

THE GOSPEL OF **MARK**® *servant* **KING**

LESSON 5 - MARK Chapter 4:1-25 The Parables

Please use the New Living Translation (NLT) Bible for clarity.

Jesus was becoming very popular. As we have seen so far, people wanted to hear what Jesus said and they also wanted healings from different sicknesses. Jesus wanted people to really hear what He was teaching them so they would understand deep in their hearts what He was teaching. It takes a lot of work to really listen, so Jesus began teaching the people in parables. In this way, they could pay close attention to what they were hearing and in so doing, they could learn how to listen.

Always pray and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher as you answer questions in this study. It is good to answer these questions with a parent and talk about the truths you discover together as you read God's word.

MEMORY VERSE

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. Mark 4:24 NLT

JESUS TEACHES THE PARABLES OF THE SOILS

Read Mark 4:1:9. Then fill in the blanks below.

1. Where did Jesus begin to teach?_____. Why did Jesus need to get into a boat?_____. As Jesus sat in the boat, where were the people?_____. What did Jesus teach the people?_____. **See Mark 4:1-2.**

A parable is a simple story with a spiritual or moral lesson in the end. We can learn from parables because stories are easy to remember and remind us of things we do in our own lives. Jesus used these parables as a way to teach people important things about God and how we should live.

2. Read the parable in Mark 4:3-8. Match the correct answers by drawing a line to what Jesus said in this parable:

Jesus said to	sprouted, grew and produced a crop, 30,60,100 times
A Farmer went to	plant seed
Some seed fell on	listen
Other seed fell on	sprouted quickly, but died under hot sun, did not have roots
The seed on the rock	a footpath where birds ate it
Seed sown in thorns	grew up but was choked out, produced not grain
Fertile soil	shallow soil with underlying rock

3. What did Jesus say to the people listening about this parable? _____ with _____ to _____ should _____ and understand. **See Mark 4:9.**

How do you listen when you hear Bible stories in church or in a Bible Study? What do you think about? Does your mind wander about what you want to do later? Or are you very careful about how you listen? We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us listen. Will you listen the next time someone teaches from the Bible?

JESUS EXPLAINS THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS - MARK 4:10-20

4. The disciples did not understand the *Parable of the Soils*. They asked Jesus what He meant in His teaching. How did Jesus answer the disciples' question?

You are _____ to _____ the _____ of the Kingdom of _____. **See Mark 4:11.** Why? So that the _____ might be _____. **Mark 4:12.**

5. Jesus quoted an Old Testament Scripture in Mark 4:12 from Isaiah 6:9-10. Fill in the blanks.

- When they see what I do, they will learn _____
- When they hear what I say they will not _____
- Otherwise they would turn to me and be _____

In the Old Testament, God tells us all about Jesus coming to earth to die on the cross for our sins. God prepared His people for Jesus, but people did not remember God's words from the past. They did not have open ears, hearts, minds, or eyes to see *Jesus as God*—right before them.

6. Jesus tells His disciples the meaning of a parable. What seed does the farmer plant?

- The Farmer plants seed by taking _____ to others. See Mark 4:14.
- What happens to the seed sown on the footpath? Those who _____ the _____ Only to have _____ come at once and _____ it _____. See Mark 4:15.
- The seed sown on rocky soil represents those _____ hear the message and _____ it with _____. But because they don't have deep roots what happens? They _____ away as soon as they have _____ or are persecuted for _____ God's Word.
- The seed that was sown among the thorns are those who hear God's Word's but what quickly happens? The message is _____ out by the _____ of life, the lure of _____ and the desire for _____ things so that no _____ is produced. See Mark 4:18-19.
- What does the good soil represent? Someone who _____ and accepts _____ Word.
- What is produced from this seed that falls on good soil? _____. How much _____ - _____ - _____. See Mark 4:20.

What kind of soil is in your heart? How do you take what you hear into your heart? Does God's Word bear fruit in your life? God tells us in Galatians 5:22-23, we can bear spiritual fruit, such as: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control. Do you see these fruits in yourself in the way you behave in your family? Or with your friends?

PARABLE OF THE LAMP - MARK 4:21-23

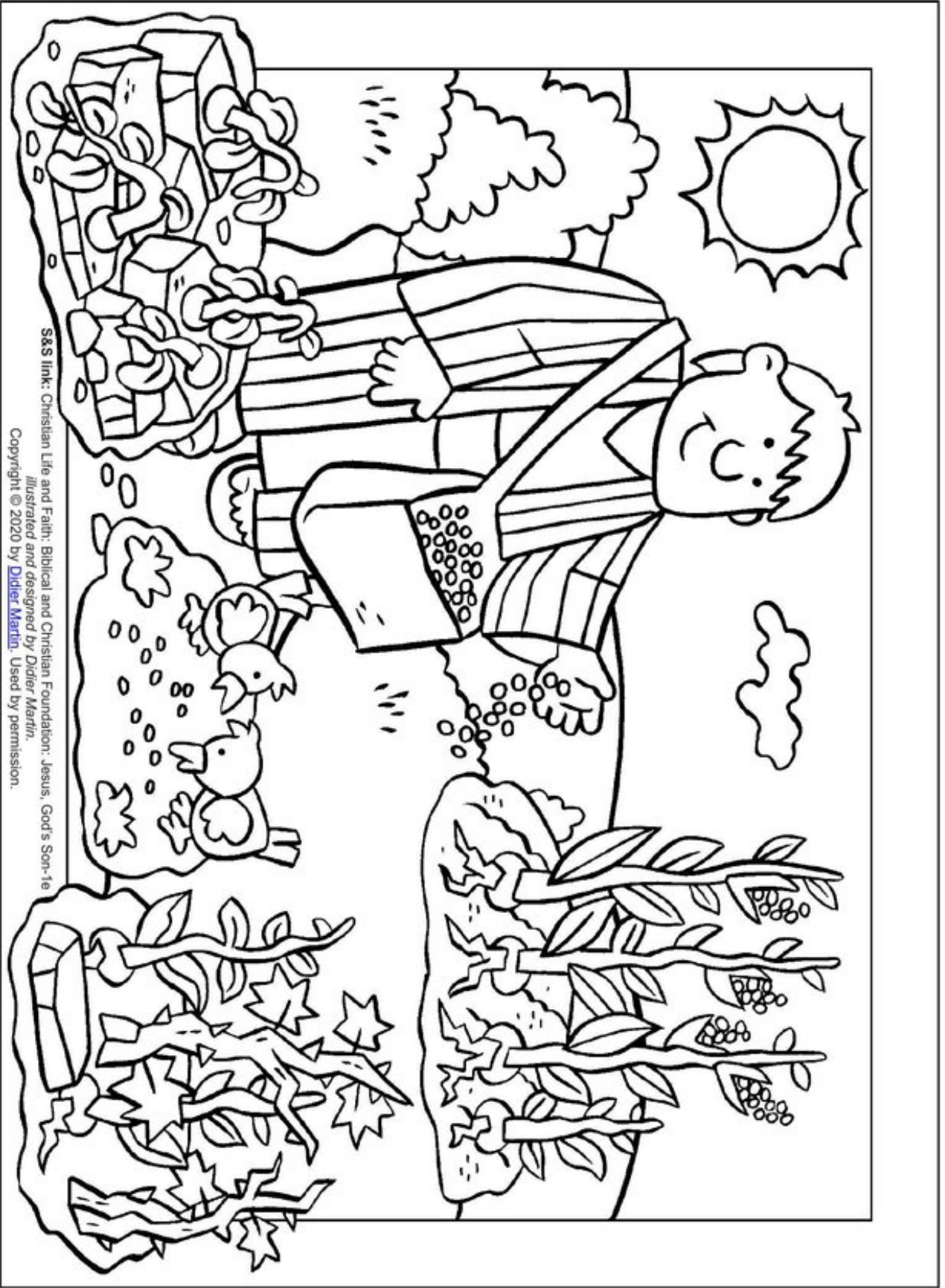
Jesus uses another parable to teach us to use our lives to show people how to find God and how to live for Him. In this parable, Jesus uses a lamp. Fill in the blanks.

7. Jesus says a lamp is _____ on a stand where its light will _____. See Mark 4:21.
8. What does Jesus say about every hidden thing? It will _____ be brought into the _____ and every secret thing will be brought to _____. See Mark 4:22.
9. What does Jesus tell anyone with ears to do? _____ and _____. See Mark 4:23.

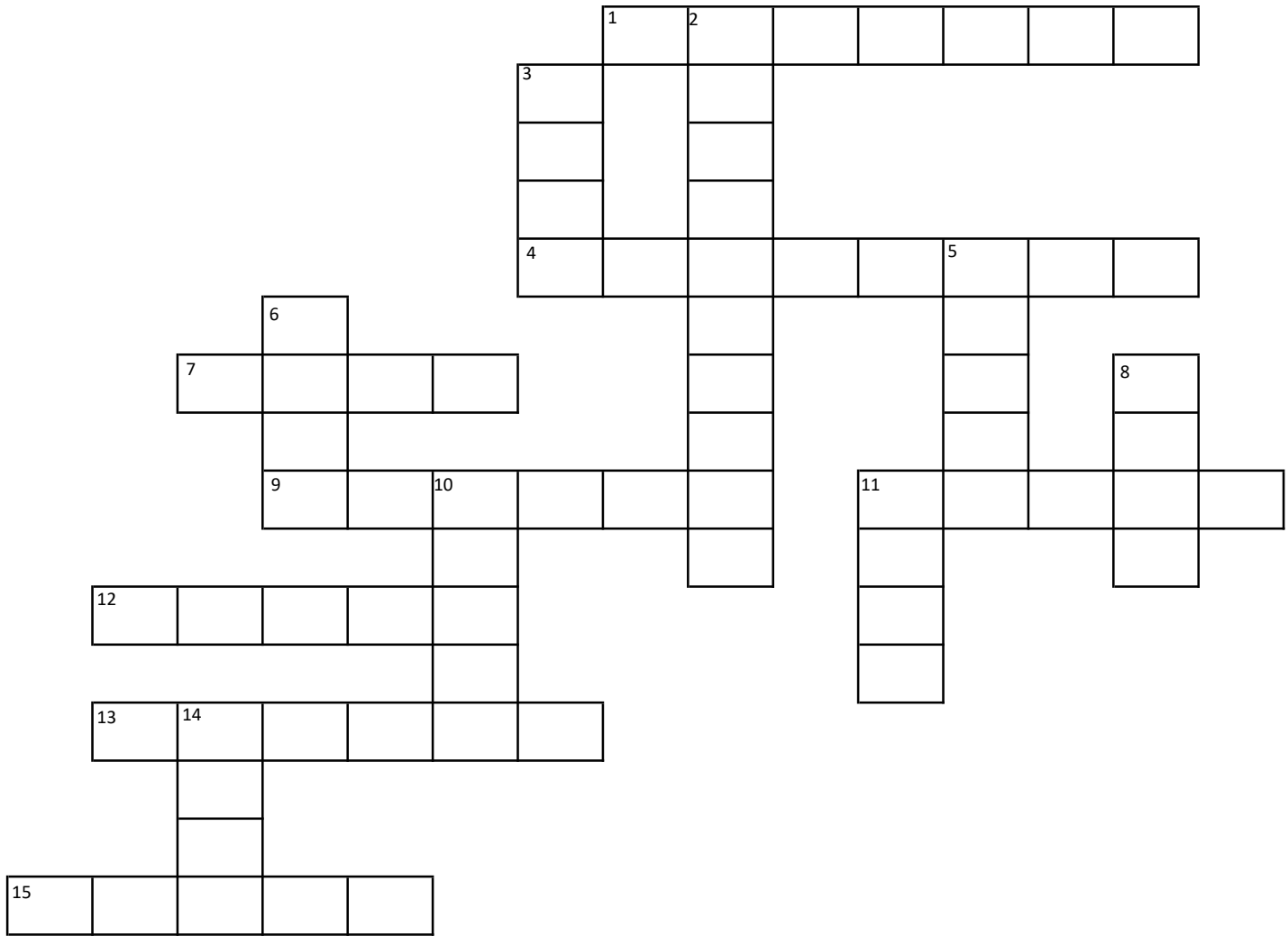
If you have trouble understanding anything about Jesus and His words, please ask for help from your parent or teacher and, most importantly, ask Jesus in prayer to help you listen and understand.

10. What promise did Jesus give us in Mark 4:24? "Pay close _____ to what you _____. The closer you _____, the more _____ you will be _____ and you will _____ more.

That is a promise from Jesus for you today. Listening to God is most important for your life.



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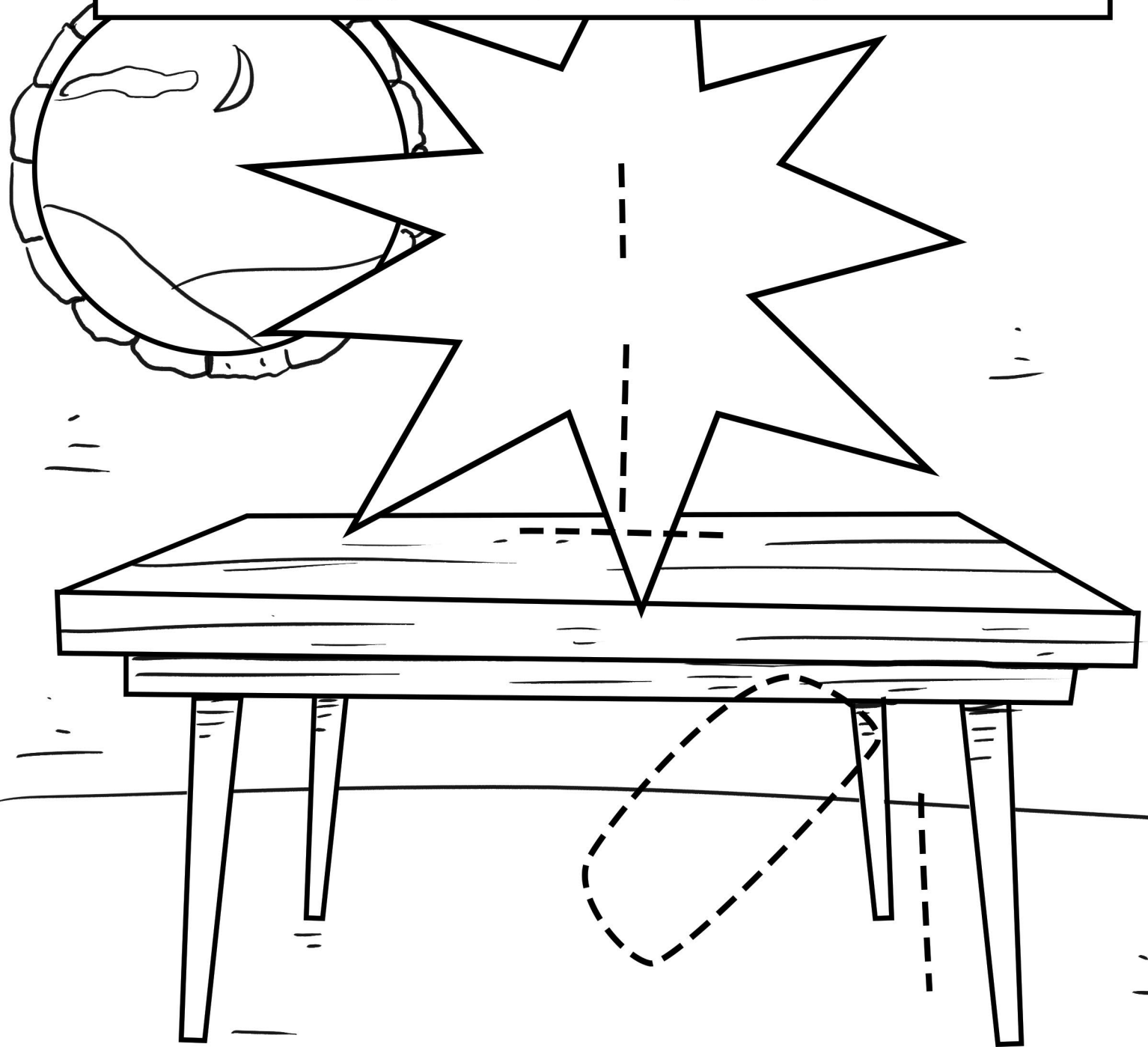
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- 1) Seed planted on rocks sprouted _____.
- 4) Jesus began to teach in _____.
- 7) Jesus taught from a _____.
- 9) Jesus wants us to carefully _____.
- 11) A parable is a truth taught in a _____.
- 12) Seed sown in fertile soil produced _____.
- 13) Seed sown in _____ was choked.
- 15) Seed on the footpath was eaten by _____.

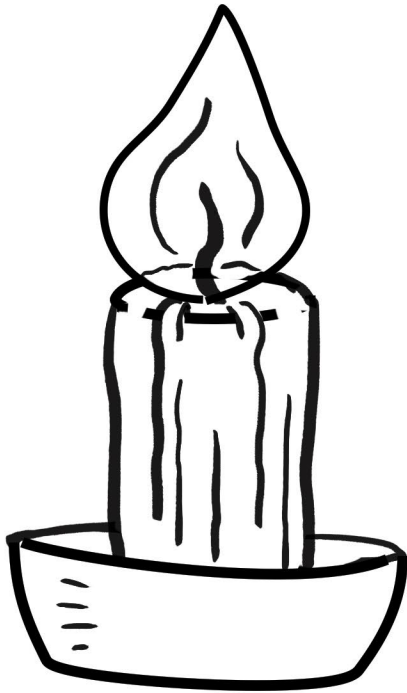
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- 2) We are to listen in order to _____.
- 3) This is put on a stand .
- 5) This shines from a lamp.
- 6) Seed is sown in _____.
- 8) The seed is God's _____.
- 10) Who takes God's Word away?
- 11) A farmer goes out to sow _____.
- 14) Jesus tell our ears to _____.

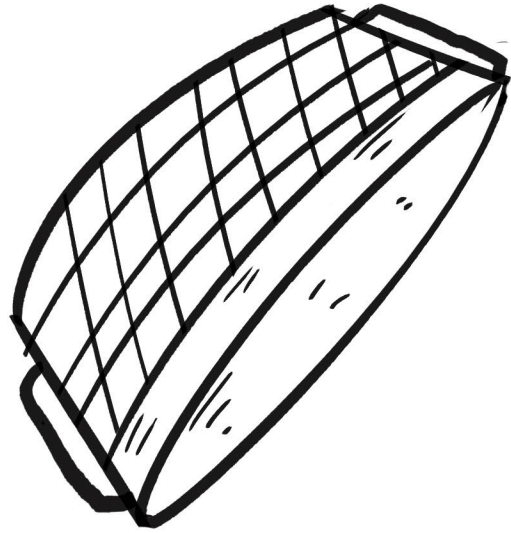
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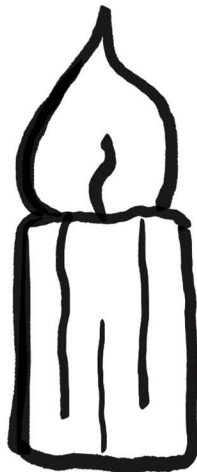
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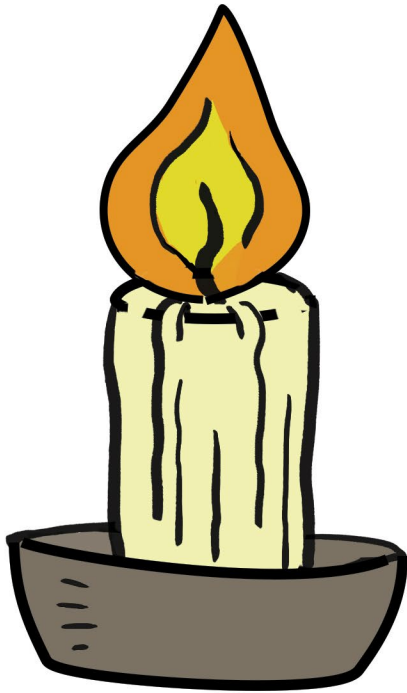
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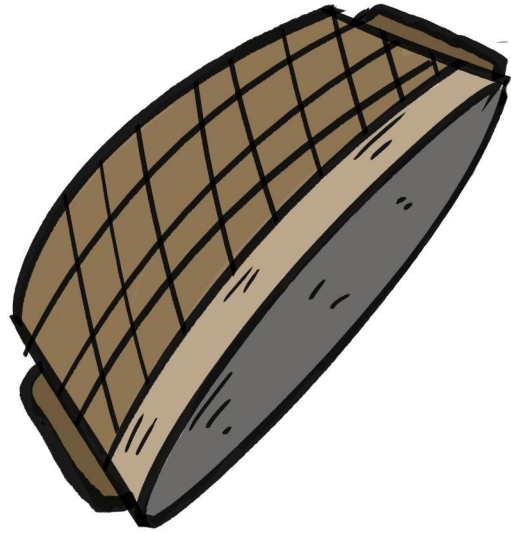
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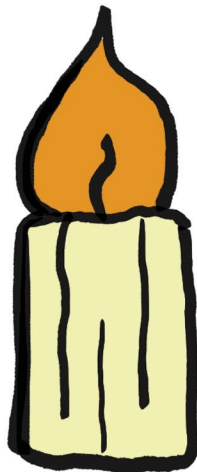
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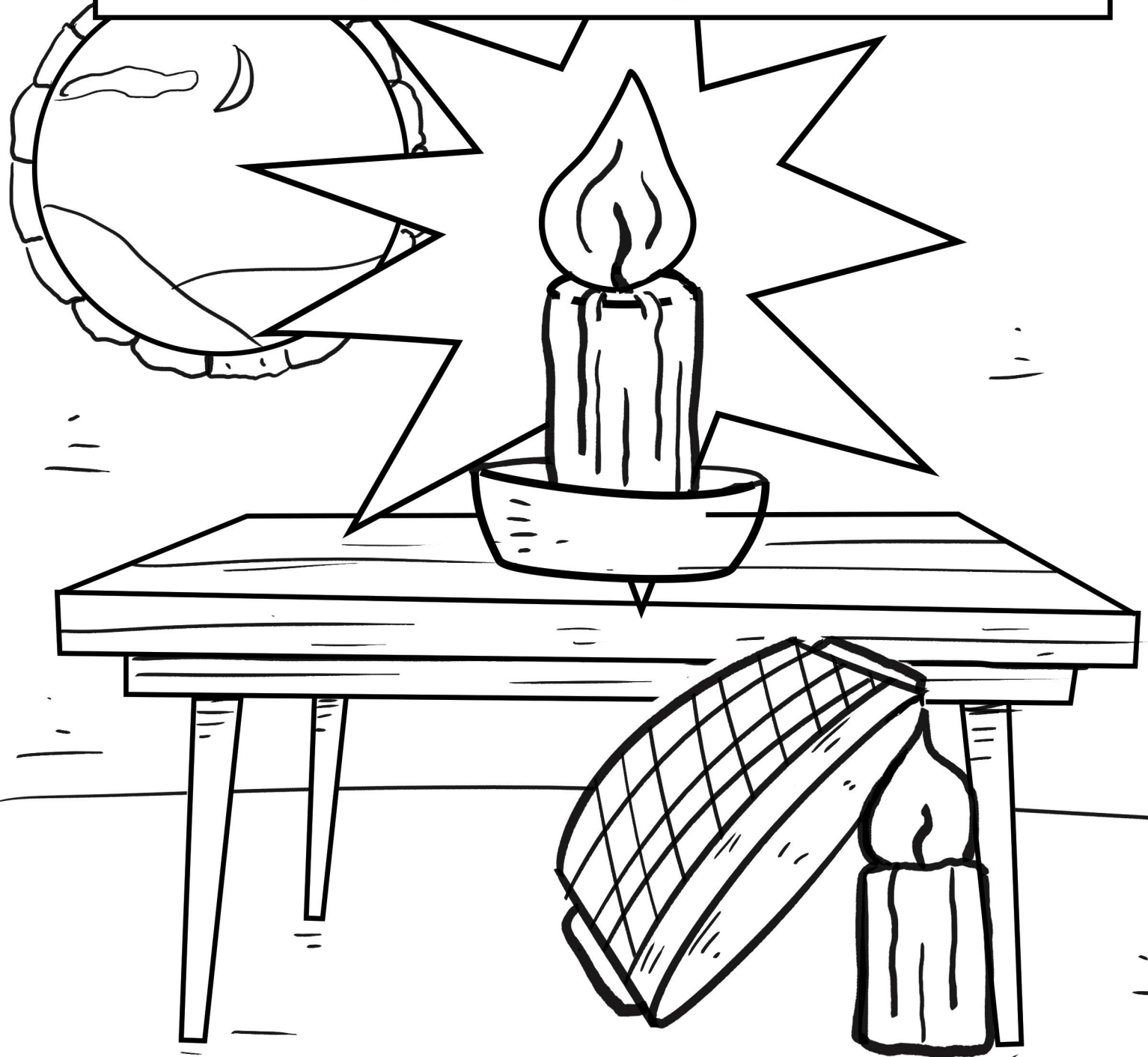


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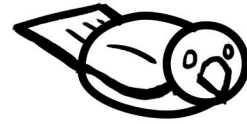
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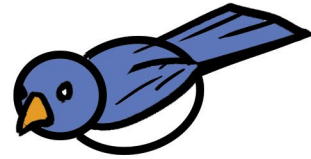
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