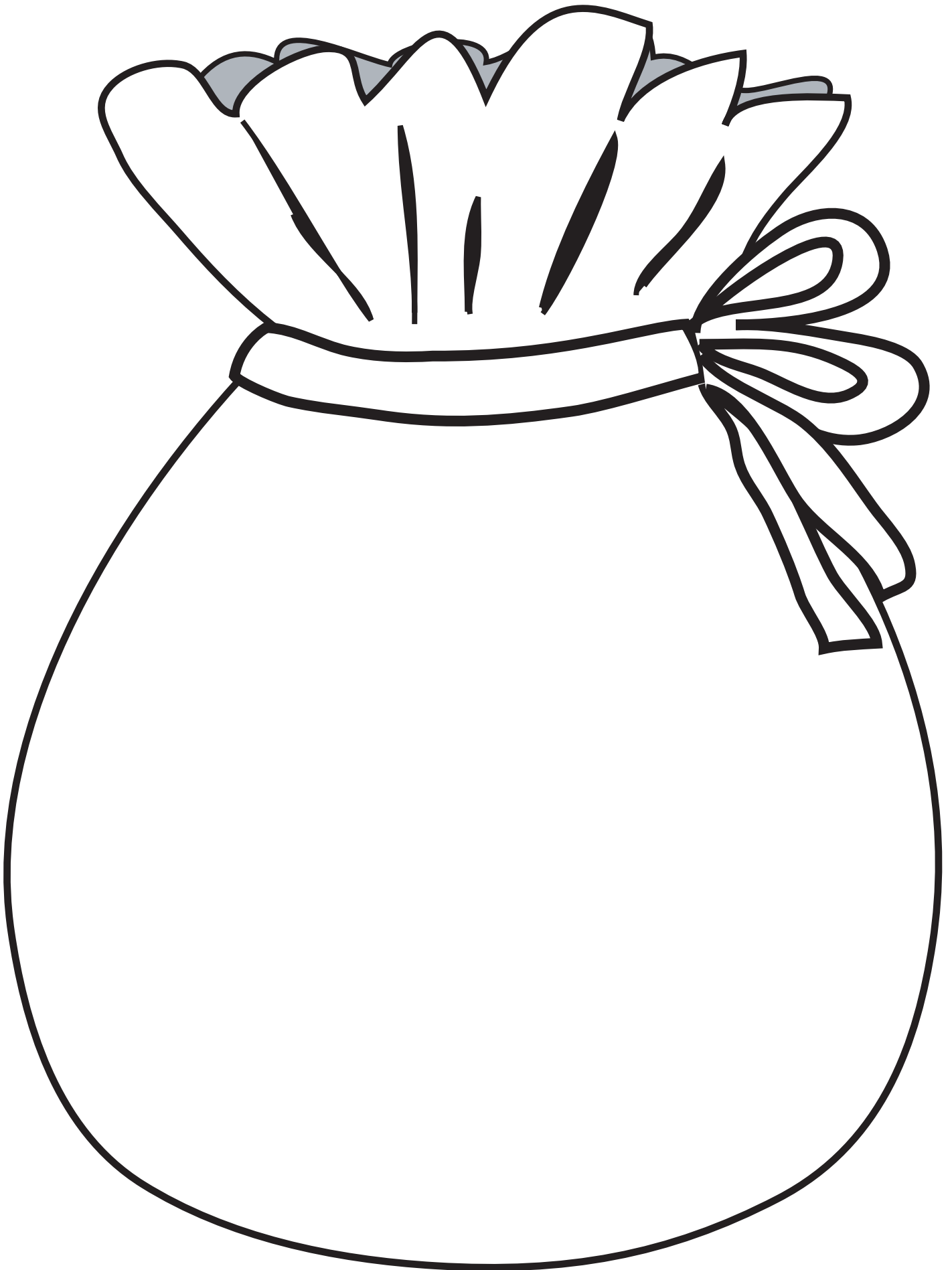


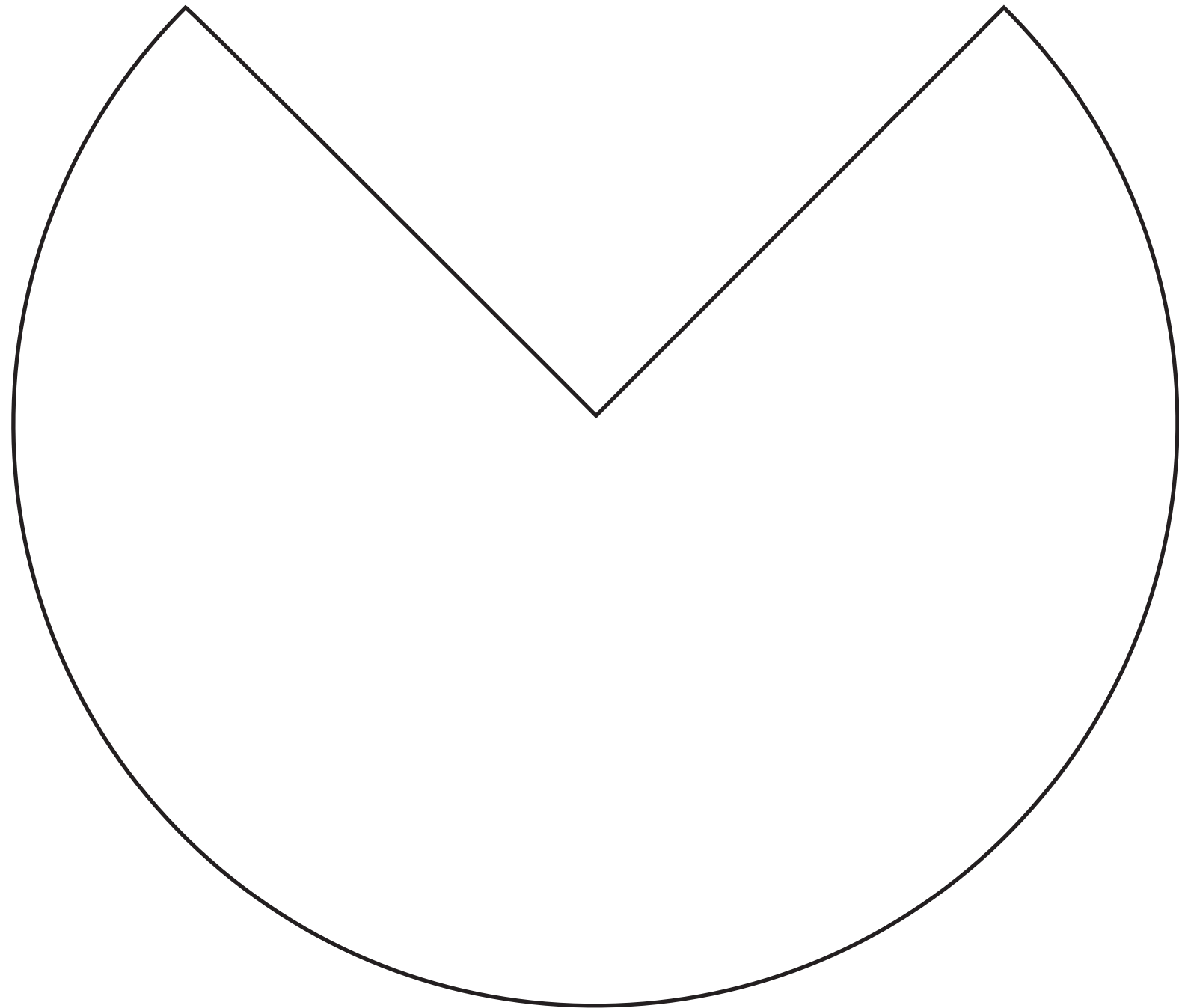
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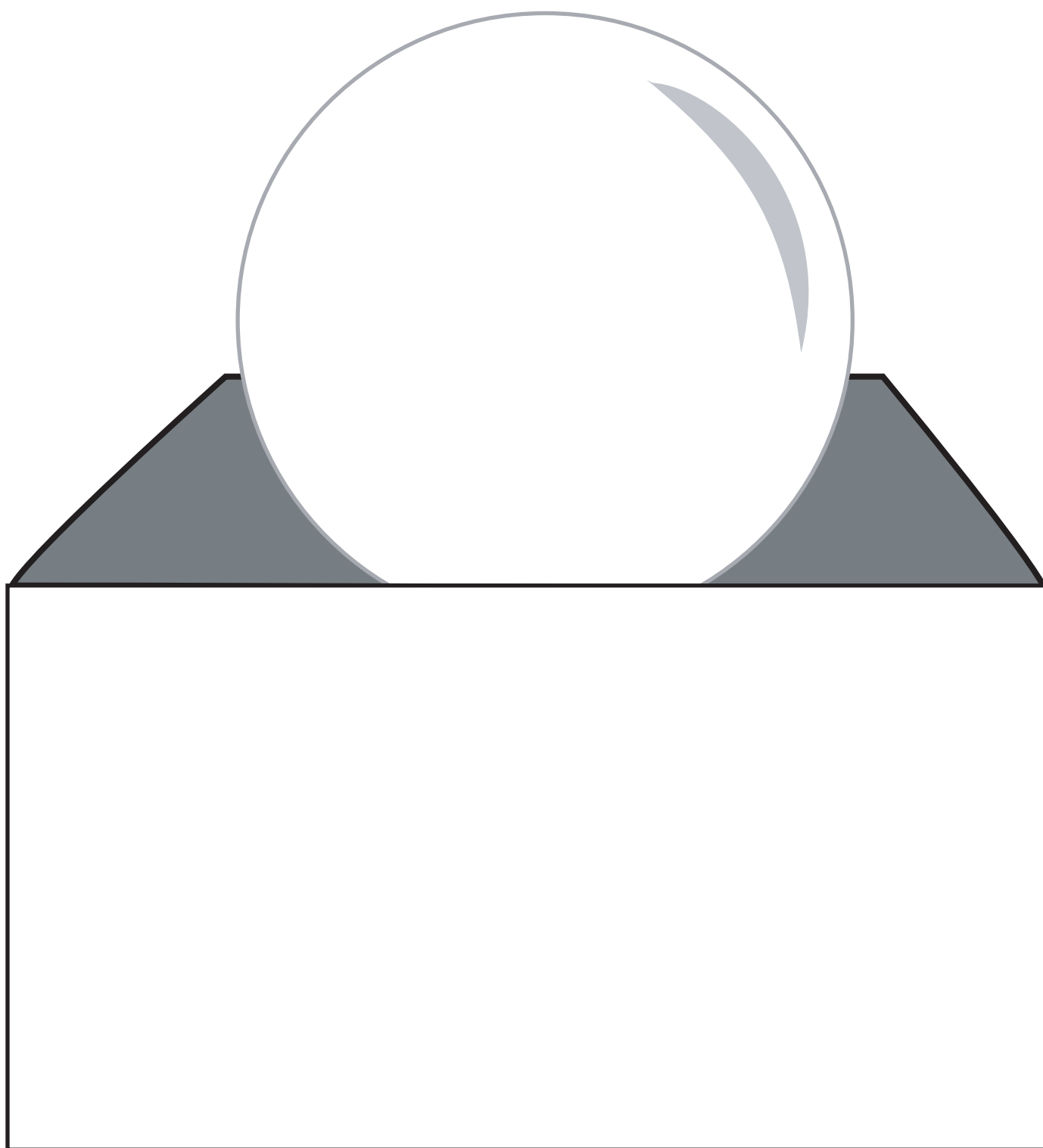


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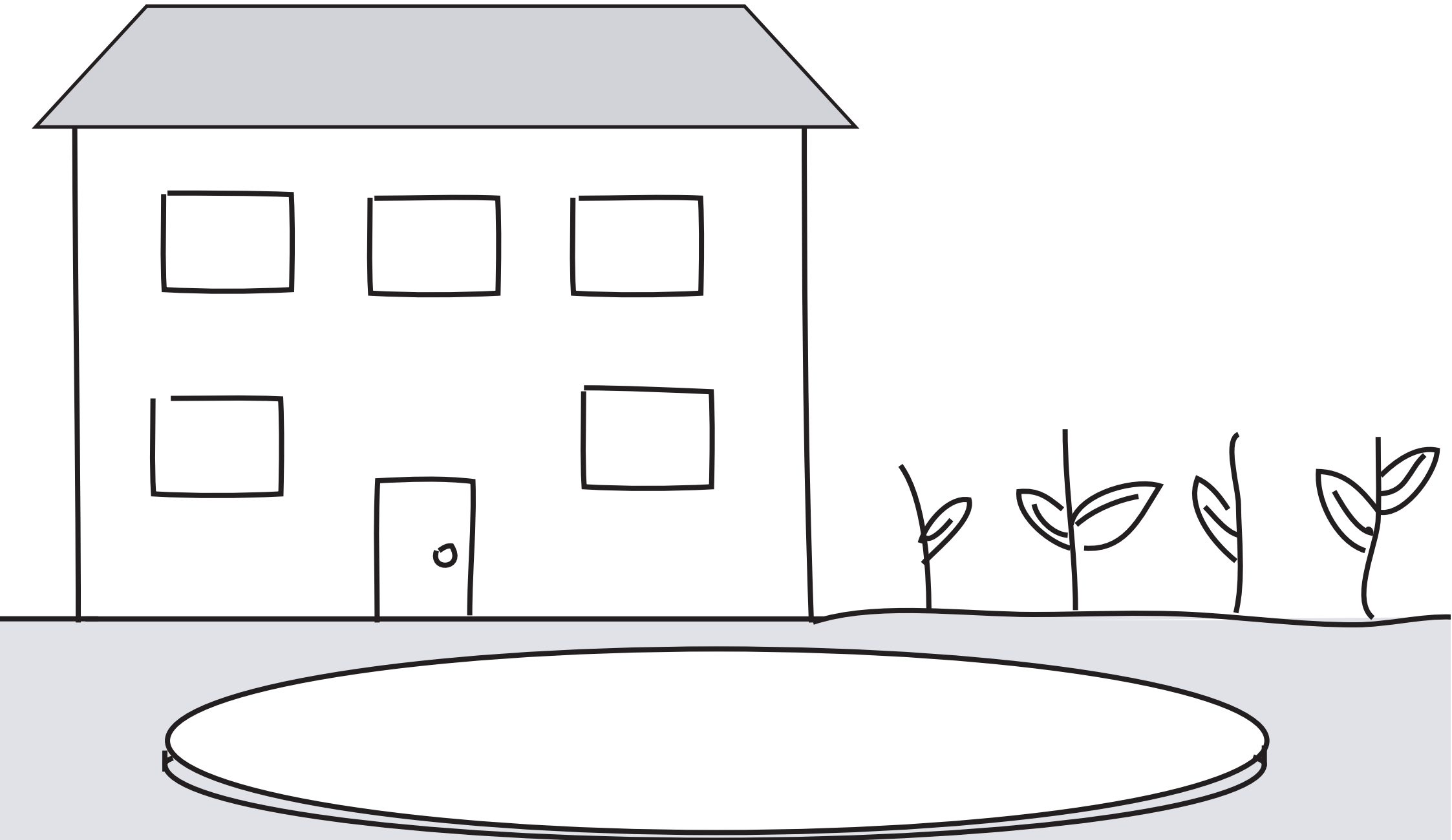


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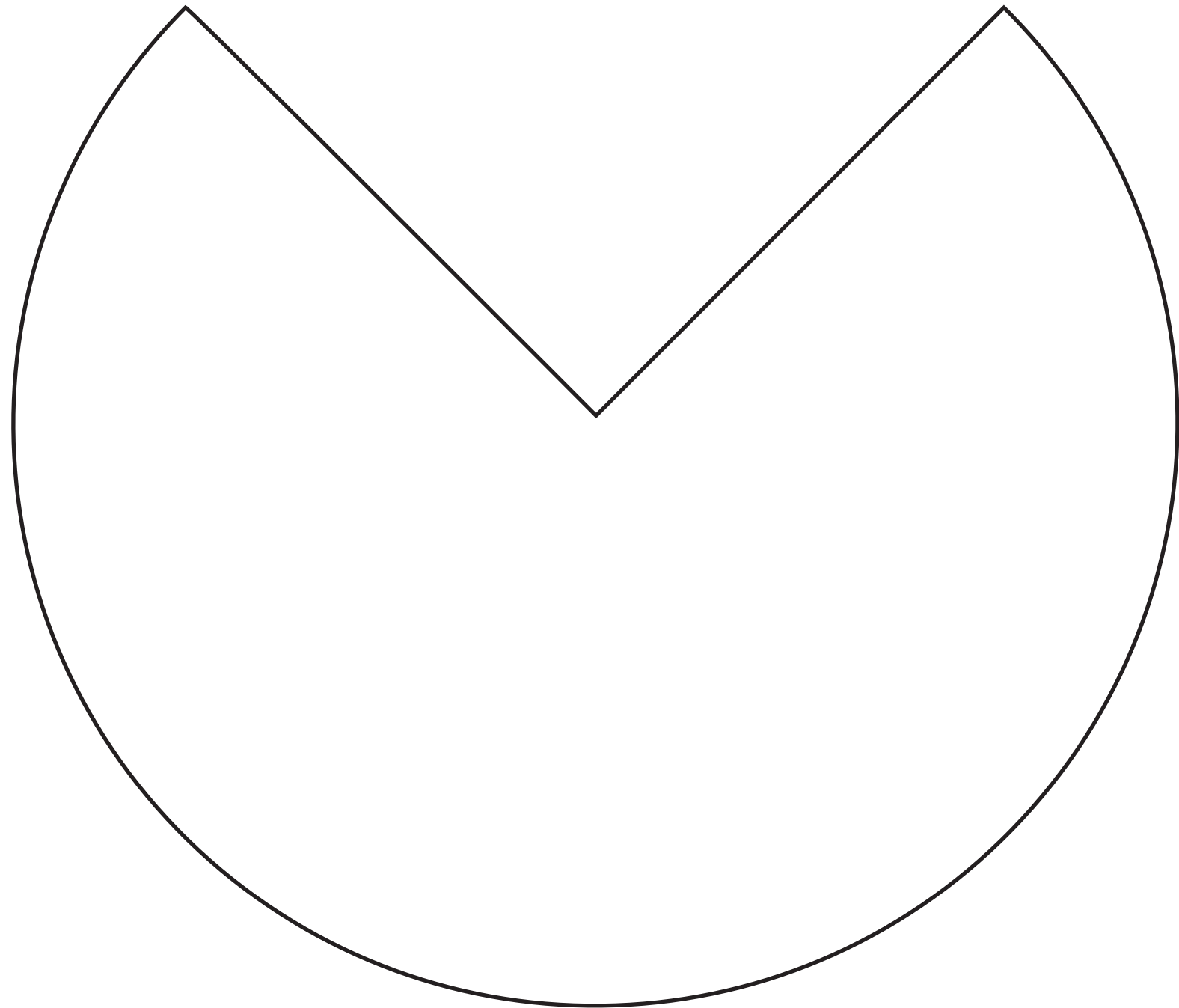
Matthew 13:45-46



The Rich Man wanted the pearl so much he sold his house,
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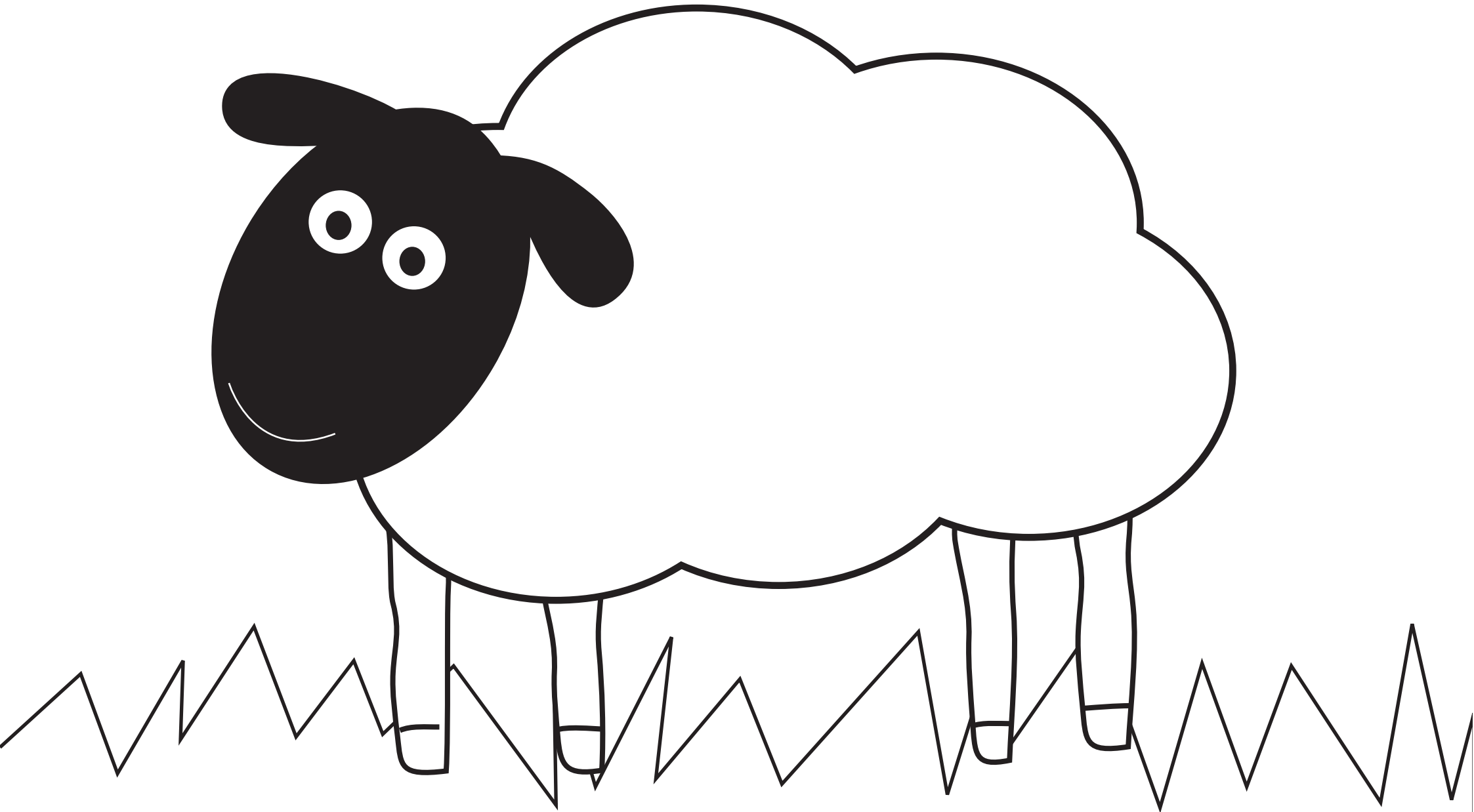




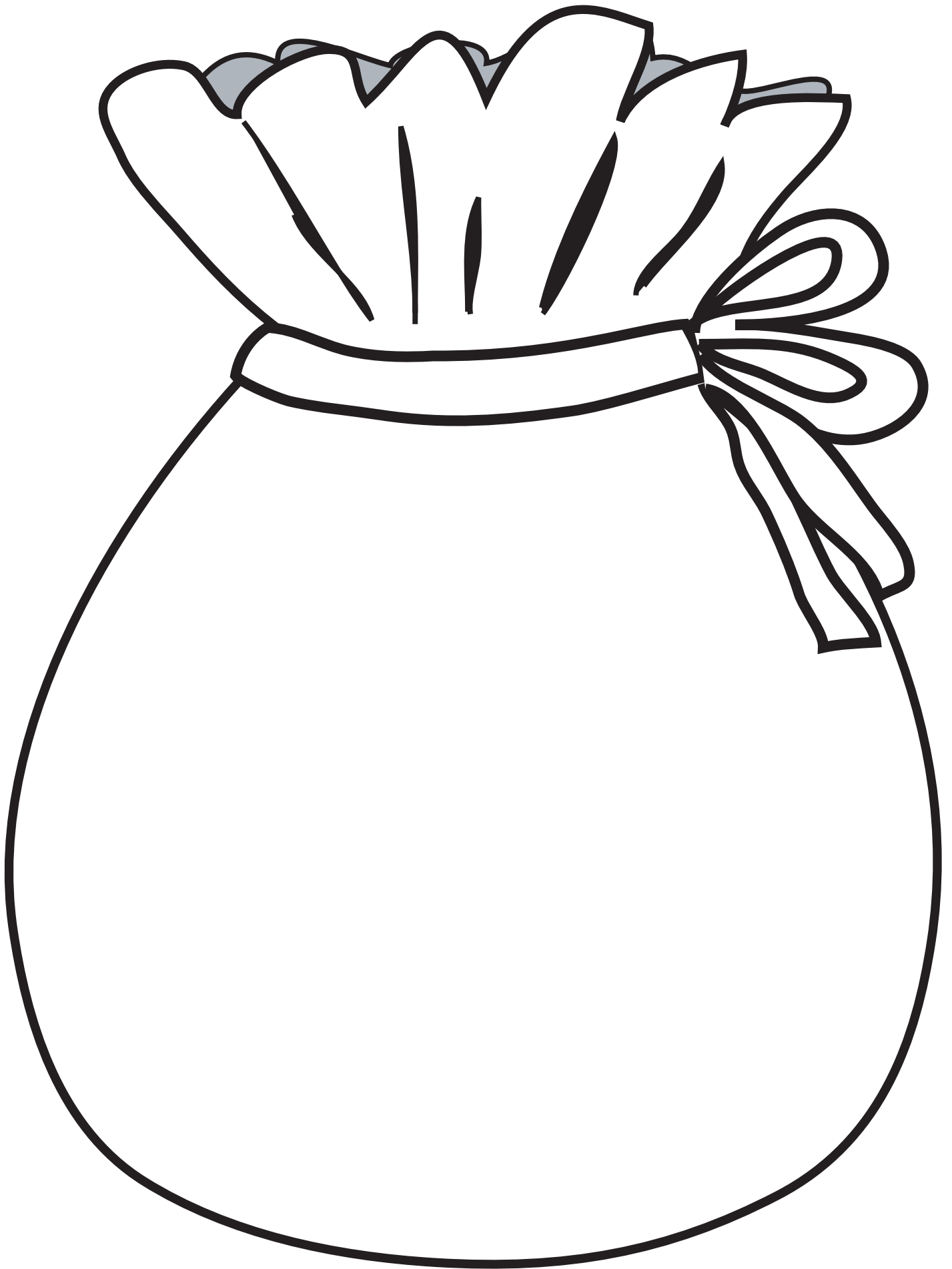
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Luke 15:1-7

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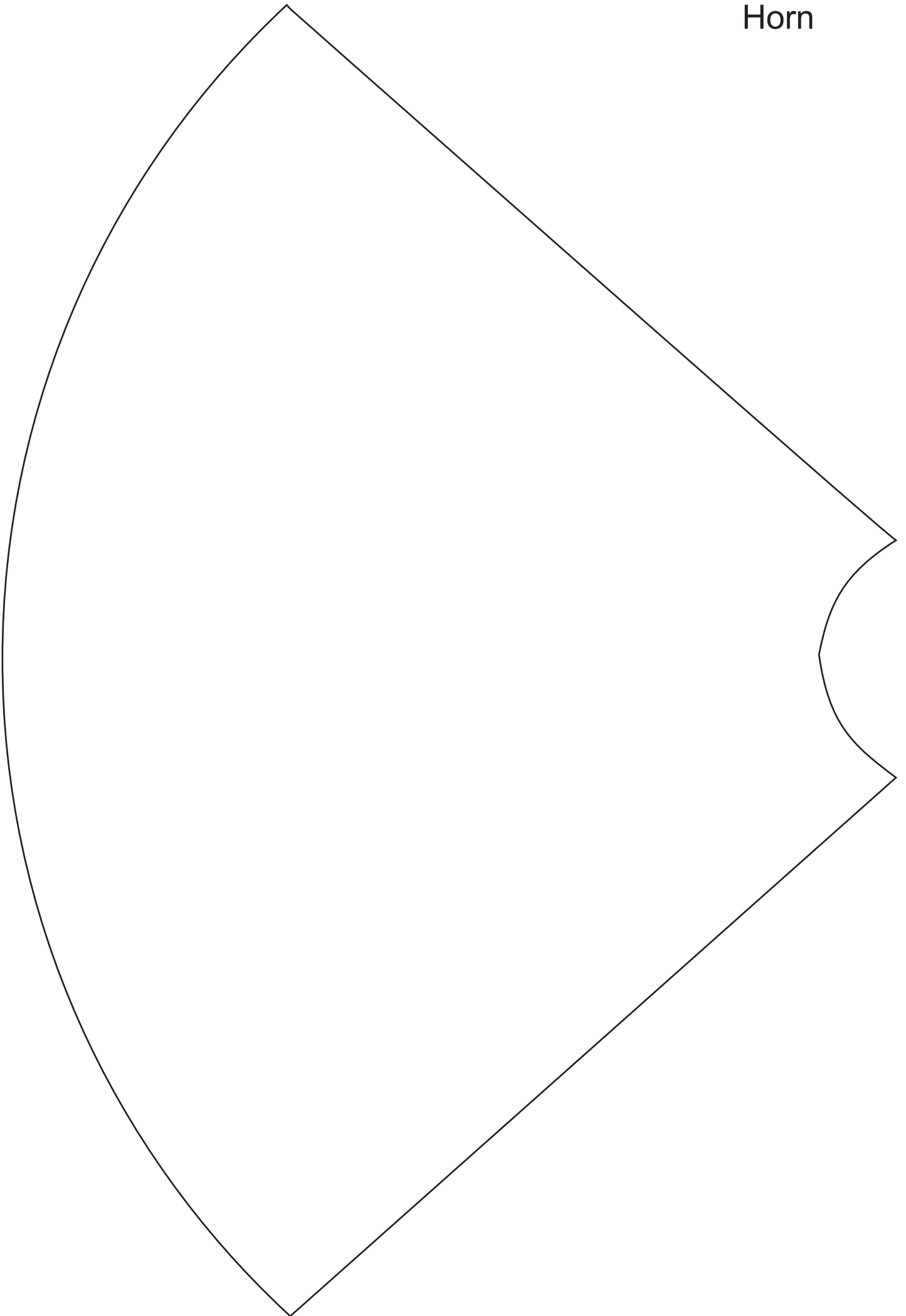


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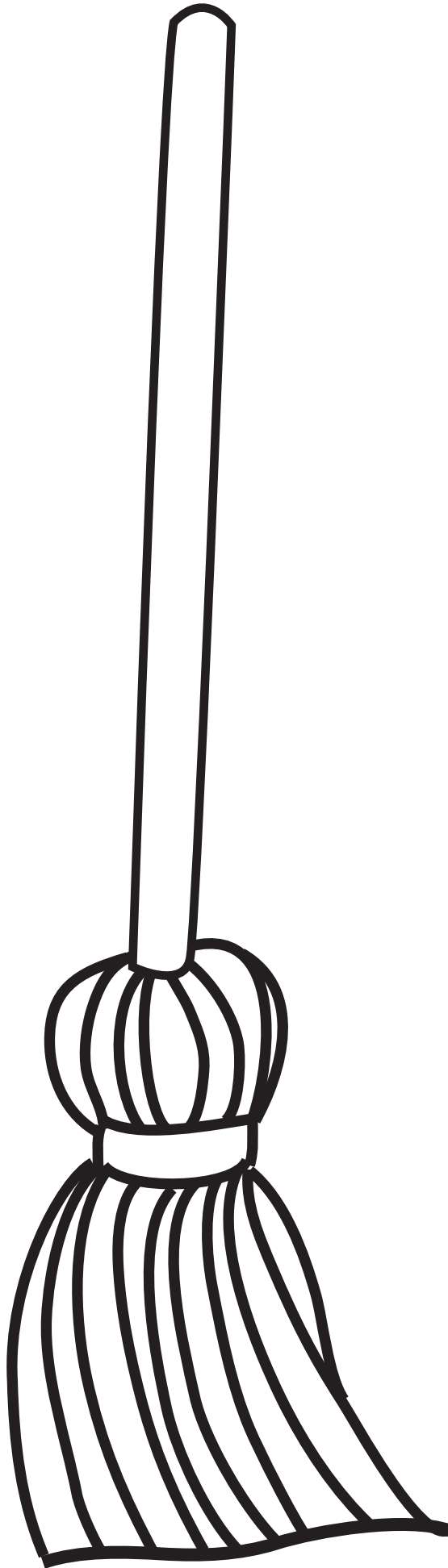
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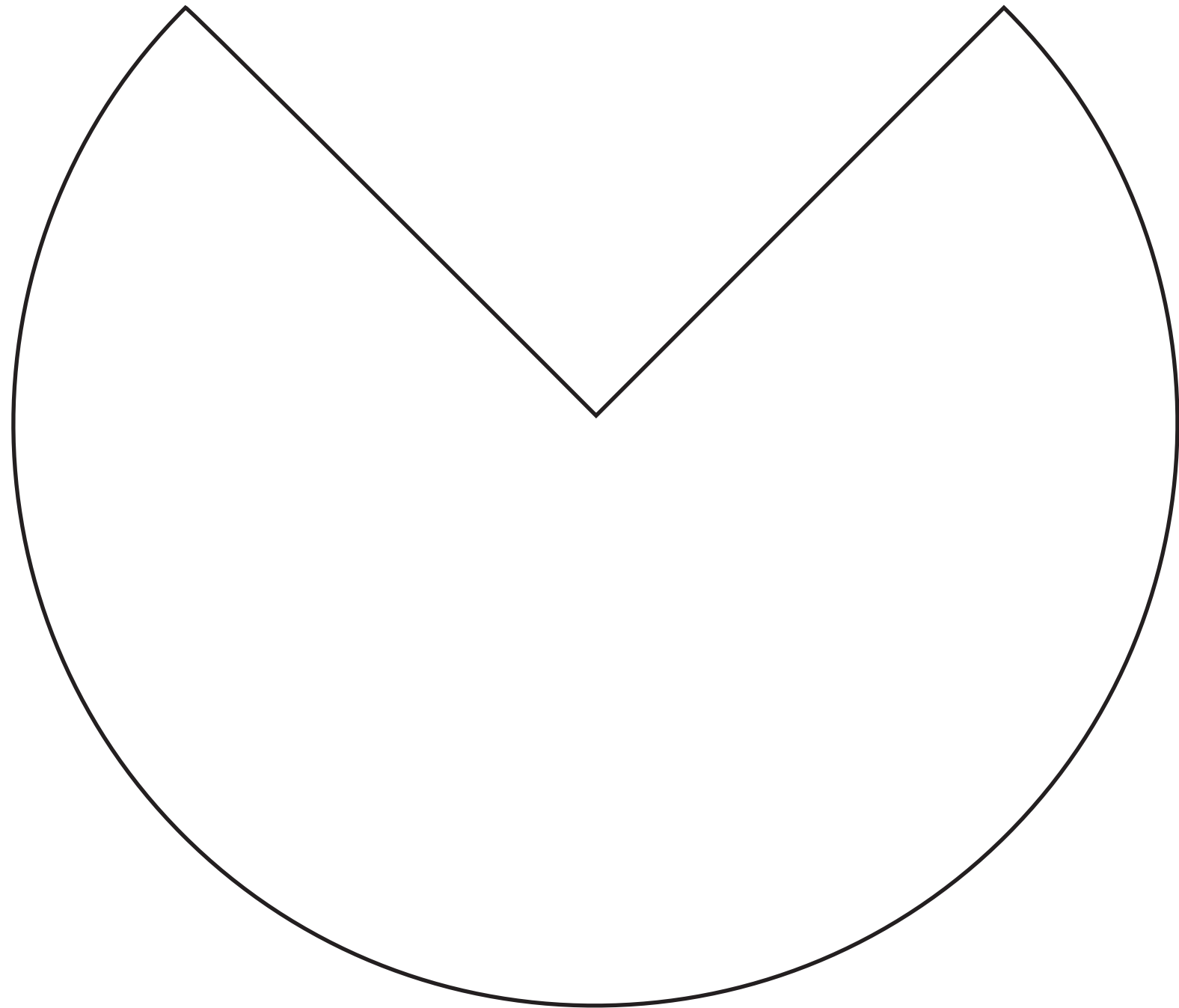


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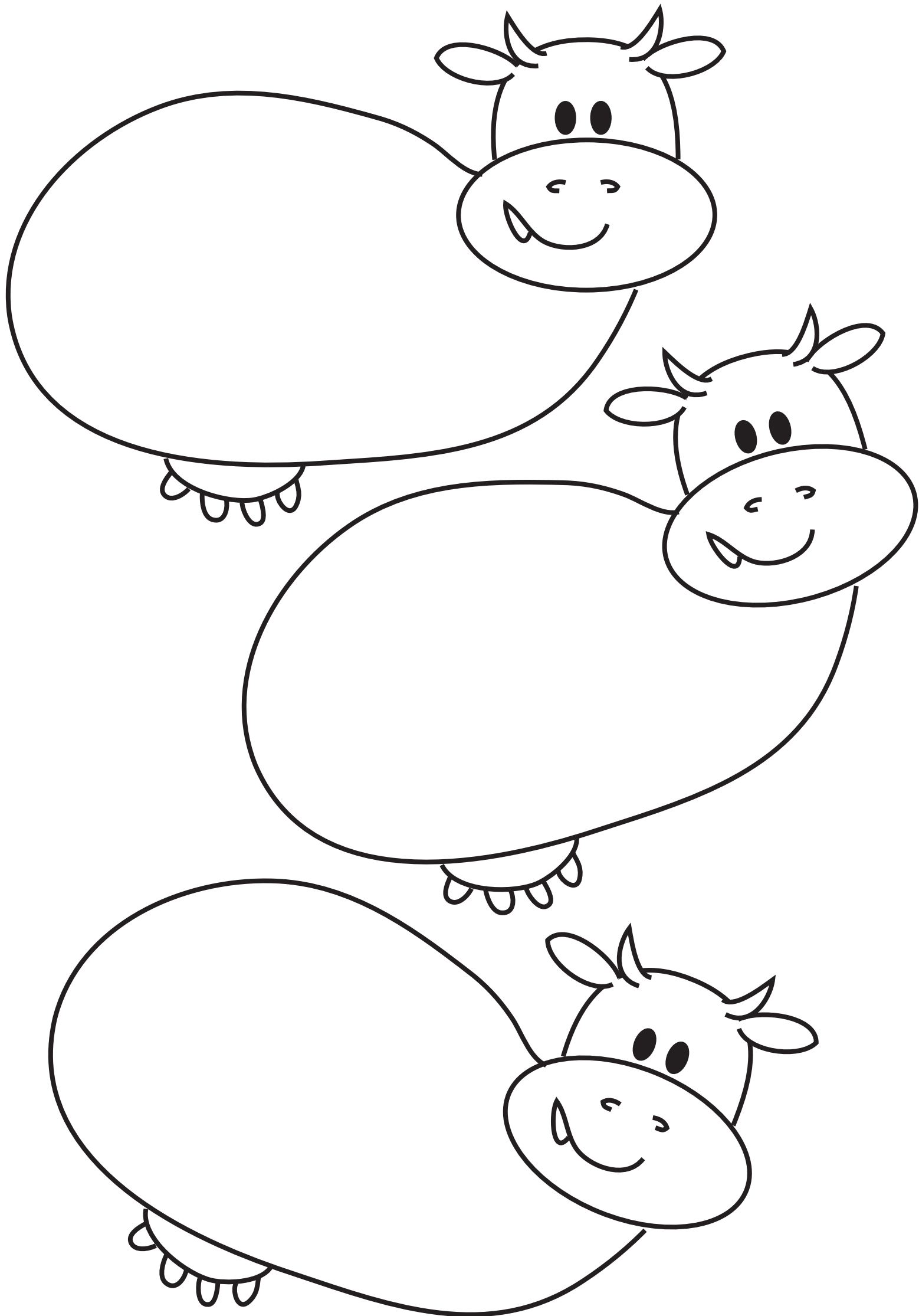


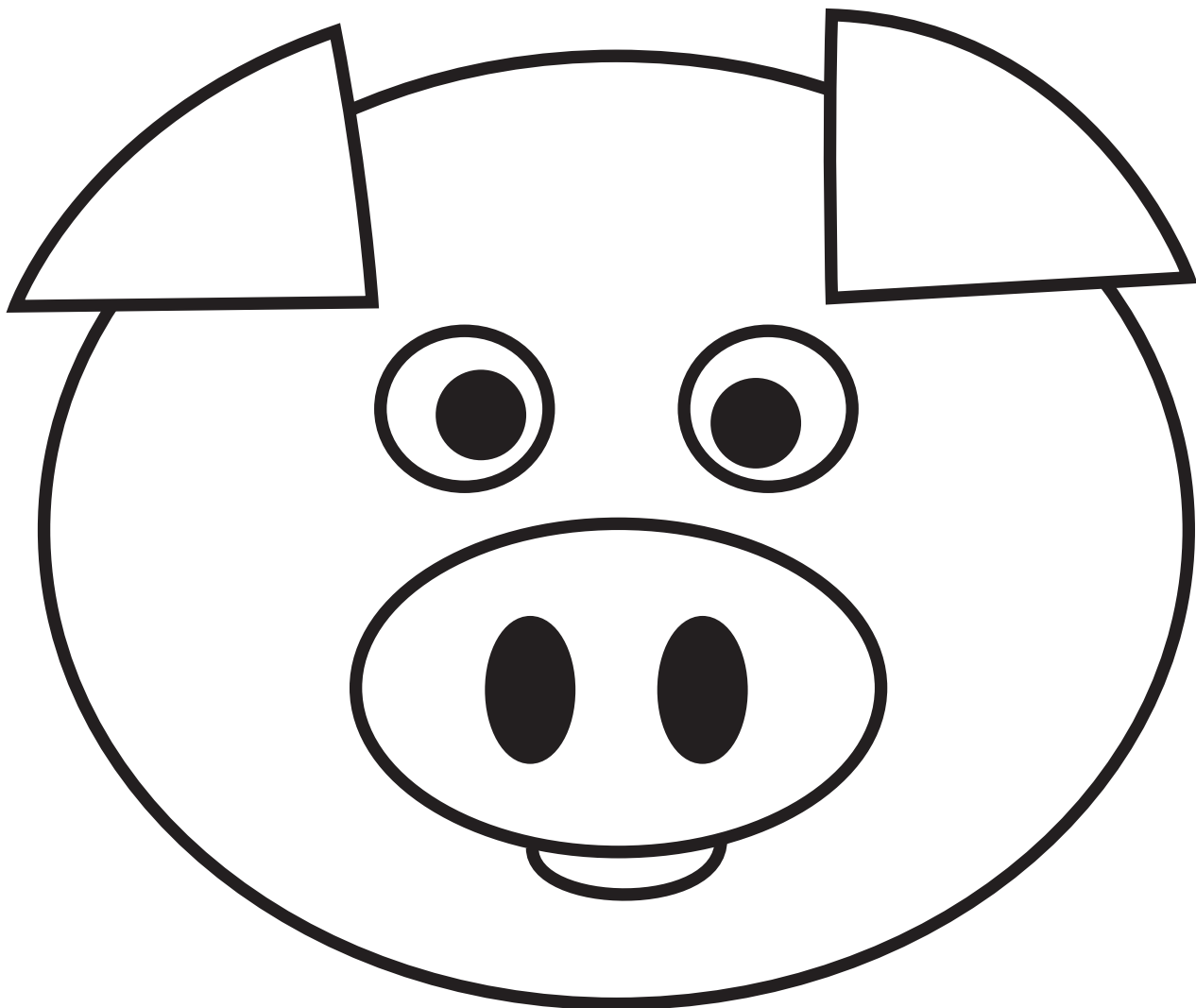
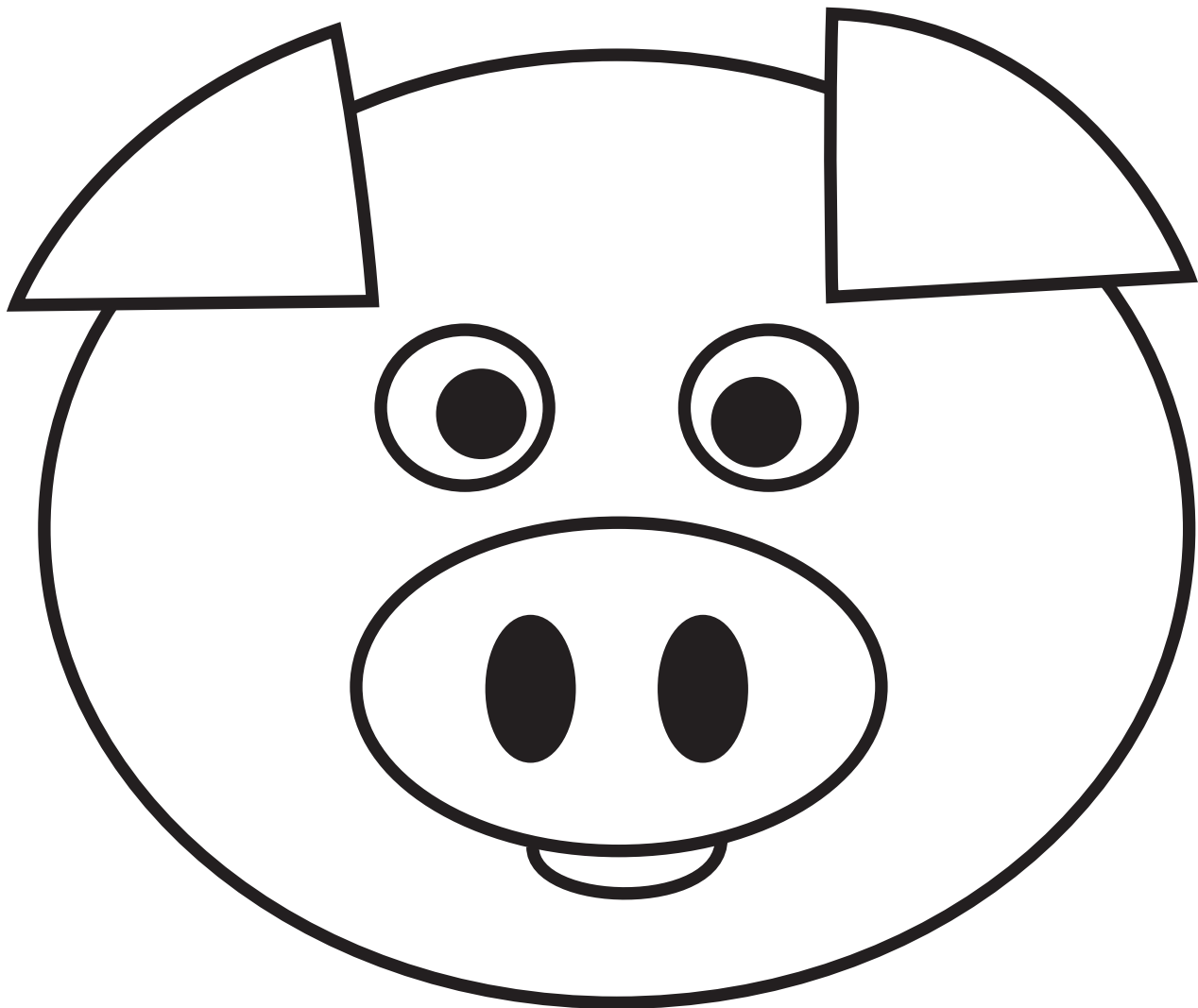
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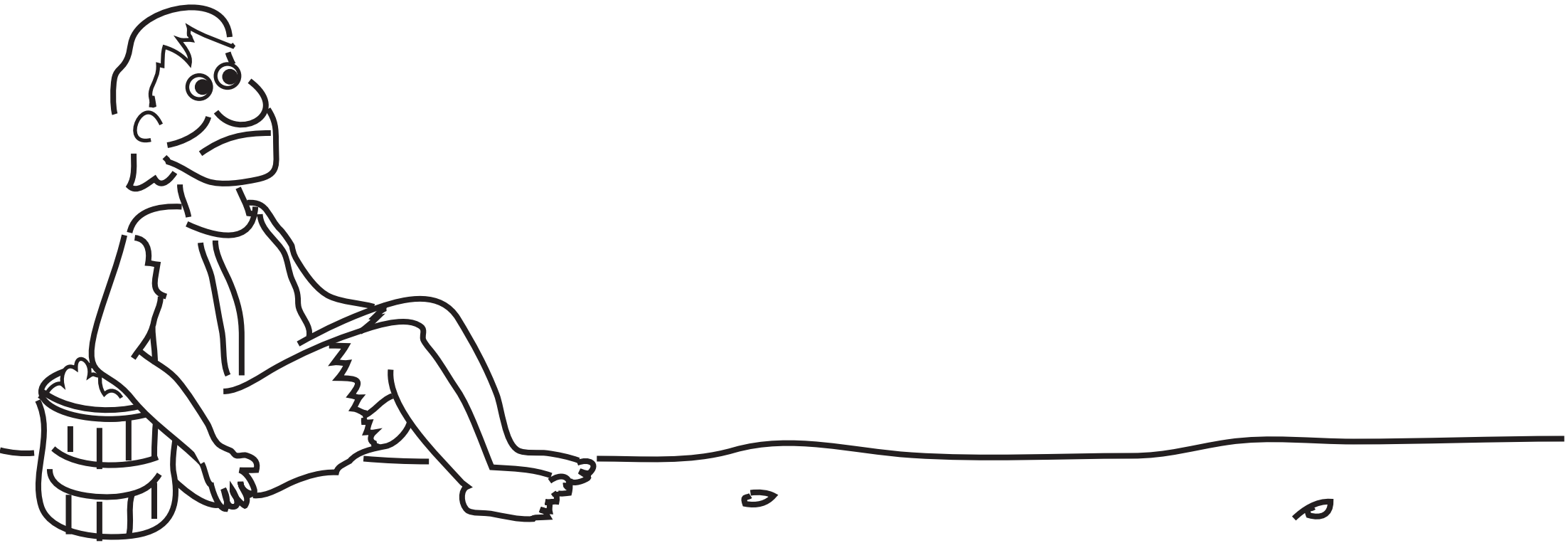
The man said, 'No' to the party because he had just got married.

Luke 14:15-24



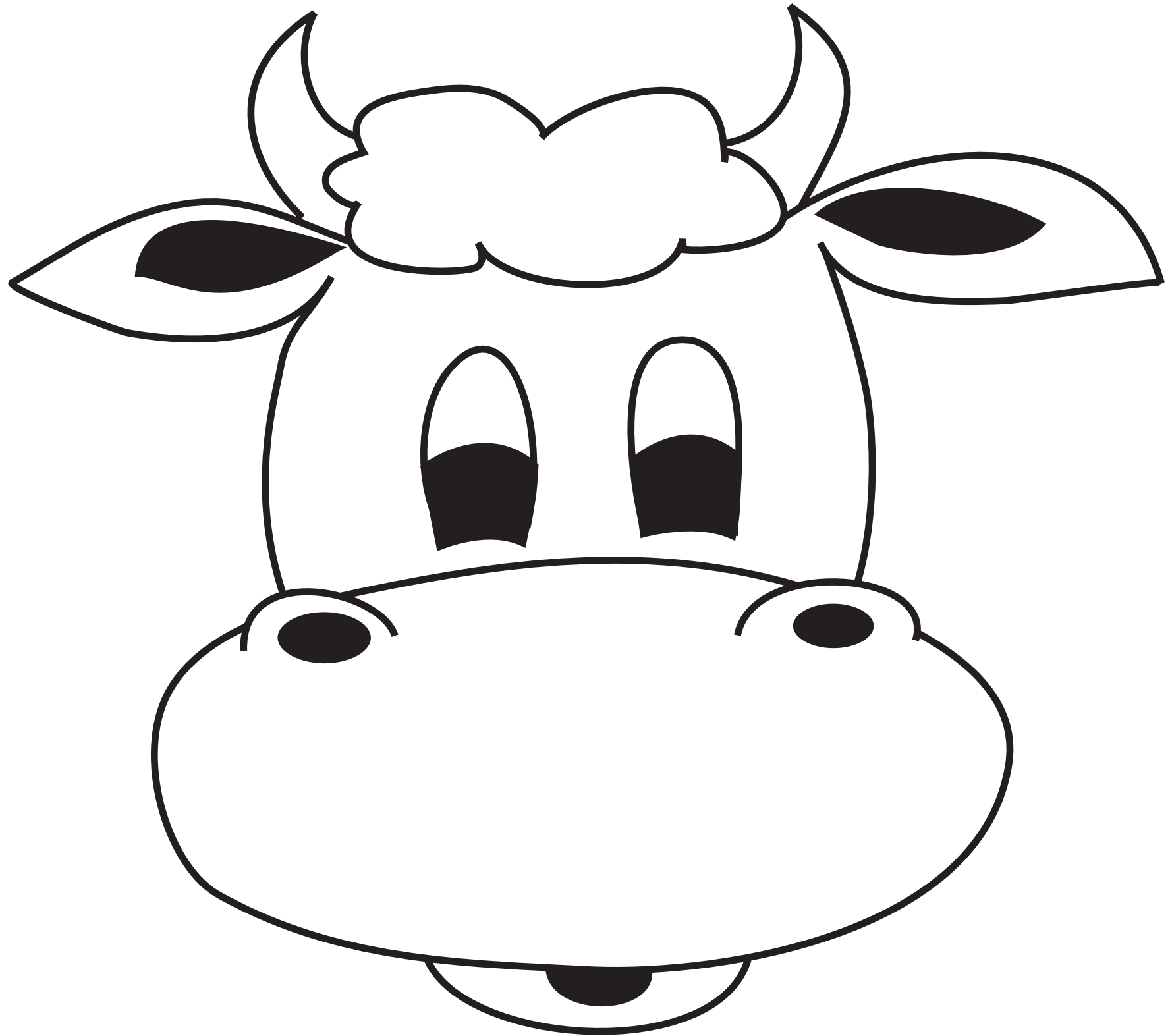


The only job he could get was feeding the pigs. That's when he decided to go back to his Dad and beg for forgiveness. *Luke 15:1-2, 11-32*

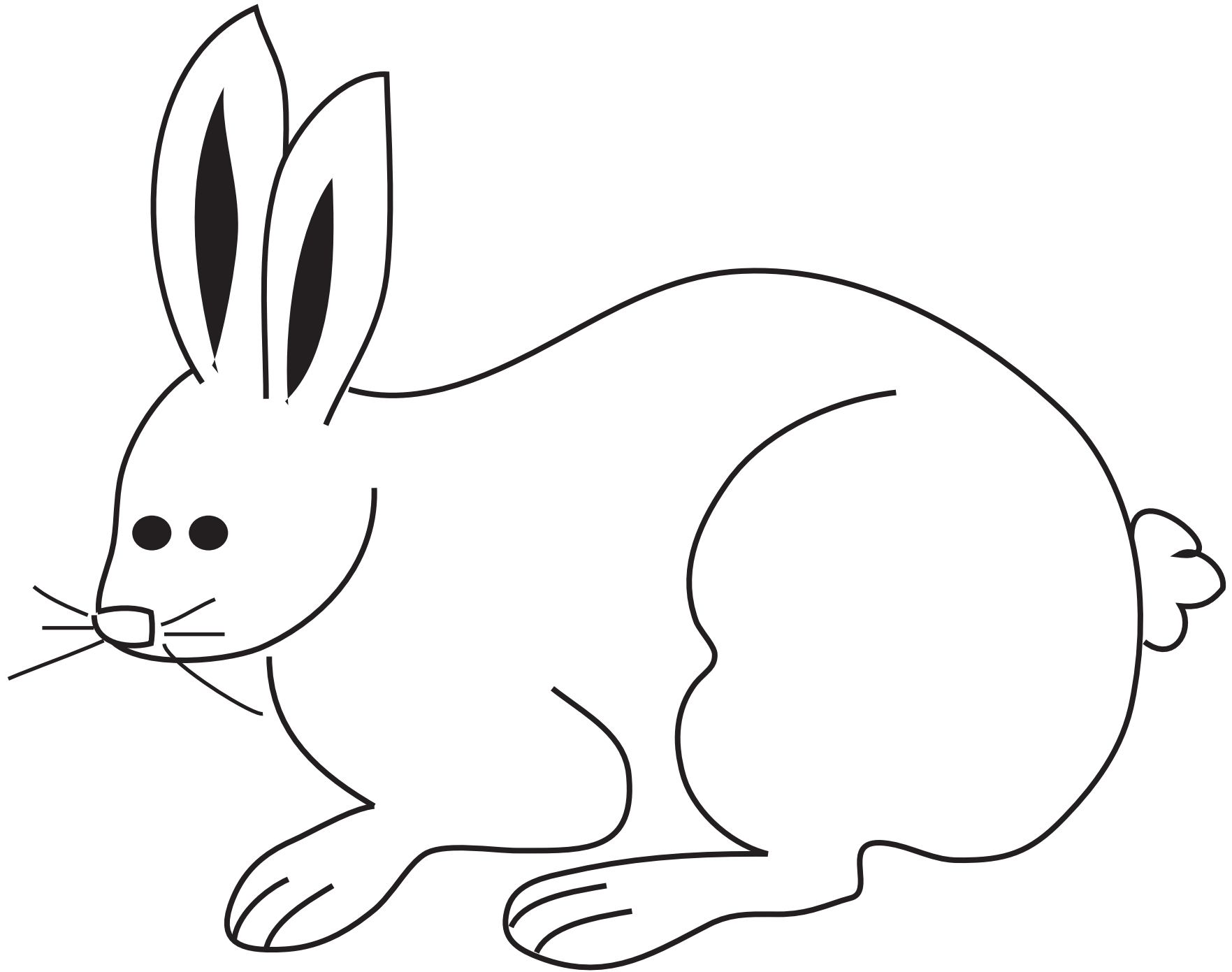


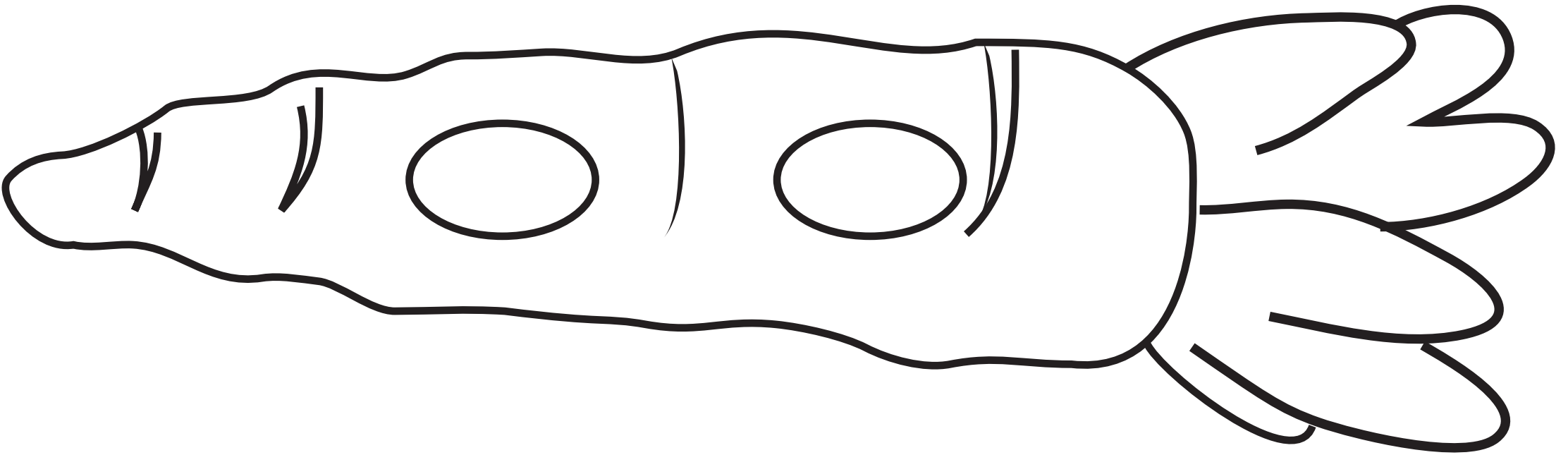
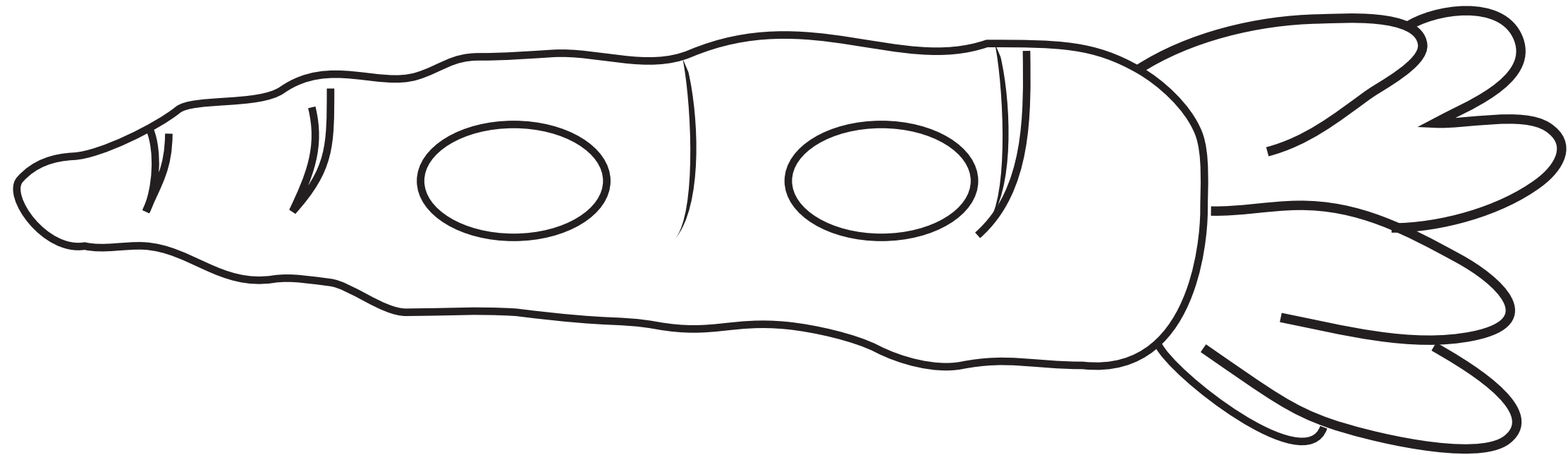
The farmer spent his life building bigger and bigger barns,
but to God he was really poor. *Luke 12:13-21*





The rabbits came and ate up all the farmer's carrots. *Luke 12:13-21*



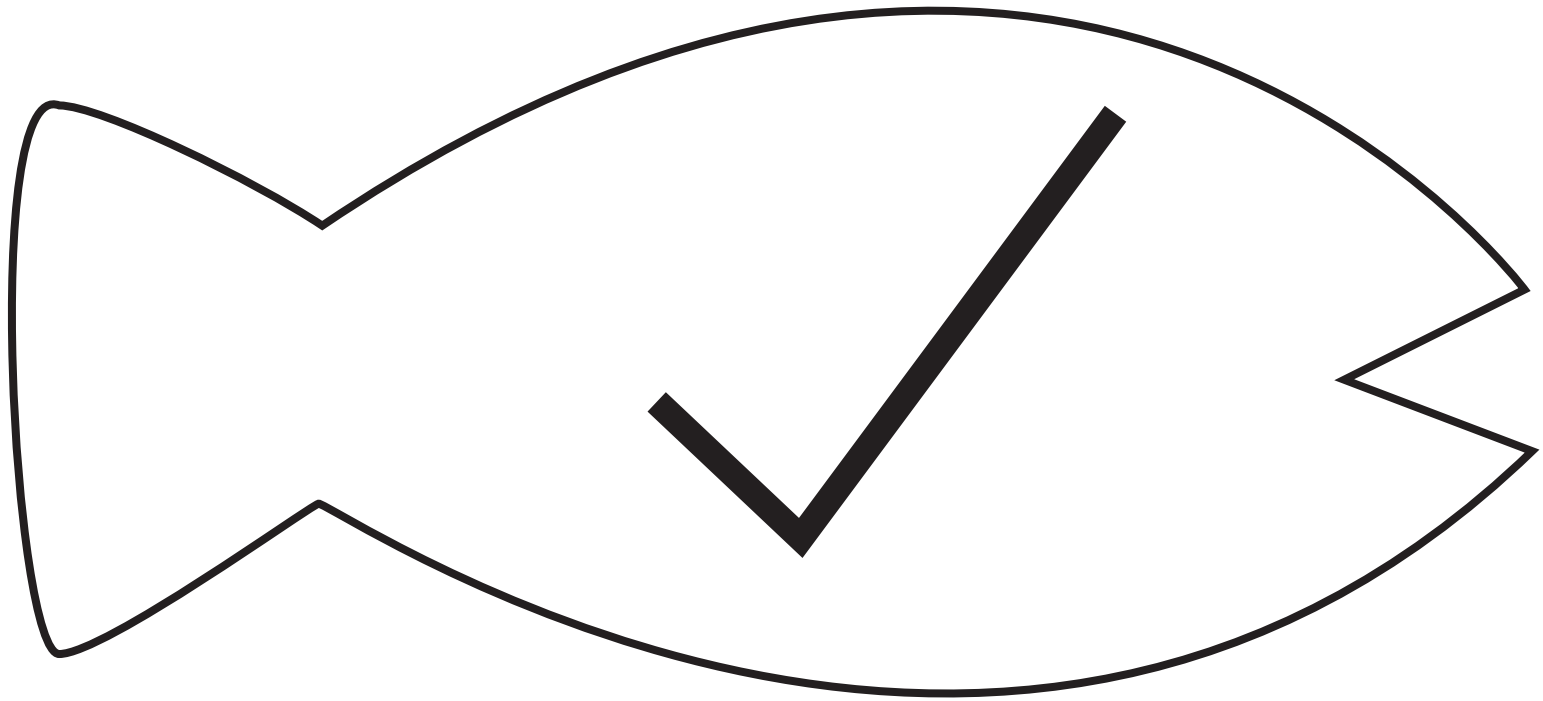
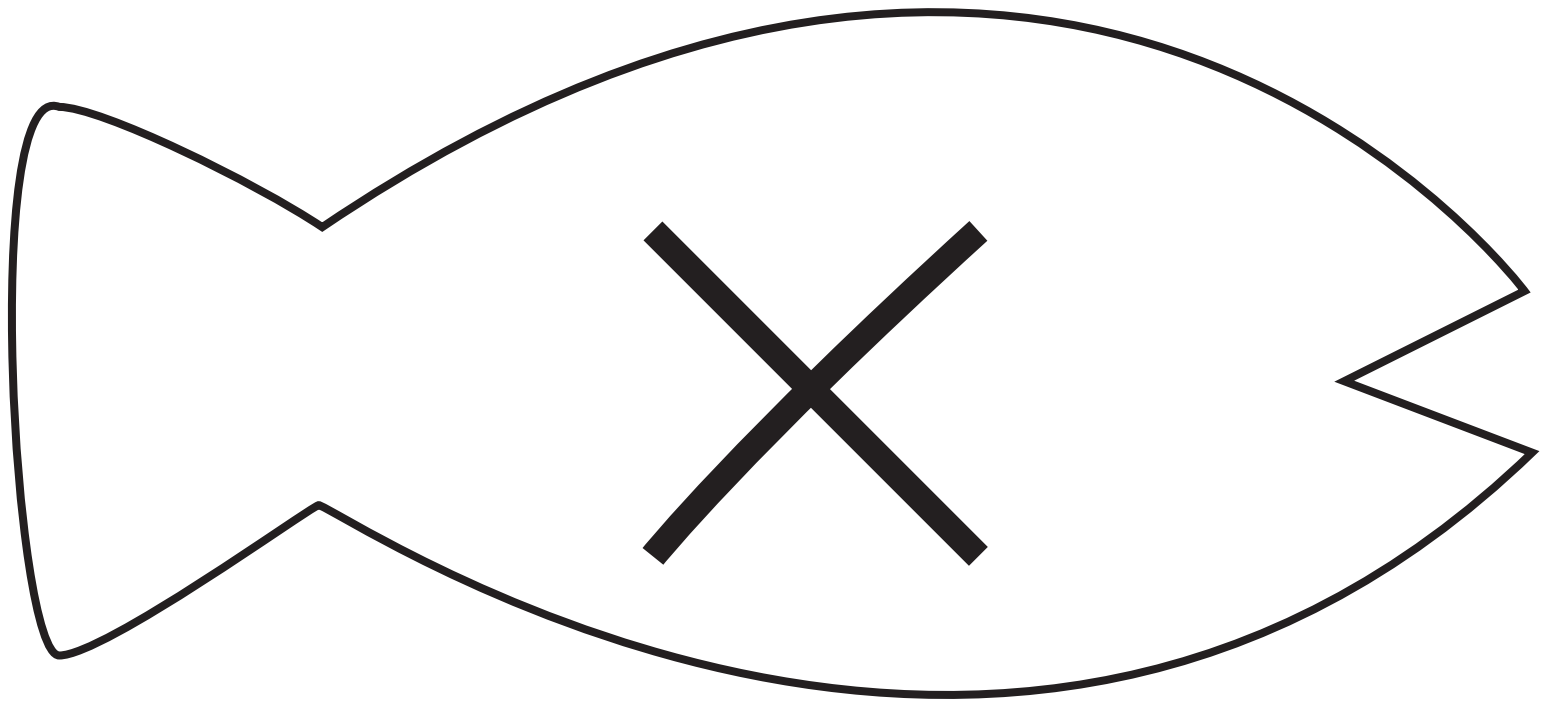
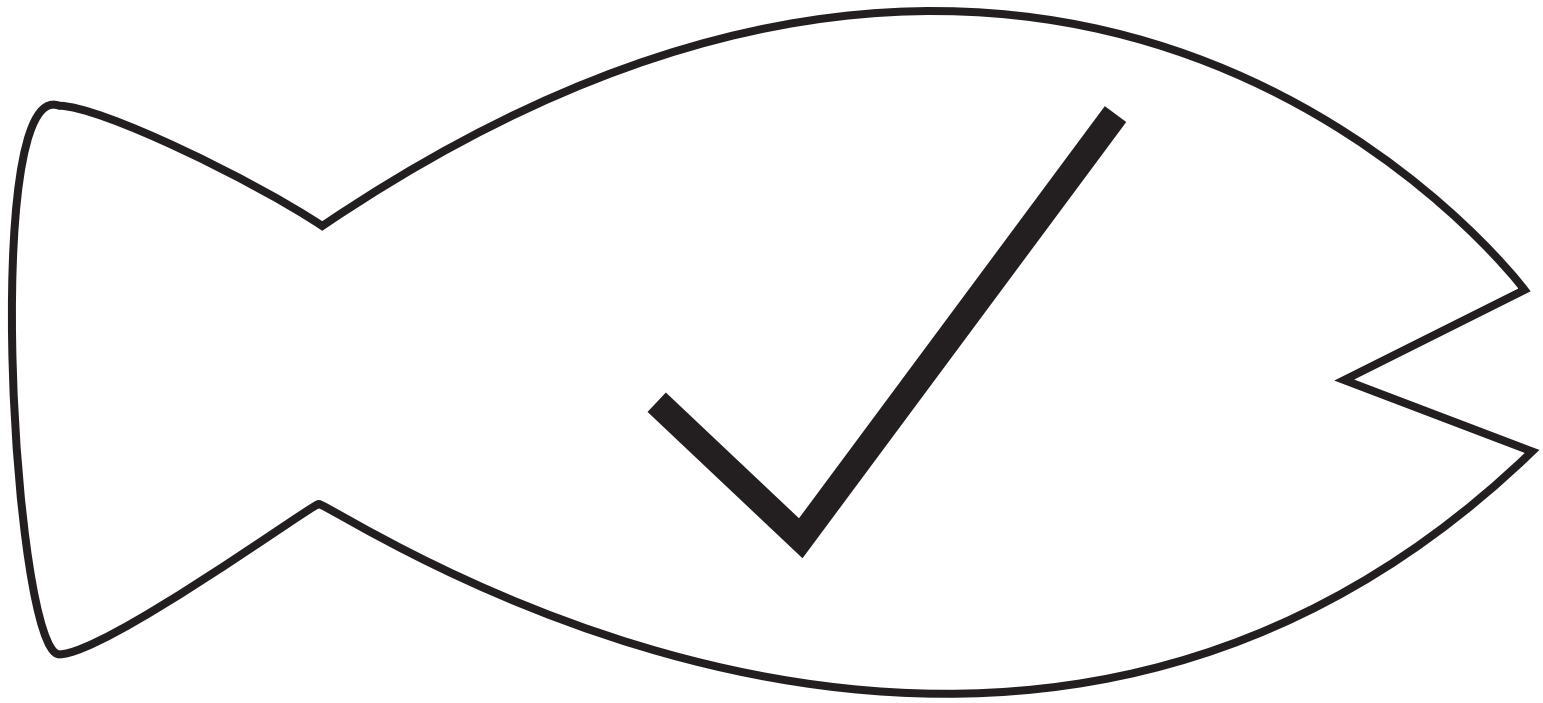


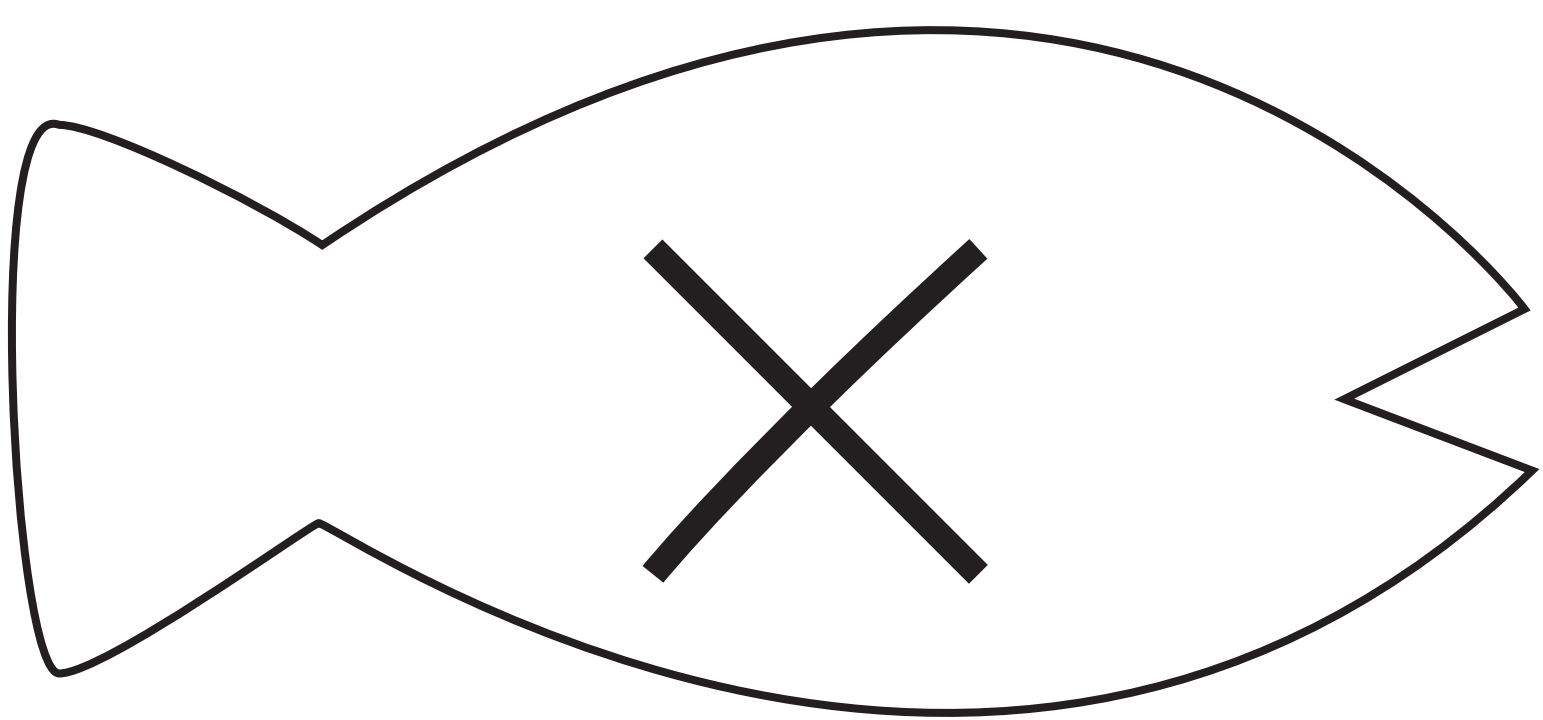
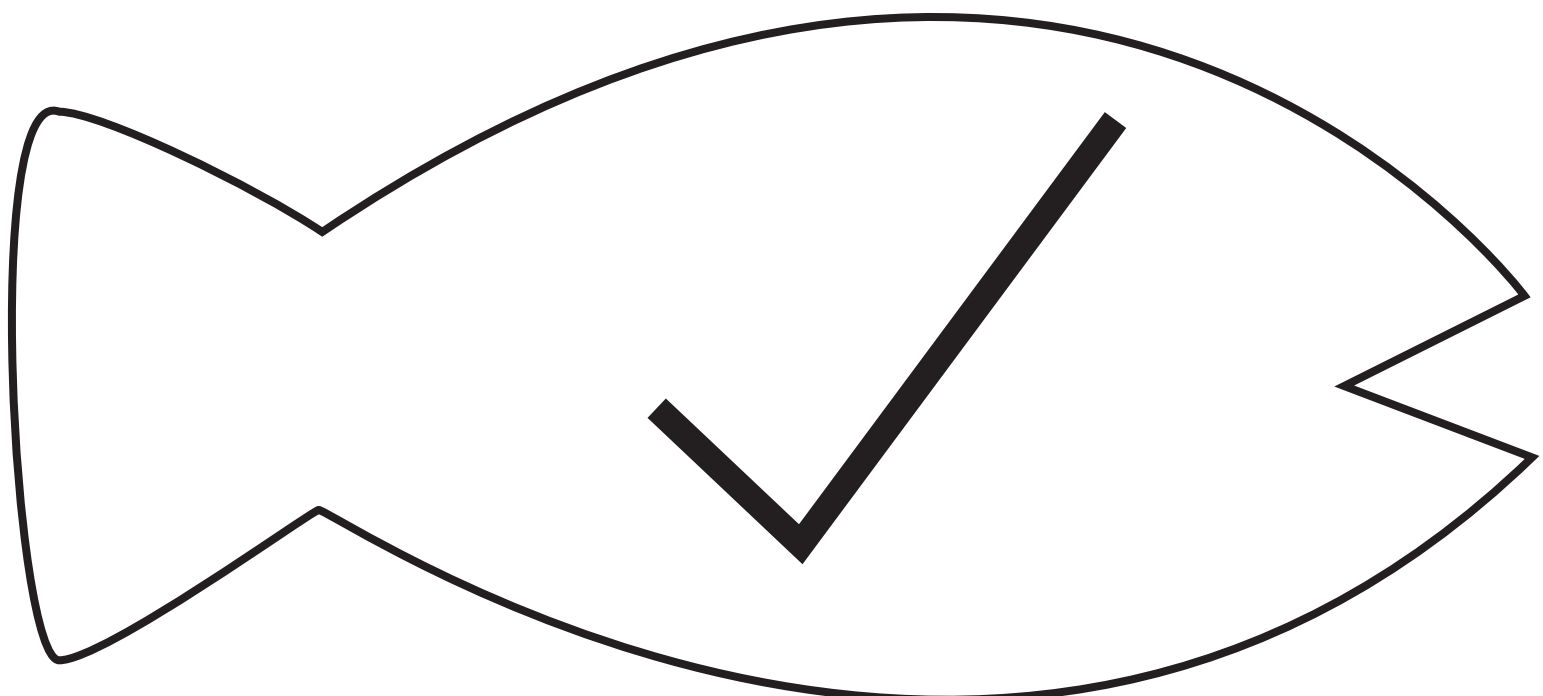
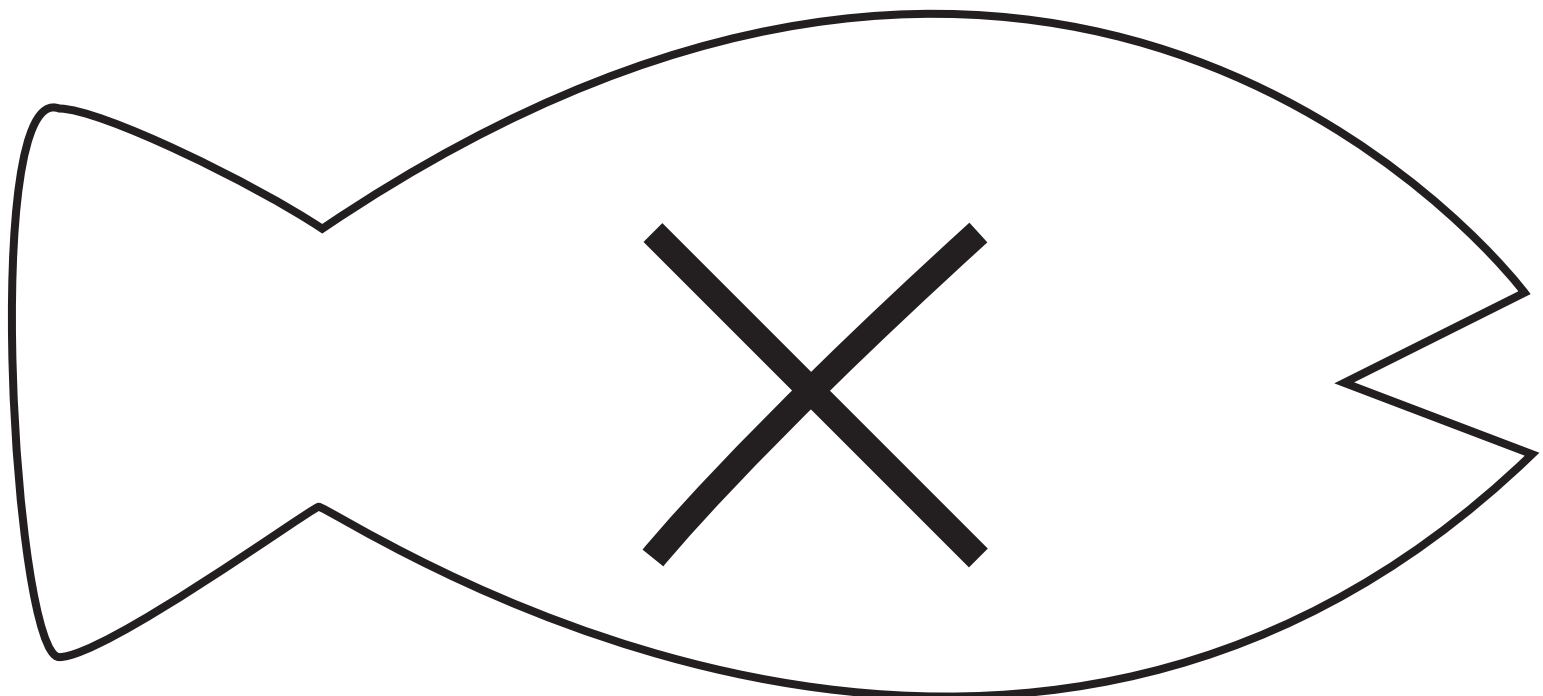
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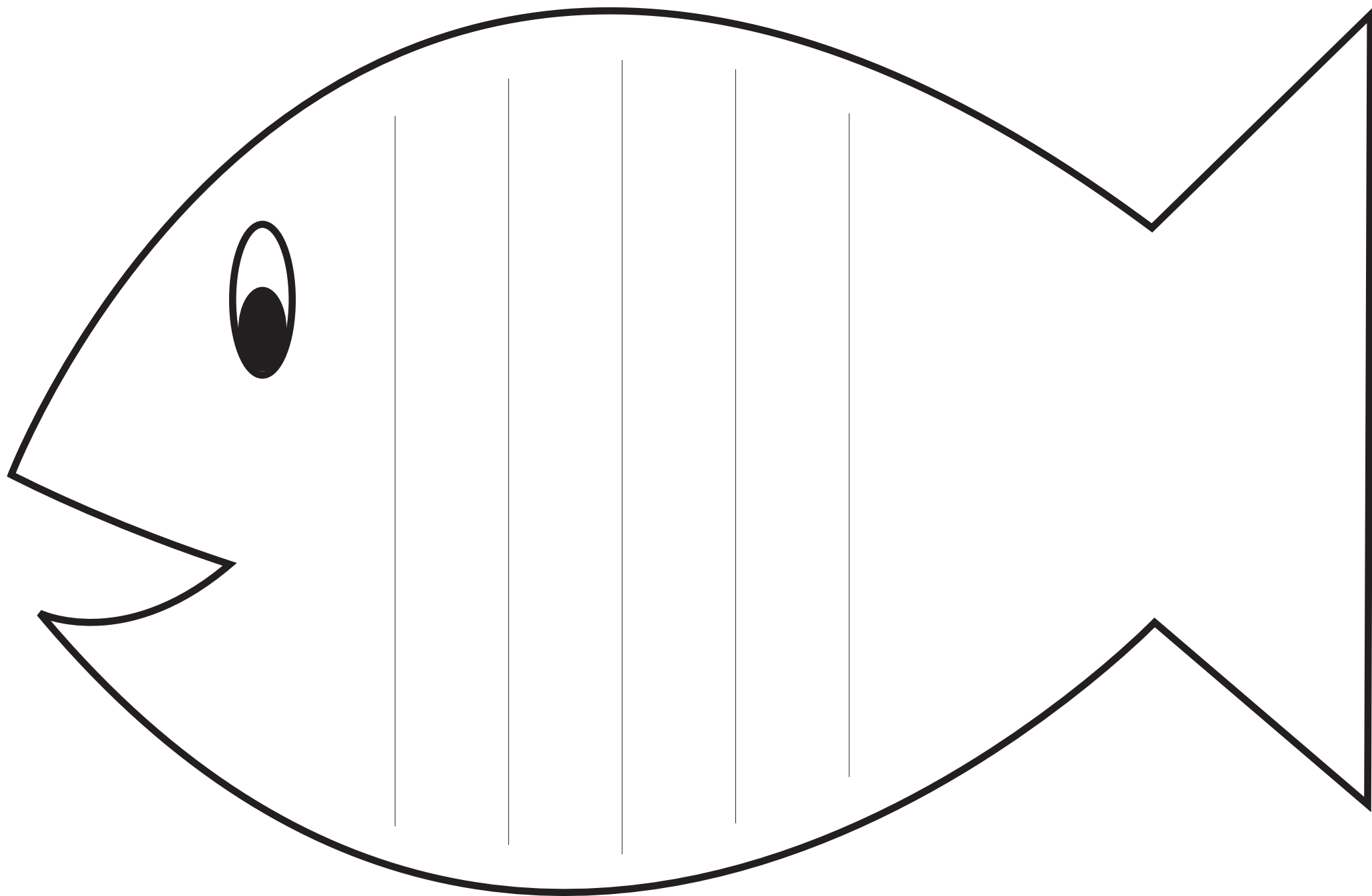
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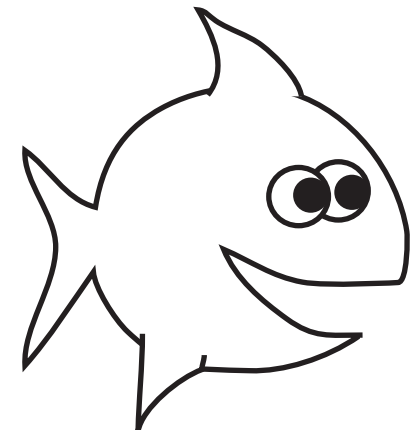
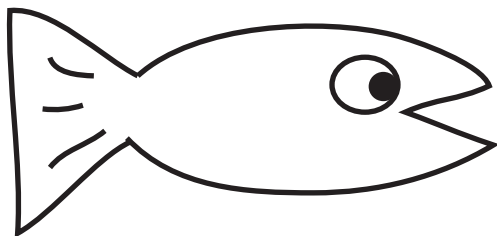
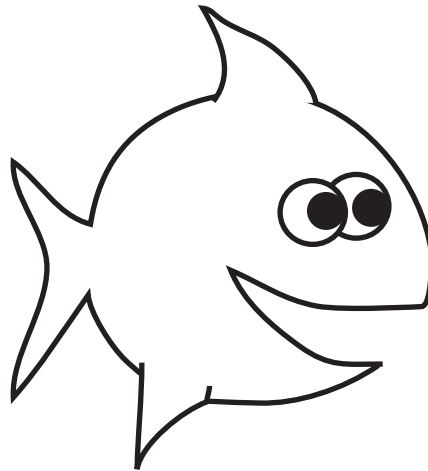
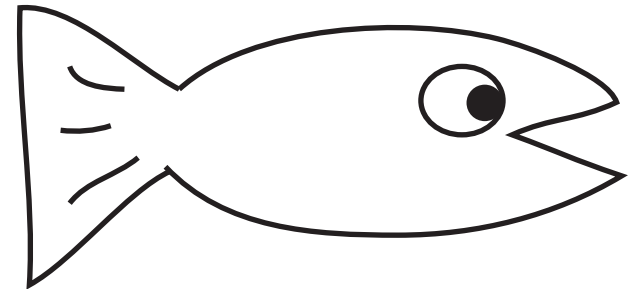
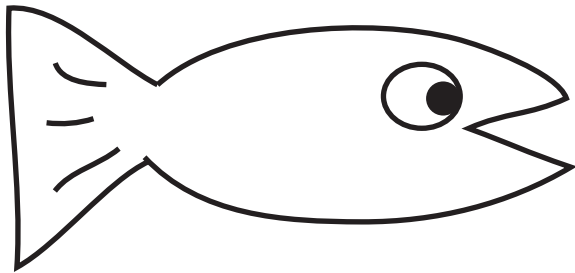
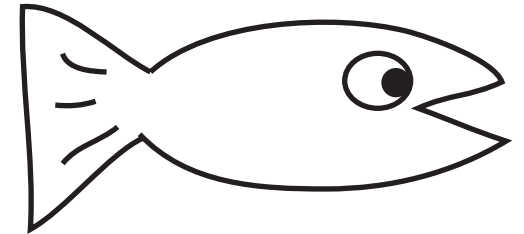
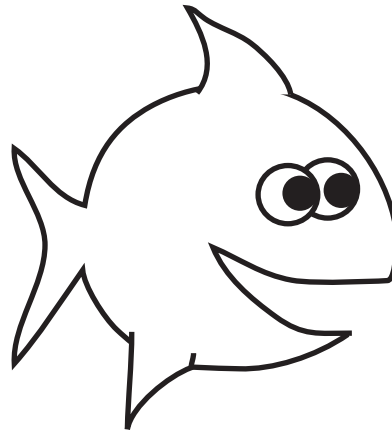
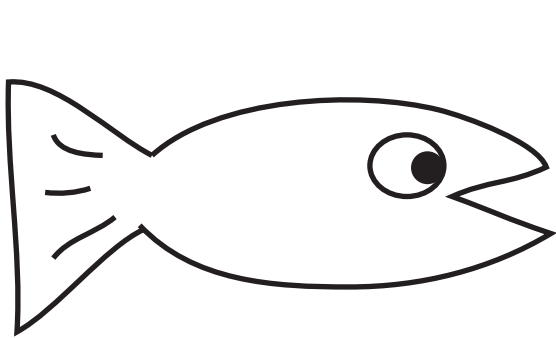
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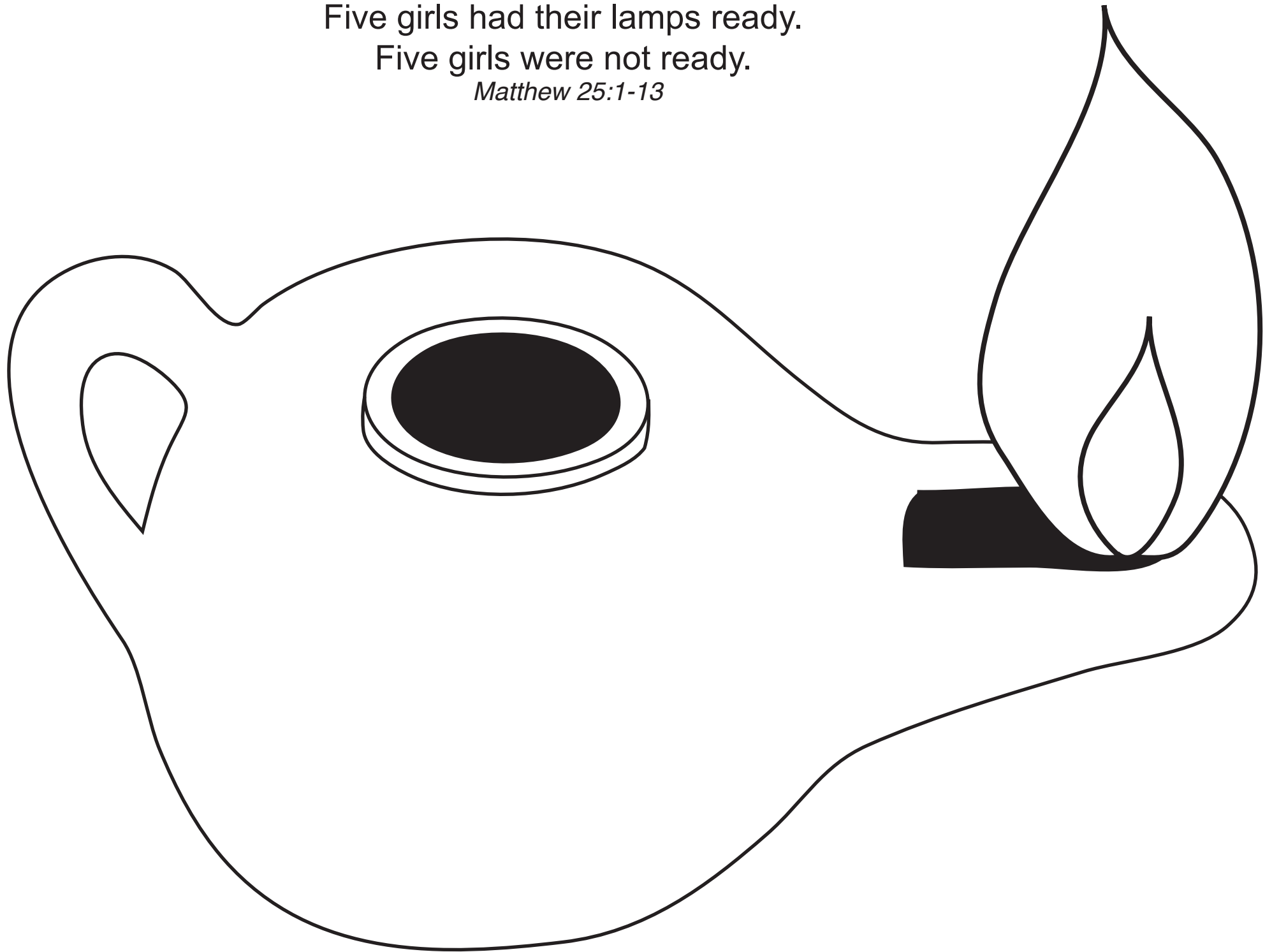
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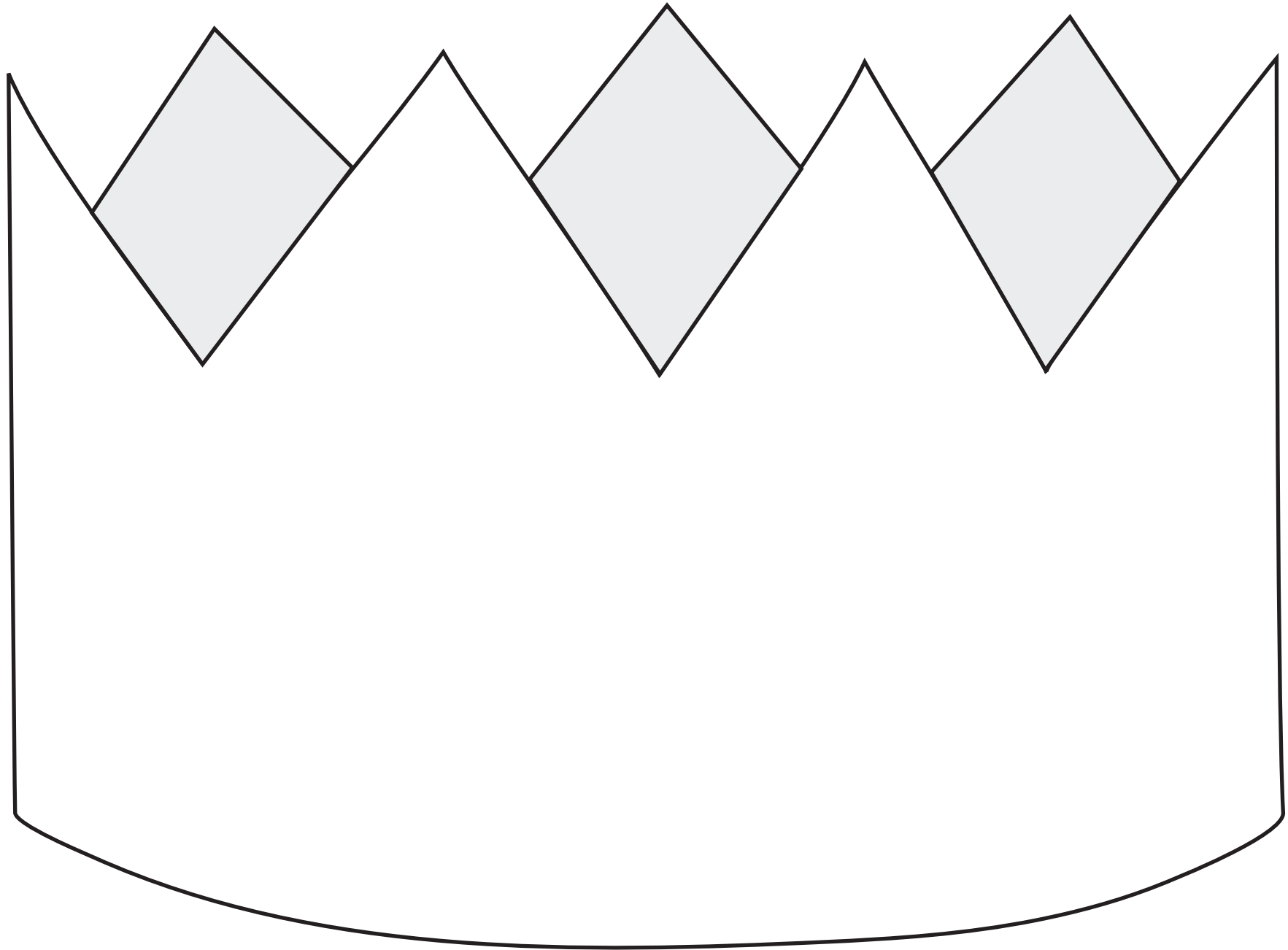


Jesus told a story about ten girls. *Matthew 25:1-13*

Five girls had their lamps ready.
Five girls were not ready.
Matthew 25:1-13



Jesus the King is coming!



Are you ready for Jesus the King? *Matthew 25:1-13*



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The Parable Of The Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13:44

Jesus told lots of stories to help us know more about God and his Kingdom. Here is one about a hidden treasure!

There once was a man. Let's call him Zac. One day Zac was walking through a country field. Suddenly, Zac tripped. He dusted himself off and looked to see what had tripped him. Zac was amazed. There in the field, half buried, was a treasure chest. Zac looked around to make sure no one was looking, and then, he began to dig as fast as he could. He dusted off the treasure chest and carefully opened it. It was full of the most amazing treasure he'd ever seen. Zac looked around again, and then carefully re-buried the treasure in the field.

At that moment a man came long. The man put up a sign. The land was for sale! Zac just had to have that treasure! But the land cost a lot of money. Zac searched his pockets. There was not enough in his pockets. He needed money, a lot of money! Because he just had to have the treasure, more than anything in all the world!

Suddenly, he came up with a plan. He'd have a garage sale! So he sold his most treasured possessions. He sold his precious train set. Because he just had to have the treasure, more than anything in all the world! He sold his amazing dinosaur collection! Because he just had to have the treasure, more than anything in all the world! He sold his fantastic camera. Because he just had to have the treasure, more than anything in all the world! He sold his all-time favourite comic books. Because he just had to have the treasure, more than anything in all the world!

Finally everything was gone. Zac gathered up all the money and hurried back. He handed the money over. The money was counted. But still there was not enough! The sales person eyed Zac's cool jacket and said, "Sell me your cool jacket and you can have the land." So Zac took off his cool jacket and sold it to the man!

Quickly Zac dug up the treasure chest. At last, the treasure was his! The buried treasure was more valuable than everything Zac owned. So Zac sold everything to get it.

Jesus said, "Knowing God is worth more than anything in all the world. "Knowing God is the most special thing in all the world.

The Parable Of The Precious Pearl

Matthew 13:45,46

There once was a very rich man. He lived in an enormous house with the biggest and best swimming pool. Under his bed he kept lots and lots and lots of money. He also had a fine felt hat with a feather in it. It was his favourite!

Every Saturday morning he'd gather up some of his money and he'd go shopping! One Saturday morning he saw something. Something very special. There in a shop window was the biggest, most beautiful pearl he'd ever seen. He asked the shopkeeper, "How much for this pearl?"

The shopkeeper replied, "Oh, it's very expensive! Probably more than you've got."

The man said, "Me? I've got lots of money! Try me!"

But the shopkeeper said, "The pearl costs fifty thousand million dollars!"

The man's jaw dropped! Fifty thousand million dollars! The shopkeeper was right!

It was more money than he had in his pocket. But the man wanted the pearl.

He wanted it more than anything in all the world.

So he ran back home. He got all the money from under his bed, and counted it. But it was not enough to buy the pearl. And he wanted that pearl more than anything in all the world.

Suddenly he had an idea! He'd have - a garage sale! So the man sold his house. And the man sold his swimming pool. And the man sold all his furniture. But he didn't sell his fine felt hat. It was his favourite!

The man gathered up all the money. He was sure to have enough now. He went back to the shop and gave the money to the shopkeeper. The shopkeeper counted the money. There was a lot of money to count. Oh dear! There was still not enough! He was still \$3 short! The shopkeeper eyed the man's fine felt hat and said, "Sell me your fine felt hat for \$3 and you can have the pearl."

The man smiled. He gave the shopkeeper his hat and he took the pearl. Hooray! The pearl was his at last.

Knowing God is like the man's pearl. It's very, very special! Children, Jesus said, "Knowing God is precious, more precious than anything in all the world."

The Parable Of The Lost Sheep

Luke 15:1-7

There once was a shepherd. Let's call him Sam. Sam had one hundred sheep. Every day Sam would count his sheep. Sam loved his sheep and he knew all their names.

One day Sam began to count his sheep. But one was missing. Sam looked around. Woolly! Woolly was missing. Sam had to find Woolly!

So Sam walked out the gate, through the long grass and up the hill, then down the other side. Sam looked this way and he looked that way, but there was no sign of Woolly! On and on he searched. Through the mud and up the really, really, really, really, really steep hill, then down the other side, through the woods and across the bridge.

Sam stopped and listened very carefully. Sam heard, "Baa gurgle, gurgle. Baa gurgle, gurgle." Sam looked and there was Woolly - drowning! Sam jumped in the river and grabbed Woolly. Woolly was safe.

Sam turned and went back across the bridge, back through the woods, up the really, really, really, really, really steep hill and down the other side, through the mud, up the not so steep hill and down the other side, through the long grass and then through the gate.

Sam put Woolly down. Woolly was home. And Sam - had a party!

Sam was so happy when he found Woolly, that he threw a great big party. When we come back to God, God is so happy, there's a great party in heaven.

The Parable Of The Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

Jesus told a story about a woman who had ten silver coins. Ten precious silver coins! But one day she lost one. She only had nine silver coins. One was missing. She had to find the missing coin!

So she got out her broom and she swept and she swept and she swept. Then she looked and looked and looked. The woman looked under the bed, but the coin was not there.

So she got out her broom and she swept and she swept and she swept. Then she looked and looked and looked. The woman looked in the cupboard, but the coin was not there.

So she got out her broom and she swept and she swept and she swept. Then she looked and looked and looked. The woman looked out in the garden, but the coin was not there.

So she got out her broom and she swept and she swept and she swept. Then she looked and looked and looked. The woman looked under the table, but the coin was not there.

So she got out her broom and she swept and she swept and she swept. Then she looked and looked and looked. The woman looked under the cat and there it was! The woman found the coin. She was so happy. She called her neighbours to come and celebrate. She had a party!

The woman looked and looked until she found the precious coin. When she did, she was so happy she threw a great big party.

The Bible says that when we come back to God, there's a great party in heaven. We are back where we belong.

The Parable Of The Great Banquet

Luke 14:15-24

Jesus told many stories to teach people about God's big kingdom. One day Jesus told the crowds this story.

There once was a man. He was a very rich man. One day the rich man decided to have a party. He thought about whom he would invite and he wrote a long list. He called his servant and sent out special invitations.

When the servant came back, they got the party organised. There was fruit, lollies, roast meat, ice cream and balloons. When everything was ready the rich man told his servant to go and tell everyone to come.

The servant went to the first man and said, "Come, the party is ready!" But the man shook his head and said, "I can't come. I have just bought a house. I must go and see it. Please excuse me." The servant hung his head and walked away.

The servant went to the second man and said, "Come, the party is ready!" But the man shook his head and said, "I can't come. I have just bought five new cows. I want to go and milk them. Please excuse me." The servant hung his head and walked away.

The servant went to the third man and said, "Come, the party is ready!" But the man shook his head and said, "I can't come. I've just got married. I have to go home. Please excuse me." The servant hung his head and walked away.

The servant went back to his master and said, "They will not come." The man became angry. He told his servant to go into the streets and dark alleys and bring other people. The servant rushed out into the streets. He brought in the poor people, the blind people and the sick people.

But there was still room for more! The rich man said, "Go to the country towns. Invite anyone you see. Make them come so my house will be full." So the servant went and he invited anyone he saw, until the party was full. BUT not one of those people who received the invitation and then said *No* will ever get in to the party.

God is like the rich man. He invites us to come into his kingdom. But we need to say 'yes' to God's invitation. If we don't, we will miss out.

The Parable Of The Lost Son

Luke 15:1-2,11-32

Some church leaders were grumbling and complaining that Jesus was spending time with 'bad' people! So Jesus told them this story.

A man had two sons. One day, the youngest son went to his Dad and said, "Dad I don't want to wait until you die to get your money. I want it now." His Dad gave him half the money and not long after the youngest son left home.

He went a long, long way from home. Away from his Dad and away from the farm. When he got there he had a great time spending his Dad's money! He went to parties. He bought great things! He had lots of friends. What fun he had spending his Dad's money!

But one day, he ran out of money! All of a sudden he had no friends. Everything changed. There was no rain, so there was no food, and there were no jobs. The only job he could get was on a pig farm. Feeding the pigs! The pigs were dirty and they smelt really bad! But he needed a job, so he fed the pigs. He was so, so hungry, he wished he could eat what the pigs were eating.

Finally he thought, "My Dad has lots of workers. They are never hungry. I will go and tell my Dad I am sorry. Maybe I can work for my Dad." So off he went.

But his Dad saw him coming and he ran out to meet him. The youngest son said, "I am sorry. I have been a bad son."

But his Dad said, "My son is home! Let's have a party!"

When the older brother heard the music and was told about the party he was upset! He'd been working on the farm all these years. But his brother hadn't. He'd been having great time spending all the money! He was not happy that his Dad was being kind and welcoming to his brother. He was not happy at all! But his Dad found him and said, "Your brother did do the wrong thing, but now he's come back home. We have to be happy about that!"

Children, God is like the Father in Jesus' story. He is happy about every person who says sorry and comes back to him. God wants us to be happy too. God has been very kind to us in giving us Jesus, so don't be upset when God is kind to others.

The Parable Of The Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus told this story.

There once was a rich farmer. He was rich because he had good soil and his corn grew faster than all the other farmers' corn. So at harvest time he had much more corn than all the other farmers. He was happy.

But the farmer had a problem. He had heaps of corn and his old barn was too small to store it all. So the farmer decided to knock down this old barn and build a bigger, better barn so that he could then have a rest!

So he pulled down the old barn, and built a bigger, better barn. But at harvest time the new barn was still not big enough. The farmer had been greedy. He had planted even more corn and some carrots as well.

The farmer wasn't worried. He'd build an even bigger, better, super-doooper barn. Then he'd have a holiday.

So the farmer built a bigger, better, super-doooper barn. But at harvest time the next year, even the bigger, better, super-doooper barn was not big enough. Again the greedy farmer had planted more corn, more carrots, and a few lettuces as well. Then the farmer decided he'd build the most spectacular barn in all the world! Then he'd never have to work again!

So the farmer built a barn that was enormous. It was higher than the tallest tower. When he had finished building the barn the farmer smiled. He decided he'd have a party to celebrate!

But that very night, while the farmer was asleep, he died. Just like that! The birds ate up all his corn, the cows ate up all his carrots and the rabbits ate up all his lettuces. And the biggest, grandest barn in all the world stood empty.

The rich farmer never did get to have a party. He never got time to enjoy being rich.

It is very stupid to spend your whole life wanting to get richer and richer and richer. To God, you are really poor. If you love Jesus, then you are rich with God.

The Parable Of The Tower Builder

Luke 14:25-35

George wanted to build a tower, but George didn't have a job or any money. But that didn't stop George. George began to build his tower but he soon ran out of bricks. So George borrowed bricks from his father.

After a while George again ran out of bricks. George went to borrow more bricks from his father, but his father had no more bricks. George had no money to buy bricks and George could not finish his tower.

Then his friends made fun of him saying, "Georgie Porgie puddin' and pie. Couldn't build a tower to reach the sky!" George hung his head.

Peter wanted to build a tower, but Peter didn't have a job or any money. So Peter sat down and thought about what he needed to build his tower. Peter saved his money and collected his bricks. It took a long time. When Peter had enough money and enough bricks he got to work. Peter built his tower. When Peter had finished his tower, all his friends came to see. All his friends cried out, "Peter, Peter pumpkin eater. Tower builder, thrill seeker!" And Peter smiled!

Peter stopped and thought about how hard it is to build a tower. But George didn't.

Jesus wants us to follow him but following Jesus is not always easy. Jesus wants us to stop and think first, before we follow him. So that we will follow him and never give up.

The Parable Of The Net

Matthew 13:47-52

Jesus told many stories to teach us about God and his kingdom. Some of Jesus' stories help us understand what will happen when he comes back to judge the world.

A fisherman went out one day to catch some fish. The weather was good, his net was strong, and he was ready! So he threw his net out into the water. And he threw his net out into the water. And he threw his net out into the water. Till all at once, his net was full of fish - lots and lots and lots of fish. The fisherman pulled and pulled and pulled the net. He dragged the fish ashore.

The fisherman set about sorting the fish. The good fish would go in one pile, and the bad fish would go in another pile. The fisherman looked at the first fish. The fisherman smiled and put the fish in the good pile. Then the fisherman looked at the second fish and frowned. That fish would not do. He put the fish in the bad pile.

The fisherman picked up every fish. Some fish he put in the good pile but others he put in the bad pile. The fisherman did this until all the fish were sorted. And so the fisherman's work was done.

When Jesus comes back he will put all of us into two groups. One group will go to be with him in heaven forever. The other group, will not. If you love the Lord Jesus, he will take you to be with him forever in God's great heaven! But if you don't love Jesus, then you will miss out.

The Parable Of The Ten Girls

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus is coming back one day and he wants us to be ready to meet him. So Jesus told us this story...

There once were ten girls. The ten girls were excited because they'd heard that the King was coming. So the girls got out their torches and they began to wait for the King. The girls waited, and waited, and waited. But the King did not come.

Five girls made sure they were ready. They tested their torches to see that they were working. But the other five girls did nothing. Still the King did not come.

Now it was getting late - way past the girls' bedtime. All the girls were tired and one by one they fell asleep.

Suddenly, someone called out, "The King is here!" The girls woke up. It was the middle of the night! The girls turned on their torches, but five girls couldn't see. Their torches didn't work! They needed new batteries. The girls had no choice. They raced off to the shops to get new batteries.

Just then the King arrived. The girls who were ready went with the King. They went with the King into the King's party.

A little while later the other girls arrived back from the shops. They looked around. Oh no! The King had come and gone. They rushed up to the door and shouted, "Let us in!" But the door was locked. They shouted even louder but no one opened the door. They could not get in. The King had come and the King had gone. They had not been ready for the King.

Jesus, God's King, is in heaven getting everything ready. One day he will come back. We need to be ready for when King Jesus comes back.