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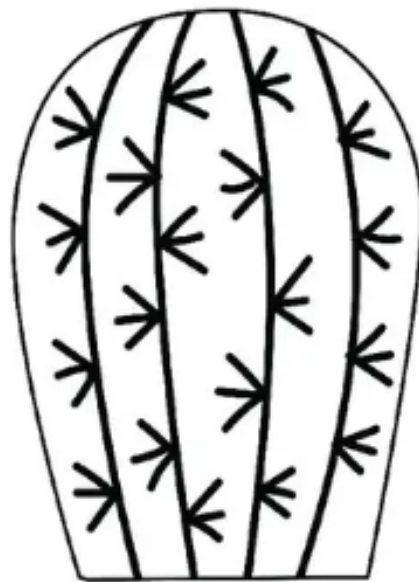
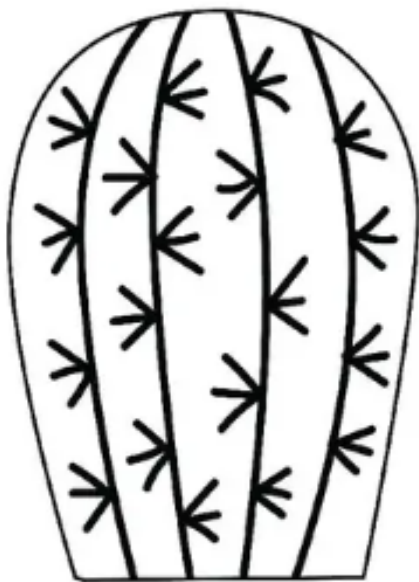
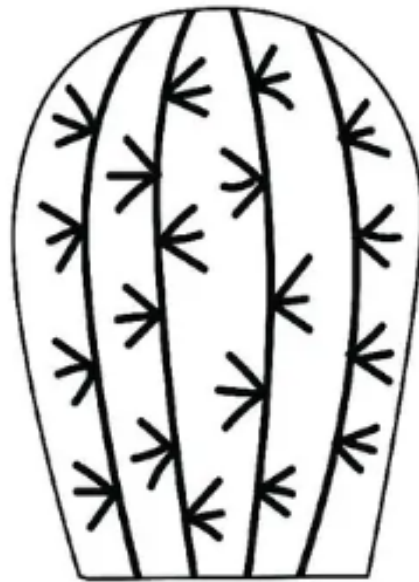
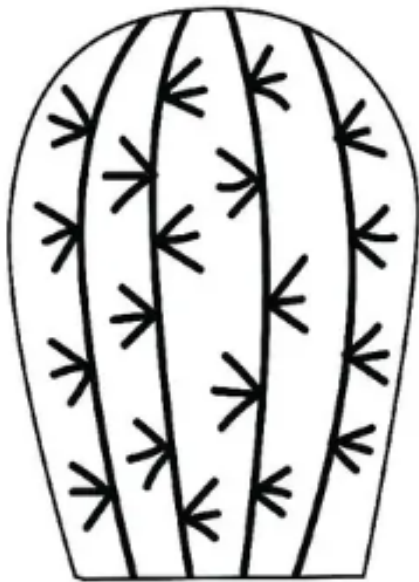
The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. (Isaiah 35:1)

This beautiful scripture speaks of the kingdom of Christ and forever afterwards, when the Earth will produce perfect and abundant food and flowers. Not only the people, but also the Earth and all which is in it, will be perfect. Isaiah 35:7

Color the picture



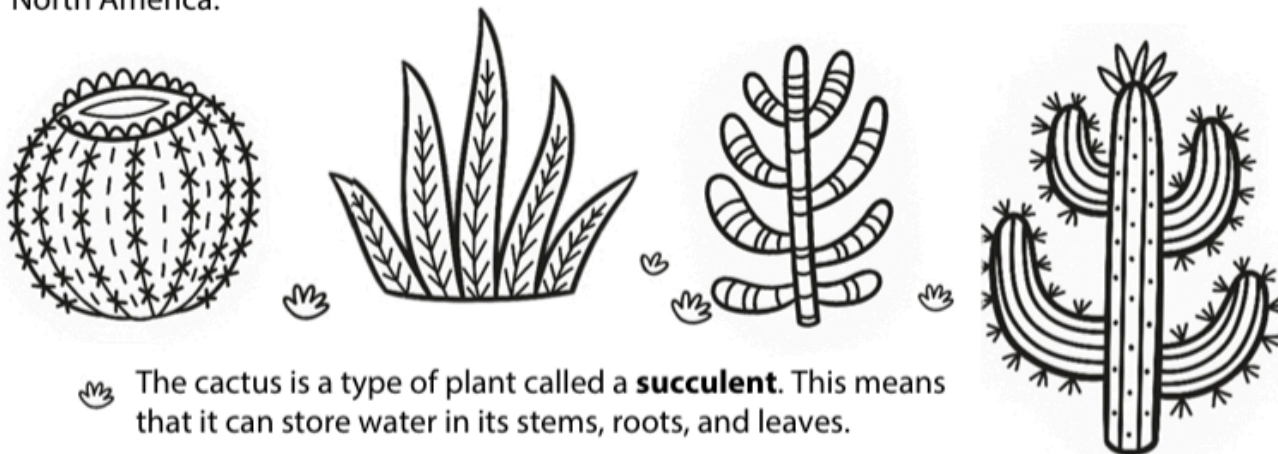
Draw a flower on top of each cactus. Make sure the flower is touching the top.
Color the flowers and the cactus. Cut the 4 cacti out.
Glue 2 together. Now you have 2 reminders of how the desert will look in the Kingdom.



Read the following passage. Highlight, underline, or circle anything that is very interesting to you. Color the cacti.

FUN FACTS ABOUT CACTUS

The cactus is a type of plant that can store large amounts of water and survive in extremely hot and dry habitats. There are around 2000 different species of cactus that differ in size, shape, color and type of habitat. Almost all **cacti** are native to deserts and dry regions of South and North America.



☞ The cactus is a type of plant called a **succulent**. This means that it can store water in its stems, roots, and leaves.

☞ Some cactus plants are very round, and others are flat like a pancake. Some are even shaped like snakes or starfish.

☞ The cactus has waxy skin that helps it hold in water.

☞ Cactus flowers can be yellow, red, pink, white, orange, or blue.

☞ Some cactus flowers bloom for only a day, while others last for weeks.

☞ Many of these flowers are nocturnal, meaning they bloom only at night.

☞ The sharp spines protect cacti from animals and birds. They also help keep the cactus plant's stored water from escaping.

☞ The water inside a cactus plant is much thicker than the water you normally see. It may not look very tasty, but it's safe for people to drink. In fact, drinking cactus water has saved the lives of people traveling through the desert.

☞ Cacti have certain acoustic properties, meaning you can literally play the cactus!

☞ There's a species of cactus that lives so far north in Canada that it's north of the southern edge of Alaska.



Resources:

Fun Facts <https://www.coolkidfacts.com/cactus-plants>

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