

Squares are cool!

Here is an application that can apply to Jonah or the Good Samaritan or any Bible story about people who do not like or do not want to work with those who may be different than they are. This application originally appeared in the May/June 1983 issue of the Bible Teacher Mailbox Swap Shop publication. The dear ladies at BibleClassWorkshop.com presented this at a workshop and were kind enough to share it with me. I am presenting my adaptation of the application.

It is an application about dealing with people who are different from you. For children, it can be applied to cliques or rejection of children who are different. As children get older, this can be applied to the more specific concept of prejudice. However, even little children can understand that God makes us better when we work together. We can accomplish great things to His glory as a result.

Print the shapes on 8 ½ x 11 paper. I recommend using colored florescent paper. Glue the shapes onto black paper. The shapes will really glow if you use a black light. You may choose any colors you like, but these are what I used:

- Squares = Yellow
- Circles = Blue
- Triangles = Orange
- Rectangles = Green

Below is the script I use to teach this application. Print this script, cut it apart and glue it to the back of each flipchart page. I use Rubber Cement since it is acid free and moisture free.

1. Here are the SQUARES.

They live all by themselves in Square Town.

2. Here are the CIRCLES.

They live all by themselves in Circle Town.

3. Here are the TRIANGLES.

They live all by themselves in Triangle Town.

4. Here are the RECTANGLES.

They live all by themselves in Rectangle Town.

5. The Squares do not like the Circles and the Circles do not like the Squares.

6. The Triangles do not like the Rectangles and the Rectangles do not like anyone but themselves.

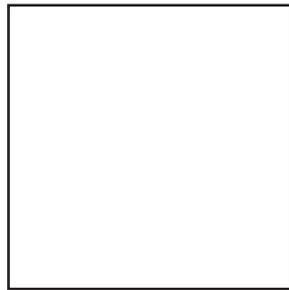
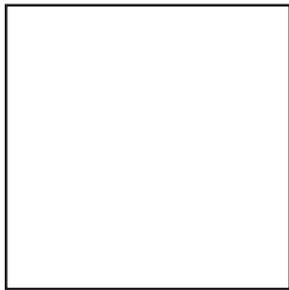
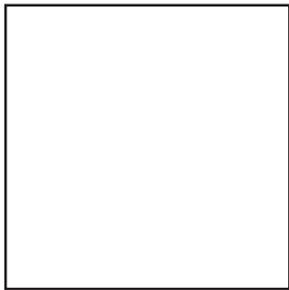
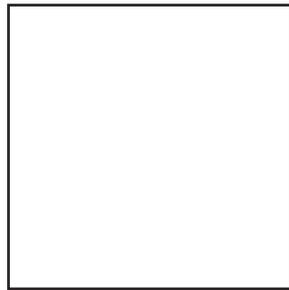
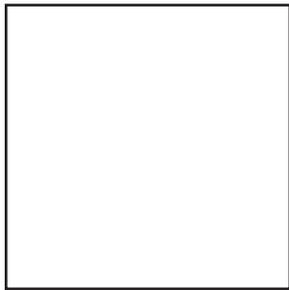
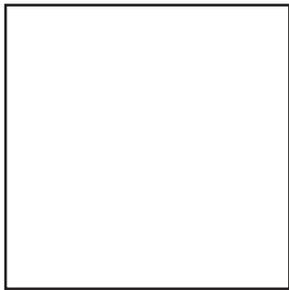
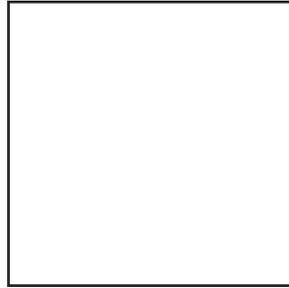
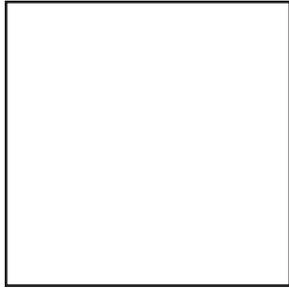
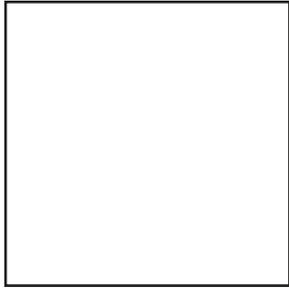
7. The Squares say, “If you want to be smart, beautiful and good, you must have 4 sides exactly the same. If you don’t have 4 sides exactly the same, we don’t want to play with you because we don’t like you.” The Circles say, “If you want to be smart and beautiful and good, you must be perfectly round. If you are not perfectly round, we don’t want to play with you because we don’t like you.”

8. The Triangles say, “If you want to be smart and beautiful and good, you must have only three sides. If you don’t have only 3 sides, we don’t want to play with you because we don’t like you.”

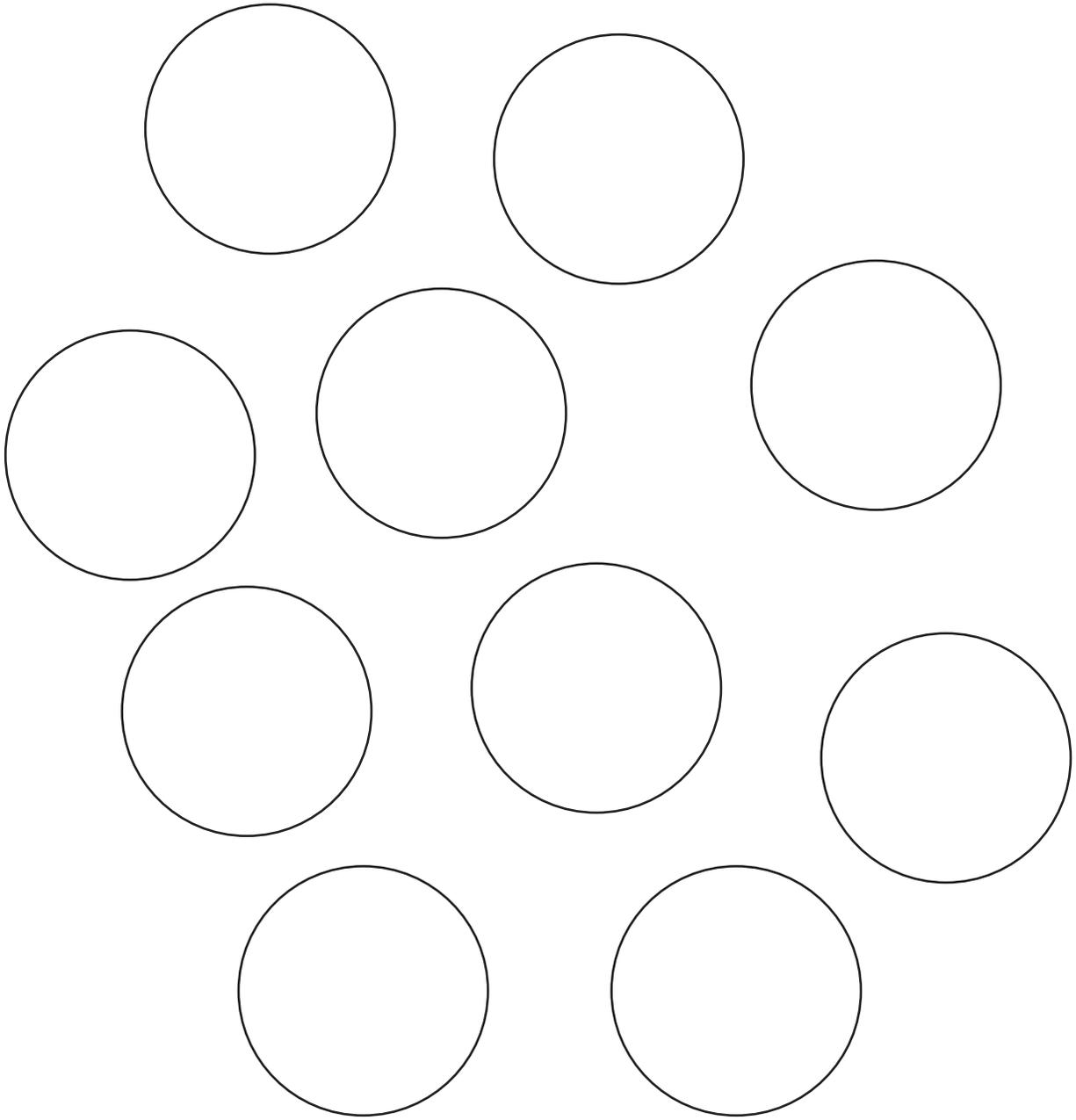
The Rectangles say, “If you want to be smart and beautiful and good, you must have 2 short sides and 2 long sides. If you do not have 2 short sides and 2 long sides, we don’t want to play with you because we don’t like you.”

- 9. One beautiful summer day, the little Squares and little Circles . . . and the little Triangles and little Rectangles went outside to play - BUT NOT TOGETHER.**
- 10. While they were all playing, a TERRIBLE thing happened! The Circles were playing on top of the hill. Some of them slipped and went rolling down, down, down the hill. Faster and faster they rolled until they reached the bottom where the little Rectangles were playing. The Rectangles got very, very mad at the Circles because they rolled right into the Rectangles' play area. They called the Circles bad names and threw rocks at them. The Circles were very scared. As you read the next part, add Triangles and Squares to the #10 visual aid page and say the following: The Squares and Triangles heard all of the yelling and crying, so they ran as fast as they could to see what was going on.**
- 11. When they got there, they joined in the ruckus by also yelling and throwing rocks. It was just AWFUL! Now there was even more noise and even more crying.**
- 12. All of a sudden, one of the Rectangles became so mad that he jumped into the air and came down right on top of the Circles. Oh, wonder of wonders! Everyone stopped moving. Everyone was surprised. Everyone stopped yelling and crying. No one said a word. They just looked . . . and looked . . . and LOOKED! The Rectangles and Circles TOGETHER had made a lovely and beautiful wagon. Everyone became excited.**

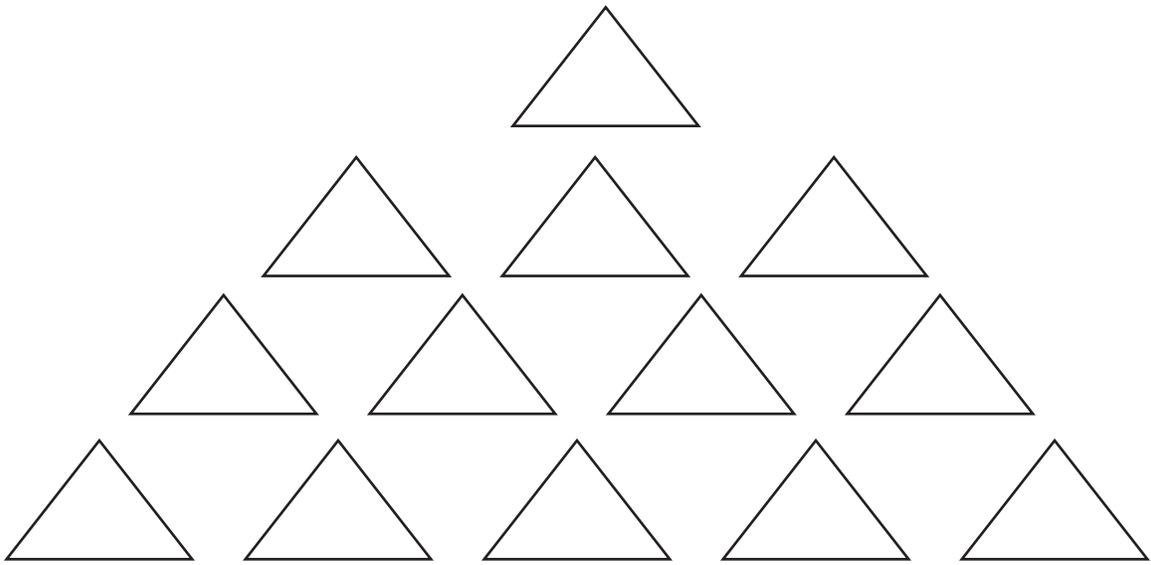
- 13. Everyone wanted to make something interesting. So, the Squares and Circles made a train. A Rectangle made a smokestack.**
- 14. Then the Triangles and Rectangles made a flower. They all played together for a very long time. They all made fun and interesting objects.**
- 15. They wanted to make even more fun. So, they made even more fun objects. They were having such a fun time playing together that they forgot how different they were. They thought that being different was MUCH BETTER than being the same. In fact, they had so much fun together that they decided to do it again tomorrow.**
- 16. At long last it was time to go home for supper. As they were leaving their new friends, they all said over and over, "We are glad, glad, glad being different is not bad."**



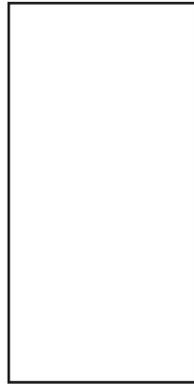
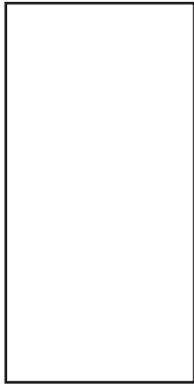
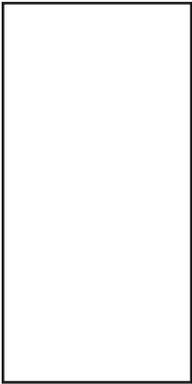
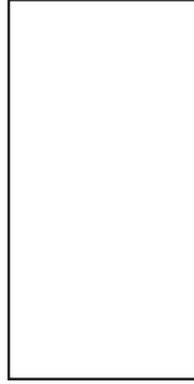
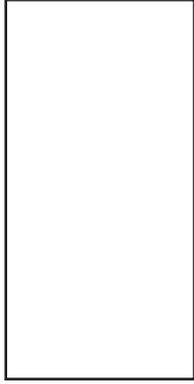
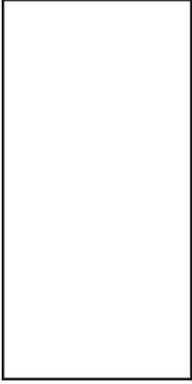
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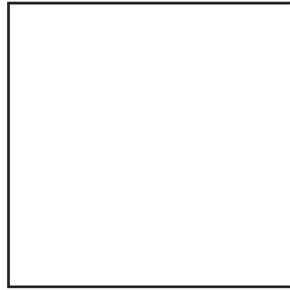
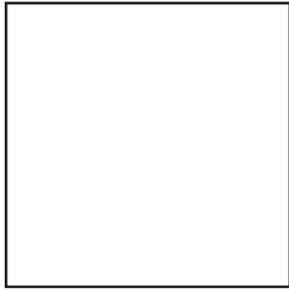
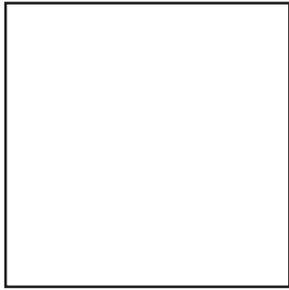
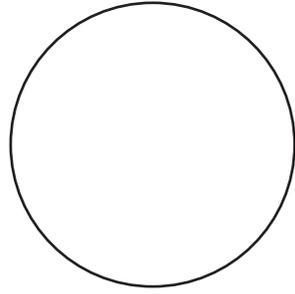
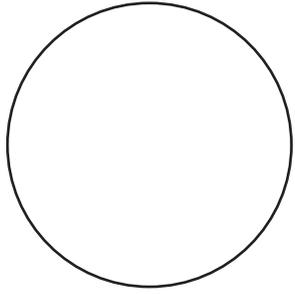
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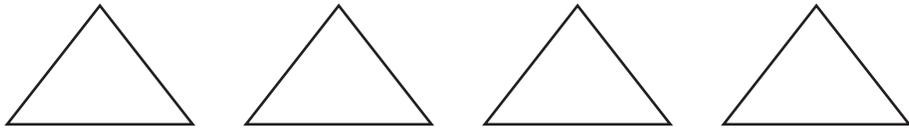


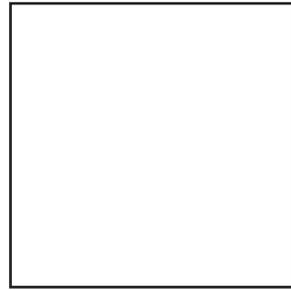
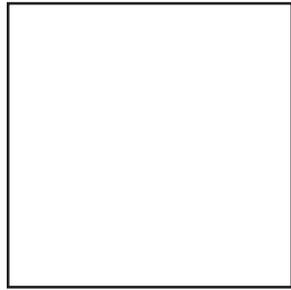
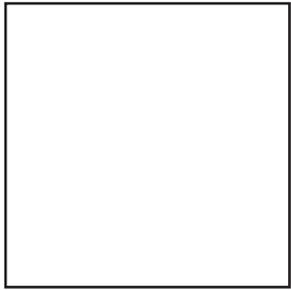
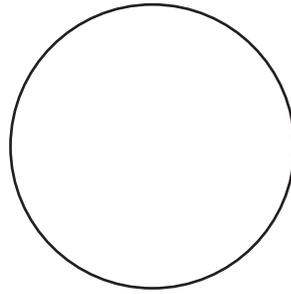
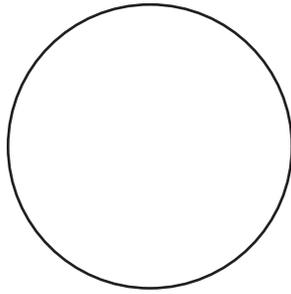
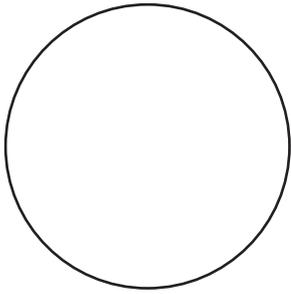
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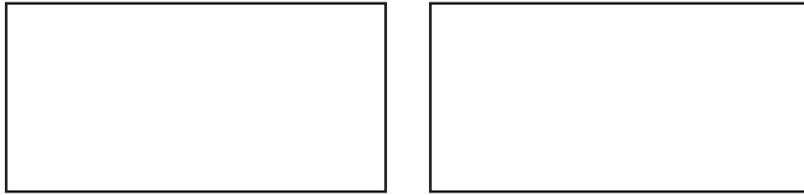
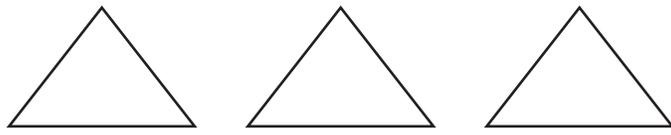


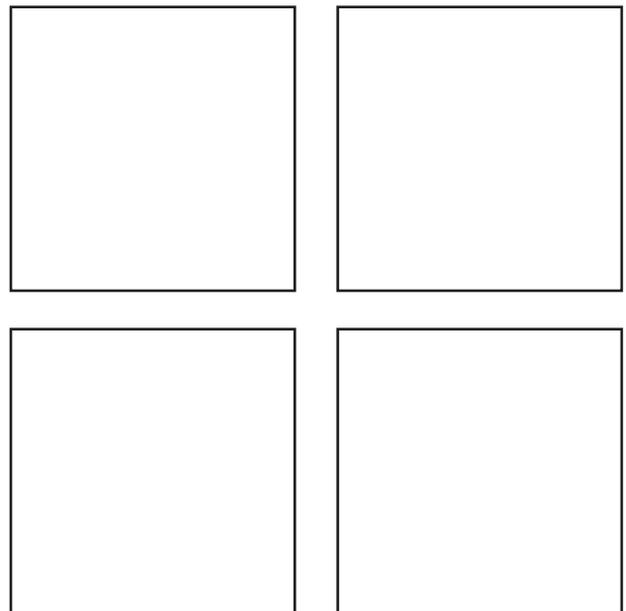
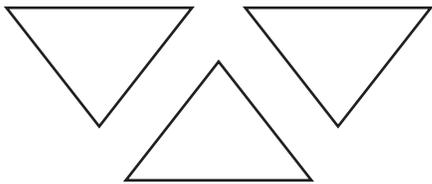
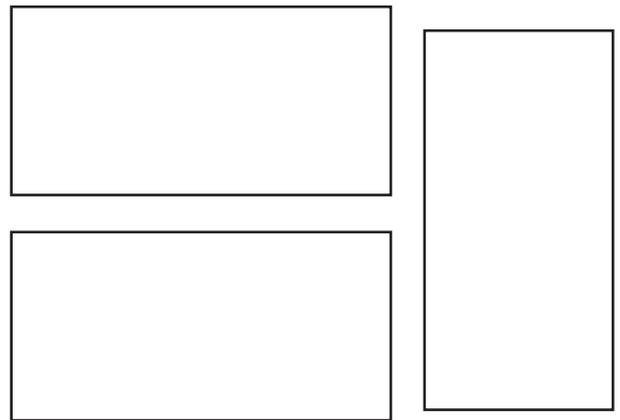
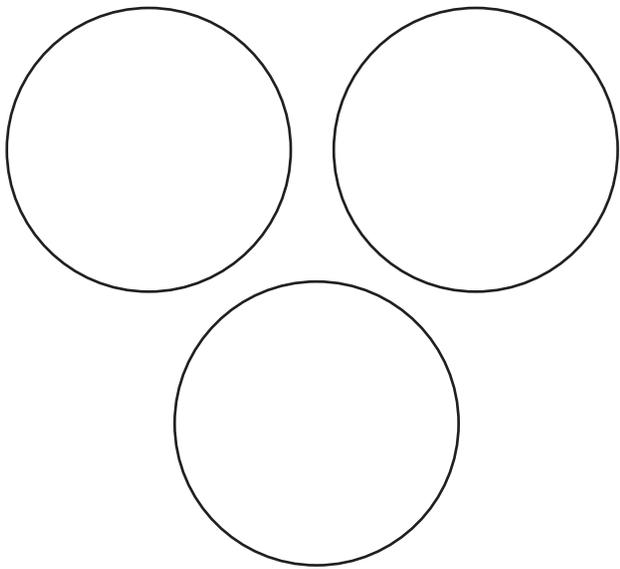
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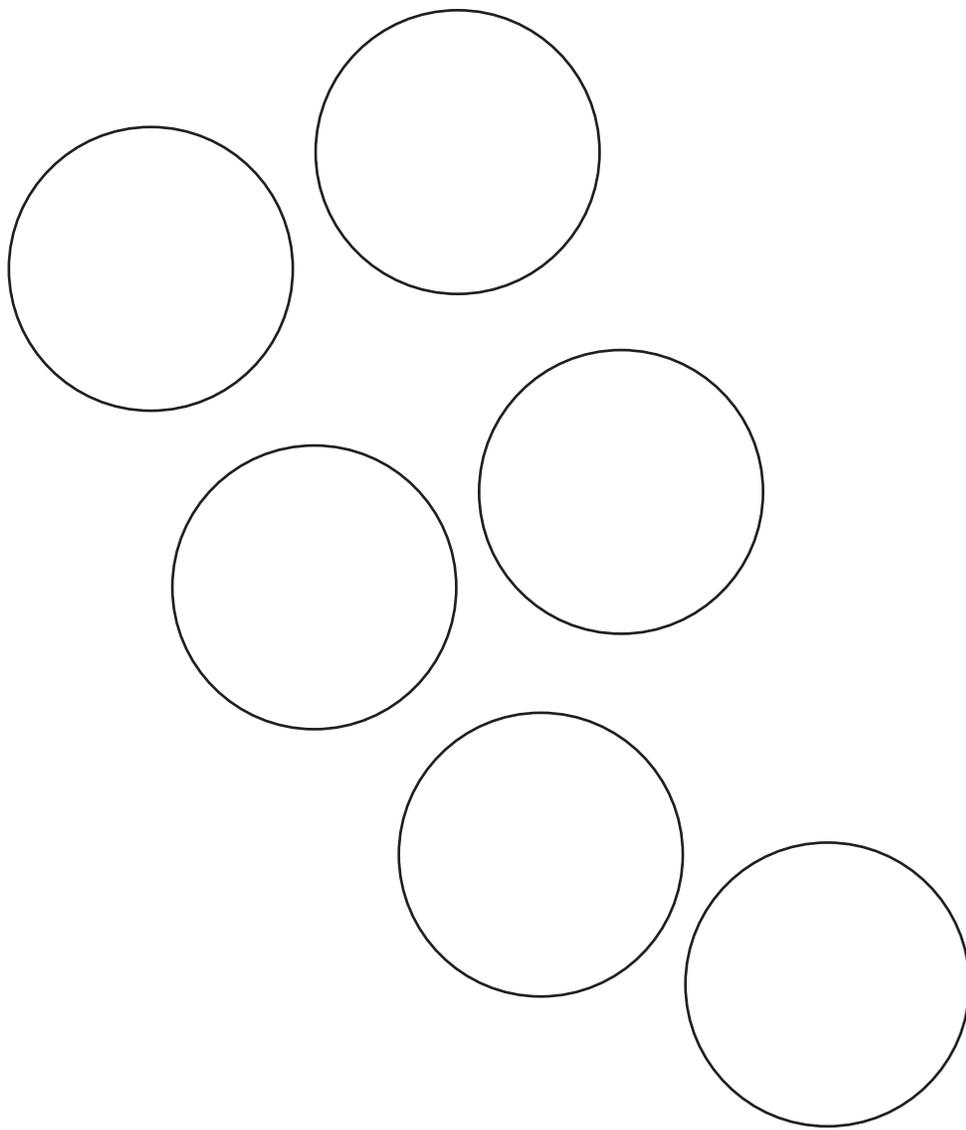




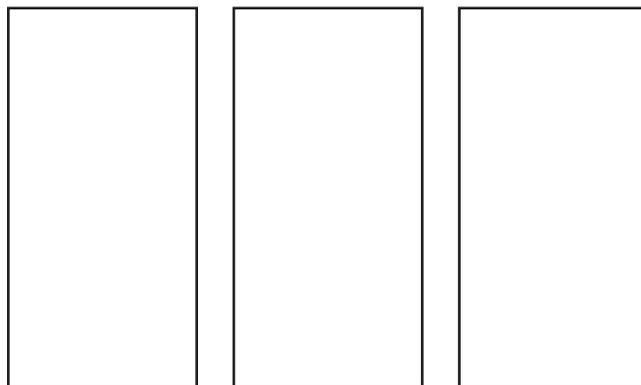


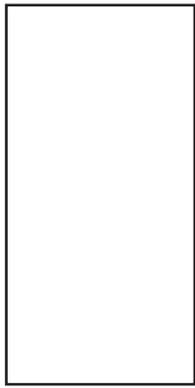
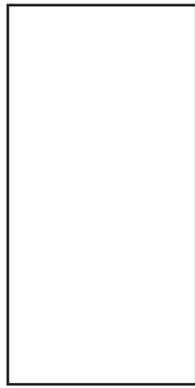
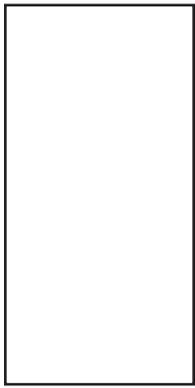
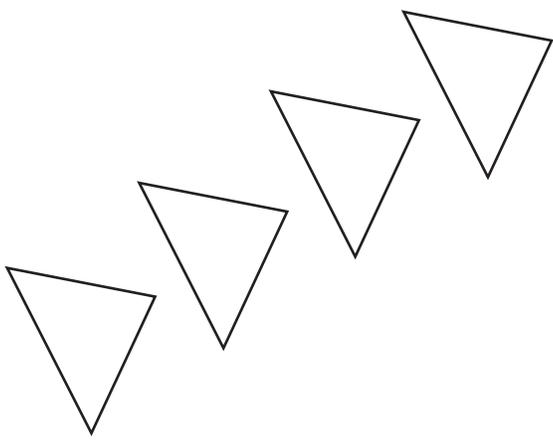
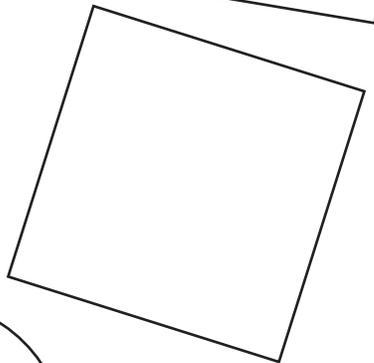
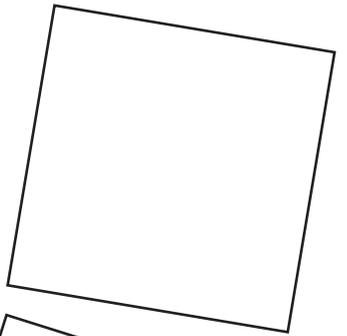
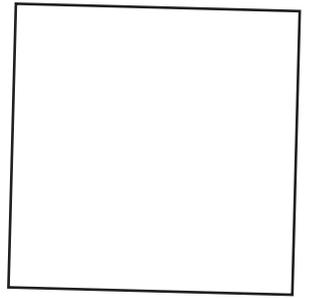
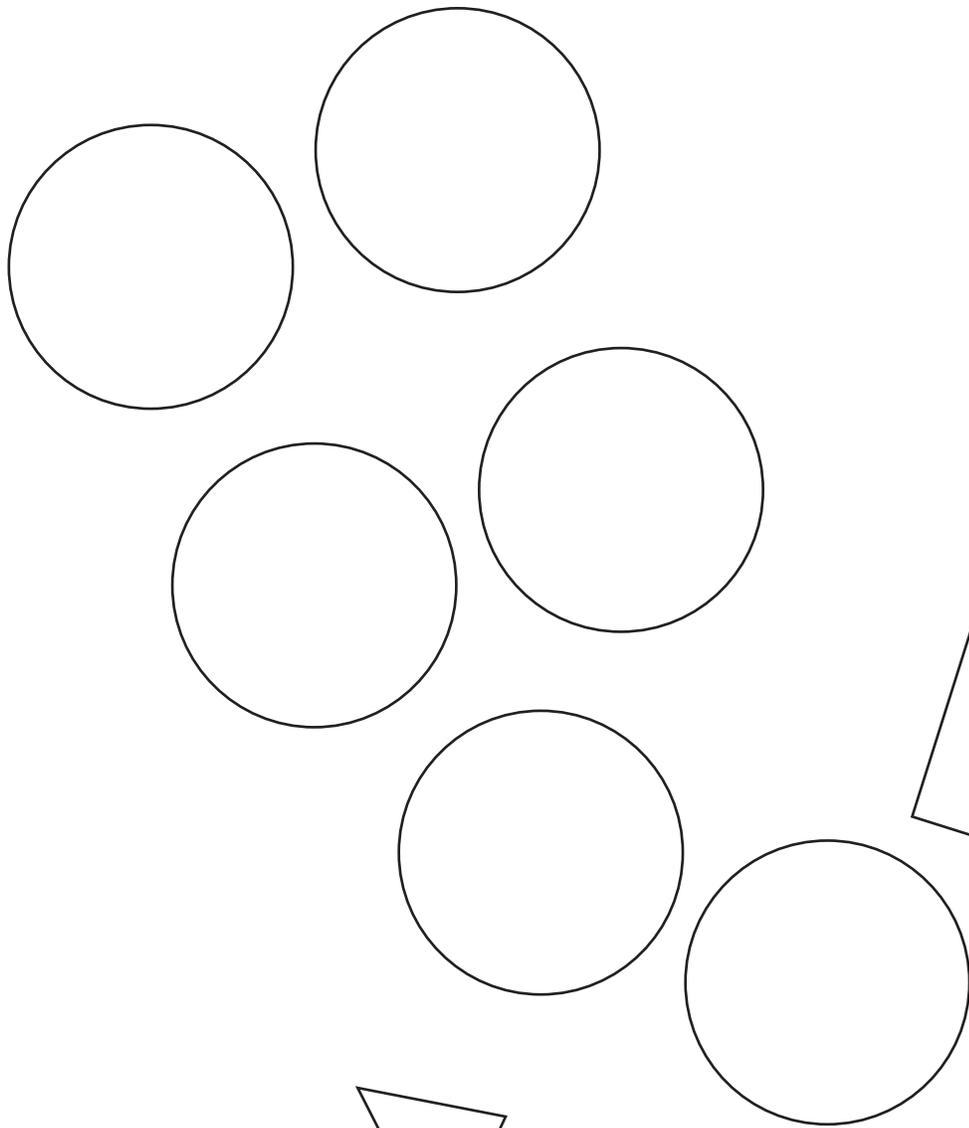


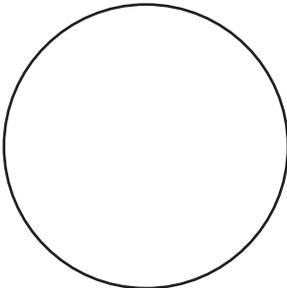
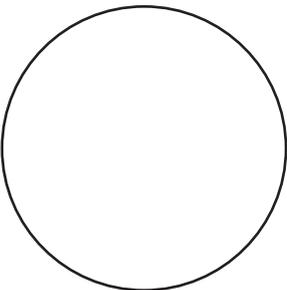
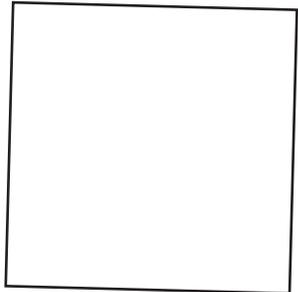
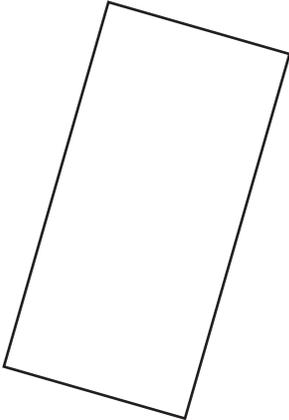
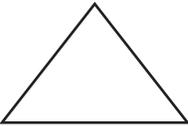
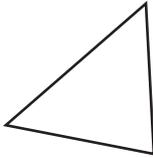
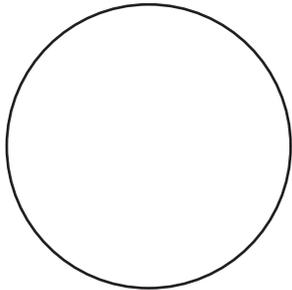
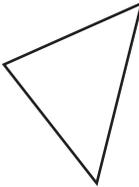
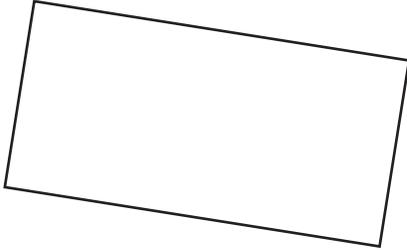
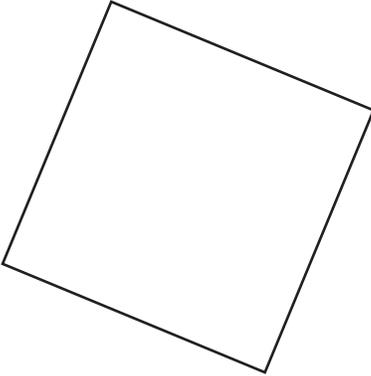
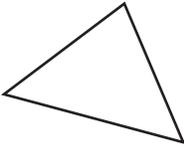
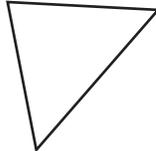
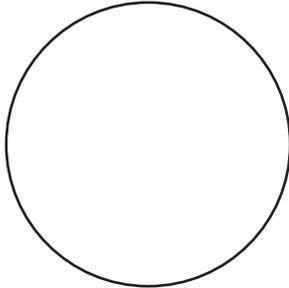
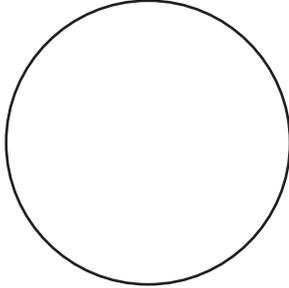
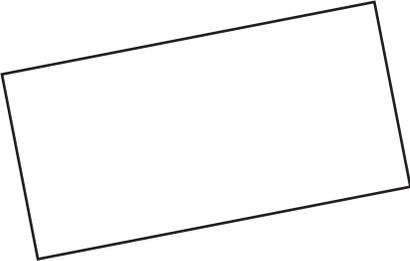
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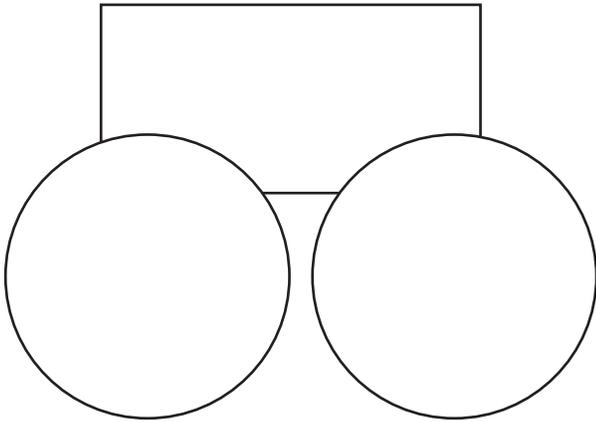


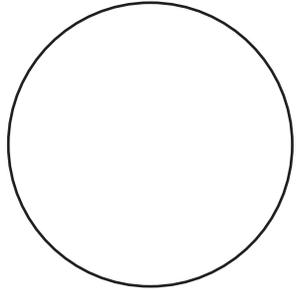
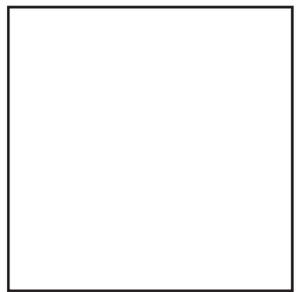
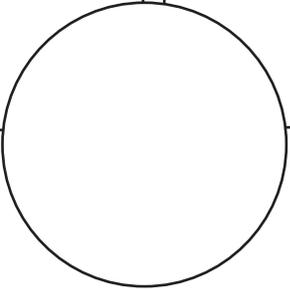
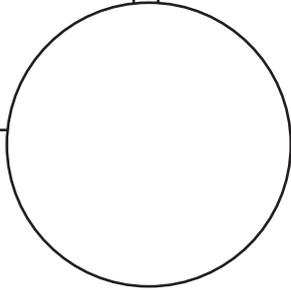
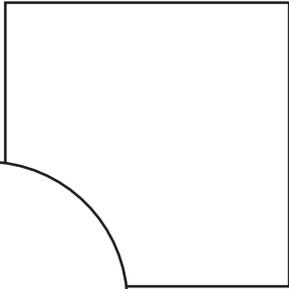
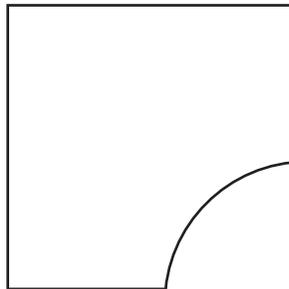
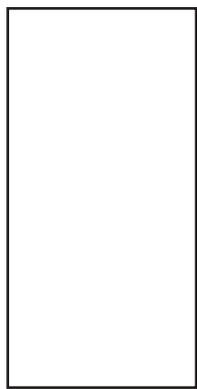
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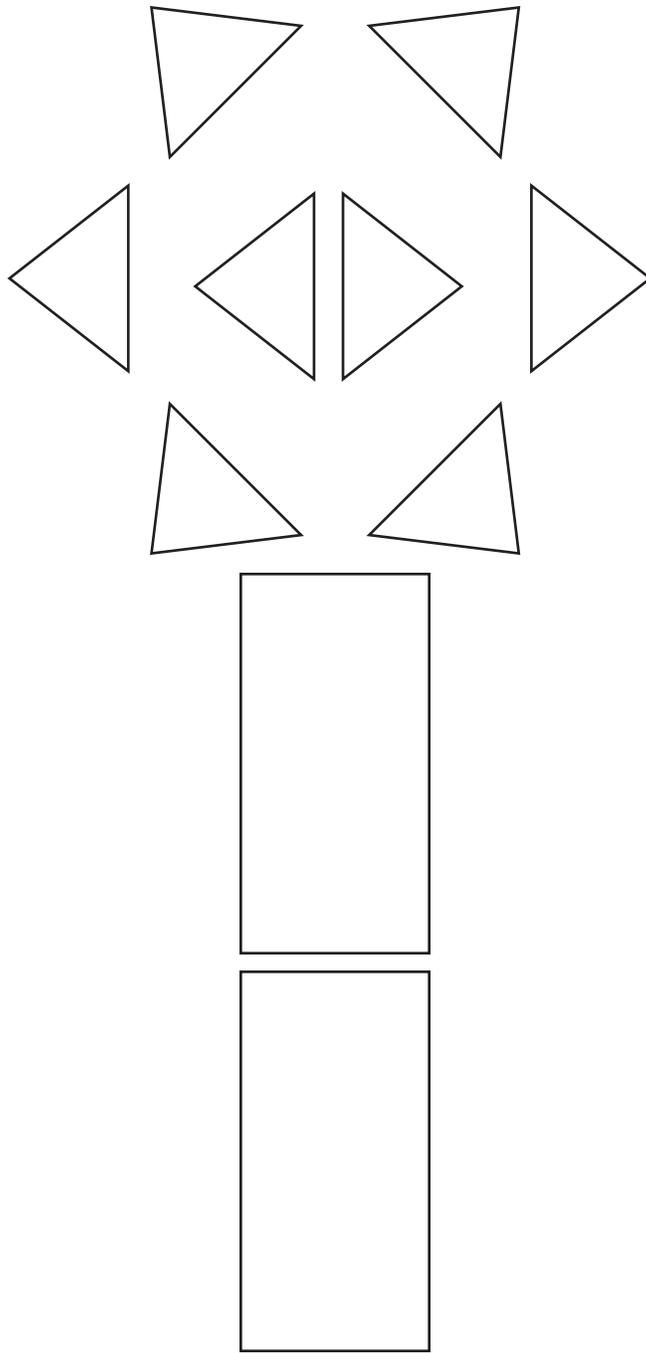


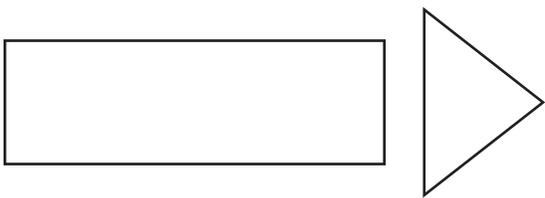
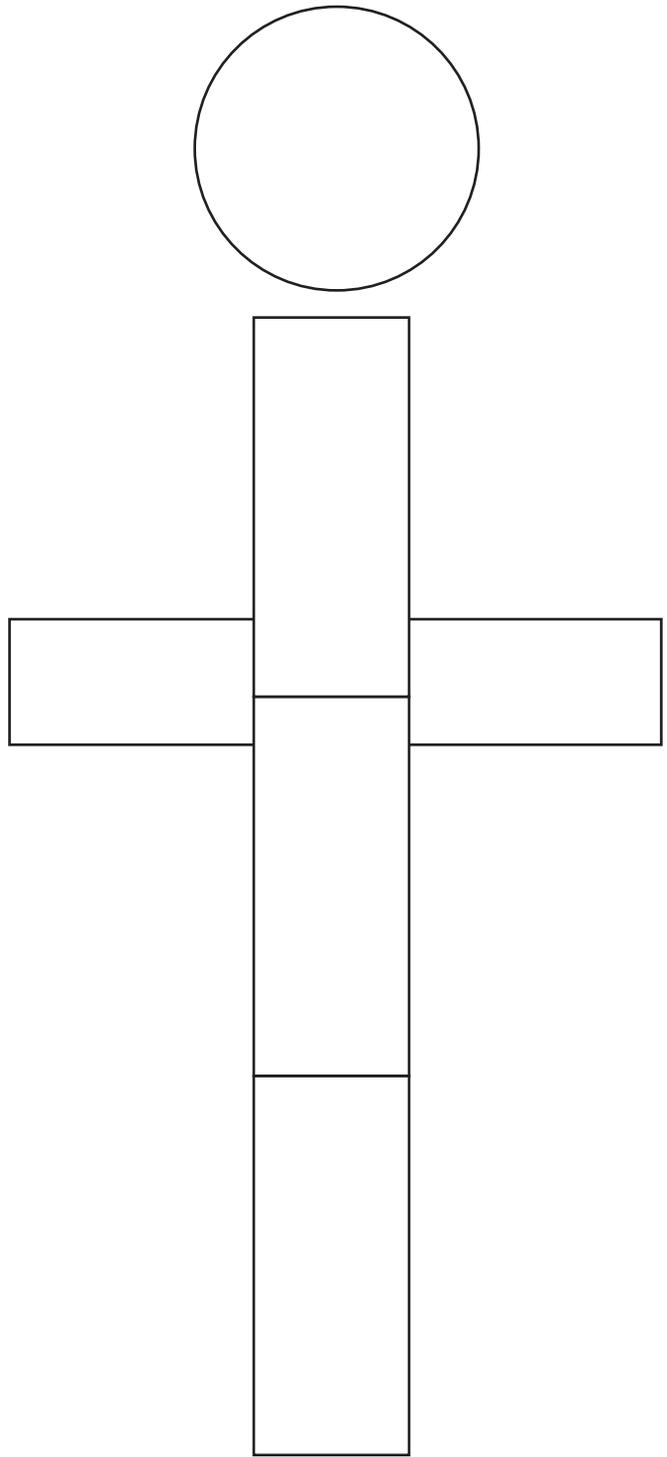
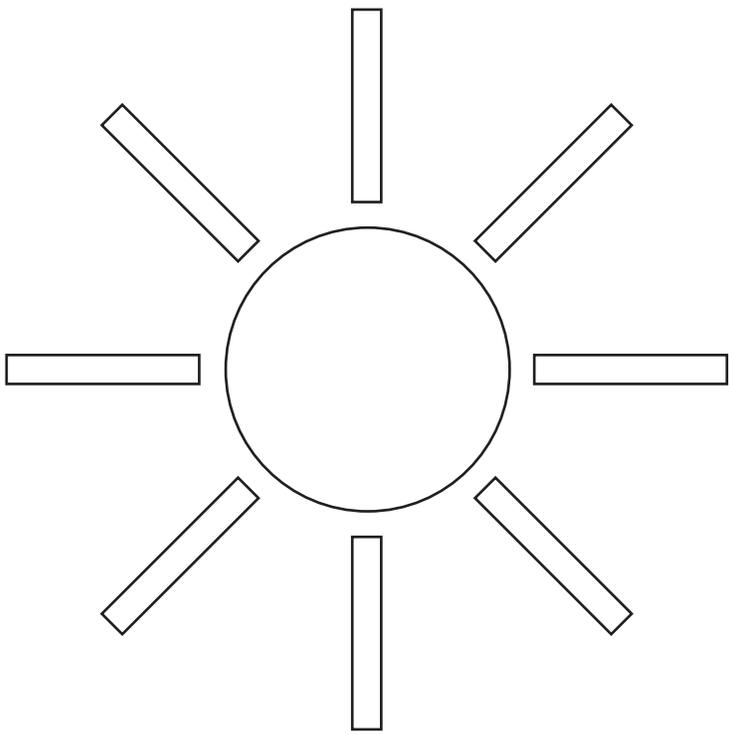












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