

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

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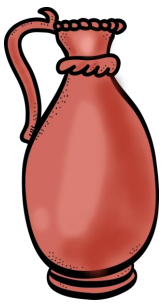
THE WIDOW'S

JARS OF OIL

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS IN 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADES



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Elisha and the Widow's Jars of Oil

This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group and read the story of Elisha and a Widow's Jars of Oil from your children's Bible.

Rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "Elisha and the Widow's Jars of Oil Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Elisha was a prophet. A prophet was someone who heard messages from God and shared those messages with the people around them.

The woman in this story was a widow. This meant her husband had died. Her husband had debts to pay, but she had nothing of value other than a small amount of oil. It was impossible for her to pay!

In Bible times, it was common for people to become slaves or for their children to become slaves until the debt could be paid back. So, the two sons in this story were going to become slaves to pay back their father's debt.

But God has something else in store! He was going to do a miracle. A miracle is something only God can do, and this story demonstrates God's great power. God takes a little bit of oil and makes it multiply to fill jar after jar after jar.

Oil was an important thing in Bible times. It was used in cooking and used to make bread. It was used as a medicine to help an upset stomach and to help heal wounds. People burned it in lamps and used it to make perfumes/fragrances. Oil had many uses, so the widow would have been able to sell it to pay for all the debts!

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Elisha and a Widow's Jars of Oil: Quickly map out the three main parts of the Story.

1. A widow has no more oil.
2. Elisha gives the widow instructions, and she obeys them.
3. God does a miracle by filling the jars.

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Why was the woman discouraged in this story?	QUESTION #2 How did Elisha respond?
QUESTION #3 What miracle did God do?	QUESTION #4 What can we learn from this story?

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Step Three: Do the activity and craft

Activity: Water Relay

Before the lesson: Gather large buckets, sponges, and smaller buckets/pails.

Set Up: Divide kids into two teams (or more, depending on your class size). Each team will get two large buckets. Set one large bucket of water at the starting line and set the other large bucket several yards away.

Game Instructions: Kids will use a sponge to soak up as much water as possible, then run to the empty bucket and squeeze out whatever water is left in the sponge. Continue doing this for a designated amount of time. Then, see which team has the most water in their bucket.

Need it to be a little less wet? Do the same relay, but use a smaller bucket or pail, instead of a sponge, for kids to scoop water up and bring it to the large bucket.

Craft: Oil Resist Jars

Before the lesson, print the jar templates on heavy paper. Gather oil pastels, watercolor paints, and paintbrushes.

Give each child at least one jar template and a light-colored oil pastel. Have kids draw shapes, patterns, and designs on their jars. Then, they will use watercolor paints to paint over top of their designs. The oil pastel will resist the paint, and the pastel color will pop.

If you don't have oil pastels, this activity can also be completed with a light-colored crayon.



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Elisha and the Widow's Jars of Oil' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side. 2 Kings 4:4b

Big idea suggestion: We can seek God for help.



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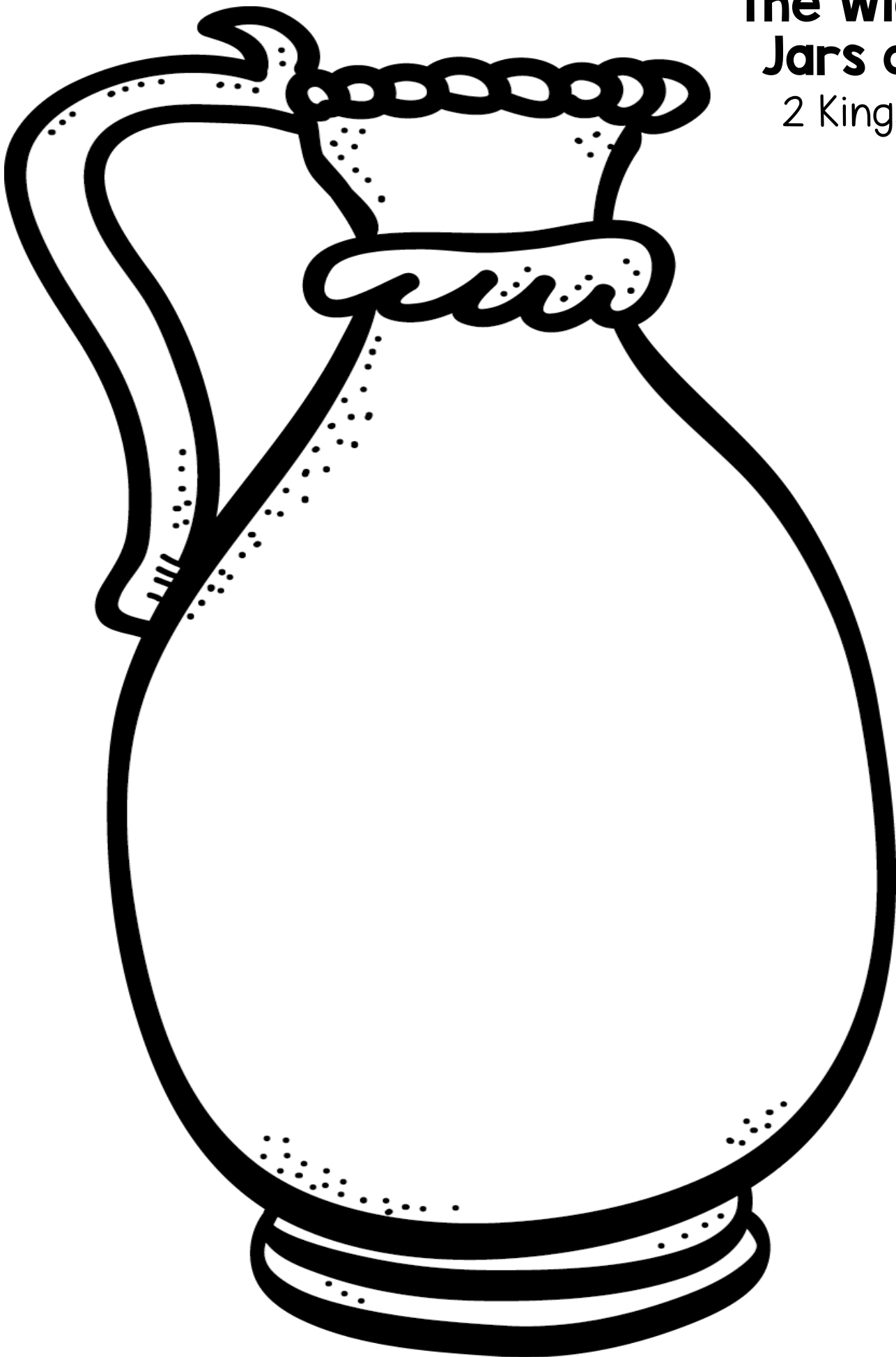
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QUESTION #4

What can we learn from this story?

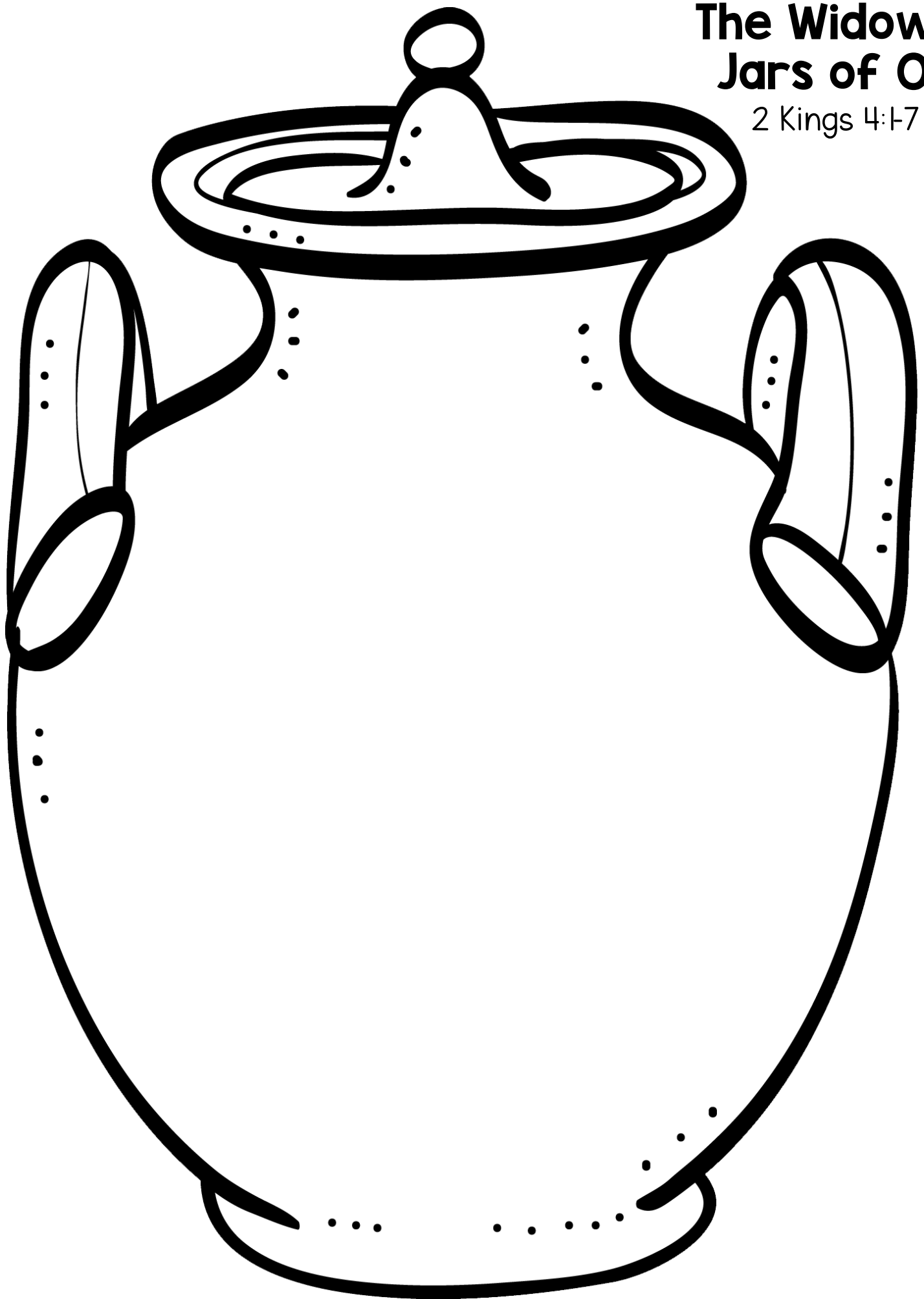
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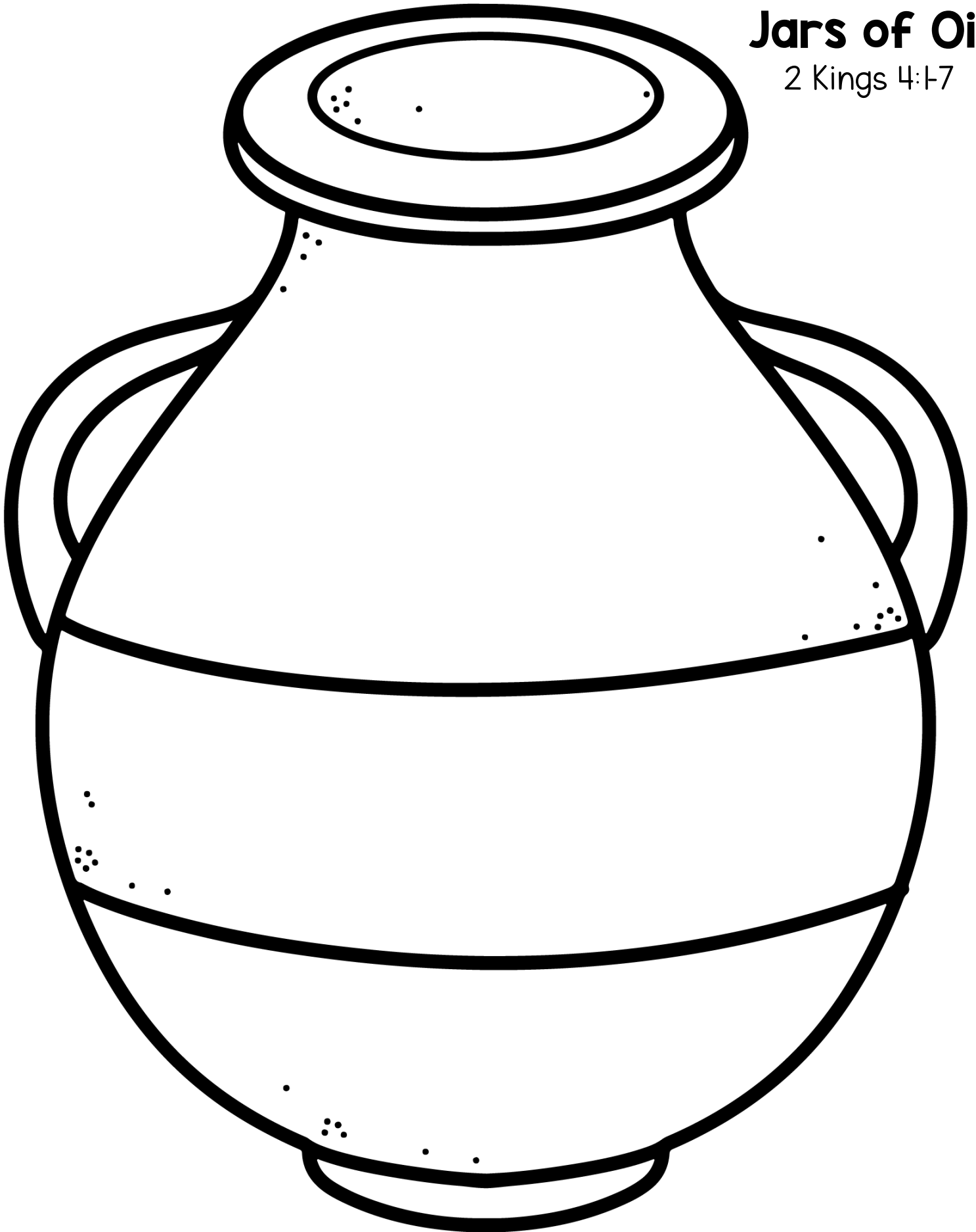
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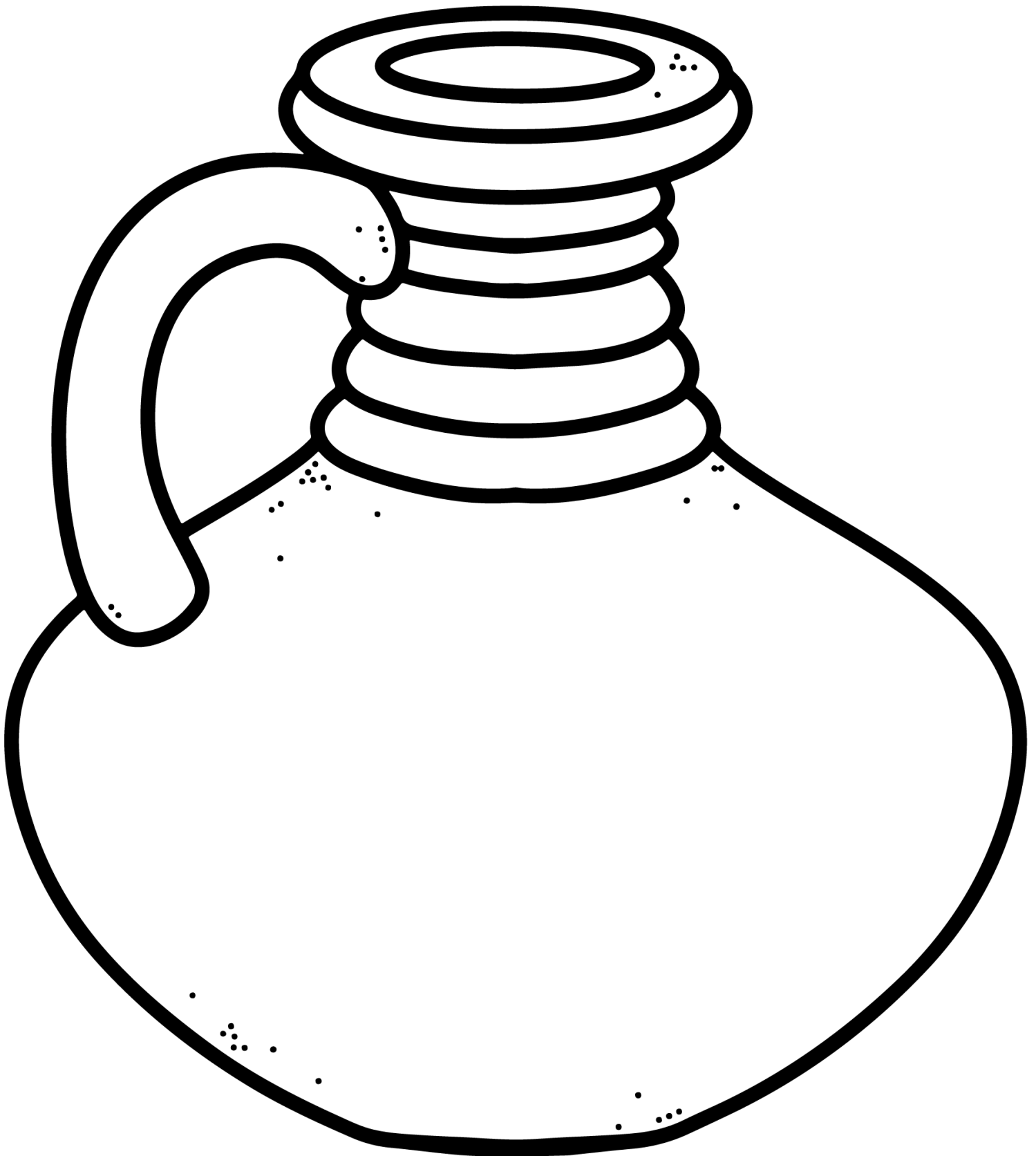
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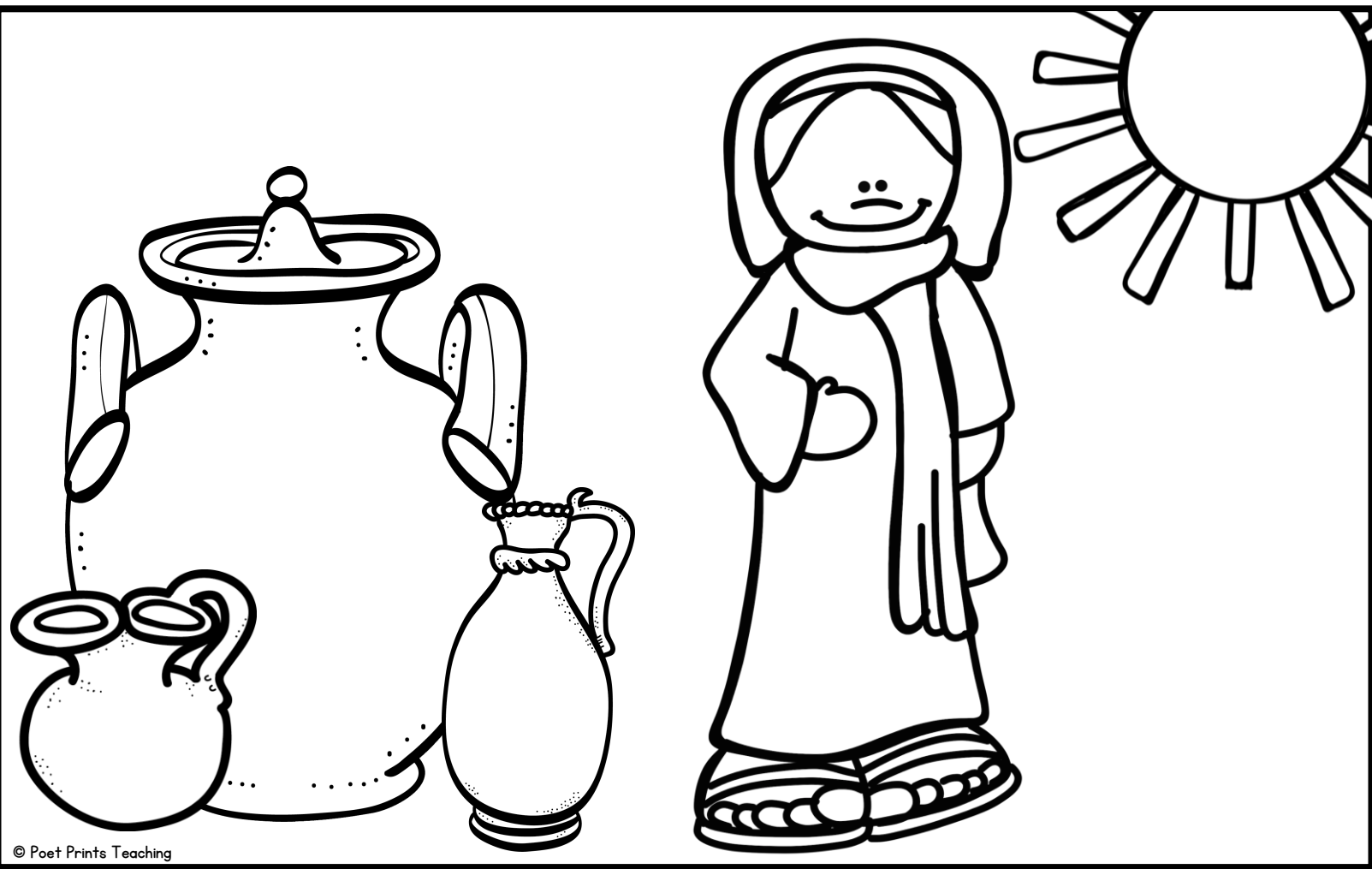
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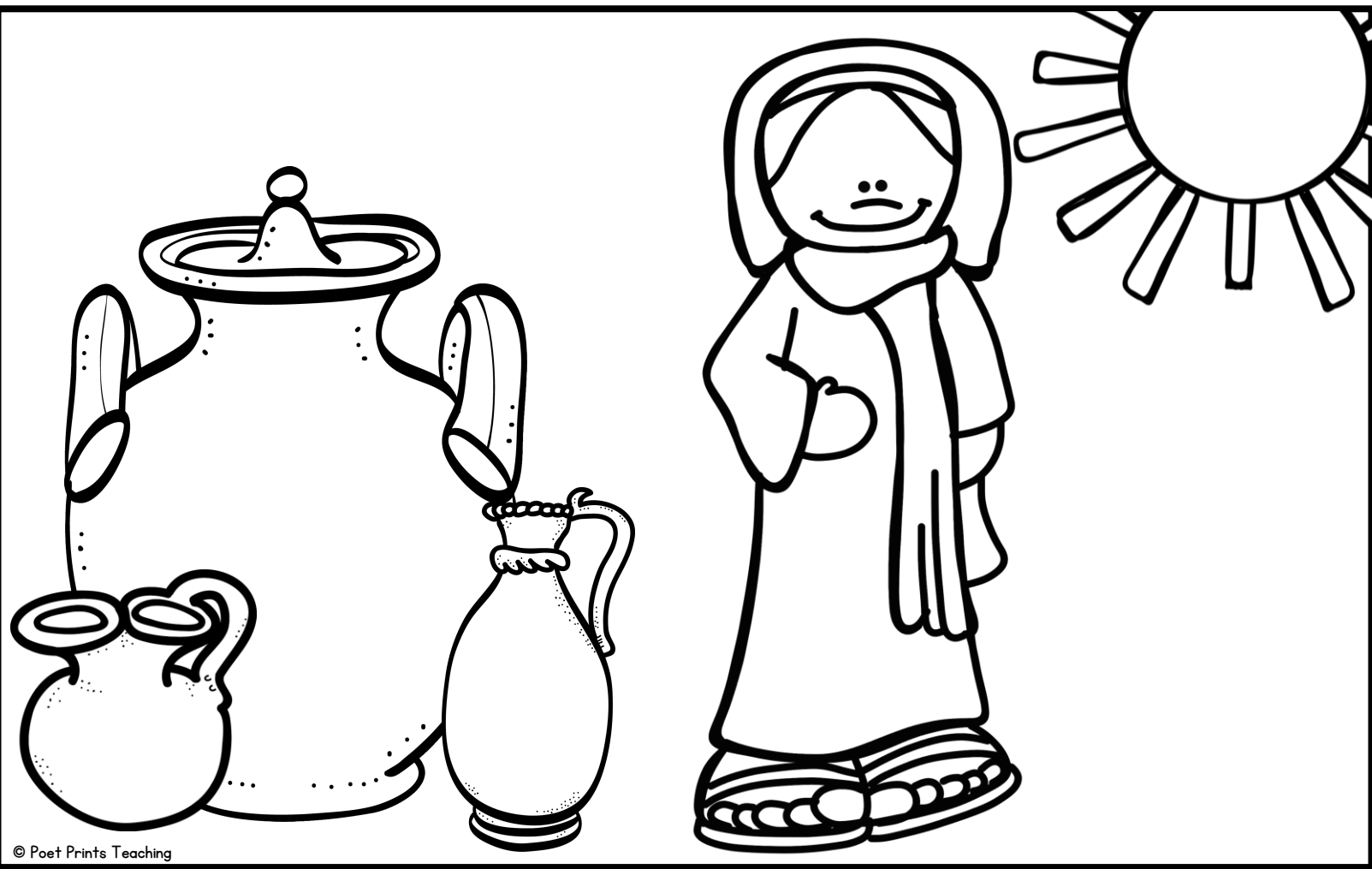
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Pour out into all
those vessels, and
thou shalt set aside
that which is full.

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