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Chapter 6. Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. Verse 2. The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked,

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"Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?" Verse 3. Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. NLT





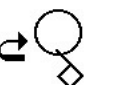

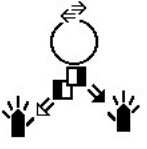



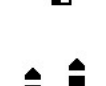

























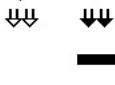











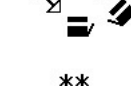
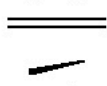

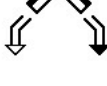
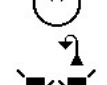

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Verse 4. Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." Verse 5. And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any mighty miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

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Verse 6. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people. Verse 7. And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. NLT

             	        	              	               
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Verse 8. He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick -- no food, no traveler's bag, no money. Verse 9. He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes. Verse 10. "Wherever you go," he said, "stay in the same house until you leave town.

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Verse 11. But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate." Verse 12. So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God.

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Verse 13. And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil. Verse 14. Herod Antipas, the king, soon heard about Jesus, because everyone was talking about him. Some were saying, "This must be John NLT

























































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the Baptist raised from the dead. That is why he can do such miracles." Verse 15. Others said, "He's the prophet Elijah." Still others said, "He's a prophet like the other great prophets of the past." Verse 16. When Herod heard about Jesus, he said, "John, NLT

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the man I beheaded, has come back from the dead." Verse 17. For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her.

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


































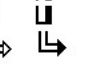







Verse 20. for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him. Verse 21. Herodias's chance finally came on Herod's birthday. He gave a party

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































































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for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee. Verse 22. Then his daughter, also named Herodias, came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests. "Ask me for anything you like," the king said to the girl, "and I will give it to you." NLT

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Verse 25. So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, "I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!" Verse 26. Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn't refuse her. NLT

                	                	                	                
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Verse 27. So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, Verse 28. brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother. Verse 29. When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb. NLT

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that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat. Verse 32. So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. Verse 33. But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them.

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Verse 34. Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Verse 35. Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. NLT

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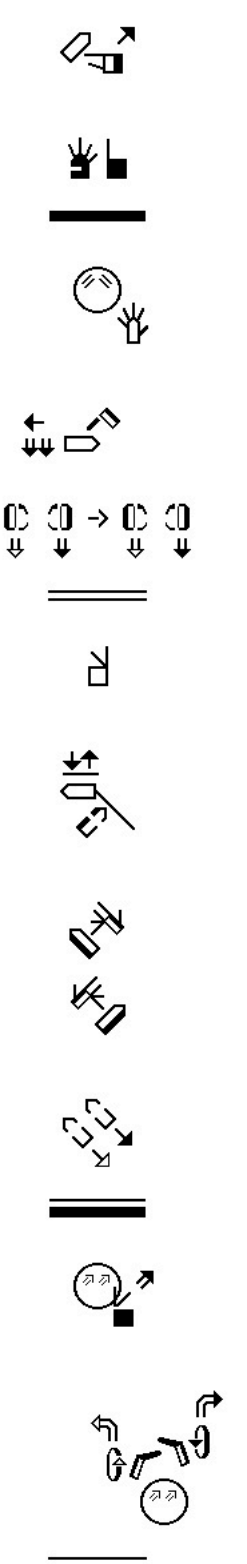
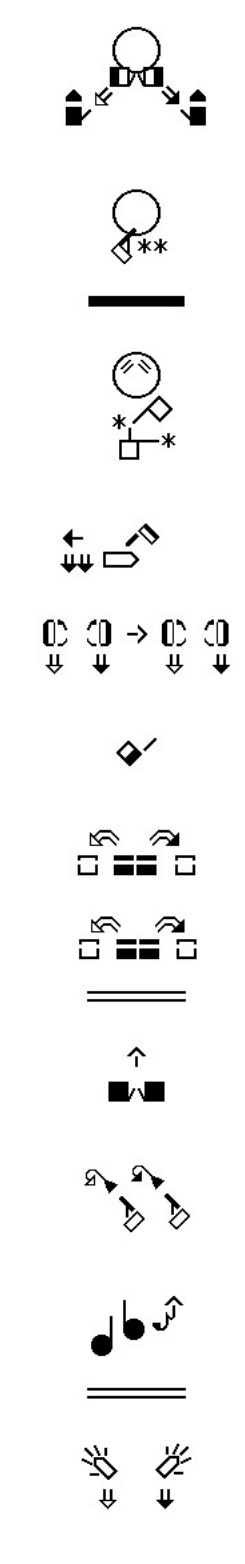
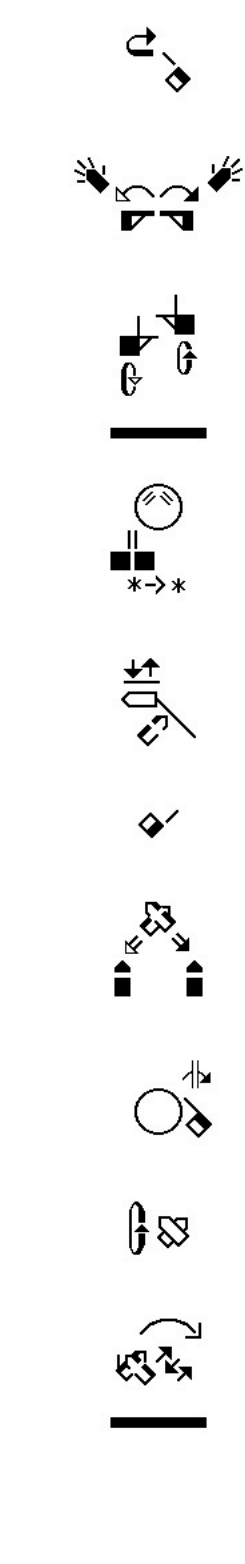
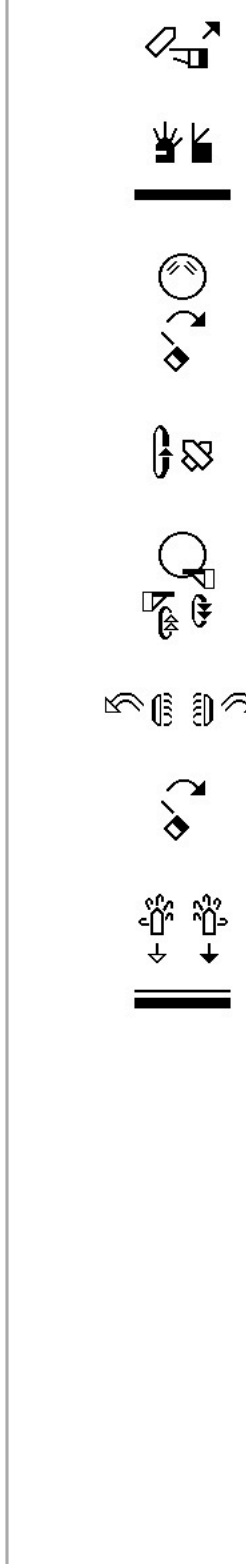
Verse 36. Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat." Verse 37. But Jesus said, "You feed them." "With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"

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Verse 38. "How much bread do you have?" he asked. "Go and find out." They came back and reported, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish." Verse 39. Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. Verse 40. So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.

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Verse 41. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.
 Verse 42. They all ate as much as they wanted, NLT

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Verse 43. and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. Verse 44. A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed from those loaves! Verse 45. Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home. NLT

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spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage! I am here!" Verse 51. Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, Verse 52. for they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.

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Verse 53. After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore Verse 54. and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, Verse 55. and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was.

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Verse 56. Wherever he went -- in villages, cities, or the countryside -- they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

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