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Nativity

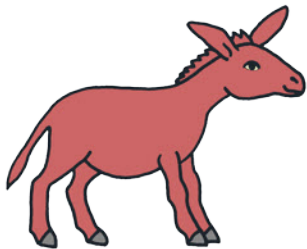


ALL YOU NEED IS:

- Paper or card
- Scissors
- Sellotape or glue stick
- Coloured pencils, crayons or paints



**Remember
to keep your Nativity
scene away from
candles and Christmas
lights!**



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IDEAS FOR YOUR NATIVITY PICTURES

After colouring the scene, fold the pieces flat and put inside a Christmas card as a gift for a friend.

Make 25 stand-up figures and place one on the scene each day of Advent. Put the baby in on Christmas Day.

Stick the figures to a decorated paper plate to make a wall plaque.

Make lots of angels and hang them from some tinsel to make a garland.

Decorate the figures with glitter, silver foil, confetti, wool or snippets of fabric.

Stick the figures to drinking straws to make puppet show figures.

Use the colouring pages to make a big wall poster – sellotape them all together at the back.

Use shredded yellow or brown paper to make hay for the stable floor.

Use the pictures to make your own Christmas cards, bookmarks, note paper and gift tags

Take a photo of your finished Nativity scene and have it printed on a mug or tee shirt

Use a shoebox on its side as your scenery background. Paint the inside blue and put stars and angels in the sky.

Make a extra stand-up figure and put a photo of yourself on – you can be there in the stable!

Cut closely round the figures, paint solid black, and stick to coloured paper to make a silhouette Christmas story.

ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS STORY



★ Who was Mary?

Mary was a young lady in Nazareth specially chosen to have baby Jesus.

★ Who was Joseph?

Joseph was a carpenter who married Mary. When Jesus was growing up, Joseph taught him how to be a carpenter.

★ Why was there no room for Joseph and Mary?

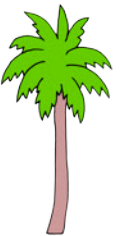
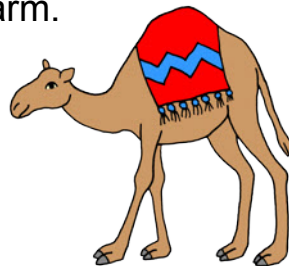
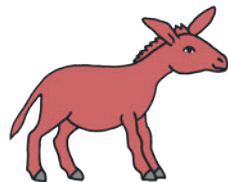
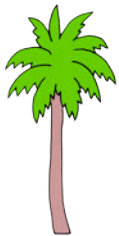
It was very crowded in Bethlehem so all the places to stay were full. Everyone had to go the place where they were born, so they could be registered and their taxes could be worked out.

★ What is a manger?

A manger is a box to hold hay and food for farm animals. Some mangers were made of wood and some were carved from stone.

★ Why were the shepherds in the fields at night?

They needed to protect the sheep from wild animals such as lions, jackals and eagles, as well as thieves. They wore a thick woollen cloaks to keep warm.



★ Why were there donkeys and camels?

These animals were used to carry people and heavy loads. Donkeys can cross the countryside and mountains where the roads are rocky. Camels can survive the heat of the desert – they eat the tough plants and do not need to drink very often. Donkeys and camels are still used in the same way today.

★ Who were the wise men?

They were priests from other countries to the east of Israel. They studied the stars and believed that a bright new star meant the birth of a king. That is why they followed the Christmas star. The journey was very long and slow, and so they probably arrived a year or two after Jesus was born.

★ Why did they bring gold, frankincense and myrrh?

Gold could be used as money.

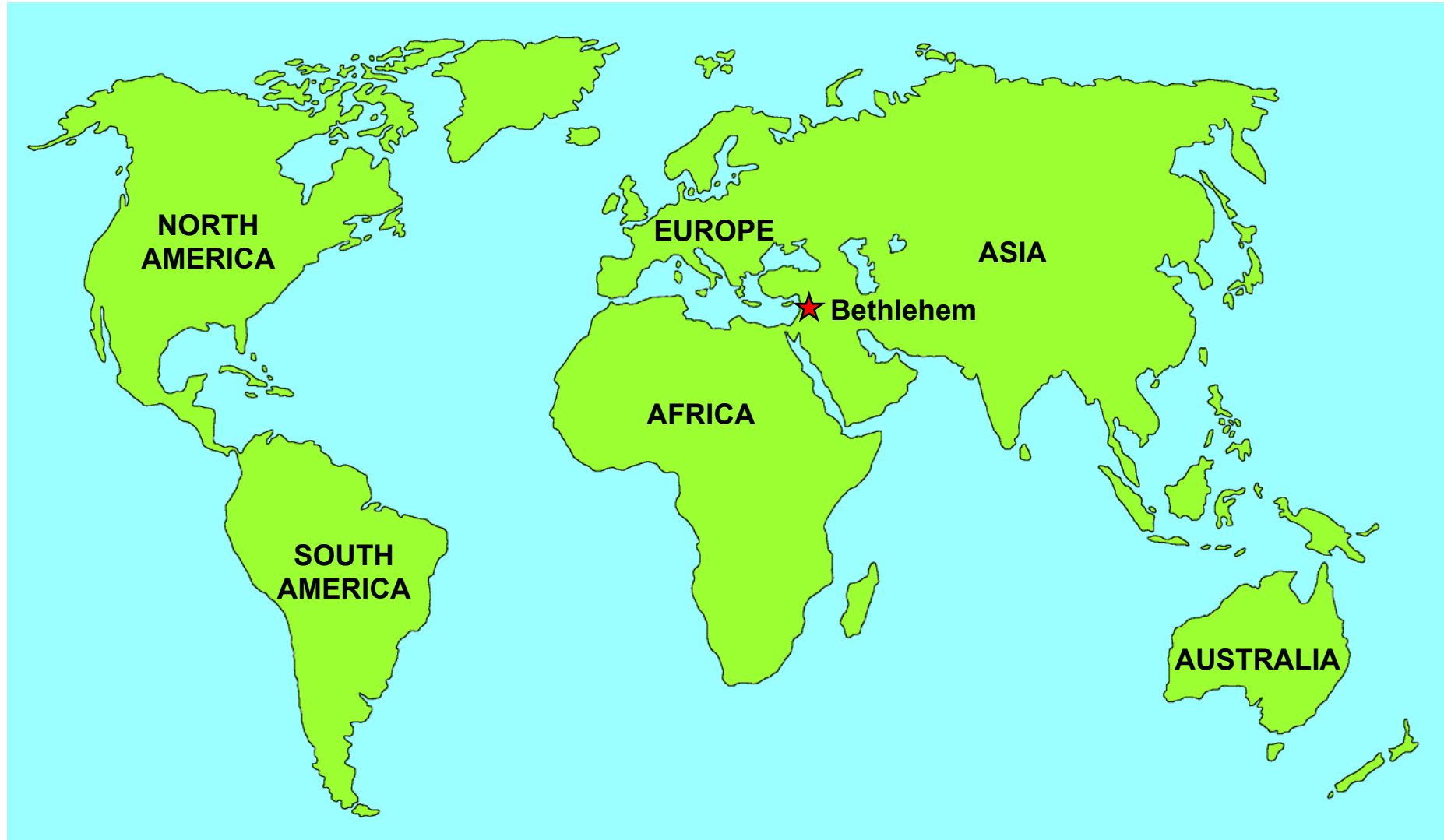
Frankincense and myrrh are perfumes. They come from the sap of certain trees. The sap drips out and dries hard into lumps. The lumps can be burned to make scent, just like we have scented candles. They can also be made into perfumed oils for people to wear. These gifts were very expensive and were meant to show great respect for a king.

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★ Where are Nazareth and Bethlehem?

They are small towns in Israel in the Middle East. Nazareth is in the north. Bethlehem is in the middle near Jerusalem. The distance between them is 112 kilometres (70 miles) and the journey would have taken about a week.



MAKING THE ZIGZAG NATIVITY

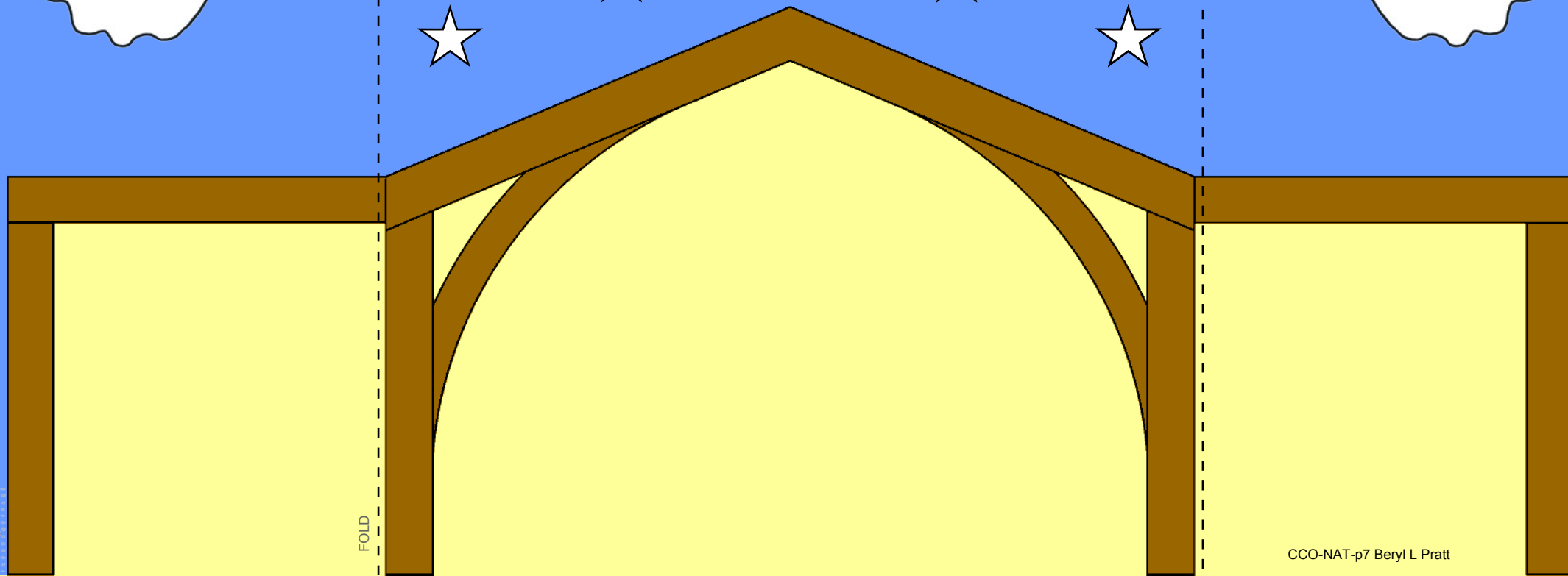
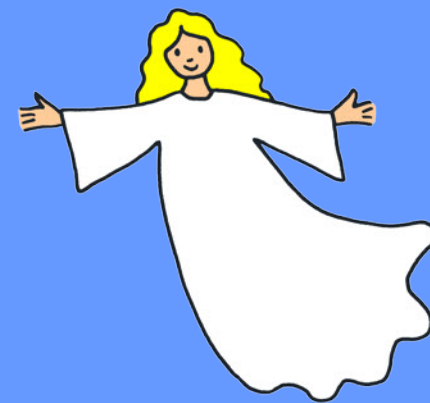
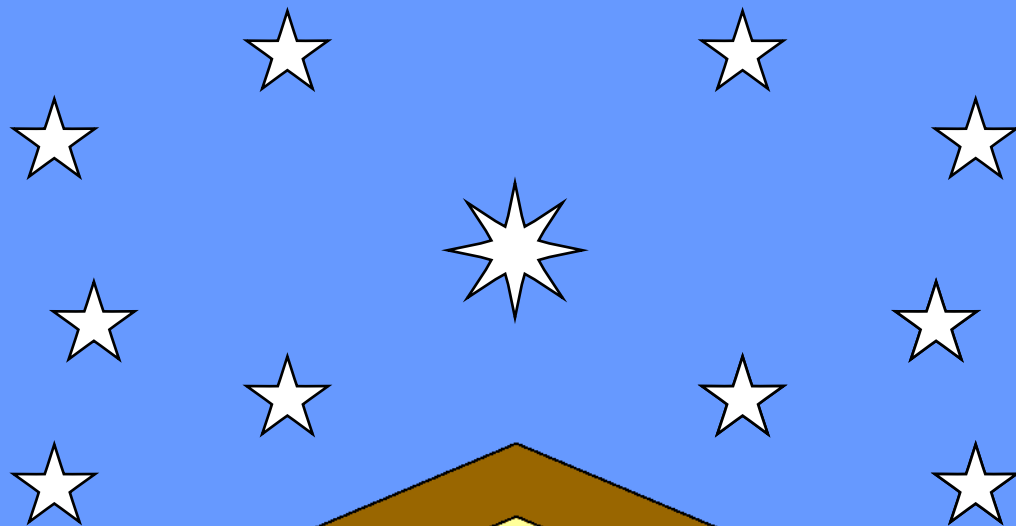
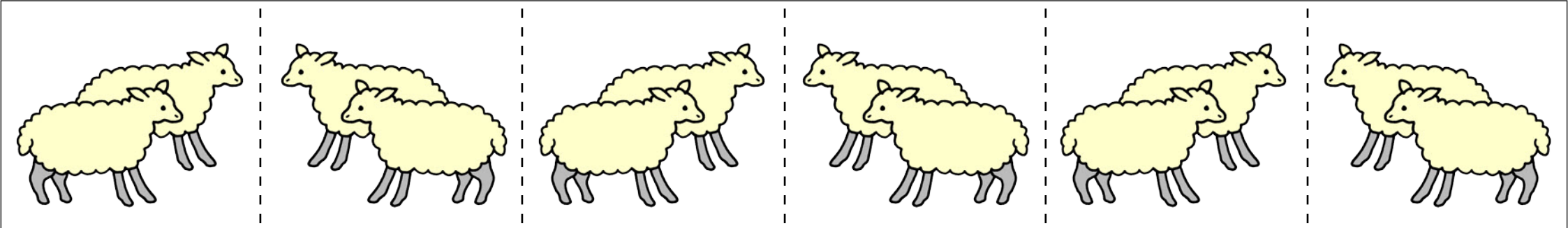


- **Print** your pages.
- **Colour** in.
- **Cut** each page into strips along the solid black lines.
- **Fold** along the dotted lines so you end up with a zigzag that can stand upright – look at the photo to see which way to fold them.
- If the stable or trees do not stand up well, either stick the bottom to a base made of card, or stick one side of an unused Christmas card to the back to help them stay up. To make a double-sided row of trees, fold the tree sheet in half lengthways, without cutting, then fold the zigzags.

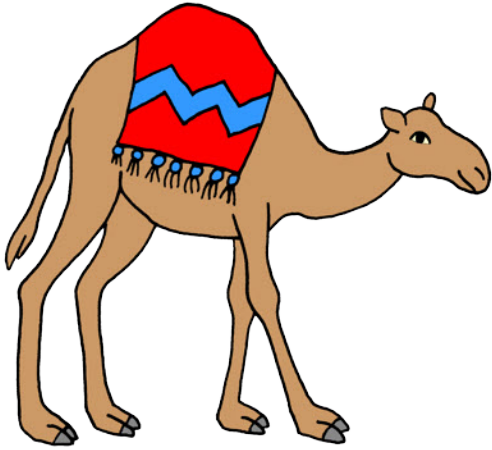
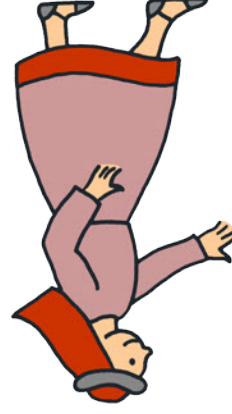
Join 2 strips of sheep in a circle to make a flock.

Along the back of each zigzag, write in the words of a Christmas carol, or write your own poem.

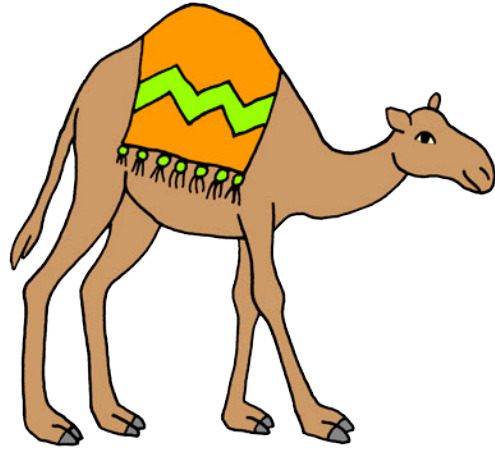
Send a zigzag as a Christmas card or use it as a bookmark.



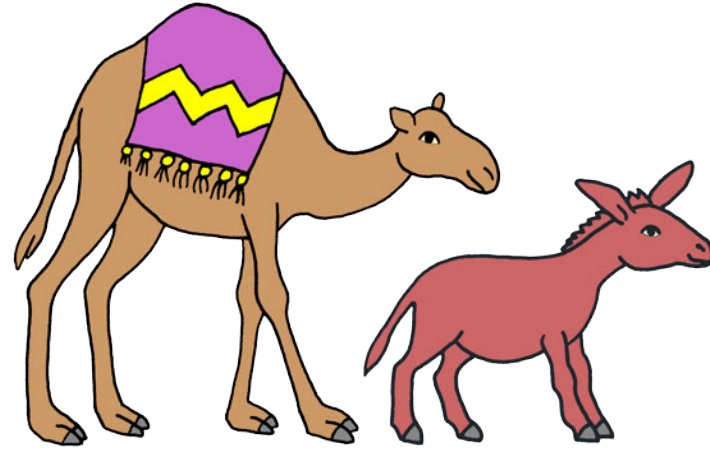
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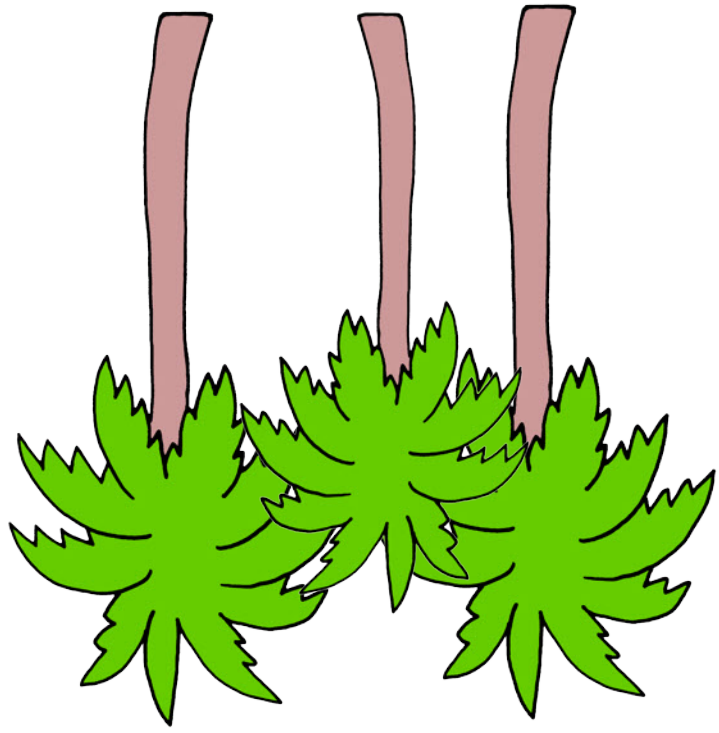
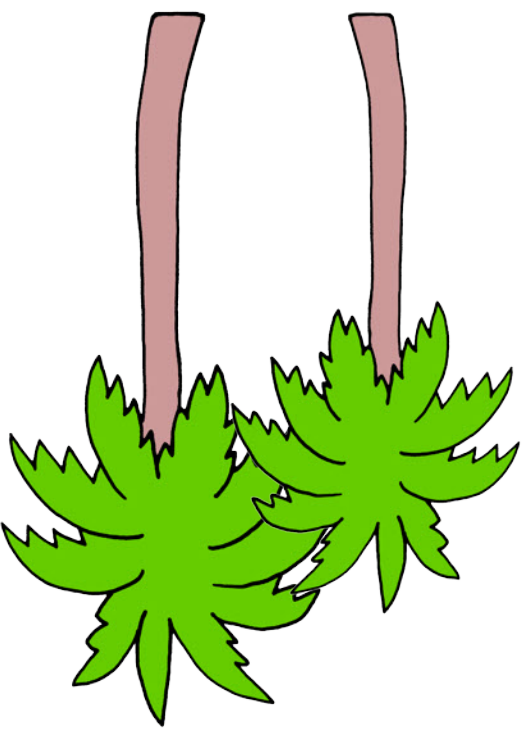


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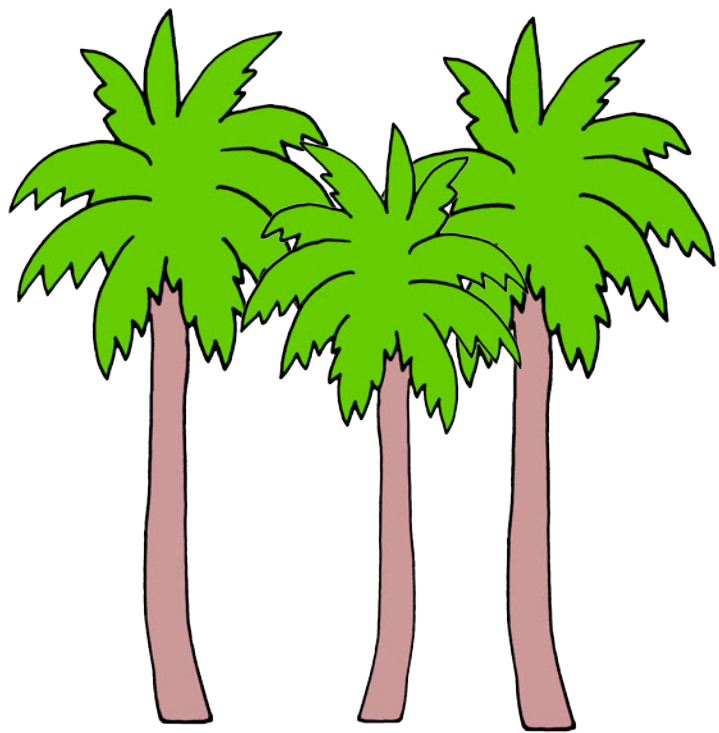
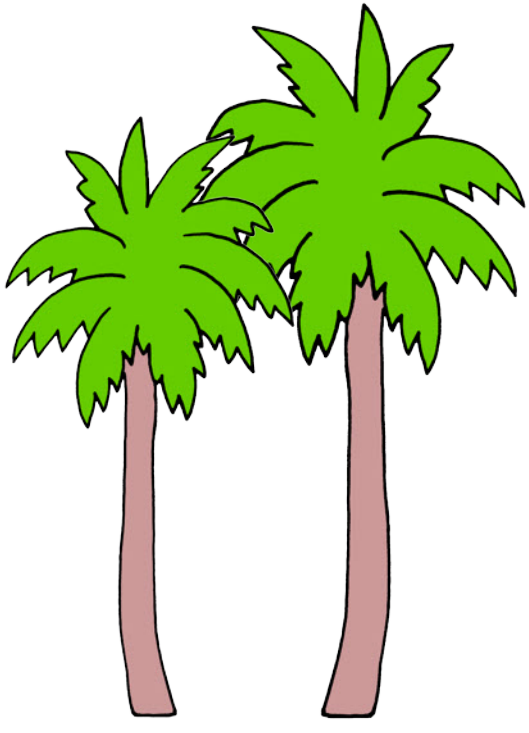
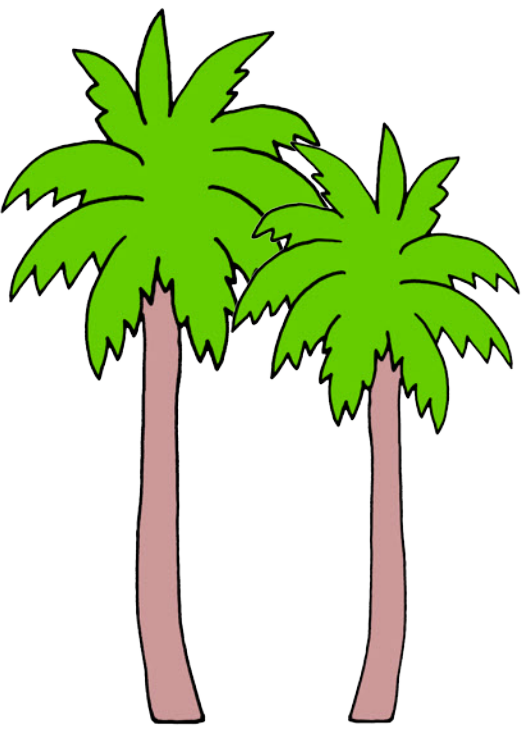


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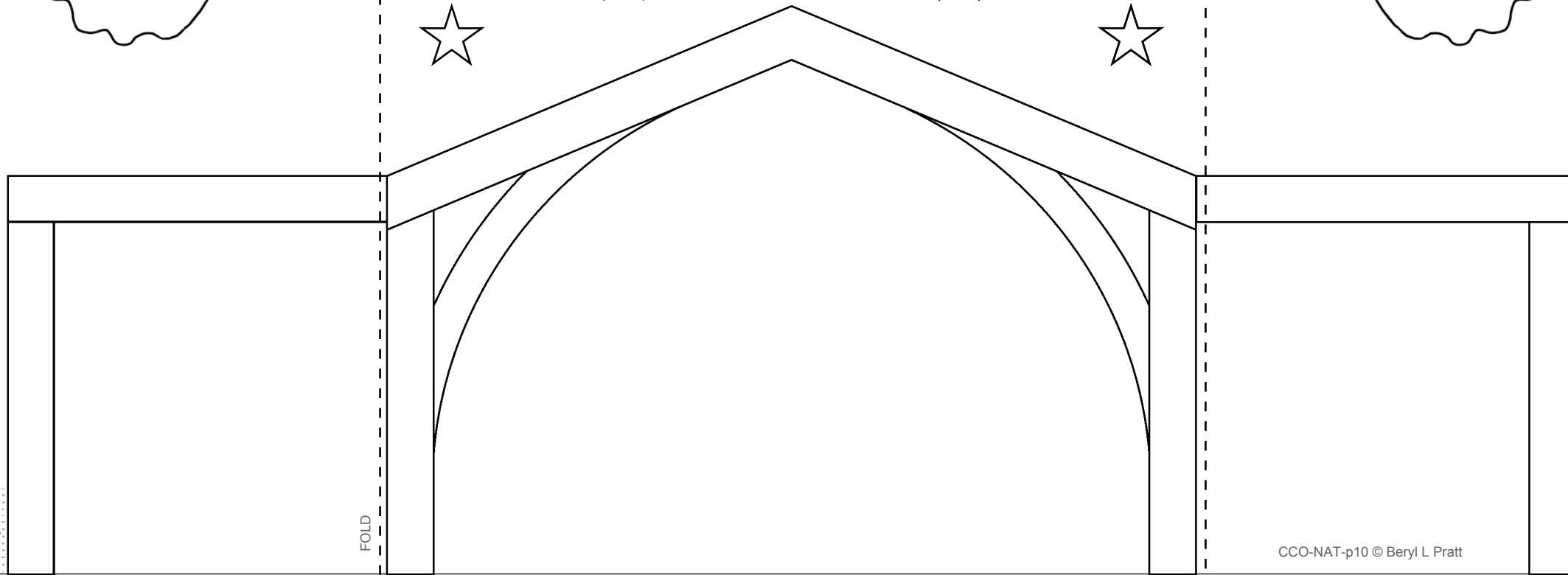
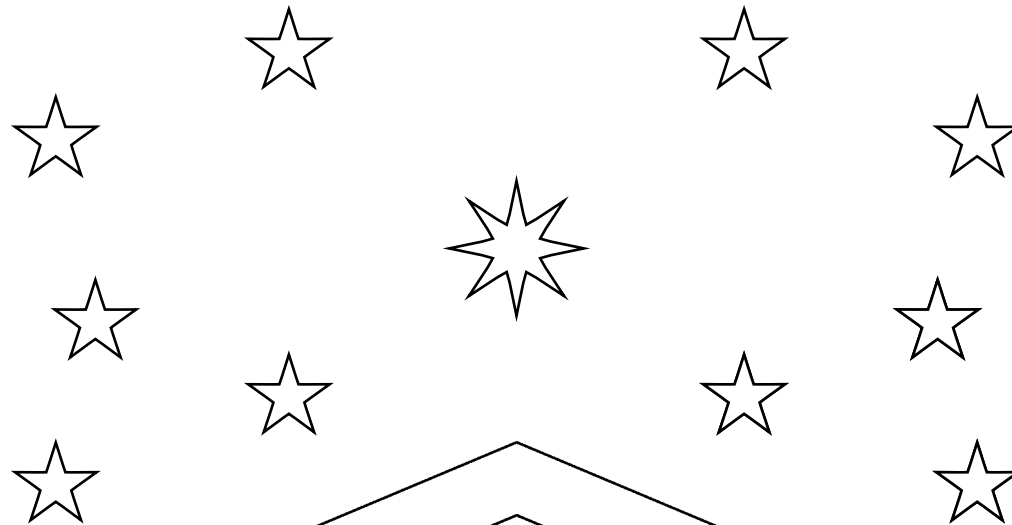
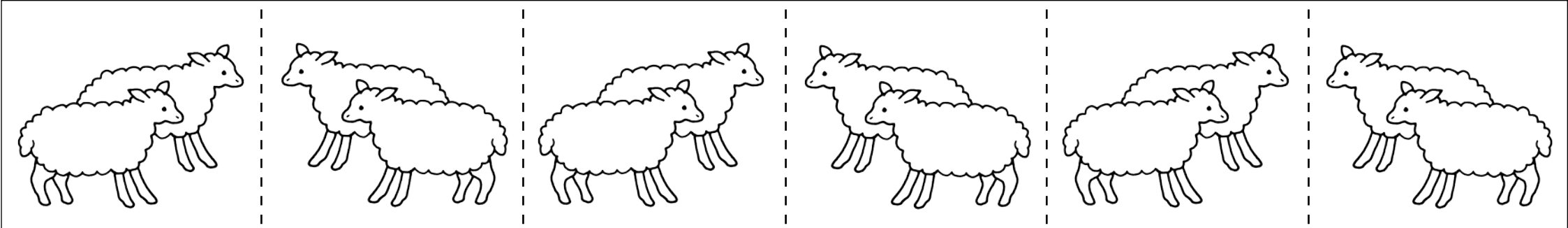


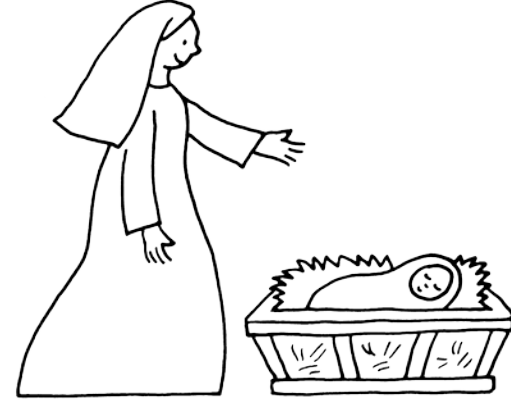
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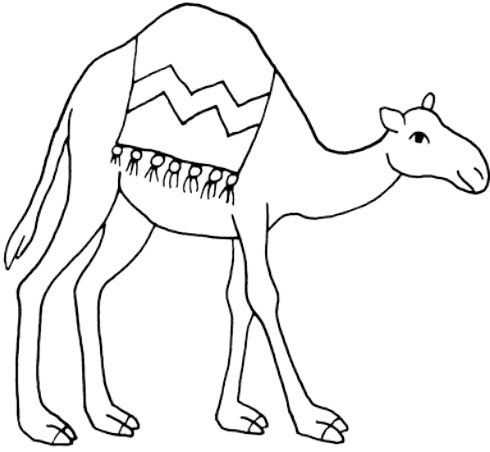
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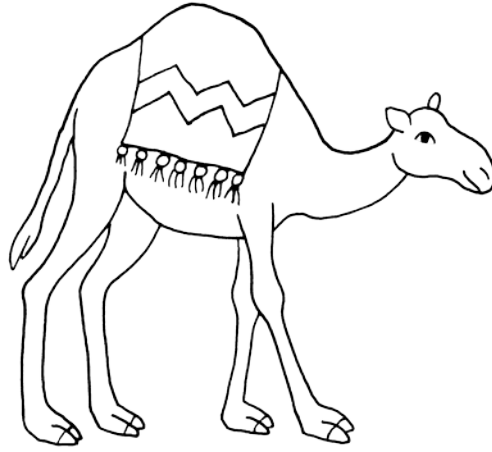




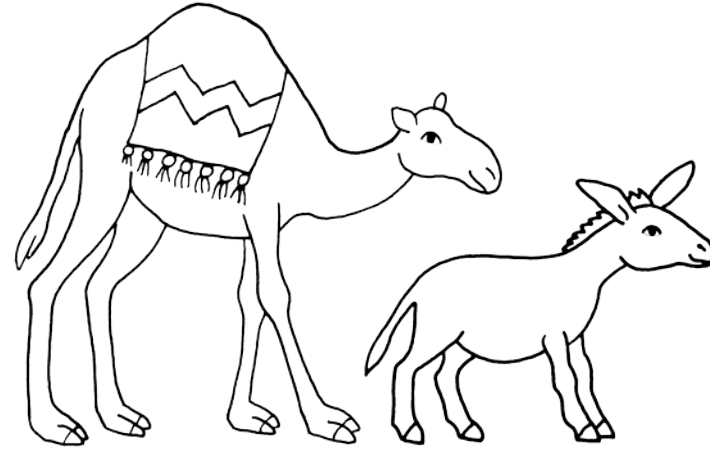
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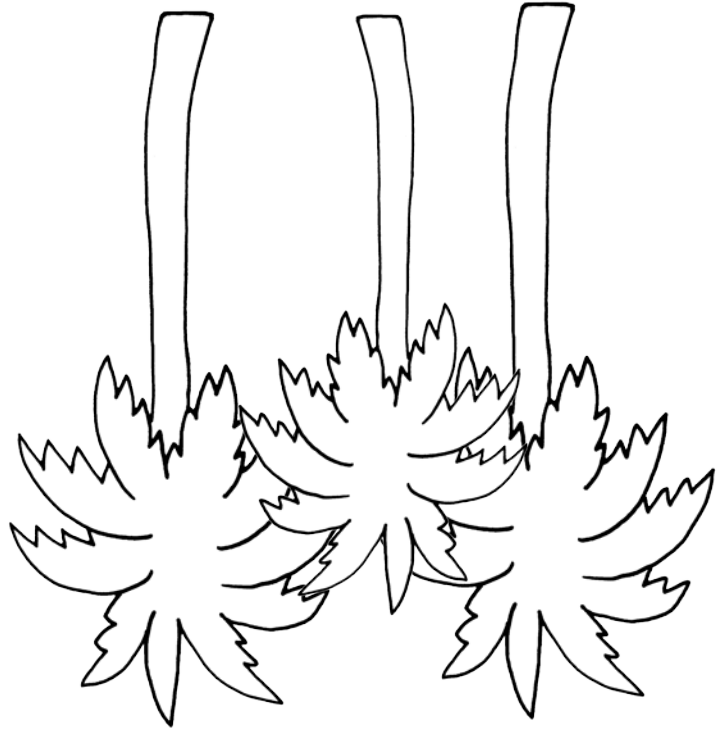
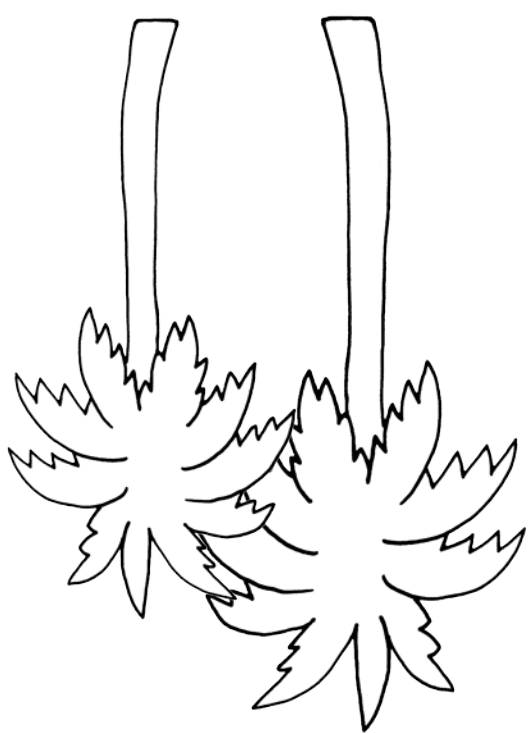
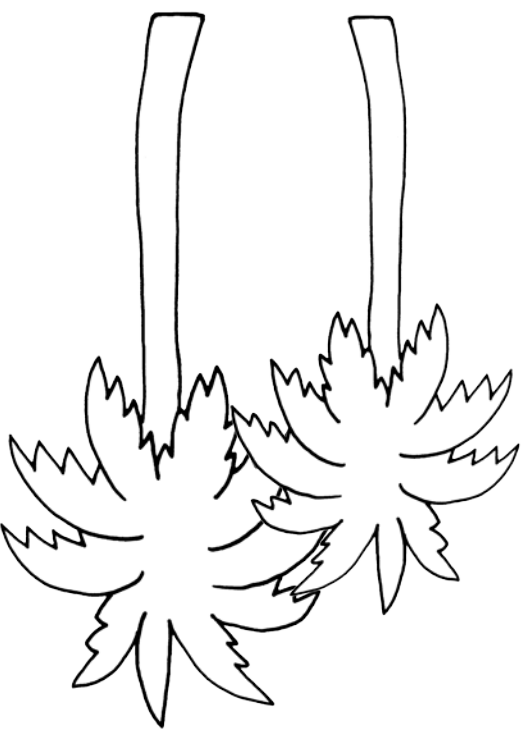


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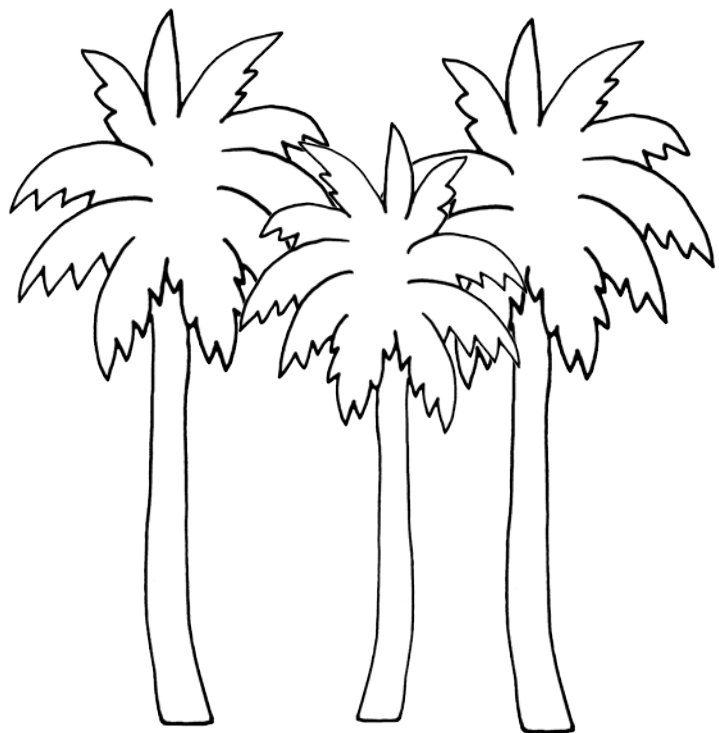
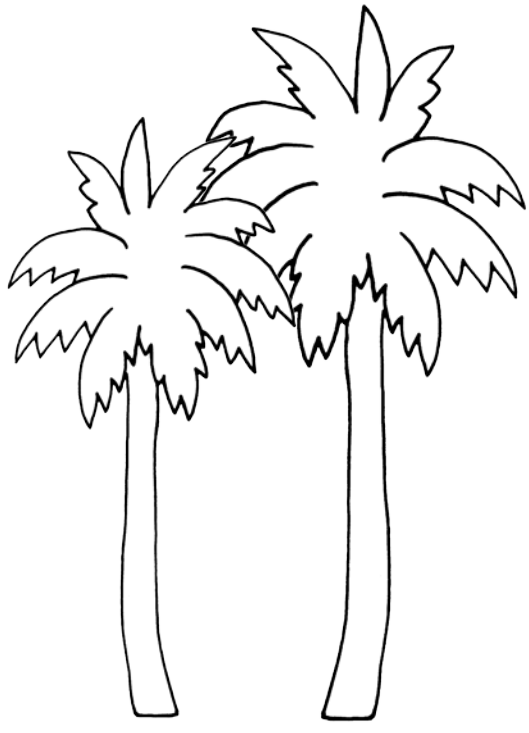
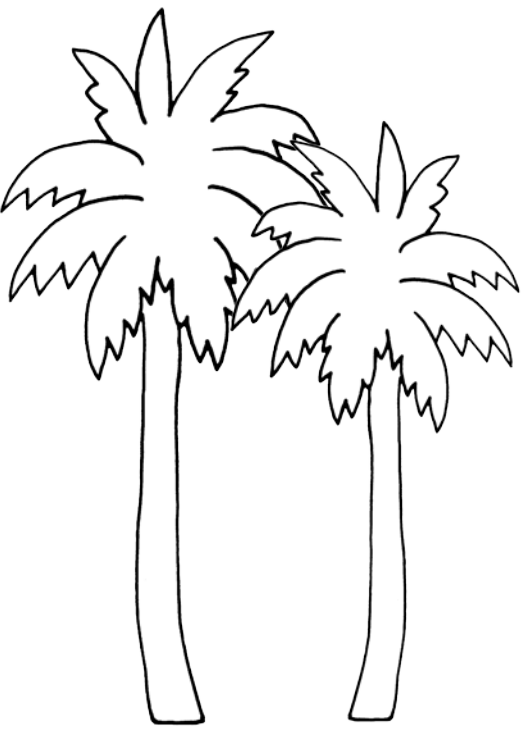


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MAKING THE ONE-PAGE NATIVITY



- **Print** the page.
- **Colour** in.
- **Fold** on the dotted lines.
- **Cut** on the solid lines shown by the little scissor marks.
- **Stick** the bottom side flaps underneath the bottom front section.
- **Stick a larger piece of card** underneath the stable to stop it falling over.
- **Wise Man and Shepherd** – Cut out, fold the bottom flap under and stick to the front part of the scene.

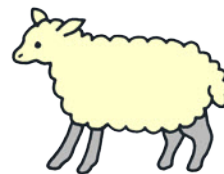
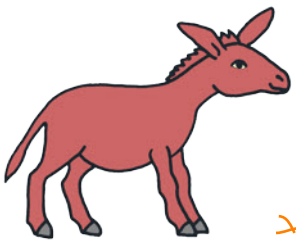
This makes a good present to post to a friend, as it all folds down flat.

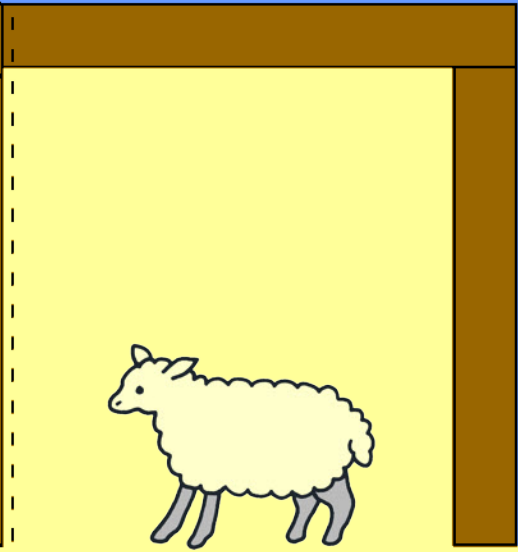
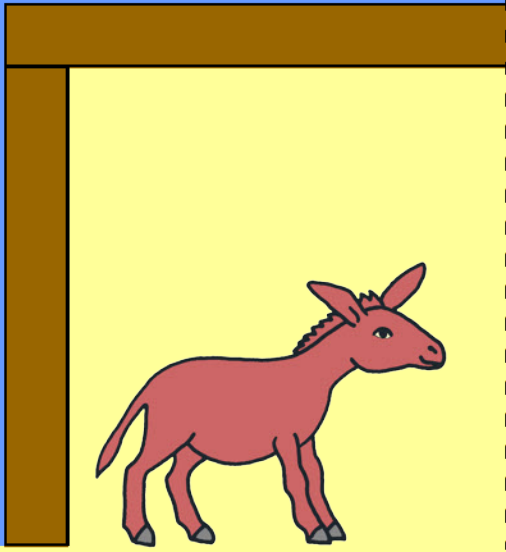
Use a magazine picture of a desert or hilly countryside as a background.

Run the smooth part of a teaspoon along a fold to flatten it.

If you keep losing the end of the sellotape on the roll, just cut off a piece of plastic drinking straw and place under the end, like a bookmark.

The donkey and sheep would appreciate it if you could draw in some extra hay or fresh cut grass for them in the stable!





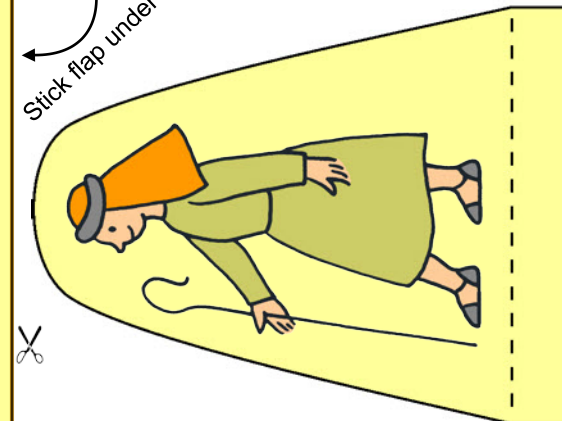
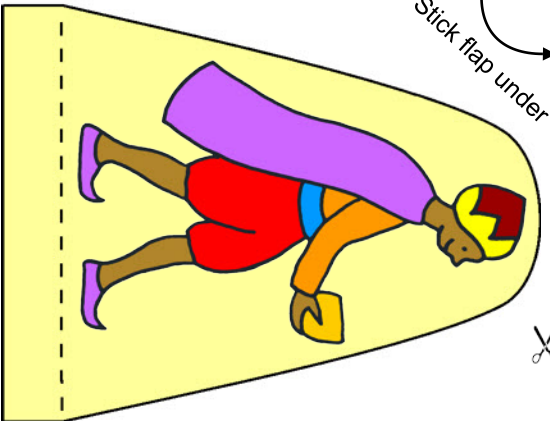
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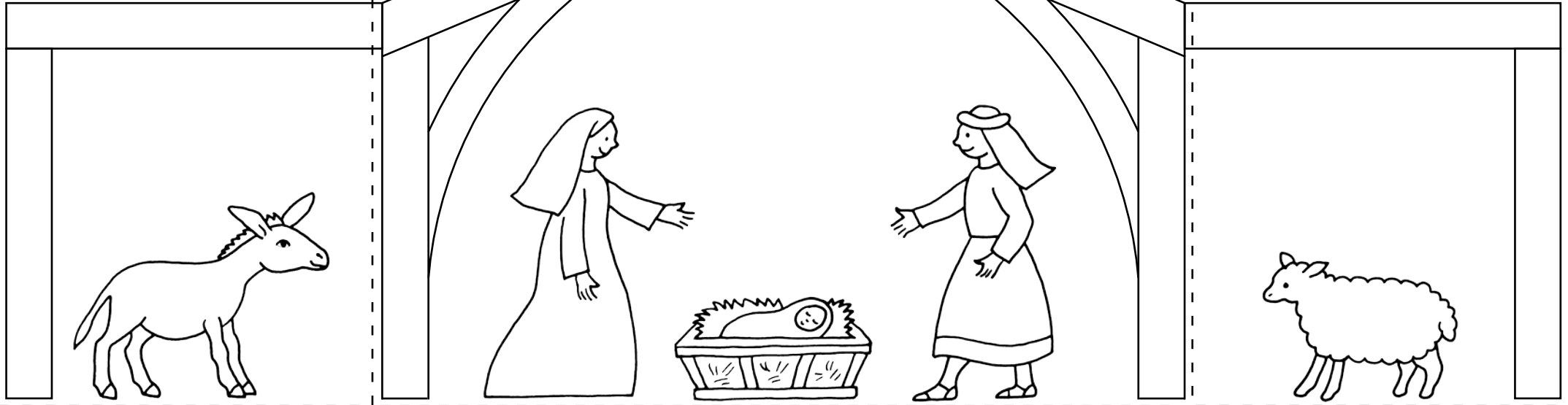
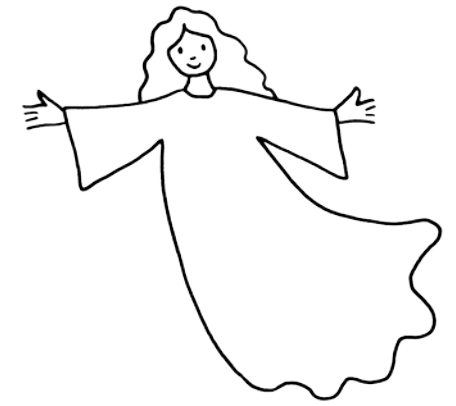
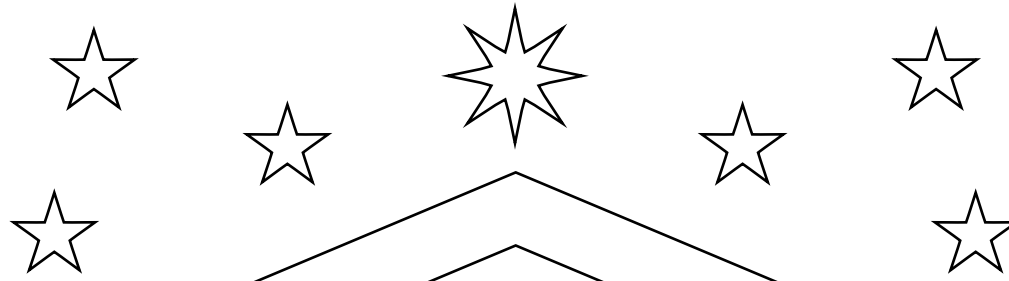
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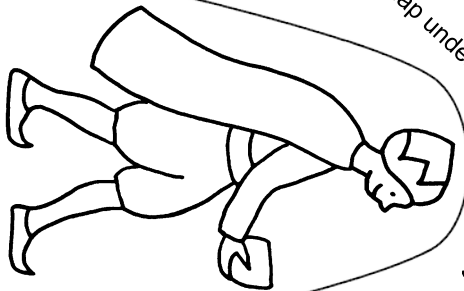


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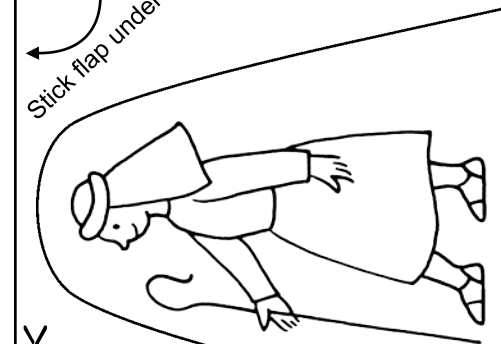


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Stick flap under



MAKING THE FULL NATIVITY



A large cardboard box on its side can hold the Nativity scene. Line the box with white or silver paper and face it towards the light, to stop it being dark inside.

The blue angels go in the sky. The yellow angel speaks to the shepherds.

- **Print** the pages.
- **Colour** in.
- **Make up** the empty stable:
 - **Cut** the solid lines as shown by the little scissor marks.
 - **Fold** on the dotted lines.
 - **Stick** the bottom side flaps underneath the bottom front section.
 - If the stable does not stand up well, stick to a larger piece of card as a base.
- **Single sheep** – Join the bottom flaps to make into a double.
- **Double-sided figures** – Fold along the two dotted lines, and stick together at the top. To stop them falling over, put something heavier inside the base, such as a length of playdoh or tack, small pieces of thick card, or some paper rolled into a tube. You can make a tube by rolling it round a pencil.

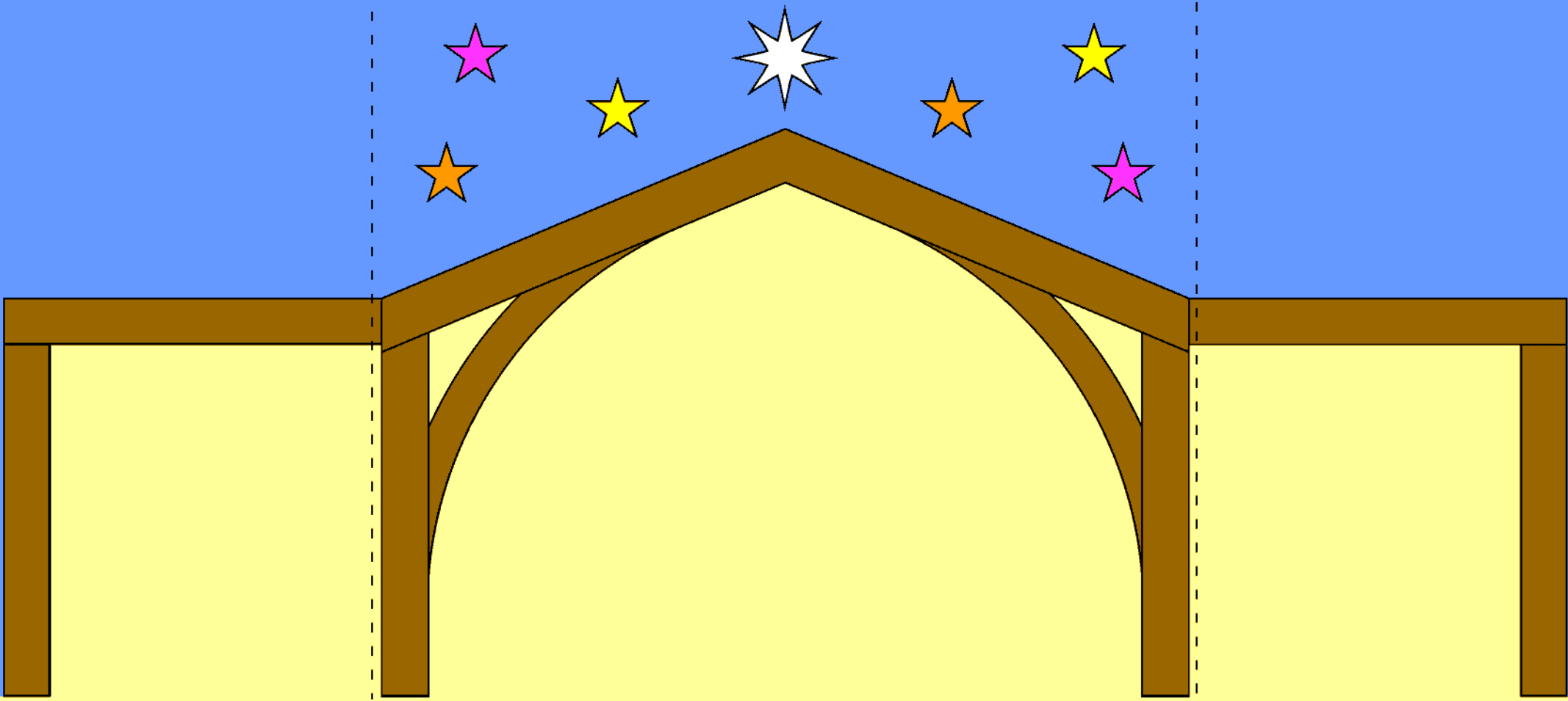
- 1 Group the figures to show different parts of the Christmas story. Use a white sheet on a table, with a blue or black cloth as a background.**
- 2 Take photos of each group and stick the prints, in the right order, to a long piece of wallpaper, with the story underneath.**



- 3 Make your photos into a Christmas story book.**

Try your hand at stop-frame animation. Show your film to the whole school, club or church!

Shepherd watching their flocks – The angel brings the message – The shepherds go to Bethlehem



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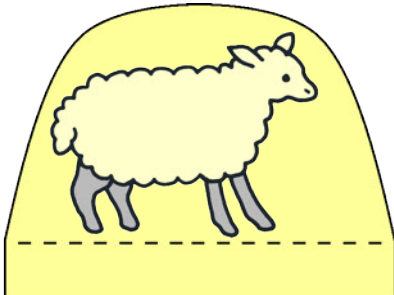
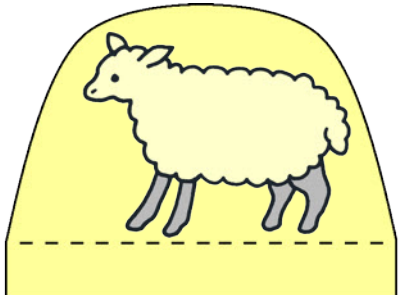
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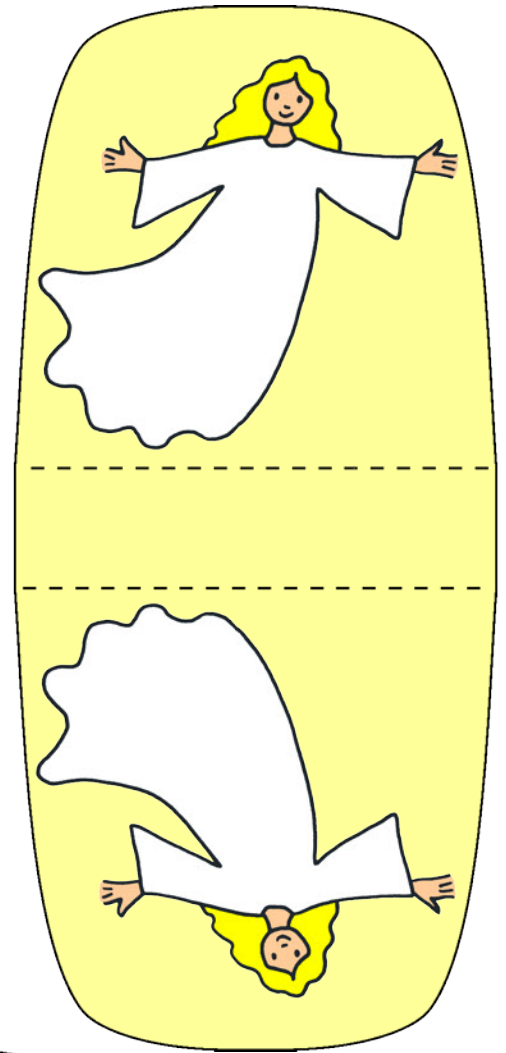
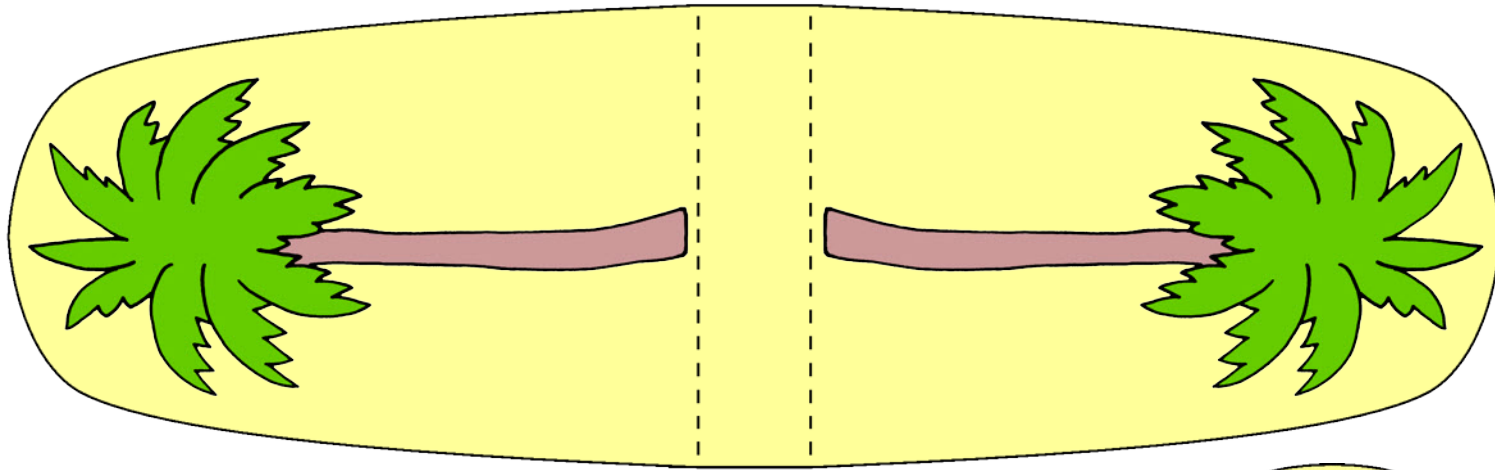
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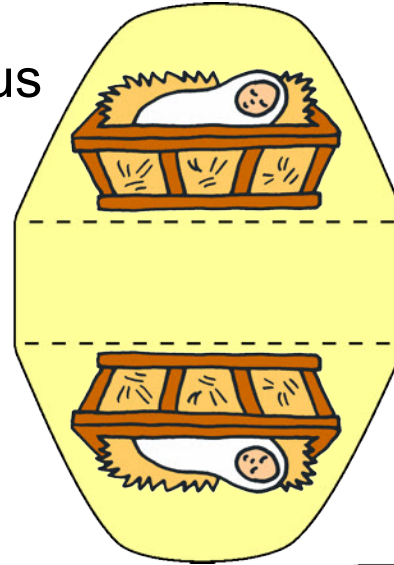
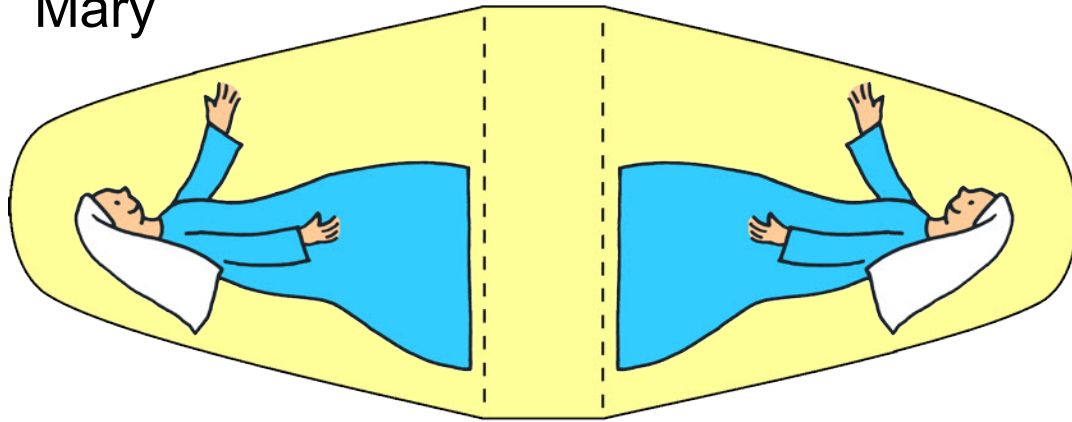
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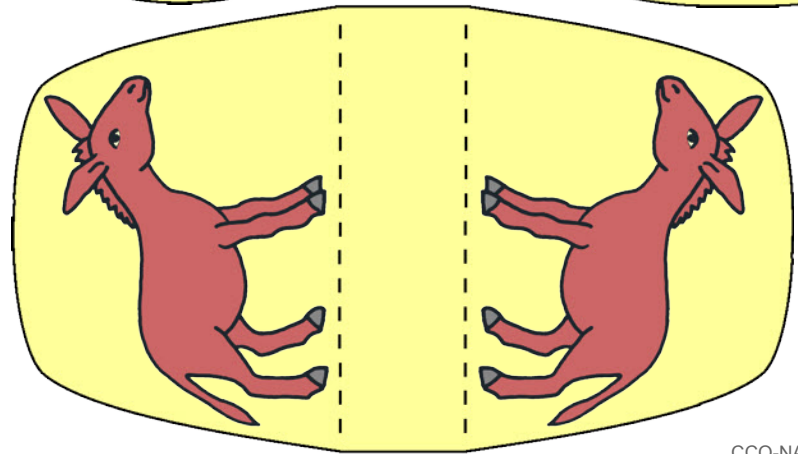
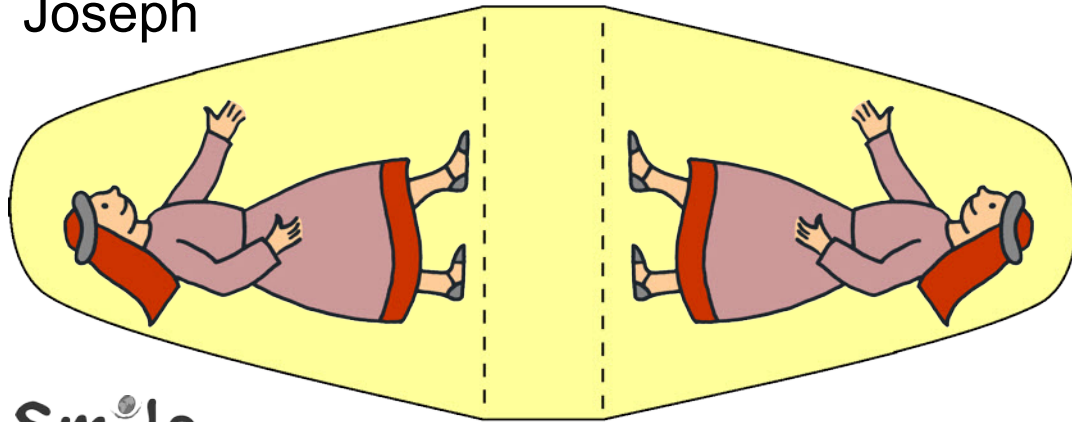


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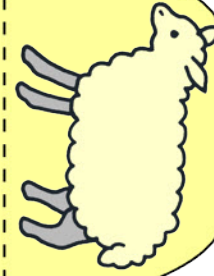
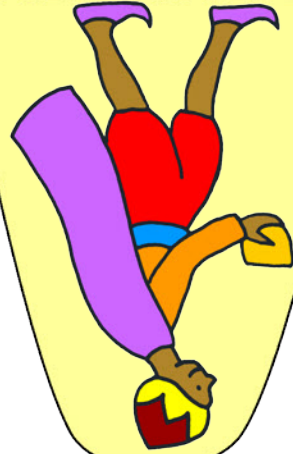
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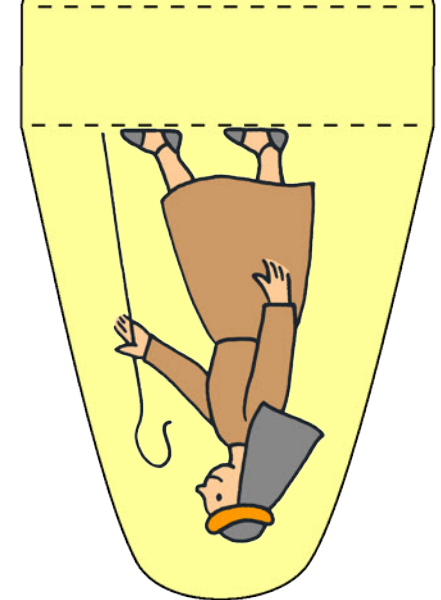
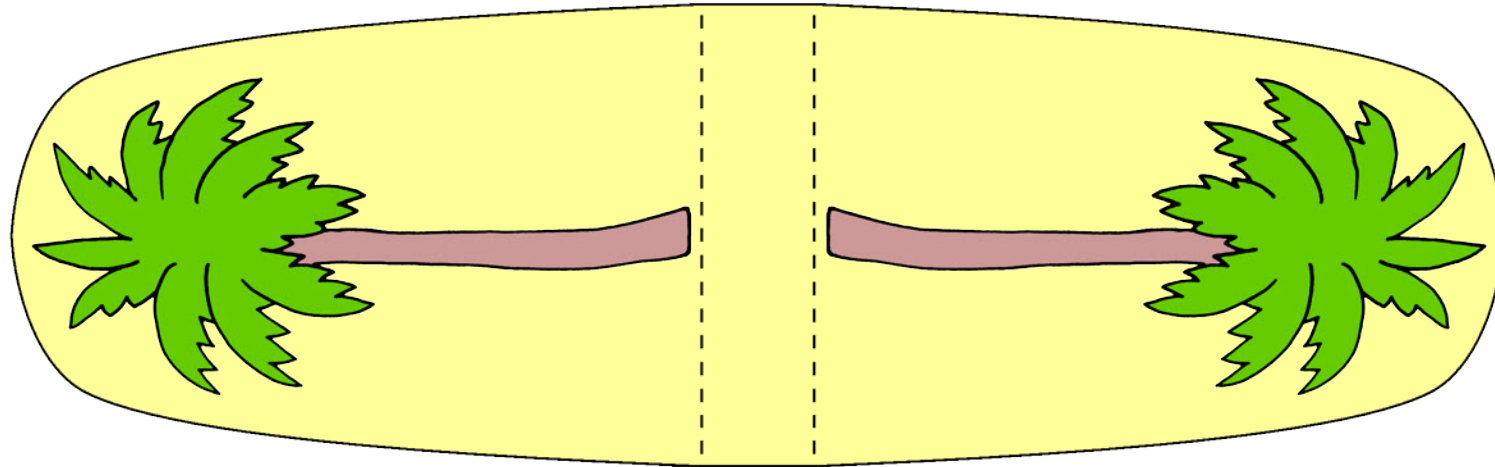
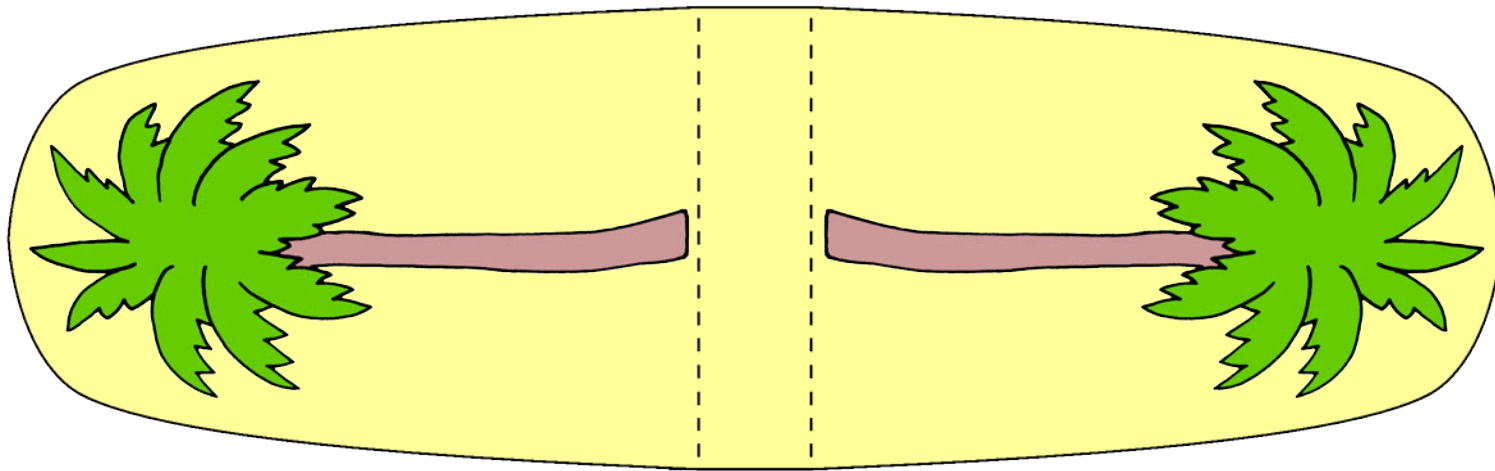


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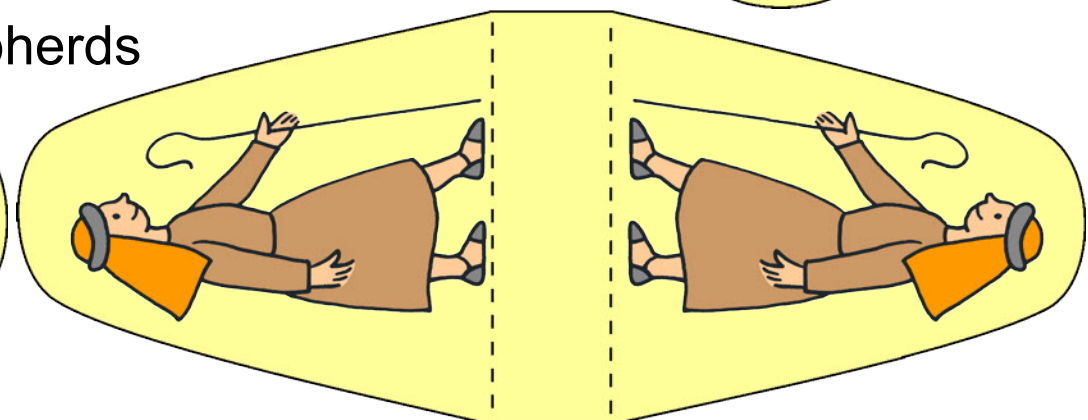
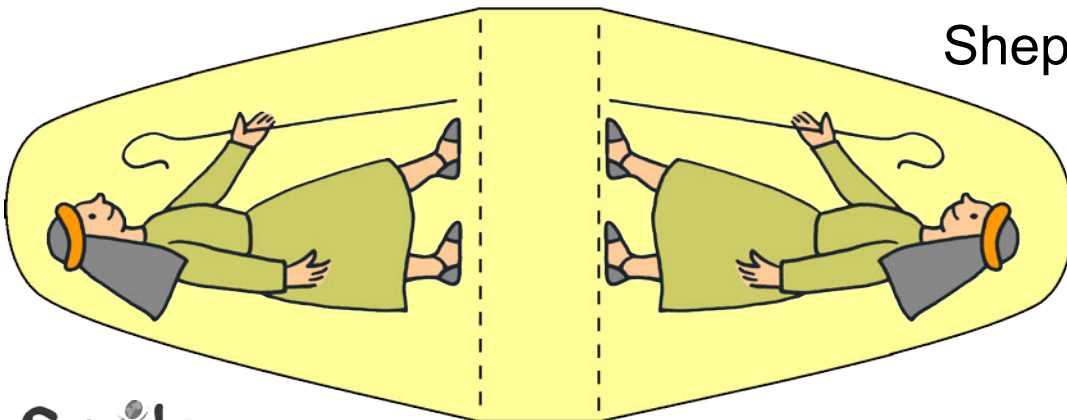


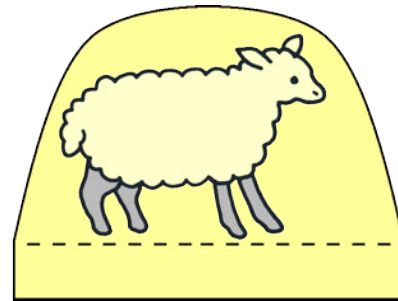
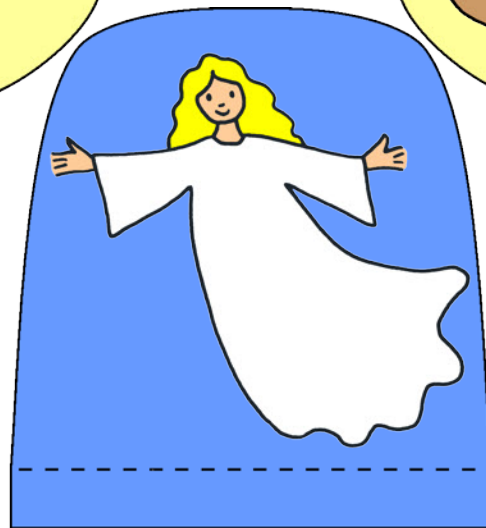
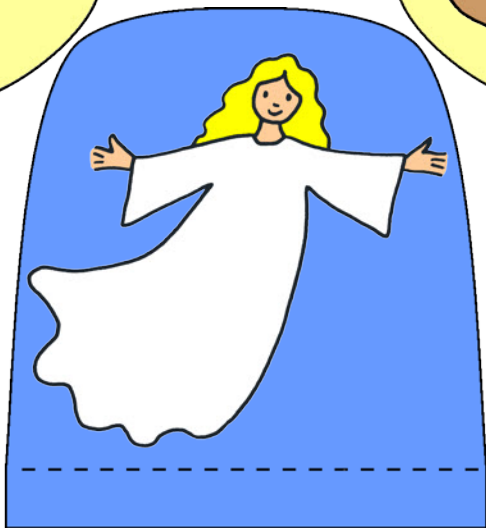
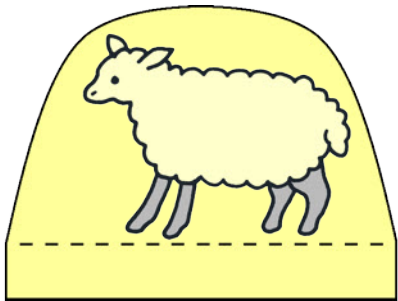
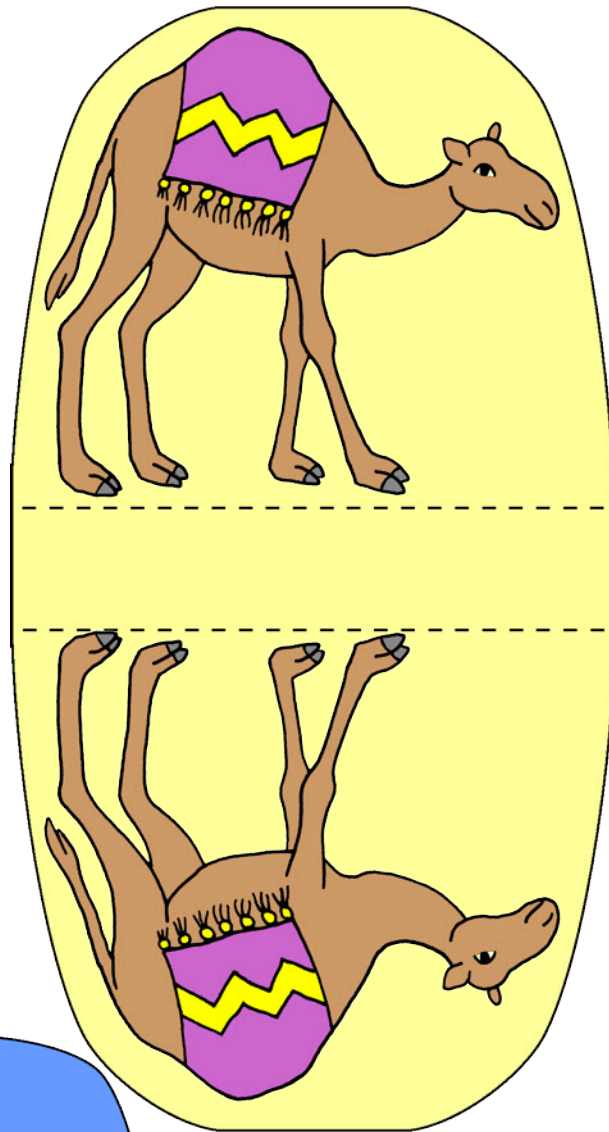
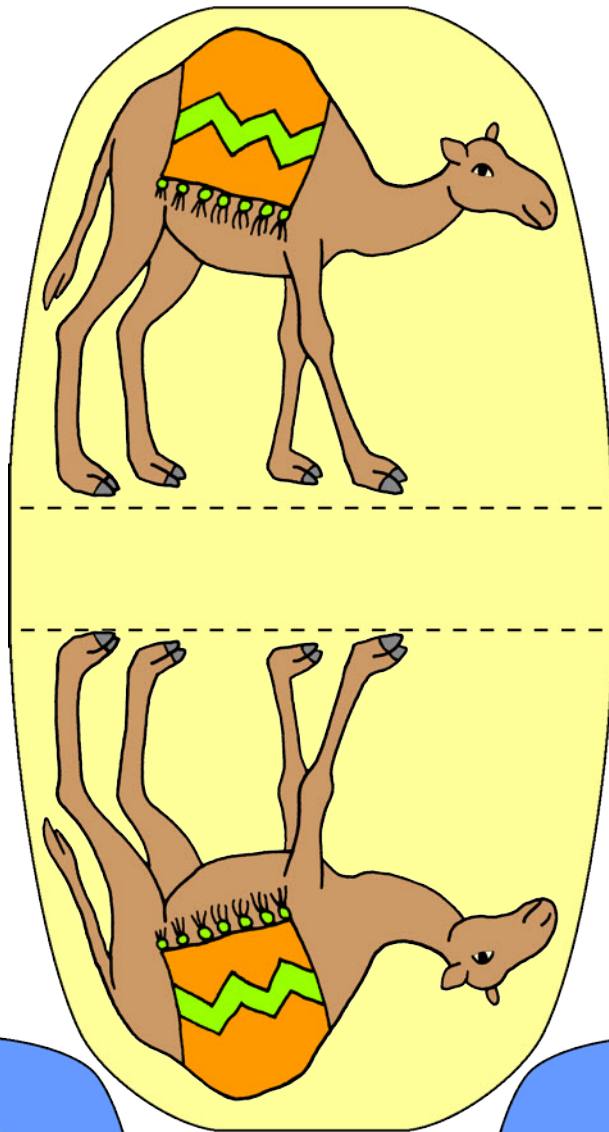
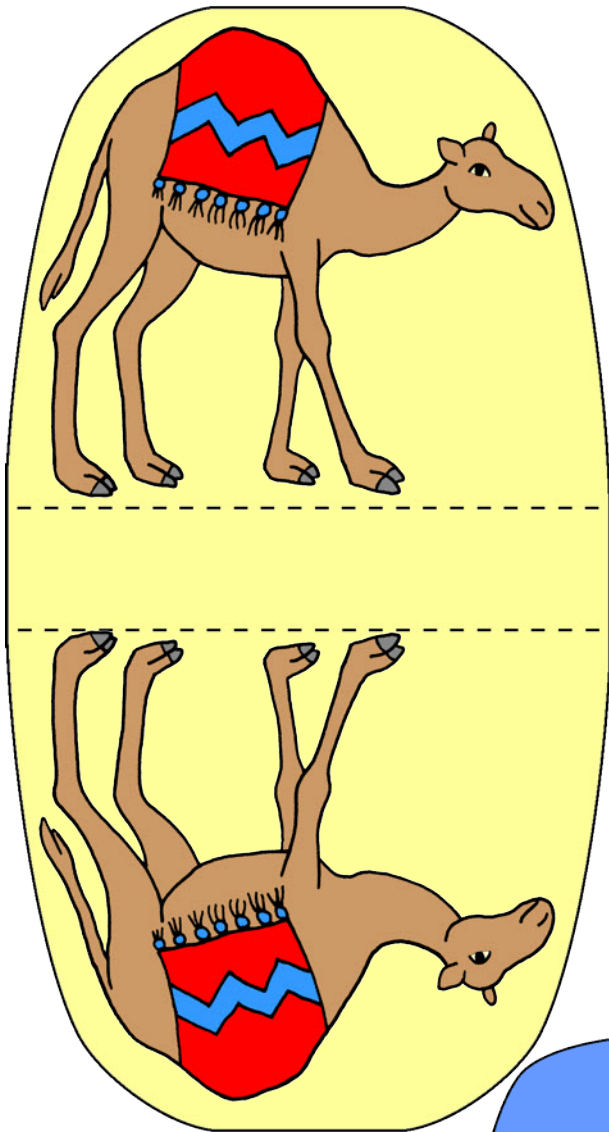
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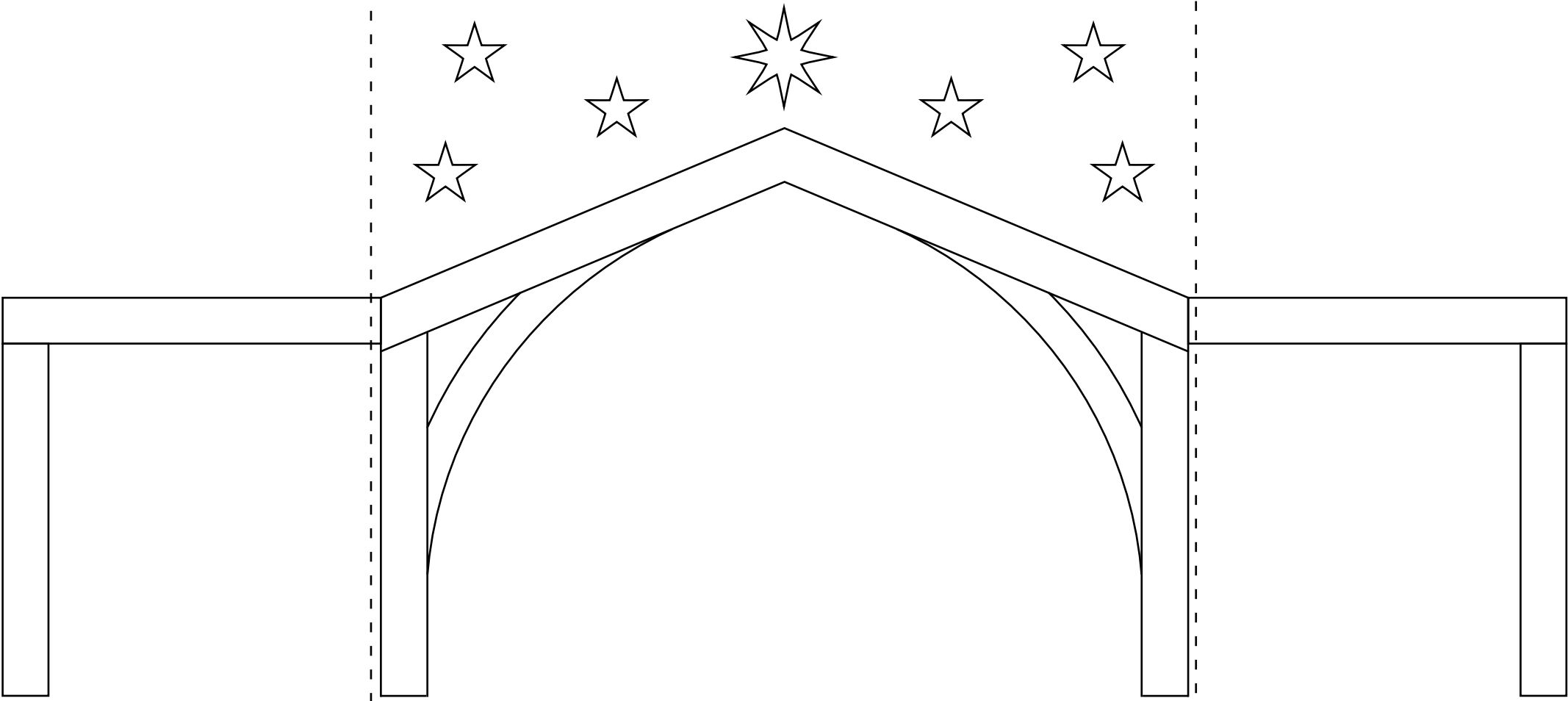




Shepherds





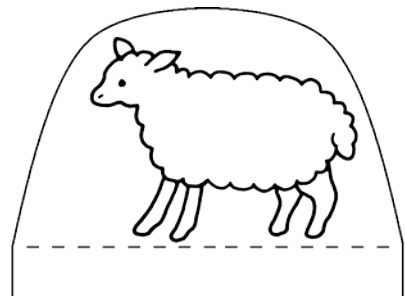


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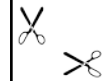


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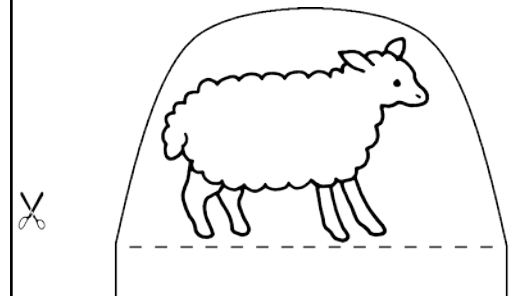


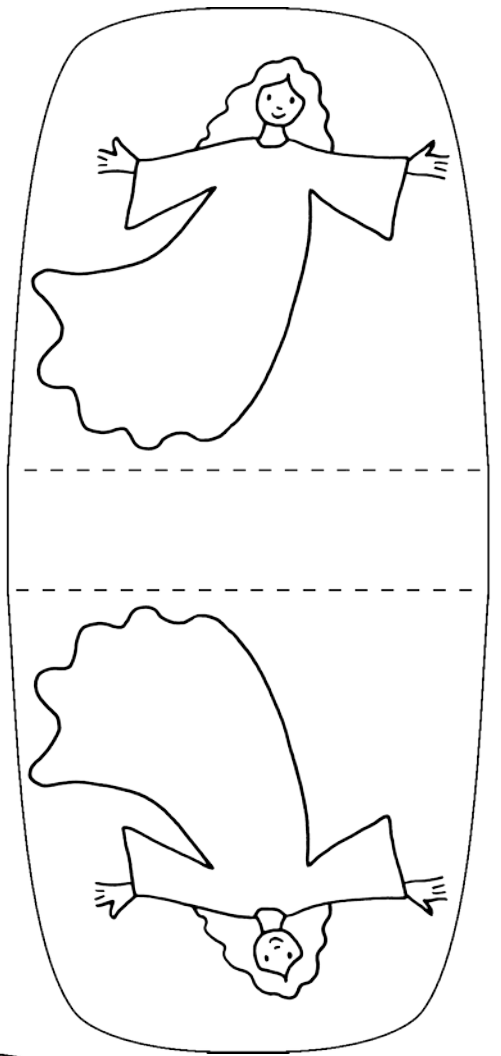
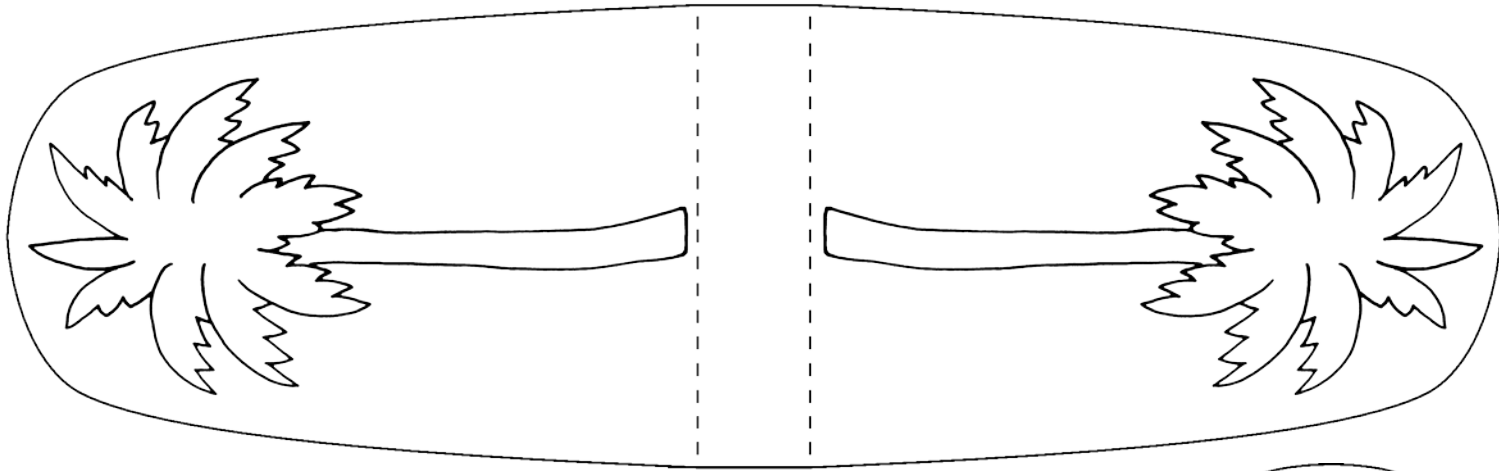
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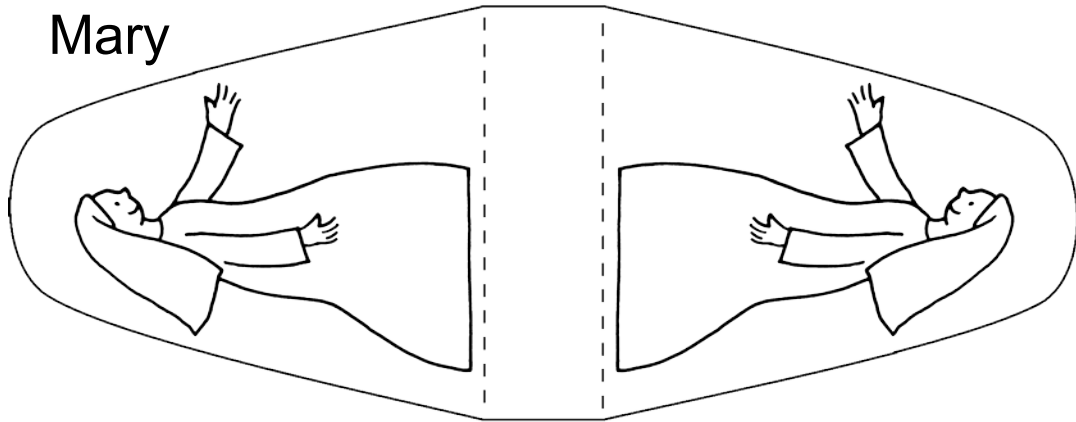


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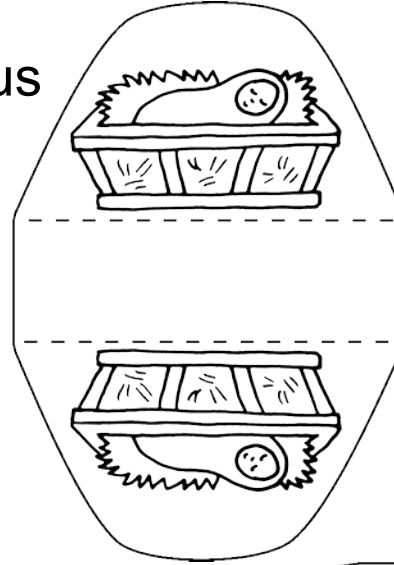




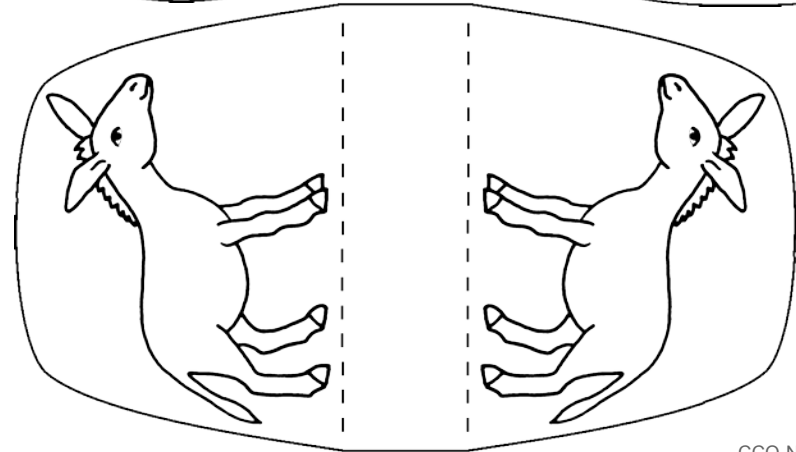
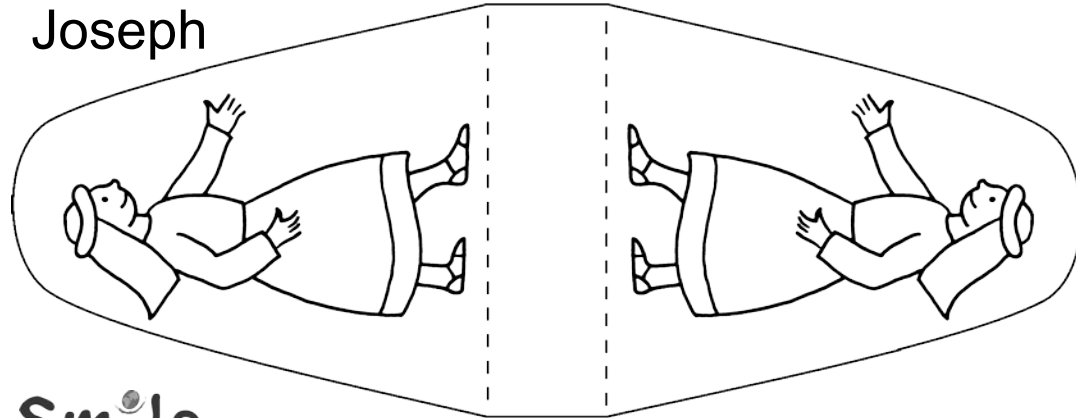
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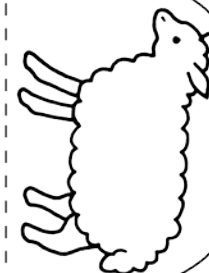
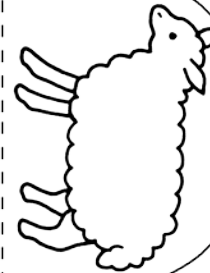
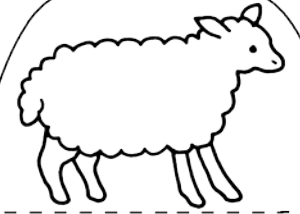
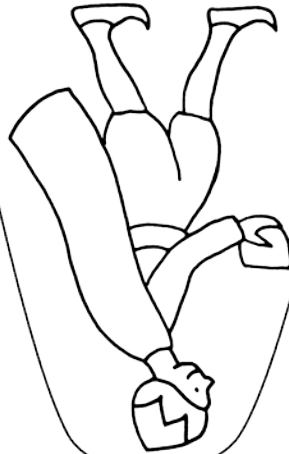
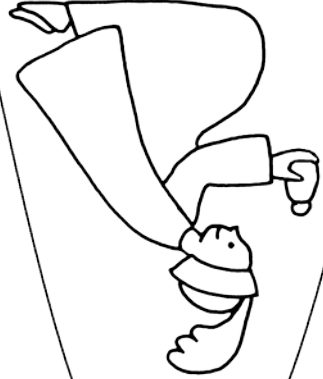
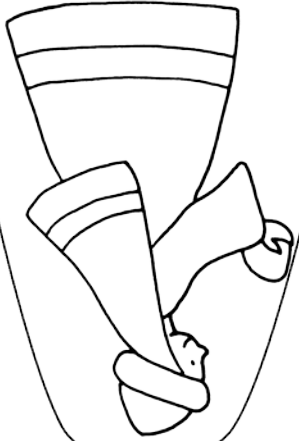
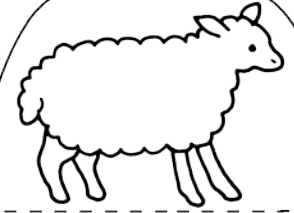
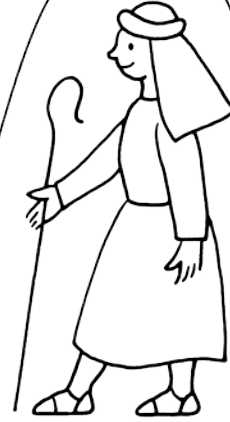
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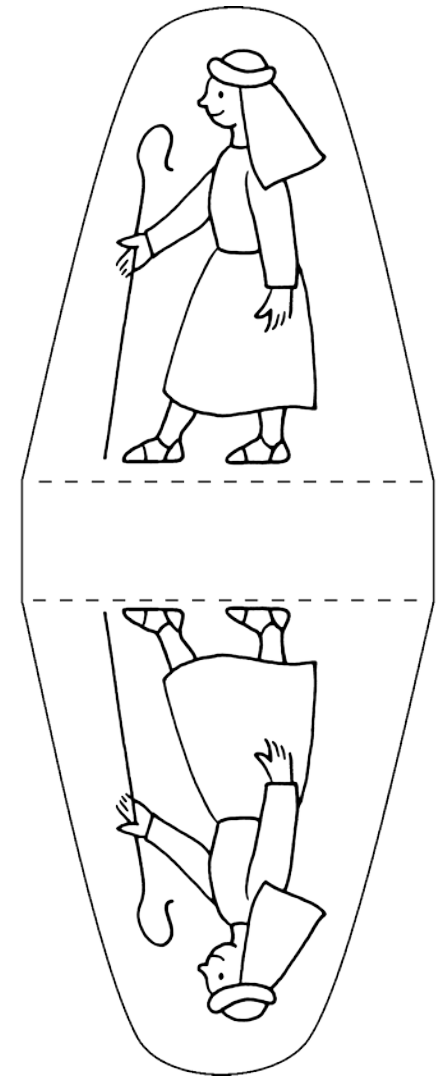
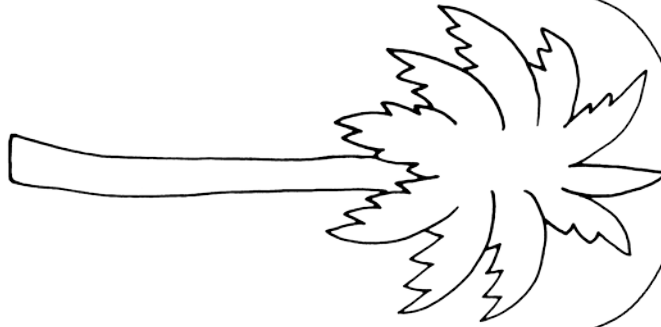
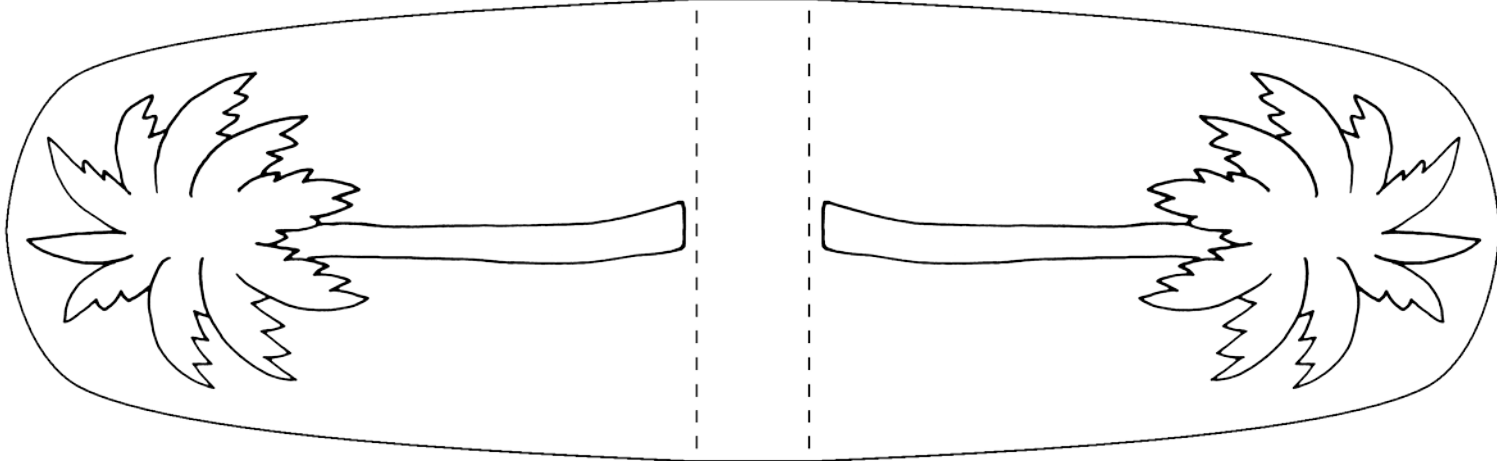
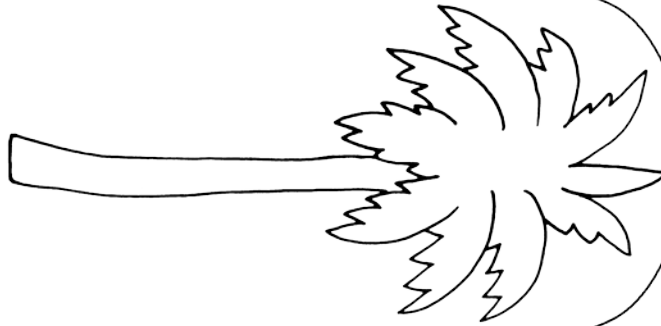
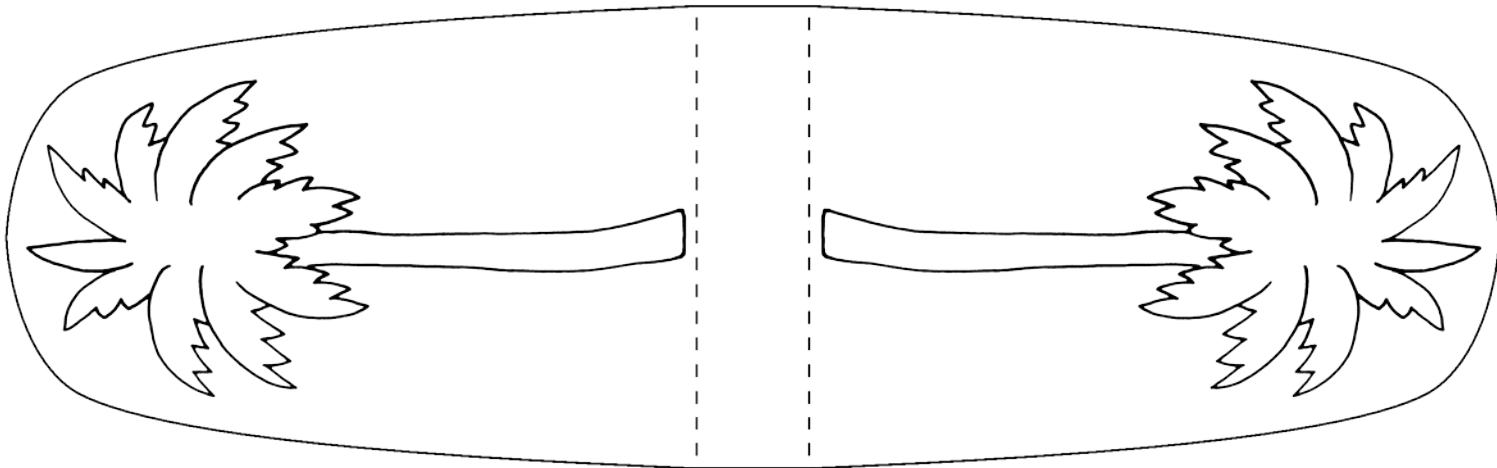


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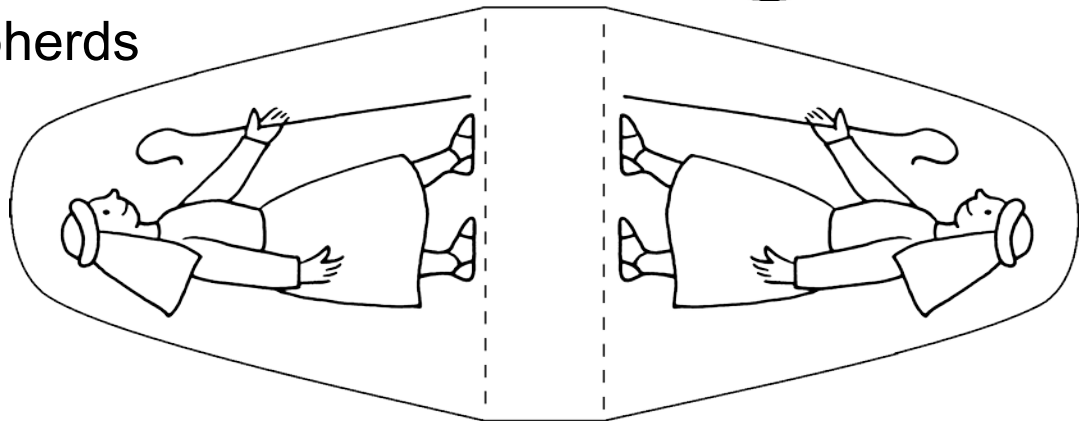
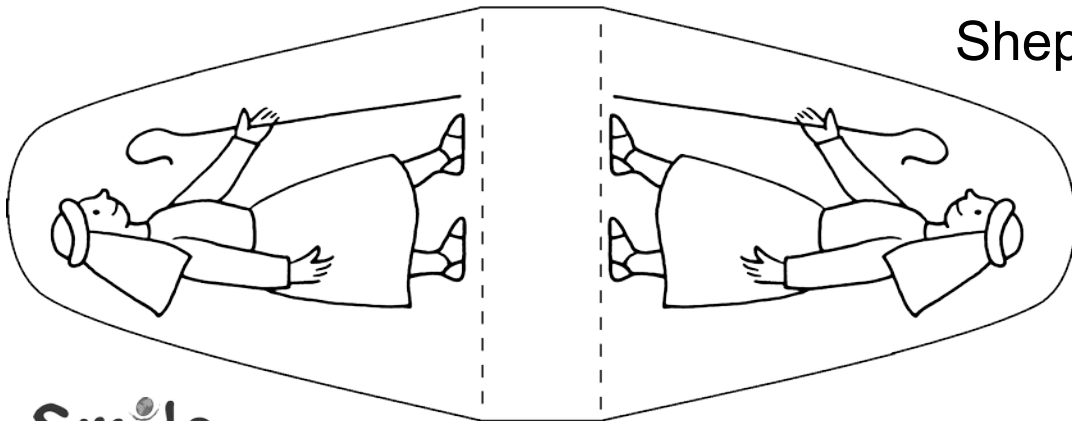


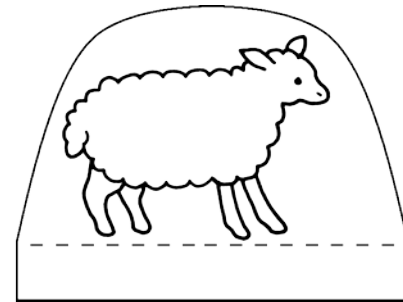
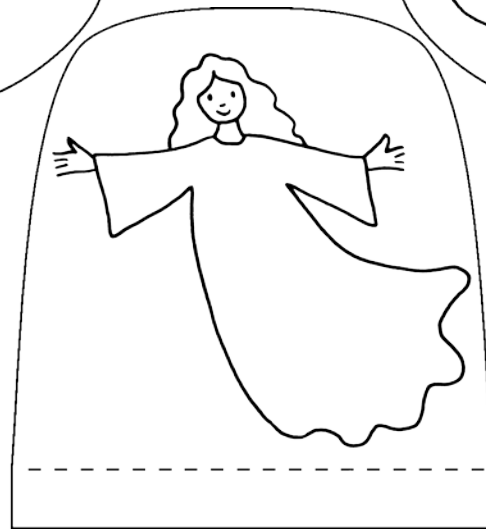
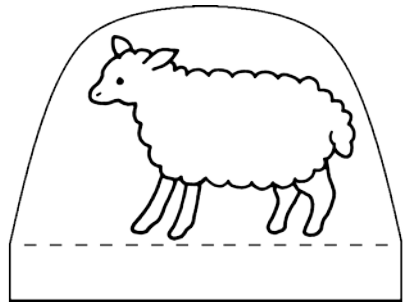
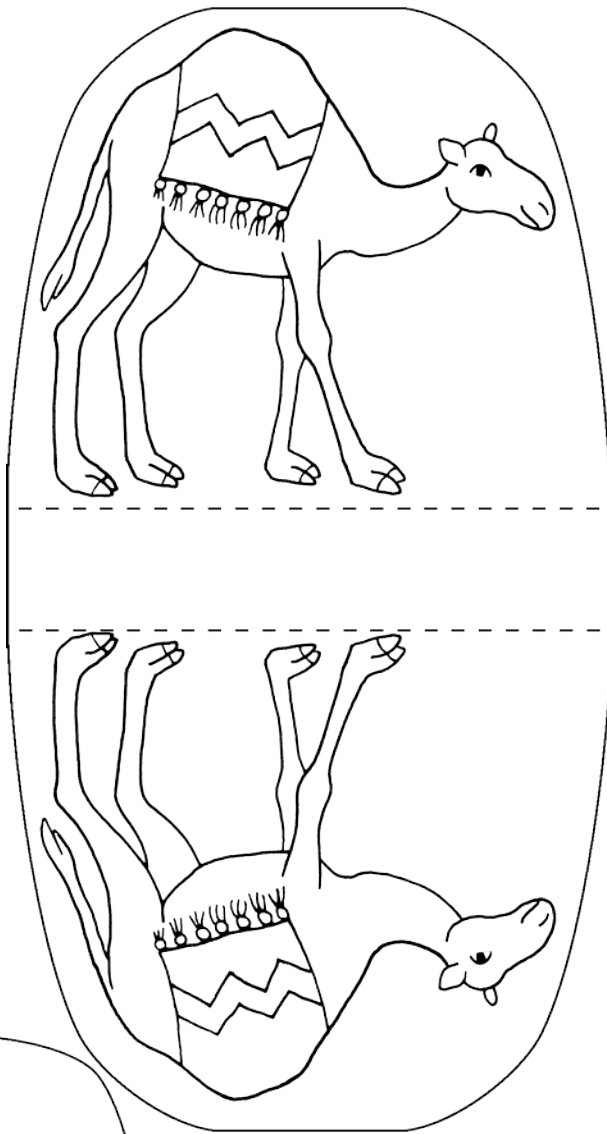
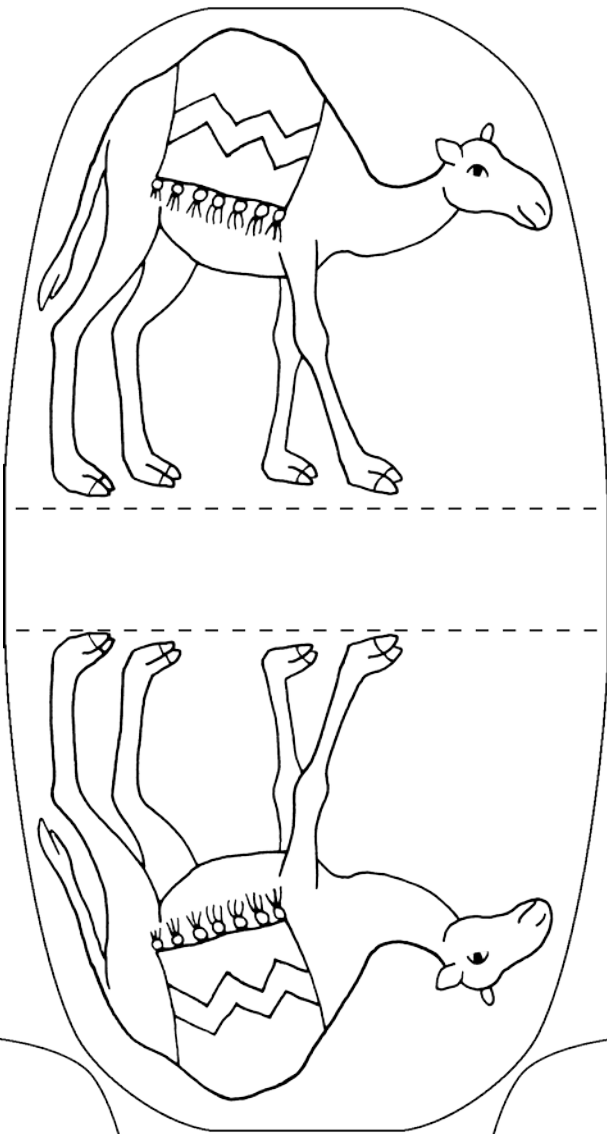
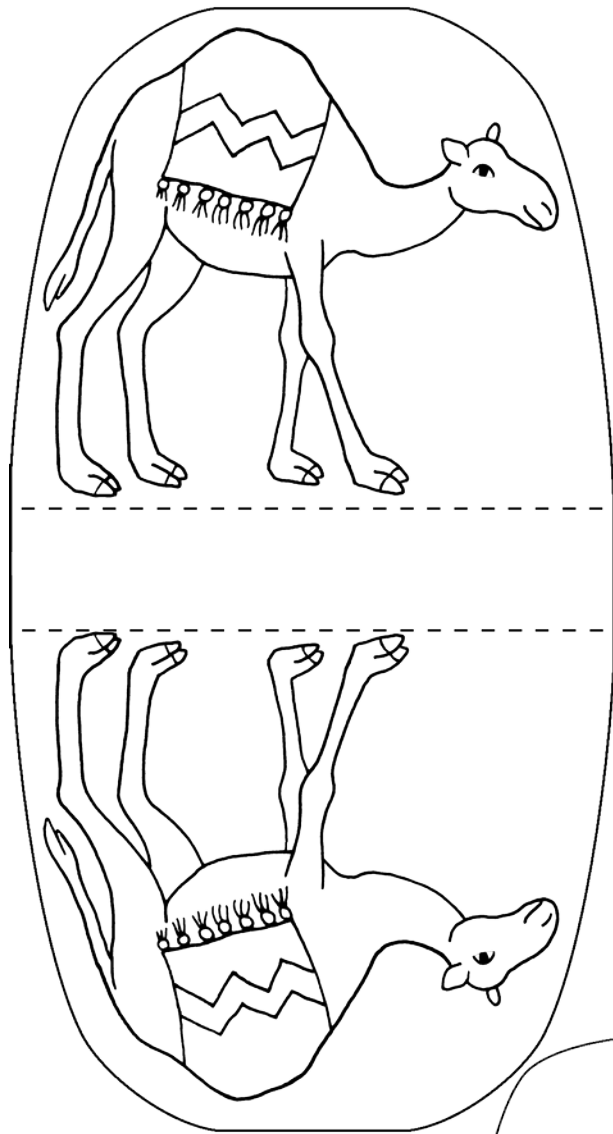
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