

The Gospel soccer ball

What you will need:

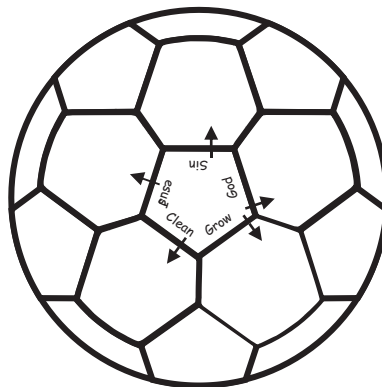
- Printed sheets of the ball on **blue** or **white** card (2 balls per sheet).
- Printed sheets of segments on coloured paper: **yellow**, **grey** (or white), **red**, **white**, and **green**. (There are 20 segments per page).
- Scissors
- Glue stick or other paper glue.

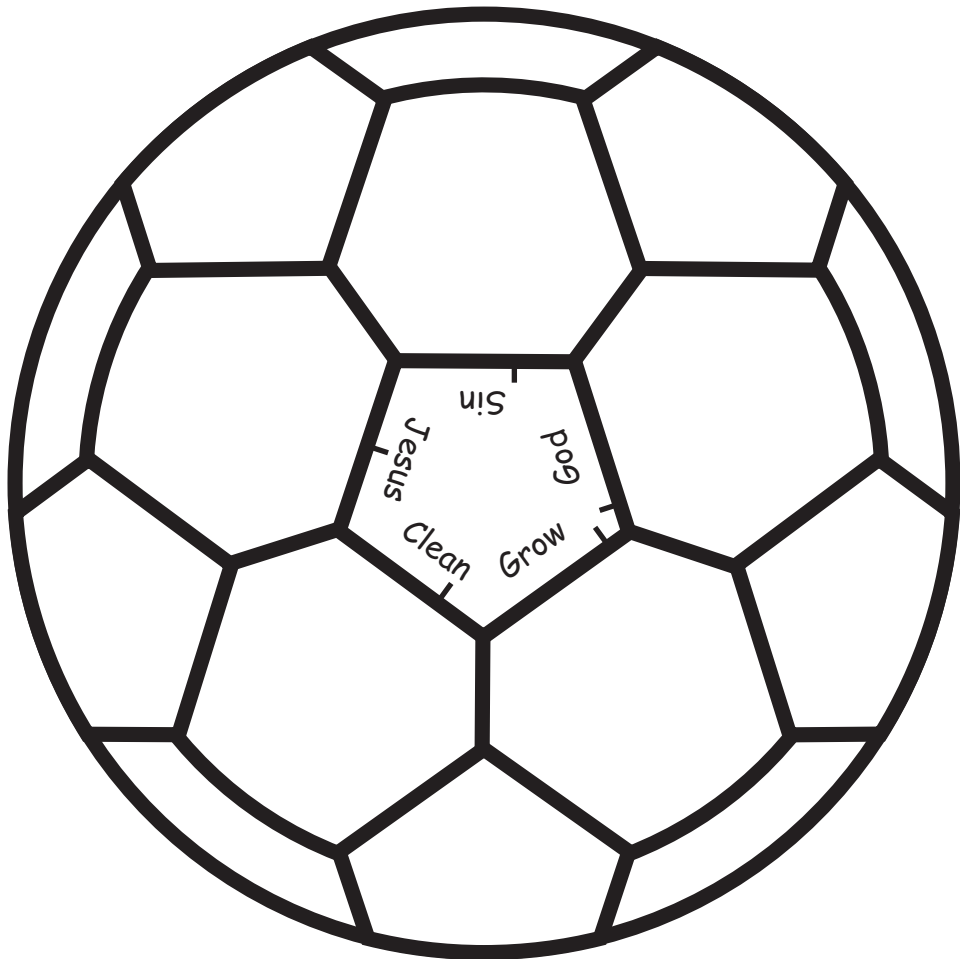
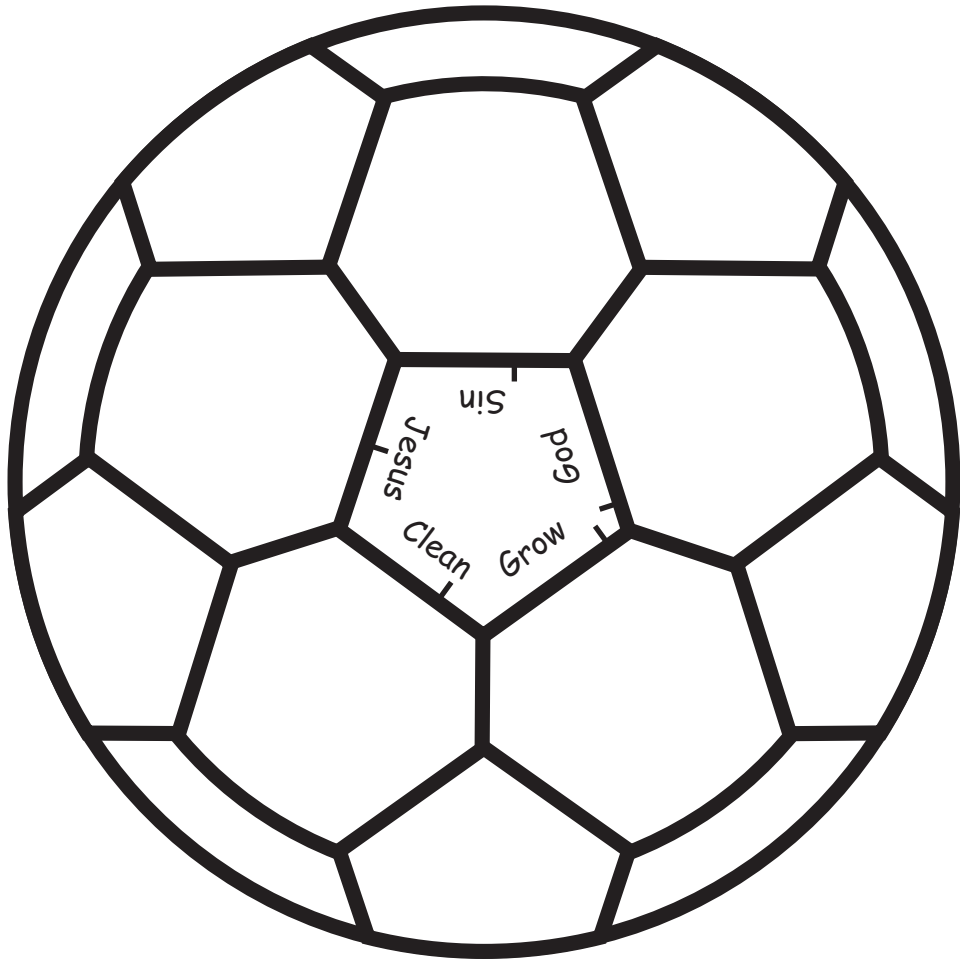
Preparation

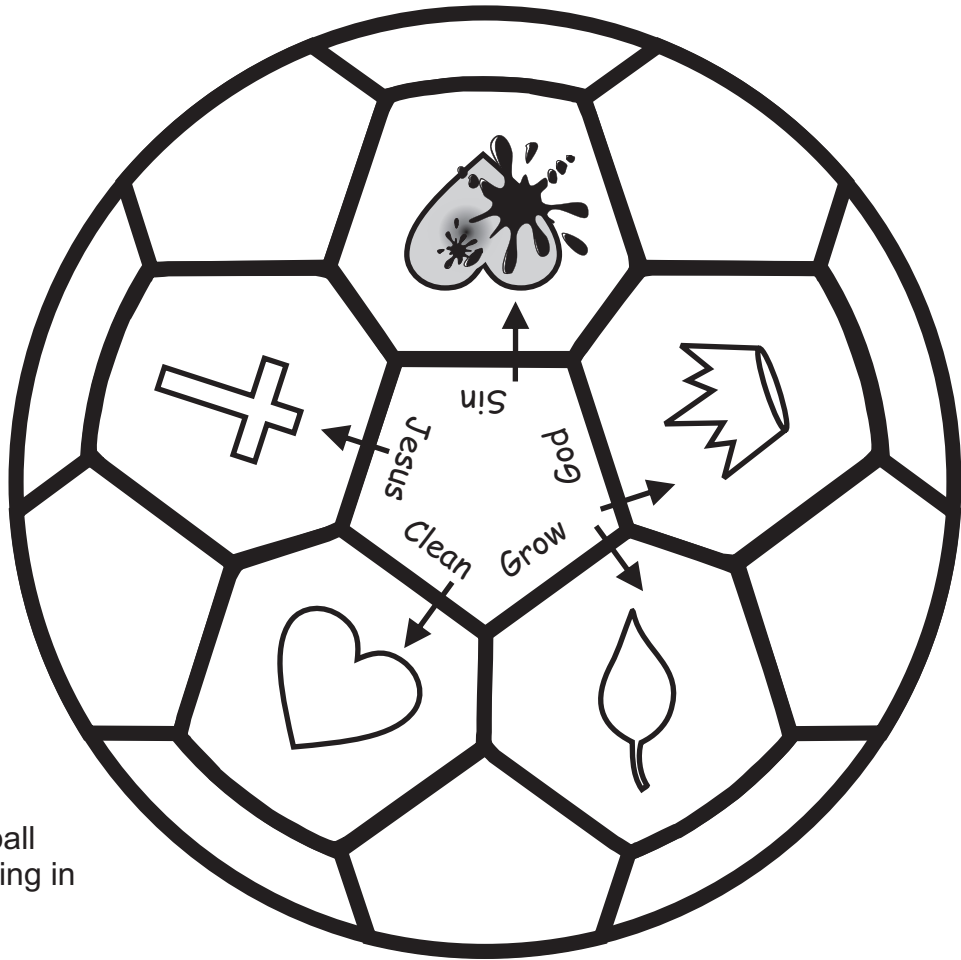
- Print the balls on page 2. Print each of the five pages of segments onto the relevant paper colour as indicated on pages 4 - 8. Coloured sheets can be printed on normal thin paper or card.
- If coloured paper is not available, let the child colour in the segments of the ball with pencil crayons (template on page 3). Make a mark with the appropriate colour in each segment so the child knows which colour to use. It is important to get the colours right as each colour has a significant meaning.

Construction

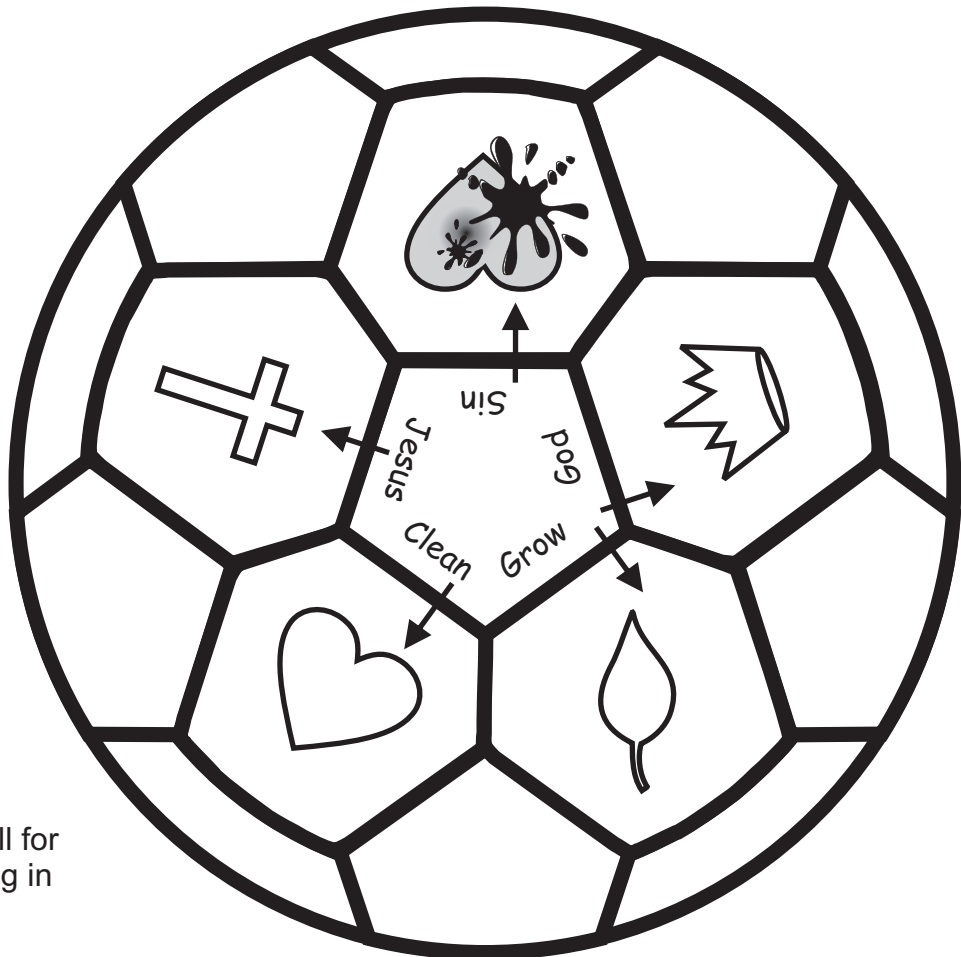
- Cut out the ball.
- Cut out the segments and ensure that there are five segments per ball--one of each colour: yellow, grey, red, white, and green.
- Glue the five segments around the middle pentagon, making sure that the arrows pointing from the segment to the middle are aligned, as shown below.





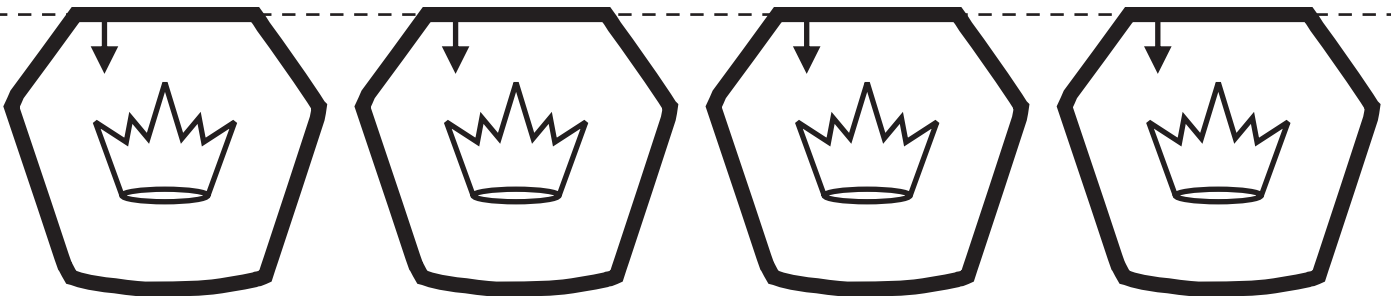
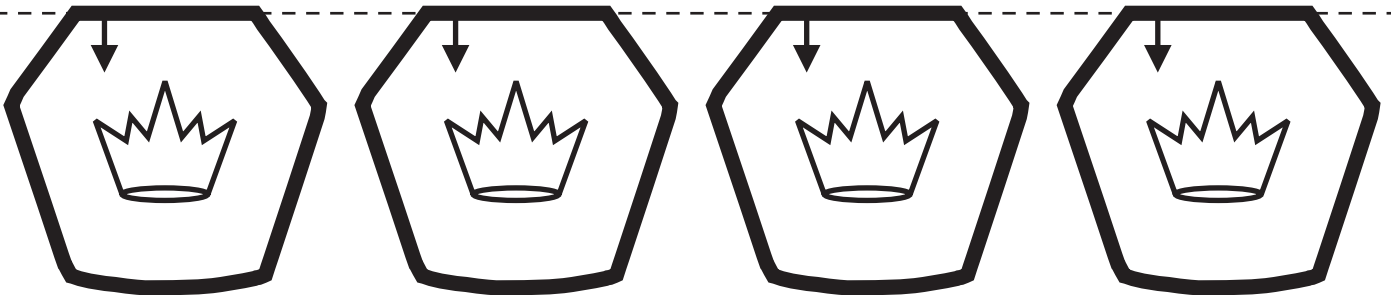
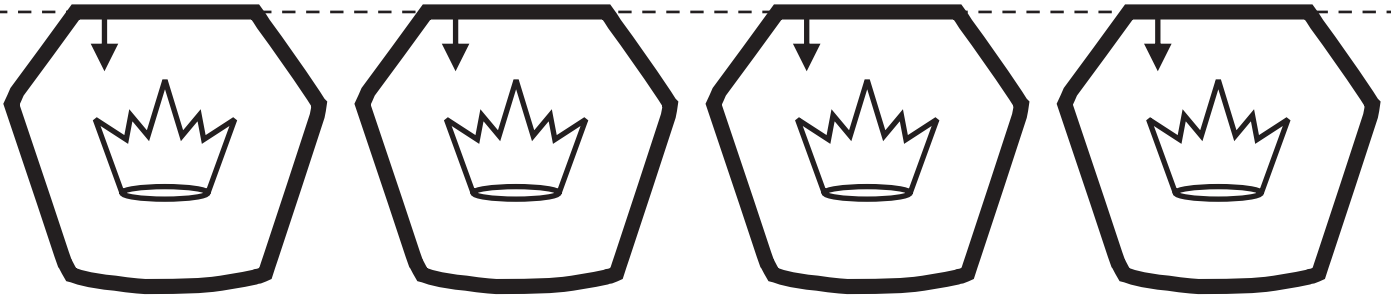
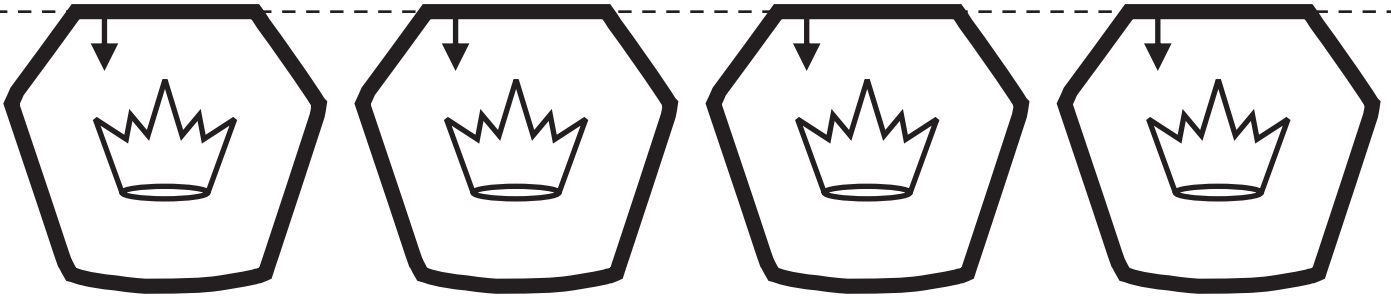
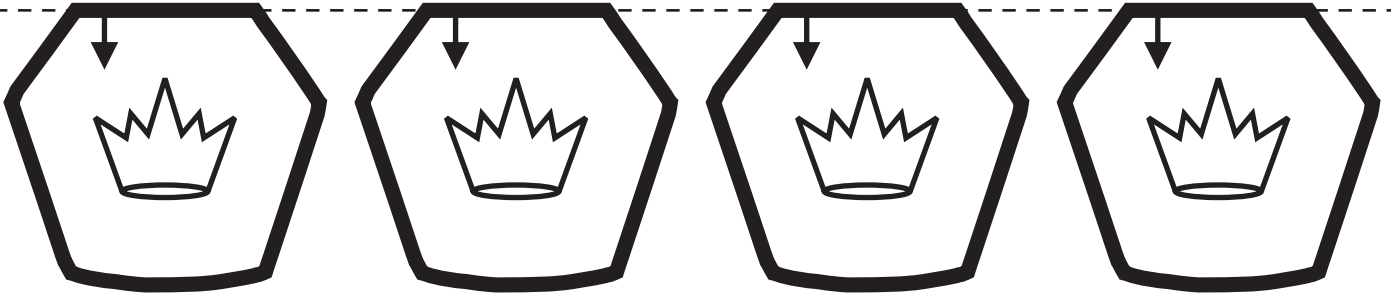


Plain ball
for colouring in

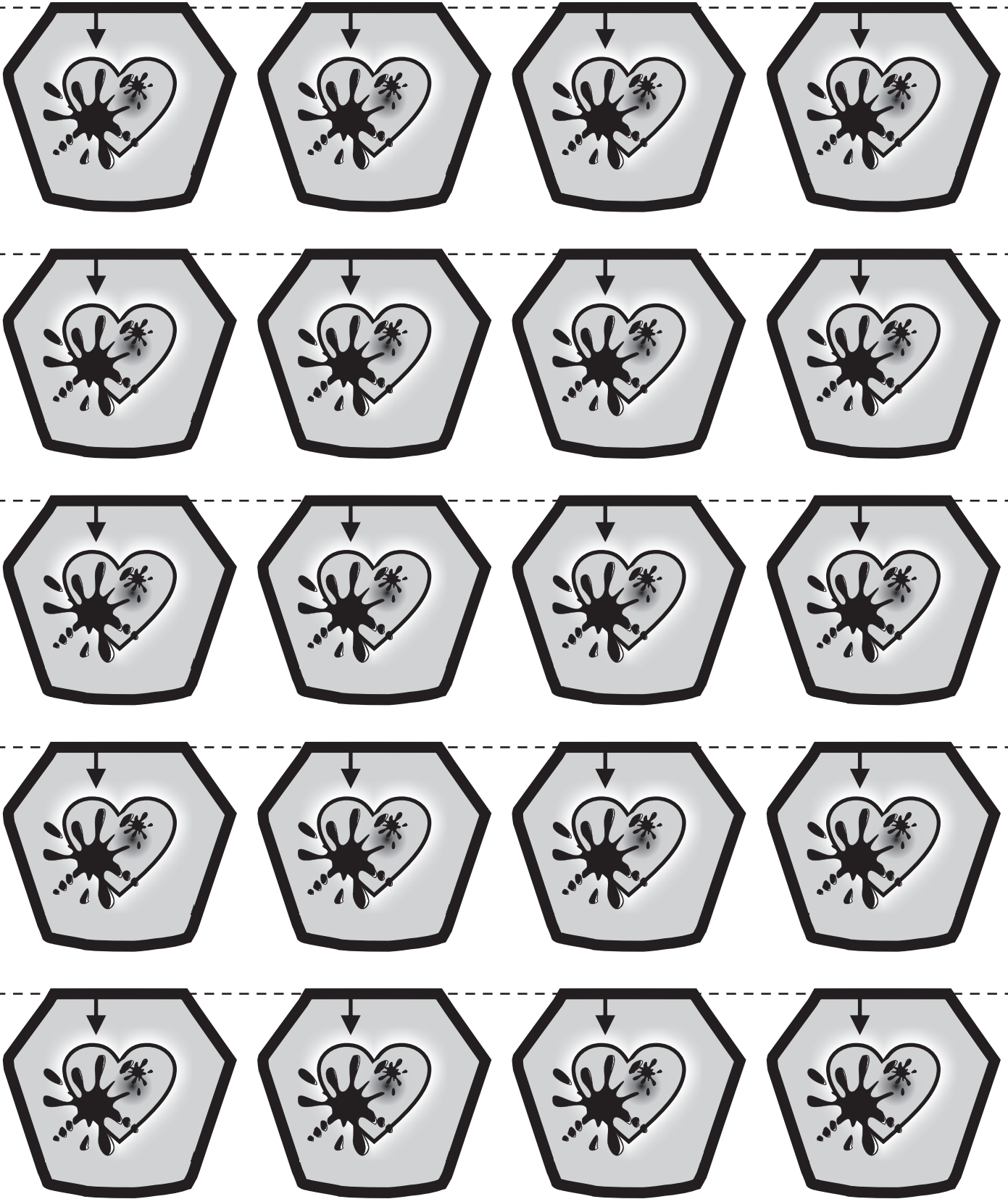


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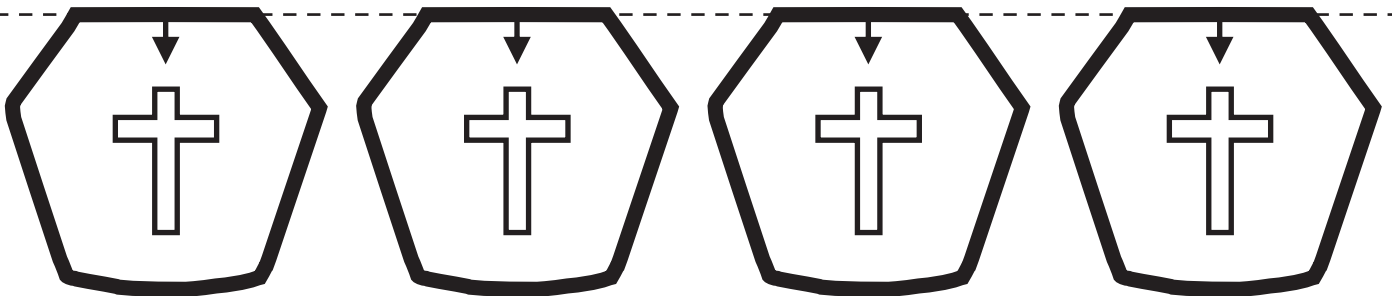
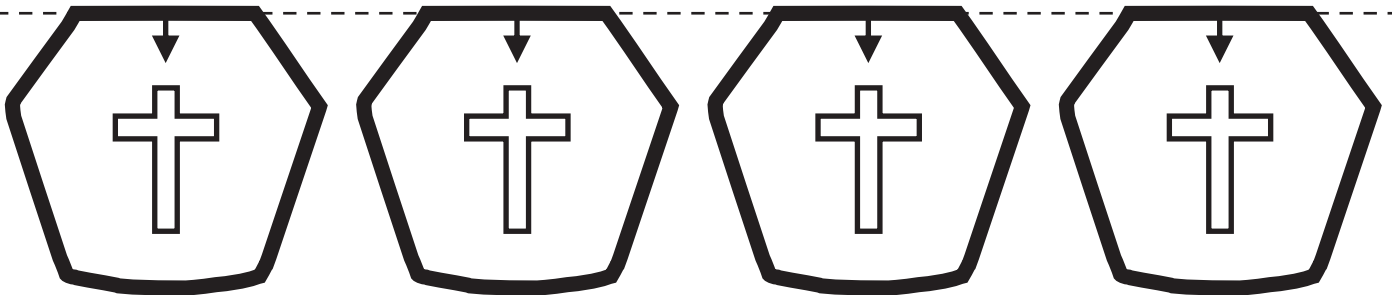
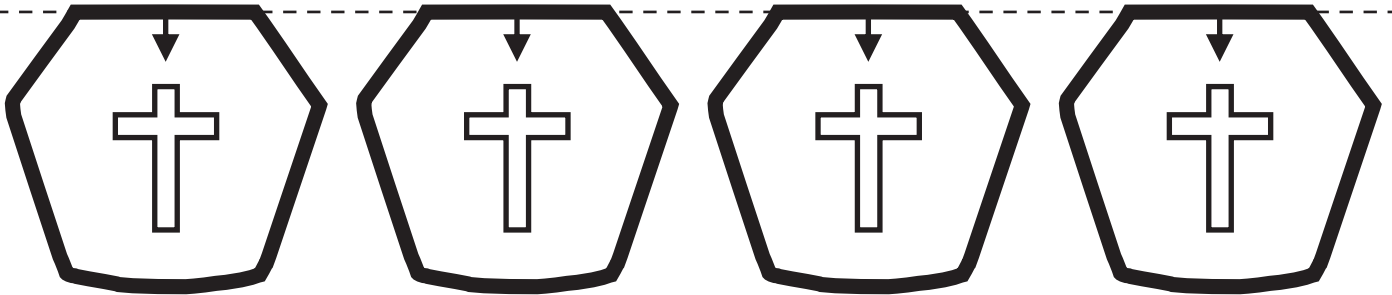
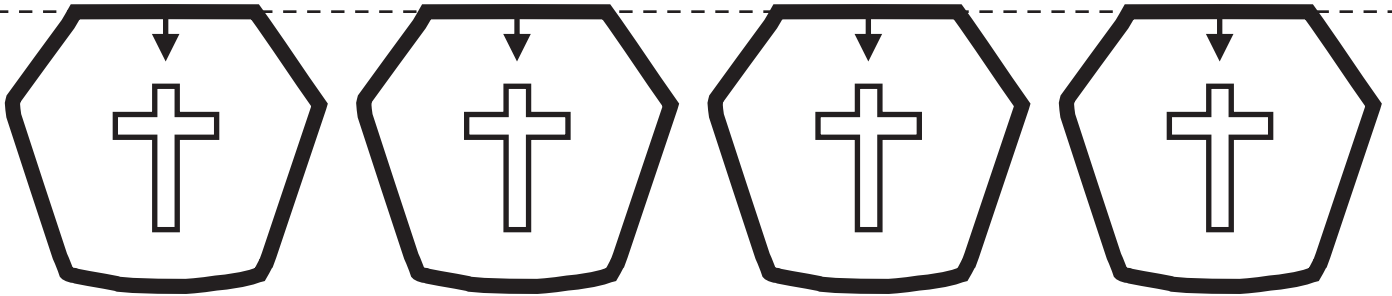
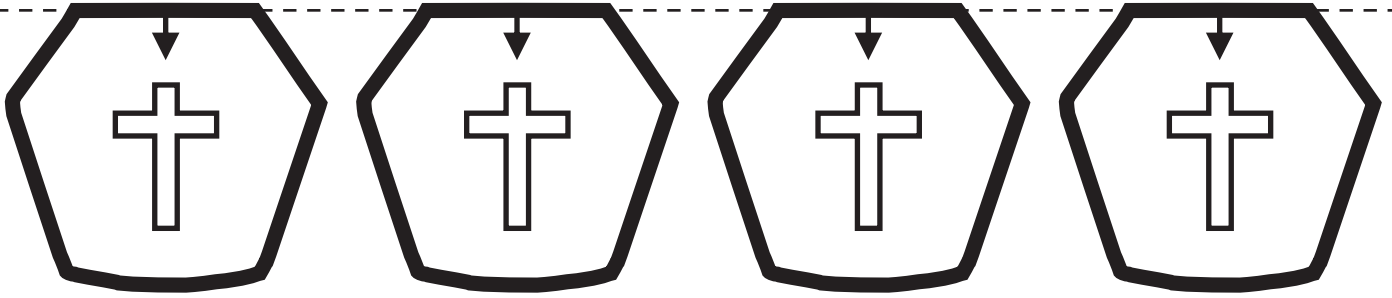
Yellow page



Grey page (can be printed on white)



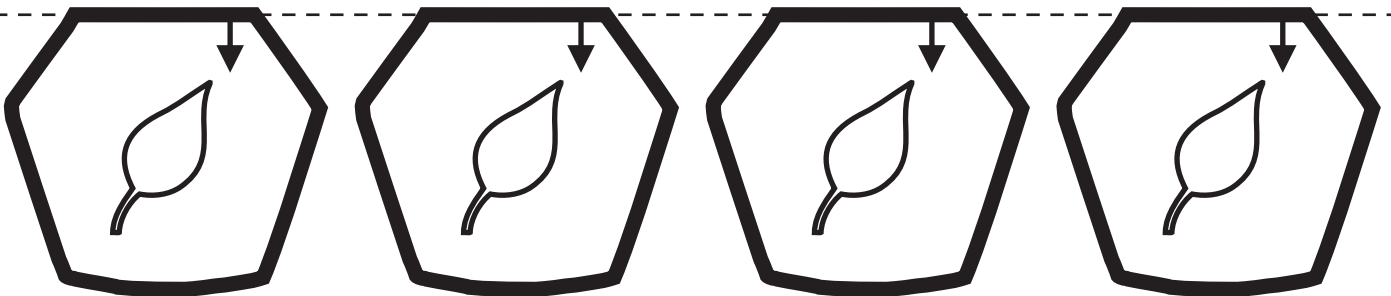
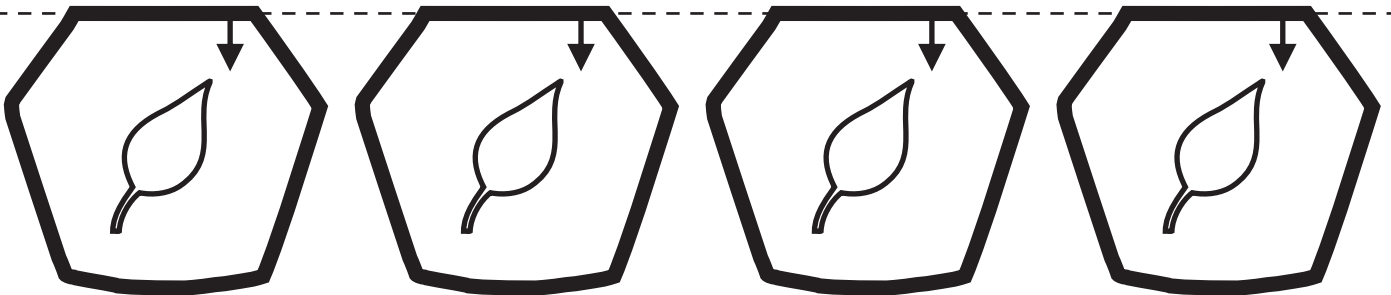
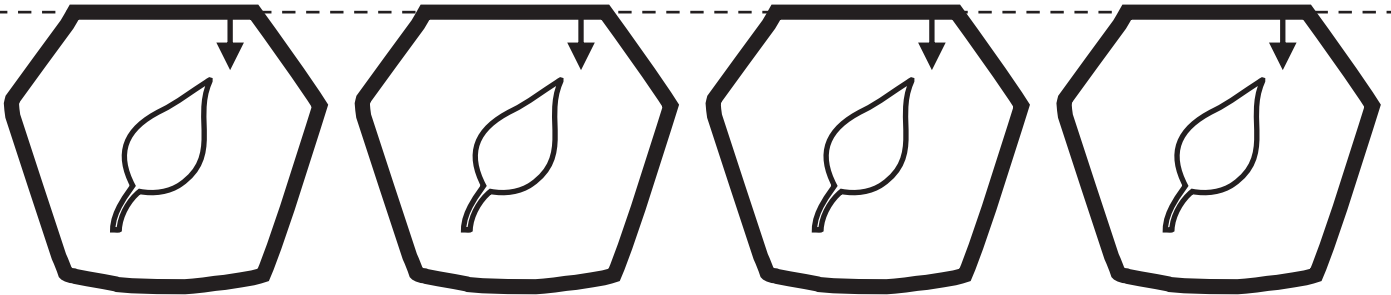
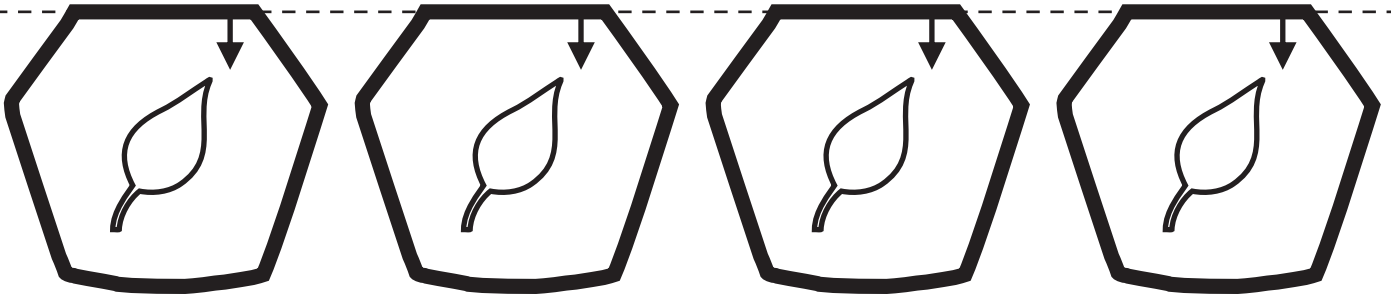
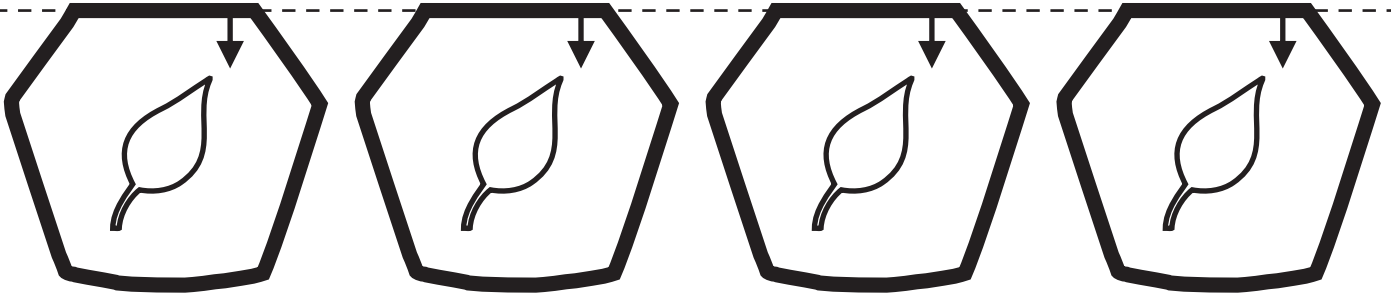
Red page



White page



Green page



What the colours represent

- **Yellow** (gold) is a colour that is easily associated with the magnificent beauty and purity of Heaven where God sits on His throne. God created everything there is and He made us in His image.
Gold is also used for the crown of a king, and so the colour gold also helps us think of Jesus, the King of kings. (References: 1 Timothy 6:15, Revelation 17:14, 21:21).
- **Dark grey** represents our sin, which stains our spiritual hearts. Sin came into the world when Adam disobeyed God and as a result we, as descendants of Adam, are all sinners. (References: Romans 5:12, Romans 3:23).
- **Red** is symbolic of Jesus' blood, which takes away our sin. When Jesus died on the cross, He took all our sin on Him and also the punishment for our sin. (References: Hebrews 9:22, 1 John 1:7b).
- **White** is a clean colour that shows how our heart is cleaned of every sin when we ask Jesus to forgive us. (References: 1 John 1:9, Isaiah 1:18).
- **Green** reminds us of nature and new growth. Green is an indication of life. As newborn Christians, we need to keep on growing in our faith. (References: Ephesians 3:16-17, 1 Peter 2:2, Colossians 2:6-7).
- As we come full circle, we again get to the **yellow** colour that now reminds us of the crown that awaits us in Heaven one day. (References: 1 Peter 5:4, Psalm 21:3).
- **Blue** reminds us of the Holy Spirit who is the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, leads us to repentance, fills us when we give our lives to Jesus and helps us grow. The Holy Spirit is God's presence inside everyone who believes. Blue is associated with the life-giving water of the Spirit that fills every part of our lives and flows out to others. (Reference: John 4:13-14).