

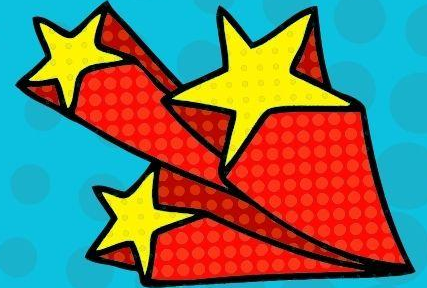
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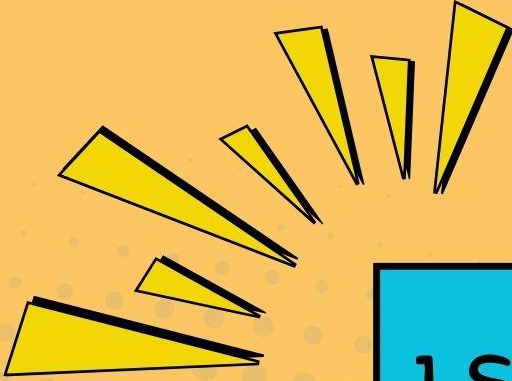
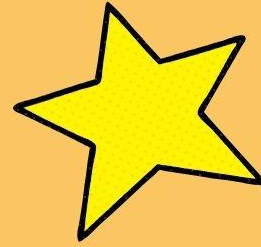
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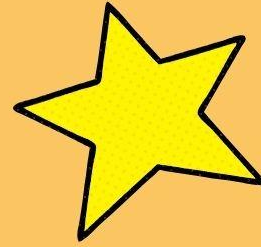
SOME THINGS WE KNOW
ABOUT THE LIFE OF SAMUEL:





1 SAMUEL 3:10 NLT

10 AND THE LORD CAME AND CALLED AS BEFORE, "SAMUEL! SAMUEL!" AND SAMUEL REPLIED, "SPEAK, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING."



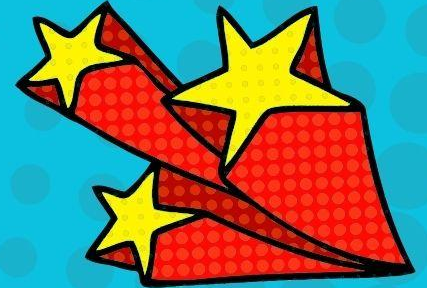
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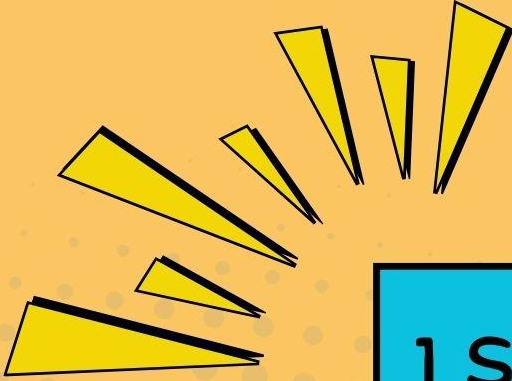
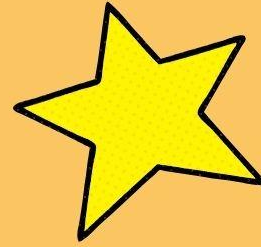
6 MOSES AND AARON WERE AMONG HIS PRIESTS; SAMUEL ALSO CALLED ON HIS NAME. THEY CRIED TO THE LORD FOR HELP, AND HE ANSWERED THEM.

SAMUEL'S LIFE
WAS FILLED WITH
COMMUNICATION
WITH GOD.

SOME THINGS WE KNOW
ABOUT THE LIFE OF SAMUEL:

SAMUEL'S LIFE
WAS FILLED WITH
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1 SAMUEL 2:18A, 21B NLT

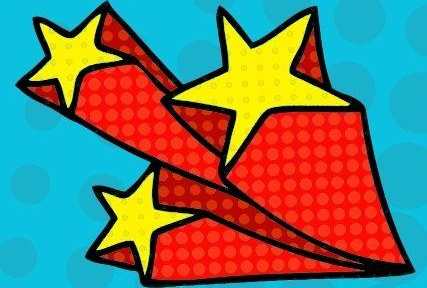
18 BUT SAMUEL, THOUGH HE WAS ONLY A BOY, SERVED THE LORD. 21 MEANWHILE, SAMUEL GREW UP IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

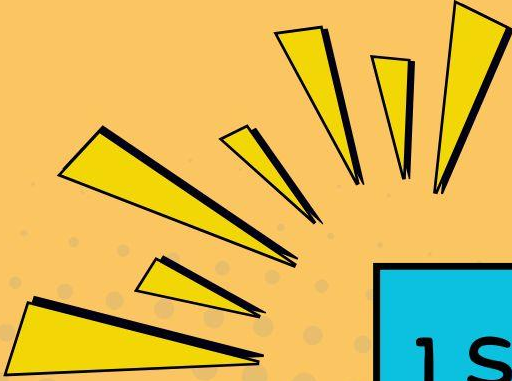
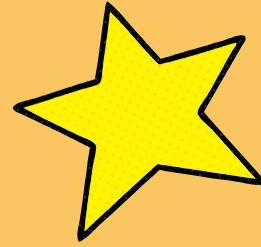
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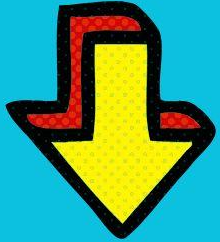




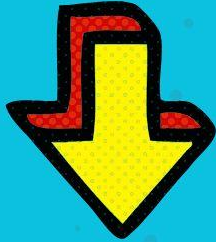
1 SAMUEL 3:21 NLT

21 THE LORD CONTINUED TO APPEAR AT
SHILOH AND GAVE MESSAGES TO SAMUEL
THERE AT THE TABERNACLE.

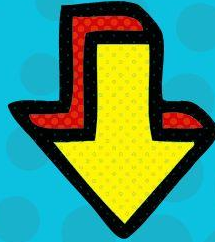
THE CYCLE OF JUDGES



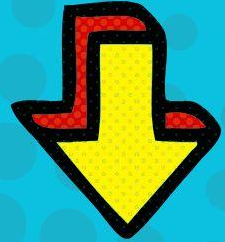
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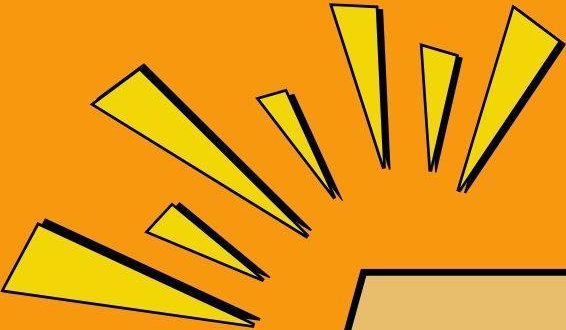
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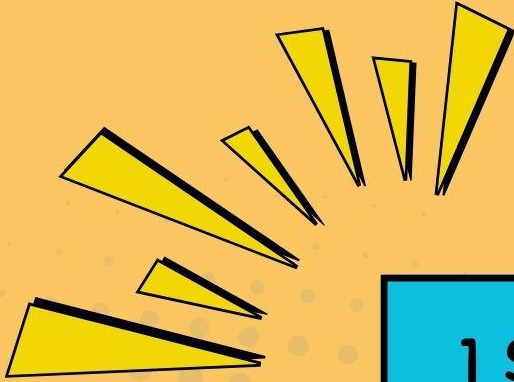
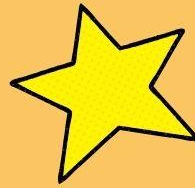
STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO HELP
BREAK THE CYCLE OF
THE JUDGES IN OUR LIVES:



WE MUST BE
HONEST WITH
OUR
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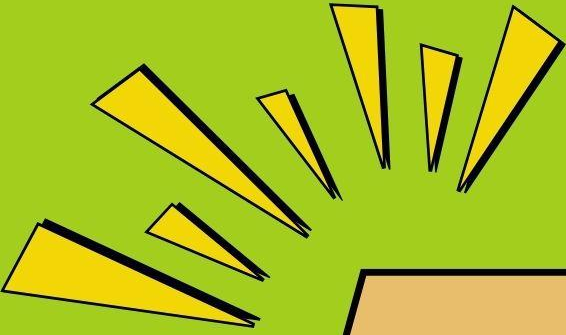


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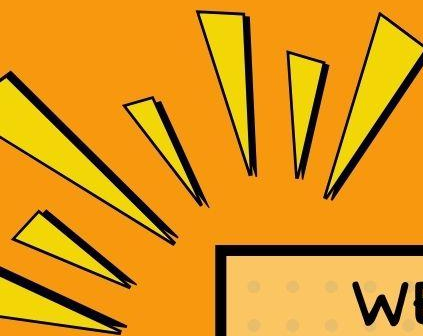


1 SAMUEL 7:2B-3A NLT

2 DURING THAT TIME ALL ISRAEL MOURNED
BECAUSE IT SEEMED THE LORD HAD
ABANDONED THEM. 3 THEN SAMUEL SAID TO
ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, "IF YOU WANT TO
RETURN TO THE LORD...."



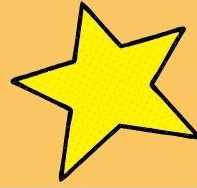
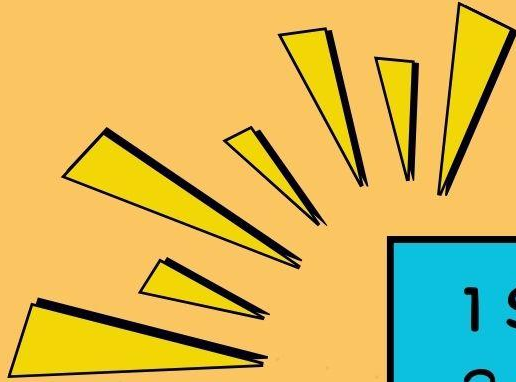
WE WILL HAVE A HARD TIME CRYING OUT
FOR HELP TO THE LORD IF WE BLAME
HIM FOR OUR CURRENT LOCATION AND
DON'T UNDERSTAND HIS LOCATION.



WE MUST
REPENT BOTH
INWARDLY AND
OUTWARDLY.



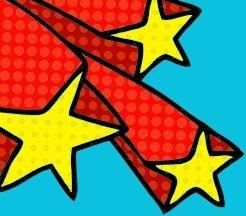
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1 SAMUEL 7:3-4 NLT

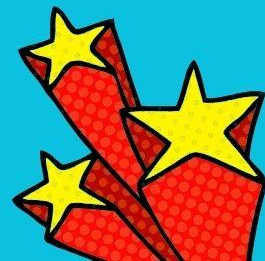
3 THEN SAMUEL SAID TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, "IF YOU WANT TO RETURN TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEARTS, GET RID OF YOUR FOREIGN GODS AND YOUR IMAGES OF ASHTORETH. TURN YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD AND OBEY HIM ALONE; THEN HE WILL RESCUE YOU FROM THE PHILISTINES." 4 SO THE ISRAELITES GOT RID OF THEIR IMAGES OF BAAL AND ASHTORETH AND WORSHIPED ONLY THE LORD.





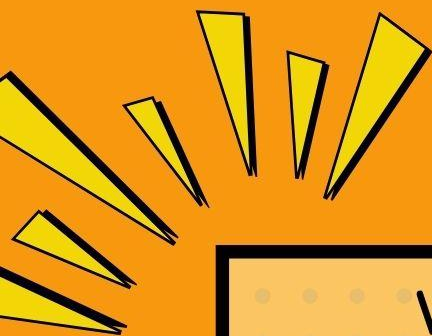
INWARD
REPENTANCE –
TURN YOUR
HEARTS TO THE
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REPENTANCE – GET
RID OF YOUR
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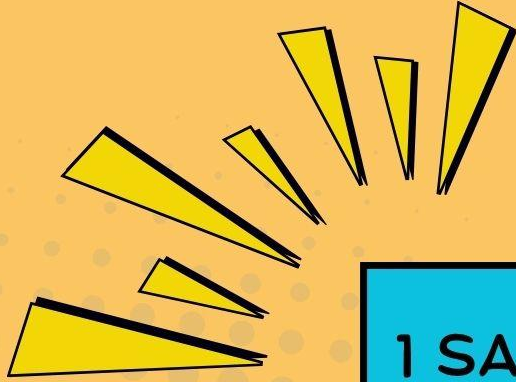
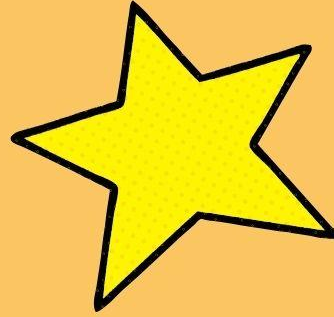




STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO HELP
BREAK THE CYCLE OF
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WE MUST
REMEMBER THAT
REPENTANCE WILL
CAUSE A RESPONSE
FROM THE ENEMY.

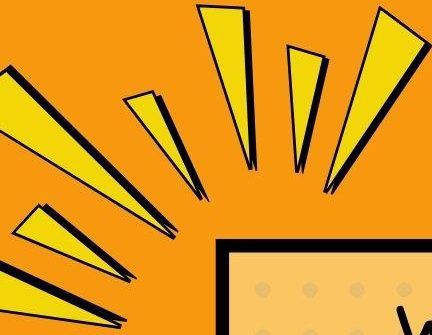


1 SAMUEL 7:7 NLT

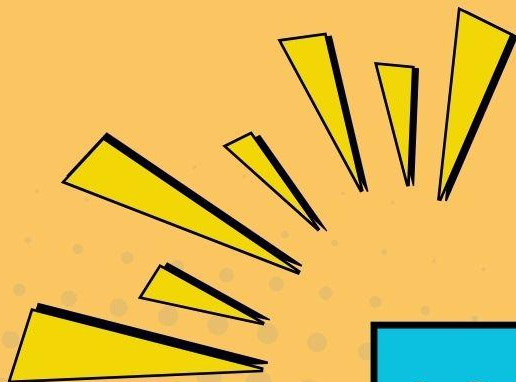
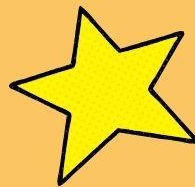
7 WHEN THE PHILISTINE RULERS HEARD THAT ISRAEL HAD GATHERED AT MIZPAH, THEY MOBILIZED THEIR ARMY AND ADVANCED. THE ISRAELITES WERE BADLY FRIGHTENED WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT THE PHILISTINES WERE APPROACHING.



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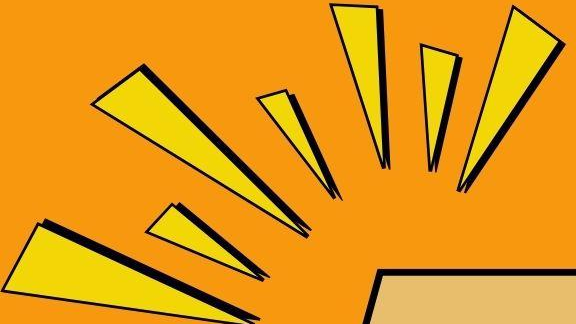


WE MUST
BELIEVE THAT
GOD HAS
ANSWERED US.



1 SAMUEL 7:9 NLT

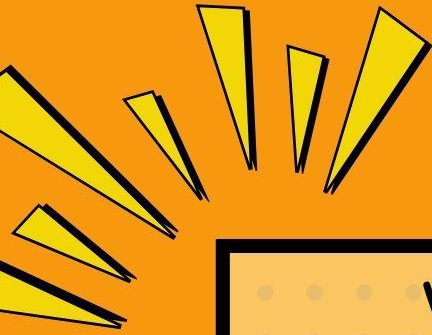
9 SO SAMUEL TOOK A YOUNG LAMB AND OFFERED IT TO THE LORD AS A WHOLE BURNT OFFERING. HE PLEADED WITH THE LORD TO HELP ISRAEL, AND THE LORD ANSWERED HIM.



THE BATTLE HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUGHT
AND A HOSTILE PHILISTINE ARMY
APPROACHED. YET, IN A REAL WAY, THE
BATTLE WAS OVER AND ALREADY WON
BECAUSE THE LORD ANSWERED HIM.



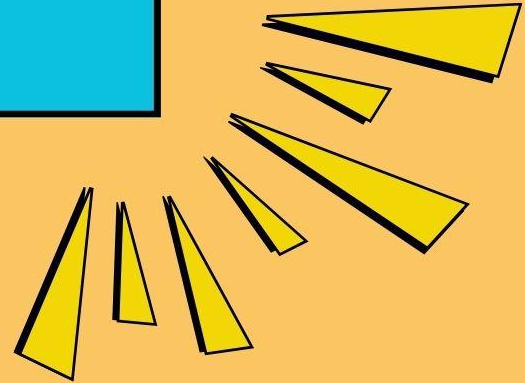
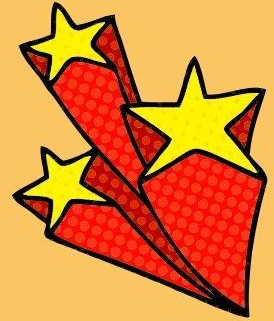
STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO HELP
BREAK THE CYCLE OF
THE JUDGES IN OUR LIVES:



WE MUST
ULTIMATELY LOOK
TO THE LAMB AND
DISCERN THE
THUNDER.

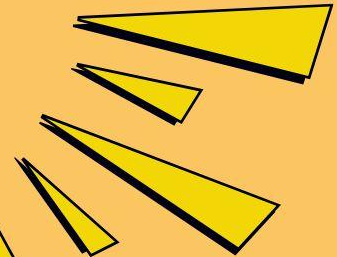
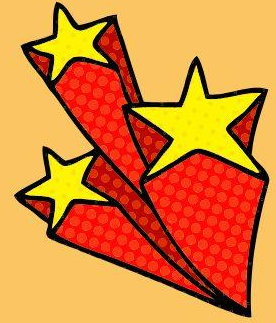
1 SAMUEL 7:10 NLT

10 JUST AS SAMUEL WAS SACRIFICING THE BURNT OFFERING, THE PHILISTINES ARRIVED TO ATTACK ISRAEL. BUT THE LORD SPOKE WITH A MIGHTY VOICE OF THUNDER FROM HEAVEN THAT DAY, AND THE PHILISTINES WERE THROWN INTO SUCH CONFUSION THAT THE ISRAELITES DEFEATED THEM.



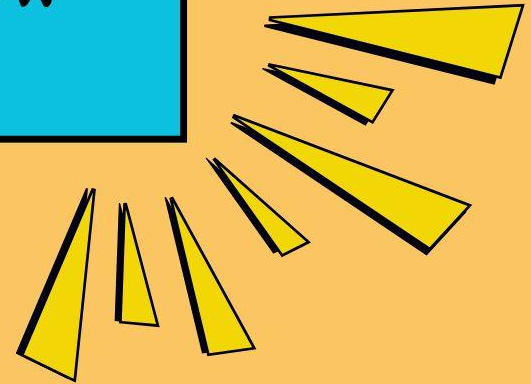
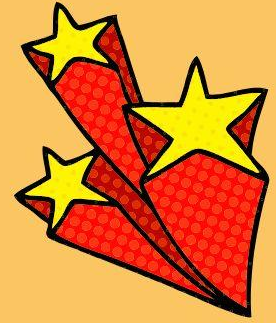
JOHN 12:27-29 NLT

27 "NOW MY SOUL IS DEEPLY TROUBLED.
SHOULD I PRAY, 'FATHER, SAVE ME FROM THIS
HOUR'? BUT THIS IS THE VERY REASON I CAME!
28 FATHER, BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME."
THEN A VOICE SPOKE FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, "I
HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT GLORY TO MY NAME,
AND I WILL DO SO AGAIN." 29 WHEN THE
CROWD HEARD THE VOICE, SOME THOUGHT IT
WAS THUNDER, WHILE OTHERS DECLARED AN
ANGEL HAD SPOKEN TO HIM.

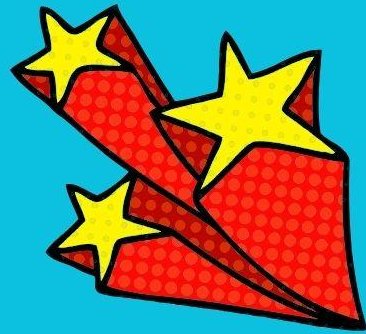


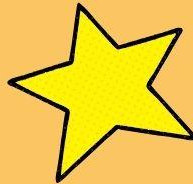
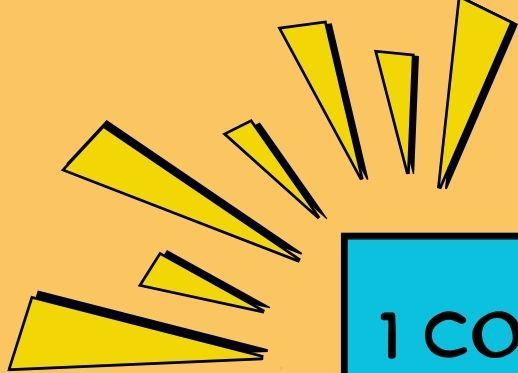
JOHN 12:30-33 NLT

30 THEN JESUS TOLD THEM, "THE VOICE WAS FOR YOUR BENEFIT, NOT MINE. 31 THE TIME FOR JUDGING THIS WORLD HAS COME, WHEN SATAN, THE RULER OF THIS WORLD, WILL BE CAST OUT. 32 AND WHEN I AM LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, I WILL DRAW EVERYONE TO MYSELF." 33 HE SAID THIS TO INDICATE HOW HE WAS GOING TO DIE.



TO THE ENEMIES IN THESE VERSES THE
THUNDER BROUGHT CONFUSION AND
DEFEAT, BUT TO THOSE WHO COULD
DISCERN THE THUNDER, IT GAVE
THEM CONFIDENCE AND VICTORY.





1 CORINTHIANS 15:57-58 NLT

57 BUT THANK GOD! HE GIVES US VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. 58 SO, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, BE STRONG AND IMMOVABLE. ALWAYS WORK ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOR THE LORD, FOR YOU KNOW THAT NOTHING YOU DO FOR THE LORD IS EVER USELESS.

