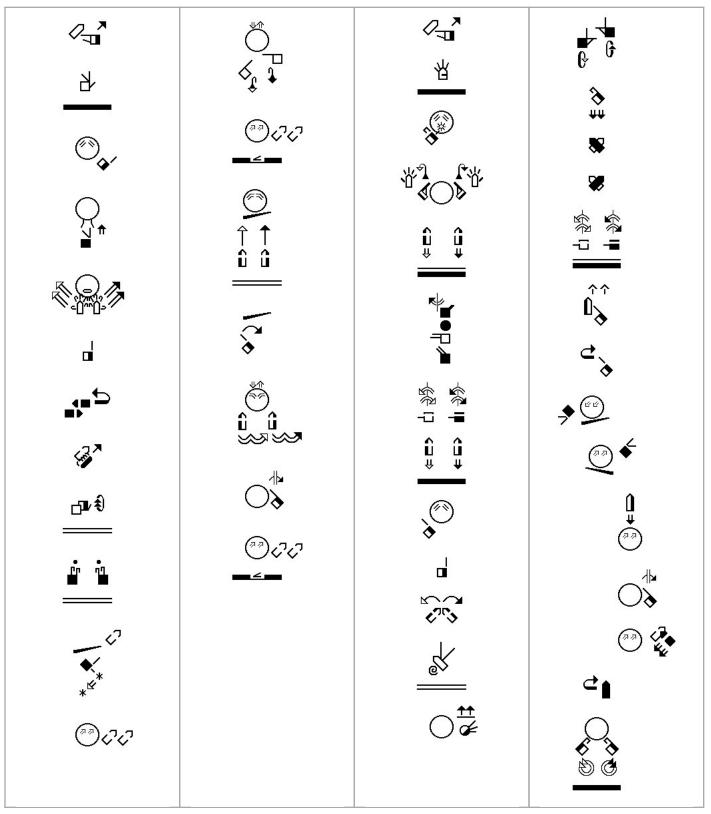
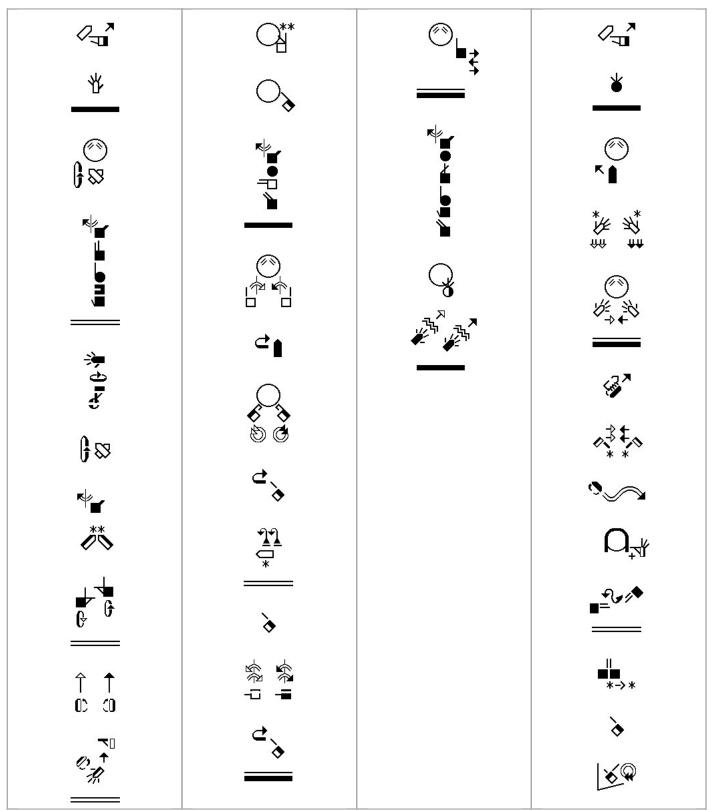


Mark Chapter 1. This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It
 began Verse 2. just as the prophet Isaiah had written: "Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. NLT



Verse 3. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD'S coming! Clear the road for him!'' Verse 4. This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had turned to God to receive forgiveness for their sins. NLT

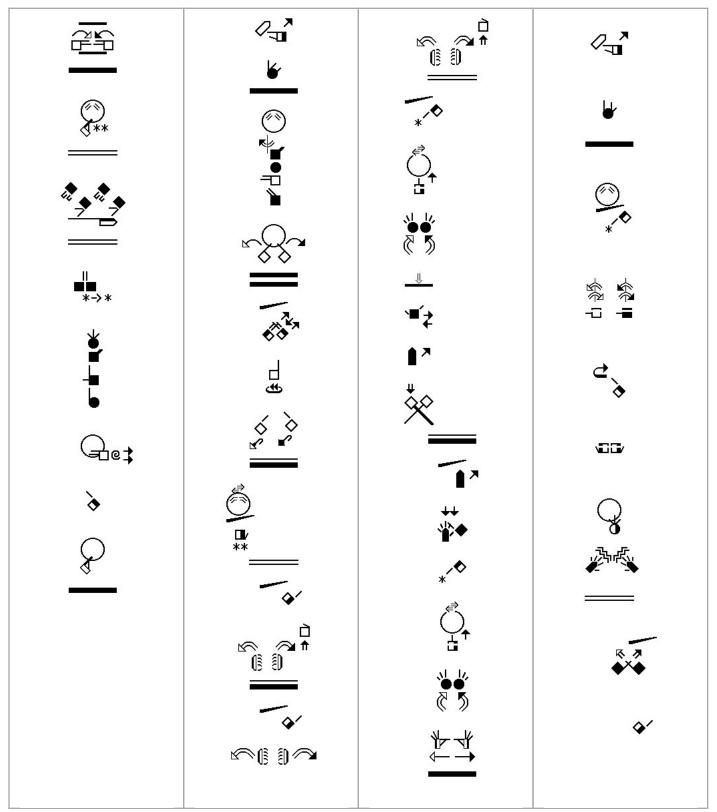
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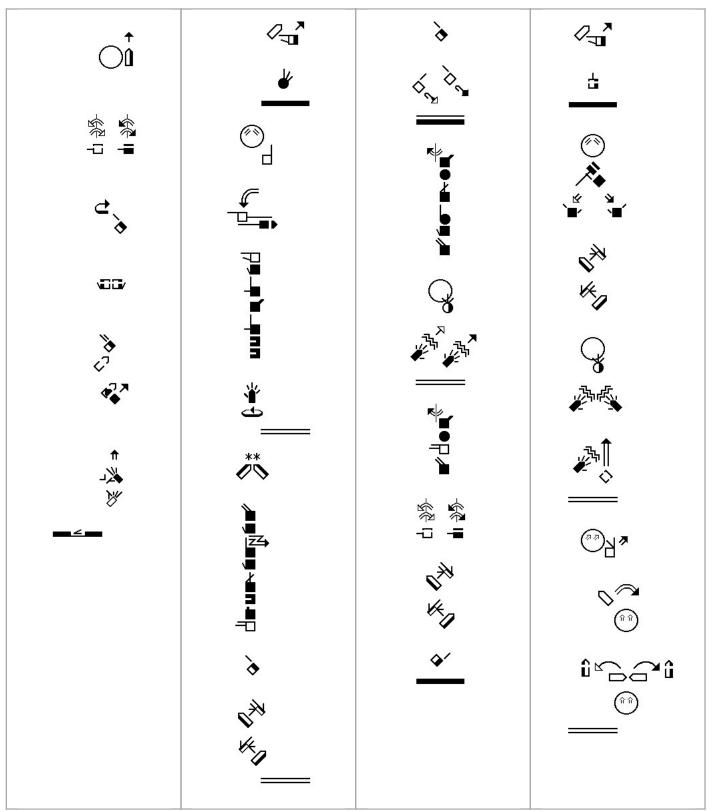
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Verse 5. All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Verse 6. His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather NLT

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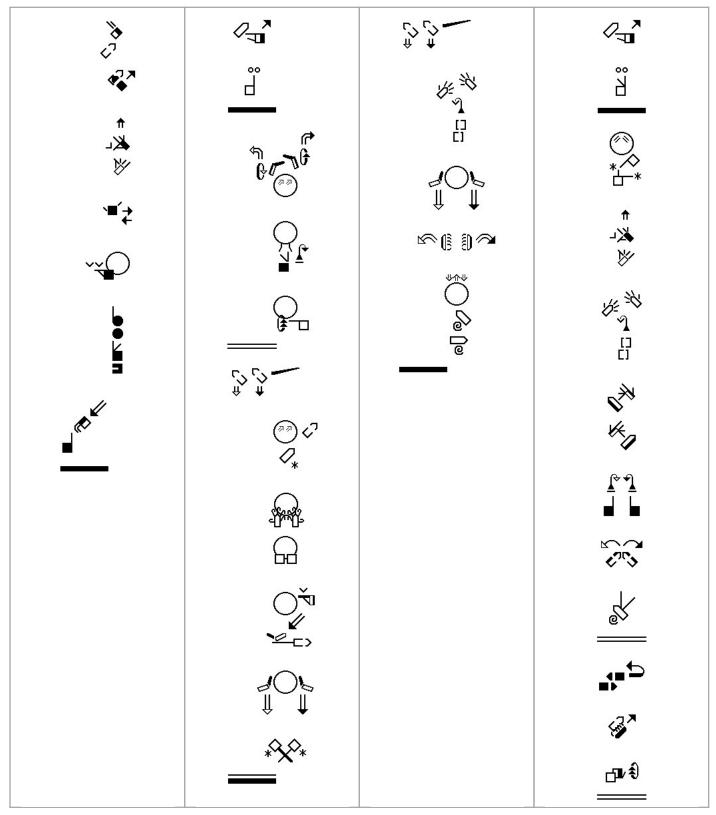


belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. Verse 7. John announced: "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am -- so much greater that I'm not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. Verse 8. I baptize you with water, but he NLT

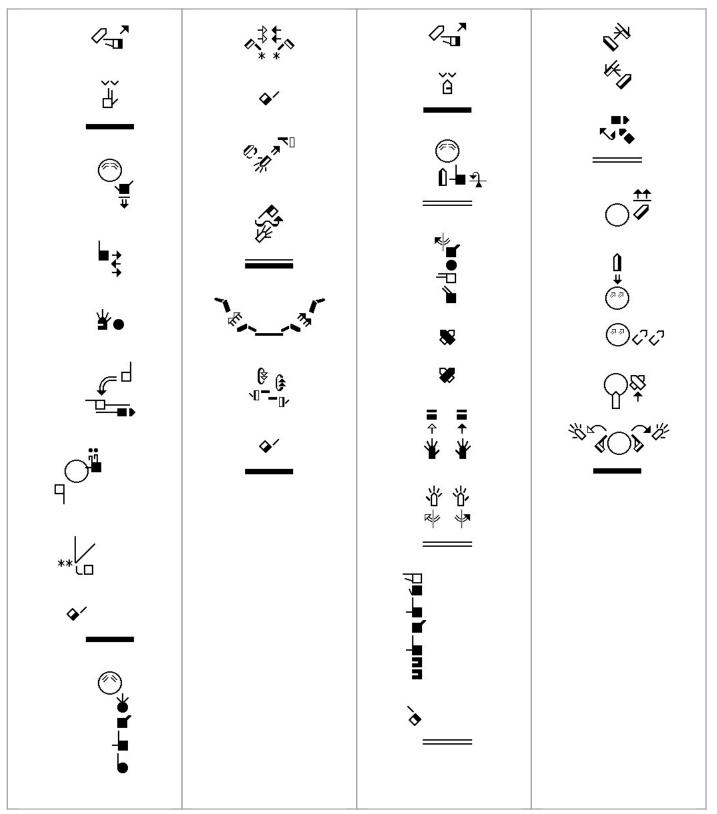


will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!" Verse 9. One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. Verse 10. As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart NLT

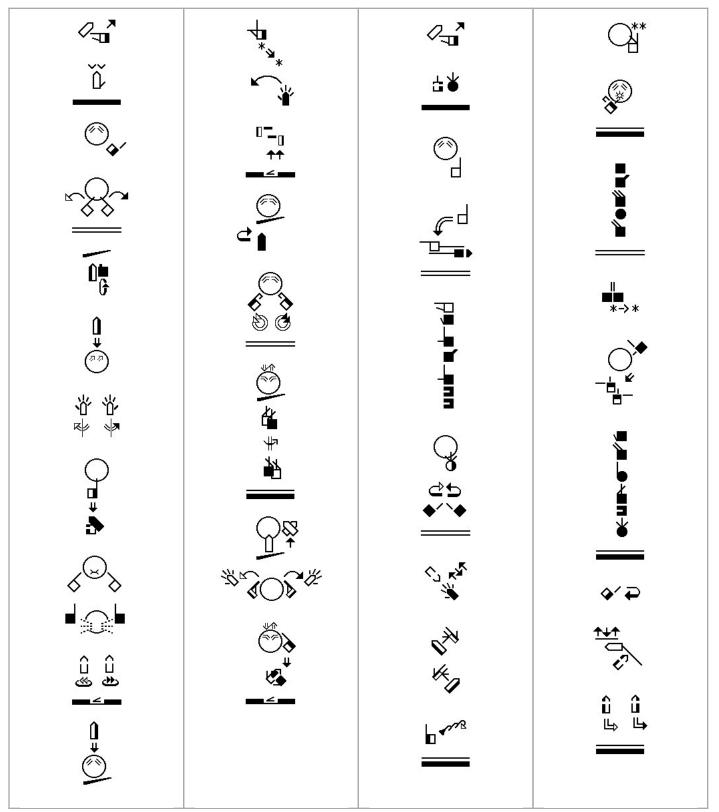
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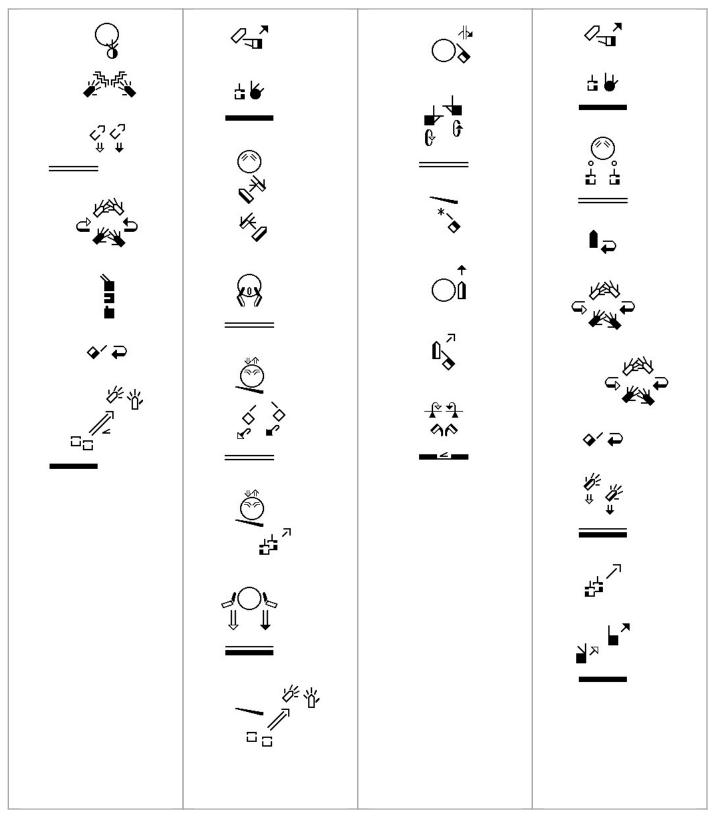
and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. Verse 11. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." Verse 12. The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, NLT



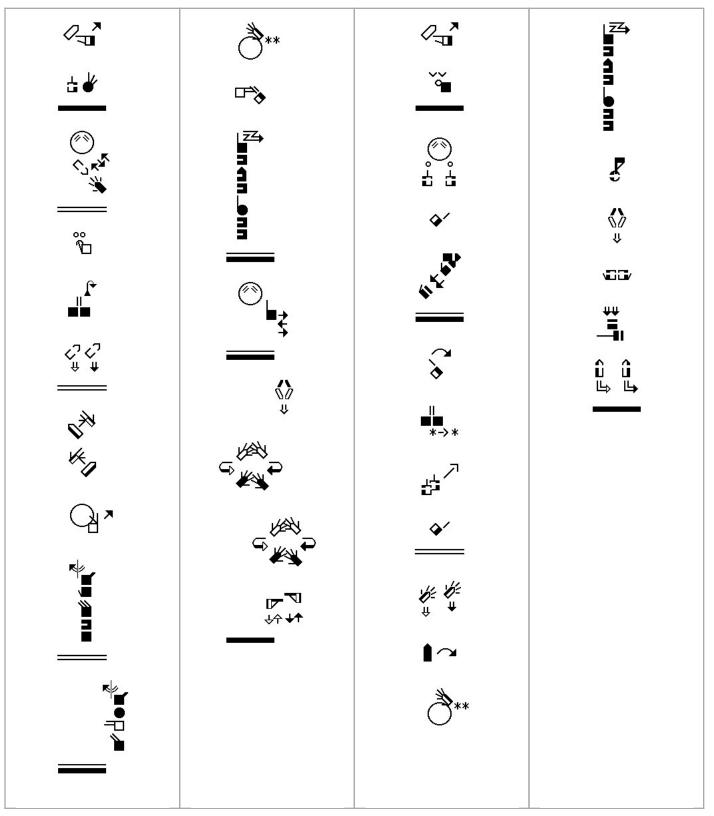
Verse 13. where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him. Verse 14. Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. NLT



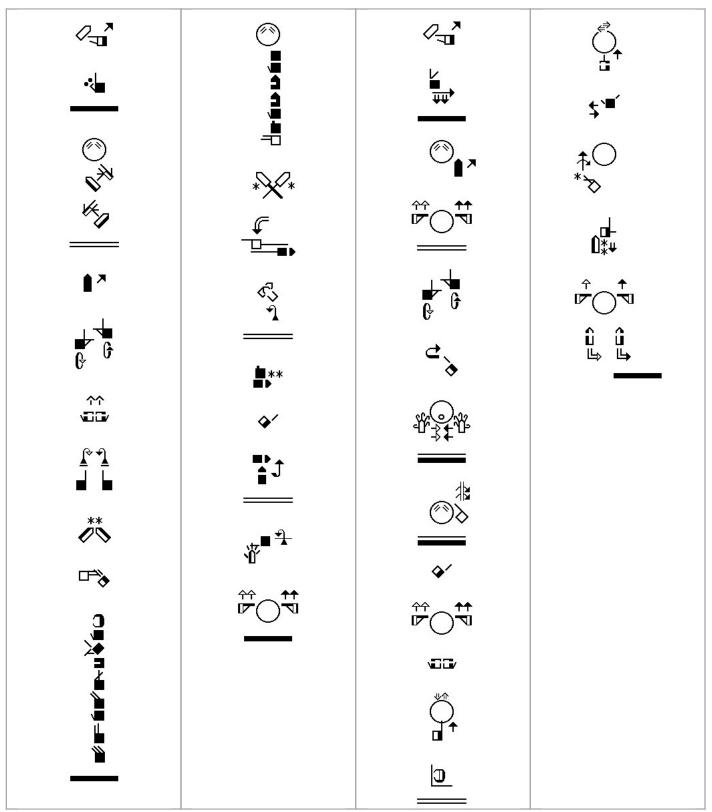
Verse 15. "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" Verse 16. One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew NLT



throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Verse 17. Jesus called out to
 them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Verse 18. And they left their nets at once and followed him.

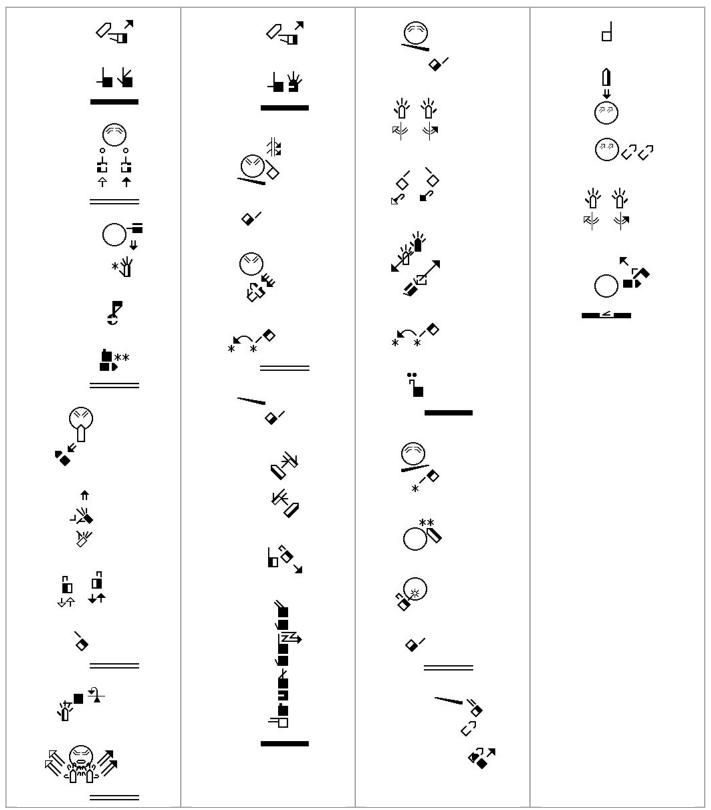


Verse 19. A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. Verse 20. He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men. NLT



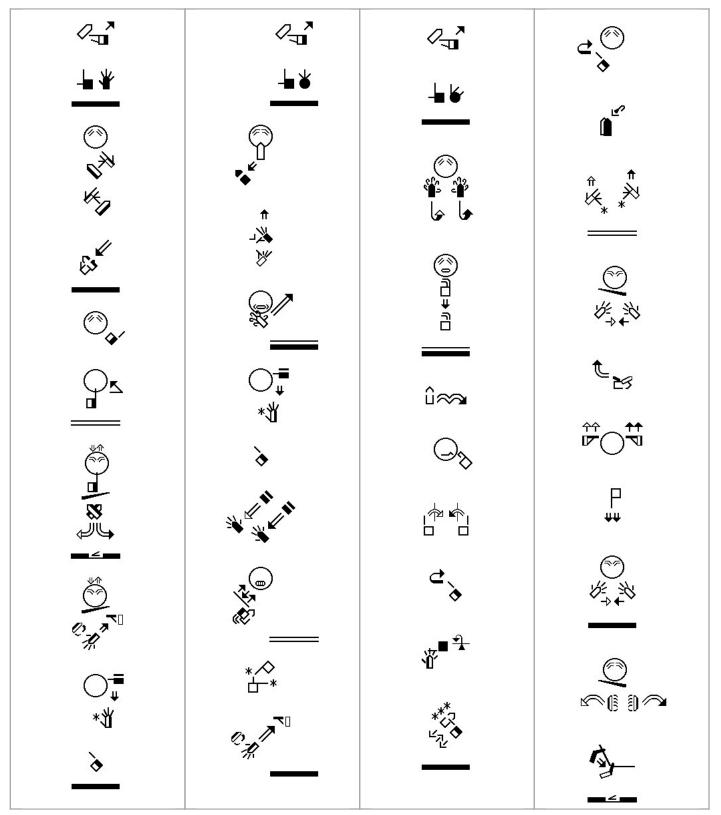
Verse 21. Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. Verse 22. The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority -- quite unlike the teachers of religious law. NLT

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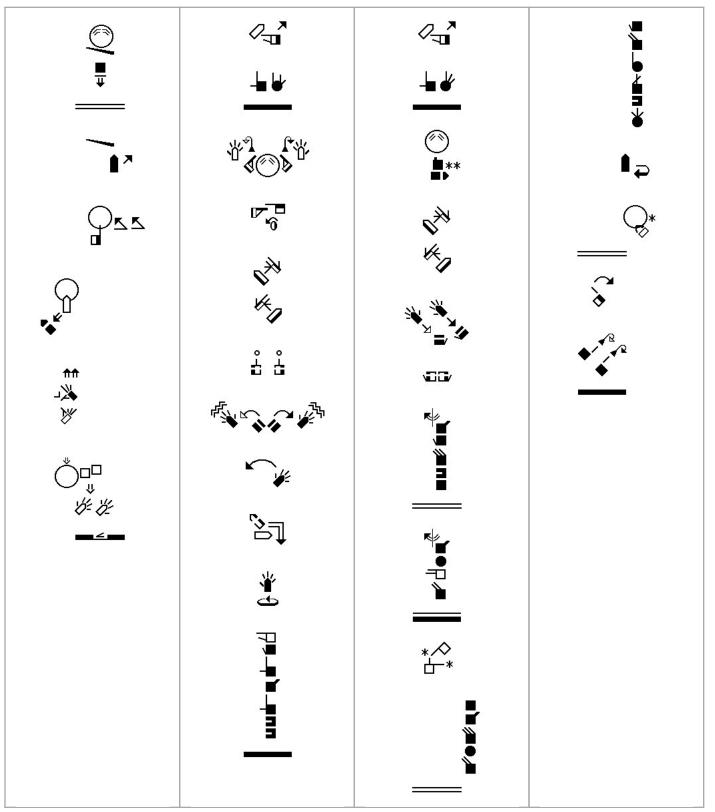


Verse 23. Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit began shouting, Verse 24. "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are -- the Holy One sent from God!" NLT

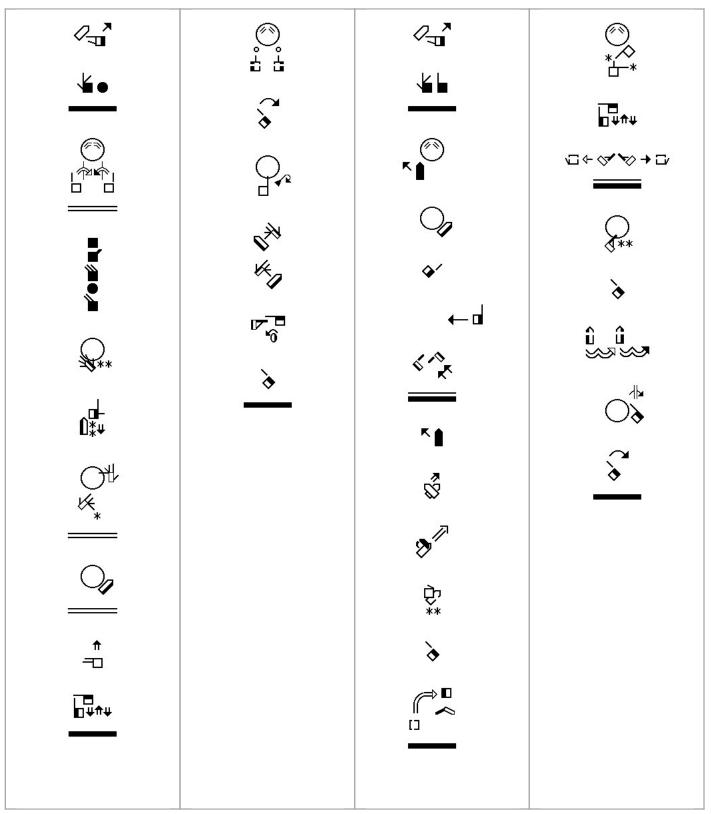
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Verse 25. Jesus cut him short. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. Verse 26. At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. Verse 27. Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! NLT

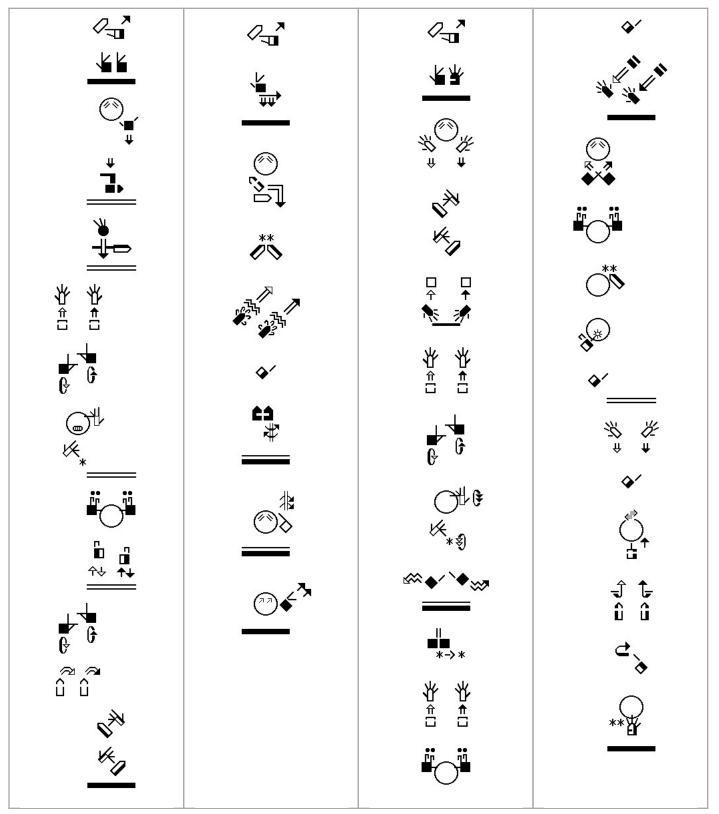


Even evil spirits obey his orders!" Verse 28. The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee. Verse 29. After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home. NLT

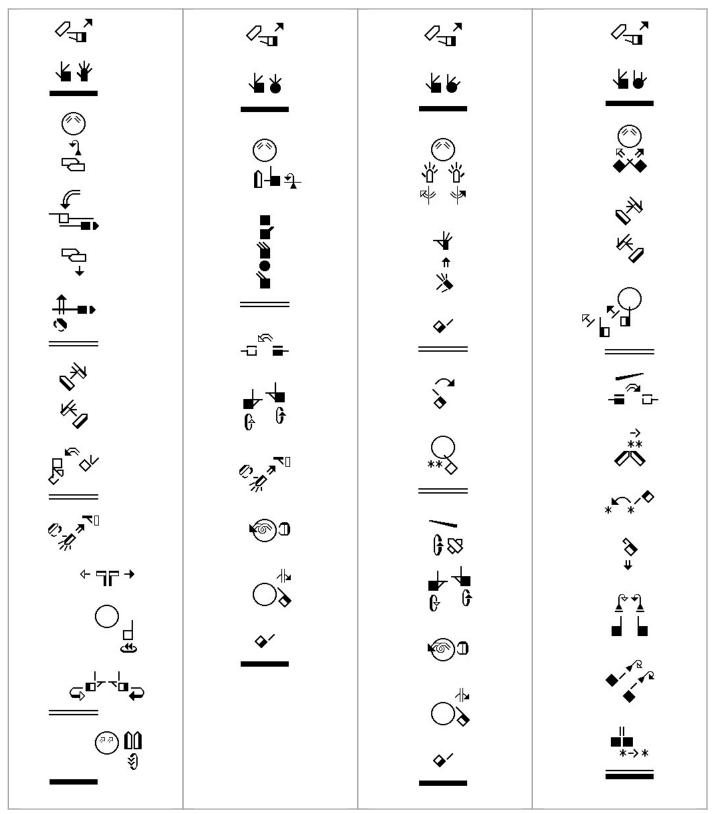


Verse 30. Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. Verse 31. So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them. NLT

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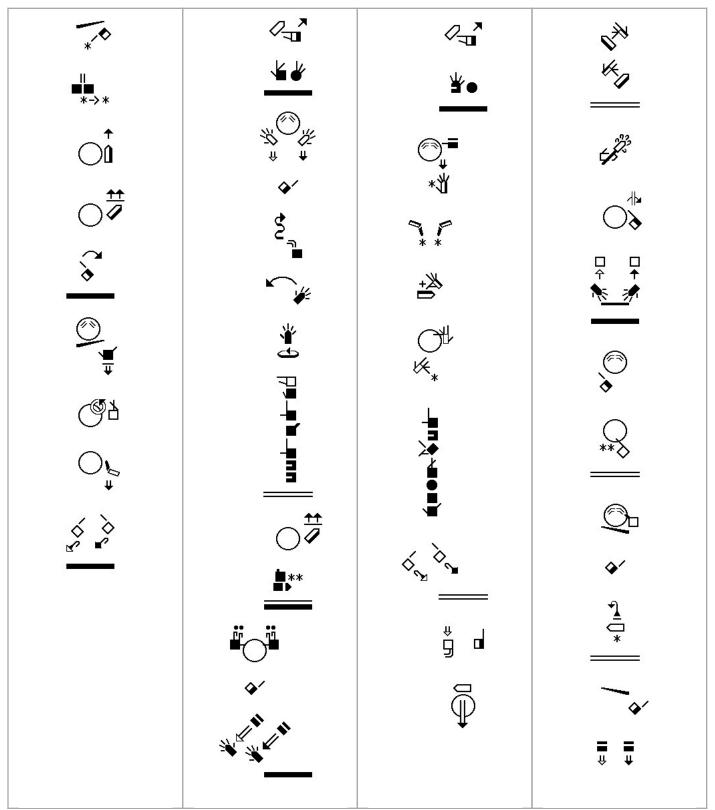


Verse 32. That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. Verse 33. The whole town gathered at the door to watch. Verse 34. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.

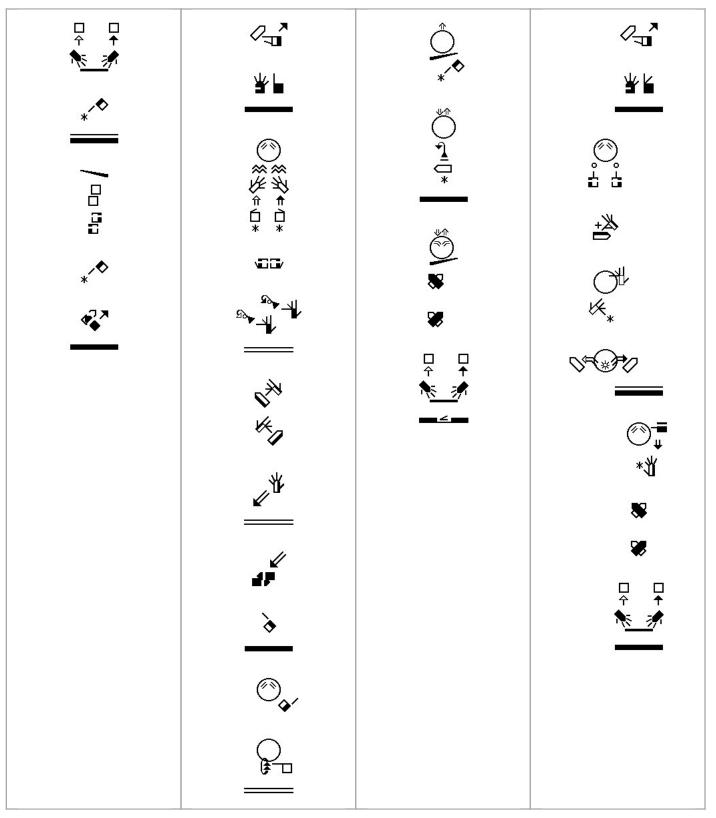


Verse 35. Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. Verse 36. Later Simon and the others went out to find him. Verse 37. When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." Verse 38. But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, NLT

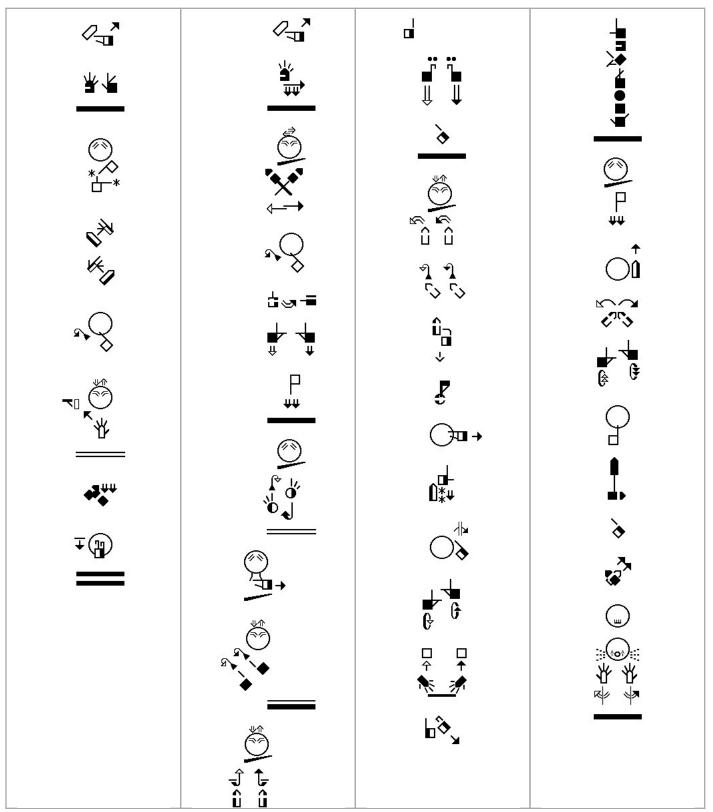
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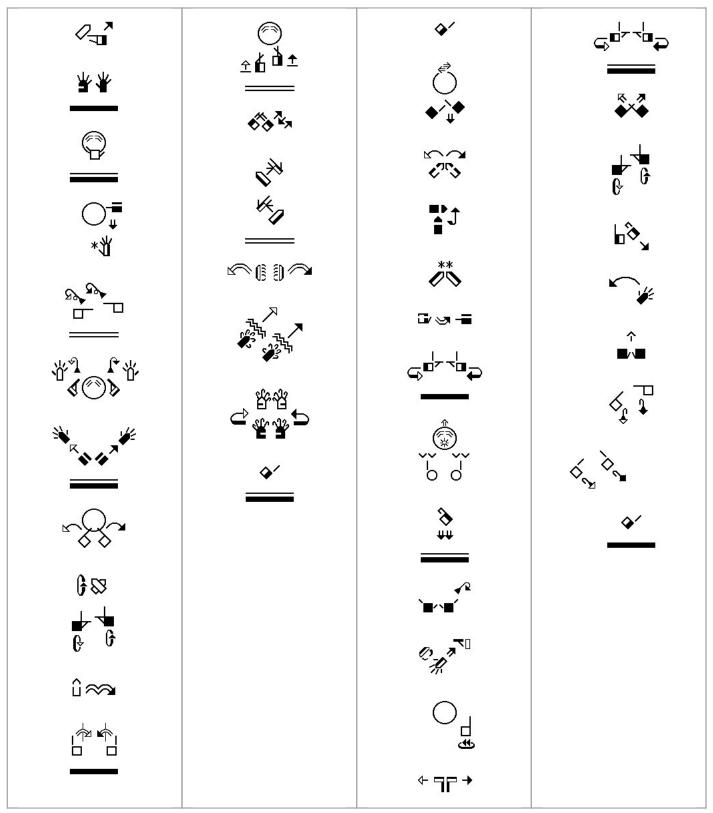
and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." Verse 39. So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. Verse 40. A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can NLT



heal me and make me clean," he said. Verse 41. Moved with compassion, Jesus
 reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" Verse 42. Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.



Verse 43. Then Jesus sent him on his way with a stern warning: Verse 44. "Don't tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the Law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed."



21 Verse 45. But the man went and spread the word, proclaiming to everyone what had happened. As a result, large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn't publicly enter a town anywhere. He had to stay out in the secluded places, but people from everywhere kept coming to him.
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