

# FOODS

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

**THIS PREK GUIDE BELONGS TO:**

# A NOTE TO PARENTS

We are so excited you and your kiddo are joining us for Kids Week! You are going to have a blast and we hope your child learns so much about Jesus this week! We hope you will invite a neighbor, family, or friends to join in the fun with you and your little one.

This book is important as it will help you lead your child as we learn from God's Word each night. Watch Ollie's lesson online, then participate in the activities you find here! These will really help solidify the idea that Jesus wants to be YOUR child's FOREVER FRIEND! Allow your child to color in this book - make it his or her own.

Most of what you need for each activity can be found in the content box - but you may need a few items we're sure you'll have around the house!

It is my prayer that your child will grow closer to Jesus through this and they will finish Kids Week knowing they are incredibly loved by God and by ALIVE Wesleyan Church!

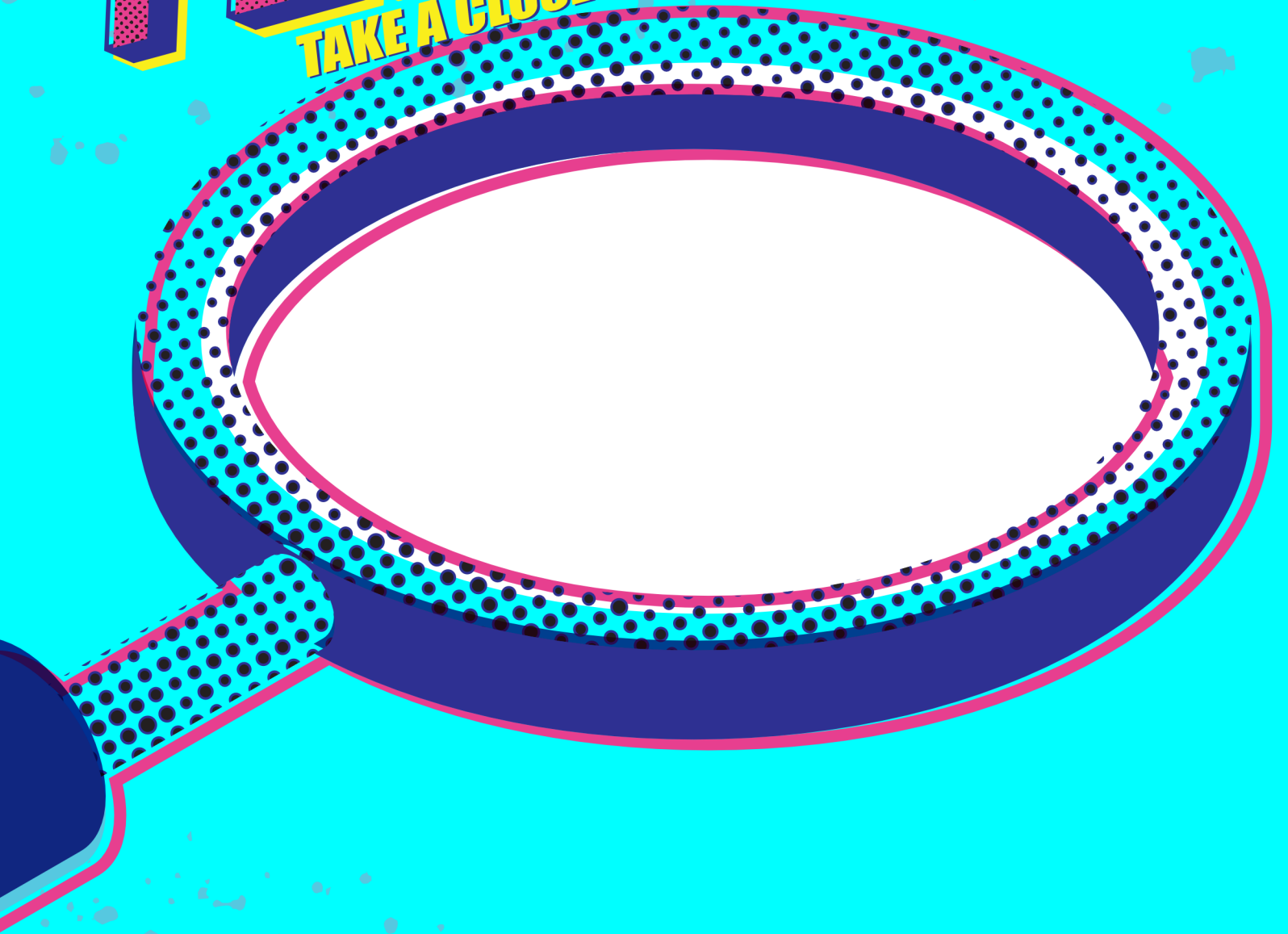
Have lots of FUN!

Love,  
Mrs. Stephanie  
Children's Pastor



# FOODIE

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**LET US**  
**(THUMBS TO CHEST)**



**TO JESUS**  
**(BOTH HANDS POINTING UP)**



**KEEP LOOKING**  
**(HANDS TO EYES LIKE BINOCULARS  
AND LOOK AROUND)**



**HEBREWS 12:2 NIRV**  
**(HOLD OUT HANDS LIKE A BOOK)**

# FOCUS

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## DAY ONE

ROMANS 1:20

We can believe God is real, even though we can't see Him,  
because we can see all that He has made.

### REMEMBER THIS:

"Let us keep looking to Jesus."  
HEBREWS 12:2, NIV

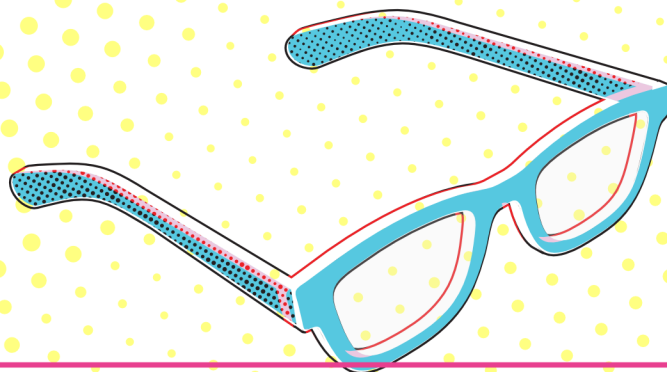
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# HOW DO KIDS SEE GOD?

By Reggie Joiner

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Have you ever considered that you may be the best chance your son or daughter has to see God? I know it's scary, but it's true. Think about it. You can't really see God, can you?

There are no tangible, verifiable images you can hold up and say, "This is God." It's too bad social media didn't exist thousands of years ago. It would have settled a lot of issues for most of the skeptics.

The fact is, in everyone's story of faith, there are people who show up and become catalysts for their spiritual growth. Chances are you believe what you believe, and you do what you do because someone influenced your faith. In some cases, it was a parent. In others, it was a significant adult who showed up at the right time in your life.

It doesn't mean that your faith never became your own. It just means God used people to shape your faith. God has always used people to demonstrate His story of redemption. That's why the idea of family and church is really important.

The essence of our faith is linked to the idea that God actually became human. He became one of us.

So we could. . .

Touch Him.

Hear Him.

See Him.

The narrative of the Bible is anchored to the fact that God became a man so He could prove how much He loves us. Jesus literally became human.

I remember one specific evening, when tucking my oldest daughter in bed, she told me she didn't want me to leave. So, I explained to her that she didn't need to be afraid because God loved her, and He was in the room with her even though she couldn't see him.

Her response was classic, she said, "Dad I know all that stuff about God, but right now I just need somebody with skin on!" I think she summed up why God sent Jesus to the planet. He knew we needed someone with skin on.

No. You will never be Jesus. You are just an imperfect human that God has allowed to be a dad or mom to an imperfect kid. You have an opportunity every day to give someone a front row seat to God's grace and goodness in your life.

God put you in your kids' lives for a reason.

So when you talk to them, play with them, discipline them, and love them, remember, you may be one of the best chances they ever have to see God!

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# Activity Page

## creation's creativity

**what you do:** head out on a scavenger hunt see what your little eyes can spy! Fill in this chart below with what you find - look specifically for things God created.

|                    |
|--------------------|
| something colorful |
| something flat     |
| something rough    |
| something orange   |
| something shiny    |
| something small    |
| something big      |
| something alive    |
| something squishy  |
| something hard     |

**say this:** What can we find that is [fill in the attribute]? Look all over! Look what God made! We know God is real because we can look and see all of the [items you found] He made! God made the whole world and everything in it! But the BEST thing God gave us is a forever friend: JESUS! Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever!? Jesus wants to be your friend forever!**

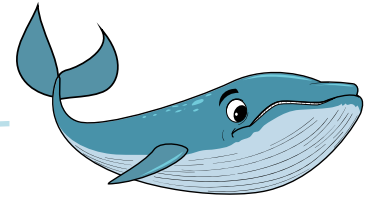
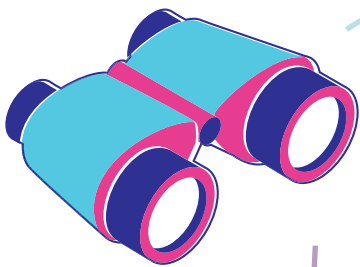
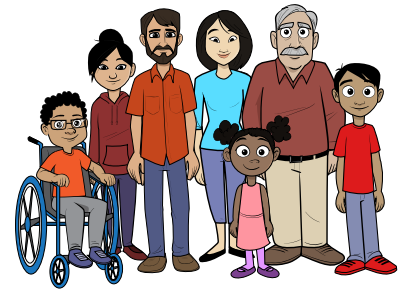


# Play with Fishies!

in your activity box,  
you'll find some  
adorable fishies that  
will grow when you  
put them in water!

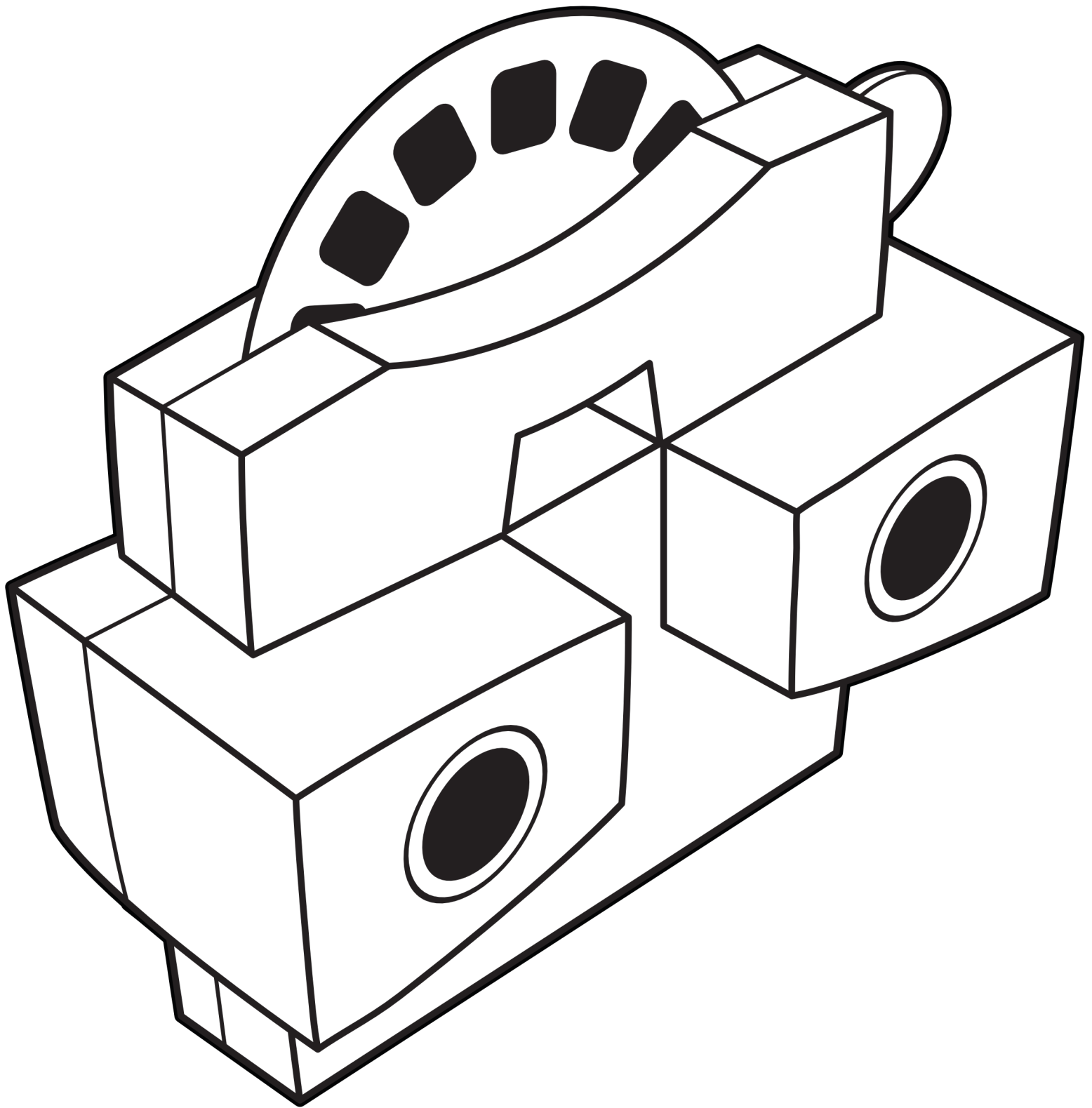
**draw your favorite thing that God created**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



Follow the lines to see the things God made.

**LET US KEEP LOOKING TO JESUS!**



**WHAT CAN YOU SEE WHEN YOU TAKE A  
CLOSER LOOK?**

# FOCUS

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## DAY TWO

MATTHEW 7:24-27

Jesus uses a parable about building a house on rock or sand to teach us how to make wise choices.



### REMEMBER THIS:

"Let us keep looking to Jesus."  
HEBREWS 12:2, NIV



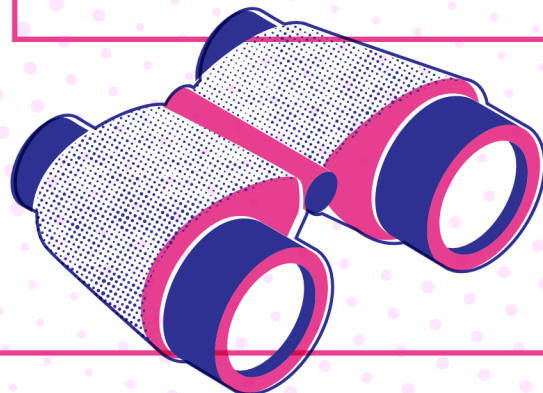
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# PRACTICING FAITH SKILLS WITH YOUR CHILD

By Holly Crawshaw

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If you're a parent with a faith of your own, chances are it's important to you to instill solid, character-building, faith-growing practices in the daily habits of your children. And if you're anything like me, thinking about being responsible for the development of someone else's faith feels like immense pressure—like rhino-on-my-chest level pressure.

Teaching your kids how to pursue a relationship with their heavenly Father takes action, consistency, and patience. Here are four skills that every kid can learn and practice to help them grow in their faith:

**HEAR:** Listen to God's Word. When we read the Bible and listen to what God has to tell us through His Word, we learn we can trust God no matter what.

**PRAY:** Dialogue with God. Through prayer we connect with God. We show gratitude, say we're sorry, and express our feelings to God.

**TALK:** Articulate your faith. When we talk about our faith, we learn more about God and can tell others about Jesus.

**LIVE:** Worship with your life. Worshipping God is more than just singing songs. Worship is about living life in a way that honors God.

These four faith skills have the potential to create an incredible spiritual foundation in the lives and futures of your kids. So . . . how do we go about making these four

practices daily habits for our kids? Here are a few tips:

## 1. It's never too early too late to start.

8-years-old. 18-years-old. It doesn't matter. God has a way of gracefully filling in the gaps.

## 2. You don't have to have all the answers.

It's okay—healthy, even—to say, "I don't know," when it comes to questions about faith. Other great responses: "Let's ask someone" "Let's look it up together," or, "That's a great question to save for later."

## 3. Tap into resources.

There are tons available—apps, blogs, and books. For instance, check out the age appropriate devotionals at [ParentCueStore.org](http://ParentCueStore.org)

## 4. It starts with you.

The best way to teach kids faith skills is to practice them in our own life. You don't have to make a production out of every quiet time, but modeling a daily pursuit of your relationship with God accomplishes more than words ever could.

God has uniquely wired you to raise your kid. You can do this. Ask for help— from parents who are further along in their season of life and from God.

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# ACTIVITY PAGE

## HOUSE ON A ROCK

**what you need:** two small houses, a bag of sand and a bag of rocks - all found in your activity box. Also, a cup of water from home, and you may like to use a cookie sheet or another surface to work on, that can be cleaned easily.

**do:** have your preschooler help pour the sand into one pile on your cookie sheet, pour the rocks into another pile - don't let them blend.

- have your preschooler place one "house" on each pile
- pour water over the "foundations" of each house. The sand should wash away, while the rocks stay put.

**say this:** Jesus told us a story about two men who built houses. The first man built his house on strong rock. The second man built his house on weak sand. When it started raining, the house on the rock stood strong, but the weak sand fell down.

Jesus told us this story because He wanted us to know that doing what He teaches us is like building a house on a rock. It makes us stand strong. Show me your strong muscles! Yes! Jesus teaches us how to be strong because He is the best friend EVER! **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**

# talking hand

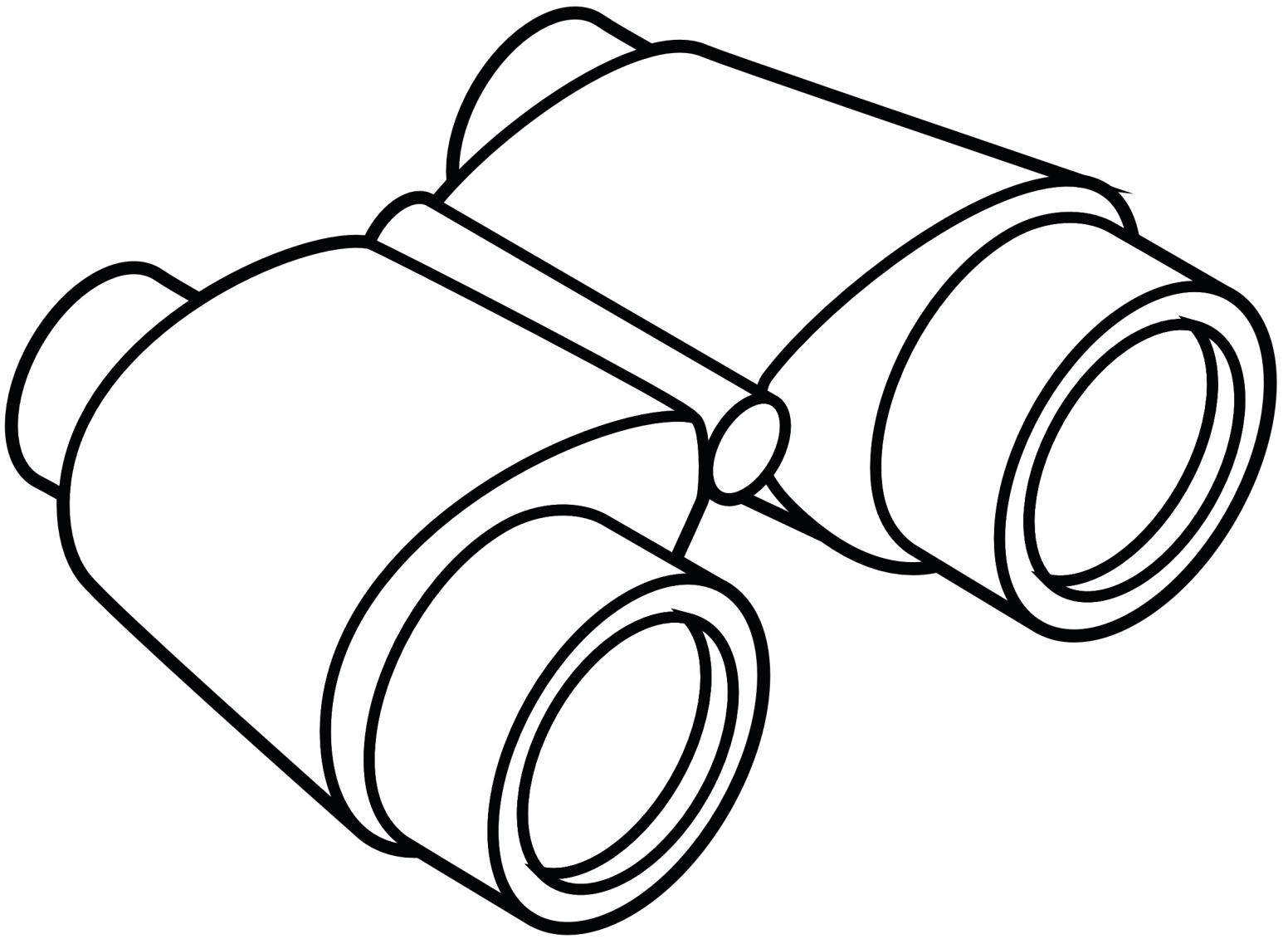
**what you need:** two googly eyes, which can be found in your box

**do:** have your preschooler make a fist

- stick the two googly eyes to the side of the child's index finger between their bottom and middle knuckles. The thumb makes a mouth.
- have your preschooler wiggle his or her finger as you lead in the memory verse, as if the child's hand is speaking.

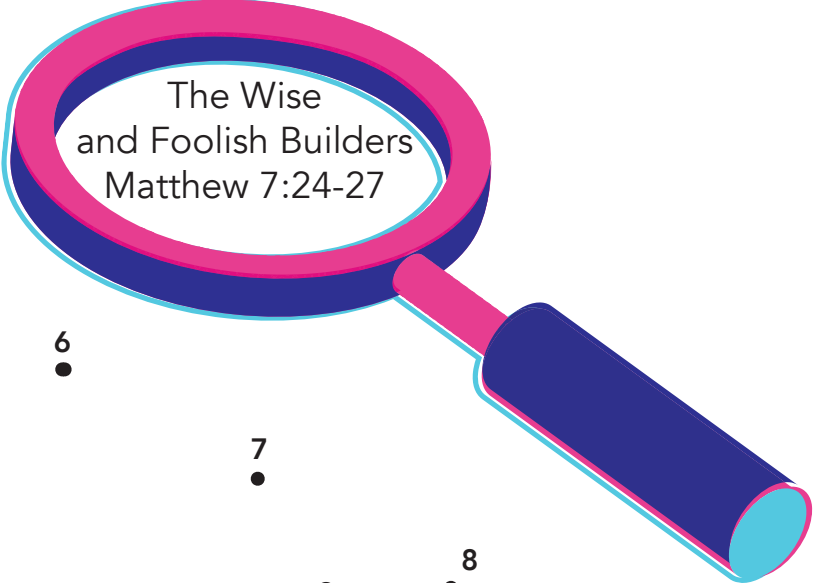
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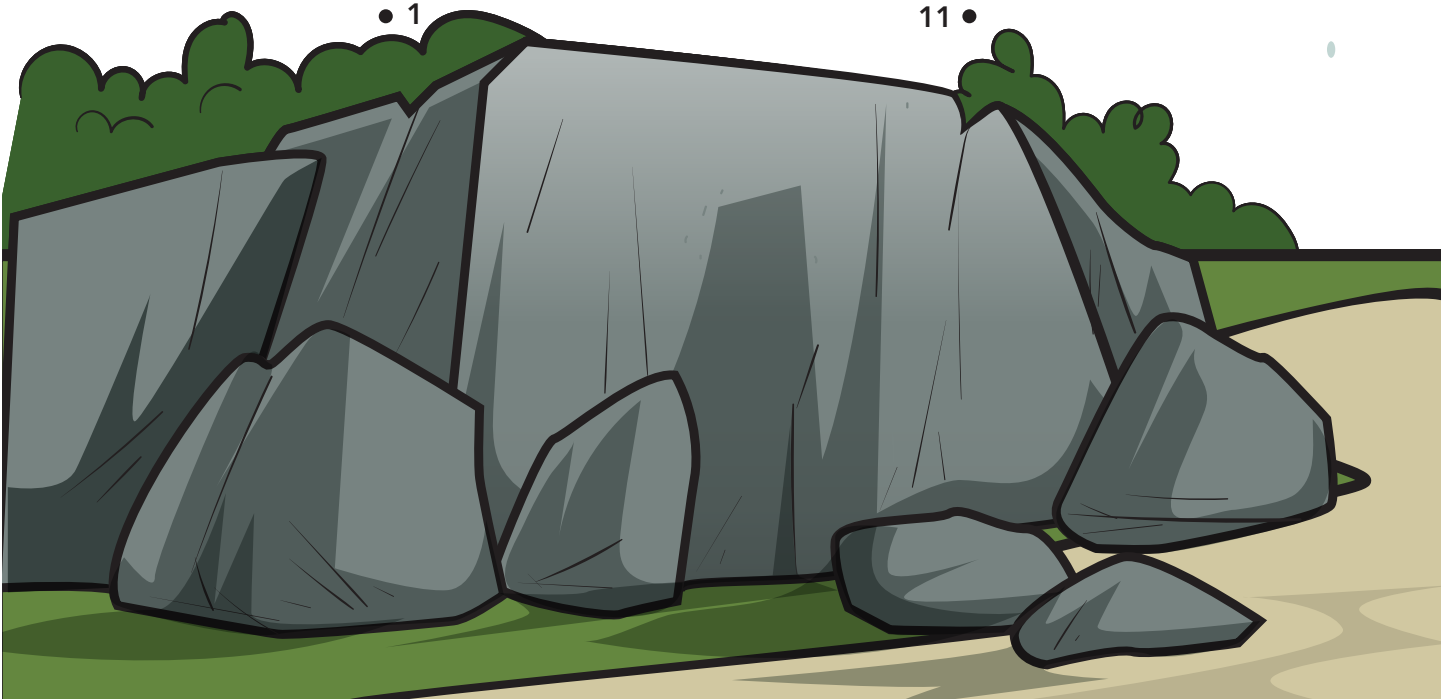
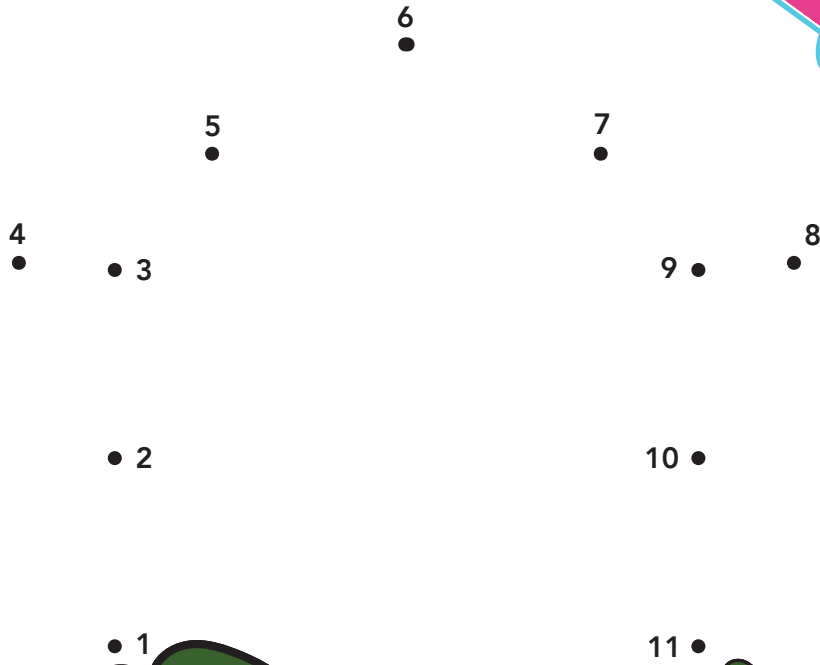


**WHAT DO BINOCULARS HELP US FOCUS ON?**





The Wise  
and Foolish Builders  
Matthew 7:24-27



Complete the dot-to-dot.  
Jesus told this story to teach us the best way to live.

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## DAY THREE THE GOSPELS

Jesus did what only He can do when He died and came back, just like He said He would.



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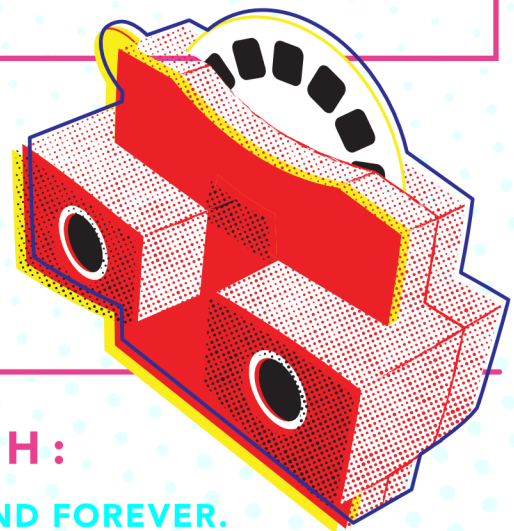
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# PASSING DOWN FAITH

By Nina Schmigdall

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My daughter plays the violin in a youth orchestra. When she plays, she sits tall and poised, reading music written by famous composers. It feels like a little miracle, especially since I have never been trained to play an instrument myself.

My ignorance becomes painfully obvious any time she needs help or guidance. My heart feels heavy when I realize I am ill-equipped to help her when she gets stuck or feels discouraged.

I have wrestled with that same self-doubt as I seek to pass on faith to my kids. I did not grow up in the church or in a family of faith. I met Jesus when I was older, and did not have a foundation of faith in my childhood.

But, I have learned I don't have to be an expert. No matter where you are in your faith, or if you ever feel unqualified, here's a few things you can do:

## **Live it out**

Even if you are new in your faith, you can live it out in front of your kids, sharing with them both your mistakes and triumphs.

There's no better way for our kids to understand the true meaning of grace than when we invite them to witness the journey, letting them see firsthand the miracle of us being transformed right in front of their eyes.

## **Study the Bible**

I asked a friend of mine, who did not grow up with a model of faith in his home, where he finds the tools to share with his kids. He answered confidently, "All that we, or our children, need to know about God is revealed in His Scriptures."

## **Pray**

There can be something healthy about humbly accepting that something is outside of our expertise. Recognizing we may not have the tools we need can send us to our knees asking God for help.

## **Widen the Circle**

One of the greatest revelations might be that we don't have to parent alone! I am blessed to have friends with powerful faith stories. We work to invite a chorus of voices into the lives of our kids.

Just as my kids have seen me fumble to guide my daughter as she has learned to play the violin, they will also be well aware of my shortcomings as I share with them my journey of faith. But I trust that one day, I will step back and marvel at how far they have come—despite me.

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# ACTIVITY PAGE

## eye see

**what you need:** "my eyes" activity page with construction paper circles - found in your box - and a glue stick or tape (you'll need this from home).

**what you do:** have your child pick out two circles for the colored part of their eyes - you can match their eye color, or let them mix it up! Help them glue or tape the colored circle onto the eye paper, and then help them glue or tape the black "pupil" into the middle of each "iris."

**say this:** Who do we know who has brown eyes? Who do we know who has green eyes? What about blue eyes? What color eyes do you have? The colored part of your eye is called the iris. We have friends with brown eyes, green eyes, and blue eyes. But there is another part of our eye; it's the black circle inside the color part. That's called the pupil. Everyone has those.

Look on your paper. It says: Let us keep looking to Jesus, Hebrews 12:2. We look with our eyes!

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## see the color

**what you need:** 4 pieces of construction paper (found in your box), with color-matching stickers and a few color-matching toys or items from around your home that represent God-made things (ex: food, play food, dolls, toy animals, etc.) - also, the sunglasses from your child's spirit pack (you may also gather up lots of sunglasses from around your house).

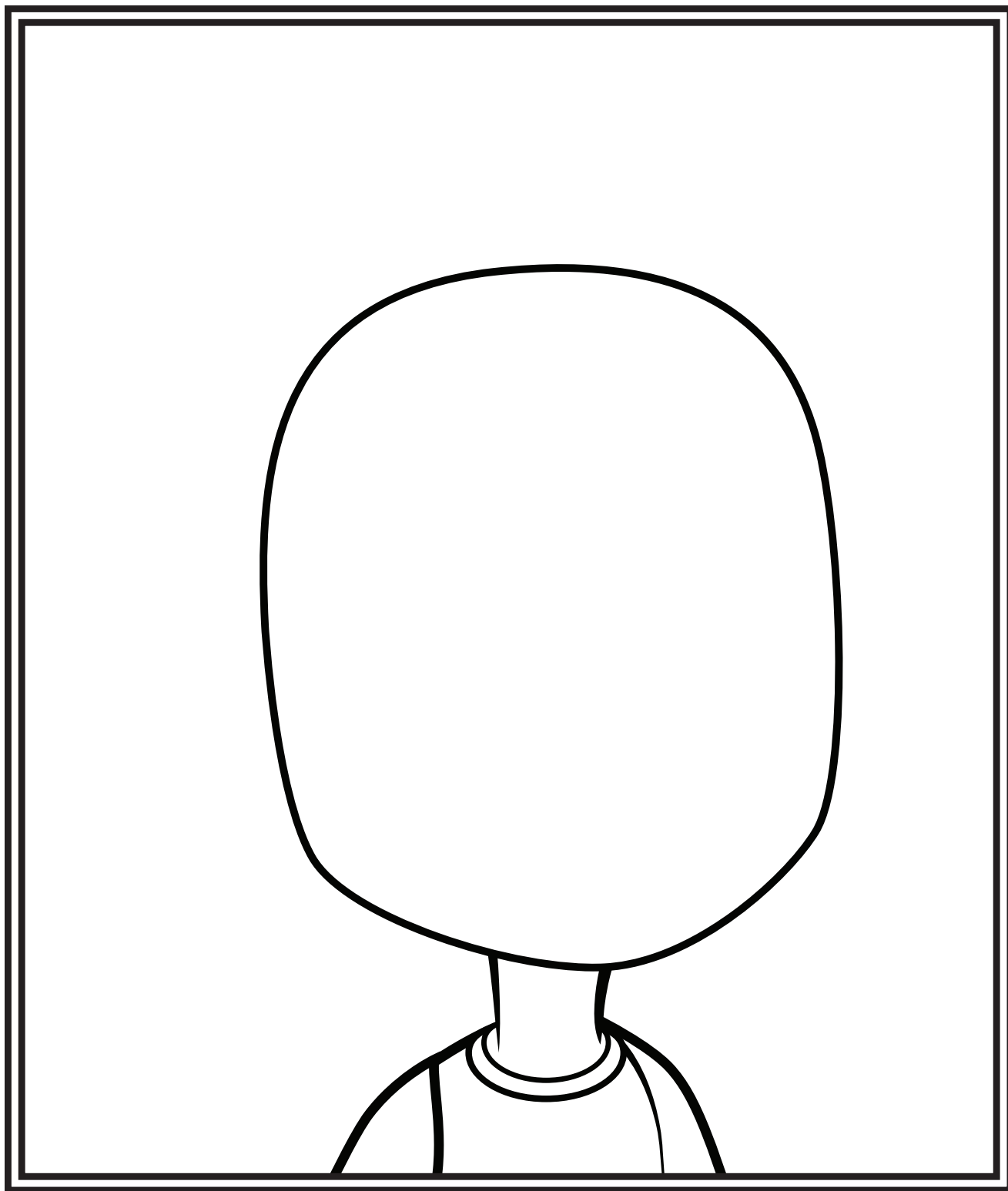
**what you do:** have your child match his or her stickers to the coordinating pieces of construction paper. Additionally, have your child match items from around your home, or small toys to the colored papers. After, review the story with your child.

**say this:** The Bible tells us to 'keep looking to Jesus.' What do I have here? Yes! They are sunglasses! We look through sunglasses when we are outside. Even wearing sunglasses, we don't look at the sun. But we can look to Jesus when we're wearing them! *(If using more pairs of glasses: Can you help me count how many pairs of sunglasses I have?)*

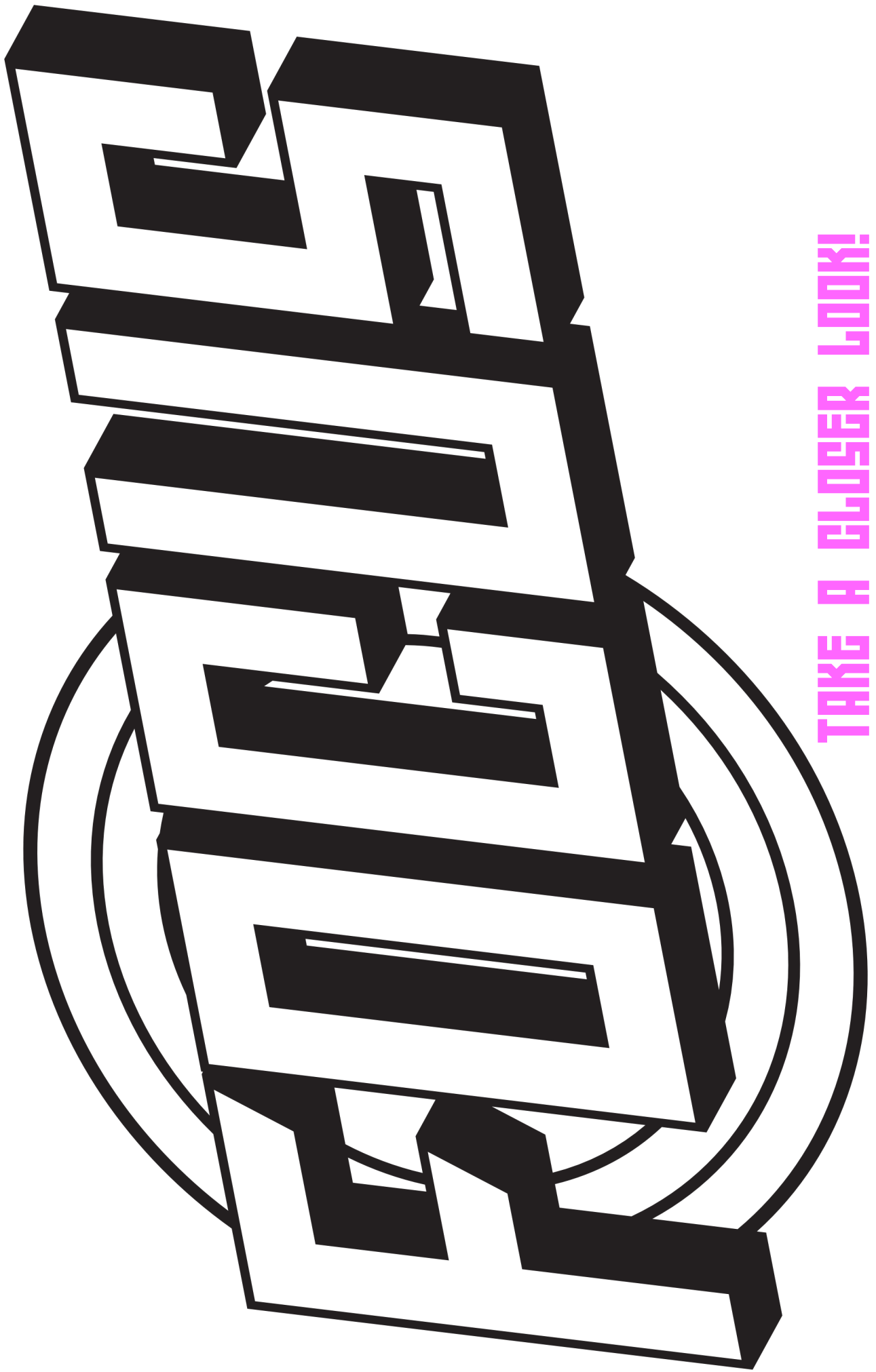
Let's match these stickers with our colored paper. Do your sunglasses from your spirit pack match any of these colors? Do any of these toys match these colors?

God made SO MUCH! He made things - animals, plants, food - in all sorts of colors! The Bible teaches us to keep looking at Jesus. We can see Him in all the things He's created. We can look to him when we wear sunglasses and when we don't. We can look in the Bible and see that Jesus went away and came back so He could be our friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever!? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**

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Finish the drawing to look like you.



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