

Josiah Loves the Word

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Golden Cow

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Cleaning House

Life Application: Doing What is Right

Craft: Josiah's Crown

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



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Golden Cow

The children will make a pretend idol to be used for the Bible Story.

Materials

For each child:

- glue stick

For the teacher:

- yellow construction paper
- scissors
- 3 large pieces of poster board
- marker

Preparation

Following the example in Figure A, draw one large cow onto each poster board.

Instructions

1. Have the children tear the construction paper into small pieces.
2. Have the children glue the pieces of construction paper onto the cows.
3. Tell the children that they are making golden cow idols for the Bible story. *Some people worshipped a cow instead of worshipping and thanking God. So they made the cow their idol. An idol is something that you love more than God.*
4. Give the cow idols to the Bible story teacher.

Teacher Tips

Be sure to speak briefly about idols with the children. This will be a new concept for many of them and talking about it in the preclass will help them to understand it better in the Bible Story Center.

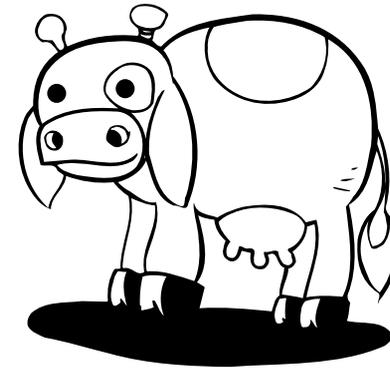


Figure A

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Cleaning House

The children will hear the story of King Josiah's love for God and his word.

Lesson Text

2 Chronicles 34:1-33

Materials

For each child:

- robes, sheets (optional)

For the teacher:

- Bible
- old sheets, blankets, towels
- newspaper
- cardboard
- rags
- old shoes, empty containers, old clothes
- large trash bag
- cow from the Preclass Activity

Preparation

1. Using the sheets, newspaper, cardboard, empty containers etc., make a mess in the Bible story area.
2. Place the Bible under the mess.
3. Place one of the cows from the Preclass Activity next to you.

Instructions

Welcome the children to the "temple of God." Tell them that you are going to pretend that the area where they are sitting is the temple.

Do you know what the temple was? It was a great big beautiful building. People had built a beautiful building for God to live in. The people would go to the temple and worship God.

Look all around you. What do you see? What a mess! Well, that is the way the temple was when a very young boy named Josiah became king. Can you say his name with me? Josiah. (Say it slowly with the children.)

The people who were supposed to take care of the temple had not done a good job. Doesn't it make you sad that God's people did not care about the beautiful building where they worshipped him? How do you think God felt about the temple being a mess? Was he

happy? No! The temple was not only a mess but the people had made idols like this golden cow and were worshipping them instead of worshipping God.

Listen while I read to you from the Bible. Read 2 Chronicles 34:1: "Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years."

How old was Josiah when he became king? Yes, he was only eight years old. That's very young to be a king. Some of you might have brothers or sisters who are eight years old. The Bible tells us that even though Josiah was very young, he was a good king and he loved God very much. Listen to what the Bible says about him. Read 2 Chronicles 34:2: "He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left."

What does it say about Josiah? Yes, Josiah did what was right. Does that mean Josiah made God happy? Yes he did make God happy!

After Josiah became king, he decided to clean up the temple, God's house. This made God very happy, and that's what we're going to do right now! Do you think that we should leave this cow here? Did God like it that the people were worshipping the cow instead of him? No. Let's get rid of the cow idol. Have the children rip up the cow and put it in the trash bag. Let's pick up the trash and let's straighten up the blankets.

Keep cleaning until someone finds the Bible. Wow! Look what you found! The Bible! Celebrate! Clap your hands! It was in the temple hidden under all the trash.

Have the children sit down. Do you know that's exactly what happened to King Josiah when he cleaned up the temple? The priests found the Word of God and Josiah read it out loud to all of the people. (2 Chronicles 34:29-30).

Josiah was very happy because now he knew how to please God. All he had to do was listen to the Word of God, the Bible, and obey what it said to make God happy. How many of you would like to do that too? When we obey, we make God happy.

Have the children finish cleaning.



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Conclusion

Who was the king? (Josiah)

How old was he? (8 years old)

Did he please God or make God sad? (pleased him)

What did he do that made God happy? (He cleaned the temple.)

What did they find when they cleaned the temple? (the Bible)

What did Josiah do with it? (read it to all of the people)

How did Josiah feel about finding the Bible? (happy)

Teacher Tips

- If possible, use tables and chairs to create the temple.
- You may choose to bring in robes and sheets for the children to dress up during the story.



Doing What Is Right

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Scripture Memory Verse

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Psalm 119:105

Materials

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- pitcher for water
- 2 cups (500ml) flour
- 1 cup (250 ml) salt
- 1 cup (250ml) water
- measuring cup
- 2 bowls
- mixing spoon
- recipe book
- other ingredients that may seem to make play dough i.e.: sugar, corn starch, baking powder, baking soda, cream, milk, glue, white sand

Preparation

Practice making the play dough before class so that you are able to give your attention to the children as you make it during the activity.

Instructions

1. *The Bible story today teaches us that Josiah was happy because he found God's directions and could follow them. If we follow directions we will be happy too.*
2. *We're going to make some play dough. Can you give me some directions and tell me what you think we need to put into the bowl to make play dough?* Do as the children suggest, not using the directions. Let them tell you how much of each ingredient to put in the bowl.
3. Mix their suggested ingredients together and ask them if what you have made is play dough?
4. *Now let's follow the directions from a recipe book and see if these will make play dough.*

5. Make play dough using the following directions:

No-cook Flour Dough

- A. Mix flour and salt together in a bowl.
- B. Add water and stir until thoroughly mixed.
- C. Gather mixture in your hands and form a ball.
- D. Knead until you have a smooth dough.

Make sure you refer several times to the recipe demonstrating how we need to always refer to the Bible as our directions for life.

6. Have the children compare the results. One is play dough, the other isn't. Because one was made following the directions, and the other one wasn't.
7. *What are some things that you can do following God's instructions?* Help the children think of some examples. (Going to bed happily, getting dressed without complaining, doing what you're asked the first time.) *When you do those things that make God happy, how do you feel? Happy, just like you are happy with the play dough that we made following the directions.*

Scripture Memory Activity

Make the shape of a light bulb out of play dough. *Look, I made a light. It reminds me of our memory verse. Does anyone remember our memory verse?*

Have the children say the memory verse and tell you what it means. (the Bible is like a light, showing us the way to live)

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Teacher Tips

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Josiah's Crown

The children will make crowns to remind them that Josiah was a king.

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Materials

For each child:

- poster board, 11" x 11"
- glue stick
- crayons

For the teacher:

- decorative materials: sequins, buttons, fake jewels, stickers
- scissors
- marker
- tape
- stapler

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the stencils from the copies of Reproducible Page A and B.
2. Trace and cut out one crown for each child from poster board.
3. Trace and cut out one of each of the side tabs for each child. Be sure to trace and cut out the slits where indicated on the stencils.
4. Write the memory verse across the back of each crown.
5. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

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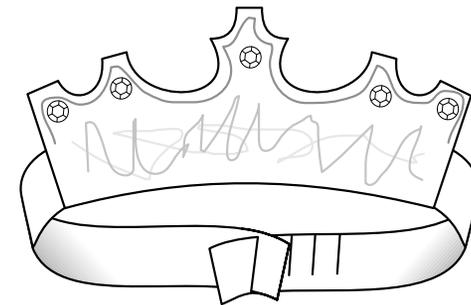
1. Have the children color and glue the decorative materials to their crowns.
2. Staple the side tabs to each crown, as shown in Figure A. **IMPORTANT:** Please note the orientation of the slits on the side tabs.
3. Place tape over the staples to smooth the staple's edges.
3. Write the children's names on their crowns.
4. Place the crown on each child's head and interlock the side tabs to adjust the fit. See Figure B.

Conclusion

The Bible story today is about a king named Josiah. He loved God and wanted to do everything that God wanted him to do. When you wear this crown it will remind you to be obedient to God and to love God's word.

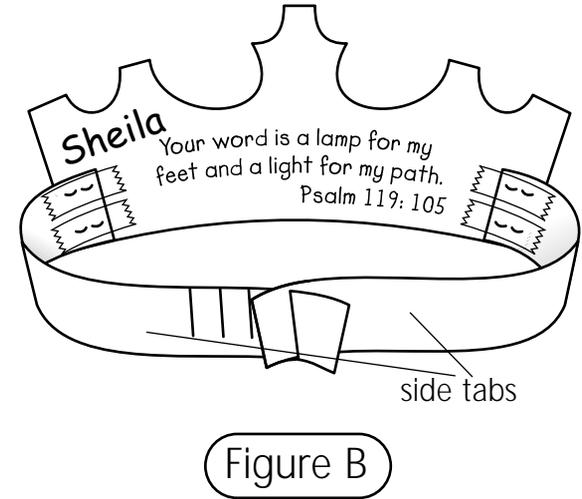
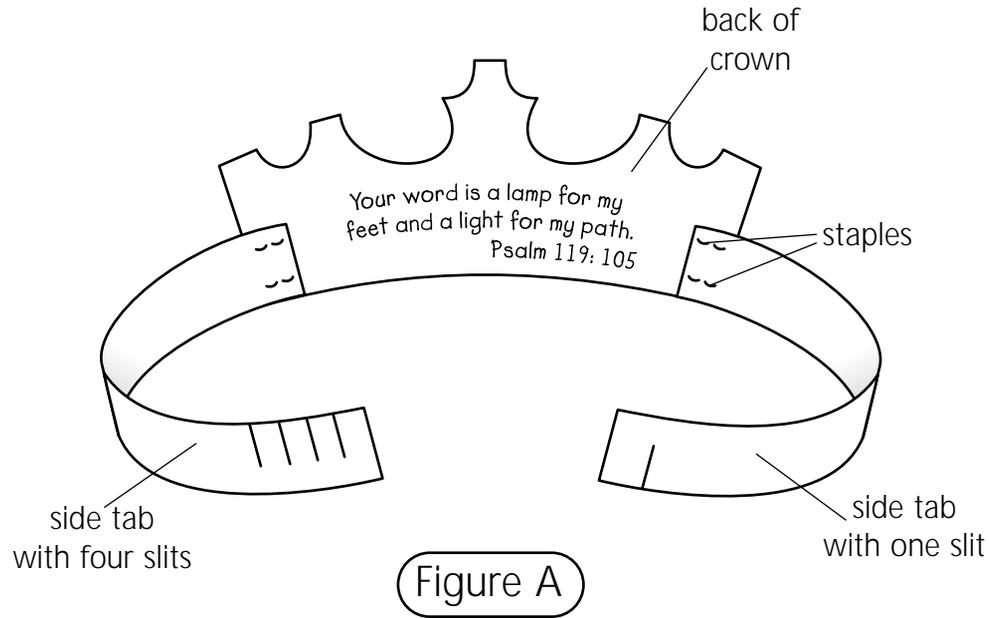
Teacher Tips

After cutting the first crown from construction paper, use that as your stencil. It will be easier to trace.



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The Nature of God

Lesson 2

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Preparing our Hearts

The children will prepare hearts to be used during the Craft center.

Materials

For each child:

- scissors
- 1 envelope
- crayons, pencils or markers

For the teacher:

- wallpaper or construction paper
- marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for the teacher

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Preparing our Hearts

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Jack-in-the-Box

Craft: Heart for God

Life Application: Doing What Is Right

NOTE: Be sure to include a snack and bathroom break

Preparation

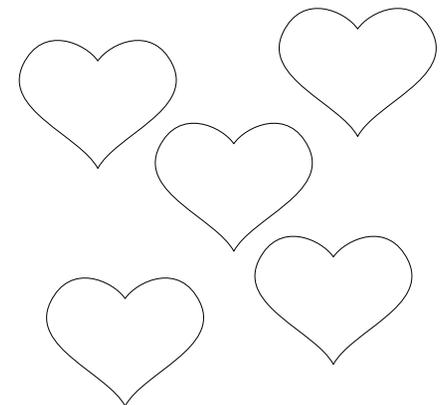
1. Cut out the stencils of the hearts from the copy of Reproducible Page C.
2. Trace the different size hearts onto the wallpaper.
3. Cut the wallpaper into sections with five hearts in each section.

Instructions

1. Give each child a section of the wallpaper and have him cut out the hearts.
2. Give each of the children an envelope, and have them place their hearts into them.
3. Help the children write their names on their envelopes.
4. Give the envelopes to the Craft teacher.

Teacher Tips

Cutting may be difficult for some of the children. Let them cut a circle around the heart if it is easier for them. Remember it doesn't have to be perfect.





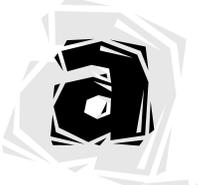
Jack-in-the-Box

This game will teach the children different ways they can follow the Bible and make God happy.

Materials

For the teacher:

- index cards
- marker



Preparation

1. On each index card write different scenarios of pleasing or not pleasing God. Some examples are listed below.
 - come when your mom calls you
 - clean your room
 - have a temper tantrum
 - do not make new friends
 - if someone hurts you, hurt them back
 - if someone hurts you, forgive them
 - be whiney and complain a lot
 - be gentle with younger children
 - take a long time to get dressed when your mom is in a hurry
 - slam your bedroom door
 - pretend you do not hear when someone is talking to you
 - brush your teeth
 - eat your vegetables



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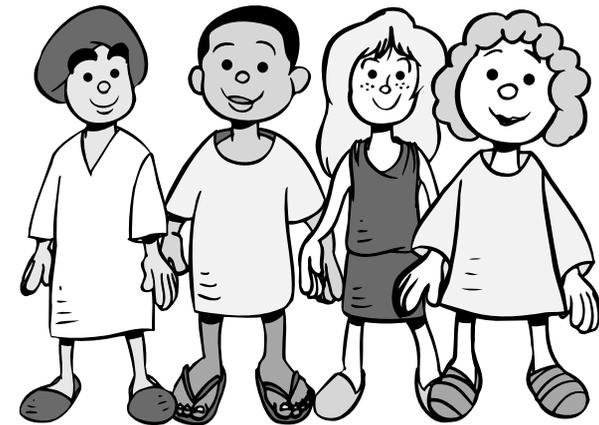
1. Have all of the children stand in front of you.
2. Read a card to the children. If what you read is not pleasing to God the children should squat or sit down. If what you read is pleasing to God they should stand and smile.

Conclusion

Ask the children to tell you two things they can do this week that will please God. Make sure they do not all say the same things.

Teacher Tips

- You can add variety by going faster and slower as you read the cards.
- The game can be more competitive if the children who sit or squat at the wrong time have to sit out.





Heart for God

The children will make crafts with hearts to remind them of Josiah's heart for God.

Materials

For each child:

- hearts from the Preclass Activity
- 1 piece of poster board, 8½" x 11"
- glue stick
- decorative materials: glitter, sequins, etc.

For the teacher:

- scissors
- marker or pen

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the large heart stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page D.
2. Trace and cut out one heart for each child from the poster board.
3. On each heart write, "Josiah loved God and so do I!"
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

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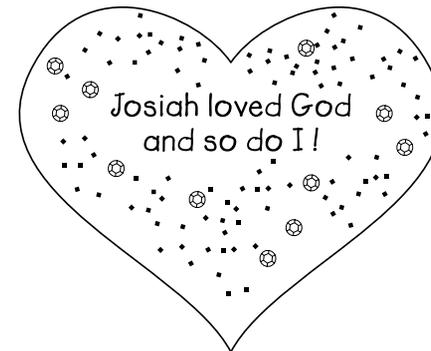
1. Give each child a large heart and their envelopes from the Preclass Activity.
2. Have the children glue the smaller hearts to the large heart. Be sure that they glue them to the blank side.
3. Have the children glue the decorative materials to their hearts.
4. Have the children share about how Josiah showed that he loved God. (He sought after God when he was young, he cleaned up God's temple, he got rid of the idols that hurt God, he read the Bible and obeyed it.)

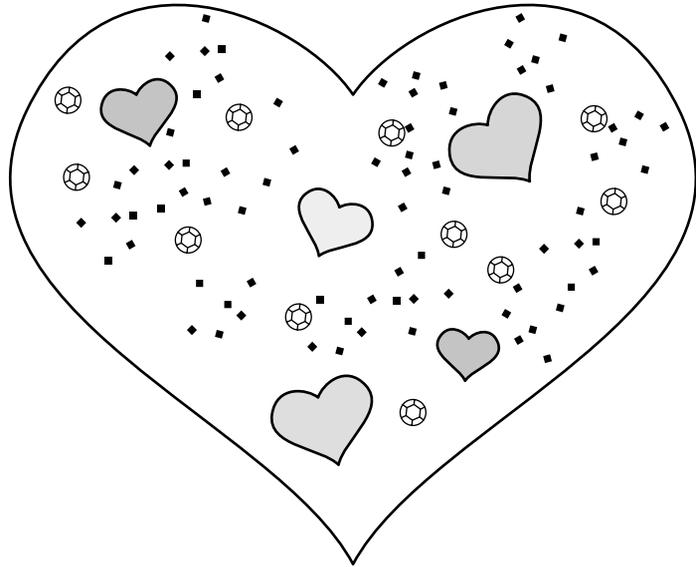
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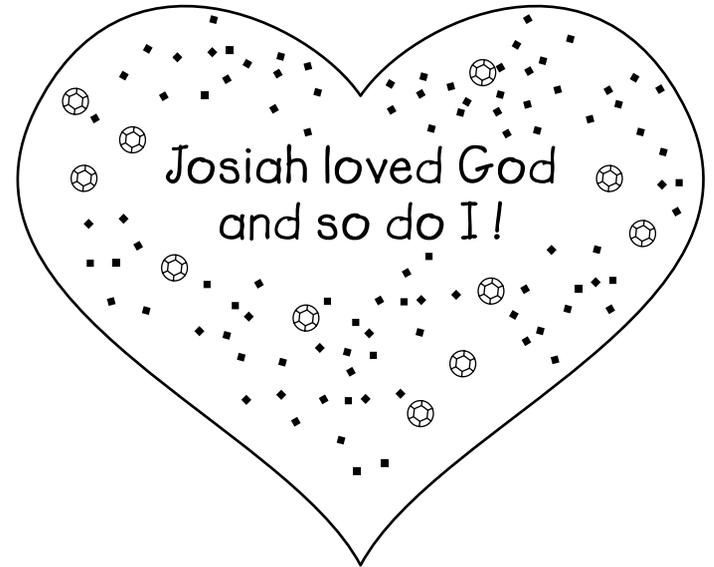
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If the children have not heard the Bible story yet tell the children different ways that Josiah showed his love for God.





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Finished Craft

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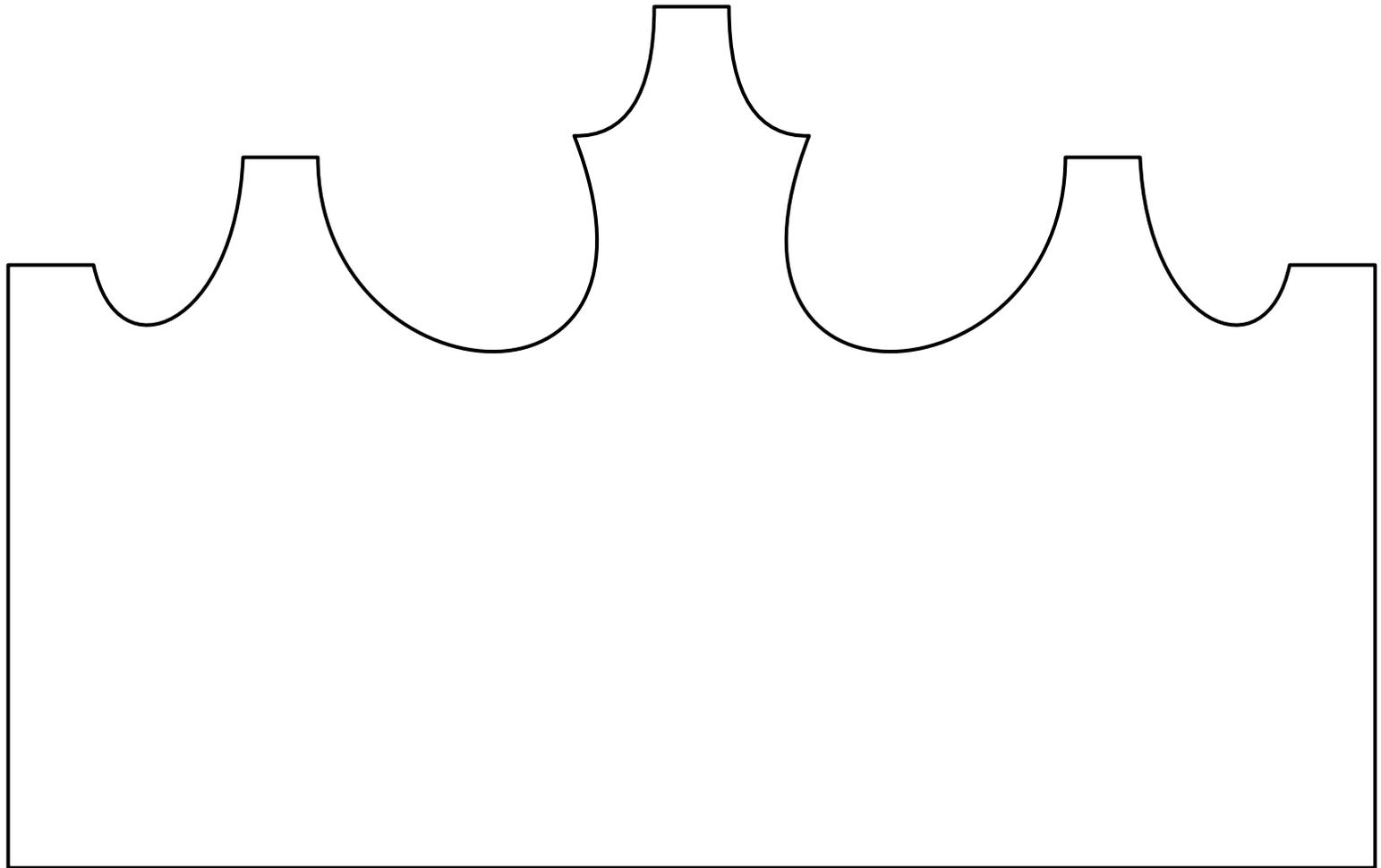
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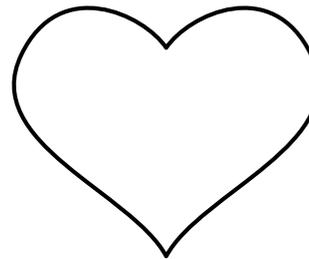
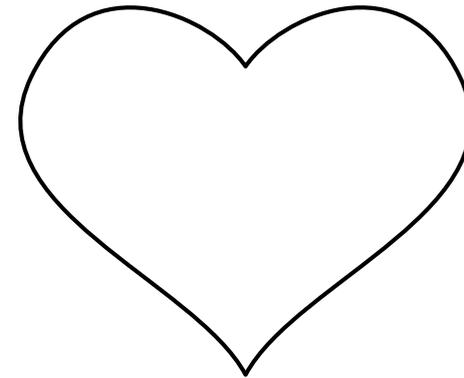
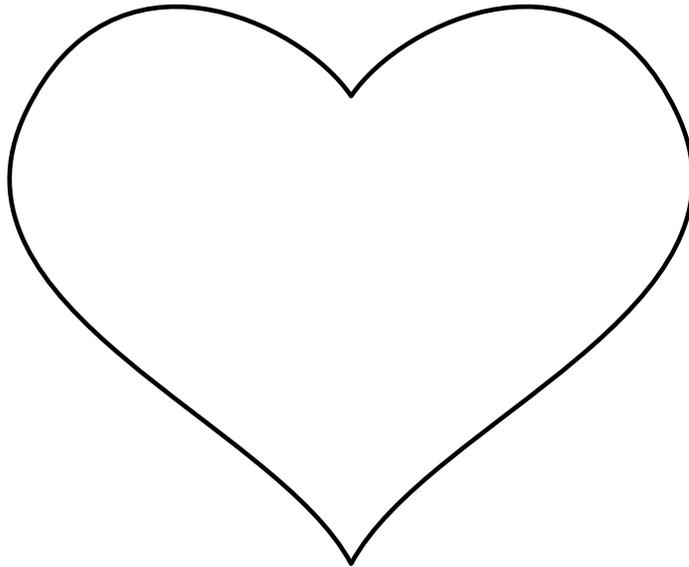
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