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Take-Home Bible Story

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Grown-ups, please read this story with your child:

Jesus Calls the Fishermen

- Peter was a fisherman. He had a boat and a big net.
- Peter fished all night long. He did not catch one fish!
- Jesus came to the sea. Jesus got into Peter's boat.
- Jesus said, "Let down your nets." Peter listened to Jesus.
- Splash! The net was full of fish! So many fish!
- Jesus said, "Follow Me."
- Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their boats and followed Jesus.
- Jesus wants you to follow Him too!

"Follow Me"

Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)

Say it together: Jesus wants me to follow Him!

Do it together: Five Little Fishes

- Five little fishes swimming in the sea, (wiggle five fingers)
- Peter cast his net, one, two, three! (pretend to throw a net)
- Jesus said, "Follow Me!" (point up, then wave "come")
- And Peter said, "Yes!" (nod head)
- Now I will follow Jesus, (march in place)
- Because He loves me best! (hug yourself)

Talk together

- Who got into Peter's boat?
- What did Jesus say to Peter?
- Can you follow Jesus too?

Today your child learned that Jesus called fishermen named Peter, Andrew, James, and John, and they left their nets to follow Him (Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-22). Our memory verse is Matthew 4:19: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." At dinner, ask: "What did Peter do when Jesus told him to let down the net?" Talk about one way your family can follow Jesus this week.

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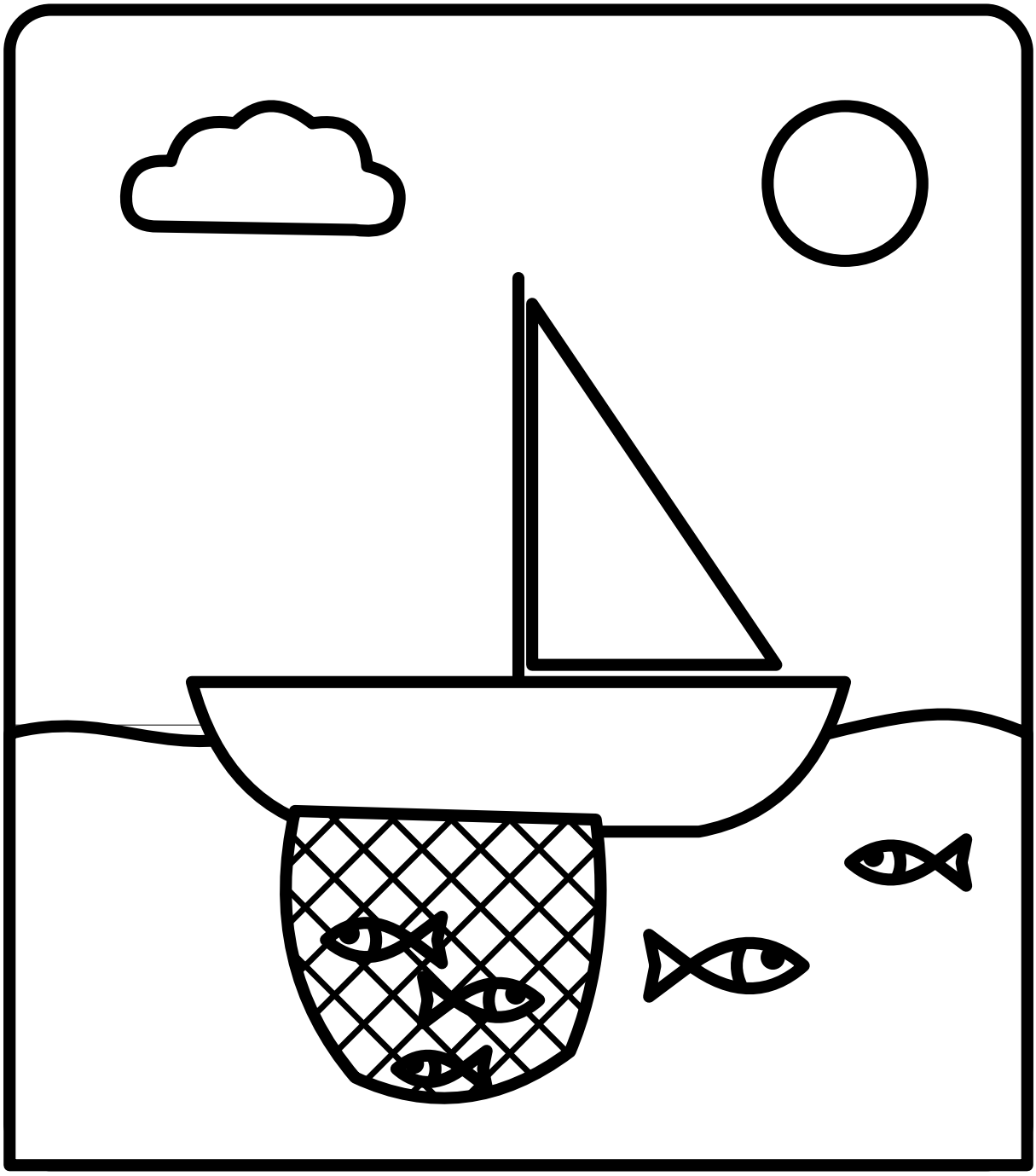

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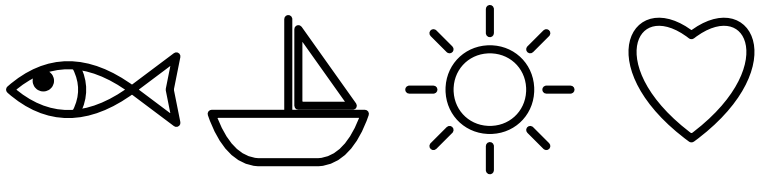

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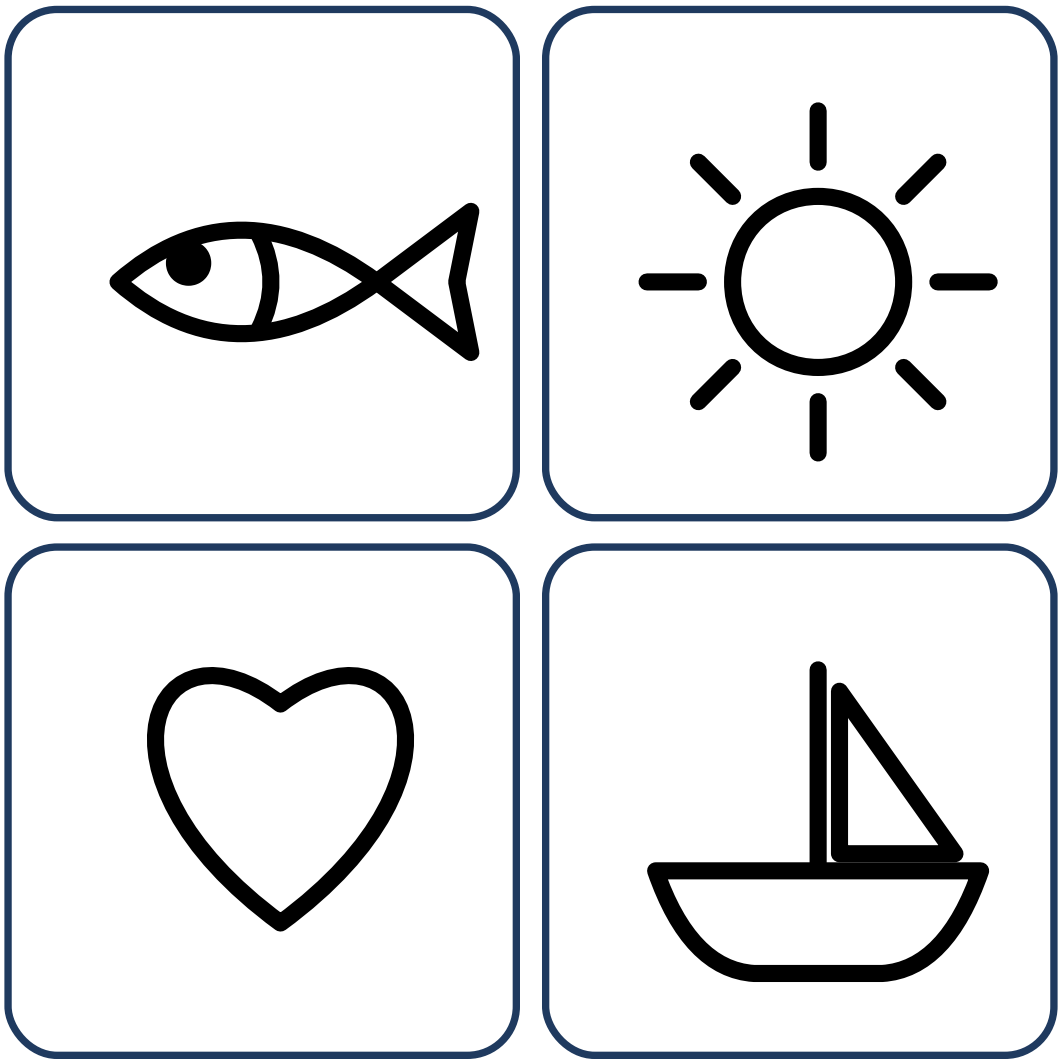

Jesus wants me to follow Him!

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Take-Home Bible Story

Jesus Teaches Me: Hear and Do! | The Sermon on the Mount and the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 5:1-16; 6:9-13, 33; 7:12, 24-29)

Bible story: The Sermon on the Mount and the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 5:1-16; 6:9-13, 33; 7:12, 24-29)

Grown-ups, please read this story with your child:

The Sermon on the Mount and the Wise and Foolish Builders

- Jesus went up on a mountain. Many people came to hear Him.
- Jesus taught the people about God. Jesus is the best Teacher!
- Jesus told a story about two men who built houses.
- The wise man built his house on the rock.
- The foolish man built his house on the sand.
- The rain came down. The wind blew. Whoosh!
- The house on the sand fell down. Crash! The house on the rock stood strong!
- When I listen to Jesus and obey, I am wise like the man who built on the rock.

> "Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them"
>
> Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)

Say it together: I listen to Jesus and obey!

Do it together: The Wise Man's House

- Build my house upon the rock, (stack fists one on the other)
- Strong and firm, it will not knock! (shake head "no")
- Rain comes down, drip, drip, drop, (wiggle fingers down)
- Wind blows hard, but it won't stop! (blow and sway)
- I will listen, I will do, (hand to ear, then point to self)
- What Jesus says, my whole life through! (arms open wide)

Talk together

- Where did the wise man build his house?
- What happened to the house on the sand?

- How can you listen to Jesus?

Today your child learned that Jesus is the greatest Teacher. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told about a wise man who built his house on the rock and a foolish man who built on the sand (Matthew 7:24-27). Our memory verse is Matthew 7:24: "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." Ask your child: "What makes someone wise?" Choose one of Jesus' teachings to practice as a family this week.

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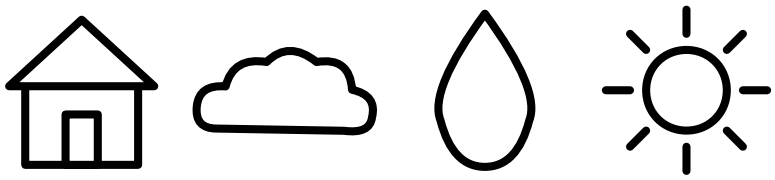

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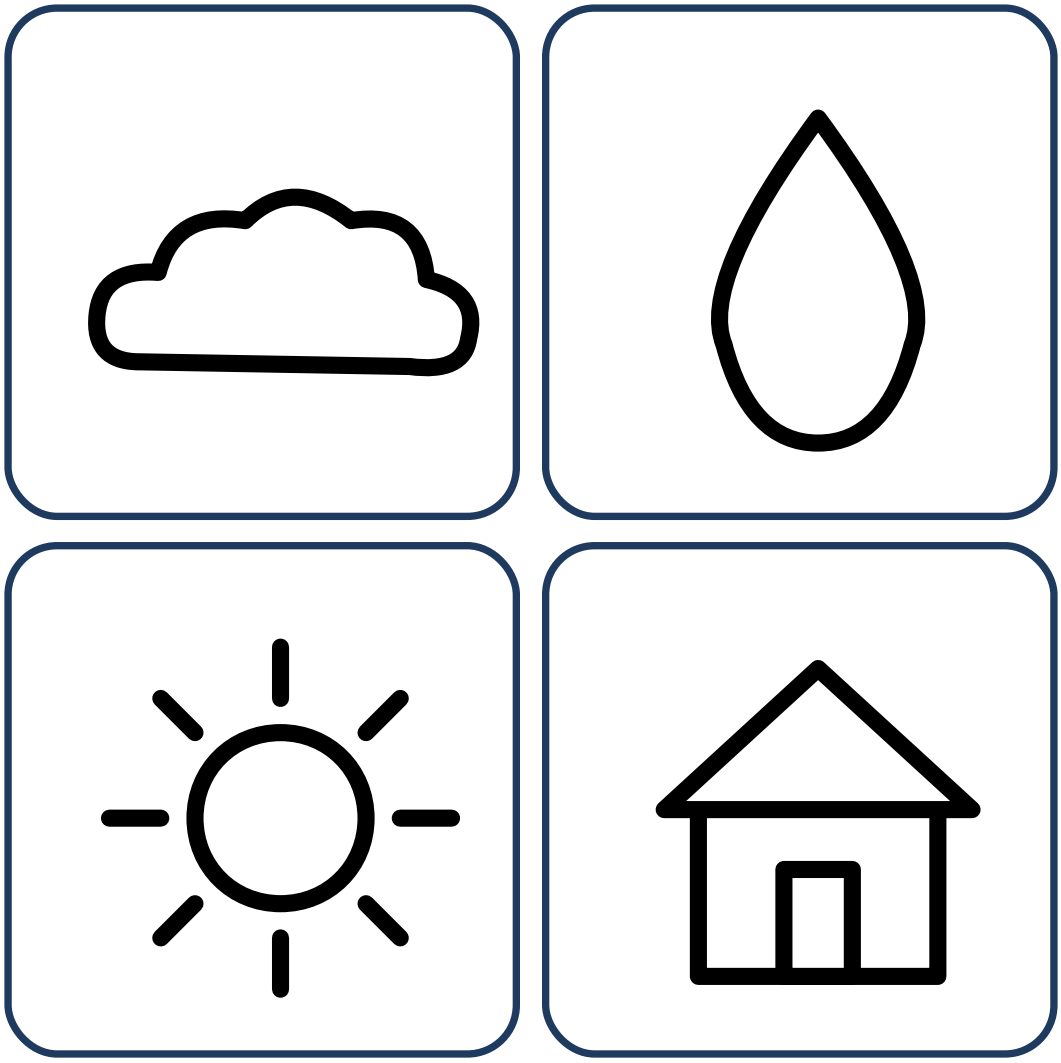

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FOLLOWING JESUS VBS · DAY 3 · NURSERY (AGES 0-2)

Take-Home Bible Story

Jesus Shows Me How to Love: Serve Like Jesus! | Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17, 34-35; Luke 22:24-27)

Bible story: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17, 34-35; Luke 22:24-27)

Grown-ups, please read this story with your child:

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

- Jesus and His friends came to eat a special supper.
- Their feet were dusty and dirty from walking.
- Jesus got a towel and a bowl of water.
- Jesus knelt down and washed His friends' feet. Splish, splash!
- Peter said, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"
- Jesus was showing His friends how to love and help each other.
- Jesus said, "I have given you an example."
- I can love and help others like Jesus!

"I have given you an example"
John 13:15 (NKJV)

Say it together: I can love and help like Jesus!

Do it together: Helping Hands

- Here are my hands, so small and strong, (hold up hands)
- I can help the whole day long! (clap, clap)
- Jesus took a towel just so, (pretend to dry feet)
- To show us all the way to go. (point forward)
- I will love and I will share, (hug yourself)
- Helping others everywhere! (arms open wide)

Talk together

- What did Jesus use to wash feet?
- Whose feet did Jesus wash?
- How can you help someone today?

Today your child learned how Jesus took a towel and a basin and washed His disciples' feet, giving us an example of humble, loving service (John 13:1-17). Our memory verse is John 13:15: "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." Ask your child: "Why was it surprising that Jesus washed feet?" As a family, choose one way to serve someone this week.

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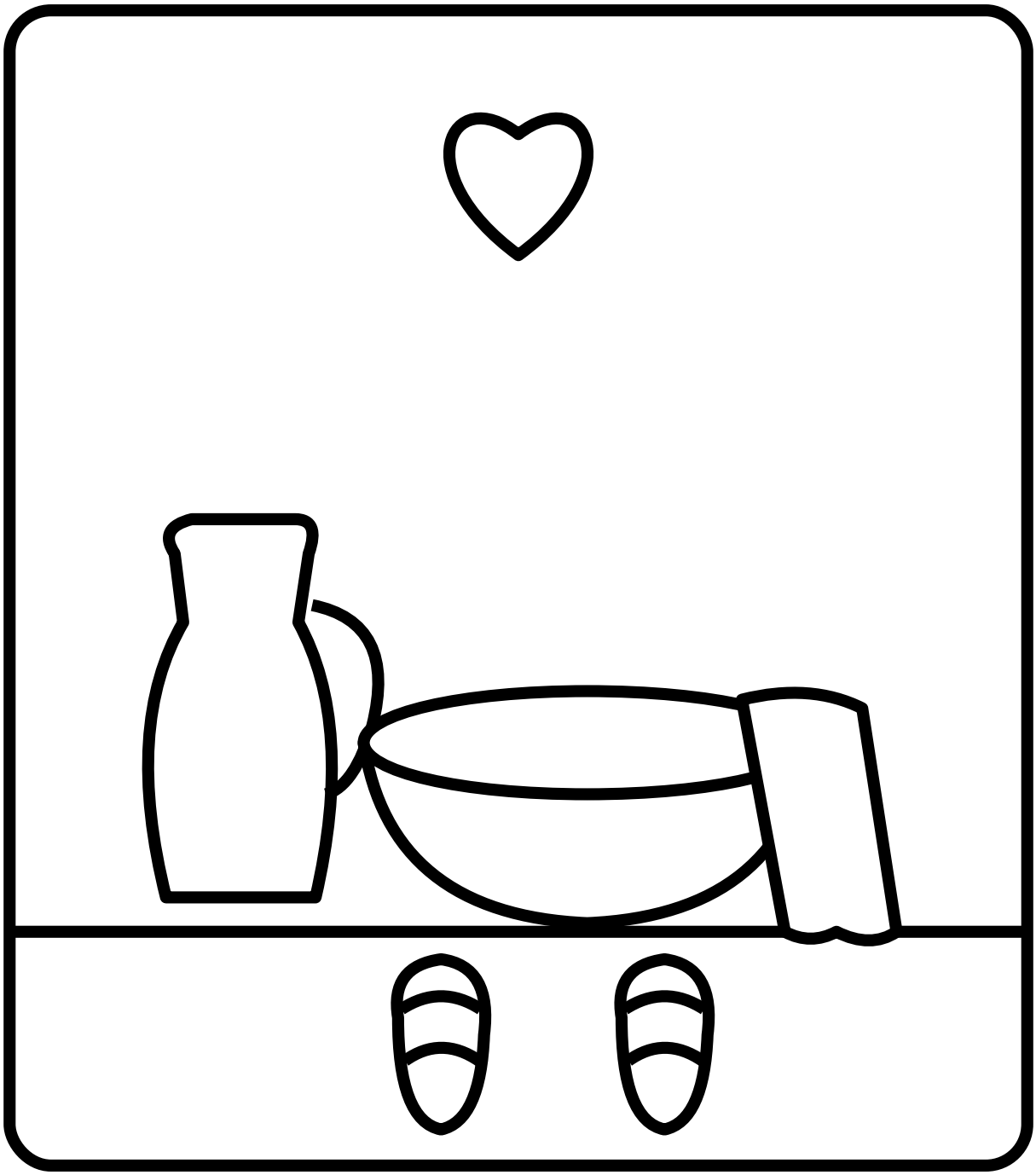

I can love and help like Jesus! "I have given you an example" (John 13:15)

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Finger Play: Helping Hands

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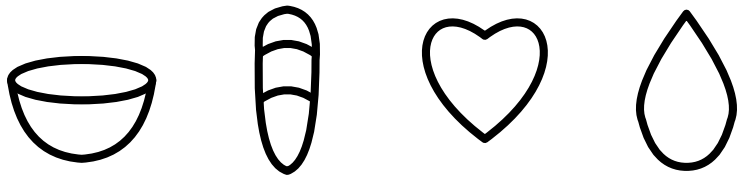

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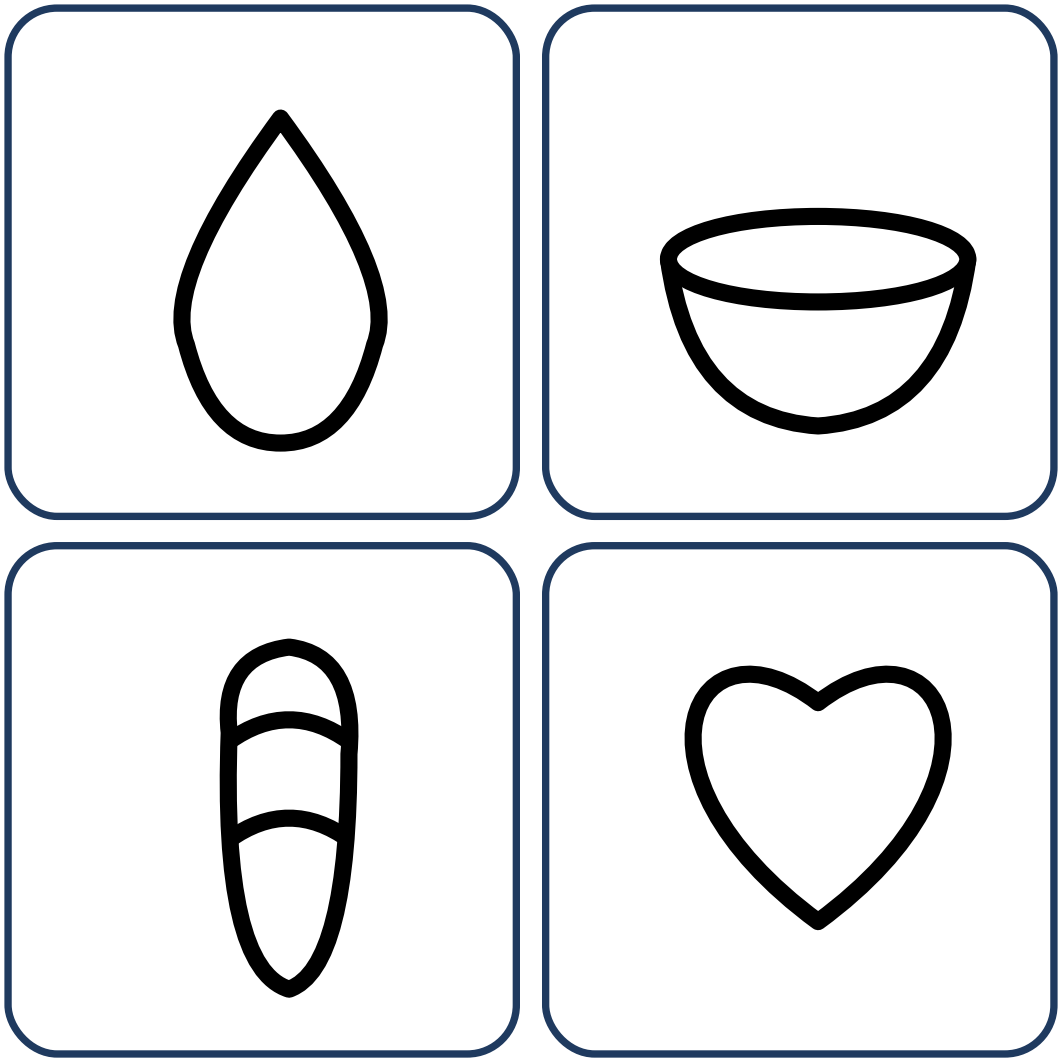

I can love and help like Jesus!

FOLLOWING JESUS VBS · DAY 4 · NURSERY (AGES 0-2)

Take-Home Bible Story

Jesus Saves Me: He Is Risen! | The Cross and the Empty Tomb (Matthew 27:27-28:10; Luke 23:33-46; John 19:30)

Bible story: The Cross and the Empty Tomb (Matthew 27:27-28:10; Luke 23:33-46; John 19:30)

Grown-ups, please read this story with your child:

The Cross and the Empty Tomb

- Jesus loves everyone very much.
- Some people did not love Jesus. They put Jesus on a cross.
- Jesus died on the cross because He loves us.
- Jesus' friends put Him in a tomb. A big stone closed the door.
- On the third day, some women came to the tomb.
- The big stone was rolled away! An angel said, "He is not here; for He is risen!"
- Jesus is alive! The women ran to tell His friends.
- Jesus loves me, and Jesus is alive!

"He is not here; for He is risen"

Matthew 28:6 (NKJV)

Say it together: Jesus loves me and He is alive!

Do it together: The Stone Rolled Away

- Jesus died because He loves me, (cross arms over chest)
- In a tomb so dark was He. (cover eyes)
- The big stone went roll, roll, roll! (roll hands)
- The tomb is empty, look and see! (hands open, peek)
- Jesus is alive today, (jump up)
- Hip, hip, hooray! (cheer)

Talk together

- Who loves you very much?
- What was rolled away from the tomb?

- Is Jesus alive?

Today your child heard the most important news in the world: Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day (Matthew 27-28; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Our memory verse is Matthew 28:6: “He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” Ask your child: “What did the angel say to the women at the tomb?” Older children may have questions about obeying the gospel; please talk with them, and feel free to contact our ministers or elders.

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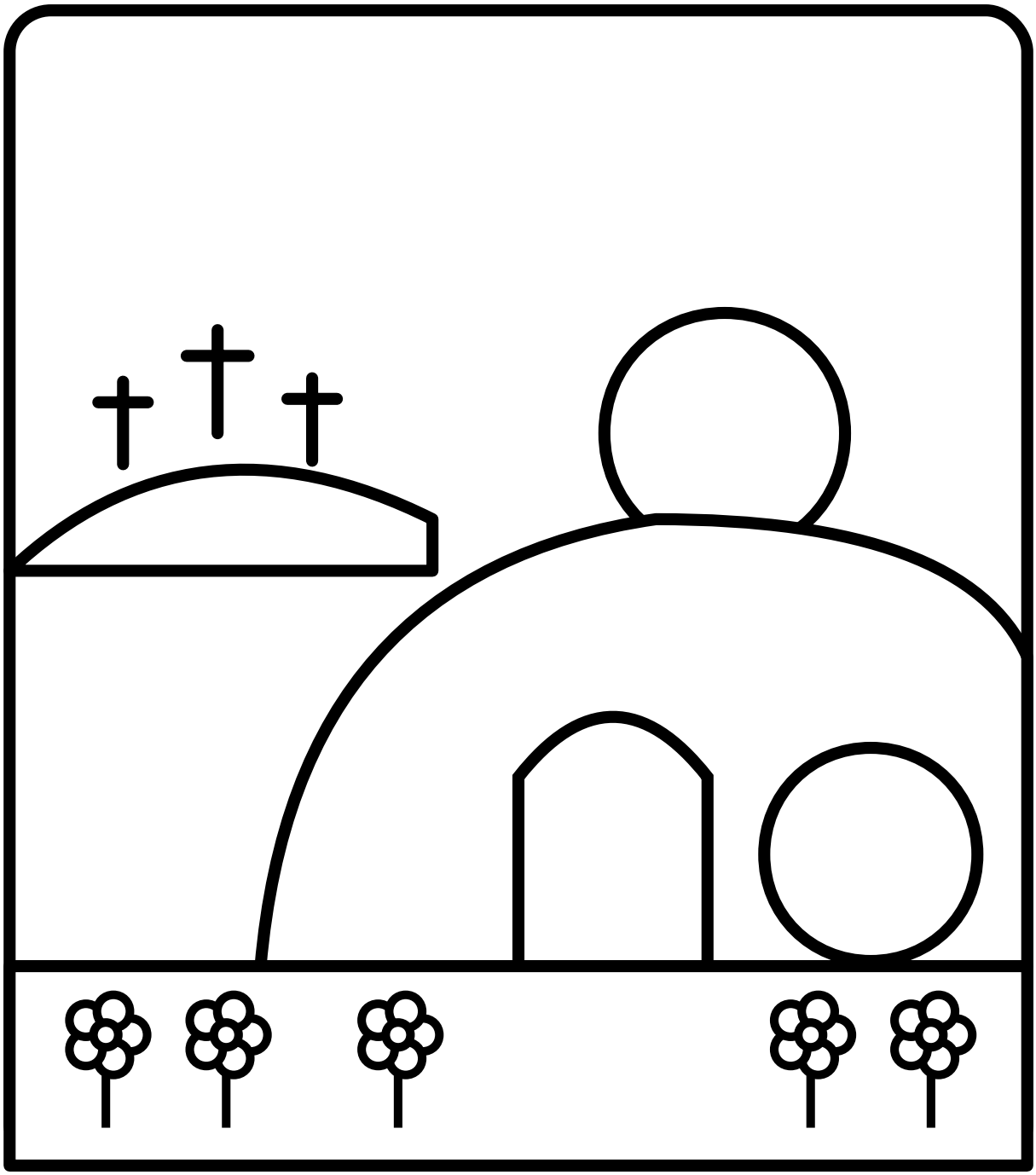

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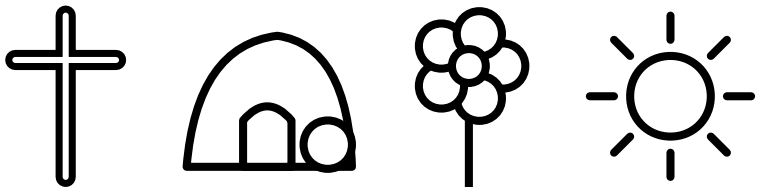

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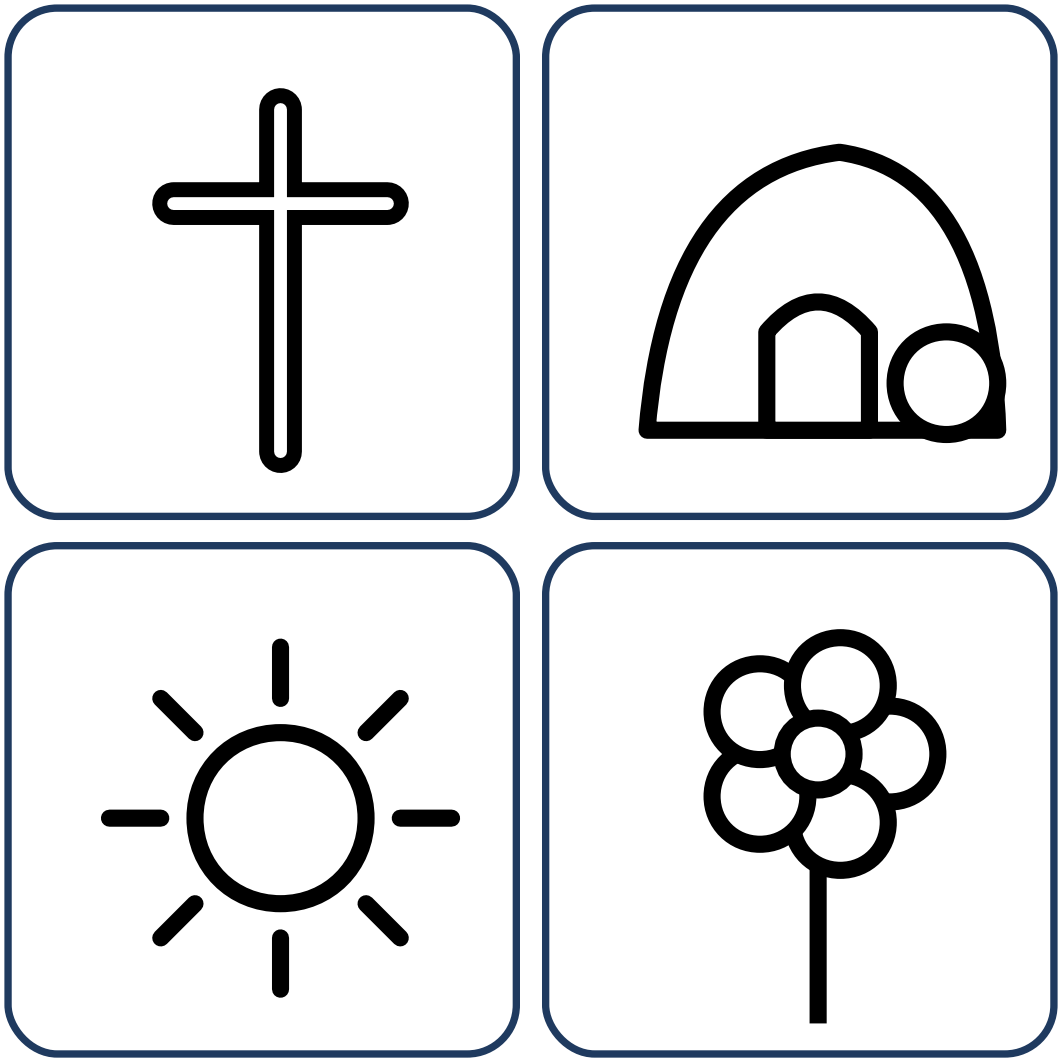

Jesus loves me and He is alive!

FOLLOWING JESUS VBS · DAY 5 · NURSERY (AGES 0-2)

Take-Home Bible Story

Jesus Sends Me: Go and Tell! | The Great Commission, the Ascension, and the Day of Pentecost
(Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:3-11; Acts 2:22-41)

Bible story: The Great Commission, the Ascension, and the Day of Pentecost (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:3-11; Acts 2:22-41)

Grown-ups, please read this story with your child:

The Great Commission, the Ascension, and the Day of Pentecost

- Jesus is alive! He spent time with His friends.
- Jesus said, "Go into all the world and tell everyone about Me."
- Then Jesus went up, up, up into heaven. A cloud hid Him.
- Two men in white said, "Jesus will come back again!"
- Jesus' friends told many people about Jesus.
- Lots of people listened and obeyed. They were baptized!
- Jesus wants everyone in the whole world to know Him.
- I can tell others about Jesus!

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel"
Mark 16:15-16 (NKJV)

Say it together: I can tell others about Jesus!

Do it together: Go and Tell

- Jesus said to go and tell, (point outward)
- Tell the world He loves them well! (make a big circle with arms)
- Up to heaven Jesus went, (point up high)
- Now I'm one of the friends He sent! (point to self, then march)
- I will tell my mom and dad, (count on fingers)
- Jesus loves us, I'm so glad! (clap and cheer)

Talk together

- Where did Jesus go?
- Who can you tell about Jesus?

- Does Jesus love the whole world?

Today your child learned that Jesus sent His followers to tell the whole world the good news, went back to heaven, and will come again (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:9-11). We studied Acts 2, where people heard the gospel, believed, repented, and were baptized for the remission of sins. Our memory verse is Mark 16:15-16. Ask your child: "What did the people ask Peter, and what did he tell them?" If your child has questions about becoming a Christian, please talk with them and reach out to our ministers or elders. Thank you for sharing your child with us this week!

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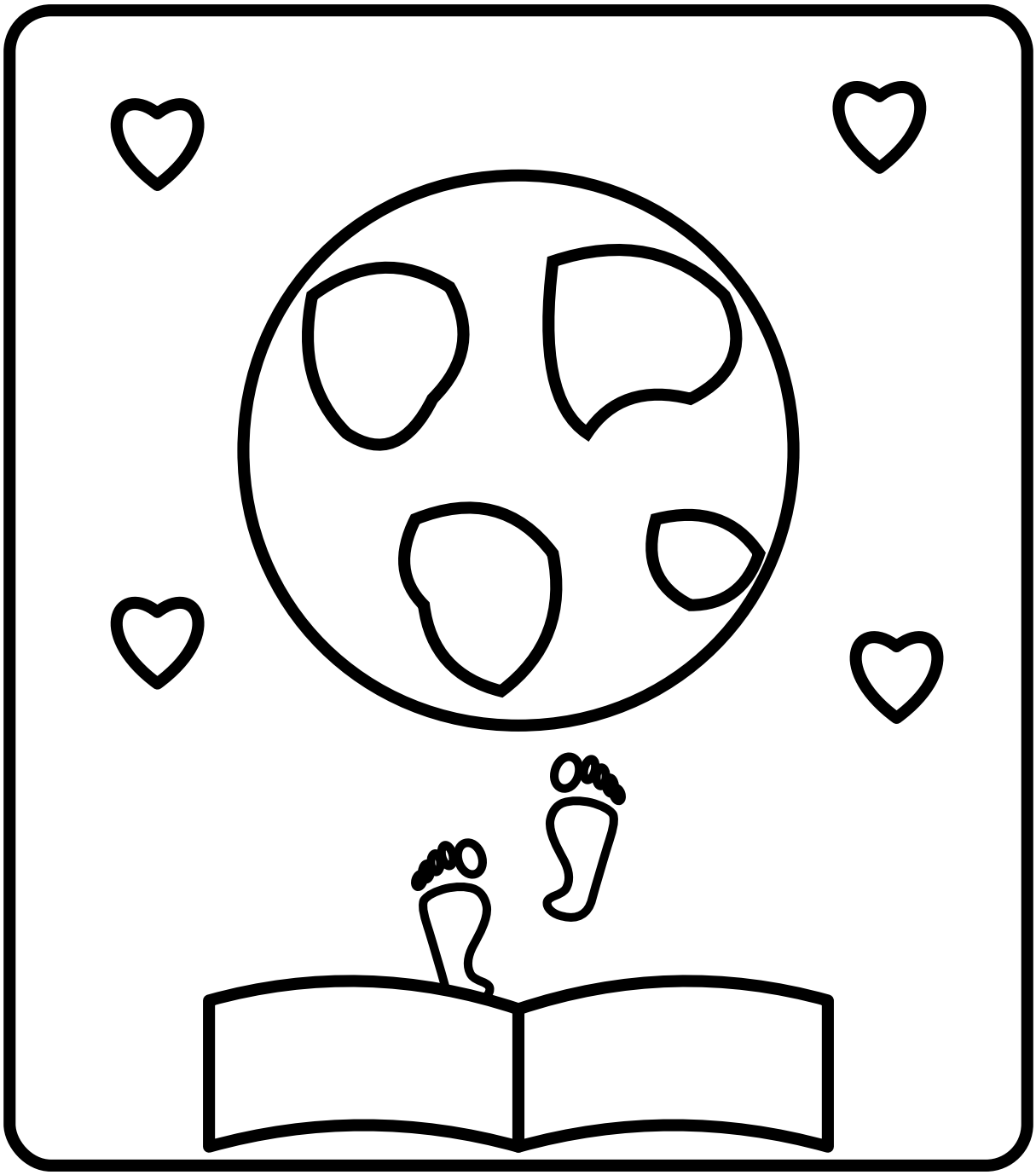

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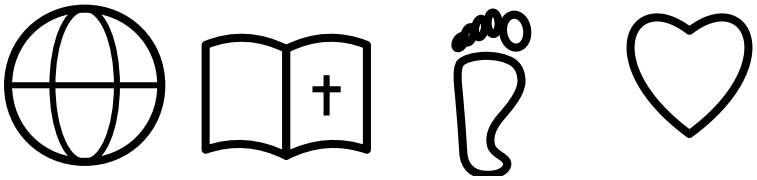

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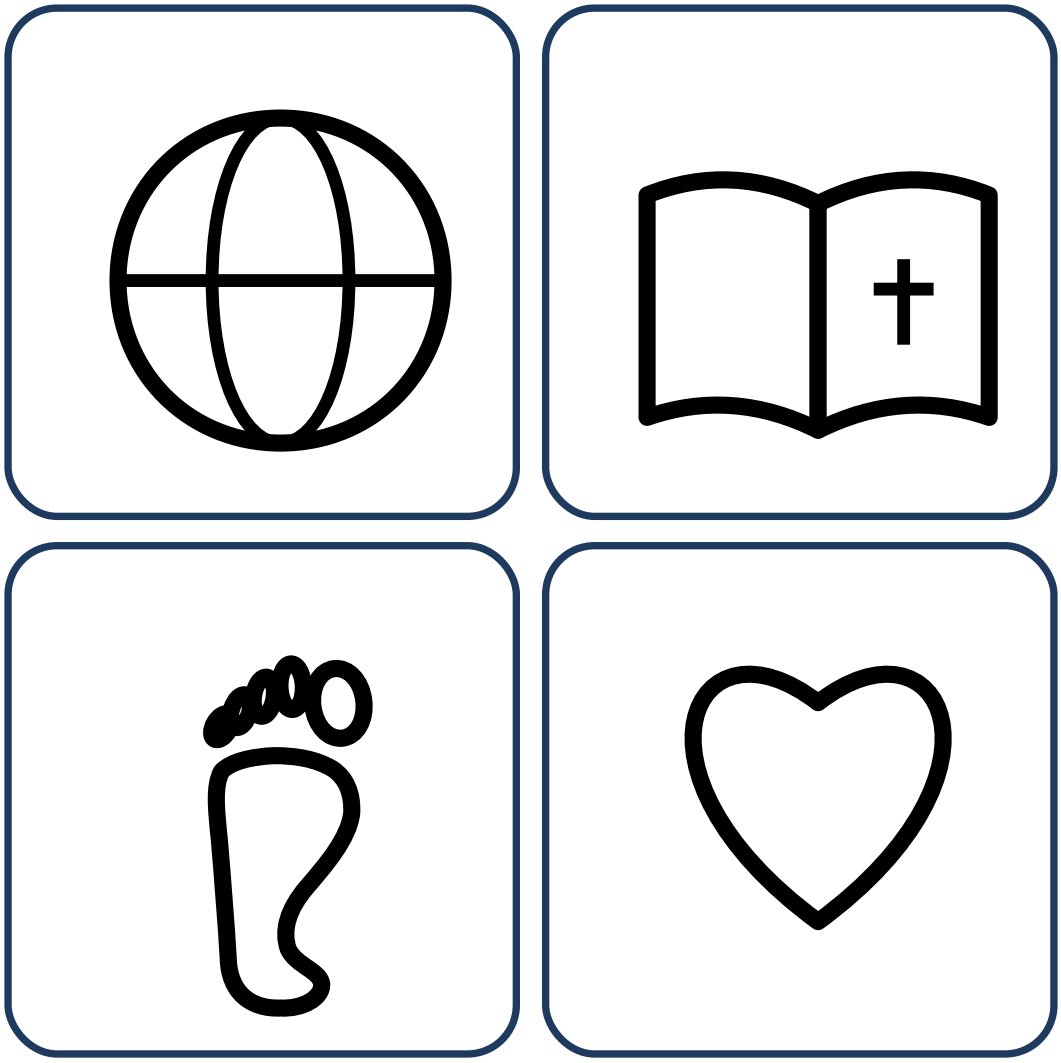

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