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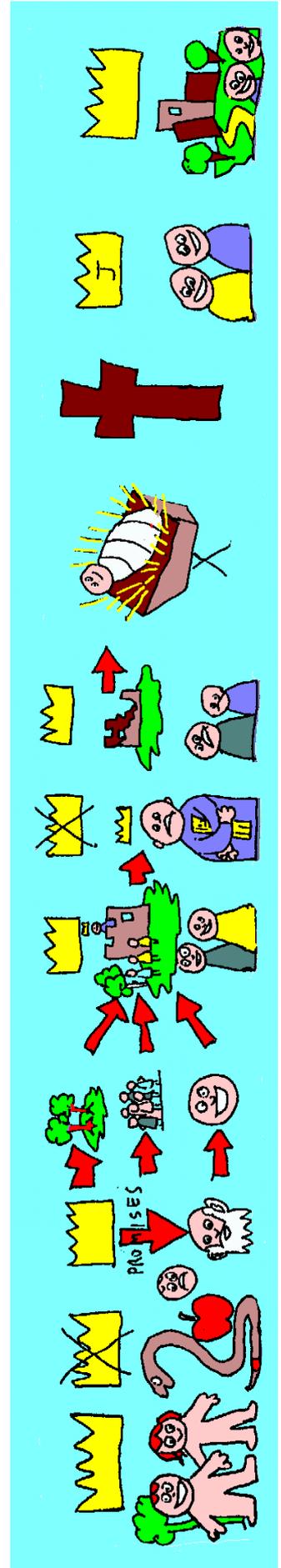
Welcome to The King, The Snake and The Promise – working through key Bible stories in 10 easy sessions

For most of us, the fact that the Bible has a storyline that spans from Genesis to Revelation wasn't something we picked up in Sunday School! In fact, the average Christian will be hard pressed to remember if Abraham comes before David, or Noah and his famous Ark came before or after Samson and Solomon. The bits and pieces of bible stories are all there - but how do they fit together? This is what our sessions aim to cover!

Each session has a passage of the Bible you can read together with your child and then some ideas of activities and thoughts you can chat about.

The banner which goes alongside this set of teaching is KEY as it enables the children to tell the story pictorially and gives them a reminder of the previous stories. You can either do this on material (and cut the pieces out of felt) or you could print the pictures and cut them out and stick them onto a long piece of wallpaper, or in a book, or get your child to draw them – it's up to you!

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LESSON 2

The Fall - We Disobey God and the perfect place is spoilt

Aim

To set the scene for the rest of the story of the Bible by thinking about the rebellion of Adam and Eve against God. Sin (bad choices) destroyed the perfect relationship between God and man. Over the coming weeks we'll see God's solution to the problem - but our focus today is on the PROBLEM rather than the solution.

Equipment

- Piece of paper
- Pens
- Pictures for the banner printed however you've decided to do it (see intro page for more information on the banner)

Review

Remind your child about the last story (using the picture you did last time), how God created the world, it was perfect and how much God loves the world he created.

Activity

Provide your child with a piece of paper and a pen/crayon and ask them to draw a picture, once they have finished ask them to tell you about their picture. Then take their picture and tear it. Ask your child whether you spoiling their picture makes them happy or sad and say that today's story is about God feeling very sad over his creation begin spoilt.

NB: You know your own child, if you think that this will upset them too much then you could draw on their picture instead (to spoil it) or failing that you could draw a picture yourself and rip it and ask your child whether they think it makes them happy or sad.

Bible Story

Retell the story of Genesis 3:1-24 in your own words, or use the version below. If you have a toddler Bible you could use the story of "The Fall" from there.

Adam was Eve's husband. Eve was Adam's wife. They had a good home and good food in the beautiful garden God had made for them. They could go where they wanted to go and do whatever they wanted - everything was good, and they never got hurt. There was only one thing they couldn't have. **"You mustn't eat the fruit on that special tree"**, said God. It was called the Tree of knowing about good or bad. **"If you eat from that tree," said God, "you'll want to decide what's right and wrong for yourself. But that's my job."**

For a while, Adam and Eve didn't eat from the tree. Then one day Eve saw a snake in the garden, the snake was sneaky and wanted to go against God, so he said to Eve - "It's really good fruit," he said. "You should eat some. Don't take any notice of God."

Eve knew that God didn't want her to eat it, but she ate it anyway. Adam ate some too.

Then Adam and Eve knew that they had done something bad. They tried to hide from God. But God found them and he was very sad that Adam and Eve hadn't listened.

God made them go away from the beautiful garden he'd made. Now they lived in a place full of prickles and thorns. Adam had to work very hard to grow food. It was not like the garden where God gave them everything they needed.

"We should have done what God told us to do," they said. "But now it's too late!" **Adam and Eve didn't listen to God - and now everything was spoiled.** They didn't live in the perfect garden anymore. And instead of being happy, they were sad. Instead of living forever with God as their friend, one day they would die. Not listening to God was a terrible mistake but God knew how he was going to fix it!

Banner

Arrange the shapes on the banner and glue them on. As you work, explain the figures. Discuss how **the snake** talked Adam and Eve into not listening to God. Remind the children that Adam and Eve took the **fruit** God had told them not to touch, **because they wanted to be like God**.

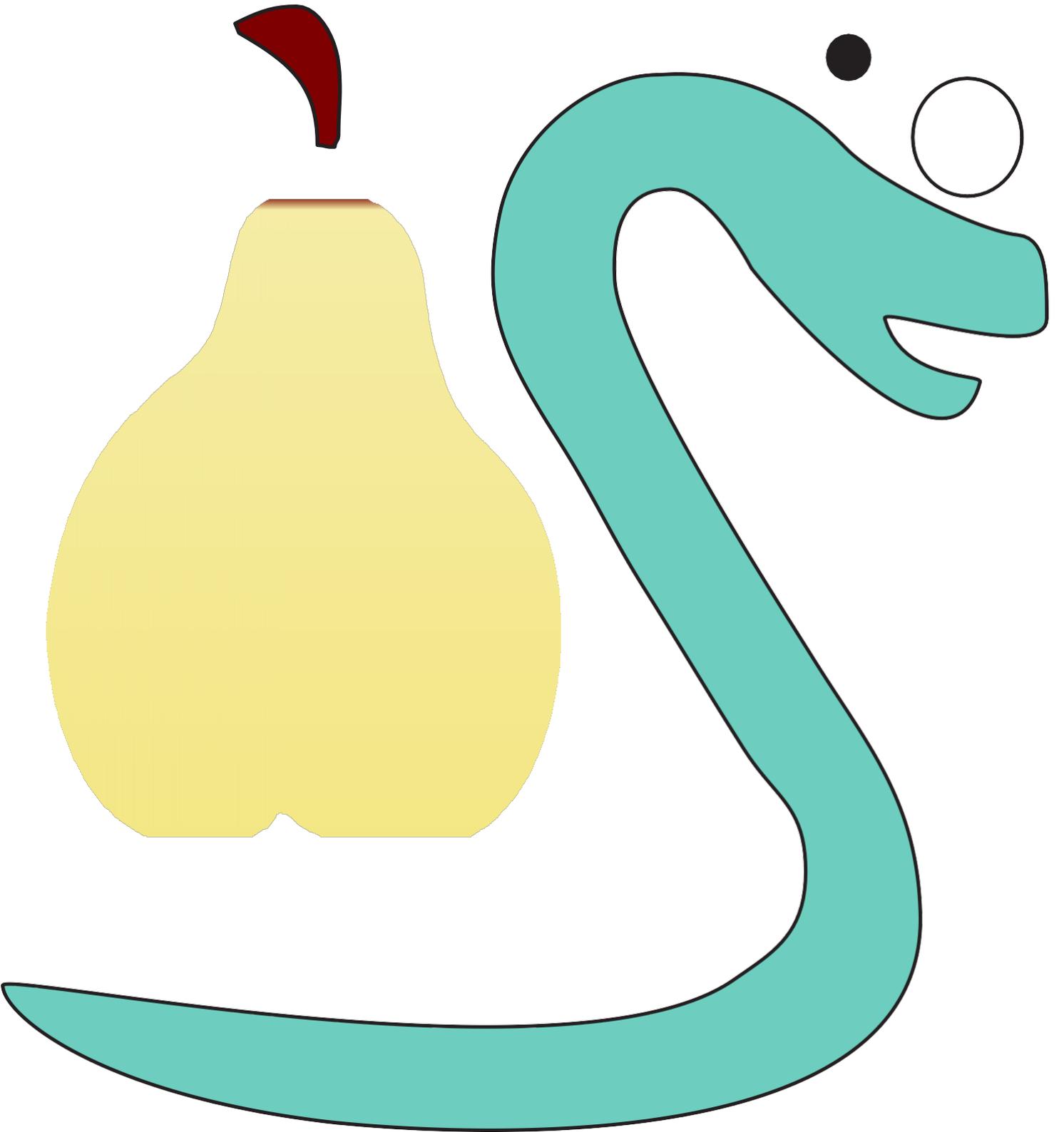
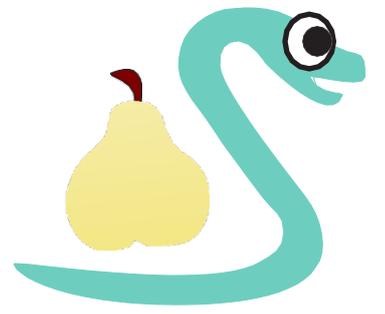


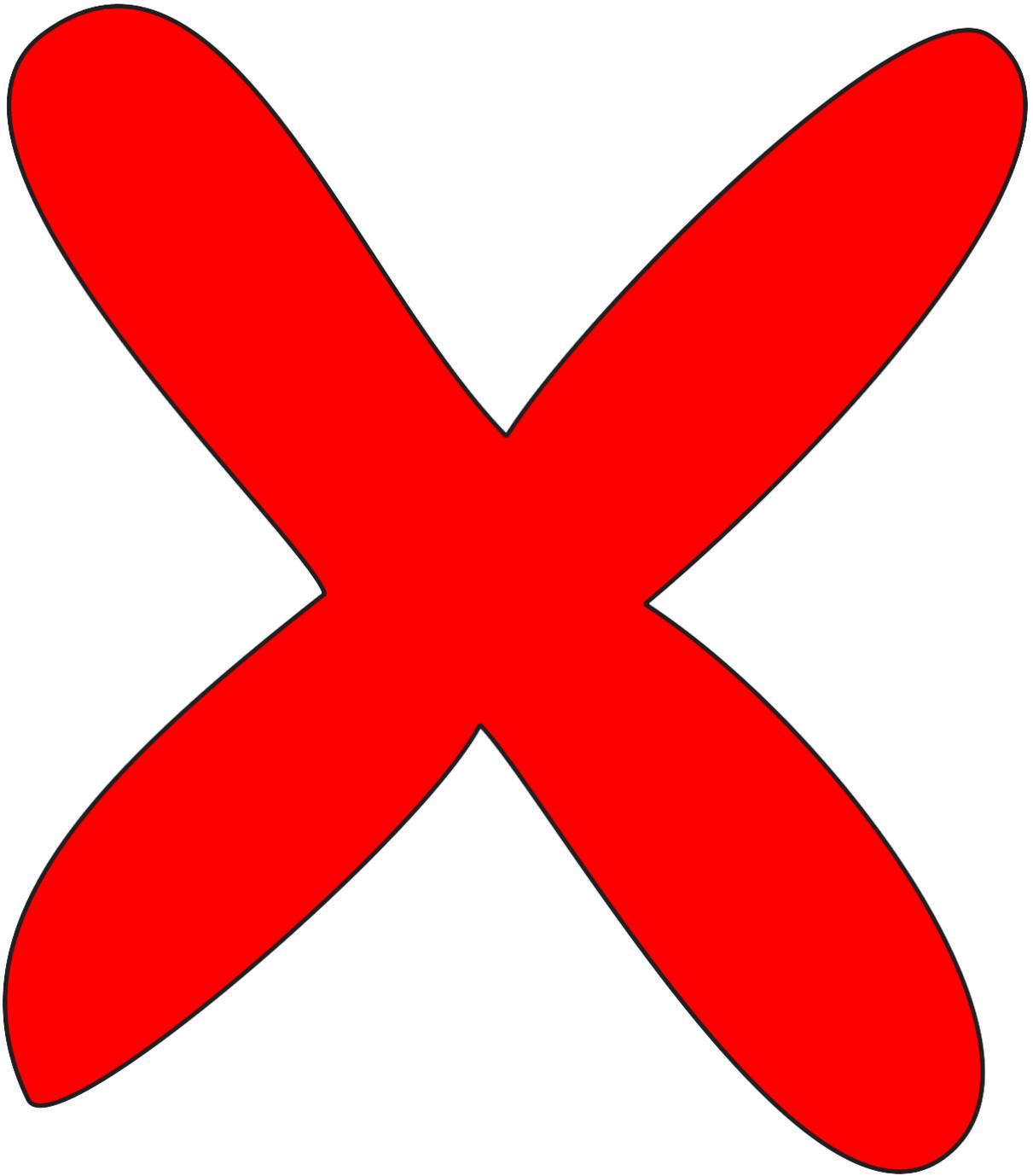
They wanted to make their own rules. They wanted to be their own king, so God was no longer their king. **That's why the crown has a cross through it.** Doing wrong spoils the perfect place, and spoiled their friendship with God.



Prayer

Talk about what happens when we do things wrong, what do we have to say? (Sorry). We also should say sorry to God when we do things wrong, it's as simple as "I'm sorry God, help me do better next time".





The cross overlays the crown, it reminds us that people were not listening to God

NIGHTLIGHT CRAFT

God created the stars in the sky, you can create your own star nightlight

You will need:

- A big glass jar with lid
- Aluminum foil
- A sharp pencil or nail, screwdriver or similar
- Playdough or cork mat
- An electric tealight (or some small LED battery light which fits in the jar)
- Prit stick

Method:

1. Cut a piece of foil into a rectangle which measures the right width and height to cover the inside of the jar
2. Poke little holes into the foil, to make it safer you could roll out a rectangle of playdough and place it underneath the foil so that the holes don't go through to the table (a cork mat would do the same job)
3. (EXTRA) You could look up constellations and produce your favourite ones on the foil so it looks like the real night sky
4. Place the foil round the inside of the jar, using a bit of prit stick if it doesn't stay in place
5. Put the tealight or LED light into the bottom and switch it on.
6. Screw the jar lid on and place in a dark room to see the stars twinkling!

GINGERBREAD MAN RECIPE

God created Adam and Eve, can you create some gingerbread men?

Ingredients:

- 350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra for rolling out
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 125g/4½oz butter
- 175g/6oz light soft brown sugar
- 1 free-range egg
- 4 tbsp golden syrup
- writing icing (optional)
- sweets(optional)

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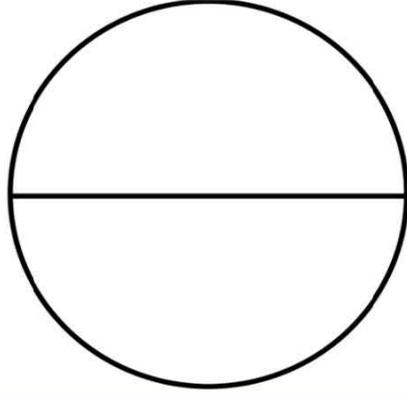
1. Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and cinnamon and pour into the bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and blend until the mix looks like breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.
2. Lightly beat the egg and golden syrup together, add to the food processor and pulse until the mixture clumps together. Tip the dough out, knead briefly until smooth, wrap in cling film and leave to chill in the fridge for 15 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Line two baking trays with greaseproof paper.
4. Roll the dough out to a 0.5cm/¼in thickness on a lightly floured surface. Using cutters, cut out the gingerbread men shapes and place on the baking tray, leaving a gap between them.
5. Bake for 12–15 minutes, or until lightly golden-brown. Leave on the tray for 10 minutes and then move to a wire rack to finish cooling. When cooled decorate with the writing icing and cake decorations, if using.

The Creation Story

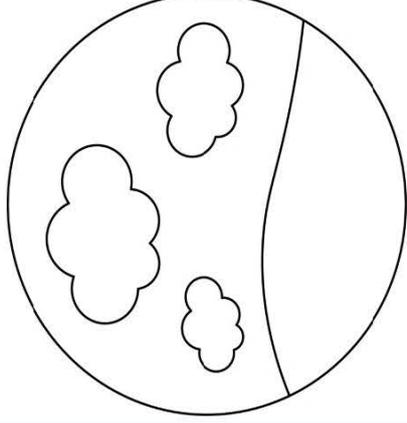
Genesis

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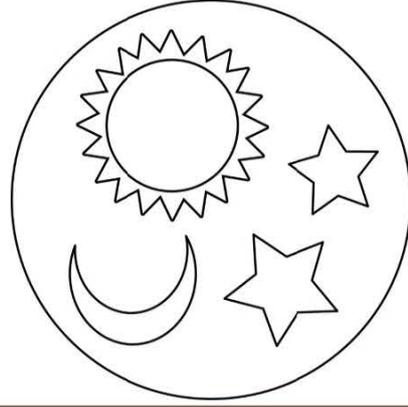
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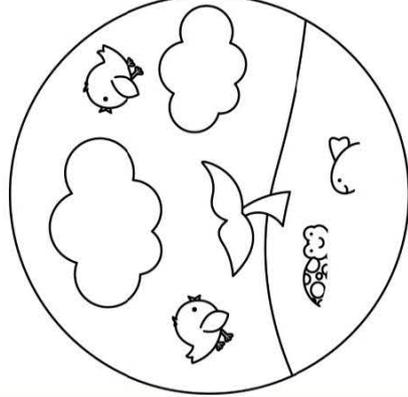
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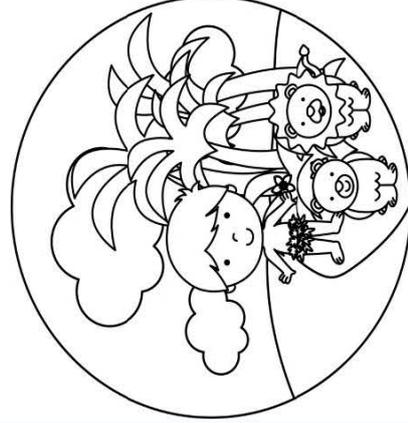
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DAY 6



DAY 7

