

The Rainbow

Noah Lesson 4

Lesson Objectives

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Bible Story Text

Genesis 8:1-19, 9:8-17

Bible Truth

We obey God.
 (Deuteronomy 27:10)

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Preclass Centers

Welcome and Singing

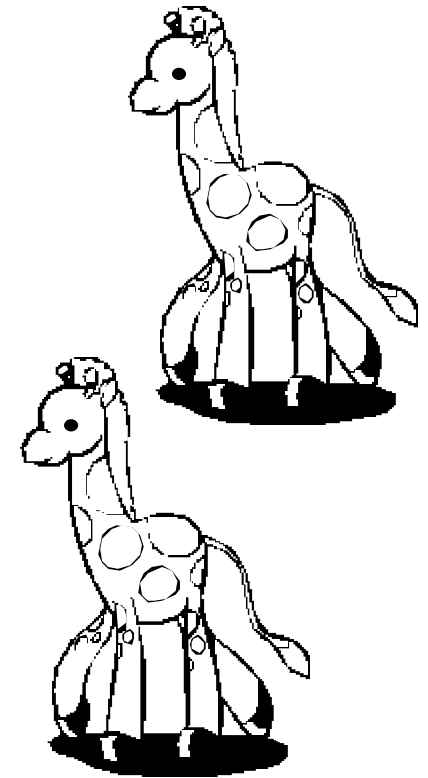
Centers:

Bible Story: Rain and Rainbows

Life Application: Color Scopes

Craft: Noah's Dove

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Preclass Centers

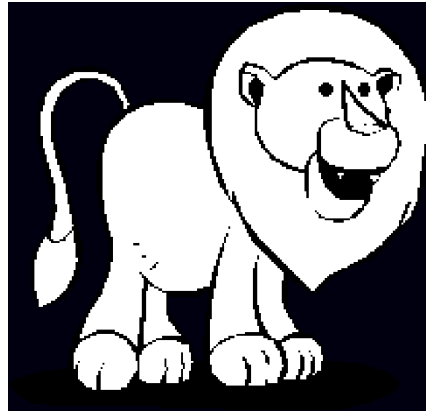
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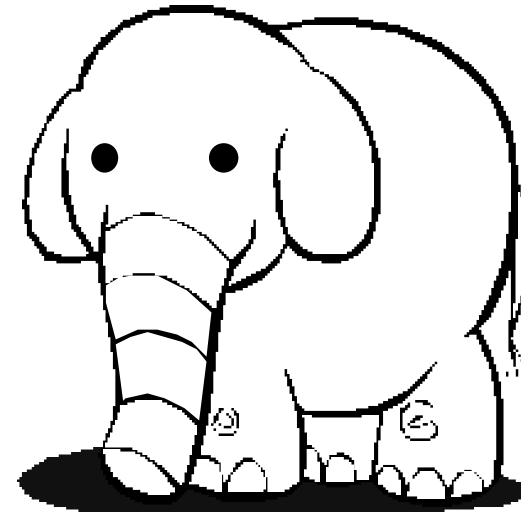


Instructions

Guide the play in each center reinforcing the unit theme.

Teacher Tips

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- Be involved in the group play and offer guidance as needed.
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- Smile! Be childlike in heart and alert in mind.



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Rain and Rainbows

The children will learn that God made the rainbow.

Bible Story Text

Genesis 8:1-19, 9:8-17

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- toy boat
- blue towel to use as the ocean
- green or brown towel as dry ground
- spray bottle with water inside as rain
- dove from the Unit 17 Lesson 3, Bible Story
- rainbow from the Unit 17 Lesson 3, Bible Story
- 1 small branch with leaves
- felt board
- tape

Preparation

1. Roll a piece of tape and place it on the back of the rainbow.
2. Before the children arrive set up the props as follows:
 - A. Place the rainbow on the felt board.
 - B. Lay the brown towel flat on the ground.
 - C. Crumple the blue towel and place it on top of the brown towel as waves.
 - D. Place the boat on top of the blue towel.

Rainbow Promises

Have the children sit around the towels, where they can see the boat. Does anyone know what this is? Yes, it is a boat. It is a special boat. We are going to pretend that this boat is the ark. Open the Bible. Who was the man in the Bible that God told to build the ark? That's right! It was Noah. Did Noah obey God and build the ark? Yes, he did!

Point to the blue towel. We are going to pretend that this is water. The ark floated on the water for a long time while it rained. Who else was on the ark with Noah and his family? The animals! God took care of Noah, his family and the animals while it rained. Let's pretend we are on a boat. Show the children how to gently rock and sway. If you put your hand out the window, you can feel

the rain. Put your hands out and feel the rain. Gently spray water into the air with the spray bottle.

After forty days, the Bible says it stopped raining! But the water was so high from all the rain, everyone had to stay on the ark. One day, a long time after it had stopped raining, Noah let a bird fly out side the window. Show the dove. This bird was a dove. Fly the dove around. The dove flew over the water looking for a tree, but the dove came back. He could not see any trees! Everything was still flooded with water! (Genesis 8:8-9). Seven days later, Noah sent the dove out again. Fly the dove around. Put the branch in the dove's mouth. This time, the dove came back to the ark and it had a green branch in its beak. The dove found a tree! (Genesis 8:10-11). The water was going down. Let the children each take a turn to fly the dove, get the branch and bring it back to the ark.

Several days later, Noah sent the dove out again. Fly the dove around. This time the dove did not come back to the ark (Genesis 8:12). Finally the water had gone down and the dove could live in the trees. He did not need to live in the ark anymore. Put the dove away.

God told Noah that it was time to come out of the ark (Genesis 8:15-17). Remove the blue towel. All of the water had gone down, and now the ark was sitting on dry land! Noah and his family were excited! The animals were excited! They all came out of the ark (Genesis 8:18-19). They were so happy to be outside again!

Noah looked up in the sky to say thank you to God, and he saw something beautiful. Show the rainbow. God had made a rainbow and put it in the sky. He told Noah that the rainbow is a promise that it will never rain that much again (Genesis 9:8-11). Noah was so happy! He knew that God loved him and would always take care of him. Noah saw the beautiful colors in the rainbow. Point to each color, as you name it. Red, yellow, green and blue. Sing the "Rainbow Song" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet.

Has anyone ever seen a rainbow in the sky? When you see a rainbow, remember that it is God's promise to you. God loves you and will always take care of you!

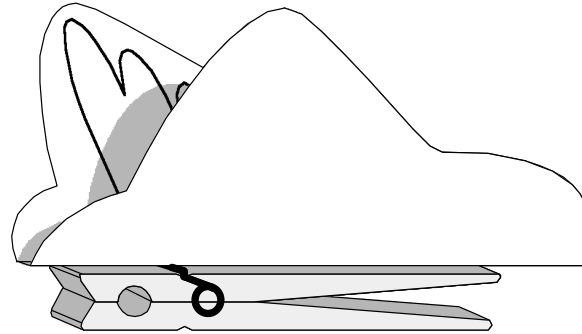
NOTE: Save the dove and the rainbow for the Unit 17 Lesson 5, Bible Story.

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Conclusion

Ask the following questions to review the story:

- What bird did Noah send out of the ark? (a dove)
- What did the dove bring back in his mouth? (a branch or leaves)
- What did God put into the sky as a promise to Noah? (a rainbow)
- Did Noah obey God? (yes)



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Color Scopes

The children will be reminded of the rainbow that God created.

Bible Truth

We obey God.
(Deuteronomy 27:10)

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- 4 color scopes from the Unit 17 Lesson 3, Life Application
- rainbow from the Unit 17 Lesson 3, Life Application

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity using the props.

Instructions

1. Hold up the rainbow. Who can tell me what this is? Right, it's a rainbow! Who makes rainbows? God does! Let's look at the different colors God put in the rainbows. Point to each color as you name it. Let each child point to and name the colors. Offer help as needed.
2. Sing the "Rainbow Song" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet, pointing to the different colors as you sing. Who likes rainbows? Who likes colors? Who knows who made the colors? That's right! God did!
3. Today we are going to look at the colors that God made. Show the children the red tube. This is a Color Scope. Whenever we look through it, we will see everything in that color. What color is this? It is red! Whenever we look through the red Color Scope, everything we look at will be red! Pass the tube around and let each of the children have a turn looking at something with the red Color Scope.
4. Repeat this with each of the tubes.

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Bible Truth Activity

When God told Noah to build the ark, did Noah obey God? Yes, he did! Open the Bible. The Bible says we should obey God. When Noah obeyed God and took the animals inside the ark while it rained, they were all safe. Then after they came out of the ark, what did God put in the sky? Hold up the rainbow picture. God put the rainbow in the sky as a promise to Noah. God took care of Noah because Noah obeyed him. Jonathan, will you obey God? Ask each child. Let's all say our Bible Truth together: "We obey God." Hold up the Bible. We obey God when we obey the Bible.

Conclusion

Let's talk to God. Dear God, please help us to love and obey you and please help us to obey your Bible. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Who are you going to tell about Bible class today? What are you going to tell them?

If time allows, give each child a Color Scope and sing the "Rainbow Song" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet as the children play.

Teacher Tips

- Cut out a few simple shapes from white construction paper or poster board for the children to look at with the color maker.
- As the children get comfortable with the song, have those who would like to hold the rainbow picture and point to each color as they sing.



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We obey God.



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Noah's Dove

The children will make doves reminding them of how Noah checked for dry land.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 clothes pin, spring style
- glue stick
- 1 real or silk leaf
- 1 feather, white if possible

For the teacher:

- scissors
- marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the doves from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
2. On one side of each clothespin, write, "Noah's Dove."
See Figure A.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children your model of the craft. Who knows what kind of bird this is? Yes, it's a dove. What did the dove do in the story of Noah and the ark? That's right, the dove brought a leaf back to Noah. God used the dove to help Noah to know when it was safe to go outside.
2. Give each child a clothespin and a dove. Help each child glue the dove onto the blank side of the clothespin, as shown in Figure B. Do not glue the tail section. NOTE: The dove should be positioned with the beak on the clasping end of the clothespin.
3. Give each child a feather to glue to the tail section of the dove.
4. Give each child a leaf. Open the clothespin, and then have the child put the leaf into the clasp of the clothespin.

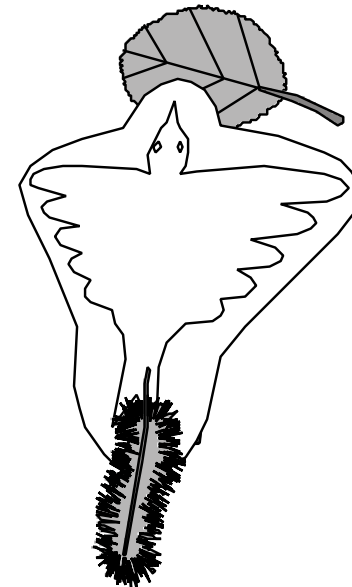
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Conclusion

Have the children act out the story of Noah sending out the doves. The first time the dove came back with nothing. The second time the dove came back with a leaf. The third time the dove did not return, because the earth was dry and ready for Noah and the animals to come back.

Teacher Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** If you use real leaves, be sure they are not poisonous if touched or accidentally ingested.



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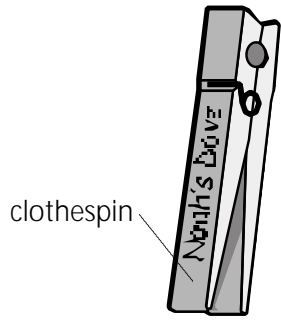


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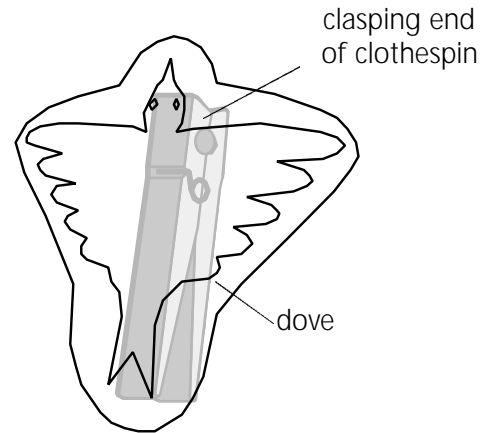
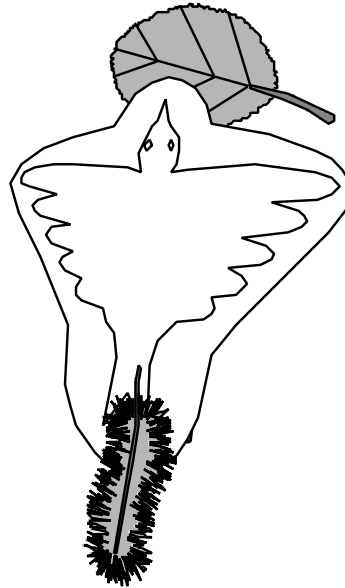


Figure B



Finished Craft





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Craft: Watercolor Rainbow

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Funny Brown Bunny

The children will learn that God made beautiful and special colors.

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Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- funny bunny prop and colored paper from Unit 17 Lesson 3, Life Application

Preparation

Practice telling the story using the funny bunny prop.

Instructions

Take out the bunny prop. Take out all of the colored paper so that the bunny is brown. Funny Bunny hopped along the road. Hop, hop, hop! Funny Bunny was a beautiful brown bunny just like his mommy bunny. As he hopped, he sang a funny little song. Sing "Funny Brown Bunny" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet.

One day Funny Bunny saw a red bird. He thought the red bird was the prettiest color he had ever seen. "I want to be red like the bird," he said. So he rolled in some red strawberries. Slip the red paper inside the folder. What color is Funny Bunny now? He is red! As he hopped down the road, he sang... Sing "Funny Brown Bunny from the Unit 17 Song Sheet substituting "red" for brown.

Later that day he saw a yellow duck. He thought yellow was the prettiest color he had ever seen. "I want to be yellow like the duck," he said. So he found some yellow feathers and stuck them all over his bunny fur. Slip the yellow paper inside the folder. What color is Funny Bunny now? He is yellow! As he hopped down the road, he sang... Sing "Funny Brown Bunny from the Unit 17 Song Sheet substituting "yellow" for brown.

Later that day, he saw some green grass. "I want to be green like the grass." He rolled around in some newly mowed green grass. Slip the green paper inside the folder. What color is Funny Bunny now? He is green! As he hopped down the road, he sang... Sing "Funny Brown Bunny from the Unit 17 song sheet substituting "green" for brown.

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Later that day he saw the blue sky. It was the bluest blue he had ever seen. "I want to be blue like the blue sky," he said. So he rolled in some blueberries. Slip the blue paper inside the folder. What color is Funny Bunny now? He is blue! As he hopped down the road, he sang... Sing "Funny Brown Bunny from the Unit 17 Song Sheet substituting "blue" for brown.

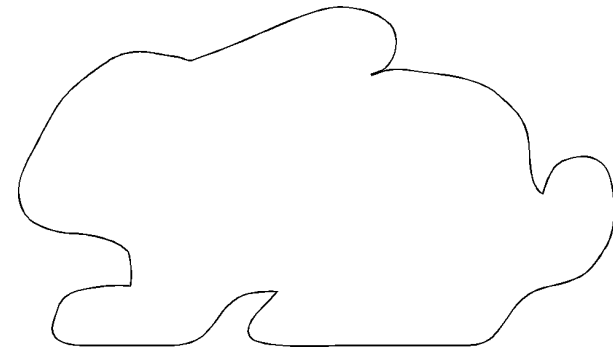
Just then the funny bunny's mommy called him inside for dinner. "Funny Bunny," said his mommy, "you are blue! Where is my beautiful brown bunny?" "Blue sky is beautiful," said Funny Bunny. "Yes, blue is a beautiful color," said his mommy, "but God didn't make you blue." His mommy helped him wipe off the blue. Take out the sheets so bunny is brown again. "God made you my beautiful brown little Funny Bunny, and I love you very much." "I love you, too, Mommy,"

Bible Truth Activity

When Funny Bunny's mommy told him not to roll in any more berries, he obeyed. When God told Noah to build the ark, did Noah obey God? Yes, he did! Open the Bible. The Bible says we should obey God. Let's all say our Bible Truth together: "We obey God." Hold up the Bible. We obey God when we obey the Bible.

Conclusion

Pray with the children asking God to help them be obedient. Encourage them to bring their friends to class.



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- tape

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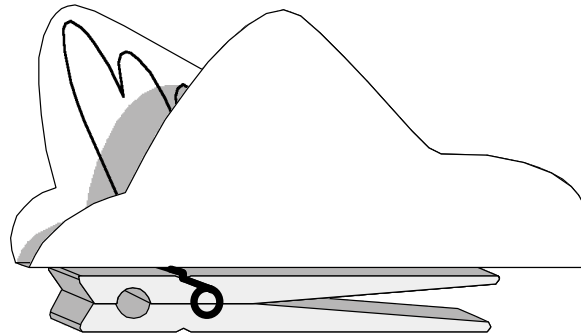
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- Did Noah obey God? (yes)

Teacher Tips

- If you use real leaves, be sure that they are not poisonous.



Craft



Watercolor Rainbow

The children will make rainbow paintings reminding them of God's promise to Noah.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of white construction paper
- watercolor paints
- paintbrush
- old shirt or paint smock
- plastic cup with a small amount of water

For the teacher

- black marker
- gray crayon
- newspapers, or plastic tablecloth or shower curtain
- paper towels

Preparation

1. Prepare each piece of white construction paper, see Figure A, as follows:
 - A. Using a gray crayon, draw four thick curved lines making a rainbow outline.
 - B. Using a gray crayon, draw a cloud in the upper left corner.
 - C. Using the black marker, write, "God keeps his promises." in the cloud.
2. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Prior to class, set up a paint station as follows:
 - A. Cover the work surface with the newspapers.
 - B. Fill the plastic cups with water $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way full, and place them on the work surface.
 - C. Place the paints on the work surface.
 - D. Moisten some paper towels and have them available for cleanup.

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2. Show the children your model of the craft. Who can tell me what this is? Yes, it's a rainbow! Who made the rainbow? God did! Today you will paint a rainbow!
3. Have the children go to the paint station, and then help each child to put on an old shirt.
4. Help the children paint their rainbows as follows:
 - A. Give each child a paintbrush.
 - B. Show the children your model. Explain to them that they will paint the rainbow one stripe of color at a time: red, yellow, green and blue.
 - C. Help the children to dip their paintbrush in the water and then in the appropriate color paint. Help them paint the stripes as shown in Figure B.
 - D. When the children have finished painting, help them clean their hands using the moistened paper towels.
5. Write the children's names on their paintings, and then set them aside to dry.

Conclusion

Ask the children: What was God's promise? Yes, he promised to always take care of us. Who did he tell this promise to? He told Noah.

If there is time, sing the "Rainbow Song" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet.

Teacher Tips

- With younger children do not put out the water and paints until they are needed.
- The rainbows do not have to be completely filled in with paint. Some children may simply paint a few lines, others will be more detailed. Some children will need help placing the colors in the correct section of the rainbow.
- If the pictures are extremely wet, lightly press, but do not rub, a paper towel on top of the paint to absorb some of the moisture. This will speed up the drying time.

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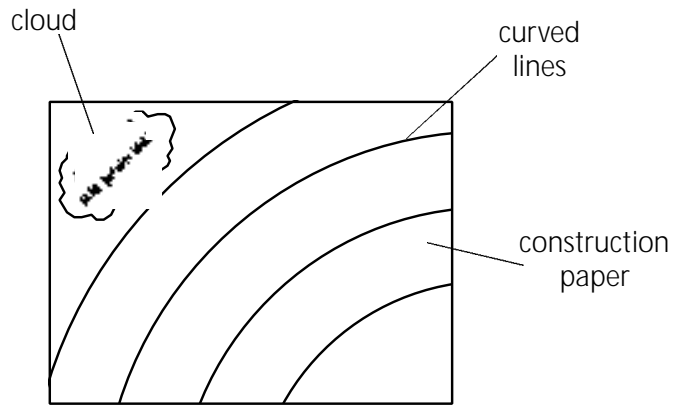


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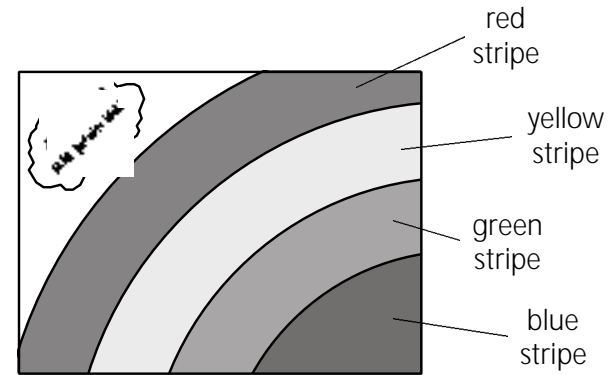


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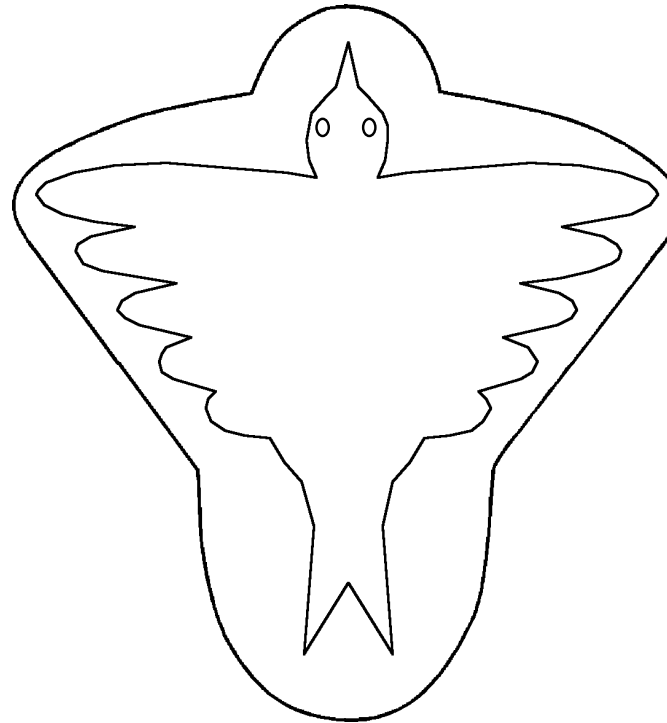


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