



PICTURES OF A CHRISTIAN WORKER

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Memory Verses

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2 TIMOTHY 2:3

Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

Week 2

1 CORINTHIANS 9:25

All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

Week 3

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6

I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.

Week 4

1 PETER 5:2

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.



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Lesson 1: Soldier

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2 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

A Christian worker is like a soldier.

A Christian worker tries to share with others God's message of love and forgiveness through Jesus. Today, we'll see 3 ways that a Christian worker is like a soldier.

WHAT DOES A SOLDIER DO?

In these 2 verses, Paul mentions 3 things that a soldier does.

1. Soldiers are focused on their mission
 - o Paul says soldiers "don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life" (2 Timothy 2:4)
 - o Instead, they are focused on what really matters, which is winning the battle!
2. Soldiers want to please their commanding officer
 - o Soldiers want their commanding officer to be proud of them
3. Soldiers suffer
 - o In war, soldiers endure intense suffering as they fight for the people they love.
 - o Soldiers must be highly trained, tough, and courageous.

HOW IS A CHRISTIAN WORKER LIKE A SOLDIER?

Let's revisit the 3 things that a soldier does. How is a Christian worker like that?

1. Christian workers are focused on their mission
 - o We must stay focused on sharing God's message, instead of getting distracted.
 - o Everyone needs to hear about how Jesus has saved them, and soon!
2. Christian workers want to please God
 - o God gives us instructions to help us on our mission. We should listen to God and allow him to help us. This pleases Him!
3. Christian workers suffer
 - o Being a Christian worker and sharing God's message is difficult. We have an enemy (Satan). But we should be tough and courageous like a soldier!

Sitting on the sidelines of the battle because you think you aren't good enough to be one of God's soldiers, getting distracted by new video games/clothes/drama at school/etc., thinking that being a Christian worker is easy

You can be like a soldier in God's army and join in on his mission to save the world!

- How would you describe a soldier? What are their characteristics?
- What would it be like to be a soldier in a battle? What would you be thinking/feeling?
- What might be some problems with getting distracted during a battle?
- In what ways is a Christian worker like a soldier? In what ways are they different?
- How would you explain the message of Jesus to someone else, in your own words?
- Christian workers (God's soldiers) fight an enemy, Satan. What do you already know about Satan? What questions do you have about Him?

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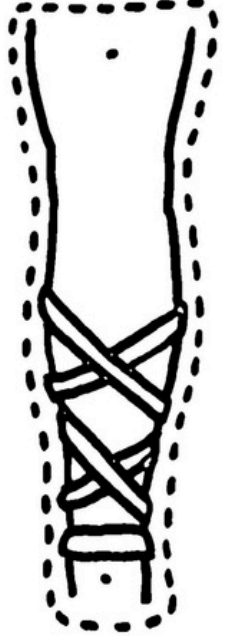
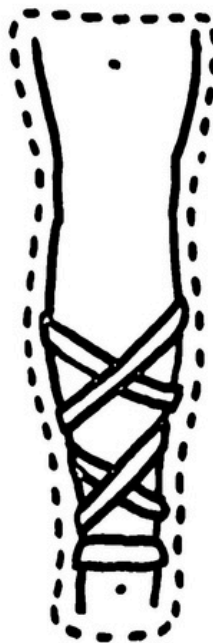
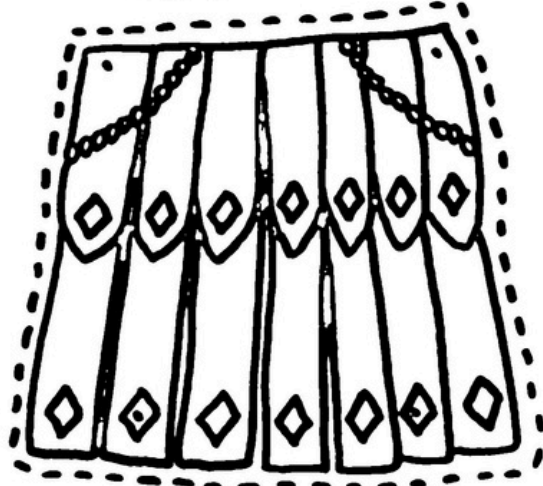
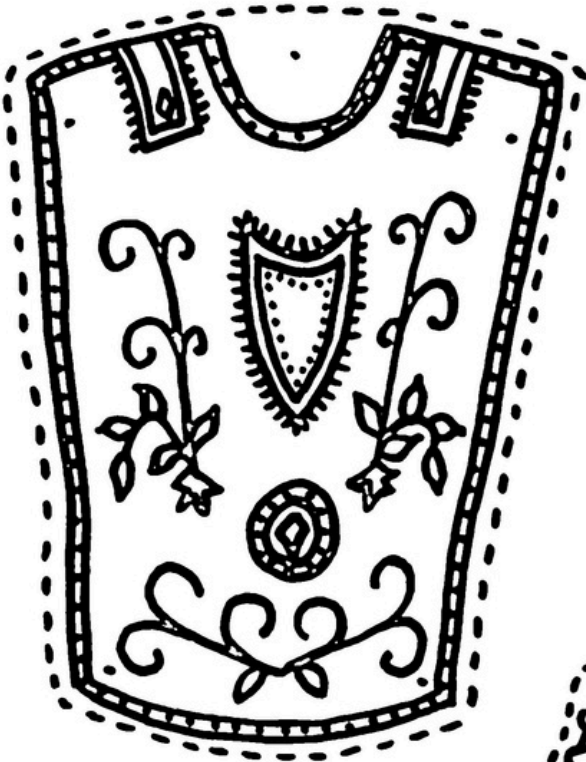
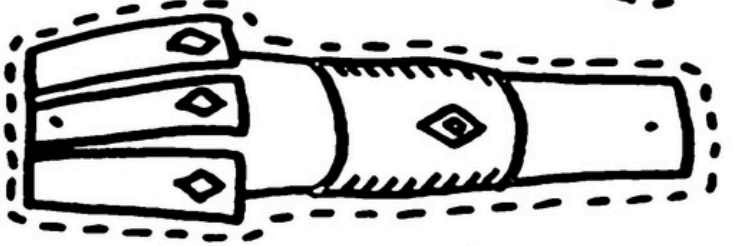
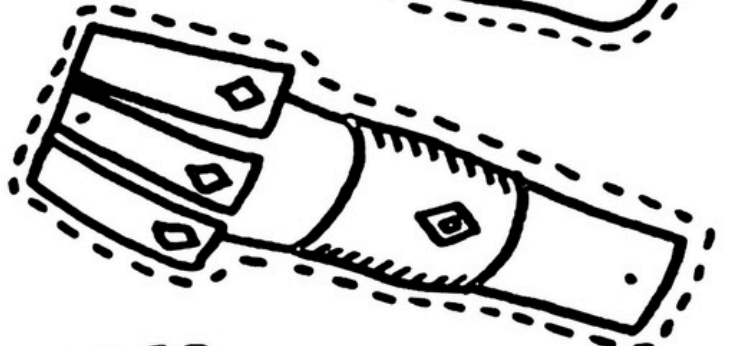
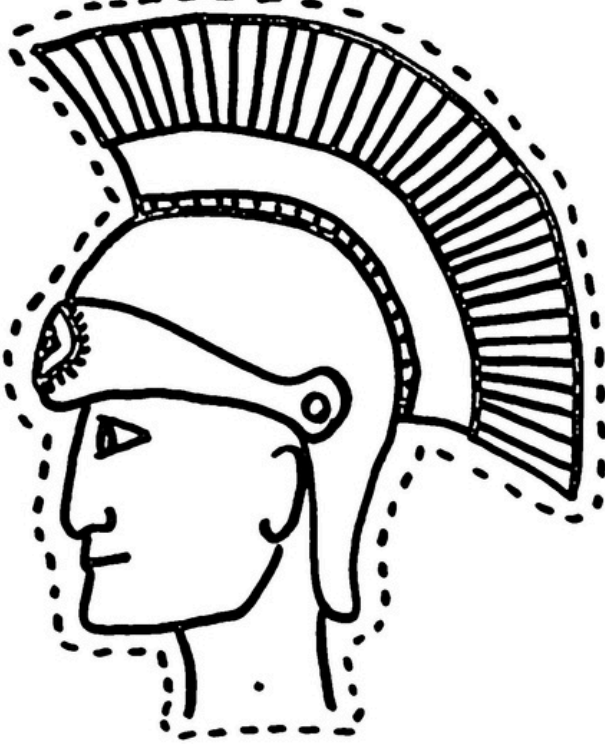
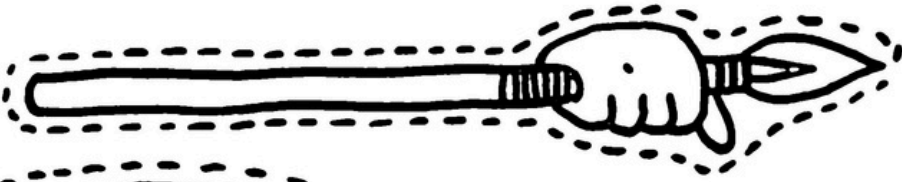
ROMAN SOLDIER ACTION FIGURE

Today, we learned that Christian workers are like soldiers in God's army. Paul would've been picturing a Roman soldier as he wrote this, so we're going to make one!

Scissors, paper fasteners, Roman soldier printout, hole puncher

1. Color the printout
2. Cut on the dotted lines
3. Use a hole puncher on each of the dots
4. Place the parts of the soldier together on the table, overlapping the hole punches
5. Use a paper fastener to connect the parts of the soldier which you have laid out
6. See how the soldier can move!







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2 TIMOTHY 2:5

A Christian worker is like an athlete.

A Christian worker tries to share with others God's message of love and forgiveness through Jesus. Today, we'll see 2 ways that a Christian worker is like an athlete.

WHAT DOES AN ATHLETE DO?

1. Athletes train
 - o Every elite athlete must go through strict training
 - *NOTE: Include information about a relevant athlete here. Describe their training regimen or diet.*
 - o Training includes building muscle, endurance & mental stamina, learning about the sport, working together with their team or coaches, etc.
2. Athletes compete to win a prize
 - o Ex: Olympians compete for a medal, OSU Buckeye Football players compete for the National Championship trophy, etc.

HOW IS A CHRISTIAN WORKER LIKE AN ATHLETE?

Let's revisit the things that athletes do. How is a Christian worker like that?

1. Christian workers train
 - o Like athletes learn about the game, we should learn about God's mission!
 - o Like athletes work together with their team, we should build friendships with other Christians, and our coach, God!
2. Christian workers have a "prize" to win
 - o Athletes compete against each other to win a prize that doesn't last, but Christian workers train to win a prize that lasts forever! (1 Corinthians 9:25b)
 - Heaven is our finish line/prize and God will reward us for loving Him/others

Being a Christian who doesn't train, forgetting that we have heaven to look forward to as our finish line/prize

God wants you to be an athlete on His team!

- Do you play any sports? How do you train or practice for your sport?
- Who is your favorite famous athlete and why?
- What are ways that we can train spiritually?
- What kinds of things help an athlete keep going when they get tired? What might help us keep going in our relationship with God?
- How can we keep our eyes on the finish line/prize (heaven)?



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OLYMPIC MEDAL

Today, we learned that Christian workers are like athletes. We're making a medal to remind us that we're athletes on God's winning team.

Felt, ribbon, glue gun (*NOTE: For adults only*), circular object for tracing, scissors, sharpie

1. Place the circular object on felt and trace. Repeat.
2. Cut out your 2 circles. Each should be around 3.5" in diameter.
3. Choose a different felt color. Draw and cut out a number or symbol for your medal.
4. Cut your ribbon to be 30"
5. Overlap the ends at an angle and hot glue them together (*NOTE: FOR ADULTS ONLY!*)
6. Glue your overlapped ribbon onto the back side of circle #1
7. Glue your felt number or symbol to the center of circle #2
8. Cover circle #2 with hot glue and glue both circles together, sandwiching the ribbon in between the layers.





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Lesson 3: Farmer

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2 TIMOTHY 2:6-7

A Christian worker is like a farmer.

A Christian worker tries to share with others God's message of love and forgiveness through Jesus. Today, we'll see that a Christian worker is like a farmer.

WHAT DOES A FARMER DO?

To the ancient Jews, farming was very important.

• There was no Kroger, Door Dash, or McDonalds!
Therefore, a farmer would do these 2 important things.

1. Work hard
 - Water the crops and tend to them daily
 - Work long days, rain or shine, even if he doesn't feel like it
2. Be patient
 - It takes months for seeds to grow and bear fruit!
 - When it seems like nothing is happening, farmers must wait on God.
 - Growth is outside of the farmers control.
 - Sometimes a crop is "out of season." A farmer must wait patiently for the harvest.

HOW IS A CHRISTIAN WORKER LIKE A FARMER?

Let's revisit the things that farmers do. How is a Christian worker like that?

1. Christian workers work hard
 - Following God can be difficult at times, but like the farmer, we shouldn't give up!
 - This is a choice we can make every day.
2. Christian workers must be patient
 - Just like farmers wait on God to grow their crops, we must pray and wait for God to act in our lives. (1 Corinthians 3:6)
 - There will be "out of season" times while following God.
 - It may seem like God isn't doing very much with our efforts, but must be patient and remember that God is in control in the out of season times, too!

Thinking that God isn't doing his part/providing the growth, being impatient & giving up

God wants to use you as a farmer to grow his kingdom!

- Have you ever 'farmed' or gardened? What did you grow?
- Do you find it hard to wait for a plant to bear fruit/grow? Why or why not?
- Have you ever waited for God to answer a prayer after a long time? Share about it.
- How could you tell that someone thought they were in control, instead of God?
- How do you want to be changed by God (or grow spiritually)?

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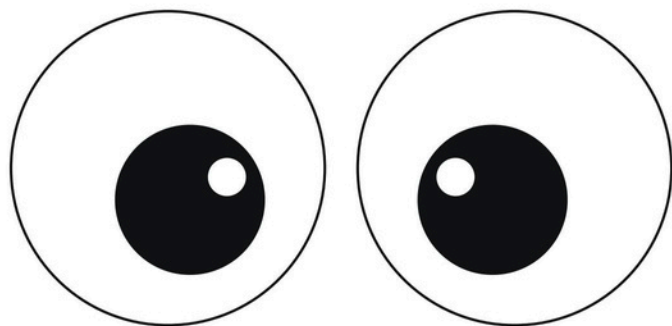
CORN ON THE COB

Today, we learned that Christian workers are like farmers. We're making a corn on the cob craft to remind us that God wants us to be the farmers of his harvest.

Colored card stock or construction paper, white card stock, glue stick / liquid glue, scissors, light orange marker, corn printout

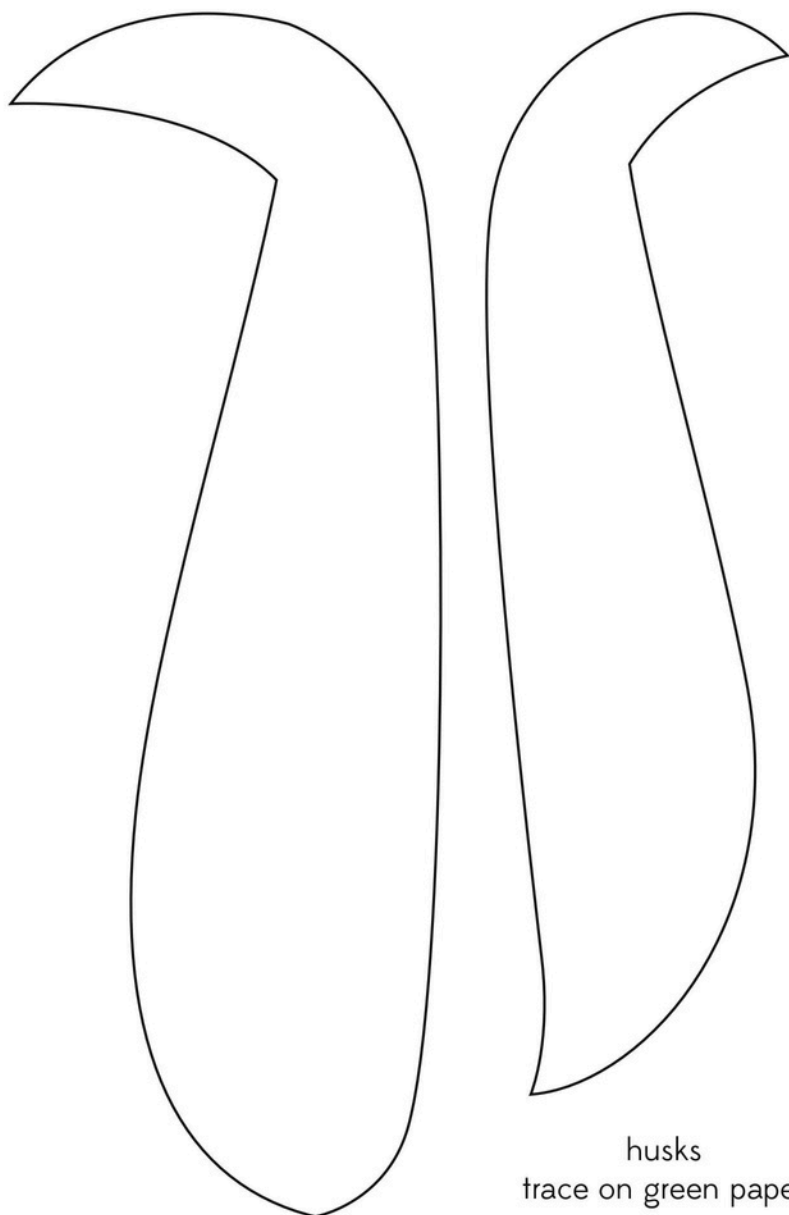
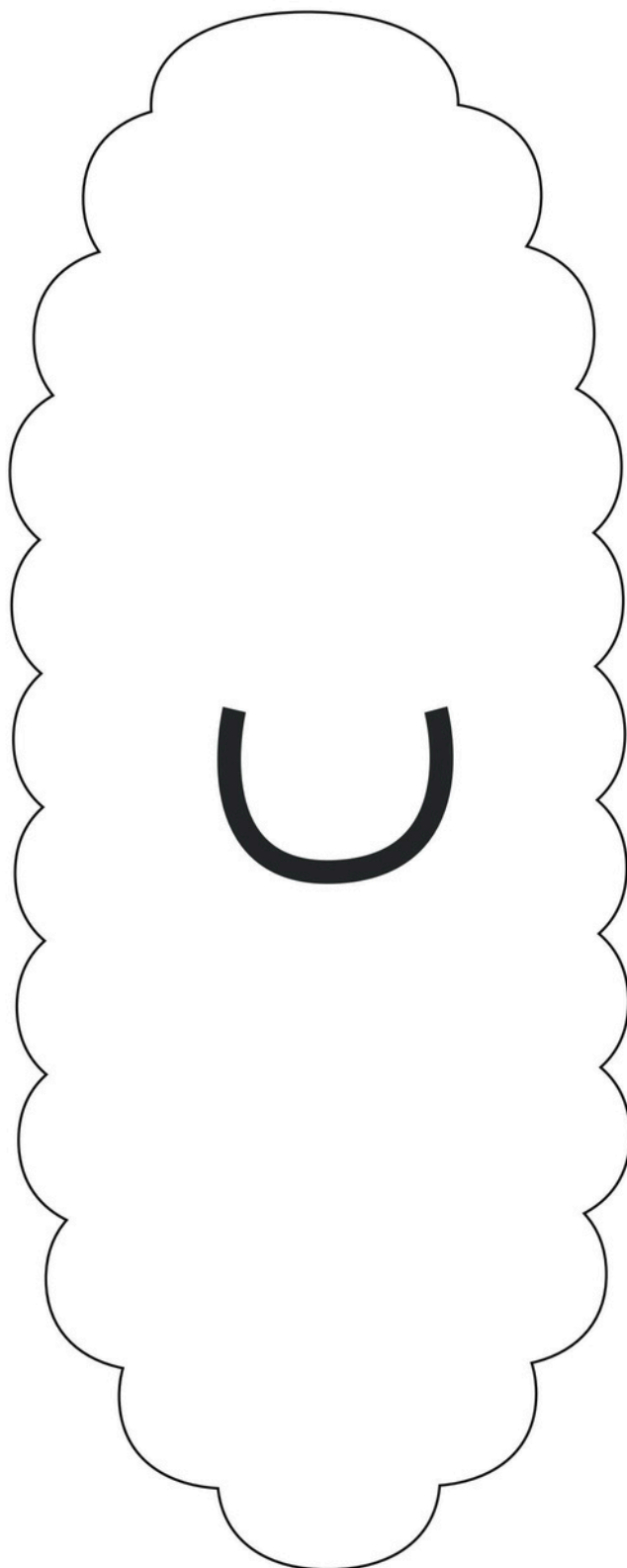
1. Cut out the corn and husk shapes from the template (*NOTE: If the corn & husks are already printed onto yellow & green paper, skip to step 5*)
2. Trace the corn on a yellow piece of paper and the husks on a green piece of paper
3. Cut out the corn and draw a smile.
4. Cut out the husks.
5. Cut out a set of eyes and glue in the middle of the corn cob, right above the smile
6. Glue the left husk on first, then the right husk.
7. Take the light orange markers and draw some corn bubble marks all over the open parts of the corn cob.





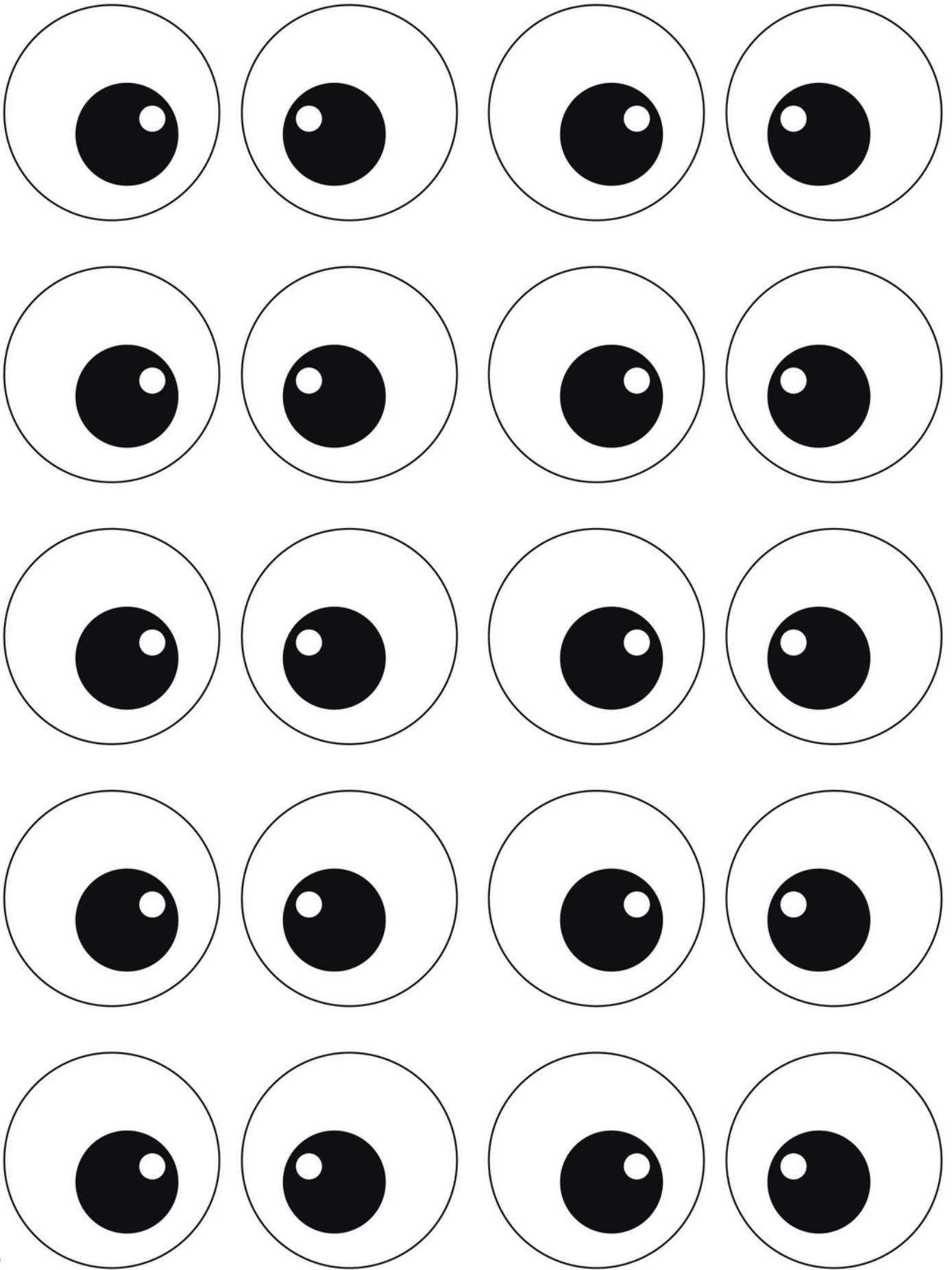
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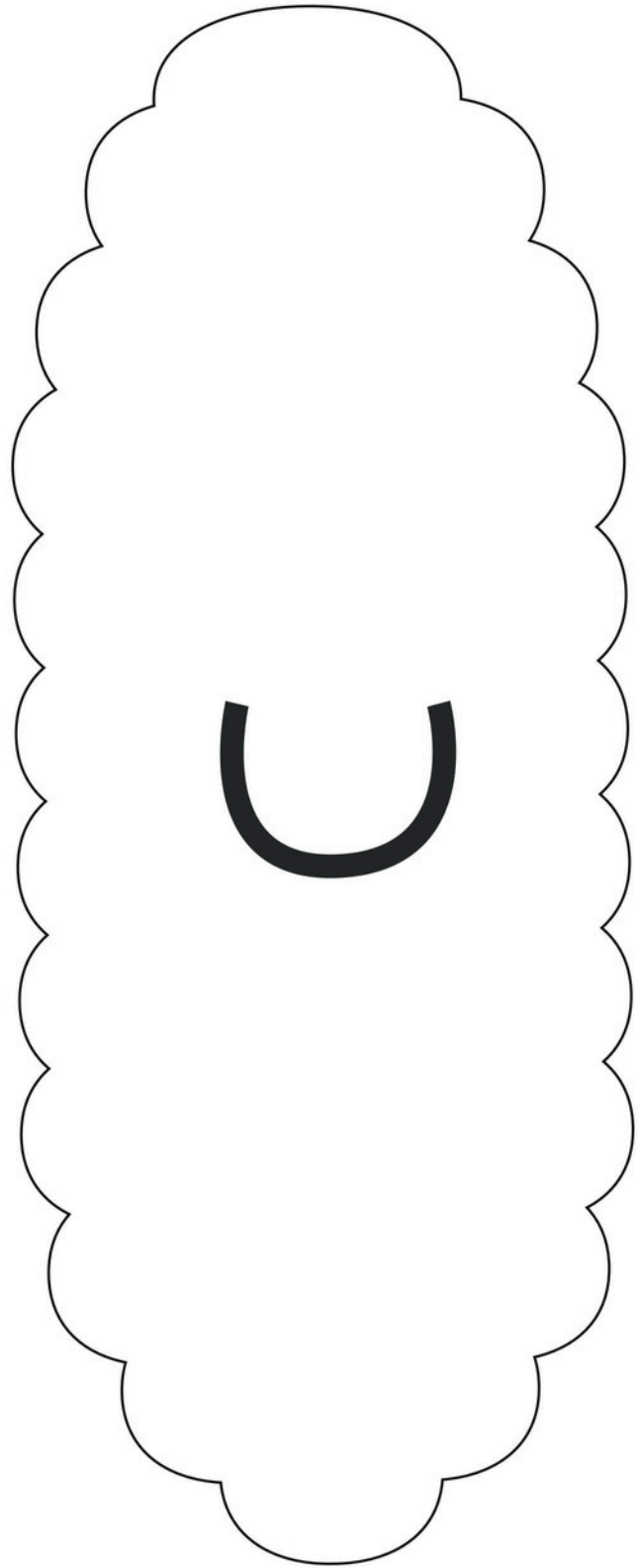
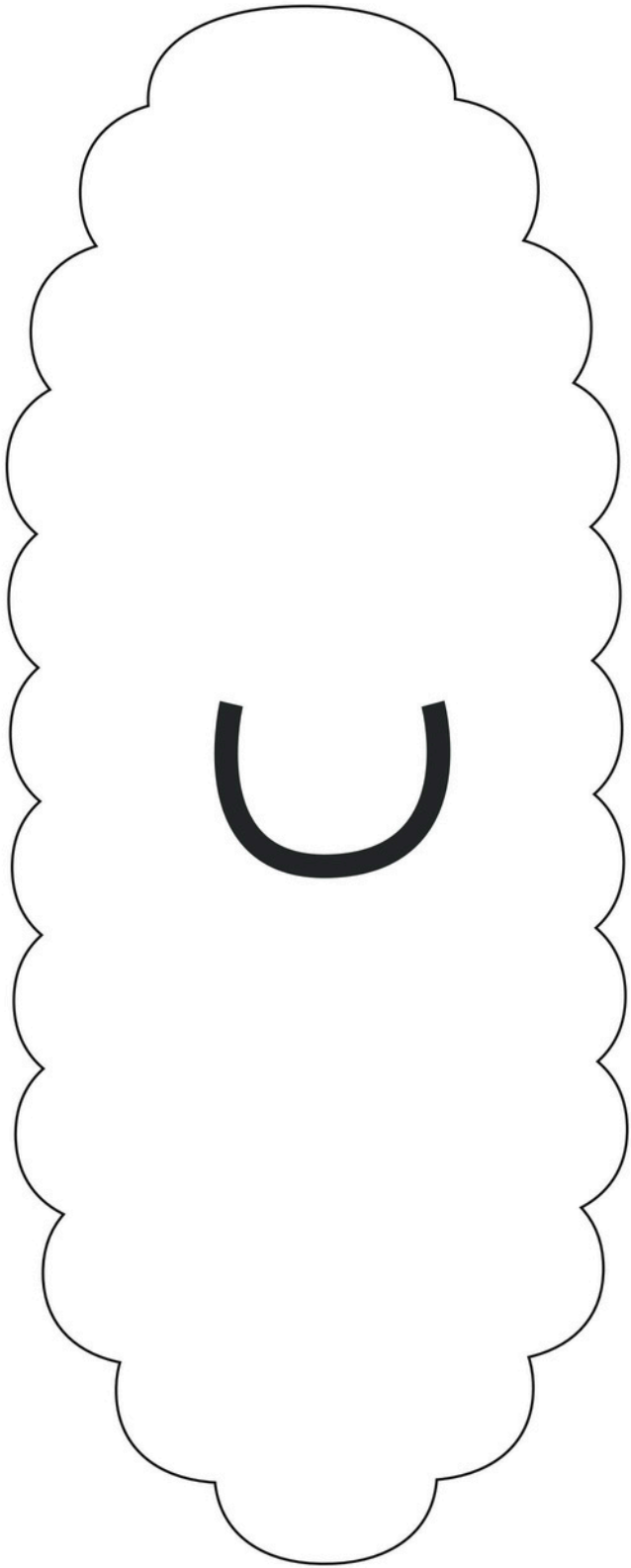
cob
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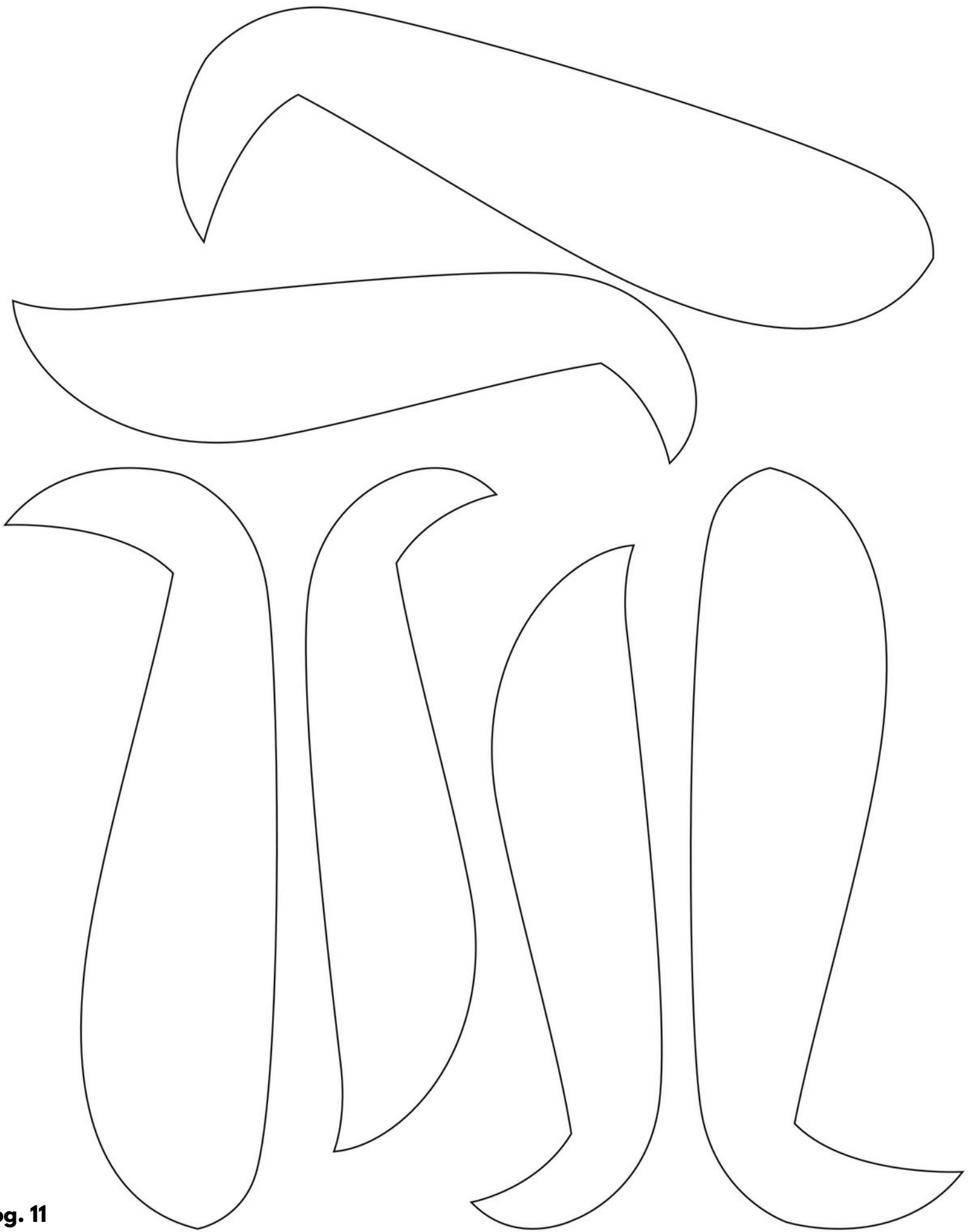


husks
trace on green paper











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1 PETER 5:2-4

A Christian worker is like a shepherd.

A Christian worker tries to share with others God's message of love and forgiveness through Jesus. Today, we'll see that a Christian worker is like a farmer.

WHAT DOES A SHEPHERD DO?

Shepherds take care of a flock of sheep. Let's learn about sheep and shepherds.
Sheep:

- Aren't the smartest
- They fall over/lay down and can't get up sometimes
- They follow each other off of cliffs
- Often eat or drink dirty water/food
- Need to be sheered or they get too poofy!
- Vulnerable to wolves

Shepherds:

- Are responsible for their sheep!
- Must watch and guide them away bad things
- Must help their sheep up when they get stuck lying down!
- Must protect them from wolves

HOW IS A CHRISTIAN WORKER LIKE A SHEPHERD?

As people we are kind of like sheep. Sometimes we do dumb things.

- We hurt other people, make mistakes, are selfish, etc.

We need spiritual leadership, or a shepherd! God is our ultimate shepherd.

However, God can use any of us to be shepherds, too! Christian workers:

- Look out for the good of others (God's flock)
- Help those who are down
- Warn those who are headed the wrong direction
- Teach people what's really good for them

God might want to use you for this!

Trying to lead your own life instead of letting God lead, thinking that God doesn't want to use you to lead other people because you're too messed up

You can be a shepherd of God's flock!

- Have you ever seen one of your pets do something stupid? What did you do?
- Who is someone in your life that you consider a "shepherd" or a spiritual leader? What makes them a spiritual leader?
- Would you like to be a spiritual leader? Why or why not?
- Have you ever asked God for help? What was that like?
- In what ways could you lead a friend or sibling in the right direction?



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POM POM SHEEP

Today we learned that God is our ultimate shepherd, but he wants us to be shepherds of his flock, too! We're making a sheep to remind us that Christian workers are called to be shepherds of God's flock.

Yarn, pipe cleaners, card stock, googly eyes, sticky dots, scissors

1. Cut a 12-inch piece of yarn and set it aside. You will use this to tie your pom pom together.
2. Drape your yarn around your forefinger and middle finger and wrap. How many times you wrap the yarn around your fingers will depend on how big you want the pom pom to be.
3. Pull the yarn off your fingers and set it down on top of your short piece of yarn.
4. Tie the yarn *tightly* around your bundle. If the knot is not tight, the pom pom won't hold together.
5. Turn the bundle over and tie the yarn into a double knot.
6. Trim off the excess yarn, then cut through the loops to either side of the bundle.
7. Fluff the pom pom up. Shape and neaten it if necessary.
8. Draw your sheep head onto a piece of card stock and cut it out.
9. Use sticky dots to stick the googly eyes to the head, and the head to the pom pom
10. Fold 2 pipe cleaners in half and twist them together.
11. Gently thread the pipe cleaners through the pom pom to create legs.
12. Once the pipe cleaners are pushed through, fold the ends to make feet for your sheep to stand on.

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