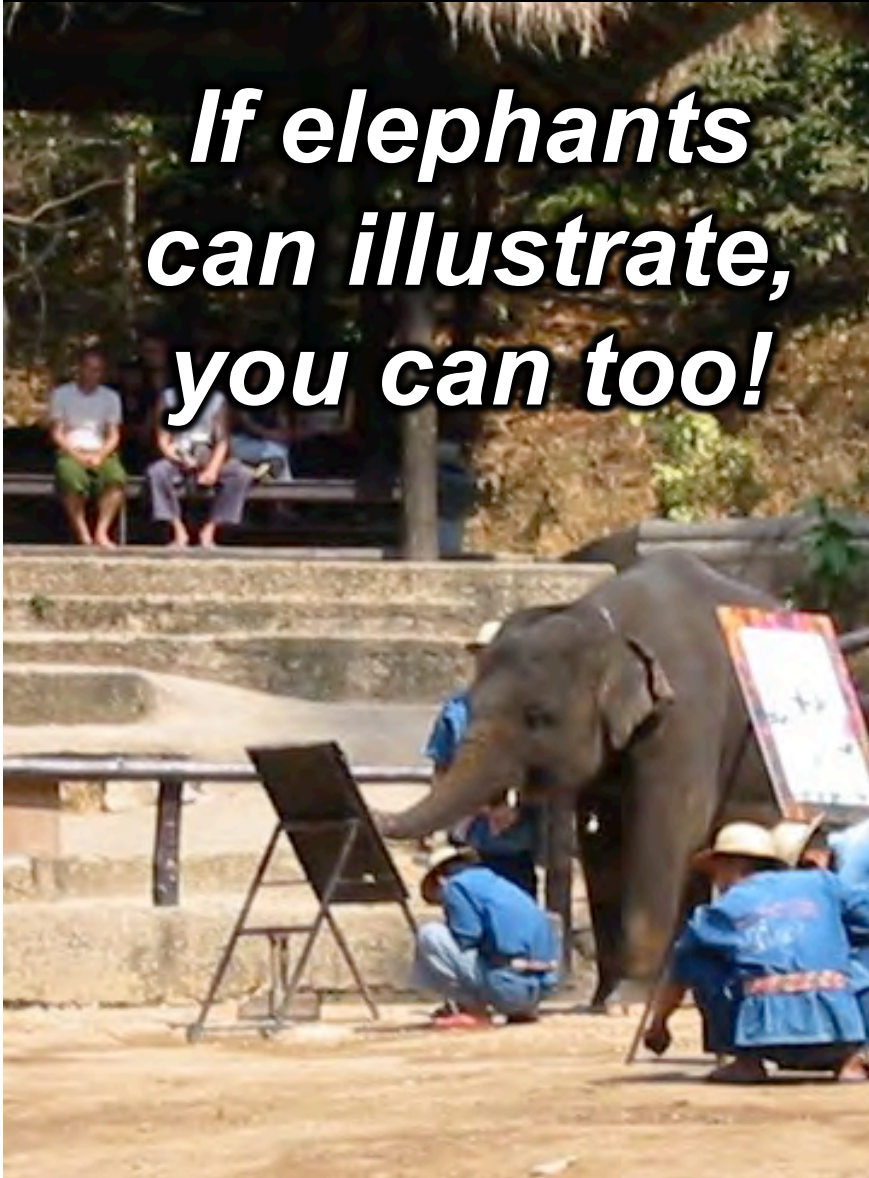


Illustrations

*If elephants
can illustrate,
you can too!*







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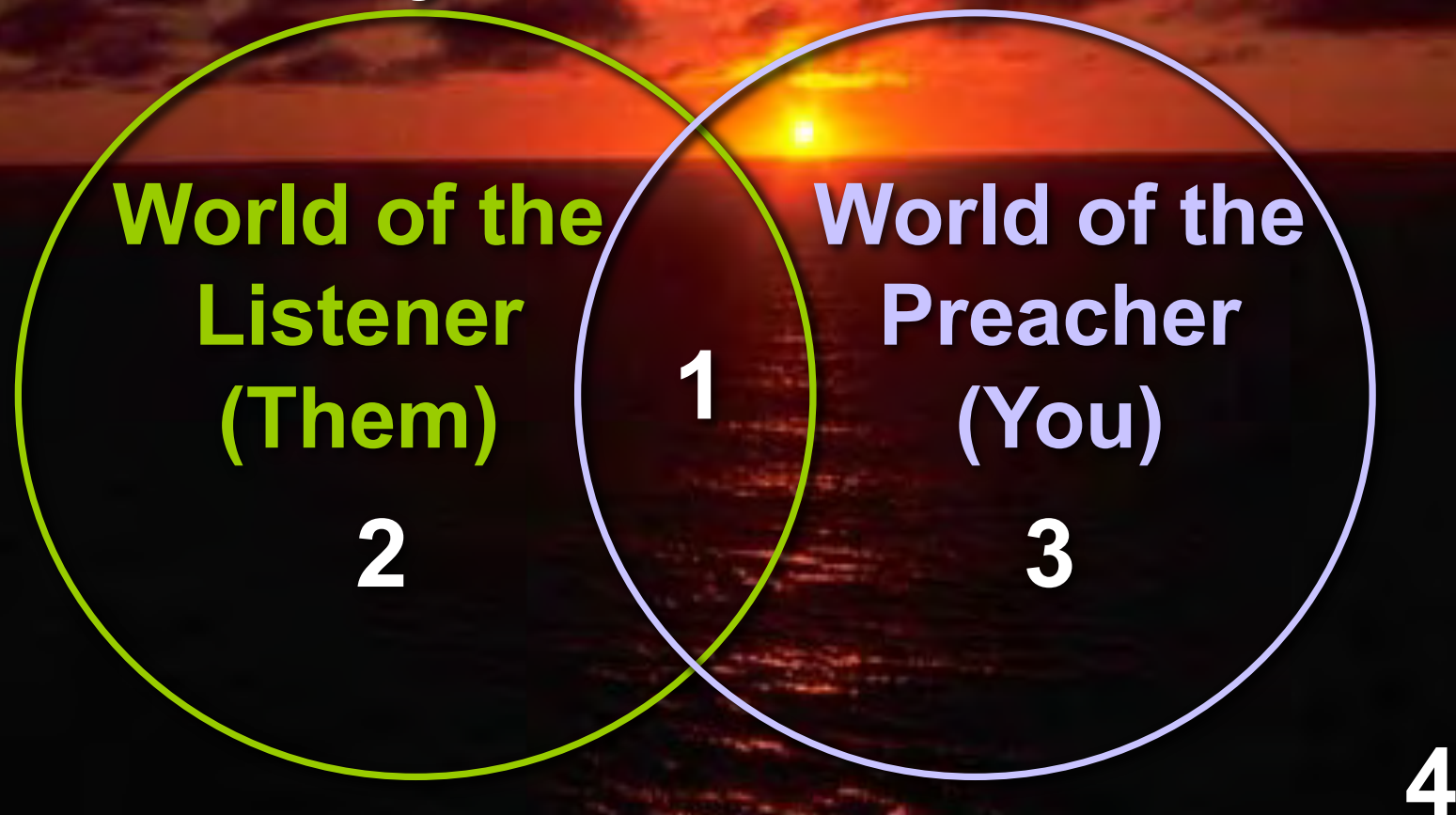
The Importance of Good Illustrations

*Why is it important to illustrate the
text well when preaching?*



How to Give Good Illustrations

A. Draw illustrations from your listener's world—not yours!



Where are your best illustrations?

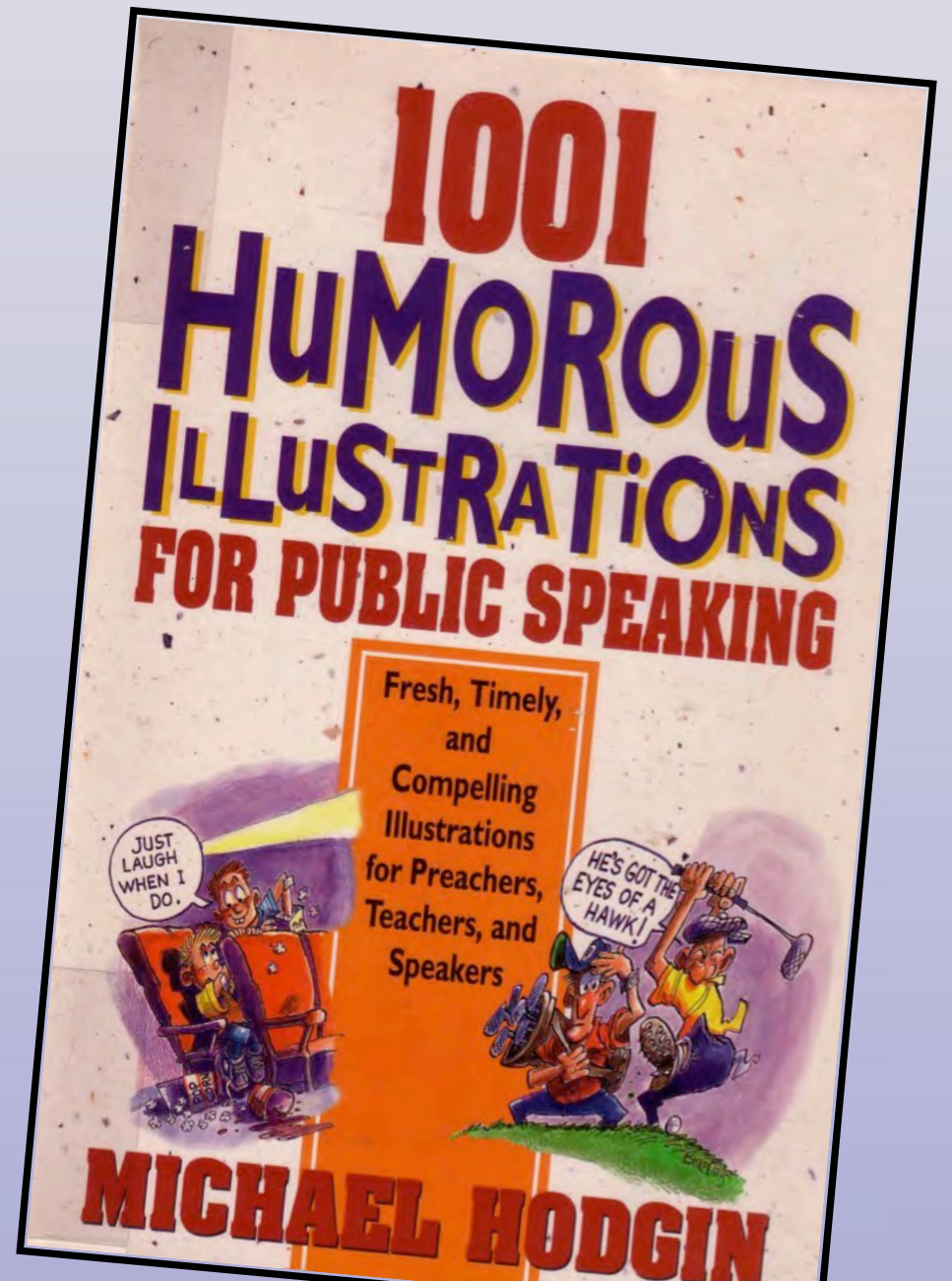
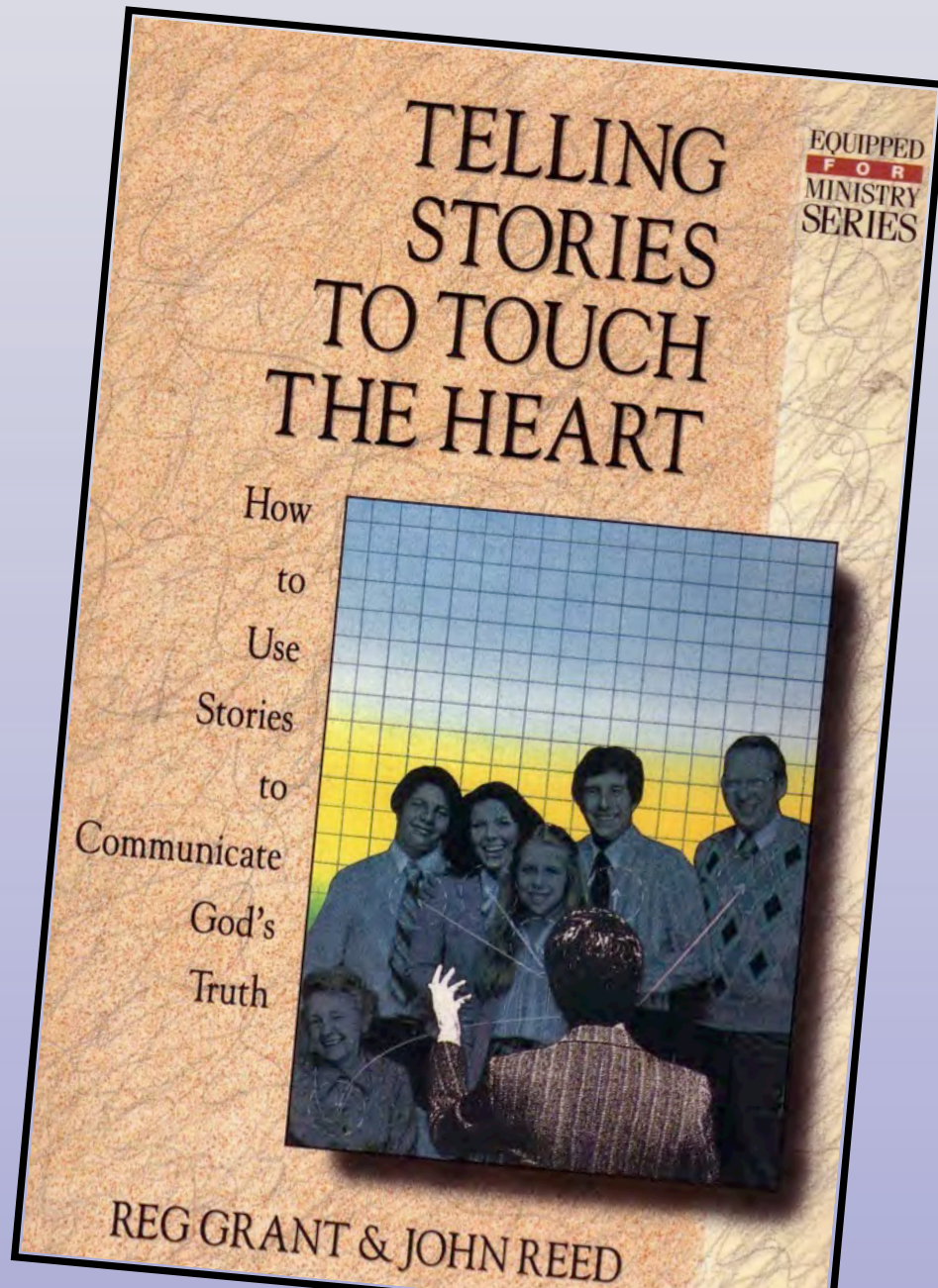
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Tell Stories & Jokes



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- E. Illustrate for every 3 minutes of preaching (p. 51 has 18 ILLs in 15 minutes!)**

F. Avoid these dangers when illustrating your points...

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Dangers



The embellished story
The superfluous story
The egocentric story
The specious story
The manipulative story

Check:

Length
Relevance
Humility
Truthfulness
Motive

How to Catalog Illustrations

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**Get approval
before using
certain
individuals in
illustrations**



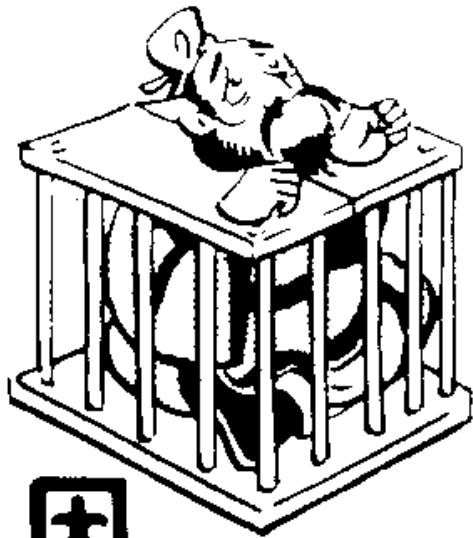
**“Unhand me or I will use you
in a sermon illustration!”**

Fun with Chinese Characters

恩

ĒN

mercy;
kindness;
grace



大

WHY is a mature man (大) confined in a cell or enclosure (口)? The answer forms the character: 因, meaning cause or reason. The sight of such a confined man may excite pity in the heart (心), and if this feeling leads one to liberate him, that is grace or mercy — the result of tempering reason (因) with sentiment (心).

恩



PENG

丨	冂	冂	冂	因	因	恩	恩	恩				
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FUN WITH CHINESE CHARACTERS

The Straits Times Collection 2



Where Preachers Get Illustrations

MY
COLLEGE
ROOMMATE
USED TO
SAY...



SEMINARIAN

MY
SEMINARY
PROFS
USED TO
SAY...



FIRST
CHURCH

THERE WAS
A DEAR
OLD SAINT
IN MY FIRST
CHURCH
WHO USED
TO SAY...



SECOND
CHURCH

I KNEW AN
ELDER IN
MY FORMER
CHURCH
WHO USED
TO SAY...



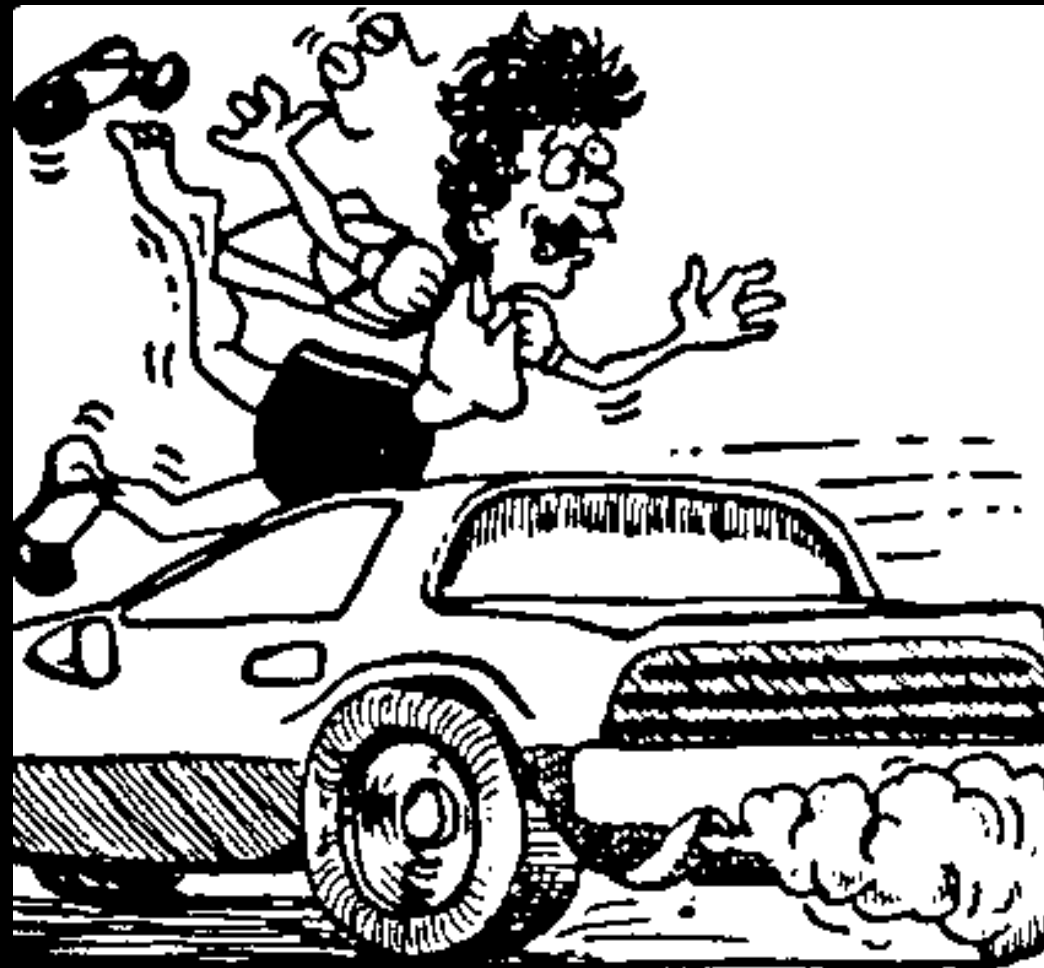
THIRD
CHURCH

MY GRAND
DAUGHTER
SAID THE
CUTEST
THING...



RETIREMENT





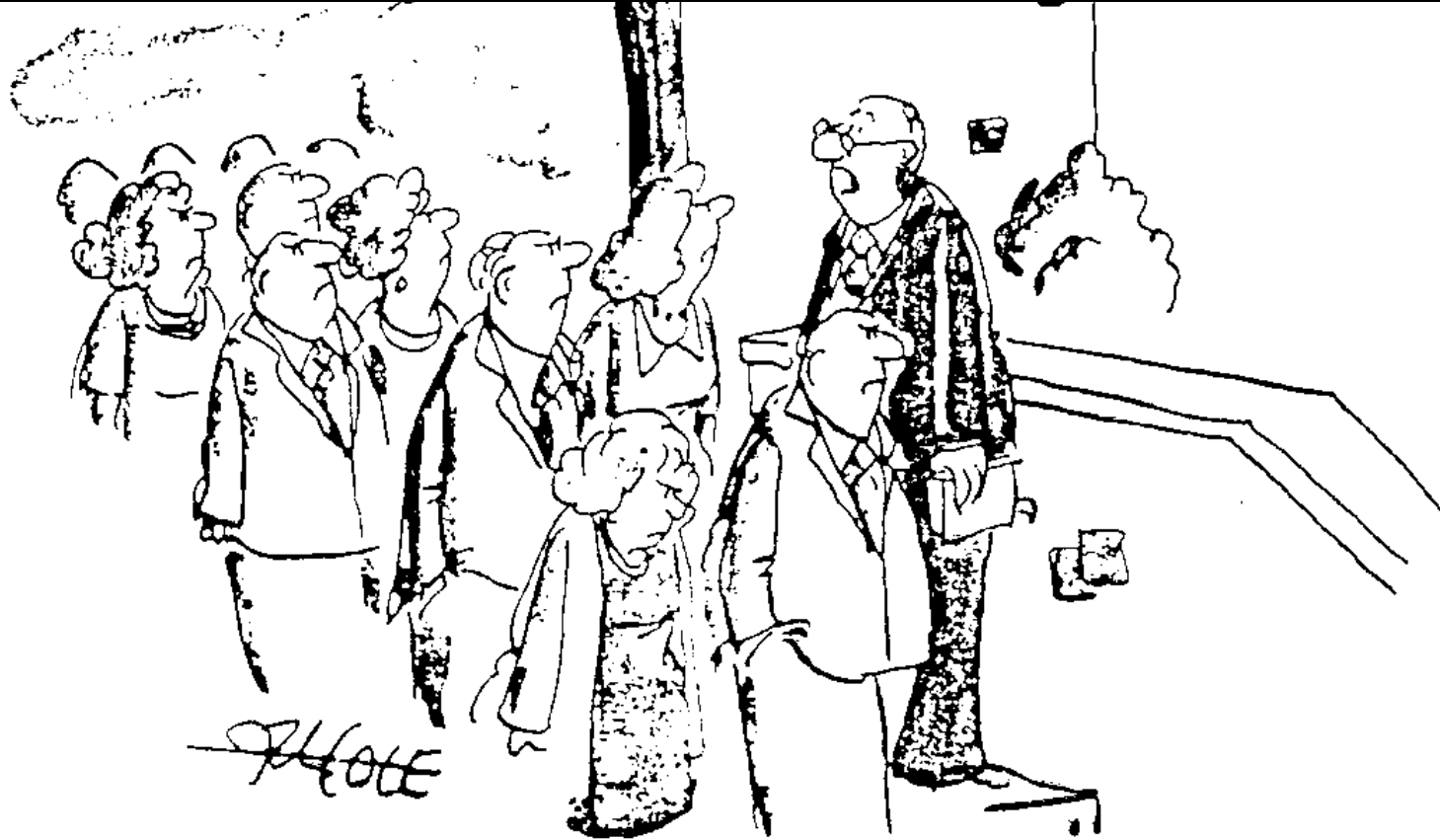
Look Around!



Do you have any
good resources for
illustrations?



Choose examples carefully



**“All persons in my sermon were fictitious...
All persons in my sermon were fictitious...
All persons in my sermon were fictitious... All...”**

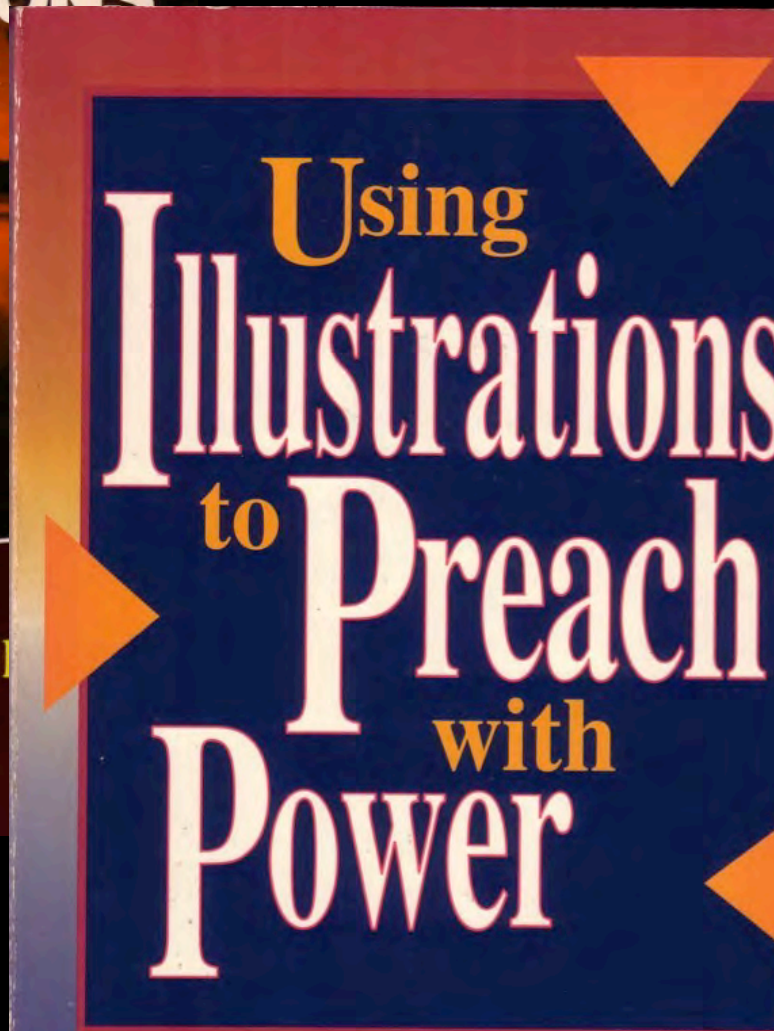
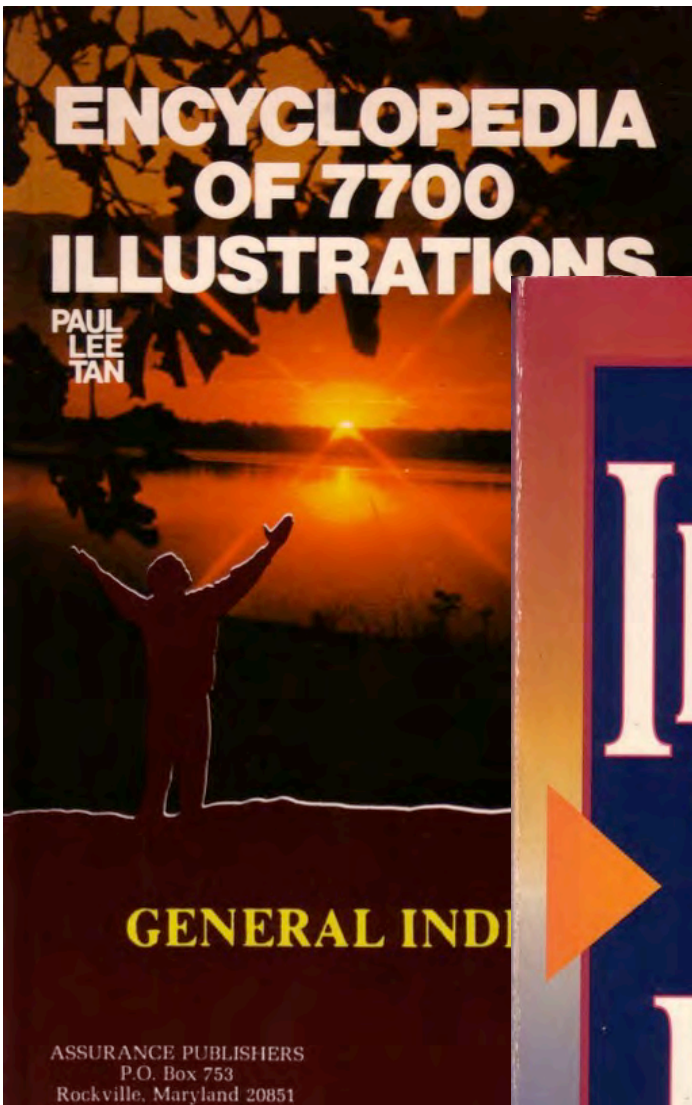
Guard your marriage!



“Repeat after me, I will not make fun of my wife's cooking in my sermons!”

Other Books

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Bryan Chapell

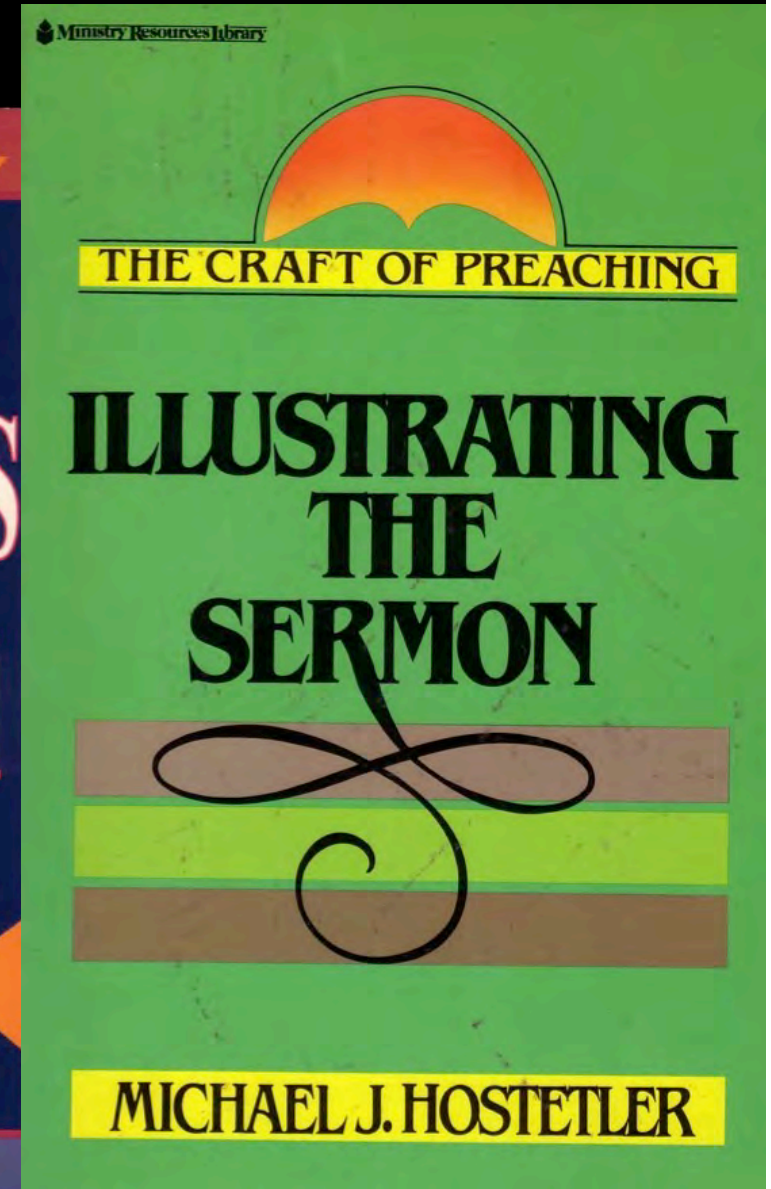


Illustration Websites

- IllustrationExchange.com
- PreachingToday.com
- SermonCentral.com
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E.T.
Intolerable Cruelty
In Good Company
Notting Hill
Meet Joe Black



B. Categorize Your Illustrations

Give each a TITLE and subtitle

***Try this now with the 4
illustrations on page 66...***

TITLES and subtitles

EXAMPLES bad ones from the world

PHILOSOPHY leads to lifestyle

RAPE impressions of pre-teens on sex

RIGHTS violations of acceptable

SENSES importance of A/V

LEARNING teach visually

BELIEFS survey about Americans

TEACHING badly needed in the church

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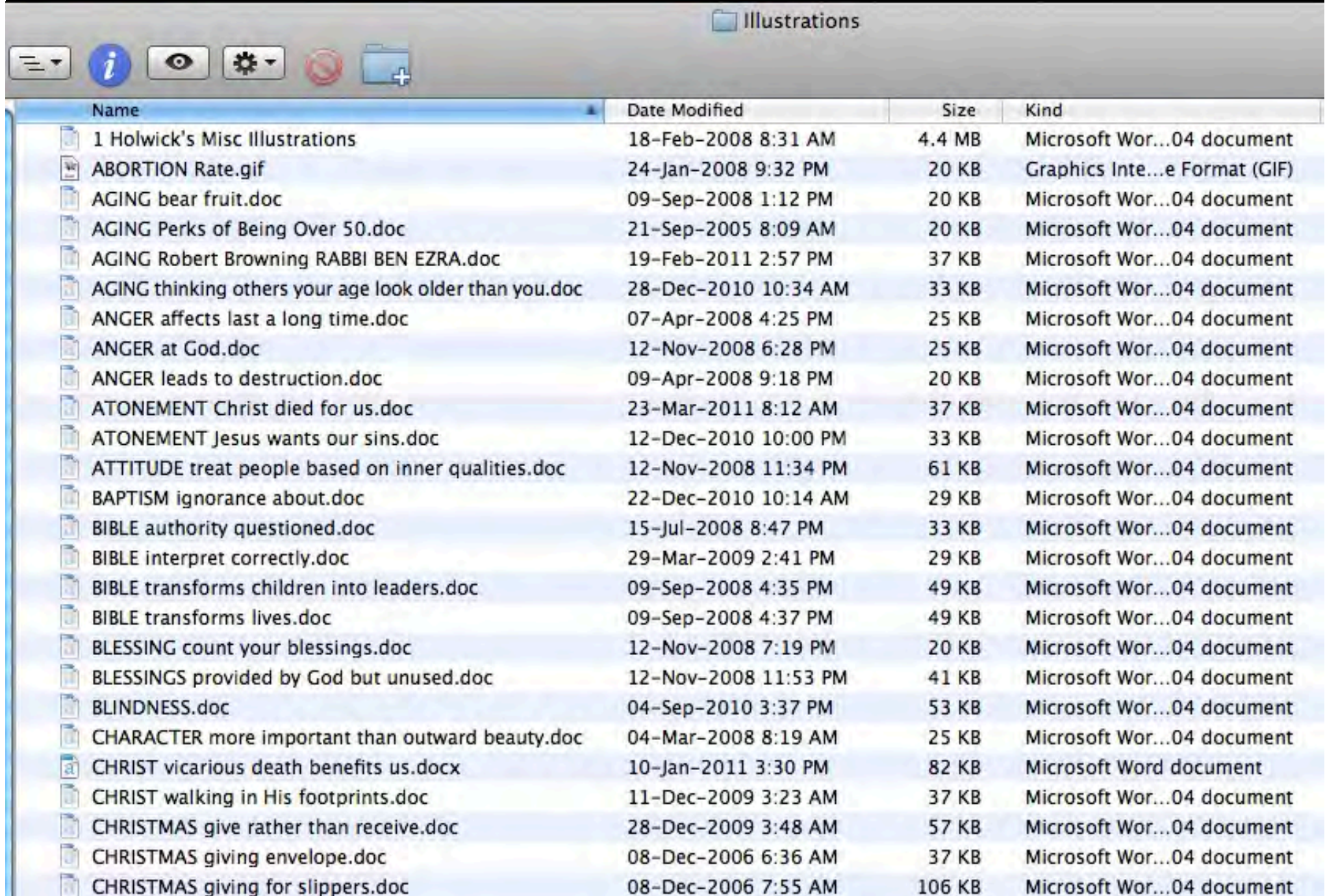
Give each a TITLE and subtitle

C. File Your Illustrations

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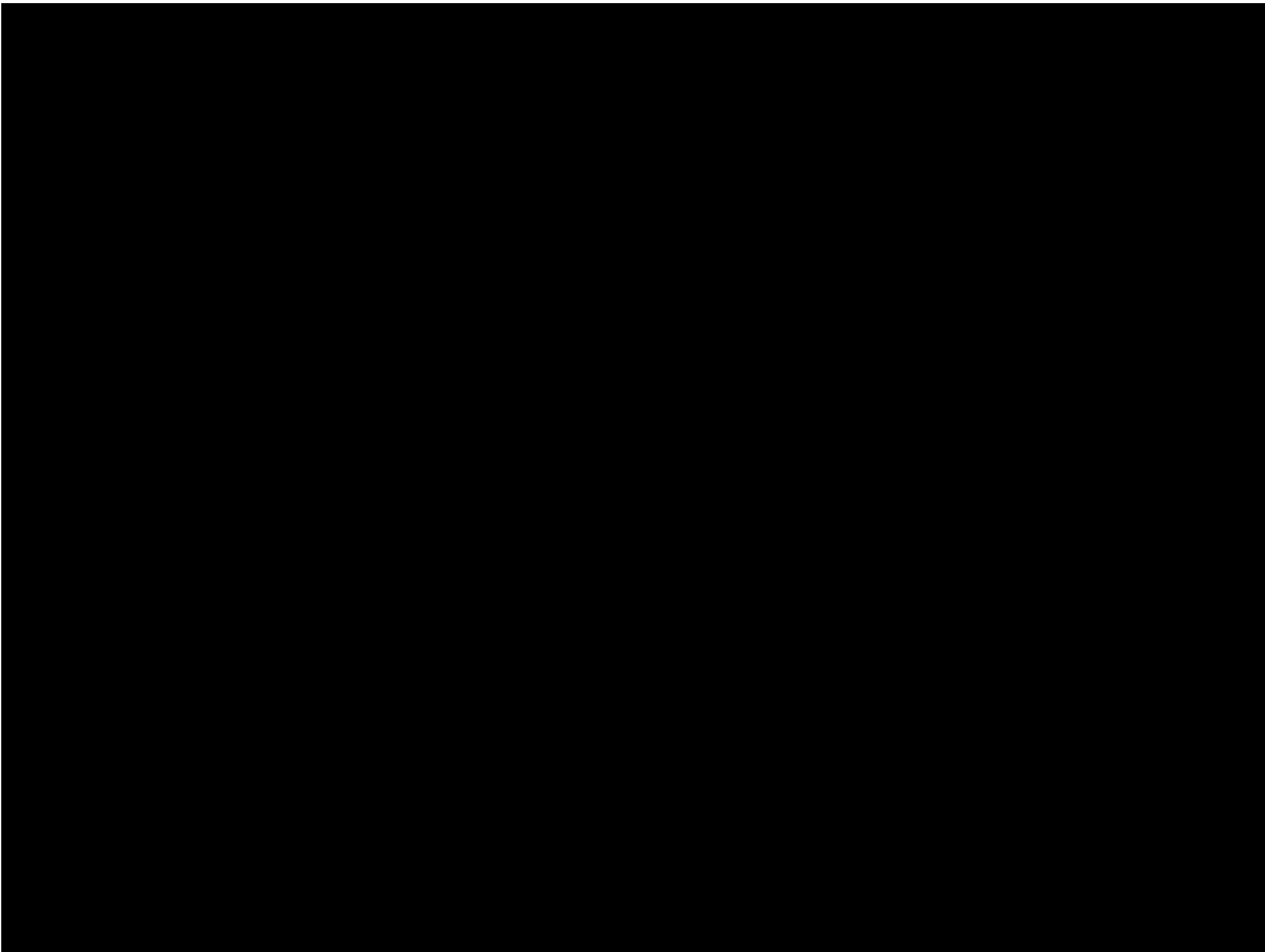
- **3 x 5 Card & A4-size Files**
- **Computer file of separate Word documents**

My Computer Folder of Illustrations



The screenshot shows a Mac OS X file browser window titled "Illustrations". The window has a standard Mac OS X title bar with a menu button, an information icon, a view icon, a settings icon, a red stop icon, and a folder icon with a plus sign. Below the title bar is a table listing files in the folder. The table has four columns: Name, Date Modified, Size, and Kind. The files listed are:

Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
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BIBLE transforms children into leaders.doc	09-Sep-2008 4:35 PM	49 KB	Microsoft Wor...04 document
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