God Made Me To Pray!

From Allaso Ranch Jr. Lesson 8

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRAYER

Great leaders understand that God wants to have a relationship with them, to be involved in their lives, and to bring them success. Leaders maintain that relationship through prayer.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that God made them to pray.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Parable of the Persistent Widow. *(Luke 18:1-8)*

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your children memorize this verse.

"When God created human beings, he made them to be like himself." Genesis 5:1b (NLT)

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *God Made Me To Pray*

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First:

Read the Leadership Story to your children. The Leadership Story for this lesson is about the Persistent Widow and is found in Luke 18:1-8.

Next:

Let your children watch the Leadership Video, *God Made Me To Pray*.

Then:

Ask your children the Child Leadership Questions, and lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

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Child Leadership Questions:

1. Whom did the woman in the story ask for help?
   (A judge.)

2. Did the woman give up asking the judge for help when the judge ignored her?
   (No.)

3. What did the judge finally decide to do?
   (Help the widow.)

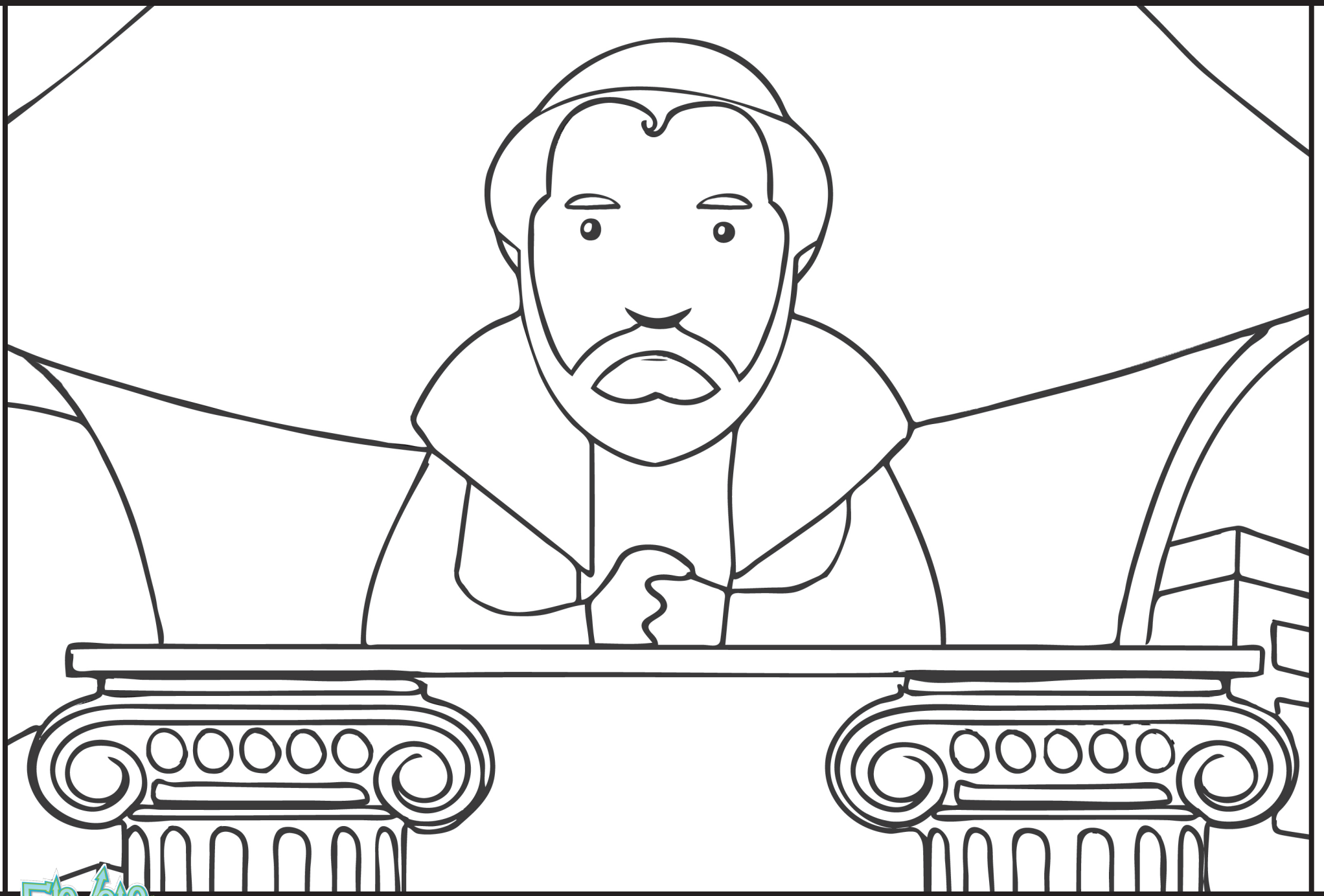
4. Jesus explained that God cares about us more than the judge cared about the widow, and that He will help us when we ask Him in prayer. What are some things you can pray to God about?
   (Ask for help when I'm scared. Thank Him for my family. Thank Him for food. Ask Him to help a friend who is sick.)

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: PRAYER CHAIN

This week, start a prayer chain with your children. Ask them one thing they would like to pray to God for, and write it down on one thin slip of paper. Pray together as a family about the one thing you wrote down. Then form a loop out of the slip of paper and stick it together with glue or tape. The next night, ask for another thing you can pray about. Repeat the process and connect the second slip of paper to the first to form two links in the chain. Continue this every night forming a longer and longer chain. Pray every night with your children putting special emphasis on their requests on the prayer chain. Encourage them to pray continually for the things on their heart. We don't always get everything we ask for, but God will do what is best for us when we ask for His help. We need to pray without giving up, just as the widow continued to ask the judge for help without giving up.

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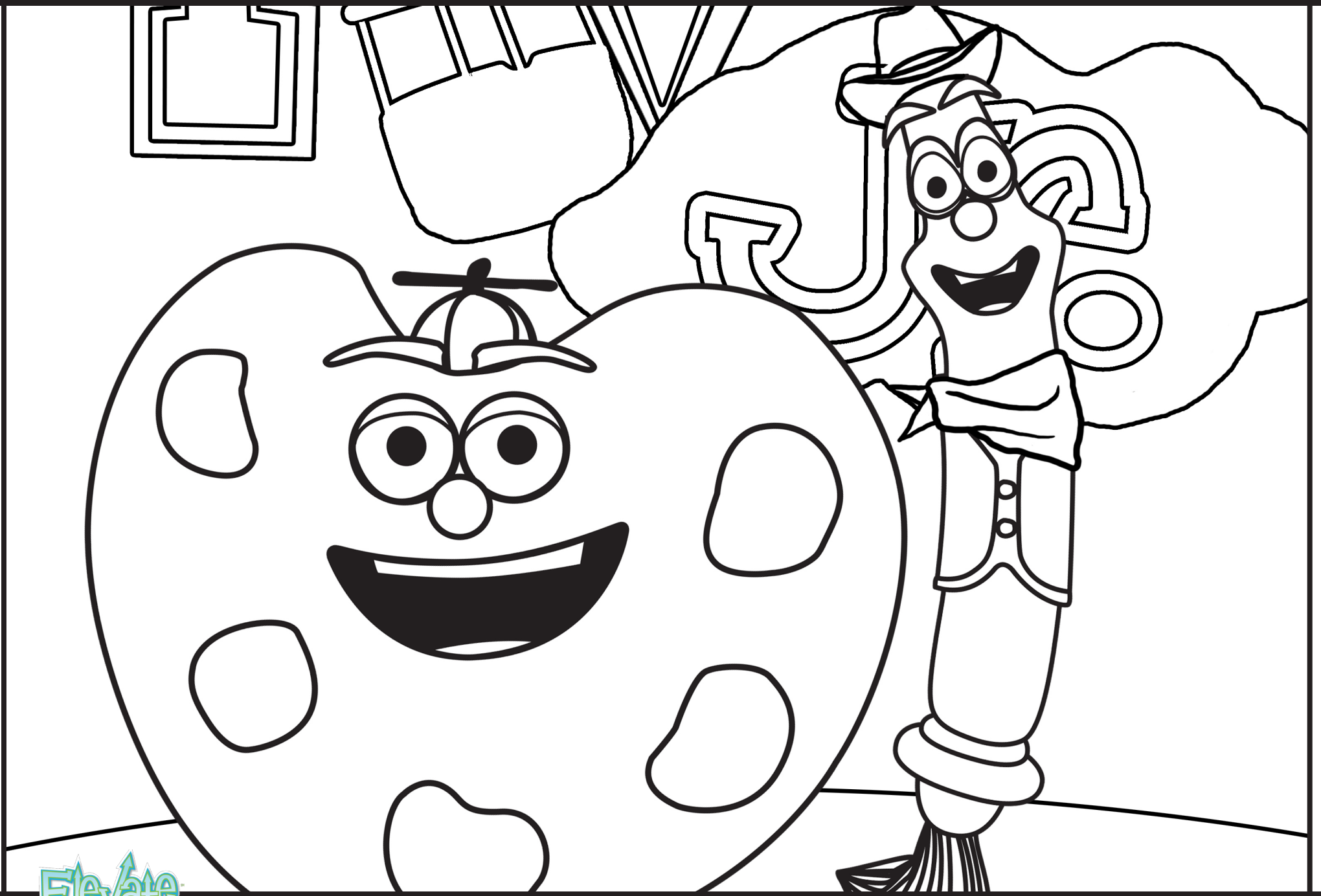
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