

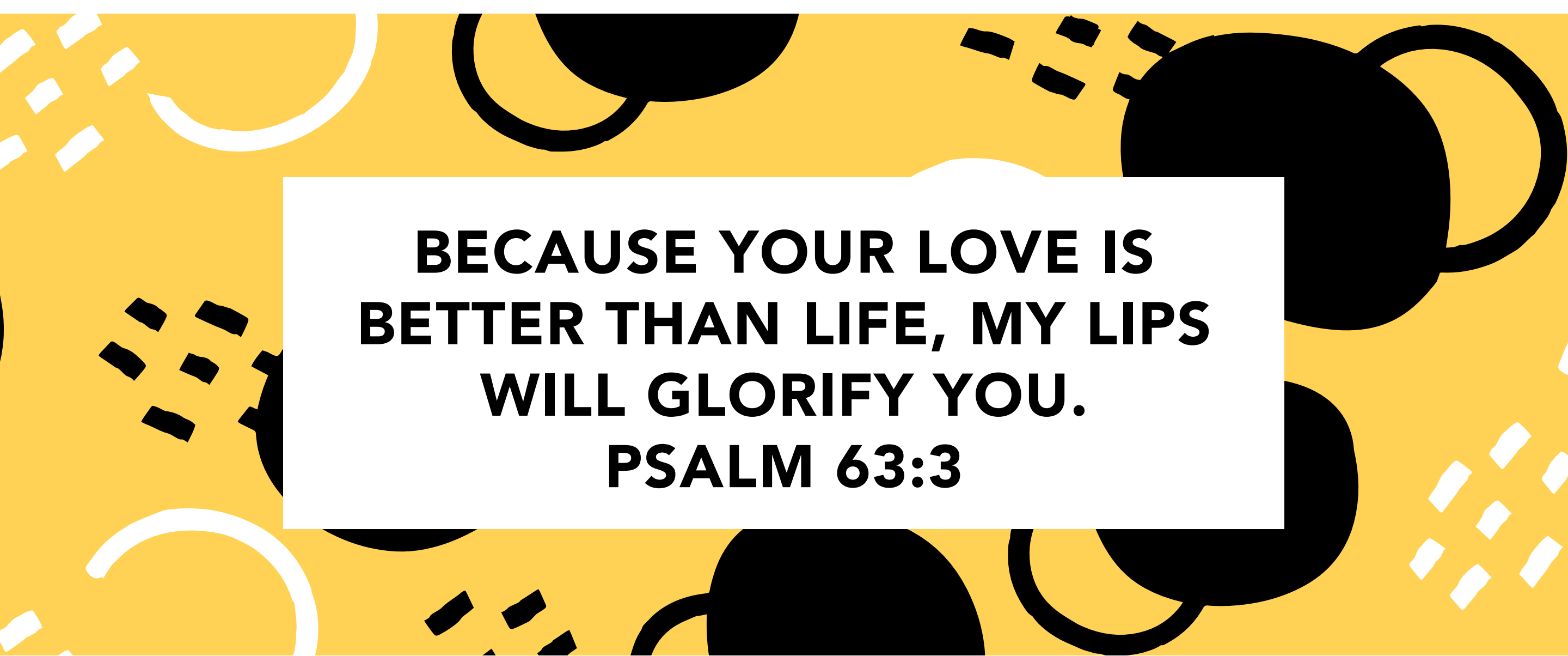
# RE-GENERATION *Devotionals*



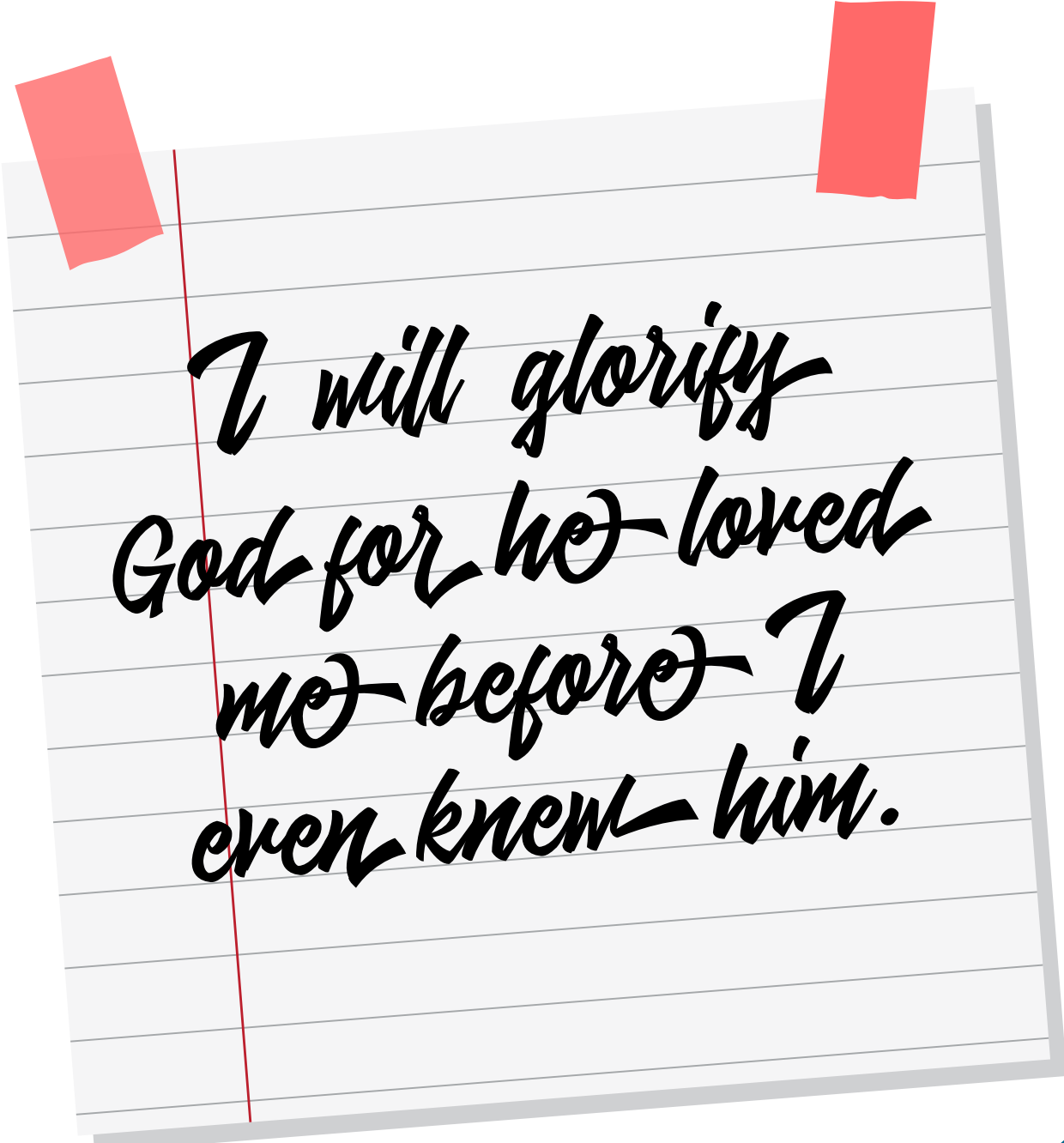
## Worship is Love

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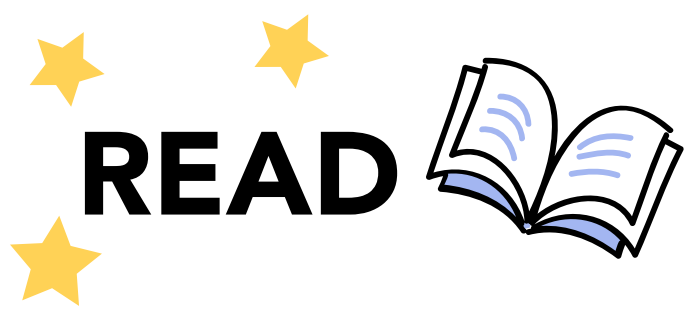


**BECAUSE YOUR LOVE IS  
BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS  
WILL GLORIFY YOU.  
PSALM 63:3**



*I will glorify  
God for he loved  
me before I  
even knew him.*





## READ THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES:

★ Psalm 63:3

★ Luke 10:38-42

***“Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, bright copper kettles and warm woollen mittens!”***

If you've ever seen *The Sound of Music*, you'll know that these are a few of the main character, Maria's, favourite things.

But it's not just Maria who has favourite things, so do you! What are some of those favourite things? Have a think, grab a pen and some paper, and see if you can list your top 10 favourite things!

In this time, we have a unique chance to spend lots of time with our favourite things. I personally have enjoyed playing more games the last couple of weeks. But even though we have a chance to spend more time doing the things we love, that doesn't mean we should forget about Jesus! Similar to our favourite things is something called 'Priorities'.

Priorities just means, the things/or people that we see as more important than anything else; they're the things that you can't live without! A good way to work out what your priorities are is to ask yourself, if I were going to be stranded on a desert island what 10 things would I take with me, if I couldn't take anything else?

Have a go at thinking of what your top 10 priorities are, write them down on that sheet of paper next to your favourite things.

But what has this all got to do with our relationship with Jesus? Well, let's look at a story in Luke 10:38-42.

“As Jesus and His disciples travelled, He came to a village where a woman named Martha lived and she invited Him in to her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat on the floor near Jesus listening to everything He had to say. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be done. She came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all this work on my own? Tell her to come help me!”

“Martha,” said Jesus, “you're worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is important. Mary has chosen that important thing and it won't be taken away from her.”

In this story Martha had invited Jesus – the Jesus! – to come and stay at her home! Of course, she had no idea Jesus was going to be coming into her house until she invited Him, so she had lots of work to do! She needed to make sure everywhere was clean and tidy, and that all the food was ready, and they would all need a drink after the journey! She was so busy, and there was her sister, Mary, not doing a single thing to help! She was just spending time with Jesus, listening to Him talking! Martha was very frustrated, but when she went to tell Jesus this, instead of agreeing with her, He told her that Mary had actually done the right thing!

You see, Martha had all the wrong priorities. She thought Jesus would be happier if He was in a spotlessly tidy house, and all the food was cooked to perfection. But actually, what Jesus wanted was to spend time with Mary and Martha. That's why He came into their house when they had invited Him.

We can learn quite a lot from this story. We have invited Jesus into our lives, but we also have lots of other stuff in our lives too! That's not a bad thing, there's nothing wrong with having fun and enjoying life, but when we get caught up with these things and forget about Jesus, then there's a problem. You wouldn't invite a friend to your house and spend the whole time distracted with something else and not spend time with them would you? But that's exactly what Martha had done!

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We need to make sure that Jesus is our priority. Even though we have lots of things we enjoying doing, we need to make sure that we still love Jesus more than all those other things. We should never let anything we do stop us spending time with Jesus.

**Have some time to think over these questions, and talk with your grown up about them too:**

*1. When was the last time I spent some time with Jesus, praying, reading my Bible and even singing songs to Him, saying thank you, and telling Him how much I love Him?*

*2. Have I become distracted by other things and not spent time with Jesus in a while?*

*3. What really is my priority?*

4. What could I put to one side for a little while so that I can spend some more time with Jesus?

**Or, have you not invited Jesus into your life yet?**

If you don't know Jesus as your friend and Saviour but you do want to get to know this Jesus who loves you so much that He died for you, then ask your grown up about Jesus, and about why He died, and how you can invite Him into your life!

You see, when you love Jesus, when you love spending time with Him and getting to know Him, when you choose to spend time with Him before doing any of your other favourite things, you are choosing to put Him first. And when you put God first, it shows Him that He is your priority, it tells Him that you love Him. This is one of the ways that we can worship Jesus with our whole life.

## ACTIVITY

### GET CREATIVE...

Look back at the list you made of your favourite things. See if you can work out how much time you spend doing those things each day, ask your grown up to help you if you need. Then, look at what you spend the most time doing. Put a big circle around it. Each day this week, see if you can spend 10 minutes less doing that thing and spend that ten minutes with God instead, either praying, reading your Bible, or even singing worship songs to Him!

*1. I will spend an extra 10 minutes with God instead of on my XBOX.*



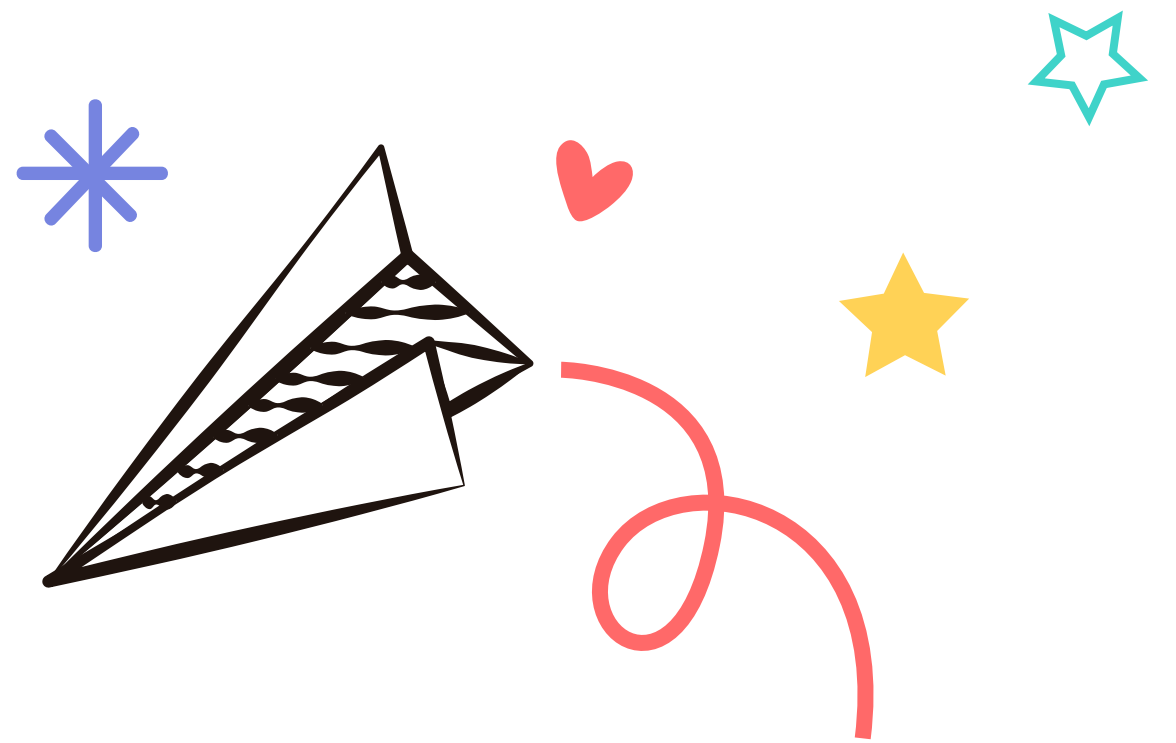
## PRAYER

### LET'S TALK TO GOD...

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you love me so much that you died for me. Thank you that you want to spend time with me, and that you want me to be Your friend. Please forgive me for the times when I have not shown you that I love you. Help me, Jesus, to love you and to choose to put you first in everything I do. Amen



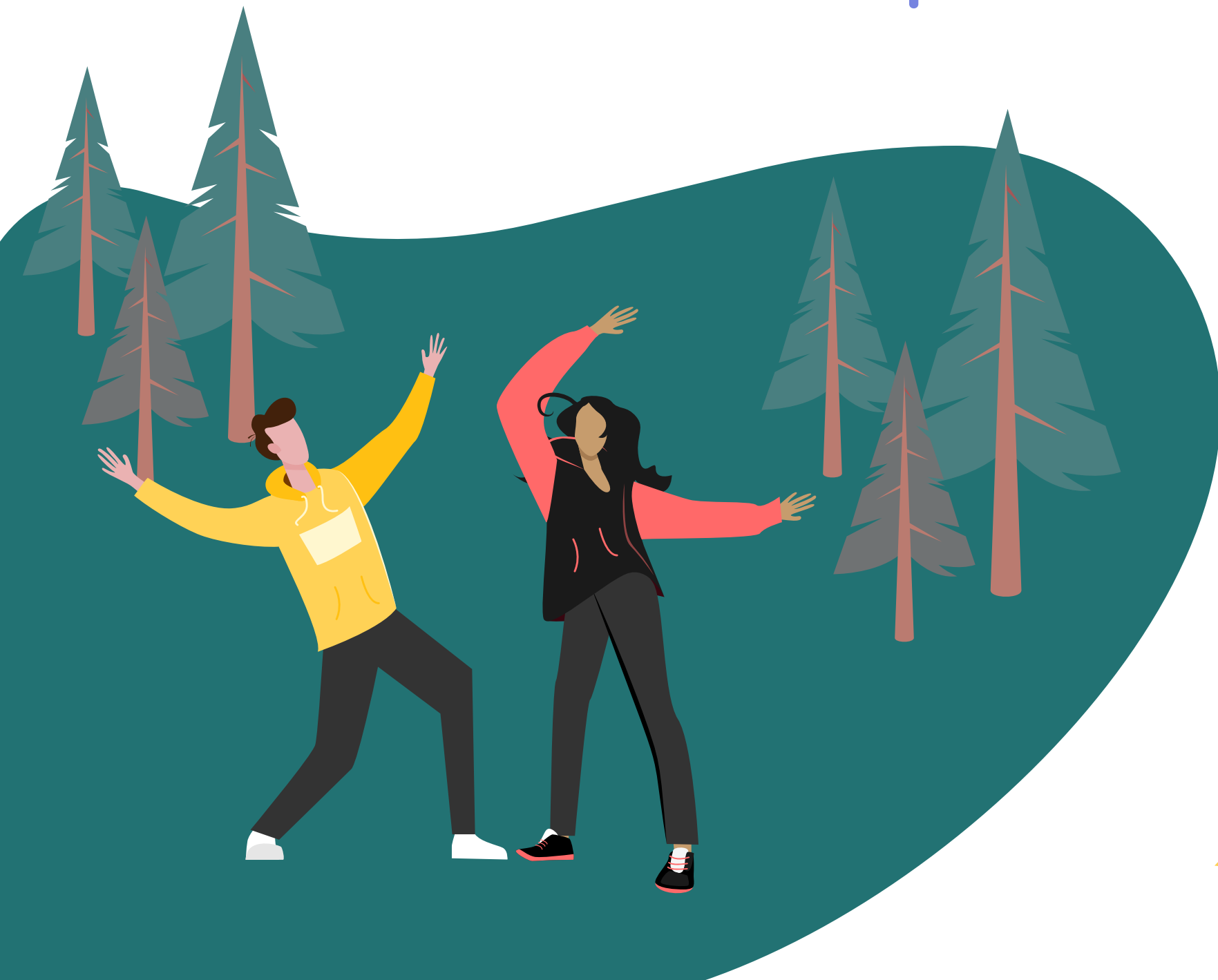
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