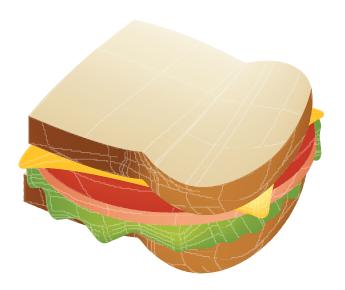
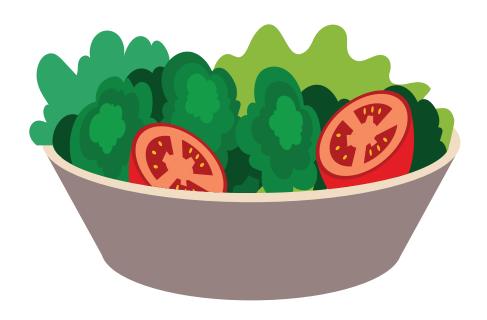


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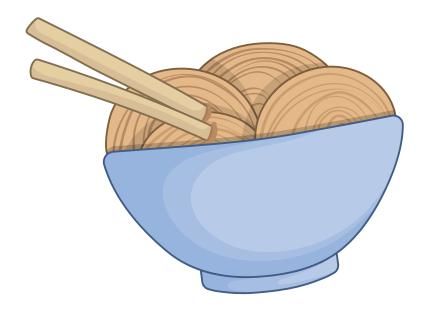


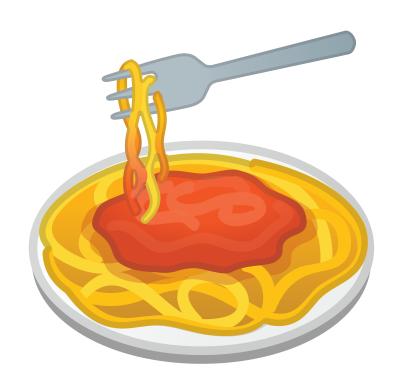




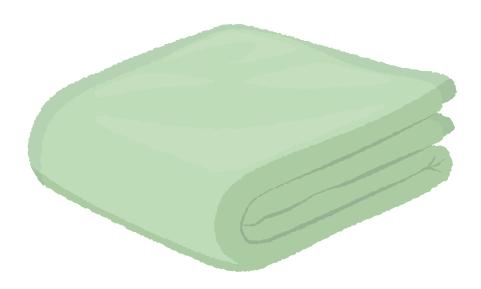


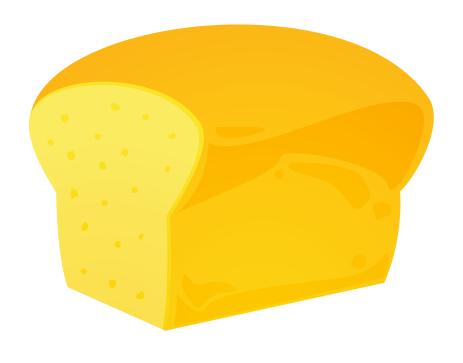






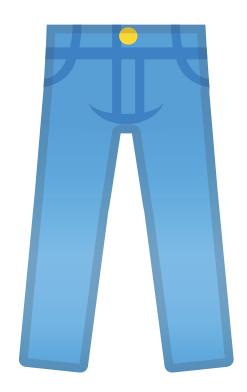












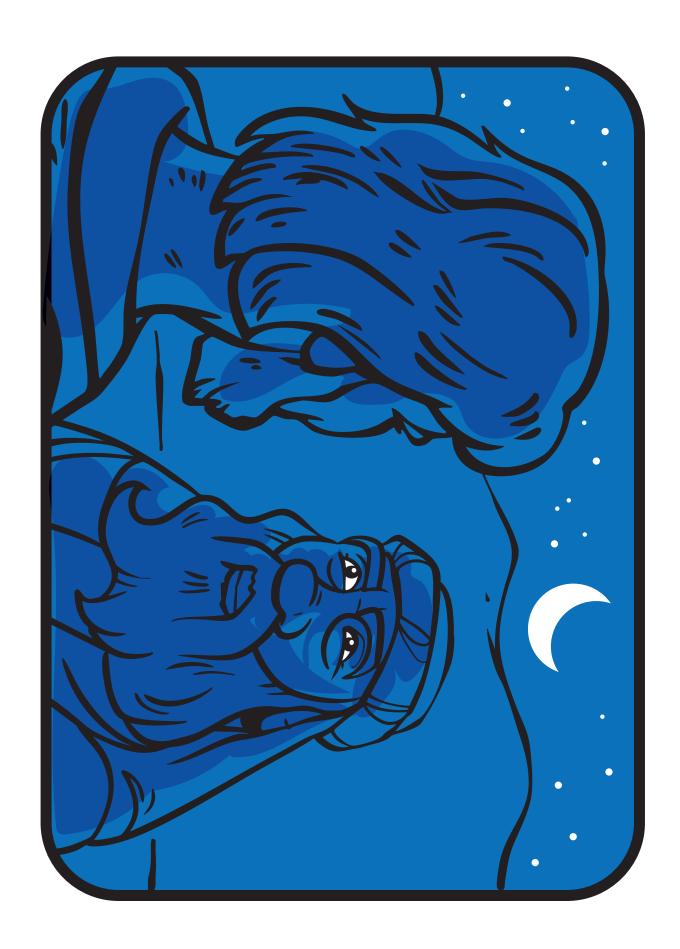




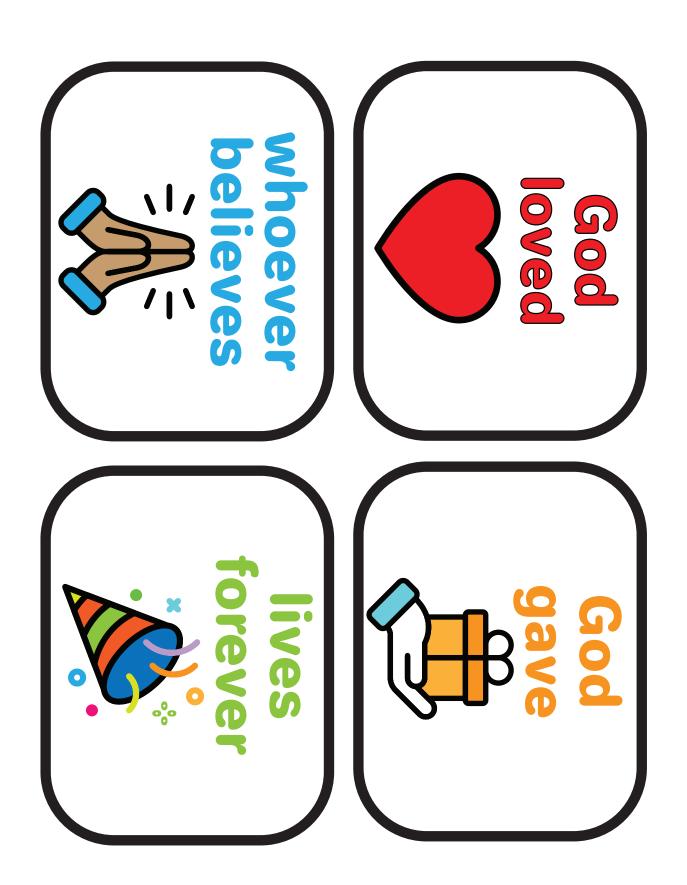


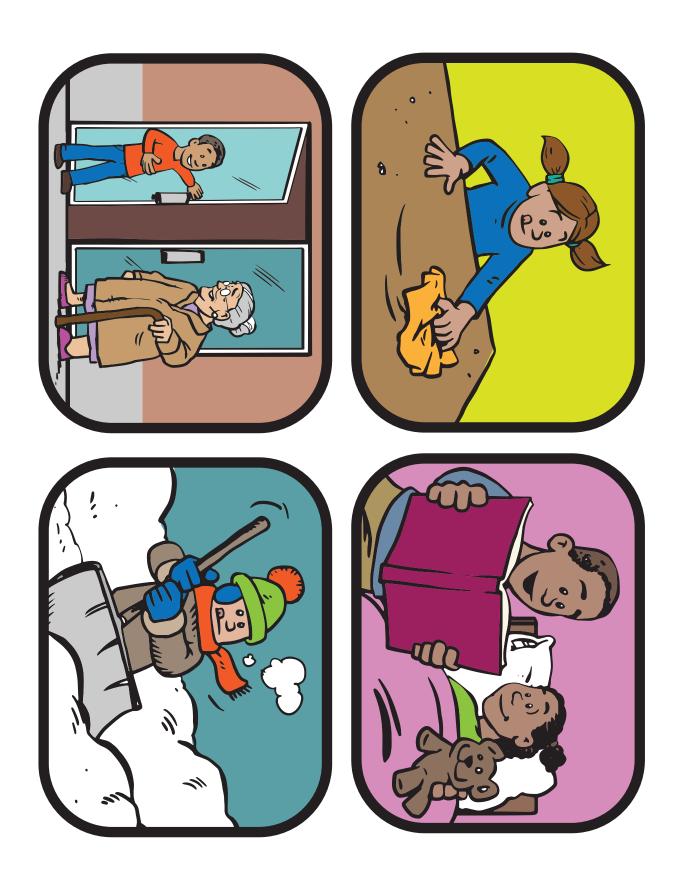












Today, we discovered that God took initiative for all of us. God took care of our greatest need when God sent Jesus! The true story we heard from the Bible comes from the book of John. John and his brother James were two of the first disciples called by Jesus.

John got to see everything that Jesus did up close! So he wrote about all of the incredible things Jesus did. He wanted people who read them to *believe* that Jesus is the Son of God!

At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus performed many miracles. One took place at a wedding! Can anyone guess what that miracle was? (Invite responses.) **Shine your light on the picture of the miracle Jesus performed at the wedding.**

That's right—He turned water into wine! Jesus also challenged religious leaders during a very important time. Shine your light on the picture of the time when Jesus confronted the religious leaders.

Very good! This took place during the Passover Feast in Jerusalem. After this, someone wanted to learn the truth about Jesus and who He was. **Can you shine your light on the picture of the person who wanted to learn the truth about Jesus?**

Yes, it was Nicodemus! But Nicodemus was nervous about what others would think, so he tried to hide meeting with Jesus. What time of day did Nicodemus meet with Jesus? (*Invite responses.*) **Shine your light on the** *time of day Nicodemus went to meet Jesus.*

That's right, Nicodemus arranged to meet with Jesus at night when it was dark. Once Jesus and Nicodemus met, they had a very important conversation about what it means to be born again. Nicodemus and the other religious leaders knew that God had promised to send a Rescuer, but Jesus was inviting Nicodemus to see this promise in a brand-new way.

Now, let's read John 3:16 together. Shine your light on John 3:16! (Pause to read the verse in the Bible together.)

God loved. God gave. Whoever believes. Lives forever. God GAVE us Jesus! God made the first move and took care of our greatest need when God sent Jesus. When we choose to believe in Jesus, we can be friends with God again—our friendship with God lasts FOREVER! This offer is for ALL people. **Shine your light on the picture of this VERY good news!**

Friends, did you know that when we choose to believe in Jesus, we also begin to reflect more of who God is to the world around us? Just like God met our greatest need, we can also open our eyes to see the needs around us and do something about them! Shine your light on the picture of all the people taking initiative!

