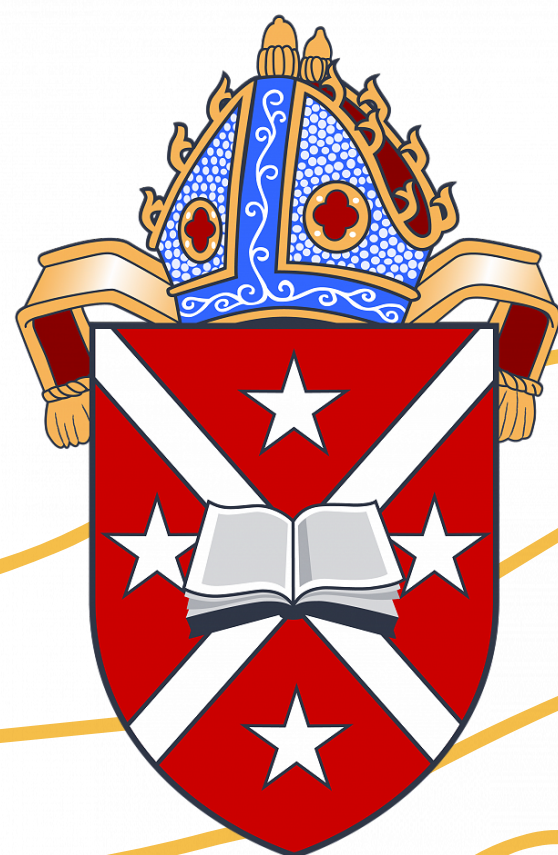


children's Activity Booklet



22nd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

VETS at home edition 2



The Tradition of the Elders

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Prayer Placemats

Example



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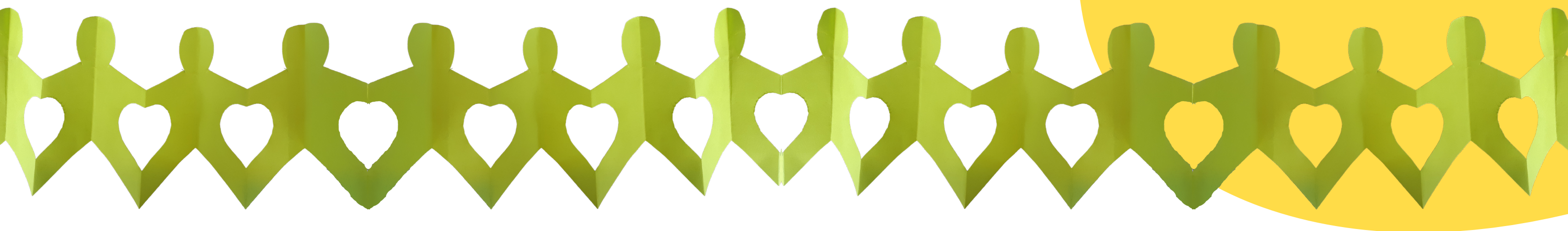
What to do: Using paper, pens, and craft materials from around your house, design a placemat for someone else in the family, reminding them how much you love them.

The passage from today reminds us that our heart is the source of the words we share, so take a moment to pray for that person and share words of encouragement, hope, and love. Share your placemat at dinner time, and take a moment to explain what your picture represents.

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Paper People

Example



Instructions:

What you need: Paper, Pen, Sissors

Instructions

Step 1: Fold the paper into an accordion shape



Step 2: Draw half of a person on the top paper.
Make sure it touches both sides of the paper



Step 3: Cut out the person

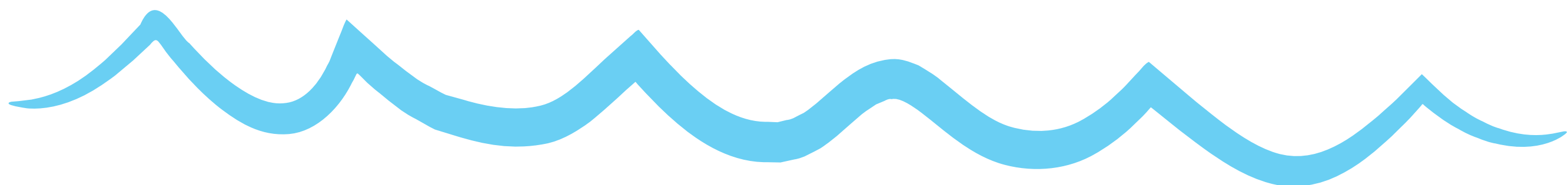
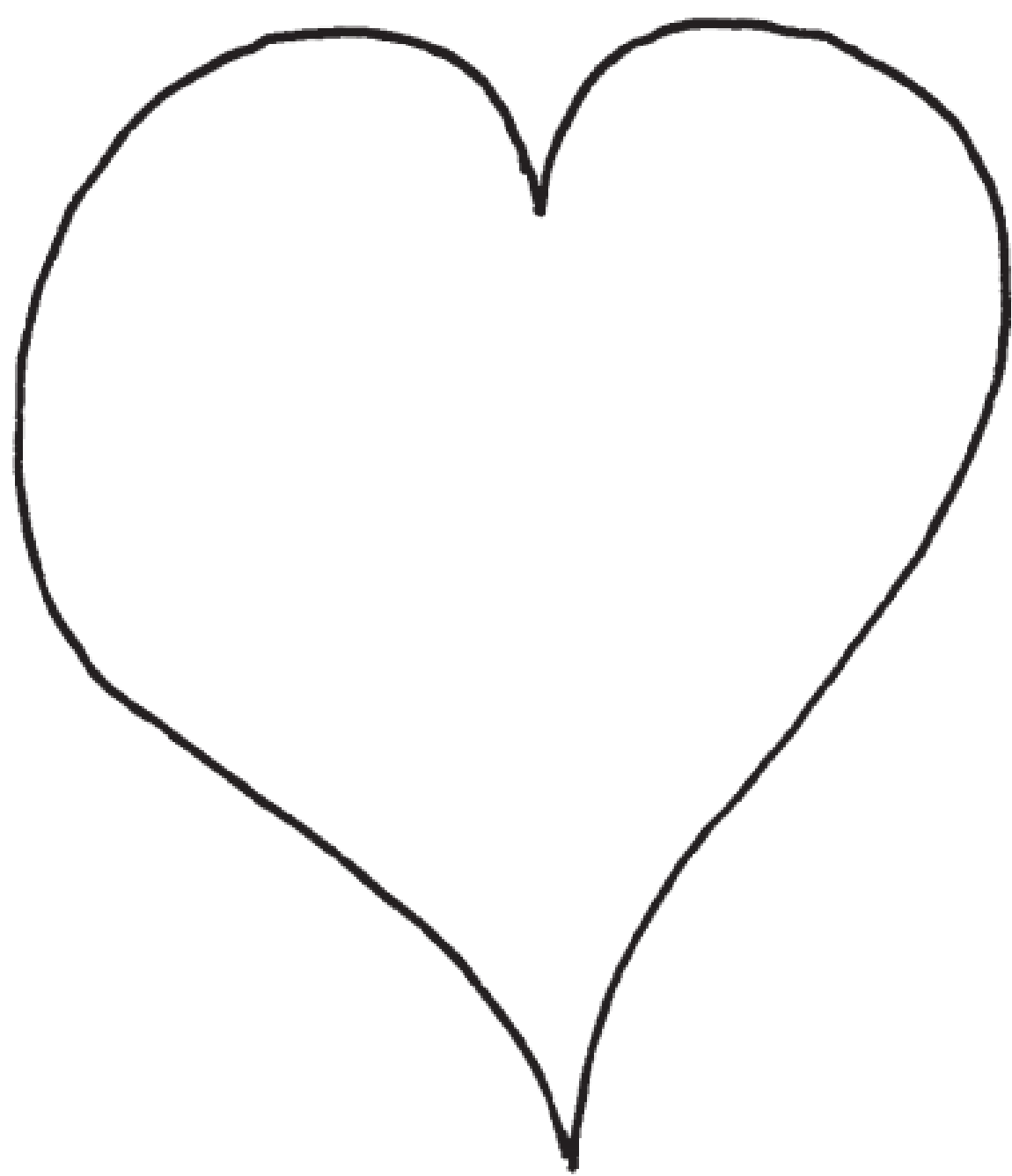


Today's reading talks about the importance of what we do and say and how this shows people how we feel about them. By making these paperchains (with love hearts) we are showing how we care for each other.

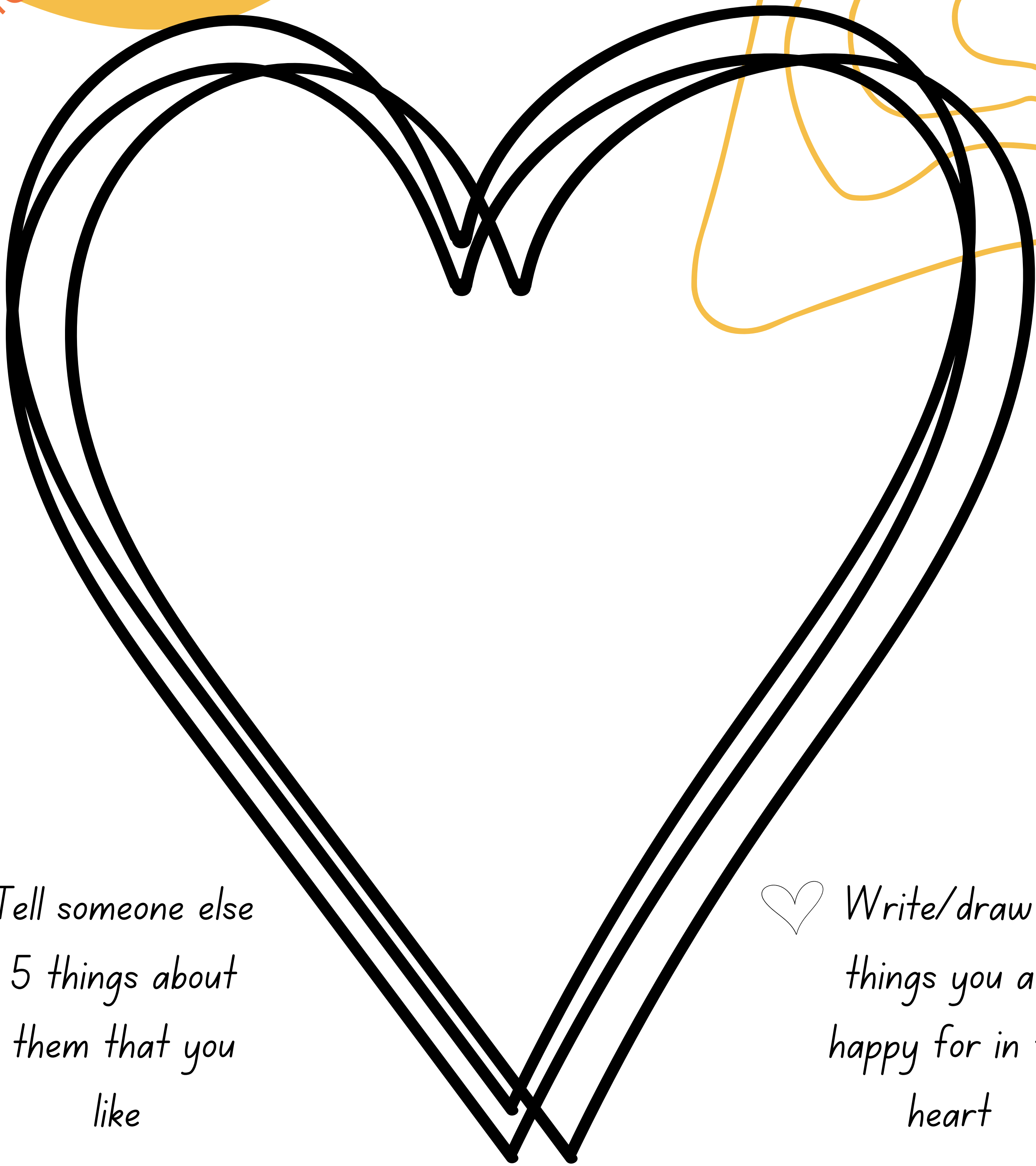


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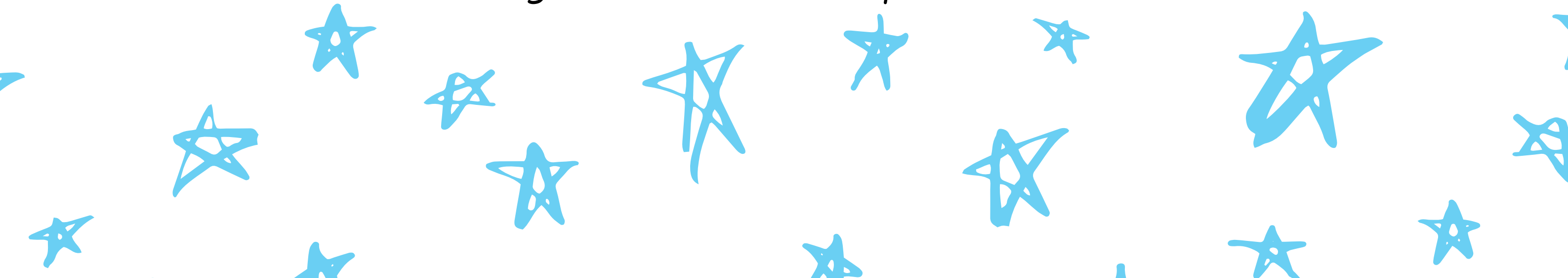
Heart Prayer



♡ Tell someone else
5 things about
them that you
like

♡ Write/draw 5
things you are
happy for in the
heart

🙏 Thank you, God for sending us Jesus, the Servant King. Help us
to always be kind and help others. Amen



Words are Important

J	S	S	C	R	I	B	E	S	L	E	O	A	D
E	R	T	H	A	N	K	F	U	L	N	E	S	S
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U	O	A	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	G	R
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- HEART
- LOVE
- HAPPINESS
- JESUS
- HANDS
- WASHING
- KINDNESS
- HOPE
- LIFE
- THANKFULNESS
- SCRIBES
- DISCIPLES
- RULES
- JOY
- PHARISEES
- FAITH

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

In today's passage, Jesus talks to the Pharisees about the rules they have, to catch people out. Today they asked him about why his disciples weren't keeping strict rules around eating, and Jesus reminds them that having a clean heart is even more important. The words we use can be a reflection of the state of our heart.

Questions to ponder

Having spent the last 18 months living in a world with Covid-19, where good hand hygiene is even more important than ever, it may be tempting to read today's gospel passage and think that the Pharisees and scribes have a good point! It's important to remember that they were not concerned with good sanitation, but with the keeping of lots of rules and regulations that would make someone ritually clean. Their rules are for exclusion, not including people into God's kingdom.

Here are some questions to think about:

- What are some rules that you have to follow? (at home, at school, at church)?
- Why do we have rules?
- What would happen for example if there were no road signs?
- In today's reading, Jesus said "You disobey God's commands in order to obey what humans have taught." - what do you think he meant by that?
- What are some rules that Jesus has taught us?



Forgiving God, your way is greater than human comprehension.
Open our hearts and minds to truly understand your way of inclusion, that we may know the power of grace and mercy modelled by your Son, and live as reflections of him,

Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayer