

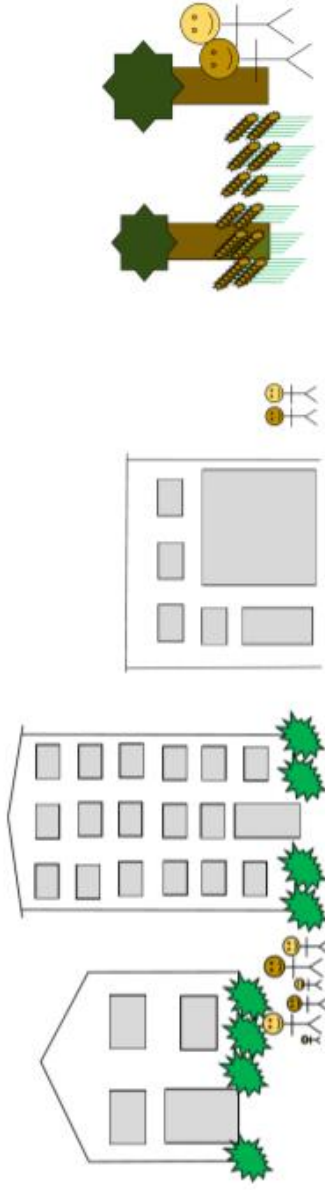
Craft Sheets

Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Matthew 21 vs 23-45

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A Tenant is someone who pays to use some thing they can occupy, like a home, a shop or a farm



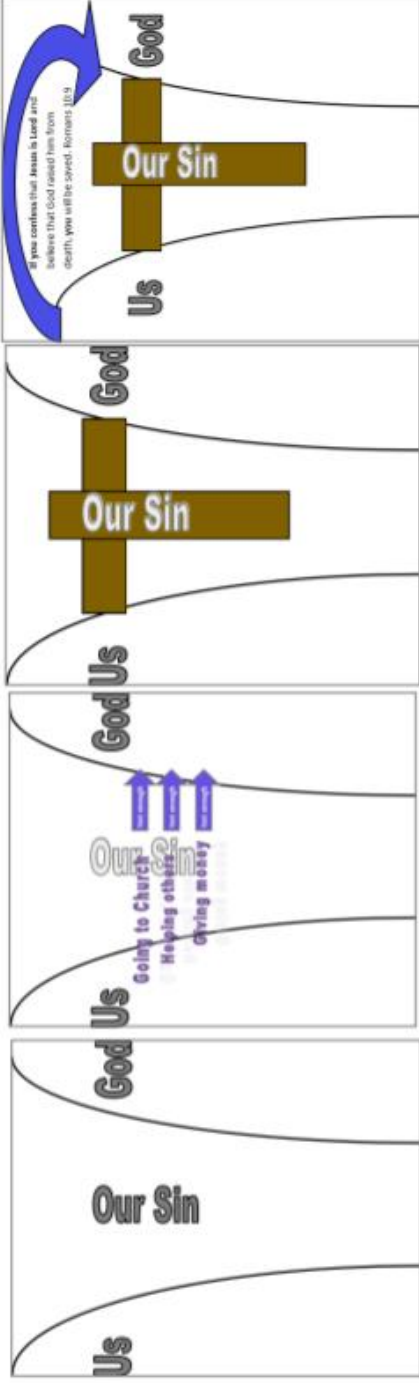
A vineyard is a farm where grapes are grown



The wicked tenants in the parable would not give the landowner his rightful share of the crop. They mistreated and killed the landowner's servants and plotted to kill his son so they could keep the vineyard for themselves. The chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables and knew that he was talking about them, so they tried to arrest him. But they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

We should be careful not fall into the trap of thinking of ourselves as better than other people, like they did. We need Jesus to forgive us and then the fruits of the spirit will be seen in our lives.

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/the-bridge-to-life/>



Our sin separates us from God

Our good deeds cannot bring us to God

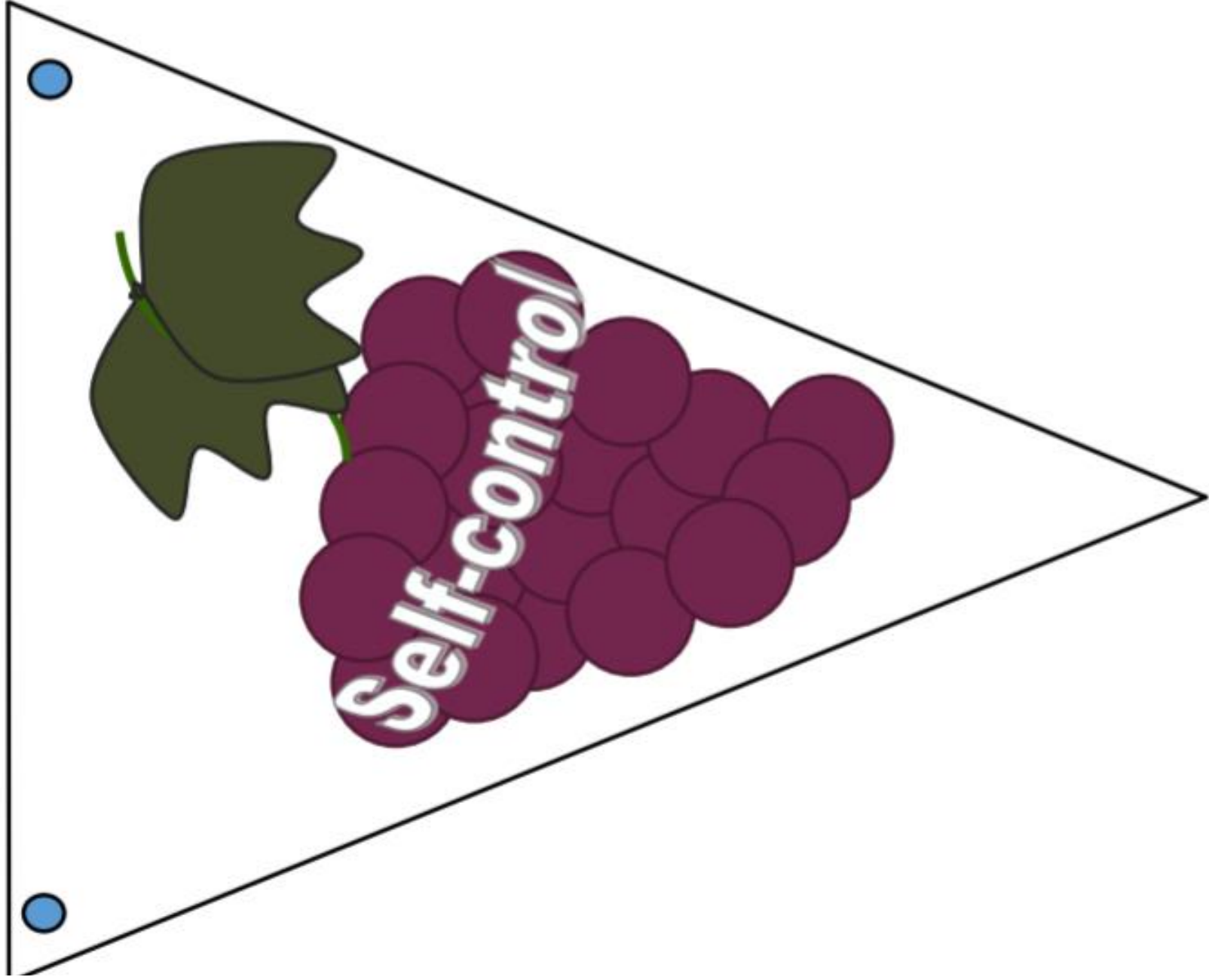
Jesus took the punishment our sins deserve on the cross

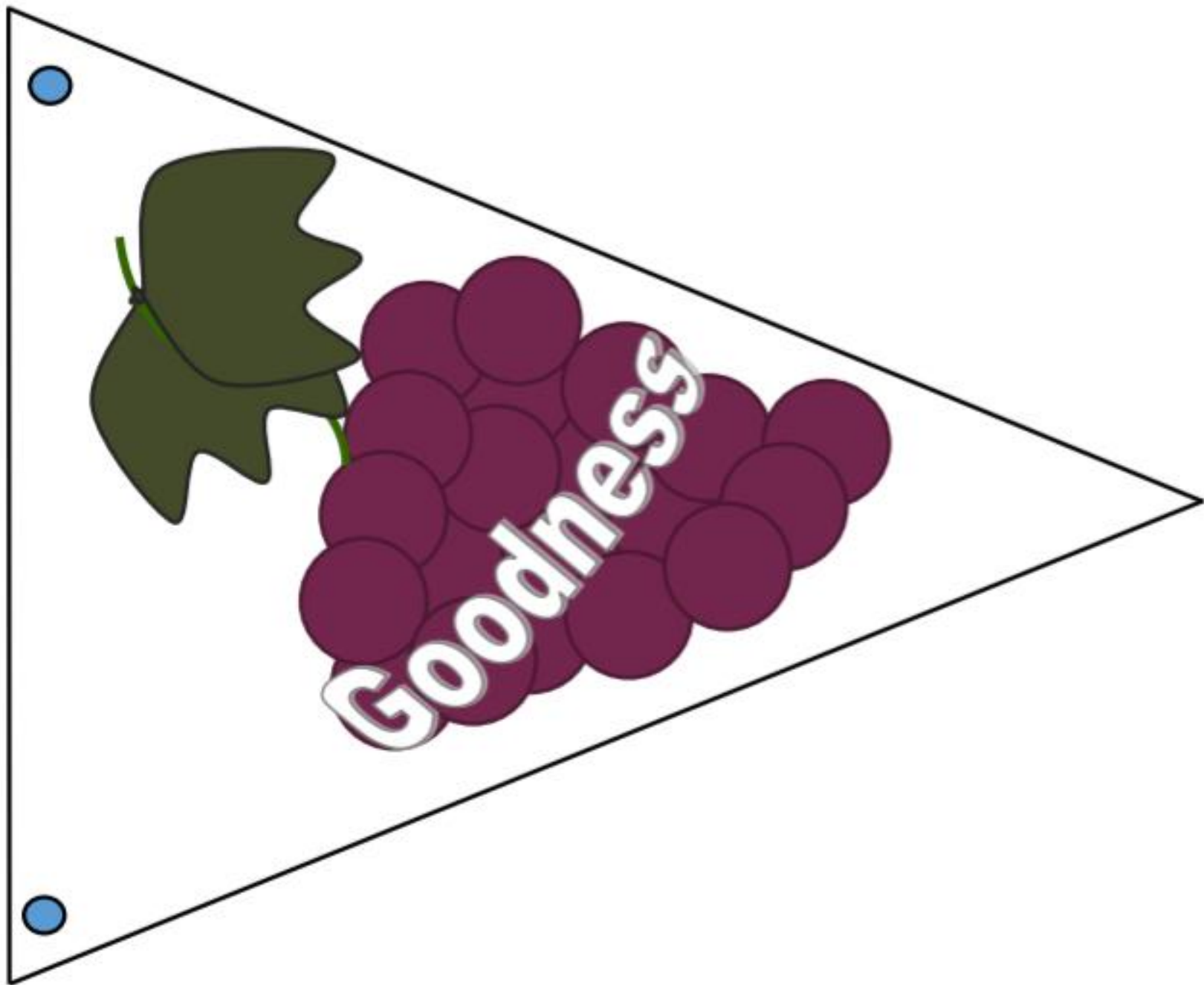
If we admit to our sins, believe Jesus died for us and ask for forgiveness, we will be adopted into God's family, forgiven as if we had never sinned.

Think on: Read Isaiah 5. What is wrong with this vineyard? What will cure it? What does the vineyard represent? How can the cure be applied in our lives today?

Read John 15:1-17 What do we need to do to produce the fruit God wants for us? What 'fruits' are described here? v8 "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

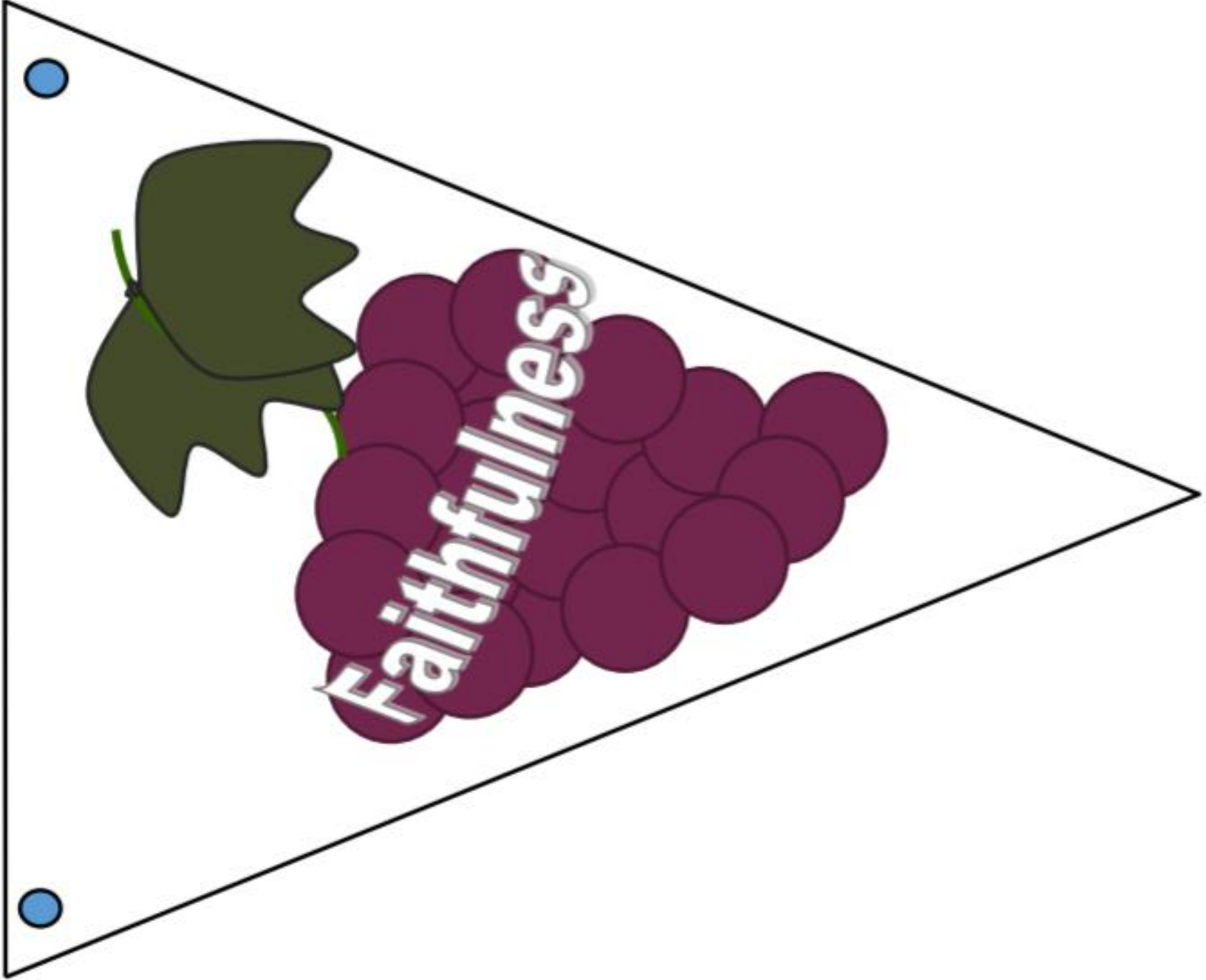
Washing our hands is really important to protect our own health and the health of other people. Read Psalm 24. What is important about clean hands? How are our hands made clean? Can you sing this to the tune of 'happy birthday' as you wash your hands this week?

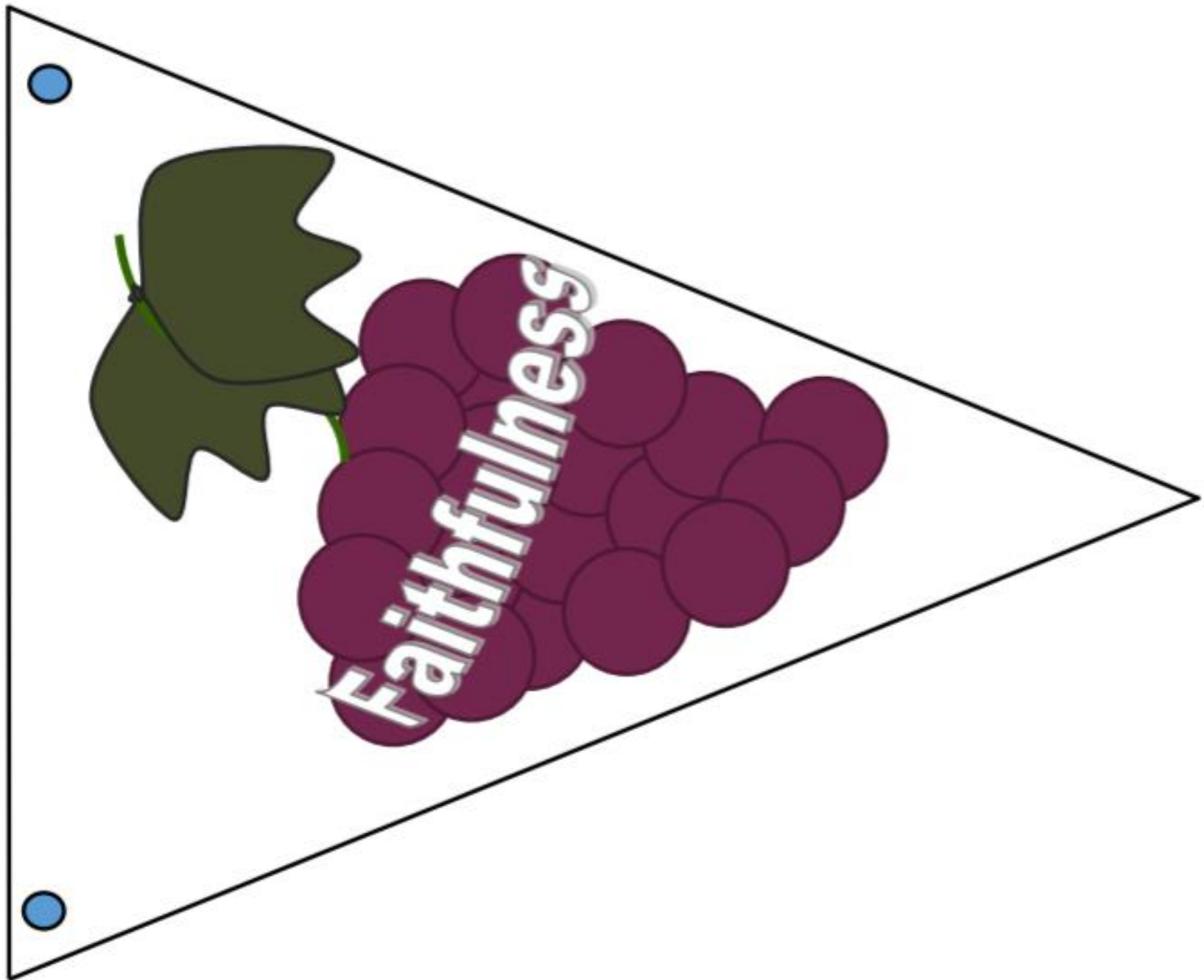


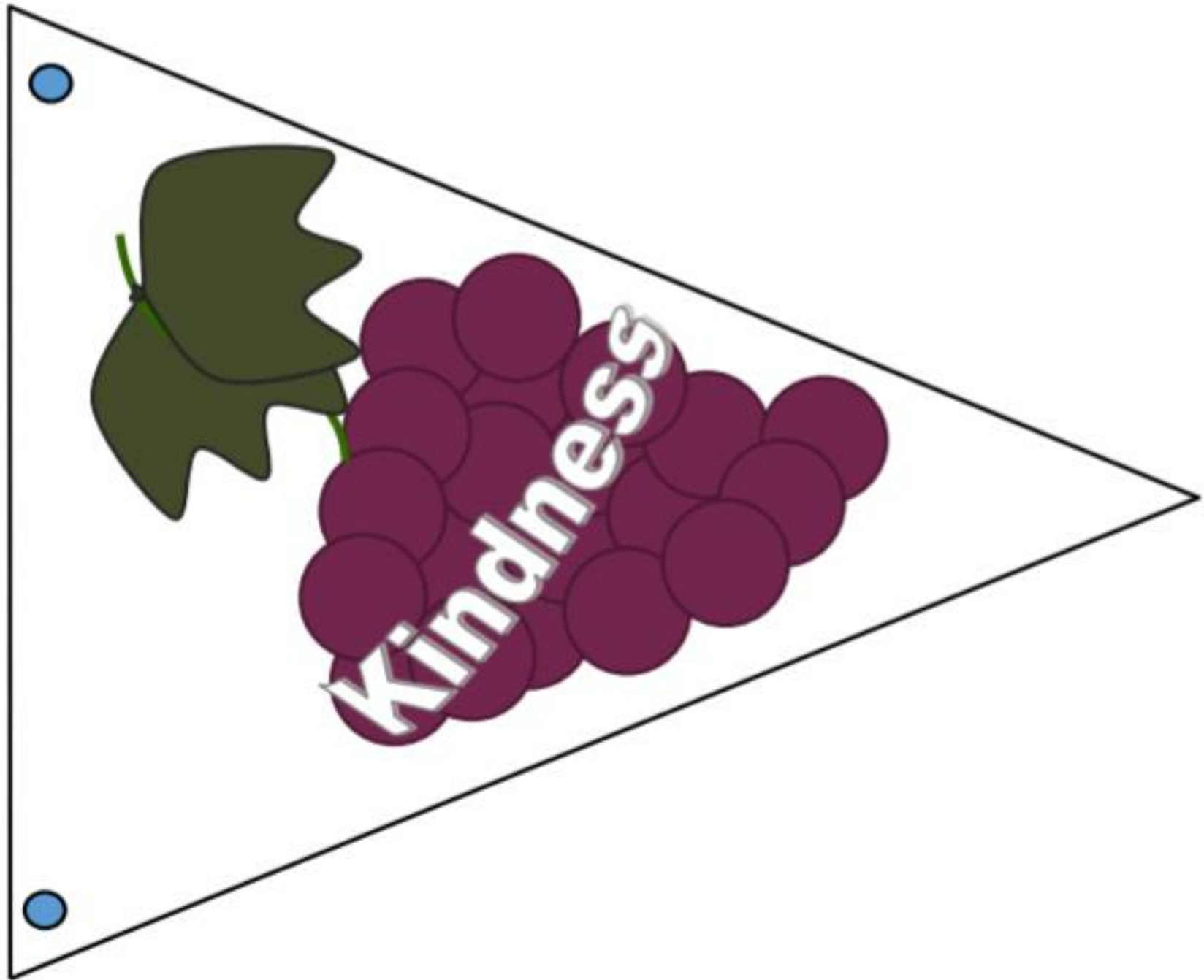


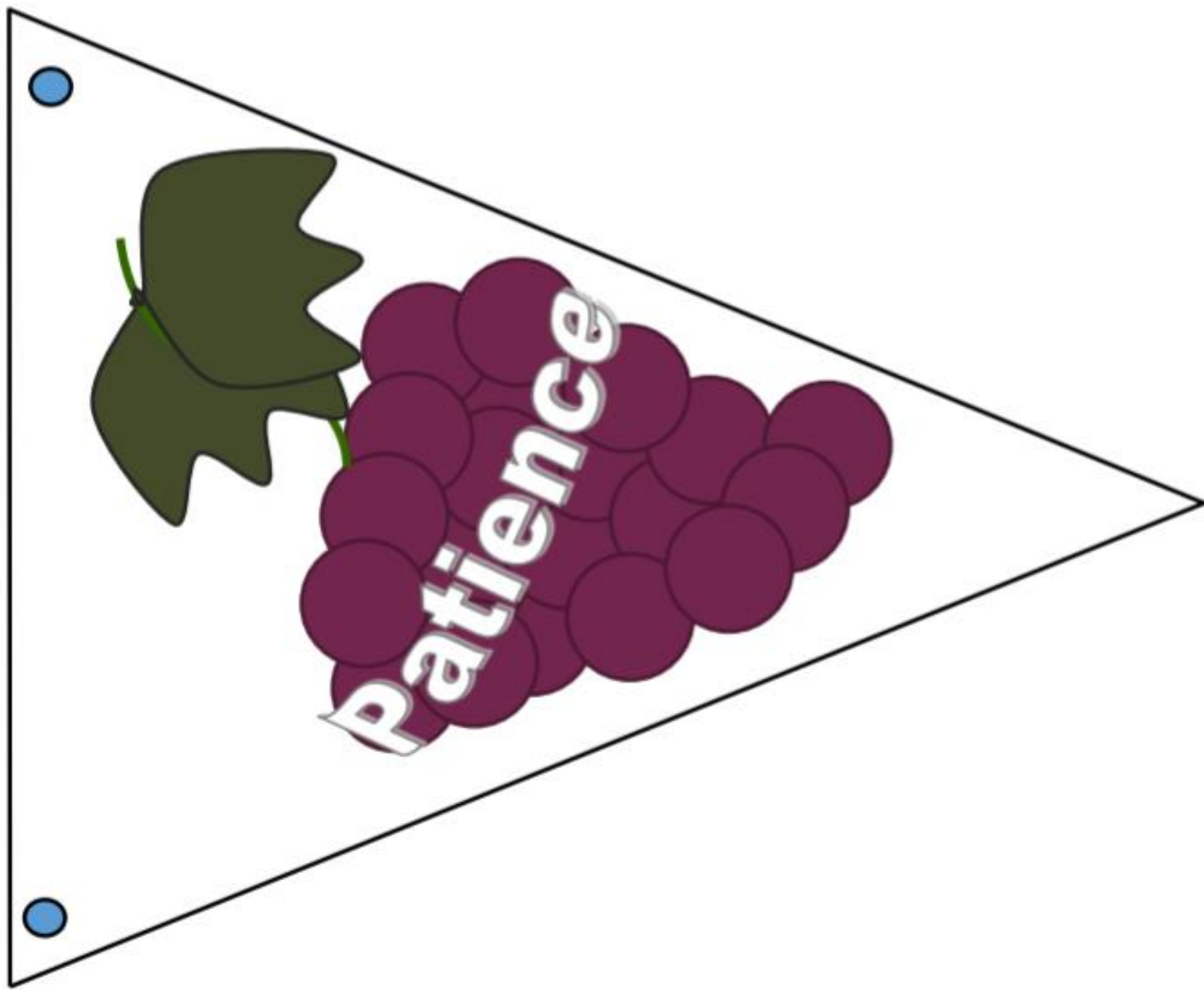


Gentleness

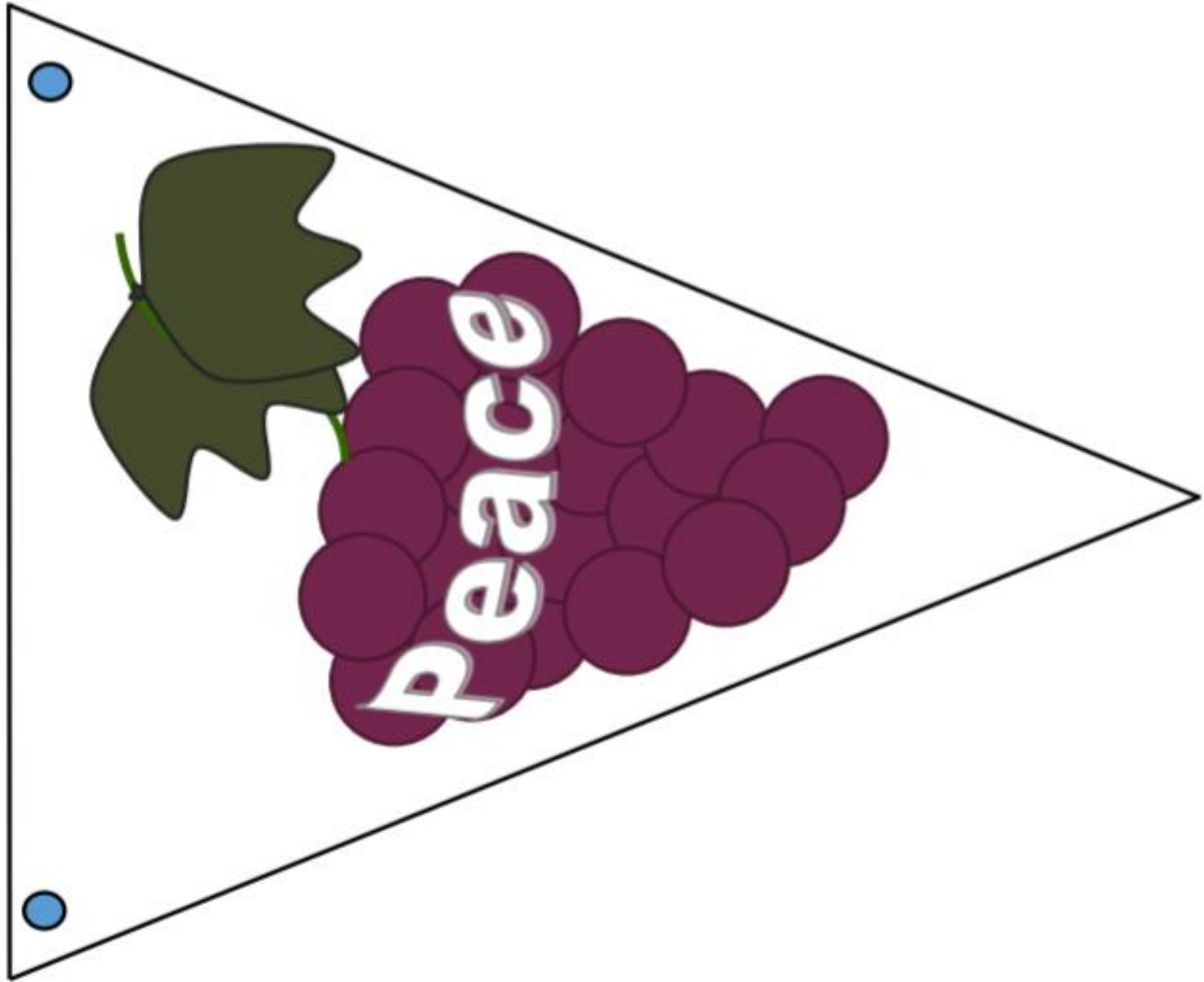


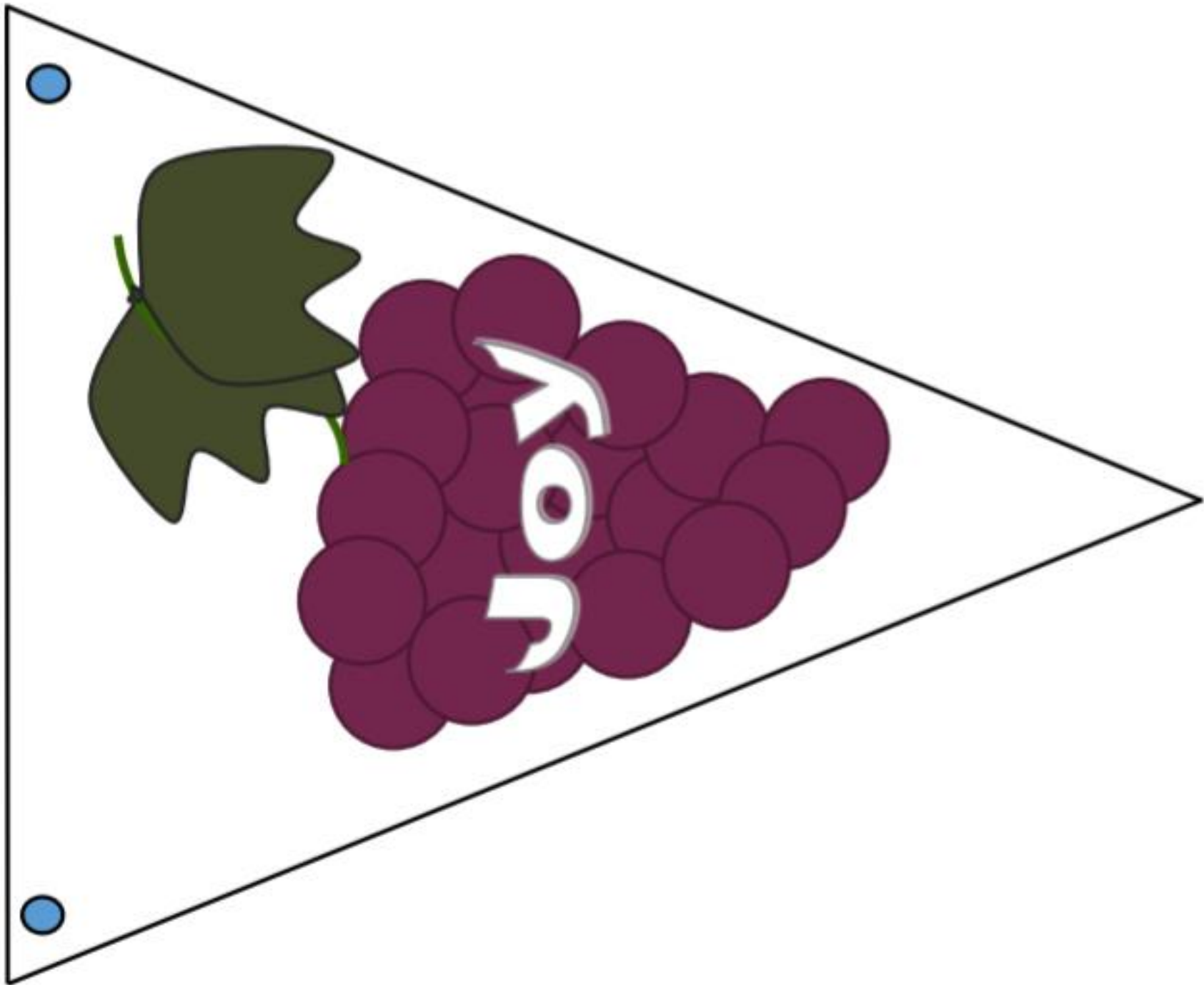


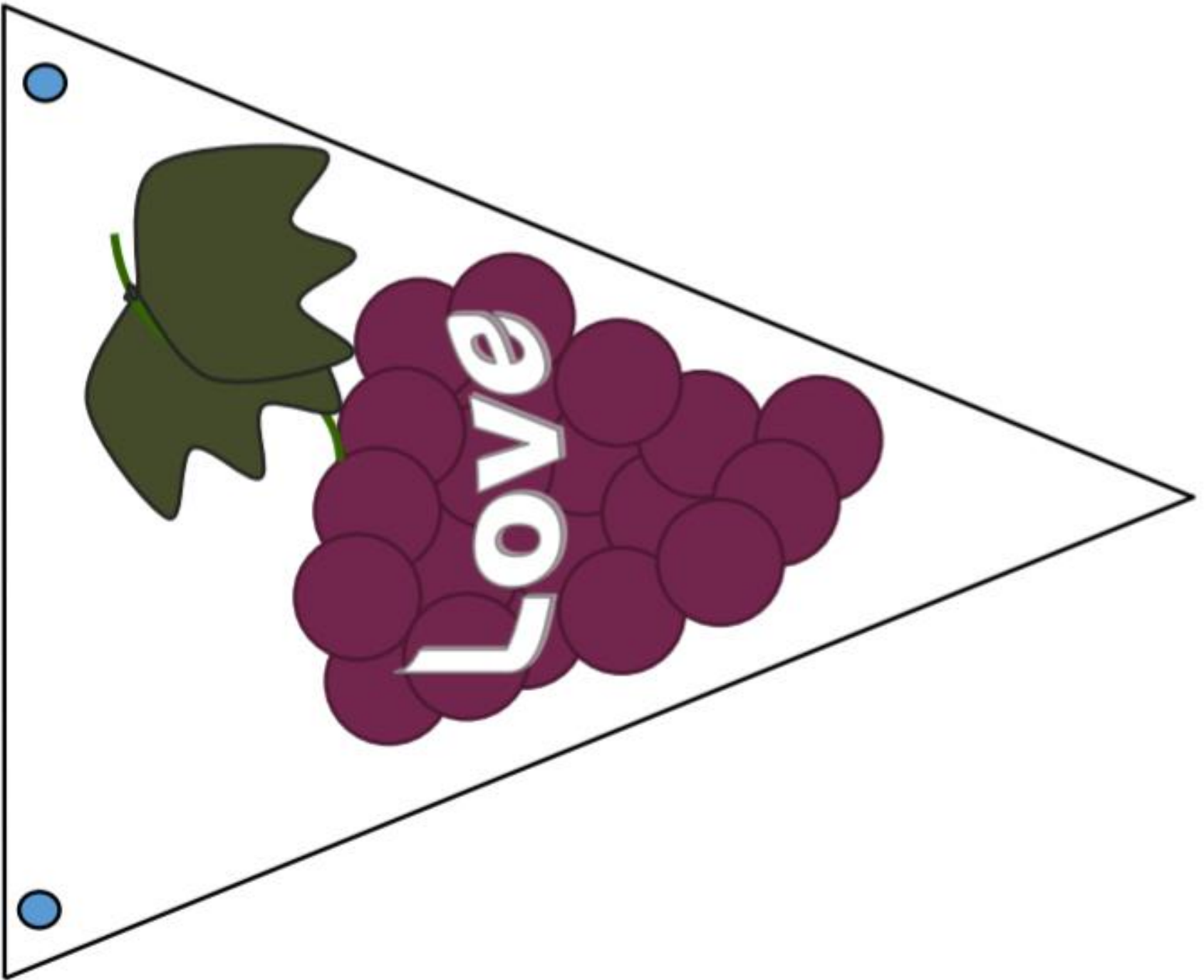




Patience





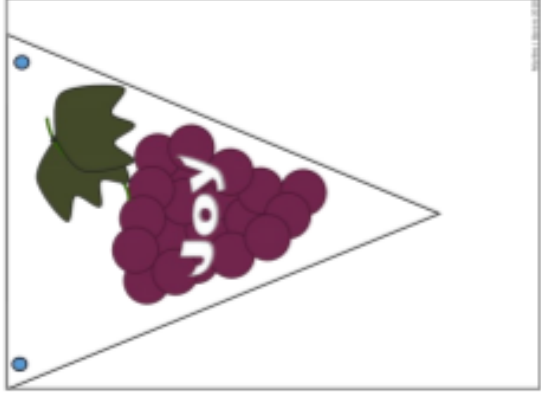


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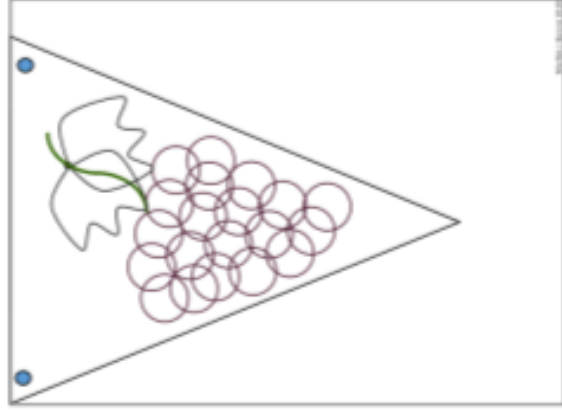
Craft ideas: All-age

2. Bunting: easy

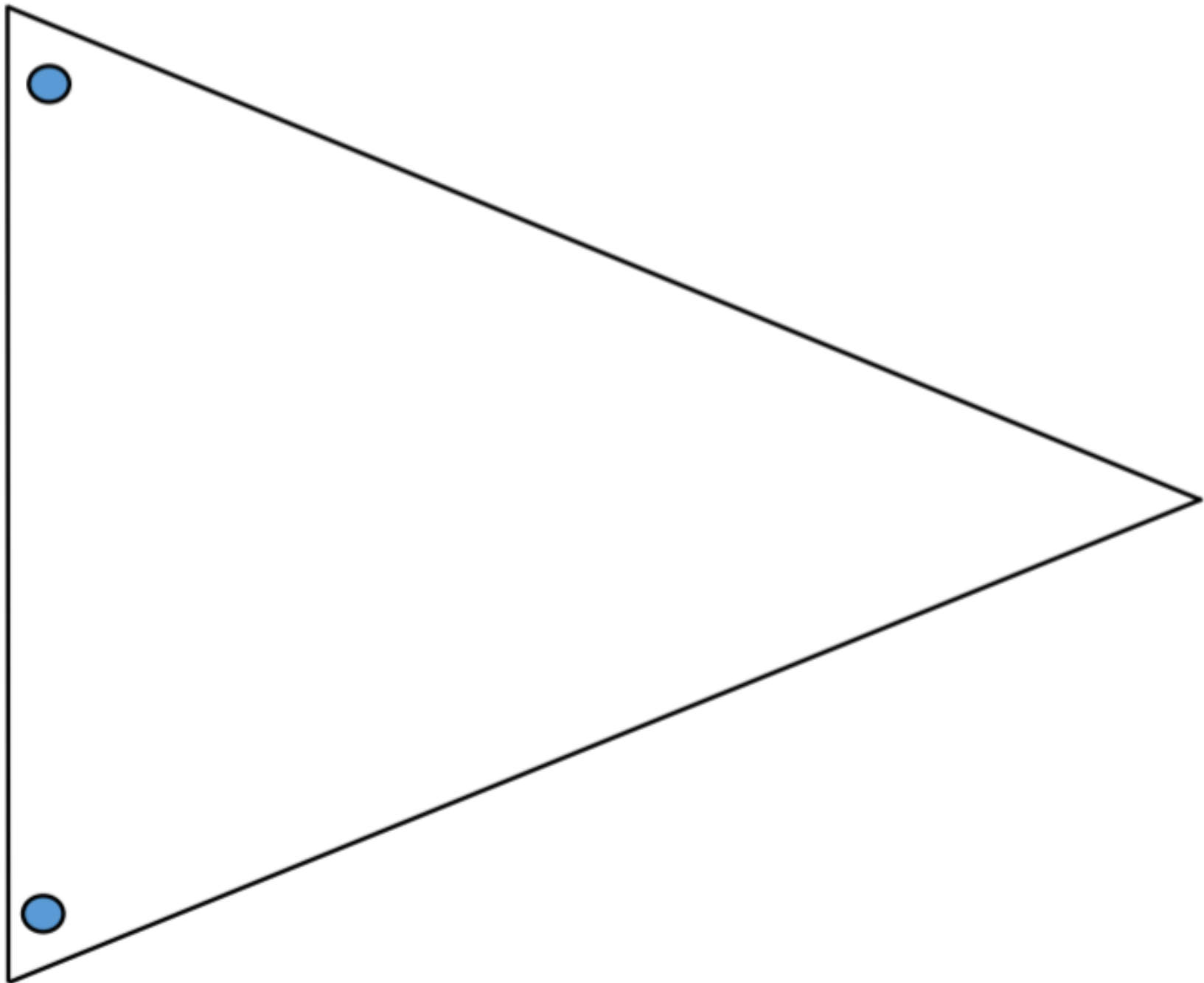
You will need; scissors, string, printed pages 'Bunting_FullColour_ xxx', glue.

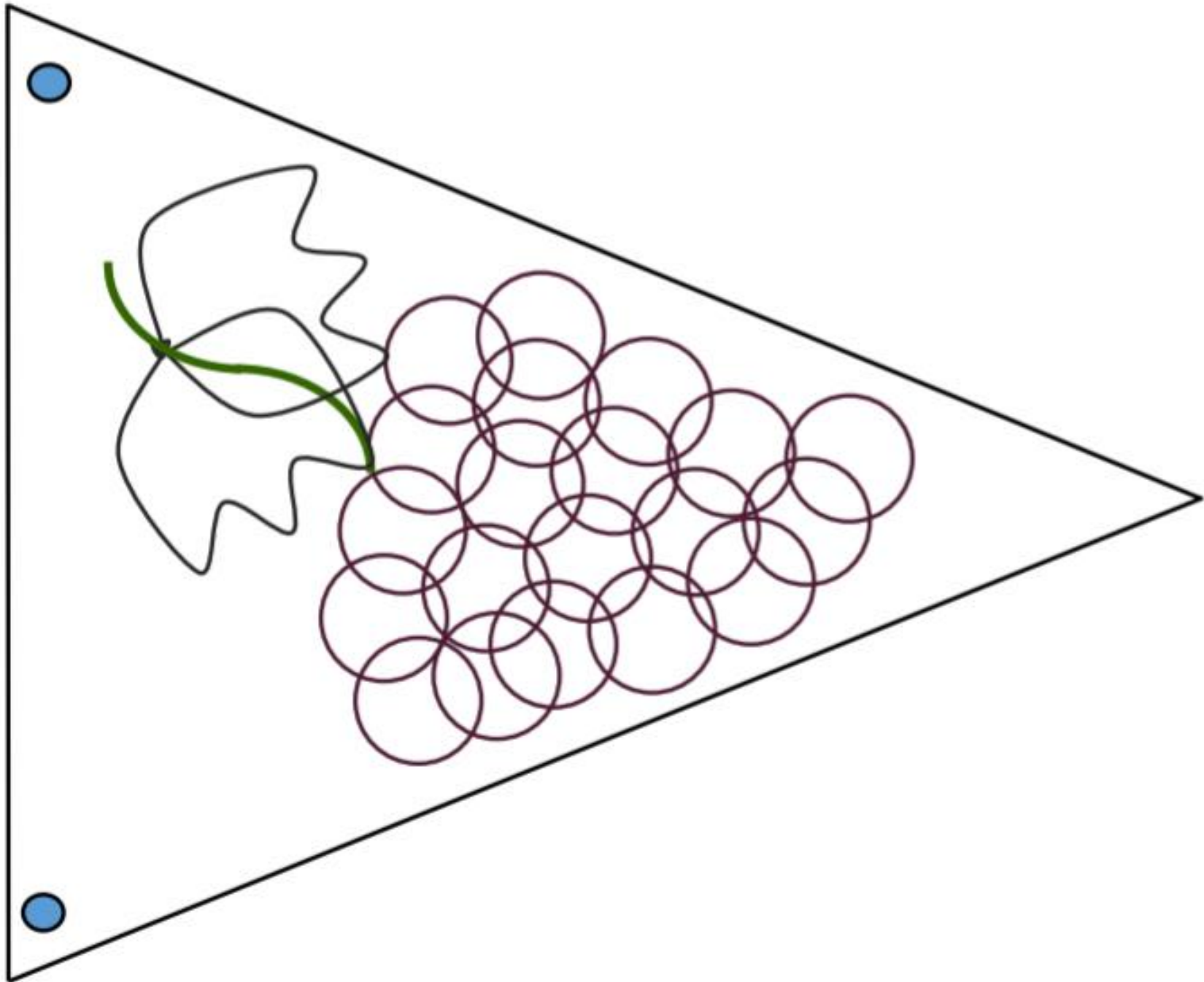


Print and cut out each of the nine bunting flags. Punch holes in the top edge where indicated using scissors or a hole punch. Thread the string or wool through the holes and hang.



If you prefer, You can colour your own flags. Print off 9 copies of 'Bunting_ToColour' and 'Fruits_of_Spirit'. Colour, paint or decorate your flag. Cut out the fruits of the spirit words and stick them onto your flag





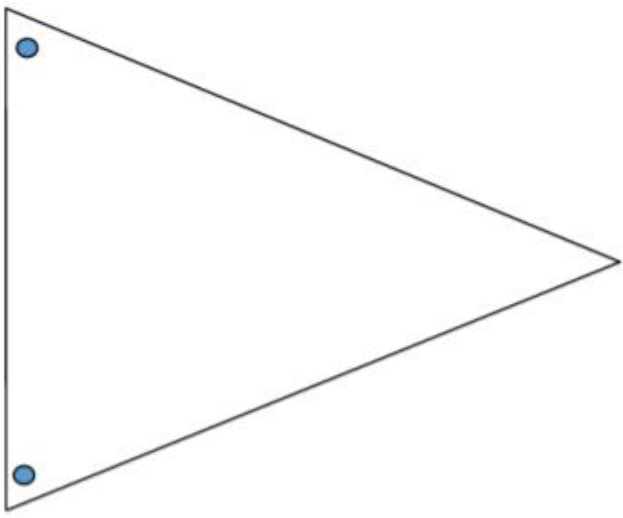
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3. Bunting: Intermediate

You will need: Pencil, cloth (worn out clothes or shopping bags work well) or paper or plastic (such as unwanted shopping bags) card (old cereal boxes, packaging) or packaging, scissors, ribbon or cord or string, glue. Glue gun, pinking shears, stapler and starch optional. Decorating materials e.g glitter glue. Pens, paint, coloured paper (e.g. from magazine pictures)

- A. Decide what size flag you would like to make. Either print 'BuntingTemplate' or make your own template out of scrap paper or card.
- B. Put your template on your chosen flag material (cloth, card, plastic, paper, etc) and draw around it with the pencil.
- C. Cut out your flag along the pencil lines. If you are using cloth that can fray, cutting using pinking shears will reduce fraying.
- D. Cut out as many flags as you want to decorate.
- E. Decorate your flags. If it is hard to keep them still, try stretching them across a piece of card (used card packaging works very well)
- F. If you are using an old tee-shirt for your flags, the jersey cloth may curl at the edges. To prevent this, starch the jersey cloth. You can use starch for clothes bought from a shop or make your own: <http://foursquarewalls.blogspot.com/2012/06/div-spray-starch-eliminate-curled-edges.html> . A grown-up will need to use the iron.



- G. Decorate using pens, paint, fabric paint, sticking on shapes of coloured paper, applique (<https://www.embroideryonline.com/products/designs/techniques/applique/>) glitter glue , buttons, or anything else you can think of.
- H. Attach your finished flags to the string, ribbon or cord.
 - If using string or cord, fold the top of the flag over the string or card and fasten in place with glue or staples. If using PVA glue, use clothes pegs or paper clips or bulldog clips to hold in place until the glue is dry. If using a hot glue gun, adult supervision is required.
 - If using ribbon, either glue flags onto flat ribbon or fold ribbon over top of flag and glue or staple in place. Hot glue gun give a better result, but PVA can be successful if held in place to dry.

4. Bunting: Advanced

Instructions for sewn cloth bunting can be found here: <https://www.thesewingdirectory.co.uk/bunting-project/>



Love Joy Peace

Patience Kindness

Goodness Faithfulness

Gentleness Self-control

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1. Growing cress

You will need; cress seeds, absorbent paper or cotton wool, a plate, bowl or egg shell A funnel will also be helpful if you want to make a pattern



Put some absorbent paper or cotton wool on a plate or bowl. Dampen with cold water. Put cress seeds onto the damp paper or cotton wool. If you want to make a pattern, like this smiley face, using a funnel makes it easier. Water carefully every day. To avoid disturbing the pattern, trickle the cold water gently onto the edge of the bowl or plate and allow it to seep into the absorbent paper.



You could also grow cress seed inside an empty egg shell. First empty the egg and wash out the shell. Carefully fill the egg shell with absorbent paper or cotton wool. Sprinkle seeds on. Water every day. You can draw, paint or stick a smiley face of the egg shell to make it look like a person. When the cress grows, it looks like hair.