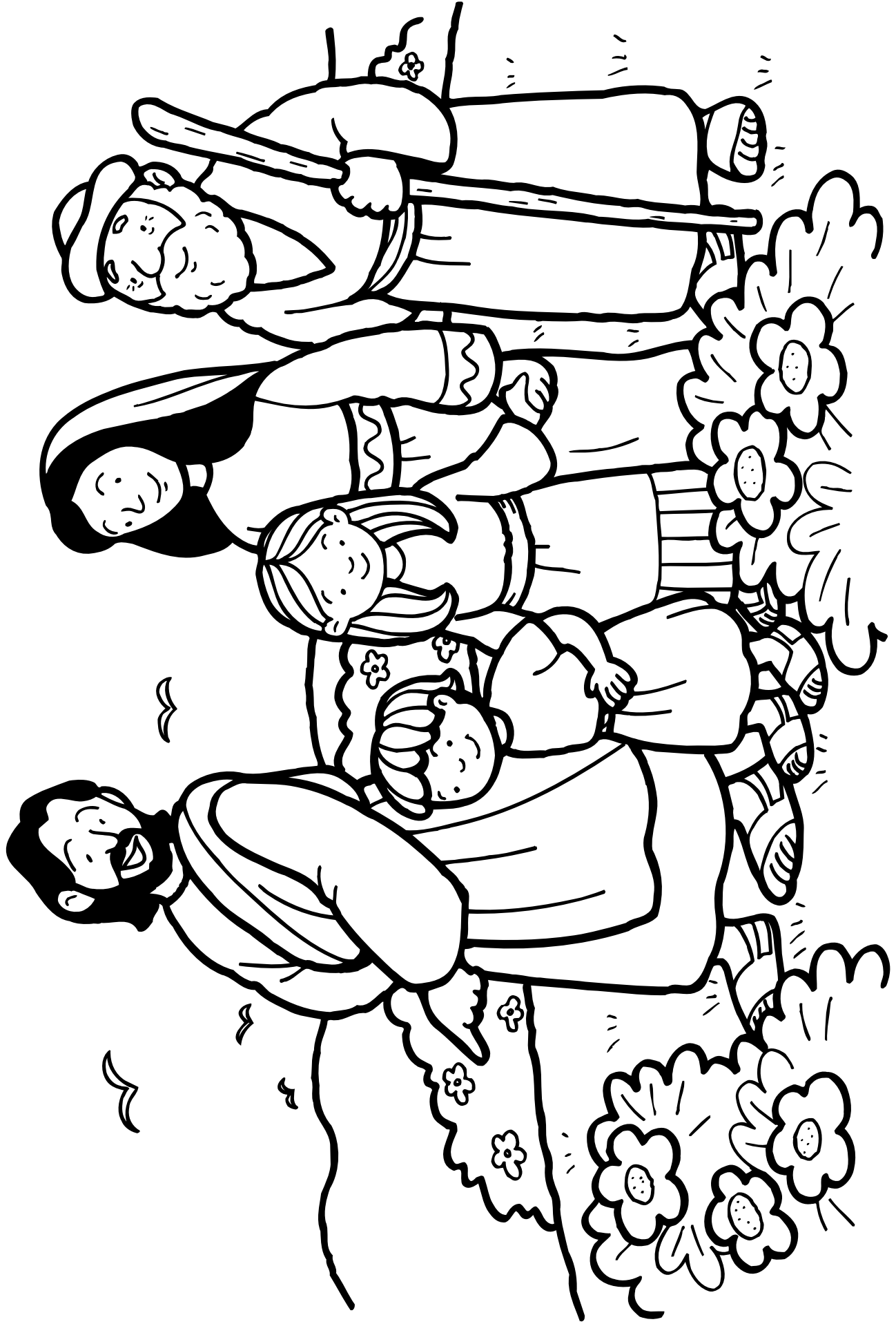


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Jesus was talking to people on a hillside. There were old people and young people, parents and children and grandparents. Jesus told the people not to worry. He said they didn't need to worry about having enough to eat or drink. They didn't need to worry about what clothes they should wear.

Jesus pointed to the sky. Birds were flying. Jesus said, "Look at the birds! They don't plant seeds to grow crops. They don't gather up food like farmers. But God makes sure they have enough food to eat. God loves them and takes care of them. Don't you think you are more important to God than the birds? Of course you are! So don't worry. Ask God for help. He will take care of you."

The people looked up at the birds and thought about what Jesus said. They were thankful God would care for them.

Then Jesus pointed at some flowers. He talked about how beautiful they were. He told the people that flowers don't make their own clothes, but their clothes were more beautiful than anything a king would wear. "If God takes care of the flowers that well," Jesus asked, "don't you think He would certainly take care of you, too?"

"Instead of worrying about food or clothes," Jesus said, "ask God what He wants you to do. When you obey God and do what is right, God will give you what you need. Don't worry about tomorrow. God will take care of you today and tomorrow!"

All the people were glad to hear that God loved them. They were glad to know they could ask God for help and He would take care of them.