



































































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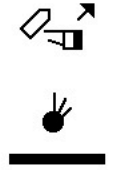
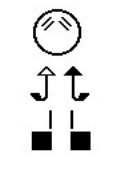

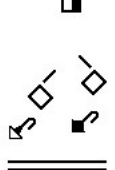
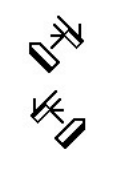
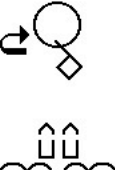


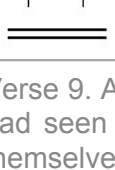

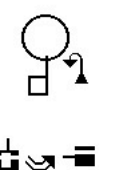
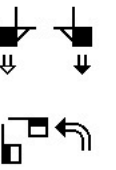
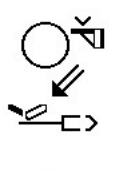
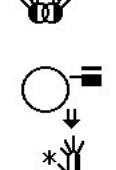
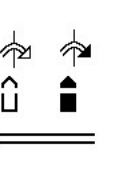



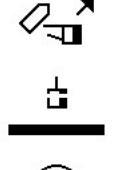
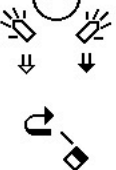


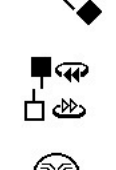
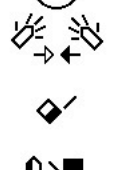
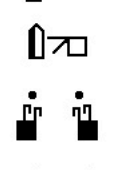
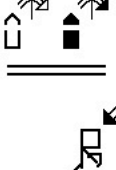
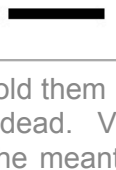
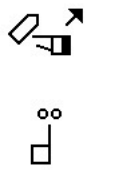
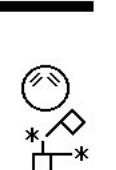

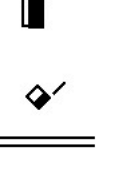


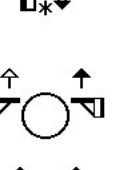
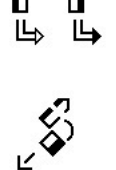
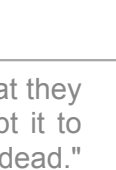
Chapter 9. Jesus went on to say, "I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God arrive in great power!" Verse 2. Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed,

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Verse 3. and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. Verse 4. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus. Verse 5. Peter exclaimed, "Rabbi, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials -- one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." NLT

               	               	                 	               
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Verse 6. He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. Verse 7. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." Verse 8. Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and only Jesus was with them. NLT

        	        	        	        
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Verse 9. As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Verse 10. So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead." Verse 11. Then they asked him, "Why do the teachers of religious law insist

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Verse 13. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they chose to abuse him, just as the Scriptures predicted." Verse 14. When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them.

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Verse 15. When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him. Verse 16. "What is all this arguing about?" Jesus asked. Verse 17. One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk.

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Verse 18. And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it." Verse 19. Jesus said to them, "You faithless people! How long must

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

















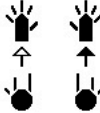

























I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." Verse 20. So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth. Verse 21. "How long

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has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy. Verse 22. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can." Verse 23. "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked.

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"I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!" Verse 26. Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, "He's dead." Verse 27. But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up. NLT

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Verse 28. Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, "Why couldn't we cast out that evil spirit?" Verse 29. Jesus replied, "This kind can be cast out only by prayer." Verse 30. Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. NLT

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Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, Verse 31. for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead."













































































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Verse 35. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." Verse 36. Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, Verse 37. "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf NLT

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welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me." Verse 38. John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn't in our group." NLT

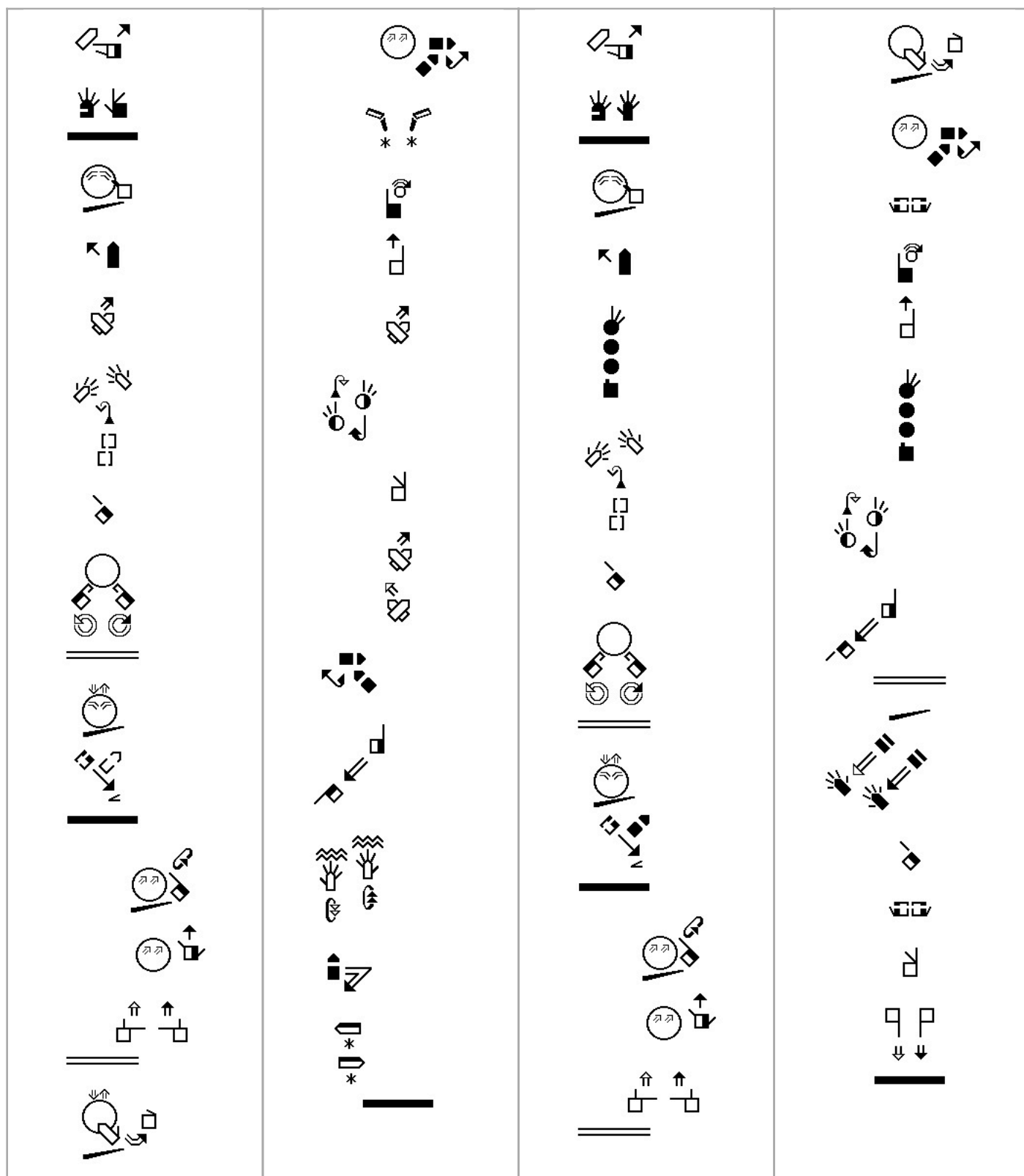
                  	                  	                  	                  
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Verse 39. "Don't stop him!" Jesus said. "No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Verse 40. Anyone who is not against us is for us. Verse 41. If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong

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to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded. Verse 42. "But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck. NLT



Verse 43. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands. (*Note: No verse 44 in NLT) Verse 45. If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It's better to enter eternal life with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. NLT

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