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CHOOSE

Joshua 24:15
"Choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Our theme for this year is "Be Ye Separate." In our lessons, we will be studying about words that help separate the people of God from the people of the world.

In this lesson, we will be talking about the word "choose." We live in a world where we have many choices to make every day. We have to choose things like what clothes to wear and what food to eat. We also have to choose the places where we will go and what activities we will do. There are even a lot of choices in the world about where to go to church. It is very important to ask God to help us with all of the choices that we make.

In the Bible, we have an example of someone who made a very important choice. His name was Joshua. Just as we have many choices to make in our lives, Joshua had to choose how to live. When he was young, Joshua made the choice to listen to God and to serve Him. Because of his choices, the Lord was pleased with him, and Joshua got to do some very important jobs for the Lord. The Lord allowed Joshua to serve and learn from Moses, the leader of the Israelites. Because of his good service, Joshua was one of twelve men chosen to go into the land of Canaan to scout out the land of promise. Only he and one other of the twelve men came back expressing the faith that with God's help the Israelites could conquer the land. The other ten men did not believe they could.

After the death of Moses, Joshua was given another important job. Because of his faith and good choices, Joshua was allowed to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

Many years later, near the end of Joshua's life, some of the Israelite people had begun to worship idols (false gods) instead of the one true God. Joshua was very old and knew that he would not live much longer, so he called all of the people of Israel to come and listen to him. He reminded them of all of the great things that the Lord had done for them, especially when He rescued them from Egyptian slavery and delivered them into the Promised Land. Joshua told them that it was wrong to worship anything or anyone except the one true God. After listening to Joshua talk about God, the people remembered all of the things that God had done for them. They told Joshua that they would not worship their idols anymore. They would choose to serve the Lord.

One of the most important things for us to remember is that no matter what your friends or the other people around you are choosing, you must choose what is right for you in the sight of God.

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Joshua leads the children of Israel to the Promised Land.

GRACE

Genesis 6:8
"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

In our last lesson we talked about choosing to do what God wants us to do. In this lesson, we are going to discuss how God feels when we make the right choices for Him. Our topic for this lesson is grace. Grace is when God allows something good to happen for someone just because He wants to, not because that person has done anything special to deserve it.

In the Old Testament, we can find a time when people were very bad. They were not choosing to do right things that pleased God. This was very displeasing to God. God decided to destroy all of His creation. But there was one man who found grace in the eyes of the Lord. His name was Noah. Because Noah was a good man, God revealed His plan to Noah. By following God's instructions, Noah built a big boat called the ark. God told Noah exactly how to build the ark, and Noah followed all of God's directions. When the ark was finished, God sent two of each animal, one male and one female, to get on the ark with Noah and his family. God also sent animals to be used for food and sacrifice and told Noah what other supplies to take on the ark. When they were onboard, God closed the door to the ark. Then it began to rain. God destroyed everyone and everything on the earth except those who were safe aboard the ark. Noah and his family could not have done anything to save themselves from the flood; they had to follow God's instructions. They did not do anything to deserve to be saved from the flood. Because Noah had found grace and obeyed God, God showed His grace to Noah and his family, and they were spared while the rest of God's creation was destroyed.

It is very important for us to remember that we do not deserve any of the good things that God does for us or the grace that God shows to us. We are not perfect, but we should always be found trying to do what God wants us to do.

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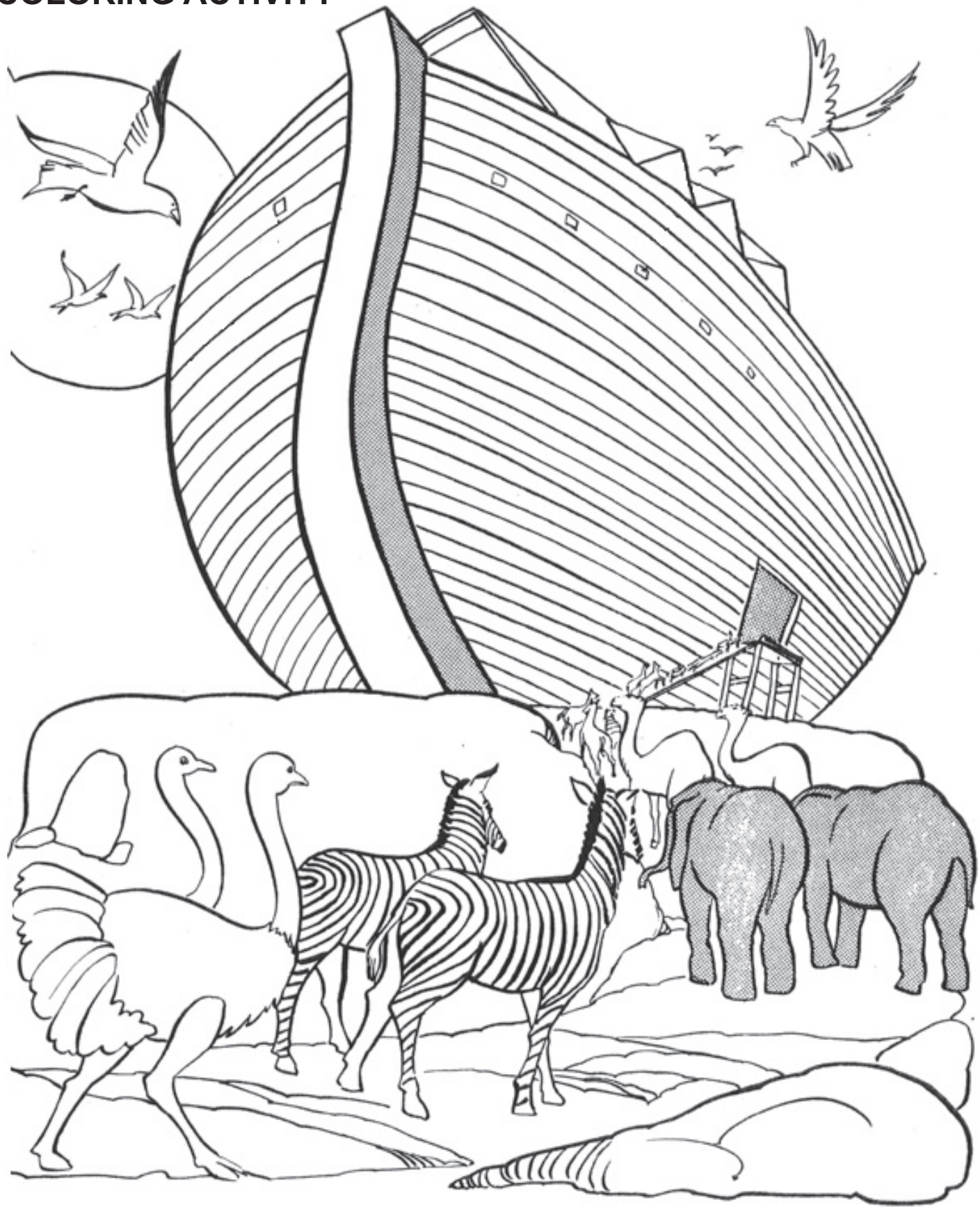

Noah and the Ark.

LOVE

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Our key word for this lesson is love. What is love? Who do you love? Who loves you?

We can read in the Bible about the lessons that Jesus preached and taught about love. In Matthew 22, Jesus is teaching about love. In verses 37-40, He says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." In these verses, Jesus is teaching that we should love the Lord first and above all others. Then, we should love other people as much as we love ourselves.

We can see an example of love in the books of the Bible called the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). The Gospels teach us about the life and death of Jesus. He loved us so much that He died so that each of us could be saved from our sins. We can never live a perfect life, but Jesus is God's Son, so He could and did live a perfect life. That means that He never did a single thing wrong. Yet, many people did not love Him. They despised and rejected Him. As part of God's plan, His perfect Son died on the cruel cross. Jesus loved us so much that he died so that God would forgive us of our sins or things that we do wrong when we seek Him in the right way. He loved us so much that He wanted to die for us.

In our lives, we should try to live as good as we can, but we know that we can never be perfect like Jesus. Although we will do things wrong sometimes, we should always try to be like Jesus. Jesus gave us wonderful lessons about love in the scriptures and a perfect example of love when He died for us.

COLORING ACTIVITY

Jesus came to teach us how to life.

ACTION

Proverbs 20:11
"Even a child is known by his doings, ..."

In this lesson, we will be talking about our actions. Actions are the things that we do. We should always try to do the things that are right and pleasing to God. All of our actions are either right or wrong. The Bible tells us what is right and what is wrong. God is pleased when we do things that are right. When we do things that are not right, we should know that there will be consequences.

In the Bible, we can study about the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. God made them in His own image, so Adam and Eve were perfect; they did not know how to do anything wrong. God placed them in a beautiful garden called Eden. In this garden, God only gave them one rule: not to eat the fruit of one certain tree. It was called the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He told them that they would die if they ate the fruit.

We read in Genesis 3 that the serpent came along and convinced Eve that the Tree of Knowledge had good fruit on it. He told her that it would be okay to eat the fruit. Eve listened to the serpent instead of obeying God and ate the fruit. Then Eve gave the fruit to Adam, and he ate some of it, too. Now, Adam and Eve knew the difference between right and wrong. They knew that it was wrong to eat the fruit. Adam and Eve's actions went against what God wanted them to do. As punishment, God made them leave their perfect garden, and He told them that they would have to die.

We should always remember that it is important to try to do the right thing. Adam and Eve did not do what God wanted them to do, so they were punished. We will be punished if we do not do the things that God wants us to do. The most important action we can do for God is to seek Him for salvation when He lets us know we are lost.

COLORING ACTIVITY

Adam and Eve.

REWARD

Luke 6:35

"But love ye your enemies, and do good, ... and your reward shall be great, ..."

In the previous lessons we have discussed choices and actions that are pleasing to God. In this lesson, we will be discussing rewards that come to those who please the Lord.

In the Bible, we can read about a man named Joseph. Joseph had mean brothers who had sold him into slavery when he was young. Joseph was taken to Egypt as a slave. With the help of God, Joseph was freed from slavery and became a very important assistant to the pharaoh. Because Joseph had trusted that God would help him through all of his difficult times, God rewarded Joseph and freed him from his slavery.

While Joseph was the assistant to the pharaoh, there came a time when there was a famine (a time of little or no food) throughout the land. Many years earlier, God had given the pharaoh a dream to help prepare Egypt for this hard time. Through God, Joseph helped the pharaoh understand this dream. It said that there would be seven good years and seven bad years for their crops. During the seven good years, the pharaoh had his people store extra food. During the seven bad years, they had enough food for their people and people of other countries.

Joseph's brothers came to Egypt during the famine to buy food. Joseph recognized his brothers. Instead of being mad at them for selling him into slavery, he helped them. He gave them a place for the whole family to live and enough food for everyone.

By trusting in God and doing His will throughout his life, Joseph received a great reward. He was able to keep his family from starving.

It is very important for us to remember that no matter how bad things seem to us, God is always with us. We should always try to do what He wants us to do. The most important thing that we should do is to seek God for salvation when He lets us know that we are lost. When we are saved, our eternal reward will be Heaven. If we always trust God and do the things that He wants us to do, things will turn out just as He plans, and He will reward us for doing His will.

Remember, it is very important for the children of God to be separate from the people of the world. We can show the world that we are separate by making choices that please God, telling people of God's grace, showing people the love that Jesus gives us, doing the actions that show that we are God's people, and by being thankful for the rewards that God gives us.

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Joseph received a great reward.

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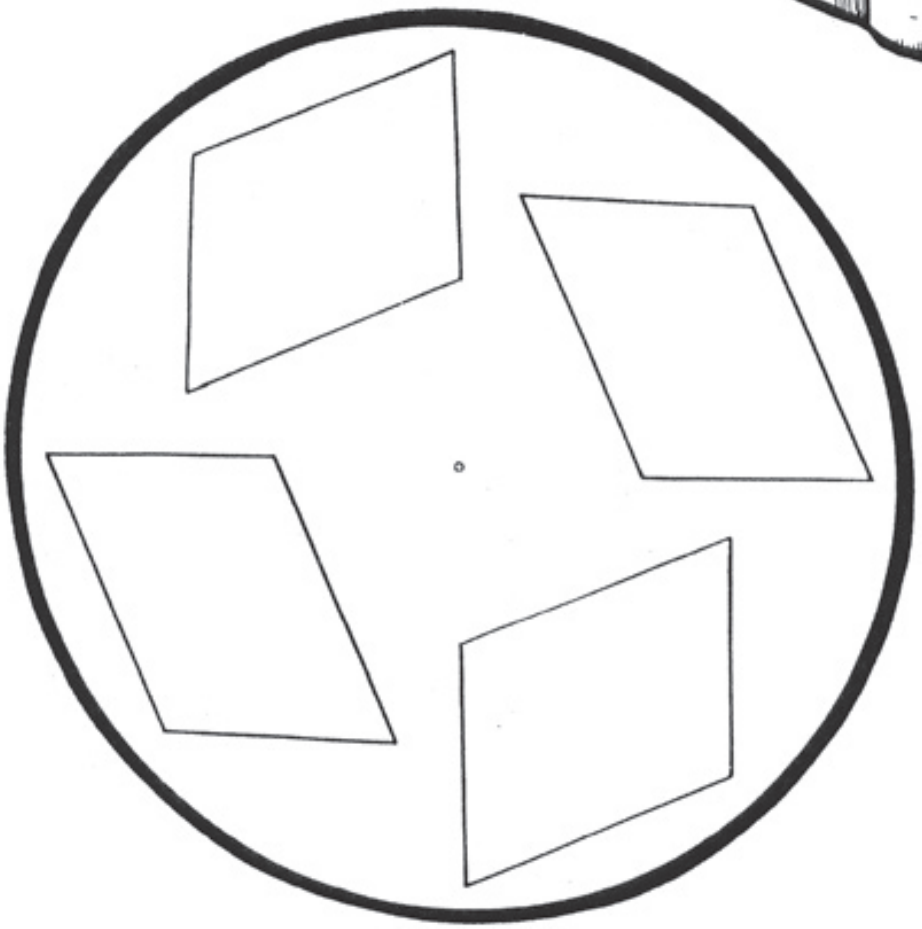

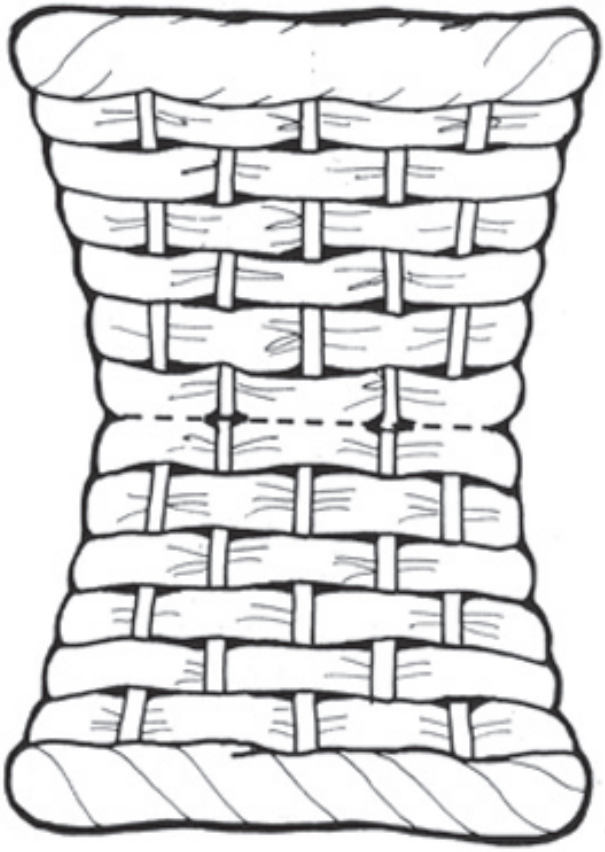

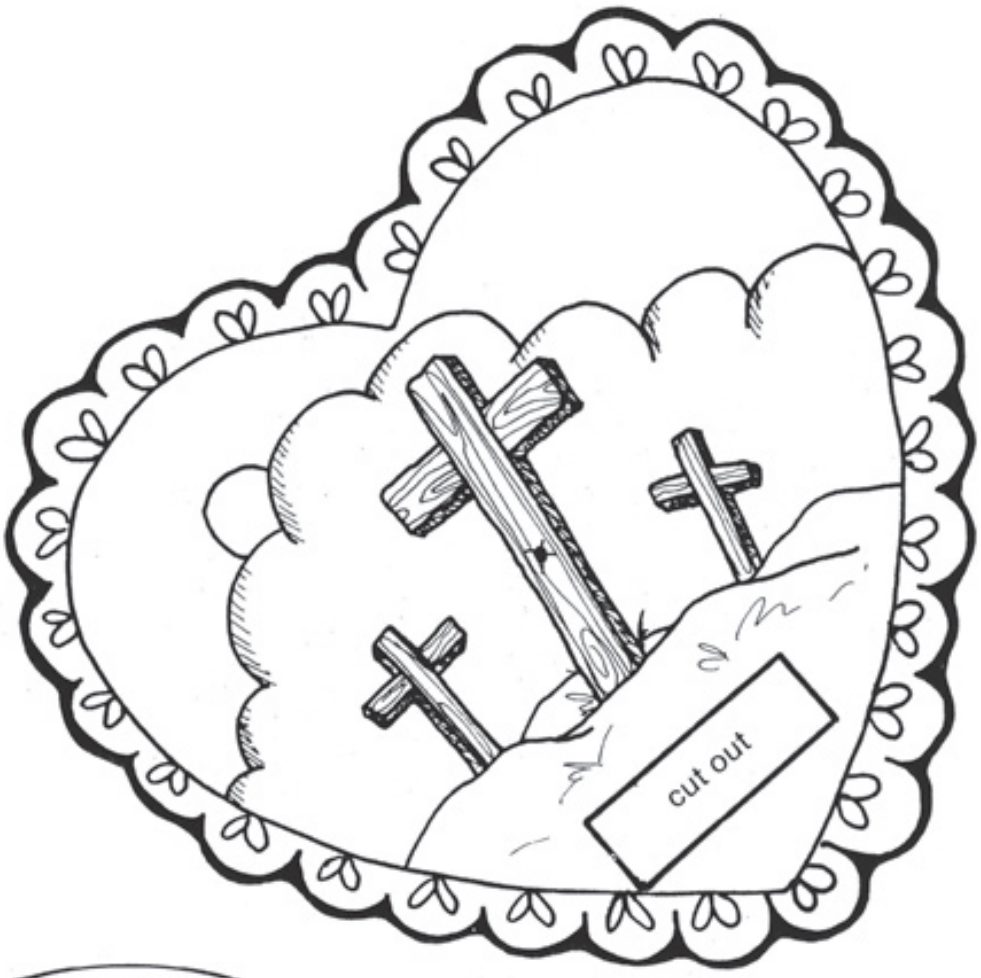
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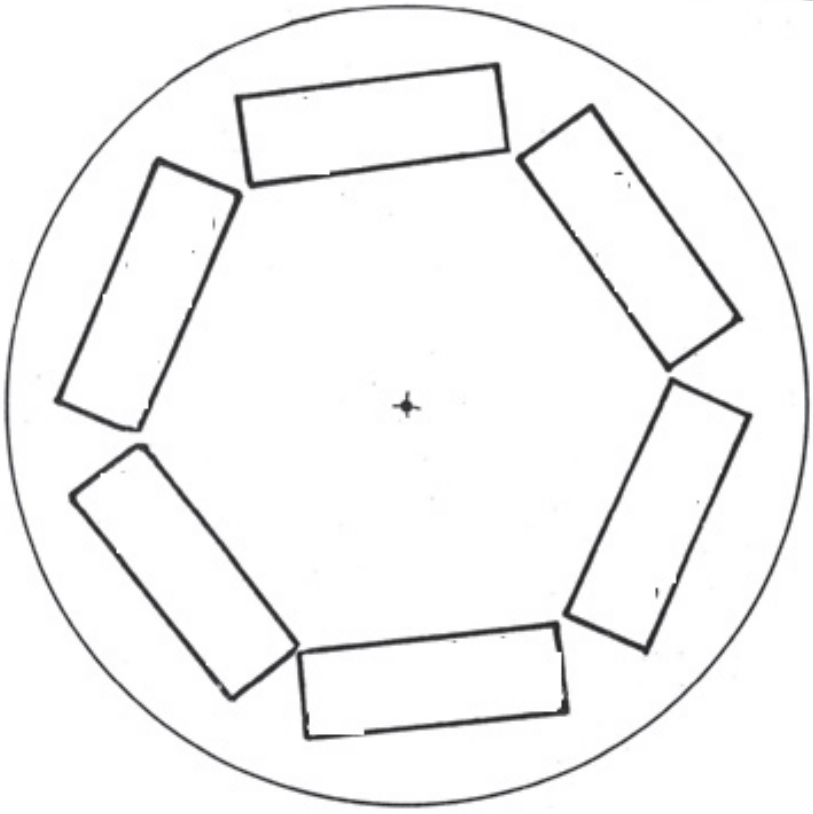

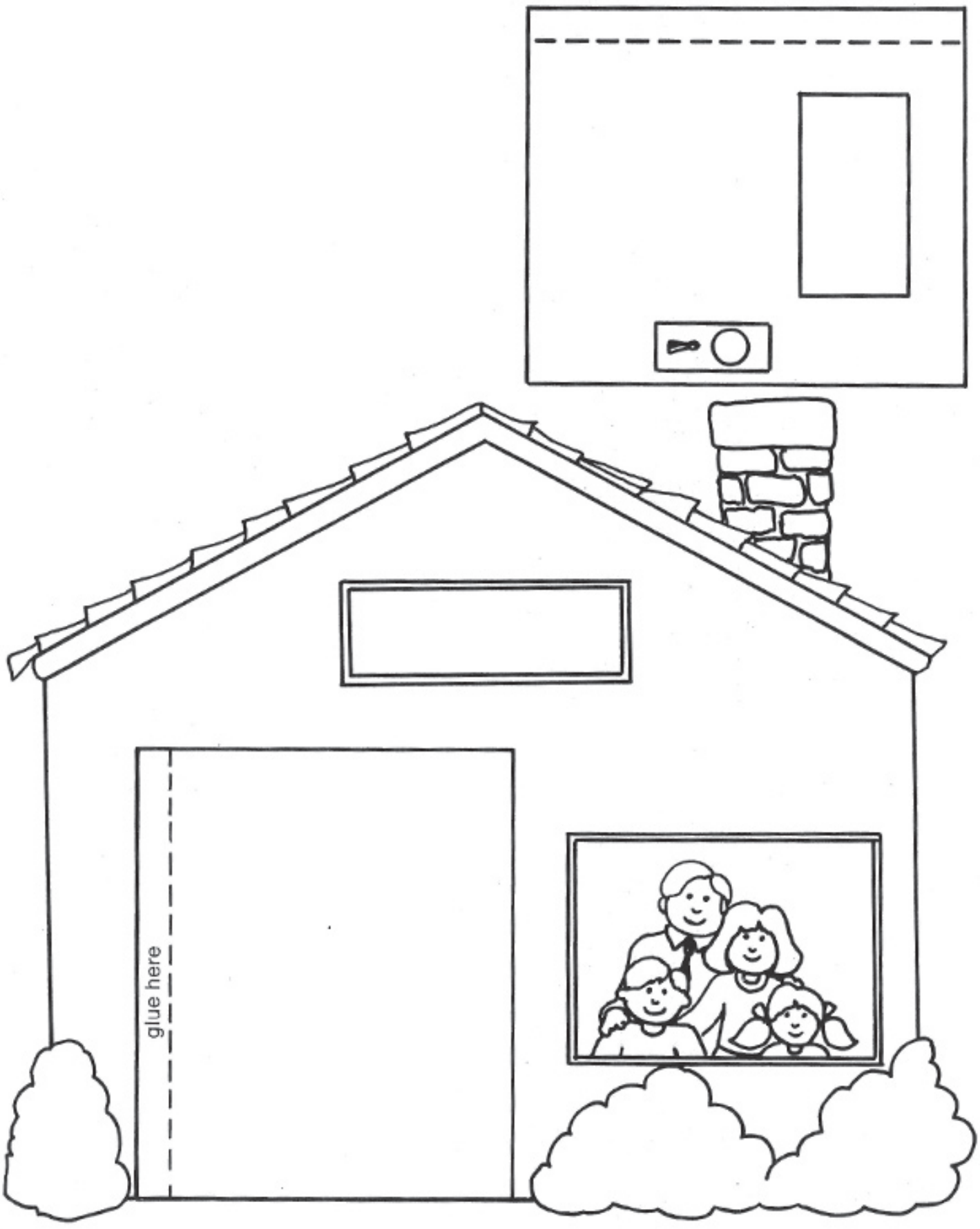
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