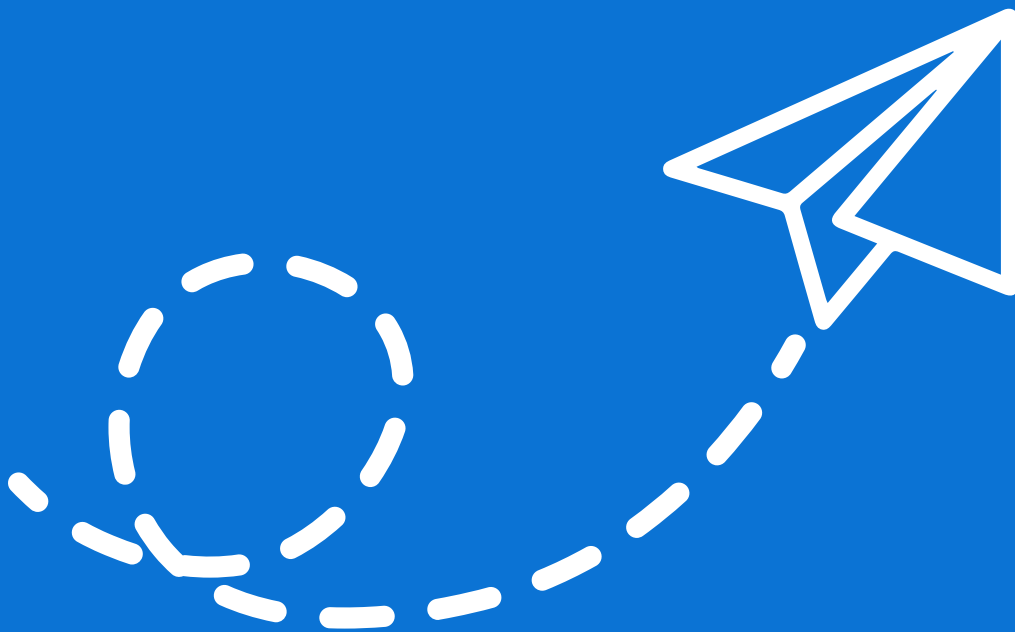


My Prayer Book



This book belongs to



Freedom Church
January 2024

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

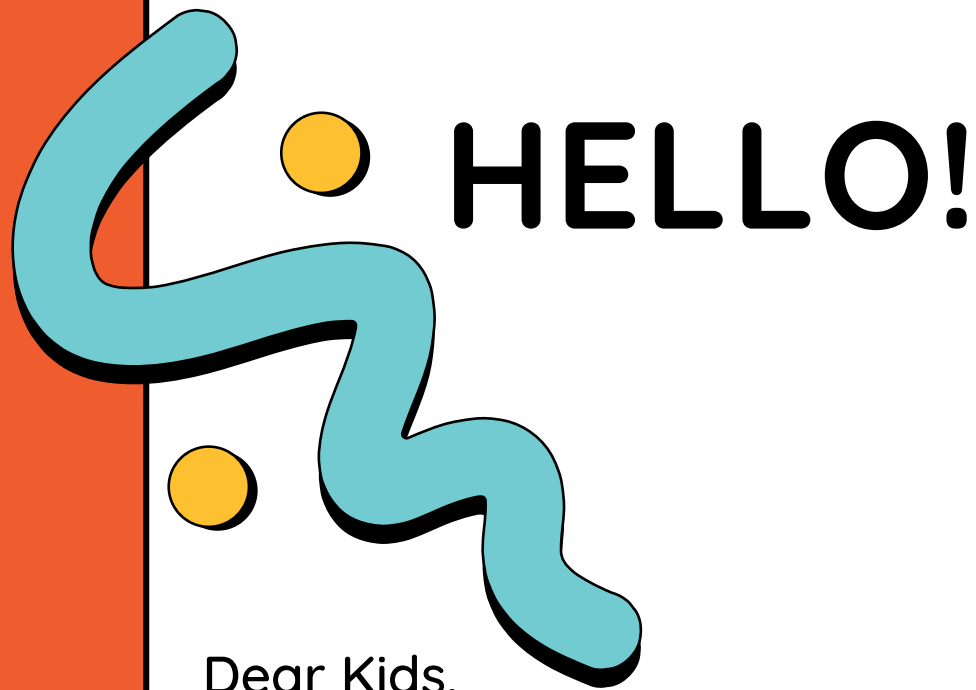
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are Yours
now and for ever.

Amen.



HELLO!

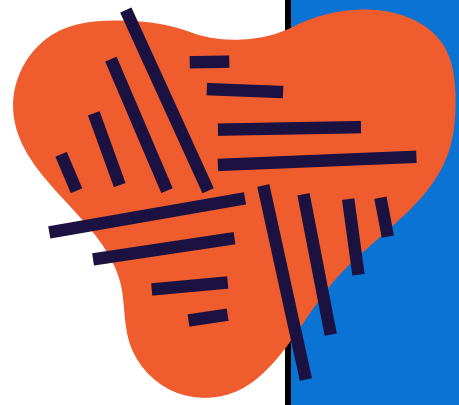
Dear Kids,

Welcome to your special prayer journal. This book is for you to write, draw in and make your own.

For the next 21 days, you will find each page has a verse from the Bible and a craft or activity for you to do. You might want to ask an adult to help you sometimes, and you might like to pray together as a family.

You also will find some crayons and a pencil in the bag for you to use. We hope that you love this book and through spending time with God each day, you will grow in your relationship with Him.

Love,
Freedom Kidz Team.



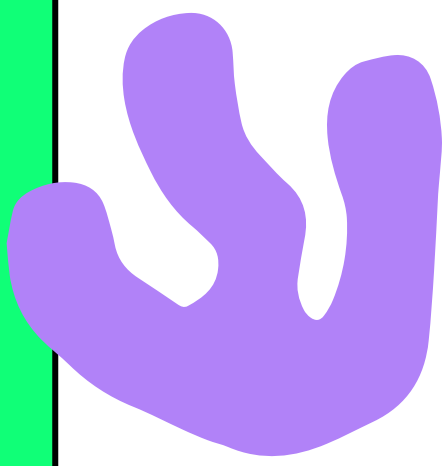
Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your child loves using this journal.

Each day your child has a Bible verse and an activity. You might want to set aside time each day to pray together as a family.

Our hope and prayer, is that as a family we would all grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Love,
Freedom Kidz Team.



WHO IS PAUL?

So, who is this Paul guy who wrote this letter we are reading?

Well, Paul was a friend of Jesus but before he met Jesus, he was called Saul and he was not quite so nice. In fact, he was rather horrible to anyone who was a friend of Jesus.

But one day, he had a vision of Jesus, became friends with Him and his heart was changed forever. He went from being unkind, to being kind because he realised that he was loved by Jesus.

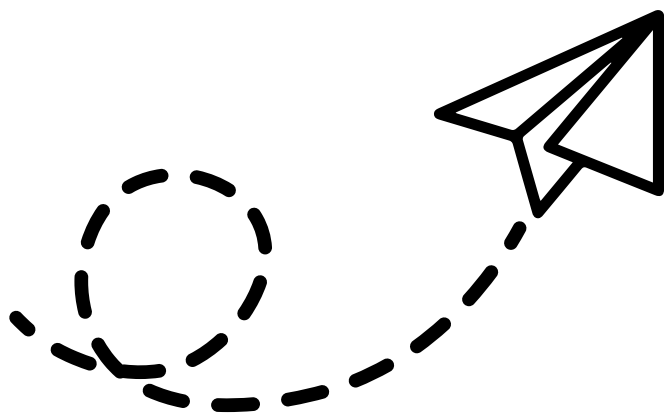


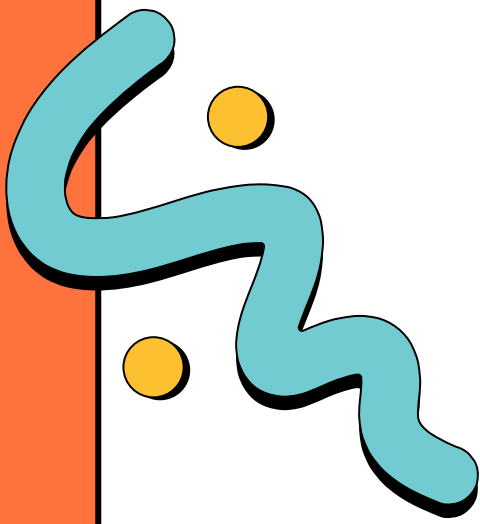
WHO IS HE WRITING TO?

Paul wanted everyone to become friends with Jesus and he travelled to lots of places telling people about Jesus and starting churches for new believers. He wrote letters to these Churches offering advice on how to become friends of God and how to live with God.

One of the letters he wrote was to a church in Ephesus (in modern day Turkey). In our Bibles it's called the Book of Ephesians.

WEEK





DAY 1

Ephesians 1:4

Paul starts Ephesians by introducing himself to them and reminding them of how much God loves them.

Ephesians 1:4 says:

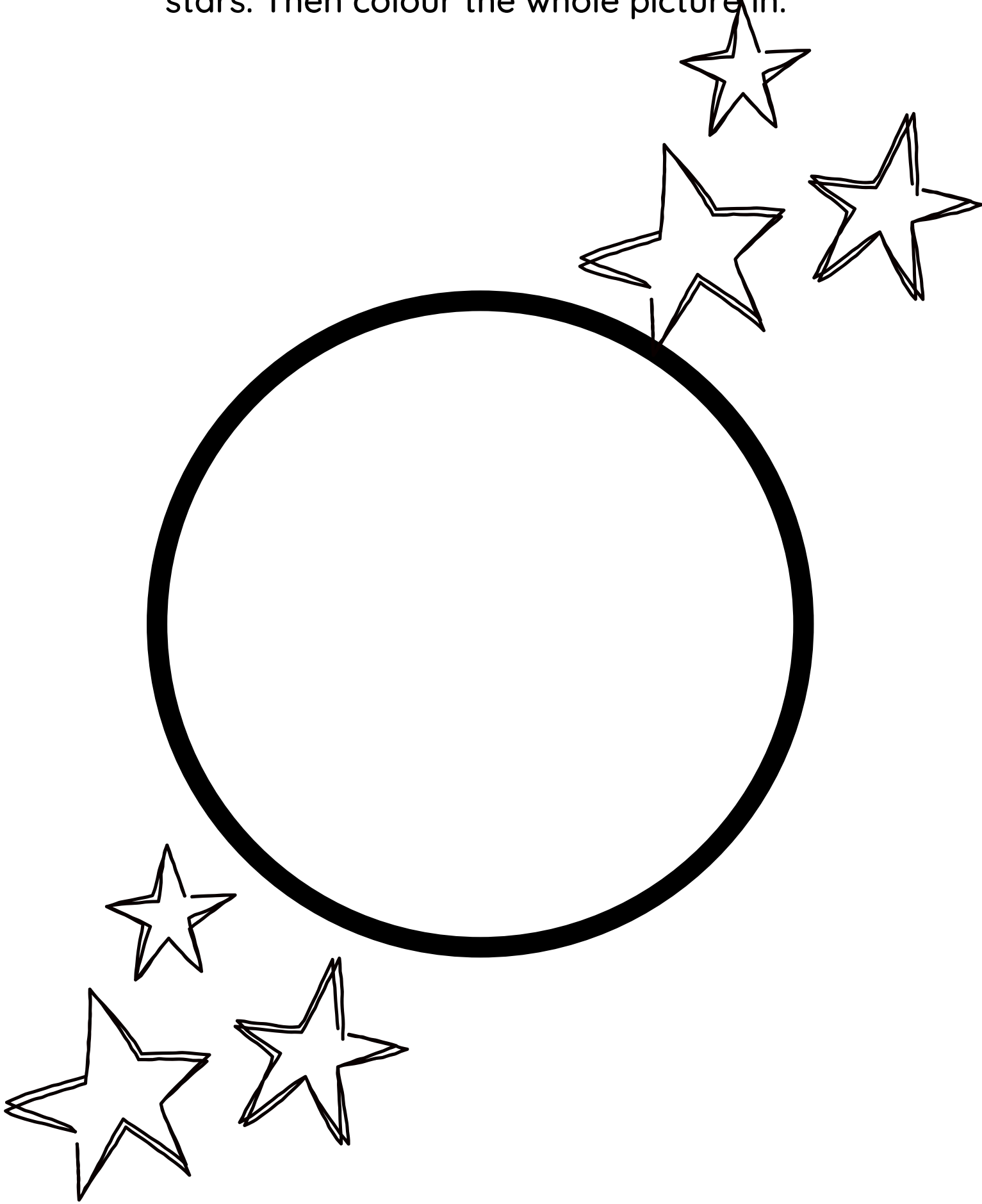
In Christ, He chose us before the world was made. He chose us in love to be His holy people.

PRAY:

Thank God for His world,
and that He has chosen you and loves you.

ACTIVITY:

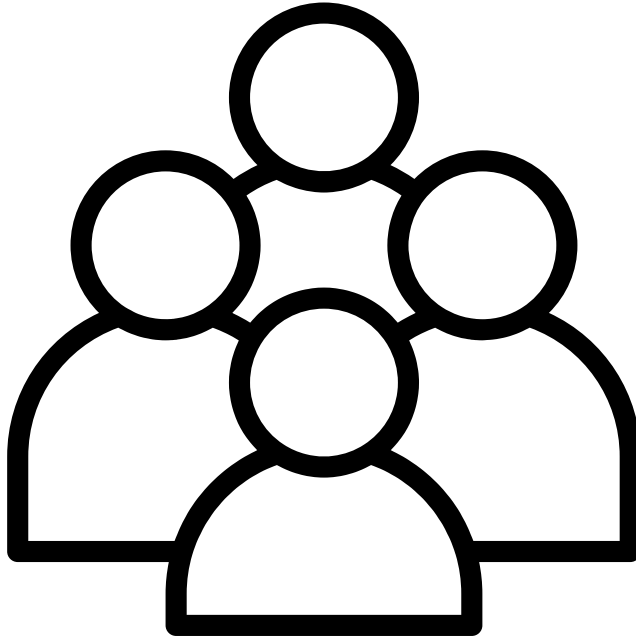
Make the circle into a world by adding land and sea. Around the circle draw a sun, the moon and add more stars. Then colour the whole picture in.



DAY 2



Ephesians 1:15



In his letter, Paul prays giving thanks for the people he is writing to.

Ephesians 1:15 says:

That is why I always remember you in my prayers and thank God for you.

PRAY:

Who are you thankful for?

Like Paul, write a prayer on the next page giving thanks for them.





DAY 3

Ephesians 2:10

Do you have a favourite artist? Or a favourite painting? God is known as being like an artist, He is super creative. Just look at all the different animals and plants - He created all of them! Paul says that out of all that God created, we are His favourite thing.

Ephesians 2:10 says:

We are God's masterpieces.

PRAY:

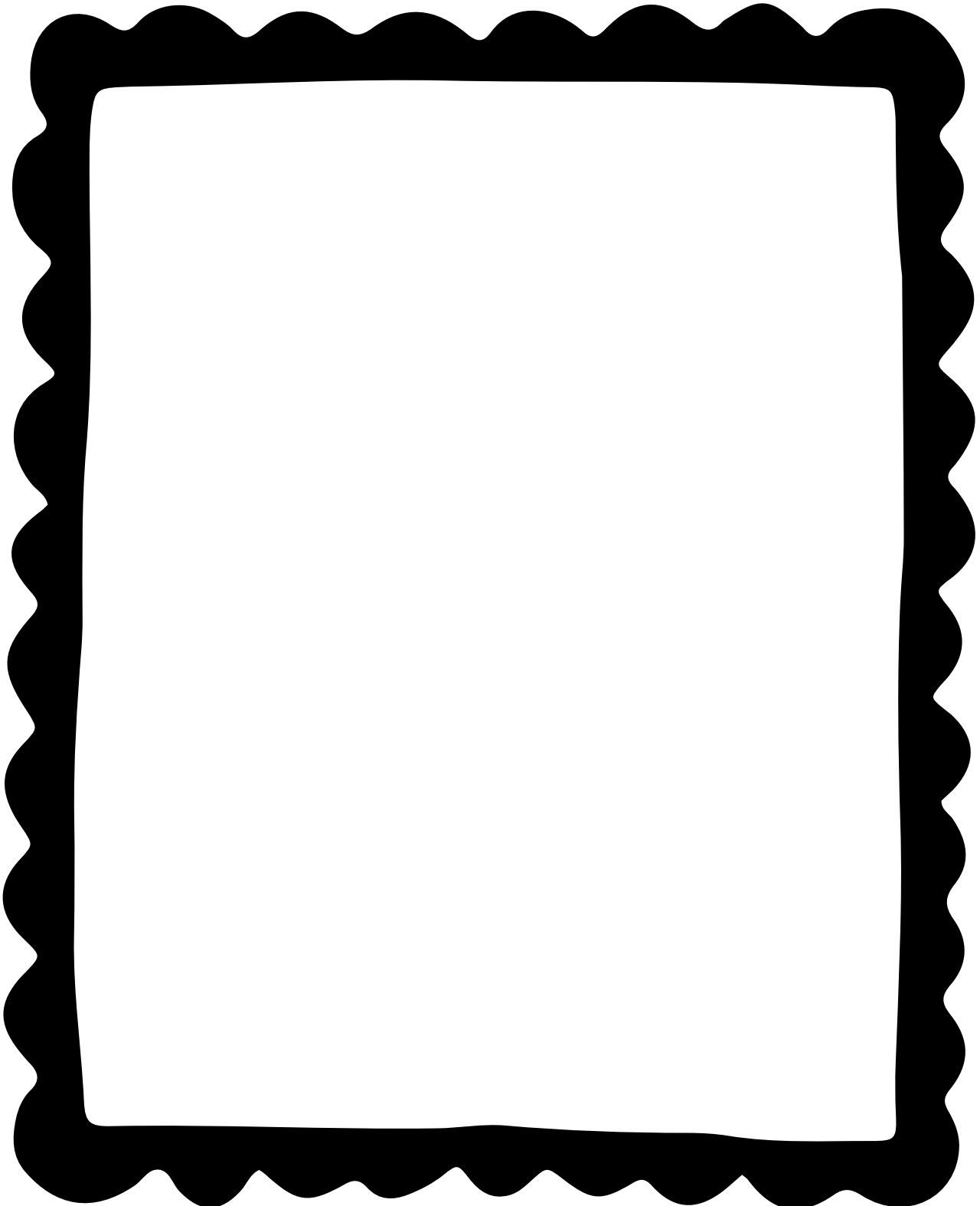
Think about what you are good at and what you like about yourself.

Pray and thank God for creating you like this!

ACTIVITY:

Draw a self portrait.

Write around it the things that you are good at,
or what you like about yourself.



DAY 4

Ephesians 2:19

The Bible tells us how we all belong in God's family. In his letter, Paul reminds us of this.

Ephesians 2:19 says:

You belong to God's family.

**POPCORN
PRAYER:**



Curl up in a small ball, on the floor.

Taking turns, give a little wiggle, before 'popping up' and saying the name of someone in God's family you are thankful for.

ACTIVITY:

Find a blank piece of paper.

Follow the instructions to make a people-paper chain.

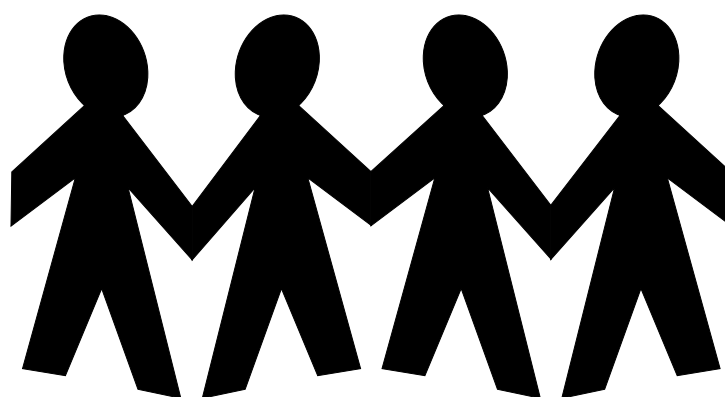
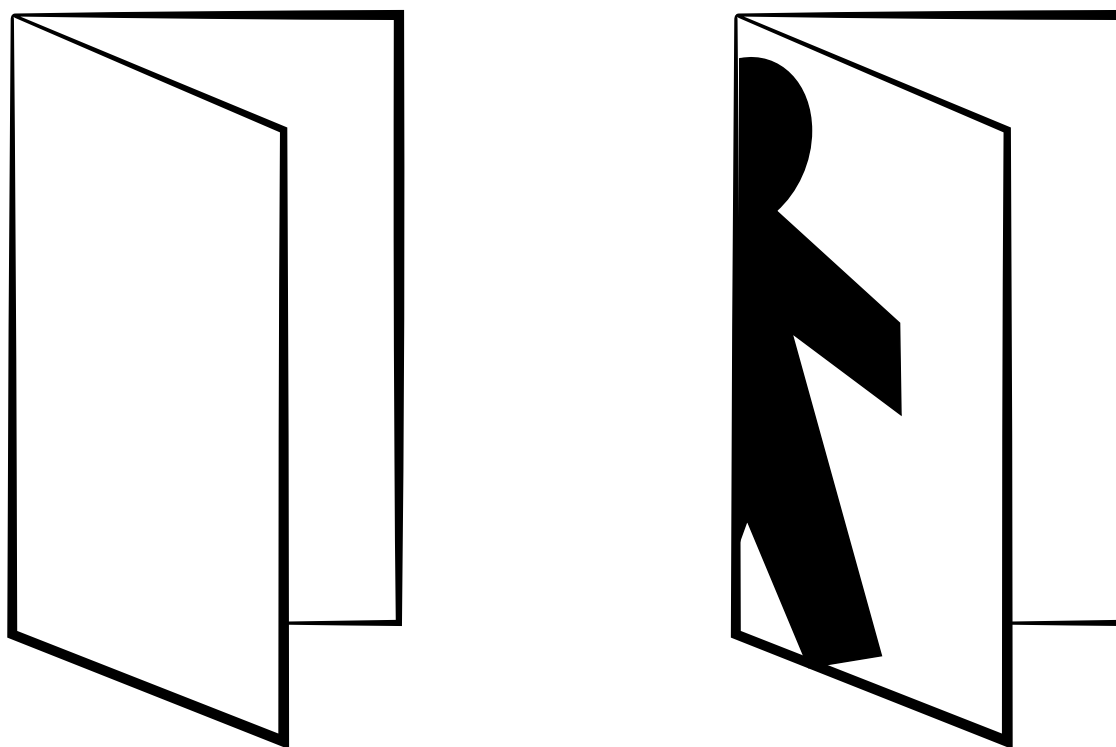
Decorate each one as someone you love.

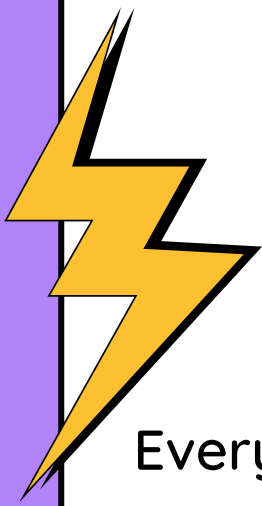
Step 1: Fold your paper over - the more folds, the more people.

Step 2: Draw the outline of a person of half a person.

Step 3: Carefully cut around the shape - but not on the fold.

Step 4: Unfurl the people and decorate!





DAY 5

Ephesians 3:12

Everyone has things that they are scared of and things they worry about. But the Bible tells us that God wants us to tell Him what we are scared of or worried about. When we tell God these things, we can ask Him to give us His peace instead.

Ephesians 3:12 says:

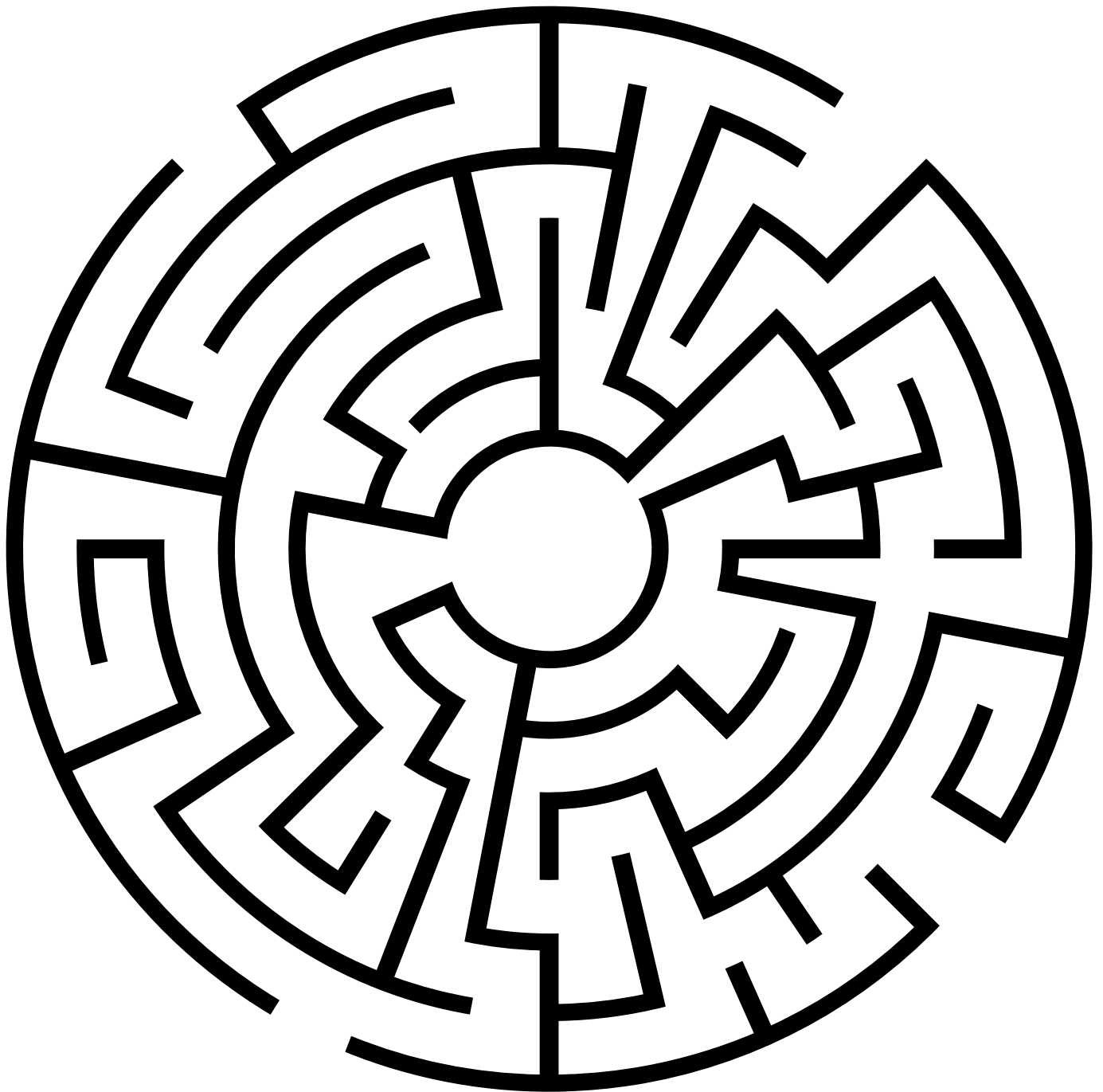
In Christ we come before God with freedom and without fear. We can do this because of our faith in Christ.

PRAY:

With an adult, get some bits of paper then write down anything you are scared of. Pray and tell God what it is, and then ask Him to give you His peace as you screw the paper up and throw it away.

ACTIVITY:

Often when we are scared, life can feel muddled, a bit like being in a maze. Can you find your way to the middle of the maze?



DAY 6

MEMORY VERSE



Learning Bible verses off by heart can be so helpful for us. We call them 'memory verses'. For the next 3 Saturdays you will find a memory verse for you to learn.

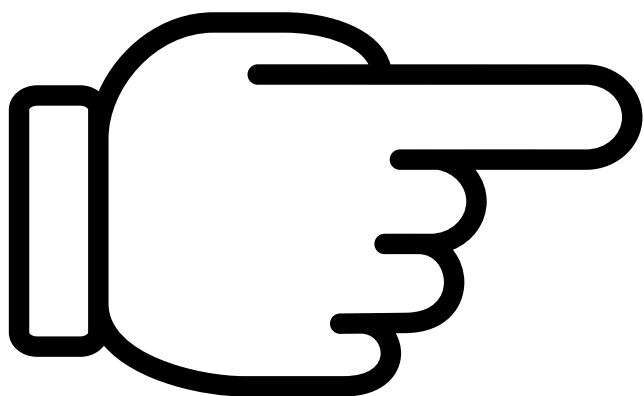
Then on Sunday, if you can repeat the verse to a leader, you will get a special sticker for your book!

Today's memory verse:

We are God's masterpieces.

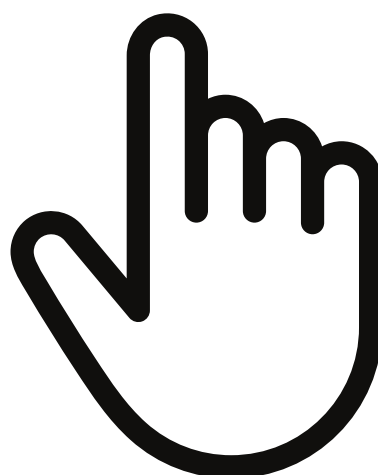
Ephesians 2:10

Here is an idea on how to learn the verse.
Add the action to the word.



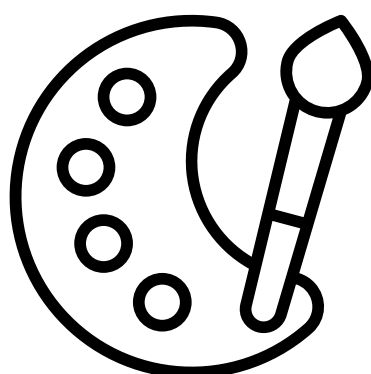
We are

(Point to others
around you)



God's

(Point up to the sky)



Masterpiece. Ephesians 2:10

(Pretend to paint a picture.)

I remembered this
week's memory verse!!

Stick your
sticker here

DAY 7



You did it!

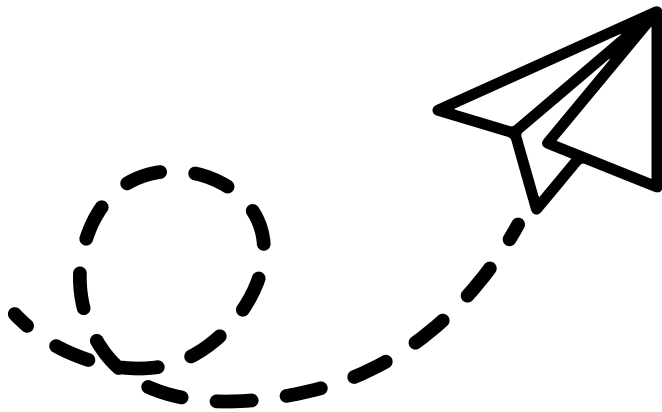
You have completed the first week of your prayer journal. Well done you.

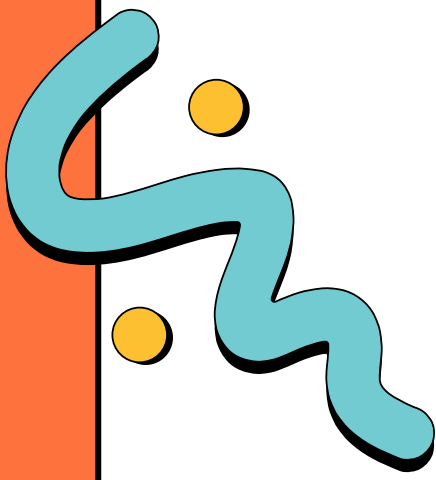
We are excited to see you in Kids' Church, and don't forget to tell one of the leaders this week's memory verse to get your sticker for your book.

The next page is blank for you to write a prayer, or draw a picture for God.

Dear God,

WEEK





DAY 8

Ephesians 3:18

What is the tallest thing you can think of? How about the widest, longest or deepest? Did you know that the tallest mountain in the world is Mount Everest, at 8,849 meters above sea level? In his letter, Paul tells us that God loves us so much more than that.

Ephesians 3:18 says:

And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep that love is.

PRAY:

Find a bit of space.

Stretch your arms out as wide as you can, hold that pose and breathe in for 5 seconds, breathe out for 5 seconds, as you do this, in your head say 'Thank you God for loving so widely.' Then stretch up as high as you can, breathe in for 5 seconds, breathe out for 5 seconds, in your head say 'Thank you God that your love for me is higher than this.'

ACTIVITY:

Colour in the page as brightly as you can.



DAY 9

Ephesians 4:2



Do you find it easy to wait for something? Sometimes it can be hard to be patient, but the good news is that we can pray and ask God to help us to be humble, gentle and patient.

Ephesians 4:2 says:

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient and accept each other with love.

PRAY:

Set a timer for one minute.

During that time, pray about your day and the people who you will be around.

Ask God to help to show His love others today and to have patience for others.

Word Search

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → and ↓ .

BIBLE
EPHESIANS
GENTLE
GOD
HUMBLE

JESUS
KIND
LETTER
LOVE
PATIENT

PAUL
SPIRIT



DAY 10

Ephesians 4:15

Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? It takes time, you have to water it, make sure it gets enough sunlight, and be patient! Paul says that as we spend time with Jesus (Christ), we will become more like Him. Read this list of the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 (another one of Paul's letters). This list is what Jesus is like and what we will become like.

Ephesians 4:15 says:

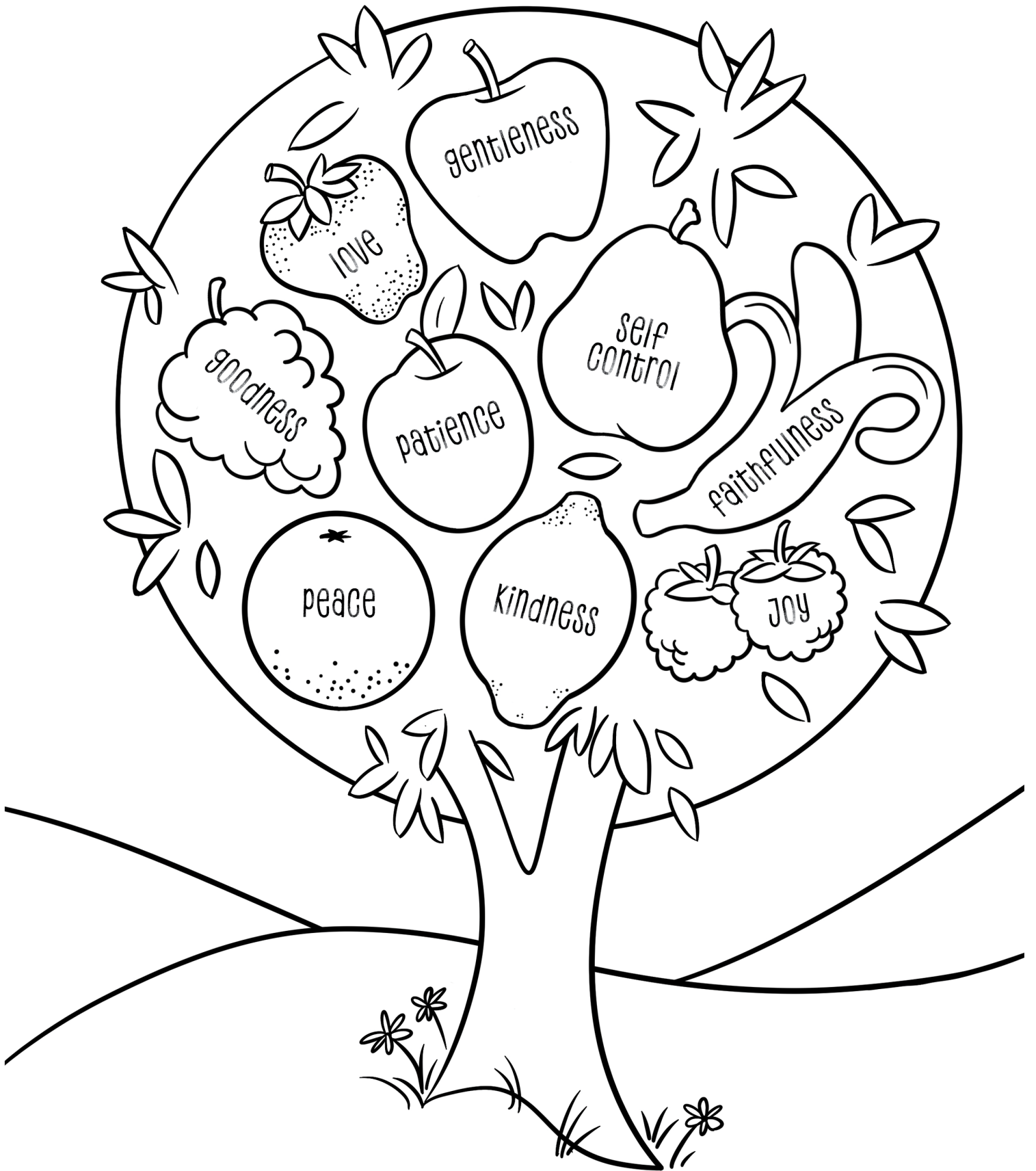
'We will grow to be like Christ in every way.'

PRAY:

Go on a prayer walk with an adult. As you look at all the plants and trees, ask God to help you grow in the Fruit of the Spirit and become more like Jesus.

ACTIVITY:

Colour in the picture of the Fruit of the Spirit.



DAY 11

Ephesians 4:32

Sometimes we say or do things which are unkind, Sometimes we judge people, or think unkind things, about them. Saying sorry is admitting that you have done something wrong and want to make it right. The good news is that Jesus died and rose again so that we could be forgiven. When we ask God to forgive us, He always does and Paul is telling us to do the same for others.

Ephesians 4:32 says:

Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other the same as God forgave you through Christ.

PRAY:

Find a stone, hold it in your hand.

As you hold it, tell God what you are sorry for and who you need to forgive. Put the stone down, and

Thank God for forgiving you.

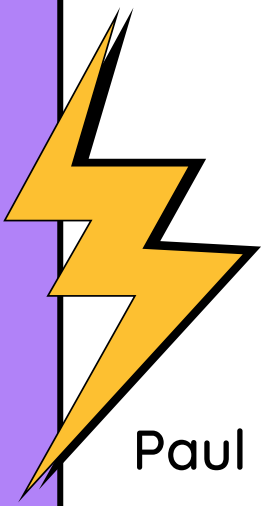
ACTIVITY:

Write or draw your prayers
into the boxes.

Dear Jesus, help me today to show your love to

Dear Jesus, please help me to forgive

Dear Jesus, thank you for my friendship with



DAY 12

Ephesians 5:1-2

Paul talks a lot about love. He understood just how much God loved him. He also understood how we can help others to understand this love by showing it to them.

Ephesians 5:12 says:

You are God's dear children, so try to be like Him. Live a life of love. Love others just as Christ loved us.

PRAY:

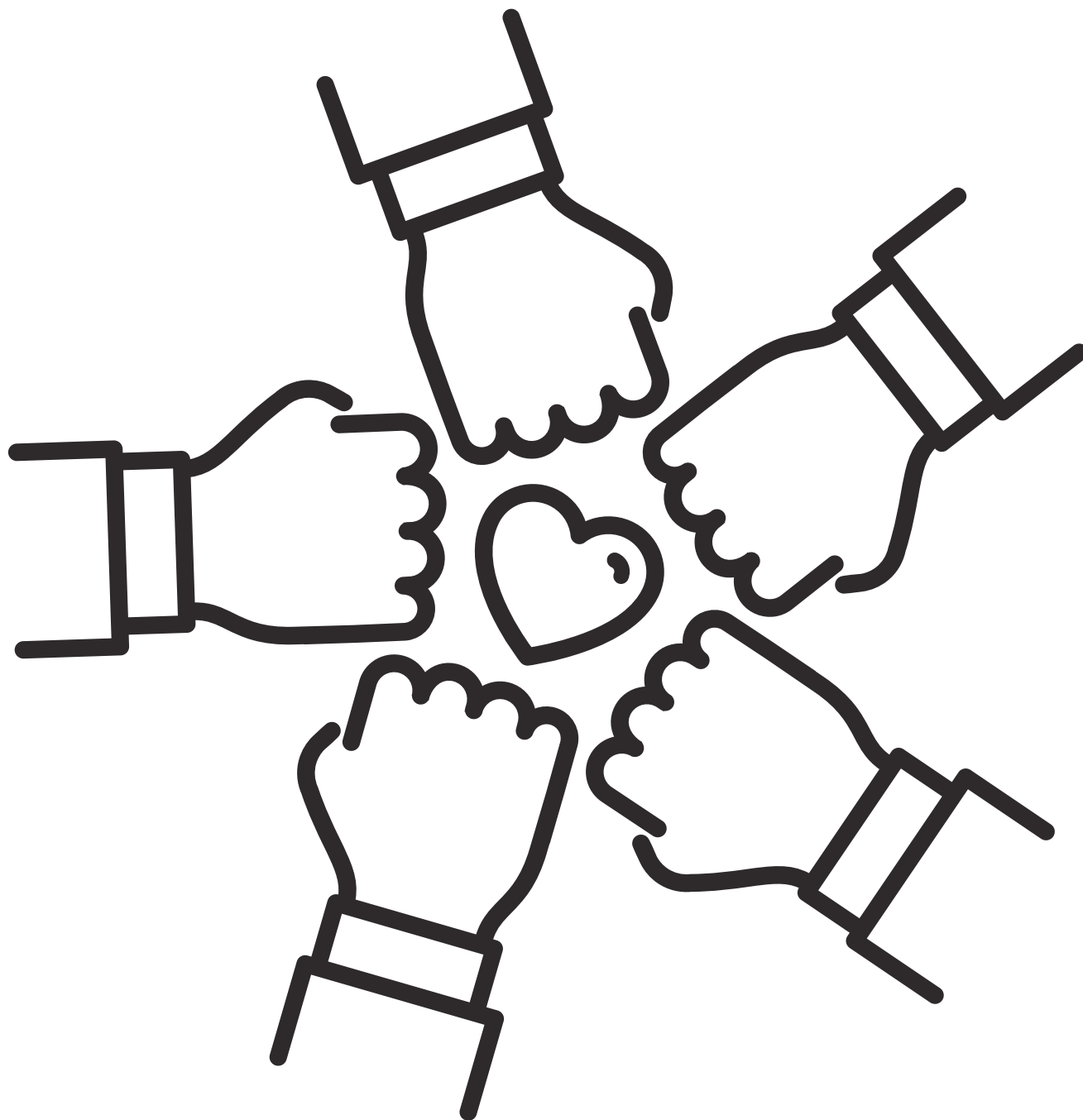
Think about your friends and family, they love you! It is like they are your team, the people who love you, support you and cheer you on.

What do you love about them?

Pray and thank God for each of them, saying why you love them!

ACTIVITY:

Colour in the picture, adding in the names of the people you are thankful for. (You can add in more hands if you need to)



DAY 13

MEMORY VERSE



Time for this week's memory verse challenge. Remember, if you repeat this week's verse to a kids' church leader, you will get a special sticker for your book!

Today's memory verse:

And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep that love is.

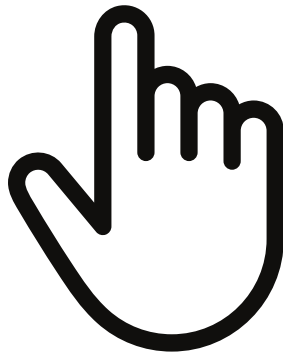
Ephesians 3:18

Here is an idea of how to learn the verse. Use actions for some of the words (we have given you some suggestions but would love to see you make up your own), but also this time, write the verse out, and cover up a word each time you say it until you can say it off by heart without looking at the words! You could also challenge an adult to join in the fun!



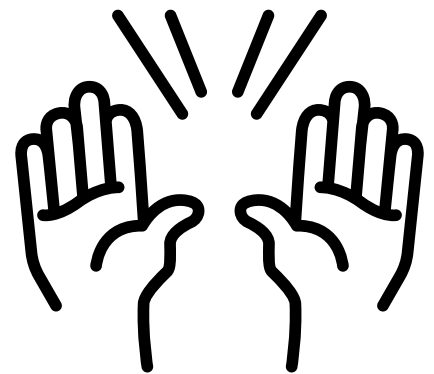
Pray

(Put your hands together)



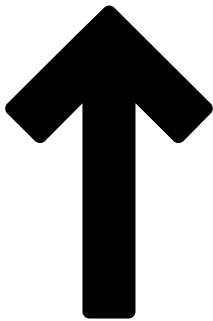
God

(Point up to the sky)



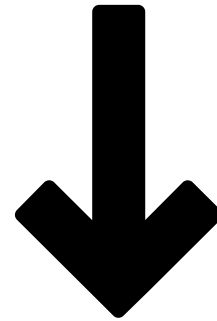
Greatness

(Wave your hands in the air)



High

(reach up as high as you can)



Deep

(Reach as low as you can)

I remembered this week's memory verse!!

Stick your sticker here

DAY 14



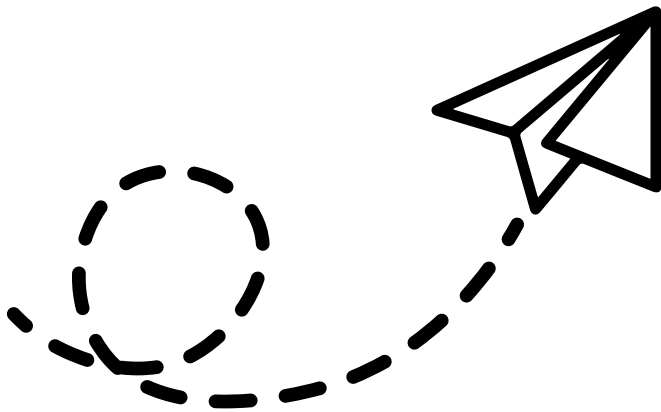
You did it!

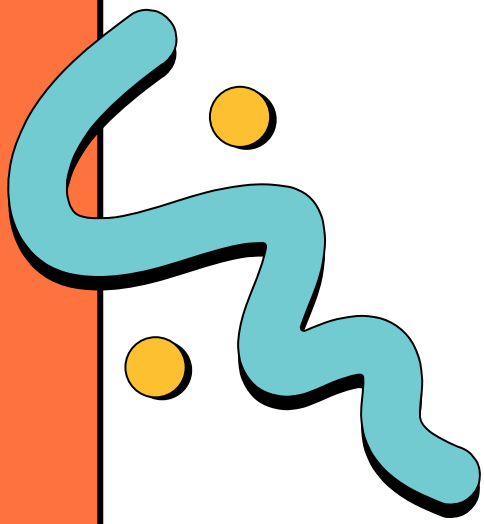
You have completed your second week of your prayer journal. Well done you!

We are excited to see you in Kids' Church, and don't forget to tell one of the leaders this week's memory verse to get your sticker for your book.

Did you know that God loves to talk to you. Sometimes He gives you a picture in your mind, or a Bible verse, or maybe a feeling inside. These will always be loving because God is love. As you pray today, ask God to speak to you, and either write out or draw out what He says.

WEEK





DAY 15

Ephesians 5:8-9

Did you know that Jesus is called the light of the world? When we become Jesus' friends we too are able to show His light to the world. We do this when we speak kindly about others, when we choose to share, or when we tell others about Him.

Ephesians 5:8-9 says:

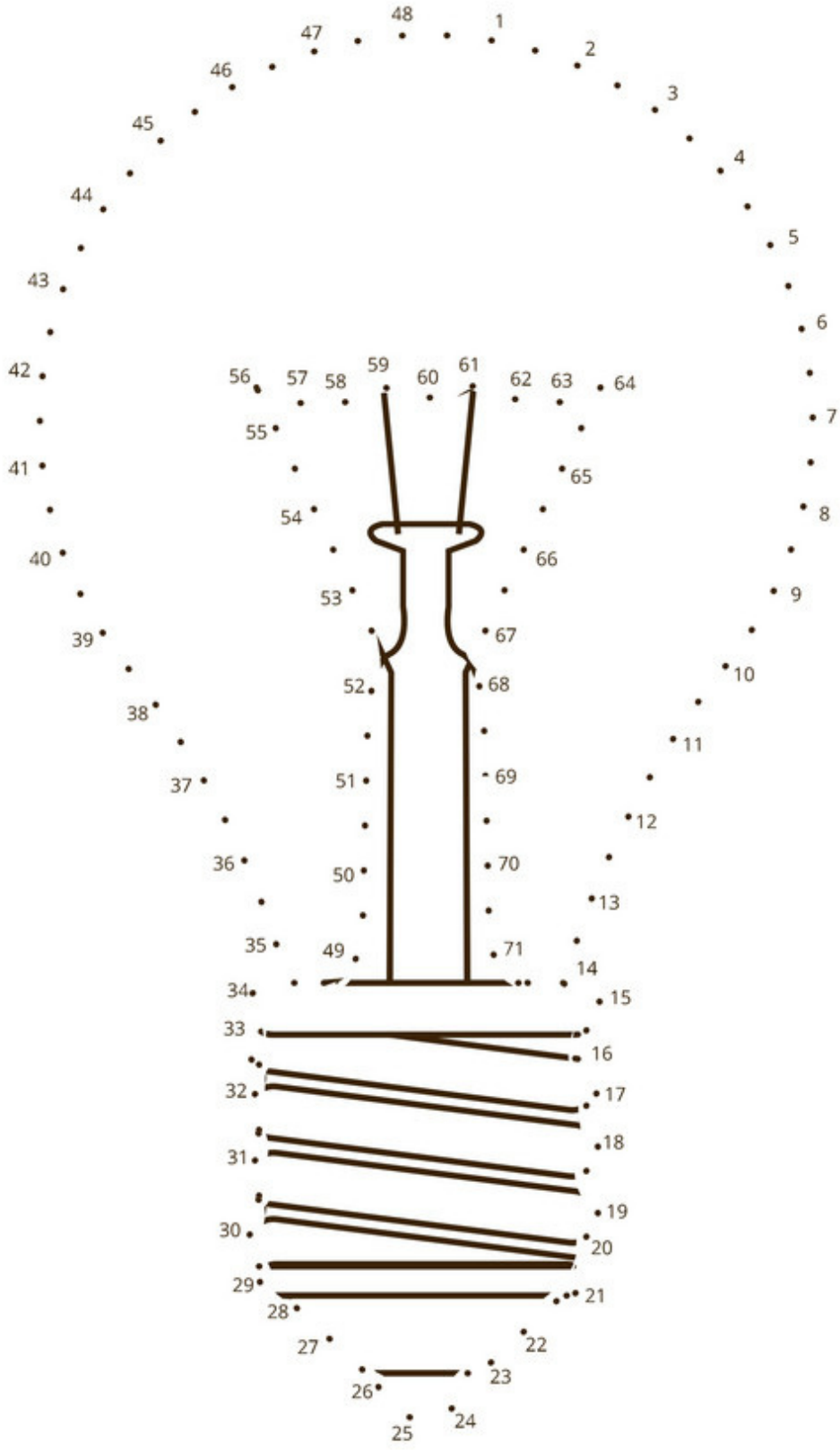
So live like children who belong to the light. This light produces every kind of goodness, right living, and truth.

PRAY:

Who do you know that might need a bit of help today? Spend sometime pray for that person and ask God to be with them. Think about what you can do to help them and demonstrate God's love to them.

ACTIVITY:

Follow the dots to complete the picture, then colour it in.



DAY 16

Ephesians 5:9



The Bible is full of poems and songs of worship written to praise God. Songs which express just how much we love God. Paul knew how good it is to write praises to God.

Ephesians 5:9 says:

Encourage each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord.

PRAY:

Think about why you love God.

Use the things that come to mind to write either a poem or worship song of praise to Him on the next page.





DAY 17

Ephesians 5:20

What are you thankful for?

Who are you thankful for?

Paul tells us to be thankful for everything and thankfulness begins with recognising the good things.

Ephesians 5:20 says:

Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAY:

Use your hand to guide your prayers of thankfulness.

Animal

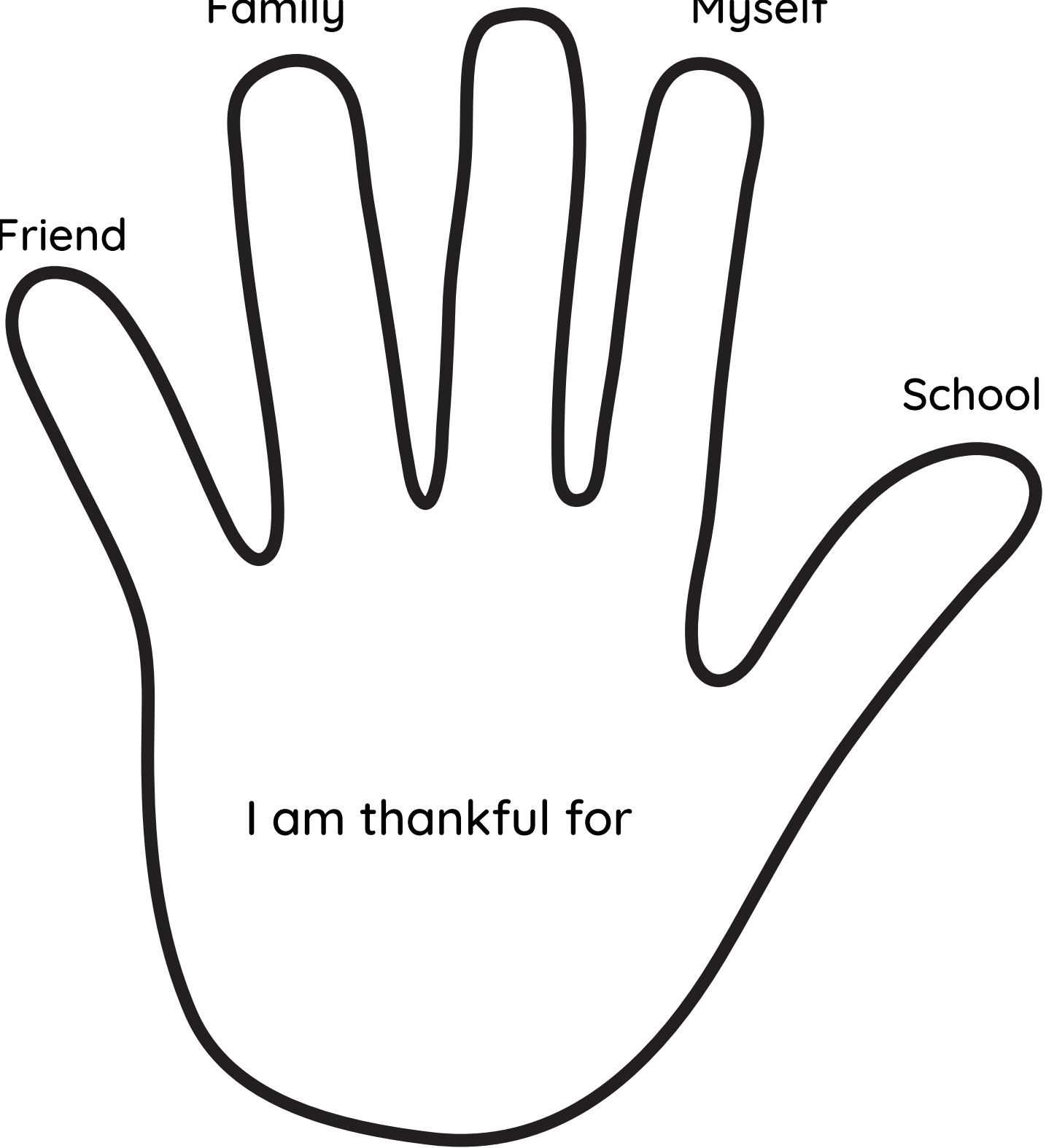
Family

Myself

Friend

School

I am thankful for



DAY 18

Ephesians 6:1

Did you know that the Bible says that children should obey their parents and that parents should care for and love their children?

Ephesians 6:1 says:

Children, obey your parents the way the Lord wants, because this is the right thing to do

PRAY:

Ask your parent /carer what you can pray for them. You can follow this prayer template if you like.

Dear God, thank you for (their name), thank you that they are a part of my family.

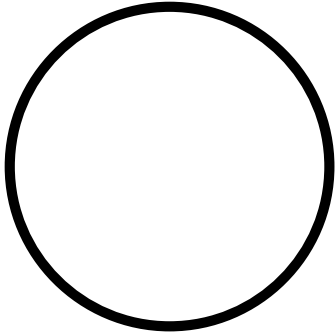
(Add in a sentence about what they have asked you to pray for and then carry on).

Would you be with them today.

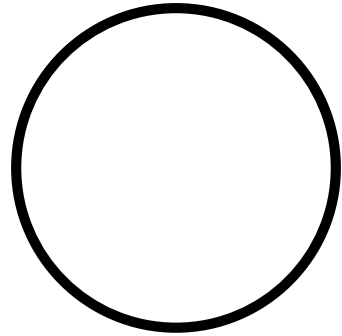
Amen.

ACTIVITY:

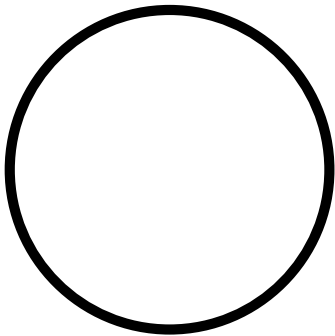
If the behaviour below is good then put a happy face in the circle but if it is bad then put a sad face in the circle.



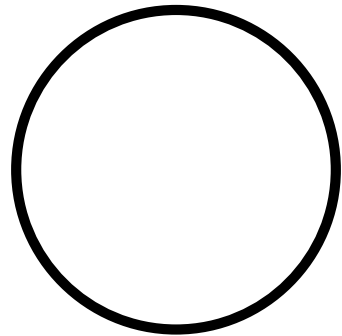
Helping to do
the dishes



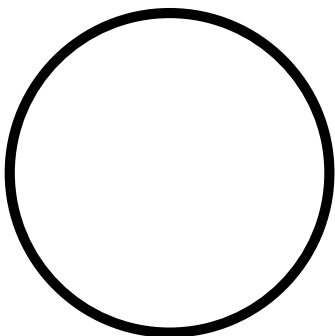
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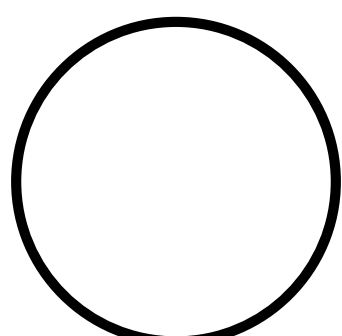
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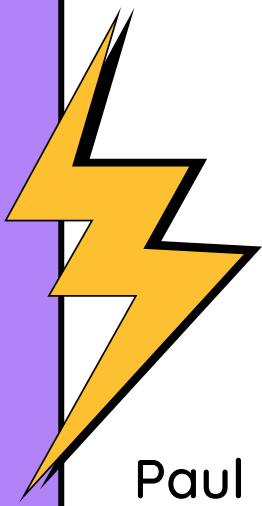
Tidying up



Saying sorry



Being Kind



DAY 19

Ephesians 6:14-18

Paul knew that we would need help to be like Jesus and so he tell us about Spiritual armour we can wear by praying each day.

Ephesians 6:14-18 says:

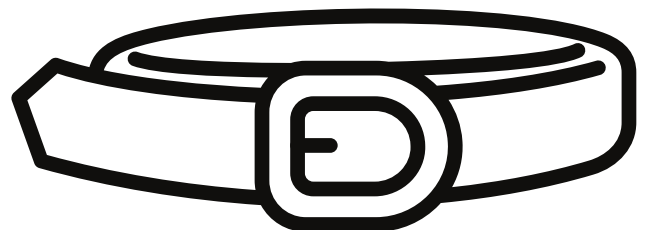
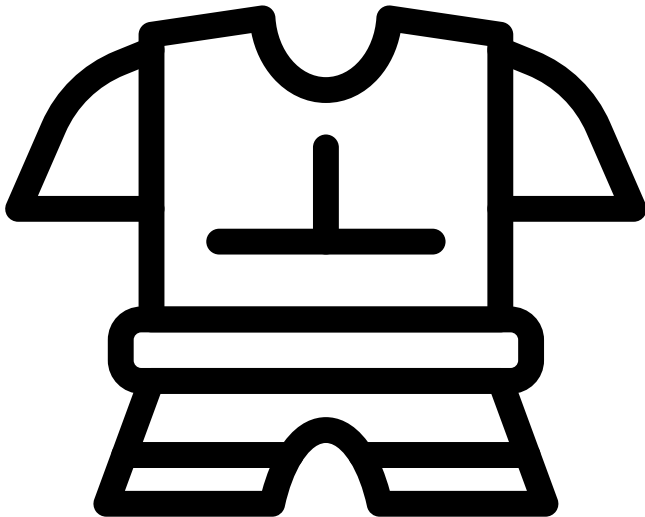
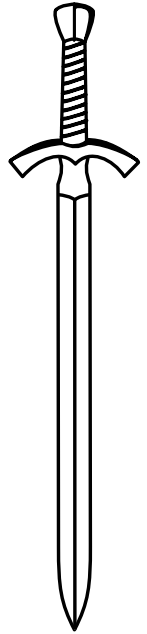
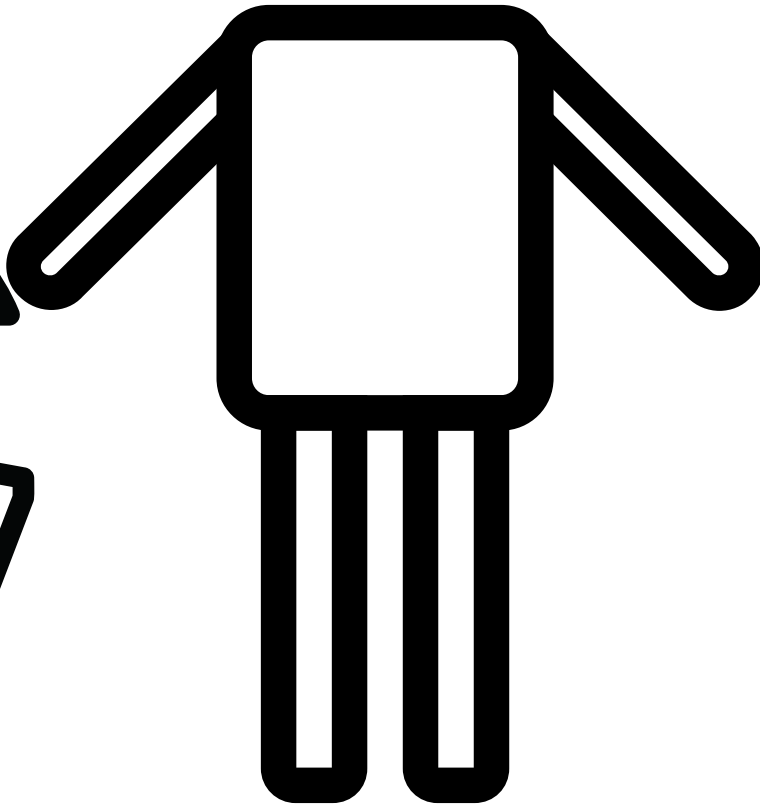
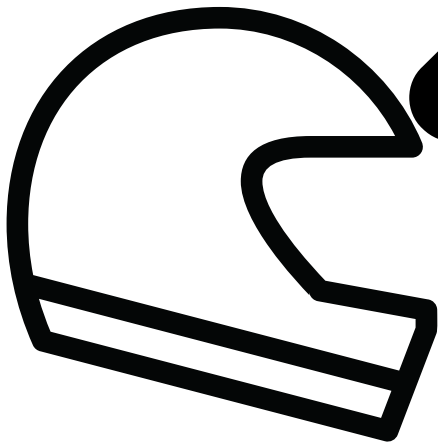
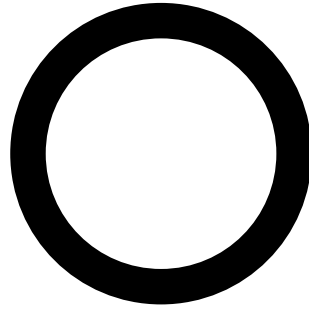
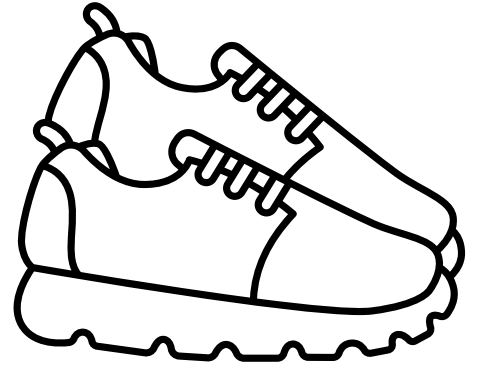
14 So stand strong with the belt of truth tied around your waist, and on your chest wear the protection of right living. **15** On your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong. **16** And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows that come from the Evil One. **17** Accept God's salvation as your helmet. And take the sword of the Spirit—that sword is the teaching of God. **18** Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of prayers, and ask for everything you need.

PRAY:

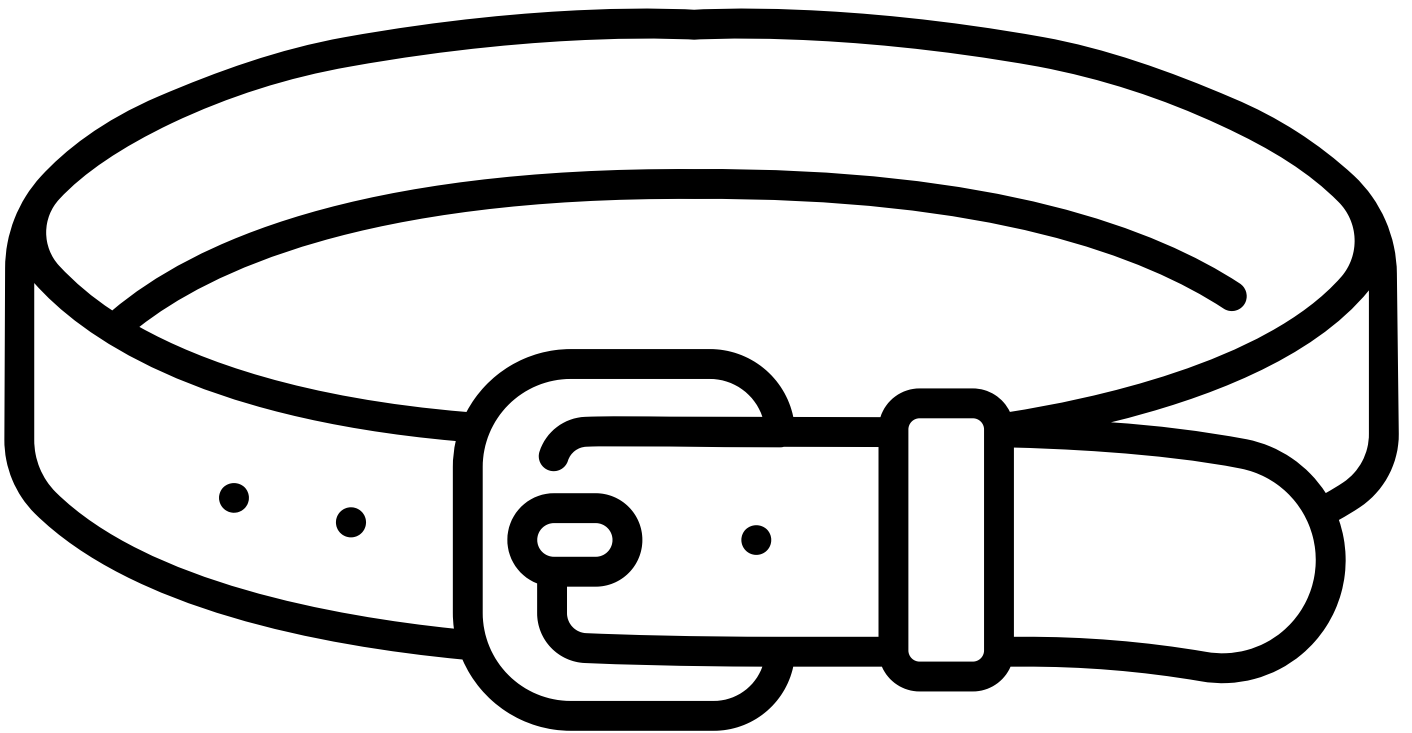
Imagine putting on each piece of the armour and pray as you do so, for example as you pray about wearing the shoes of the gospel, act out putting on your shoes as you say the words.

ACTIVITY:

Can you link each piece of the armour to the person.



The Belt of Truth



God helps me to know what is true, and helps me to speak the truth to others.

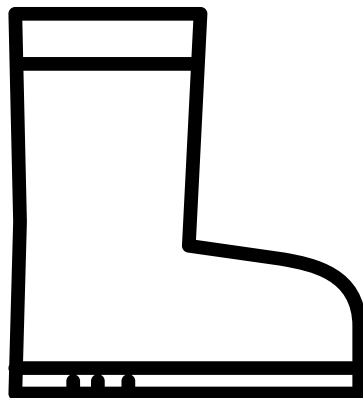
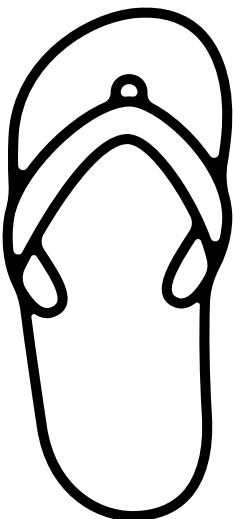
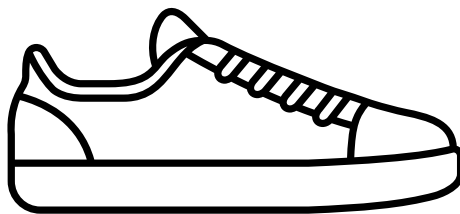
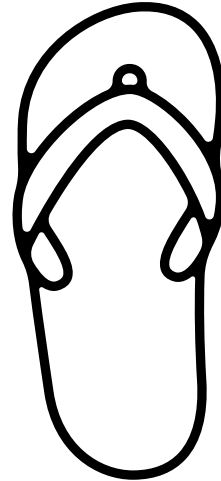
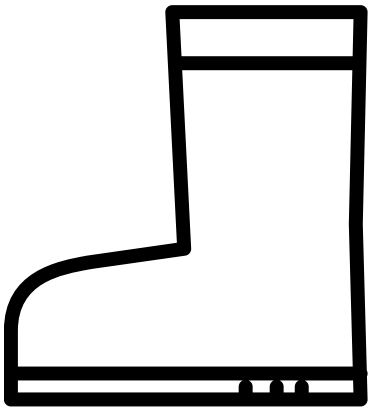
The Breastplate of Righteousness



God teaches me to do what is right.

The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

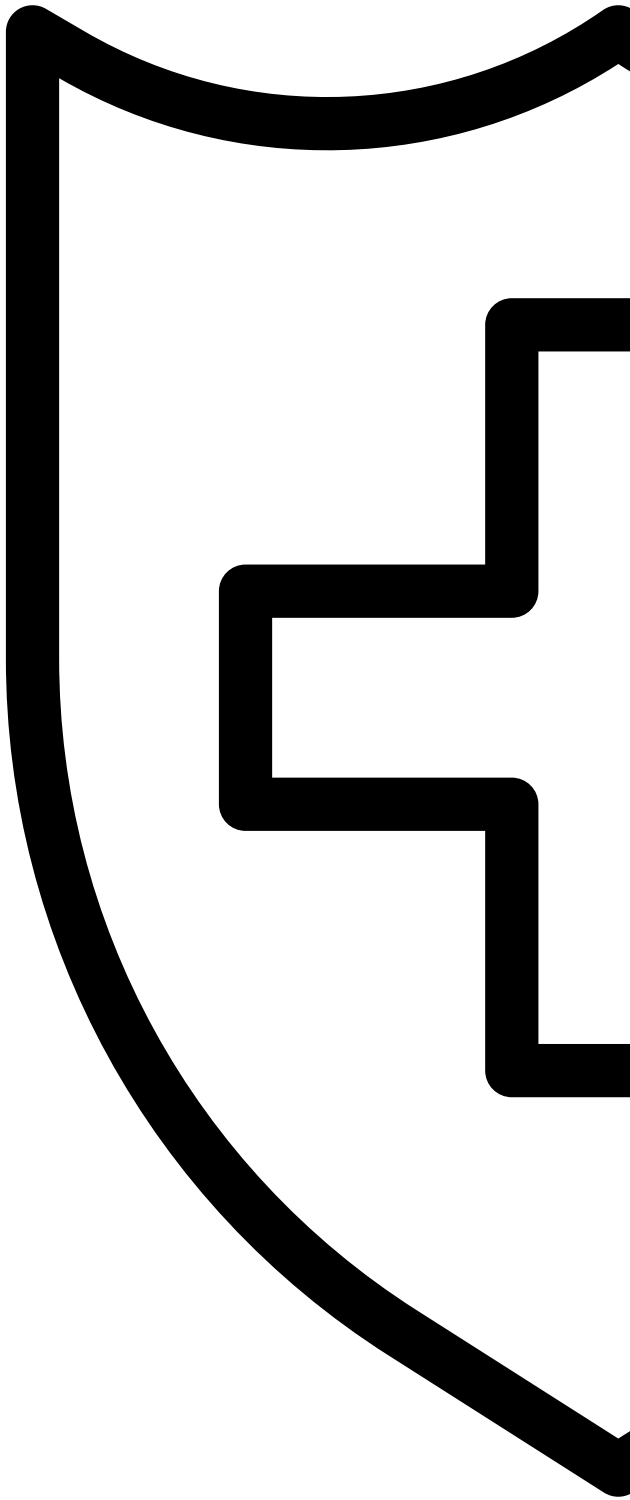
Draw a line from one shoe to the other in order to make a matching pair.



God, help me to tell others about the good news of the love and peace of Jesus.

The Shield of Faith

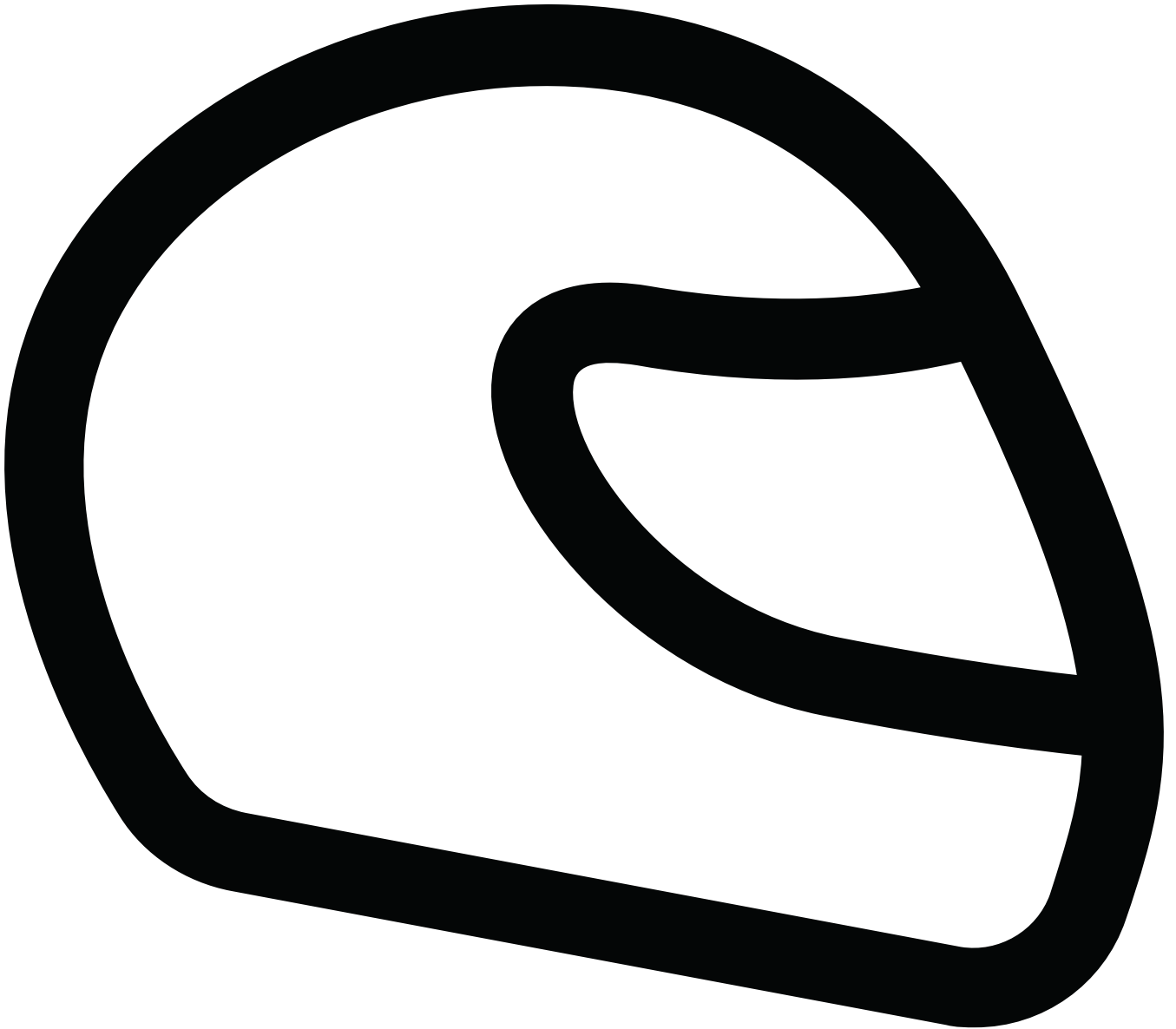
Complete the drawing of the shield
and colour it in.



Faith means believing in God,
and knowing that He is always with you.

The Helmet of Salvation

Colour in and decorate your helmet.



Salvation is a tricky word - it means us choosing to become friends with and trusting in God. If you have never prayed and asked God to be your friend, you can pray this prayer.

Dear Jesus, thank you that you want to be friends with me. I choose to believe in you, and be friends with you.

Thank you for loving me. Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer for the first time, it is a great idea to tell an adult and your kids' church leader.

The sword

of the

Spirit

which

is the

word of God

DAY 20

MEMORY VERSE



Time for this week's memory verse challenge. Remember, if you repeat this week's verse to a kids' church leader, you will get a special sticker for your book!

For today's memory verse can you name all of the pieces of the armour of God?

Put on the whole armour
of God.

The Belt of Truth

Breastplate of

Righteousness

Shoes of the Gospel of

Peace

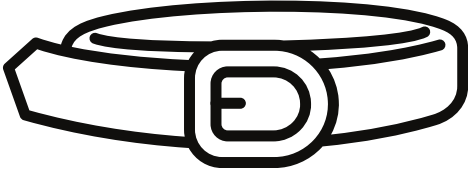
Shield of Faith

Helmet of Salvation

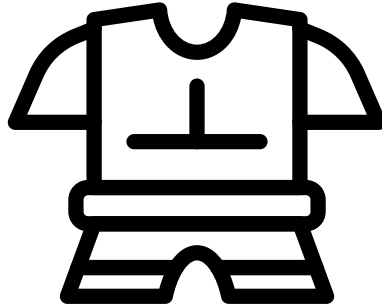
Sword of the Spirit.

Top Tip:

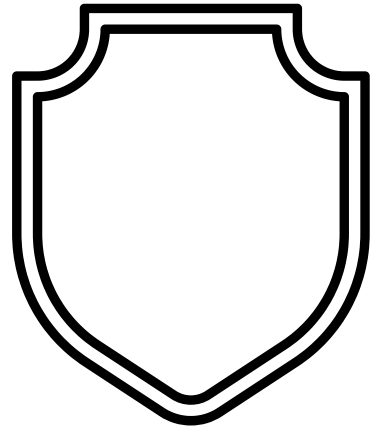
For each of the words, do the action as if you were actually putting them on.



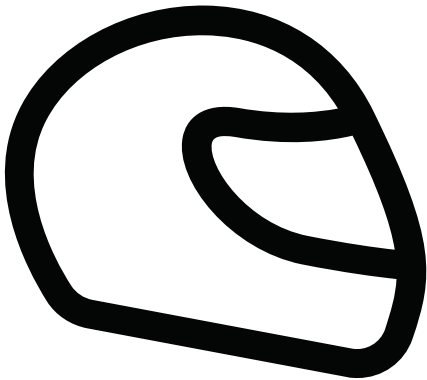
Belt



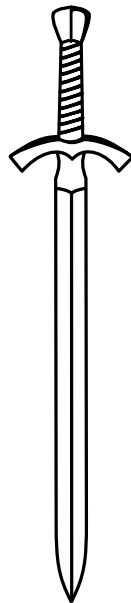
Breastplate



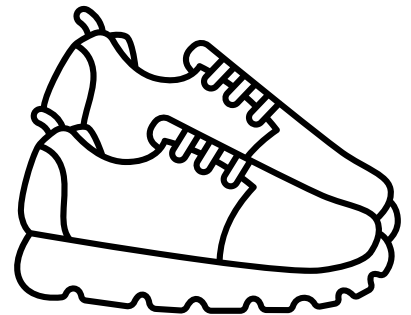
Shield



Helmet



Sword



Shoes

I remembered this week's memory verse!!

Stick your sticker here

DAY 21



You did it!

You have completed your third and final week of your prayer journal.

Well done you!

We are excited to see you in Freedom Kidz, and don't forget to tell one of the leaders this week's memory verse to get your sticker.

God loves to talk to you. Sometimes he gives you a picture in your mind, or a Bible verse, or maybe a feeling inside. These will always be loving because God is love. As you pray today, ask God to speak to you, and either write out or draw out what he says.



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