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# Clay Jars + Oil = All Bills Paid In Full

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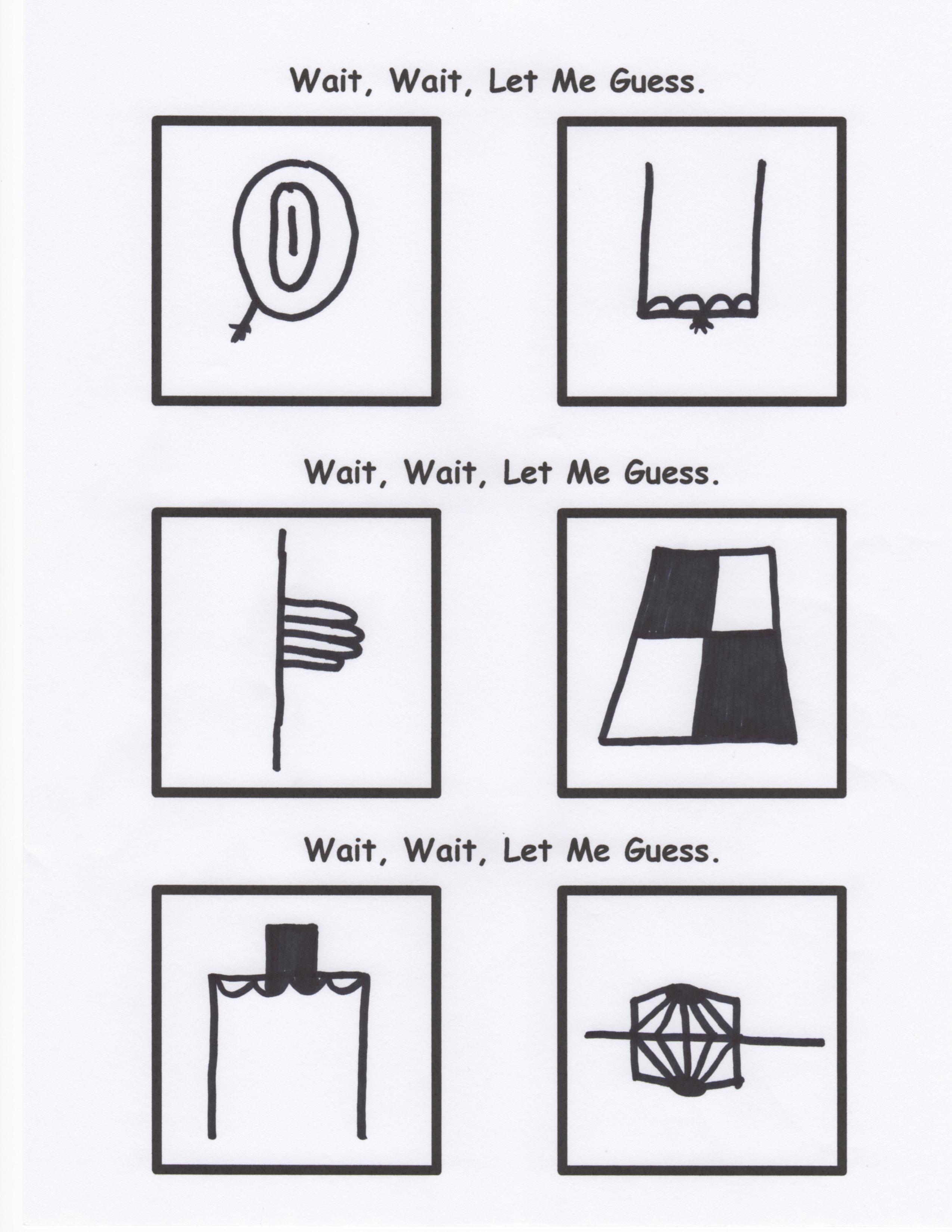
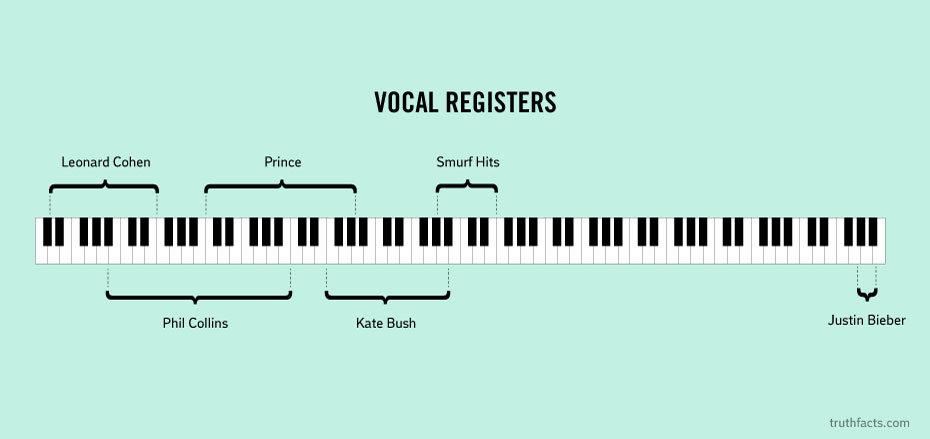
***II Kings 4: 1-7***

***The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.” 2 Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.” 3 Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. 4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.” 5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. 6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.” But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing. 7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”***

The Old Testament is replete with pictures, or types, of New Testament truths. One episode in the life of Elisha is worthy of a second look. An un-named prophet of God had passed away, leaving his wife and family saddled with an unfortunate amount of debt. In the stress of her heart, the woman came to Elisha for help. He told her to gather jars into her house, *not just a few,* then close the door and pour oil into those very jars. The Bible says that the oil kept flowing until every jar was full. She then sold the oil and paid the creditors their money.

Oil, in the Bible, is often times a picture, or type, of the Holy Spirit. Such is the case in this passage. As Christians, we know that we are called by God to serve Him, but the task is impossible from a human standpoint. From within our own selves we have nothing of value or importance to bring to the table. However, God has a solution. We are but jars of clay, vessels, to be filled by the Holy Spirit and used by Him. In the story of the miracle, note that the only limitation on the quantity of oil was in the number of clay jars the woman collected beforehand. Likewise, in our own lives, we curb the influence and impact of the Holy Spirit by “collecting and filling” a limited number of “jars” in our hearts. God places no restrictions upon the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Recall that Elisha requested a double portion of the Spirit of Elijah. What might be accomplished in the life of a man or woman completely filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit?

**A Handy Guide To Pop Music**



***We continue today with our question and answer time. If you have not had an opportunity to submit a question, Ms. Jeanette has paper and pencils for you to do so.***

**Math Corner**

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