Good News Club Theme and Active Games

God: The One Who Knows My Heart (Lesson 1-5)

What does a king do? He rules a kingdom. He is the boss of the people. Not only making the rules but also keeping the people safe from harm. God, the creator of the universe is the King but of what? He wants to be the king of our hearts. How can God be the king of a person's heart? God came to the earth to prove His love for everyone. He came to save us from sin. We make Him the boss or the ruler of our lives by trusting in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. Daily we learn to trust and follow His word. Through the lessons and activities children will learn what it looks like to make God their king. The example we have in King David will bring out some of the characteristics of a follower of God as well as several of His key attributes. Knowing who God is will lead us to follow His ways. (1) Follow God (2) God sees my heart (3) God is the Champion (4) Trust God's Plan (5) God is Kind.

Lesson 1 The Heart that Follows God

Theme: What does a perfect king look like? The children of Israel looked around at the other nations and wanted a king like they had. This choice would lead them away from God. God was their true king. God gave them what they wanted. The children will learn what God is looking for in a follower. He is looking for one who desire to know Him personally. Knowing who God is by studying His word leads to living in a way that reflects God's heart.

Game: "*Find the True King*" *Around the room will be placed 10 qualities of God as our king. There will also be 10 qualities of a bad king. Divide the class up into two teams. One person at each time will find one card and bring it back to their team. Then the next person will find a card. Do this until all the cards have been found. The team with the true qualities of God is the winner.*

Good King- 1. Good (Perfect) **2.** Loving **3.** Patient **4.** Rescuer **5.** Protector **6.** Provider **7.** Humble **8.** All Wise/Knowing **9.** Merciful **10.** All Powerful

Bad King- 1. Selfish **2.** Prideful **3.** Impatient **4.** Anger **5.** Envious **6.** Greedy **7.** Tolerant **8.** Fearful **9.** Fake **10.** Limited knowledge

Word Up! "Follow God!"

I want you to follow me as I do certain things. (*Do motions or walk around room*) Today we will talk about what it means to follow God. He loves you. He wrote his direction down in His Word. Listen close as we learn what it means to follow God (**Word Up!)**

Memory Verse Psalms 119:9

Intro- (*Act out cleaning window, have kids guess*.) When you clean something, it can be used again. Would you eat from a dirty dish? When you clean something, you make it pure. What is the most important thing to make pure? Listen carefully.

Pres- (*Read from Bible*) Middle, longest, Songs. Helps us remember wonderful things God has done.

Expl- (Notes) young person, totally clean, temptation in life. How do you know what is right or wrong? Guarding heart by listening to God. According to your word – listen and obey God's word. You care more for what God says then anyone else says or does.

Appl- (***Saved***) Keep your life pure. Memorize God's word, Holy Spirit reminds you. (***Unsaved***) God wants to make you pure. How? Only through Jesus Christ. Trust Him as your Savior.

Rep- "*Clean Up Motions*" (Clean up motion cards) or "Erase a Word"

Review Game: "Who's the King" Divide class into two teams. After each right answer the team member turns his back to the class. Give three paper king crowns to their team to hide behind their back. Give the team member three chances to guess who has the crown. Award additional points if they guess correctly.

Lesson 2 A Heart after God

Theme: God used Samuel to choose the king he wanted. He was not the tallest or strongest. God desires a person after His own heart. He desires people who love Him and want to serve Him. Children will see why God chose David and not his brothers to be the new king. They will begin to pray for the same heart as David had.

Game: *"Find God's Heart" Divide the class into two or three teams and assign each team a different color. The words to the phrase*
*"**I want a heart like Jesus**" is written on cards and placed around the room. Each set of cards are in different colors. The teams must find their color cards. The team who can find all their cards and put them in the right order is the winner.*
Game: *"Who is the King" Several students are chosen to come up front and turn their backs to the class. The teacher gives a small crown to one child and announces them as the king but leaves out their name. The king hides the crown behind them or under their chair. The students upfront must guess who the king is. They can ask up to seven questions to figure out who the king is.*

Word Up: *"God sees my heart!"*
Do you ever wish sometimes you had x-ray vision to see inside things? (*Show glasses to see through walls*.)
We can't – But God can. He can see into your heart. All your thoughts and feelings. All your intensions. "**God sees my heart!**"

Memory Verse **Psalms 119:10**
Intro- Have you ever said, "*Give it your whole heart*." "*Put your heart into it*." God says will tell us to put our whole heart into something. What? (**Resp**) (*Act out someone doing something halfway)*
Pres- We learned last week. David wrote this. Why? (**Resp**)
Expl- (Spend time with Him. Living in a way that shows. Put God first. Helps you care about what He cares about. The less you will wonder from Him.)
Appl- (***Saved***) God wants you to seek Him with whole heart. God give me a desire to know you more.
(***Unsaved***) You can seek God on your own. Heart is far from God. He sees your sins. He made a way for you to be forgiven by believing in Jesus.
Rep- "*Whole Heart / Half Heart*" (*Using a half heart say verse quiet. With whole heart say verse loud while standing*.)

Review Game: "*What's in Your Heart*" Divide class into two or three teams. After each right answer a team member picks a card. If they pick a good heart attitude, they place it in their team's container with a heart on it. They also receive 1000 points. If they pick a bad heart attitude, they throw it away and get zero points.

Lesson 3 The Heart Bold for God's Glory

Theme: David hears Goliath and the Philistines insulting God. He is compelled to act. David had seen God help him in the past, he knew God would help him now. Was David scared? He was scared but he was willing to act in God's strength and power. The children will learn God is the Champion! In whatever challenge or circumstance, they can trust God.

Game: "*The Champion paper ball war*" *Place a string or rope between two teams. Each team has 10-30 paper balls. When the music starts, they will have 30 seconds to get all their paper balls on the other team's side. The team with the least amount of paper balls on their side is the winner.*
Alternative: (For a large group) Two or three teams try to see how many paper balls they can get into a basket in 1 minute.

Word Up: "***God is the Champion***"
If you were alone in the dark, would you feel better going with someone strong and brave? (**Resp**) The person would be your champion. They would protect you. Who is the greatest Champion? (***Alternative****- blindfold child, adult protects them and lead them to safety.)*

Memory Verse: **Psalms 119:10**
Intro- "*Wandering*" Skit (Act out someone who is lost looking for directions.)
Pres- From the OT, From David
Expl- Explain key words and phrases.
App- (*Saved*) God will help you seek Him with your whole heart. Holy Spirit give you the power
(*Unsaved*) Are you wandering from Him? You can come to Him.
Rep- "*Choose a Champion*" *Two teams each choose a champion to front. Teach hold fingers behind back. Have each champion must guess the number behind the teacher back. The champion who gets right lead their team in saying the verse while the other teams shout the reference.*

Review Game: **"Giant Step" Divide** class into two teams. Make a start and finish line with a string. After each right answer the team member picks a number 1-3 from a bag. Whatever number they pick they must take that many steps toward the finish line. Whoever passes the finish line first wins.
Alternative: (*For small room*) After each right answer a team member picks a card from a bag. The card read giant step or little step. The team uses a stuffed toy as the representative for their team.

Lesson 4 The Heart that Trusts God's Plan

Theme: David would wait about 15 years before he would become king. He encountered many trials. King Saul kept trying to kill him. When he had the opportunity to kill Saul David decided to trust God's plan not his own. David and Jesus are good examples of trust. Though both experienced extreme challenges they lived lives of trust and obedience. The children will learn God is working in their lives even when it looks like He is not. They can take these examples and remember how God has worked in the past to teach them to trust God's plan.

Game: "*The Trust Challenge*" Divide class into two or three teams. Place 20-30 cards on the floor that have the phrases, "MY PLAN" and GOD'S PLAN". One member of the team at a time will retrieve a card. The teams will get 1-2 minutes to get as many cards as they can. The team with the most "GOD'S PLAN" cards is the winner.

Word Up: "*Trust God's Plan*"
Can you tell people you can trust? (Resp) You know they love you. Do they every ask you to do thing that are good for you, but you don't like? (Resp) They ask because they know what is best for you, even if you don't enjoy it. You can trust them. God loves you and you can trust His plan for your life. You can trust Him when life is hard and doesn't make sense.

Memory Verse: **Psalms 119:11**
Intro- *(hold something valuable, explain why it is.)*
I need a safe place for it. The bible tells of a treasure.
Pres- Show the kids where the verse is found.
Appl- (*Saved*) memorize God's word. HS uses it to helps (*Unsaved*) God Word tells you the truth.
Rep- "*Treasure Hunt*" (*Have kids or teams find treasure pieces hidden around the room. They must repeat the verse as it is written on the back of the treasure.)*

Review Game: "*Zero – Heart Edition*" Divide class into two teams. After each right answers the student picks from a container. The container has colored hearts each with different point values. If they choose a heart that has zero written on it, they get no points.

Lesson 5 God's Heart of Kindness

Theme: A young boy was certain he was going to be killed by the new King. The new king would often kill all those related to the old king so they could not become powerful and try to take over the kingdom, but David invited the boy Mephibosheth to be a part of his family and restoring to him all his wealth. The children will learn about the kindness of God. God has given each person the opportunity to be a part of His family. Jesus the Son of God sacrificed His life to save everyone. God is kind so He made a way to save everyone who will choose it.

Game: *God – Family – Kindness – Love- Jesus Challenge*
Divide the class into two or three teams. Place the words GOD, FAMILY, KINDNESS, LOVE and JESUS on the floor. Place a string or rope around each word. Each team is given 5 bean bags or paper balls. One team member at a time will throw the bean bag and try to get it on the word or in the circle around the words. The team must get their bean bags on all 5 words. The first team to get all five bean bags on the words is the winner.
***Additional ideas:** After they get their bean bags on the words, they can write down the name of one person they can show God's kindness to and how they can show kindness to them.*

Word Up: "God is Kind!"
*What are some things we have learned that God is like? (**Resp**) (Write on board) Today we will learn something new. God is gracious – way to be forgiven.*

***Memory Verse:** Psalms 119:9-11*
***Intro-** What do you want to be when you grow up? (Resp) Why do you want to be that? (Resp) You admire them? There is one we admire who is our hero.*
***Pres-** David wrote this. Why? Why important to store God's word in your heart? Points to best hero! Jesus!*
***Expl-** Explain key words or phrases.*
***Appl-** (**Saved**) Reading & Obey God's word helps you be more like Jesus. (**Unsaved**) God's word shows us how we are not like Jesus. Jesus wants to save you.*
***Rep-** "Every Other Word" (Have instruction of how to say the verse on cards face down one a table. Allow child to choose a card. Say the verse following the instructions on the card for*

every other word in the verse. They can also say verse for every other phrase.)

Review Game: *"Set the Kings Table"* Divide the class into two teams. After each right answer a team member picks an item from a bag. (*Fork, plate, napkin, spoon, butter knife and cup*.) Each will have a different point value written on it.

The One Who Knows My Heart — Lesson 6

Remote control review party
Scriptures (*2 Sam 7:1-17; 12:1-15; 1 Chron 22:1-5; 1 Kings 2:1-10; Luke 1:26-33; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev 11:15*)

Remote Control Rewind Theme Ideas:

"Decoration Ideas"
(Make a tv screen for teachers to stand behind. Arrange the seating to look like a movie theater. Could number seats and give children tickets. Could set up snake table like a theater.)

"Movie Scene" Schedule Have black and white cards numbers "Scene 1, Scene 2, Scene 3 and Scene 4 placed all over the room. On the back of each scene card is the next activity for the party.

"Remote Control" Behavior Incentive Choose a child who is behaving rules well to come up and push the button on the remote. Show large remote.

Small Group Activity Ideas

"Be a Start!" Children sit in circle and pass a ball. Shout out instruction as they pass ball. "Play" "Fast-Forward" "Rewind" and "Pause" as they pass ball. Whoever is holding ball when you pause is the star! They get to share something they like. Favorite movie? Favorite animal?

"Make a Movie" Provide props and costumes that can be used to act out a scene from one of the Bible lessons.
Such as "God rejecting David's other brothers."
"David defeating Goliath" "David hiding from Saul"
"David meets with Mephibosheth"

Starting Your Club

What is your favorite movie. (*Give suggestions*)
What if you wanted to pause it or rewind it because you missed something. Could you use a remote like this. (*Show large remote*) We will rewind and fast forward through the life of David

David was a man after God's own heart. We will rewind through his life then fast forward to parts we have not seen. All to show us what God's heart is like. Will pause to play some games and fun stuff.

"Remote Control Verse Review"
Start to sing line from popular Disney move. "Let it go, Let it go." Can you guess what move that was from.
We know many of these lines by heart. There is something way more important to know by heart.
What is it? (**Resp**) We have learned how important it is to know God's Word by heart. We will practice now.
Child pushes remote to control verse
"Play" Say verse normal speed facing forward
"Fast-forward" Turn to the right and run in place
"Rewind" Turn to the left and run in place
"Stop" Stop the verse and freeze in place

Bible Lesson Review Game

"***Remote Control Rewind Review Game***"
We learned a lot about King David. How much you remember? We will rewind through the things we learned. (*Choose child to push button and turn back ward through the flashcard visual to reach flashcard 5-4*)
(5-4) What is happening in this picture? (**Resp**)

David showed kindness to Mephibosheth. What did we learn about God through his lesson. (**Resp**) **"God is Kind!"**
We learned a lot about King David. How much you remember?

(*Allow children to pull heart shaped cards with points to earn point for there team. One leader hold the flashcards the other can ask the question and hold the points. Let children keep score for their team) (Rewind after each question.) (Can have kids spin in circle when rewind button is pushed)*

(Flashcard 5-4 Read questions 1- 2) "God is Kind!"
(Flashcard 4-3. Read questions 3- 4) "Trust God's Plan!"
(Flashcard 3-6 Read question 5-6) "Jesus is the champion"
(Flashcard 2-5 Read question 7-8) "God sees my heart!"
(Flashcard 1-6 Read question 9-10) "Follow God!"

David was a man after God's heart because he cared about the things God cares about. Lets ask God to help us be people who follow Him with our whole hearts. (Pray)

Bible Lesson

Intro- (*Read a book to kids starting on the last page*.) Do you ever want to do that? (**Resp**) We going to fast-forward in David's life. He was king for 40 years. We will talk about a few things. (*Fast-Forward*)
(5-6) Why God choose David to be king? (**Resp**) MAGOH
God promised David's throne would last forever.
The greatest king would come through David. Show His love to the world
(God's Love) (**Jeremiah 31:3b** "*I have loved you with an everlasting love*.") His love never ends. Through David family God would show this love. (*Fast-Forward*)

(6-1) David was human- he lied, stole and killed
(**SIN**) God sees your sins too. (**Jeremiah 17:9** "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick*.") God saw David sin. Prophet confronted him. David knew his sin.
David heart turned back to God (**Psalms 51:10** "*Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me*.") David lived with punishment. (*Fast-Forward*)

(6-2) David wanted to build God permeant temple
His son would build it. David prepared it. (*Fast-Forward*)

(6-3) Solomon became king (**1 Kings 2:4**) kings wicked. What was promise. (**Resp**) 1,000 years. (*Fast-Forward*) God kept promise (**Luke 1:32-33**)
JESUS- The King of Kings. Related to David. Perfect. (**Colossians 1:13-14**) He is alive. David throne continues.
(6-4) (*Fast-Forward*) Jesus reigns as king forever. New Kingdom. Something to look forward to.
Growth- You can look forward to when Jesus makes all things new. (**2 Peter 3:13**) The promise – the hope.
Invitation- For those who believe. (**John 6:47**)

2 Samuel 7:1-17 The Lord Covenant Promise to David
David wanted to build a house to the Ark.
Nathan declared for David to do as his heart desires, God is with him.
God speaks to Nathan of the covenant with David and his family.

2 Samuel 12:1-15 God sends Nathan rebuked David for his sin
He tells the story of two men one rich one poor. The rich man steal and kills the poor man only sheep. David is angry over the rich man

Nathan says you are the rich man. David will be punished for his sins
There will be rebellion in his household. He sinned in secrete his punishment will be in public view.

1 Chronicles 22:1-5 David prepared the temple to be built. Preparing all the materials needed. His son Solomon would build it.

1 Kings 2:1-5 At David's death he gave his Solomon a charge to be strong in the Lord, to walk in His ways, with all your hearts. If you do there will always be a man on the throne.

Luke 1:26-33 The angel declared to Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah. The child from the line of David. He will have the throne of his father David. Jesus came from the line of David. He would be the King whose kingdom would have not end.

2 Peter 3:13 The promise we are awaiting is a new heaven and a new earth were righteousness dwells.

Revelation 11:15 The angel blew the trumpet declaring "*the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign forever."* Christ kingdom would have not end.

John 6:47 "*Truly, Truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life."*

Review Questions

1. How did David show kindness to Mephibosheth?
2. How can you show kindness to someone?
3. How did David show that he trusted God's plan?
4. When can it be difficult for you to trust God's plan?
5. Who did David trust as his champion against Goliath?
6. Who can you trust as your champion?
7. Why did God choose David as the king?
8. What does God see and care about in your heart?
9. What did Saul do that showed he was not following God's with his heart?
10. How can you follow God as king of your heart?

Items Needed

Lesson 1

1. Good King and Bad King cards (***Game***)
2. Kings Crown "Who's The King" (***Review Game***)

Lesson 2

1. 2-3 sets of word "I want a heart like Jesus" (***Game 1***)
2. Kings Crown (***Game 2***)
3. Container with a heart on it. "What's in Your Heart" (***Review Game***)
4. 8 right heart attitudes – 5 Wrong heart attitudes (***Review Game***)

Lesson 3

1. 20-30 Paper balls (***Game***)
2. Pieces of string or robe (***Review Game***)
3. Steps 0-3 cards (***Review Game***)

Lesson 4

1. 20-30 cards with word "My Plan" and "God's Plan" (***Game***)
2. Brightly colored hearts with points (***Review Game***)
3. Container with a heart on it. (***Review Game***)

Lesson 5

1. Words on cards: God, Family, Kindness, Love and Jesus (***Game***)
2. String or rope (***Game***)
3. Bean bag or paper balls (***Game***)
4. (2 of each item) Napkin, Plate, Cup, Fork, Spoon, Butter knife (***Review Game***)

Good

(Perfect)

Rescuer

(Able to save)

Loving

(Loves you all the time)

Protector

(Guards, shields)

Patient

(Wait, calm)

Provider

(Gives what you need)

Humble

(Puts other first, serves)

All powerful

All knowing

(Knows everything)

Merciful

(Kind, forgiving, forgiving)

Selfish

(Cares only for self)

Anger

(Wants to hurt others)

Greedy

(Takes from others)

Prideful

(Thinks they are better then everyone)

Impatient

(Wants things now, can't wait)

Fearful

(Afraid, scared)

Fake

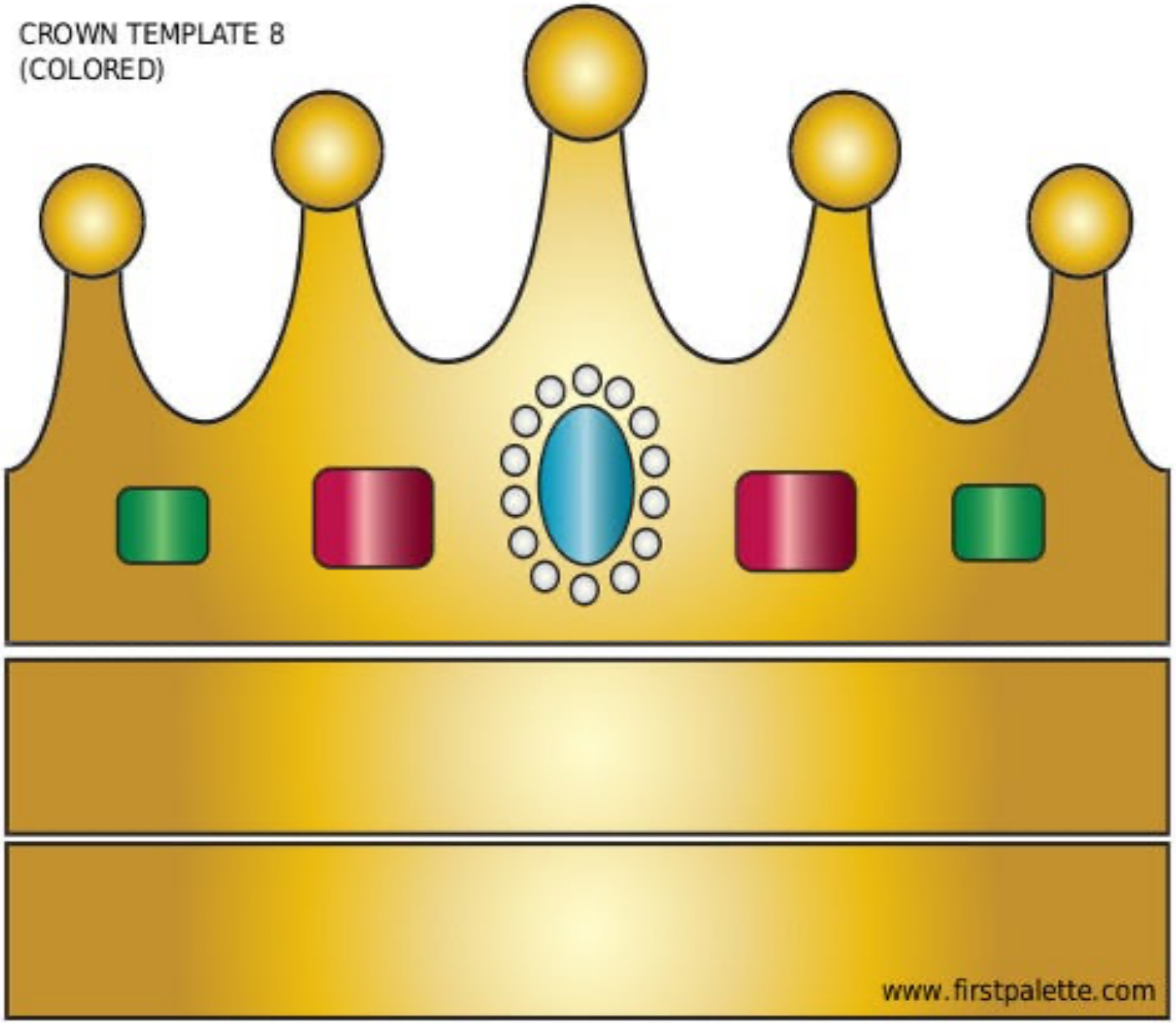
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Limited knowledge

(Does not know everything)

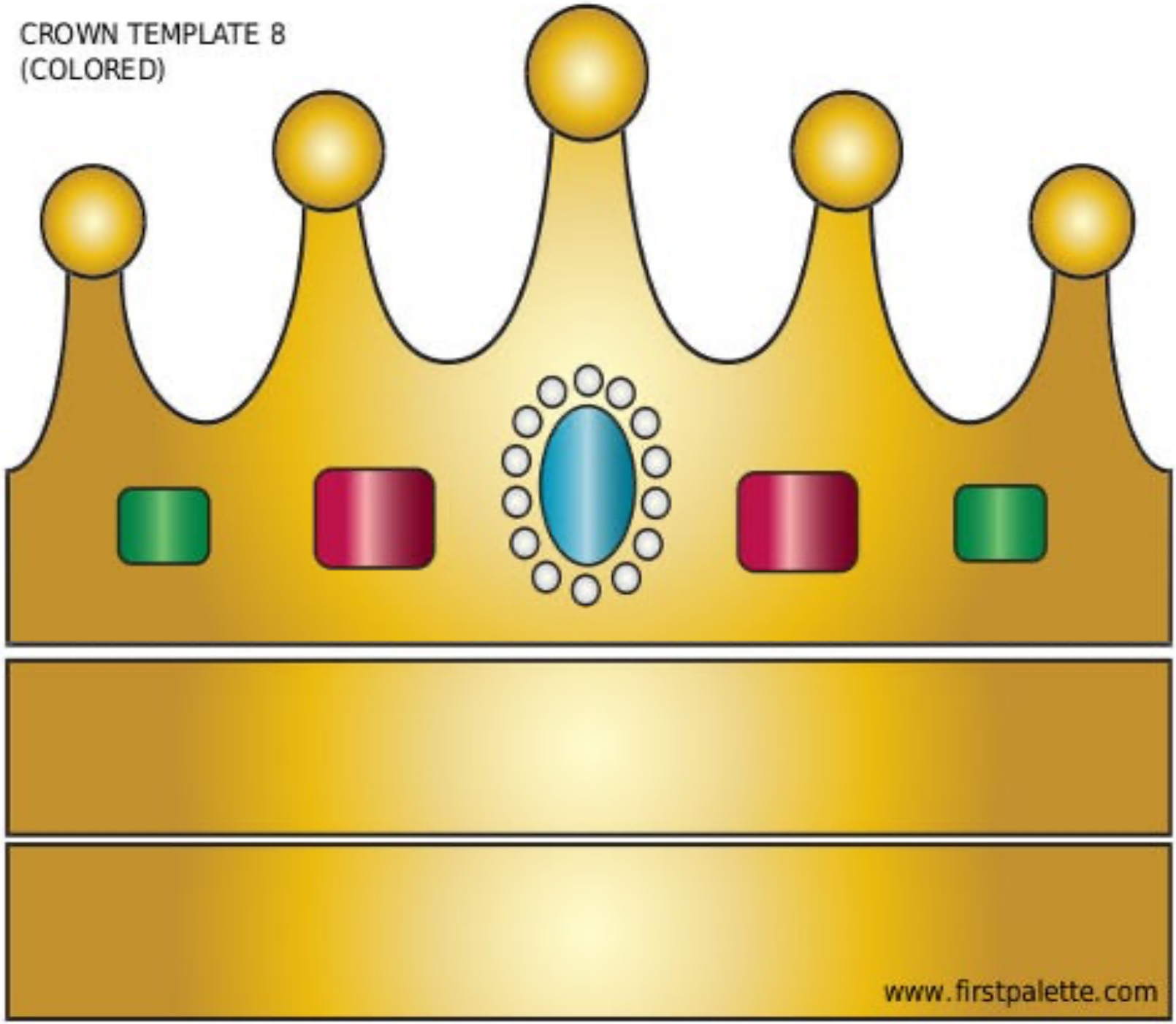
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like Jesus!

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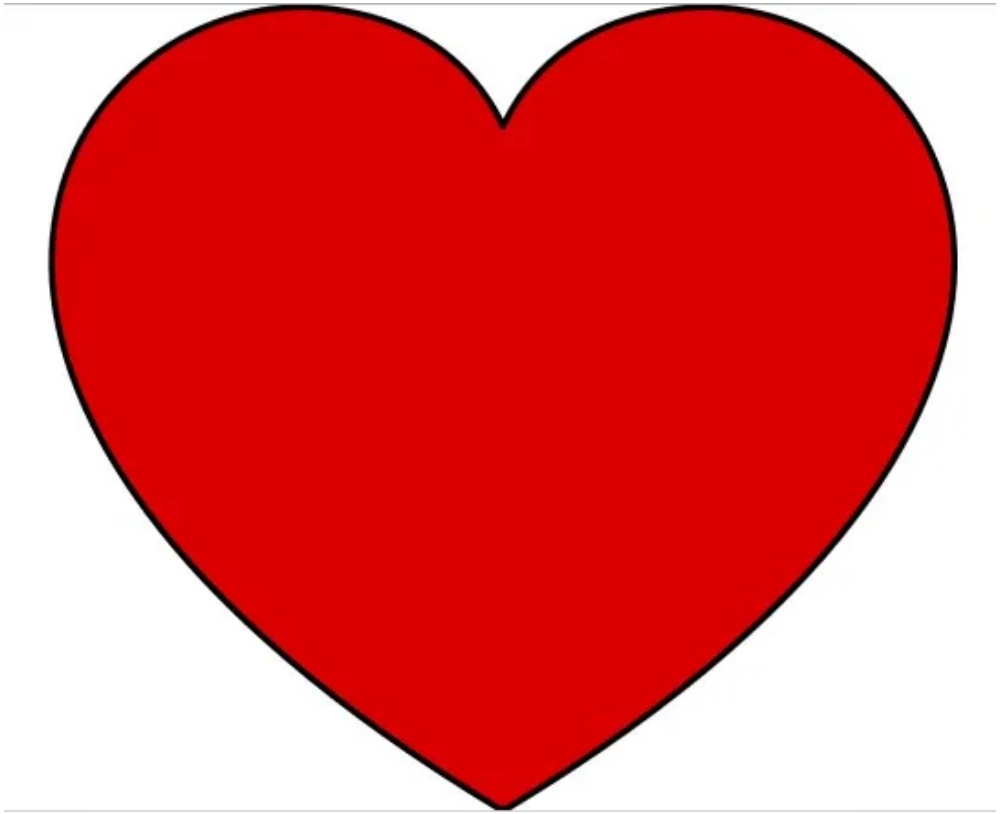
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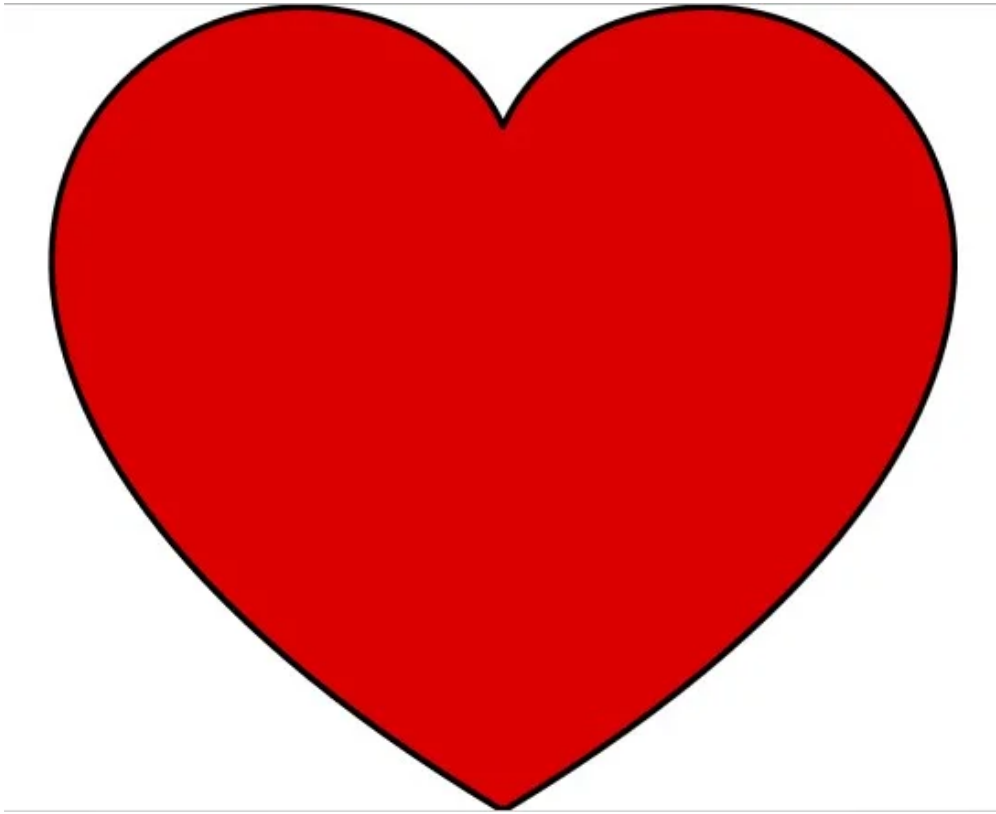
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Love	Good	Gossip
Kindness	Obedient	Hate
Patient	Giving	Disobedient
Helpful	Thankful	Jealous
Joyful	Humble	Prideful

Liar	Envy	Bad words
Selfish	Mean	Angry

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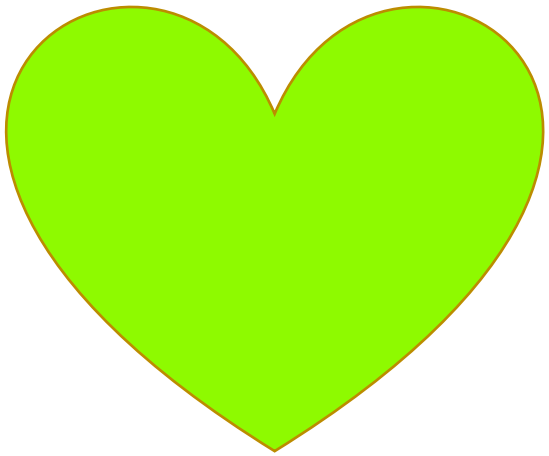
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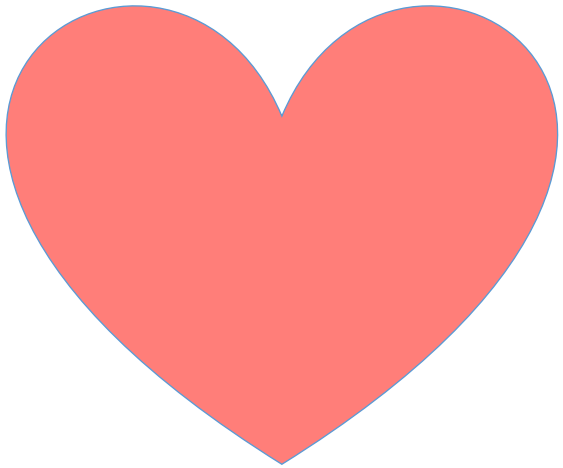
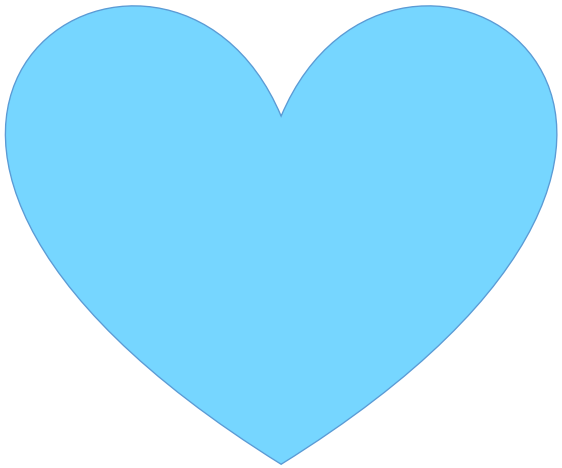
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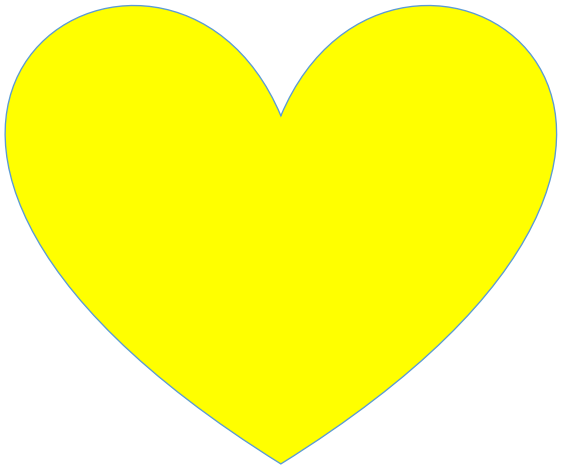
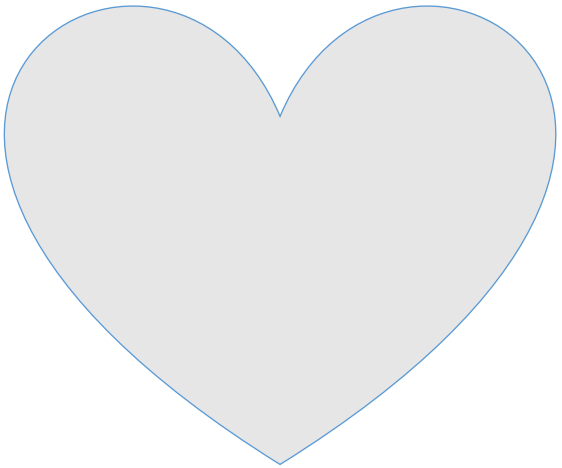
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GOD

FAMILY

KINDNESS

JESUS

LOVE