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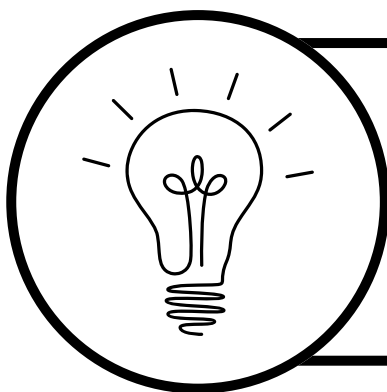
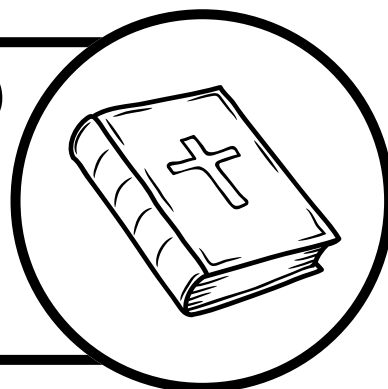


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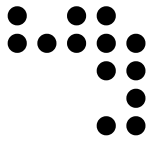
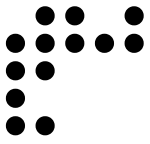
THINK

Jesus is the Messiah. God sent his Son Jesus to be our Savior. We see God through Jesus' life. Immanuel means God is with you, by Jesus and through the Holy Spirit.

APPLY

Jesus came to save us from our sins. Have you accepted that free gift of salvation?





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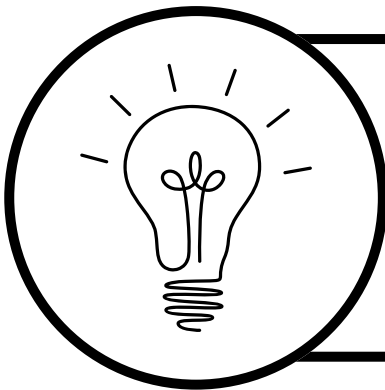
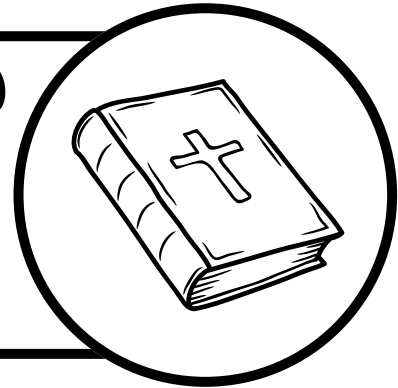


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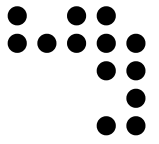
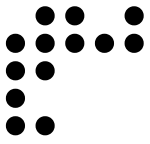
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The wise men followed the star and it led them to Jesus. When they saw Jesus for the first time, they worshipped. They were overcome with gratitude that they “bowed down and worshipped.”

APPLY

Jesus is our Savior and King. Take a minute to write down three things you can worship and thank Jesus for.





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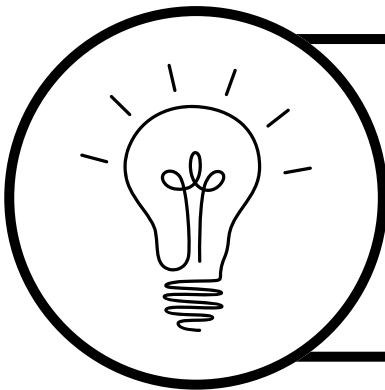
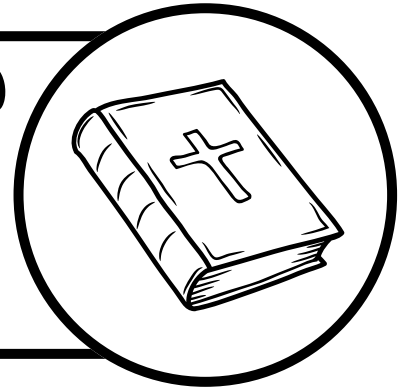


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Matthew 3:13-17



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When Jesus rises from the water, the Lord speaks for everyone to hear. God was letting everyone know how much He loves His Son.

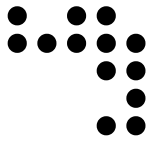
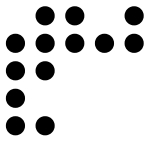
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There are three things Jesus speaks over us:

1. "I love you"
2. "I'm proud of you"
3. "I'm so glad you're my daughter / son"

Read over these three times today!





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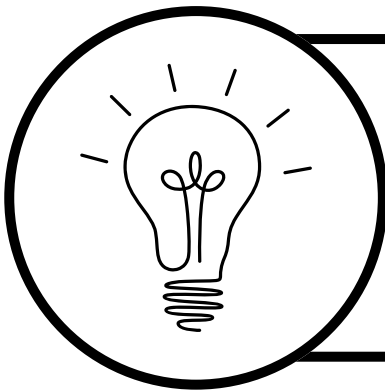
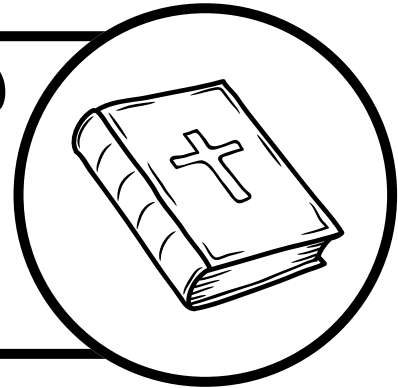


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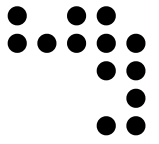
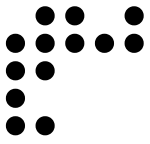
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The righteous person and the wicked person walk on different paths. What are some differences that this passage gives between the two paths? How can you know what path you are on?

APPLY

Make a list of the people that are closest to you. Do these people help you grow closer to God or do they put you on the path of sin?





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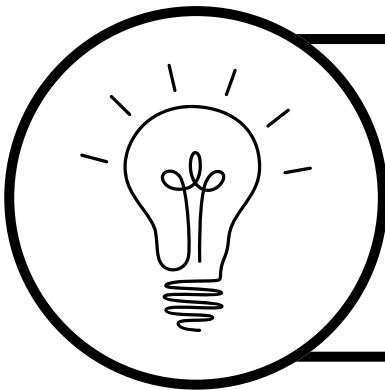
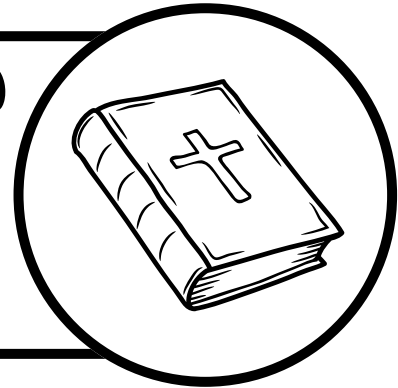


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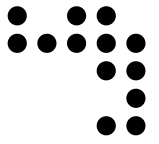
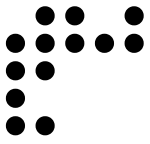
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God is perfect and holy and we can only be in his presence because of His great love, not because of anything we have done.

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Spend some time thanking God for His love. Examine your heart to see if there is any pride that is out of place.





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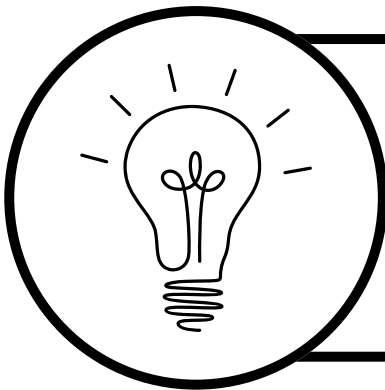
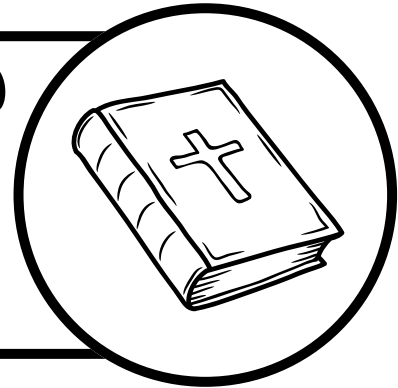


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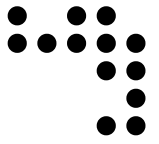
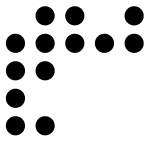
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Jesus was tempted by the devil with lies. The devil is the father of lies (John 8:44). With each temptation, Jesus quotes Scripture to fight against the devil's lies.

APPLY

Make a list of ways you are attacked by the father of lies. Any thought you have that doesn't line up with something Jesus would tell you is a lie. What lies does the devil attack you with?





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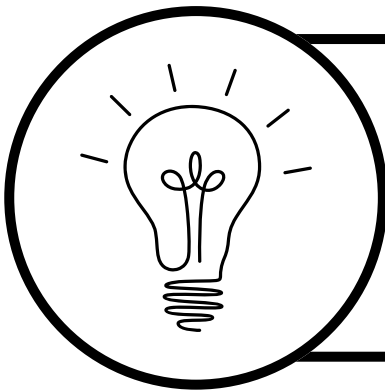
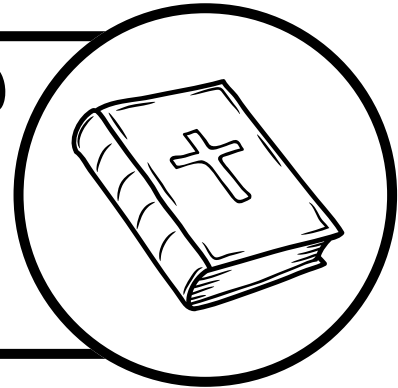


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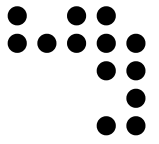
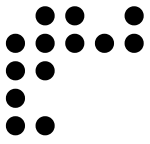
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Jesus understood we will have enemies. However, we are to respond to them in love. We must trust that God will protect us and He can transform our enemies into our friends.

APPLY

Do you have enemies? Are people mean to you? Write down their name(s). Write down ways that you can show them love today!





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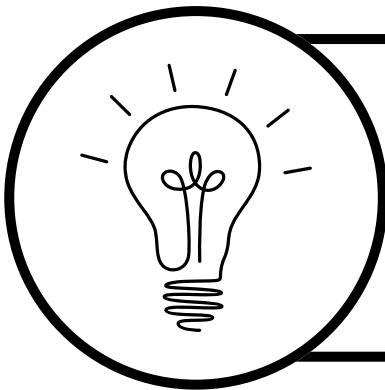
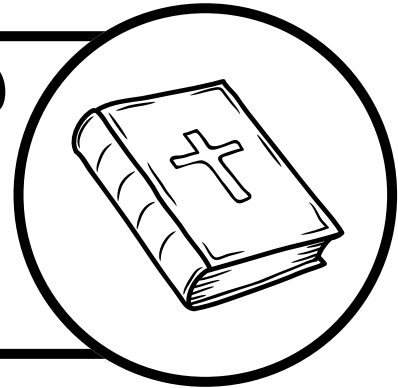


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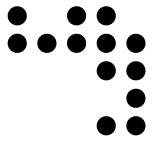
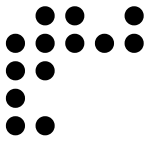
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Knowing how to pray, when to pray, and what to pray is hard. Jesus answers all those questions for us in this passage known as The Lord's Prayer.

APPLY

Make a list of the people or things that are important to you. Take a few minutes and talk to God about those people and/or things.





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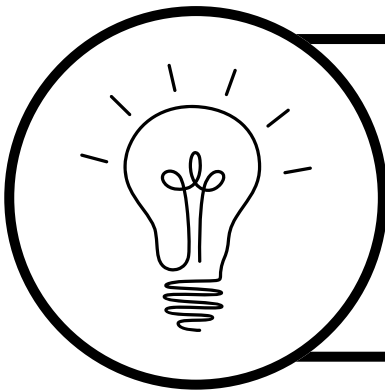
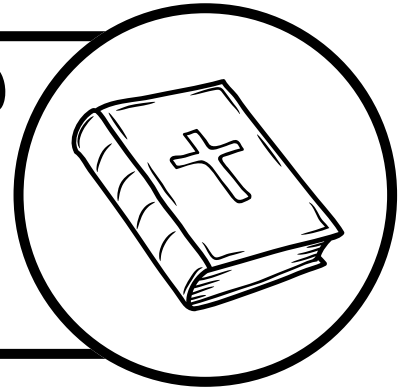


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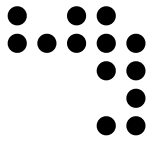
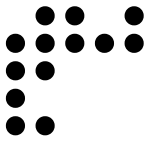
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Storms will come. Storms will shake our foundation. If we only read our Bible but don't to what it says, our foundation is weak. If we follow what God says, our foundation is solid.

APPLY

Recap the first 8 days of the year. What have you been learning? What has God been teaching you about His Word? Remember those things so your faith has a firm foundation to stand on.





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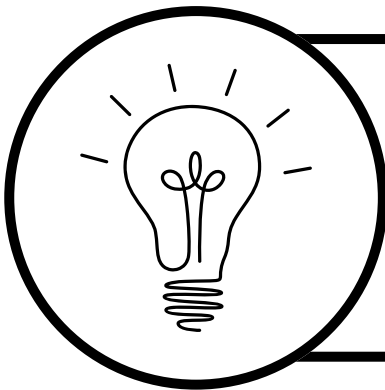
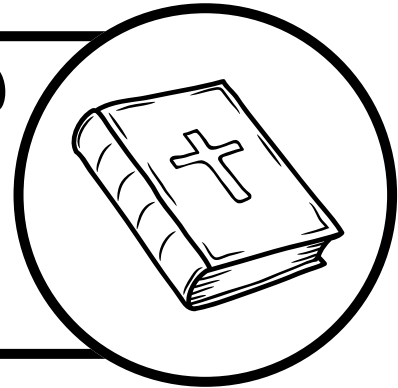


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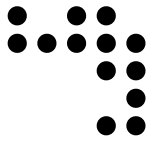
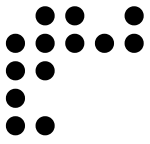
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This Roman officer had, in Jesus' words "great faith." This man understood Jesus and His spiritual authority. His confidence in the ability of Jesus' words alone truly showed great faith.

APPLY

Is there anything you're not praying about because you don't believe God can make it happen? If there is, write them down. Talk to God about them and have faith!





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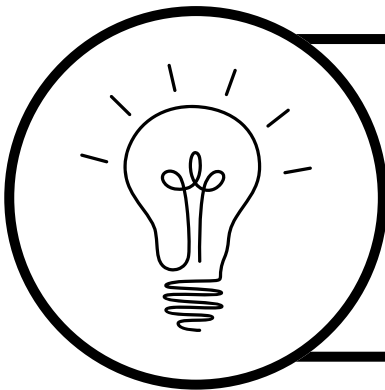
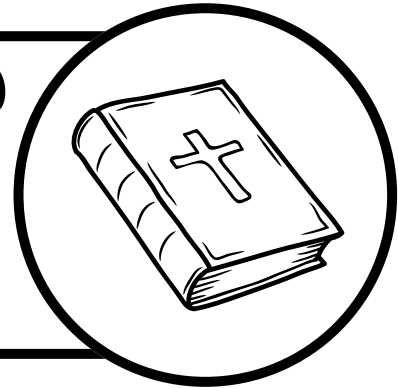


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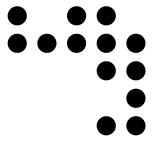
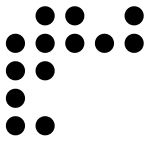
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What is your favorite part of creation? God made it! Do you know what God's favorite part of creation is? It's you! How wonderful is that?

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Take some time to be in nature today. As you observe creation, take notice of how detailed and creative God is.





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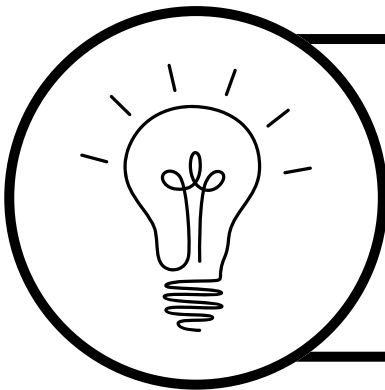
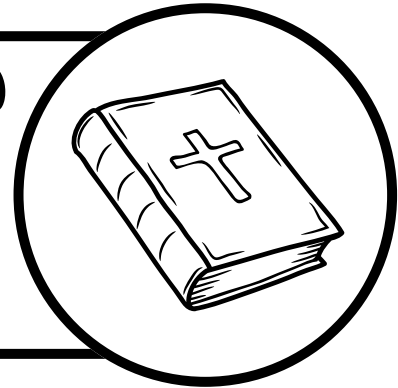


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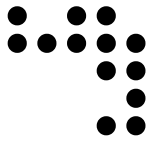
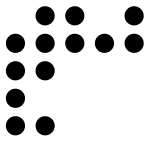
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A refuge is a place of safety when things are dangerous or troubling. God is our refuge in the good times and the hard times. How can you run to Him in the midst of trouble?

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Write down something in your life that is hard right now. Draw a castle around it to remind yourself that God is your place of safety even when things are difficult.





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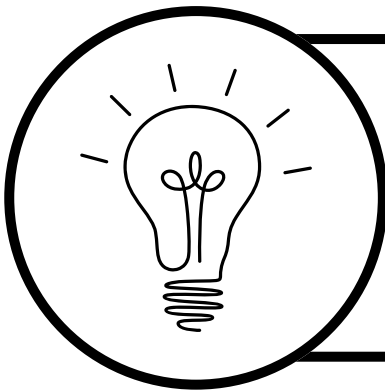
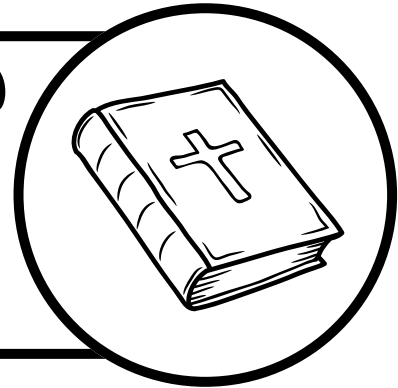


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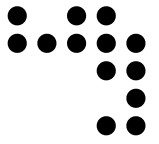
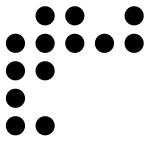
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Tax collectors were not only known for being sinners but they were very disliked by everyone. They often cheated the people of more money than they were required to pay.

APPLY

Jesus didn't care about Matthew's past. All He saw was someone who needed Him because Matthew was a sinner. Take a minute to confess your sins to God because He wants to forgive you. All you need to do is ask!





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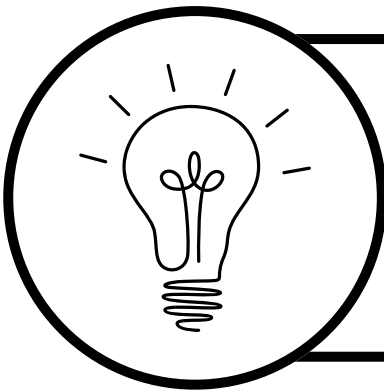
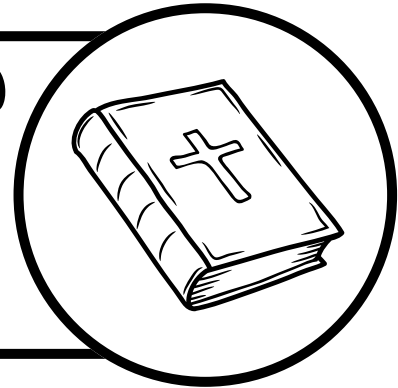


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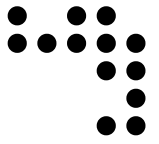
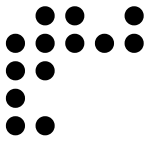
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Jesus gathered ordinary men to follow Him and spread His Gospel. They weren't saints. They weren't scholars. They were ordinary. Under Jesus' teaching and instruction, they became a force that forever changed the world.

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If you're going to follow Jesus, He wants you to tell people about Him. Who is someone you can tell about Jesus today?





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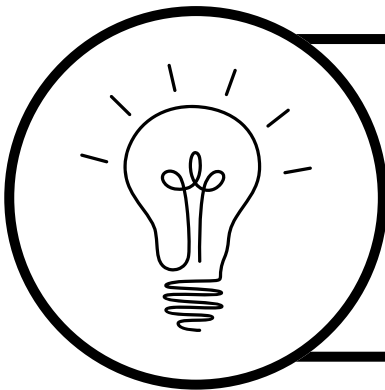
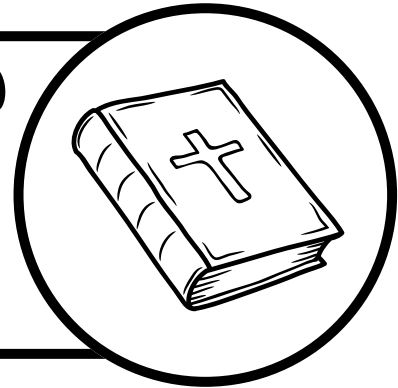


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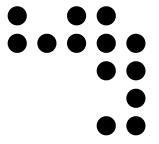
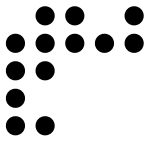
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Jesus wants to take all our burdens. Another word for burdens is “worries.” Jesus wants to take those worries and carry them for us.

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What are you worried about? Write each worry on a small piece of paper. Wad up each piece of paper and throw them into a trash can. Don't carry your worries. Get rid of them today!





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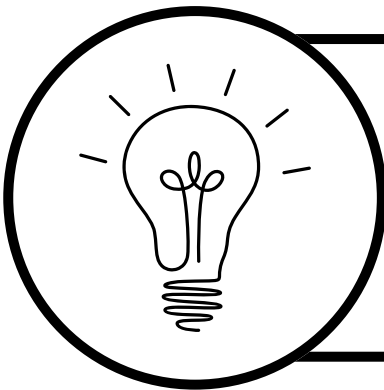
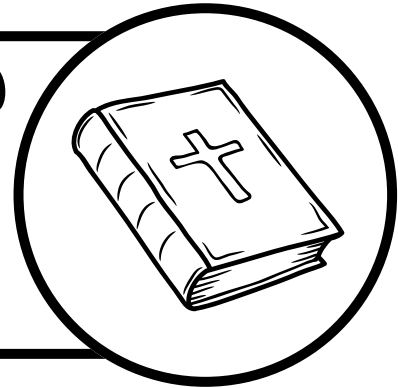


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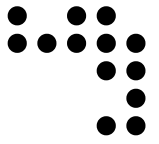
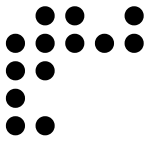
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Jesus came to serve people. He wants us to serve like He did. We are His creation. His prized possession. Serving others honors His name and shows His love.

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Make a list of 1-3 people that you want to serve and how you will serve them.





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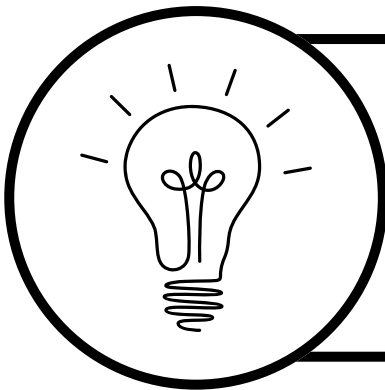
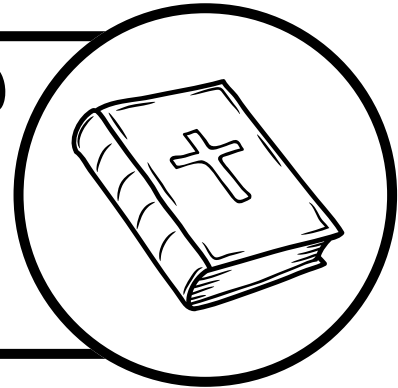


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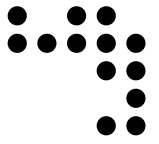
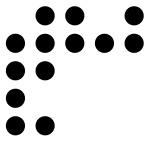
4 Soils

- Wayside - no room for God's Word
- Stony - doesn't last
- Thorns - choked out by the world
- Good Ground - Open to what God has for you

APPLY

If you haven't done so already, start a journal! Take the time to write down your takeaway from God's Word every day. This is how you can make sure His Word falls on "good ground."





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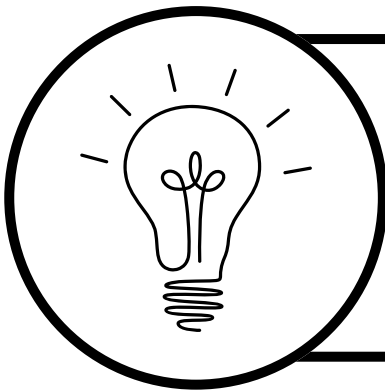
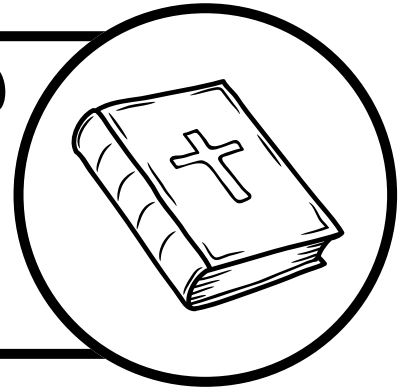


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Psalms 16:5-11



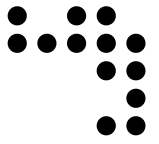
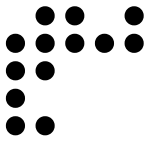
THINK

Sometimes what we should do next isn't always clear. God is always with us and ready to guide us. He knows the way we should go! What do you think God wants you to do today?

APPLY

Write out Psalms 16:8 on a note card and take it with you today. Use it to remind yourself that God is with you wherever you go.





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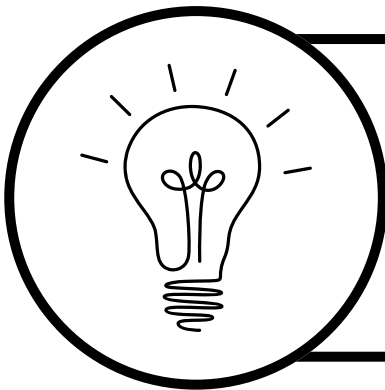
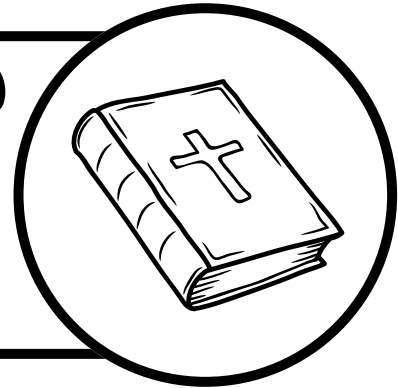


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Psalm 17:1-9



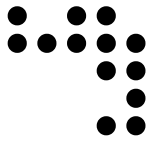
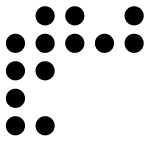
THINK

God protects those who follow him. Where have you seen God's protection in your life?

APPLY

Pray through verses 6 through 9. Is there anything specific that you need to ask for God's protection?





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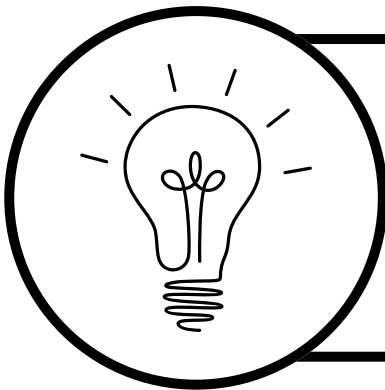
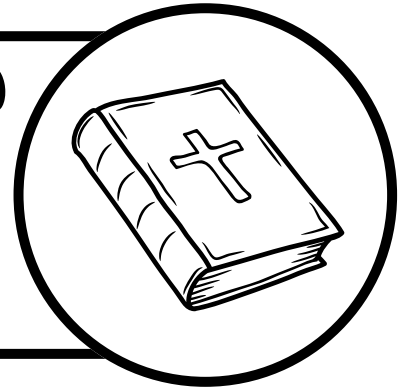


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Matthew 14:13-21



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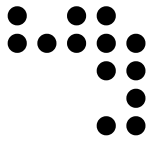
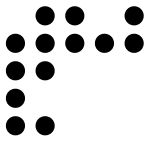
One of the greatest miracles recorded in Scripture. It's likely that a total of 15,000-20,000 people were served. God showed His great power through Jesus in feeding these people with just five loaves and two fish.

APPLY

There are three takeaways from God's provision in this passage. Write these down right now:

- Thank God for and wisely use what you have
- Trust God's unlimited resources
- Don't waste what He gives you





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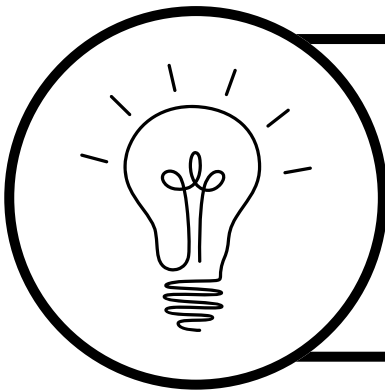
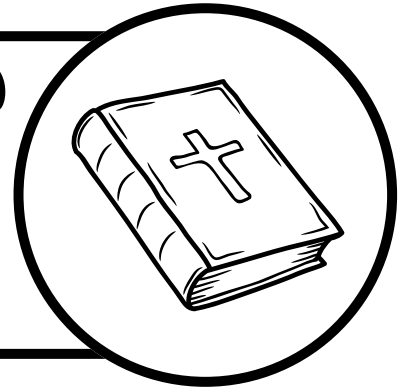


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Matthew 15:1-11



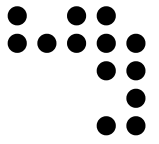
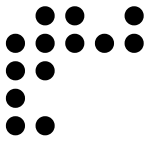
THINK

Your words matter. What comes out of your mouth matters. Your words have the power to breathe life and death.

APPLY

Don't let your words speak death. Speak life into other people. Talk to five different people and speak life into them by saying at least one encouraging thing about them.





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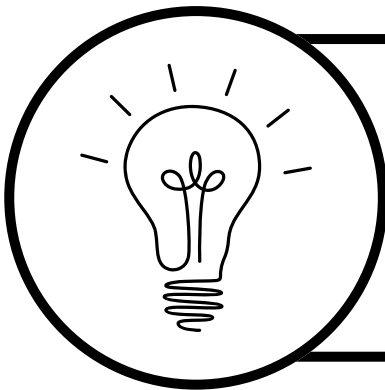
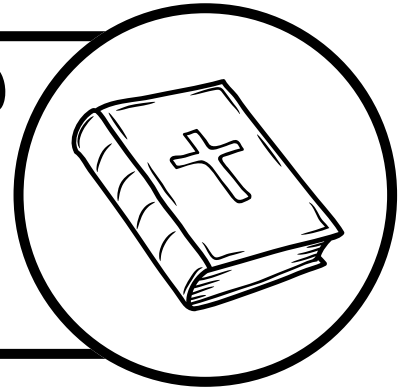


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Matthew 16:21-27



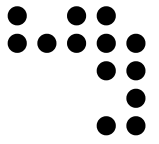
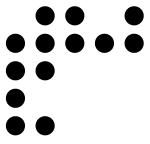
THINK

It's likely that Peter wasn't aware he was speaking for Satan in this moment. This comes right after Jesus praises Peter. Peter was putting his wants and desires ahead of Jesus' mission of redemption for us!

APPLY

Living in a close relationship with Jesus takes putting Jesus' wants and needs ahead of your own. It takes JOY. Jesus. Others. Yourself. Put Jesus and Others ahead of You! Find one way to practice JOY today.





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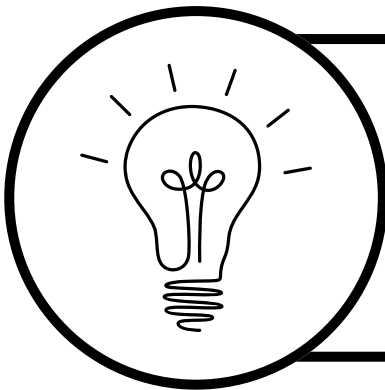
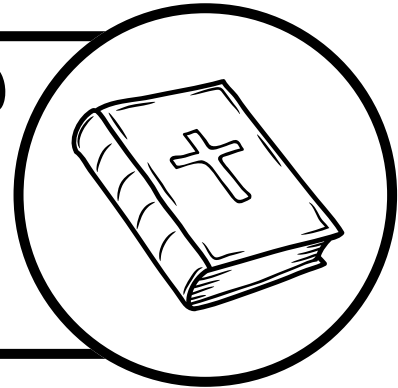


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Matthew 17:14-20



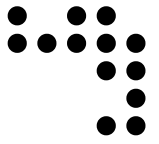
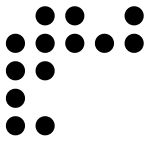
THINK

It's not about how much faith we have, but about what that faith is in. A small amount of faith, as small as a mustard seed, can accomplish great things if that small amount of faith is placed in God and not self.

APPLY

Is there any area in your life where you are struggling to have faith in God? If so, write it down. Talk to God about it. Have great faith in what He can do!





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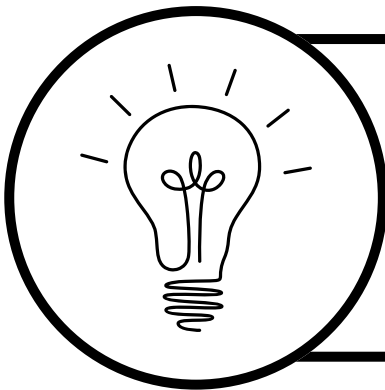
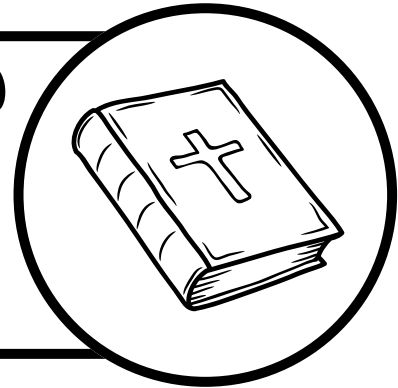


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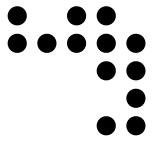
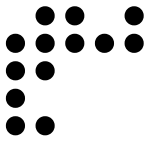
THINK

If someone does something that hurts you, the best thing you can do is choose to love and forgive them. The worst thing you can do is talk to other people about it. If someone hurts you, talk to them, show love, and forgive like Jesus.

APPLY

Is there someone in your life that has hurt you?
Someone at school that hurt your feelings?
Someone in your neighborhood who you're upset with? Talk to them today. Show love. Forgive!





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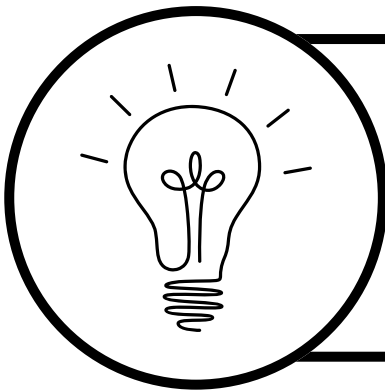
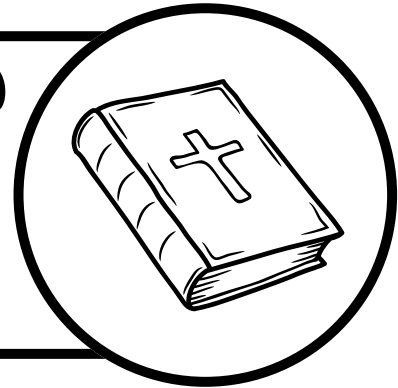


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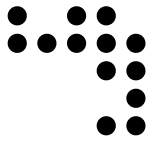
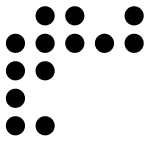
THINK

God's way is perfect. That means he makes no mistakes. Have you ever felt like you were behind or didn't measure up? It's not true! God has a perfect plan for your life!

APPLY

Spend some time today thanking God for the many talents and gifts that He has given you.





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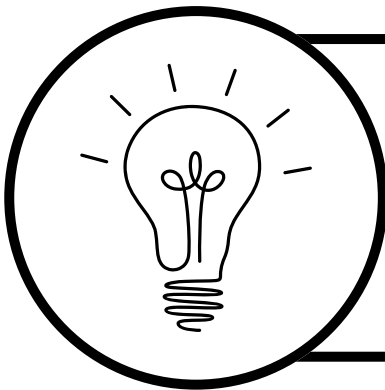
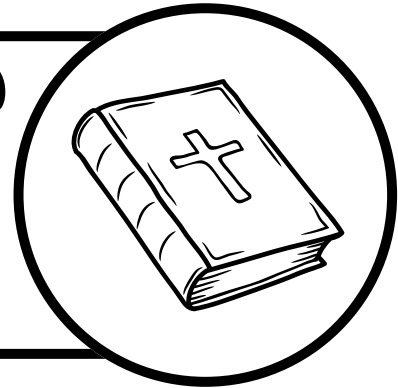


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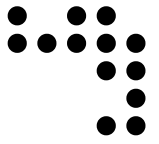
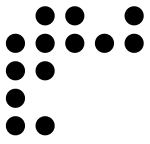
THINK

Following the way of the Lord starts with knowing His way. How can you know what way to go if you don't look at the map? God's word is like a map for how we should live our lives.

APPLY

Take some time to reflect on Psalm 19:14. Consider writing it down and memorizing it!





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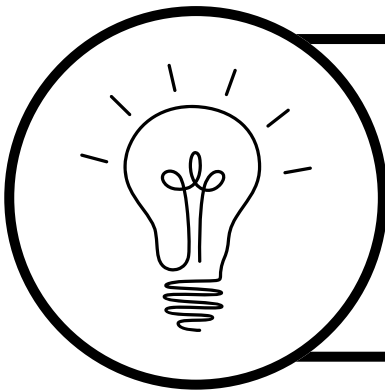
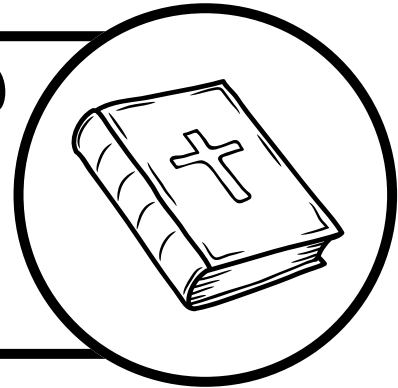


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Matthew 19:23-30



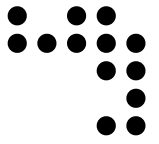
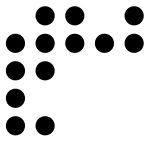
THINK

Just like we talked about a few days ago, Jesus emphasizes putting others ahead of yourself. Jesus promised that those who sacrificed for His sake and the sake of His kingdom would be rewarded.

APPLY

Make a list of ways that you can put others ahead of yourself today. How many can you come up with?





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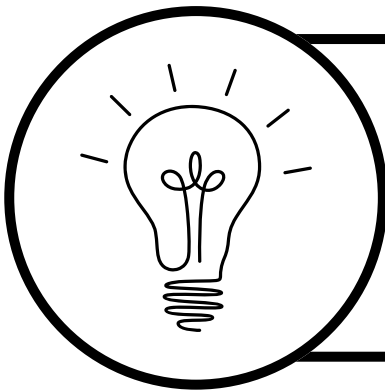
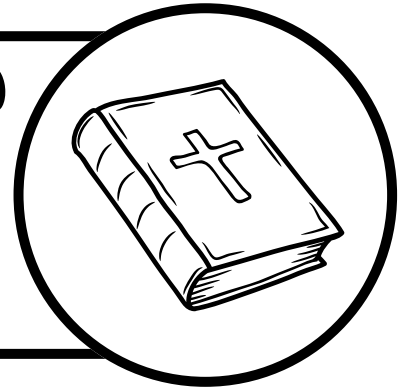


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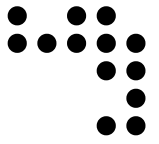
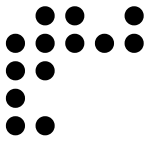
THINK

Pride and greed say “I want more.” A generous heart is grateful for whatever is given. The early workers forgot what they signed up for. They only focused on what others got and asked for more.

APPLY

Did you start your journal to write down your takeaways each day? If you haven't, do it! If you have, add a new section to that journal. Each day, write down 1-3 things that you're thankful for.





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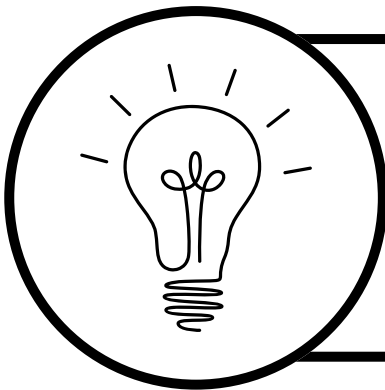
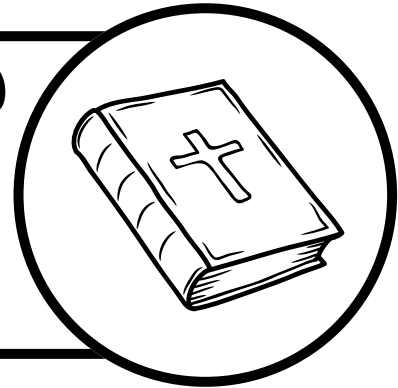


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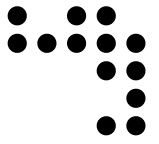
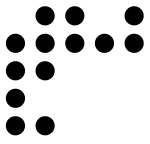
THINK

What they were doing wasn't right. So, Jesus did what was right. The right thing was to serve others. It's what God called Jesus and us to do. Even though it was hard.

APPLY

You may have friends, classmates, neighbors, etc. that want you to do the wrong thing. When those times come, remember this passage. You don't have to flip over tables, but Jesus wants you to do the right thing even if it's hard!





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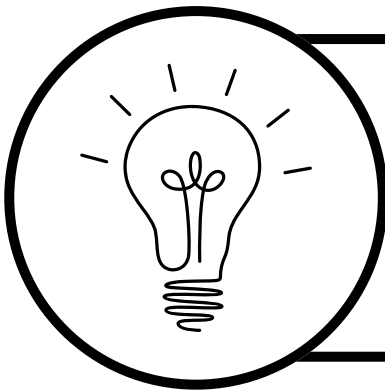
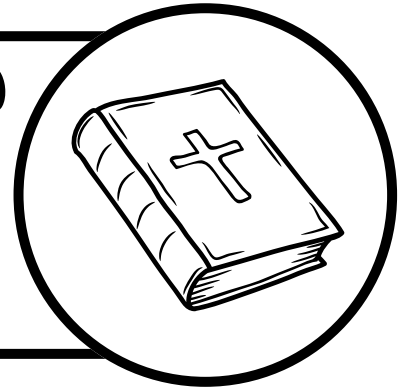


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Matthew 22:34-40



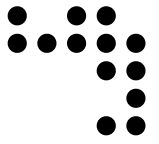
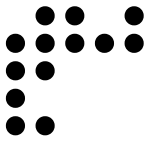
THINK

The same way we take care of ourselves and our own interests is how we should take care of and have concern for others interests. Look out for other people, not just yourself.

APPLY

Jesus gives us the two greatest commandments in Matthew 22. If you forget everything else, remember these two commands: Love God and love others. Write this down and keep it somewhere you can see it often.





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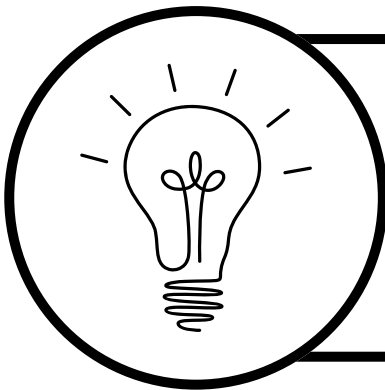
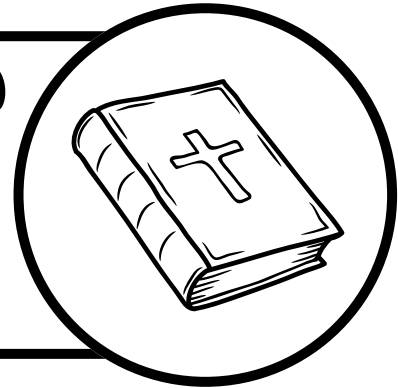


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Matthew 23:1-12



THINK

Normally, people consider greatness by how many people serve and honor them. Jesus reminded His followers that in His kingdom it should be different, and greatness is measured by how we serve and honor others.

APPLY

The definition we use for honor at Woodlands is: showing someone they're important to you! Pick one person today and show them they are important to you!

