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Dear Family,

Just a note to let you know how much I am looking forward to this new Wonder unit. I'm happy to have your child in my group. It is my prayer that this will be a time of growing in faith for all of us!

You may already be familiar with *Dwell*, the curriculum materials we are using. These materials are specifically designed to guide us in our learning and growing. It is a comprehensive and thorough program, and its emphasis is on nurturing our faith. The curriculum goals (and mine!) for second and third graders are to help children

- come to know and delight in stories about Jesus and about God's people.
- develop a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and how much he loves us.
- respond to God (Jesus) with attitudes and actions of love, trust, wonder, obedience, and praise.

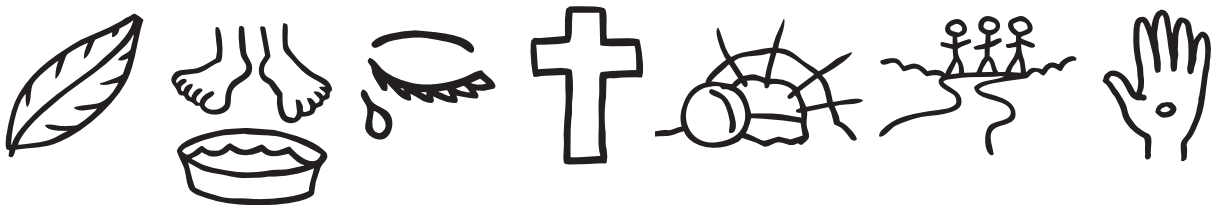
For the next six sessions our theme is "Wondering About Jesus' Incredible Love." The stories will include stories of Jesus' last days on earth, the resurrection, and his appearances to others before his ascension. We will be emphasizing that Jesus is alive! Alive for us today too!

We'll be memorizing Matthew 28:5-6 and learning two songs—"Mighty Resurrection Day" (a Scripture song based on Matthew 28:5-6) and "Oh, How He Loves You and Me." Both songs are available on the *DwellSongs* CD or as a download. You'll find them at www.dwellcurriculum.org.

Please pray with me that the Holy Spirit will use these *Dwell* materials, along with our leading—yours and mine—and our examples of faith, to guide your child—and each child in my group—into a life of faith!

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

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—Matthew 28:5-6, NIV

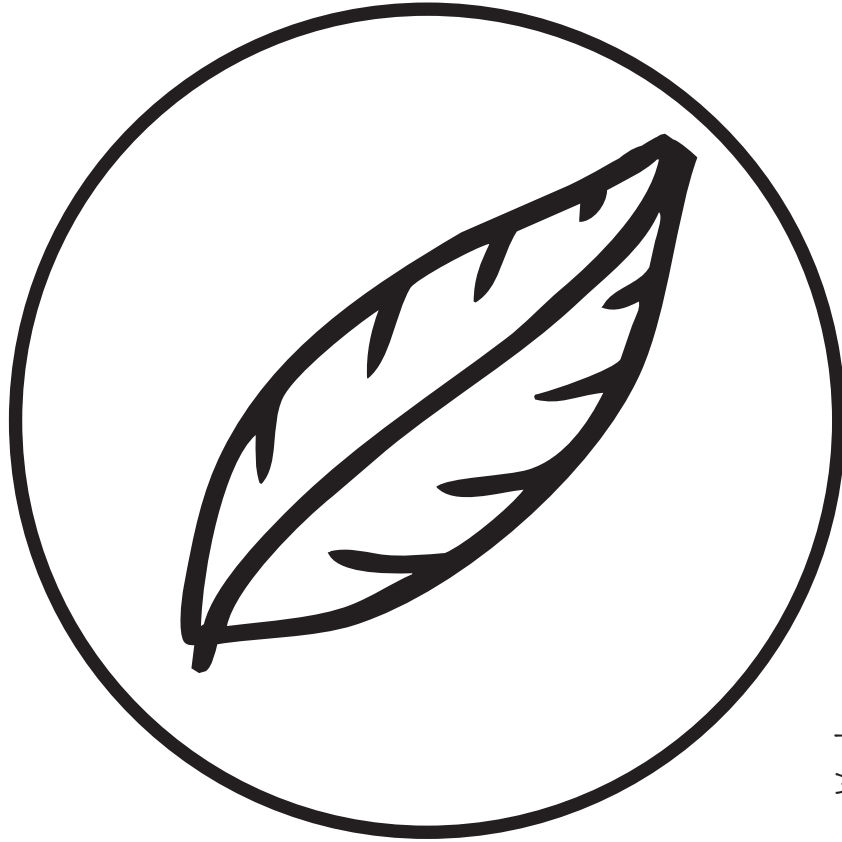


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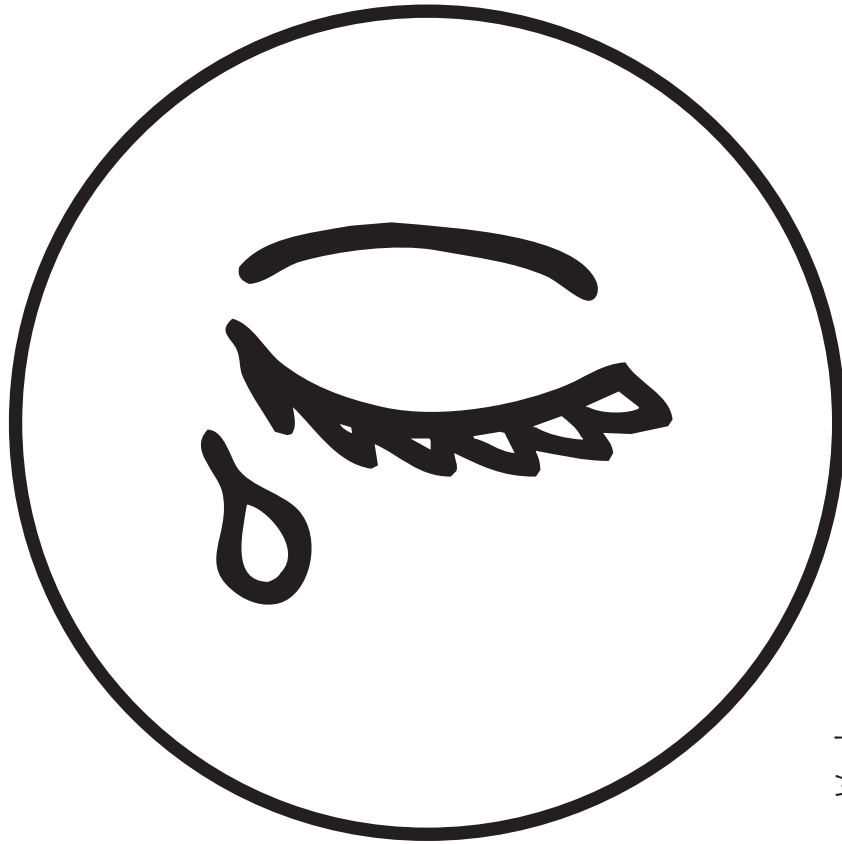
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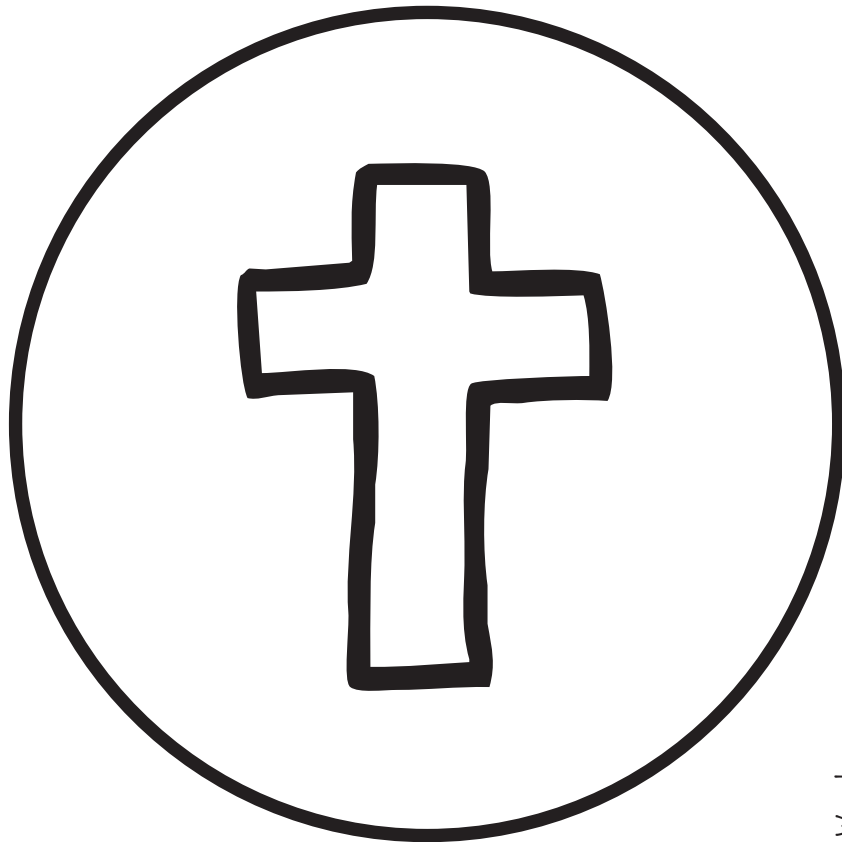
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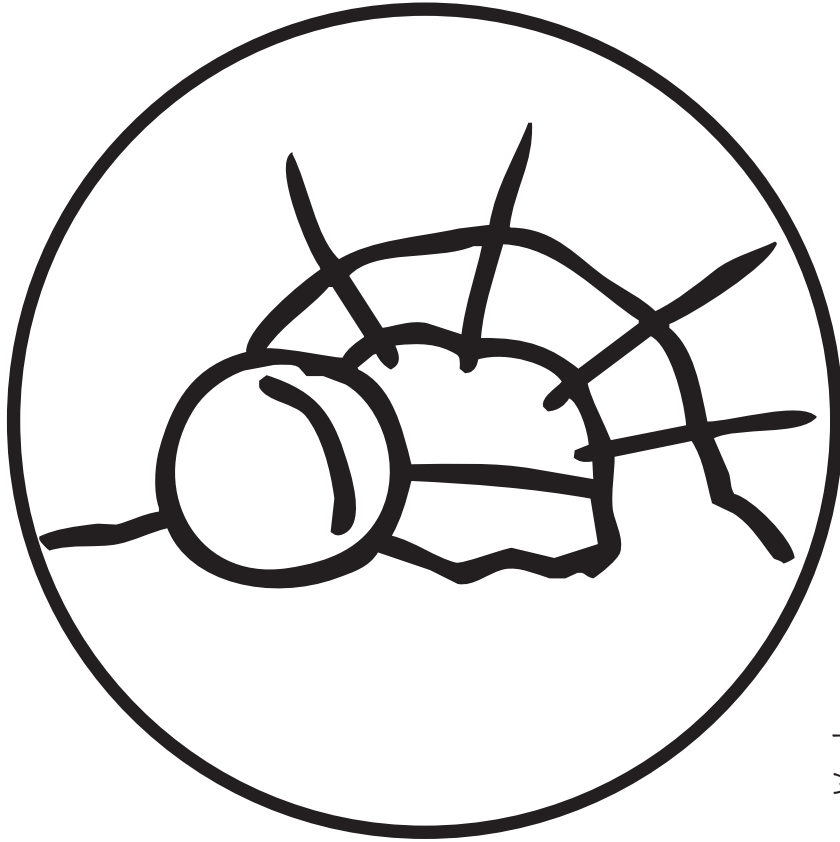
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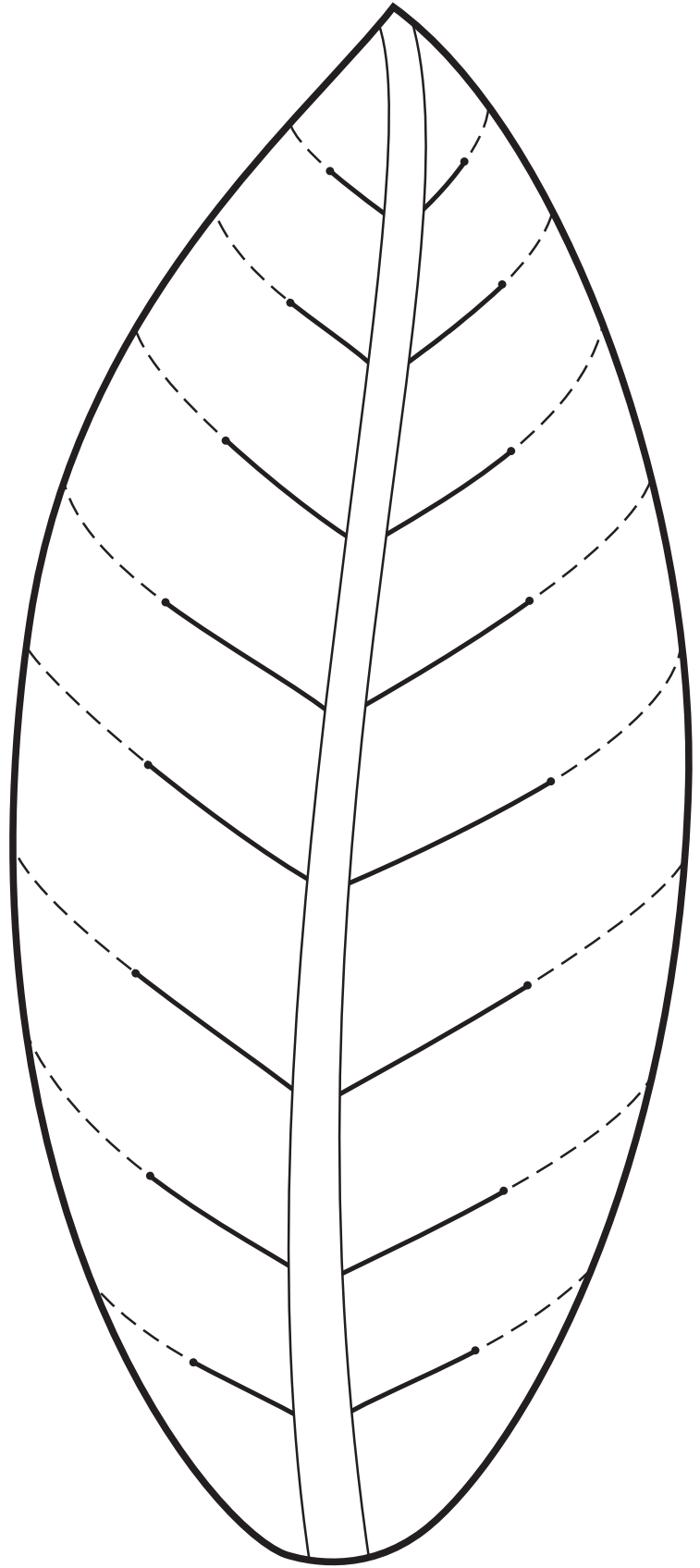
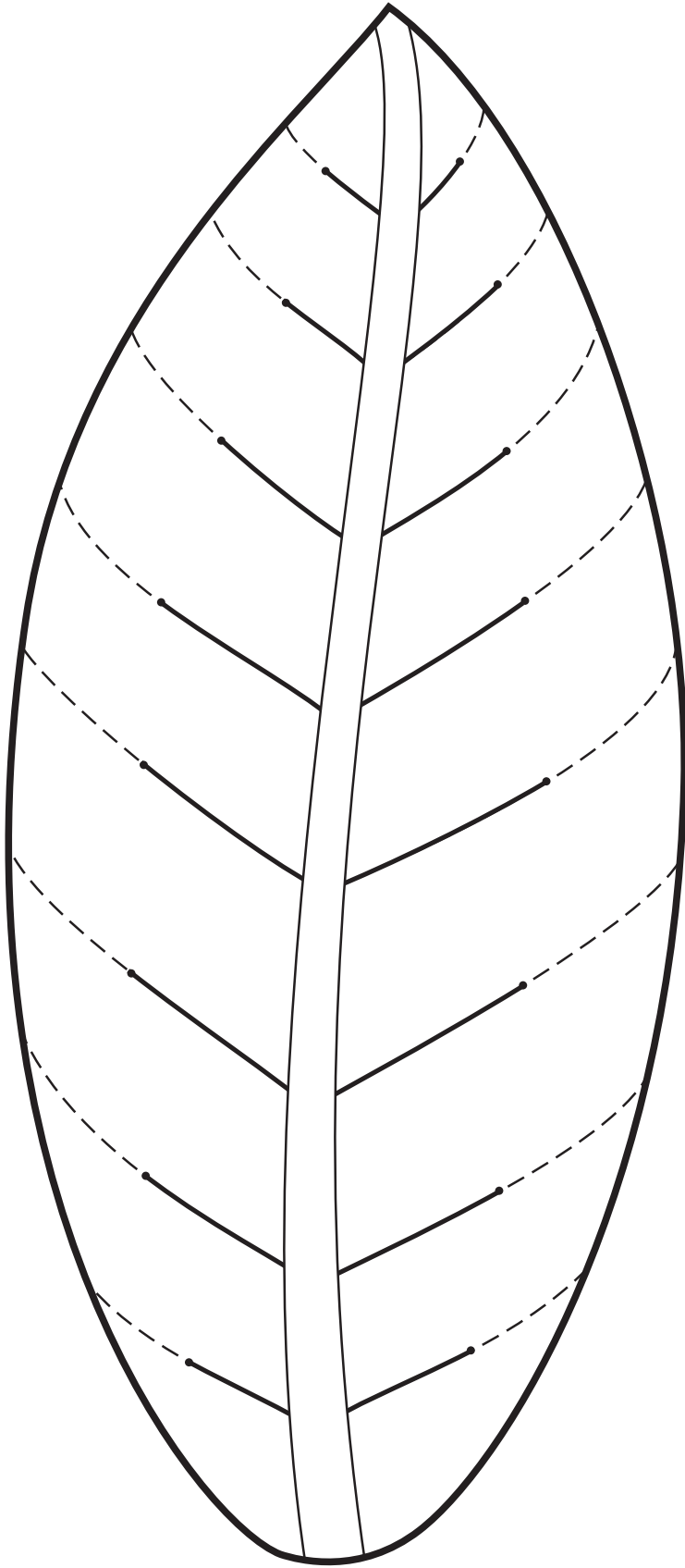
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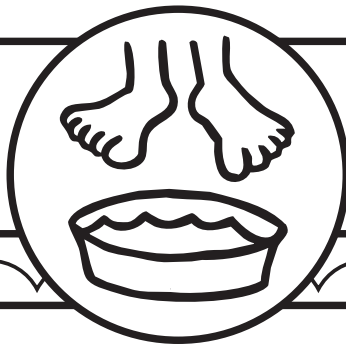


Wonder
Year 1, Unit 5, Session 5



Wonder
Year 1, Unit 5, Session 6





Servant Celebration

Leader: Dear Jesus, you said, “I am your Teacher and your Lord.”

Group: Jesus. You are our Teacher. You are our Lord.

Leader: Jesus said, “I am willing to do anything for you because I love you.”

Group: Your words are for us too. We know that you love us.

Leader: Jesus said, “I am teaching you how to love and serve each other.”

Group: Yes, Jesus, we will serve each other.

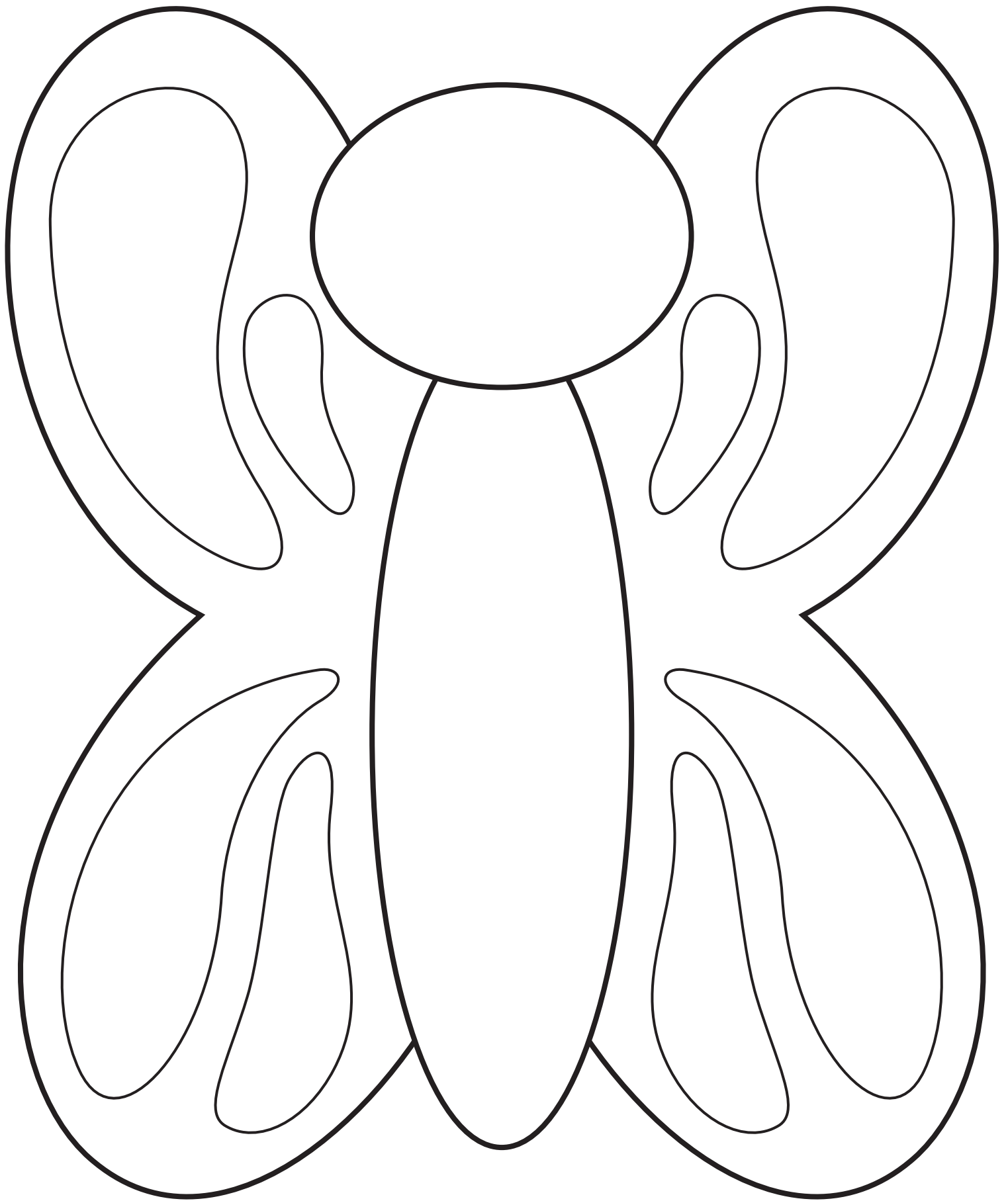
Leader: Jesus said, “Serve each other the way I showed my love for you.”

Group: Yes, Jesus, we will show our friends here that we care for them.

Leader: Thank you, Jesus for showing us how to care for our family, friends, and neighbors.

Group: Yes, Jesus, we will always care for others.

All: In your name, Amen.



Psalm 23, NIV

Matthew 28:5-6, NIV

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Private Investigator Form



Fill in the blank spaces with all the evidence you can think of that would help someone believe that Jesus arose from the grave and is alive!

- All the people who saw Jesus alive after he arose.

- Bible texts that tell Jesus arose and is alive.

- Other things the Bible says that Jesus did after he arose.



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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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