

**Materials I Need:**

**Memory Verse:**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16: Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances.**

**Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:**

1. **Who is coming in the clouds to take us to live with Him in heaven?** (*Jesus.*)
2. **Who will go with Jesus to live in heaven?** (*Christians, God's people, those who believe in Jesus.*)
3. **Who wrote a letter to the Thessalonians and told them to be joyful, thankful, and to keep praying?** (*Paul.*)

**Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:**

1. **What is the name of the book of the Bible we learned from today?** (*First Thessalonians.*)
2. **What good news did Paul have for the Christians who were waiting patiently?** (*Jesus is coming back. Those who love Him will go up to be with Him in the air.*)
3. **What did Paul tell the Thessalonians to do while they were waiting for Jesus to return?** (*Say the memory verse.*)

**Key for symbols:**

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year olds and keep the pace moving for five-years olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two and three year olds
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year olds through kindergarten.

**Hook:**


**Room Preparation:** Hang a large white cloud (paper or cotton batting) from the ceiling. What does the cloud mean to the children? Let them talk about it and decide why they have a cloud in the classroom. Who is coming for God's people in a cloud?

**Thessalonian Church and People: (1TH03ECGF9)** Let children give a name to one or more of the new believers in the Thessalonian church. Cut out the GF9 faces, either as one group of children to tape to one craft stick, or individually to tape to several craft sticks. Let the children "walk" the people to church in the shoebox church you have been using the last two weeks. Sing the following words to the tune of "This Is the Way We Wash the Clothes."

This is the way we walk to church, walk to church, walk to church.

This is the way we walk to church, in Thess-a-lon-I-ca.


**Play Dough Station Clouds and People:** Materials needed: Tarp under the table, colored play dough, little figure characters brought from home. Have the children make clouds, put the people on the clouds, and pretend they are going up to be with Jesus. In today's Bible Adventure, the children will learn how Jesus will return for all believers, and they will be taken up with Him in the air.


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-  **"Packing a Suitcase" Picture Center: (1TH03ECGF3, 1TH03ECGF4, 1TH03ECGF5, and 1TH03ECGF6)** Let the children tape or staple the GF3 picture to the GF4 suitcase picture with the back sides together. Leave the top side open so that children can put things in their suitcases. Let the children glue a GF5 memory verse on their suitcase tags. Provide pictures cut from magazines of places to go and things to see. Each child should tell the leader where he is going and what he needs to take in his suitcase. He then looks through the pile of pictures or magazines and chooses those things that he would pack to go to that destination. In today's Bible Adventure, Jesus will come back to take His people with Him to heaven. The only thing a person needs to go to heaven is a heart that loves and believes in Jesus. Let the children put a GF6 heart in their suitcase.
  -  **Cloud Center: (Last week's 1TH02ECGF5 and 1TH02ECGF6)** Use last week's GF5 picture and have the children color Jesus. Glue cotton balls over the cloud shapes. Cut out GF6 faces and let the children glue faces to the picture. These are people in the Thessalonian church who love Jesus. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul wants the Thessalonians to know that Jesus will come back from heaven in the clouds and take all those who have faith in Him to go with Him and live in heaven.
  -  **Heart of Joy Pocket: (1TH03ECGF5 and 1TH03ECGF6)** Materials needed: Two construction paper or card stock hearts per child, glue sticks, tape, or staples, crayons or markers, yarn cut in 12" for attaching to the pocket. Allow the children to assemble their heart of joy pocket using glue sticks, tape, or staples. Attach the yarn to the center of the heart pocket to make a carrying handle. Have the children decorate their hearts with markers, GF5 memory verse, and sequins. In today's Bible Adventure, the children will learn how Paul had a heart of joy wanting to serve Jesus by sharing Him with those that didn't know Jesus.
  -  **Paste a Heart of Joy on Paul: (Last week's 1TH02ECGF1 and 1TH03ECGF7)** Materials needed: one 1TH02ECGF1 picture and several GF7 hearts per child, crayons, glue sticks. Set the table up with small hearts to paste on Paul's chest (and on the others who are following Jesus). Children can color their picture and hearts and assemble it. Review last week's Bible Adventure which taught the children that Paul's heart was full of joy because he wanted to follow Jesus and serve Him, and so did the Thessalonian Christians.
  -  **Flying Center:** Provide toy airplanes, helicopters, space shuttles, paper airplanes, bird puppets, etc., for the children to pretend to fly from place to place in the room. What makes a machine like an airplane stay in the air? (Wind over the wings.) Why can't people fly? (We don't have wings.) In today's Bible Adventure, Paul wrote the Thessalonians to tell them Jesus will come back and take all Christians to meet Him in the air. People will have new bodies that can go up in the air. They will go with Him to live in heaven. Only Jesus is able to make people go up in the air without wings.
  -  **Making Paper Airplanes: (1TH03ECGF8)** Have each person in the small group fold a paper airplane using the GF11 directions in the curriculum manual. Test the air worthiness of each plane by putting a target (hula hoop, paper plate, picture) on the floor. Aim the plane to land it on the target. Say "Jesus is coming back!" when a child throws his airplane. In today's Bible Adventure, Jesus comes in the clouds to take those who love Him to heaven with Him. Airplanes can fly, and people will be able to fly when Jesus comes back to get those who love Him.
  -  **People Who Love Jesus: (1TH03ECGF9 and 1TH03ECGF10)** Let the children color the GF10 people, giving some a happy face and others a sad face. Older children could cut out GF9 faces and glue them on the GF10 faces. Write a "J" on the shirt or heart of each of the happy people who love Jesus. Set these pages aside to use during the "Look" time (Who Gets to Meet Jesus in the Air?). Talk about the people who put their faith in Jesus. Today we will find out what happens to them when Jesus comes back.
  -  **Pack a Suitcase:** Bring several items you might like to take on a trip as well as a suitcase. Individually let the children arrange the items in the suitcase and decide what they would want to take along. In the Bible Adventure today, Paul is going to tell us of a place we might go, and we wouldn't have to take a suitcase at all.



## **Book:**

### **Presentation Ideas -**

-  Show the **1TH03ECGF1, 1TH03ECGF2**, and other review pictures designated in the Bible Adventure. Keep the pictures for review in future lessons.

 **Memory Verse:** Say the verse a couple of times. The third time through, add motions while saying the verse: Joyful (give a big smile), pray (hold hands in praying position), thanks (lift open hands upward). "What does the word 'circumstances' mean? (The way things are.) We are to continue to be joyful, to pray, and to give thanks even when we don't like the way things are."

### **Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-**

(Show the review 1TH02ECGF5 picture.) Paul wrote to tell the Thessalonians that all who believe in Jesus have a hope of a better life in heaven. Jesus will come back to earth to take all who believe in Him to heaven. Christians are to be joyful with this good news.

The Thessalonians were not always feeling joyful. A few of them were sad because a friend or relative had died. They wondered if their friend or relative would miss out on going to heaven.

(Show the 1TH03ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote to tell the Thessalonians that they didn't need to be sad. He told them an amazing thing will happen one day. All of a sudden, when people aren't expecting it, Jesus will give a loud command, and a trumpet will sound. All of God's people will hear Jesus' voice and the trumpet. They will look up and see Jesus coming in the clouds. That day will be a very special day. It is called the "rapture." When Jesus comes, all Christians who ever lived will go with Jesus to live in heaven forever and ever.

Wow! That was good news to the Thessalonians. What a great day that will be when Jesus comes back to get us all! Whenever the Thessalonians got sad, they would say to each other, "Jesus is coming back." Then they would smile and wait patiently for that day.

(Show the review 1TH02ECGF1 picture.) Paul wanted the Thessalonians to know that while they were waiting for Jesus to return, they were to live in a way that pleased God. They were to be thankful for all that God had given them. When Jesus returns, He wants to find His people praising God for all He has done. Paul told them God wanted them to be joyful. When Jesus returns, He wants to find His people happy even when it isn't easy to be happy. The Thessalonians were to pray continually. That meant to pray all the time. That way, when Jesus came back, no one would be surprised, but would be ready to go with Him.

Has Jesus come back for His people yet? No. (Shake head.) We are to obey Paul's words to show that we are waiting for Jesus to return just like the Thessalonians did. We are to be joyful, to keep praying, and to be thankful just like Paul told them to be in his letter. It is exciting to think that Jesus will come back at any time. He will take those who love Him to live with Him forever in heaven.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for telling us how You will come back to take us to live in heaven. Help me to be joyful, thankful, and to keep praying. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-**

(Show the review 1TH01ECGF3 picture.) Who can tell me the names of the missionaries who walked from Antioch through Galatia (walk, walk, walk), across the sea (sail, sail, sail), and on to Thessalonica (walk, walk, walk). (Paul, Silas, Timothy)

(Show the review 1TH01ECGF6 picture.) Paul's heart was full of joy as he sat down to write a letter to the Thessalonians. He was thankful that the Christians in Thessalonica were following Jesus in the same way that Paul was following Jesus' words. Even though angry people tried to stop the church people from meeting together, they did anyway, and kept on telling more and more people about Jesus.

(Show the review 1TH02ECGF5 picture.) Paul wrote in his letter, "We who believe in Jesus have hope of a better life in heaven. Jesus is coming back to take us to heaven. That is why we can be joyful. Jesus is our hope."

The Thessalonians were not always feeling joyful, however. A few of them were sad because a friend or family member had died, and Jesus had not come back yet. Would their friend or relative miss out on going to heaven because they had already died?

Paul wrote, "Don't be concerned about your family members who have died. Jesus has told us what will happen to them when He returns. Christians don't have to be sad in the same way as the people who don't love Jesus and have no hope of a better life in heaven."

(Show the 1TH03ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote in his letter, "An amazing thing is going to happen one of these days. All of a sudden, we don't know when, Jesus will give a loud command, and a trumpet will blow. All the Christians will hear Jesus' voice and also the sound of the trumpet. They will look up and see Jesus coming. The people who don't love Jesus will not see Jesus nor hear Him. The people who love Jesus will go up to meet Him in the air."

That day will be a very special day. We will have new bodies that can go up into the air. The time when Jesus comes back for His church people is called the "rapture." When Jesus raptures His church, we will all live with Jesus in heaven forever and ever.

Wow! That was good news to the Thessalonians. What a great day that will be when Jesus comes back to get us all! Whenever the Thessalonians got discouraged or sad, they would say to each other, "Jesus is coming back. We will go up to meet Him in the air." Then they would smile and wait patiently for the day when Jesus would come back.

(Show the review 1TH02ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "While you are patiently waiting for Jesus, God wants you to live in a way that pleases Him. God wants you to imitate and follow Jesus more and more."

(Show the 1TH03ECGF2 picture.) It's not easy to be joyful and kind when someone is teasing you or trying to hurt you. Paul said, "No matter what happens, you can have God's joy. No matter what happens to you, you can learn to keep praying for the person who is hurting you. No matter what happens, you can be thankful that God hears your prayers and will help you." This is how you grow to be more like Jesus as you wait patiently for Him to come back.

Let's say the memory verse together. Next week, we will learn more about what Paul told the Thessalonians to do while they waited for Jesus.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for telling us about how You will come back for us. I want to be joyful and thankful while I am patiently waiting for You. In Jesus' name, amen.



### Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write the questions on white papers shaped like clouds and tape them to the classroom window. For each question, a child goes to the window, checks for the coming of Jesus and then takes the appropriate question from the window for the teacher to read.
- Snack Idea:** Serve a dollop of whip cream on a slice of gingerbread or cake. Ask the children what the whip cream reminds them of. (Clouds. Jesus will come for His people in the clouds.)
- Transition Idea:** Put your arms straight out from your body and "fly" to each new activity area.
- "The King Is Coming" Procession:** Invite some of the brass guys from Asaph or anyone you might know who plays brass instruments and have them play a kingly procession to give the children an idea of what it may sound like when Jesus returns. Let the children join in the procession with their kazoos.
- Paul's Chanting March:** Pretend to be Paul on a march. Say "Be joyful, be prayerful, and be thankful. Jesus is coming!" while marching. Stomp your foot loudly on the "be" and point up when you say "Jesus."
- Play Your Kazoo: (1TH03ECGF5)** Materials needed: Toilet paper rolls, different colored tissue paper cut into 3" x 3" squares, tape, stickers. Cover one end of an empty paper towel or toilet paper roll with tissue paper. Secure with tape. Let the children color and put a GF5 memory verse on the rolls and choose the color of tissue paper they wish to use. Put each child's name on his kazoo. Show the children how to toot into their kazoos. Tell them to say words (Jesus is coming!) or sing a song into the kazoo for best results. "God's people will know when Jesus returns because they will hear Jesus give a loud command and a trumpet (kazoo) will sound."
- Trumpet Necklace: (1TH03ECGF5 and 1TH03ECGF11)** Tie a plastic party favor trumpet (99-cent store) in the middle of a 36" piece of yarn. On a 2 1/2" square colored construction paper, glue the GF5 verse on one side and the GF11 "Jesus is coming!" on the other side. Decorate with small stickers or stamps if available. Punch a hole in the corner and lace onto the yarn. Tie the ends together and place around the child's neck. Every time the children blow their trumpet they can think about Jesus coming back for those who believe in Him.
- Jesus in the Clouds: (1TH03ECGF16 and 1TH03ECGF12)** Color the GF16 people who are looking up into the air. Glue a GF12 Jesus in the clouds and add cotton balls around Him. Talk about being joyful, thankful and prayerful while waiting patiently for Jesus.
- Balloon Game: (1TH03ECGF12)** Materials needed: Ten big balloons and ten GF12 pictures of Jesus on the clouds. Blow up the balloons and slip the pictures inside. Try to do it before the balloon is totally full of air; then blow it up the rest of the way. Make two lines of children facing each other. While singing the song for this week, have the children bounce the balloon to the child across from them.

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**"Getting to Heaven" Activity:** Scatter the children around in an open space and tell them they are going to figure out a way to travel to heaven. Being careful of the other participants, move in different ways to try to get up in the air. Suggestions are: Jump as high as you can. Run as fast as you can (being careful of the other runners). Ride a bicycle by lying on your back with your legs in the air and move them in a circular motion. (Start slowly and increase their speed.) Spin around in place. Hop. Put your arms out to the sides and flap them to fly. Leap. "Has anyone gotten to heaven? No! Only Jesus can give us bodies that will be able to get up into the air."

**"Jesus Will Come Again!" Finger Play:**

The Bible says that Jesus died	<i>(Open hands, palms up.)</i>
For me, and you, and you.	<i>(Point to self and others.)</i>
The Bible says He is alive!	
We know its words are true.	<i>(Nod head "yes.")</i>
The Bible says that Jesus lives;	<i>(Open hands, palms up.)</i>
He sees us while we play.	
He cares for us when we are sad;	<i>(Rub eyes.)</i>
He hears us when we pray!	<i>(Hands in prayer position.)</i>
The Bible says that Jesus loves	<i>(Open hands, palms up.)</i>
His people, me and you.	<i>(Point to self and others.)</i>
And someday He will come again!	
God's words are always true.	<i>(Nod head "yes.")</i>

**Thessalonians Singing March:** Bring many different hats or get some from the Children's Ministry supply room. Children can enjoy trying them on and pretending to have different jobs. What did the Thessalonians do after they believed in Jesus? Wherever they worked, they told people about Jesus. "Let's be Thessalonians with our hats on and march on the path as if following Jesus. Let's sing 'Jesus Loves You' (instead of me!)." Add a few musical instruments and let children take turns playing them.

**Footsteps Around the Room:** If you didn't use footsteps in the last few weeks, let children trace around their own footprint on a piece of paper and tape it to the floor in a circular path. Use for the following march. Talk about who the Thessalonians followed after they heard about Jesus from Paul and then put their faith in Him.

**Helium Balloon Release:** Following the Bible Adventure, discuss the good news that Jesus is returning and those who love Him will meet Him in the air. Let each child draw a happy face on a large helium balloon to represent a person who loves Jesus. Have all the children hold onto the long string of the balloon and walk outside with it. If you have a trumpet available or a loud horn, give a blast on it before you cut off the balloon and let it go. Watch it rise to the clouds. Talk about that day we wait patiently for while being joyful, thankful, and prayerful.

**Follow the Leader Game:** Three children are needed to be Paul, Timothy, and Silas. Have the rest of the children sit in a circle on the floor. One at a time, our Paul, Timothy, and Silas will do a motion such as clapping, marching, snapping fingers, or wiggle-waggle moves. The children in the circle must do whatever the leader does. The leader leads the children to do things Jesus would want us to do until He returns. Use actions that were talked about in the story and from the memory verse. We must be patient and follow Jesus so we can go to heaven with Him.

**Who Gets to Meet Jesus in the Air?** Using the people the children colored during "Hook" time, let children write a "J" on some of the people while talking about the fact that those who have trusted in Jesus will join Him in the clouds. On a large piece of butcher paper, color clouds by using the sides of a crayon. Tape this on the wall, and then let children tape the people with a "J" on them in the clouds. If they ask, tell them that the others will have to wait until Jesus comes to judge.

**Rapture Game with a Ball:** Seat children on the floor in a circle. They pass a ball around until you say "Rapture!" Then the person holding the ball stands up, gives the ball to the person next to him, and quickly jumps out of the circle as if going into the clouds! When everyone has been removed from the circle, the game is over.

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**Who Can Put Their Faith in Jesus?** Discuss with the children that Jesus loves everyone and wants all of us to put our faith and trust in Him so we can meet Him in the clouds and live with Him in heaven forever. Use the rhythm pattern from “Who Stole the Cookies?” rap song. Use the following words:

Who can put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

(Child’s name) can put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, me? (Child says and the children clap twice.)

Yes, you! (Clap twice.)

Yes, me! (child says this and they clap twice)

And who? (That child names another child and it repeats until each has been named.)

**Songs:**

**First Thessalonians Theme Song** (tune: “O-B-E-Y”)

The theme for First Thess-a-lo-ni-ans

Is com-men-da-tion a-and cau-au-tion.

Commendation means “good job” for o-bey-ing God’s Word,

And caution to remember all you’ve heard.

**Jesus Is Coming Back** (tune: “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”)

Jesus is coming back

I’m waiting patiently.

I will meet Him in the air.

Just you wait and see.

**“Grow” Song**

Read your Bible; pray every day; pray every day; pray every day.

Read your Bible, pray every day, and you’ll grow, grow, grow.

And you’ll grow, grow, grow; and you’ll grow, grow, grow.

Read your Bible, pray every day

And you’ll grow, grow, grow.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16, Memory Verse Song** (tune: “B-I-N-G-O”)

Be joyful always;

Pray continually;

Give thanks in all cir-cum-stances.

First Thessalonians five

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Verse sixteen. Five, sixteen!

**I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy**

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (Where?)

Down in my heart; down in my heart.

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (Where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

And I’m so happy, so very happy

I have the love of Jesus in my hea-a-art.

And I’m so happy, so very happy

I have the love of Jesus in my heart.

**The King Is Coming (chorus)**

The King is coming; the King is coming.

I just heard the trumpet sounding,

And now His face I see.

The King is coming; the King is coming.

Praised God! He’s coming for me!

(Repeat.)



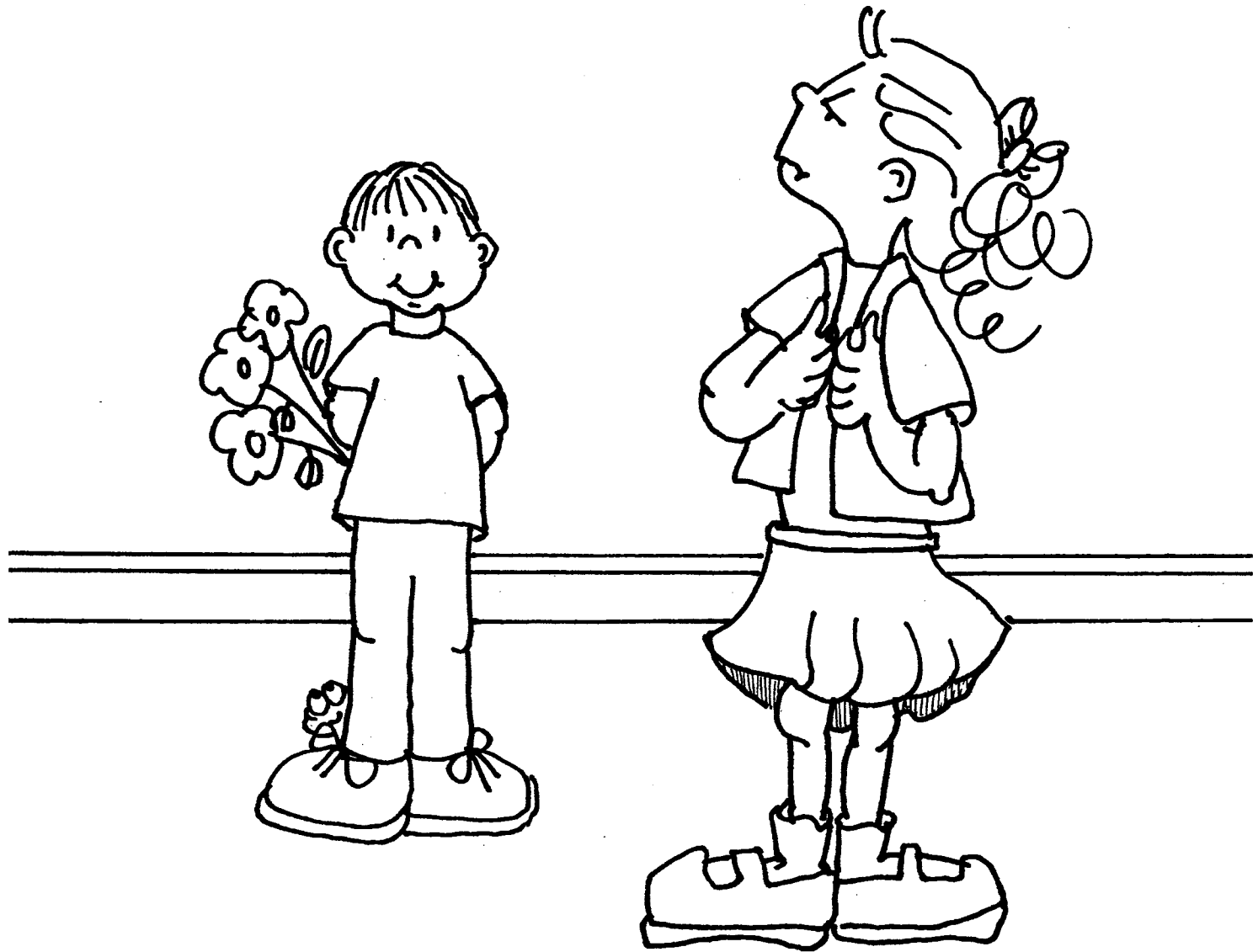
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## Took:

- Verse Dot-to-Dot & Coloring Sheet: (1TH03ECGF13)** Review the verse together while the children connect the dots on this sheet.
- Family Video/Family Reunion:** If you have a video of a family reunion, this could be shown at the end of class time while waiting for the children to be picked up by the parents. Talk about all of God's people being together in heaven when Jesus comes back to get them. It will be great to see everyone, just like it is when we have family get-togethers.
- Kind Actions: (1TH03ECGF14, 1TH03ECGF15, and 1TH03ECGF16)** Put pictures of people doing kind things face down on the floor. Hand a child a bean bag and he can act out the picture that his bean bag lands on, with your help. Have the other children guess what action he is doing. These are attitudes and actions God wants us to do while we are waiting for Jesus to return.
- Love Puppet: (1TH03ECGF8 and 1TH03ECGF6)** Provide a white paper lunch sack for each child. Let the children color the GF6 heart with markers, and draw or glue on eyes and a mouth. Decorate appropriately. Cut the heart horizontally about halfway down the heart, and glue the top half on the flap of the sack and the bottom half underneath the flap (see the GF8 pattern). Use the puppet to tell friends and family that Jesus loves them and is returning for those who love Him.
- Review Activities:** Include any patience or waiting activities that were listed last week that you didn't use or that worked well for you.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (1TH03ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.

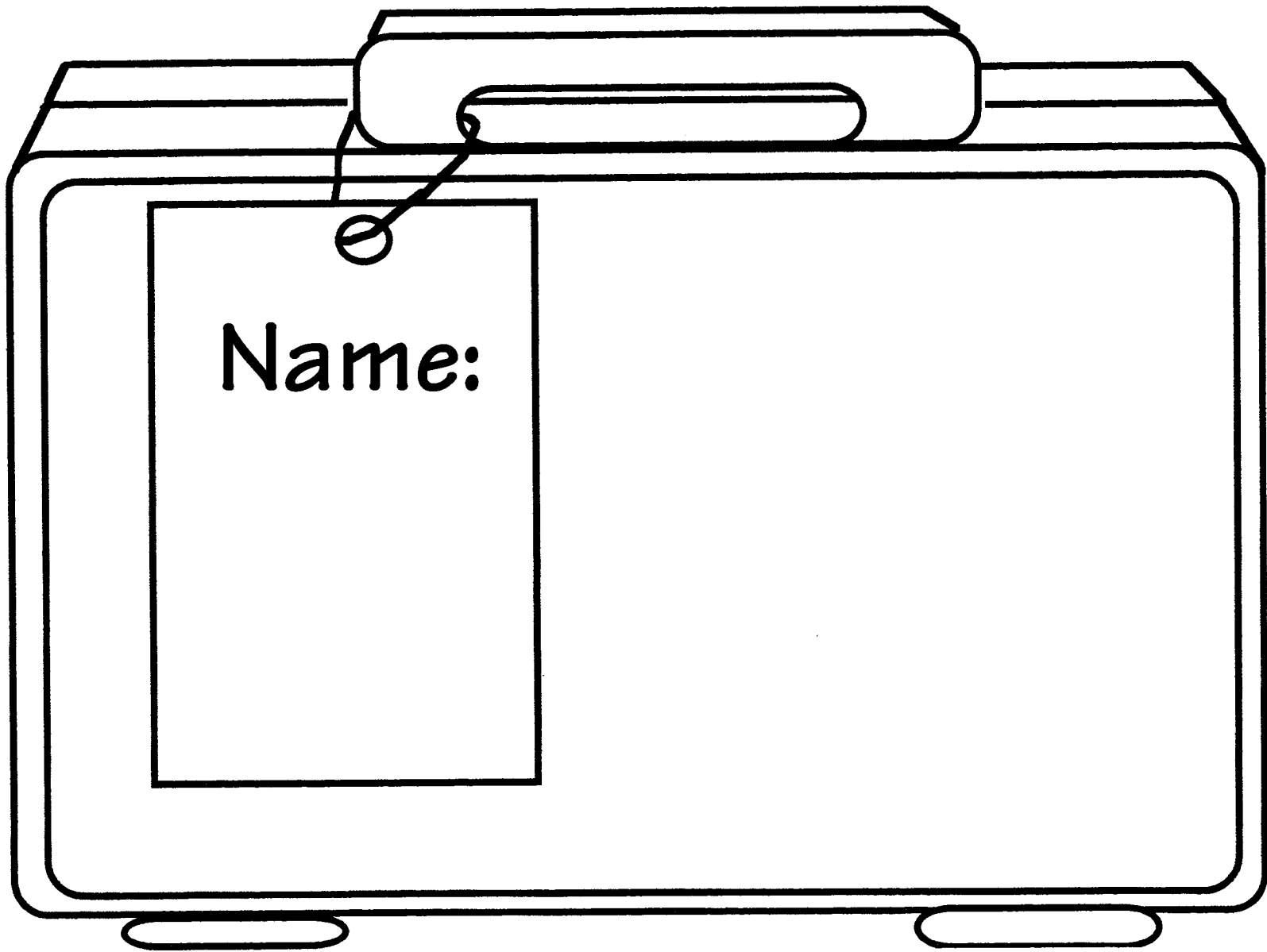


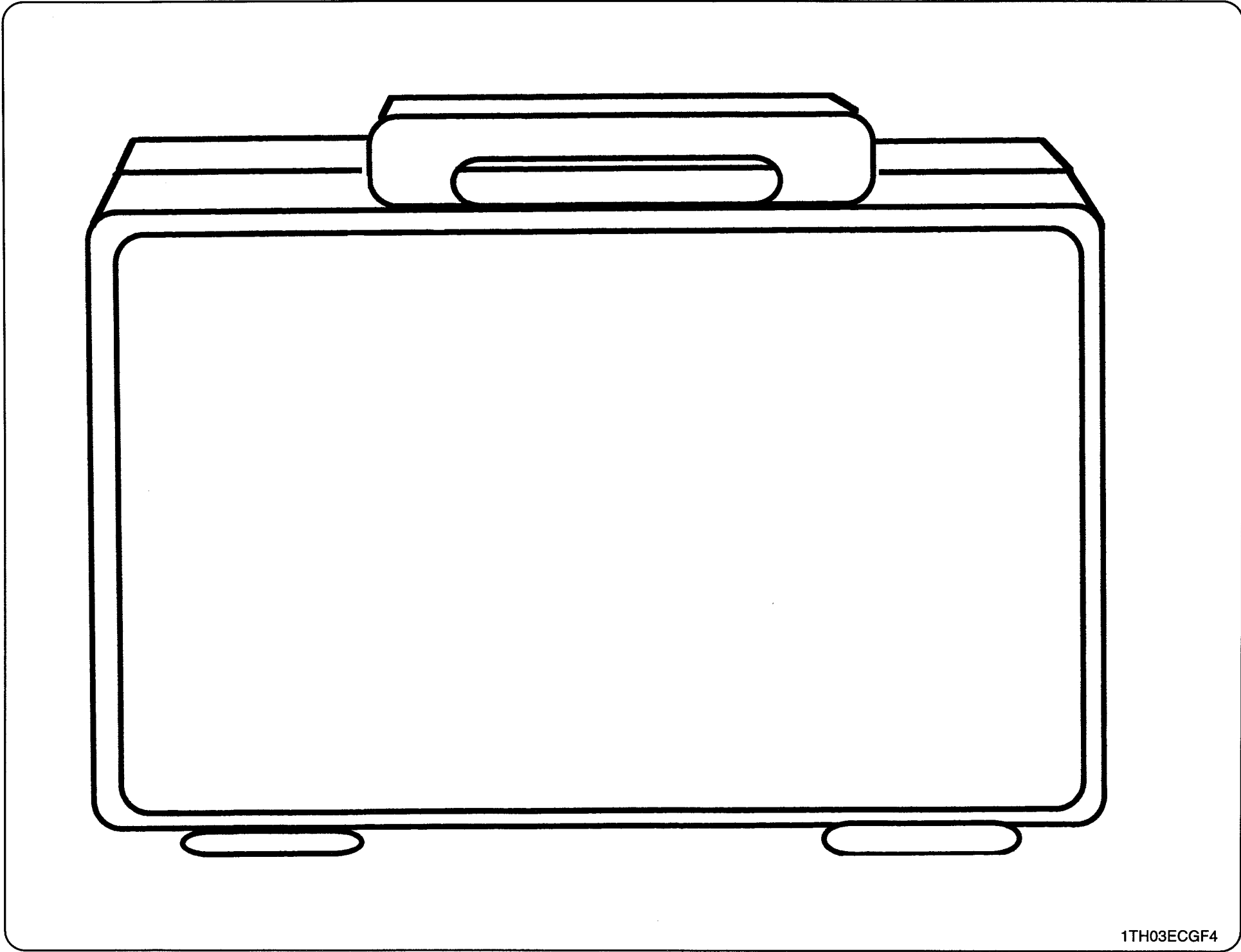
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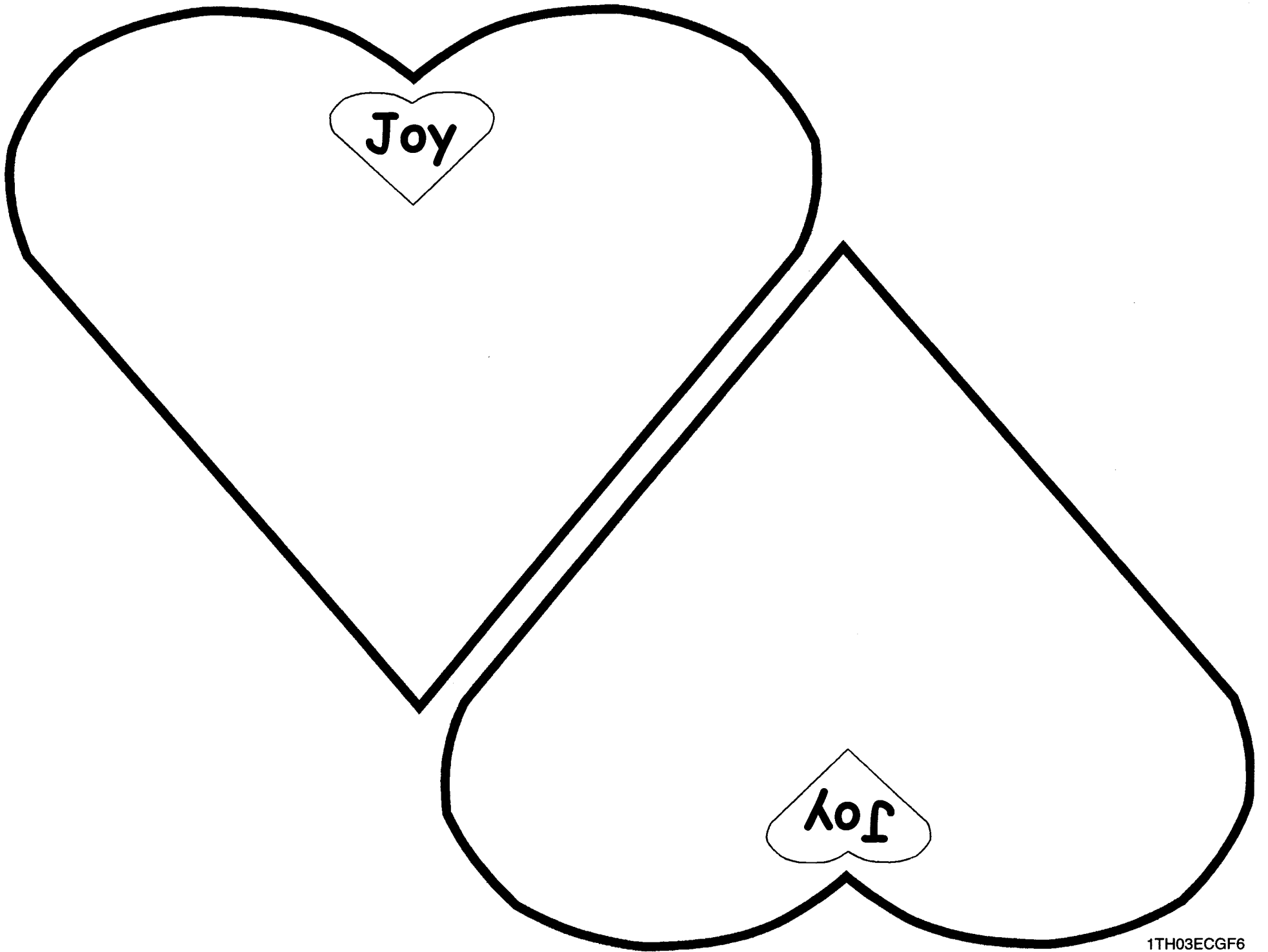
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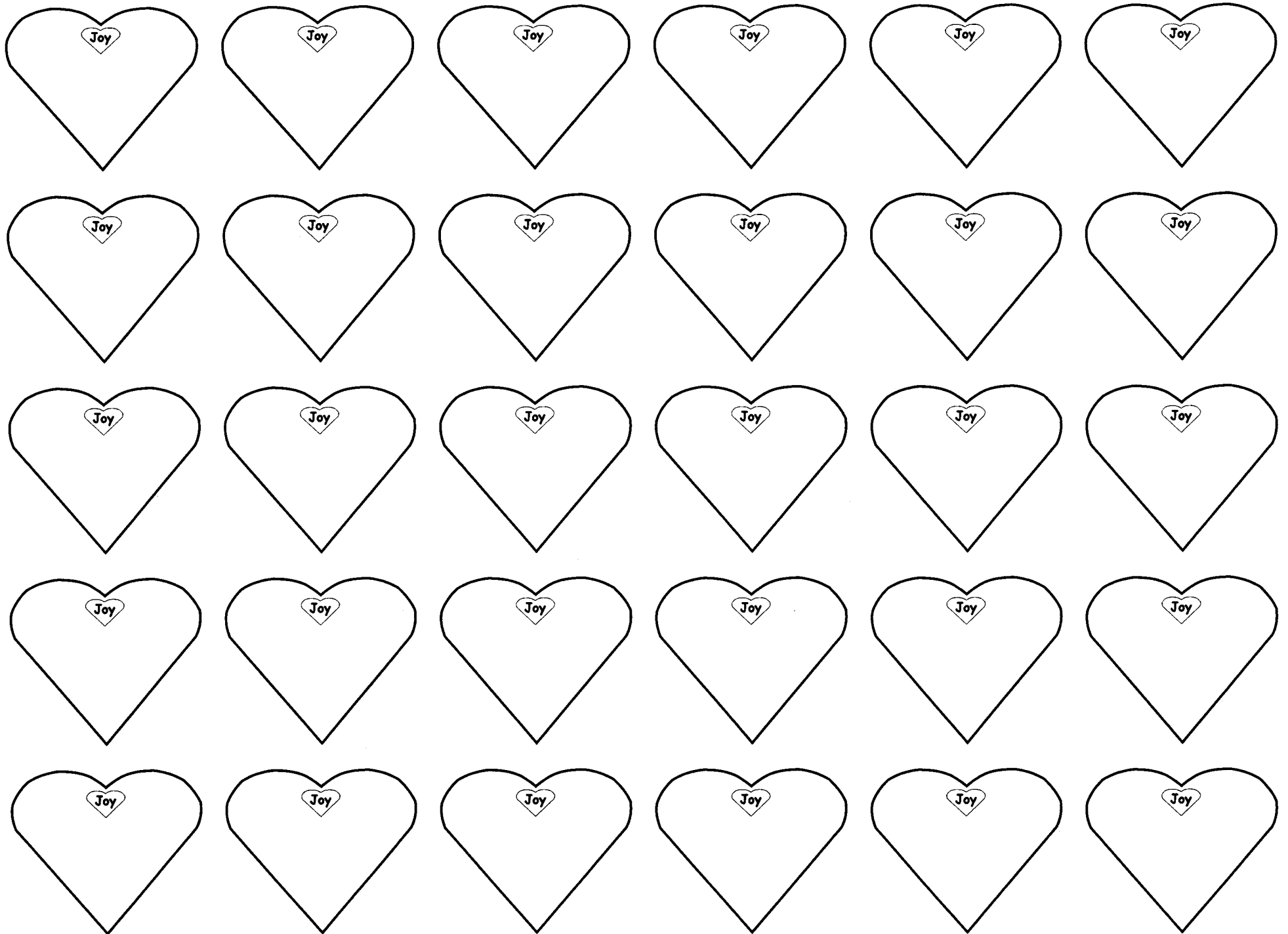
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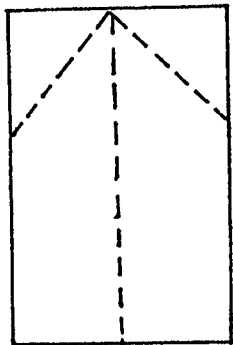


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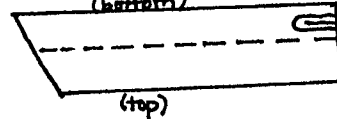
# Paper Airplane



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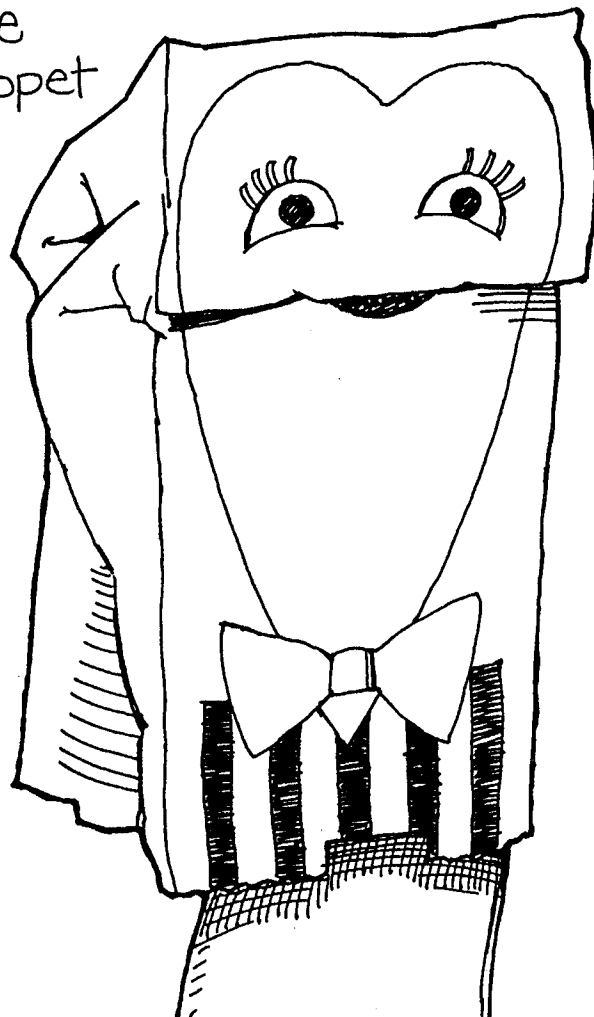


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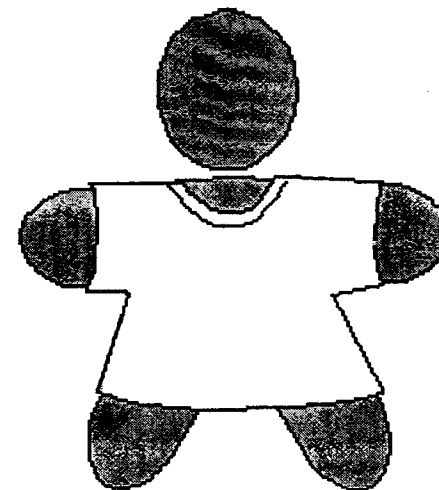
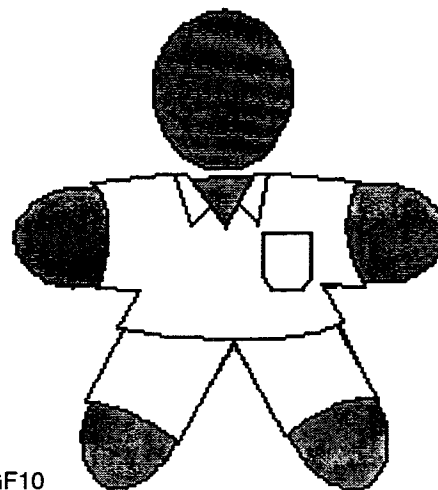
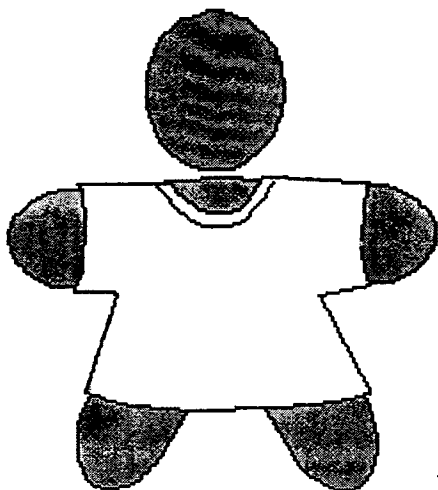
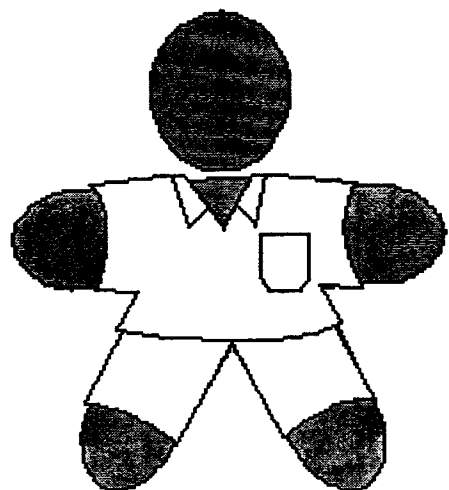
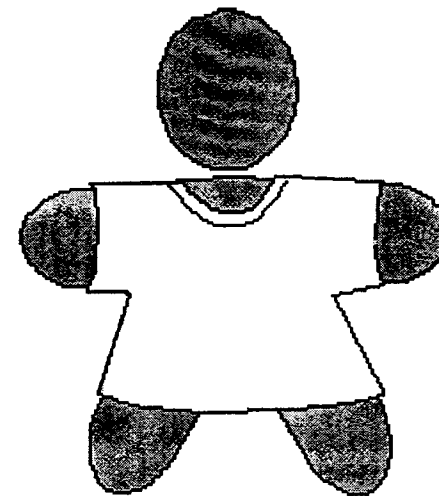
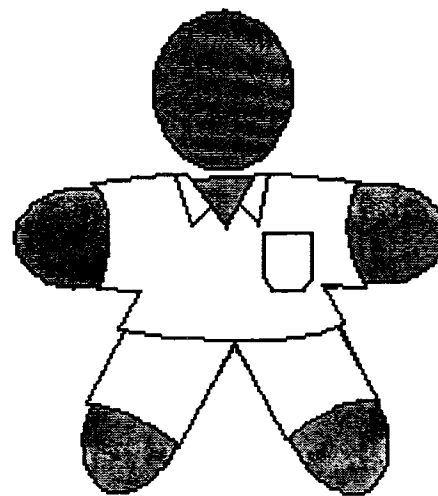
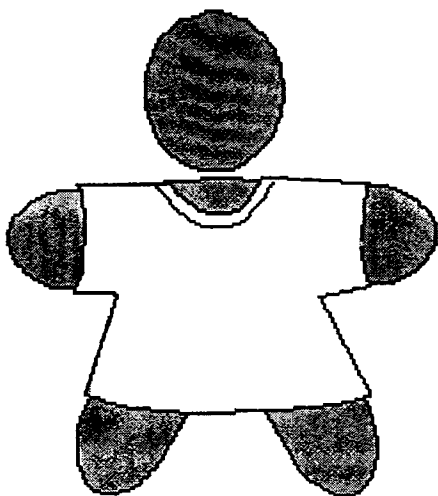
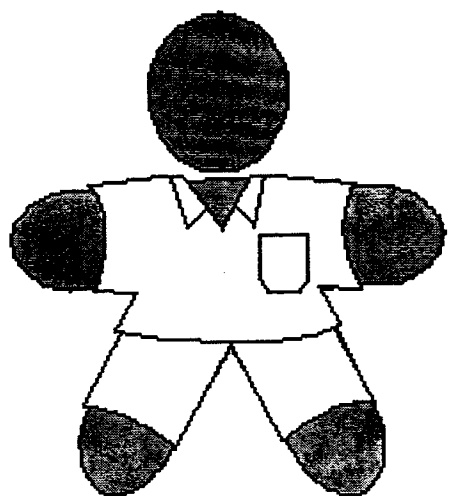
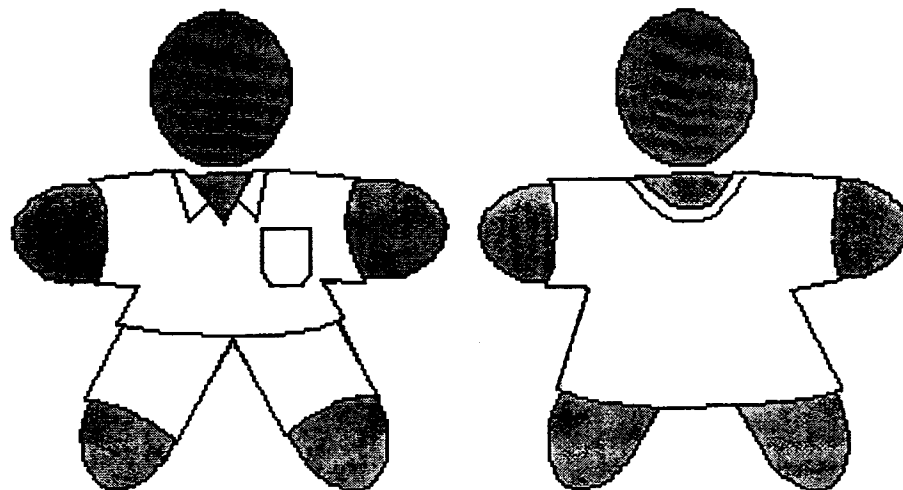
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Love  
Puppet





# People who love Jesus



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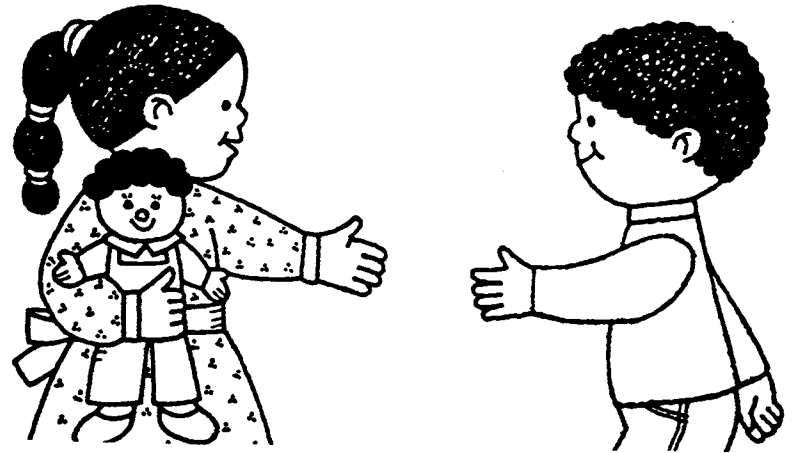
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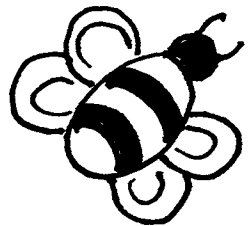


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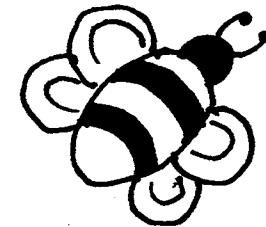


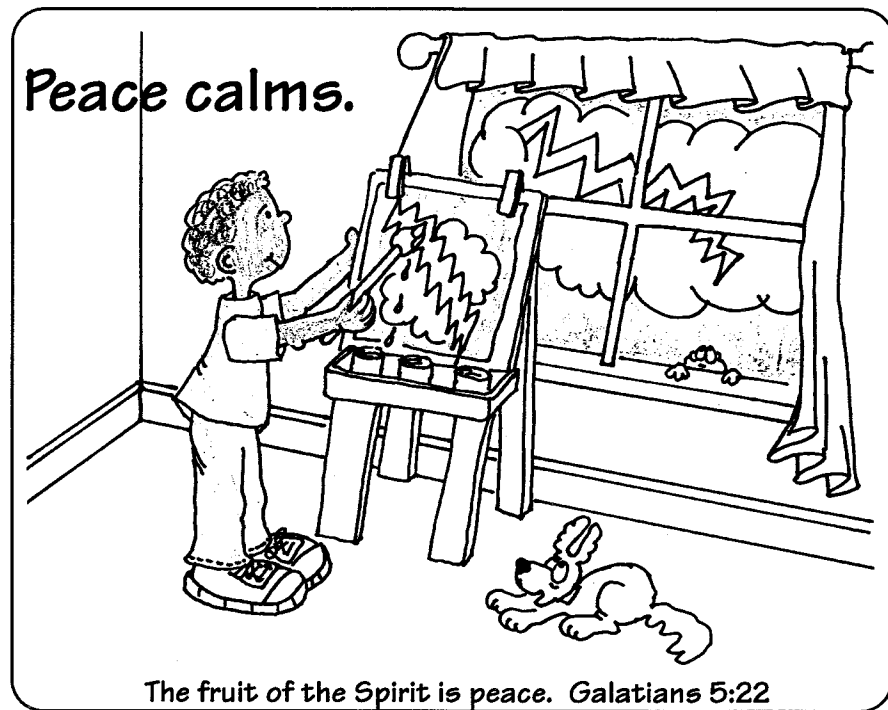
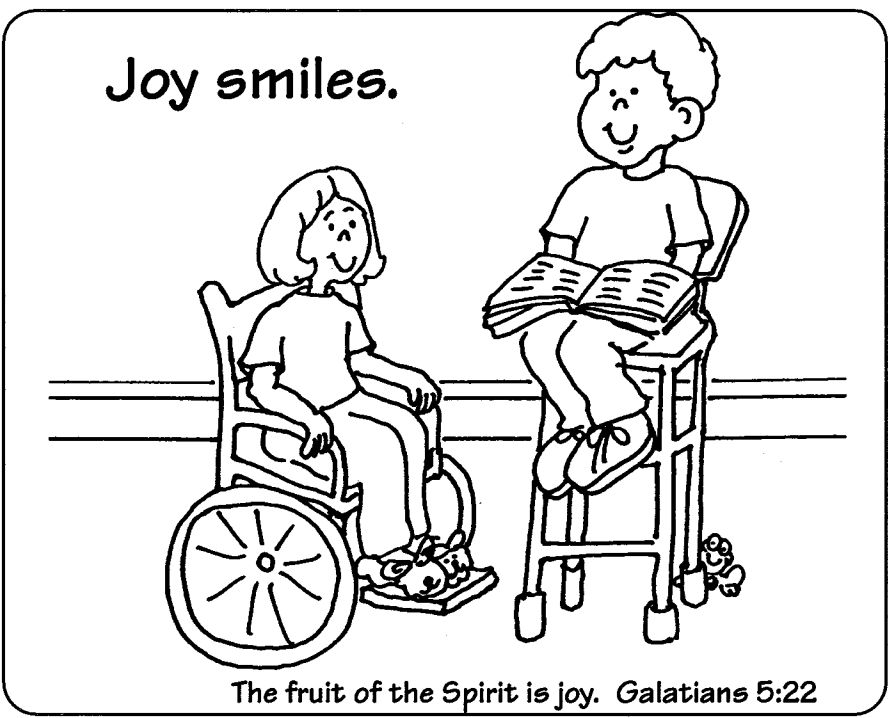
**give thanks in all  
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**Be joyful always:**

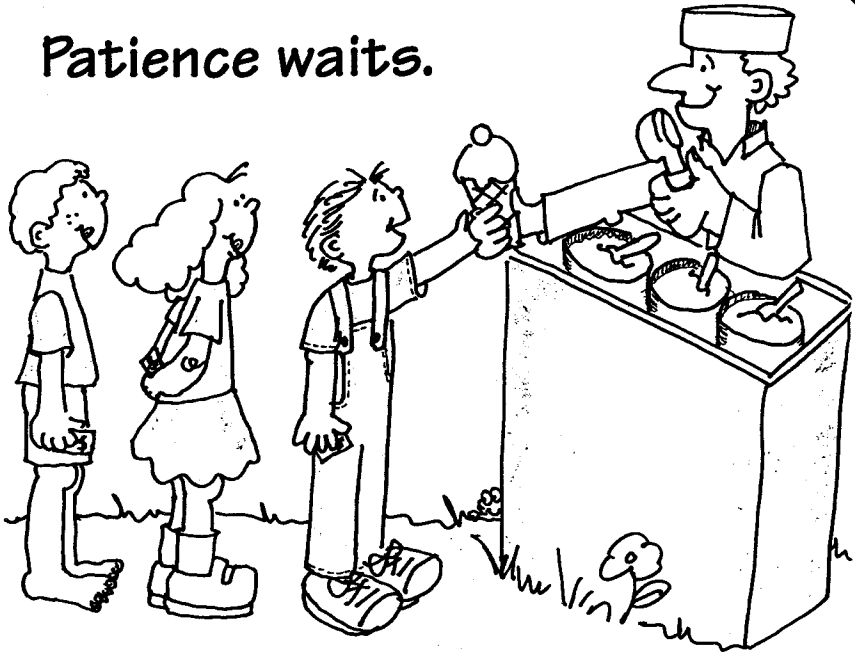


**pray continually:**





**Patience waits.**



The fruit of the Spirit is patience. Galatians 5:22

**Kindness cares.**



The fruit of the Spirit is kindness. Galatians 5:22

**Goodness  
wants to  
be good.**



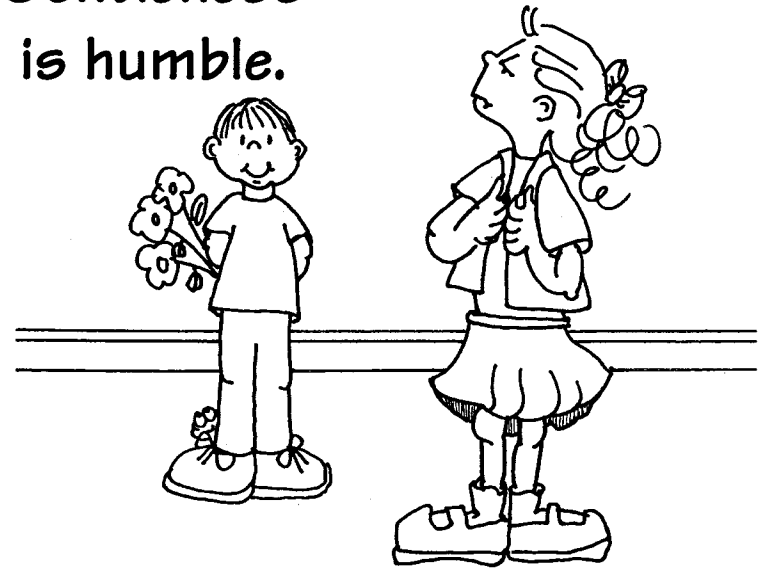
The fruit of the Spirit is goodness. Galatians 5:22

**Faithfulness  
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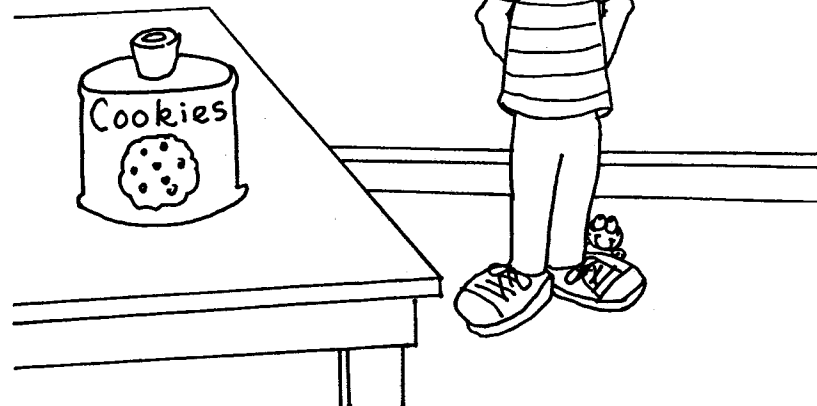
The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness. Galatians 5:22

**Gentleness  
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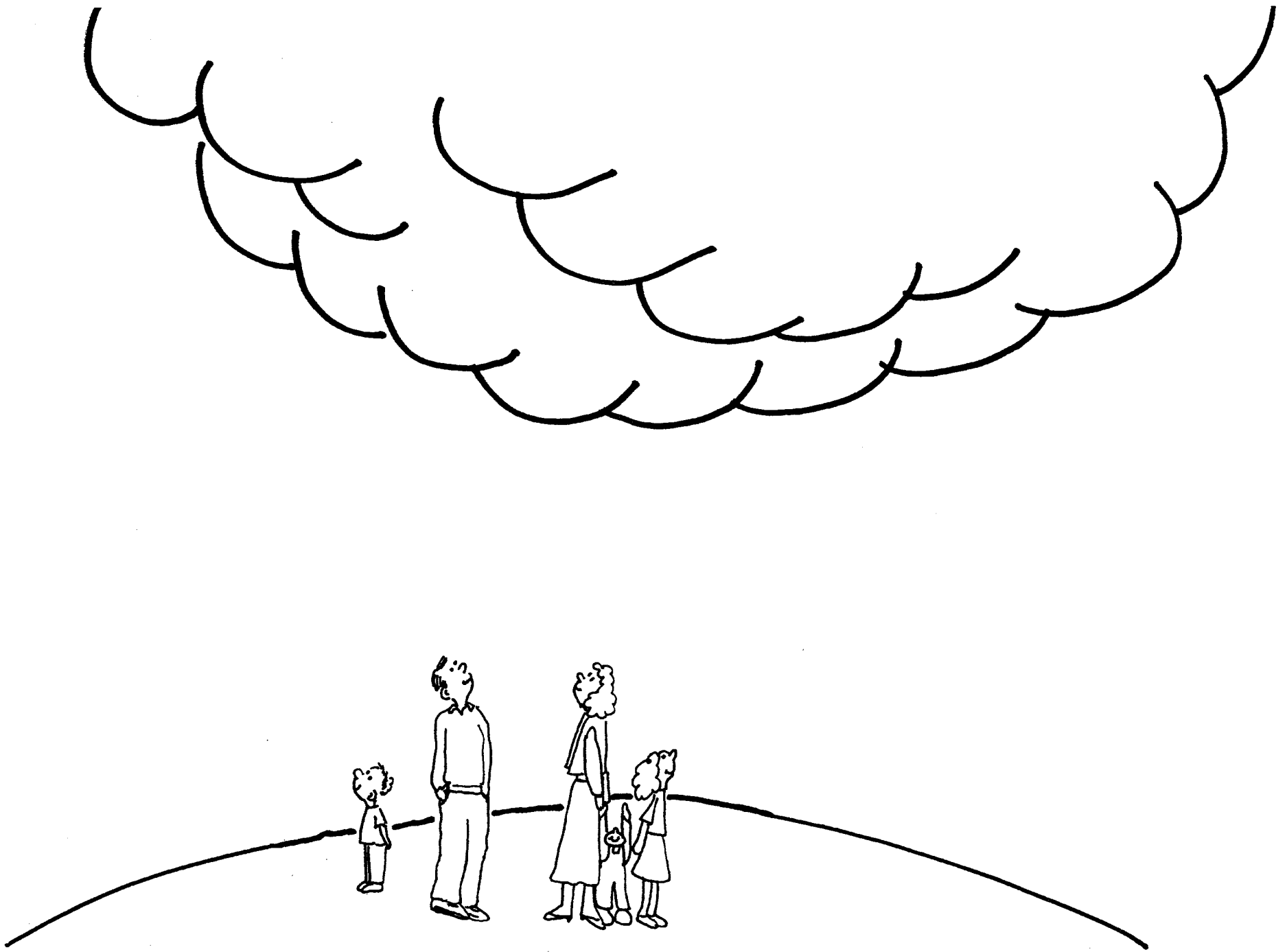


The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness. Galatians 5:23

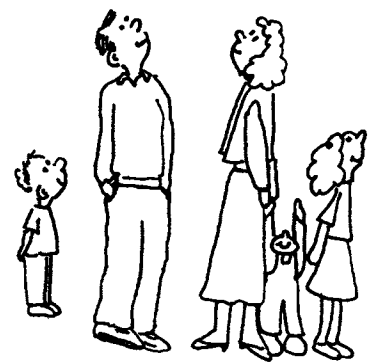
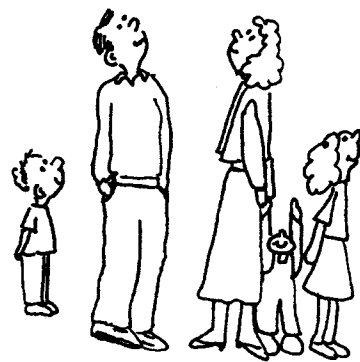
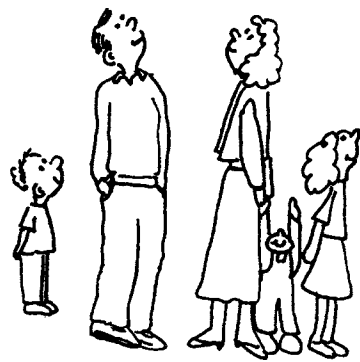
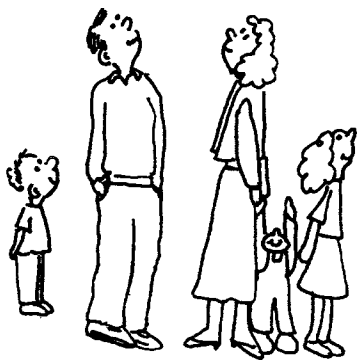
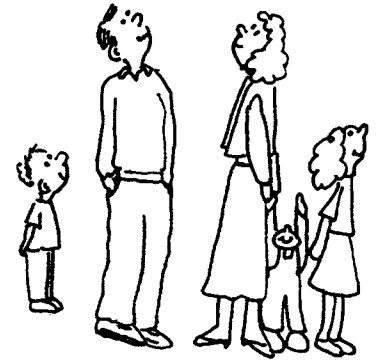
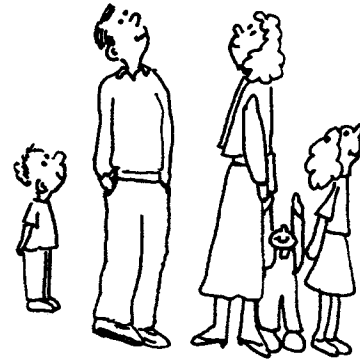
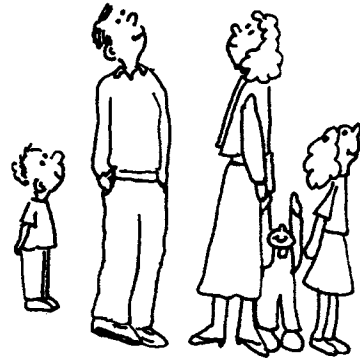
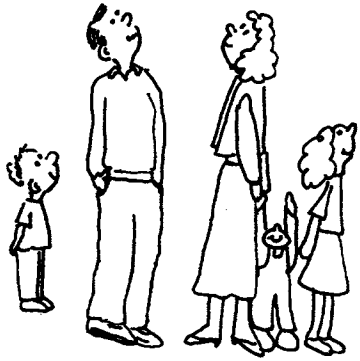
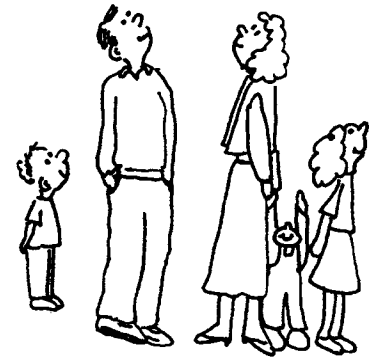
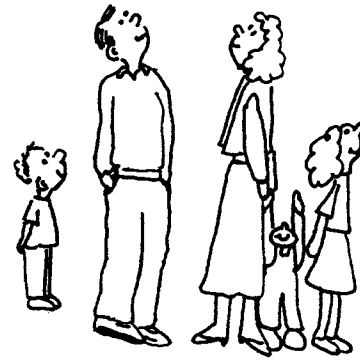
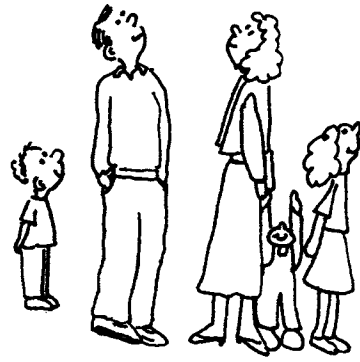
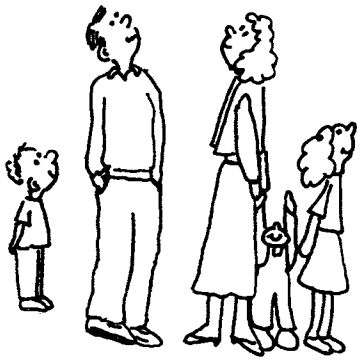
**Self-control  
stops.**



The fruit of the Spirit is self-control. Galatians 5:23



When Jesus returns, Christians will go to meet Him in the air.





## This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that Jesus is coming back to take those who love Him to live with Him in heaven. Some of the Thessalonians were sad because some of their friends and relatives had died. They thought their friends or relatives had missed out on going to heaven. Paul wrote in his letter that an amazing thing was going to happen. Jesus will return with a loud command and the sound of a trumpet. All Christians will hear Jesus' voice and will go up to meet Him in the air. This is called the "rapture." Paul told the Thessalonians they were to patiently wait for Jesus and live in a way that pleased God. They were to learn to be joyful, thankful, and to keep praying. Jesus has not returned yet. Just like the Thessalonians, we also are to wait patiently and live in a way that pleases God.

## Today's Memory Verse

**Be joyful always; pray continually;  
give thanks in all circumstances.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16**

## Rapture Review



If your preschool children are young enough that you can throw them up in the air and catch them, sing the words below while you throw them in the air. This might also be a time you allow your child to bounce on the bed and sing. Explain to your children that we cannot get very high in the air by jumping, but someday our bodies will be changed and we will meet Jesus in the air if we love Him.

A quiet idea would be to glue cotton balls around Jesus on the back side of this page and hang the picture high in the window. Before each meal, sing the following words to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

Jesus is coming back  
I'm waiting patiently.  
I will meet Him in the air.  
Just you wait and see.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16, Memory Verse Song**  
(tune: "B-I-N-G-O")

**Be joyful always;  
Pray continually;  
Give thanks in all cir-cum-stances.  
First Thessalonians five  
First Thessalonians five  
First Thessalonians five  
Verse sixteen. Five, sixteen!**

\* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



Jesus will return for His people at the "rapture."