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# First Things Last

What a kingdom Jesus is going to have!” exclaimed James. “It will be richer than any kingdom that has ever been!” “It will be great because Jesus is fair,” said John. “I am glad that I have been with Jesus since the very first. We will be an important part of the new kingdom.”

“That’s right,” said James. “You will sit at Jesus’ right hand in the new kingdom, and I will sit at the left.”

“Do you really think so?” questioned John. “Peter thinks he will be number one, not to mention Judas and Simon the Zealot. If we want to be first, we need to talk to Jesus and make sure.”

John thought about Jesus and how humble He was. “But will Jesus be happy listening to us talk about



being first?” James spoke. “We need to ask about first place before some others do. We want to be near Him so we can do

things His way. I know, let’s get Mother to ask Him.”

It was not long before their mother arrived and they told her of their plan. She went to Jesus and smiled. “Will you do something for me?”

Jesus looked at her kindly. “What would you like Me to do?” He asked.

“In Your kingdom, let my sons be on Your right side and Your left side,” she said. “They will do the things You want.”

Jesus’ face became sad. He turned to James and John.

“Are you able to face the trouble and the pain that I must face?”

Eagerly, James and John answered, “Oh, yes, Lord, we can face Your troubles.”



Jesus replied. “Yes, you will face My problems and deal with My pain. But I must tell you, that it is not My

job to give out positions in God’s kingdom. My Father has a plan for each of you. He is the One who will decide about positions in the kingdom.”

There was a sputter from behind Jesus. The other disciples were angry! Each one wanted to be the most important person in Jesus’ kingdom. Why should young John be ahead of them? They all wanted to be first.

Jesus moved to a quiet place and called all the disciples to Him. “Think about the people who don’t know about God,” He said. “Those people have kings who order people around every day. People are beaten down and forced to obey. “But My kingdom is not like that. I came to serve others. My people must serve others. To be a leader in My kingdom, you must first learn how to serve. That is how My kingdom works.” Jesus’ kingdom is still like that. He asks everyone in His kingdom to be unselfish. He wants us to put others first.



# First Things Last Questions

Who wanted to sit at Jesus's left and right hand?

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Why did James want to talk to Jesus first?

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How did Jesus reply to James and John's request?

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Would you have asked Jesus what James and John did? Explain

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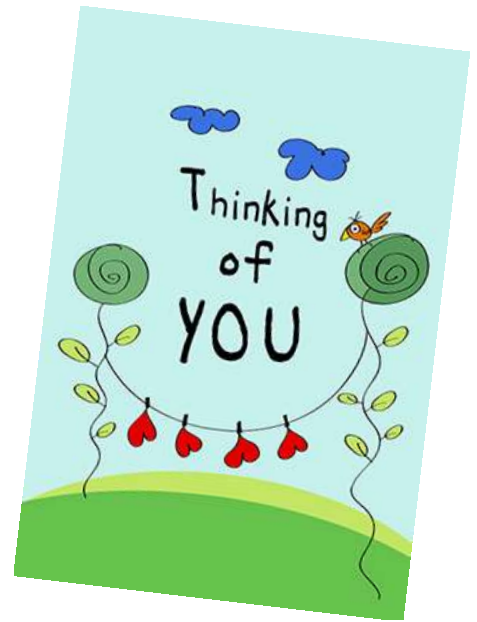


# First Things Last Coloring Page



# First Things Last Craft

## Card Ideas



## Simple Thinking of You Messages for Cards

1. Just felt like sharing a smile with you today.
2. I wish I could be there with you. Know that you are with me in my thoughts.
3. I hope this card finds you in good spirits and doing well.
4. Just wanted to send a happy card your way today.
5. Hey, this cute card was chosen by a kid who wanted to send love and hugs your way.
6. There are a million reasons to smile, but you're my favorite.
7. A little card to say hello, and that we're thinking of you. Hope your days are filled with interesting new hobbies to keep you busy. Lots of love from us all.

## Materials needed:

Construction paper, paint or crayons, pencil, an envelope, and decorative items of your choosing.

**Instructions:** Create a thinking of you card making it as personal as possible, with lots of decorative features. Once your card is done place it in an envelope and address it to whomever you've decided on with your parents. Have your parents mail/deliver the card. Once the card is received it will bring a smile to your recipient.



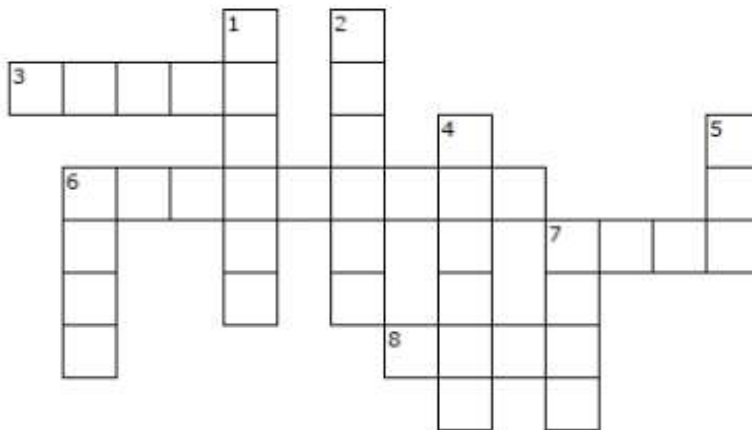
# First Things Last Puzzle

## Show Others You Care

The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases.  
Mark 1:33-34a (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 1:29-39



### ACROSS

3. A condition when the body temperature is higher than normal
6. A place of meeting for worship in the Jewish faith
7. The body part used for holding things
8. To cure from sickness or disease

### DOWN

1. To deliver a sermon
2. Evil spirits
4. The time of day when the sun disappears below the horizon
5. A piece of furniture for sleeping
6. To be ill or have a disease
7. To give assistance; to aid

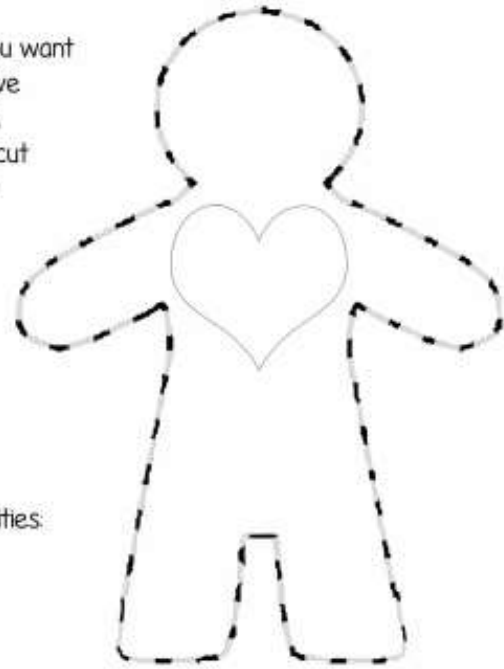
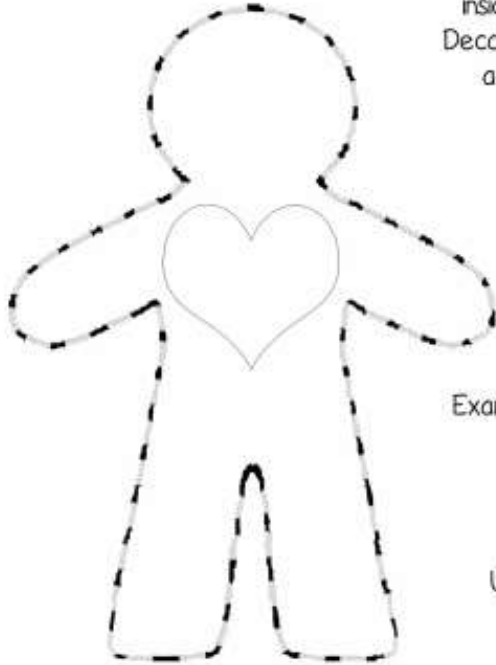
FEVER	HEAL	HAND	BED	SYNAGOGUE
SICK	HELP	PREACH	DEMONS	SUNSET



# My friends are...

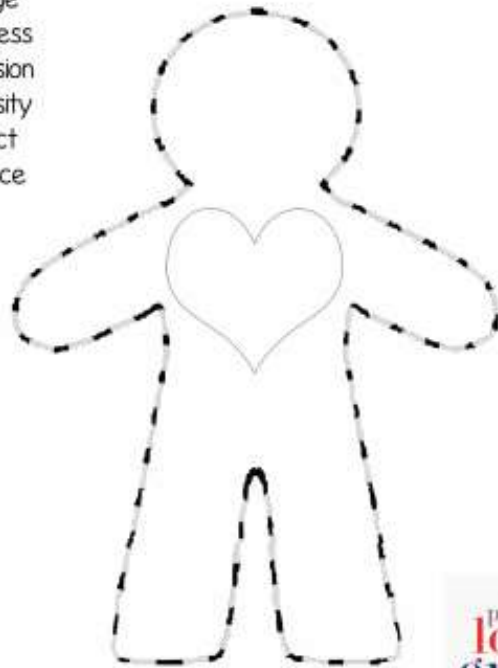
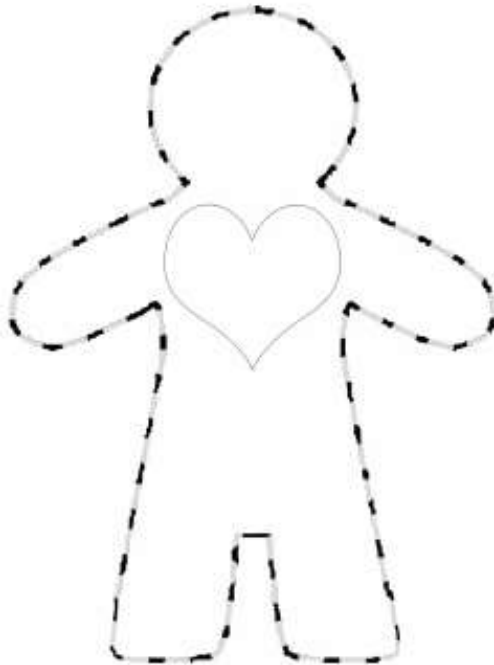
Friendship series 2/5

Write 1 quality that you want  
your friend to have  
inside the heart.  
Decorate, color, cut  
and have fun!



Examples of qualities:

Love  
Kindness  
Patience  
Understanding  
Honesty  
Courage  
Helpfulness  
Compassion  
Generosity  
Respect  
Tolerance  
Joy

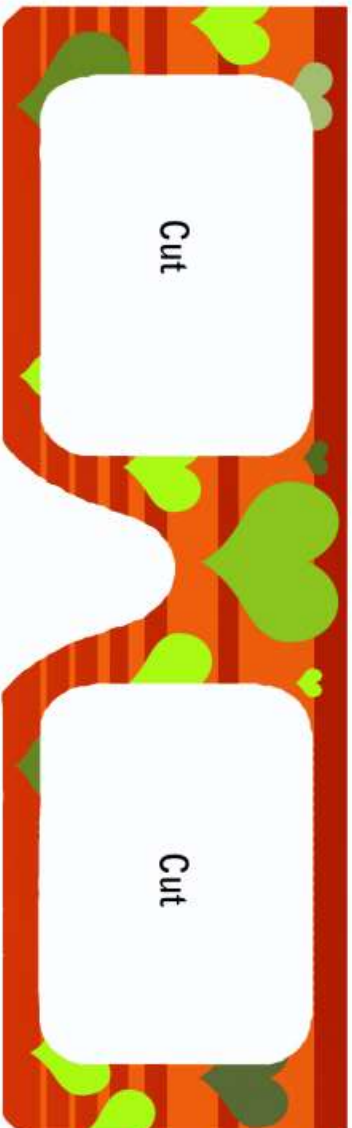


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# Perception shades



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Print on card stock  
Cut the glasses and assemble, making  
sure to cut holes so that you can see.  
Think about how you want to see yourself  
and others