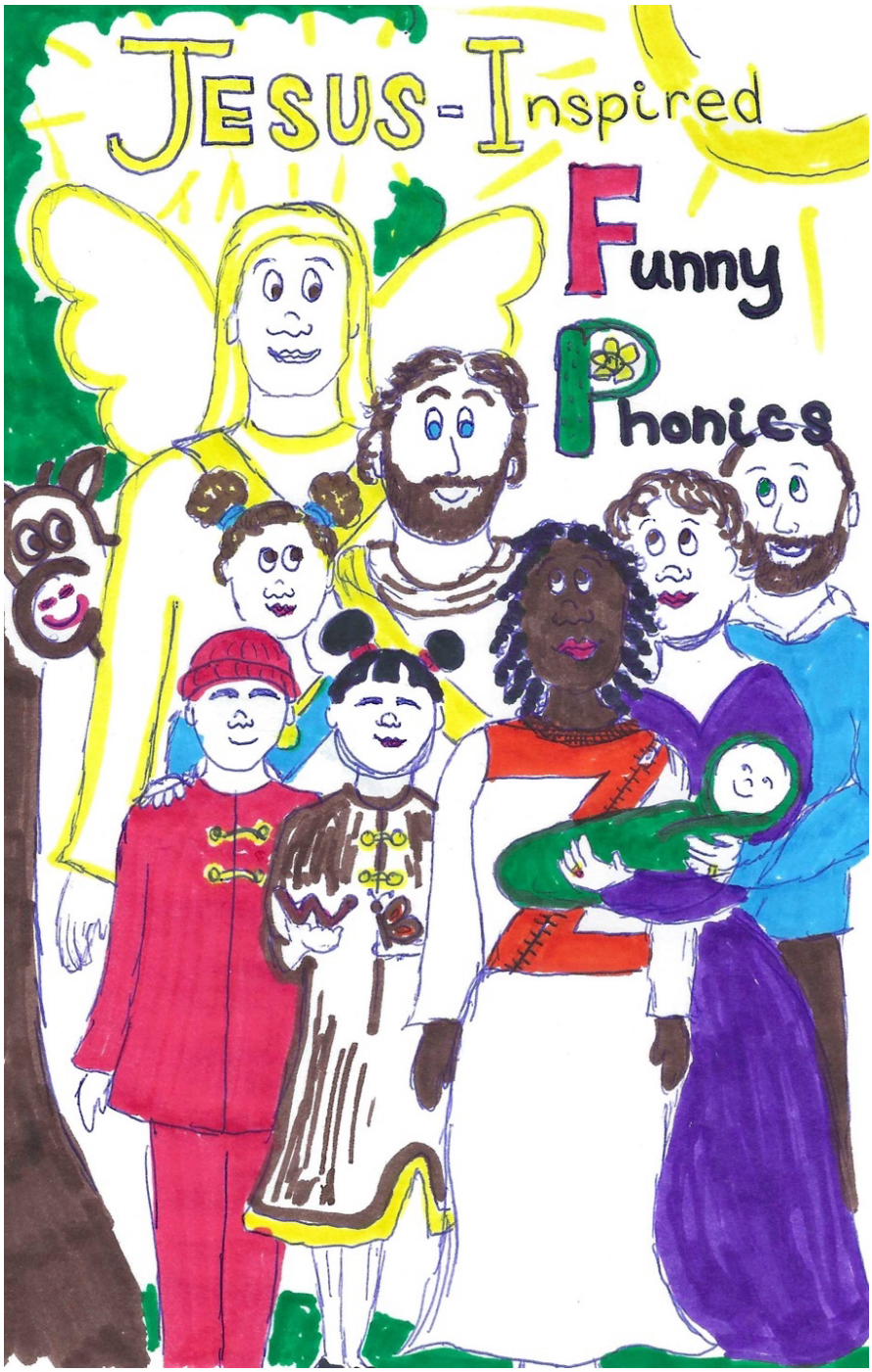

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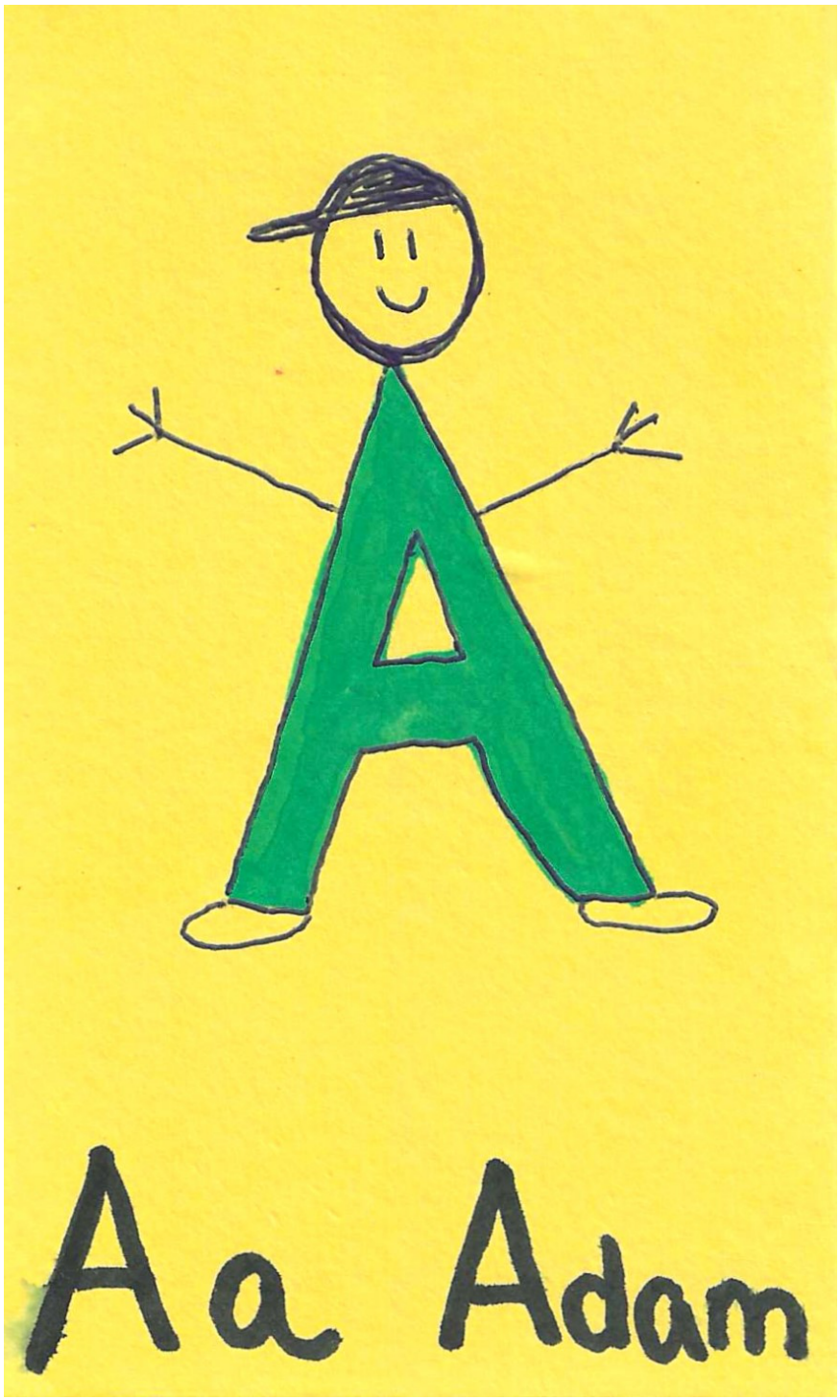

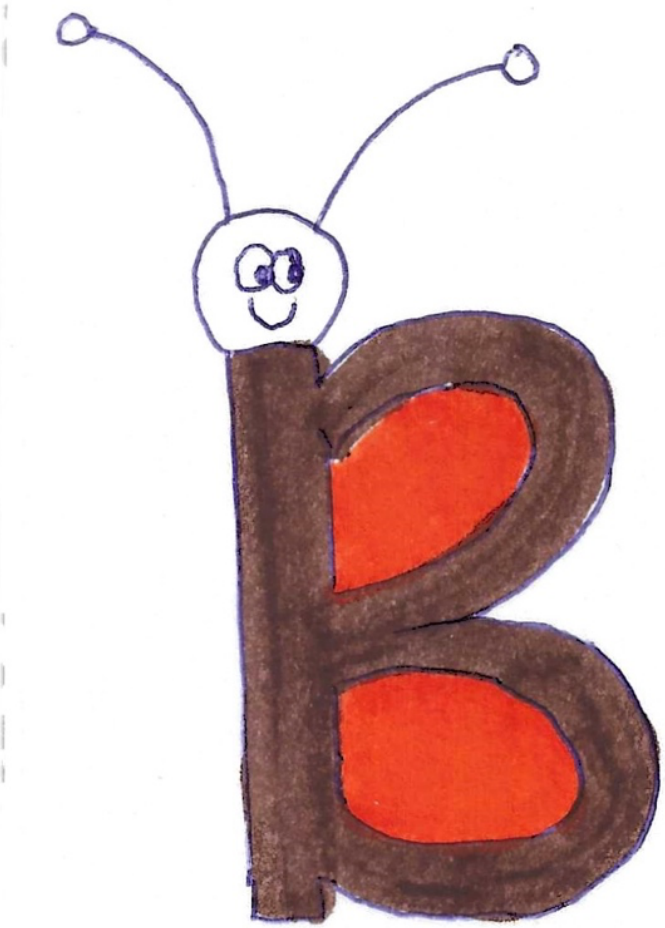

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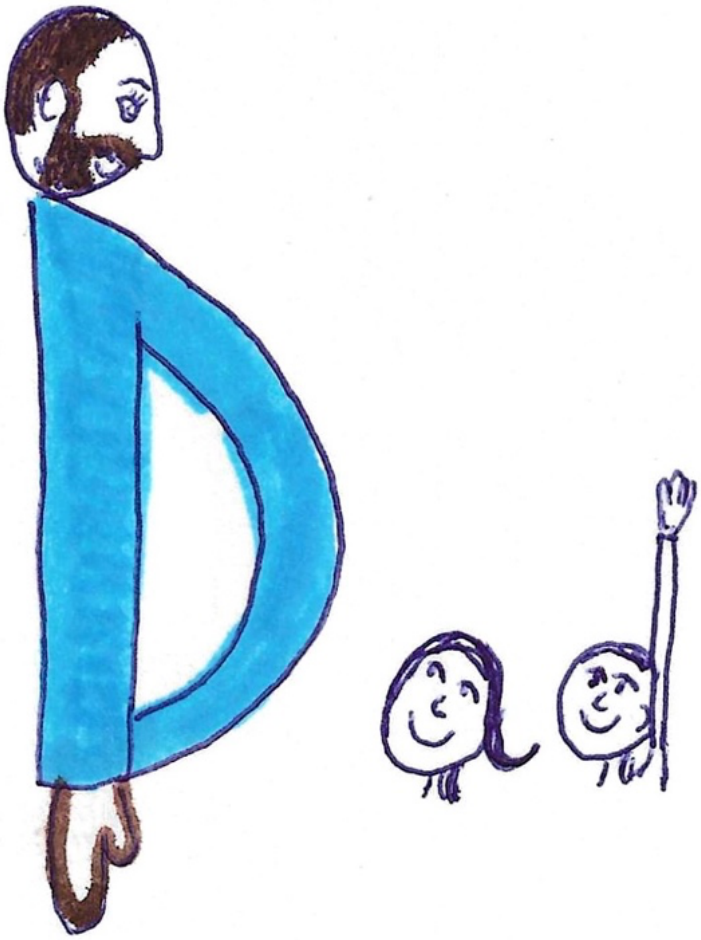

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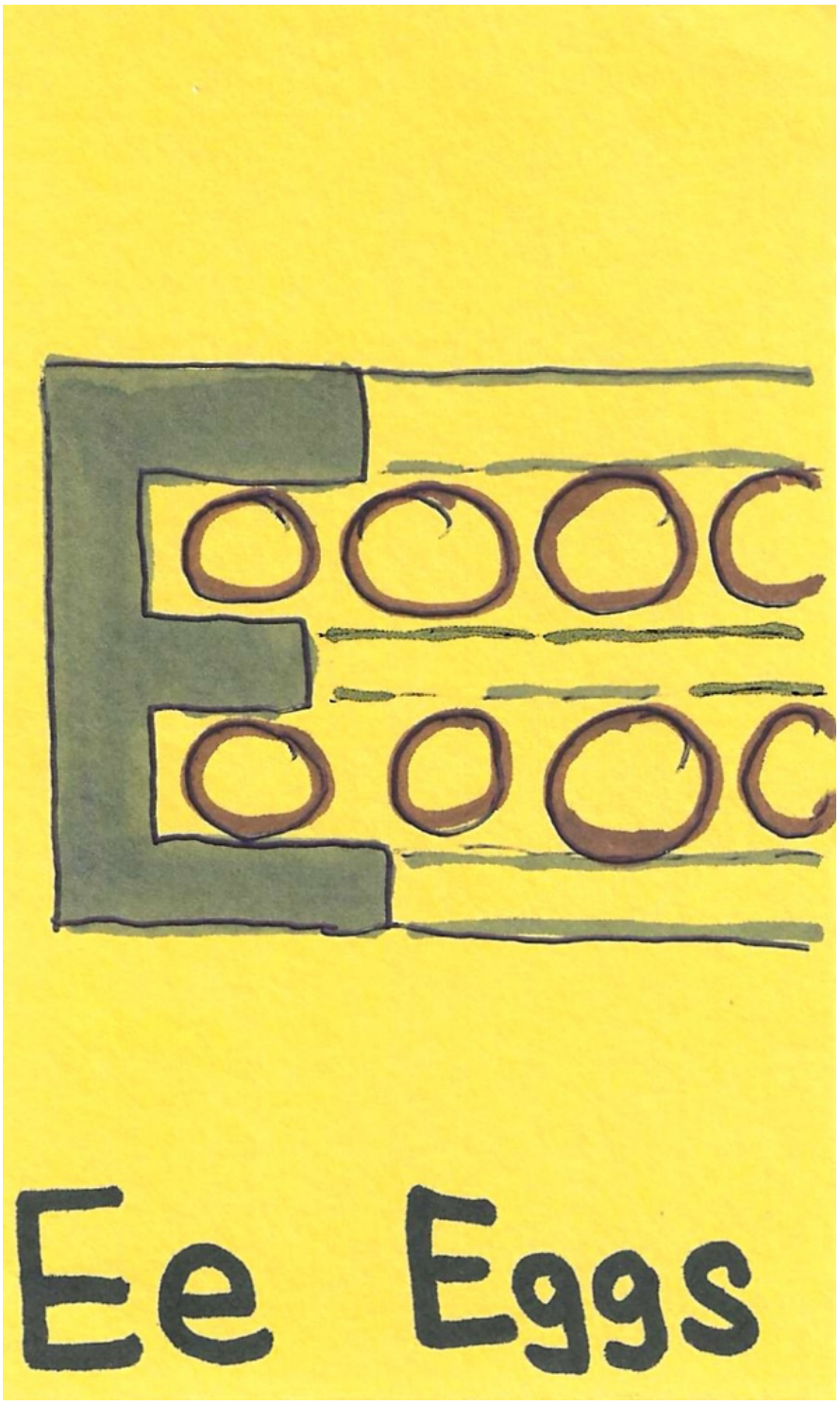
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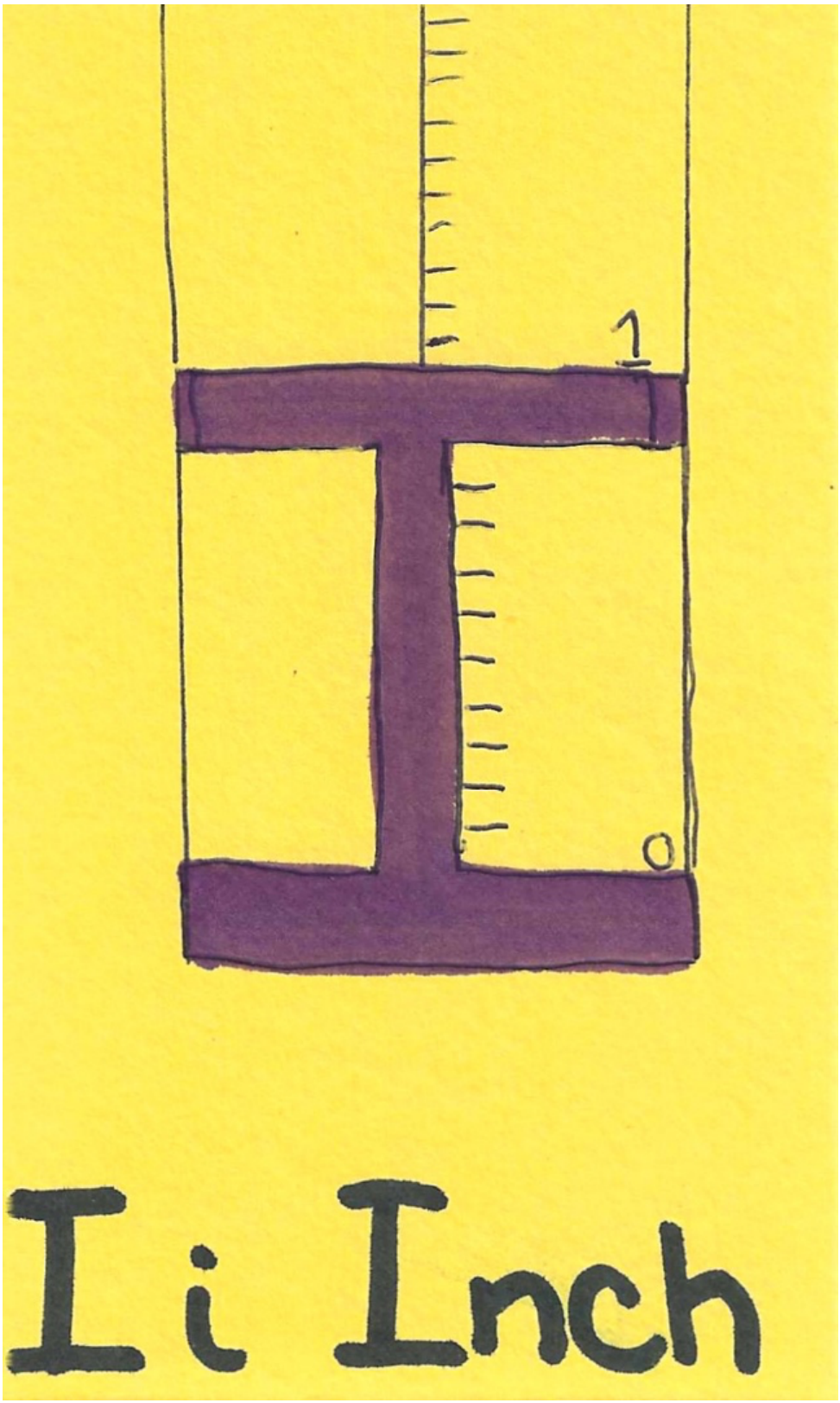
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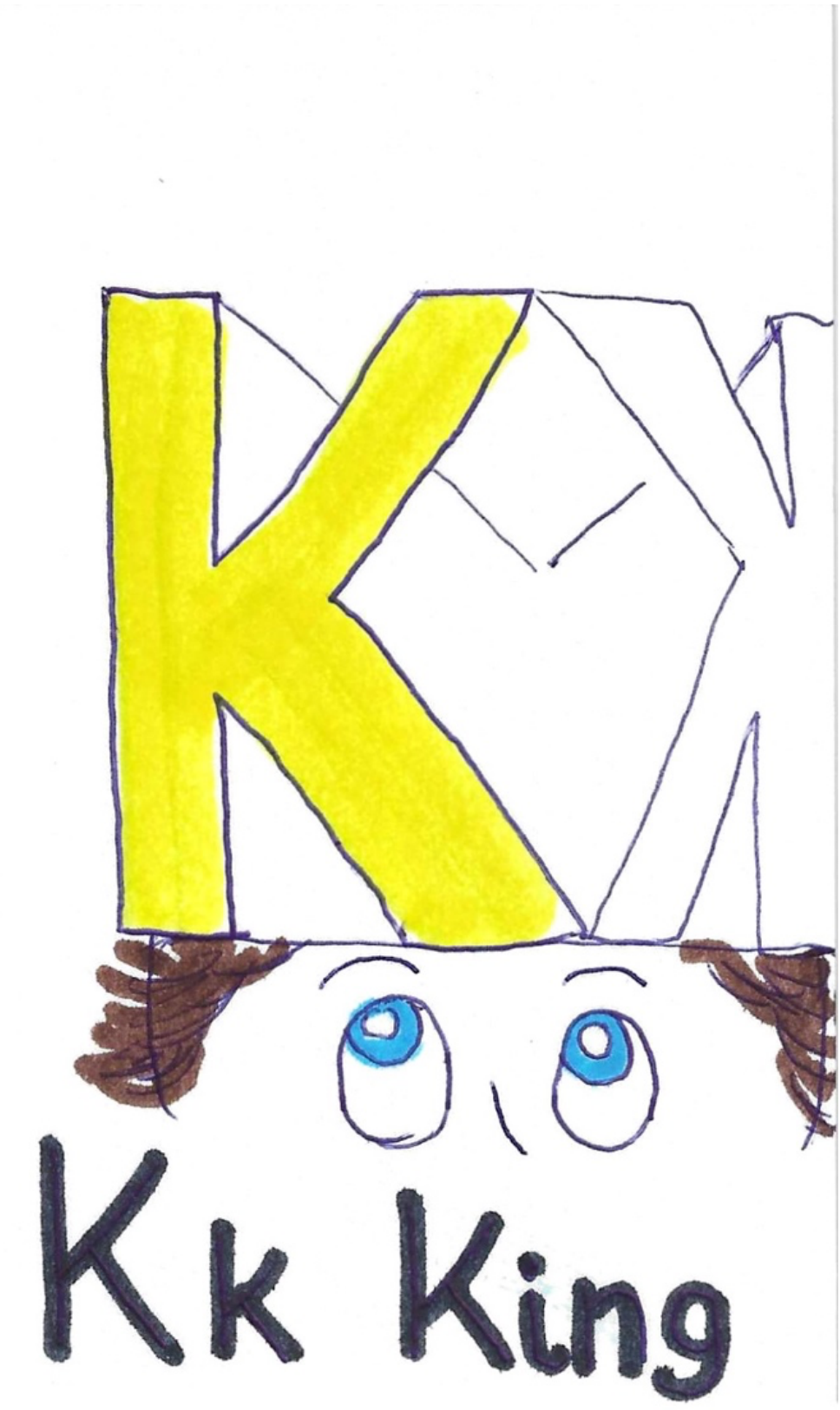
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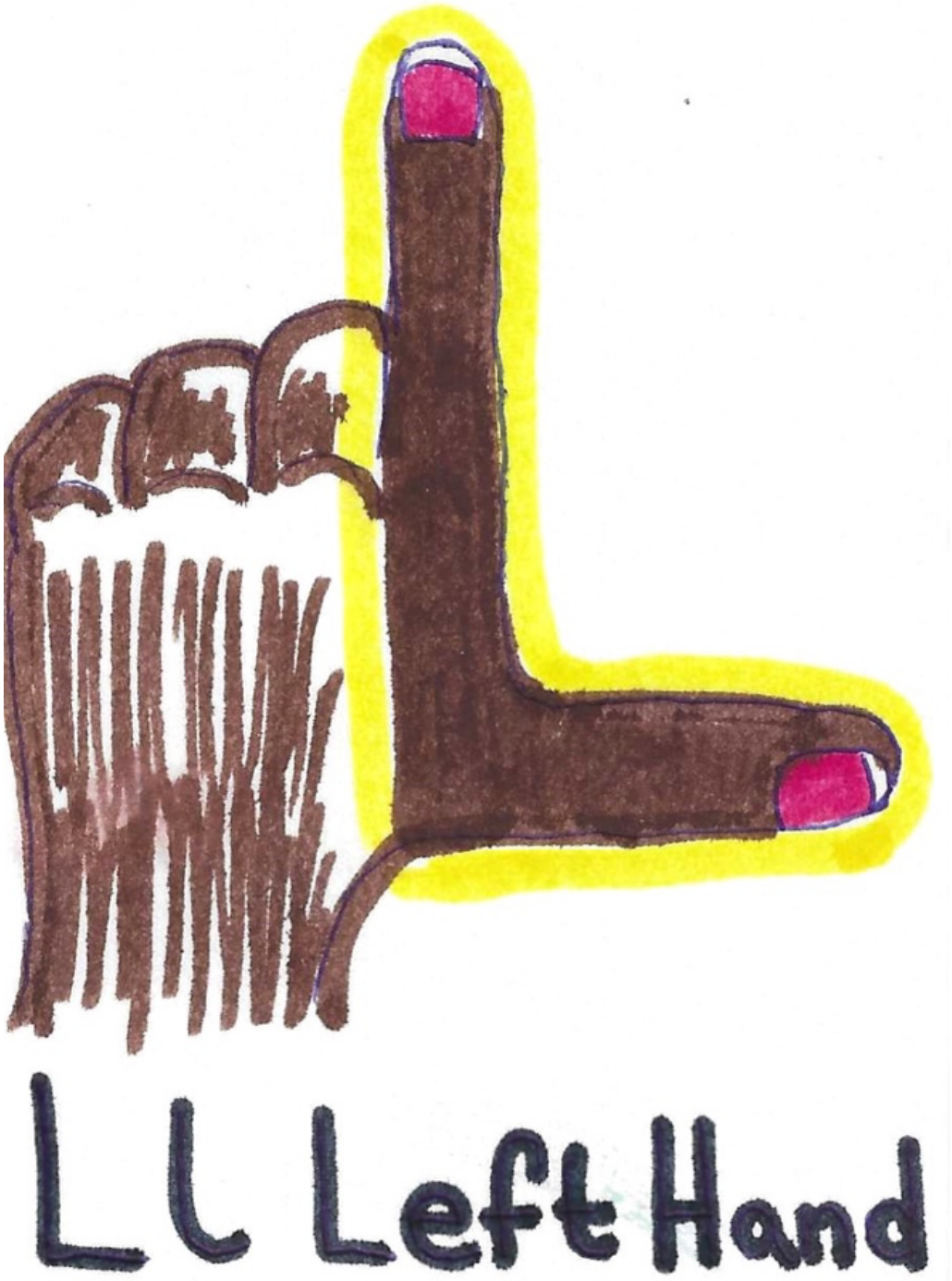
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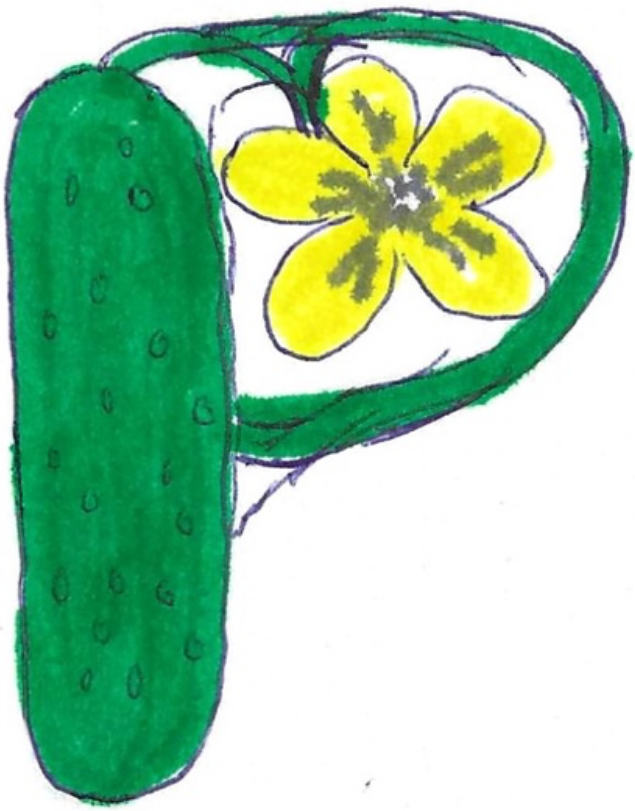
Mm Mom


JESUS: NAME above all Names
Nn NAME


Oo Opera



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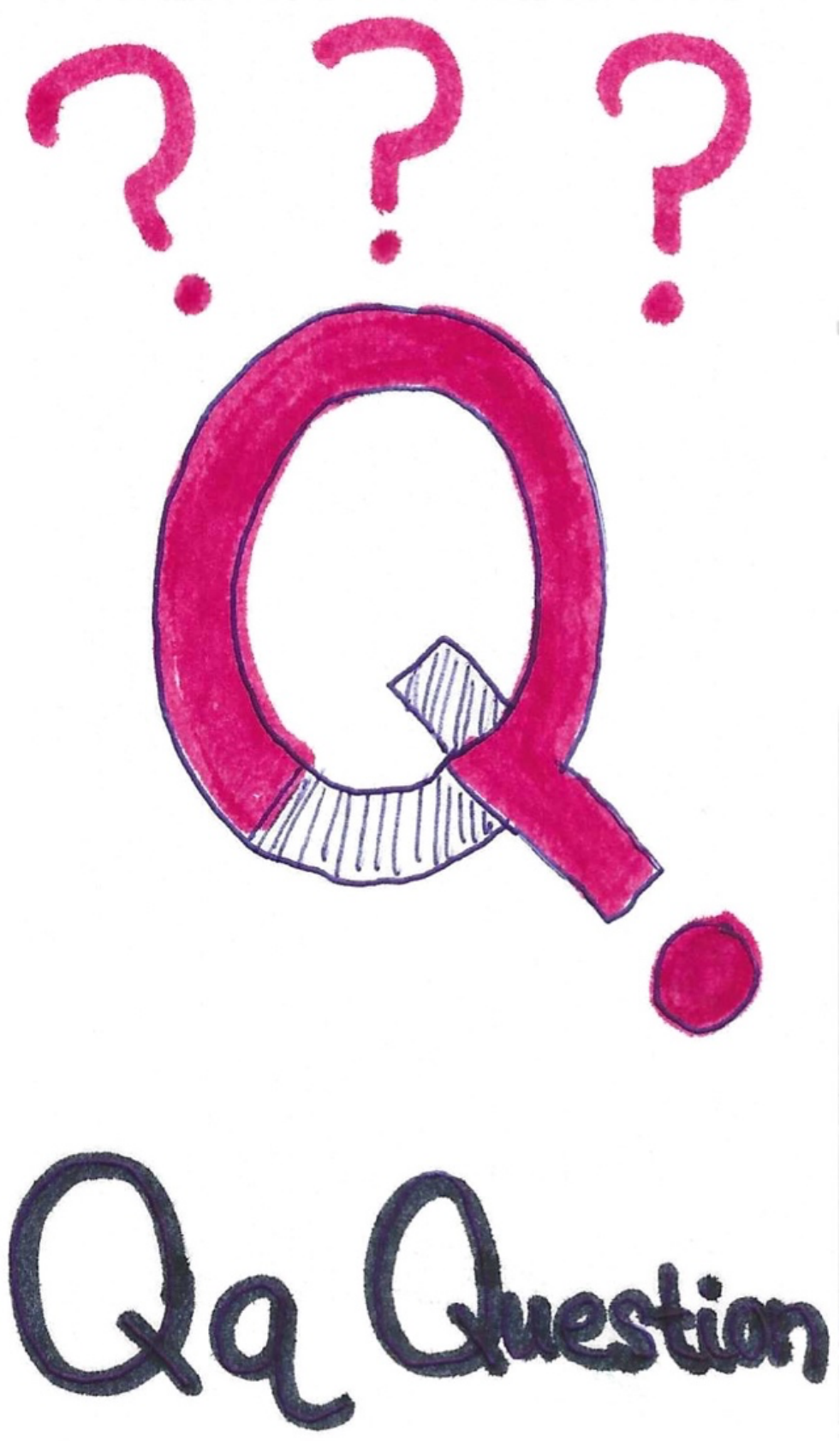
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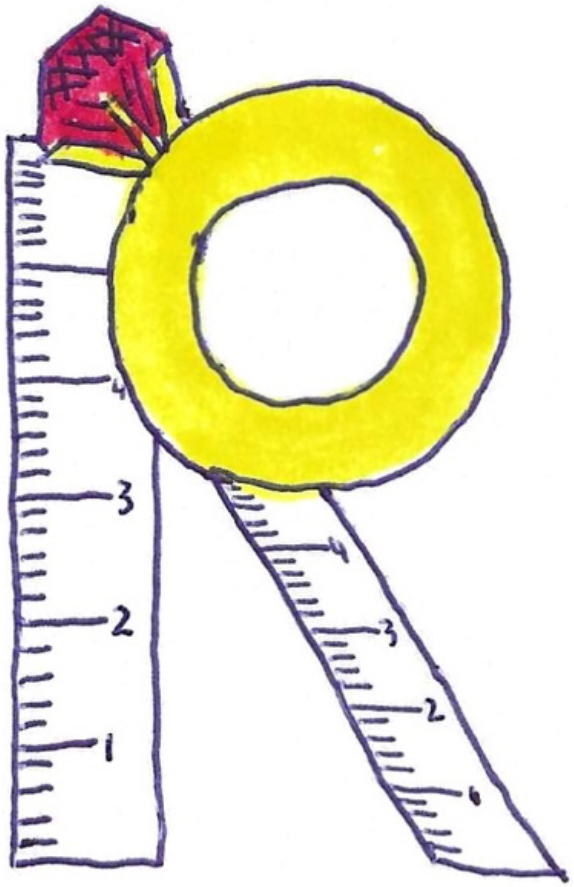

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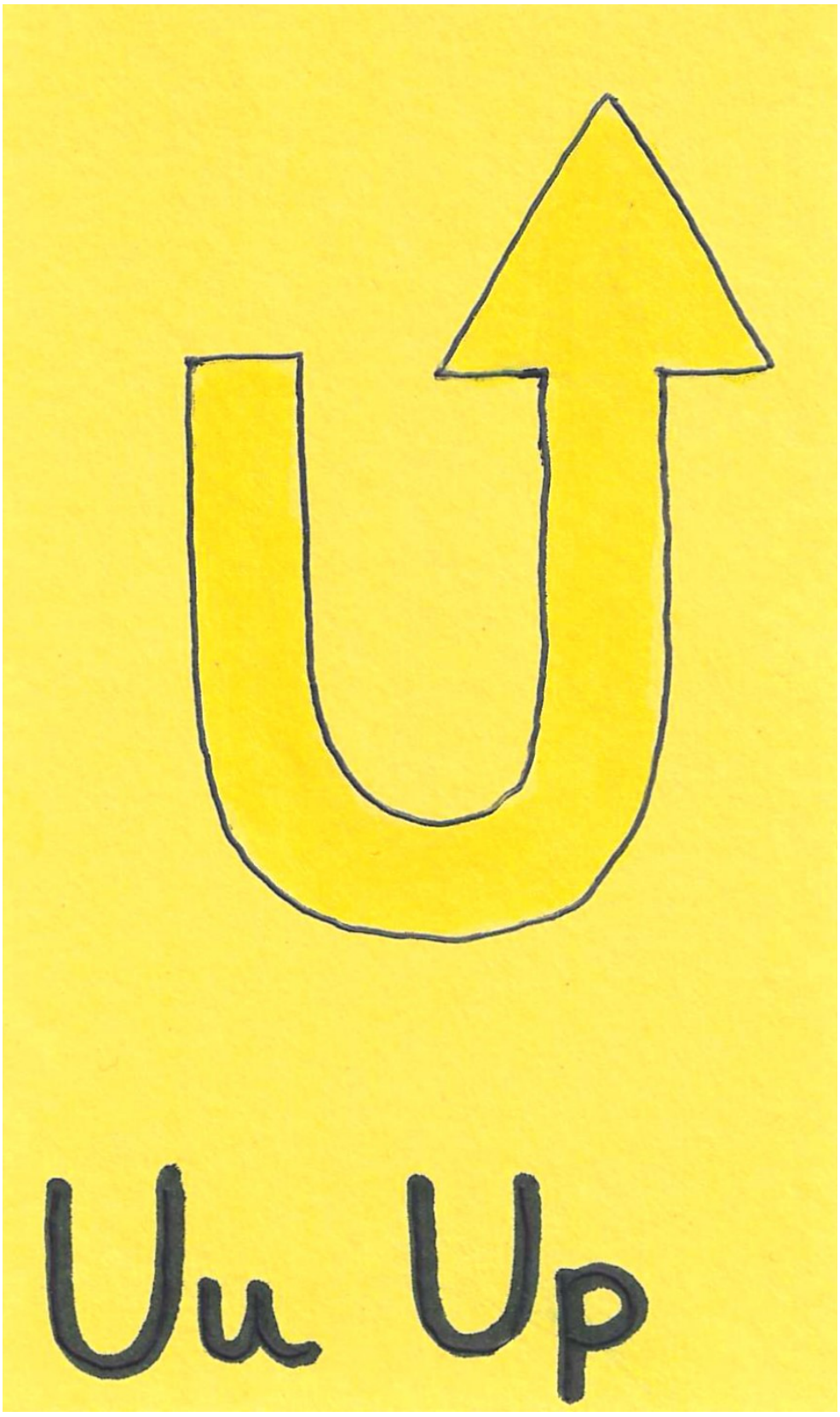
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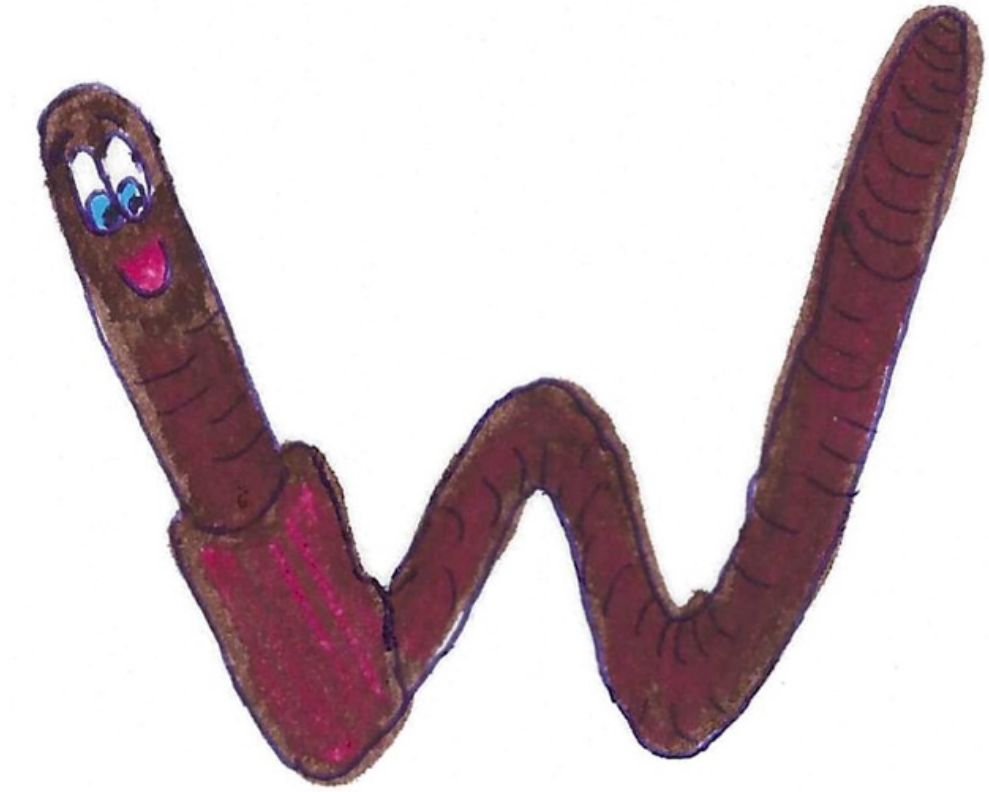

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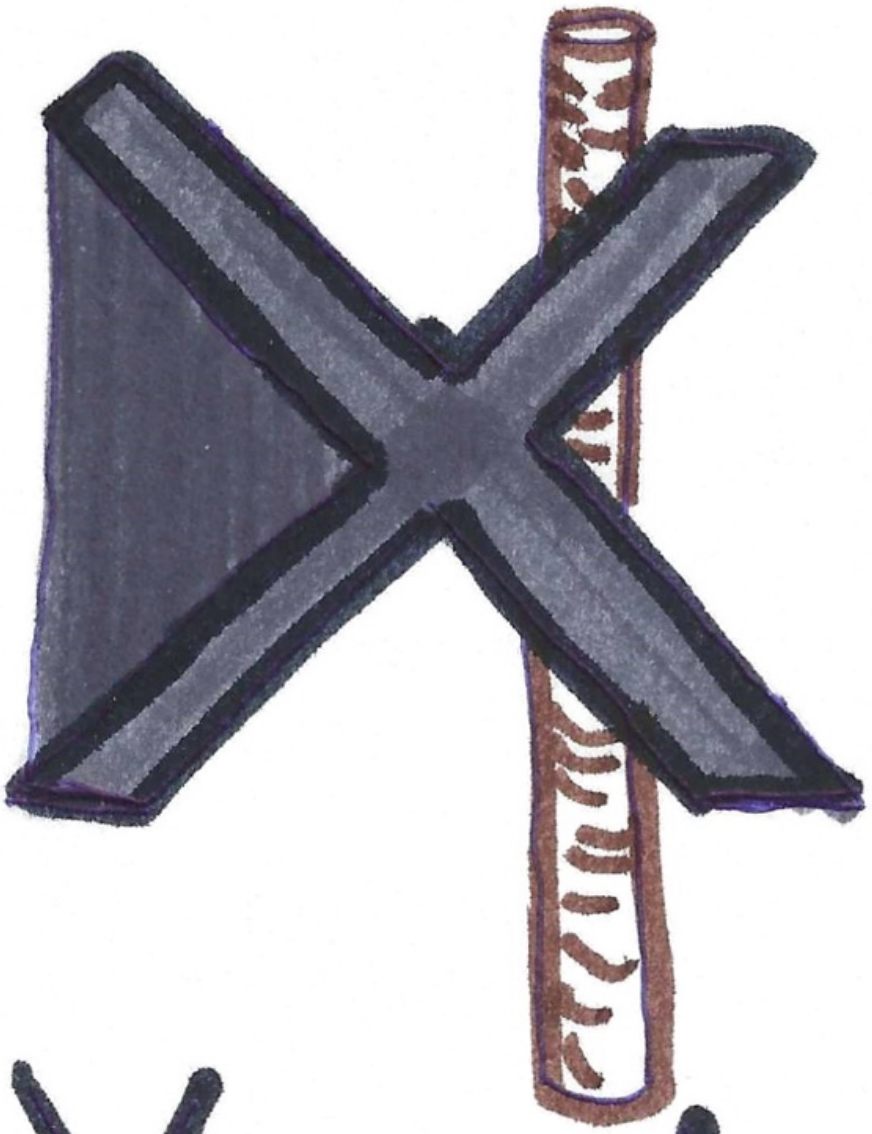

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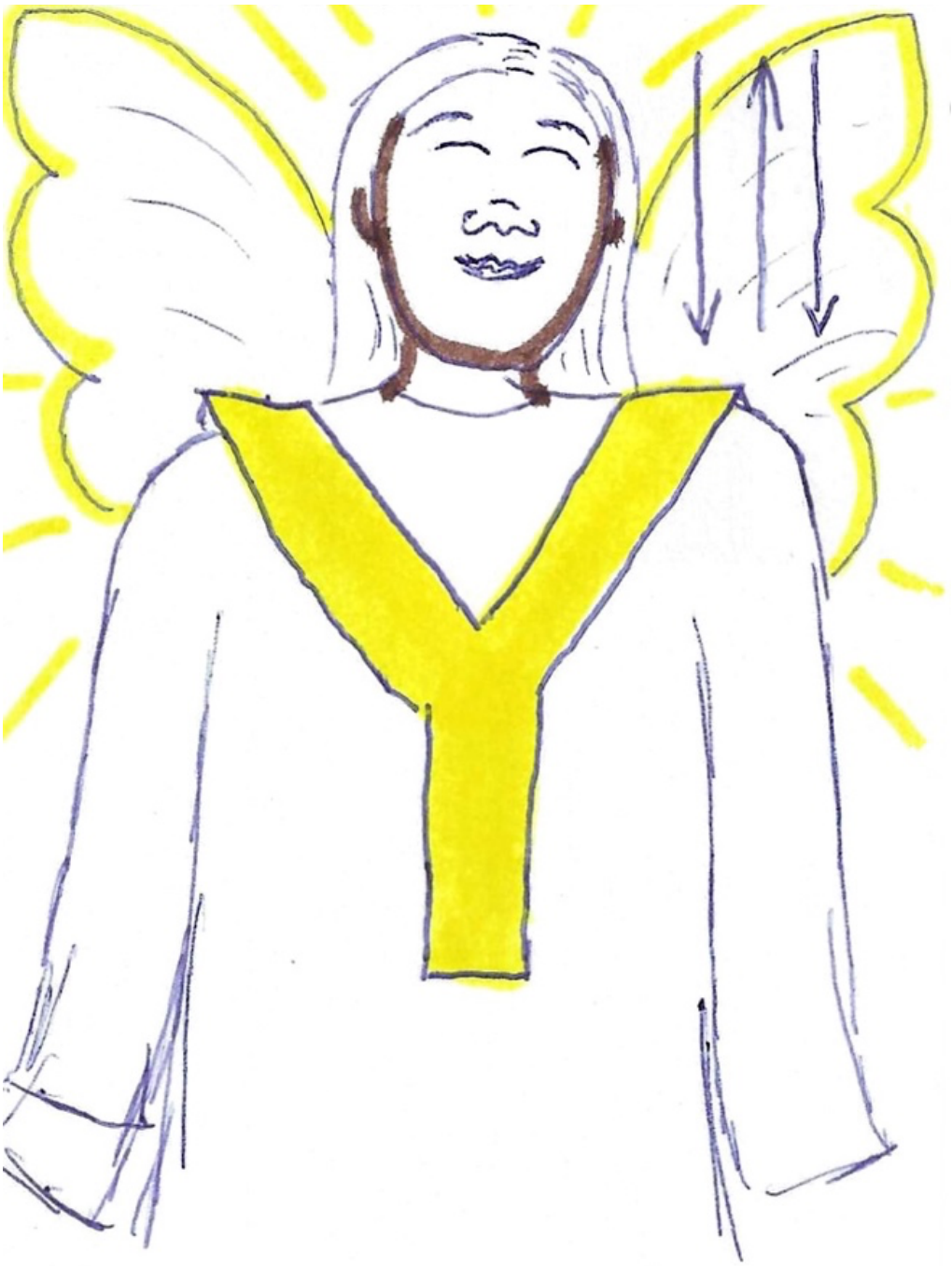

Yy Yes



Zz Zipper

Lesson 2: Use Phonetic Pictures to Sound Out Words;
Recognize Upper and Lower Case Letters



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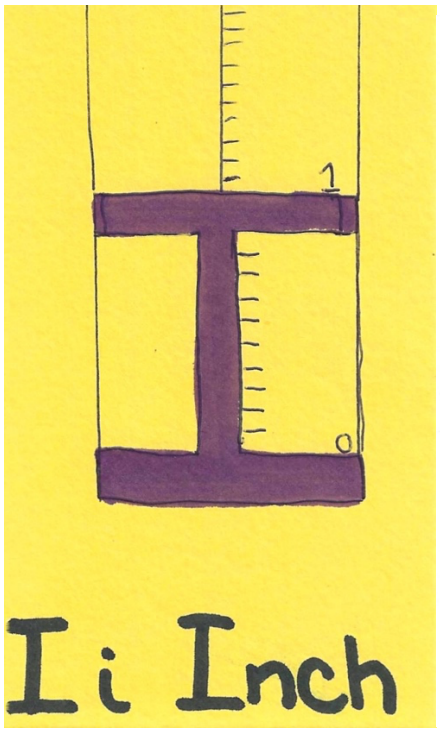
God





IS

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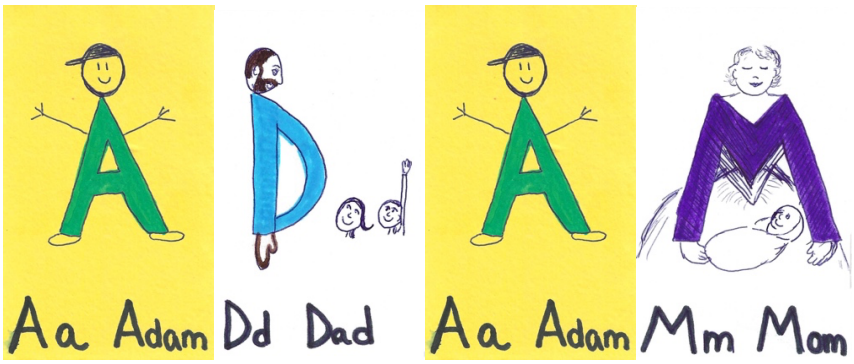
BIG

big

GOD IS BIG.

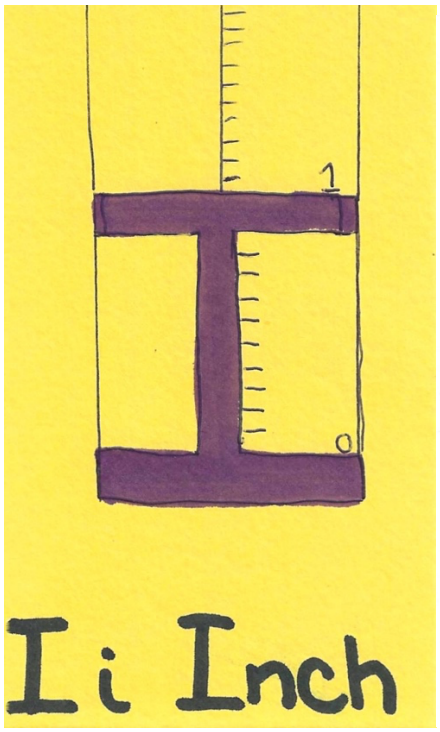
God is big.

Lesson 3: Blending Two Letters



ADAM

Adam





IS

is



A

a



MAN

man

ADAM IS A MAN.

Adam is a man.

GOD is a big, big, GOD.

Adam is a man.

God can tap Adam.

Lesson 5: Short A

Sight word: THE / the

Phonics Focus: Point to the word “the” and have the student say, “the”. “The” is a pointing word. It always points to something.

GOD and Adam ran and sat on a mat. Adam can pat the fat cat on his lap. Adam can tap the fat cat.

Adam met a gal!

The gal can help Adam. Adam and the gal fed the red hen in the pen. Adam and the gal pet the cat.

Adam and the gal will pet the big pig in the pen. The pig will sit and dig a pit. A fig fell in his pen.

Adam has a cot. The dog will hop on the cot. The dog sat on the cot and got it wet. The cot is a mess.

Lesson 9: Short U

Adam and the gal run up a hill and sit in the sun. A bug is on the bud. It is fun to pet the pup and the cat up on the hill. Adam has fuzz on his hand! The gal will hum and hug the cat.

Lesson 10: Consonant Blends

GOD and Adam and the gal run up the hill and sit in the sun. It is not hot. GOD has a big grin. A frog is in the mud. The gal will stop and smell the bud on the stem on the plant. Adam and the gal will snack. The dog will swim. The frog will spring up in the grass. GOD is glad. Adam is glad. The gal is glad. It is fun.

Lesson 11: More Consonant Blends

GOD is sad. Adam is sad. The gal is not glad. Adam was bad. The gal was bad. Adam and the gal had a bad snack. It is not fun. It is a bad twist. So sad. No fun. Adam has a black spot. Adam stops and drops and sobs. Adam is sad, sad, sad.

Lesson 12: Shortcuts an/en/in/on/un

Lesson 13: Shortcuts: ack/eck/ick/ock/uck; and "All" words

Lesson 14: Long Vowel Sounds

Lesson 15: Silent E

GOD Made Man



GOD is big. GOD is wise. GOD is nice. GOD wanted to make a man. GOD made a man with dust. He made a man with a face, a nose, and a

back/bone. GOD gave the man life and gave him the name “Adam”. GOD smiled. He liked the man.

Adam likes the pets. Adam likes the cats, the dogs, the hens, the frogs, the ducks, the fish, the apes, the rab/bits, and the mice. Adam is sad.



The cat has a mate. The dog has a mate. The hen has a mate. The frog has a mate! But Adam has no mate. Adam is sad. “I hate to be a/lone.” GOD is big. GOD is wise. GOD is nice. GOD takes a rib from Adam and makes a gal to be Adam’s mate. Adam likes the gal. He names her Eve. She is Adam’s wife. GOD smiles. GOD likes Adam and Eve.

Adam and Eve made a cute hut to be a home.

Adam and Eve got ripe grapes and ate them.



Adam and Eve made a kite.

Adam and Eve run a race. It was a mile. Adam and Eve run the race and cross the line at the same time!

Adam made a fire. Eve baked a cake. It is a nice cake with dates, cloves, and spice. Adam cuts a slice of cake and takes a bite. He ate it. He is glad.

Adam and Eve go with GOD to the lake. Eve picks a rose. Adam picks up a pine cone. GOD



picks up a duck. "Quack, quack!" GOD smiles. He likes the duck.

It is time for GOD to go. "I will be back," He tells Adam and Eve. Adam smiles. He likes GOD.

Lesson 16: Vowel Teams

JESUS Heals the Sick and Endures Pain on the Cross





JESUS is GOD's Son. GOD said to JESUS, "I need you to heal the sick." And so, JESUS did.

GOD said to JESUS, "I need you to heal the lame and the men and gals that cannot see." And so, JESUS did.

GOD said to JESUS, "I need you to go on the road to the Sea of Gal/i/lee. Sit in a boat and tell the men and gals: 'Do not be mean. Be kind and nice. Lean on GOD. Take a leap of faith.' Then with the men, float in a boat on the Sea of Galilee and get fish in the deep sea."

GOD said to JESUS, “I need you to res/cue the saints and bleed on a tree with nails. I need you to en/dure pain and moan and groan and bleed and die on a cross. The goal is to save the men and the gals. Men and gals sin and need grace. I need you to aid the men and gals and be the main man in the plan to save hu/mans and make them clean from sin.” And so, JESUS did. JESUS died on a cross and was put in a grave. But in a bit, GOD raised JESUS from the dead. He is a/live!

GOD said to JESUS, “I need you to be near Me and sit beside Me in Heaven.” And so, JESUS did. GOD made JESUS



to be the KING of Kings. JESUS is a great KING!

Lesson 17: More Final Silent E Rules

PROVERBS

Solomon was a wise king of Israel. He wrote:



- Use time well.
- Be nice to people.
- Live in awe of GOD.
- Pause; think; then speak.
- GOD is the judge of men. Praise Him!
- If you are wise, GOD will give you a prize.

Lesson 18: Sight Words

Lesson 19: The Letter "S" at the End of Words

Lesson 20: Y at the End of Short Words Says Long i

Mary's Box

(Adapted from John 12:1-9 and Mark 14:1-9)

Mary had a box.



She said, "I want to try to be kind to JESUS." So she broke the box open and put the con/tents of the box on JESUS' feet. JESUS was go/ing to die, and she was ap/ply/ing this to His feet as a good-by gift. Then she was dry/ing JESUS' feet with her hair. JESUS was glad that she gave her gift. She was trying to love JESUS by be/ing kind to him. We can try to love JESUS and be kind to him by be/ing nice to people. JESUS said, "If you are nice to the least of My people,

you are being nice to Me!" Being nice to people is a gift that you can give to JESUS. He will smile. He will like your gift! Try it!

Lesson 21: Y at the End of a Long Word or Syllable Says Long E

Lesson 22: AY Vowel Team

Lesson 23: -ing, -ang, -ong, -ung

Lesson 24: -ink, -ank, -unk, -onk

JESUS Cleans the Men's Stinky Feet

(Adapted from John 13:1-15)



JESUS was going to die. He wanted to have one last nice meal with His friends. But there was an issue: they all had stinky feet from walking on the dusty road. JESUS plunked Him/self on a seat and began to clean the gunk off the feet of the men. Peter blinked and shrank back. “No thank you, JESUS. I do not want you to clean my stinky feet!”

JESUS said, “I must clean your feet, Peter, or you will not be mine. What do you think?”

“Oh, I see!” said Peter, “I *do* want you to clean my feet! Dunk my feet, please, and also clean my hands and my head!”

JESUS smiled. “Just your feet will be fine,” He said. Then He con/tin/ued, “I have given you an

ex/am/ple. Do as I have done to you. Be like a slave to people. Clean the stinky feet of people and love them."

Lesson 25: Adding -ing to root words

Loving Living



Walking, running, hiking, riding,

These are things I love to do.

Thinking, reading, writing, painting,

These are things that I love, too!

Swimming, sailing, climbing, jumping

Singing, dancing, smiling, hugging,

Trying, fixing, thanking, laughing,

These are things I love to do.

GOD gave breath,

GOD gave life,

Hands and feet to go and do.

With each action that I like,

Dear LORD, I want to worship You!

Lesson 26: Using "ed" at the end of words to make them past tense

Daniel Trusted in GOD

(Adapted from the Book of Daniel, Chapter 6)



Daniel was a faithful man who loved GOD, obeyed GOD, and stayed loyal to the LORD. He was a friend of GOD and prayed three times a day to the LORD. Some men were mad at Daniel. They did not like him and wanted to kill him. So, they de/vised a mean plan. They asked the king to make a law that no one could pray to anyone except to the king. If a person dis/o/beyed the law, they would be sent to the lion's den to be eaten. Daniel frowned when he heard about the new law. But he loved GOD more than he feared death. He believed GOD would reward him for doing what was right and just. So, he dared to do the right thing. He went home, opened the window towards Jerusalem, and knelt down in his upstairs room, and prayed to GOD, giving thanks. He asked for GOD's help. Then the mean men went to Daniel's house and caught him praying. "You broke the law!" they yelled. Then they went and

told the king what had hap/pened. The king was deeply troubled, for he loved and trusted Daniel. He tried to think of a way to save Daniel. He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this mess. But there was no way. As he gave orders for Daniel to be ar/rest/ed and thrown into the den of lions, the good king said to Daniel, “May your GOD, whom you serve so faith/fully, rescue you.” Then Daniel was sent into the lion’s den and a stone was placed over the open/ing.



The king was sad. He re/turned to his palace and spent the night fasting (he did not eat). He slept not a wink. He stayed awake. He waited. He felt so bad! He wept and wept. He wanted Daniel to live! The king kept watch until the sun came up. Then, very early in the morning, he left the palace and rushed to the lion’s den. He pressed his face to the stone and called to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living GOD! Was your GOD, whom you serve so faith/fully, able to res/cue you from the lions?”

Daniel answered, “Long live the king! My GOD sent His angel to shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me!” The king lept with joy!



He ordered for Daniel to be lifted up out of the lion’s den. The king helped Daniel out and hugged him. Not a scratch was found on Daniel, for he had trusted in his GOD!

Lesson 27: Vowel Clusters, Consonant Clusters, and R-Influenced Vowels

Lesson 28: -OR

Lesson 29: -AR [Noah’s Ark]

Lesson 30: -ER, -IR, and -UR

Lesson 31: Syllables

Lesson 32: Sh as in Ship

Lesson 33: Prefixes

Lesson 34: Suffixes

Lesson 35: Ch as in Child

Lesson 36: Th as in The and Think, and Thr as in Three

Lesson 37: Ow as in Owl and Ou as in Couch

Lesson 38: Ow as in Snow

The Ten Commandments

(Exodus 20:1-17):

1. I AM the LORD thy GOD. Have no other gods before Me.
2. Do not make any idols and do not bow down to idols or worship them.

3. Do not take the name of the LORD thy GOD in vain.
4. Re/mem/ber the Sab/bath Day, to keep it holy. Work six days and then take a day to rest.
5. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live a long life.
6. Do not kill.
7. Do not com/mit ad/ult/er/y.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. Do not cov/et what belongs to other people.



Lesson 39: More Ew as in New; Ue as in Blue

Parable of the Great Feast

(Adapted from Matthew 22:1-14)



There once was a king (we will call him Matthew) who had a son (we will call him Andrew) who was going to marry his bride (we will call her Sue). King Matthew wanted to give his son a big party like he was due, so he invited all of his dear friends. When the big day arrived and he threw the party, King Matthew sent out his servants to notify all his friends that the party was ready. But they all refused to come. Each of them had issues. Whether true or untrue, they all had excuses. When the servants told the king the bad news, he grew very angry and flew into a rage. He said, "Do not pursue those people any longer. Go out into the streets and invite every/one you see." So that is what the servants did. They



invited everyone, good and bad alike, and they all came to the party.

King Matthew had nice, new, clean, white gowns as a gift for each person to wear to the party so that they would look nice for Prince Andrew and his bride, Sue. But when King Matthew came in to meet the people, he noticed a man who was not wearing a white gown. "Friend," said King Matthew, "Why did you not put your new gown on? I let you come to my party. Could you not do this one simple thing to make me happy?"



The man did not have a clue about what to say to King Matthew. So the king had his servants tie the man's hands and feet, and they threw him out. Outside, he wept and was angry at himself for not putting on the king's gown.

JESUS' reason for telling this story was to say:

Many are called, but few are chosen.

Lesson 40: Aw as in jaw; Au as in Paul; Qu as in question; Squ as in squirrel

Paul's Story

(Adapted from Acts 9)

Have you heard the story about Paul in the Bible? When he was born, his name was Saul. In school, he was a very good student. He studied the Law under a very good teacher. When he grew up, he had one flaw: he did not like the people who followed JESUS. He was always getting into quarrels and brawls with them. He was very mean to them. He treated them like out/laws and caused many of them to go to prison and even to die. But JESUS loved Saul



and wanted Saul to go to Heaven with Him. So, be/cause of this, JESUS came to Saul. Saul saw the glory of JESUS shine out, and he fell down. Saul was quiet. He squeezed his eyes shut. He quaked with fear. JESUS ques/tioned Saul. "Saul, Saul, why are you per/se/cu/ting me?"

Saul squirmed. "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked res/pect/ful/ly.

JESUS said, "I am JESUS, the one you are per/se/cu/ting. Do not squan/der your life trying to squash my servants. Now get up and go into the town, and you will be told what you must do." Then JESUS left.

Saul crawled a bit and then picked himself up off the ground. But when he opened his eyes he could not see! So his friends led him by the hand to a house in Dam/as/cus. He stayed there and did not





eat or drink for three days. He was very sorry for how badly he had treated JESUS' servants. He wanted to quit being mean. At dawn, JESUS sent His servant An/an/i/as to put his hands on Saul and heal him. He could see again and he was filled with the HOLY SPIRIT! He got up, was bap/tized, and ate some food. Then he quickly began his new quest: to tell every/one about JESUS! Now he loved JESUS, he loved JESUS' servants, and people started calling him Paul. He was a new man!

Lesson 41: Oi as in Coin and Oy as in Boy

Lesson 42: OO as in Book and OO as in Moon

Lesson 43: tion, sion, cian, cien, cean, and tian=shun; cious and tious=shus; cial=shul

Lesson 44: The two sounds of "G" (as in go and gym); and "DGE"

The Angelic Visitation

(Adapted from Luke 1:26-38)



One day, GOD sent a glow/ing angel named Ga/bri/el to Naz/ar/eth, a vil/lage in the re/gion of Gal/il/ee, to a vir/gin named Mary. She was pledged (that is, en/gaged) to be mar/ried to a man named Jo/seph, one of the great-great-grand/sons of King David.

Gabriel ap/peared to Mary and said, "Greet/ings, fa/vored woman! The LORD is with you!"

Con/fused and dis/turbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her. "For you have found favor with God! Guess what! You are going to have a glor/i/ous baby boy, and you will name him JESUS. There's so much to tell you, but the gen/er/al gist of it is: He will be very great and will be called the SON of the GREAT GOD. The LORD GOD will give him the throne of his Great-great-grand/father David. He will be KING over Is/ra/el for/ever; his King/dom will never end!"

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a vir/gin."

The angel replied, "The HOLY SPIRIT will come upon you, and the power of the GREAT GOD will over/shad/ow you. So the Little Guy to be born will be holy, and he will be called the SON of GOD. What's more, your rel/a/tive El/iz/a/beth has become preg/nant in her old age! People used to say she was

bar/ren, but she is going to have a baby boy, too! For the WORD of GOD will never fail."

Mary grate/ful/ly gushed, "I am the LORD's servant. May ev/er/y/thing you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Lesson 45: Ph= "f"

Lesson 46: The Two Sounds of C (as in cot and bicycle)

Cows, Corn, and a Fancy Palace

Genesis 37-47



Once there was a care/free young man named Jo/seph who lived in an area called Ca/naan, which is now Is/ra/el. He was the e/lev/enth of twelve brothers born to a God-fearing man named Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Ab/ra/ham. Joseph's family circle was large, but his brothers did not like him.

In ad/di/tion to being their father's fa/vor/ite child and re/ceiv/ing a fancy colorful coat, Joseph had some mag/ni/fi/cent dreams that made the brothers feel in/sig/nif/i/cant. They wanted to get rid of Joseph, so they sold him as a slave, and he was taken to the cap/it/al city of E/gypt. He was pur/chased by a citizen named Pot/i/phar, who was the cap/tain of the pal/ace guard for the Pha/raoh, the great leader of Egypt. Joseph was very dil/i/gent. He worked hard for Potiphar and be/came the top slave in charge of his en/tire house/hold. Every/thing was going very well for Joseph until Po/ti/phar's wife ac/cused him of doing some/thing he had not done. Even though Joseph was in/no/cent, Potiphar threw him in prison. It was an awful place: mice ran around on the floor and lice crawled on his scalp. He decided to make the best of it, though, and so he carefully served the man who was in charge of the prison, cleaning prison cells and giving the pris/on/ers their meals. He did this for sev/er/al years.

Then one day, the Pharaoh of Egypt was curled up with his cat on his royal cot and had a cur/i/ous dream. In the dream, seven heal/thy cows were eaten up by seven scrawny, thin cows. Then he had another dream: seven healthy, ro/bust ears of corn came up on one stalk. Then seven thin, sickly ears of corn came up and ate up the healthy ears of corn. Pharaoh was con/cerned. What did the dreams mean? Pharaoh's cup-bearer had been in prison with Joseph for a short time, and Joseph had in/ter/pret/ed one of the cup-bearer's dreams for him, saying that he would be let out of prison. So the cup-bearer en/cour/aged Pharaoh to call Joseph to come to the Royal Palace to interpret Pharaoh's dream for him. Pharaoh called for Joseph. Joseph was al/lowed to clean up, put on clean clothes, and come before Pharaoh in the fancy Royal Palace. When Pharaoh asked him to interpret the dream, Joseph humbly responded, "I cannot interpret dreams, but GOD can. He will give you peace con/cern/ing your dream."



Pharaoh pro/ceed/ed to tell Joseph about the dream. GOD revealed to Joseph that the seven healthy cows and seven robust ears of corn were seven years of good wea/ther that would produce a boun/ti/ful harvest. However, after those good years would come seven years of famine, and people would starve if they did nothing to prepare for it. Joseph rec/om/mend/ed that Pharaoh prepare wise/ly and store up corn during the seven good years, which could then be con/sumed during the seven years of fam/ine. Content with this idea, Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the whole project. In fact, Joseph was made Second-in-Command of the entire nation of Egypt! Not only did Joseph save the lives of all the citizens of Egypt, but he also saved his own family's lives. His brothers came to Egypt twice with cash to buy corn from Joseph. The first time they came, he cau/tious/ly kept it a secret that he was their brother. How/ever, the second time they came, he cried with great e/mo/tion, re/veal/ing to them that he was indeed Joseph. He forgave them for selling him as a slave and explained that it was ac/tu/al/ly part of GOD's plan to save their family from starving to

death. Joseph in/vi/ted his whole family to move to Egypt so that he could care for them through the re/main/der of the food crisis. Joseph's acts of kind/ness and for/give/ness brought rec/on/cil/i/a/tion and peace to his entire family.

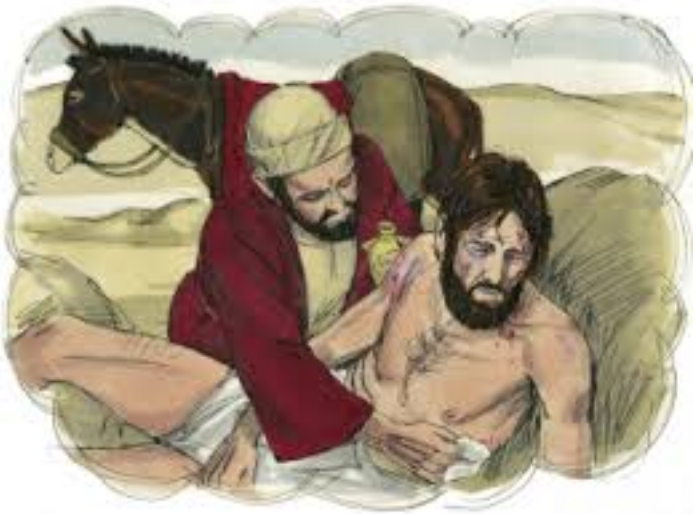


Lesson 47: "igh" as in "high"; "ight" as in "light"; "eigh"="a" as in eight

The Most Important Commandment &

The Good Samaritan

(Adapted from Luke 10:25-37)



One day an expert in re/li/gious law stood up to test JESUS by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to in/her/it e/ter/nal life?”

JESUS replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

The man had great in/sight and an/swered, “You must love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, all your soul, all your might, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neigh/bor as your/self.’”

“Right!” JESUS told him. “Do this and you will live.”

The man wanted to just/if/y his actions, so he asked JESUS, “And who is my neigh/bor?”

JESUS replied with a story: “A Jewish man was trav/el/ing during the bright day/light from Je/ru/sa/lem right down to Je/ric/ho, and he was attacked by ban/dits who were down/right mean. He was fright/ened! He tried to take flight, but they o/ver/pow/ered him, stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. He was an un/sight/ly mess. As mid/night passed, He squeezed his eyes tightly in pain. He lay there over/night. Would anyone help him and save his life? Would he ever be al/right again?

“When the light of dawn began to shine, a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the right side of the road and passed him by. A Temple as/sis/tant walked over and looked at him lying there and got slight/ly nau/se/a/ted, so he also passed by on the right side.

Then a de/spised Sam/ar/it/an came along, and when he saw the plight of the man, he felt com/pas/sion for him. Going over to the light/weight man, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and ban/daged them. What a sight he was! Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn in a good neigh/bor/hood, where he took care of him that whole night. The Samaritan was fright/ened that the man would die. But he lived! The next day the Samaritan handed the inn/keep/er two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you in eigh/teen days when I travel this way again.'

"Now which of these three men would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by the bandits: the priest, the Temple Assistant, or the Samaritan?" JESUS asked.

The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

JESUS was de/light/ed at his answer and said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

Lesson 48: Ch (English says: ch; French says: sh; Greek says: Kr)

Lesson 49: All, Awl, and Alk

Lesson 50: "ey" = "E" as in Key;
"ey" = "A" as in Obey

A Humble KING on a Donkey

(Adapted from Matthew 21:1-17, Con/temp/or/ary English Ver/sion)

Note: The small numbers indicate the verses of Scripture. Students will notice the numbers but should not read them.

[1]When Jesus and his dis/cip/les came near Je/ru/sa/lem, he went to Beth/**ph**age on the Mount of Olives and sent two of them on ahead. [2] He told them, “Go into the next village, where you will at once find a donkey and her colt. Untie the two donkeys and bring them to me. [3] If any/one asks why you are doing this, just say, ‘The Lord needs them.’ He will at once let you have the donkeys.”



[4] So God's promise came true, just as the prophet had said,

[5] “An/nounce to the people
of Jerusalem:

‘Your king is coming to you!
He is humble
   and rides on a donkey.
He comes on the colt
   of a donkey.’ ”

6 The disciples left and did what Jesus had told them
to do. 7 They brought the donkey and its colt and
laid some clothes on their backs. Then Jesus got on.

8 Many people spread clothes in the road, while
others put down branches which they had cut from
trees. 9 Some people walked ahead of Jesus and
others followed behind. They were all shouting,

“[Ho/san/na!!! Glory to GOD who saves us!!!!]

Hooray for the Son of David!
God bless the one who comes
   in the name of the Lord.
Hooray for God
   in heaven above!”

10 When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the
city was excited and asked, “Who can this be?”

11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet
from Nazareth in Galilee.”

12 Jesus went into the temple and chased out
everyone who was selling or buying. He turned over
the tables of the mon/ey/chan/gers and the
benches of the ones who were selling doves. **13** He
told them, “The Scriptures say, ‘My house should be
called a place of worship.’ But you have turned it
into a place where robbers hide.”

14 Blind and lame people came to Jesus in the
temple, and he healed them. **15** But the chief priests
and the teachers of the Law of Moses were angry
when they saw his miracles and heard the children
shouting praises to the Son of David. **16** The men
said to Jesus, “Don't you hear what those children
are saying?”

“Yes, I do!” Jesus answered. “Don't you know that
the Scriptures say, ‘Children and infants will sing
praises’?” **17** Then Jesus left the city and went out to
the village of Beth/an/y, where he spent the night.

Lesson 51: ough can say "off", "aw", "ow", "o", "oo", or "uff"

Psalm 34, King James Version

Note: The King James Version of the Bible was translated in 1611. It was authorized by King James I of England. The English-speaking people of the time used some words that seem odd to our modern ears. However, as you read this translation more, your brain will become accustomed to the language.

34 I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.



5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

[6] This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.



[7] The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

[8] O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

[9] O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

[10] The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

[11] Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

[12] What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

[13] Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

[14] Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

[15] The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.



18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Lesson 52: Y Rules

Lesson 53: i=e in Latin & Romance language words such as "piano"; et=Long A in French words as in "ballet"

Lesson 54: Contractions

That'd Be a Miracle!

(Adapted from John 6:1-21)

One day, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they'd seen his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, "You mean *we're* going to feed all these people?? Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!"



Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. He's a really generous soul. But what'd that do with this huge crowd? I can't imagine that we'd be able to feed very many people with only five barley loaves and two fish. There'd be a lot of happy people out there if you could pull that one off, Jesus. That'd be a real miracle."

Jesus chuckled. "Let's see what we can do about that. Tell everyone to sit down," he said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much

as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who'd eaten from the five barley loaves.

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he's the Prophet we've been expecting!" When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. They'd rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid.



I'm here!" Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!

Lesson 55: More "gn"="n" (silent g as in gnat, sign, reign, and campaign)

The Faith of a Roman Officer

(Matthew 8:5-13, New Living Translation)

5 When Jesus returned to Cap/er/naum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, **6** "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, par/a/lyzed and in terrible pain."



7 Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."

8 But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. **9** I know this because I am under the au/thor/i/ty of my su/per/i/or officers, and I have authority over my sol/diers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or

‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.”

10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel! **11** And I tell you this, that many Gen/tiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with A/bra/ham, I/saac, and Ja/cob at the feast in the King/dom of Hea/ven.**12** But many Is/rael/ites—those for whom the King/dom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you be/lieved, it has hap/pened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.

Lesson 56: More "gh" = "g", "ff", or is silent

“Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.” (Luke 6:21, KJV)

“Pride goeth before de/struc/tion, and an haugh/ty spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18, KJV)

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” (John 8:12, NLT)



And seeing the mul/ti/tudes, he went up into a moun/tain: and when he was set, his di/sci/ples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the king/dom of heaven. (Matthew 5:1-3, KJV)

28 One of the teachers of re/li/gious law was standing there listening to the debate. He real/ized that Jesus had

answered well, so he asked, “Of all the com/mand/ments, which is the most im/por/tant?”

29 Jesus replied, “The most im/por/tant com/mand/ment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.**30** And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ **31** The second is equally im/por/tant: ‘Love your neigh/bor as yourself.’ No other com/mand/ment is greater than these.” (Mark 12:28-31, NLT)

Lesson 57: When to use "a" or "an";
"a" says "uh" at the beginning of some words, as in about, await, & America; and
"a" as in father

The Prodigal Son

(Adapted from Luke 15:11-31)

Jesus told a story to il/lus/trate the love and for/give/ness of GOD the FATHER, and how glad GOD is when some/one who has wan/dered away comes back home to Him.



“Once there was an honest, loving gen/tle/man who had two sons whom he adored. They abode with him in his home until one day after the younger son had become an adult. The younger son ap/peared at the dinner table and an/nounced to his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now. I don’t want to await your death to get my in/her/it/ance. I want to get it now while you are still alive, and then I want to go far away from here.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

“A few days later this younger son packed all his be/long/ings and went away to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living with wild friends. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. His wild friends all a/ban/doned him and he was all alone. He was afraid that he might die from hunger, so he per/sua/ded a local farmer to hire him. The farmer sent the young man into his fields to feed the pigs. He became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him any/thing.



"When he finally came to his senses and became aware of what he was doing, he said to him/self, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."'

"So within an hour he was returning home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father, who was always watching for him, saw him coming. Filled with love and com/pas/sion, he ran to his son, em/braced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'



22 "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fat/ten/ing. We must ce/le/brate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

"Mean/while, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 'Your

brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fat/tened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'

"The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once re/fused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even a young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squan/der/ing your money on wild living, you ce/le/brate by killing the fattened calf!'

"His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'"

Just as the father was happy over his younger son, so GOD our Hea/ven/ly Father is so happy when we decide to return to Him and have faith in Him again.

Lesson 58: Silent Letters: Silent K as in know; Silent B as in Comb; Silent H as in Honest; Silent U as in Guard; Silent W as in Wrote; Silent P as in Psalm; Silent L as in Walk; Silent S as in Illinois; and Silent G as in Paradigm

Psalm 139

For the choir director: A psalm of David.

1 O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
2 You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
3 You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
4 You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
5 You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.



6 Such know/ledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!
7 I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
8 If I go up to heaven, you are there;
if I go down to the grave, you are there.
9 If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
10 even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.
11 I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—
12 but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.
To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to you.

13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 Thank you for making me so won/der/ful/ly complex!



Your work/man/ship is mar/vel/ous—how well I know it.
15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
16 You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was re/cord/ed in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.
17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!



18 I can't even count them;
they out/number the grains of sand!

And when I wake up,
you are still with me!
19 O God, if only you would destroy the wicked!
Get out of my life, you murderers!
20 They blaspheme you;
your enemies misuse your name.
21 O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you?
Shouldn't I despise those who oppose you?
22 Yes, I hate them with total hatred,
for your enemies are my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24 Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of ev/er/last/ing life.

Lesson 59: A Few Final Phonics Rules:

-old, olt, oll, ost

-ild, ind

-ull

-ful

-sc says "s"

-Rules about X

-ea & ear

JESUS Said, "Follow Me and Be My Disciple"

JESUS CHRIST of Naz/a/reth is the Son of GOD who was sent from Heaven to help us learn how to love GOD and love people, and to show us the Way to Eternal Life. While He lived here in the earthly realm, he was an ex/cel/lent, beau/ti/ful, pow/er/ful example of gen/u/ine love in action. He was care/ful to honor and show kindness

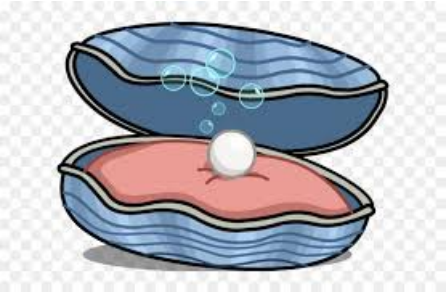
to his mother, the sick, the poor, and children. He healed many people, including those who were blind, deaf, and lame. Once, he turned water into wine. Another time, he took five loaves of bread and two fish that a child offered and mul/ti/plied the food to feed a crowd of over five thousand people! He served the people earn/est/ly, often



working to the point of ex/haus/tion. Some/times, there were so many people coming and going that He didn't even have time to eat! JESUS was a com/pas/sion/ate, wonderful, loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, meek man who ex/hib/it/ed in/cred/ible self-control. When he was offered all the kingdoms of the earth if he would simply fall down and worship the devil, JESUS quickly refused, pushing back and saying, "Get behind Me, Satan, for the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only Him.'" JESUS ful/filled his des/tin/y on earth, dying on the cross to take away our sins, and then GOD the FATHER gave Him the scep/ter of au/thor/i/ty over all of

Heaven and all of the kingdoms of the earth. JESUS received the eternal position of KING of Kings and LORD of Lords by obeying GOD, not by the awful act of being wor/ship/ful of the devil.

JESUS calls every/one ev/ery/where to follow Him and be His dis/ci/ple. He wants us to love GOD with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and to love people just like He does. He wants us to be strong in char/ac/ter. He wants us worship GOD and search for GOD dil/i/gent/ly. He wants us to become a true friend of GOD. When we do, it will be like finding a great treasure or a pearl of great price, because be/liev/ing in JESUS for sal/va/tion and becoming His friend is what gives us eternal life and opens up all the riches of Heaven for us. If you have JESUS, you have EVERYTHING you ever need, forever!!! If you don't have JESUS, you have nothing. It is a heavy thought, but one we must all face: death comes to all of hu/man/ity. However, if you have believed on the LORD JESUS CHRIST for your salvation, instead of going to the grave when you die, your spirit will simply move to Heaven! You will be es/cort/ed by the



angels to the Throne Room of GOD, where you will behold the glory of GOD MOST HIGH, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the HOLY SPIRIT! It will be so exciting to be with our CREATOR! It will exceed anything you have ever thought or imagined! You will get to talk with GOD face-to-face, and be His dear, close friend, forever!!!!

JESUS tells us to repent of our sins and turn to GOD. That means we are supposed to tell GOD that we are sorry for all the unkind, bad things that we have done in our life, STOP doing those things, and start loving people in the way that GOD loves them: by being kind, merciful, com/pas/sion/ate, and forgiving. Romans 10:9-13 explains what we are to do if we want to follow JESUS and ex/per/i/ence eternal life: "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly de/clar/ing your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be dis/graced.' Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have



the same Lord, who gives gen/er/ous/ly to all who call on him. For 'everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.'"

JESUS also says in Mark 16:16, "Anyone who believes and is bap/tized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be con/demned."

JESUS wants EVERYONE to be saved! 1 Timothy 2:3-4 says that He is "...God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to un/der/stand the truth."

You were BORN to be a beloved friend of GOD. You exist to worship Him. When you repent of your sins and accept JESUS as your LORD and SAVIOR, you begin walking down the path that leads to your destiny – the high calling of GOD in CHRIST JESUS for you – which is to be one of JESUS' Best Friends. Would you like to make the best de/ci/sion of your life right now? Would you like to choose to follow JESUS and be His disciple forever? If so, you can pray something like this:

"LORD JESUS, I am so sorry for all the bad, unkind things that I have done in life. Would You please forgive me and make me clean? I believe that You died on the

cross to pay the pun/ish/ment for my sins. I believe that You were in the grave for three days and that then GOD raised You from the dead. I believe that you are now alive forever! I boldly say to all people that You are my LORD and KING! I love You and I want to follow You and be Your disciple forever! Please teach me how to love You and love others. Please teach me how to be kind, merciful, and good. Please send Your HOLY SPIRIT to fill me up and empower me to live this new life of love with You. I love You, LORD JESUS. In Your Holy Name I pray. Amen."

If you prayed that prayer and really meant it, then JESUS has written your name in His *LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE*, and you are saved!!! The angels in Heaven are throwing a party, rejoicing, and dancing because you are now one of JESUS' followers and a child of GOD!!!! You are the prodigal son or daughter who has returned home! You are the lost sheep that has been found! You are the Bride that JESUS paid the most ex/pen/sive price of His own blood on the cross to purchase. You are so valuable to JESUS!!!! Your i/den/ti/ty is pre/cious, and your des/tin/y is POWERFUL!!!!

The next thing you will want to do is to find a good church that believes in JESUS, GOD the FATHER, and the HOLY SPIRIT, and ask to be baptized. Baptism publicly shows everyone that you have made a de/ci/sion to die to your old life of sin and self/ish/ness, and that you are being raised up to live a new life of love by following JESUS and being His disciple. Your old sinful nature is buried in the waters of baptism, and you become a new creature in CHRIST JESUS when you come up out of the water!

Then you will want to ask the pastor or elder to pray for you to receive the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. JESUS told the disciples in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." He also said in Luke 11:13, "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him." So, ASK Him!!! The Holy Spirit will help you to be bold, kind, and loving, and will help you fulfill your wonderful destiny in life!

Finally, you will want to set up a daily ap/point/ment with JESUS to spend time with Him. It takes time and effort to become a faithful disciple and Best Friend of JESUS. As Gary and Dr. Greg Smalley say in their book, *Bound by Honor*, "Friendships don't develop by chance or accident, but as a result of spending time together regularly." It is a great idea to set aside the first hour of your day every day to sing a song to JESUS, read one chapter of the Bible, and talk to JESUS about whatever is on your heart. As you do, JESUS will begin to per/son/al/ly teach you how to follow Him and love others. You will grow a little bit every day. After many years, you will become just like JESUS: you will be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, meek, and self-controlled. You will be a very happy, fulfilled person! A life lived with JESUS is an amazing, excellent life! May the LORD JESUS bless you. Amen!