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## Canaan at Last

The Israelites followed the cloud on and on. Sometimes the cloud stopped for a long time. Then the people camped till the cloud moved on.

Moses had died in the desert. His helper, Joshua, became the new leader. Now the Israelites had come to the Jordan River. They looked across and saw a beautiful country. The people shouted for joy. "Over there is Canaan. That is our land. We have reached our own country at last!"

The Israelites did not know how they would get across the river. But God stopped the river and made a dry path to the other side. The people walked over to Canaan with all their things. When the last one got

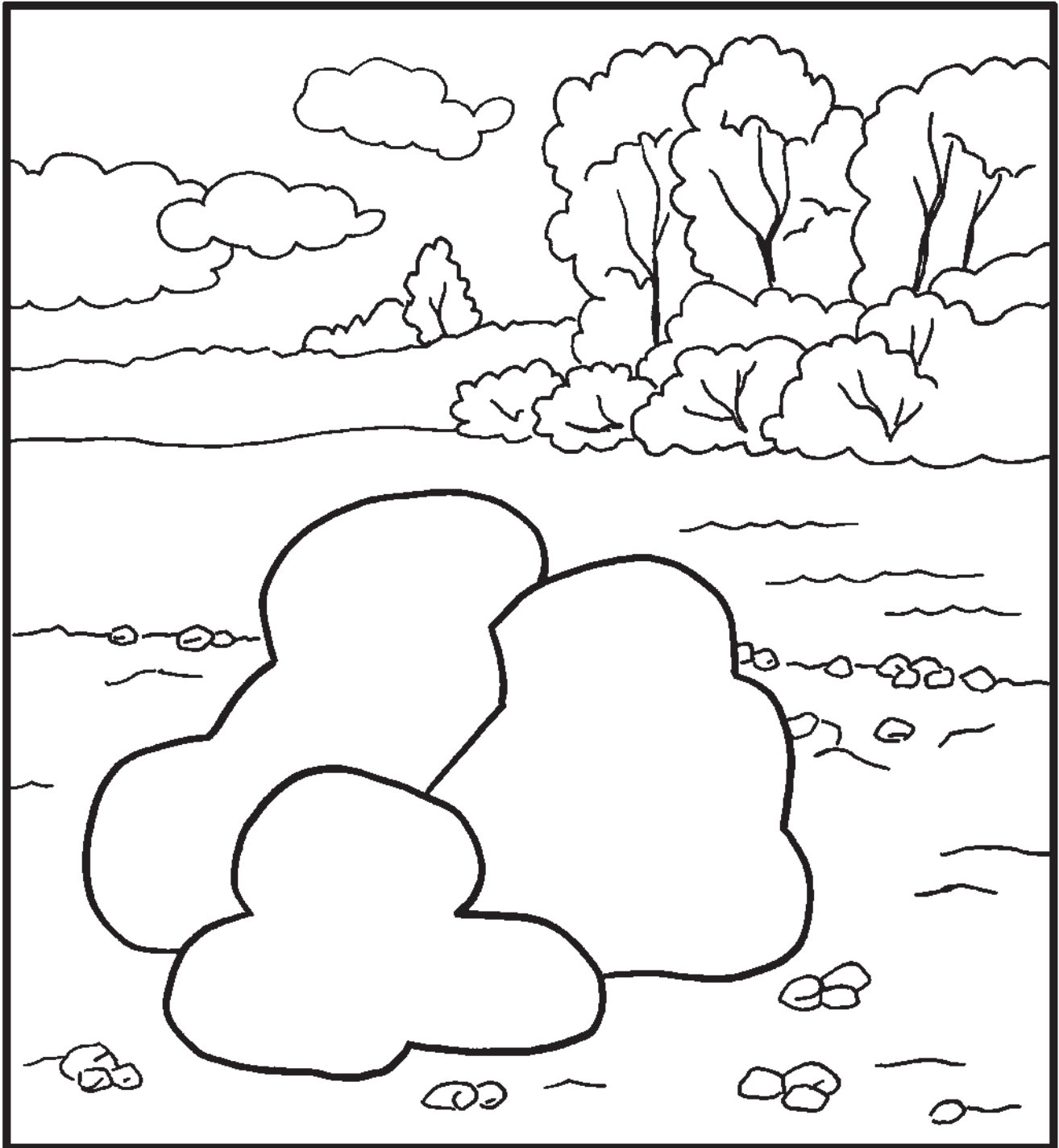
across, the river began running again.

Joshua did not want the people to forget what God had done for them. He said to twelve Israelite men, "As you cross over, pick up a big stone from the middle of the river. Put it on your shoulder. Carry it to the other side."

When the men brought the stones, Joshua put them on a pile. He said, "When your children ask what these stones mean, tell them how God dried up the Jordan River and the Red Sea. He brought us safely into Canaan, just as he said He would. We and our children must never forget all the LORD did for us. We must love and obey Him forever."

**Color the background picture.**

**Paste the stones from page 35 to fit the outlines.**



When your children shall ask . . . saying, "What mean these stones?"  
Then ye shall say . . . "Israel came over this Jordan on dry land."

Joshua 4:21, 22

# 3

## Miracle for Naaman

Naaman lived in a country beside the land of Israel. He was a strong, brave man. But he had a bad sickness in his skin. No doctor could make him well. He would have to die.

A little Israelite girl worked for Naaman's wife. She said, "I wish Naaman would go to the prophet in the land of Israel. I know Elisha could make him well."

Naaman took his servants and went to the land of Israel. When he got to Elisha's house, the prophet sent his servant out to talk to Naaman. The servant said, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then you will be well."

Naaman became angry. He said, "The rivers in my country

are better than the Jordan River. Why can't I wash in them?" He turned and started to go home.

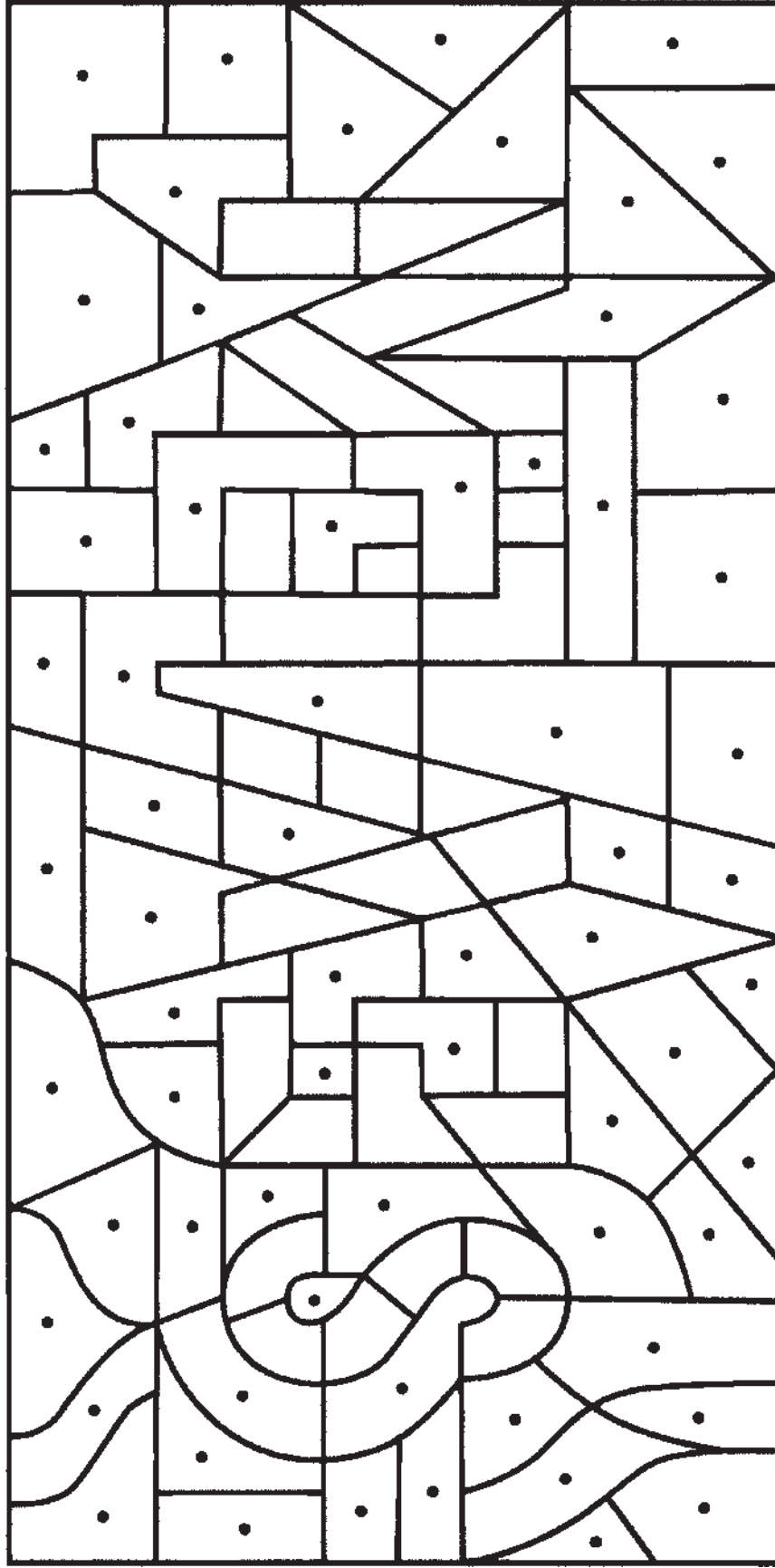
His servants said, "If the prophet had given you some hard thing, wouldn't you have done it? Why not do the easy thing?"

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River. He dipped himself seven times. All at once his sickness left him. His skin was clear as a little child's.

Naaman knew the water of the Jordan River had not made him well. God had made him well because he had obeyed Elisha. He said, "Now I know there is no God in all the earth but Israel's God. Now I will worship no other God but the true God of Israel."

How many times did Naaman dip in the Jordan River?

**Color the empty spaces to find out.**



Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God. 2 Kings 5:14

# 4

## Another Miracle

One day the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "This place we live in is too small for us. May we go to the Jordan River and build a bigger place?"

"Go ahead," said Elisha.

Then one young prophet asked, "Will you please go along with us?" So the prophet Elisha went with them.

The men took axes along to cut down trees beside the Jordan River. They needed posts for the walls. Chop, chop, chop. They needed poles for the roof. Chop, chop, chop. They needed boards for the floor. Chop, chop, chop. Everyone worked hard cutting down trees.

All at once a man's ax head flew off the handle. It flew

through the air. Splash, it hit the water and sank like a stone.

"What shall I do? Oh, what shall I do?" cried the man.

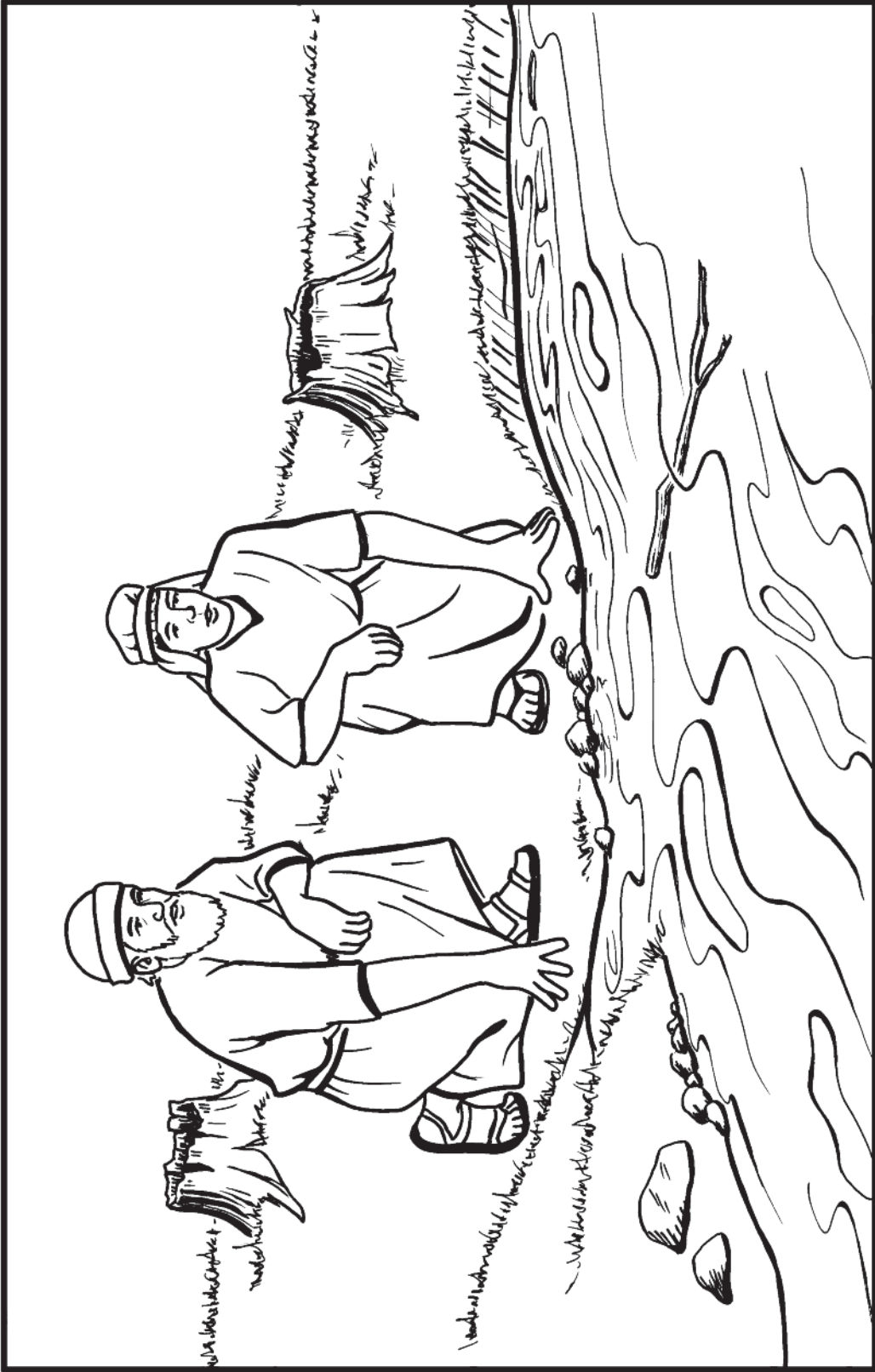
"The ax was not mine. It belonged to someone else."

Elisha came to the bank of the river. "Where did the ax head fall in?" he asked.

The man showed Elisha the place. The prophet took his ax and cut a stick. He threw it into the river where the ax head had sunk. Then the ax head rose to the top of the water. It floated like a leaf. The man reached out. He picked the ax head off the top of the water. He put it back on the handle.

They all went back to work. They had just seen another miracle from God.

Draw an ax head like this on the water.  
Color the picture.



And he [Elisha] cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.  
2 Kings 6:6

# 5

## A King They Could Not Catch

The king of Syria went to fight Israel. He wanted to catch the king of Israel. He sent soldiers into the land of Canaan. They hid along a road and waited for Israel's king to come by. Then they were going to jump out and get him.

God told the prophet, Elisha, where the soldiers were hiding.

Elisha told the king, "Be careful. Do not go on that road. Soldiers from Syria are hiding there. They want to catch you."

The soldiers waited and waited, but the king of Israel did not come.

The king of Syria told the soldiers to hide at another place. They waited and waited. But the king of Israel did not

come along that road. Elisha had told him not to go that way.

The soldiers hid at a third place. Elisha told the king about that place too. So he did not go that way.

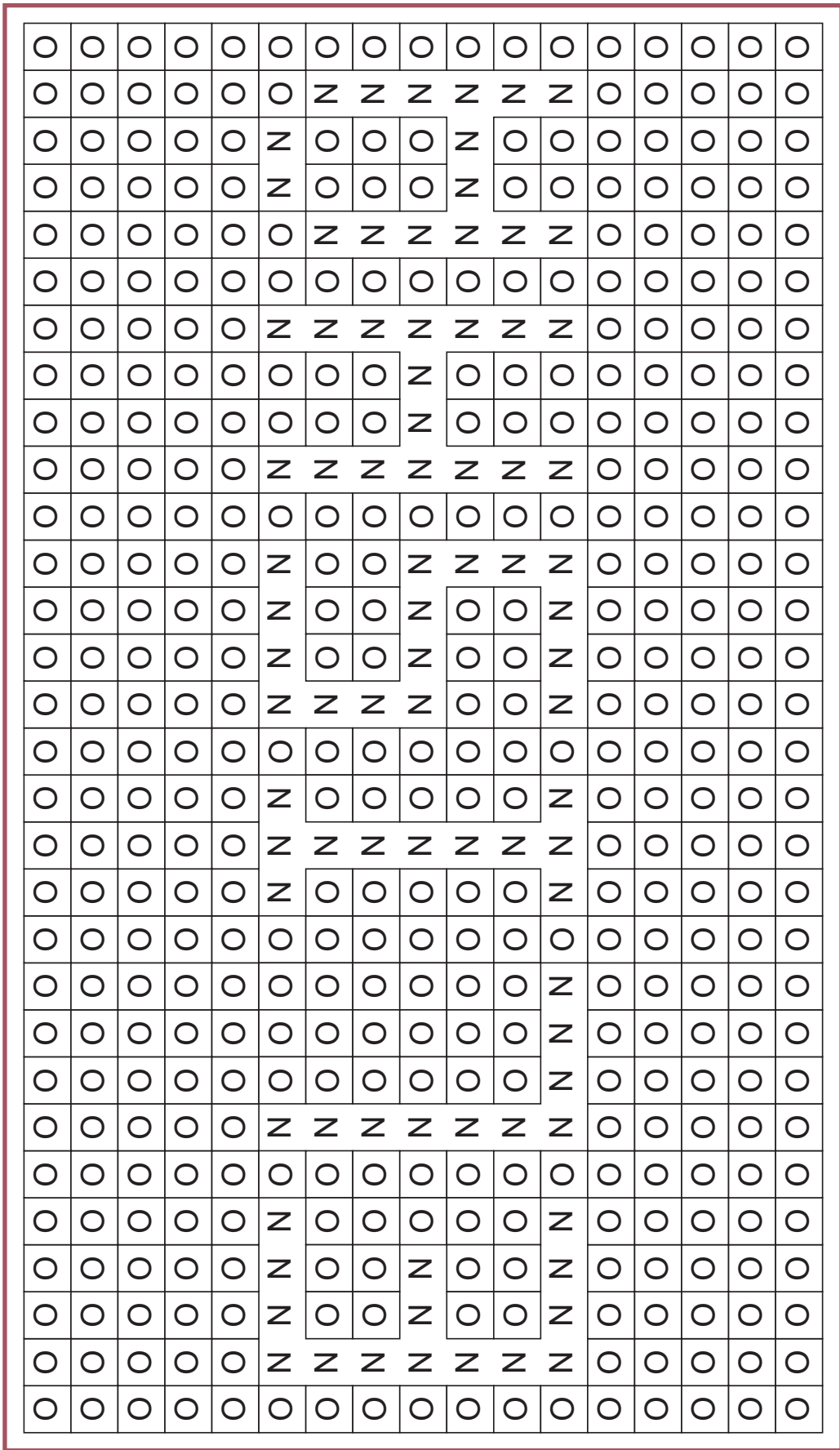
The king of Syria could not understand it. He said to his soldiers, "Who of you is telling the king of Israel my plans?"

His soldiers answered, "None of us is telling him. The prophet Elisha is the one who knows where we hide. He tells the king. Elisha knows everything you say."

"Then we must catch Elisha," said the king. "Go down to the land of Israel and find out where he lives. I will send my army to get him. After that we will catch the king of Israel."

Who told the king where the soldiers were hiding?

**Color the N squares to find out.**



The prophet ... in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest.

2 Kings 6:12