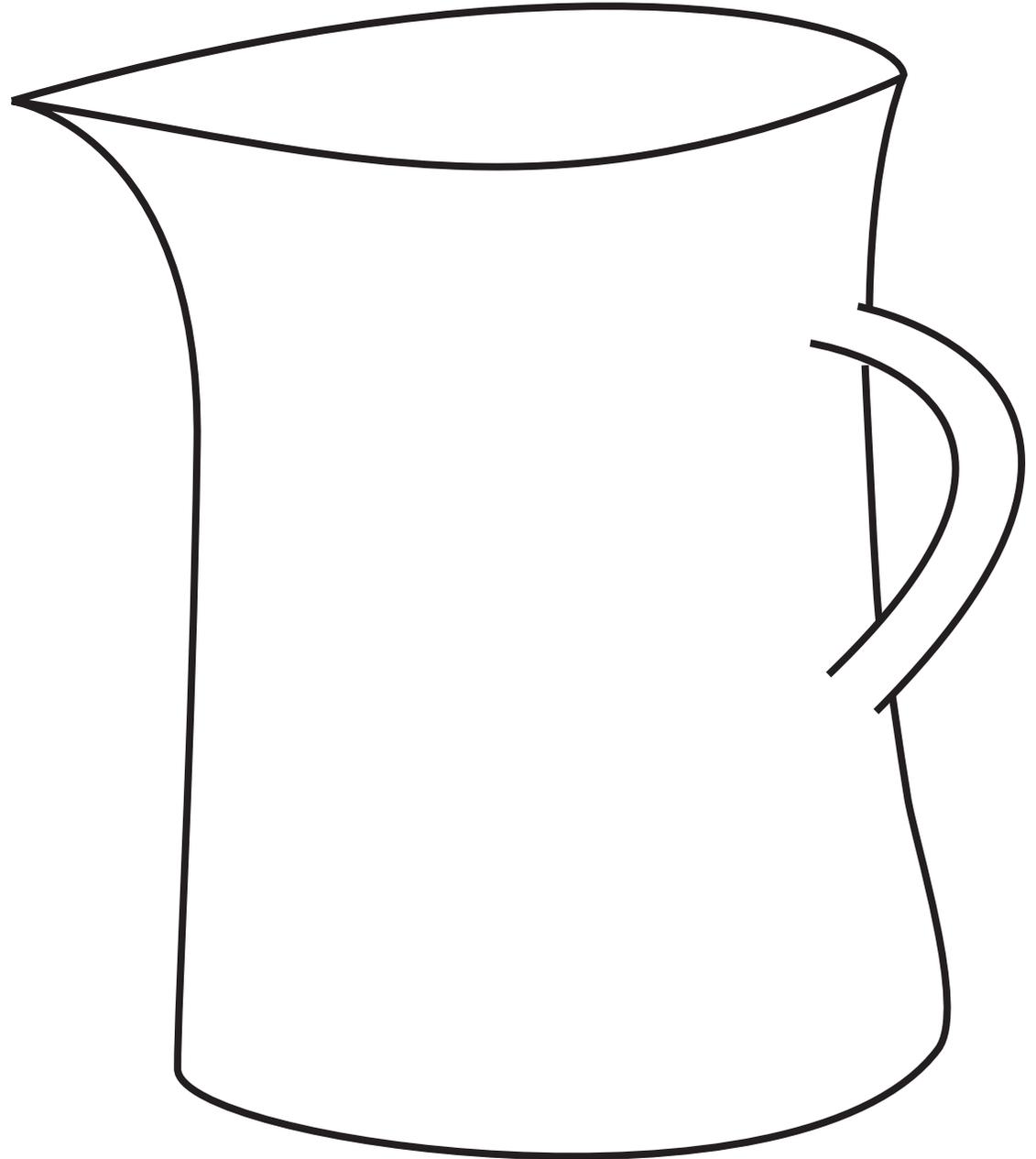
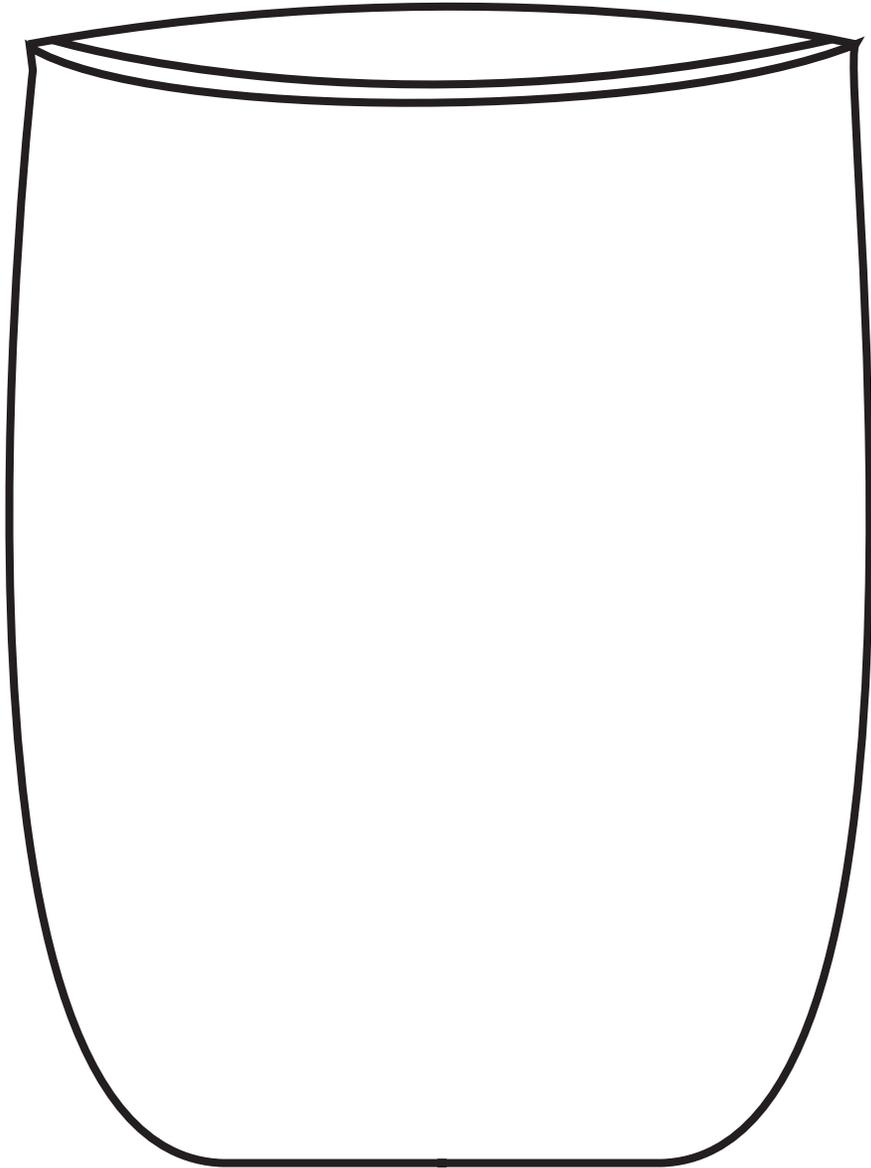


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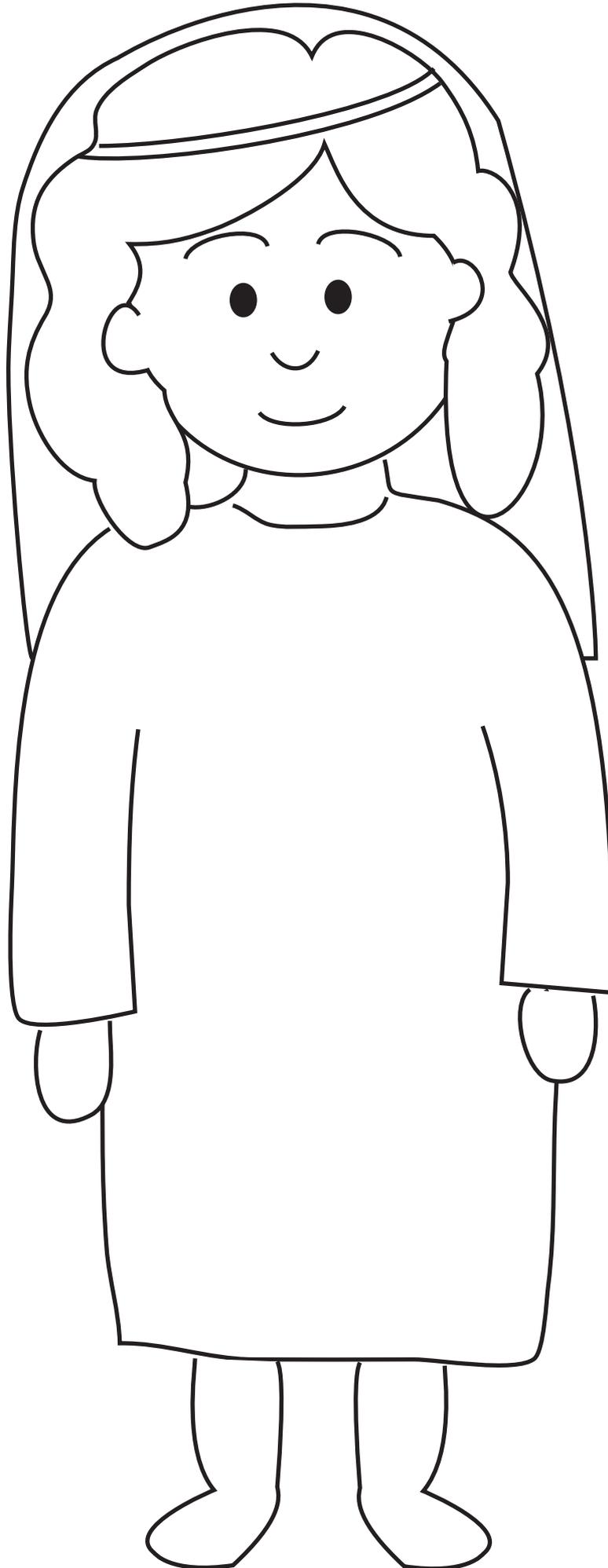


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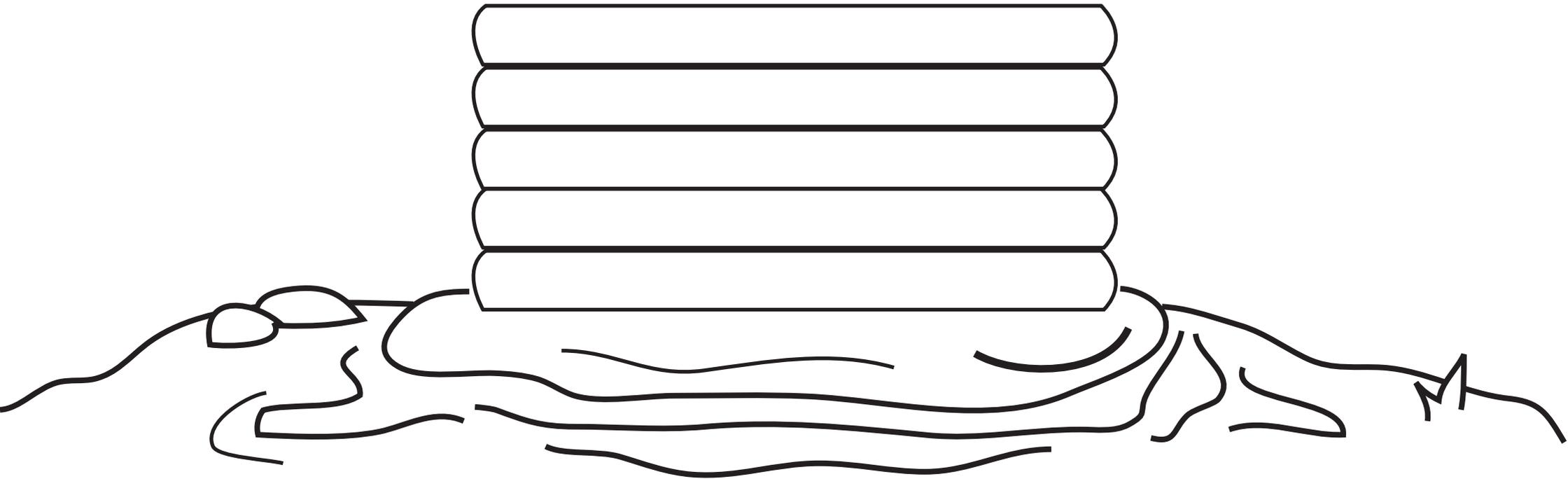


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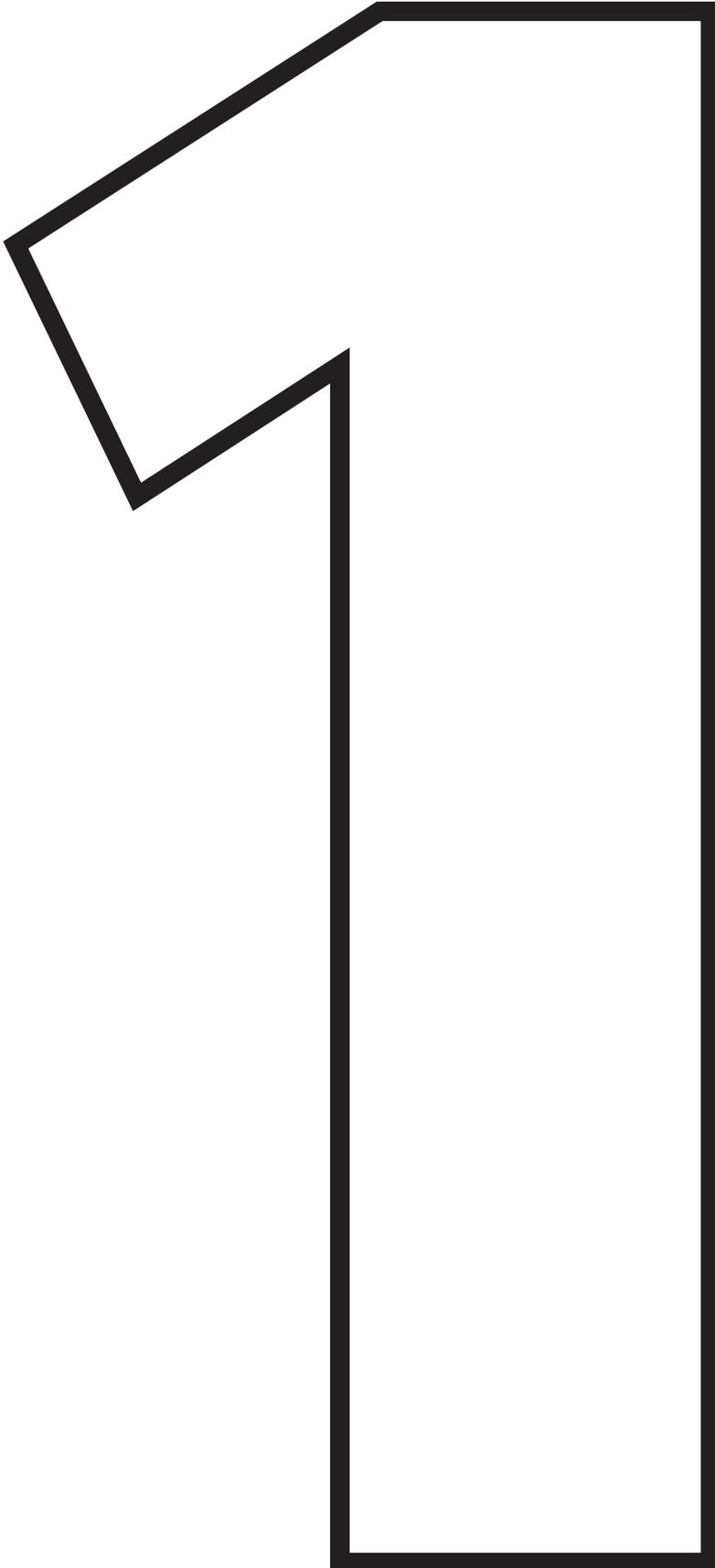
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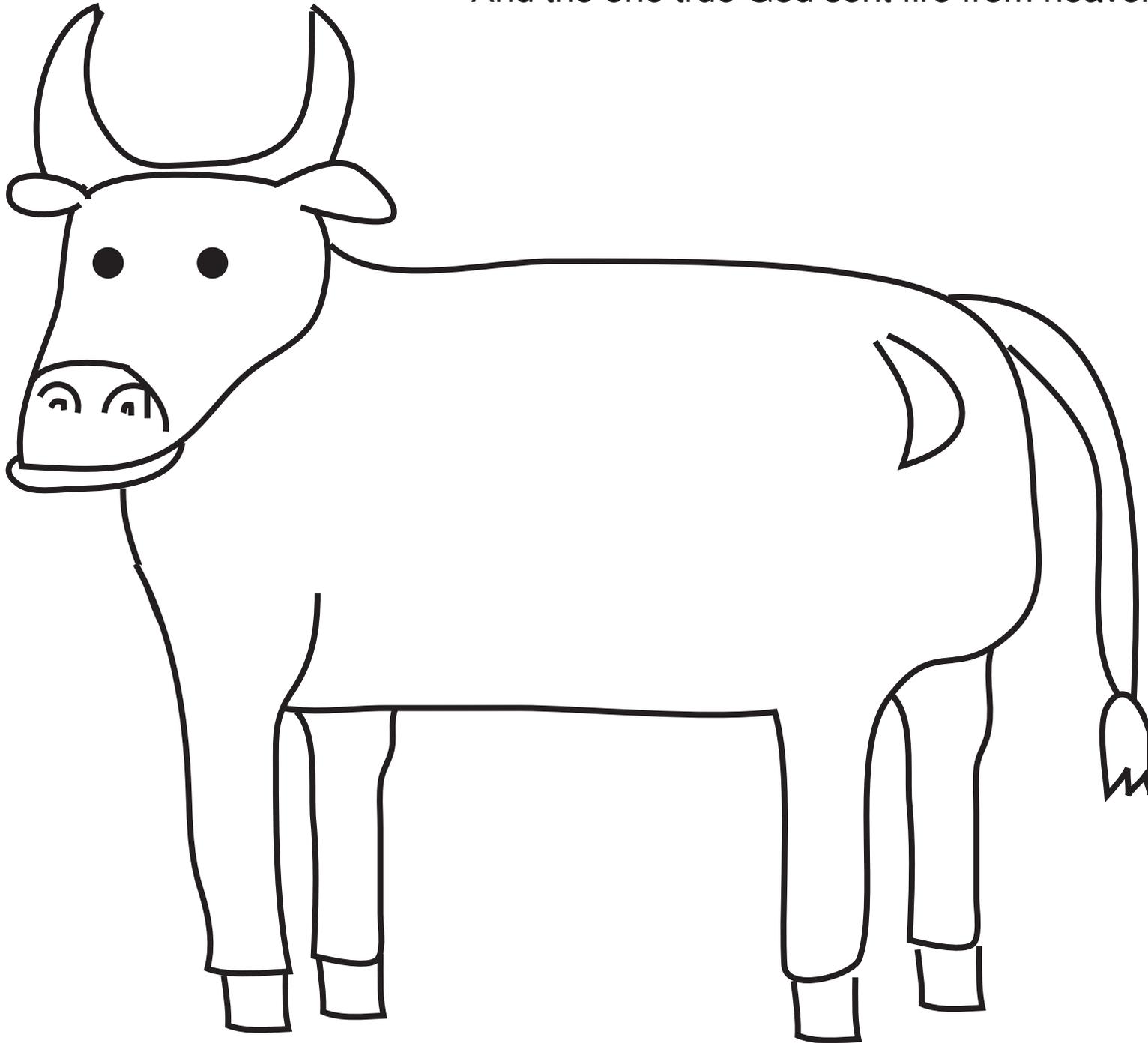
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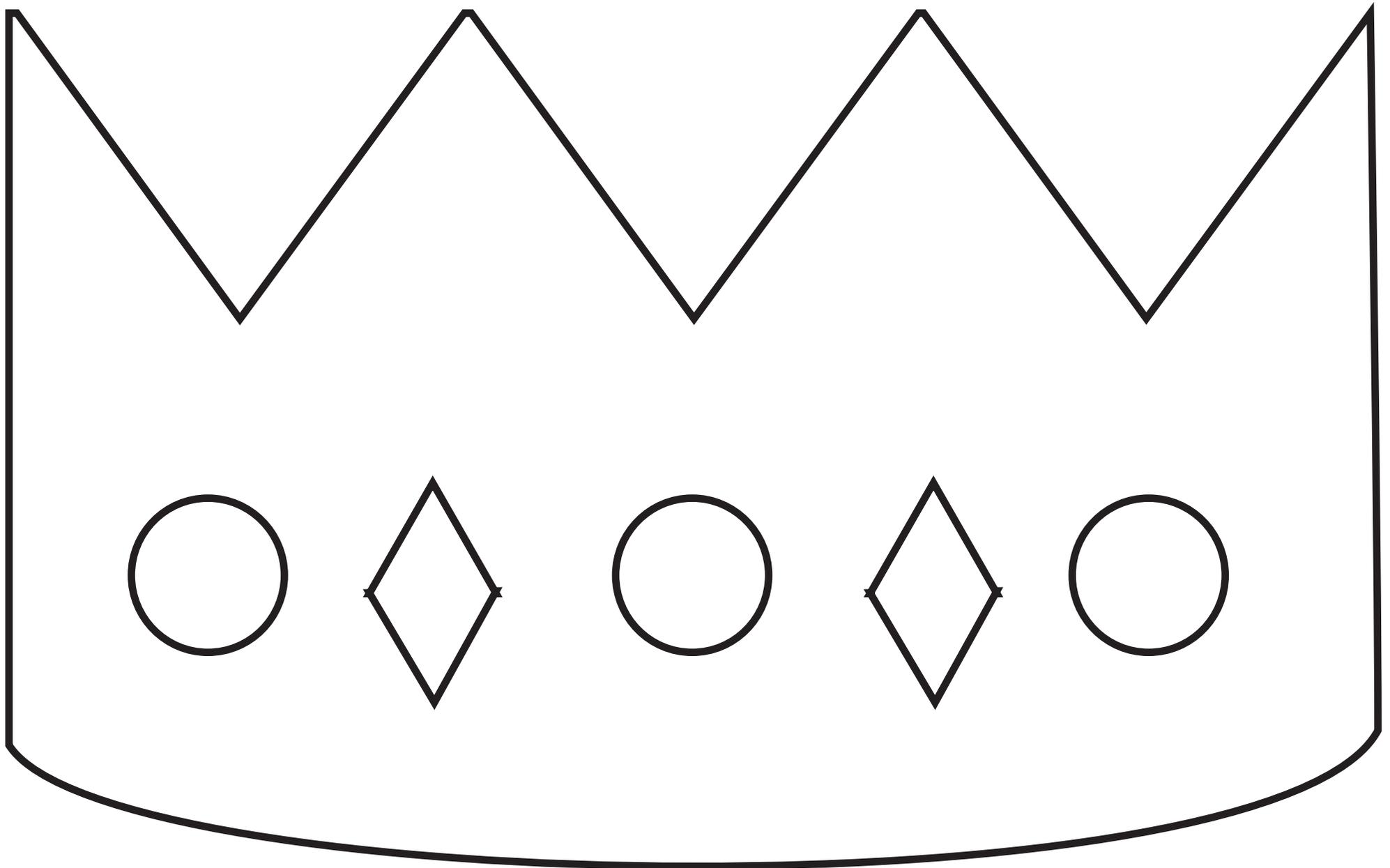
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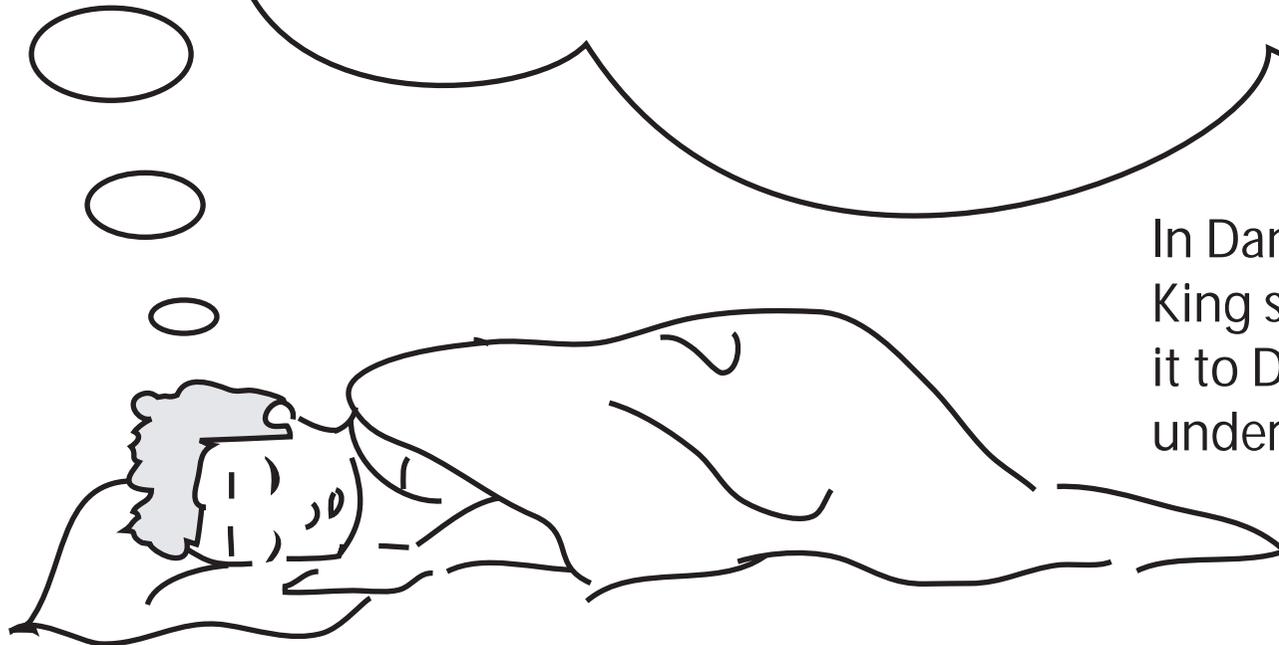
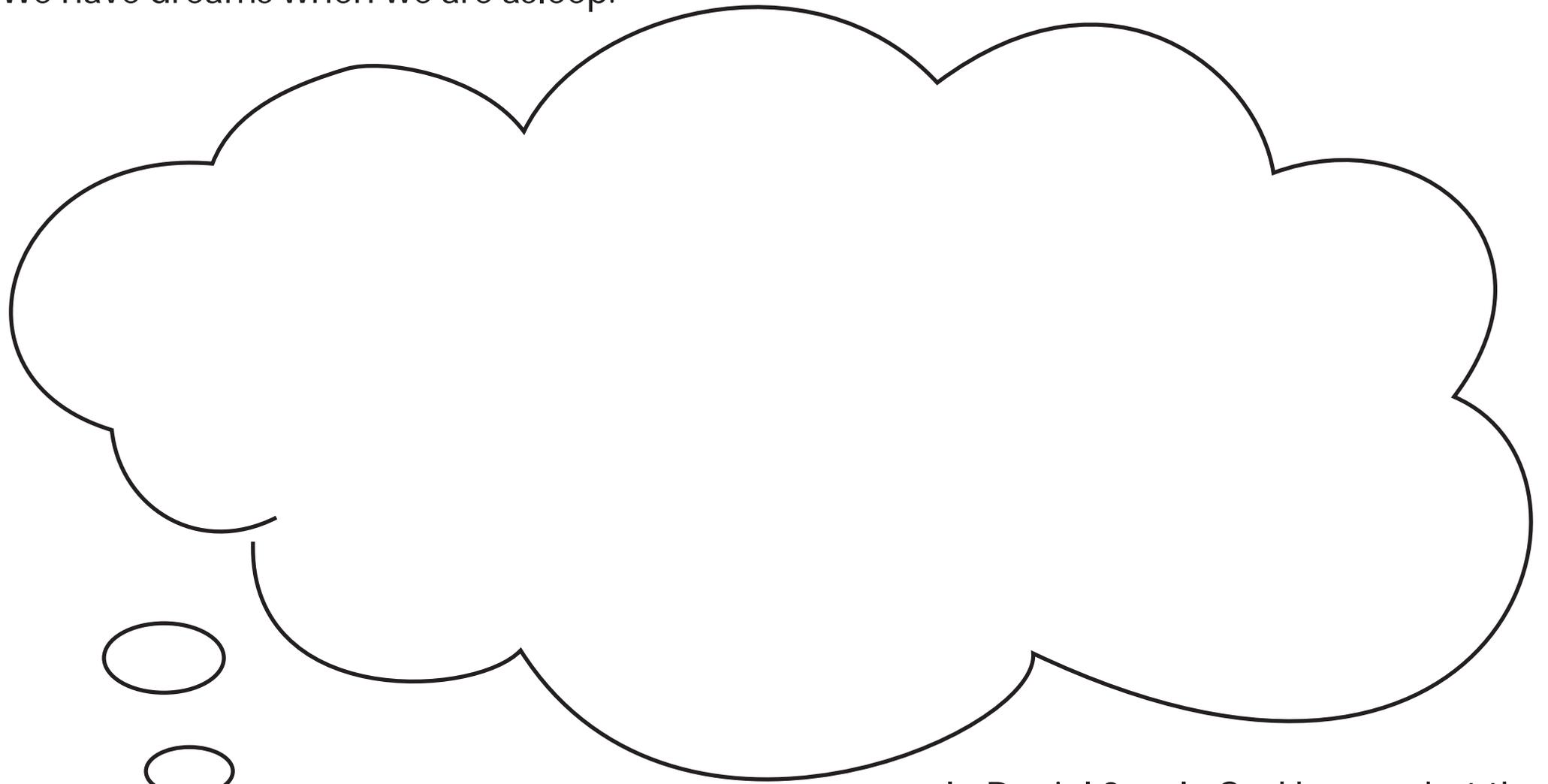
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And the one true God sent fire from heaven. *1 Kings 18*



Esther was willing to die to save her people.
Jesus willingly died to save us. *Esther 3-7*

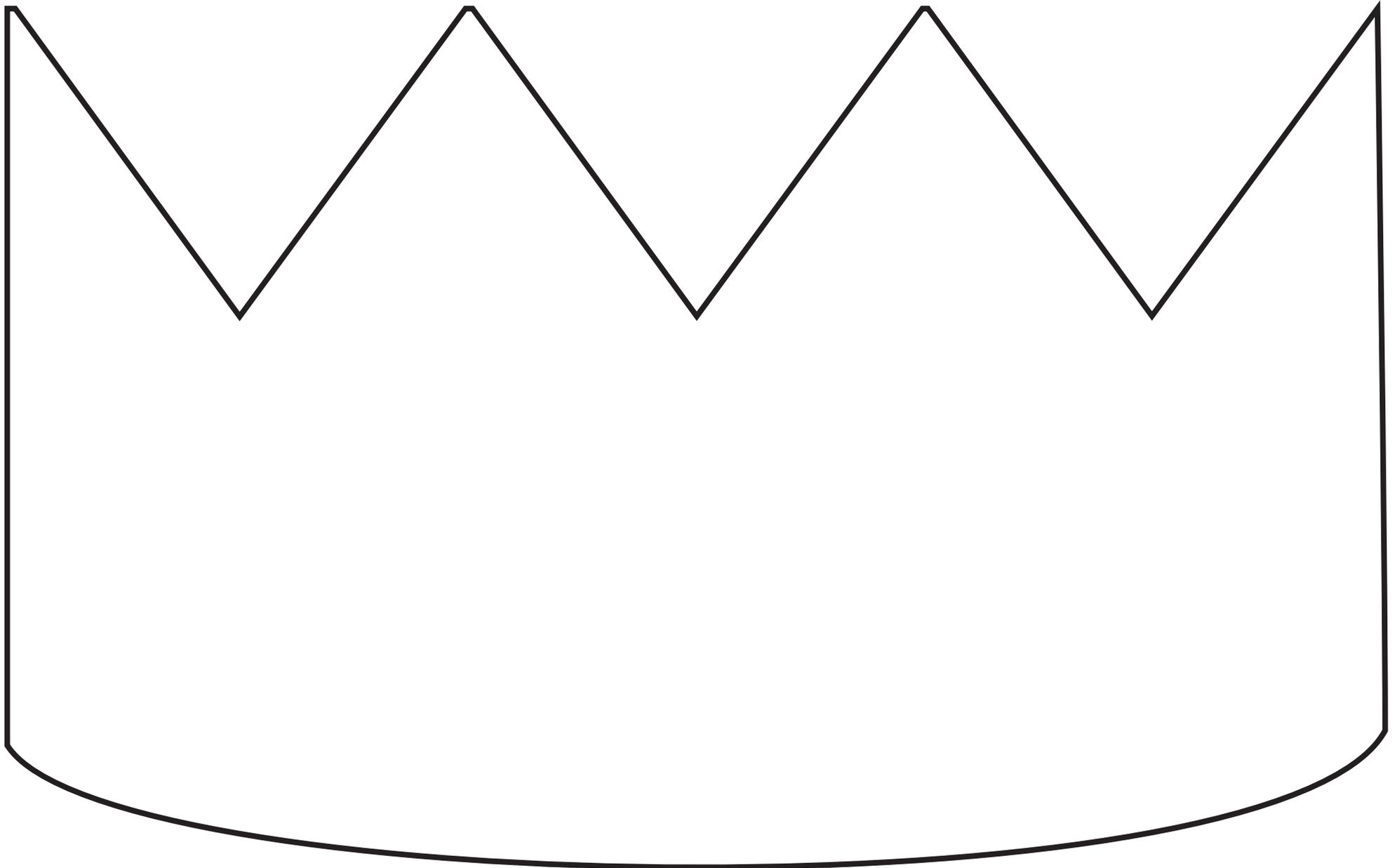


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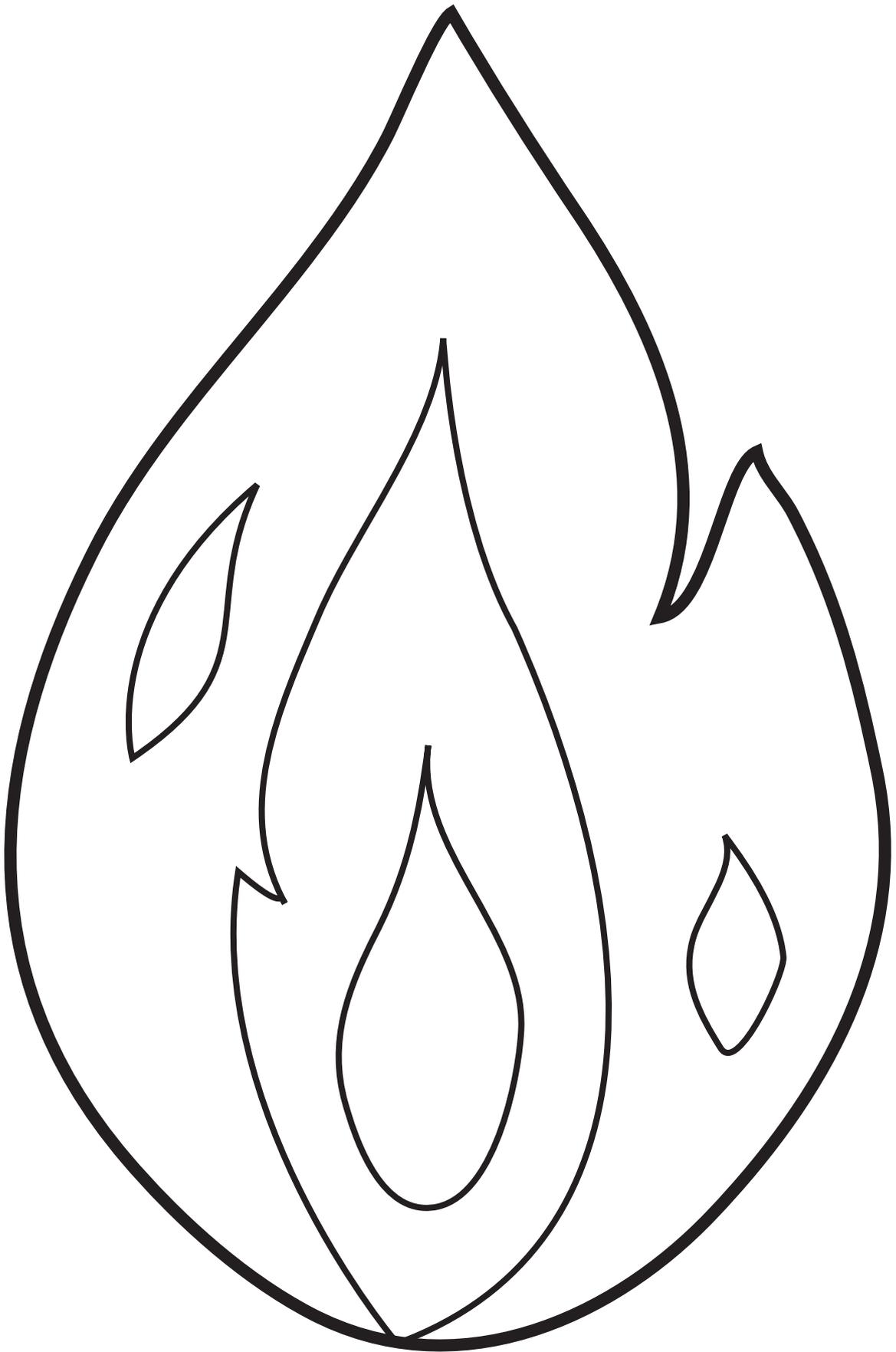


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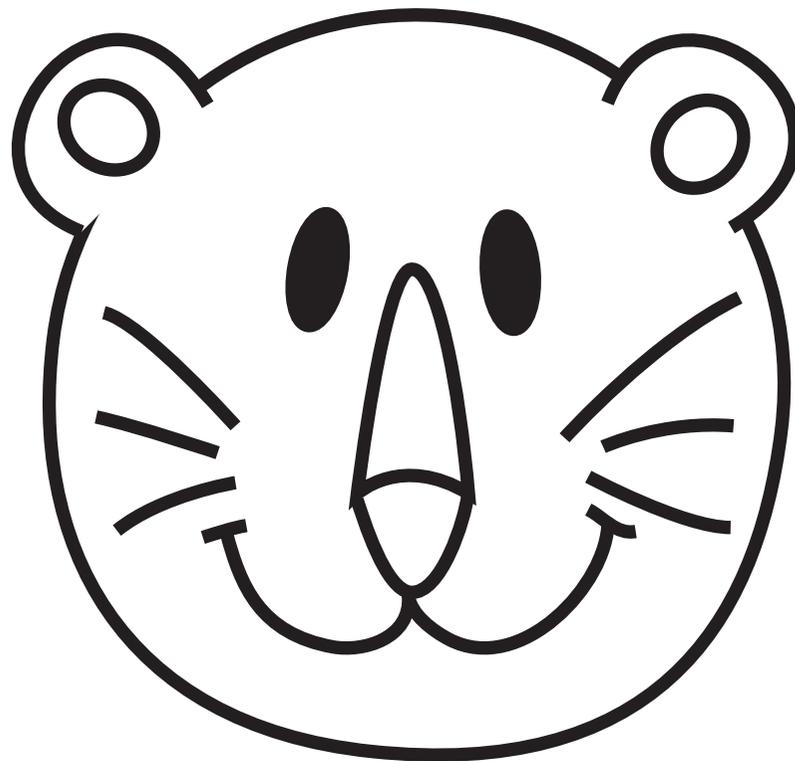
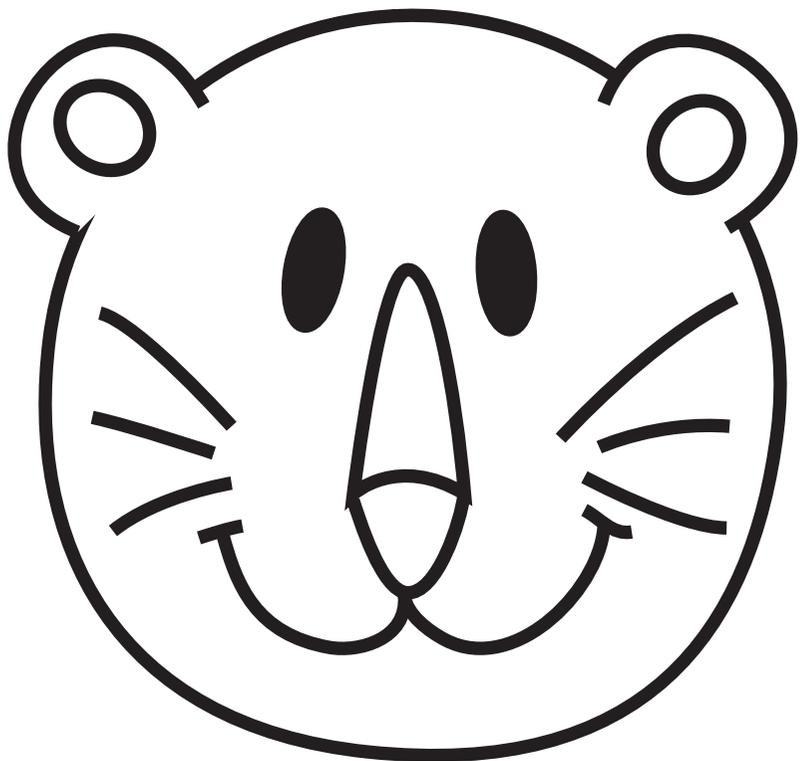
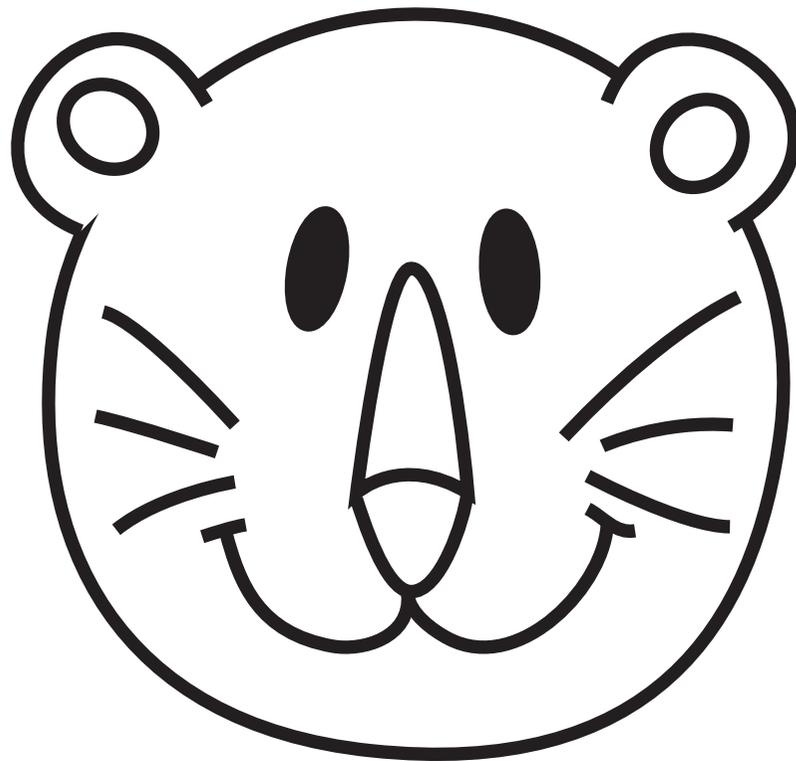
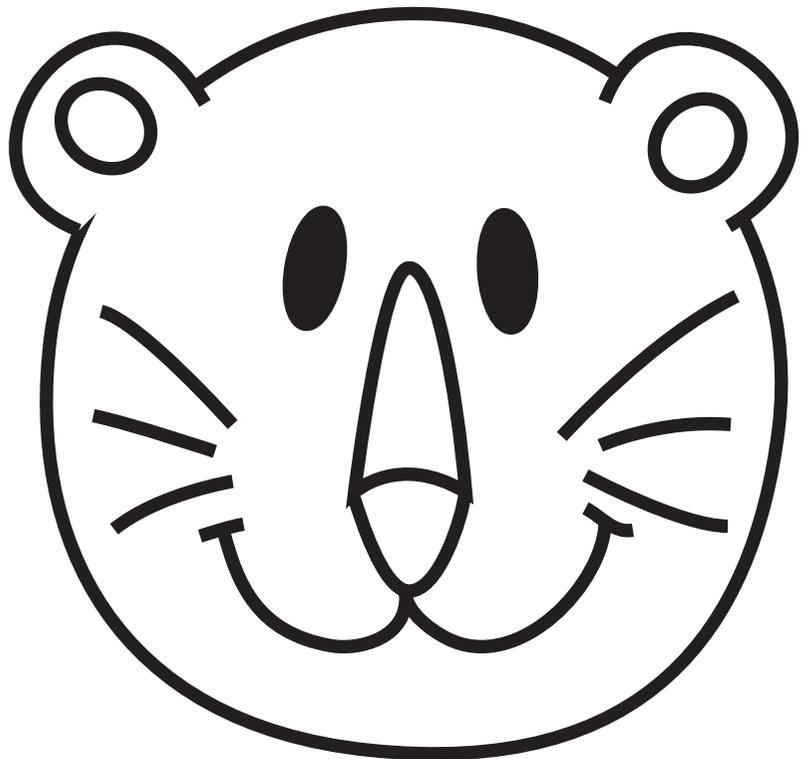
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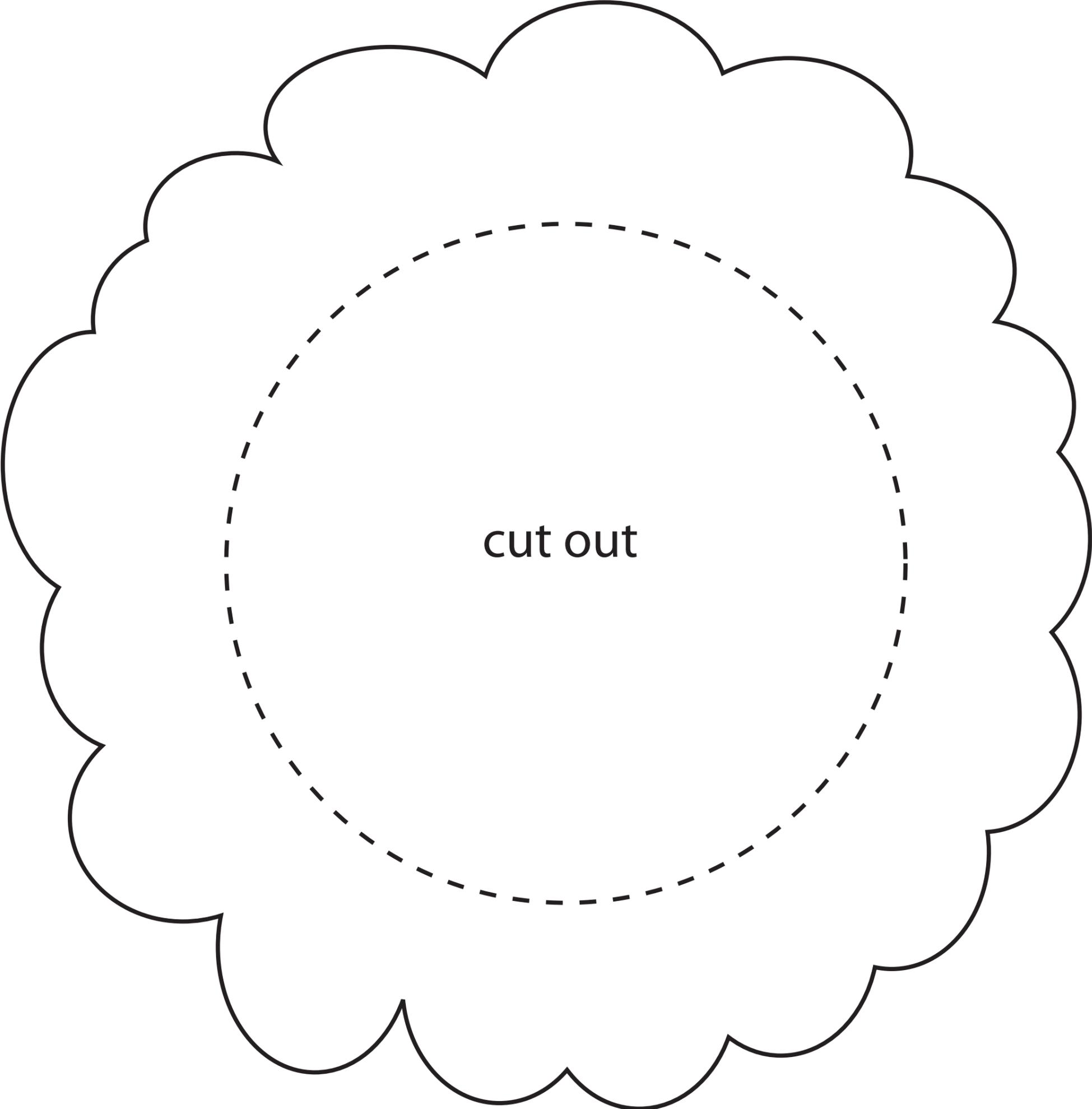
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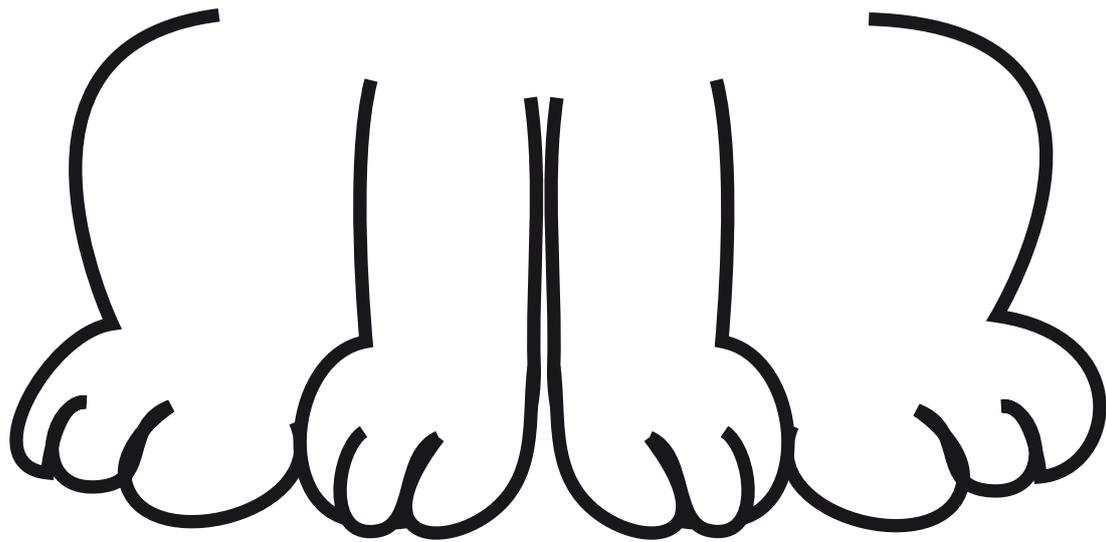
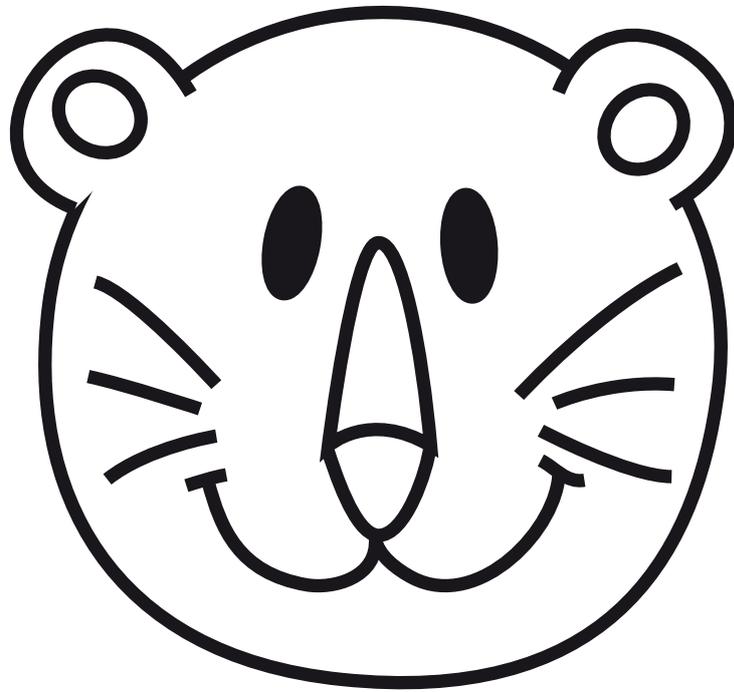
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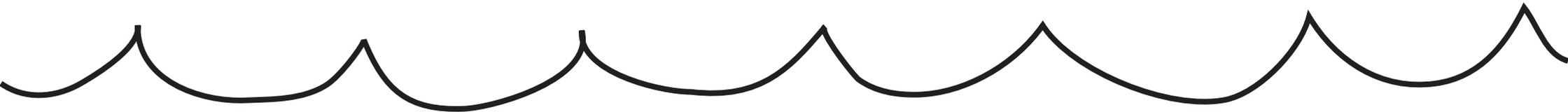
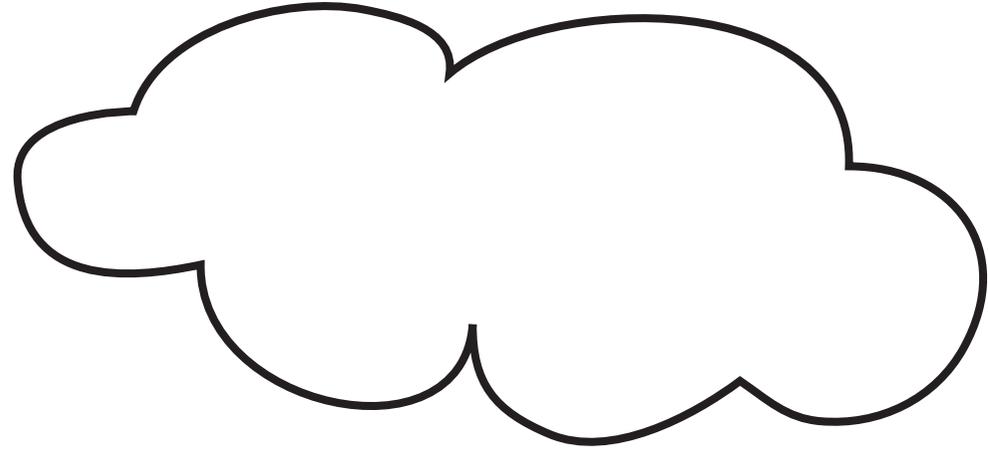
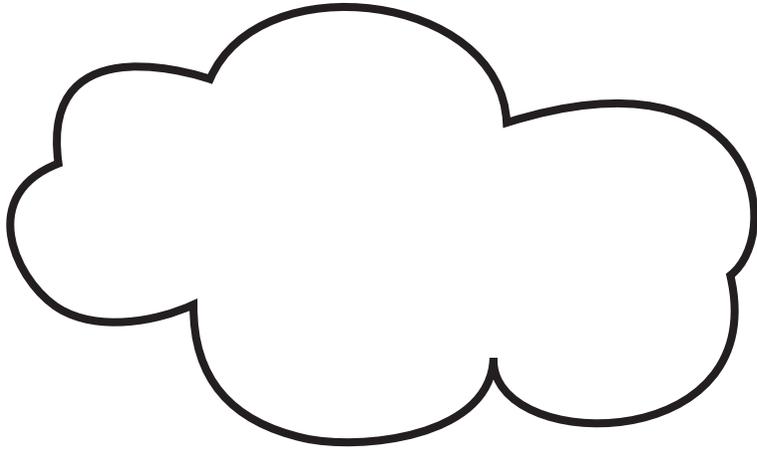
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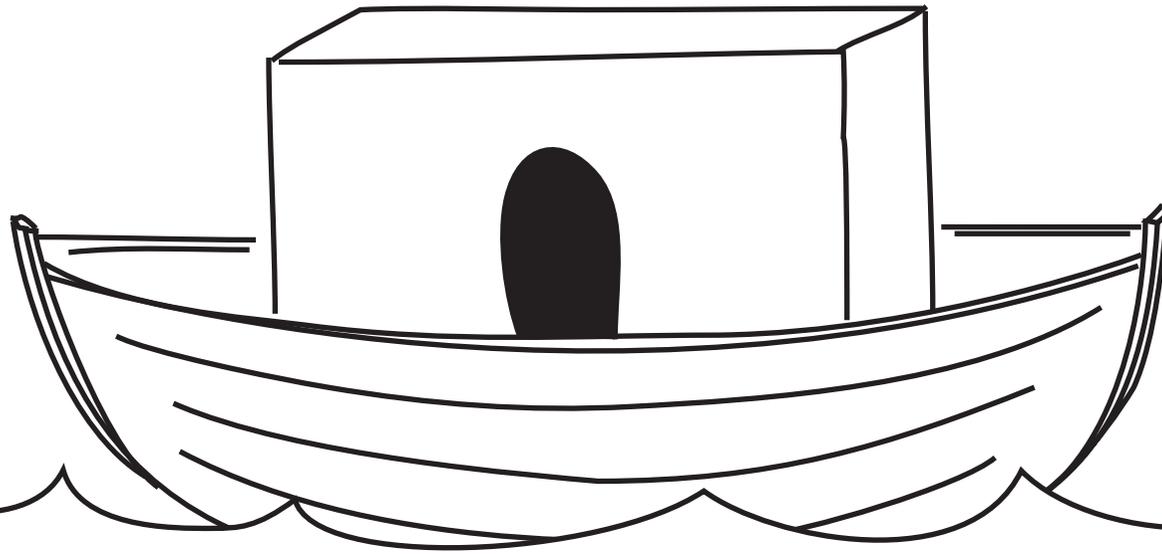
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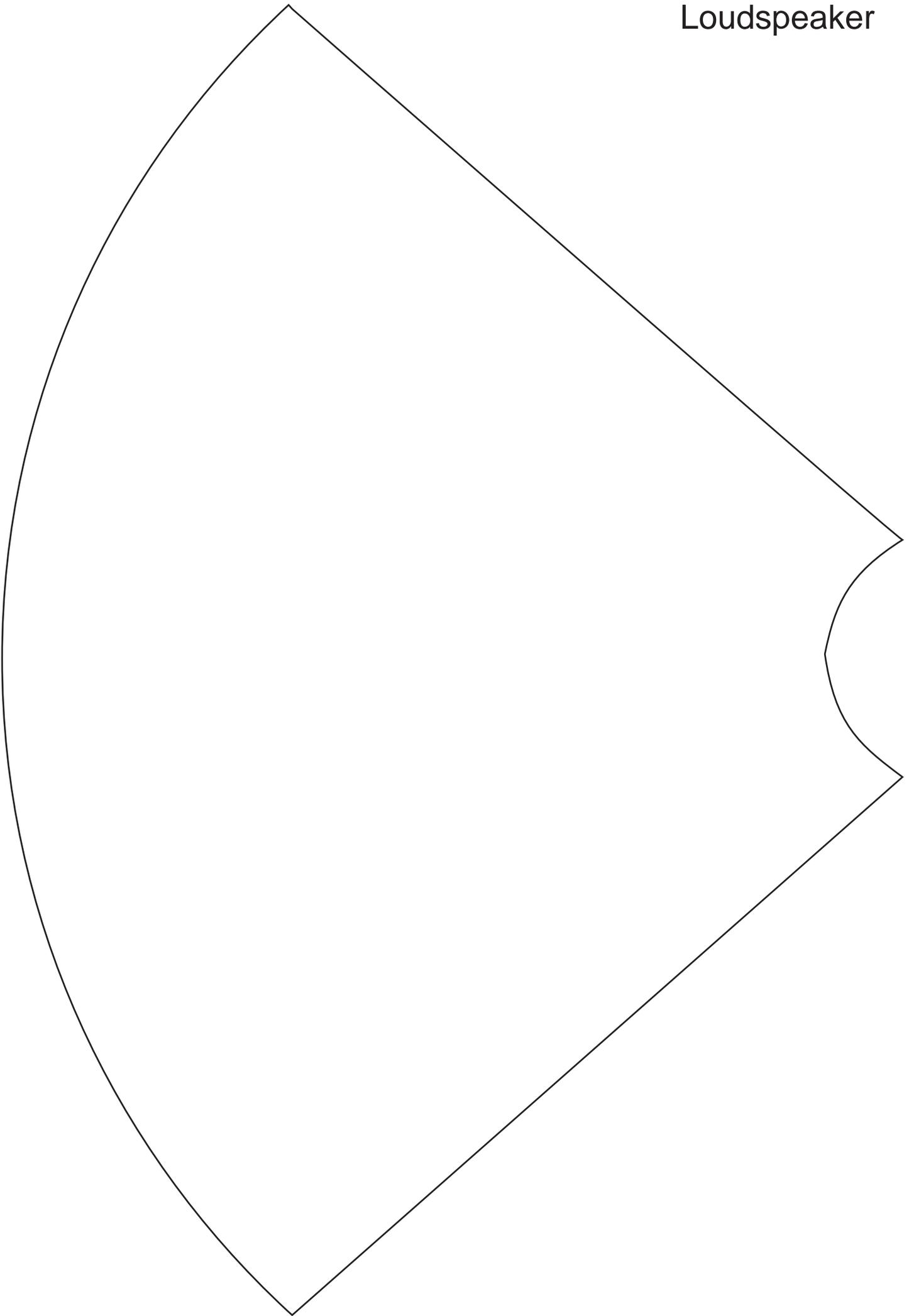
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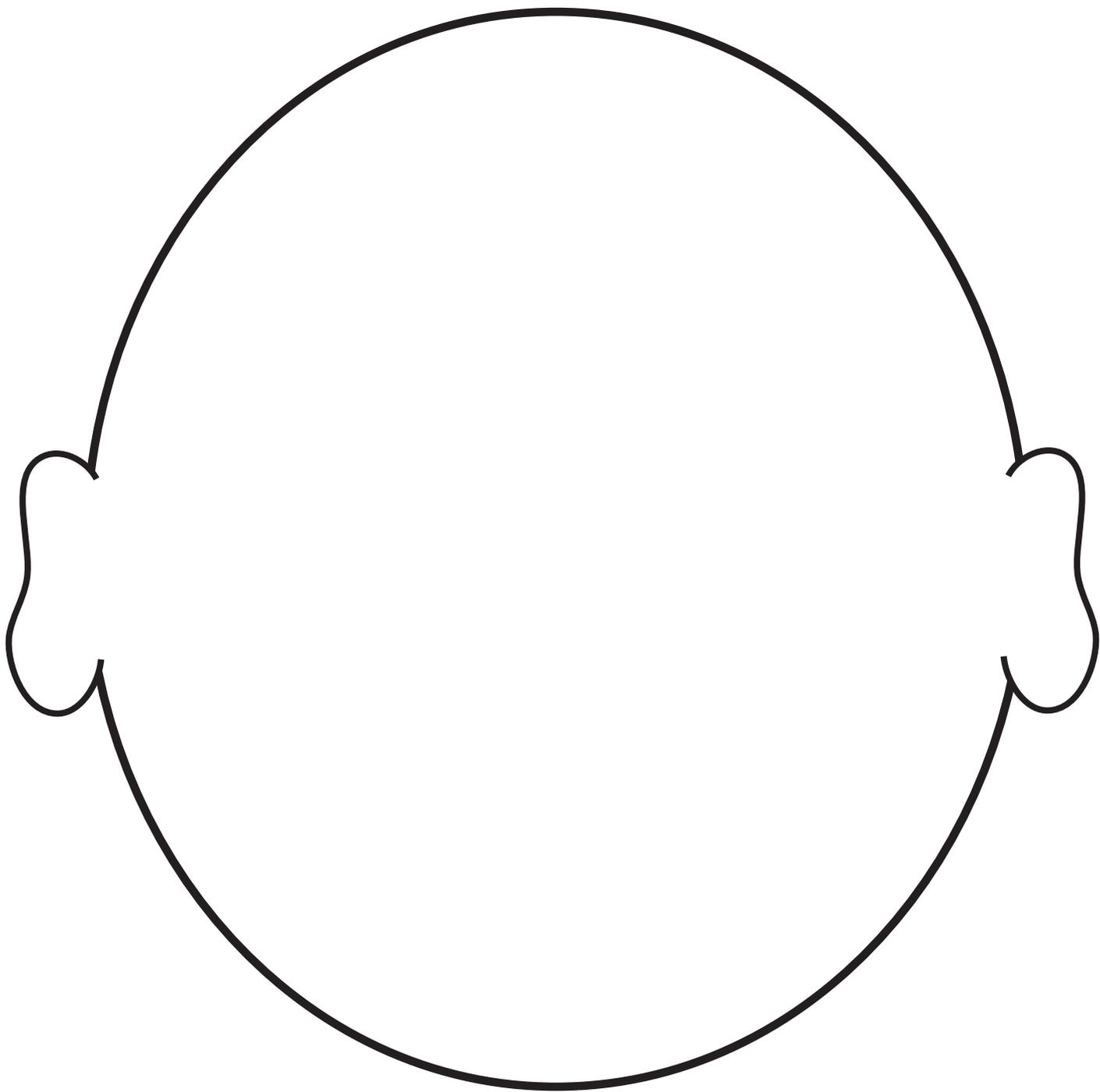


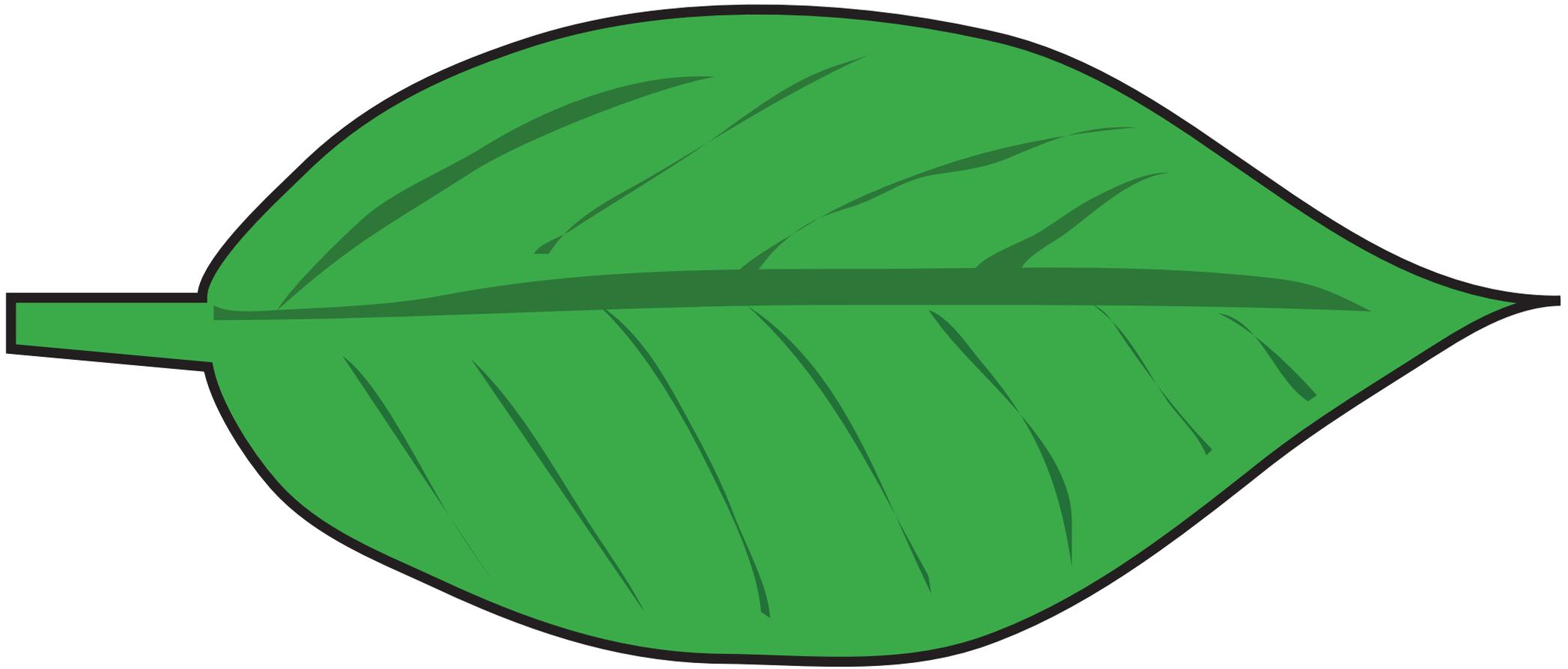
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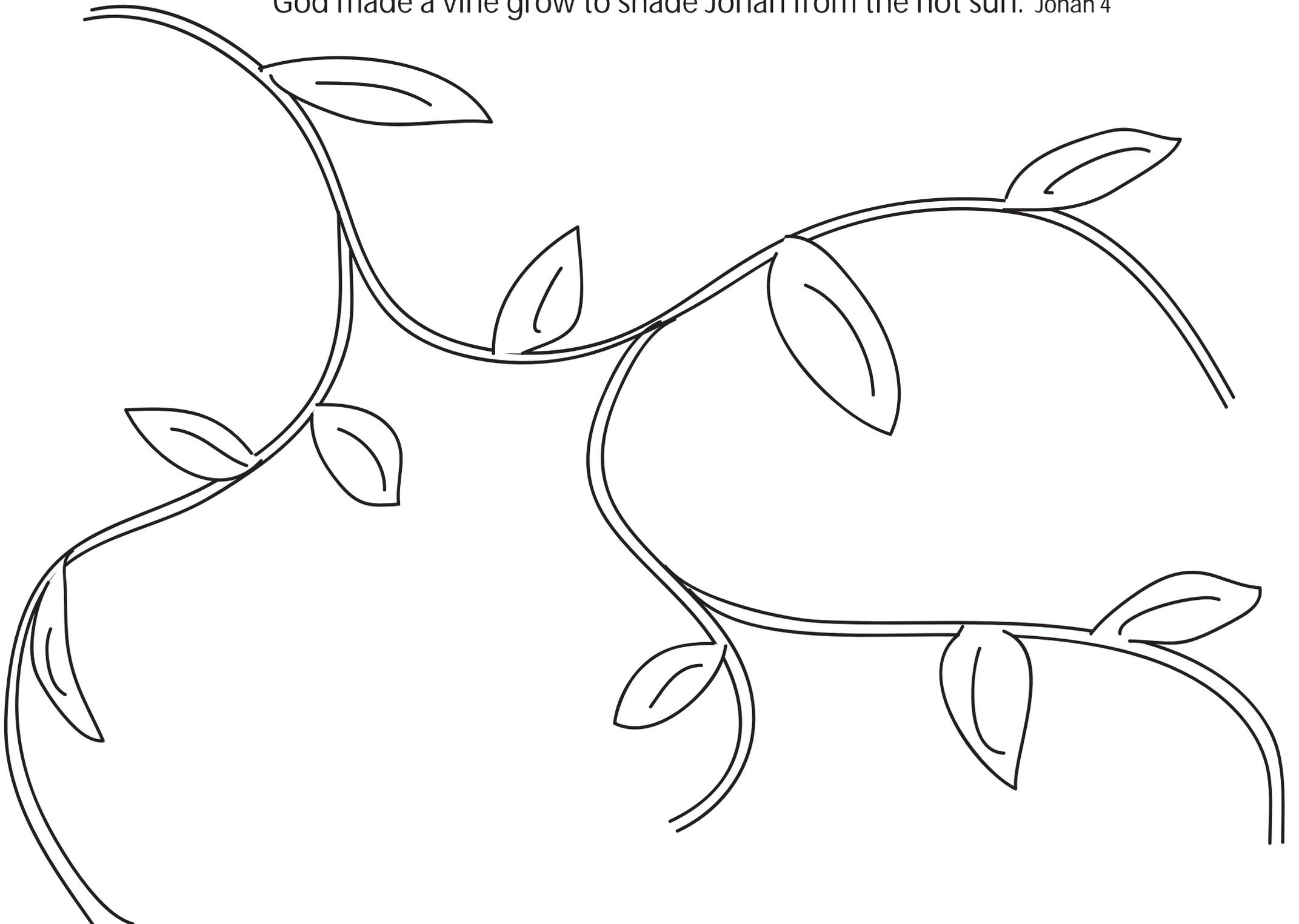
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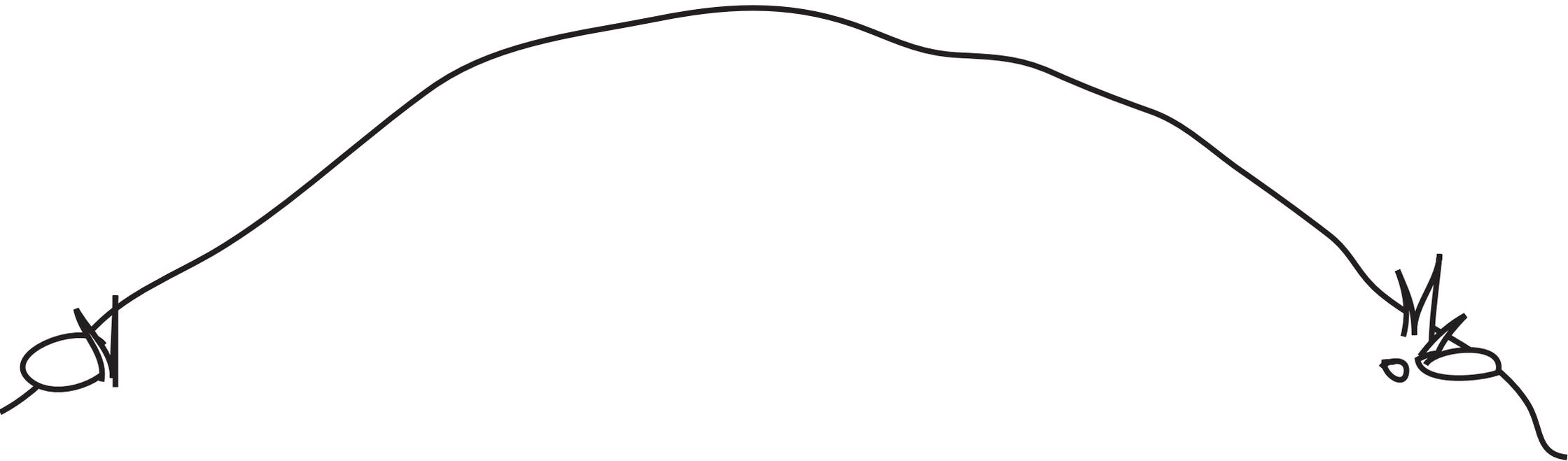




God made a vine grow to shade Jonah from the hot sun. Jonah 4



Jonah was angry that God has been kind to the Assyrians. He sat on a hill. *Jonah 4*



Elijah And The Ravens

1 Kings 17

Elijah was chosen by God to do a special job. God would talk to Elijah and Elijah would tell the people what God said. He was God's messenger.

One day, God sent Elijah to speak to the King, King Ahab. Now King Ahab did not love God. Instead he followed pretend gods. God was very angry with King Ahab. Elijah told King Ahab God's message. There would be no rain until God decided to send rain. No rain meant the plants would die. No rain meant the animals would die. No rain meant the people would have no food! And it happened just as God said. There was no rain. King Ahab was not happy with Elijah.

Then God told Elijah to go and hide in the desert. God promised to give Elijah water from a creek. God promised that birds would bring him food. It happened just as God said.

Elijah went into the desert and he came to a valley. Every morning birds brought Elijah bread and meat. Every evening Elijah drank water from the creek. Days went by and still it did not rain, just as God had promised. Every day the birds came and fed Elijah just like God had promised.

God promised the rain would not come, the birds would feed Elijah and there'd be water in the creek. And that's exactly what happened. God makes promises and God keeps promises. In fact every promise God makes, he keeps.

Elijah And The Widow

1 Kings 17

God sent Elijah to tell King Ahab that there would be no more rain. And the rain stopped, just like God had said. Then God told Elijah to go and hide in the desert. God promised to give Elijah water from a creek. And there was water in the creek, just like God had said. God promised that birds would bring him food. And birds came and fed Elijah meat and bread, just like God had said.

After a while, God told Elijah to go to a town. There he would find a widow who would give him food and water. So Elijah went to the town and found the lady, just like God said. She was picking up sticks. He asked her for some water and bread. The woman looked sad. She didn't have any bread, just a tiny bit of flour and oil. She was just about to make one last loaf of bread for herself and her son. After that, they would die.

But Elijah said that God would take care of them. The jug of oil and jar of flour would not run dry until rain fell on the land. God kept his promise. The woman's flour and oil didn't run out. There was enough food for them all, just like God had said.

God promised that the rain would not come, the birds would feed Elijah, the creek would give water and the flour and oil would not run out. And everything happened, just like God said. God makes promises and God keeps promises. In fact every promise God makes, he keeps.

The One And Only God

1 Kings 18:16-40

A long time ago there lived a bad King named Ahab who loved a pretend god named Baal. This made God was angry. So God sent his messenger, Elijah to King Ahab. Elijah said, "Let's see who is the one true God."

So Elijah, King Ahab, all of Baal's messengers and all the people of Israel walked up the mountain. When they reached the top Elijah said, "There is only one true God. Let us see who is the one true God." All the people of Israel agreed.

So the messengers of Baal put a cow on top of a pile of rocks and they cried, "Baal, send fire. Baal, send fire." Nothing happened!

So the messengers of Baal cried out again, "Baal, send fire. Baal, send fire." Nothing happened. So the messengers of Baal cried out again, "Baal, send fire. Baal, send fire." Still nothing happened.

So Elijah said, "Shout louder. Maybe Baal is too busy. Maybe Baal is on holidays. Or maybe Baal has gone to sleep. Shout louder!"

So they shouted louder, "Baal, send fire!" And louder, "Baal, send fire!" and louder, "Baal, send fire!" But there was no fire, no answer. There was no one there.

Then Elijah put a cow on top of a pile of rocks. Elijah told two helpers to fill large water jars and pour water all over the animal, all over the wood and all over the rocks. Everything got wet! Then Elijah told them to do it again, and again. Everything got very, very wet. The stones, the wood and the cow all got soaking wet. Then Elijah prayed, "God, let everyone here know that you alone are God."

Suddenly fire fell from heaven. The fire was red hot. The fire burnt up the cow, the fire burnt up the rocks and the fire burnt up the water! Nothing was left. Everything was burnt up.

When the people of Israel saw what God had done they cried out, "Elijah's God is God. There is only one true God."

A pretend god can't hear, or see, or speak or do anything. It's just pretend. We must never pretend about God. There is only one true God and we must follow him.

Esther

Esther 3-7

A long, long time ago, God's people, the Jews, lived in Persia. Persia had a King. His name was Xerxes and Esther was his Queen. But Esther had a secret. Esther was a Jew.

There also lived a very powerful man named Haman, and Haman hated the Jews. Haman hated the Jews because of Mordecai, Queen Esther's cousin. Mordecai had refused to bow down to Haman. So Haman hated Mordecai and all the Jews.

Haman came up with a plan to get rid of them all! He did not know that Esther was a Jew. Haman went to the King and asked him to write a law. The law said that soon all Jews - men, women and children – would be killed.

When Mordecai heard about the law he was very upset. He tore his clothes, fell to the ground and put dirt on his head. And all the Jews did the same.

Then Mordecai told Esther she had to go and see the King. Esther was the only one who could save them!

But Esther had a problem. She could only go and see the King if the King asked her to come. He'd not asked her to come in a long time. If she went and saw the King without being asked, the King could have her killed. So, if Esther went - she could be killed. But if she didn't go - all her people would be killed.

Esther got dressed and went to the King. The King looked up... and he smiled. He held out his special gold sceptre to her. Esther was safe!

Then Esther invited the King and Haman to a special meal. Haman was excited. A meal with the King and the Queen! So the special meal was prepared. Queen Esther, the King and Haman sat down to eat.

While they were eating the King was so happy with Esther he promised to give her whatever she asked. Queen Esther asked that both she and her people be allowed to live. The King became angry! He demanded to know who was going to kill his Queen! Esther pointed at Haman. Haman was terrified. He did not know that Esther was a Jew. Haman was punished. And Esther and all the Jews were saved.

Esther was willing to die, to save her people. Jesus was not only willing to die for us, he did die to save us.

Dream On!

Daniel 2

King Nebuchadnezzar was the King of Babylon. One day, King Nebuchadnezzar woke up from having a bad dream and he was worried. It was a very bad dream. He called all his wise men and said, "I've had a bad dream. A very bad dream. I want to know what my bad dream means." Then all the wise men said, "Tell us your dream and we will tell you what it means." But King Nebuchadnezzar shook his head. He wanted them to tell him what the dream was and then what it meant. But what the King was asking was impossible! The King became very angry. He ordered that all the wise men be killed. Including Daniel! The soldiers brought Daniel to the King. Daniel asked, "Please give me time to find out about your dream." The King agreed.

Daniel went home and prayed. He begged God to tell him about the King's dream. That night, God told Daniel. And Daniel thanked God.

The next morning Daniel went to the King. Daniel said that God, who knows all things, told him about the dream and what it meant. So Daniel told the King the dream he'd had and what the dream meant. The King fell down in front of Daniel and said, "Daniel, your God is the true God. He is the Lord of all. For only you, Daniel, were able to tell me my dream."

Then the King made Daniel ruler over all of Babylon and Daniel was put in charge of all the wise men.

There is only one God and he knows everything. We can trust him.

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

King Nebuchadnezzar forgot that there is one true God. He built a very, very, very big statue made of gold. Then King Nebuchadnezzar called all the people of Babylon to come to his statue. All the people came to the King's statue and were told... "When you hear the music playing, you must bow down in front of the golden statue. If you don't bow down, you will be thrown into the hot, hot fire." The music began to play and everyone bowed down to the King's pretend god. Everyone, except three men - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego loved God. They would not bow down to a pretend god.

King Nebuchadnezzar became very angry and said, "If you do not bow down to my statue you will be thrown into the hot, hot fire. Then what god will save you!" Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied, "God can rescue us if he wants. But even if he does not, we will not bow down to your statue." King Nebuchadnezzar was furious! He ordered the fire be made seven times hotter than usual. He thought that that was the end of them. But he was wrong.

When King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the hot, hot fire, he saw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego walking around in the fire, and some one else as well.

King Nebuchadnezzar called them out of the hot, hot fire. The fire had not burnt their clothes or their hair and they didn't even smell of smoke.

Then the King praised God and told the people that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's God is God. No one saves like him!

There are many pretend gods but there is only one true God.
The one true God is our God - the God and Father of our Lord Jesus.

Daniel In The Lions' Den

Daniel 6

Daniel was a very good and honest ruler. So King Darius gave Daniel an important job. This made the other rulers jealous. They wanted to get rid of Daniel. So they watched Daniel. But Daniel wasn't lazy. He never lied or cheated. They could not find any way to trap him. So they all put their heads together and they came up with a plan!

They went to King Darius, bowed very low and said, "Oh, King Darius, live forever! Everyone in Babylon has agreed that for thirty days everyone should pray only to you. If they pray to anyone else, throw them to the lions!"

King Darius liked it very much. So he wrote down the new law.

Daniel heard about the new law. He thought about the lions. But Daniel would not pray to King Darius. Daniel got down on his knees and Daniel prayed to God. He kept on praying. He prayed in the morning, at lunchtime and at night. The King's law did not stop Daniel's praying. The lions did not stop Daniel's praying.

But the jealous rulers were watching. The jealous rulers grabbed Daniel and dragged him to the King. The rulers bowed down to the King and said, "Oh, King Darius, Daniel pays no attention to you! He still prays three times a day to his God."

When the King heard this he was very upset because he liked Daniel. He did not want to throw him to the lions. But there was no way he could change the law. The King said to Daniel, "May your God save you!"

So Daniel was taken out, and thrown into the lions' den. Daniel looked around. The lions heard Daniel fall in. The lions looked at Daniel. They smelt Daniel. But they didn't eat Daniel because God shut their mouths.

The next morning the King ran to Daniel and called out, "Daniel, Daniel, was your God able to save you?"

Daniel called back, "My God saved me! He sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths." The King was so happy. He ordered Daniel be lifted out of the den. Daniel didn't even have a scratch on him.

Then King Darius said, "Daniel's God is the living God. Daniel's God is the one who saves. He has saved Daniel from the lions."

Daniel followed God - the one true God.

The one and only God.

The God who saves.

Daniel followed God - not man.

Jonah Runs

Jonah 1:1-16

A long time ago there lived a man named Jonah. One day God said to Jonah, "Go to Nineveh! Tell the Assyrians to stop doing bad things. I am angry with them."

But Jonah said, "No!" Jonah turned and ran. He ran and he ran, till he came to the sea. But... you can't run away from God!

Jonah found some sailors and got onto their boat. The boat set off across the sea. Jonah was very tired and fell asleep, but God had not finished with Jonah. You can't run away from God!

God sent a wind. The wind blew black clouds across the sky and made big waves on the sea. Rain began to fall and the sky went black. The wind blew harder, the thunder roared and lightning flashed. But Jonah slept. Big waves splashed onto the boat and the sailors were scared. The Captain threw boxes over the side of the boat, but it didn't help. The storm got worse and worse and the sailors were really, really scared. But Jonah slept.

The Captain woke Jonah up. Jonah looked around and said, "This storm is because of me. I am running away from God. God who made the land and the sea." But... you can't run away from God!

Jonah told the sailors to throw him into the sea. The sailors had no choice. They threw Jonah overboard. As soon as they did the storm stopped! Everything was still.

Then the sailors looked at each other and said, "Jonah's God is God. God of the land and the sea." All the sailors feared God and made promises to him.

Jonah tried ran away from God. But... You can't run away from God! God made the land and the sea. God is everywhere.

The Assyrians Repent

Jonah 3

Again God said to Jonah, "Go to Nineveh. Tell the people of Nineveh to stop doing bad things. I am very angry with them." This time Jonah said, "Yes." Jonah took a deep breath and went to Nineveh. Jonah walked through the city. It took Jonah three whole days to walk through the city of Nineveh. All day long Jonah cried out, "In forty days God will destroy this city." The people of Nineveh stopped. They stared at Jonah. They believed Jonah's message.

They sent a messenger to go and tell the King. When the King heard the message, he was very upset. He got up from his throne. He took off his crown and royal robes. He put on old clothes and lay down in the dirt.

Then the King told the messenger to tell all the people to put on old clothes and beg God to forgive them. So the messenger ran to tell the people. And the Assyrians... put on old clothes, they stopped eating, they stopped doing bad things, and they fell to the ground and cried out to God, "God forgive us!"

When God saw that they had stopped doing bad things and had turned to him, he was kind to them. He did not destroy them.

The Assyrians heard the warning and turned back to God. And God was kind to them. God commands all people, everywhere to turn back to him. If we do, he will be kind to us.

Jonah Spits The Dummy

Jonah 4

Jonah had done what God told him to. He'd told the people of Nineveh to turn and follow God. And they did! So God was kind to them. He did not punish them.

This made Jonah angry! Jonah said to God, "I knew it! I knew this would happen! I knew you'd be patient and kind! I knew you would forgive them! I knew it! I knew it! I knew it! Oh, I wish I was dead!" God said, "You have no right to be angry!" But Jonah marched out of the city of Nineveh.

He went and sat on a hill to see what would happen to the city. It was very hot on the hill. God was kind to Jonah and he made a vine grow. It grew and grew and grew, till it shaded Jonah from the hot sun. Jonah was happy about the vine.

The next day God made a worm. The worm chewed up the vine so that it withered and died. Then God made a hot wind blow. The sun beat down on Jonah. Jonah was hot. Jonah didn't feel too good. Jonah wanted to die. Then God said to Jonah, "You have no right to be angry about the vine." Jonah said, "But I am angry. So angry I could die!" But God said, "You liked the vine, even though you did not water it or make it grow. It came one day and was gone the next. Shouldn't I like the people of Nineveh? They were blind to me. I made those Assyrians! Shouldn't I be kind to them?"

Jonah was angry because God was kind to the people of Nineveh. Jonah was wrong to be angry. God has been kind to us, even though we've done the wrong thing. So, we must learn to show the same kindness to others that God has shown to us.