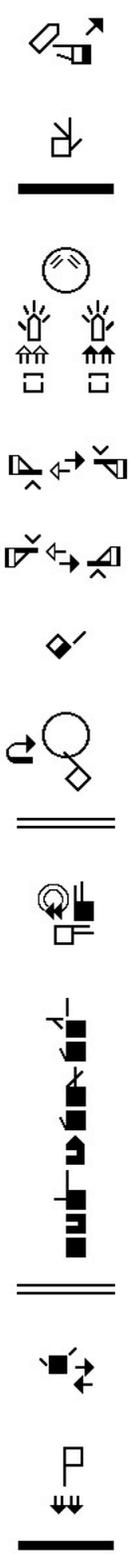
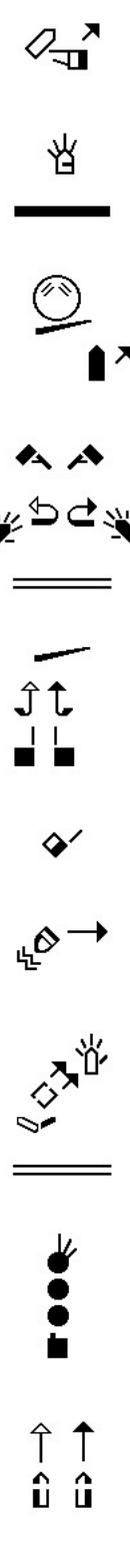
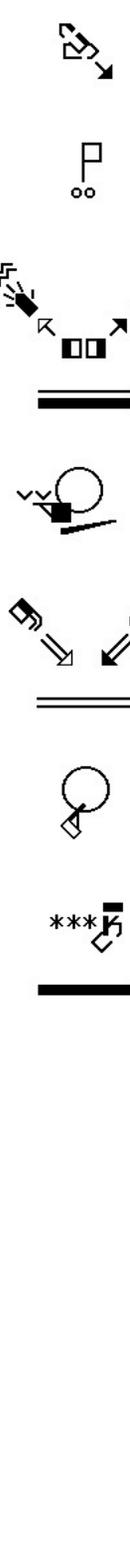


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13 Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. 2 A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore.

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219 3 He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. 4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them.

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5 Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died.



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7 Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!



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but others are not. 12 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.



<p>13 That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand. 14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. NLT</p>			



<p>ASL signs for 'let me heal them.' including hand movements for 'let', 'me', 'heal', and 'them'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for '16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.' including signs for 'blessed', 'eyes', 'see', 'ears', and 'hear'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for '17 I tell you the truth, many' including signs for 'I', 'tell', 'truth', and 'many'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'let me heal them.' including hand movements for 'let', 'me', 'heal', and 'them'.</p>
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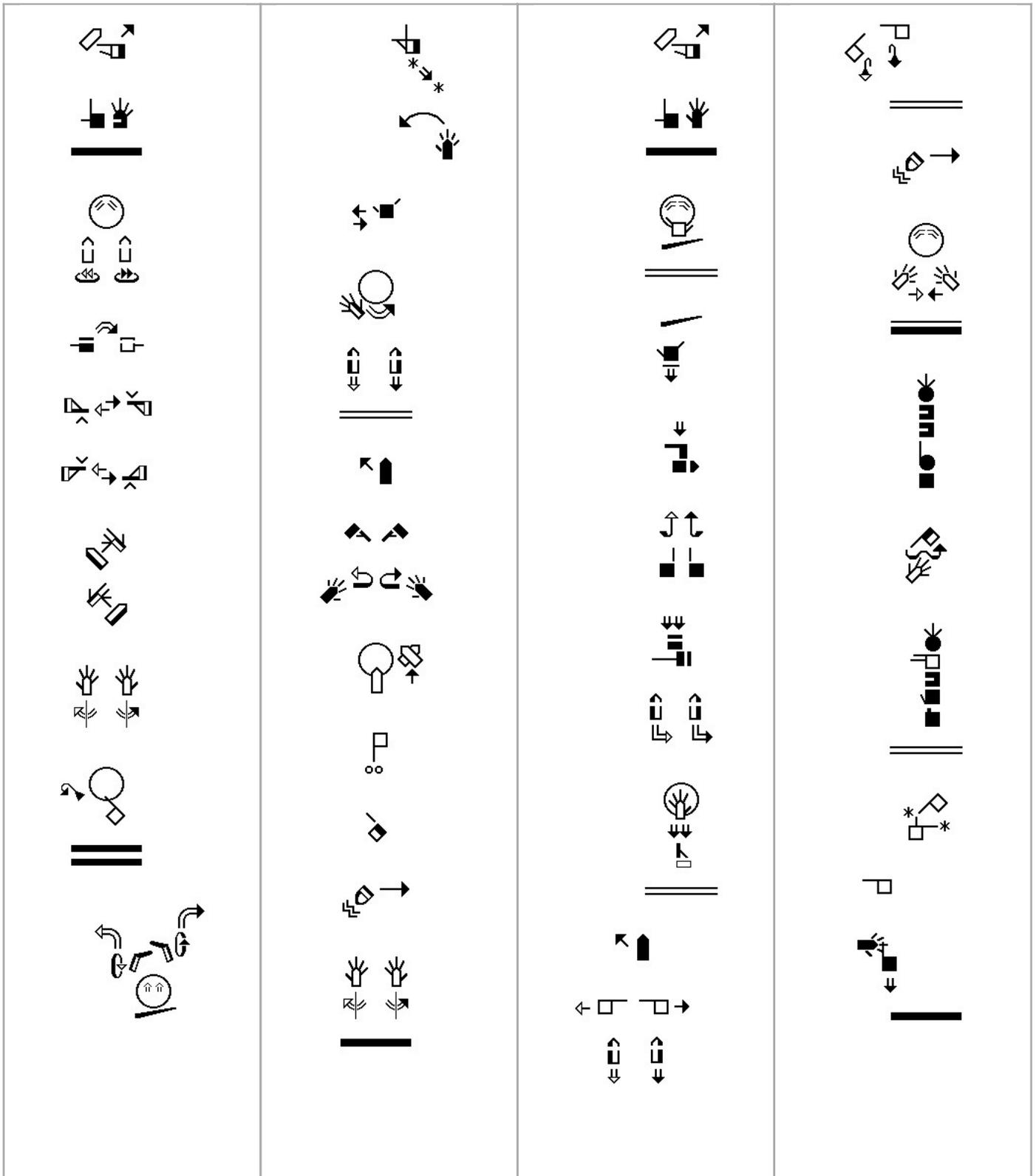


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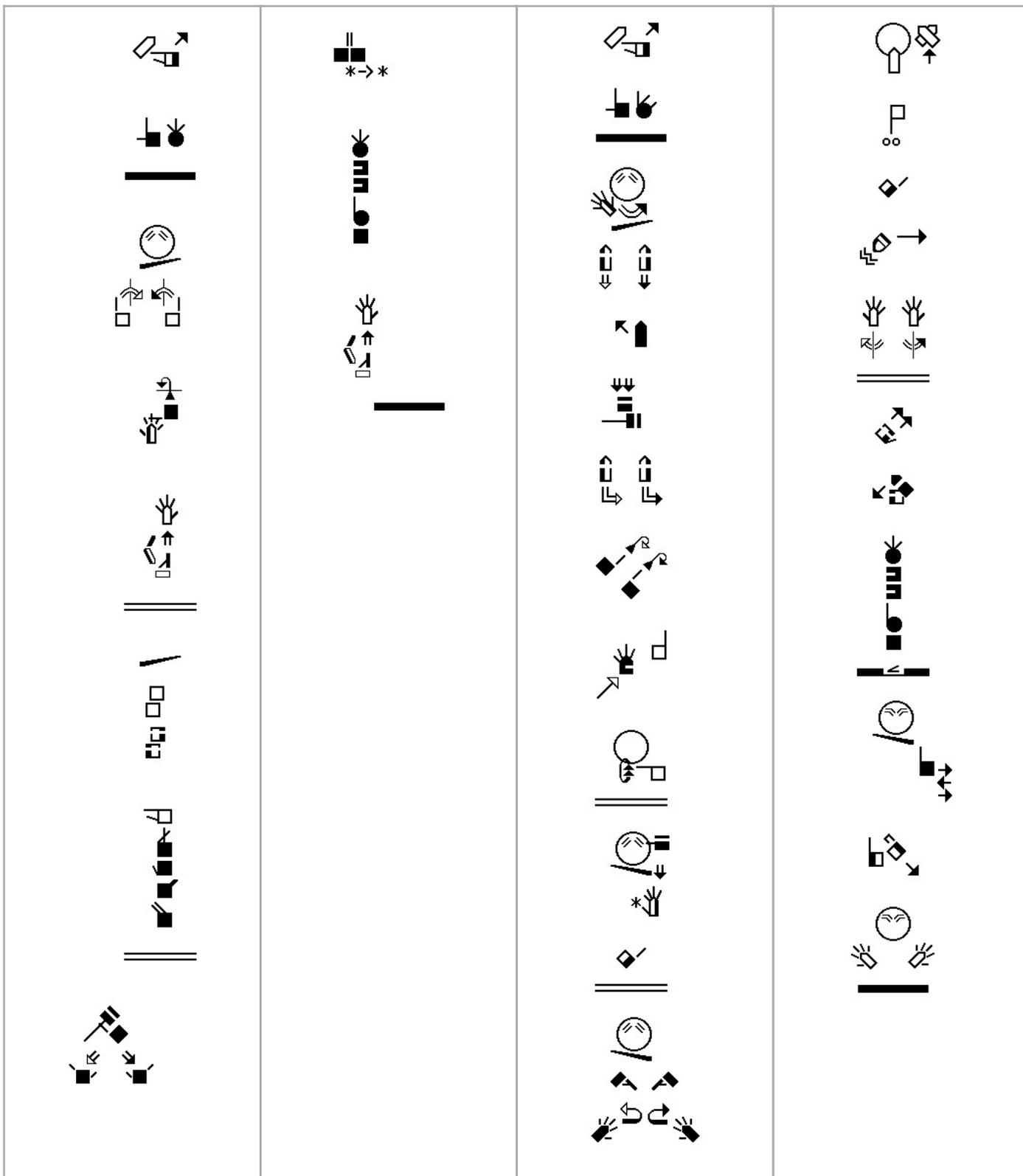
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those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. 20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.



231 24 Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. 25 But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. NLT



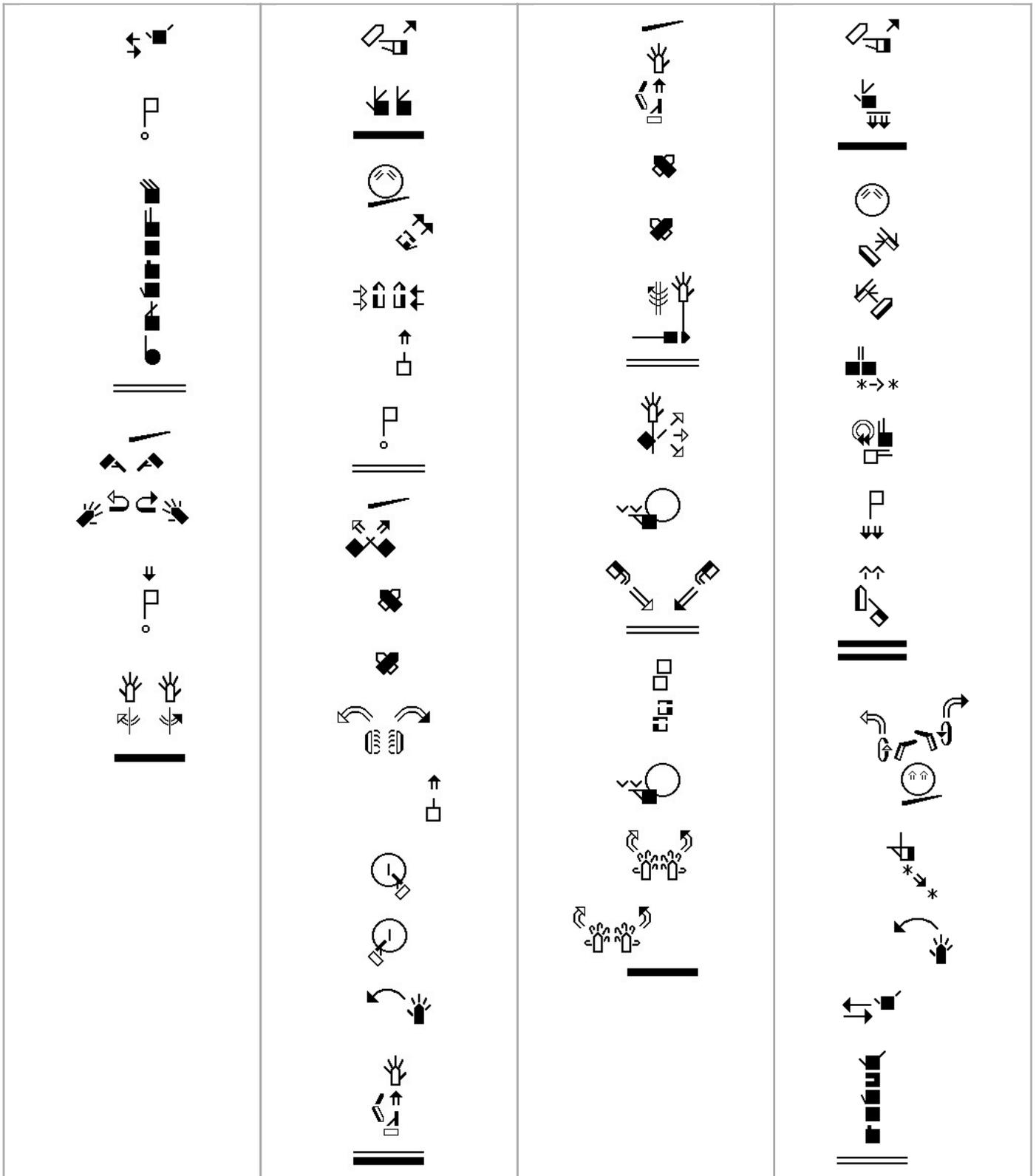
26 When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. 27 "The farmer's workers went to him and said, "Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?"

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30 Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat into the barn." 31 Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven



235 is like a mustard seed planted in a field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches." 33 Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast NLT

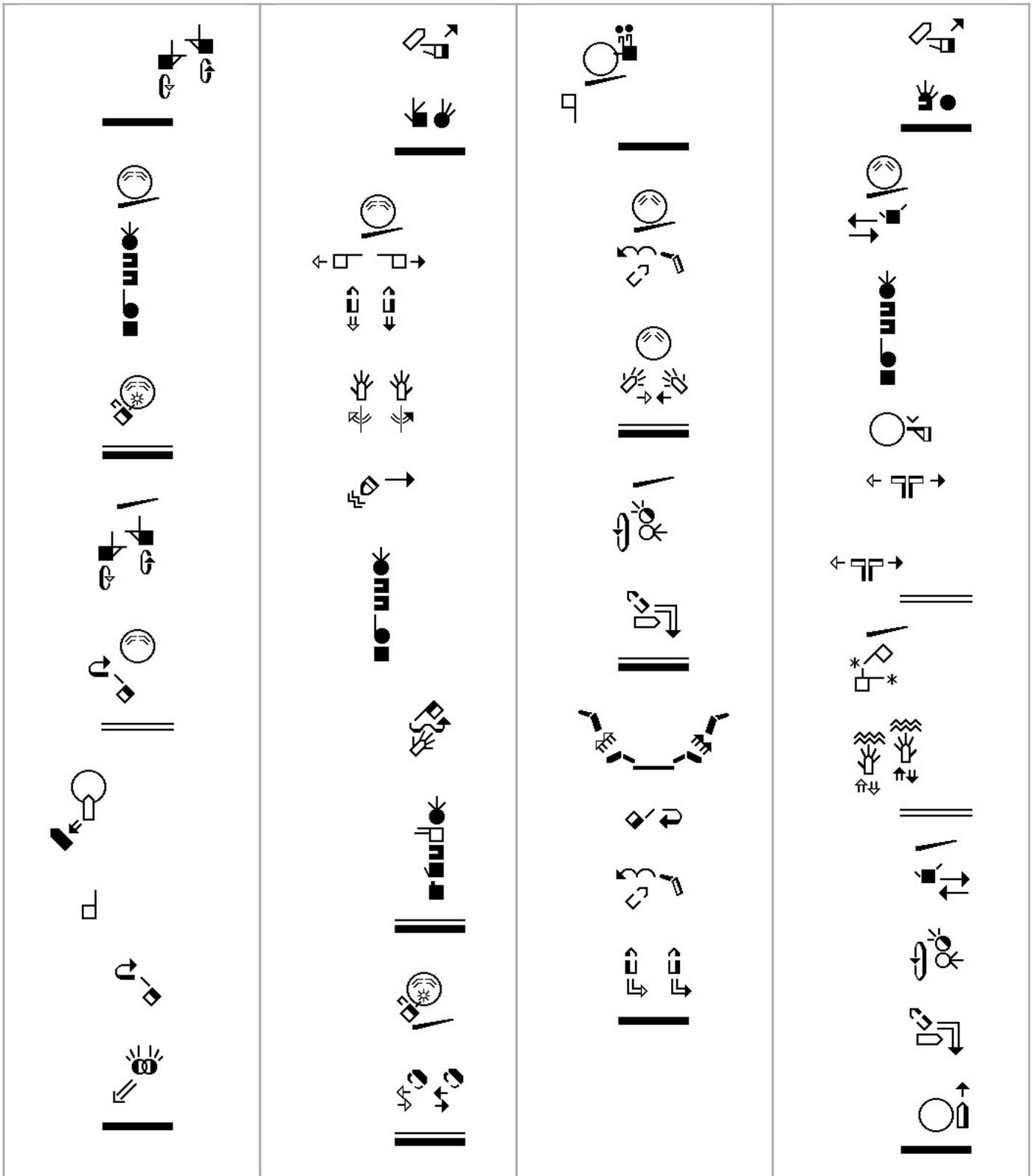


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a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough." 34 Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. NLT

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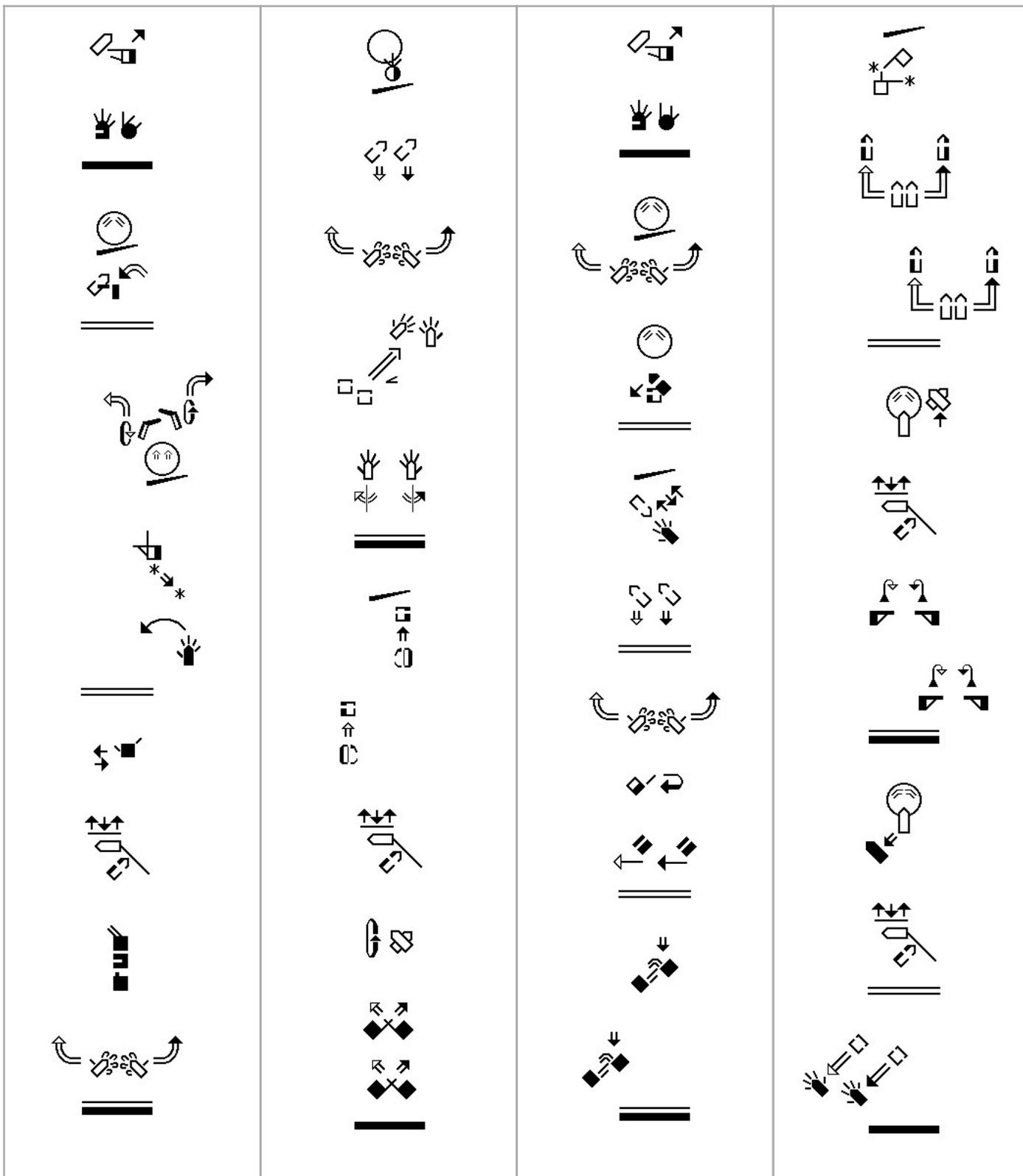


239 The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. 39 The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. 40 "Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. NLT

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44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.
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47 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. 48 When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into the crates, but threw the bad ones away.

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51 Do you understand all these things?" "Yes," they said, "we do." 52 Then he added, "Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old."

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"Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?" 55 Then they scoffed, "He's just the carpenter's son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers -- James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas.

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<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs: a hand with fingers spread and a right-pointing arrow above it; a circle with a star and a diamond; a circle with a horizontal line and two diamonds; two parallel horizontal lines; a hand with a right-pointing arrow; a hand with a right-pointing arrow above it; a hand with fingers spread and a right-pointing arrow above it; two hands with fingers spread; a thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs: a hand with a right-pointing arrow; two hands with fingers spread; a thick horizontal line; a circle with a horizontal line and two diamonds; two hands with fingers spread and two downward arrows; two parallel horizontal lines; a diamond; two hands with fingers spread and two rightward arrows; a hand with a right-pointing arrow; a hand with a right-pointing arrow above it; a diamond with a right-pointing arrow; two hands with fingers spread; two hands with fingers spread and two upward arrows; a hand with a right-pointing arrow; a diamond; two parallel horizontal lines; a circle with a horizontal line and two diamonds; two parallel horizontal lines.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs: a circle with a diamond and a right-pointing arrow; a diamond with a right-pointing arrow; a circle with a diamond and a right-pointing arrow; a circle with a diamond and a right-pointing arrow; a circle with a diamond and a right-pointing arrow; a thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>An empty vertical column for ASL signs.</p>
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own hometown and among his own family." 58 And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.

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