








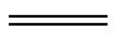













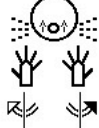







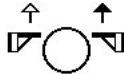










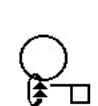








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Chapter 2. When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Verse 2. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them,

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Verse 3. four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. Verse 4. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. NLT

             	        	            	            
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Verse 5. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." Verse 6. But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, Verse 7. "What is he saying? This is blasphemy!" NLT

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or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? Verse 10. So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, Verse 11. "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" NLT

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Verse 12. And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!" Verse 13. Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him.

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Verse 14. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. Verse 15. Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home

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as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) Verse 16. But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples,

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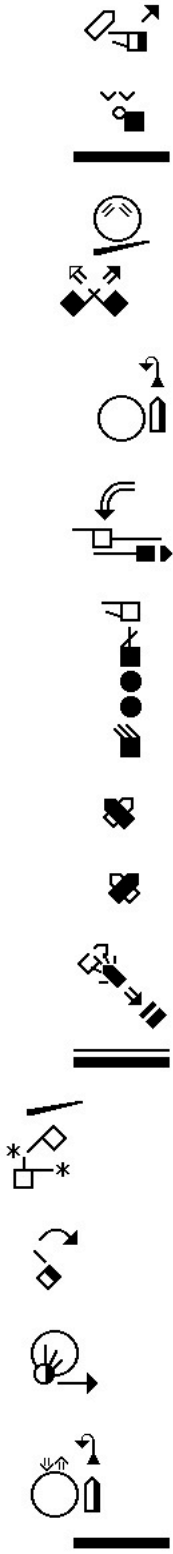

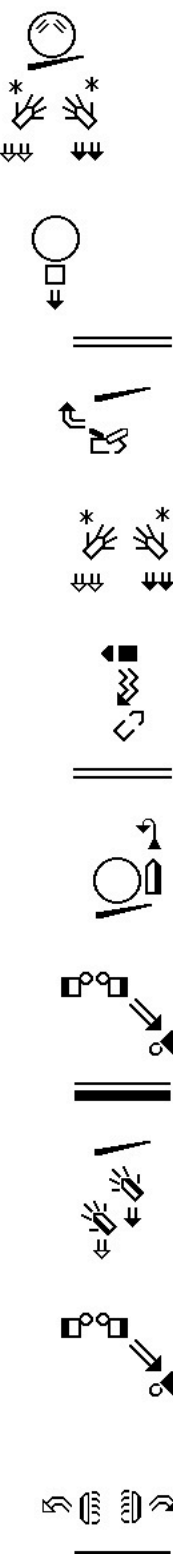
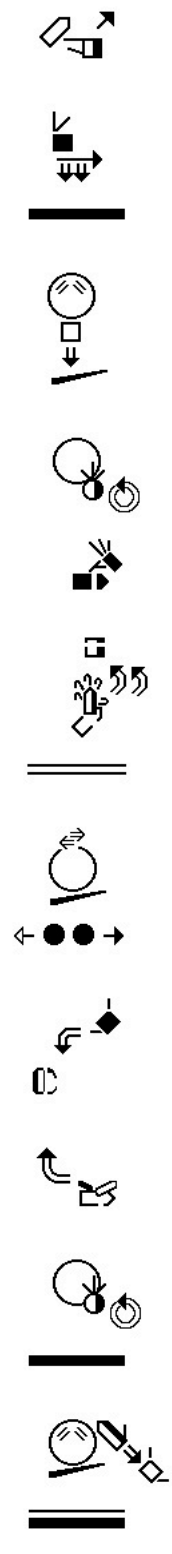
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"Why does he eat with such scum?" Verse 17. When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor -- sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

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Verse 18. Once when John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, some people came to Jesus and asked, "Why don't your disciples fast like John's disciples and the Pharisees do?" Verse 19. Jesus replied, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. They can't fast while the groom is with them. NLT























			
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Verse 20. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.  
 Verse 21. "Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before.  
 Verse 22. "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the

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Verse 24. But the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?" Verse 25. Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry?" NLT

                        
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