

LADY-IN-WAITING

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

On the sheets in this packet you will find teaching guides for ten lessons and the visuals to complement them. At the heart of this step are six lessons on church membership and Christian living — "We Covenant Together," "Characteristics of a Christian" (two lessons), "The Law of a Christian," "Dying in Order to Live," and "As You Go...." Additional materials include:

1. Three lessons ("God Kept His Promise," "A New Helper," and "Know Your Bible") to teach as you assist girls in memorizing the list of books of the New Testament. These lessons were first printed separately in "An Insert for GMA Visual Packets."
2. An account of the procedure of placing a missionary on the field for churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America ("Becoming a Missionary")

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 overhead 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-in-Waiting 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 and all labels on items begin with the letters LW. This indicates that the page or item is a part of the Lady-in-Waiting packet; packets for other steps have their unique codes.

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We Covenant Together

by Mrs. O.D. Christian

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote her prosperity and spirituality; to sustain her worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Many times the question is asked, "Why do we have the Church Covenant?" From the beginning of time, God has been making covenants with His people. As church members, we formally agree to our duties and responsibilities that God has set forth in His Word.

(Take illustration LW-A and instruct in the way of salvation and how to become a church member.)

When you have been baptized by the church (the church has the authority to baptize, not any certain preacher or person), you then become a church member. There are many members within the church which make up one body, the church. Christ is the head and the foundation. (Give definition of a church.) Now that you have become a church member, you can enjoy the privileges that come with being a member. Joining in the sweet fellowship with other Christians and being bound by the covenant are two things that come with church membership.

(Place LW-B to the right of LW-A.)

Explain what a covenant is. (Emphasize the words *agreement, promise, pledge*.)

As a part of the great body that has adopted this covenant, something very important has been working within you. All of this (point to LW-A and then to LW-B) has happened by the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

(Place LW-C above LW-A and B.)

The Bible records several different appearances of the Holy Spirit and the form in which He appeared. Can you tell about some of them? (examples — fire, cloud, wind, dove)

Explain the part the Holy Spirit plays in the Godhead.

The Holy Spirit leads the church to do certain things as a body.

(Place LW-D to the lower left of LW-A. Explain the actions as led by the Holy Spirit on this page.)

Next, as church members and Christians, we are led to do some things that affect our families.

(Place LW-E next to LW-D and below LW-A.)

God promised He would never leave us or forsake us, so the Holy Spirit is still leading us.

Explain the things listed.

All the members make up the church, but we have some obligations to each other as individuals.

(Place LW-F next to LW-E.)

This part of the covenant is filled with so many goodies. Did you ever think of what you owe the other church members? Let's call this the "IN GROUP" because it is a good group in which to be.

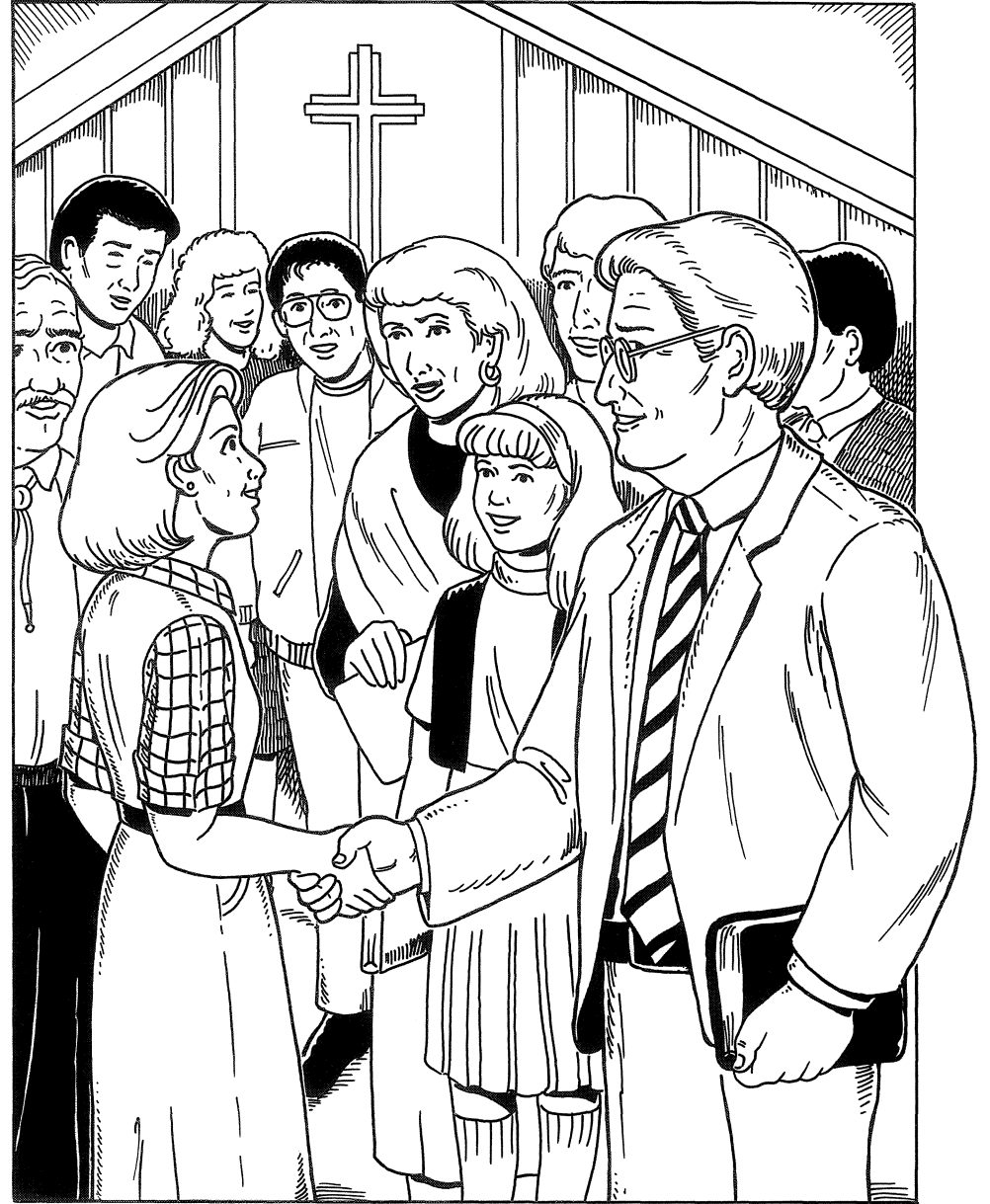
Use the points listed on LW-F to help explain our duties to each other.

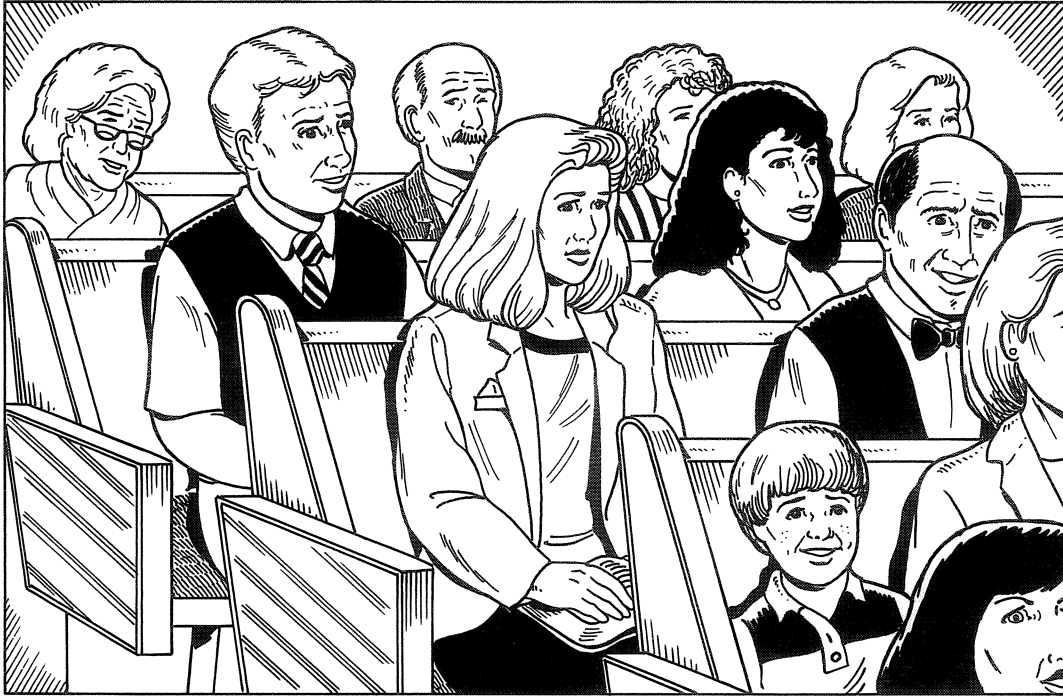
(Place LW-G to the right of LW-F.)

Explain there is never an end or a quitting place in the service of the Lord and in His church. Always seek to find new joy in His service.

**BELIEVE
RECEIVE
PROFESS
BE BAPTIZED**

BECOME A MEMBER





**AGREEMENT
PROMISE
PLEDGE**

ALL MEMBERS—ONE BODY

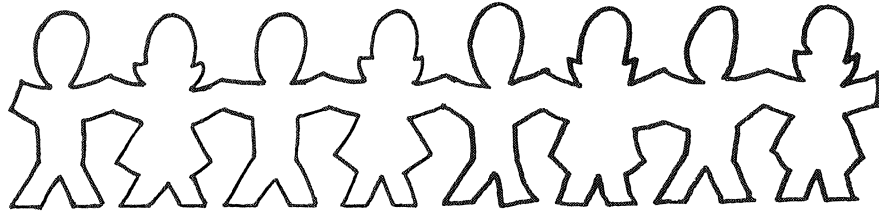
COVENANT

LW - 7

**HOLY
SPIRIT**

Picture LW - C

CHURCH



WALK - IN - LOVE

STRIVE-FOR-ADVANCEMENT

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SPIRITUALITY**

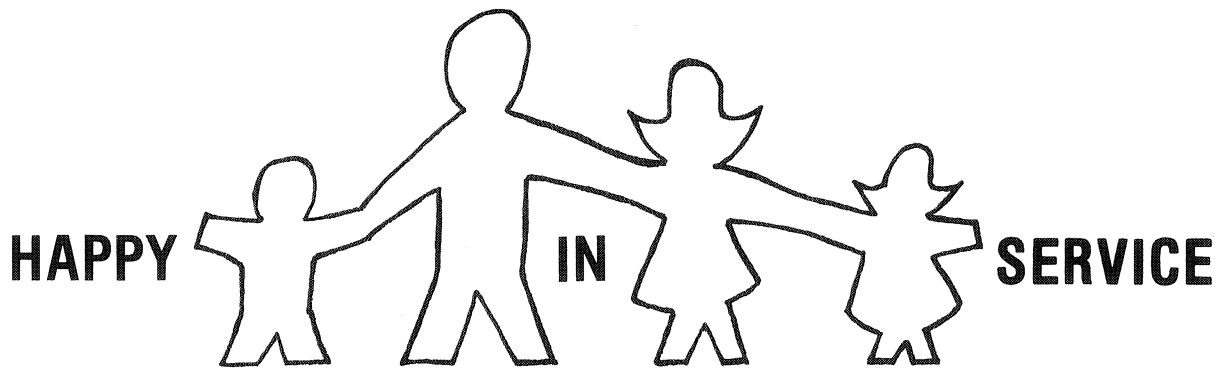
SUSTAIN - WORSHIP

CONTRIBUTE - SUPPORT

Picture LW - D

1. MINISTRY
2. EXPENSE
3. RELIEF OF POOR
4. MISSIONS

FAMILY



DEVOTIONS

EDUCATION

WITNESS

WALK

HONESTY

FAITHFULNESS

EXAMPLE

.. AVOID ..

GOSSIP

ANGER

FUSSING

DRINKING

MEMBERS



WATCH IN LOVE

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

AID IN ILLNESS

SYMPATHY IN FEELING

COURTESY IN SPEECH

SLOW IN OFFENSE

HASTE IN RECONCILIATION

MINDFUL IN RULES

OF THE LORD

‘ ‘IN GROUP’ ’

When I move I should also move my...



Characteristics of a Christian

Lesson 1 — Matthew 5:1-12

INSTRUCTIONS: Color and cut out visuals; back with flannel. The lesson may be presented in more than one class period. Matching games may be played with the words and illustrations. Both parts of each printed verse may be mixed up. To play the game the girls can place them on the flannel board, matching the proper pieces together and in the proper order. At other times the pictures may be matched with the Beatitudes.

INTRODUCTION

(Place "2 + 2 = 4" in the upper left-hand corner of the flannel board.)

One of the first arithmetic problems we learned was that two plus two equals four. That means the number on the left side of the equal sign balances or has the same value as the number on the right side. No matter how many times we add two and two together, the answer will always be four.

(Place in the upper right-hand corner of the flannel board, "MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS = RECEIVING THE PROMISES.")

We could regard this arithmetic problem as the parts of a promise. Each promise has two parts — meeting the requirements and receiving the promises. Meeting the requirements in this problem would be adding two and two together correctly. That means we would have to know how to count. If we meet the requirements (add two and two together correctly), we shall receive the promise. The promise in this case is the correct answer.

Our daily lives are full of promises, and each promise has two parts — meeting the requirements and receiving the promises.

(Place the report card.)

We find promises at school, and each of these promises has the two parts. We are promised that if we study hard and learn to read well, we shall receive an A in reading. We are promised that if we do not learn how to spell all the words correctly, we shall receive a lower grade. Our report cards show that we have met the requirements of each of these promises.

(Place cake and recipe.)

When our mothers bake a cake, they use a recipe. That recipe is a promise. It promises our mothers that if they meet the requirements, they shall have a beautiful cake. The requirements are that they use the correct amount of sugar, butter, eggs, and flour; that they mix the cake a certain way; that they bake it in an oven at a certain temperature and for a certain length of time. If they meet the requirements (that is, if they do everything according to the recipe), they shall receive the promise, a beautiful cake.

(Place medicine bottle and spoon.)

When we have a bad cough, we go to the doctor. He gives us a certain medicine and tells us that if we take the proper dosage our cough will be cured. If we meet the requirements (taking the medicine), we will receive the promise (we will be cured).

We find many promises in God's Word. Some of the promises which were given by Jesus are called Beatitudes. The word *beatitude* means complete and perfect happiness. The receiving of the promises of the Beatitudes might be stated simply as complete and perfect happiness.

Read Matthew 5:3 — "*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.*"

The Beatitudes have two parts. **(Place "BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT" under "MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS." Place "FOR THEIR'S IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN" under "RECEIVING THE PROMISES.")**

In this verse, Jesus promises the kingdom of heaven to all those who are poor in spirit. The requirement is that we are poor in spirit. What does that mean?

(Place the arrogant girl with arms outstretched and the humble girl kneeling. Place "I CAN DO ANYTHING" over arrogant girl and "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE" over humble girl.)

Here we have two girls. The one is a proud, conceited girl. She feels very important. She likes to brag and boast about all the things she can do. She never gives God any credit. In fact, she hardly ever thinks about

God. She does not realize that it is God's great love that gives her strength to do those things she brags about.

The other girl is quite different. Perhaps she can do even more things much better than the first girl, but she is very humble. She realizes that it is only through God that she is able to do anything. She does not brag or boast. Which of these two girls do you think is poor in spirit? That's correct. *Poor in spirit* means being humble and giving God credit.

What does God promise all who are poor in spirit or who are humble? God promises the kingdom of heaven to all who are humble.

Read Matthew 5:4 — *"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."*

(Place the two parts of the verse under "REQUIREMENTS" and "PROMISES" columns.)

The promise in this Beatitude is comfort for all who mourn. To mourn means to be sad when something unhappy occurs. If we really love Jesus we will be very sad when we do something wrong or when we have sinned. We will mourn because we are sorry and ashamed that we have displeased God.

(Place picture of girl kneeling in prayer and the words, "FORGIVE MY SINS.")

There are two things we must do to show God that we mourn because of our sins. First, we must ask God to forgive us. Then we must try our best never to commit such a sin again.

Read Matthew 5:5 — *"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."*

(Place the two parts of this Beatitude.)

What is the promise? What are the requirements?

(Place picture of girl visiting the sick.)

Being meek means to put yourself last. Being meek means to put the desires, wishes, and the needs of others before your own. If you let God be first in your life you will never have to think about putting yourself last. *Serving God means serving others*. When you serve others you automatically put them first and yourself last. The more you learn about God, the more ways you will find to serve Him. You will be given many opportunities to serve Him through the GMA. What shall be your reward? Yes, you shall inherit the earth. Greater blessings shall be yours.

Read Matthew 5:6 — *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."*

(Place under proper columns.)

All of us understand what *hunger* and *thirst* mean, for we have all been both hungry and thirsty at times. When we get hungry, we eat to satisfy our hunger and give our bodies the food they need. The requirement in this verse does not mean the hunger and thirst of our physical bodies. Jesus was speaking of our being hungry and thirsty for spiritual food.

(Place family reading Bible and place the words "WE MUST KNOW THE WORD OF GOD AND OBEY IT.")

Sometimes we hear people say that the Bible is hard to understand. Perhaps we have said it ourselves. Yet God promises that if we really want to know His Word, He will satisfy our hunger. We need to want to be filled with His Word. We should be hungry and thirsty. God promises us that we shall be filled if we meet the requirements of being hungry and thirsty. We will find spiritual happiness and contentment.

Read Matthew 5:7 — *"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."*

(Place this Beatitude.)

Jesus promises that if we are merciful to others, then God will be merciful to us.

(Place globe and the words "BEING MERCIFUL MEANS TO HELP OTHERS.")

When a certain man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told him the story of the good Samaritan. (Ask the girls to tell this story briefly.) Through this lesson, we learn two things. First, Jesus taught us how to be merciful. Then, Jesus taught us who is our neighbor. The good Samaritan was merciful to this man even though he was a stranger. Being merciful means loving and helping our fellowmen no matter who they are or where they live.

How do we meet the requirement of this Beatitude? By being merciful. And the promise is that if we are merciful to others, God will be merciful to us.

Read Matthew 5:8 — *“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”*

(Place under proper columns.)

We can't hide an unclean face, can we? Others need look only once to see whether it is dirty. What about our hearts? Can we hide an unclean heart? No, we cannot, for there are ways others can tell if our hearts are pure. **(Place heart.)** If we think clean thoughts, we will speak clean words, have clean habits, and do clean deeds. If our thoughts are unclean, our lives will show it. We tell people if our hearts are clean or unclean by the words we say and the things we do. Jesus gave us a wonderful promise if we keep our hearts pure — we shall see God.

Read Matthew 5:9 — *“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”*

(Place this Beatitude.)

Jesus taught us to love peace. He taught us to be peacemakers. “Love your enemies,” Jesus said. “Bless them that curse you.” Do good to those who do things to hurt you. Love your neighbor as yourself.

(Place picture of girl separating two arguing girls, and the words, “LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.”)

Being a peacemaker means loving peace and doing everything we can to prevent a quarrel with anyone.

We should especially try to prevent our quarreling with someone else. If we remember these teachings of Jesus and try to live by them every day, surely we shall be called the children of God.

Read Matthew 5:10 — *“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

(Place under columns.)

None of us likes to be teased about doing something we know is the right thing to do. None of us likes to be laughed at by the crowd. It takes a great deal of courage and strength of character to be the only one of a group unwilling to join in “fun” that is clearly wrong. **(Place picture of girl walking away from others and the words “IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO PLEASE GOD THAN FRIENDS.”)** Sometimes you might be made fun of when you refuse to swear or tell dirty jokes. Perhaps you have been made fun of because you would not participate in smoking, drinking, or telling untruths about someone else. Jesus says that if we are strong enough to refuse to do what is wrong, even though we are ridiculed and made fun of, we shall receive a reward — the kingdom of heaven.

Read Matthew 5:11, 12 — *“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”*

(Place the remaining verses and picture of heaven.)

The Beatitudes are part of the sermon Jesus preached one day, which is called the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus finished this part of the sermon by reminding us of the great prophets who lived before us and who were persecuted because they did the things God asked them to do. He reminded us that they will receive a great reward in heaven for their love for God and their willingness to serve Him even in the face of danger. Jesus tells us that our reward shall be the same if we love Him and serve Him.

MEETING

THE

REQUIREMENTS

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RECEIVING

THE

PROMISES

Blessed are ye, when
men shall revile you,
and persecute you, and
shall say all manner
of evil against you
falsely, for my sake

Blessed are they that
mourn

Blessed are the merciful

Blessed are the poor in
spirit

For they shall be called
the children of God

Blessed are the pure in heart

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are the peacemakers

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake

For they shall inherit the earth

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you

For they shall see God

Blessed are the meek

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven

For they shall be comforted

REPORT CARD

Jamie Jones

READING	<i>a</i>
SPELLING	<i>a</i>
ARITHMETIC	<i>a</i>
WRITING	<i>a</i>

For they shall obtain
mercy

For they shall be filled

$$2+2=4$$

**FORGIVE
MY SINS**

**I CAN
DO ANYTHING!**

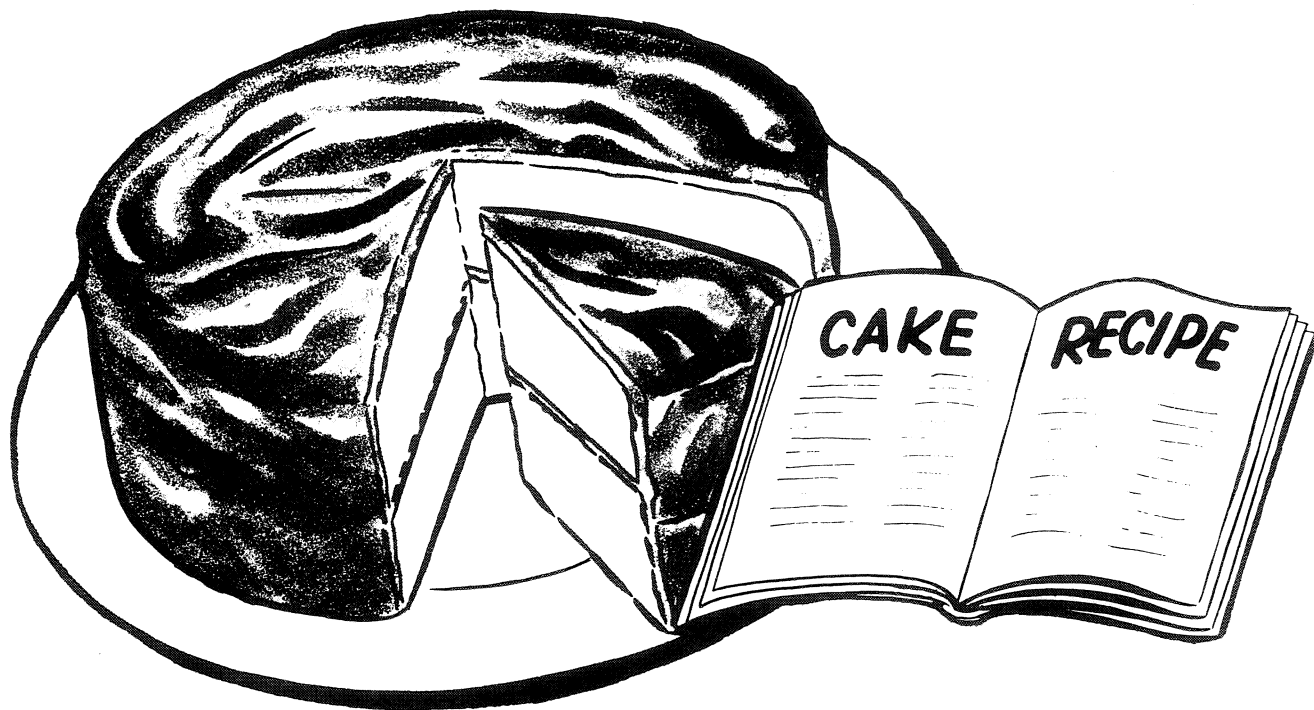
LW - 31

**WITH GOD
ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE**

**IT IS MORE
IMPORTANT TO
PLEASE GOD THAN
FRIENDS**

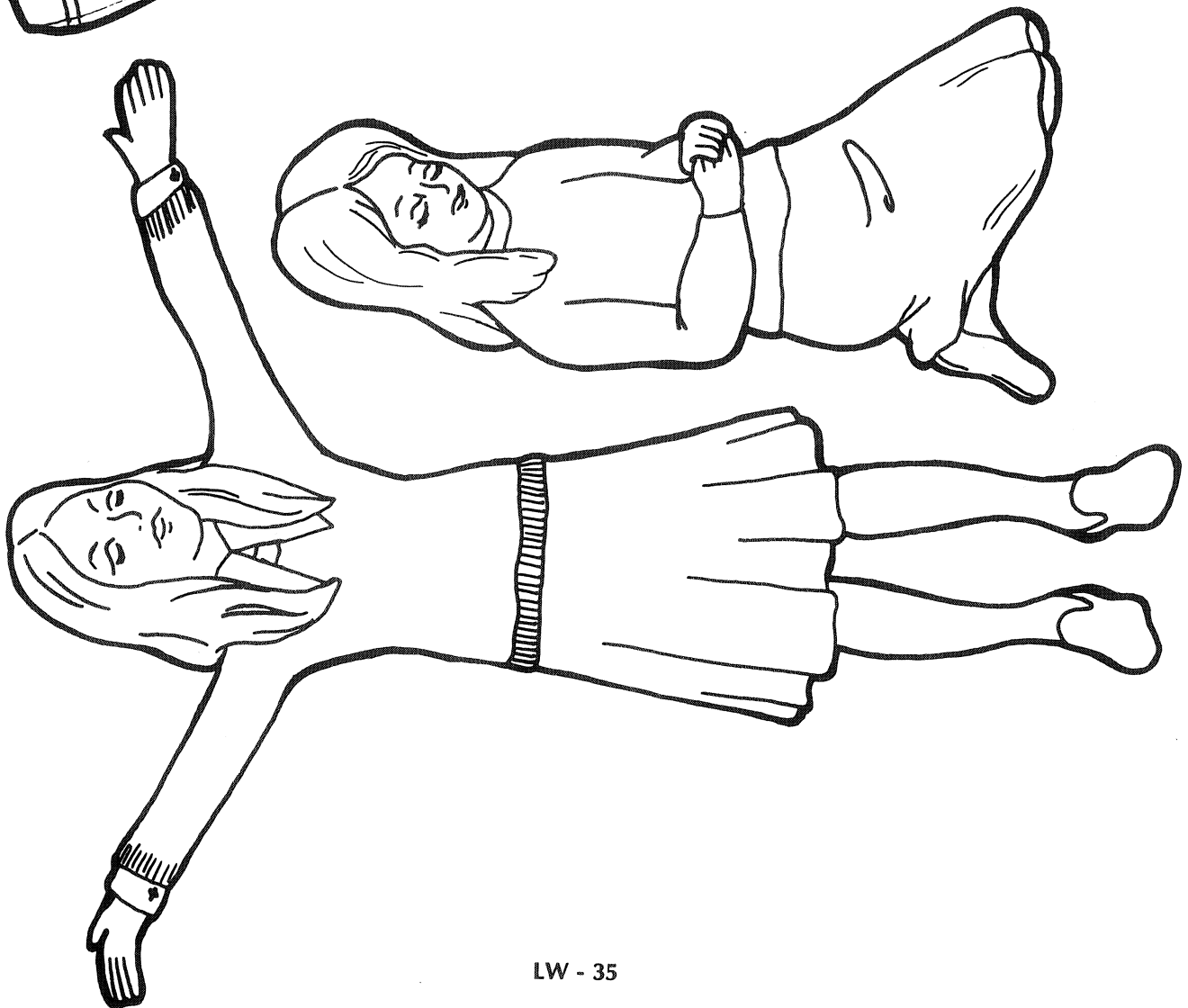
**LOVE YOUR
ENEMIES**

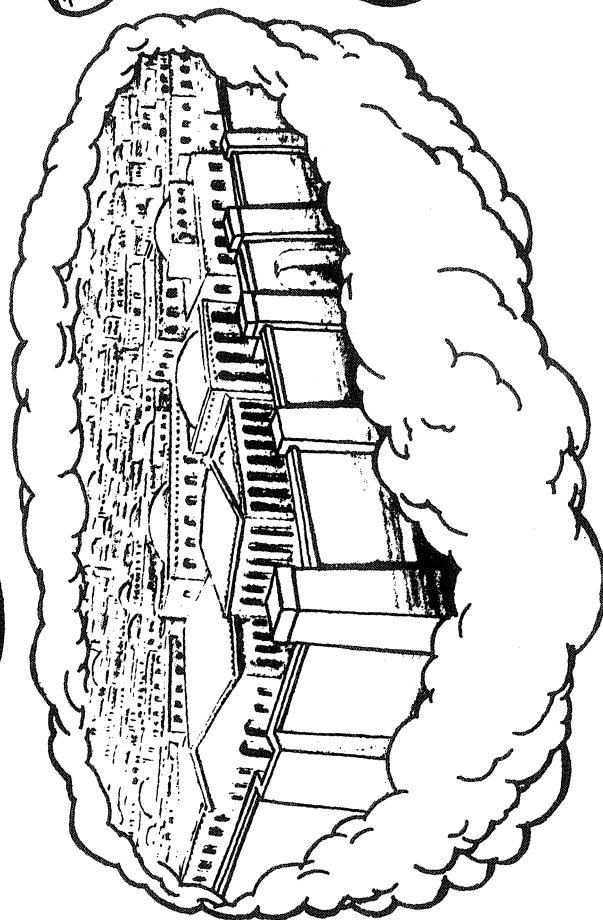
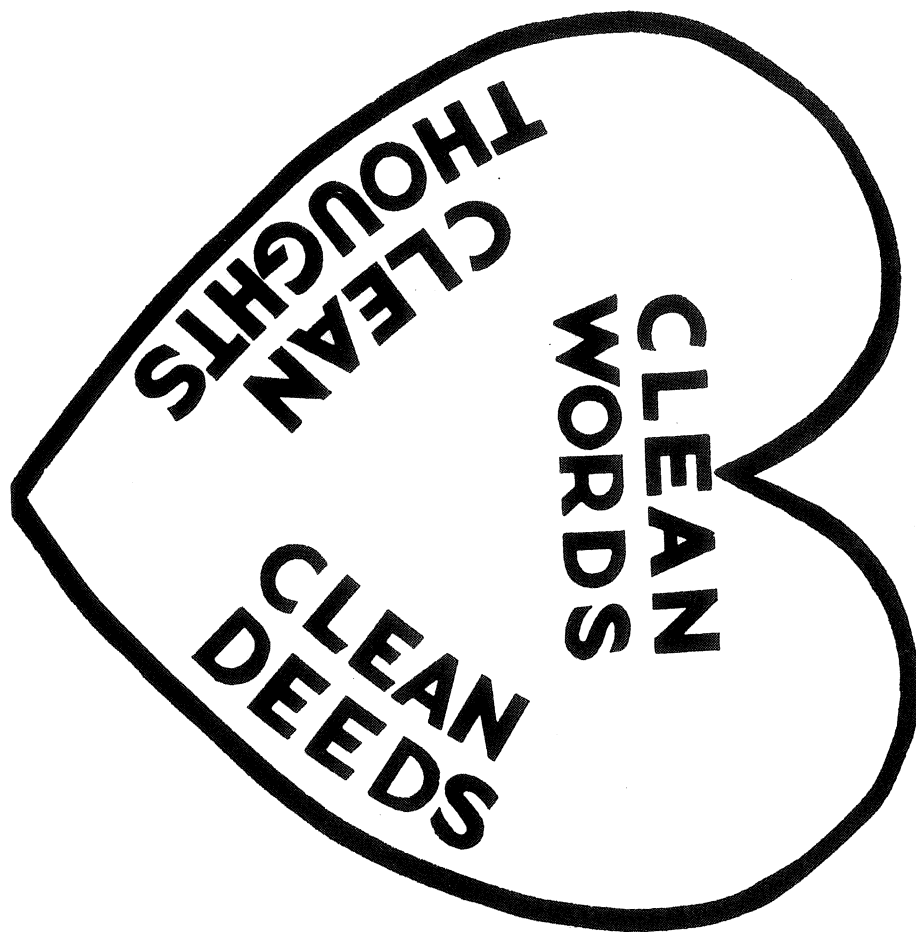


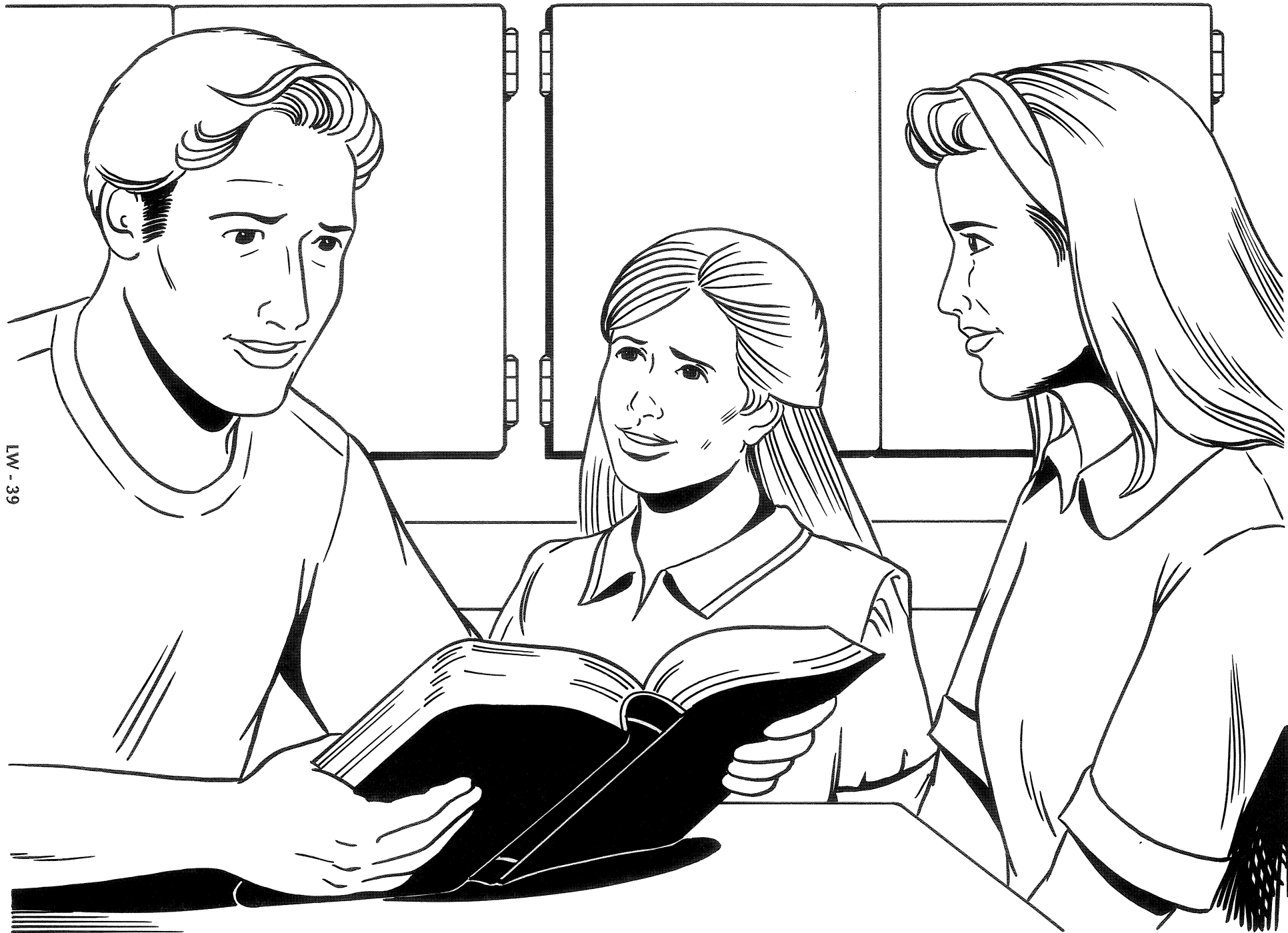


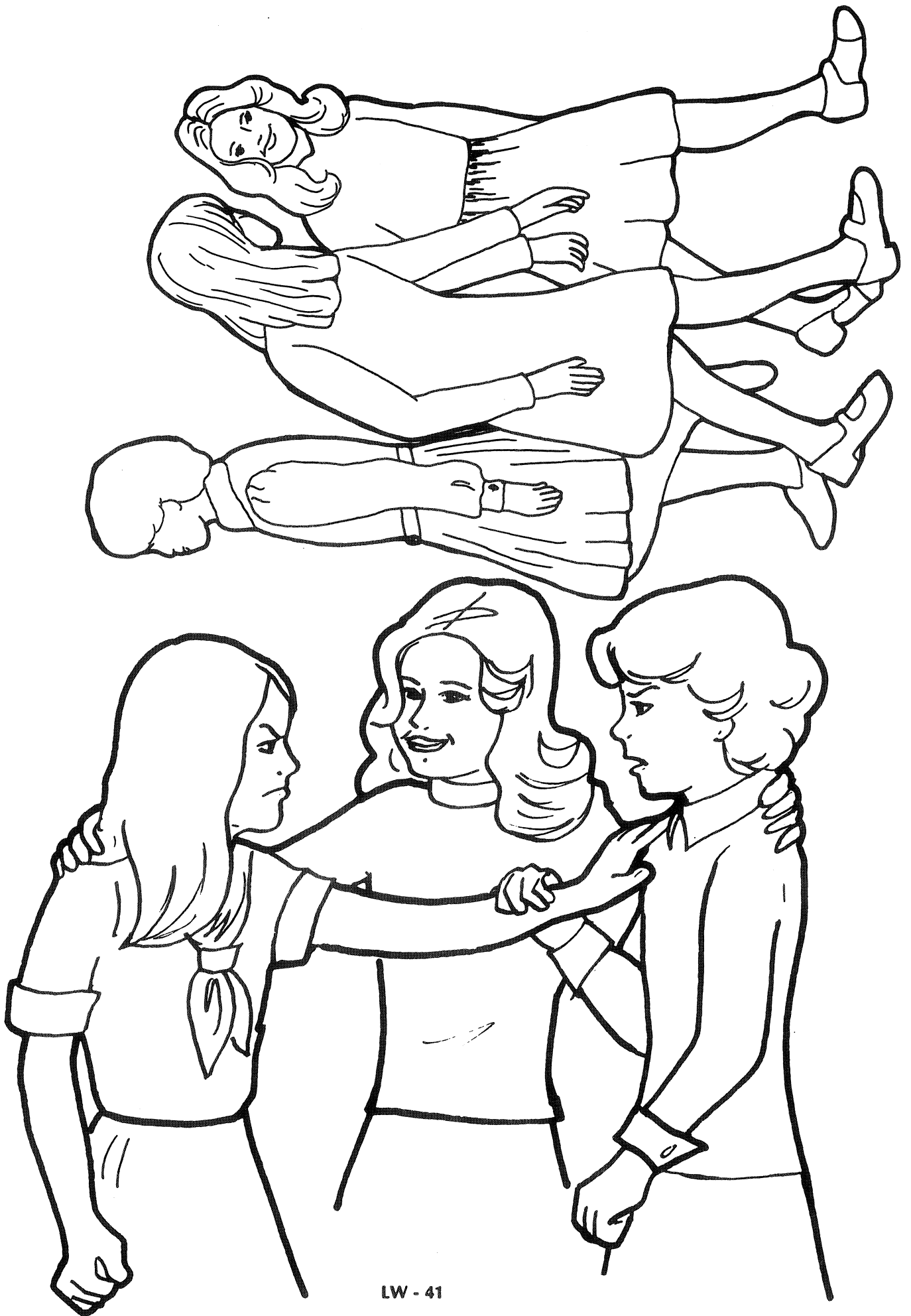
**WE MUST KNOW
THE WORD OF GOD
AND OBEY IT**

**BEING MERCIFUL
MEANS TO HELP
OTHERS**









Characteristics of a Christian

Lesson 2 — Matthew 5:13-16

by Hilda Lawson

Read Matthew 5:13 — *“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”*

(Place salt shaker and meat.)

Salt is a remedy for unsavory (tasteless) meat and vegetables, but there is no remedy for unsavory salt.

(Place unsavory salt.)

Christians are the salt of the earth. They are as *good salt* — pure and small but very useful and necessary in a world such as ours. We are to be seasoned with the gospel of Jesus, with the salt of grace. Our thoughts, affections, words, and actions should help to spread the gospel and make the world tasteful for God.

Have salt (the gospel) in yourselves, else you cannot diffuse (pour out or spread widely) it among others.

If a Christian yet remains flat (unsavory) and foolish, she is unprofitable. She is good for nothing. She does more harm than good.

Read Matthew 5:14 — *“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.”*

(Place girl with candle in heart.)

Christians are as the lights of the world and are intended to illuminate and light the way for others to God. Christ having lighted our candles (lives), we are like a city on a hill; our witness cannot be hid. We will give light to all who come near.

Read Matthew 5:15 — *“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.”*

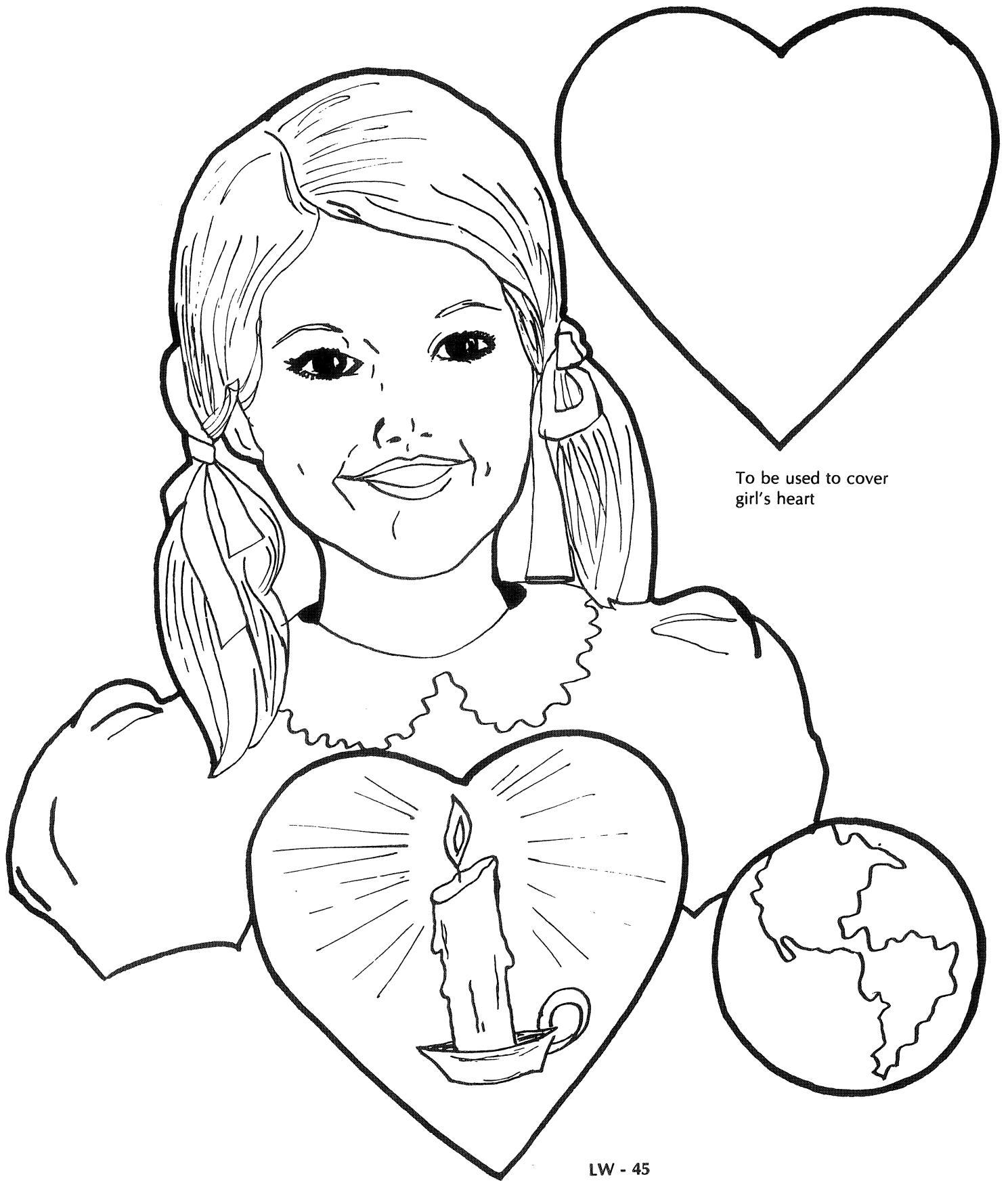
(Cover heart with extra heart.)

Since Christ lit our candles, He doesn't intend for us to hide our witness from others. Everything we do or say should openly reveal the light of Jesus in our hearts so that the unsaved can know the light of Jesus in their hearts. **(Remove extra heart.)**

Read Matthew 5:16 — *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*

(Place “LIGHTING THE WAY TO GOD” and these pictures: (1) girl with sick lady, (2) walking away from joke telling, (3) stopping arguments, and (4) girl on knees in prayer.)

Our light must shine by doing such good works so that others might see and want to know God. Our good works mean nothing unless we bring honor to God. The good that we do should focus the attention of others on God.

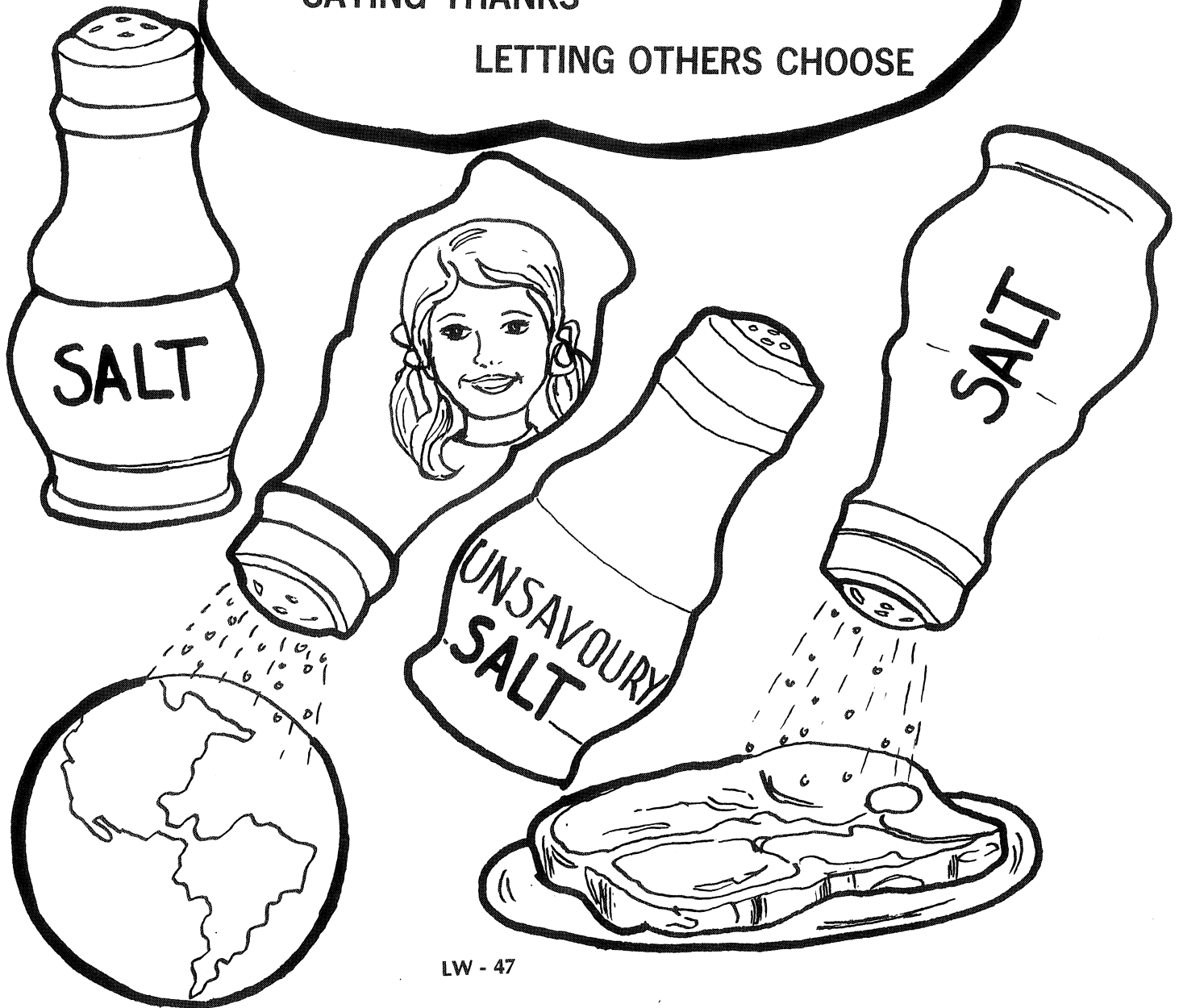


To be used to cover
girl's heart

BEING CHEERFUL
GIVING A COMPLIMENT
PRAYING FOR A SICK PERSON
LIGHTING THE WAY
TO GOD

SAYING THANKS

LETTING OTHERS CHOOSE



The Law of a Christian

Matthew 22:35-40

by Linda Rice

INSTRUCTIONS: This lesson is designed to be used with flashcards. Draw and cut thirteen large hearts out of poster board. Color and cut out the visuals; place each picture on a heart-shaped card. Put the discussion of Picture 1 on the back of Picture 13; the discussion for Picture 2 on the back of Picture 1, etc.

(Place heart with scripture in rebus form inside.)

The Pharisee lawyer had heard of Jesus' conversation with the Sadducees (another religious party) when He had silenced them and told them they were wrong in their doctrines. The lawyer had come, not to worship Him, or to thank Him for His teaching, but to tempt Him — to try to puzzle Him with a question He would not be able to answer.

The Sadducees and Pharisees were opposing religious groups. Though they were enemies, both despised and rejected Jesus.

The Pharisee lawyer did not like to see Jesus honored in any way. Jesus gave them the truth, but they were jealous and did not care whether it was the truth or not.

(Place picture of lawyer.)

This Pharisee was a lawyer — a student of the law given to Moses. The question he asked was: "Master, which is the great commandment of the law?"

Actually there is no one law better than the others — all things of God's law are great things and are to be obeyed. But it is true that there are some commands that are the main commands, that cover more ground than the others. Jesus mentioned "*the weightier matters of the law*" in Matthew 23:23.

The lawyer was trying Jesus. This particular question had been argued among the lawyers for a long time. Some said the law of circumcision was the greatest and most important; others, the law of the Sabbath; others would say the law of sacrifices. Now, if Jesus didn't answer according to the popular opinion or what the majority thought at this time, it might stir the people up against Him. This is what the Pharisee lawyer wanted to do. If He made one commandment seem greater than the others, they would accuse Him of ignoring the rest. They thought they really had Jesus in a spot.

Why did God let Jesus be questioned and tempted by these hypocrites? God saw that the answer of Jesus would be recorded and would be helpful to us, to teach us the importance of love.

(Place picture of Jesus.)

Jesus answered: "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.*"

This commandment summarizes the rest of the commandments. God is to be loved in the first place; and if we do this, we will find it easier to keep the rest of the commandments. If we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we will not have any graven images or have other gods before Him; we will honor the Lord's Day; we will not take the name of the Lord in vain.

We are directed to love God as *our* God, because He is ours — our Creator, Owner, and Ruler. We must depend upon Him. He is ours by covenant or agreement.

We are to love Him with all our heart and soul and mind — with all the powers that we have. Our love must be a sincere love — not in word only. It must be a strong love — with all that is within us. We must love Him more than anything else. We cannot divide our love between God and the world (Matthew 6:24).

(Place picture of divided house.)

We can't have God in the living room of our life, and entertain the devil in the basement at the same time.

(Place list of commandments.)

This is the first and great commandment. Obedience to this will help us be obedient to all the rest.

(Place picture of Sally-So-Selfish and her brother Sam watching television.)

"*The second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*" Love to our neighbor — whom we can see — is an evidence of our love to God — whom we cannot see. Sally-So-Selfish is certainly not a faithful member of the GMA. She doesn't understand yet about love. She means well, but she is still more concerned with what Sally wants than anyone else.

(Place picture of Sam praying.)

Sam knows what to do; he prays for Sally-So-Selfish. Even though she has done many things to him, he does not seek revenge but prays for her. First John 4:20, 21 says: *"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."*

(Place picture of girl looking in a mirror.)

There is a self-love that is a sin and should be avoided, but there is a self-love that is natural. We must have due regard for our own selves and the welfare of our own souls and bodies. *"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?"* (I Corinthians 6:19).

We are to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are to honor all, injure none, have goodwill to all, wish for good to all, do good to all as we have opportunity. In many cases, we must deny ourselves for the good of our neighbor.

(Place picture of "joy" bells.)

(Point to "J" bell.) Here we have Jesus and here we have you. (Point to "Y" bell.) In your natural state there is sin between Jesus and you. (Point to "S" bell.) When you accept Jesus as your personal Savior, the sin debt is paid by Jesus. It is no longer between Jesus and you. (Cover the "S" bell with your hand.) But there is something missing. When we put others in that emptiness, then we have true joy. (Cover "S" with "O.") This is the order of priority for our love: Jesus, others, and then you. That is the only formula for real joy. Salvation is an atonement — covering over — for all our sins; and then it is a regeneration — a new life — to change us and enable us to love God and our neighbor as we should.

(Place picture of ruler with Golden Rule.)

Can you quote the Golden Rule? More importantly, can you say that you live by it?

(Place picture of tree with two divisions and apples.)

See how great these commandments are? On these two hang all the law and the prophets. All the law recorded by Moses and preached by the prophets — everything depends on the law of love. Take that away and all falls and is good for nothing.

(Place picture of Sally frowning.)

Natural man cannot love as he is supposed to. The selfishness in our nature makes it impossible; just like Sally, we desire revenge on someone who wrongs us. But when we are saved by the grace of God, the love of God is spread over us. It is the nature of our new life to love. A child of God finds it easy to love God and his neighbor, when before it was easy to live in selfishness.

(Place picture of horn of plenty.)

(Point out various fruits as you talk.) The horn of plenty is a sign of a fruitful harvest. Serving God and others is a sign of a fruitful life. Let's fill our life with LOVE, KIND WORDS, THOUGHTFULNESS, GENEROSITY, PATIENCE, SINCERITY, and FORGIVENESS.

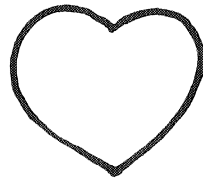
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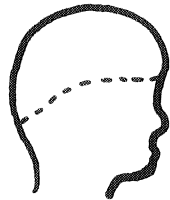


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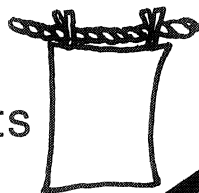
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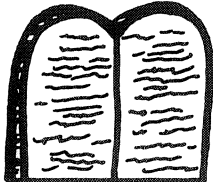
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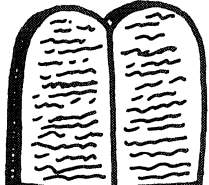
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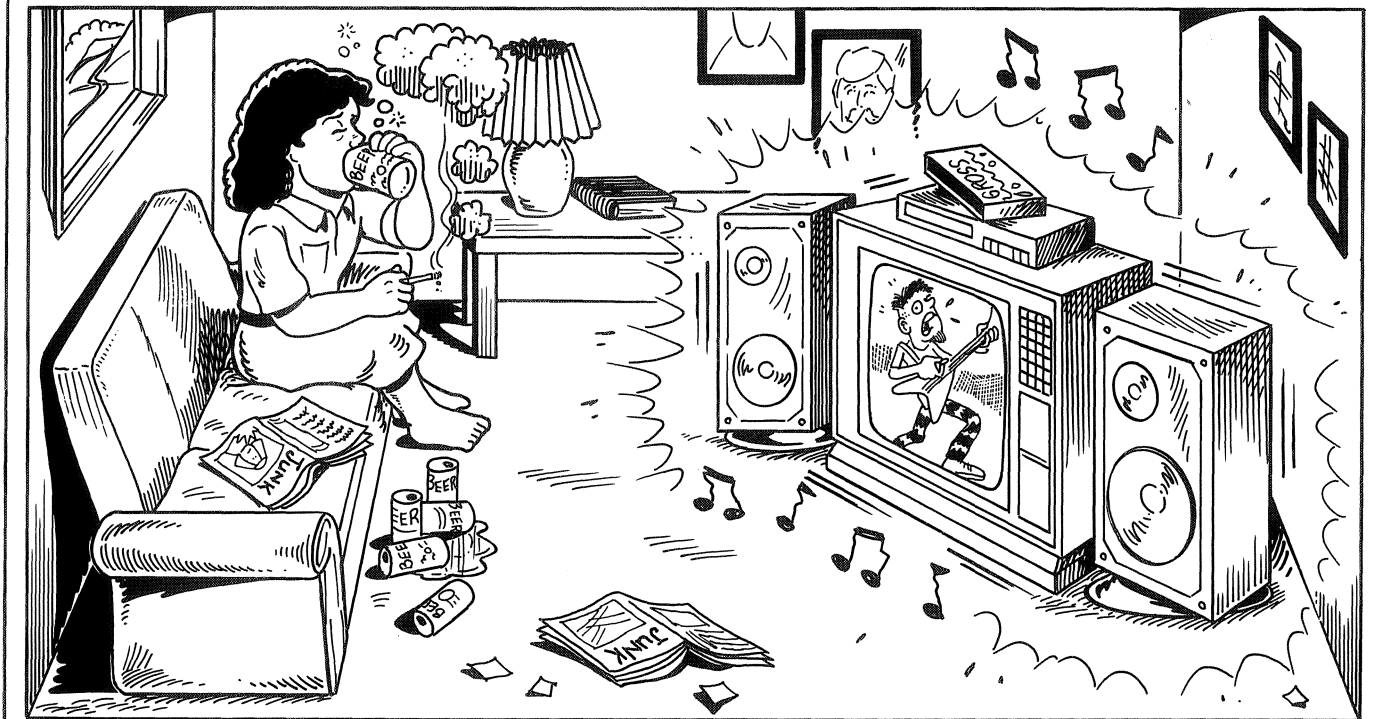
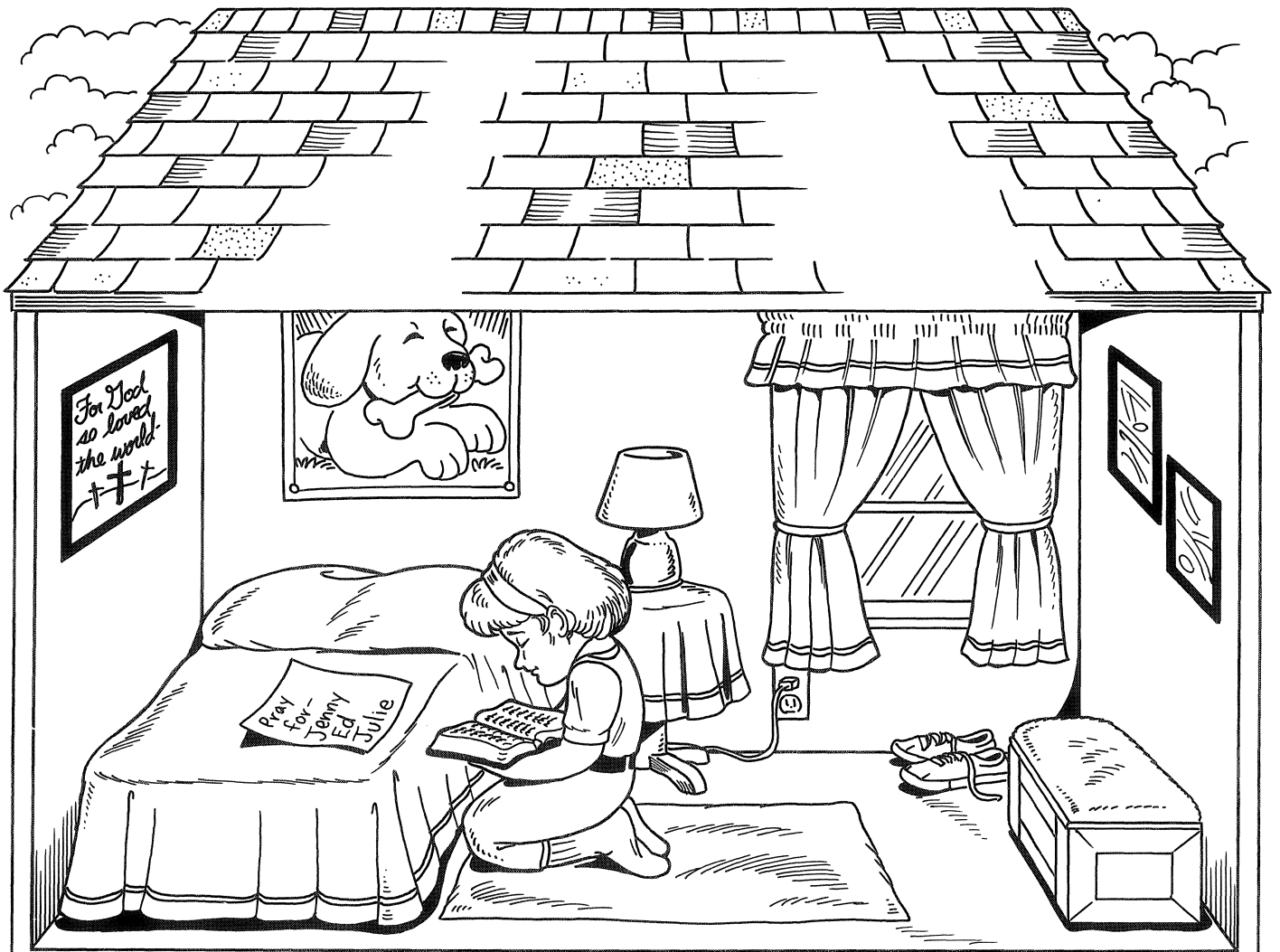
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**Master, which is the great
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**Thou shalt love the Lord
thy God.**



LOVE THY GOD

THOU shalt have no other gods before me.

THOU shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.

THOU shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:3-17

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

HONOUR thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy GOD giveth thee.

THOU shalt not kill.

THOU shalt not commit adultery.

THOU shalt not steal.

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

THOU shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbors'.

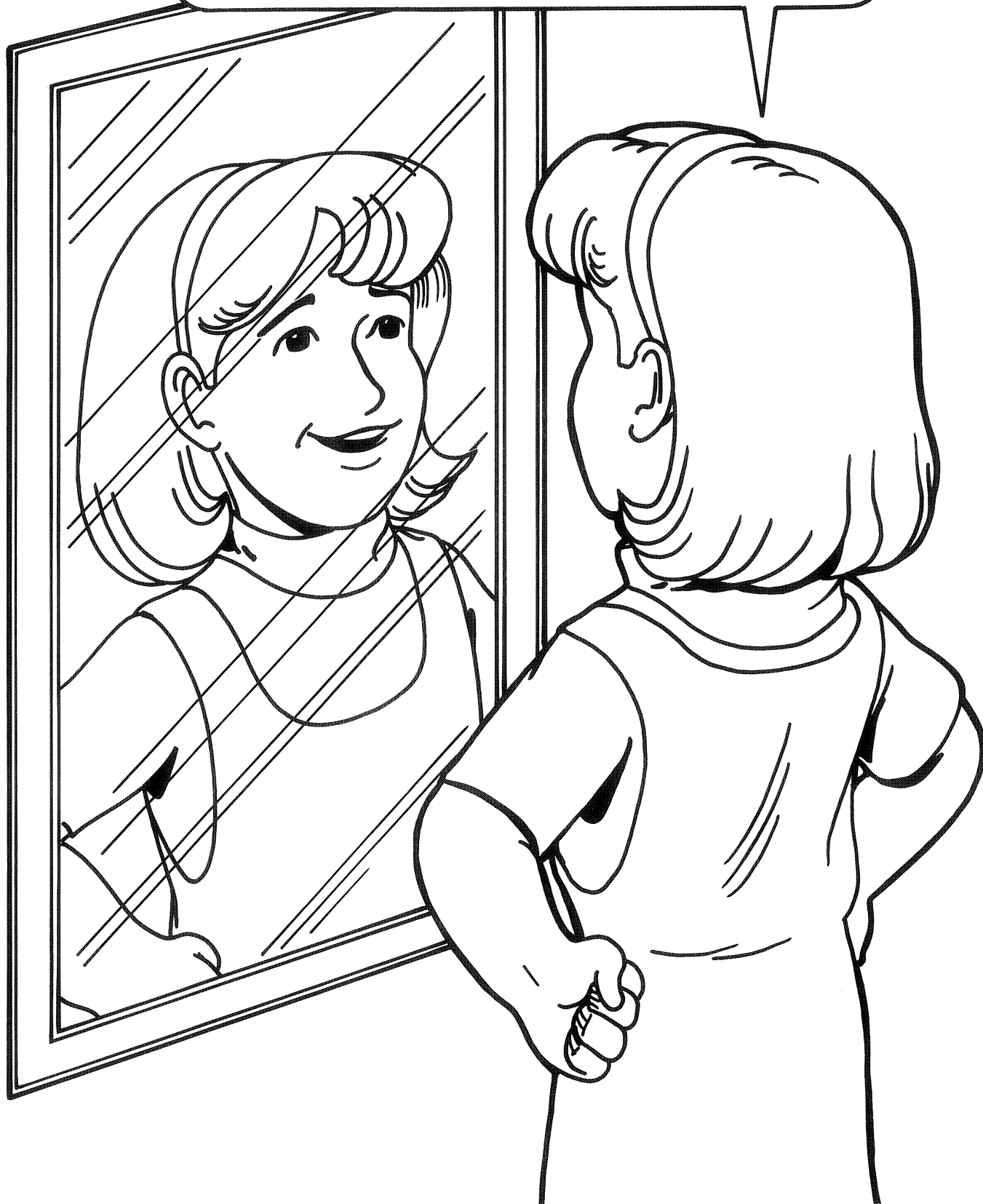


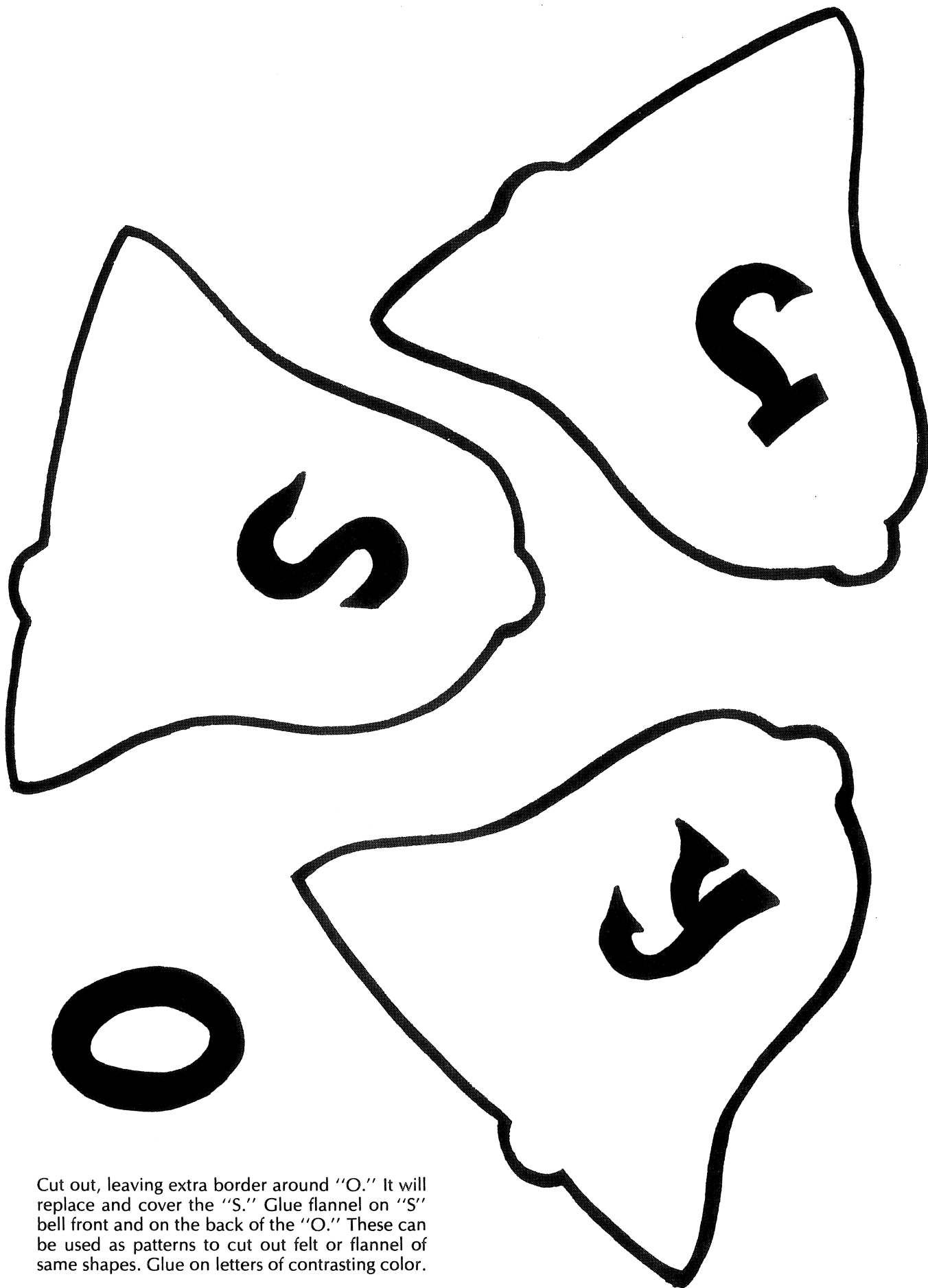
I'm so wonderful!
I'm letting you watch
my program!



...and please help
Sally's disposition.
Amen.

You look nice today, Sally!
You **always** look nice!



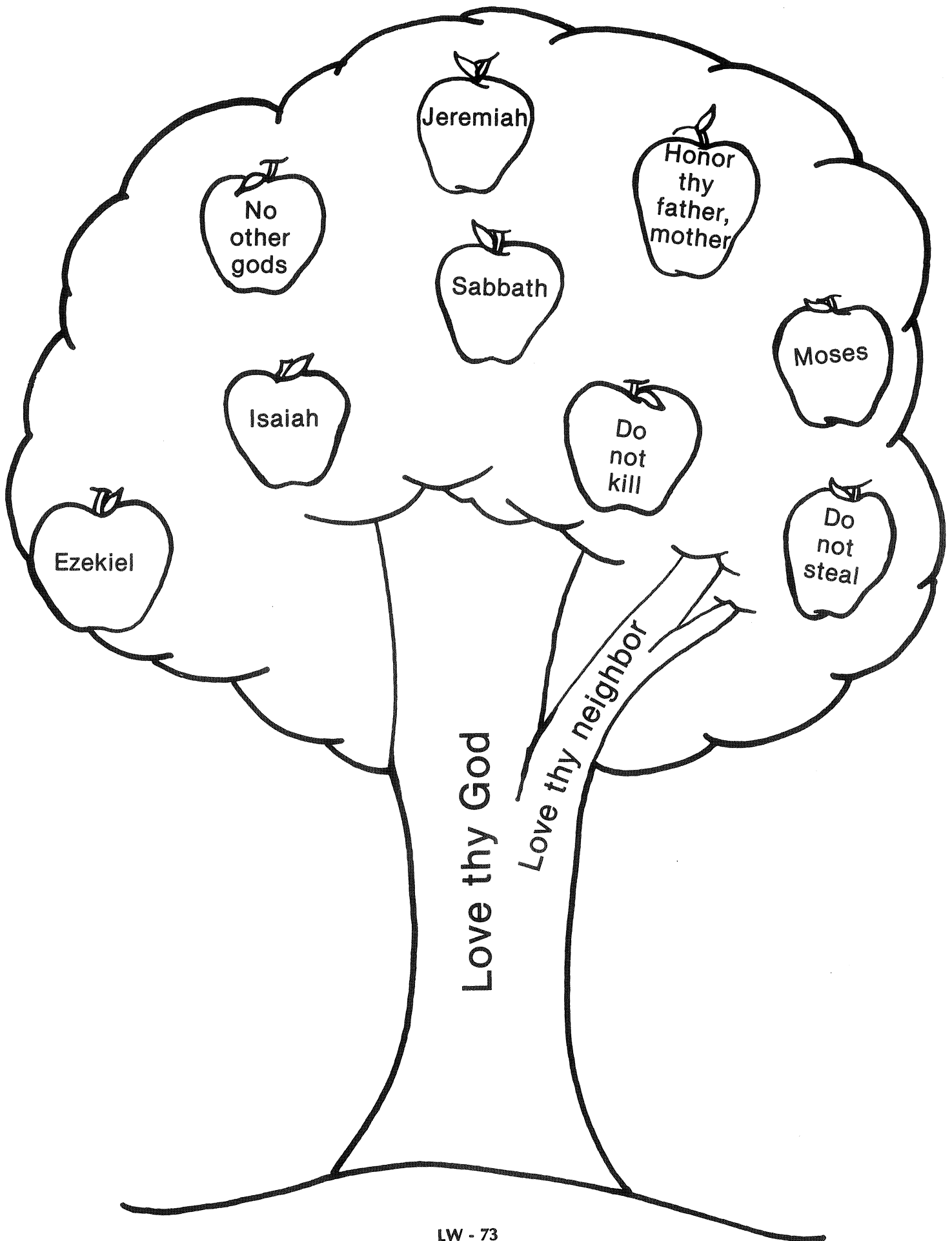


Cut out, leaving extra border around "O." It will replace and cover the "S." Glue flannel on "S" bell front and on the back of the "O." These can be used as patterns to cut out felt or flannel of same shapes. Glue on letters of contrasting color.

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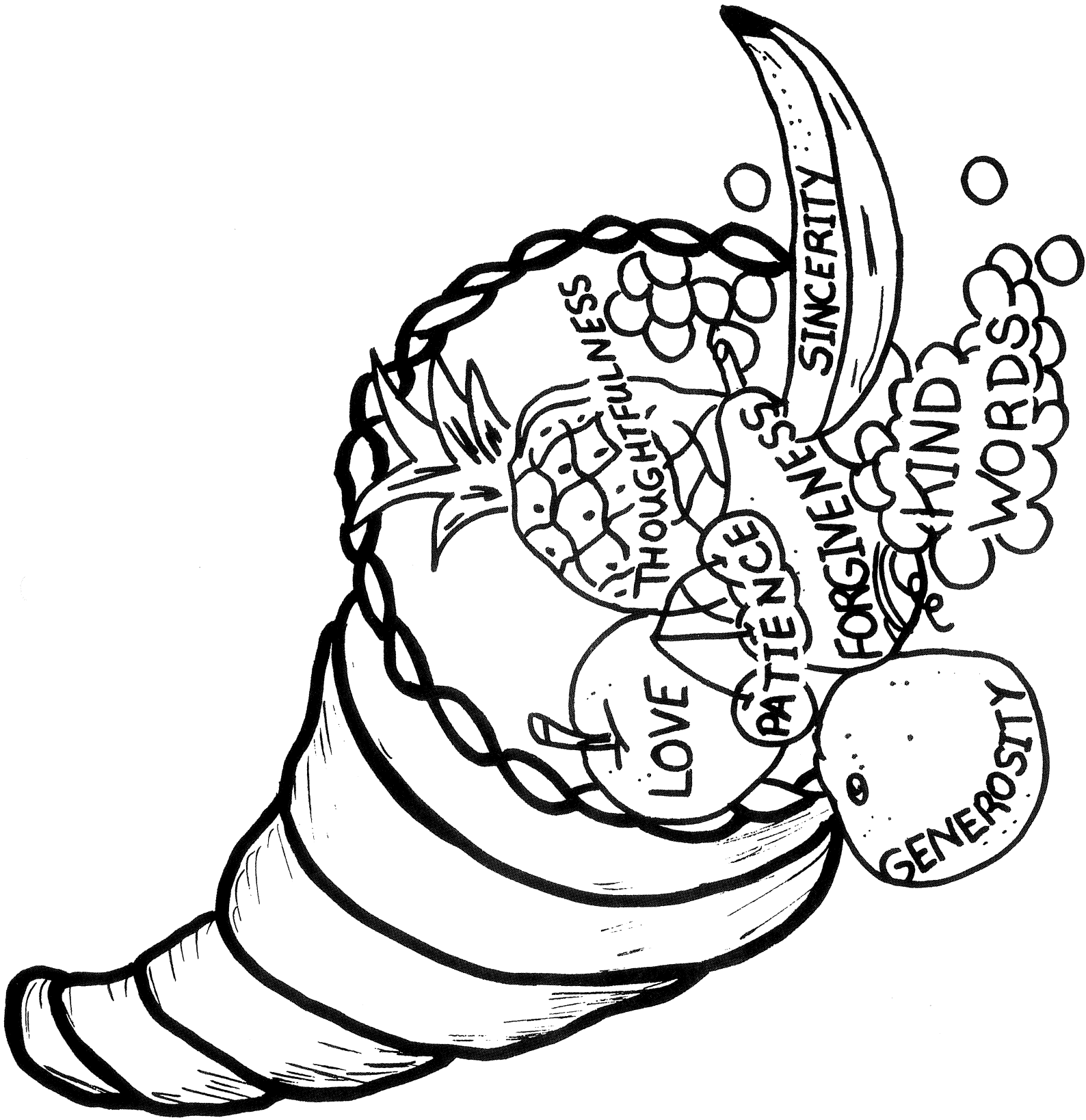
Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

Matthew 7:12



I'll teach Sam
to call **me** ugly!





Dying in Order to Live

John 12:32

by Mrs. Dick Sisk

INSTRUCTIONS: Two weeks prior to teaching this lesson, have available for each student: one small container with dirt, several pinto beans (beans should have been soaked overnight), and one plastic sandwich bag. The girls should plant the beans in the container, water well, and cover with the plastic bag. Have the girls to take the plants home to watch the stages of growth. The teacher should leave one plant in the room so that it can be viewed during the study of this lesson. The plastic bag can be removed when the plant has sprouted and grown for several days. Pictures that accompany the lesson should be colored, cut out, and backed with flannel. Follow directions on each sheet of pictures.

“Dying in order to live.” Now that’s a strange expression, and yet that is what must happen in a person’s life for her to become a believer in Jesus Christ. She must die in order to live. Probably the one thing that all people cling to is life. People want to live successfully and richly, but most of all we just want to live. Most of the people you know would not enjoy talking about dying. But the Bible teaches us that the only way which leads to life eternal is the dying of one’s own selfish desires and wants. When we have accepted Christ as our Savior, by faith we are saying that we no longer want to please anything or anyone but God. In other words, we say, “Not my will, Lord, but Your will in everything I do or say.” Dying to yourself means following Christ completely.

Let’s explain this idea further by looking into the memory verse, John 12:32. Jesus was speaking when He said, “*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*” In this scripture Jesus was talking about His death on the cross as further explained in verse 33. **(Place the picture of the plain red cross on the flannel board.)** For God’s plan of salvation to be complete, Jesus had to die. His death provides us with the way to be born again. In earlier verses of this same chapter, some Greek men had come to visit with Jesus; and in the conversation Jesus told them, “*The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.*” He was telling them that it was time for Him to die on the cross.

If you read far enough in the Gospel According to John, you find that it was on this trip to Jerusalem that Jesus was betrayed and crucified and rose again the third day. The Jewish people of that day wanted very much to make Jesus their earthly king. They wanted to be freed from the rule of the Romans. Many people were aware of, and had even been witnesses to, the miracles that Jesus had performed. What better person, they thought, to be our king.

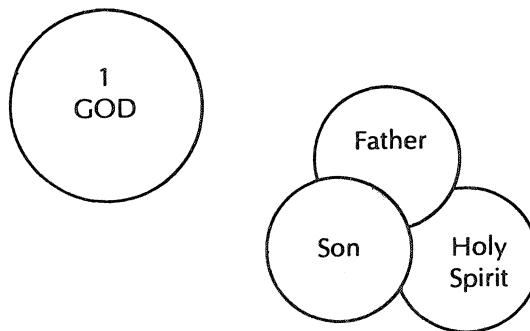
Jesus did want to be king, but not in the same way that the Jews desired. He wanted to be king in their hearts. **(Place white heart over the crossbars of the cross.)** He wanted to forgive them of their sins and wash them as white as snow. He had taught His disciples many times that His death was coming soon. He wanted them to understand that for God’s plan to be finished His death must take place. Of course, God could have chosen a different way, but He did not. He chose to send Jesus, God the Son, to earth to suffer on the cross, giving His life for all of us.

During His lifetime Jesus used many simple illustrations to teach a lesson. In John 12:24 (read the scripture), Jesus talks of the principle of dying in order to live. He uses the simple illustration of how a seed must die in order to bring forth fruit. The seed must be placed in the ground, there it will die, and then a new plant springs up and produces new fruit of whatever kind of seed was planted. **(Place the cross that has “EXCEPT A CORN OF WHEAT . . .” over the center of the picture of the seed in the ground and the new plant bearing fruit. Also at this time in the lesson, discuss the small plant that was planted two weeks ago. Talk about what happened to the seed and how the plant eventually will produce fruit — beans.)** Had these beans been left in a jar **(place picture of beans in jar on the board)**, they would have done nothing, simply remained alone. Had Jesus not died, there would have been no provision for us to be born again. Remember, it takes the blood of Jesus to cleanse our hearts, and that blood was shed on the cross. Revelation 1:5 says He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. In Old Testament days the blood of an innocent animal was shed in order to picture forgiveness of sin. Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, shed His blood to redeem our sins in perfect fulfillment of the Old Testament pictures.

One time a king gave his ruby ring **(place ring on the board)** to one of his friends saying, “Tomorrow you will be arrested but do not be afraid; just show the men this ring, and they will not harm you.” It came to pass as the king had said, but when the man showed them the ring they let him go immediately. When we

show our red ring — the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross — then Satan cannot harm us. In order for us to receive this new life promised through Jesus' death we must die — not a physical death, although all men must die physically someday — we must die to the old sin nature. It is the dying of this nature that allows the new life of Jesus to spring forth.

Let us now consider the remaining phrase of the verse to be memorized. It reads, "*I . . . will draw all men unto me.*" (Why not let the girls share their ideas before giving the meaning?) This statement has reference to the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not mean, as we know from many other scriptures, that all men would come to Him; nor would any man come to Him by force. He gave each one of us the right to decide which choice we would make. But after His death, Jesus had promised, the Comforter would come. The Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, has the responsibility of convicting people of their sins — thus drawing them to Jesus Christ. *All men* in that phrase means that all people everywhere have the right to make that choice. Jesus died for all people of every color in every nation. How clearly we can see the Trinity of God in this lesson. **(As you talk of the Trinity, place the figures on the board by the following pattern.)**

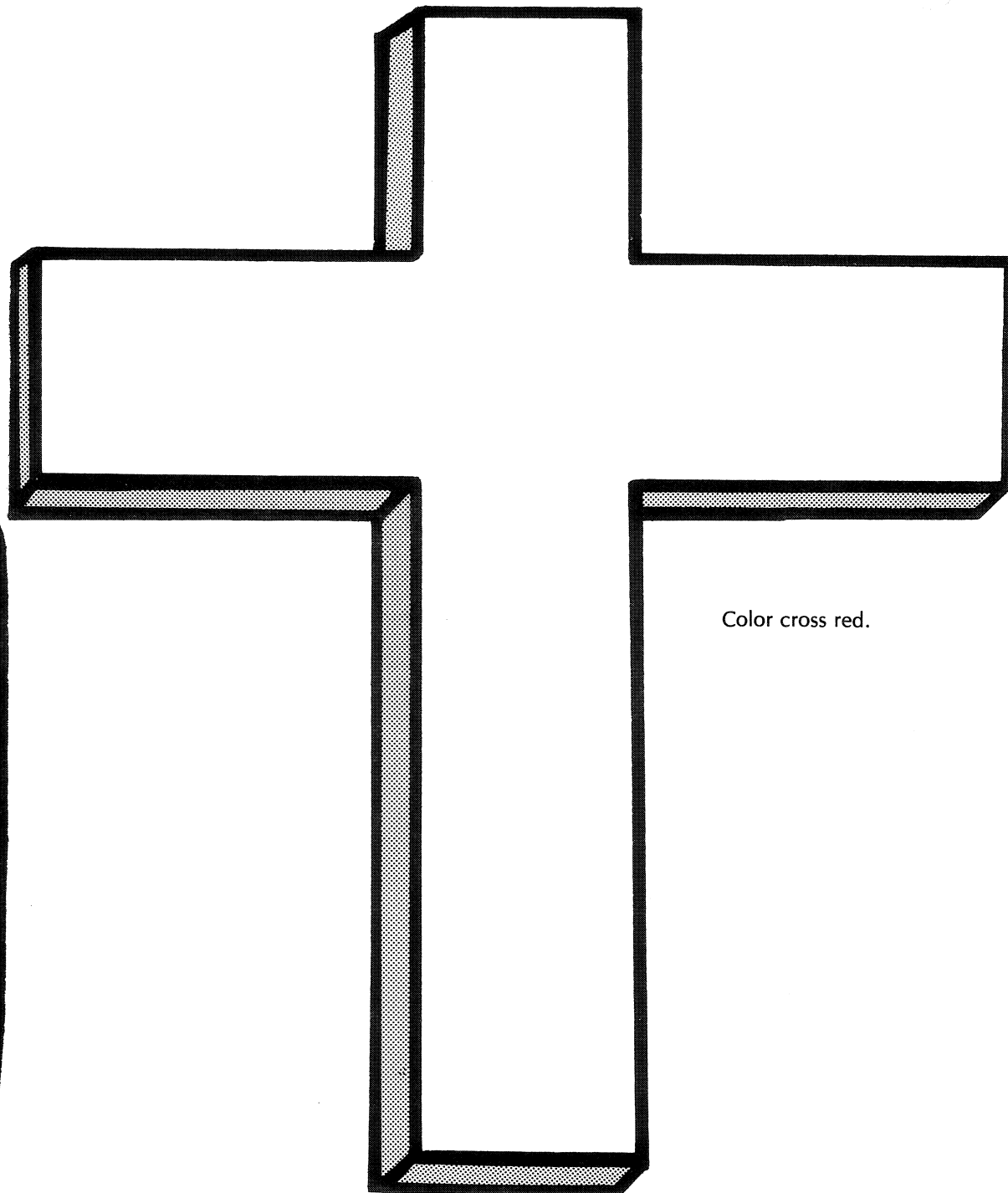
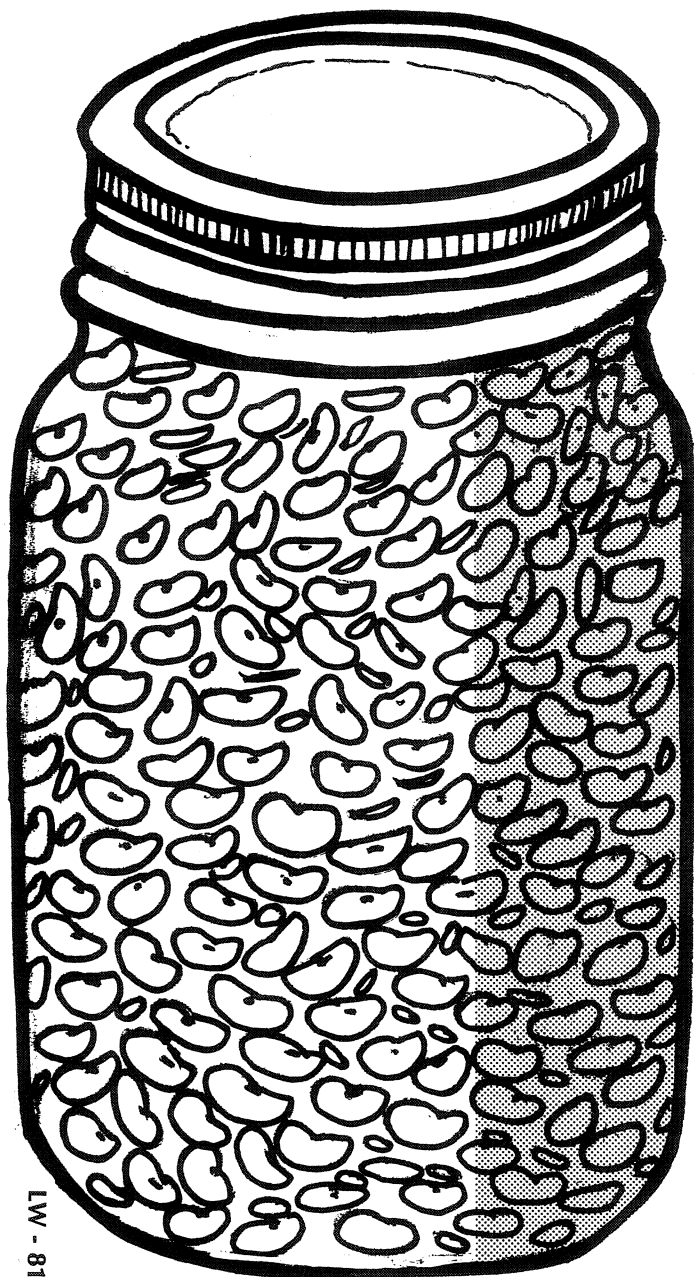


We believe there is one God in three persons. In the lesson, we saw that it was God the Father who *made* the way of salvation by sending God the Son who *is the* way of salvation, and the drawing of men to Jesus by God the Spirit who *shows* the way of salvation.

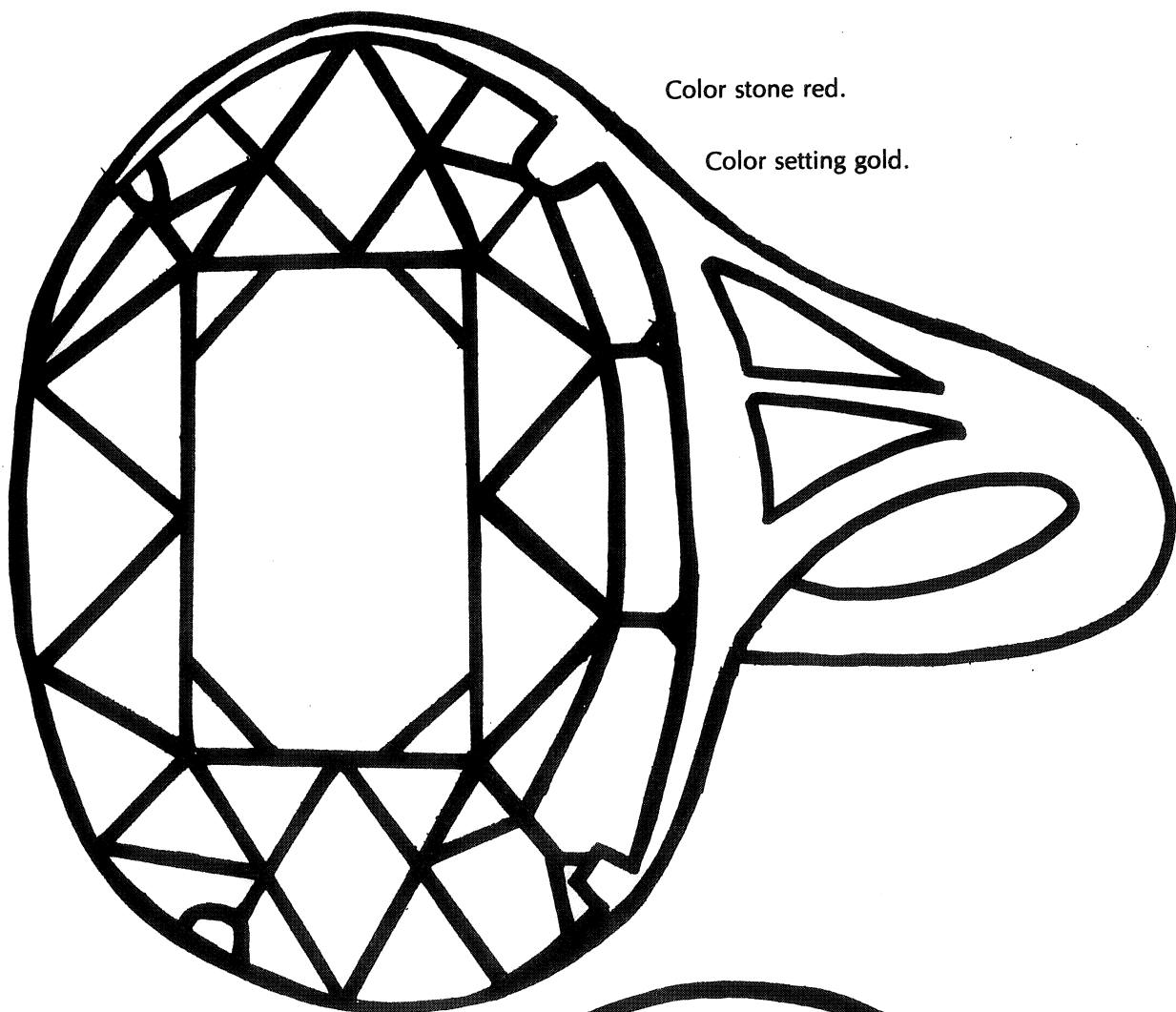
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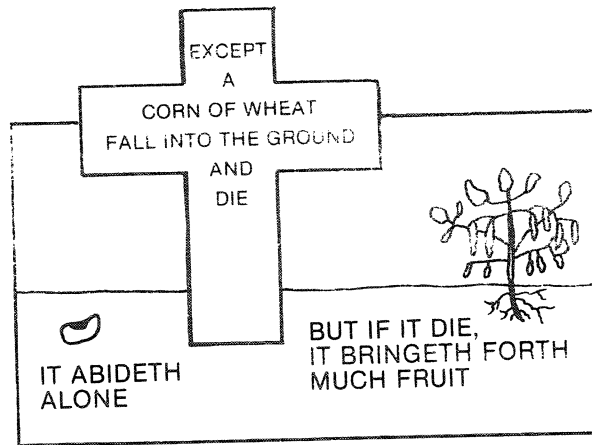
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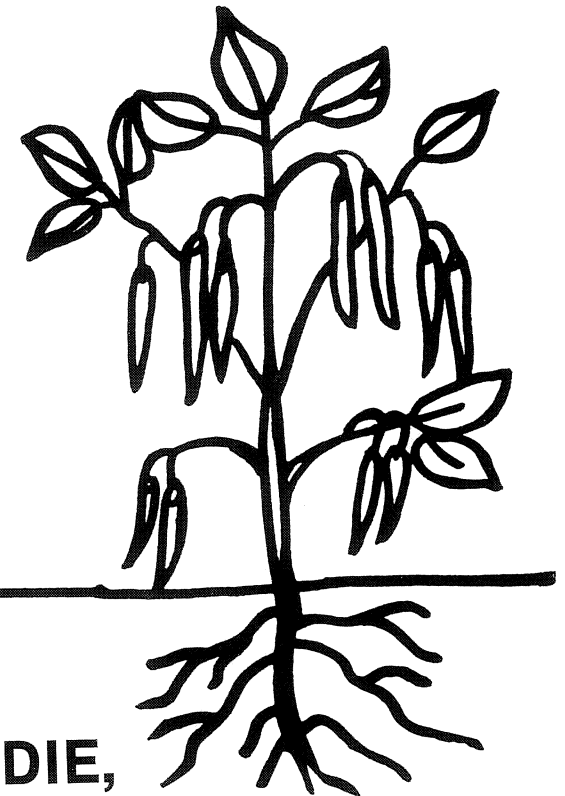
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Arrange as pictured.

Color seed brown.
Color new plant green
with green beans.

Cut on dotted line.



IT ABIDETH
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BUT IF IT DIE,
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MUCH FRUIT

Color cross red.

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CORN OF WHEAT

FALL INTO THE GROUND

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**HOLY
SPIRIT**

As You Go...
Matthew 28:19, 20
by Mrs. Dick Sisk

INSTRUCTIONS: Cut out visuals. Using spray adhesive, back with lightweight cardstock before backing with flannel.

DEFINITIONS OF KEY WORDS USED IN THE VERSES:

(Place these words on the flannel board and explain each one.)

1. **GO** — Actually the word is *going*, carrying with it the meaning of “as you go.” The word *going* is a participle; and although it expresses action, it is not a verb, but an adjective form.
2. **BAPTIZING** and **TEACHING** (verse 20) — These words are also participles.
BAPTIZING — This word means dipping or submerging. The word was used by the Greeks when they described such things as the drawing of water by dipping one vessel into another.
TEACHING (verse 20) — Another word or process that explains what Jesus intended is *edification*. This word suggests “building up” or “promoting spiritual growth.”
3. **TEACH** (verse 19) — This could be translated “make disciples.” This is the key verb used in these scriptures. The action “teach all nations” is the command that Jesus was leaving to us. To make disciples means to win people to Jesus.

(Remove words from the board.)

By looking and studying the definitions of these words, we learn that Jesus did not actually command us to go; but rather, He just naturally assumed that we would be *going* to the “world” with the gospel message. When we read these verses in the Greek language of the New Testament, we would read that phrase this way: “Going, therefore . . .” or “As you go . . .” (**Place title in the center of board.**) So, as we go about our daily lives, we are to share the gospel message of Jesus.

After the resurrection of the Lord, His disciples immediately began in Jerusalem to share the gospel. The book of Acts records that they went to the temple, from house to house, before the Jewish council, and even on the streets. Believers were then scattered over the land because of persecution and with them they carried the gospel — teaching others they met. They soon saw what a tremendous responsibility they had and that it was two-fold:

- (1) To win others to Jesus (**Place the words “WINNING OTHERS” on the left side of board.**)
- (2) To help each other to grow and mature as Christians (**Place words “MATURING AS CHRISTIANS” on the right side of board.**)

We can see, as they did, that the church exists for two reasons.

- (1) (**Place “world” symbol under “WINNING OTHERS.”**) In the world, the church’s purpose is that of EVANGELISM, which involves our going and making disciples. (**Place “EVANGELISM” under “world” symbol.**)
- (2) (**Place “church” symbol under “MATURING AS CHRISTIANS.”**) The church then has a purpose as a group of gathered believers for the purpose of EDIFICATION which involves new believers being baptized and then taught. (**Place “EDIFICATION” under “church” symbol.**)

In the New Testament several different words and phrases are used to show how people carried out the command that Jesus left with the church. They are similar in meaning, but still a little different. They do help us to understand how the unsaved were reached for Jesus. Let me give you a modern-day example of what I mean. Take the sentences:

The girl *ran* down the street.

The girl *jogged* down the street.

The girl *skipped* down the street.

All of these sentences mean basically the same thing, yet they are different in the way they describe how the girl moved down the street. The following words tell us how the world was evangelized for Jesus shortly after His resurrection. (**Place “SPEAK, PROCLAIM, TESTIFY” under “EVANGELISM.”**)

1. **SPEAK** — “As they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them” (Acts 4:1). Peter and John were in the temple *telling* the people about Jesus.

2. **PROCLAIM** — *“Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them”* (Acts 8:5). (To preach is to proclaim.) This means to cry as a herald or give special announcement. It carries a more formal meaning, perhaps like “preaching” in the church today.
3. **TESTIFY** — *“With many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation”* (Acts 2:40). Testify means to bear witness. This phrase carries the idea that the person talking was attempting to convince the hearers that Jesus was truly the Messiah. They were not simply presenting the gospel, but were giving evidence from Old Testament and from personal experience that Jesus was really the Son of God. They earnestly tried to show the person their need for Jesus.

Not only did these people communicate verbally, but they lived their lives so that people knew there was something different about them. **(Place on board below speak, etc., the card with the areas of life.)**

1. **BUSINESS LIFE** — *“We beseech you . . . that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing”* (I Thessalonians 4:10-12). Christians are to be fair and honest toward those who are unsaved.
2. **SOCIAL LIFE** — *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved”* (I Corinthians 10:31-33). The way not to win others to Jesus is not to tell them about Him and then to participate in their immoral activities. Whatever we do must be done for the honor and glory of God.
3. **HOME LIFE** — *“Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives”* (I Peter 3:1). Here it mentions wives being in submission to their husbands in order that they might win them to Jesus. The same applies to young people whose parents are not saved. You are under the authority and responsibility of your parents. Don’t you agree that the best way to win them to Jesus is to obey them and show them the respect that they deserve?
4. **LIFE IN GENERAL** — *“Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself”* (Romans 13:9). Our lives must not be an object of disgrace so that others may see Jesus in us.

The second responsibility of the church deals with the term *edification*. To understand just what Jesus wanted the new believers to be taught, let’s explain the term more fully. Christians must be taught the Scriptures (the Word of God) in order to become more mature. As new Christians we start out on what the Bible refers to as “milk of the Word.” Just as a newborn baby cannot digest more than milk, we as new Christians cannot understand some things in Scripture. As a baby grows and matures he is given solid food, and the same applies to Christians — we are able to understand the “meat of the Word,” finally growing into “adult” Christians. The church must mature so that we will become dynamic witnesses to the world and so that we will honor and glorify God. Edification (“building up”) can be done in many ways other than just the teaching of the Scriptures. However, keep in mind that the Word of God is the basis for all of the things we are about to mention.

(Place the following words under “EDIFICATION” — indenting.)

1. *Fellowship* is encouraged with other believers. Christians, regardless of their culture, background, political views, or hair style have the same Savior, Jesus Christ. Because of Him we can share, communicate, discuss all things since we have Jesus as the basis of our relationship.
2. Being *united in prayer* is another way in which the church is edified. How important that the church be a praying church and be united together for different needs. We are encouraged to share our burdens with one another.
3. *Obtaining instruction* on how to live the Christian life should be especially meaningful. To the early church this came in the form of letters from such men as Peter, Paul, James, etc. Praise God, we have many of these letters to read and to study how God desires that we live each day.

These are only a few of the things that are mentioned in the New Testament that speak of edification.

Now let’s consider the word *BAPTIZE*. The word, as we have learned, means to dip or submerge. Jesus used the term in direct reference to believers. Baptism has no part in the life of the unsaved. Baptism indicates that the person who was baptized was identified with the one in whose name he was baptized. The believer is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three persons make up the Trinity of God. How important is it for us to be baptized? Baptism plays no part in our salvation; rather,

we are baptized because we have been saved. We want the world to know that we are identifying ourselves with Jesus. Jesus commanded baptism, and we should obey. It paints a picture of the gospel, which is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We show by our baptism that we are dead and buried to an old way of life and that we have risen to walk in the new life of Jesus.

The last statement of the verses to be memorized is so important. Jesus would never command us to do something and then fail to give us the power to do it. How reassuring to read *"I am with you."* First, He commanded us to win men to Him, to teach them, to baptize them; and then He says, *"I will be right there with you."* We could never carry out those tasks in our own strength or power, but God has given us His promise to enable us to carry out His command. ***(Place word "COMMAND" on the board. Ask girls to state the command. Place "PROMISE" on the board. Ask girls to state the promise.)***

"Even unto the end of the world" (better translated *"end of the age"*) means that He will be guiding us until He returns to earth for us.

It can be said that Matthew 28:19, 20 outlines the basic tasks of the church and that the rest of the New Testament fills in the outline with examples and additional instruction to help us understand what Jesus had in mind for the church here on earth. Let's look at a modern-day example to further understand this.

On Saturday morning your mom goes shopping, and leaves you this note which you find when you get up. ***(Place note on board.)***

Let's compare the first part of this note to the verses in Matthew — the basic task. Mom wanted Jane to clean the room. As further instruction she put a P.S. to explain to Jane just what she meant by cleaning the room. I think that Jane should have no problem in understanding just what Mom intended for her to do. Our task is laid out so plainly with many additional instructions and examples, but unless we study the note (God's Word), how can we know what great and marvelous things God has in store for us?

WINNING OTHERS

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MATURING AS CHRISTIANS

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(MAKING DISCIPLES)

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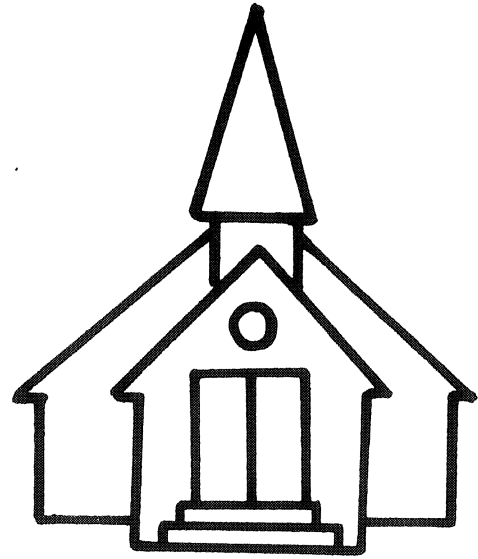
BAPTIZING

EDIFICATION

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**BUSINESS LIFE
SOCIAL LIFE
HOME LIFE
LIFE IN GENERAL**

**SPEAK
PROCLAIM
TESTIFY**



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Jane,
I am going shopping. Will be
gone about two hours. Please clean
up your room while I am gone.

Love,
Mom

P.S. Don't forget to change the linen
and clean out from under the bed.
Put the week old pizza in the
trash. Clean out your closet with
the intentions of finding the
missing brown shoe. All dirty
clothes should be put into the
hamper as I will finish the wash
when I return. Vacuum floor.

FELLOWSHIP

UNITED IN PRAYER

OBTAINING INSTRUCTION

"AS YOU GO..."

God Kept His Promise

by Mrs. Bill Martin

INSTRUCTIONS: Make three posters like pages LW - 102-104. You will use these visuals with this lesson as well as "A New Helper." Enlarge the illustrations on poster board. For best effect write in the wording on the book covers as your lesson progresses. You may choose to cut poster LW -103 into five smaller posters. You might also want to cut LW - 102 into pieces to fit together like a puzzle. If so, back the pieces with flannel so that you can anchor them on a flannel board as you teach.

The girls will need to fill in their book outlines in *My Special Place* as you teach.

Have you looked forward to having someone's promise kept but then were disappointed when it didn't come about? Maybe you were excited about the promise of a special friend to come to your home. You may have dreamed of the things you would do together, but then she decided not to come. She broke her promise.

Promises are sometimes hard to keep, don't you agree? Do you know of someone who has never broken a promise? I do. Listen to the lesson and find out who He is.

God made a promise to Abraham and the people who would be born into Abraham's family throughout all time. He promised to give them a holy city with a Messiah who would rule over their kingdom forever. The promise was called a *covenant*, or a *testament*. Both words simply mean an "agreement."

Where in the Bible can you read about the ancient agreement God made? (Wait for a response.) Of course, it is in the first overall section of the Bible — the Old Testament (the "old agreement").

When you were working on your Maiden step, you learned that the Old Testament consists of thirty-nine separate books. You also learned how those books fit together into five groupings. Let's picture the Bible as a shelf of books in order to review the list of Old testament books which you learned as a Maiden.

(Use LW - 102 to review the Old Testament. Let the girls practice reciting the list of Old Testament books.)

In the Old Testament God made a promise to Abraham and all the people who would be born into his family. His family eventually grew into the Hebrew nation. Today they are known as the Jewish race.

When God makes a promise, He keeps it. Unlike us, He never forgets. God is trustworthy. He has never broken a promise. And He didn't forget His promise to the Hebrew nation.

In the Old Testament the Hebrews looked forward to the time when their Messiah would come. They needed a leader who would save them from their enemies and make them a strong nation. They were not looking for a spiritual leader.

God's promise was not a temporary one, such as saving people from their enemies. It was a promise that would save the people forever — one that would provide their freedom from Satan and sin. Jesus was God's promise come true.

When Jesus came to earth as a human being, the Jewish nation didn't recognize Him as their Messiah. They kept right on looking for the Messiah, or the Christ. So God made another promise, or covenant, that includes you and me.

The New Testament (or "new agreement") offers all the world the blessings God first promised the Jewish nation. We can accept Jesus as our Messiah by trusting Him to save us from sin. When we trust Him we have the promise of a life that will never end. With this life comes the promise of one day receiving a new address. The new address we will receive is called heaven.

Have you watched the news on television lately? Have you heard the newscaster say, "Today there is good news"? I don't think you will hear that very much. Why? (Wait for a response.) There aren't many news reports that contain good news.

We can have hope, though; for God offers us good news every day. There is good news in the Bible. The best news we will ever hear is that Jesus died for our sins. Not only that, but He is also in heaven preparing us a better place to live.

Now we will learn how the books of the New Testament fit together to tell us about God's new agreement to bless us in Jesus.

(Use posters LW - 103 and 104 as you continue.)

The first four books of the New Testament are called the good news of Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Let's look at Matthew. Find Matthew in your Bible. What is the title of his book? (Pause for the girls to find the answer.) The proper name is *the Gospel According to Matthew*.

(Write *The Gospel According to Matthew* on the "Life of Christ" book cover.)

The word *gospel* means "the good news of Jesus Christ." What good news does the Bible tell us about Jesus Christ? (He is God's Son, who came to earth as a human to die for sin. He arose from the dead and is now preparing a place for those who have trusted Him as their Savior. One day He will return and take believers to heaven to live with God.)

God chose to record the good news of Jesus in four books. The first book was written by Matthew. Matthew was a Jew who became a disciple of Jesus. He could write about Jesus because he spent about three years with Him.

He had the opportunity to be a part of the most exciting historical events that would affect every person in the world. Matthew heard the words of Jesus. He watched the miracles Jesus performed. He experienced the love of Jesus.

The Gospel According to Matthew was written to the Jews. Matthew used Old Testament scriptures to prove that Jesus is the promised Messiah. The books of the prophets told where Jesus was to be born, what city would become His home, and how He would die.

Matthew wrote the good news of Jesus Christ so that his own people would accept Jesus as their Savior. Many people believed and became followers of Christ. But most of the Jews did not.

What is the next book in the New Testament? (the Gospel According to Mark) Mark's full name was John Mark.

(Write *Mark* on the "Life of Christ" book cover.)

We don't know whether Mark knew Jesus during His earthly ministry. We do know that he was a close friend of Peter, one of the original disciples. Mark was a relative of Barnabas, a missionary companion to the apostle Paul. Mark also became a helper to Paul in the last years of Paul's life.

The Gospel According to Mark was written to the people of Rome. These people were different from the Jews. They weren't so concerned about Jesus' genealogy and Old Testament prophecies. They were more interested in His power to stop a storm, to heal diseased bodies, and to bring someone back from the dead.

Mark wrote about Jesus, the Son of God, as a servant to all people. He narrated the good news of Jesus at a fast pace that will keep you reading. It would be good for you to read a few verses from this book each day until you have finished the entire book.

What is the name of the third Gospel?

(Repeat the full name — the Gospel According to Luke. Write *Luke* on the "Life of Christ" book cover.)

Luke was a doctor and a friend of Paul. Sometimes he went with Paul on missionary trips. He was able to see what God can do to change people through the good news of Jesus. He was a witness to many exciting things as he went with Paul from city to city.

As a doctor Luke knew about pain and suffering. Surely he hurt for his friend Paul, who was often beaten for telling others about Jesus. He must have seen how important it is for the story of Jesus to be shared. He saw his friend keep right on telling the good news. Pain didn't stop Paul.

Luke was a Greek, not a Jew. He is the only Gentile writer in the New Testament. Luke was an educated man whom God used to write the good news of Jesus.

Why did Luke write his book? Let's read the first four verses of chapter 1 to get the answer. (Ask one of the girls to read the verses. Read the passage from different versions.)

After reading these verses, can anyone tell me why Luke wrote this book? (Pause for answers. Reread portions of the verses as needed to let the girls discover the answer for themselves.)

Do you think it took Luke a long time to write his book? If so, why do you think it took a long time? Did he talk with other people who knew Jesus? How could he write about Mary's happiness when she heard that she would be the mother of the promised Messiah? How did Luke know about Jesus when He was a young boy? What about the miracles and the parables Jesus told? Did Luke take pen and start writing before he knew these things? No, he didn't. He spent a long time talking with people who had been with Jesus. He probably interviewed Mary, the mother of Jesus.

God used Luke to gather information about Jesus from other people. God's Holy Spirit then helped Luke to put these findings into writing for all the world to read.

Luke wrote about Jesus, the man. When He was on earth, Jesus was God; yet, He was also man. He could

feel happiness. He could feel pain and experience sadness. As a doctor Luke could show us how Jesus felt. Luke could write about the hurting people whom Jesus helped. By reading his book we can see how Jesus can help us when we hurt. Our pain may result from illness or sadness. No matter how we hurt, Jesus wants to help us.

Not only does Jesus want to help us, but He also wants to save those who are unsaved. Jesus loved us so much that He took our place when He died on the cross. It doesn't matter how rich, poor, beautiful, unattractive, good, or bad we are; if we haven't invited Jesus into our hearts, we will someday be separated from Him forever.

Luke says there is good news for those of us who accept Jesus as Savior. We will have a never-ending life in heaven with God and the Lord Jesus. This is His new covenant.

What is the name of the fourth Gospel? (the Gospel According to John) Can anyone tell me who John was? (Wait for a response.) John was a disciple of Jesus. Sometimes he is called an apostle of Jesus. A *disciple* is a learner, a follower of Christ. Jesus trained His disciples to tell the world about Him. An *apostle* is a person sent out with a message.

(Write John on the "Life of Christ" book cover.)

God gave John a message to tell the world. The book of John was the last Gospel to be written. John tells us why he wrote his book. (Ask one of the girls to read John 20:30, 31.)

Why did John write his book? (He wrote so that all people might believe that Jesus is the promised Christ and God's Son. As a result of believing in Him they would receive eternal life.)

When a girl becomes a Christian, the first book she is encouraged to read is the book of John. This book makes her better acquainted with God's Son. She gets to know Him better as she reads each page.

John wrote his book based upon what he personally saw. He was a witness to what Jesus said and did. He tells us, *"There are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written"* (John 21:25).

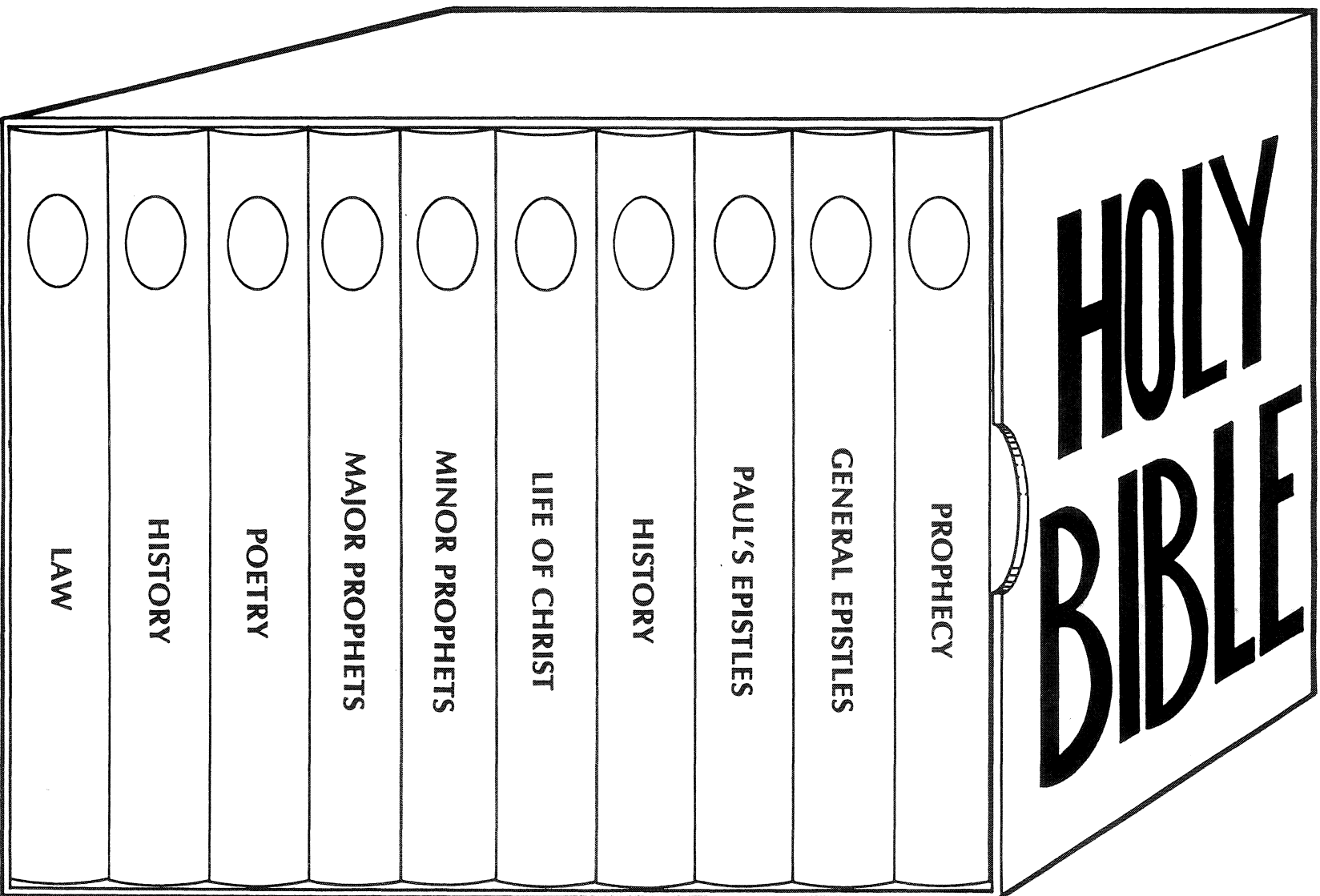
What do you think this scripture means? (Reread the verse. Let the girls determine the answer.)

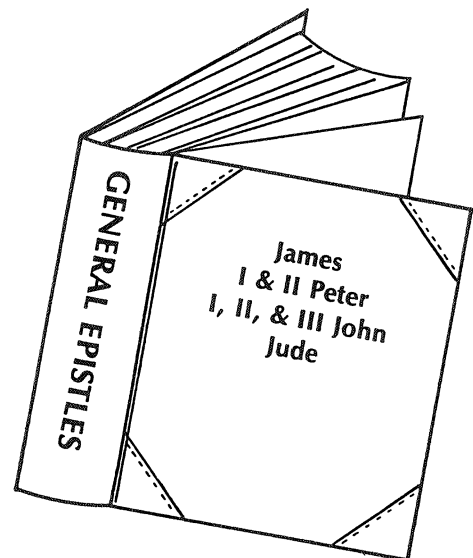
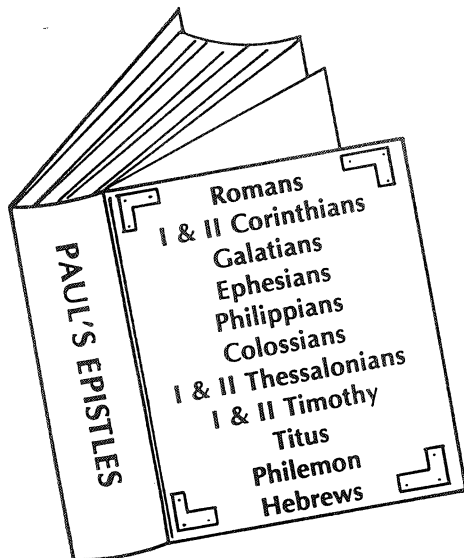
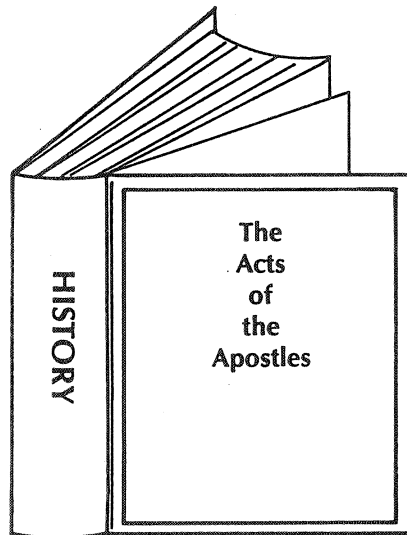
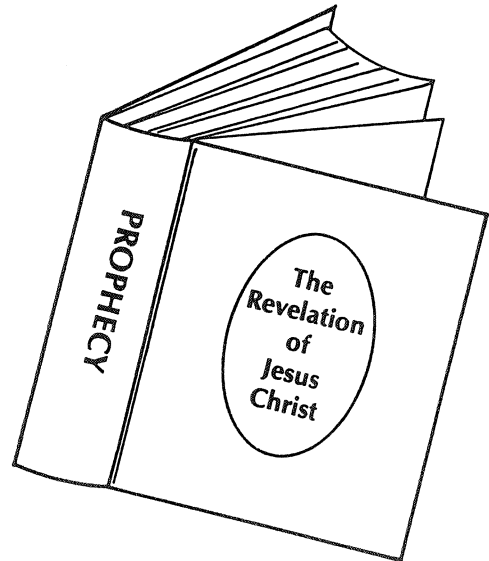
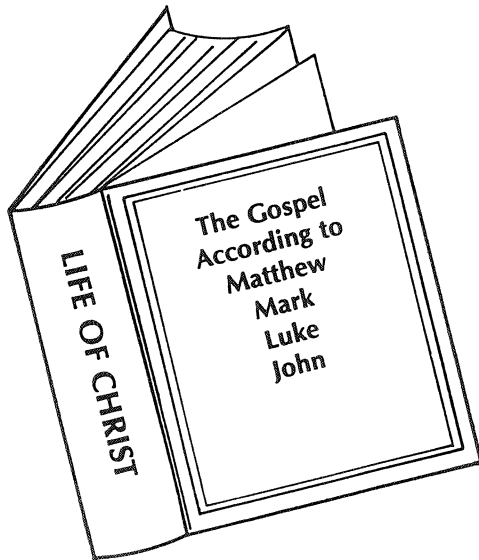
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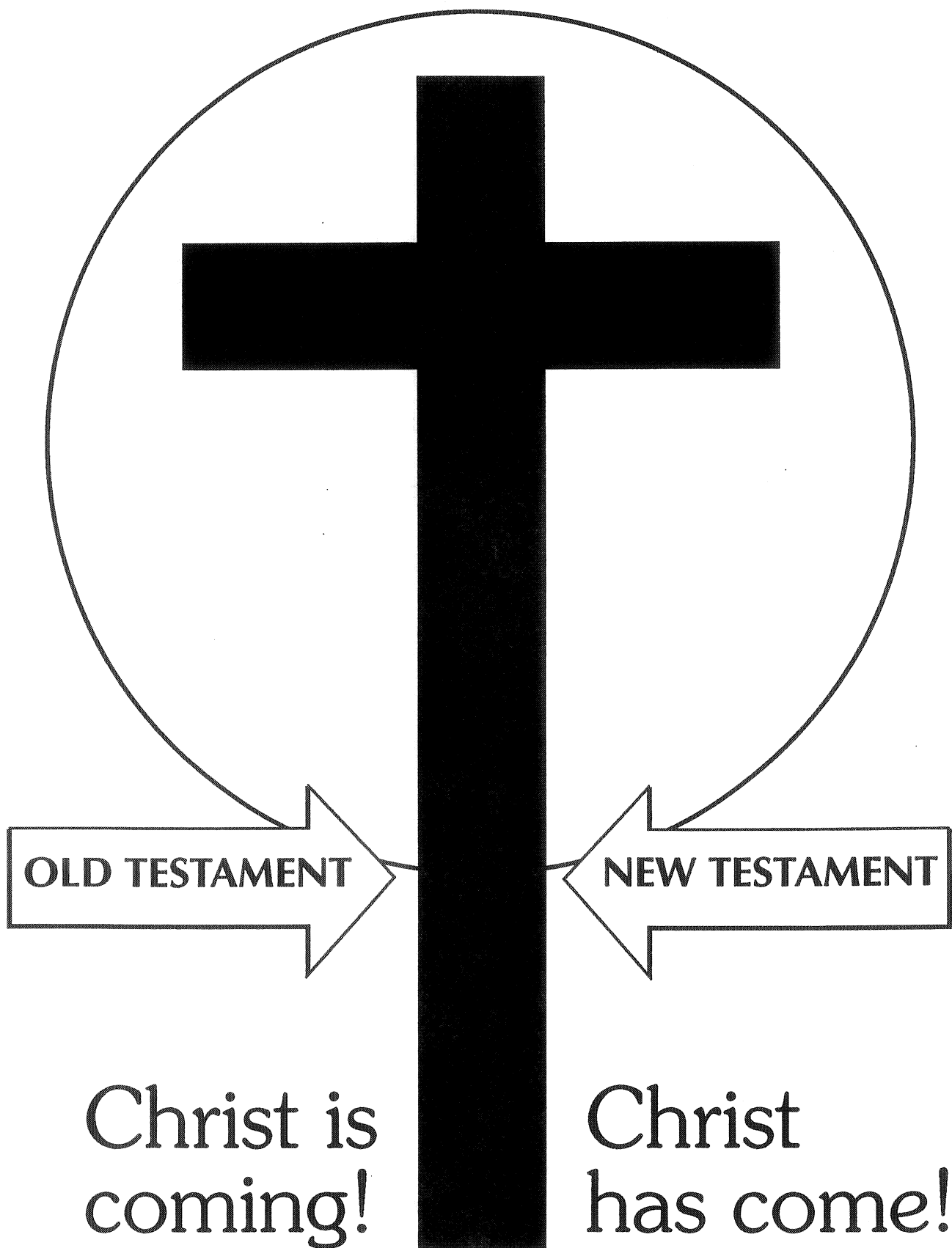
The Bible is God's Word. It is our guidebook to Jesus. The Old Testament points forward to Jesus' coming. The New Testament looks back to when Jesus came and died for us.

The people in Old Testament times looked for the Messiah, Jesus, who would save them. They were saved by looking forward to Jesus' sacrifice for them. Today we are saved by grace (something we didn't earn) through believing in Jesus. Because Jesus has come, we can experience everything God planned for us as His children on earth as well as in heaven.

Let's pause and thank God for the new agreement or New Testament that He gave to us. His promise of never-ending life with Jesus is the best promise we will ever receive.







A New Helper

by Mrs. Bill Martin

INSTRUCTIONS: You will use the same visuals as you did in "God Kept His Promise." As you display the book drawings, have the girls to complete the matching drawings in their lesson books.

What does the word *helper* means? (Wait for a response.) Do we need helpers in our lives? Of course we do. Your mother, dad, sister, and even your brother help you every day. We can't do very many things without a helper. Someone had to teach us how to do the things we do. Your school teachers are helpers. Your pastor is a helper. I am your helper. Why? (Wait for a response and then elaborate upon the answers.)

Today's lesson is entitled, "A New Helper." Listen closely to learn who He is.

Earlier we studied about the life of Christ while He was on earth. What books of the Bible tell of the life of Christ? (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

Our lesson today begins shortly before Jesus returned to heaven. He had some final instructions to give to the disciples. No doubt they listened very quietly as He instructed them to share the good news with everyone. He also told them to baptize and train the new believers the way He had trained them.

Jesus trained His disciples for three years. He taught them by what He did as well as what He said. By watching Jesus the disciples saw what God was like. They saw Jesus perform miracles to prove that He is God's Son. When they saw Him alive after He had died, they knew for sure that He is God's Son.

Surely they were excited about the good news that Jesus was alive again. However, Jesus knew that excitement wasn't enough to keep the disciples sharing the good news.

In His final conversation with the disciples before returning to heaven, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to live within each believer. He said, "*Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me*" (Acts 1:8).

The Holy Spirit became their helper. He was God living in them. It was their turn to introduce Jesus to others. They became teachers of all they had been taught by Jesus.

The books of Acts tells what happened after Jesus returned to heaven. Turn to Acts and read the proper title. What is it? (The Acts of the Apostles)

(Write *The Acts of the Apostles* on the "History" book cover.)

Do you remember the difference between the words *disciple* and *apostle*? (*Disciple* means "a learner, a follower of Christ." *Apostle* means "a person sent out with a message.")

Jesus sent out twelve men with His message. Luke wrote about their ministry and that of a new apostle named Paul in the book of Acts.

Sometimes the book is called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." The book tells how the Holy Spirit guided God's men during the early church years. When we read how He helped the apostles, we can learn how He can help us in our daily lives. We see how He can help us share the good news of Jesus with our world. The Holy Spirit lives within every believer. That includes you and me!

While He was on earth, Jesus organized the church to carry out His work. His disciples composed the first church. The word *church* means an "assembly of people called out to obey Jesus." Jesus called those men to follow Him. They accepted Him as their Savior when they followed Him. They became the ones Jesus taught. They participated in Jesus' ministry to bring people back to God.

After Jesus returned to heaven, the church continued to carry out His work. When a person accepted Jesus as Savior and was baptized, that person became a church member. The member was then trained to participate in Jesus' ministry of bringing others to God.

Jesus chose the church to further His work. He wanted a group of people who loved Him and would learn to love and care for others as He did. He knew that in order to live for Him we needed more than ourselves. He knew we needed to love and to be loved by other believers.

Jesus knew all things. He didn't plan for any believer to live alone outside the church. His plan calls for every believer to be a part of the church. That's where He gets His glory — in the church. (Ask one of the girls to read Ephesians 3:21.) Where does Jesus get glory? (in the church)

The book of Acts tells us how the members of the first church loved each other. Satan tried to destroy what Jesus had started. He tried to silence Christians by having them put into prison. The Christians fled into

other countries for fear of being killed by the religious leaders who didn't believe in Jesus. They took the good news with them, and soon the gospel spread over the known world.

One of the men God chose to become an apostle was Paul. Paul went from place to place preaching how much Jesus loved every person in the world. He told what Jesus had done so they could know God. People believed in Jesus and were baptized. Paul then organized churches with the new believers.

When Paul organized a church, he never forgot her. His love for God's people caused him to pray continually for them. God used Paul to give the churches His plan.

There were no written rules on how the churches should carry out the work of Jesus. So God gave Paul the rules, and Paul wrote them in letters called *epistles*. He sent them to the people in different towns. These letters were passed on to other churches to read.

We have these letters in our Bible. God wrote them not only for the early churches, but also for us.

Open your Bibles to the book of Romans. What does the heading say? (The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans) Verse 1 tells us who wrote the letter. Who was it? (Paul)

In verse 1 Paul tells his readers who he is. Who is he? (Have someone read verse 1. When she is finished reading, ask the question, "Who was Paul?") To whom did Paul write the letter? Verse 7 gives the answer. (Ask someone to read this verse and respond to the question.) Paul wrote to the saints (Christians) at Rome.

Now that we have the idea, let's turn to I Timothy. What is the complete title of this book? (The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Timothy) Who did Paul say that he was in verse 1? (He was "*an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope.*") Now let's read verse 2 to discover whom Paul was writing the letter to. (Timothy)

Paul wrote thirteen letters, and some Bible scholars believe he wrote the letter to the Hebrews. He wrote Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and (possibly) Hebrews.

(Write these titles on the "Paul's Epistles" book cover.)

Let's practice these titles so you will be able to pronounce them. (Recite the titles of the books three times.)

The short books at the back of the New Testament are called the general epistles. Most of them were written to people in general rather than specific groups.

The epistle of James was probably written by Jesus' half-brother James. He was pastor of the first church in Jerusalem.

The apostle Peter wrote I Peter and II Peter. The apostle John wrote the next three books. Jude, possibly another half-brother of Jesus, wrote the book of Jude.

(Write these titles on the "General Epistles" book cover.)

Turn to the last book of the New Testament. Read the first verse silently. (Give time for everyone to read.)

Who wrote the book of Revelation? (John) This is the apostle John, who also wrote four other books in the New Testament. What other books did he write? (the Gospel According to John, I John, II John, III John)

(Write Revelation on the "Prophecy" book cover.)

Revelation means "the act of uncovering, revealing, or making known." God has made himself known through the world He made and through the history of people and nations. Above everything, He has made himself known through Jesus. The whole Bible shows us how God revealed himself to us.

The last book of the Bible tells of our future. Look at verse 1 again. Whose revelation was it? (Jesus') To whom was it given? (John) Why did Jesus give John the revelation? (to show what will shortly come to pass)

Jesus wanted us to know the happy results of giving our lives to Him. He also warns of what will happen to anyone who fails to accept Him as Savior. The book of Revelation tells of God's final victory over Satan and sin. It is a promise of what is waiting for the Christian in heaven.

Revelation tells of the future of Satan and those who choose to follow him. There is nothing pleasant about their future. No human can fully comprehend what awaits those who fail to accept Christ as Savior.

God doesn't want to send anyone to hell. We have His Word today because He loves us. He wants us to hear and believe Him. He doesn't want to send our friends to hell. He loves them too. You and I may be the ones God uses to bring our friends to Him. Isn't that exciting?

Let's pause and thank God for His gift of the Bible to us.

Know Your Bible

by Mrs. Bill Martin

INSTRUCTIONS: This is a fun lesson in presenting right values. You may choose to dress up like Solomon or to ask a young man to be Solomon. Your youth minister would make an ideal "Solomon." In any case, practice the lesson before actually presenting it to the girls.

"Solomon" continues to guide the feedback in *My Special Place* as he lets the girls discover what they value. He will encourage them to answer all the questions.

Props such as the latest fads, clothing, and makeup will add to your presentation. Be an observer of what the girls are saying as well as what they are wearing. Surprise them with your knowledge. They will be impressed.

Make a poster listing the five ways to learn what is important to God. (See the last portion of the lesson.) Cover each line of the poster until time to reveal it.

Supply stationery for letter writing.

How many of you can ride a bicycle? Can you remember how you learned to ride? You probably watched other children riding their bikes. Someone may have given you instructions on how to balance. Would you say that you had a pretty good idea how to ride before you actually rode a bike? Yes, in your mind you knew how to ride a bike.

Let's suppose you never tried to ride the bike. How much would your knowledge of riding be worth to you? (Wait for a response.) There is a difference between knowing something and actually putting what you know into action.

We want to know the Bible fully. That means more than being able to list the books of the Bible. Let's look at ways we can put what we have learned recently into action.

We have studied the background of the New Testament. We have tried to picture in our minds what was happening when the books were written. After learning about the different books and who wrote them, we should have a better understanding when we study.

Knowledge without experience isn't worth much. Knowing these things will not help us until we use the facts we have learned. We really haven't learned until we have practiced in our lives what we have studied.

God didn't plan for anyone to become a Christian bench-warmer. Do you know what a bench warmer is? (Wait for a response.) God didn't plan for us to sit on the sidelines and watch others. He instructed us to participate.

But first we must have training. Sometimes we may want to skip the learning and get on with the game. We become impatient waiting for our turn.

Jesus instructed His disciples three years before they were ready to take their turns. He taught them hour after hour by doing what pleased God.

Jesus wants to teach you and me to please God. He wants to use us. He wants us to participate in carrying on His work.

Why do you go to school? Besides your parents making you, why do you go to school? You go to learn how to become a good citizen who can contribute to your community through the job you choose.

You study math, English, history, science, music, and other subjects. Why? There is a value placed upon education and learning. Learning is so important that we have laws that require you to get an education.

The kind of grades you make is important too. If you don't think so, watch your mother's face when you bring home a failing grade on your report card.

If you don't make passing grades, what happens the next year? You are stuck with reruns. You get to sit through the same grade again.

Why should learning about God be any different from getting an education? Shouldn't passing a Forward Step be just as important as making good grades in school? (Take time for the girls to give answers.)

There once was a man who thought about some of the values we place on education and being successful. He thought about what made him happy. He admitted that he was a king — and more. He was "Super King."

He tried all the latest fads and bought all the newest inventions. There wasn't anything or anybody too good for the "Super King" to buy. He became one of the wealthiest men in all the world.

People admired him. They all thought that the “Super King” had it made. Besides all that he possessed, he was the wisest man in all the world.

With all his fame and possessions, the “Super King” was bored. He began to think about what was most important in life. It wasn’t popularity, wealth, education, or the fact that he was the wisest man in the world. He wrote this about his life: *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

“Super King” wrote the book of Ecclesiastes. We know him as King Solomon.

Let’s suppose Solomon came to visit our classroom. Perhaps he would speak to us about the things we value. Listen to what he might say:

(“Solomon” enters. He teaches the lesson from this point.)

I know you are thinking, *What can a funny-dressed old king tell us about ourselves?* Well, I have done some research on the things you like. I have followed you through department stores, movie theaters, record shops, and hamburger places — not to mention sitting in classrooms listening to you talk about boys.

You are no doubt wondering how I was able to do all this without your seeing me. You didn’t recognize me because I was disguised. I must admit I like my tunic and sandals much better than jeans and tennis shoes.

Does anyone know what the word *values* means? (Pause for an answer.) Values are ideals that we esteem above other things. Values are what we think are important.

I noticed some of the things you value. I know that you like music, for example. Talking with your friends about the latest songs and videos is one of your favorite pastimes.

And you have discovered boys! Just to mention a boy’s name makes you giggle. See, I told you! Giggling is a girl’s trademark. You can giggle ninety-nine different ways.

Telephones, roller skating, slumber parties, stylish clothes, and makeup have become important to you.

You are concerned about what other people think about you. This can be both good and bad. It depends upon what kind of friends you have. Adults call this peer pressure.

Well, what do you think? Do I know you? Do I know your values?

Let’s take a closer look at values in *My Special Place*.

(“Solomon” continues to guide the lesson. He will encourage the girls to answer all the questions in the lesson book. By doing this, they should be able to discover what their values are.)

Look over your answers. Do you spend more time thinking about God or yourself? What does this tell you about your values?

Let’s consider what we can do to help with right values. There are five ways that you can learn what is important to God.

(“Solomon” shows the poster and reveals the items below on it as he discusses them.)

1. Pray. Get to know God by talking with Him. Let Him know how you feel. If you are afraid, tell Him. If you feel lonely, share that with Him. He wants you to share your feelings. God loves you and wants the very best for you. He will never betray your trust or break a promise. He is trustworthy.

2. Let God talk to you. Start reading your Bible on a regular basis. Make it a habit to read at least one verse and then spend a few minutes thinking about what God is saying to you. (“Solomon” might recommend a devotional book for girls their age.)

3. Memorize Scripture. When you memorize Scripture verses, you always have them with you and God can use them to change your life. He talks to you by recalling a verse to your mind. Learning scriptures can keep you from sin. (Read Psalm 119:11 and have the girls mark this verse in their Bibles.)

4. Attend church regularly. We learn by being there! God has something for each one of us in every service. We never outgrow our need for love — God’s love and the love of our church family. That’s how we grow! God’s love prompts us to want to bring others to Him.

5. Take time to grow. Take the time to learn all you can as you grow. Let the Holy Spirit guide you when tough decisions come your way. Make up your mind to be a high GMA achiever so you’ll be able to give your very best when Jesus calls you into service.

(“Solomon” gives each girl a sheet or two of stationery.)

Write a short letter to God and tell Him what you have learned in this lesson. Let Him know what you plan to do with that knowledge. Ask Him to help you live up to your decision.

Becoming a Missionary

by Nell Smith

INSTRUCTIONS: Color the pictures on the following pages with coloring pencils. As you tell the story below, display the visuals as flashcards. If you prefer to display them in a binder, insert a blank sheet at each opening so that one picture is visible at a time.

Brother Bill had been pastor of a growing church for several years, and the members of the church had enjoyed following him. A large number of men, women, and teens became soul-winners because Brother Bill taught them by example the joy of winning the lost to Christ. Even when he was attending a seminar or an associational meeting, the people went right on winning souls.

Recently, Brother Bill became troubled. The words of the Great Commission kept returning to his mind. He began thinking about people in a poverty-stricken village begging for someone to tell them of Jesus Christ. Then one night God spoke to Brother Bill through a missionary's sermon. He knew God wanted him to go to Mexico as a missionary-educator. Brother Bill immediately answered, "Not me, Lord; You must be mistaken. I have a fine, hard-working church that loves me, and I love them. Besides, there are already good American missionaries and Mexican brethren teaching the people about Jesus."

The Lord said, "I make no mistakes, but you will make one if you don't answer My call. If you stay, you will no longer be happy with your church."

Brother Bill did not argue anymore. He knew the Lord would be his protector and guide wherever he went.

The next step was to tell Mrs. Bill. He dreaded that! She loved their town and the people. And what about the children? They were so involved in activities both at school and at church. What would they think? Yet, he knew God would help them understand. So Brother Bill called Mrs. Bill to pray with him in the study.

Praying together was not unusual, but asking her into the study to pray was a bit out of the ordinary. Mrs. Bill knew something had been bothering him lately. She even suspected he was being called to a mission field.

Brother Bill wasted no time in telling his wife that he felt God was calling him to a mission field. (**Show picture LW-H.**) They got on their knees and asked for the Lord's assurance and guidance. Brother Bill wanted to be sure it was God who was leading him, not his imagination.

When the prayers were finished, Mrs. Bill told her husband that she was willing to go wherever he felt God leading. She assured him that she would help prepare the children. They would accept their dad's plans even though they might not really understand. God would open their understanding as the time was right.

Over the coming days and weeks Brother and Mrs. Bill talked with their children about their call to missions. Soon the whole family became excited about moving to Mexico to teach the people there about Jesus.

Now Brother Bill knew that it was time to confirm God's call by sharing his burden for missions with his church. If God really wanted him and his family in Mexico, he knew that the Holy Spirit would move in the church to make God's will clear. (**Show LW-I.**) So after his sermon one Sunday Brother Bill asked his family to stand with him as he told his church about his desire to serve as a missionary-educator in Mexico.

After praying together the church voted to give their full backing to Brother Bill's new ministry. It was a great sacrifice for the church, because they would lose their pastor, whom they deeply loved. But they, too, wanted to take part in worldwide missions.

The next step was to make application to the missions office, requesting that the association send him where God had called him. (**Show LW-J.**) It was such a long application! It asked personal questions, but he knew they were necessary. He realized that the churches of the association had every right to know all about him. He certainly had nothing to hide.

A few weeks passed very slowly. Then a letter from the Personnel Committee of the association came requesting that Brother and Mrs. Bill come for an interview. They were anxious to do whatever was necessary.

The day finally came. (**Show LW-K.**) It was a long day. Brother Bill had never been asked so many questions. However, he felt comfortable with these men because they were his Christian brothers. Besides, he knew the church members at home were praying for him throughout the day.

Soon the missionary committee met to consider their selections for recommendation to the national association. **(Show LW-L.)** It was necessary for Brother and Mrs. Bill to appear before the large committee. After several hours, the votes were counted and Brother Bill's name was on the list as missionary-elect to Mexico.

(Show LW-M.) The next day Brother Bill found himself standing before the Baptist Missionary Association of America and telling them briefly about his burden for the lost people of Mexico. His heart pounded within him as the vote was cast and he was elected. It seemed like a dream, but he knew it was real. God sent a calm assurance to his soul, promising to be with him as long as he followed the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Brother Bill knew that was the only way to have joy.

(Show LW-N.) As the months passed, Brother Bill spent many hours traveling from church to church preaching and telling the churches about his burden. Offerings were received to pay his expenses to the mission field. This period of time is known as DEPUTATION. The people in the Baptist Missionary Association of America were interested in his plans. He knew that the more people he met, the more people would be praying for him. He and his family met so many wonderful people. They recognized God's guidance through the months of visiting the churches on deputation. They knew God was guiding them day by day.

(Show LW-O.) Not only did Brother Bill travel a lot, but he also kept appointments made by the missions office staff, such as visiting a reliable doctor for a complete physical examination. The churches deserve to be represented on the field by able-bodied missionaries. A sickly person would not be able to do the work.

(Show LW-P.) The next visit was to a psychiatrist, who made sure Brother Bill did not have any emotional disturbances. He thought as he lay on the table (some people call it a couch!) in the psychiatrist's office, "Imagine me in this office! I never thought I would get the opportunity to visit a psychiatrist. I am thankful that my Christian brethren care enough about their missionaries to require such an examination."

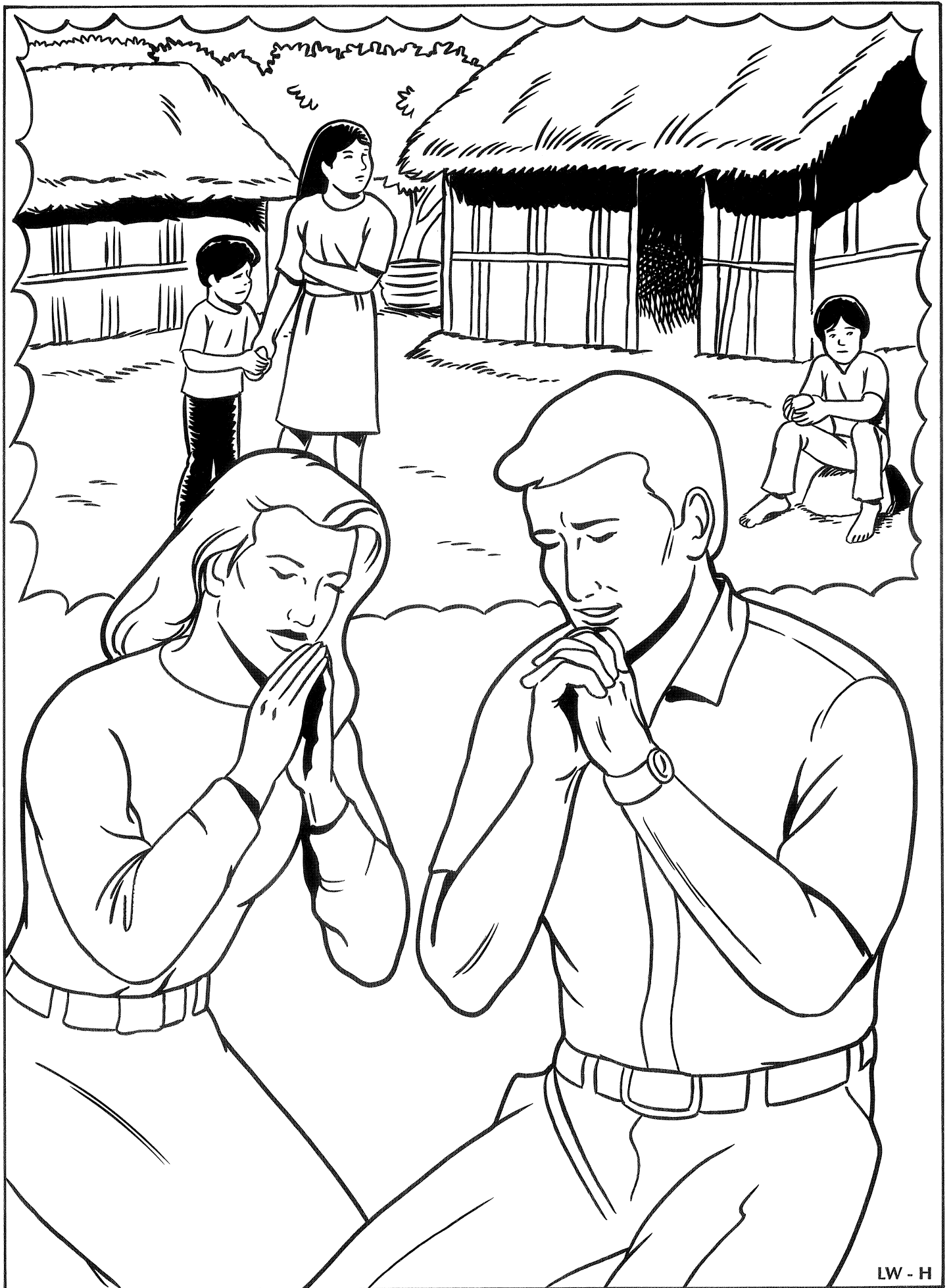
The days passed swiftly. All the requirements were met. Deputation was pleasurable. Many Christian friends had agreed to pray for Brother Bill and his family. Friends and relatives had said good-bye for a while. Permission to live in Mexico was granted by the Mexican government.

(Show LW-Q.) The vision that God gave to Brother Bill became a reality. He and his family arrived at their new home. The people were different. The customs were different. The language was different, but Brother Bill's family already spoke Spanish so they only needed a brief course in the local dialect to do God's work.

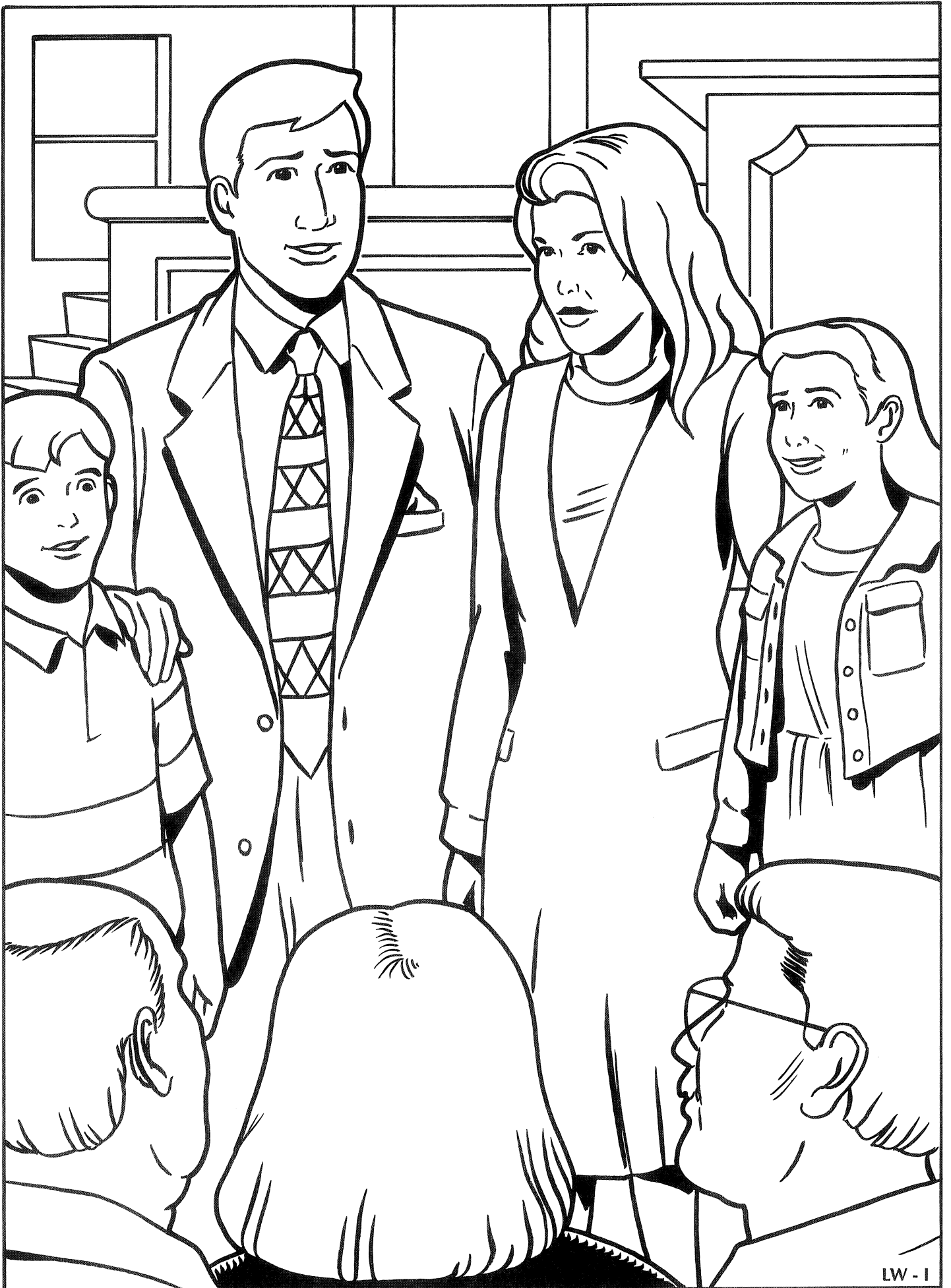
Their new home was not as convenient as their American home, but the same God guides the missionaries in Mexico who cares for the pastors in the United States. They knew their lifestyle would be different, and they had tried to learn what to expect. Their visit to the missionaries a few years ago had given them some idea. In fact, that must have been the time God planted the seed of becoming a missionary. Brother Bill knew that God would bless him and his family because they trusted God for their needs.

Brother Bill's story is similar to that of every missionary that our church supports. God's missionaries need our prayers every day even though they are where God wants them.

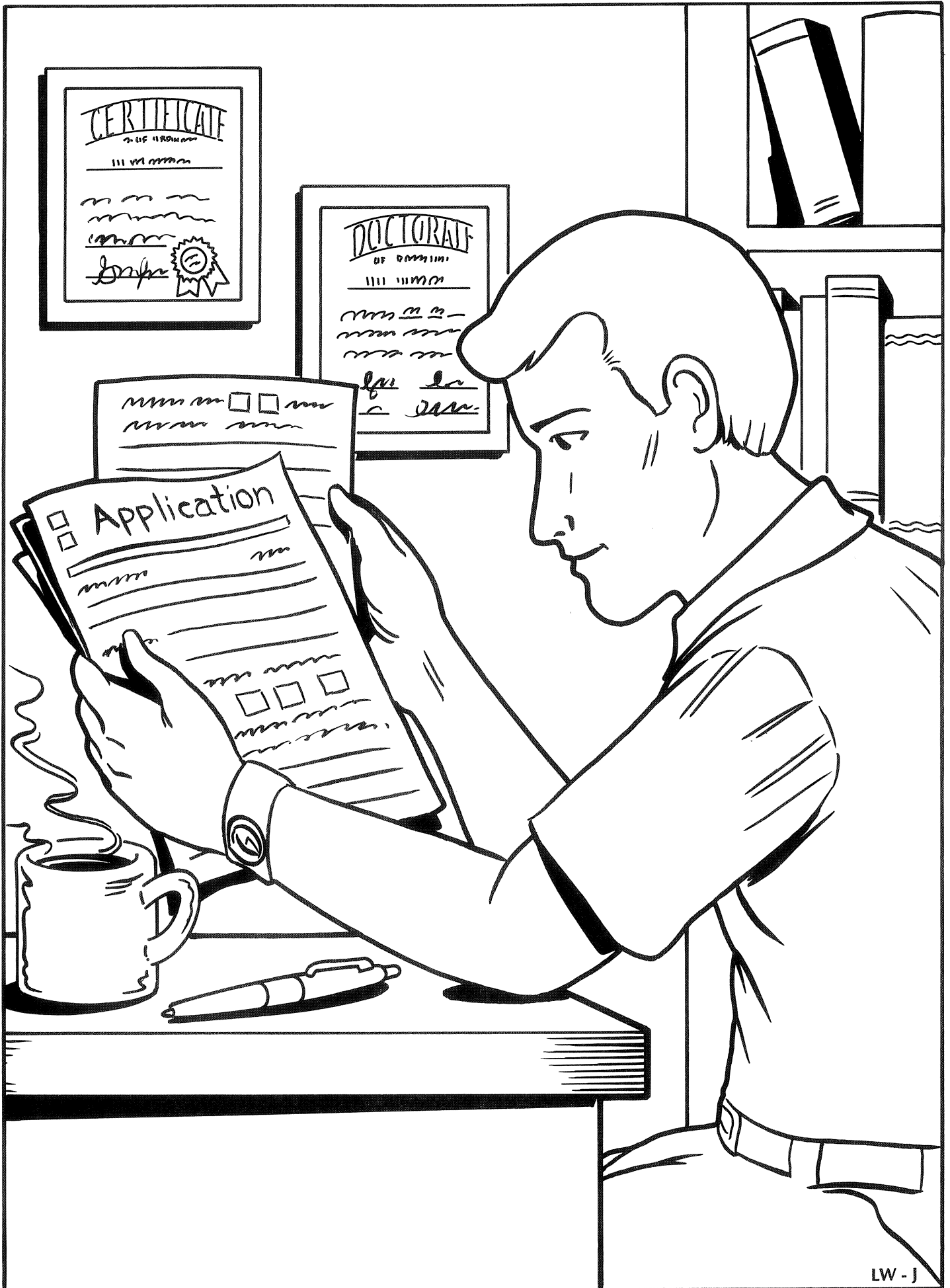
REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN BE A MISSIONARY TOO! RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!



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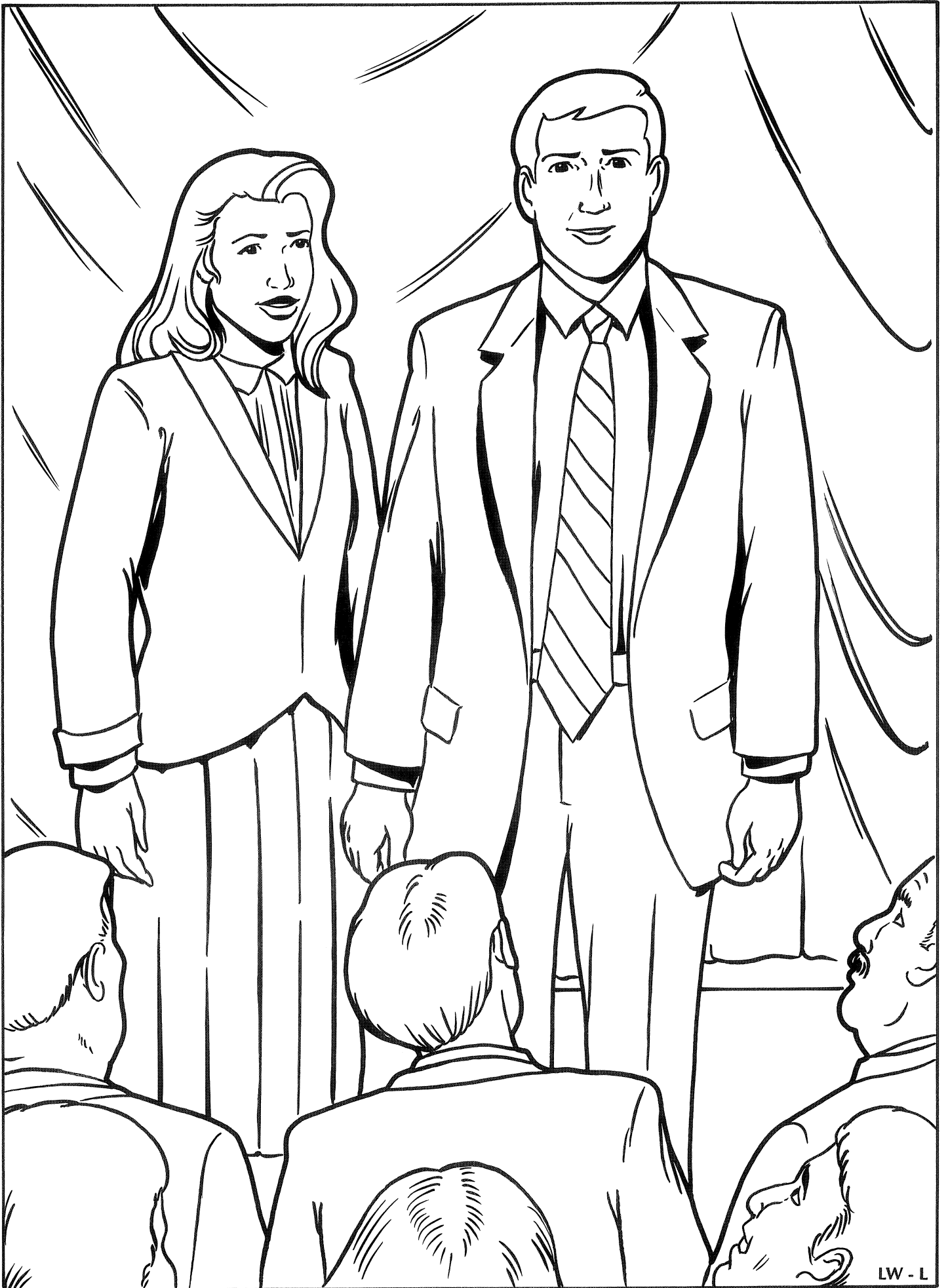


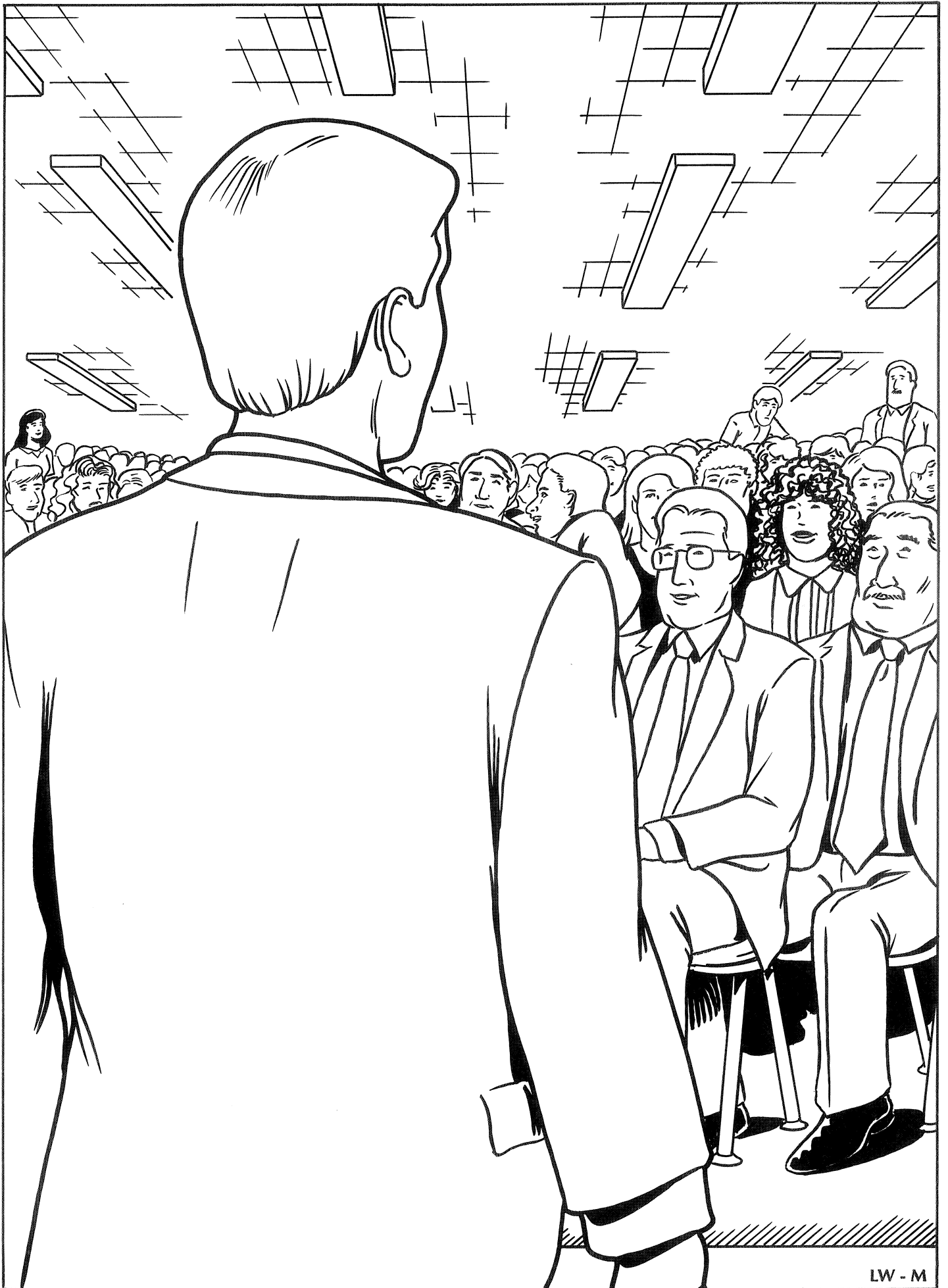
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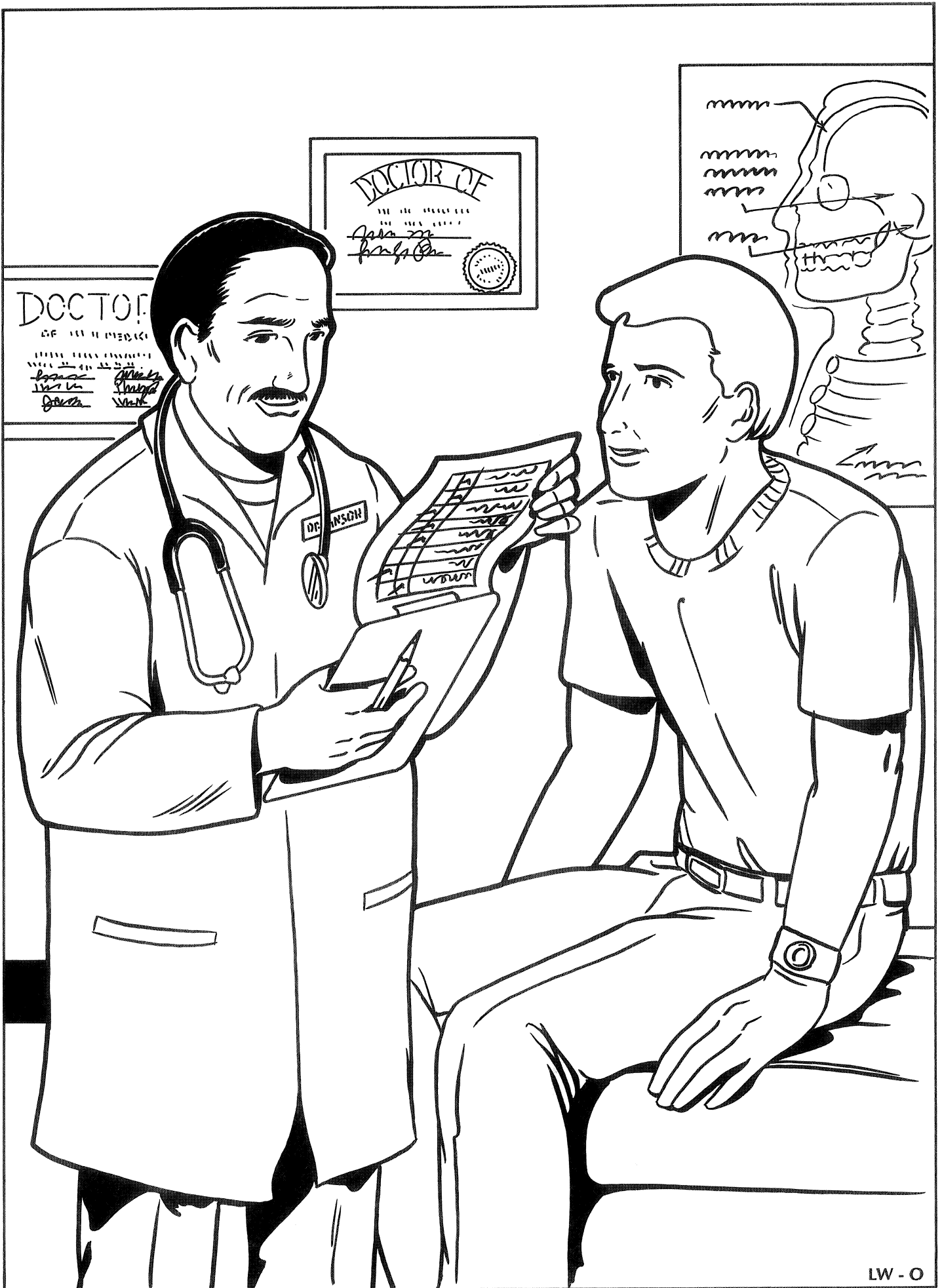
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