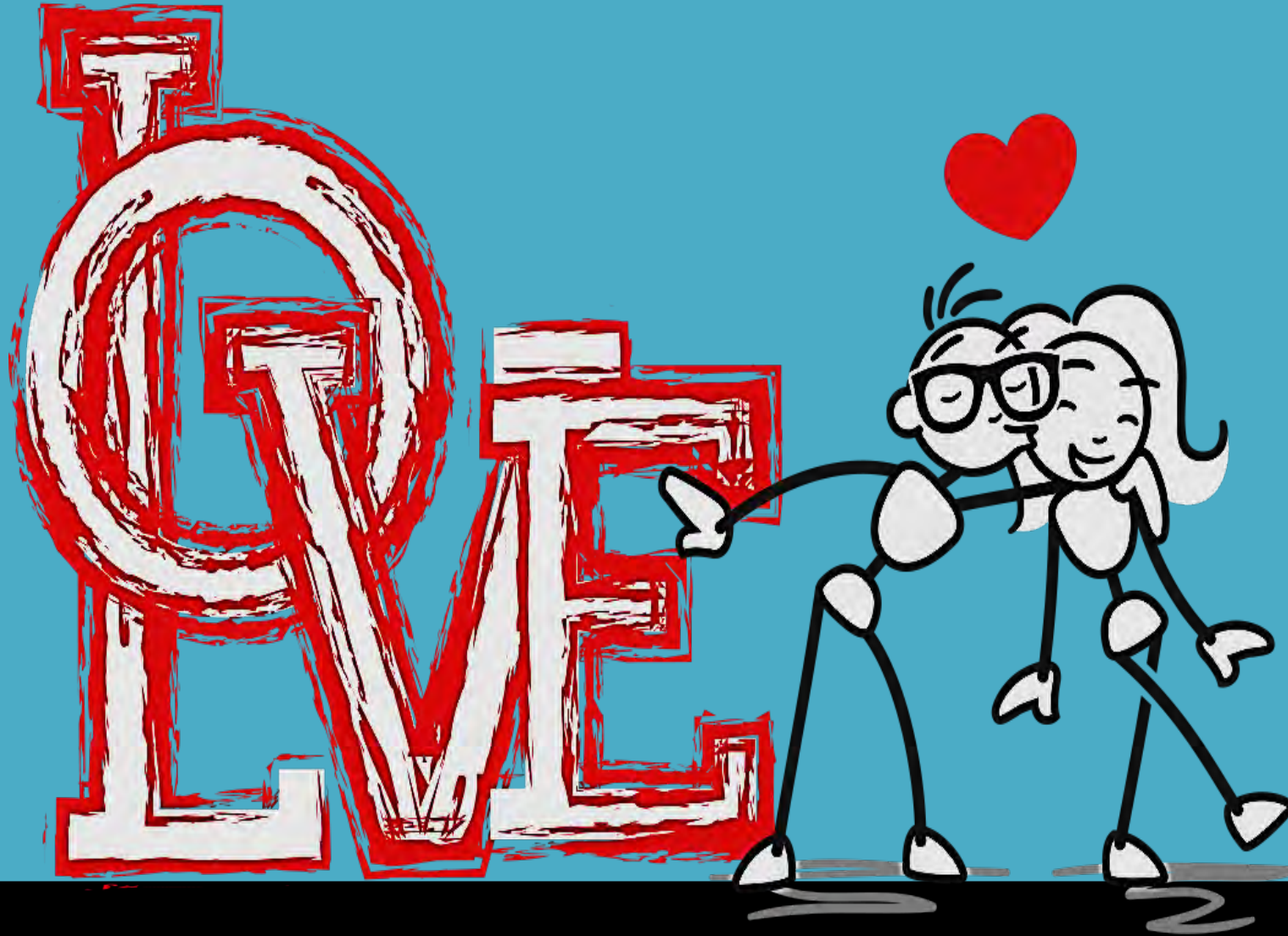


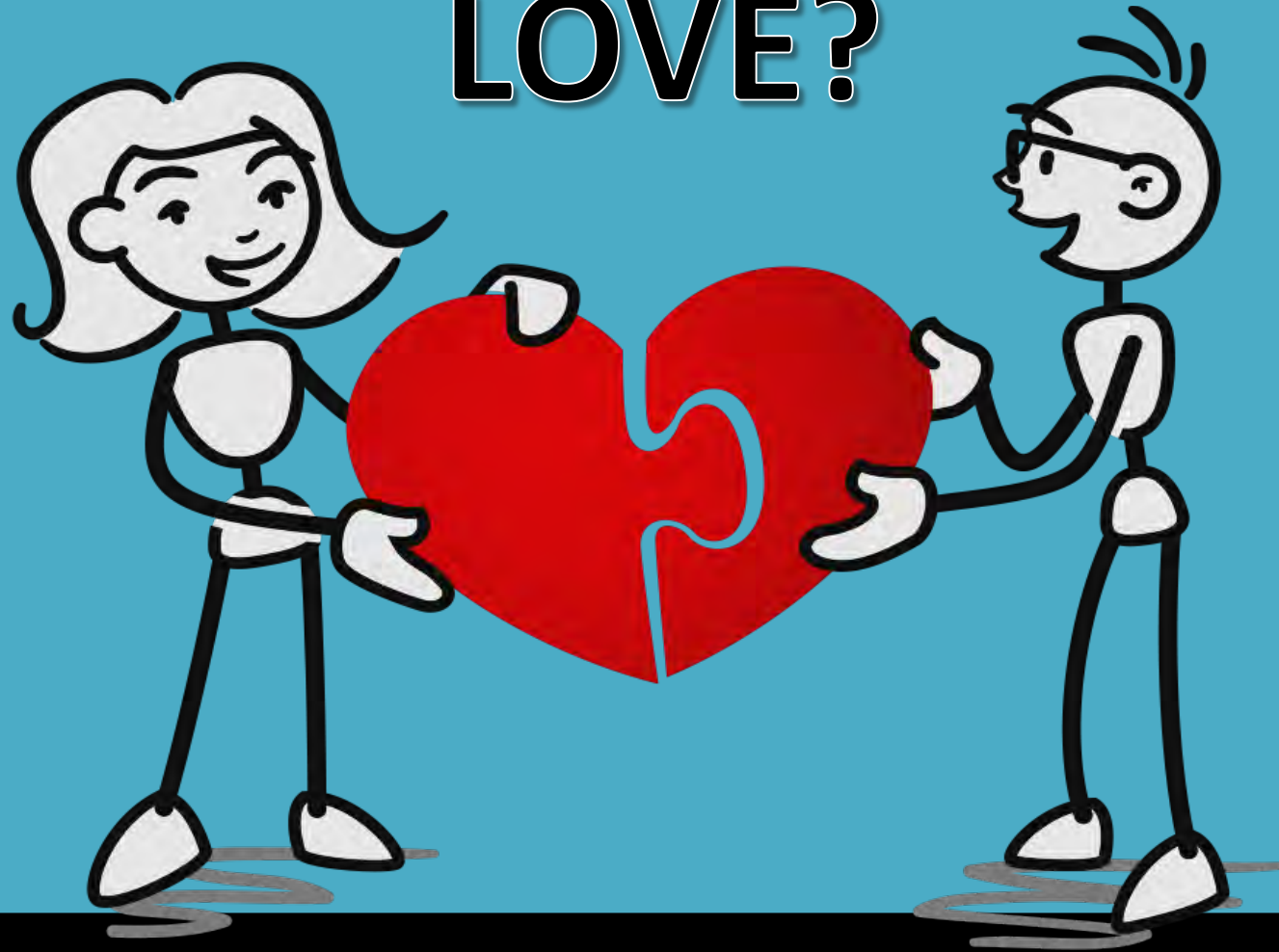


# CAN YOU DEFINE





# HOW DO YOU DEFINE LOVE?



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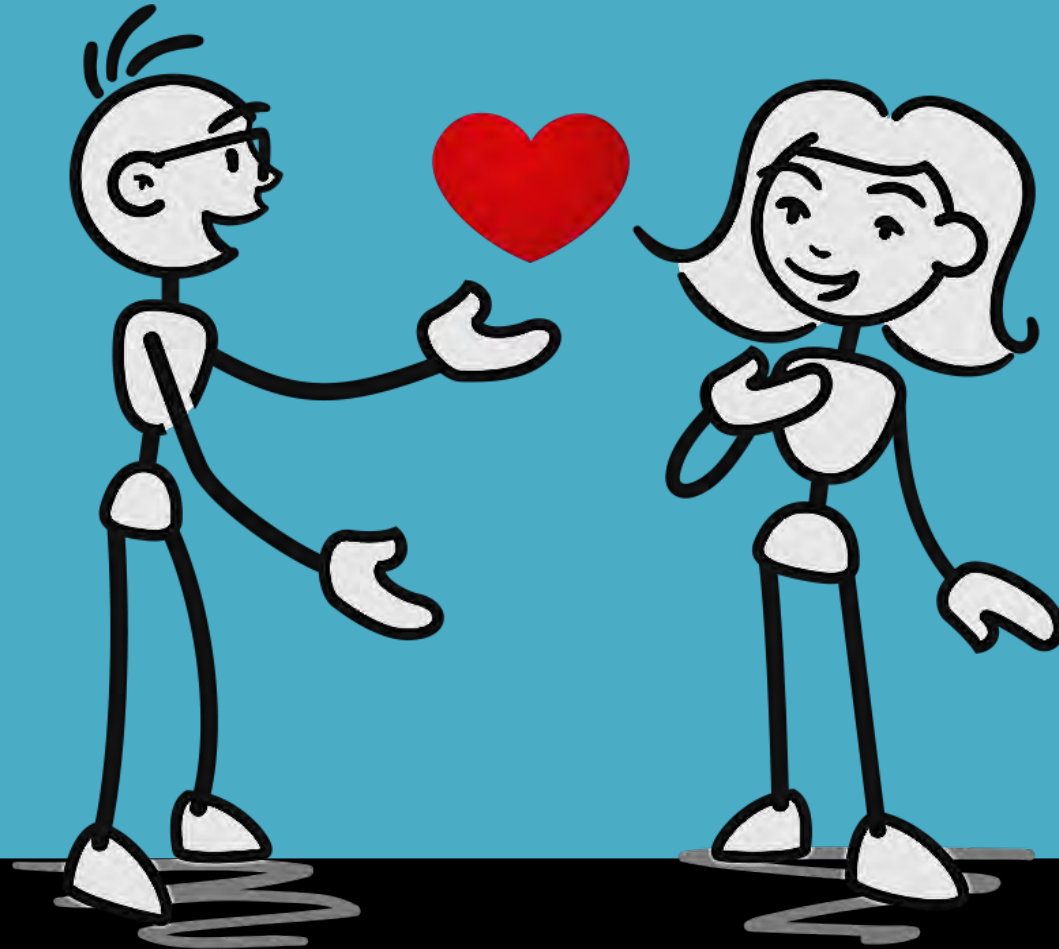


# 1 CORINTHIANS 13



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Describes what love **DOES!**



# IT'S A FEELING!

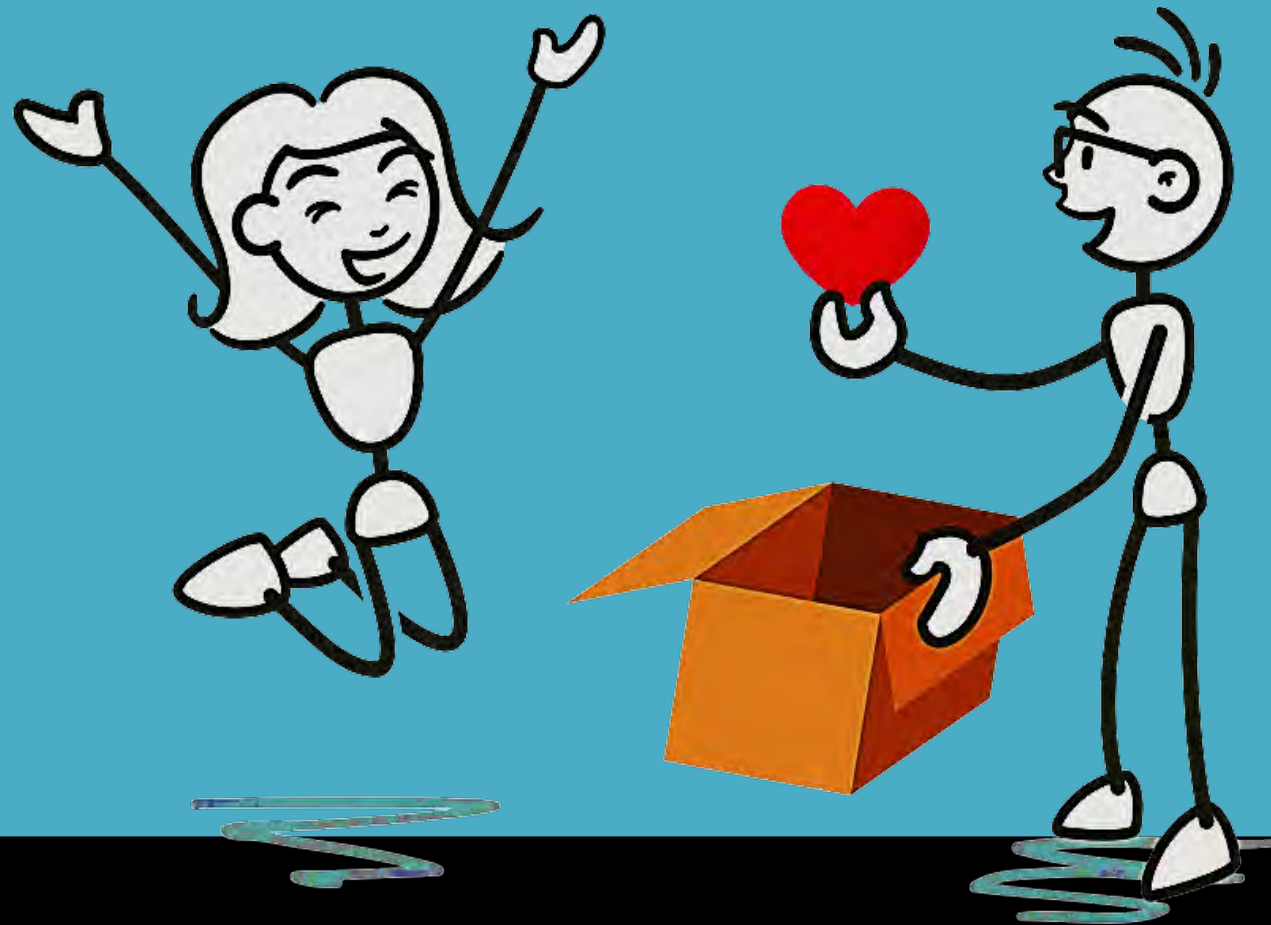




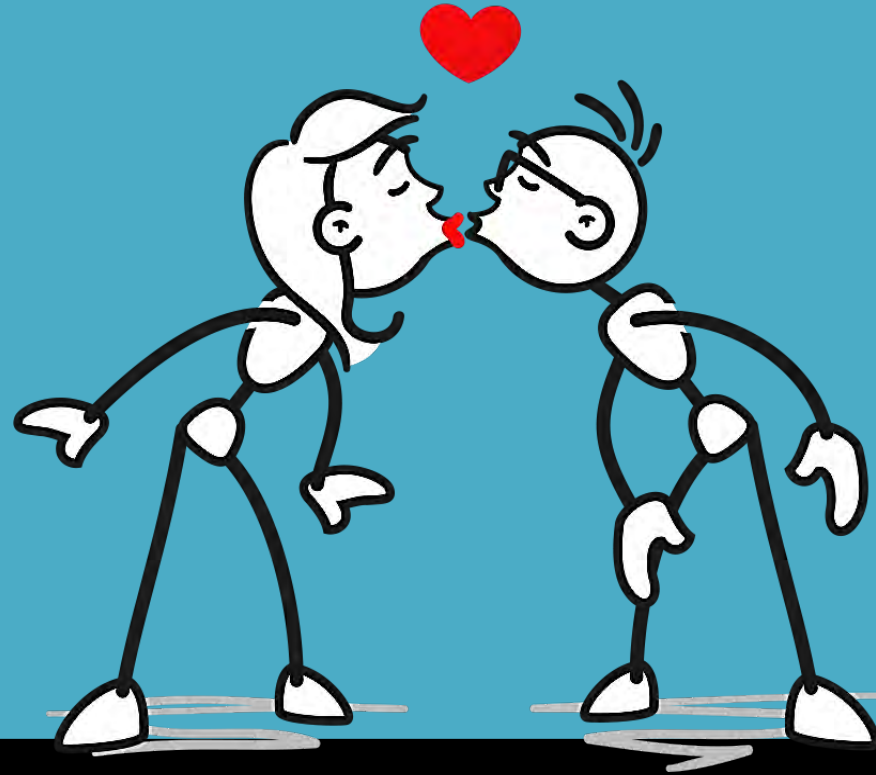
IF IT'S A **FEELING...**



# IT HAS TO BE AN ACTION OR A DECISION



**SEX IS OKAY....  
IF YOU'RE IN LOVE.**

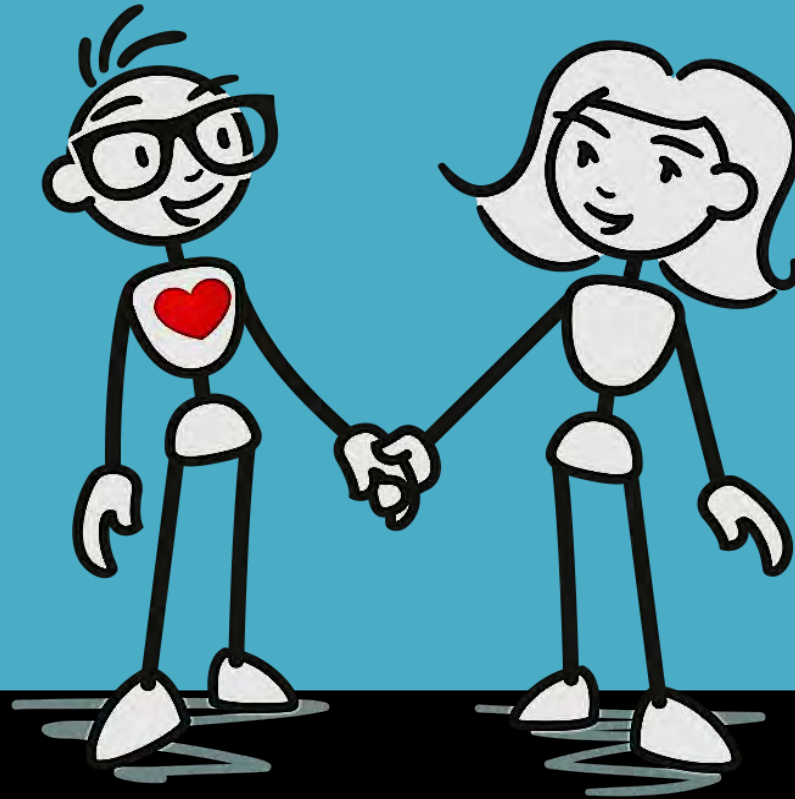


**38% of Christian young people AGREE!**



# EPHESIANS 5:28

“So husbands ought to **LOVE** their own wives as their own bodies.”



# EPHESIANS 5:28

“He who **LOVES** his own wife,  
loves himself.” (NASB)



# MATTHEW 22:36

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?” (NIV)

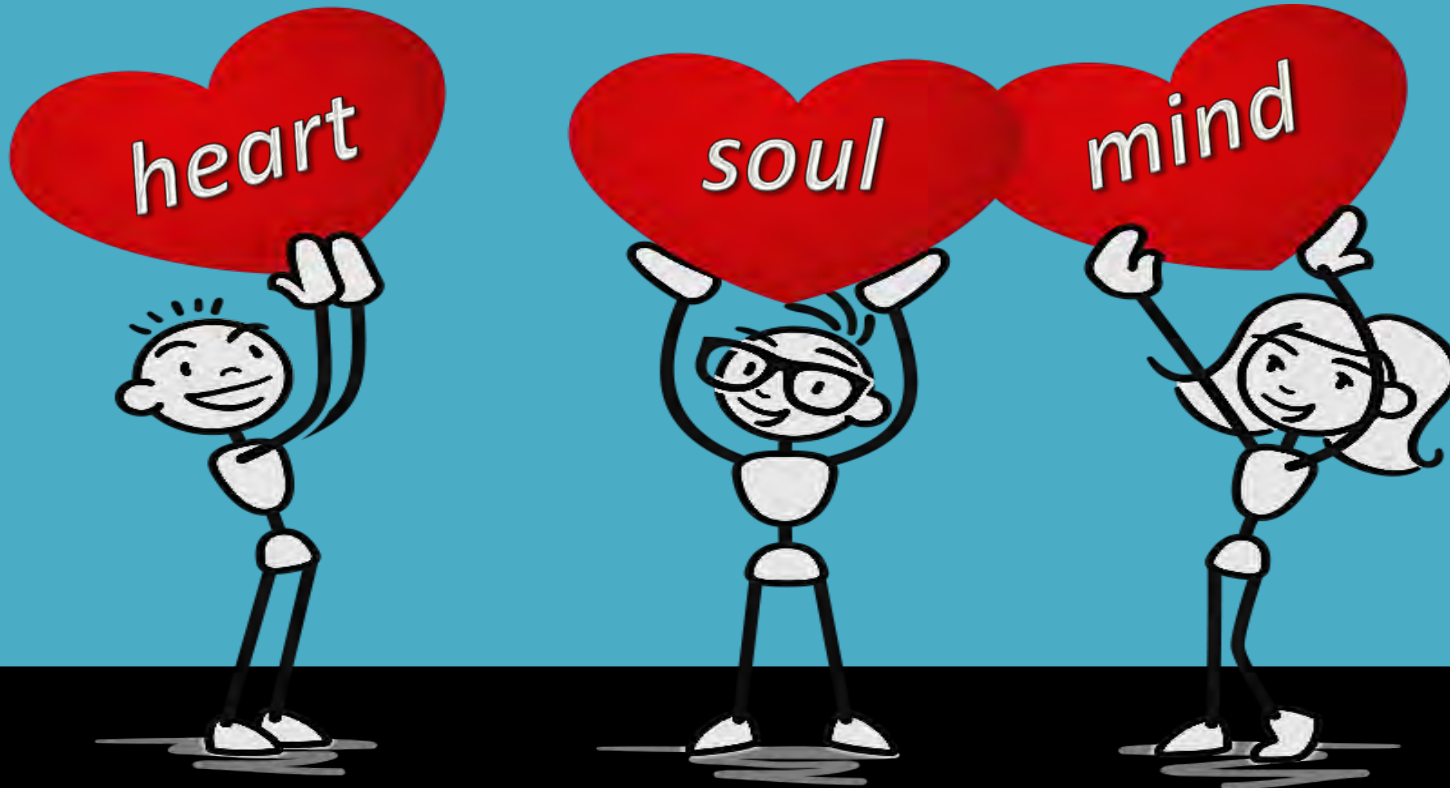


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# MATTHEW 22:37

“Jesus replied, ‘**LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** with **ALL** your heart, **ALL** your soul and with **ALL** your mind.’”

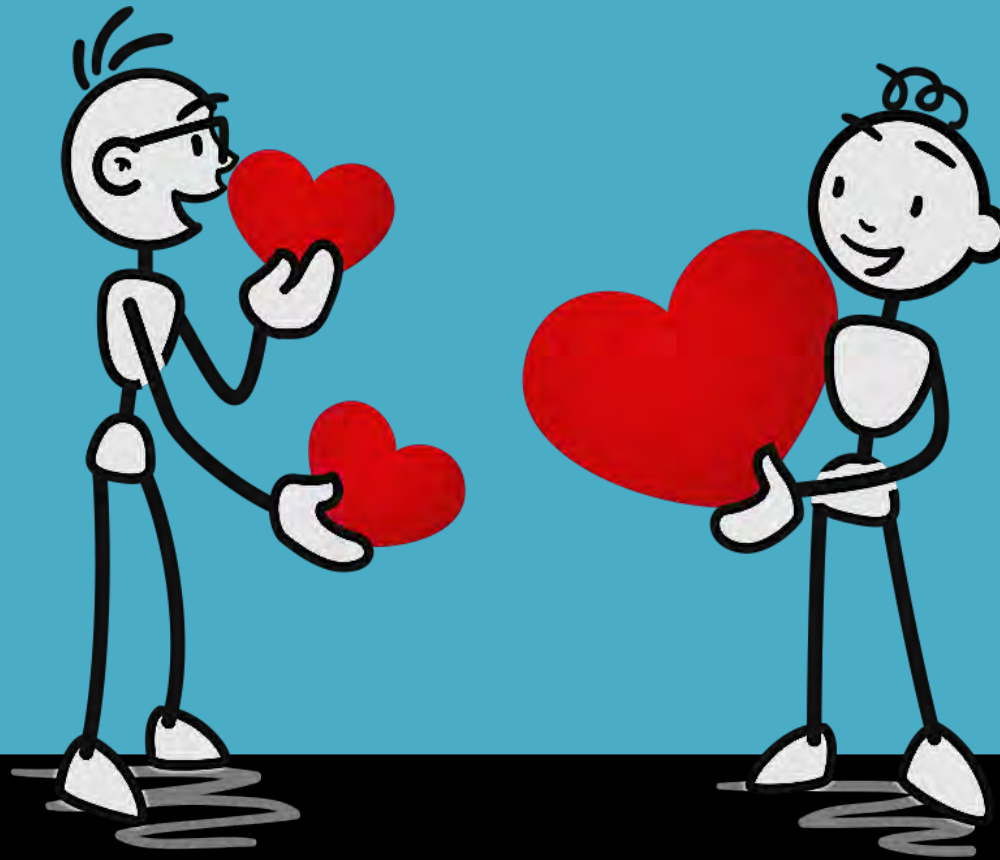


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# MATTHEW 22:39

“... and the second is this,

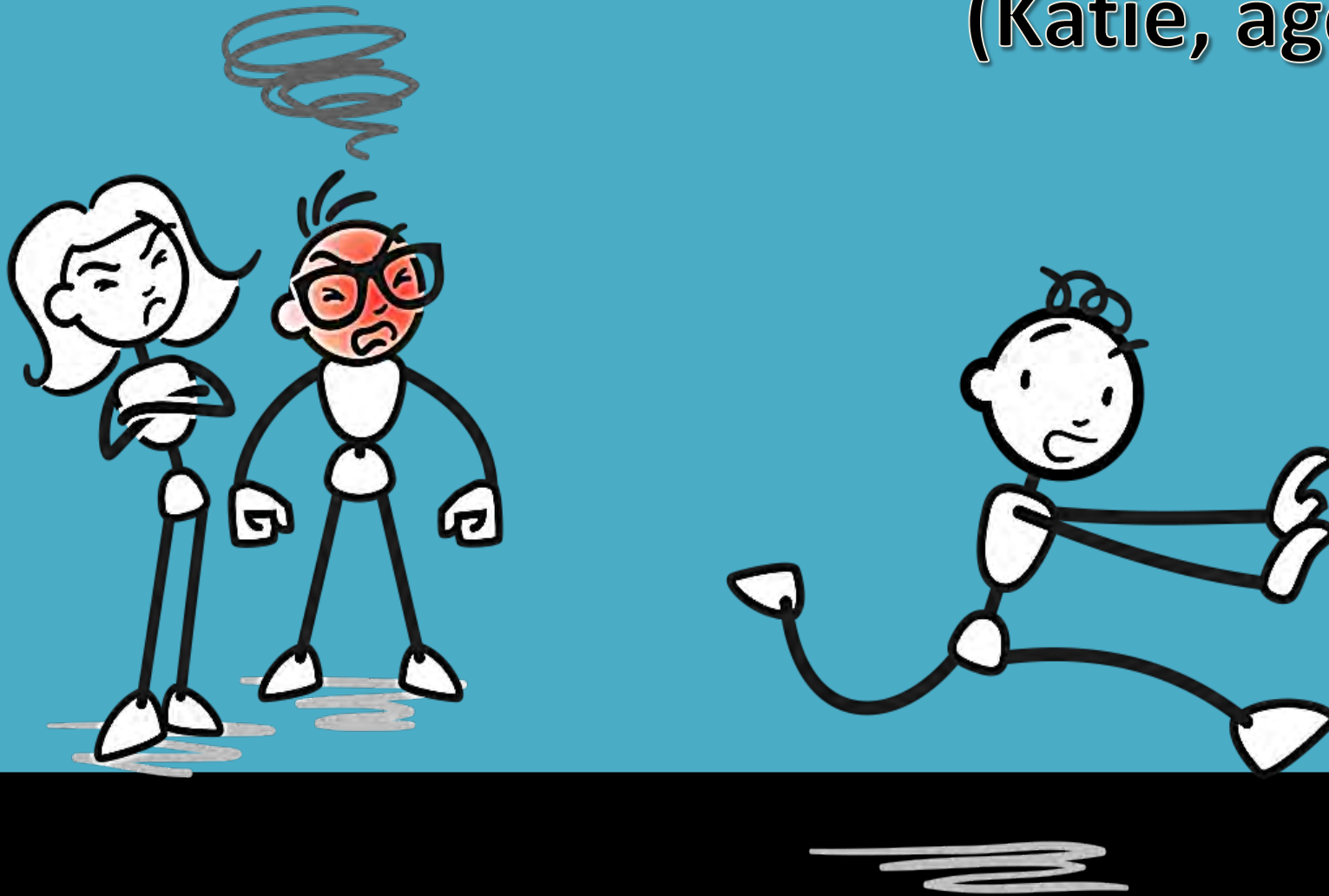
**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”**



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“Daddy, if you don’t love yourself, your  
neighbor really has problems.”

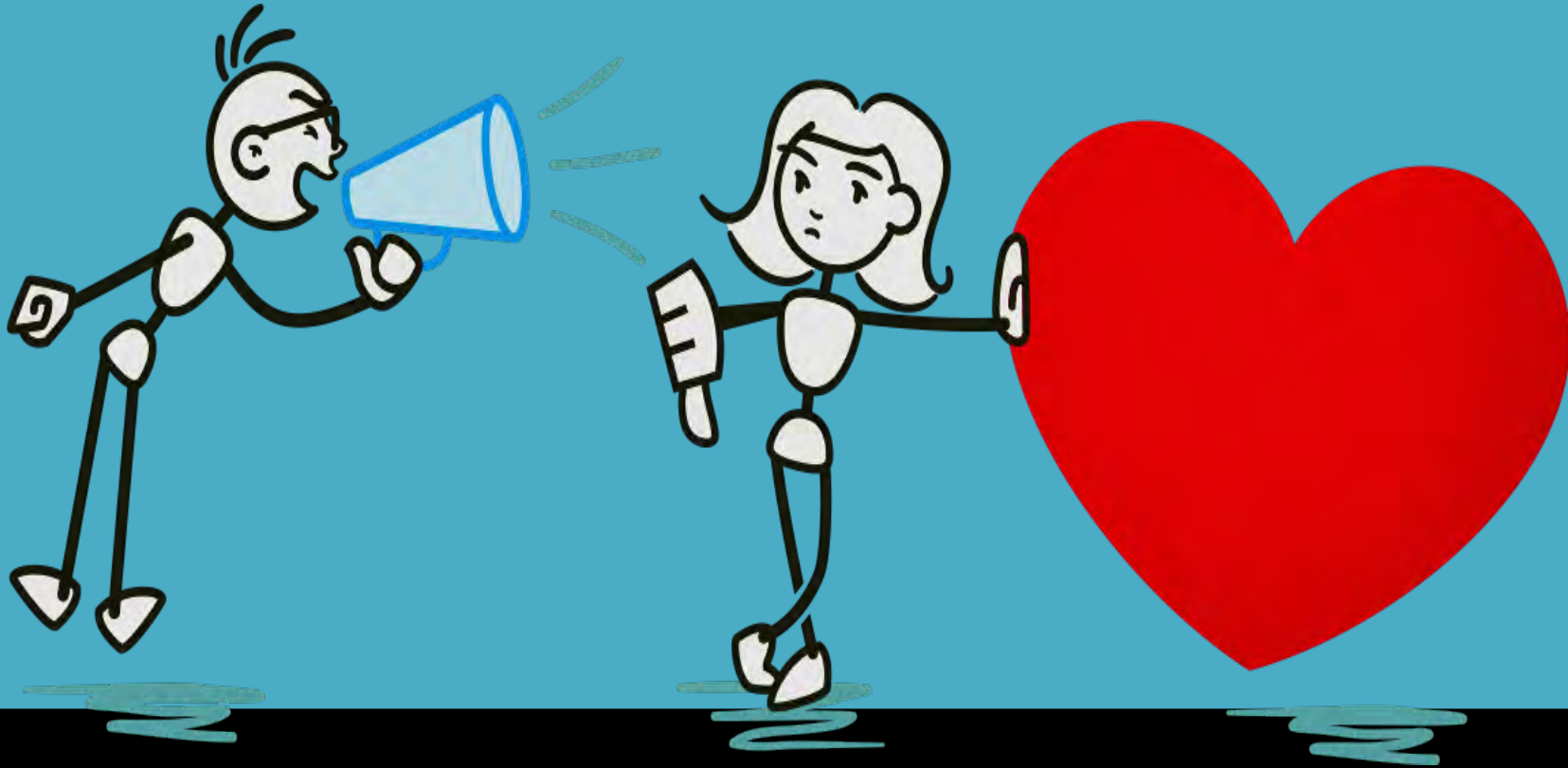
(Katie, age 6)





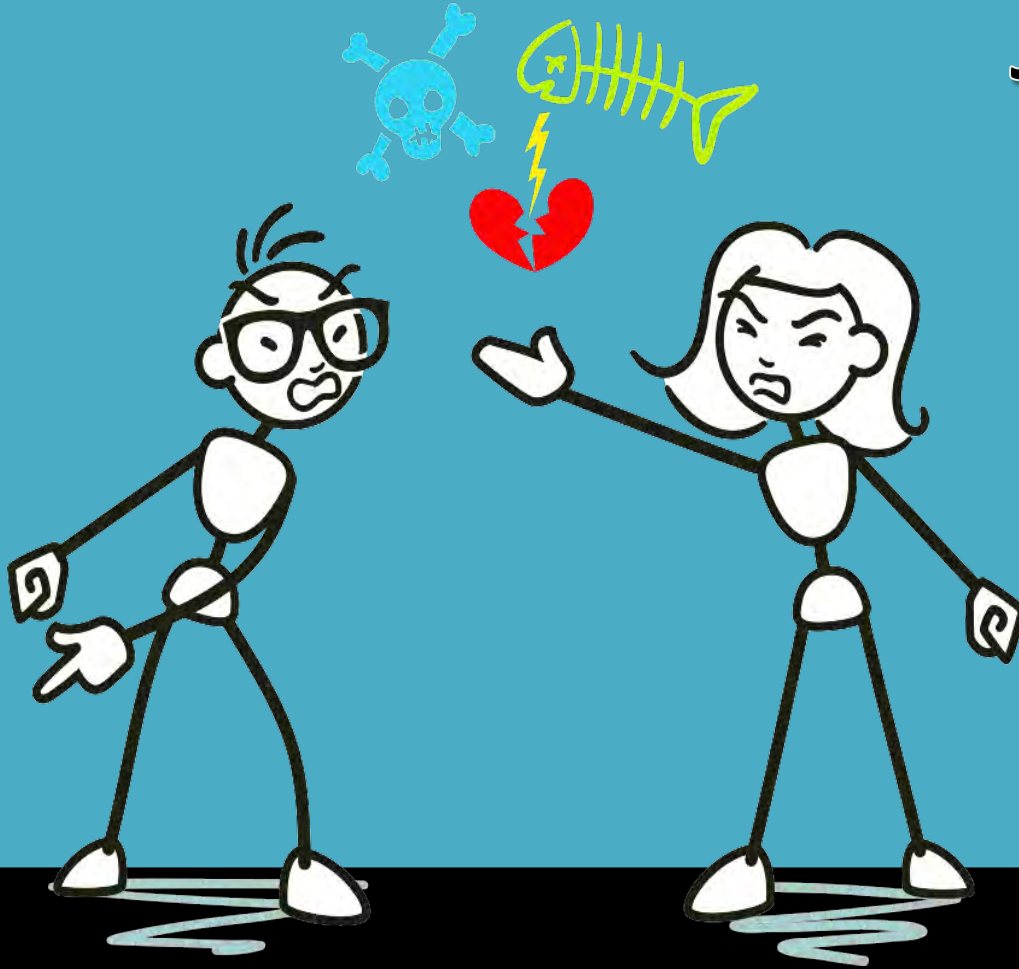
**“...don’t EVER...EVER...EVER marry  
a man who doesn’t love himself.”**

**Josh McDowell**



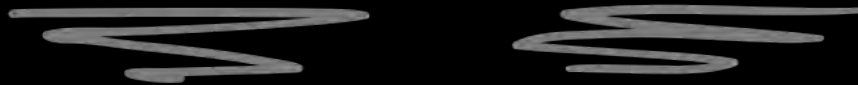
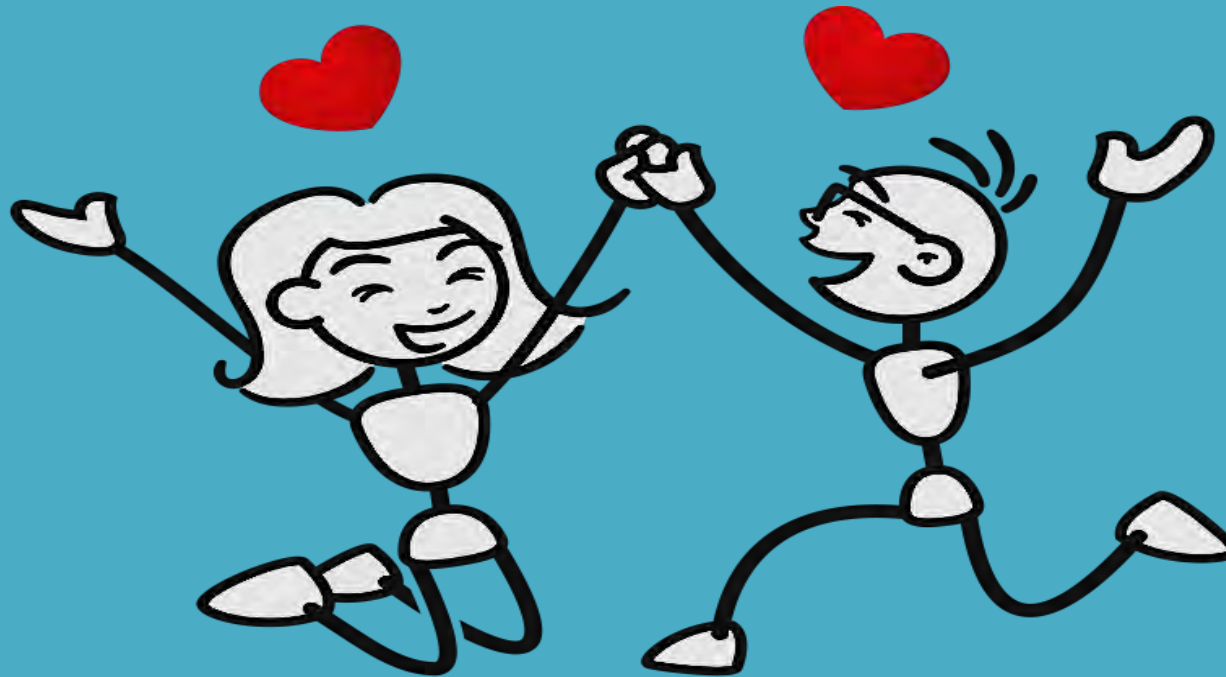
**“...if he doesn’t love himself;  
your marriage has got problems.”**

**Josh McDowell**



# EPHESIANS 5:33

“...also must **LOVE** his wife,  
as he loves himself.” (NIV)



# 2 TIMOTHY 3:2

“...people will be lovers of  
**THEMSELVES.**” (NIV)



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2 TIMOTHY 3:2

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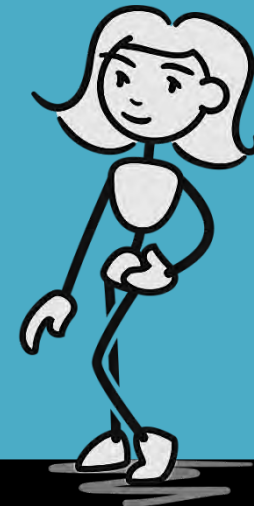


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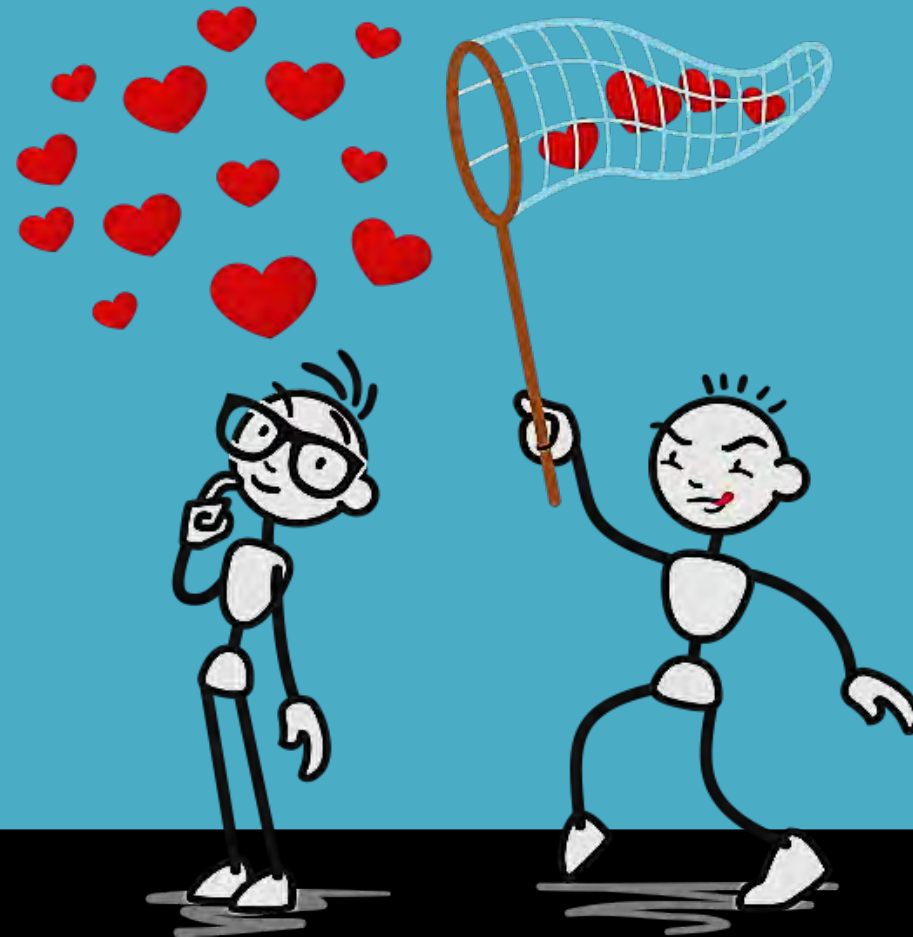
“...whose purpose in life is to satisfy their own ungodly desires.” (NLT)





# 2 PETER 3:3

“...scoffing and following their own evil desires.” (NIV)



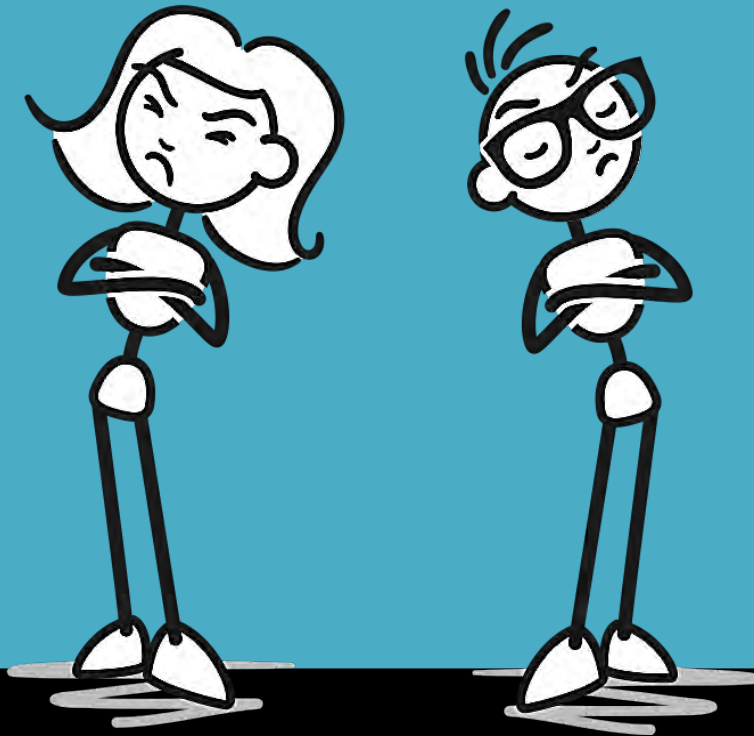
# 2 TIMOTHY 3:2

“...people will be lovers of  
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# Putting Your:

- Own wants ahead of what God desires for you.
- Own needs ahead of everyone else's.



# EPHESIANS 5:28

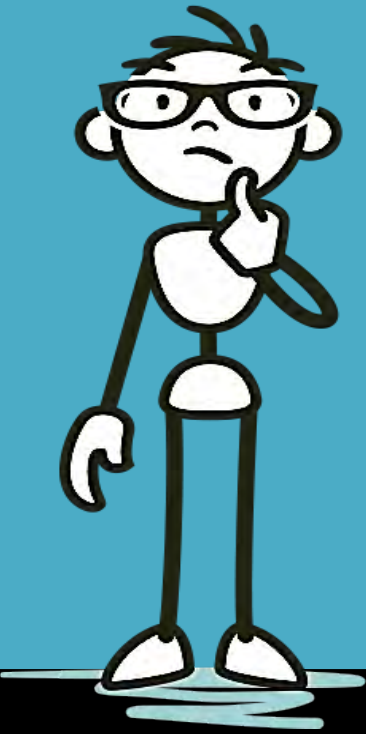
## “LOVE HIS OWN BODY”

EQUALS

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# AGAPE





PLACE **YOUR** MASK ON FIRST,  
THEN HELP OTHERS.



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# EPHESIANS 5:25

“Love each other just as Christ loved the church, and gave up His life for her.”



# CAN YOU DEFINE



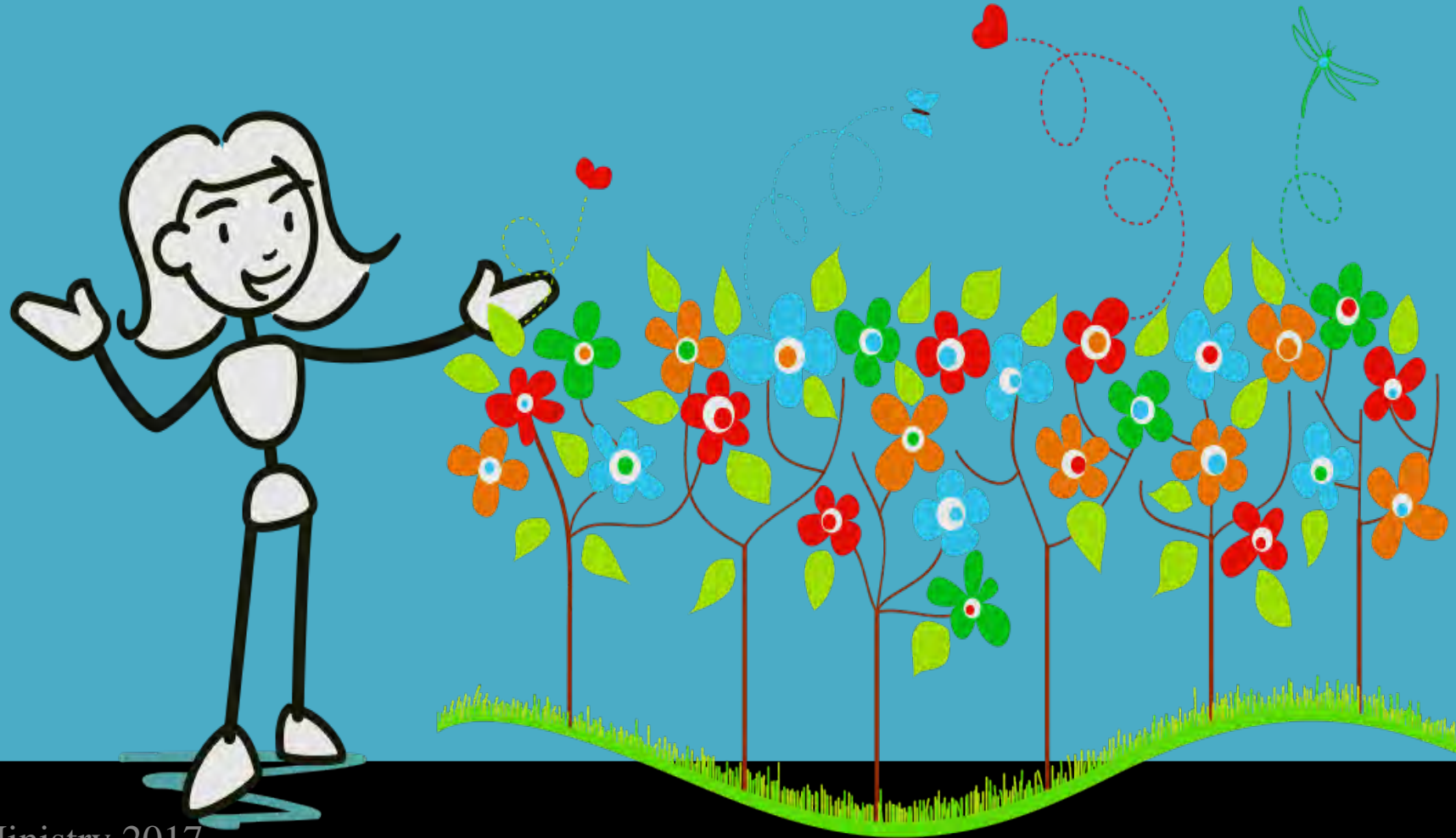
# EPHESIANS 5:29

“No one ever hated his own flesh,  
but **nourishes** and **cherishes** it,  
just as Christ also does the church.”  
(NASB)



# TO NOURISH

## “To bring to maturity”



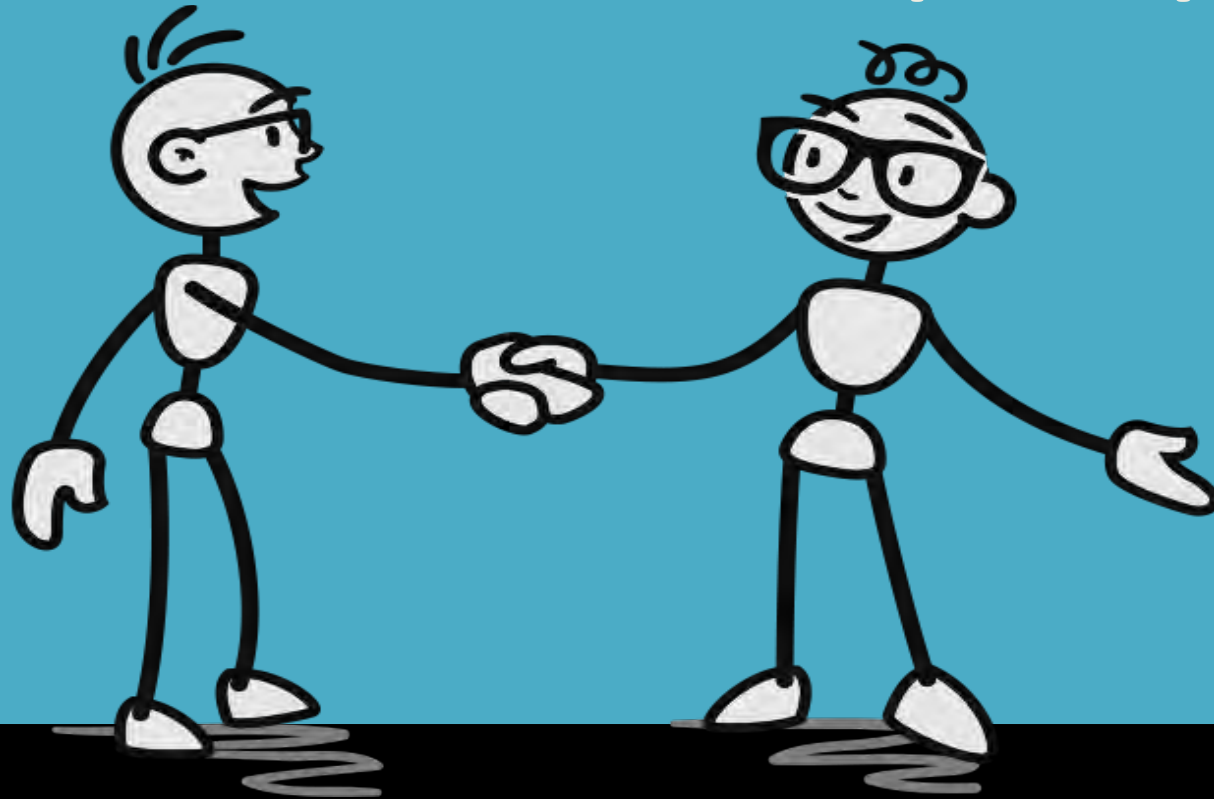




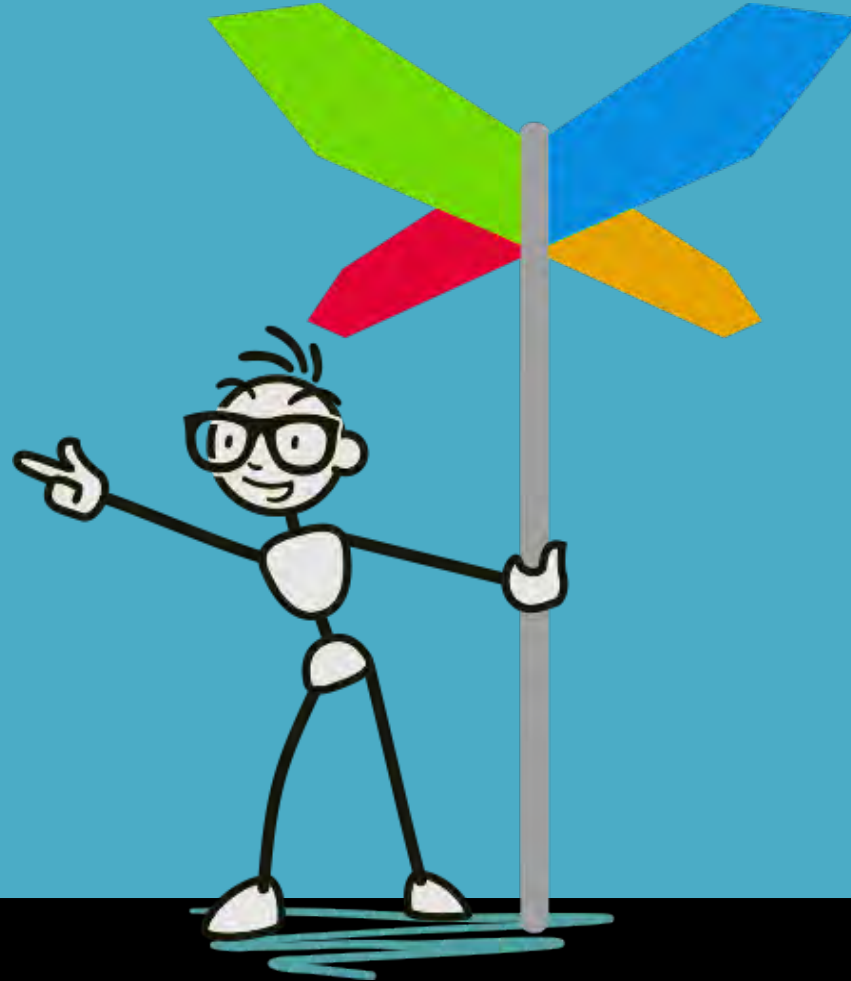
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# LUKE 2:52

“And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom  
and stature, and in favor with  
God and men.” (*NASB*)



# 4 examples of how to nurture yourself to maturity:



# WISDOM



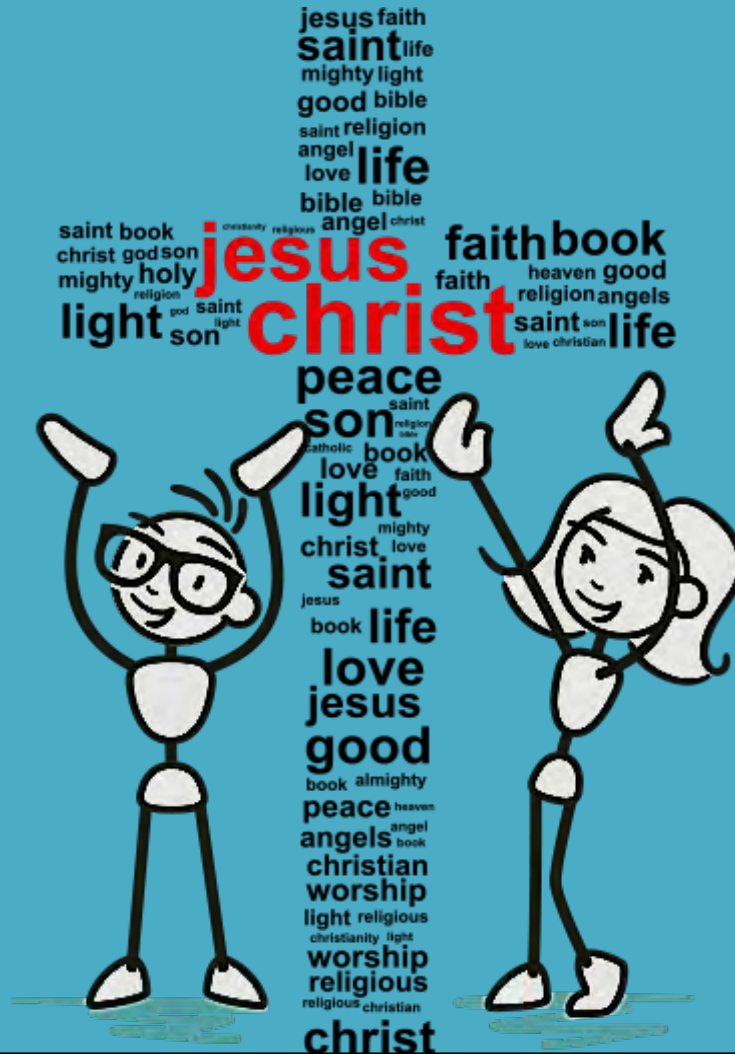
# STATURE

physically



# FAVOR WITH GOD

spiritually





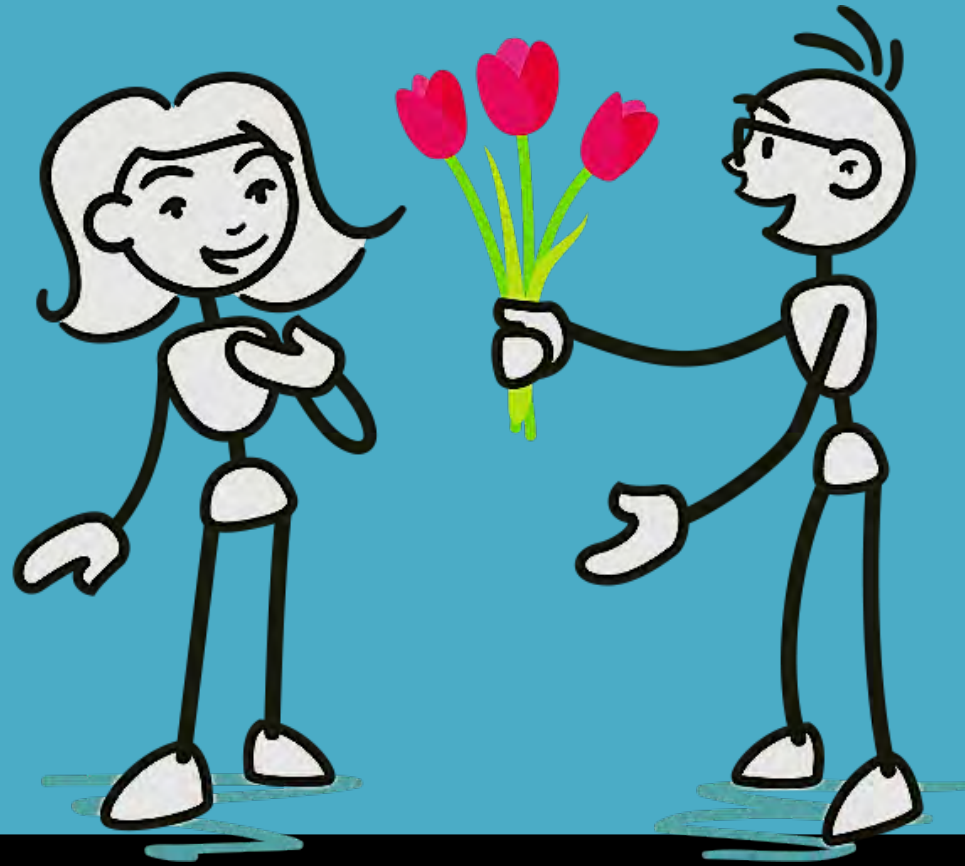
# FAVOR WITH MEN

## relationally

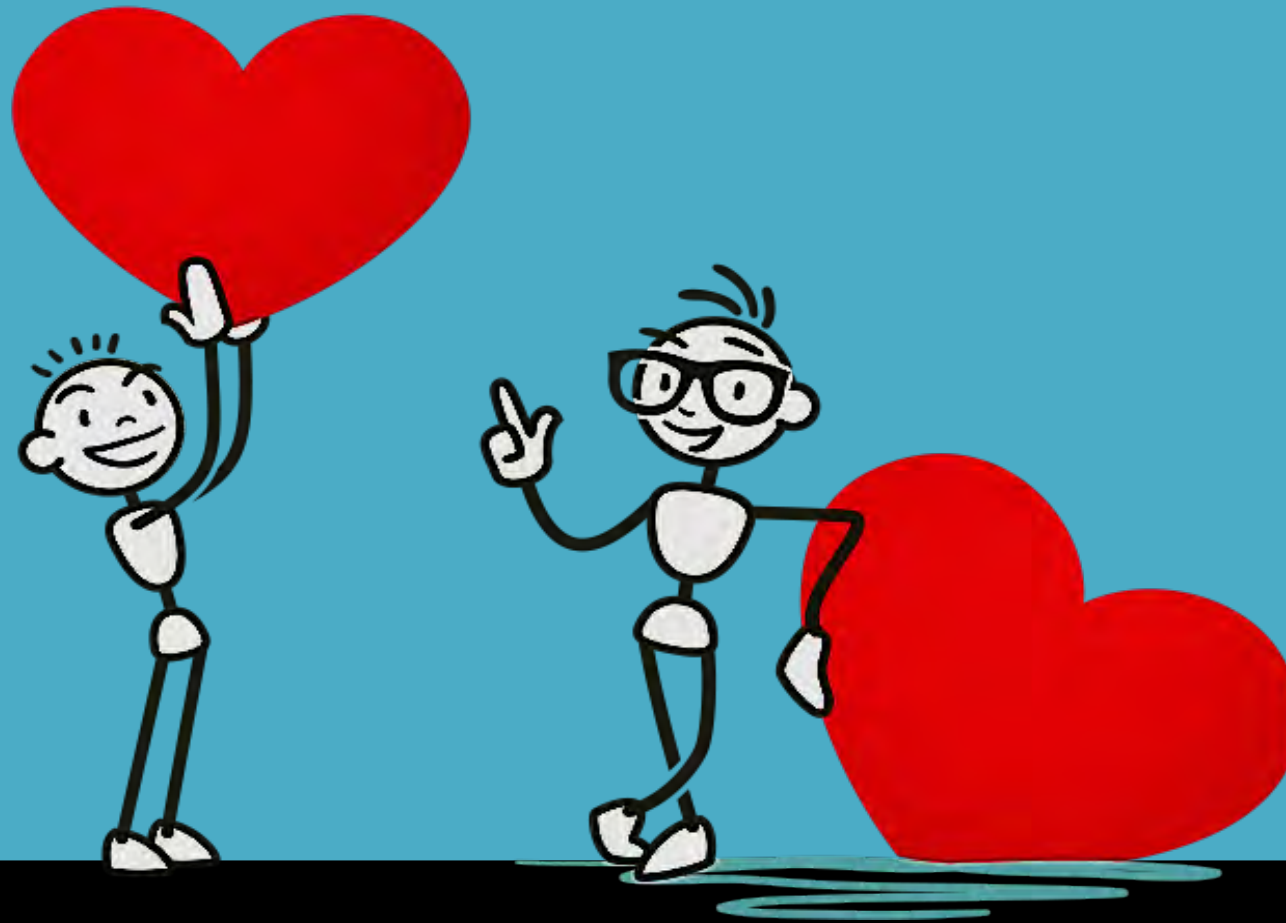


# TO CHERISH

“To care for, i.e. to protect”



# What is the **SIMPLEST** definition of **LOVE**?



# TO NOURISH



“To provide”

# TO CHERISH

**to protect**

Protection from  
anything that  
will hinder the  
maturation  
process.



# LOVE

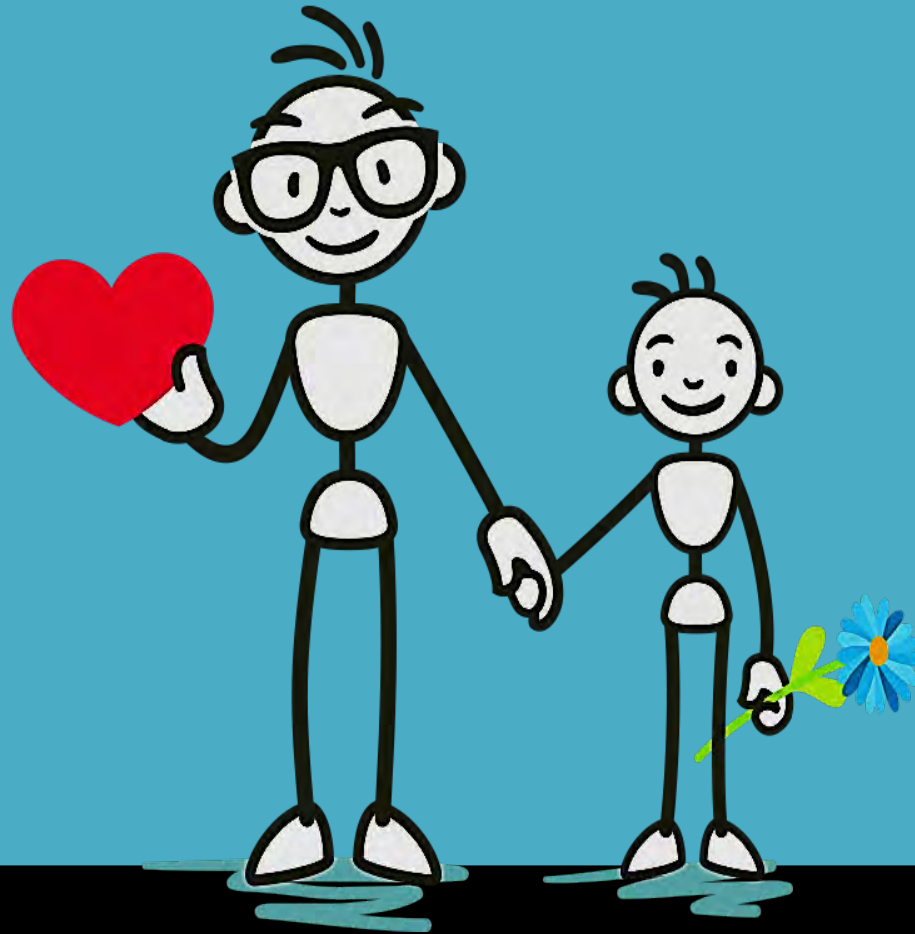
## protect & provide





# TO LOVE

## We owe our children...



# A Definition of Love

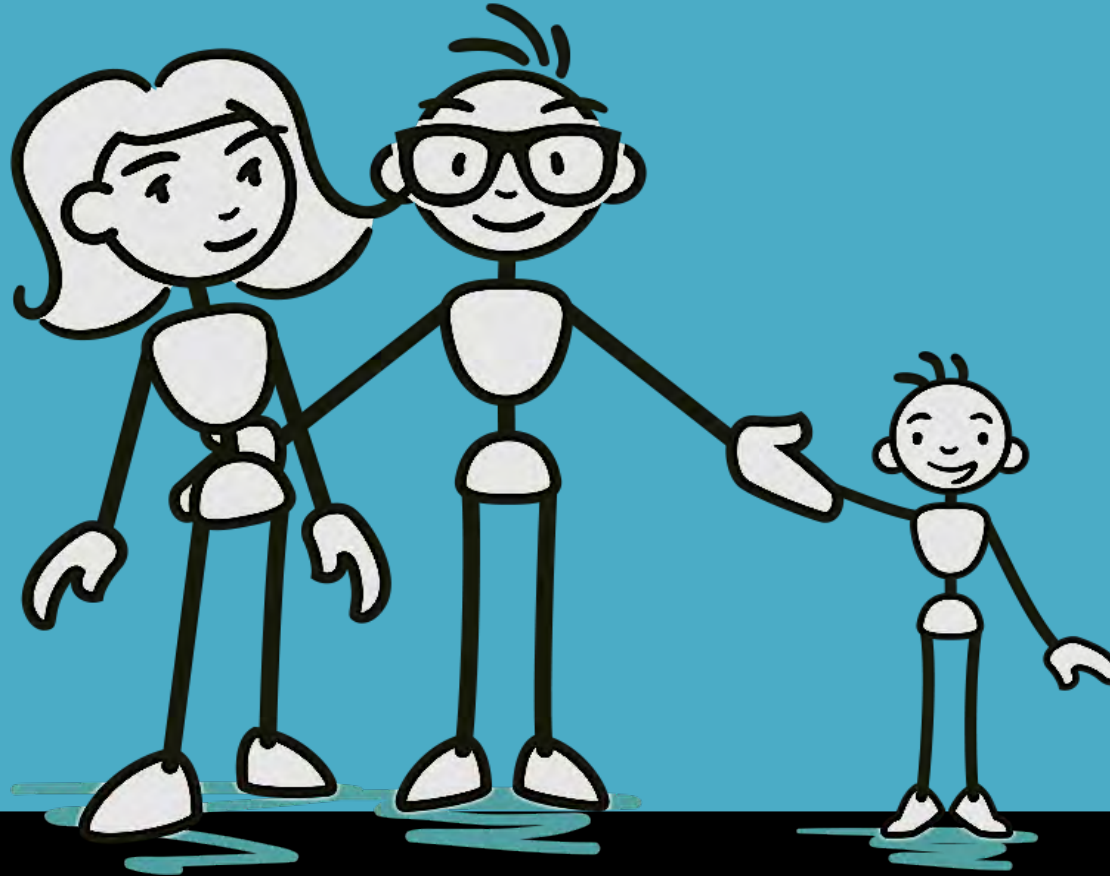


# A Model of Love



# GOD IS LOVE

i.e. protect & provide







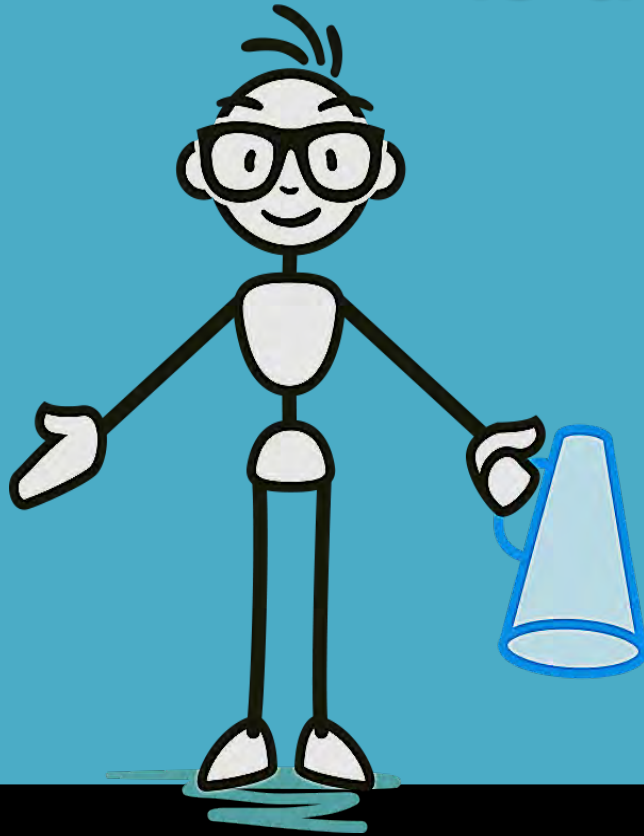
Every commandment appears  
to be negative....





**BUT....**

**Every single commandment  
is actually....**



**POSITIVE!**

# DEUTERONOMY 10:13

“...and to keep the LORD’S  
commandments and  
His statutes  
which I am commanding  
you today  
for your good.” (NASB)



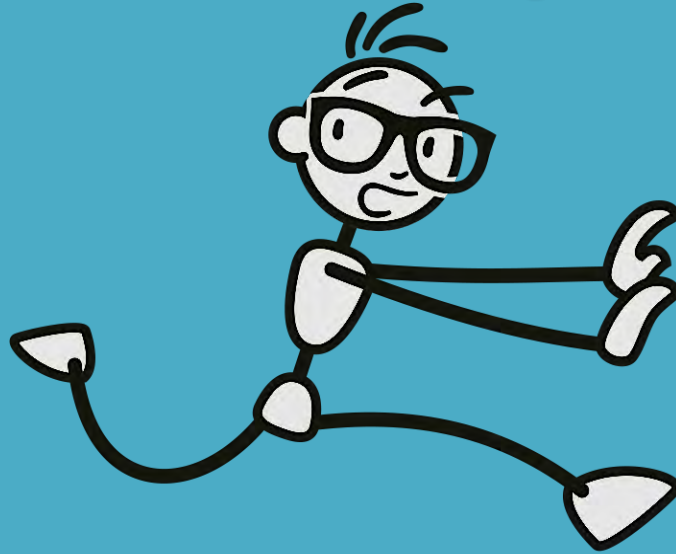
# JEREMIAH 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the LORD, plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you  
hope and a future.” (NIV)

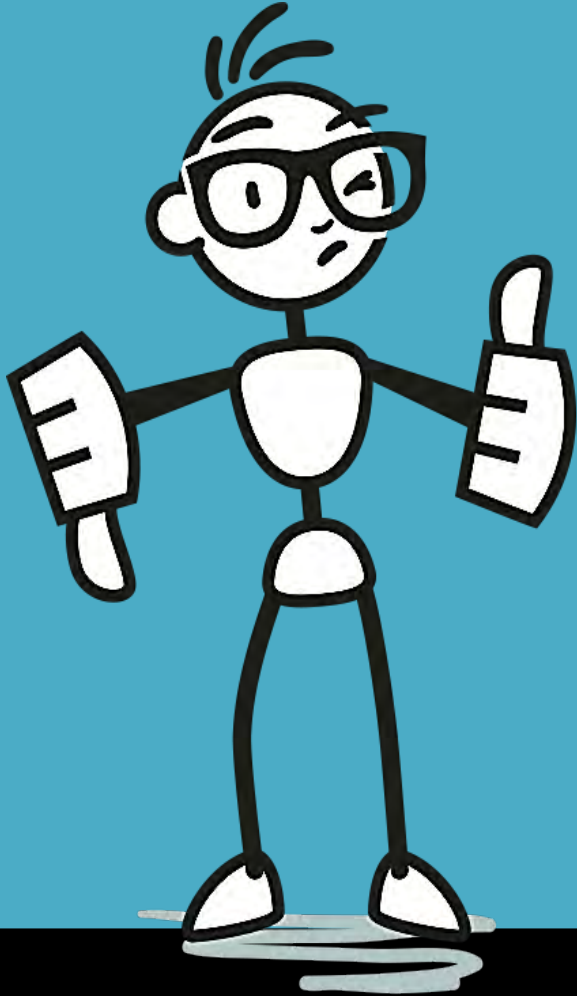


# 1 CORINTHIANS 6:18

“Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the [sexually] immoral man sins against *his own body*.” (NASB)



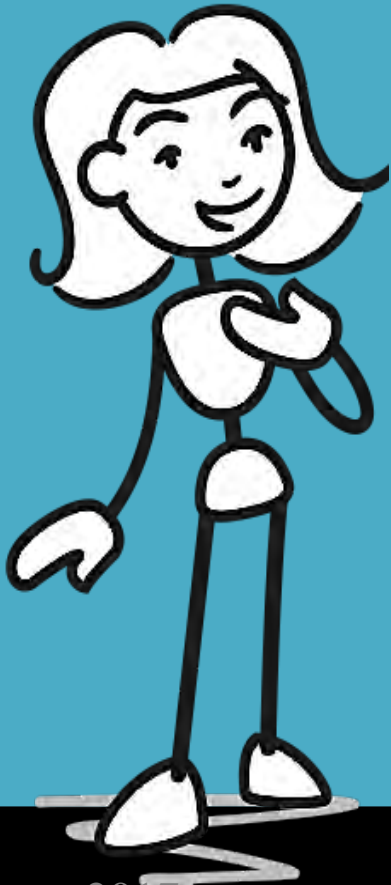
# THE LINE:



“Well... if you love  
me, you will  
let me.”

# THE RESPONSE:

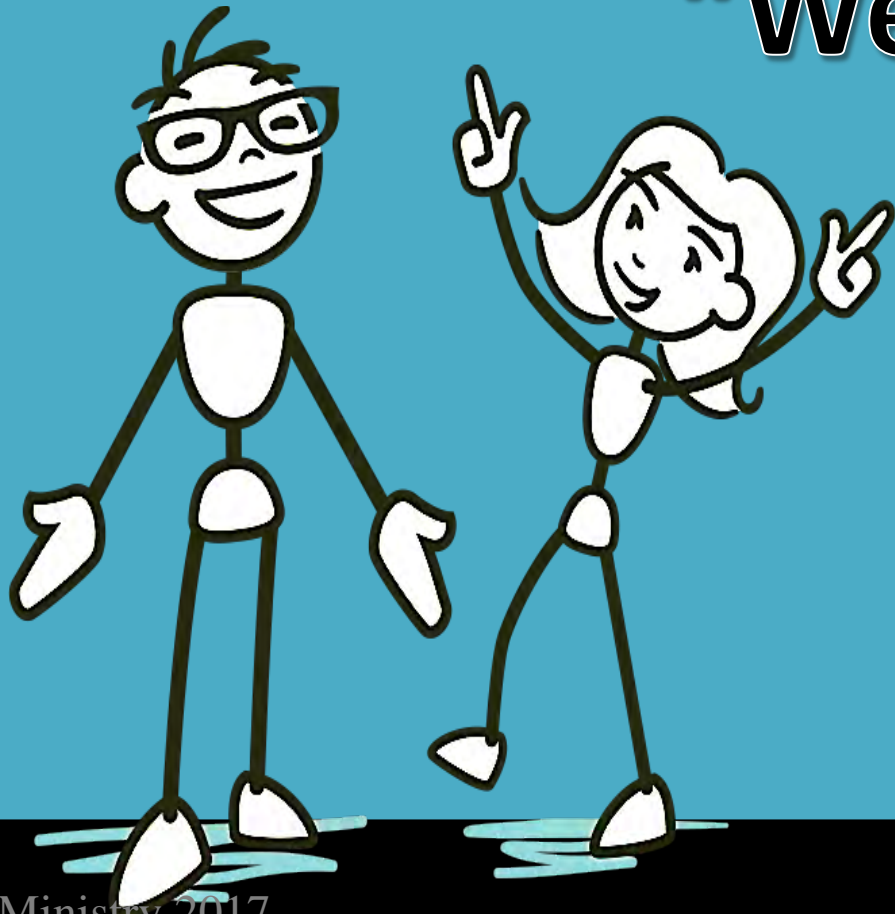
“If you **REALLY**  
loved me, you  
wouldn’t have  
asked.”





# THE LINE:

“Well...everyone is  
doing it.”



# THE RESPONSE:



“Then it shouldn’t  
be too hard to  
find someone  
else.”

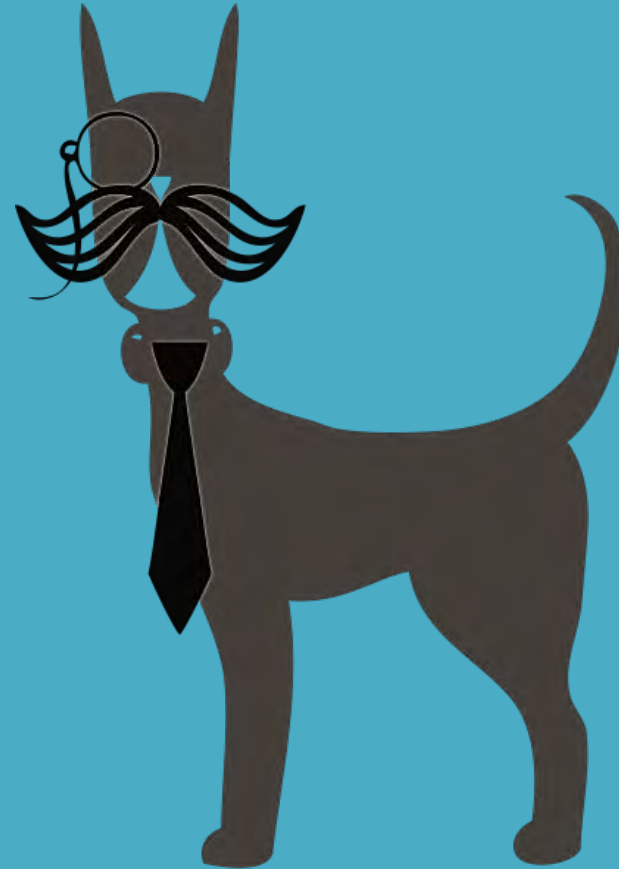
# THE LINE:



“Well...let’s make  
a man out of  
you.”

# THE RESPONSE:

“A 12 year-old kid  
can have sex...my  
dog can have sex,  
but it doesn't make  
him a man.”



# 1960

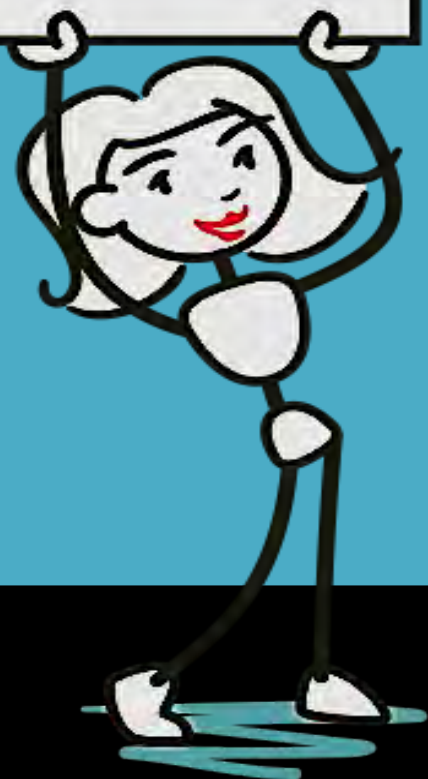
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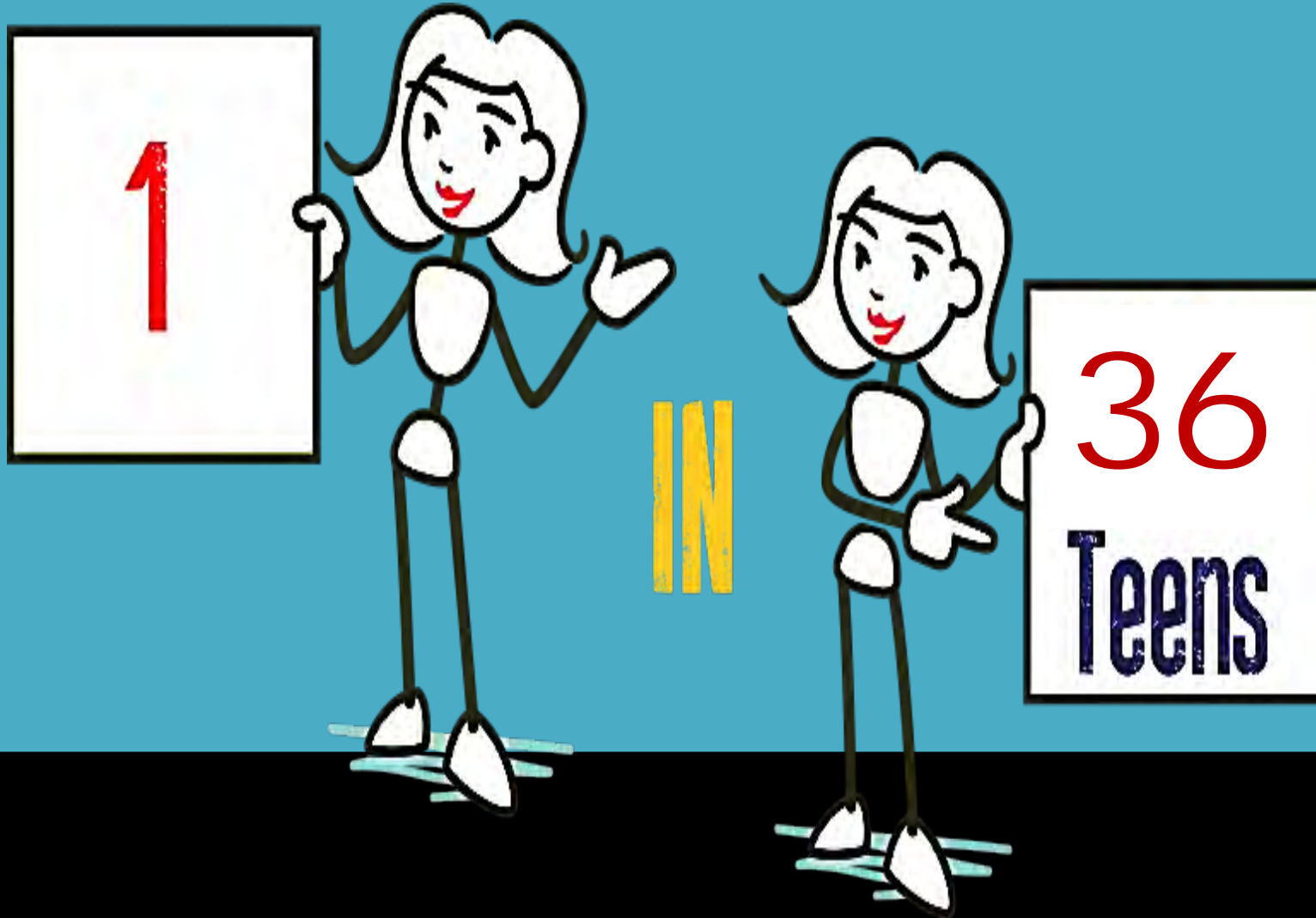


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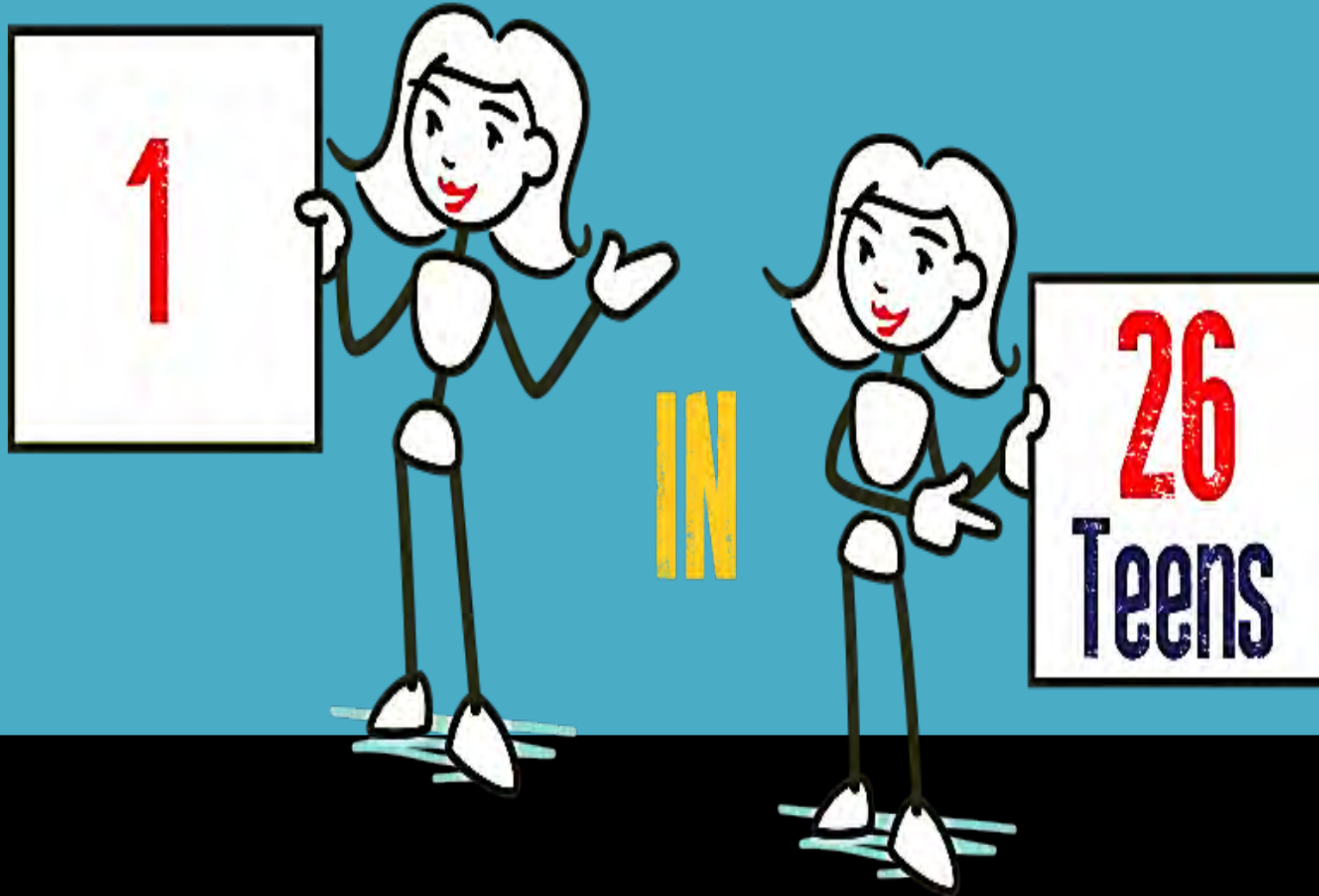


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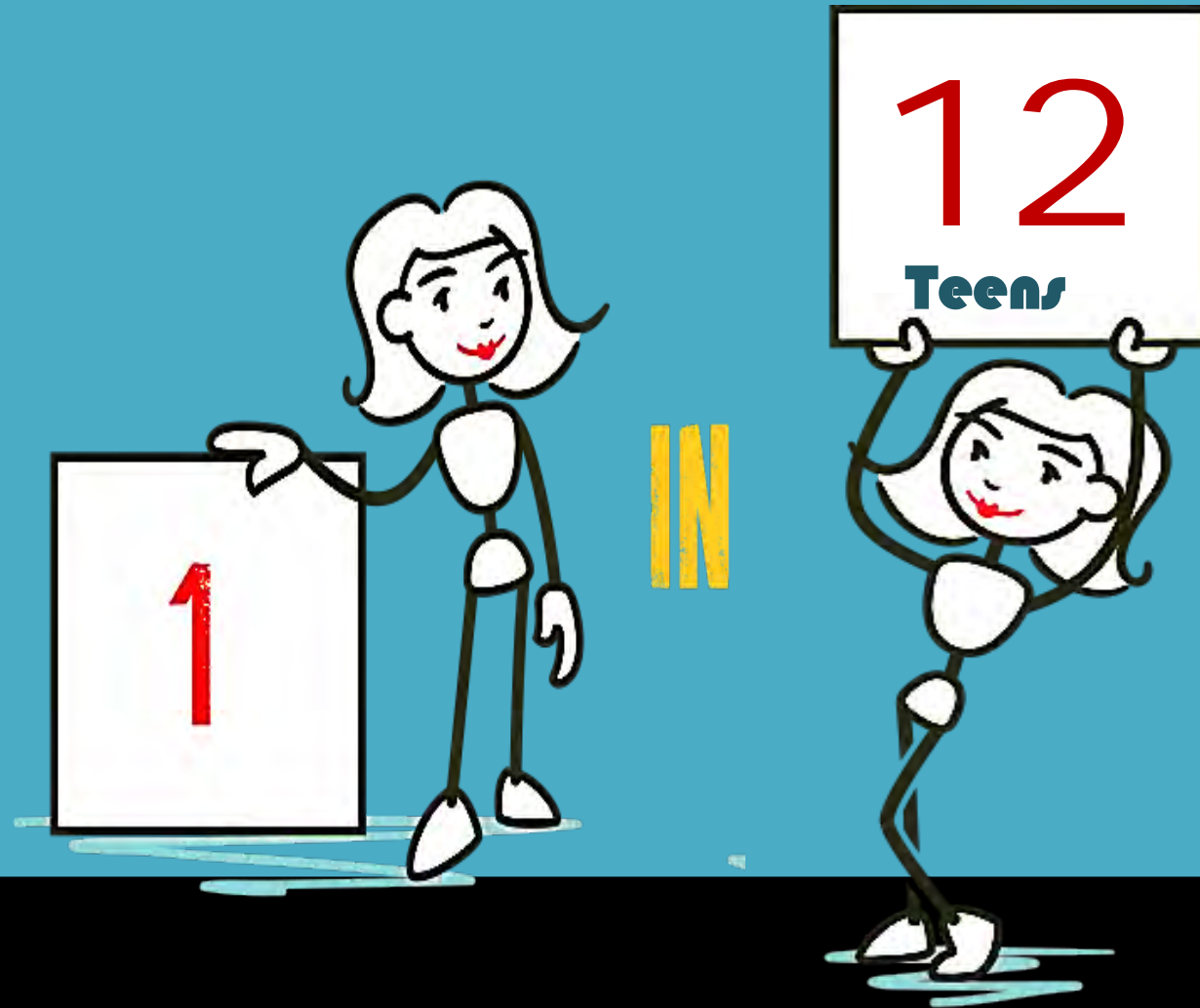
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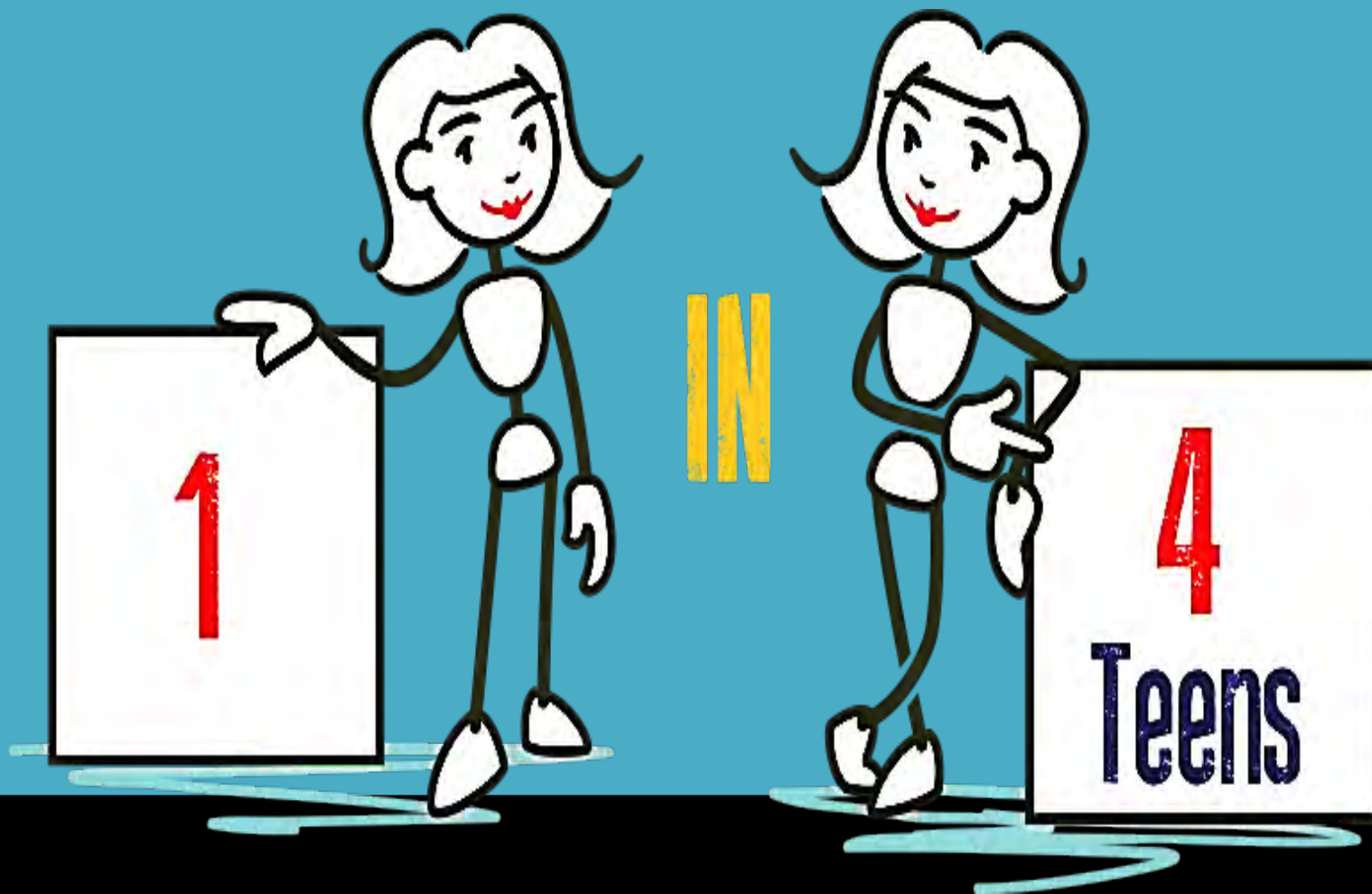
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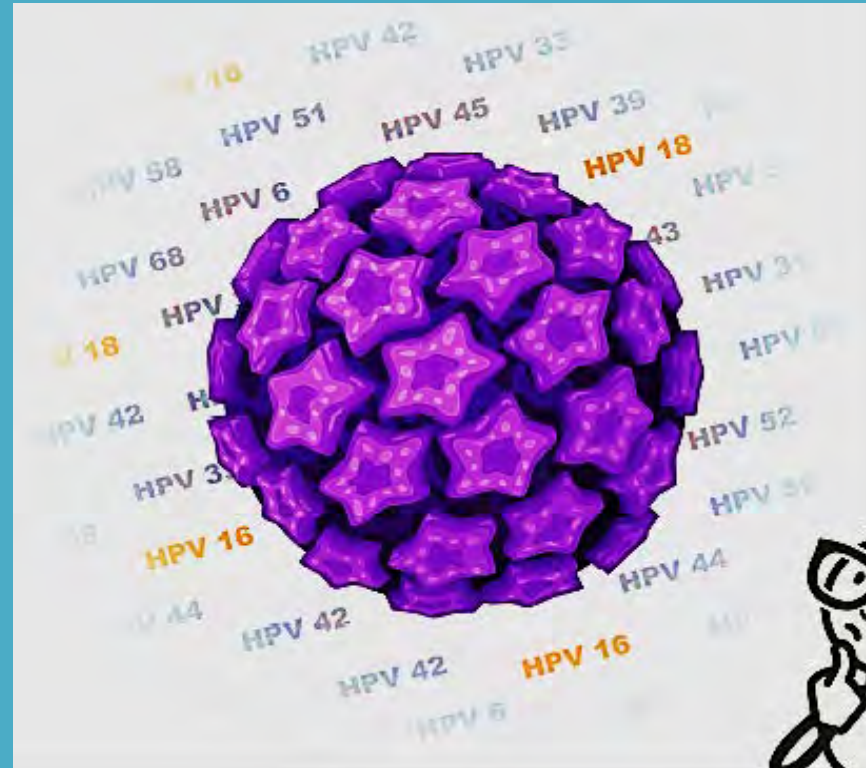


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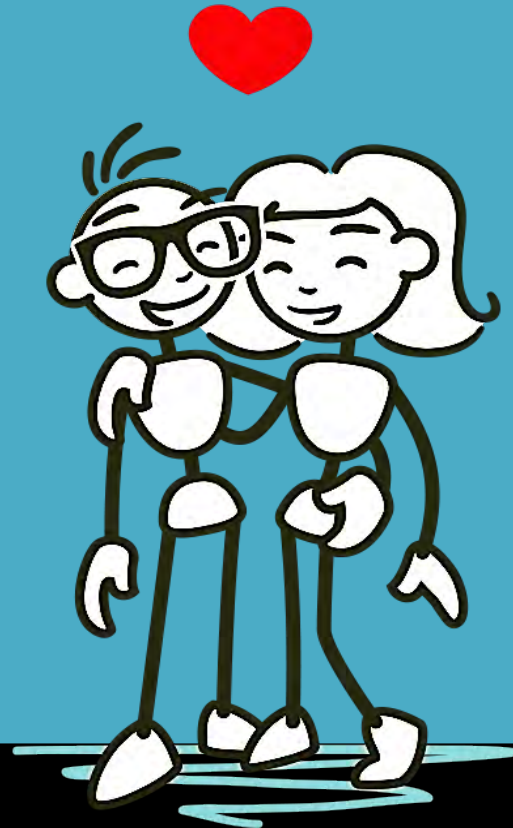
Announced that **99%** of ALL vulvar and cervical cancers come from HPV.

**CANCER  
IS A  
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED  
DISEASE!**





**NOT SAYING  
NO TO SEX BECAUSE  
IT IS SO SINFUL,  
BUT....**



**SAYING YES  
TO WAITING  
BECAUSE IT IS SO...**





**Put on your  
own mask  
first before  
helping  
others.**





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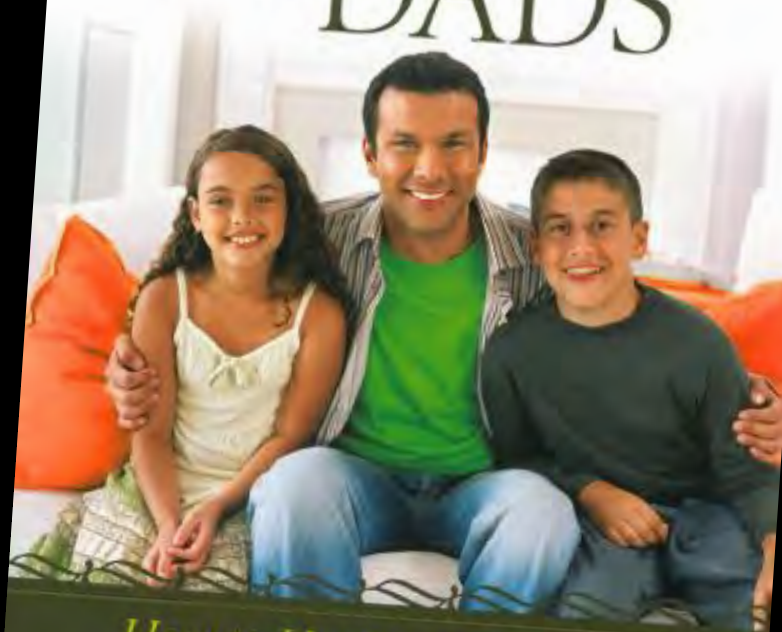
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