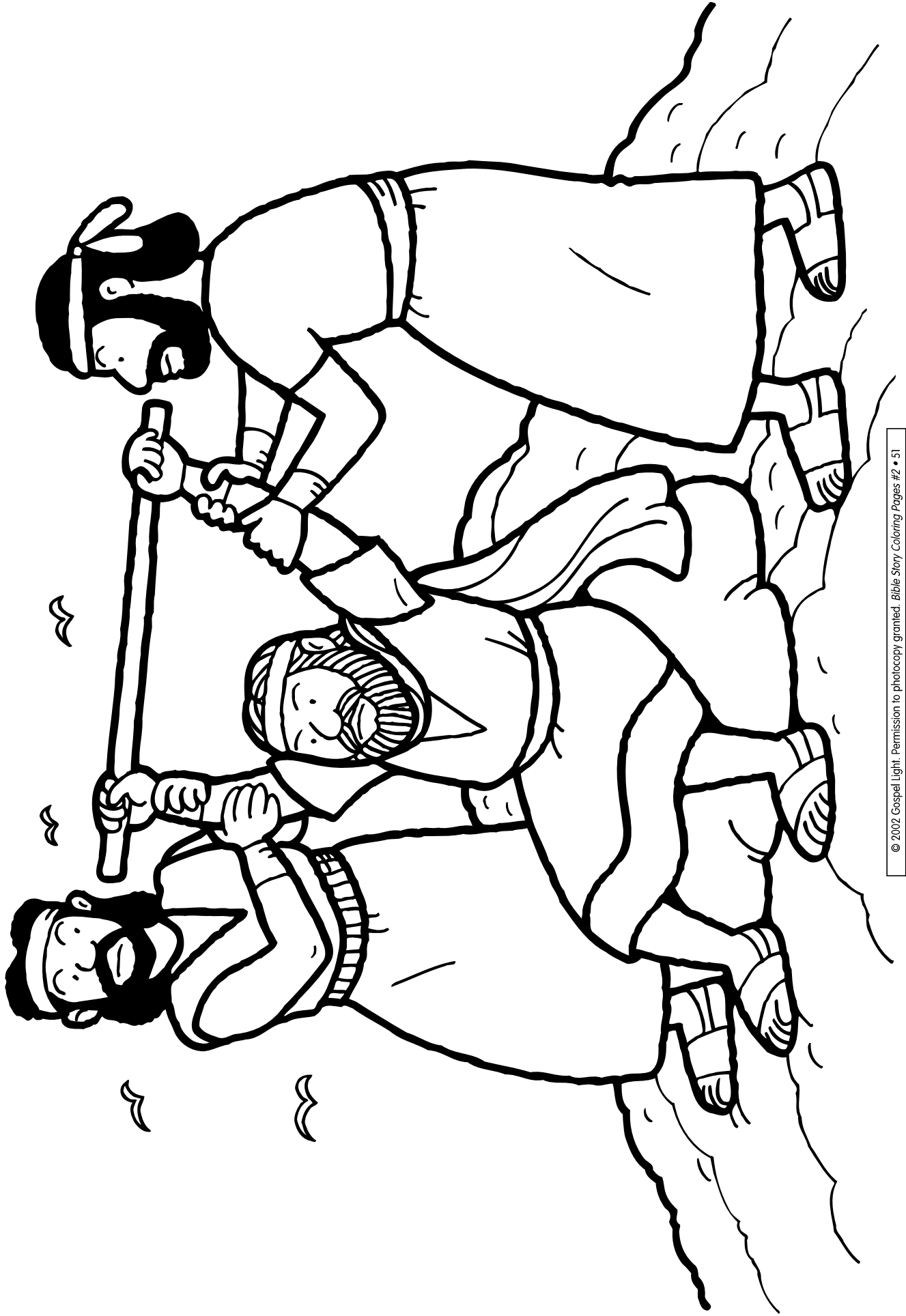


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The Israelites traveled through the desert toward the land God promised to give them. Moses led this huge crowd of people and their sheep, goats, donkeys and cows. But some people called the Amalekites lived in this desert. They did not want the Israelites and all those animals to cross their land. They wanted to chase them away.

Moses asked his helper, Joshua, to lead a group of men to fight the Amalekites. Moses said he would stand on a nearby hill, praying to God and holding up his special stick. Moses knew his men couldn't win the battle without God's help.

The next morning Moses, his brother, Aaron, and a man named Hur went up on the hill. Moses raised his stick and started praying. Joshua led his men out to fight the Amalekites. After a while, Moses saw that the Israelites were winning the battle. His arms were so tired from holding the

stick up that he lowered his arms. But then the Amalekites started winning the battle! So quickly Moses held the stick up and the Israelites began winning again.

As the battle continued, Moses got more and more tired of holding up his arms. Aaron and Hur saw how tired Moses was, so they helped him sit down on a rock. Then Aaron stood on one side of Moses and Hur stood on the other side. They held up Moses' arms for him.

Finally as the sun was going down, the last of the Amalekites ran away. The Israelites had won the battle! Moses, Aaron and Hur dropped their arms. Moses built a special place to thank God. Moses wanted everyone to remember how God had answered their prayers and helped them win the battle!