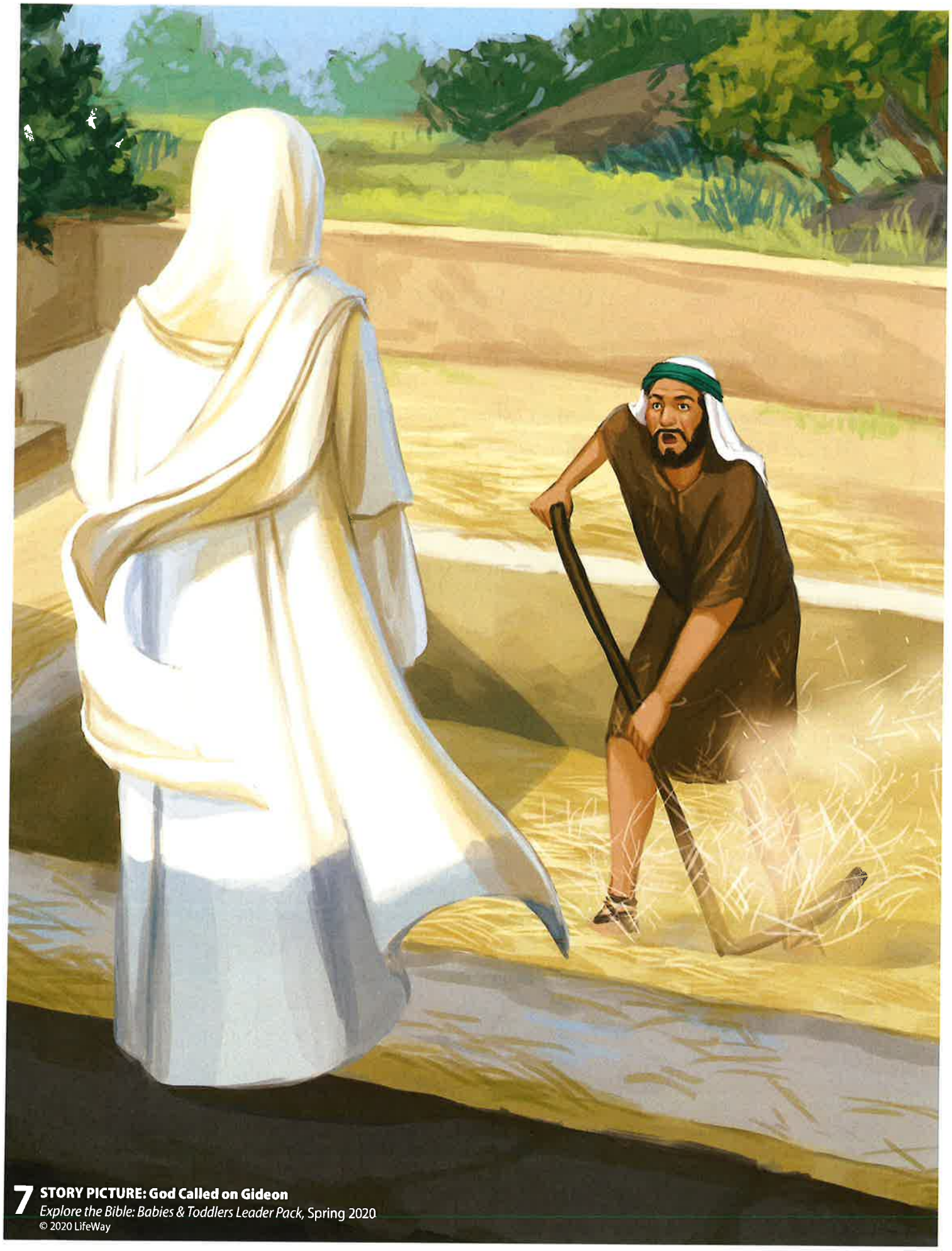

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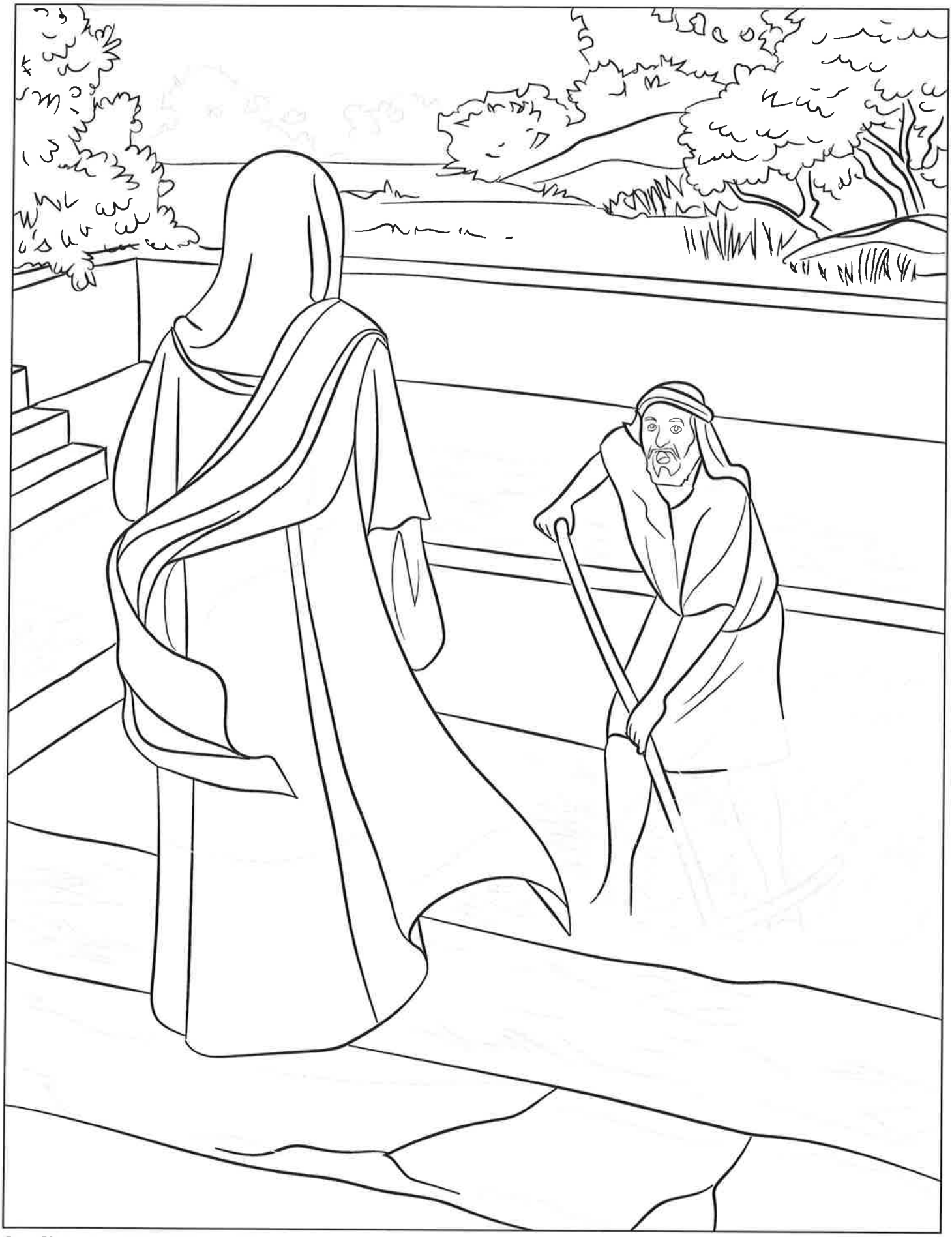

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# Follow Gideon

Find the path from Gideon to the torn-down statues and idols.

Start

**Gideon obeyed God.**

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# Do not fear, for I am with you. Isaiah 41:10

These children are afraid. What could be making them afraid? Help them not be afraid anymore by drawing them in a safe place, or with a happy or thankful face instead use the box next to each child.

## When I am afraid, I will trust in God for He is with me.

This is a picture of me trusting God to be with me even when I am afraid.

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# Preschool Newsletter

April 18, 2021

We ♥ volunteers!

And YOU make a great fit!

- Volunteers for the 8:30am and 11am services are needed and appreciated for both campuses!

## Happy Birthday!

Noah Kneeland - 5 yrs!
Lincoln Marsh - 5 yrs!
Bronson Vargas - 4 yrs!

WELCOME Baby
new arrivals

Ask me what I learned today....

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Today's Bible Story:
**God Called on Gideon**

### Bible Text Truth:

The judgers were temporary deliverers.
God called Gideon to be a temporary deliver.

### Bible Skills learned this week:

- Remember and Retell familiar Bible stories.
- Begin to understand how scripture apply to our lives.

### Bible Focus @ Home:

Mix trail mix with your preschooler. Use cereal, chocolate chips, raisins, pretzel pieces, and/or small candy pieces or fruit snacks. Encourage your child to pour items in to a bowl or stir the mixture. Scoop some of the trail mix into ziplock bags. Take a bag to a church helper, a teacher, or a friend. Tell your child: "God chooses people to help. God chose Gideon to do a special job. Our snack bag is a gift to say thank you to people for helping us. Who is a person who helps you?"

## Let's Pray

### Seeking the Lord

I pray that my child begins to understand that You are good to those who wait for and seek You, Lord.

Lam. 3:25

## Upcoming Preschool Events

May 9, 2021 is Mother's Day & Child Dedication. Email Beckie at beckie@walnutridge.org for more information on the dedication services.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

# Explore the BIBLE AT HOME

**BIBLE STORY:**
*Judges 6*
**APRIL MEMORY VERSE:**
*Ephesians 2:8-9*
**BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**
*God chose Gideon to help people.*
**KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**
*We can always trust God. (YK)*
*We grow in our faith by trusting God. (OK)*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**
*Luke 20:9-19*
**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**
*Luke 20:17*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**
**SUNDAY:** *Luke 18:31-34*
**MONDAY:** *Luke 18:35-43*
**TUESDAY:** *Luke 19:1-10*
**WEDNESDAY:** *Luke 19:11-27*
**THURSDAY:** *Luke 19:28-35*
**FRIDAY:** *Luke 19:36-40*
**SATURDAY:** *Luke 19:41-44*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

**USE THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU STUDY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:**

- **Examine fleece.**
Before you gather, consider purchasing a piece of fleece from your local craft or fabric store. Try to find natural fleece and not synthetic fleece.

Give everyone a turn to hold the fleece and feel its texture. Ask questions about the fleece and how it feels to the touch. If possible, wet the fleece and discover the differences.

Say: "Gideon wanted to be sure that God was talking to him before he went into battle. One way Gideon did that was by using a fleece that would be either wet or dry in the morning. God had chosen Gideon to help the people."

- **Pretend to winnow grain.**
In a bucket, gather strips of paper, some very heavy objects, and a few other items of varying weights. Find an area either inside with a fan or outside with some wind to try this experiment.

Take turns tossing the items in the air and seeing how many land back in the bucket. Depending on the strength of your fan or wind, the paper should be blown away and the heavier items should remain.

Say: "Gideon was winnowing grain when the angel came and visited him. God chose Gideon to help the people."

- **Knock down a tower.**
Gather items that can be easily built into a tower and knocked over without causing injury or damage to your property.

Take turns building a structure and letting someone else knock it over. Continue as long as interest remains.

Say: "The first thing God wanted Gideon to do was to get rid of his father's idols that had been built. Gideon went at night and tore down the statues his father had built."

Continue: "Gideon knew that God wanted him to be the leader in Israel, and Gideon called people to come and fight the Midianites."

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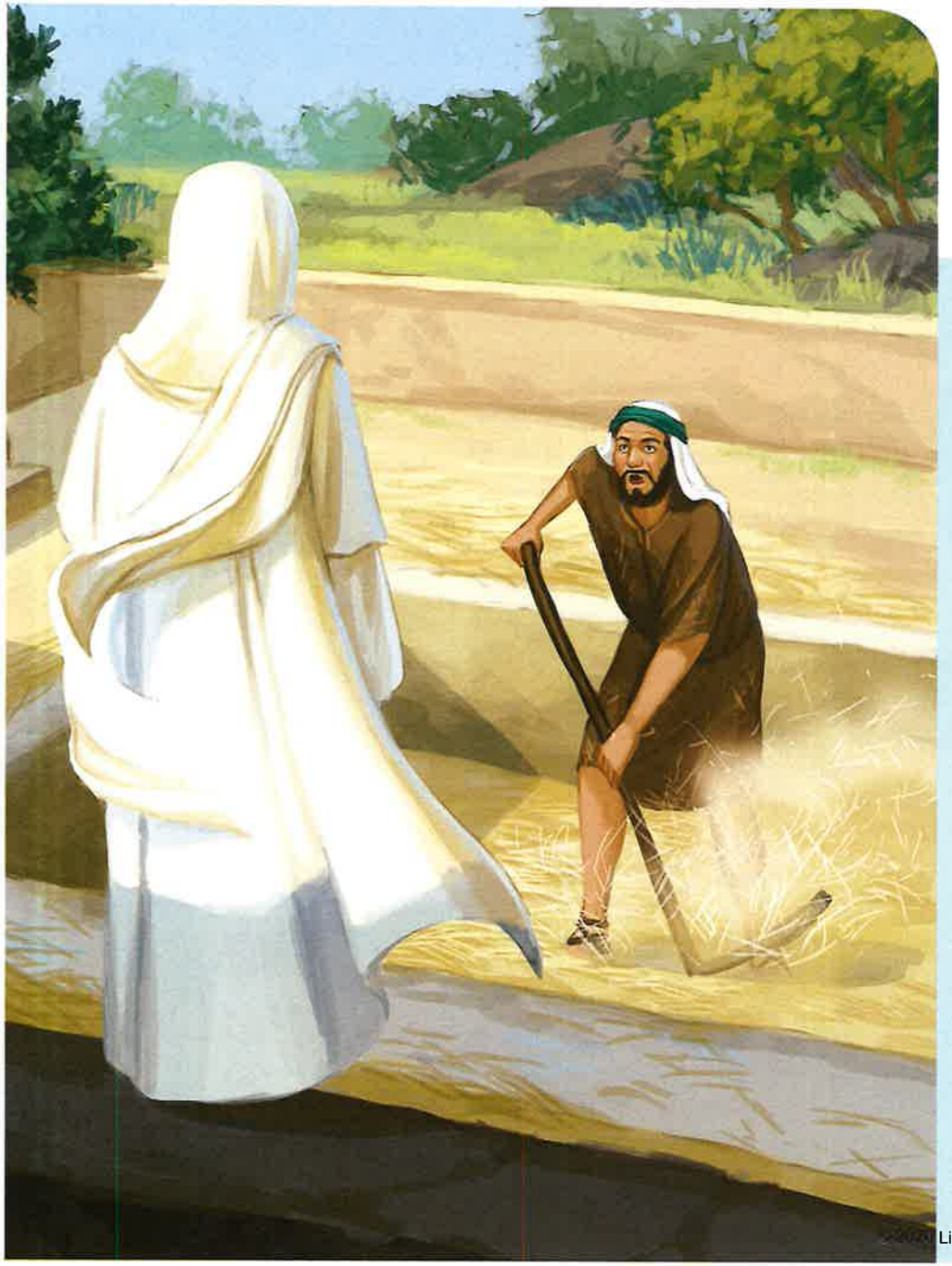


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