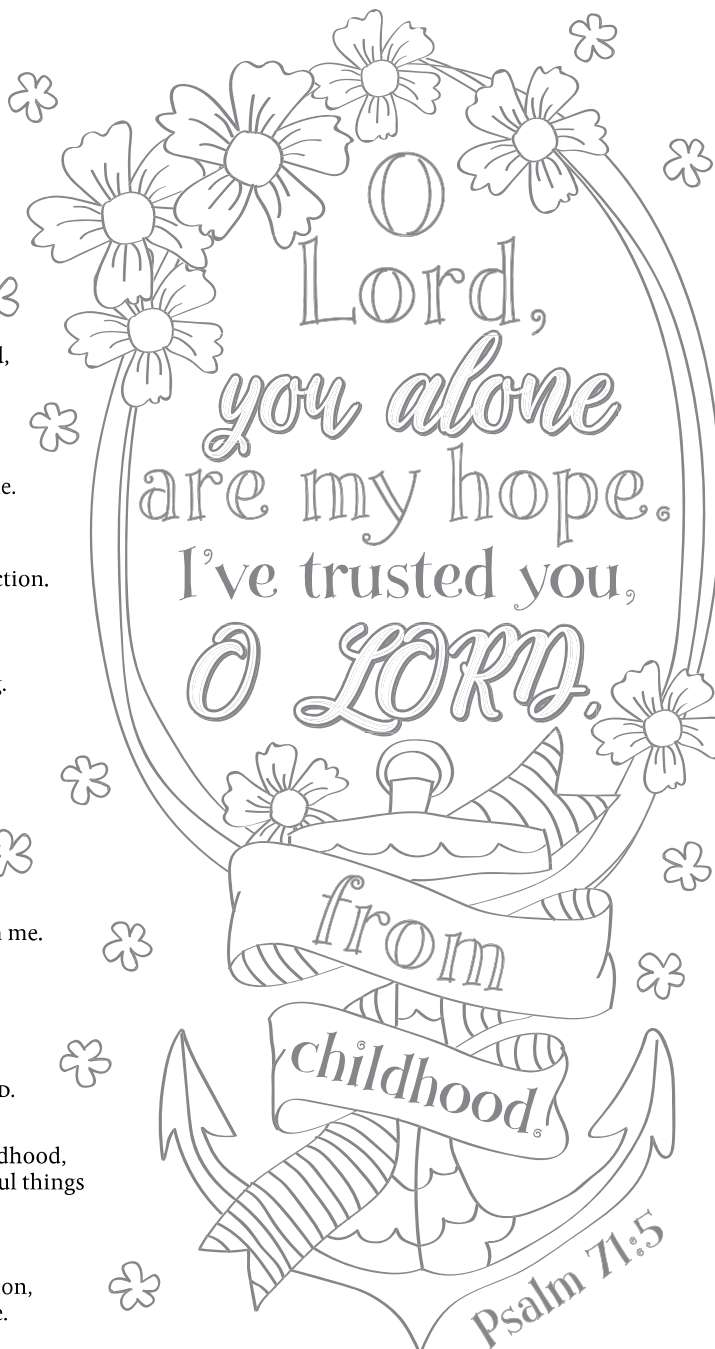




You are my helper and my savior;  
O LORD, do not delay.

- 71** <sup>1</sup> O LORD, I have come to you for protection;  
don't let me be disgraced.
- <sup>2</sup> Save me and rescue me,  
for you do what is right.  
Turn your ear to listen to me,  
and set me free.
- <sup>3</sup> Be my rock of safety  
where I can always hide.  
Give the order to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- <sup>4</sup> My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked,  
from the clutches of cruel oppressors.
- <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you alone are my hope.  
I've trusted you, O LORD, from childhood.
- <sup>6</sup> Yes, you have been with me from birth;  
from my mother's womb you have cared for me.  
No wonder I am always praising you!
- <sup>7</sup> My life is an example to many,  
because you have been my strength and protection.
- <sup>8</sup> That is why I can never stop praising you;  
I declare your glory all day long.
- <sup>9</sup> And now, in my old age, don't set me aside.  
Don't abandon me when my strength is failing.
- <sup>10</sup> For my enemies are whispering against me.  
They are plotting together to kill me.
- <sup>11</sup> They say, "God has abandoned him.  
Let's go and get him,  
for no one will help him now."
- <sup>12</sup> O God, don't stay away.  
My God, please hurry to help me.
- <sup>13</sup> Bring disgrace and destruction on my accusers.  
Humiliate and shame those who want to harm me.
- <sup>14</sup> But I will keep on hoping for your help;  
I will praise you more and more.
- <sup>15</sup> I will tell everyone about your righteousness.  
All day long I will proclaim your saving power,  
though I am not skilled with words.\*
- <sup>16</sup> I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign LORD.  
I will tell everyone that you alone are just.
- <sup>17</sup> O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood,  
and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things  
you do.
- <sup>18</sup> Now that I am old and gray,  
do not abandon me, O God.  
Let me proclaim your power to this new generation,  
your mighty miracles to all who come after me.

71:15 Or though I cannot count it.



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