

ENCOURAGE

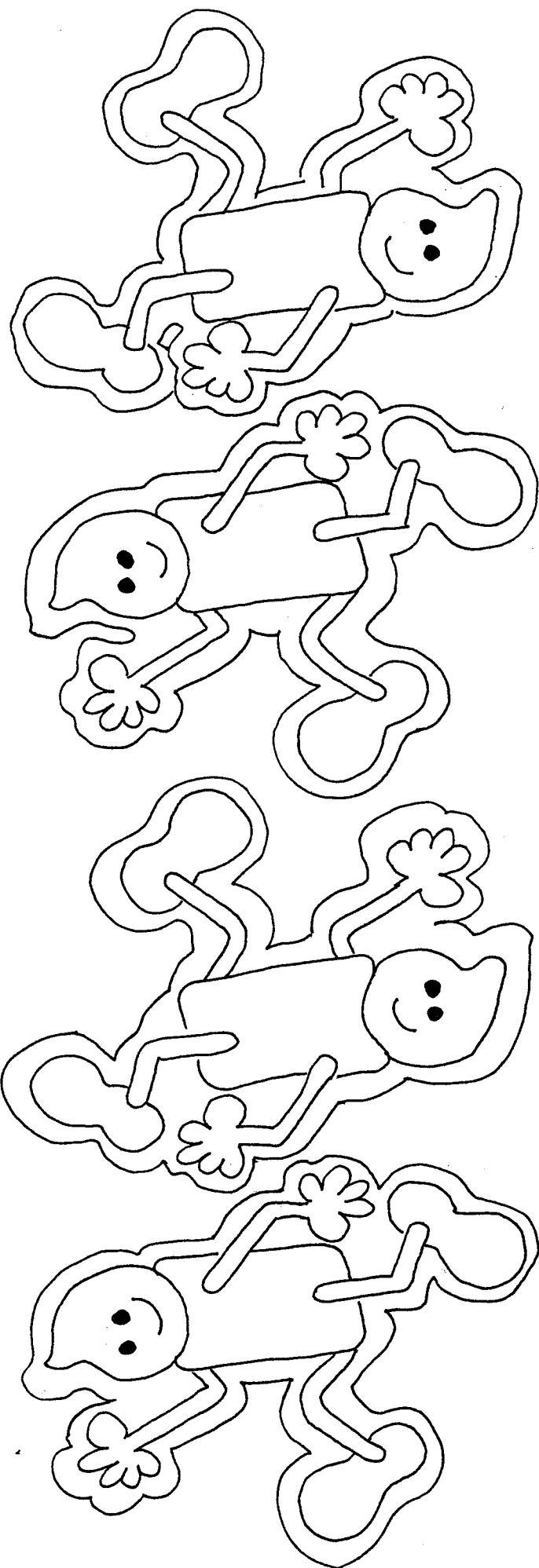
1. Has anyone in your family been discouraged or disappointed?

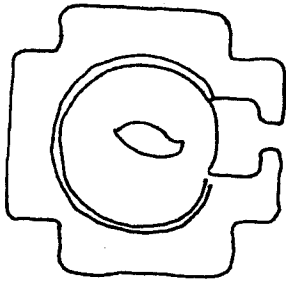
** Write words of encouragement or affirmation on adhesive notes. Stick them on doors, mirrors, lunch boxes, the TV screen, etc.

2. What is the name of your local newspaper?

** Read some of the news that is happening around the world and write a letter or send an email to leaders in our government about issues that concern you (www.loga.org)

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11





WORSHIP

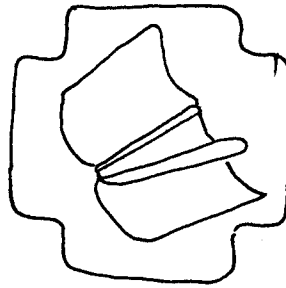
1. What day of the week do you think God takes a break?

** God never takes a break, but God asks us to take one every Sunday so we can take a moment to thank and praise God for all God has done for us.

2. How do we greet one another at the beginning of a worship service? (The pastor says "The Lord be with you and we say, "And also with you."

** You may wish to include this as one of the exchanges your family makes as you come and go from home each day.

Sing to the Lord, all the world!
Worship the Lord with joy;
Come before God with happy songs.
Psalms 100: 1-2



STUDY

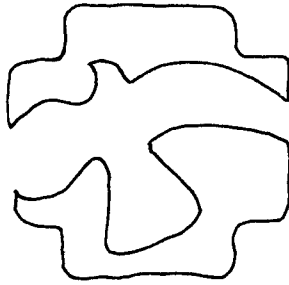
1. Did you know that they talk about baseball in the Bible? (In Genesis, the 1st 3 words are "in the big-inning!")

** Actually, that's just an old joke! To discover exactly what's in the beginning of the Bible, we need to read it. (The "beginning" book of the Bible talks about the creation of the world.

2. Which of the following describes the content of the Bible—an adventure, poetry, history, a mystery or a love story?

** Actually, the Bible is all of the above. It is filled with all kinds of stories because it reflects God's love and activity with God's people throughout 1,600 years of their lives.

I pray that you will have your roots and foundation in love, so that you together with all Gods people may have the power to understand how broad and long, high and deep is Christ's love. Ephesians 3:17b-18



PRAY

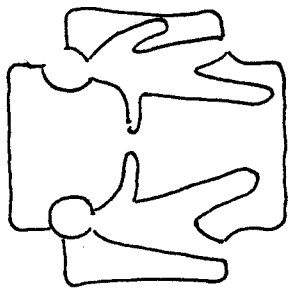
1. Say the words to a table or bed time prayer you pray at home.

** Encourage members of your family to pray "instant" prayers or quick prayers along the way- throughout your day.

2. When you pray, what do you do? (Close our eyes, fold our hands, "talk" to God)

** When you pray, it's also important to listen to God and observe God's presence within and around us. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God."

Pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life with Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



INVITE

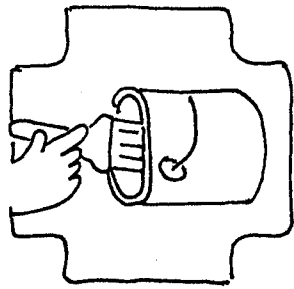
1. Name two men that Jesus invited to come and be one of his first disciples. (Andrew, Peter, James (2), John, Thaddeus, Philip, Thomas, James, Bartholomew, Matthew and Simon)

** Jesus asks us to be open to ways we can invite people to live their lives with God in their hearts and minds.

2. Guess how often the average Lutheran invites someone to come to church with them.
(Once every 23 years!)

** When you begin to feel a little shy about inviting people to come to church, remember what David said in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said to me 'let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

But the Lord said to me... "for all to whom I send you shall go and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Jeremiah 1:7"



SERVE

1. What was Jesus doing when he talked with his disciples about the importance of serving one another? (Washing his disciple's feet)

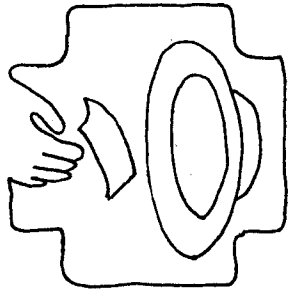
** You could designate someone in your family to be a "Servant of the Week." Their tasks could include incidental tasks like answering the phone or setting the table.

2. Guess how many times the word "serve" is used in the Bible.
(Approx. 225)

** Be available to help people in safe and healthy ways, e.g. Thursday's "serve-day" or as you walk along - pick up something someone drops.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me something to drink....

Matthew 25: 42-43



GIVE

1. What canned good do you think you have the most of in your cupboard?

** Scan your cupboards for canned and dry goods you can share with a local food shelf.

2. How many pair of socks do you own?

** Identify clothes you've outgrown and share them with younger children in need.

3. Name one of your talents or abilities - something you like to do.

** Think of a way you might use it to help others.

God loves a cheerful Giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7