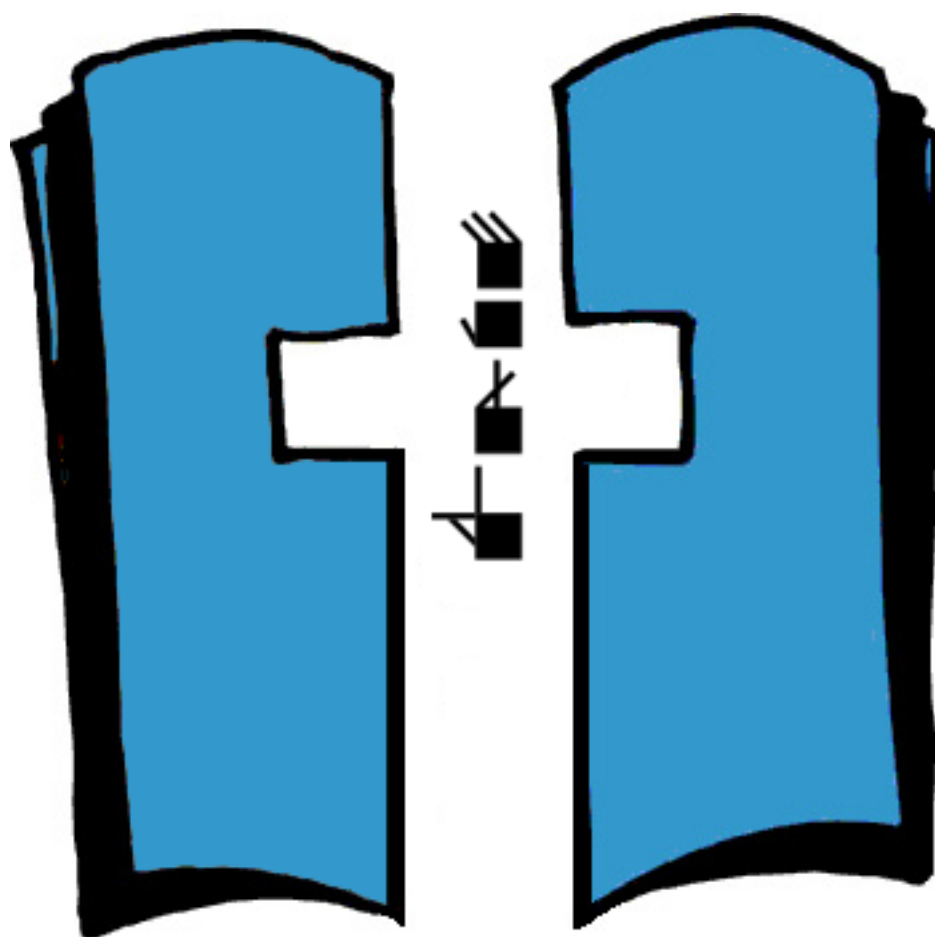


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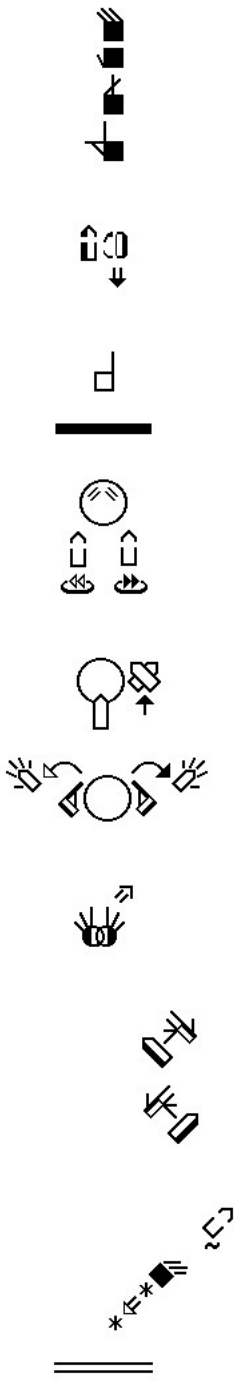
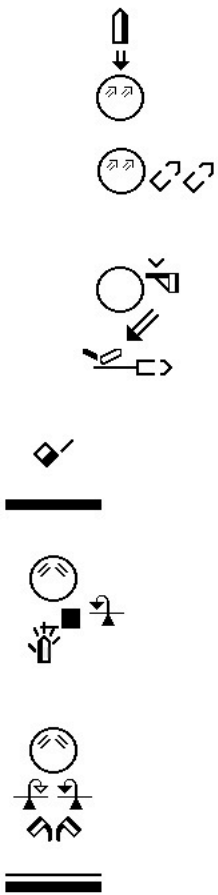
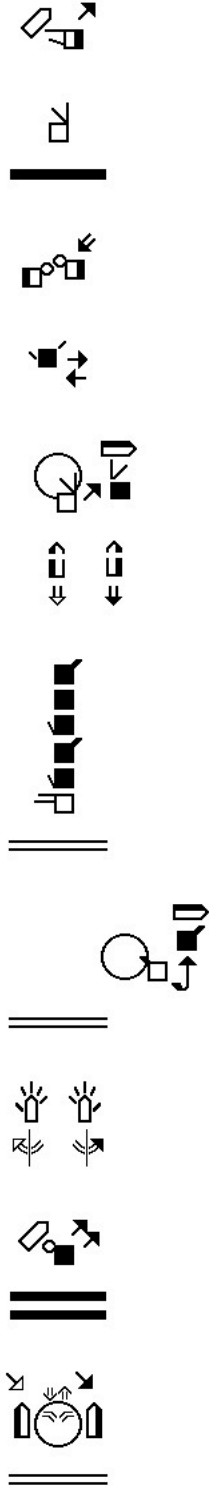
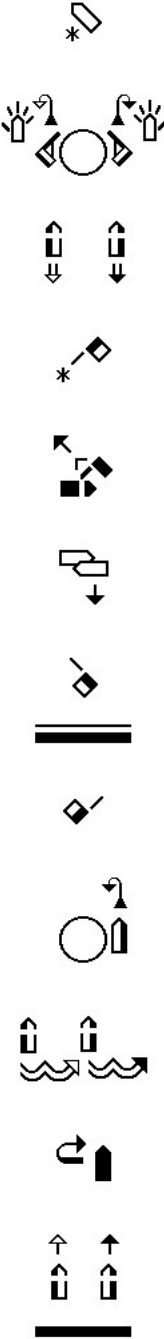
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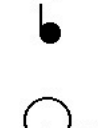










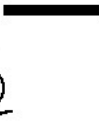
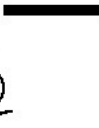



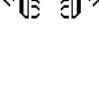

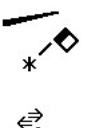

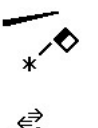

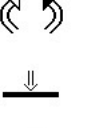
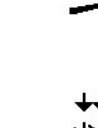

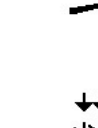








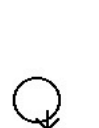






			
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Verse 5. All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Verse 6. His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather NLT

          	          	          	          
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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

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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

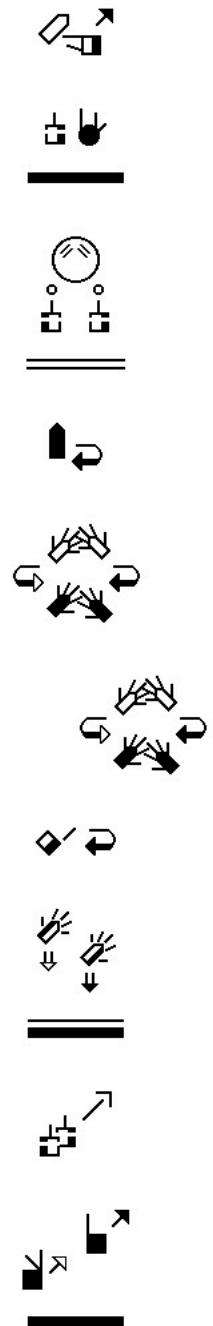
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Verse 15. "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" Verse 16. One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother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

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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.

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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.

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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!"

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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

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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 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,

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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

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










































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."

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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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























































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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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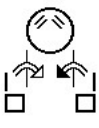




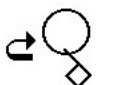




















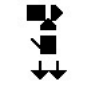




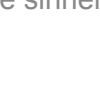


















Verse 14. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. Verse 15. Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home

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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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"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 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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Verse 26. He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was high priest) and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions." Verse 27. Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to

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Chapter 3. Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. Verse 2. Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. Verse 3. Jesus said to the man, "Come and stand in front of everyone."

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Verse 4. Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him. Verse 5. He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts.

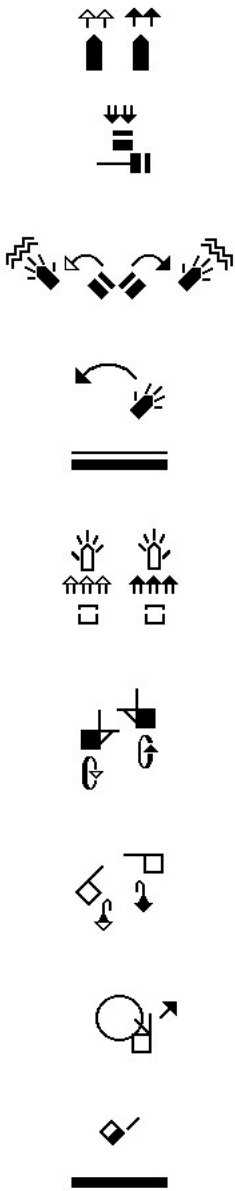



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Verse 7. Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea, Verse 8. Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The news about his NLT




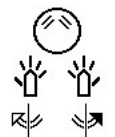
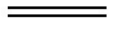

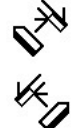
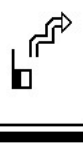

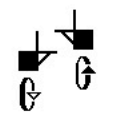


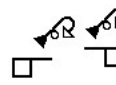


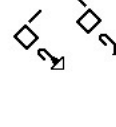









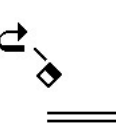



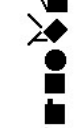






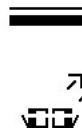



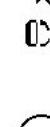





			
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people eagerly pushed forward to touch him. Verse 11. And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the ground in front of him shrieking, "You are the Son of God!" Verse 12. But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was.

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Verse 13. Afterward Jesus went up on a mountain and called out the ones he wanted to go with him. And they came to him. Verse 14. Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach,

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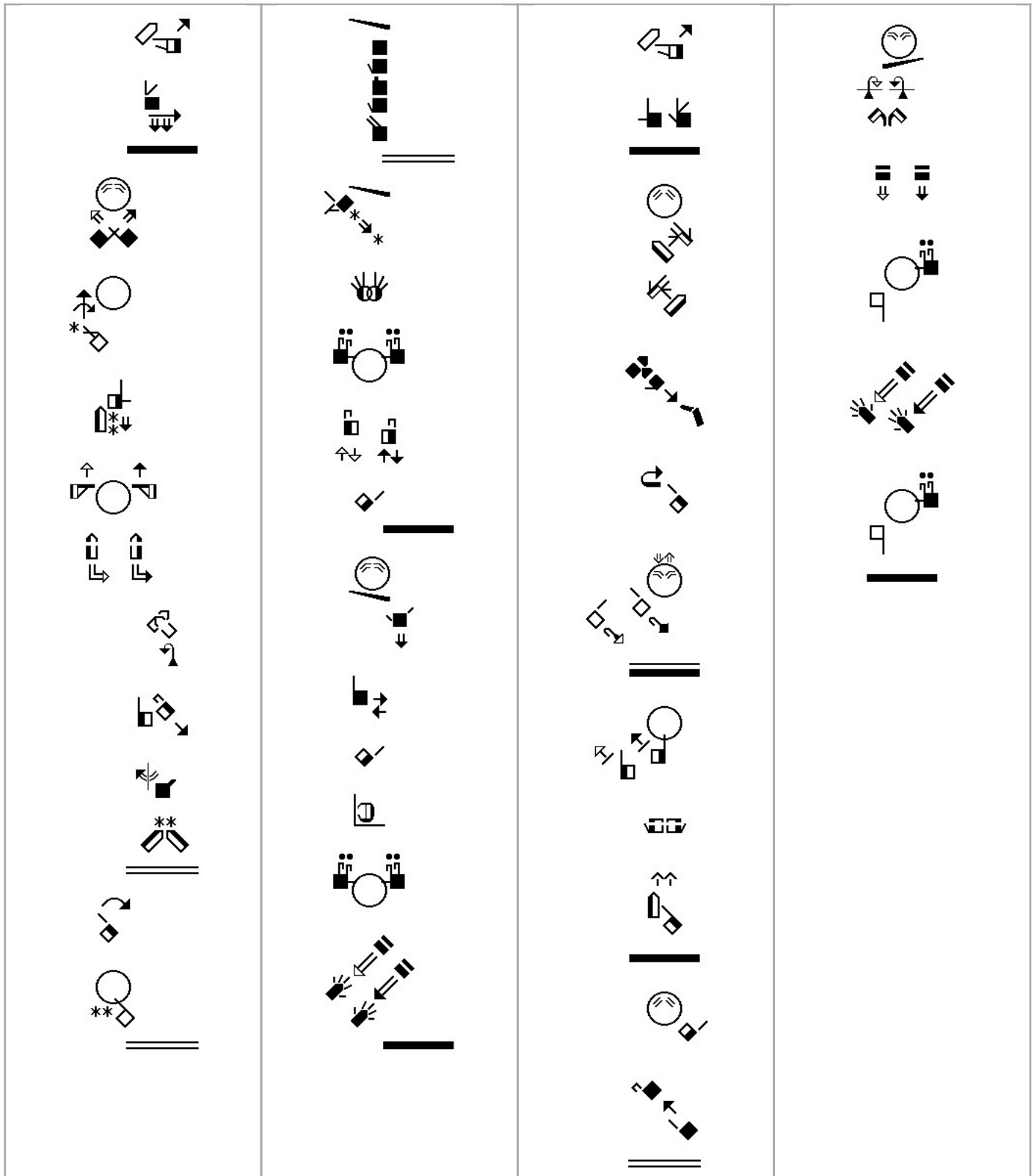
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Verse 15. giving them authority to cast out demons. Verse 16. Here are their names: Simon (whom he named Peter), Verse 17. James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder"),

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Verse 18. Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (the zealot), Verse 19. Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him). NLT

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Verse 22. But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons." Verse 23. Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked.

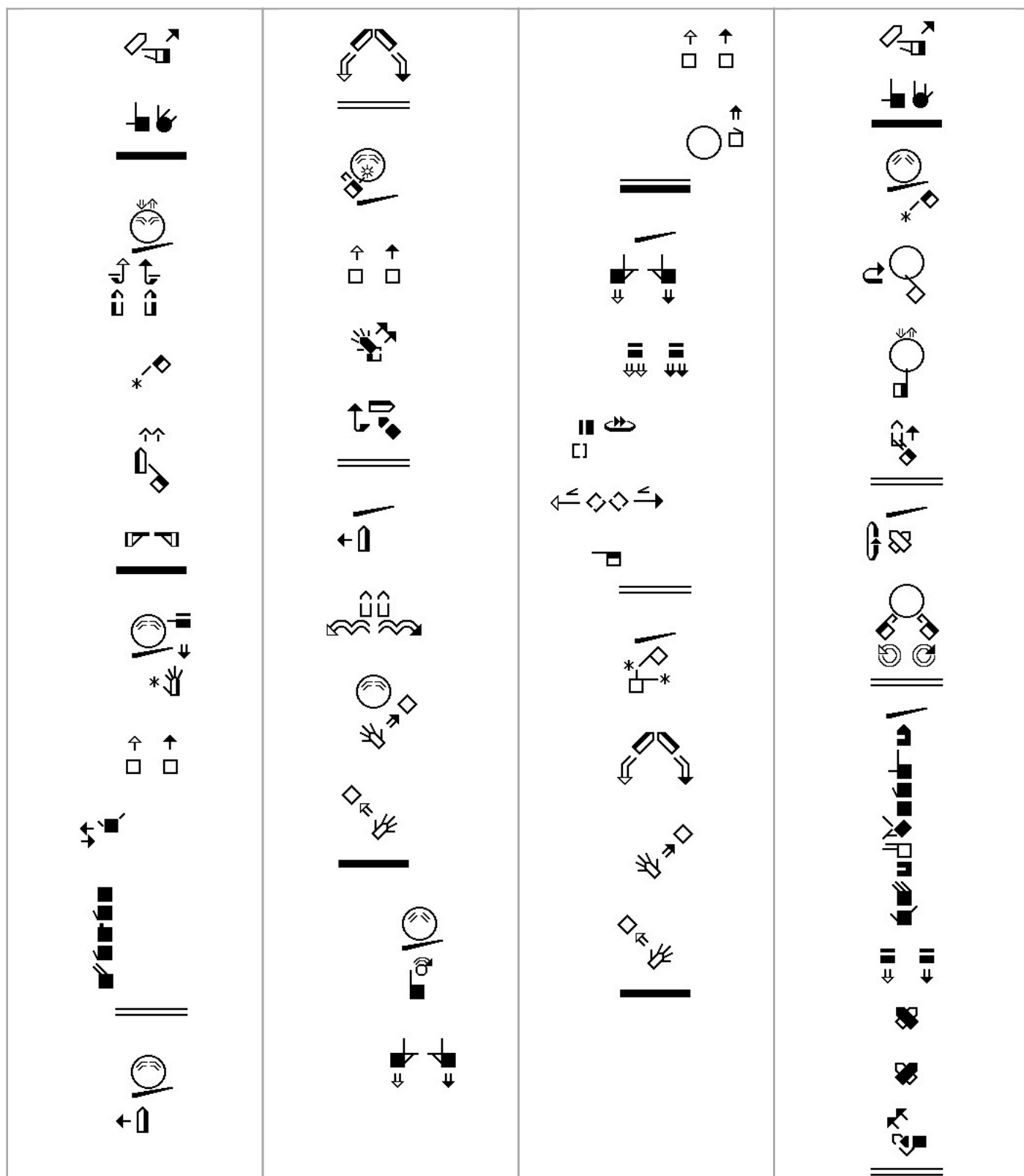
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Verse 24. "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. Verse 25. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. Verse 26. And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive.

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Verse 27. Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man like Satan and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger -- someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house. Verse 28. "I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven,

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Verse 29. but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences." Verse 30. He told them this because they were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit." Verse 31. Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood

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outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. Verse 32. There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." Verse 33. Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"

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Chapter 4. Once again Jesus began teaching by the lakeshore. A very large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat in the boat while all the people remained on the shore. Verse 2. He taught them by telling many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

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


































Verse 3. "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. Verse 4. As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. Verse 5. Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock.

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55 The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. Verse 6. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. Verse 7. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up NLT

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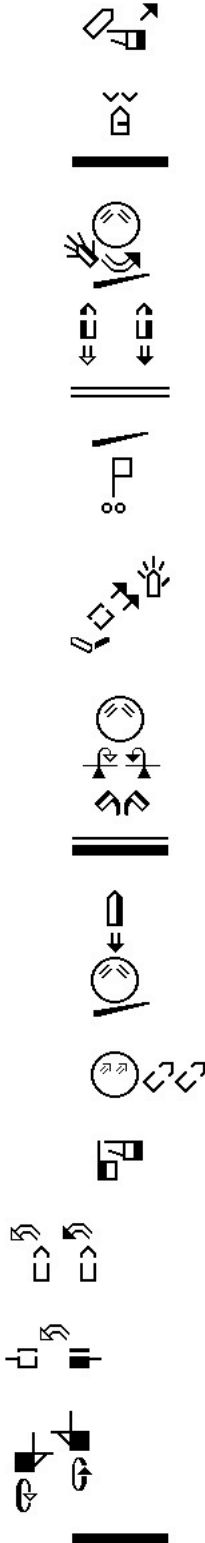
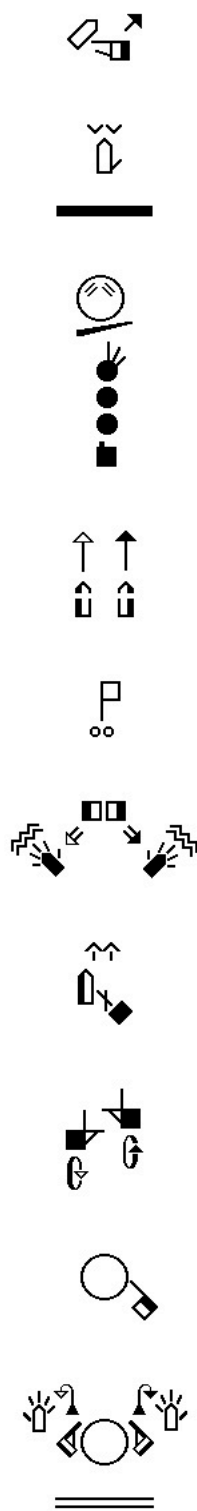
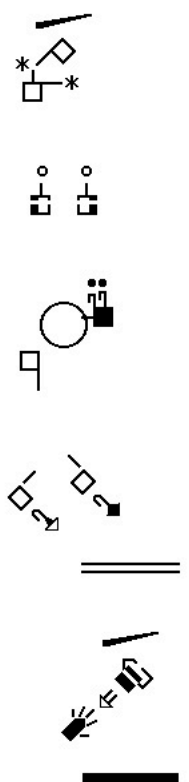
        	        	        	        
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Verse 10. Later, when Jesus was alone with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant. Verse 11. He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secret of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables for everything I say to outsiders,"

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Verse 12. so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: "When they see what I do, they will learn nothing. When they hear what I say, they will not understand. Otherwise, they will turn to me and be forgiven." Verse 13. Then Jesus said to them, "If you

			
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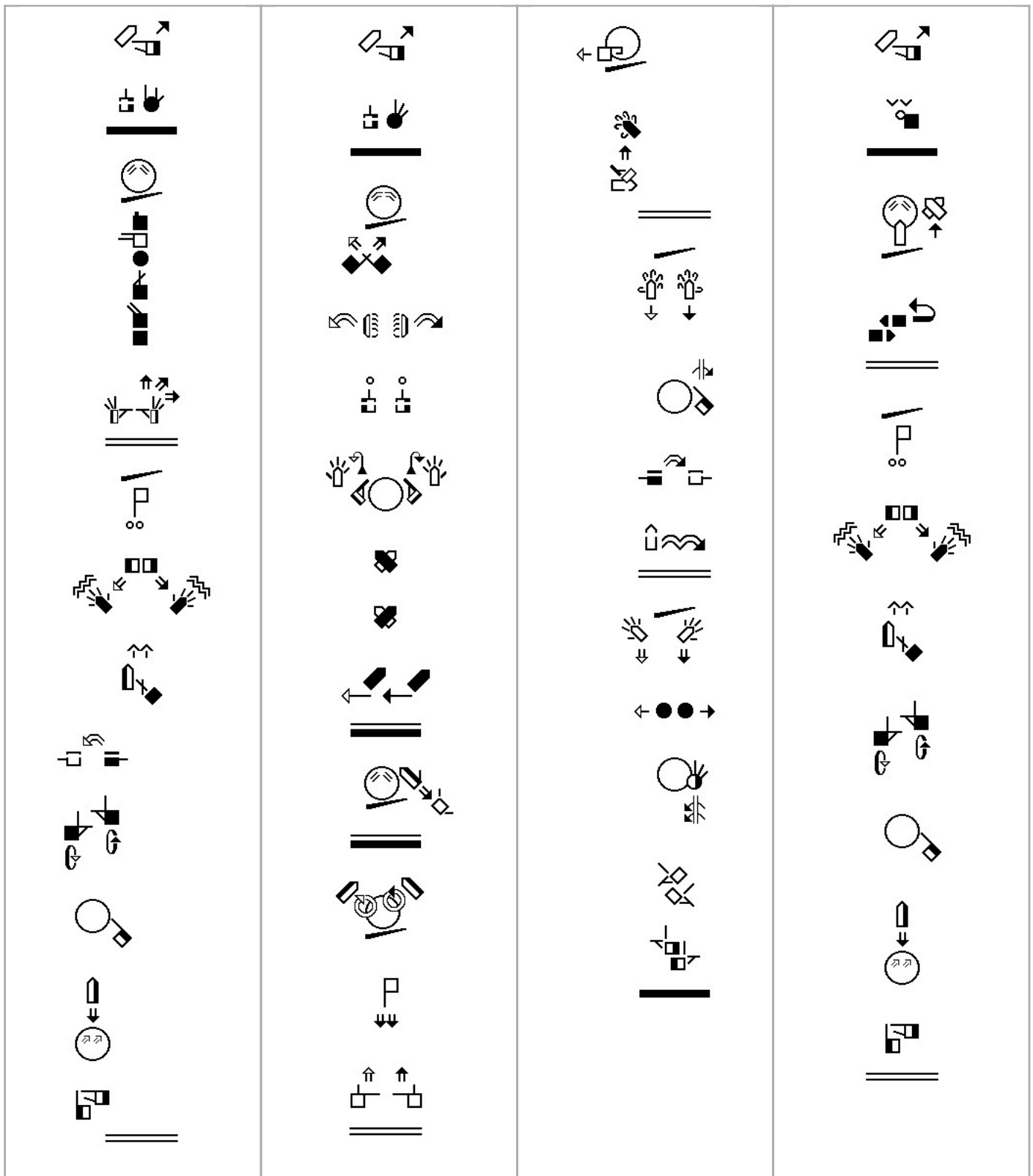
can't understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables? Verse 14. The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. Verse 15. The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away.

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Verse 16. The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. Verse 17. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.

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













































Verse 18. The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, Verse 19. but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. Verse 20. And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear


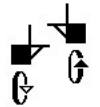
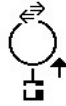
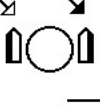



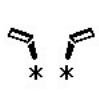






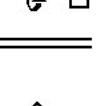


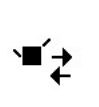

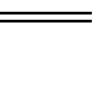
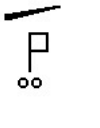


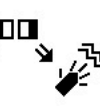








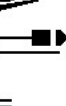




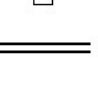


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and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" Verse 21. Then Jesus asked them, "Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine. Verse 22. For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light.

           	           	           	           
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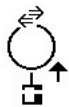















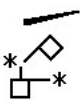































Verse 23. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." Verse 24. Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given -- and you will receive even more. Verse 25. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. NLT

         	         	         	         
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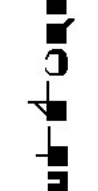

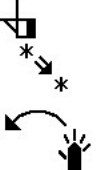
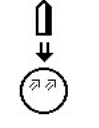





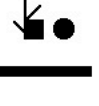



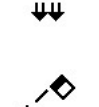






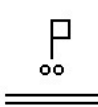

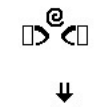
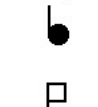
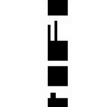



But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them." Verse 26. Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Verse 27. Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed

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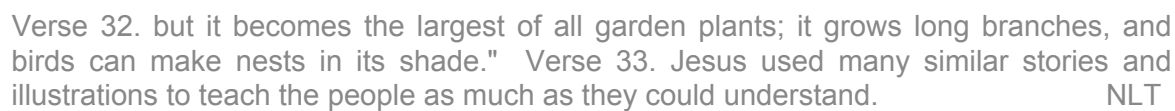


        	           	               	               
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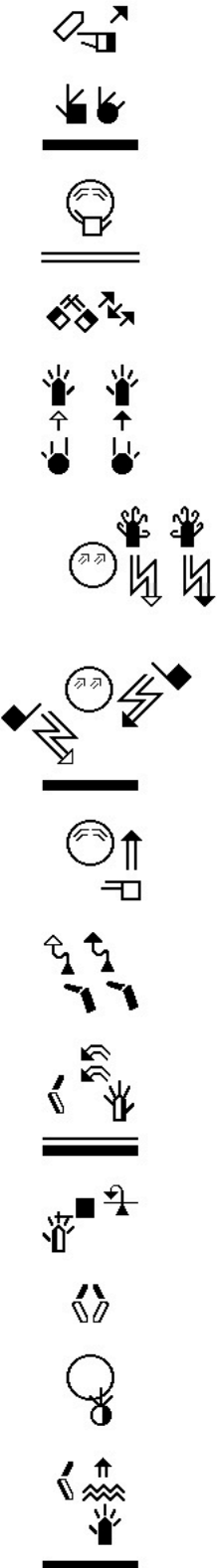

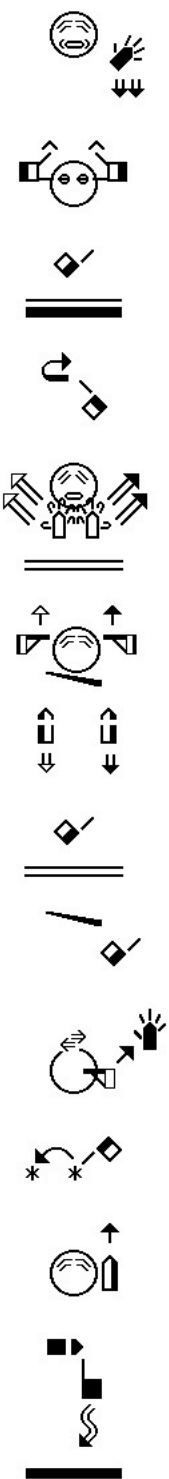
sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. Verse 28. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. Verse 29. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it

      	        	      	         
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with a sickle, for the harvest time has come." Verse 30. Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? Verse 31. It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds,

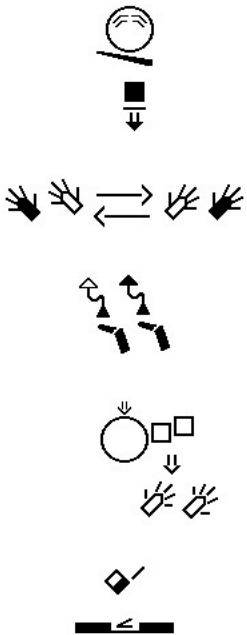


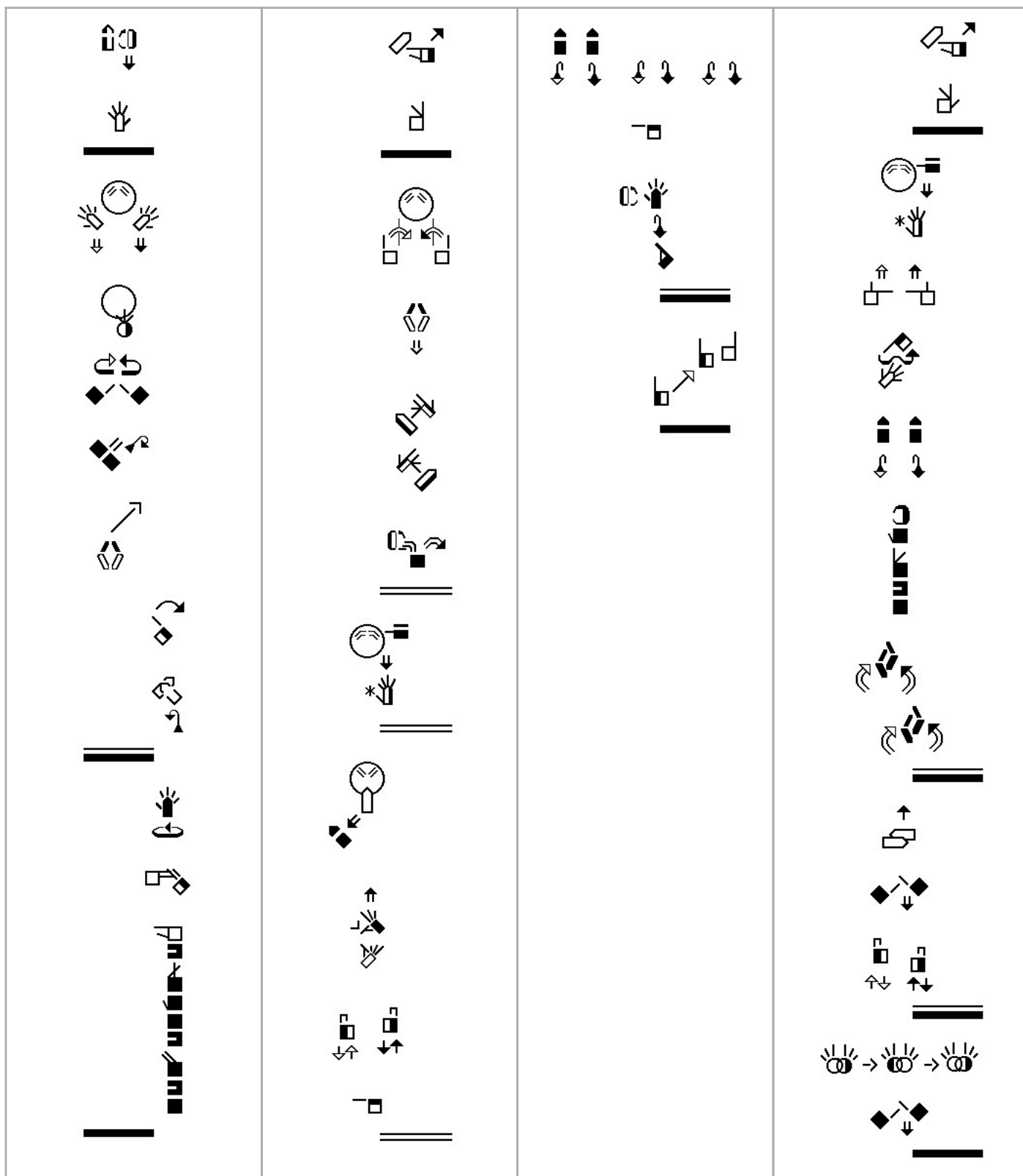
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leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). Verse 37. But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Verse 38. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" NLT




















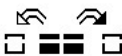




















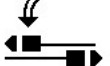
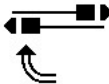
















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Chapter 5. So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. Verse 2. When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from a cemetery to meet him. Verse 3. This man lived among the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. NLT















































































                  	                	               	     
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Verse 4. Whenever he was put into chains and shackles -- as he often was -- he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Verse 5. Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones. NLT

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Verse 6. When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. Verse 7. With a shriek, he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't torture me!"

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






















































Verse 8. For Jesus had already said to the spirit, "Come out of the man, you evil spirit."  
 Verse 9. Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?" And he replied, "My name is  
 Legion, because there are many of us inside this man." Verse 10. Then the evil spirits  
 begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

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Verse 11. There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. Verse 12. "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them." Verse 13. So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. NLT


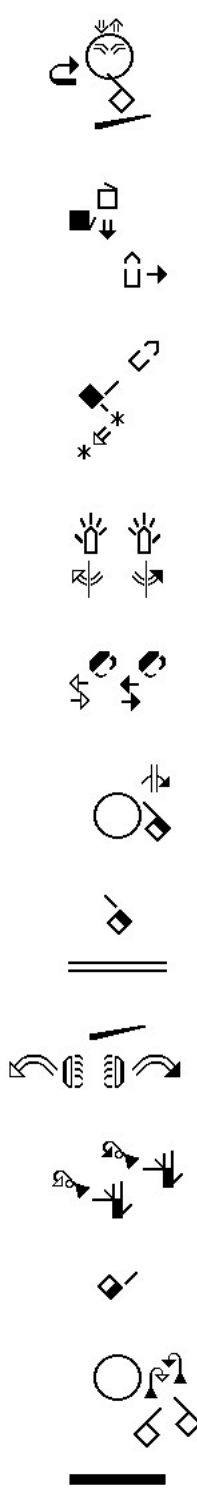
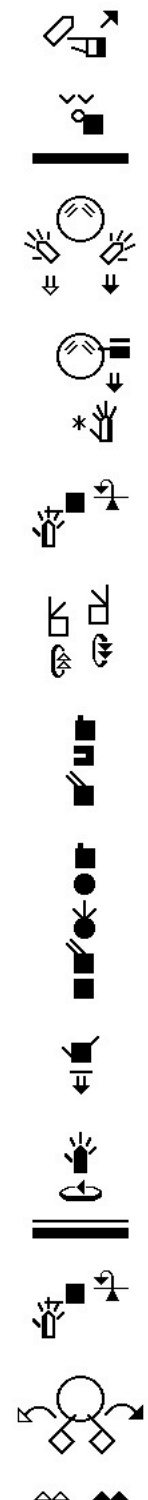

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Verse 14. The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. Verse 15. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. NLT

             	              	              	              
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Verse 16. Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. Verse 17. And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. Verse 18. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him.

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

























































Verse 19. But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." Verse 20. So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

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

















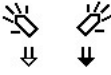

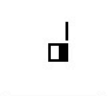





























Verse 21. Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. Verse 22. Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, Verse 23. pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. NLT



              	              	              	              
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








































































"Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live." Verse 24. Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. Verse 25. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. Verse 26. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years

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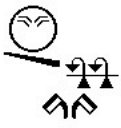































           	           	         	                 
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she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Verse 27. She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. Verse 28. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."

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










































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Verse 29. Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. Verse 30. Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" Verse 31. His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. NLT

       	       	       	       
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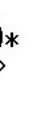










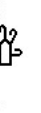


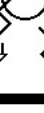














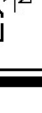
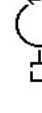

How can you ask, "Who touched me?" Verse 32. But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. Verse 33. Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and told him what she had done. NLT

Verse 34. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." Verse 35. While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." NLT

              	              	              	              
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Verse 36. But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."  
 Verse 37. Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except  
 Peter, James, and John (the brother of James).

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Verse 38. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. Verse 39. He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep." NLT

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Verse 40. The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. Verse 41. Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!" NLT



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Verse 42. And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. Verse 43. Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

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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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


































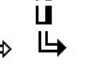







Verse 20. for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him. Verse 21. Herodias's chance finally came on Herod's birthday. He gave a party

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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

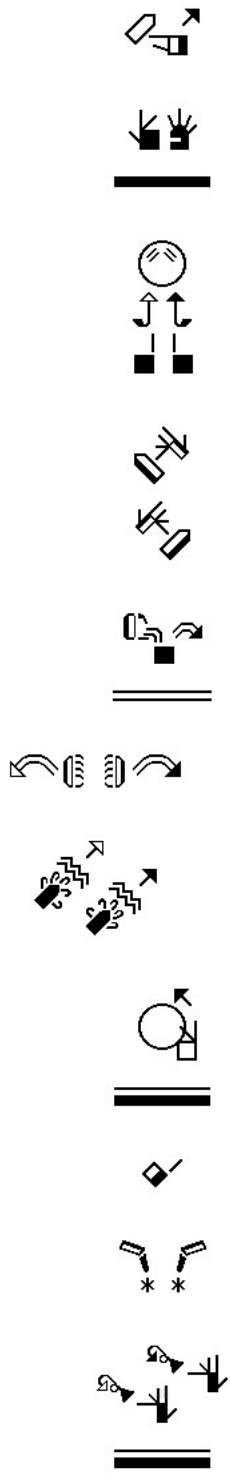
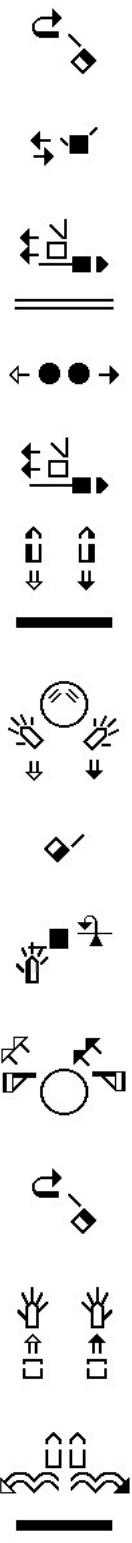
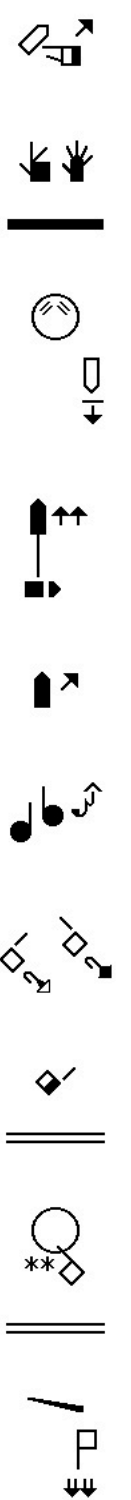
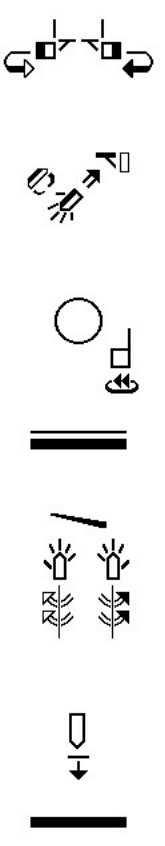


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that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat. Verse 32. So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. Verse 33. But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore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

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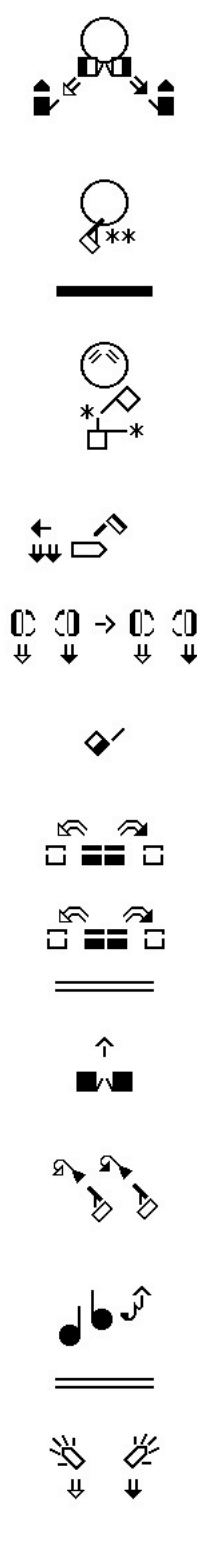
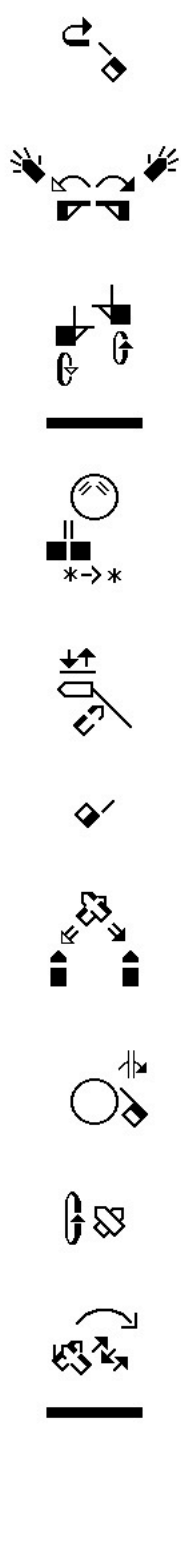
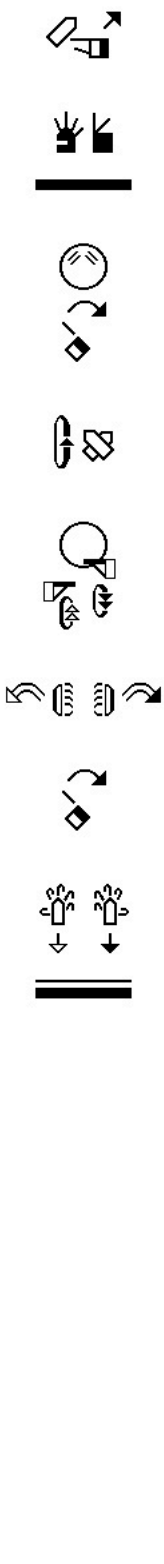
Verse 36. Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat." Verse 37. But Jesus said, "You feed them." "With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"

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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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Chapter 7. One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. Verse 2. They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. Verse 3. (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until

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they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. Verse 4. Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to -- such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.)

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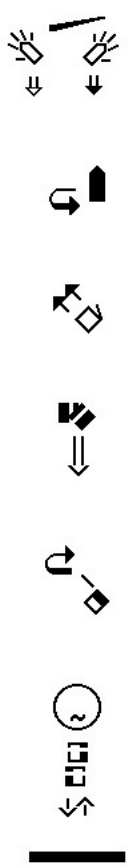
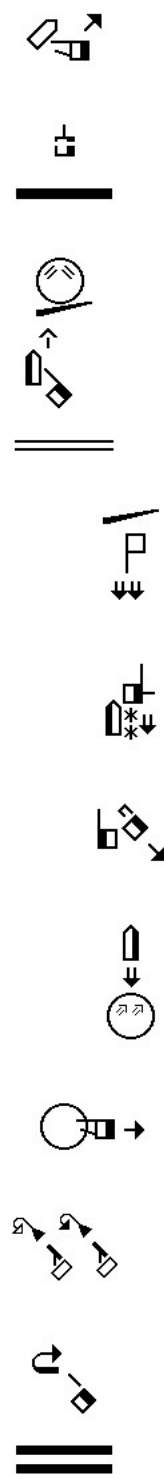
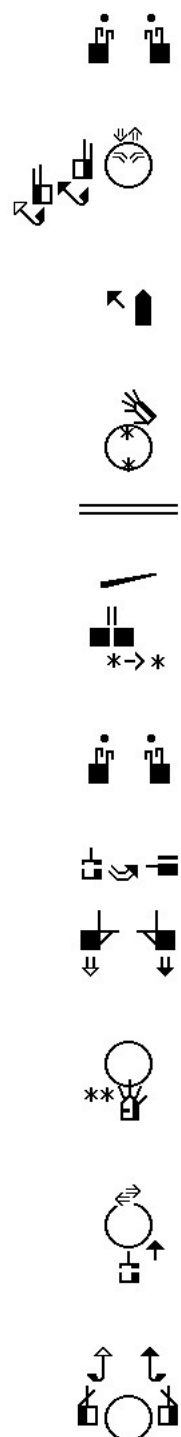
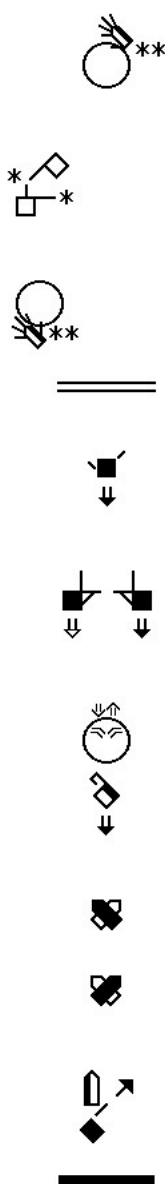
Verse 5. So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, "Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony." Verse 6. Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people

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honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Verse 7. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.' Verse 8. For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition." Verse 9. Then he said, "You skillfully sidestep God's law

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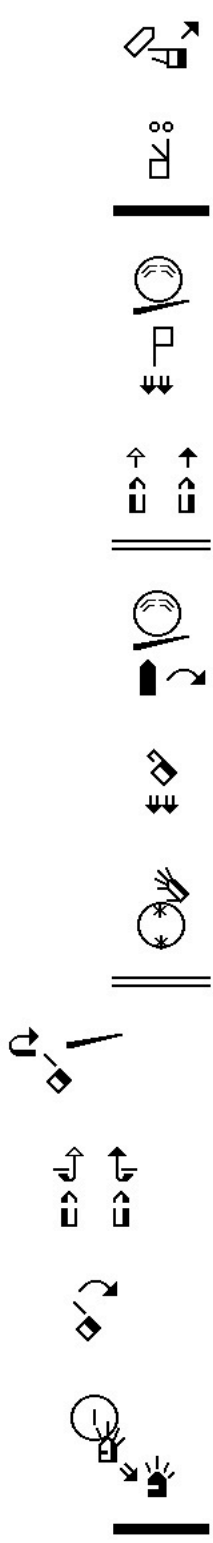
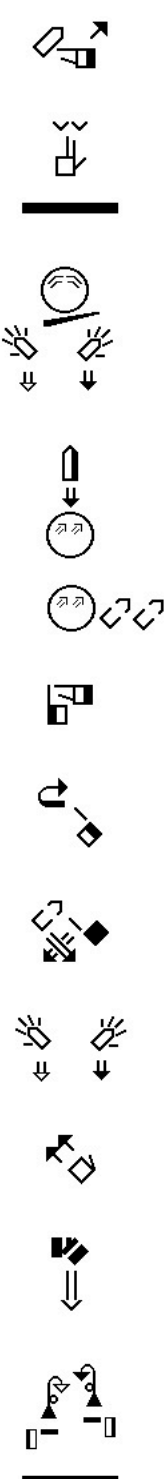
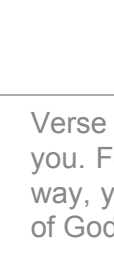
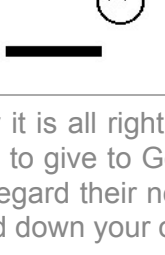
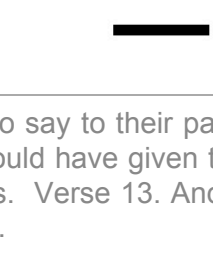
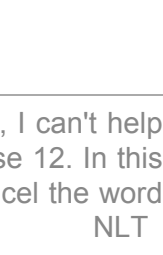


			
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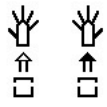





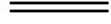



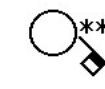





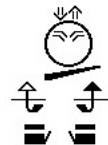
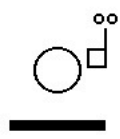

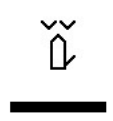
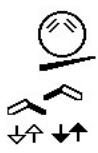

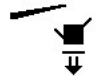

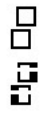



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in order to hold on to your own tradition. Verse 10. For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.'







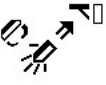

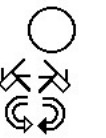














































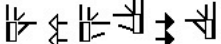



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Verse 11. But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' Verse 12. In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. Verse 13. And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition.

        	          	    	         
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And this is only one example among many others." Verse 14. Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand. Verse 15. It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; NLT

         	                        	         	             
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you are defiled by what comes from your heart." Verse 17. Then Jesus went into a house to get away from the crowd, and his disciples asked him what he meant by the parable he had just used. (Note: No Verse 16 in NLT)

Verse 18. "Don't you understand either?" he asked. "Can't you see that the food you put into your body cannot defile you? Verse 19. Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer." (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.) NLT

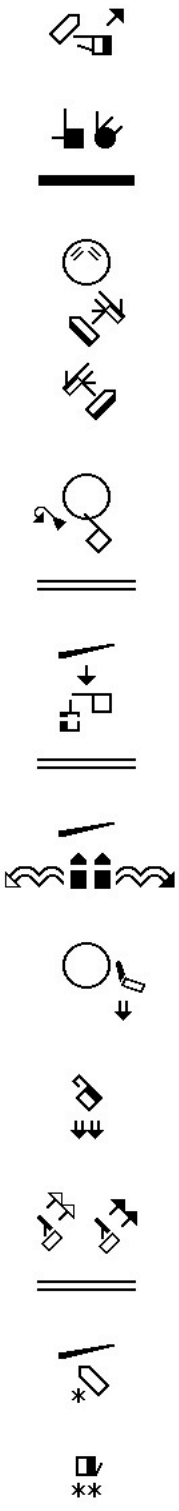
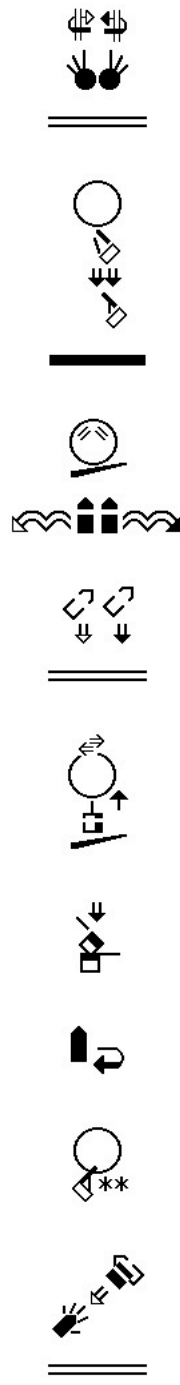
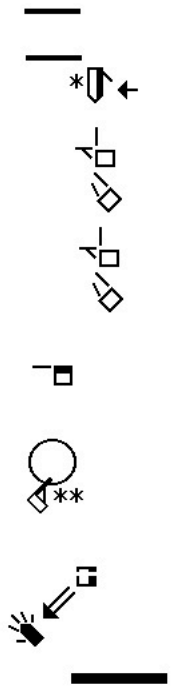
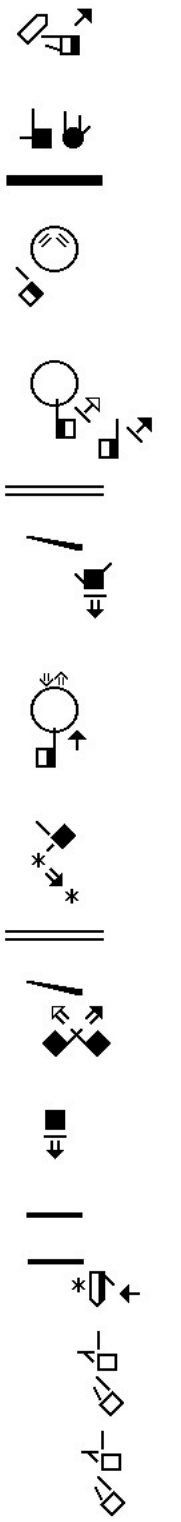
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envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. Verse 23. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you." Verse 24. Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret. NLT

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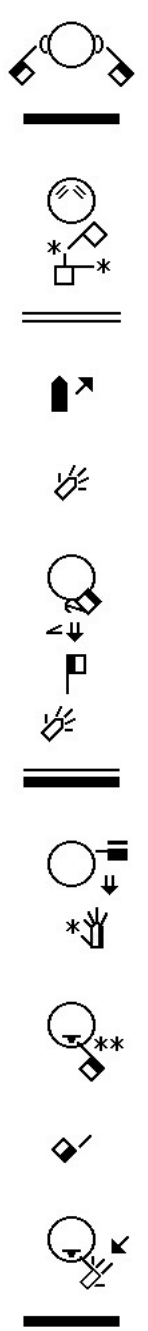
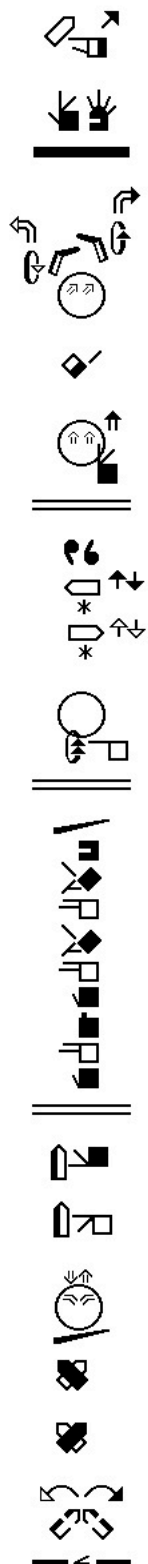
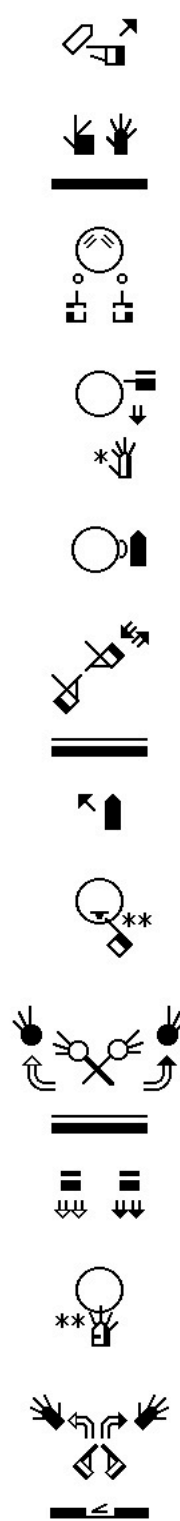
			
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under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates." Verse 29. "Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." Verse 30. And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

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Verse 31. Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns. Verse 32. A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him. NLT

			
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Verse 33. Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. Verse 34. Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Verse 35. Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!

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Verse 36. Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news. Verse 37. They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."

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Chapter 8. About this time another large crowd had gathered, and the people ran out of food again. Jesus called his disciples and told them, Verse 2. "I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat. NLT

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Verse 3. If I send them home hungry, they will faint along the way. For some of them have come a long distance." Verse 4. His disciples replied, "How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?" NLT


Verse 5. Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?" "Seven loaves," they replied. Verse 6. So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd. Verse 7. A few small fish were found, too, so Jesus also blessed these and told the disciples to distribute them.

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Verse 8. They ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. Verse 9. There were about 4,000 people in the crowd that day, and Jesus sent them home after they had eaten. Verse 10. Immediately after this, he got into a boat with his disciples and crossed over to the region of Dalmanutha. NLT

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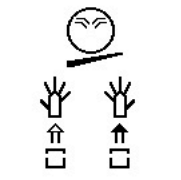
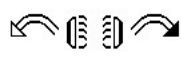
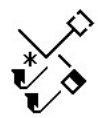
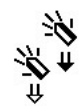




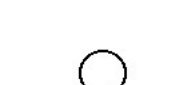









































Verse 11. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had arrived, they came and started to argue with him. Testing him, they demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority. Verse 12. When he heard this, he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why do these people keep demanding a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, I will not give this generation any such sign."

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Verse 13. So he got back into the boat and left them, and he crossed to the other side of the lake. Verse 14. But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat. Verse 15. As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, "Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod." NLT


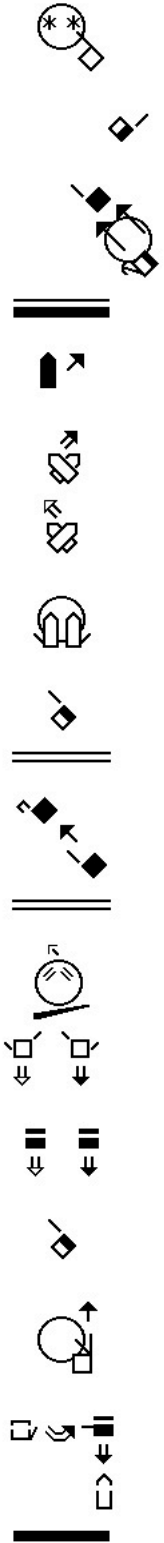
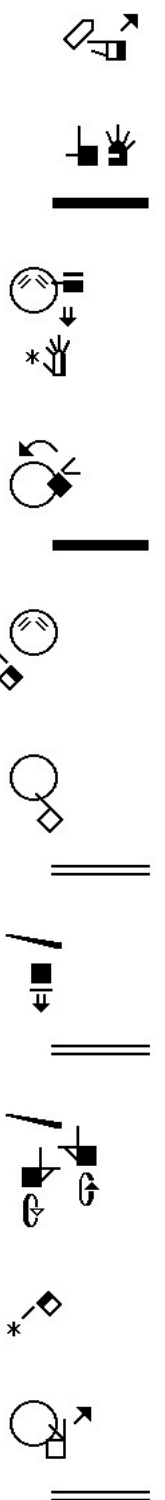

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how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?" "Seven," they said. Verse 21. "Don't you understand yet?" he asked them. Verse 22. When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him.

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







































Verse 23. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" Verse 24. The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around."

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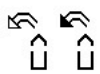

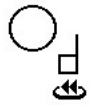





































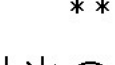






























          	          	          	          
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some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets." Verse 29. Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah." Verse 30. But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

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Verse 31. Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. Verse 32. As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter

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took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. Verse 33. Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." Verse 34. Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any NLT

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and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. Verse 36. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Verse 37. Is anything worth more than your soul?

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Verse 38. If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." NLT



































































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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



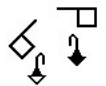












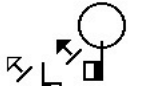
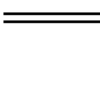











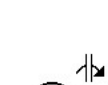

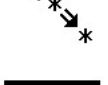






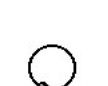
















               	               	                 	               
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Verse 6. He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. Verse 7. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." Verse 8. Suddenly, when they 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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that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?" Verse 12. Jesus responded, "Elijah is indeed coming first to get everything ready for the Messiah. Yet why do the Scriptures say that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be treated with utter contempt? NLT

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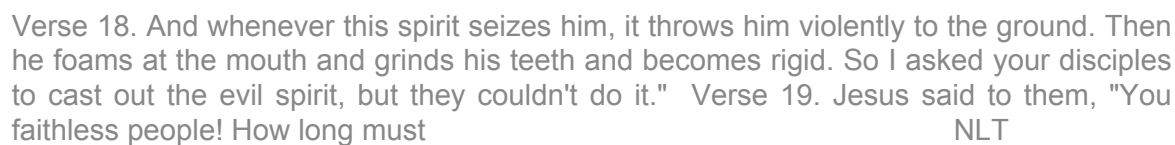
Verse 13. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they chose to abuse him, just as the Scriptures predicted." Verse 14. When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them.

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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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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







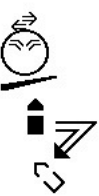









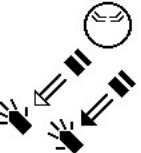

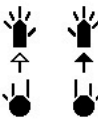

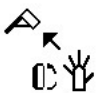


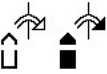



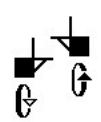


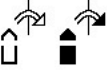











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has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy. Verse 22. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can." Verse 23. "What do you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





































































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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



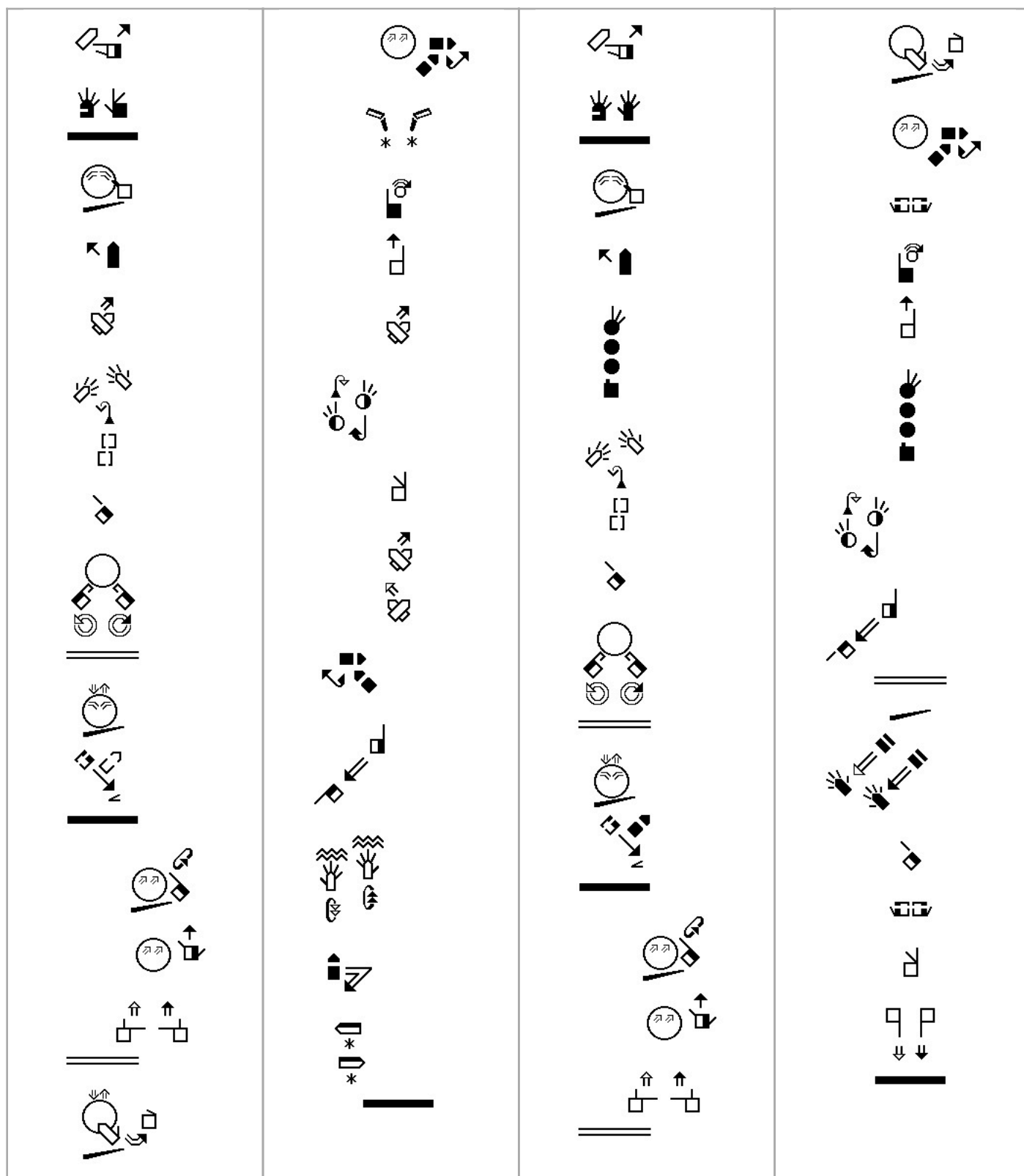
                  	                  	                  	                  
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Verse 39. "Don't stop him!" Jesus said. "No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Verse 40. Anyone who is not against us is for us. Verse 41. If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong

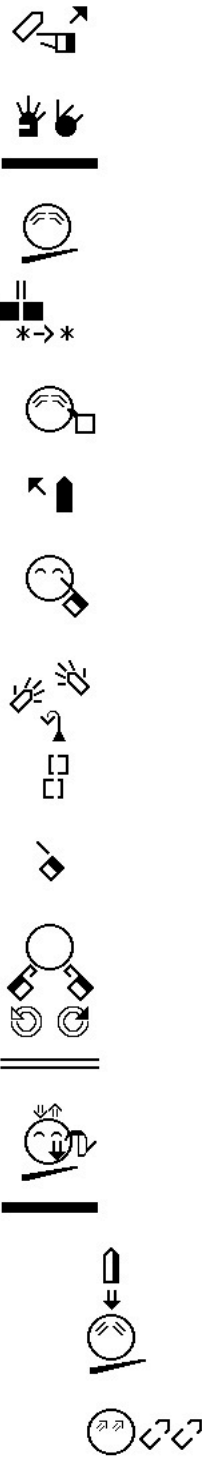
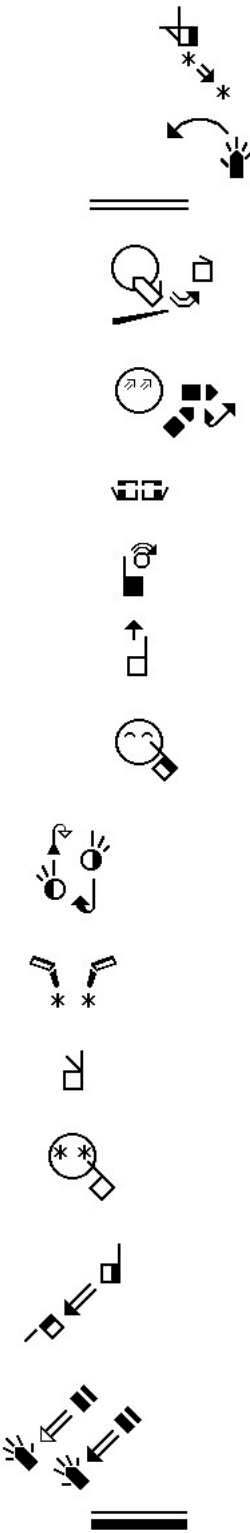
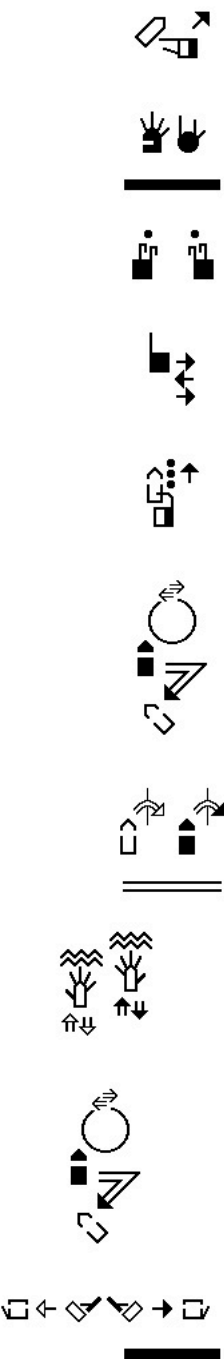

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to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded. Verse 42. "But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around 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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(\*Note: No verse 46 in NLT) Verse 47. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, Verse 48. 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.' Verse 49. "For everyone will be tested with fire. NLT

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Verse 3. Jesus answered them with a question: "What did Moses say in the law about divorce?" Verse 4. "Well, he permitted it," they replied. "He said a man can give his wife a written notice of divorce and send her away." Verse 5. But Jesus responded, "He wrote this commandment only as a concession to your hard hearts.

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Verse 6. But 'God made them male and female' from the beginning of creation. Verse 7. 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, Verse 8. and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, Verse 9. let no one split apart what God has joined together."














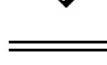



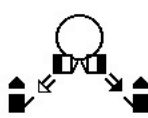















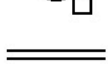













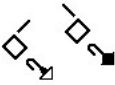








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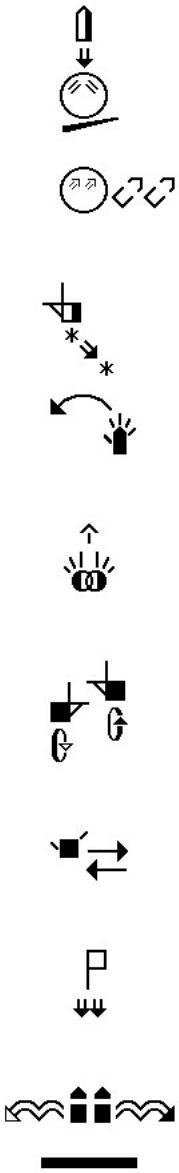
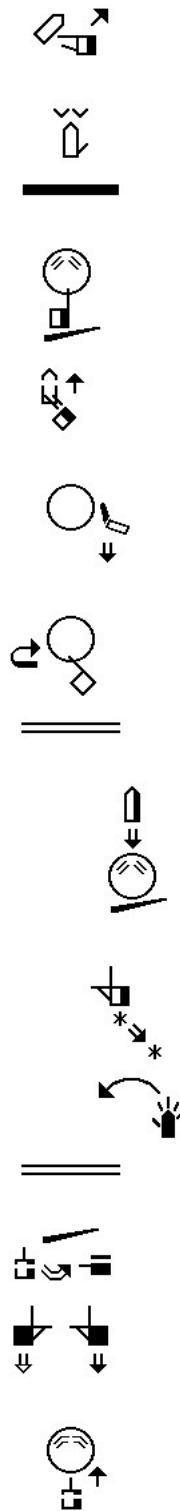
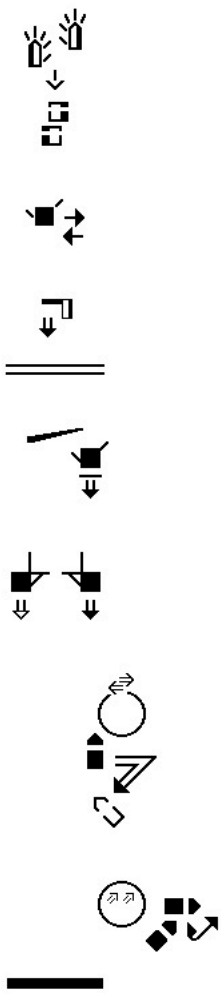
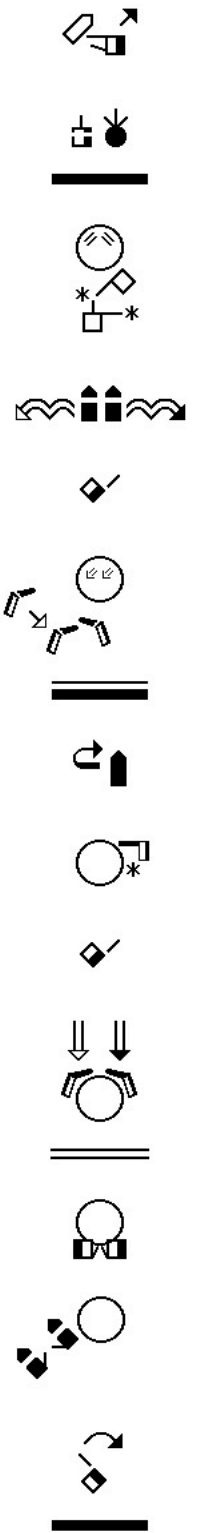
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Verse 10. Later, when he was alone with his disciples in the house, they brought up the subject again. Verse 11. He told them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery against her. Verse 12. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries someone else, she commits adultery."

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Verse 13. One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. Verse 14. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!" NLT

			
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For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. Verse 15. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Verse 16. Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

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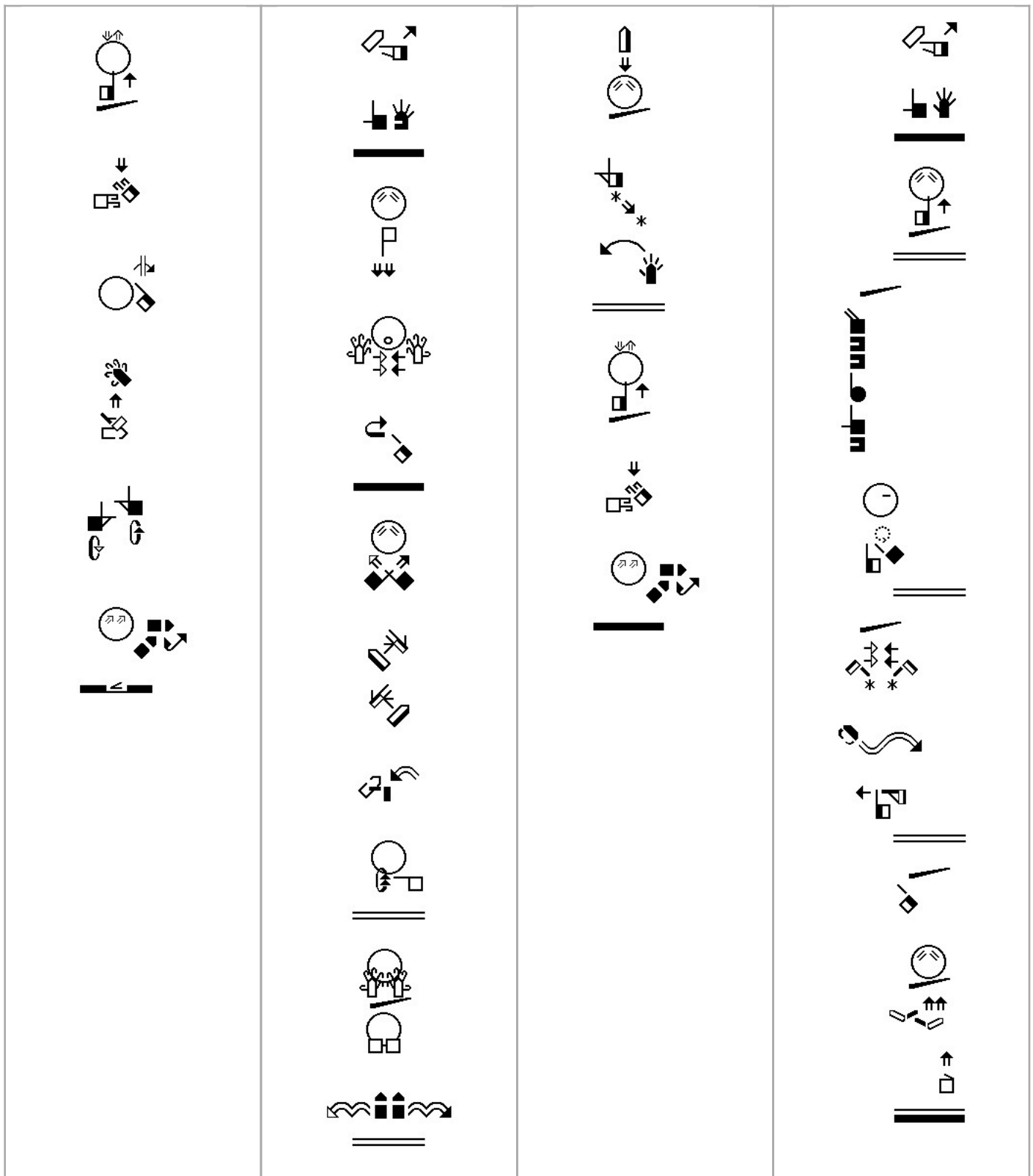
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murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother." Verse 20. "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." Verse 21. Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing NLT


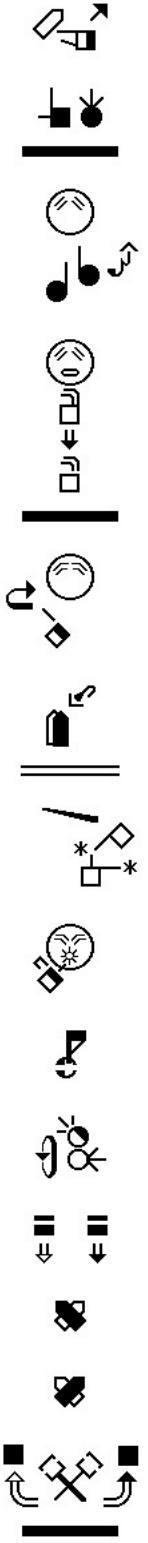
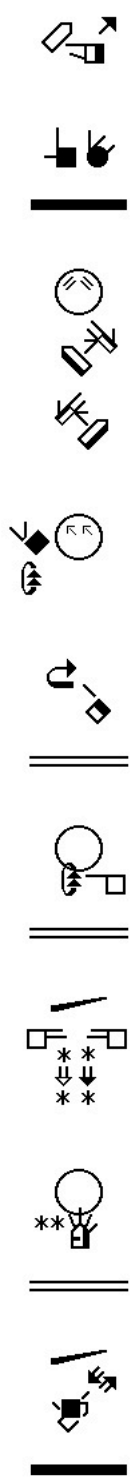
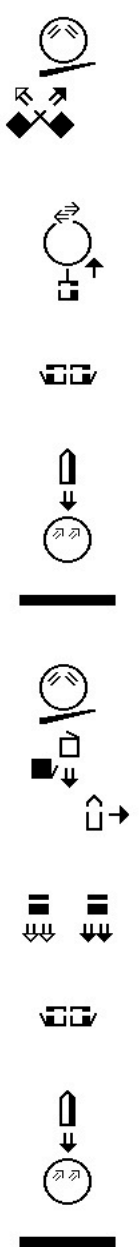
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you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Verse 22. At this the man's face fell, and he went away very sad, for he had many possessions. Verse 23. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

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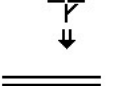

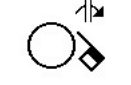

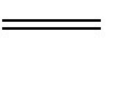








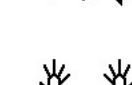

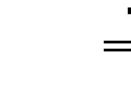
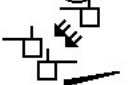



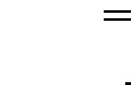







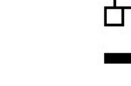



"How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" Verse 24. This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. Verse 25. In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle NLT

			
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than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" Verse 26. The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. Verse 27. Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God." NLT



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or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, Verse 30. will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property -- along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.

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Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. Verse 33. "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. NLT

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Verse 34. They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again." Verse 35. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor." NLT

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Verse 36. "What is your request?" he asked. Verse 37. They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left." Verse 38. But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking!"

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











































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Verse 40. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen." Verse 41. When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. Verse 42. So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that

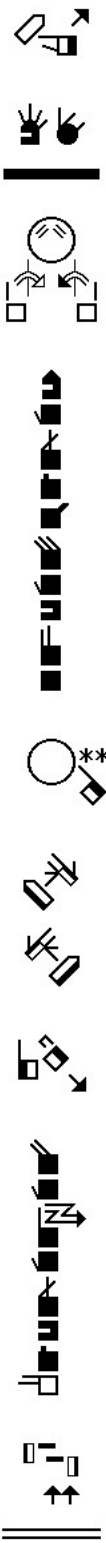
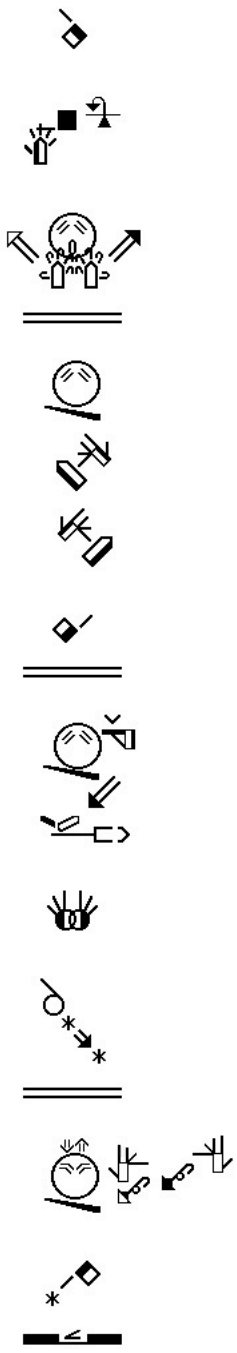

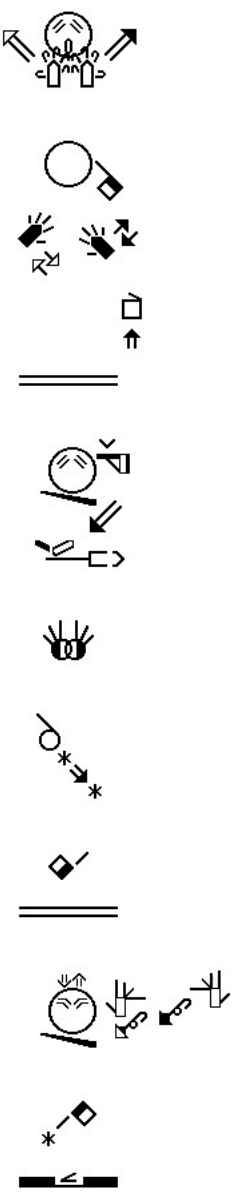
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


















































































           	        	             	              
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Verse 44. and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.  
 Verse 45. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life  
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Verse 47. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Verse 48. "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" NLT

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Verse 51. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!" Verse 52. And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road. NLT

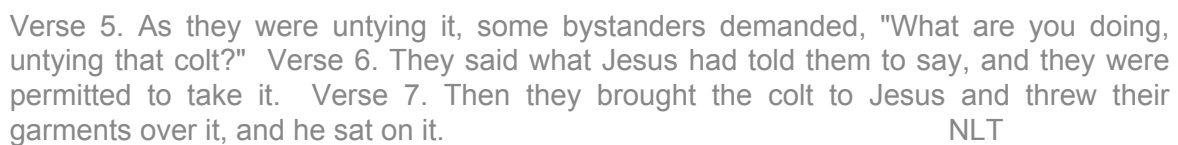
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Chapter 11. As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. Verse 2. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young  
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donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. Verse 3. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.' Verse 4. The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door.

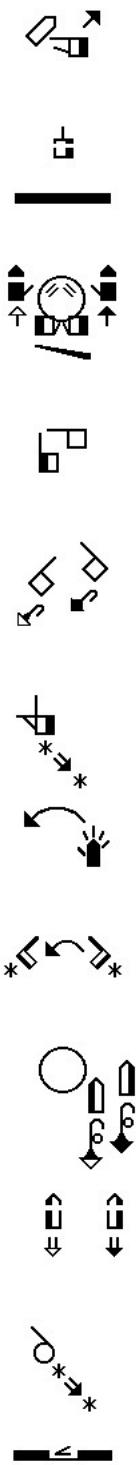
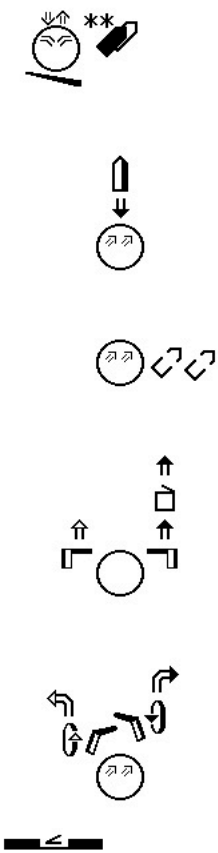
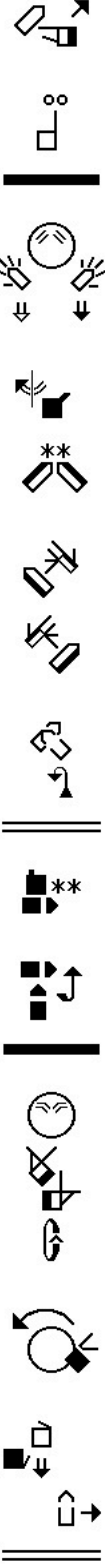
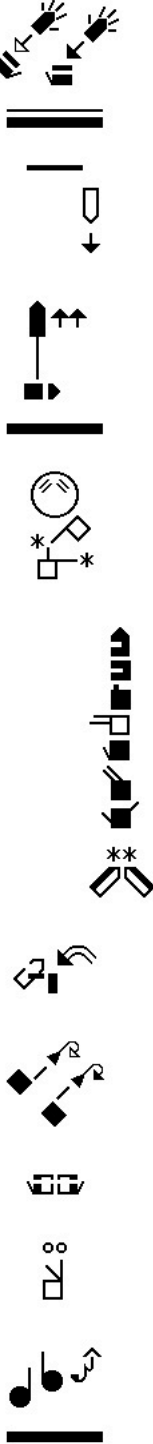




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Verse 8. Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. Verse 9. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!"

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Verse 10. Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!" Verse 11. So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

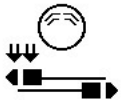





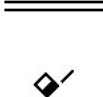
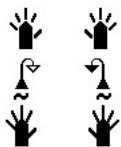
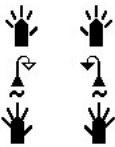


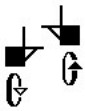









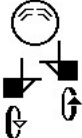



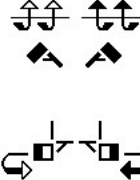













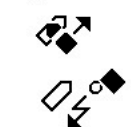
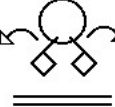





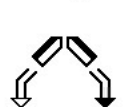
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Verse 12. The next morning as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Verse 13. He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit. NLT

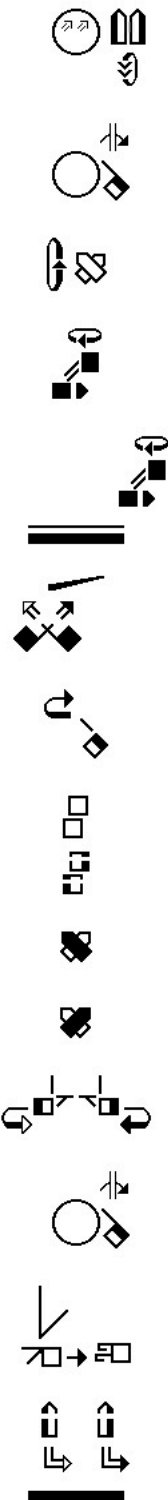
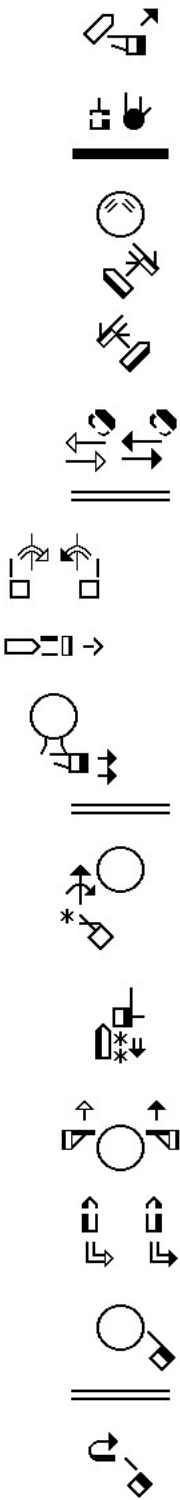
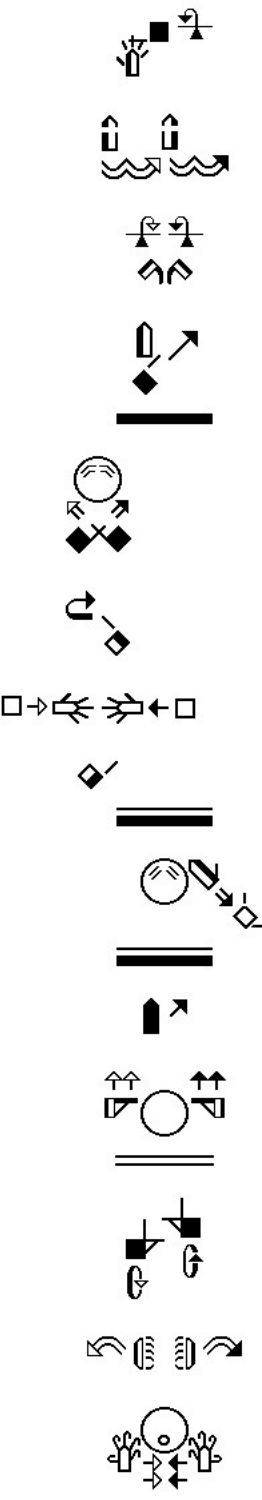

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Verse 14. Then Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!" And the disciples heard him say it. Verse 15. When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices.

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He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, Verse 16. and he stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. Verse 17. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house

			
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of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." Verse 18. When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching. Verse 19. That evening Jesus and the disciples left the city. NLT


Verse 20. The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. Verse 21. Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!"

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













































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Verse 22. Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. Verse 23. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. NLT

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Verse 24. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. Verse 25. But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

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(\*Note: no verse 26 in NLT) Verse 27. Again they entered Jerusalem. As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him. Verse 28. They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right to do them?" NLT

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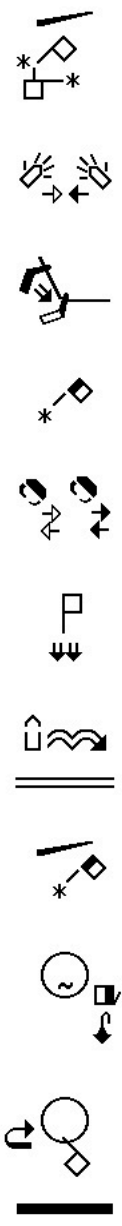
Verse 29. "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied. Verse 30. "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human? Answer me!" Verse 31. They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven,

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he will ask why we didn't believe John. Verse 32. But do we dare say it was merely human?" For they were afraid of what the people would do, because everyone believed that John was a prophet. Verse 33. So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded,

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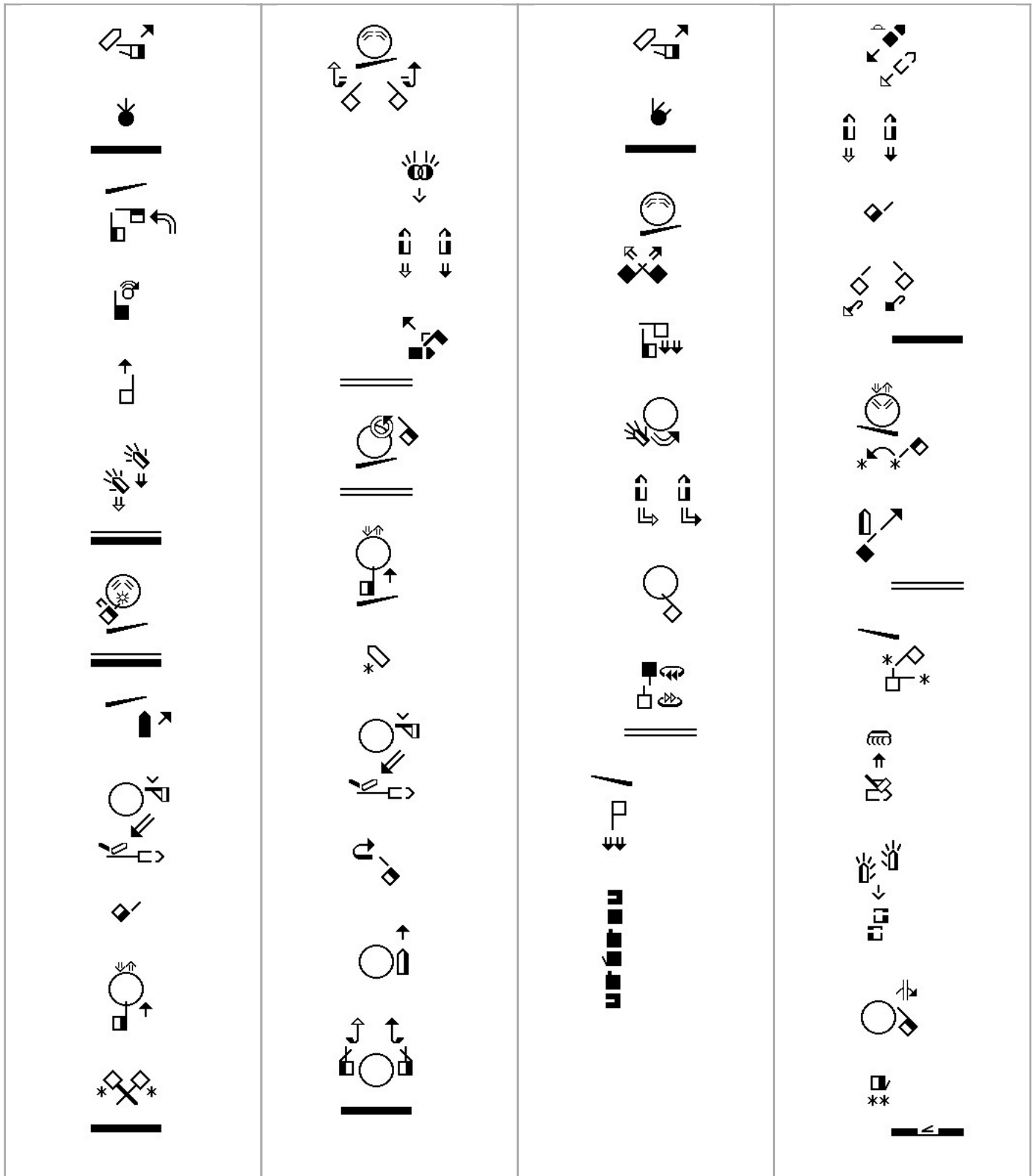
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Chapter 12. Then Jesus began teaching them with stories: "A man planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and build a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country. NLT

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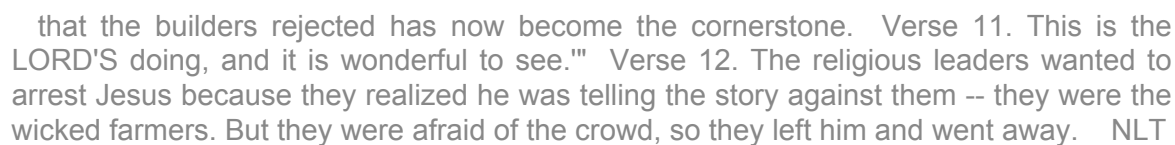


Verse 6. until there was only one left -- his son whom he loved dearly. The owner finally sent him, thinking, 'Surely they will respect my son.' Verse 7. "But the tenant farmers said to one another, 'Here comes the heir to this estate. Let's kill him and get the estate for ourselves!'

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Verse 8. So they grabbed him and murdered him and threw his body out of the vineyard.  
 Verse 9. "What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do?" Jesus asked. "I'll tell you -- he will come and kill those farmers and lease the vineyard to others. Verse 10. Didn't you ever read this in the Scriptures? 'The stone  
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Verse 16. When they handed it to him, he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" "Caesar's," they replied. Verse 17. "Well, then," Jesus said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." His reply completely amazed them.

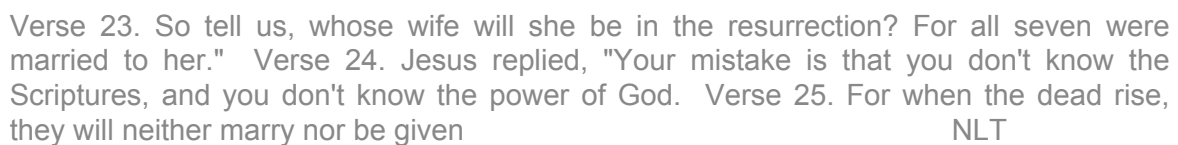
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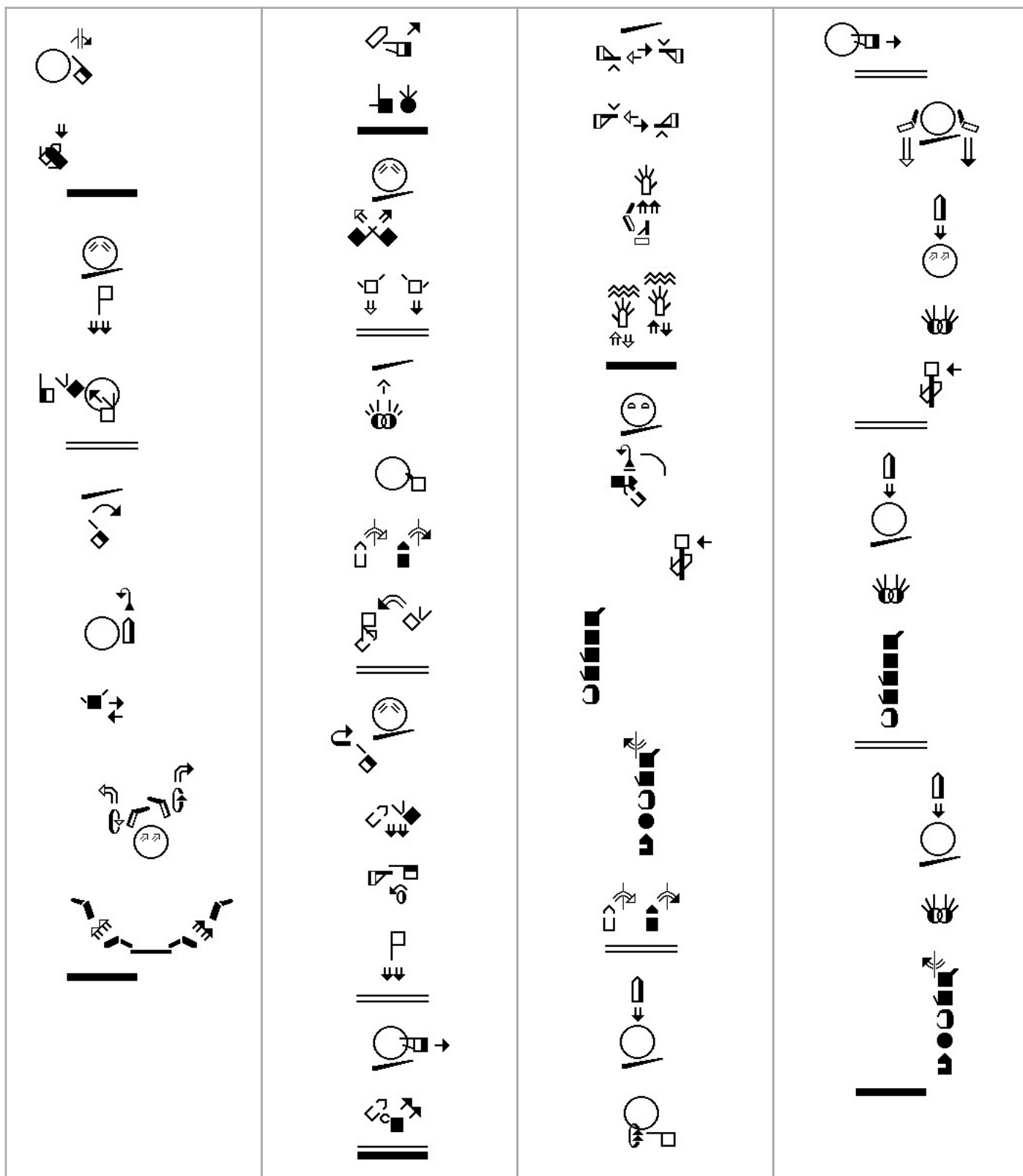
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Verse 18. Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees -- religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. They posed this question: Verse 19. "Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. NLT

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





























































in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven. Verse 26. "But now, as to whether the dead will be raised -- haven't you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

































































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Verse 29. Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. Verse 30. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

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
















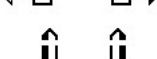































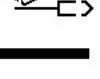









Verse 31. The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." Verse 32. The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other.

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Verse 33. And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law." Verse 34. Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him,

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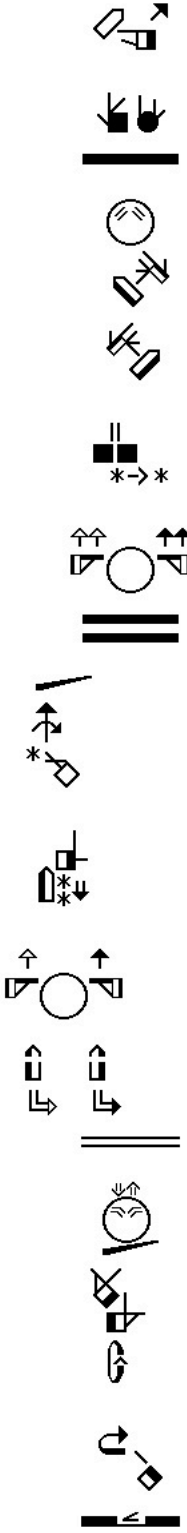
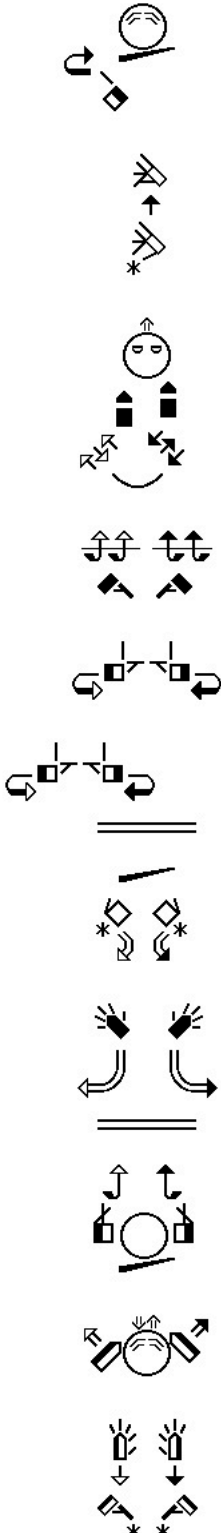
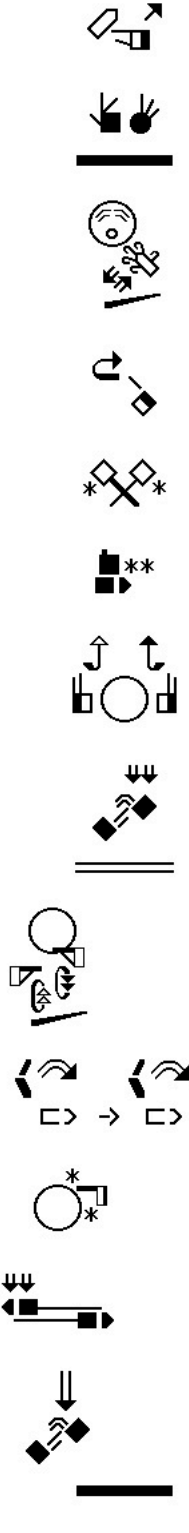
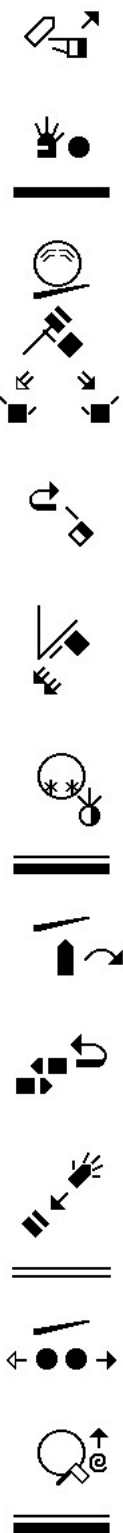
"You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions. Verse 35. Later, as Jesus was teaching the people in the Temple, he asked, "Why do the teachers of religious law claim that the Messiah is the son of David? Verse 36. For David himself, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, NLT

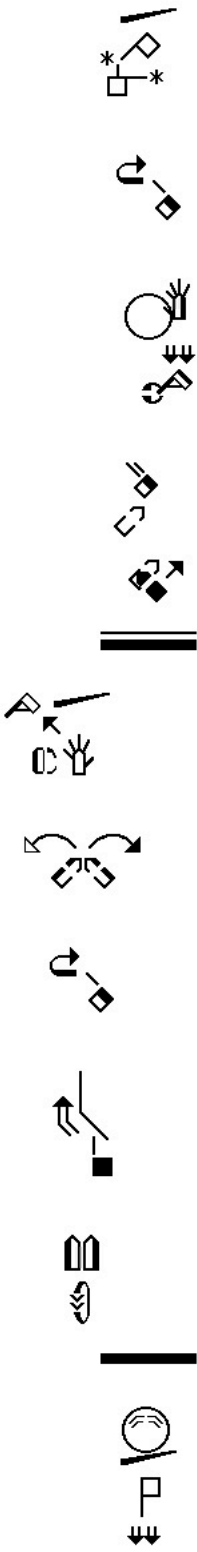

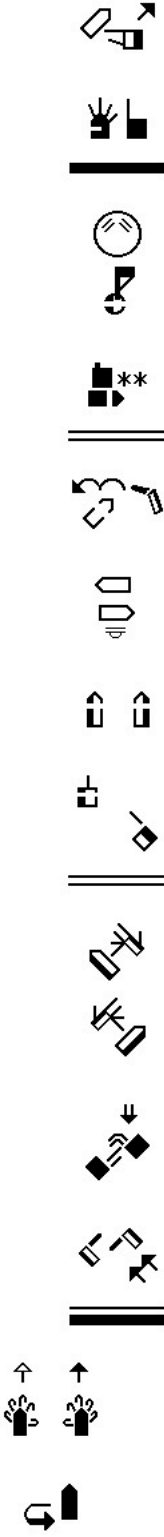
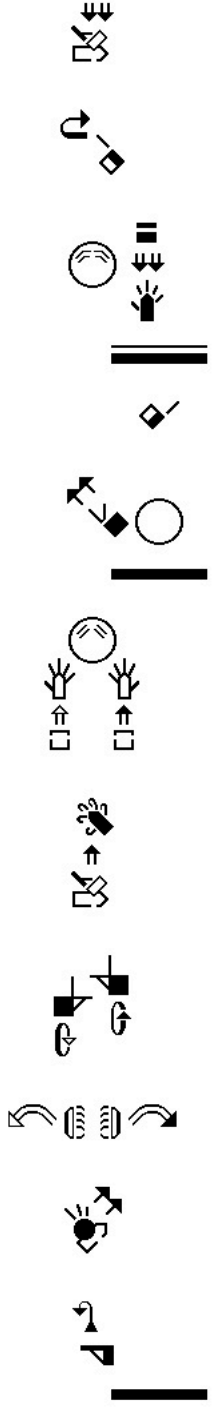
             	              	               	             
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'The LORD said to my Lord, Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies beneath your feet.' Verse 37. Since David himself called the Messiah 'my Lord,' how can the Messiah be his son?" The large crowd listened to him with great delight.

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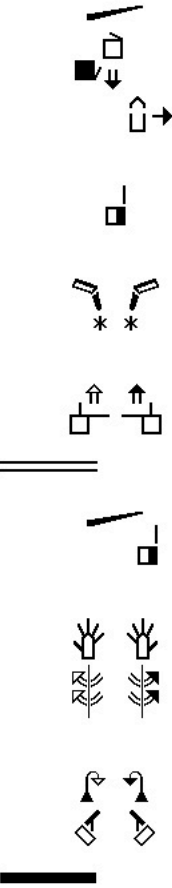
and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be more severely punished." Verse 41. Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.

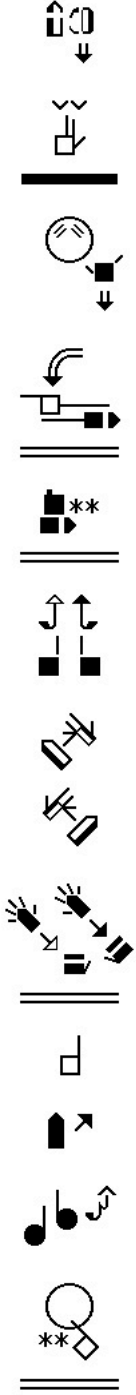
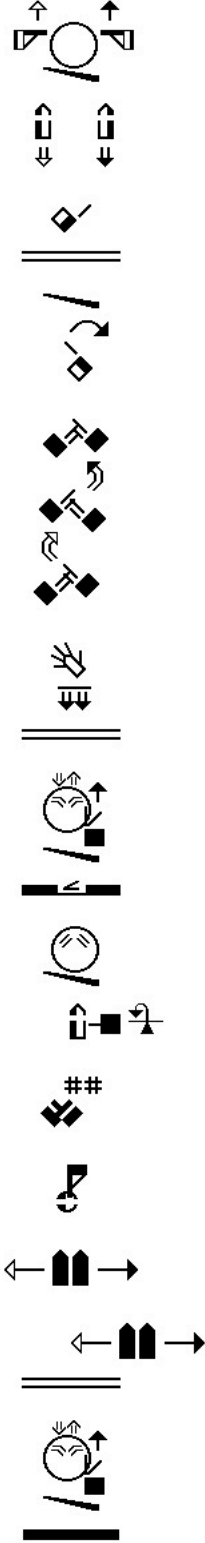
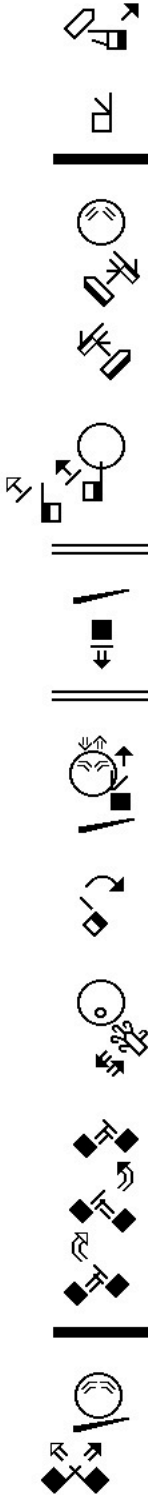

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Verse 42. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Verse 43. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. Verse 44. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is,

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Chapter 13. As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls." Verse 2. Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!" NLT

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Verse 3. Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him, Verse 4. "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?" Verse 5. Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you,

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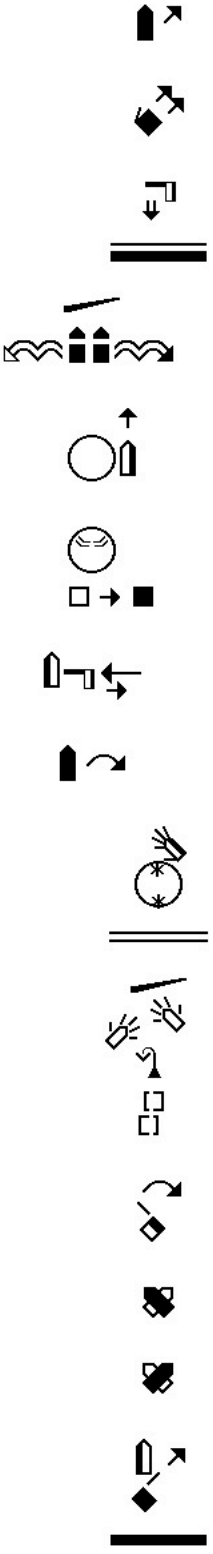
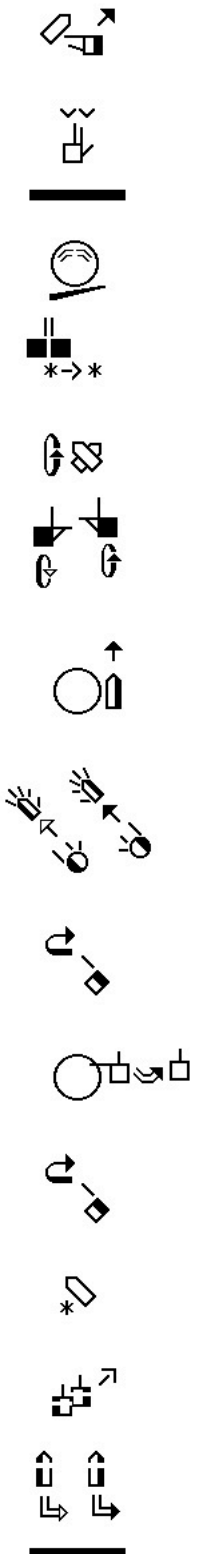
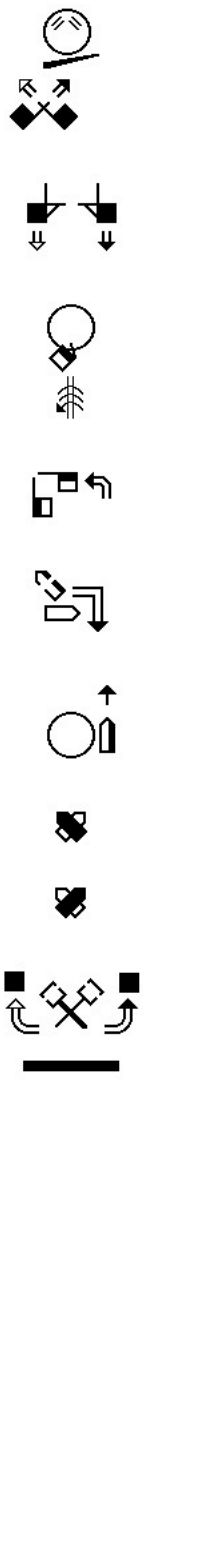
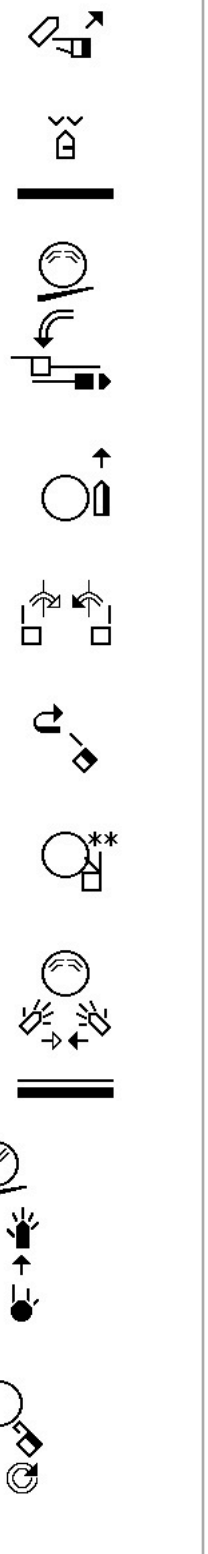
Verse 8. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. Verse 9. "When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils

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his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed.  
 Verse 13. And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. But the one who  
 endures to the end will be saved. Verse 14. "The day is coming when you will see the  
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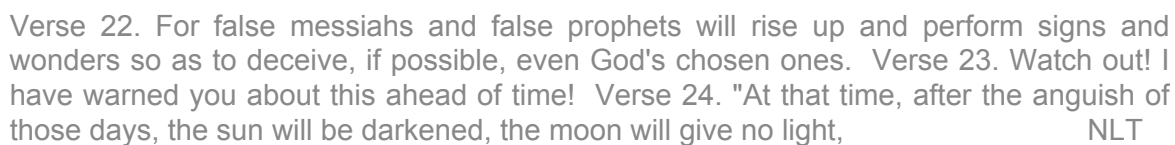
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object that causes desecration standing where he should not be." (Reader, pay attention!) "Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. Verse 15. A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. Verse 16. A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat.

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Verse 17. How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days. Verse 18. And pray that your flight will not be in winter. Verse 19. For there will be greater anguish in those days than at any time since God created the world. And it will never be so great again. NLT

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
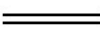

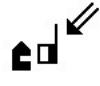






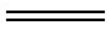






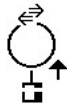



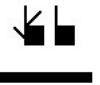

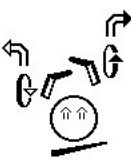




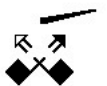










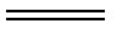
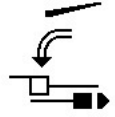
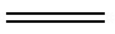



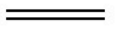




Verse 25. the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.  
 Verse 26. Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory. Verse 27. And he will send out his angels to gather his chosen  
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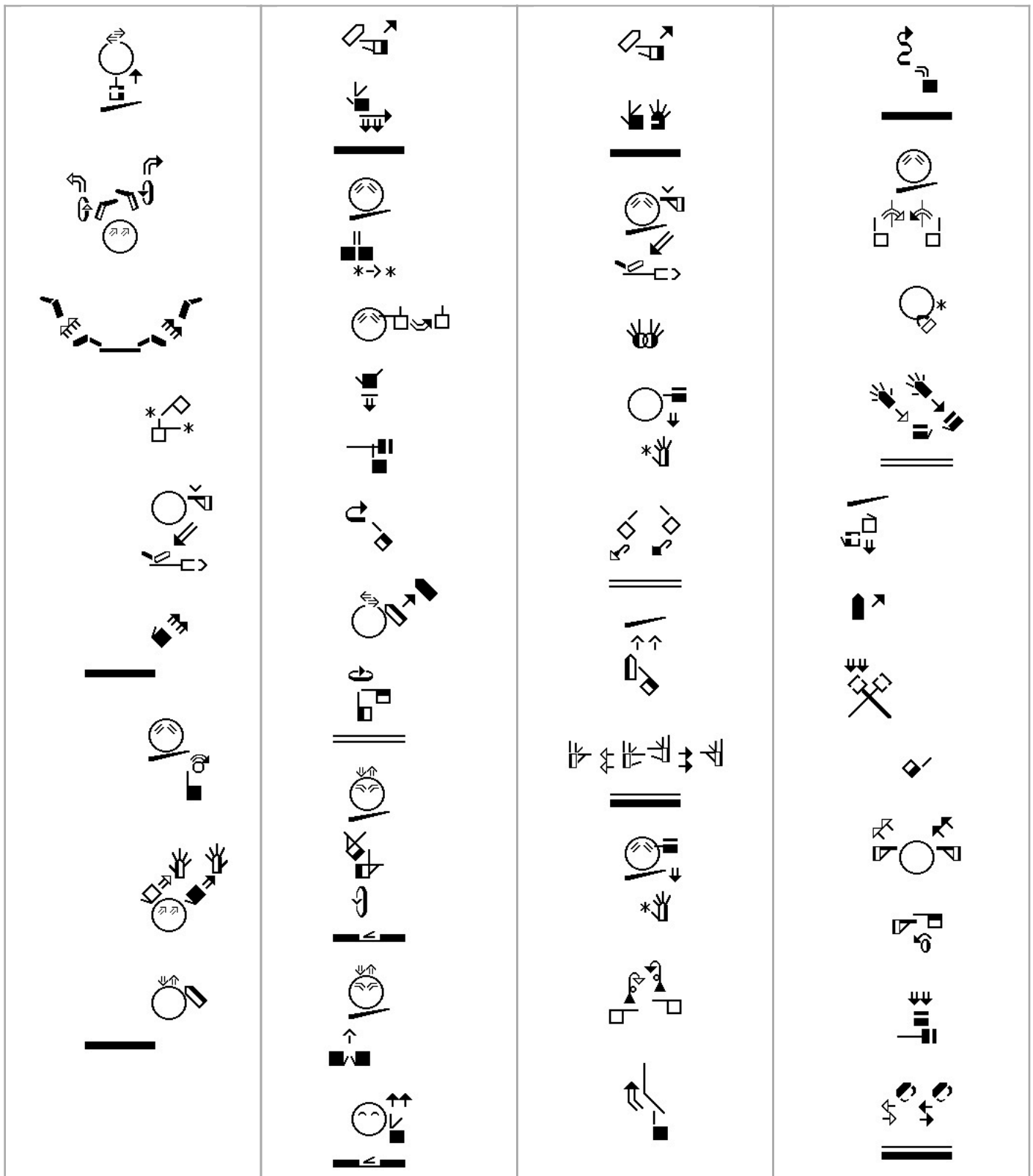
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ones from all over the world -- from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven. Verse 28. "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. Verse 29. In the same way, when you see all these things taking place,

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you can know that his return is very near, right at the door. Verse 30. I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene before all these things take place. Verse 31. Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. Verse 32. "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen,

















not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. Verse 33. And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert! Verse 34. "The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, NLT

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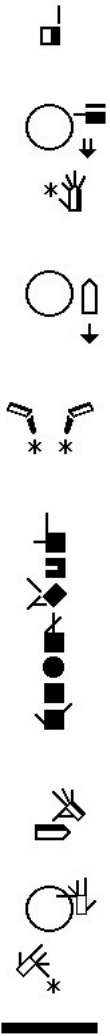
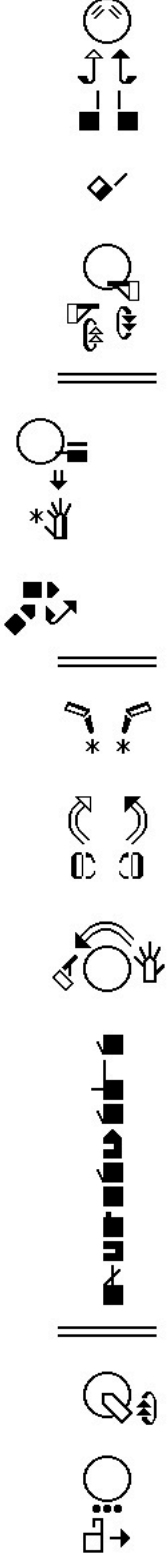
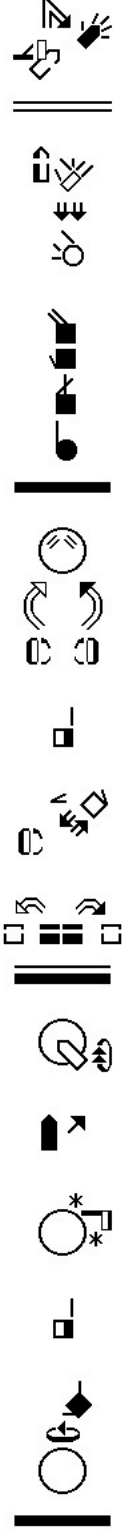
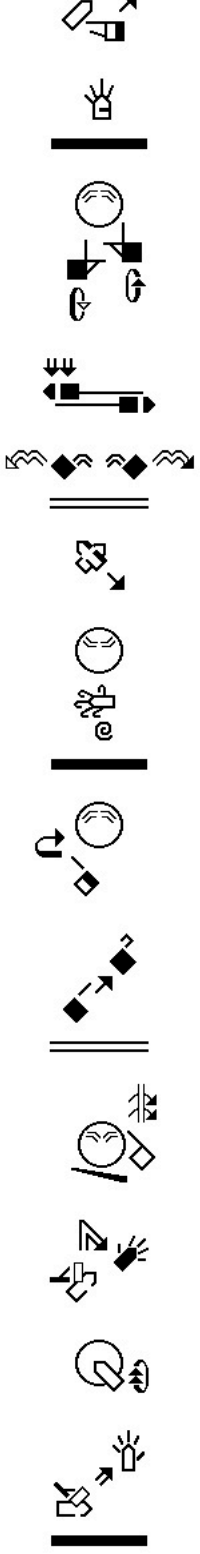
and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return. Verse 35. You, too, must keep watch! For you don't know when the master of the household will return -- in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. Verse 36. Don't let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning.

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Chapter 14. It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. Verse 2. "But not during the Passover celebration," they agreed, "or the people may riot." Verse 3. Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, NLT

			
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a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head. Verse 4. Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked.

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Verse 5. "It could have been sold for a year's wages and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly. Verse 6. But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me?" NLT



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Verse 7. You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me. Verse 8. She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time. Verse 9. I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world,

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
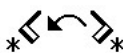



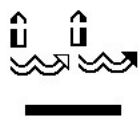


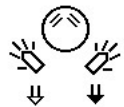




































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this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed." Verse 10. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them. Verse 11. They were delighted when they heard why he had come, NLT

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

































































and they promised to give him money. So he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus. Verse 12. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?" Verse 13. So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As NLT


you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. Verse 14. At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' Verse 15. He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up.

      	              	        	              
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261 That is where you should prepare our meal." Verse 16. So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. Verse 17. In the evening Jesus arrived with the twelve disciples. NLT

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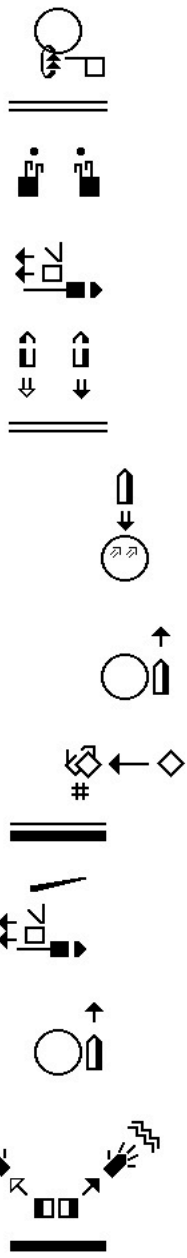
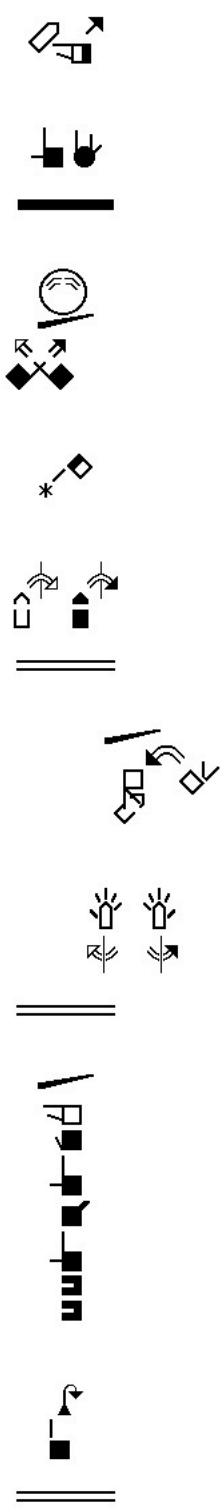
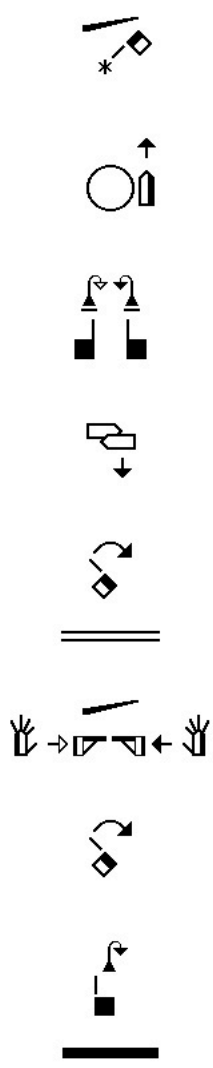
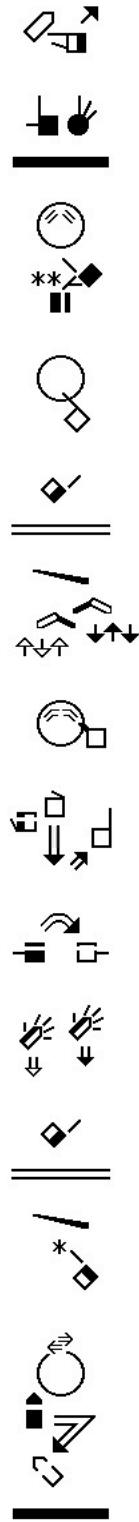
Verse 21. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!" Verse 22. As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. NLT

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Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body." Verse 23. And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. Verse 24. And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many."



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say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' Verse 28. But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." Verse 29. Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will."

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Verse 30. Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter -- this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." Verse 31. "No!" Peter declared emphatically. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the others vowed the same.

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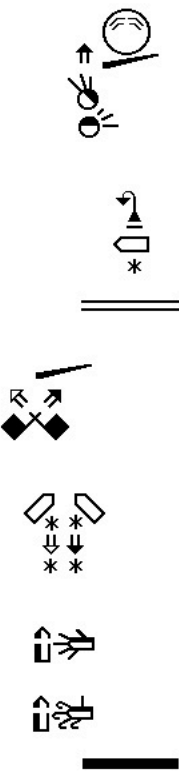

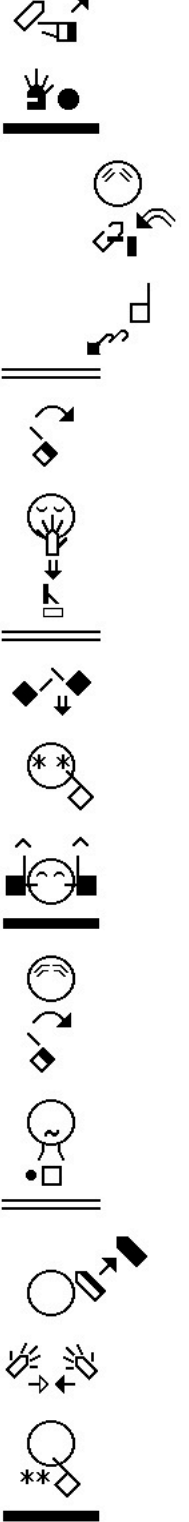
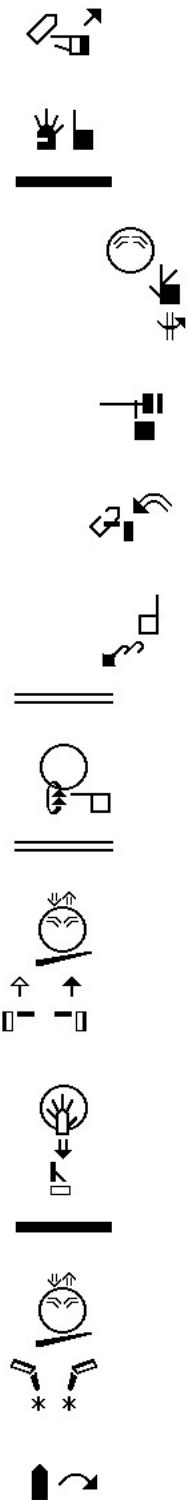
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Stay here and keep watch with me." Verse 35. He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. Verse 36. "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please

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take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Verse 37. Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Verse 38. Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. NLT

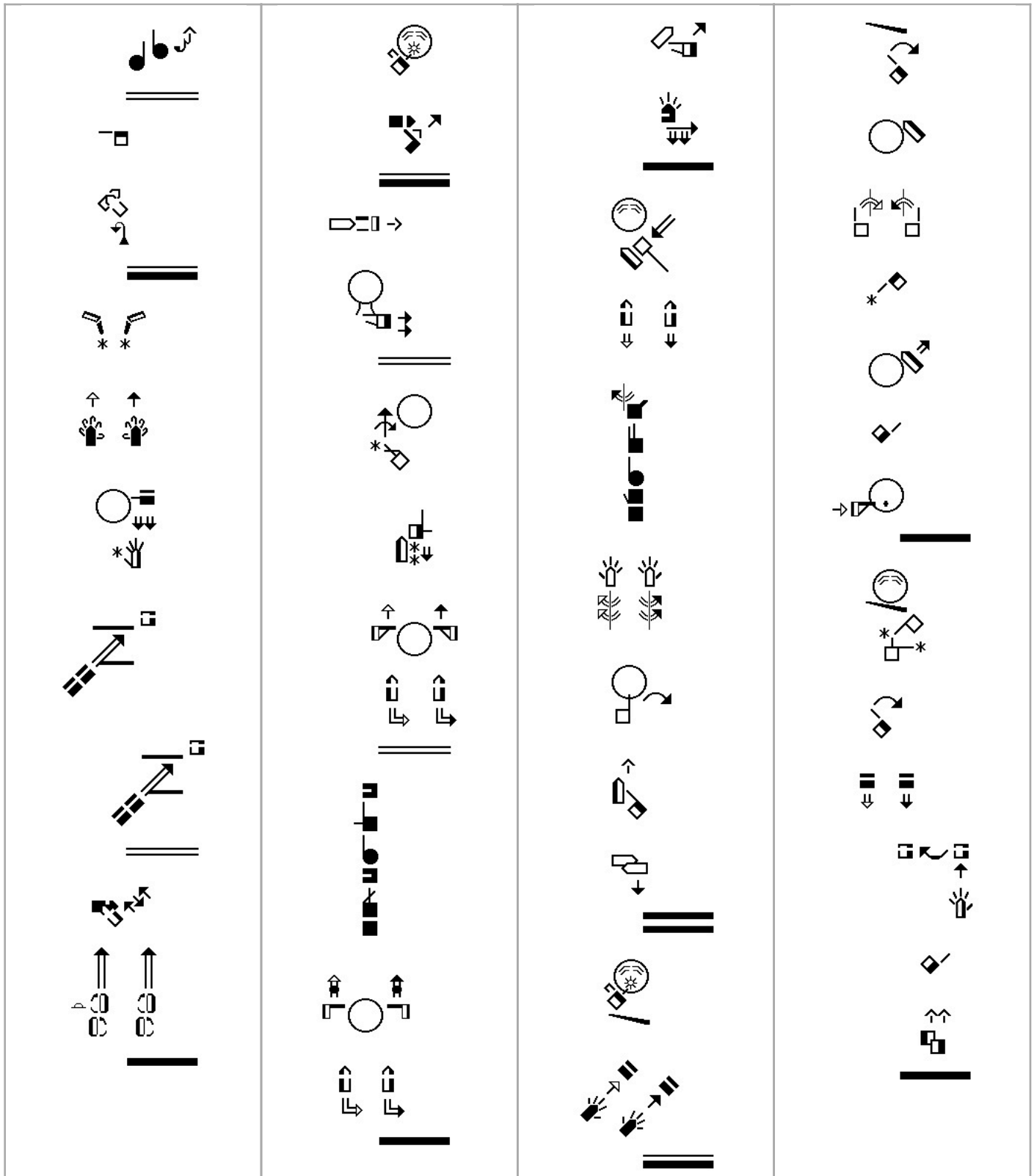
			
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271 For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak." Verse 39. Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before. Verse 40. When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. And they didn't know what to say. Verse 41. When he returned to them the third time, he said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your NLT

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rest. But no -- the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Verse 42. Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!" Verse 43. And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve



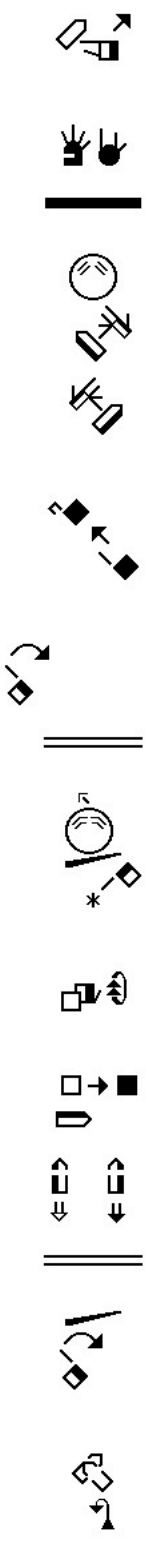
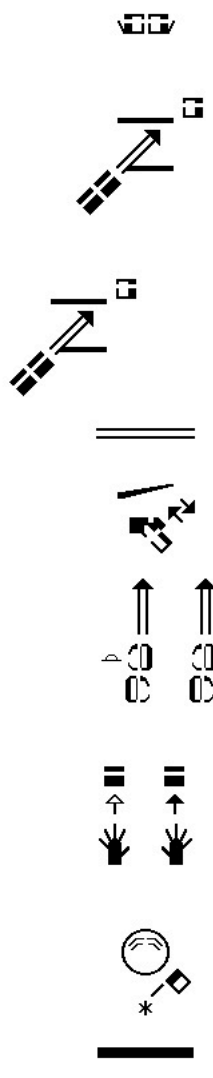
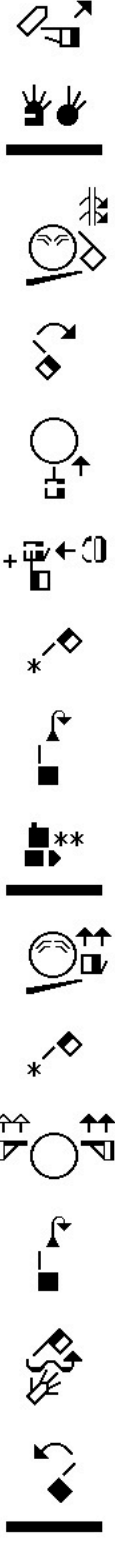
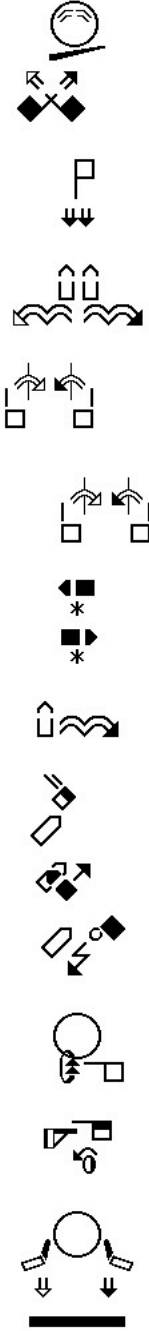


disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. Verse 44. The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard." NLT

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Verse 45. As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus. "Rabbi!" he exclaimed, and gave him the kiss. Verse 46. Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. Verse 47. But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

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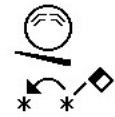









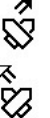




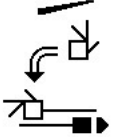






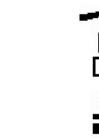












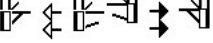





Verse 50. Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. Verse 51. One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, Verse 52. he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked. NLT

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Verse 53. They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. Verse 54. Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. NLT

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Verse 55. Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. Verse 56. Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. Verse 57. Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony: NLT

         	          	          	          
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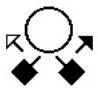

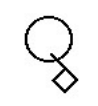












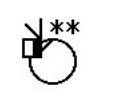



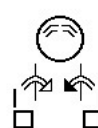


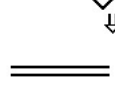

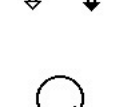


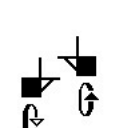


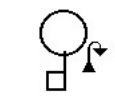


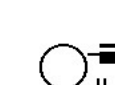


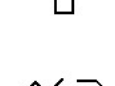

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Verse 62. Jesus said, "I AM. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven." Verse 63. Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Why do we need other witnesses?"




































































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Verse 64. You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" "Guilty!" they all cried. "He deserves to die!" Verse 65. Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. "Prophecy to us," they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.
































































Verse 66. Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by Verse 67. and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, "You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth."  
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Verse 68. But Peter denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed. Verse 69. When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, "This man is definitely one of them!" NLT

                	               	                	                
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Verse 70. But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, "You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean." Verse 71. Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying -- I don't know this man you're talking about!" NLT

                    	                    	                    	
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Verse 72. And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he broke down and wept.

Chapter 15. Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law -- the entire high council -- met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor. Verse 2. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" NLT

<p>ASL signs for Verse 3: Jesus replied, "You have said it." The sequence includes a hand sign for 'you', a hand sign for 'said', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'replied', and a hand sign for 'you'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 4: Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes. The sequence includes a hand sign for 'then', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'leading', a hand sign for 'priests', a hand sign for 'kept', a hand sign for 'accusing', a hand sign for 'him', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'many', and a hand sign for 'crimes'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 5: and Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?" The sequence includes a hand sign for 'and', a hand sign for 'Pilate', a hand sign for 'asked', a hand sign for 'him', a hand sign for 'aren't', a hand sign for 'you', a hand sign for 'going', a hand sign for 'to', a hand sign for 'answer', a hand sign for 'them', a hand sign for 'what', a hand sign for 'about', a hand sign for 'all', a hand sign for 'these', a hand sign for 'charges', a hand sign for 'they', a hand sign for 'are', a hand sign for 'bringing', a hand sign for 'against', and a hand sign for 'you'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 6: But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise. The sequence includes a hand sign for 'but', a hand sign for 'Jesus', a hand sign for 'said', a hand sign for 'nothing', a hand sign for 'much', a hand sign for 'to', a hand sign for 'Pilate's', and a hand sign for 'surprise'.</p>
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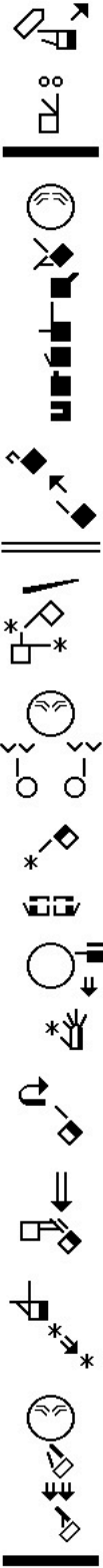
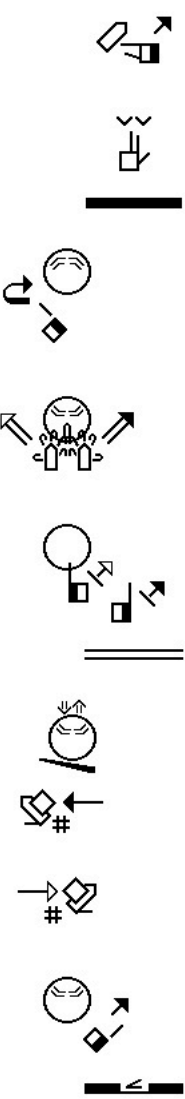

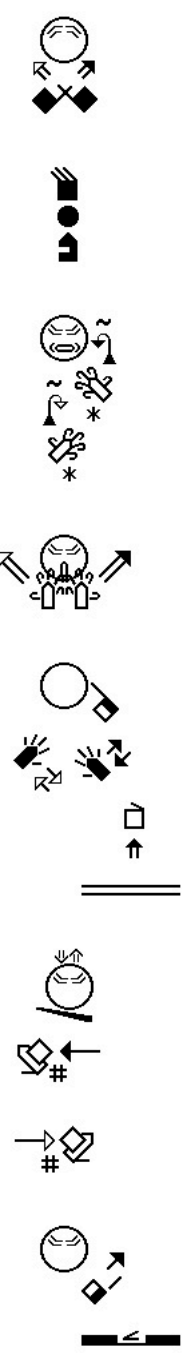


Verse 6. Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner -- anyone the people requested. Verse 7. One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising. Verse 8. The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual. NLT

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Verse 9. "Would you like me to release this 'King of the Jews'?" Pilate asked. Verse 10. (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.) Verse 11. But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus.

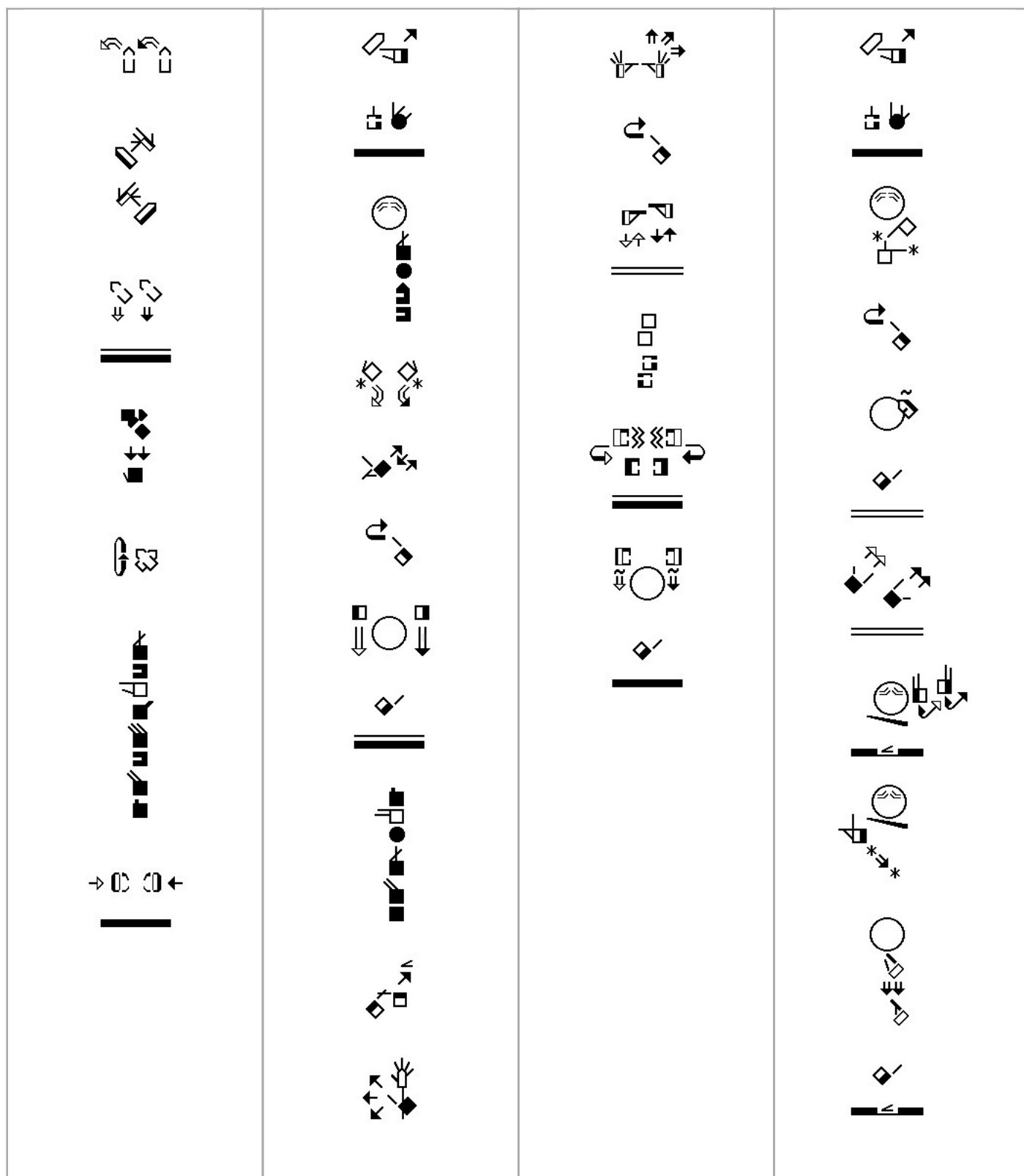
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Verse 12. Pilate asked them, "Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?" Verse 13. They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Verse 14. "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

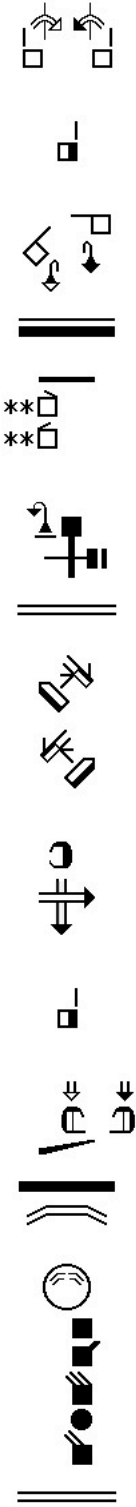
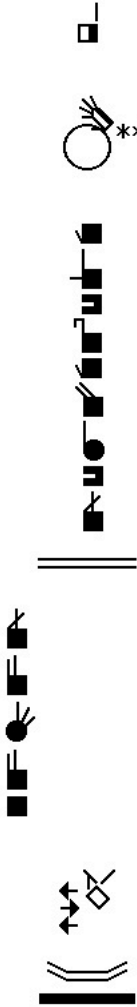
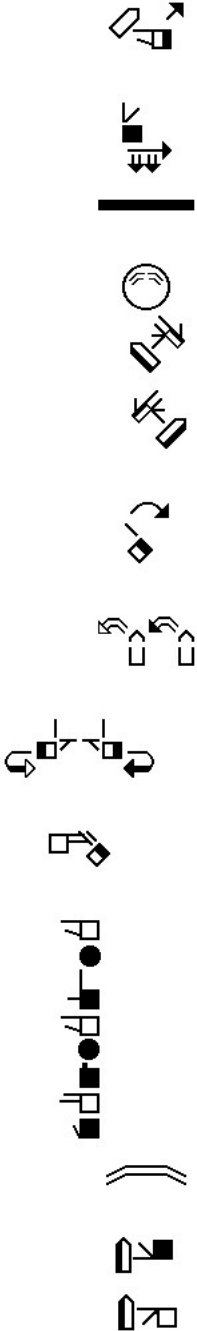
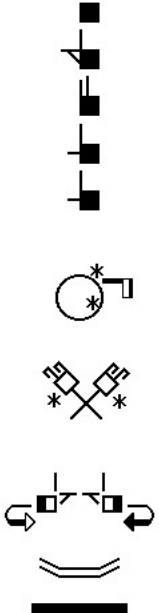
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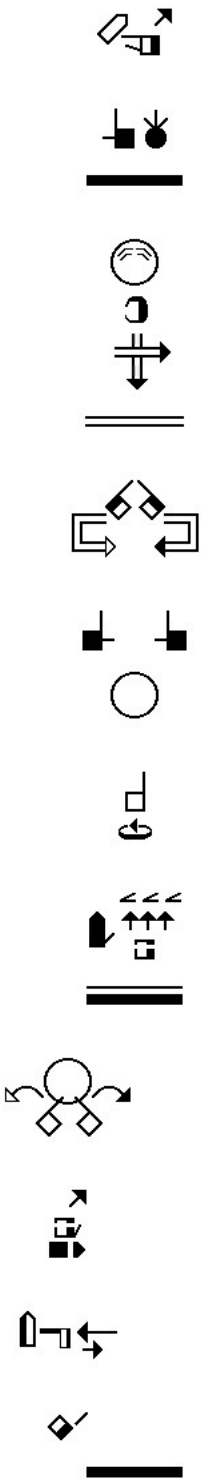
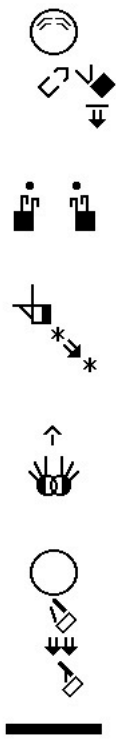
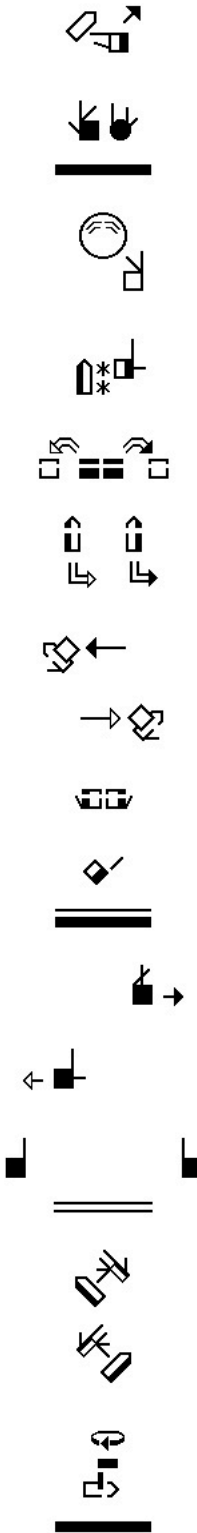
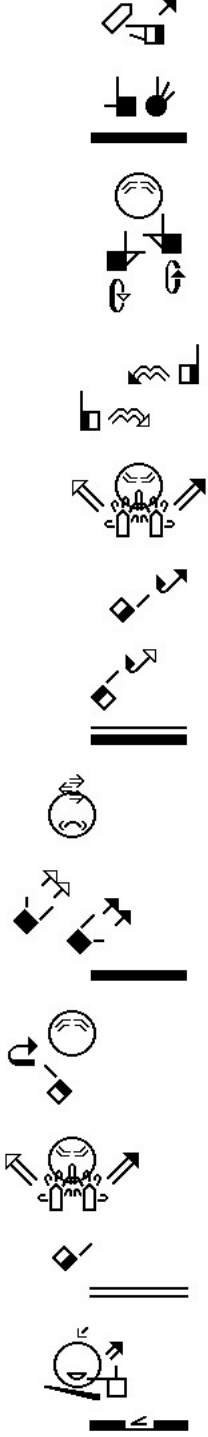
and called out the entire regiment. Verse 17. They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. Verse 18. Then they saluted him and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" NLT

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Verse 26. A sign was fastened to the cross, announcing the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." Verse 27. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. (\*Note: no verse 28 in NLT) Verse 29. The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha!"

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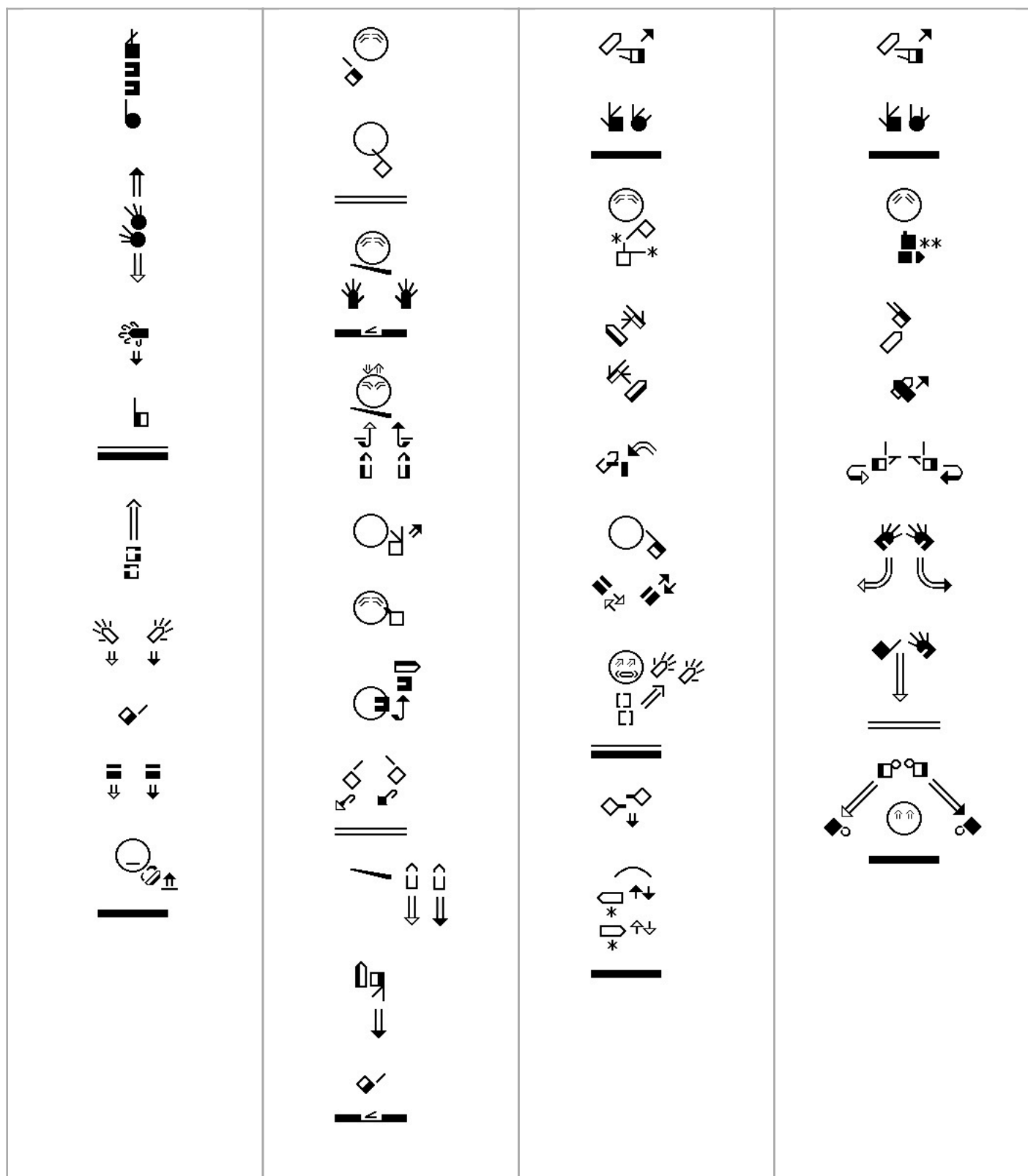

Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Verse 30. Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!" Verse 31. The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself!" NLT

Verse 32. Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him. Verse 33. At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. Verse 34. Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, NLT

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"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Verse 35. Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. Verse 36. One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine,

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holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!" Verse 37. Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. Verse 38. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

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Verse 41. They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there. Verse 42. This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached,

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









































































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Verse 43. Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.) Verse 44. Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so

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he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet. Verse 45. The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Verse 46. Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then

                        	                        	                        	                        
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















































































































he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. Verse 47. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.

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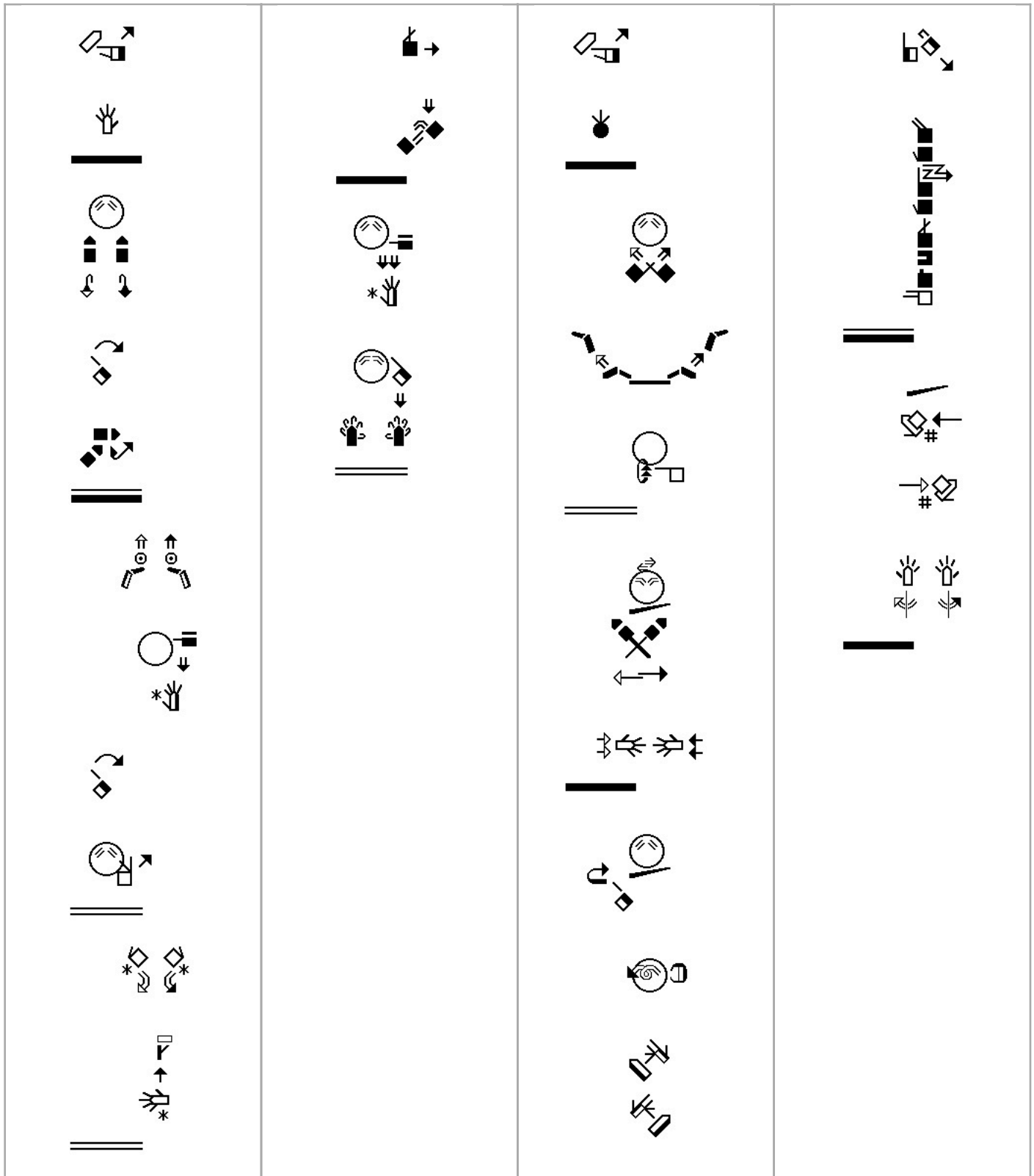
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Chapter 16. Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene and Salome and Mary the mother of James went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. Verse 2. Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb.

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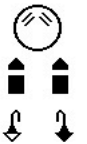

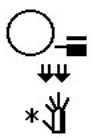







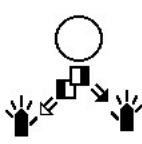
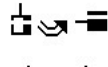


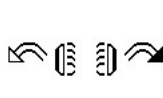





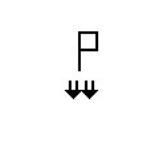

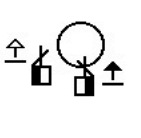

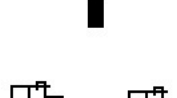





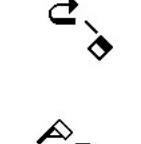
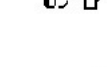
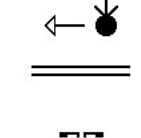

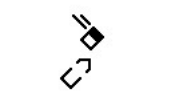



Verse 3. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" Verse 4. But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. NLT



Verse 5. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, Verse 6. but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. NLT

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He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Verse 7. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." NLT

         	         	         	         
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

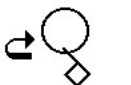

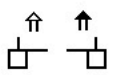





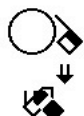




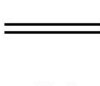









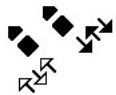




Verse 8. The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened. Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unfailing message of

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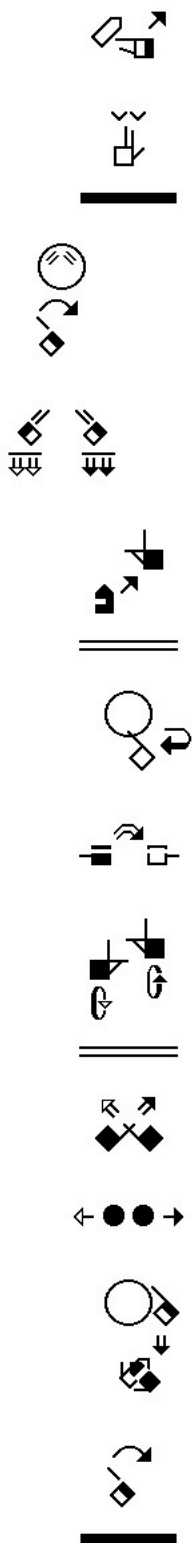

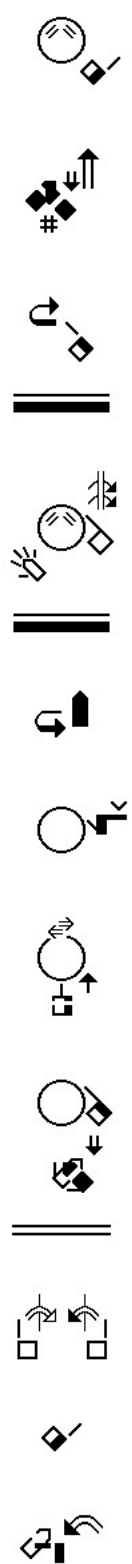
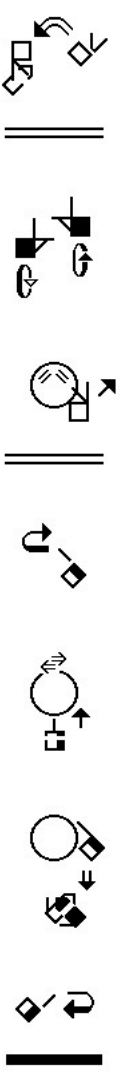
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salvation that gives eternal life. Amen. Verse 9. After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. Verse 10. She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. NLT



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313 Verse 11. But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her. Verse 12. Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. NLT

			
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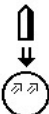









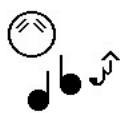

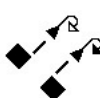


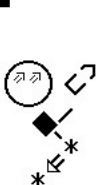








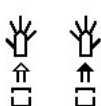



Verse 13. They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them. Verse 14. Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

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Verse 15. And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Verse 16. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. Verse 17. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: NLT

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They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. Verse 18. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed." Verse 19. When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven

       	          	        
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and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. Verse 20. And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

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