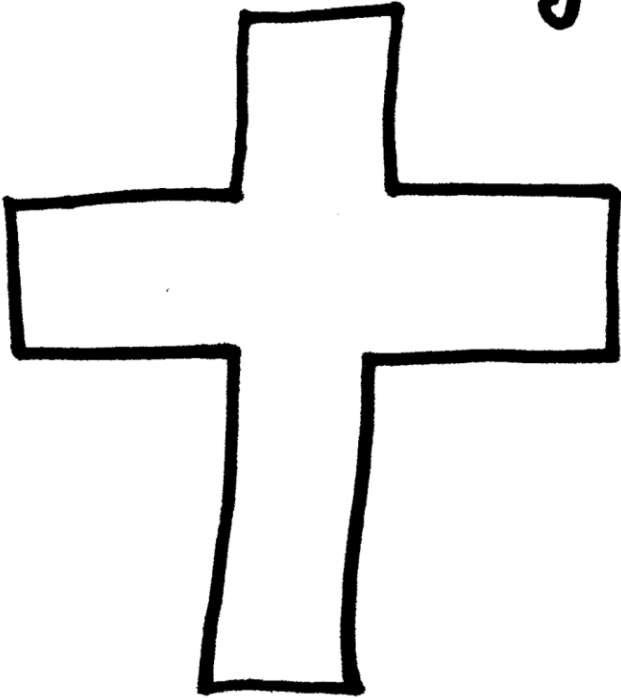


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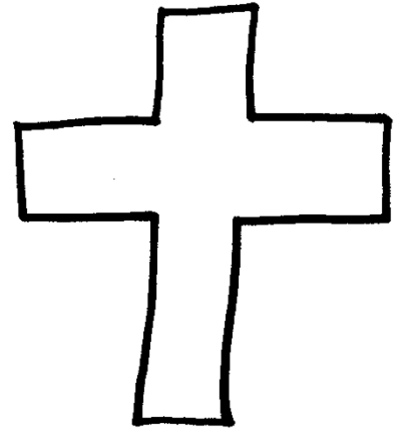
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Use this resource as a way to Dwell in the Word of God. As you consider the scripture fragment, form a ball of dough (Crayola Dough, homemade salt dough, or other play dough would work well for this). When you are ready, you can form the dough into the shape of the card, or make a three-dimensional sculpture of the shape. May God bless your faith journey!

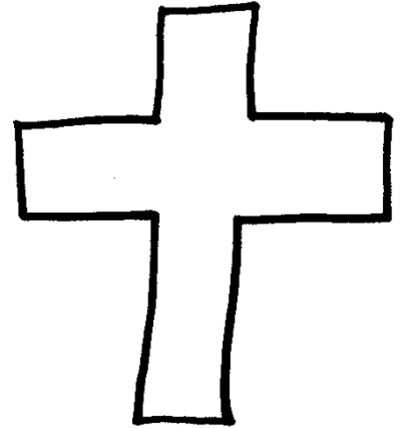
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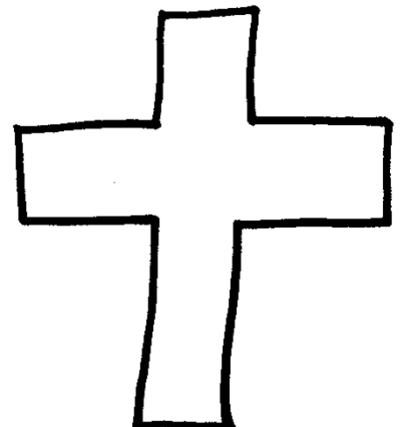
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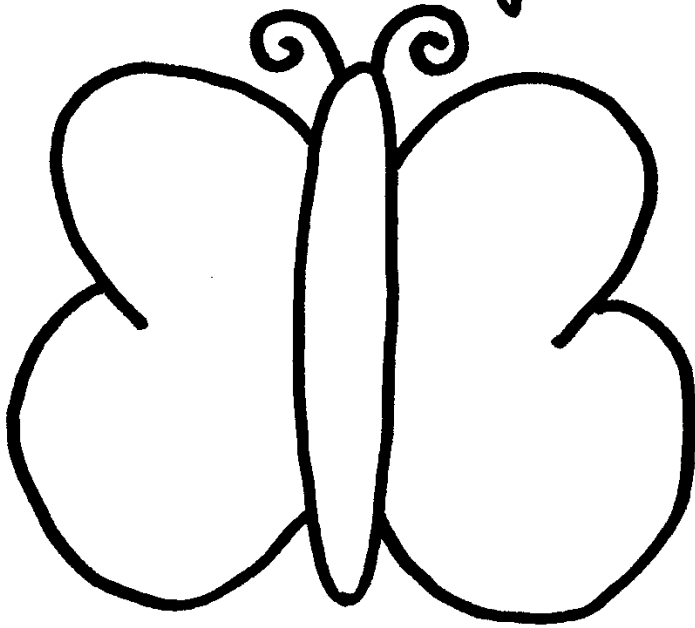
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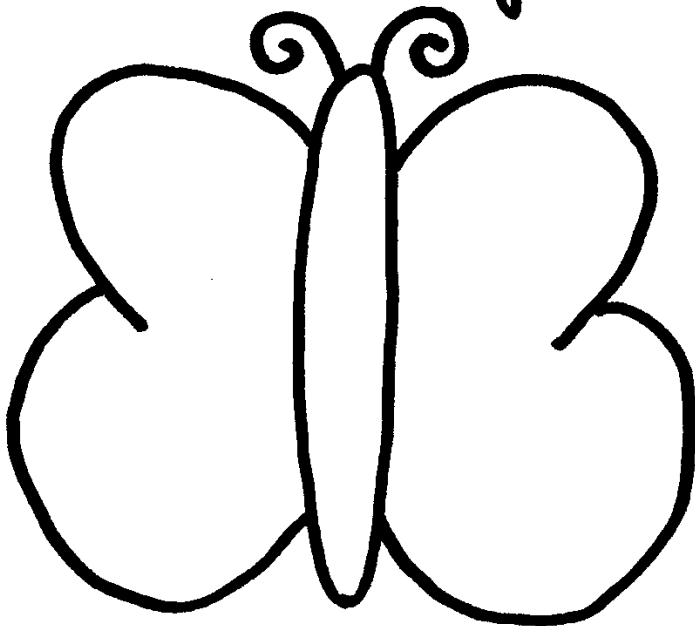
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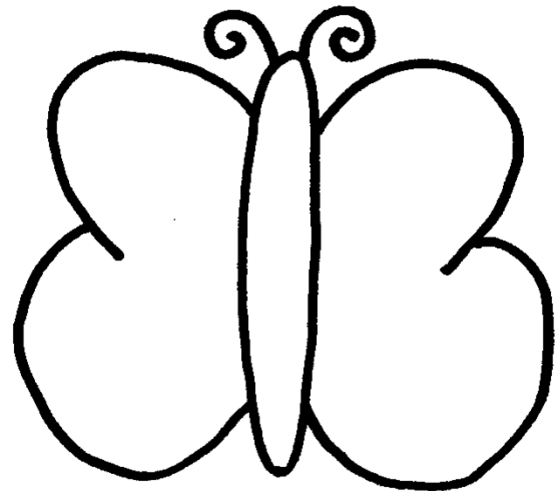
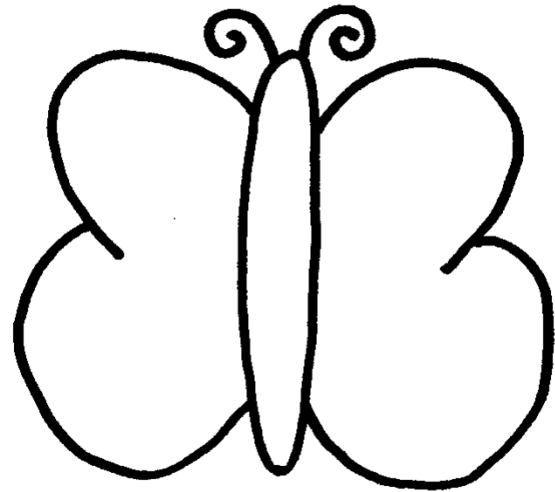
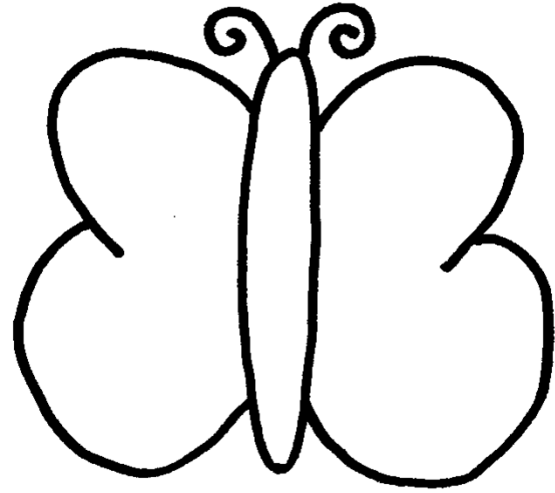


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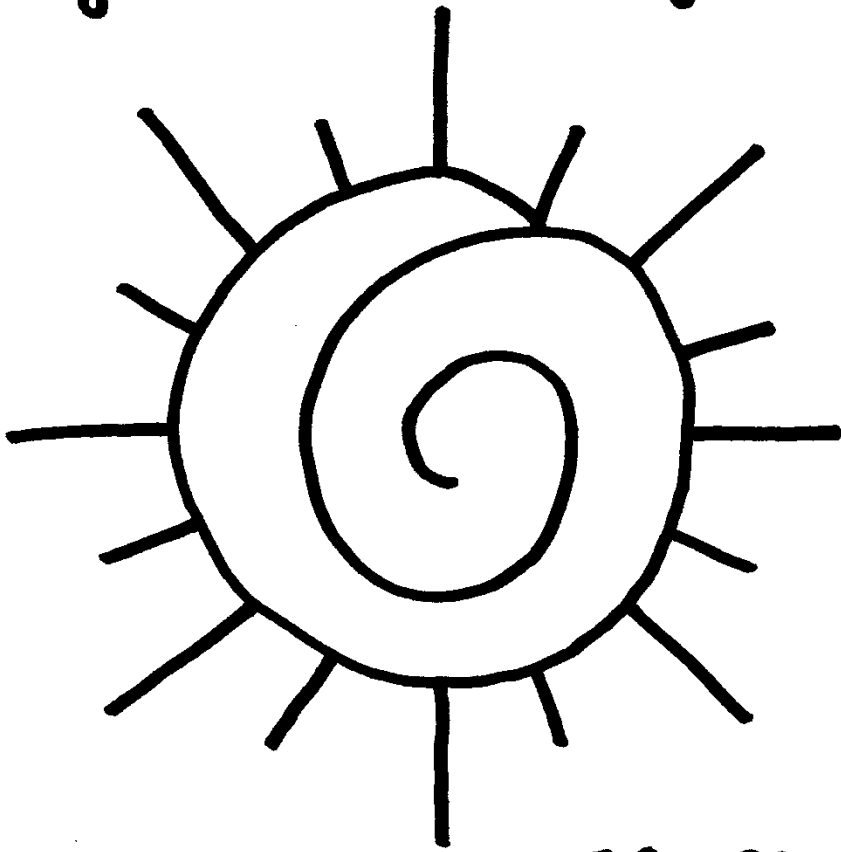
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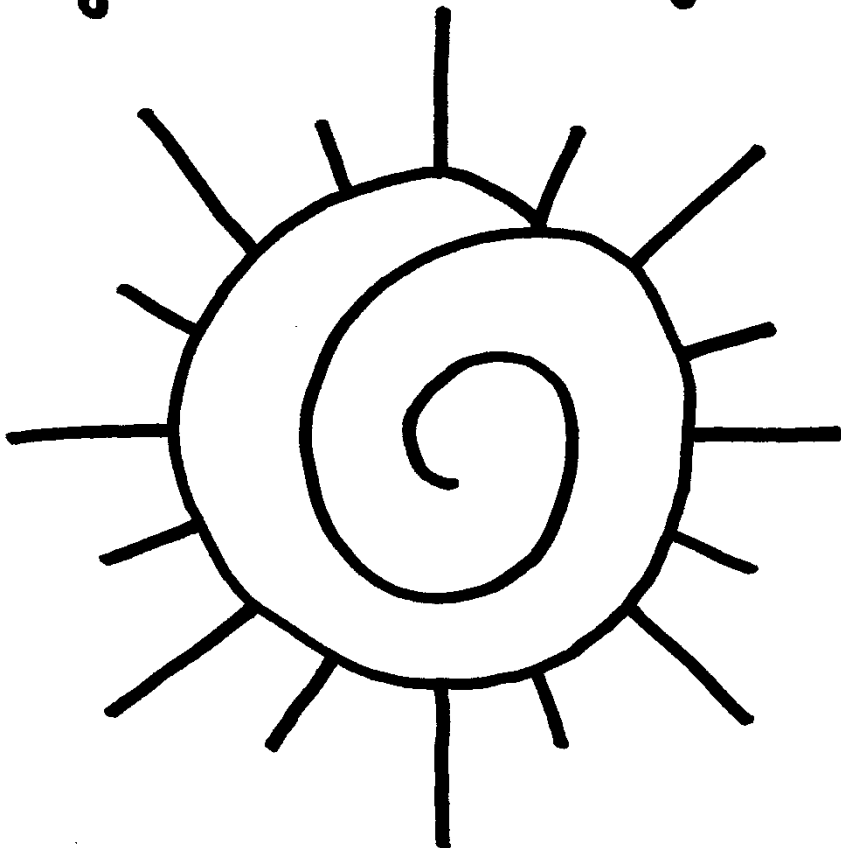
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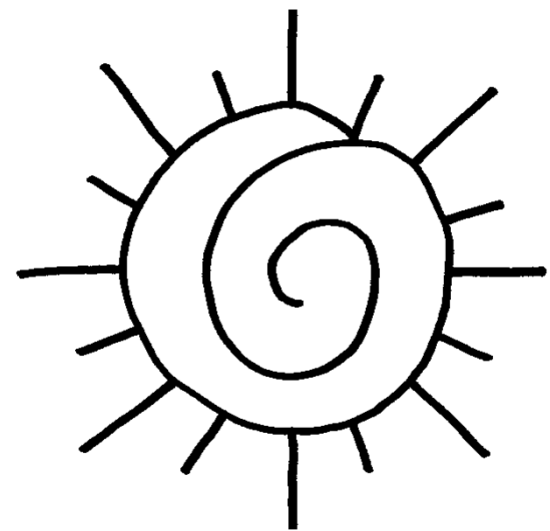
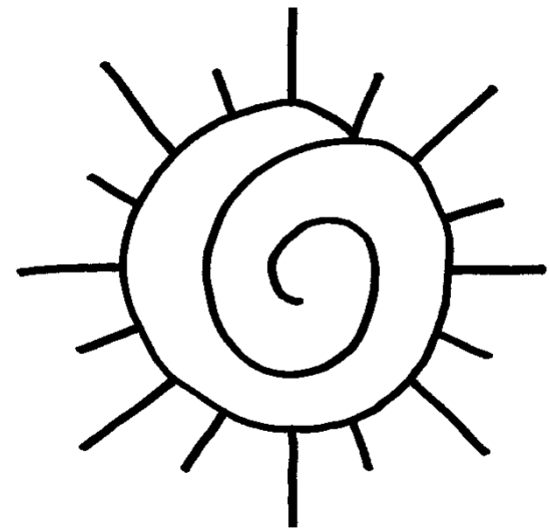
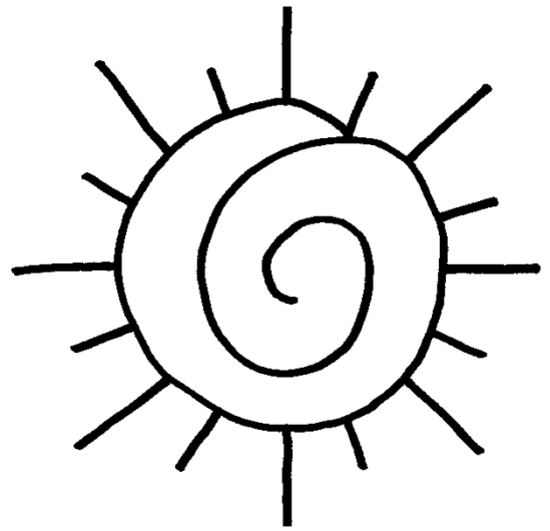


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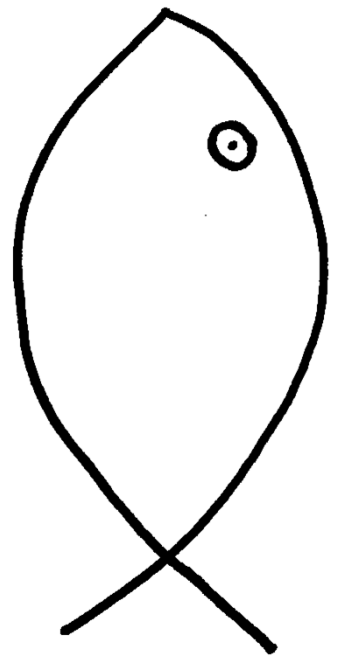
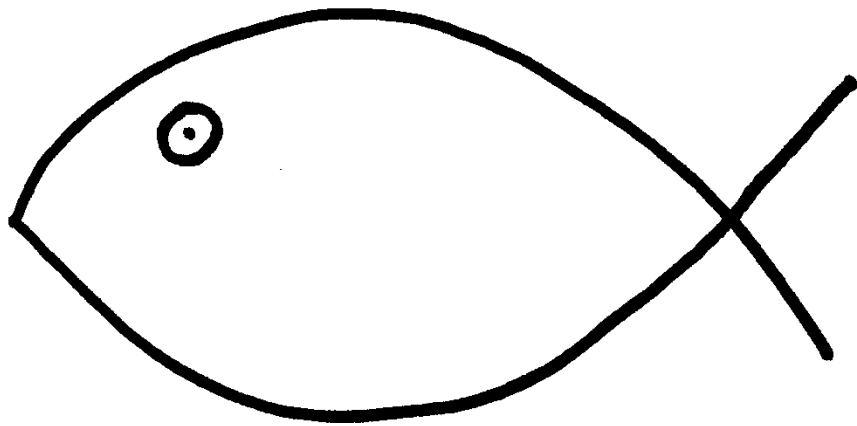
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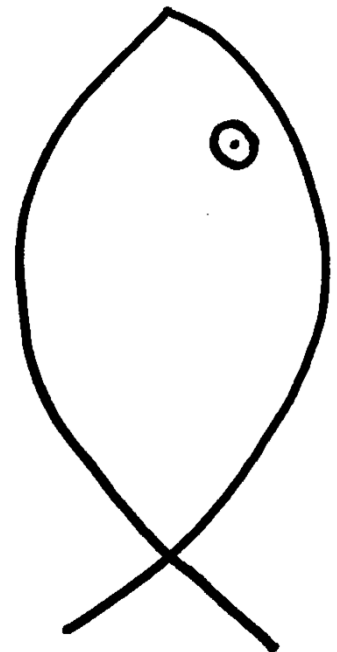
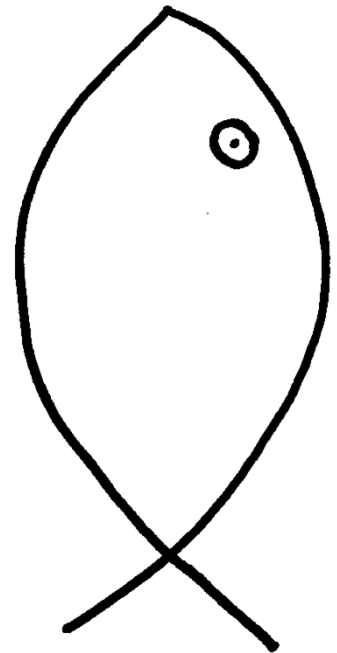
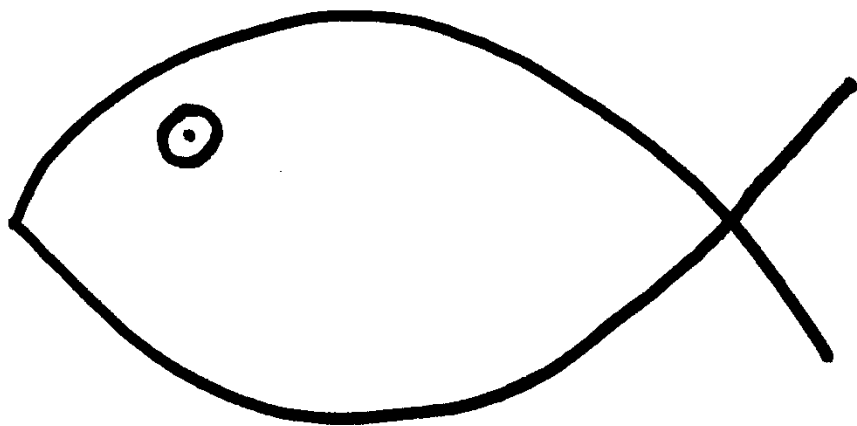
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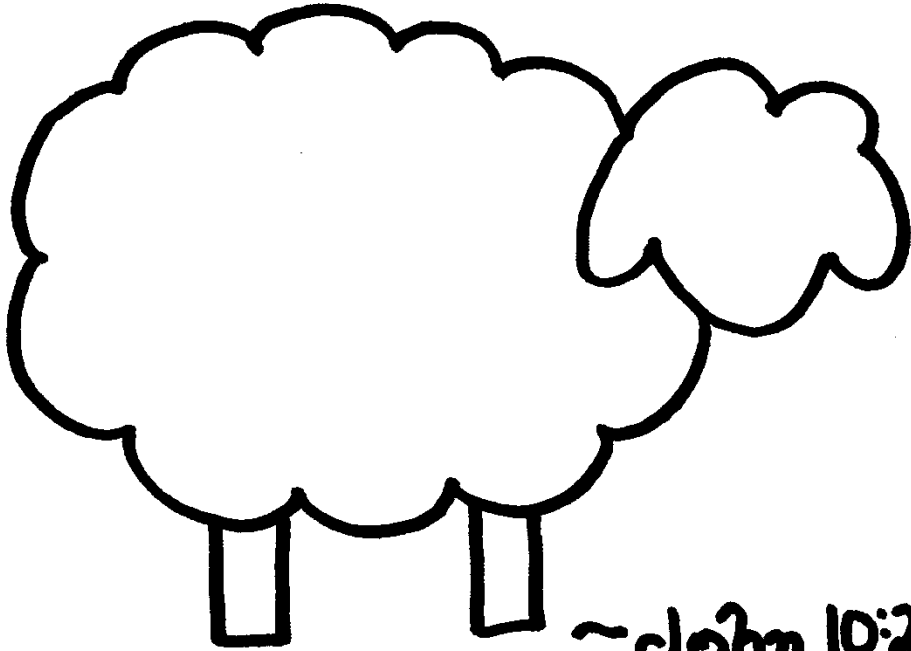
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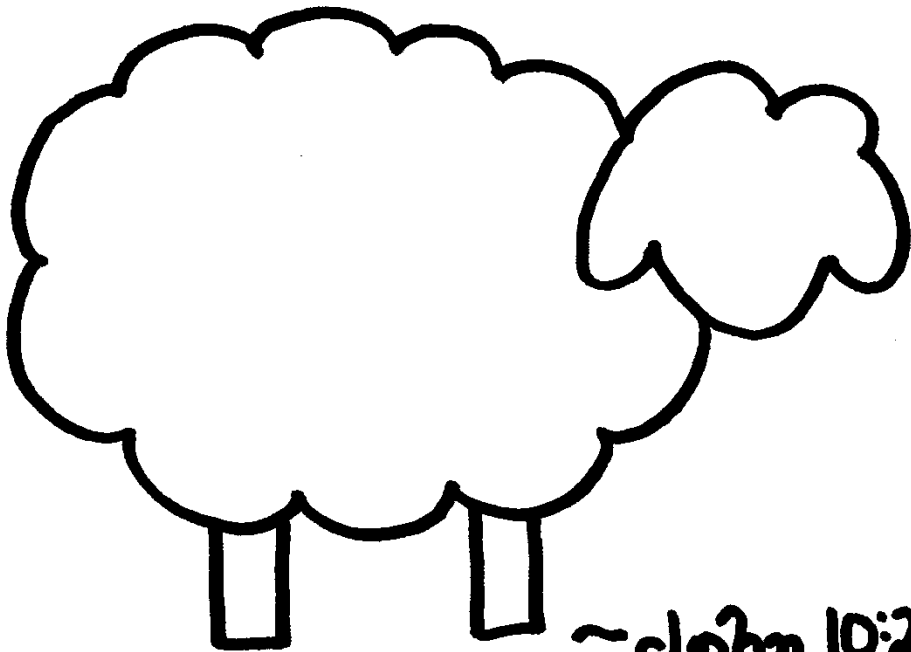
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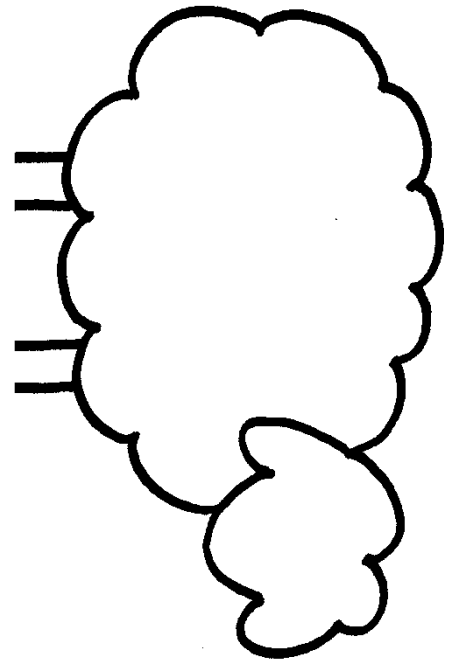
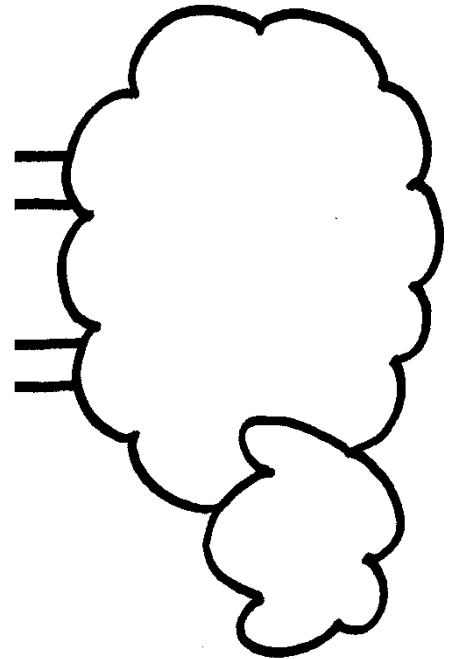
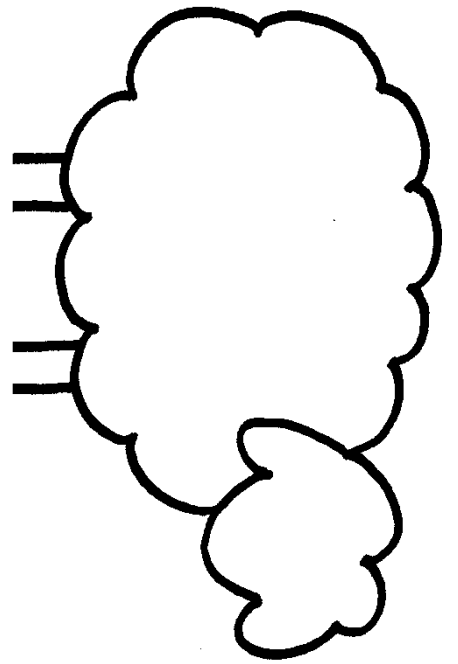


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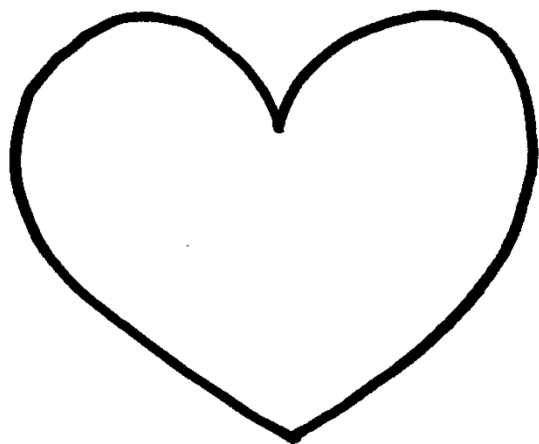
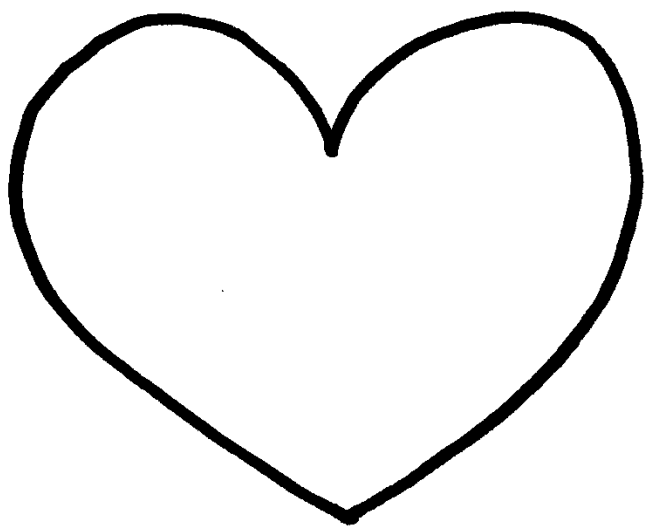
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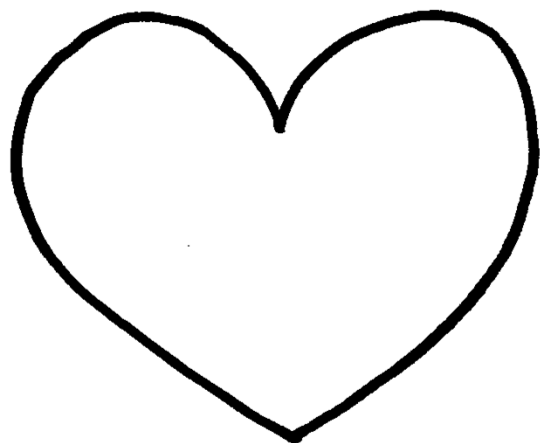
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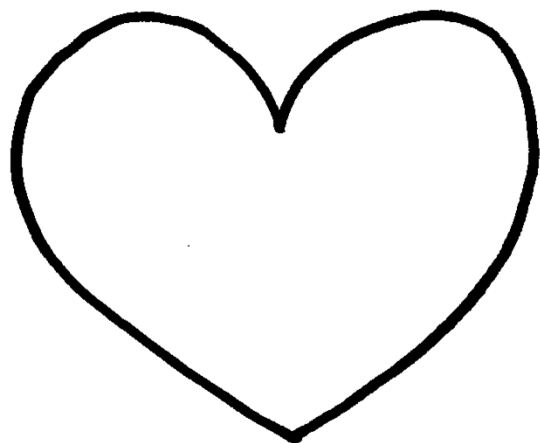
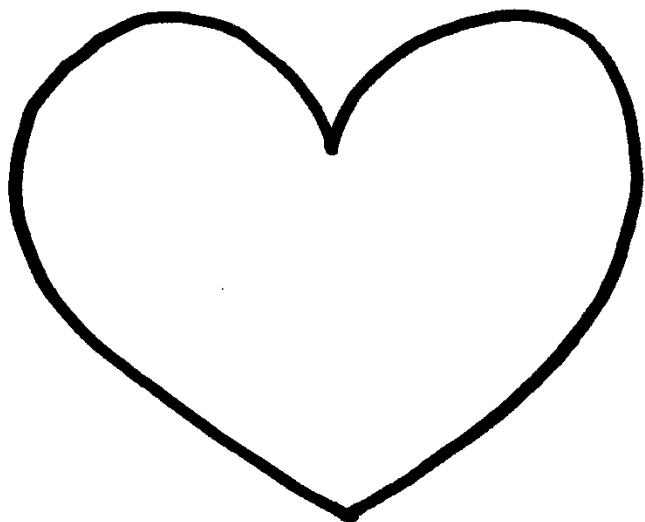
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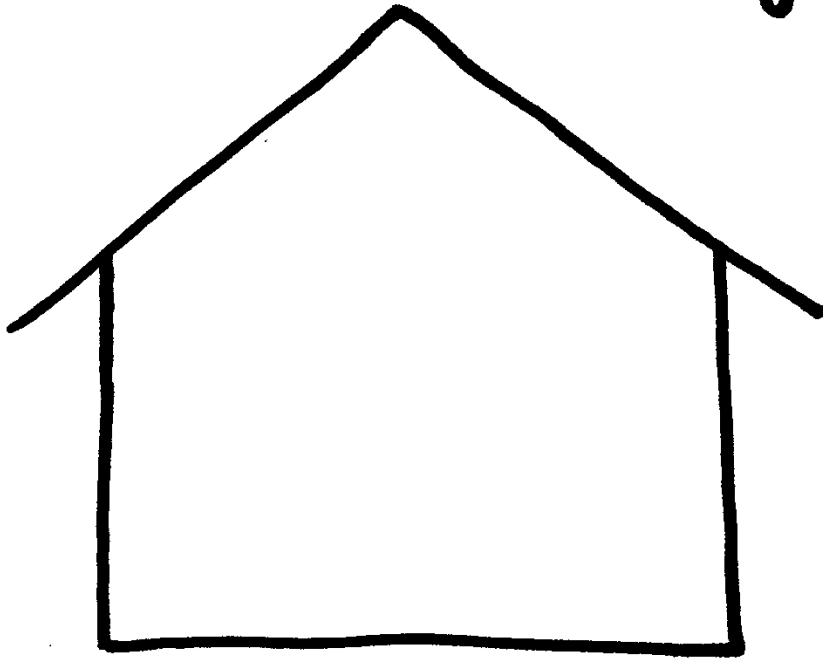
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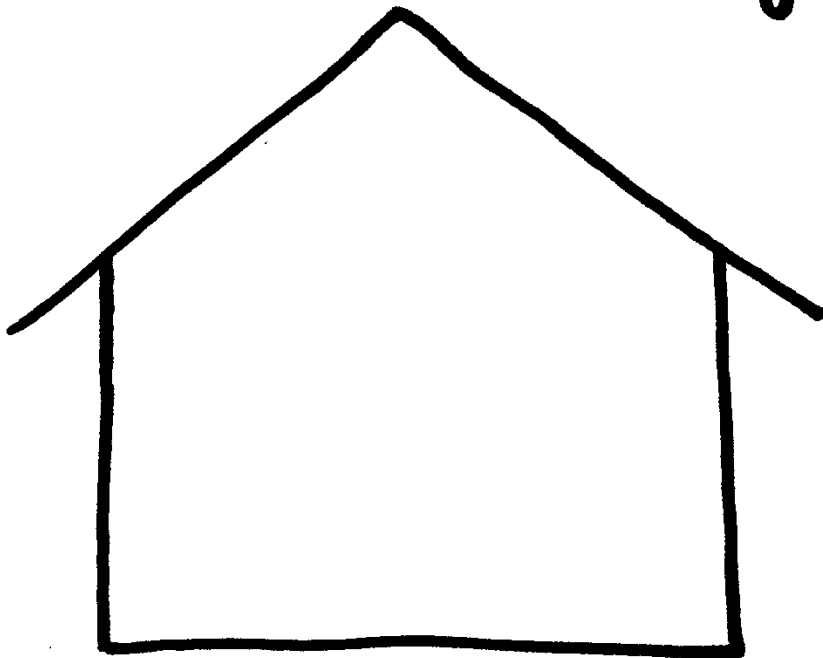
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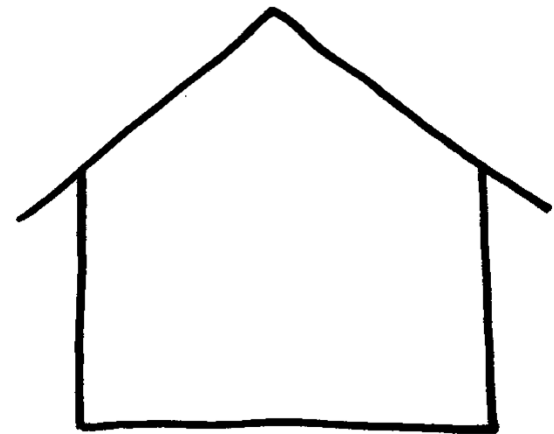
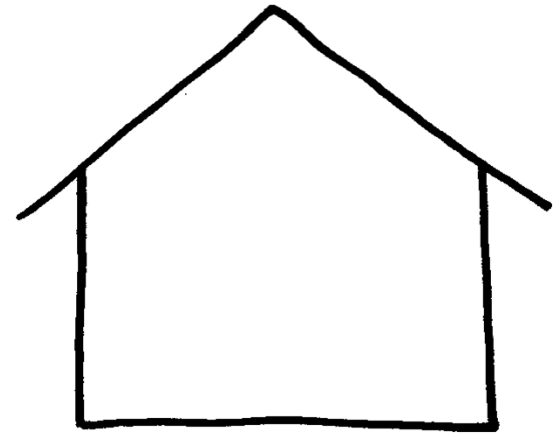
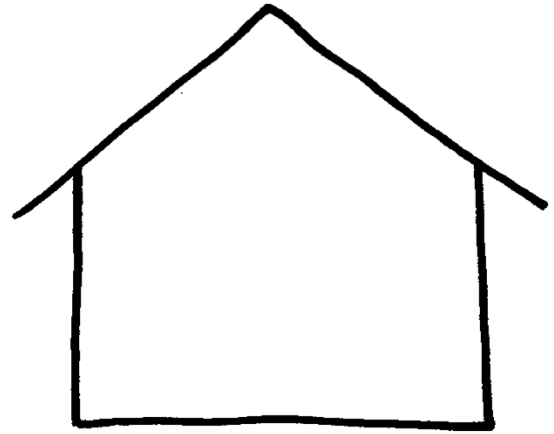


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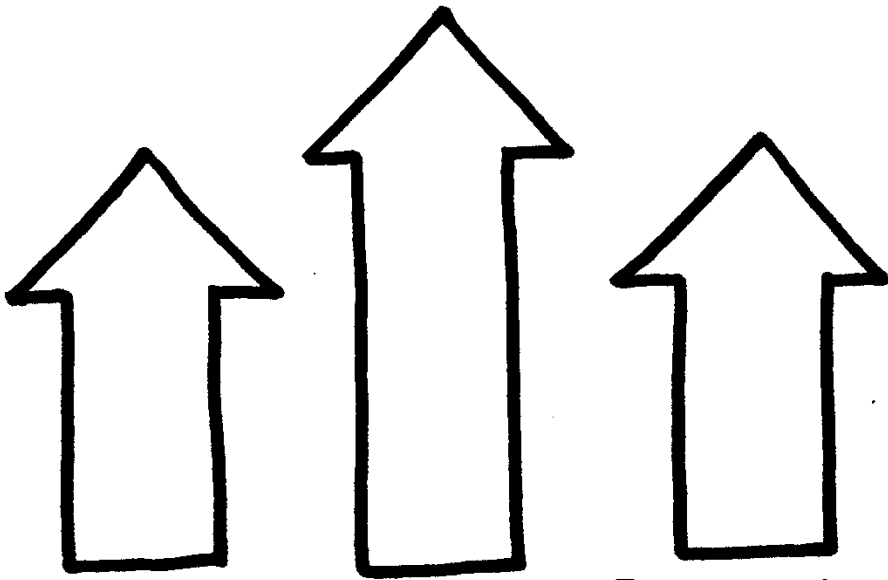
Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

- Where is the place that you call home? What difference does it make to know that God is at home with you there, as well? What do you think of the Holy Spirit? Where does the Spirit show up in your life?

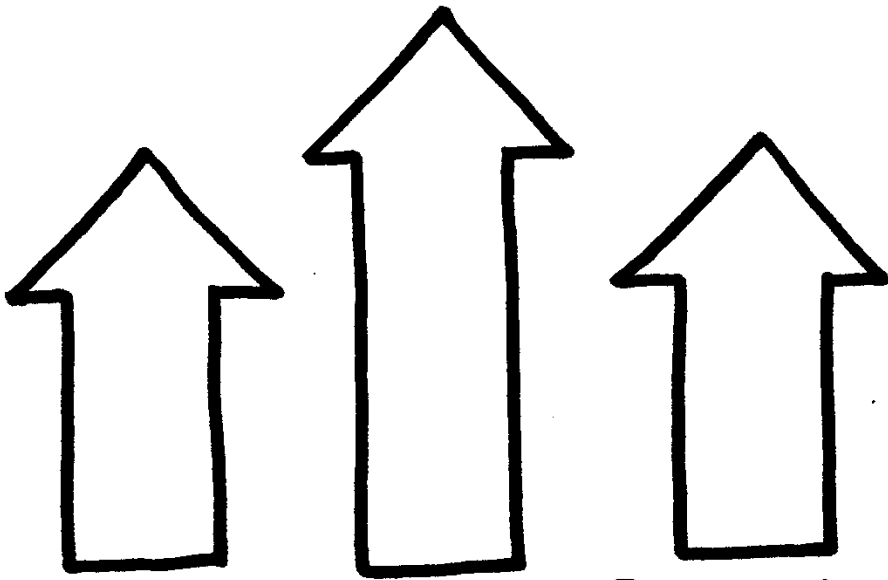
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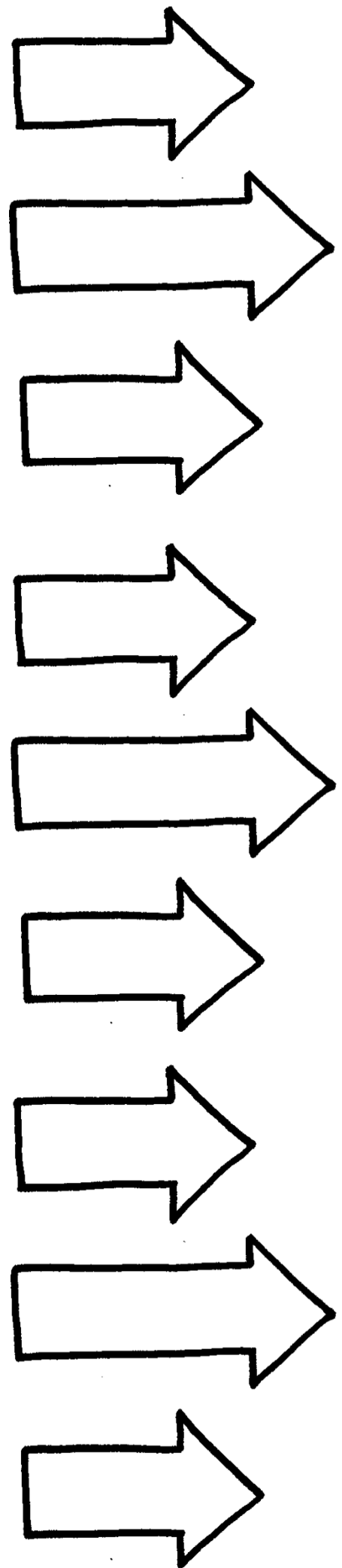


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Risen Christ, thank you for making a place for us in heaven. Send your Holy Spirit among us, that we may be your risen people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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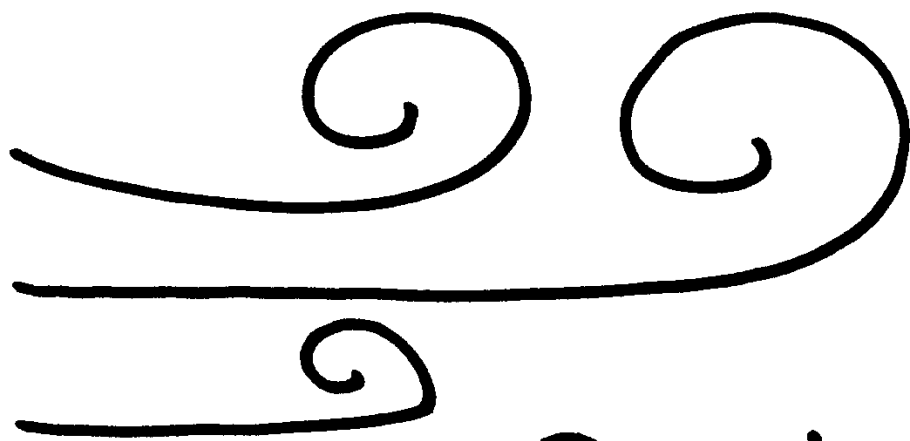
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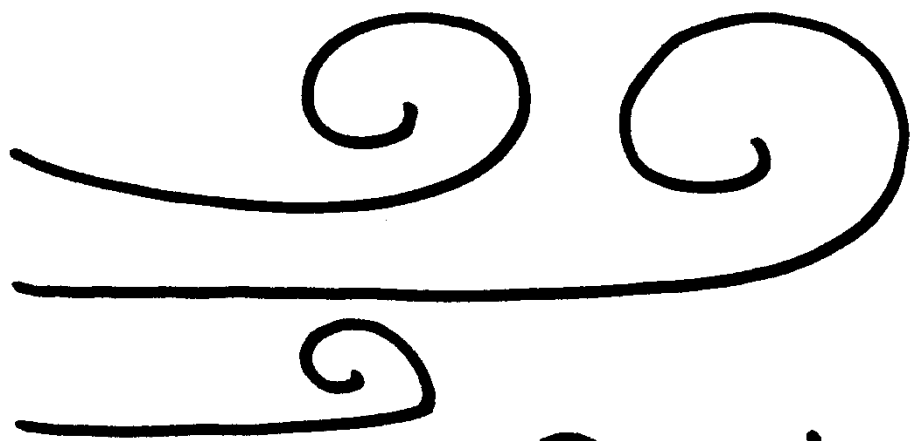
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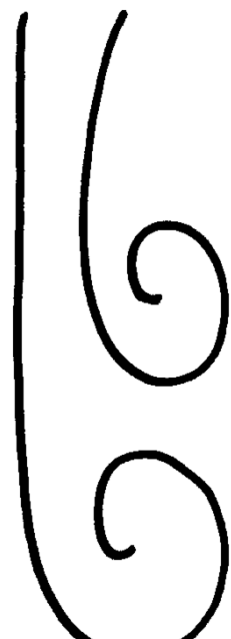


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- Why do you think that the Holy Spirit comes in wind, fire, and language? How do you experience the Holy Spirit? What is the Spirit stirring up in you?

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life, breathe the fire of your love into us. Shape us, give us life, make us whole. Help us to spread the love of Christ to the ends of the earth. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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