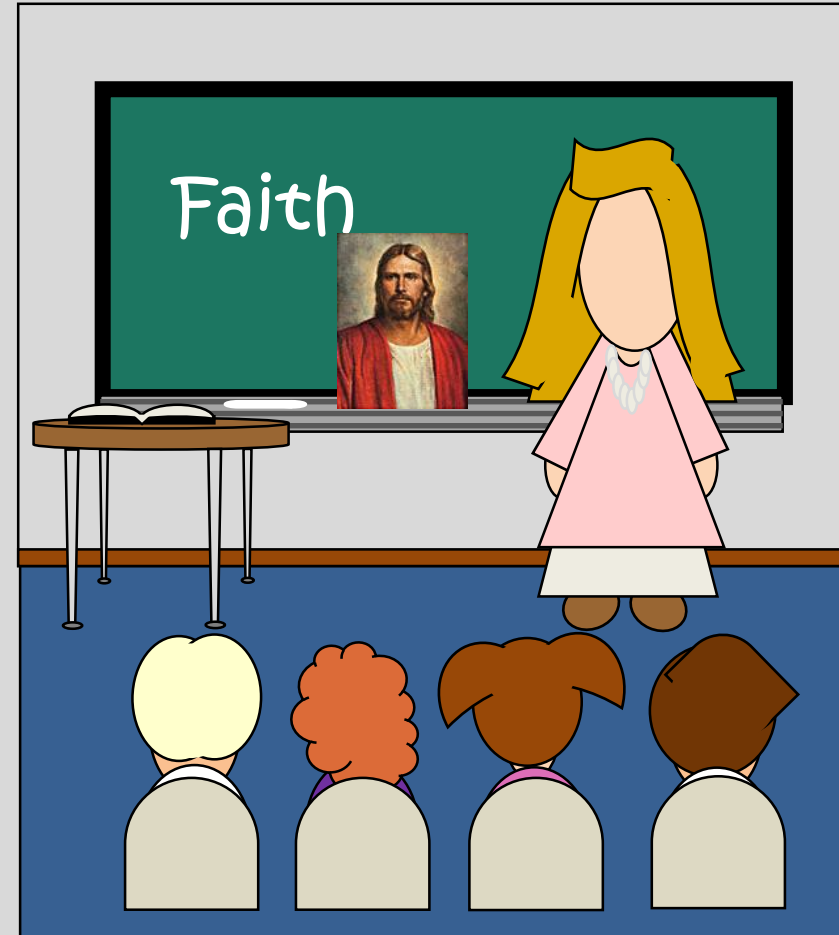


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Story By Lynda Blau



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Jason came home from church one Sunday afternoon and sat on his bed thinking. His mother went in and asked him if there was anything wrong. He answered, "No." His mother was still curious because it wasn't like Jason to be so quiet after church.

"What did you talk about at church today?" asked his mother.

Jason shrugged his shoulders, and sat for a moment. Quietly he said, "Sister Nelson taught us about having faith. You know, not seeing but believing." He hesitated and continued, "It is very hard to not see something and believe in it."

His mother knew just what to do. She said she would be right back and left his room. Jason waited a short while, and his mother returned. She came back with a pot of dirt and a package of flowering seeds.

"What would happen if I put some seeds in this dirt?" his mother asked.

"It would grow into flowers."

"Let's say this packet of seeds is your faith." Taking the seeds from the packet Jason dug a small hole in the dirt with his fingers and then placed the seeds in the hole and covered them with dirt.

His mother explained, "The seeds represent faith or a testimony of Christ. The dirt represents making right choices in your life. The seeds are surrounded by the dirt. Now, is that all we need?"

"No, we need to water it and it needs sun." Jason said.

His mother continued, "Let's say the water represents the scriptures, and the sun represents prayer."

Jason said, "The plant will need water almost every day and sun too. So that means we need to read the scriptures every day, and pray, too."

"That's right."

Jason thought a moment and said. "I see, so my faith will grow if I choose the right, and if I read the scriptures, and pray."

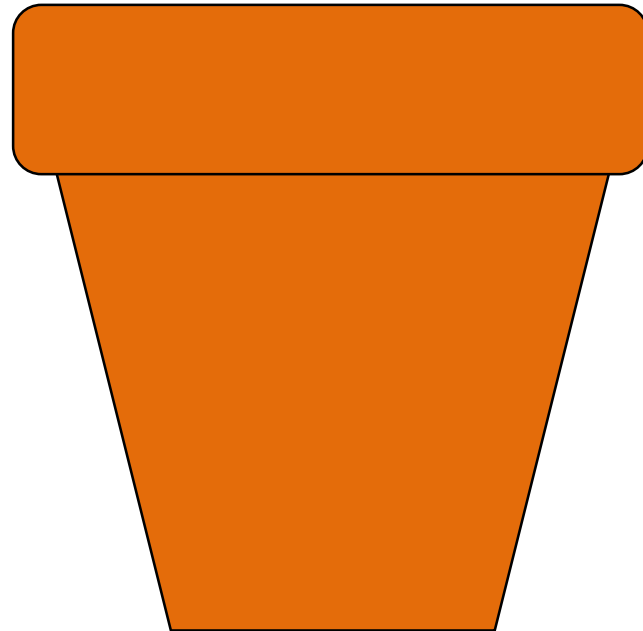
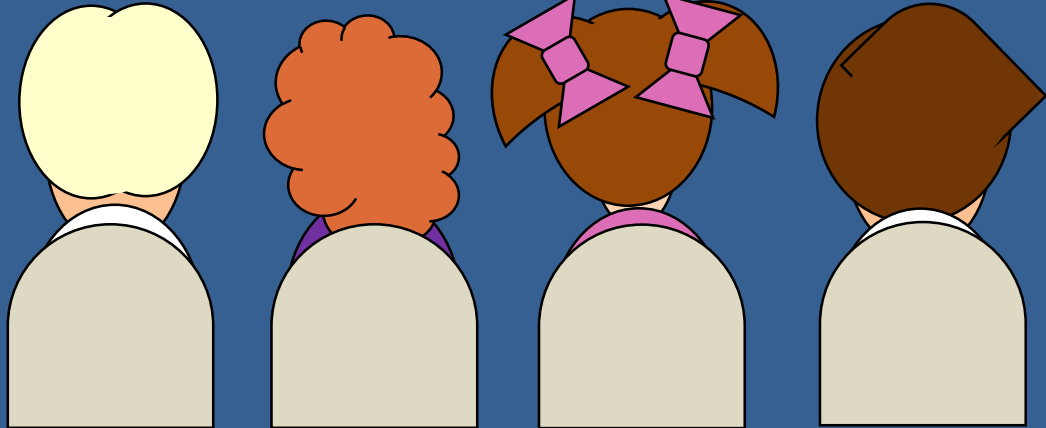
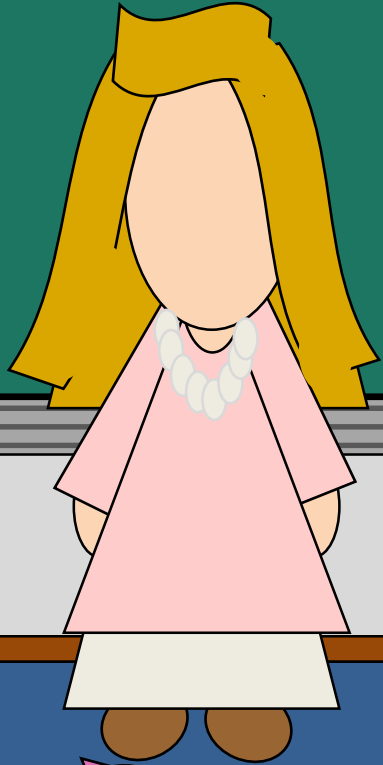
"Yes, it sometimes takes a little time for a plant to grow, just like it takes time for our testimony to grow."

For a month Jason watered the plant and also read his scriptures and while the plant was growing from the seed, Jason's faith grew also. Jason prayed every day by himself or with his family and the plant got plenty of sunshine by the window in the kitchen. Everyday Jason tried to make right choices.

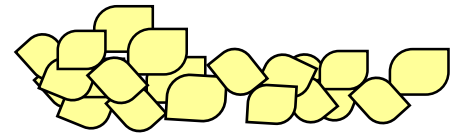
One day the flowers blossomed and there in the window box were the most beautiful flowers. Jason was proud of his flowers, but most importantly, through faith, his testimony of Jesus Christ had grown.



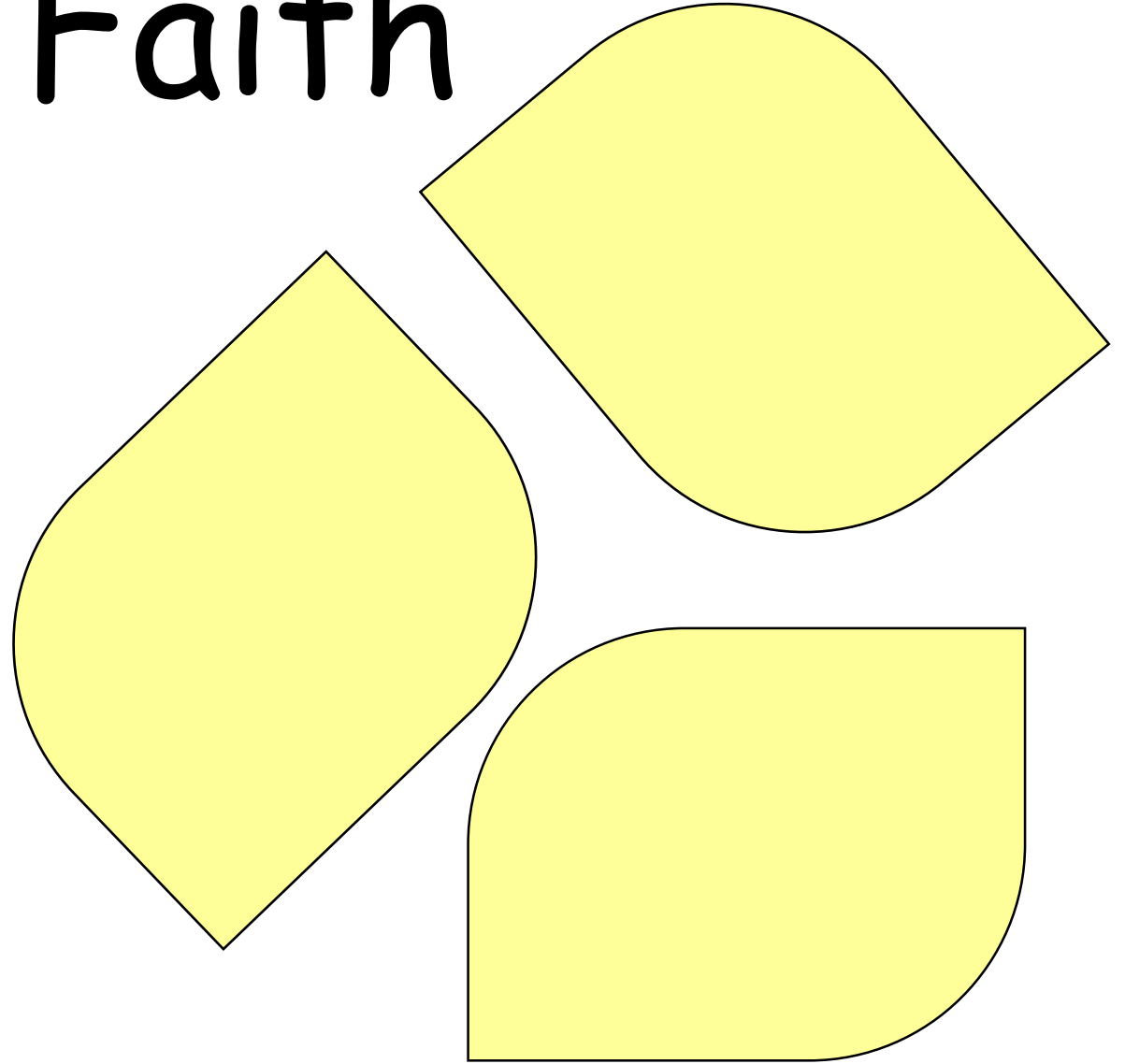
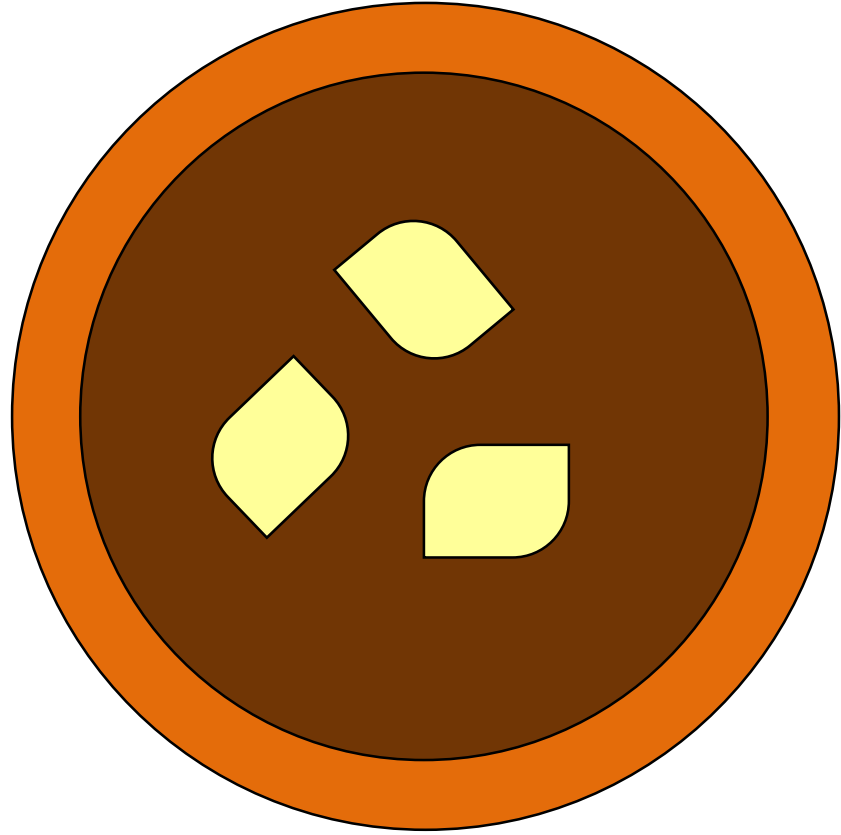
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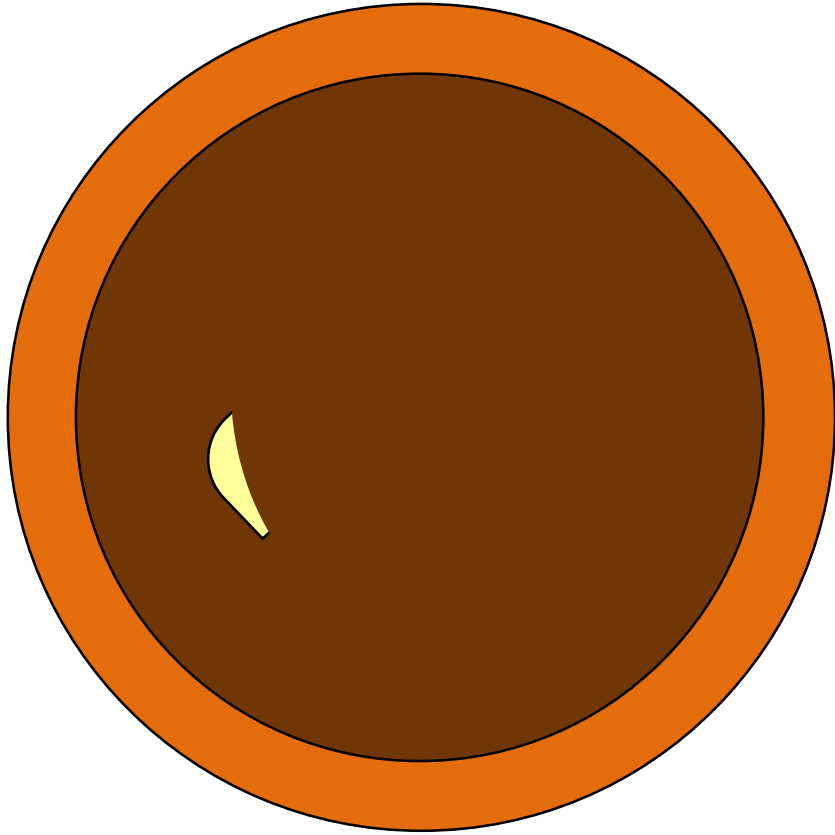
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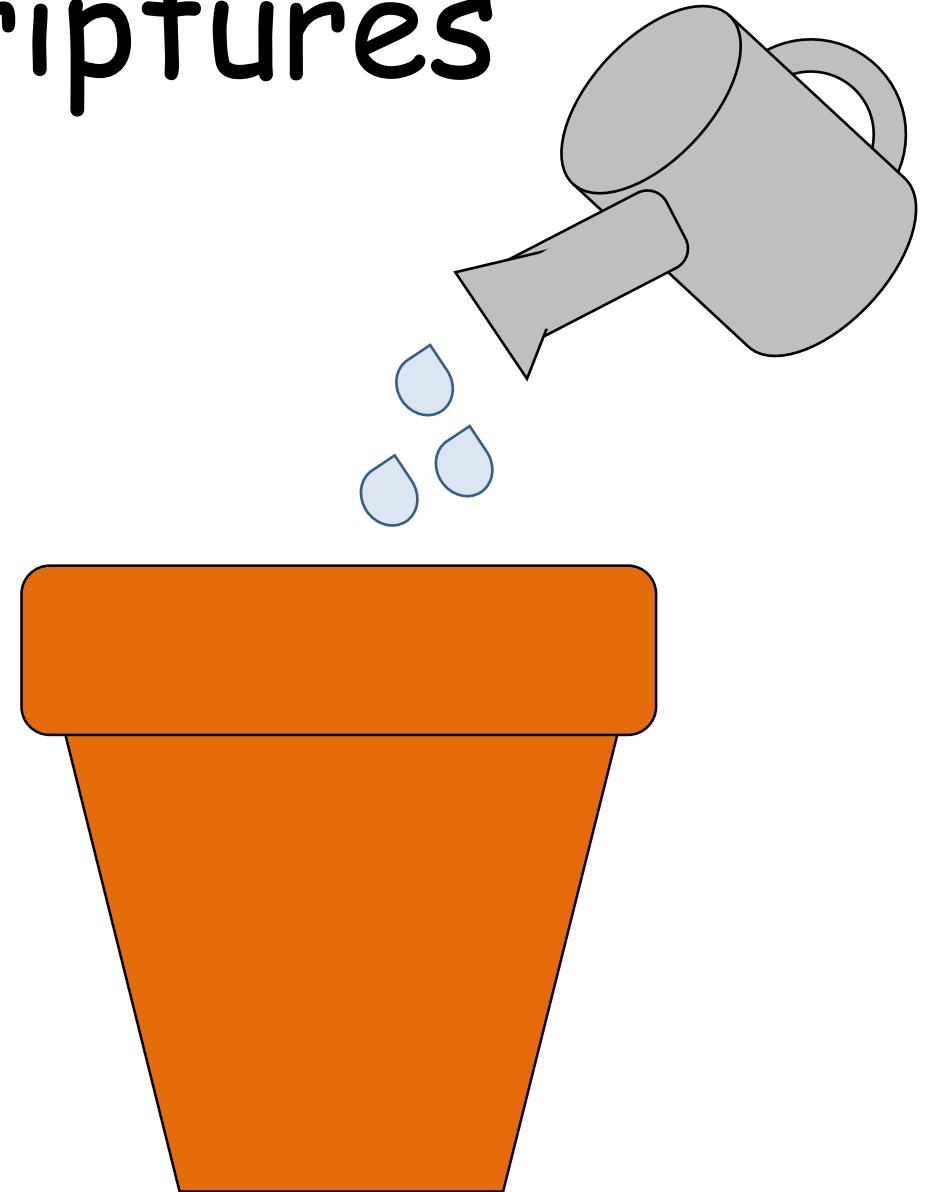
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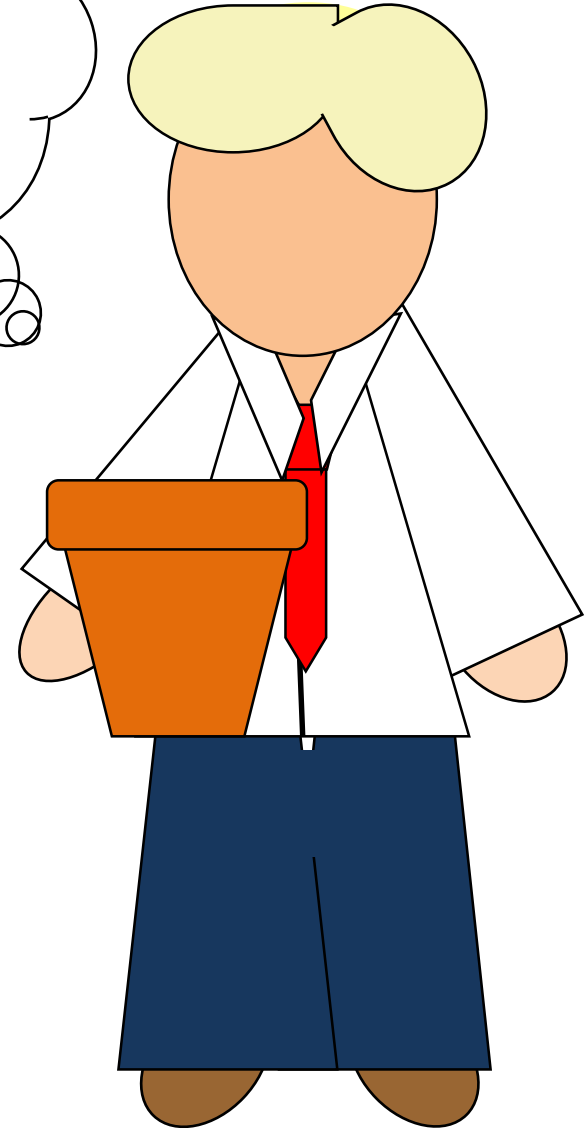
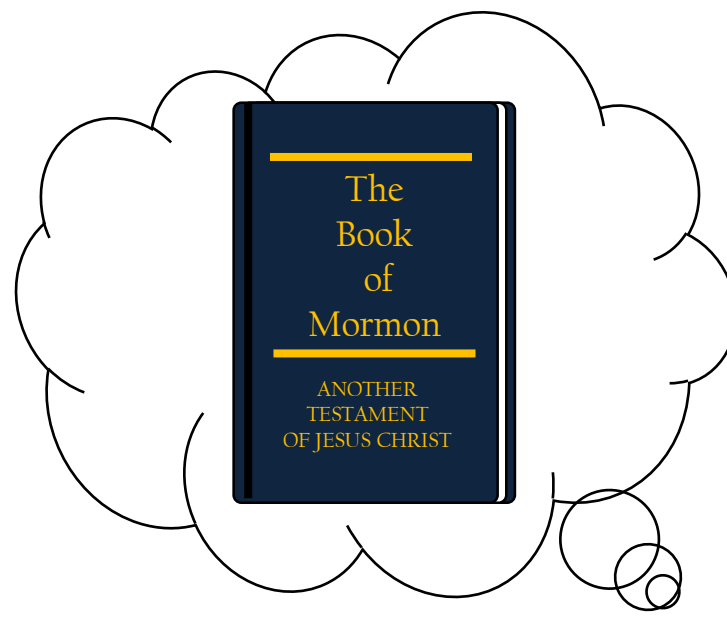
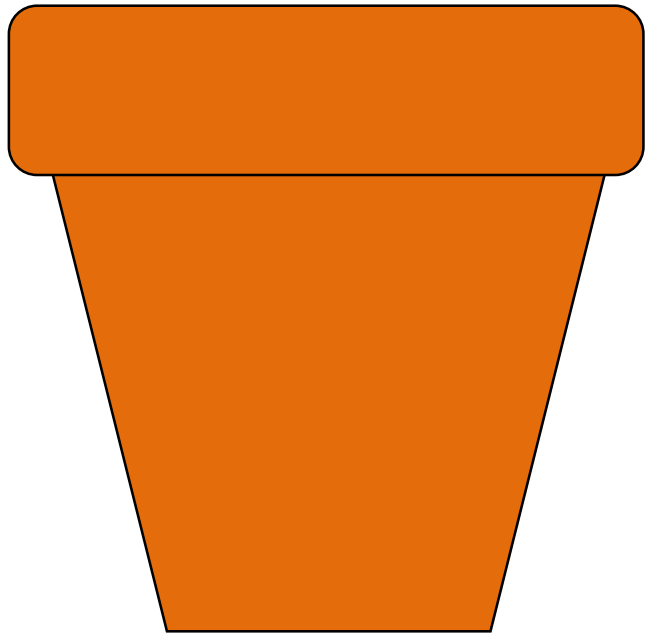
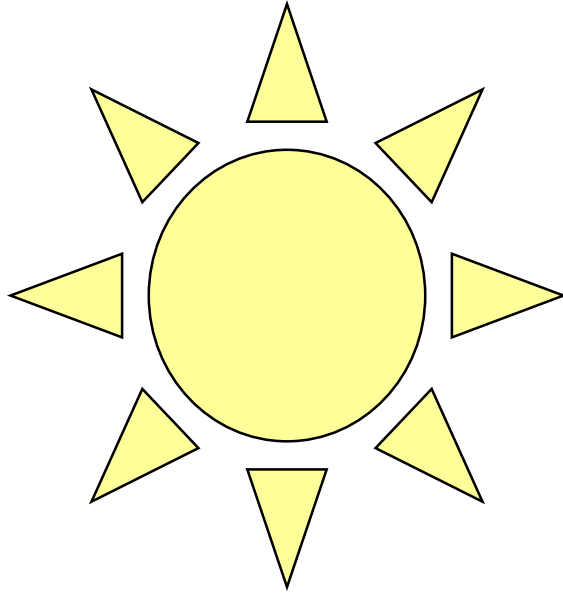
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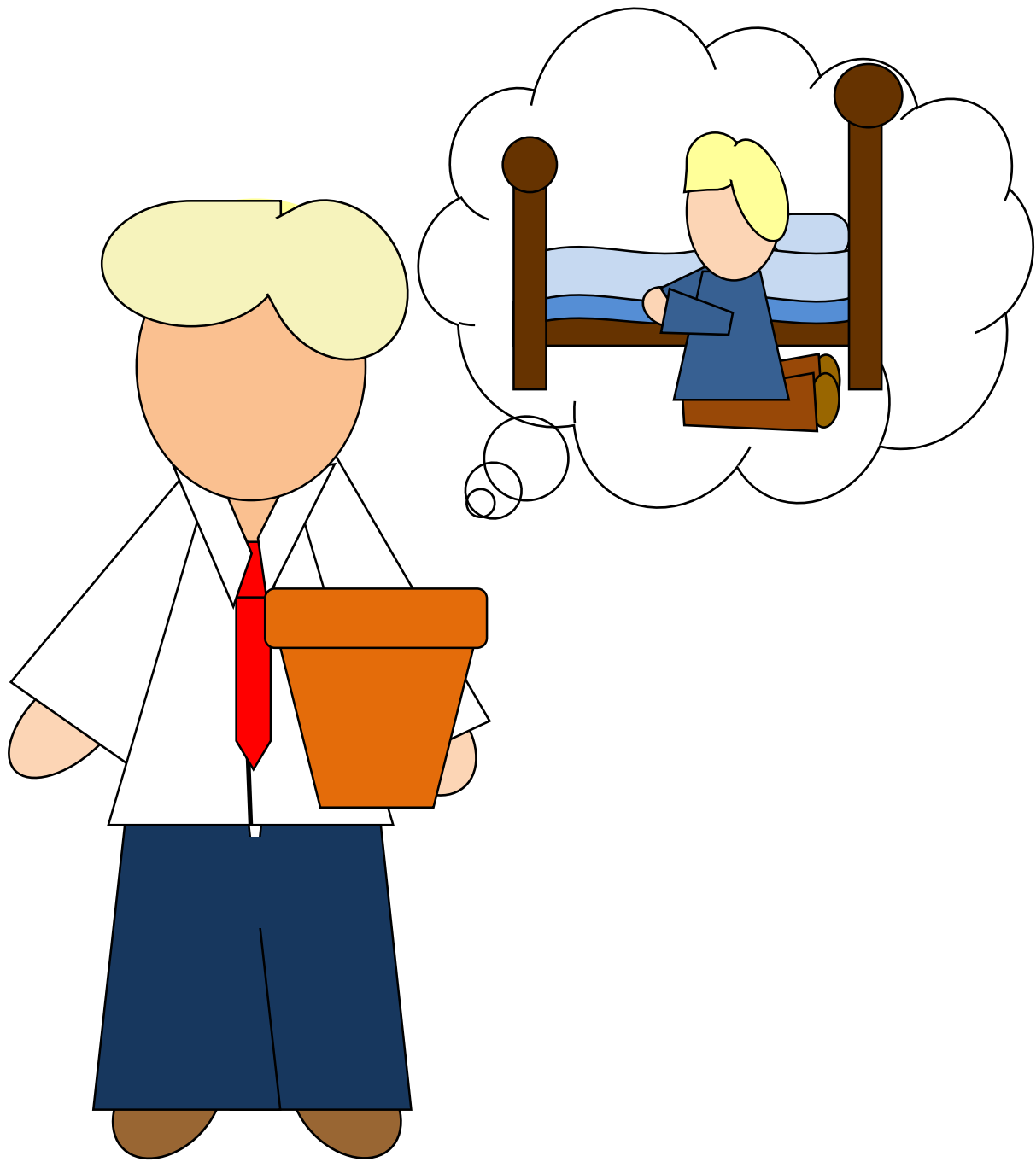


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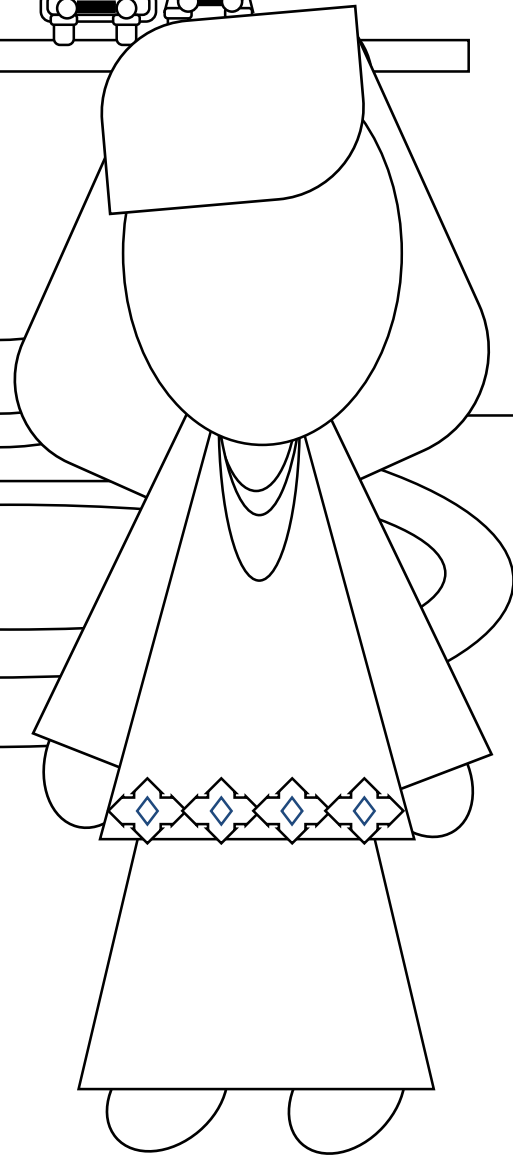
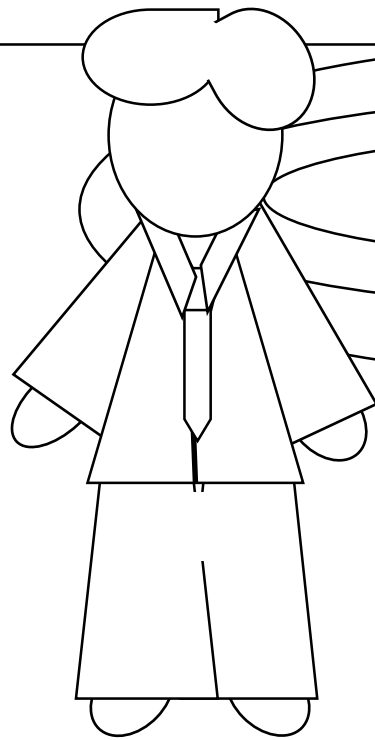
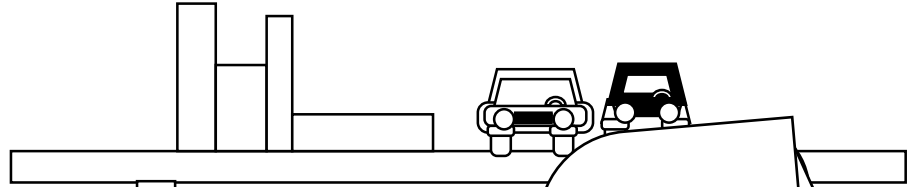
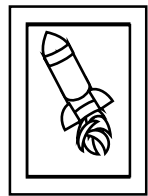
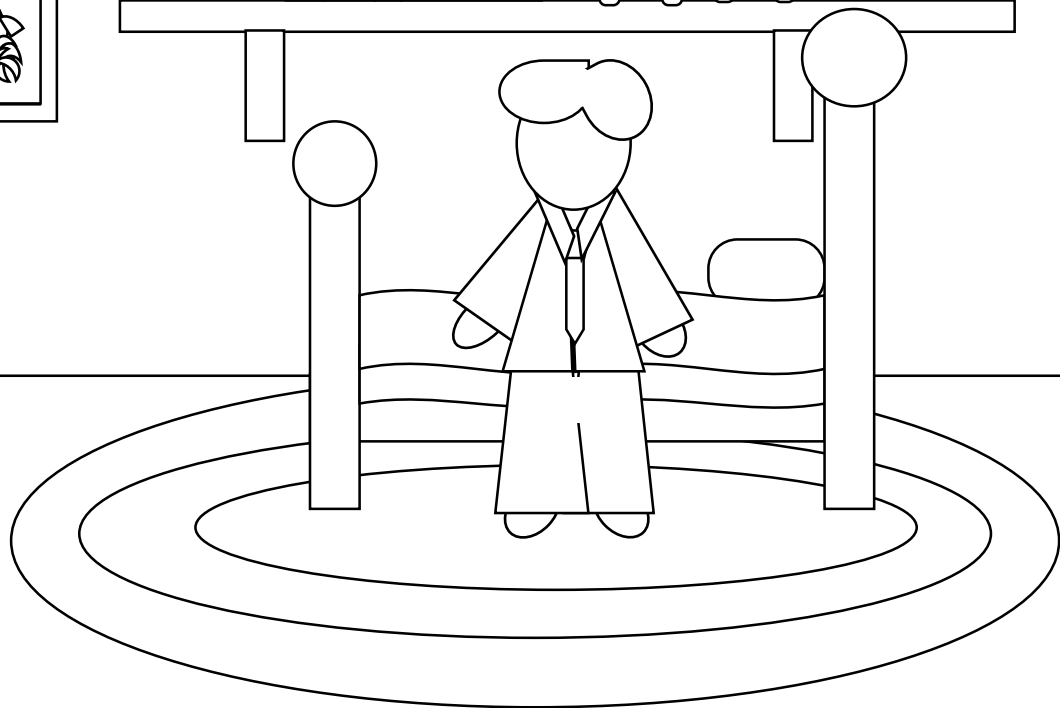
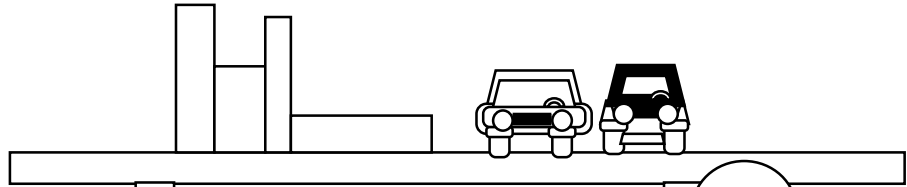
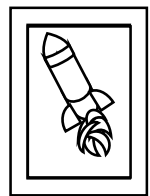


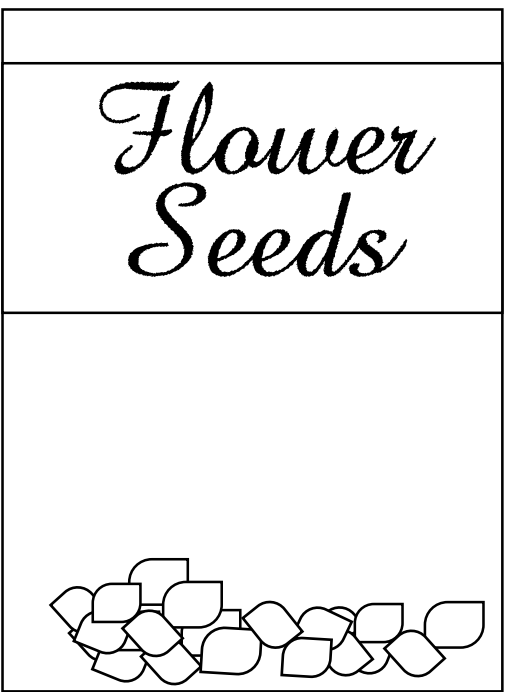
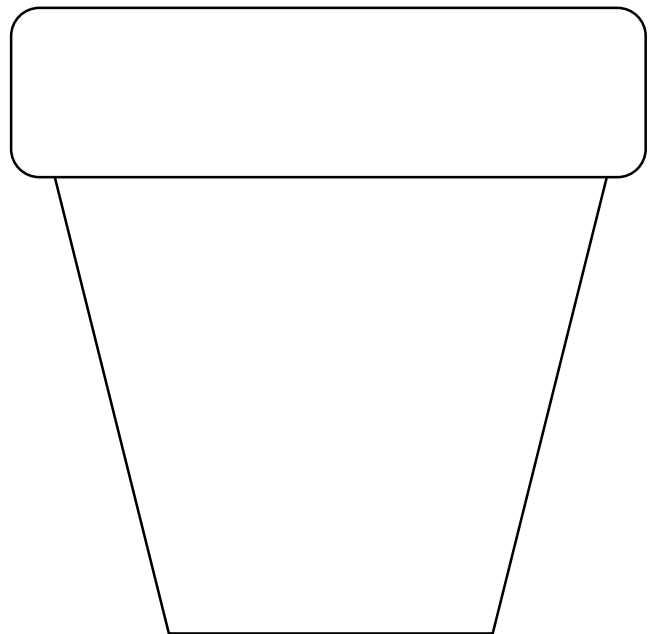
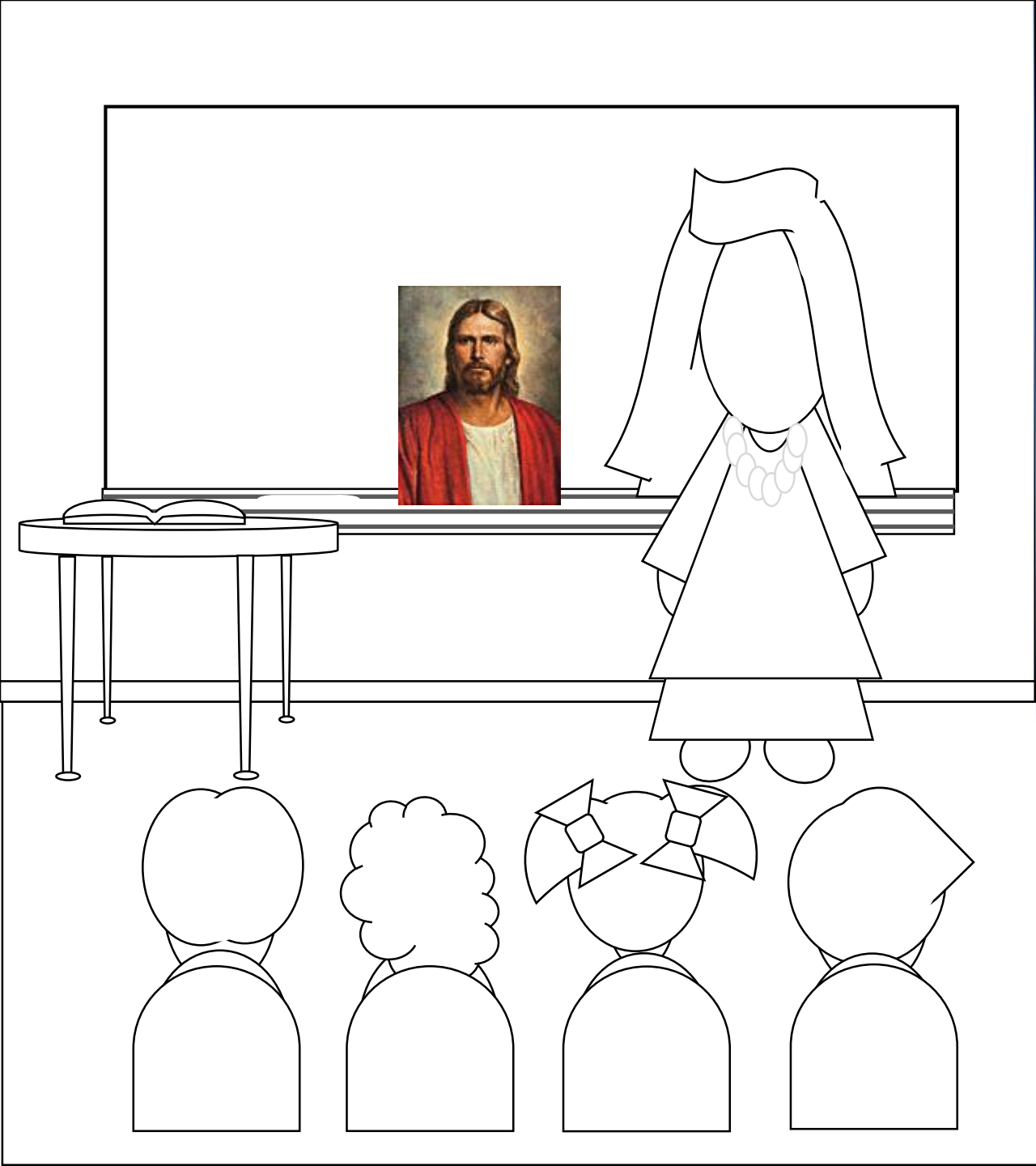




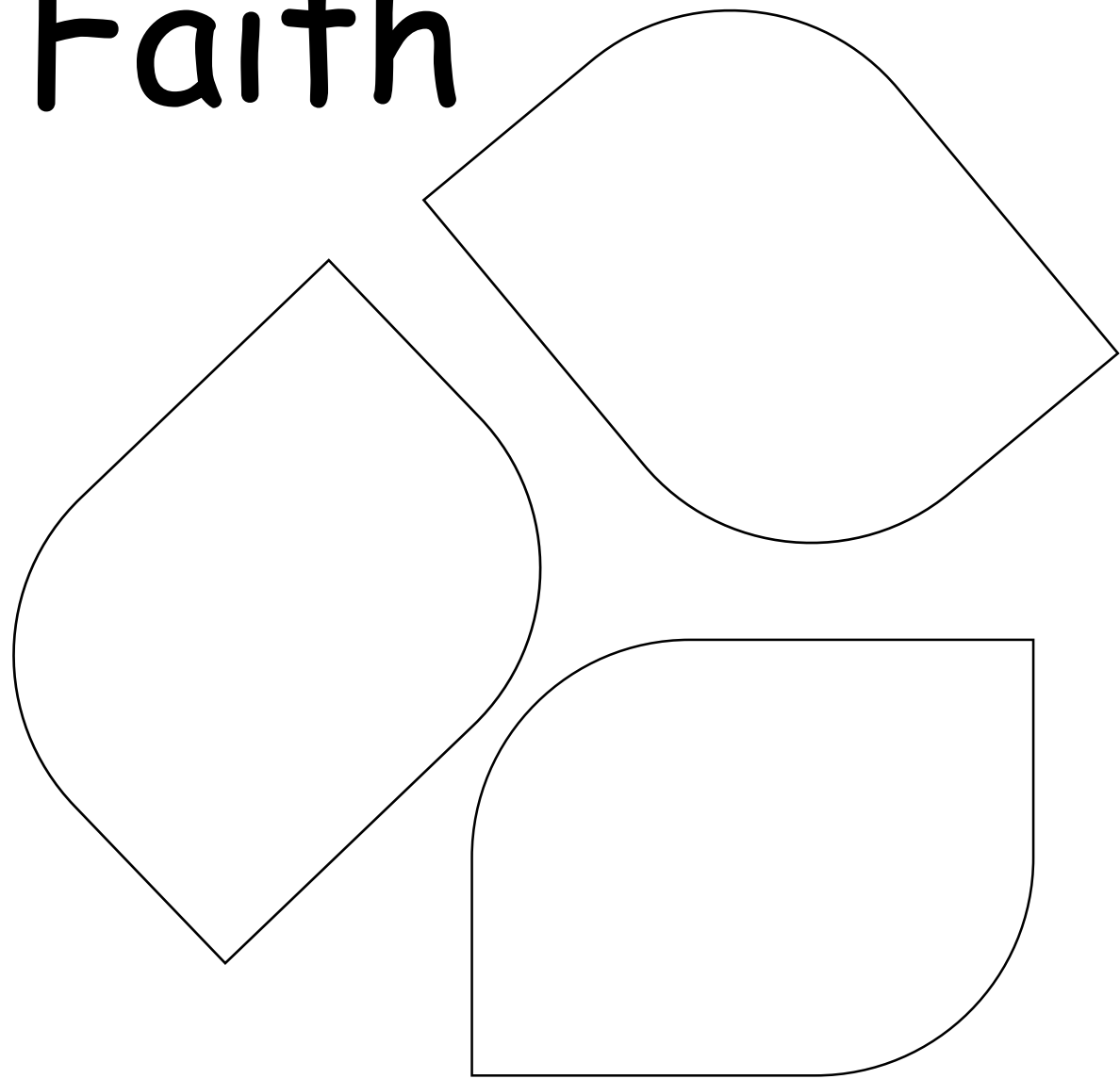
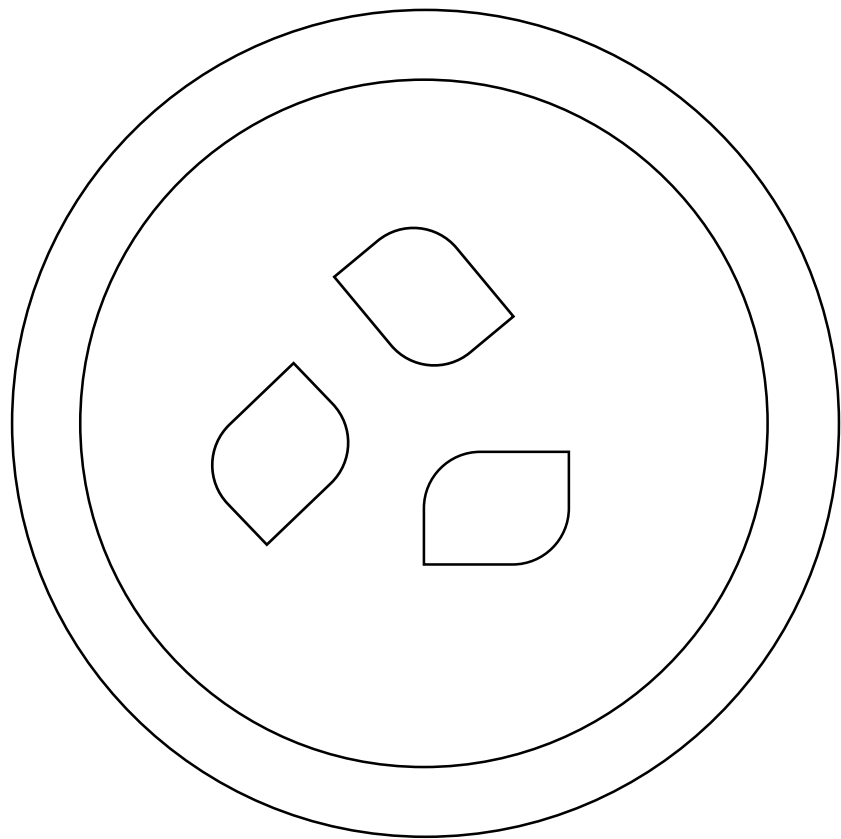
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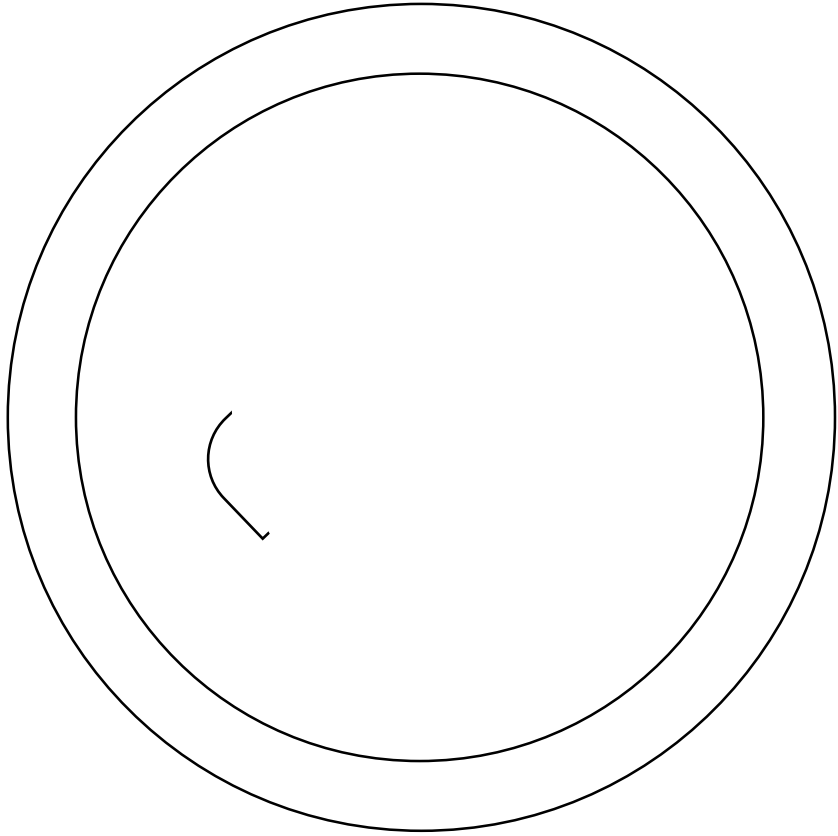




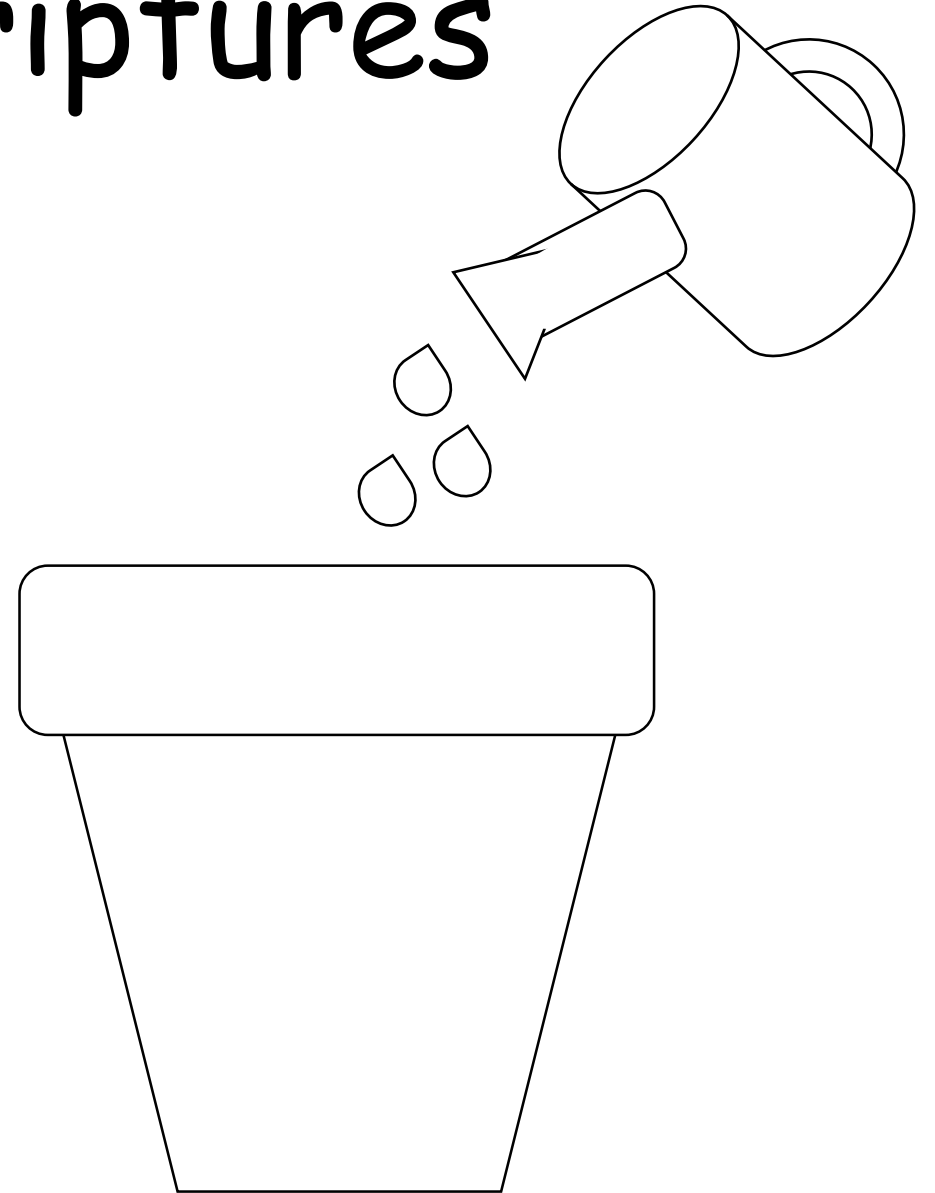
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