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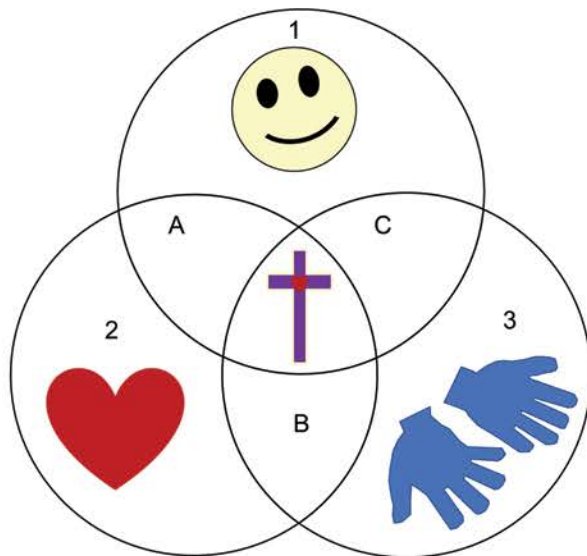
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Pastor Jeff Pearson

*Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority.
Let no one disregard you.
- Titus 2:15*

Pastor Jeff Pearson has a Masters in Missiology and is, by God's grace, a Bible-believing, Bible-loving, and Bible-living ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) – a miraculously saved sinner. Devoted to God's Word, God's will, and God's ways, Pastor Jeff is a gospel-planting, now twice-appointed, North American Mission Board (NAMB), Church Planter missionary... he is the founding and Lead Pastor of THE BRIDGE worldwide, an Acts 1:8, intimate expression of "ecclesia in koinonia" (the true, biblical Church living in missional and supernatural unity – locally, regionally & globally... per John 17:20-23).

In preparation, the Lord shaped Pastor Jeff for ministry by training him, in part, as a Military Policeman in the U.S. Army. From there, after earning a Bachelors degree in Business Administration, Pastor Jeff spent 12 years in corporate sales, marketing, and software-developing leadership. Next, Pastor Jeff, his wife, and their two children began to answer God's call by going to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. With a third child arriving during their seminary days and a fourth coming shortly after their family moved to the mission field of Kent Island, Maryland, God birthed THE BRIDGE (Matthew 16:18) out of the Pearson's living room.

Today, per Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, John 14:15 and John 20:21, THE BRIDGE family has church locations and cross-cultural, disciple-making ministries in Maryland, Vermont, throughout Uganda, across India, in 25 villages of Kenya, within The Congo, and spreading across the ends of the earth; all, per 2 Timothy 2:2, through the devoted lives of multiplying disciple-makers... and the shrewdly-strategic, culture-creating, equipping-sites: HISbridge.com, ComeAndSeeChristianity.com, LIFewithoutCHRIST.com, SURRENDERTOVICTORY.com, HISbridgeRADIO.com, and many more. To our God, as in Psalm 115:1, be ALL the glory!

Hope
Happens
Here

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

The FLOW

PREVIEW:

1 Design

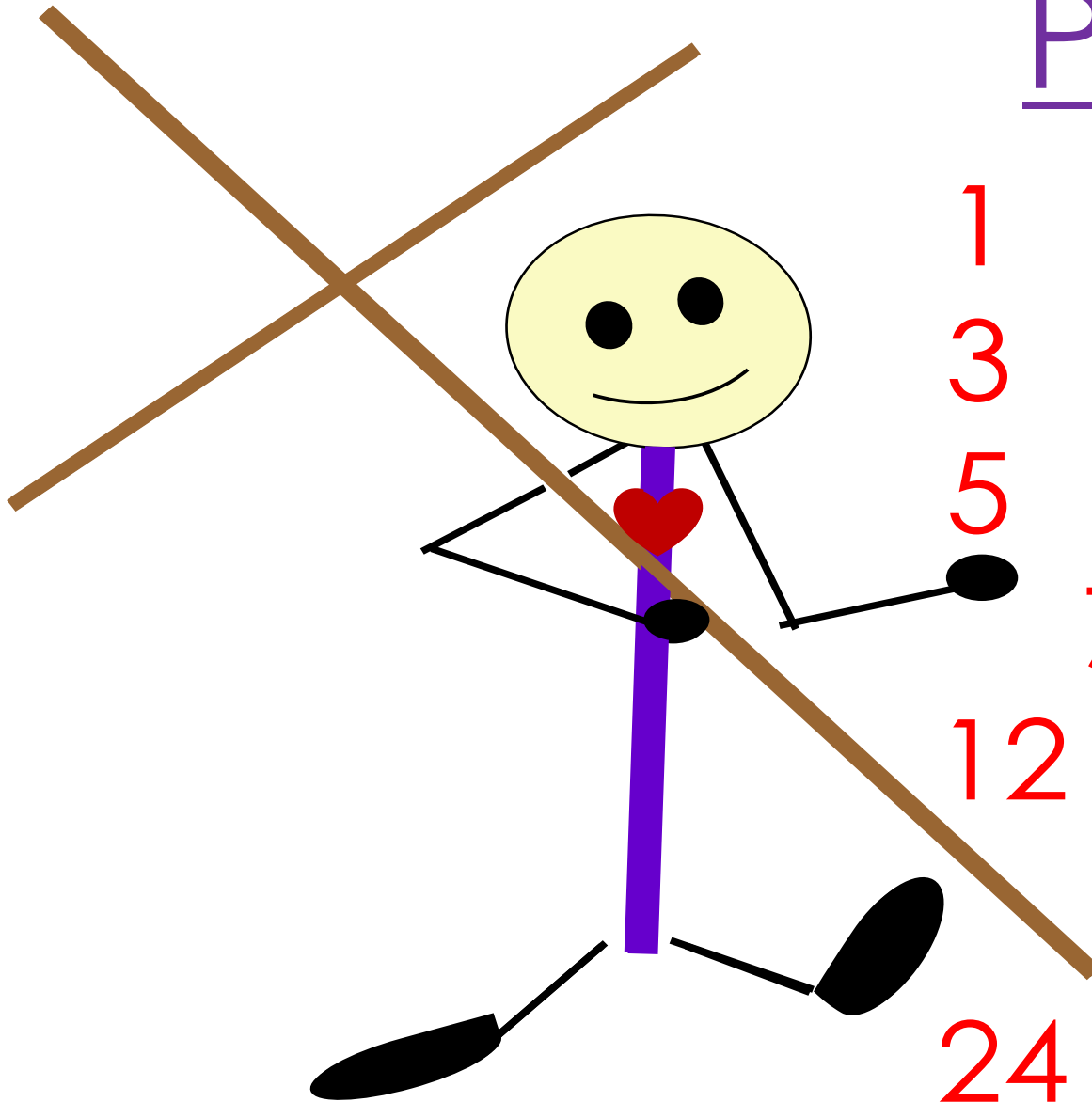
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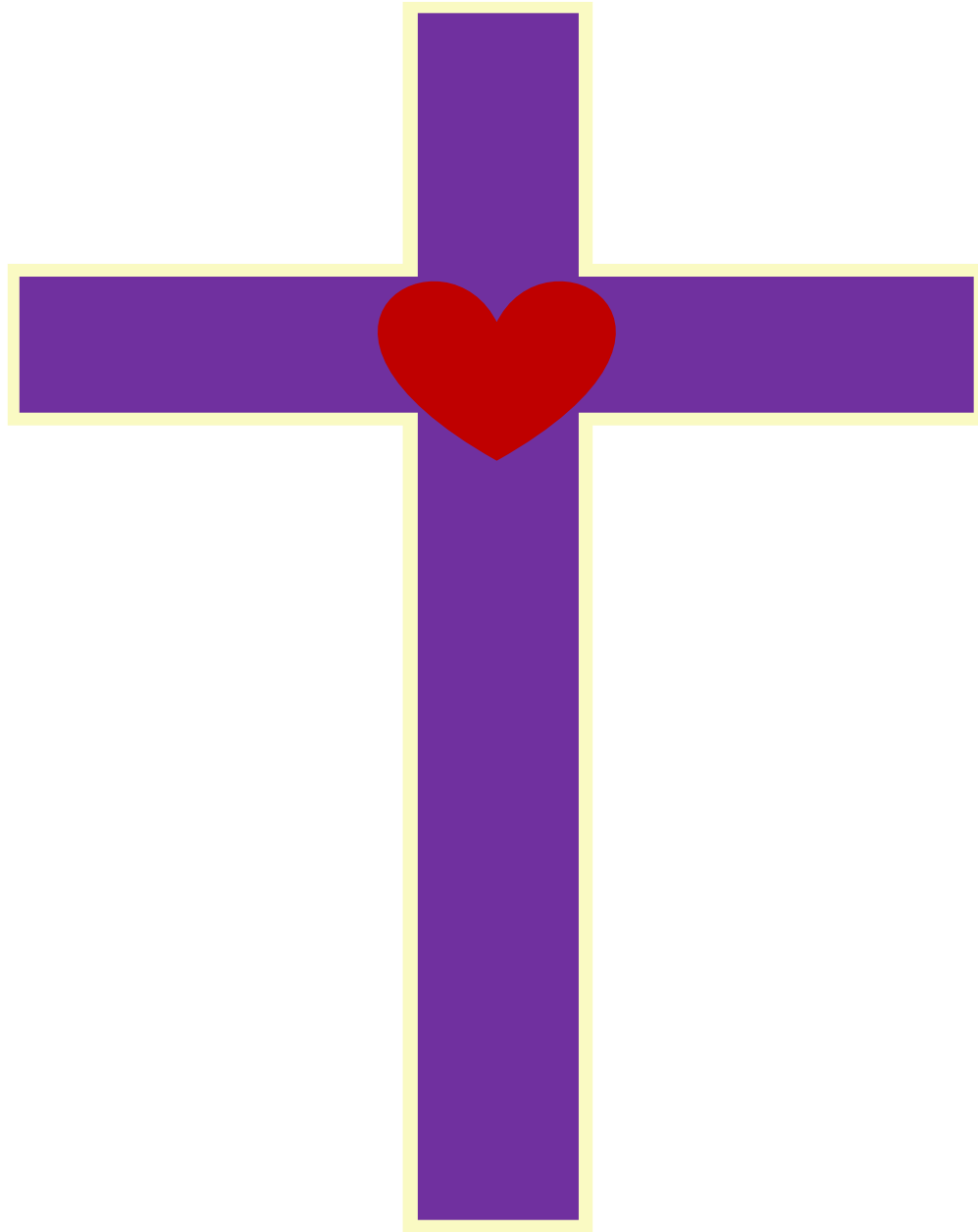
5 Disciples

7 Details

12 Disciplines

24 Distinctives





Design
1

1 DESIGN: First & foremost,
God's divine design is centered
on THE Gospel (“good news”)
of Jesus, The Christ!

In a broader sense, all people
everywhere need to learn, love,
& live by a biblical worldview.

Now that we have
seen God's

1 divine DESIGN...

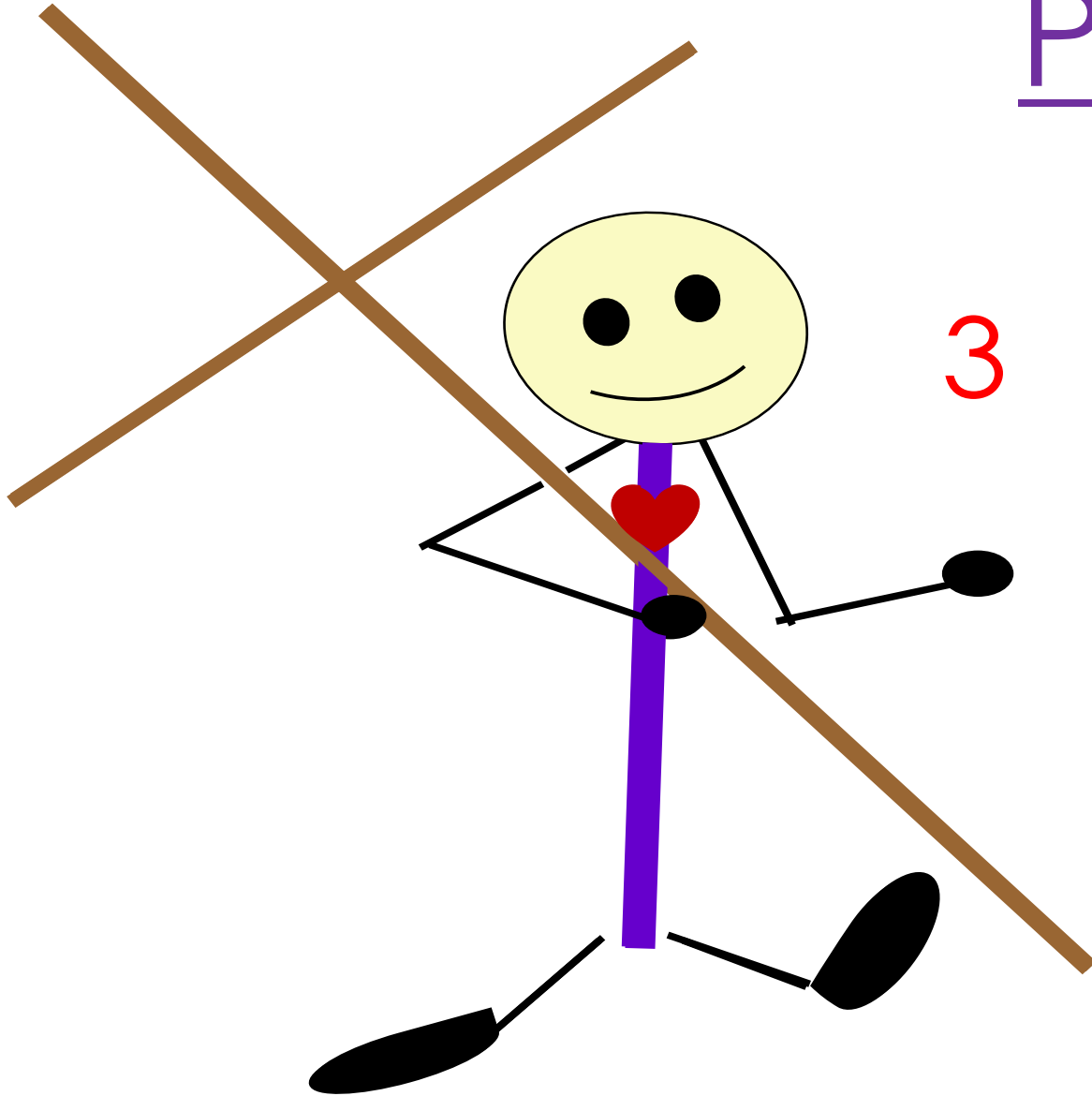
Let's move on to the

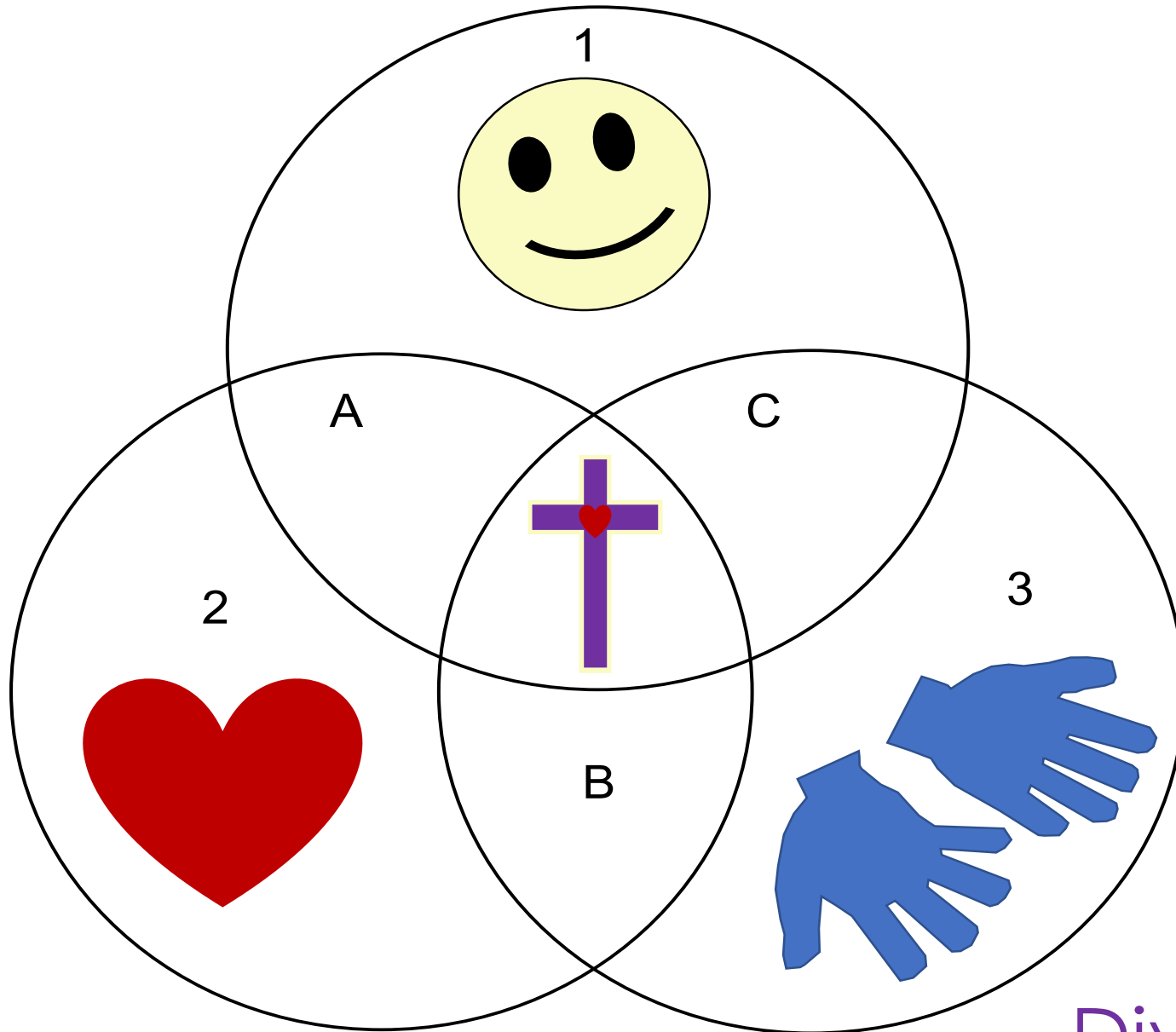
3 DIVISIONS

in every human...

PREVIEW:

3 Divisions



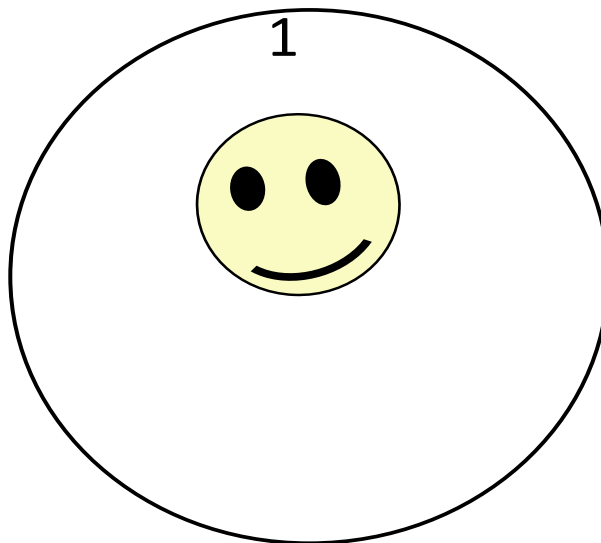


3
Divisions

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.

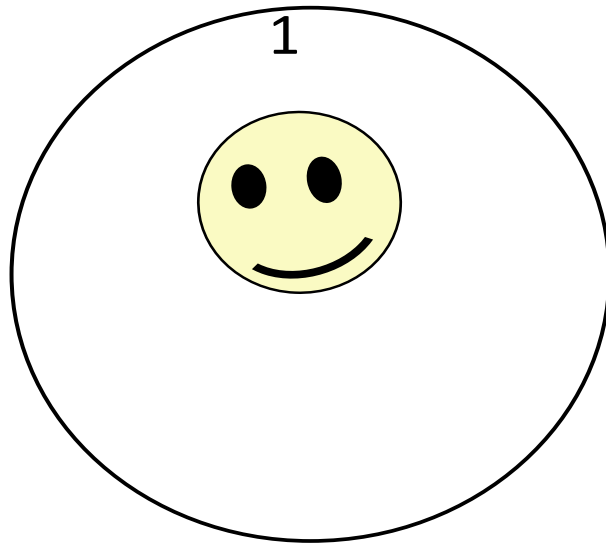
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HEAD



“**The HEAD**” represents a person’s ability to understand & believe the Bible’s key truths

The HEAD



1 DESIGN

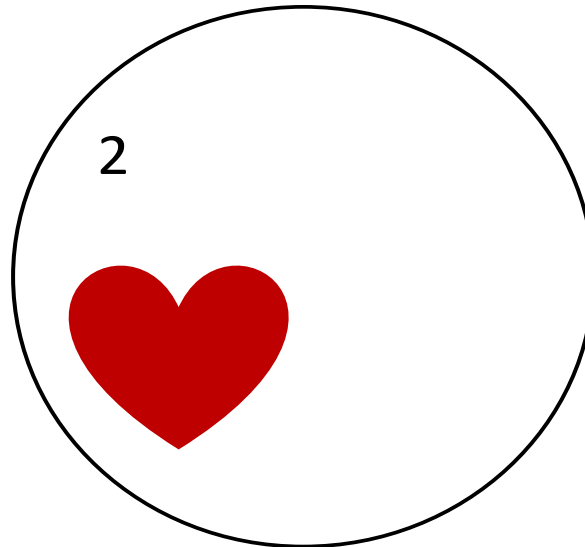
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7 DETAILS

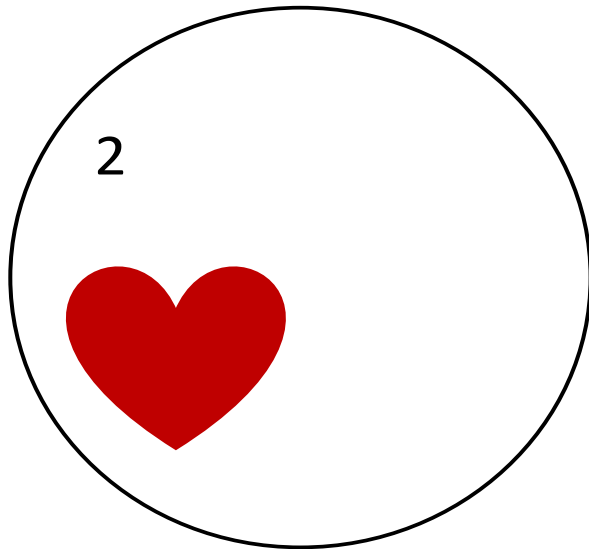
The

HEART



“The **HEART**” is where a person’s
passions exist & are exercised...

The **HEART**

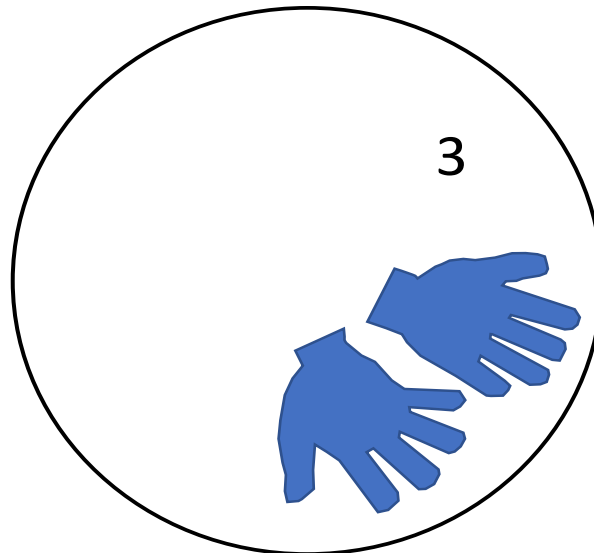


12 **DISCIPLINES**

Journaling, Eat-Nothing
(Fasting), **Scripture** (in-take),
Understudy (of Scripture),
Stewardship, Solitude,
Prayer, Service, Worship,
Outreach, Relationships,
Development

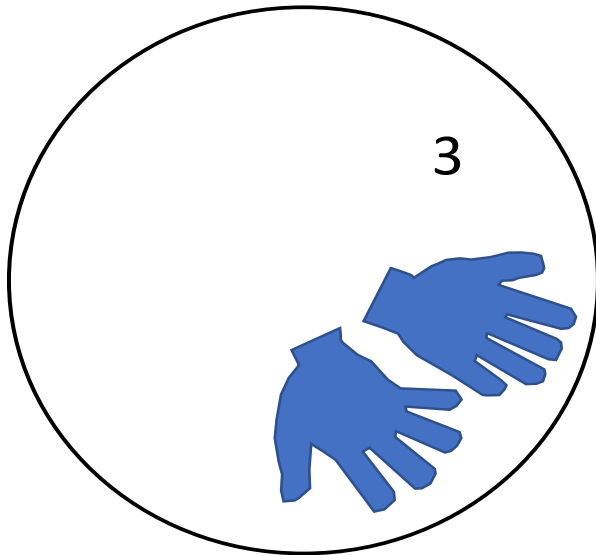
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HANDS



“The HANDS” represent
a person’s **actual** & **active**
walk, work & war-faring witness.

The HANDS

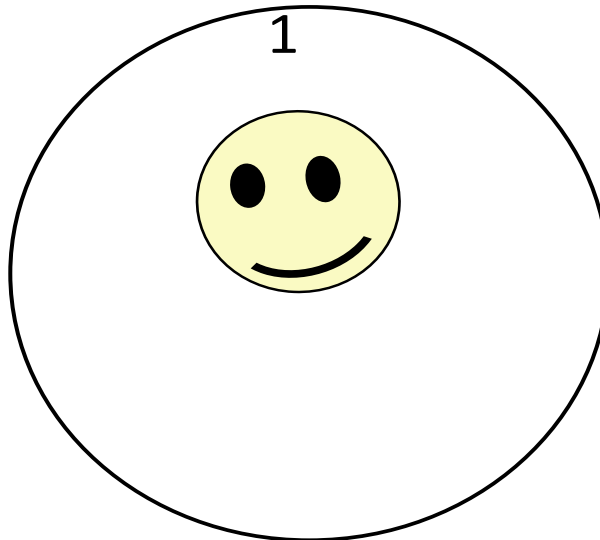


24 DISTINCTIVES

Christians live in **contrast**
to the world & its ways...
Come & see 24 distinctly
Christ-like commitments.

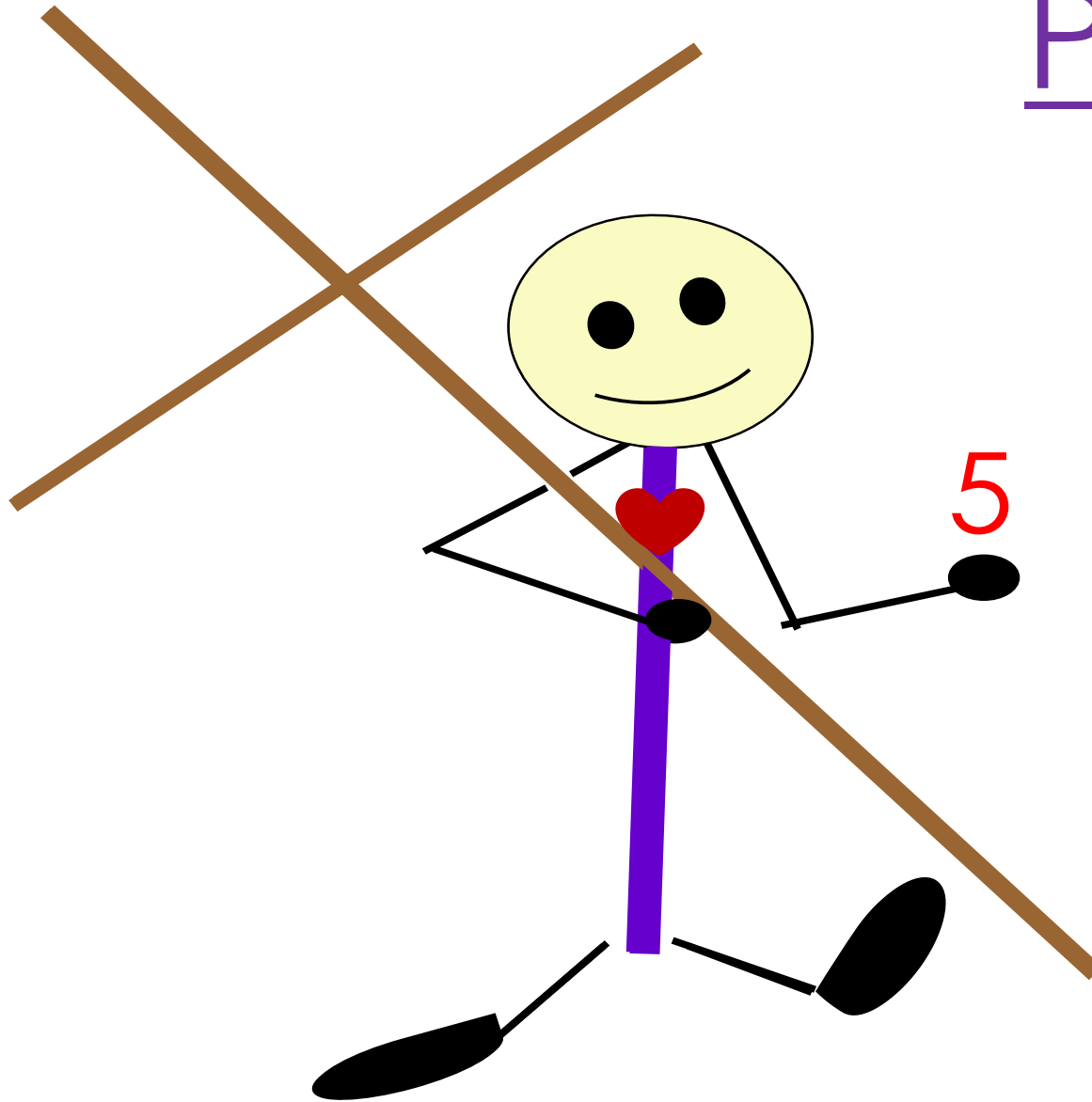
The

HEAD



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PREVIEW:



5

Disciples

L I F E



5 DISCIPLES: The world is made up of 5 different types of people (a.k.a. “disciples”). Spiritually speaking, everyone fits somewhere in this biblical & progressive blueprint... Are you amongst the Lost, Lovers, Learners, Leaders, or Lifers?

L I F E

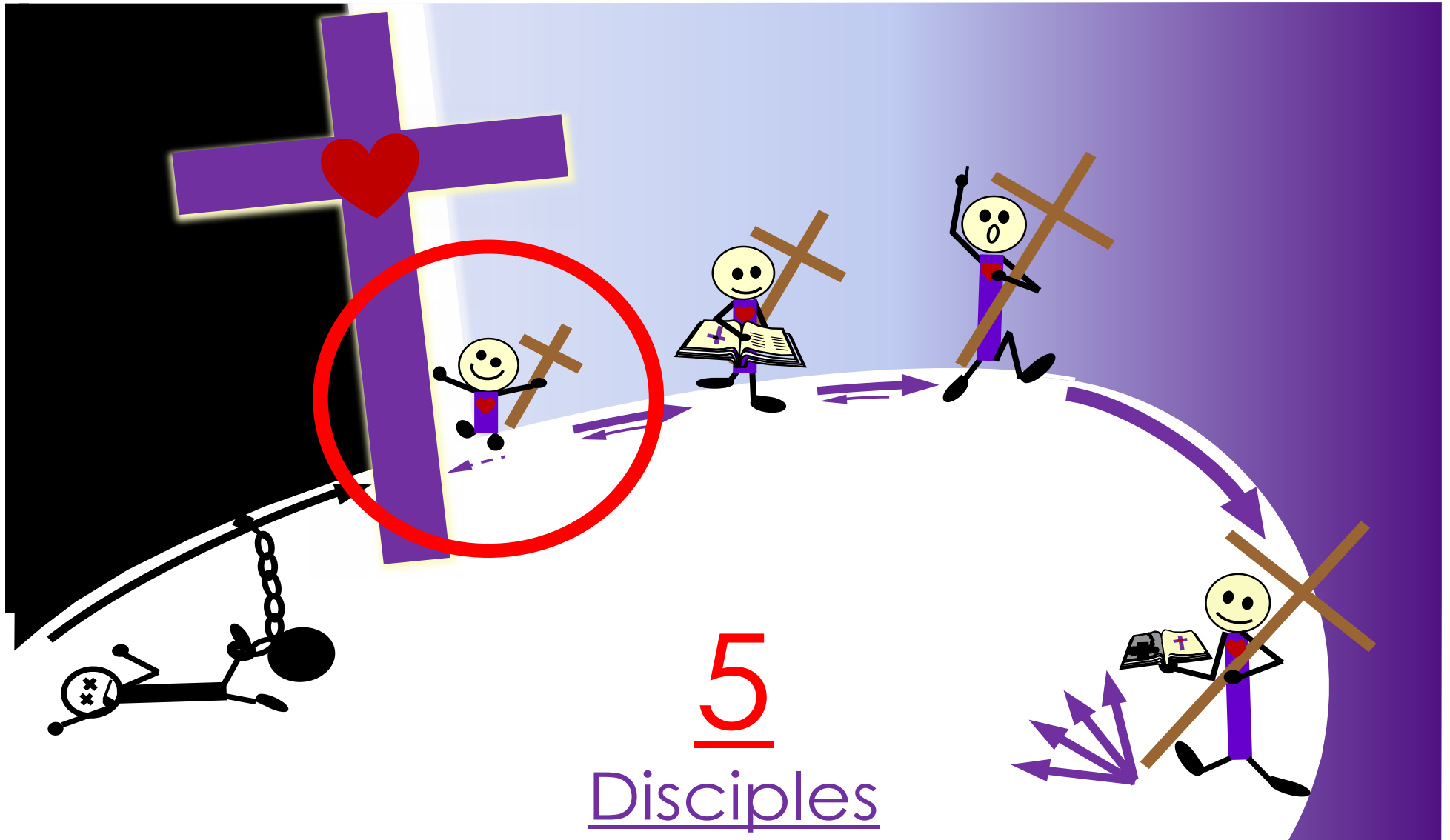


5
Disciples

The LOST

All who are wrongly & rebelliously related to the God of the Bible; the spiritually **blind** & **stubborn**; they are neither surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, nor filled with His Spirit... While such souls are **often** “**religious**,” they **remain** unrepentant, unbelieving, unfruitful & disobedient. The “**lost**” **are** **spiritually-dead** sinners.

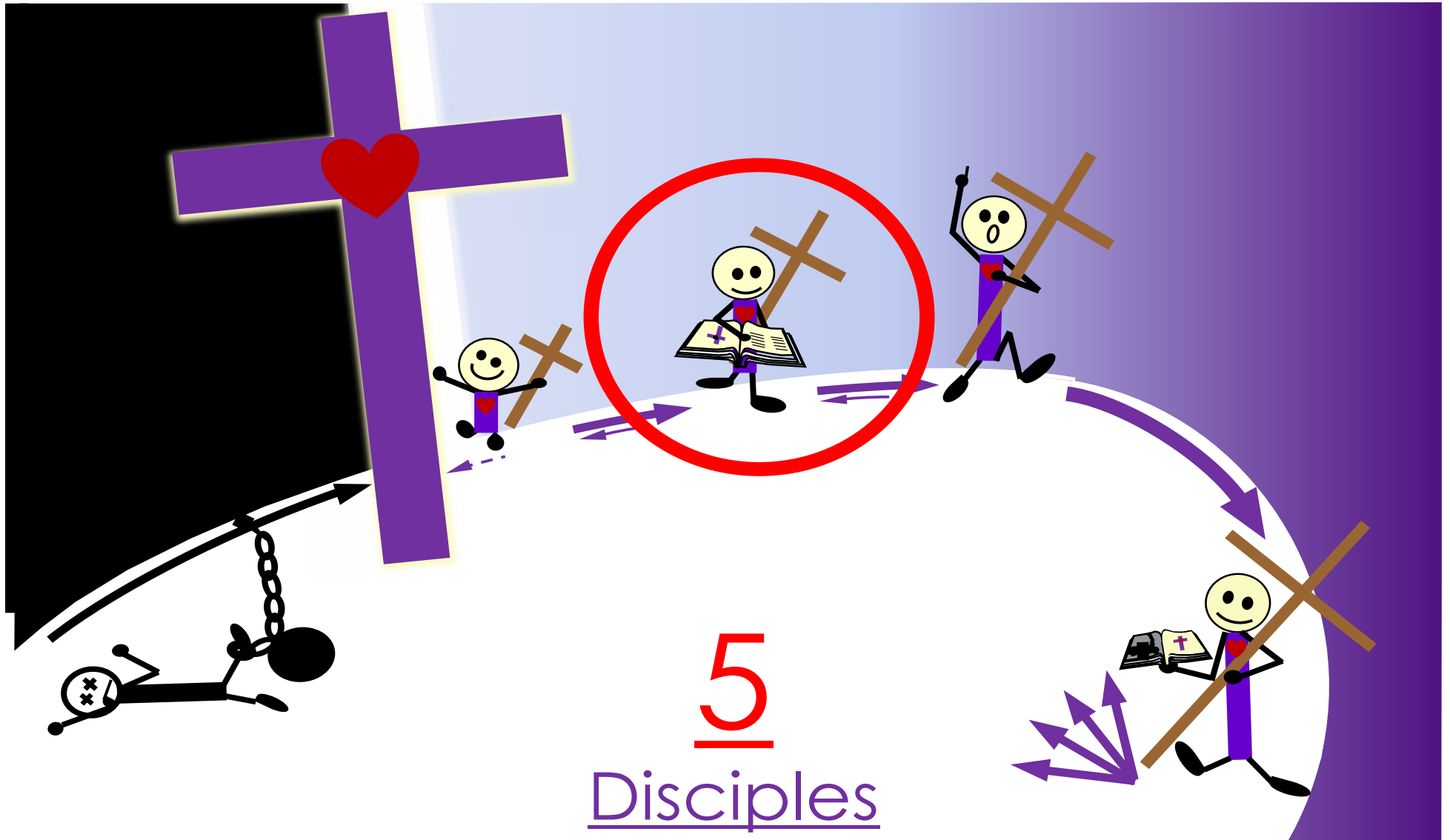
L I F E



The LOVER

All born-again, Holy Spirit-filled, repentant & faithful “**infant-followers**” of the Lord Jesus Christ... **Lovers** are miraculously changed (while often missionally immature), in-filled but not fully informed; eternally saved but not yet missionally shaped. **Lovers** are saved sinners (aka - biblical disciples) now ready-for and in need of maturing discipleship

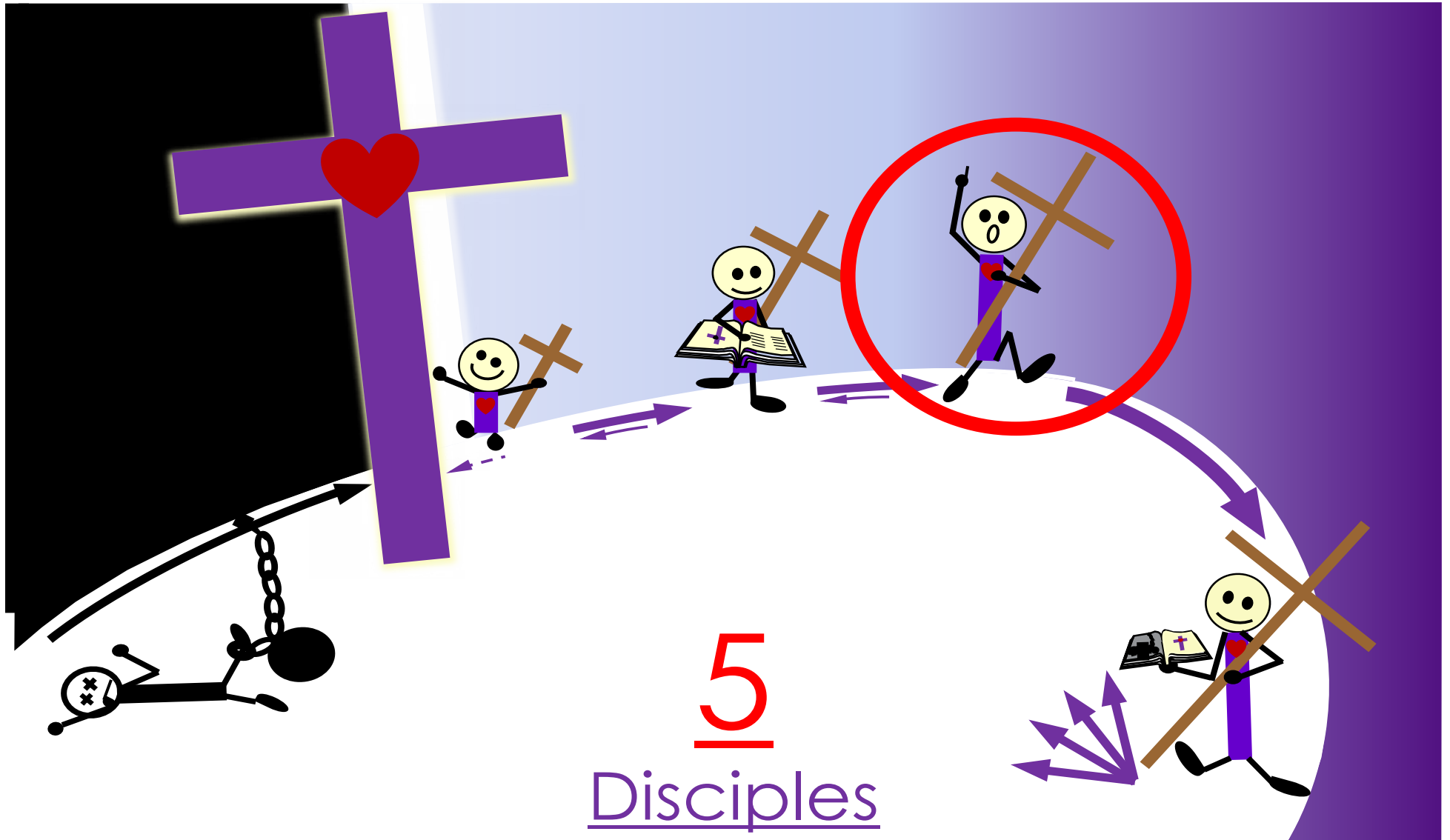
L I F E



The LEARNER

A born again, growing, fruit-producing, biblical-follower of the Lord Jesus Christ; a **spiritual adolescent** (complete with their typical ups & downs)... Discovery & development, amidst a dark & distracting world, are daily dynamics in the **“Learner’s”** life, as they are actively & intentionally disciplined in how to live & love in the light of their new Christian identity.

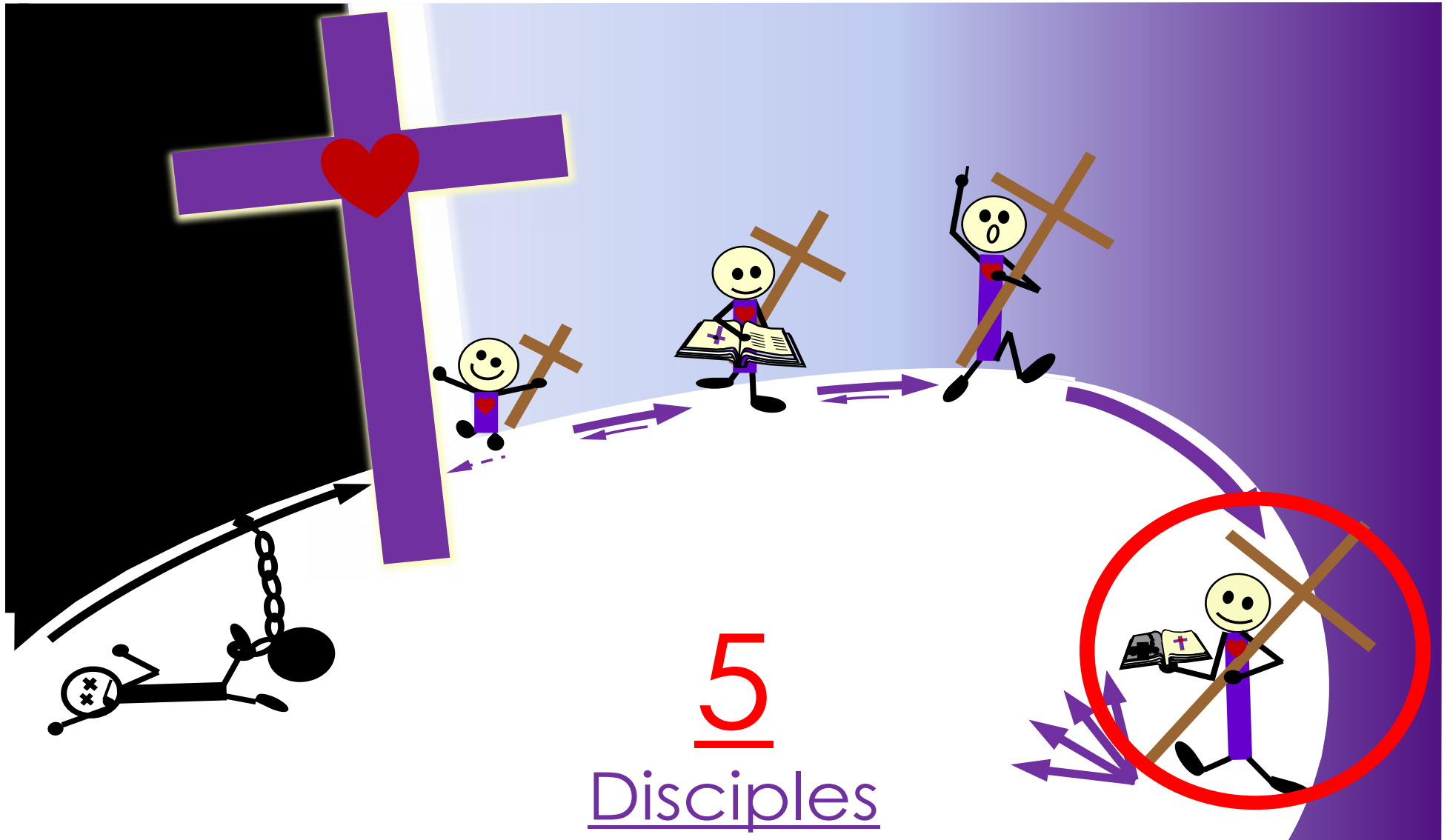
L I F E



The LEADER

A stable, born again, spiritual-adult; a disciple whose DNA & discipleship (both inward & outward) are producing a pattern of missional, Christ-like, servant-oriented, multiplying-fruit, in the context of faithfully following the Lord Jesus Christ... **Leaders** are fishers of men; spiritual pillars, koinonia-championing chaperones; &/or spiritual “parents” in the family of God.

L I F E

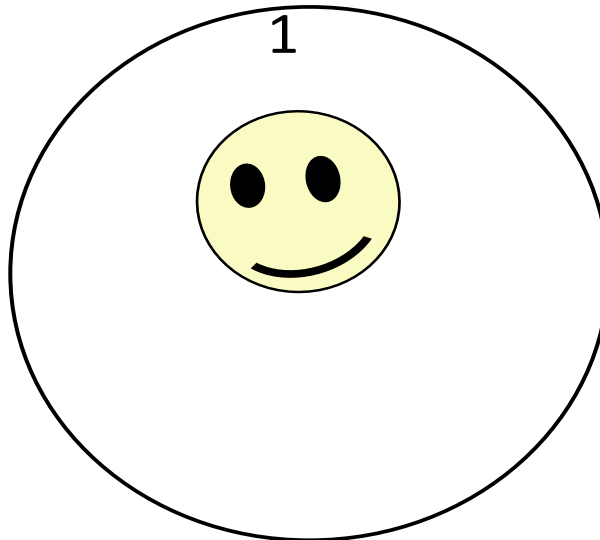


The LIFER

An **imperfect** but passionate, **all-in**,
biblically-mature, fully devoted follower
of the Lord Jesus Christ... **Lifers** are
missionally & exponentially, fruit-
producing, servant-leaders. **Lifers** are a
God-given gift to the Church. **Lifers** are
spiritual under-shepherds with God-given
authority & responsibilities; they are
equippers who make disciples who make
disciples who make disciples.

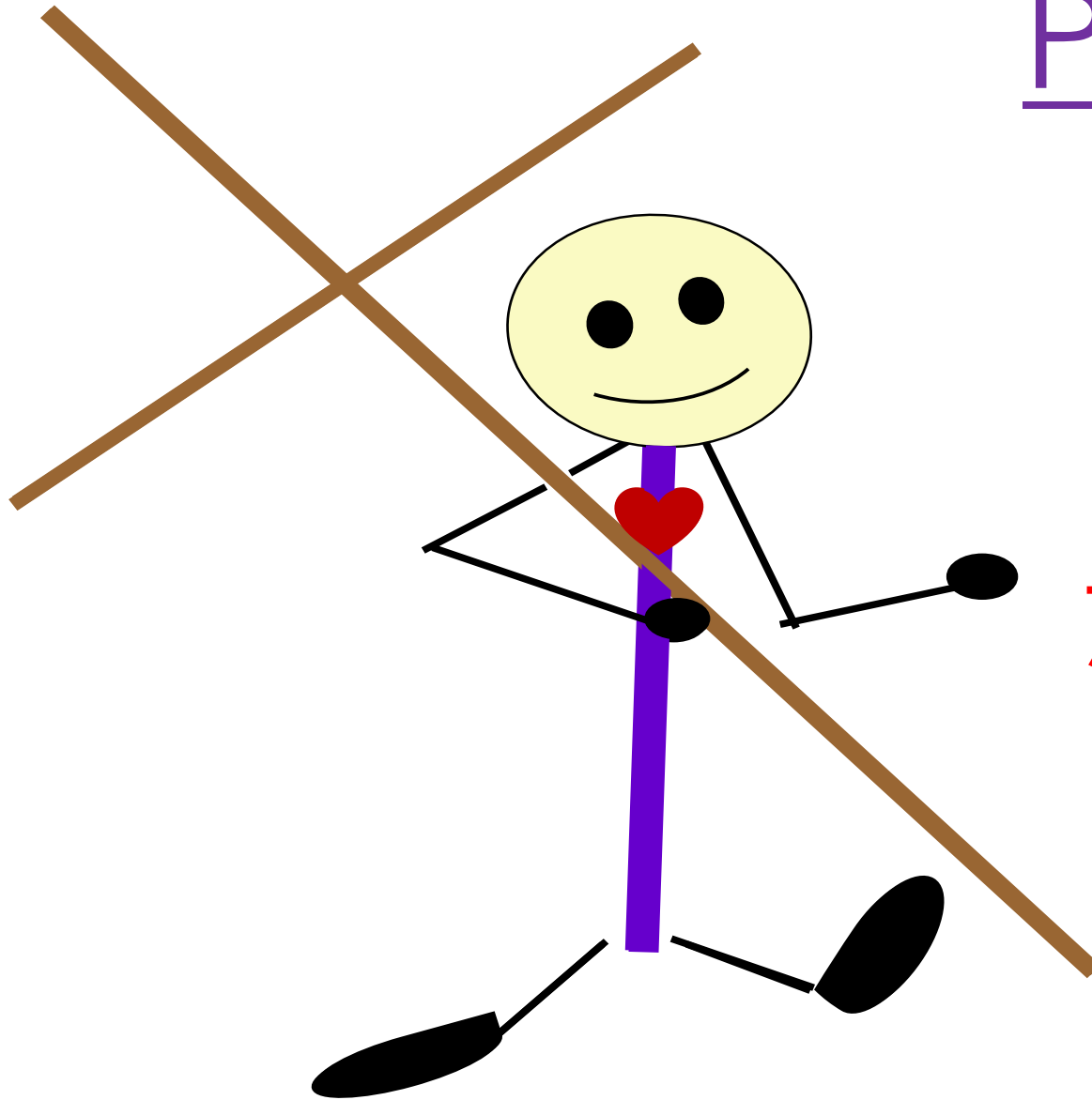
The

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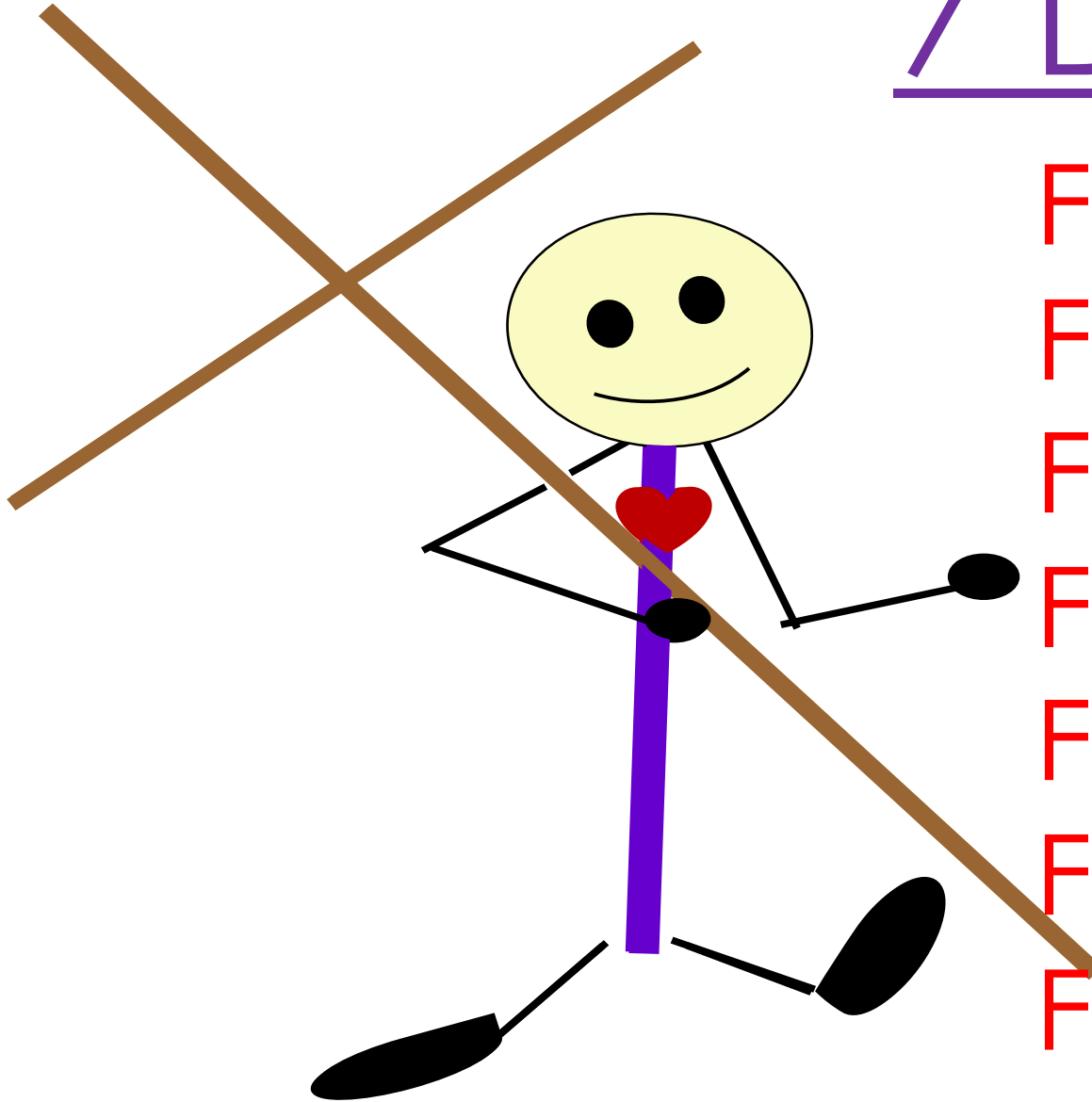


7

Details

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.

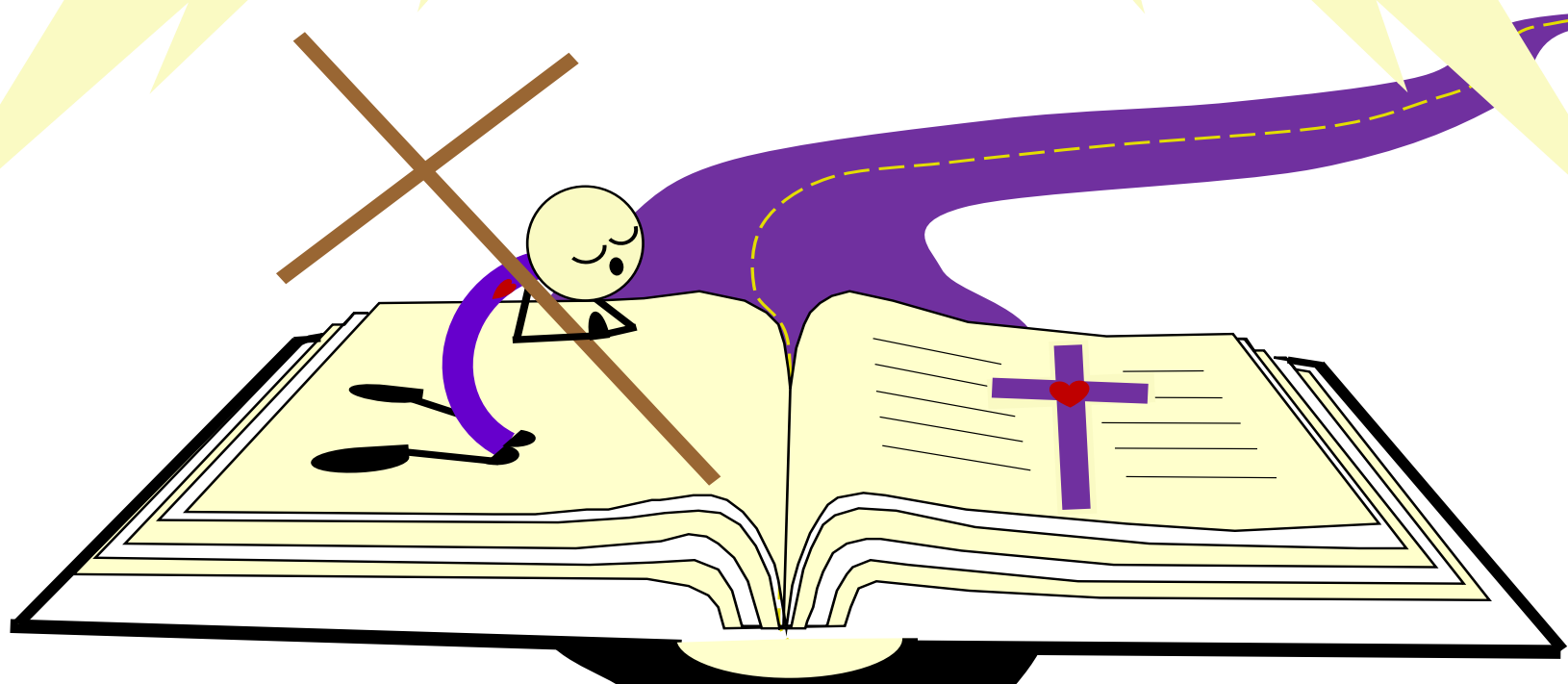
The FUNDAMENTALS

We have described the 7
“details” as 7 “Fundamentals,”
each one beginning with
the letter “F” ...to help you
to remember them :-)

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The Foundations

The FOUNDATIONS:

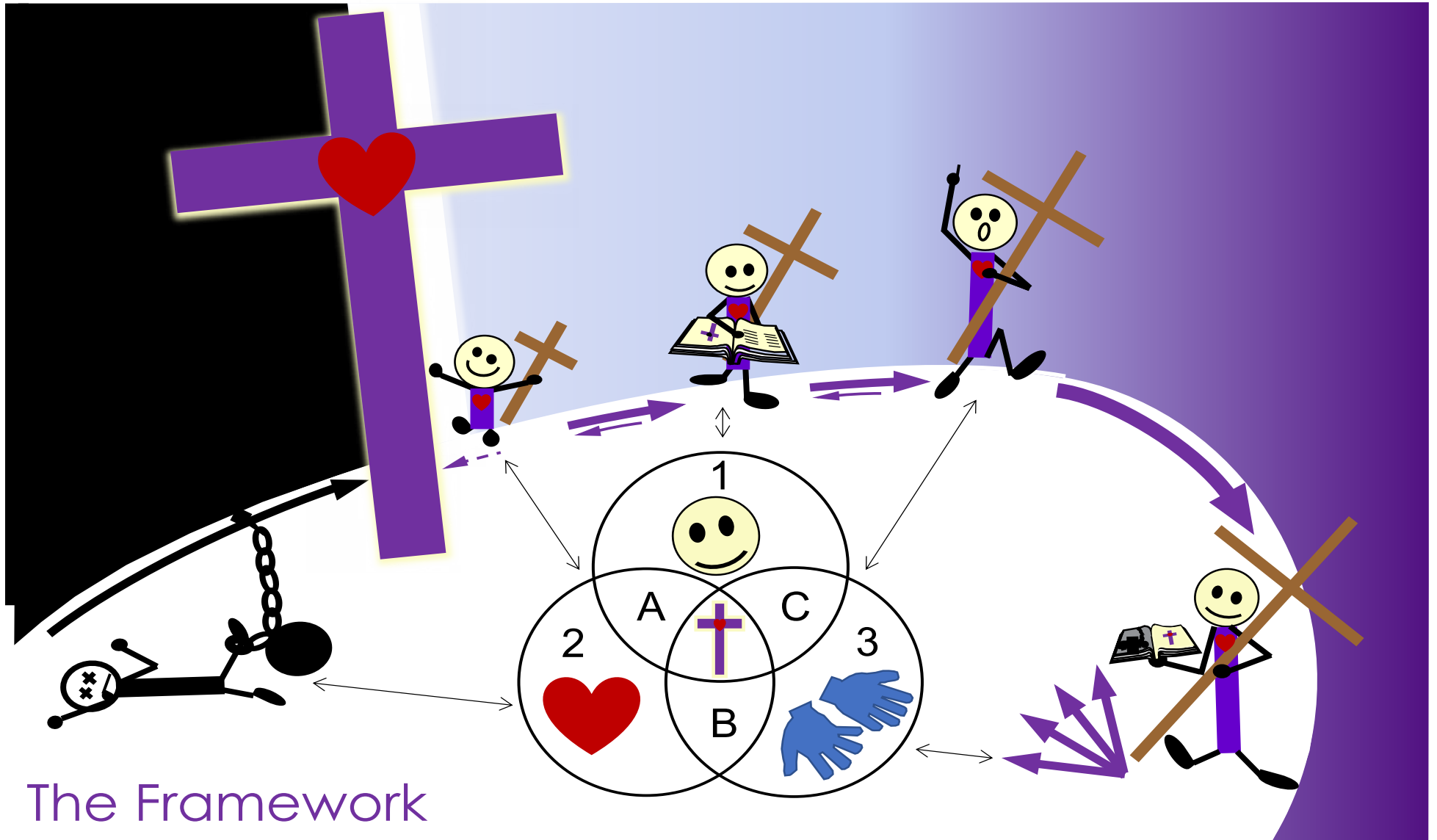
God's Word

God's Will

God's Way

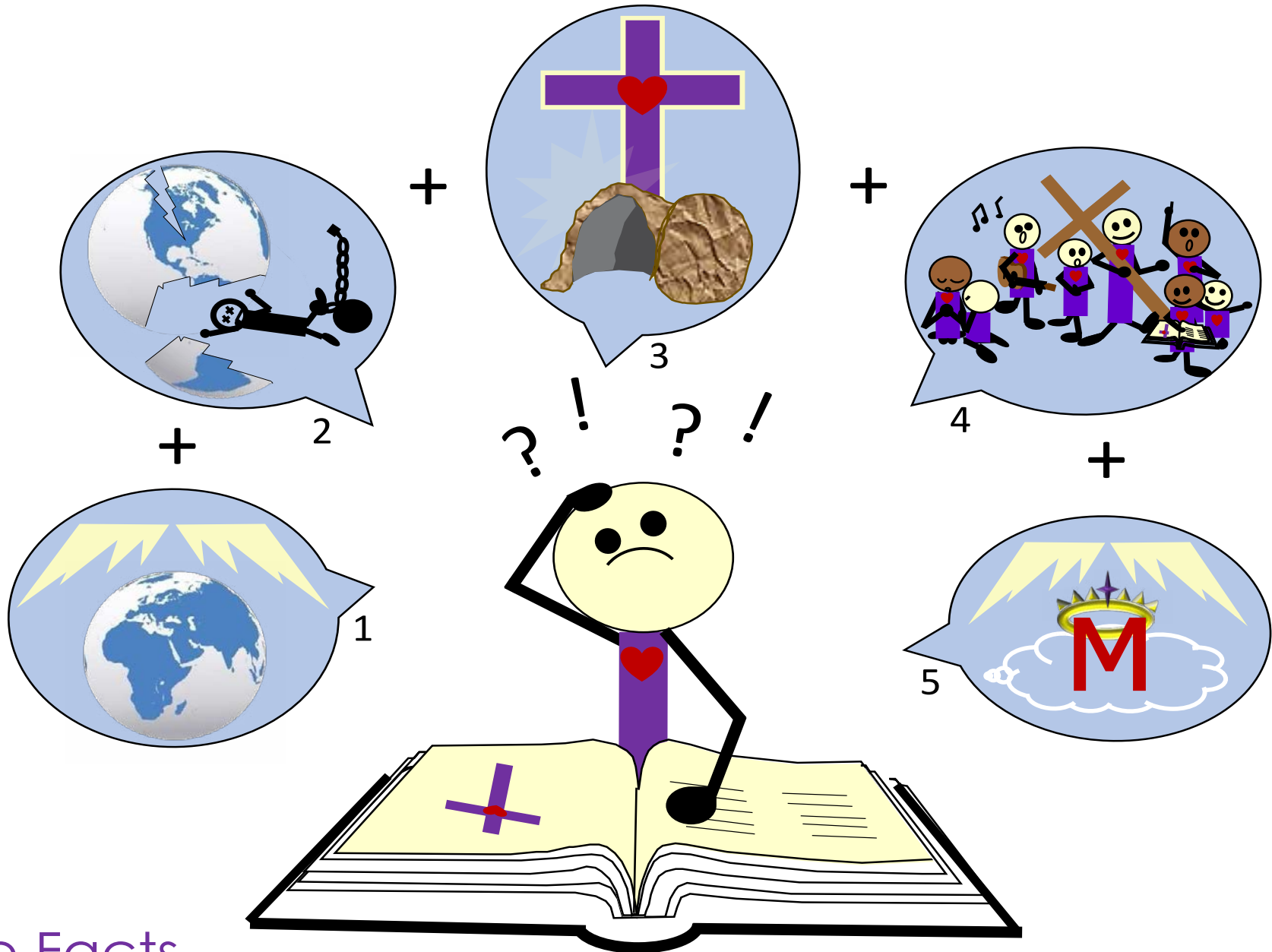
each come together to form
the foundation of all that
Christianity believes
and hopes to BE-come.

L I F E



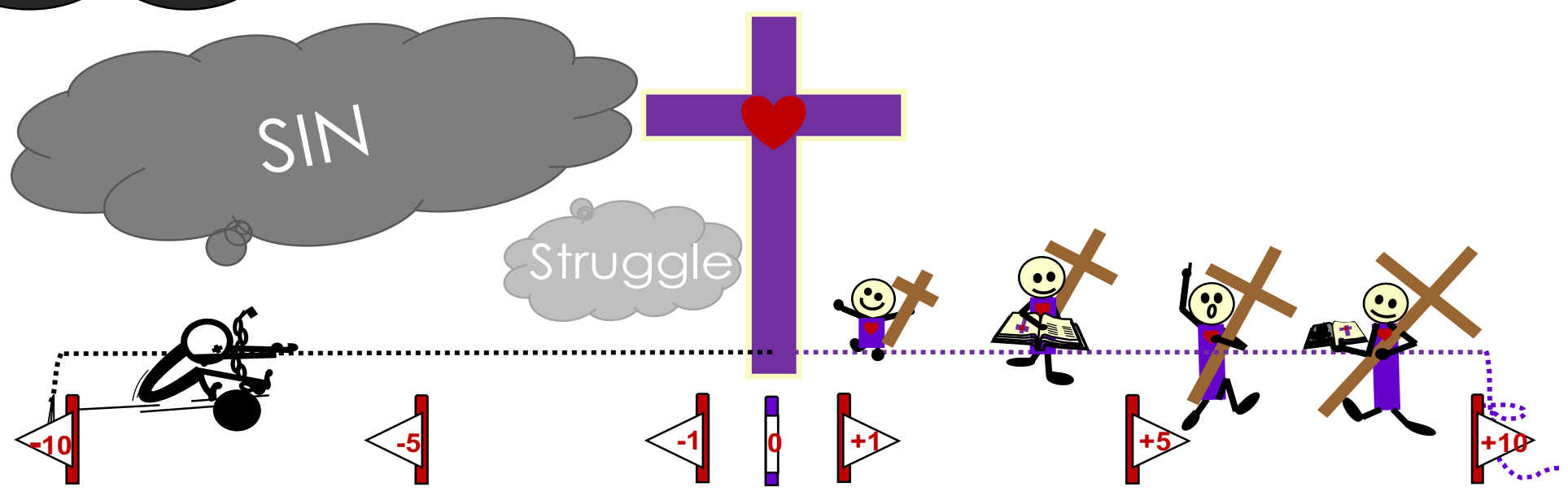
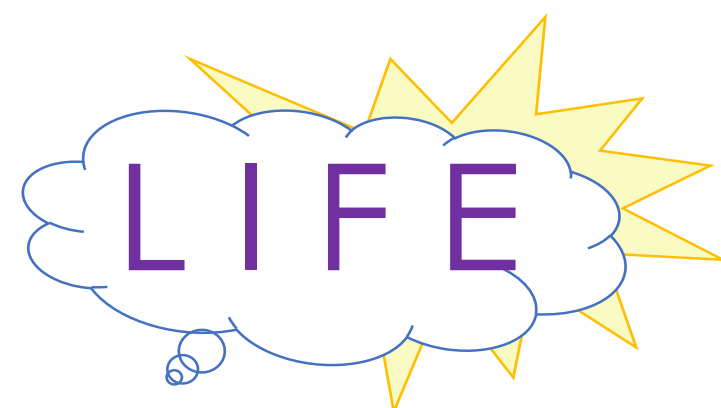
The FRAMEWORK:

Creator God has a **plan!**
God's plan involves ALL people
per their **Head, Heart, & Hands**,
regardless of their beliefs... This
“**Framework**” will illustrate &
explain the meaning, purpose
& pathway of every human life.



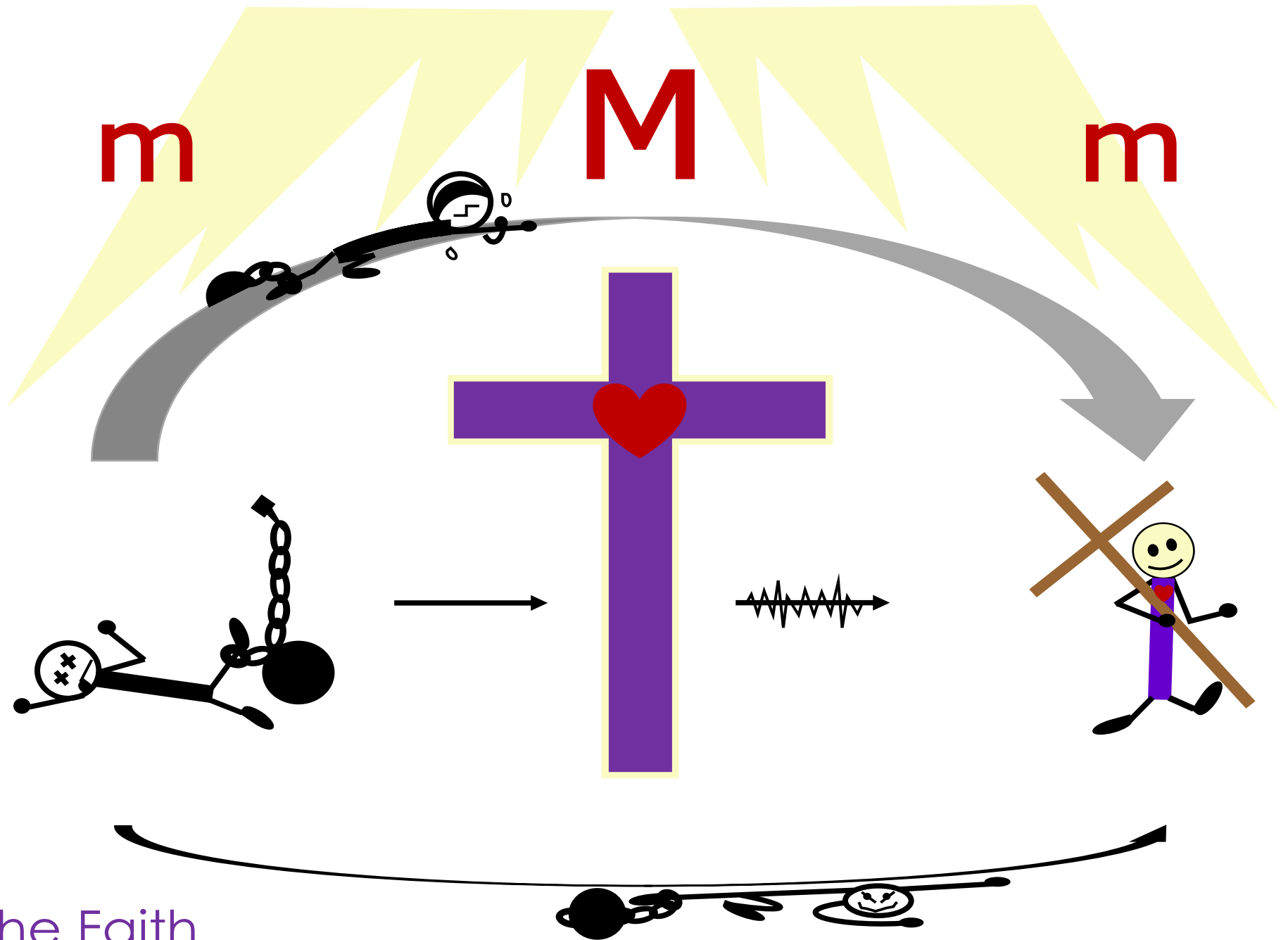
The Facts

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...



The Fight

The FIGHT: Life can be hard
sometimes... For both the
Christian & 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.

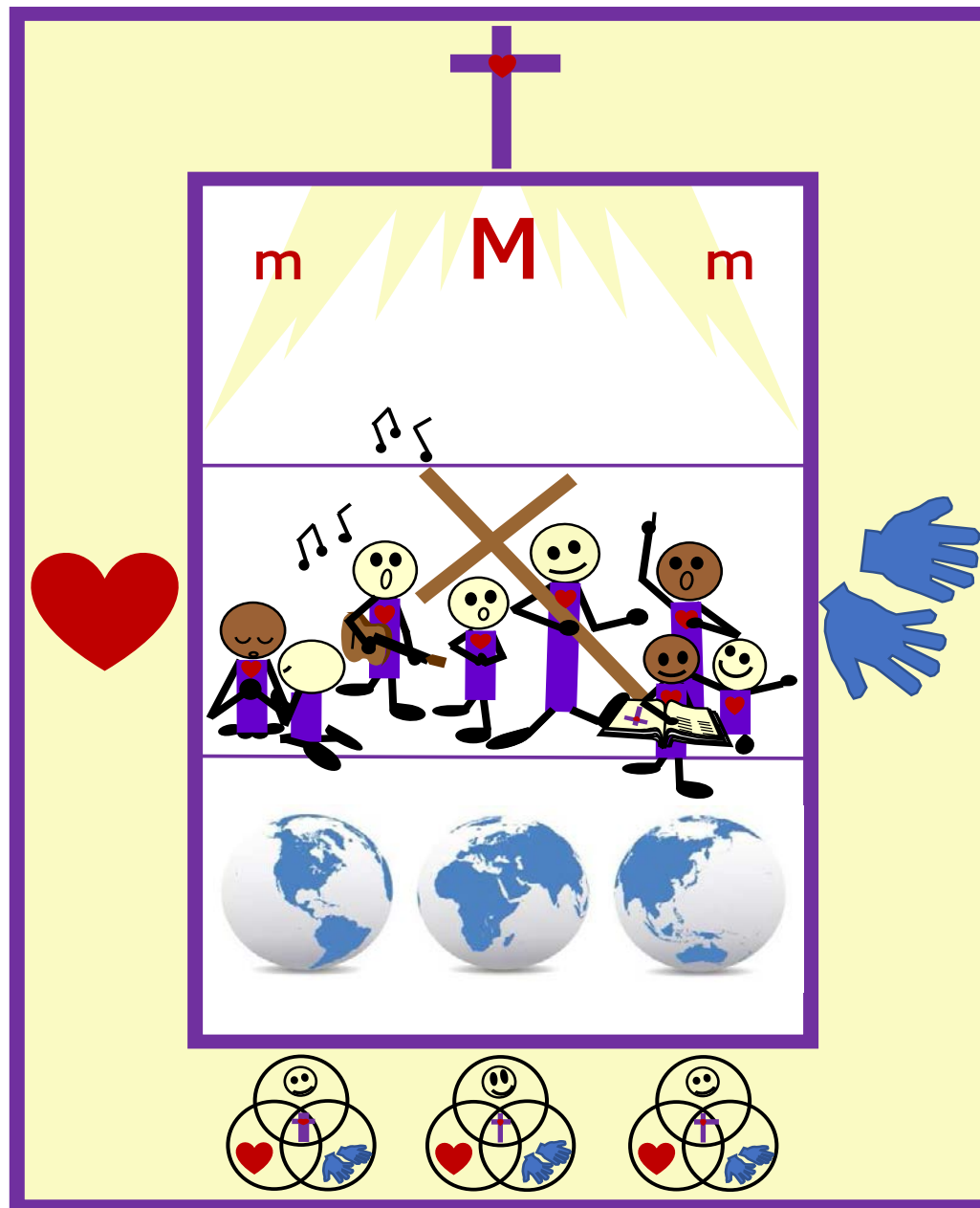


The Faith

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

The Family

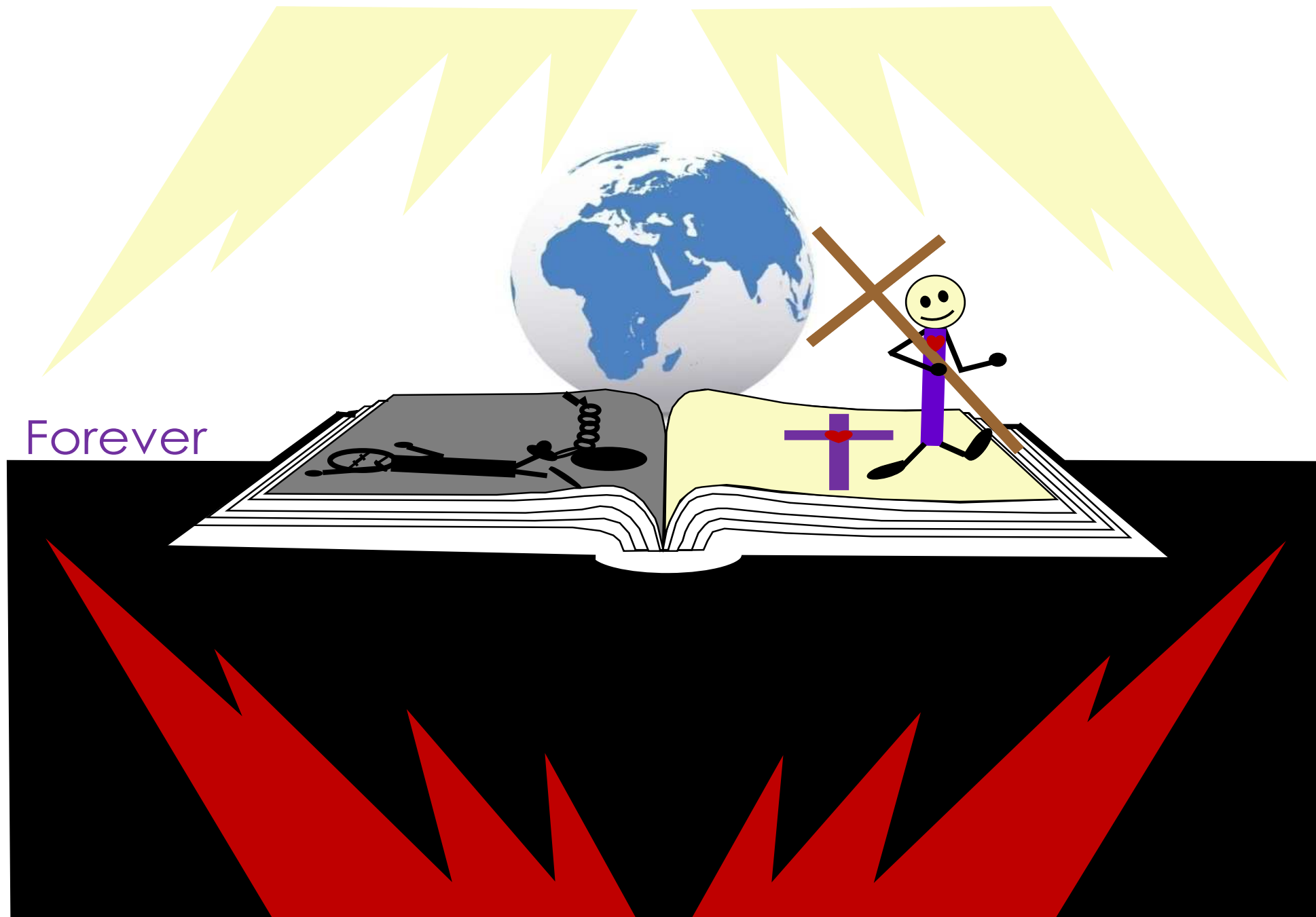
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The FAMILY:

God's family is to live in
beautiful and convicting
contrast to culture...

We LOVE UP, IN, & OUT,
while exemplifying Christ-like,
selfless service, all while living
in supernatural unity.



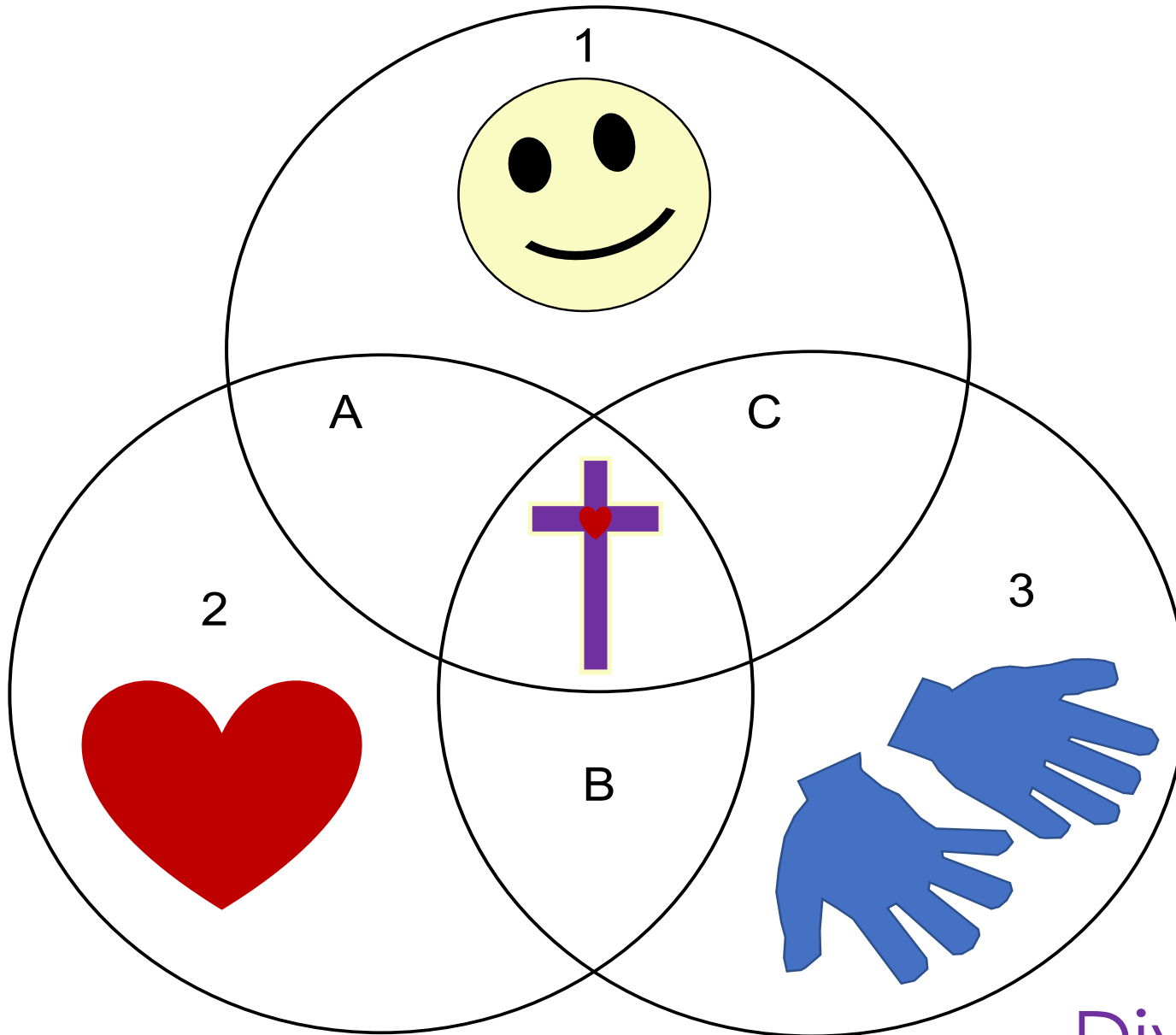
FOREVER:

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 forever.

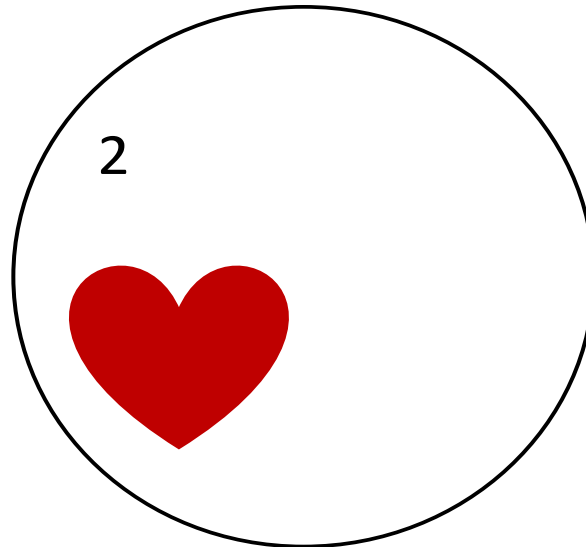
There are no other options.



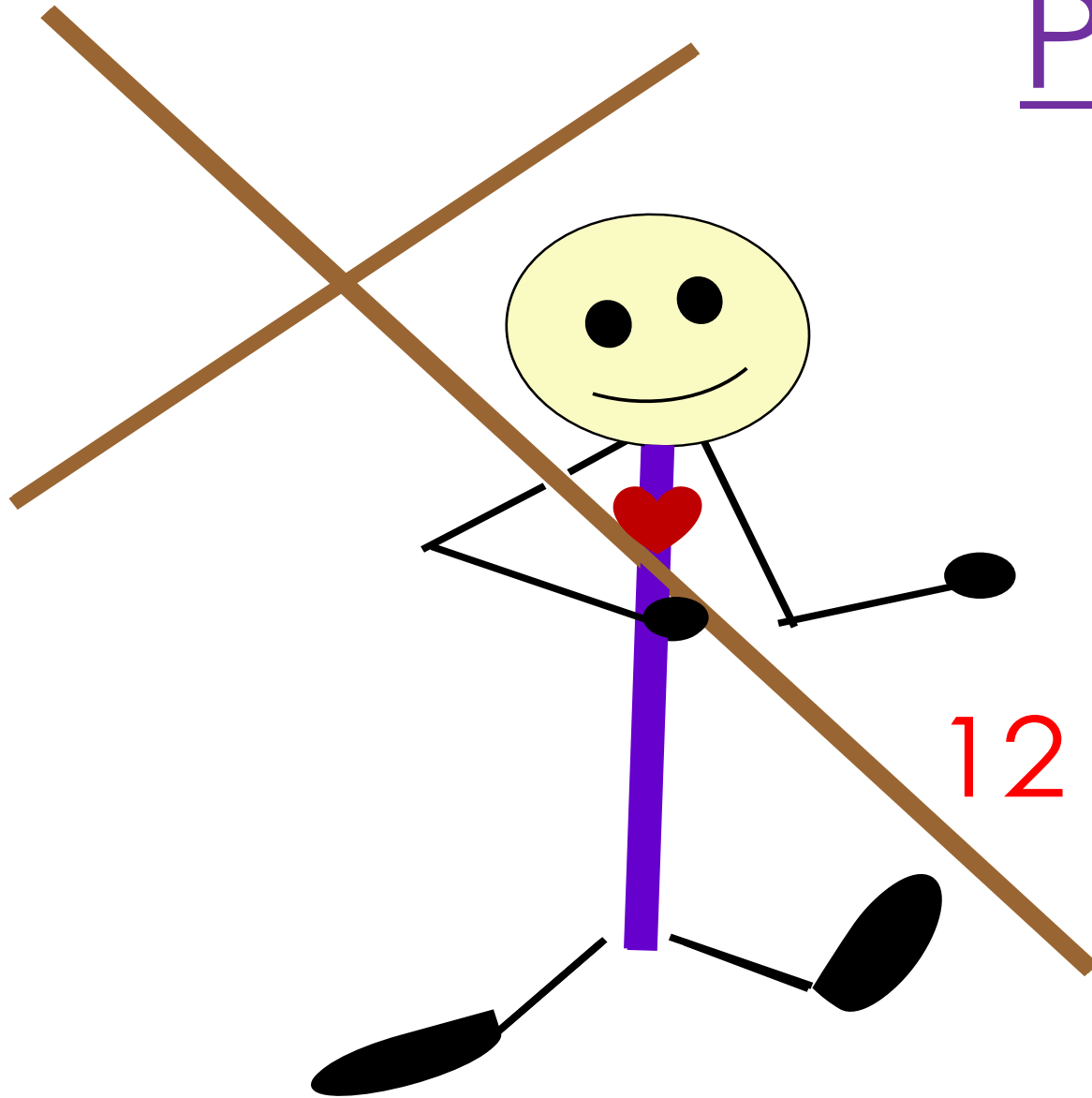
3
Divisions

The

HEART



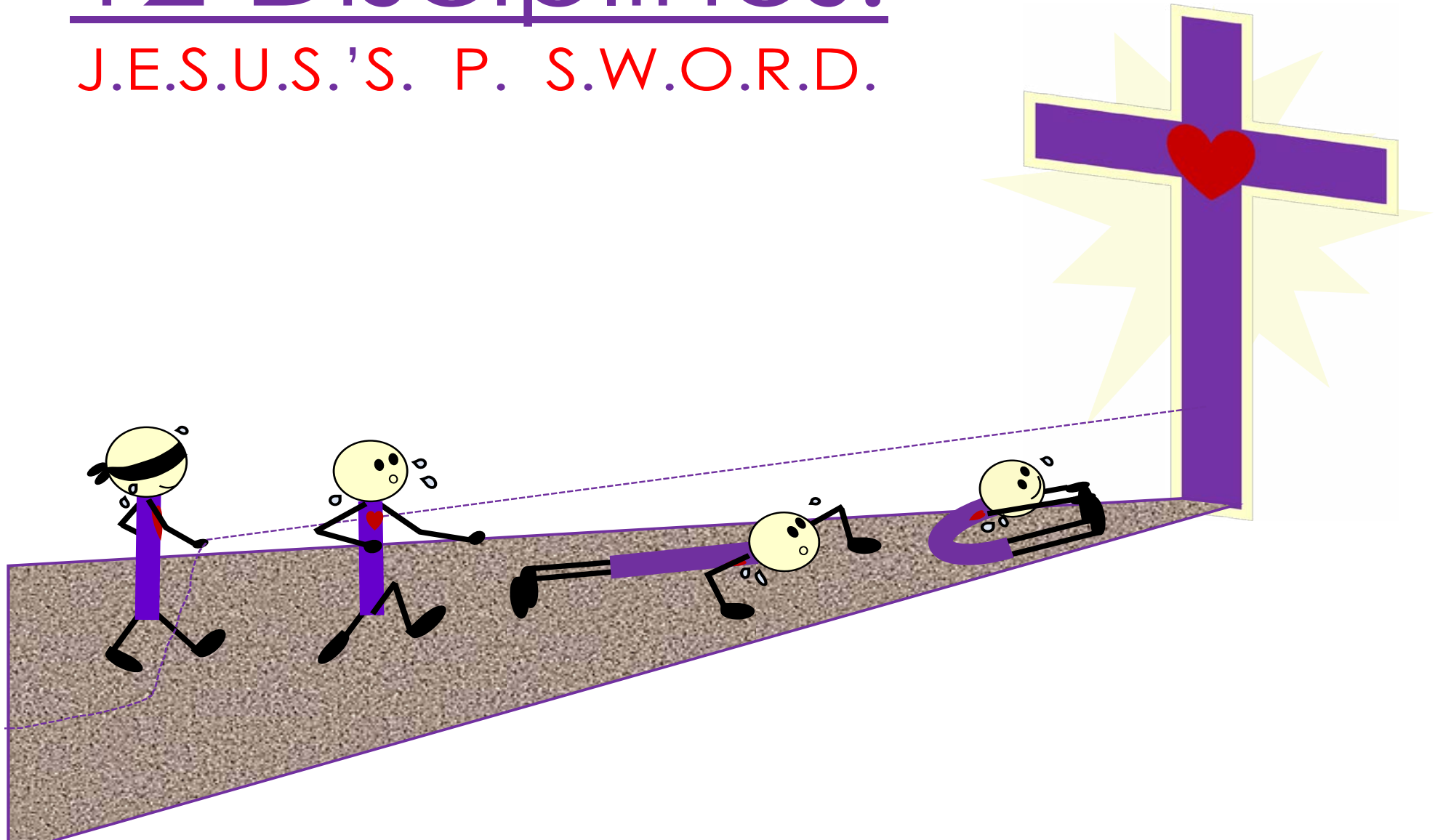
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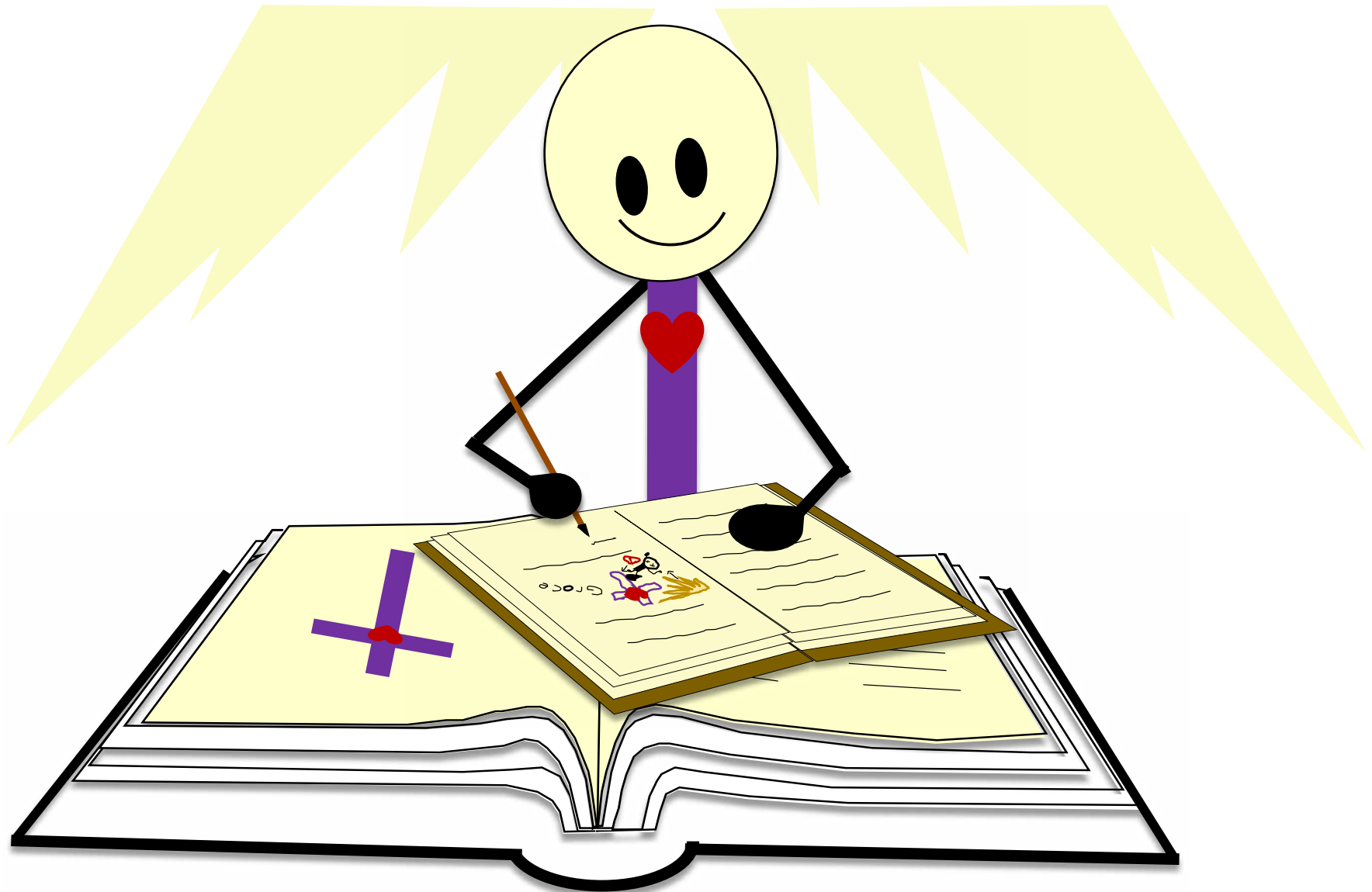
12 Disciplines

12 DISCIPLINES: Here are
some heart exercises for you...
These discipleship “disciplines”
can help Christians to strengthen
their faith and grow as
missional & maturing
Christ-followers.

12 Disciplines: J.E.S.U.S.'S P. S.W.O.R.D.



Our *Missional* DISCIPLINES



Journaling

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

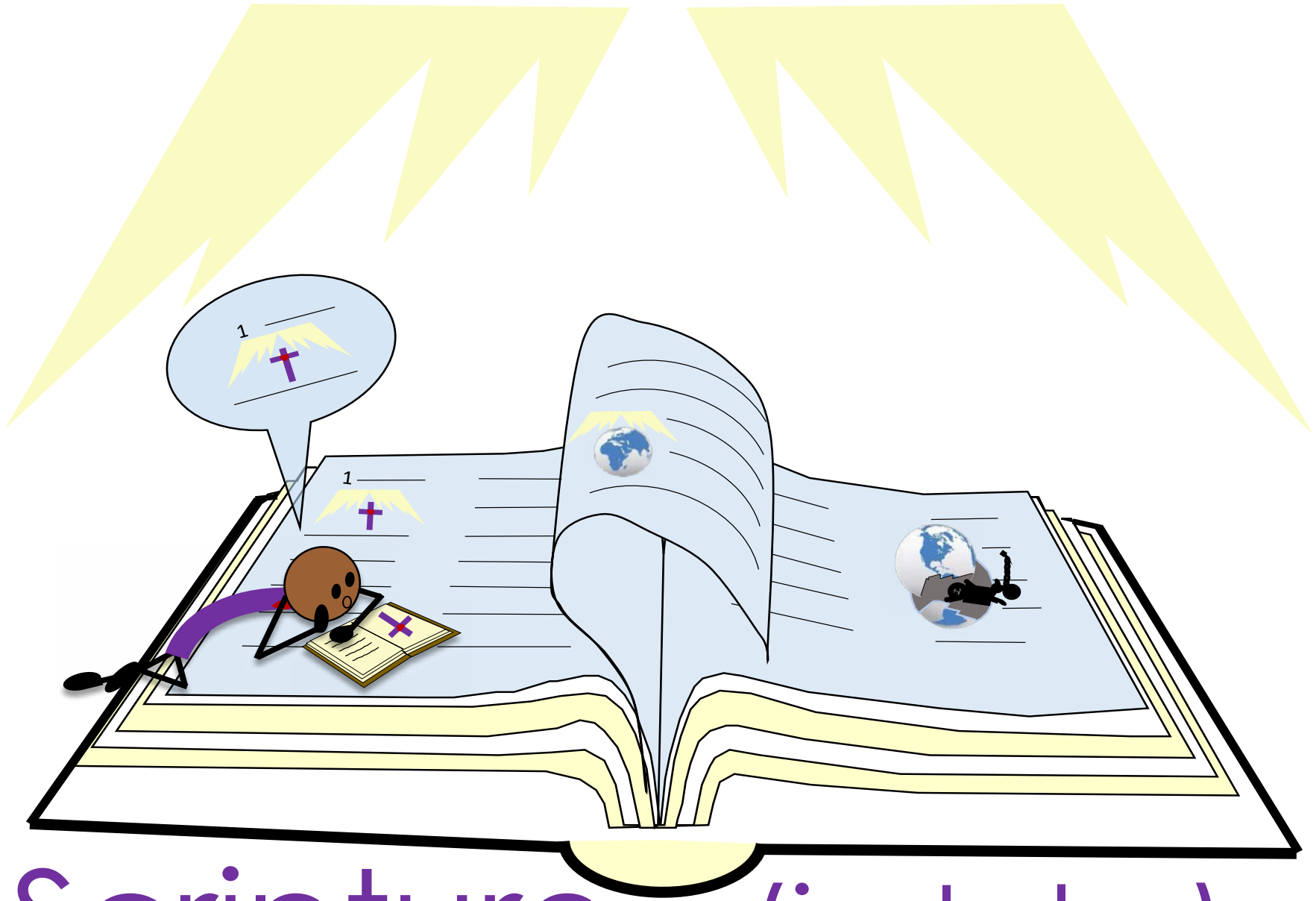


Eat-nothing (fasting)

Eat-nothing (fasting):

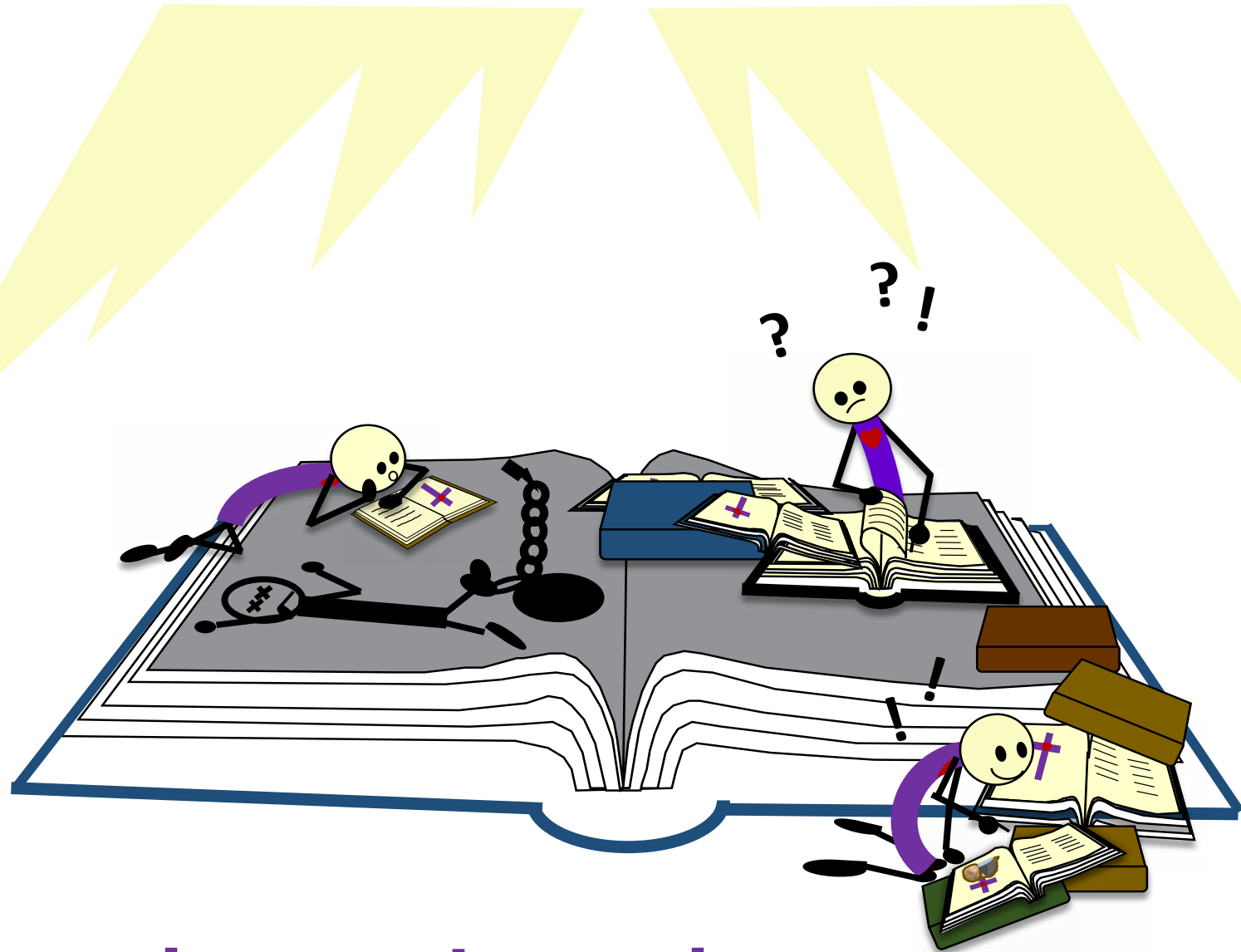
There are times when our prayer life & walk with the Lord will be strengthened and sweetened thru fasting...

This is a discipline that many would be blessed to dive into.



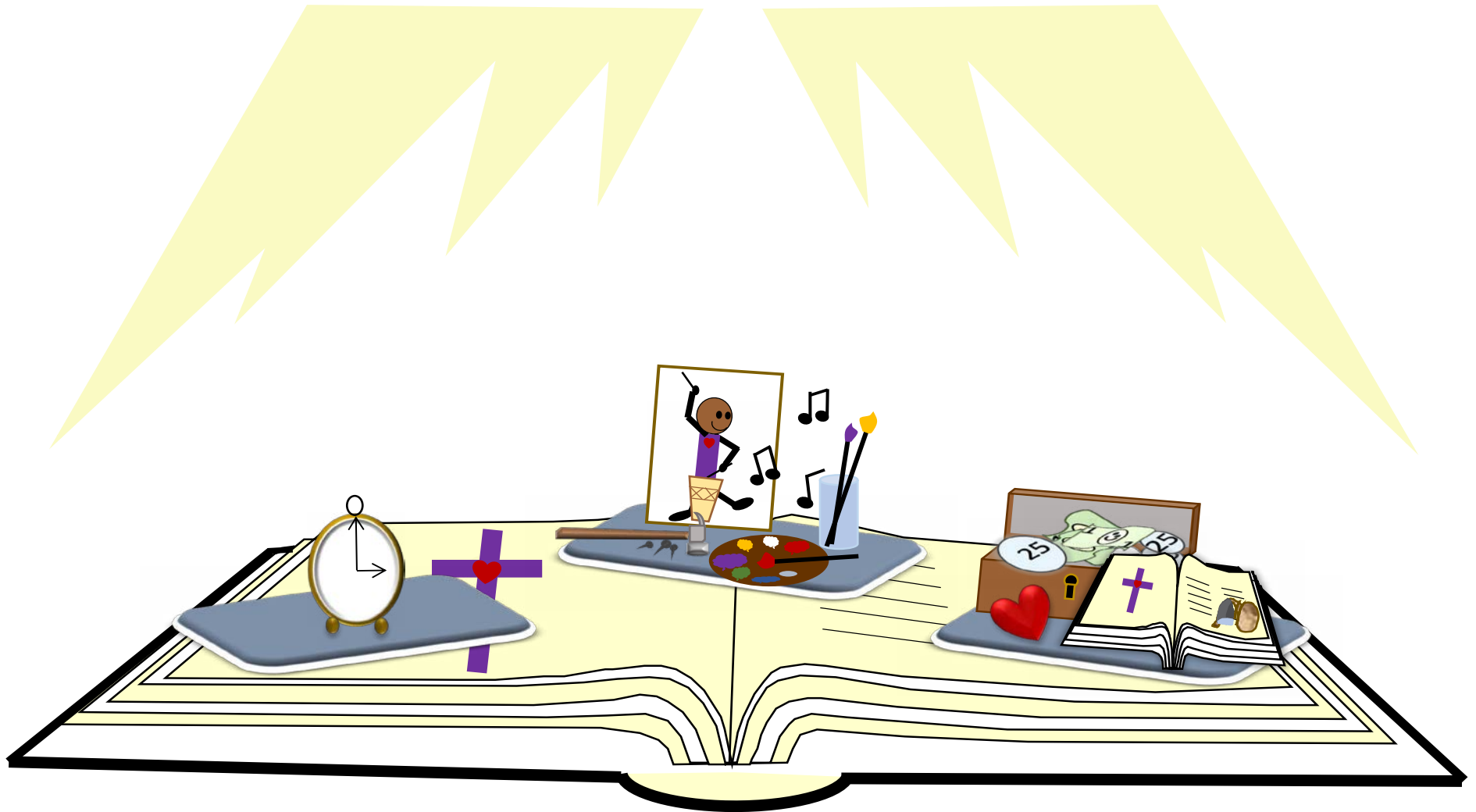
Scripture (in-take)

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 time with God
helps us to surrender and
intimately & ultimately worship Him.



Prayer

PRAYER:

Reverently talking with 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.



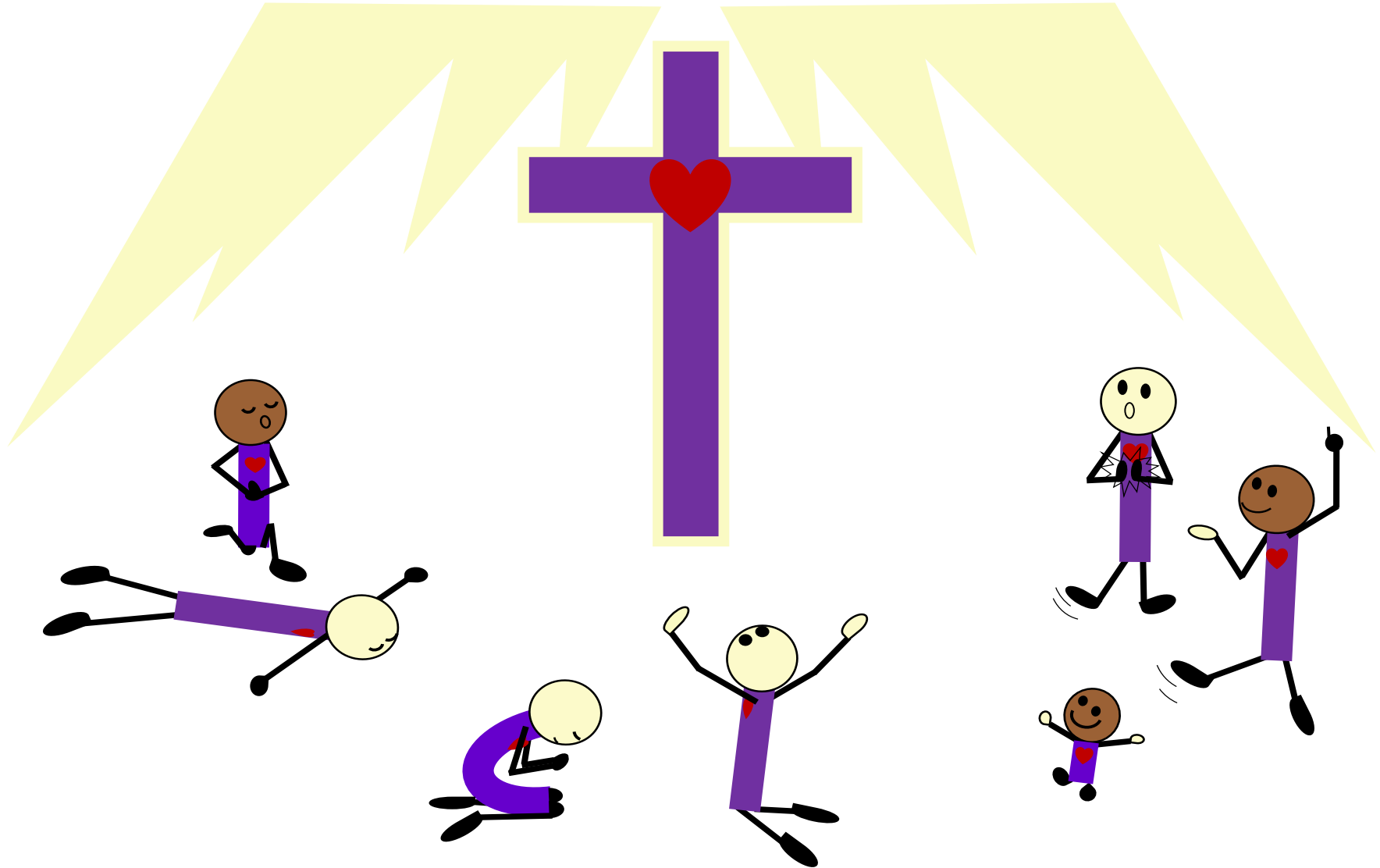
Service

SERVICE:

Talk is cheap!

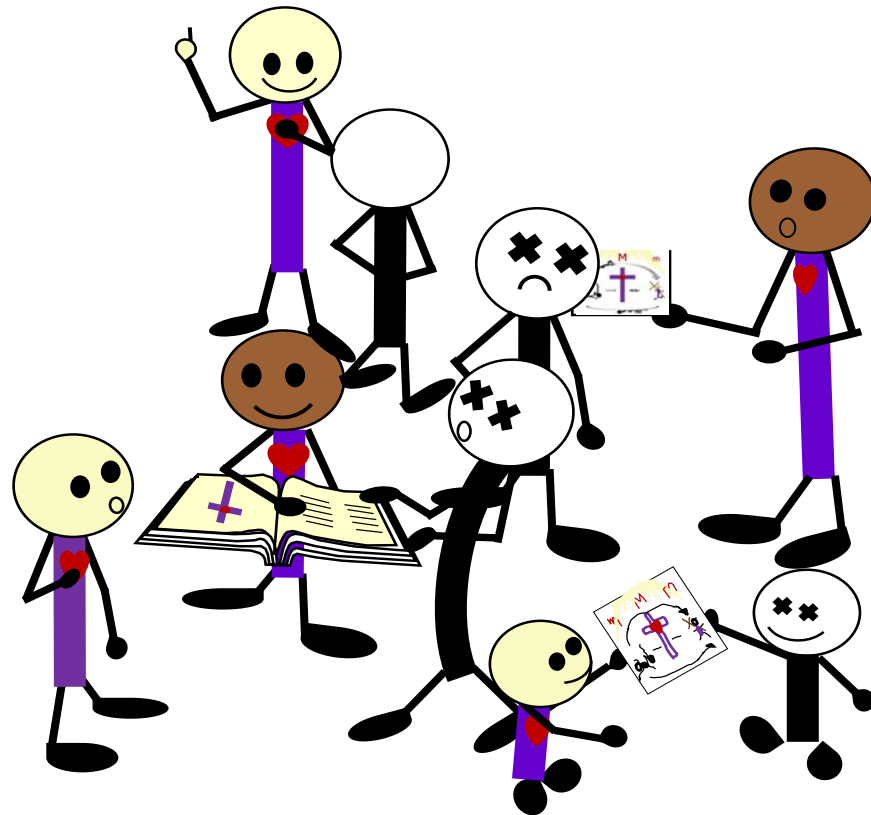
Amongst the **most Christ-like** of
disciplines is heartfelt service...

May we celebrate **BE-ing sent**,
set-apart, & serving servants.



Worship

WORSHIP: Christianity is
on display for the world to see
when **God's children**
(individually & together) are
worshipping Him in truth & love.
Worship is joyful, **overflowing,**
faithful obedience.



Outreach

OUTREACH: Going outside

our comfort zones & inner

circles to make disciples

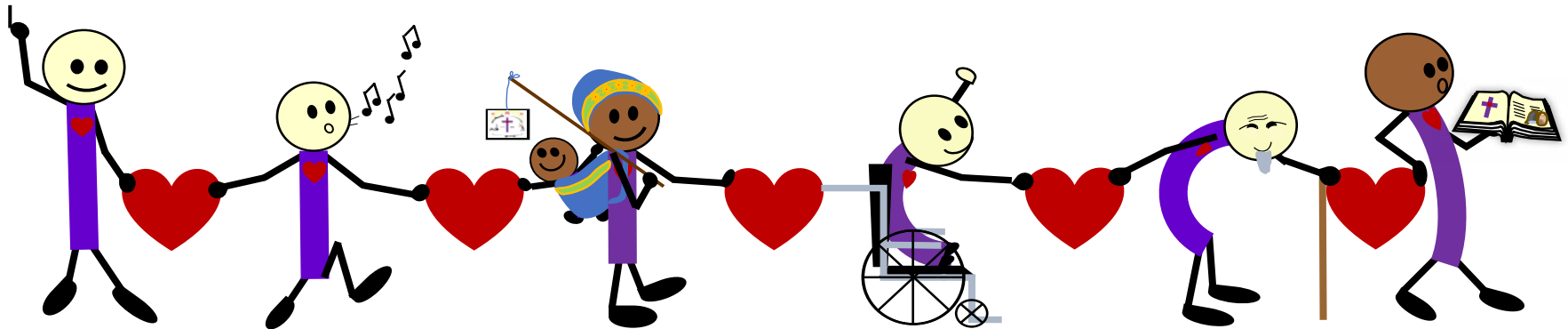
is not only an act of faithful

obedience, it epitomizes

Christ-likeness!

Jesus left heaven to come

seek & save the lost.



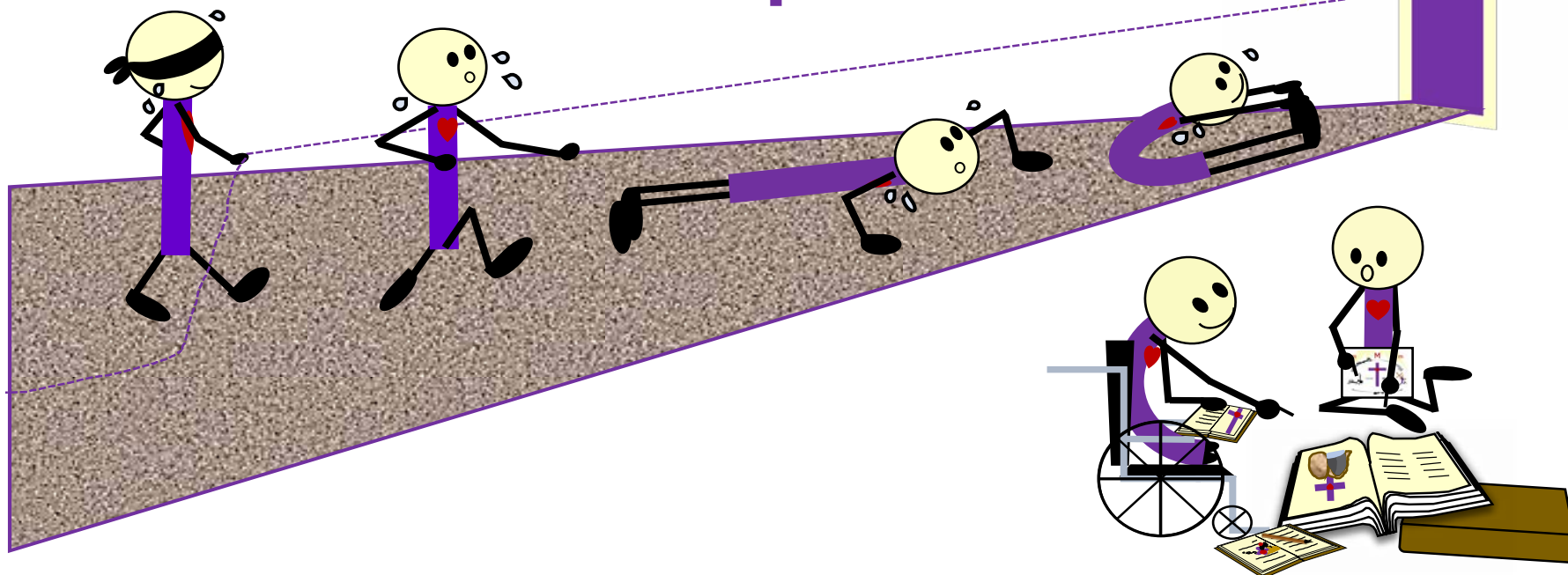
Relationships

RELATIONSHIPS:

Christianity is all about
spiritual, vertical, & horizontal
relationships. Jesus said the lost
world would see & know His
true followers by their love
and Christ-like witness.



Development



DEVELOPMENT:

As Christians **commit** to life-long
knowing, growing, & going,
both the individual Christian,
AND the global Church will
continue to deploy & develop...
Growth honors God.

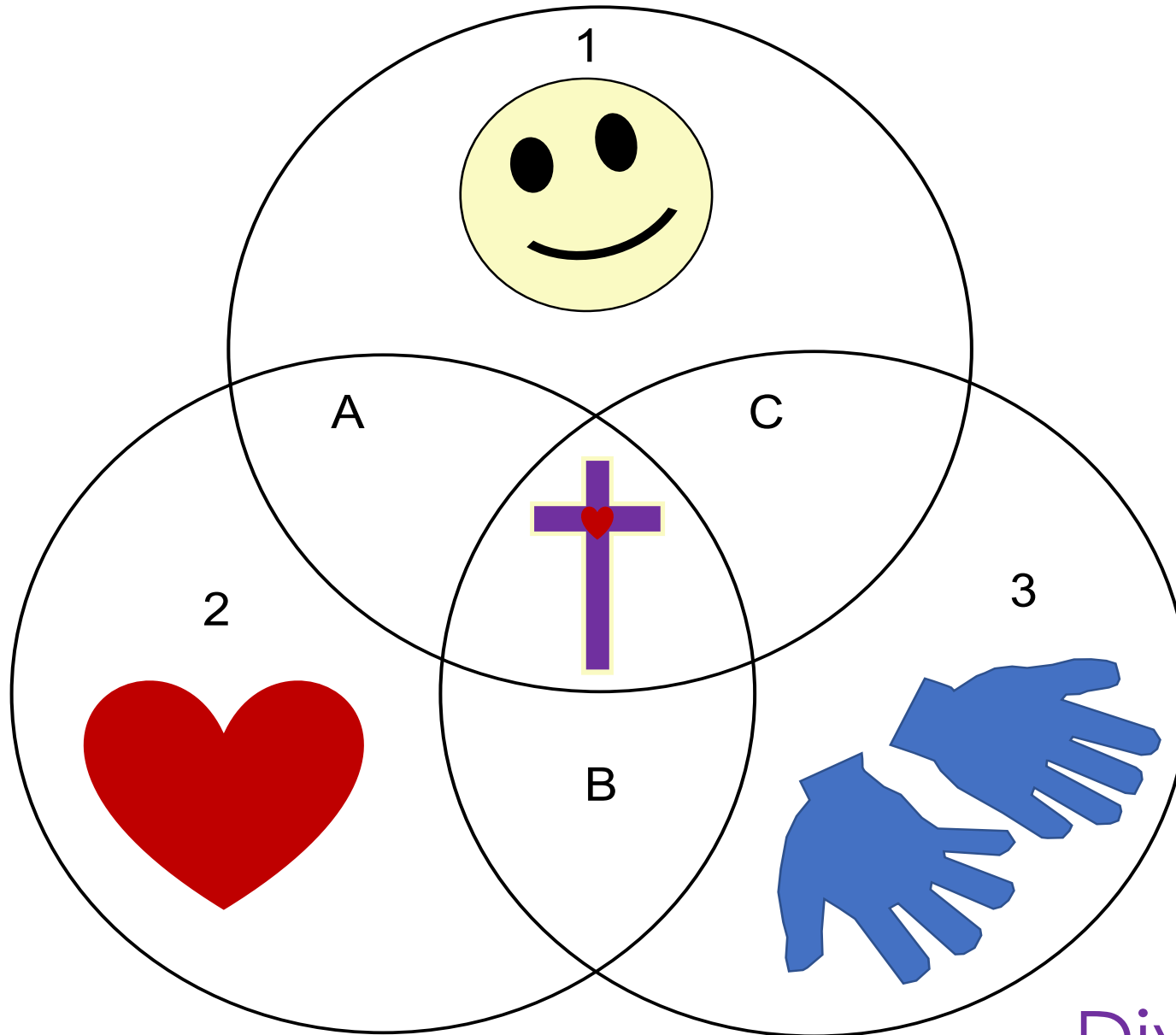
Now

1 (The HEAD) is **done**

2 (The HEART) is **thru**

now

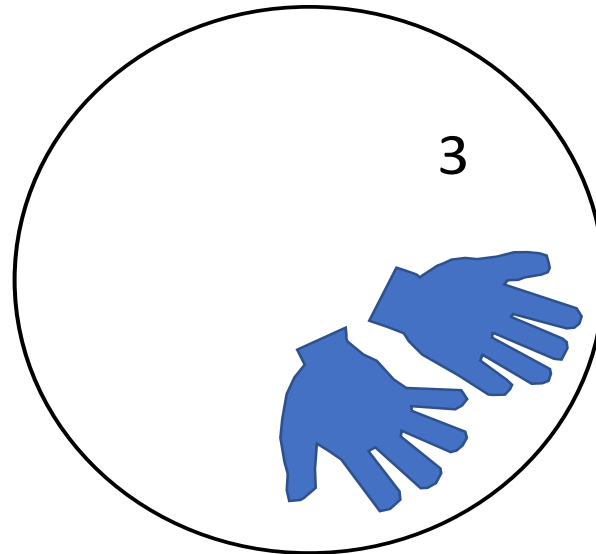
3 (The HANDS) **we see!**



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Divisions

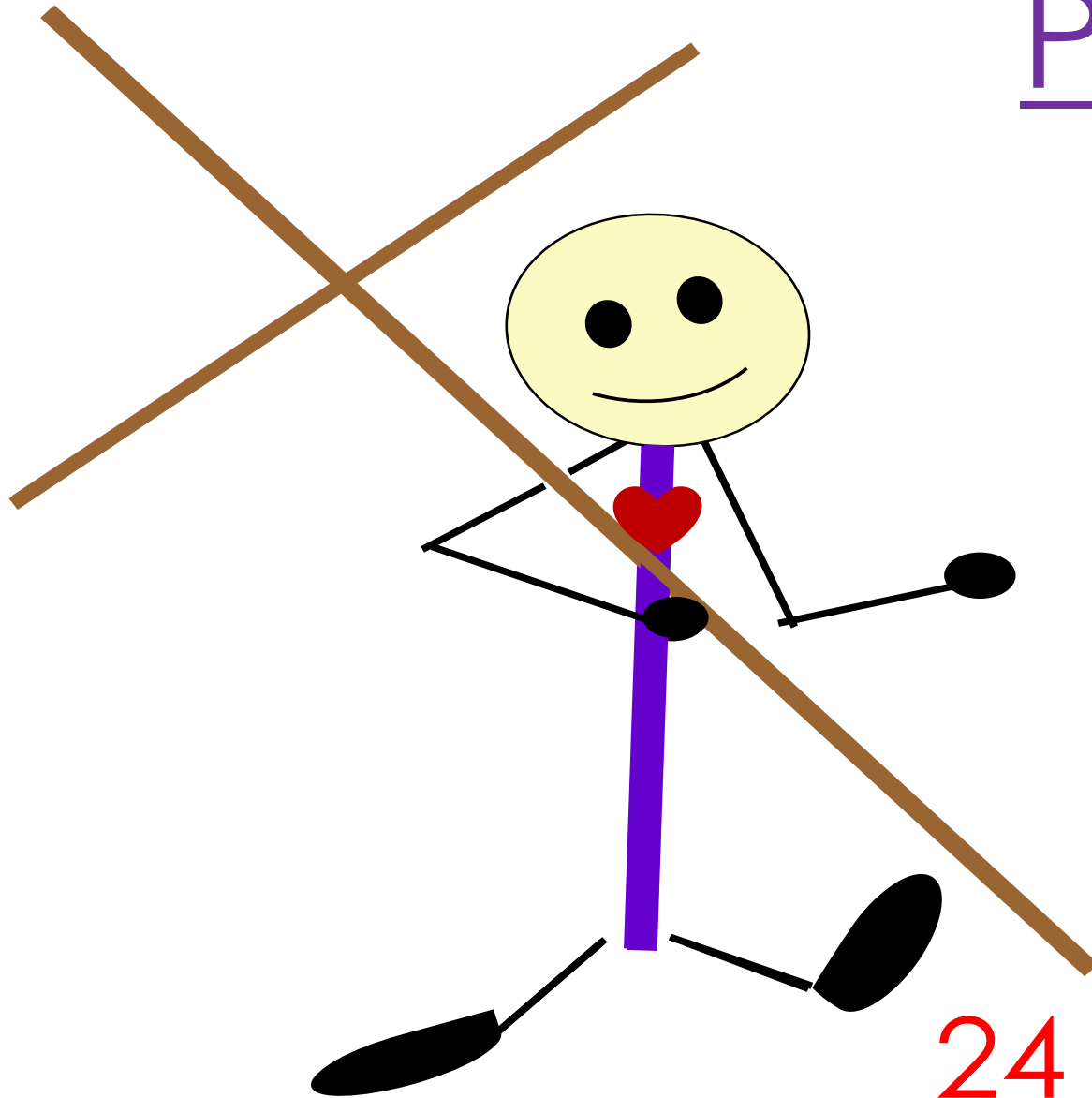
The

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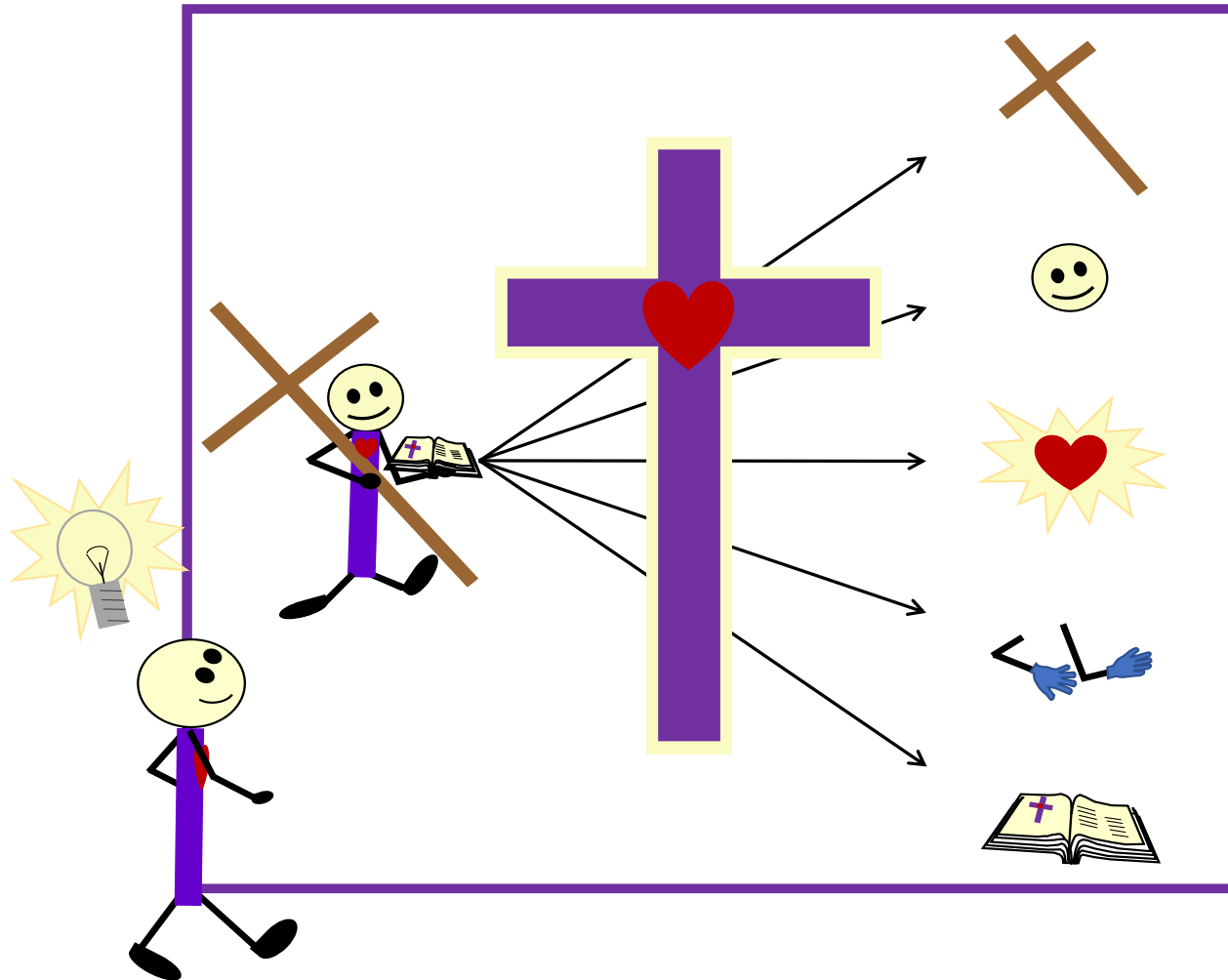
The Disciple's "Hands" put into **action** the **truth** & **love** of God's Word, God's will, & God's ways.
In short, when **each Christian's Head, Heart, & Hands** are united in purpose & power,
the family of God is **living** as the **Body of Christ!**

PREVIEW:



24 Distinctives

24 Family Distinctives:



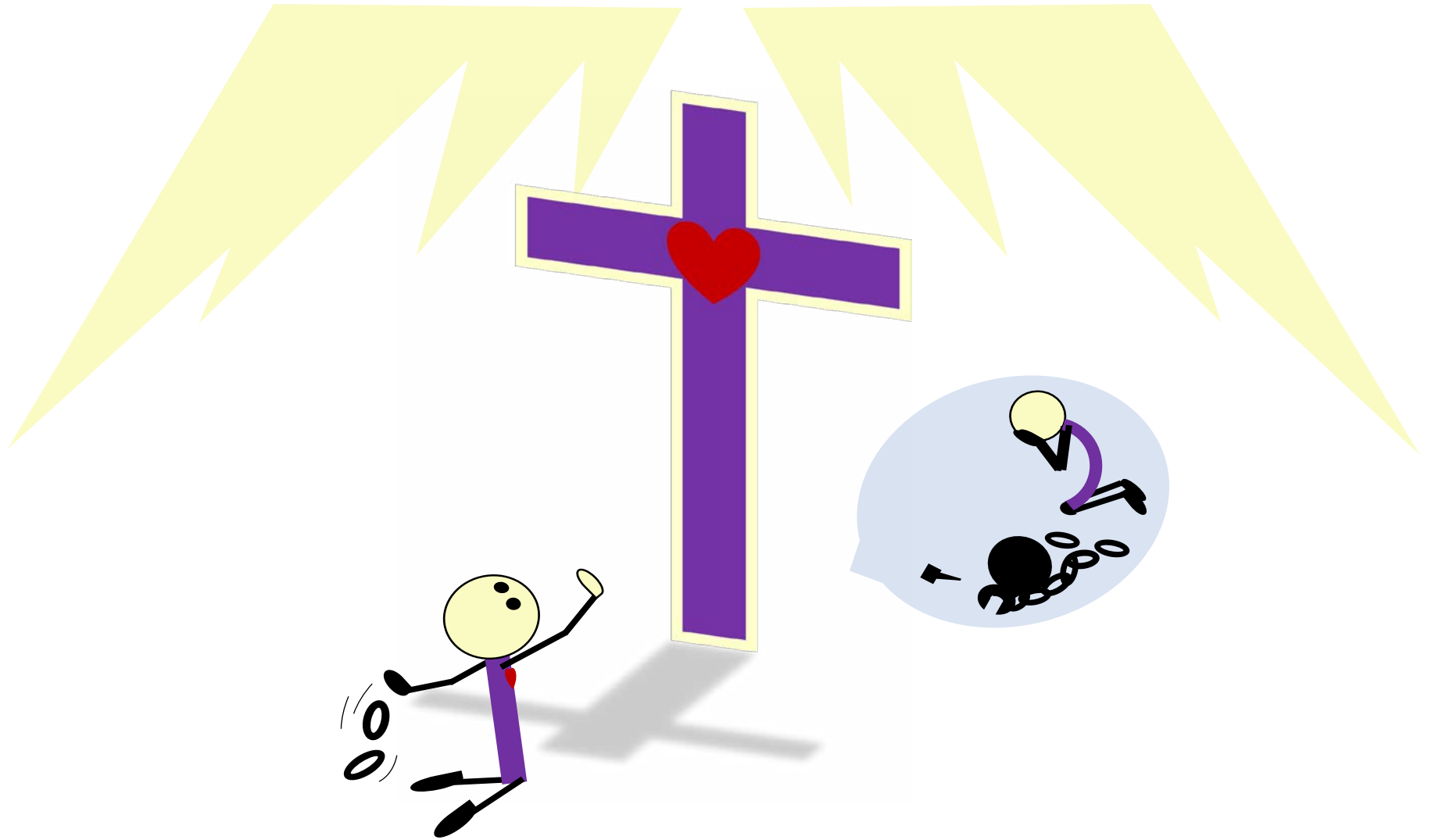
24 DISTINCTIVES:

The “distinctives” are
a family portrait... When you
add God's Word, God's Spirit,
God's Truth, God's love, and
God's people **all together**,
the distinctives are what **we**
look, love, & live like :-)

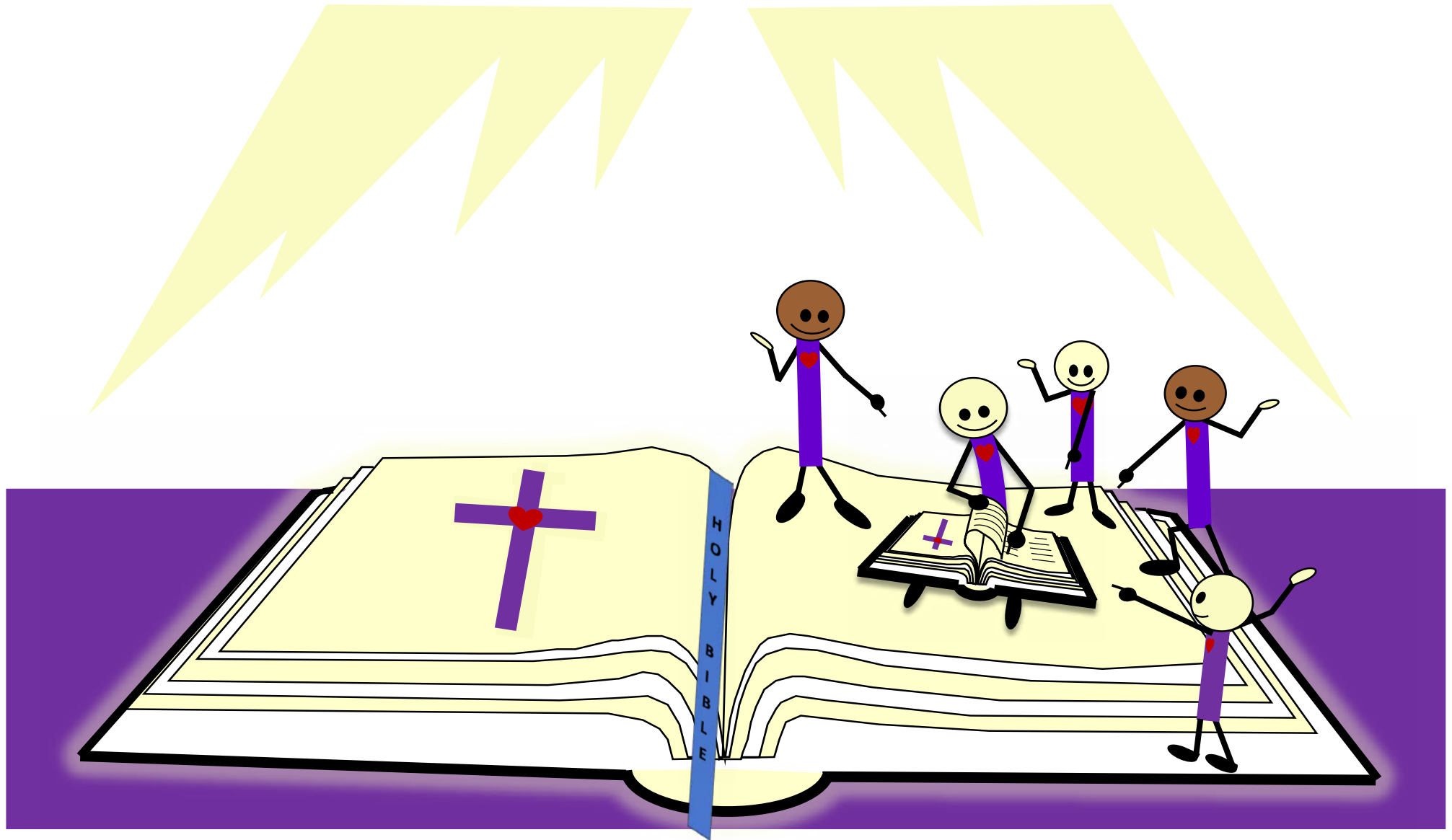
We are...



Responding to grace

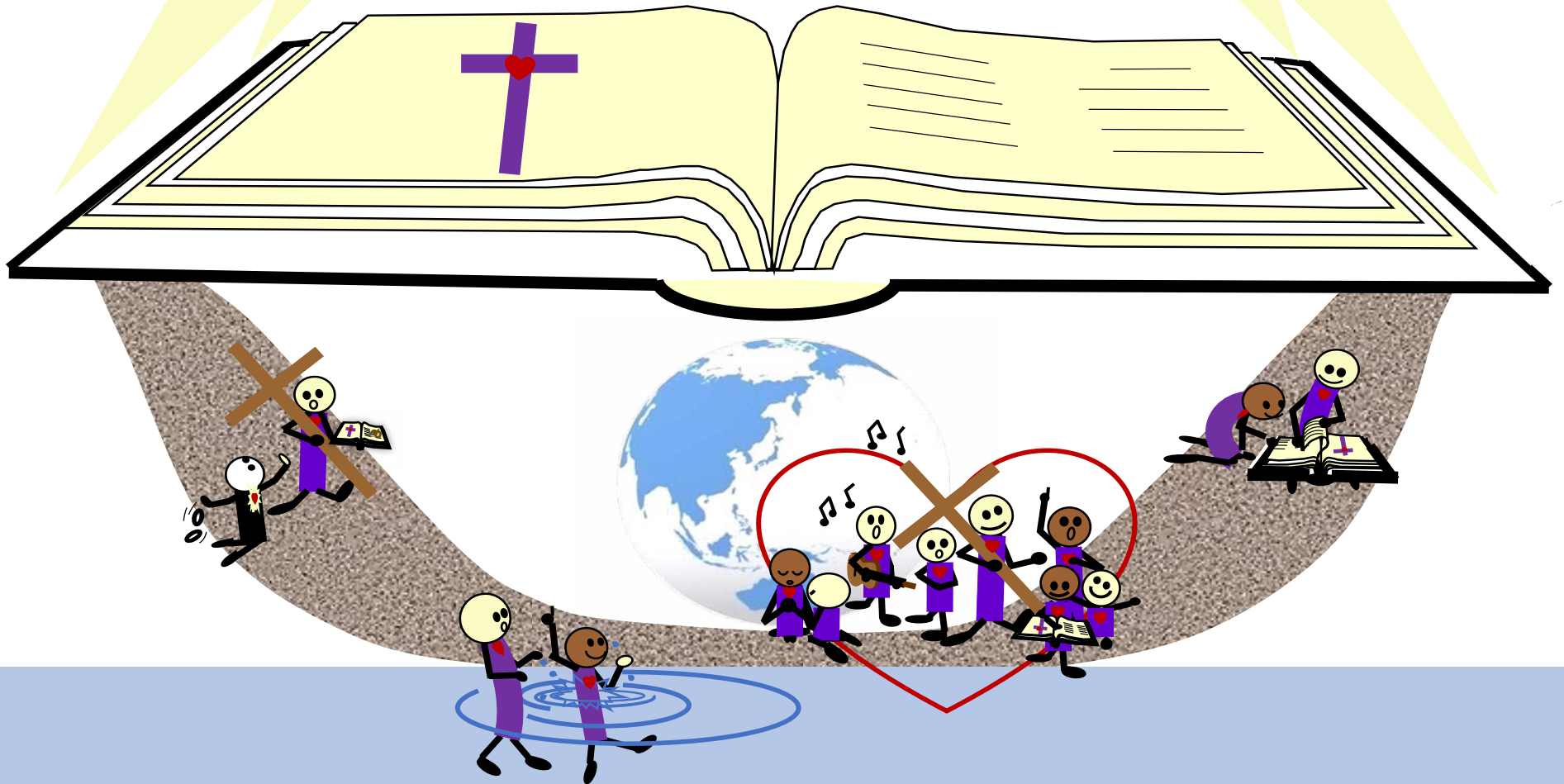


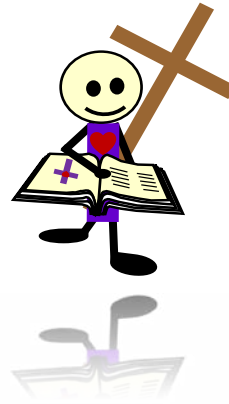
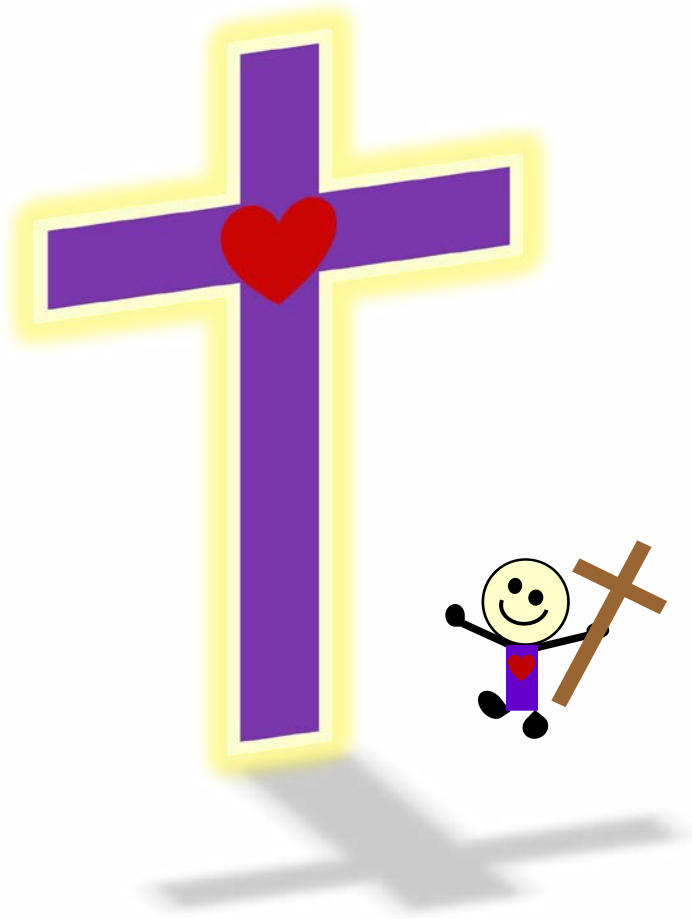
Repenting of SIN



Trusting the Bible

Obedying God's Word

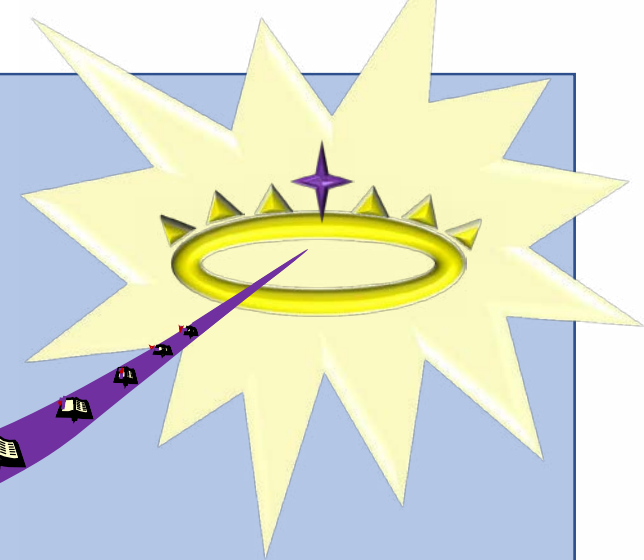
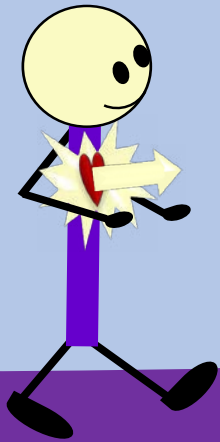


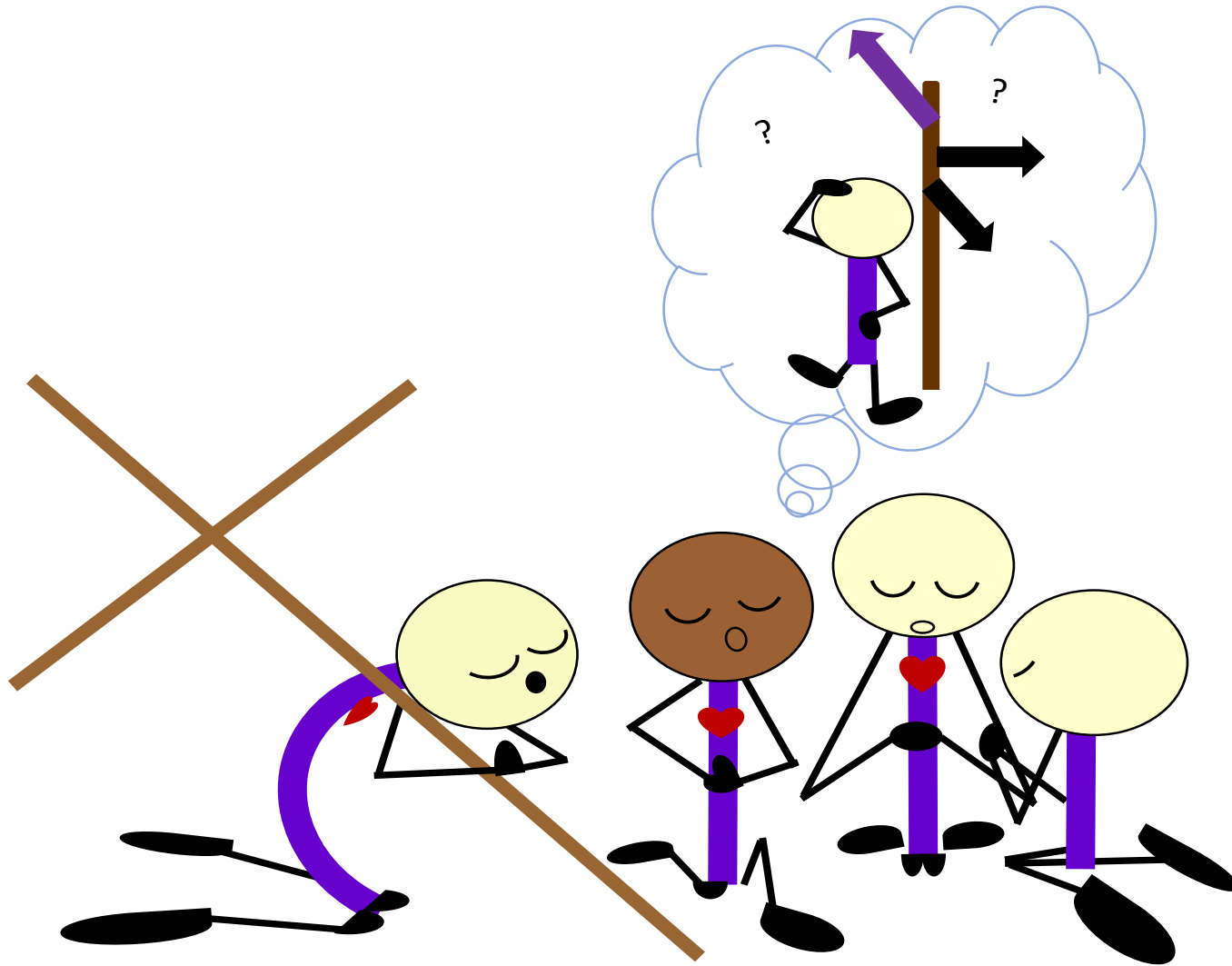


Growing in-Christ

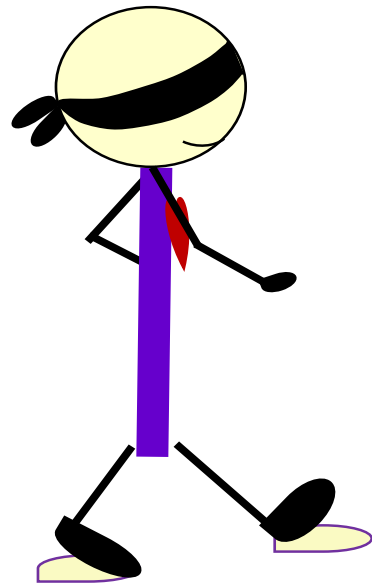
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Spirit-led

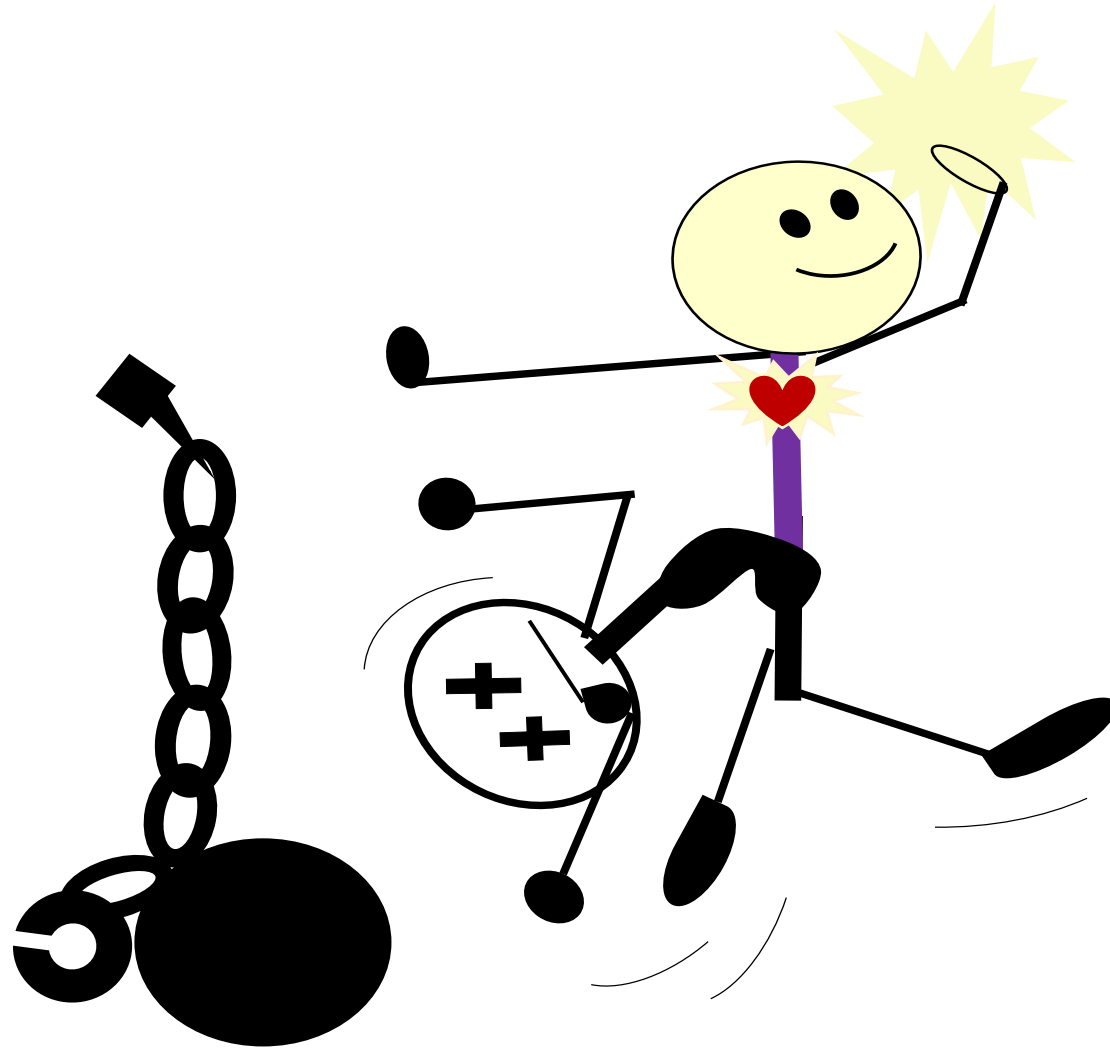




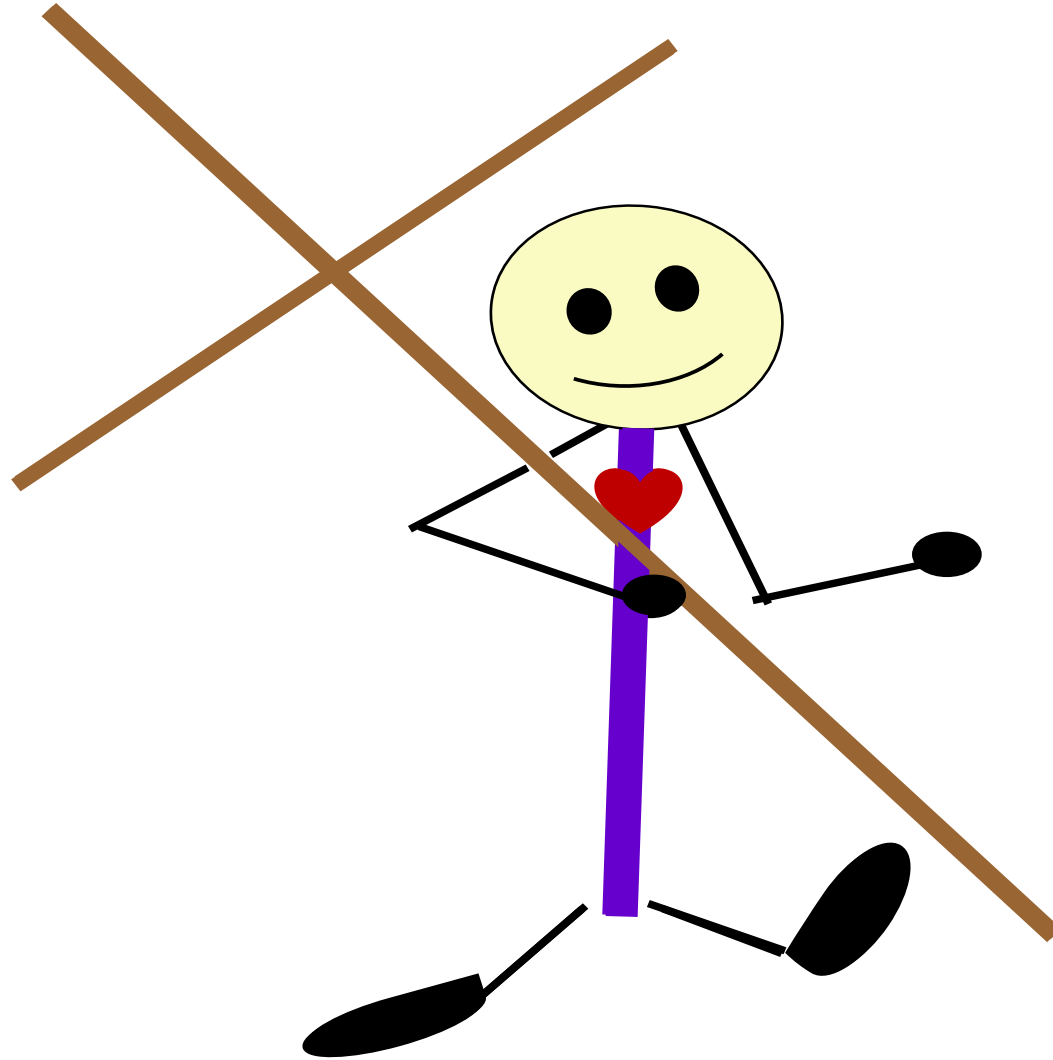
Praying for guidance



Following by faith

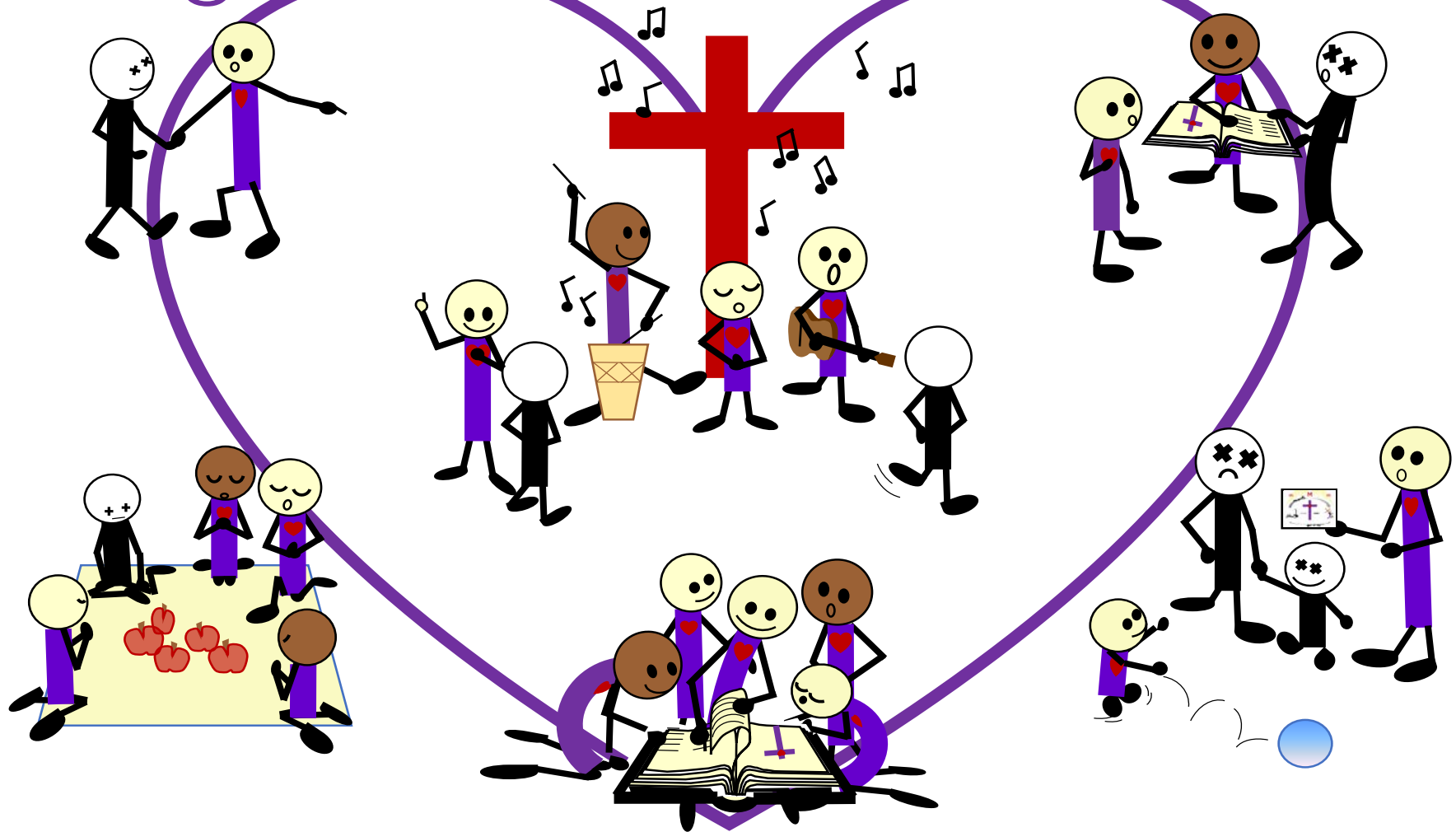


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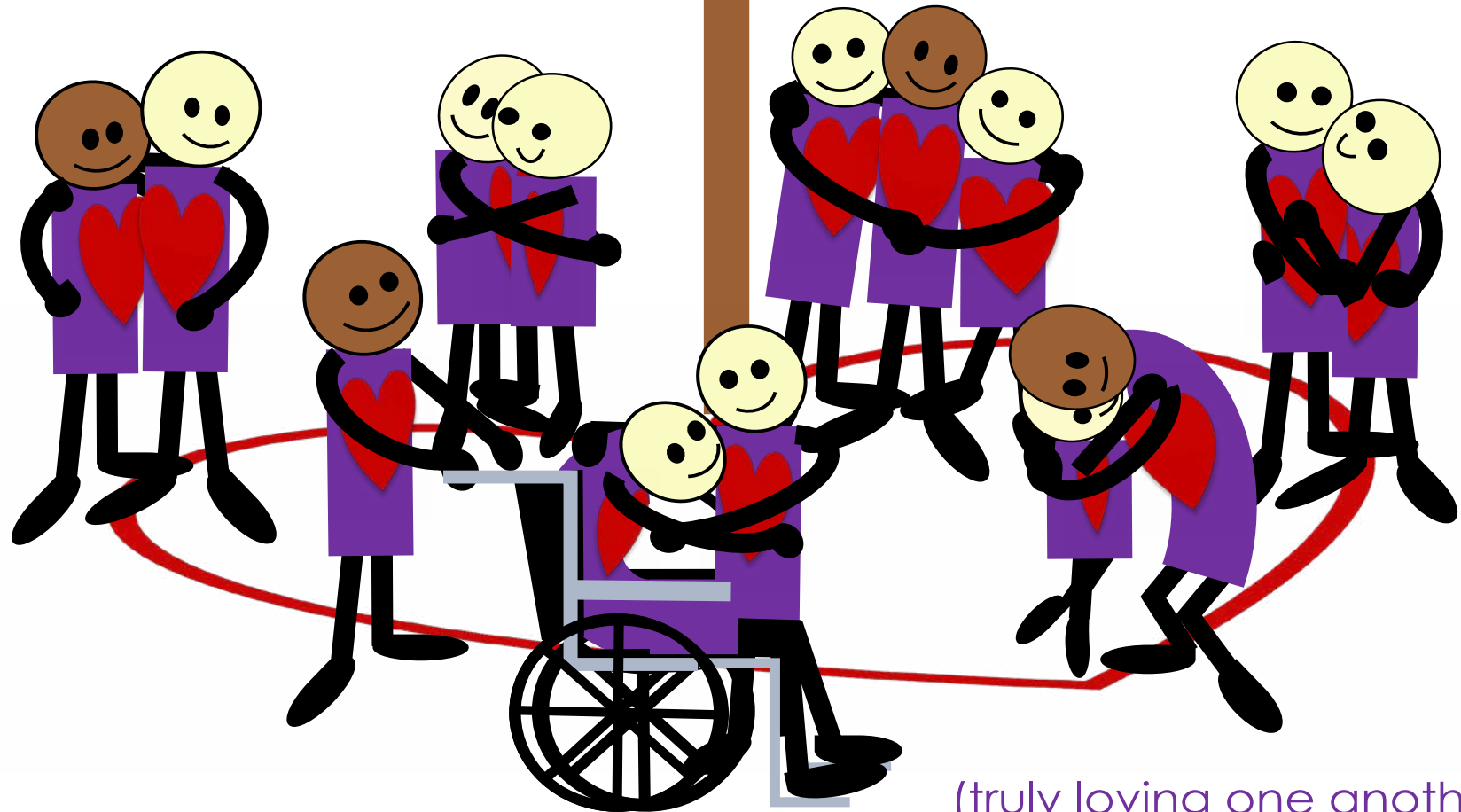


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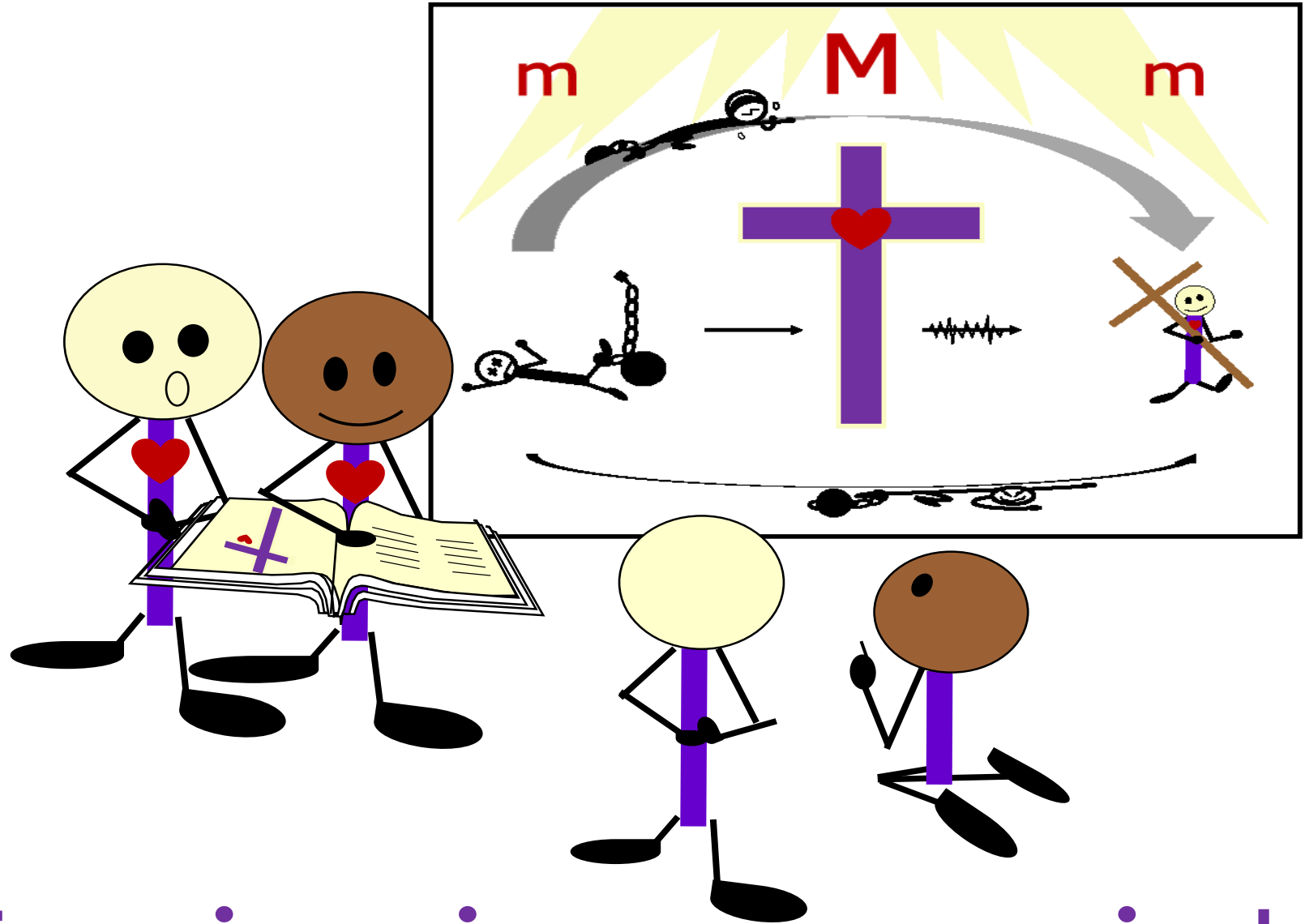
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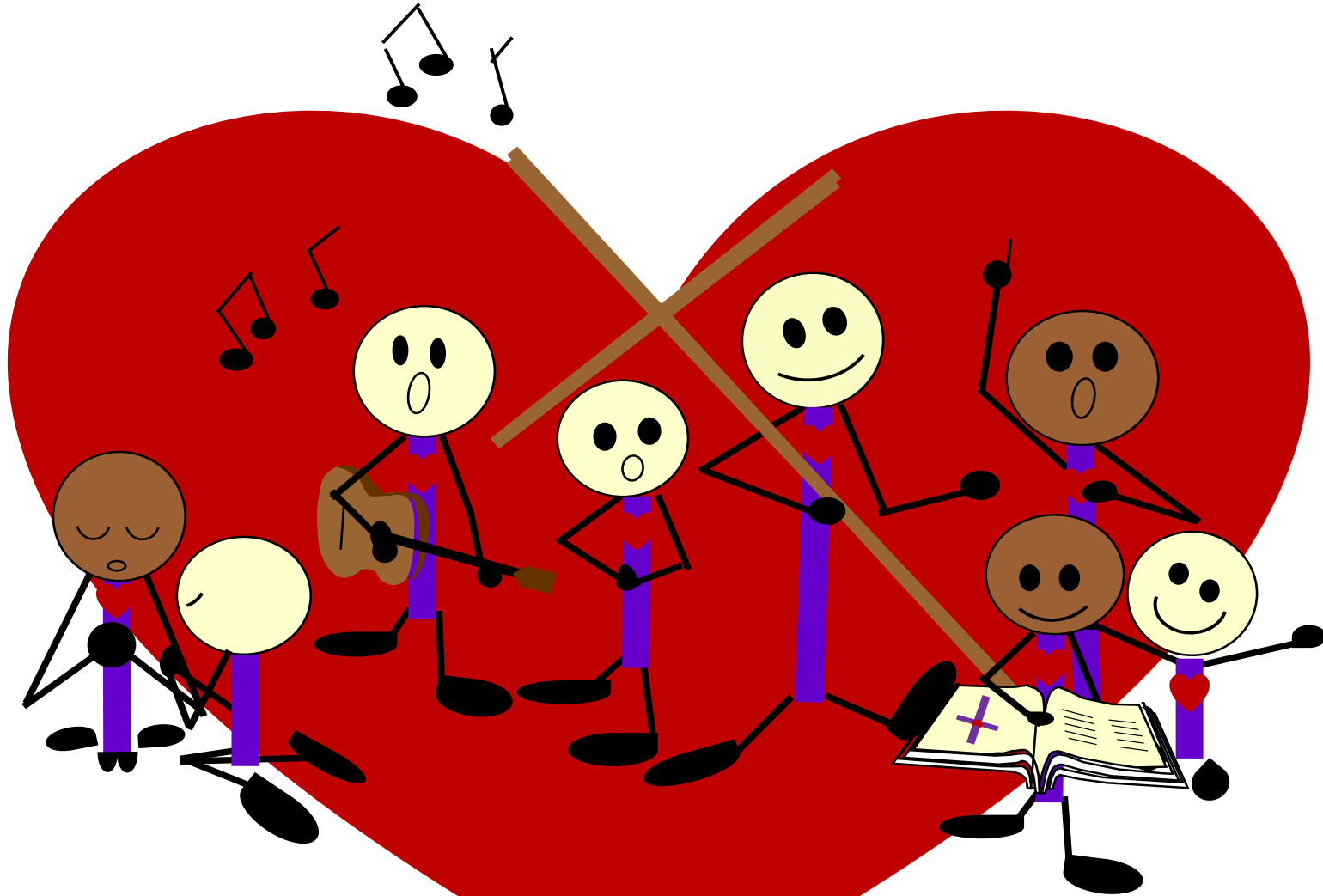
Loving ^{one} another



(truly loving one another!)



Equipping the saints



Exemplifying supernatural
unity

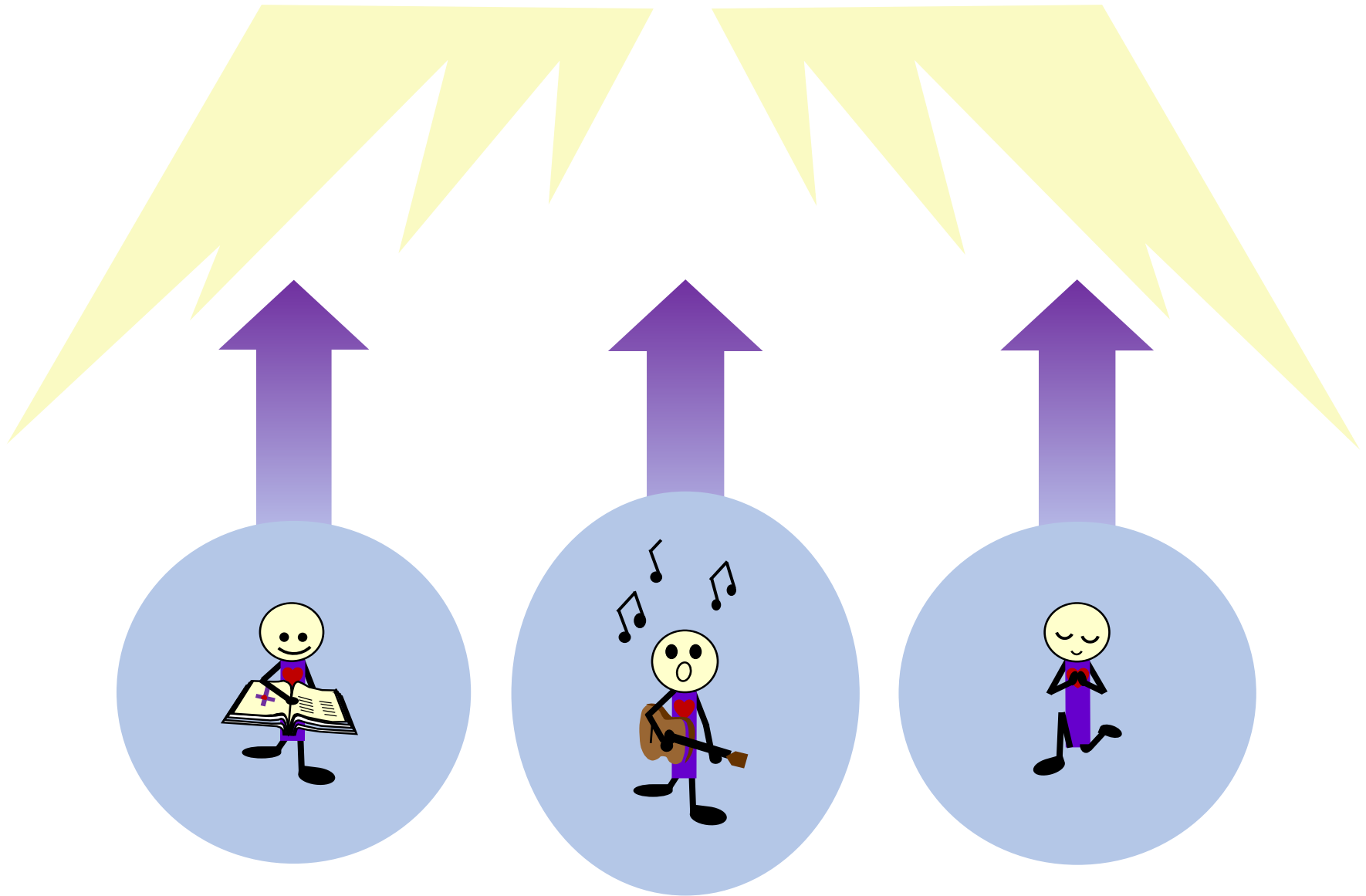


Ministering as ambassadors

Discerning

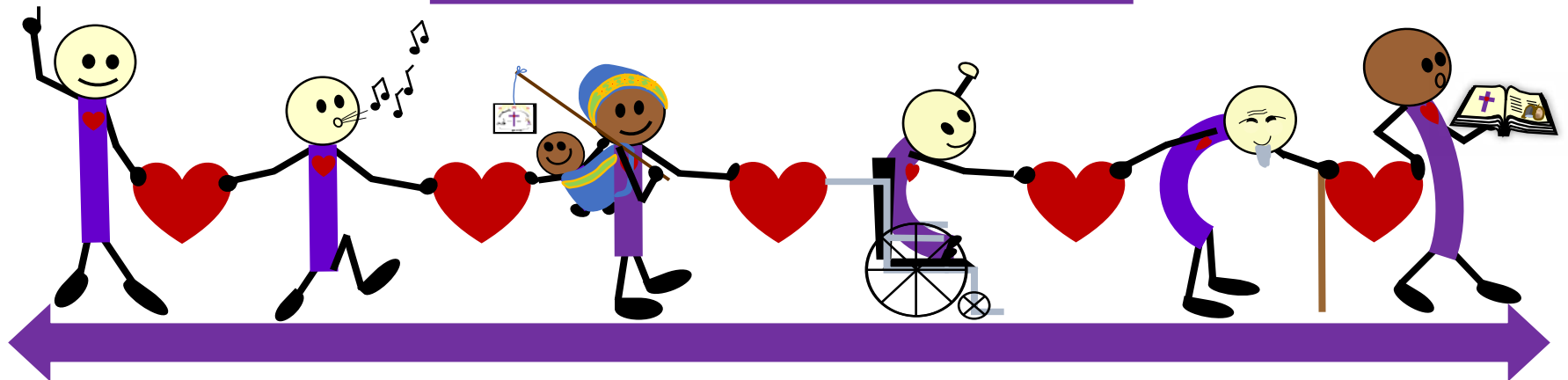
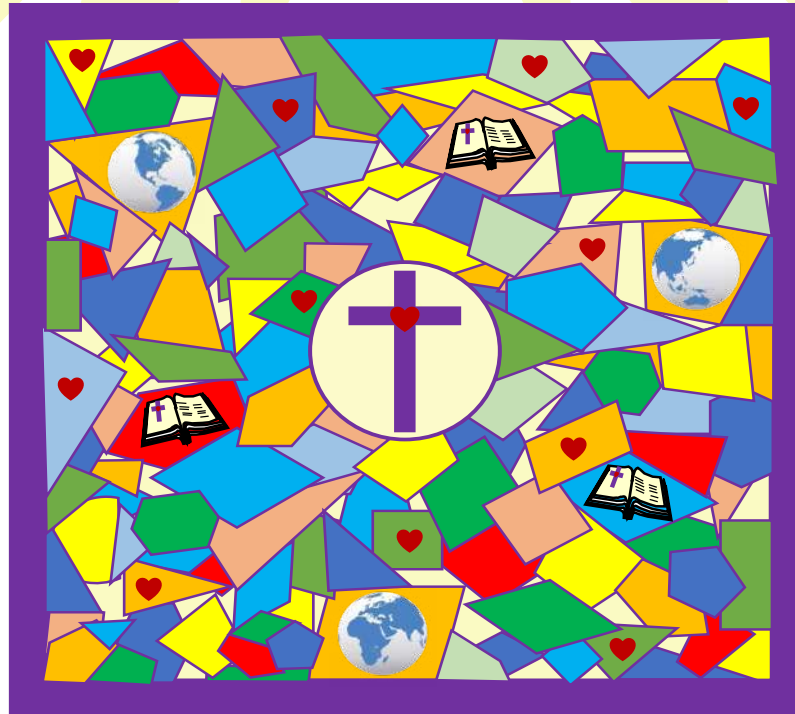


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Worshipping God vertically

Experiencing God horizontally

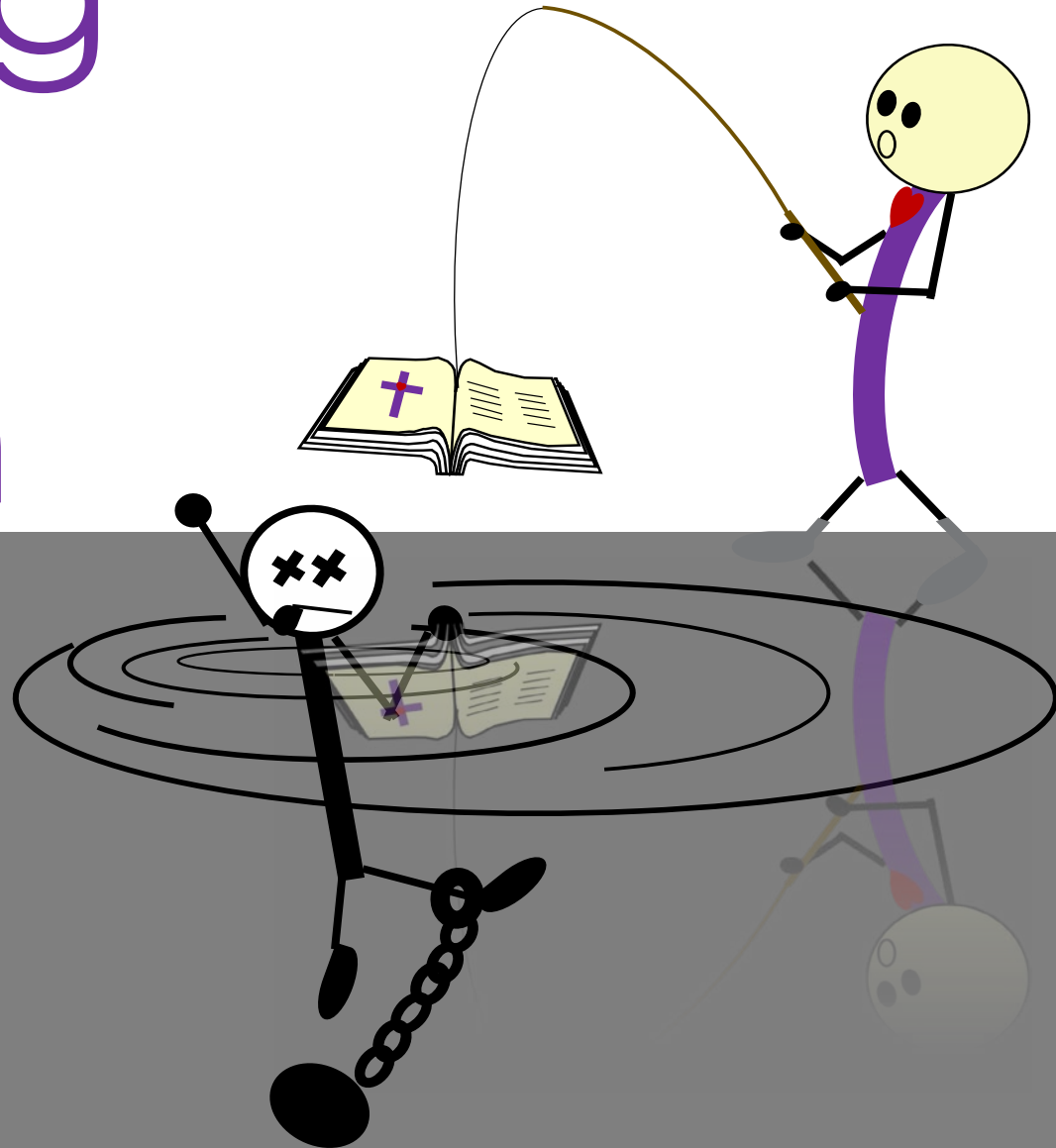


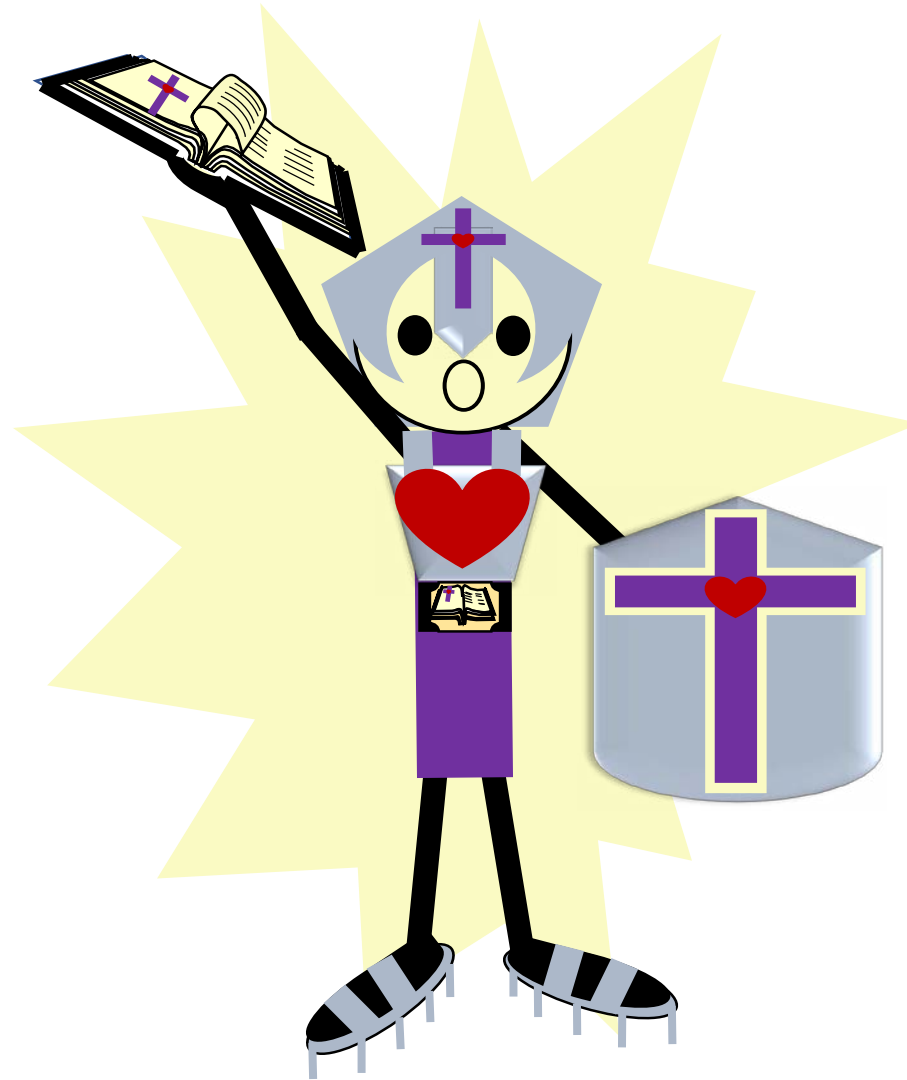
Proclaiming THE Gospel



No matter what!

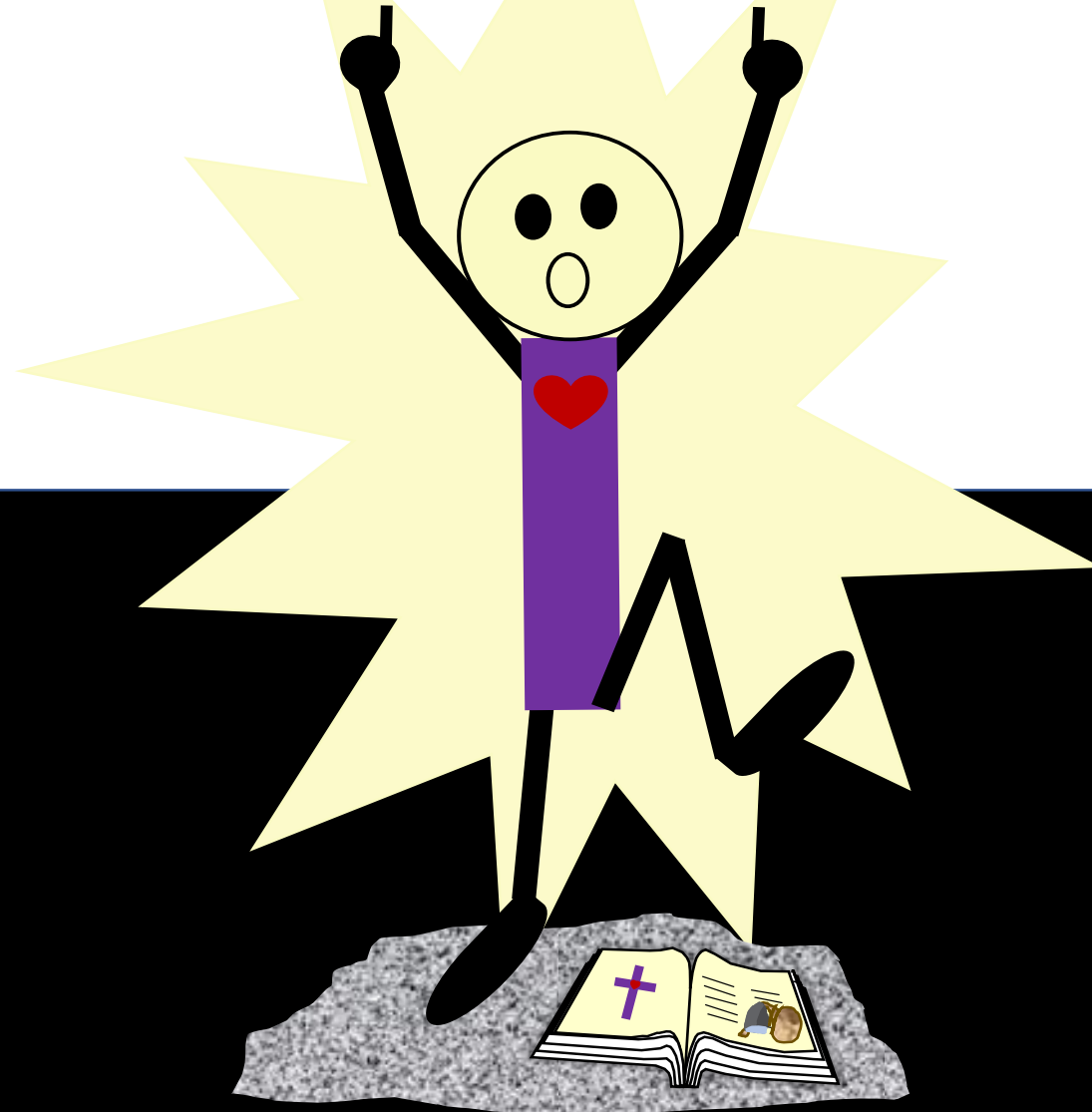
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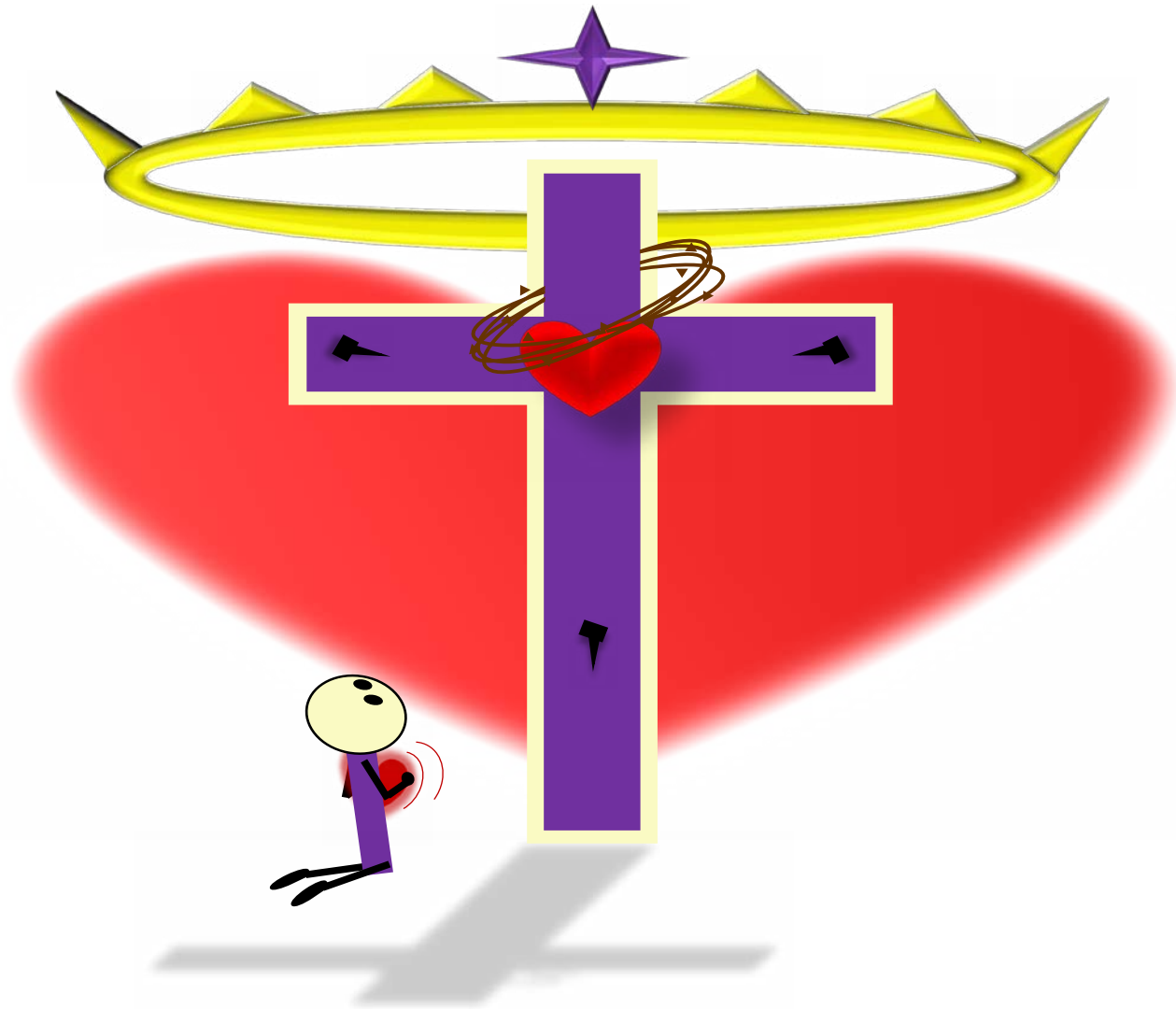




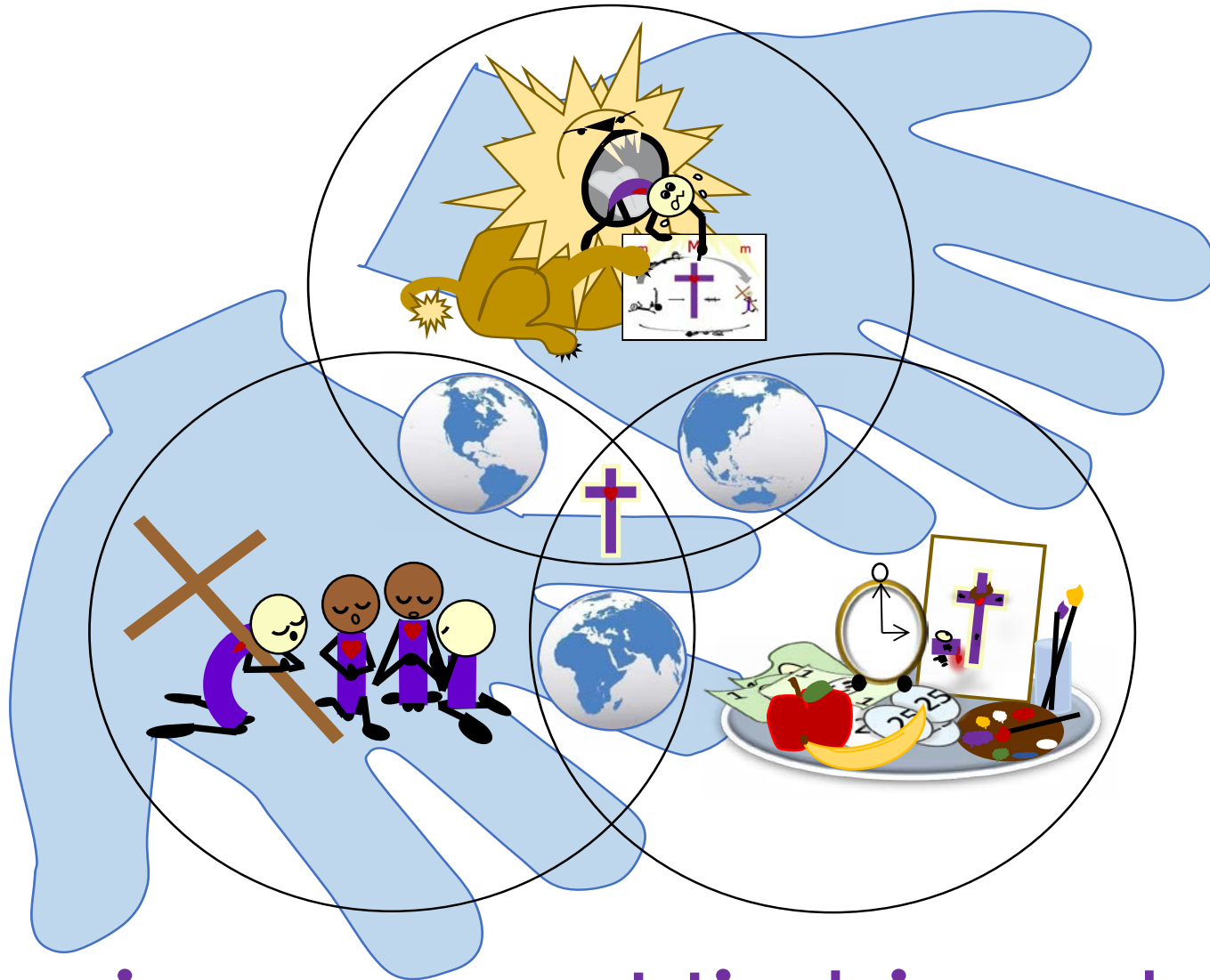
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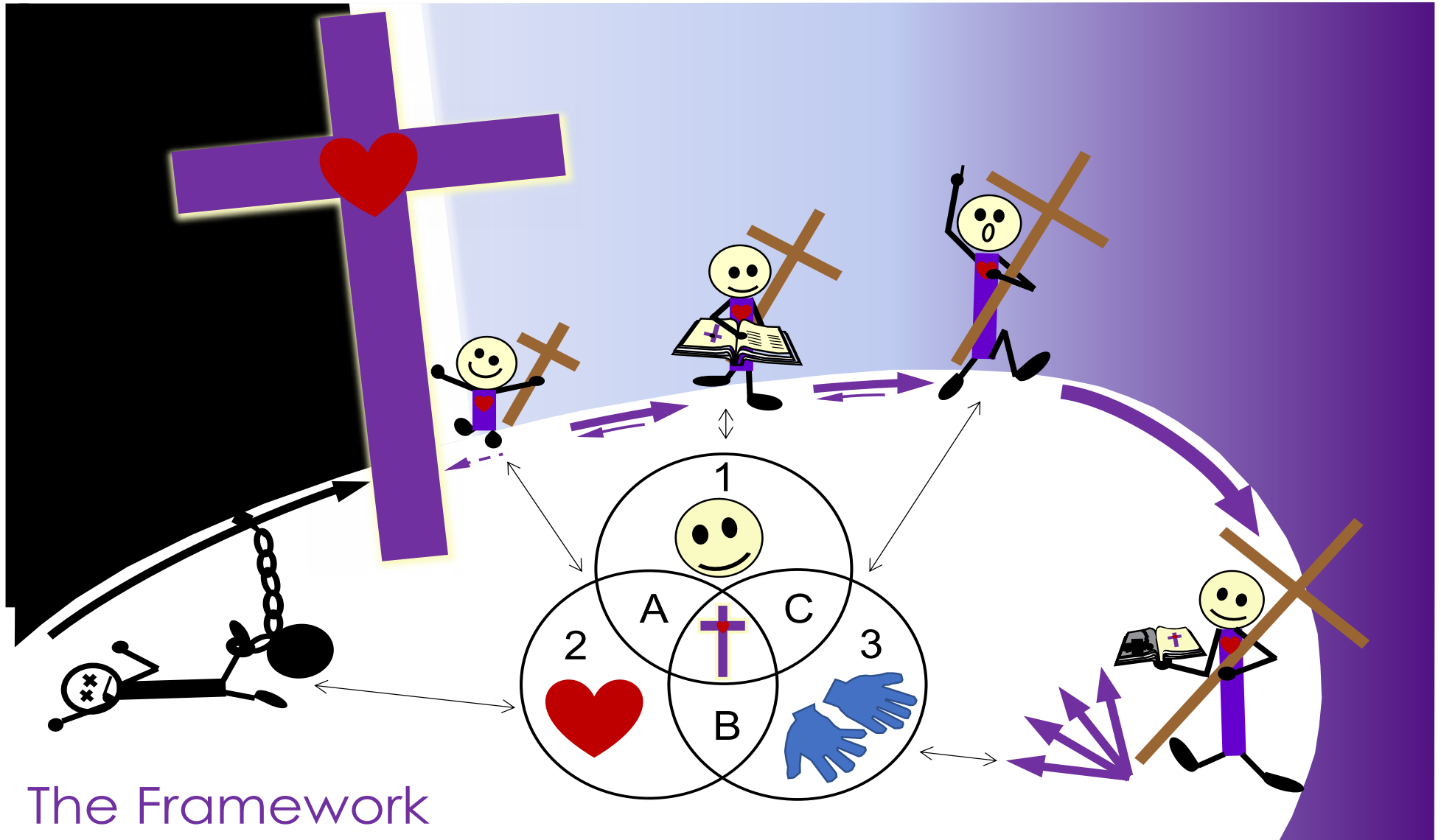
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The Framework

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Genesis 1:1

John 1:1

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Matthew 7:21-23

John 3:16

John 14:6

2 Cor. 5:21

John 6:44
Mark 1:15

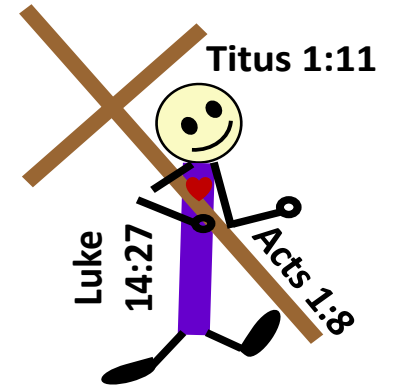
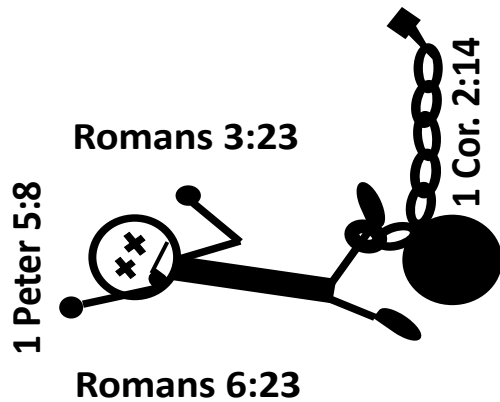
1 John 2:6
Romans 8:1

Titus 1:11

Luke 14:27
Acts 1:8
Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 7:15 - Acts 20:29

The Faith





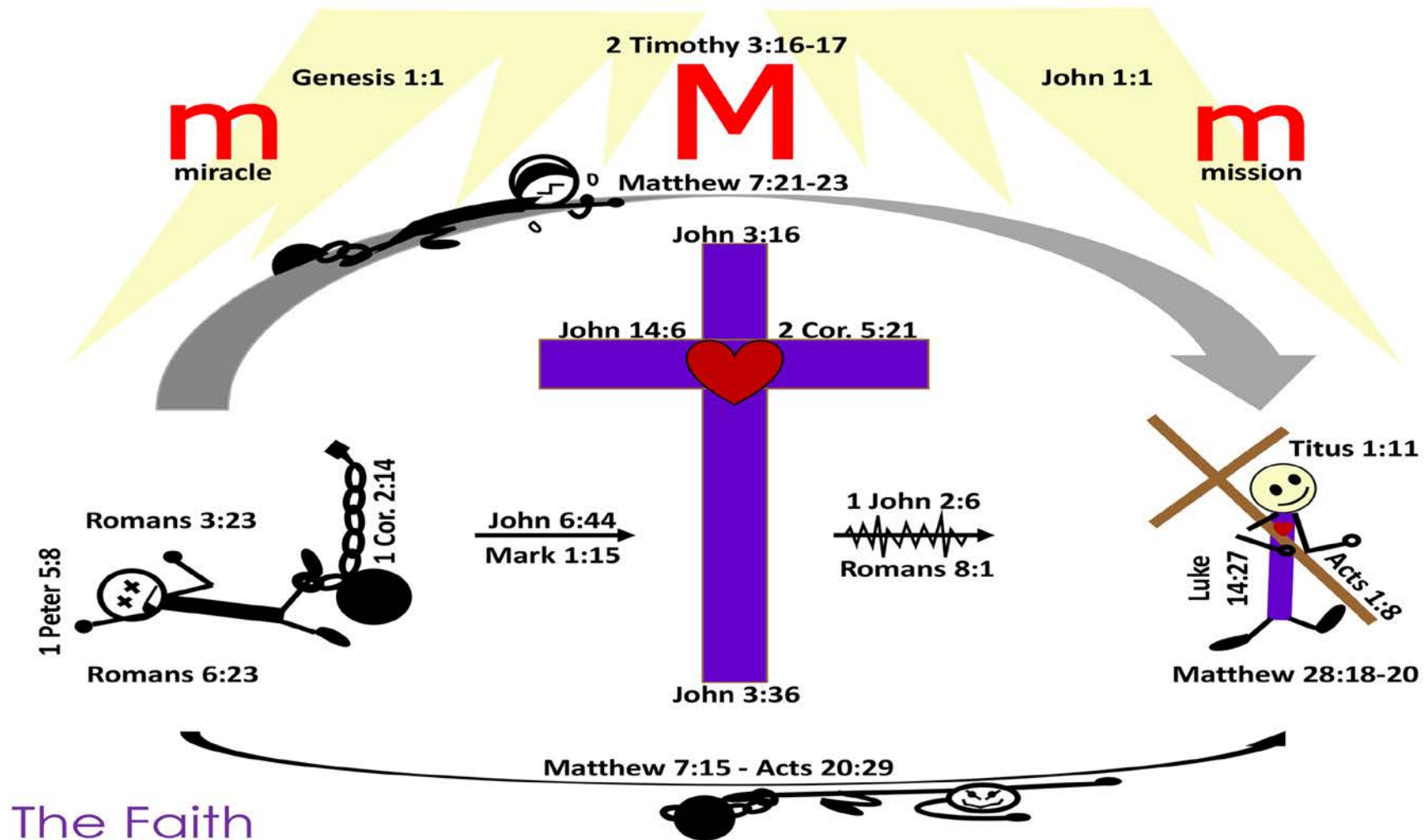
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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses (locally, regionally, and globally).” – Acts 1:8

One Question: *WHAT DO YOU WANT?*
One Offer: *COME AND SEE.*
One Promise: *TRUTH IN LOVE!*

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