

PHILIPPIANS

Finding Joy in Every Season



FOR DISCUSSION

1. In what ways do you feel most loved? Circle below:
 - a. When I receive gifts
 - b. When I am told how much I am loved
 - c. When my mom makes my favourite meals
 - d. When I get big hugs
 - e. When my family spends time together doing fun things: hiking, biking, playing games, etc.

2. In what ways do you enjoy showing love to your parents, siblings or friends?
 - a. By making them cards or homemade gifts
 - b. By telling them how much they mean to me
 - c. By cleaning my room or helping others out with their chores
 - d. By giving big hugs
 - e. By spending time together doing things they enjoy doing

There are many different ways that we can give love and receive love!

DIG DEEPER

Philippians 1:9-11 can be confusing to understand, so we will break it up and re-phrase it as we work through this text. First off, we want to see Paul's deepest prayer for the Philippians.

Read Philippians 1:9

3. Paul says **“And it is my prayer that your _____ may abound MORE & MORE”...**

What does love look like? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 below. Ask your parents about the words you do not understand. Underline the words you want to grow in:

Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrongdoing,
but rejoices with the truth.



4. What is the greatest command in all of Scripture? See Mark 12:28-31.
5. Paul wants our love to increase. Our love can increase by knowing God better. How can we know God better? What does it look like to have a real relationship with Him?
**We can have a relationship with God through trusting in Christ and what He has done for us on the cross. We can know Him better through reading the Bible and praying.*

Do you have a favourite Bible storybook to read?

Do you know that you can come to God at any time of the day and talk to Him? He is always there to listen to you and hear your prayers. You do not need special words. You can tell God about your day. You can ask for His help. You can talk to Him when you are afraid. He loves to hear from His children!

Read Philippians 1:9-11. In a nutshell, this is what Paul is praying:

I pray that your love would grow bigger and bigger for others. I pray that you would know God better so you can love others better. I pray that you have wisdom to make the best decisions. Use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, and you will become more like Christ! Growing in purity and holiness, you will be ready for the last day when we all stand before the Lord Jesus. This will bring God much glory!

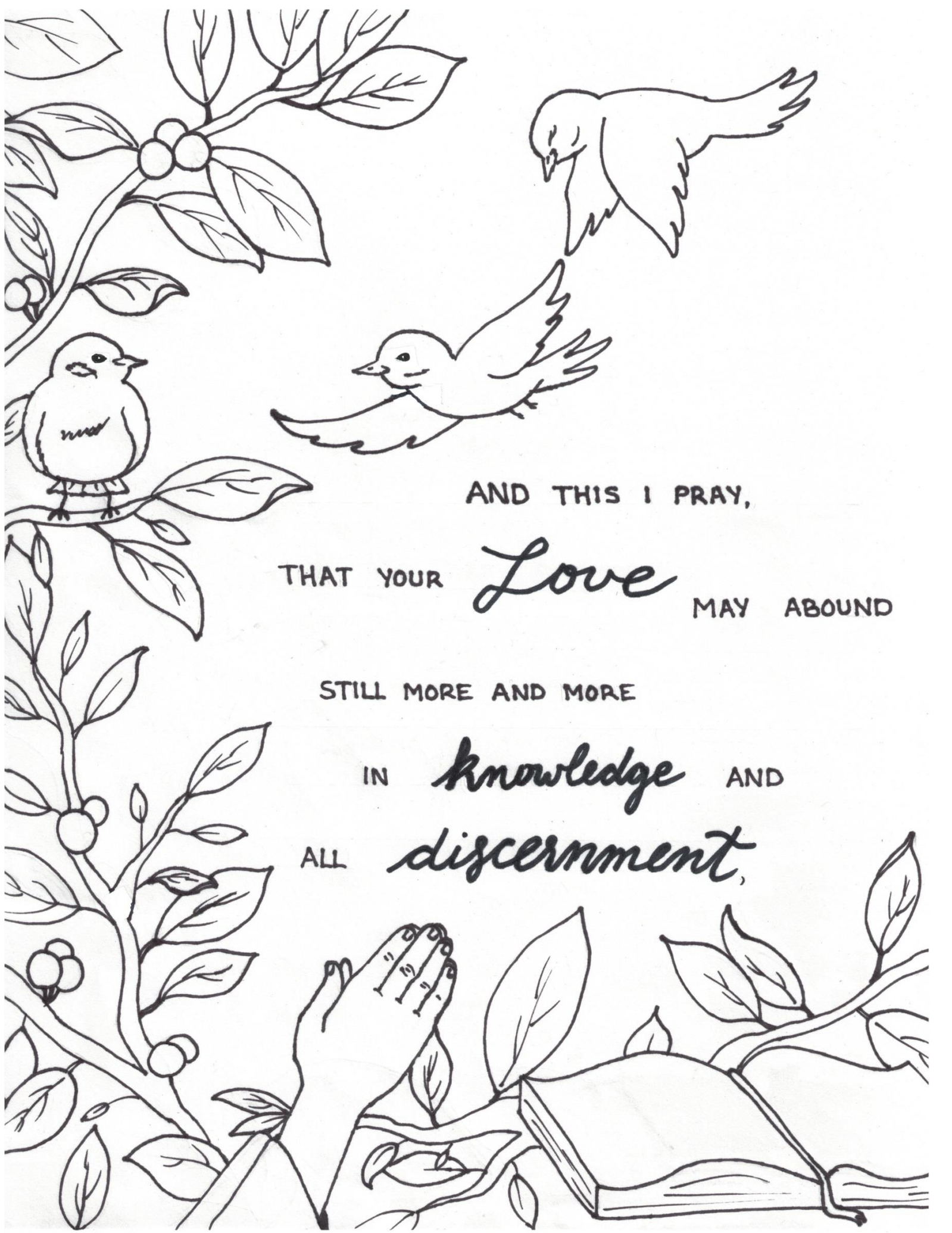
Underline your favourite part of the prayer or a word or line that stands out to you.

6. What is the main point of this prayer? **Growing in our love for God & others.*

PRAYER POINT

- Pray for your love for God & others to increase!
- Pray that you would have a greater hunger to read the Bible. Pray that you would have a real relationship with God through reading His Word and prayer.
- Ask that God would help you to know the difference between good choices and bad choices. Ask that He would help you make the BEST choices!
- Ask that God would make you more like Jesus.
- Praise God that we can love because He first loved us!





AND THIS I PRAY,

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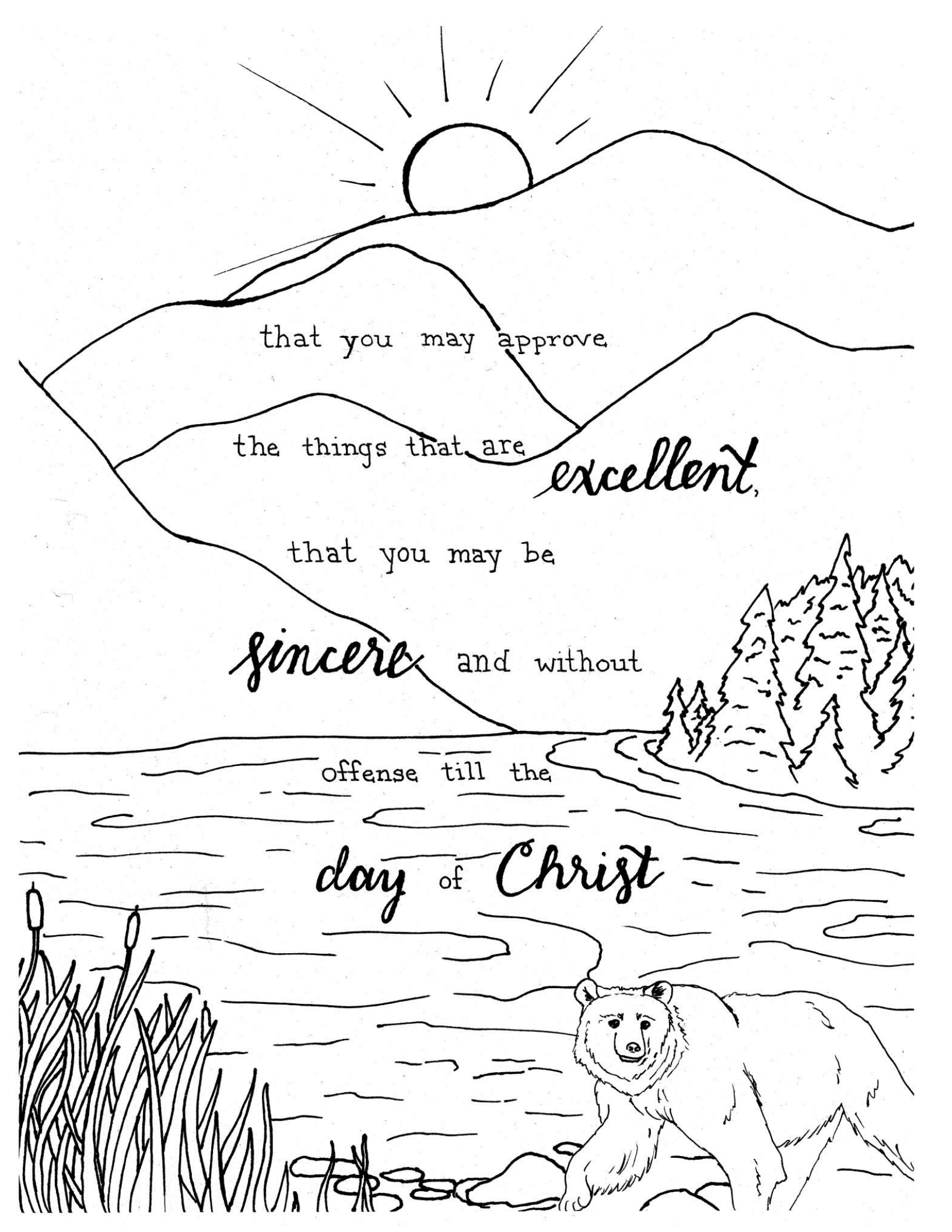
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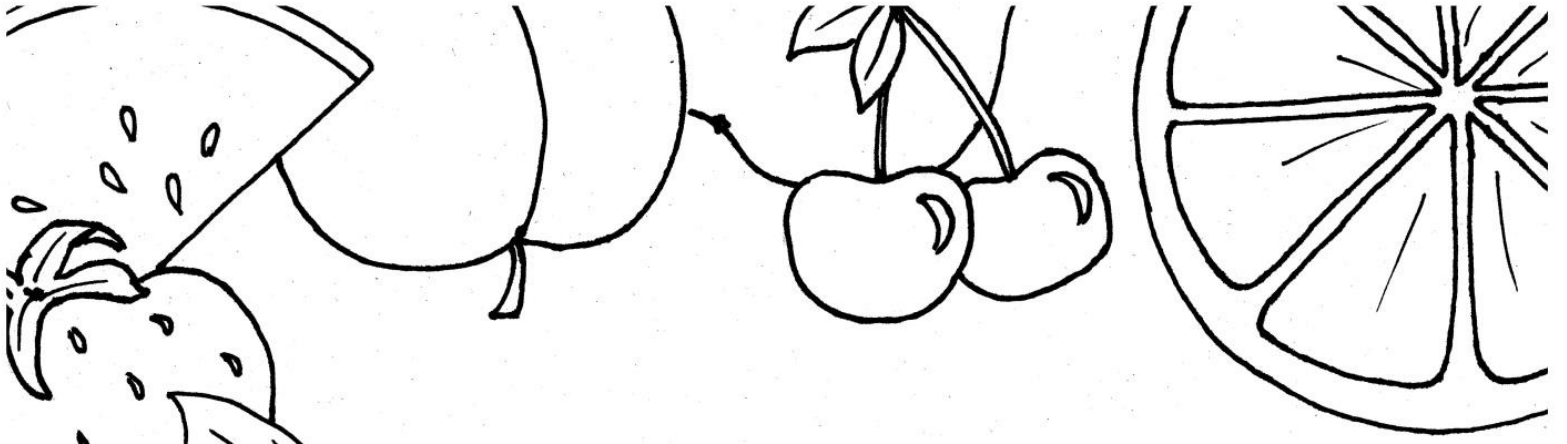
the things that are *excellent,*

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being filled with the

fruits of righteousness

which are by *Christ Jesus,*

to the glory and praise

of *God.*

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1:9-11

