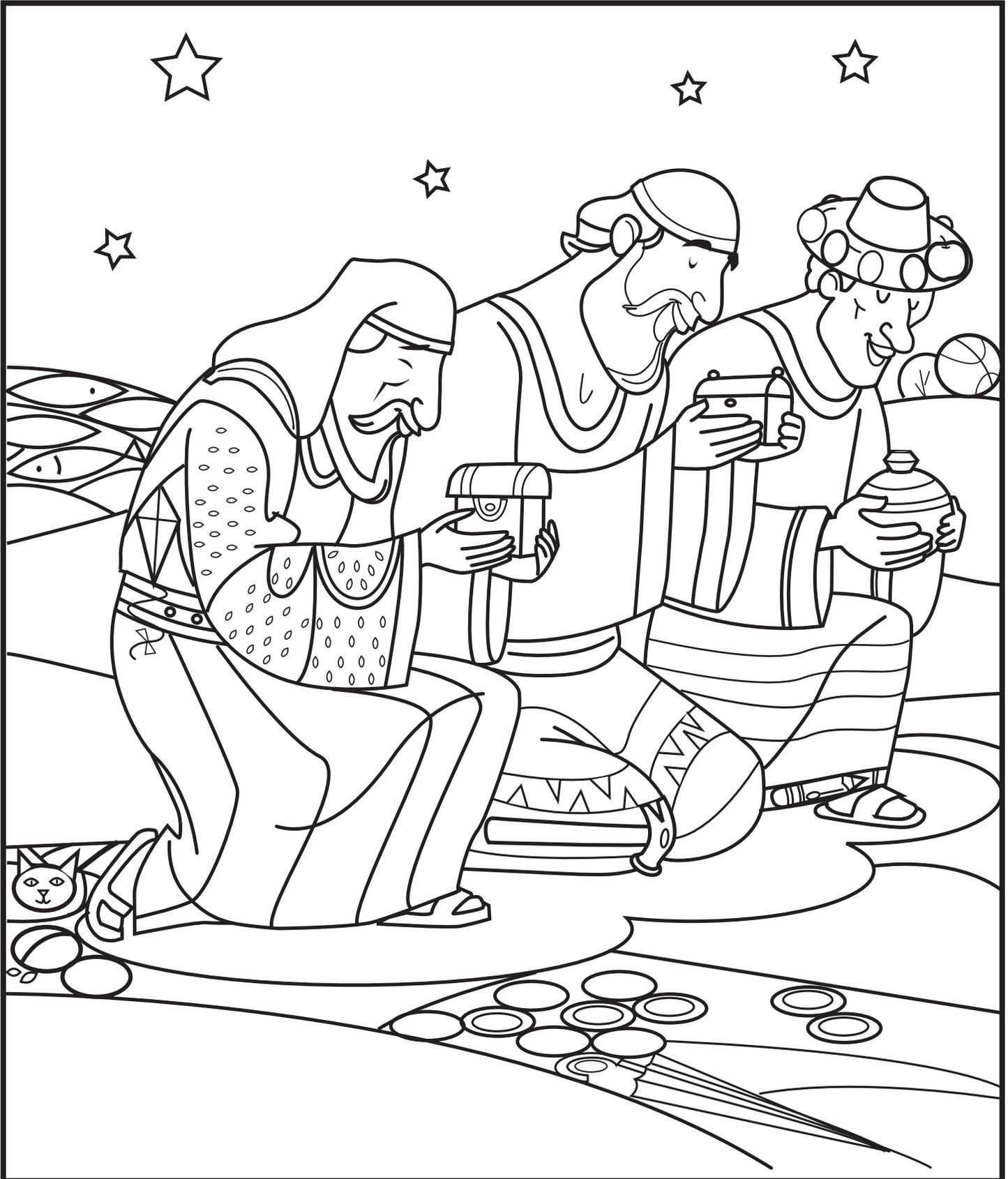


Wise Men Hidden Pictures

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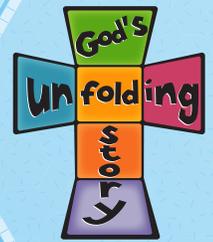
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Wise Men Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down or diagonally.

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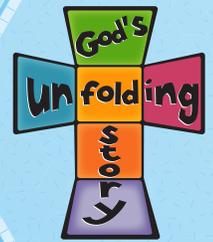
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