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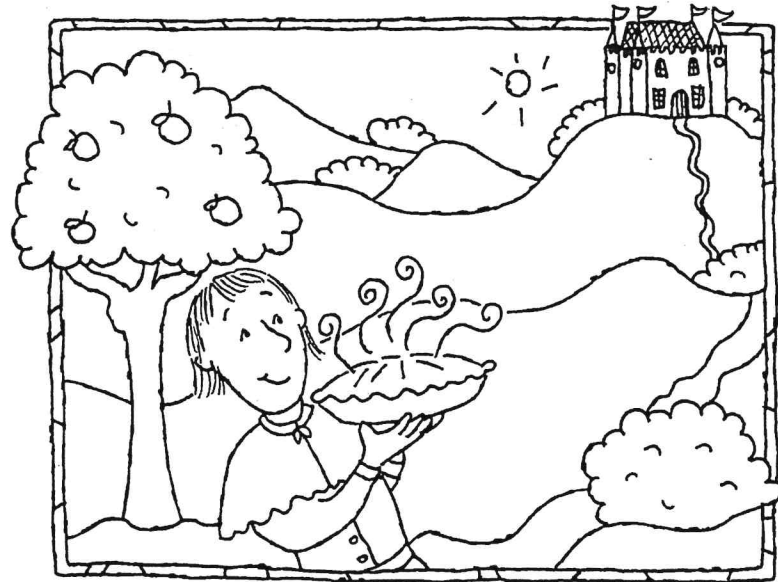
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# Robbie's Apple Pie



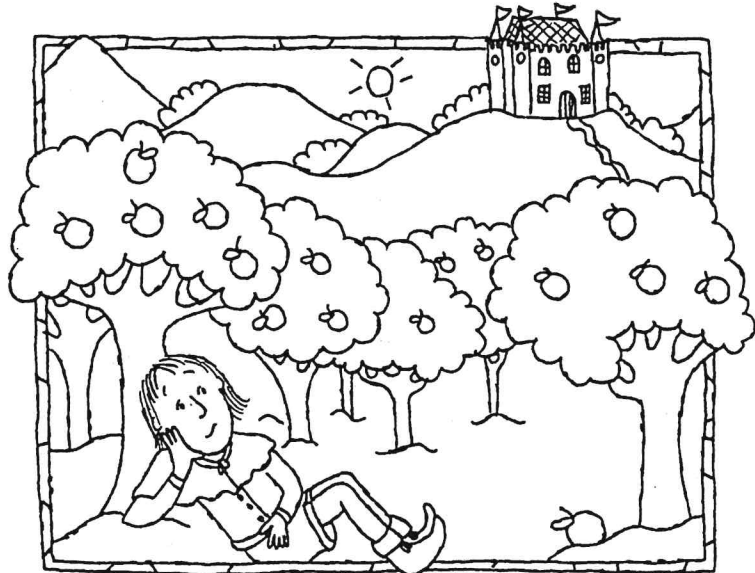
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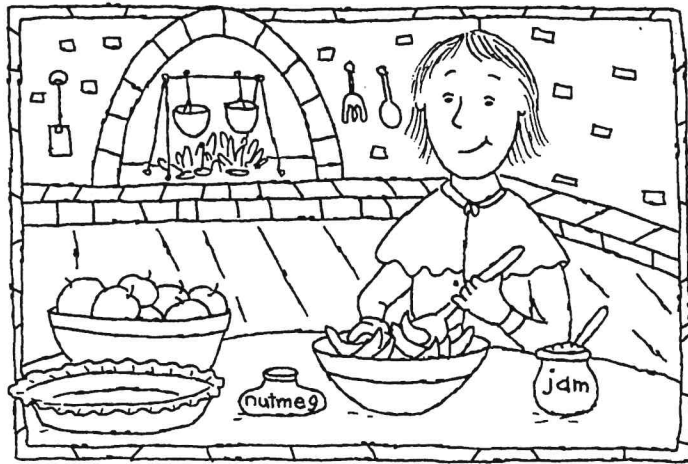
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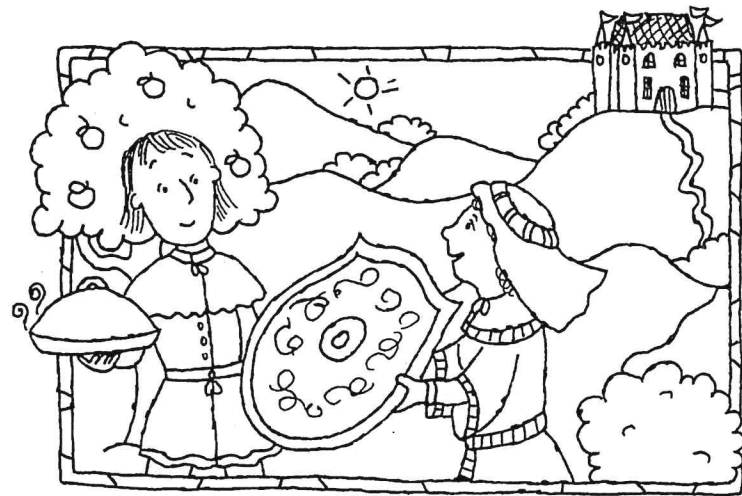
“Today is the king’s party!”  
Robbie said. “What can I give  
the king?”

Robbie had only a field of  
apple trees.



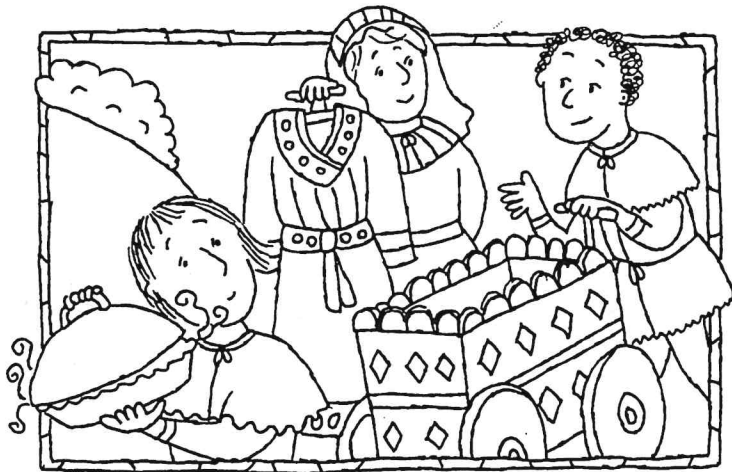
"I'll make the king an apple pie!" Robbie said.

He cut up apples. He added nutmeg and sweet jam. He cooked the pie. Then he was ready!



He met Nell. She said, "I have a big, gold shield for the king! What is your gift?"

Robbie looked at the shield and said, "Just a little something."



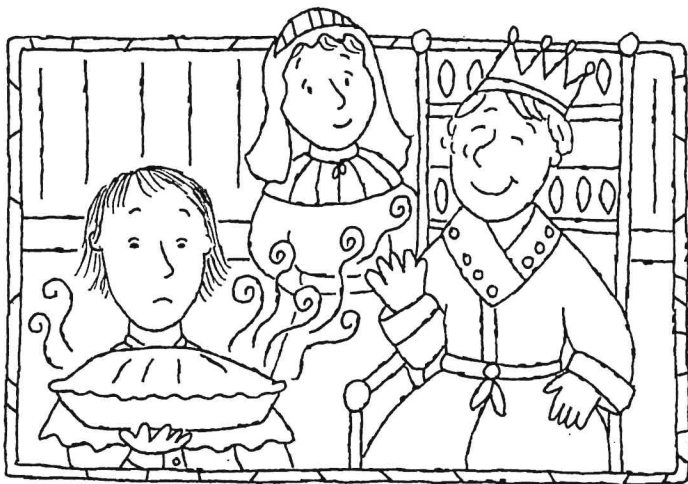
Robbie saw **big** gifts! Mitch had a cart. Bonnie had a silk robe with a tie.

Robbie sniffed his pie. It smelled good, but it was so little!



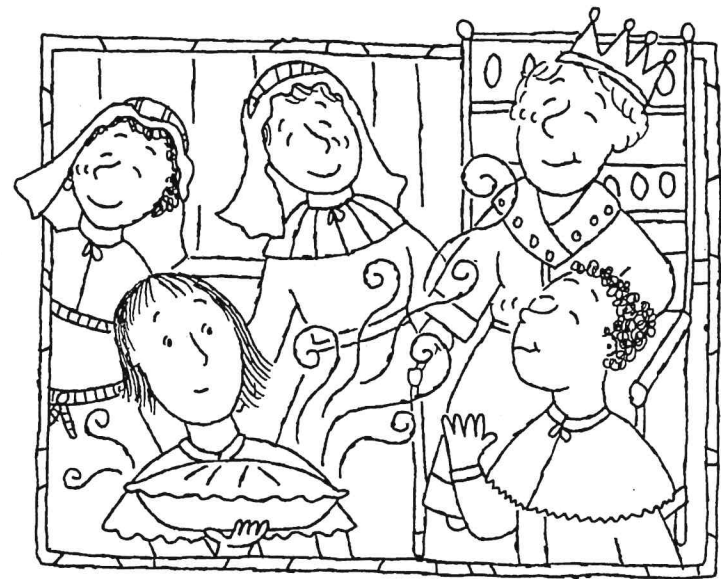
“Gifts for the king!” the people shrieked. “Gifts for our chief!”

“So many gifts!” the king said. “Thank you, good people!”



“I can’t give him my pie,”  
Robbie thought sadly. “It  
isn’t enough.”

Then the king sniffed the  
air. “What is that I smell?”  
he asked.



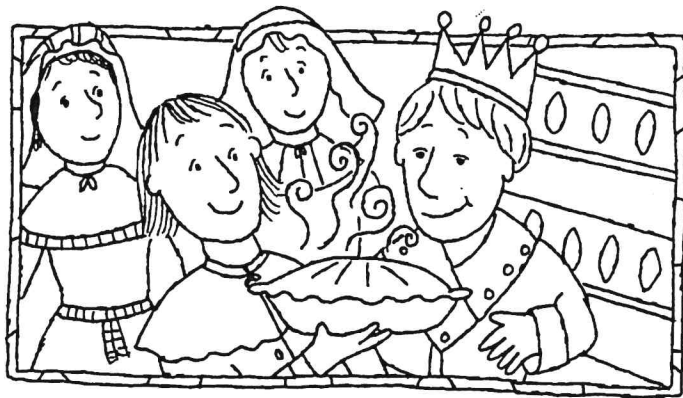
“I smell jam,” Nell said.

“Is that nutmeg?” said Mitch.

“What is it?” Bonnie shrieked.

“It could be my apple pie,”

Robbie said shyly.



“This is my gift,” he said.

“Thank you!” said the king.

“I just love apple pie!”

“I have a huge field of apple trees!” Robbie said. “I can make enough pies for everyone!”

**The End**

### Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. Why does Robbie make an apple pie?
2. What gifts does the king receive?
3. At first, why doesn't Robbie want to give his pie to the king?
4. What might Robbie make for everyone?

Answers: 1. to give to the king 2. a shield, a cart, a robe, Robbie's pie  
3. because it doesn't seem like enough 4. apple pies

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