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### Visiting Jesus

Show the teaching picture. *Do you know who this is? It is Jesus, and these are his helpers. When Jesus came to town, everyone wanted to see him. He loved all the people and told them about God, his father.*

Have the Bible open on your lap. *The Bible says that one day some people heard that Jesus was coming to their town. Do you think they were happy or sad? That's right, they were happy! The mommies and daddies said, "Let's take our children to see Jesus! Let's take all the children so that Jesus can pray for them and touch them!" So many families walked to the place where Jesus was teaching.*

*Let's pretend that we are the children going to see Jesus. Give each child a stick puppet. Let's walk, walk, walk to Jesus. Help the children move their stick puppets toward Jesus, pretending to walk. There he is! Let's move closer!*

*Just when the children got really close to Jesus, his helpers said that they should all go away. They said that Jesus was a busy person and he didn't have time for little children (Mark 10:13). Tell the children to turn their stick puppets around and start walking away from Jesus. How do you think the children felt? Happy or sad? How did the mommies and daddies feel? Yes, I think they felt sad, too.*

*Then Jesus said, "Wait! Let the little children come to me. I love the children" (Mark 10:14).*

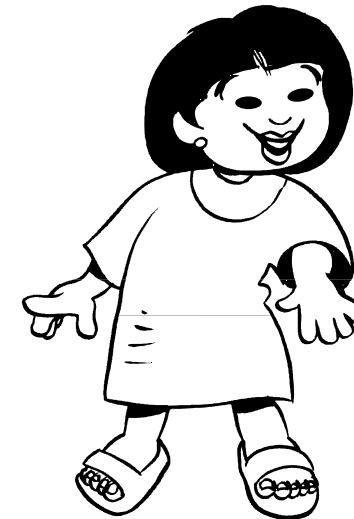
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Sing "Jesus Loves Me" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet.

### Conclusion

*Who went to see Jesus in the Bible story? (the children)  
What did his helpers say? (Jesus doesn't have time for children.)  
Who said, "Wait, let the children come to me. I love the children."? (Jesus)*

*Who did Jesus say he loved? (the children)  
He also said, "You are my friends." Let's say it together. "You are my friends."*



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## Jesus Is My Friend

The children will learn through a finger play game that Jesus knows and loves each one of them personally.

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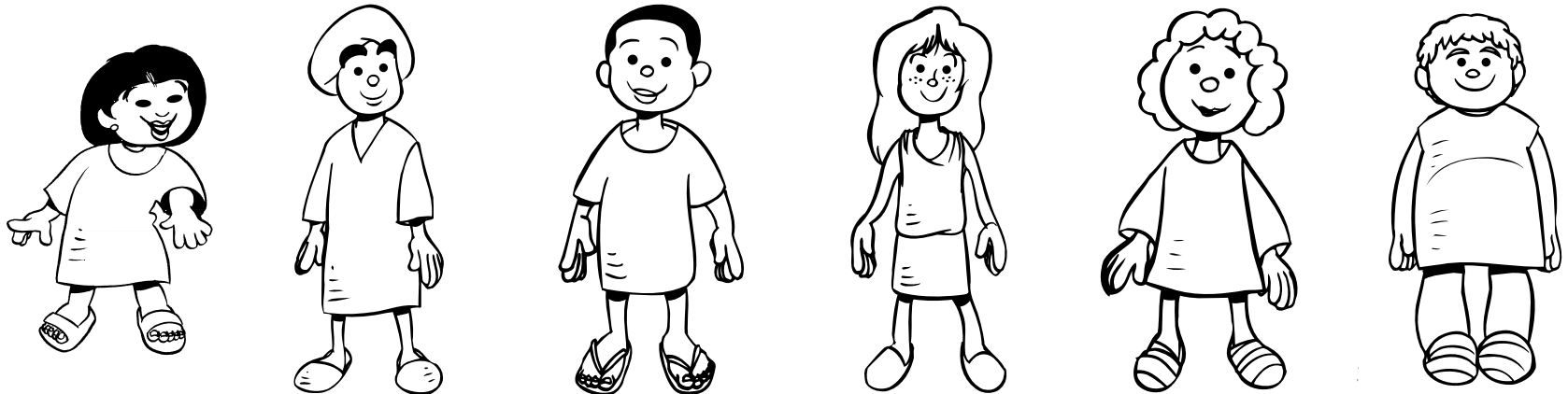
For the teacher:  
Bible

### Preparation

Practice the "Finger Play" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet so that you can teach it to the children.

### Instructions

1. Hold up your Bible and say to the children: *The Bible says, Jesus made you and he loves you very much. The Bible says, Jesus loves you so much that he knows your name and your birthday and even how many hairs you have on your head! How many hairs do you think you have on your head? Ask each child. We might have thousands, but we really don't know, do we? But Jesus knows!*
2. Say the first line of each verse of the finger play, and then have the children say the rest of the verse with you. Remember to follow the motions as detailed on the Song Sheet.



### Bible Truth Activity

Talk to the children about how much Jesus loves each one of them. For example, *Andrew, did you know that the Bible says that Jesus wants to be your friend? Open your Bible and say, Jesus said, "You are my friends." Let's all say that together. "You are my friends." Jesus wants to be our friend, and he wants us to be friends with one another. Let's say it one more time. "You are my friends." We are all friends here. Let's hug one of our friends. Have each child hug a friend.*

### Conclusion

End with singing "Jesus Loves Me" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet.

Ask the children, *Who will you tell about Bible class today? What will you tell them?*

*Let's thank God for Jesus and his love. Thank you, God, for sending Jesus. Thank you that he loves children and likes to be with them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

### Teacher Tips

If time allows, ask the children what other things Jesus might know about them, such as their family members' names, or where they live, etc.

# You Are My Friends.



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### Hug Card

The children will make cards that reinforce the Bible story of Jesus with the children.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 piece of green construction paper
- 2 pieces of yellow construction paper
- glue stick

*For the teacher:*

- marker
- pinking shears
- scissors
- construction paper, different colors

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher

#### Preparation

1. Cut out the head stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
2. Trace the stencil onto the yellow construction paper and cut out one circle for each child.
3. Draw a happy face on each yellow circle with a marker.
4. Trace your hand twice on the yellow construction paper. Cut out two hands for each child.
5. Using the pinking shears, cut each piece of green construction paper in half lengthwise.
6. Glue the two pieces together to make one piece approximately 23" x 4½". See Figure A.
7. Write the words, "Jesus Hugged the Children" in the center of the green paper.
8. Cut small shapes out of the different colored construction paper to use as decoration.
9. Create a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

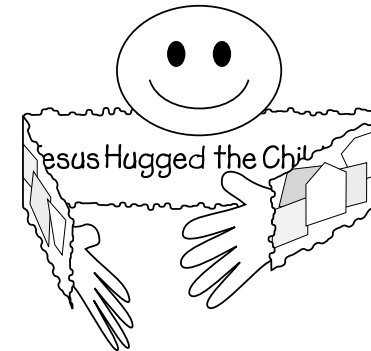
1. Show the children the model and read the words that are on the card. *Jesus hugged the children. He loves children so much. Would you like to make a Hug Card like this one?*
2. Give each child the long piece of green construction paper.
3. Have each child glue a happy face on the center of the green paper, as shown in Figure B.
4. Give each child two paper hands and help them glue them onto the ends of their green papers. See Figure C.
5. Fold the green paper "arms" for each child, as shown in Figure D.
6. Give the children the small paper shapes to glue on the card as decoration.

#### Conclusion

Tell the children, *We give hugs to let people know how much we love them. Let's all give our friends hugs, because we love them. The Bible says that "Jesus hugged the children" (Mark 10:16).*

#### Teacher Tips

To save time when preparing this craft, stack and cut a few pieces of paper at one time.



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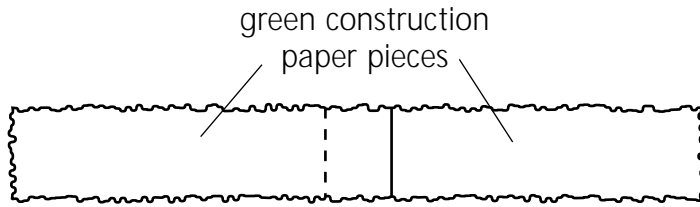


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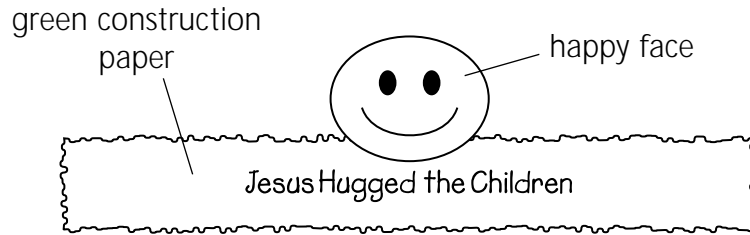


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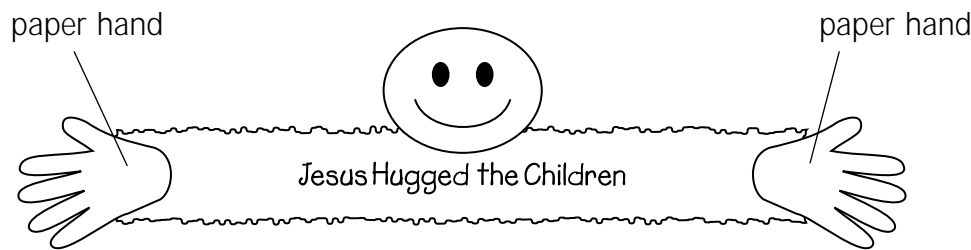


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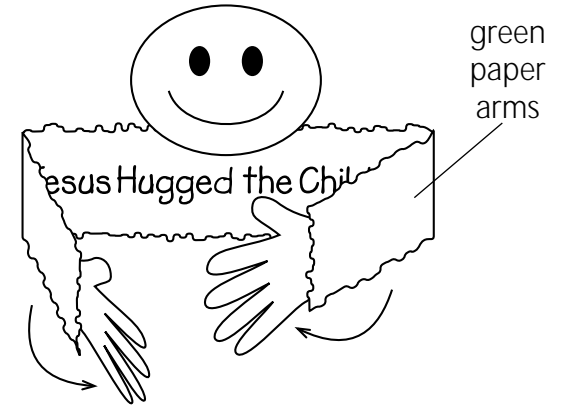
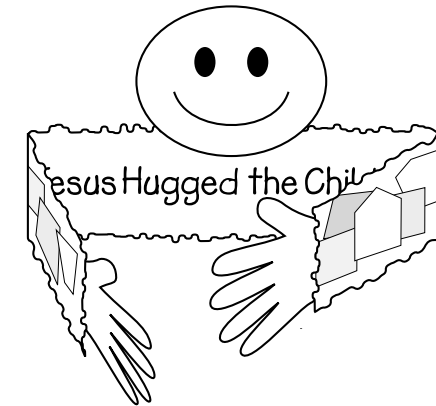


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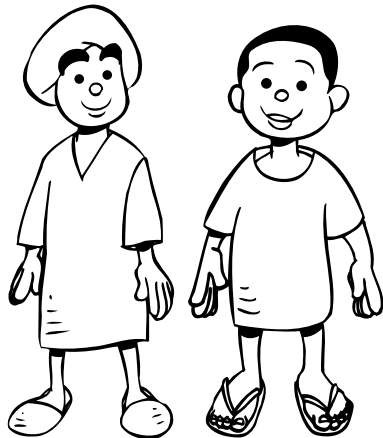
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Life

Application

### Jesus Loves the Little Children

The children will learn about Jesus' love for them and children everywhere through singing and viewing pictures.

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#### Materials

For the teacher:

- pictures from Unit 5 Lesson 1, Life Application

#### Preparation

Review the following activity and songs.

#### Instructions

1. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet while showing the picture of Jesus with the children.
2. Show the children the picture of the children of the world. Point to each child in the picture and explain that Jesus loves children from each part of the world. Sing the first verse of "Jesus Loves the Little Children" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet.
3. Show the children the picture of Jesus hugging the children. *What's Jesus doing in the picture? That's right, he's hugging the children! Sing the second verse of "Jesus Loves the Little Children."*
4. Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" again. Hug each child as you sing.

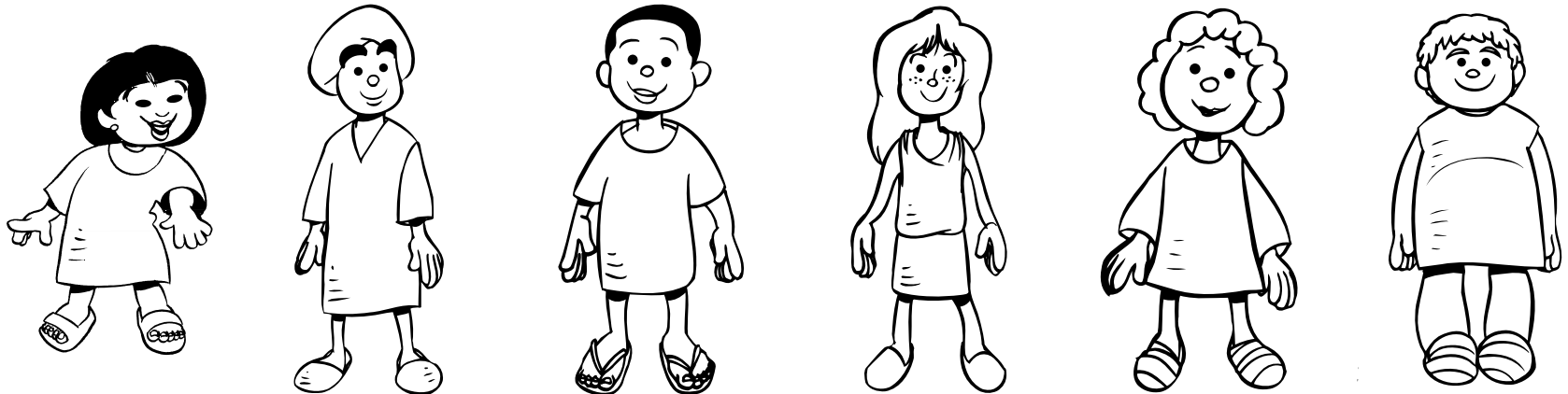
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## 'Jesus Loves Me' Hat

The children will make hats to remind them of Jesus' love for them.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 paper plate, 9"
- glue stick
- heart stickers (optional)

*For the teacher:*

- marker
- scissors
- colored paper

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

### Preparation

1. Cut out the heart stencil from Reproducible Page B.
2. Trace the heart stencil onto the back of each paper plate. Be sure that the base of the heart is aligned with the inner circle of the plate.
3. Cut out the heart from the inner center of the plate leaving the heart's base intact. See Figure A.
4. Fold the heart along the base, as shown in Figure B.
5. Write "Jesus Loves Me" on the heart.
6. Cut out several small, medium and large hearts of different colors for each child.
7. Make a model of the craft using the instructions that follow.

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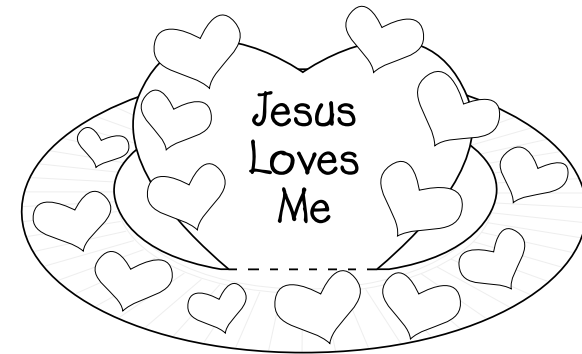
1. Show the children the completed craft. *This hat says, "Jesus Loves Me." The Bible tells us that Jesus loves children.*
2. Give each child a paper plate hat.
3. Give each child several colored hearts to glue onto the hat. Help them to glue them around the words on the large heart. *Be careful not to glue anything over the words on your hat.*
4. Give the children heart stickers to decorate their hats.

### Conclusion

*The hearts remind us of love. Our hats can help us remember that Jesus loves us.*

### Teacher Tips

- To cut the plates more easily, first fold them in half.
- You may choose to write "Jesus Loves Me" on the hats after the children have finished gluing on their hearts.



Craft

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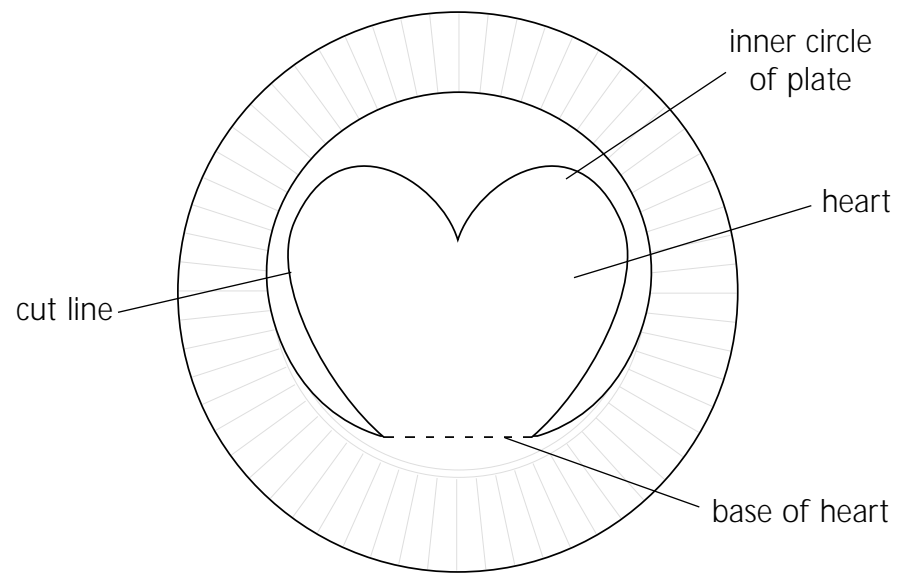


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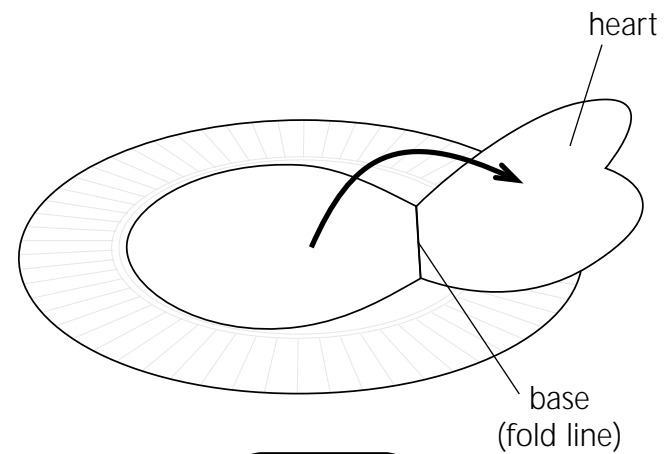
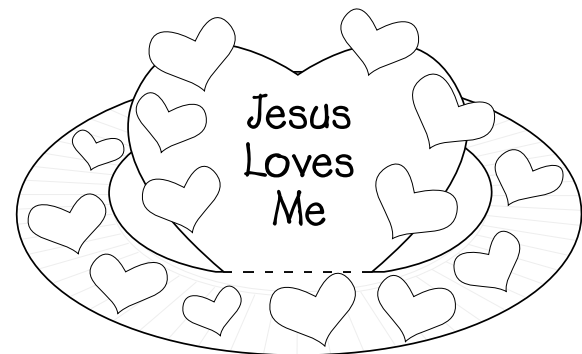


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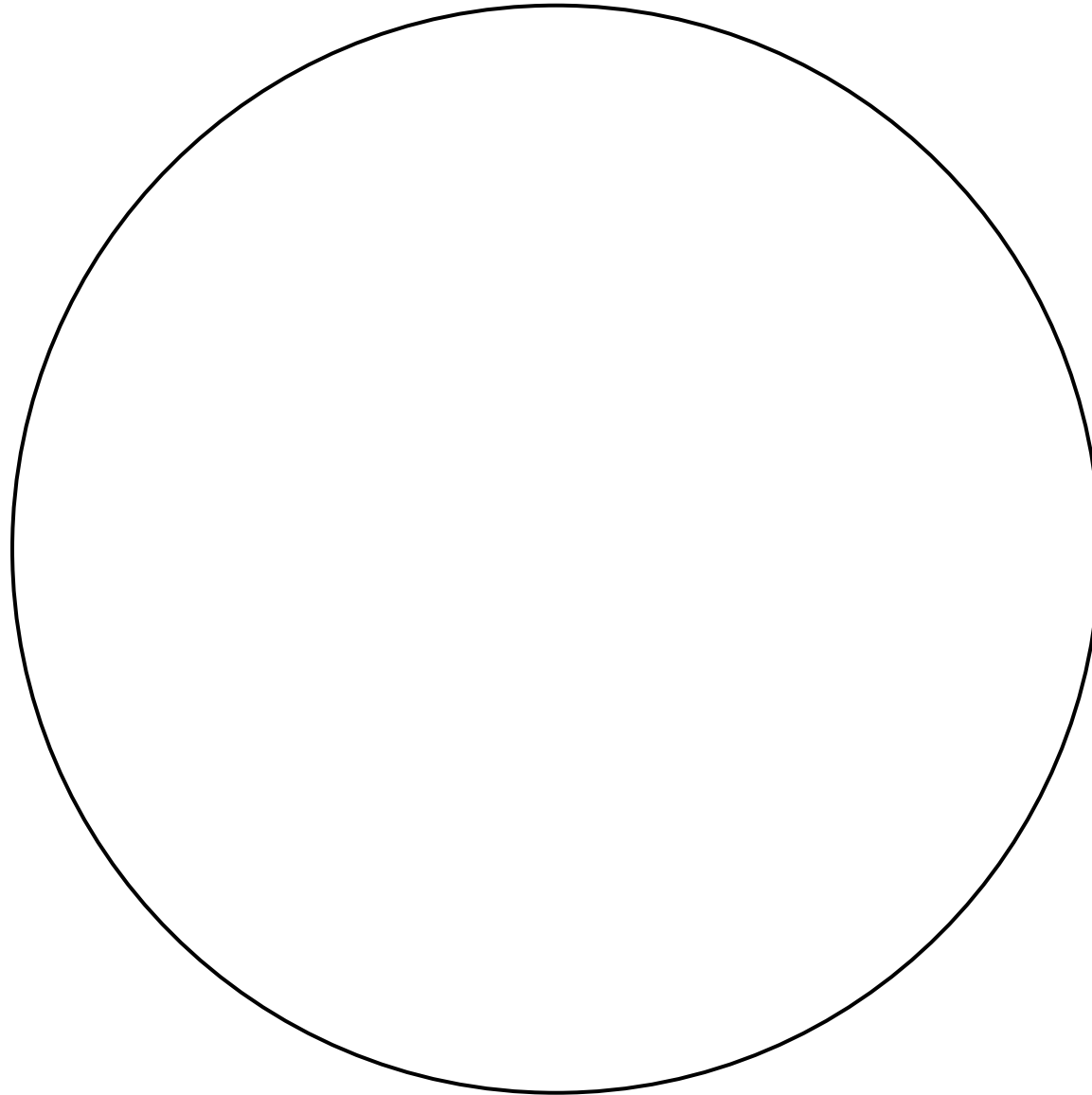


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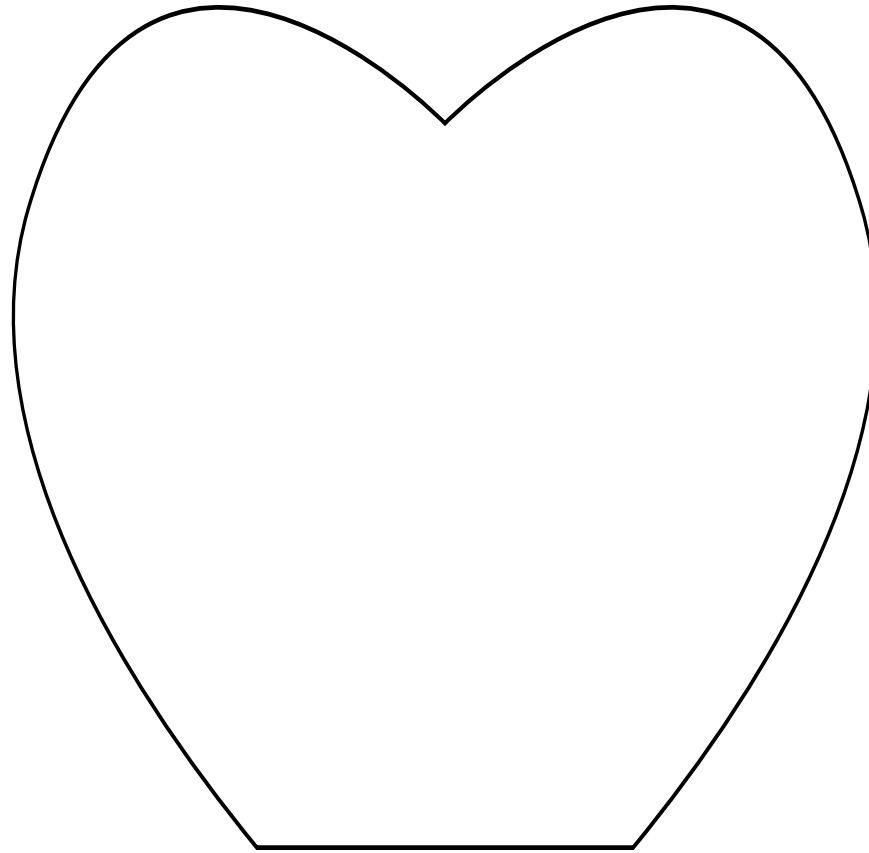


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