



The Messy Church Magazine

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Support Material



MAY: OUR WORLDWIDE FAMILY

MEALTIME CARDS

- Have you visited another country?
- What does it mean to be part of a worldwide family?
- How could you find out more about Christians in other countries? What about Messy Churches in other countries?

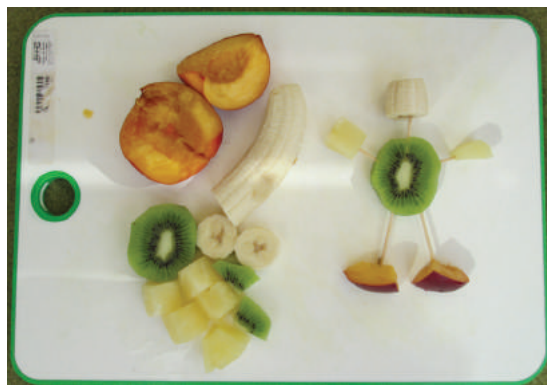
TAKE-HOME IDEA

Cook a special three-course meal together. You might like to invite another Messy Church family to join you. Search for some new recipes in cookbooks or online, and see if each course you prepare can come from a different country. Before you eat your meal, say this prayer together:

Dear Lord, thank you for your worldwide family and thank you for this food, some of which comes from other countries. Help us to be brave enough to tell others about your special family, the Church. Amen

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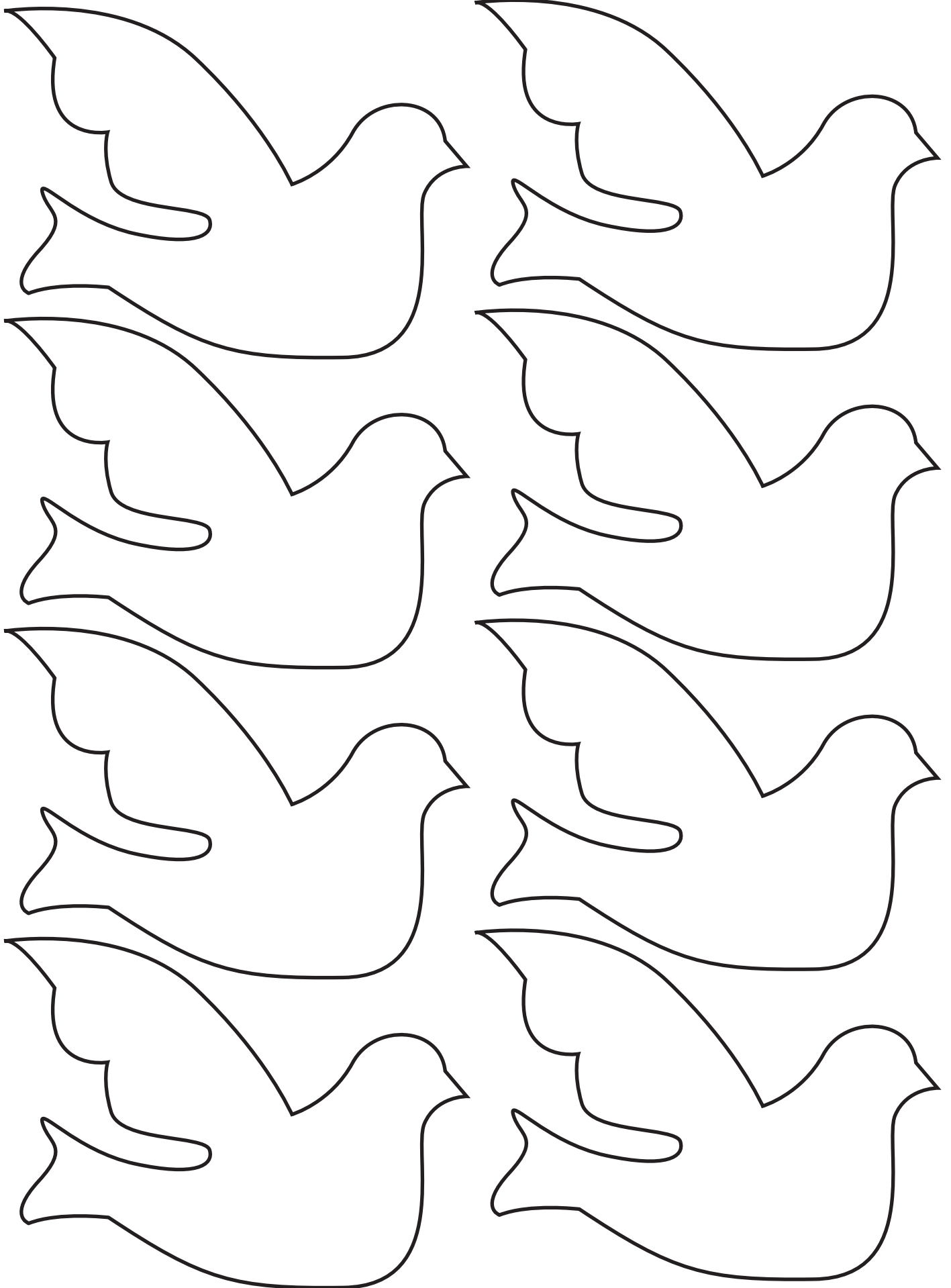
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MAY: OUR WORLDWIDE FAMILY CELEBRATION

Dear friends,

I thank God for you and I do pray regularly for you. The good news of Jesus is spreading all over the world and lots of exciting things are happening.

I'm really glad that you are treating each other with love. Keep doing that and you will find you will understand more of what God would like you to do.

Live your lives in a way that pleases God: if you do, lots of people will notice and the world will become a better place.

Don't forget to say some thank-you prayers: God has rescued you from a dark sort of existence, forgiven you and given you a new life in which Jesus is king.

Yours, Paul

JUNE: THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

MEALTIME CARDS

- Do you feel like dancing home today? If yes or if no—why?
- How many bones in your body can you find and name?
- If God was sitting at our table what do you think he'd say to us today?

TAKE-HOME IDEA

Cut out some bone shapes and take them home in a box or container to keep. Look out for 'dry bones'—people and situations that seem hopeless or sad. On the bones write or draw symbols for some of the people and situations you identify and mention them to God.

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DEM BONES BEETLE INSTRUCTIONS

In a small group with one 'Dem Bones Beetle' game sheet each. Take turns to roll the dice and join the dots on the bones.

Roll 6 to start and join the dots on the backbone.

Roll 5 next to add one of the thigh bones or one of the upper arm bones. These must be added before you can add a shin bone or lower arm bone.

Throw 4 for a lower arm bone—but you must have the upper arms already done—and you need 2!

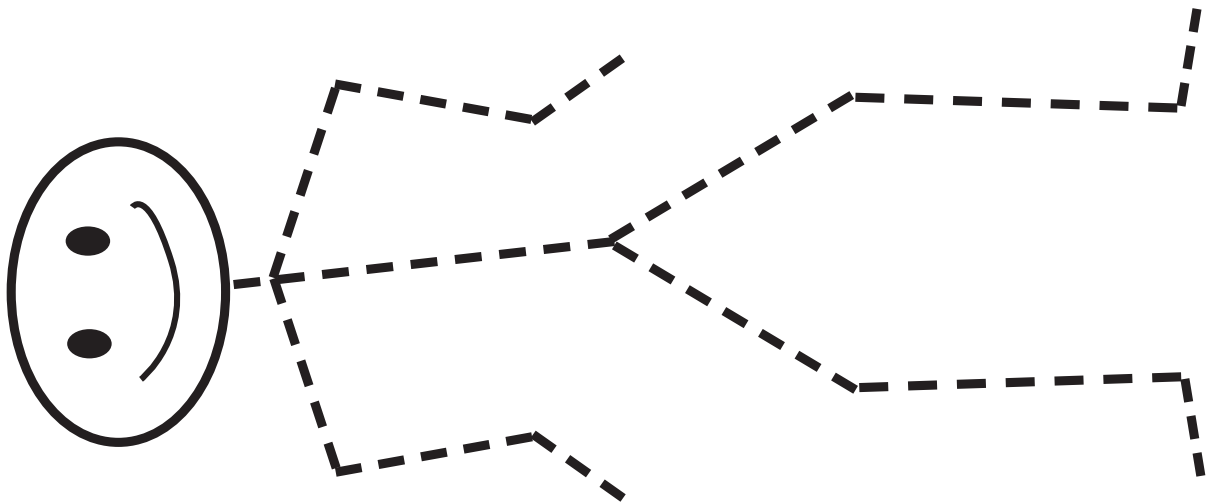
Throw 3 for a shin bone but there must already be a thigh bone—again there are 2.

Throw 2 for a foot—you got it—only if you already have a shin bone—2 of those.

And throw 1 for a hand.

The winner is the one who completes all of the bones first.

Good luck!



JULY: HANDLING OUR WORRIES

MEALTIME CARDS

- What are you thankful for today?
- What worries do you need to give to God?
- How can we help people who are worried?

TAKE-HOME IDEA

Sometimes, people in our communities are worried because they do not have enough food to feed themselves or their families. As well as praying for those families, we can be of practical help too. Next time you are shopping, consider buying an extra item for your local foodbank and bringing it with you to the next Messy Church.

Dear God, thank you that you love us and are interested in every part of our lives. Thank you that we can trust you and that when we do you fill us with peace. Please help us to come to you when we are worried and trust you to take our worries from us. Amen

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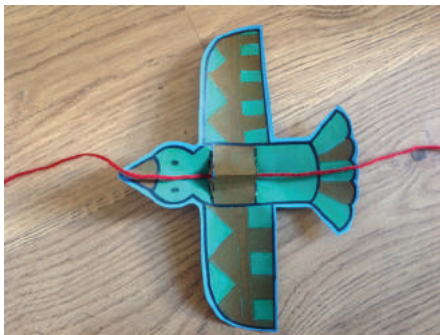
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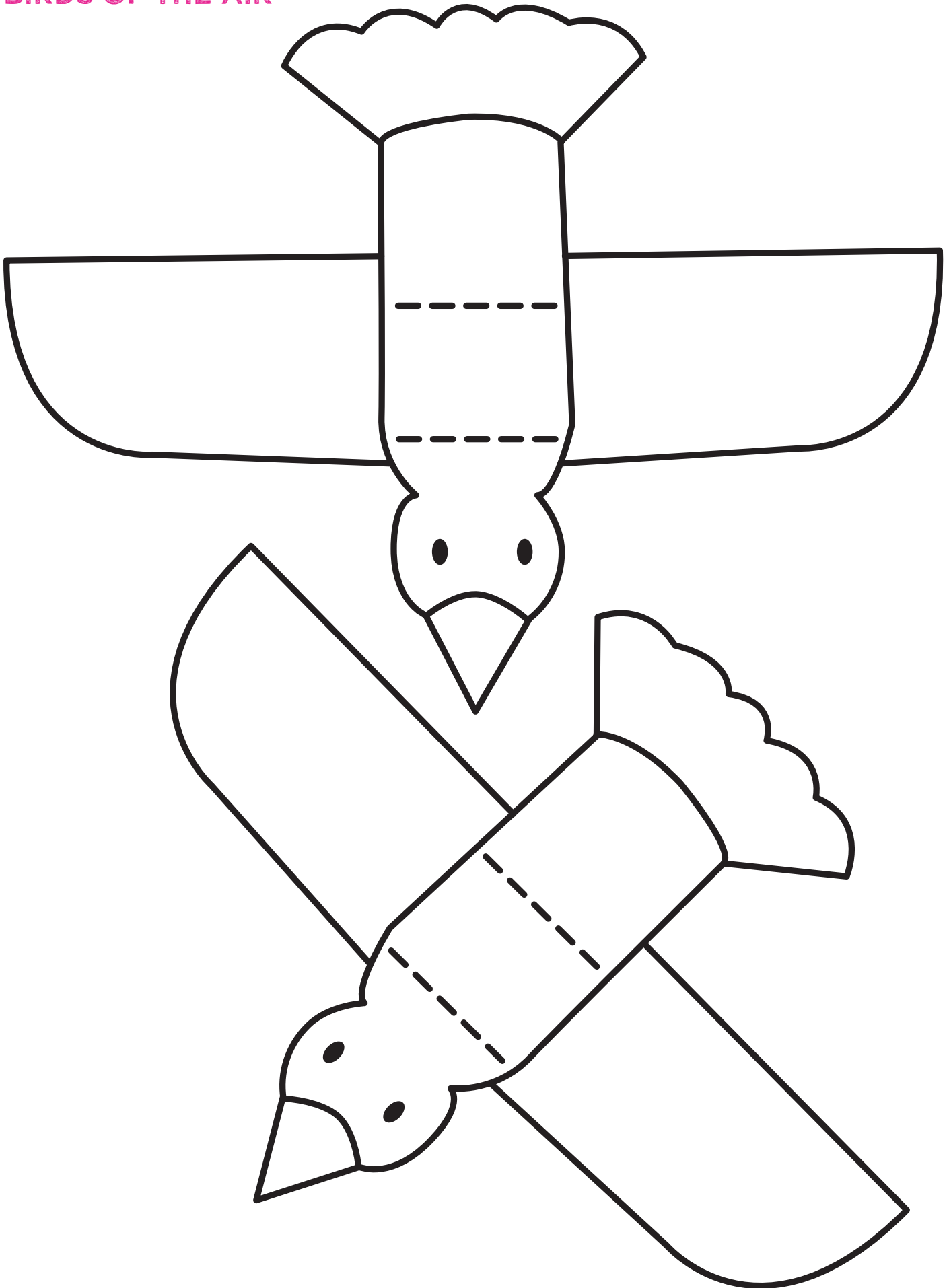


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AUGUST: TEAM JESUS

MEALTIME CARDS

- How can we get spiritually fit for Team Jesus?
- Jesus said we can do the things he has done and even greater things. How?
- Is winning the race for Jesus all about coming first?

TAKE-HOME IDEA

This coming week, try to talk to a friend who doesn't come to church about Messy Church and Jesus. It can be really hard to do this. Say a short prayer for help before you speak to them. Invite them to the next Messy Church—they may even join Team Jesus.

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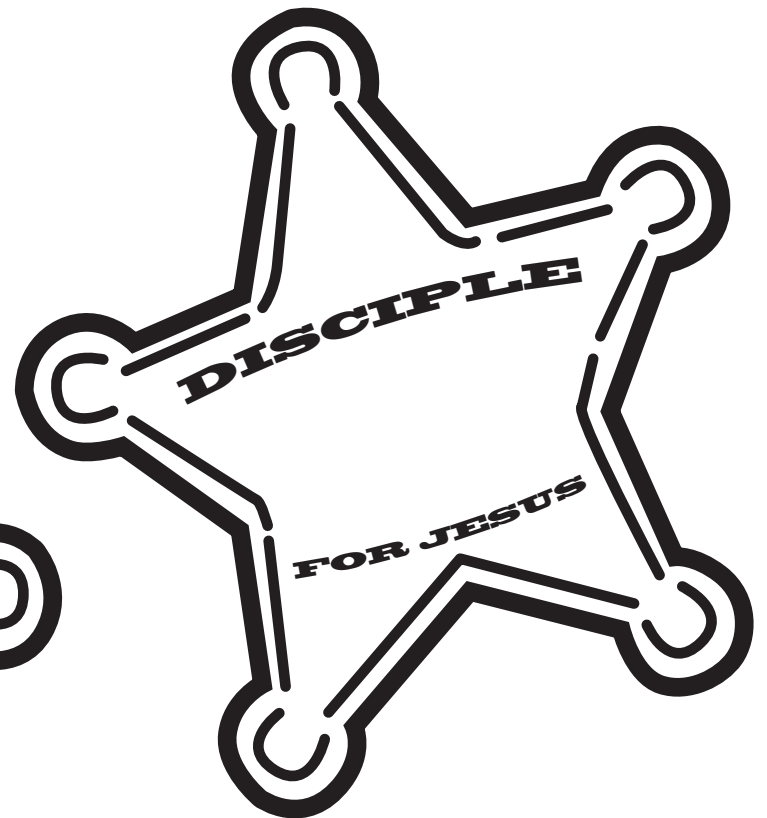
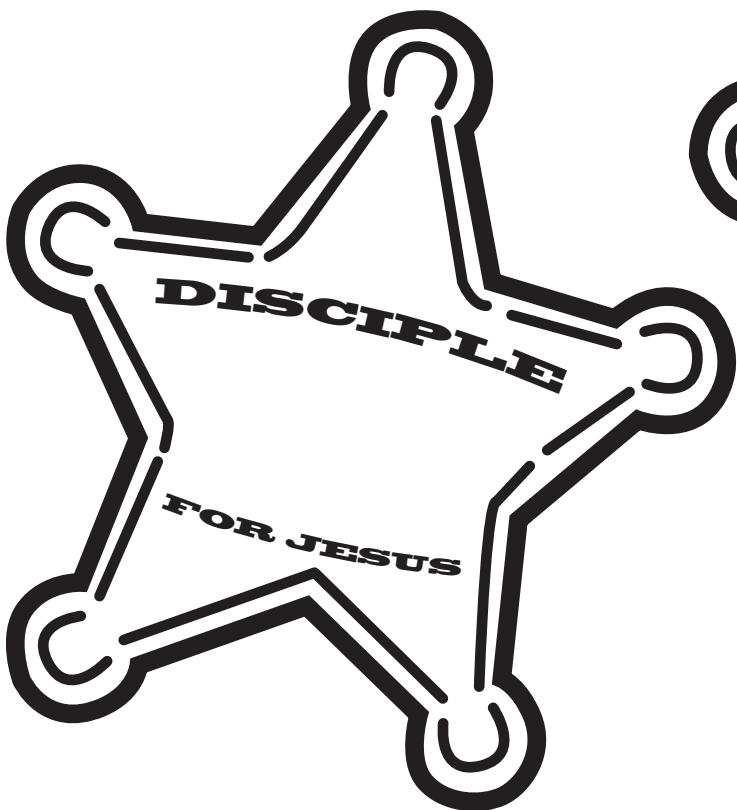
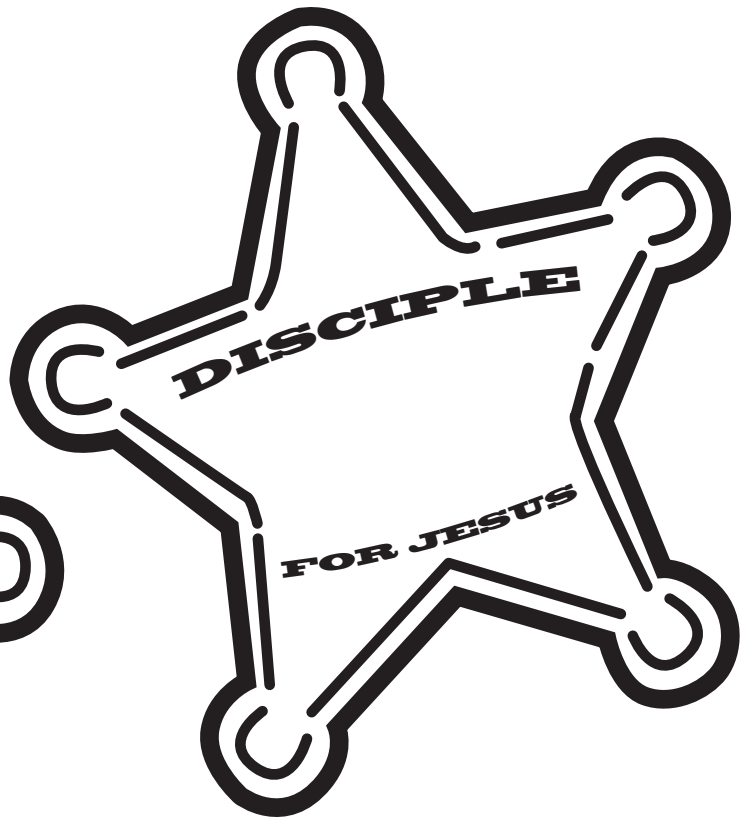
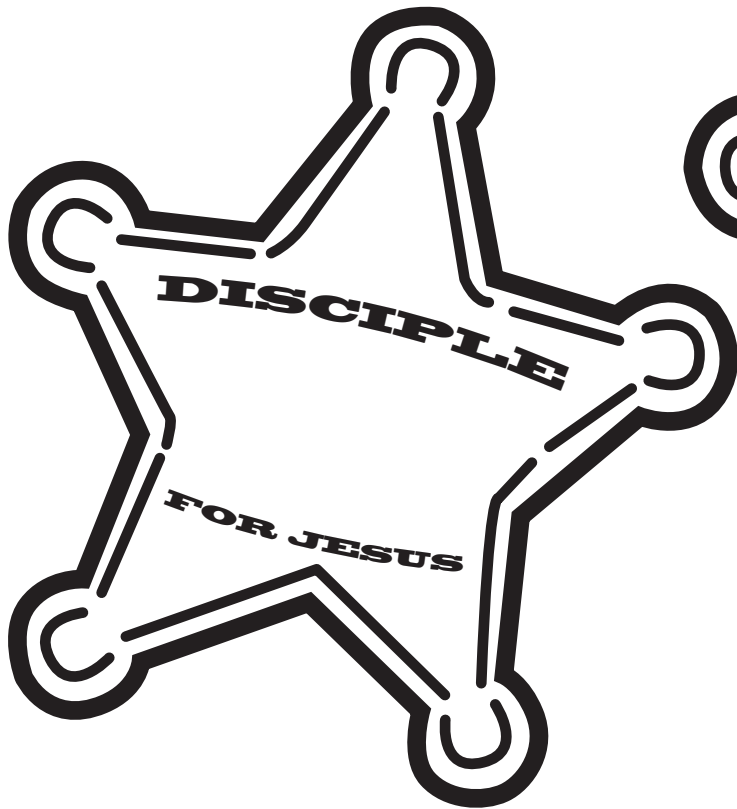


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