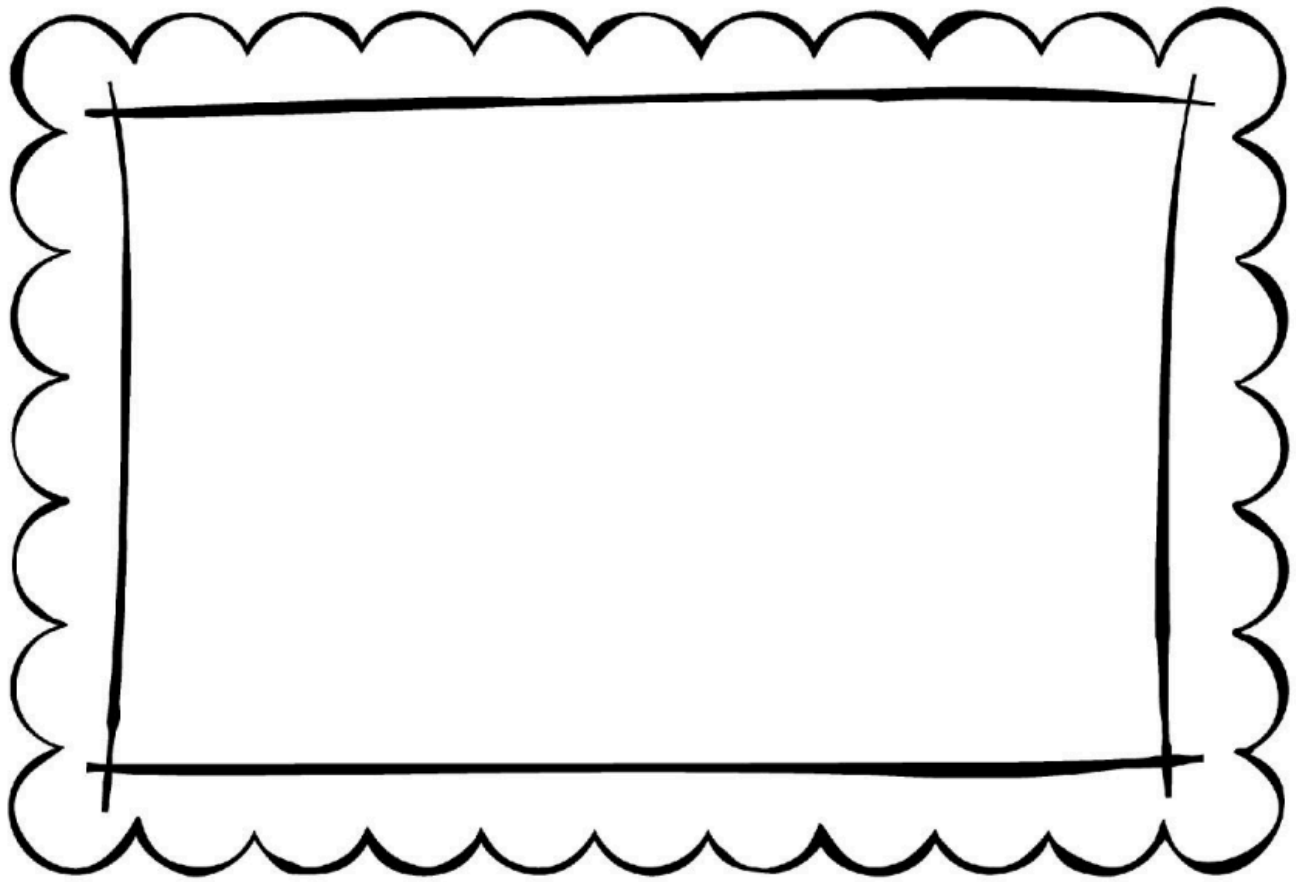


Hymn of the Month

October 2021

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**KIDS ACTIVITY RESOURCES**



Draw a picture representing the power and might of God.  
How can remembering the power of God help us in times  
when we might become afraid?

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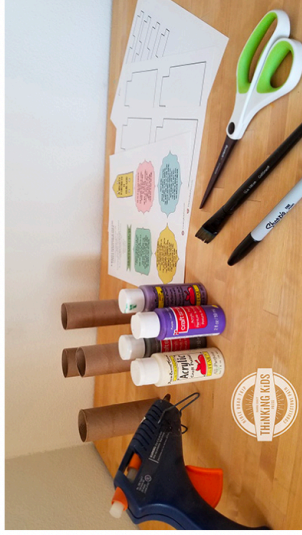
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# A Mighty Fortress Craft

## Instructions

Supplies Needed to Make Your A Mighty Fortress is Our God Lyrics Craft



- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Acrylic Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Paint Palette
- Black Permanent Marker
- Hot Glue Gun
- Hot Glue Sticks
- Glue Stick
- 4 Empty Toilet Paper Rolls

Before you get started on the craft, read Bible passages that talk about how God is our Fortress, like: 2 Samuel 22:1-3, Psalm 18:1-3, Psalm 31:1-5, and Psalm 91 with your kids. You can talk about times your children are scared, and how reassuring it is to know that God is a strong fortress and our refuge. You could even study castles and talk about why they were built the way they are! (This is my favorite book for studying castles.)

### 1) Print Your A Mighty Fortress Printable



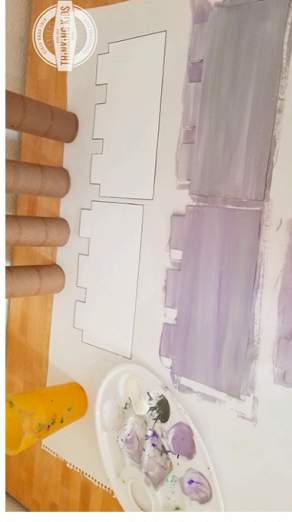
Print the last four pages of this printable on white cardstock.

You'll want to cut out the four castle walls and the turrets for the keeps along the black lines (you'll make the keeps out of four empty toilet paper rolls). Cut out the lyrics medallions, credit banner, and front door leaving a small margin between your cuts and the outer line. If you try to cut on the line, it will be too involved.

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### 2) Paint the Fortress Walls and Turrets



This step will be fun for your children. You'll want to cover your surface with paper or a cheap plastic tablecloth. Throw an old shirt over each child.

Let your child choose a color and paint away! I picked gray, but I thought it would look nice with purple and white accents.

### 3) Paint the Toilet Paper Rolls



Have your children paint the four toilet paper rolls that will become the fortress keeps. This can get a little messy- you may want to help your child hold the paper rolls upright on the paper, or you may want to hold them for your child with your fingers on the inside.

After the walls, turrets, and keeps of your fortress are thoroughly painted, take a long break and let them dry.



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## Instructions

4) Add Stone Wall Accents in Permanent Marker



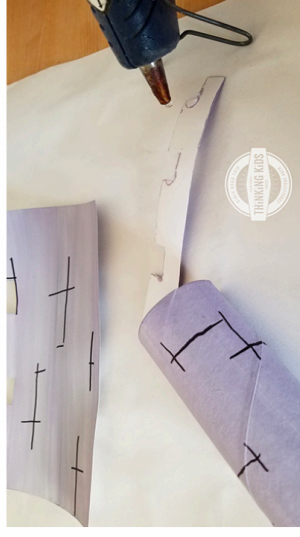
Once your paint is dry, you can use a permanent marker to add some stone wall accents if you'd like. This is quick and easy-your children should have fun doing it.



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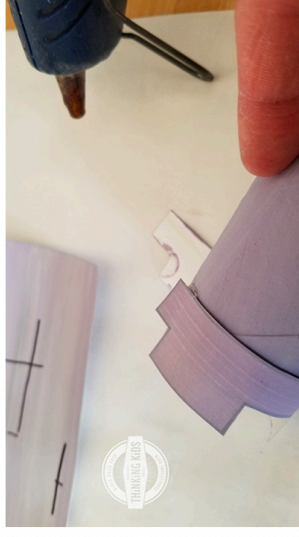
## Instructions

5) Use a Hot Glue Gun to Attach the Turrets



Technically, a turret is a small tower on top of a bigger tower. You're actually attaching a merlon and embrasure sequence. But we'll call it a turret, because it's easier and makes sense.

You'll want to do this step unless your children are older and have been trained in hot gluing. You know your kids—just be sure they don't get burnt. Hot glue burns are terrible (as are the burns from the metal tip of the gun).

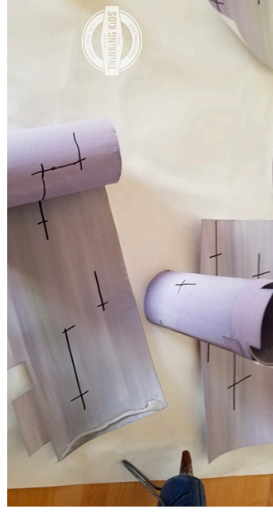




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## Instructions

6) Glue Two Keeps to a Fortress Wall



Run a thin line of glue along each side of the front of one of the fortress walls and press a keep on each side. Repeat this step with another wall and two more keeps to create two complete fortress walls.



7) Use Hot Glue to Attach the Final Two Fortress Walls

Run a thin line of hot glue on the short edges of one of the remaining fortress walls, on the unpainted side. Press the wall onto the outside of two of the keeps. Repeat this step on the other side, using the last fortress wall. This will create a box, with a keep on each corner. See below for the finished fortress shape.



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## Instructions

8) Use a Glue Stick to Decorate Your Fortress with Lyrics



You've already cut out all of the banners, so this will be quick!



Glue the front door to one side.



Attach the lyrics banners, two on each side next to the front door side. I've numbered the lyrics banners on the printable, so you'll want to pay attention to that when you cut them out, but in order, the lyrics banners are: Green, Pink, Yellow, and Blue.



Attach the attribution banner to the back wall of the fortress. Good job—you're done!

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD LYRICS CRAFT PRINTABLE

These printable banners and the castle walls  
are for use with  
the A Mighty Fortress Craft.  
You can find the whole post, with instructions and photos,  
here: <https://wp.me/p4hCiL-4na>  
Be sure to study Bible passages that talk about how  
God is our Fortress, like:

2 Samuel 22:1-3  
Psalm 18:1-3  
Psalm 31:1-5  
Psalm 91

HYMN WRITTEN BY MARTIN LUTHER, C.1529  
TRANSLATED BY FREDERICK H. HEDGE, 1853



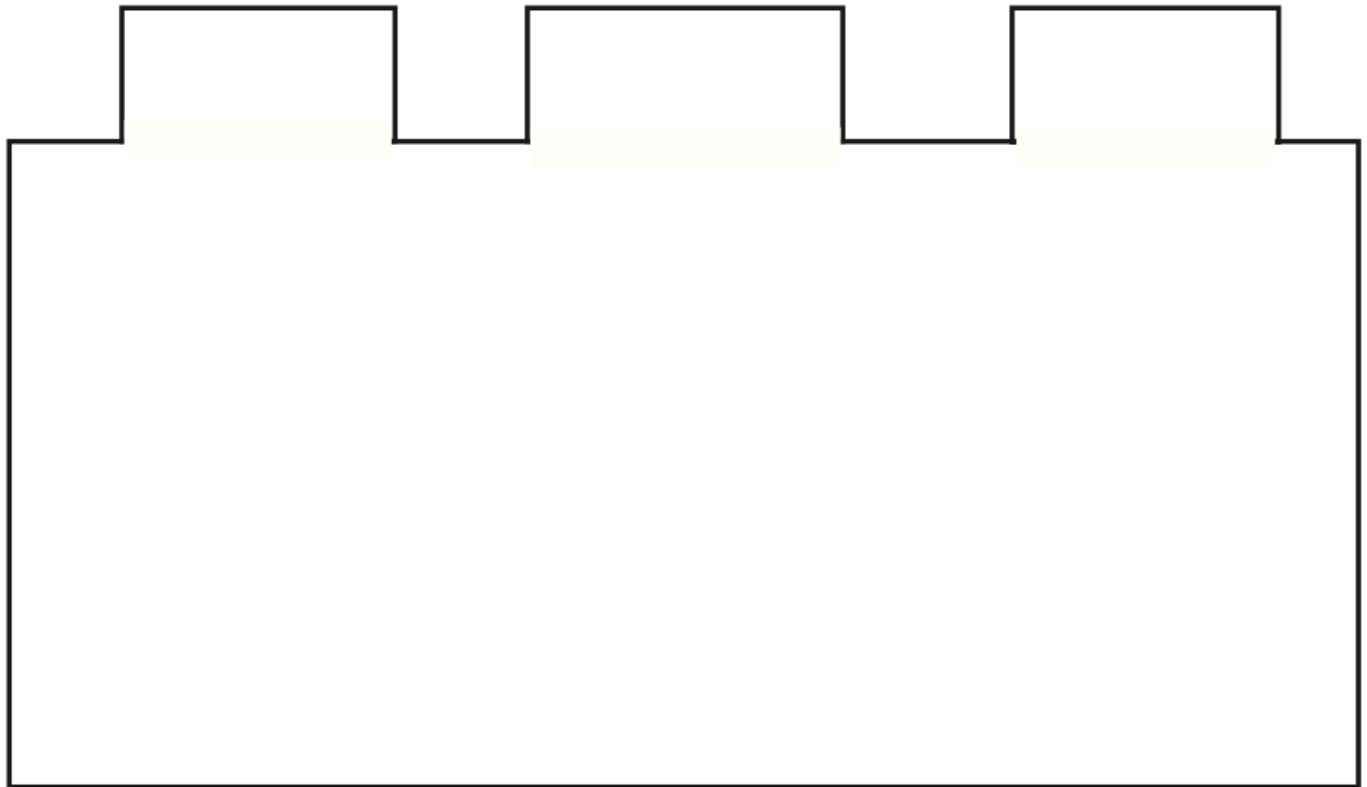
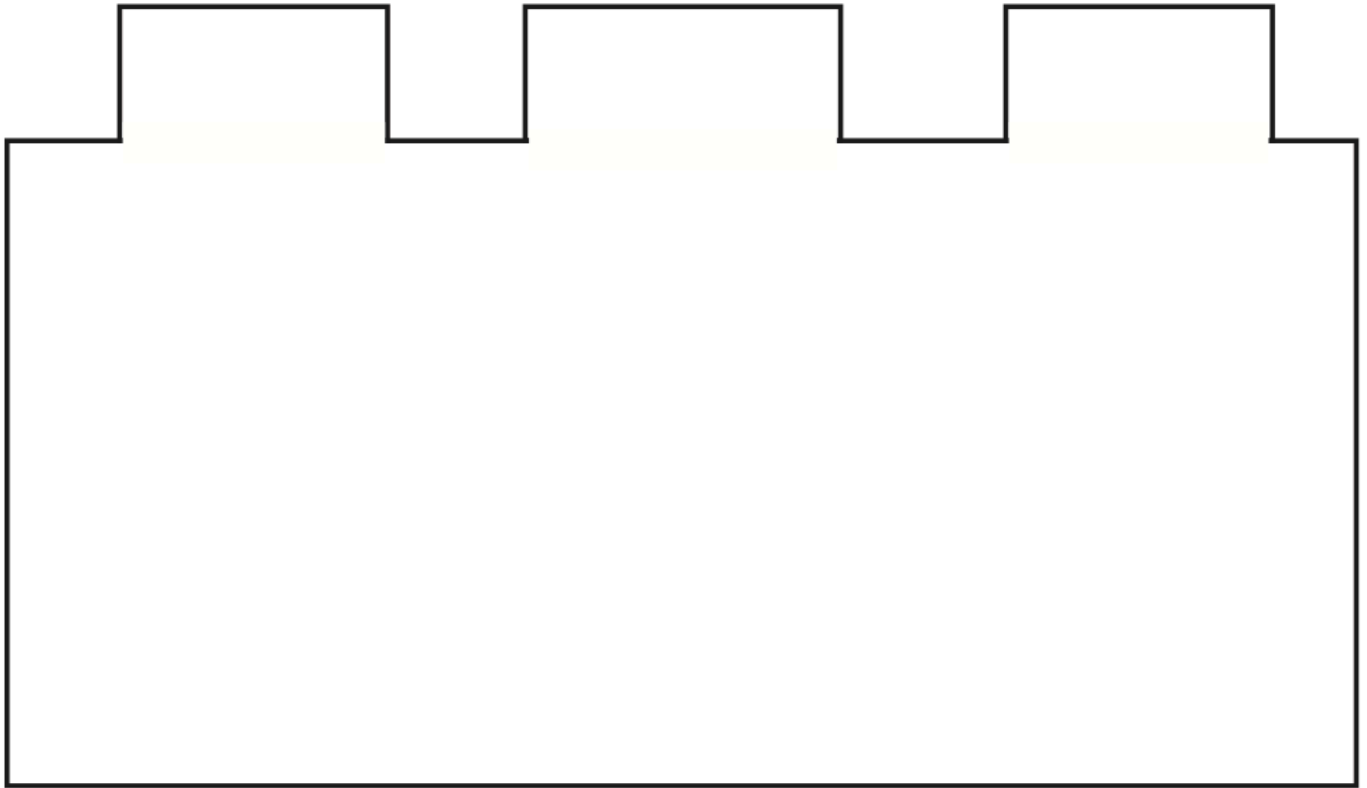
A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD,  
A BULWARK NEVER FAILING;  
OUR HELPER HE,  
AMID THE FLOOD OF MORTAL ILLS  
PREVAILING:  
FOR STILL OUR ANCIENT FOE  
DOTH SEEK TO WORK US WOE;  
HIS CRAFT AND POW'R ARE GREAT,  
AND, ARMED WITH CRUEL HATE,  
ON EARTH IS NOT HIS EQUAL.

DID WE IN OUR OWN STRENGTH  
CONFIDE,  
OUR STRIVING WOULD BE LOSING,  
WERE NOT THE RIGHT MAN  
ON OUR SIDE,  
THE MAN OF GOD'S OWN CHOOSING:  
DOST ASK WHO THAT MAY BE?  
CHRIST JESUS, IT IS HE;  
LORD SABAOth, HIS NAME,  
FROM AGE TO AGE THE SAME,

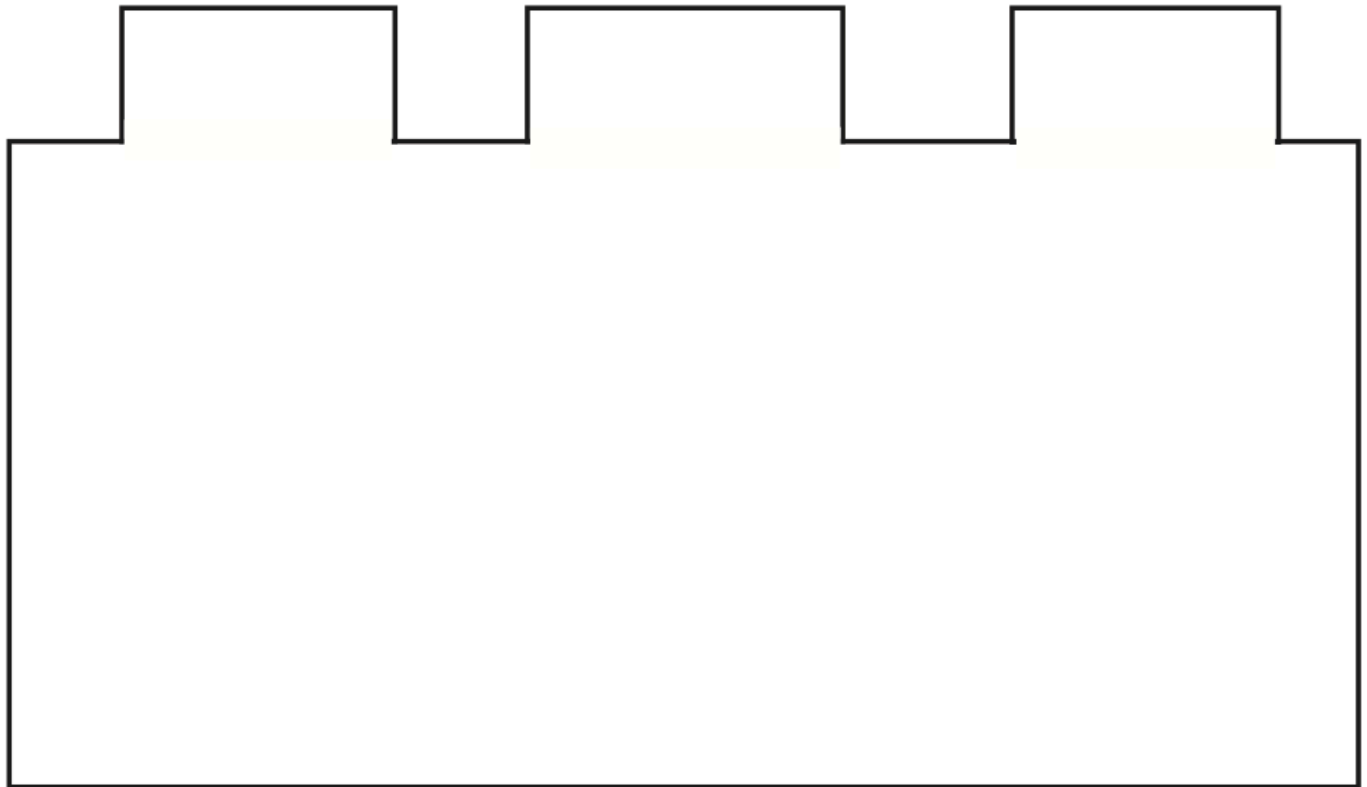
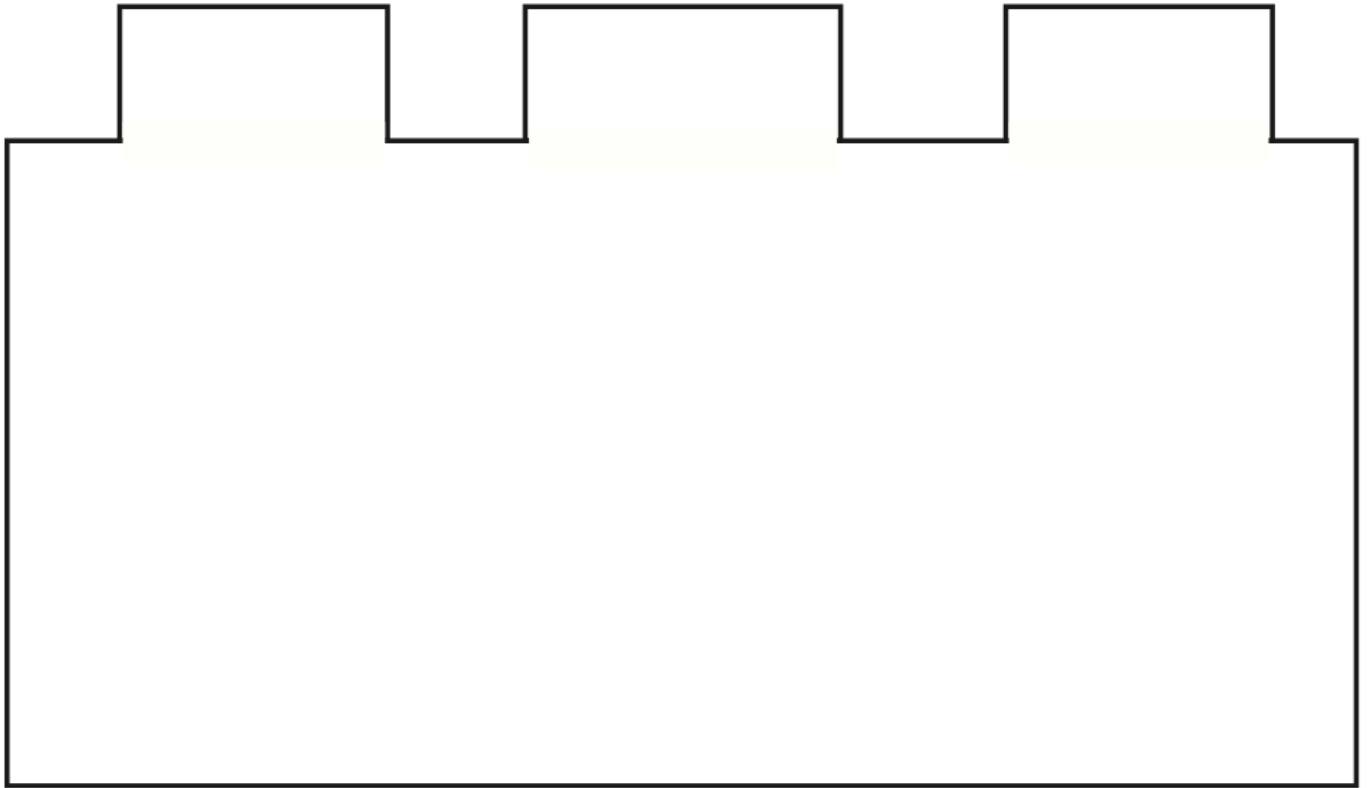
AND THOUGH THIS WORLD,  
WITH DEVILS FILLED,  
SHOULD THREATEN TO UNDO US,  
WE WILL NOT FEAR,  
FOR GOD HATH WILLED HIS TRUTH  
TO TRIUMPH THROUGH US;  
THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS GRIM,  
WE TREMBLE NOT FOR HIM;  
HIS RAGE WE CAN ENDURE,  
FOR LO, HIS DOOM IS SURE,  
ONE LITTLE WORD  
SHALL FELL HIM.

THAT WORD  
ABOVE ALL EARTHLY POW'RS,  
NO THANKS TO THEM, ABIDETH;  
THE SPIRIT AND THE GIFTS ARE OURS  
THROUGH HIM WHO WITH US SIDETH;  
LET GOODS AND KINDRED GO,  
THIS MORTAL LIFE ALSO;  
THE BODY THEY MAY KILL:  
GOD'S TRUTH ABIDETH STILL,  
HIS KINGDOM IS FOREVER.

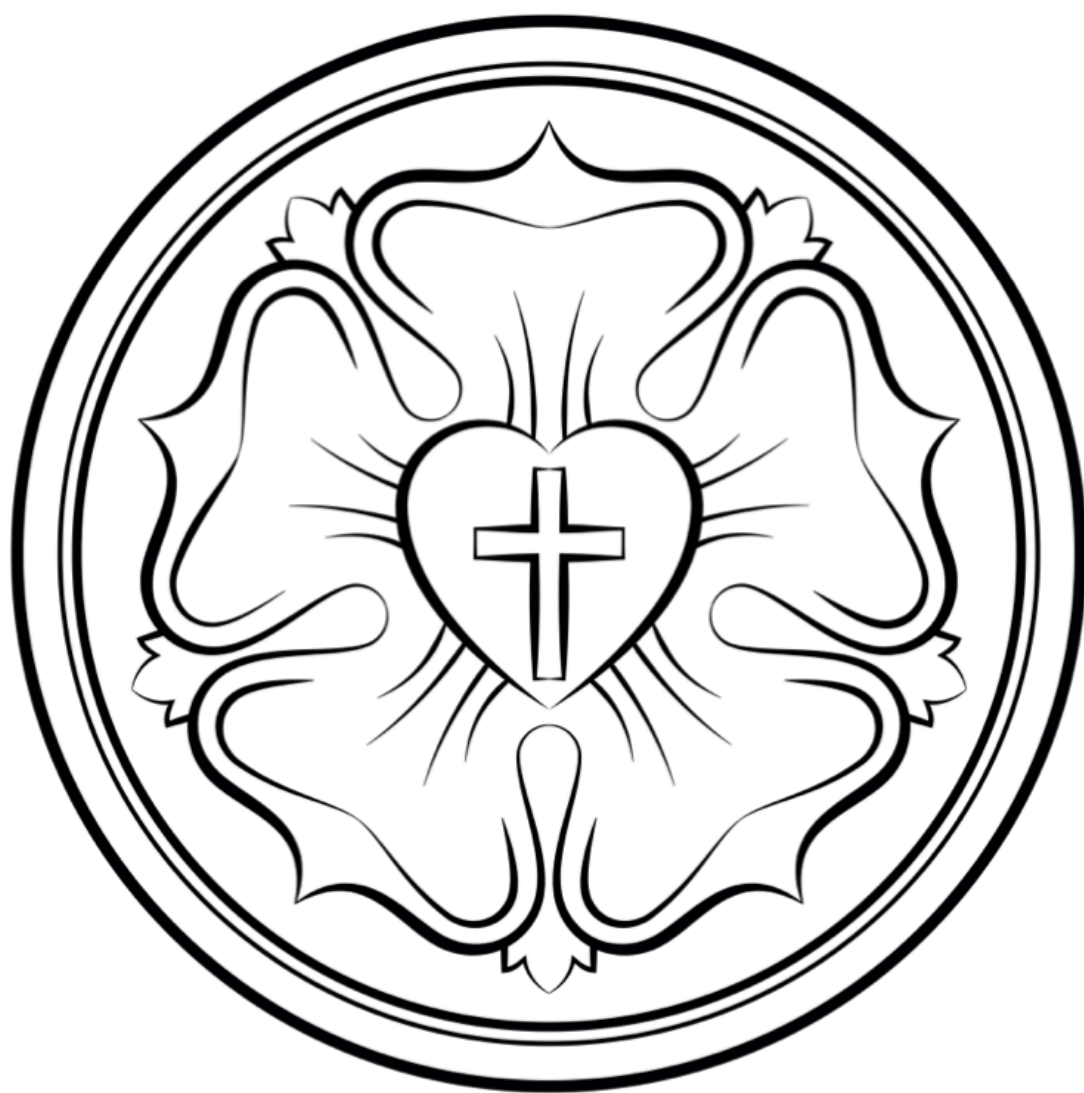












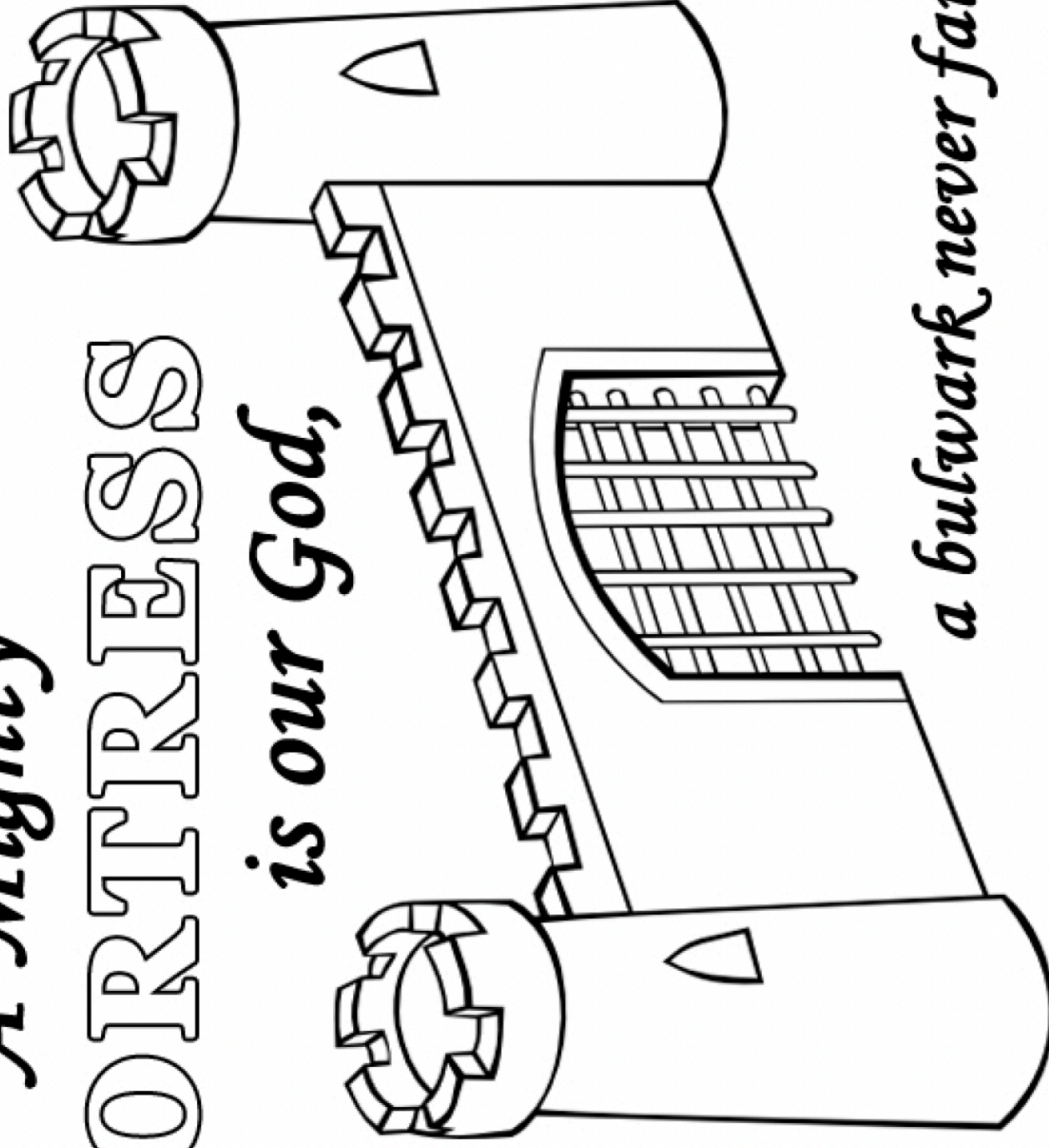
God is our refuge and strength, a  
very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1



*A Mighty*  
**FORTRESSES**

*is our God,*



*a bulwark never failing!*