

# REFLECTIONS ON PRAYER

an illustrated  
**LENT**  
FOR FAMILIES















## DISCUSSION

As you color the coloring page, ponder these questions together:

- Do you enjoy spending time alone? What about it is nice? What about it is difficult?
- Have you prayed to God silently or out loud by yourself? If you have, what is it like? If you never have before, what do you think it would be like?
- What does being alone with God look like for you? What does it feel like?

## ACTIVITY

*Supplies needed: This week's activity pages, markers/crayons/pencils, possible household items (chair, blanket, light source)*

This week we invite you to create a prayer space in your home. No matter the size of your home, we encourage you to take a look around and find a room, a corner, or a spot that you can designate as a solitary place. If you don't have a separate room, use a blanket, curtain, or screen (be creative) to create a specific area.

Use the activity pages and markers/crayons/pencils to decorate your two signs. The first sign says "Prayer Space." The second sign says "Available" and on the backside says "In Use." When you are finished, fold this sheet in half and have the "Available" side up when you are finished using the space, and place the "In Use" side up when someone is spending time in the space.

Beginning this week, discuss with your family when each of you might find time to use the prayer space. Grown-ups with young children, you can model how this is a special place you can go to talk with God by praying together with them in this space.

When you finish creating your prayer space, consider taking a photo and sharing your prayer space with us at [icm@illustratedchildrensministry.com](mailto:icm@illustratedchildrensministry.com) and on social media using the hashtag #anillustratedlent so we can share ideas from our amazing community during Lent.



## PRAYER

*This week, we invite you to pray this prayer out loud or silently in the prayer space you created.*

Dear God,

Thank you for your son, Jesus.

Thank you for his life.

Thank you that he shows us how to be connected to you.

Help me to learn how to be alone with you

To talk with you

To laugh with you

To cry with you

To question with you

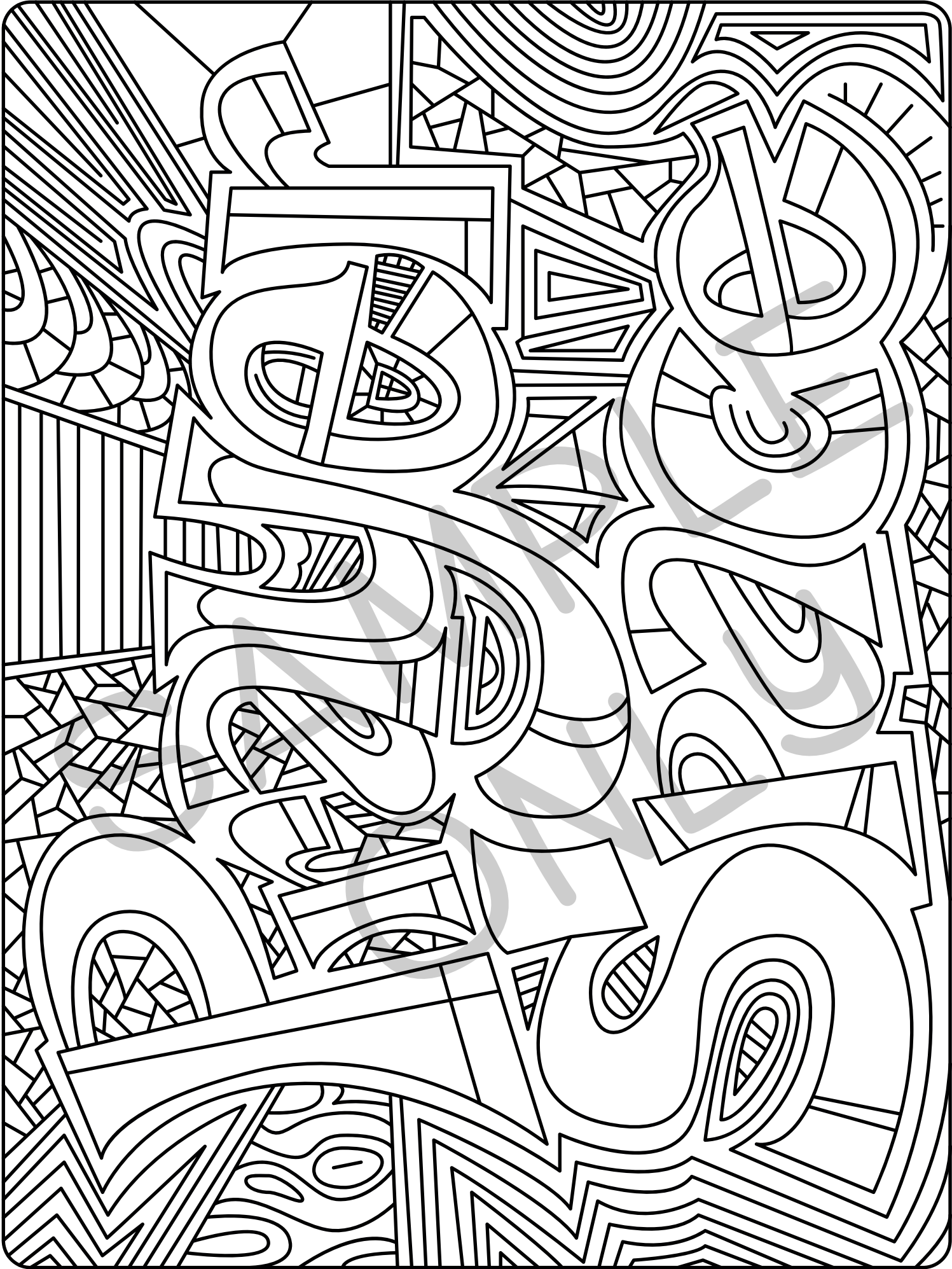
To grow with you.

Bless me with time, space, and ability  
to meet with you one-on-one this week  
and every week.

Love,

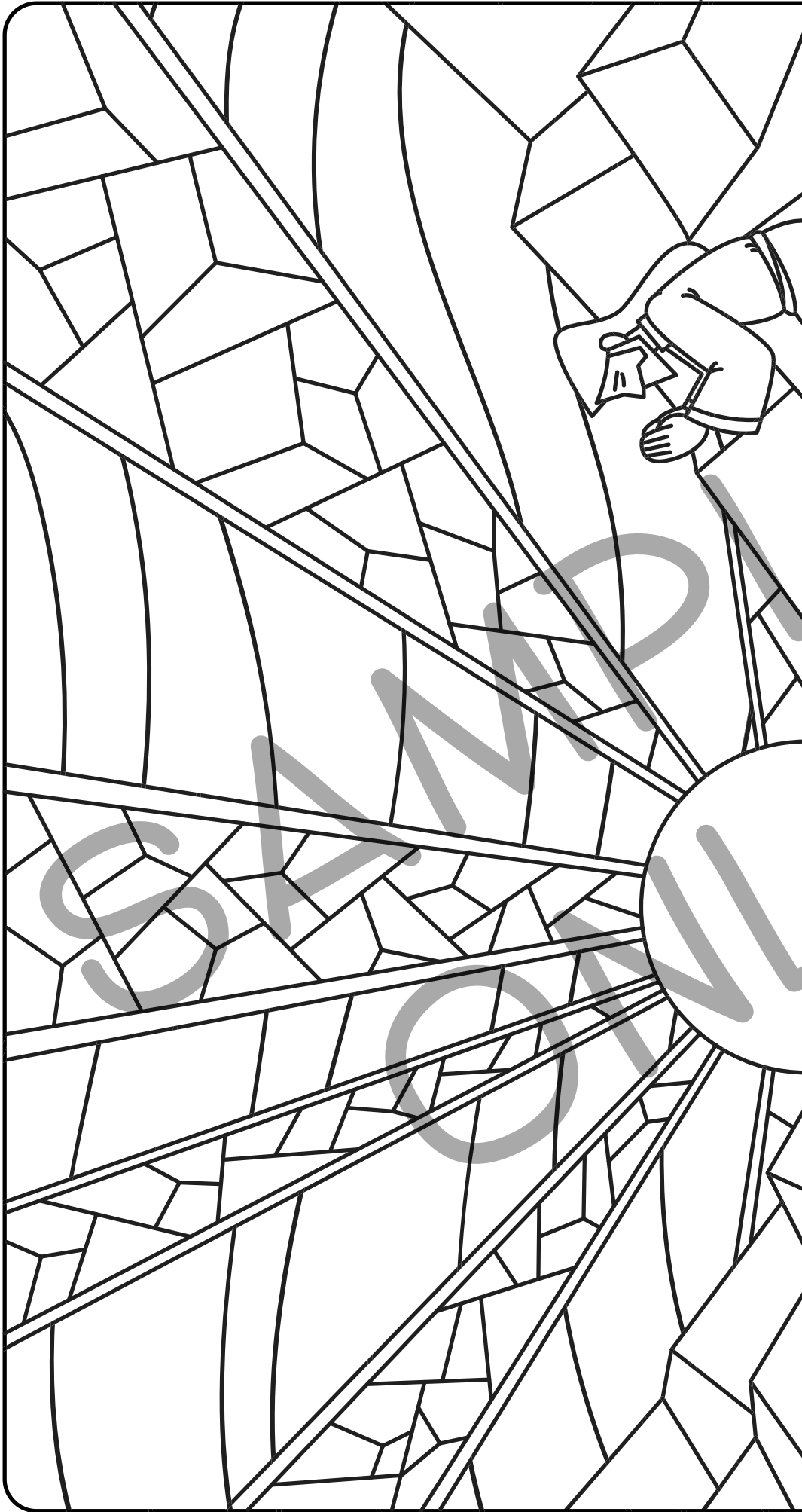
Your Child

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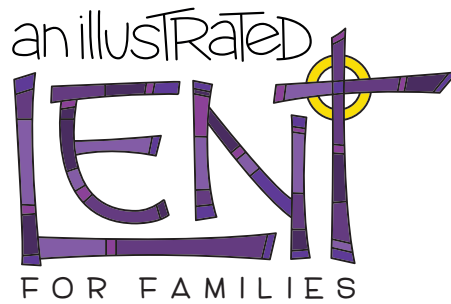


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“and there  
He prayed.”



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