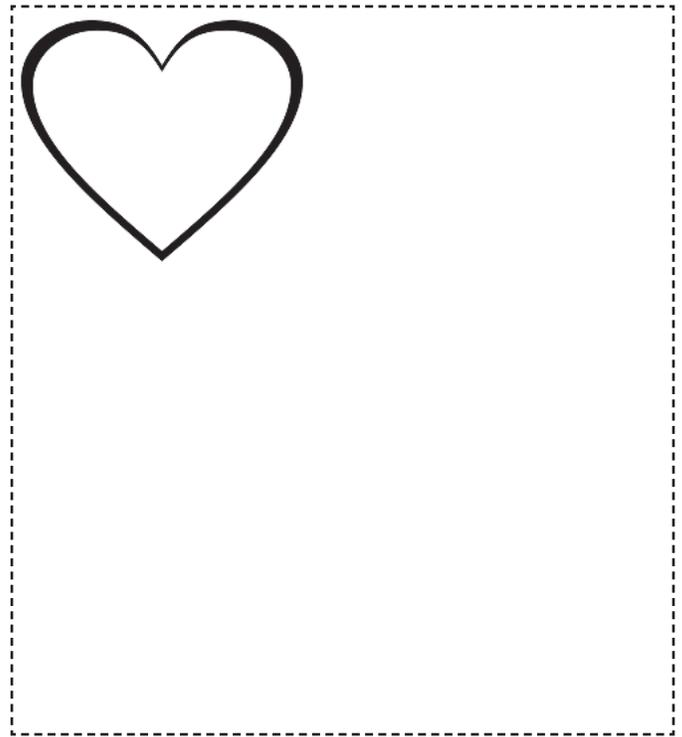
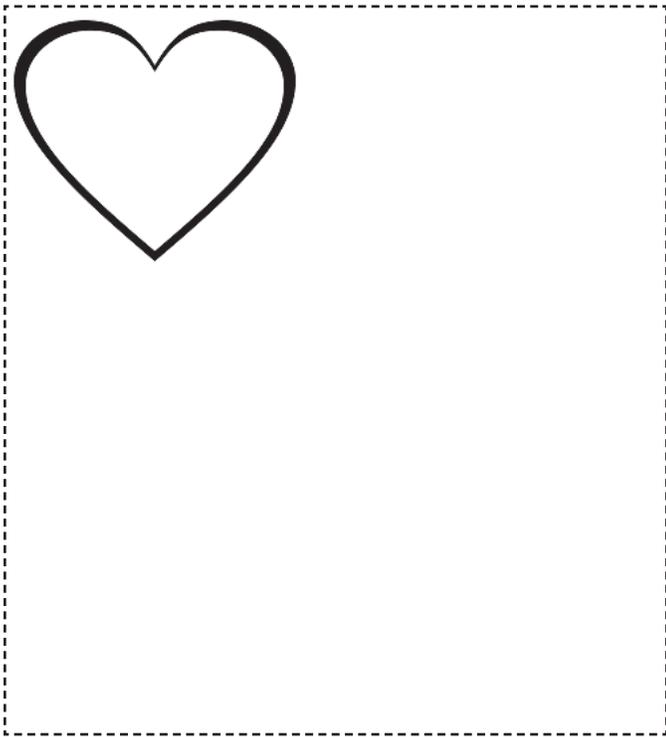


COVENANT

In this story, God tells us that God loves us not matter what. We can tell each other that, too! Here are two love notes for you to write, color, cut out, and deliver.



JEREMIAH 31:31-34

God promises a new covenant with the people, since they have broken the old one. This new covenant will be written on the hearts of the people, and the instructions will be deep within them. The people will not need to teach their neighbors or relatives anything, because everyone will already know God. The Lord promises to not only forgive sin and wickedness, but to forget it, also.

TALK ABOUT THIS:

Theologian Robert F. Capon said this: "In Jesus' death and resurrection the whole test-passing, brownie-point-earning rigmarole of the human race has been canceled for lack of interest on God's part." In other words, God isn't keeping score. God has wiped the slate clean, and let it all go for the sake of love and relationship.

How do we reconcile a promise like that with the upheaval in our country this week? How can we claim a covenant that writes love on all of our hearts while our country explodes in hatred?

Is it enough to sit back and know ourselves to be loved? Is that the end result that God has in mind with this promise? Or are we compelled forward, into something more? If so, what? What exactly is written on your heart?



SURPRISE

Does God punish you if you mess up?
Or does God love you no matter what?
What does your answer reveal about God?



SURPRISE

What promises does God write on your heart?



RELATIONSHIP

What message does the promise in this story have for us as we deal with the aftermath of the election? Can this promise help us move forward? How?

FAITH5

A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day.

READ the Bible story.

TALK about how the story relates to your highs and lows.

PRAY for one another's highs and lows.

BLESS one another.

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