

The Twelve Days of Christmas



The Twelve Days of Christmas Lapbook

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Meanings of the Twelve Days

Day 1 - Partridge In A Pear Tree

Christ who died on the Cross for our sins

Day 2 - 2 Turtle Doves

Old and New Testaments

Day 3 - 3 French Hens

Some sources say-- Three Gifts of the Magi: gold, frankincense, and myrrh

Others say-- Faith, Hope, and Charity (the theological virtues)

Day 4 - 4 Calling Birds

The Four Gospels, Matt, Mark, Luke & John

Day 5 - 5 Golden Rings

The first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: 1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy.

Day 6 - 6 Geese a Laying

The six days of Creation

Day 7 - 7 Swans a Swimming

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: 1) prophecy, 2) ministry, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) giving, 6) leading, and 7) compassion
(Romans 12:6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11)

Day 8 - 8 Maids a Milking

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew 5:3-10)

Day 9 - 9 Ladies Dancing

The nine Fruit of the Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness, 6) goodness, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

Day 10 - 10 Lords a Leaping

The 10 Commandments

Day 11 - 11 Pipers Piping

The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6)

Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16).

Day 12 - 12 Drummers Drumming

The Twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed:

1. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
2. And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell.
5. The third day he rose again from the dead;
6. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
7. From there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
9. I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
10. The forgiveness of sins,
11. The resurrection of the body,
12. And the life everlasting. Amen.

Introductory/General Minit Books

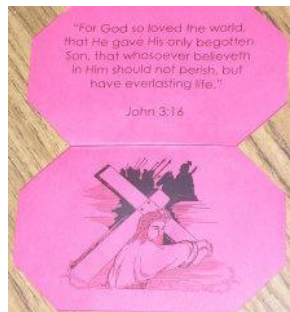
12 Matchbooks

Song Layer Book

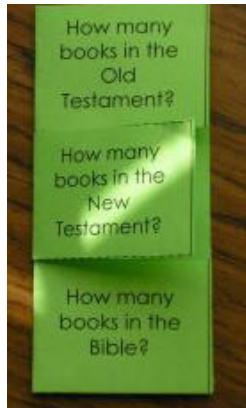
Origins of the Song Simple Fold

Cover Page

A Partridge in a Pear Tree



Two Turtle Doves



Three French Hens



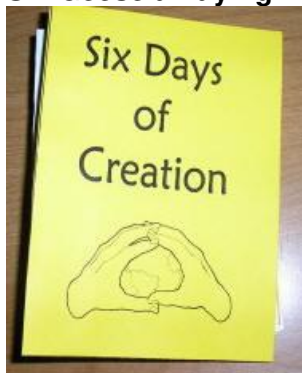
Four Calling Birds



Five Golden Rings



Six Geese a Laying



[Flag Book Instructions](#)

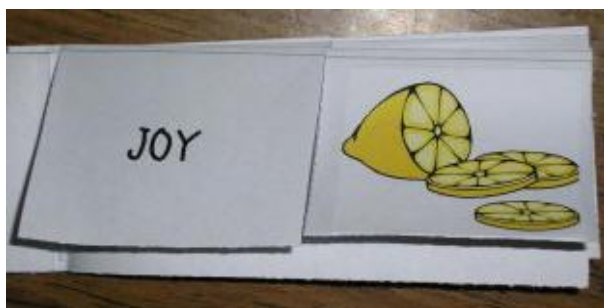
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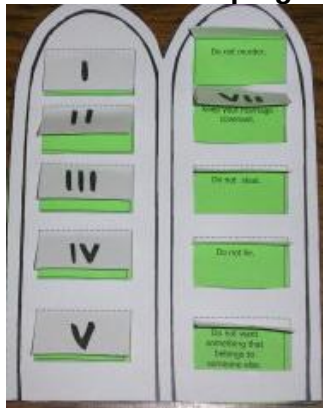
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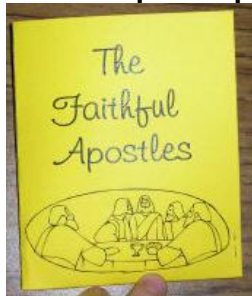
Nine Ladies Dancing



Ten Lords a Leaping



Eleven Pipers Piping



[Apostle Cards](#) (scroll down to Jesus Calls His Disciples)

You can also assemble the Apostle's Creed scroll (not pictured)

*you need two popsicle sticks to make this book

*print on parchment paper if you have it available

Fold minit book as a tri-fold. Let your student write (or cut/paste) faith, hope, and love on the inside.

		Three Theological Virtues
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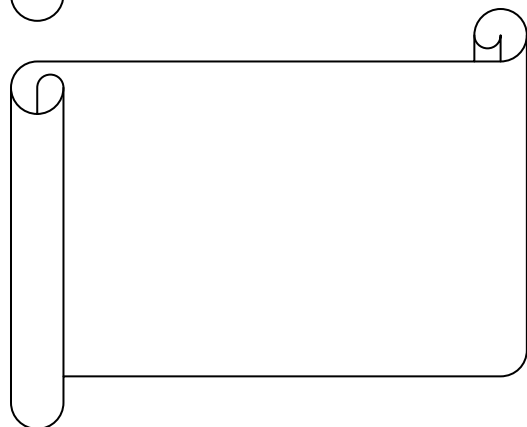
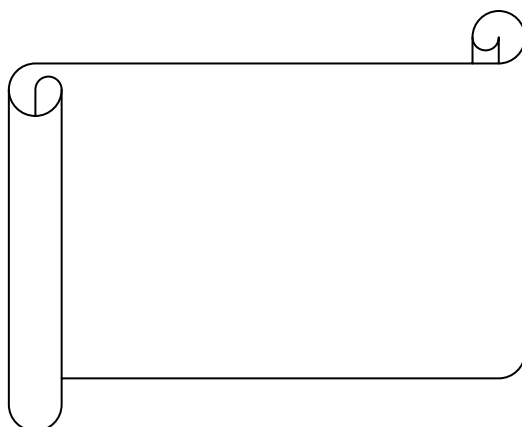
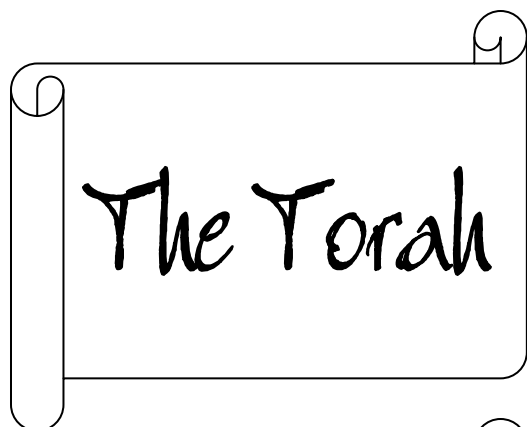
FAITH 	HOPE 	LOVE 
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Cut both pockets out. Fold back flap up and wrap side flaps around the back and glue down.
Glue the back of your pocket into your lapbook.

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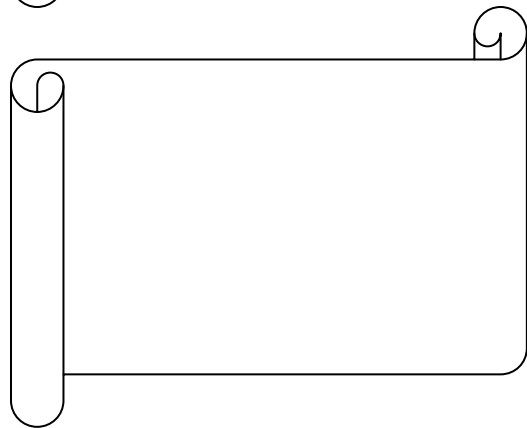
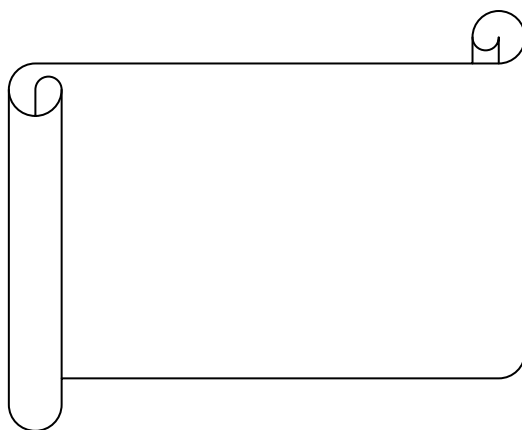
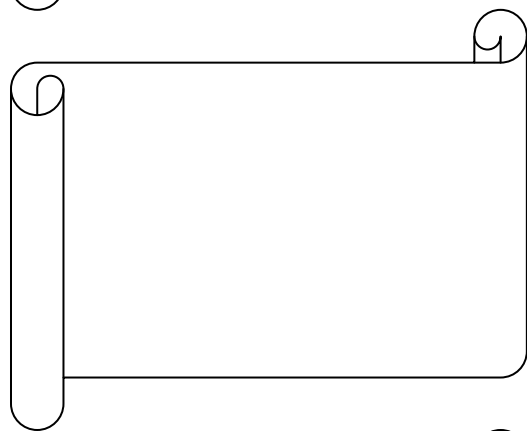
**Books
of the
Old
Testament**

**Books
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Cut out books. Write one book (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, or Deuteronomy) on each scroll. Stack together and staple on the left side of the front cover.

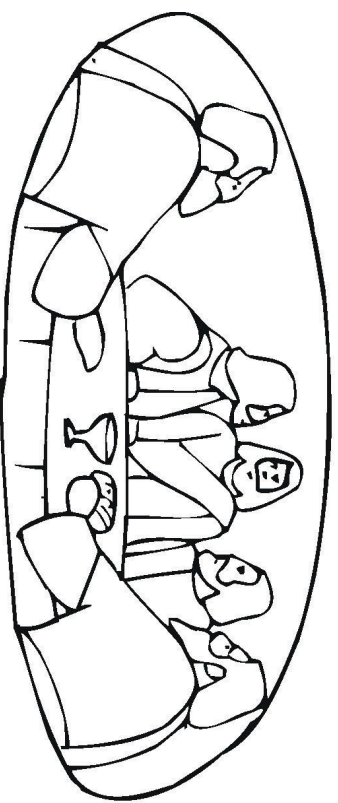
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Cut book out as one piece. Fold in half. Open. Fold bottom strip up (fold on the dotted lines) to form a pocket on the inside of the book.

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The Faithful Apostles

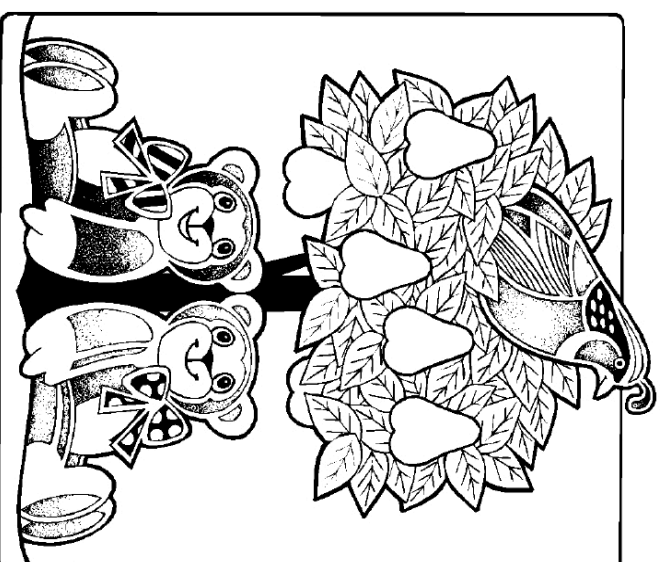


Cut out book as one piece. Fold on solid black line.

Let your student write about the origins of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" song inside the book.

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Origins of the Song

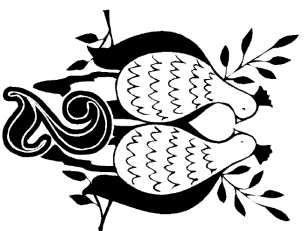
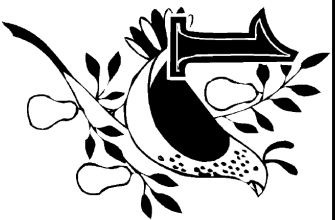


Cut out each book and fold matchbook style. Let your student cut/paste or write the meaning into each book.

Christ who died on
the cross for our
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Old and New
Testaments

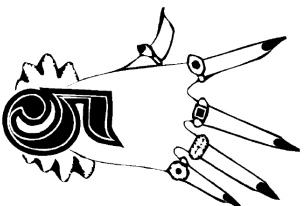
Three gifts
brought to baby
Jesus



Four Gospels



The Torah
the first five
books of the
Old Testament



Six Days of
Creation



Seven Gifts
of the
Holy Spirit



Eight
Beatitudes



Nine Fruits
of the
Spirit



The Ten
Commandments



Eleven Faithful
Apostles

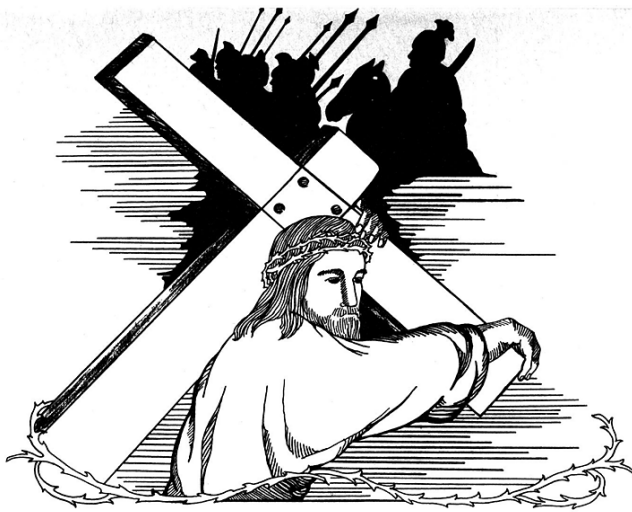


Twelve Points
of the
Apostle's
Creed



"For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth
in Him should not perish, but
have everlasting life."

John 3:16



*Christ died on
the cross
for our sins.*

Cut book out (what you see is the
inside). Fold in half. Cut out
cover piece. Glue on front. Color
picture inside book if desired.



Matthew

REMOVE THIS AREA (Cut away so you have just a tab left)

Mark

REMOVE THIS AREA

Let your student research information about the book (how many chapters, theme/ focus, etc.) or research information about the author (occupation, relationship to Jesus, etc.) and write her findings on each page, as appropriate.

Assembly

Cut out each page (removing areas indicated). Stack in order and staple where indicated on the left side of the front cover.

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Luke	REMOVE THIS AREA
John	

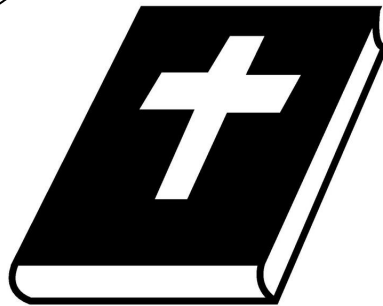
Cut out the three circles. Fold each one in half.

Glue the back of the left half of the first circle (on this page) to the front of the left half of the second circle.

Take the third circle. Glue the back of the left half of the third circle to the back of the right half of the first circle. Fold so that you can open the book once to the right and once to the left. So, the "middle section" is actually the front of your book.

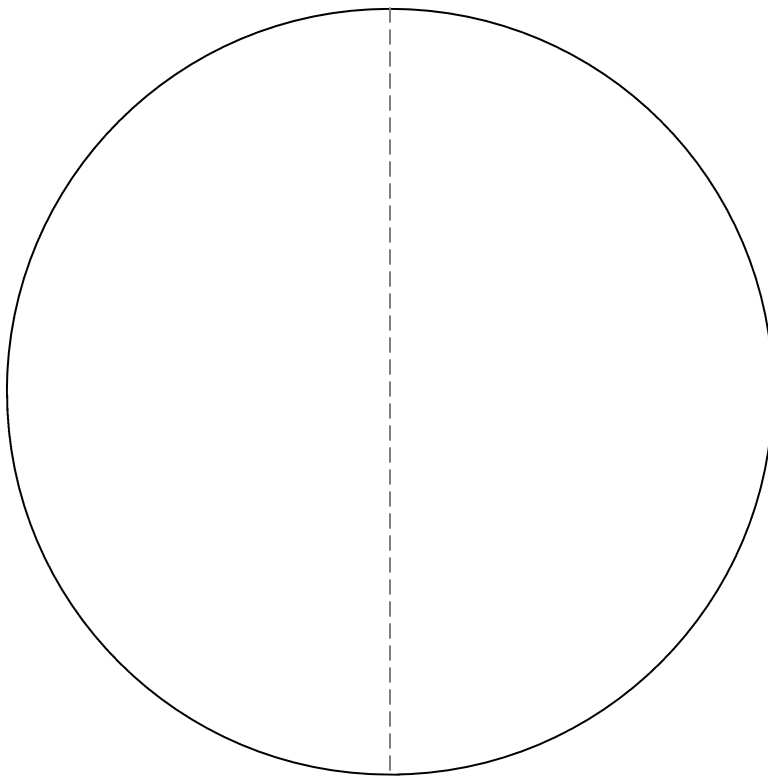
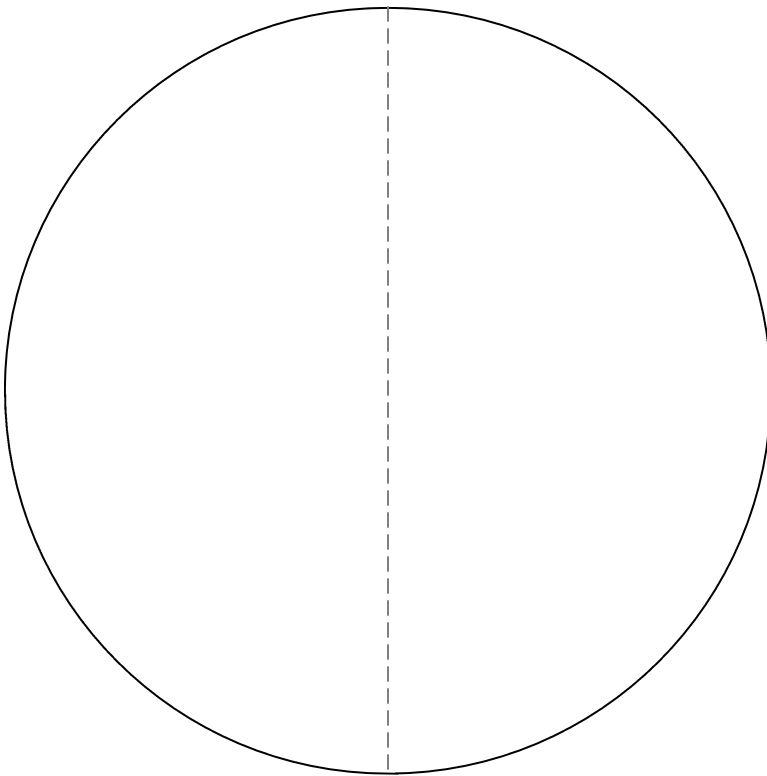
Let your student write Old Testament on the inside of one part of the book and New Testament on the other.

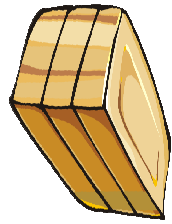
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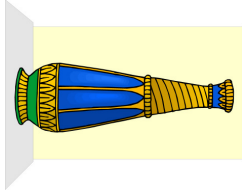
God's Word

has two parts

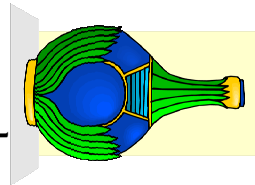






gold



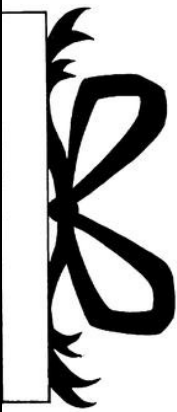
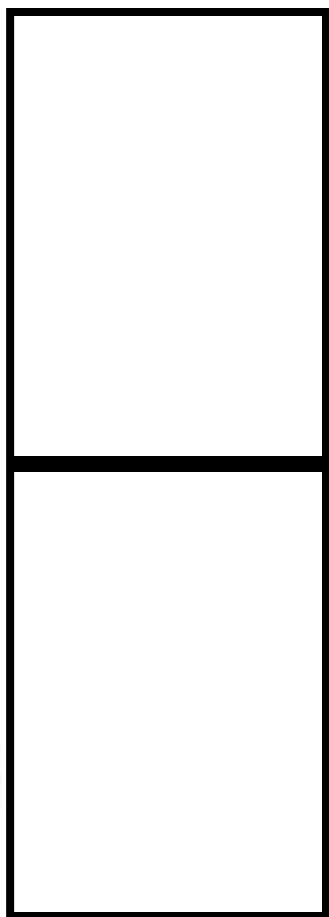
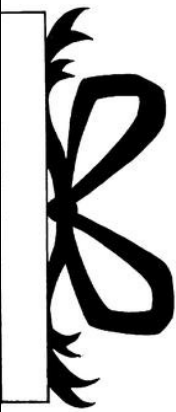
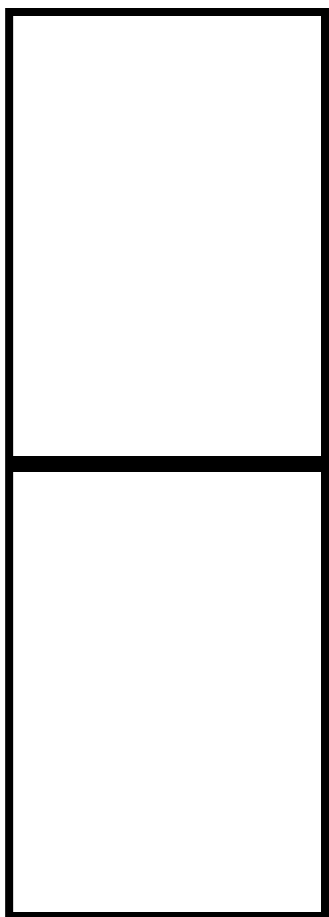
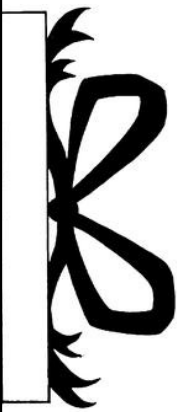
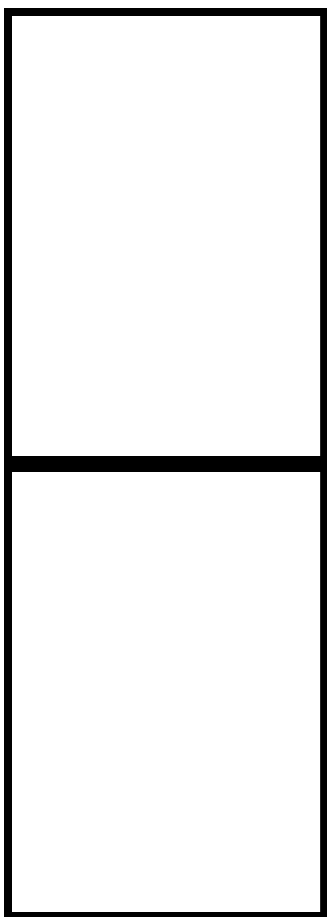
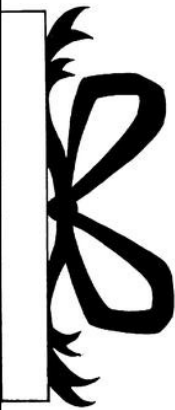
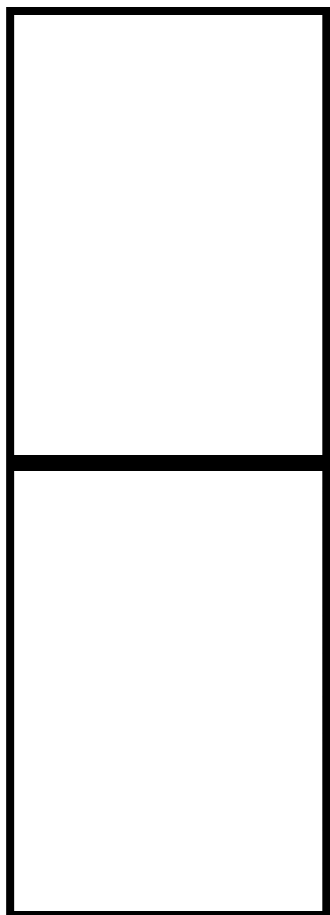
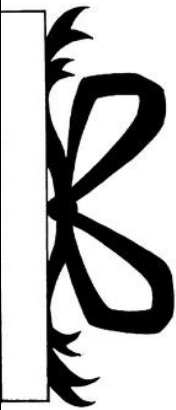
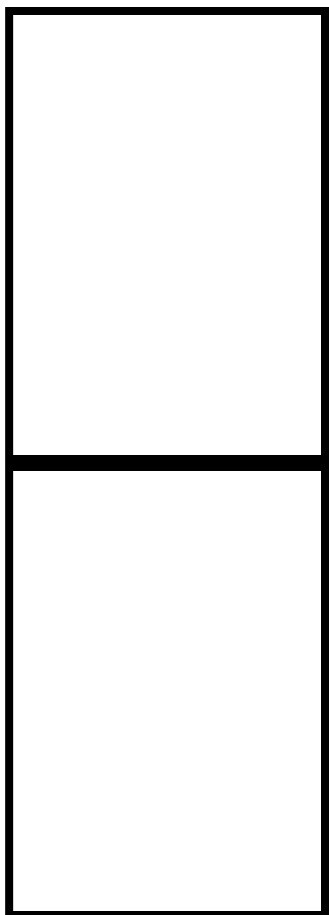
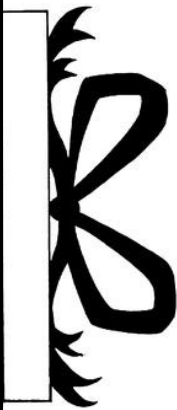
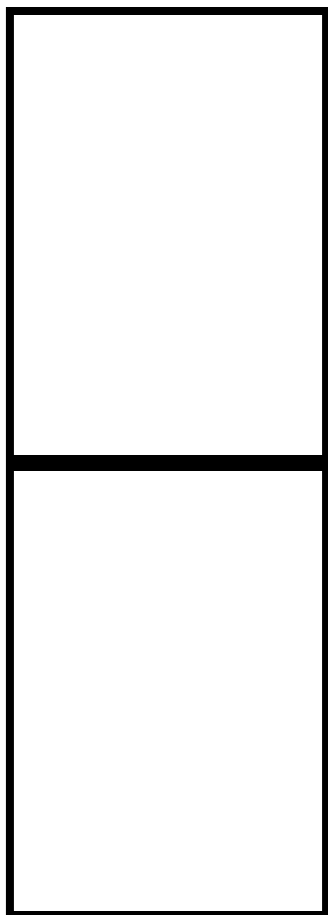
frankincense

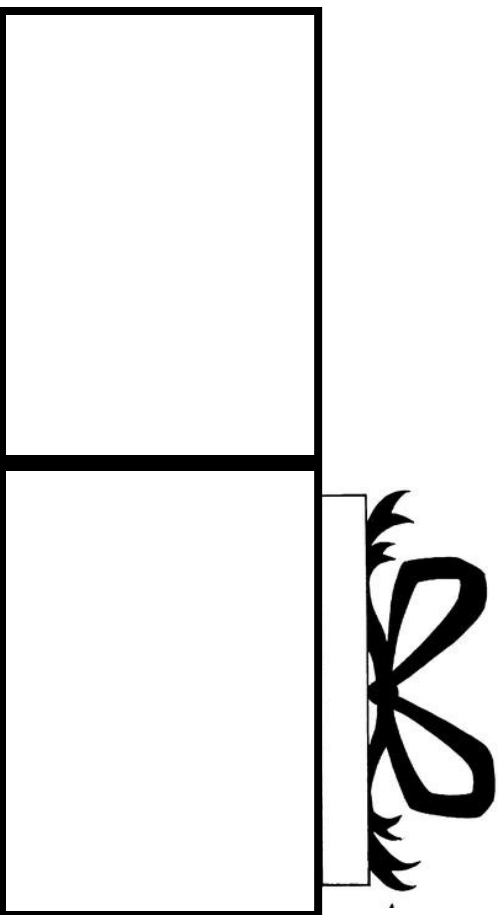


myrrh

<p>Gifts</p> 	<p>of the</p>	<p>Magi</p> 

Cut out book ("Gifts of the Magi") and fold in half on solid black line. Cut on dotted lines to form three flaps. Cut apart the gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Paste one under each flap.





Right now you see the books as they will look when open.

Cut out each present as one piece (seven total). Fold in half. Write numbers 1-7 on the outside of each book. Let your student write one gift of the Holy Spirit on the inside of each mini book (or cut and paste the words provided).

Group these together somewhere in your lapbook and let your student write a title (or cut and paste the one provided) above the books.

Your student could also draw a small picture to serve as a reminder of what the gift is/means or write a definition in the mini book.

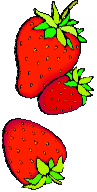
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Teaching	

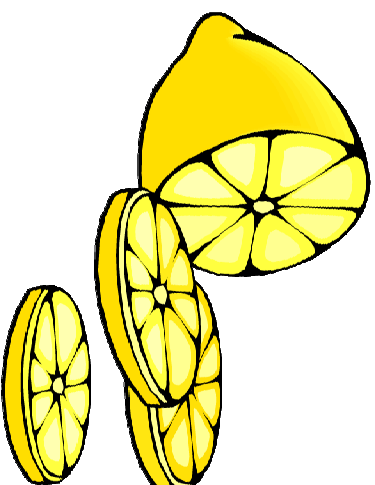
Directions: Cut out the cover (on this page). Cut out each rectangle (solid black lines). Fold like a hotdog on center gray line. Cut dotted gray lines. Repeat steps with each rectangle.

Stack rectangles together (with the cover on top) and staple on the left side where indicated. You will be able to lift the flaps of each strip up. You should also be able to flip in your book from strip to strip.

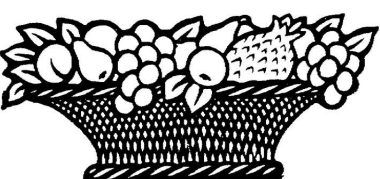
Let your student choose a fruit picture to symbolize each fruit of the spirit. Glue it to the outer right flap of the page. Underneath the fruit (love, joy, etc.) write the definition (your student will have to look these up. Under the fruit picture, let your student think of an EX-AMPLE of how to show that fruit in his life and record it under the picture flap (help with the writing, if necessary).

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Front Cover
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LOVE




Fruit of the Spirit



LOVE

JOY

PEACE

GENTLENESS

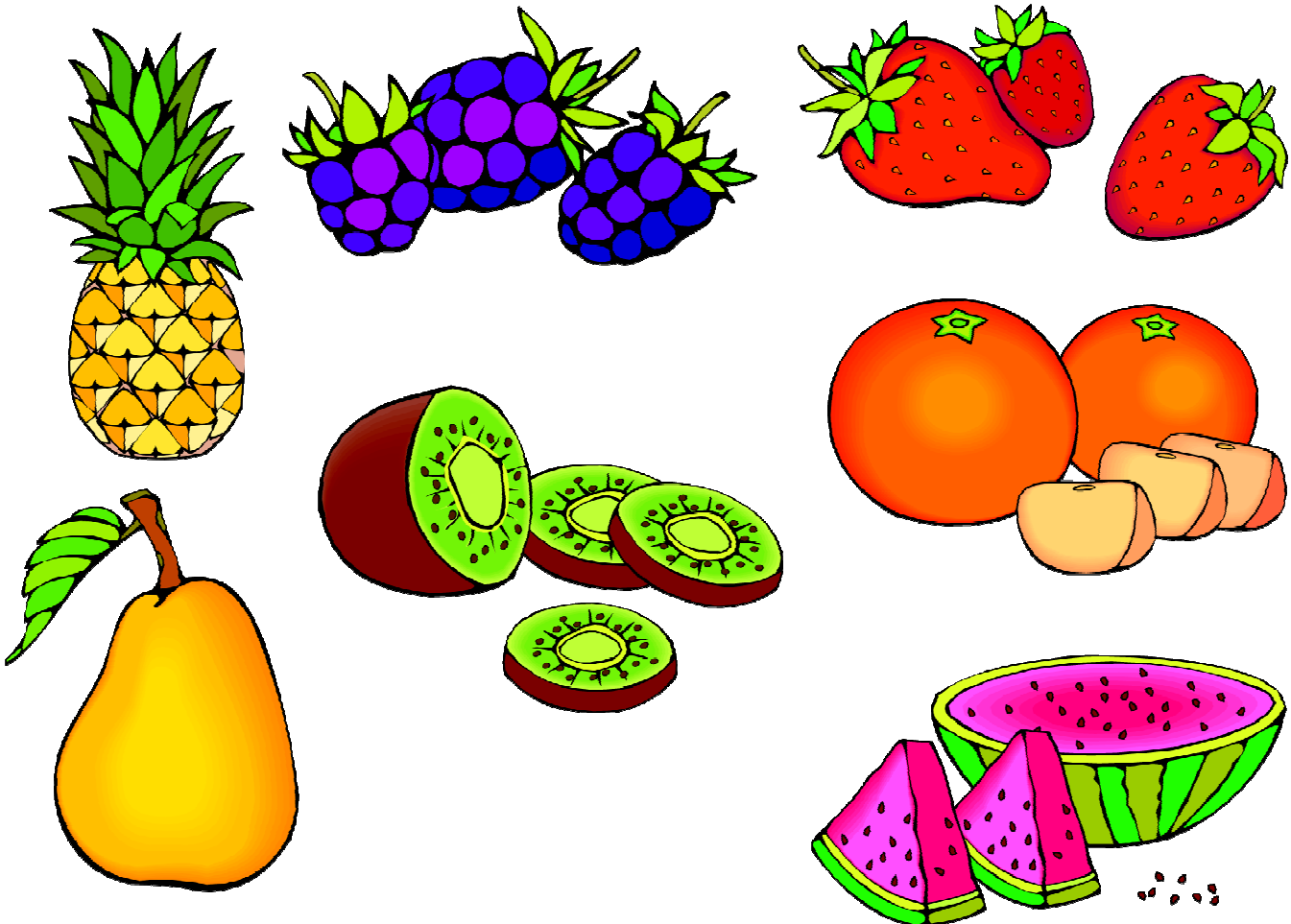
PATIENCE

GOODNESS

KINDNESS

FAITHFULNESS

SELF- CONTROL



Cut out shapes on solid black lines (as one long piece). Fold on dotted lines like an accordion (back and forth, back and forth). Cut out title and paste to cover. Let your student choose a fruit to cut and paste on to each page of the accordion.

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LOVE

JOY

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KINDNESS

Glue flap to connect sections

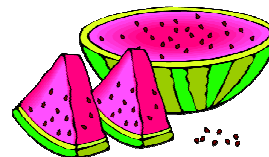
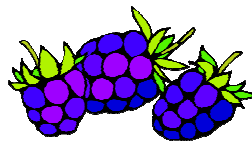
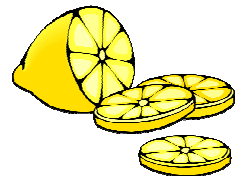
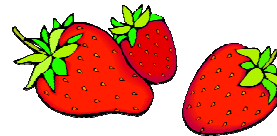
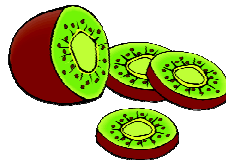
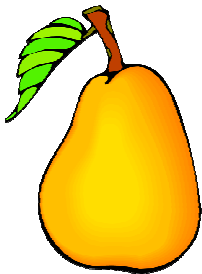
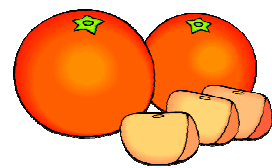
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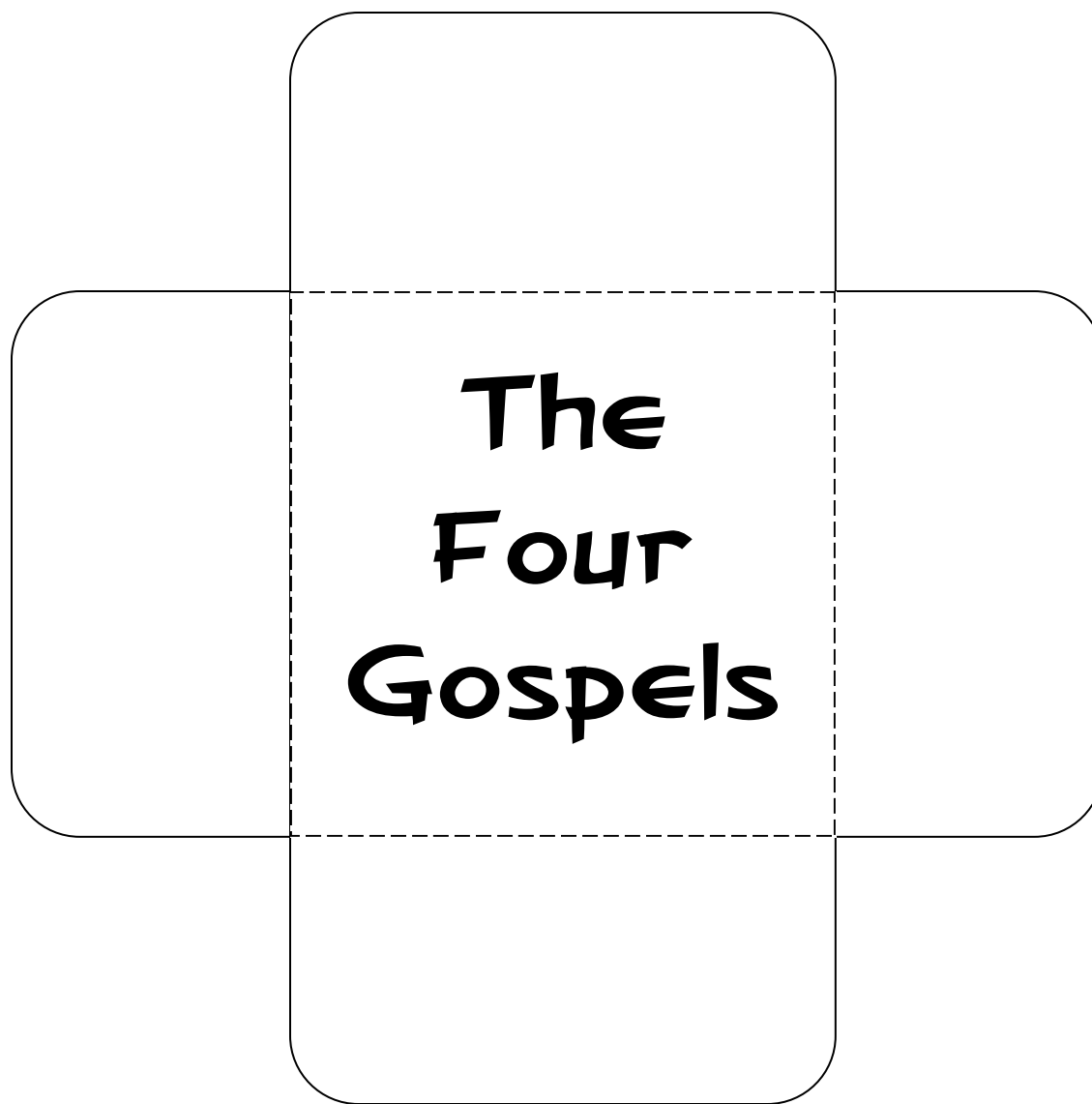
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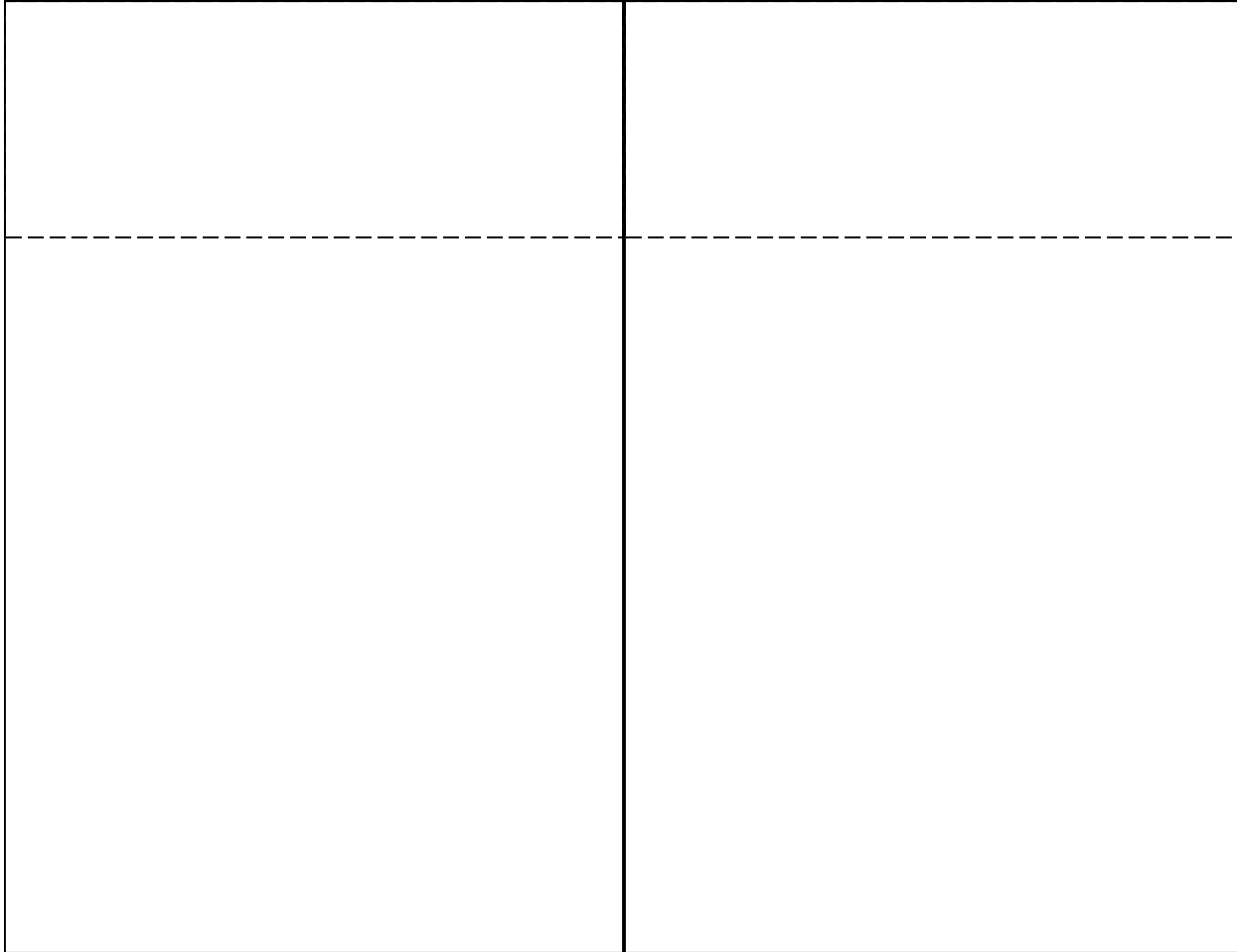
The Fruit
of the Spirit





What you see right now is the inside of the book. Let your student write the name of one gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) on each flap. Cut shape out as one piece. Fold flaps in using the dotted lines as your guide. Tuck the last flap under so that book will stay closed.

PRINT ON CARDSTOCK (first four pages)



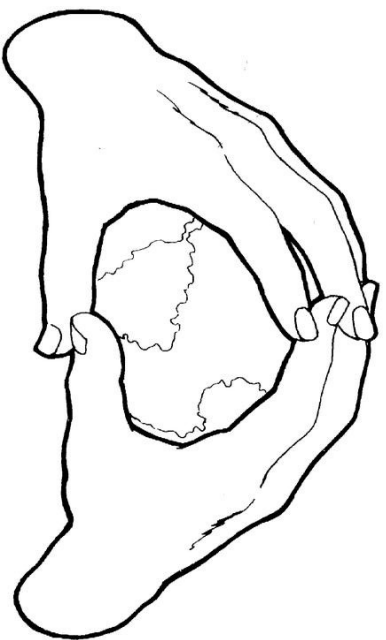
Cut apart on solid black lines. You should have two rectangles when finished. These are flags.

The next page is a bit tricky, but you can do it! Fold it like an accordion (back and forth, back and forth) using the horizontal lines on the sides as a guide. It's hard for me to explain how I used the lines as a guide, but basically, they helped me as I was making my fold I used the next set of lines I could see as my stopping point for that fold. Once you get it folded, unfold and cut on the solid black lines (not the side lines, but the main lines that form the rectangle). Once you have your accordion, you should follow the directions in the link given on the website.

[illegible]

Cut on the solid black lines; you will have two rectangles when finished. These are your covers.

Six Days of Creation



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Cut apart on SOLID black lines; you should have four pieces when finished; these are the flags.

You should have six flags total (two from the first page). Let your student draw pictures that correlate with each day of creation. Draw days 1-3 on the **FRONT** of flags. These will go on the top row. Draw days 4-6 on the backs of flags. These will go on the bottom row.

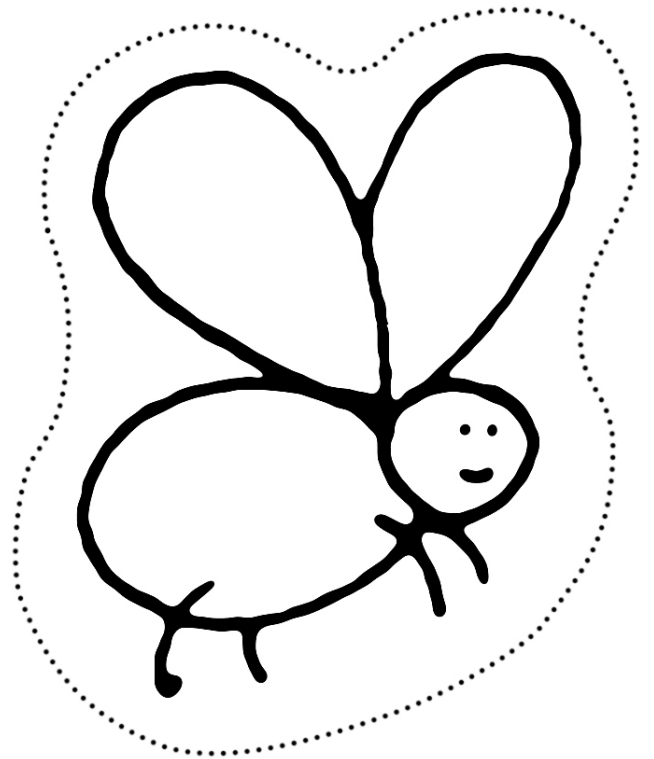
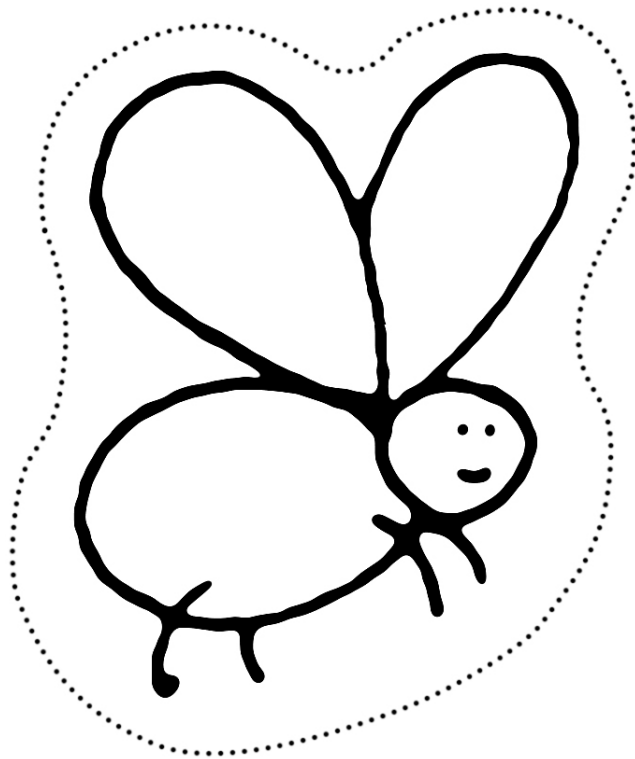
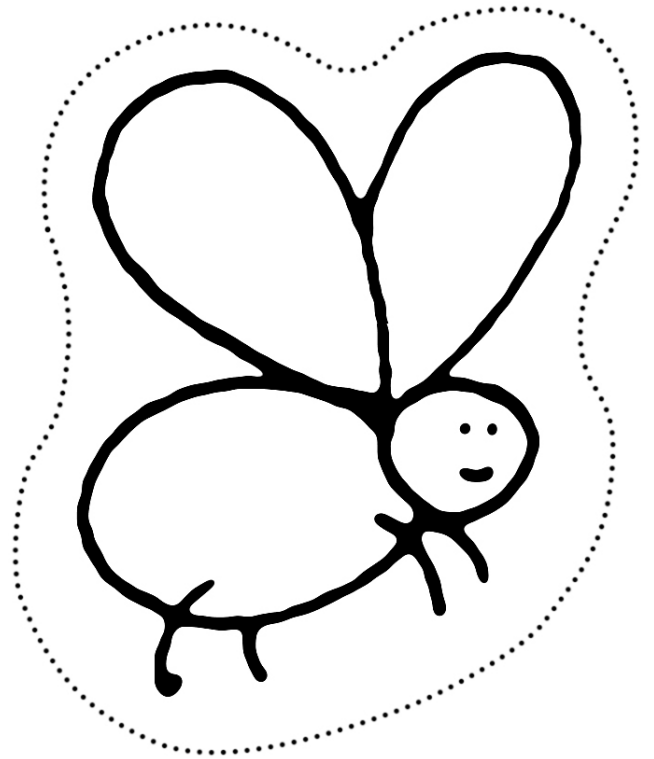
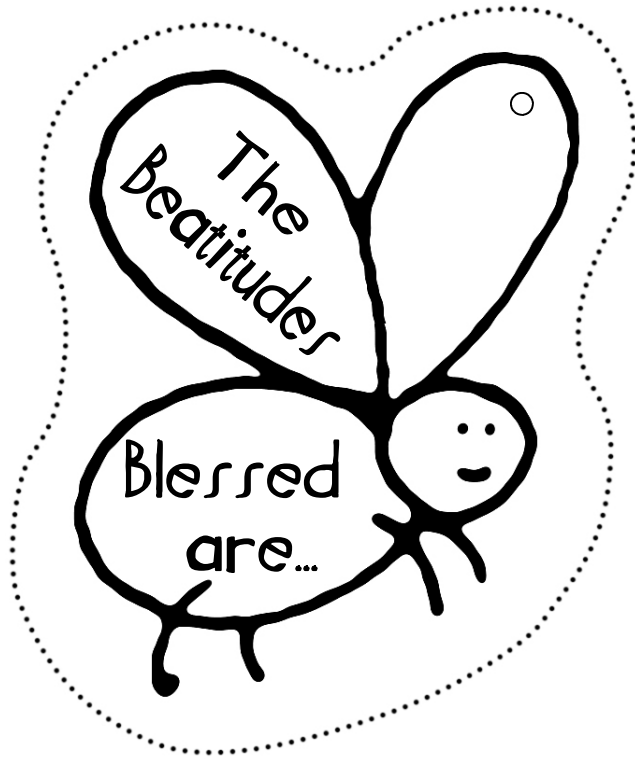
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Day Two	Day Five
Day Three	Day Six

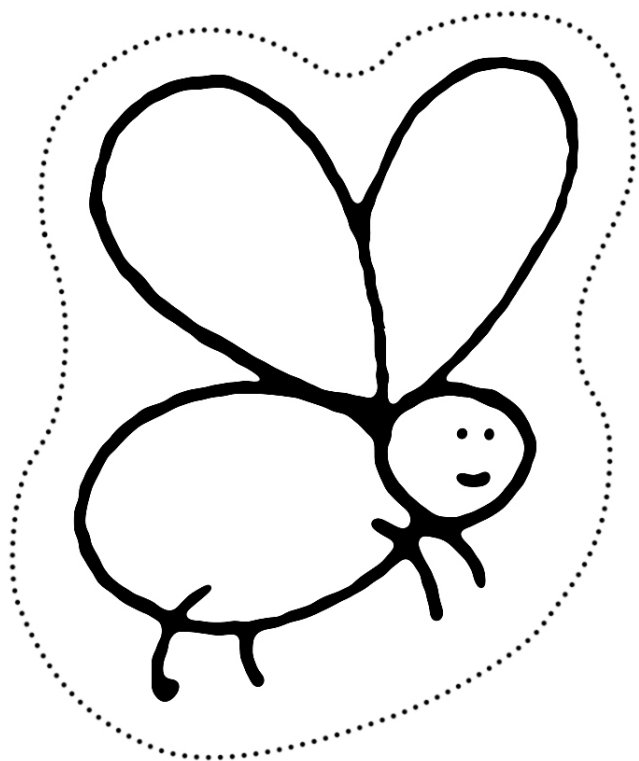
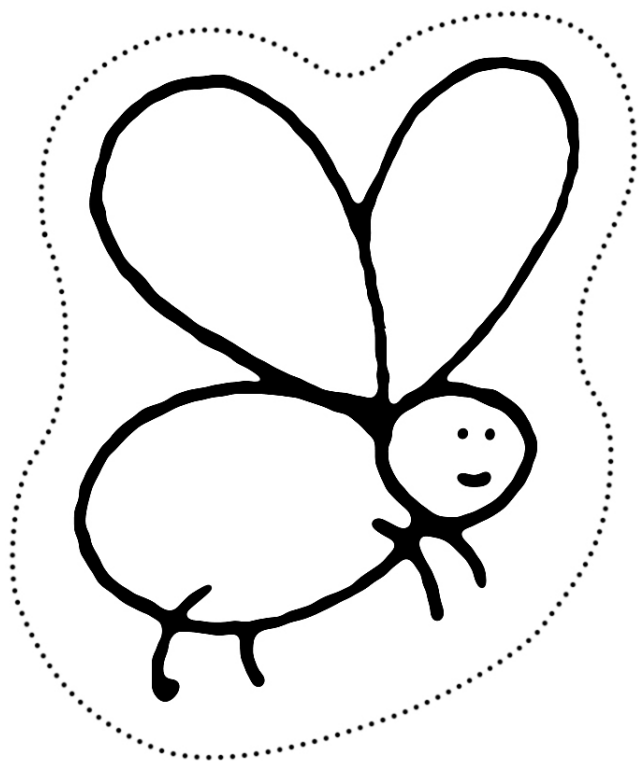
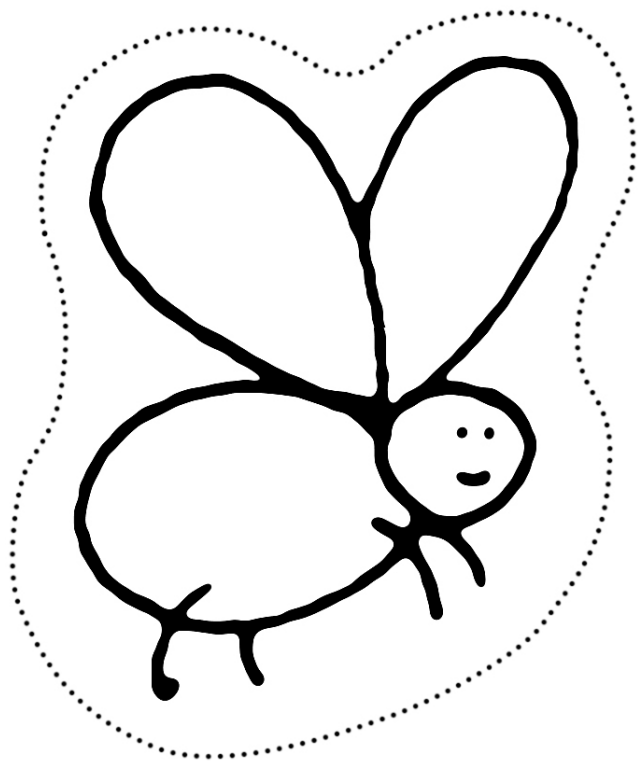
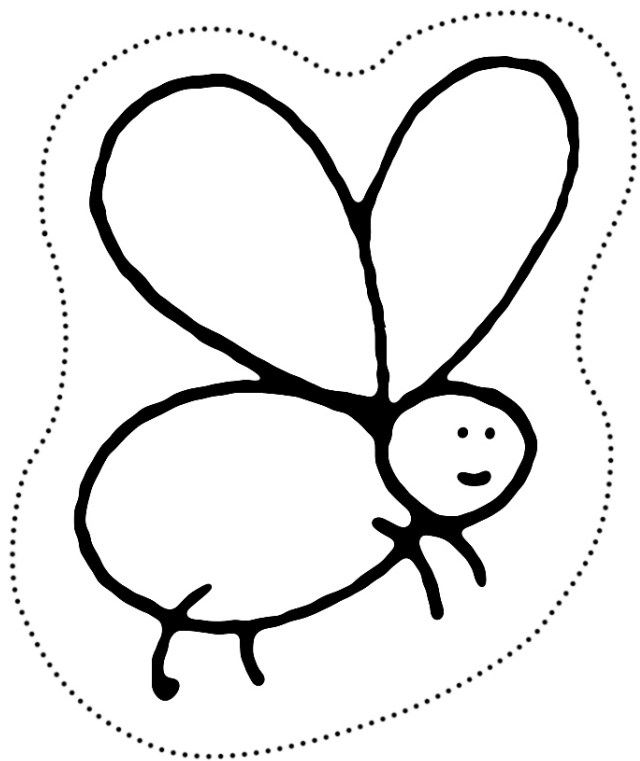
Glue these to the backs of the top three flags and the fronts of the bottom three. (You won't see these when the book is pulled open, your student will have to turn each page to see these.) Let your student write the scripture that correlates with each day or simply write what was made on that day.

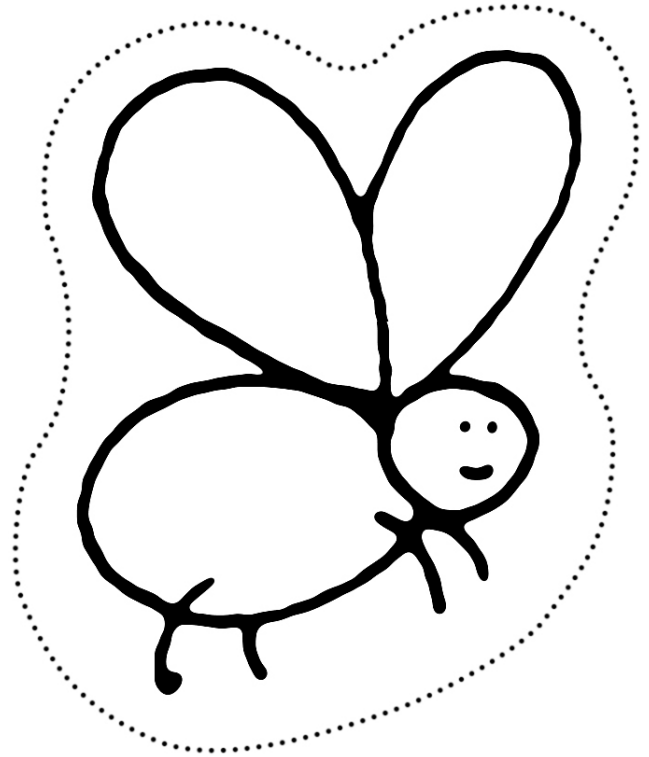
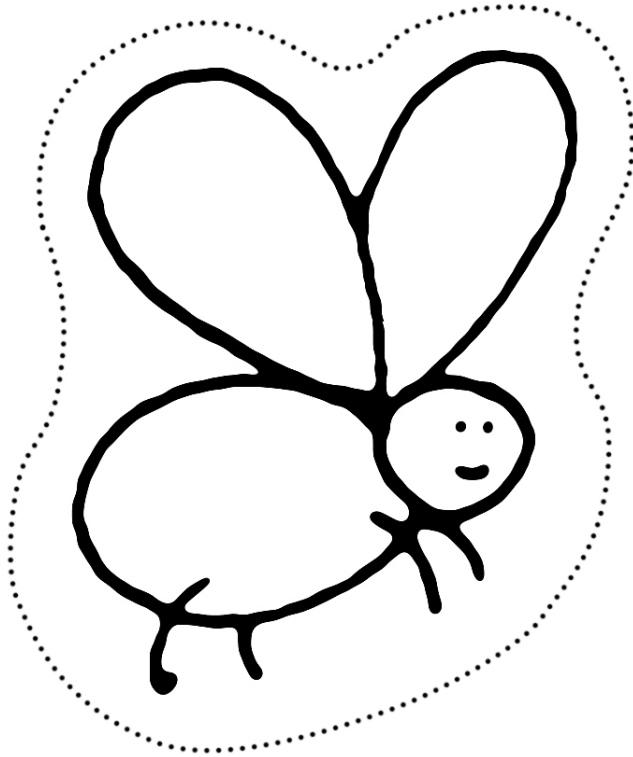
	How many books in the Old Testament?
	How many books in the New Testament?
	How many books in the Bible?

Cut book out as one piece. Fold in half on solid black line. Cut on dotted lines to form three flaps. Let your student write the answer under each flap.

Old Testament = 39 books
New Testament = 27 books
Bible = 66 books







the poor in spirit	the peacemakers
those who mourn	the pure in heart
the meek	the merciful
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake

Cut out bee shapes on dotted lines. Let your student write one beatitude on each bee (or cut/paste the ones provided). An older student could also write a verse reference on each wing (the corresponds to the beatitude on that bee).

Stack bees together and attach with a brass fastener (where indicated on the front cover).

One extra bee template is provided in case your student wants to make his own cover piece.

Cut out Apostle's Creed on the solid black line. Glue a popsicle stick to the top (horizontally across the top) and one to the bottom. After the sticks are dry, roll them up so they look like a scroll.

Apostle's Creed

1. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
2. And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell.
5. The third day He rose again from the dead;
6. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
7. From there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
9. I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
10. The forgiveness of sins,
11. The resurrection of the body,
12. And the life everlasting.

Amen

Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day
of Christmas,
my true love
sent to me
A partridge in a
pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

Cut apart rectangles. Let your student cut out the pictures and match them to the correct verse. Glue pictures on. Stack rectangles in order with cover on top and staple at the top. Use the book to review the song again and again!

On the third day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

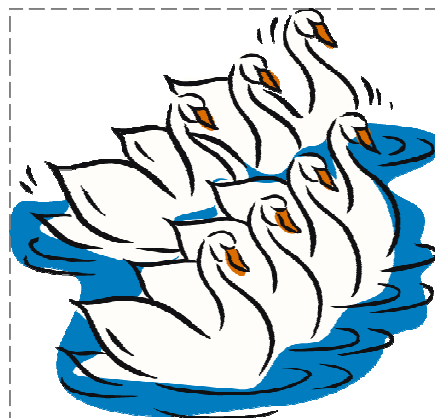
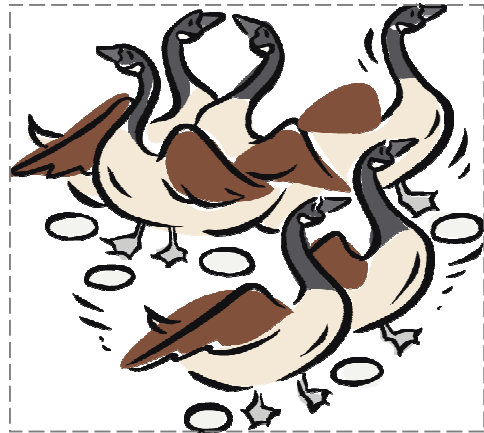
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my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

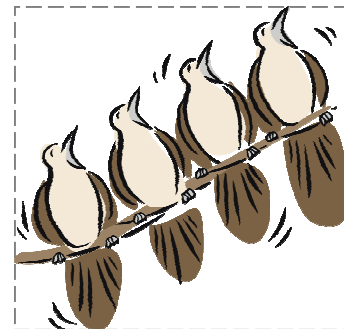
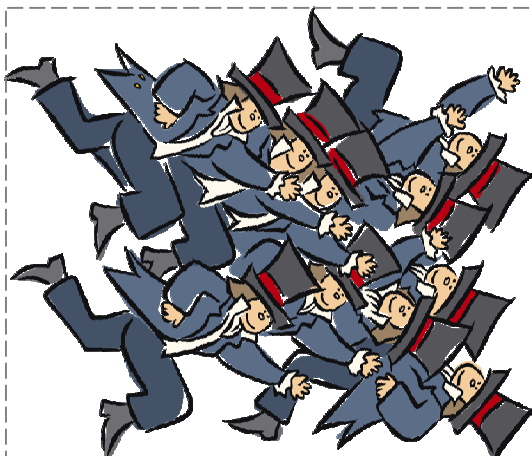
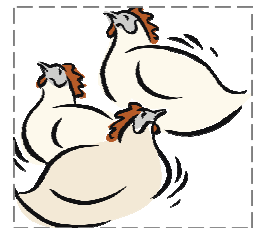
On the sixth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.



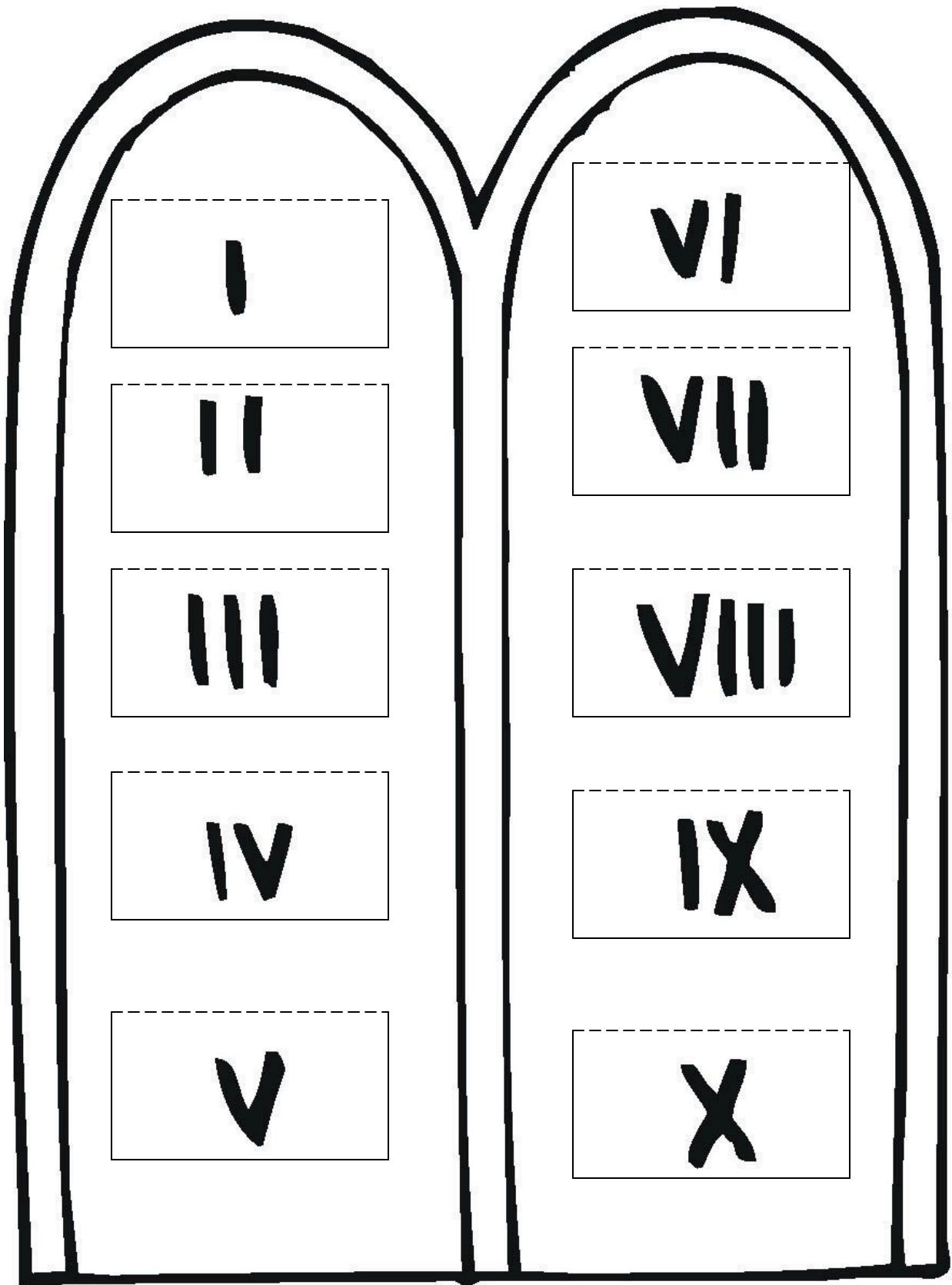
On the twelfth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!

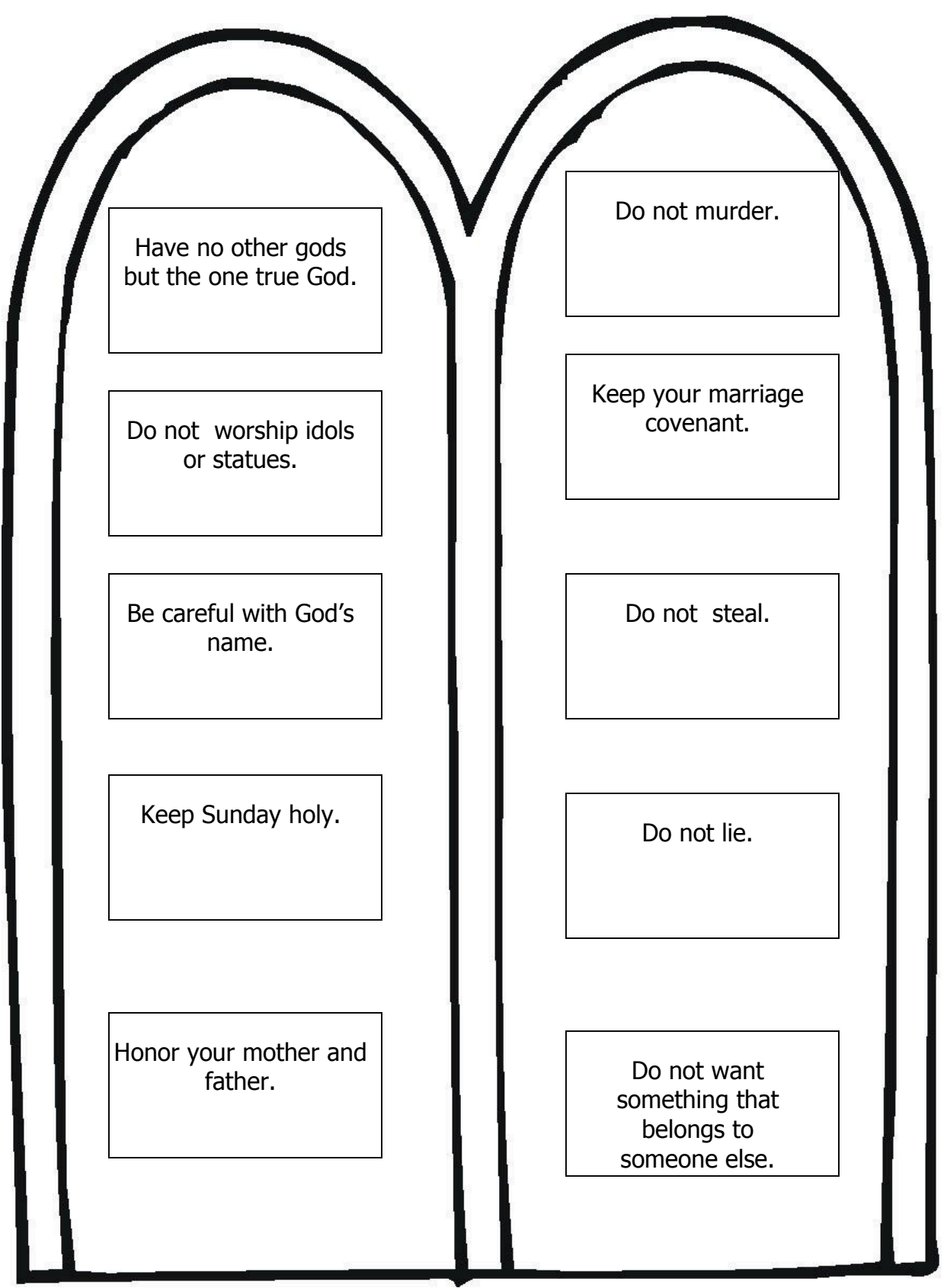
On the eleventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.





Using an exacto knife, cut on solid black lines around each Roman Numeral. Fold back on the dotted line to form a window. Cut around the tablet shape. Cut tablet shape out on next page. Glue the first tablet over the top of the second. Student should be able to lift each flap to see the commandment(s).





Have no other gods
but the one true God.

Do not worship idols
or statues.

Be careful with God's
name.

Keep Sunday holy.

Honor your mother and
father.

Do not murder.

Keep your marriage
covenant.

Do not steal.

Do not lie.

Do not want
something that
belongs to
someone else.