



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 22

RUTH (RUTH 1-4)

Scripture: Ruth 1-4

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Quiz game printed out and cut. Cups, coins. If you don't want to summarize the book of Ruth, you can read from a children's Bible and will require that story.

Ask:

- Who can tell me about the Judges we've studied so far? (Deborah, Gideon, Samson)
- Today, we're going to move away from the judges, but tell a story of something that was happening during that time in a different country. Naomi and her husband and sons left Israel because of a famine and went to Moab.
- Who knows what a famine is? (There was no food)
- Let's learn about Ruth

Summarize:

Either summarize the story or find a good children's Bible version. If choosing to summarize, say something like this:

Naomi had a son who married Ruth. Unfortunately, Naomi's husband and both her sons died, so she decided to go back to Israel. This would have been extremely difficult because she would be moving to another country. She would also have a hard time getting enough to eat. It was very difficult for widows to earn money and food.

Naomi tries to get her to stay, but Ruth says, "Where you go, I Will go. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." When they get to Israel, Ruth begins to glean in a field.

Does anyone know what glean means? (Women would walk behind the harvesters in a field and pick up the grains that fell behind them. This was a law in Israel, but not everyone followed it.)

Play a Game:

Explain that allowing people to glean would be like dropping money behind you and leaving it for someone less fortunate than you to pick up.

Split into boys and girls. Explain that most often, gleaners were women. Give the boys cups with large slots or holes in them. Fill the cups with coins. The girls will follow behind, picking up whatever coins they can grab. This is what gleaning was like, and this is why some people didn't want to do it- they didn't want to lose money.

Continue the Summary:

Ruth gleaned in the field of a man named Boaz. He noticed her and made sure she had plenty to glean and drink. Eventually, he married her, and she and Boaz became part of the line of King David, who we'll learn about soon.

Apply:

We're called to care for those who are less fortunate than us, like Boaz did for Ruth. We're also called to be faithful, like Ruth was. Who can you be extra kind to this week? Is there money you could give to someone who might not have enough? Is there a person you could sit by at lunch or play with at recess who could use a friend?

Another way we use the word glean is to "glean" knowledge. Like to learn a little bit. Why don't we play a game to see what we've "gleaned" so far in our study of the Bible.

Play a Review Game:

Divide the kids into two teams. Each team will work together to get the correct answer. They will "glean" grain by picking it out of a pile. On the back of each grain is a review question from the lessons of this series.

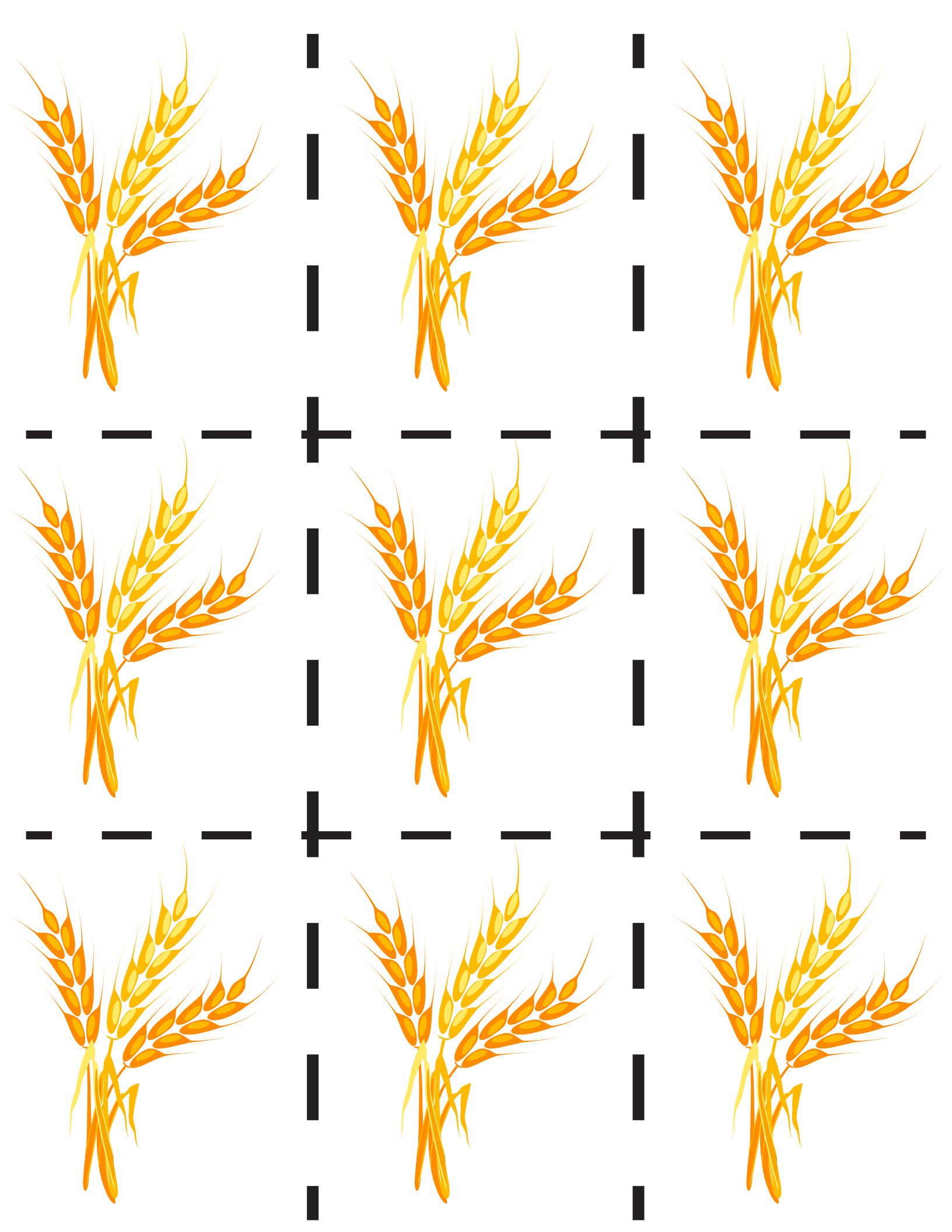
Team 1 will draw the question, and the teacher will read it aloud. If Team 1 answers correctly, they get a point. If they don't, Team 2 can answer and win the point. After, Team 2 will draw a card. Collect the points until all questions are gone. There are two "Wilds" in the game. You can determine what the Wild means for your class. We allowed them to put a question back into the pile if they didn't know the answer (like a skip this question), without allowing the other team to gain a point.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids draw the story of Ruth. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: Judges 13:5

Close in Prayer



Q: How did God speak to Moses?

A: In a burning bush.

Q: What city did the Israelites march around?

A: Jericho.

Q: How many days did God take to create the earth?

A: 6 (He rested on the 7th).

Q: What are the first 5 finger commandments?

A: 1 God, 2. Cut out idols, 3. Don't misuse God's name, 4. Go to church, take a rest. 5. Honor your father and mother.

Q: What are the 6-10 finger commandments?

A: 6. Don't kill, 7. Two together, not looking at anyone else, 8. Don't steal 9. Don't lie saying 4 is 5 and 5 is 4, 10. Don't want other people's stuff.

Q: How did Gideon defeat the Midianites?

A. Breaking jars with candles and trumpets, with only 300 men.

Q: What happened to Moses as a baby?

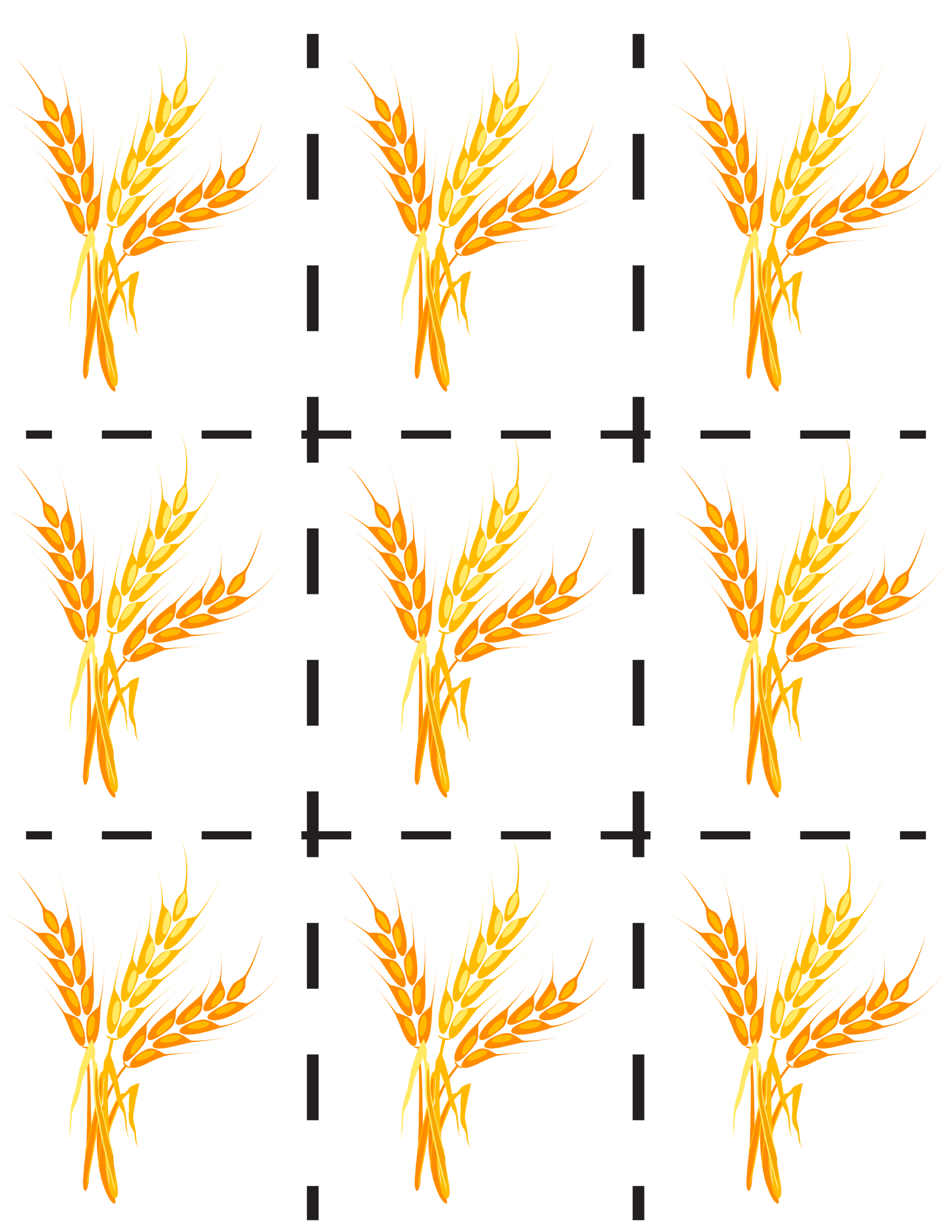
A: His mother put him in a reed basket in the Nile.

Q: What did God provide for Abraham to sacrifice instead of Isaac?

A: A ram.

Q: What tempted Eve in the Garden?

A: A serpent.



Q: What was the sign of God's promise to Noah?

A: A rainbow.

Q: What did Esau trade for his birthright?

A: A bowl of stew.

Q: What did God promise Abraham?

A: Descendents and land.

Q: Tell me one of Joseph's dreams.

A: Sun, moon and stars bowing down, or grain bowing down.

Q: What did Joseph put in a sack to frame his brothers?

A: A silver cup.

Q: What did Noah build?

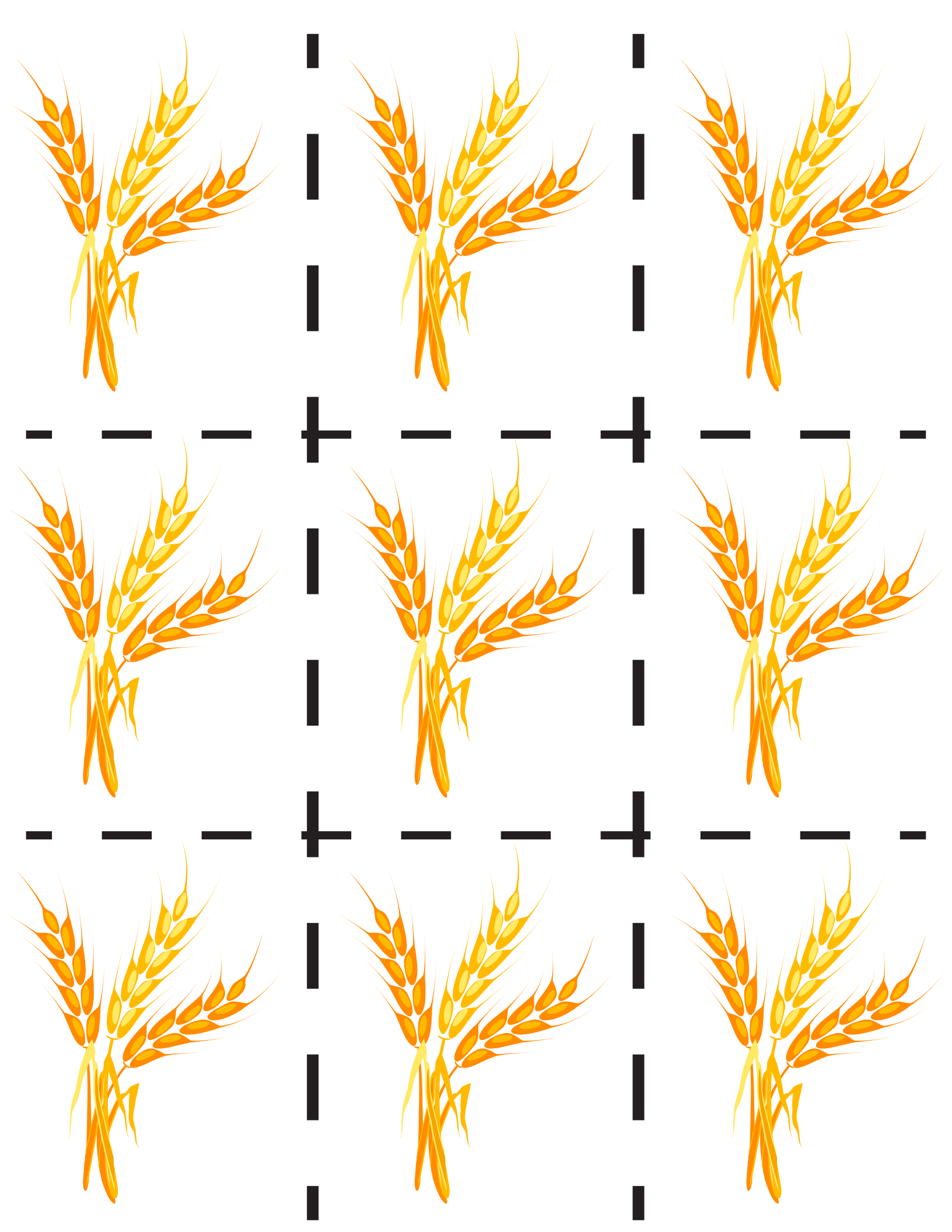
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Q: What did the Israelites follow in the desert?

A: A pillar of cloud and fire by night and day.



Q: Explain the
Passover

A: Israelites put
blood of a lamb
on doorposts so
their firstborn
wouldn't die.

Q: What did
Balaam's donkey
see?

A: The Angel of
the Lord.

Q: Who saved the
Israelite spies?

A: Rahab.

Q: Which judge sat
under a palm tree?

A: Deborah.

Q: What did Rahab hang
out of her window?

A: A scarlet cord.

Q: How did
Samson lose his
strength?

A: Delilah cut his
hair.

Q: What is the cycle
of the judges?

A: Worship God,
worship idols,
oppressed, cry to
God, God sends
judge, saved, repeat.

