

MESSY Church

MINI-MESS

Can you hear me now?



Prophets/Animals-6/27

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - "BRINGING HOME THE MESS"



MEET AN AMAZING ANIMAL

GOD HAS DONE SOME REMARKABLE THINGS THROUGH HIS FURRY, FUZZY, AND FUNNY CREATIONS. A TALKING DONKEY? A FISH CARRYING AROUND A TAX PAYMENT IN ITS MOUTH? A ROOSTER REMINDER THAT BROUGHT A GROWN MAN TO HIS KNEES? THROUGH HIS ANIMALS GOD HAS MADE HIMSELF AND HIS PURPOSES KNOWN.

TODAY, WE'RE LOOKING AT THE STORY OF DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN (DANIEL 6:1-23).

TUGBOAT GAME

SUPPLIES: ONE BLINDFOLD 1 PER EVERY 2 PLAYERS.



FORM PAIRS, AND WHILE ONE PARTICIPANT IN EACH PAIR IS BLINDFOLDING THE OTHER, CREATE AN OBSTACLE COURSE IN THE ROOM BY MOVING CHAIRS AND OTHER OBJECTS.

EXPLAIN THAT THE SIGHTED PARTNER IN EACH PAIR IS A TUGBOAT—GUIDING HIS OR HER PARTNER TO SAFELY NAVIGATE THE OBSTACLE COURSE BY USING THESE SIGNALS:

- A TAP ON THE RIGHT SHOULDER FOR TURNING RIGHT;
- A TAP ON THE LEFT SHOULDER FOR A LEFT TURN; AND
- A TAP BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS FOR A FULL, IMMEDIATE STOP.

SAY: THERE'S NO TALKING, BUT BECAUSE TUGBOATS BLOW WHISTLES, FEEL FREE TO WHISTLE. TUGBOATS, STAND BEHIND YOUR FRIENDS AND LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO.

AFTER ALL PAIRS HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE, HAVE PAIRS



SWITCH ROLES, AND WHILE BLINDFOLDS ARE BEING APPLIED, REARRANGE THE COURSE. THEN HAVE PAIRS MAKE THEIR WAYS BACK TO THE STARTING LINE.

AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE DISCUSS:

- HOW HARD OR EASY WAS IT FOR YOU NOT TO PEEK? WHY?
- HOW MUCH DID YOU TRUST YOUR TUGBOAT? WHY?

SAY: IT'S SOMETIMES HARD TO TRUST PEOPLE, TO BELIEVE THEY'LL REALLY DO WHAT THEY SAY THEY'LL DO. BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD. GOD IS FAITHFUL—HE KEEPS ALL HIS PROMISES. AND YOU CAN TRUST HIM TO GUIDE YOUR STEPS IN LIFE BECAUSE HE SEES THINGS YOU DON'T SEE. WE'LL LOOK AT HOW GOD WAS FAITHFUL TO SOMEONE WHO WAS IN A LOT OF TROUBLE!

SHARE THE STORY OF DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN (DANIEL 6:1-23).

USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION:

- DANIEL WAS FAITHFUL—HE KEPT TALKING WITH GOD. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU SHOW THAT YOU'RE FAITHFUL TO GOD?
- GOD WAS FAITHFUL TO DANIEL, BUT WHAT IF GOD HADN'T SAVED DANIEL FROM THE LIONS? WOULD GOD STILL BE FAITHFUL?
- THE RULE SAID DANIEL COULDN'T PRAY. HE HAD TO OBEY THE RULE OR OBEY GOD. WHAT'S A RULE THAT MIGHT MAKE YOU CHOOSE BETWEEN OBEYING GOD AND THE RULE?
- WHAT IS SOMETHING GOD HAS SAID ABOUT HIMSELF THAT YOU'RE GLAD IS TRUE?
- WHAT'S SOMETHING HE'S SAID ABOUT YOU THAT YOU'RE GLAD IS TRUE?

SAY: GOD NEVER PROMISED TO PROTECT DANIEL FROM THE LIONS ... OR FROM SICKNESS OR FROM BREAKING A TOOTH. GOD DOESN'T PROMISE US THOSE THINGS EITHER. HE PROMISES TO WALK WITH US THROUGH WHATEVER HAPPENS, AND HE PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE TO THOSE WHO LOVE AND FOLLOW JESUS. GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

PRAY: GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING FAITHFUL. FOR ALWAYS KEEPING YOUR PROMISES. (PAUSE)

(WHAT'S A PROMISE GOD HAS MADE TO YOU IN THE BIBLE? TELL HIM WHAT THAT PROMISE IS, AND HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT).

GOD, THANK YOU THAT YOU HELP US BE FAITHFUL TOO. (PAUSE)

(ASK GOD HOW YOU COULD BE MORE FAITHFUL TO HIM).

GOD, THANK YOU FOR PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES WE CAN TRUST. (PAUSE)

(NAME SOMEONE YOU TRUST, AND THANK GOD FOR THAT PERSON).

GOD, HELP US KNOW YOU BETTER AND LOVE YOU MORE DEEPLY. (PAUSE)

(IF YOU LOVE GOD, TELL HIM WHY. IF YOU DON'T YET LOVE GOD, TELL HIM WHY).

GOD, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO YOU. AMEN.

FACTS OR ARE WE "LYIN'" LIONS?

IF YOU THINK THE FACT IS TRUE, ROAR. IF YOU THINK IT'S A LYIN' LION, STAY QUIET.

FACT 1: IN DRY PLACES LIONS DON'T HAVE TO FIND WATER. THEY GET ENOUGH WATER FROM EATING PLANTS AND OTHER ANIMALS. (T)

FACT 2: A GROUP OF LIONS IS CALLED A PACK. (F—IT'S CALLED A PRIDE.)

FACT 3: LIONS ARE BIGGER THAN TIGERS. (F)

FACT 4: LIONS OFTEN LIVE UP TO 50 YEARS. (F—IN THE WILD THEY AVERAGE 12 YEARS, IN CAPTIVITY UP TO 25 YEARS.)

FACT 5: LIONS ARE GREAT SWIMMERS. (T)

FACT 6: LIONS SELDOM SLEEP. (F—THEY CAN SLEEP UP TO 22 HOURS PER DAY.)

FACT 7: A LION IS OFTEN CALLED THE KING OF THE JUNGLE. (T)

FACT 8: KING OF THE JUNGLE IS AN ACCURATE NAME. (F—MOST LIONS LIVE IN GRASSLANDS, NOT JUNGLE.)

FACT 9: FEMALE LIONS DO MOST OF THE HUNTING. (T)

FACT 10: A MALE LION'S ROAR CAN BE HEARD A MILE AWAY (T AND F: IT CAN BE HEARD UP TO FIVE MILES AWAY).



Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Daniel 6) 07-22-2005
I LOVE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH THE DEN



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Daniel 6) 08-07-2006
OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

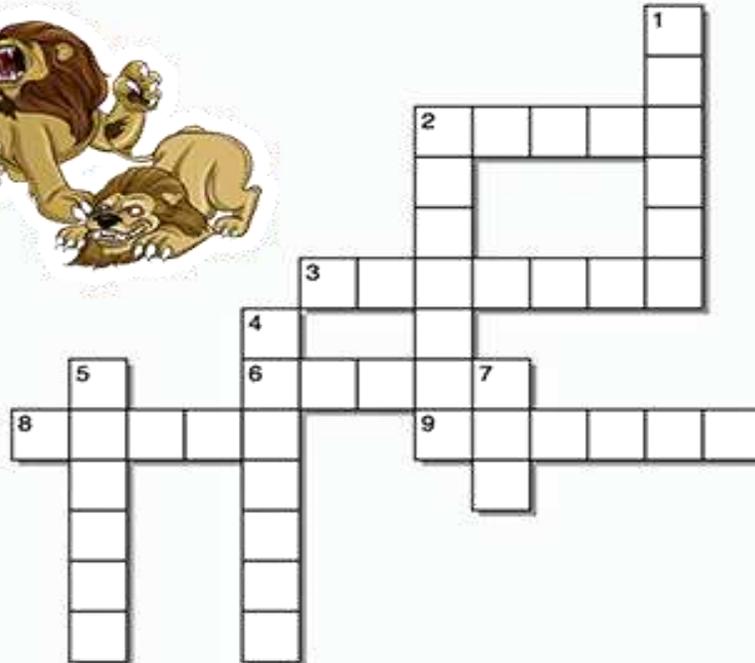


(See Daniel 6) 12-17-2002
DANIEL FOUND OUT THAT THE LIONS WERE ACTUALLY PRETTY COOL



Thanks to Jaey Langford (See Daniel 6) 11-04-2002
I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD CHECK IN ON DANIEL

DANIEL AND THE LIONS

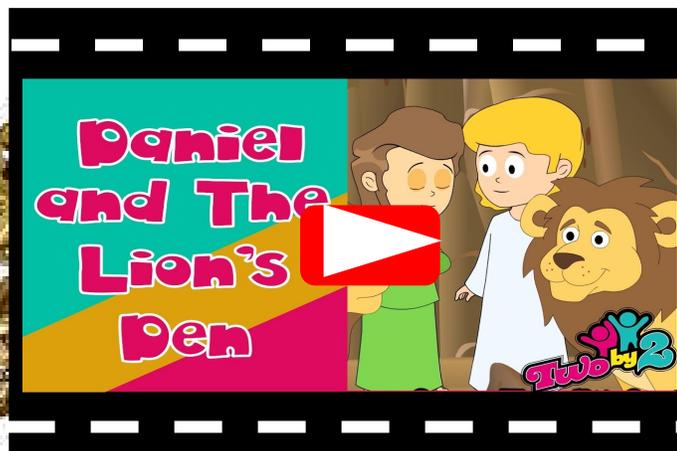


ACROSS

- 2) Daniel prayed _____ times a day. (Daniel 6:10 ESV)
- 3) Daniel had understanding in all _____ and dreams. (Daniel 1:17 ESV)
- 6) "My God sent His _____ and shut the lions' mouths..." (Daniel 6:22 ESV)
- 8) Daniel was cast into the den of _____. (Daniel 6:16 ESV)
- 9) "King _____ wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth..." (Daniel 6:25 ESV)

DOWN

- 1) King Nebuchadnezzar had _____." (Daniel 2:1 ESV)
- 2) Daniel was taken out of the den and no harm was found on him because he had _____ in his God. (Daniel 6:23 ESV)
- 4) The king spent the night _____. (Daniel 6:18 ESV)
- 5) The king sealed the den with his own _____. (Daniel 6:17 ESV)
- 7) The king could not change the new _____. (Daniel 6:15 ESV)



Daniel, Lions, and Me

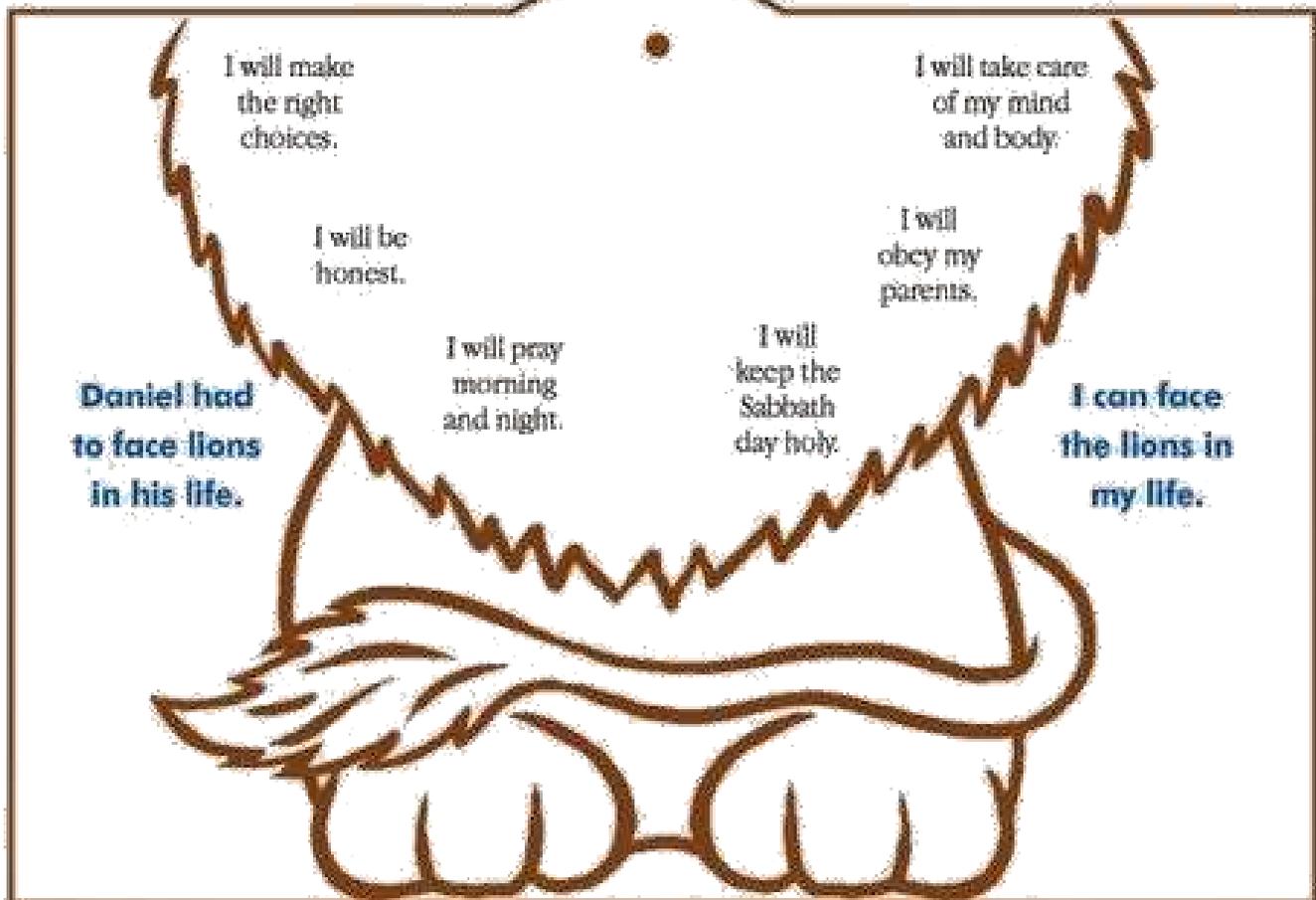
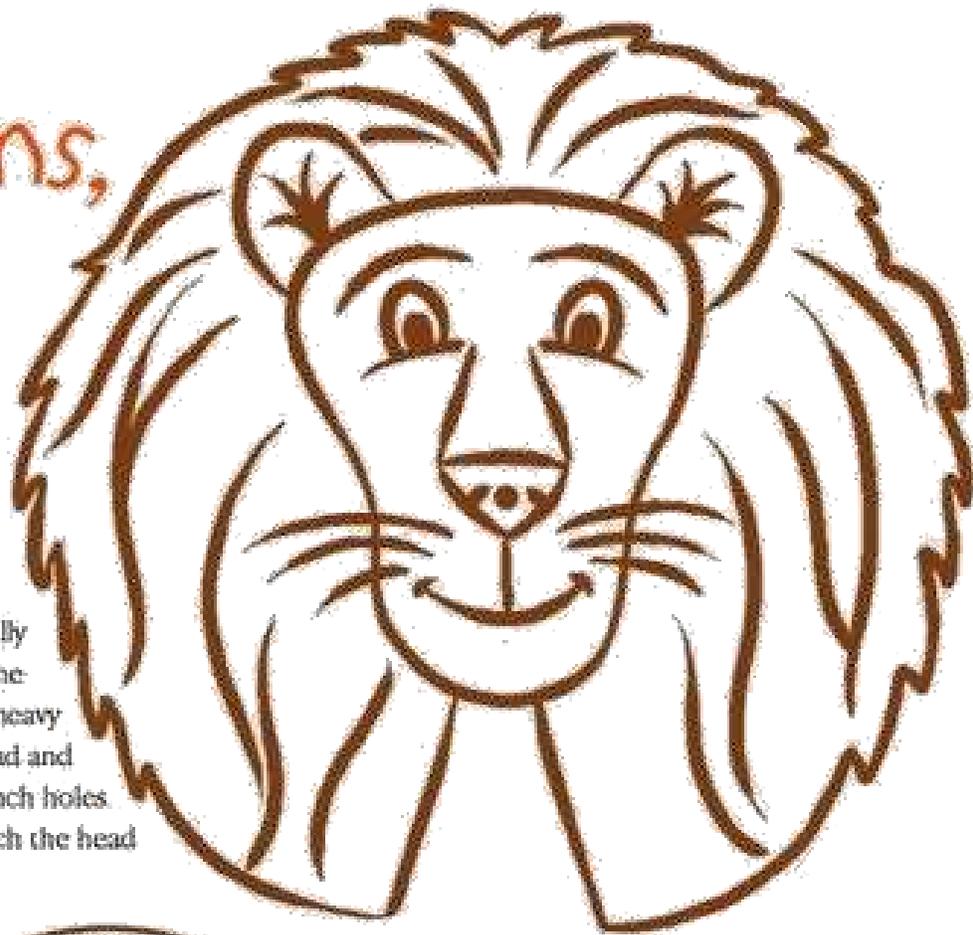
BY RUTH M. WOODS

Daniel faced the lions in his life. He showed great faith and courage. We need to have faith and courage to help us make the right choices in our lives.



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Lion Pillow

1. CUT LARGE CIRCLES OUT OF TWO DIFFERENT COLORS OF FLEECE (ORANGE-YELLOW AND TAN). I USED A TEMPLATE AND ROTARY CUTTER WHICH MADE IT GO SO MUCH FASTER. I USED THE LARGEST OPTION ON THIS "EASY CIRCLE CUT" SO THEY WERE 10.5" CIRCLES.
2. PAIR UP ONE OF EACH COLOR FLEECE AND FRINGED THEM. MAKE ABOUT 24 CUTS ABOUT 2.5" DEEP PUT A LITTLE MARK ON THE SCISSORS SO THE CUTS ARE LONG

ENOUGH. THE KNOTS ARE DIFFICULT TO TIE IF THE FRINGE IS TOO SHORT.

3. TIED MOST OF THE FRINGE, LEAVING FOUR OF THEM UNTIED. I JUST DID A SINGLE KNOT. THE BENEFIT IS THAT THE OPPOSITE COLOR FRINGE APPEARS AROUND EACH SIDE OF THE CIRCLE. BUT FOR LONGEVITY SAKE, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO DOUBLE KNOT THEM.

4. AT THIS POINT, LET THE KIDS MAKE THE FACE. USING TACKY GLUE ADD GOOGLY EYES AND A FELT NOSE. THE MOUTH AND WHISKERS ADDED WITH A

SHARPIE.

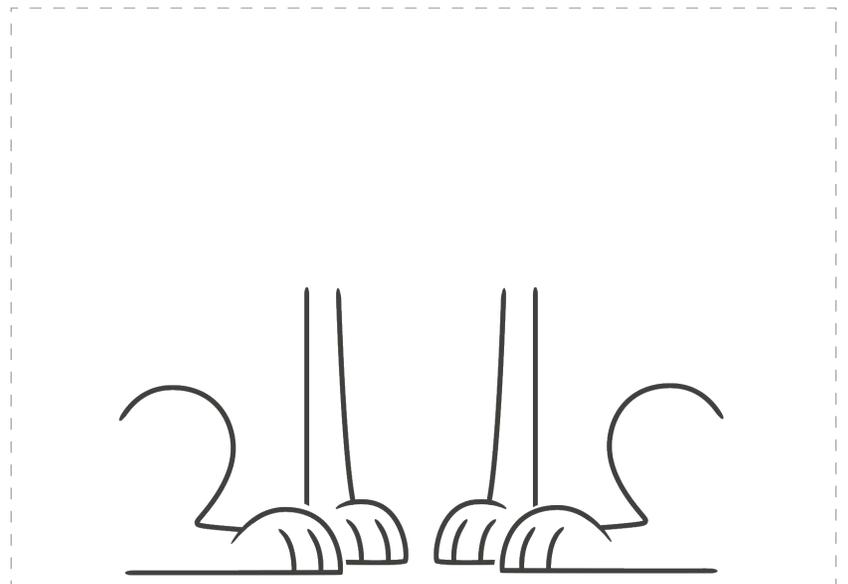
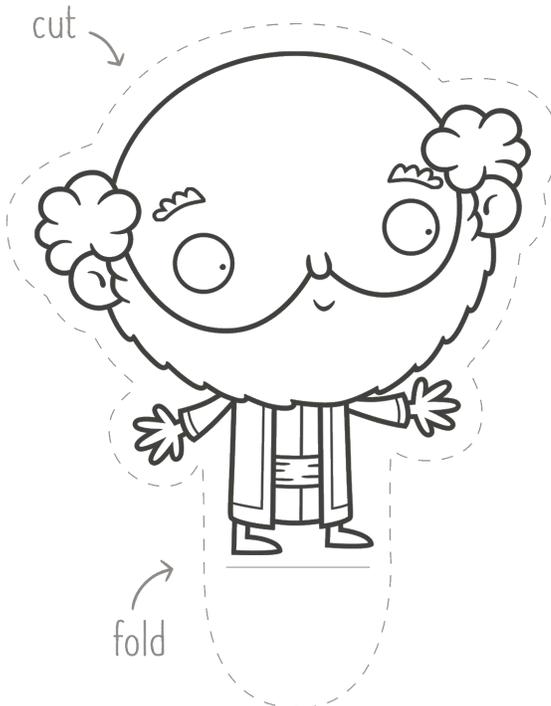
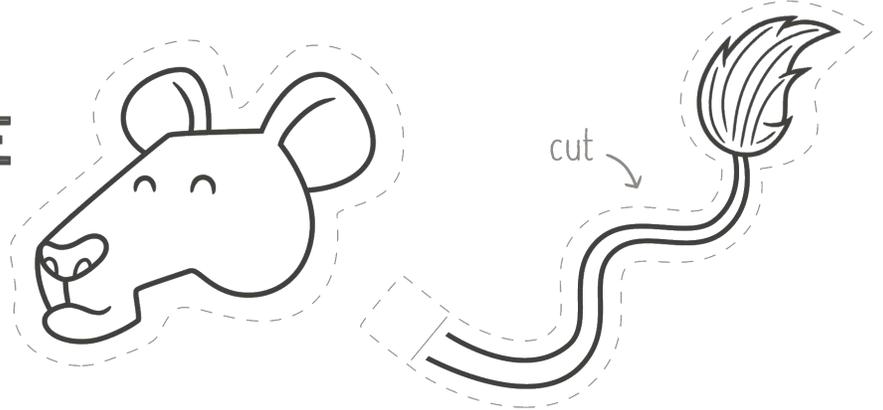
5. STUFFED THEM WITH POLYFIL AND FINISHED TYING THEM

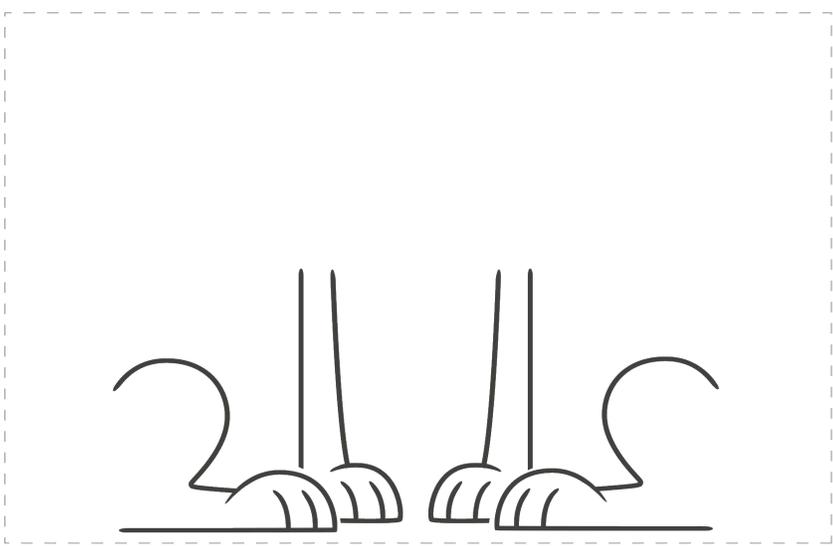
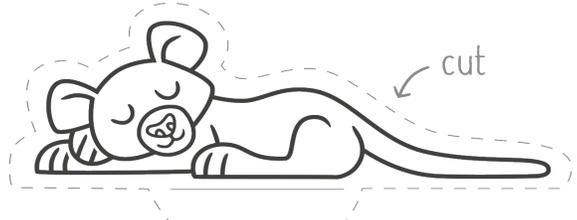
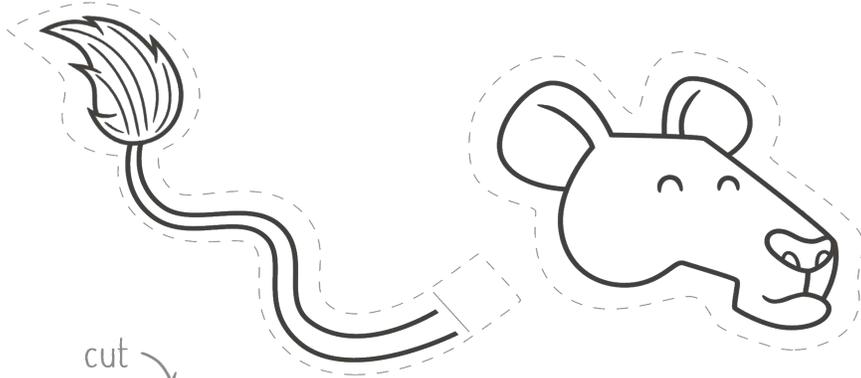


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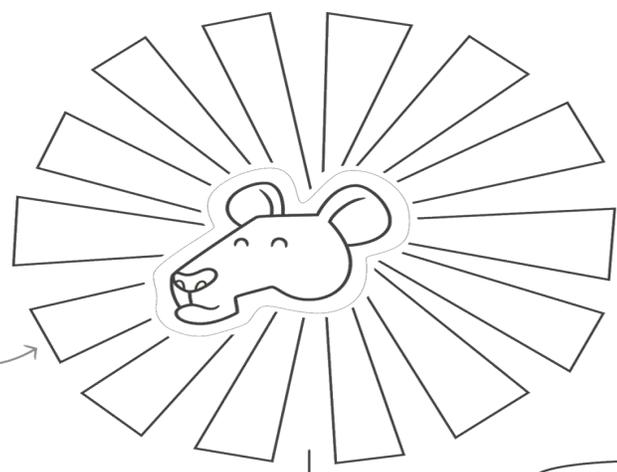


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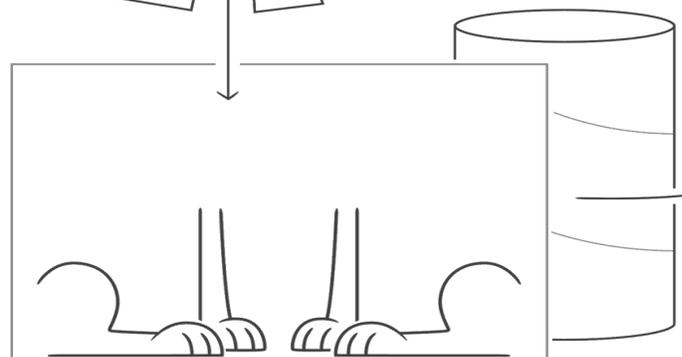




MAKE A LION'S MANE USING COLORED PAPER AND ATTACH THE HEAD, THEN PUT THE WHOLE THING ON THE BODY



WRAP THE LION'S BODY AROUND A CARDBOARD ROLL



ATTACH THE TAIL TO THE BACK

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CUT AND COLOR- DANIEL AND THE LIONS

LION INSTRUCTIONS

COLOR AND CUT OUT EVERYTHING TO START AS USUAL...IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO USE THICKER PAPER

Daniel and the Lions

Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 14 things that are different.

