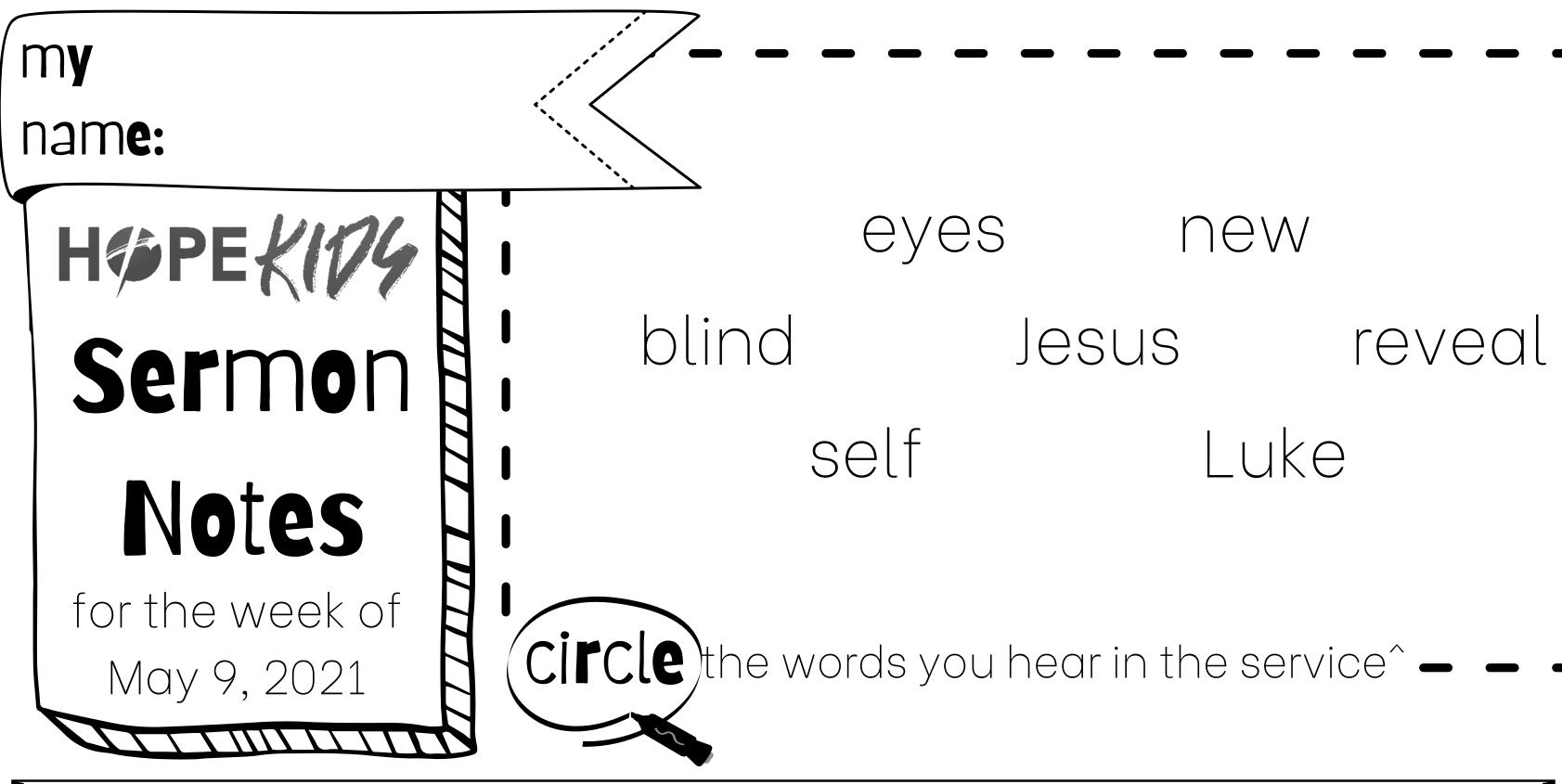
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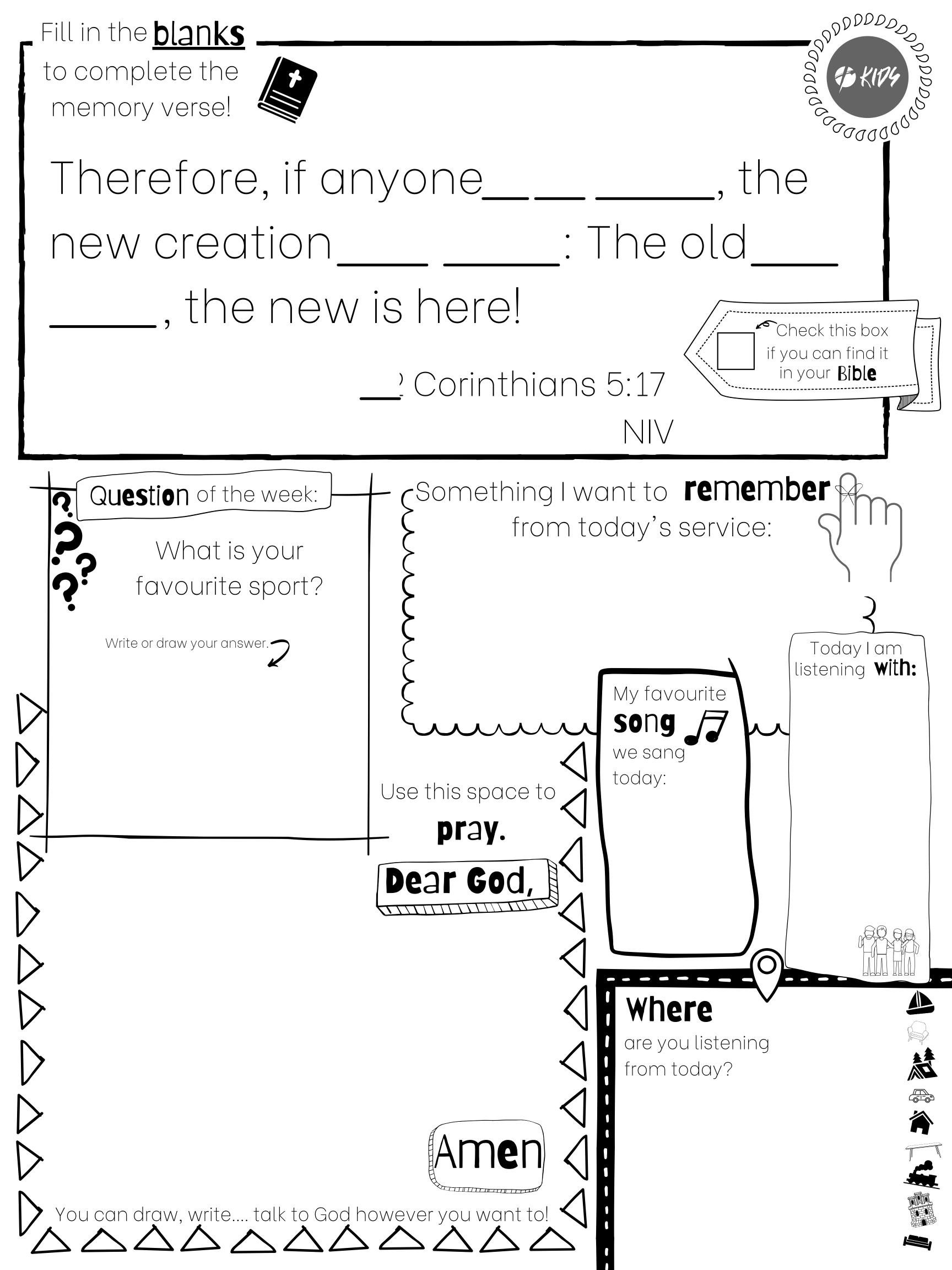
- Custom sermon note pages for kids to enjoy during the service
- Colouring / Activity pages
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- Memory verse cards



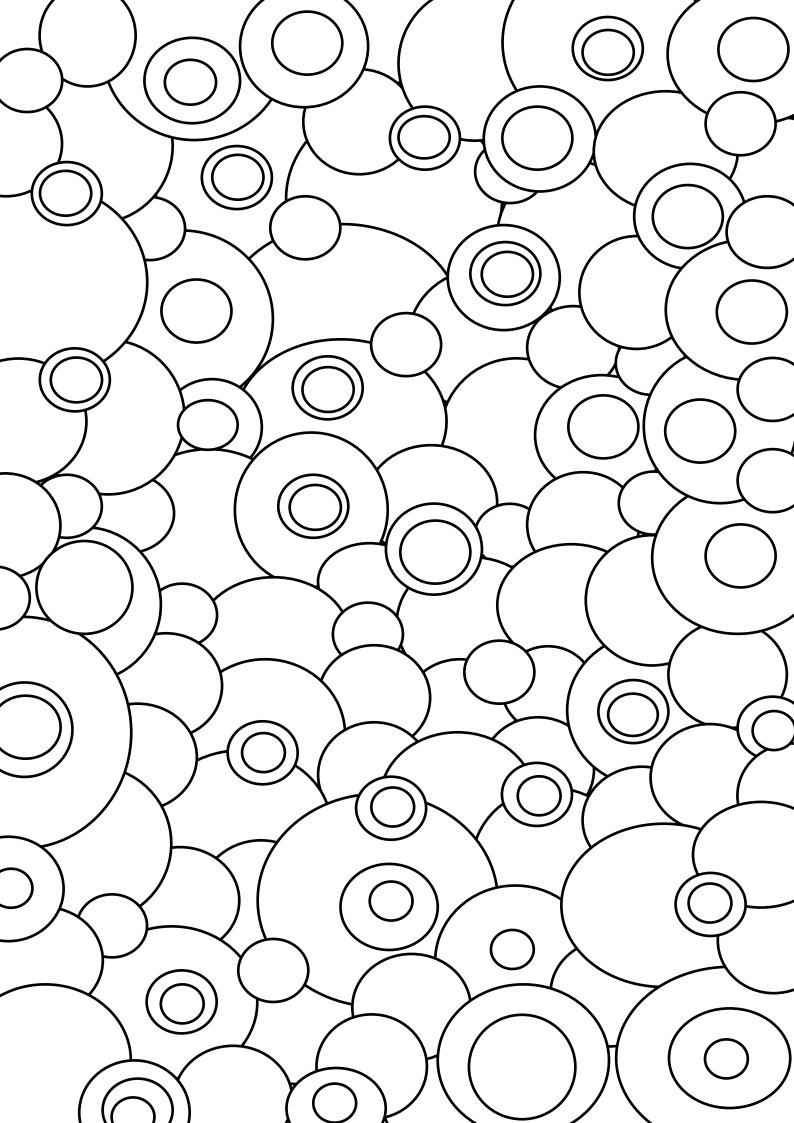
Today I am**thankful** for:

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





Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 (0)



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FAMILY A New Love

Here's a quick true or false quiz for you to take:

- 1. The Bible teaches us right from wrong. True or False
- 2. It's fine if I pick on other people because I'm perfect. True or False
- 3.I should worry more about my own behavior than what other's do. True or False
- 4. Jesus always made the right decision. True or False
- 5.1 always make the right decision. True or False
- 6.1 should pick on people and make fun of their failures. True or False
- 7.1 should be easy on others who do something wrong because I've done wrong things too. True or False

This week in our Bible story, Jesus uses some humour to get his point across to his listeners. Grab a Bible and read Luke 6:37-42.What in the world is Jesus talking about here, especially in verse 41 where he mentions a speck of sawdust and a plank?

Jesus is saying that we often decide what to think of someone by what they have done. If they do good things, we like them. If they have done something wrong or bad, we don't like them. That is not the Jesus' way. Why not? Because we all have done wrong or bad things. So Jesus says a speck of sawdust we see in someone else's eye isn't as bad as the big plank of wood in our own eye that we can't see – that's Jesus' humour!

Think of it this way. You eat a yummy, messy taco and you get it all over your face and shirt. You even wipe your hands down your pants after you are done. Then your friend comes over to play and he has a teeny, tiny spot on his shirt from an ice cream cone. You laugh uproariously and point out the small stain on his shirt when your whole outfit is covered in greasy taco stains! You have no right to laugh at your friend when you look worse than he does! The same goes for our behaviour – we don't have any right to think worse of someone because of what they've done. We all have done wrong things. Only Jesus is perfect (see the true or false quiz above!).



What are some 'planks' we might have that we can't see? Here are a few ideas. Think about which ones you might struggle with:

Unforgiveness

People are sometimes careless, absent-minded, tired, or may be going through a rough time which makes it more likely for them to make mistakes. To criticize people or hold it against them because they make a mistake is having a plank in your eye. (Matthew 6:15)

Jealousy

If you criticize people who you think have more than you, are smarter than you, or are more talented because you are jealous of them, you have a plank in your eye. (Luke 12:15)

Selfishness

If you criticize or put someone down so that you look better, you are being selfish and have a plank in your eye. (Philippians 2:3)

Arrogance

If you criticize someone because you think you are better than them, you have plank in your eye. (Romans 12:3)

Prejudice

Having an opinion of someone without knowing them is being prejudiced. If you judge someone by the clothes they wear, how they speak, what they believe, their age, or by the color of their skin, you have a plank in your eye. (John 7:24)

Take time to pray and ask Jesus to help you with any 'plank' you might have that causes you to not be kind or generous or loving to other people.



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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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