

WHY THE NATIVITY

Interactive Guide for Kids



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Dear Parents,

Some believe that only decorated trees and sparkling presents enamor children during the Christmas season. But, we believe the true Christmas story is exciting for the whole family. When we created *Why the Nativity?* we kept all ages in mind. In fact, some of the characters in the film are kids just like yours. The story of Jesus coming to earth is thrilling—filled with romance, suspense, supernatural experiences, and, ultimately, it was a world-changing event. *Why the Nativity?* captures that story for the whole family while biblically answering many questions surrounding Christ's birth.

Of course, we know little minds need something fun to help them stay engaged and feel a part as you watch the film together. In this downloadable packet, you'll find resources for you and your kids to aid you in exploring the Christmas story together. The resources include:

- A fun interactive activity to accompany *Why the Nativity?*
- A short family devotional that explores how to make *Why the Nativity?* real in their lives.
- Fun games and quizzes
- 21 Coloring pages

These tools are both meant to entertain and help your kids gain a deeper understanding of the birth of Christ. Of course, we invite you to make these resources your own and use them according to the best fit for your family. We hope you enjoy *Why the Nativity?* and wish you a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

The Turning Point Team

INTERACTIVE WHY THE NATIVITY? ACTIVITY

Can You Spot...? With Oma the Shepherdess!

Oma is a little shepherdess in the film *Why the Nativity?* As one of the shepherds who encountered the heavenly hosts and met Jesus on the night He was born, she loves to share about Him. Read aloud her section below and play a game with her during the film!

Hi! My name is Oma, and I'm a shepherdess, or training to become one. I'm ten, making me the youngest almost-shepherd in the valley of Bethlehem—that's where I live. All the sheep love me because I sneak them honey and fig cakes. Someday I'll be old enough to take care of a whole flock, but right now, I watch over my baby lamb, Hana. She's tiny and cute and super fluffy! But enough about me, what about you? Tell me who you are below!

Name: _____

Age: _____

Favorite Animal: _____



It's nice to meet you, and I'm glad you're here because, boy, do I have a story for you. It's not a fairytale or a bedtime story—this story is true and happened in my hometown, Bethlehem. In fact, I was there! You might have heard of it before—it's called the Christmas story. Did you know that the Christmas story is all about a kid? He was just like you and me but also completely different because He was God! It sounds crazy, but I promise I'm not trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Like I said, I was there the night He was born. I will never forget what happened that starry night when the heavens lit up, and I saw the craziest, most beautiful sight. Angels filled the sky, celebrating the birth of this amazing little boy! Of course, His story begins long before that special night in my hometown. As you watch His story unfold, I wonder if you might play a game with me. There isn't always much to do when watching sheep all day, so I like to play "Can you Spot...?" I've made a list of animals, people, and objects for you to find as you watch *Why the Nativity?* See if you can find them all, and don't forget to look for me—I'm the girl with the sheep!

Oma's List

(in order of appearance)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Can you spot a brown and white goat? | <input type="checkbox"/> Can you spot the gifts from the magi: gold, frankincense, and myrrh? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can you spot Oma with her black lamb? | <input type="checkbox"/> Can you spot Jesus as a man? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can you spot the bread thief hiding in the hay? | |

Great job! Isn't the story of Jesus' birth amazing? Even though He was born over 2,000 years ago, His birth still changes lives today. Jesus would grow up to heal people from their diseases, show them the love of God, and then give His life to bring you and me into the family of God.

How to Make Why the Nativity? Real in Your Life!

Now that you know His story, let's learn a little more about Jesus.
With your family, discuss and answer the questions below!

1. Why did Jesus come as a baby?

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

The Bible tells us that Jesus understands all our struggles and temptations because He is fully God and fully human. But, for Jesus to understand all we face as humans, he had to start as a baby, just like you and I did. That means whenever you feel sad or happy, go through hard times and good times, Jesus understands because he was once a kid—just like you!

2. Why was His name Jesus?

Matthew 1:21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

When Jesus was born, His name was a common choice for parents to name their sons. It would not have stood out as a unique or powerful name. But, this is the name God told Joseph and Mary to name His Son. The name Jesus means “He will save the people from their sins.” The simplest answer? The name tells us exactly what Jesus came to do!

3. Why do we need a savior?

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Bible tells us that every single person on earth has the same problem—it's called sin. Even though we can try to be good, we all choose to do what is wrong sometimes. God is so good; He can't be around sin, so it keeps us away from Him. But God loves us and wants to be with us all the time! The only way we can be with God and He can be with us is through a perfect savior—someone who can save us from sin!

4. Why did Jesus come?

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jesus came to earth on a rescue mission. In Luke 19:10, He makes his purpose known—“I, the Son of Man, have come to seek and save the lost.” But Jesus accomplished this mission at a very high price. Jesus had to give His life so we could be with God today and someday in heaven. Through

His death on the cross and His resurrection from death, we have total forgiveness for our sins. Through Jesus, we can be with God forever!

5. Why do I need to believe in Jesus?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We've learned that sin is a problem we all have, but Jesus came to be the savior we need. If we understand these truths, the next step is to believe this: Jesus is God, and through His death and resurrection, I am forgiven and brought into God's family! Jesus didn't come because you and I are just bad people who needed help, though; Jesus came because He loves us. Think of someone you love. It could be your parents, brother or sister, or best friend. I bet you want to be around that person, playing with them and spending time together. Jesus feels that way about you, but times a zillion! Jesus wants to be with you, so He came to make a way for you and Him to be together forever. The good news is that to be with Jesus is simple: all you have to do is honestly believe in your heart that Jesus is God and He came to earth to save you. If you've never made the decision to believe in Jesus, and you want to—simply tell Him in your heart right now!

If you decided to believe in Jesus for the first time, fill out the form on the next page. Save it as a reminder of the best decision you ever made!

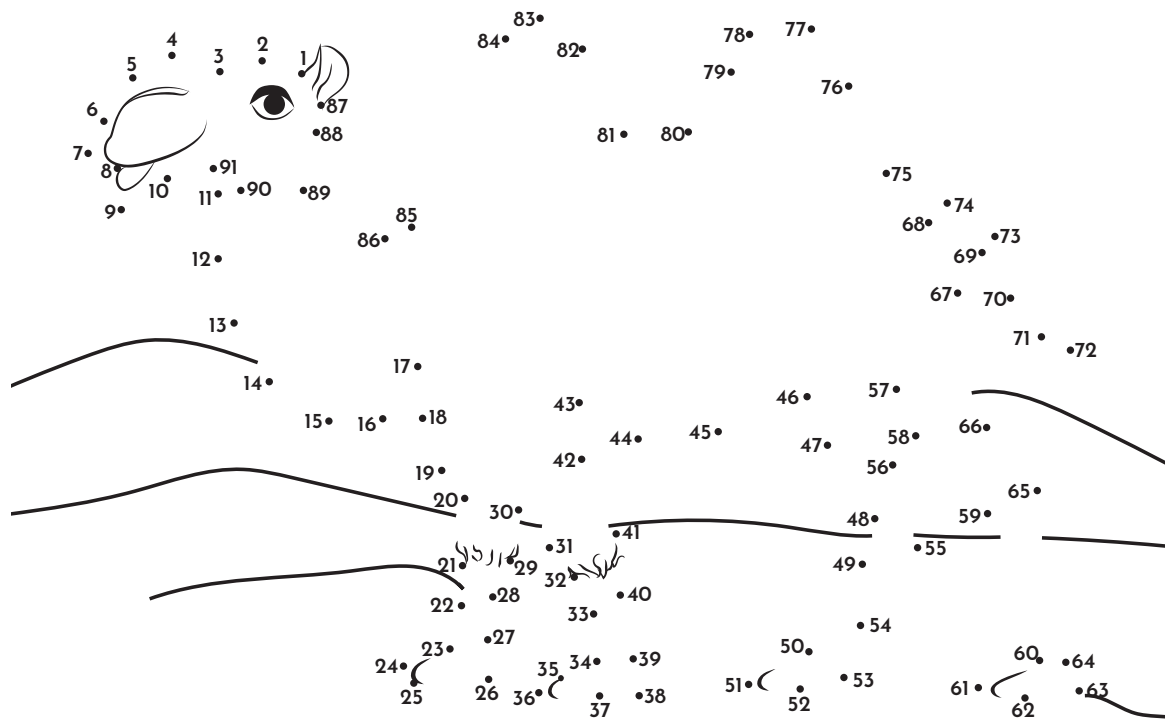
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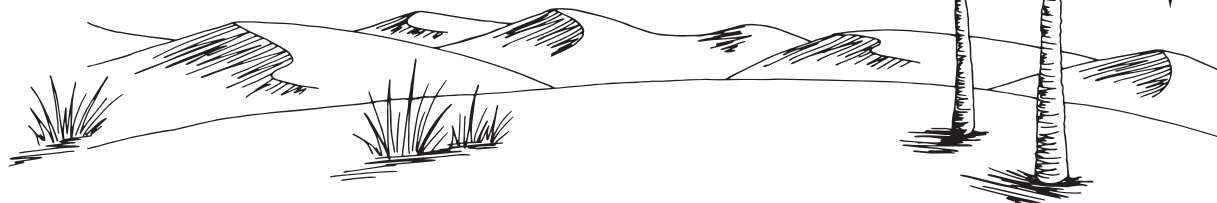
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True/False Quiz

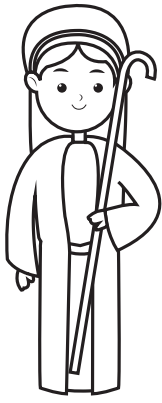
Test your knowledge of the Nativity Story

- 1) The Bible tells us Jesus was born in December.
- 2) Immanuel means "God with us."
- 3) Mary and Joseph picked Jesus' name from a list of top baby names of 3 BC.
- 4) Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem because of a circus.
- 5) Jesus was born in Nazareth.
- 6) The Wisemen brought 3 gifts to Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- 7) Jesus is called Prince of Peace.
- 8) Spongebob made the announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds in the field.

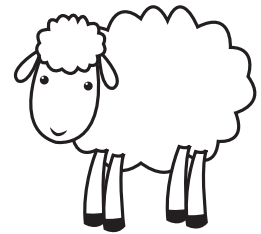
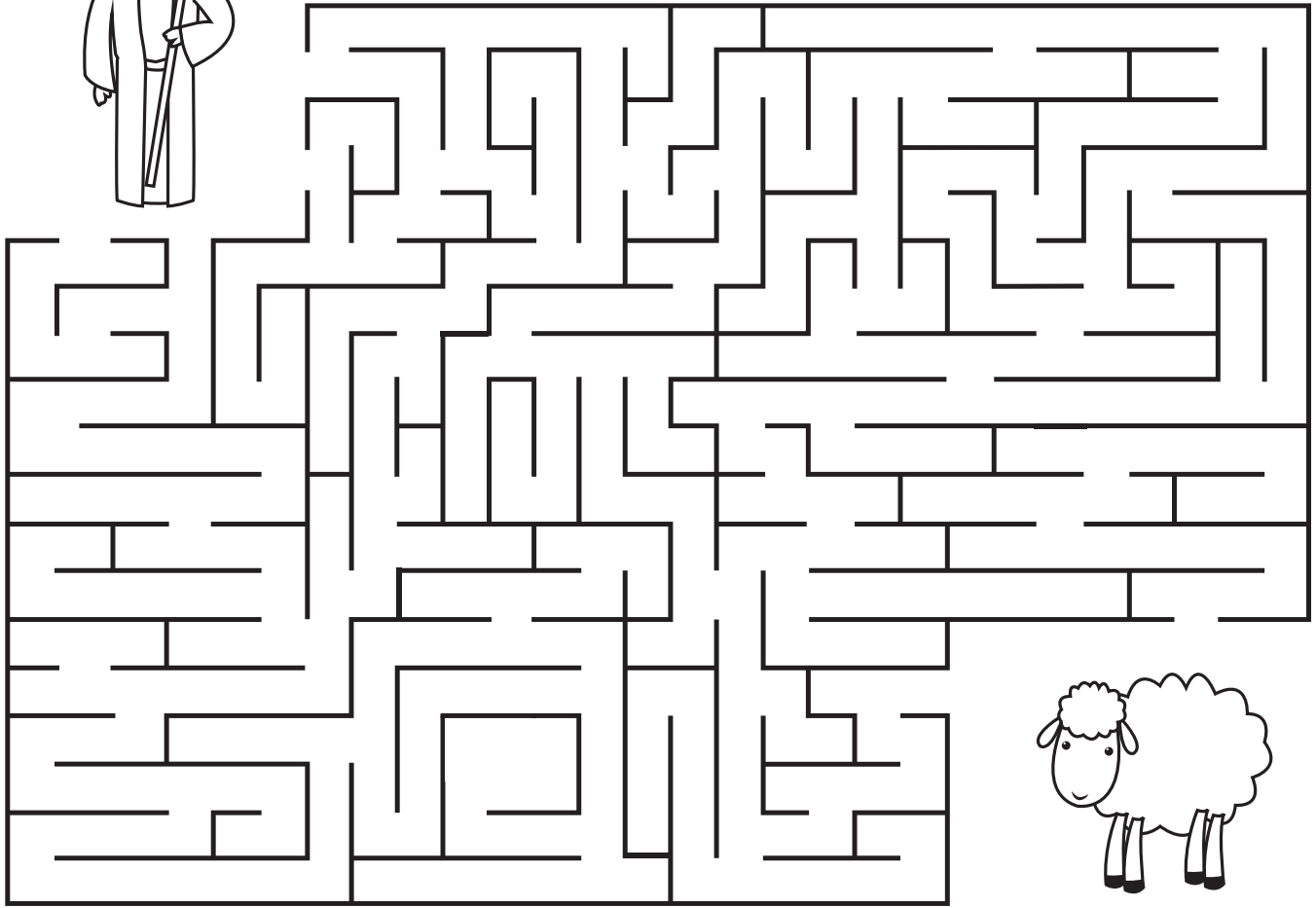


1) False, The Bible does not tell us the exact date when Jesus was born. 2) True, Immanuel does mean God with us. Matthew 1:23
3) False, The angel Gabriel actually told them the baby will be named Jesus. Luke 1:31 4) False, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem because of a census. Luke 2:1-3 5) False, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Matthew 2:1 6) True, they did bring him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11 7) True, Jesus was called the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9:6 8) False, an angel announced the birth of Jesus. Luke 2:8-11

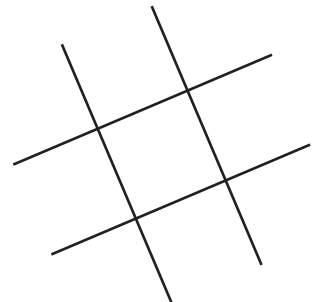
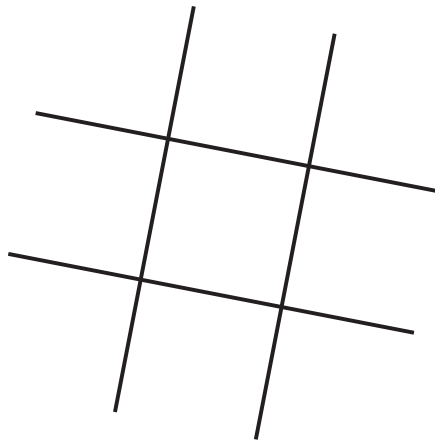
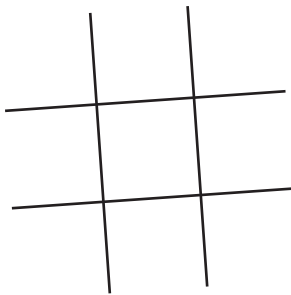
Quiz Answers



Help the shepherd find his sheep.



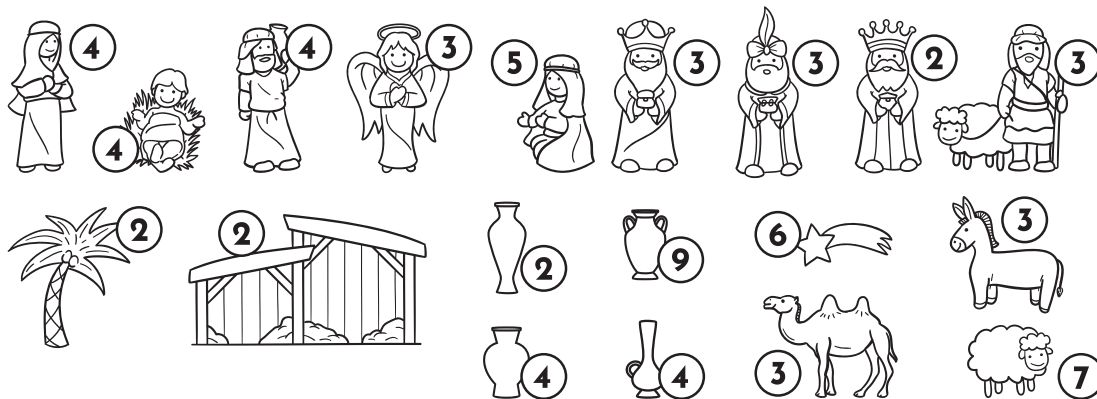
Tic Tac Toe!





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Can you find all the icons in the box below?



CHARACTER PERSONALITY QUIZ

1. Which activity do you enjoy most?
 - a. Spending time with animals
 - b. Reading books
 - c. Building things
 - d. Traveling
 2. Which word describes you the most?
 - a. Faithful
 - b. Loving
 - c. Hardworking
 - d. Honest
 3. What would you bring as a gift to the baby in the manger?
 - a. A stuffed animal
 - b. Cuddly blankets and warm clothes
 - c. A thoughtful and handmade present
 - d. A basket for the baby to sleep in
 4. What's your favorite type of weather?
 - a. Clear starry nights
 - b. Calm and peaceful
 - c. Sunny and bright
 - d. Cool and breezy
 5. What's most important to you in a friendship?
 - a. Loyalty and watchfulness
 - b. Unconditional care and support
 - c. Shared joy and laughter
 - d. Trustworthiness and dependability
 6. Which Nativity animal is your favorite?
 - a. Sheep
 - b. Donkey
 - c. Camel
 - d. Cow
 7. How would your friends describe you?
 - a. Patient
 - b. Joyful
 - c. Loyal
 - d. Adventurous
 8. Which color is your favorite?
 - a. Green
 - b. Blue
 - c. Orange
 - d. Red
 9. I like to spend my time...
 - a. Taking care of animals
 - b. Taking care of other people
 - c. Playing with my friends
 - d. Doing crafts and building things
 10. Choose a favorite season:
 - a. Spring
 - b. Summer
 - c. Fall
 - d. Winter
 11. How would your parents describe you?
 - a. Wise
 - b. Fun-Loving
 - c. Calm
 - d. Trustworthy
- Total # of each:
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

RESULTS

If you chose mostly A's, you are most like **Reuben**

A. Reuben, the Shepherd

Reuben is smart, hard-working, and wise. With plenty of time to think and pray as he watches his sheep, he is excited for the day when Jesus will come and save His people. When Jesus is born in Bethlehem, Reuben is one of the first to meet Him. Like Reuben, you are wise, responsible, and make good decisions!



If you chose mostly B's, you are most like **Mary**

B. Mary, the mother of Jesus

There is no doubt why God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. She is delightful in manner, calm in spirit, open to new beginnings, dedicated to the scriptures, and morally above reproach. Mary is also adventuresome, kind, loving, playful, and in love with her husband, Joseph. Like Mary, you have a joyful heart and are very loving!



If you chose mostly C's, you are most like **Azarel**

C. Azarel, Joseph's closest friend

Azarel is a loyal and faithful friend of Joseph. He works with Joseph in the carpentry shop. He is fun, easy going, and insightful. When all others doubt Joseph's decision to stay with Mary, Azarel stands by his friend, trusting Joseph because he knows he is a true man of God. Like Azarel, you are hardworking and a loyal friend!



If you chose mostly D's, you are most like **Joseph**

D. Joseph, the father of Jesus

Joseph is a carpenter and works with his hands. He loves God and is filled with an adventurous spirit, great dreams, and plans to marry the most beautiful girl in the village, Mary. He is a skilled carpenter with a strong, yet tender heart. Like Joseph, you are honest, and adventurous. You are up for the journey ahead!



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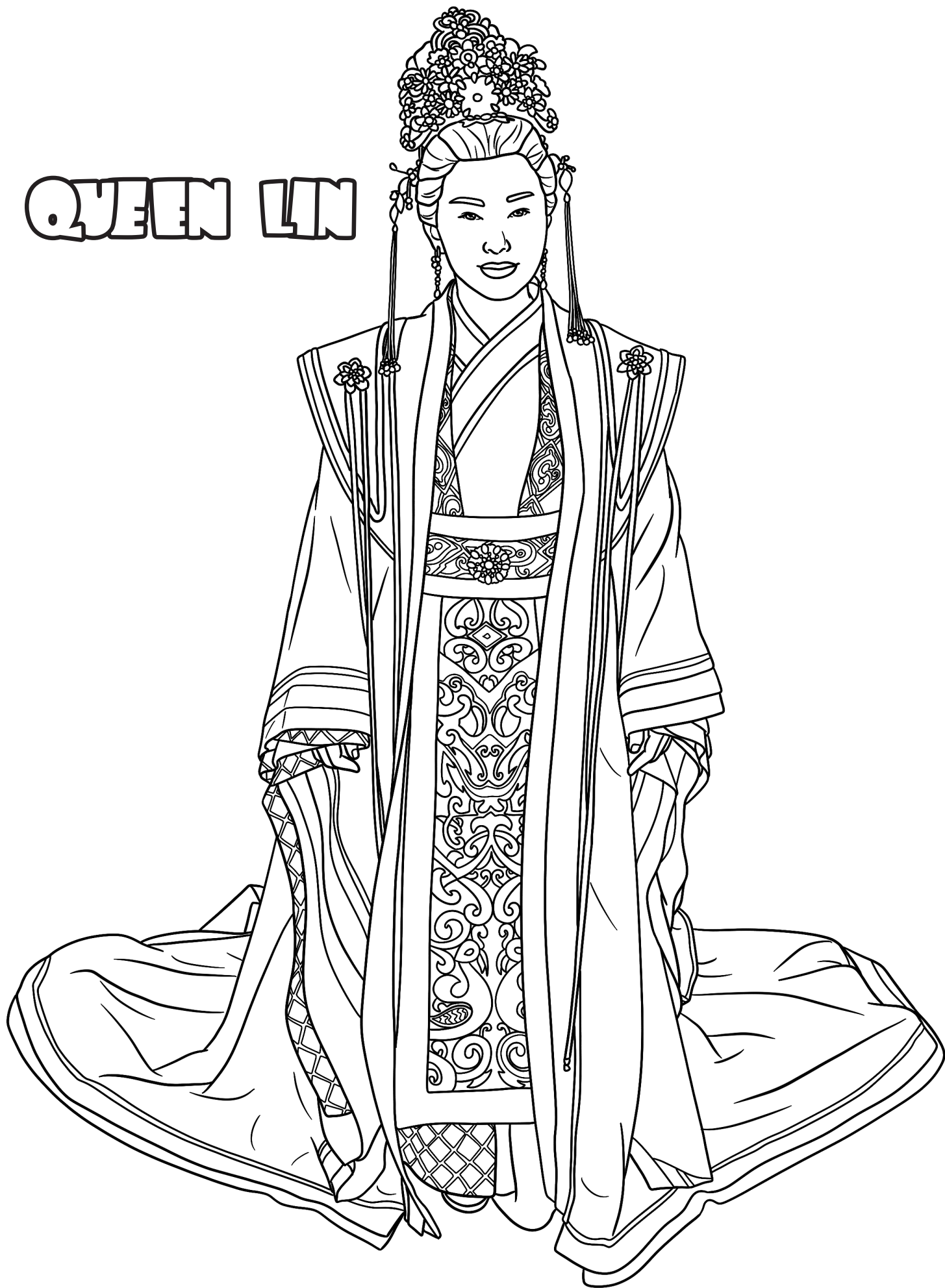
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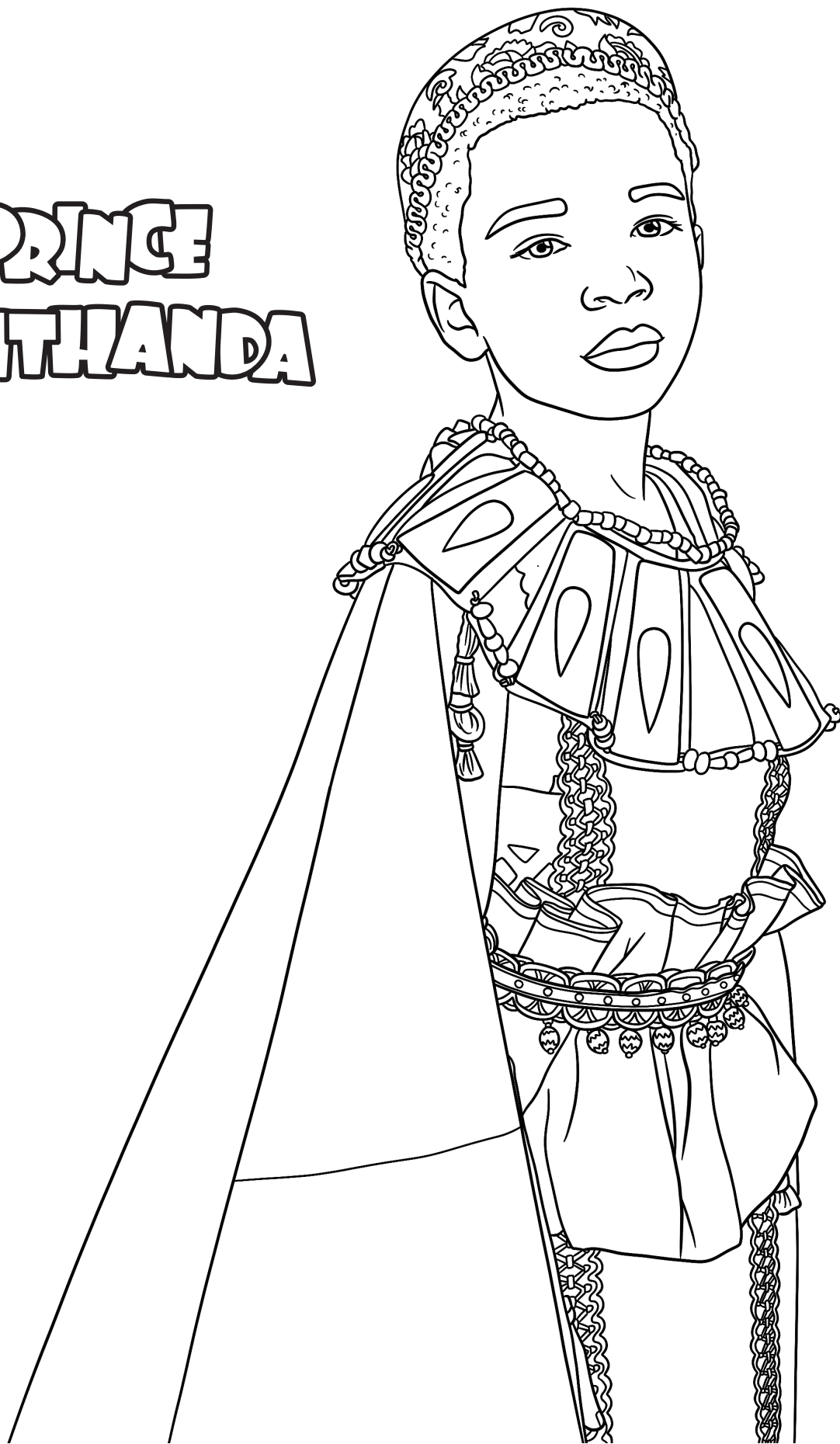
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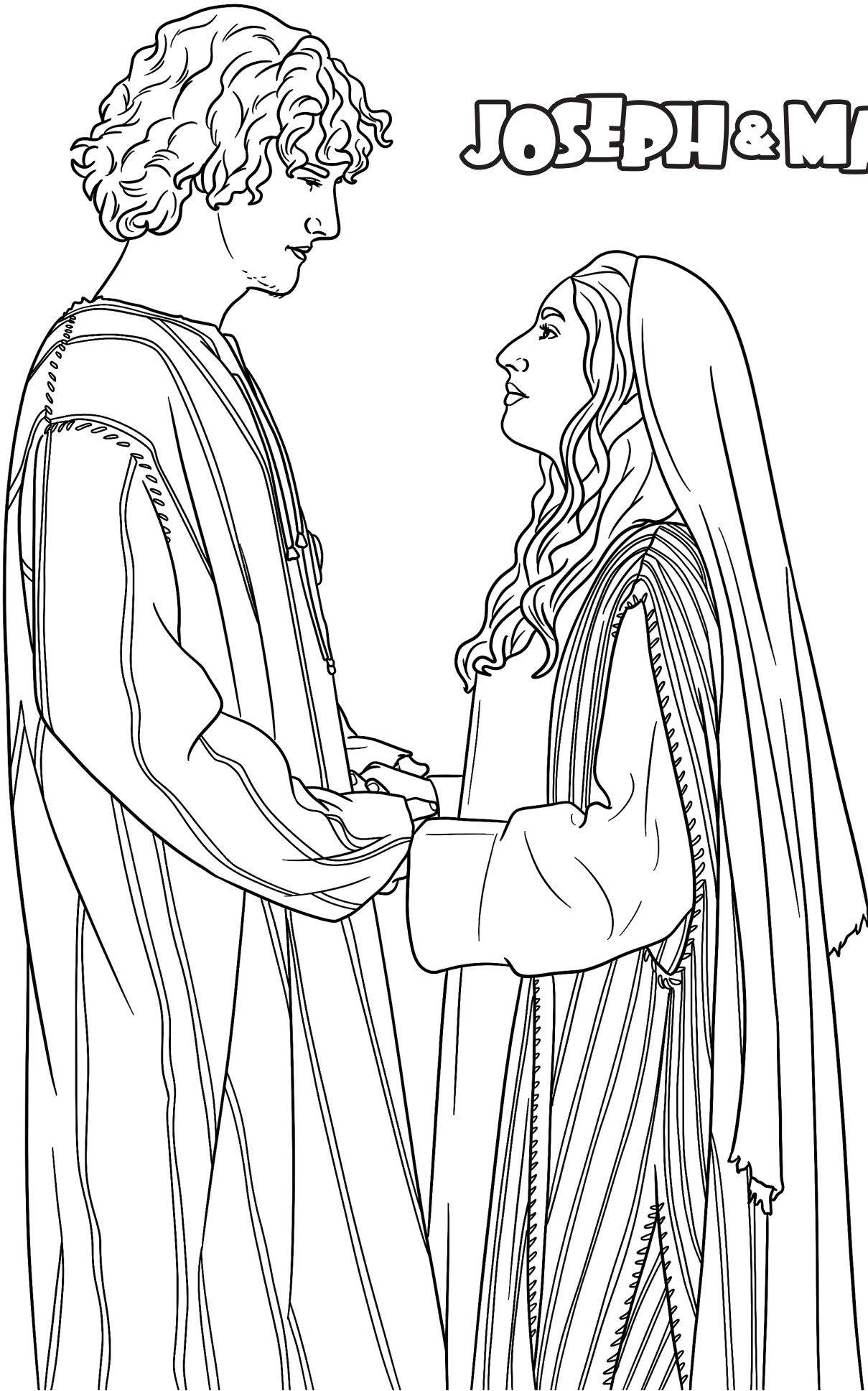
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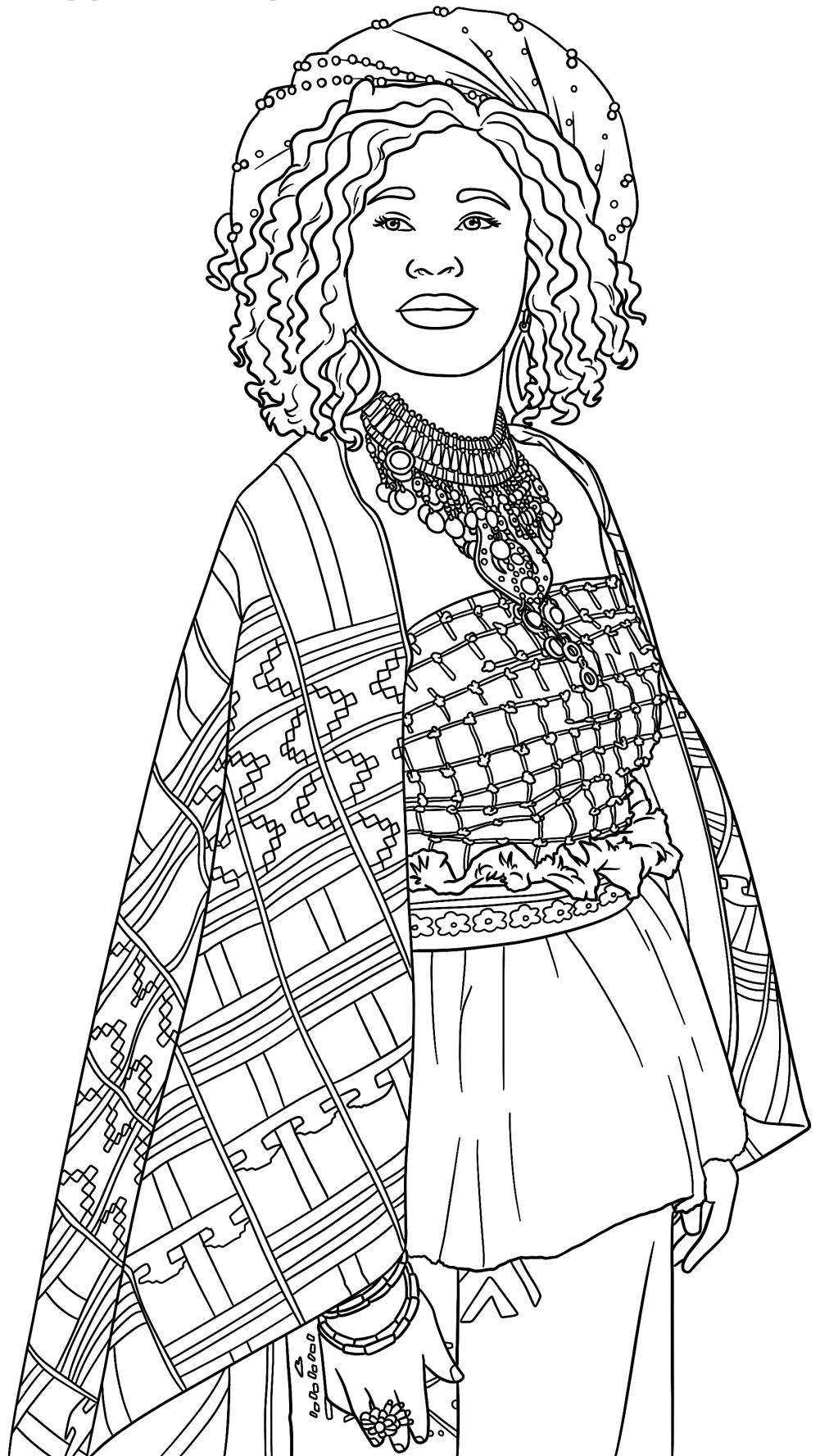
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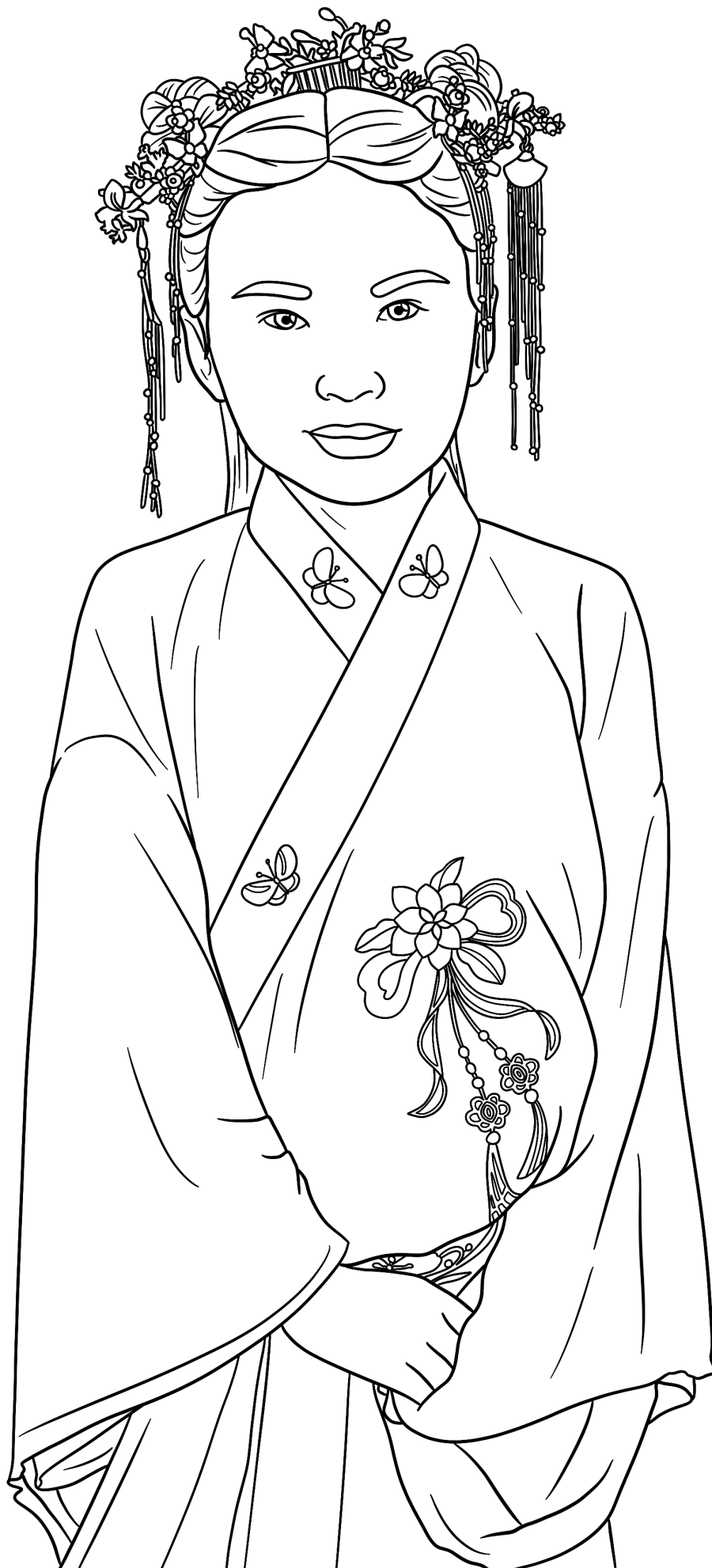
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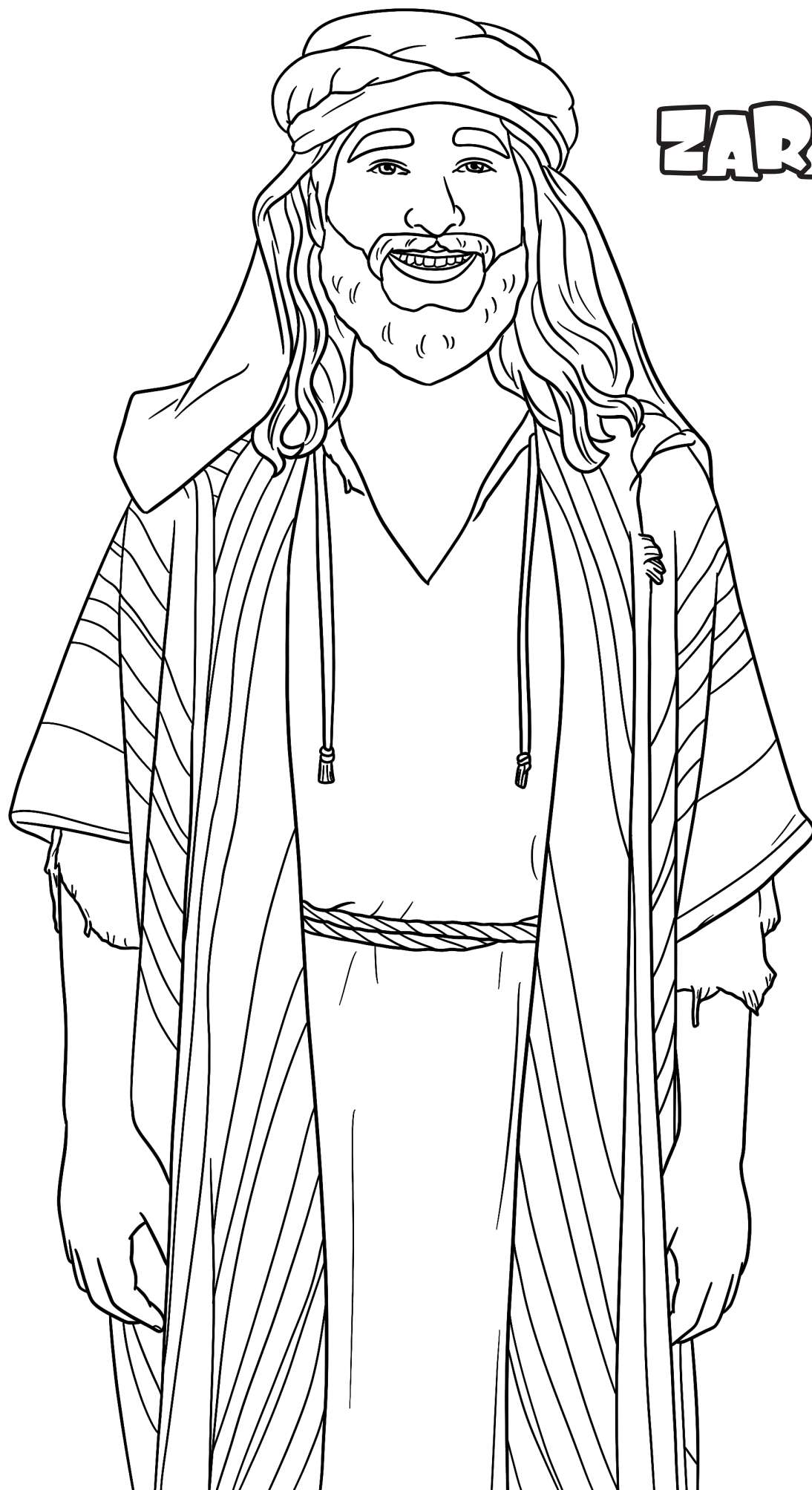




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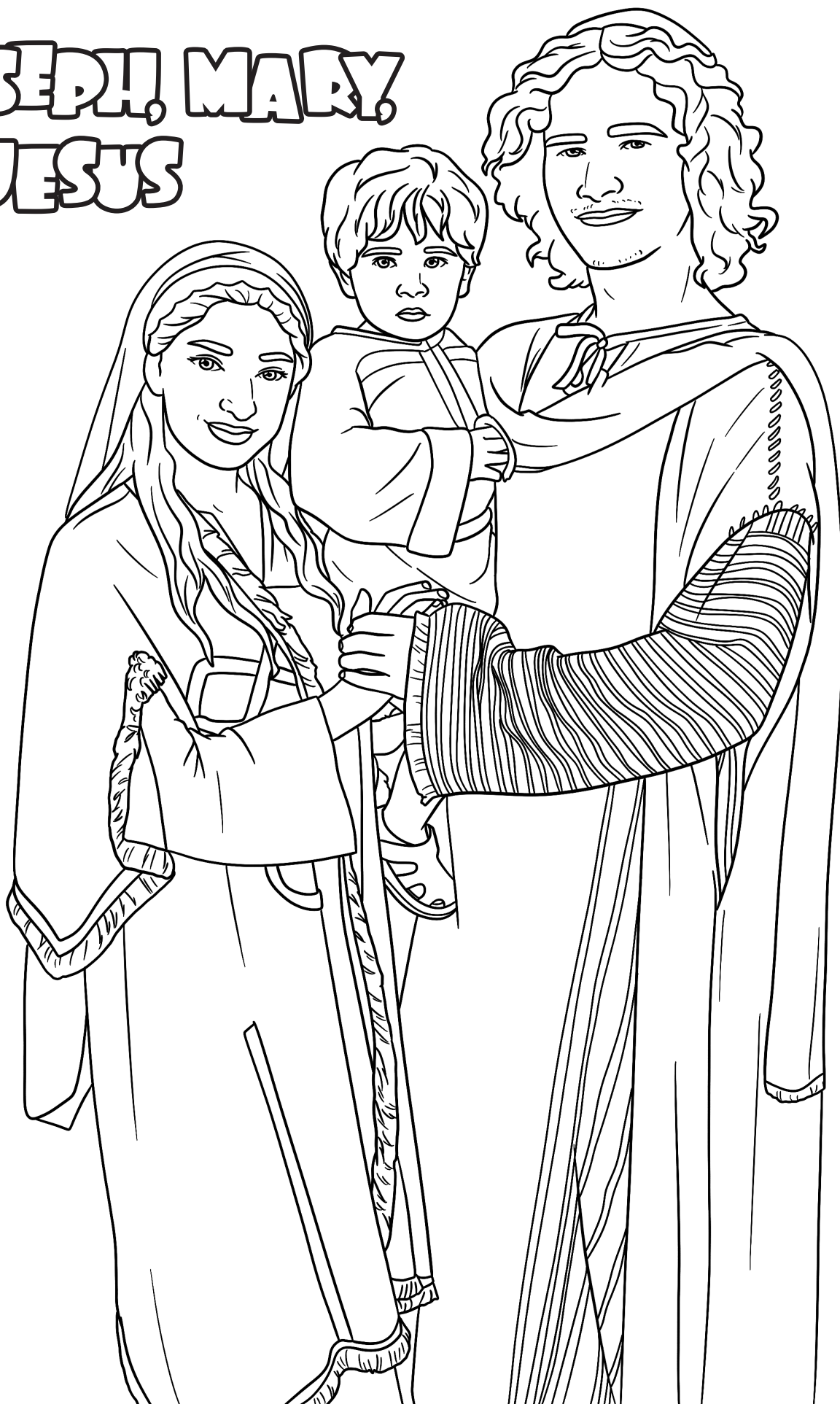
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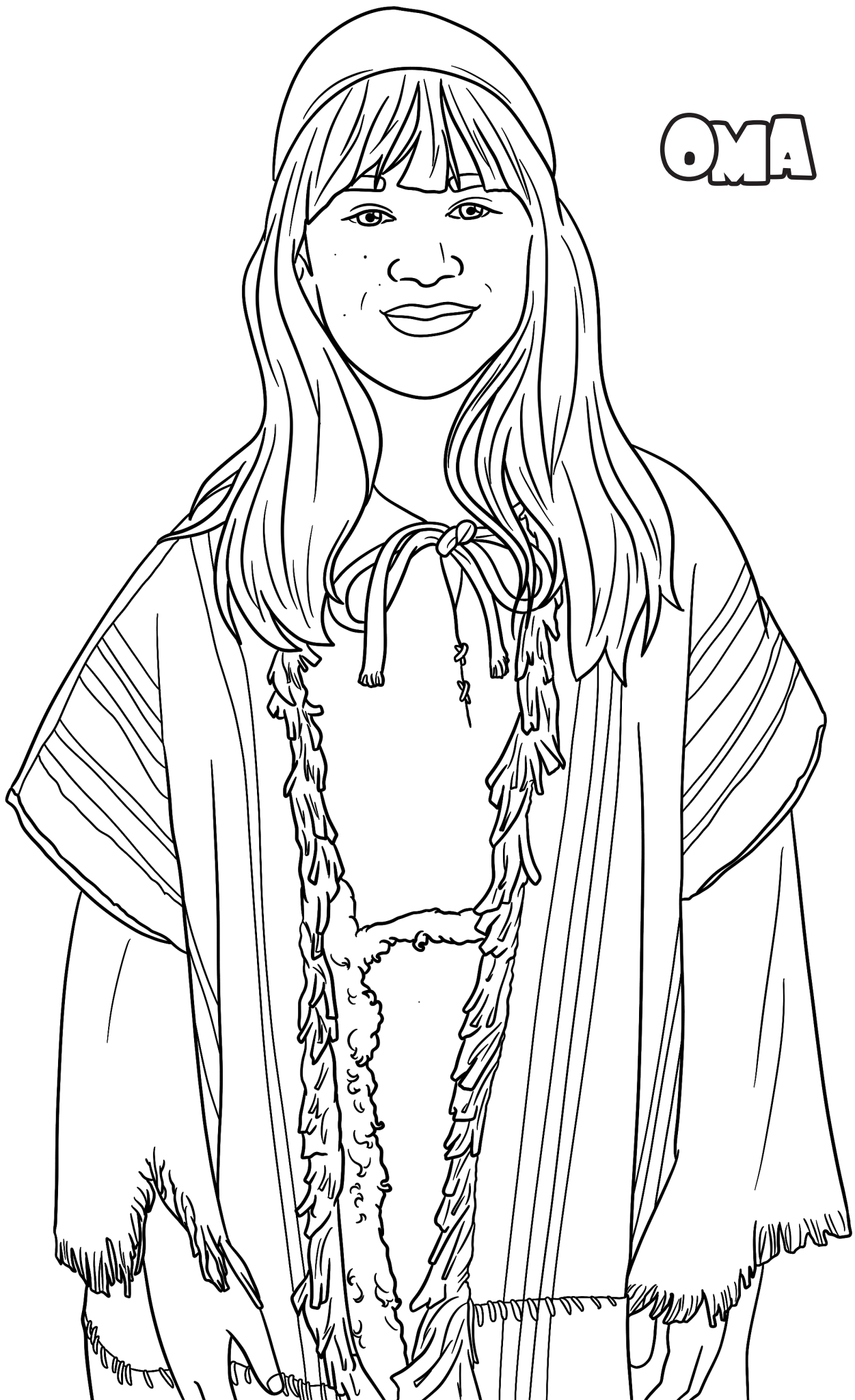


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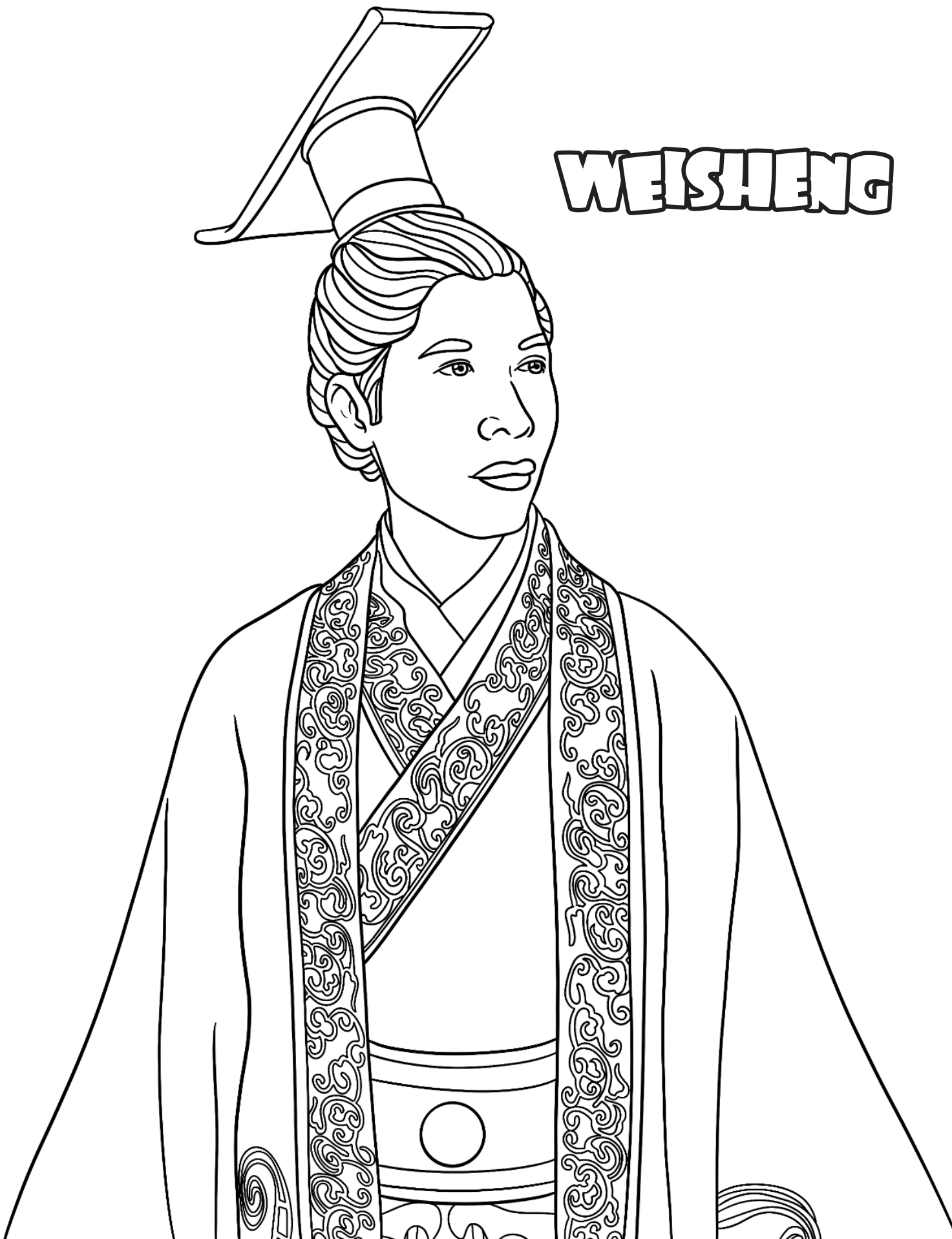


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