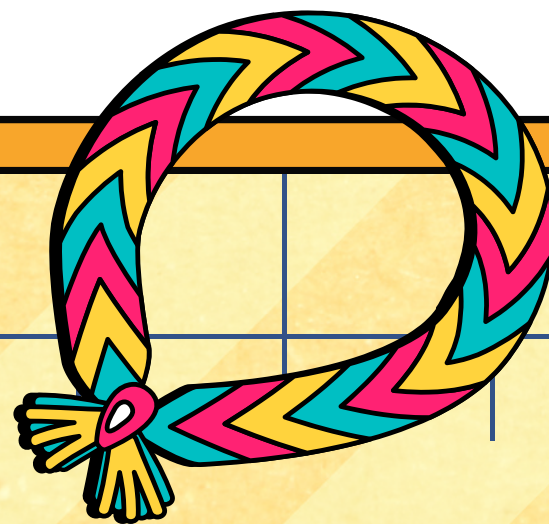
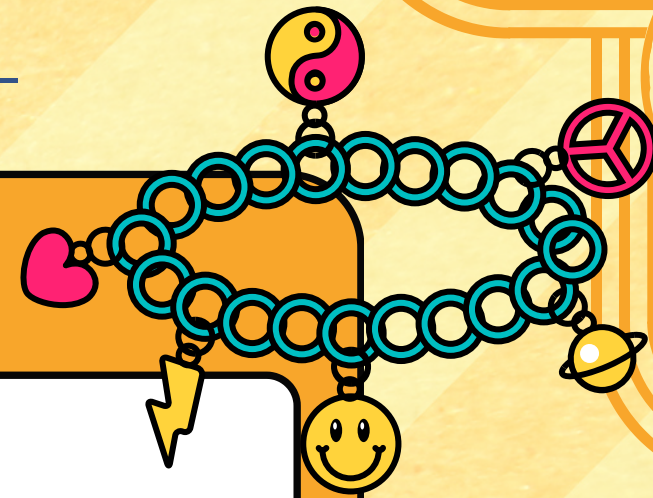
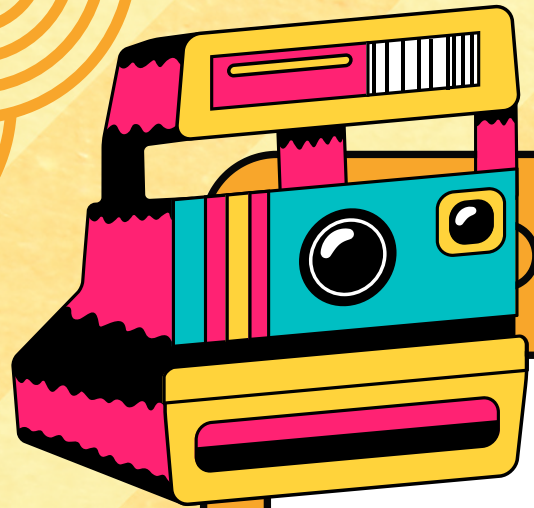
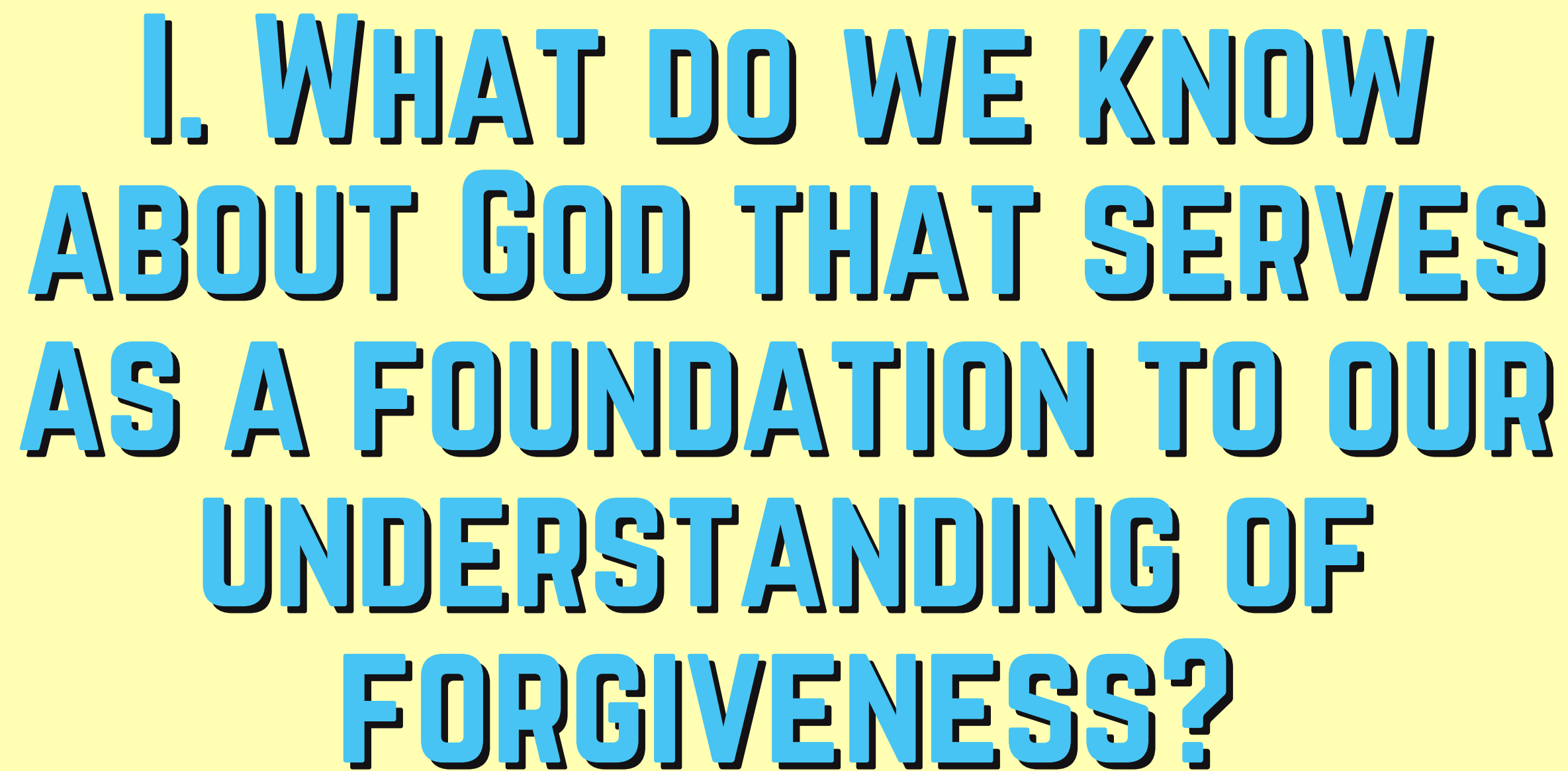
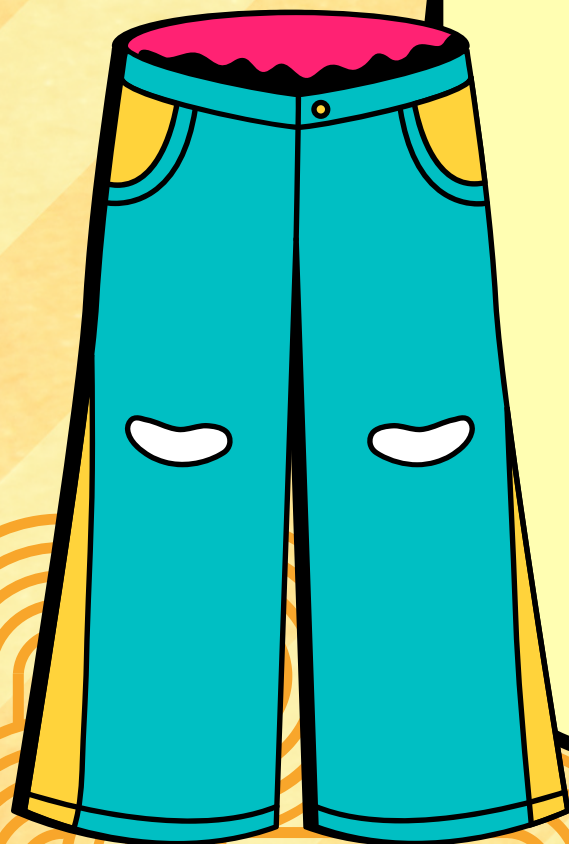


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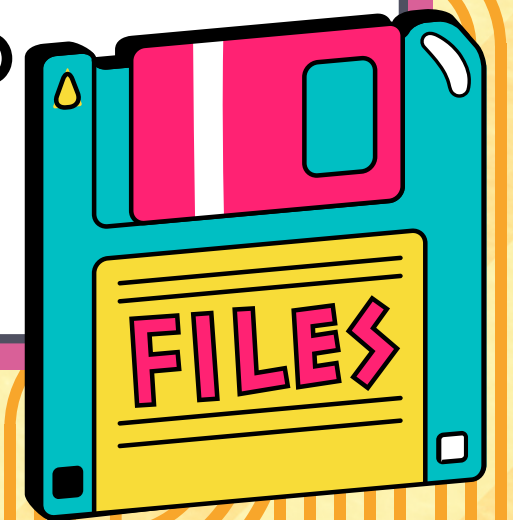


**I. WHAT DO WE KNOW
ABOUT GOD THAT SERVES
AS A FOUNDATION TO OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF
FORGIVENESS?**



EXODUS 34:6-7

And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation."



NEHEMIAH 9:17

They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But you God are ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them.



PSALM 130

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.



PSALM 130

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning - Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

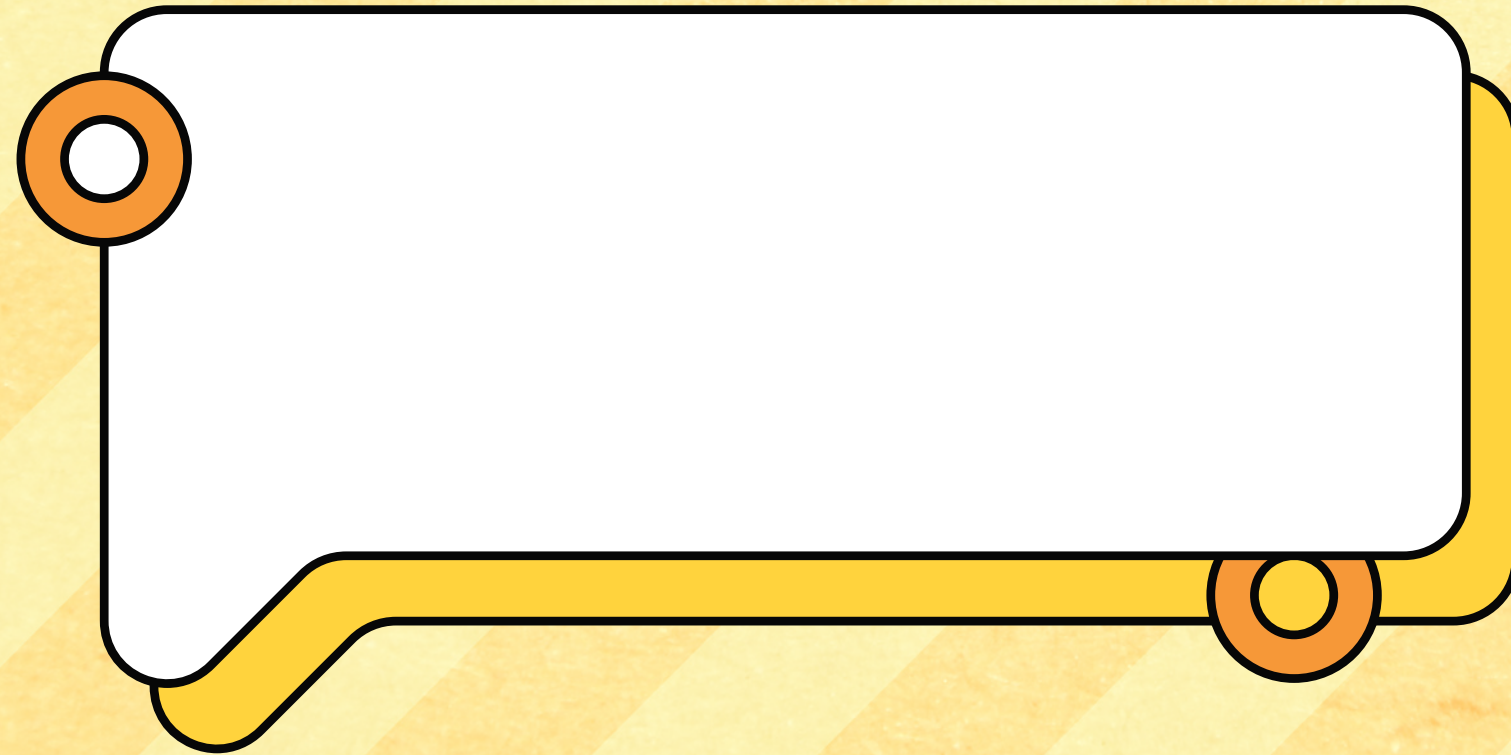
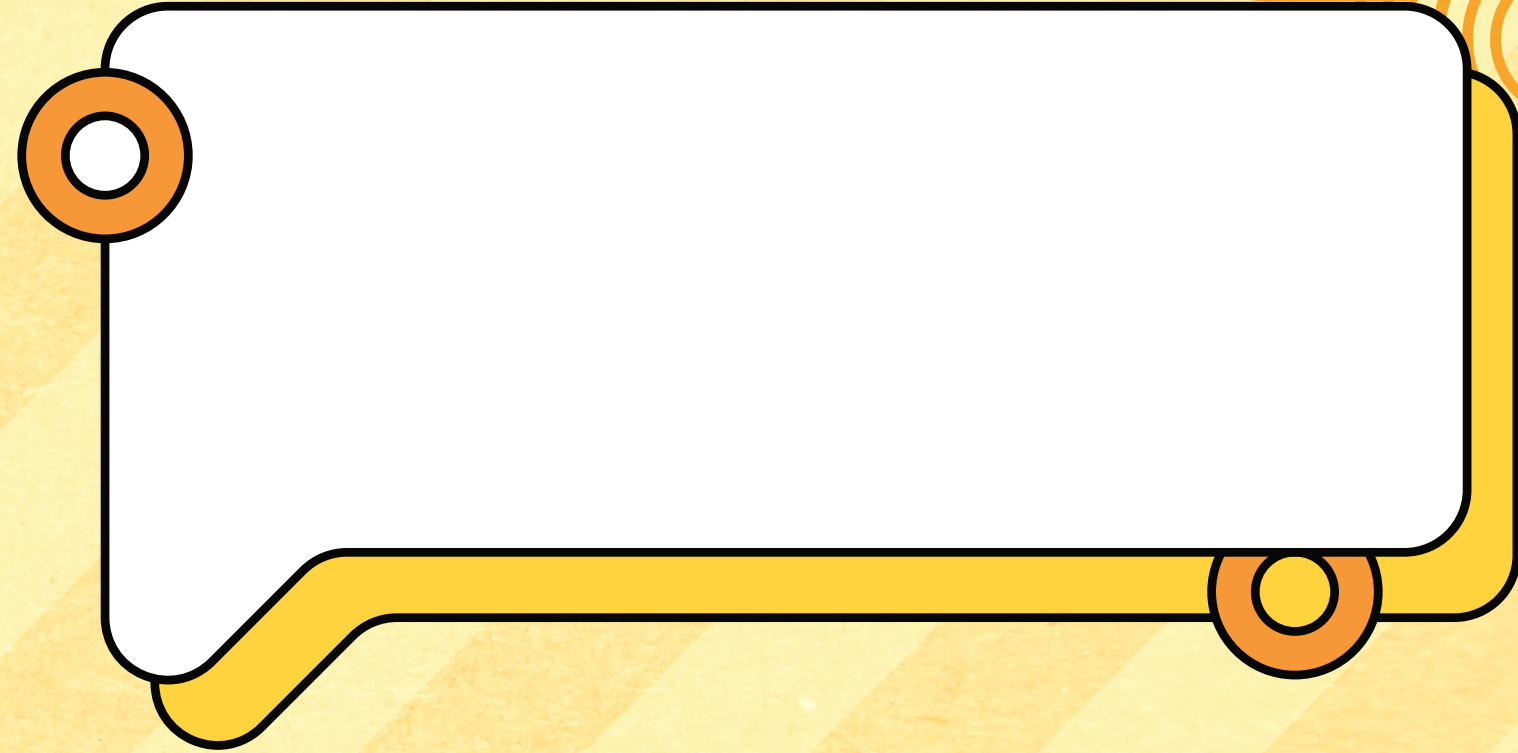




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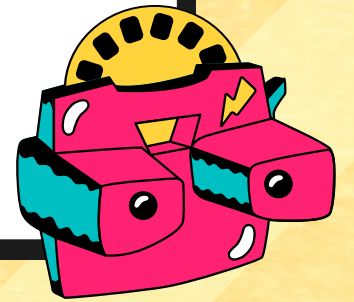
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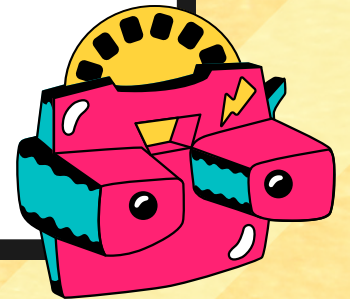


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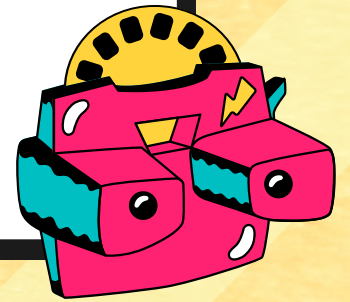


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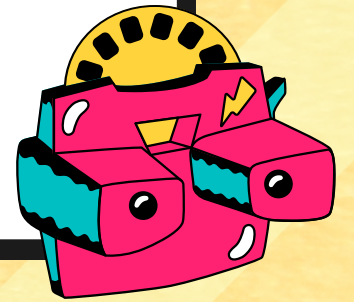
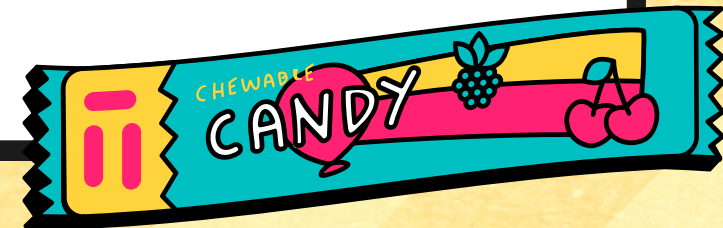
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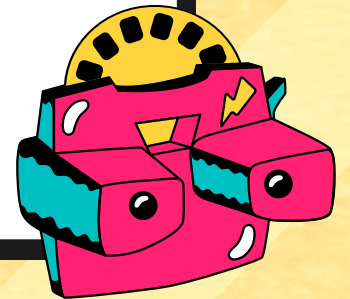


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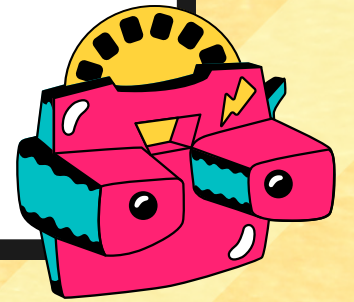


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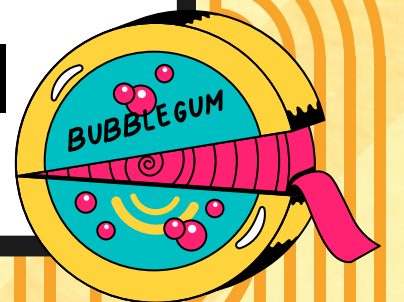
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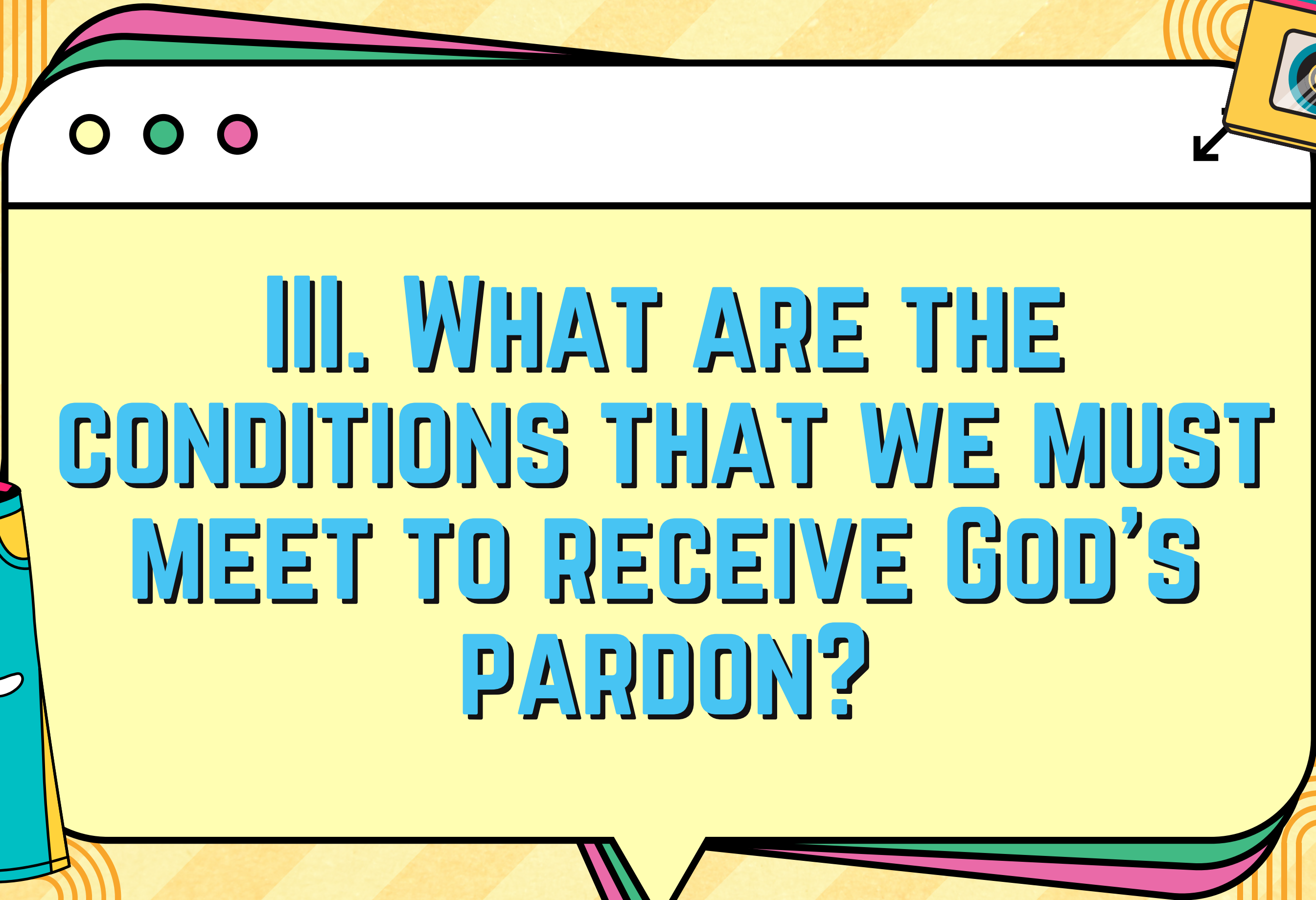
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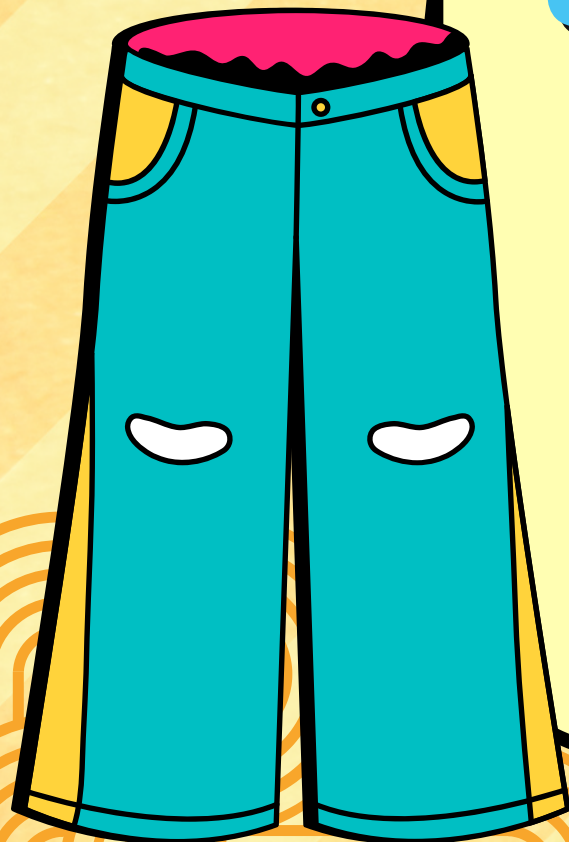


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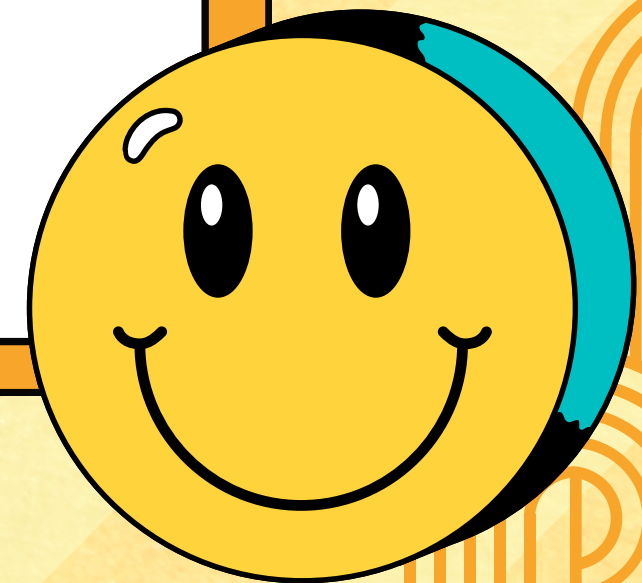
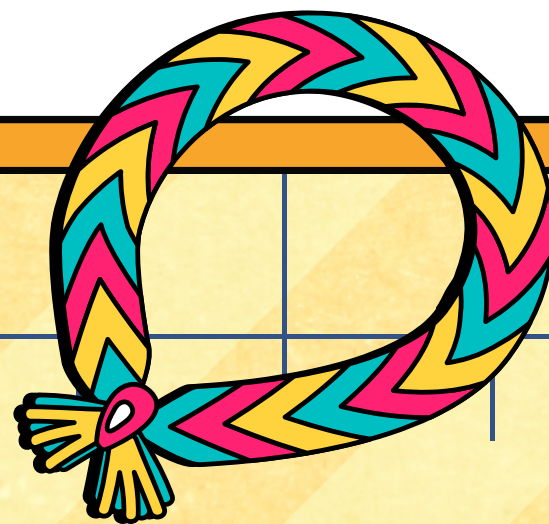
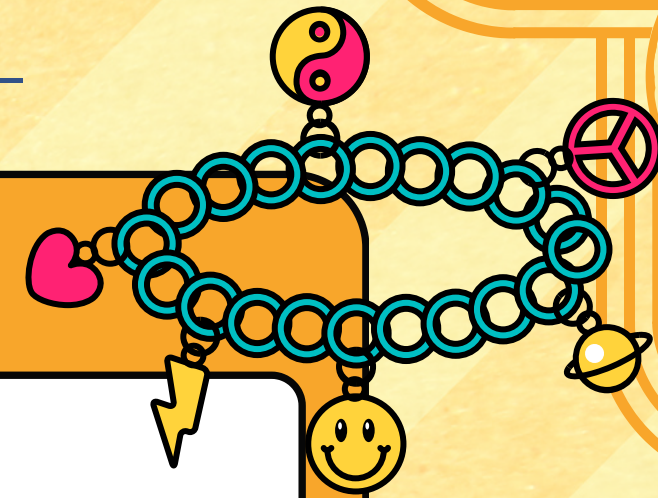
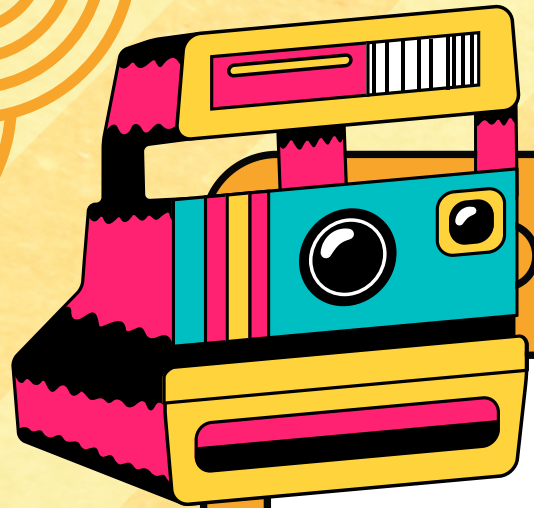
- It must be exercised by one who has the power to pardon.
- No other judge or magistrate can overturn the pardon
- The crime for which the pardon is granted is completely erased from all police or FBI records
- You can never be tried for that particular crime again
- That crime can never be held against you again



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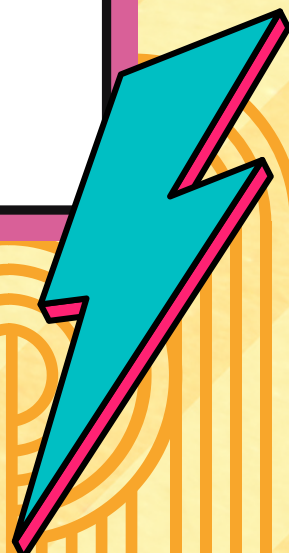
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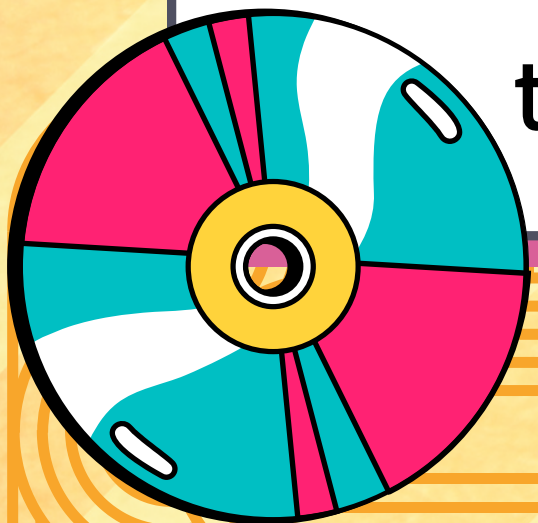


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COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.





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MATTHEW 6:14-15

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



LUKE 6:35-37

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.



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LUKE 17:3-4

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MATTHEW 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."



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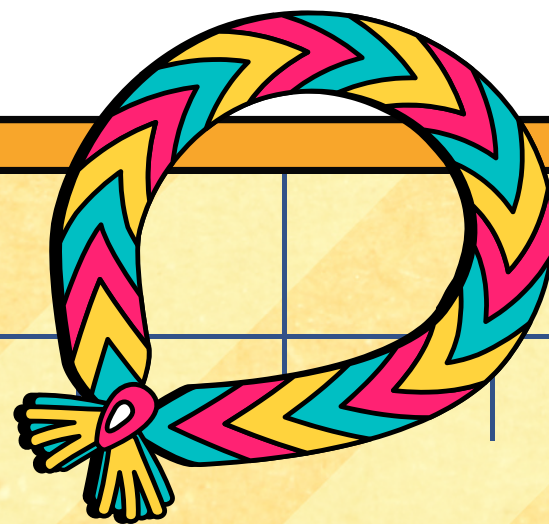
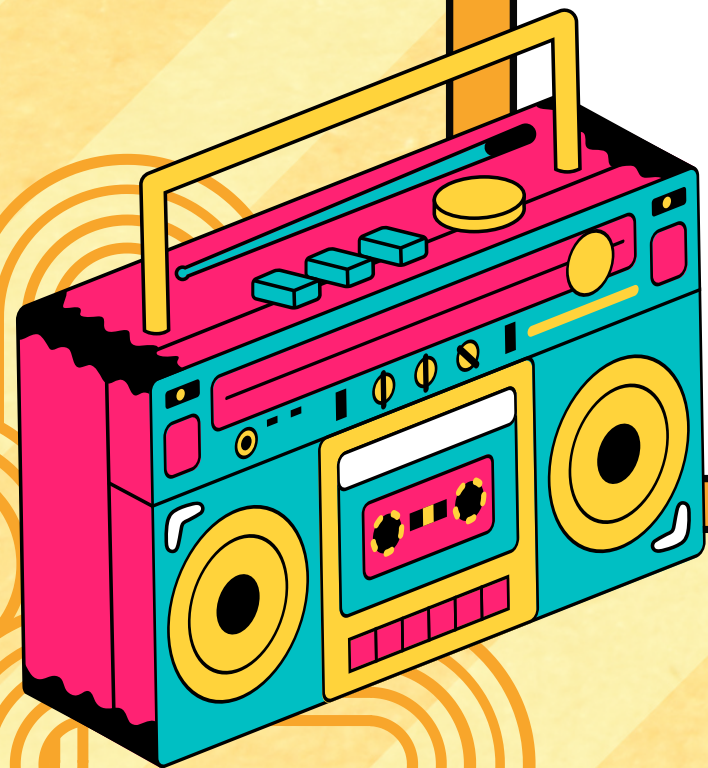
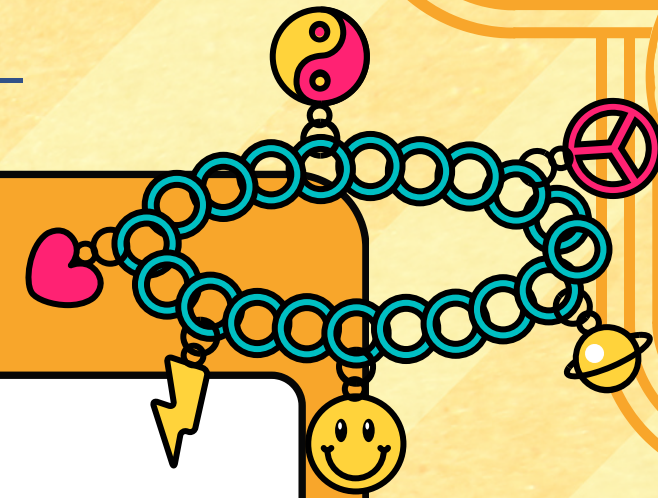
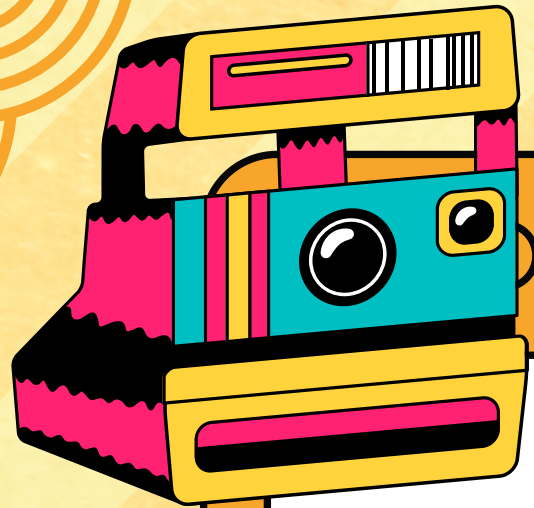
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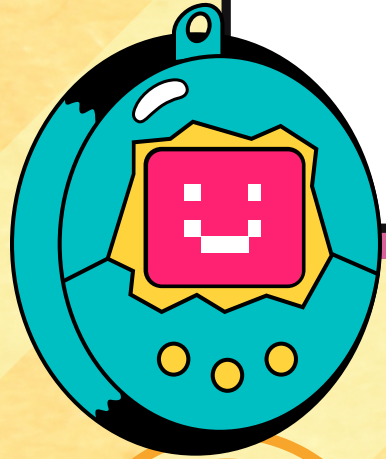


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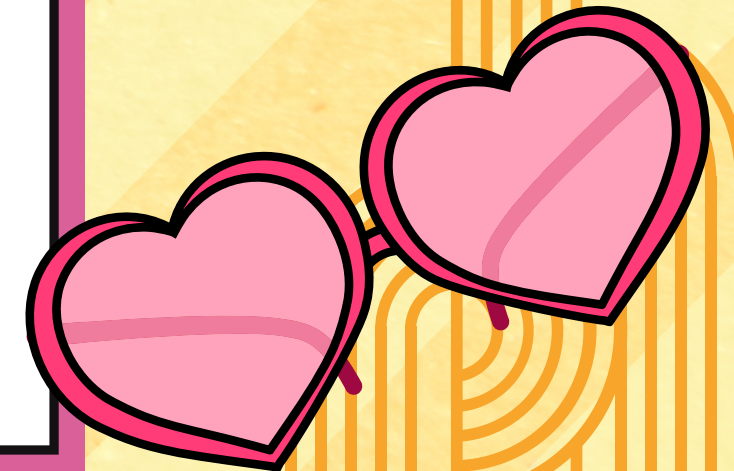


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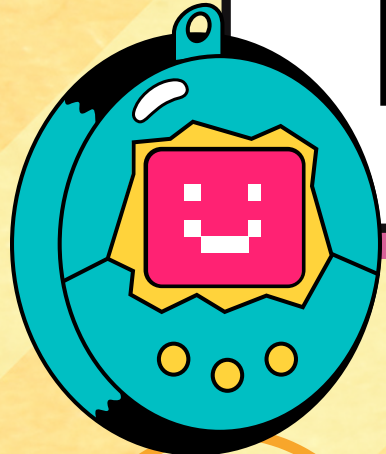
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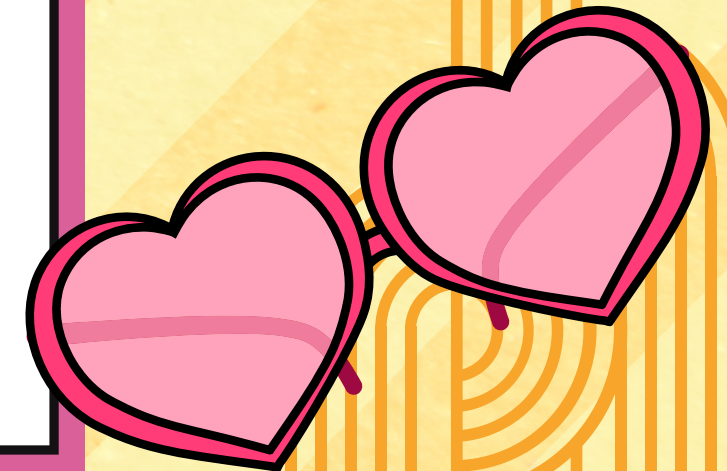


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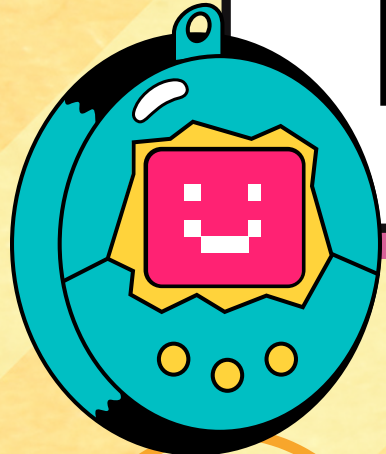
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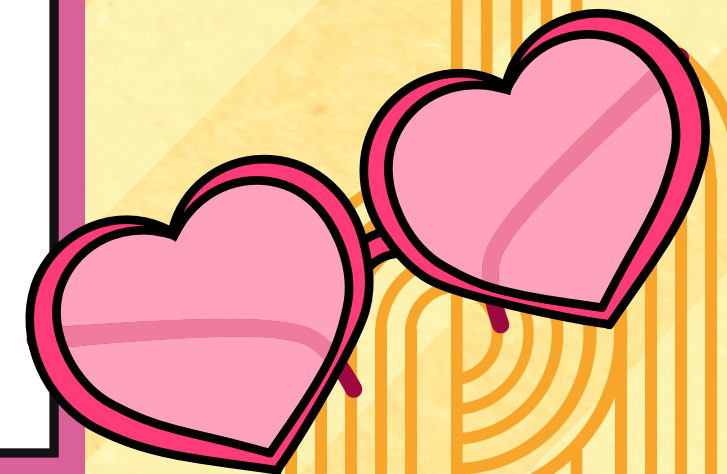


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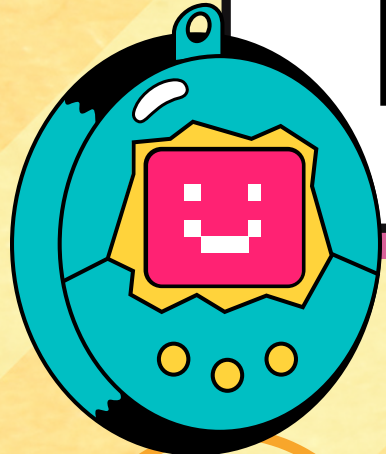
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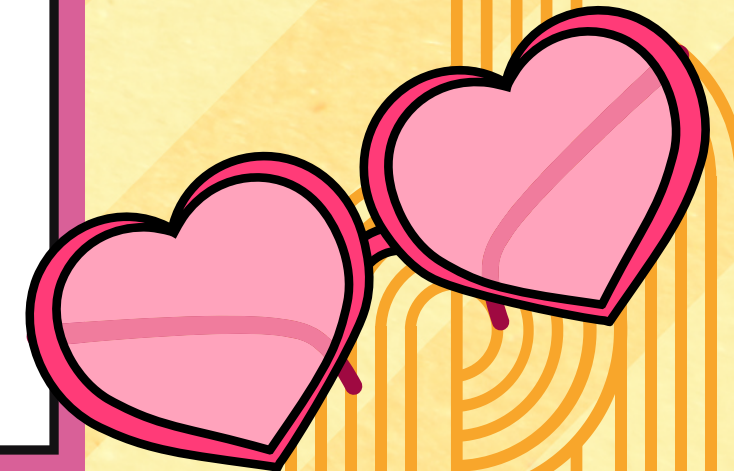


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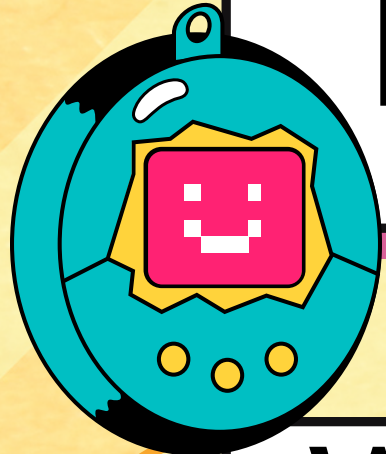


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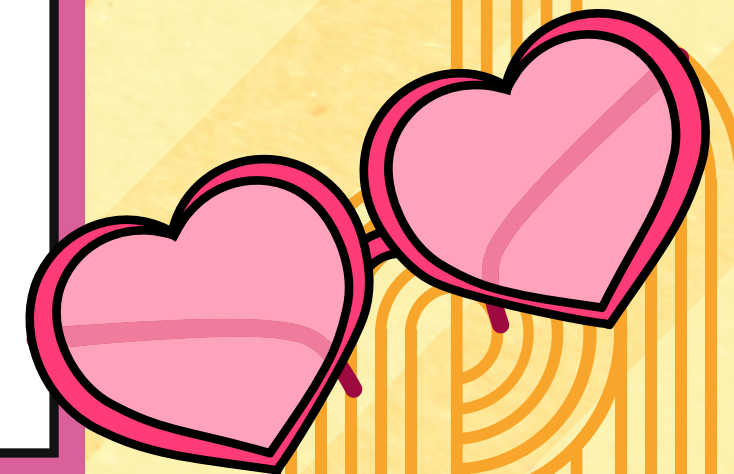
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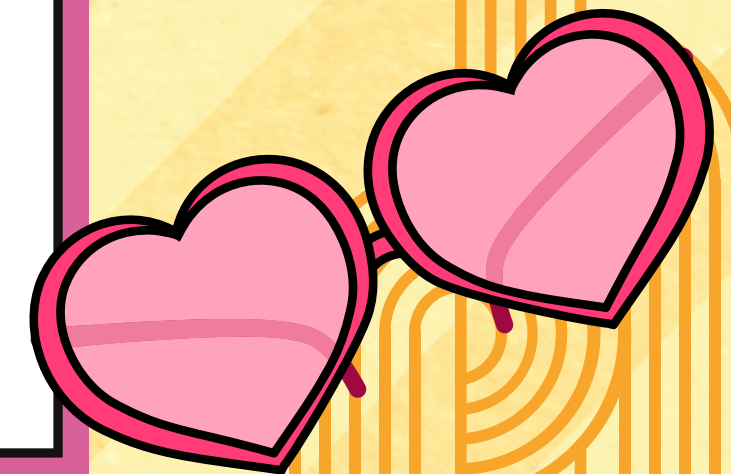
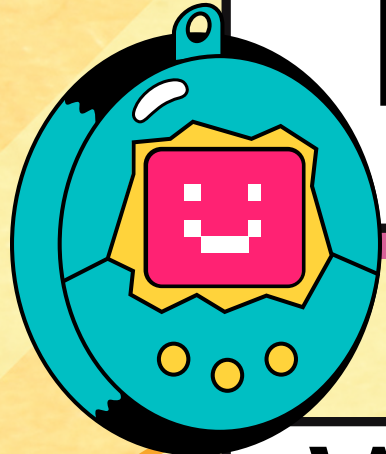
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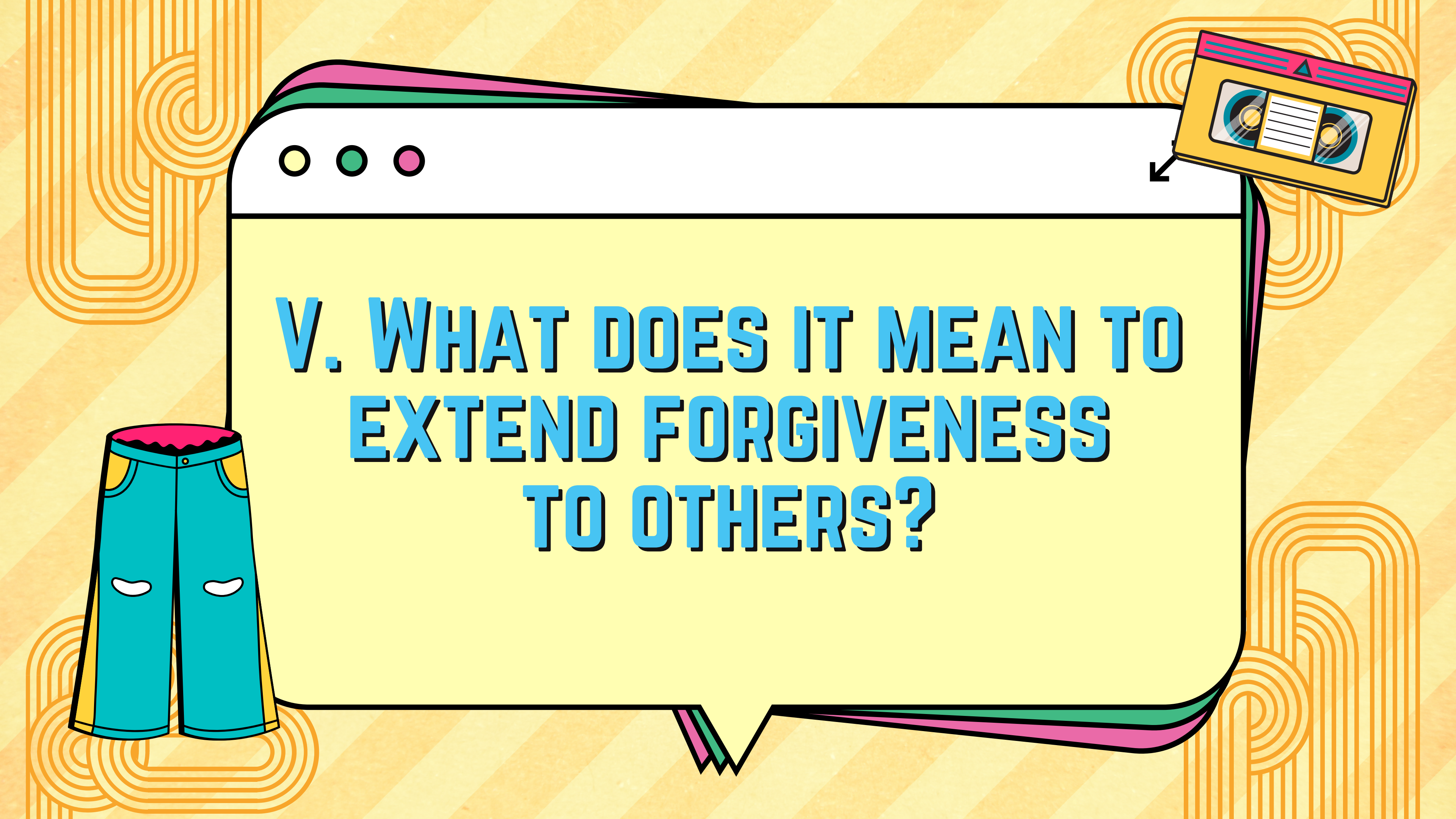
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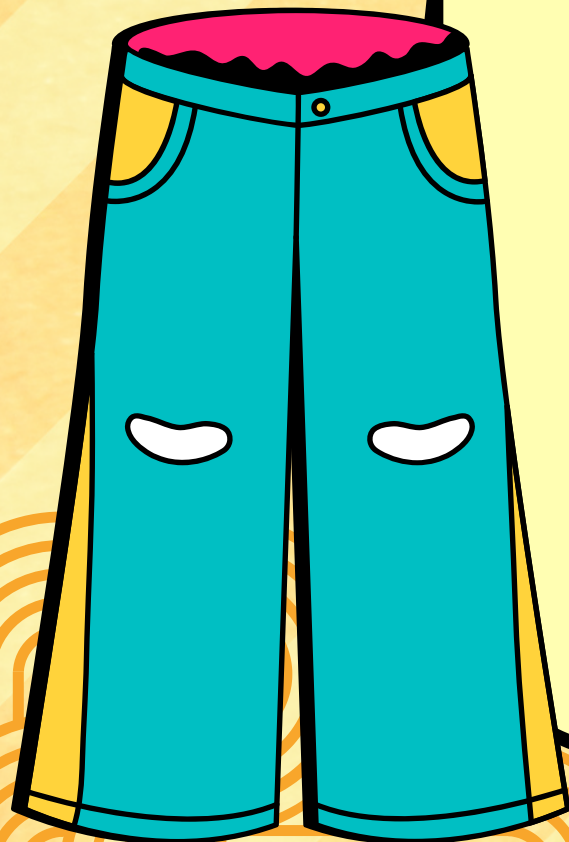
HEBREWS 12:14-15

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled



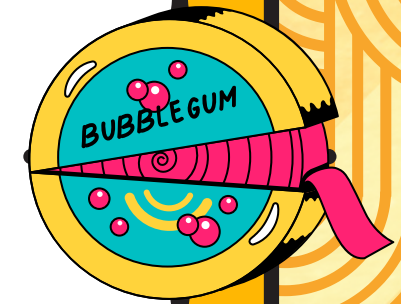
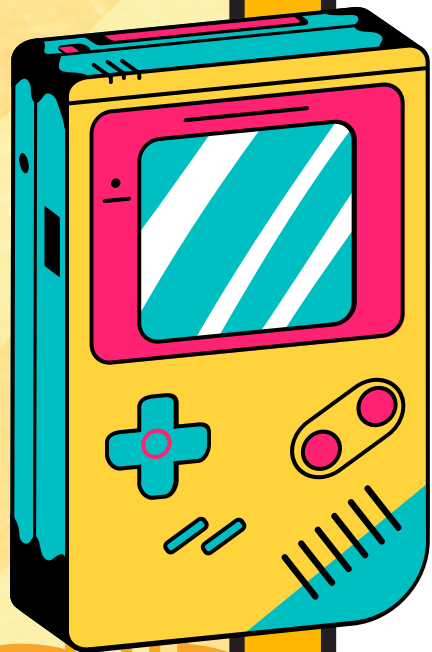


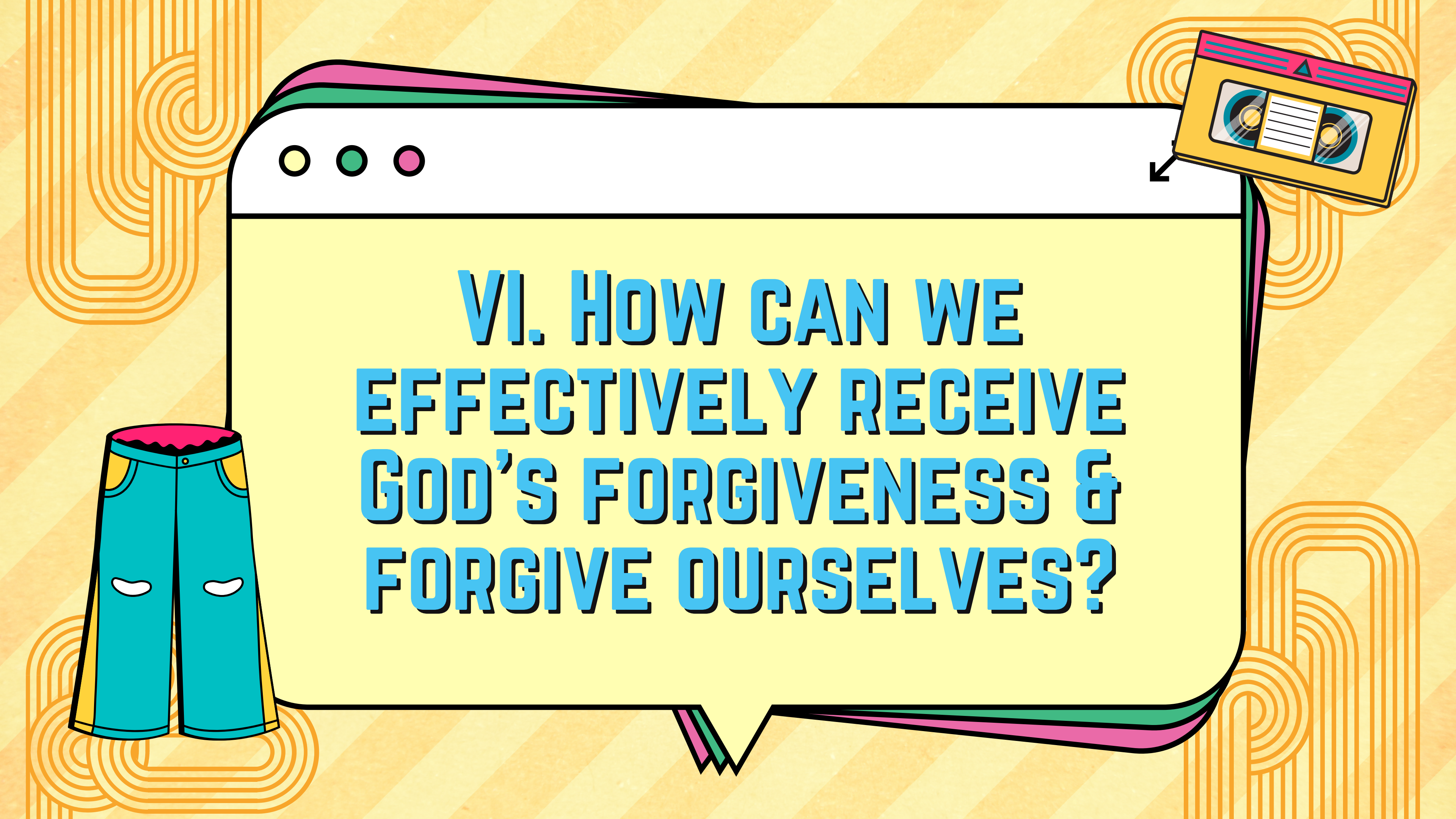
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EXTENDING GOD'S FORGIVENESS MEANS:

- A. We express our forgiveness in words
- B. We refuse to bring the matter up to the offending party again
- C. We treat the offending party as if it never happened
- D. We refuse to talk to others about it anymore
- E. We refuse to dwell on the offense in our minds

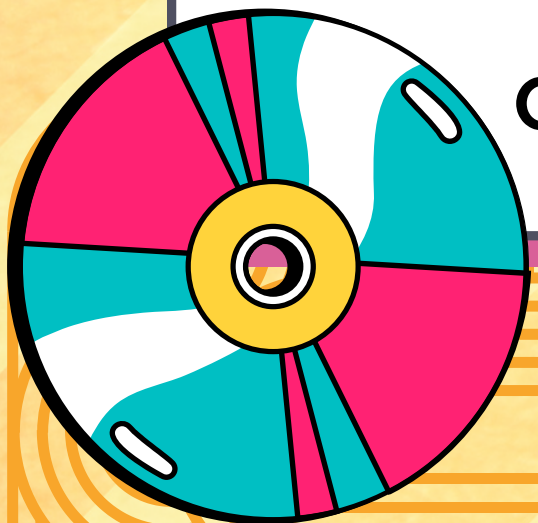




**VI. HOW CAN WE
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PHILIPPIANS 3:12-15

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,



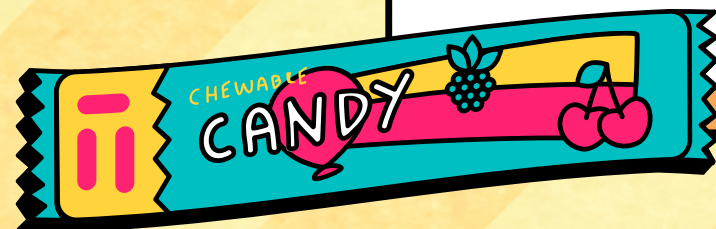
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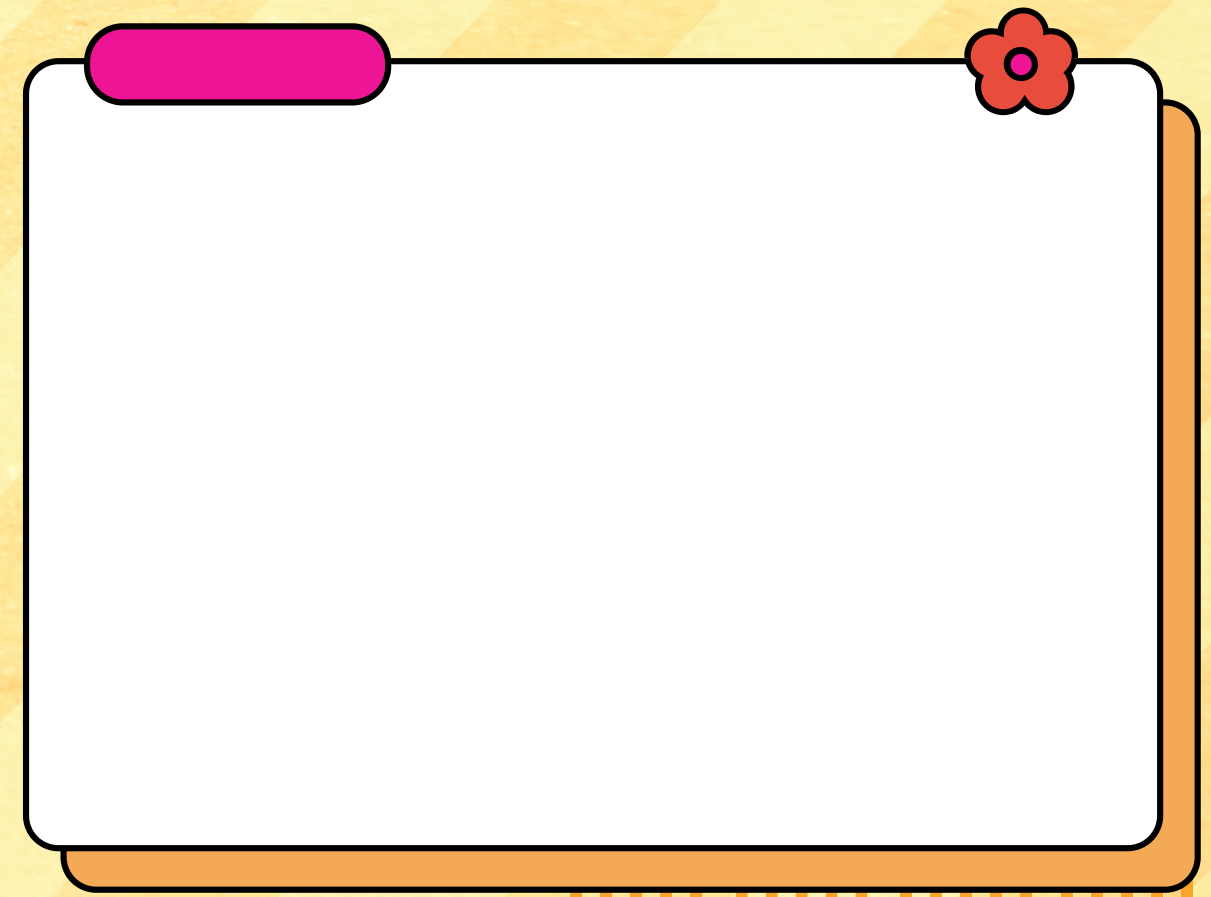
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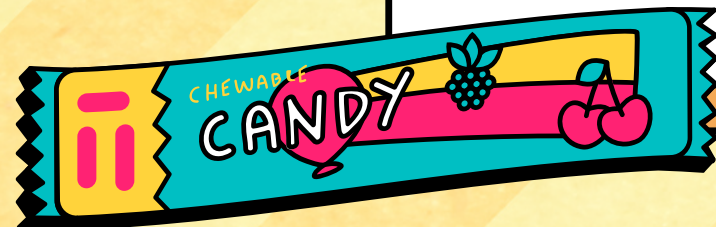


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C. Forgetting involves the discipline of one's thought life





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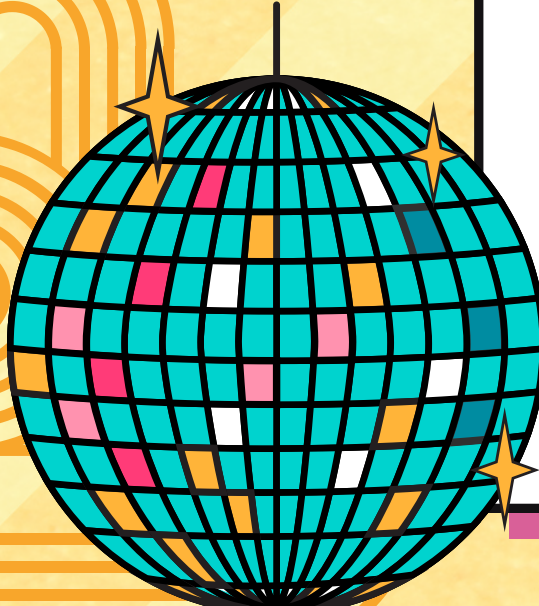
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Justification
(Acts 13:38-39)

**Clearing
of the
Conscience**
(II Cor 7:11)

Joy
(Ps 51:12)



Restoration
(Acts 3:19)

Love for God
(Luke 7:36-48)



THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

