

# NEW YEAR'S

AT NORTH WAY

**INSTRUCTIONS/PROMPTS**

**AUTISM MINISTRY ADAPTION**

**PROMISE SHEET**

**CALENDAR CRAFT**

## **Introduction and Instructions!**

- This schedule for the day is designed to be a time for your family to reflect on this past year and prepare for the new year!
- Every two hours, there is an opportunity for your family to dive into scripture, think about what it means for our lives, and pray- thanking God and asking Him to help us in a certain area!
- At the end of each section, there is an activity for your child(ren) to do together! They will be making a calendar for 2024!
  - If you have more than one child, they can work together to color and decorate the month pages every two hours!
  - At the end of the day, your family will have a calendar that you made together!
- If you have a child, or children, who may benefit from a visual representation of these activities the Autism Ministry has provided a document available with a clock and visual schedule.



**8:00am:**

### **Reflecting on this year as an individual**

- Read!
  - “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them.” Genesis 1:27 (NIV)
  - “How can you say to your brother, Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?” Matthew 7:4 (NIV)
- Think!
  - How have we grown this year as individuals? (learned a new skill, been kind to new friends, become better at reading or math, etc.)
  - What gifts and talents has the Lord blessed us with? Have we used these to glorify Him?
- Pray!
  - Ask for specific prayer requests about reflecting on this year as an individual, and then add them into your prayer!
  - Lord, thank you for helping us to become better this year. Our family is closer to you because each of us has grown as a person. Thank you for creating us in your image, and help us to show others who you are. Amen.
- Do!
  - Color and decorate the January and February calendar pages! Write in any important dates for your family.



## 10:00am: Reflecting on this year as a family

- Read!
  - “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” Colossians 3:20 (NIV)
  - “But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 (NIV)
- Think!
  - How have we grown as a family in this past year? (A new baby, playing nicer with our siblings, spending more intentional time as a family, etc.)
  - How have we, as a family, shown the love of God to others?
- Pray!
  - Ask for specific prayer requests about reflecting on this year as a family, and then add them into your prayer!
  - Lord, thank you for helping us to grow closer together as a family. Please continue to help us chase after you and bring others into your love as we go. Help us to continue to love each other the way you love us. Amen.
- Do!
  - Color and decorate the March and April calendar pages! Write in any important dates for your family.



## 12:00pm: Reflecting on what God has done this year

- Read!
  - “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NIV)
  - “The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.” Psalm 145:9 (NLT)
- Think!
  - What has God blessed us with this year? (a new house, school, baby, bringing healing to a family member, etc.)
  - How has God challenged us this year? How can we continue to be faithful to Him through these challenges?
- Pray!
  - Ask for specific prayer requests about reflecting on what God has done this year, and then add them into your prayer!
  - God, thank you for working in our lives. You pour blessings over us and you present us with challenges that will help us grow closer to you. Please continue to be with us in those challenges. We love you and we trust in you. Amen.
- Do!
  - Color and decorate the May and June calendar pages! Write in any important dates for your family.



**2:00pm:**

## **Reflecting on things and people that we love**

- Read!
  - “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:15,17 (NIV)
  - “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:9-11 (NIV)
- Think!
  - What kinds of things do we love? Do these things bring us closer to God or do they push us away from God?
  - How can we continue to choose to love people and things that will lead us closer to Jesus?
- Pray!
  - Ask for specific prayer requests about reflecting on the things and people that we love, and then add them into your prayer!
  - Lord, thank you for filling our lives with blessings and love. Please continue to help us love people and things that will lead us closer to you and push away worldly things that will push us away from you. Amen.
- Do!
  - Color and decorate the July and August calendar pages! Write in any important dates for your family.



**4:00pm:**

## **Giving up something we love for something that we love more**

- Read!
  - “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:12-13 (NIV)
  - “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIV)
- Think!
  - What does sacrifice mean? (giving up something you love for someone you love even more)
  - When is a time you have sacrificed something for something you love more? (didn’t play with a friend so you could go to church, gave up your favorite toy so your sibling could play with it, etc.)
  - Talk to your children about the Gospel- about how Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice, and He gave up His life on earth so we could have eternal life in Heaven. He did this while we were still sinners because He loves us so much!
- Pray!
  - Ask for specific prayer requests surrounding sacrifice, and then add them into your prayer!
  - God, thank you for sending your son Jesus to show us what sacrifice looks like. Please help us to sacrifice the things in our life that are bringing us away from you. Amen.
- Do!
  - Color and decorate the September and October calendar pages! Write in any important dates for your family.



## 6:00pm: Assessing priorities for the new year

- Read!
  - “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)
  - “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)
- Think!
  - How can we love our family better in this next year?
  - How can we put God first, and sacrifice our own wants for his good?
- Pray!
  - Ask for any specific prayer requests about assessing priorities for the new year, and then add them into your prayer!
  - Lord, thank you for all of the gifts and blessings that you have given us. Help us to work together with our family to put you first in this next year and love each other better. Amen.
- Do!
  - Color and decorate the November and December calendar pages! Write in any important dates for your family.

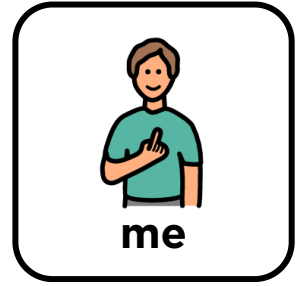
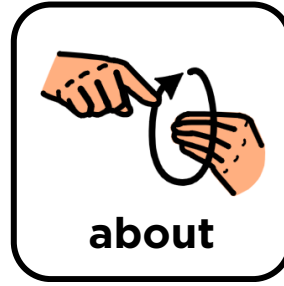


## 8:00pm: Setting goals and expectations for the new year

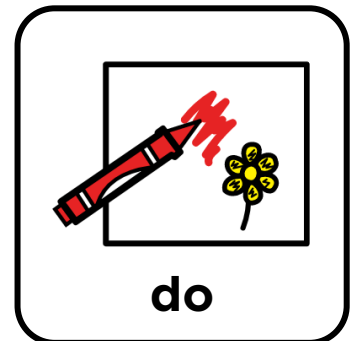
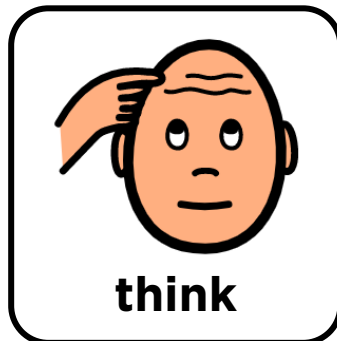
- Read!
  - “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)
  - “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17 (NIV)
- Think!
  - What goals can our family work towards in this next year?
  - What can we give up this year for something that we love even more?
- Pray!
  - Ask for specific prayer requests about goals for the new year, and then add them into your prayer!
  - God, thank you for guiding us through a day focused on you. Please help us to go into this new year with an attitude that glorifies you. Help us to become a stronger family through our relationships with you. Amen.
- Do!
  - Work with your family to fill out the 2024 promises page. This page includes individual, family, and faith related promises that your family can make for the 2024 year. All members of your family can sign this sheet when you are done and then it can be placed in a common area of the home and referred back to throughout the year!

**8:00am**

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individual**

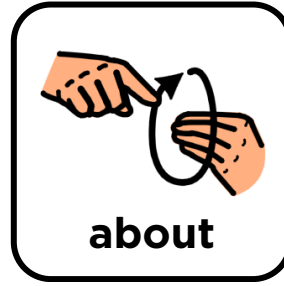
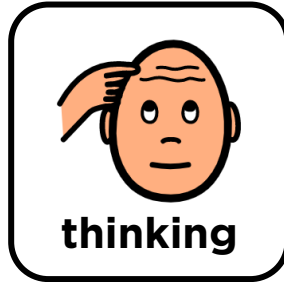


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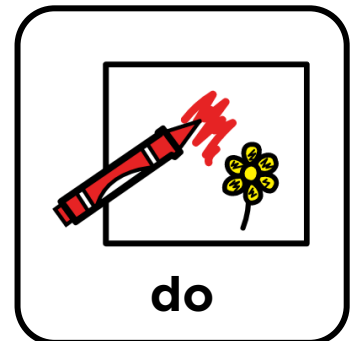
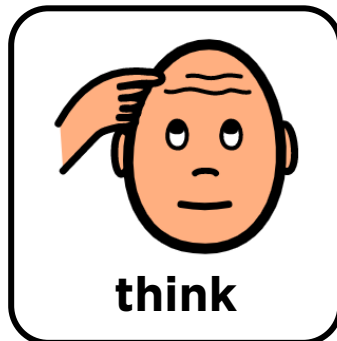


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**Reflecting on  
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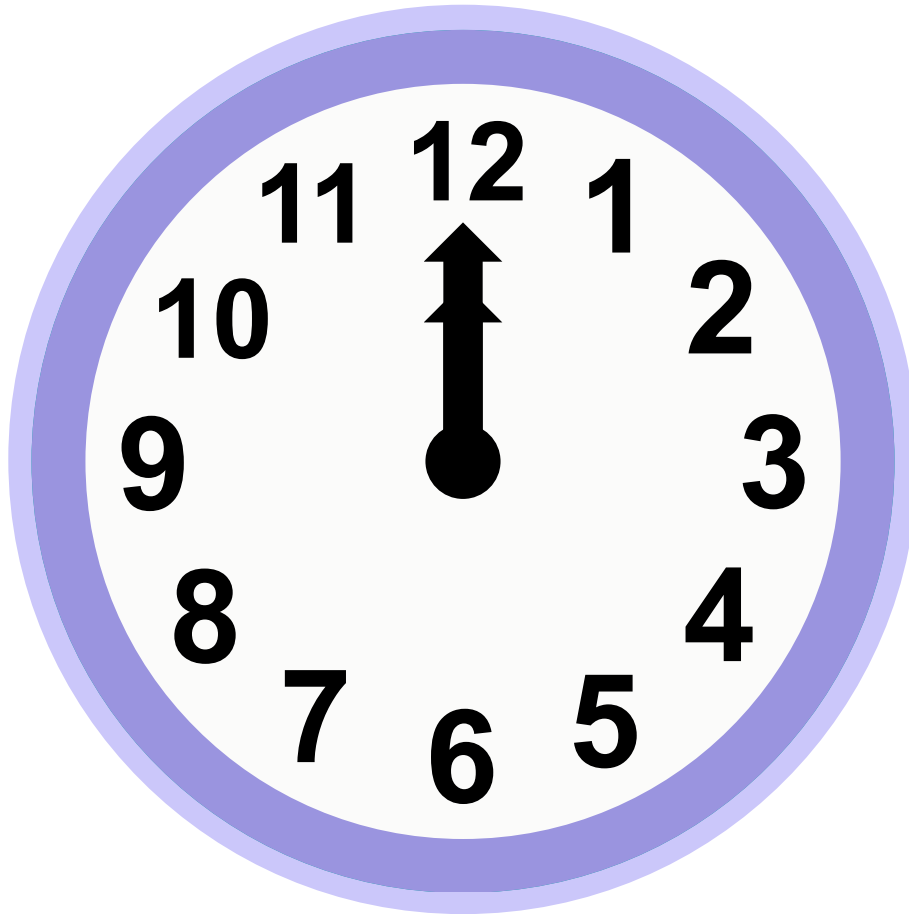
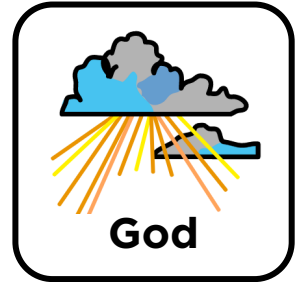
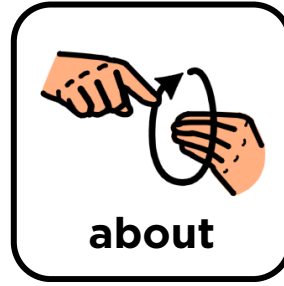
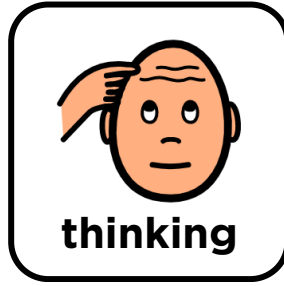


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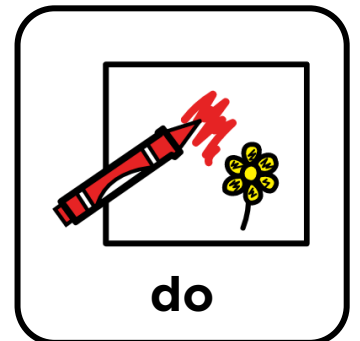
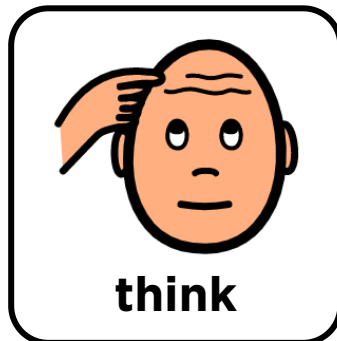


# 12:00pm

Reflecting on  
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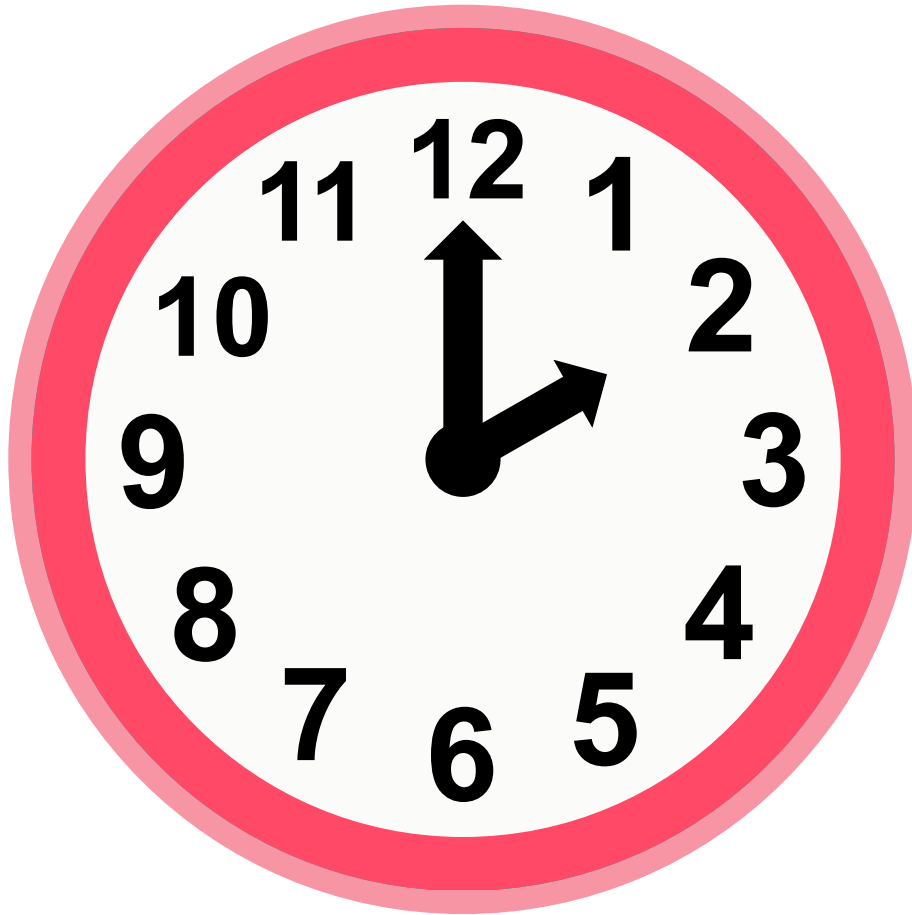
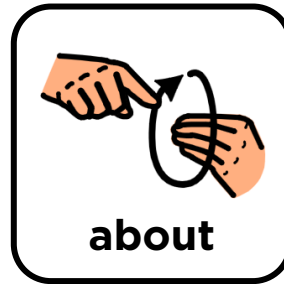
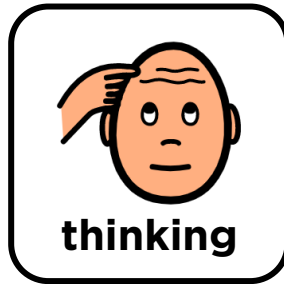


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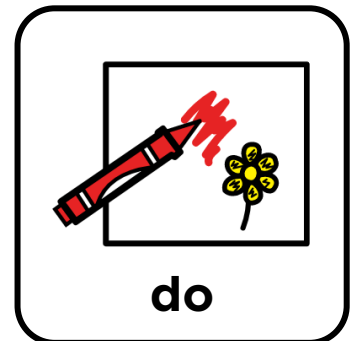
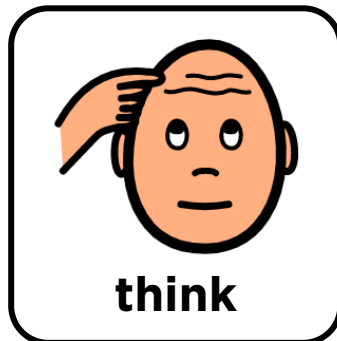


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**Reflecting on  
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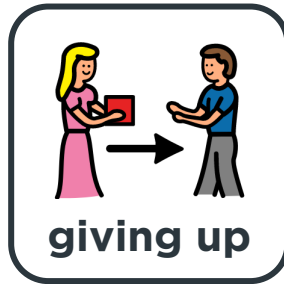


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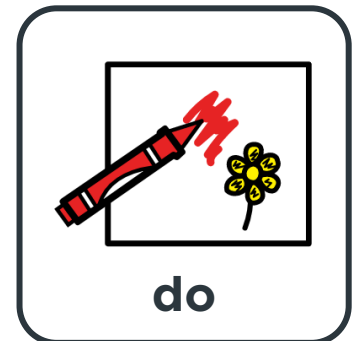
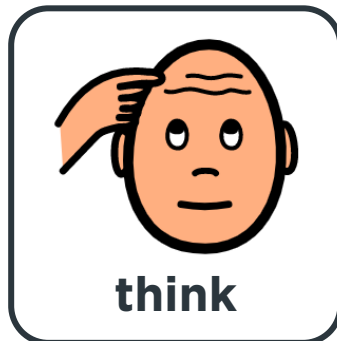


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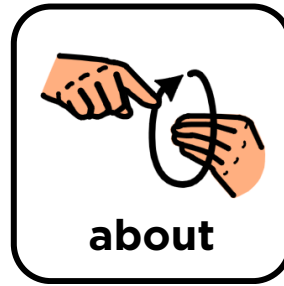
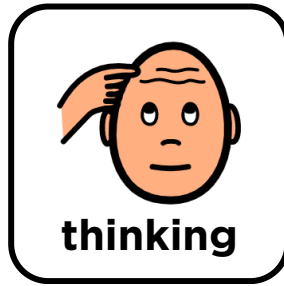


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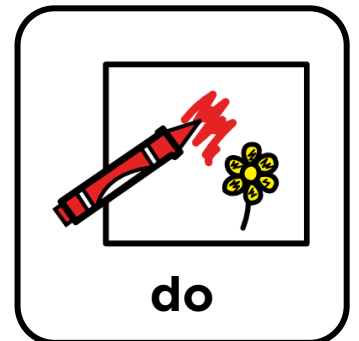
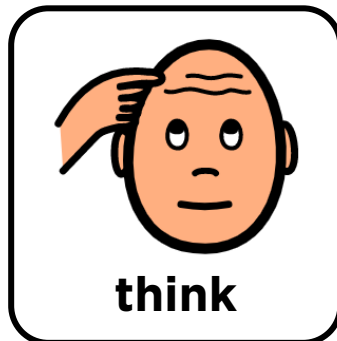


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**Assessing  
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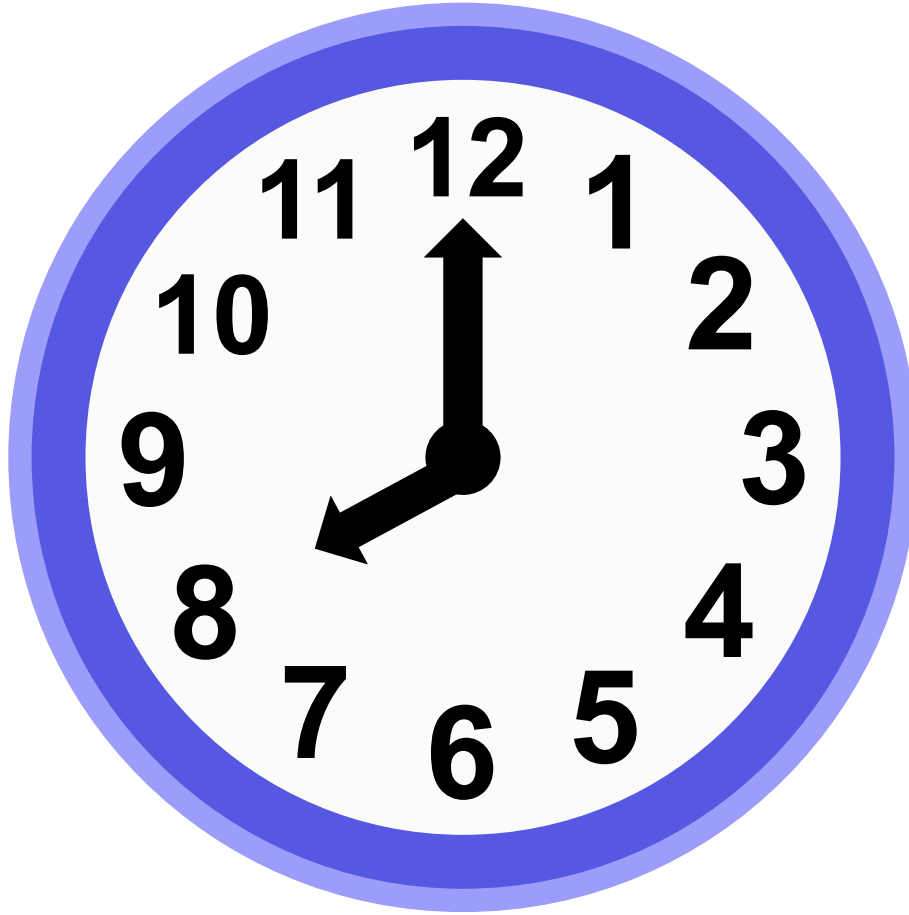
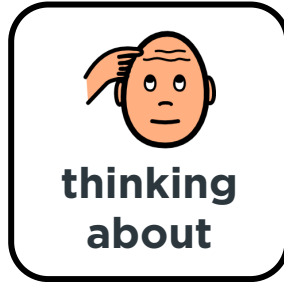


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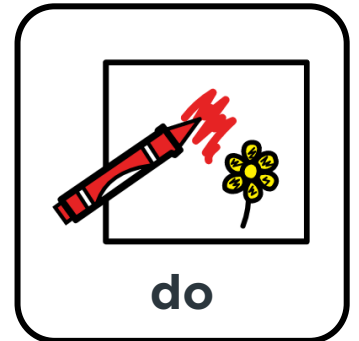
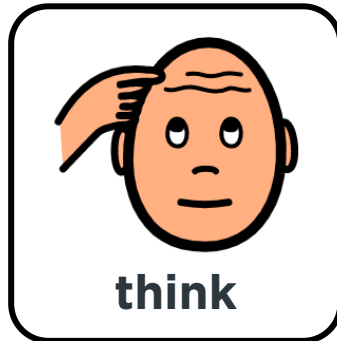


# 8:00pm

## Setting goals for the New Year



### To Do:





# January

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them.” **Genesis 1:27**

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# February

“How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye, when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?’”

**Matthew 7:4**

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# March

“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” **Colossians 3:20**

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# April

“But as for me and my household, we will  
serve the Lord.” **Joshua 24:15**

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# May

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

**Romans 8:28**

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# June

“The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion  
on all his creation.” **Psalm 145:9**

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# July

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

**1 John 2:15,17**

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# August

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” **1 John 4:9-11**

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# September

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

**John 15:12-13**

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# October

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” **Romans 5:8**

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# November

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# December

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