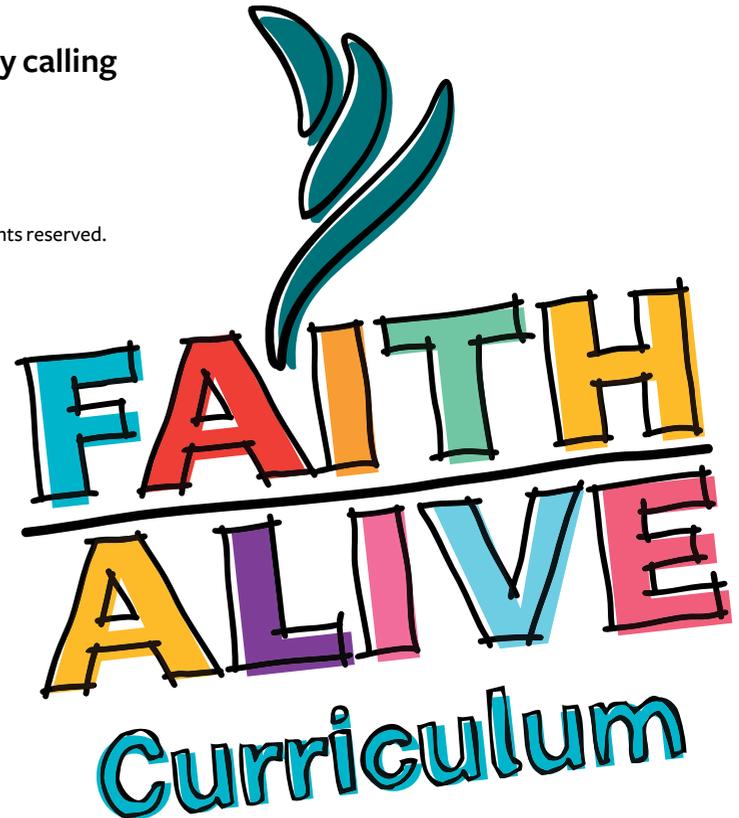


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# Memory Fun

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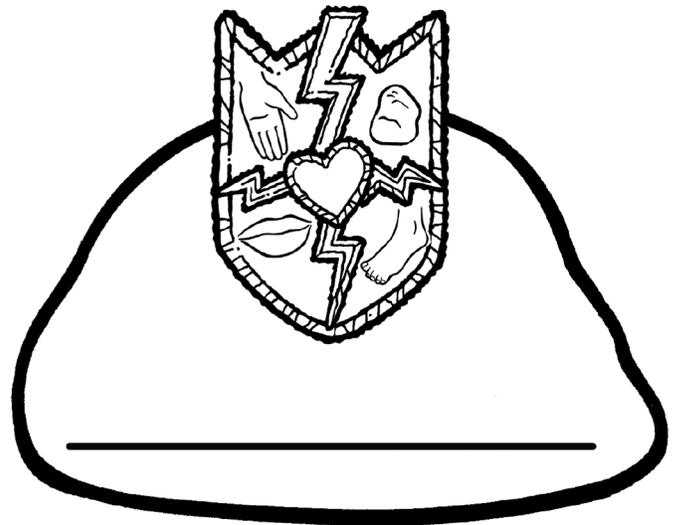
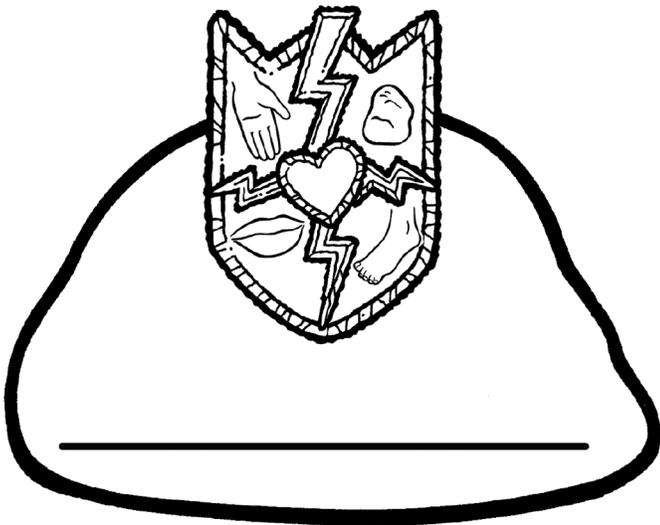
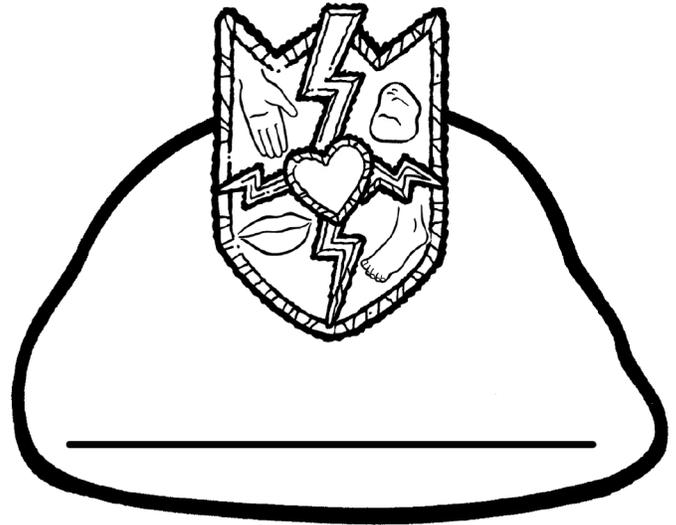
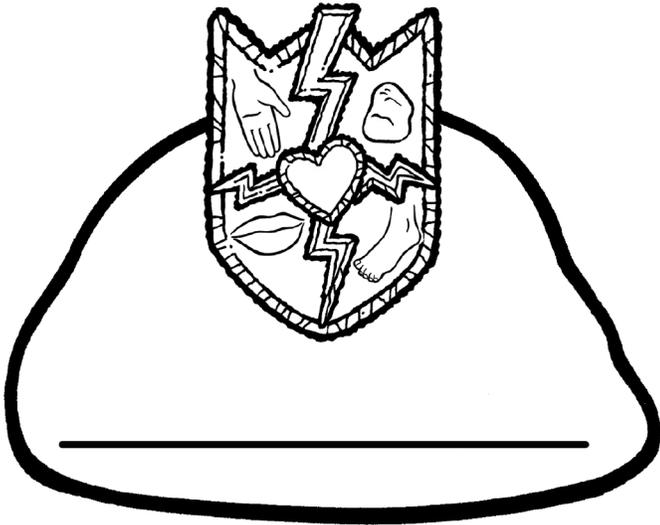
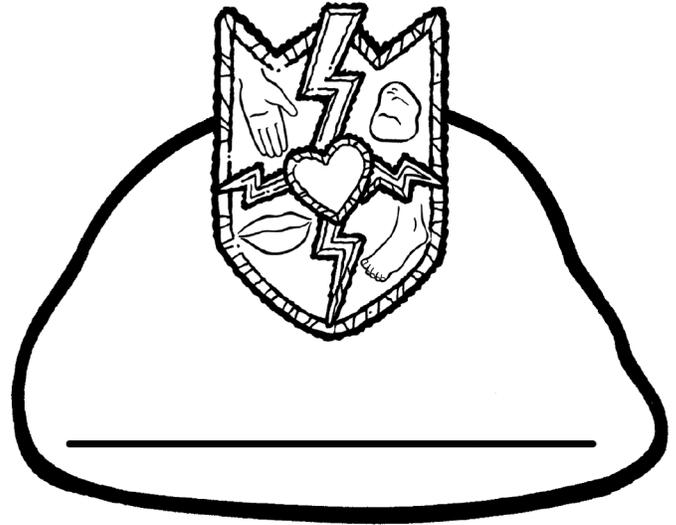
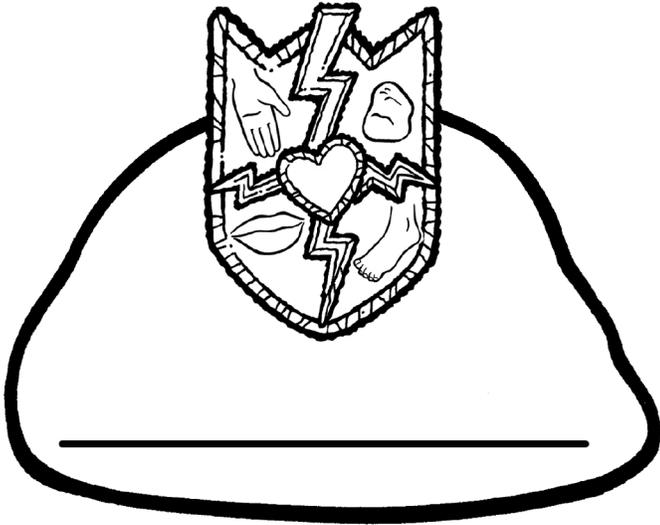
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# Rock Force ID Tags



# Elijah and the Widow

1 Kings 17:1-16, New International Reader's Version

Elijah was from Tishbe in the land of Gilead. He said to Ahab, "I serve the LORD. He is the God of Israel. You can be sure that he lives. And you can be just as sure that there won't be any dew or rain on the whole land.



There won't be any during the next few years. It won't come until I say so."

Then a message from the LORD came to Elijah. It said, "Leave this place. Go east and hide in the Kerith Valley. It is east of the Jordan River. You will drink water from the brook. I have ordered some ravens to feed you there."



So Elijah did what the LORD had told him to do. He went to the Kerith Valley. It was east of the Jordan River. He stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning. They also brought him bread and meat in the evening.



He drank water from the brook.

Some time later the brook dried up. It hadn't rained in the land for quite a while.



A message came to Elijah from the LORD. He said, "Go right away to Zarephath in the territory of Sidon. Stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."



So Elijah went to Zarephath. He came to the town gate. A widow was there gathering sticks. He called out to her. He asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar? I need a drink."

She went to get the water.

Then he called out to her, "Please bring me a piece of bread too."



"I don't have any bread," she replied.



"And that's just as sure as the LORD your God is alive. All I have is a small amount of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I'm gathering a few sticks to take home. I'll make one last meal from myself and my son. We'll eat it. After that, we'll die."



Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home. Do what you have said. But first make a little bread for me. Make it out of what you have. Bring it to me. Then make some for yourself and your son."



"The LORD is the God of Israel. He says, 'The jar of flour will not be used up. The jug will always have oil in it. You will have flour and oil until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"



She went away and did what Elijah had told her to do. So Elijah had food every day.



There was also food for the woman and her family.



The jar of flour wasn't used up. The jug always had oil in it. That's what the LORD had said would happen. He had spoken that message through Elijah.



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This week I used my heart to serve God.

## Rock Force Go and Do Journal

This booklet records the service of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Our motto:  
Serve God only.

Our pledge:  
We pledge our hearts to God Almighty.  
We promise to love and obey God.  
We will tell the world: "Our God rules!"

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This week I used my mouth to serve God.

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This week I used my hands to serve God.

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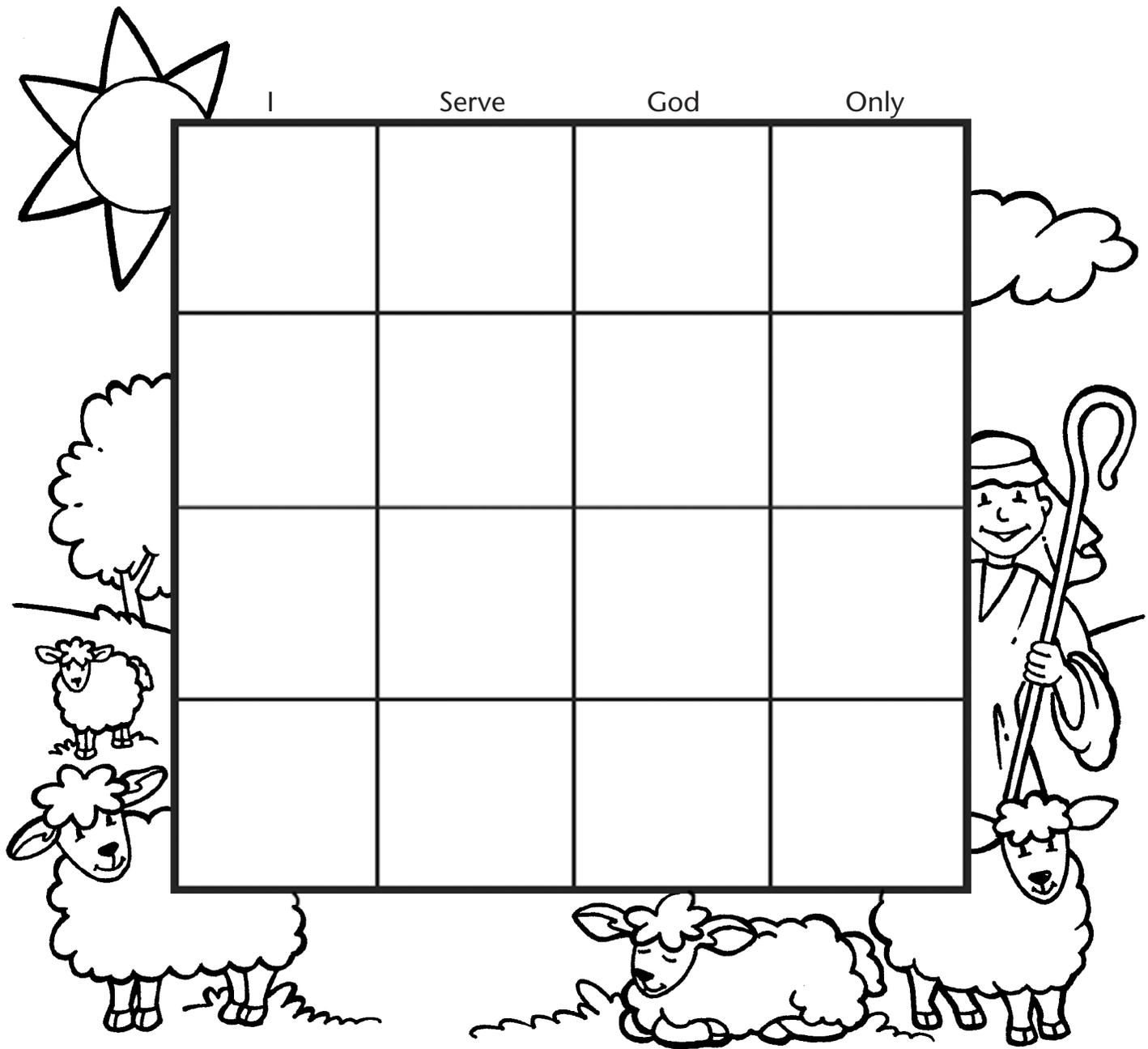
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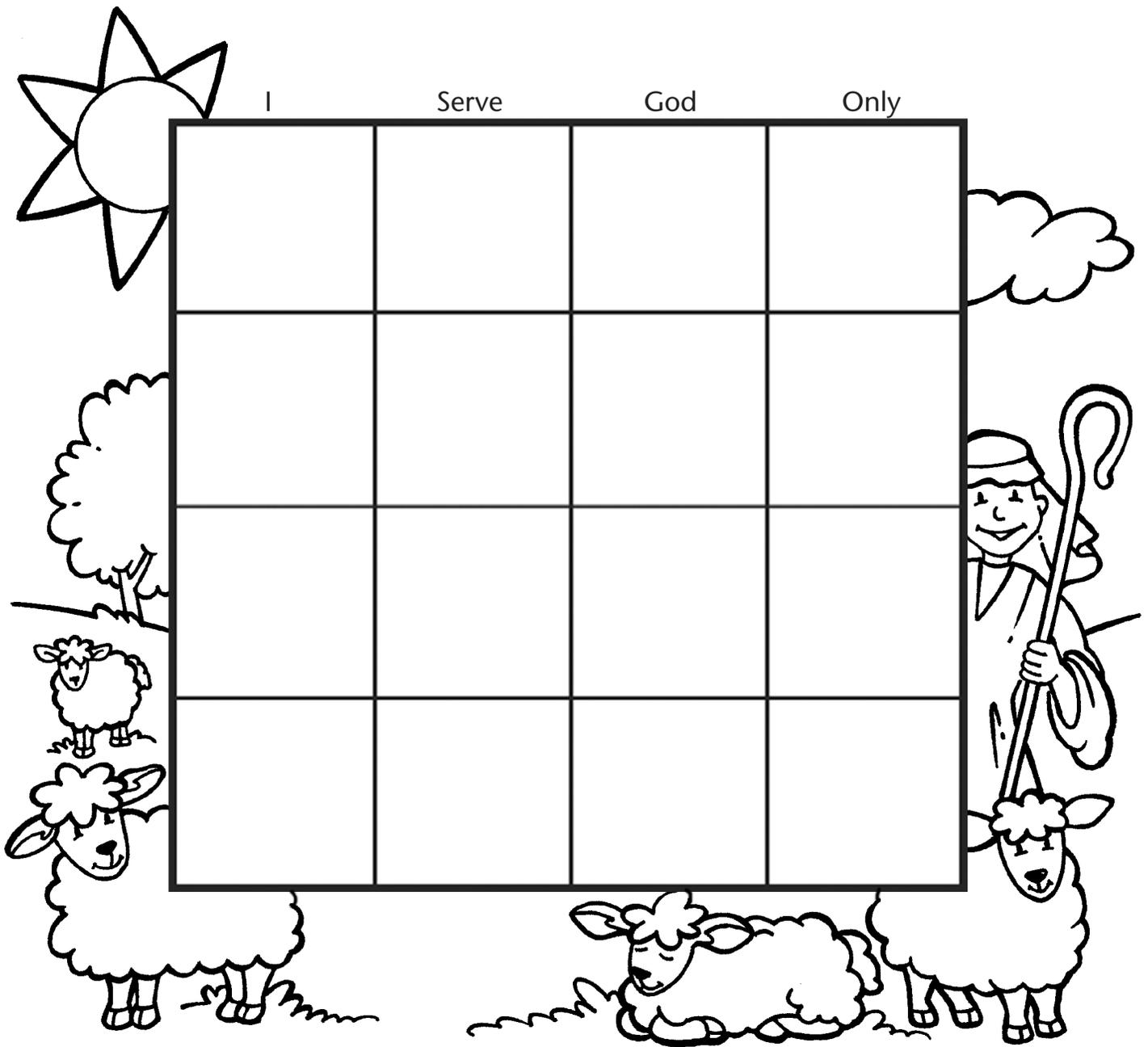
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# Memory Fun Bingo



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# Family Letter, Version 1

## (Individual Service Commitment)

Dear Family,

Our Sunday school group is beginning a new unit today. Its theme, “Serve God Only,” will encourage children to reflect on what it means to serve God: to name God the master of our lives and to always put God first. We’ll be learning different ways we can show our allegiance to God—using our hands, our feet, our mouths, and our hearts in God’s service.

We would like to encourage you to participate in this unit by challenging your child to serve God. Each week in church school, we will discuss a variety of ways we can serve God. Your child will make an individual commitment to do so during the week. This week, we’ll make a commitment to use our hands to serve God; in week 2, a commitment to use our feet; in week 3, our mouths; and in week 4, our hearts. Your child will also be coming home with visible “service reminders” to help him or her remember these commitments. Each session, the children will be reporting on their experiences and recording the results in a “Go and Do” journal.

Here’s how you can help:

- Ask your child to share his or her commitment with you so that you can encourage your child and help him or her act on it.
- Be a model to your child. Consider making a similar commitment and sharing it with your child, so you can hold each other accountable.
- Adopt a family service project for the duration of this unit. Together you can experience the joy of serving God by serving others.

If you have any suggestions for practical service that our children might help fulfill, please do let me know so that I can alert the group to the need. In this way, we can work together to help our children serve God with all their hearts, souls, and minds.

In Christ’s service,

# Family Letter, Version 2

## (Group Service Project)

Dear Family,

Our Sunday school group is beginning a new unit today. Its theme, “Serve God Only,” will encourage children to reflect on what it means to serve God: to name God the master of our lives and to always put God first. We’ll be learning different ways we can show our allegiance to God—using our hands, our feet, our mouths, and our hearts in God’s service.

As a group, we hope to put this spiritual truth into practical and concrete practice. Our group will be involved in a group service project. This is what we will be doing:

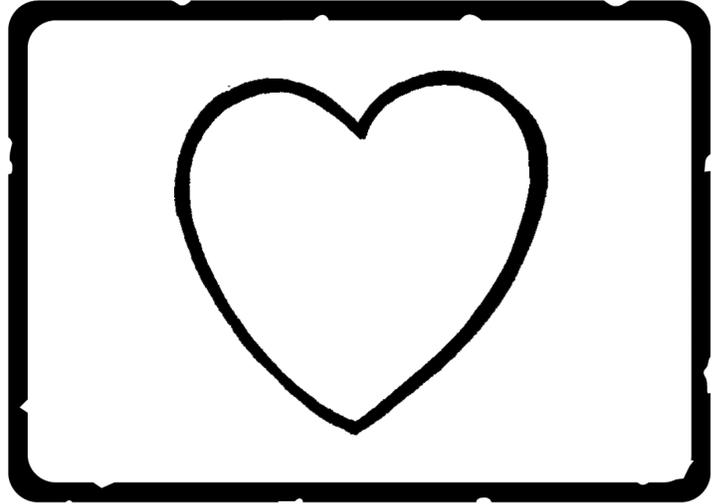
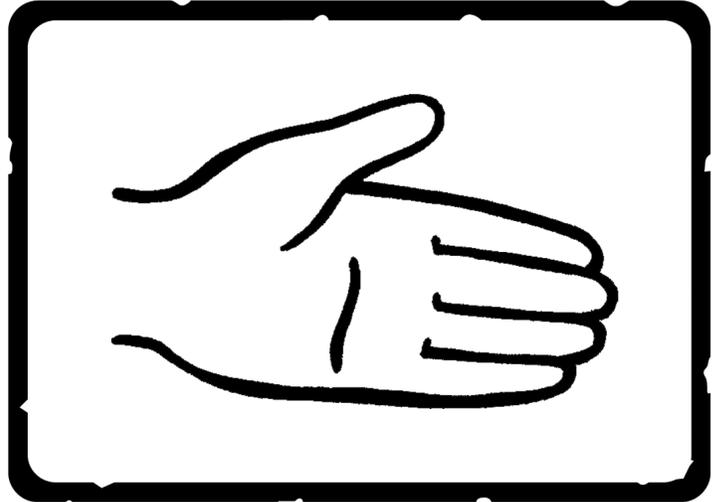
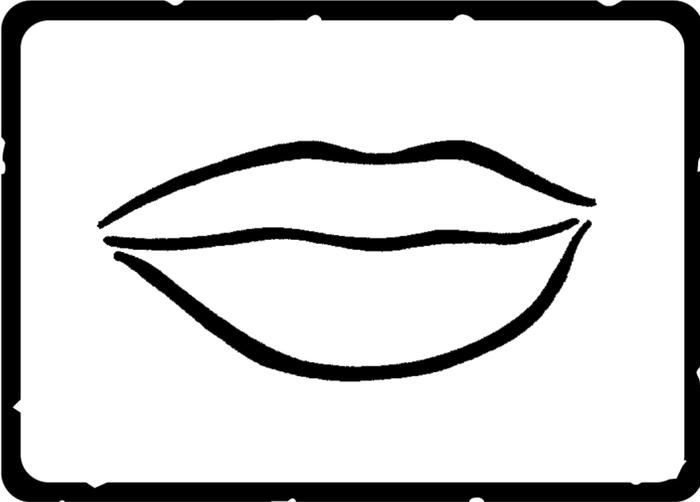
Here’s how you can help:

- Ask your child to share his commitment with you, so that you can encourage him and help him act on it.
- You may be invited to participate in this project, as well. If we call you, please consider prayerfully whether you will be able to volunteer to help the children complete this project.
- If you have specific skills or knowledge about this project that would help us, please don’t wait for us to call—call us first. We welcome your input.
- Remember this project in your family prayers and individual devotions. Encourage your child to pray about it too.

Thanks for your support. We look forward to sharing more information with you as the project develops.

In Christ’s Service,

# Go and Do Journal Stamps



# Prescription Labels

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# Jonah Game Cards

<p>Get out of the fish free!</p>	<p>You invite the new kid in class to your party. Go ahead to the next yellow space.</p>	<p>When Mary's not looking, you take a dime from her desk. Go back to the next red space.</p>
<p>When your sister walks past, you stick out your foot and trip her. Go back to the next yellow space.</p>	<p>Your grandma is sick in the hospital. You pray for her every night. Go ahead three spaces.</p>	<p>Your friends are teasing Joey about his new haircut. You tell them to cut it out. Go ahead to the next green space.</p>
<p>You write a nice thank-you note when Auntie C sends you a weird brown T-shirt for Christmas. Go ahead to the next red space.</p>	<p>You promise to do your homework in your room, but instead you play video games. Go back four spaces.</p>	<p>Fred calls you a nasty name. You punch him out to teach him a lesson. Go back to the next red space.</p>
<p>You clean up the supper dishes without being asked. Go ahead four spaces.</p>	<p>Get out of the fish free!</p>	<p>You offer to help at the soup kitchen even though it means missing a soccer game. Go ahead five spaces.</p>

# Jonah Goes to Nineveh

*Note:* Narrator reads script as it is dramatized by the following characters:

- Jonah
- King of Nineveh
- Vine
- Worm
- Hot sun
- Wind
- People of Nineveh

God said to Jonah, “Go to the great city of Nineveh and bring the people there the message I give you.”

So Jonah went to Nineveh, walking through the streets and preaching: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be destroyed. Forty more days and Nineveh will be destroyed.”

The people heard Jonah and believed his warning. They said, “Let’s show God we’re sorry for our wickedness.” They stopped eating and put on rough clothes.

When the news reached the king, he got up from his throne and sat in the dust. He took off his fancy robes and put on rough sackcloth.

The king told everyone, “Stop eating! Put on rough sackcloth. Pray to God and say you are sorry. Stop the wickedness. Maybe God will forgive us and not destroy our city.”

God saw that the Ninevites repented. God was pleased with the city and did not destroy it.

But Jonah was mad. He said, “I just knew it would happen. God, you are too nice to these wicked people. I think they should have been destroyed. I would rather die than have them be saved.”

God said, “What right do you have to be angry?” So Jonah went off in a huff into the desert and sat in a shelter he made for himself.

The Lord was kind to Jonah too. He made a vine grow up overnight. Its big shady leaves surrounded the hut and gave him shade from the heat.

Jonah said, “Oh, this beautiful vine is really nice and cool.”

Then God sent a worm to the vine. It nibbled away at the roots and killed that vine. The leaves shrivelled up and died. No more shade for Jonah!

Jonah said, “Life is just not fair. I want to die!”

God said to Jonah, “What right do you have to be so upset about this vine? You didn’t grow it or take care of it, and yet you cared because it died.”

Then God then said, “Now listen and think about this, Jonah. Nineveh has hundreds of thousands of people in it—and many animals too. I created every last one of those creatures, and I care about them. Shouldn’t I be concerned about that great city? Shouldn’t I be kind?”

# Heart Pattern

