

# **MASTERPIECE**

## **WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS**



**DISCOVERING MY  
UNIQUE DESIGN  
THROUGH  
GOD'S WORD**

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**WRITE YOUR NAME ON THIS LINE:**

**WRITE THE NICKNAME YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY CALL YOU:**

**WHO IS ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD YOU HOPE TO MEET ONE DAY?**

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FALL ACTIVITY?**

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# ***WHAT IS A MASTERPIECE?***

**MASTER  
PIECE**

A masterpiece is something that took a lot of time, practice, and skill to make. Different types of things can be considered masterpieces, like a painting, a house, or even a car! God is the greatest masterpiece maker of all time, because he made you—his greatest creation of all.

***DRAW THREE THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF YOU'RE GRATEFUL GOD MADE:***

One thing that makes a masterpiece so special is that it's one of a kind. This devotional series will help you discover, through God's Word, the special ways God made you to be his masterpiece.

***WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WANT TO LEARN FROM GOD THIS FALL?***

EXAMPLE: To learn about God's love for me

# ***HOW TO USE THIS BOOK***

This book is created especially for Military children, like you, who face unique battles in life. Follow these simple guidelines to get the most out of this book.

## ***1. READ***

Read the devotional each week to learn more about loving God, yourself, and other people.

## ***2. REFLECT***

Think about the devotional and how you can do the things God is teaching you to do.

## ***3. EXPLORE***

Complete the weekly “Hero Training” to explore how you can live out your God’s Word each week.

## ***4. LEARN***

Ask an adult to help you look up each Bible verse in the “Keep It Going” section to learn more about God.

## ***5. HAVE FUN***

Use the doodle sections to write down any thoughts or questions you have about God and use the coloring sheets to have fun!



# ***TIPS & IDEAS***



Think about how God is helping you to love other people.



Talk with your parents or siblings about what you learned and ask them to help you love them better each week.



If you don't understand something you read, don't be afraid to ask an adult to help you understand it.



Memorize the Scripture verse each week.



Have fun and mark up this book with your own thoughts and doodles!

GRACE

WEEK 27

## BLESSINGS ALL AROUND ME

Because of all that the Son is, we have been given one blessing after another.

John 1:16

Do you know that God's blessings are all around you? Take a look! The blue sky with air to breathe! The cooling shade from trees on a summer day! Ears to hear your friend laughing. The ground on which to jump, run, skip, and roll. The list is endless. You could thank God for these things all your life. And you should!

All the things God created are unique and do really cool things. The birds sing. The cat purrs. The stars shine. Flowers bloom. Even the bugs buzz! All these things are showing how great God is.

So join in singing, praising, and celebrating God, because you have been given the greatest blessing of them all—Jesus! Because of him you can be a child of God. And because you are part of God's family, you can know your Father God will always take care of you.

Take some time this week to praise God for who he is and what he is doing in your life. You can sing to him, say a prayer, or simply chat with him whenever you want to talk.

Thank you, Lord, for so many blessings. You are a good, good God who loves me, his child!



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# HERO TRAINING

Can you count your blessings? Look around you and find things God has given you that you are grateful for. Color them in below!



**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Nehemiah 9:17

☐ Romans 8:32

☐ Psalm 150:6

☐ I Corinthians 15:56-57

**WEEK  
TWENTY  
SEVEN**



## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

The Niagara Falls in New York is a huge waterfall that is so loud it can be heard from miles and miles away.

(Now that's some loud praising!)



GOD OF  
HOPE

WEEK 28

## HIGH HOPES

I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.

Romans 15:13

What are you hoping for? Maybe you want your parent to come home. Maybe you want your grandparents to visit. Maybe you want pizza for supper! (*With extra pepperoni, please!*)

All of those things are good and it's normal to want them. But there are bigger things in life we can hope for. This week's Bible verse talks about putting our hope in God for salvation. That's a big word that means God can save us. But what is he saving us from?

God created all humans, but, sadly, we chose to do wrong things, sometimes called sins.

When God sent his son Jesus to save us from our sins, he gave us hope that we can live with him in heaven!

How do you get that hope? Just pray to Jesus. Admit that you do bad things sometimes and ask him to forgive you and help you do better. He will do it! Then you can smile knowing you have a hope that will last forever!

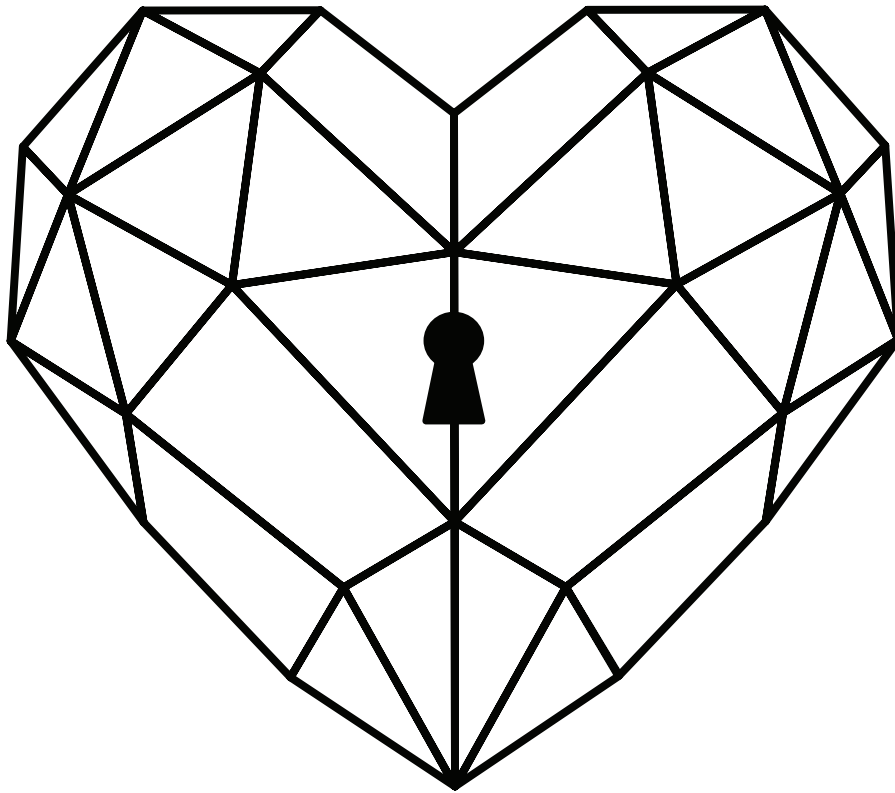
Jesus gives us hope  
that we can live with  
him in heaven!



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# ***HERO TRAINING***

The greatest hope we have is in Jesus Christ and his great love for us. Color in the heart below as you think of God's love! As you do, pray to him and thank him for loving you and saving you.



***KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK*** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Job 13:15

☐ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

☐ Psalm 42:5

☐ Hebrews 11:1

***WEEK  
TWENTY  
EIGHT***



## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

Some cicadas live underground  
for 17 years before they can  
come out as full-grown insects.

That's a long time to hope to  
see the sunshine!





***DOODLE  
SPACE***





## WHEN GOD WAITS

The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

2 Peter 3:9

Won't it be wonderful when we get to be with Jesus all the time?  
When the bad guys are all gone?  
When we don't have to say goodbye ever again?  
When no one cries from sadness?

That amazing day is coming. God promises it!  
We just have to wait patiently. God is waiting patiently, too. Really! He is waiting for that day, but not letting it come before more people have a chance to know him better.

God, thank you for your patience. I'm excited to see you face to face one day soon!

God loves us all and wants to give us time and chances to do what's right. Saying sorry for doing wrong is the first step. Then God can help you do what is right. By doing this, we please God!

And he is so patient with his children, too. When we mess up again and again, he wants us to ask for forgiveness and work to be more like Jesus. We know what is right because he tells us so in the Bible.

God is so patient!



# HERO TRAINING

Are there people in your life you hope will start to follow Jesus? Write their names below and pray for them every day! Pray for God to give you a chance to tell them about his great love.

**LORD, I PRAY FOR . . .**

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**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Exodus 34:6-7

☐ Psalm 86:15

☐ Romans 2:4

☐ 2 Peter 3:15

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NINE**

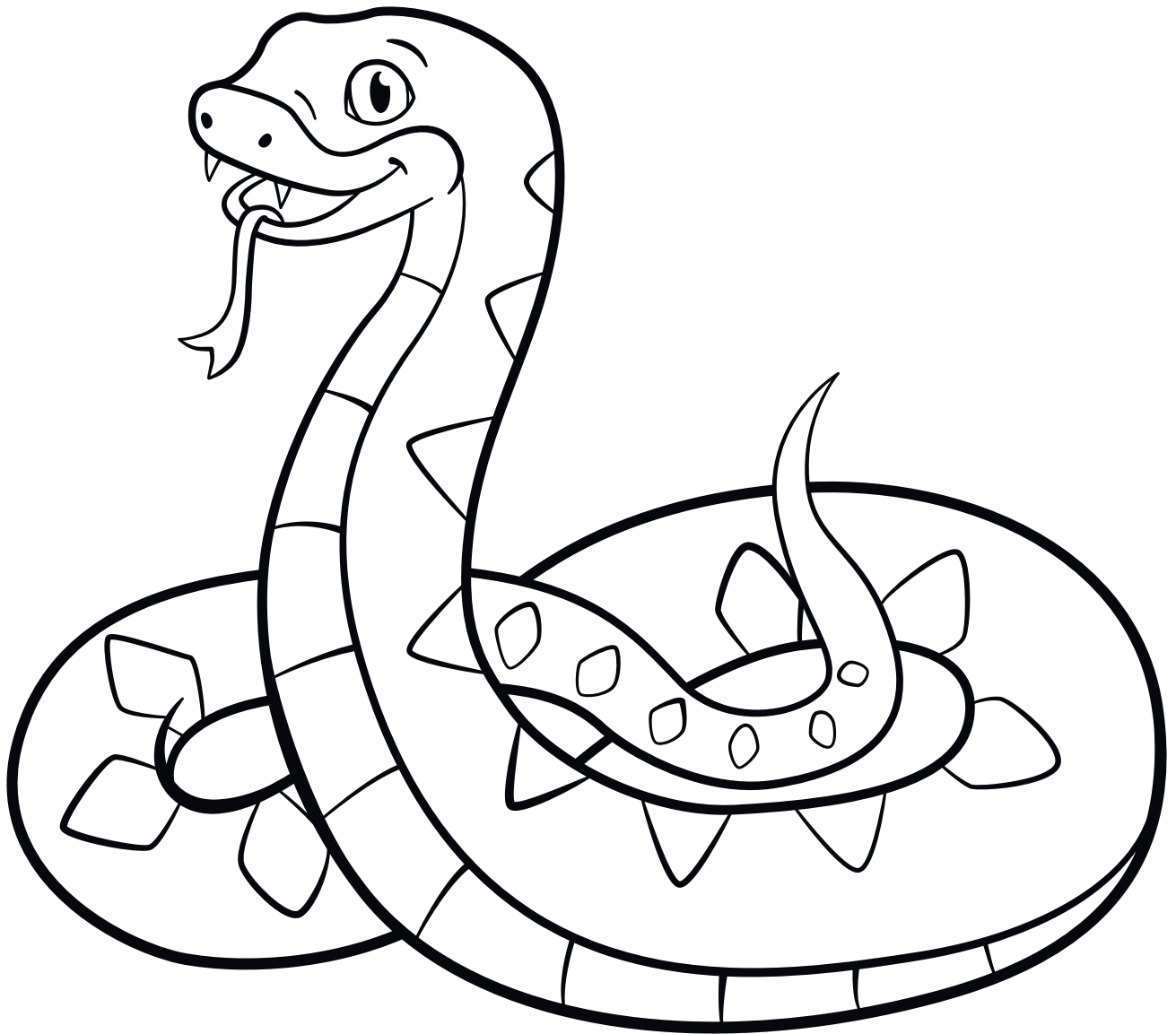


# ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***



An anaconda can go one year  
without eating!

Now that's waiting patiently.



## YOU CAN CHANGE AMERICA

If my own people will humbly pray and turn back to me and stop sinning, then I will answer them from heaven. I will forgive them and make their land fertile once again.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Do you hear grown-ups talk about America? Maybe they are worried about the news, or thinking about who to vote for, or wondering how to make our country better. Taking care of where we live is important. Our government helps us with all kinds of things like keeping people safe, teaching kids in school, even figuring out what to do with our garbage.

But how can a little kid help a big nation?

With God's help, that's how! You can pray! It is one of the most powerful things anyone can do. God says if the people in a country will pray to him, he will help them. He says if we turn away from our wrong ways, he will be with us. That is called repentance.

We need to ask God to forgive us when we do wrong, to show us the right things to do, and to protect us. We need to show God we love him by obeying what the Bible tells us to do. And we need to work at taking care of this amazing place we get to live in.

Will you pray for your country today?

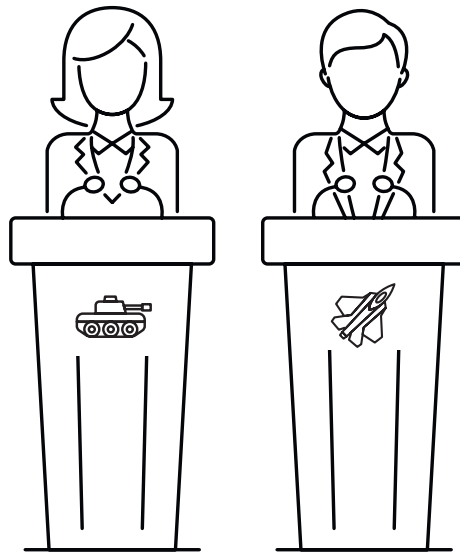
Thank you, God, for this great country. Please help our leaders know the right things to do. Amen.





# HERO TRAINING

You can make a difference! You can pray for your country. Ask God to help your leaders, your Military, and your people. Color the picture below as you pray for America.



**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ 2 Chronicles 6:26-27

☐ 1 Timothy 2:1-6

☐ Isaiah 55:7

☐ James 4:10

**WEEK  
THIRTY**

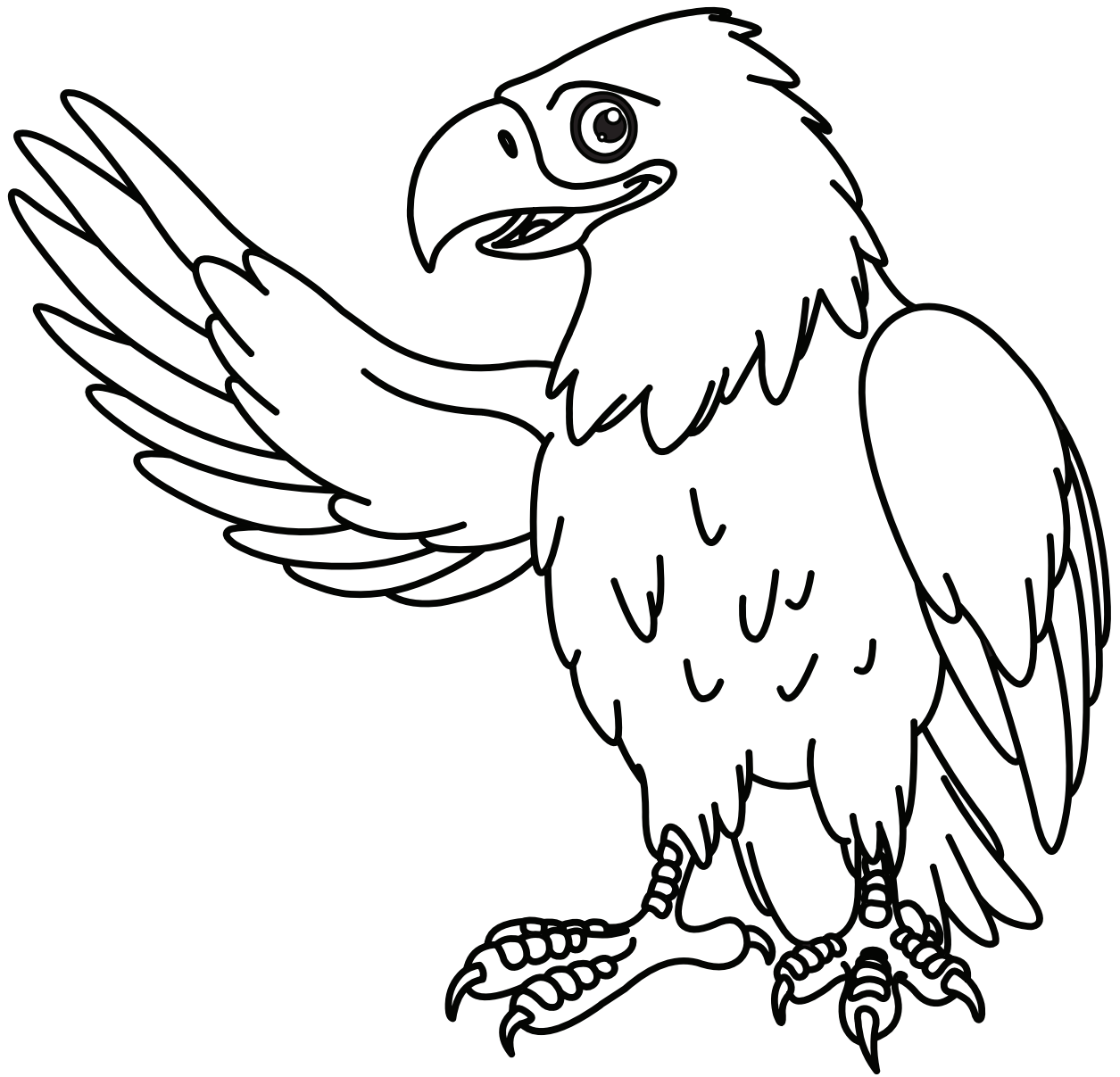


# ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

Our national symbol, like a mascot, is the bald eagle.

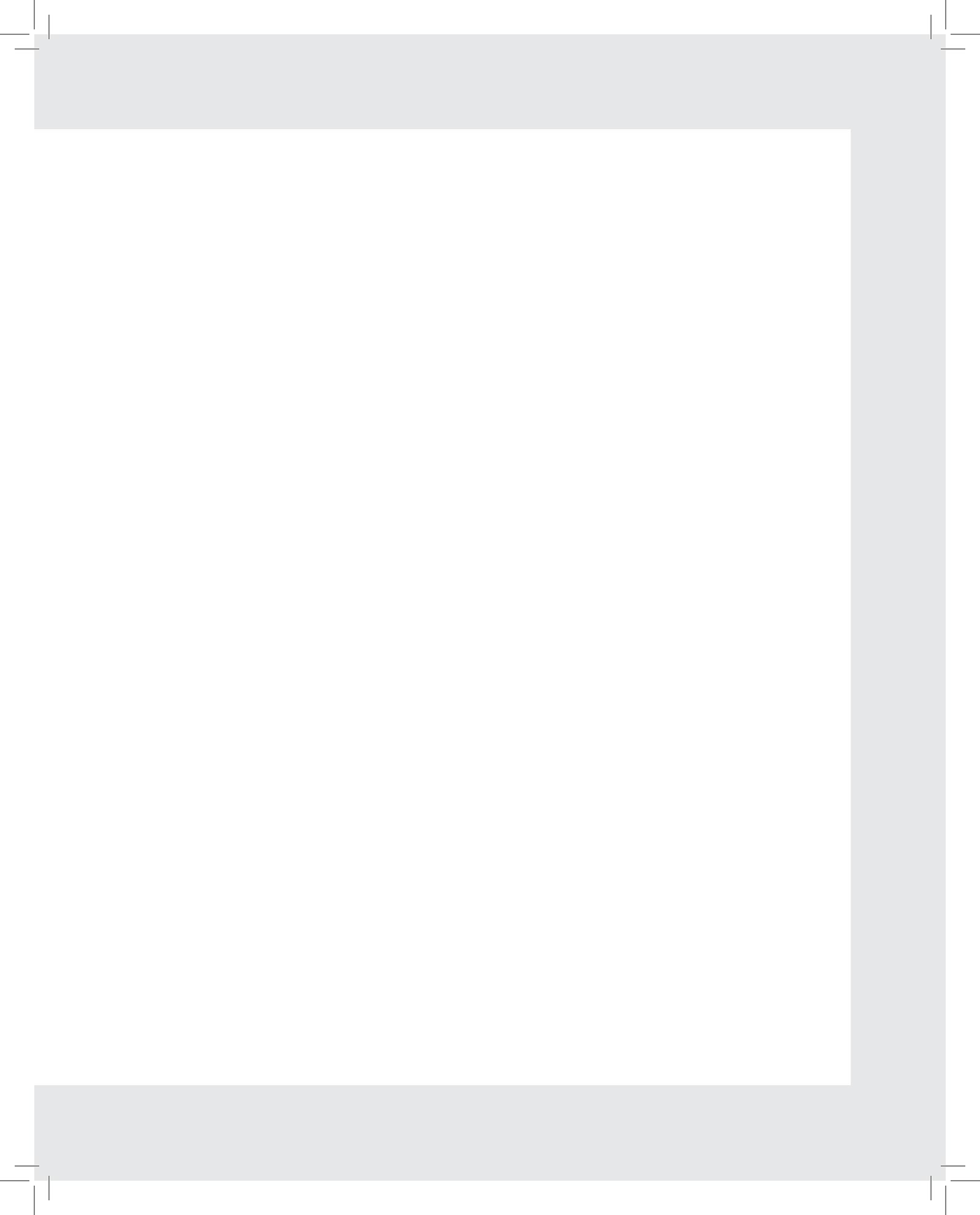
These majestic birds live in every state of America except Hawaii.

(When you see one in your state, let it be a reminder to pray for our nation!)



***DOODLE  
SPACE***





CELEBRATE!

WEEK 31

## SEEING THE WONDERFUL

This day belongs to the Lord!  
Let's celebrate and be glad today.  
Psalm 118:24

Yay! It's a new day! What is exciting, awesome, wonderful about today? Bet you can think of a million things.

Even on our hardest days, when we can't be with friends or someone we love is sick, or on just blah days, when it's too hot and nothing is happening, we can clearly see the great things God is doing for us. There is still reason to celebrate!

The dandelion is blooming. The mockingbird sings a concert. The clouds puff into monsters, castles, and animal shapes. The delicious smell of something baking in the oven fills the house.

All these wonderful things remind us of how much God loves us. And best of all, God sent his Son Jesus to be with us and save us from our sins. That makes even the worst days better than just okay.

So let's celebrate him today! Let's thank him. Let's look for the good things and point them out to each other. Because in all things, our God is good!

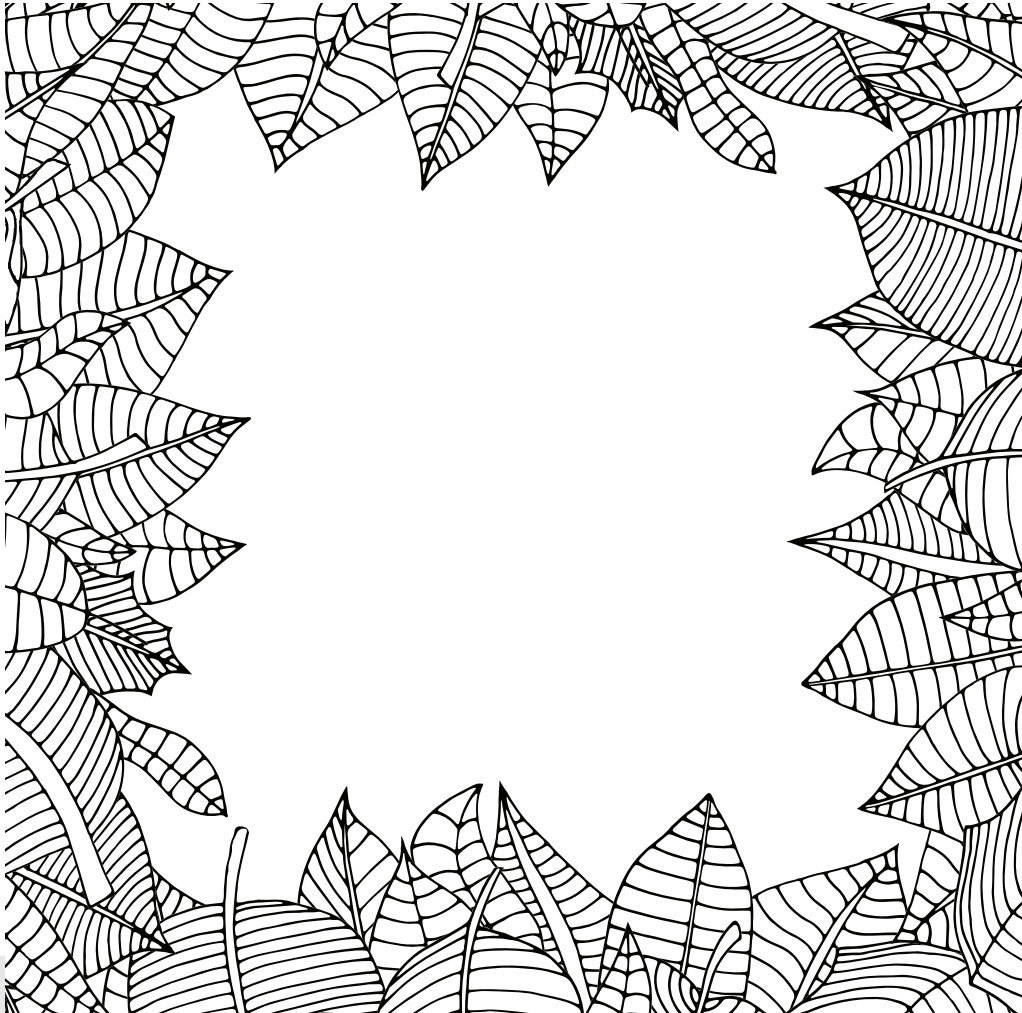
God, thank you for all the wonderful things you give me. Thank you for Jesus being with me always.



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# HERO TRAINING

Get outside! What is something you see that you love? Draw a picture of it here. As you do, remember that God made that for you. Celebrate as you thank him!



**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

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**WEEK  
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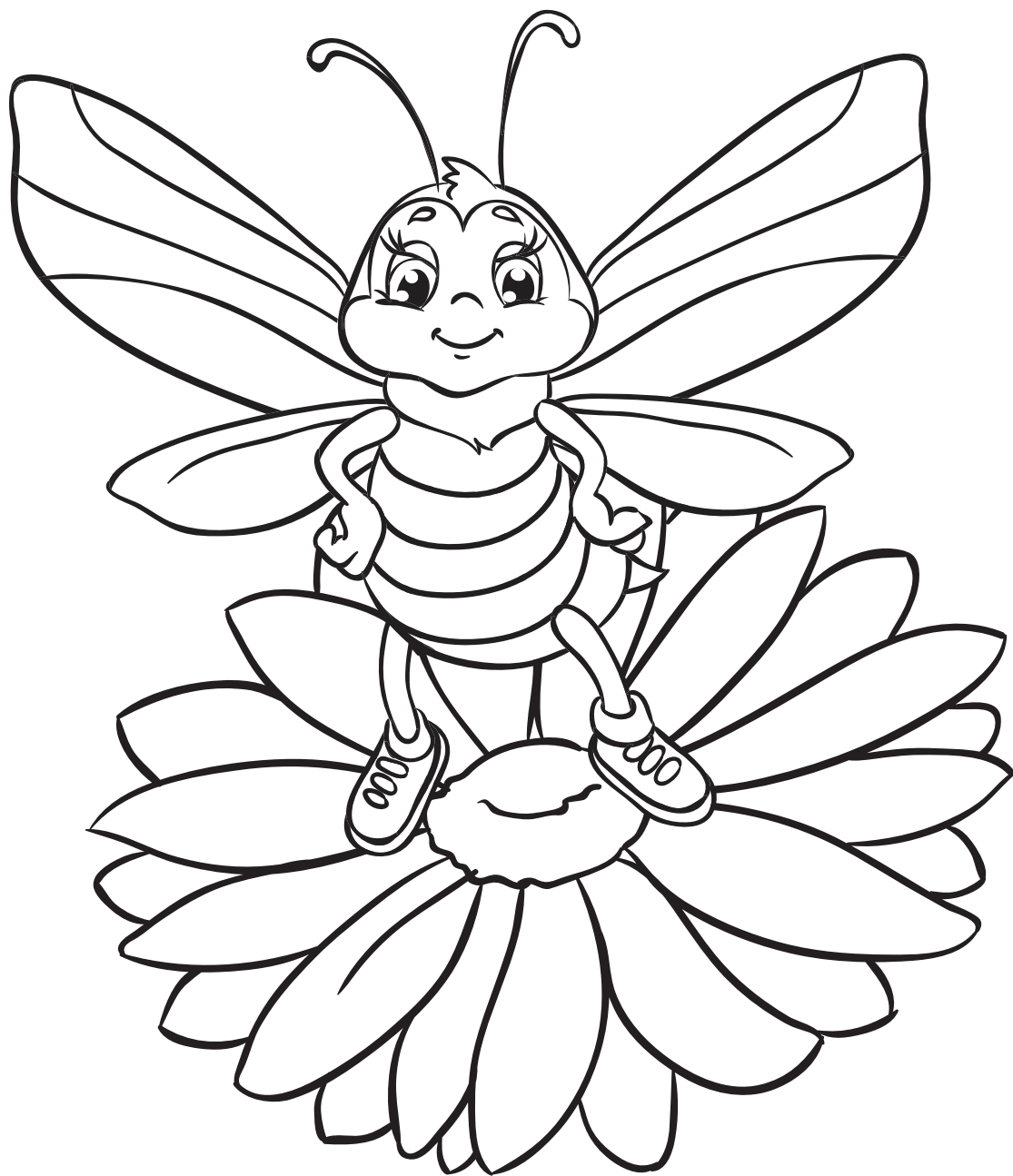


## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

Scientists believe there are  
400,000 kinds of flowers and  
they know of 900,000 kinds of  
insects.

That's a lot of cool stuff God  
made for us to celebrate!





## ALL BY MYSELF

Our God, from your sacred home you take care of orphans  
and protect widows. You find families for those who are lonely.  
Psalm 68:5-6a

What makes you lonely? Do you miss your parent when they go to work? Do you miss your friend when they leave? Do you wish your friend went to the same school or church as you?

It's sad when we can't be near people. Sometimes we don't know what to play without them, or we just want a hug. Our loved ones are gifts God gives us and we wish we could always be near them. Being without them in a faraway place can make you feel alone.

The good thing is that God is always with us. He never moves or has to go to work or is playing with someone else. He makes us his family.

So when you are lonely, talk to God like you would talk to your friend. Invite him along to go do something with you like ride your bike or color a picture. He loves to see you do what you love to do! He is always with you, even though you can't see him.

God, thank you for being  
with me. Thank you for  
loving me!



# HERO TRAINING

It might sound funny to spend time with God since you can't see him. But try talking to him out loud or in your head while you color this picture. Tell him what your favorite color is and thank him for it. Ask him what he would like you to do today. He loves spending time with you!



## NEVER ALONE

**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Psalm 25:16

☐ Isaiah 66:13

☐ Romans 8:15-16a

☐ 1 John 3:1

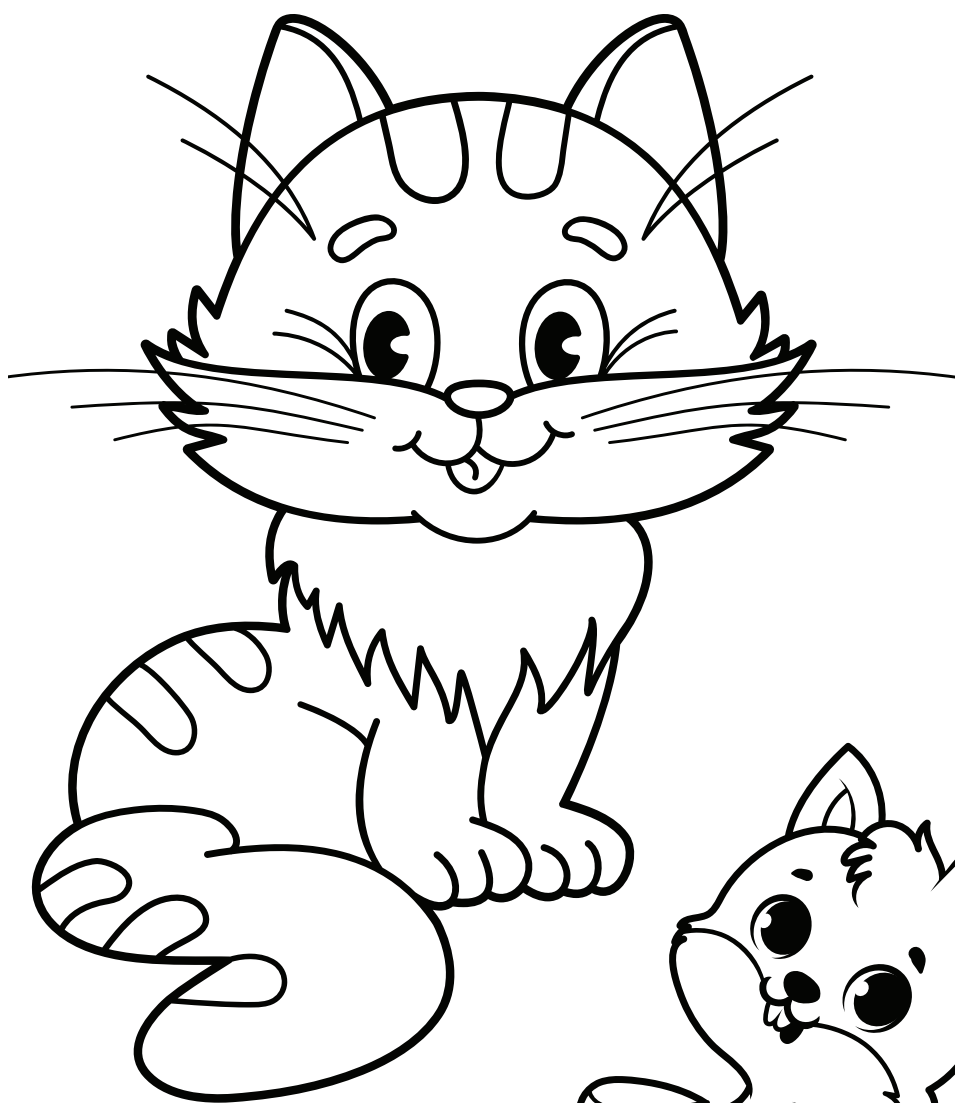
**WEEK  
THIRTY  
TWO**



## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

Sometimes animals adopt babies  
that aren't their own.

One cat family even raised a  
baby squirrel!



***DOODLE  
SPACE***





## HEART BAND-AIDS

The Spirit of the Lord God has taken control of me! The Lord has chosen and sent me to tell the oppressed the good news, to heal the brokenhearted, and to announce freedom for prisoners and captives.

Isaiah 61:1

If you hurt your finger, or your big toe, you can get a Band-Aid. But what if you hurt your heart? What if hard things are making you sad? Who has a Band-Aid for that?

God does! He knows there's going to be bad, sad things in this world. It makes him sad, too.

But there is a cure for all the sadness and hurt. His name is Jesus. In fact, Jesus himself talked about being chosen to come help the world. Because he was human, too, Jesus knows what it is like to scrape a knee or be sad.

Jesus loves us, holds us, and comforts us. That's the kind of Band-Aid he puts on our hearts. He will help us through the hard times. Ask him! Sometimes he sends other people to help, sometimes he helps us feel better, and sometimes he brings things in our life that make us smile.

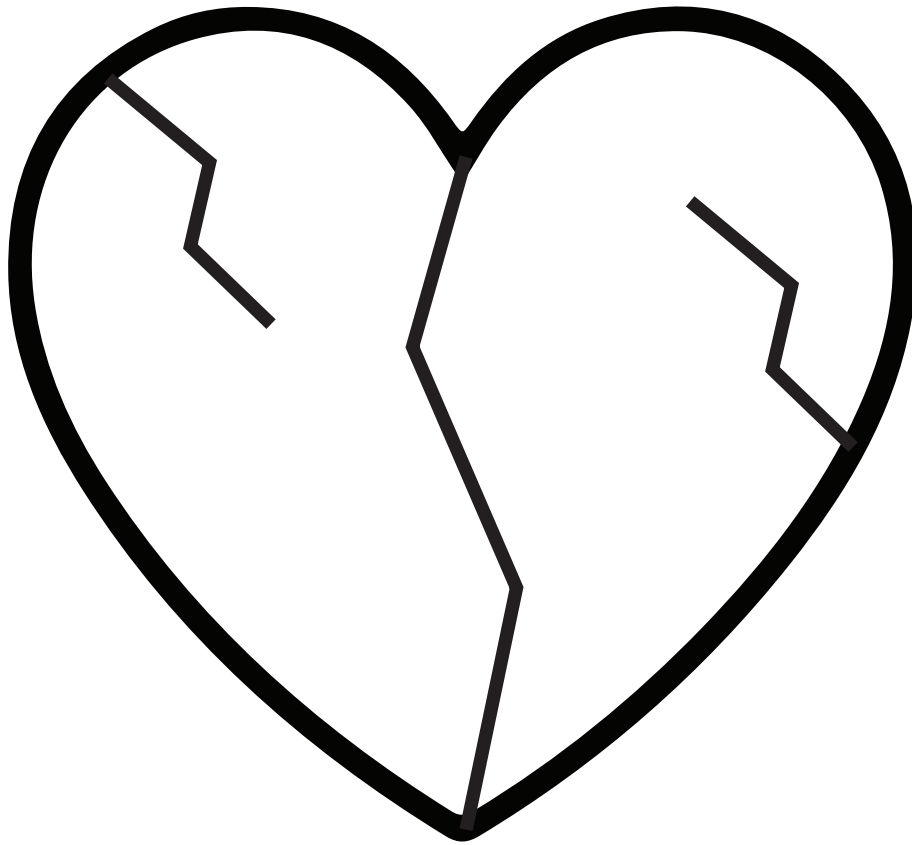
God, thank you for helping me when I'm sad. You love me so much! Please show me how to help other people.





# ***HERO TRAINING***

When you are sad or get hurt, your heart may feel broken—like it has cracks in it. You can always go to Jesus and he will help you feel better. He loves you! Draw some Band-Aids on the heart below to help it get better. As you do, thank Jesus for his great love for you.



***KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK*** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Psalm 43:5

☐ Matthew 11:4-6

☐ Isaiah 57:15

☐ 1 Peter 4:10-11

***WEEK  
THIRTY  
THREE***



## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

Many of our medicines come  
from plants!

Jewel weed leaves can be  
crushed and rubbed on bug  
bites or poison ivy rash to take  
away the sting and itch.

God provides nature Band-Aids!



GOD IS  
SUPERIOR

WEEK 34

## **BIG, BIGGER, BIGGEST!**

[In Heaven] ...Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers. He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well.

Ephesians 1:21

When the lights go off at night, do you feel afraid? Do you worry about bad guys or monsters? Do you hate being alone?

The old VeggieTales song goes:

*God is bigger than the boogie man  
He's bigger than Godzilla or the monsters on TV  
God is bigger than the boogie man  
And he's watching out for you and me*

It's a great song, and we can see from this week's Bible verse, it's true! God is bigger and stronger and smarter than any bad thing. He rules over everything!

So, when you are scared, at night or anytime, think about how powerful Jesus is and his huge love for you. When you are afraid it helps to pray to God, think about all the good things he does, and even sing a little song.

Jesus Christ rules over the entire world! Trust him today with your fears and worries. He cares about you and is with you always. Keep thinking about your big, powerful God!

God, you are bigger than anything I can think of!  
And you are stronger and smarter, too. Help me remember to not be afraid.



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# HERO TRAINING

Go find the biggest tree you can. Can you put your arms around it? Can you see the top when you are standing under it? God made the trees, so imagine how much bigger he is!



**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

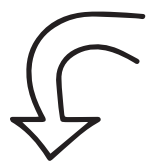
☐ Job 38:1-4

☐ Romans 11:34-35

☐ Isaiah 55:8-9

☐ Revelation 4:8

**WEEK  
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FOUR**



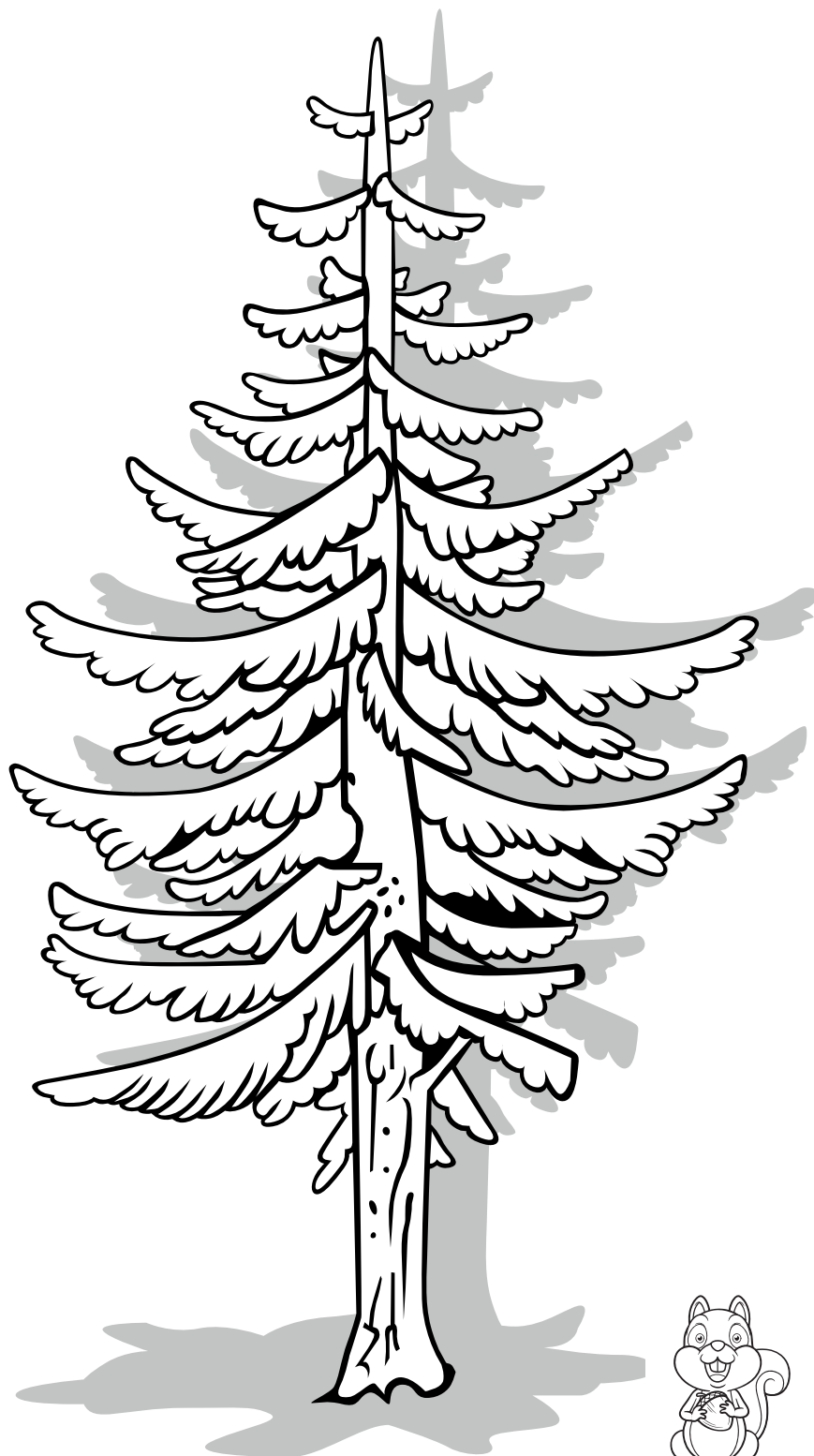
## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***



The tallest tree in the  
world is a Redwood in  
California named Hyperion.

It is 380 feet tall!

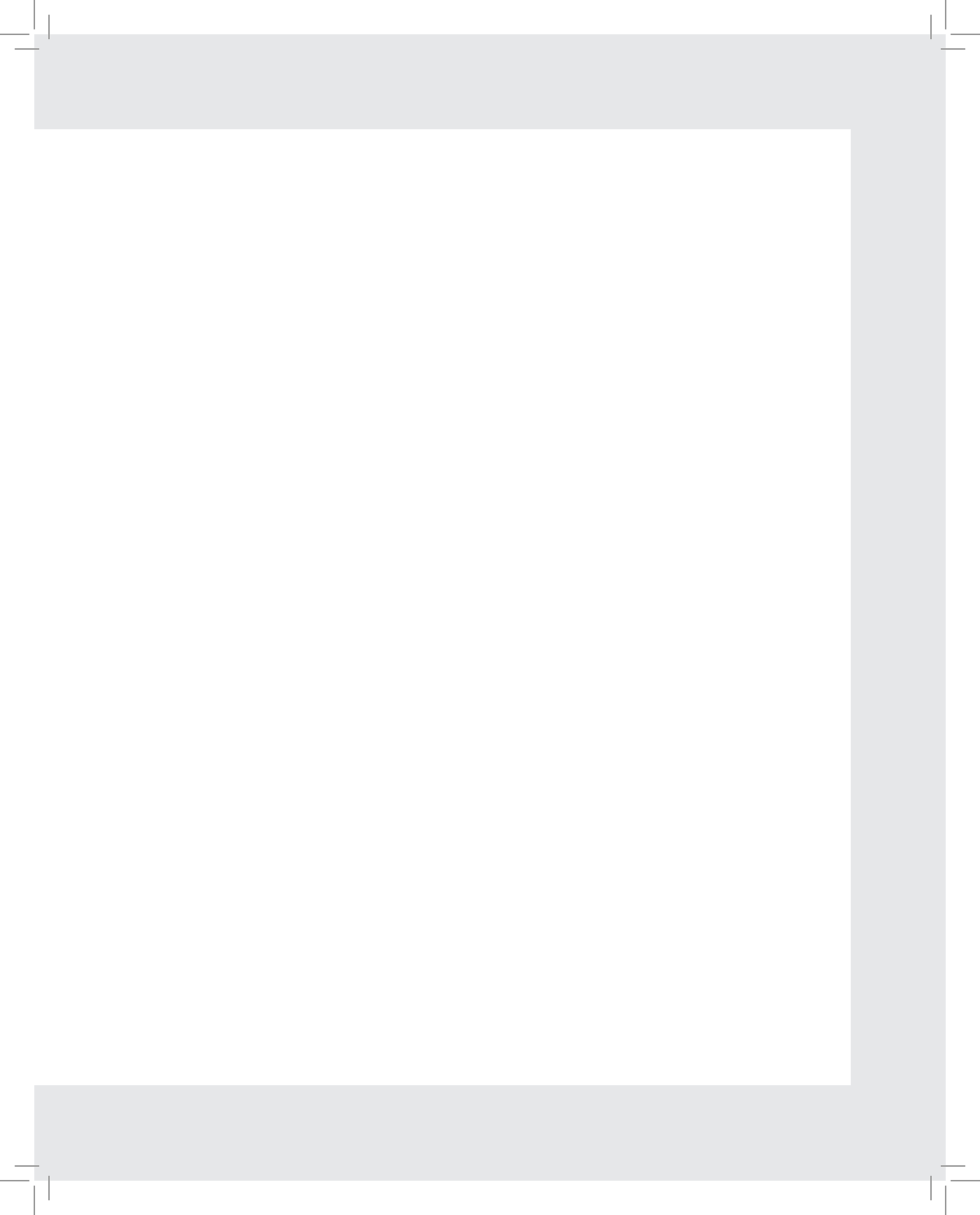
(But God is STILL bigger!)



***DOODLE  
SPACE***







# WHAT IF?

The Lord will protect you and keep you safe from all dangers.  
The Lord will protect you now and always wherever you go.  
Psalm 127:7-8

What if? What if we get sick? What if someone we love gets hurt? What if a big storm comes? What if other kids don't like me? What if my dog gets lost?

We can probably worry about a million possible bad things. But it's not healthy for us to worry. And God doesn't want us to be afraid all the time. Instead, he promises to protect us! He wants us to think about him and all the good things he does for us.

God, thank you for loving me and watching over me. Please help me hold on to you and not worry when I'm scared.

And when the bad things do happen, we know God will help us through. He doesn't always stop bad things from happening, but he makes us strong so we can keep going. He gives us hope.

On the days when we're sad, God's hand holds us and lifts us up.

With his great help, there will be good days again. He promises it in the Bible!



# HERO TRAINING

Think about your God. Fill in the blanks to show how great God is!



**GOD IS BIGGER THAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**HE IS STRONGER THAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**HE IS FASTER THAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**HE IS SMARTER THAN** \_\_\_\_\_



**AND GOD PROTECTS ME!**



**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

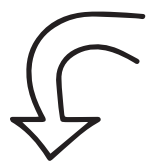
☐ Psalm 23:1

☐ John 10:11

☐ Ezekiel 34:11-12a

☐ John 15:9

**WEEK  
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FIVE**



## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

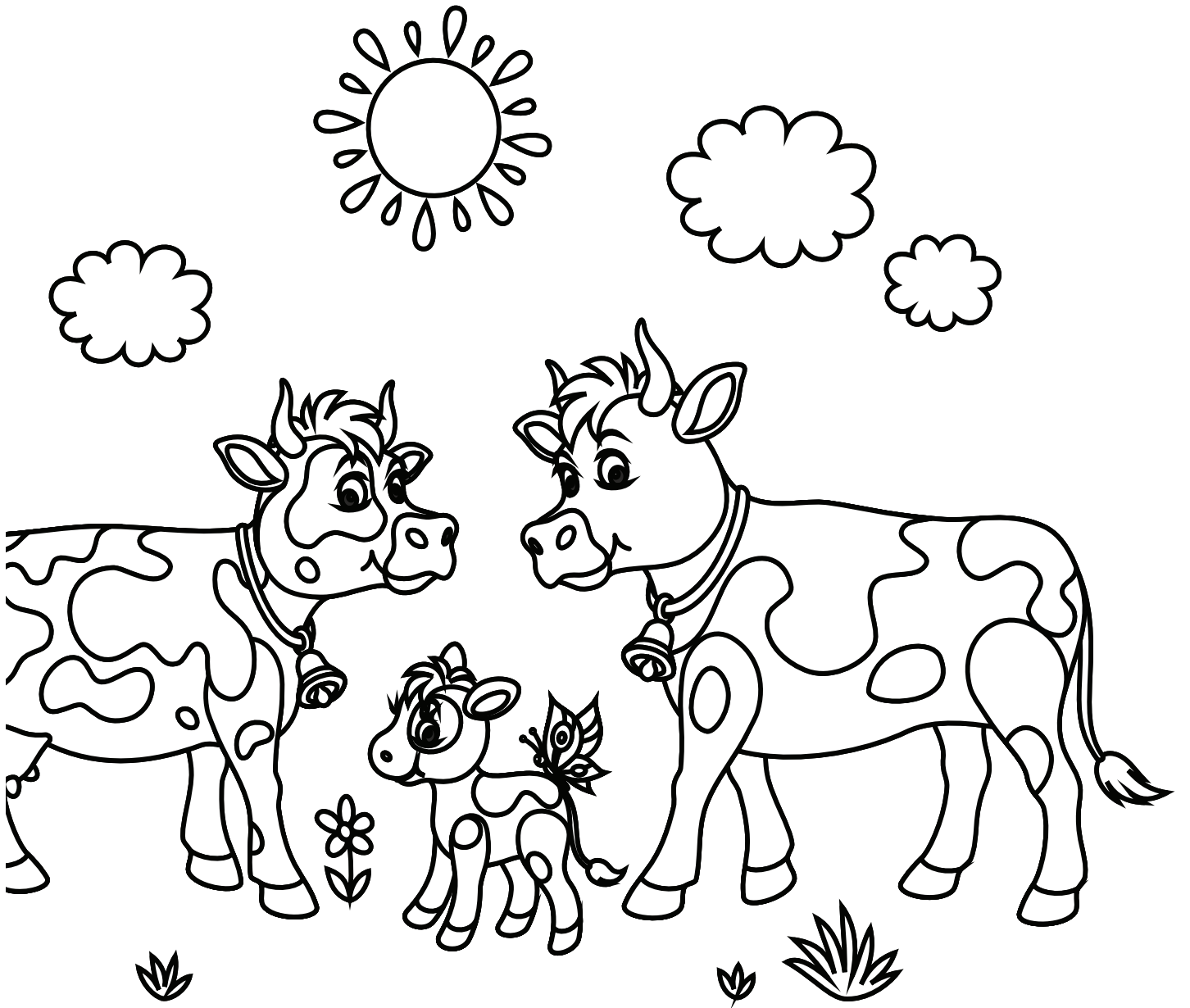


Cows will babysit for each other!

If you see a herd of cows with baby calves, you might see one or two moms laying in the field with lots of babies around her while the other moms are eating grass nearby.



(They learned protection from God!)



## THE LOVE LESSON

I pray that you and all God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

Ephesians 3:18-19

We can find out what lives in the deepest oceans or how hot Mars is or how to get people to quit sneezing.

We can study how fast hummingbird wings move or why strawberries are red or how to get a whole bunch of kids giggling.

There are so many things we can learn about in this world! What would you like to know about?

There's another thing we can study every day of our lives and never totally understand—God's love! This week's Bible verse describes it as so wide, so long, so high, and so deep that we will never get to the bottom of it! But we should keep trying to know more.

We can ask God about his love when we pray. We read about his love in the Bible. We can see it in all the wonderful gifts he gives us every day. We can talk with people about it, especially adults who can teach us about it, like a Sunday School teacher or chaplain. Learning about God's love for you will help you know him more and love him more!

God, thank you for all your love. It is so, so big! Please help me to always learn more and more about your love.



# HERO TRAINING

What's the widest, longest, highest, or deepest thing you can think of? Draw a picture of it here!



**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

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Psalm 36:7

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Romans 8:38-39

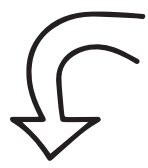
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Zephaniah 3:17

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I John 4:10

**WEEK  
THIRTY  
Six**



## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***



The Grand Canyon in  
Arizona is one mile deep.

So, if you are standing on  
the top edge and look  
down at the river, it is a  
mile down!

(But still not as deep as God's love!)





***DOODLE  
SPACE***





## THE LORD, My ROCK

Our Lord and our God, you are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector. You are the rock where I am safe. You are my shield, my powerful weapon, and my place of shelter.

2 Samuel 22:2-3

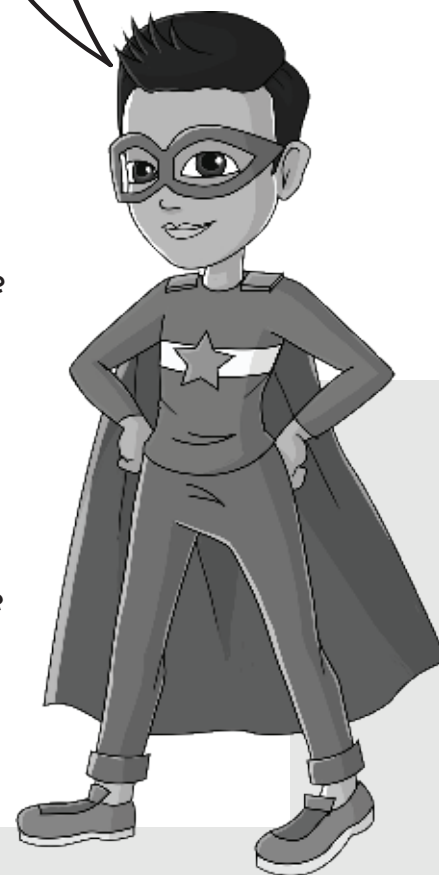
When do you feel safe? When you see a mighty Navy ship come in? Or a formation of jets flies over, rocking your chest with the sound? Or you are surrounded by a bunch of tough soldiers? How about when you are in your parent's loving arms?

God, thank you for keeping me safe. You are my rock! You are my fort! Nothing is too tough for you.

All of these things may help you feel safe. But no matter what happens or where you are, God is your safe place. He is like the biggest rock or the strongest fort. He is mightier than a Navy ship. He is watching over you like a jet, and he surrounds you like strong arms in a huge hug.

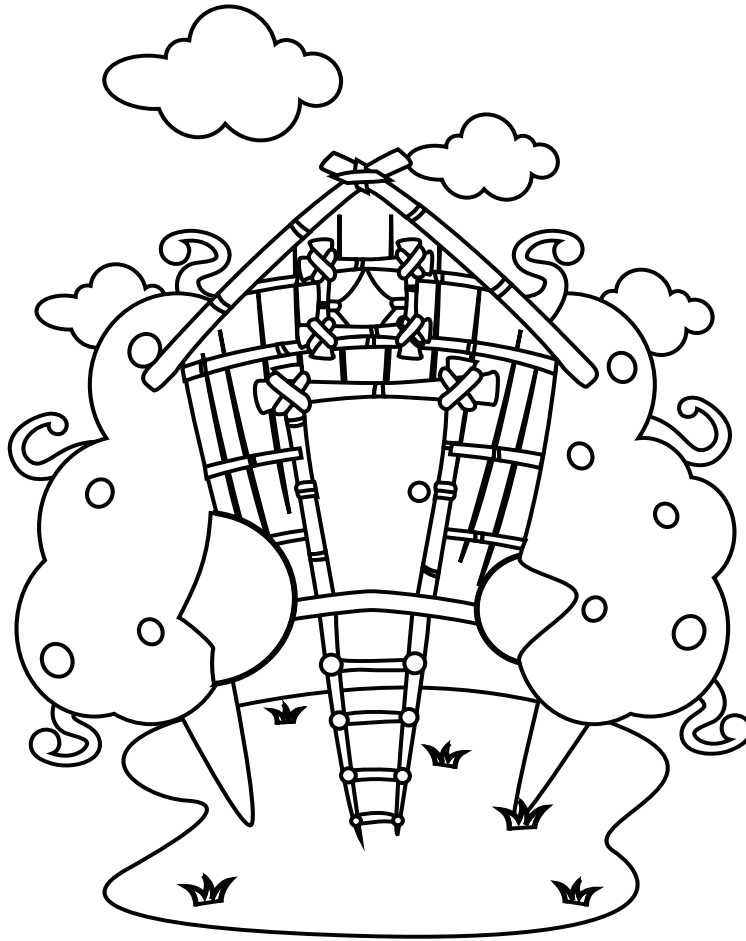
In the Bible we read about God saving people from all kinds of things like lions, shipwrecks, and snake bites! When a man named David wrote this verse, God had saved him from a whole army out to get him. David made sure to thank God and sing about how awesome he is.

You may never know all the ways God keeps you safe, but you can thank him for all of it!



# HERO TRAINING

What's your favorite hiding place? God is there with you! Why not go there right now and talk to him? Look at the super cool hideout drawn below. Decorate it to make it the coolest hiding place ever!



**KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Psalm 91:1-4

☐ Acts 27:23-25

☐ Psalm 139:7-12

☐ Romans 8:39

**WEEK  
THIRTY  
SEVEN**



## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

The largest rock in the world is Mount Augustus in Australia.

It is 18.5 square miles big. A whole town could be on it!



## BE CAREFUL!

Everything you were taught can be put into a few words:  
Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. God will judge  
everything we do, even what is done in secret, whether good or bad.  
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

What if your teacher never told you if an answer was right or wrong?

Or your parents never gave you any rules?

Sounds kind of fun at first, but imagine what a person would be like if they never had to obey anyone. If they never had lessons in life, they would not have learned anything! They'd be wild, mean, and dirty.

It is because your parents love you that they teach you how to act right. They don't want you to get hurt so they teach you rules, like not to touch a hot oven.

God is the same way. He loves you so much that he gives you rules to follow, teaching you the right way to live. He sees everything we do and think, and will judge our behavior. But he is always willing to forgive us when we do wrong. We just need to ask him! He will keep helping us to be more like him.

God, please forgive me for the bad things I do and think. You are perfect! You can show me how to be more like you.





# HERO TRAINING

Lots of people are teaching you, like your parents, teachers, pastor or chaplain, and Sunday School teachers. Pick one to thank! Color the picture below and give it to them!



THANK  
YOU

WRITE THEIR NAME HERE

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☐ 1 Chronicles 16:33

☐ Matthew 25:41

☐ Psalm 51:10-12

☐ Romans 5:8-9

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## ***GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD***

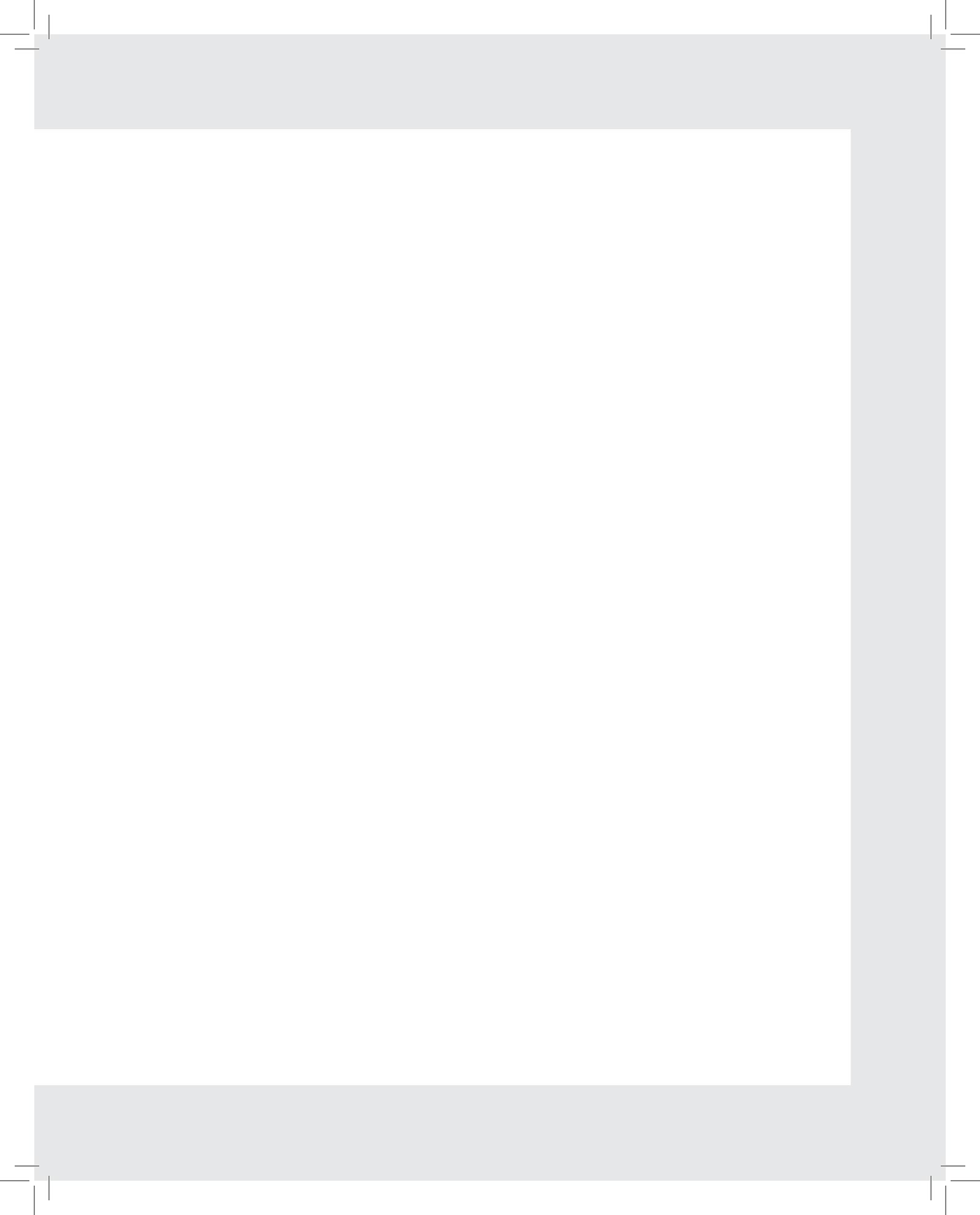
Adult meerkats teach their babies how to hunt and handle dangerous prey, like scorpions.

Parents will take the stinger out and then give the scorpion to the pup to play with and eat.



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GOD KNOWS  
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## WHAT GOD WANTS

We have not stopped praying for you since the first day we heard about you. In fact, we always pray that God will show you everything he wants you to do and that you may have all the wisdom and understanding his Spirit gives.

Colossians 1:9

What does God want from you? Does he want you to give all your money away? Does he want you to become a doctor to help sick people feel better? Or maybe read the Bible all the time and preach to everyone you meet?

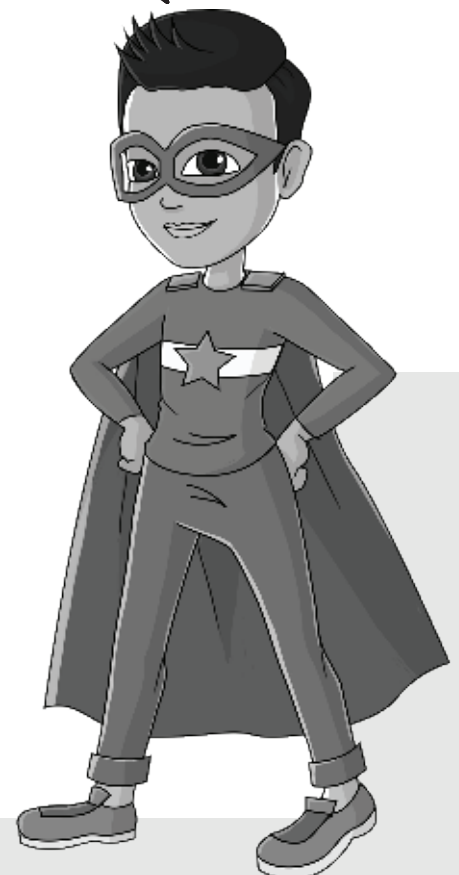
Thank you, God, for showing me what you want me to do.  
Help me love you more!

Maybe! As you grow up, God will help you learn how you can serve him.

But for all your life, starting right now, what he wants is your love. Yes! God wants you to love him. He wants to spend time with you. He wants to talk to you, and he wants to hear you talk to him.

When we love God, we will want to do the things he asks us to do, even when those things are hard. We will know what those jobs are because he shows us through prayer, reading the Bible, and getting advice from people in our lives who love God, too.

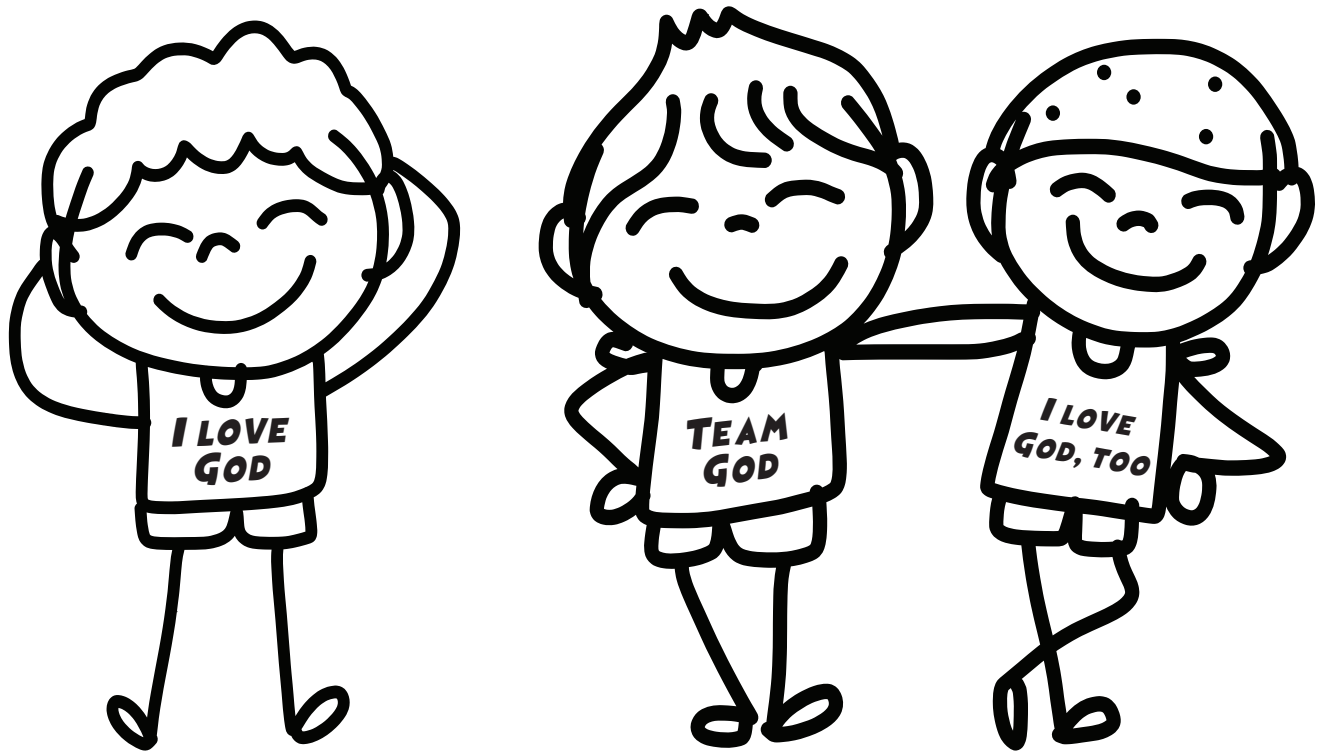
Loving God makes a wonderful life! Nothing makes us happier than being close to him.



MASTER  
PIECE

# HERO TRAINING

Draw the faces of people in your life who love God. What a team!



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☐ Nehemiah 9:20

☐ Matthew 6:10

☐ Psalm 143:10

☐ Ephesians 5:17

**WEEK  
THIRTY  
NINE**



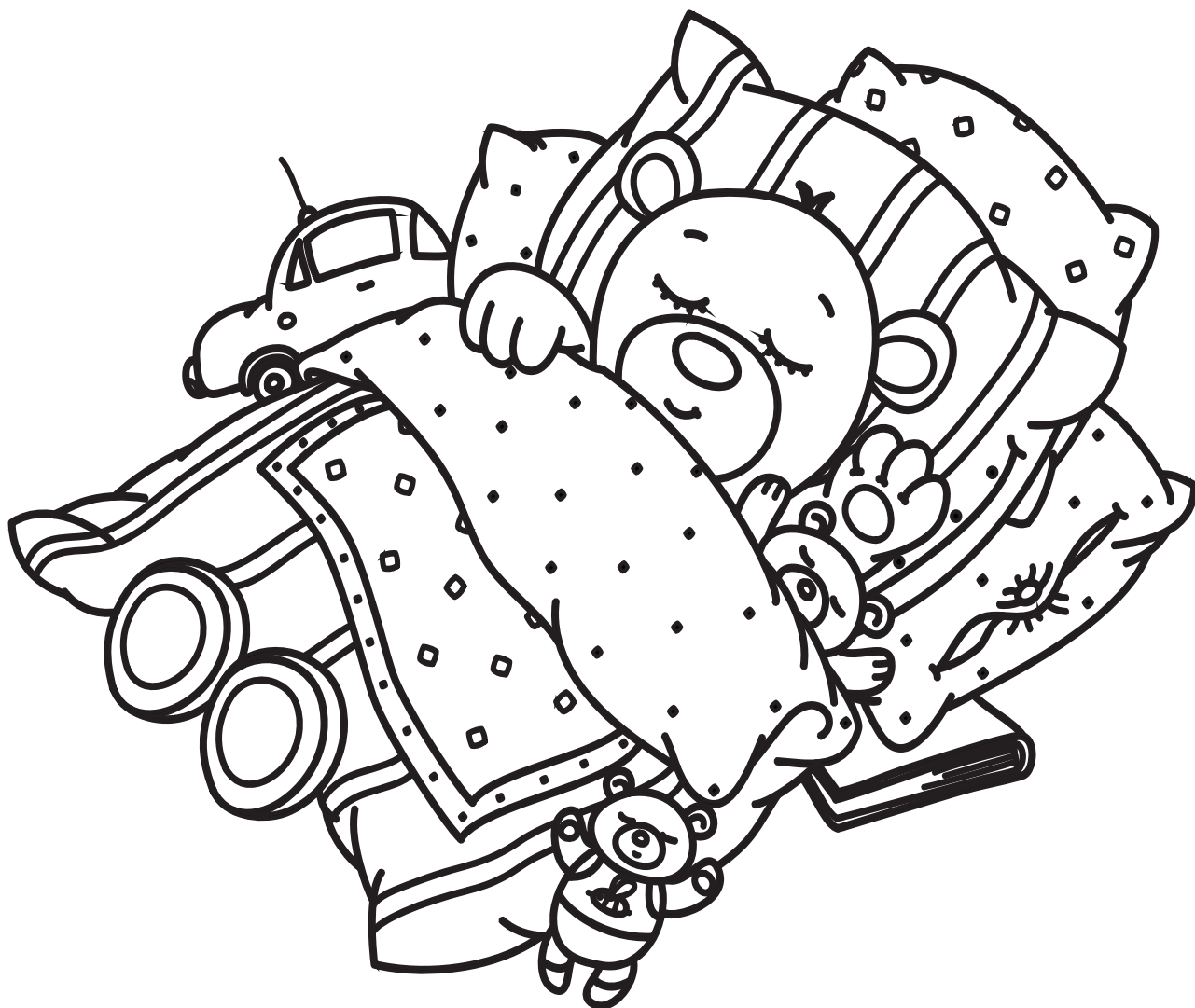
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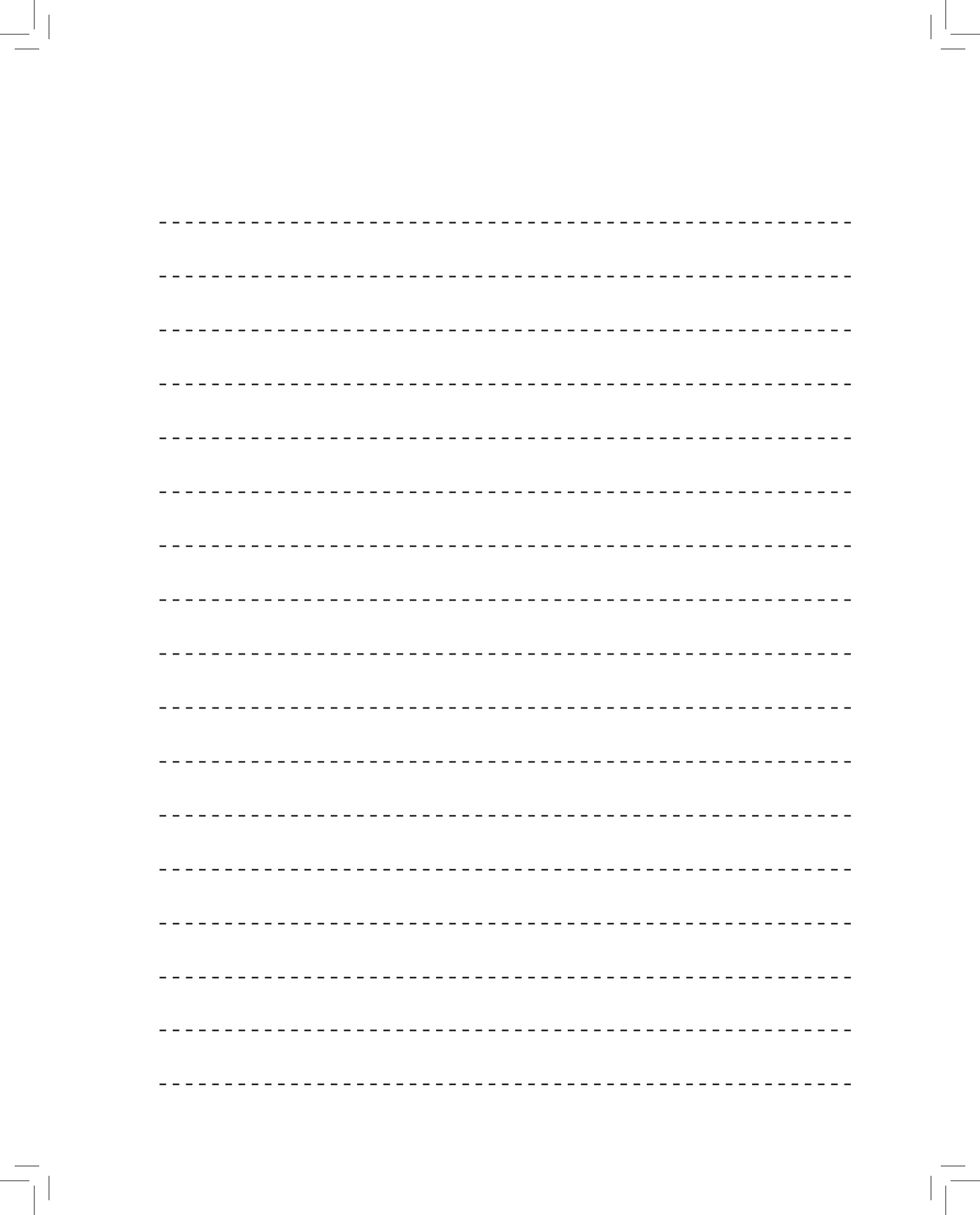
Mama bears give birth while they are in hibernation.

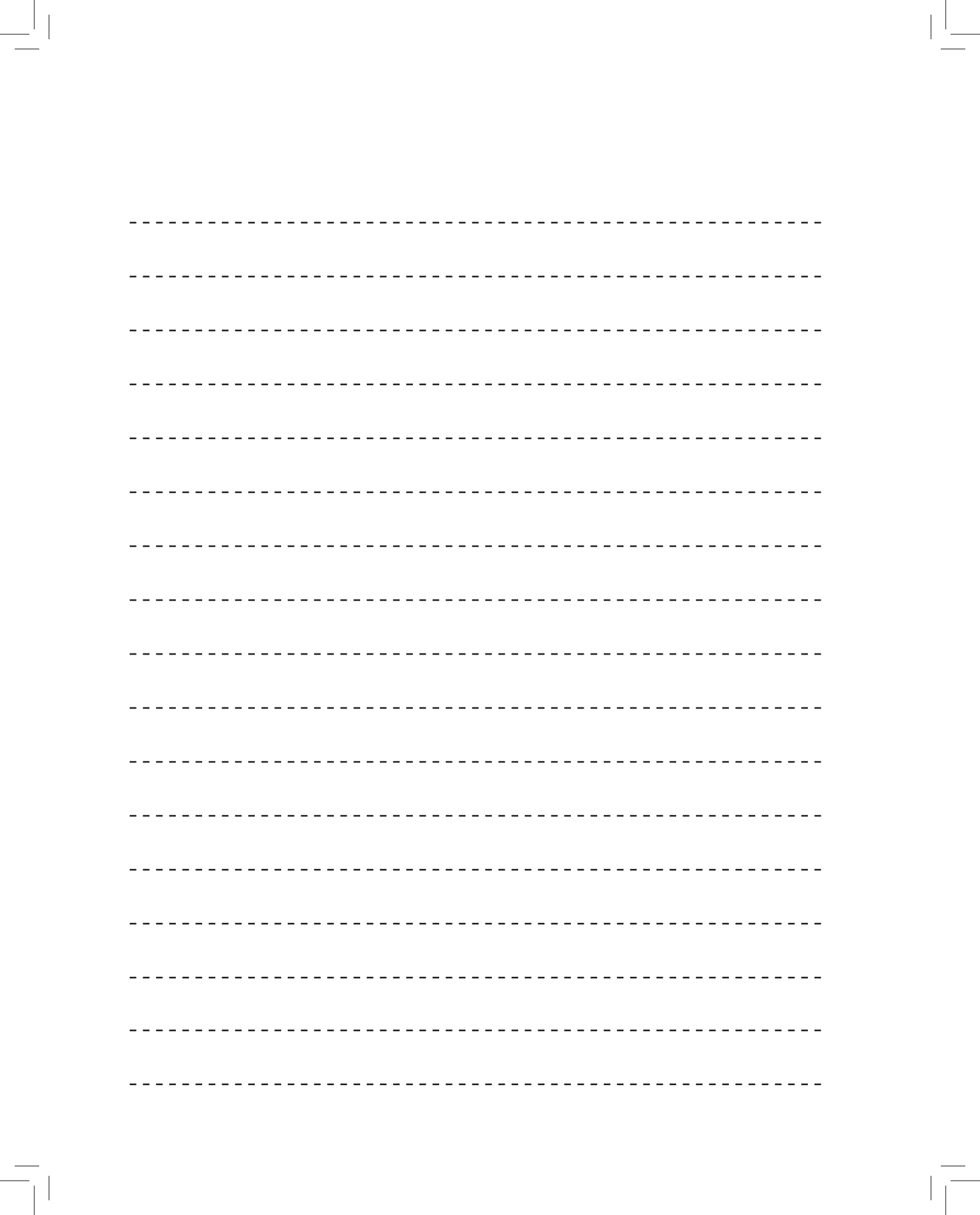
She and her babies spend sleepy days while they grow in their safe and quiet den until spring comes.

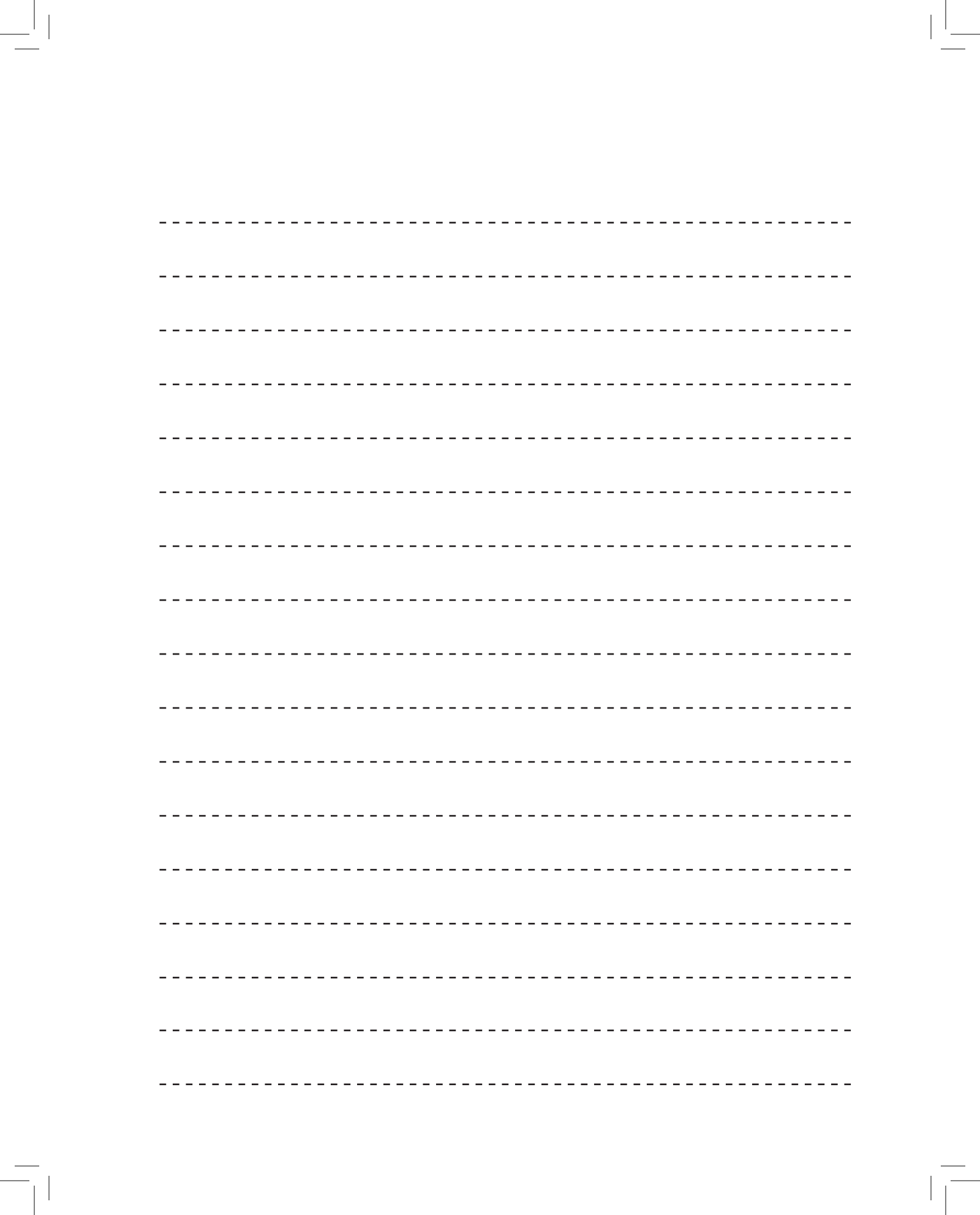
(Just as God created them to do!)

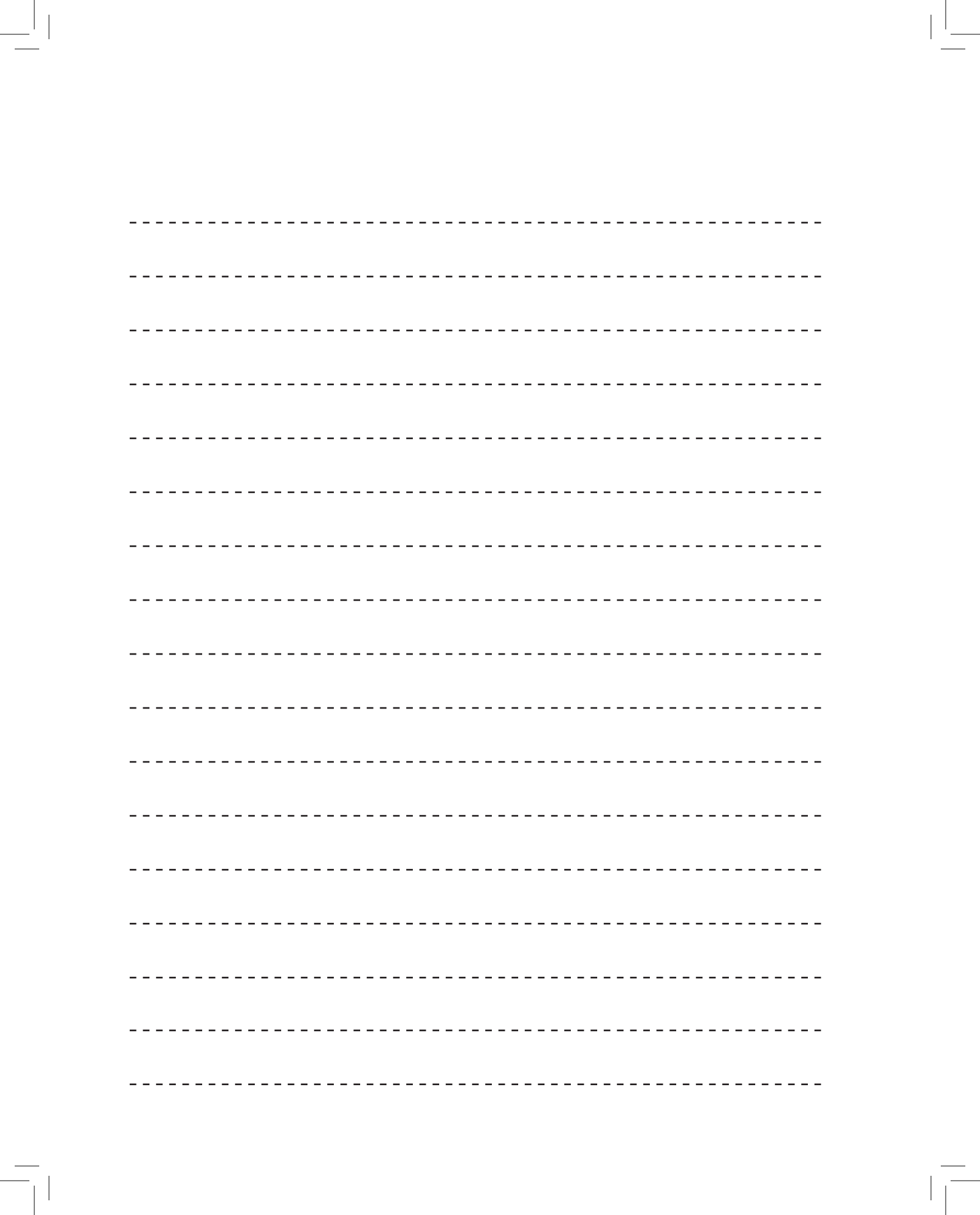


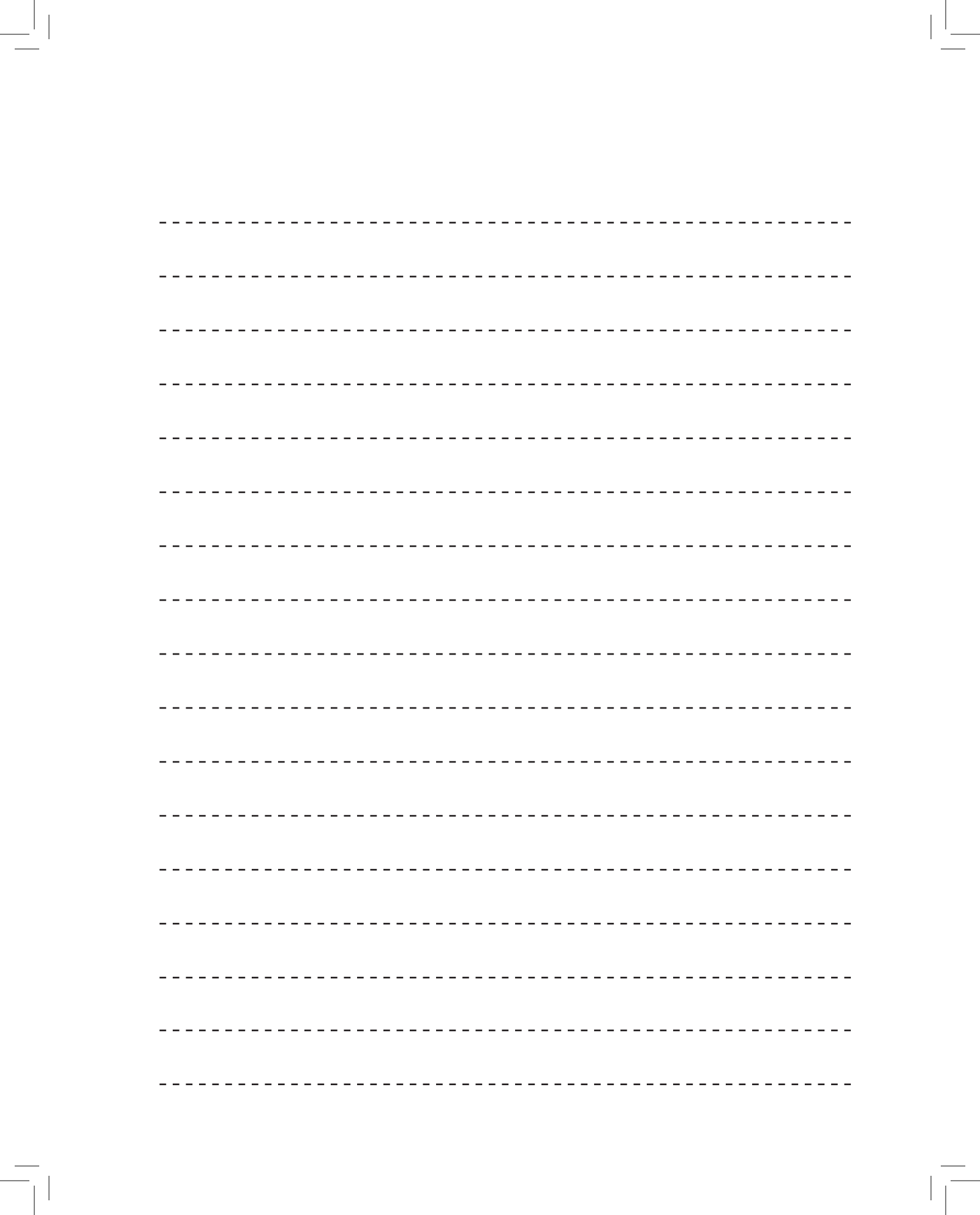


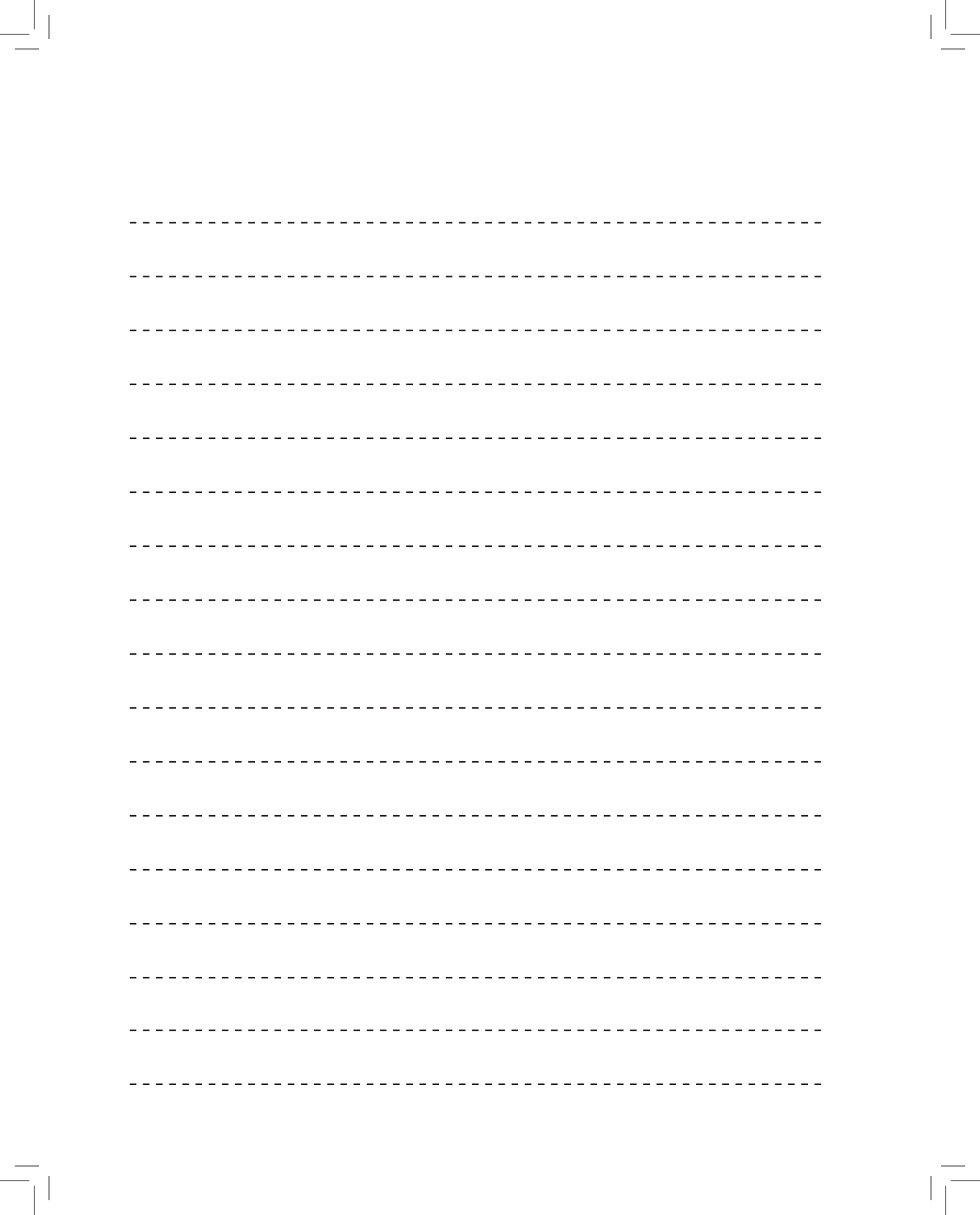












**HEY EAGLE SQUAD,  
YOU'RE DOING GREAT!  
YOUR NEXT MASTERPIECE  
BOOK IS COMING SOON!**

