

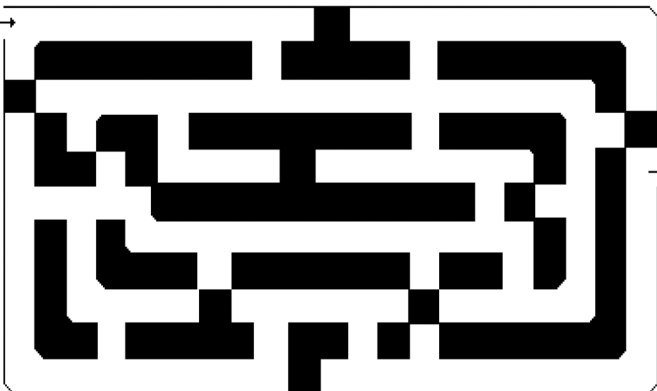
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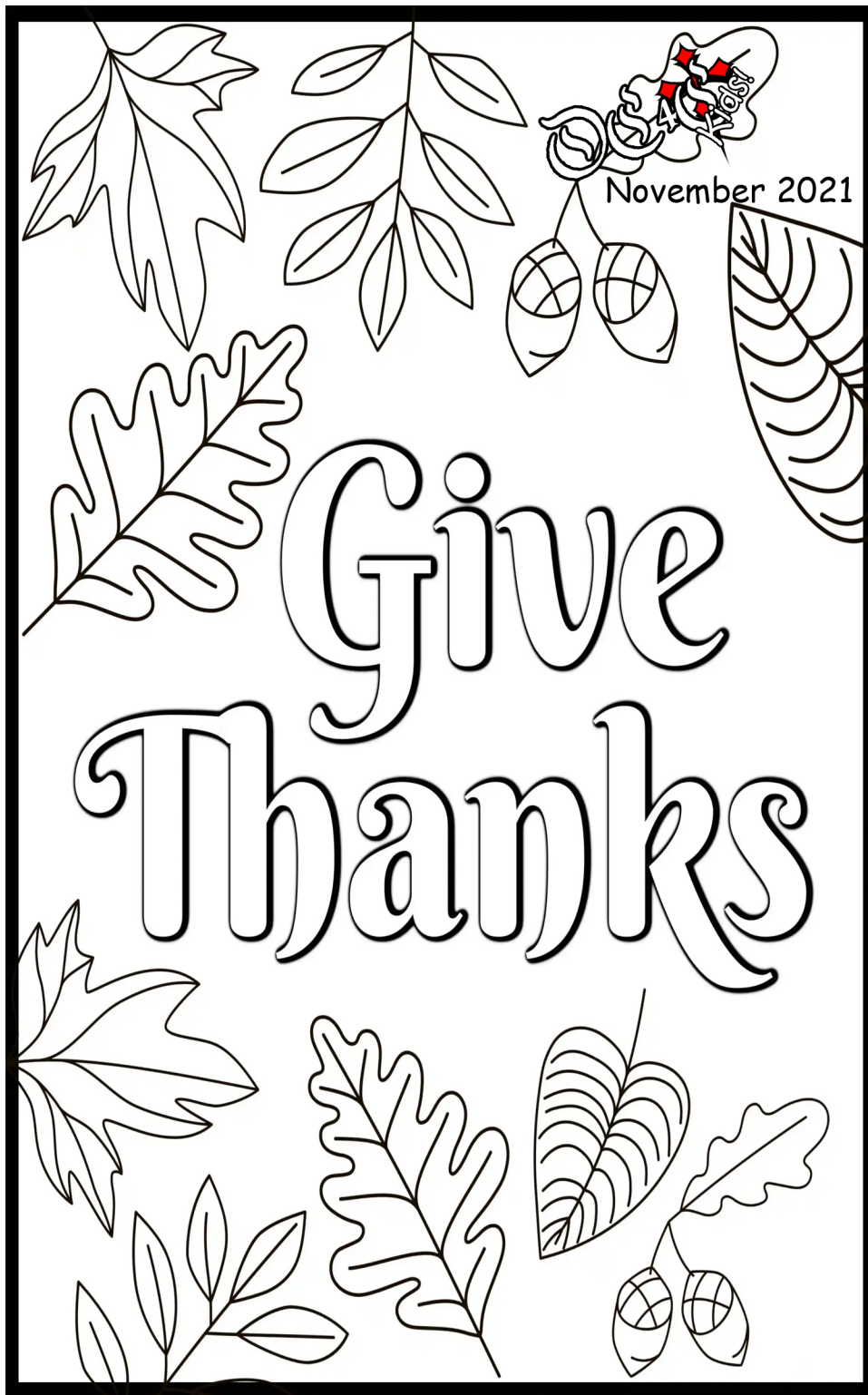
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MEAT
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Bring food →
to Elijah



→ Elijah





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King Ahab thought he was hot stuff.

He really thought he was the Big Cheese!

He was a mighty King after all. All he had to do was give a command, and his servants scrambled to do it.

King Ahab didn't need God.

Instead of trusting in God for all things, King Ahab trusted in himself. King Ahab thought HE was in charge. He didn't pray to God - God would want him to do things God's way. Instead, he prayed to idols, because they would do things HIS way.

Or so he thought.

But God was about to teach him who the REAL Big Cheese is!

And so God sent the prophet Elijah.

"It will not rain, or will there be even any dew on the ground until the one true God says so!" Elijah said to the king.

Then God told Elijah to go and hide away. King Ahab was on his own now. Now he would learn who REALLY is in charge of all things.

And then, just as God had promised, the rain stopped.

It did not rain for days...

then weeks...

then months.

Meanwhile, God was taking care of Elijah.

He showed him where there was a small stream so he would have water to drink, and he sent ravens that brought him meat every morning and meat every evening.

This was an amazing thing! But then, our God is an amazing God, and even in the toughest times, he takes care of those who trust in him.

But, after a while, the stream dried up because there hadn't been any rain for so long.

Now what was Elijah going to do?

God said to Elijah, "Pack up your things and go to the land of Sidon. There is a widow there, and I have commanded that she will provide you with food."

And so Elijah did exactly what God told him to do (that's always a good idea!). He packed up his things and made the hot dusty walk to Sidon.

You should know that Sidon was not part of the Kingdom of Israel. The people who lived there were not Elijah's people. They were not Jews, they were Gentiles. They weren't descendants of Abraham, they didn't follow God's laws, and, many times they were enemies of Elijah's people. Still, that's where God told Elijah to go, so that's where he went.

Under the blistering sun, Elijah walked off to the town of Zarephath.

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