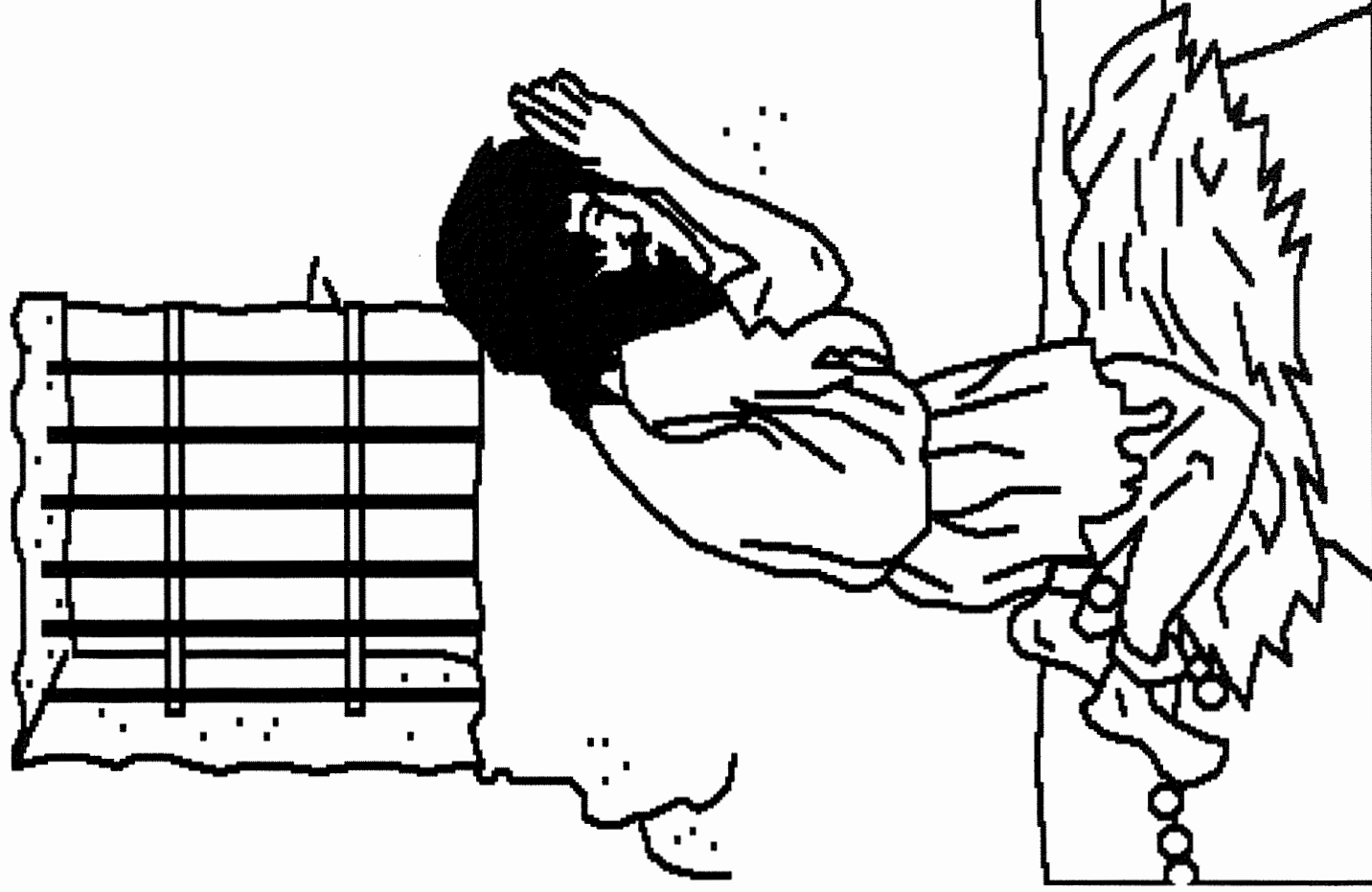


When His people disobey, God allows them to be punished. That's what happened to Manasseh and the people he ruled. The LORD brought the Assyrian army upon them. Manasseh was taken away in chains to Babylon.

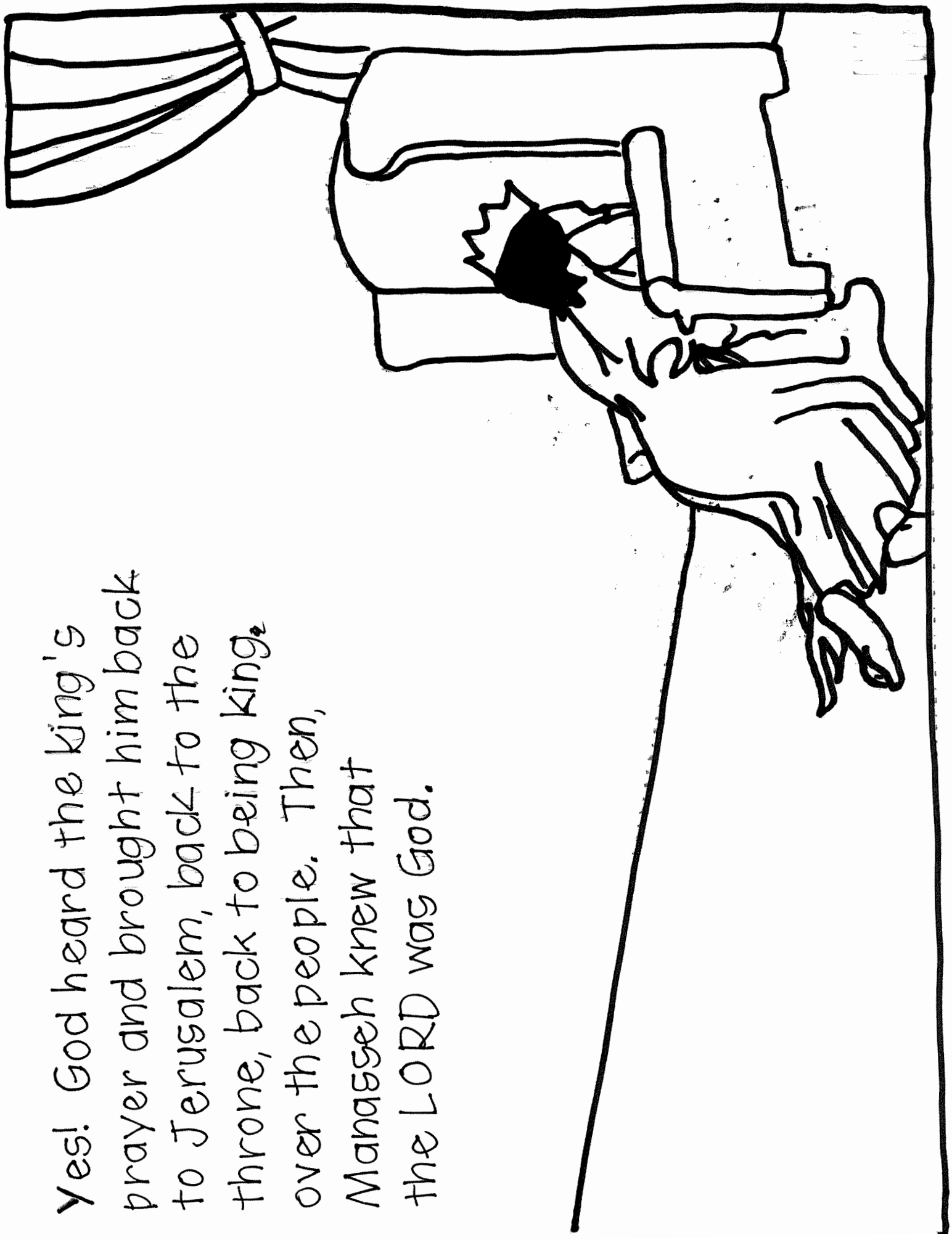




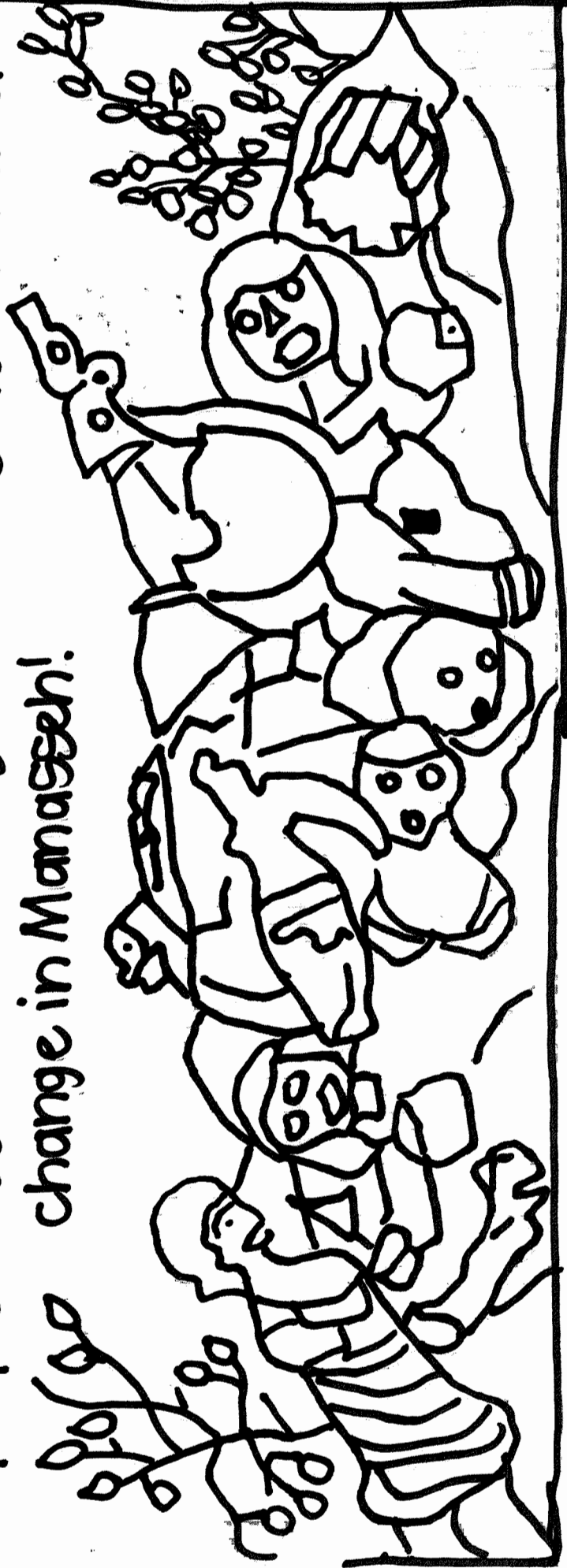
Suffering in Babylon,  
Manasseh pleaded with  
the LORD, his God. He  
humbled himself greatly  
before the God of his  
fathers, and prayed to  
Him. No more praying  
to dead idols! But, would  
the living God answer  
Manasseh after all  
his wickedness?



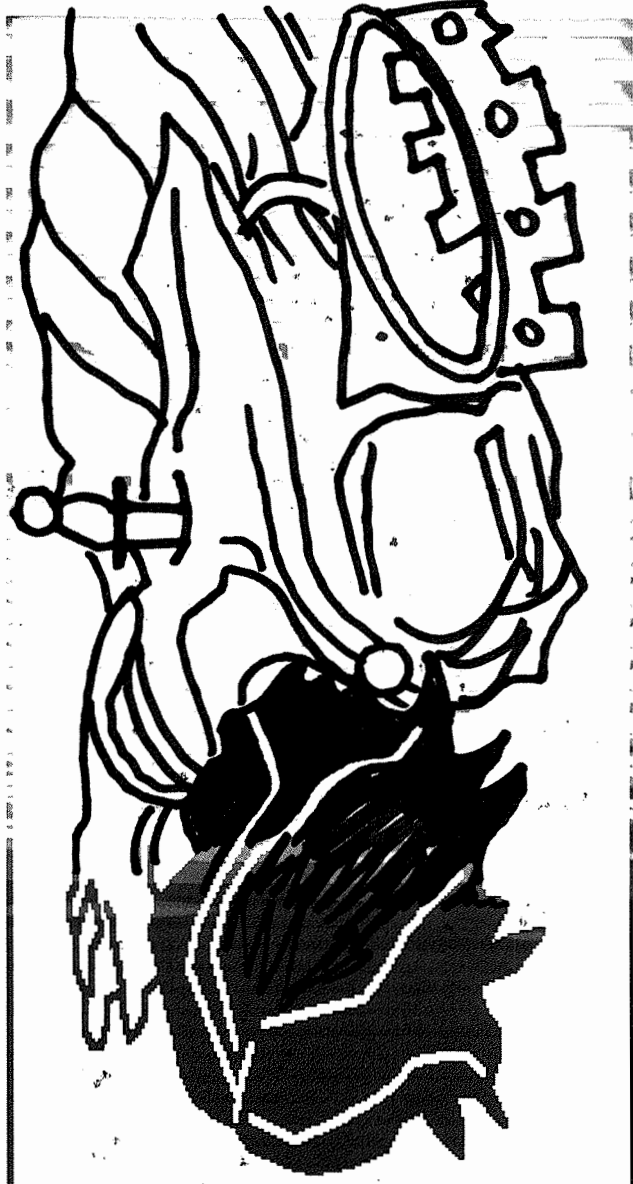
Yes! God heard the king's prayer and brought him back to Jerusalem, back to the throne, back to being king, over the people. Then, Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.



King Manasseh was a new person. He took the image out of God's temple and gathered up all the foreign gods in Jerusalem. He threw them all away. He repaired the altar of the LORD and offered thank offerings. Then he commanded his people to serve the LORD God of Israel. What a change in Manasseh!



When Manasseh died, his own sons reigned  
to idol worship. But he did not turn them  
before the Lord like Manasseh. And there were  
more and more, his servants first, and then  
in his own house. He reigned only in his



# Jesus Taught Us How to Pray

To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me."

Jesus taught us how to pray,  
to God our Father everyday;  
Morning, noon, and night-time too,  
we can pray and so can you.  
Yes, we can pray! Yes, we can pray!  
Yes, we can pray; to God through-out the day.

