



Visualized Song PLUS

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Do you know, O Christian, you're a sermon in shoes?
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Jesus counts upon you to spread the gospel news;

1. So walk it, and talk it, a sermon in shoes.
(Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:14)
2. So live it, and give it, a sermon in shoes.
(Titus 2:11,12; Acts 4:33)
3. So teach it, and preach it, a sermon in shoes.
(Acts 5:42; Mark 16:15)
4. So know it, and show it, a sermon in shoes.
(II Peter 3:18; Timothy 2:15)
5. So walk it, and talk it,
and live it, and give it,
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OPTIONS & HINTS

The figures may be cut out and backed with flannel for the flannelboard, or simply cut out for the children to hold up while the song is sung. You could even try mounting the song visuals on the sides of a box (or boxes). The box is turned as the song is sung.

FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH

Flannelgraph Lesson Idea by Elsie Delap

Add each footprint to the flannelboard as it is mentioned in the lesson. Move the shoe along with each new footprint.

You have all probably seen a footprint on the ground. It told you that someone had walked there. It was evidence that a step was taken. When you begin to trust God, you are taking a step of faith which will leave footprints. These footprints are the evidence that you have really taken — that step.

Early in the Bible we see that **WORSHIP** is a footprint of faith. Abel worshiped by offering a blood sacrifice to the Lord. He was trusting that the shed blood would cover his sins. This worship proved that he had taken the step of faith in God. (Genesis 4: Hebrews 11:4) (Read John 4:23 and discuss how to show faith in worship.)

You leave another footprint of faith by your Christian **WALK**. One of the best known walks of faith is that of Enoch. (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5) (Read and discuss how Enoch's close walk with God was evidence of — his faith. II Corinthians 5:7 also.)

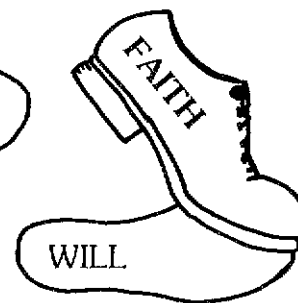
A Christian who is walking by faith will also leave the footprint of **WORK**. God told Noah to build, and by faith Noah started to work on the ark, even though he had never seen rain on — the earth before. This work that Noah did was proof that He believed God. (Hebrews 11:7; James 2:17)

The last footprint of faith we will talk about is your **WILL**. Would you be as willing as Abraham was to follow God's directions, even though you wouldn't know where you were going? If you truly trust God, you would be willing to do whatever God says. (Hebrews 11:8-10)

These Bible examples have all come from the Old Testament. Here's one from the New Testament that left all of the footprints of faith we mentioned. He worshiped. (Read Luke 22:41,42) He had a consistently Godly walk. (Read John 1:14.) He worked. (Read John 10:25.) He surrendered His will to the heavenly Father. (John 3:34) Do you know Who He was? Yes, it was Jesus Himself.

If you have accepted Christ as your Saviour from sin, you too can leave these footprints of your faith. (Read Psalm 122:1; Colossians 2:6; Galatians 6:10; and Acts 1:8.)

***figures included**



THE GOSPEL SHOE

Object Lesson Idea

Have two shoes to illustrate the lesson, one with laces and one with a latchet or small buckle.

The most necessary part of the shoe is the SOLE. Without the sole there would be no shoe at all. As the s-o-l-e is the most important part of the shoe, the s-o-u-l is the most important part of you. It can't be seen, but God put it inside you. Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36,87) It is not like the s-o-l-e of a shoe, which wears out. Your s-o-u-l is forever and it can live forever with the Lord in heaven long after your body wears out and stops working. But, since there can be no sin in heaven, you must first trust in Jesus to cleanse your heart and soul from sin.

Perhaps the first parts of a shoe that are seen by others are the TOE and TONGUE. Even so in your life, the first things people notice about you are how you look and how you talk. The Bible has much to say about these, especially the tongue. God warns us, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of

iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." (James 3:5,6) Psalm 100, verse 4 gives us an example of how to use the tongue the right way. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Our appearances are important too. We are told to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I Thessalonians 5:22)

The side of the shoe between the heel and the toe is called the QUARTER and it reinforces and strengthens the shoe. What reinforces and strengthens you in your spiritual life? Psalm 119:28 says, "My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen me according unto thy word." Hebrews 4:12 says, "The word of God is quick and powerful." As you study to know God's Word, you will find strength in your spiritual life.

In ancient times, there was very little to a shoe but the sole and a strap or thong to hold it to the foot. One of the most humble tasks of any servant in those days was to loose this latchet on his master's shoe. The latchet may have been a small thing, just as the laces on today's shoes are small, but it served a very important purpose. It held the sole to the foot. In

your spiritual life there is something that fastens or secures your s-o-u-l. God says that it could be as small as a grain of mustard seed. It is your faith in God. Without it, it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6) With faith in Christ, you have salvation from sin. "For by grace are ye saved through faith." (Ephesians 2:8) The end of our faith is the salvation of our souls. (I Peter 1:9)

This shoe has EYES or eyelets too, but they cannot see. If you are a Christian, you have the eyes in your head that are made to see physical things, and the eyes of your heart which are able to see spiritual things. God offers "the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened." (Ephesians 1:17,18) You can even sharpen your spiritual eyesight by reading and obeying God's Word. David, the king, knew this. He said, "Thou (God) through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me." (Psalm 119:98)

A shoe certainly is not complete without the HEEL. It lifts the foot to a more comfortable position but it takes the most wear too. It is usually the first thing to need repair. Prayer is like that. It turns your eyes heavenward to your source of help and strength. (Psalm 145:18,19)

It also is one of the first things to slip when you get your eyes on the world. That's why God asks us to have an attitude of prayer always. He says, "Pray without ceasing," (I Thessalonians 5:17) and "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." (Ephesians 6:18).

The MAKER of this shoe had a pattern to go by, and your Maker used a pattern too. He made man in His Own image. (Genesis 1:26,27) He made you carefully, according to His design. David said "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14) (See also Job 10:8 and John 1:3.)



The shoemaker had a PURPOSE in mind when he made this shoe. He wanted it to protect the foot and be attractive too. At the same time, he knew that when the shoe was seen and used, people would know if he was a good shoemaker or not. Even so, God has a purpose for you too. When God makes a new creature of you (II Corinthians 5:17), He makes you useful, and He knows that how you look and what you do will either bring honor or dishonor to Himself. (II Timothy 2:21) ■

STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

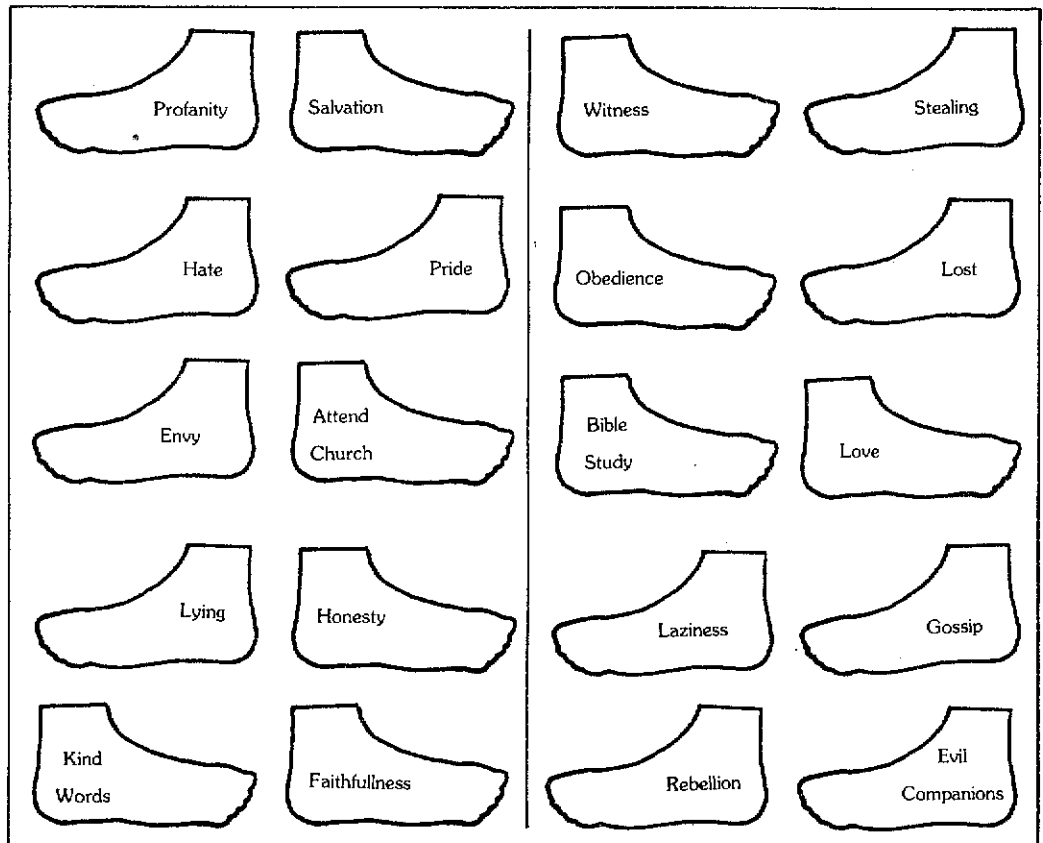
Game Idea

Make foot shapes from felt, and word strips that will be glued on both sides of the feet. On one side of the feet (feet going to the right) put word strips that describe steps in the right direction. On the other side of the feet (feet going to the left) put word strips that describe steps in the wrong direction. (Example: saved, obeying, loving - right direction; lost, rebellious, hating - wrong direction.)

Each team gets the same amount of feet on their side of the flannelboard. The feet are all placed going left with the steps in the wrong direction revealed. As a team answers a review question correctly, a team member may come up and turn one foot over to go in the right direction, revealing a step in the right direction. The team with the most steps in the right direction is the winner. ■

adapted from an idea by Bonnie Freeman

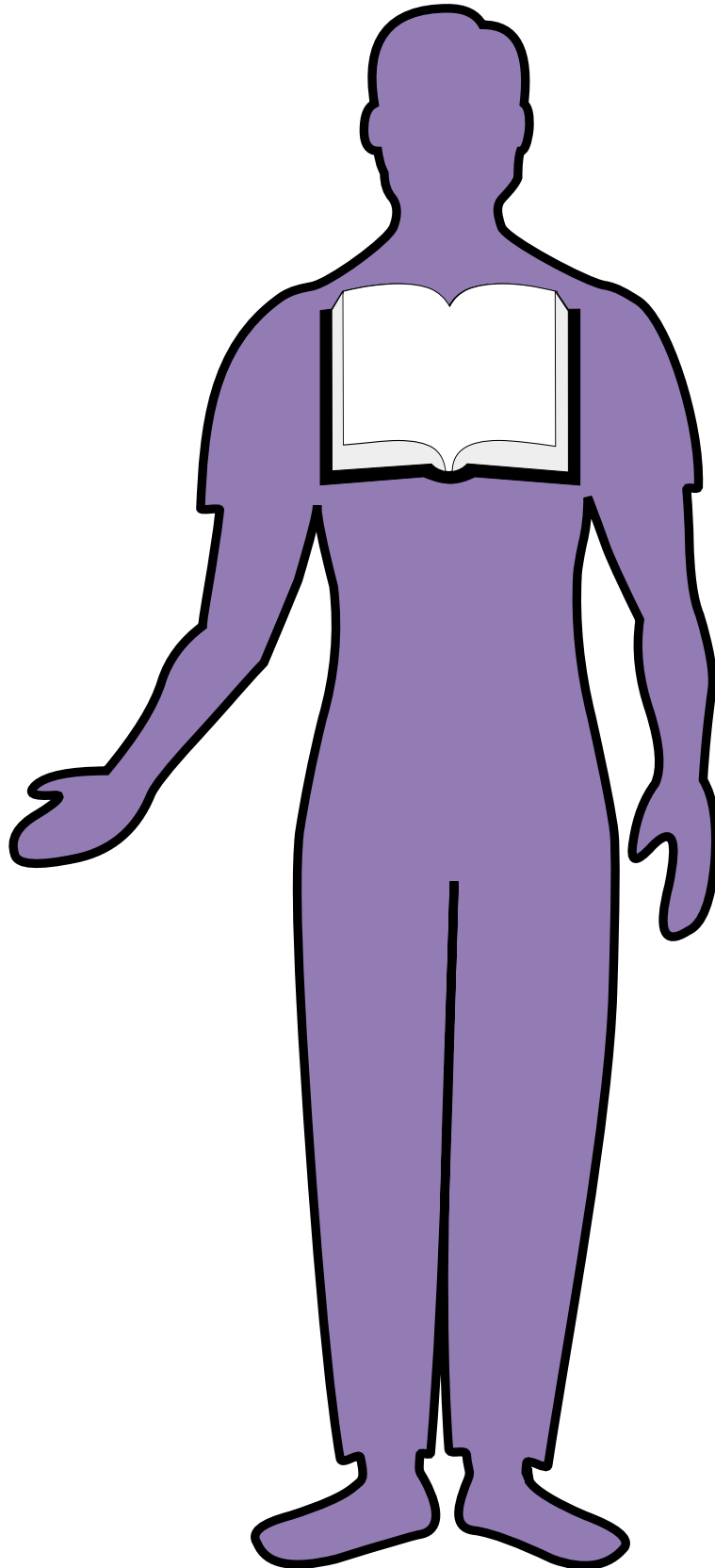
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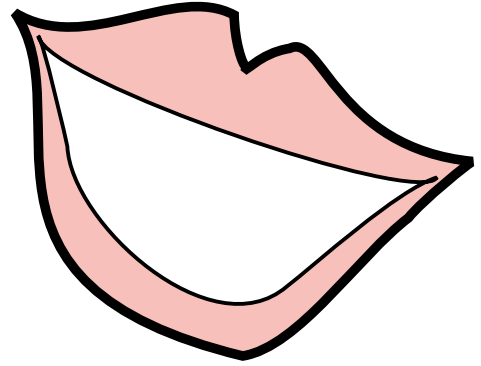
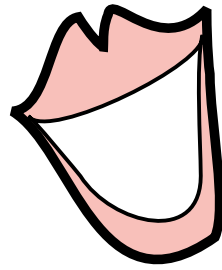


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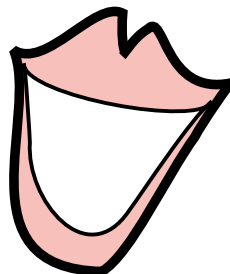
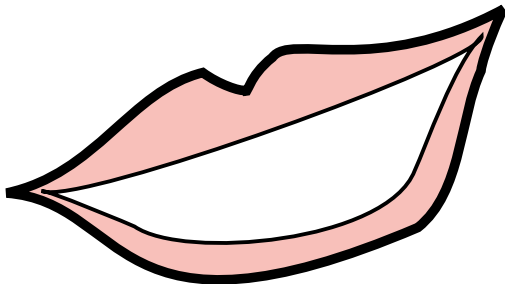
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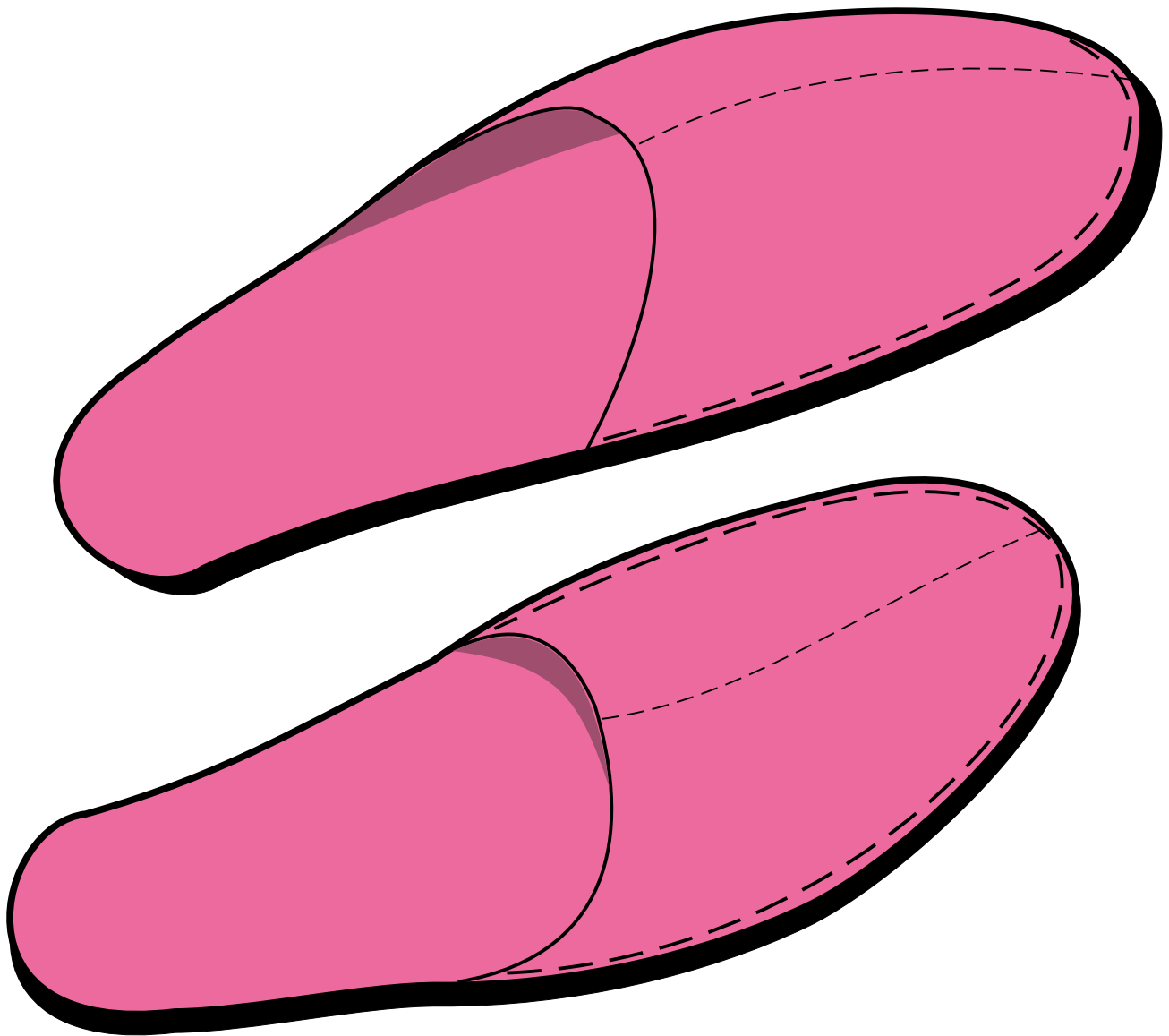


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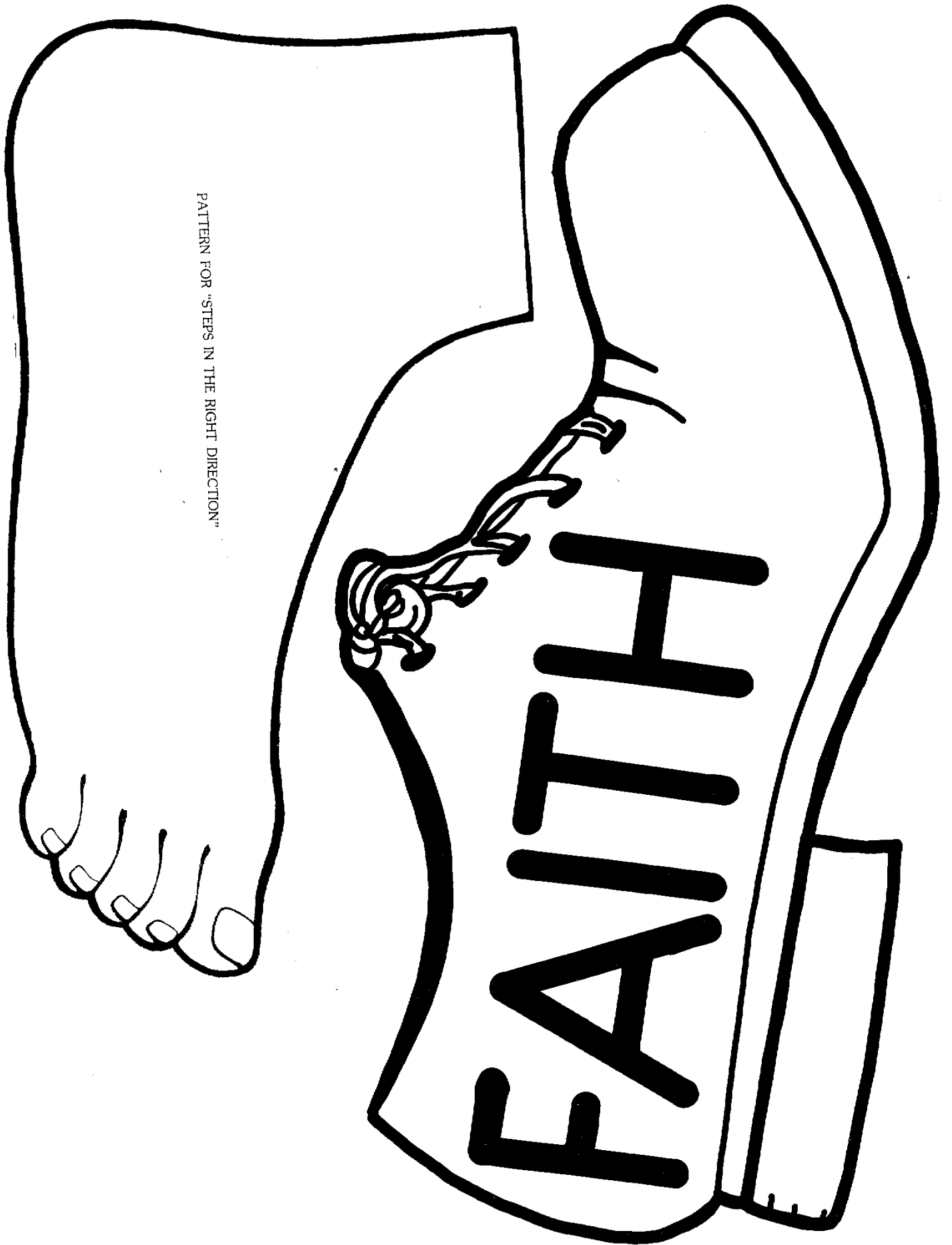
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PATTERN FOR "STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION"