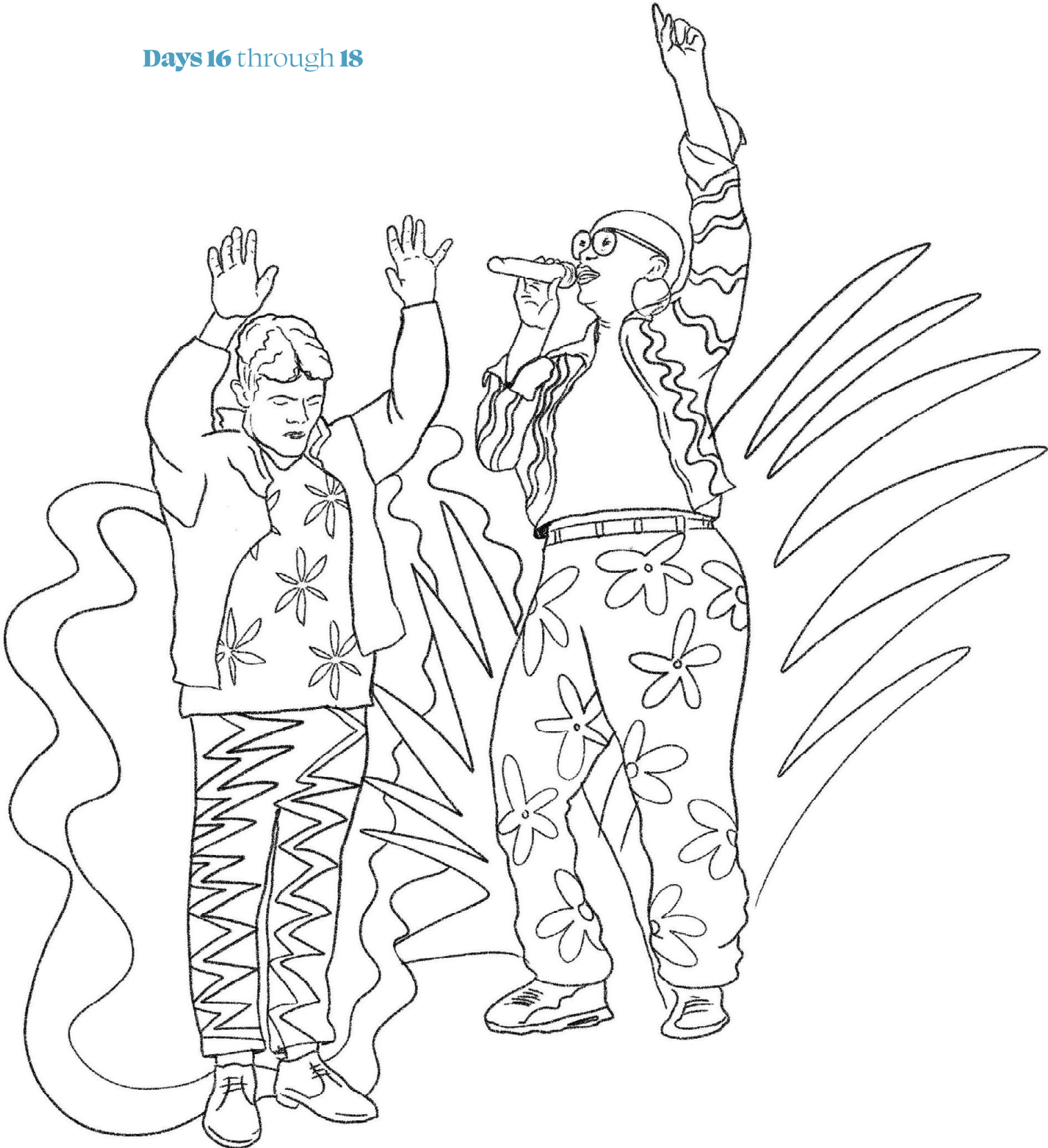


# Section 06

Days 16 through 18



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INTERDEPENDENCE

"...Love one another;  
as I have loved you..."

John 13:34 (NKJV)

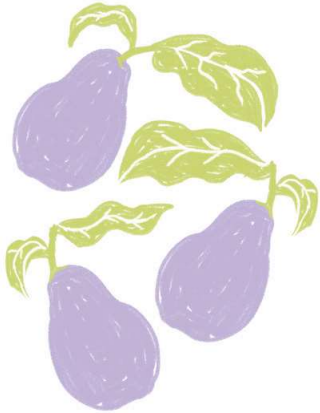


# Day 16

## Thank you cards

We are so blessed with teachers and friends to help encourage us!

### Dive into the Word



This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; that you will see the difference between good and bad and choose the good; that you will be pure

and without wrong for the coming of Christ; that you will be filled with the good things produced in your life by Christ to bring glory and praise to God.”

—Philippians 1:9-11 (ICB)

### Family Moment

What stands out to you in Paul’s prayer for the Philippians? Think about who God has placed in your life to encourage you and help you be more like Jesus. This could be someone at church, a friend or even someone in your family. Draw or write a card for this person (or people!) telling them how thankful you are for them. You may even want to include a verse from Philippians 1.

### Let’s Pray!

1. Did you know we get to be “partners” in the gospel with other Christians who help teach us and encourage us? Who are your partners?
2. Spend some time praying for adults who have been encouraging to you.
3. Pray: “God, thank You for giving me teachers who lead me to You. Please bless my teachers and pastors. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



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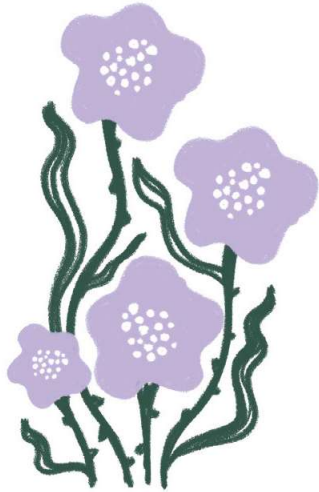
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# Day 17

## Unity sculptures

We can work together to create something beautiful with God's love.



### Dive into the Word

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

—John 13:34-35 (NKJV)

### Let's Pray!

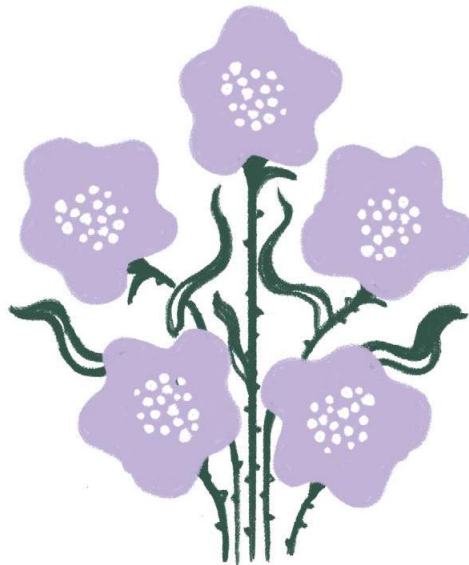
1. Jesus tells us that He will know we are following Him when we love one another. Is there anyone in your life that is hard to love?

2. Everyone has found it hard to get along at one time or another. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us love those around us!

3. Pray: "God, help me to show love to others just as You have asked us to. Thank You for giving me people to show love to. In Jesus' name, Amen."

### Family Moment

As followers of Jesus, we're unified through God's Spirit. Why is it sometimes hard to be unified with others? God knows it's hard for us to get along with other people sometimes. Thankfully we have the gift and the power of the Holy Spirit to help us love all people, even when it's hard. Practice unity as a family by gathering some modeling clay or dough and straws, and construct a creative sculpture where everyone builds an important part and all the parts fit together. As you work, brainstorm ways your family can show God's love to others in the week ahead.



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# Day 18

## Interdependence day

God has given everyone different talents and gifts for His glory, and it's wonderful when we all work together!



### Dive into the Word

"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then

gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

—Romans 12:4-8 (NKJV)

### Family Moment

The body of Christ is an amazing part of God's plan to bless the world. What gift has God given you that you might use to bring unity to your community? Write down one or two things each family member can do this week, and make a plan to bless others. End the time by speaking a blessing over everyone in your family: "Now we are the body of Christ, and each of us is a part of it! Holy Spirit, please give us power to serve others with the gifts we've been given."

### Let's Pray!

1. We are all given special gifts from God, and we can use those gifts to bless others.
2. Think about what gifts God has given you. Ask Him to help you use these gifts to serve Him.
3. Pray: "God, thank You for giving me special gifts and talents. Please give me opportunities to use my gifts to serve and bless others. In Jesus' name, Amen."



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