HØPEKION SERVICE COMPANION

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THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Custom sermon note pages for kids to enjoy during the service
- Colouring / Activity pages
- Devotionals with discussion guide and activities designed to create conversation around this week's Big Idea
- Memory verse cards

FAMILY A New Love

Let's play a game! Write the opposite for each word in the space beside it:

True	Hot	
Up	Stop	
Big	Short	
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Rich		

This lesson is going to focus on that last pair of opposites – love and hate. It is easy to love people who show love to us. But what about people who show hate to us? Jesus wants us to love them too. Actually, Jesus wants us to love everyone. Grab a Bible and read Jesus' words from Luke 6:27-36.

WOW! Jesus was saying stuff that is very hard to learn. Jesus wants us to love everyone, even the people who are mean to us. Just like in the game about opposites, we have to do the opposite of what others expect us to do. Now, look at these situations and circle what you should do according to what Jesus said in the Luke passage.

Someone yells at you.

1. speak kindly to them anyway 2. yell back even louder and stick your tongue out

Someone hits you.

1. hit back even harder and add a kick too 2. walk away and get help from an adult

Someone takes something that is yours.

1. give whatever they need 2. steal something from them when they aren't looking

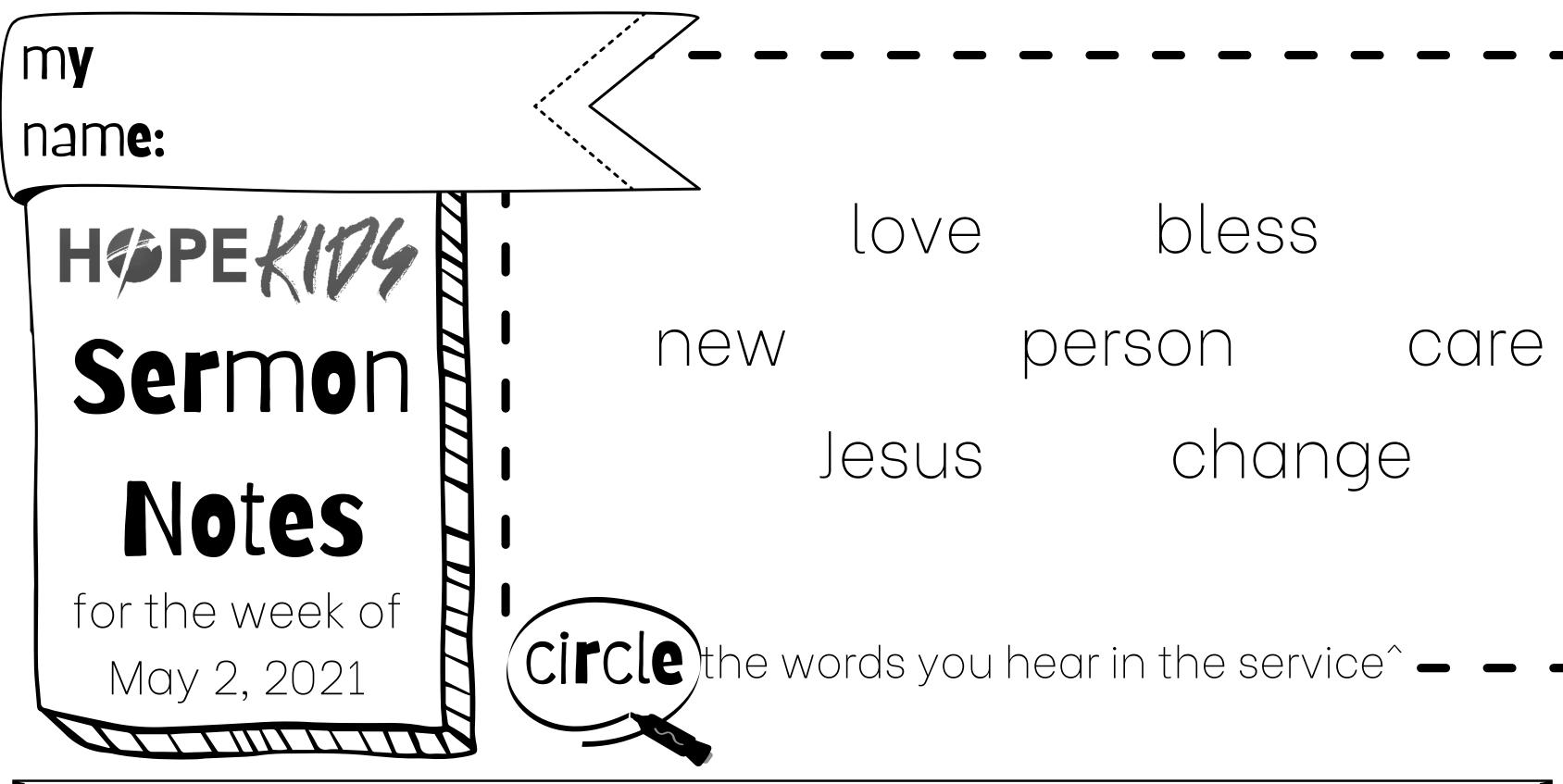
Someone asks you for something.

1. give it to them with a smile 2. walk away pretending not to hear

You might be thinking, "I should be kind to someone who is mean to me? That's crazy talk! No one does that!". But can you imagine how people who are mean to you might change if you're kind to them? Maybe they wouldn't be mean or hurtful or unkind or rude anymore! That would be awesome! Think of a time when it was hard to show God's love to someone who has been mean or unkind to you (make sure not say names aloud). Now think about how that person could be changed by God's love if you did the exact opposite of what they are expecting you to do.



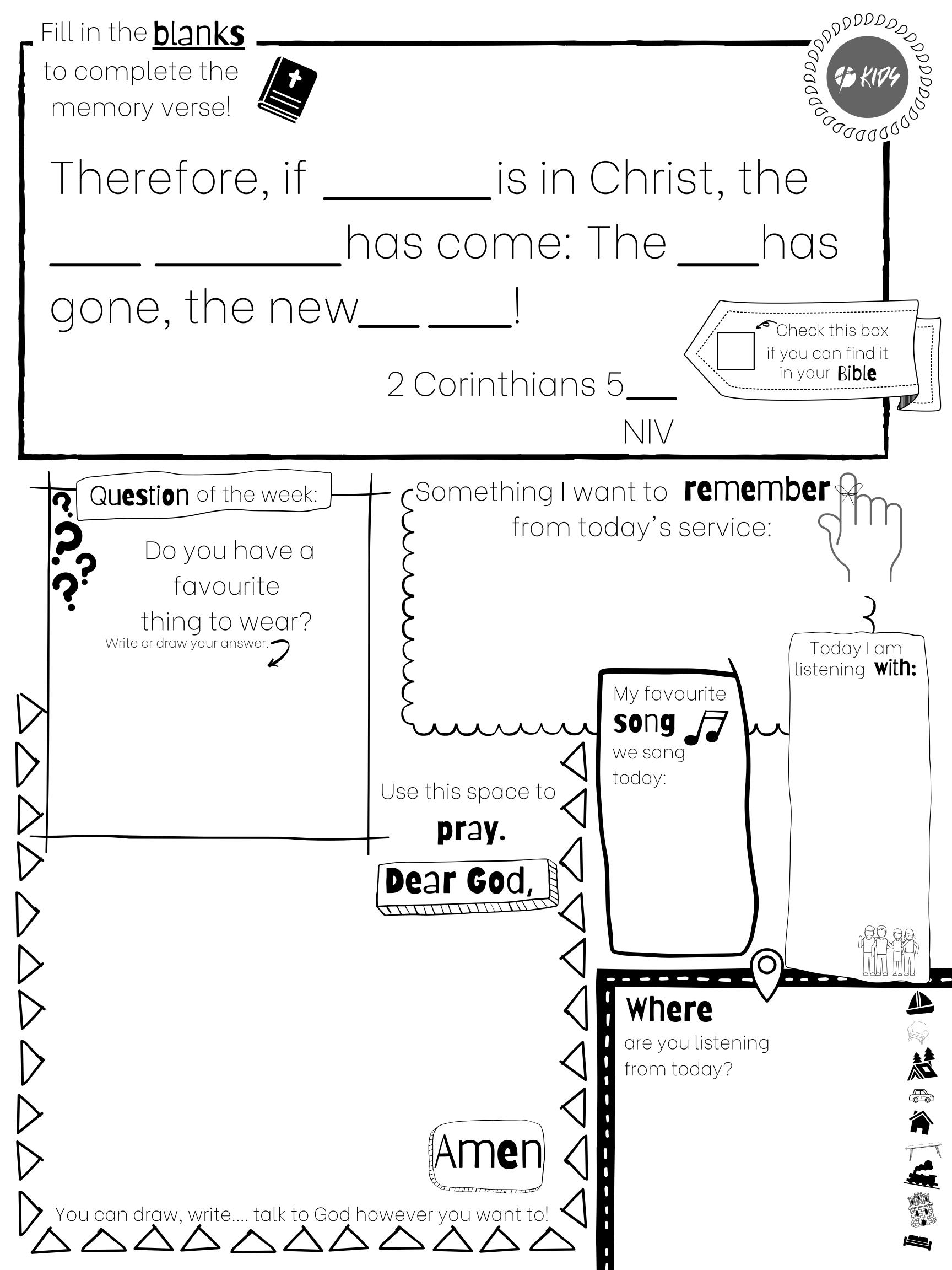
It might seem pretty impossible to actually love our enemies but there's good news! God will give us the strength to show His love to people we don't get along with and those who are mean to us. It's OK if we don't like everyone. We don't have to. We don't even have to be friends with those who are mean or rude to us. We don't have to hang out with them or invite them to our birthday parties. But God does want us to show His love to them. That means being kind and loving and thoughtful and helpful, just like Jesus said in the Luke passage. He wants us to love our enemies so that we begin to love them or better yet, they begin to love us and to love Jesus!

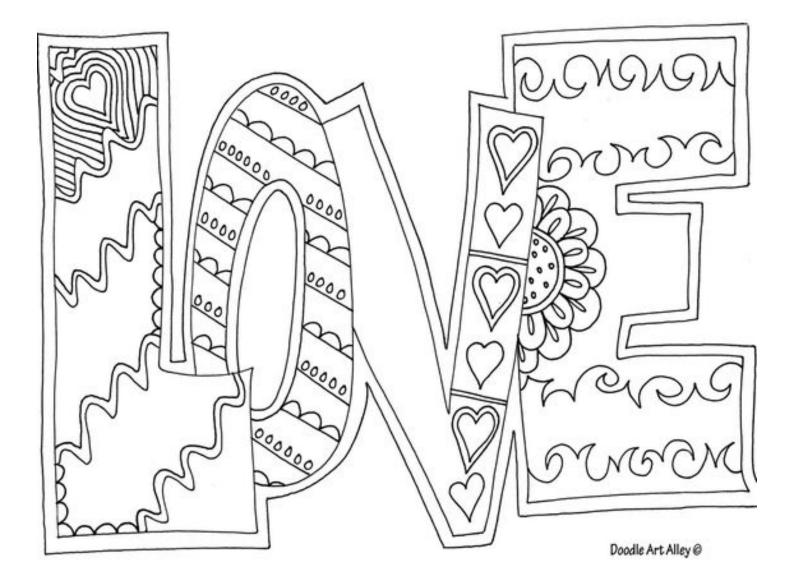


Today I am**thankful** for:

Fill this space with as many things as you can think of!







Love One Another Word Maze

Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

Love one another. John 15:17b HCSB

