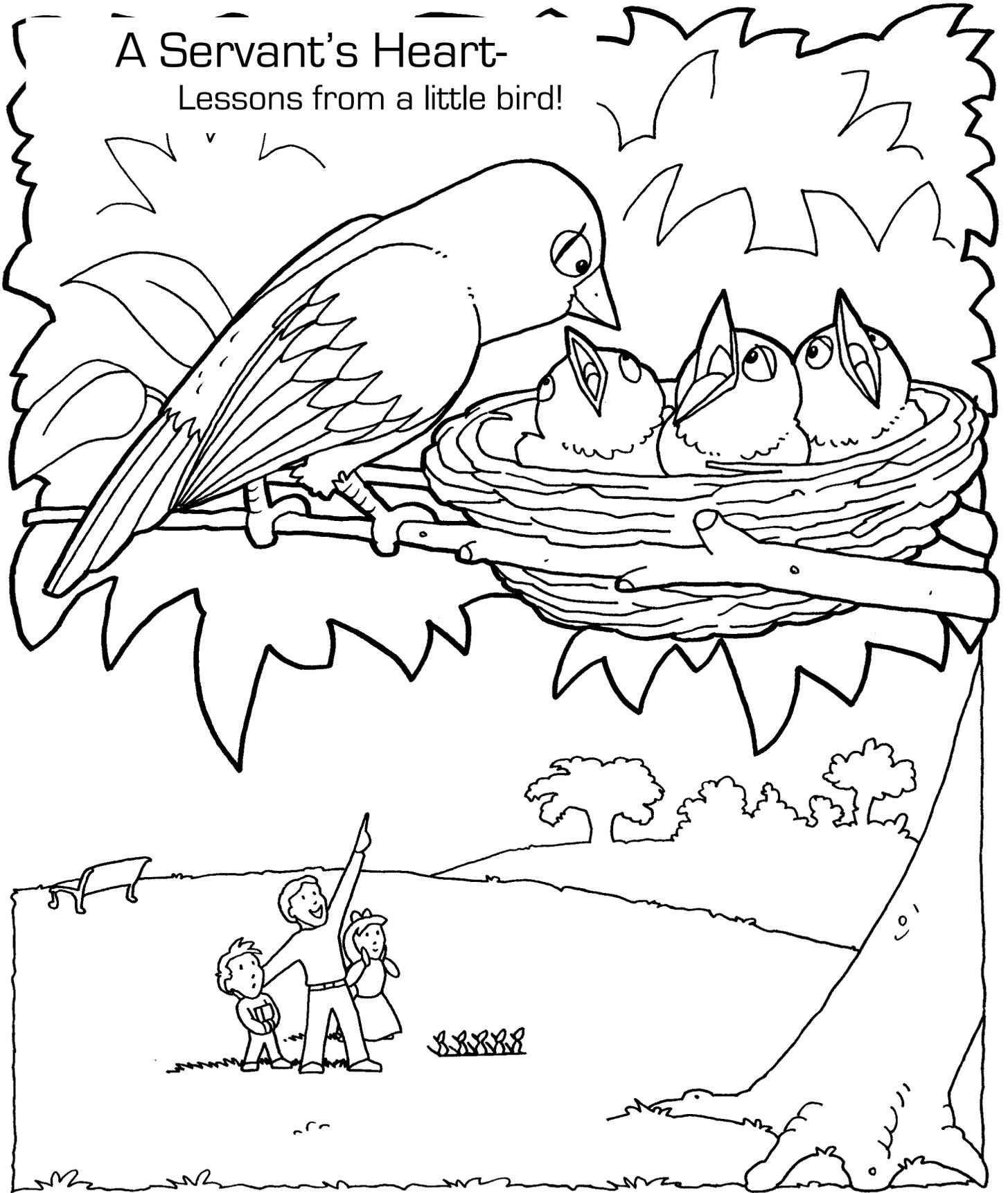


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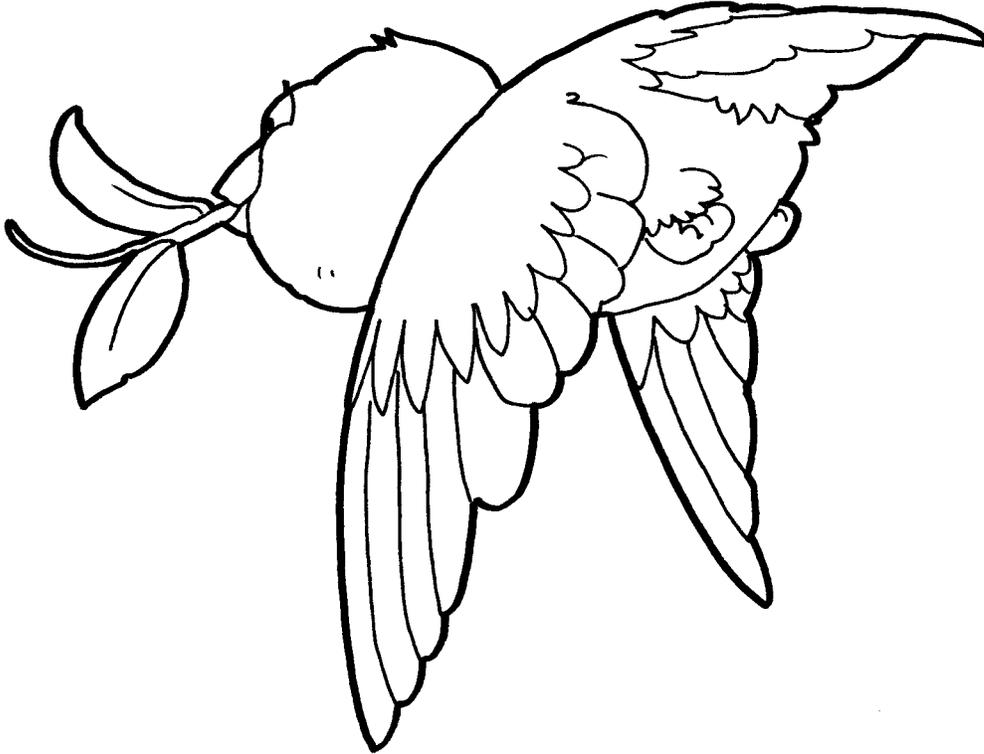


**"...love the Lord your God...and serve Him with all your heart."
Josh 22:5b**

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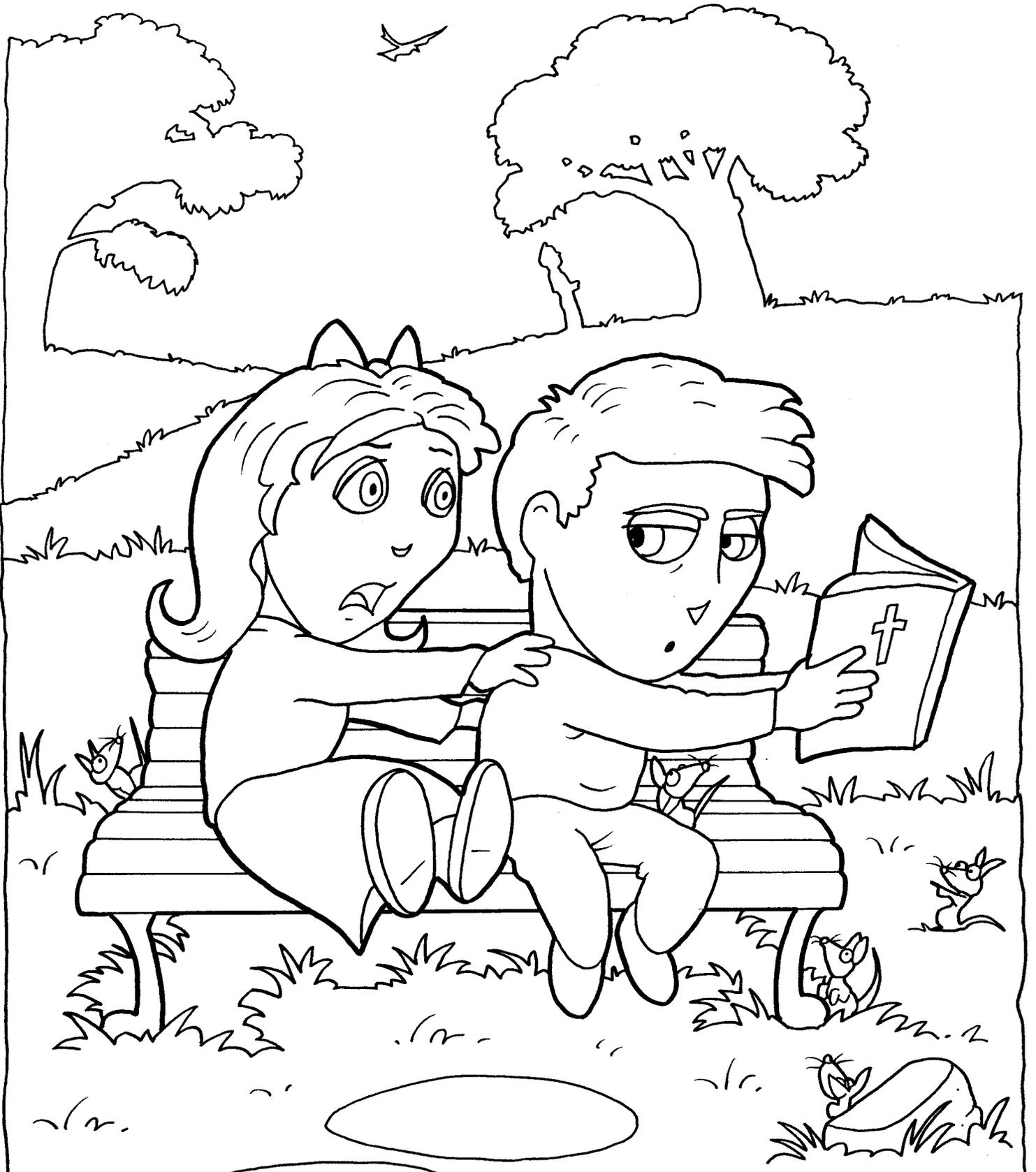
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Sam is having fun at the park today. But while he's trying to read his Bible some little girl keeps bugging him! Sam thinks, "I wish she would just leave me alone,"



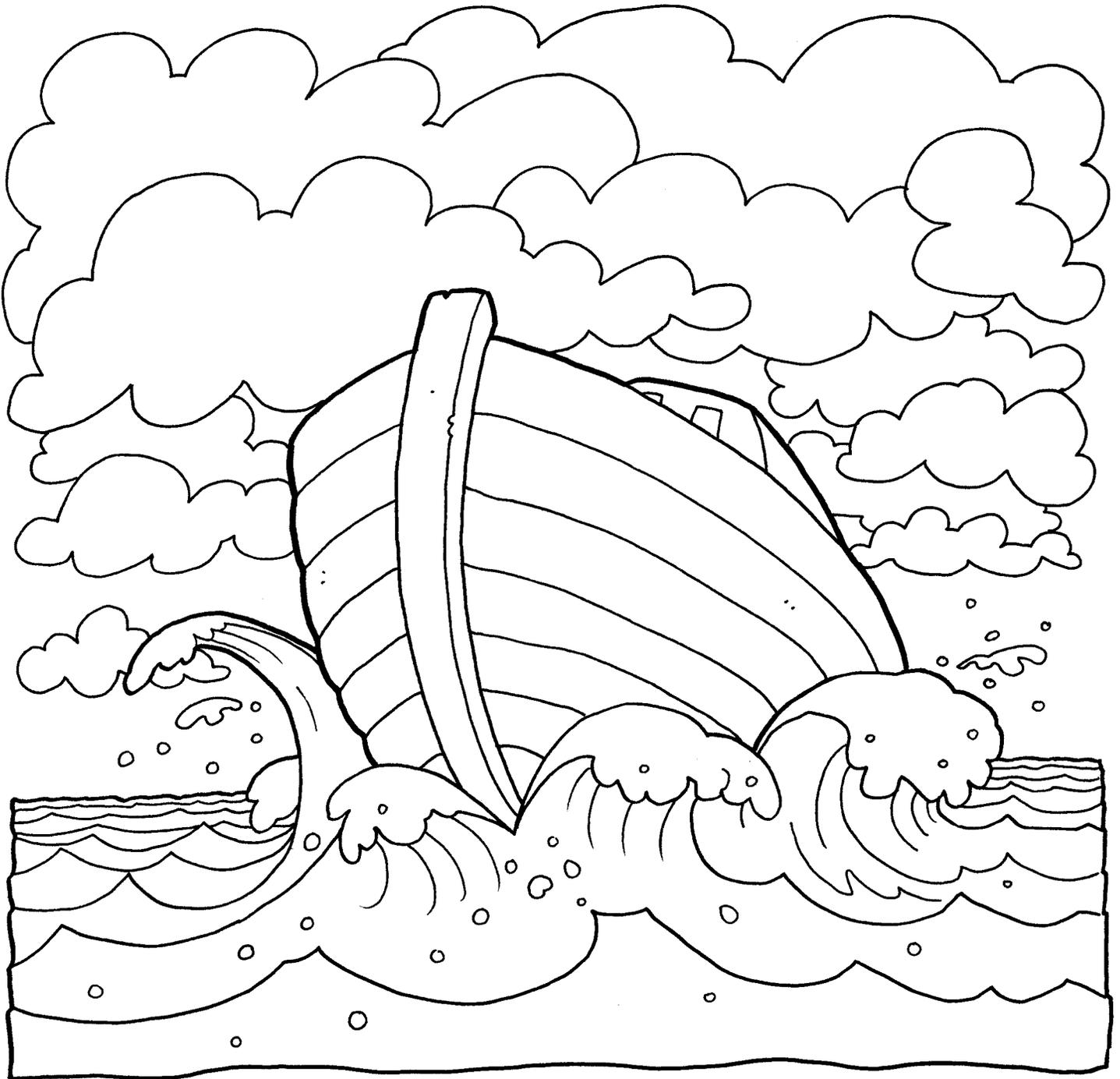
Sam's dad sees its time for another lesson in how to love God and serve Him with all your heart! It's such a good lesson that even the little mice in the park want to hear!



So they all listen close as Sam's dad tells them about a very important little bird that carried a message of good news and hope. The story is found in The Bible in Genesis 8:1-8



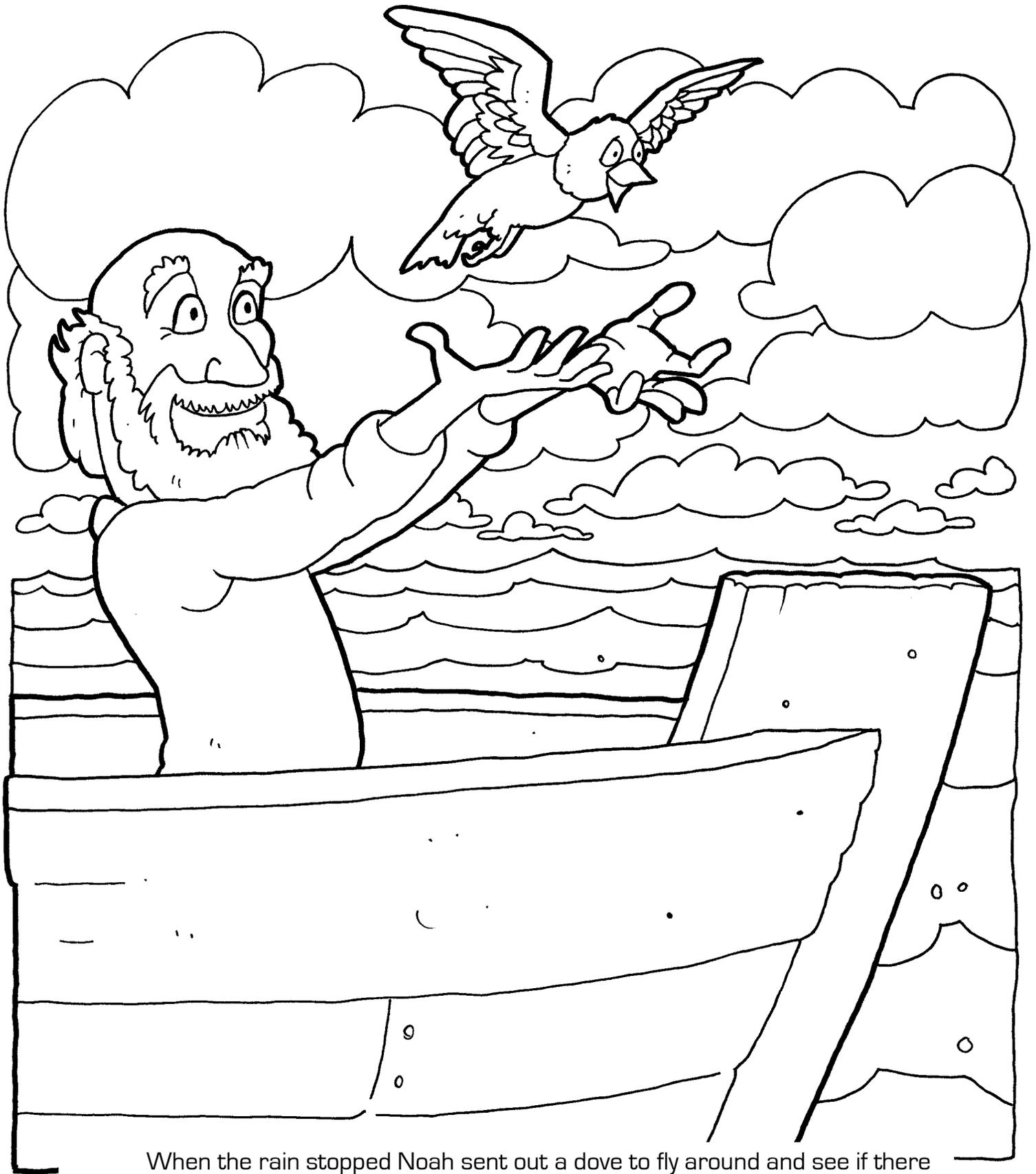
Noah was a righteous man who walked with God. In his day all the people were very wicked and God judged them with a great flood. But God wanted to spare Noah and his family and some of the animals living on the earth. God told Noah to build a great big ark to keep them safe from the flood. Noah loved the Lord and served Him with all his heart, so he quickly obeyed God and got busy building.



It took Noah 120 years to build the ark. During this time he kept sharing the good news of God's love with the wicked people. But none of them wanted to listen to Noah or believe in the One true and Living God of The Bible.

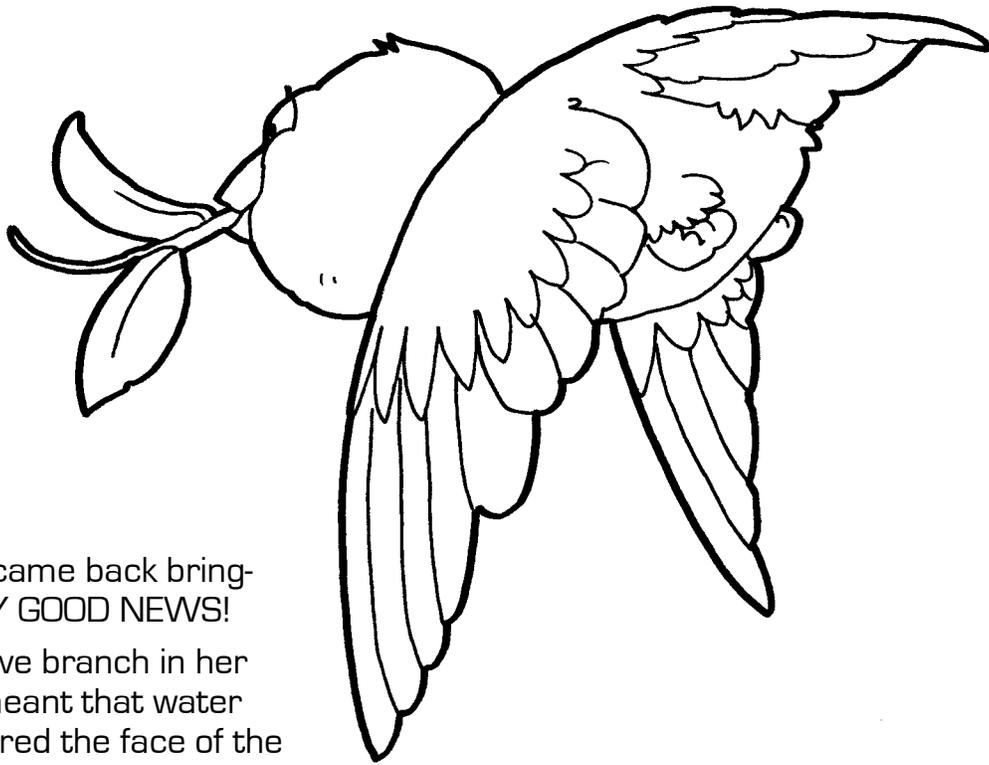
Instead they laughed at Noah for building such a big boat!

Finally, Noah and his family and the animals entered the ark and the heavy rains began. For 40 days and 40 nights the rain poured from the sky until water covered the face of the entire earth.



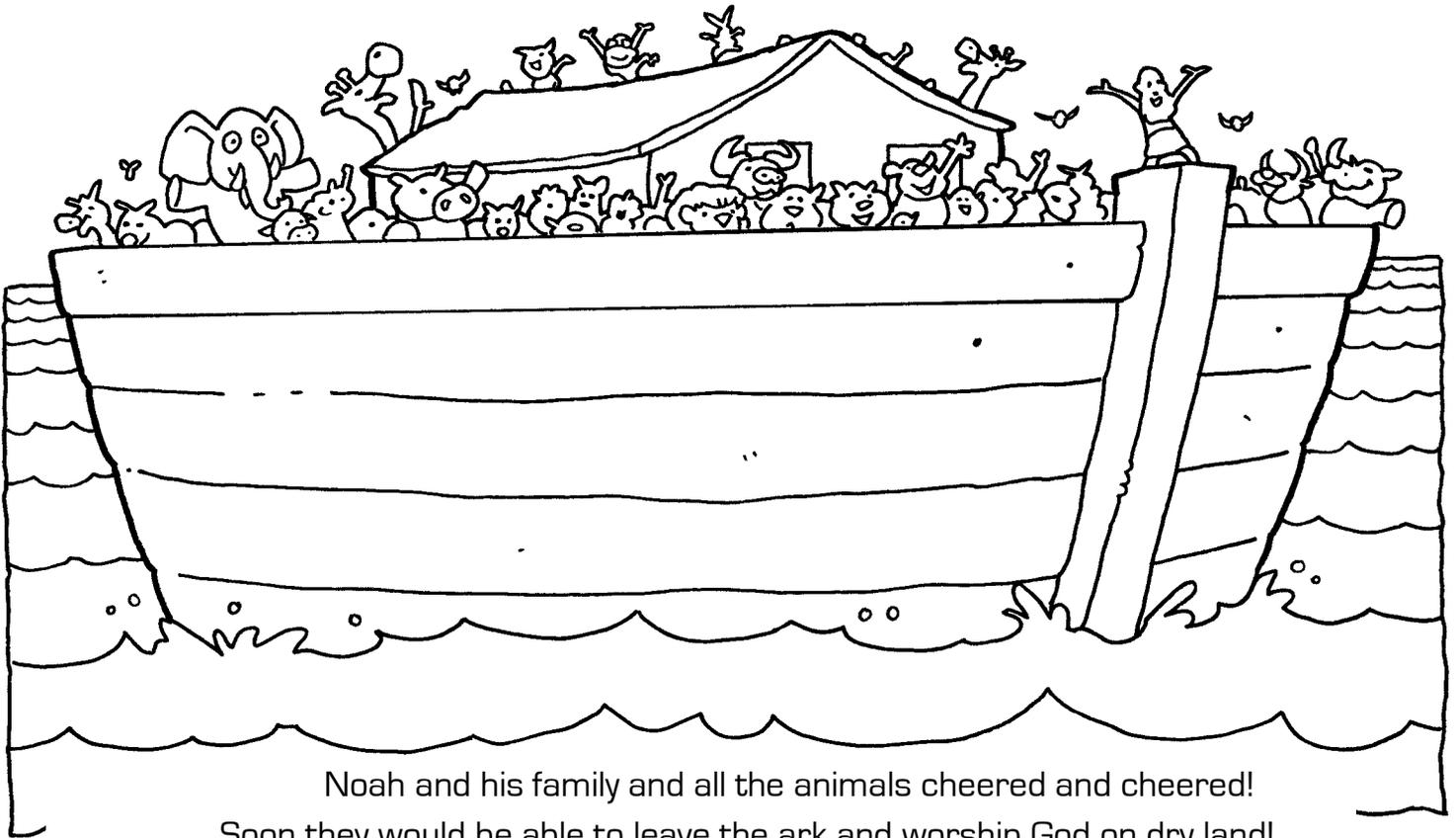
When the rain stopped Noah sent out a dove to fly around and see if there was any dry land on the earth. The dove returned to the ark so Noah knew all the earth was still covered with water.

Seven days later Noah sent out the dove again.



This time she came back bringing some VERY GOOD NEWS!

She had an olive branch in her mouth. This meant that water no longer covered the face of the earth.



Noah and his family and all the animals cheered and cheered!
Soon they would be able to leave the ark and worship God on dry land!
Hurray for the dove! Hurray for the good news!
(but watch out for that cheering elephant!)



Sam really liked the story of Noah and the little dove.
It would be fun to be someone that shares good news with others.
He could start by sharing the best news in the whole world,
the news that Jesus loves us and died on the cross for our sins.
Hmm?! Maybe he could share the news with the little mice!

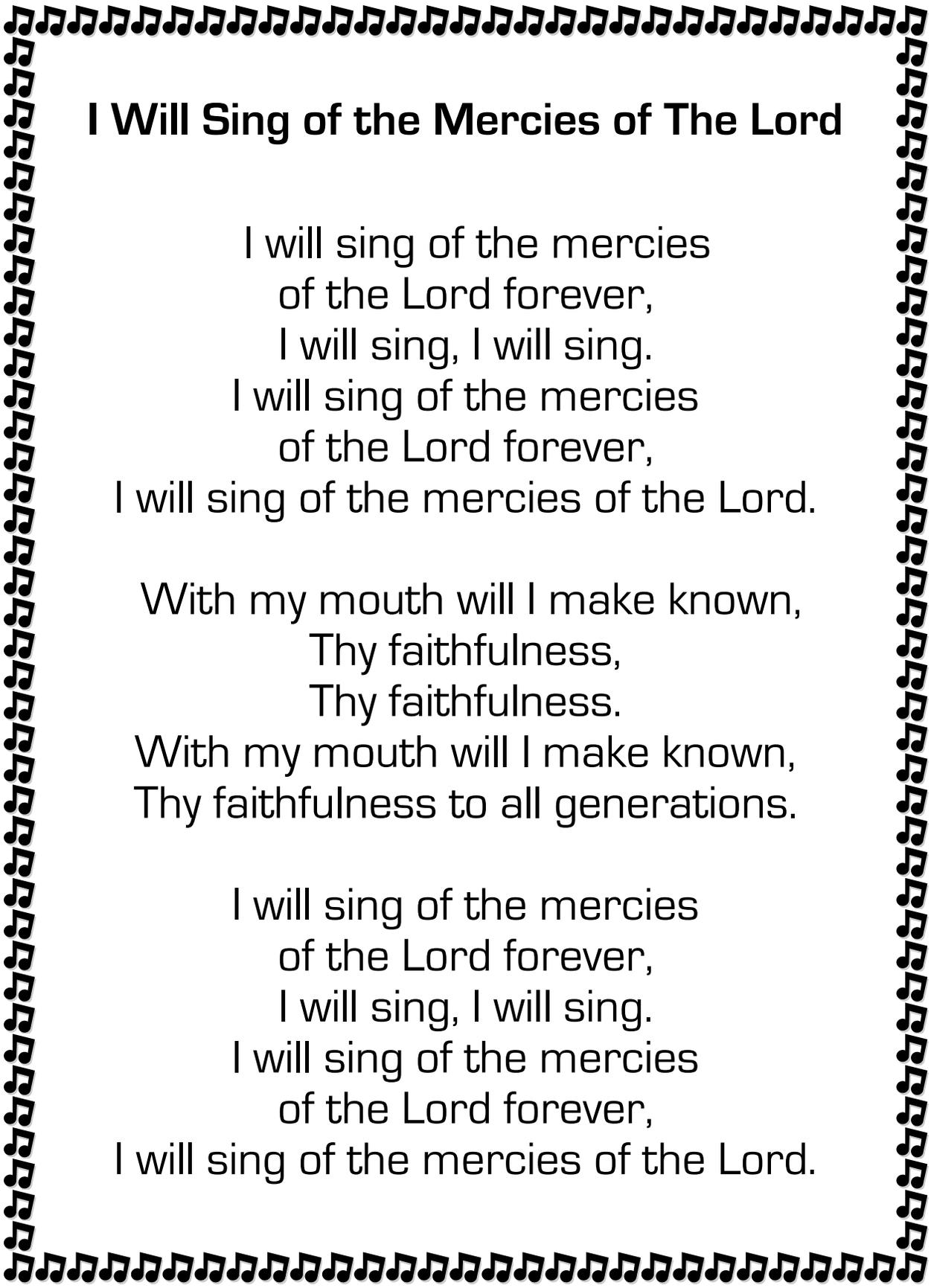


Or....maybe he could share it with that pretty little girl!



"The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom."
Prov 10:31b



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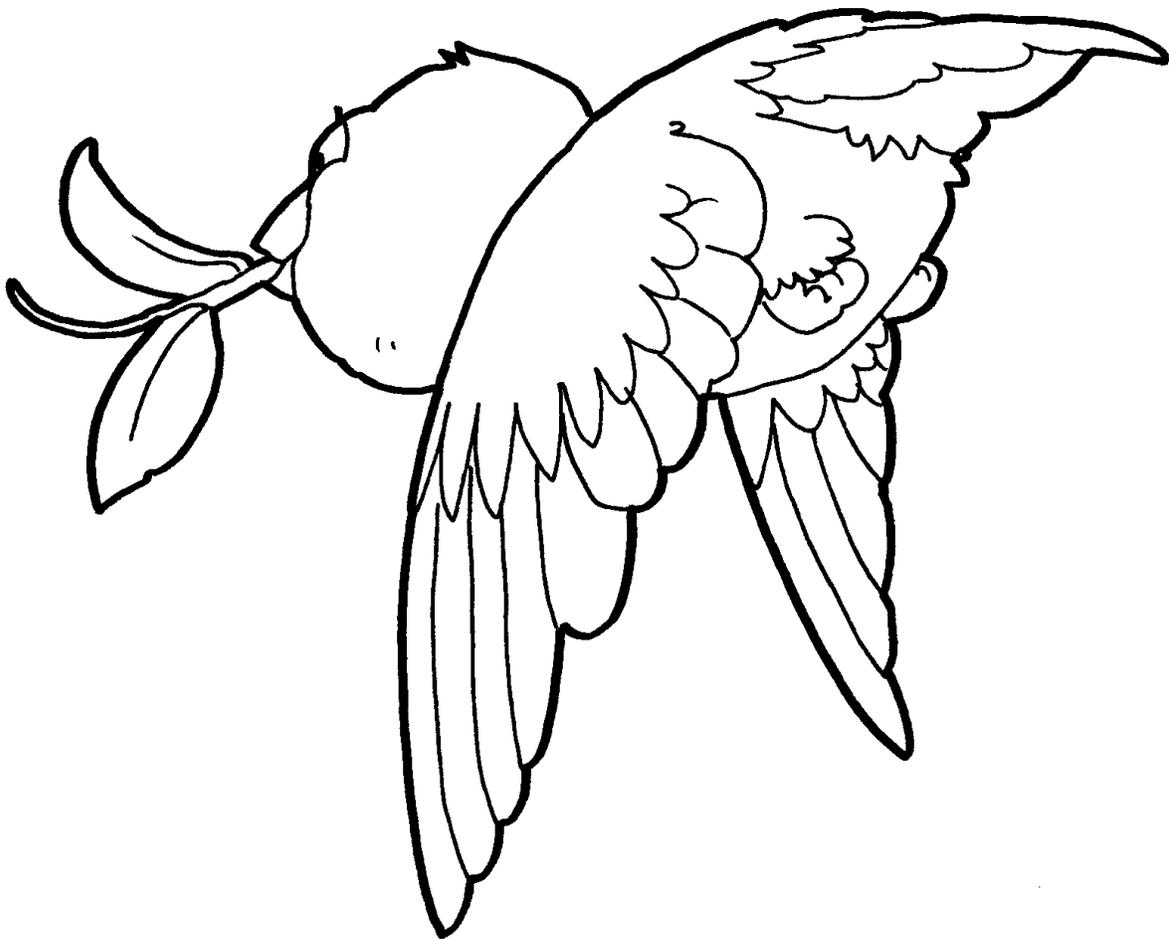
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I will sing of the mercies
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I will sing, I will sing.
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With my mouth will I make known,
Thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known,
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

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