

Welcome :-)

We're glad you're here!
Scroll down through and
let us introduce you to
Christianity and the
family of God...

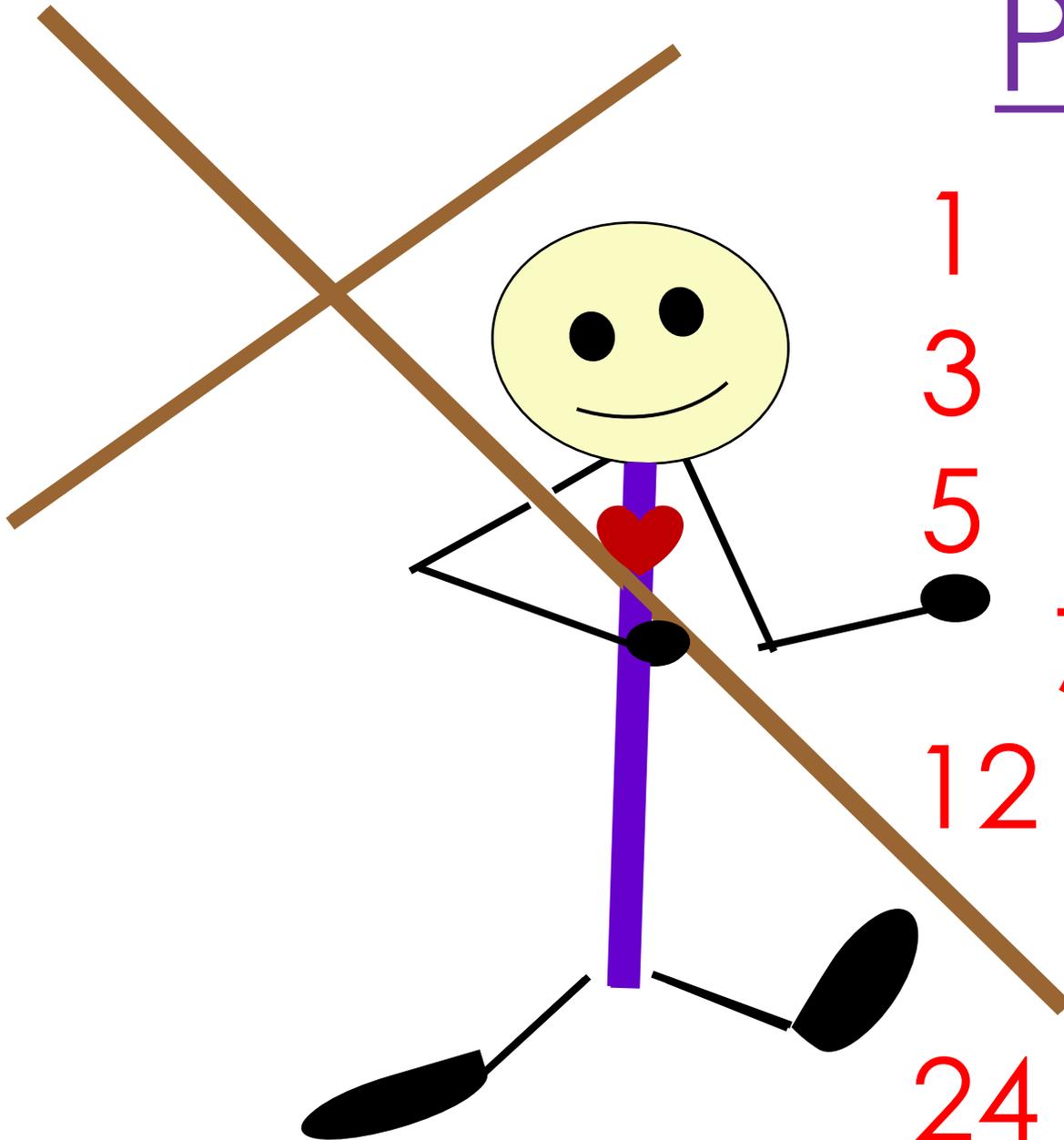
Come & See

Christianity

Get ready for God's truth
in love :-)

Hope
Happens
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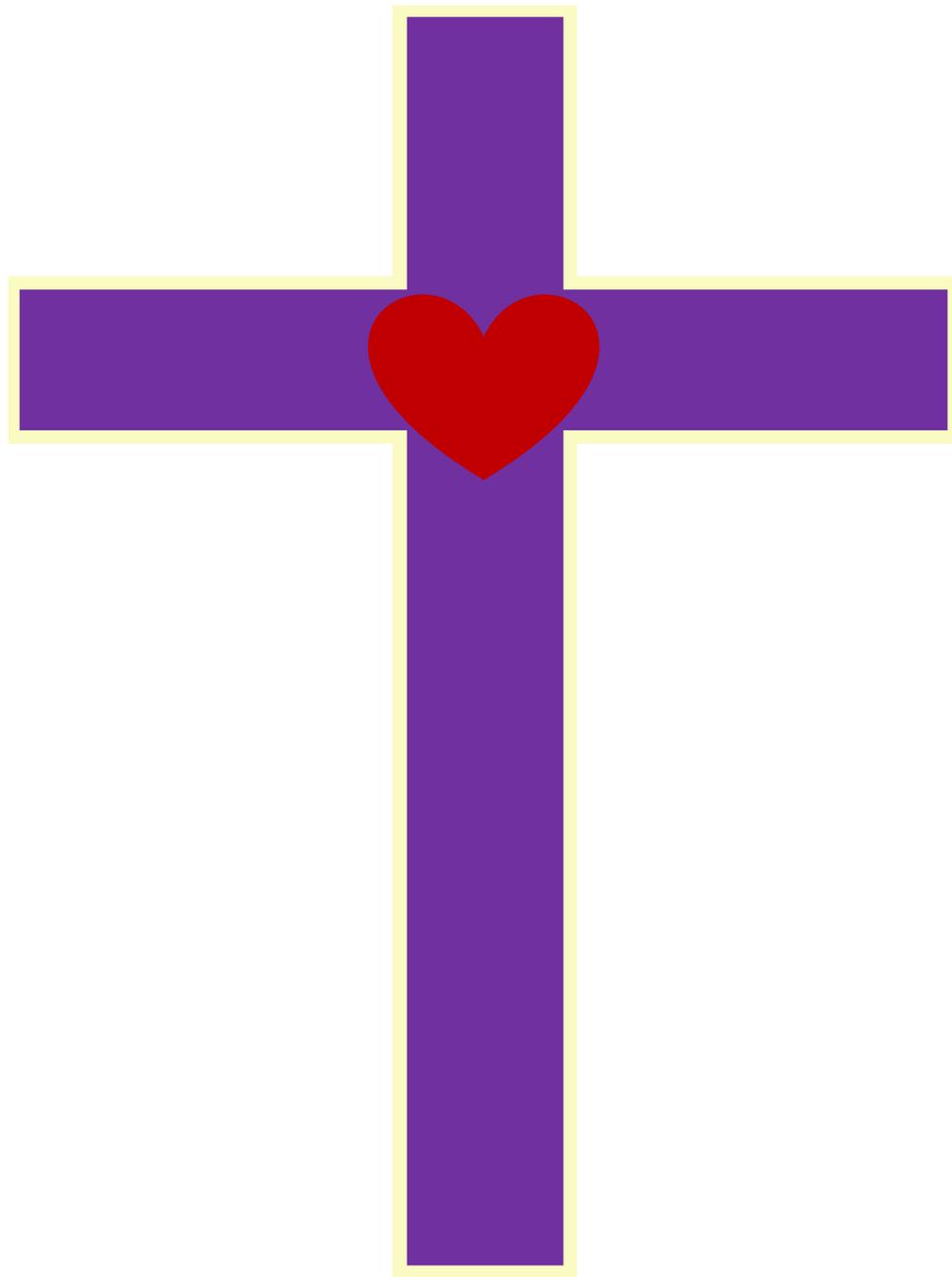
Get ready! Here comes
a simple & visual
explanation of God's
loving hope, help, &
healing...



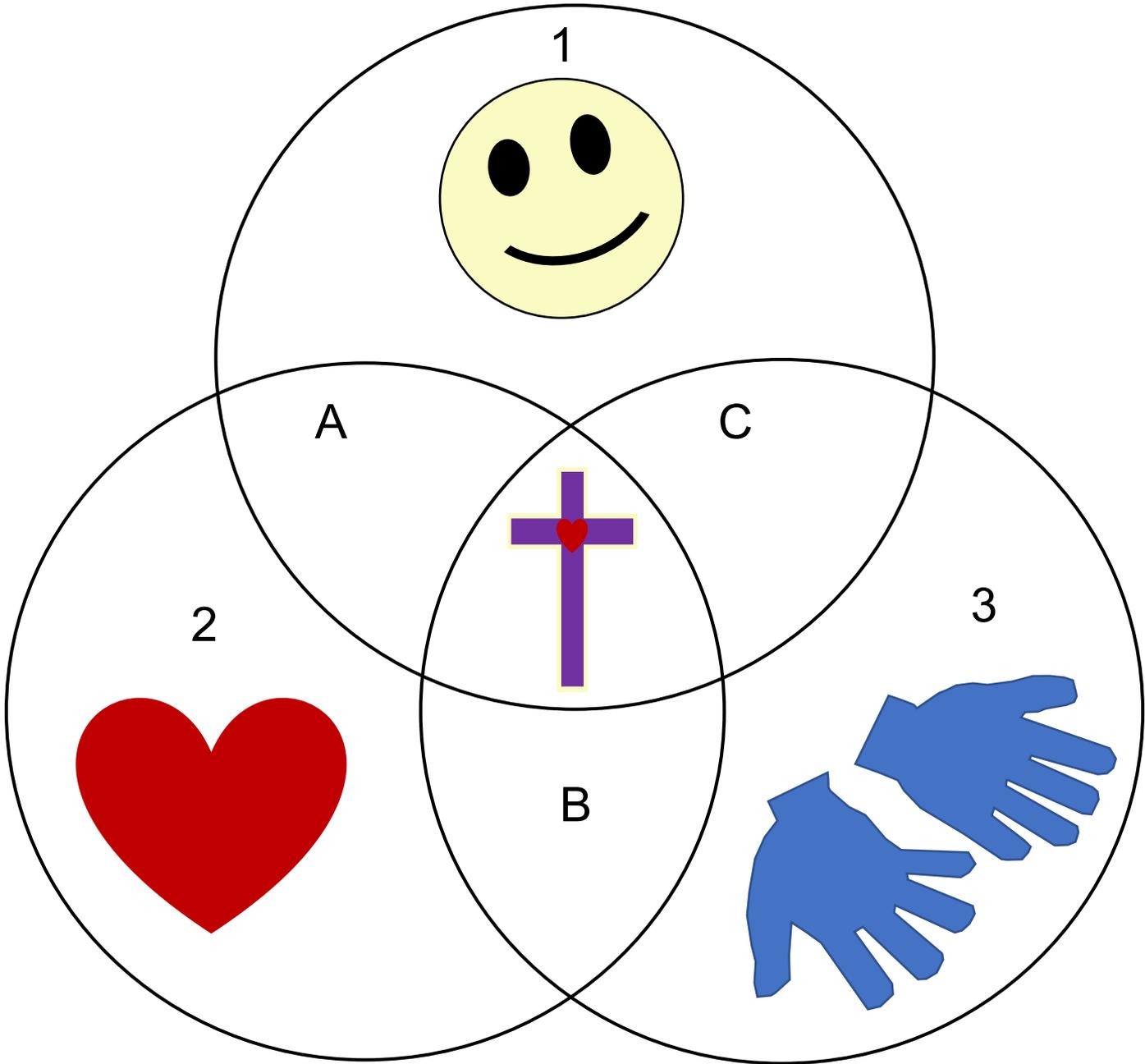
PREVIEW:

- 1 Design
- 3 Divisions
- 5 Disciples
- 7 Details
- 12 Disciplines
- 24 Distinctives

Here's a preview of what we call
"The Flow." We call this "The
Flow" because true Christian faith
AND the true family of God "flow"
down & through this simple
system of illustrations,
explanations, & applications...

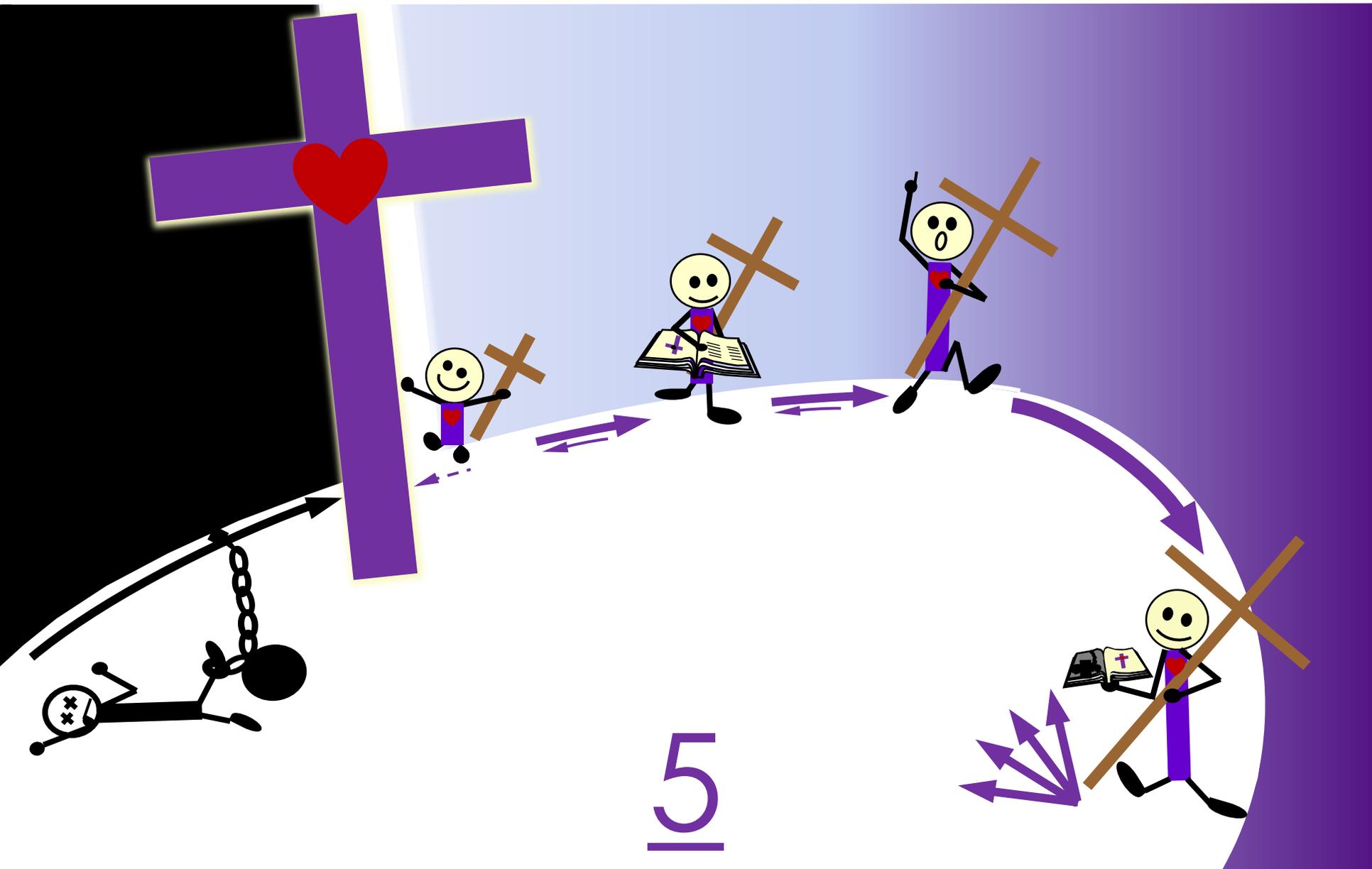


1 DESIGN: First & foremost,
God's divine design is
centered on THE Gospel
("good news") of the coming,
crucifixion, resurrection,
ascension, and coming-again
of King Jesus, The Christ!



3 DIVISIONS: ALL people, everywhere, have 3 internal “divisions”... The Head, Heart, & Hands unite to define & describe our lives. That’s why healthy Christianity & biblical discipleship intentionally informs, inspects, & inspires all 3 divisions.

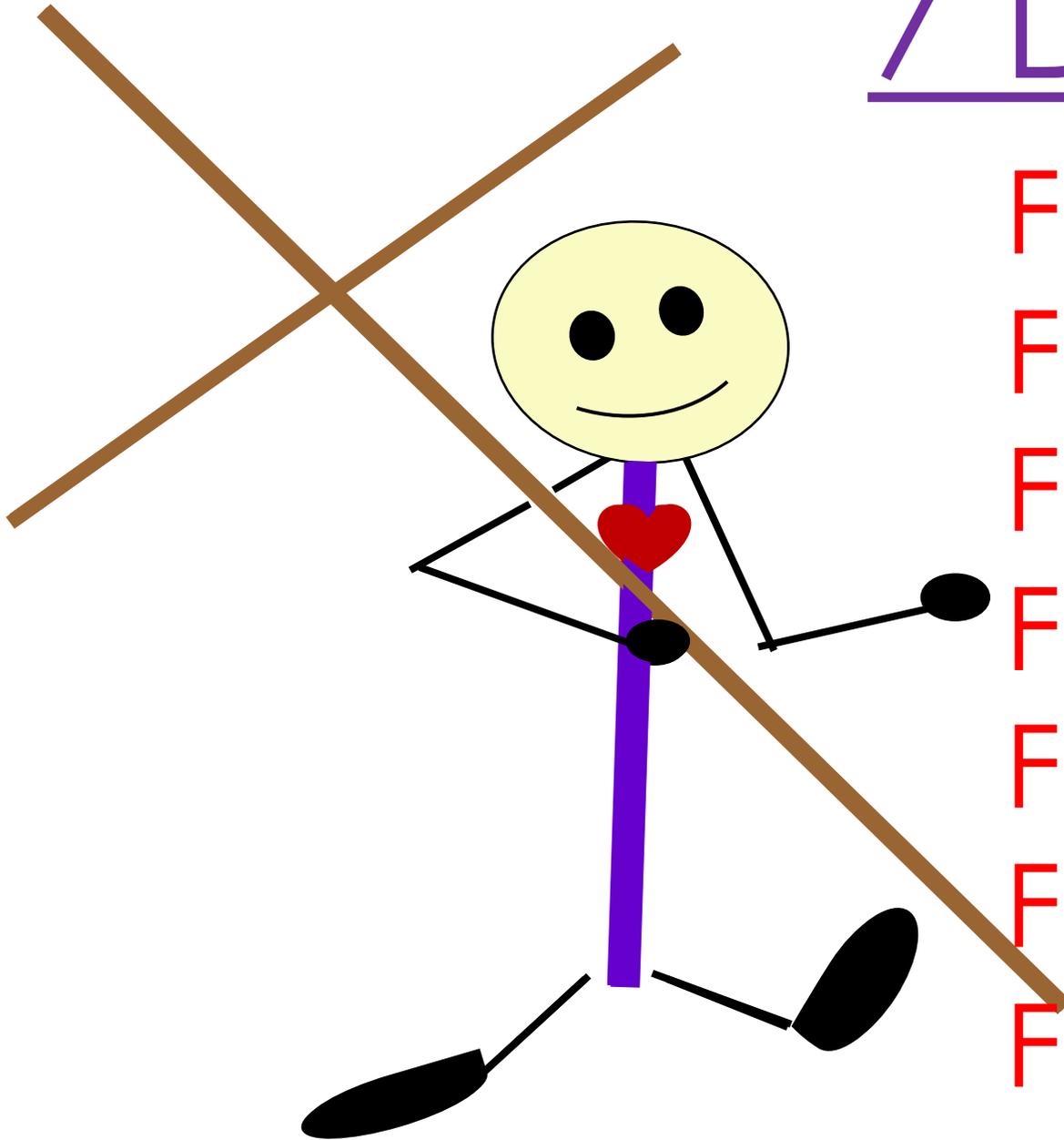
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5 DISCIPLES: The world is made up of 5 different types of people (a.k.a. “disciples”).

Spiritually speaking, everyone fits somewhere into this biblical & progressive blueprint... Are you amongst the Lost, Lovers, Learners, Leaders, or Lifers?

7 Details:



Foundations

Framework

Facts

Fight

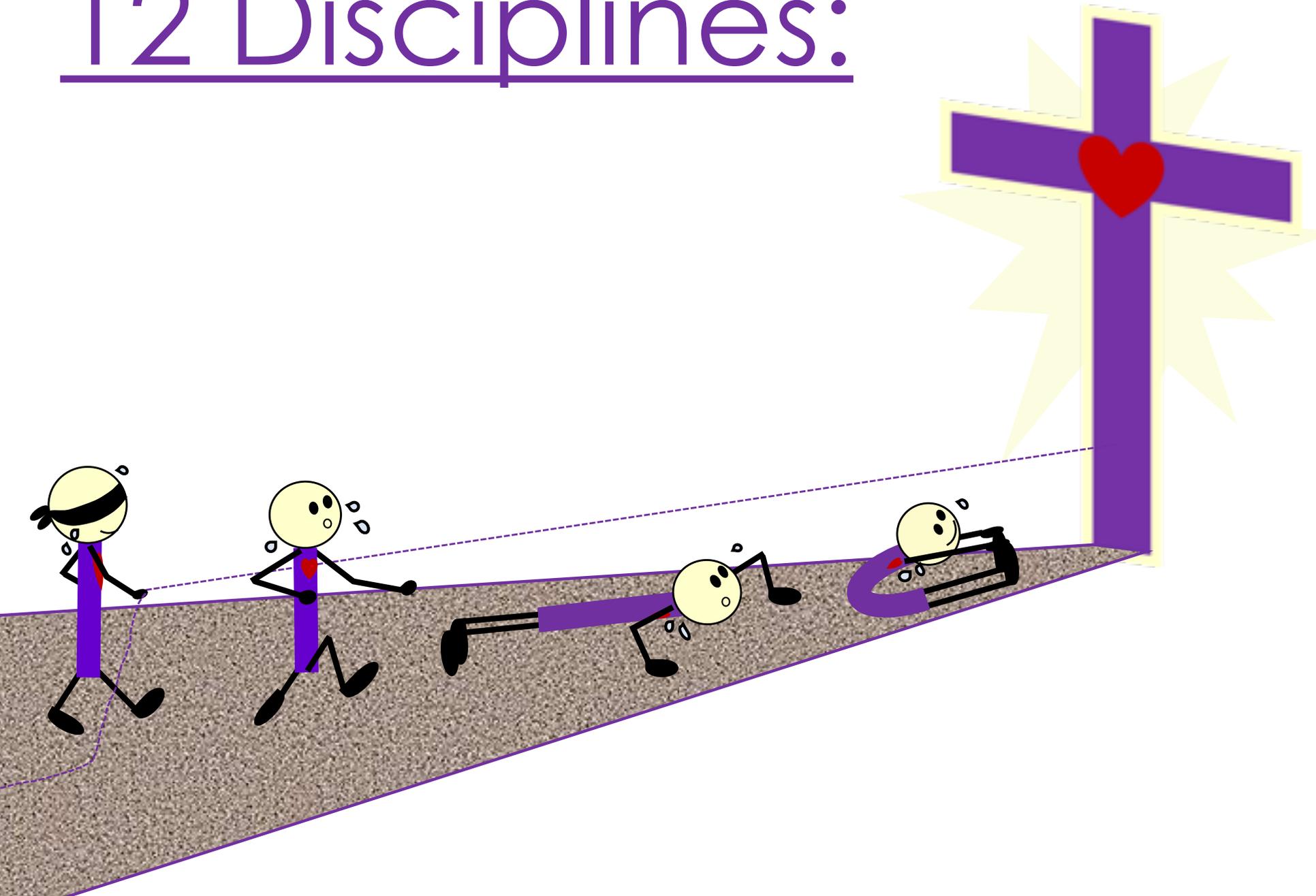
Faith

Family

Forever

7 DETAILS: The divine is in the details... Here we have what we also call “The Fundamentals” – that which explains the core & comprehensive truths of Christianity, as well as a biblical worldview.

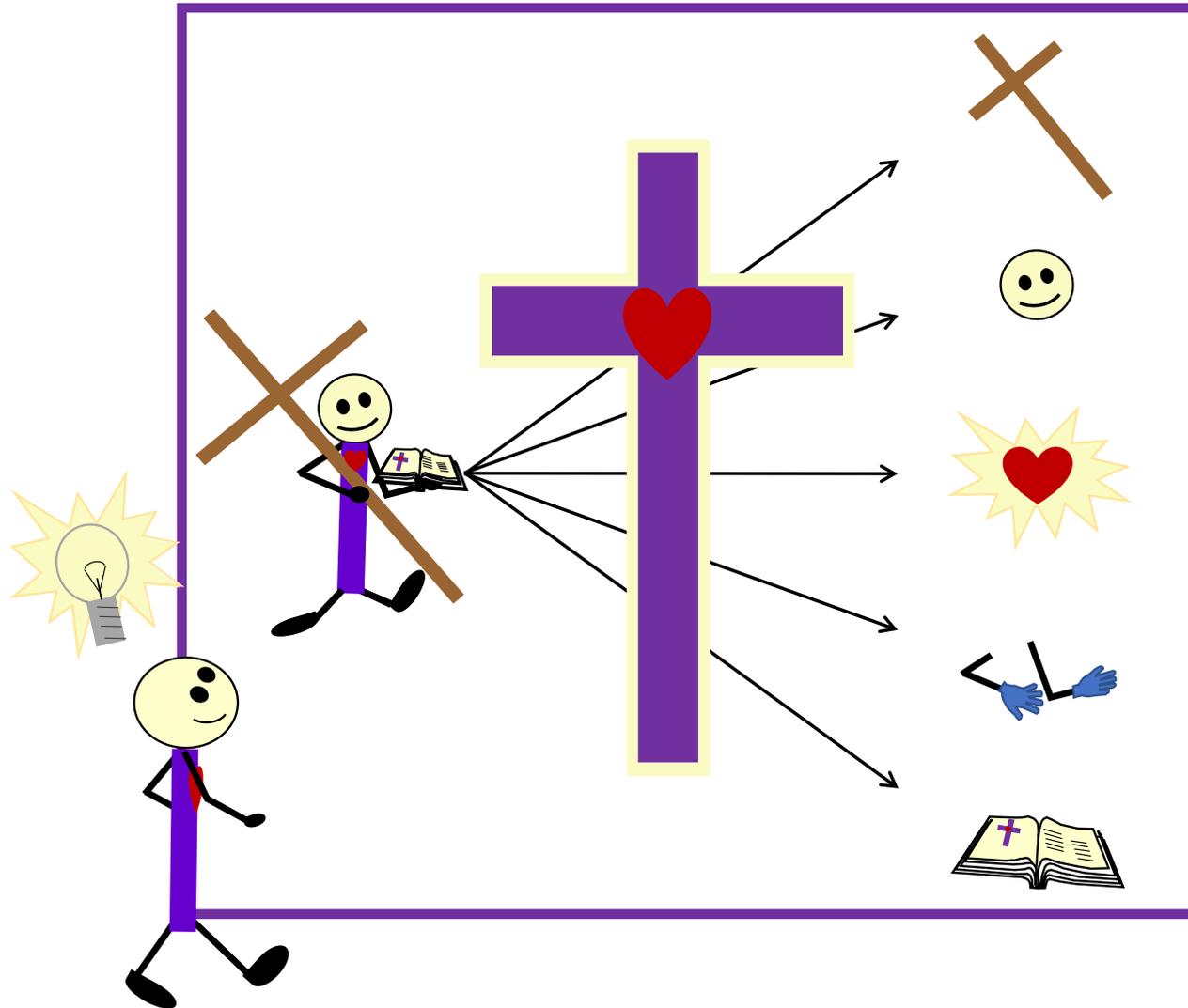
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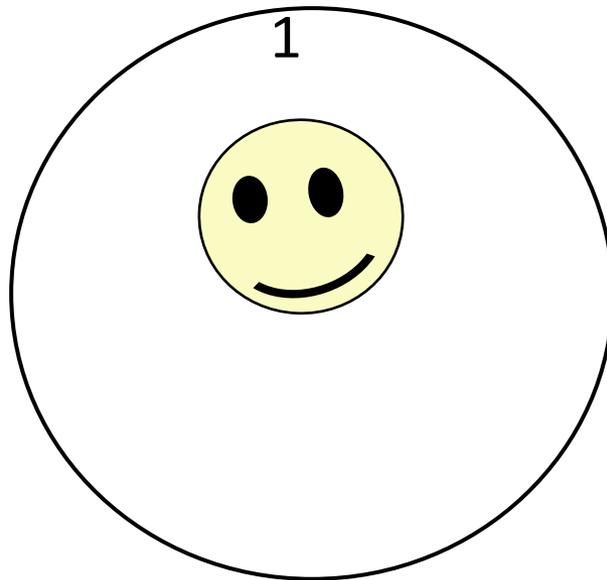
24 Family Distinctives:



24 DISTINCTIVES: Here's
a family portrait... When you
add God, God's Word, God's
Spirit, God's Truth, God's love,
and God's people all together,
this is what WE look, love, &
live like :-)

The

HEAD



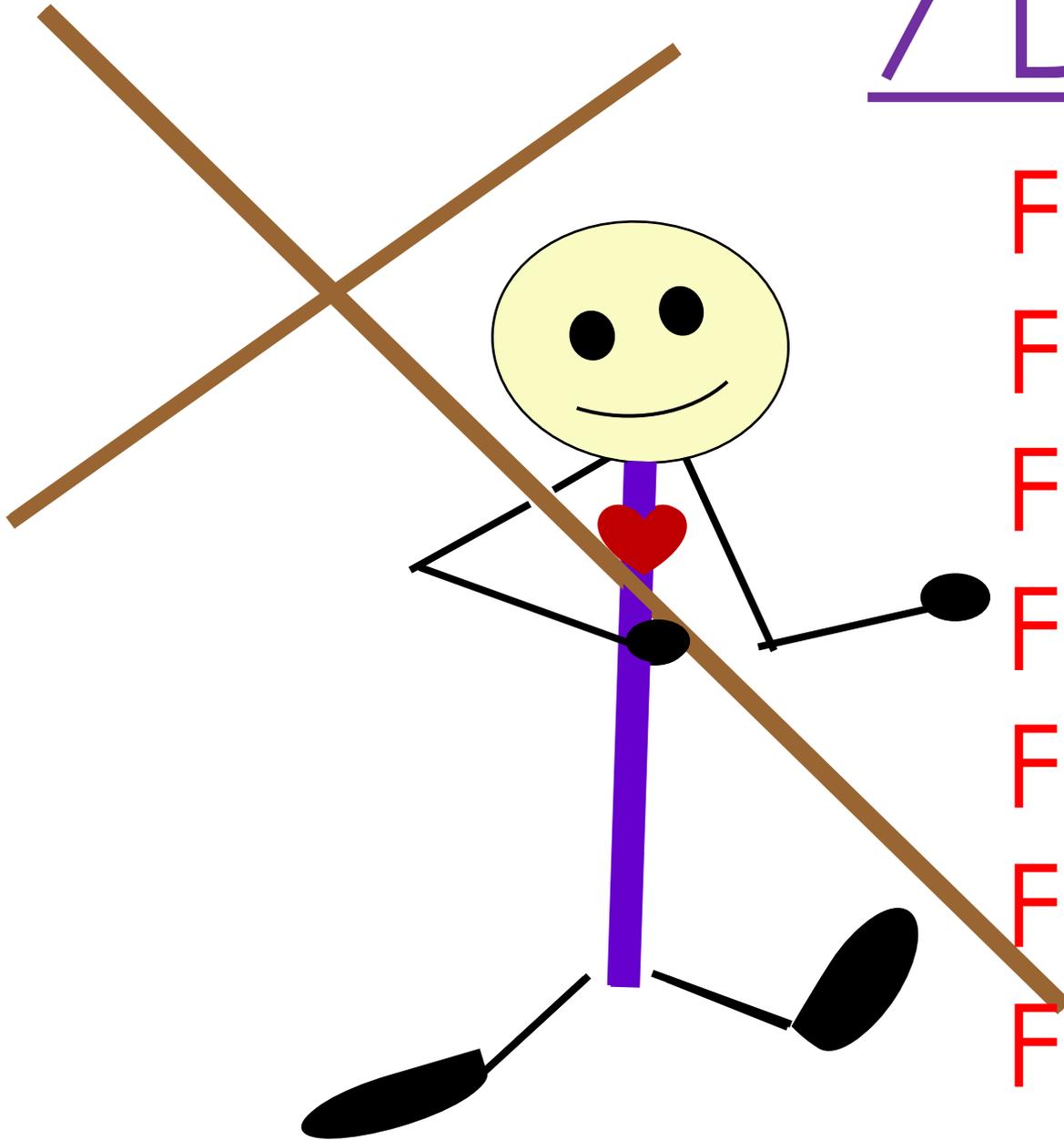
Now that we have gone through “The Flow,” let’s zoom in and take a closer look at the Head, the Heart, and the Hands... We will start with “The Head” – those core truths that help to define Christianity.

The

FUNDAMENTALS

Let's take a closer look at 7 of
Christianity's detailed
Fundamentals...

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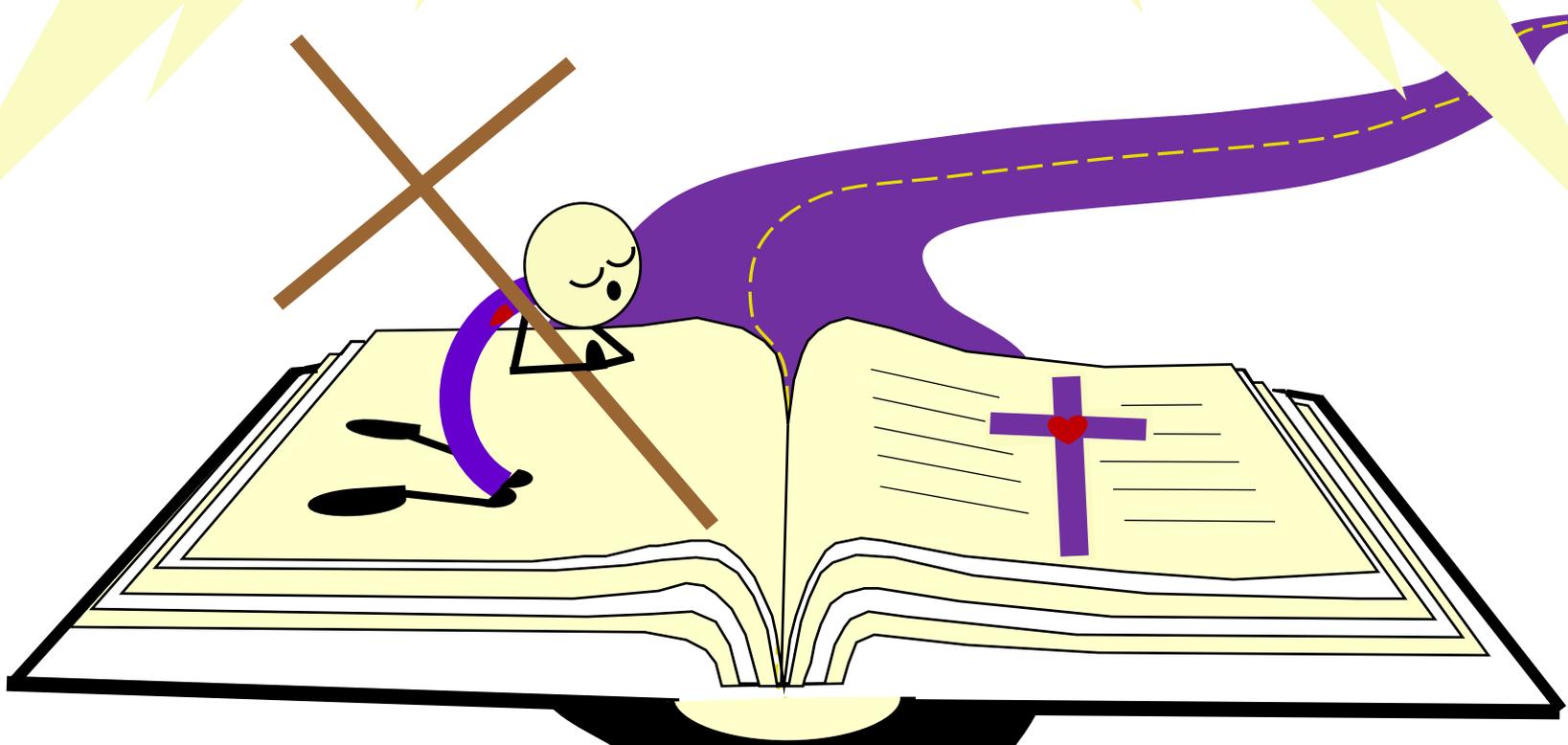
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We have described the 7
“details” as 7 “Fundamentals”
that all begin with the letter
“F” – this should help you to
learn & remember them :-)

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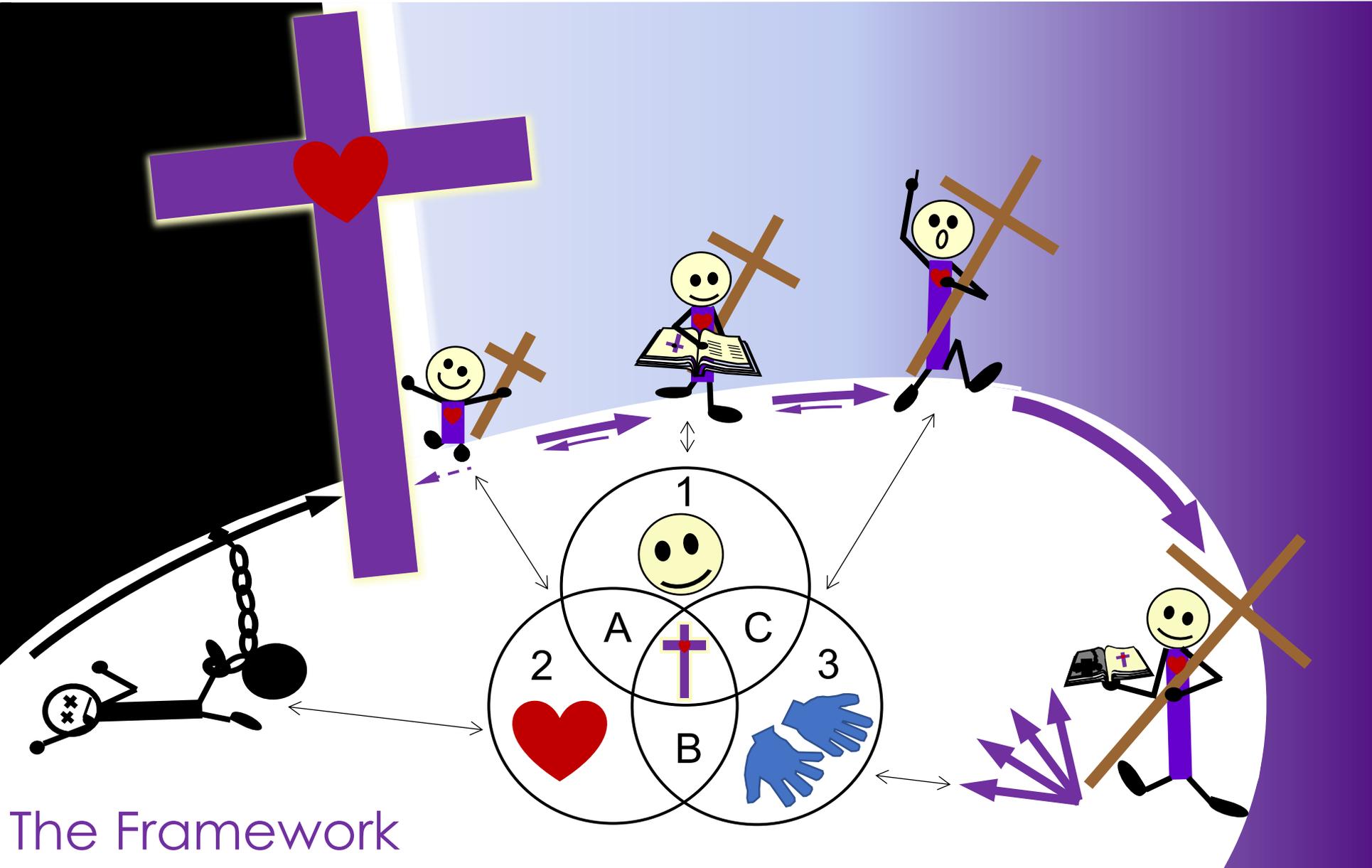


The Foundations

The FOUNDATIONS:

God's Word, God's Will, & God's Way come together to form the foundation of all that Christianity believes and hopes to become.

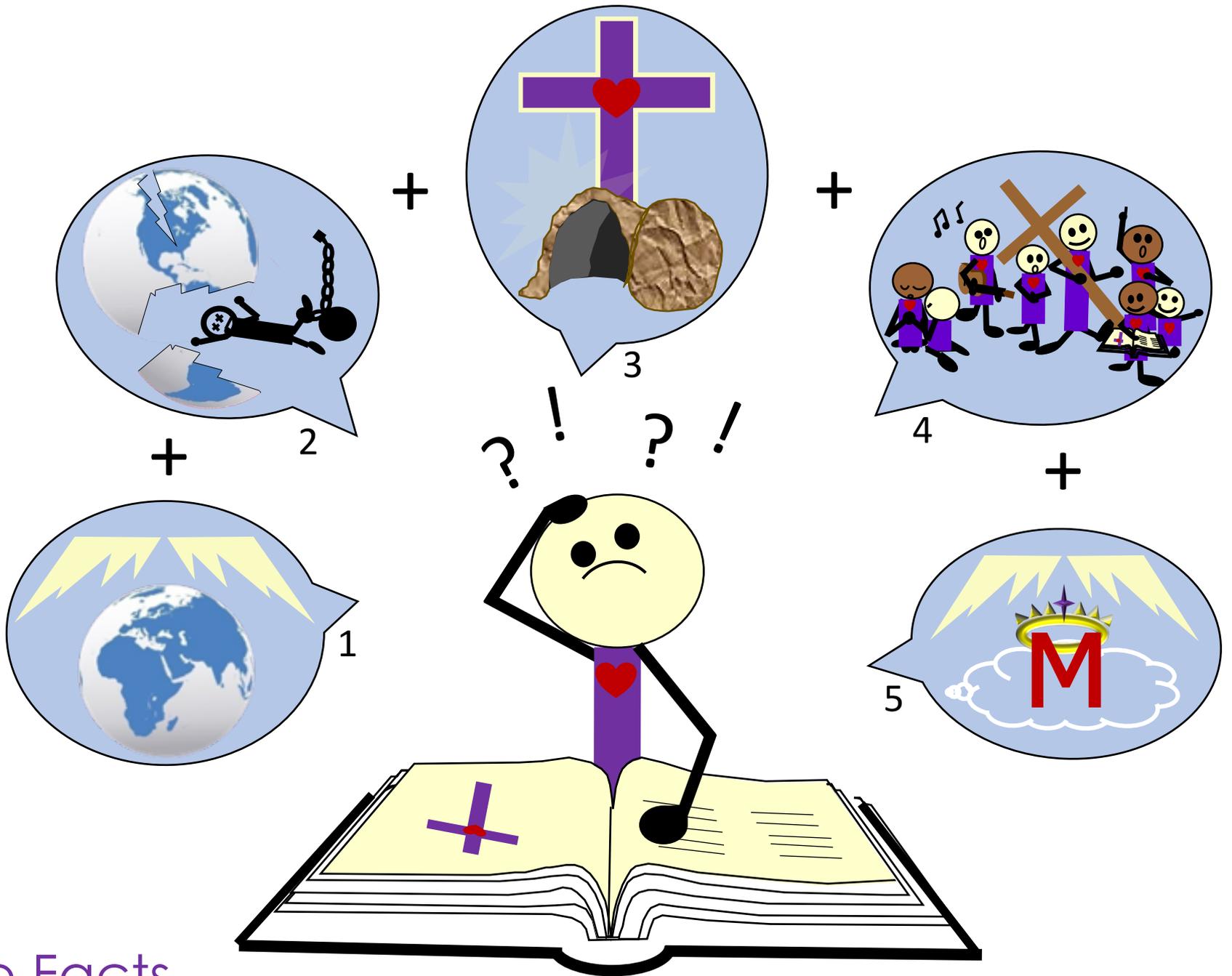
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The Framework

The FRAMEWORK:

Creator God has a plan! His plan involves ALL people, regardless of their beliefs... This “Framework” will illustrate & explain the meaning, purpose & pathway of every human life.



The Facts

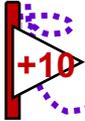
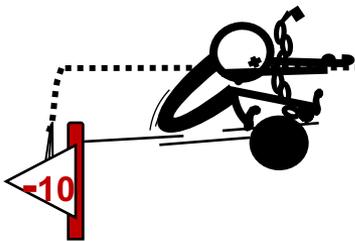
The FACTS: Everything you need to know about creation & all created things can be understood under the umbrella of these 5 facts:
Creator, Corruption, Christ, Church, Coming-again...

DEATH

LIFE

SIN

Struggle



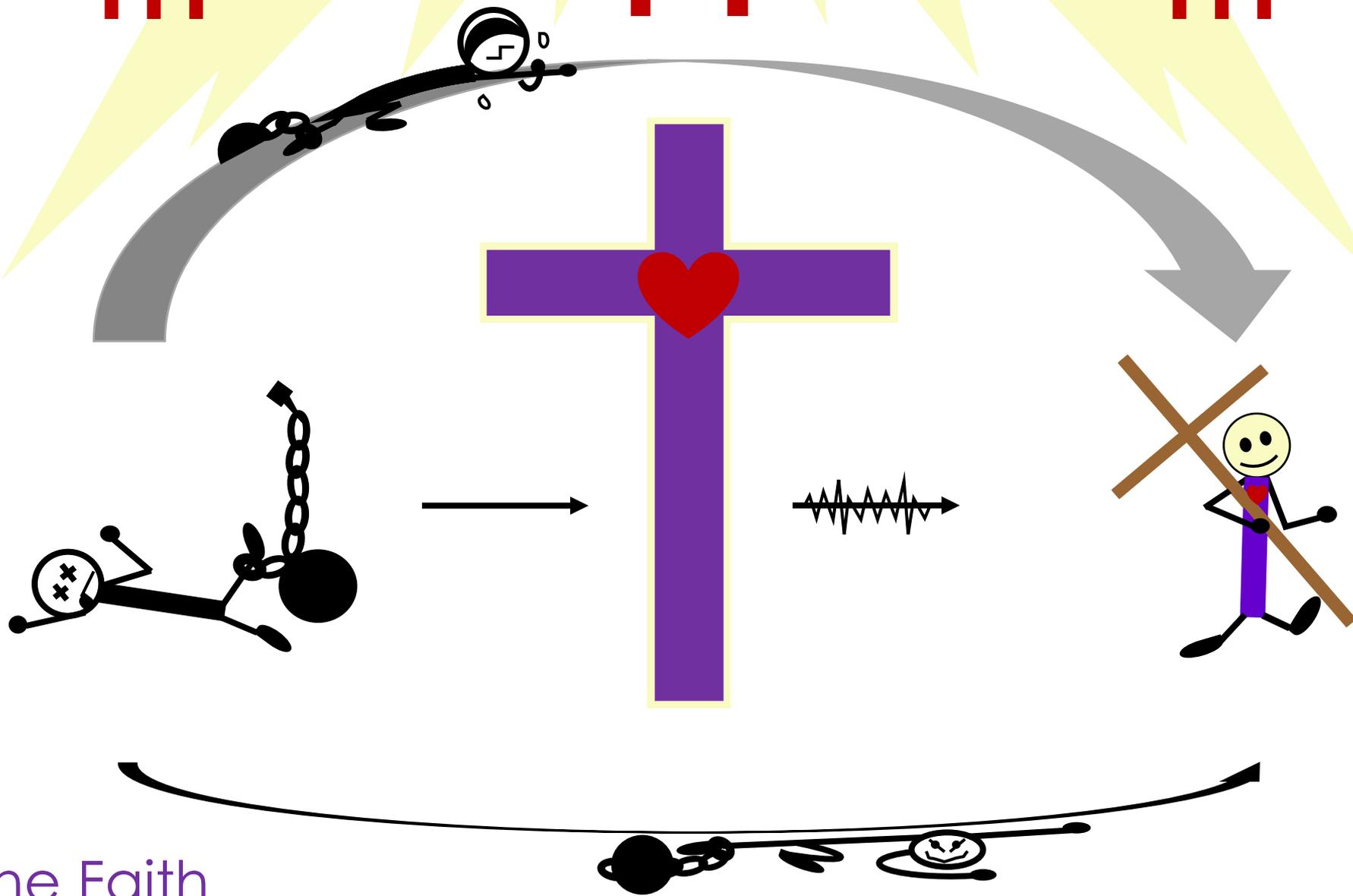
The Fight

The FIGHT: Life can be hard
some times... For both the
Christian and the non-Christian,
spiritual warfare is real.
Scripture is clear, the world, the
flesh, & the Devil are going to
fight against us, both before
AND after the cross.

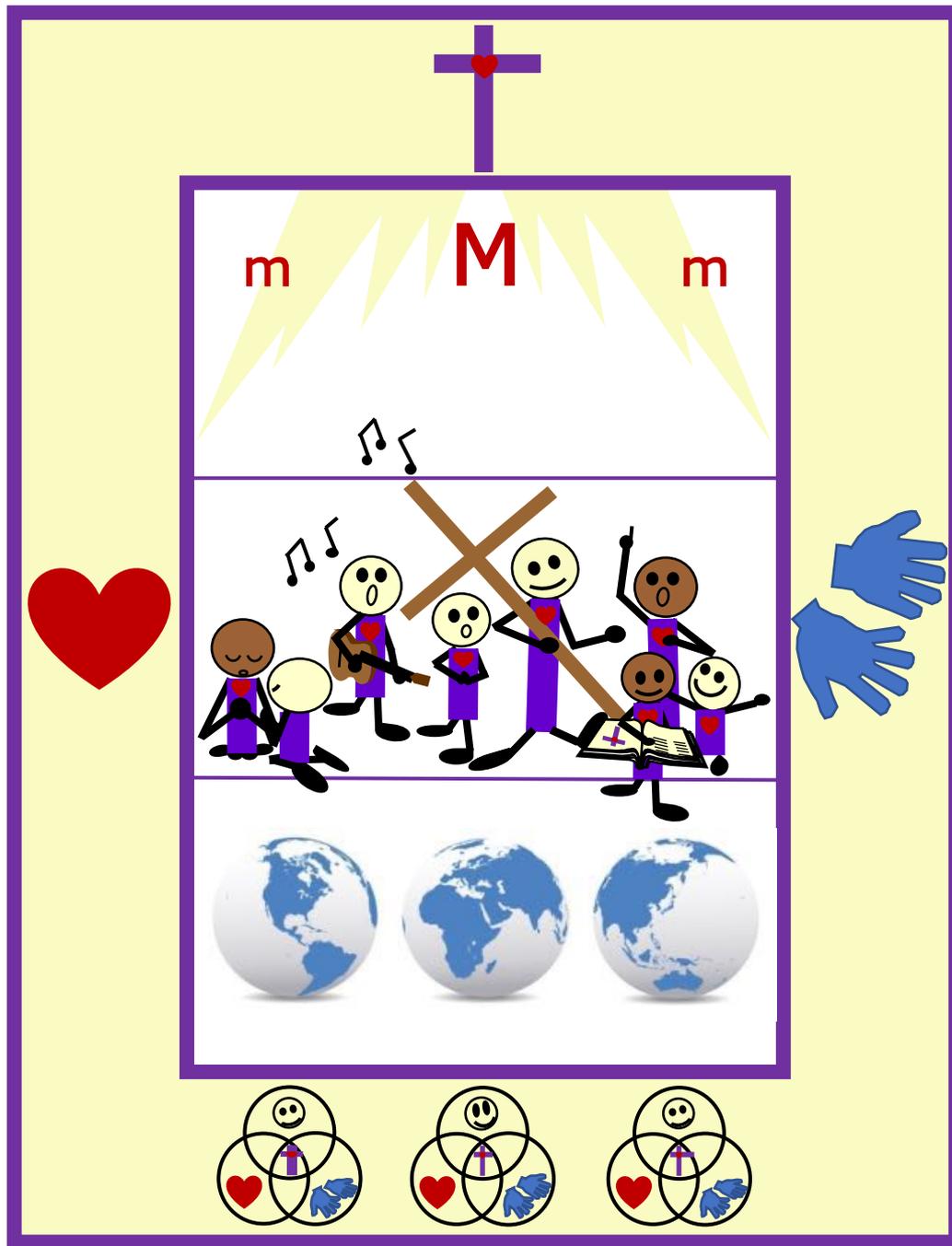
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The FAITH: This is the
“Stickman Gospel,” a visual
explanation of the exclusive &
eternally unique “good news” of
Jesus Christ. When you
understand the **miracle**,
Messiah, & **mission**, you
understand Christianity :-)



The Family

The FAMILY: God's family
is to live in beautiful and
convicting contrast to
culture.... We **LOVE UP, IN, &
OUT**, all while exemplifying
lives of Christ-like, selfless
service.

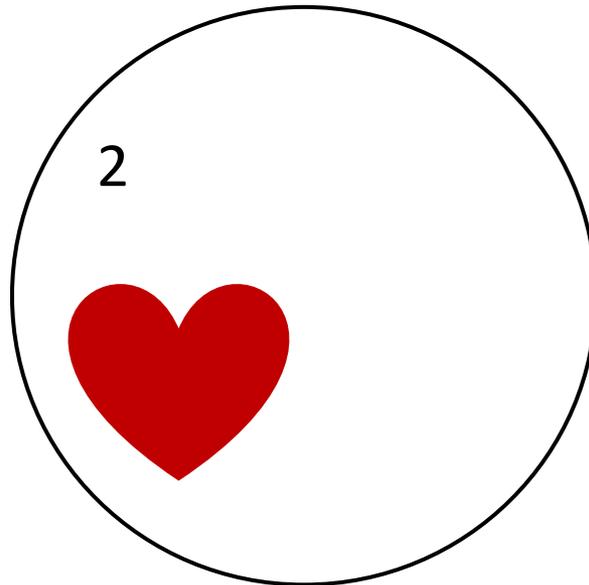
Forever



FOREVER: The stakes could not be higher... Christianity is the only true pathway to eternal life. From “here,” everyone will go to either heaven or hell – there are no other options.

The

HEART



Having walked through the
core truths & essential
Fundamentals that firm and
begin to fill “The Head” a
Christian, let’s shift our focus
to “The Heart” of
Christianity...

Our *Missional*

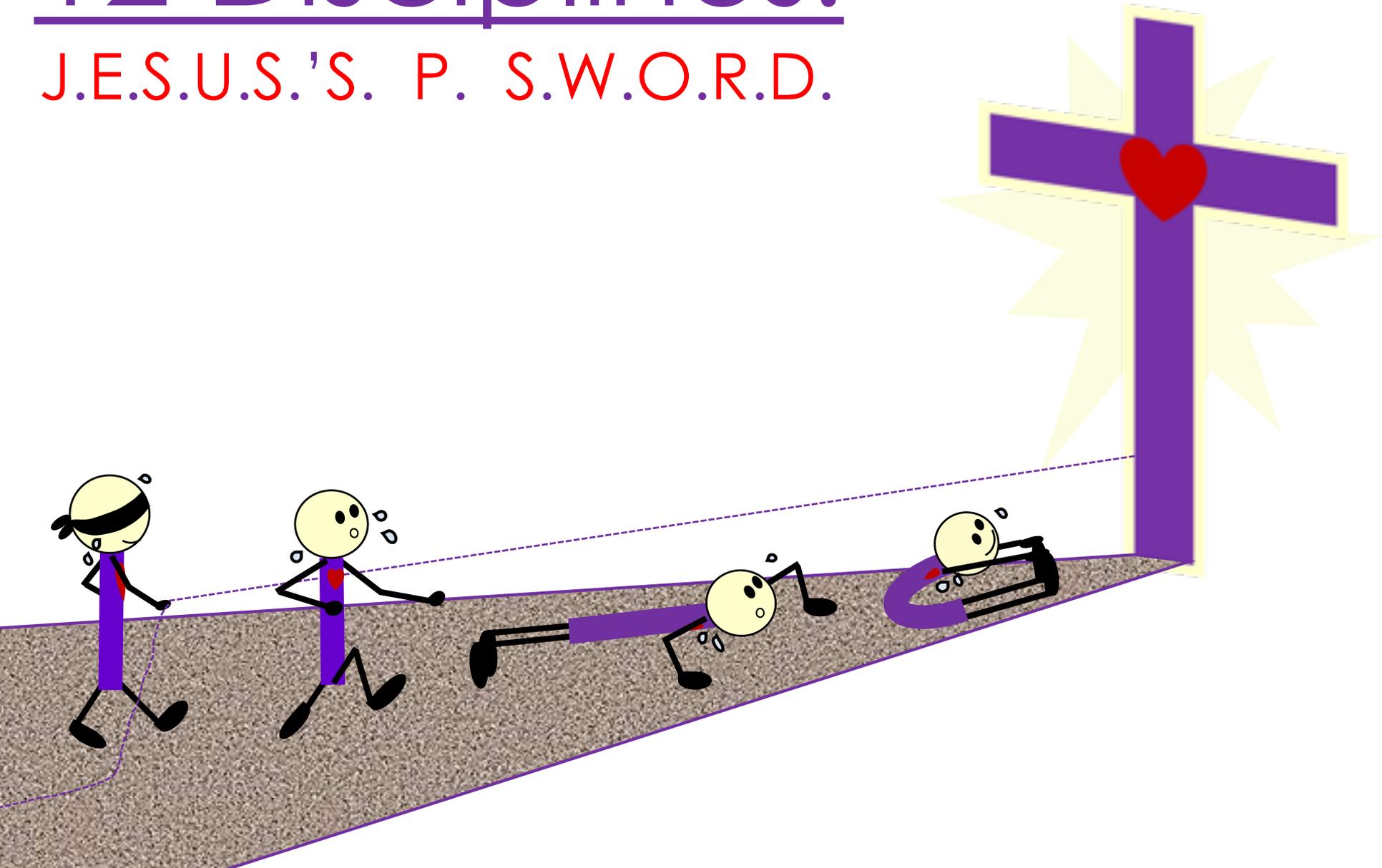
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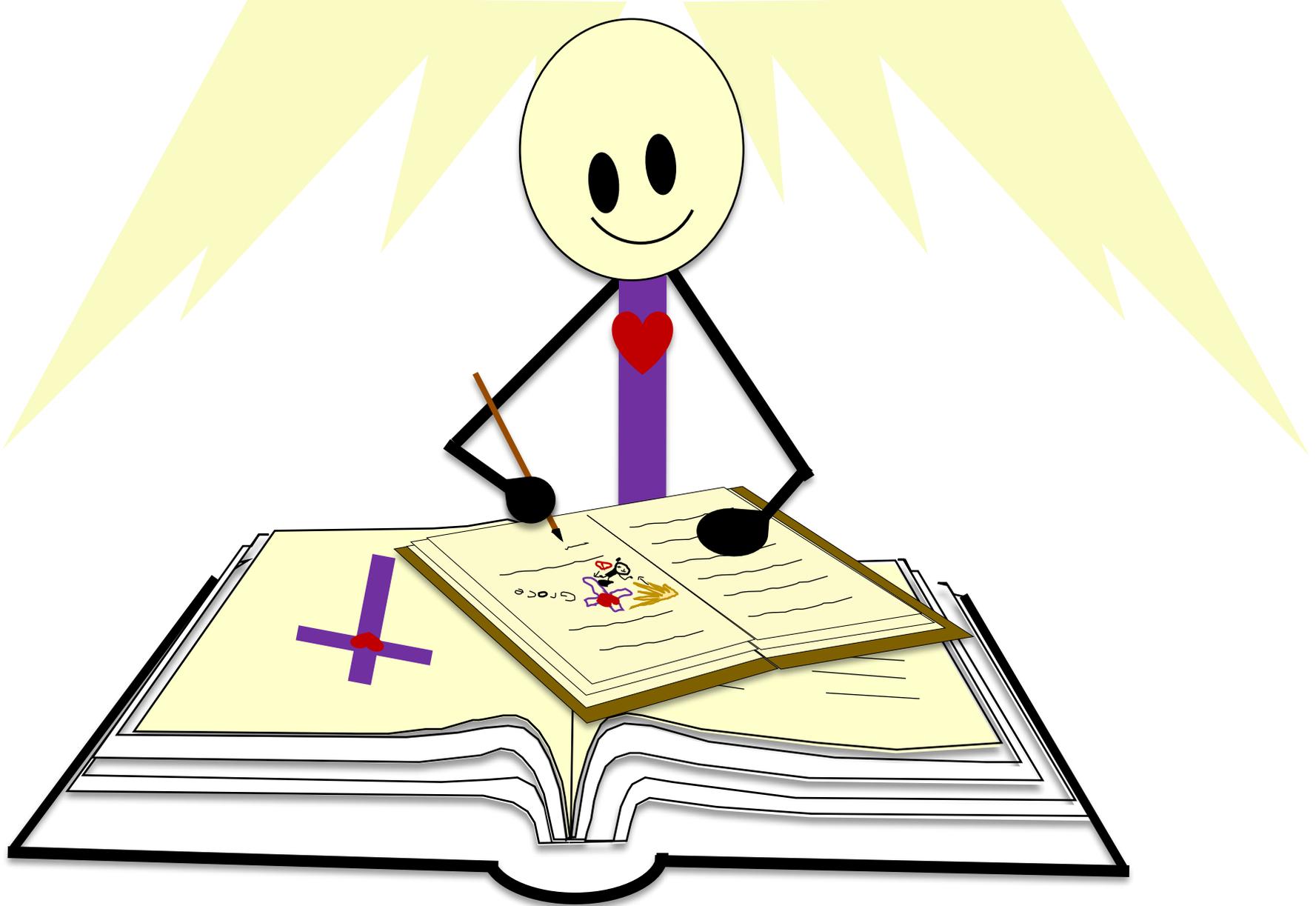


We will use the acronym:

J.E.S.U.S.'S.

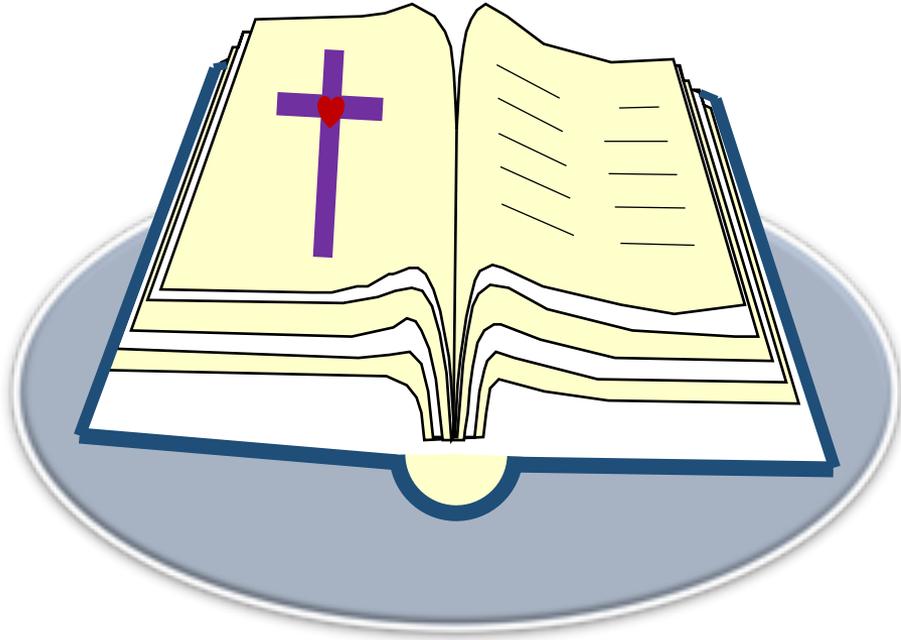
P. (prayer)

S.W.O.R.D.



Journaling

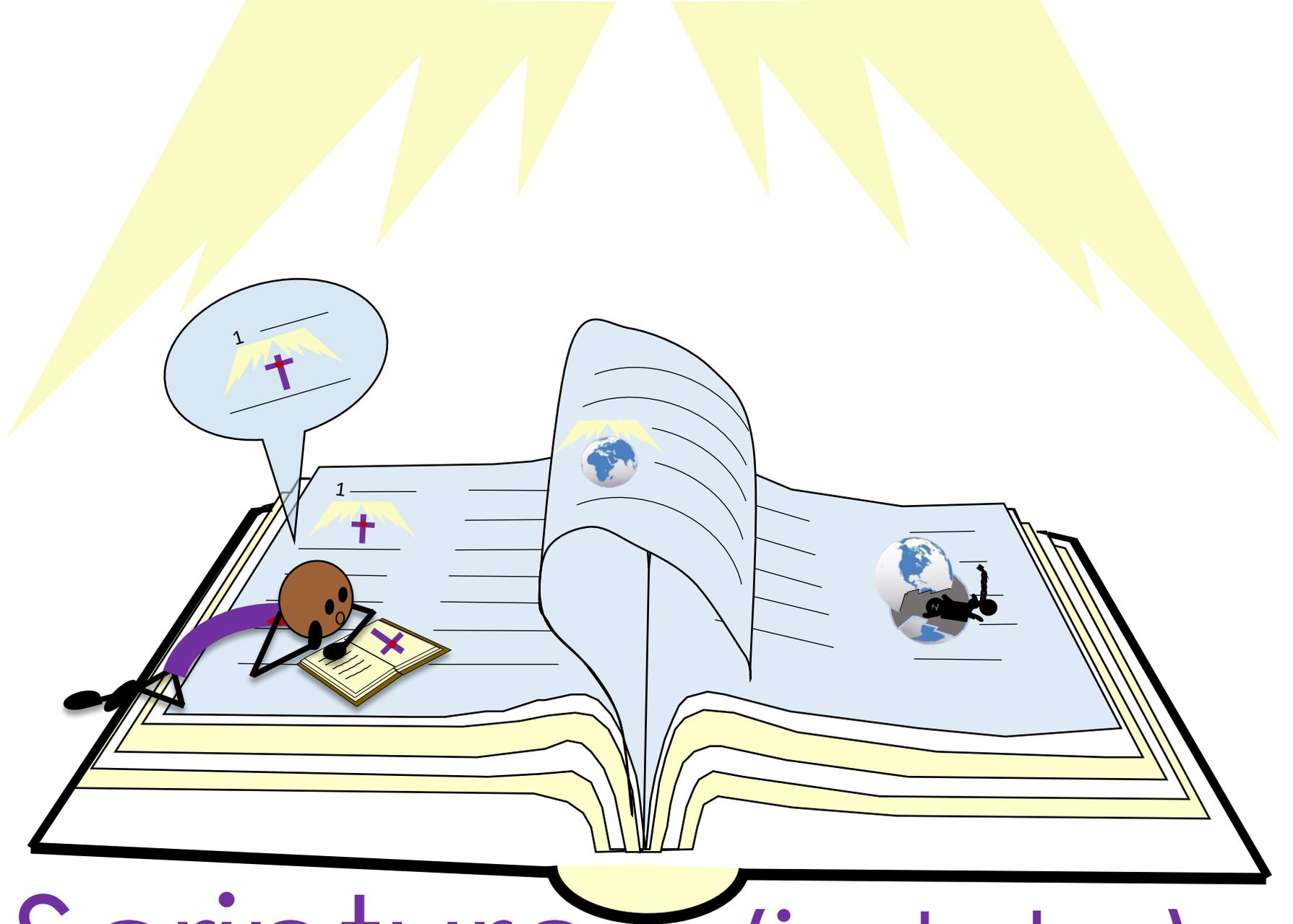
Journaling: We want to encourage everyone to write down and keep track of what God is doing in and through your life... Going back through your journal can be an incredibly powerful experience.



Eat-nothing (fasting)

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There are seasons when our prayer life and times with the Lord will be enhanced and sweetened thru fasting... This is a discipline that many would be blessed to dive into.



Scripture (in-take)

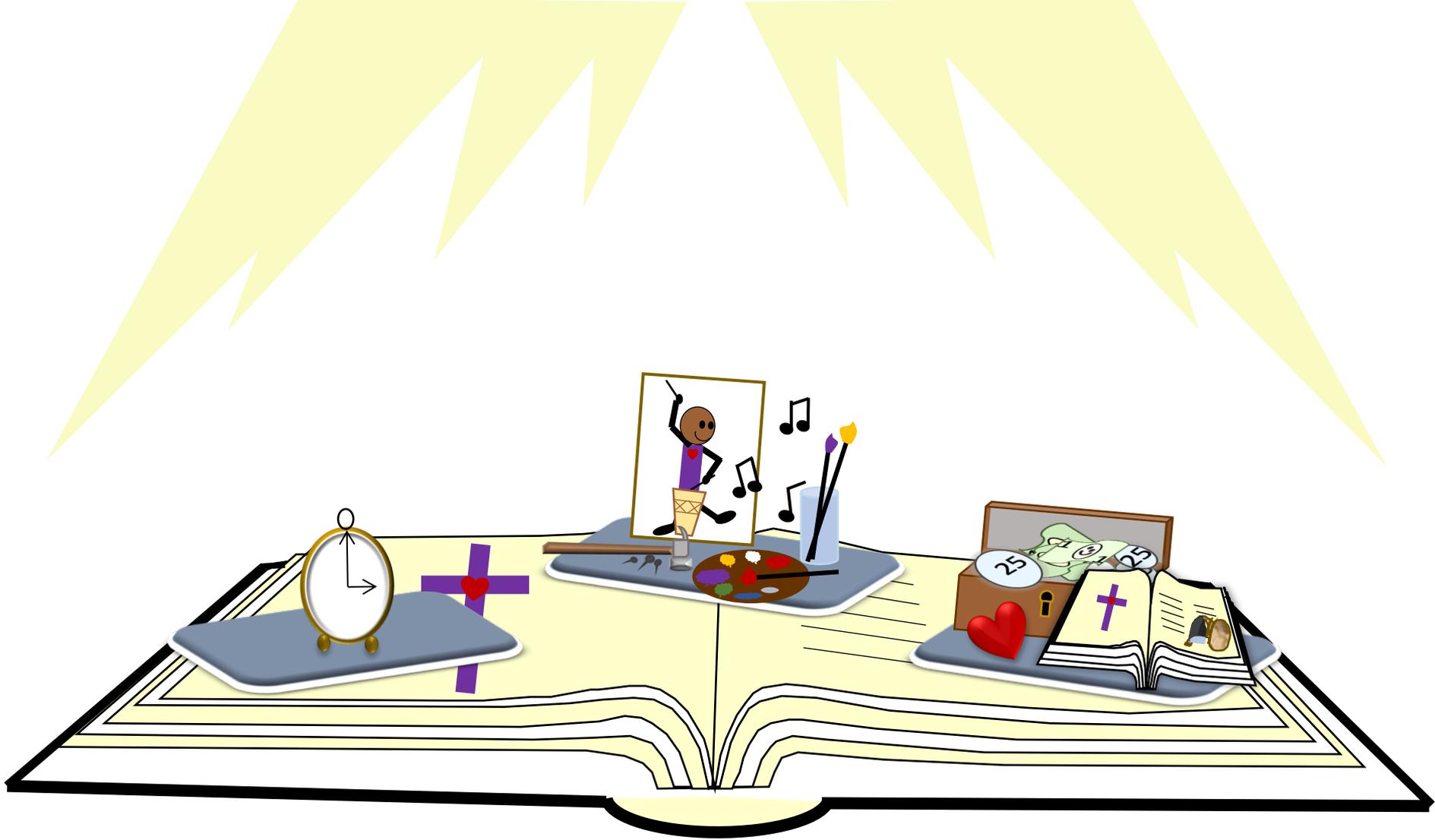
SCRIPTURE: Nothing feeds
the soul like the Word of God.

Everything that defines,
describes, and defends
Christianity is found in God's
Holy, inspired, and perfect
Scriptures.



Understudy of Scripture

UNDERSTUDY: While
Scripture “in-take” is essential,
the deeper, ongoing
understudy of the Scriptures
leads to long-term,
sustainable health & growth.



Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP: How we use our Time, Talent, & Treasure reveals a great deal of what is dominant in our hearts & lives... Christianity calls for Christ-like stewardship of ALL that God has graciously given us.



Solitude

SOLITUDE: Getting alone with God and His Word is the best way to get to know Him... Even more, quiet times with God is a way to submit to & worship Him in the height of intimacy.



Prayer

PRAYER: Reverently talking
to God... AND, even more
reverently listening to Him... is
the life line of Christianity.
God's people need to hear
from Him regularly thru both
His Word & our prayers.

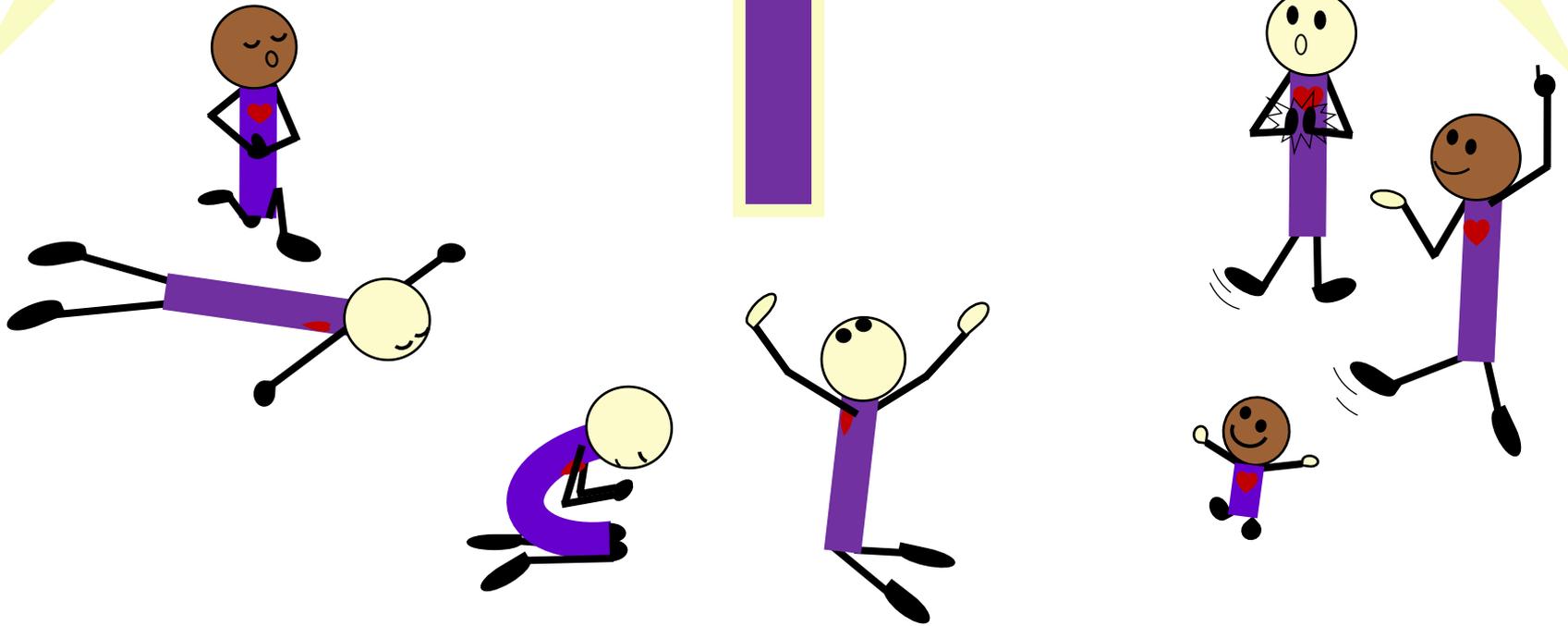
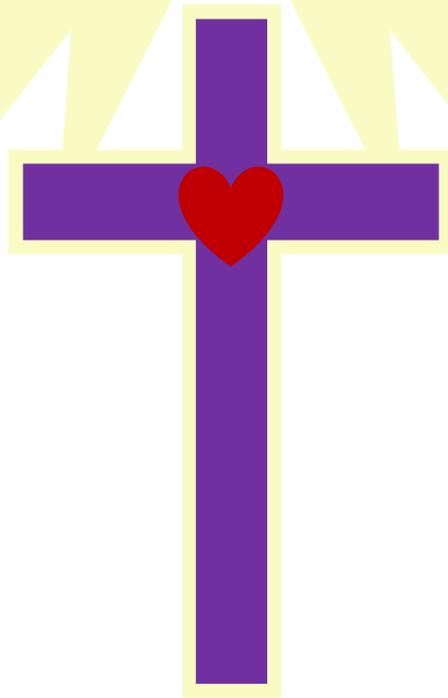


Service

SERVICE: Talk is cheap.

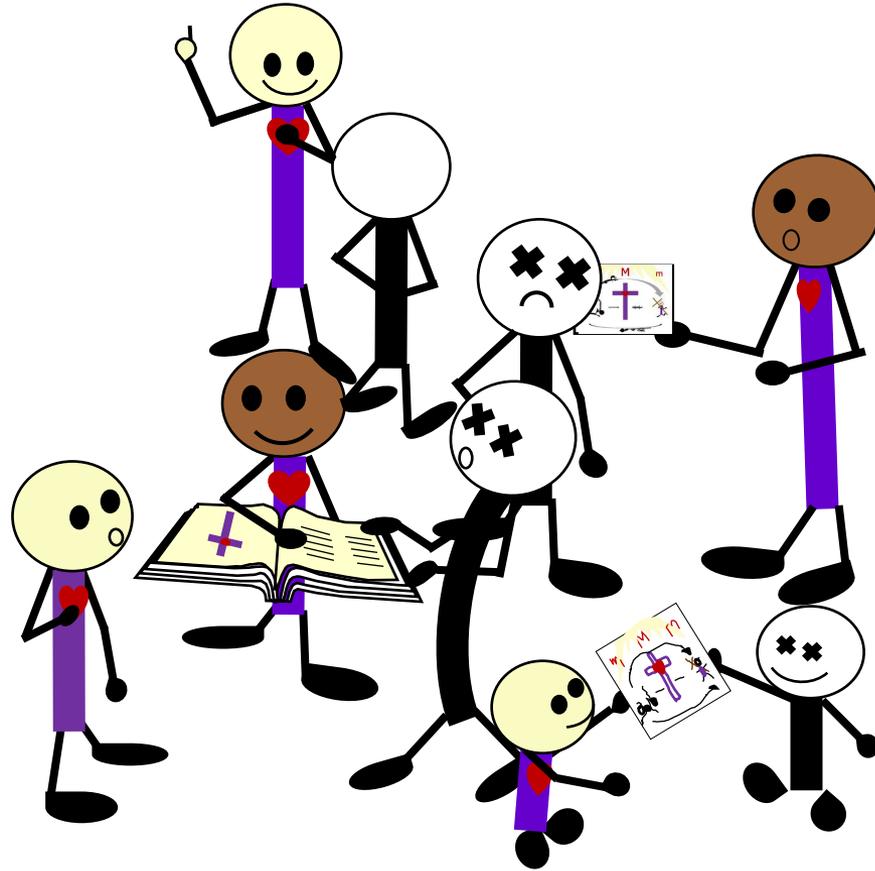
Christ-likeness is epitomized by a few things (truth, love, humility, selflessness, etc.).

Amongst the most Christ-like of disciplines is service. May we BE sent & serving servants.



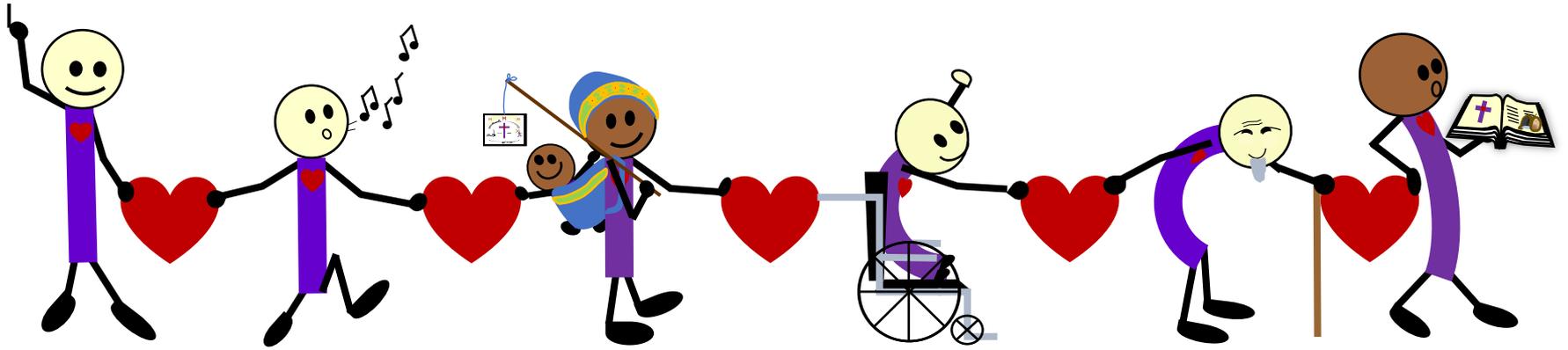
Worship

WORSHIP: Christianity is never better on display than when God's children are worshipping Him in truth and love... individually and together. Worship is joyful, overflowing, faithful obedience.



Outreach

OUTREACH: Going to make disciples is not only an act of faithful obedience to Jesus' final command & commission, it epitomizes Christ-likeness! Jesus left heaven to come to seek & save the lost.

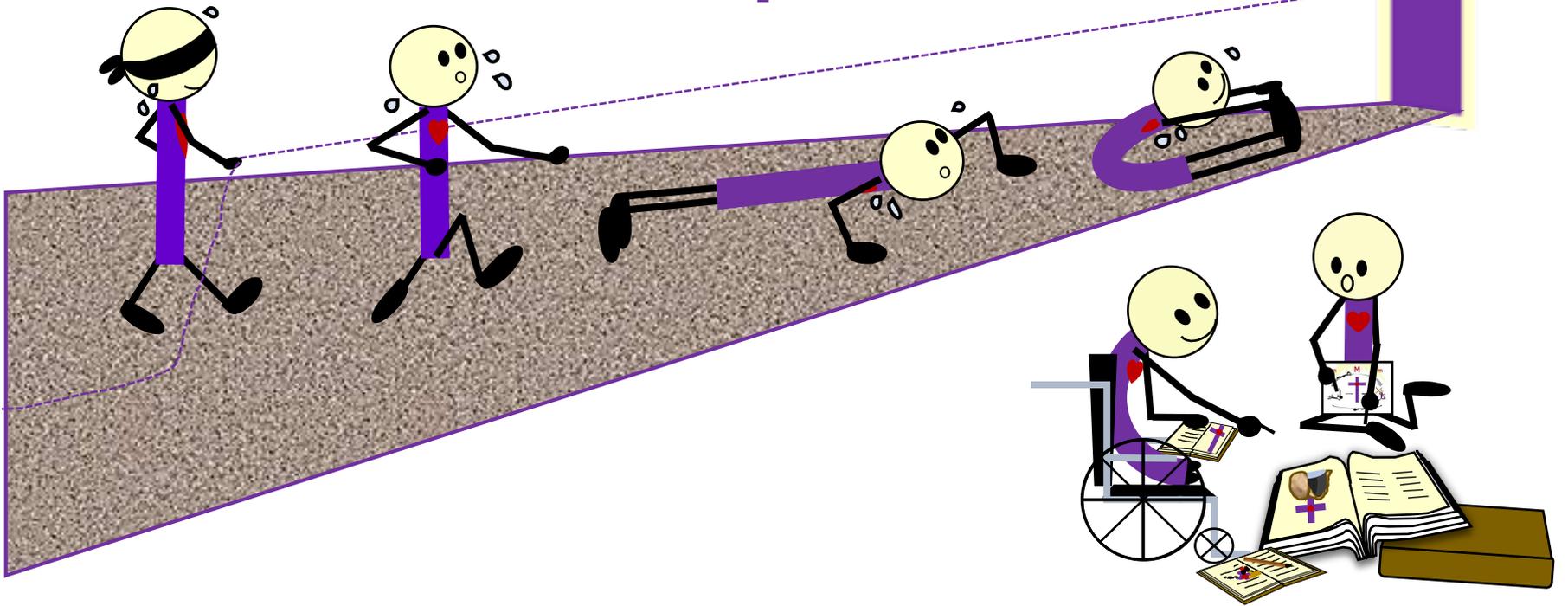


Relationships

RELATIONSHIPS: Jesus said that the lost world would see & know His true followers by their witness to Him AND their “love for one another.” By definition, Christianity is all about a vertical AND horizontal relationship.



Development

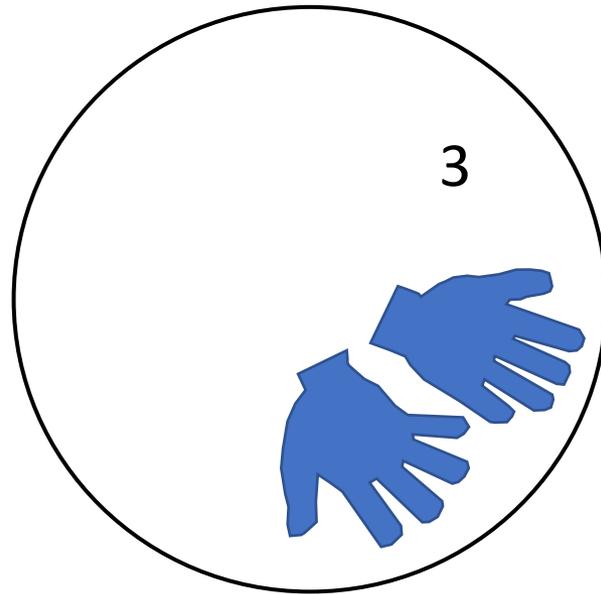


DEVELOPMENT: As

Christians commit to life-long knowing, growing, & going, both the individual Christian, AND a world of spreading Christianity will continue to develop... This honors God.

The

HANDS



It's time to put all that we
have covered together...
When the Christian's Head,
Heart, and now Hands are
united in purpose & power,
the family of God (a.k.a.
Christianity) lives and loves
out loud!

Our *Missional*

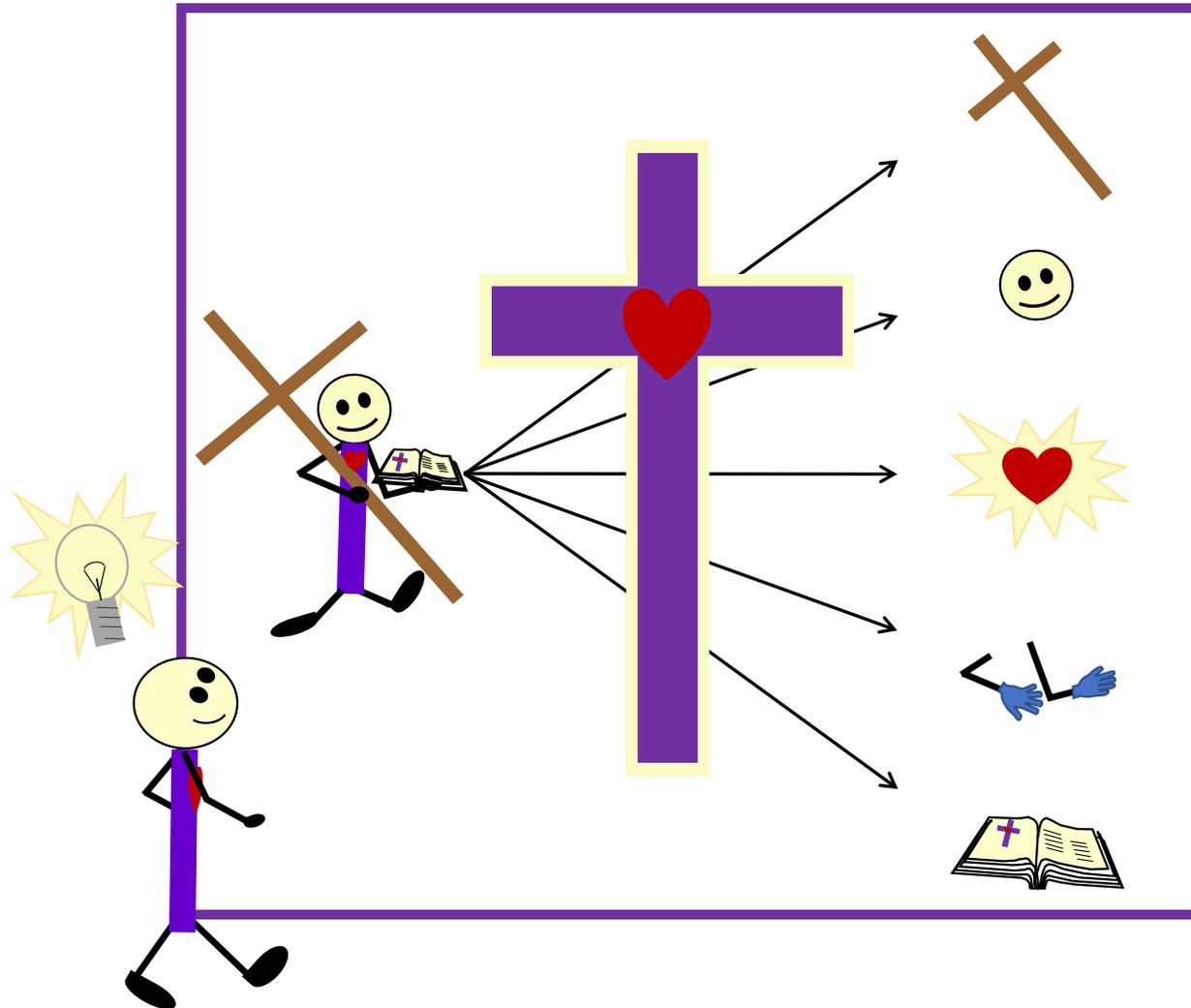
DISTINCTIVES

This section is somewhat self-explanatory...

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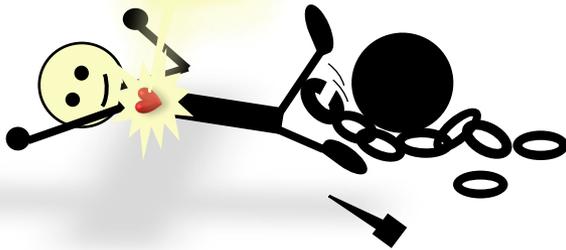
“We are...”

24 Family Distinctives:

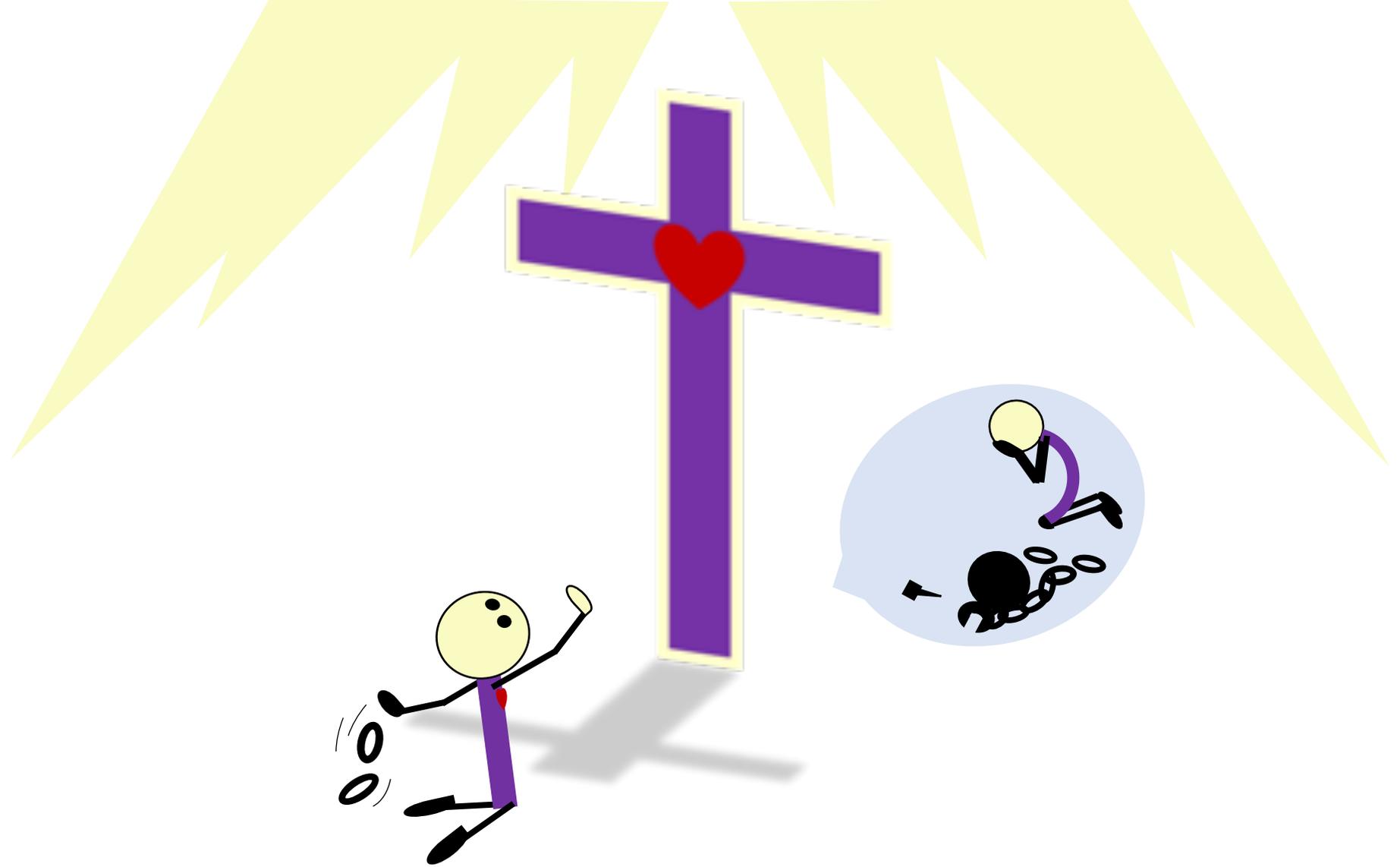


Each of these Christian family
distinctives engages, explains,
and exemplifies God's Word,
God's will, & God's way!
This is a comprehensive
portrait of the family
of God :-)

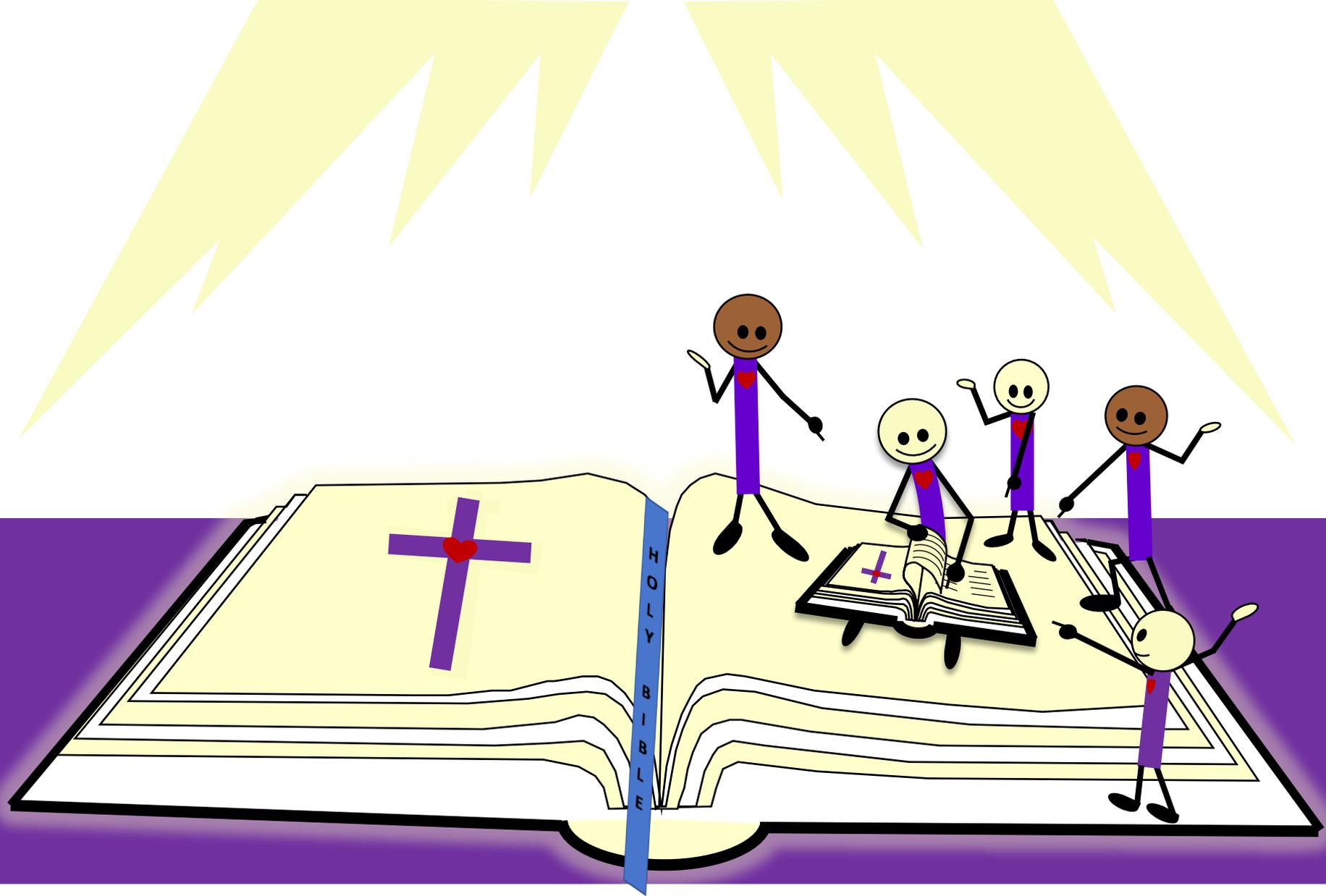
We are...



Responding to grace

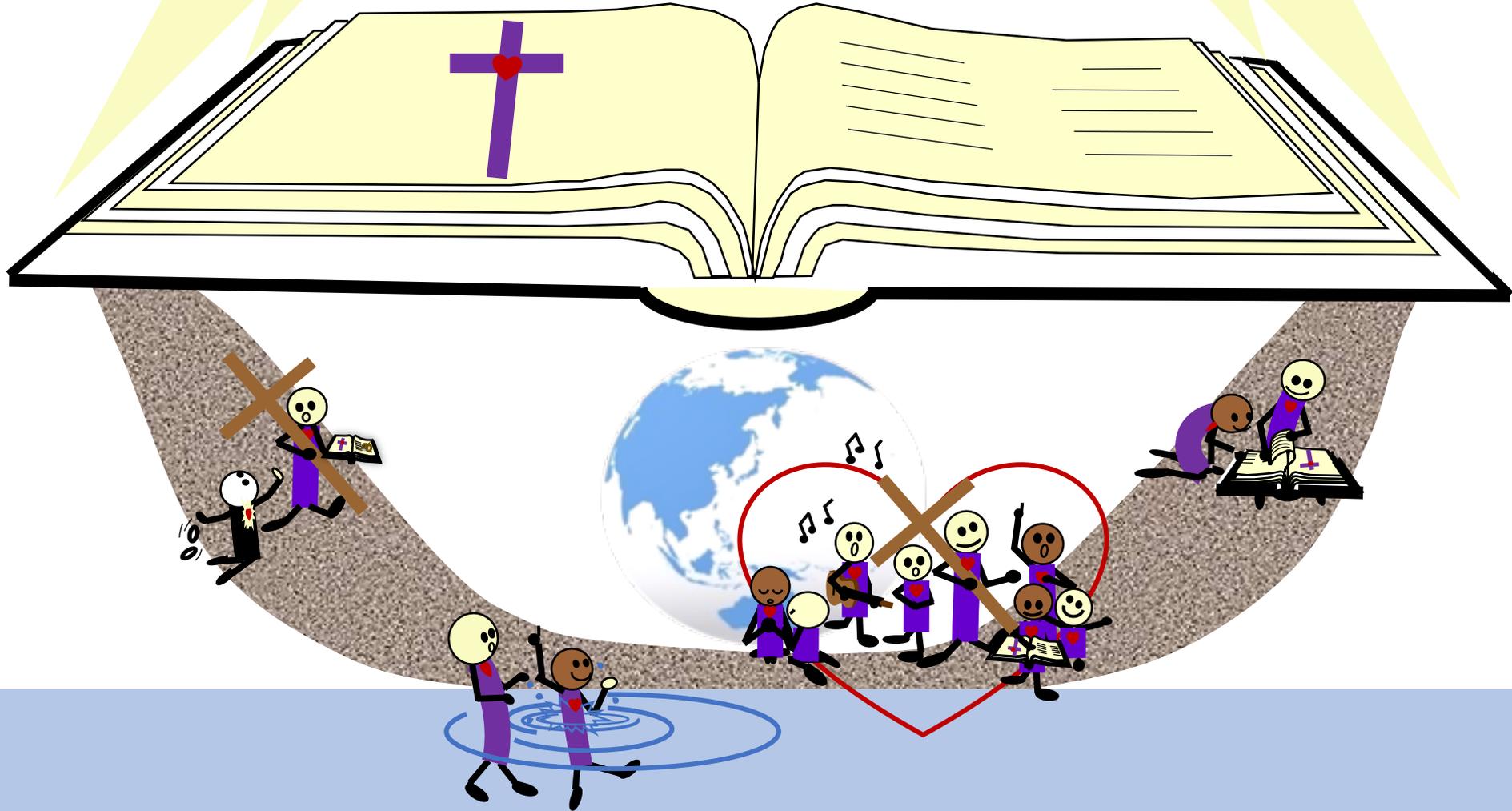


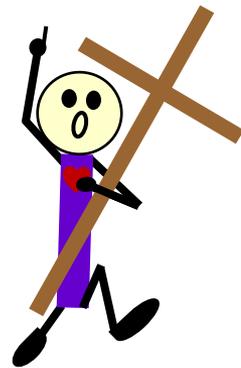
Repenting of SIN



Trusting the Bible

Obeying God's Word

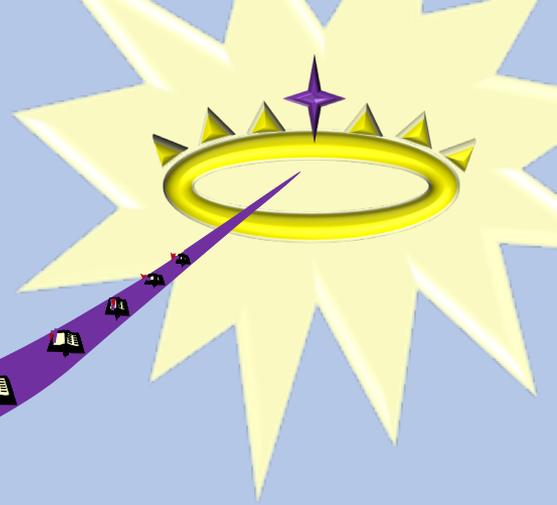
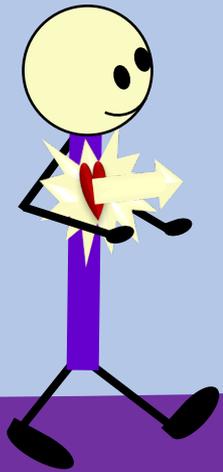


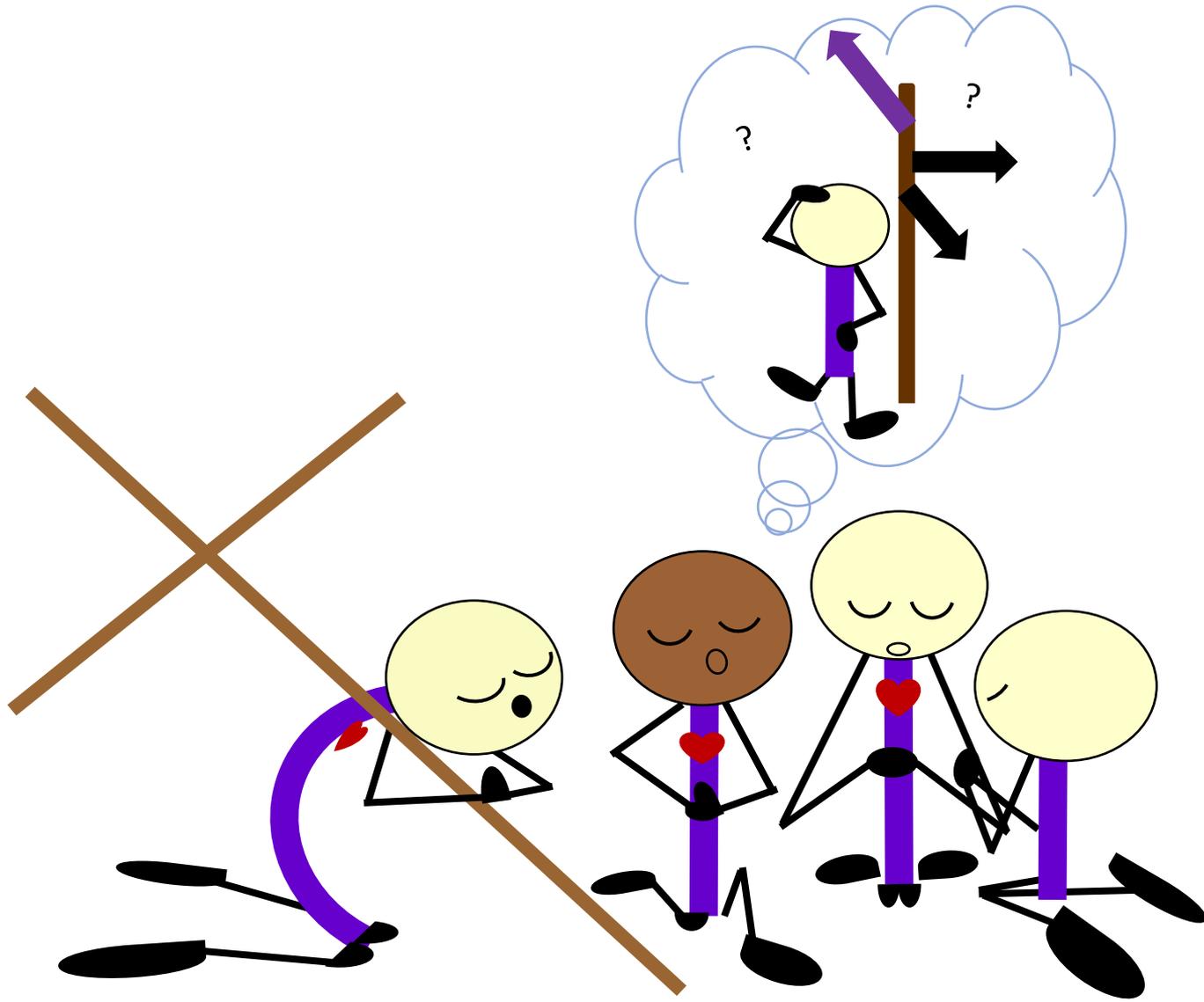


Growing in-Christ

Living

Spirit-led

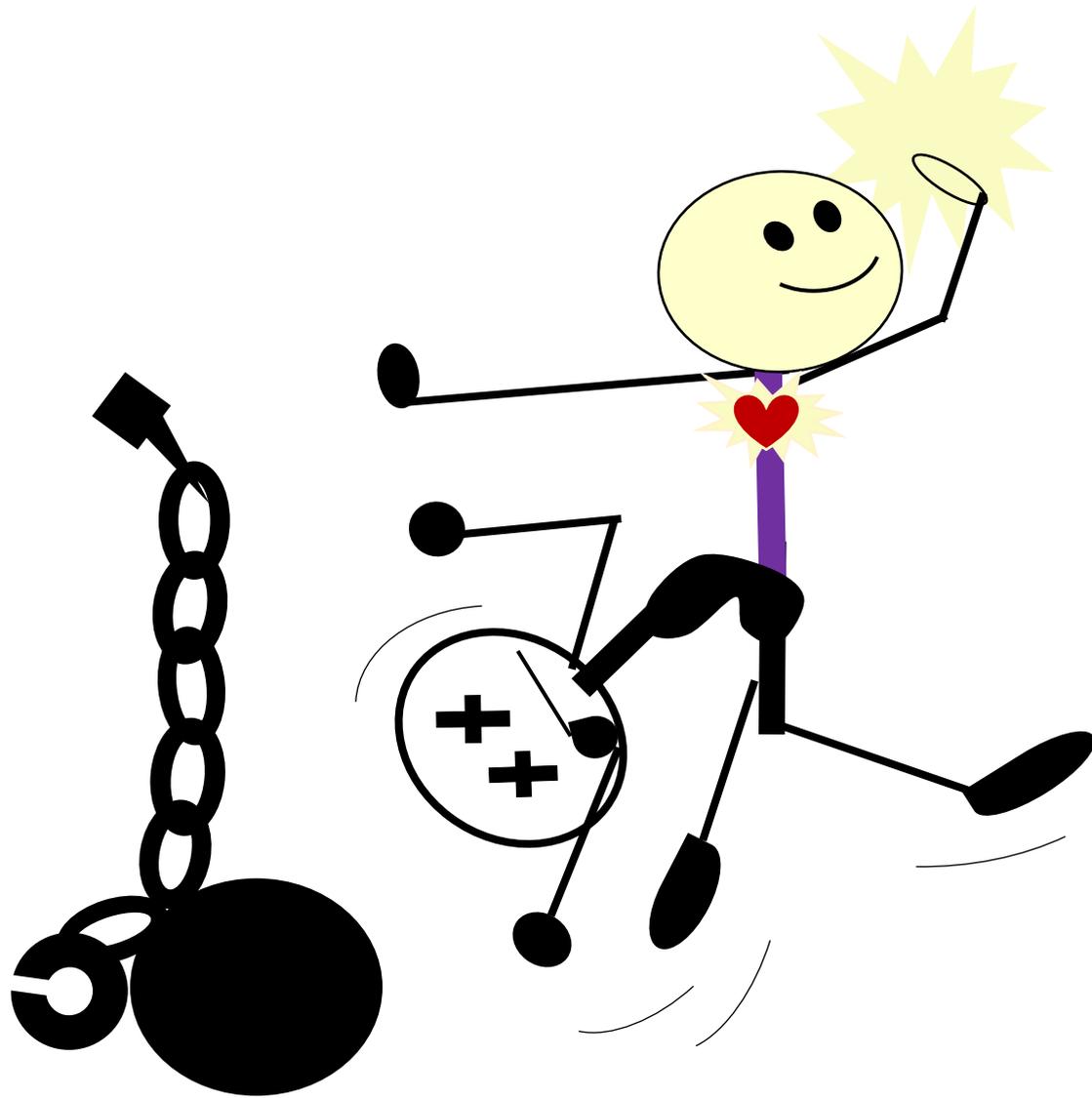




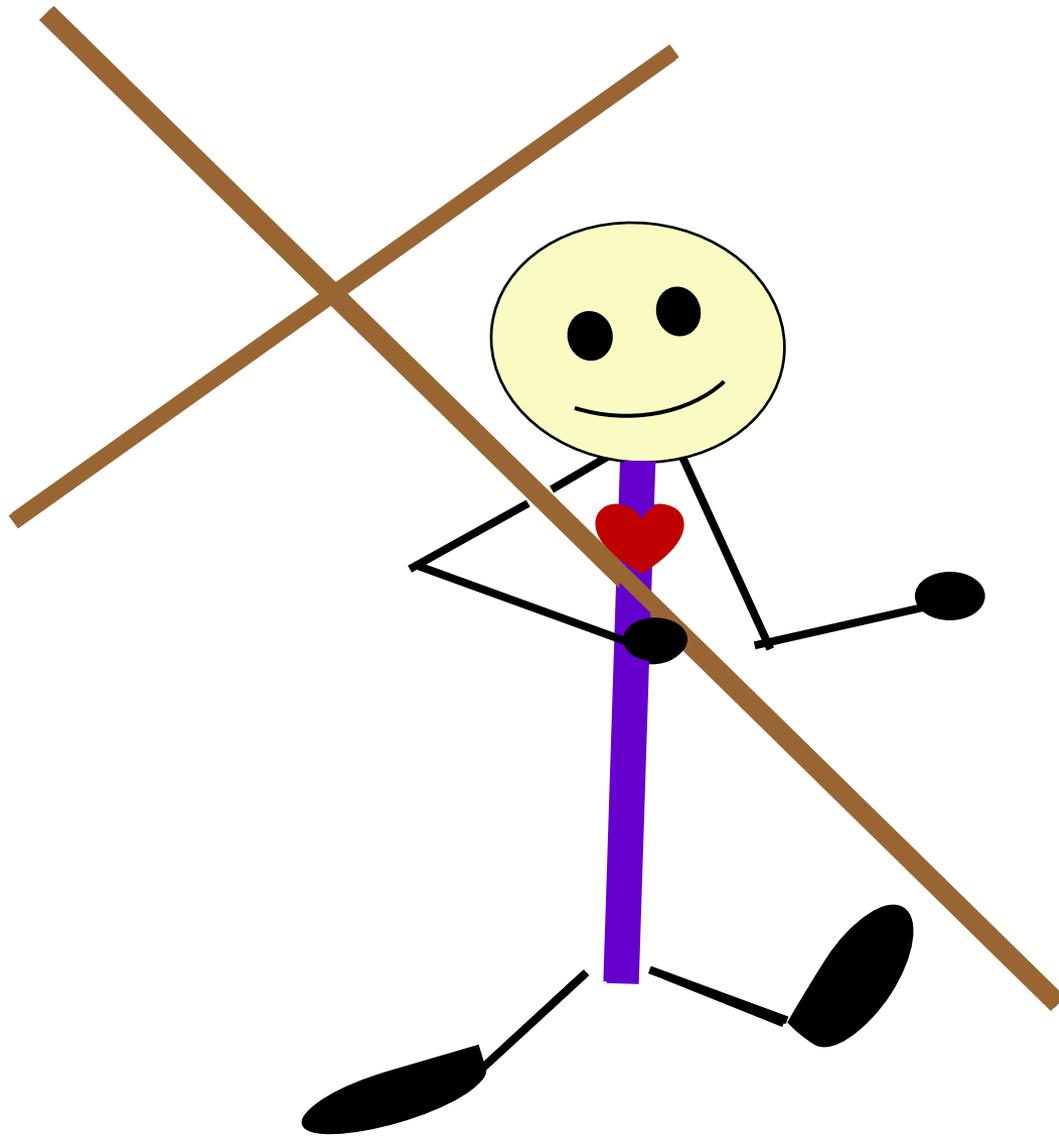
Praying for guidance



Following by faith



Dying to self

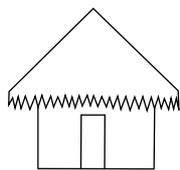
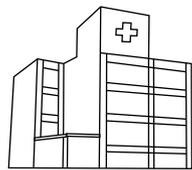
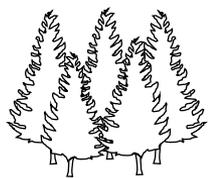
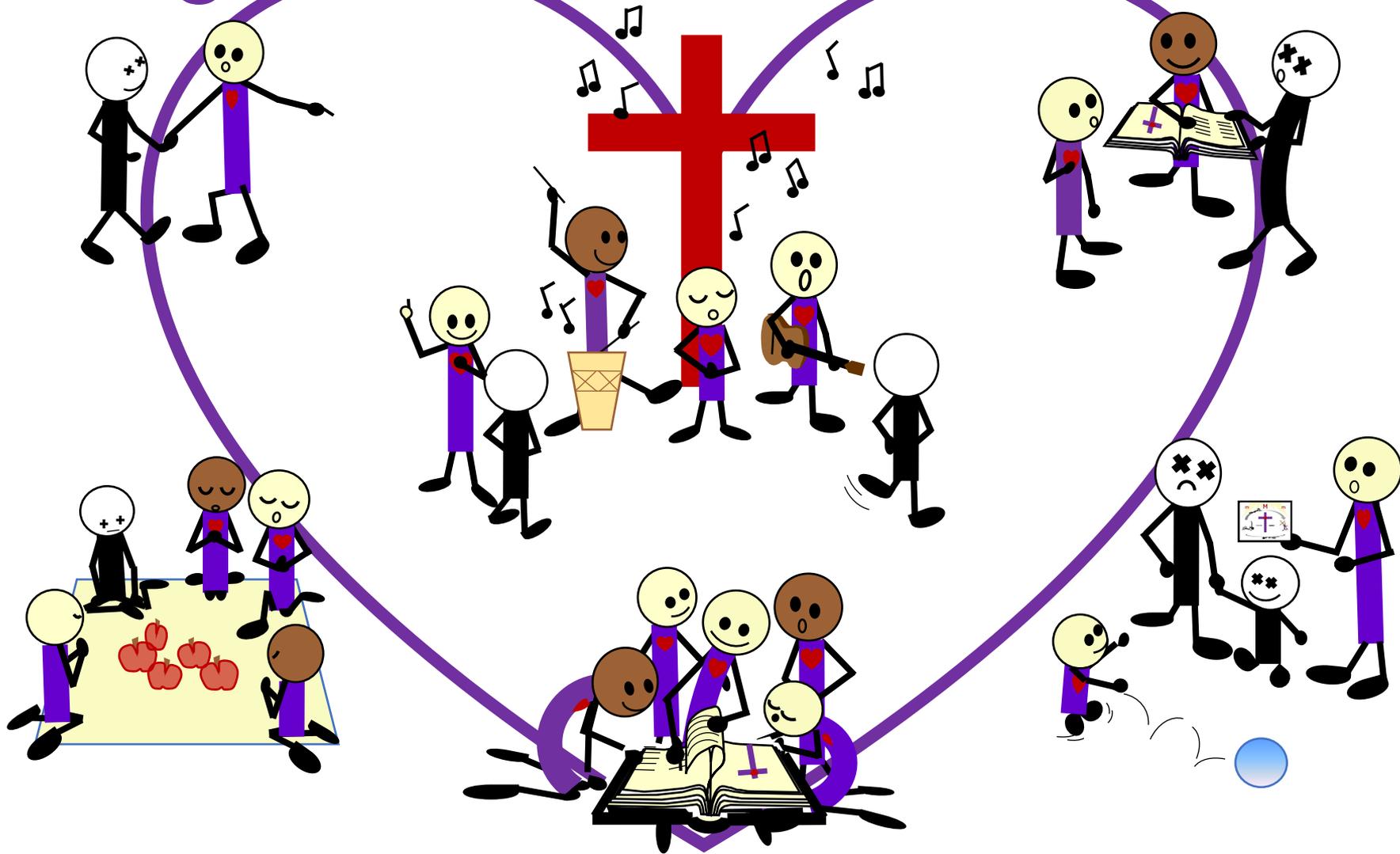


Carrying our cross

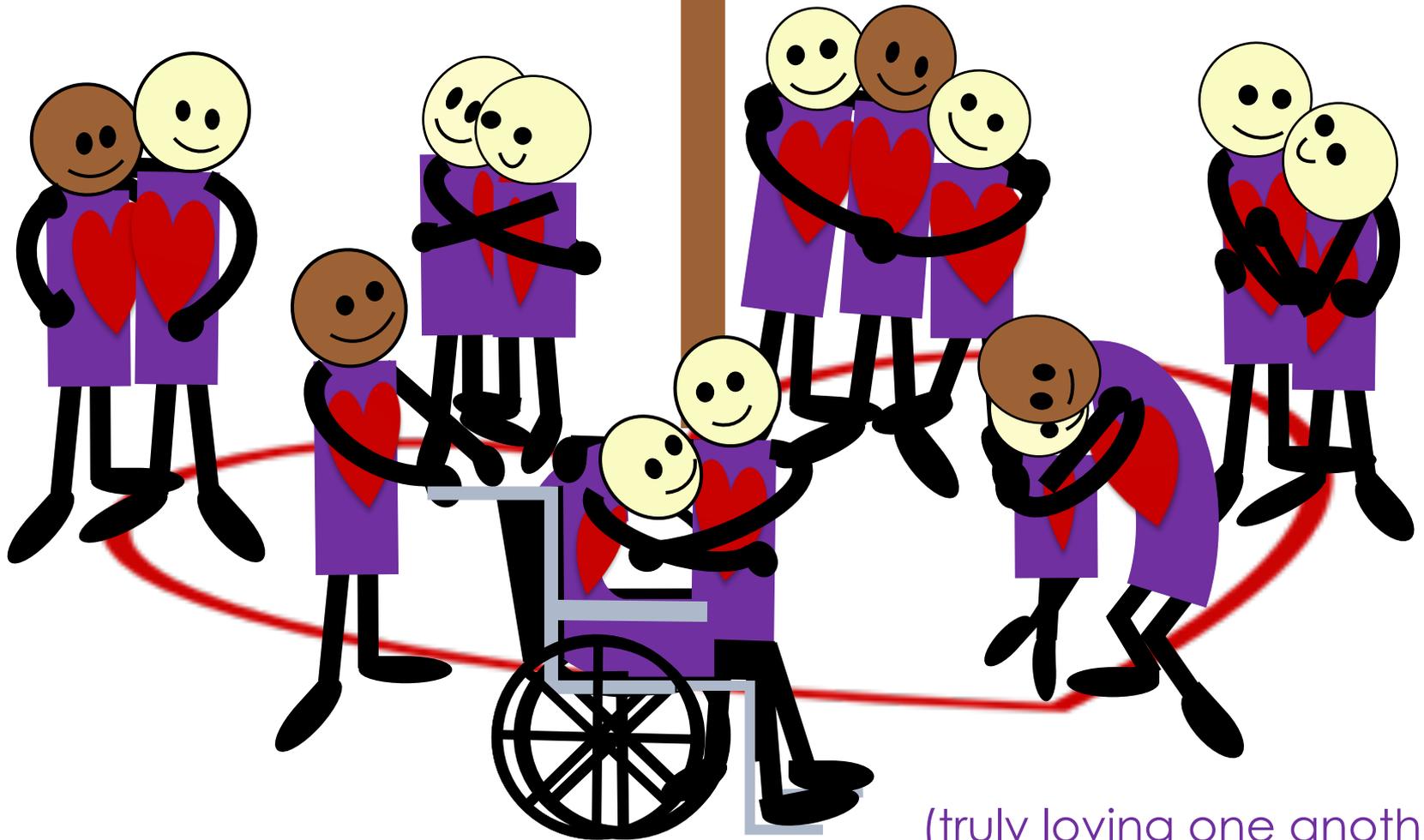
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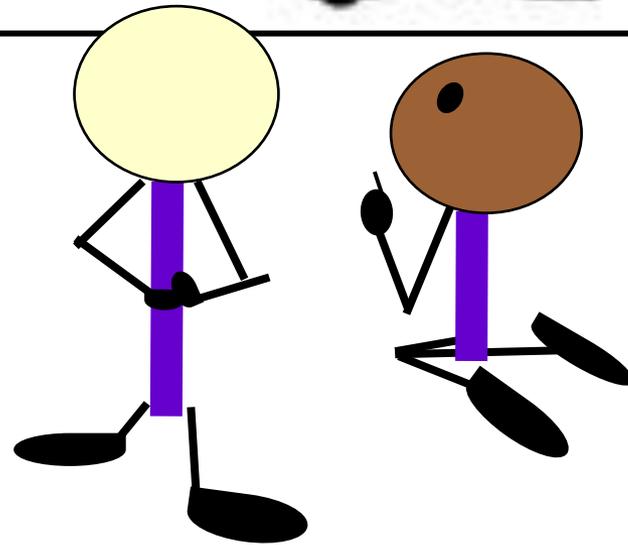
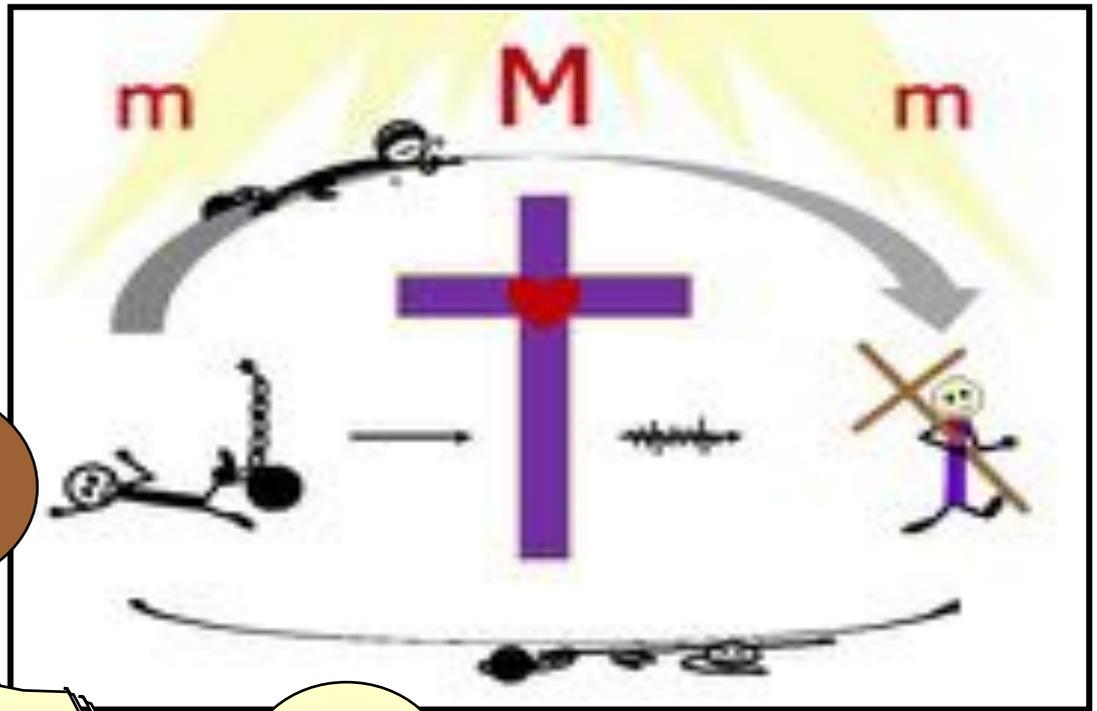
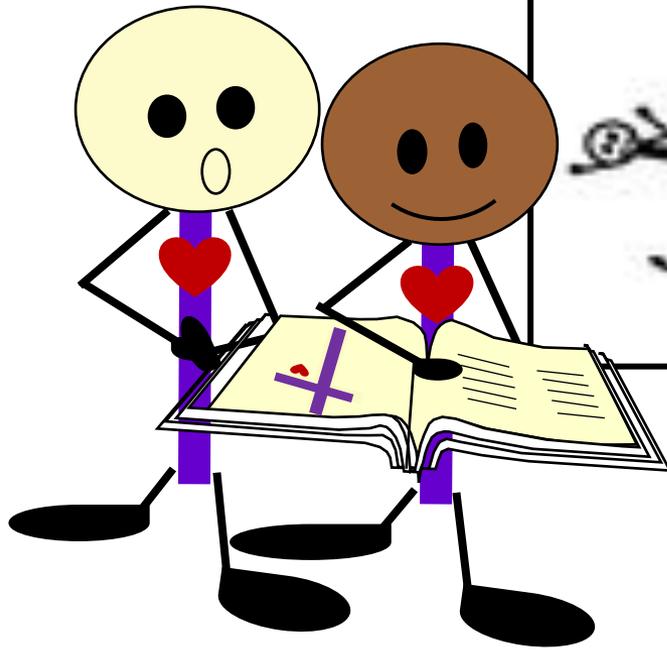
Church



Loving ^{one} another



(truly loving one another!)



Equipping the saints



Exemplifying

supernatural

unity

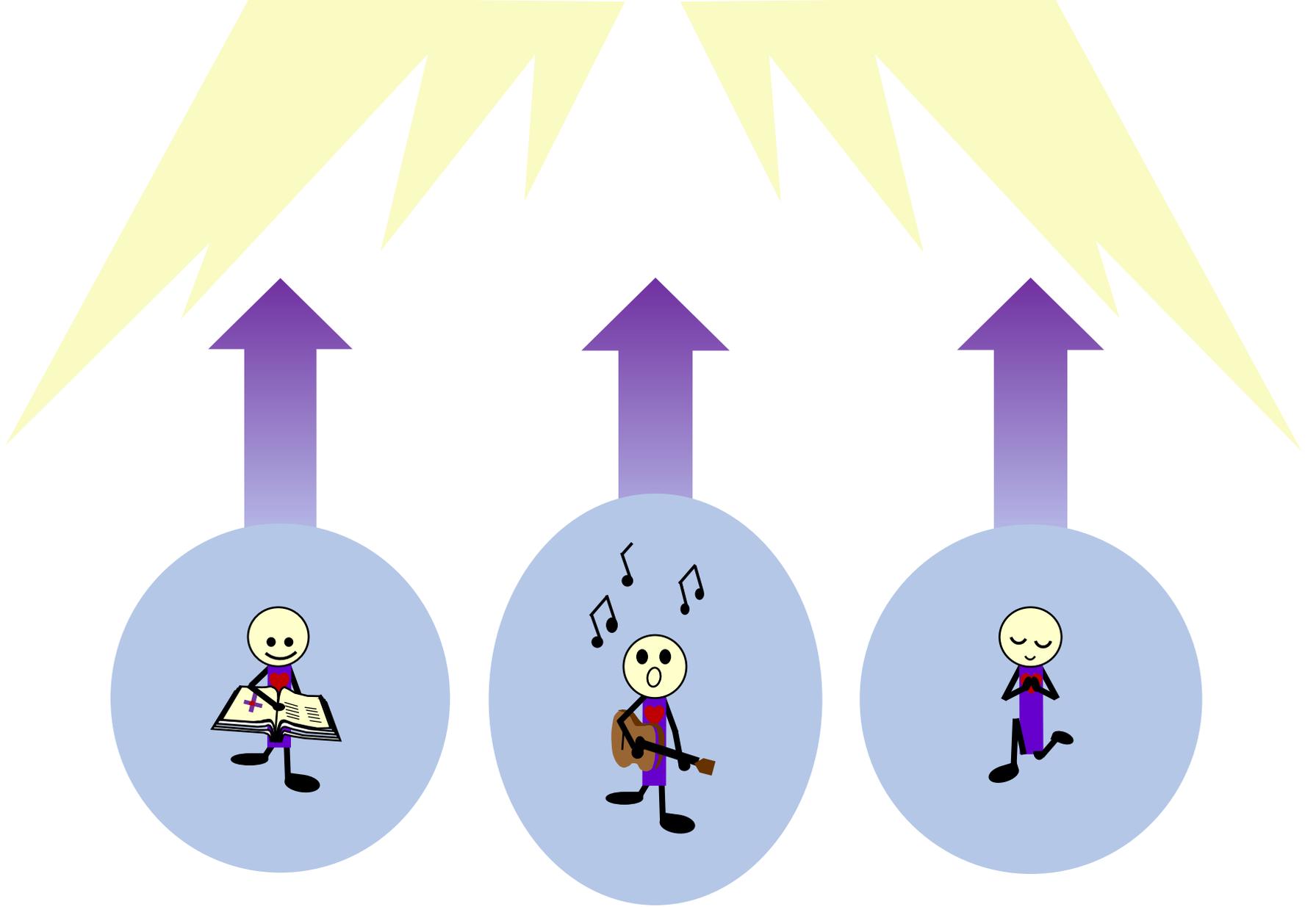


Ministering as ambassadors

Discerning



matters shrewdly

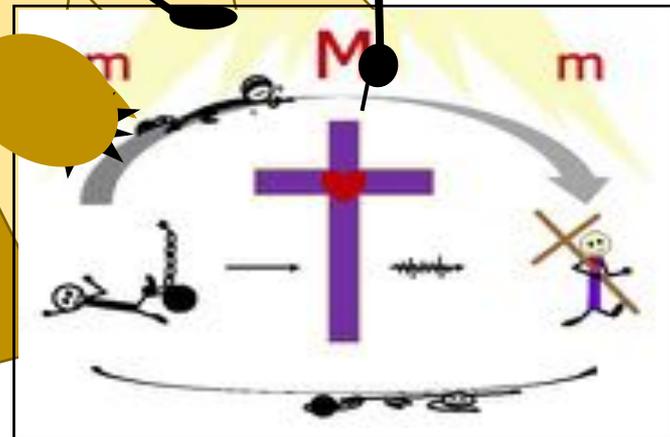
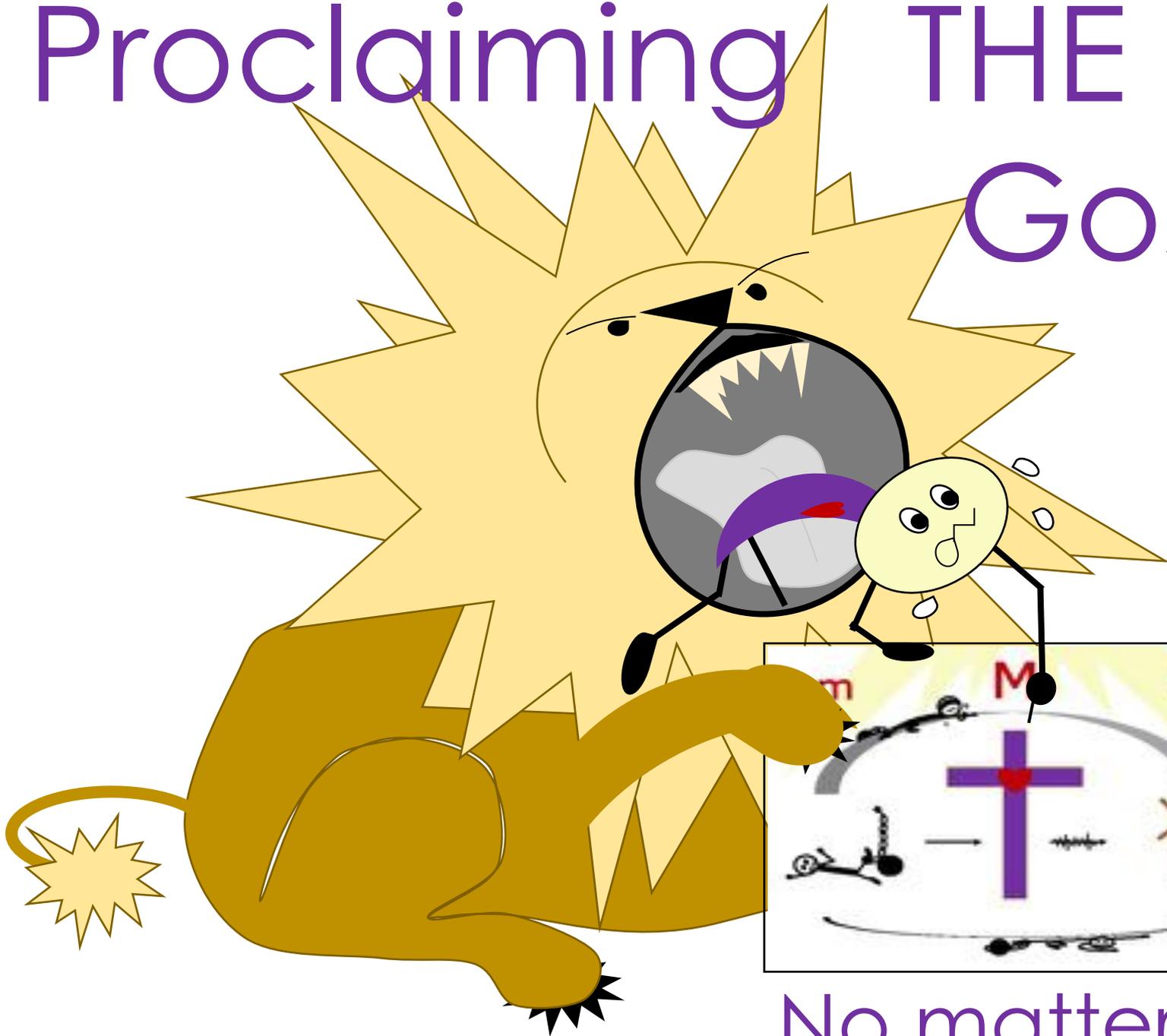


Worshipping God vertically

Experiencing God horizontally

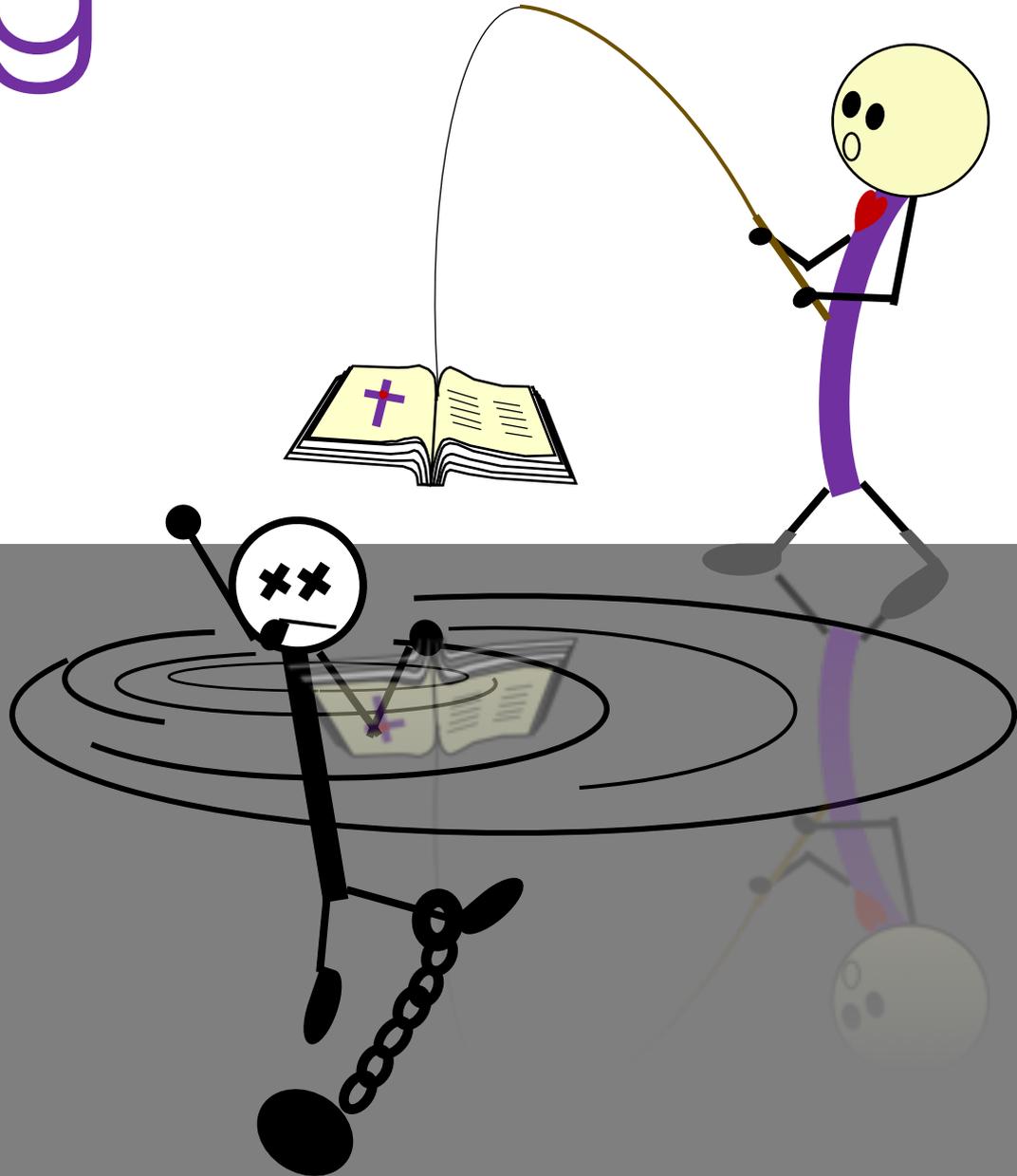


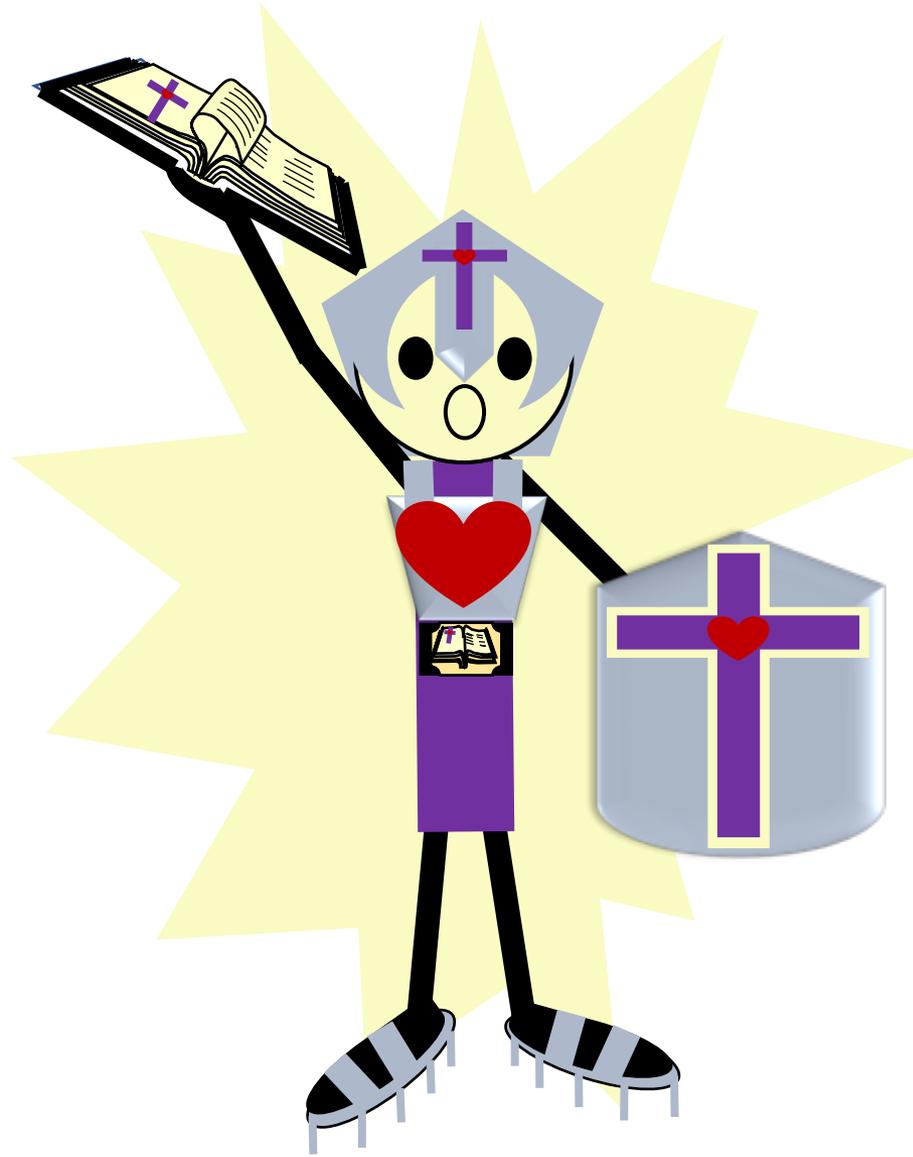
Proclaiming THE Gospel



No matter what!

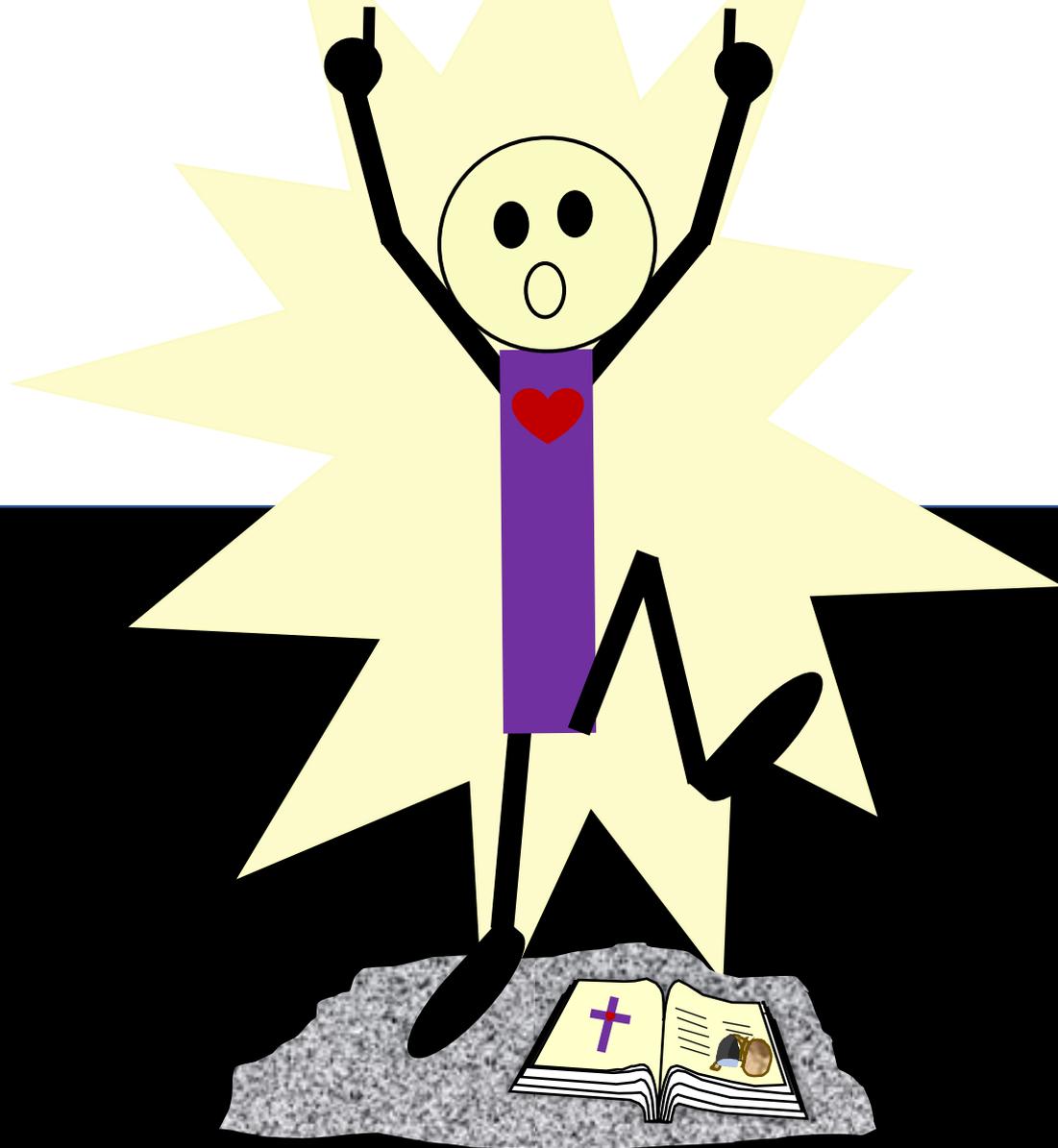
Fishing for men

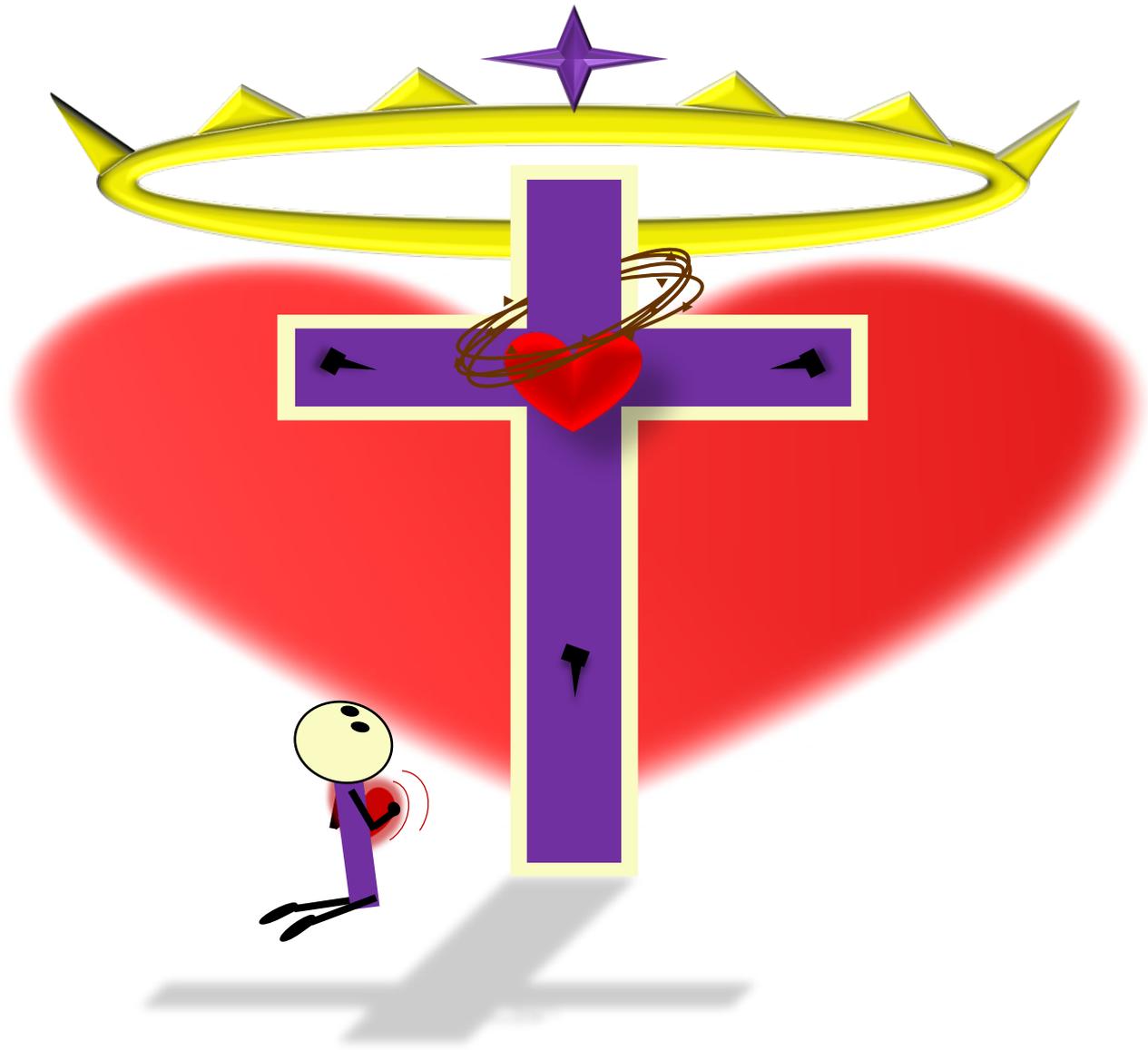




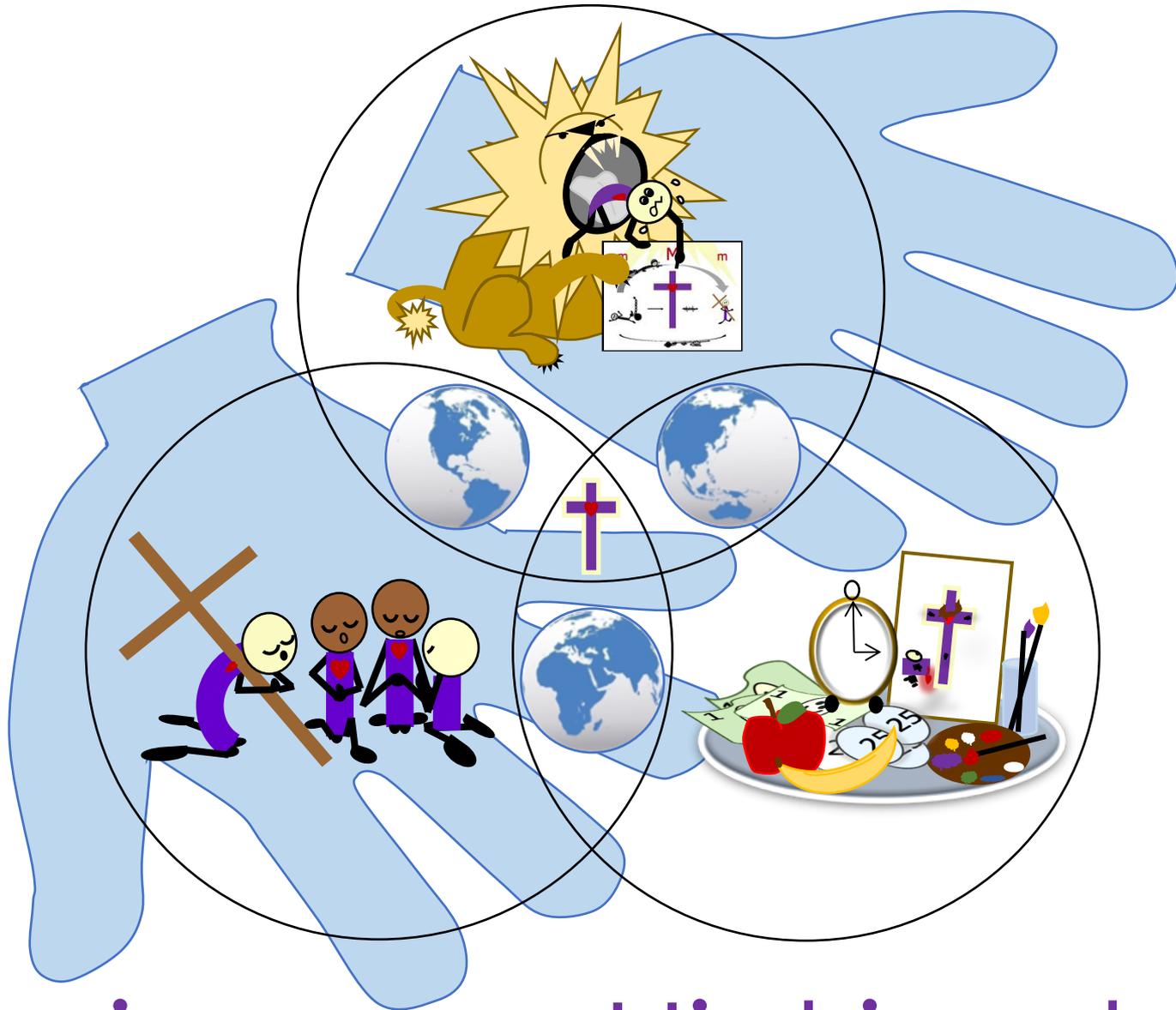
Making disciplined warriors

Winning spiritual warfare





Loving our King



Serving

His kingdom

The

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Amen & AMEN