



Dear Family,

Do you ever wonder what's going on inside the classroom when you leave your kids at the classroom door? You can be sure there is a lot of activity! Songs, games, discussions, drama, prayer, and much, much more.

Each week we focus on a small story within God's great big story. We enter the story, pause to live into the story, and consider how we can live out of the story as we leave to go into our homes and communities.

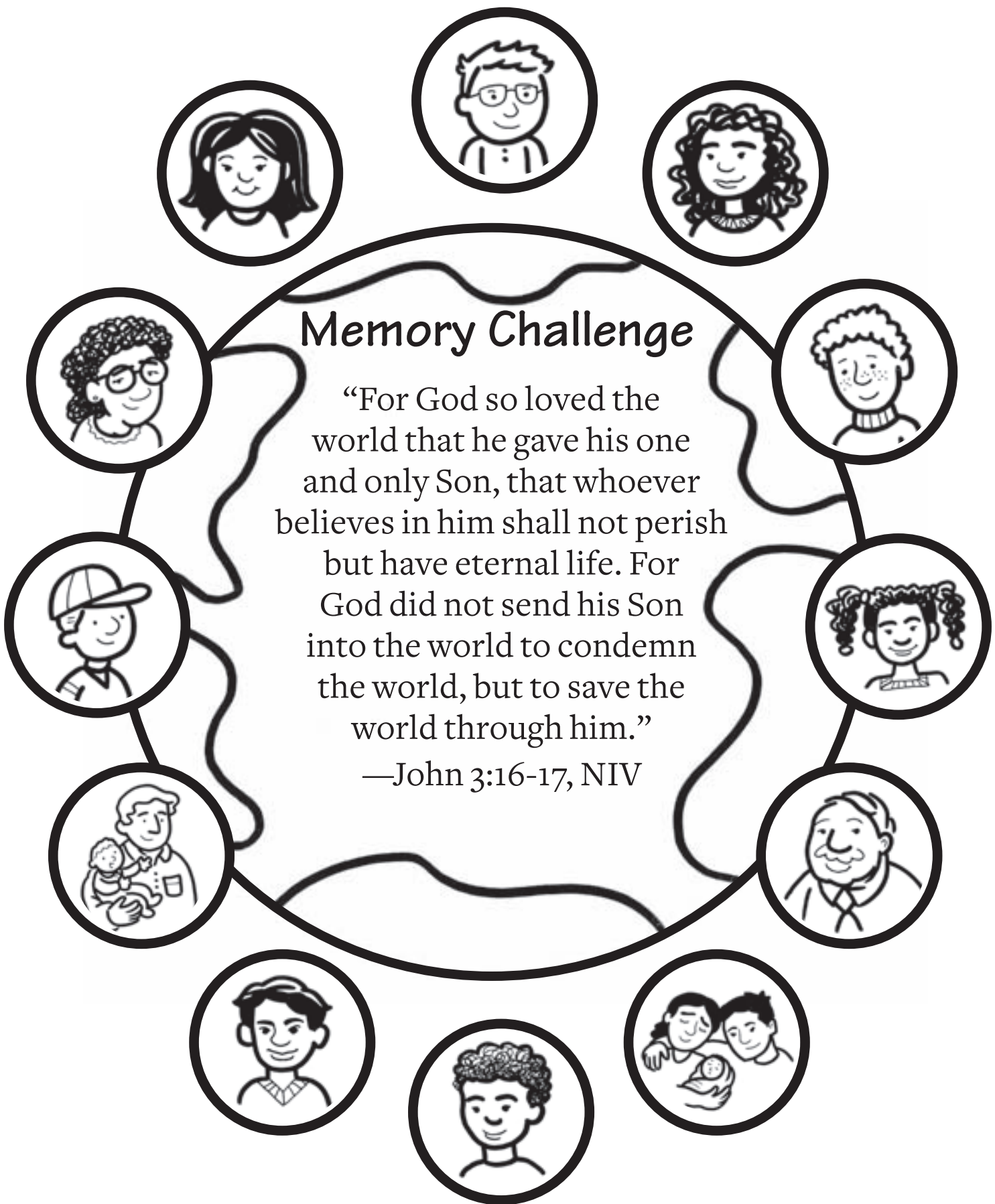
For the next six sessions, we'll be learning about the beginning of Jesus' ministry . . . his temptation in the wilderness, calling the disciples, and performing miracles of healing. For each story, your child will bring home a Show and Share paper to "show and share" with you. On that paper you'll find a story symbol that helps your child recall the story—look for the same symbol inside your set of God's Big Story cards.

In addition to all of this, we're learning Scripture verses put to music. It's a great way for your child (and the rest of the family!) to remember God's Word. For the next six weeks we'll be memorizing John 3:16-17 using a song called "For God So Loved." We'll also be learning a song from Swaziland called "Sizohamba naye/ We Will Walk with God." Both songs can be found on the Dwell CD. If you'd like to play the songs at home, you may purchase a copy of the CD at www.faithaliveresources.org or download the songs at www.dwellcurriculum.org.

It's exciting to take this great faith journey with you and your child!

Sincerely,

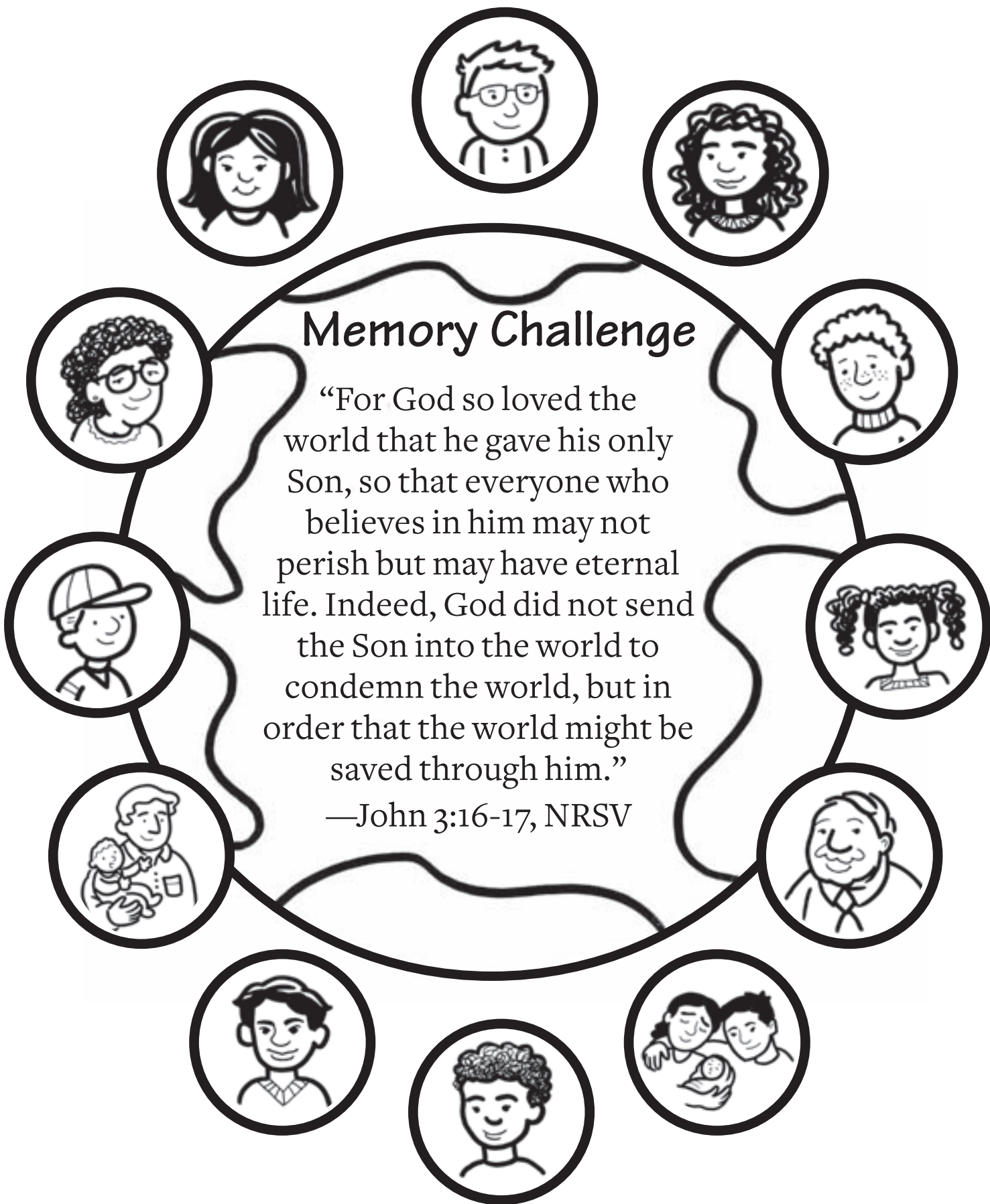
P.S. Check out www.nurturekidsfaith.org for practical Christian parenting tips, recommended resources and more! If you want to learn more about Dwell, visit www.dwellcurriculum.org.



Memory Challenge

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

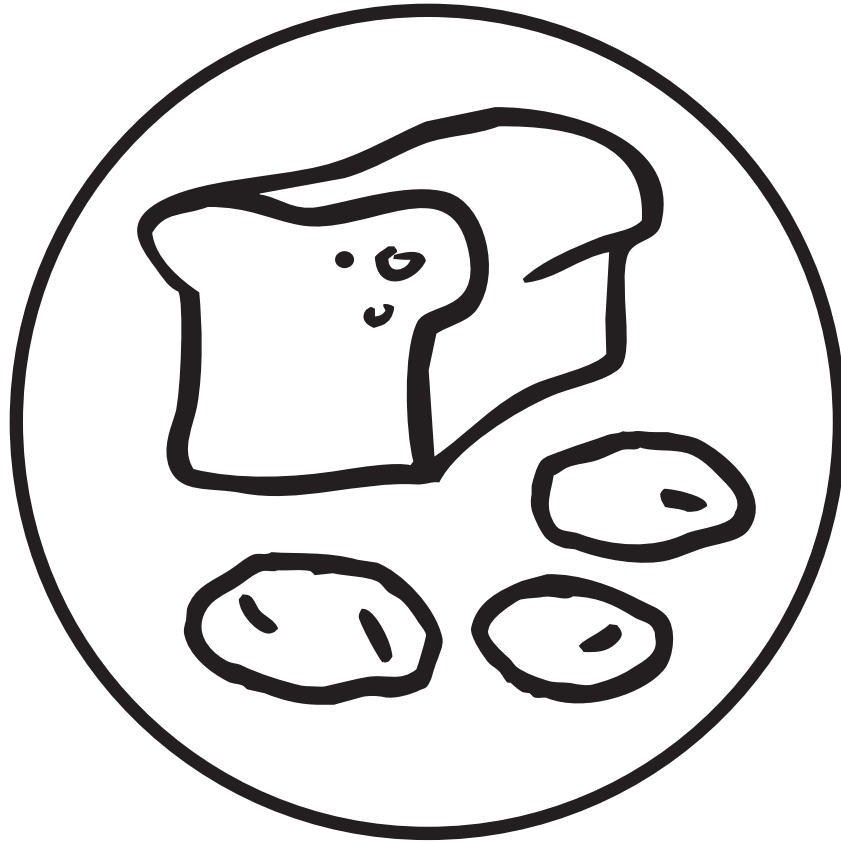
—John 3:16-17, NIV



Memory Challenge

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

—John 3:16-17, NRSV



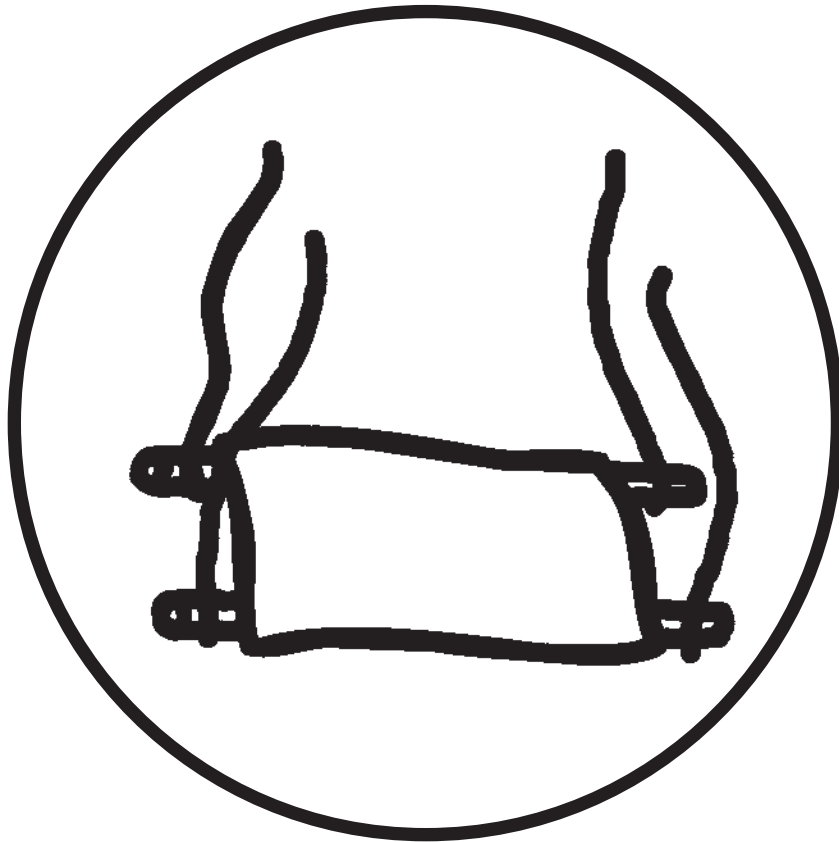
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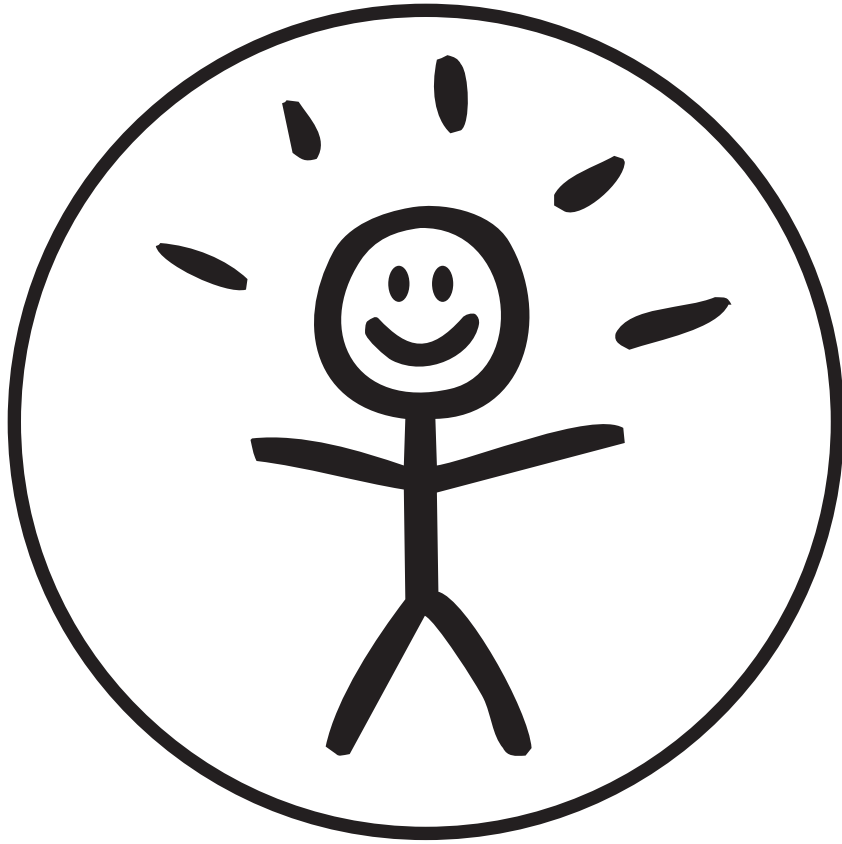
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Year 1, Unit 1, Session 3



Wonder
Year 1, Unit 1, Session 4



Wonder
Year 1, Unit 1, Session 5



Wonder
Year 1, Unit 1, Session 6

Reader's Theater Cards

Temptation #1

Satan: If you are God's Son,
turn these stones into bread.

Temptation #2

Satan: I will give you all the power, money,
and lands of the earth if you worship me.

Temptation #3

Satan: If you're God's Son, jump off. God
promised that his angels will protect you.

Temptation #1

Jesus: People need more
than bread to live.

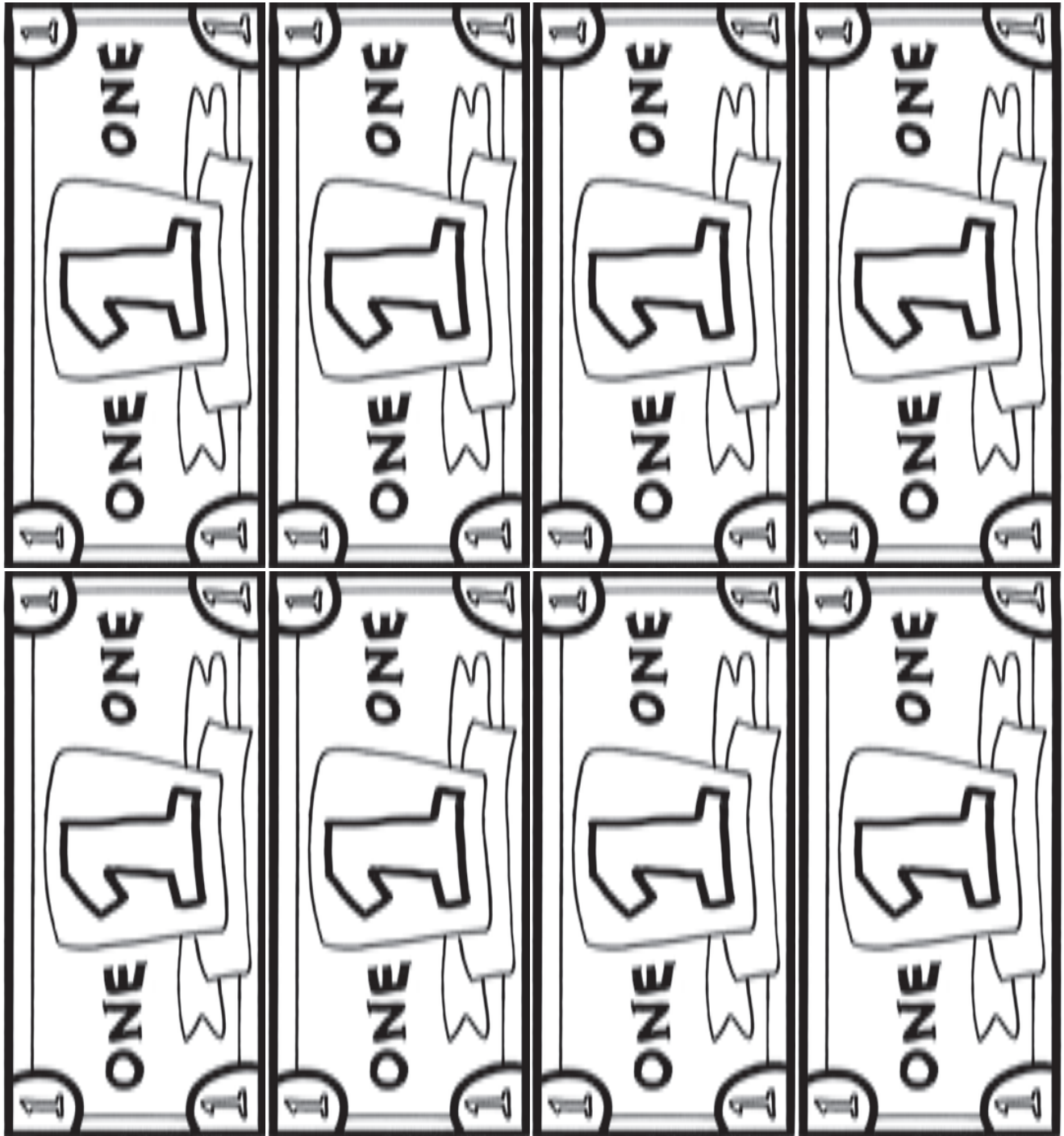
Temptation #2

Jesus: God says, “Worship
only the Lord God.”

Temptation #3

Jesus: God says, “Do not
tempt the Lord your God.”







Jesus Calls Twelve Disciples

Hey kids, did you know that besides Peter and Matthew, Jesus called ten more people to be his disciples? You'll find their names in Matthew's book (chapter 10, verses 1-4). If you look very closely, you'll find all twelve names in this puzzle!

P.S. Yes, there were two disciples named James! (We've found one—you find the other one.) When you are finished, add a row of letters that has your name hidden inside! Circle your name too!

Z	O	J	I	J	A	M	E	S	A	V
A	J	M	L	O	C	J	U	I	X	J
B	A	R	T	H	O	L	O	M	E	W
U	M	P	D	N	T	I	K	O	R	T
R	E	S	A	I	Y	H	Q	N	A	E
V	S	W	N	H	O	A	J	V	M	P
T	H	A	D	D	A	E	U	S	U	H
H	X	D	R	S	P	G	D	P	S	I
O	E	P	E	T	E	R	A	F	O	L
M	R	B	W	L	M	C	S	G	Z	I
A	K	Q	D	E	Y	F	N	W	L	P
S	B	N	M	A	T	T	H	E	W	M

PETER
MATTHEW
ANDREW
JAMES
JOHN
PHILIP

BARTHOLOMEW
THOMAS
SIMON
JAMES
THADDAEUS
JUDAS



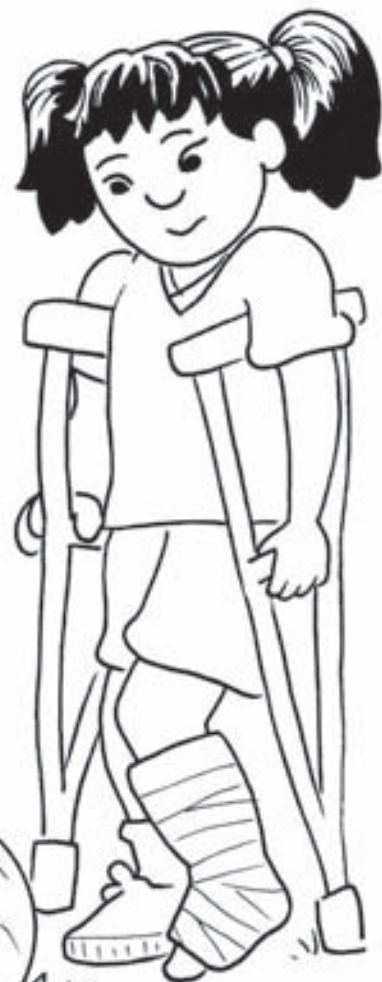
A Healing Prayer

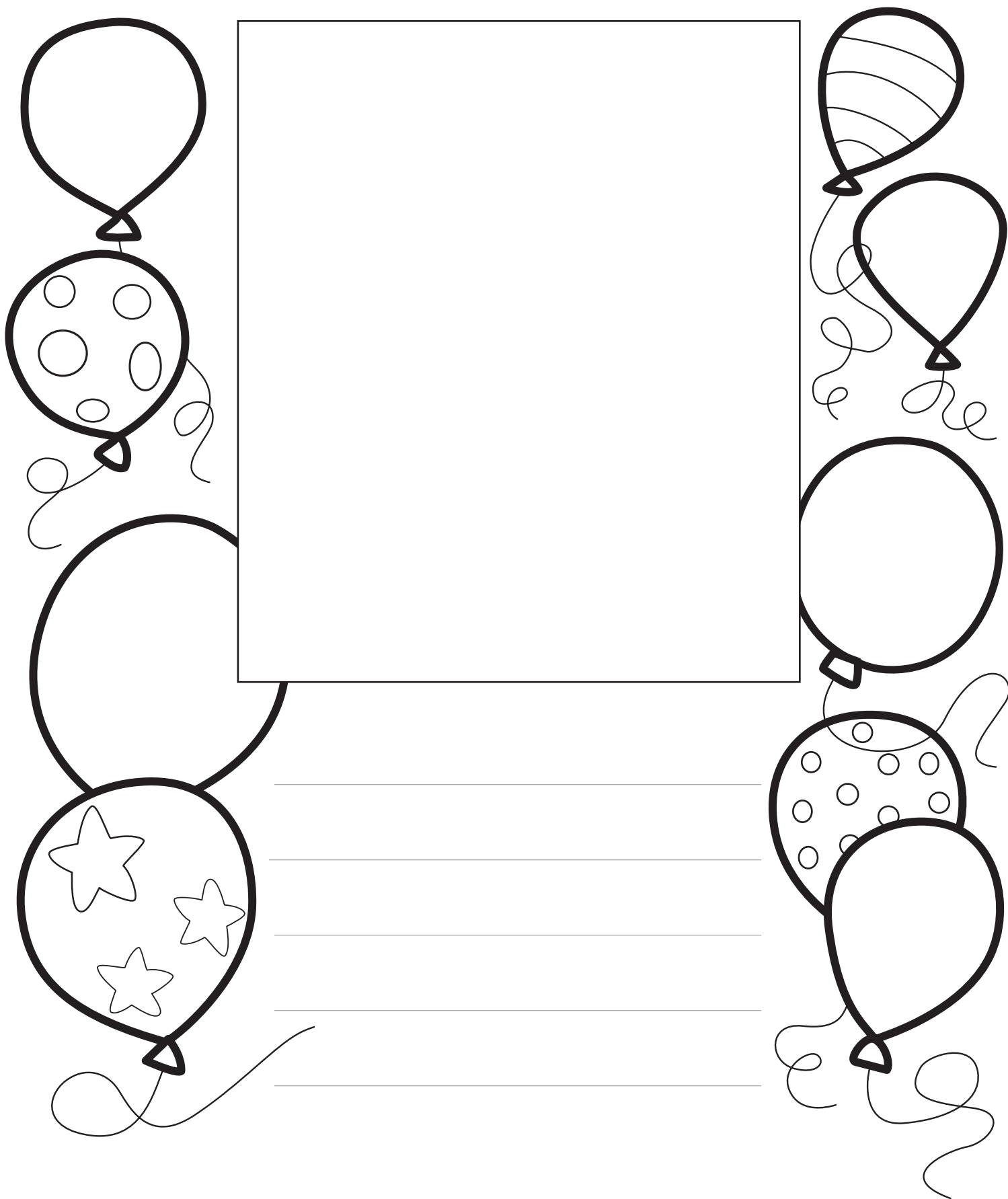
Dear Lord, my head is aching,
I've got a fever too,
it's hard for me to swallow—
my throat hurts when I do.

Dear Jesus, when I feel so bad,
it really helps to know
that you are right beside me—
and you'll never, ever go.

I'm trying to be patient,
I want to trust in you.
I know you'll do what's best for me—
I know you love me too.

So if you hear me whining,
if I'm grouchy and complain,
please stay very close to me—
And make me well again. Amen.







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Year 1

Unit 1 Wonder . . . About God's Amazing Plan

Unit 2 Wonder . . . About God's Daring Mission

Unit 3 Wonder . . . About Jesus' Surprising Power

Unit 4 Wonder . . . About Jesus' Loving Care

Unit 5 Wonder . . . About Jesus' Incredible Love

Unit 6 Wonder . . . About the Holy Spirit's Life-
Changing Power

Year 2

Unit 1 Wonder . . . About God's Never-Ending Love
for Creation

Unit 2 Wonder . . . About God's Growing Family

Unit 3 Wonder . . . About God's Extraordinary Plan
for Ordinary People

Unit 4 Wonder . . . About God's Wonderful Plan

Unit 5 Wonder . . . About God's Surprising Protection

Unit 6 Wonder . . . About God's Growing Kingdom


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