

2 Timothy 1.13-18

on guard!

an important job!

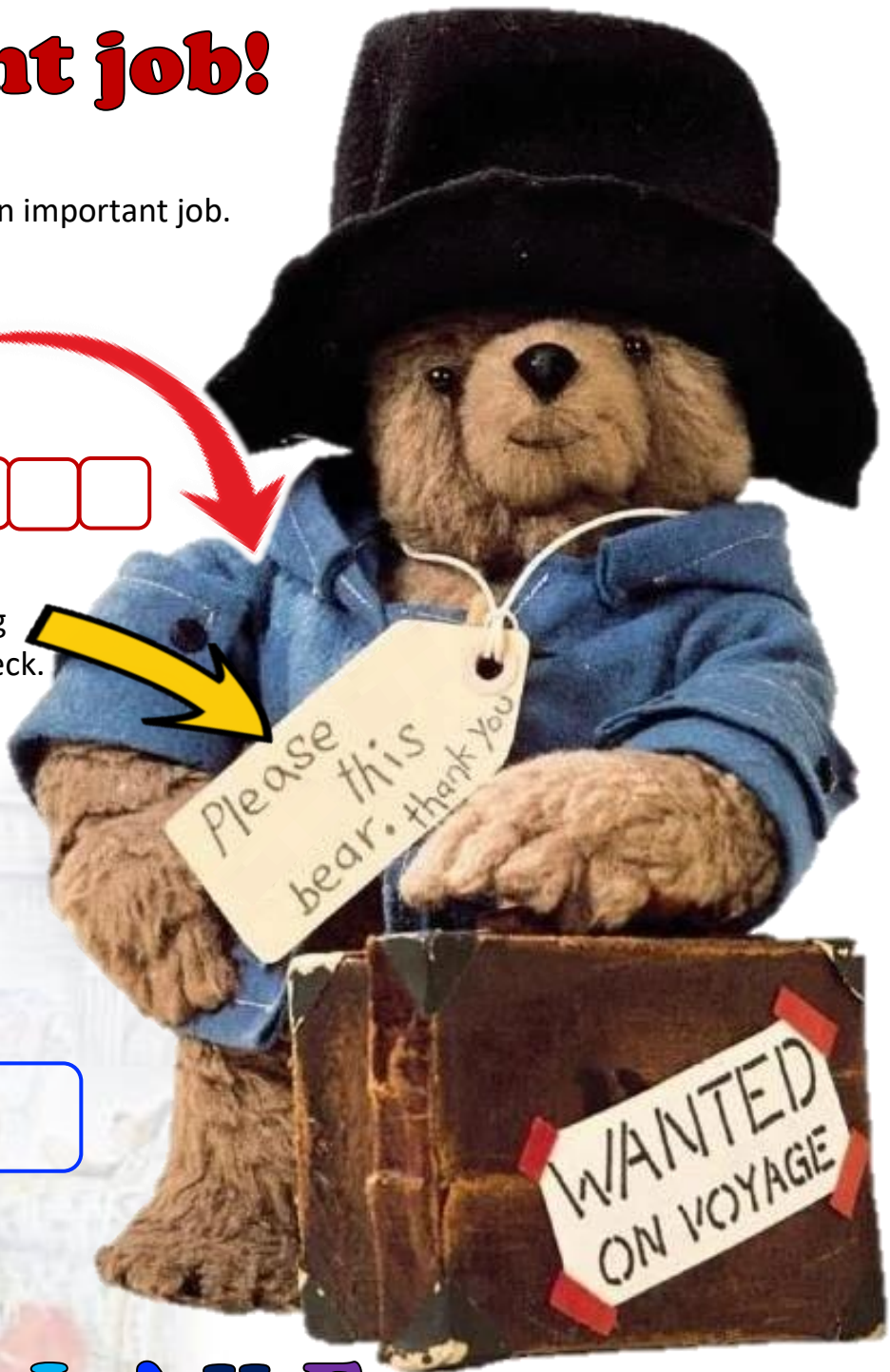
Keeping people and property safe is an important job.

You'll know what story this is!

The bear's name is –

Two very important words are missing from the message round the bear's neck.

Use the letters at the bottom of the page to fill in the missing words here



R O O T F L A K E

Pair them up!

See if you can match the pictures! Draw a line from the guard (on the left) to the person or 'property' being guarded (on the right)



Here's today's Bible passage

Being a good **guard** is the theme of tonight's message.

Have a read of the passage and see where Paul uses that very word in writing to Timothy: he wanted Timothy to see how important it was for him as a pastor to make sure to

guard

what God has given us.

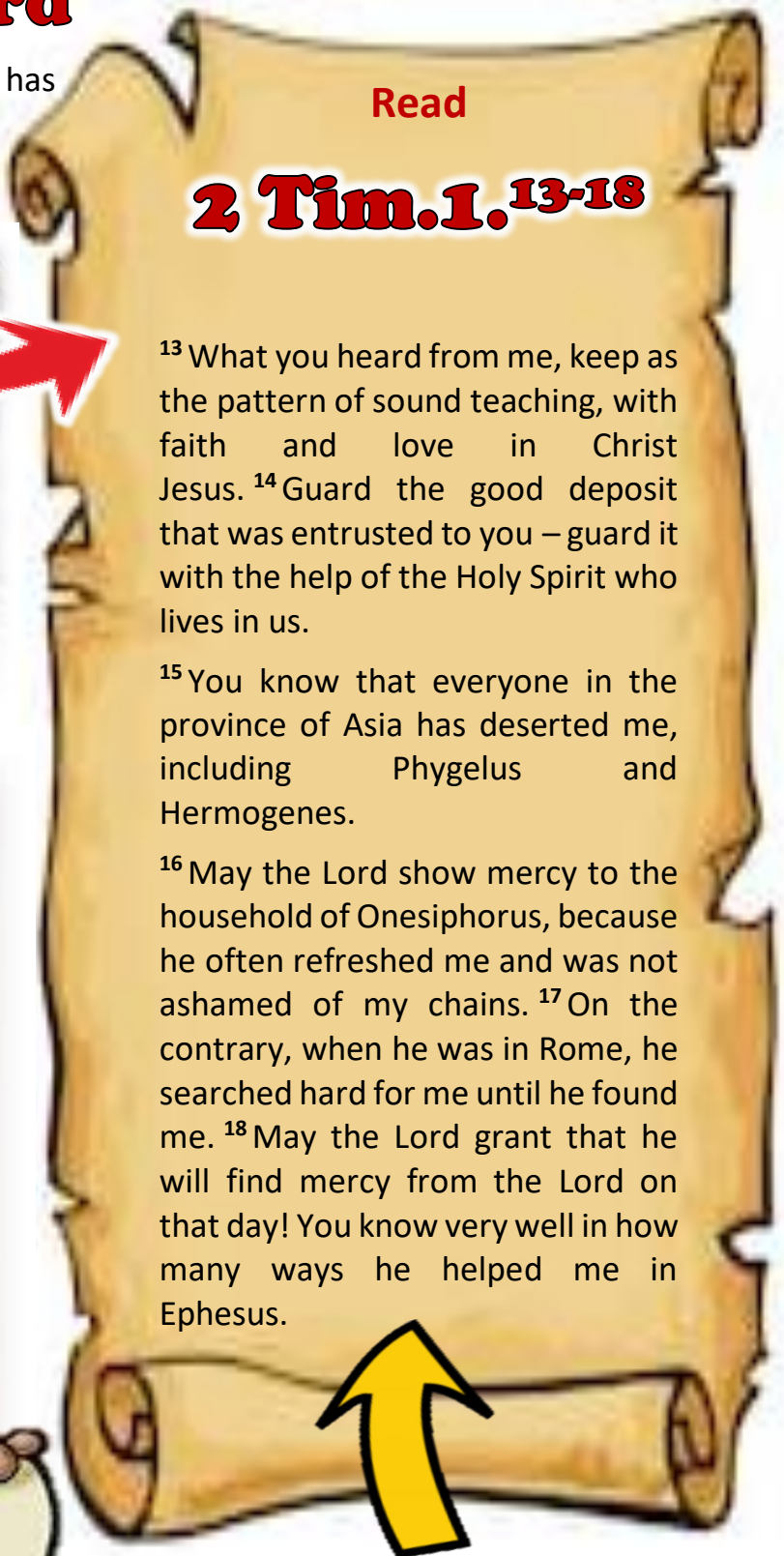
Read

2 Tim. 1. 13-18

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Draw a circle round any word or phrase which has to do with guarding

Tonight's message

Tonight we're going to think about what's involved in being **on guard**

I. Handle God's message carefully!

That's the first point Paul is making in the first couple of verses of the passage

vv.13-14

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FRAGILE
HANDLE WITH CARE

Can you spot the two different phrases Paul used when he spoke about God's message here?

Write them out in the spaces below.

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THE _ _ **O** _ _ _ _ **O** _ _ _

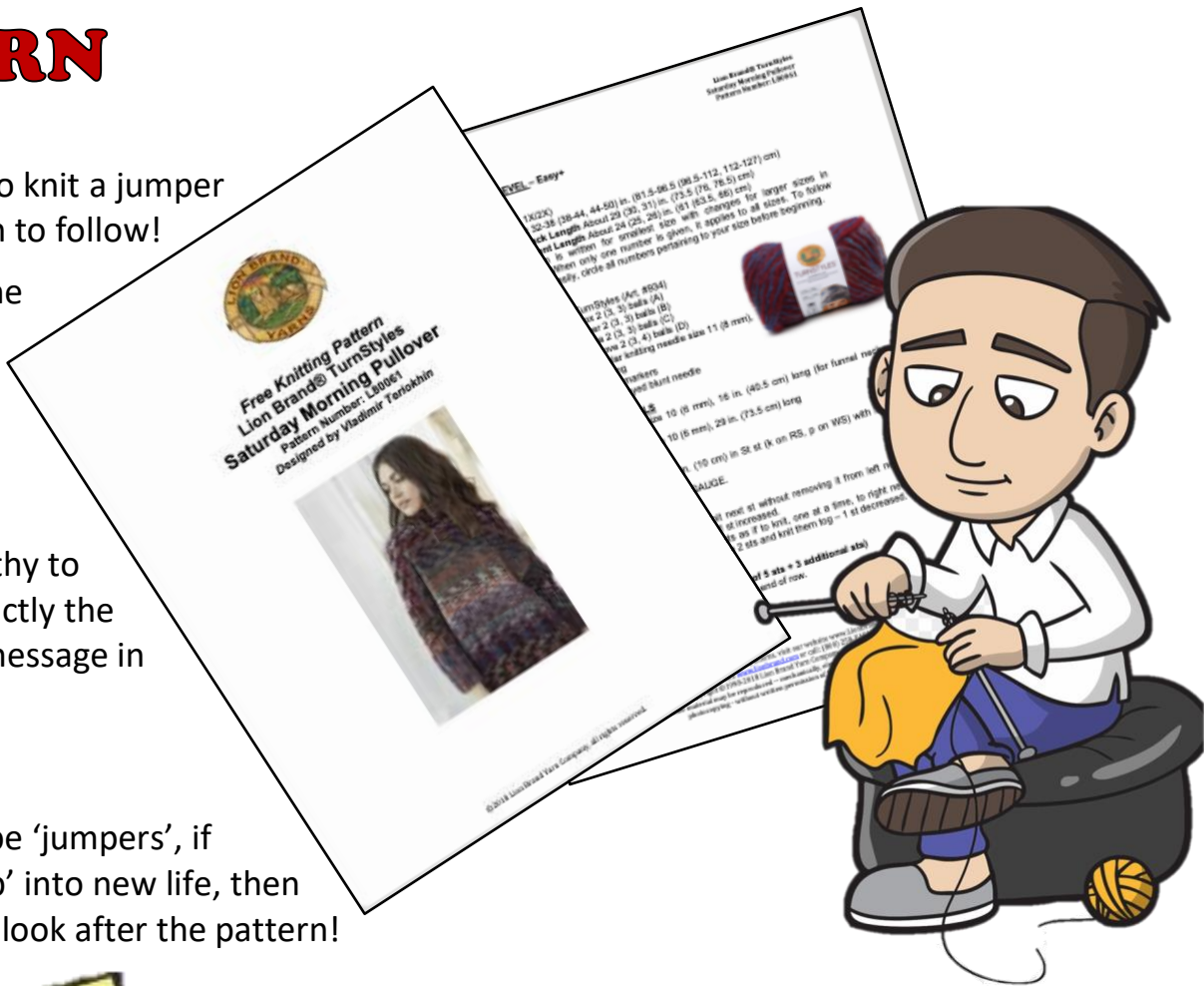
PATTERN

If you're wanting to knit a jumper you need a pattern to follow!

If you mess with the pattern then you'll end up having all sorts of problems!

Paul wanted Timothy to realise that it's exactly the same with God's message in the Bible.

If people were to be 'jumpers', if they were to 'jump' into new life, then Timothy'd have to look after the pattern!



That means making sure you don't

- miss out bits of the Bible
- add in bits that aren't there
- change bits you don't like

'DEPOSIT'

English translations of the Bible often find it difficult to express exactly what Paul was saying to Timothy here about the Bible: but basically he was saying that in giving His message to us, God views us as 'stewards' of it. So you need to think about what the job of a steward is.



Here are two different types of stewards.



Can you work out what sort of stewards they are in each of the two pictures?



A.

B.

A steward's job is to look after something valuable which belongs to someone else.

So at a football match, there's a crowd which needs to be looked after (to make sure they're kept safe) and a stadium to be looked after (to make sure it doesn't get damaged): that's the job of the stewards.



On an aeroplane there's a large number of passengers (who are valuable to their family and friends) who need to be looked after and kept safe:

which is why, before the plane takes off, the stewards go through all those safety procedures!

That's the job of stewards: to keep safe something valuable which belongs to someone else. Like God's message!



2. Support God's messengers bravely!

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You can see that in these next verses Paul refers to a number of different people

(with rather odd sounding names!)

One of them had been a big help to Paul, supporting him in all that he was doing, even when that landed Paul in all sorts of bother.

What was the name of this person?

----- I -----
*

Two of them, though, had turned their back on Paul (and it sounds like there were more than just the two of them).

It seems likely that when people started to oppose Paul and make life hard for him, these so-called friends walked away and left him to it.

That must have been hard for Paul.

What were the names of the two men Paul says had 'deserted' him?

----- Y -----
----- O -----

**So here's what Paul wanted
Timothy to understand ...**



to Stand up for God's messengers
to speak out God's message



A Prayer



Think about what you've been learning in today's worksheet.
Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)

Thank You, Jesus, for the Bible.

I've got a lot to learn, that's for sure!

I need You always to help me learn how to serve You well: because that's what I want to do with my life – I want to share with You in what You're doing in the world, and to serve You well.

It's exciting to know that You've given us this very special message and told us to look after it well. It's quite scary as well, though!

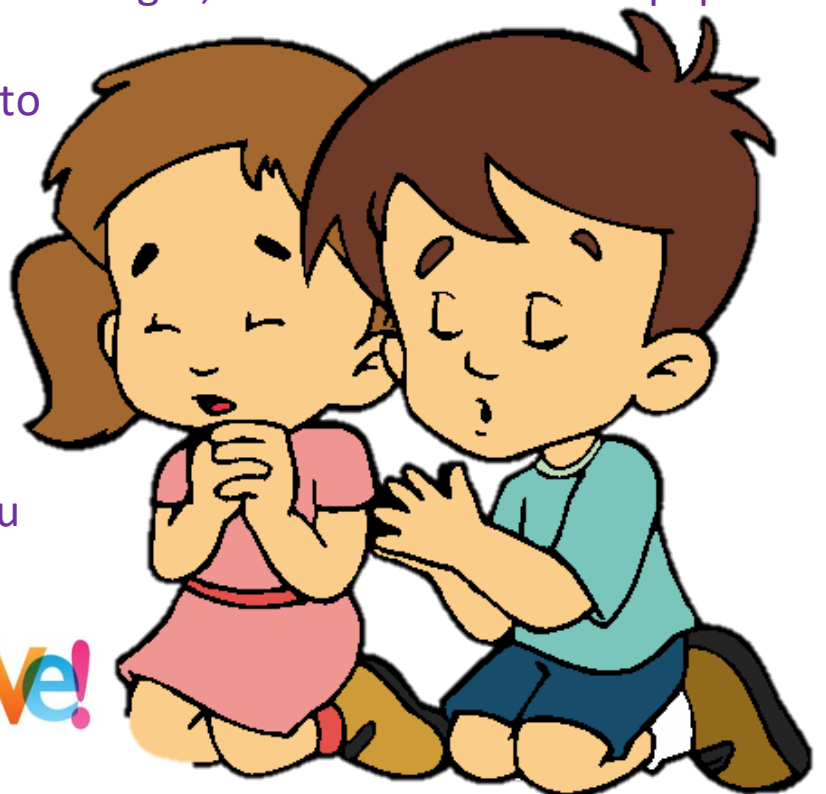
Please help me to stand up for what's right, even when that's not popular.

Please help me not to stay close to those who are careful to teach the Bible as Your Word.

Thank You for all the people who take the time to teach me what the Bible has to say: they really help me to get to know You better and better!

They're helping me come

Alive!



**Today's verse for you
to try and remember!**

HOLY BIBLE
READ
ME!

**“What you heard from
me, keep as the pattern of
sound teaching, with faith
and love in Christ Jesus”**

2 Timothy 1.13

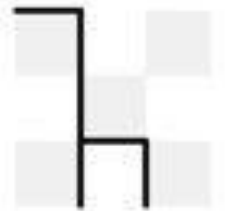
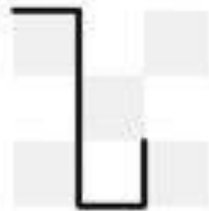
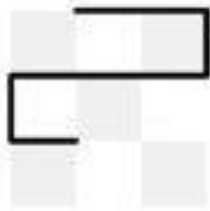
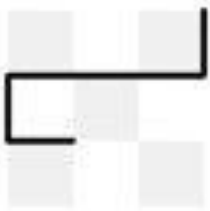


PUZZLES about PATTERNS ..

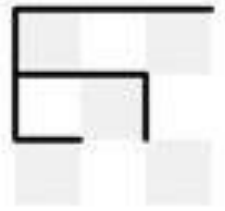
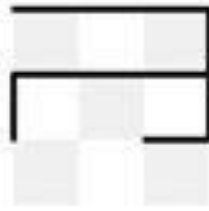
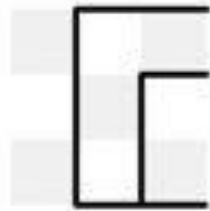
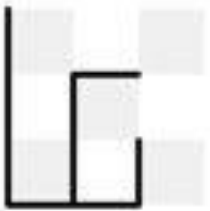
Paul spoke about the "PATTERN of sound teaching"

In each row, one of the objects on the right matches the one on the left but was flipped or rotated. Circle it.

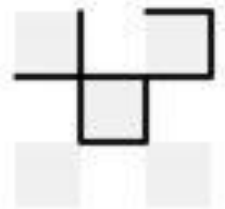
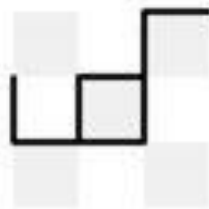
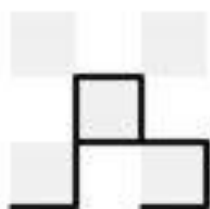
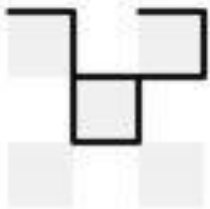
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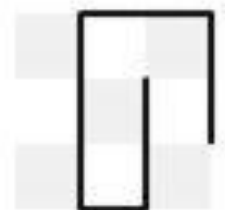
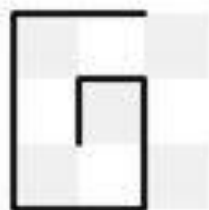
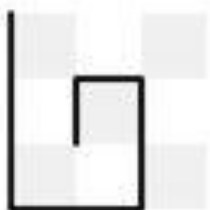
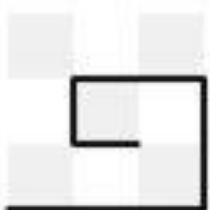
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now try this one ..

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Circle the shape that comes next in the sequence.

