

Lent Cross

Bible Reading Mark Chapter 15 verses 9-15

Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after having Jesus whipped, he handed him over to be crucified.

The whip is brought forward and placed at the cross

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, you were innocent but you were punished.

We pray for those who suffer for their faith.

Give them your strength and your peace.

Amen.

Opening prayers

Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms.

‘As one whom a mother comforts, so I will comfort you’ (Isaiah 66.13).

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children..... ‘Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you’ (Isaiah 49.15).

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

David wrote that in God’s presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms. ‘But I have calmed and quieted my soul like a child quieted at its mother’s breast; like a child that is quiet is my soul’ (Psalm 131.2).

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. 'How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you would not'. (Matthew 23.37)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Paul writes about his missionary ministry and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care. 'I was gentle among you like a nurse taking care of her children'. (1 Thess 2.7)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

On this Mothering Sunday, we thank you, Lord God, for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people have and continue to show to us and to others.

AMEN.

Nurturing God,
we praise you for the way in which you care for each one of
us.

You love us whoever we are, whatever we do.

Even though we frequently disappoint you,
you are always there, concerned for our welfare, forgiving
us.

Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.

Forgive us for the times that we take you for granted,
when we do things to hurt others,
particularly members of our family and friends.

Forgive us for getting so involved in the activities,
pleasures and concerns of our lives that we forget that you
are there.

Nurturing God, forgive us. Bring us home again to you.

Nurturing God, we praise you. Amen.

Young People's words & drawings for Mums

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms in full bloom, set against a soft, warm, yellowish background. The flowers are the central focus, with their delicate petals and stamens clearly visible. The overall mood is gentle and celebratory.

Mothering Sunday

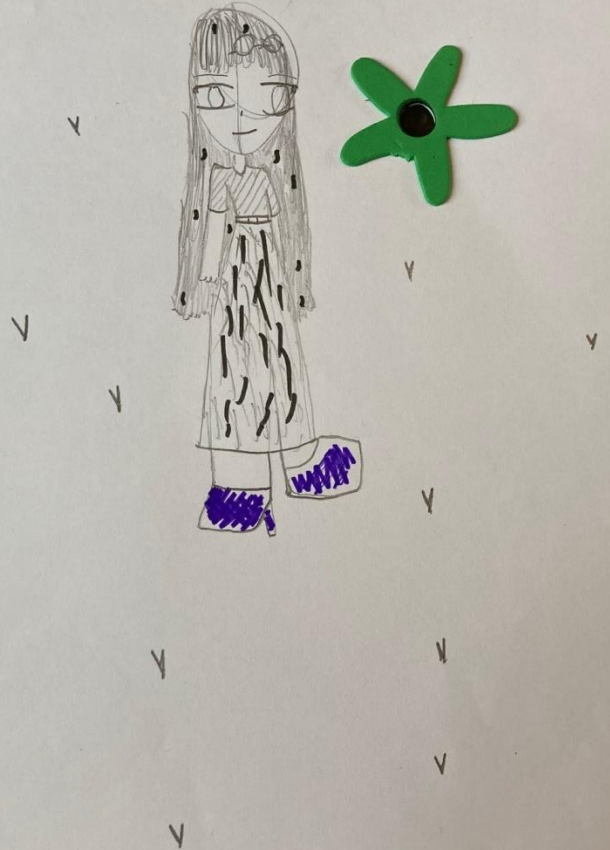


Mum →



by Eleanor ♥

MUMMY



Happy mother day! I love you ♥

from Victoria A ♥

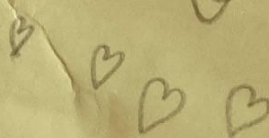
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IS GREAT BECAUSE
SHE BUYS ME THINGS.

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Mummy
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Jennife,

My mom is great because...

she is helpful and (sometimes) funny 😊

My mum is great because
she helps me
with my work and she
she cooks good food
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- Janet ♡



MOM

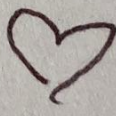
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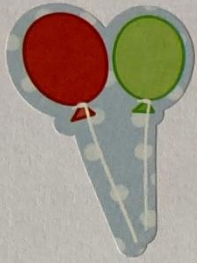


Mirielle

My mum is great because she puts up w/ me
by Theo

My mum is great  loving

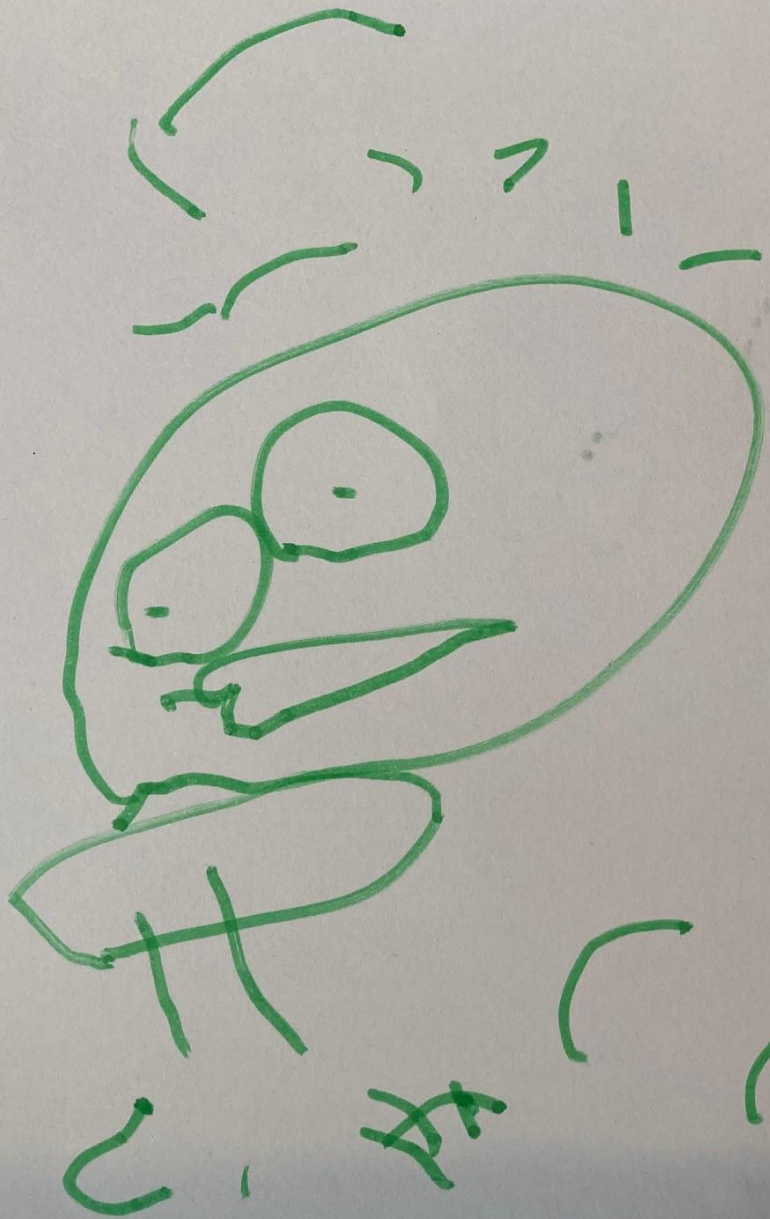
Chloe Anne



She is great because she
brought me to this world

MUM

Leo



Callum

My mum is great because
she helps others

Ronaldo

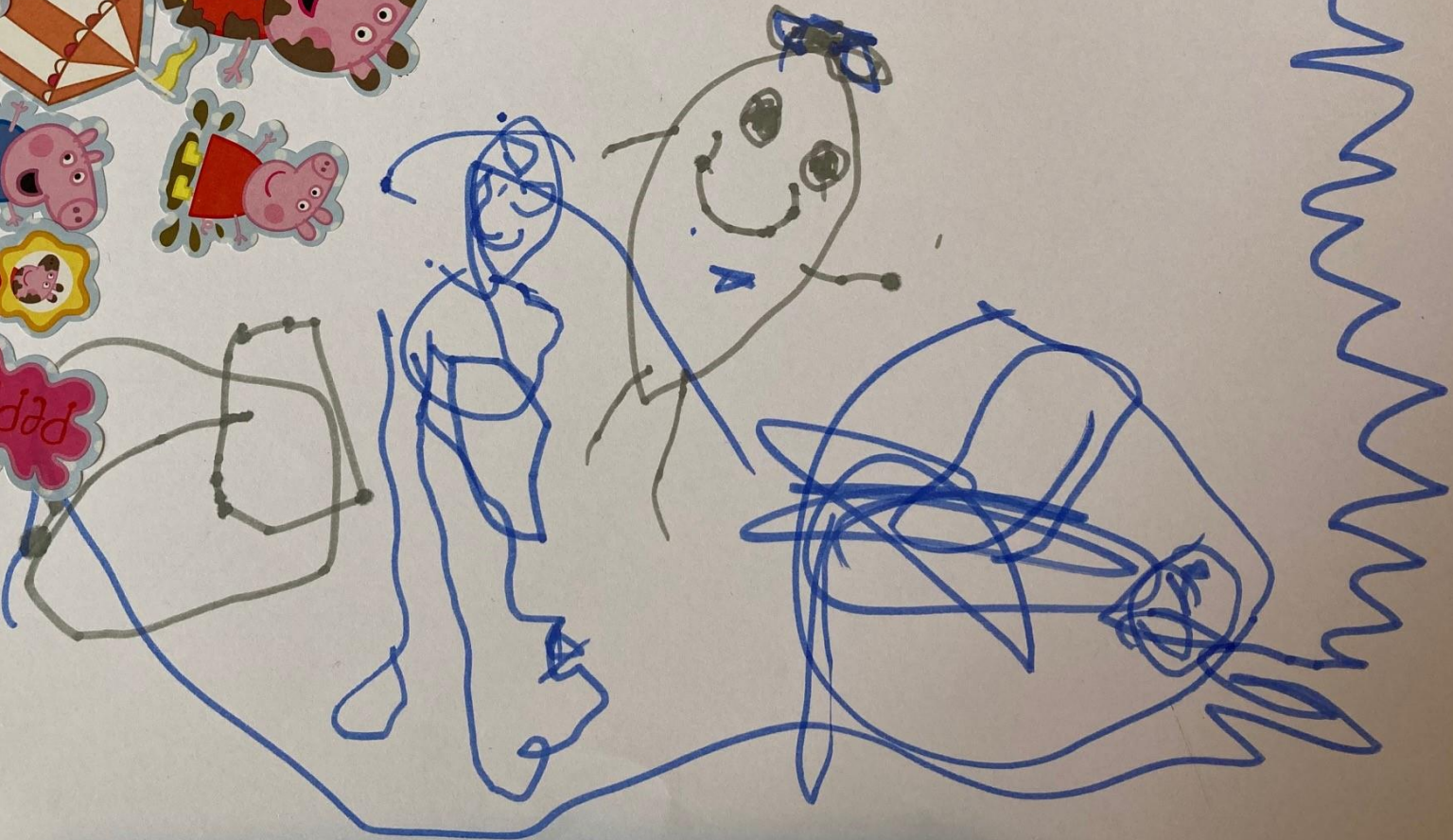
My mum is great because she helps me.

Ratie



Peppa

Florence





brought
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World.

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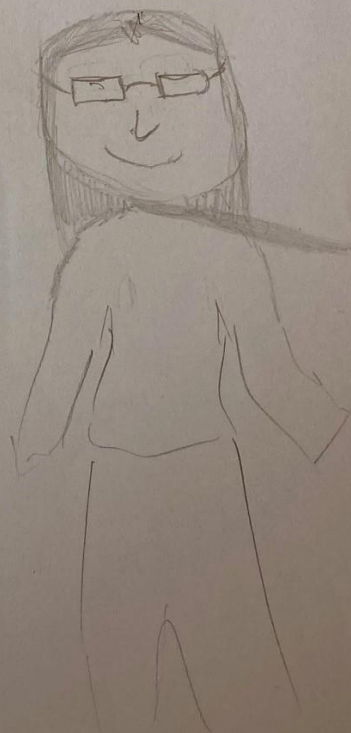
Hannah



MUMMY

Julia

Caroline



My Mum is great because she works
hard to take care of us

Derrick

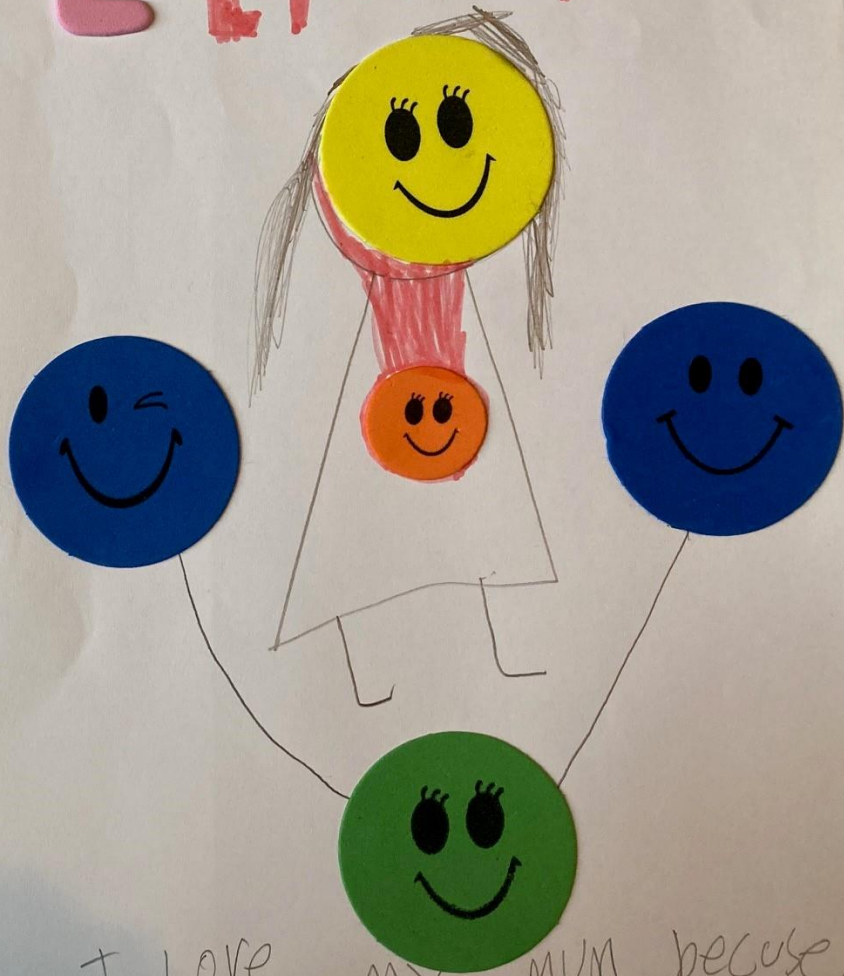
My mom is great because she works
for to keep us happy
Ketrin!



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Albert

ELIZABETH



I love my MUM because
she gives big hugs!

Sermon

I will be in full control.



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Till everything goes out of control.



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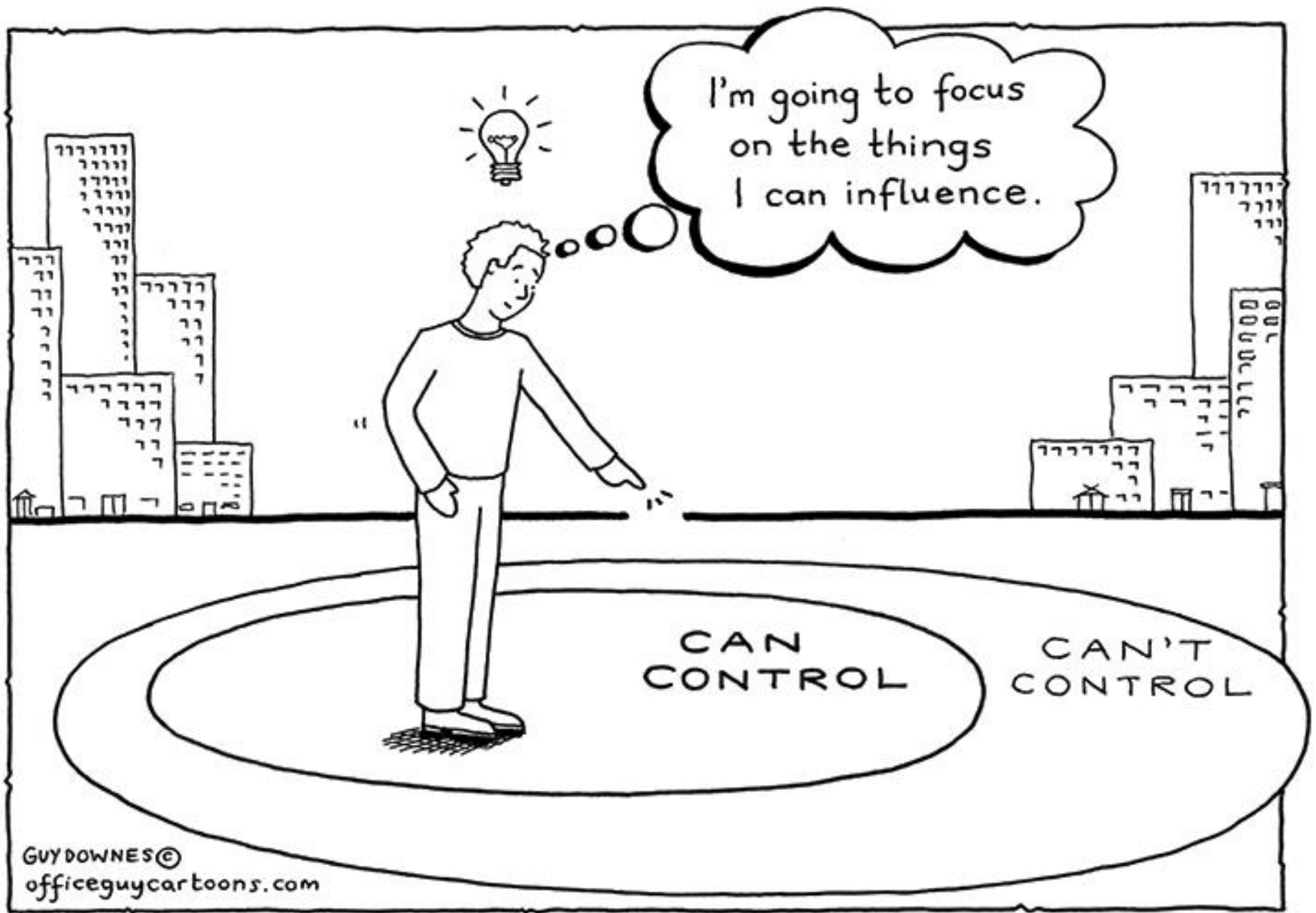
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I like to be in control, so I try not to move...





“The Lord works in mysterious ways –
except on Sundays, when I take over.”



COLOSSIANS 3:12



of God, who
 you, who were
 uncircumcision
 together with
 trespasses,¹⁴ by
 it stood against
 is he set aside,
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 o open shame,
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Rules for Christian Households

¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²²Bondservants,¹⁰ obey in everything those who are your earthly masters,¹¹ not by way of eye-service, as people-

³Or in it (that is, the cross) ⁴Or about the things he has seen ⁵Some manuscripts our ⁶Greek upon the sons of disobedience ⁸Greek man; also as supplied in verse 10 ⁹Greek bondservant ¹⁰Or Slaves; face) ¹¹Or your masters according to the flesh

make it clear
⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Final Greetings
⁷Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant¹ in the Lord. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encour-

ard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers² at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."
¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.



and let the WORD of CHRIST dwell in you richly.

¹Greek fellow bondservant; also verse 12 ²Or brothers and sisters

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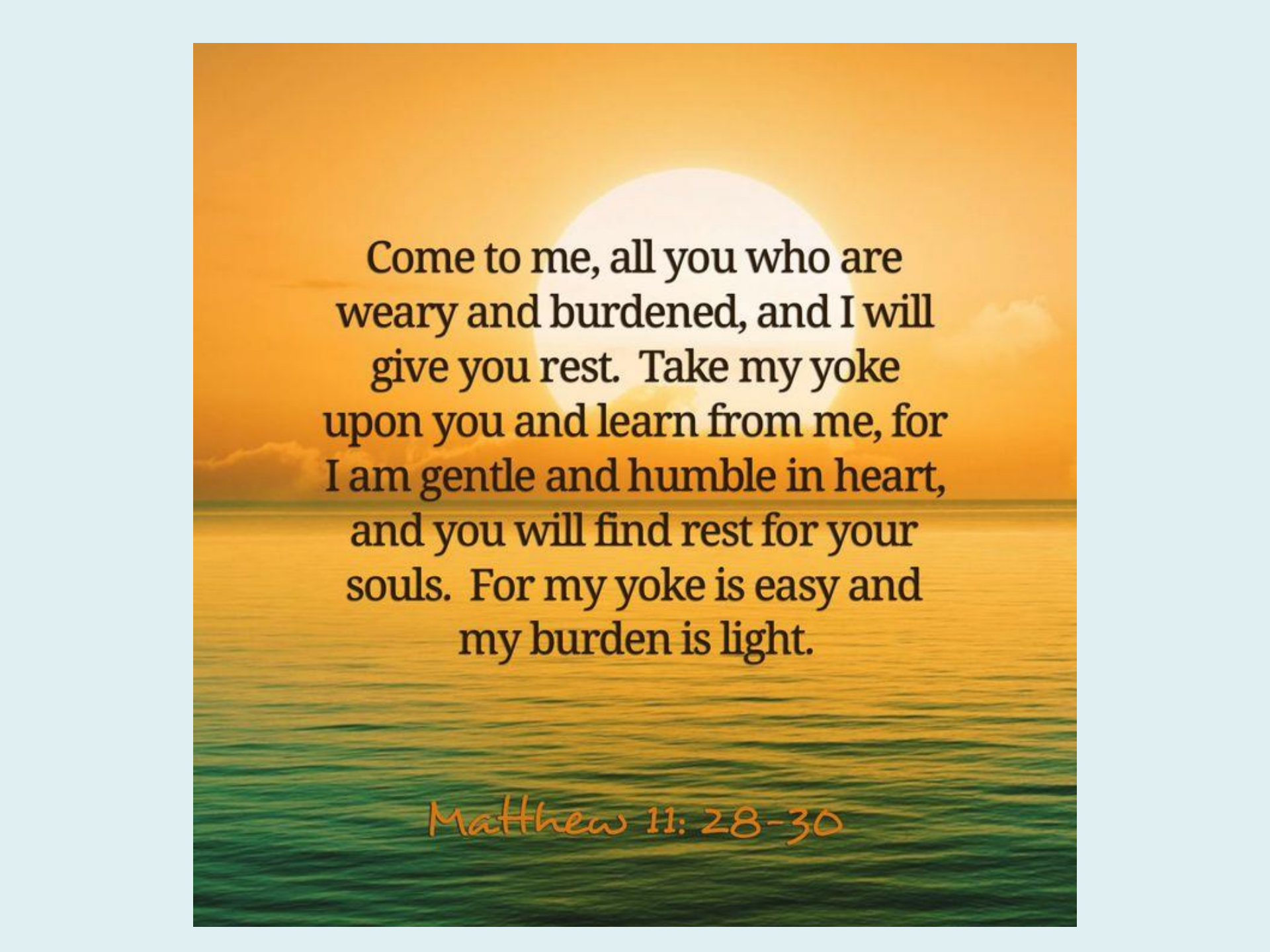


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SCRIPTURE

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:17 NLT

A sunset over the ocean with a large sun in the sky. The sun is a bright white circle in the center of the sky, surrounded by a soft orange glow. The sky transitions from a pale yellow near the horizon to a deeper orange at the top. The ocean is a deep greenish-blue with gentle waves. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

Come to me, all you who are
weary and burdened, and I will
give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you and learn from me, for
I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your
souls. For my yoke is easy and
my burden is light.

Matthew 11: 28-30