

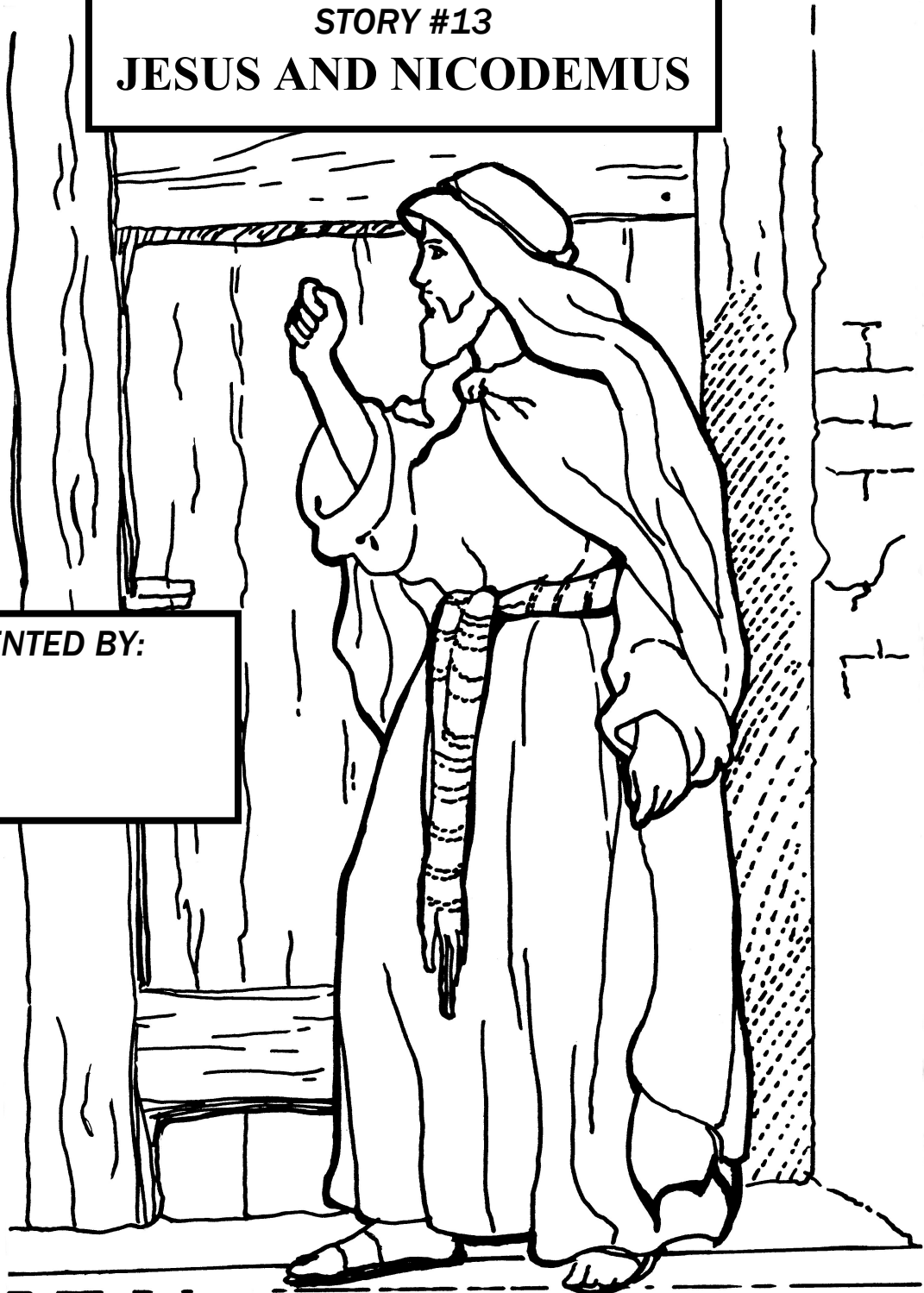
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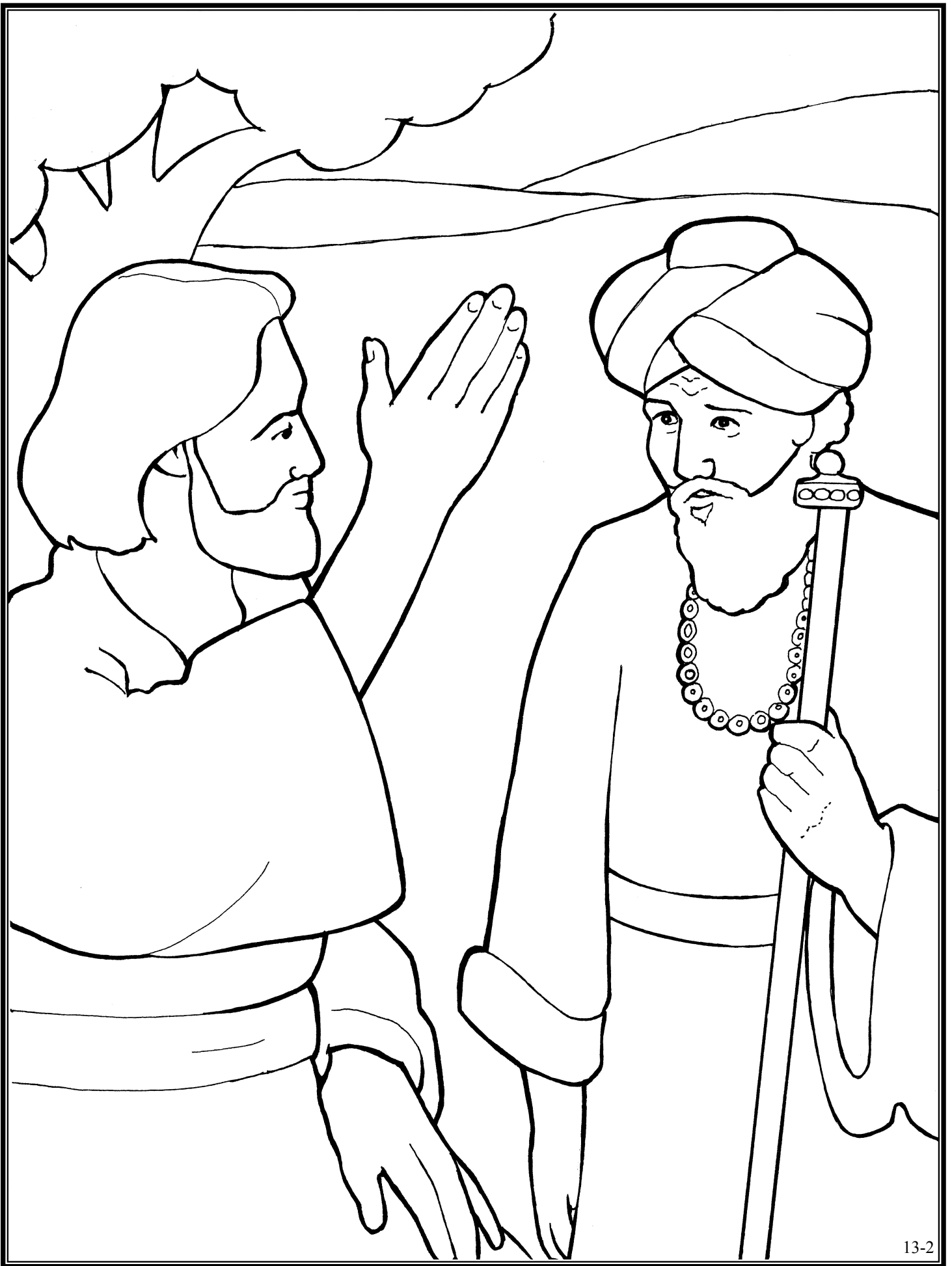
BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN TO READ AND COLOR

STORY #13

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

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JESUS AND NICODEMUS

JOHN 3:1-5; 14-18

Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus, but he did not want people to see him coming to Jesus, so he visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus was a good man. He thought that he could go to heaven because he had been good, or at least he had tried to be good. Jesus told him that he had to be born again if he wanted to go to heaven. Jesus did not mean that Nicodemus had to be a baby again, but that he needed the new birth in Christ. When anybody believes in Jesus, it is the Holy Spirit that gives that person faith in Jesus. This is the meaning of being born again. Jesus explained it this way: *"Unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."* Jesus said: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."* Nicodemus became a true believer in Christ and at the death of Christ on the cross was not ashamed to ask to bury Jesus in a new grave which he owned.

It was to Nicodemus that Jesus spoke those well known words found in John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

PRAYER

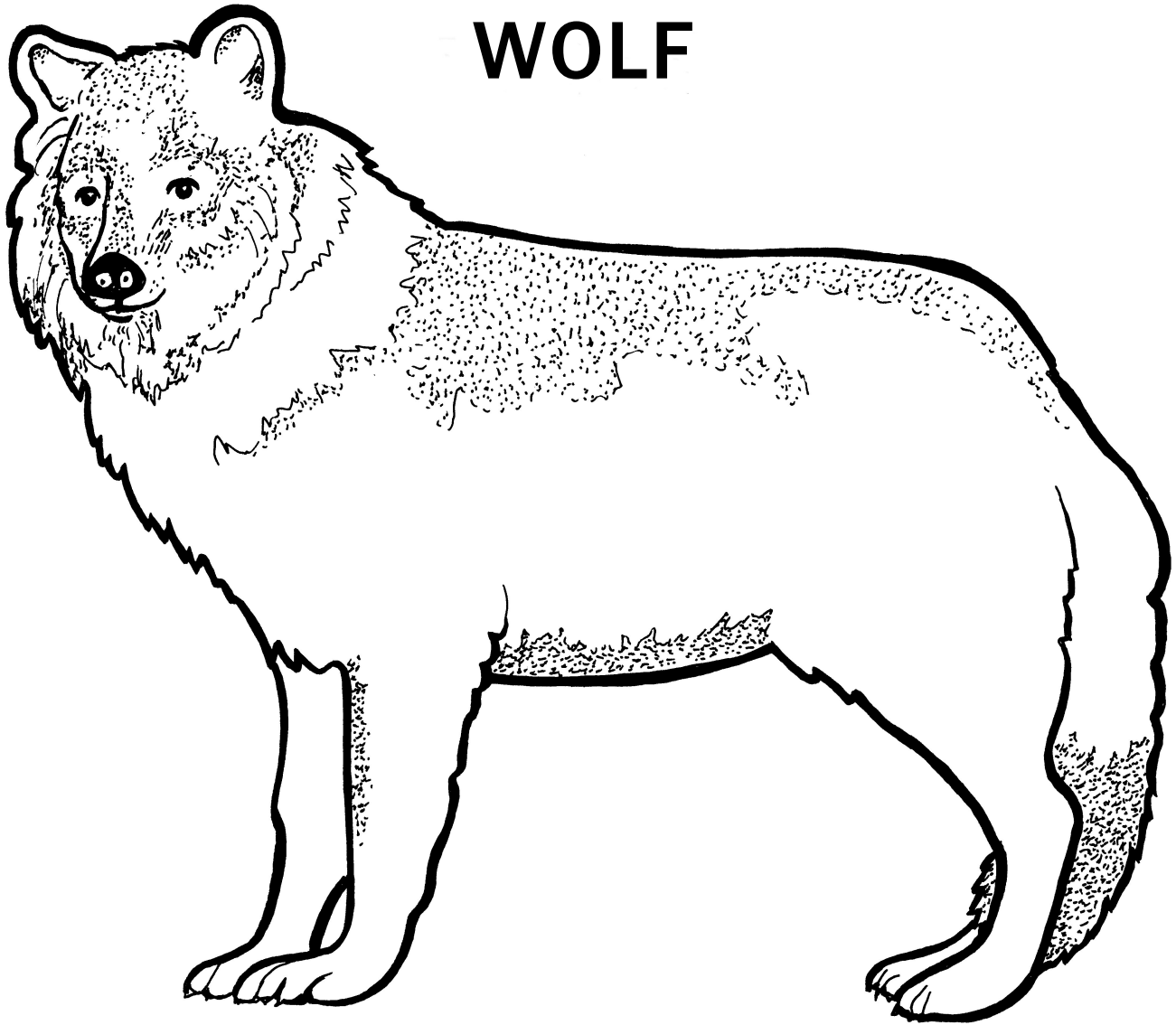
Thank you, Jesus, for coming into the world to be lifted up on the cross in order to save us so that we might have eternal life. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize:

JOHN 3: 14.15

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."

WOLF



The wolf is a smart, strong and brave animal. It can be very dangerous. It is also very loyal to the other wolves in its family.

Nicodemus was a lot like a wolf. He was smart, a strong leader and brave. He was very loyal to the ways of his people. Nicodemus did not want to believe in Jesus until he tested Him to see if He was really the Savior. Then Nicodemus was loyal to Jesus.



JOHN 3: 16, 17

(What Nicodemus learned from Jesus)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn (punish) the world, but to save the world through Him."

(New International Version of the Bible)

