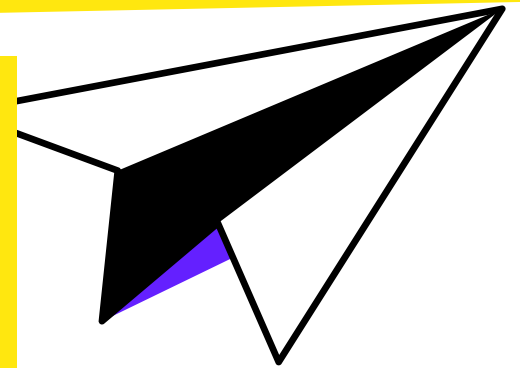
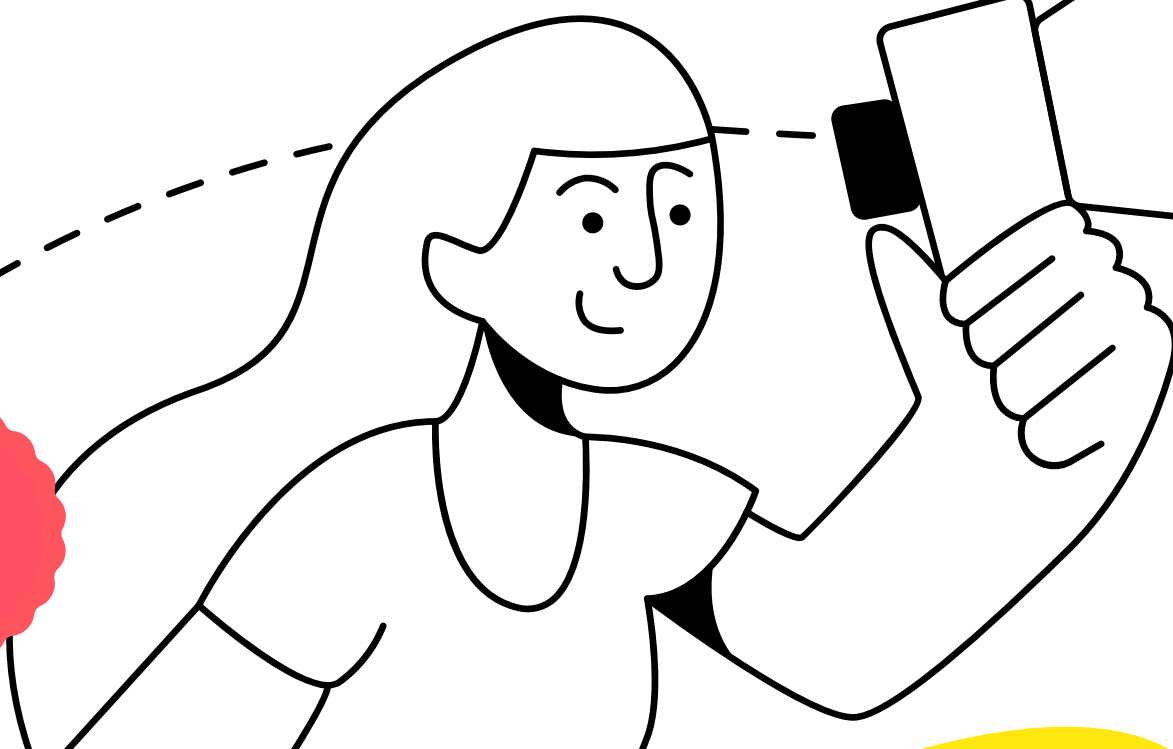
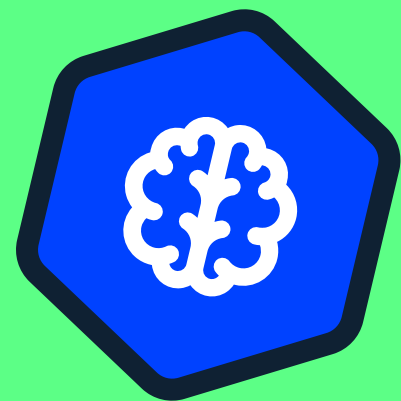


Giving and Receiving Advice

Family Discussion



Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. ... Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, ... You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them the decrees and laws and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. But select capable men from all the ... Have them serve as judges for the people at all times but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

Exodus 18:17-22 (NIV)





Discuss

- Why is it sometimes difficult to receive advice or counsel from someone else?
- What might make you hesitate to offer advice or assistance to another person?
- What are some important principles to remember when you go to someone with advice, even though they did not ask for it.

Prayer

- Thank the Lord for people in your life who gave you kind and helpful guidance.
- Pray for people you know that are struggling with a decision or a task.
- Ask God to give you love and compassion and the courage to help them in an appropriate way.