

Teaching Guides and Visuals for GMA Counselors

LADY

This packet contains teaching materials for the Lady step in Girls' Missionary Auxiliary. These lessons correlate with the Lady section of *My Special Place*, the lesson book for the girls, and with the Lady lesson plans in the *GMA Counselor's Guidebook*.

On the sheets in this packet you will find teaching guides for four lessons and the visuals to complement them. The lessons teach fundamentals of Christian service as described in Psalm 100:1-5; Isaiah 55:6-9; Ecclesiastes 12:1; and Matthew 6:19-33. The girls will memorize these passages as you teach the lessons.

The teaching guides in this packet provide step-by-step instructions about when and how to use each visual. You can find further instructions for teaching these lessons in Guide Five of *Counselor's Guidebook*.

You can adapt the drawings in this packet in a number of ways:

1. You can display them as they are. They are printed in a size that is large enough for small classes without enlargement. You will, however, probably want to add color to the pictures with crayons, pens, pencils, or markers.
2. You can copy them in enlarged form. In some cases especially, you may want to redraw the pictures on poster board.
3. You can make them into transparencies for an over-

head projector. Most churches have photocopiers which will copy the art onto transparencies. If your church does not have a photocopier, an office-machine store or school-supply store can make the transparencies for you in only a few seconds for a small charge.

4. You can adapt them for the flannel board. Specific instructions are given with some lessons for preparing the art for flannelgraph presentation. The same ideas can be applied to all of the visuals.

Before you shuffle the pages of this packet or cut out visuals, please familiarize yourself with the Lady lessons in *My Special Place* and *Counselor's Guidebook*. Compare the material in this packet to the contents of those publications until you understand how they correlate. Then as you remove sheets from this packet and cut apart the visuals, be sure to label each piece as needed. Keep all visuals stored in labeled envelopes or clear zip-shut plastic bags so you can reuse them later. Keep the teaching guides in a GMA binder (if you choose, in the same binder with your *Counselor's Guidebook*).

As you get familiar with this packet, you will notice that all page numbers begin with the letter *L*. This indicates that the page is a part of the Lady packet; packets for other steps have their unique codes.

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Make a Joyful Noise

Psalm 100

by Ruthie Brooks

IN PREPARATION: Follow the diagram at the end of the lesson. On an 18" x 26" sheet of seamstress interfacing use felt tip markers to draw the complete music staff and notes. Color in the treble clef and time signature. Spray with acrylic spray to seal colors from smearing. Color other pictures with pencil crayons. Use acrylic spray again to seal colors from smearing. Cut out and back the figures with lightweight cardstock before backing them with strips of flannel. Use spray adhesive instead of glue.

The highest form of worship is praise. Psalm 100 gives us directions for worshiping and praising our loving, wonderful God. Many of us have seen pictured on television the dramatic scene of subjects coming before their king and queen. Not once did we see them come up proudly and haughtily or looking sad and despondent. Quite the contrary, we saw the people bowing and honoring the royal ones and singing and dancing before them. It was always pictured as an occasion of great joy. How many times do we come to the Lord thinking how much we've done and how great we believe ourselves to be? Or maybe we just come to ask for still another gift.

Picture in your mind that you are coming into a throne room before a seated King with His Son standing beside Him. If you can do this, you can in a small way visualize what it is to come into the presence of God. Think who you are honoring and loving. It should make you want to be humble and make you realize that the way to honor and love God is to surrender your heart and life to Him.

(Place "MAKE" note on staff.)

Verse 1 — *"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands."*

Please notice that this is not a mere suggestion, but a command. It is not something that is restricted to one race, one color, one country, or one state.

(Add the world below the staff, under "MAKE.")

"All ye lands!" God wants and expects praise from ALL people, especially those who are His own children.

(Place "SERVE" note on the staff.)

Verse 2 — *"Serve the LORD with gladness."*

(Place "COME" note on the staff.)

"Come before His presence with singing."

This refers to the attitude of our hearts. We should serve our living Lord with joy (great happiness). A real excitement should pulse in our beings as we honor the one who created us, who made the world in which we live, who upholds everything by the power of His Word. How can we help but sing praises when we really begin to realize just who God is?

(Add "KNOW" note to the staff.)

Verse 3 — *"Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."*

(Point to the world, at "HIS PEOPLE," and at "HIS SHEEP.") This verse reveals to us that we are not just to think or agree that God is great, but we are to "know . . . that the LORD he is God." It is one thing to say we believe something and quite another to KNOW beyond a shadow of a doubt that it is true. Do we really KNOW in the depths of our hearts that "the LORD he is God"? Do we really KNOW that He is all powerful, all knowing, always present in our lives? Think on this, and begin to experience the real joy that comes when we KNOW who God is as our heavenly Father.

"It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves." Science would have us to believe many erroneous things — such as the preposterous idea that people came from monkeys. The Bible expressly teaches that we are made in the image of God. Thus, does it not follow that *"we are his people"* — and very specially His people when we accept Jesus as our personal Savior? Jesus Christ is pictured as the Great Shepherd, and we are the *"sheep of his pasture."* Isn't it wonderful to KNOW that you are one of *HIS PEOPLE* and one of *HIS SHEEP*!

(Add "ENTER" note to the staff.)

Verse 4 — *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise."*

(Add "BE THANKFUL" and "BLESS HIS NAME" notes to the staff.)

"Be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

We are His people, His creation, and eternally His children when we commit our hearts and lives to Christ. And does it not follow that we are to be thankful for what He has done for us? Twice in this verse we are commanded to give thanks unto God. May we always come into God's presence thanking Him for His love and favor and praising Him for caring about us.

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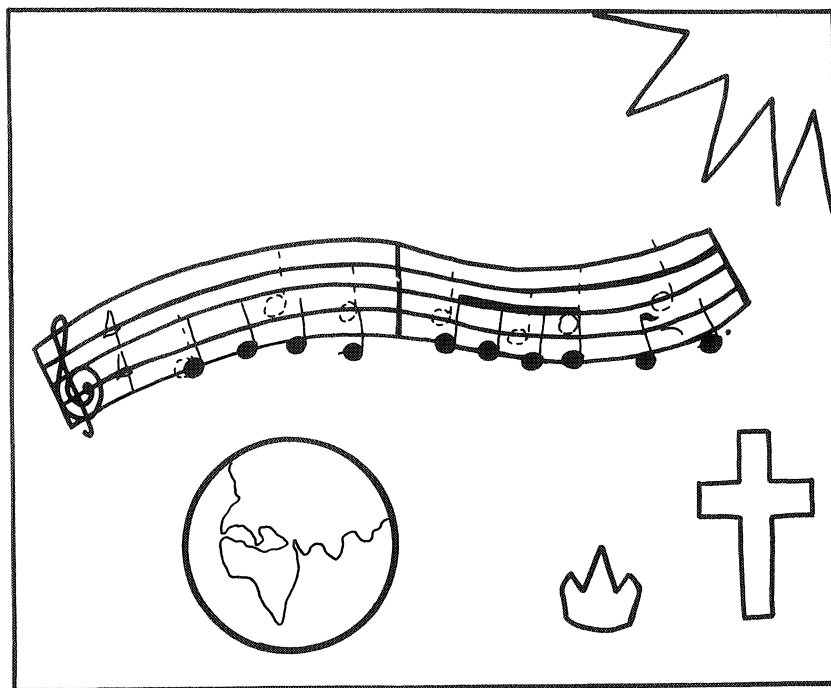
Verse 5 — *"For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

One of the main things people look for in this world is SECURITY. In this verse we have what real security is all about. God is good; God is perfect. He changes not — not even a shadow of turning — so we know that we can always depend on what He says. It gives us a bad feeling when we are told one thing one day, and the next day something different is supposed to be true. God does not work that way.

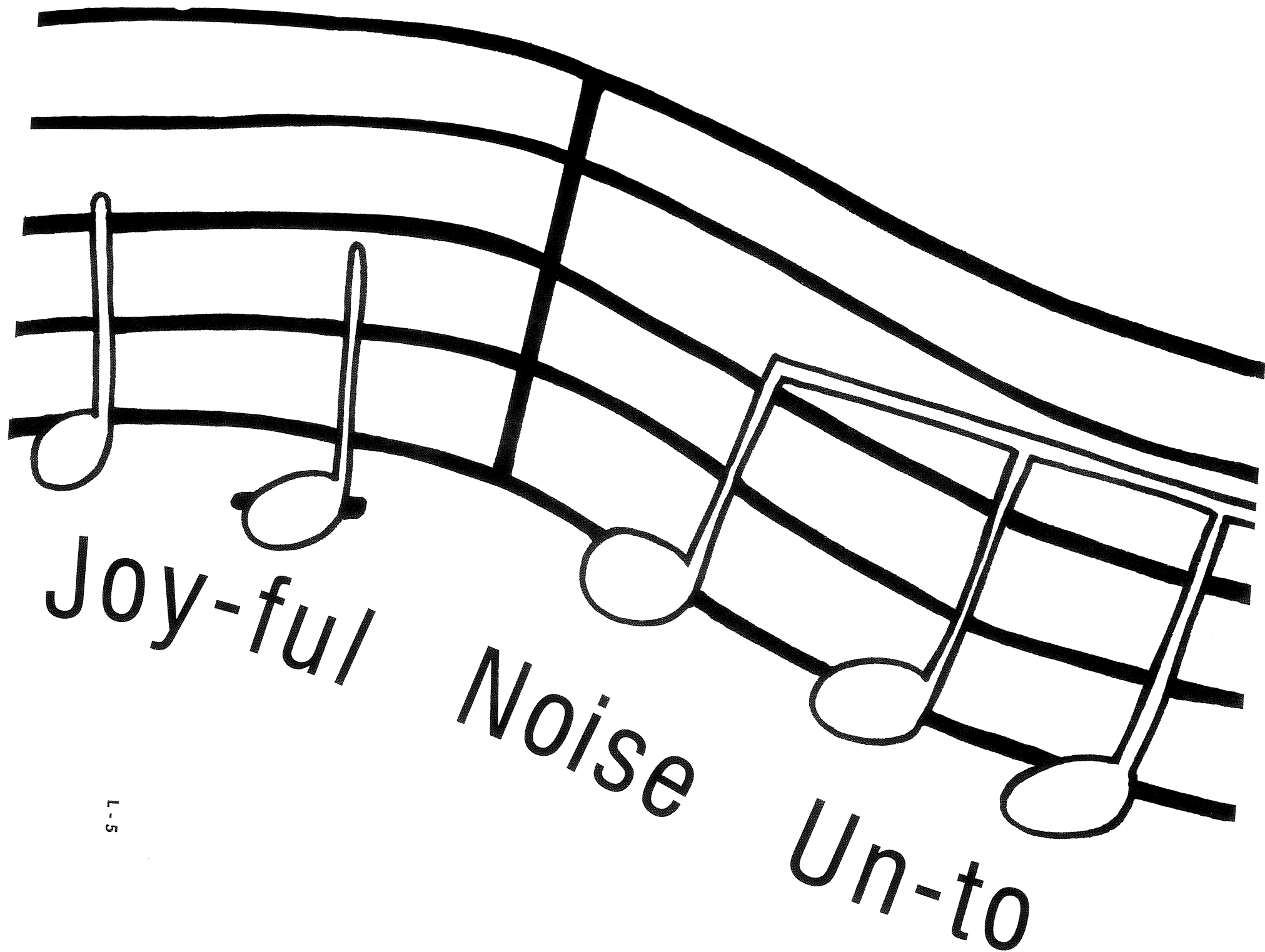
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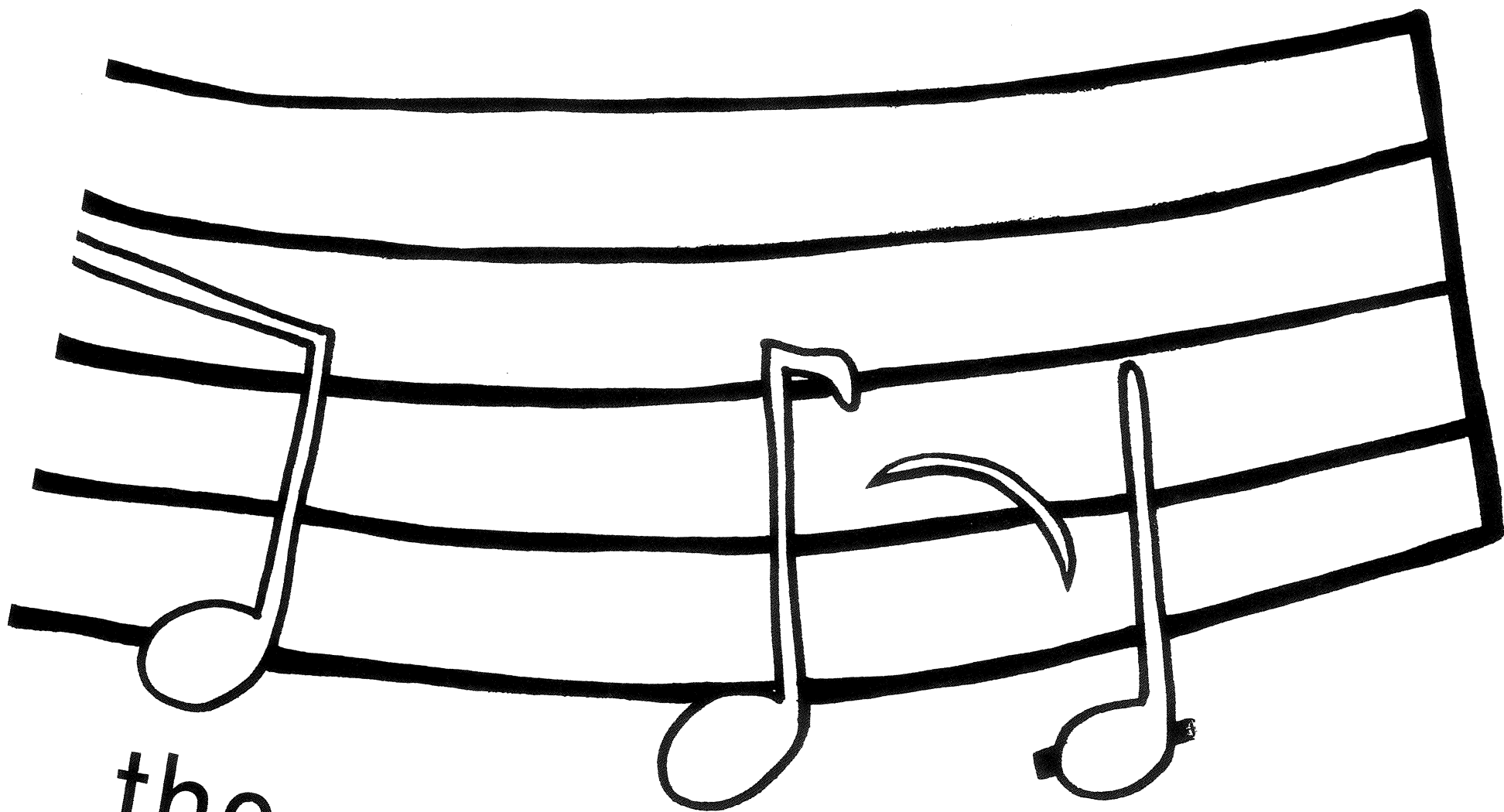
"His truth endureth to all generations." This means that God's truth does not change: what was good and true for your grandparents is still just as true for you and will continue to be so when you become a grandparent. And God's mercy lasts forever. Aren't you glad to be a part of the family of God — washed in the blood and His child forever?

(Point to and reemphasize the cross and Jesus' love for *all* of us — to *all* generations. This will summarize why Psalm 100 is a happy song of praise.)



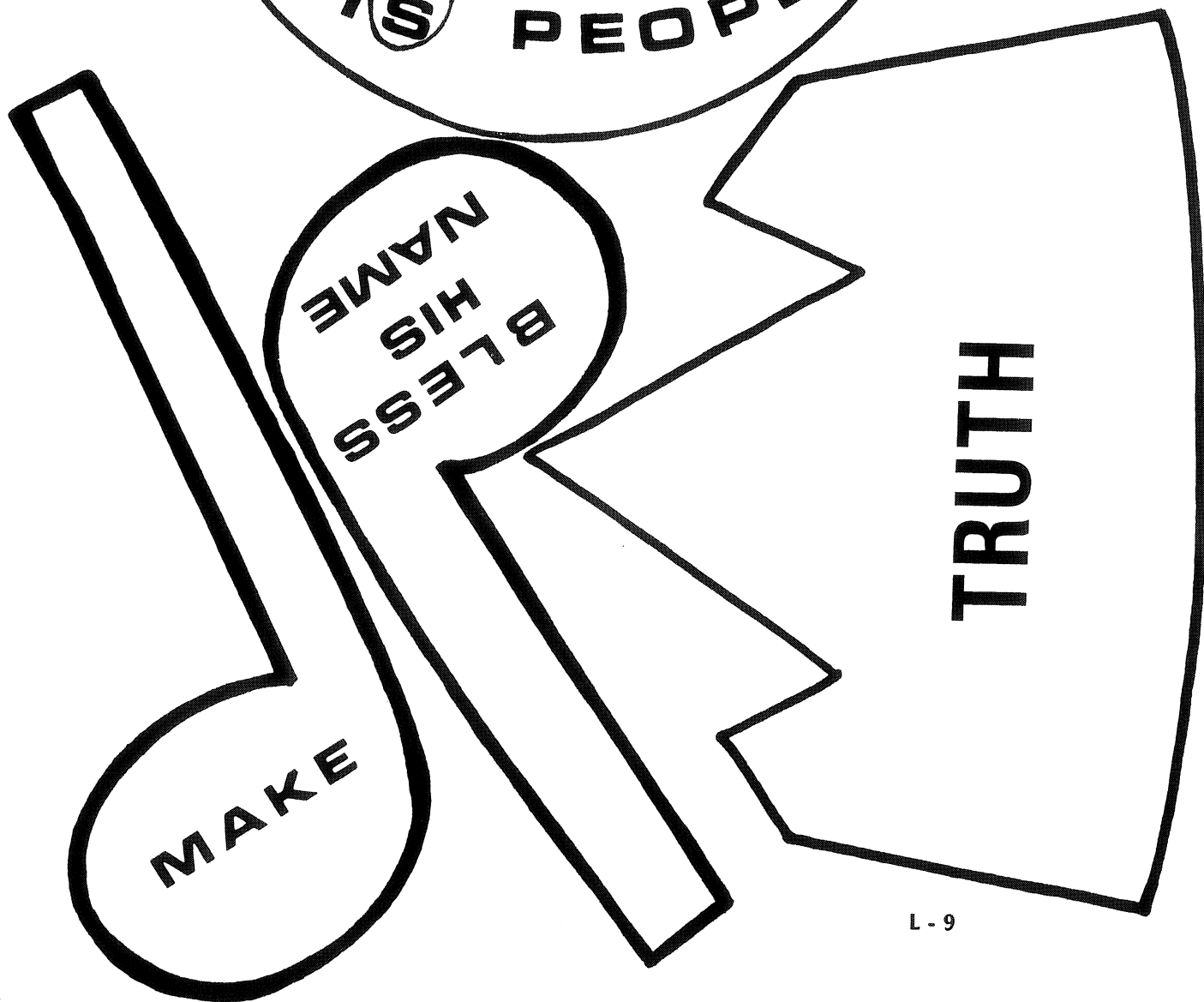




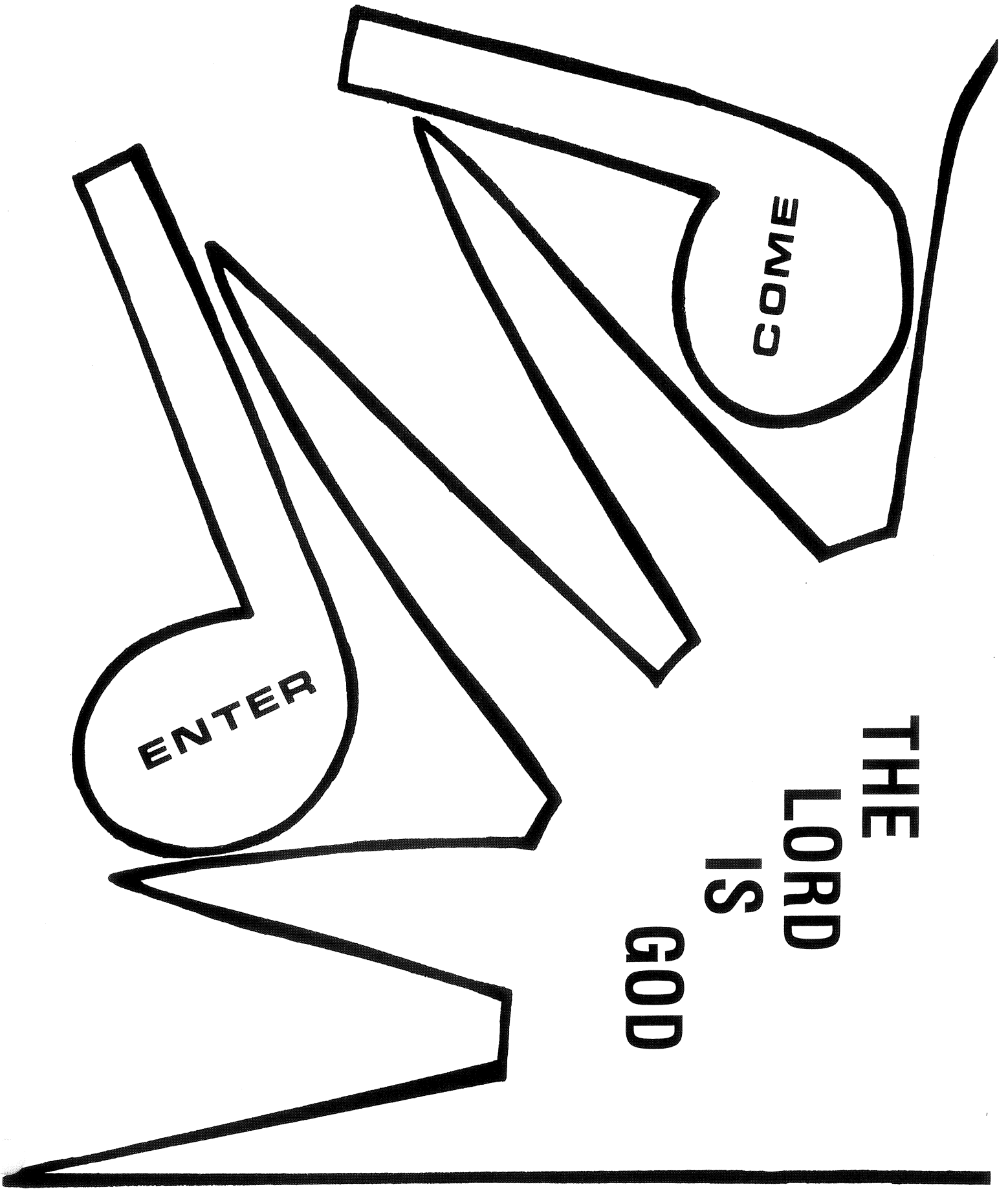


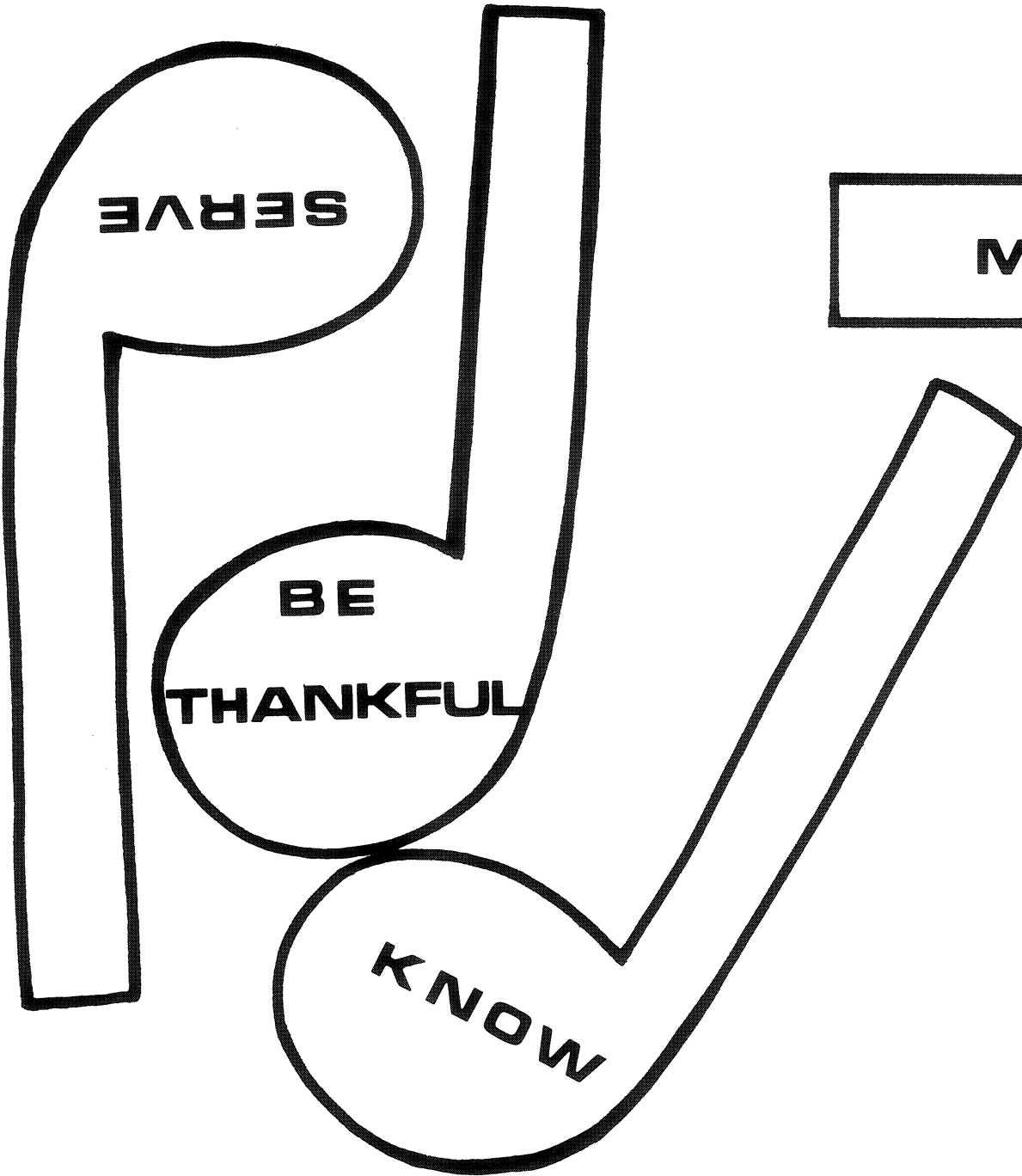
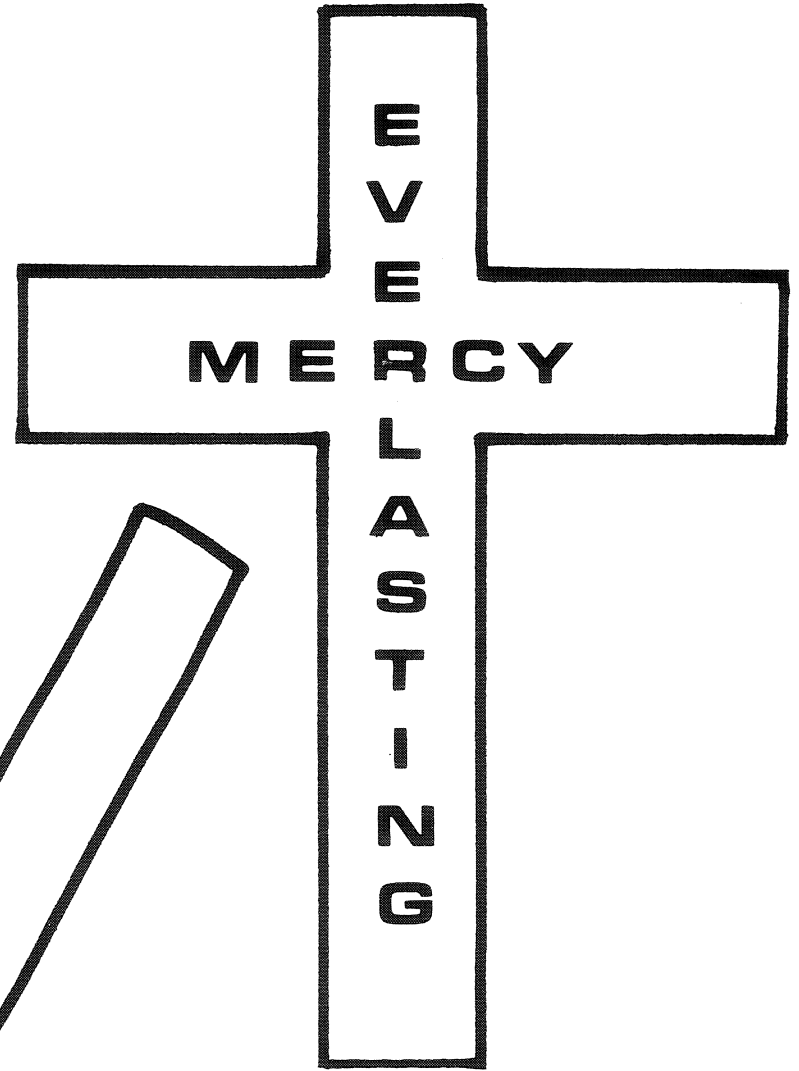
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THE LORD IS GOD





Seek Ye the Lord

Ecclesiastes 12:1; Isaiah 55:6-9

by Mrs. H.W. Darst

NOTE TO THE TEACHER: Color and cut out the visuals. Back them with lightweight cardstock before backing them with flannel. An alternate approach would be to make up huge flashcards with the printed lesson below pasted on the back of the cards. If you use the flannel board, remove pictures from the board after each explanation.

(Place "SEEK YE THE LORD" across the top of the flannel board.)

Who is invited to seek the Lord?

(Place "WHO" on the board.)

Everyone! **(Place the group of people on the board.)** The whole human race is invited to seek the Lord. That includes you! "Seek ye the LORD" (verse 6). It is because of God's love for all people that the great universal invitation is given (John 3:16).

Love is the distinctive characteristic of God. In both the Old Testament and New, God's gracious love to all people is strongly and frequently declared (Exodus 34:6; Isaiah 64:9; Jeremiah 31:3).

The highest expression of divine love is in redemption — God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

(Place "WHY" on the board.)

Why does the Lord need to be sought?

1. All have sinned. All stand guilty of sin before the Lord.

Sin came into the world by one man. That man was Adam. Because of Adam's sin, all have sinned.

"There is none righteous, no, not one: . . . for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10, 23).

2. Sin's penalty is death. **(Place the picture representing death on the board.)** Death is a great penalty to pay for sin. Spiritual death means an eternal separation from God. But, because of Adam's sin, death passed upon all people. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12; see also Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3).

(Place "WHEN" on the board.)

When is the time to seek the Lord?

1. Seek Him in the days of youth. **(Place the girl's face with Jesus and the clock on the board.)** The days of youth, while the heart is tender, is the best time to seek the Lord. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

2. Seek Him while He may be found. **(Place the large clock with Jesus on the board.)** Verse 6 indicates that there may come a time when the Lord cannot be found. Who knows what a day may bring forth, or what may be the dangers of an hour's delay? No person has the promise of being alive tomorrow. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1; see also II Corinthians 6:2).

Life is like a vapor. It does not last long. "Ye know not what shall be on the morrow, for what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14; see also Luke 12:16-20).

3. Seek Him while He is near. The Lord may be very near when His Word is being preached or taught. He is very near when the Holy Spirit takes the Word and uses it to convict a heart in sin. He may be near when sickness touches the body or when a relative or friend is taken away in death. He may be near during an invitation at a revival or regular church service. He may be very near at *this time and this place!*

(Place "HOW" on the board.)

How is the Lord to be sought?

1. Seek Him by calling upon Him. Verse 6 simply says, *"Call upon him."* **(Place the praying girl on the board.)**

All people everywhere are invited to call upon Him for salvation. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Romans 10:13).

2. Seek Him by forsaking wicked ways and thoughts (verses 7-9). There must be a godly sorrow for sin. *"I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner"* (II Corinthians 7:9). Godly sorrow is repentance, without which there is no hope for the sinner. *"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"* (Luke 13:3).

(Place "PROMISED BLESSINGS" on the board with the picture of Christ, the world, and heaven.)

What are the promised blessings for those who seek the Lord?

1. He promises mercy. When a person meets the conditions as God demands, He will have mercy. *"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy"* (Psalm 103:8).

2. He promises pardon. Verse 7 not only speaks of mercy from God, but also declares that He will abundantly pardon those who call upon Him in repentance. That involves faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

3. He promises a heavenly mansion. Among the many blessings promised to the believer in Jesus is a heavenly mansion (John 14:1-3). A vivid description of that heavenly home is given in Revelation 21 — 22.

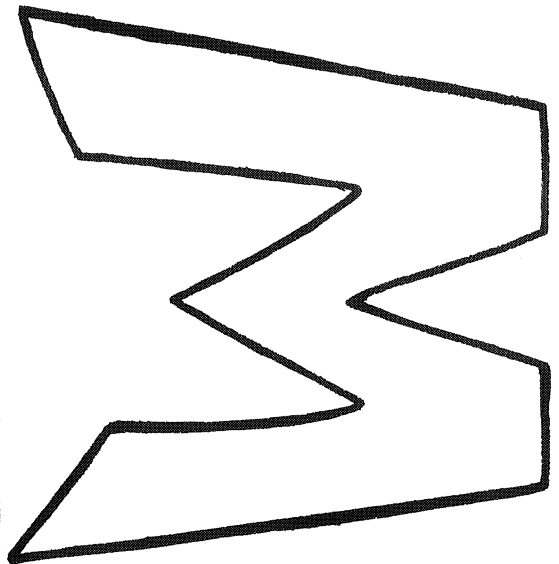
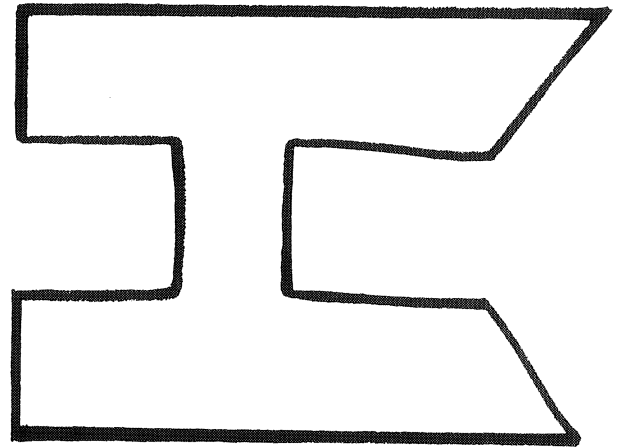
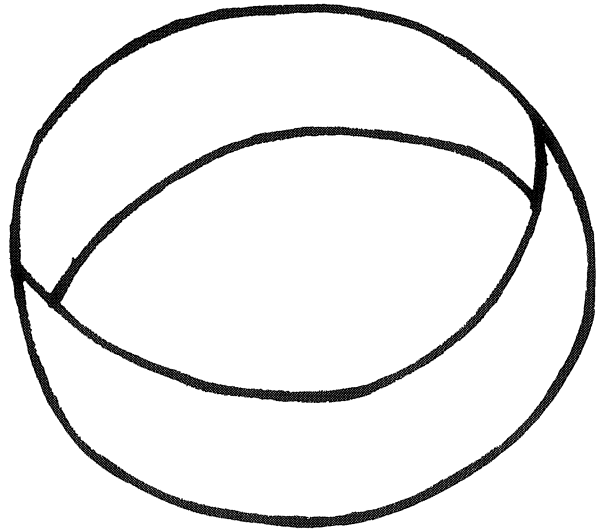
4. He promised that we shall see God. The best of all promised blessings is that we shall see God and the Lord Jesus. Not just for a moment's time, but we shall live with Him forever.

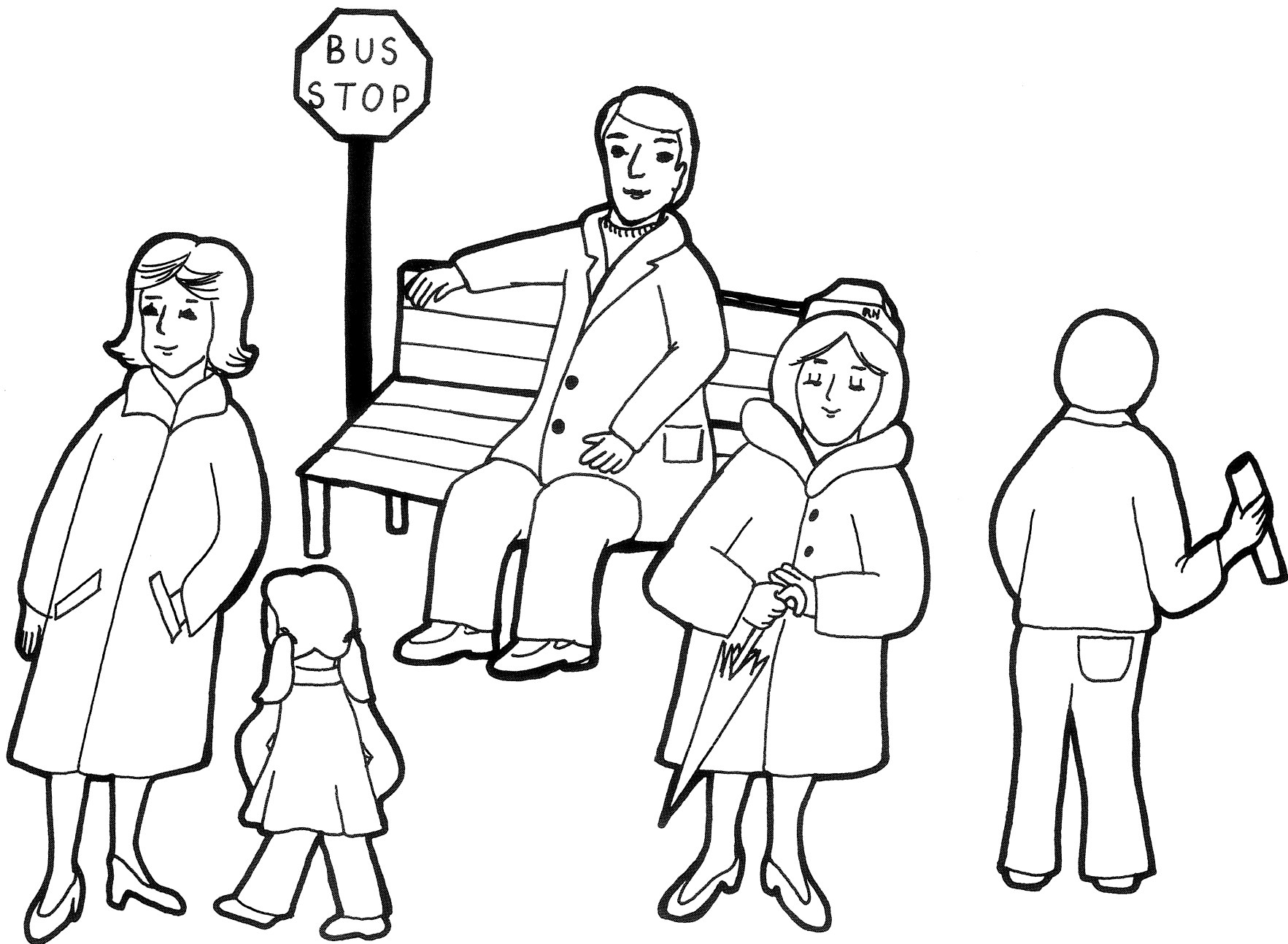
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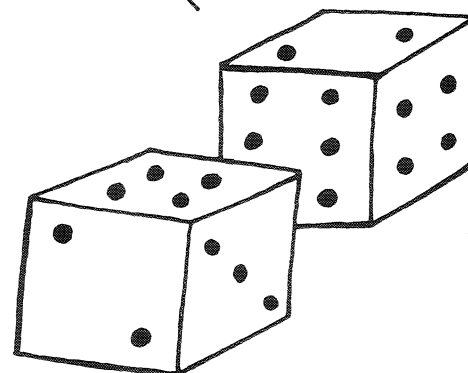
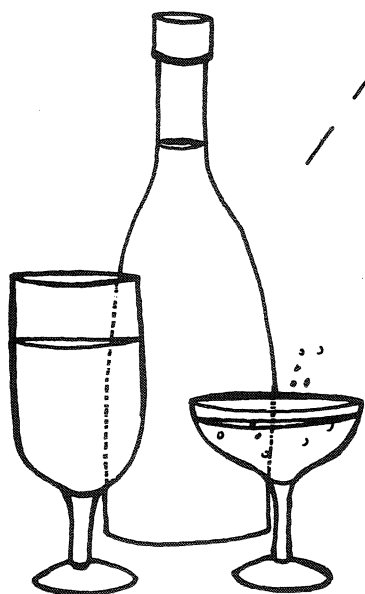


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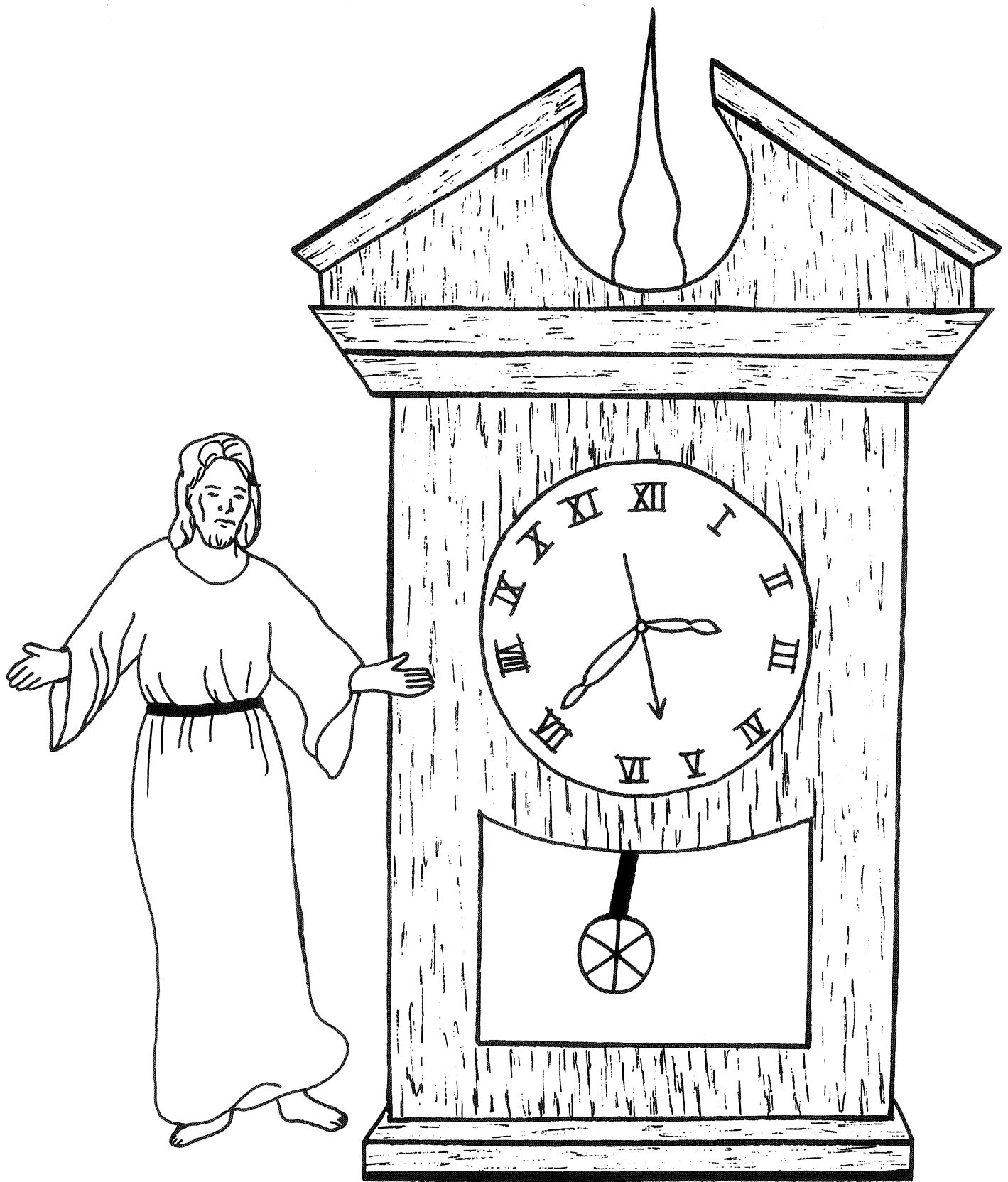


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What in the World Has Come Over You?

Lesson 1 — Matthew 6:19-24

by Mrs. Dick Sisk

INSTRUCTIONS: Color pictures, cut out and back with lightweight cardstock before backing with flannel. Read each section of Scripture before discussing the material.

LESSON AIM: To show all believers that if we focus *all* our attention upon God as our source and love Him supremely, He will meet our every need.

I. ARE YOU GATHERING TEMPORARY TREASURES OR ETERNAL TREASURES? (Verses 19-21)

If we are going to be talking about treasures, then let's define the word. A treasure is that which claims most of our thoughts and attention. Another way to say the same thing is this: "What a person loves is his god." From the Scripture reading, we find that there are two kinds of treasures — (a) those we call earthly and (b) those we call heavenly.

What kind of picture comes to your mind when you hear the phrase, *laying up treasures on earth*? Probably many different things come to mind. Perhaps you picture all the latest fashions hanging in your closet. (**Place this picture on the flannel board.**) Or maybe you see a bank vault of money and a treasure chest full of jewels. (**Place this picture on the board.**) You may even picture a fancy sports car of the future. (**Place appropriate picture on the board.**) Your idea of a treasure here on earth may be popularity. Do you ever picture yourself surrounded by many friends? (**Place the girl with friends on the board.**)

Maybe you have already asked yourself, "What's wrong with all these things? I see lots of people in the world with money, clothes, fancy cars, and lots of friends." *Nothing* is wrong with any item that we have talked about — and *everything* is wrong with them if you want them for the wrong reasons.

In the verse that we have read we can see that material goods are only temporary and they will not last for eternity. (**Place the corresponding pictures beside the pictures already on the board as you talk of the following statements.**) Rust will eventually ruin our fancy sports cars. Thieves break in and steal our money and jewels. Clothes eventually become rotten and no good.

"Well," you say, "I've still got friends." Yes, that is true, unless you were a friend to that person for the wrong reason. (**Show the girl standing alone.**) This girl is left friendless because she only used other people for selfish reasons. She was not willing to give of herself — only to take from others what might help her gain her wants and desires.

Jesus is teaching us that anything that occupies our thoughts becomes our treasure. He wants us to consider the question: How can we be so concerned about things that will only pass away? He wants us to consider heavenly treasures. (**Show heaven.**)

The laying up of treasures in heaven simply means that all of your attention is given to God and His kingdom work. The Bible plainly teaches that each of us will be rewarded in heaven for the works done here on earth. (Teacher, please stop here to make certain that your girls understand that you are not referring to salvation — salvation is a free gift.)

I Corinthians 3:8 says, "every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." Just exactly what these rewards will be is not stated, but they are called crowns. One person has suggested that perhaps they could be different positions in the government when Jesus comes back to rule on the earth for the period of one thousand years. God is really more concerned that we be about the business of serving Him by serving others than in our knowing just how He will reward for that service.

Time, money, and energy (**show the picture**) that have been invested in God's work will not be touched by moth, rust, or thieves. It will be something that will last for eternity. You must answer the question for yourself. Do you find yourself thinking about material wealth and what kind of earthly treasures will make you happy? Or are you concentrating on the things of God and discovering ways in which you can be a faithful servant? (Remove all pictures from the board.)

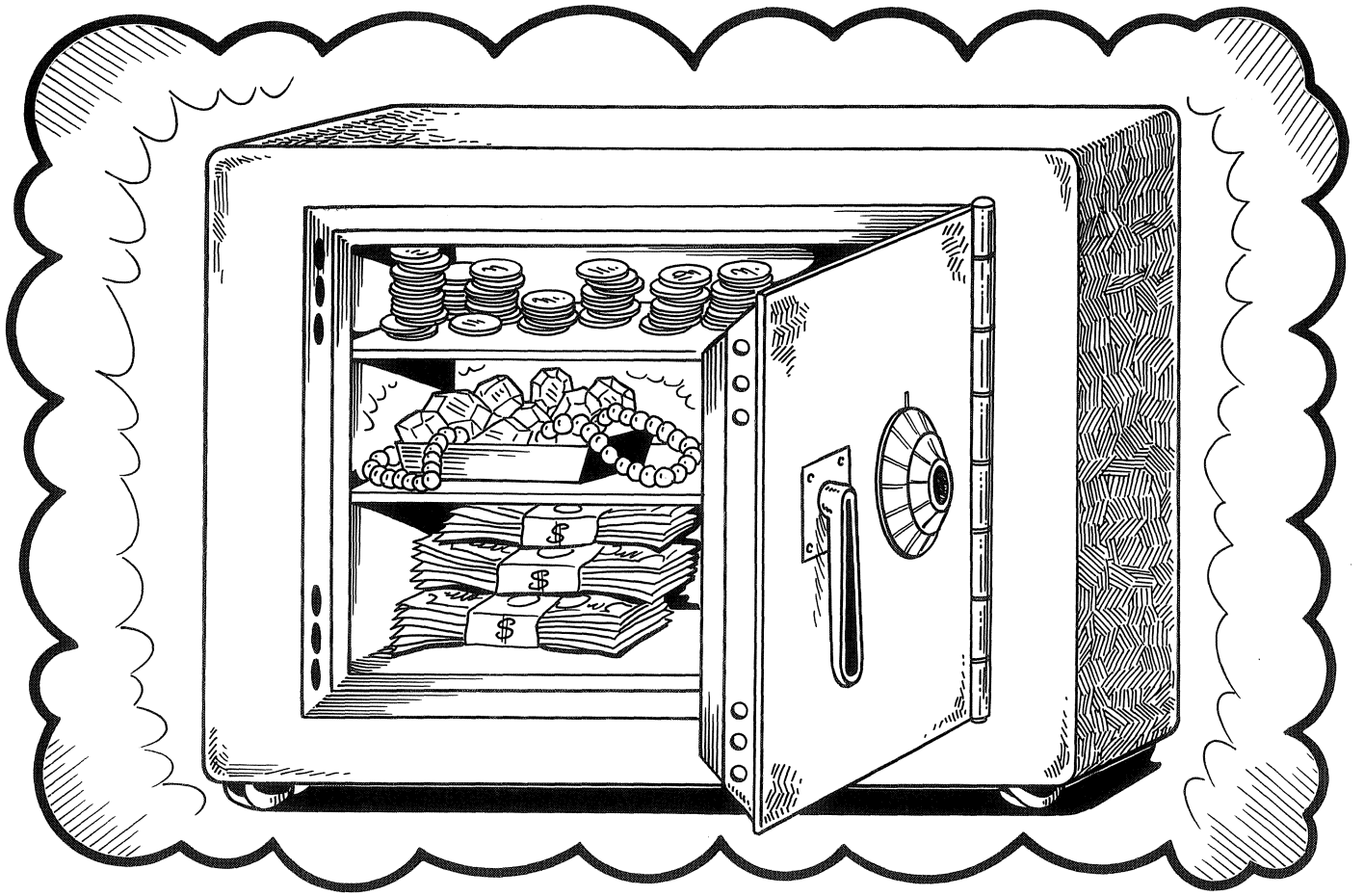
II. DO YOU HAVE DOUBLE-VISION OR ARE YOU FOCUSING ON GOD ALONE? (Verses 22-24)

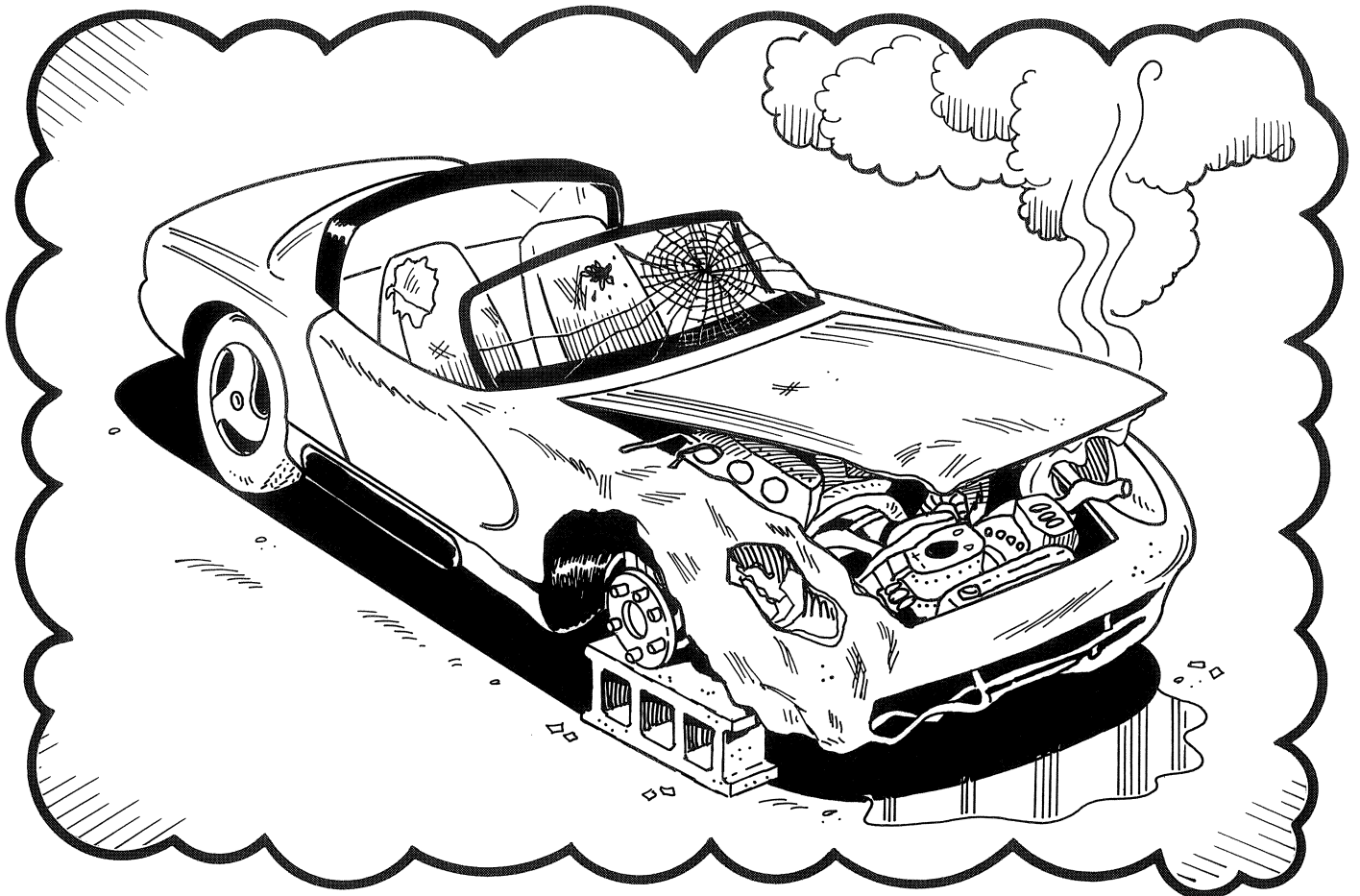
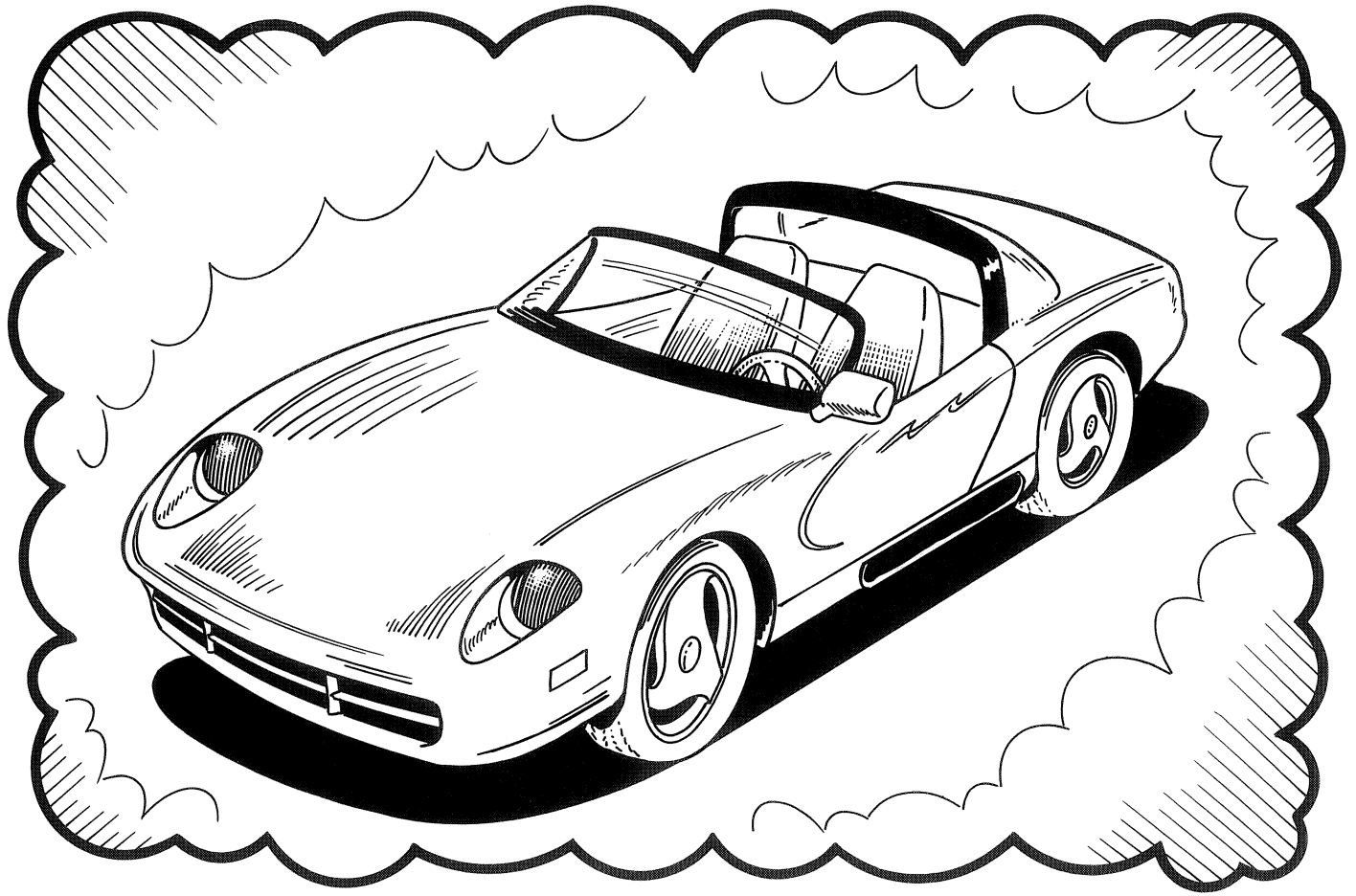
Probably as a child you learned to cross your eyes. When you did, you got a double image of whatever it was you were looking at, and yet neither image was a clear one. (**Show the double image of the world.**) You had a very blurred and distorted view. That's exactly what Jesus was teaching in verses 22-24. When we try to have one eye on the world and one eye on spiritual things, we are really in spiritual darkness. Perhaps

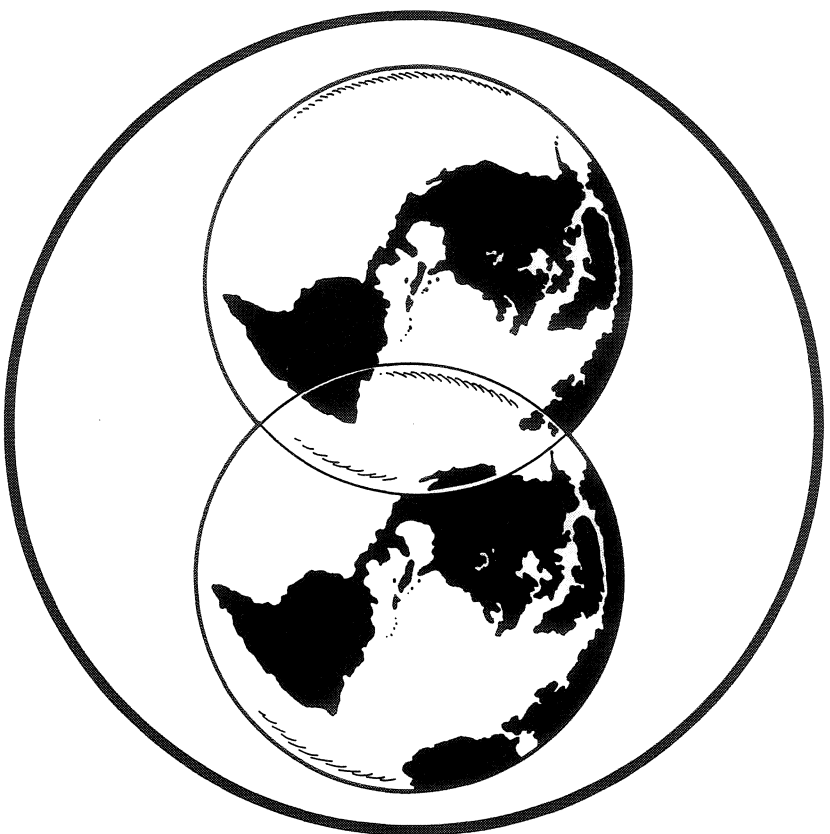
you have thought that you could be concerned about yourself in the sense of getting those earthly treasures and still be concerned about God's work. Verse 24 tells us that we cannot serve two masters. A choice must be made. We will either love God and hate mammon (the word literally means "riches or treasures") or we will love our treasure and hate God.

If you are trying to keep one eye on the world and one eye on spiritual things, your life might be characterized by some of the following things. Do you compromise your standards — in other words, do you "ride the fence"? When you are with Christian friends you act like a Christian, but when you are in a group with those that do not know Jesus, does your life become like theirs? Maybe you fail to witness when God gives you the opportunity. You claim to be a Christian and yet you never share with others the wonderful things that God has done for you.

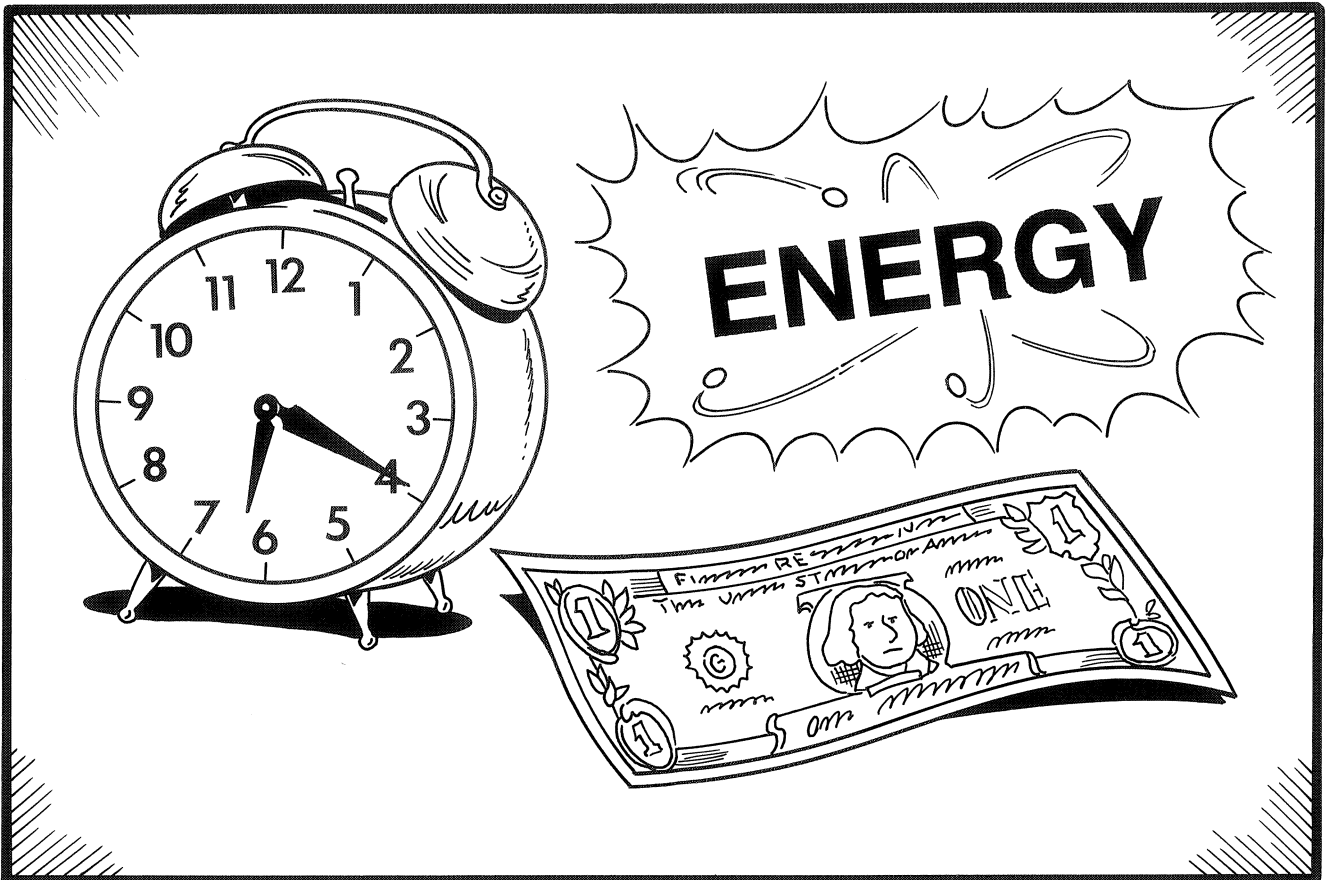
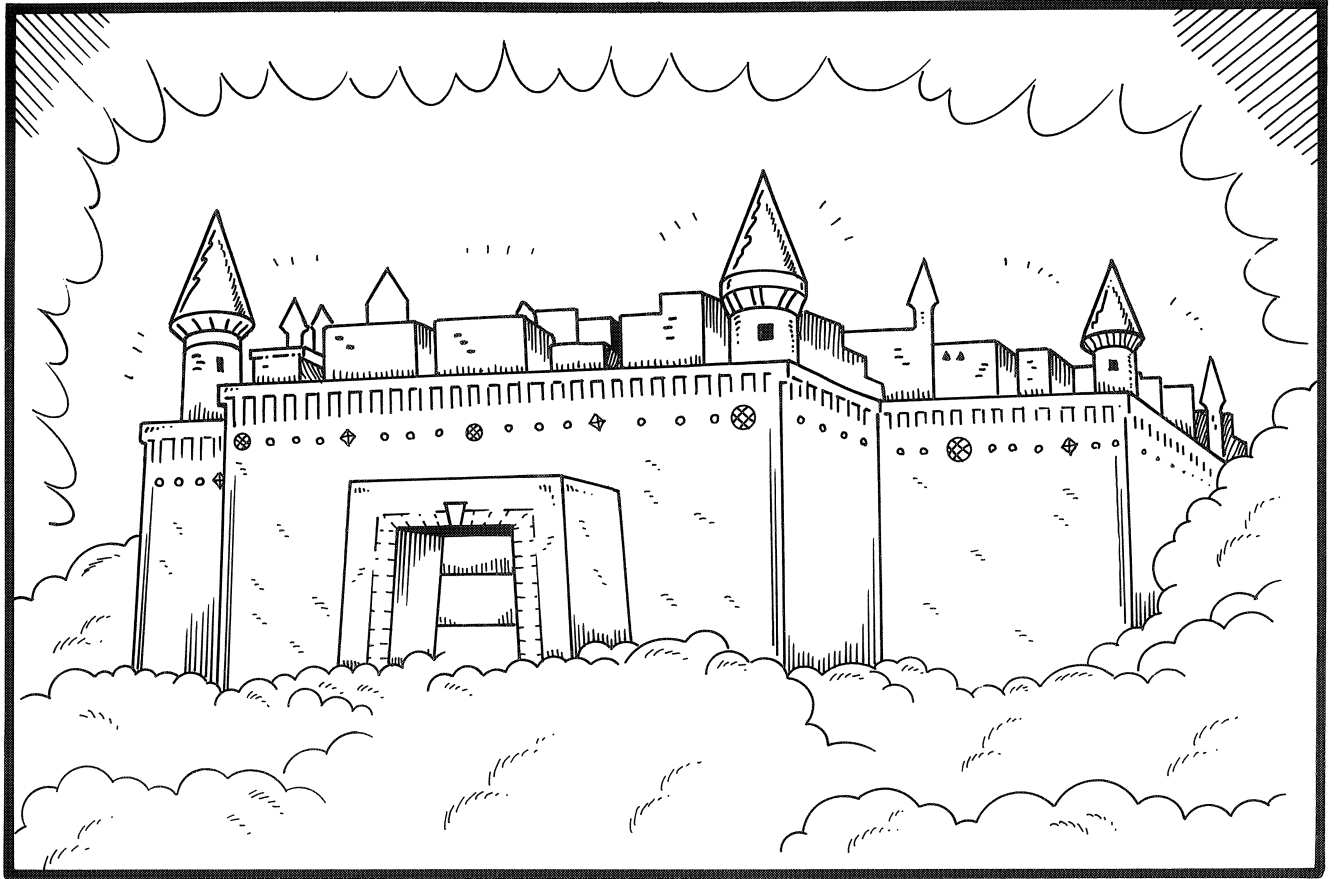
If you are serving only one Master, Jesus, then your life might reflect the following: You have salvation. You have given your life to Jesus and are willing to follow His leadership. You turn away from the very presence of evil. That may mean excusing yourself from a group of friends when the conversation turns to gossip or dirty jokes. You have a growing knowledge of the Scriptures. You really like to read your Bible. To those people who offend you or say bad things about you, you show forgiveness and a loving spirit. You are willing to share your testimony of God's love whenever you have the chance. (Remove all pictures from the board.)

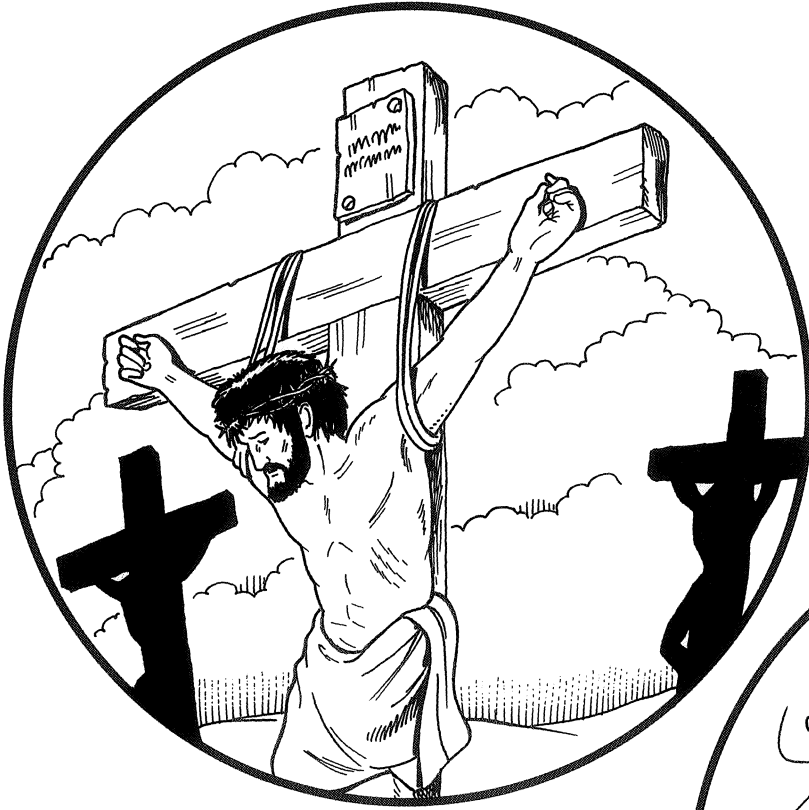












What in the World Has Come Over You?

Lesson 2 — Matthew 6:25-33

by Mrs. Dick Sisk

INSTRUCTIONS: Reuse visuals you prepared for lesson 1. Look for magazine pictures to supplement them. Recall points one and two of the following outline from lesson 1; then develop point three in this lesson.

- I. Are you gathering temporary treasures or eternal treasures? (Matthew 6:19-21)
- II. Do you have double vision, or are you focusing on God alone? (Matthew 6:22-24)
- III. Do you consider God as your source, or is your life full of worry and frustration? (Matthew 6:25-33)

We must have a whole-hearted trust in God. To worry is a sin. The Bible teaches us to be anxious about nothing, trusting God for everything. Your life is more important than food and your body more than clothing. (**Show the food and shirt.**) Food and clothing are basic needs, and God has already promised to supply our needs. When we are focusing on God, there is no need to worry about the simple needs of life.

Consider the birds. (**Show the picture of the next three things and point them out as you mention each.**) God feeds and cares for them. And what about the flowers of the field and the grass? These flowers do not work, and yet they are more beautifully dressed than King Solomon was. And this grass will only be used as fuel in the oven. Think how much more God cares for you. (**Show the cross.**) He sent His only begotten Son to die that you might have eternal life. Don't you think He also knows when you have a need in your life?

Maybe at this point in your life you have not realized that God is the source of everything in your life, but you look to other people as the ones who supply you with what you need. Perhaps you depend on your parents, friends, etc. It is true that God has given us parents to take care of us and protect us, and often He uses other people as a means by which to meet our needs. But be aware and know that even these things can be taken from us. Only God remains the same forever. James 1:17 says, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father."* With God as our source, we will have an attitude of contentment, realizing He has provided everything that we need for our present happiness. First Timothy 6:8 could be described as your life verse if you are totally dependent on God: *"Having food and raiment let us be therewith content."*

(For a closing, you could lead the girls in a prayer that expresses their desire to turn all areas of their lives over to God, to seek Him first, to trust Him for all things, and to be thankful for all that He gives to them and does for them each day.)

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. When, if ever, is it right for Christians to have wealth?
2. Why does Jesus advise against laying up treasures on earth?
3. Is it ever right to worry? Discuss.
4. Can a Christian be concerned about material wealth and at the same time be a faithful servant to God? Why?
5. Do you really believe that God is going to supply you with everything that you need?