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# HOLIDAYS AT HOME

FAMILY ACTIVITY PACKET

As experience designers, we Thinkwellians think a lot about the guest perspective, whether it be for a theme park, museum, corporate experience, or live spectacular. Usually, our design work is for large public gatherings, but we're all indoors now during this troubling time, thinking about how to best spend our hours creating experiences in the home. With springtime holidays upon us, we wanted to focus our attention on your experience of cherishing family traditions and memories that make Easter and Passover special. We hope that these fun family crafts and activities will enliven your spring holidays. Make them your own, make them unique, and enjoy!

Post photos and videos of your work on social media using [#ThinkwellAtHome](#) and [#ThinkwellHolidaysAtHome](#) to see what others have come up with.

1. CREATIVE CUPS FOR ELIJAH AND MIRIAM  
(activity for the whole family)

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(activity for families with young children)

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(activities for toddlers-1st grade)

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(activity for 2nd-5th graders)

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(activity for 6th graders through adults)

# PASSOVER

## MAKE IT YOUR OWN



For some of us Jewish Thinkwellians, our childhood seders were really the first 'experiential storytelling' of our lives. We played roles in the retelling, ate and drank special food, and had to go on a physical journey around the house to find the afikomen. And while we all also have self-deprecating jokes about the seder – Aunt Rose's golf-ball-like matzo balls come to mind – it was a source of continuity and comfort. Spring has come. We gather together and share.

As Jews, we are commanded to tell our children – be they physical or metaphorical – of our flight from Egypt, and we're encouraged to invite others into our homes to share the story and meal. This year, it's hard (Zoom seders throughout the 8 nights of Passover!) to do that. In these troubled times, we hope the ideas gathered here help you and your loved ones find new meaning and joy in Pesach, even as our traditions have to change a little.

-Cynthia Sharpe



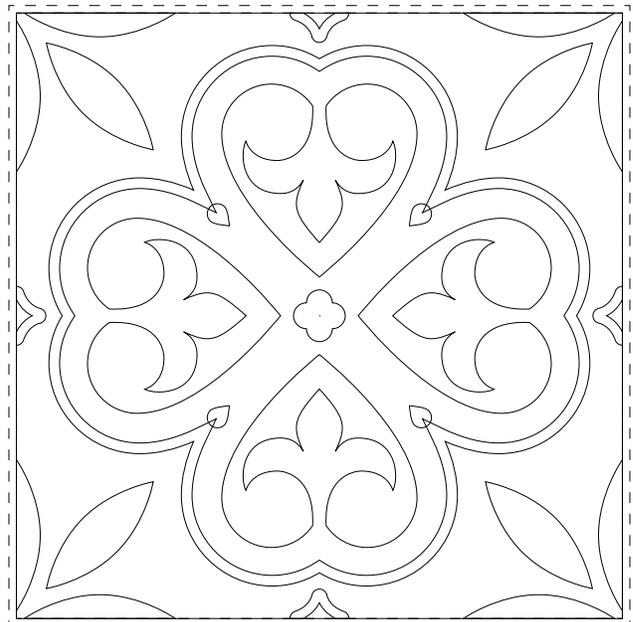
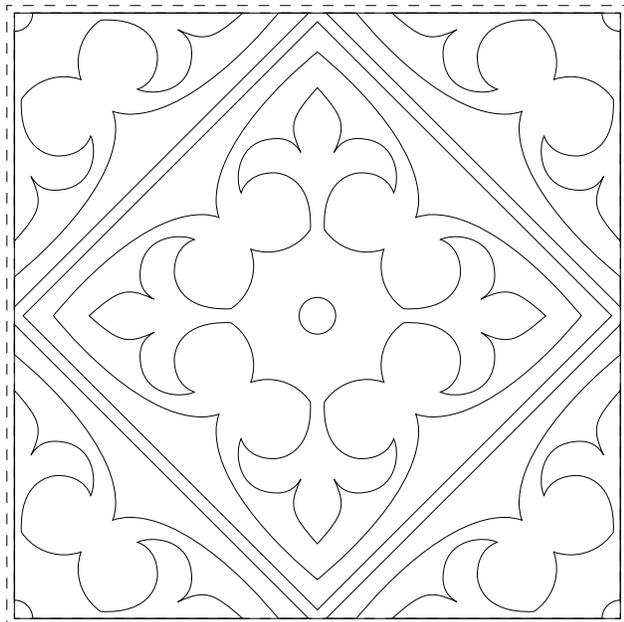
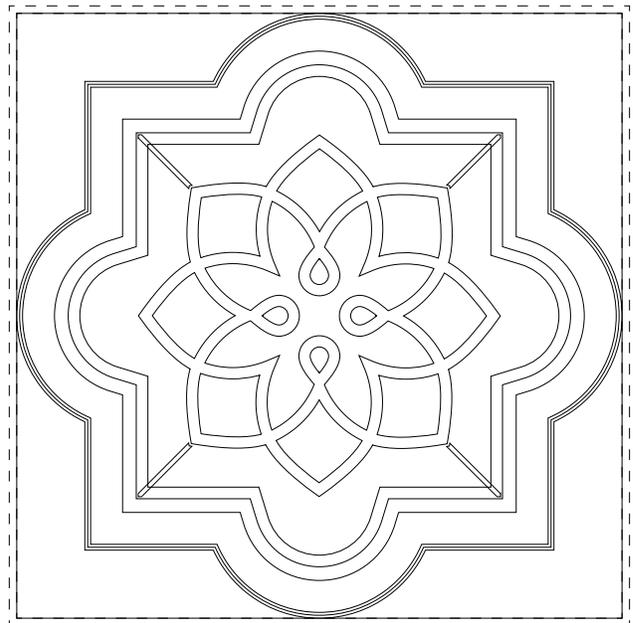
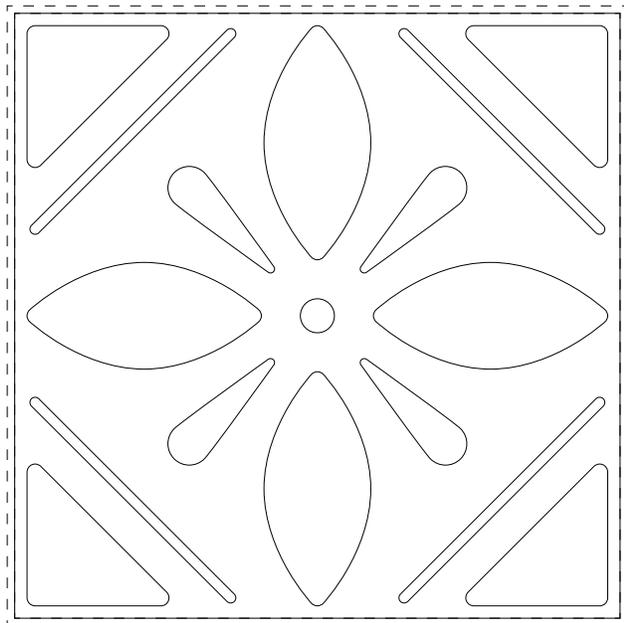


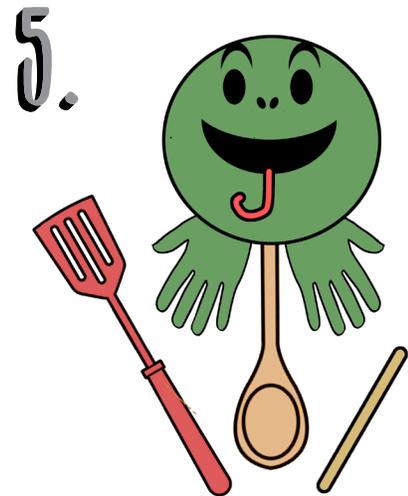
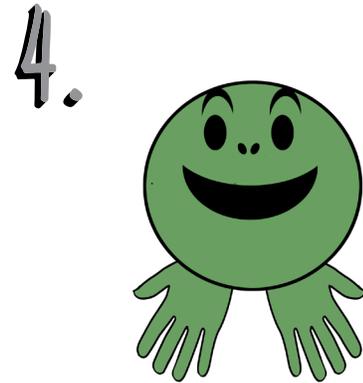
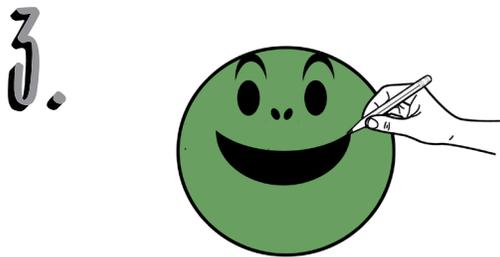
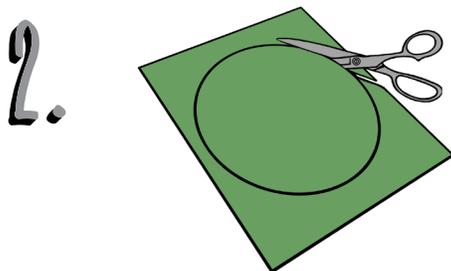
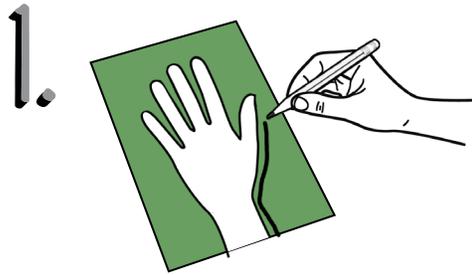
## CREATIVE CUPS FOR ELIJAH AND MIRIAM (ACTIVITY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY):



When families observe the Passover Seder, they put out a cup of wine for Elijah, the Prophet. Towards the end of the Seder, families will open the door and let Elijah in as a symbolic gesture. Some families also put out a goblet of water for Miriam, whose well sustained the Jews as they wandered the desert for 40 years.

Create your own artistic cups for Elijah and Miriam. Print this sheet of fun shapes and patterns. Color the shapes with marker or crayon. Then, cut them out using scissors. Ask your parents or guardians for plastic or paper cups that can be used for this project. Decoupage, glue, or tape your adornments to the cup with your family to create something really special for Miriam and Elijah.





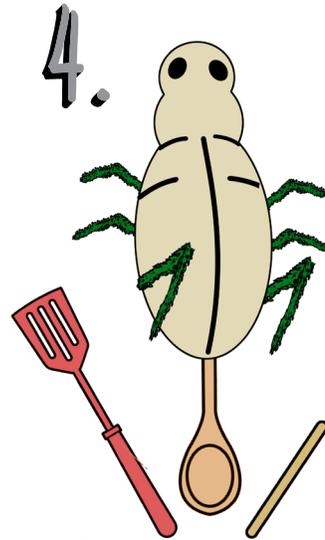
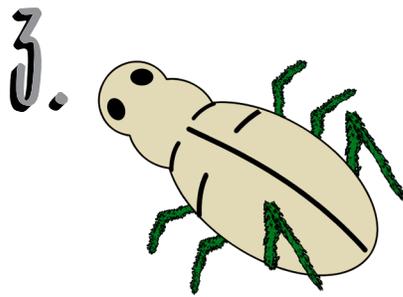
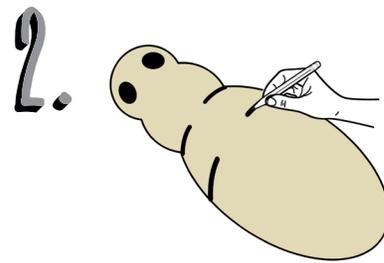
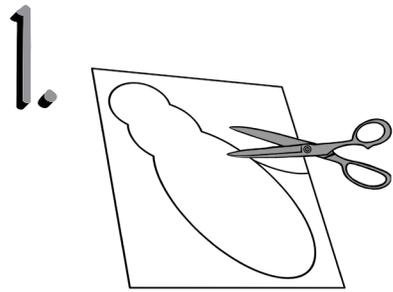
## MAKE PASSOVER PLAGUE PUPPETS (ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN):

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Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, and 10 plagues were sent, each one increasing in severity, until he “let them go.” Tell the story with your family using these simple crafty puppet ideas!

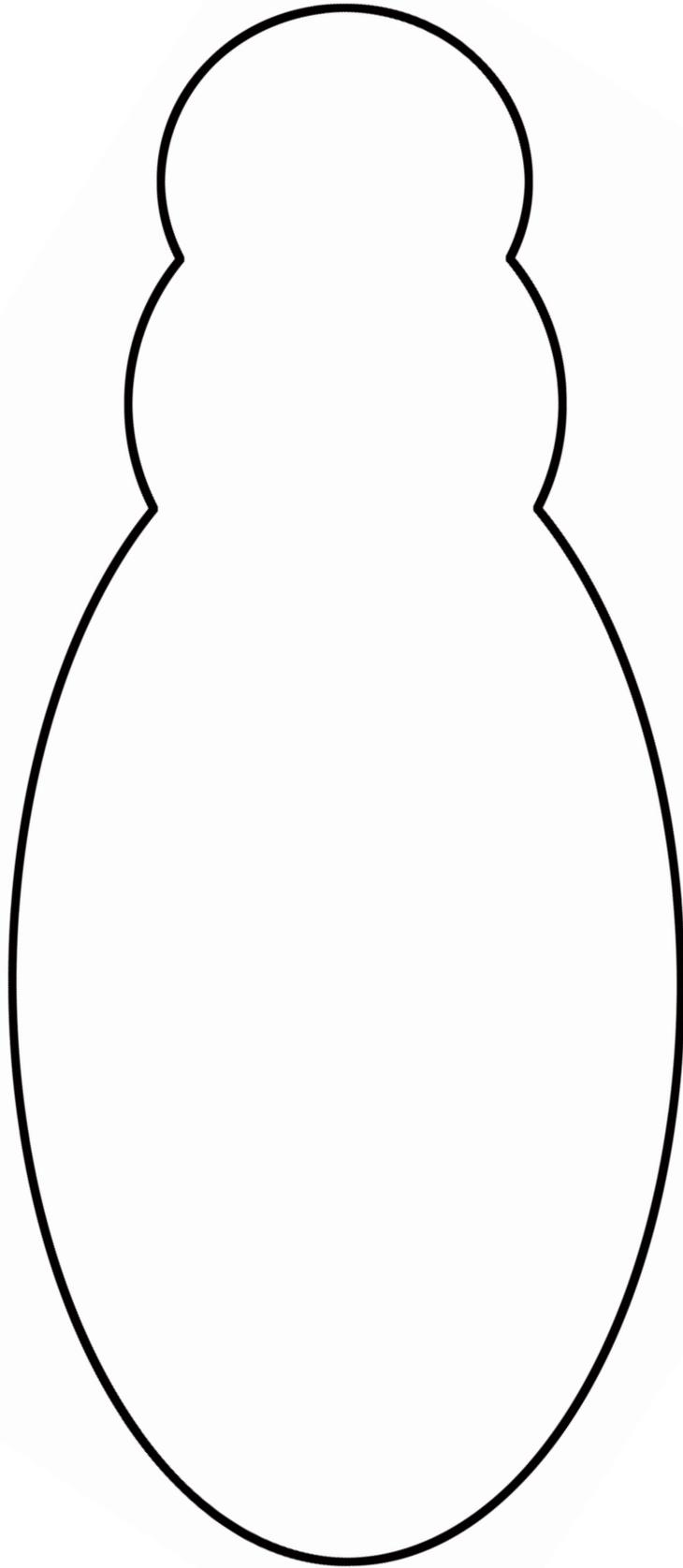
# FROGS:

1. Trace both of your hands on green construction paper. Cut out the shapes along the lines you just traced.
2. Cut out a large circle of green construction paper.
3. Using pen, crayon, or marker, create big wide eyes, a mouth, and nostrils for your frog.
4. Glue or tape the cut outs of your green handprints to create the frog's webbed hands.
5. Create a big sticky red tongue from a red pipe cleaner or a curled-red ribbon. Attach to the mouth.
6. Attach the entire cut out to a dowel, popsicle stick, a house paint stir stick, or even a wooden spoon from the kitchen drawer.



## LOCUSTS:

1. Print out the shape on the following page, and color with shades of green or brown.
2. Attach pipe cleaners or popsicle sticks to create the legs of your locust.
3. Attach the locust puppet to a dowel, popsicle stick, a house paint stir stick, or even a wooden spoon from the kitchen drawer.

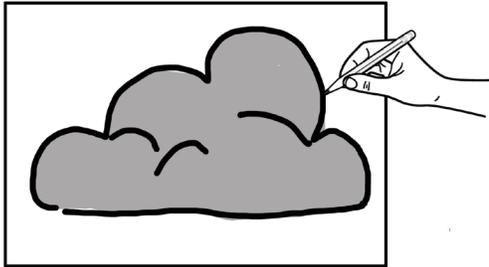




## HAIL:

1. Draw a big storm cloud in gray crayon or marker on an 8.5x11 sheet of paper.
2. Using yellow pipe cleaners, or yellow construction cutouts, create lightning bolts coming out of the storm cloud.
3. Using string and cotton balls, create strands of "hail" that extend from your storm cloud.
4. Attach the entire cut out to a dowel, popsicle stick, a house paint stir stick, or even a wooden spoon from the kitchen drawer.

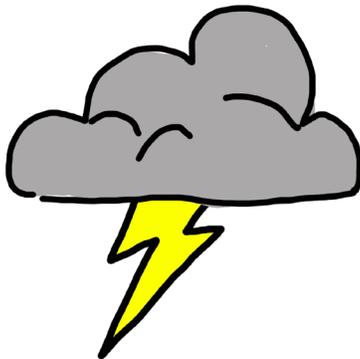
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For the rest of the ten plagues, work with your family to come up with creative storytelling ideas!



EASTER

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Of all the yearly holidays, Easter tends to be the most colorful, filled with the warmth and vibrance of Spring, bringing new growth and renewed life to the world around us. Growing up, I spent most of my family Easters celebrating this renewal and rebirth by getting dressed up in our finest Sunday go-to-meetin' pastels, and having the traditional and somewhat formal family Easter dinner. But my favorite parts, of course, were always the fun & games.

In addition to hunting for eggs hidden all around whatever family yard was hosting that year, and the anticipation of getting a giant Easter basket filled with candy (complete with that weird plastic grass and chocolate that tastes like wax), my absolute favorite Easter activity was coloring eggs. Every year as we hunkered down around the kitchen table, my dad would bring in jelly jars filled with colorful vinegar dye, a pile of loose crayons and pens, and usually some fancy new store-bought kit with some wacky new technique -- sparkles, stickers, marbled dye, neon colors. My two favorites from the 1970s were the weirdly-mechanical "Decoregger" and "Dudley's Shake-an-Egg" kits (both worth a Google or eBay search for the vintage LULZ).

So as we all stay at home this holiday, our creative team of artists and designers have come up with some fun activities for kids of all ages with a distinct theme-park-y twist, encouraging everyone to flex their creativity and "think well" at home!

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-Dave Cobb

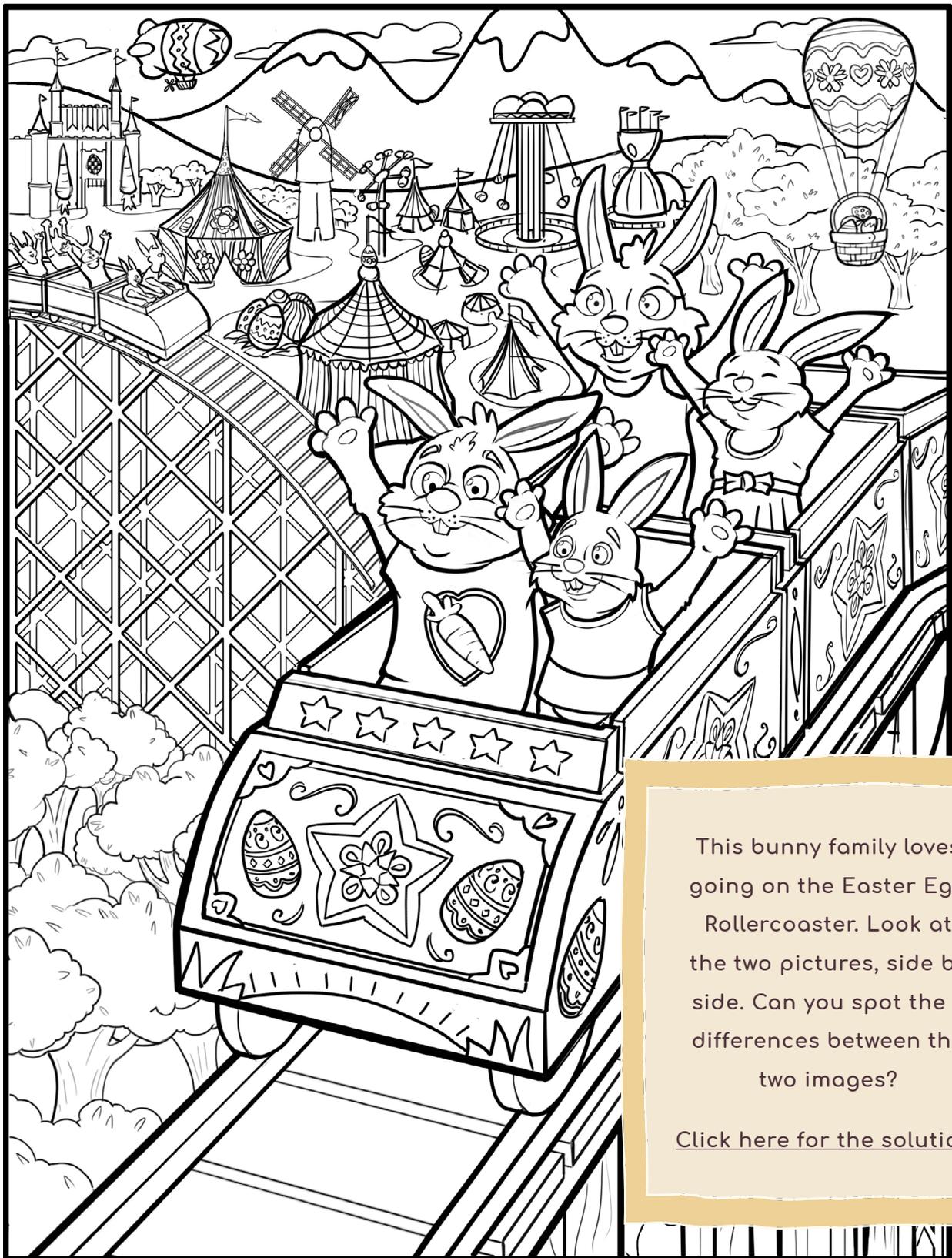


## BUNNY LAND THEME PARK (ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS-1ST GRADE):



At Bunny Land theme park, there are many hidden eggs for you to find. Can you count them all? Using crayon or marker, color the following page with your favorite Easter time colors.





This bunny family loves going on the Easter Egg Rollercoaster. Look at the two pictures, side by side. Can you spot the 7 differences between the two images?

[Click here for the solution!](#)





## WORD FIND PUZZLE



Bobby and Billie Bunny need to find all the attractions in the park for their family to enjoy! In the list of fun park attractions on the following page, find the words in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS by circling them in the puzzle! You can find them vertically, horizontally, or diagonally!



Easter Egg ROLLERCOASTER

Bunny Hop DROP

Egg SCRAMBLER

BUMPER Baskets

Chocolate CAROUSEL

Marshmallow VOYAGE

Egg Hunters DARKRIDE

Hare Scare HAUNTEDHOUSE

Wildflower FERRISWHEEL

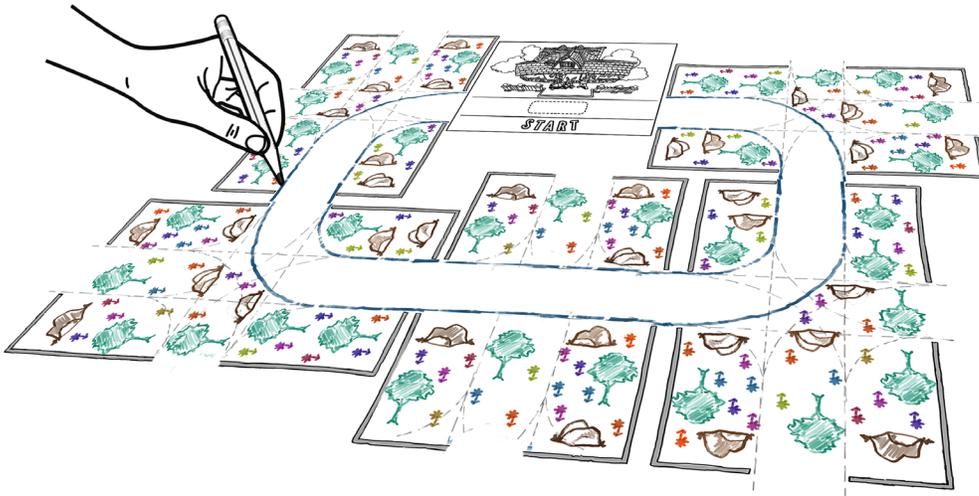
Pastel Palace THEATER

# MAKE YOUR OWN DARK RIDE

(ACTIVITY FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS):

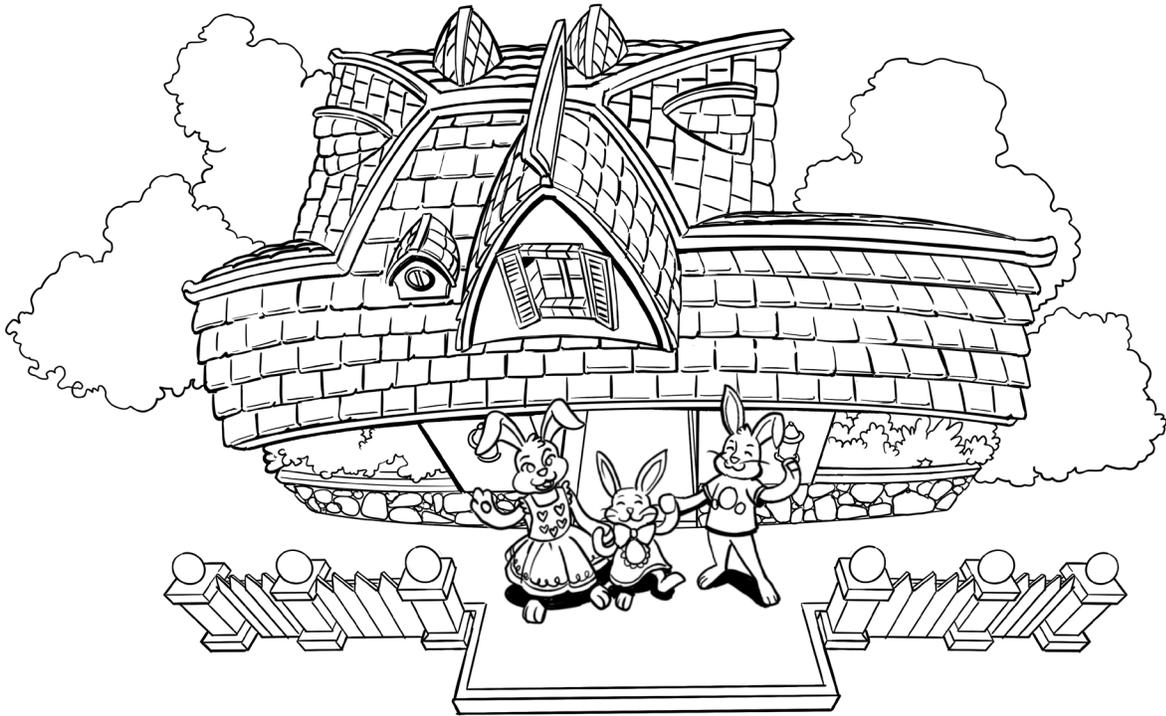
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Even though theme parks are all closed right now, lots of theme park fans are making their own rides and attractions at home and sharing them online with the hashtag #HomemadeThemePark -- and now it's time for you to join the fun!

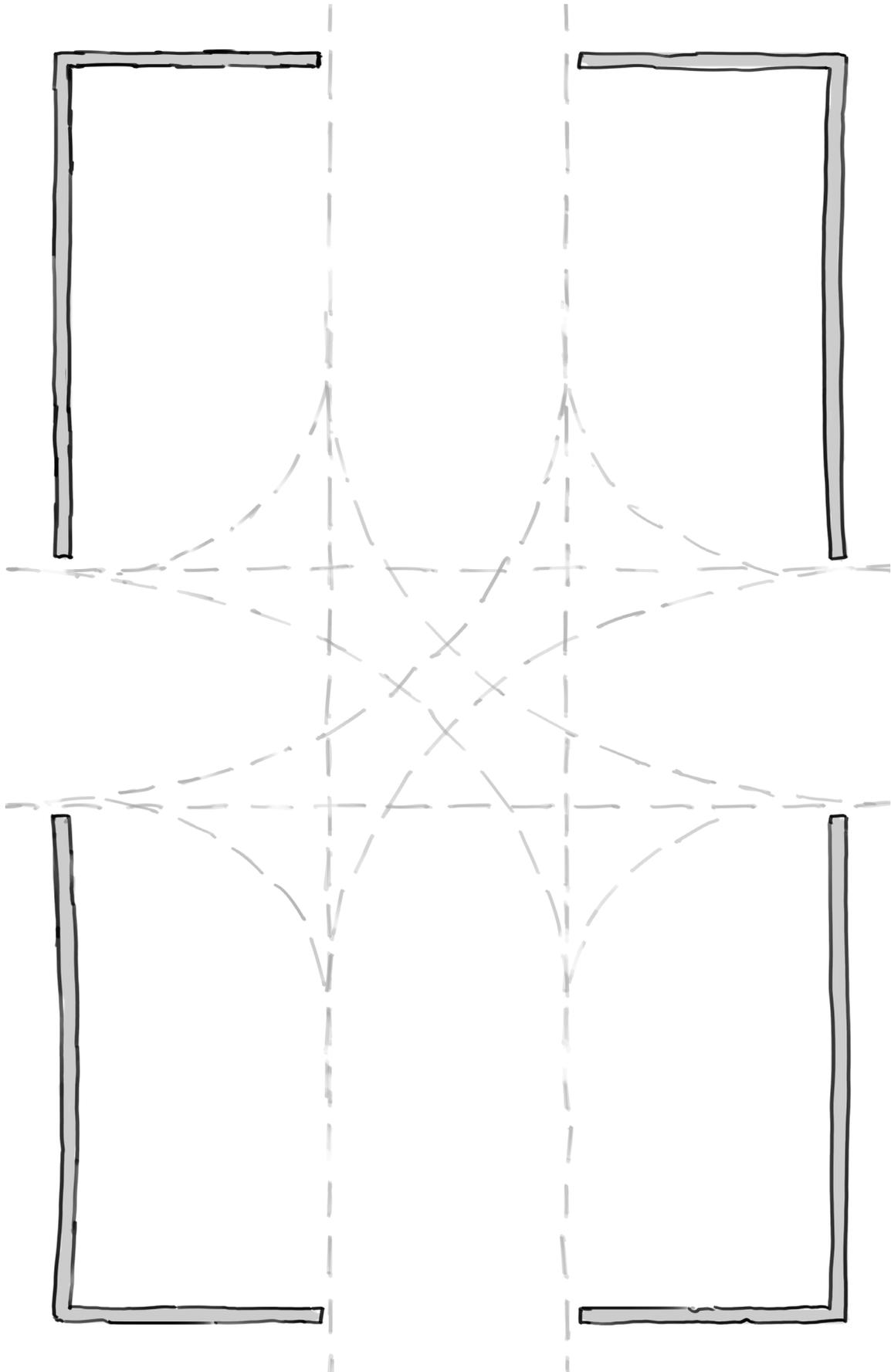


1. First, find some inspiration. Go to YouTube and **watch on-ride videos** from your favorite theme parks and watch how they tell their stories.
2. **Imagine a theme and a story** for your dark ride. Is it funny? Is it scary? Is it a thrilling adventure, or is it a gentle spectacle? Is it slow or fast, or both? Does it have music? What is the vehicle -- is it a car, a train, a boat in a river?

3. We've included **two printable pages**:
  - A. The first page is the **load station**, where your guests will board their ride vehicle. Print this out and color it however you'd like.
  - B. The second page is a **modular track piece** (sort of like a lego brick) that you can use multiple ways; you can print out as many copies of the second page as you'd like to help build your ride.
4. **Clear a space** on a table and place the load station near the bottom, closest to you (you can tape it down if you get your parent or guardian's permission).
5. **Start creating!** Draw scenes on the modular track pages, using the dotted lines as a basic guide for your segments of track, and using the rest of each "room" by filling it with scenery and special effects!
  - A. **Use as many modular track pieces as you'd like**, your ride can be any length!
  - B. **Make sure your track connects back to the other side of the load station** so your passengers can exit (see our sample layout on previous page).
  - C. Feel free to **use other small objects in your scenes** -- Lego-scale items like bricks, minifigs and props work great!
6. Once you're happy with the finished product, **give it an exciting name!** Use your favorite rides from real theme parks as inspiration.
7. Then comes the fun part: using a small toy car as your ride vehicle and using a smartphone video camera for a top-down view of the ride, **make a ride-through video of your dark ride!**
  - A. You can play music or give narration in the background, use dramatic lighting (even a flashlight works!) -- **bring your ride to life!**
  - B. If you can **edit video** on your smartphone or home computer, you can even add elements later, like music, narration, titles and special effects!
8. **Share your creation online** with the hashtags #HomemadeThemePark #ThinkwellAtHome #ThinkwellHolidaysAtHome for everyone to enjoy!



START



# VIRTUAL ONLINE EGG HUNT

(ACTIVITY FOR 6TH GRADERS THROUGH ADULTS):



Enjoy this brainy scavenger hunt as you search for giant architectural “eggs” around the world. Solve this cerebral scavenger hunt from your computer screen. Here’s some instructions and tips:

- Download your photo clues [here](#).
- Use [Google](#) search and [Google Maps](#) (especially [Google Street View](#))
- [Google Image Search](#) will also come in handy (hint, they even have a [“Reverse Image Search”](#) to identify images).
- If you get stuck, use the “Reverse Clues” -- they are in a backwards font, so you can read them in a mirror or by flipping the page over and holding it up to a light!
- Correct answers will include the official name of the architectural “egg” (ie, the name of a building shaped like an egg). Once you think you’ve found all five, click [this link](#) to see the correct answers! Don’t peek until you’re done!

# EGG HUNT CLUES



## PHOTO CLUE:

Photo of Charles Kao

## TEXT CLUE:

There's a giant egg named after this Nobel Prize Winner.

## REVERSE CLUE:

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"dnabdaorB fo rehtafoG" eht dellac netfo si eH



## PHOTO CLUE:

Photo of Salvador Dali

## TEXT CLUE:

This mustachioed fellow collaborated with Walt Disney on a never-completed project. If you could bend time and space, much like his beloved melting clocks, you could end up in these two locations at once, both of which are adorned with giant eggs!

## REVERSE CLUE:

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# EGG HUNT CLUES



## PHOTO CLUE:

Jean-Jacques Huvé

## TEXT CLUE:

This architect was once the Mayor of Versailles. If he were alive today, he might see a giant egg from his "Folie".

## REVERSE CLUE:

.revir enieS eht no dnalsi niugeS no si gge ehT



## PHOTO CLUE:

Traitor's Gate

## TEXT CLUE:

Prisoners were brought to a famous Tower through this gate, and if it was still in use today, they would see a giant egg across the river behind them.

## REVERSE CLUE:

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# FINAL CLUE!



## PHOTO CLUE:

Herman Brood

## TEXT CLUE:

This Dutch artist and rock star has his own museum.

## REVERSE CLUE:

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