

Dear Parents,

Please help your child with the attached packet of pencil jobs.

1. Have your child sit up straight, with head up and centered over the work.
2. Separate the sheets and give them to your child one at a time.

Notice how your child places the paper on the table. Papers should be tipped slightly to the left for right-handers and slightly to the right for left-handers.

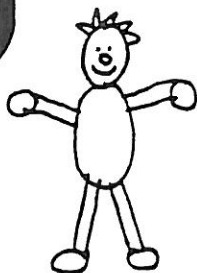
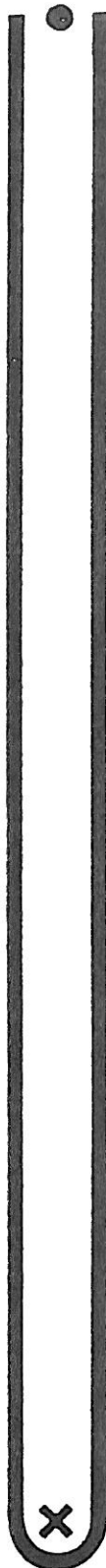
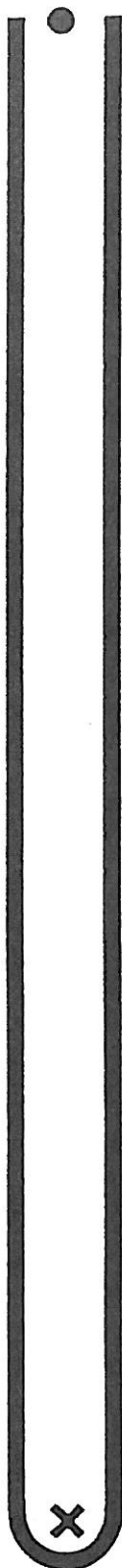
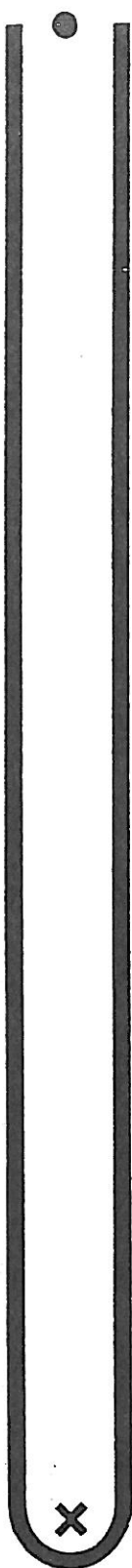
3. Remind your child about correct pencil grasp:
 - Only the index finger goes on top of the pencil.
 - The pad of the thumb rests on the side of the pencil.
 - The thumb and index finger do not overlap each other.
 - The pencil rests on top of the middle finger, just forward of its first joint. The other two fingers remain off the pencil, steadying it on the table.
 - Fingers stay on the painted part of the pencil. If they crowd closer to the lead, the writer's view is blocked by the thumb. This causes the writer to tip the head. This is not only poor posture, but it also limits the use of both eyes together, and one eye takes over.

This grasp allows the most flexibility for writing. Incorrect grasps are very difficult to correct, so it is important to take time now to get this right.

4. Do only a few sheets daily. If your child can stay within the pathway, the performance is acceptable.
5. Take frequent breaks to relax tense fingers and arms.
6. Don't expect mastery all at once. Skills take some time to develop. Make it fun.
7. Chalkboard drawing is a great alternate activity to pencil and paper tasks. (A chalkboard makes a great birthday gift!)

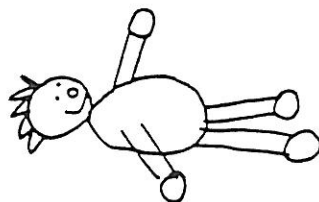
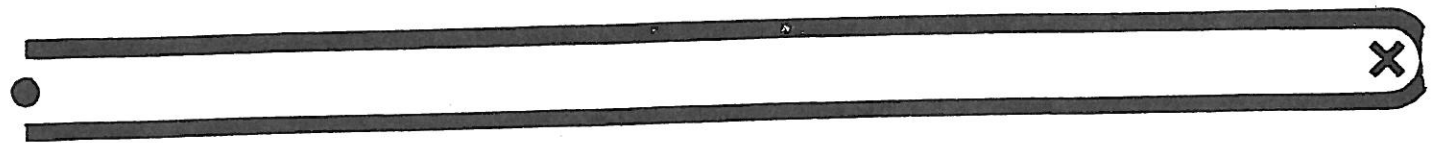
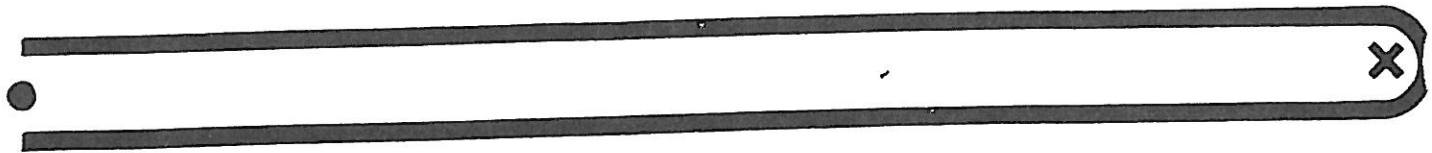
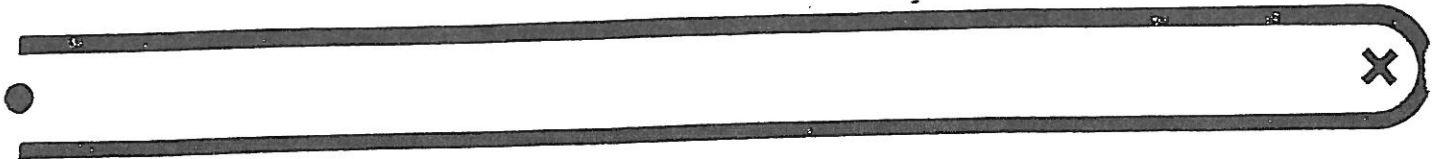
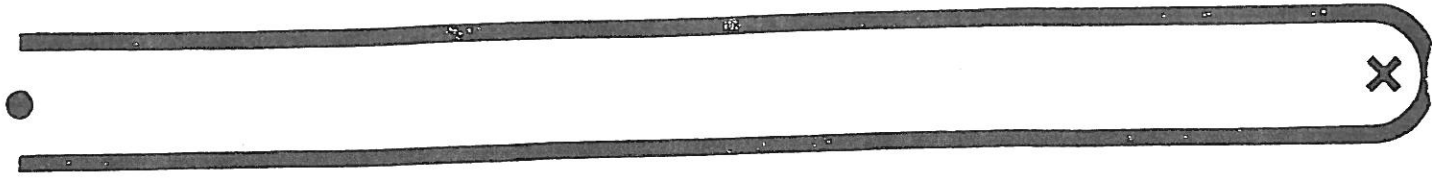
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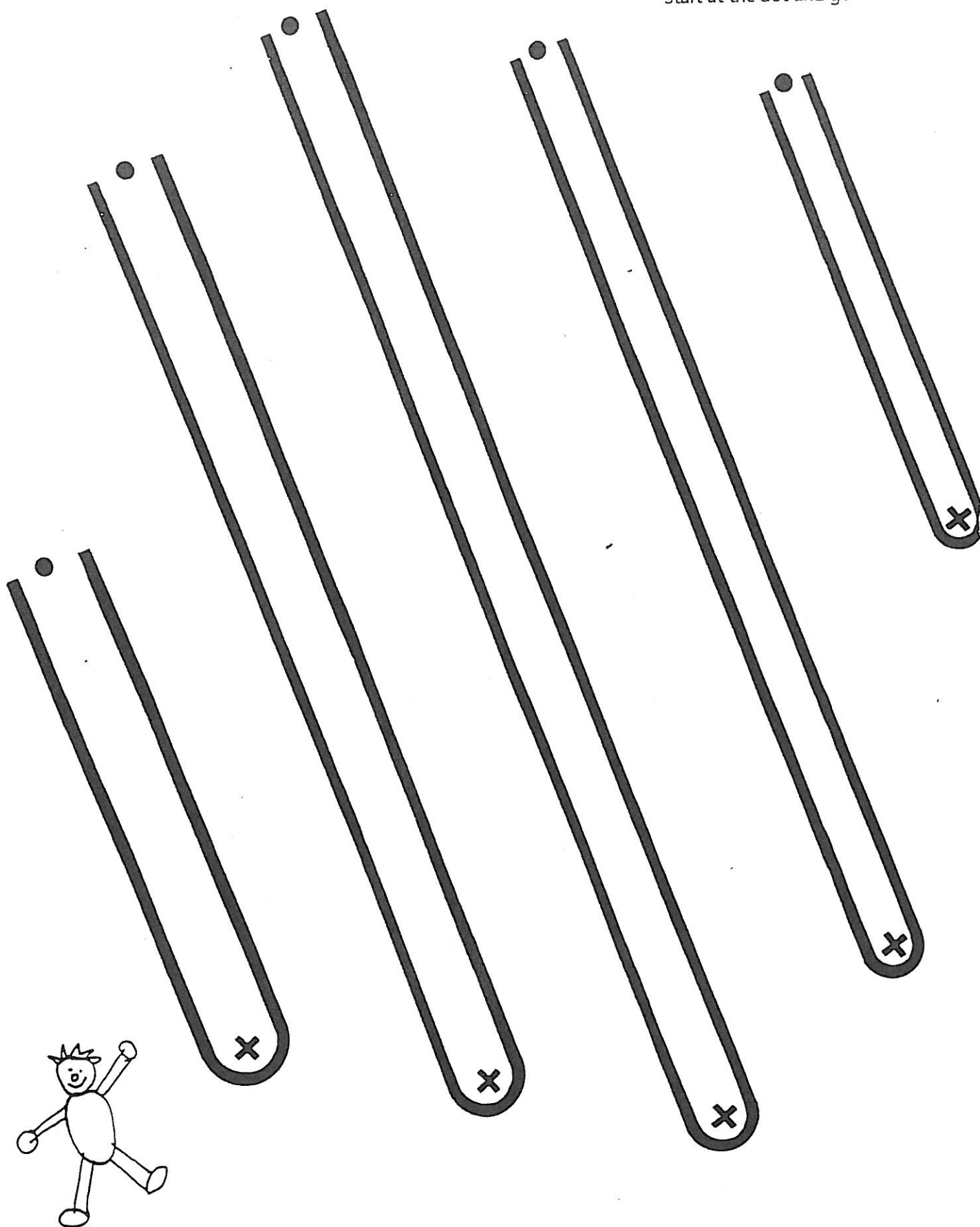


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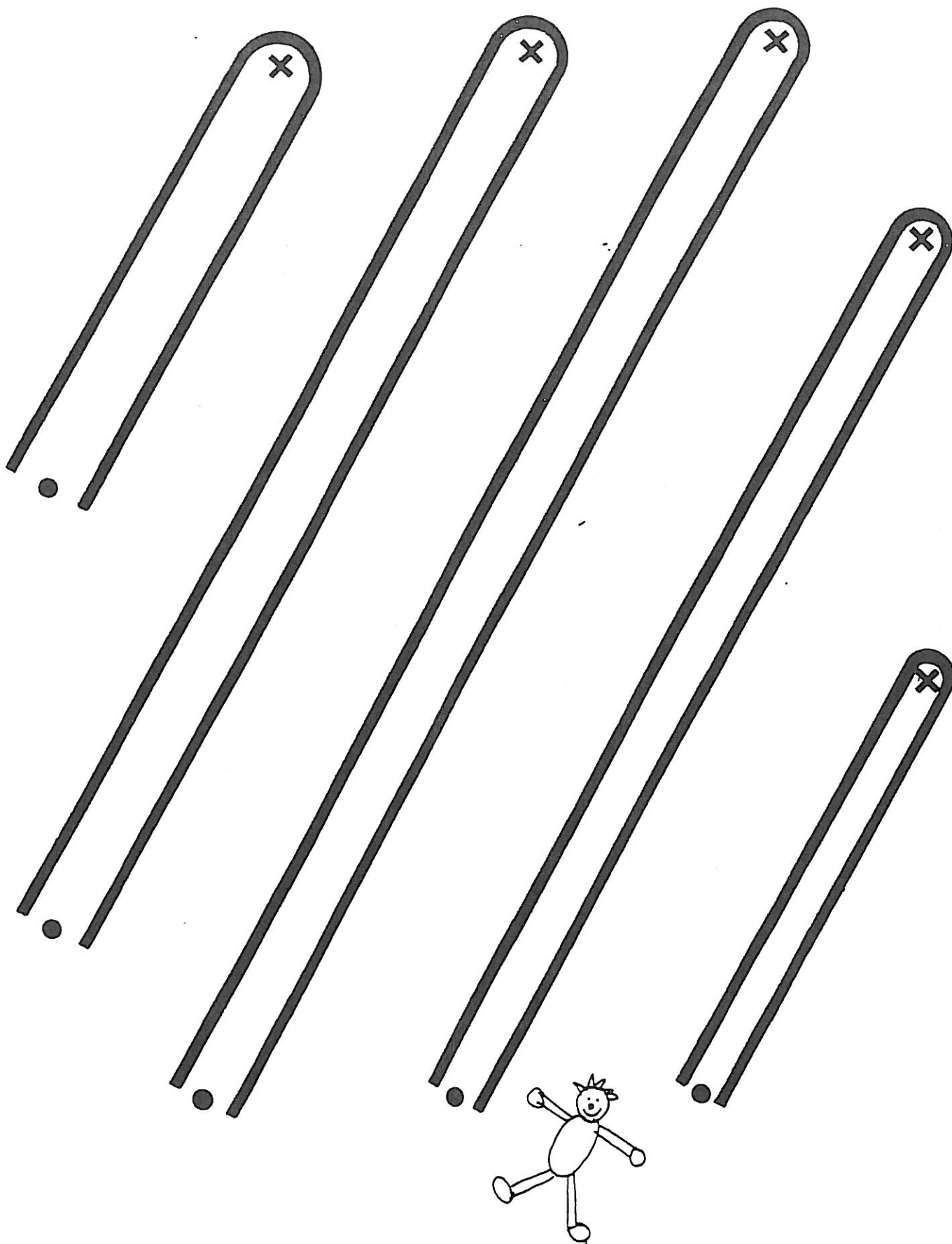
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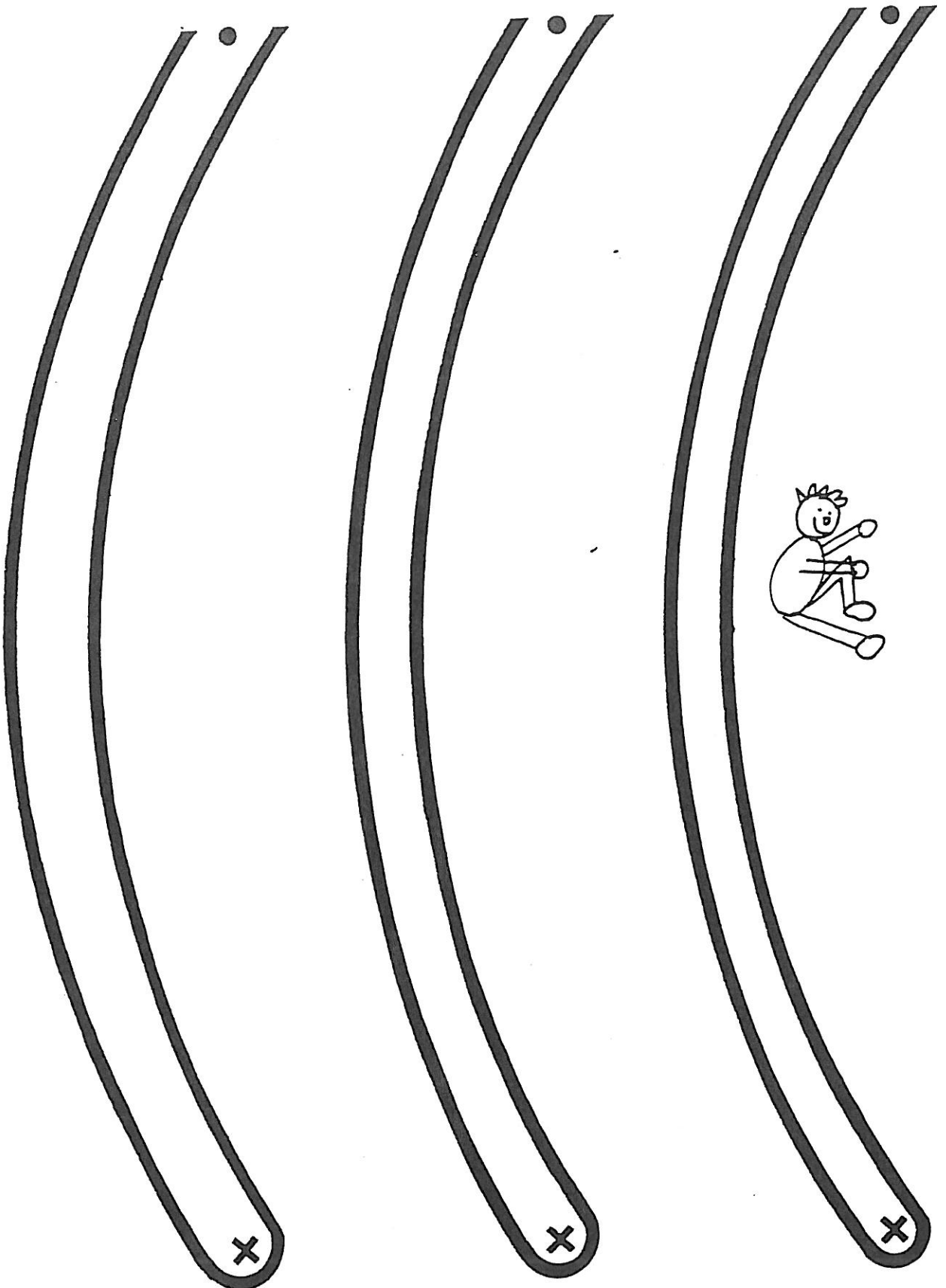
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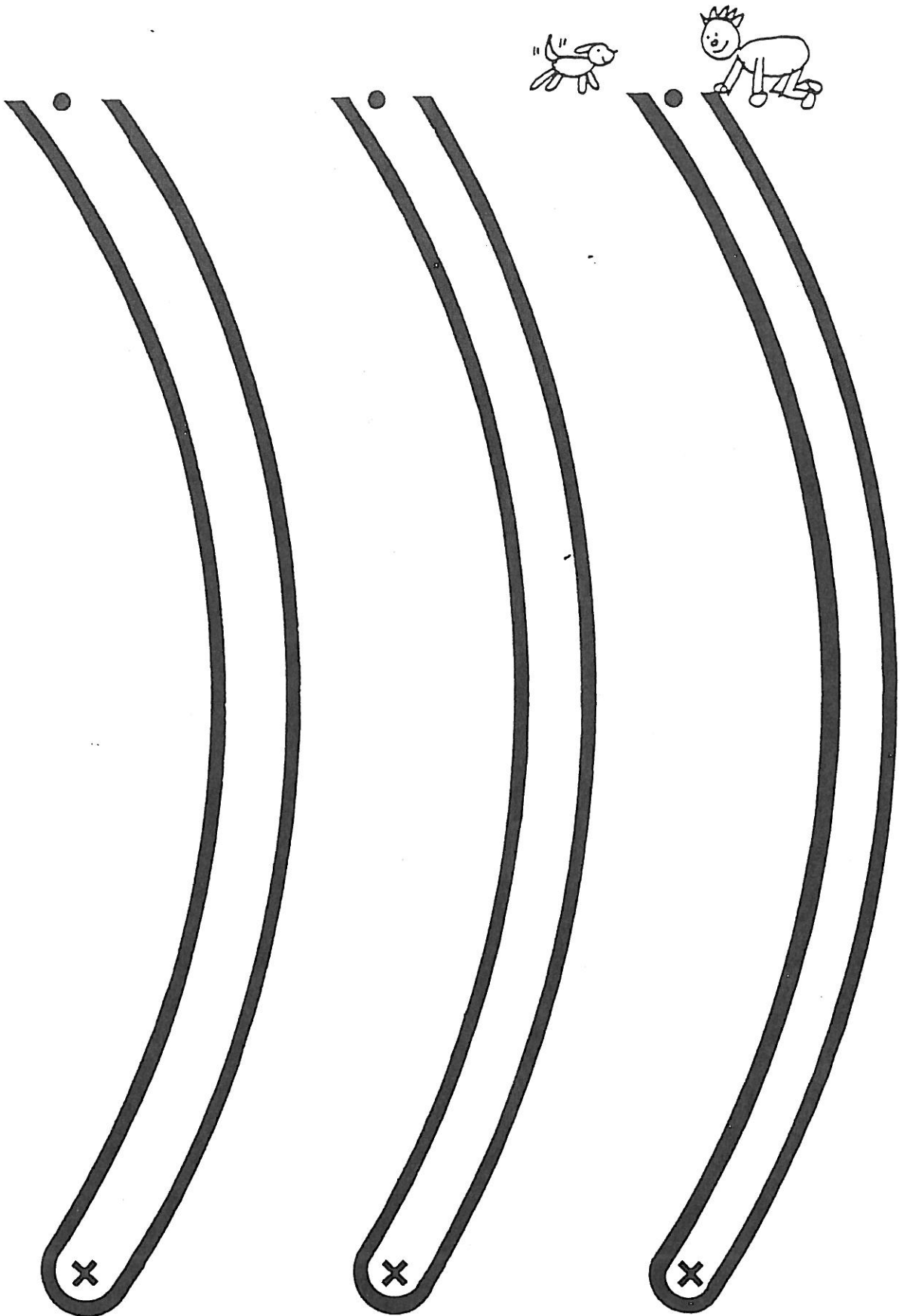


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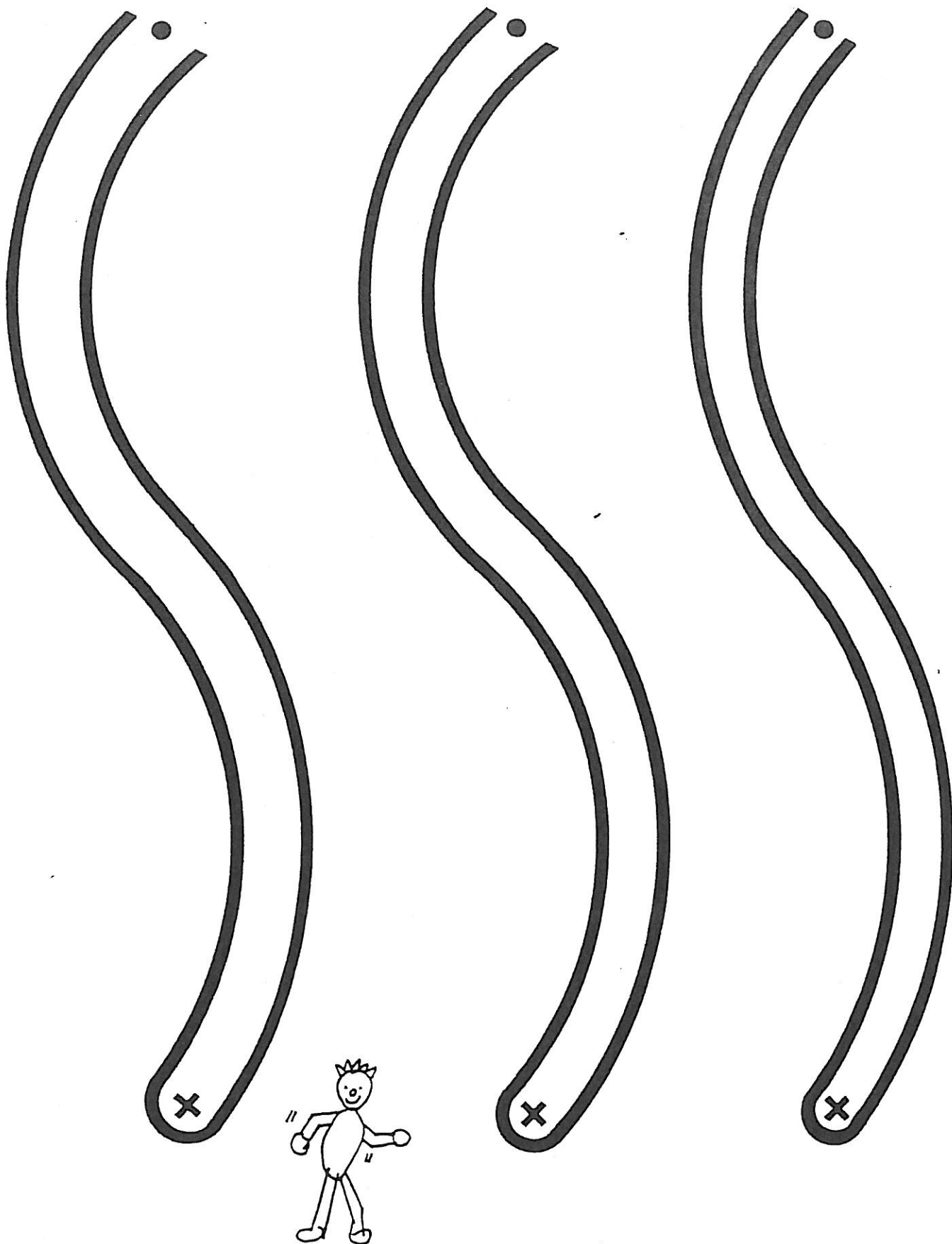


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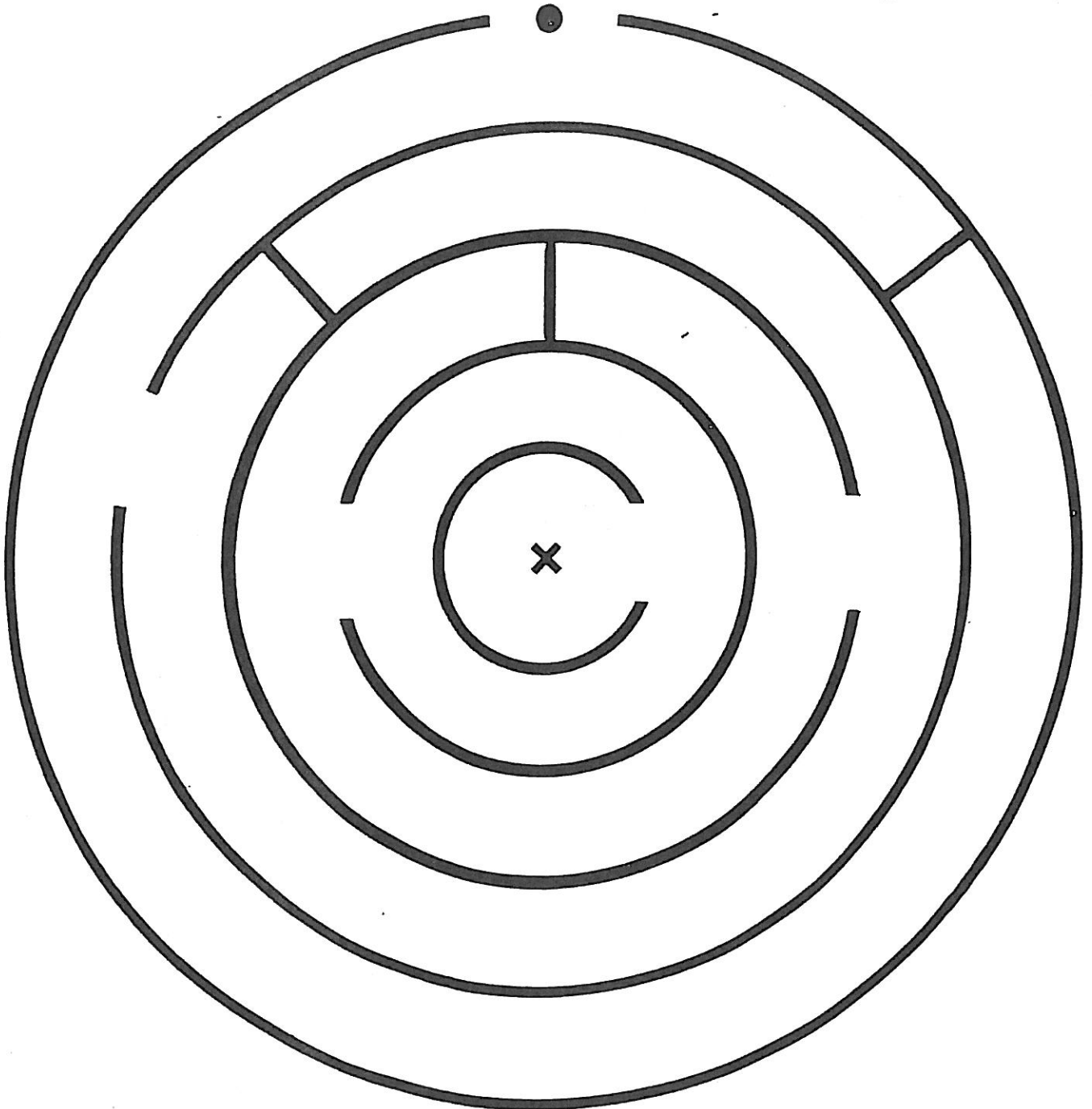
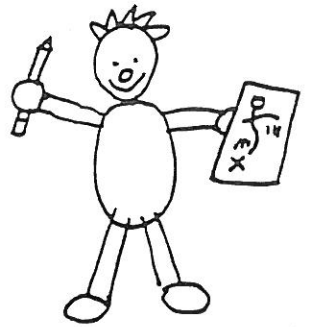


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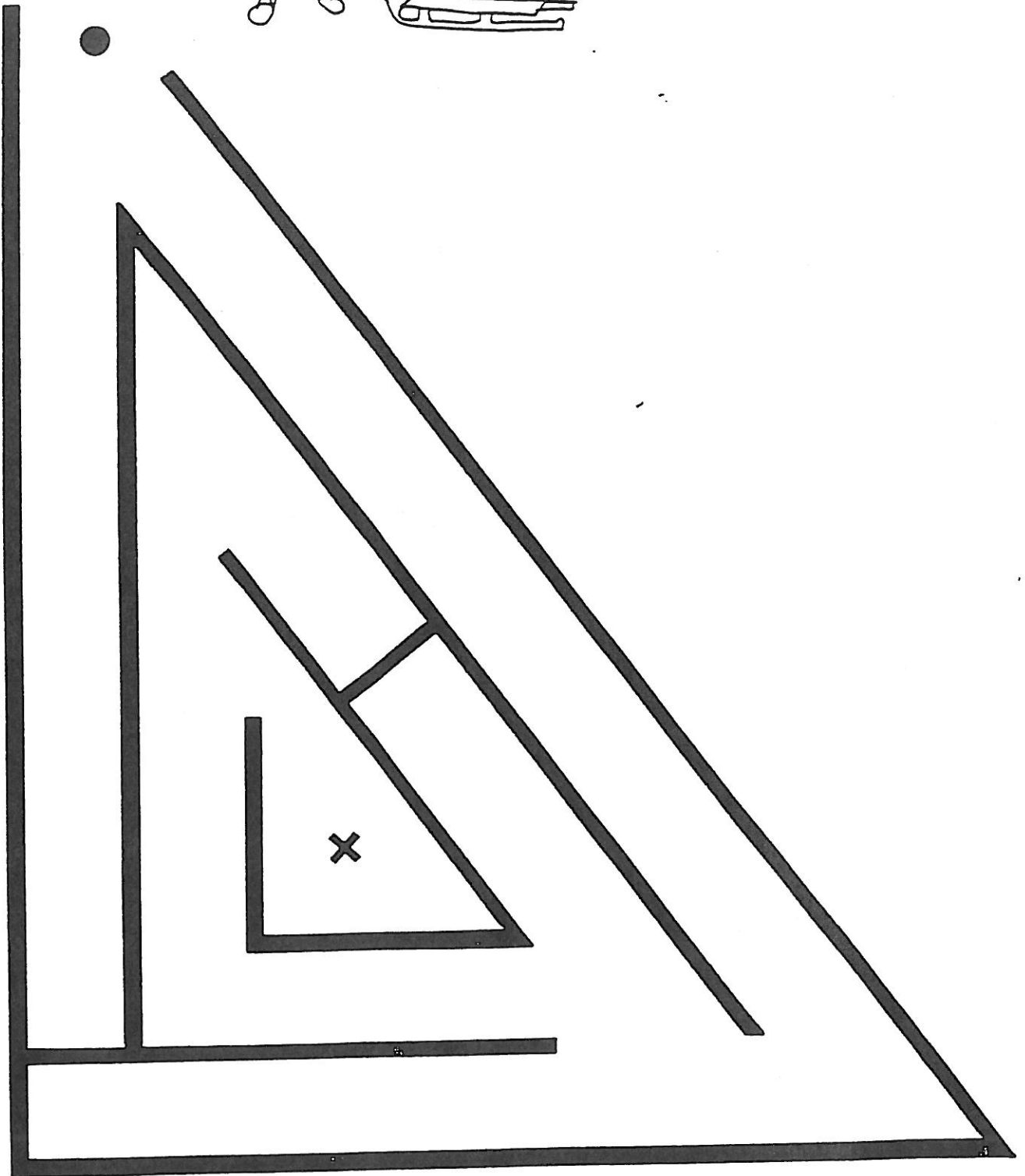
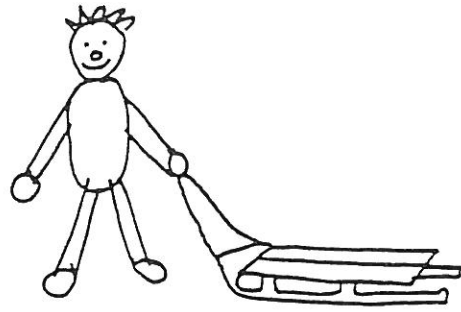
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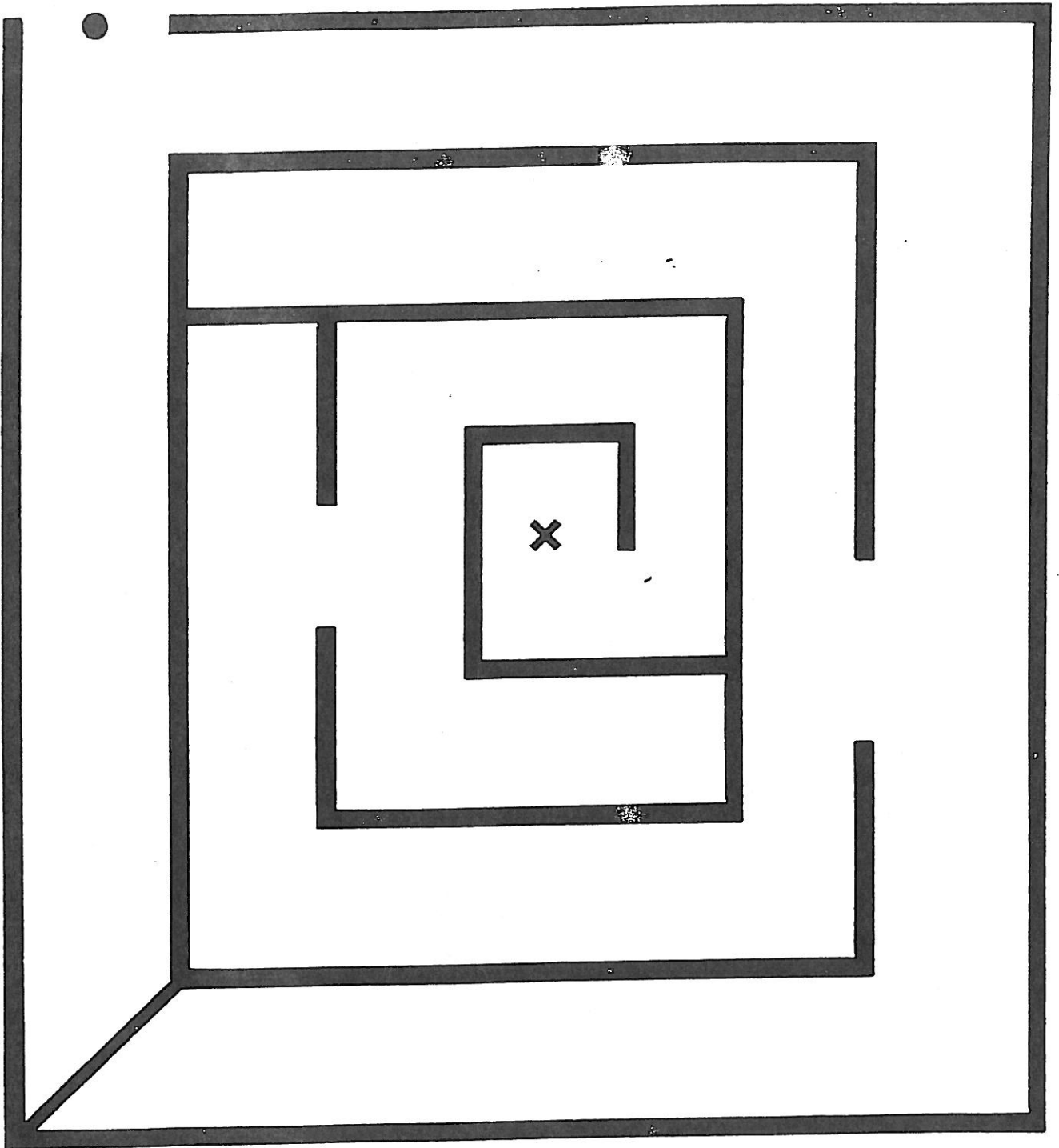
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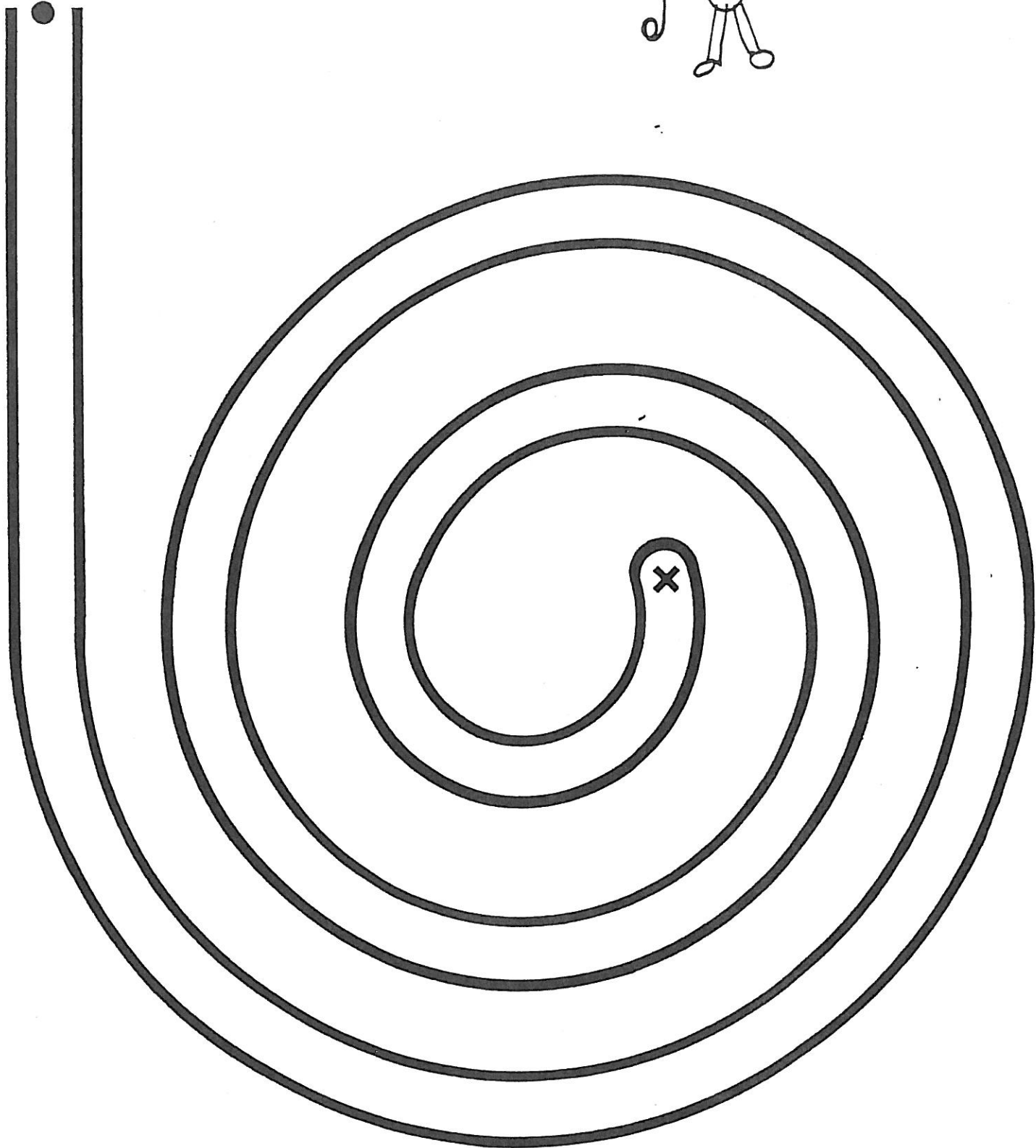
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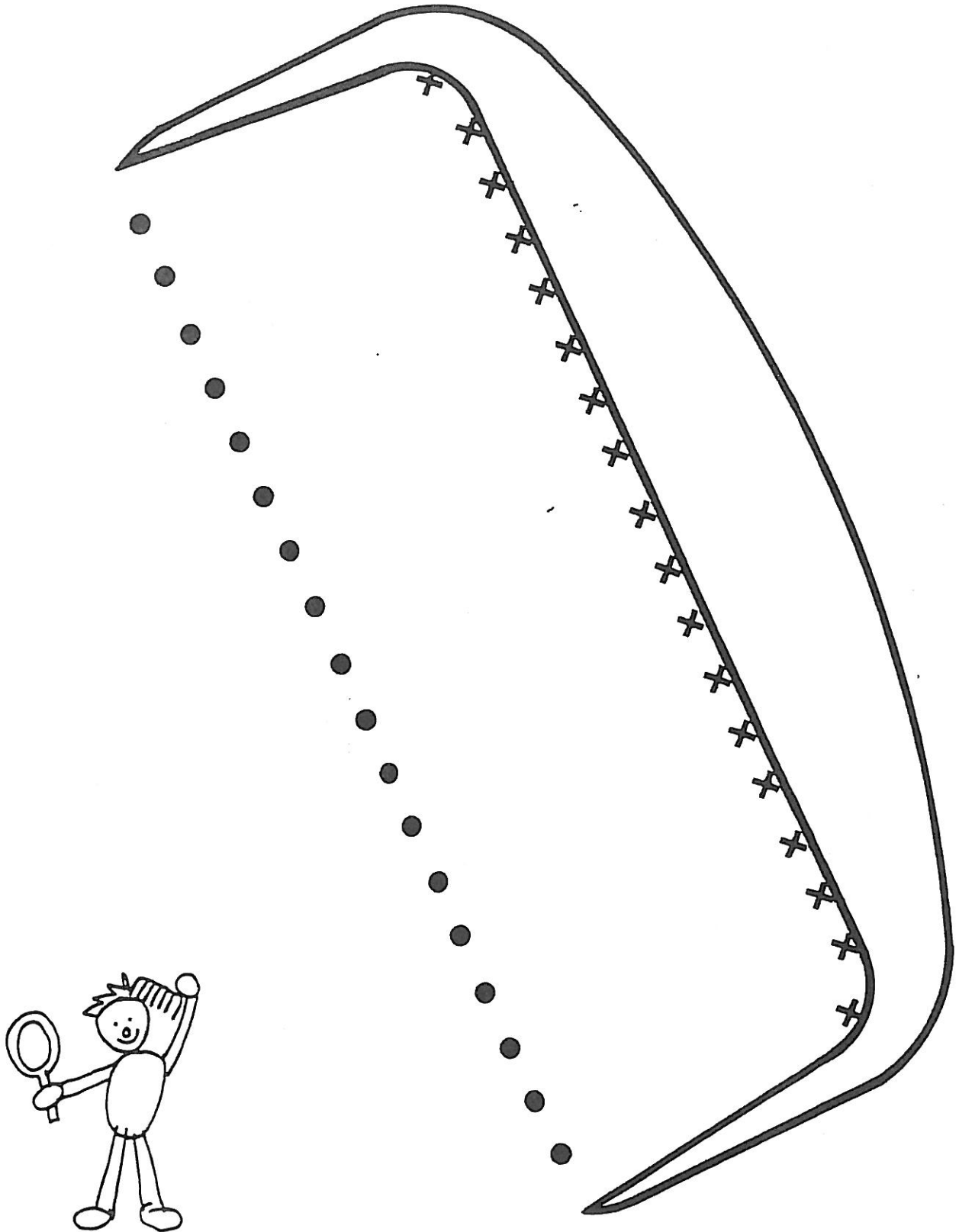
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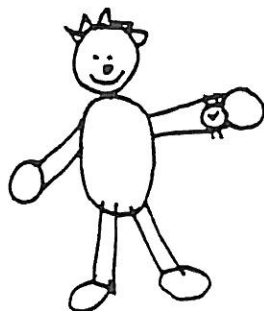
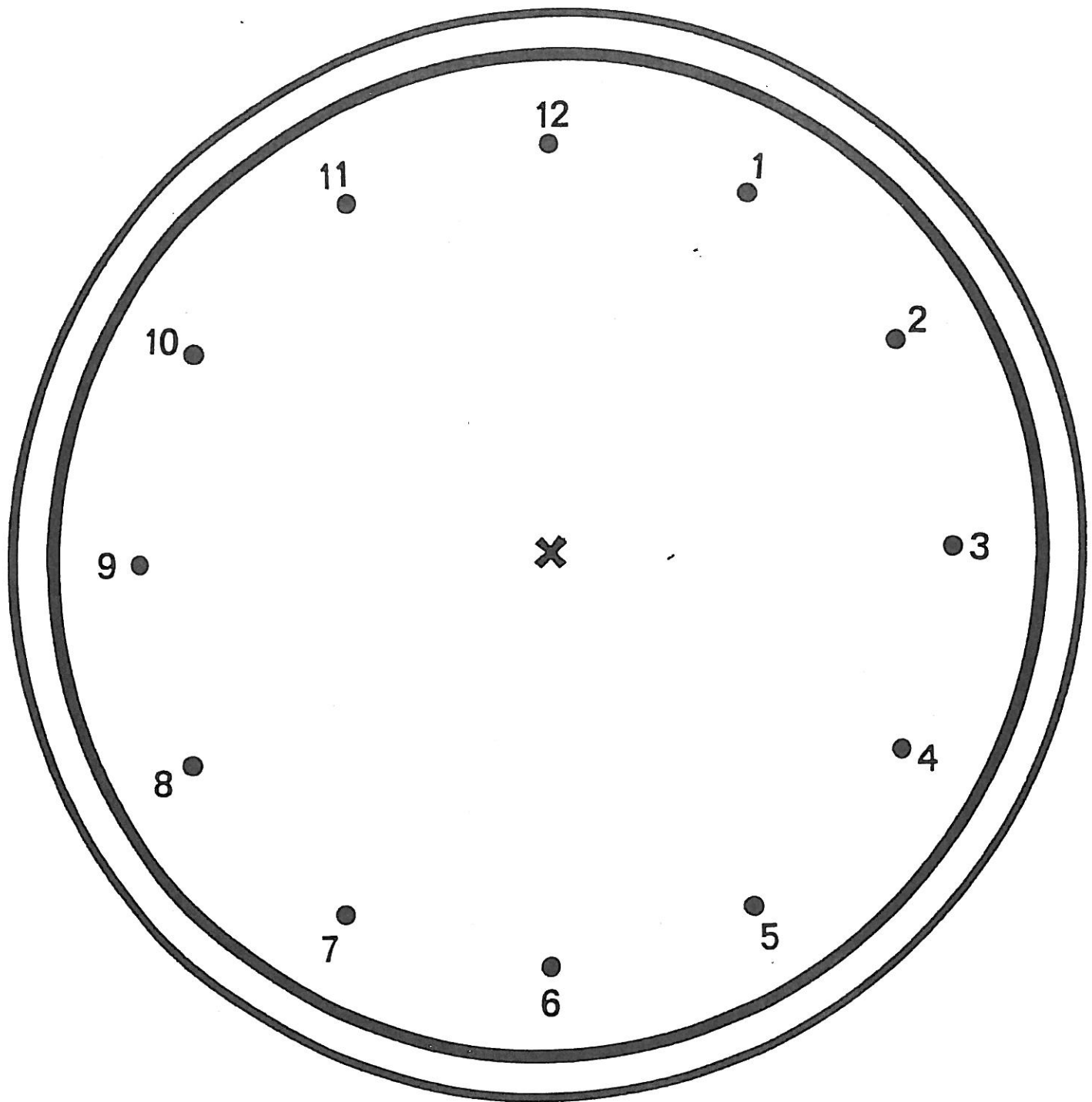
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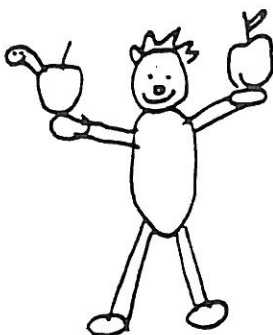
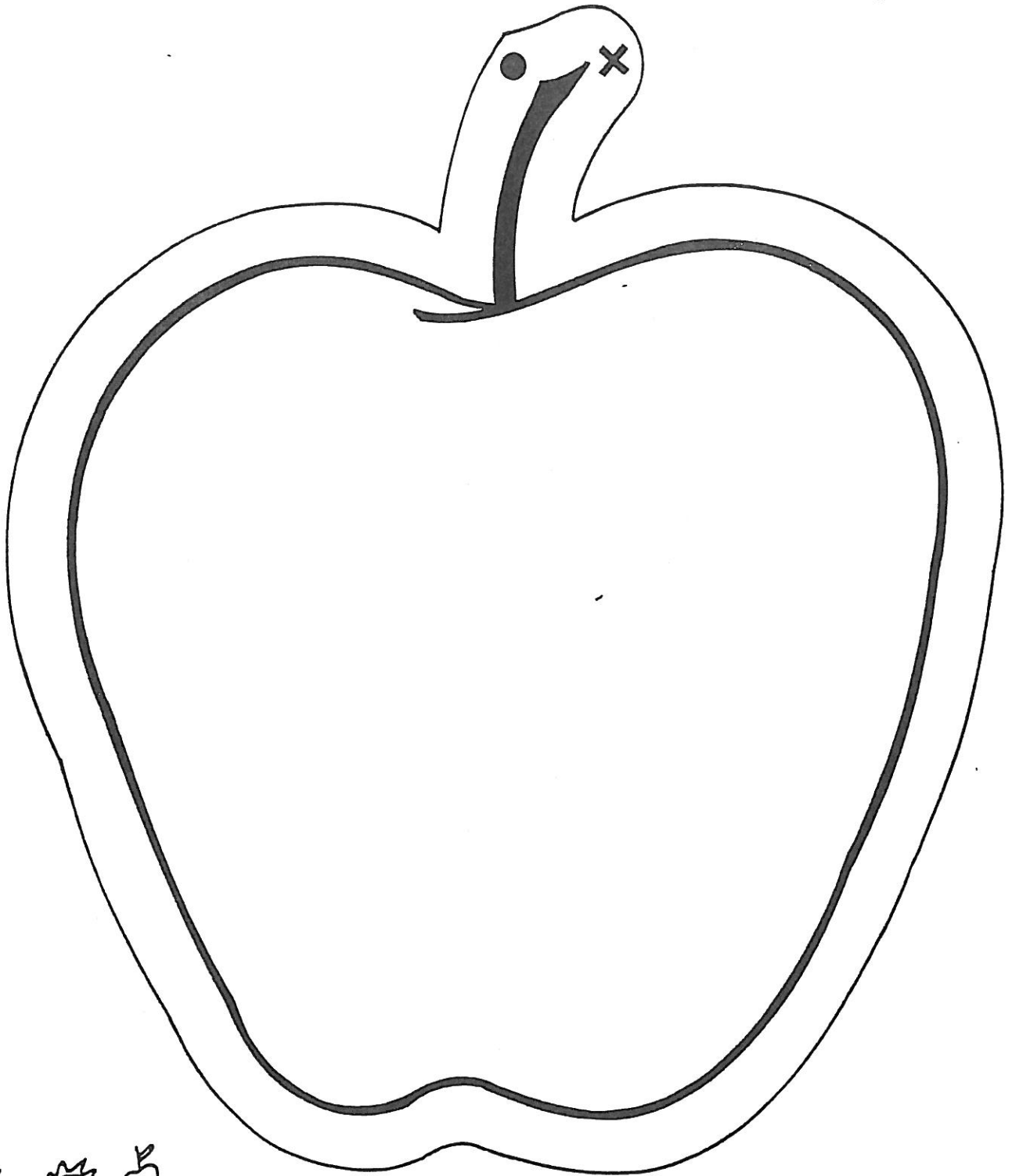
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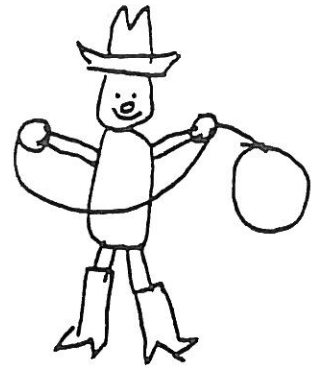
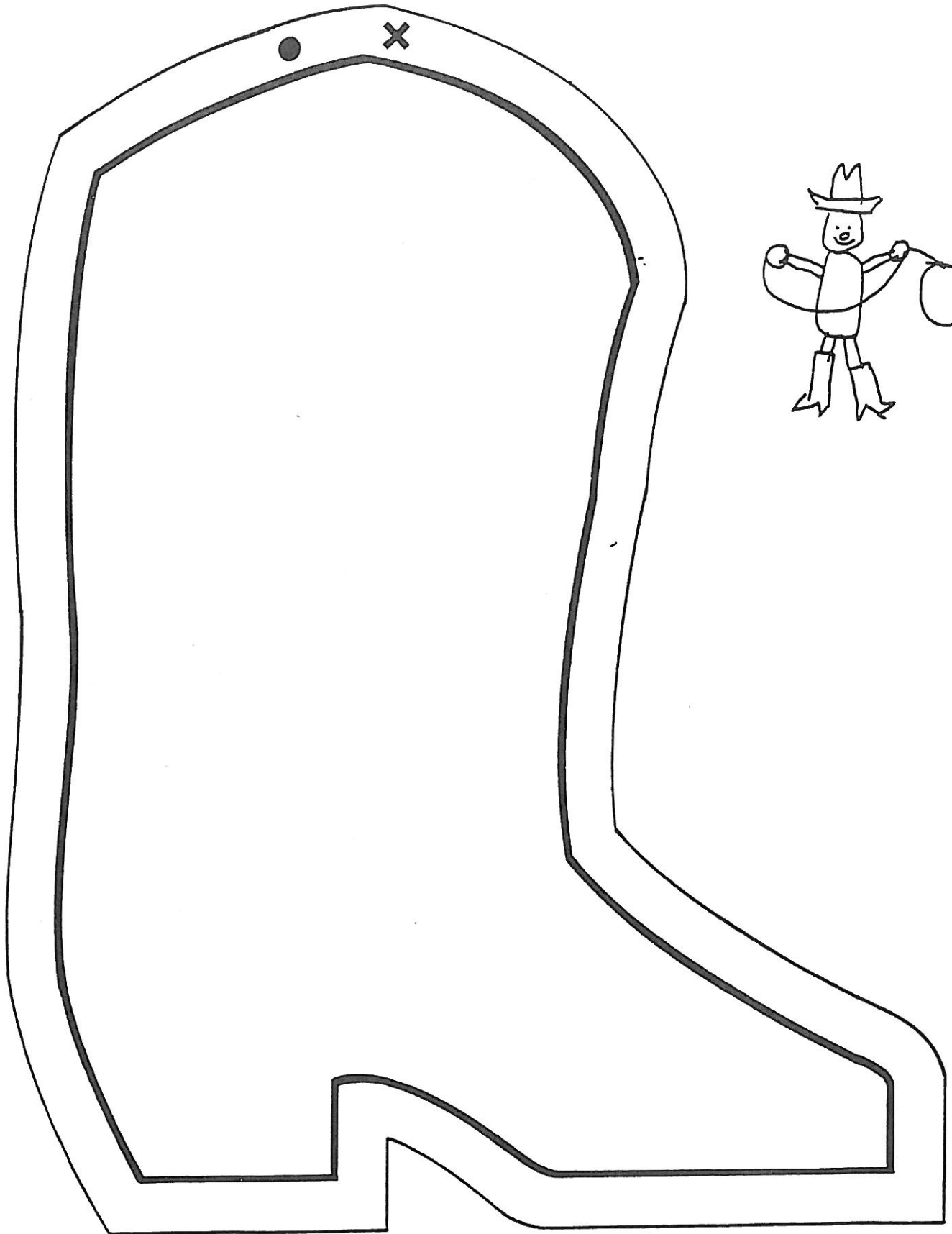
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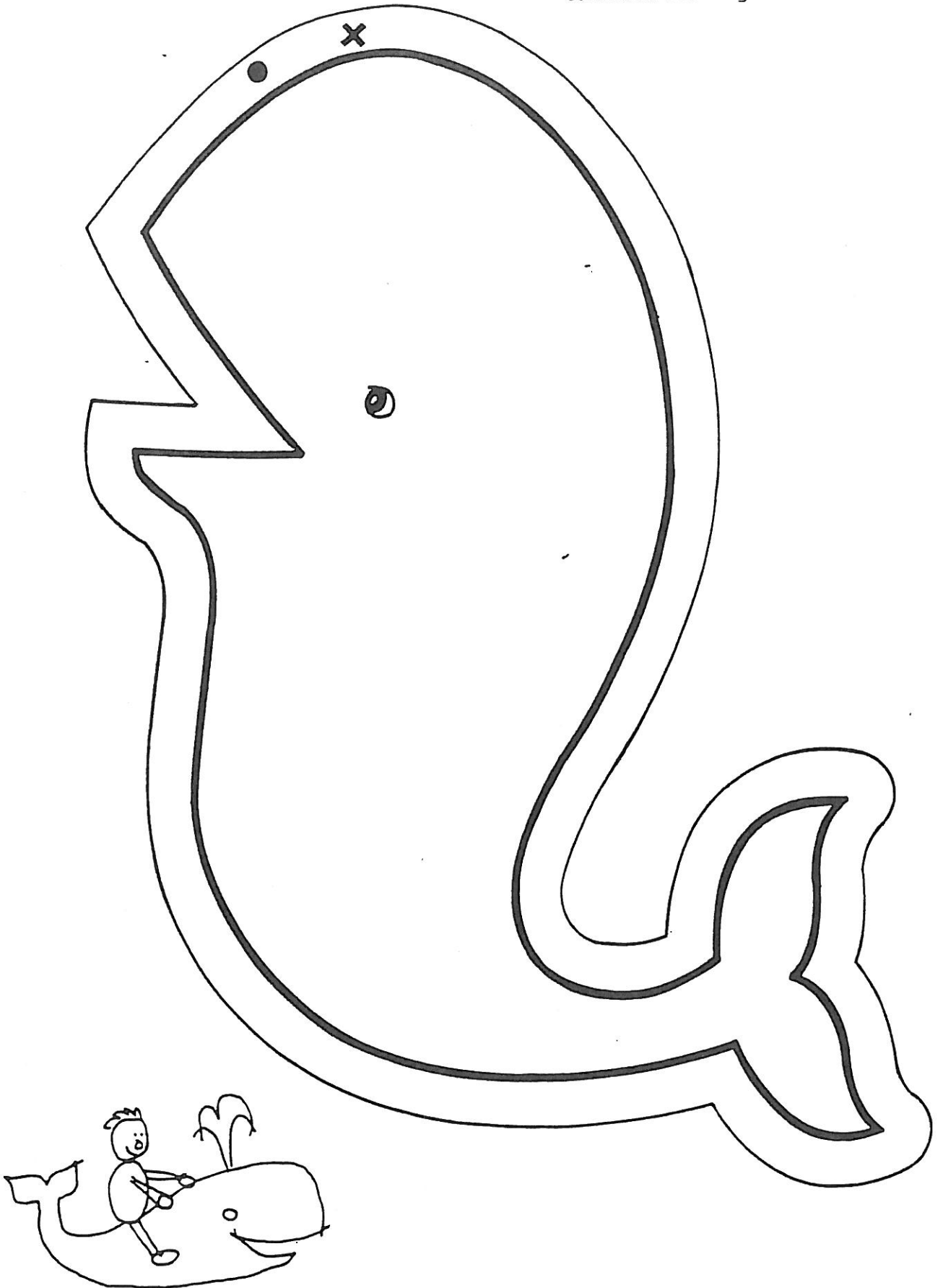
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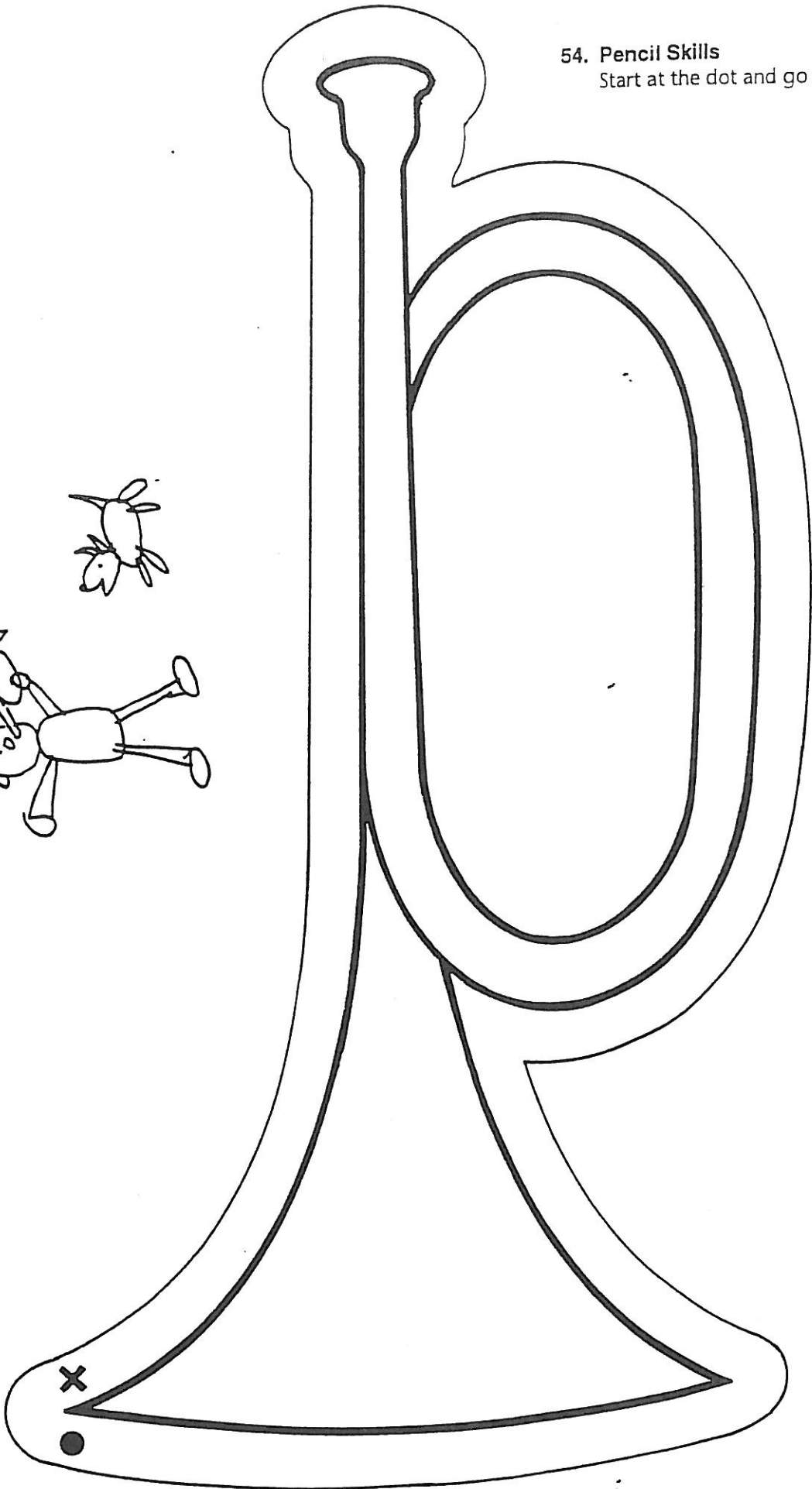
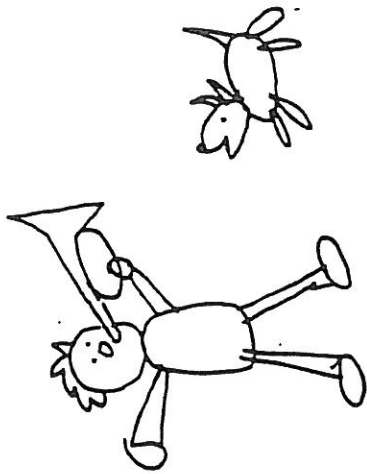
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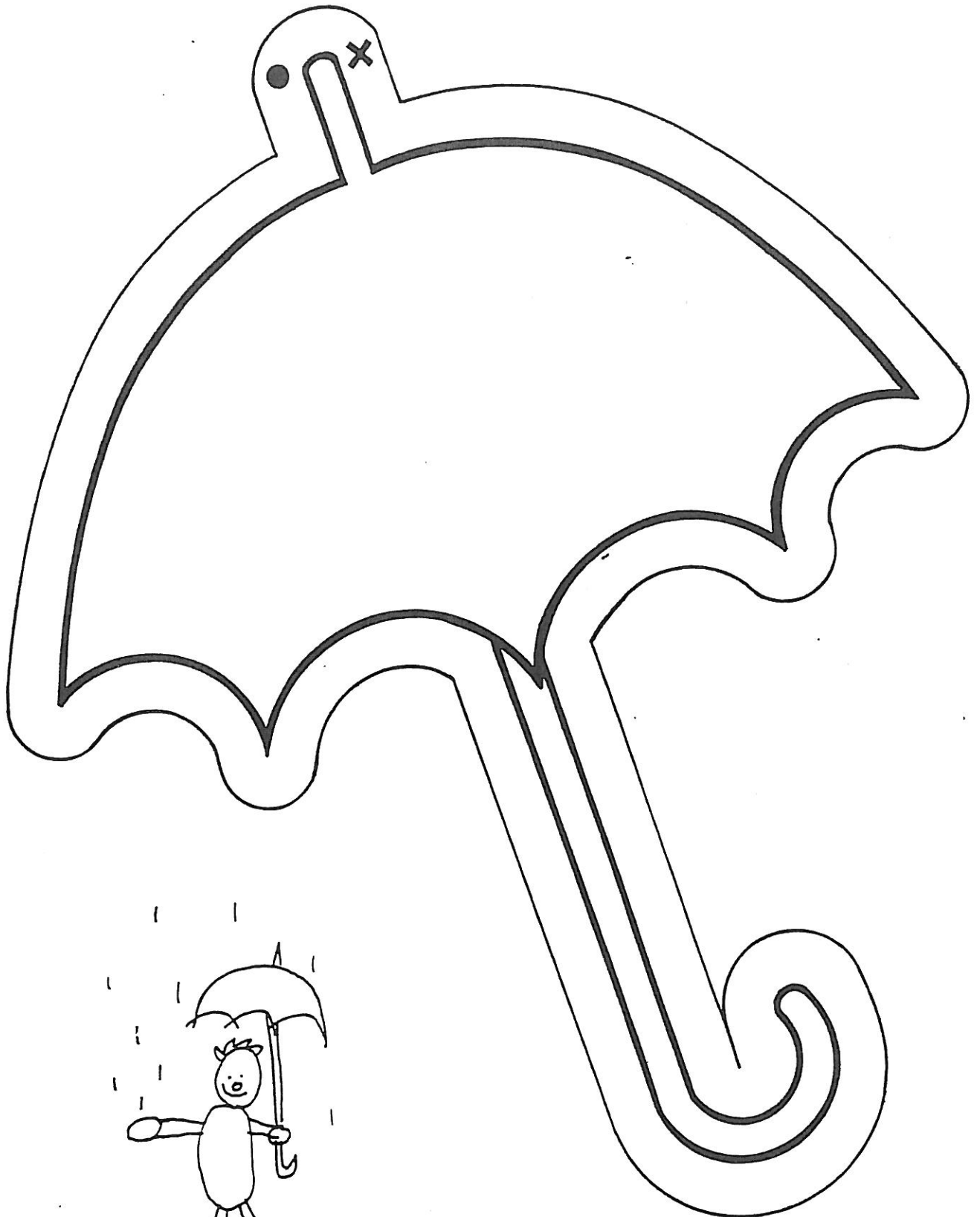
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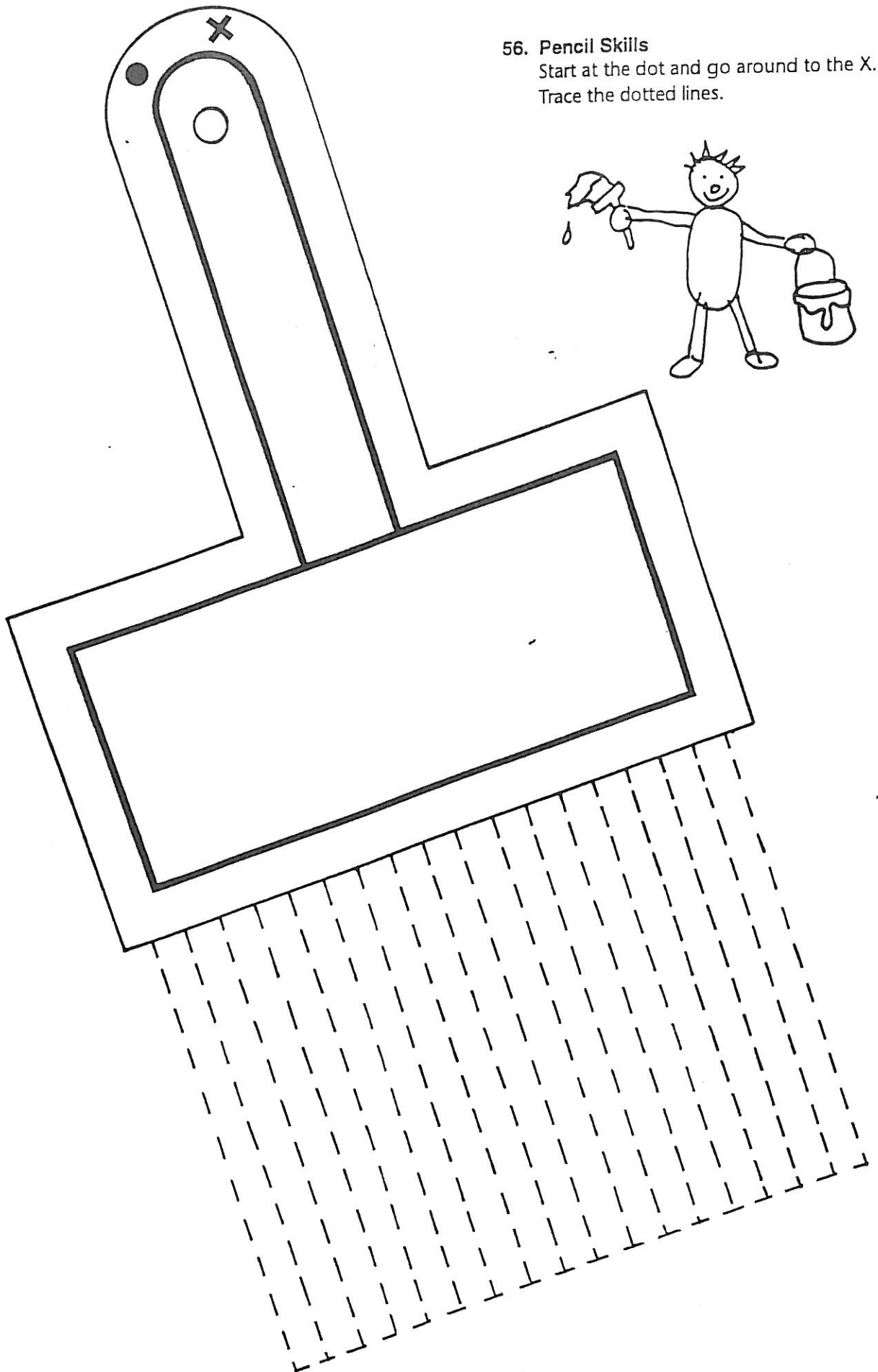
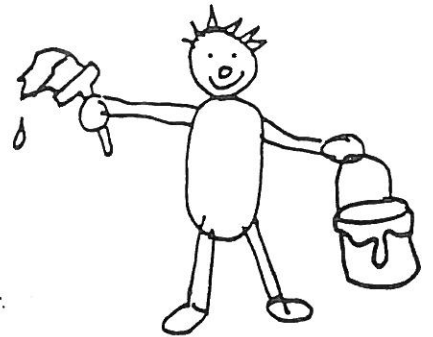
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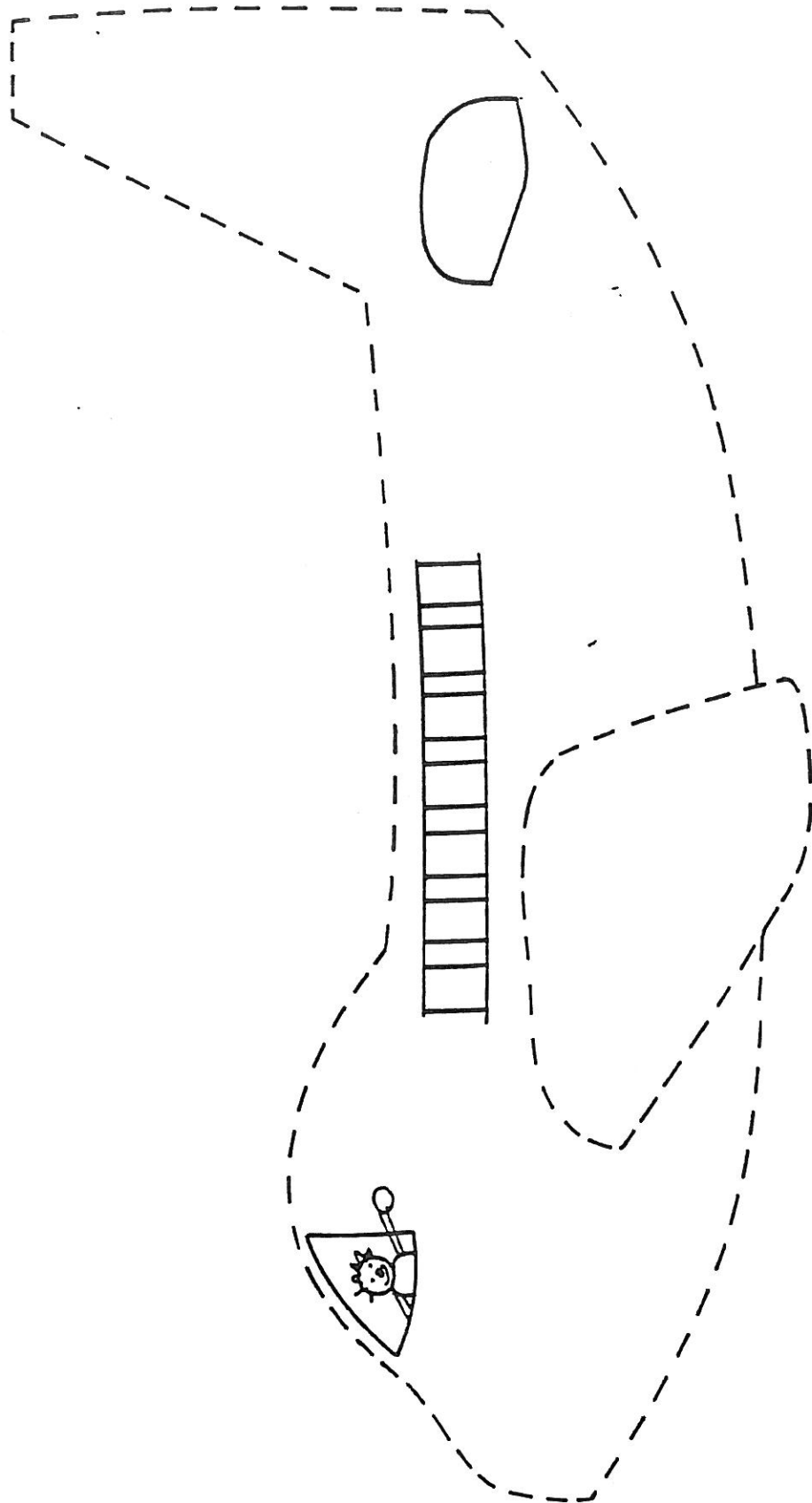


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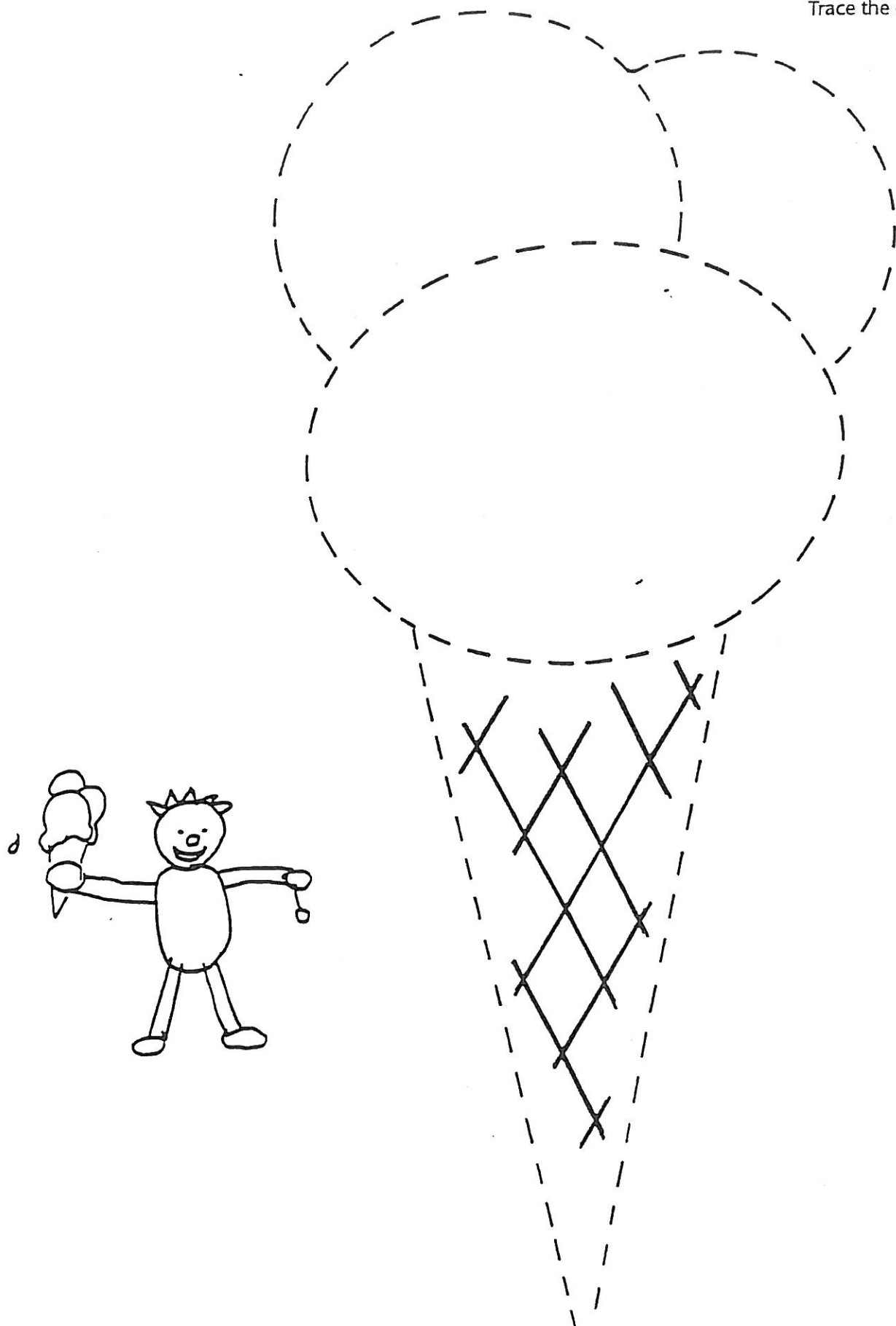
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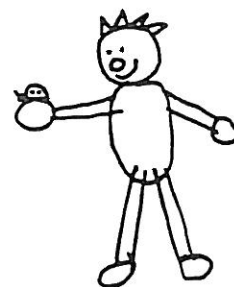
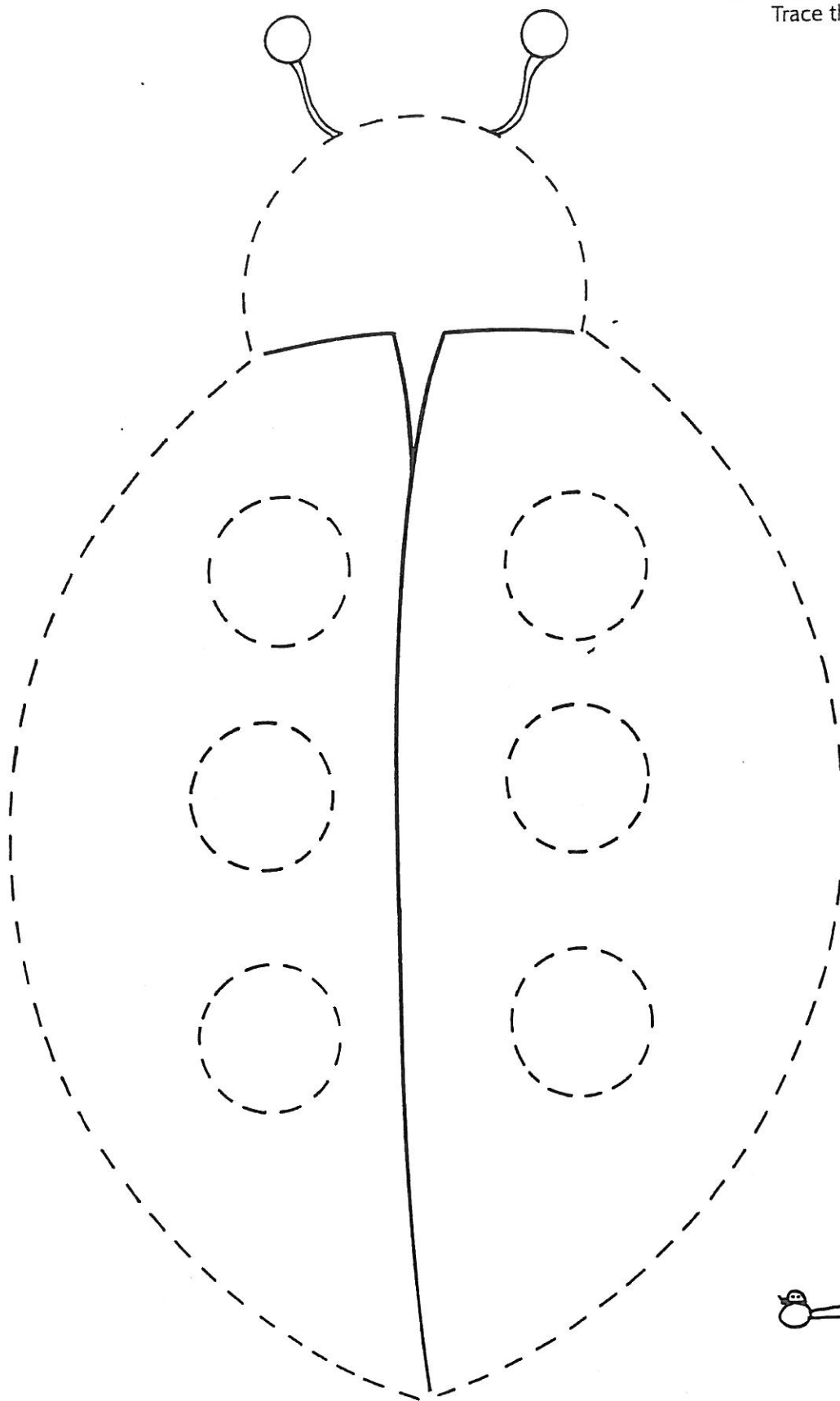
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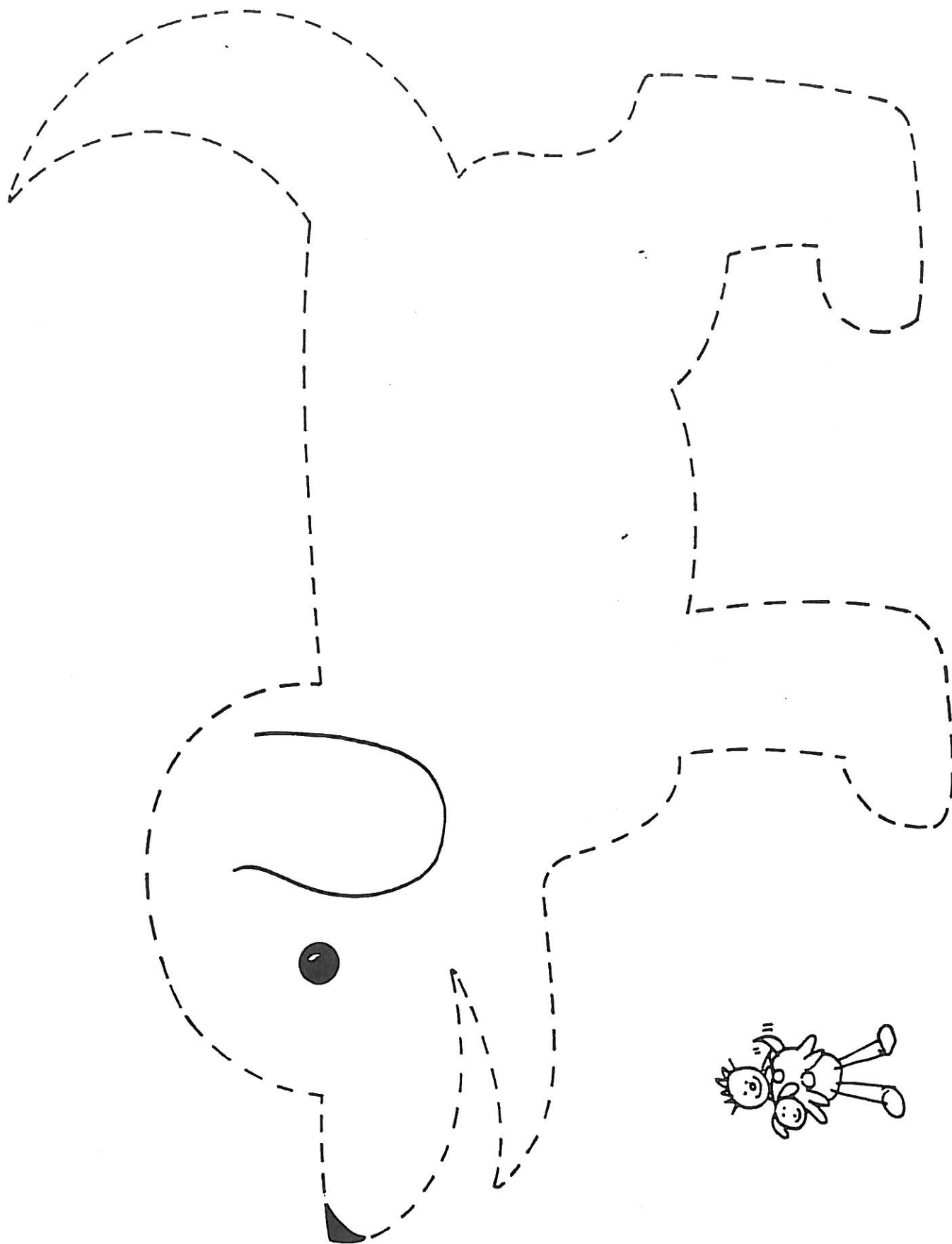
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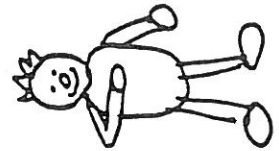
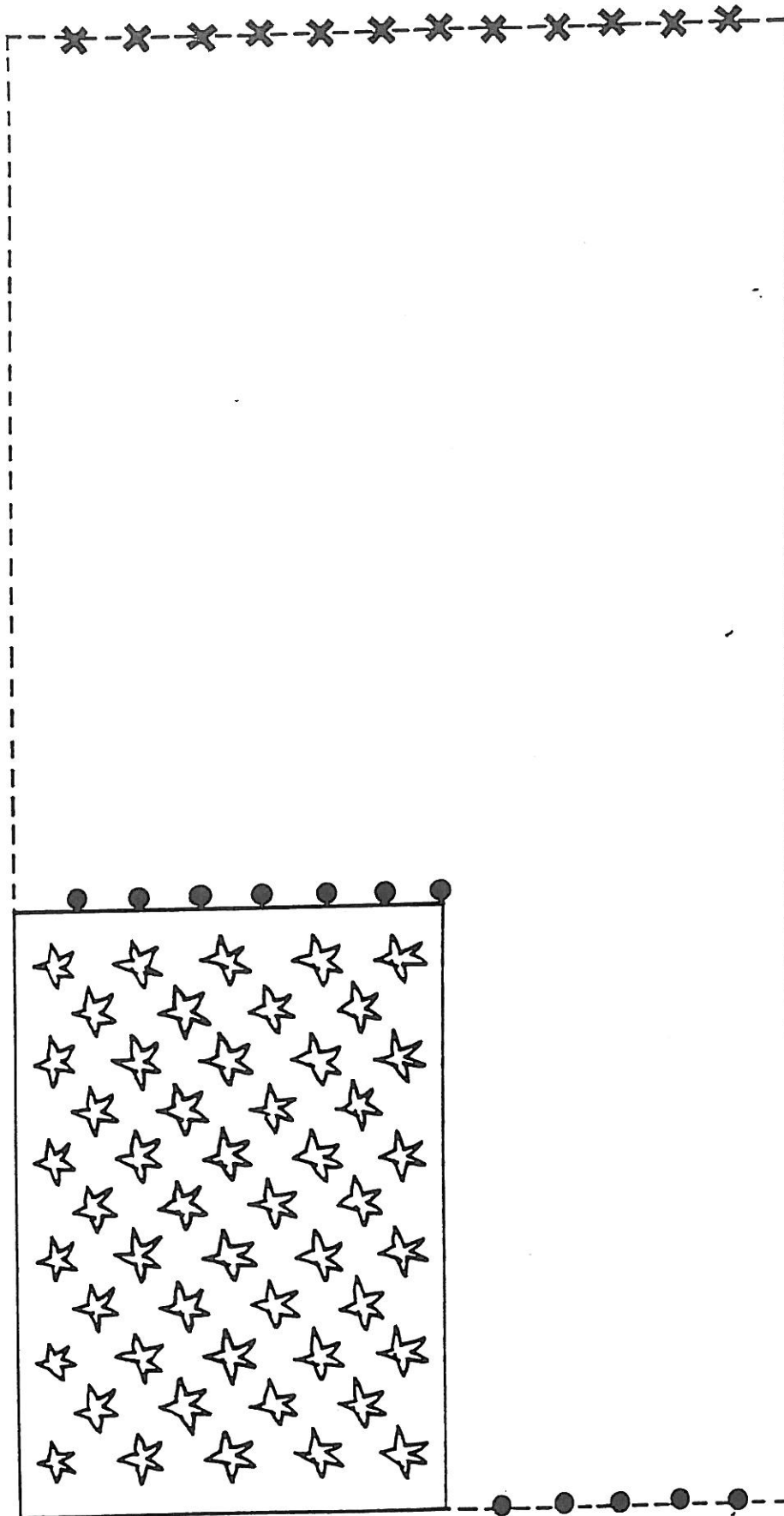


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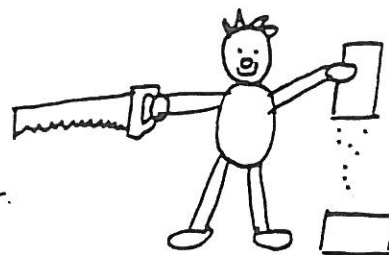
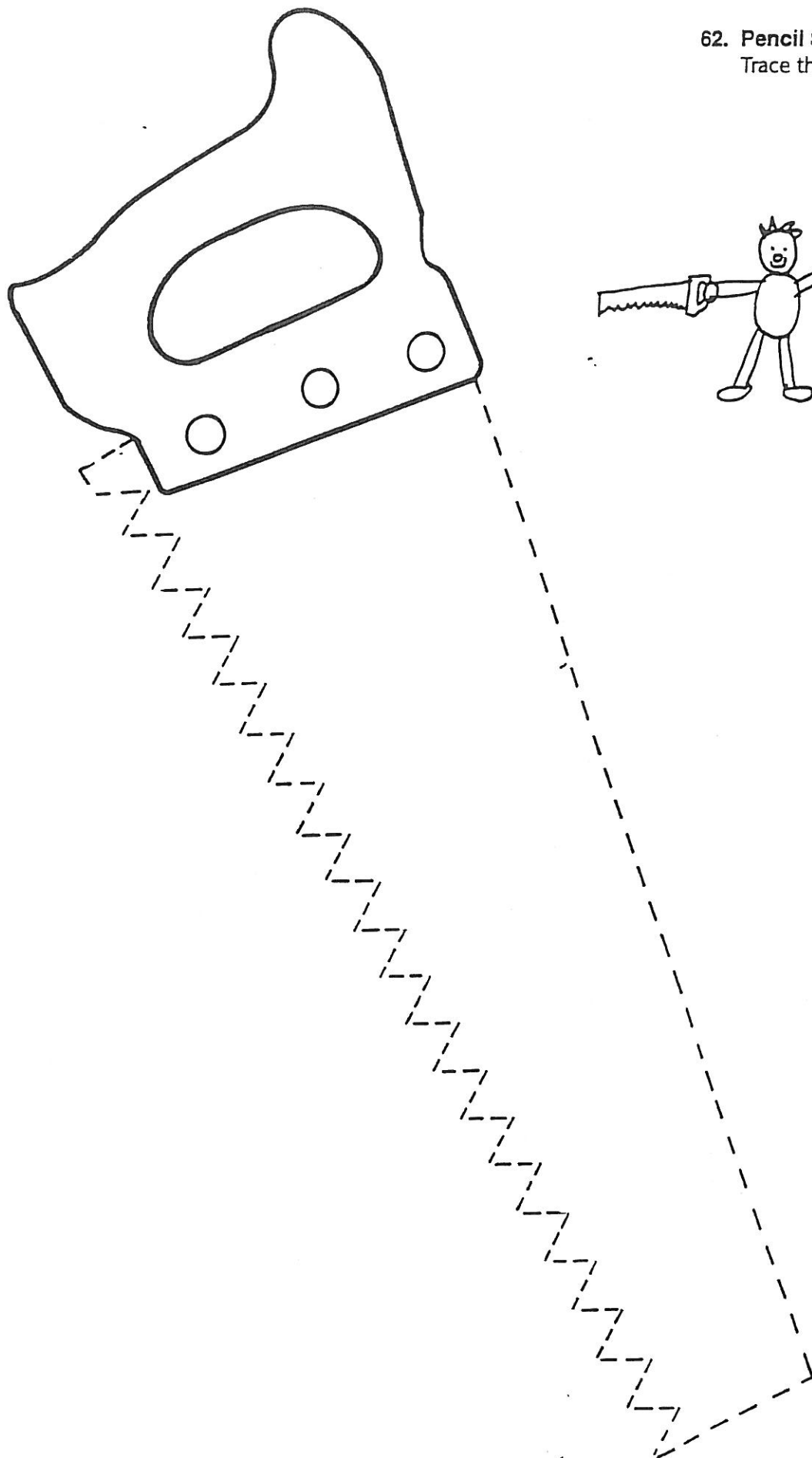


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63. Pencil Skills

Begin and end at each white circle.

