

Wonder ... About God's Never-Ending Love for Creation

Year 2, Unit 1

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Dear Family,

Just wanted to let you know how much I'm looking forward to working with your child at church this year. It's my prayer that this will be a time of growing in faith for all of us!

We will be using the *Dwell* curriculum materials. The level your child is in is called Wonder. That's a fitting title because each week I hope to share with your child a sense of wonder and awe at the greatness and love of our Creator God—a God who remains faithful from generation to generation. Together we'll respond to our loving God with praise, trust and love.

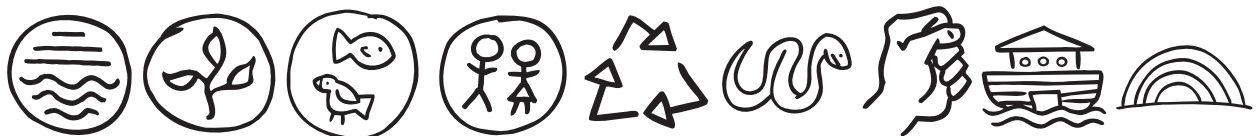
For the first six sessions we'll look at stories from the Old Testament. We'll start with the creation story and go through God's saving Noah and his family, including God's covenant promises to Noah and to us. We will focus on God's never-ending love for creation.

Each week your child will come home with a special paper designed with your family in mind. It's called Show and Share. Your child will want to show it to you and share the activities from class. The paper includes the story, a note for families, a fun activity for kids to do on the way home from church, and other games and activities related to the story. For other great things you can do at home for each story we learn together, have your child find the story symbol in your God's Big Story card set.

Our Memory Challenge is Genesis 9:12-13. We'll be saying and singing it together! You can listen to the song (or purchase it) at www.dwellcurriculum.org.

Please pray with me that the Holy Spirit will use the Dwell materials, along with our leading (yours and mine) and our own examples of faith, to guide your child into a life of faith!

In Christ,



God's Word

Genesis 9:12-13, NIV

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making between me and



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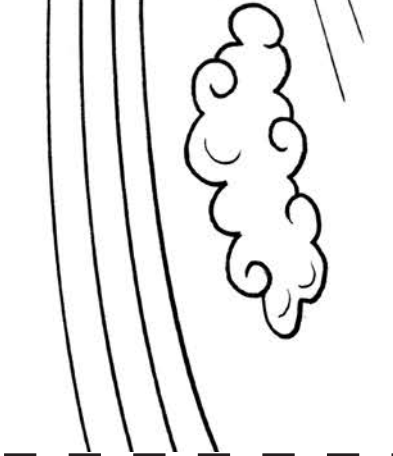
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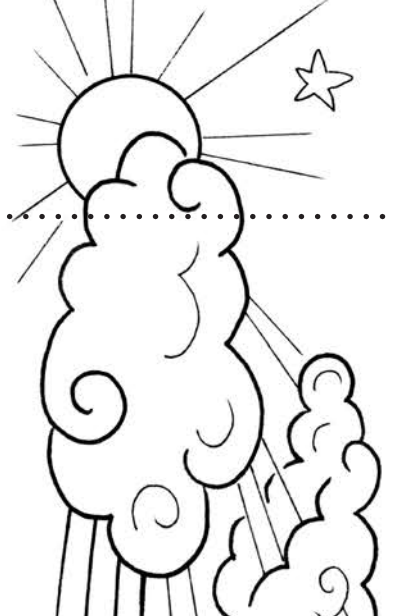
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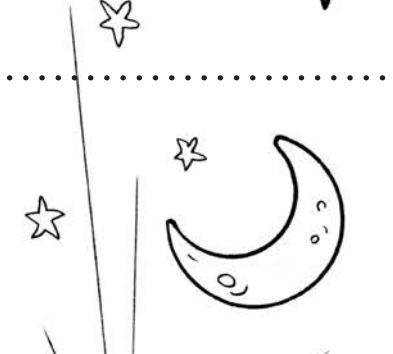
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in the clouds, and it will



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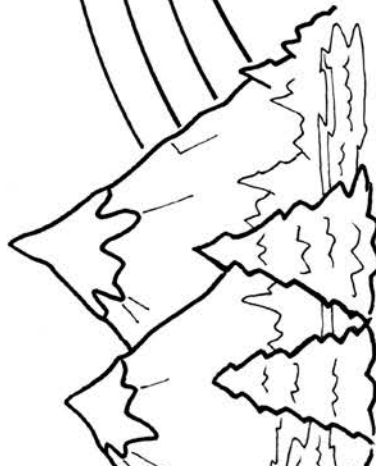
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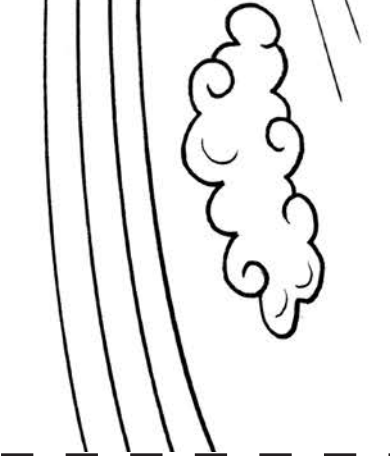
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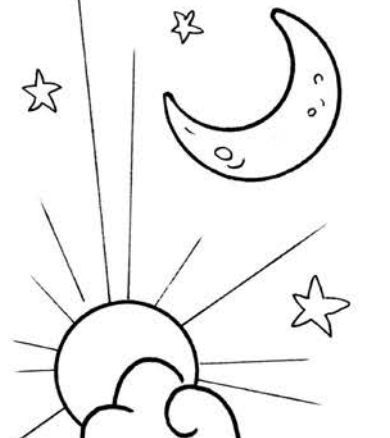
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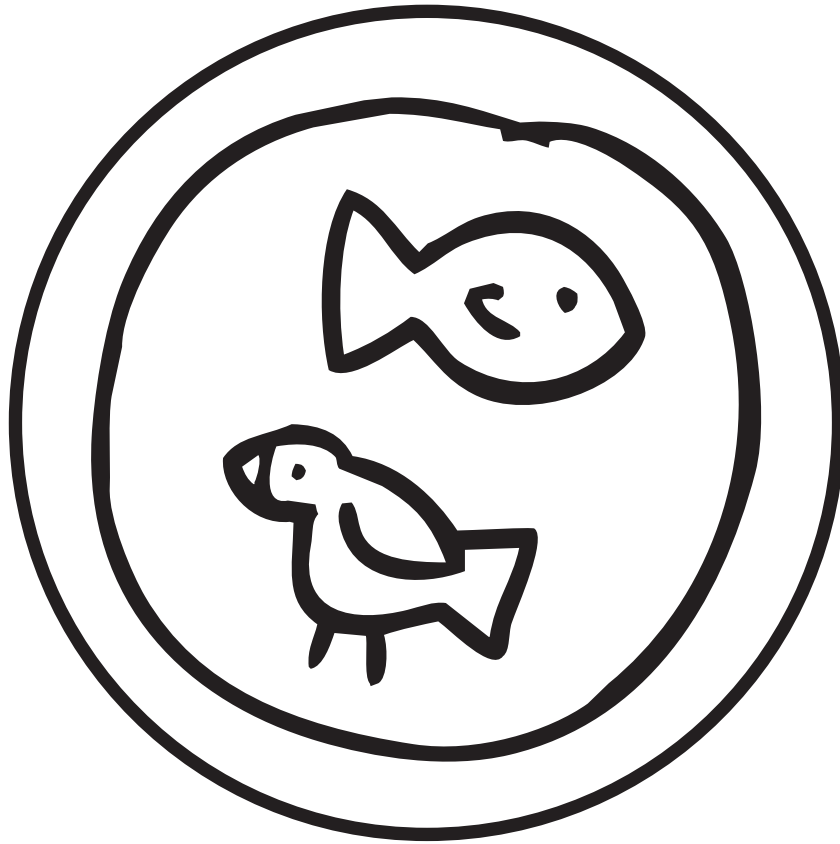




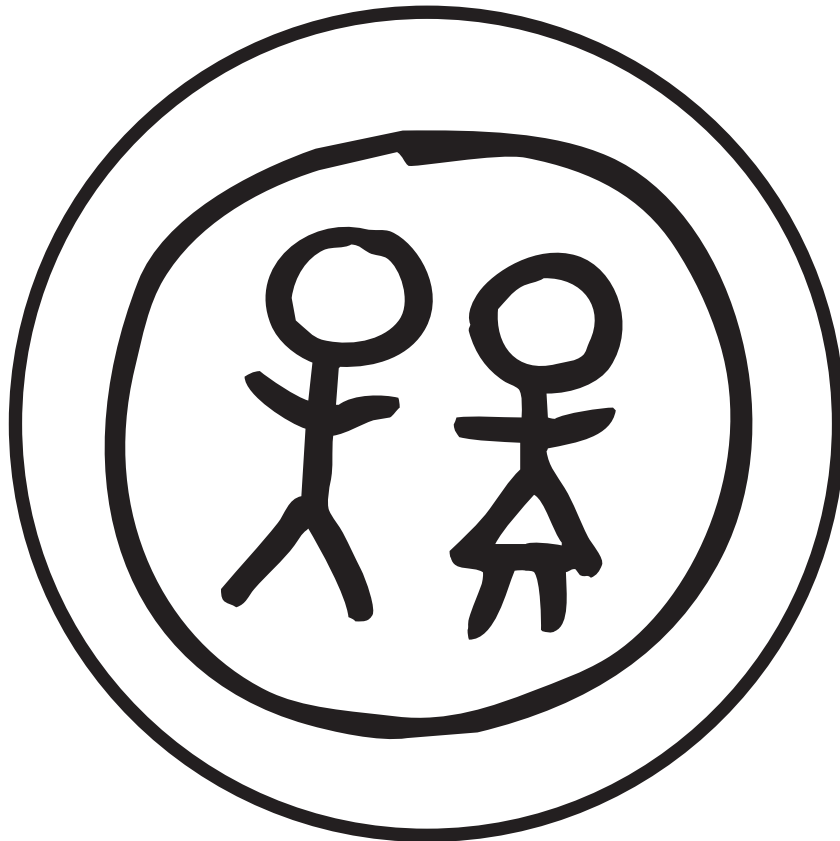
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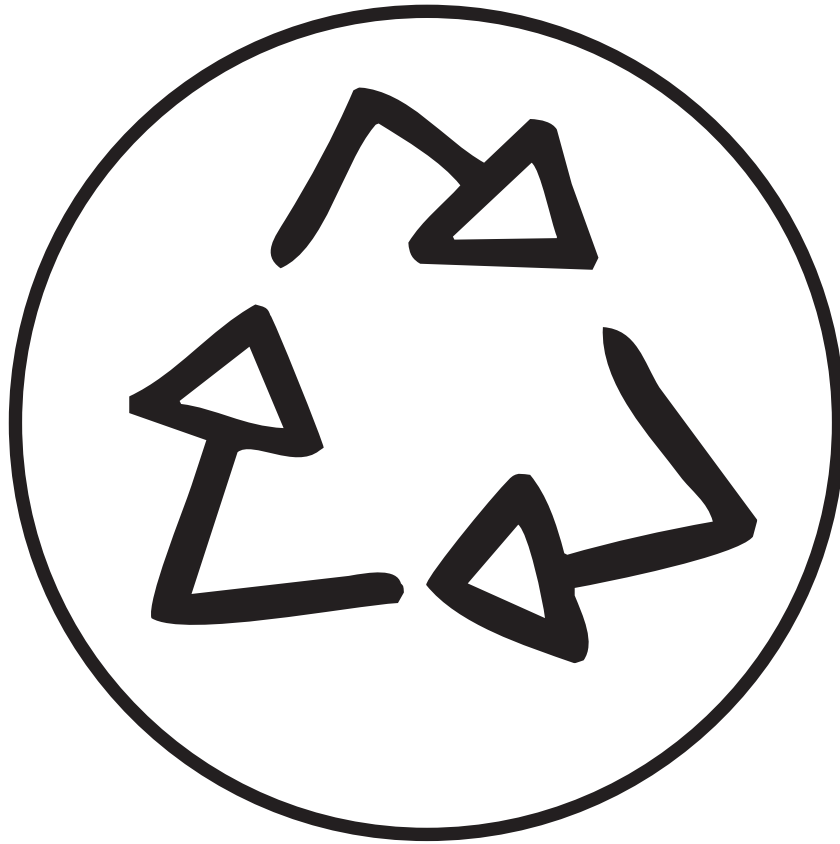
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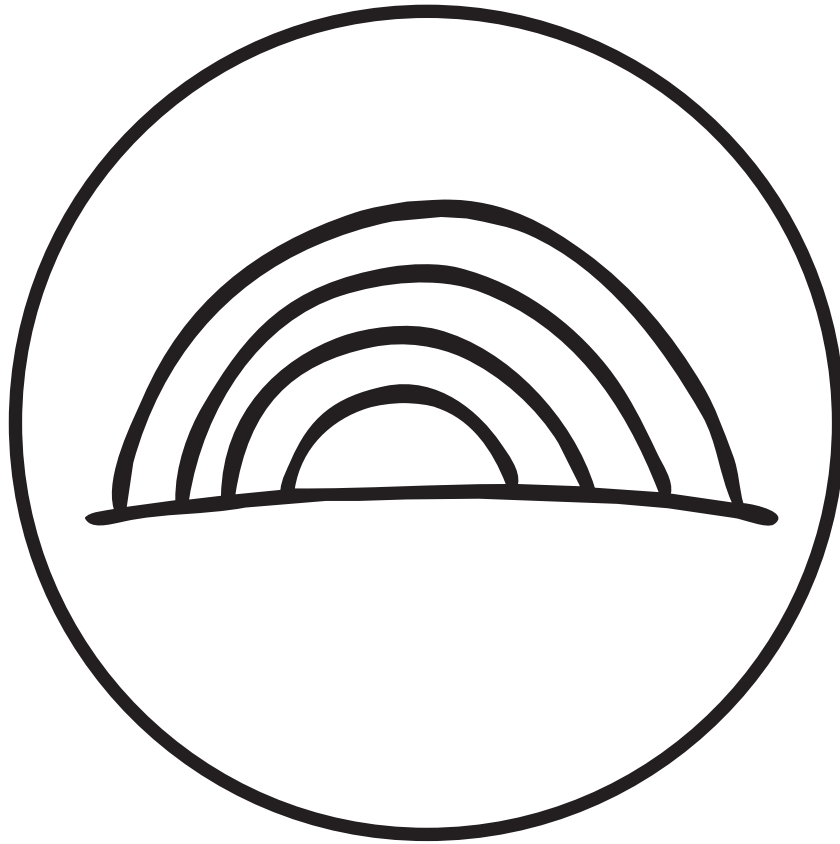
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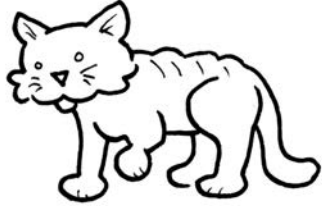


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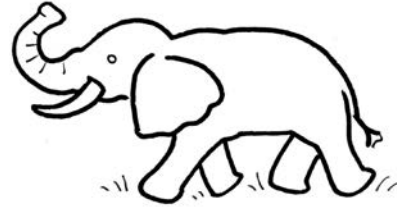


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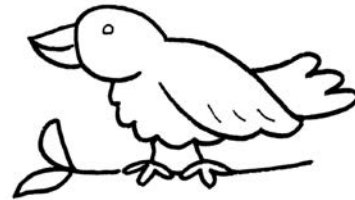
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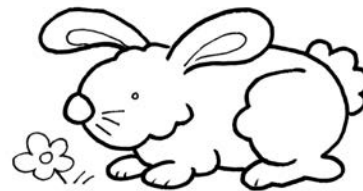
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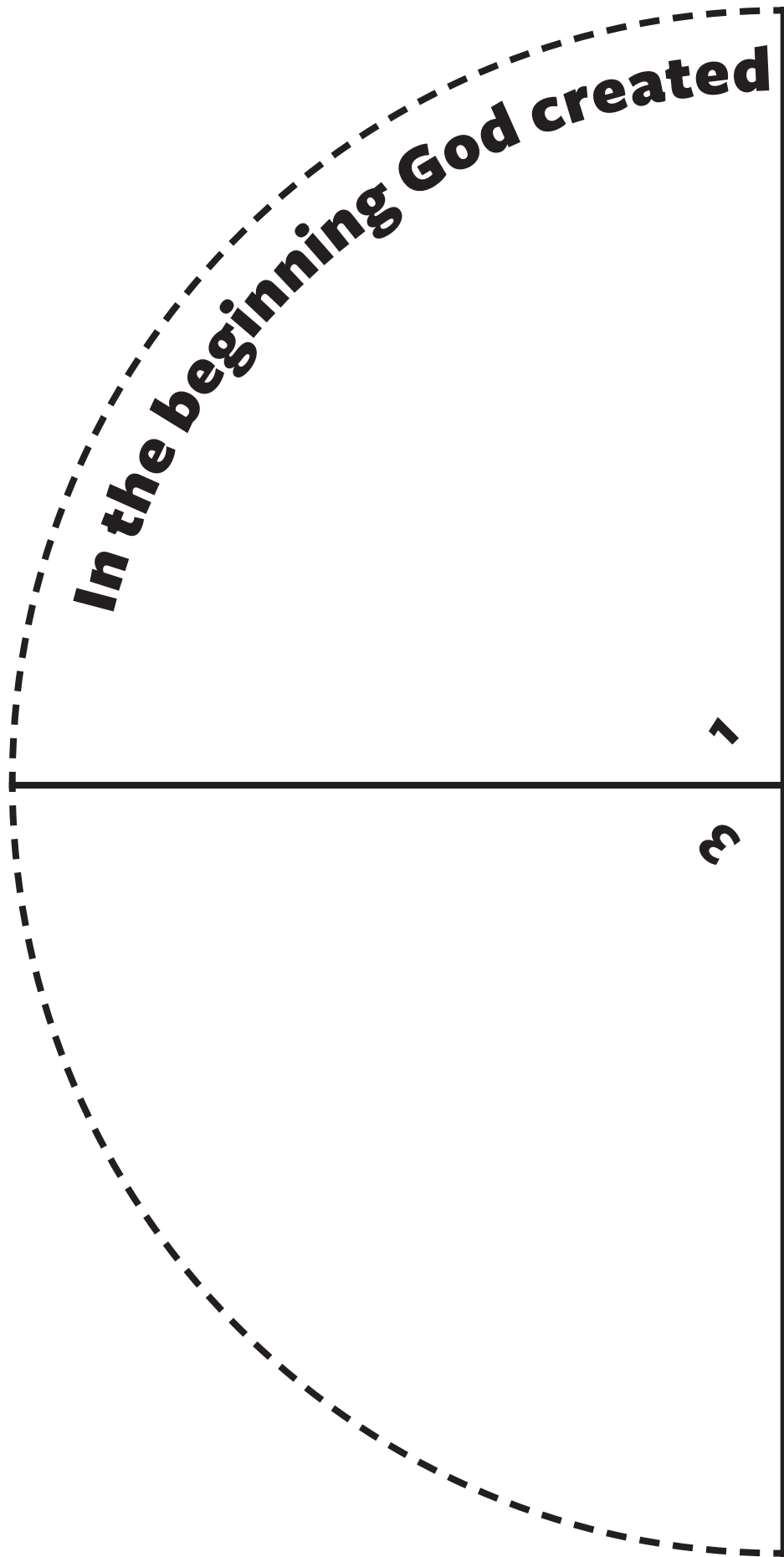


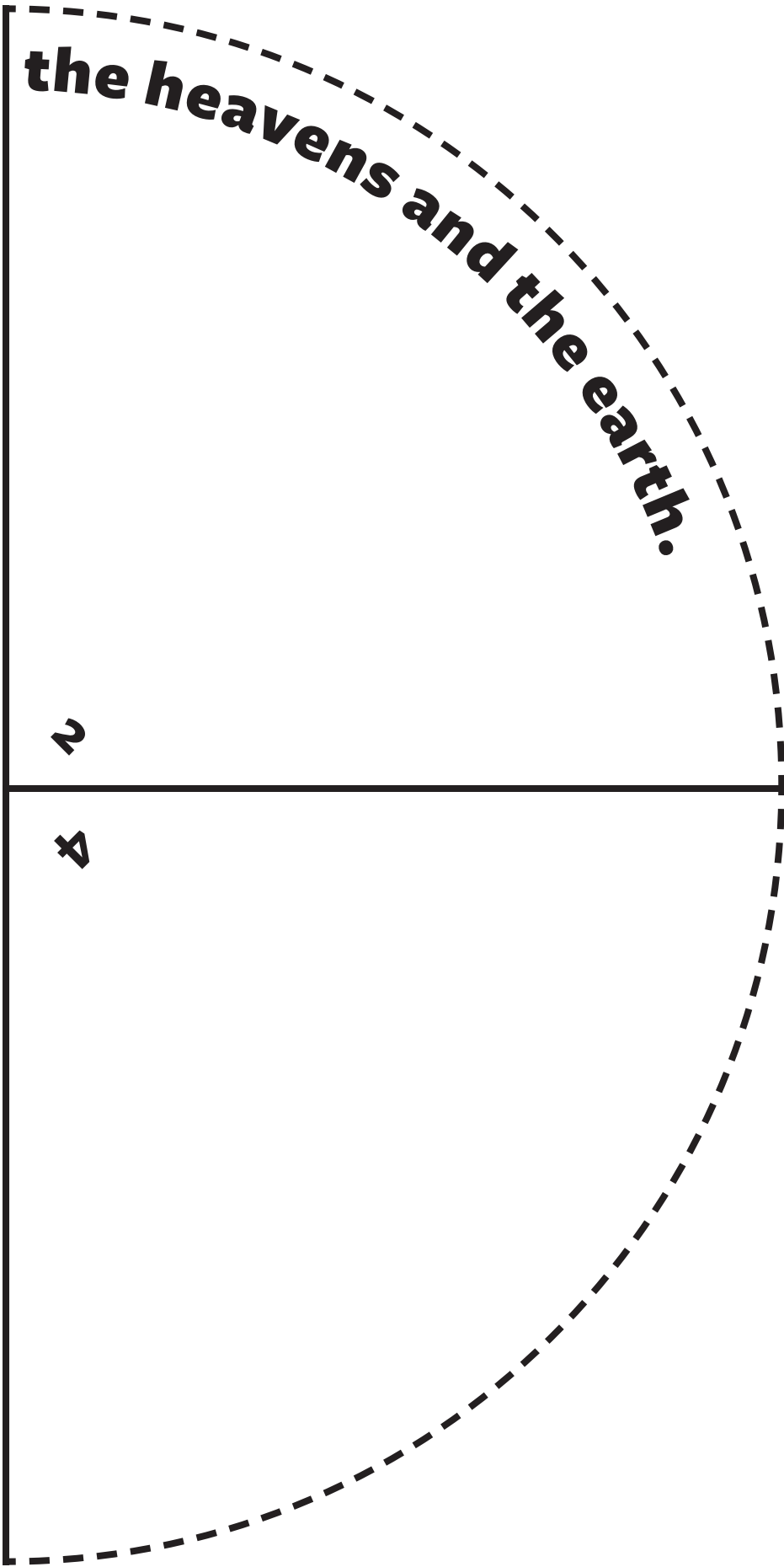
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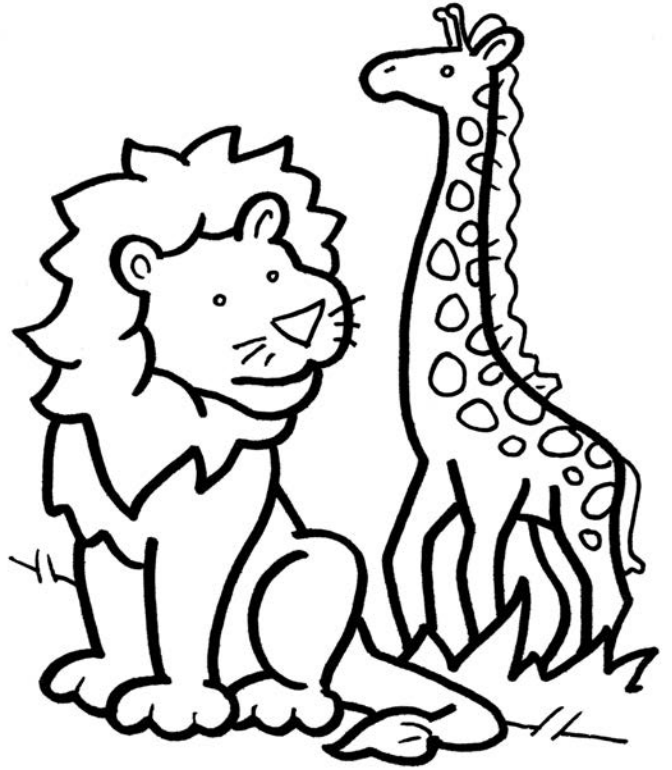
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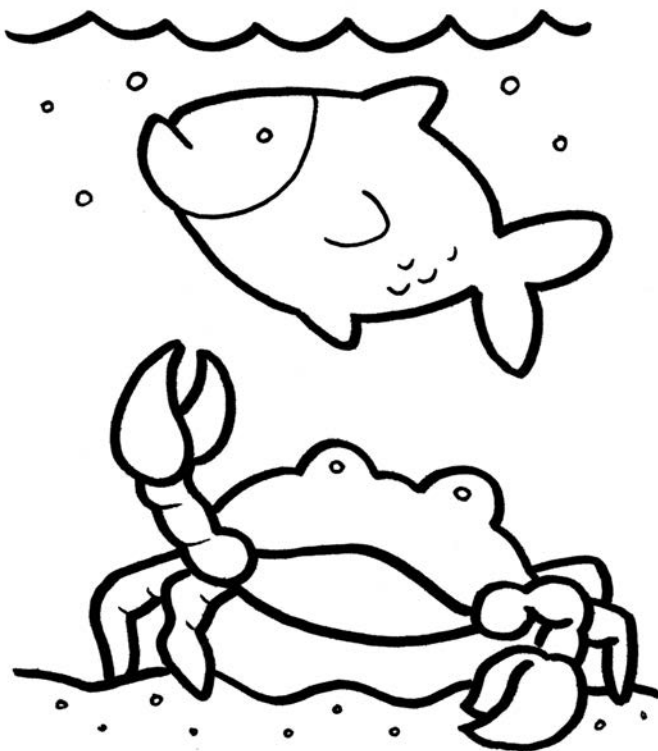
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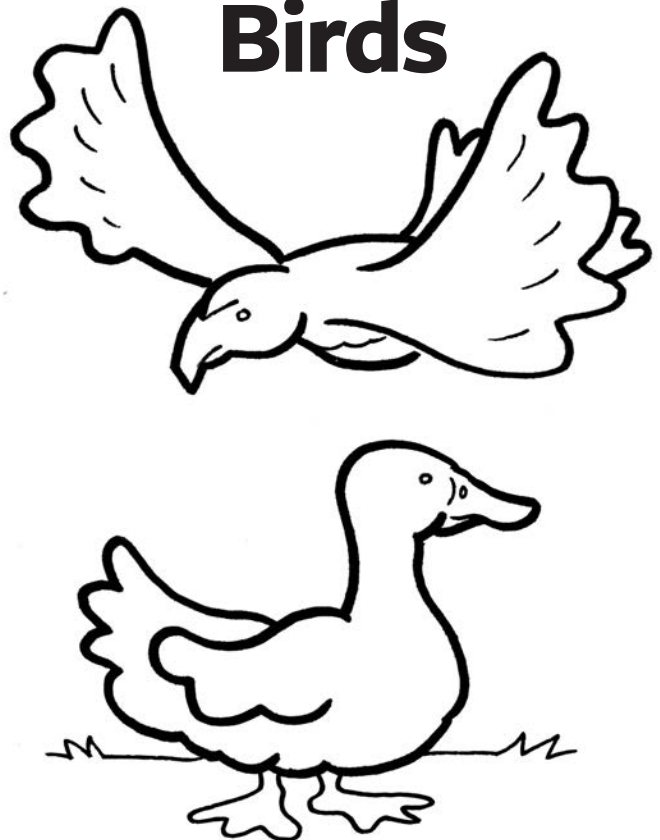
Land Animals



Sea Creatures



Birds



Commitment Card

I, _____,
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Praise Maze

Write one sentence that tells how you feel about Jesus taking your punishment. Put your initials behind it.

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Write one example of how sin spoiled God's world. Put your initials behind what you wrote.

Praise Maze

Write your name on the paper if you are thankful for the amazing world God created for us to enjoy.

Praise Maze

Honor God by writing one word that describes him. Put your initials behind the word you wrote.

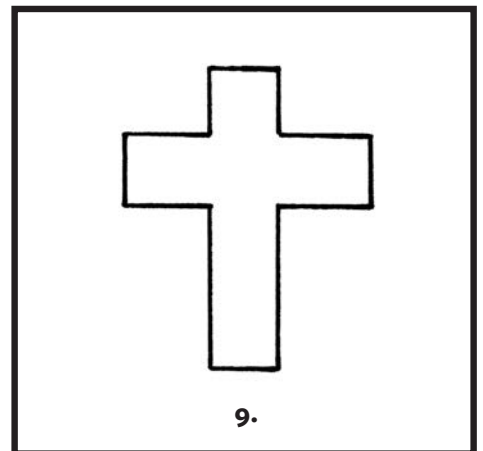
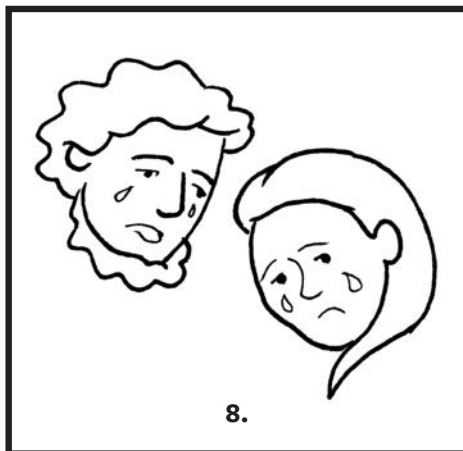
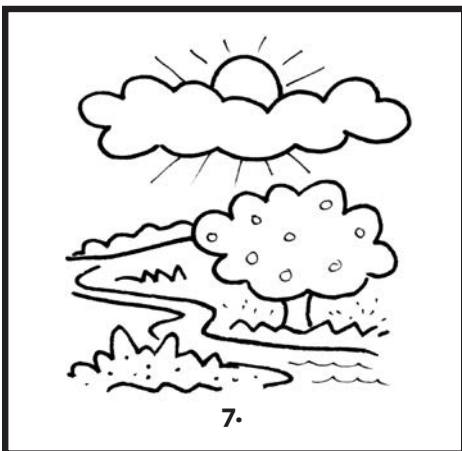
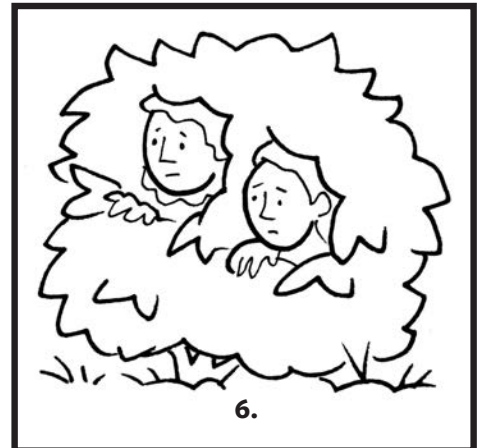
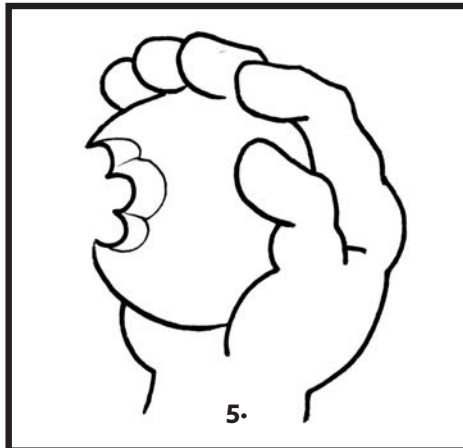
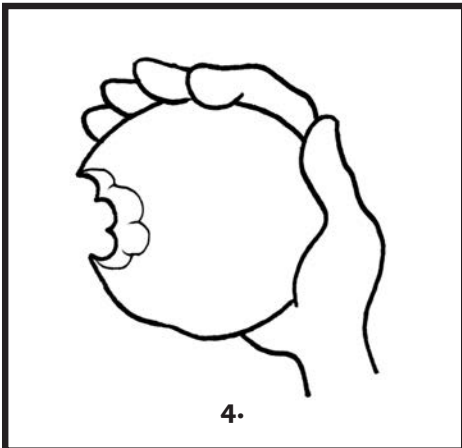
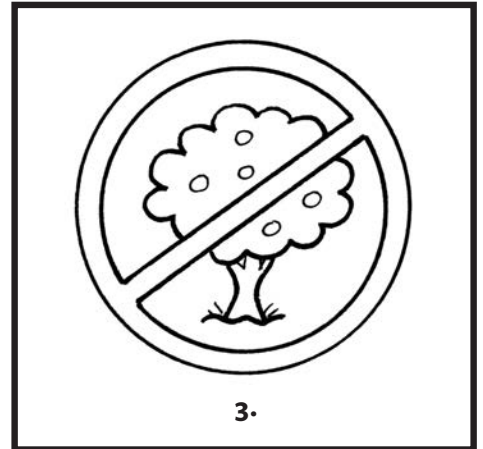
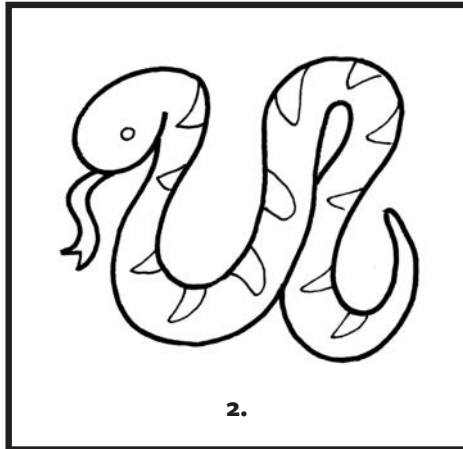
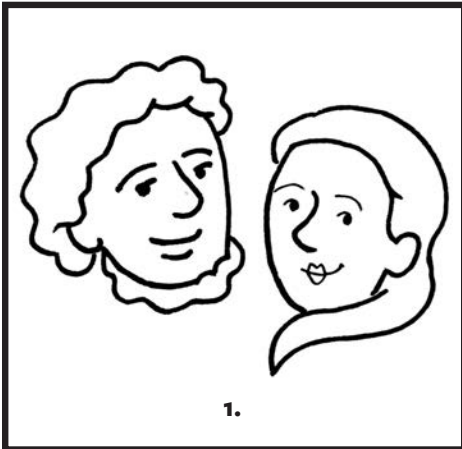
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Sit down and pray silently. Thank Jesus for taking away all your sins. Put your last name on the paper when you are done.

Praise Maze

Welcome your loving Savior, Jesus, into your heart. Draw a heart and write your first name in it.

Sin Spoils God's World



Satan and Sin: In or Out?

Casey and Jason are friends. Every year Casey's family goes on a great vacation during spring break. Jason's family can't afford a big vacation. So Jason stays home. When Casey gets back he loves to tell Jason every little detail about what he did. That makes Jason feel something he doesn't like to feel—jealous and a little angry. The more Jason thinks about it, the more it bothers him. Finally he knows he has to do something about it. Jason decides to deal with it the next time they get together.

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Mark told a close friend, Miguel, a secret that he didn't want anyone else to know—he is afraid of the dark. A few days later, on the playground at recess, a few guys came up to Mark and chanted over and over again, "Mark, Mark! Afraid of the dark!" Mark was crushed that Miguel would tell. It also made him angry and embarrassed. That night he called Miguel and asked him to meet him in the park after school.

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Jo and Megan are cousins. It seems like every year Megan gets the latest, newest electronic device—a cell phone, games, and more! Jo doesn't have any. Megan offers to give Jo her old stuff whenever she gets something new. "After all," Megan tells her, "I don't want it anymore." Jo doesn't know if she should be happy or mad about that. Who wants old stuff when everyone else seems to have new things? On the other hand, wouldn't it be better than nothing? Every time she thinks about it she feels a little mad and a little happy. She thinks it over and makes a decision.

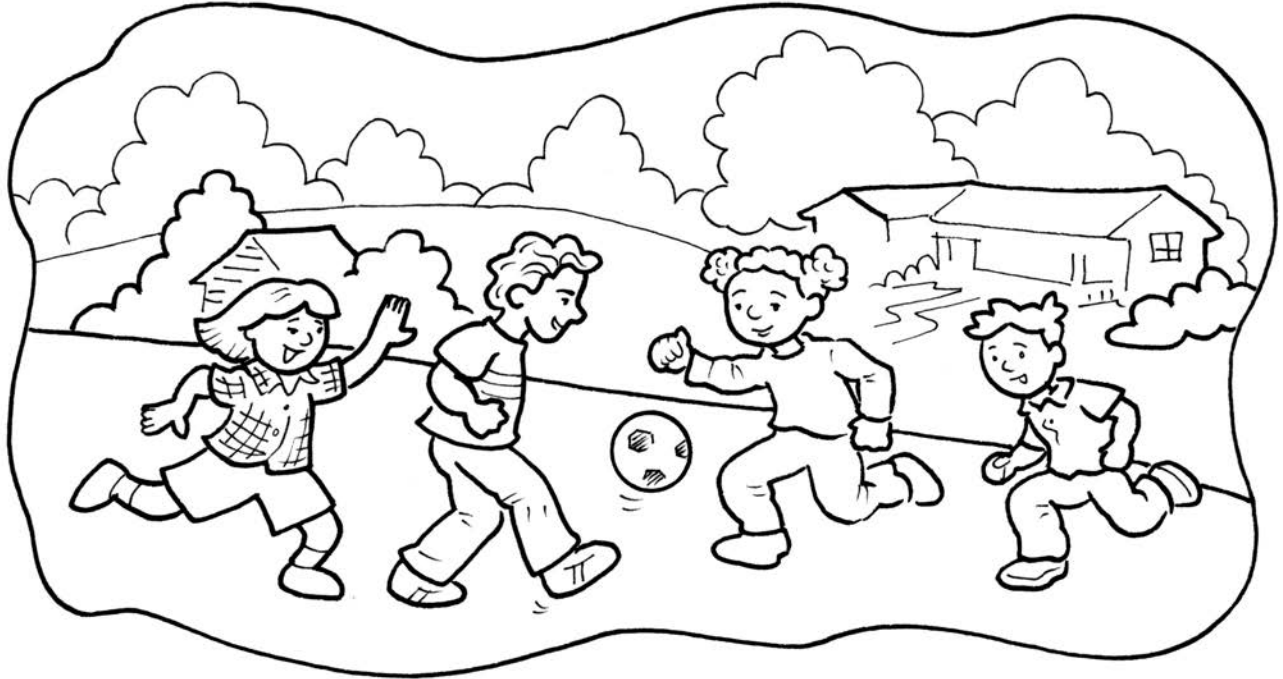
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Carly and Jennie are neighbors. Both play baseball on the same team. The truth is that Carly is the star of the team. Jennie—not so much. Whenever they're together, the other kids come up and talk to Carly and ignore Jennie. Jennie feels out of it. It makes her mad that Carly lets them do that and then brags about being so popular. Jennie knows it's time to do something.

Dear _____,

Your friend, _____

Trouble in Treetop Town



Ben, Tina, Annie, and Luis live on the same street in Treetop Town. It's called Treetop Town because it has so many trees. From an airplane, about all you can see are treetops.

On hot summer days, Ben and his friends like to walk to the park and play on the monkey bars or splash in the pool. In the winter they slide down the hill near their school. They're good friends.

Yesterday Tina's mom and dad told her, "Tomorrow we're taking you and your brother to the zoo."

"Oh boy!" said Tina. "May I bring my friends?"

"Just one," said Tina's mom. "We can only fit one more person in our car."

Tina liked all of her friends. How could she choose just one? At last she thought of a way. She wrote her friends' names on slips of paper and put them in her baseball cap. Then she closed her eyes and picked one slip. It had Annie's name on it. Tina called Annie right away

to invite her. "Sure, I would love to go," said Annie, "but what about Luis and Ben?"

"We don't have room for them in our car," said Tina. "They can go with me another time."

That afternoon the four friends were playing kickball in Luis's backyard. Tina went into Luis's house to get a drink. "Guess what?" Annie said to Luis and Ben. "Tina and I get to go to the zoo tomorrow."

"What? Why don't we get to go?" asked Ben.

"I don't know," Annie lied. "Maybe Tina likes me better."

"She does not," Luis said.

"Then why didn't she invite you?" said Annie.

"We don't want to go to the stupid zoo anyway, do we, Luis?" said Ben.

"No! I hate zoos," Luis shot back.

Just then Tina came out of the house. She saw her friends' angry faces. "What's the matter?" she asked.



“Luis and Ben are jealous ’cause we get to go to the zoo and they don’t,” said Annie.

“I wanted you to go,” Tina told the boys. “But my mom said I could only bring one friend. Maybe you can come with me next time.”

“We don’t want to go to the zoo,” Luis said angrily. “And we don’t want to play with you girls any more. This is my house. So go home!”

Tina couldn’t believe it! She just stood there, staring at the boys. Annie grabbed Tina’s hand and pulled her away. “C’mon,” she said. “We don’t want to play with them either!”

Tina yanked her hand back. “You shouldn’t have told them, Tina. Now they’re mad at us!”

“Who cares?” answered Annie. “I don’t want them for friends anyway.”

“Well, I do!” shouted Tina. “I’ll ask one of them to go to the zoo with me instead of you!”

“Go ahead,” Annie shouted. “I’ll tell everyone at school that they’re your boyfriends! So there!”

“I don’t care,” said Tina. “You’re not my friend anymore! You just make trouble.”

Luis and Ben watched TV for a while. Then Luis said, “Let’s see if Tina wants to go swimming.”

“No way!” said Ben. “I’m not playing with either of them today—or ever!”

“Why not?” asked Luis. “Tina said we could go to the zoo with her some other time.”

“Not me! I’m going home.” With that Ben stomped away.

“Good!” said Luis. “And don’t come back, either!”

1. I wonder who really started all of this trouble?
2. How could the friends have avoided fighting?
3. Do you think they ever played together again? Why or why not?
4. Think about a time you had an unhappy time with your friends. How could that have been avoided?
5. Why do good friends sometimes fight?
6. Who can help us be more loving to each other?



Go Fish: At the End . . .

When you finish the game, take turns telling about the story that goes with each book that you won. For each book, choose 3 of the following things to tell your partner about the story:

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