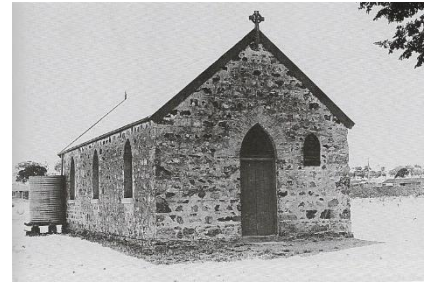




ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH
PEBBLES SEPTEMBER 17th, 2023
Week 3 in Month of Creation –
Wilderness/Outback



Based on Romans 8:18-27

Oh, humans, do you think the Sacred Story is for you alone? Is God for Humanity only, or for Creation entirely?

Yes! God is for Creation entirely!
Even me - Wild - cranky, rough.

Yes, I suffer under the baking Sun.
I thirst for Rain, who never comes.
I grow but little, and that life is hard,
and lonely.

But this suffering, even all this heat
and hunger, does not compare to how
good life will be, the new life to come
with Creator!

With all Creation, I wait with eager
longing to be remembered as a child of
God.

I wait for release from this hard life,
this lonely life. I wait for the time
when I will sing and dance in freedom
with all Creation.

We all groan with the waiting,
for we carry a heavy weight in this
time. But we have hope,
and in hope, we pray.

Oh, we don't quite know what we're
hoping for, what it will look like in
God's new future - but hope is not
hope, is it, when you know it all,
already?!

And while we wait, and sometimes
stumble and fall, Spirit is here to
help us.

When we have no words to pray
anymore, Spirit steps in with sighs
that tell what we are feeling.

Spirit and Creator are one, you
see, and need no words to know
what the other is saying.

So I am patient in hope, with all
Creation, trusting that all things
will come together well in
God's good Creation.

Hello God,

I know you have made a wonderful world for us to live in. A world that is full of wild animals, wild hills and deserts, wild winds and wild rain. Thank You for giving me such a great place to live in.

Thank You for all my friends who I can share the wilderness with, thank You for my Mum and Dad who take me to see the animals that live in the zoo.

In Your name I pray,

Amen

MAKE AN EASY SUNCATCHER

Use the picture below to help you make your very own suncatcher.

WHAT YOU NEED

Plain paper; glue; scissors; different coloured cellophane; sticky tape

WHAT TO DO

1. Using the scissors cut the coloured paper into the shape you want.
2. Cut out the centre of your chosen shape (like the picture below)
3. Glue one of colours of the cellophane over the shape in the centre of your paper as in the picture below
4. Cover the cellophane in small pieces of the other colours of cellophane.
5. Sticky tape the suncatcher in a window where the sun shines through and see the colours on the walls and ceiling of the room.



EXPLORING OUR FAITH

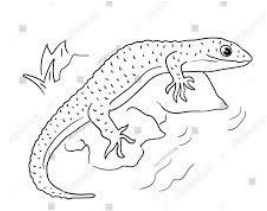
All sorts of little creatures and animals live in desert areas. They can be found underground, at the base of desert grasses, or have adapted to keep themselves cool (thick skinned, under rocks). These might be creatures like hopping mice, bilbies, meerkats, witchetty grubs, rattle-snakes, lizards. Local indigenous people know where to find these creatures.

Draw a line to match the animal names with their pictures.

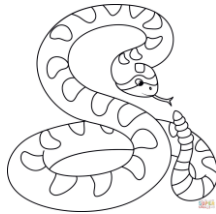
Rattlesnake



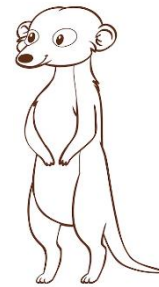
Hopping mice



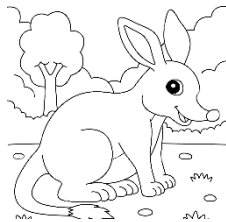
Witchetty grubs



Bilby

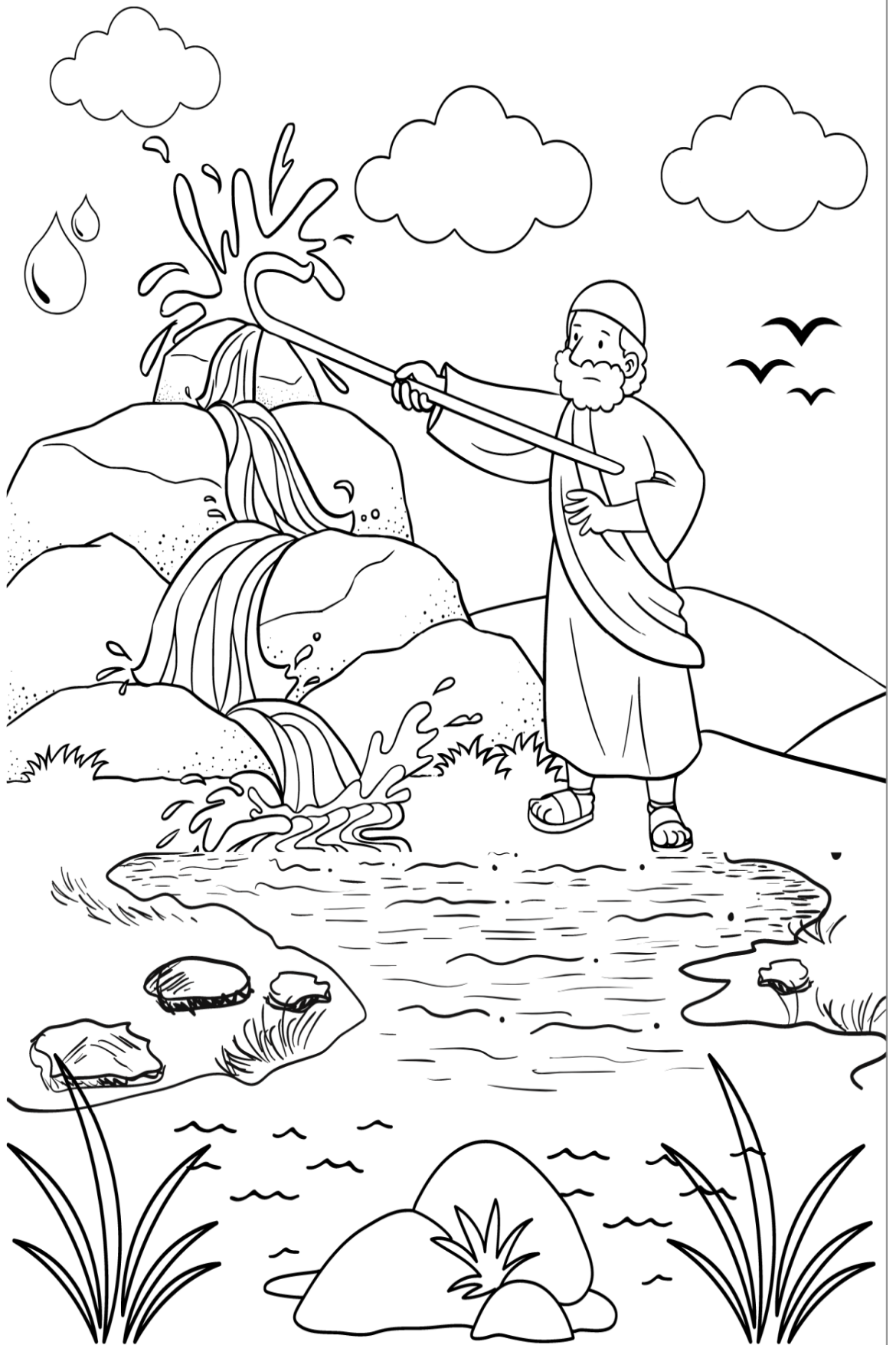


Lizard



meerkats





God created so many different parts of nature that are wild, not just dry and dusty places.

Sometimes the rivers, oceans and icy mountains are wild too.

Nature

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sea	bushes	erosion	mushrooms	fungi	bog	stream
coral reef	fish	shark	suburban	city	wilderness	swamp
marsh	mountains	nature	rainforest	forest	desert	zebra
lake	pond	river	animals	hurricane	water	ocean
sand	beach	leaves	colourful	spring	fall	winter
summer	snowman	snowball	snowflake	tornado	flood	blizzard
hail	plants	lightning	thunder	storm	vegetables	sleet
snow	rain	fruit	weather	clouds	trees	flower



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUvgOTsPkzc>

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM **'WILDERNESS'**

EG: wild, send,