

Lenten devotions * Week 5 * Watch

Scripture: Mark 13:32-37

"But about that day or hour [when the Son of Man will come] no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his workers in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Questions:

- How does it feel to be really tired? What are you like when you haven't had enough sleep? And how does it feel to be wide awake? What are you like when you're really rested?
- What are some things you don't know about? How does the not knowing make you feel?

Going Deeper:

- How can we be "ready" for God to be among us?

Activity:

Notice how the Scripture implies that God is surprising - maybe appearing where and when we least expect it!

This week, practice looking for signs of God. Where is God present around you? Maybe in the kindness of strangers, or the beauty of nature, or the boldness of someone standing up for what's right? Invite each family member to record on the God-sightings handout (print one per family member) - in words or in drawings - the ways they saw, or heard, or felt, holiness breaking through their ordinary days. At the end of the week, share these records of God-sightings together.

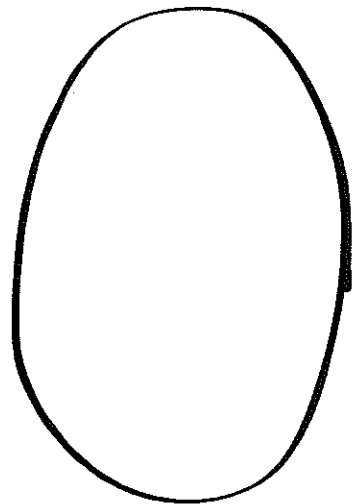
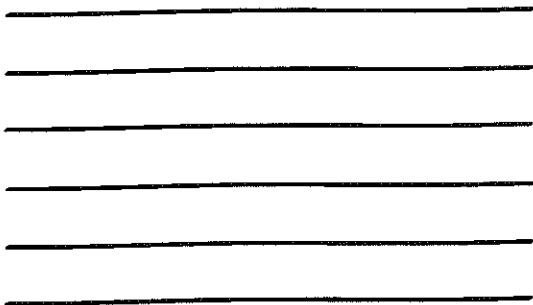
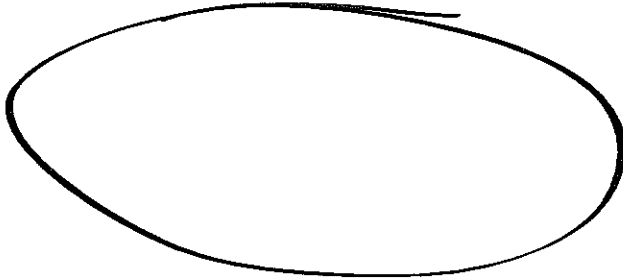
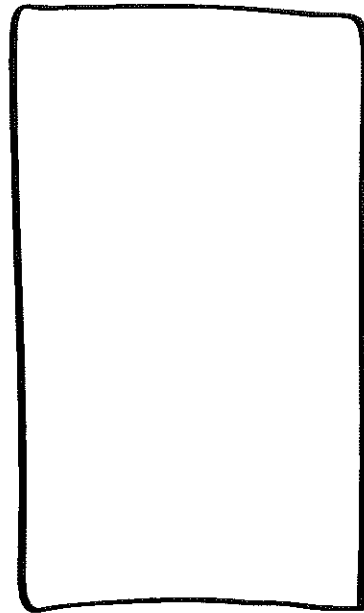
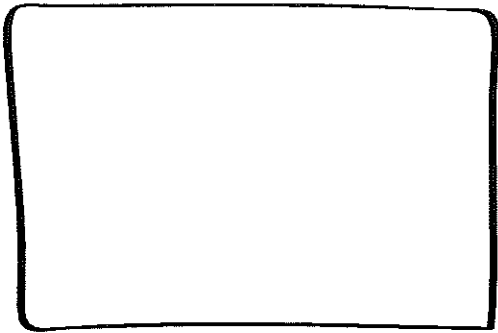
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Prayer:

*Ever-present God,
There is a lot we don't understand.
So much of the world is a mystery.
But we know that you are with us,
and that your love surrounds us always.
Help us to pay attention,
and to celebrate your love wherever we find it. Amen.*

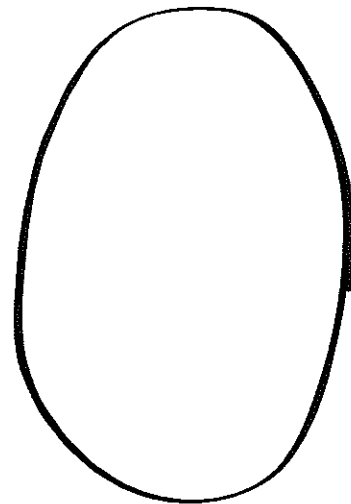
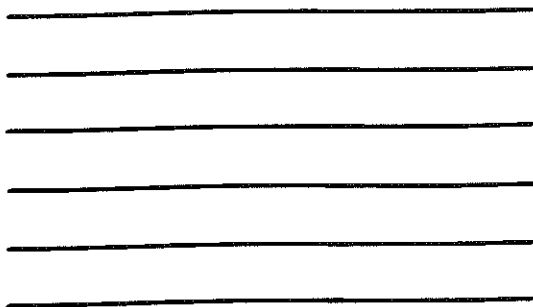
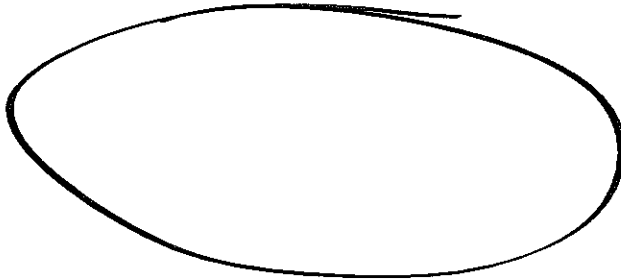
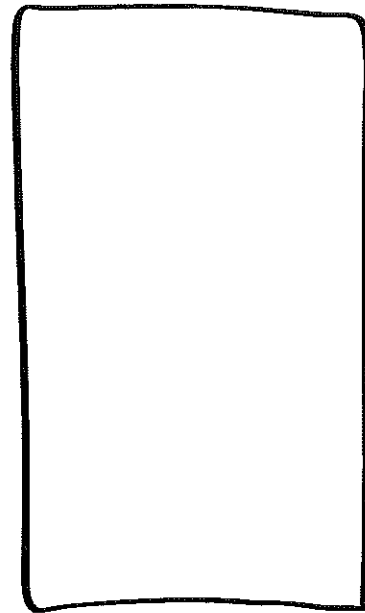
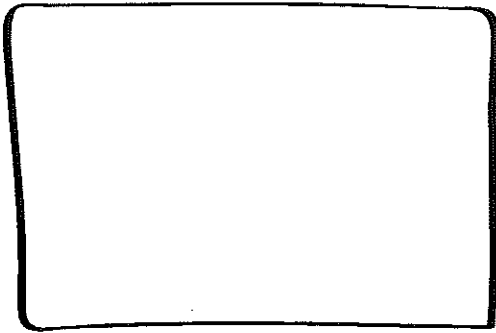
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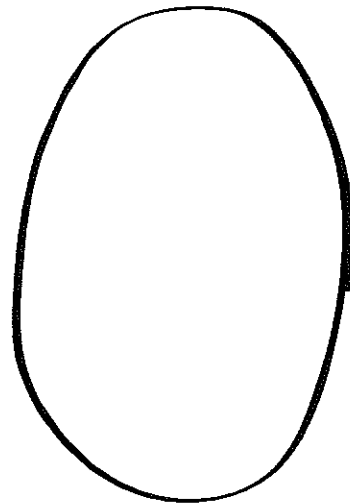
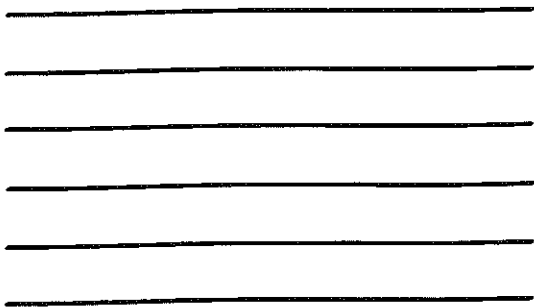
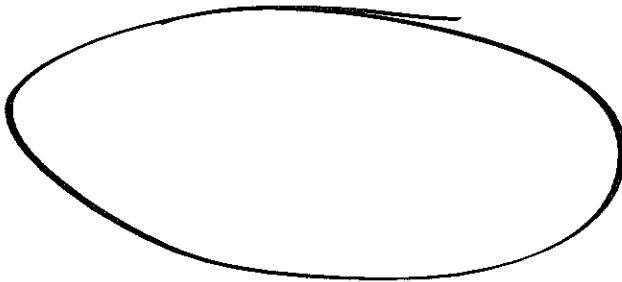
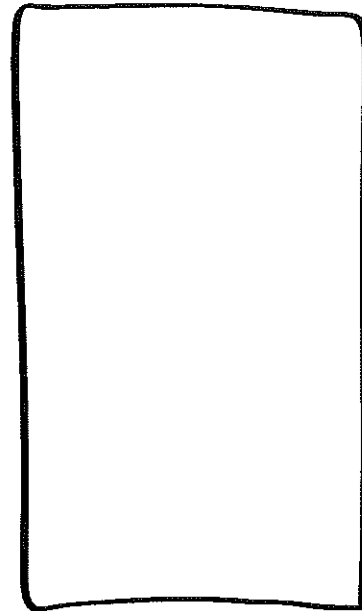
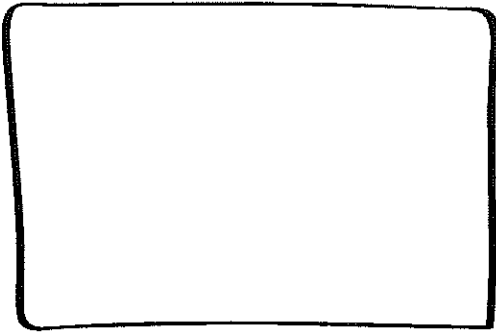
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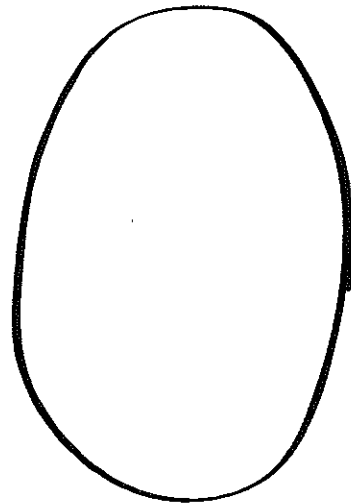
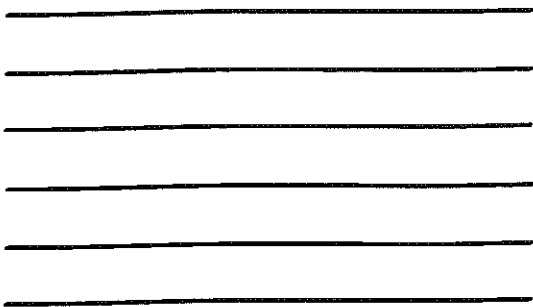
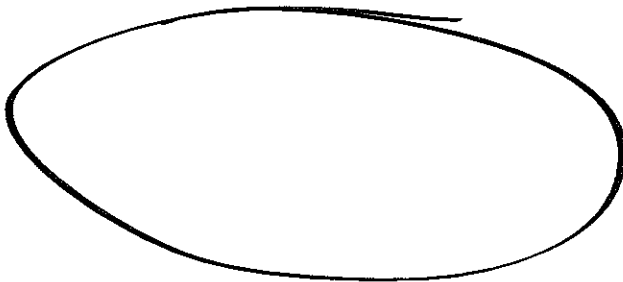
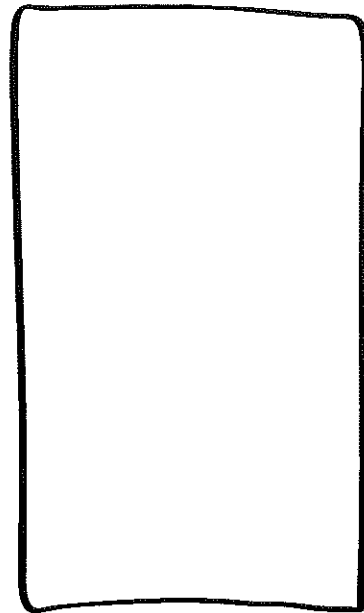
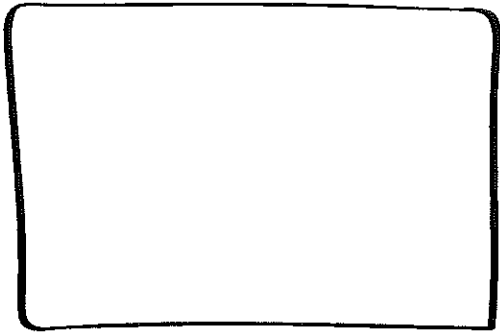
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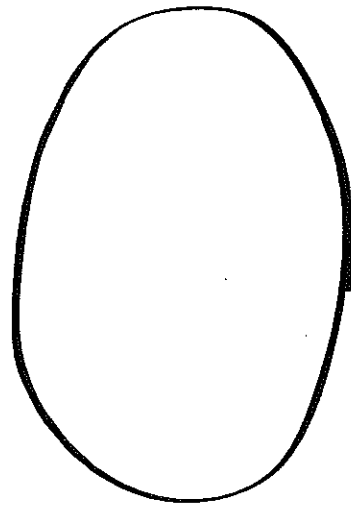
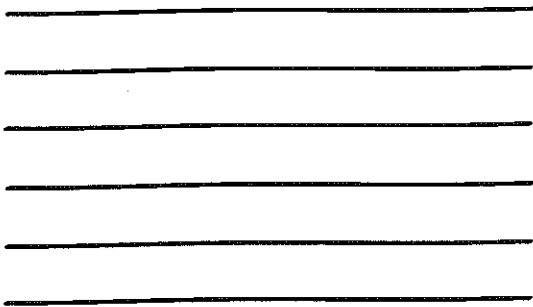
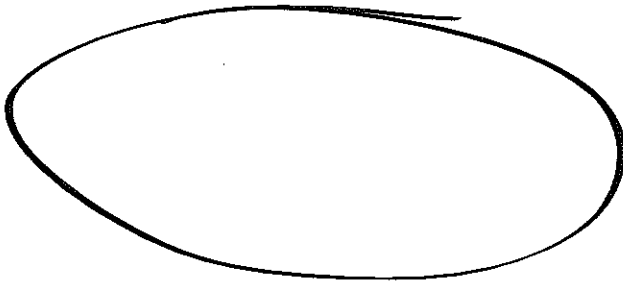
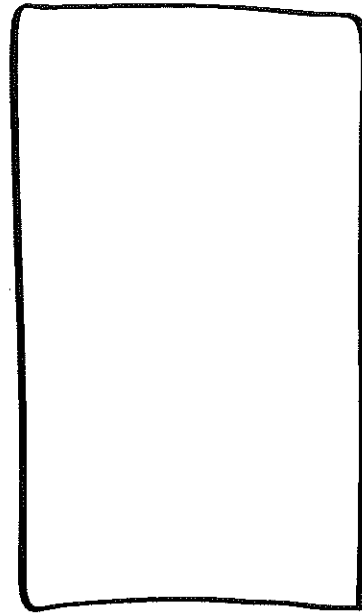
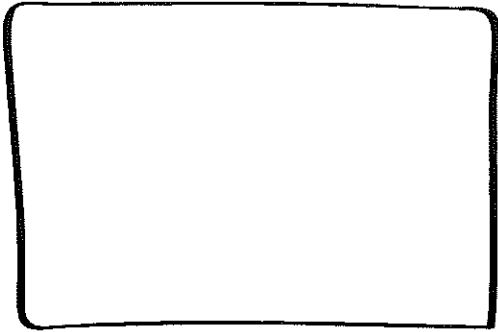
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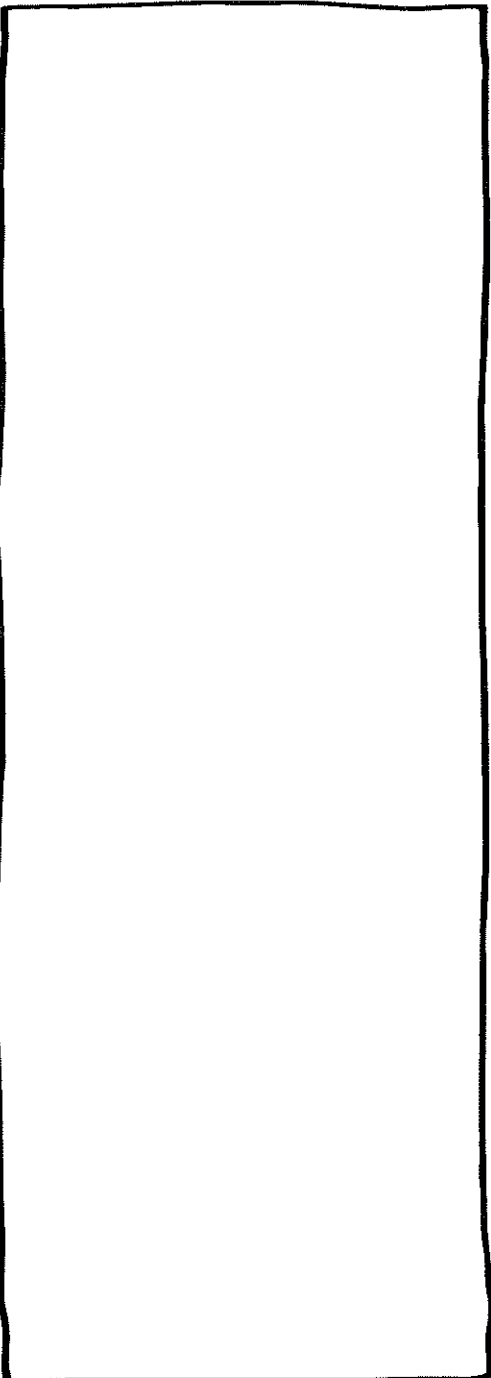
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WEEK 5: WATCH

THIS WEEK, OUR THEME WORD IS WATCH. IN ORDER TO FOCUS ON WHAT WATCHING LOOKS LIKE IN OUR LIVES, WE HAVE ALL AGREED TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING:



signed by: _____