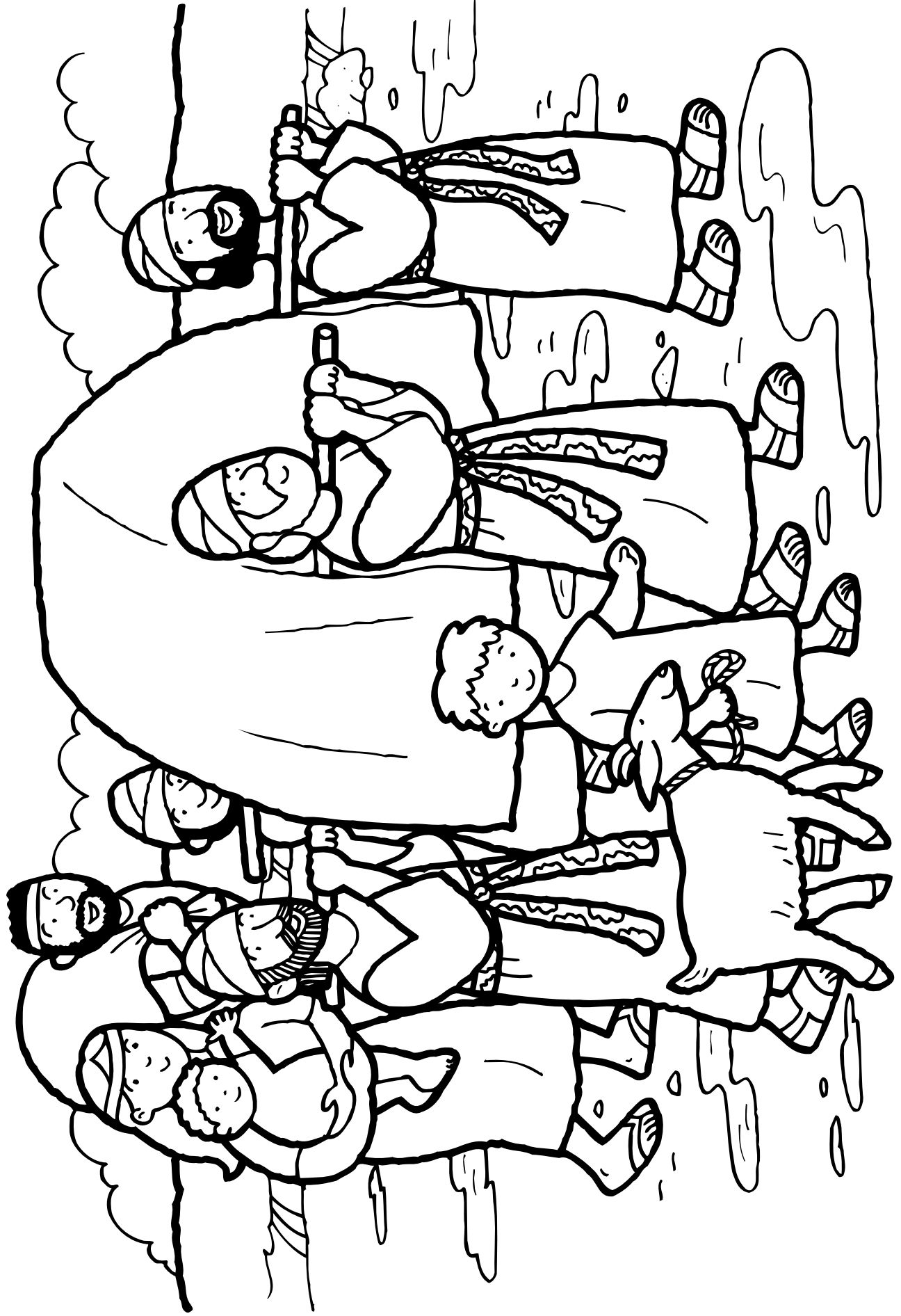


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God's people were excited! They were finally standing right across the river from the land God promised to give them. Now all they needed to do was cross the river.

But at this time of year, the river was flooded! The deep water flowed very quickly. Any animal or person who got into the river would be swept away. And of course the Israelites didn't have any boats.

Joshua and the people camped by the river. For three days, they waited for God to tell them what to do. Then Joshua told the people that tomorrow would be the day they would cross the river. All the people packed up their belongings.

The next morning, the priests carried the Ark of the Lord, a gold box with God's laws in it, to the edge of the river. As soon as the priests' feet touched the river, the water stopped flowing. The riverbed was dry! The priests carried the Ark to the middle of the river and stood there while all the Israelites walked across the river bottom!

Finally, everyone was across. The priests carried the Ark to the other side of the river. As soon as the priests came up out of the riverbed, the water crashed down. The river began flowing fast and high again. But God had kept all of the Israelites safe!