

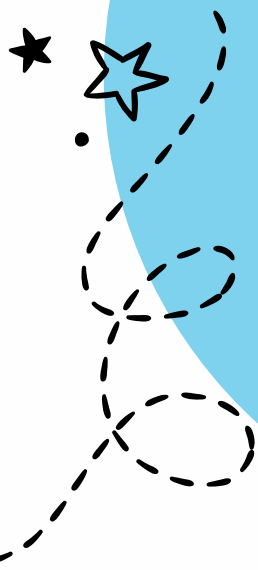
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EVENT KIT

Puzzles, games, crafts, downloadables, and more!

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to See the World Differently

The ultimate activity guide to foster Curious, Creative, Caring, and Confident kids!

For over 75 years, Highlights has nurtured optimism in children and understands helping kids become their best selves doesn't always require big life changes. In fact, the smallest actions can have a major impact on a kid's mindset. From navigating one's feelings through writing a letter, to finding a hidden object in a picture, to enjoying the roar of laughter from a hearty joke, Highlights has been giving kids and families experiences to discover, learn, and have fun.

This Highlights Experience event kit brings together our puzzles, crafts, action rhymes and more to help kids engage with the world around them. Anchored in Highlights' sincere mission to provide families and communities with resources to empower and encourage curiosity, creativity, caring, and confidence, this guide is **FUN WITH A PURPOSE.**

Whether hosting virtually or as an in-person event, the Highlights Experience can be hosted as one large event or a series of small events. Organize your event in the order presented here or mix-and-match to extend the event over a series of days and weeks.

Thank you for celebrating childhood with us!

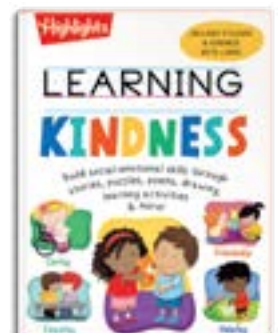
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CREATIVITY

Crafts and games spark creativity and self-expression.

HIDDEN PICTURES HIDE-AND-FIND GAME (page 4)

Create a life-size Hidden Pictures game using printable clues included in this kit and hide them in plain sight or in unexpected places. For an even more exciting game, hide the actual object. Everyone will have a blast and flex their creativity muscles using the Clue Sheet to locate the hidden objects. Hidden object printouts can be found on pages 6–13. The game can be played at home, in a classroom and even virtually. Includes a take-home Hidden Pictures puzzle.

READING BUDDY PUPPET CRAFT (page 18)

Reading is fun but reading with a friend is even better! Constructing a reading buddy puppet will help beginner readers enjoy reading instead of thinking of it as a task. Focus on the design and artistic elements rather than the finished project. This will encourage more expansive, imaginative thinking and reflect the expression of each child's uniqueness.

CURIOSITY

Hands-on activities help develop new interests and boost curiosity in children.

ACTION DICE GAME (page 20)

“Walk like a robot,” “jump like a kangaroo,” or “dance like a bumblebee” are just some of the countless moves to add to the action dice game. Each player creates a move, takes a turn rolling the dice, and then acts out the instructions. Get as silly or as challenging as you want because the only rule is there's no limit to the possibilities! Hop, dance, crawl, and leap your way to loads of fun.

CAPTURE THE MOMENT CAPSULE CRAFT (page 21)

What better way to remember this time in life than by making a customized time capsule? Use a shoebox or any kind of container with a lid and get artistic decorating and filling it with photos, mementos, news articles, or keepsakes that will be reminders in the future of what life was like now. Keep the capsule sealed and stored in a safe place to open in one, five, or even as long as ten years.



CARING

Taking time to listen and share thoughts can make a child feel like they matter.

EXPRESS YOURSELF ACTION RHYME (page 22)

Using body language, action rhymes can help express feelings, especially in younger children navigating new events.

Are you happy? Jump up and down.

Are you surprised? Make a funny face!

Are you nervous? Take a deep breath.

See page 22 for suggestions on actions that encourage expressiveness. Or, have fun coming up with your own silly rhymes and body movements to open discussions on the many different feelings that occur throughout a child's day.

HOW TO BE A GOOD FRIEND (page 23)

In order for kids to be their best selves, it's important to learn how to be a good friend. Gather the children in a circle. Use pages 23 & 24 as guides to open up a dialogue about what it means to be a good friend. Tips are included under each question that will help you guide the conversation



CONFIDENCE

Providing children with confidence-building activities gives them the tools to embrace new things and overcome challenges.

OPEN MIC PERFORMANCE (page 25)

Host an open mic performance in the living room, classroom, or virtually where kids take turns sharing favorite jokes. Included are some of Highlights' best belly busters to use or kids can share their own hilarious punch lines for applause.

FUNNY PIZZA RECIPE (page 27)

Eating pizza is already fun but adding a wacky face makes it even better! Get inventive cooking up all types of combinations and pizza pie designs using favorite toppings or an unexpected ingredient.

HIDDEN PICTURES HIDE-AND-FIND GAME

Become a Hidden Pictures Master by testing your sleuthing skills in the real-life Hidden Pictures Hide-and-Find Game. You can hide the 16 real objects around your store, home or library, or, cut out the objects provided here (which kids may also color).

Getting started:

Print, color and cut out objects on pages 6–13 or use the actual objects to hide in plain sight or unexpected places. For a virtual event, take a video of the room to playback on a loop or simply take a picture.

How to play:

Using the object checklist on page 5, each person searches for the objects and crosses them off the sheet once they're found. Every person that can find all the objects is a winner and an official Highlights Hidden Pictures Master! Encourage kids to help each other find objects on the list so everyone can become a Master!

At the end of the hunt, use the reproducible sheets below as a reward for participating:

- Hidden Pictures Master certificate, page 14
- Hidden Pictures Master badge, page 15
- Free digital stickers, click [here](#)
- Take-home Hidden Pictures puzzle and answer key, pages 16–17



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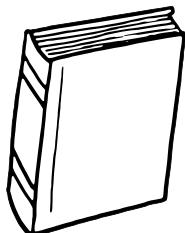
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Hidden Pictures Hide-and-Find Object Checklist

Become a Hidden Pictures Master and find every hidden object!



Banana



Book



Glove



Toothbrush



Comb



Drinking
Straw



Fork



Envelope



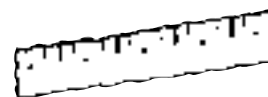
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Paperclip



Pen



Ruler



Sock



Spoon



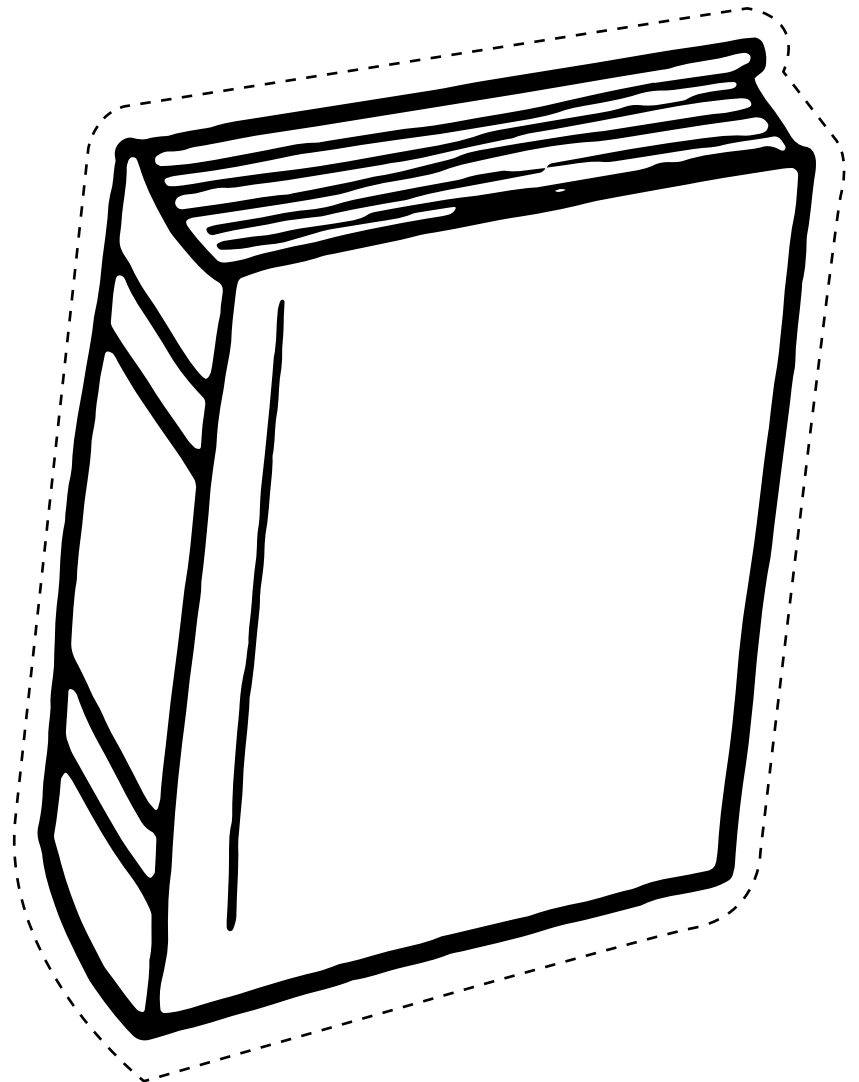
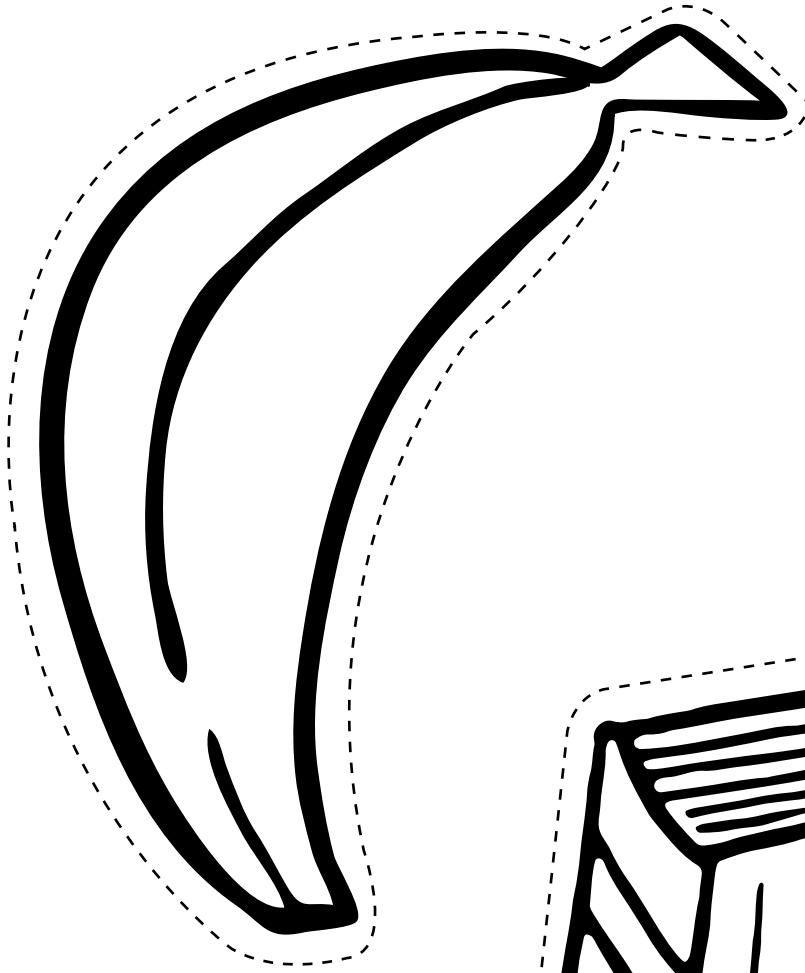
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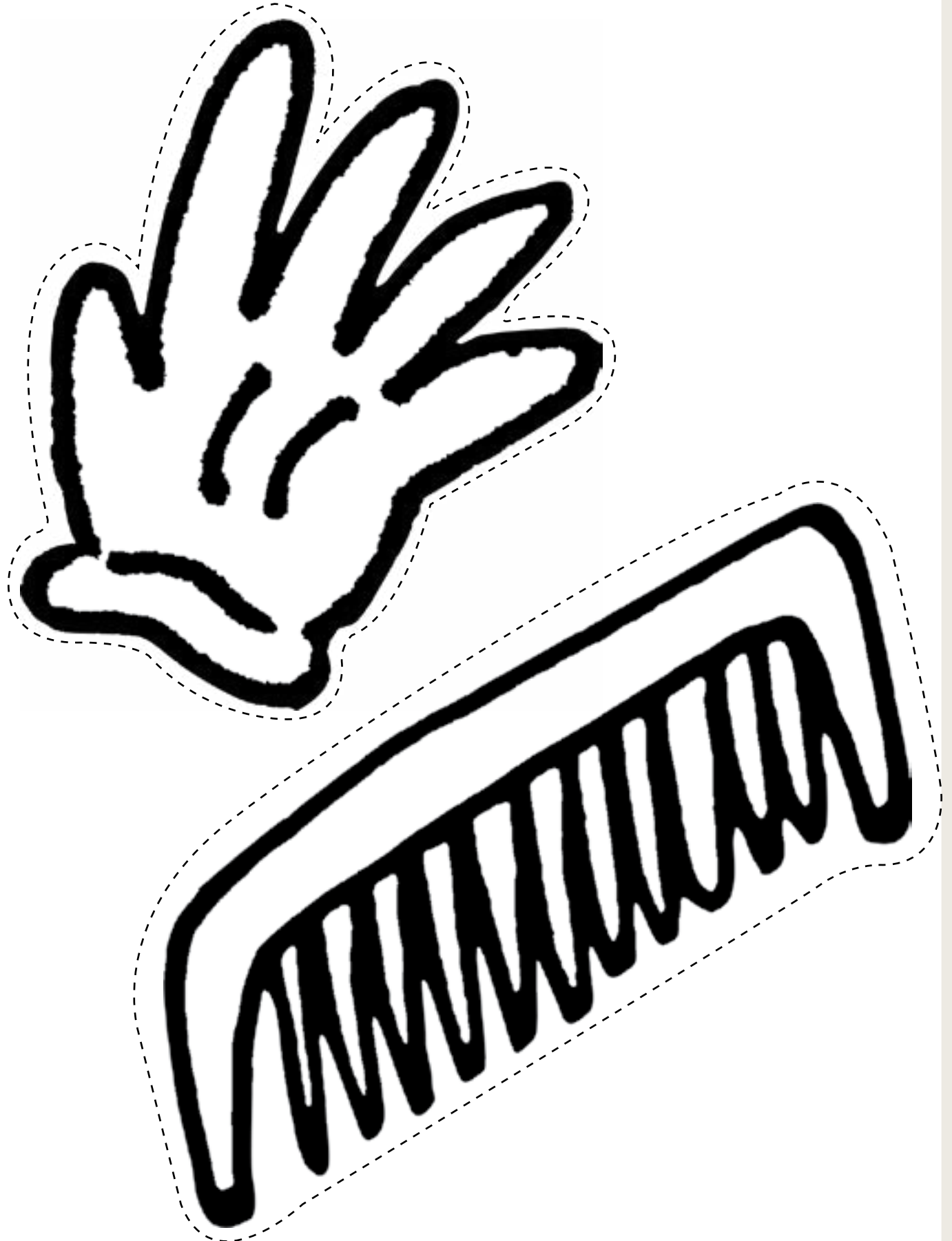
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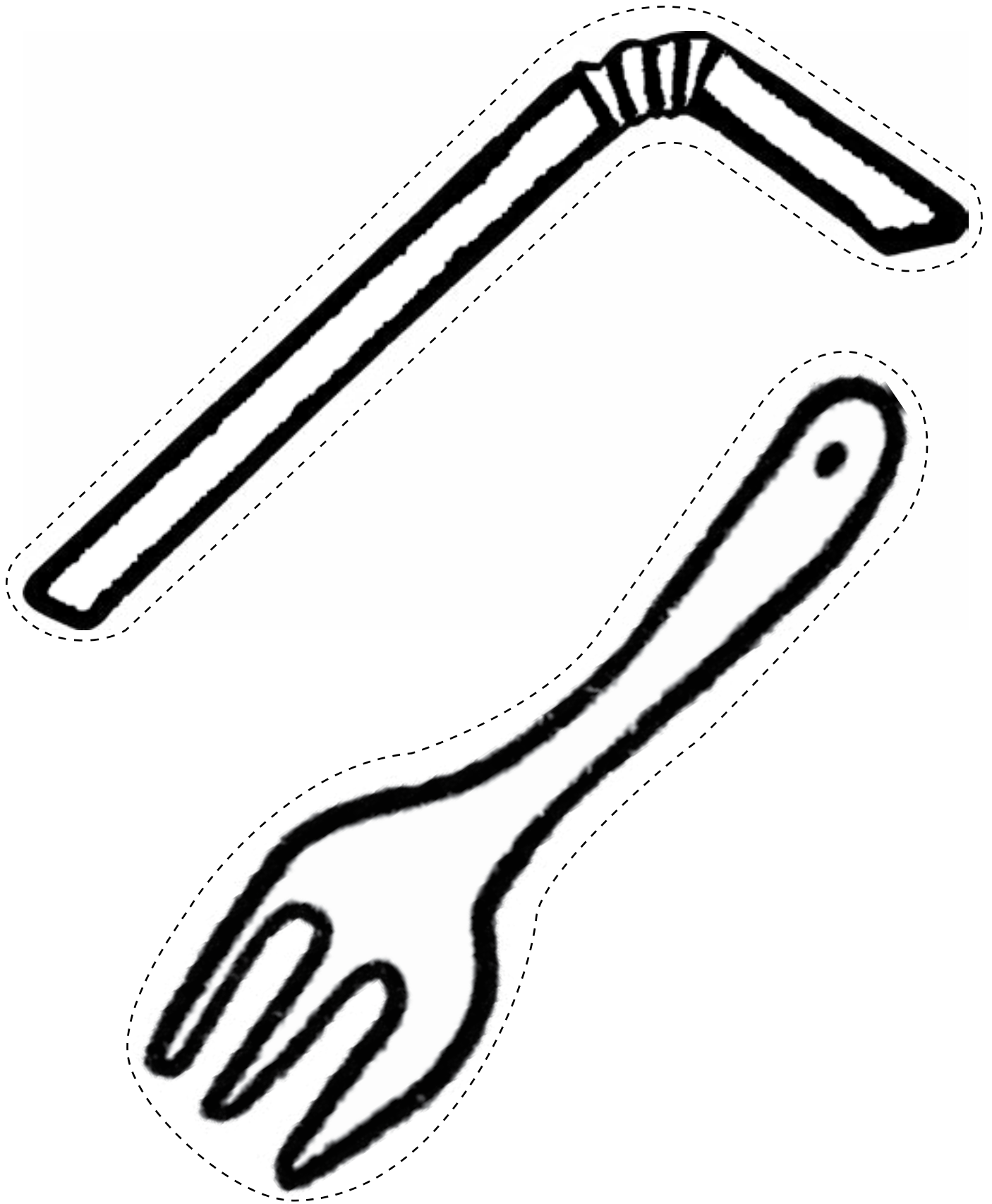
Print and cut out. Bonus: Let kids color them!



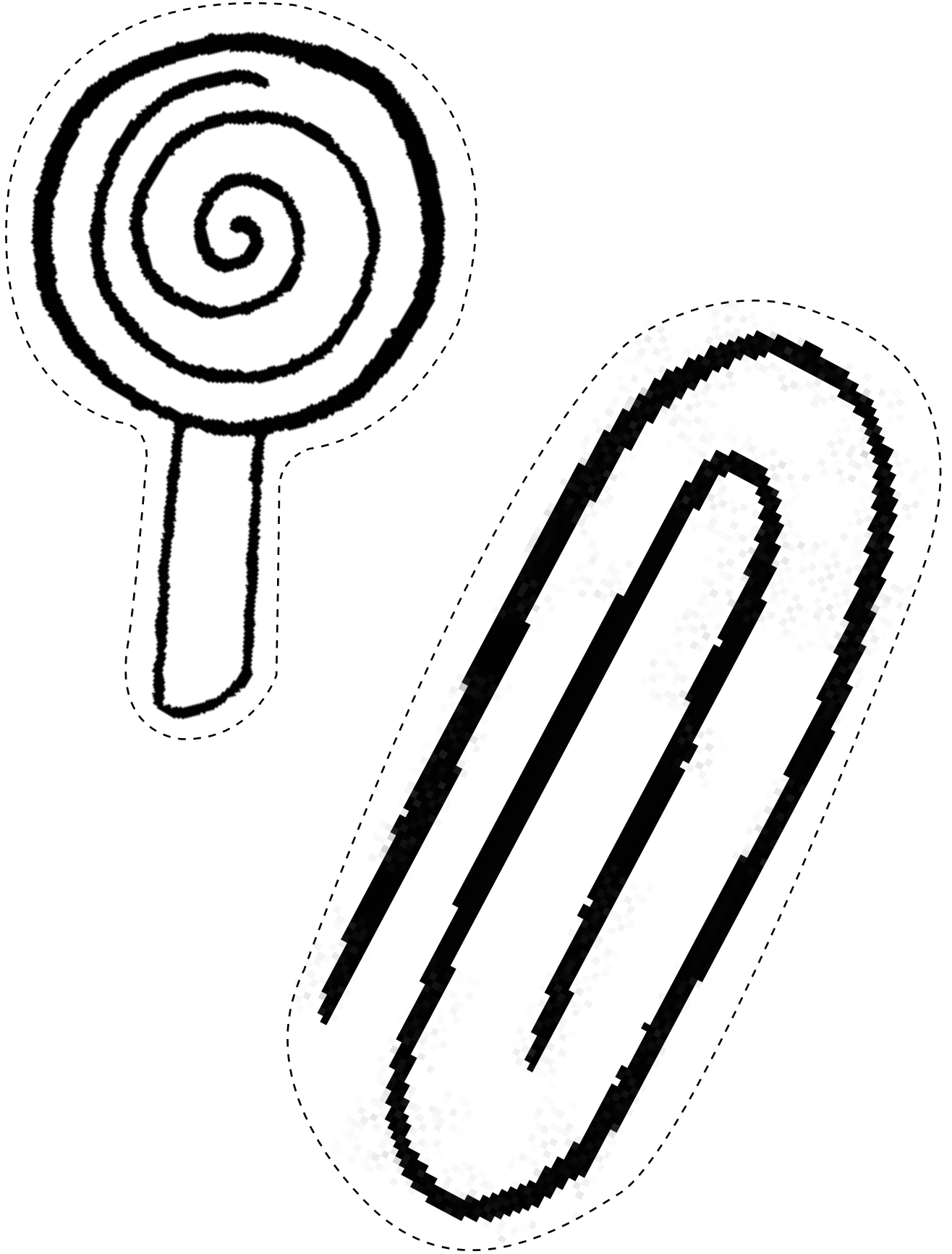
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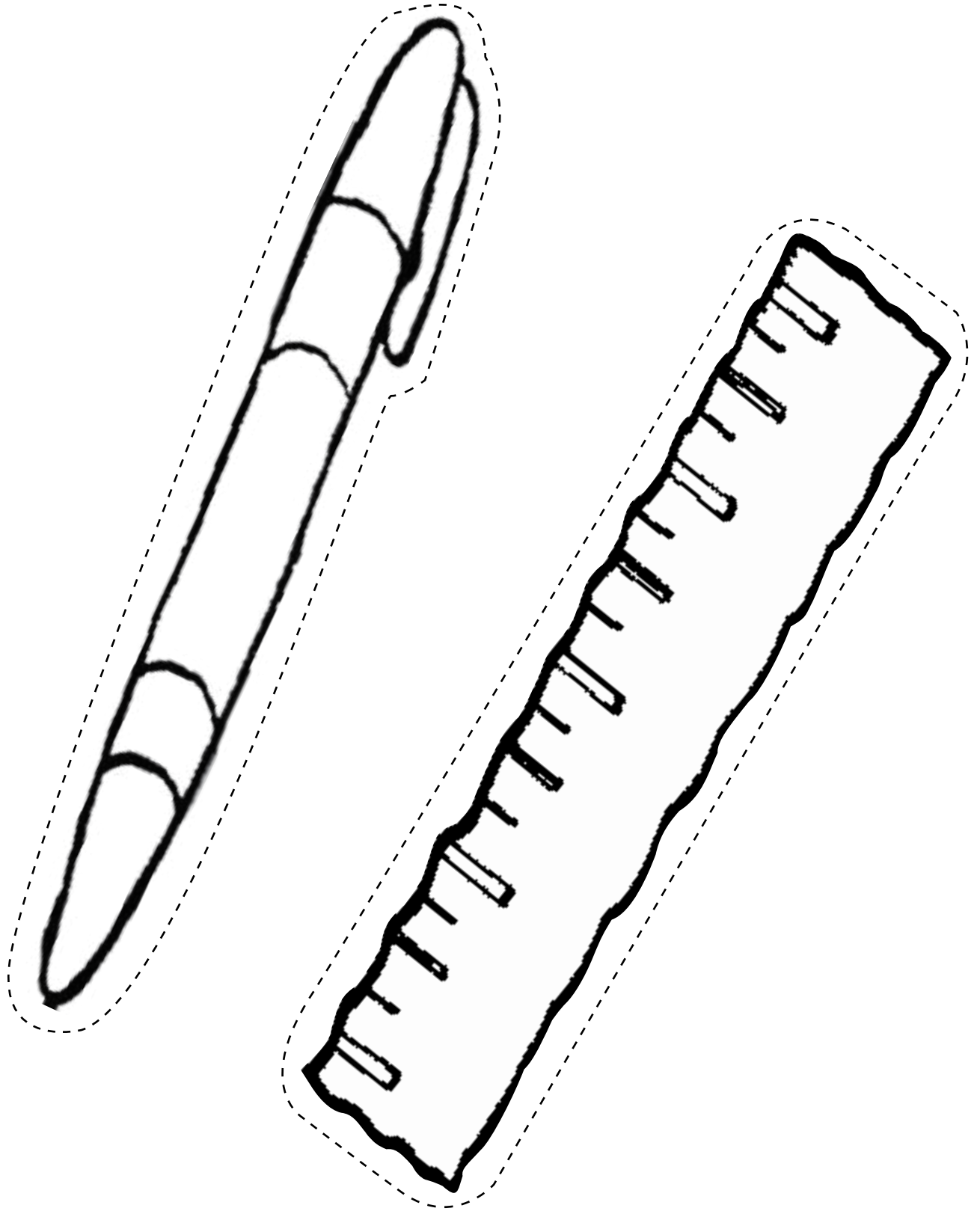
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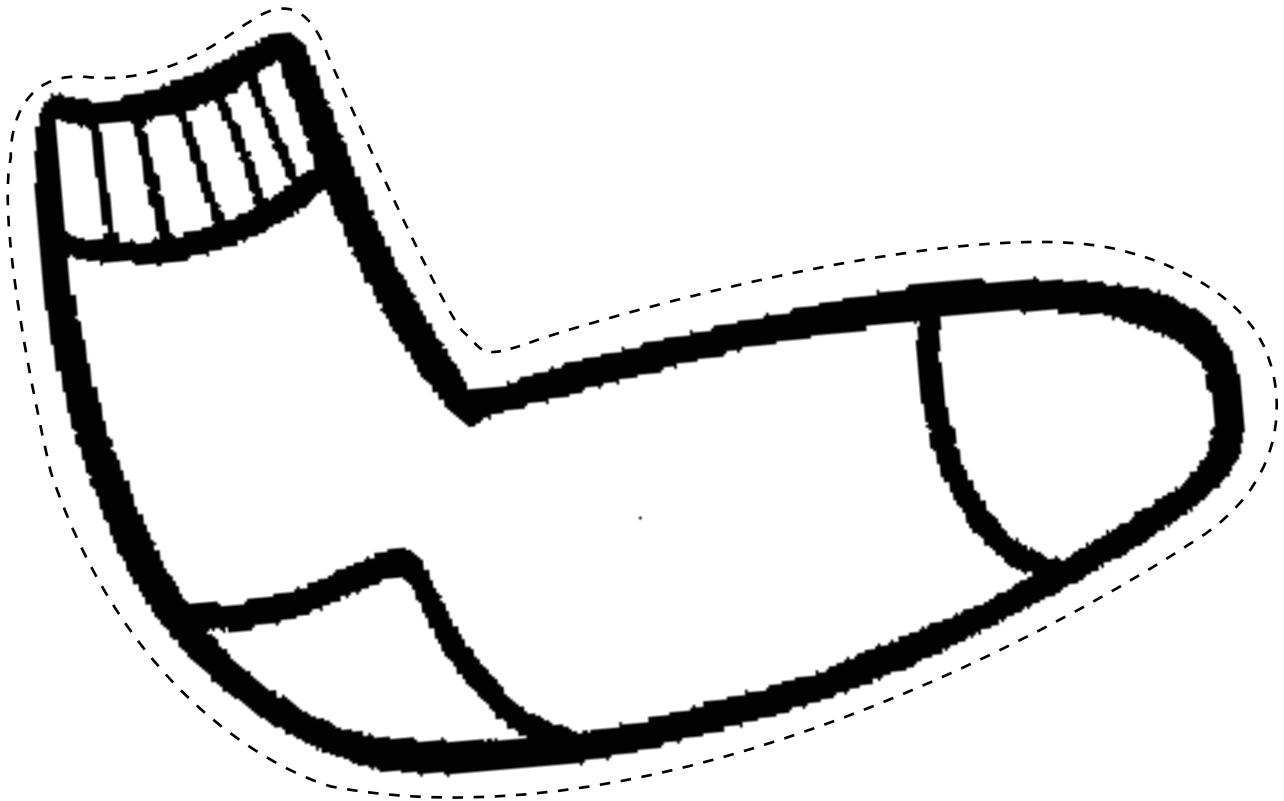
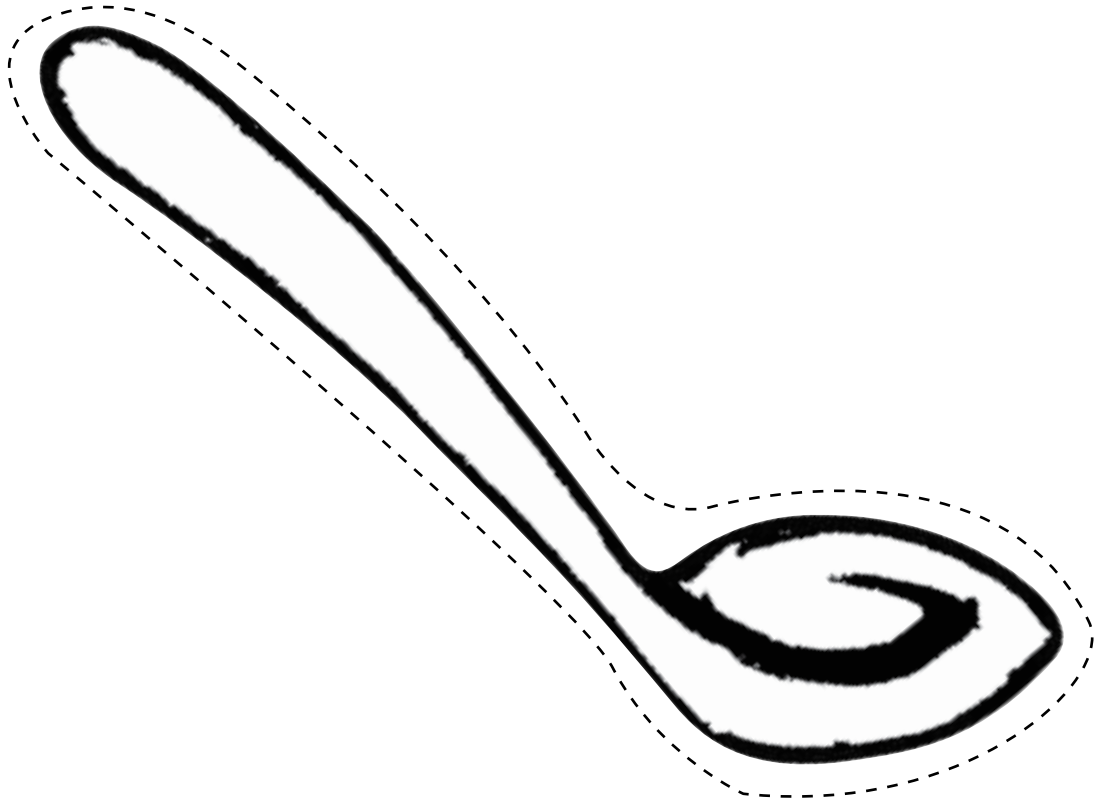
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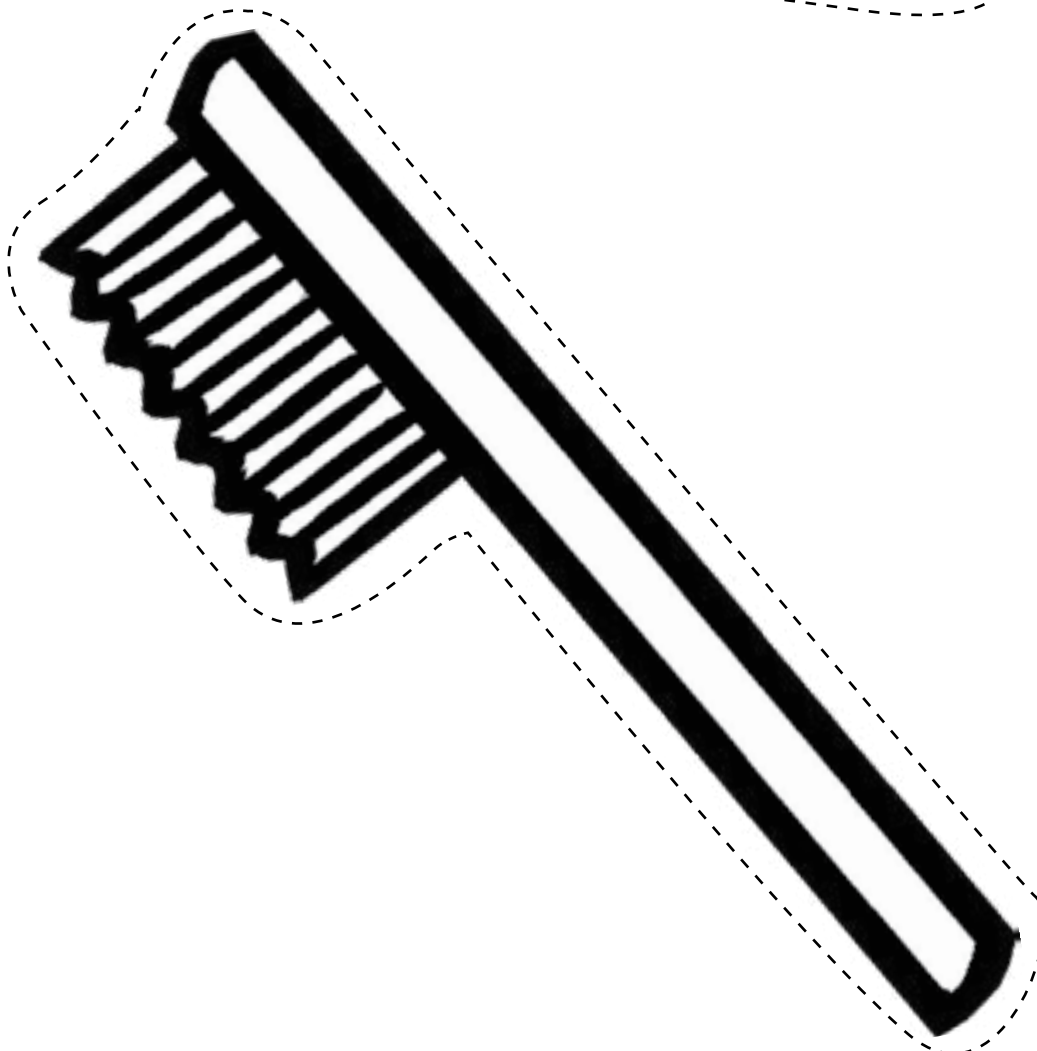
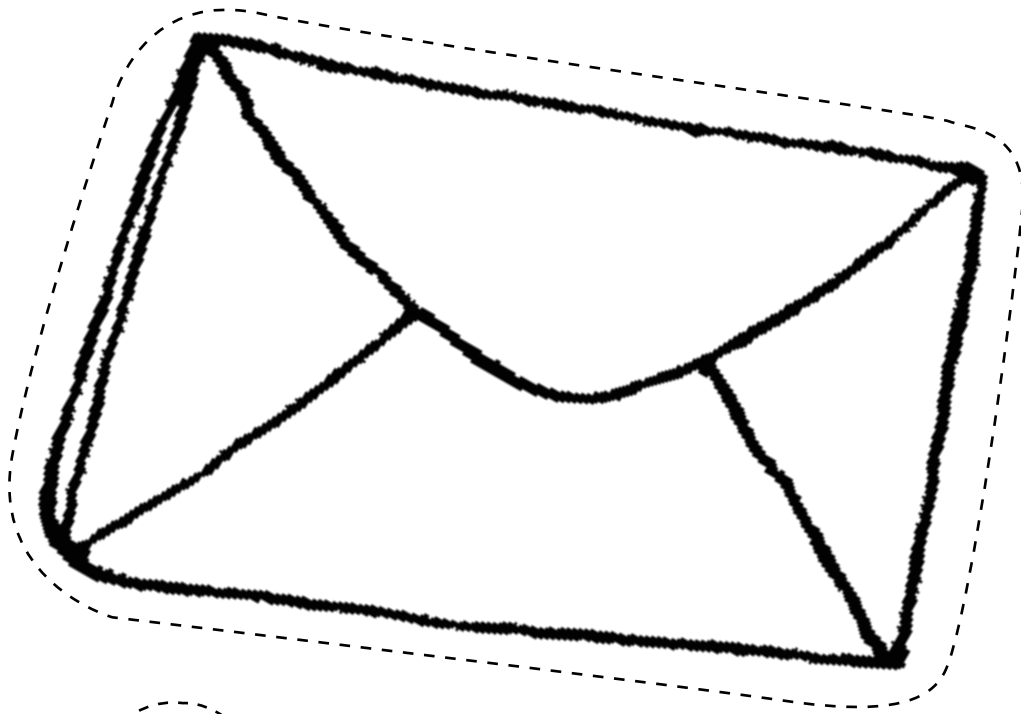
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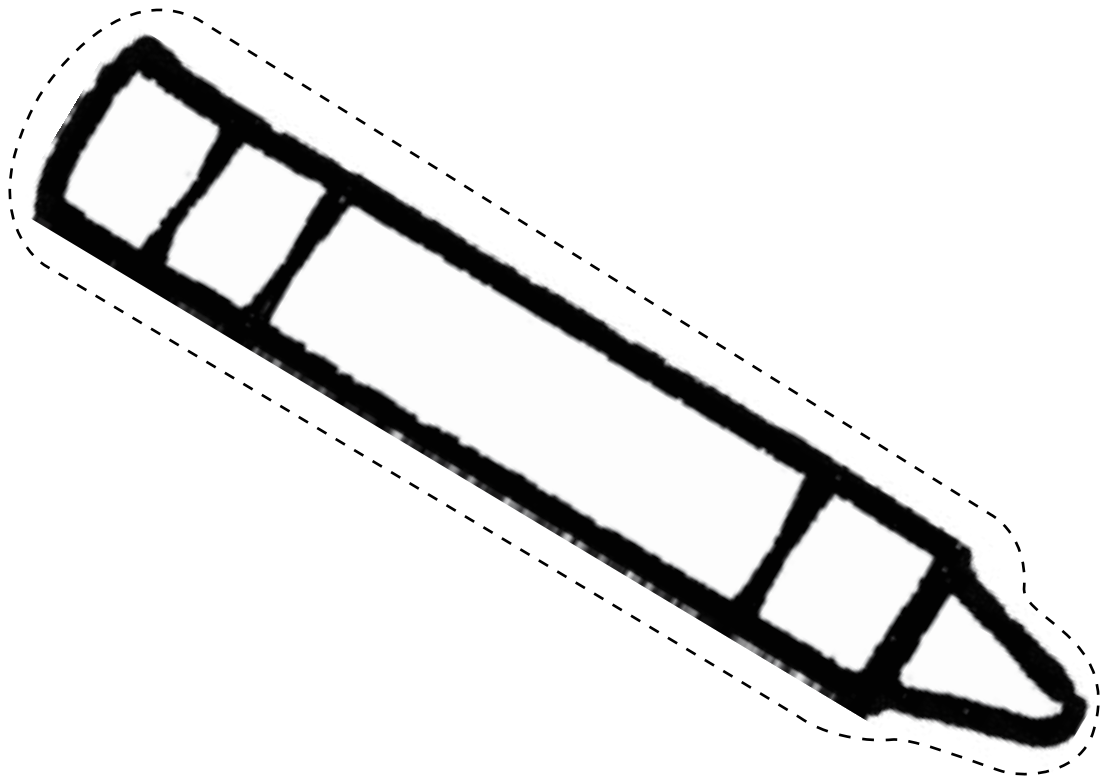
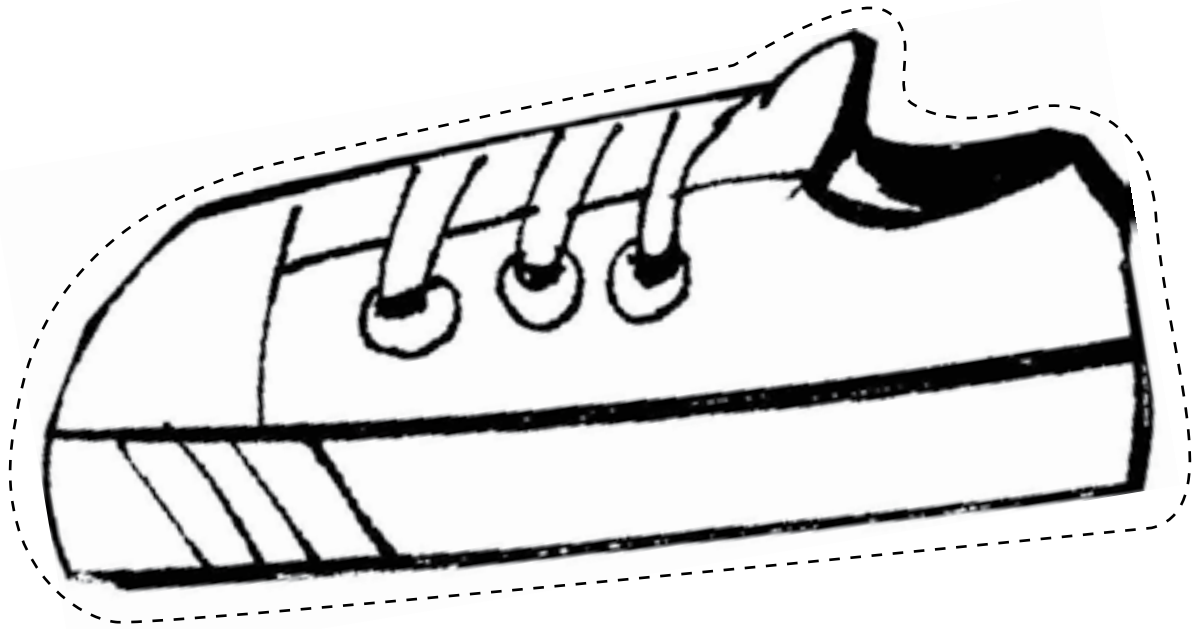
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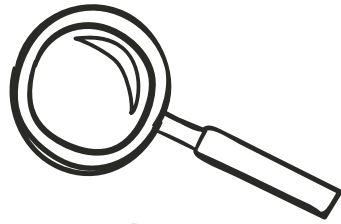


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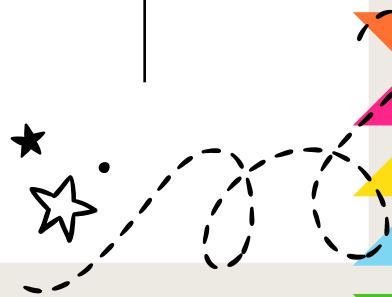


is a Hidden Pictures Master

Date

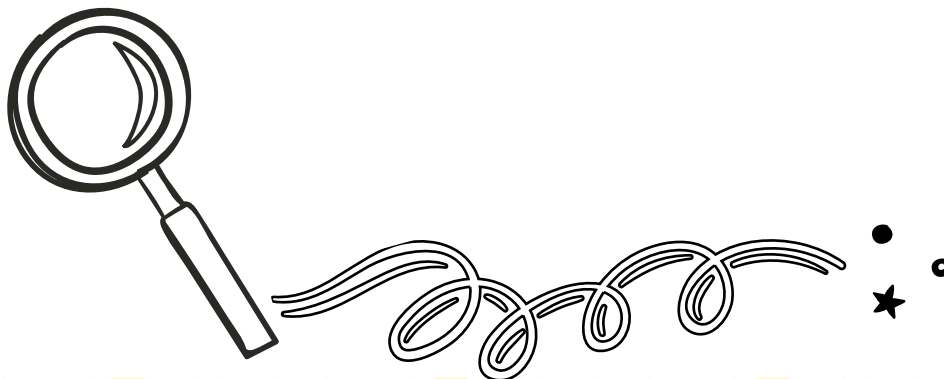
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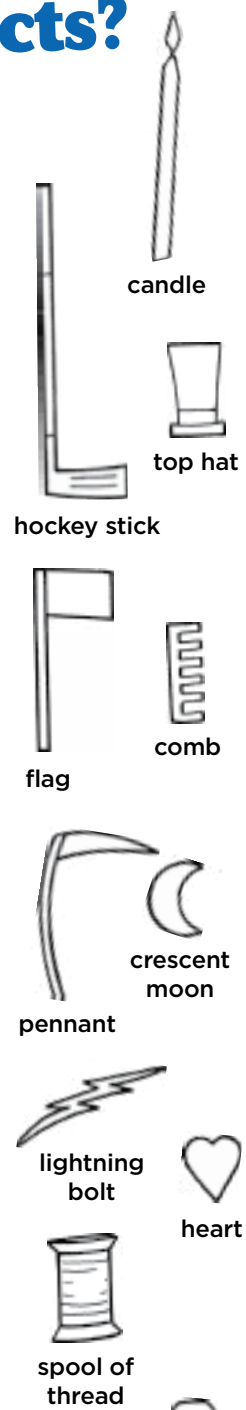
Color your badge and show to your family and friends
that you are a Hidden Pictures Master



Can you find these 26 hidden objects?



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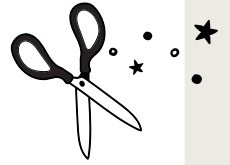


Answer Key





Reading Buddy Puppet Craft



Reading with a friend is fun!
Create a reading buddy using easy-to-find materials

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Sock or mitten
- Glue
- Wiggly eyes or buttons
- Yarn
- Marker
- Felt
- Scissors
- Ribbons

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EYES

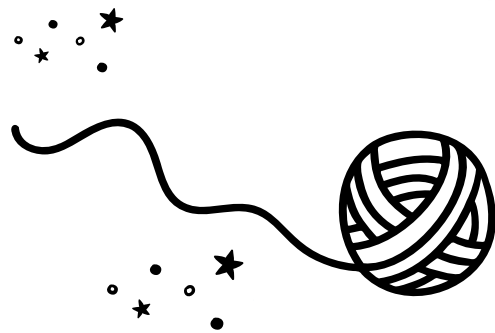
- Glue two wiggly eyes or buttons on top of the sock or mitten to make eyes.



2

HAIR

- Cut yarn as long as you wish.
- Glue yarn to the top of the puppet's head.



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Reading Buddy Puppet Craft

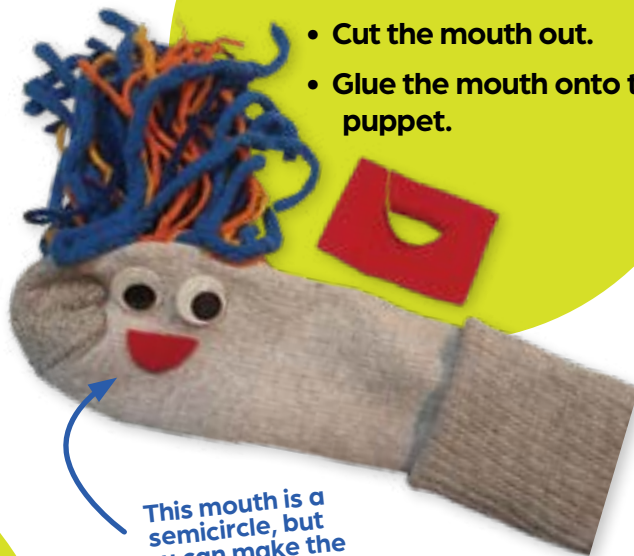
Nick and Nack TIPS

- Gather your supplies before you start crafting.
- Ask an adult or robot for help with anything sharp or hot.
- Clean up your workspace when your craft is done.

3

MOUTH

- Using a marker, draw a mouth on a piece of felt.
- Cut the mouth out.
- Glue the mouth onto the puppet.



This mouth is a semicircle, but you can make the mouth any shape you want!

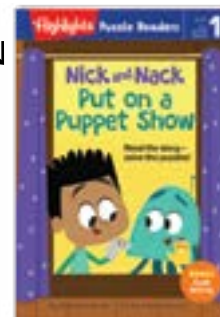
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ACCESSORIES

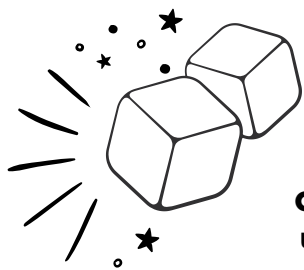
- Use ribbons and felt to create accessories for your puppet, such as clothing or hair accessories.



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ACTION DICE GAME

FOR TWO OR MORE PLAYERS

Create dice that call for each person to act out the phrases under a time limit. The game can be simple or challenging. It's up to the players.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 2 small tissue boxes
- Cardstock
- Pencil or pen
- Scissors
- Markers
- Double-sided tape



- 1** Trace each side of both tissue boxes onto cardstock. Cut out the 12 shapes.
- 2** Write an action phrase onto six shapes with a marker. On the other six, write a number of seconds or repetitions.
- 3** Use the tape to attach the actions to one box and the numbers to the other.
- 4** To play, take turns rolling the dice and following the instructions that land face up. The first player to complete all six actions wins.

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CAPTURE THE MOMENT CAPSULE CRAFT

Create a time capsule to open in the future to remember what life was like right now.



1 Decorate a shoebox and its lid. You can paint it, make a photo collage, glue on current headlines from newspapers, or spell out your name or the year in new pennies.

2 Gather things to put in the time capsule. Here are some ideas:

- Collect small mementoes of your life today, such as a ticket stub from a favorite movie, a test you did well on, a birthday card from a loved one, or a postcard from somewhere you traveled.
- Write details about your life now and about what it might be like in 10 years.
- Take photos of things you want to remember, such as your family and friends, your home, and your pets. Print them out and add captions to the back of the photos.
- Make a self-portrait to include in the box. Remember to sign and date your artwork.
- Write a letter to your future self.



3 Put everything you gathered in the box. Choose a safe, dry place to store it. Make a sign for your time capsule: "Do not open until 2032!"

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EXPRESS YOURSELF ACTION RHYME



Get creative and have fun expressing emotions through movements.

BODY LANGUAGE

What do you do with your body when you feel sad, happy, scared, or surprised?

When I'm sad,
I curl up in a ball.



When I'm
happy,
I stand
up tall!



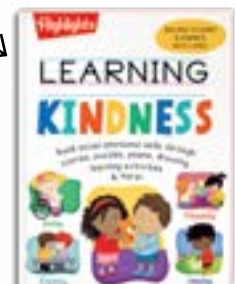
When I'm scared,
I make myself small.



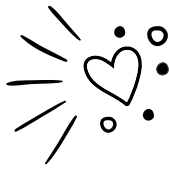
And when
I'm surprised,
I almost fall!



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Conversation Starters: How to Be a Good Friend



Long-lasting friendships are a treasure. But they require effort and consideration of each other's feelings. To have a friend, you need to be a friend. Use this guide to talk about friendship.

Five Thought-Provoking Questions about Friendship



Would you rather have a friend who agrees with everything you say and do, or one who has different ideas and opinions but respects you?

Tip: Give your friends room to be who they are and be willing to take turns. People will be more likely to enjoy spending time with you if you are open to their ideas and let them go first sometimes. Your friends have unique personalities, likes, dislikes, and ways of doing things. Remember, you don't have to agree on everything! Some of the best friends have very different ideas and opinions. What matters is that they respect each other, even when they disagree.

Would you rather have one or two good friends you can count on no matter what—or be popular with a bunch of kids who might talk behind your back?



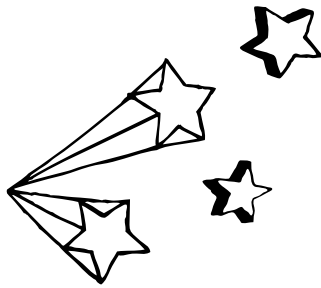
Tip: Listen to your friends' ideas and interests. You don't always need to share your own opinions and experiences. Just as it makes you feel good when someone shows a genuine interest in what's important to you, your friends will feel good when you listen to what they have to say.

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How to Be a Good Friend Conversation Starter



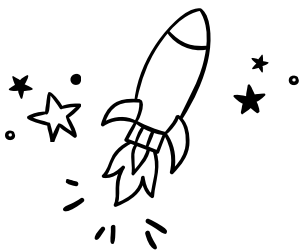
Would you rather participate in an after-school activity where you can make new friends,—or join a club or team with the friends you already have?

Tip: If you choose to join a new activity, be careful not to hurt your friends' feelings. But know that we all can sometimes make careless mistakes. It's important to say "I'm sorry," even if you didn't mean to make a friend feel bad.

Would you rather participate in a sport you love where you can excel individually— or one where you aren't the best player but can share triumphs and disappointments with your friends?



Tip: When you disagree with friends' choices, try to be understanding of their feelings and points of view. Think about how you can compromise. For example, if you and a friend each want to play a different game, maybe you can play a little of both. Or find something different to play that you can both agree on.



Would you rather initiate an activity or outing with friends— or wait for friends to approach you?

Tip: Ask your friends if they want to do something without waiting for them to ask you first. Think about the games and activities your friends like and offer to do those things with them. It feels good to be invited and shows your friends that you enjoy spending time with them.

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HOST AN ONLINE OR IN-PERSON OPEN MIC PERFORMANCE



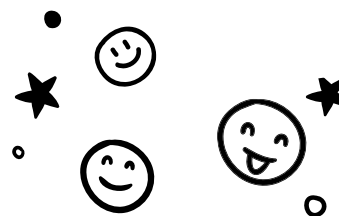
Be prepared to laugh and have fun!

HOST INSTRUCTIONS

- Keep a list of each participant in order of performance
- Let the jokesters know there is a 1-3 joke limit (optional)
- Call their name once it's their turn and introduce them
- Once the jokes are finished, provide some positive comments and move on to the next person

TOP TIPS FOR JOKE TELLING

- Know your joke well. You don't want to forget the punch line, so practice first.
- Don't begin by telling your audience how funny your joke is. Let them find out for themselves.
- If you laugh yourself, you'll interrupt the flow.
- Don't tell jokes that make fun of people.



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FUNNY JOKES TO TELL

Be prepared to laugh and have fun!

Teacher: Where's your homework, Zach?

Zach: I don't have it. My dog ate it.

Teacher: How could your dog eat your homework?

Zach: I fed it to him.



Who did Antarctica marry?

Uncle Arctica.

What did the boy with the world's greatest mom do?

He built her a mom-ument.

What did the father buffalo say to his kid when he dropped him off at school?

"Bison."

Composer: It took me ten years to write this lullaby.

Publisher: Why did it take so long?

Composer: It kept putting me to sleep.



What is a balloon's least favorite music?

Pop

Eli: Why does your grandmother have roller skates on her rocking chair?

Emily: She likes to rock and roll.



What did the chimpanzee say when he found out his sister had a baby?

"Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!"

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FUNNY PIZZA RECIPE

Have fun at home creating funny pizza faces to eat



WHAT YOU NEED:

- Vegetable Oil Spray
- Red Bell Pepper
- Broccoli
- Pizza Dough
- Pasta Sauce
- Cheese
- Sliced Black Olives

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Spray a cookie sheet with vegetable oil.
- Separate the broccoli into tiny florets.

ADULT:

- Preheat the oven to 350° F.
- Slice a red bell pepper into thin curvy strips.



1 Cut the pizza dough into small circles and put on a cookie sheet.

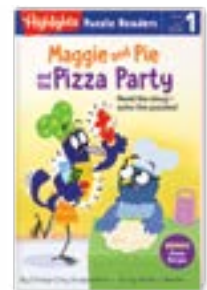


2 Add pasta sauce and cheese.



3 Add a red-pepper strip for the mouth, broccoli for the nose, and olives for the eyes.

Read about a pizza party with bonus pizza recipe



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