

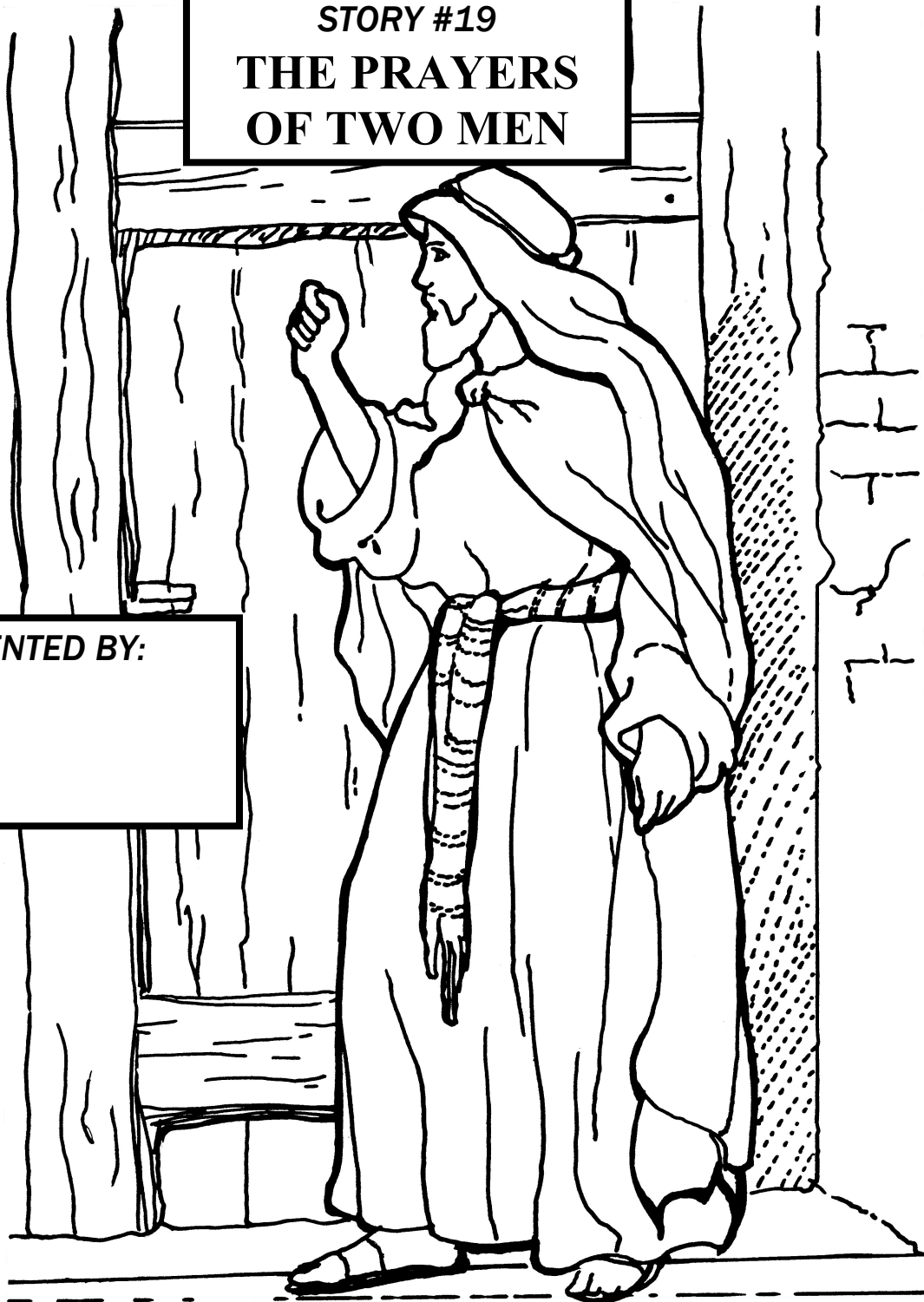
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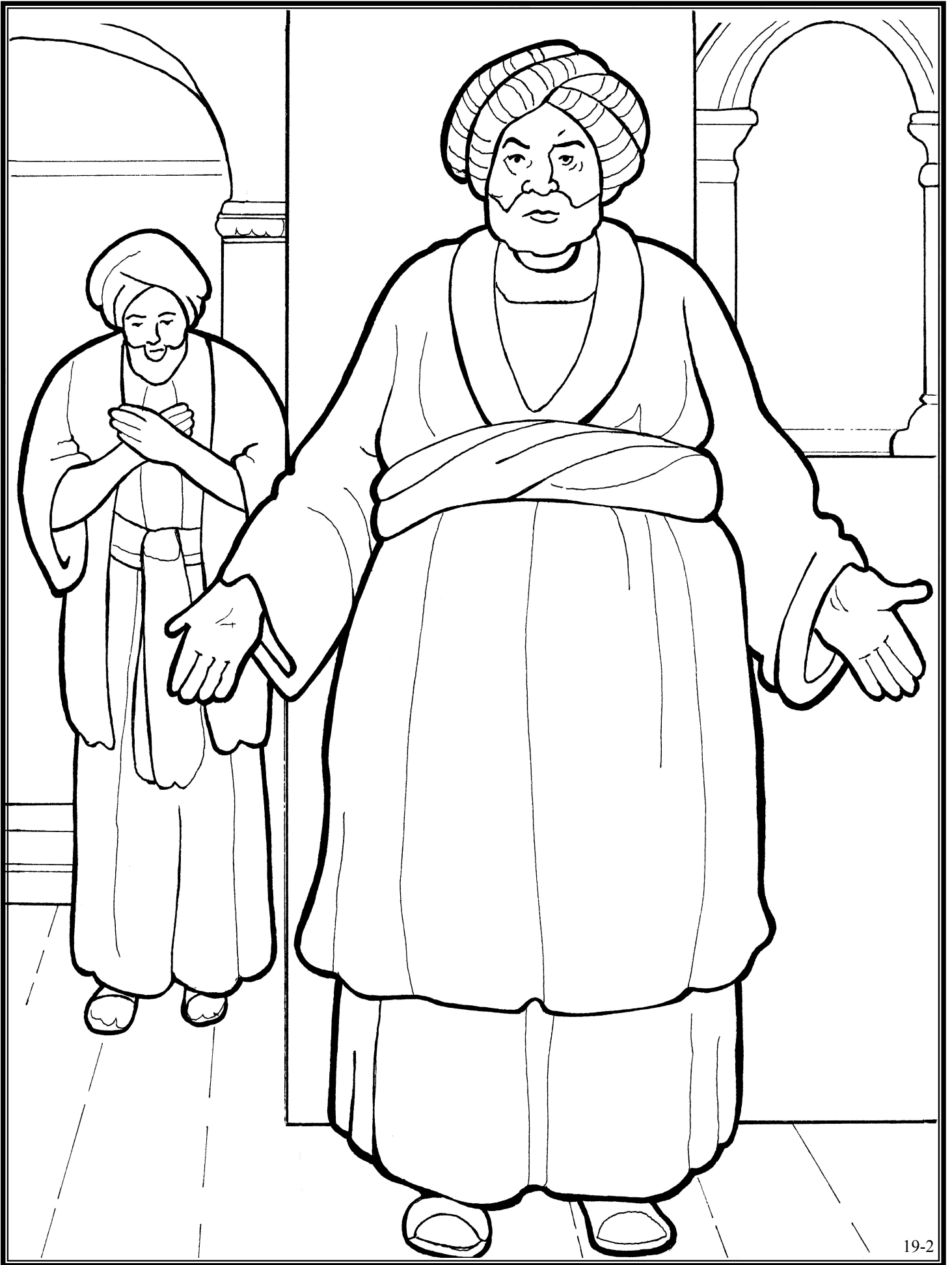
## BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN TO READ AND COLOR

STORY #19

### THE PRAYERS OF TWO MEN

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**LUKE 18:9-14**

To pray is to have a heart-to-heart talk with God. When we are sick we ask God to make us well. We ask God to forgive our sins because Jesus died for us. We pray for ourselves and for others. We thank God because He is so good to us.

One day two men went to church to pray. One man stood up front and thanked God that he was better than other people. He bragged about the good he thought he had done. Another man came to pray. He stood in the back corner of the church, and looking down, said: "*God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*" He was ashamed of himself, he didn't brag, but told God that he had done wrong. He asked God to forgive his sins. Jesus, who knows what people think, said that the one who admitted his sin and asked for forgiveness went home saved. God was pleased with that man's prayer and not with the other man who bragged about himself.

## **PRAYER**

*Dear Lord Jesus, we tell you that we have done wrong and look to you for forgiveness. Amen*

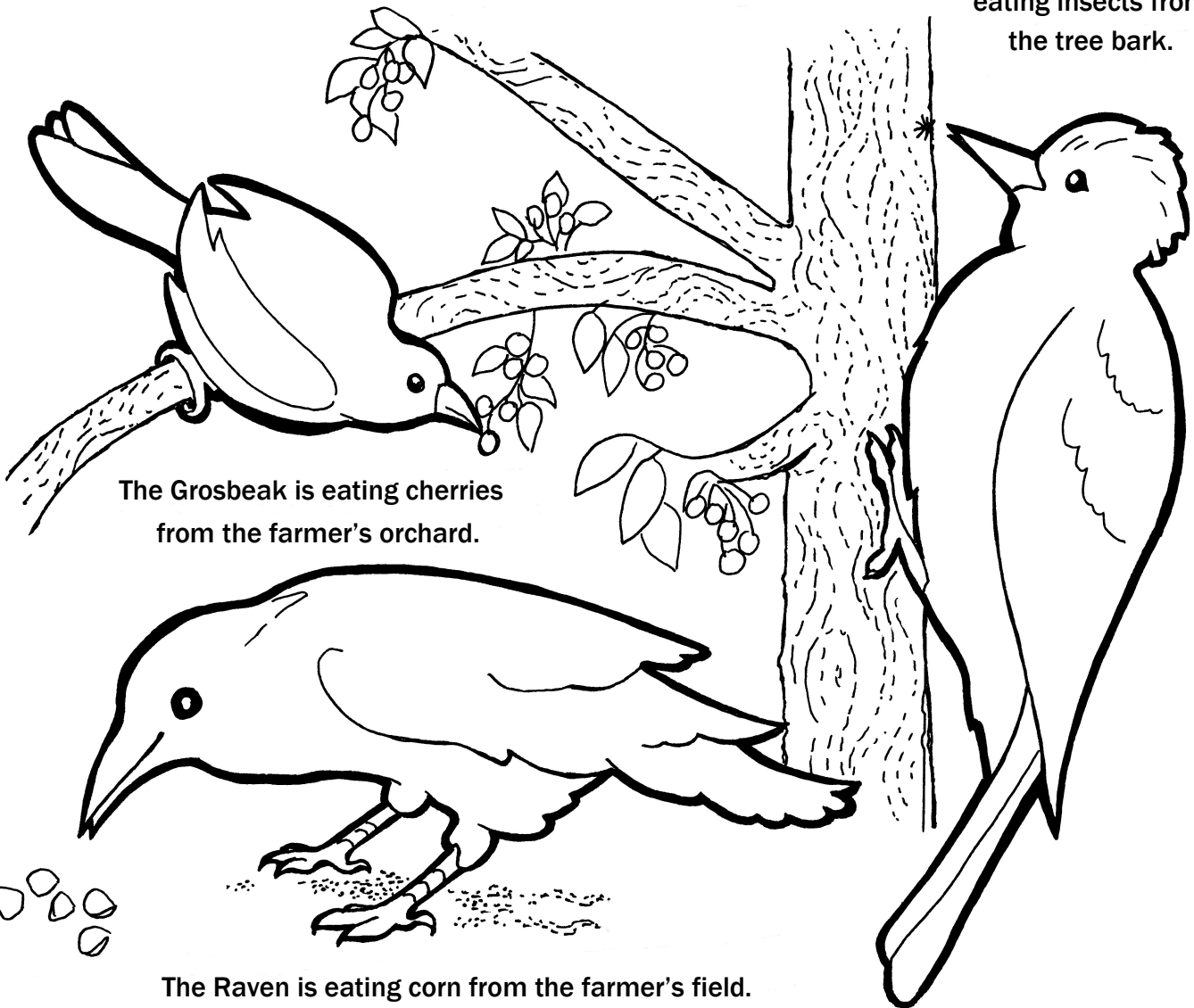
*Bible passage for older children to memorize:*

**PSALM 32:5**

*I said, "I confess my transgression (sins) to the Lord" - and you forgave the guilt of my sins.*

# BIRDS

The Woodpecker is eating insects from the tree bark.



The Grosbeak is eating cherries from the farmer's orchard.

The Raven is eating corn from the farmer's field.

Some birds help people by eating large numbers of insect pests. Other birds cause harm by eating the food being grown for people. Some do good, others do harm.

Prayers, like birds, fly up toward heaven. Some prayers please God very much; others hurt God's feelings - just like the two men praying in our story.





**PSALM 86:1-7**

Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.  
Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.  
Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

You are kind and forgiving, O Lord,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.  
In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.

*(New International Version of the Bible)*

