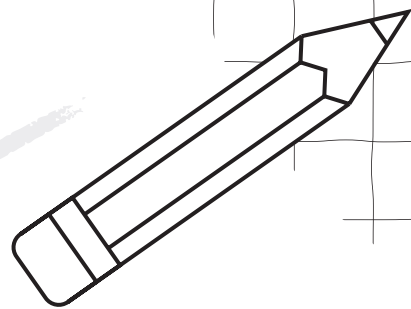
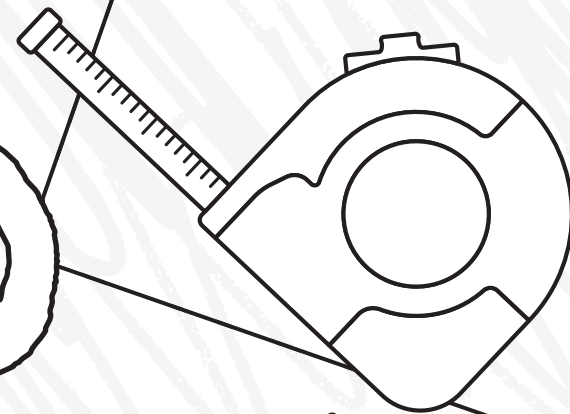


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GOD



GIVES ME  
A NEW START

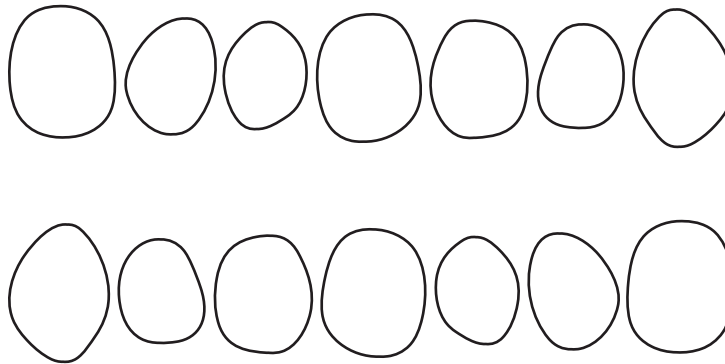


FUN WITH A FRIEND

# NEW START RACE

Play “Rock, Paper, Scissors” to race a friend. Each time you win, color in one of your rocks on the path. The first player to reach Matthew and Jesus wins!

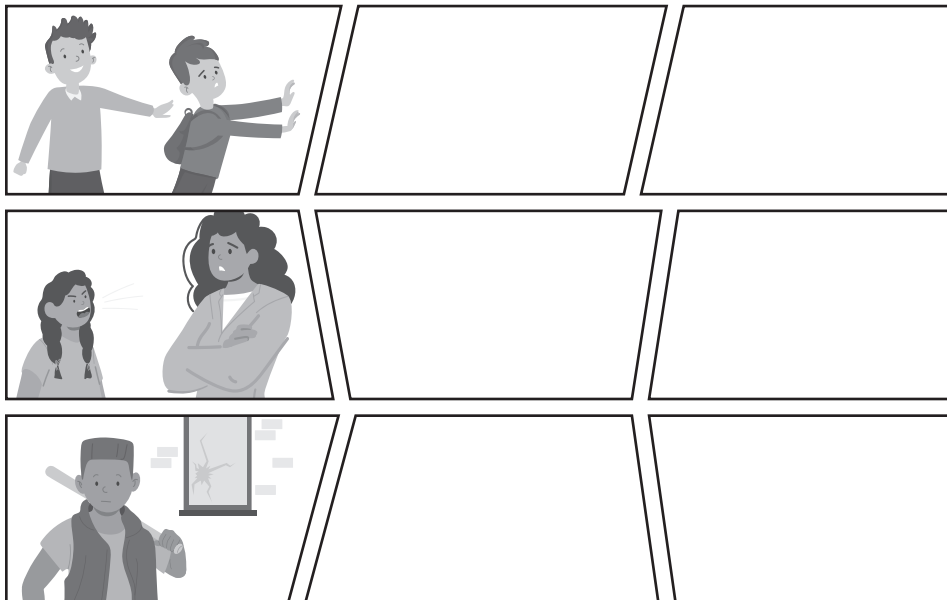
START



ON YOUR OWN

# NEW START ART

Jesus forgives us and gives us a new start. For each of the stories below, finish the comics by drawing the person asking God for forgiveness, then what that person’s “new start” would look like.



# TAKE IT HOME

THIS MONTH’S TRUTH: I Am Forgiven

TODAY’S MAIN IDEA: God Gives Me a New Start

TODAY’S BIBLE STORY: Jesus Called a Tax Collector (Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32)

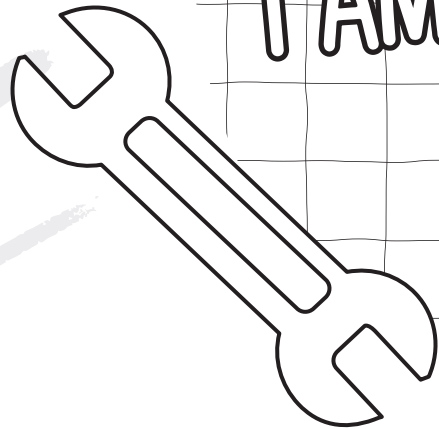
TALK ABOUT IT: Jesus called Matthew to follow Him, and He gave Matthew a new start. God gives a new start to everyone who trusts in Jesus. What does it look like to be given a new start?

LIKE JESUS CHANGED MATTHEW’S LIFE COMPLETELY WHEN HE CALLED MATTHEW TO FOLLOW HIM, JESUS CHANGES OUR LIVES FOREVER AND GIVES US A NEW START WHEN WE FOLLOW HIM.

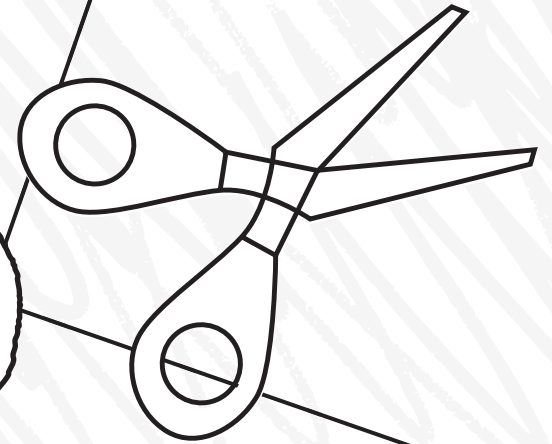
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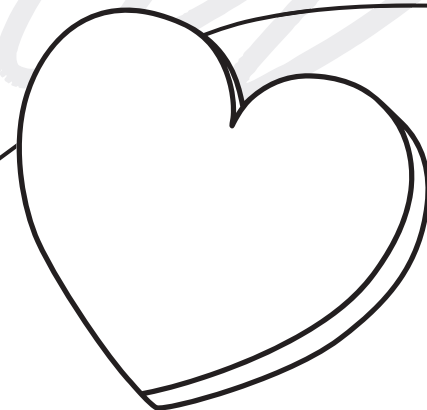
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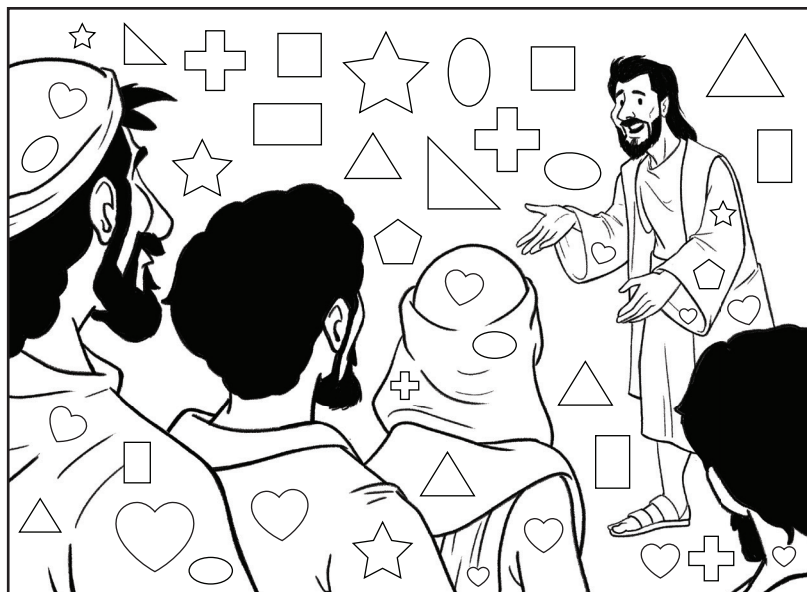
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A NEW HEART



ON YOUR OWN

## SEARCH FOR HEARTS

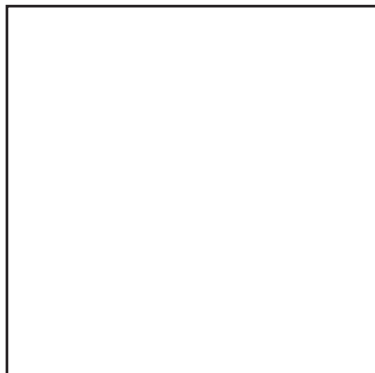
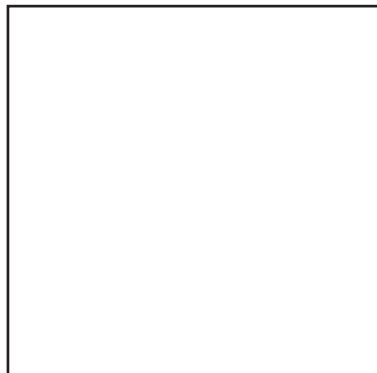
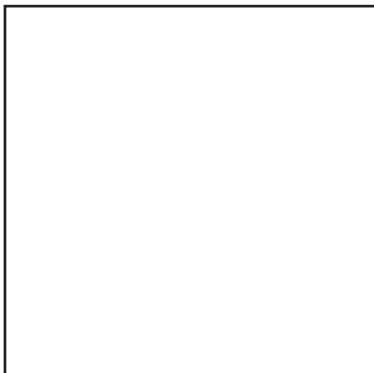
Jeremiah gave the people of Judah a message from God about the new hearts God would give us. Search for the hearts in the picture of Jeremiah giving his message to the people of Judah! Circle all the hearts you find. (*Hint: There are 12 hearts in the picture.*)



FUN WITH A FRIEND

## A NEW LOOK

Find a friend and take turns making new pictures inside the boxes. One of you starts out by drawing some kind of object in the first box. After you have drawn an object in the first box, the other person gets a chance to change it into another object. Once a box has been drawn in three times, move on to the next box.



## TAKE IT HOME

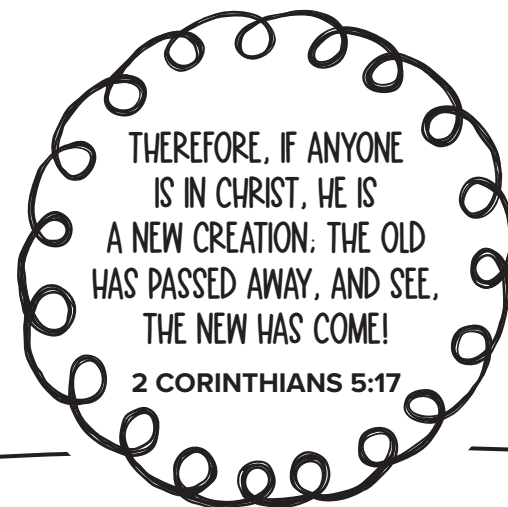
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TODAY'S MAIN IDEA: God Gives Me a New Heart

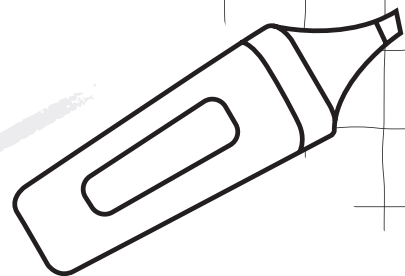
TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Jeremiah Told of a New Promise (Jeremiah 11:1-10; 17:1-10; 31-33)

TALK ABOUT IT: The people of Judah did not follow God's commands and obey Him. God knew that people needed new hearts—meaning they needed to be changed from the inside so they would want to love and follow God. God sent Jeremiah to give the people a message of a new promise. How do our lives change when God gives us new hearts?

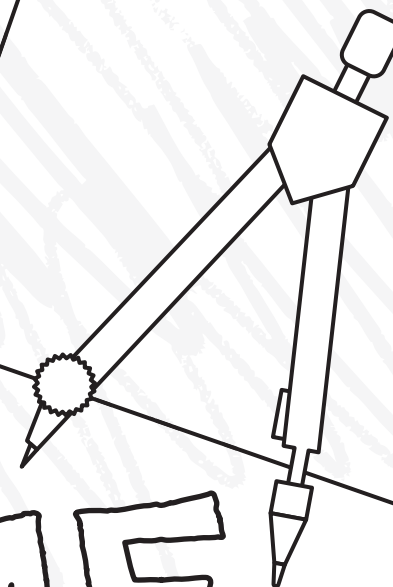
GOD'S MESSAGE TO JEREMIAH WAS ABOUT A NEW PROMISE THAT WAS FULFILLED WHEN JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS AND ROSE AGAIN. ALL PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR THEIR SINS AND GIVEN A NEW HEART WHEN THEY TRUST IN JESUS.



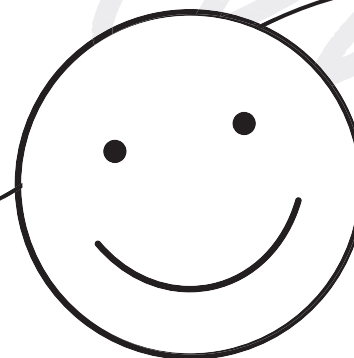
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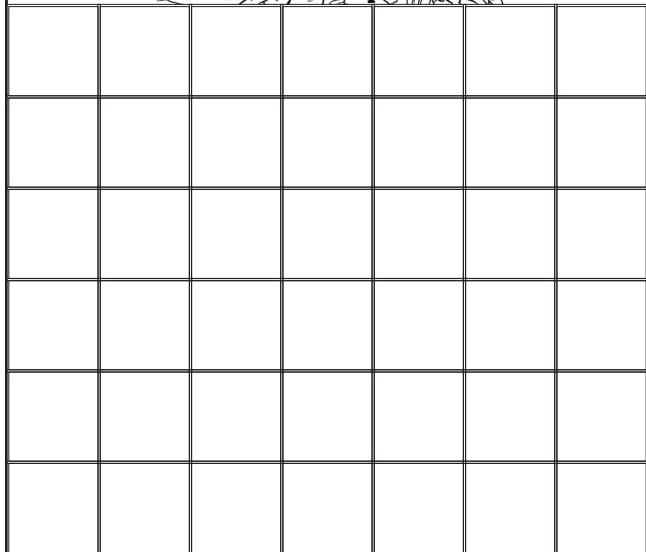




## FUN WITH A FRIEND

# CATCH FOUR

Take turns with a friend drawing a fish in a blank square of the net. Each fish you draw must either be on the bottom line of the net or on top of another fish. The first player to draw four of your fish in a row—side by side, up and down, or diagonal—wins!



## ON YOUR OWN

# THIS IS ME

God gives us new identities when we trust and follow Jesus. We can show that we are children of God wherever we are. Draw a picture of yourself in each box, drawing yourself in the situation mentioned below each box.



I CAN BE A CHILD OF GOD AT SCHOOL.



I CAN BE A CHILD OF GOD AT HOME.



I CAN BE A CHILD OF GOD WITH MY FRIENDS.



I CAN BE A CHILD OF GOD WITH MY FRIENDS.

# TAKE IT HOME

**THIS MONTH'S TRUTH:** I Am Forgiven

**TODAY'S MAIN IDEA:** God Gives Me a New Identity

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:** Jesus Called Peter  
(Luke 5:1-11)

**TALK ABOUT IT:** Jesus called Peter to follow Him. God gave Peter a new identity when Peter decided to trust and follow Jesus. Peter left everything that day and told people about Jesus for the rest of his life. How does God change our lives when He gives us new identities?

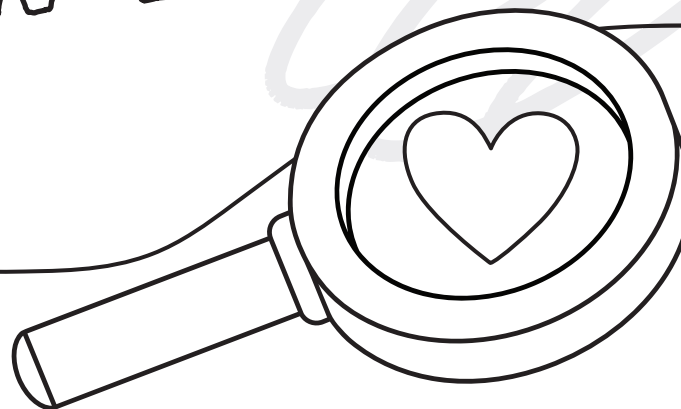
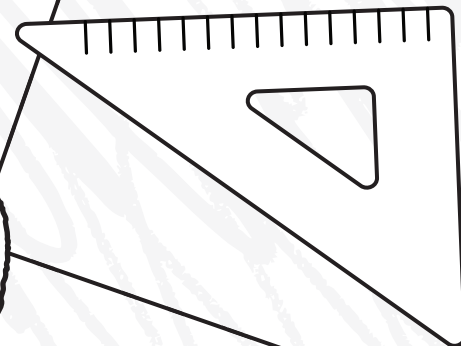
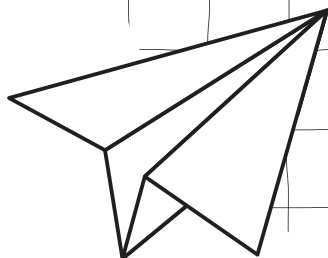
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WHEN WE TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS, WE ARE FORGIVEN FOR ALL OUR SINS  
AND GIVEN A NEW IDENTITY, LIKE PETER AFTER JESUS CALLED HIM.

I AM FORGIVEN


























GOD  
GIVES ME  
A NEW HOPE



# NEW WORDS


## A MESSAGE OF HOPE

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## TAKE IT HOME

**TODAY'S MAIN IDEA:** God Gives Me  
a New Hope

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:** Joel, the Prophet to Judah (Joel 1–3)

**TALK ABOUT IT:** Joel told the people of Judah that their sin deserved punishment, but he also told them the greatest message about the new hope God gives. How does God give us new hope?

JOEL SHARE A MESSAGE OF HOPE.  
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