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Chapter 1. We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. Verse 2. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him.

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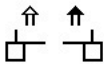



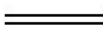

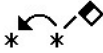
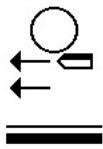









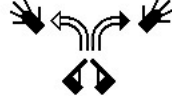

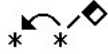
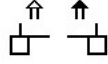





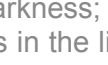
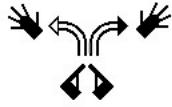
















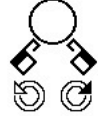











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And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. Verse 3. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. NLT

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Verse 4. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy. Verse 5. This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. Verse 6. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on

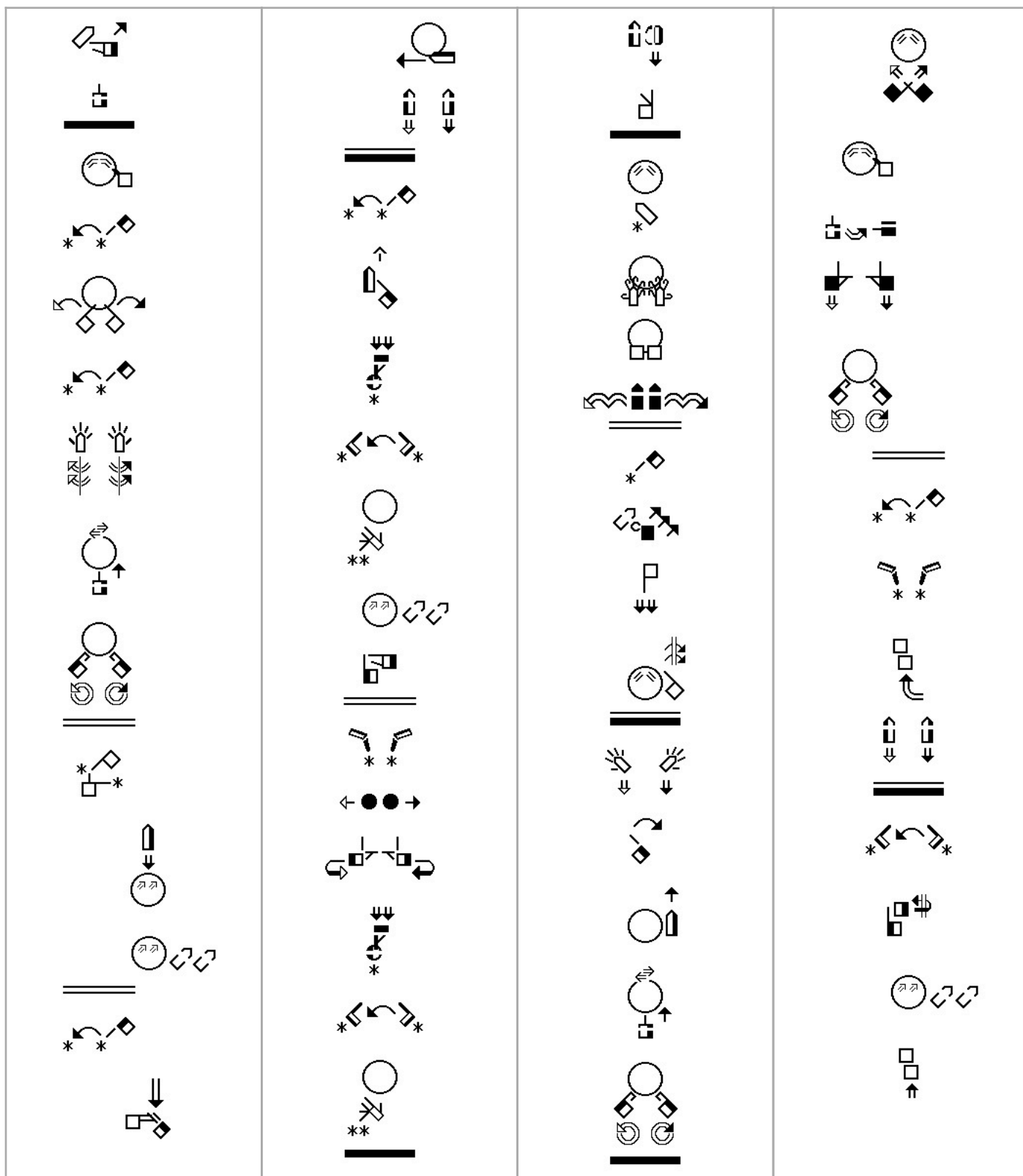
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living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. Verse 7. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. NLT



Verse 8. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. Verse 9. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. NLT














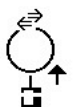
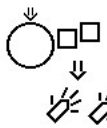


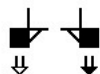




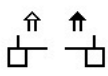










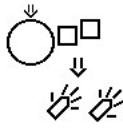

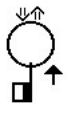
















Verse 10. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. Chapter 2. My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case NLT









































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before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. Verse 2. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins -- and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. Verse 3. And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.













































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Verse 4. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. Verse 5. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. NLT

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Verse 6. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. Verse 7. Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. NLT

          	          	          	          
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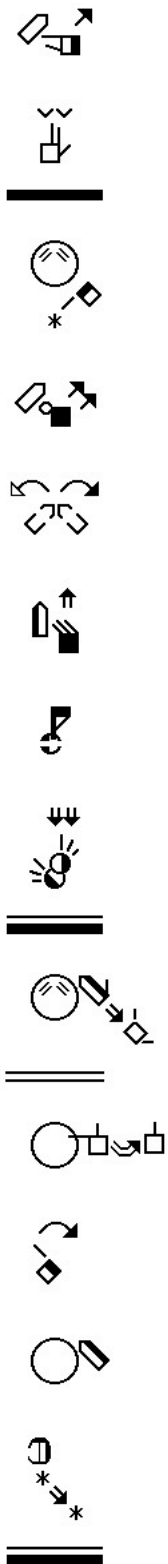
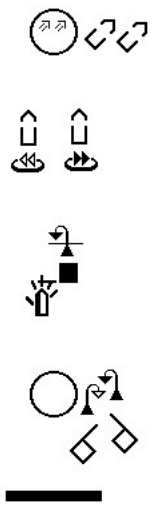
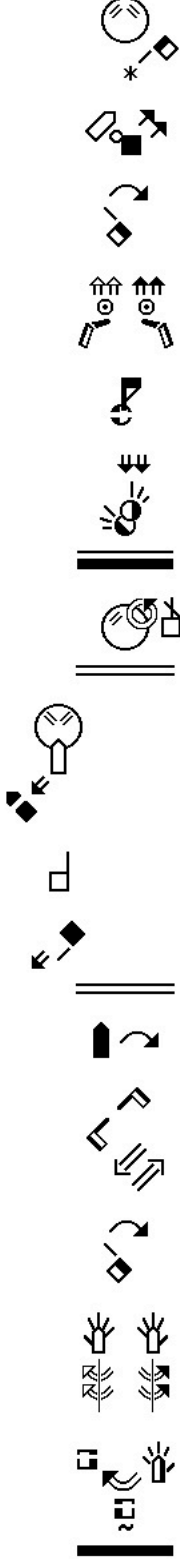
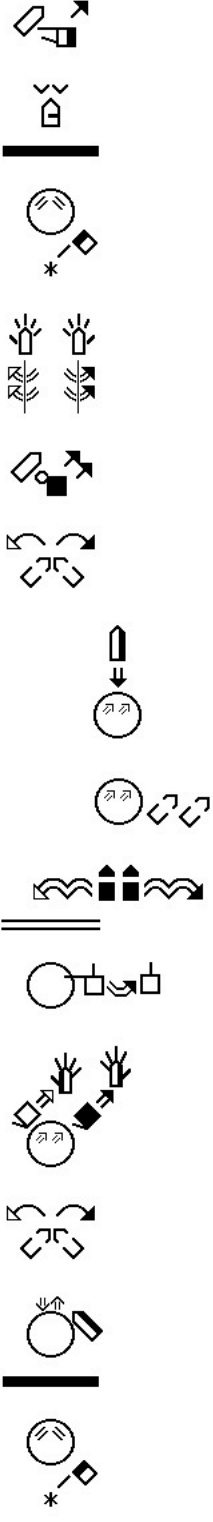
This old commandment -- to love one another -- is the same message you heard before. Verse 8. Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. Verse 9. If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a Christian

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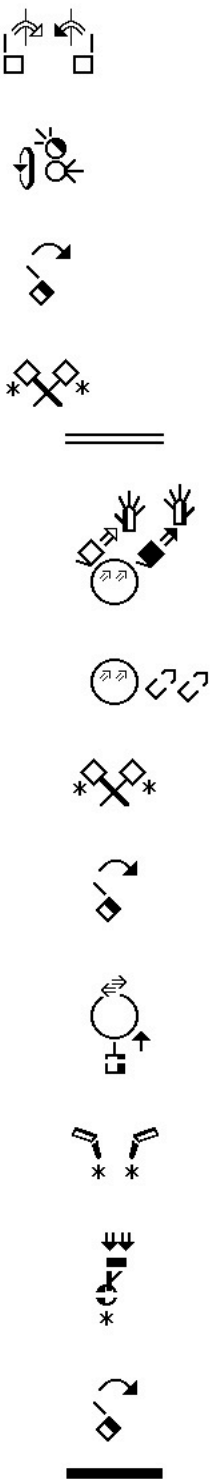

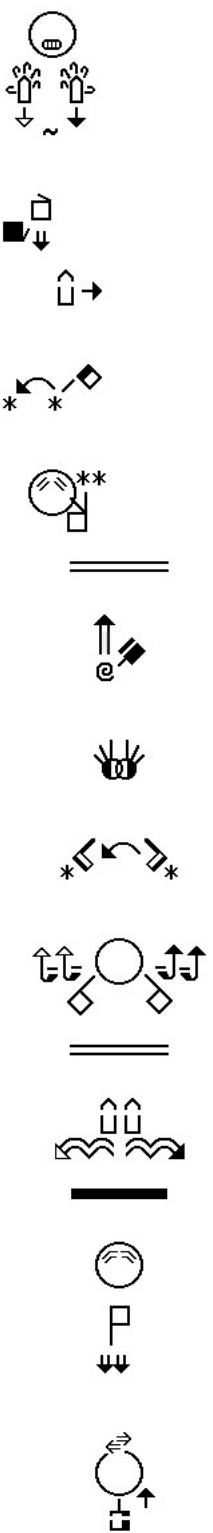
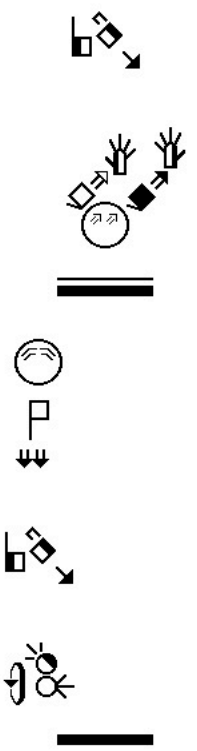
			
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Verse 13. I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one. Verse 14. I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father. I

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have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one. Verse 15. Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, NLT

			
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for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. Verse 16. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

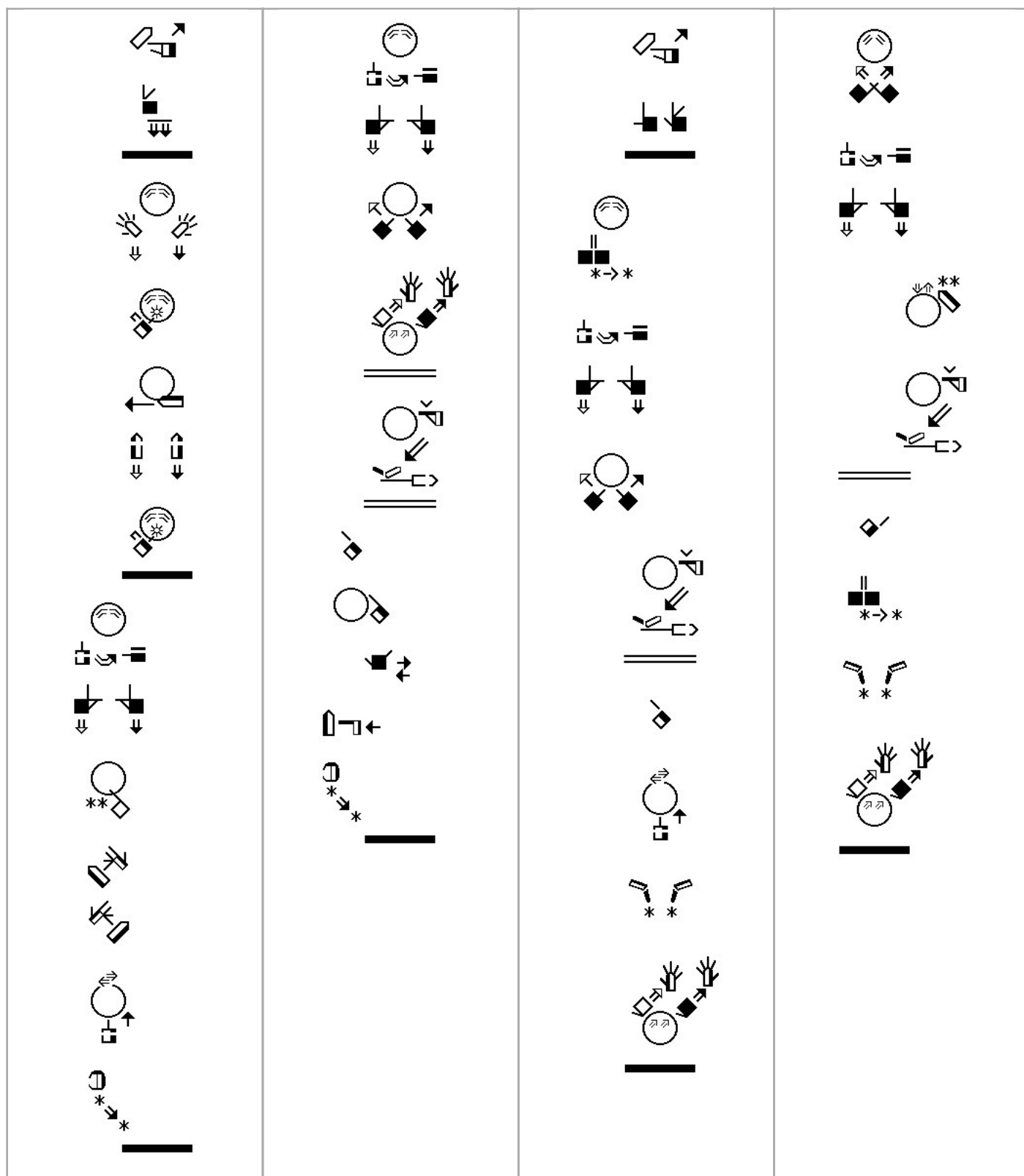
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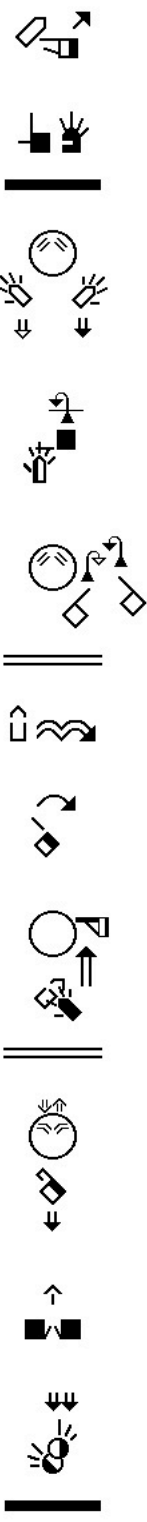
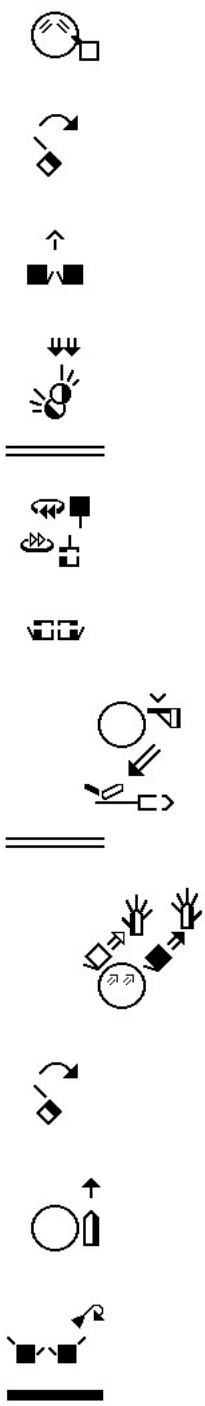
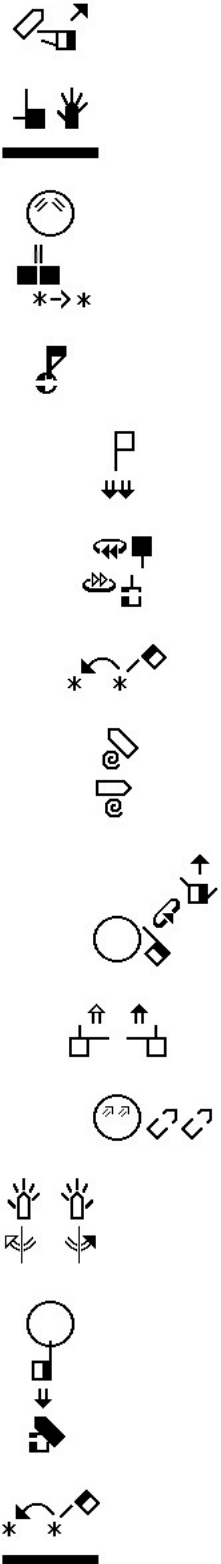

antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. Verse 19. These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us. NLT

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Verse 22. And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. Verse 23. Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

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Verse 24. So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. Verse 25. And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us. Verse 26. I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. NLT



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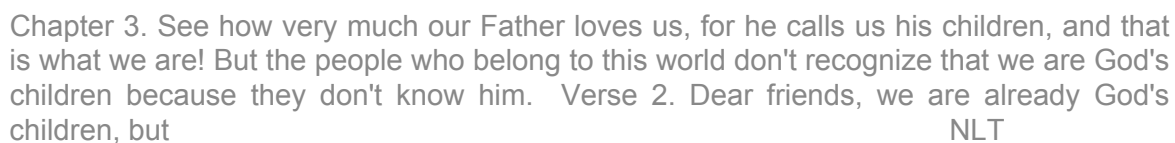
Verse 27. But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true -- it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.



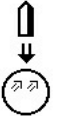


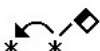

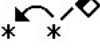




































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Verse 28. And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame. Verse 29. Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.

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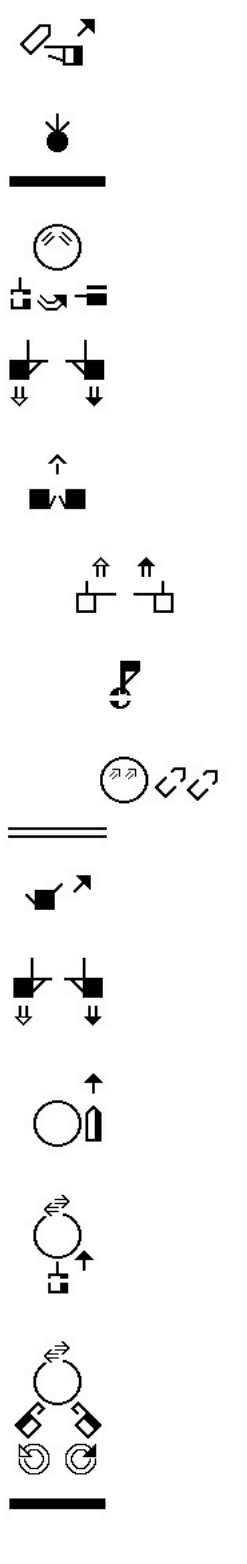
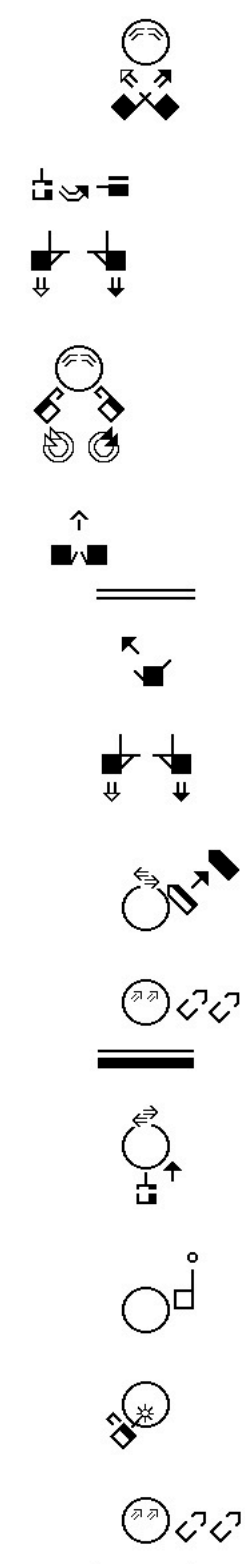
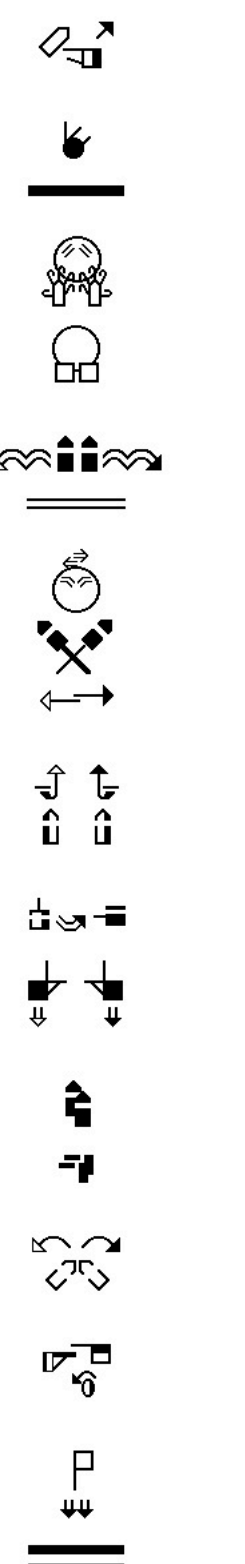
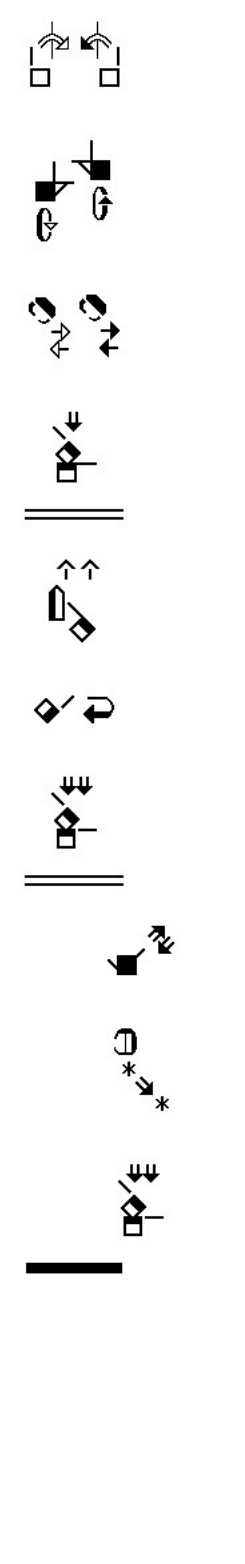
         	           	          	          
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he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. Verse 3. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

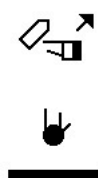
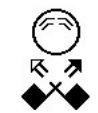
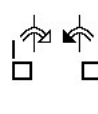
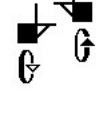

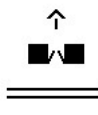





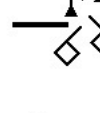





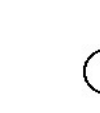
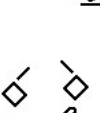

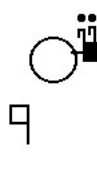









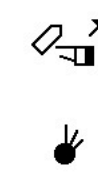







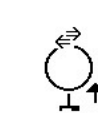

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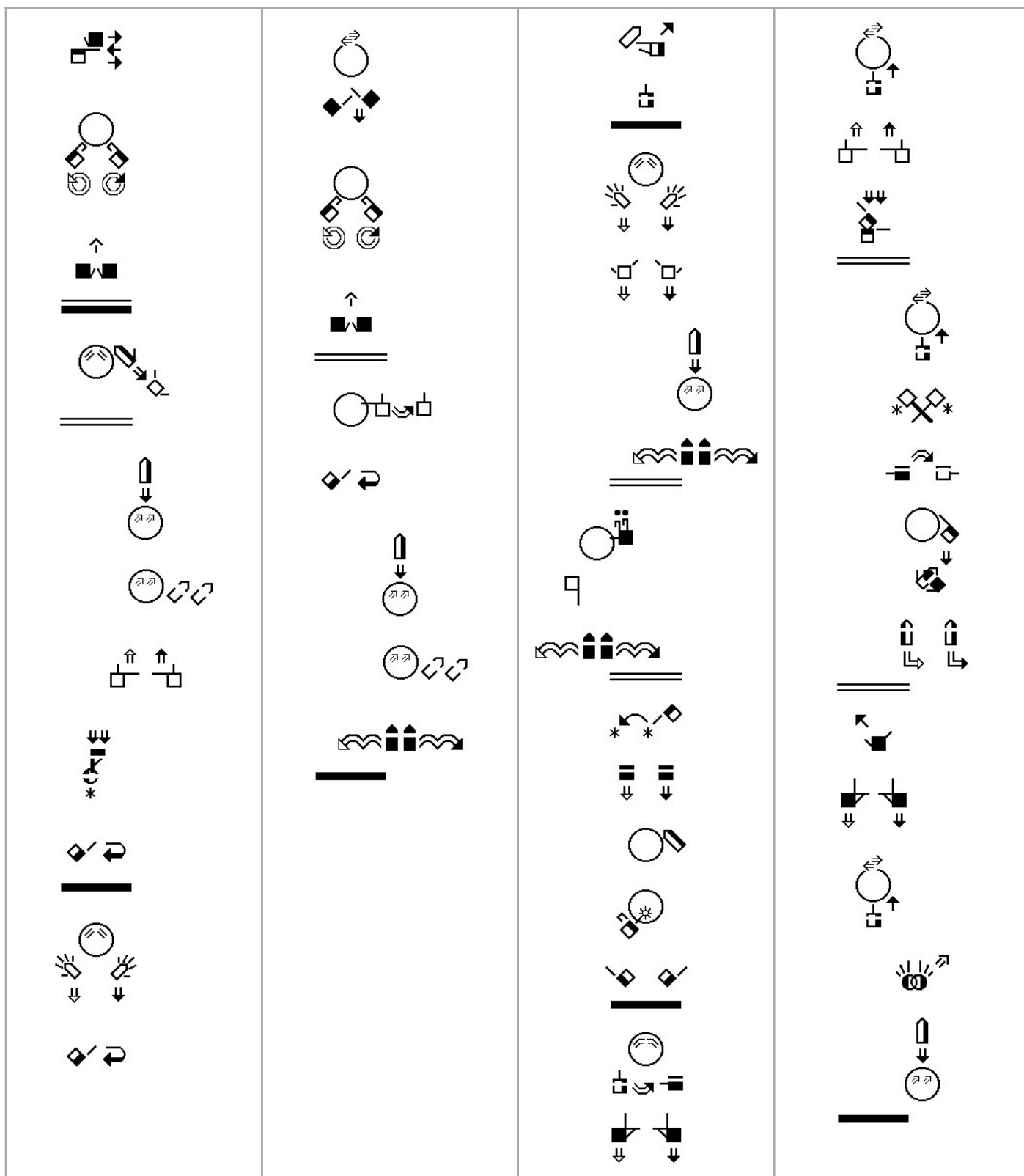
Verse 4. Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. Verse 5. And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.

			
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Verse 6. Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. Verse 7. Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.  
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Verse 8. But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. Verse 9. Those who have been born into God's family do not make NLT

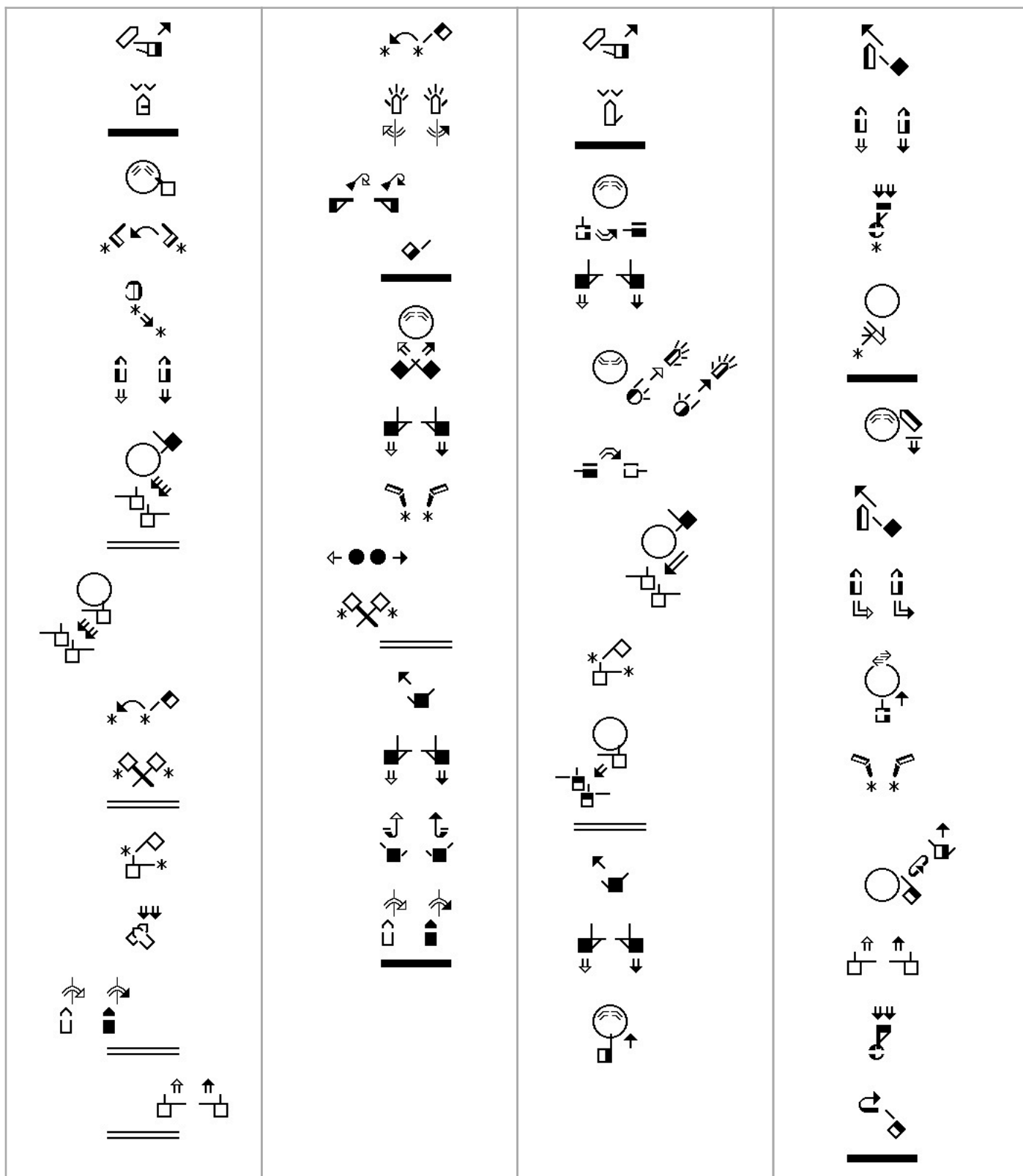


a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. Verse 10. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. NLT



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Verse 11. This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another.  
 Verse 12. We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. Verse 13. So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.  
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Verse 14. If we love our Christian brothers and sisters, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. Verse 15. Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. NLT

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

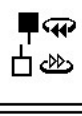











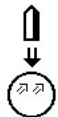



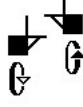

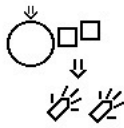












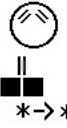




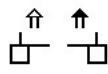




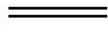











Verse 16. We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. Verse 17. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion -- NLT


how can God's love be in that person? Verse 18. Dear children, lets not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Verse 19. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, NLT

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we can come to God with bold confidence. Verse 22. And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him. Verse 23. And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, NLT

             	                	                	         
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and love one another, just as he commanded us. Verse 24. Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

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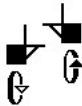


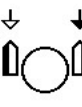
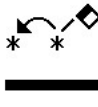


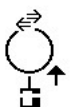

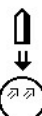


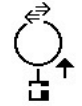























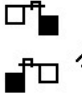












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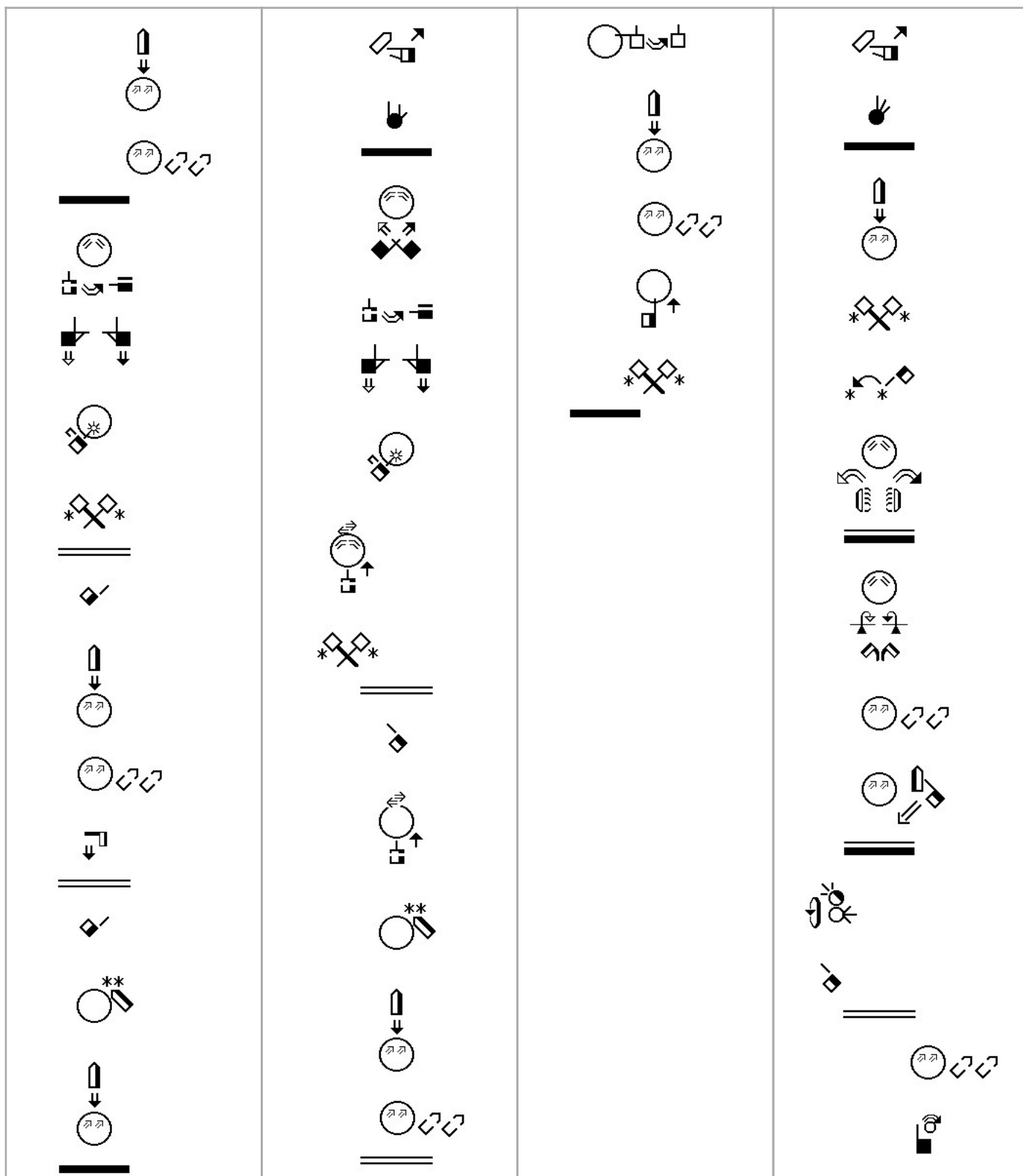
in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. Verse 3. But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

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Verse 6. But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception. Verse 7. Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from

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God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. Verse 8. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. Verse 9. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only

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Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. Verse 10. This is real love -- not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Verse 11. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, NLT

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we surely ought to love each other. Verse 12. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. Verse 13. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live

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
























































in him and he in us. Verse 14. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Verse 15. All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have

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God living in them, and they live in God. Verse 16. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

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Verse 17. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Verse 18. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear.

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for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? Verse 21. And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their Christian brothers and sisters.

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Chapter 5. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. Verse 2. We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. NLT

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Verse 3. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. Verse 4. For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. Verse 5. And who can win this battle against the world?  
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Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Verse 6. And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross -- not by water only, but by water and blood. NLT













































































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And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. Verse 7. So we have these three witnesses -- Verse 8. the Spirit, the water, and the blood -- and all three agree. Verse 9. Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God.


















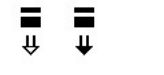

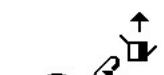


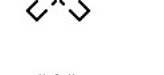







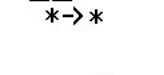

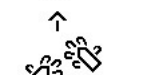










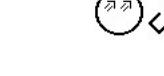











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And God has testified about his Son. Verse 10. All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son. NLT



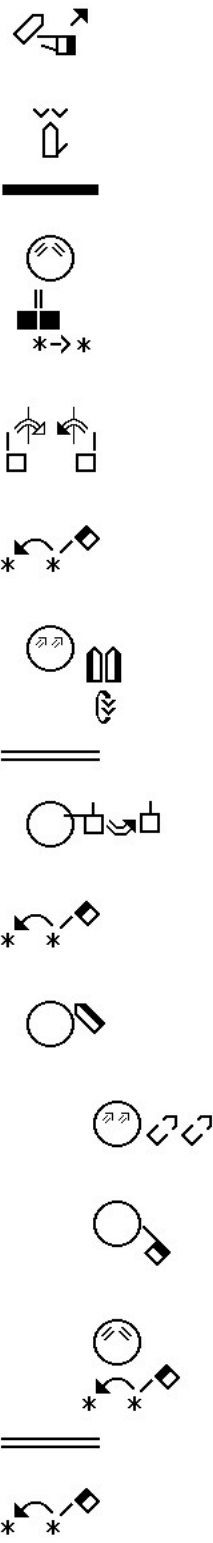
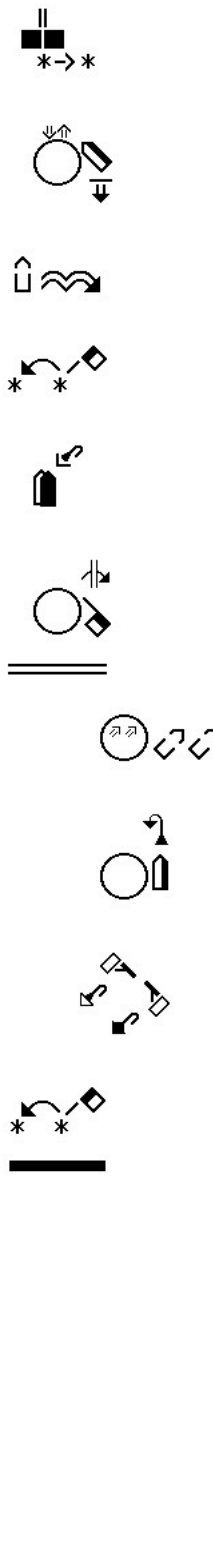
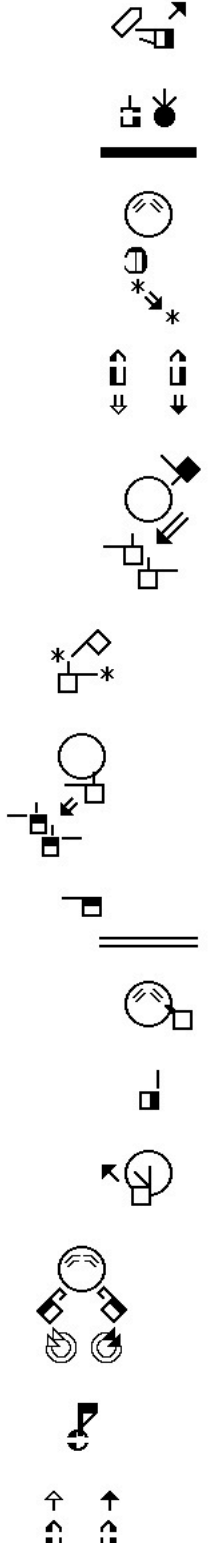
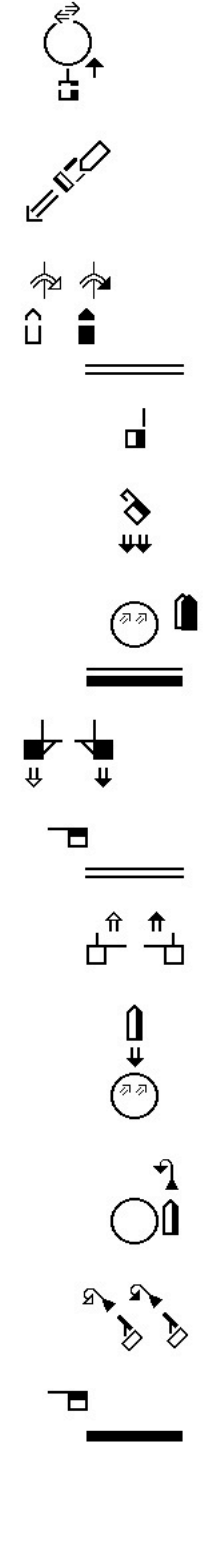
                  	                  	                  	                  
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Verse 11. And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Verse 12. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

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Verse 13. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. Verse 14. And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

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Verse 15. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. Verse 16. If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life.

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for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. Verse 19. We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. Verse 20. And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God.

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