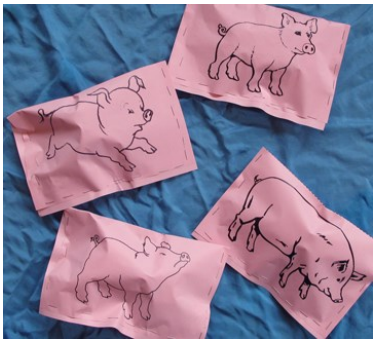
Learn by Doing



Choice Pigs into the Sea

When we make an effort to do what is right, the Lord helps us by removing the selfish feelings from our hearts and the mean thoughts from our minds. Children draw bad thoughts, feelings and actions on pictures of pigs, make the pigs into paper “bean bags” and throw them into the “sea”.

1. Give the children several *Pigs into the Sea* (pp. 2-5) and a dark mark-er. Brainstorm things that are bad thoughts, feelings or actions and then invite the children to draw them on the pigs.
2. When they have finished, help the children fold each pig page in half.
3. Staple the two sides together, but not the bottom, creating a pocket.
4. Crumple scrap paper and stuff it into the pocket. Staple each pig closed.
5. When all the pigs are finished, spread a blue sheet or towel on the floor to represent the Sea of Galilee.



6. Gather the children at one side of the room holding their pigs to create a “herd” of pigs. Tell them you are going to read a verse from the story. When they hear the words “ran down the steep place” they are to run to the ”Sea of Galilee” and act as the Lord’s helpers by throwing the pigs into the sea. Read the following verse: “Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran down the steep place into the lake and drowned” (Luke 8:33).
7. The people taking care of the pigs must have been very surprised to find that their pigs had all run into the lake! And how happy the man must have been to have no more bad thoughts.
8. Repeat the activity if the children want to do it again. Remind them that the Lord asks us to get rid of bad thoughts, feelings and actions by asking for His help.

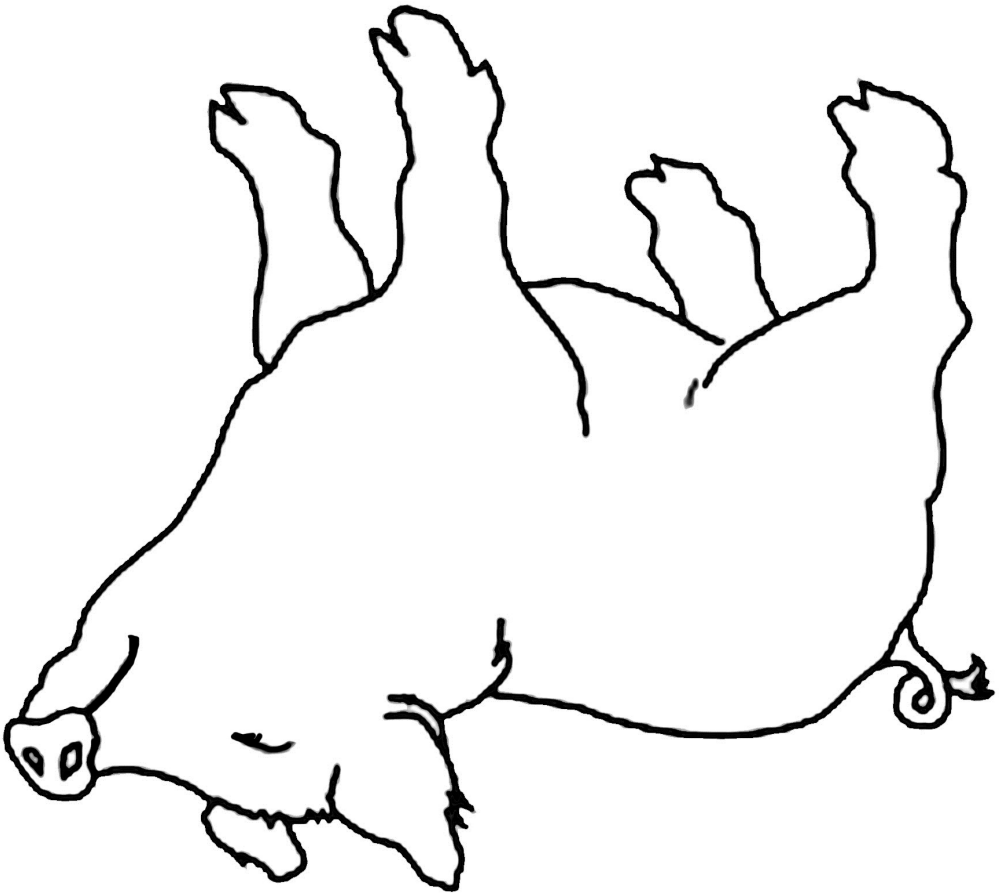
Materials Needed *Pigs into the Sea* pp. 2-5, color paper for printing, black or dark markers for each child, stapler, scrap paper for crumpling and stuffing inside the pigs, blue sheet or towel

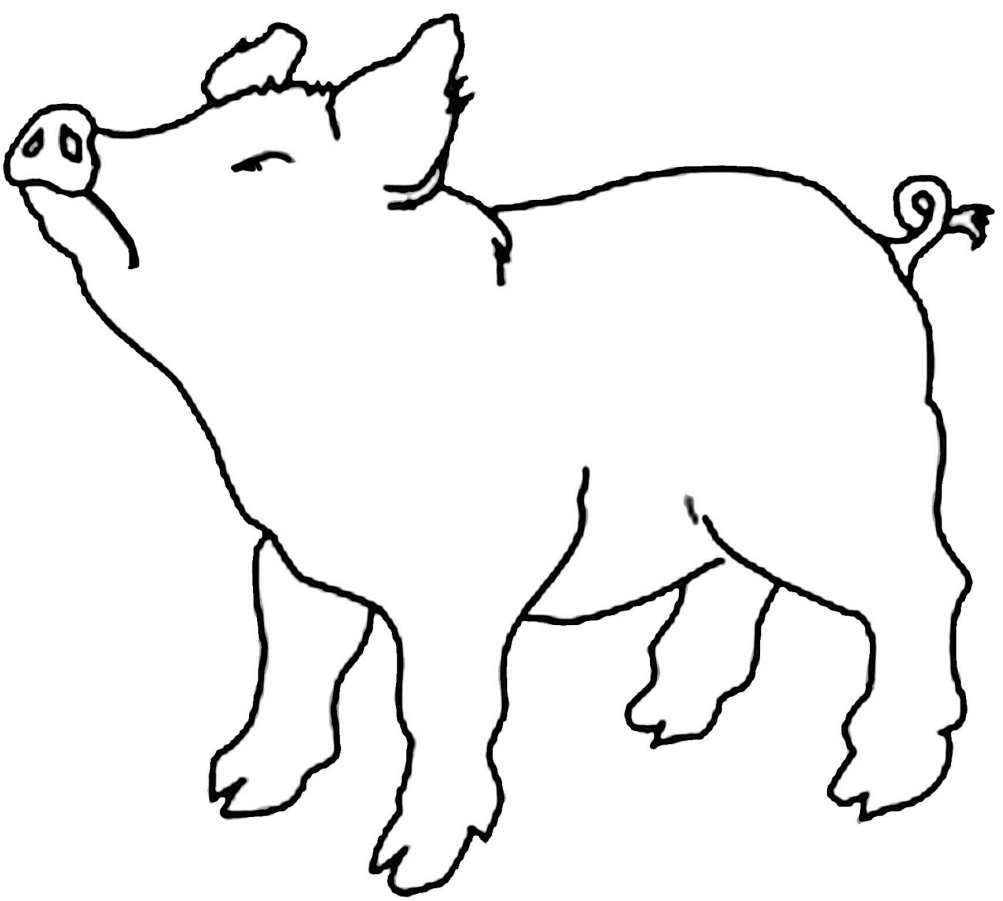
Prepare in Advance
Print pigs on color paper. Find a blue bed sheet or towel to represent the “Sea of Galilee.”

New Church Concept
Possession

There are natural spirits who do not unite with our thoughts when they come to us...but enter our bodies and take over its senses, talking through our mouths and acting through our limbs. It seems to them as though everything of ours were theirs. These are the spirits that possess people; but they have been cast into hell by the Lord and moved decisively away; so possession like this no longer occurs. See *Heaven and Hell* 257

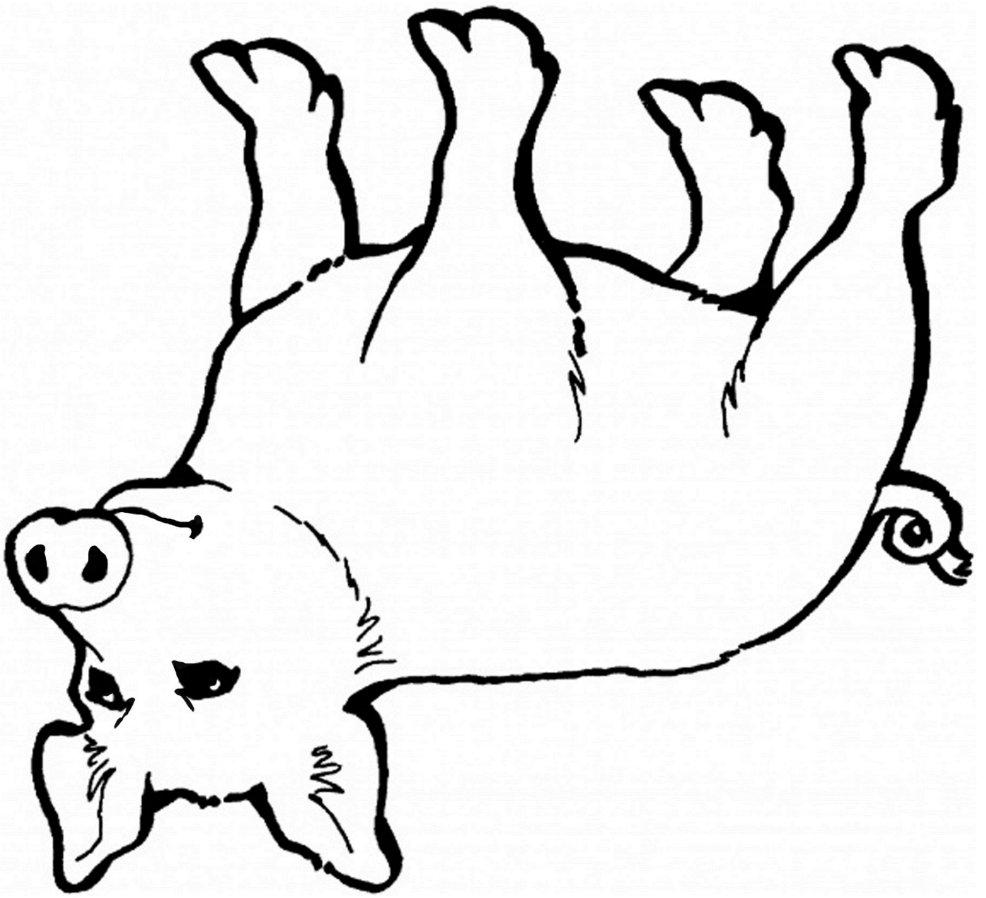
© 2022 General Church of the New Jerusalem

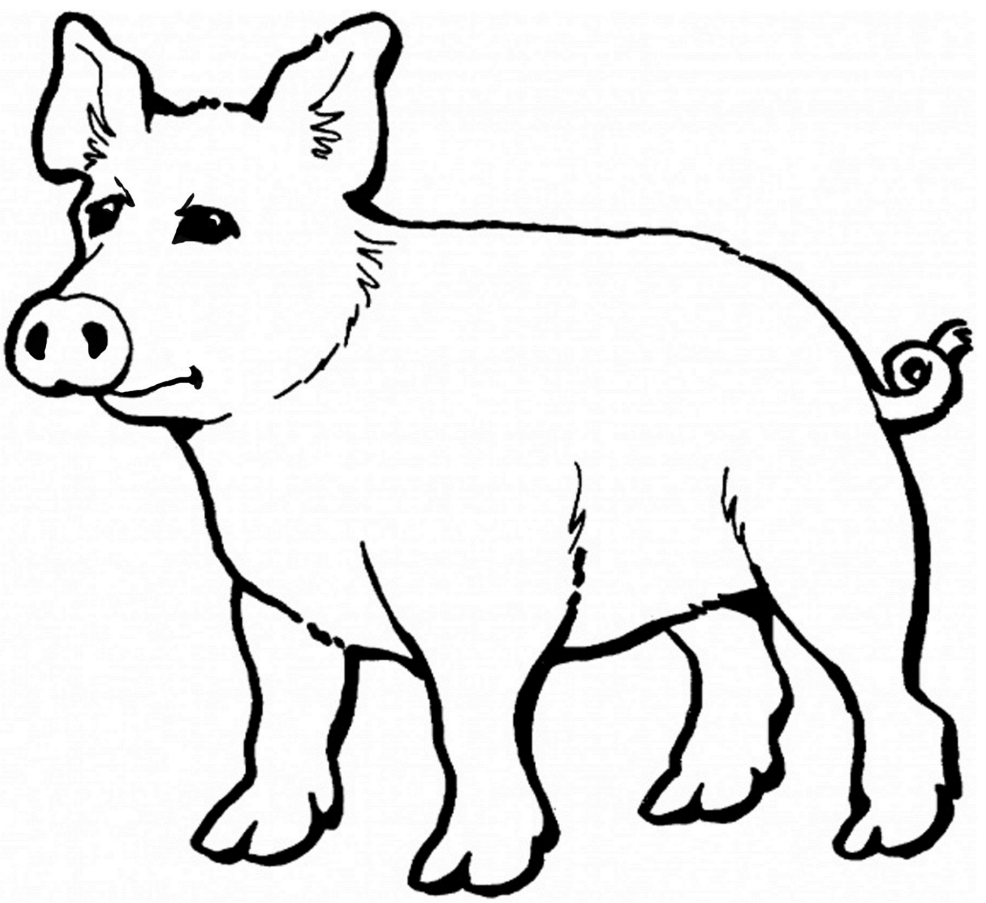




Pigs into the Sea

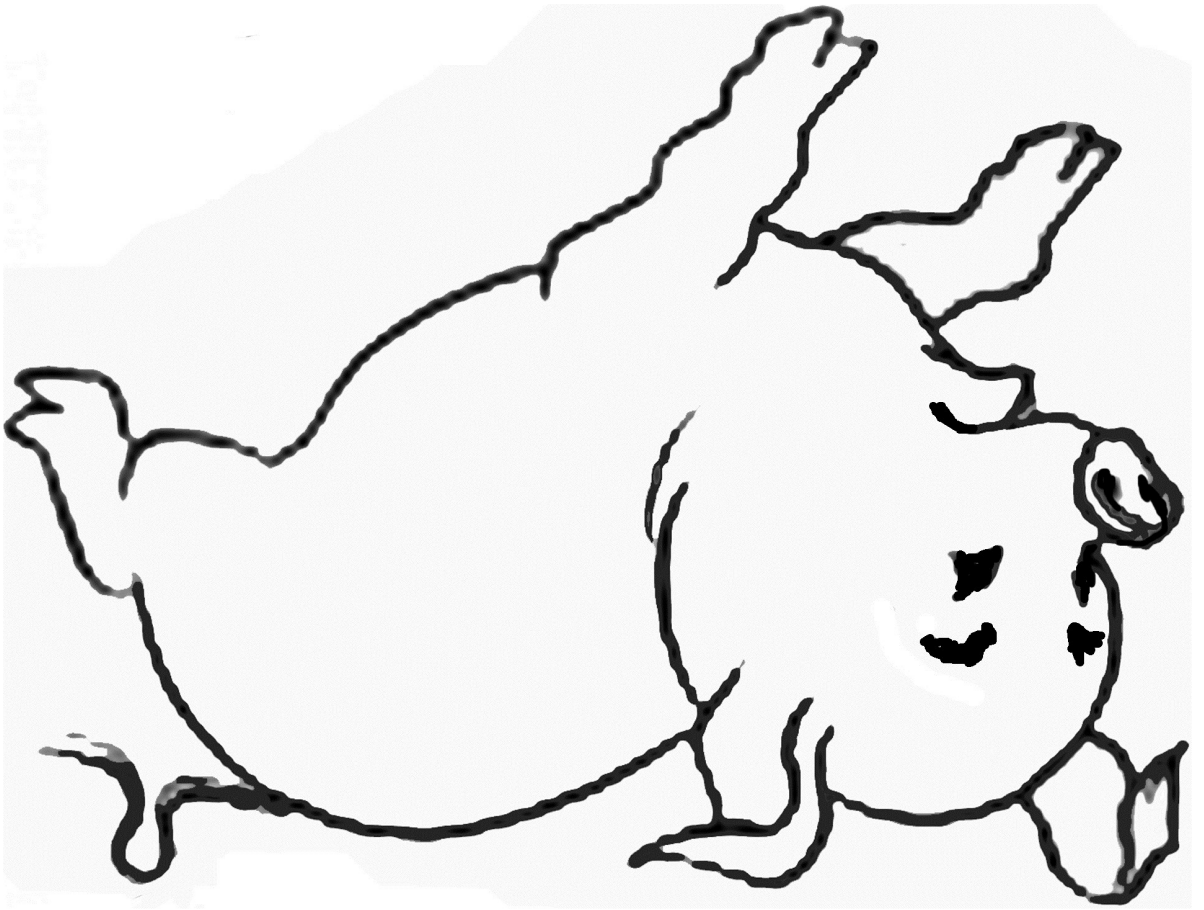
© 2022 General Church of the New Jerusalem

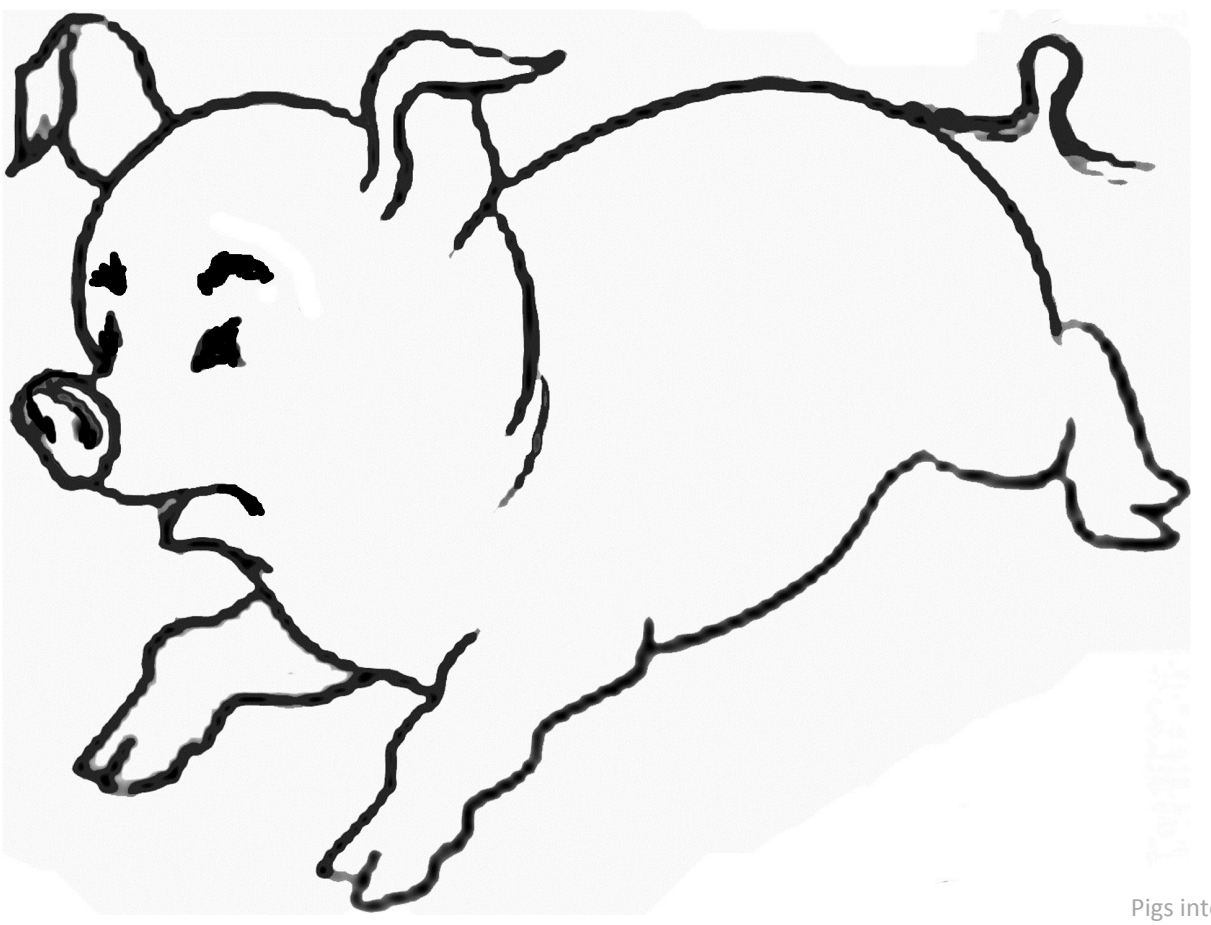




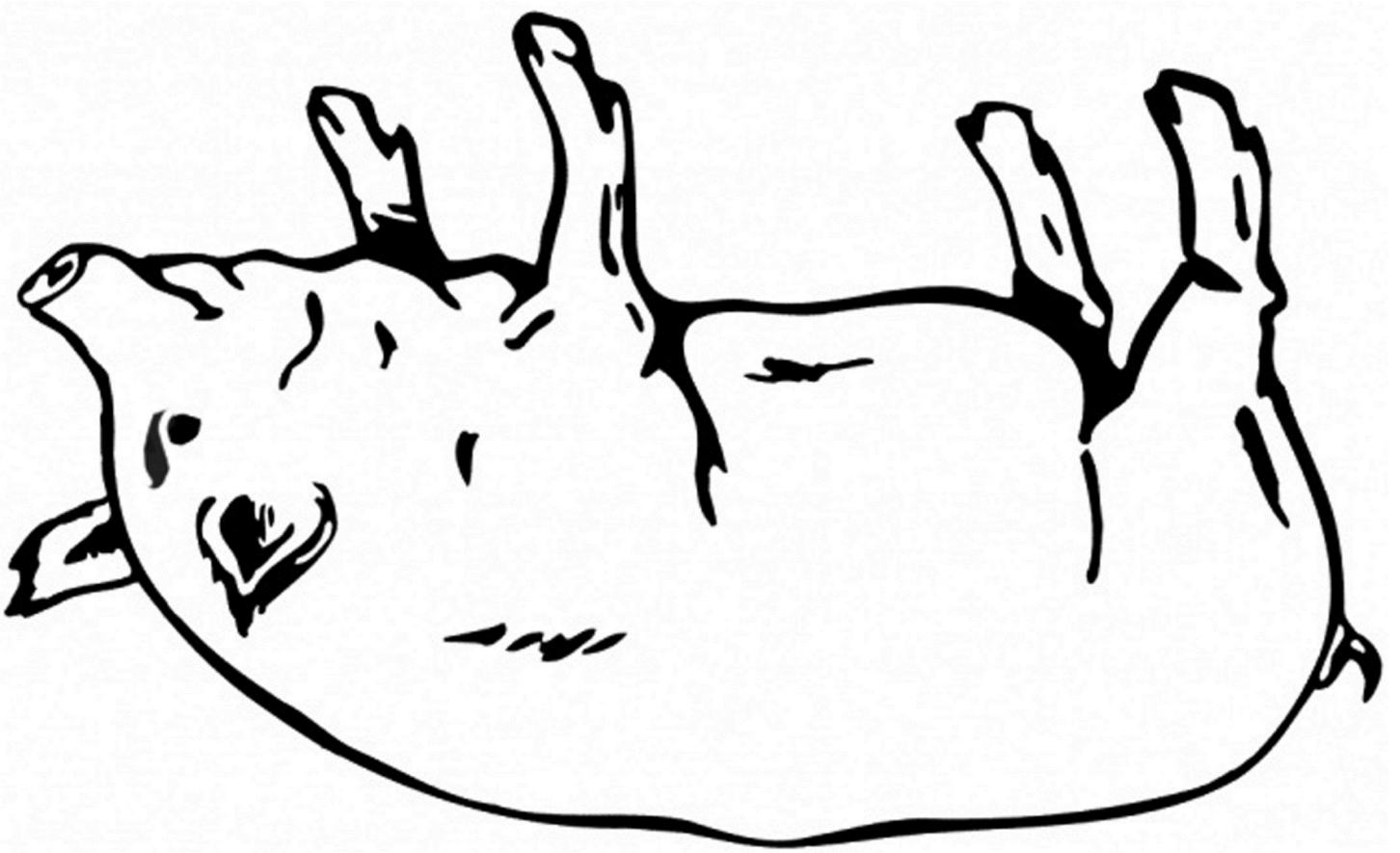
Pigs into the Sea

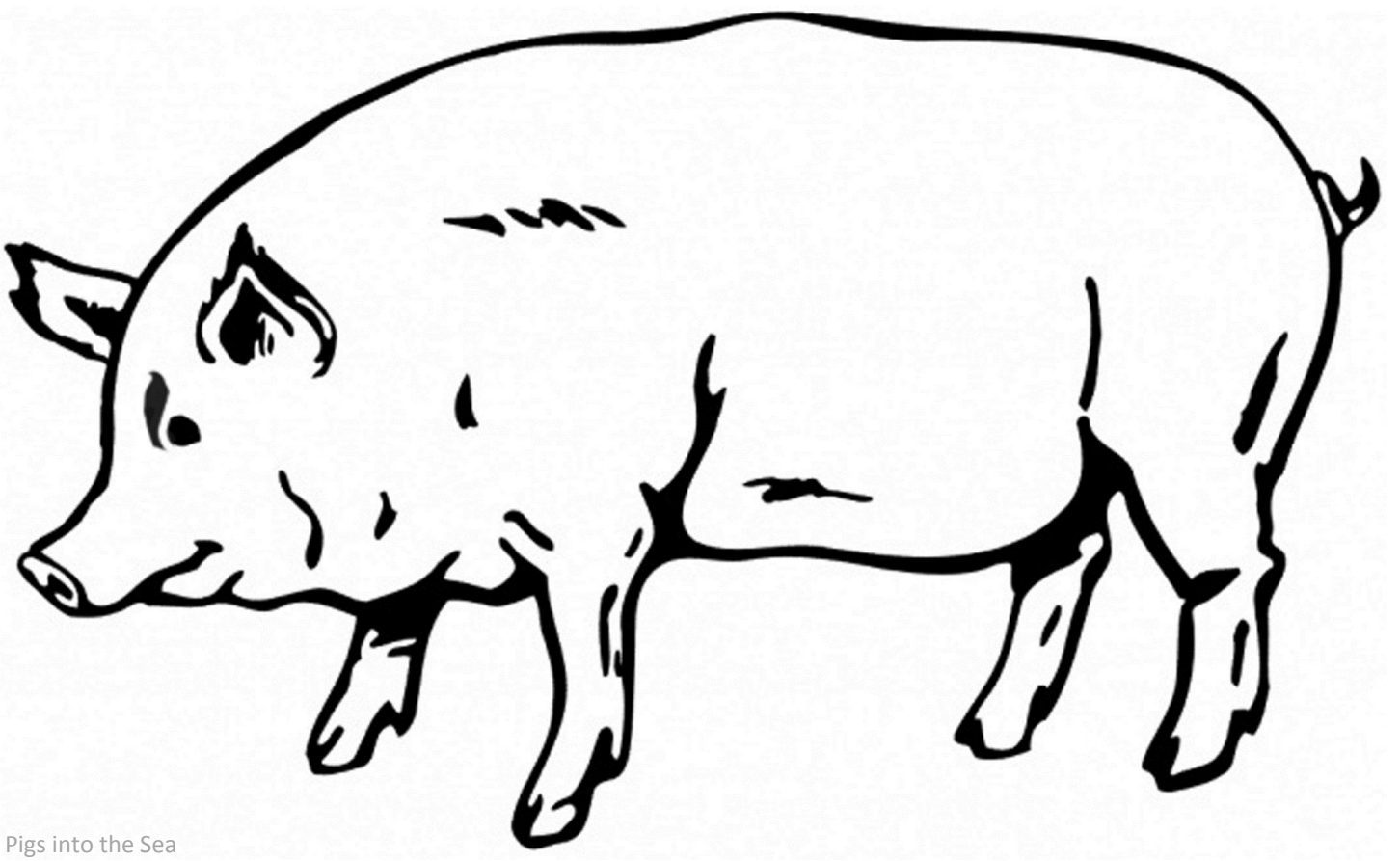
© 2022 General Church of the New Jerusalem





Pigs into the Sea





Pigs into the Sea

© 2022 General Church of the New Jerusalem