

Peter Tells Others

Peter Goes
Lesson 1

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Preclass Centers

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Peter Tells Dorcas

Life Application: Getting Dressed

Craft: Peter and Dorcas

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



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Preclass Centers

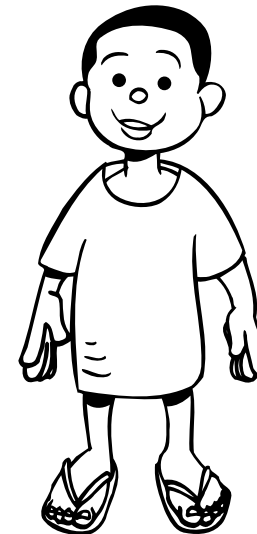
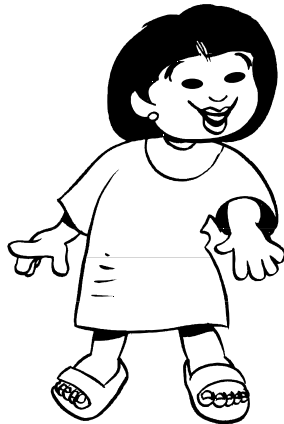
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Materials

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- Housekeeping Center—2 washable dolls (of diverse ethnicity, e.g., black and white), play food, dishes and 2 small blankets
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Instructions

Guide the play in each center reinforcing the unit theme. Refer to the following example for help in directing play and asking relevant questions.

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Teacher Tips

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Materials

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- shoelace or yarn, 24"
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For the teacher:

- Bible
- felt board
- tape
- markers or crayons
- scissors
- hole punch
- laminate or clear contact paper (optional)

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher
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Preparation

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Dorcas

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Does anyone know who this man is? Point to the Peter figure on the felt board. This is Peter. Can you say Peter?

Peter was a very special man of God. Open the Bible. The Bible says, Peter used to walk around with Jesus. He learned a lot from watching Jesus and being with him. He was very strong! Put up your arms and flex your muscles. Have the children imitate you. Peter loved God very much. When you love God, do you obey him? Yes! Peter obeyed God! Peter obeyed God by teaching many people how to love Jesus and how to be disciples.

Do the "Bible Fingerplay" together from the Unit 23 Song Sheet. *This is what Peter did! When he preached, he told them:* (Sing the first verse of "Jesus Loves the Little Children" from the Unit 23 Song Sheet.)

It says in the Bible that Peter went to see a disciple named Dorcas (Acts 9:39). Put Dorcas on the felt board. Can you say Dorcas? Dorcas was a very special lady and she obeyed God, too! Do you know what she did that was so special? She sewed clothes for people! Do you think somebody had to sew your clothes that you have on right now? Yes! Look at my shirt, do you see these little tiny lines on my shirt? These are called stitches. Look at your clothes. Do you see any stitches on your clothes? Have the children feel the stitches on their clothes.

Some of Dorcas' friends only had old clothes to wear. Put the old shirt on the felt board. Dorcas made beautiful new clothes for them! Replace the old shirt with the new shirt. That is how she obeyed God. By loving and helping other people. Did you know that God wants us to take care of our friends who need help? God wanted Dorcas to help her friends, so they could have nice clothes to wear!

Would you like to help sew some clothes like Dorcas did? I have some clothes right here that need to be sewn and I need some help. Give each child a poster board shirt. Show them how to lace the shoelaces through the holes. This is how Dorcas sewed her clothes! Isn't this fun?

NOTE: Save the feltboard figures and the lacing cards for the Unit 23 Lesson 2, Bible Story.



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Getting Dressed

The children will help to dress a large stuffed animal to reinforce the lesson that Dorcas helped to clothe the poor.

Bible Truth

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(Acts 5:29)

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- stuffed animal or doll made for preschool children that has a zipper, snap, Velcro, etc., on the clothing

Preparation

1. Familiarize yourself with the activity.
2. Learn "This Is the Way" from the Unit 23 Song Sheet.

Instructions

Open the Bible. *In our Bible Story we are learning about a woman named Dorcas who made clothes for her friends. Today we are going to help a friend who needs help getting dressed.*

Show the children the doll. *This friend needs help getting dressed. Let's see what he needs.* Demonstrate all the different buttons and snaps. As you demonstrate each activity sing a corresponding verse of the song "This Is the Way" from the Unit 23 Song Sheet.

Repeat the song as each child has a turn buttoning, snapping and zipping the doll.

Bible Truth Activity

Let's all sit down now, and open the Bible. Open the Bible. The Bible is God's word. In the Bible, we read about Dorcas who made clothes for her friends. Can you say "Dorcas"? In the Bible we read about Peter, who was Dorcas' friend. Can you say "Peter"? The Bible says Peter obeyed God and preached. Peter obeyed God. Can you say that with me? "Peter obeyed God." Who wants to be like Peter and obey God?

Conclusion

Let's talk to God. Dear God, thank you for the Bible, and thank you for Dorcas and Peter. Help us to be like Dorcas in helping our friends. Help us to be like Peter and obey you.

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

Teacher Tips

- To make your own doll for the activity, dress a large stuffed animal or doll in young children's clothing. Be sure the clothing includes zippers, snaps, buttons, etc.



Peter obeyed God.



Craft

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Peter and Dorcas

The children will make a picture of Dorcas showing Peter the clothes she is sewing.

Materials

For each child:

- watercolor paints
- paintbrush
- small cup of water
- old shirt or paint smock
- glue stick
- piece of bright yarn, 3"
- brass fastener
- 1 piece of bright-colored construction paper

For the teacher:

- scissors
- ruler
- stapler
- marker
- newspaper
- paper towels and/or wet wipes

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures and the arms from the copies of Reproducible Page D.
2. Cut a 3" piece of yarn for each child.
3. Staple each piece of yarn to the hand on the arm. See Figure A.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.
5. Before the children arrive cover the table with several layers of newspaper and have a cup with a small amount of water and a paintbrush for each child.

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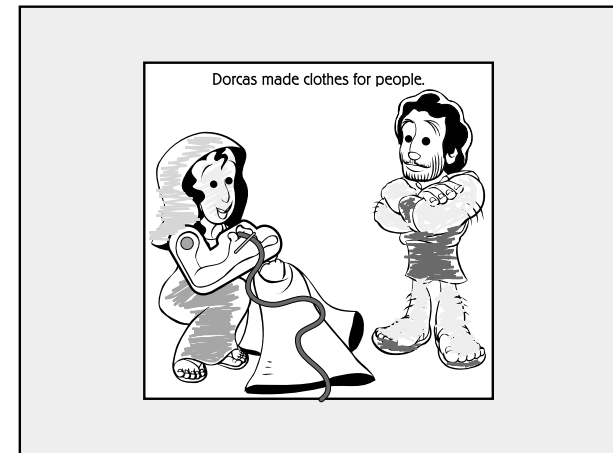
1. Show the children the model of the craft. Let them each take a turn moving Dorcas' arm up and down to make her "sew."
2. Put an old shirt on each child.
3. Give each child a picture of Dorcas and Peter to paint.
4. As the children are painting help each child to attach Dorcas' arm by pushing a brass fastener through the arm and into the picture where indicated.
5. After the pictures are dry, help the children to glue them onto a piece of construction paper.
6. Write the children's names on their crafts.

Conclusion

Let each child tell you the name of a friend he would like to help. Some children may be able to tell you what they would like to do to help their friend.

Teacher Tips

- For large classes, affix the arm to the picture before class.
- Have the children glue their pictures to construction paper during the Preclass Activity.



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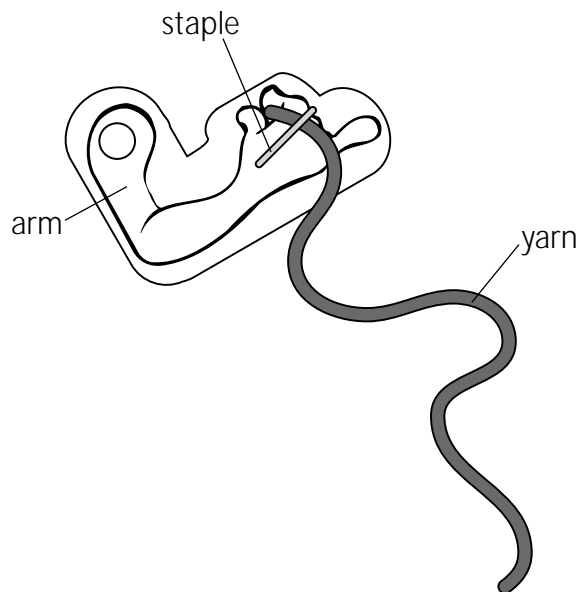


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Life

Application



Helping Hands

The children will help to make a food basket and a card to encourage someone who needs help.

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Materials

For each child:

- old shirt or smock
- 1 piece of white paper
- crayons

For the teacher:

- Bible
- 1 large, white or light-colored poster board
- liquid tempera paint or finger-paint (non-toxic and washable)
- 1 large paper plate
- paper towels or wipes
- water
- newspaper
- marker

Preparation

1. Write and photocopy a note to the parents asking them to bring in non-perishable food items for next week's class.
2. Choose an elderly person, a single mom or someone who could use extra groceries and some extra love. NOTE: Get some advice from your ministry leader as to who would be a good candidate.
3. Prepare a card by folding the poster board in half. Inside write an appropriate, encouraging message, signing it from your class.
4. Before the children arrive create a paint station:
 - A. Cover a table with newspaper.
 - B. Pour paint onto the paper plate and place it on the table.

Instructions

1. Open the Bible. *Who can remember the disciple in our Bible Story who made clothes for her friends? That's right! Dorcas! We are going to make a card to give to one of our friends to encourage them. In our next Bible class we will make them a basket of food and give it to them with the card. We want to show our love to others just like Dorcas did!*
 2. Hold up the card to show the children. *We are going to decorate the card with our handprints!* Put an old shirt on each child.
 3. Give each child a piece of paper and have them draw a picture of Dorcas helping her friends.
 4. As the children draw have them come, one at a time, to the paint station. Place the child's hand in the paint, fingers spread apart. Then place the hand on the card. Immediately wipe the child's hand with a moist paper towel.
 5. Sing "Learning to Obey" from the Unit 23 Song Sheet.
- NOTE: Save the card for the Unit 23 Lesson 2, Life Application.

Bible Truth Activity

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Conclusion

Ask the children the following questions as a review:

- Who obeyed God? (Peter and Dorcas)
- Who went to see Dorcas? (Peter)
- Who made clothes for her friends who needed help? (Dorcas)
- Were her friends happy with their new clothes? (Yes)
- Is God happy when we obey? (Yes)
- Who do you want to help? What do you want to do to help others?

Teacher Tips

- Laminate the felt board figures and the lacing cards to make them last longer.
- If using yarn for the lacing cards, be sure to place a piece of tape on one end to make it easier for the children to thread the cards.
- Be sure to practice the story beforehand so that you don't have to read it to the children.
- Bring in a shirt that clearly shows stitching to show to the children.



Dorcas' Gift

The children will make a robe on a hanger to remind them of Dorcas' gifts to her friends.

Materials

For each child:

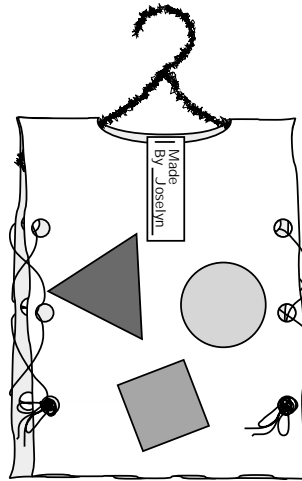
- 1 piece of bright-colored fabric, 7" x 18"
- fabric scraps
- 1½ pipe cleaners
- 2 pieces of yarn, 24"
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- scissors
- stapler
- hole punch
- tape
- black marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page F, 1 copy for the every 6 children



Preparation

1. Cut out the robe stencil and the labels from the copies of Reproducible Page E and F.
2. Make a robe for each child as follows:
 - A. Fold each piece of fabric in half (7" x 9").
 - B. Place the stencil on the fabric so that the shoulders line up with the folded edge of the fabric. See Figure A.
 - C. Trace and cut out the robe. NOTE: Be careful not to cut the shoulder edges.
 - D. Punch three holes on each side of the robe. See Figure B.
 - E. Staple a label to the neck of each robe. See Figure C.
3. Make a hanger for each child from the pipe cleaners. Twist 1½ pipe cleaners together and form a hanger shape. See Figure D.
4. Cut two 24" pieces of yarn for each child.
5. Tie a knot at one end of each piece of yarn and place a piece of tape around the other end.
6. Cut three fabric scraps for each child: one square, one triangle, one circle.
7. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. *We are learning about Dorcas who made clothes to give to her friends. Today you can make a robe to take home with you so you will remember to do nice things for your friends.*
2. Give each child a pipe cleaner hanger and a robe. Help each child to put the robe on the hanger and lay it flat on the floor or work surface.
3. Write the children's names on their tags.
4. Give each child a piece of yarn, and help them to "sew" each side of the robe together.
5. Show the children how to sew up and down each side of the robe and help them to tie the ends together.
6. Give each child a glue stick and three fabric scraps to decorate their robe.

Conclusion

Let each child hold up the robe on the hanger to show the group. Have them clap for each other.

Teacher Tips

- Resist the urge to make the robes look alike, or to redo sewing to make it neater. The parents will love it just the way their child creates it!
- Briefly explain to the parents that the children learned about Dorcas who made clothes for the poor. Tell them that this craft is to help remind the children to do kind things for their friends.
- Use a 3-hole paper punch on the material. It will be much easier to punch through the material.

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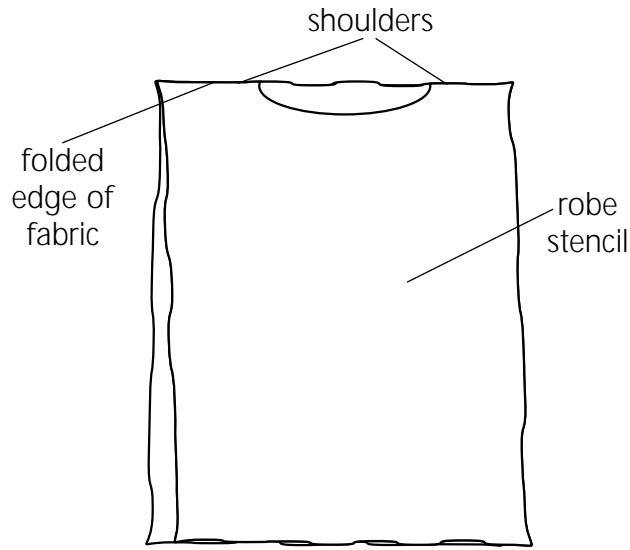


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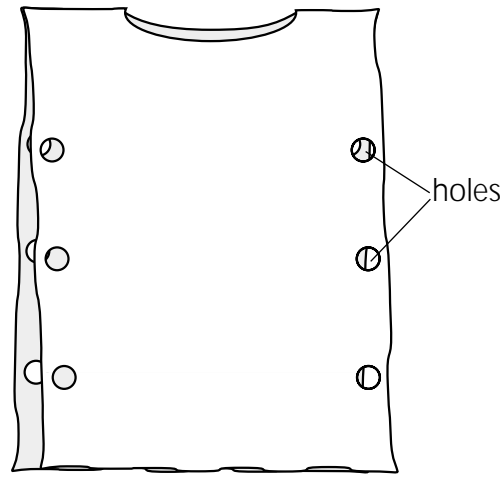


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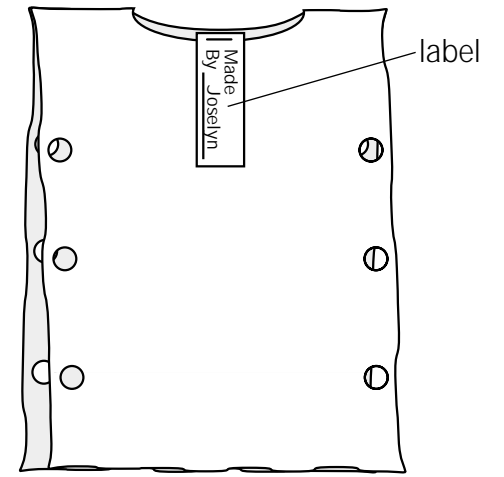


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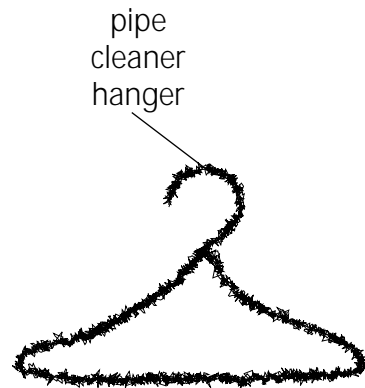
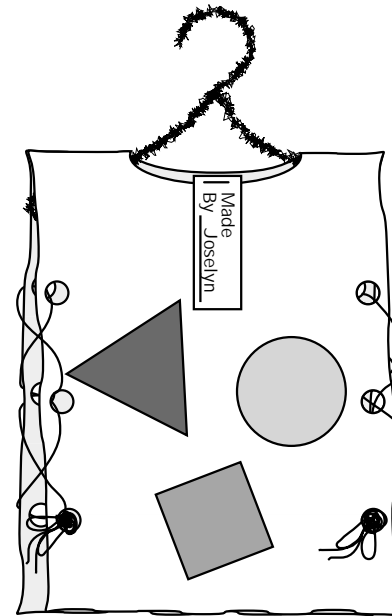


Figure D



Finished Craft



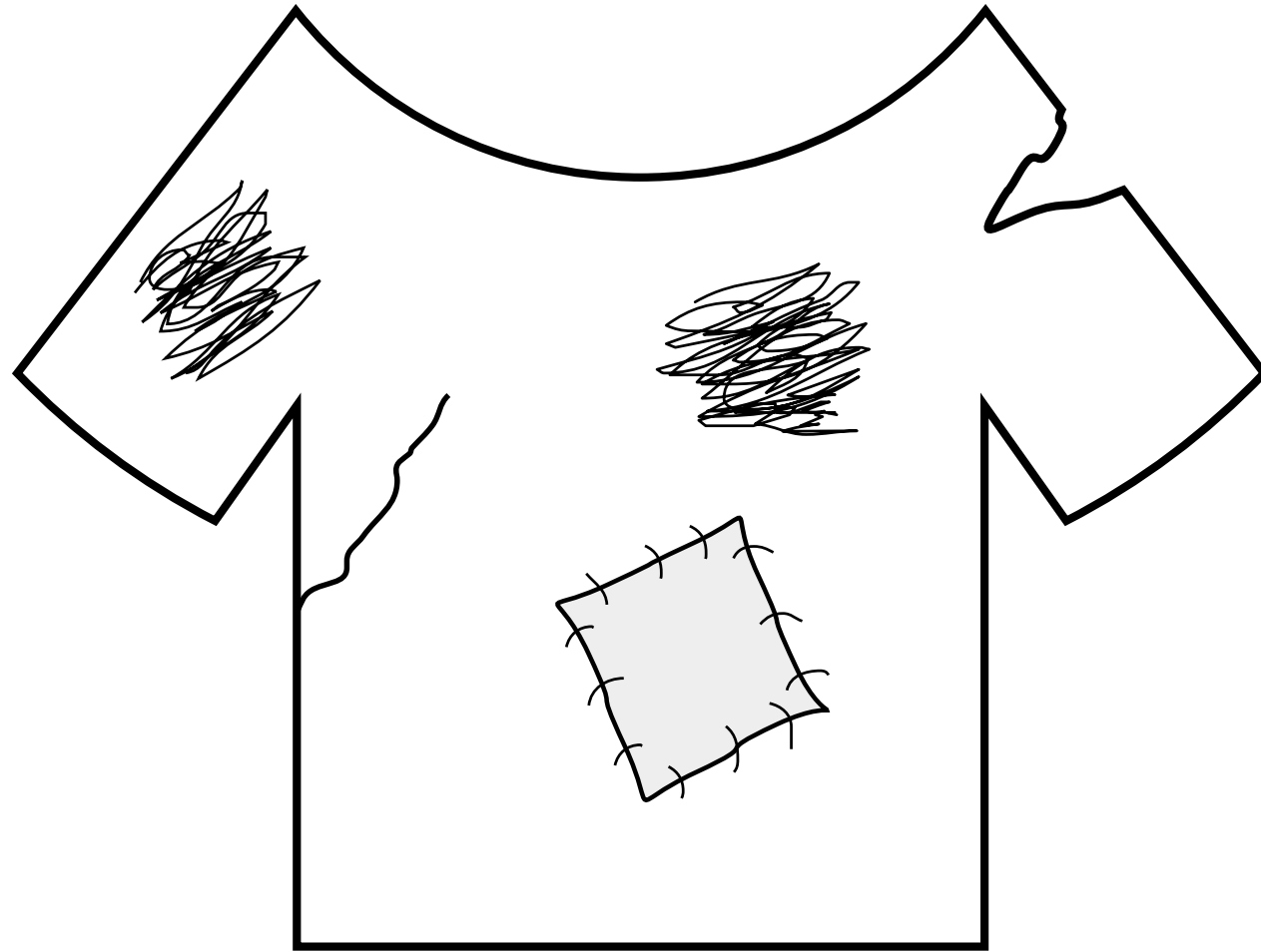


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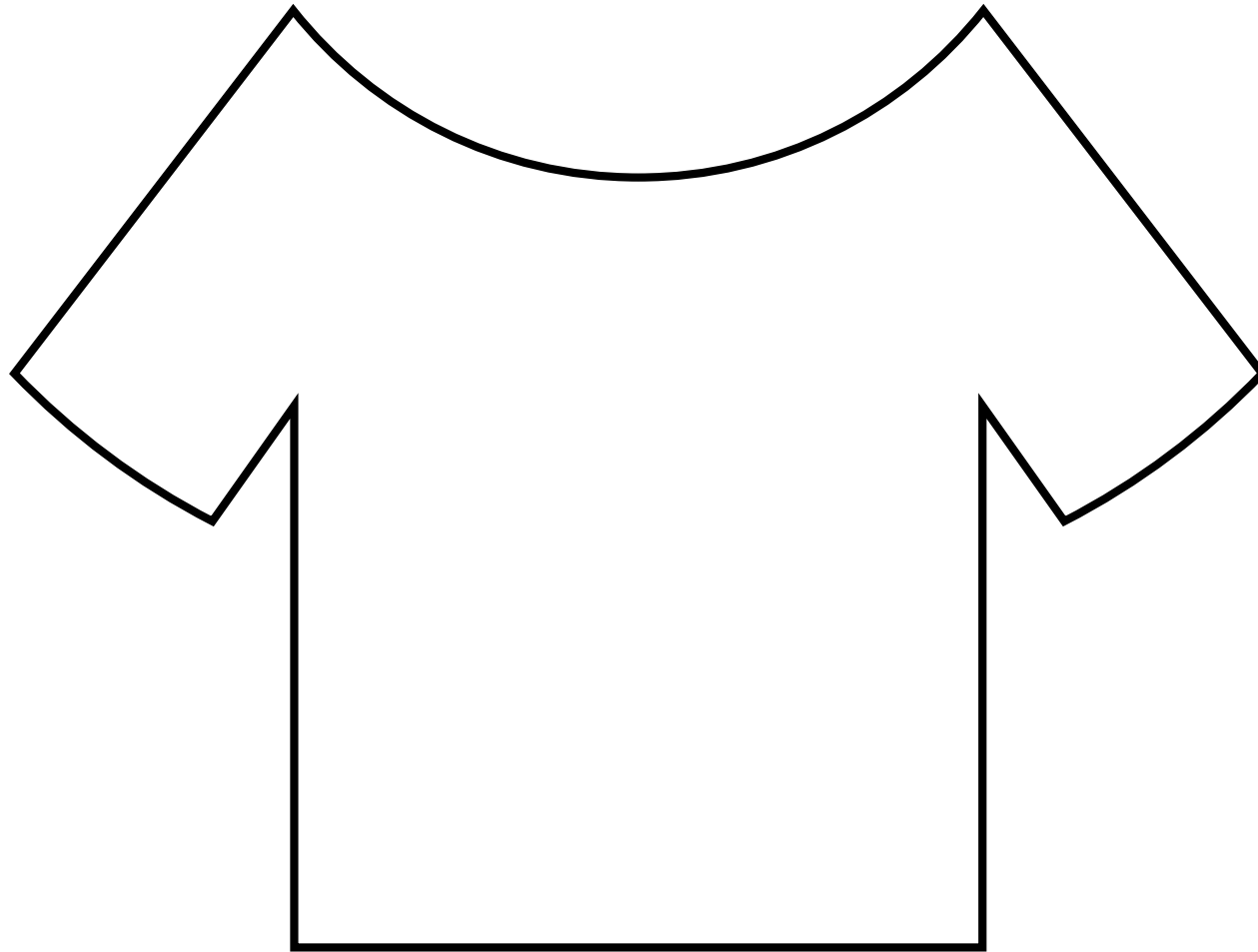


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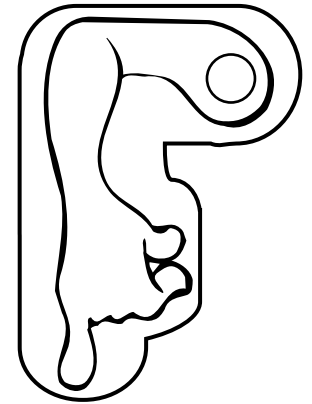


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