



## Travel Light!

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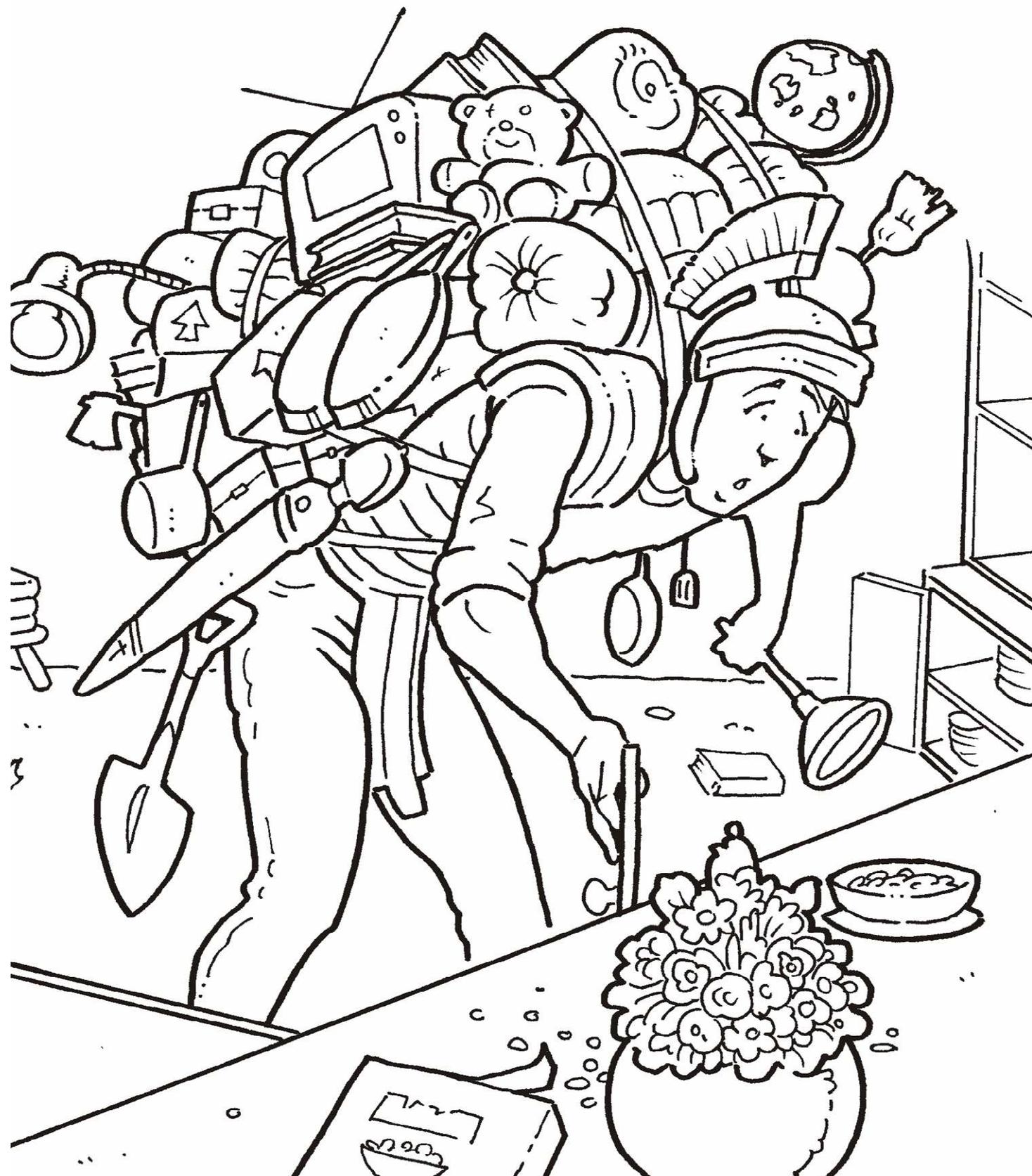


Chris Soldier is just about to have his breakfast when Miss O'nary runs in crying for help.

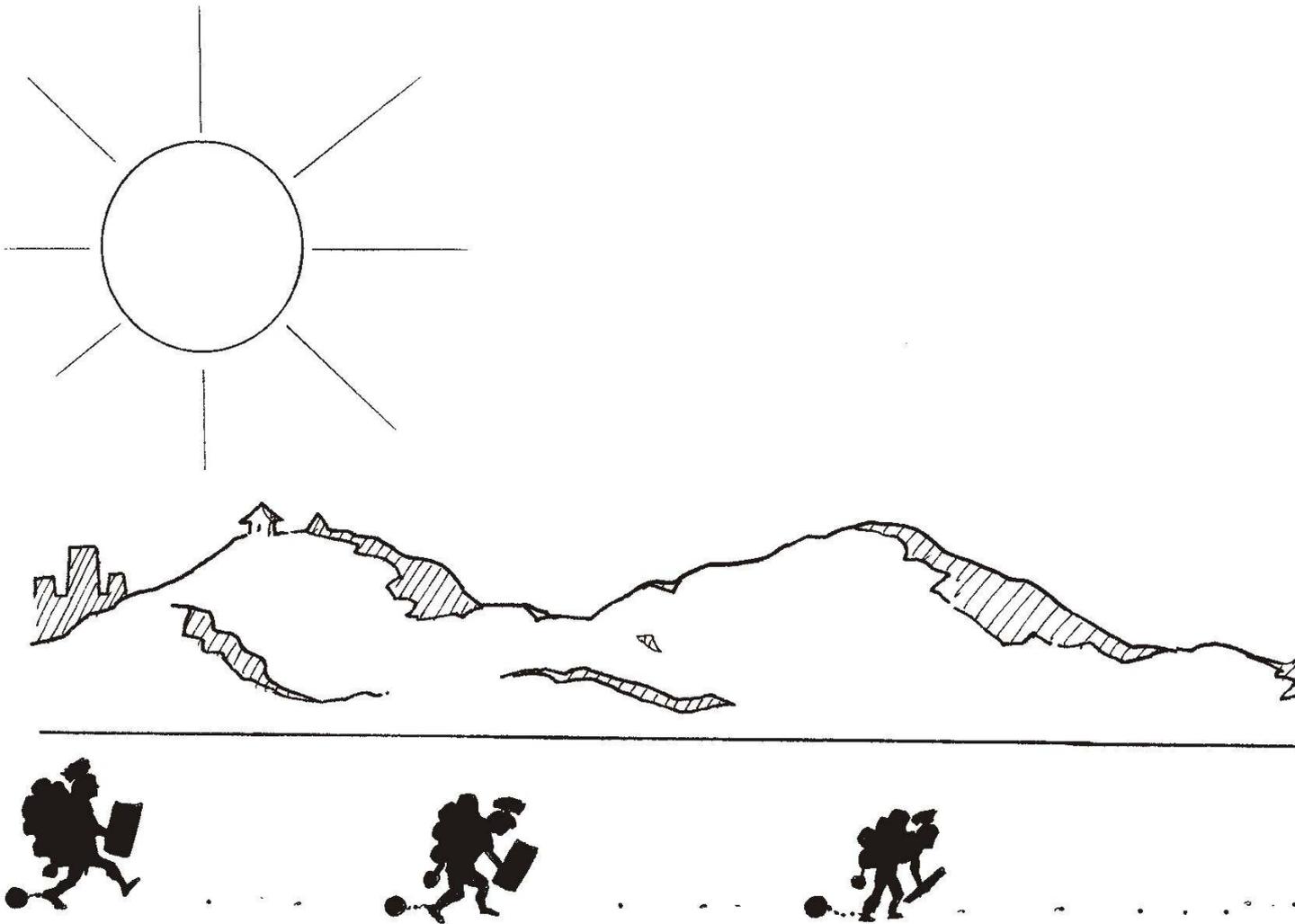
*"Chris, my father is in trouble. He is in a faraway land alone and discouraged. He has forgotten his faith."*



*"Hurry Chris, pack your things and run! My father needs your help!"*



Chris quickly grabs everything he might need for the long, hard journey. And then... he packs some more! He doesn't want to risk running out of supplies!



Chris Soldier begins his long journey with energy and excitement. He is strong and ready to rescue Mr. O'nary from trouble.



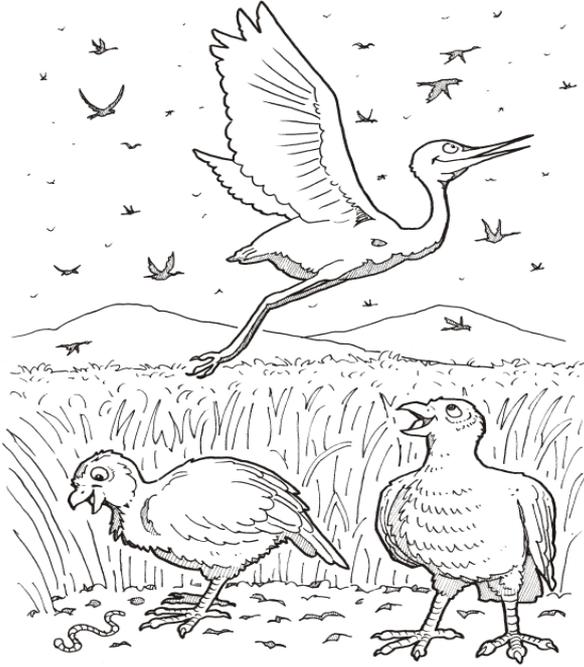
But by the end of the day  
Chris is so tired he can  
hardly take another step!



He begins to worry.

*“How will I survive in this wilderness all alone? What will I eat, what will I drink? How will I find my way? I am the one that needs help now,”* thinks Chris.





Chris reads Mth 6:25-34  
These verses remind  
him of the love and care  
of His Heavenly Father.

Chris is encouraged.

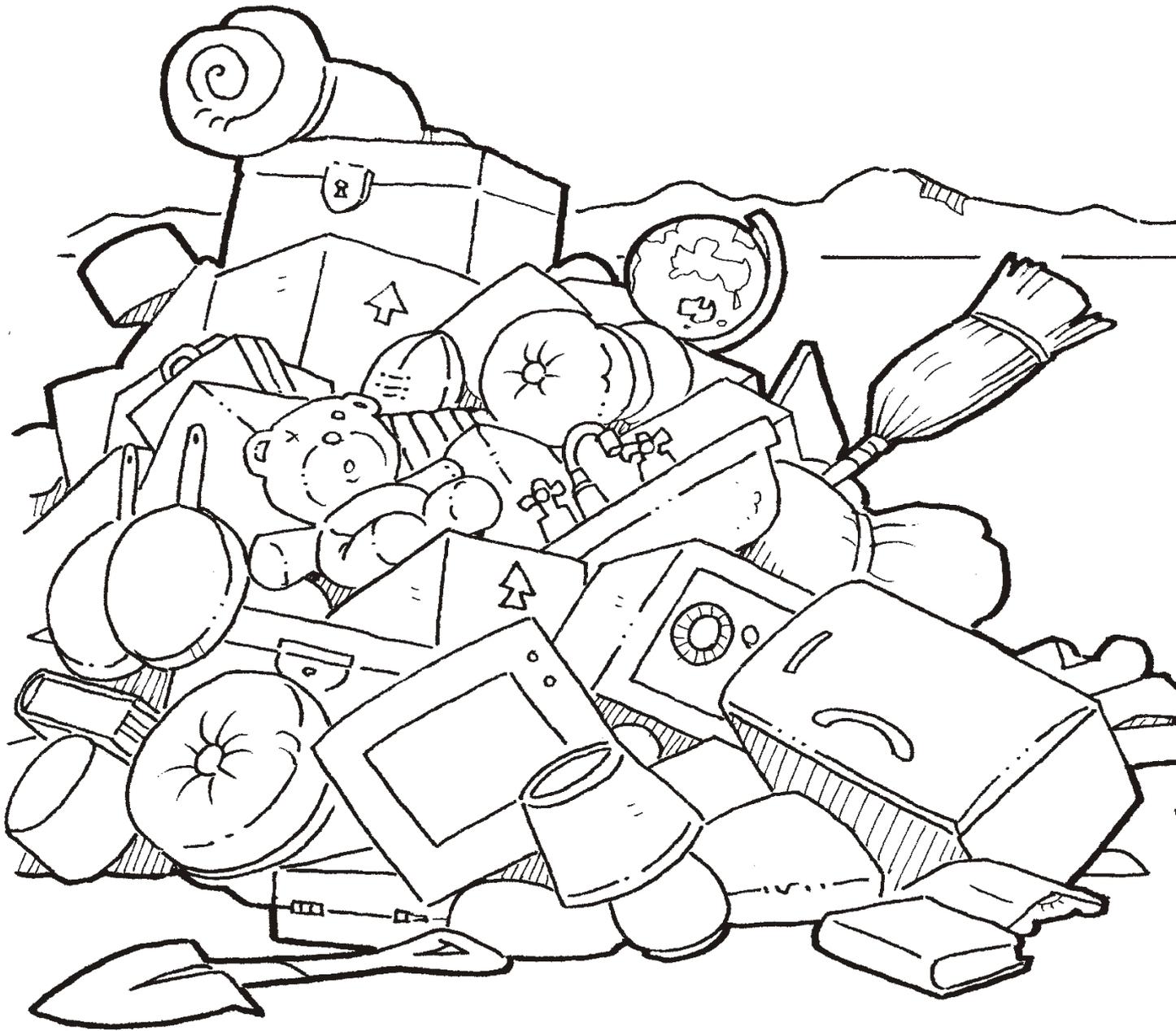
*“If God cares for the birds of  
the air and the lilies of the field,  
he will certainly care for me!”*



Then, Chris reads Heb 12: 1

**“ Therefore, since we have so great a  
cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us  
also lay aside every encumbrance, and the  
sin which so easily entangles us, and let us  
run with endurance the race that is set be-  
fore us. ”**

*“That’s it!”,* thinks Chris, *“My journey is like*



Chris lays aside his heavy load. All those things were encumbrances to slow him down. He decides to trust God to care for him on his tough journey. He confesses his worries to God and is comforted through prayer.



Now Chris Soldier has the strength of God for his journey. He will travel light and run the race with endurance! He will rescue his friend!





### Hebrews 12:1-3

“ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God For consider him who has endured such hostility of sinners against himself, that

