

Hello BY ESTHER NAIDOO boys and girls

Dear Lord Jesus thank You that because I am Your child I have everything I need to achieve the goals that I have set for the new year. Help me to be obedient to Your word and instructions so that I may set the right goals and make the right decisions. I ask that You would help me daily to put an extra focus on my spiritual goals so that I may have a closer relationship with You.
Amen



As one year comes to an end and a new year begins most people take the opportunity to look at the goals of the year past and what they have managed to achieve, what they have forgotten and what they have failed to do. For some it could be to do better at school, to be a kinder and more loving sibling or friend or even something fun like learning to swim. It is very important to set goals so that you know where you are going and so that you can plan how you are going to get to that goal.

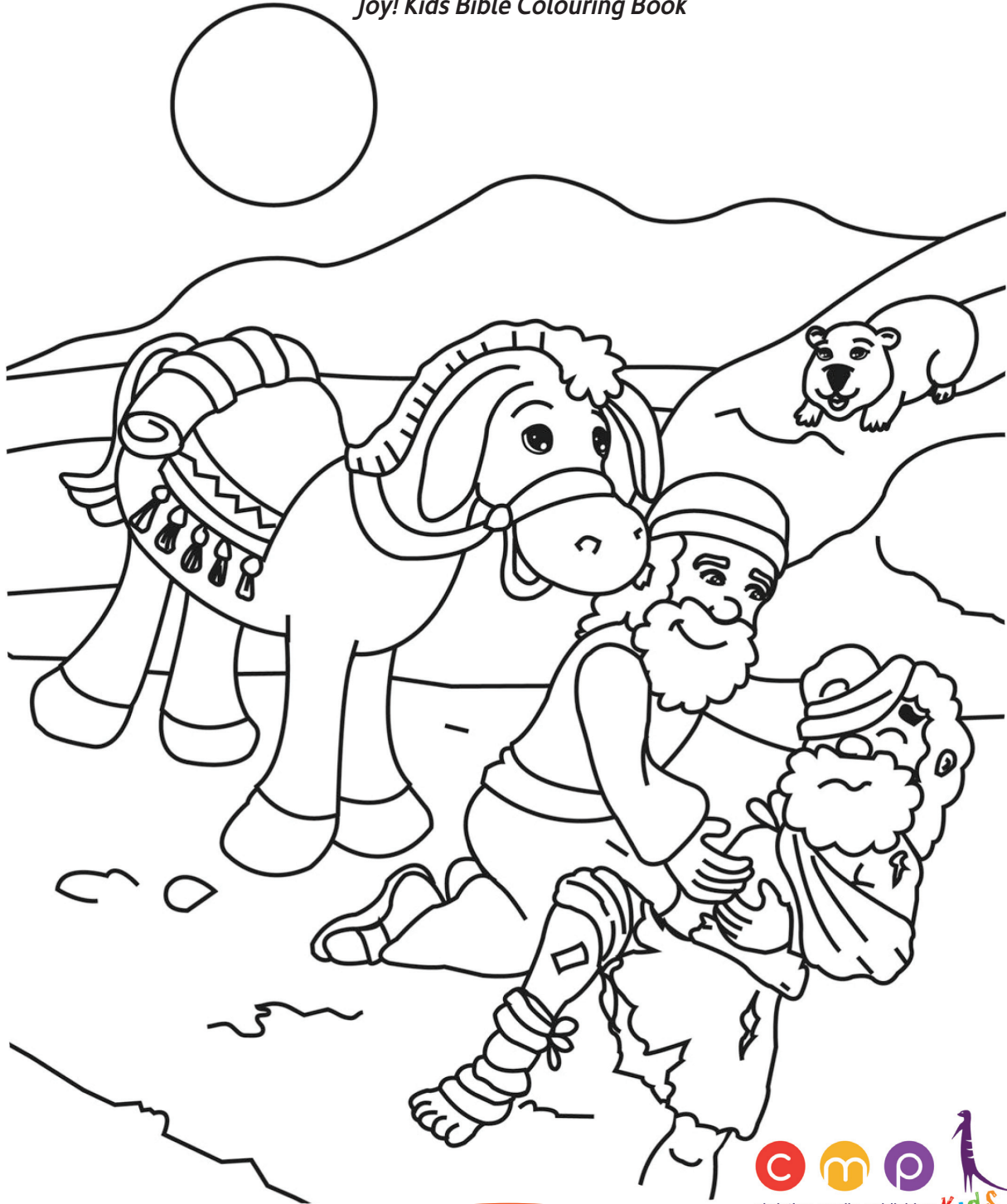
Most people focus on physical goals but it is important to remember to set spiritual goals as well. It is easy to forget to spend time with God, not to pray or read the Bible as often as you should or even be a witness of who God is when you become busy with your everyday tasks and duties. If you do not set spiritual goals then it is very difficult to grow and have a closer relationship with God. If you think about it, when last did you sit and read your Bible or tell a friend about Jesus. These have to be daily goals that we work towards achieving.

Mommy and daddy calls it New Year's resolutions, it sounds very fancy and complicated to me. I asked mommy to help me make a chart where I can write down all the new and some old goals that I haven't achieved yet but that I would like to achieve in the New Year. I decorated the chart and daddy helped me hang it on my bedroom door so that it can be a daily reminder of the important things I need to work on daily.

The Bible says in Proverbs 29:18 "where there is no vision the people perish" and in 2 Peter 1:10 "So then, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election certain, for if you keep on doing this you will never fail." Here the Bible encourages and motivates us to set goals and work towards them so that we can achieve all that God has purposed for us. It even goes on to say that if our goals are aligned with God's goals for our lives then we can never fail. It is important that when we set these goals that we should pray and ask God to bless our plans, to mould and change our plans according to His will and to help us achieve our goals.

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