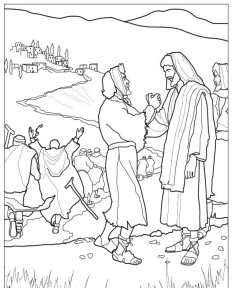
The Thankful Leper

Jesus loved helping people, and more than that his love for them healed them. Leprosy was a disease that people didn't understand. They thought it was infectious and so they kept their distance, this meant that lepers were a very lonely group of people. But Jesus knew better and didn't hesitate to reach out and help them. Can we be a friend to those who are lonely and need to know that someone cares.

But this week's story also reminds us that we may not get thanked for those good things that we do. Only one of the ten who were healed came back to say thank you. Are we prepared to do a good deed without being thanked, without anyone even knowing that we have done it? And when we are helped do we always remember to say thank you? Lots to think about in this story.

Story: The Thankful Leper - Saddleback Kids

Activity: Colour in your picture and then complete the code chart to find out what everyone is saying.



Song time: - Help me be your eyes Lord Jesus - Duggie Doug Doug

Activity: - **Can I Help?** Who are all these people? Try to think of all the things that they do to serve others? How do they do it? What skills do they need? Why do they do it?

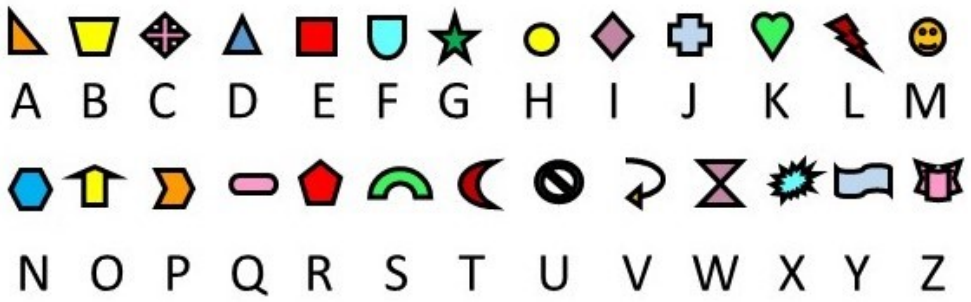
Draw yourself in the empty space. Now think about all these questions again, and plan how you can share God's love as you serve others who need your help.

Prayer time:

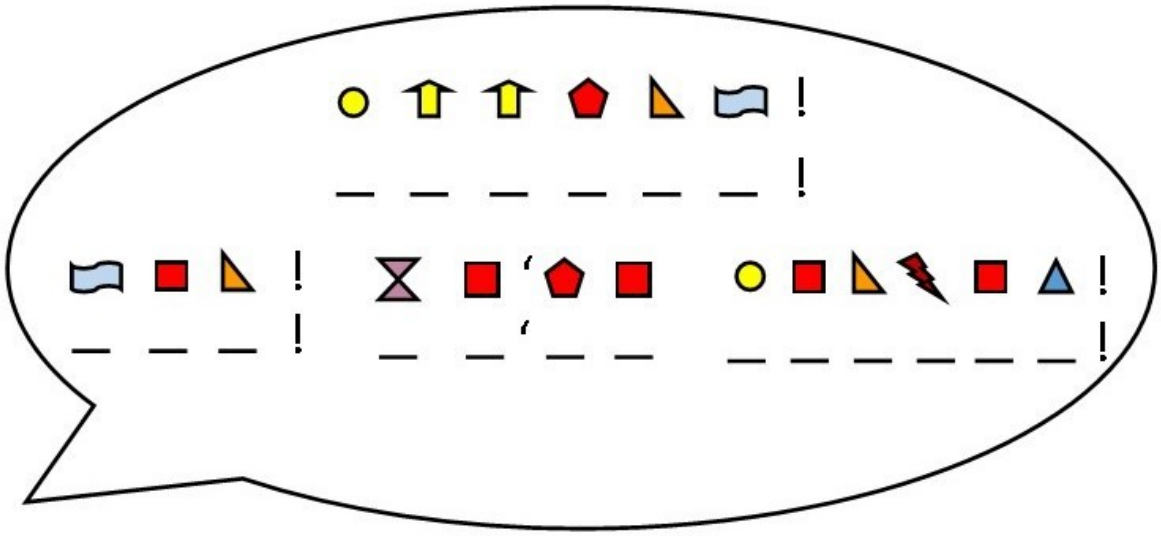
Loving God, we thank you now for all those who look after us,
who serve us, and keep us fit and well.

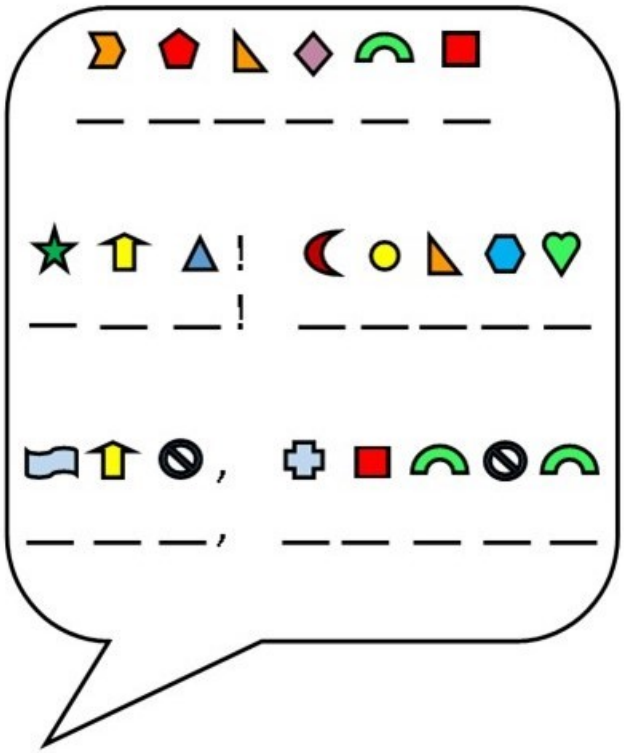
We sometimes forget to say thank you -
so next time someone helps us, remind us to say thank you straight away. And help us to serve others, whenever we can
without expecting any reward or thanks
—just knowing that we are doing, what you would want us to do. Amen

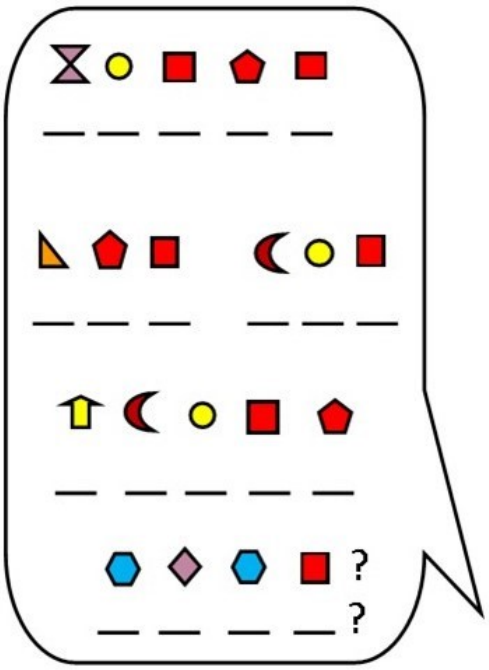
Song time: I'm Gonna Serve - PBC Creation Station



Use this key to crack the code and find out what different people are saying in your picture







Can I Help?

What do these people do to serve others?