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Arriving at church one Sunday morning we found a hummingbird flying all around the auditorium. The artificial flower arrangements had drawn him into the building. As he was flying around I began to think about lessons we could learn from that little hummingbird.

He entered the sanctuary because he saw something that looked good to him. Sometimes we, too, are drawn to things that look really good. But, like those artificial flowers couldn't feed the little hummingbird, some of the things that look good to us aren't good for us. We have to be very careful and always think before yielding to the temptations of this world that look attractive. Can you think of some things that can capture our attention that aren't good for us? (1 John 2:15,16; 1 Corinthians 10:13)

Later, I saw that he was drawn to the florescent lights. The light drew him to it, but it wasn't the light of the sun. It was artificial light. We like to look at pretty lights, too. Do you remember all the pretty lights that we see at Christmas time? The Bible tells us that God is Light. We should look to His light. Are you looking for the Light of the World, Jesus Christ? He is the Light that runs away the darkness of sin. The Bible tells us that we have sinned and it also gives us light so we can find forgiveness. God's light can also guide us in this life, if we search for His light. (John 8:12)

Every now and then the little hummingbird rested on an artificial flower or on top of the curtains. He was getting weaker. He searched for rest in the world in which he found himself. He didn't know how to get outside in order to find nectar to give him strength. We need food and rest, also. It is hard to know where to find food and rest when we are in the wrong place or a strange place. God wants to guide us to the correct places. (Matthew 11:28; Psalm 23)

The poor little hummer tried and tried to save himself by his own strength. He didn't want anyone's help. We wanted to help him, but the more we tried the less he trusted us. This reminds me that many times we act the same way. We try to fix our own problems instead of asking and trusting God to help us. God has the answer to every problem and He wants to help us. We only have to trust Him and He will help us. (Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8,9)

What do you think all the people were doing while the hummingbird tried to find his way? We were watching him. When our attention should have been on the worship service and the teaching, it was on the little hummingbird. That is what happens when someone acts bad in class or in church. He takes away the attention from what God wants us to learn. How should we act in God's house, the church building? (Colossians 3:1; 1 Corinthians 10:32)

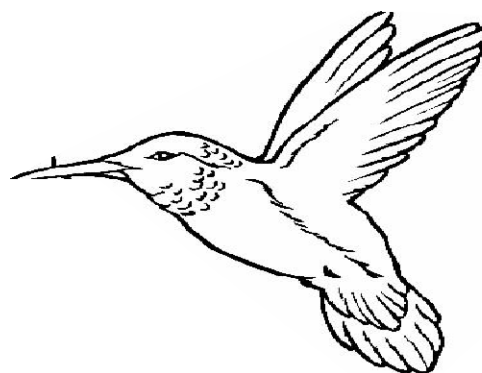
After what seemed like a long time, the hummingbird found the door and went flying away to his home. After we live awhile here on earth, God is going to call us to the door of passing on into eternity. If we have believed in Jesus, his death, burial and resurrection and if we have asked Him to be our only Savior, we will go to heaven to live with Him. Have you already asked Jesus to be your Savior from sin? If not, you can do it right now. (Hebrews 9:27; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Have you learned some lessons from the little hummingbird? What lessons have you learned? Little things can teach us great lessons! Every time you see a hummingbird, think of these lessons.

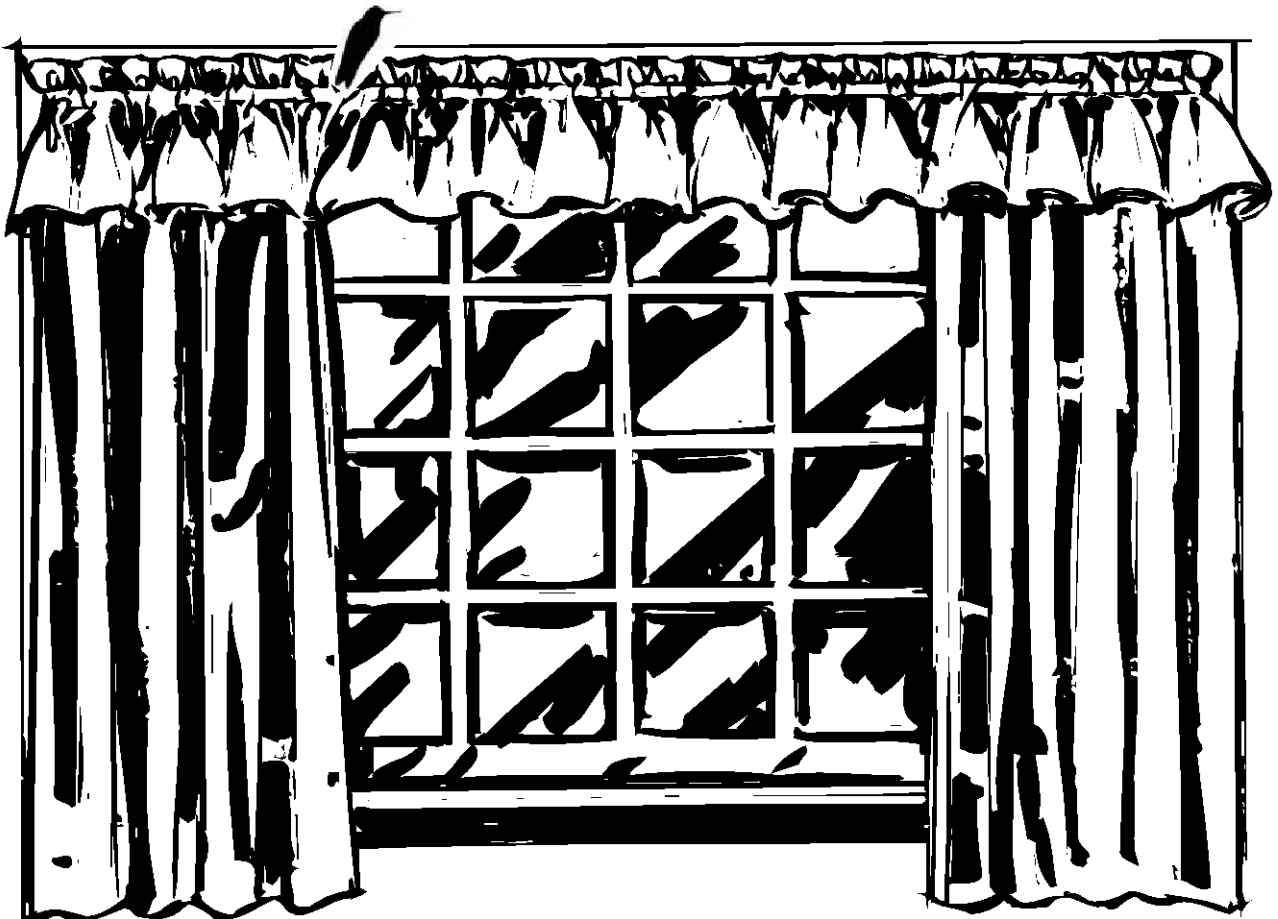
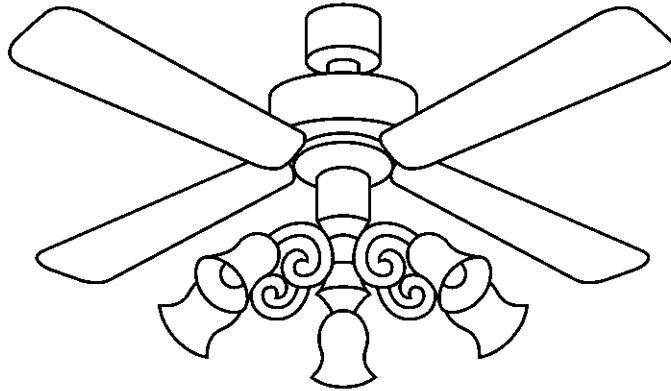
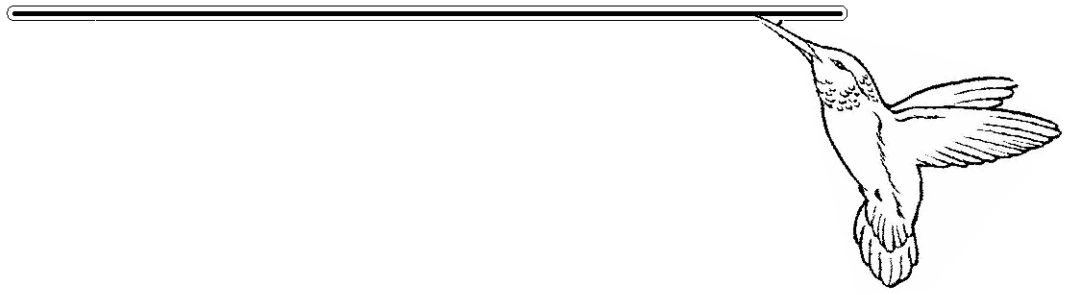
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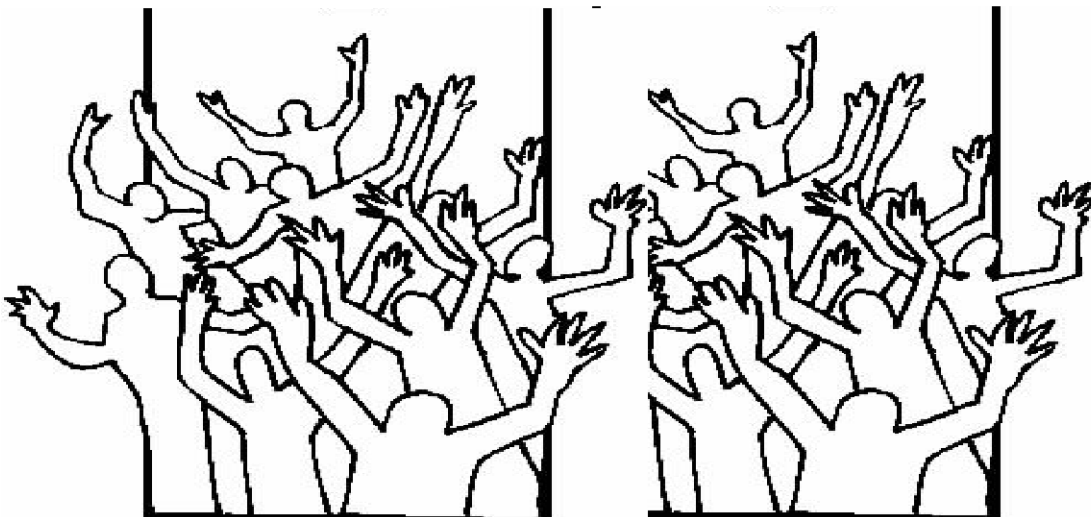
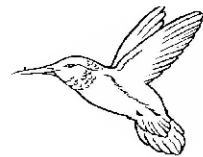
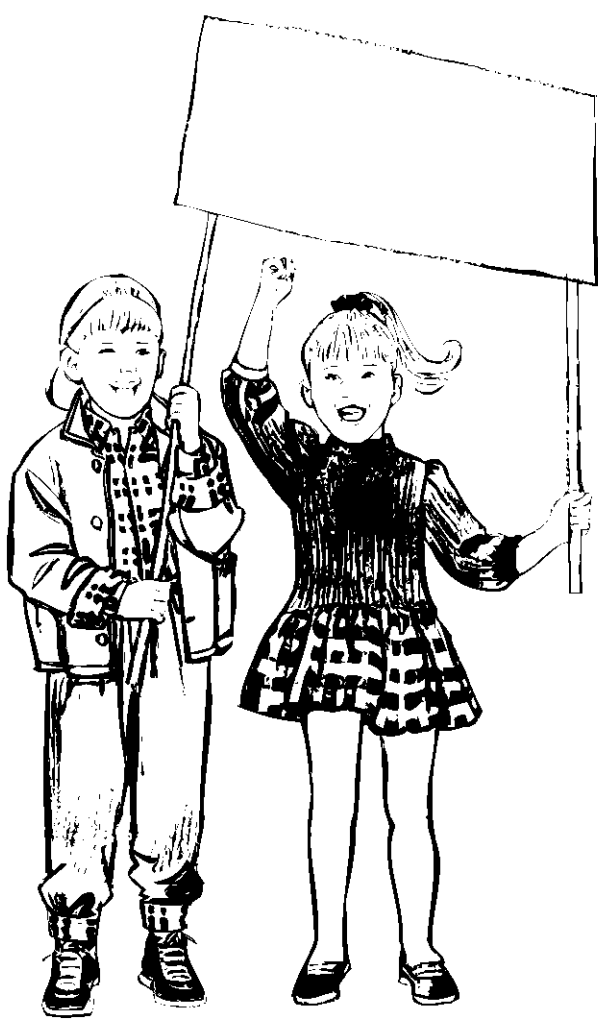


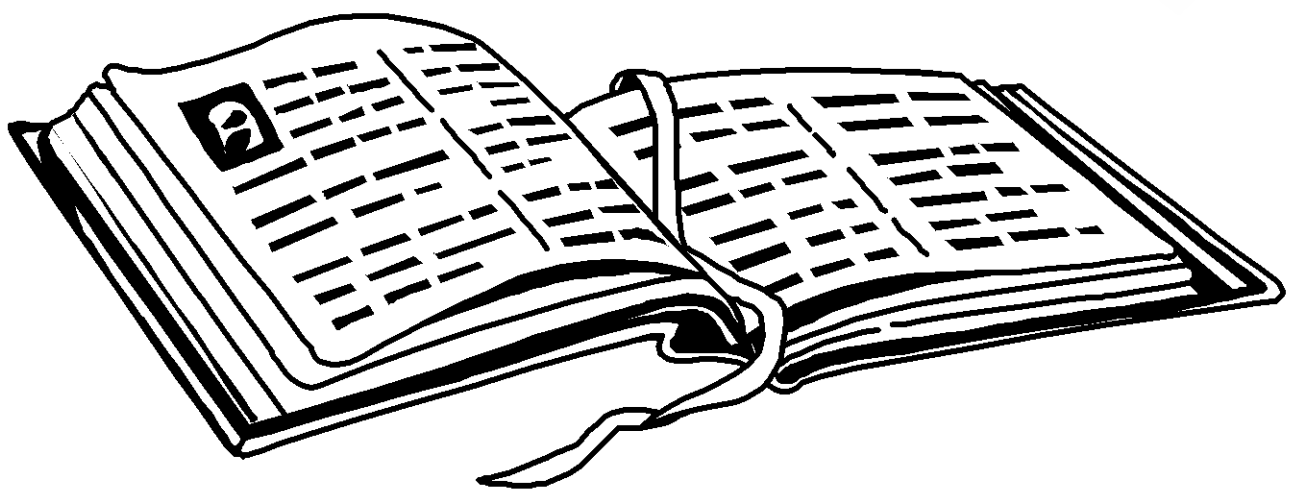
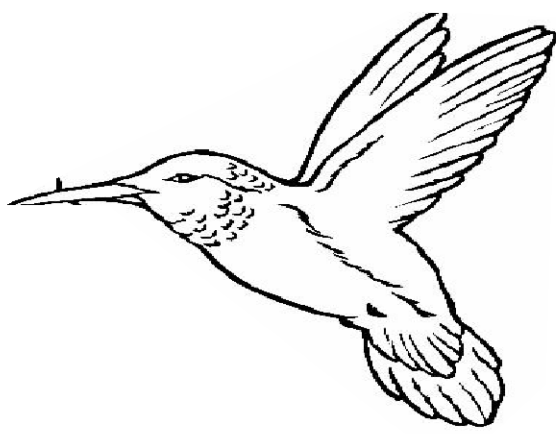
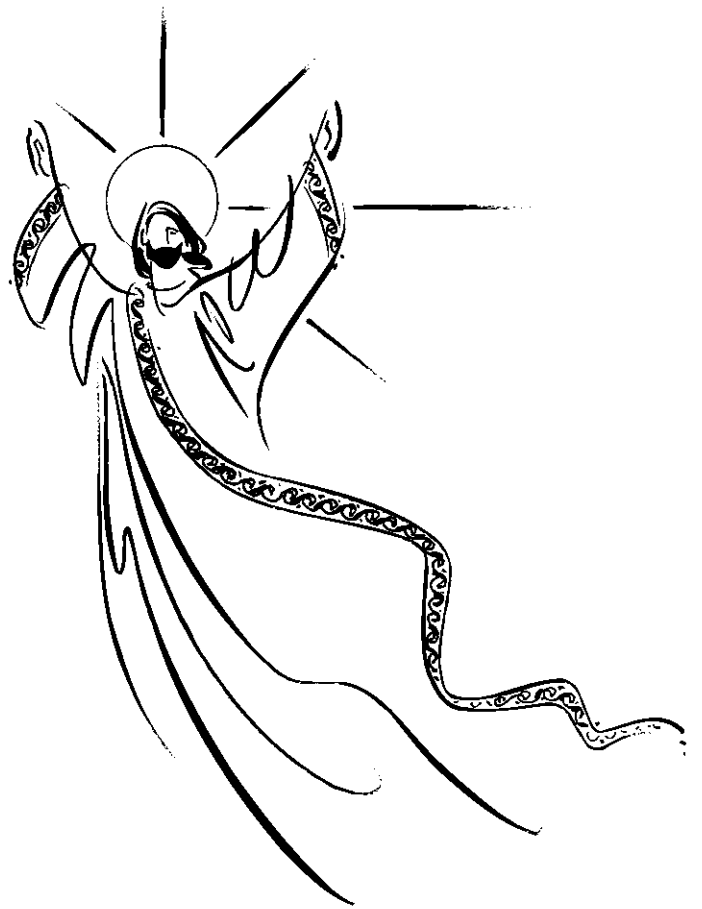
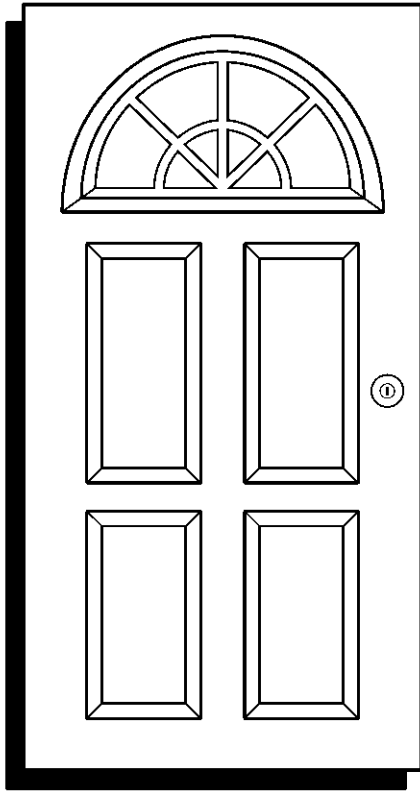
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Who is Aunt Sharon?



Larry and Sharon Lilly have been missionaries to Mexico since 1970. Sharon felt as a little girl that she would some day be a missionary. She married Larry after finishing Bible College. Later God called Larry to be a missionary and they surrendered to go to the country of Mexico.

They published a magazine for Christian teachers in Spanish (El Maestro Cristiano) for many years. While writing stories for the magazine, Sharon became “Tía Sara” or Aunt Sharon. Although now, she is thinking of being called “Grandma Sharon”!

We hope that these stories will not only lead children to Jesus Christ, but will also teach many things that will help them to grow as Christians, and that some may give their lives to Jesus to serve Him in full-time service. We also hope that many will surrender their lives to serve God on the mission field.

Another goal for these stories is to keep missions and missionaries in the minds and hearts of those who hear them. They can be used as stories in themselves, as an introduction for a lesson, or as a series of stories in the opening exercises of Sunday School or Vacation Bible School.

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May God bless the use of these stories. And remember to pray for the Lilly family and the Baptist Bible College of Cd. Mante, Tamaulipas, Mexico.