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I'm Proud To Be A Mormon Family Home Evening Packet



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Story, Picture Sheets, Game,
Scripture, Treat Recipe

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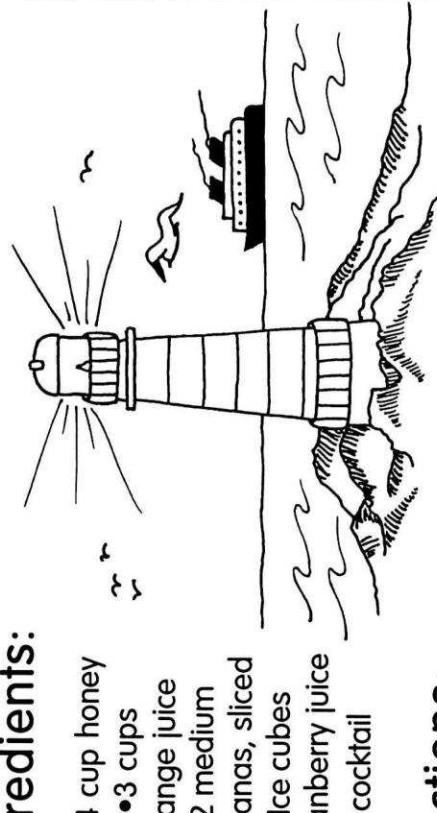
Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
- Scripture Story Game
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer Refreshments

Fruit Sunrises

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup honey
- 3 cups orange juice
- 2 medium bananas, sliced
- Ice cubes
- Cranberry juice cocktail



Directions:

In a blender, place orange juice, bananas and honey. Add ice cubes until mixture equals 6 cups. Place lid on blender and blend mixture on low speed for one minute or until smooth. Pour mixture between eight glasses evenly. Pour cranberry juice cocktail on top of mixture. WATCH! As the cranberry juice cocktail makes its way to the bottom of the glass, it gives the appearance of a beautiful sunrise. REFRESHING!!!!!!

Scriptures: Matthew 5:16, D&C 115:5, D&C 64:33

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Suggested Songs: "The Church of Jesus Christ", pg. 77 (Childrens)
"I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus", pg. 78 (Childrens)
"Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy", pg. 335 (Hymn)

Object: To be the first team to light all five of their candles by placing a yellow flame atop their candles.

Play - Choose a team to go first. A player from that team goes to the wall and removes one yellow flame. Have the player draw a card from the pile and read the scripture reference on the back and also the sentence that is missing one word. Each team finds the scripture reference and tries to determine what word is supposed to fit in the blank. The first team to successfully complete this task wins the flame and can place it on one of their candlesticks. The next team then repeats the process. Play continues until a team has all five of their candles lit.

I'm Proud To Be A "Mormon"

In His sermon on the mount, Jesus told His disciples and the people gathered there that they were the light of the world. Did you know that just by belonging to "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" that you are the light of the world?

Jonathan, Caleb and Porter went to school at Rocky Mountain Elementary. They were best friends. They were all in the same first grade class and their birthdays were all within a two-week period. There was something else that they all had in common: they were all "Mormons."

In the little town of Moneker Falls, there were not many "Mormons." In fact, "Mormons" were scarce.

Now, when something is scarce or new or different, people have a tendency to make fun of it or be afraid of it. That's just what happened in Moneker Falls to Jonathan, Caleb and Porter.

The first day of school is always scary, fun and exciting and the three little boys were off to a good start. They found their classroom, met their teacher and said good-bye to their Moms and Dads.

Once the children were all sitting at the correct desk and Miss Clements had scooted that last parent from the classroom, she began to call the roll. "Robert Allen, Casey Allred, Samantha Argyle" Everyone answered "Here" when Miss Clements called their name.

Finally, she called Jonathan's name. "Here" Jonathan answered proudly as a big smile spread across his little face.

Suddenly, a big kid at the back of the room shouted, "He's a Mormon!"

Well, sure he was a Mormon. Jonathan already knew he was a Mormon. What was the big deal?

Immediately, there was a loud buzz of voices, talking and shouting and pointing fingers, not only at Jonathan, but at Caleb and Porter too!

"Children, children," Miss Clements called, raising and lowering her arms to quiet the class.

This was a first for the three little boys. All of them had attended nursery and primary in their ward which was several miles outside the town of Moneker Falls. No one had ever made fun of them before. What were they to do?

As the children of Miss Clements's class finally settled down, the teacher gave everyone a lecture on being respectful of others beliefs. This just made things worse for Jonathan, Caleb and Porter, though.

Recess was scary. The boys didn't know what would happen next and they were a little frightened.

When the three boys passed April she was coming down the slide. She suddenly began to tease them and called them names. Jonathan, Caleb and Porter just wanted to go home.

Finally, the closing bell of school rang and the boys raced to get the back seats on the large, yellow school bus.

The big kid from Miss Clements's class came strutting down the aisle and plopped down right in the seat in front of Jonathan, Caleb and Porter.

"Uh, oh," the boys thought, "we're in trouble now."

"Well, if it isn't the little Mormon boys," he said. "Why don't you go back to Utah with all those other Mormons?"

"Utah," Porter said. "What does Utah have to do with this," he quizzed Jonathan and Caleb. "We were born right here in Moneker Falls."

"Well, we don't want ya! Go back to Utah 'cause we don't want ya!"

DISCUSSION

- Now imagine if you were Jonathan, Caleb and Porter. How would you feel?
- What would you do?

It didn't take long after the boys got to their individual homes for all of the mothers to be on the phone with each other. They were irate! They were angry! They were MAD!!!!

Jonathan's mother wanted to hit the big kid from Miss Clements's class. Caleb's mother wanted to punch the mother of the big kid right in the nose. Porter's mother was just worried about the horrible situation that the boys had been through that day. She felt so sorry for the boys.

The fathers were a different story. They decided to get the three boys' families together that night and see what they could do to remedy the situation. It's a good thing that fathers have such cool heads and that they keep control, isn't it?

Jonathan, Caleb and Porter were sent outside to play while the parents discussed the problem. It wasn't long and the boys were summoned to return inside to listen to their moms and dads.

"Boys," Caleb's dad began, "being a Mormon is a wonderful thing. It is the best thing! Never forget that." All the dads and moms were bobbing their heads up and down in agreement.

"In this world, there are always going to be people who don't like other people, their religions, their race or their way of life. Unfortunately, it's just part of living. But, you don't have to just sit by and let people be mean or cruel."

"But, Dad," Caleb chimed in, "this kid is three times as big as all of us put together. He could eat us for dinner."

Everyone laughed, except Jonathan, Caleb and Porter.

Caleb's father went on. "First of all," he said, "you must not be afraid. Bullies thrive on making you afraid. They love it. Don't let them know that you are afraid."

"Second: Whenever someone makes a teasing or off-color remark about being Mormon, just stand up and say, 'yes, we're Mormon's. Would you like us to tell you a little about our church? We could use you as a member.' "

This will usually make someone who is being mean just to be 'mean' back off. Be proud of who you are, boys. Be a light to the world."

"Hmmmmmmmm," thought Porter. "I like that," he said right out loud.

"You see," Caleb's dad continued, "we need to set an example of how things are supposed to be done. Think of a lighthouse, out on the ocean's edge and how it lights up the sky so that wayward ships can come into the shore. That is what you are. You are little Mormon lighthouses."

Jonathan's father was speaking now. "Boys, you are to set the example. You be the first ones to be honest and not cheat. You be the first ones to be kind to all of the other children, no matter what their religion is or what color their skin is. You be the first to be able to be teased and show a sense of humor. You be the first to not swear or speak with crude language. Not only will you be the example, but you may help others to be examples too."

When all three boys were tucked in to bed that night, they had smiles on their little faces. They knew that together, they could be that lighthouse on the ocean's edge. They could be proud of themselves and they could show the world that they were proud.

If someone is teasing you about who you are, remember this little poem:

*I'm a little Mormon lighthouse,
I'll send my shining ray.
I'll be a signal in the dark,
So others may find their way.*

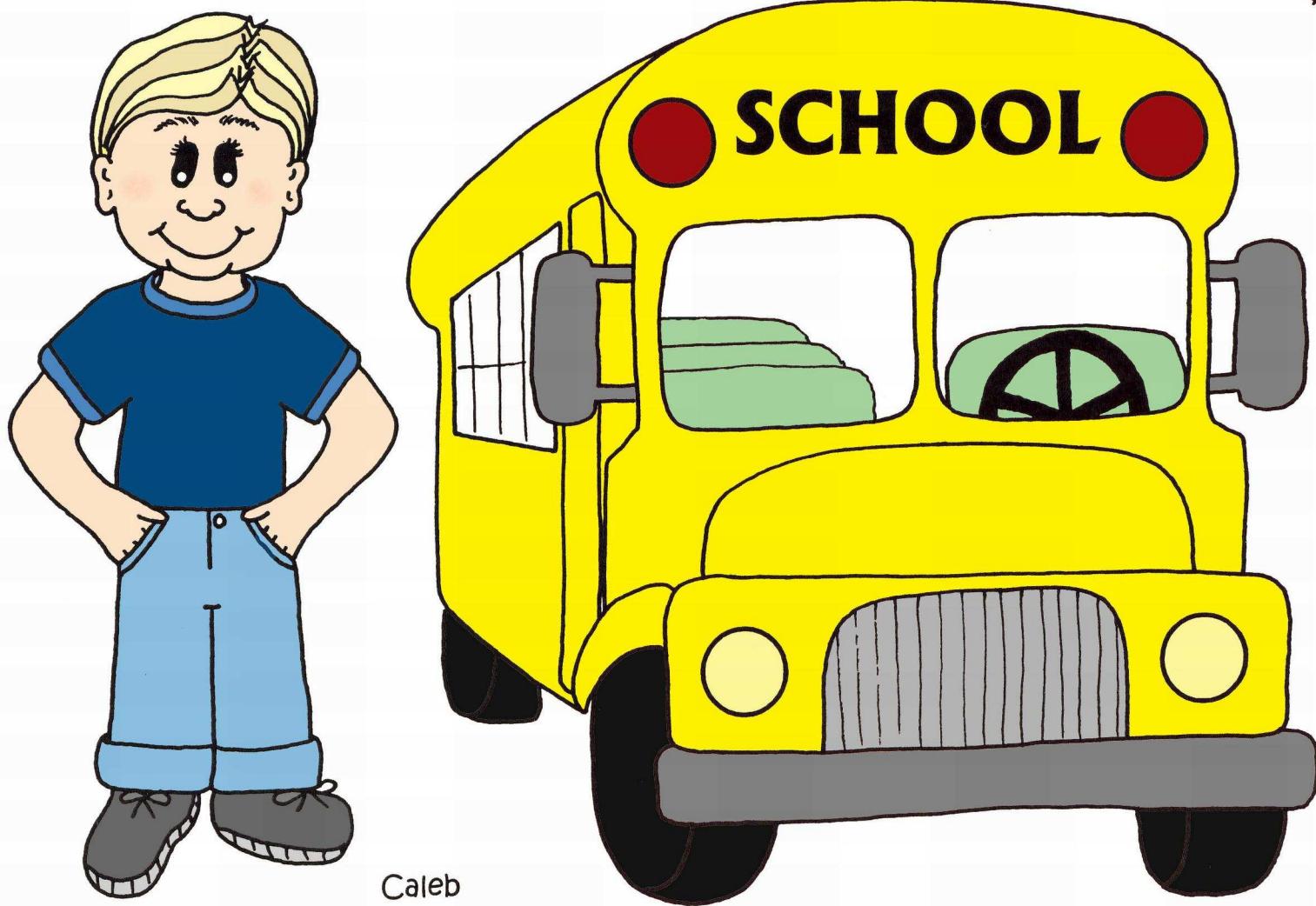
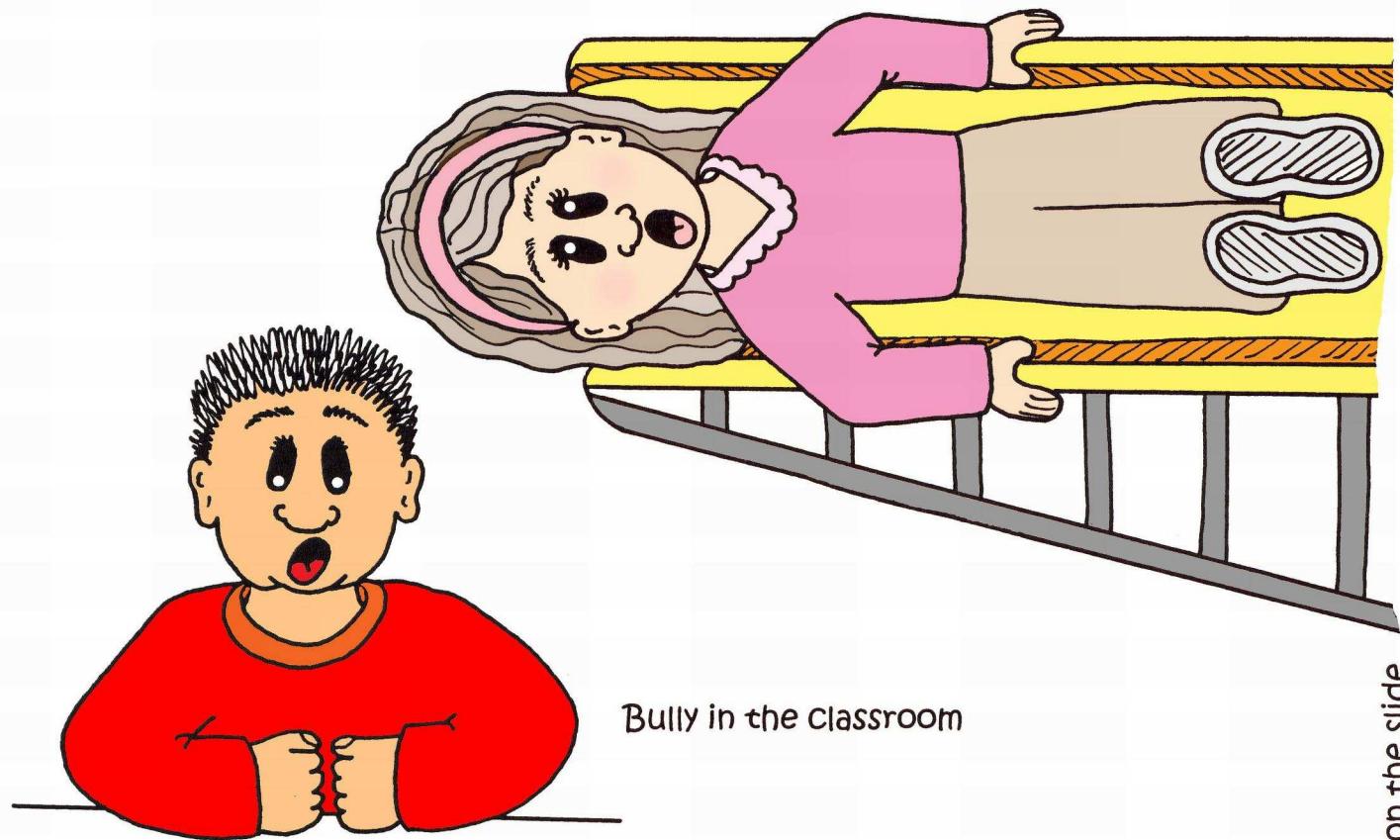
*I'll be a lighthouse on a hill,
Strong and mighty will I be.
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for all the world to see.*

Heavenly Father knows how hard it is when you are being teased. Pray to Him and He will be there to help you. Be strong, have courage and be proud of who you are. Isn't it great to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

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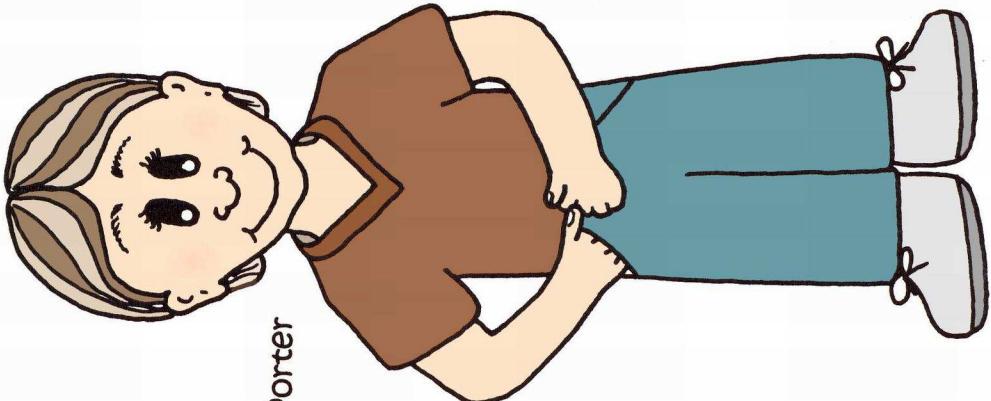
- Have you ever been teased about being a Mormon?
- How did it feel?
- What did you do and what should you do?

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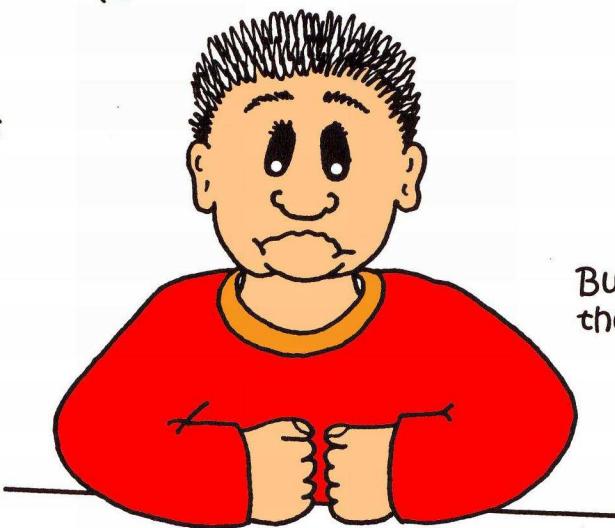




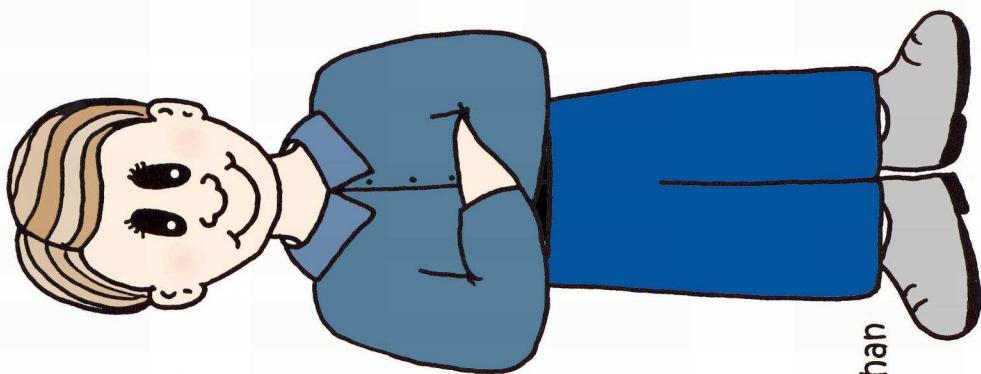
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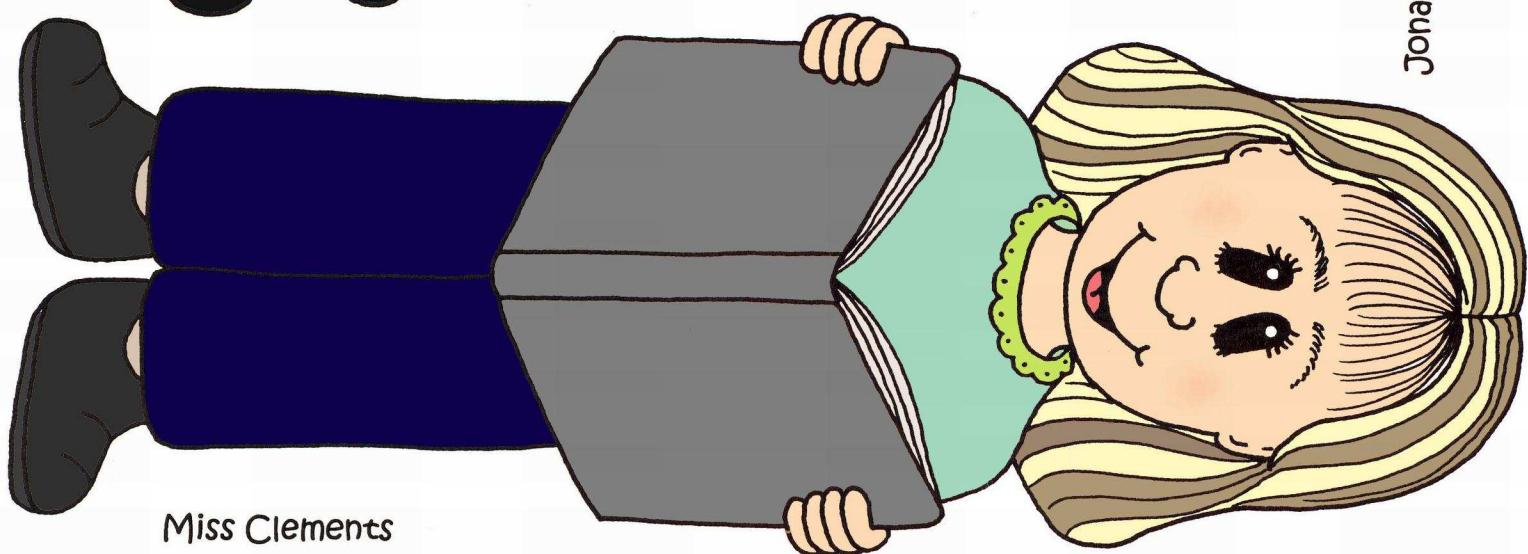
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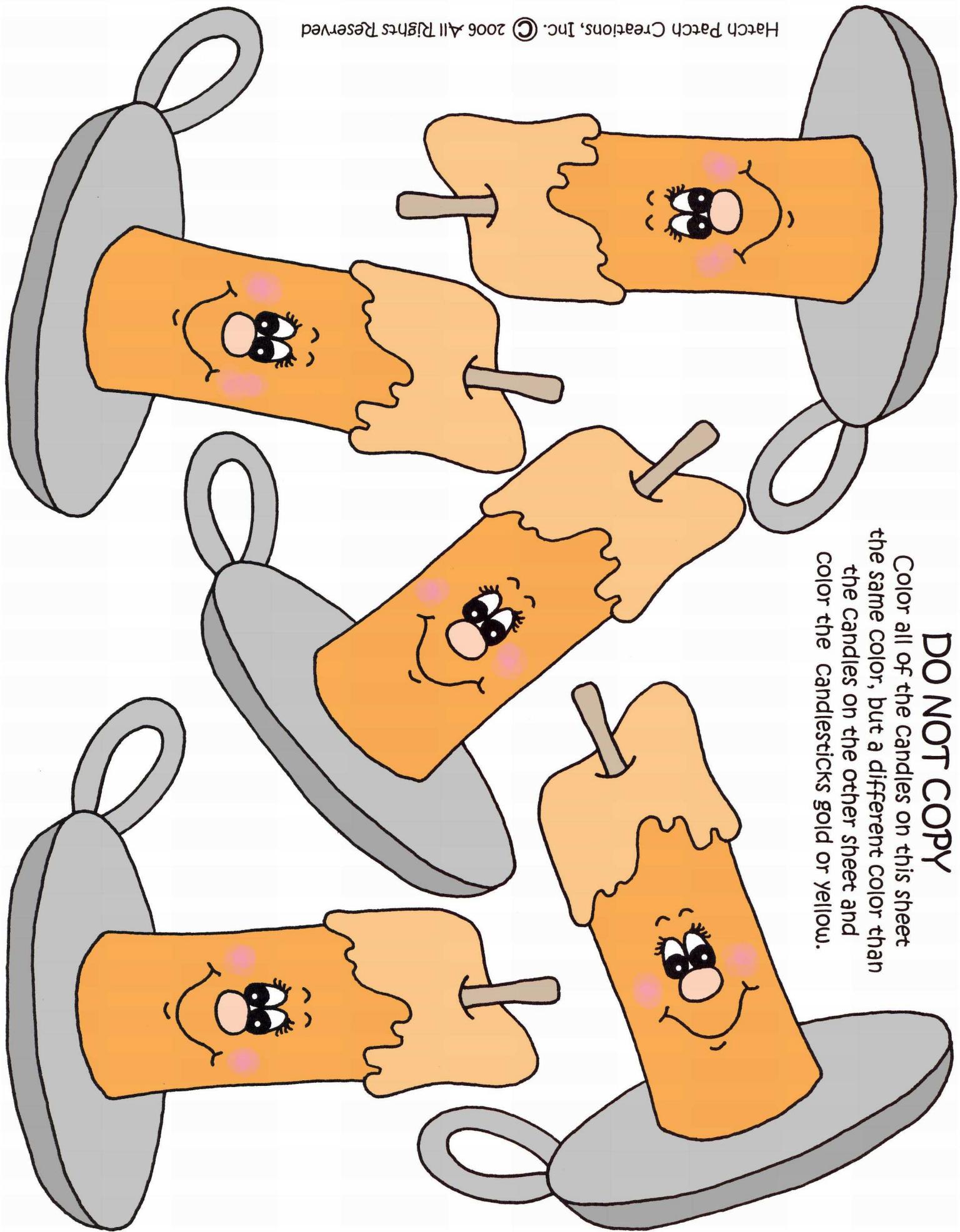
Bully on
the bus



Jonathan



Miss Clements

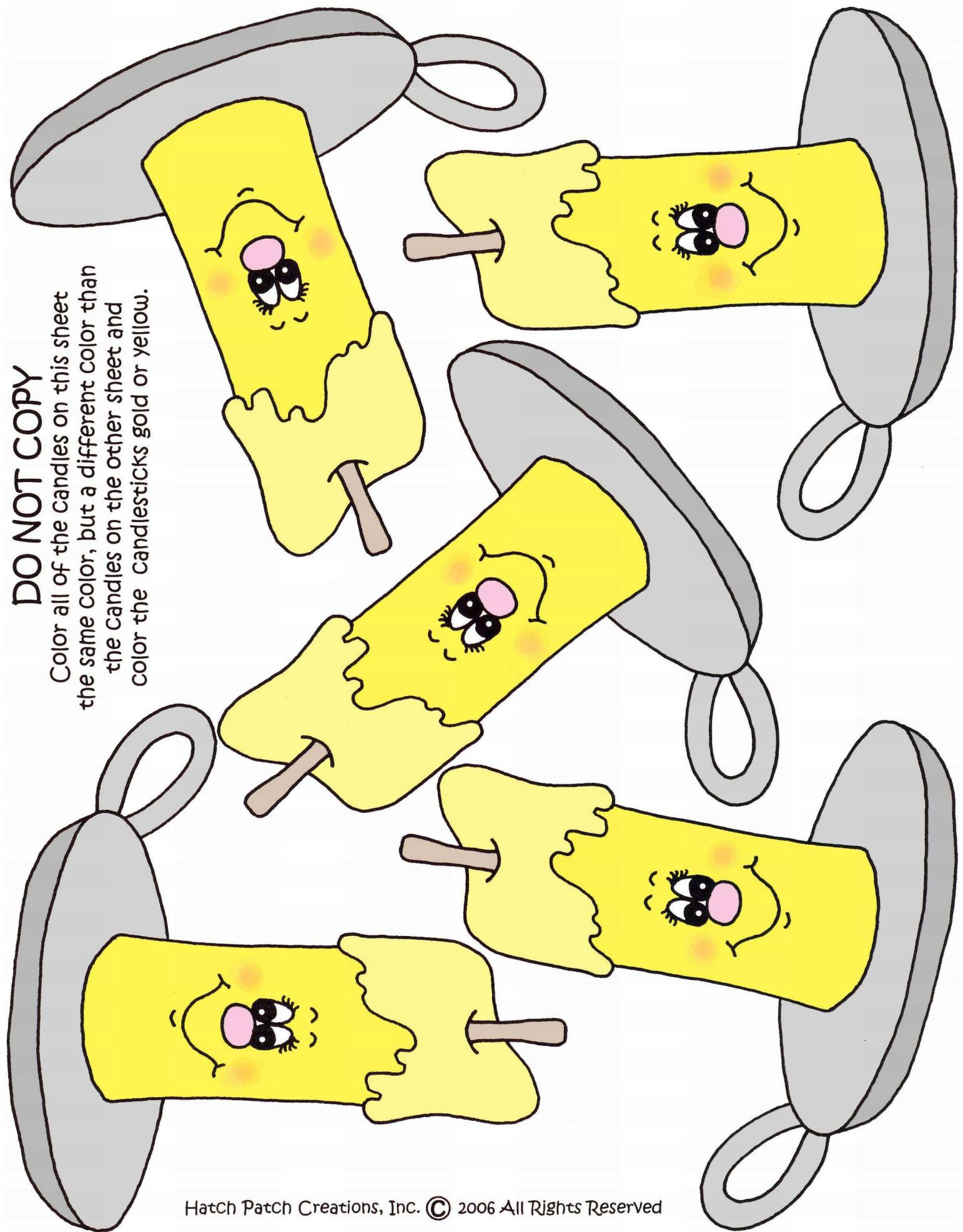


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James 1:22
" . . . Be ye doers of
the word and not
only . . . "

John 8:12
"I am the _____
of the world. . . "
only . . . "

Proverbs 4:18
"But the path of the
just is as the
_____ light. . . "

D&C 82:3
"For of him unto
whom _____ is
given much is
required. . . "

Romans 13:12
" . . . Let us put on
the _____
of light"

D&C 45:9
" . . . I have sent mine
everlasting _____
into the world, to be
a light. . . "

Isiah 2:5
" . . . Let us _____
in the light
of the Lord"

D&C 50:24
"That which of
_____ is
light . . "

1 Nephi 17:13
" . . . I will also be
your light in
the _____ . . . "

Matthew 5:16
"Let your light so
shine _____
men. . . "

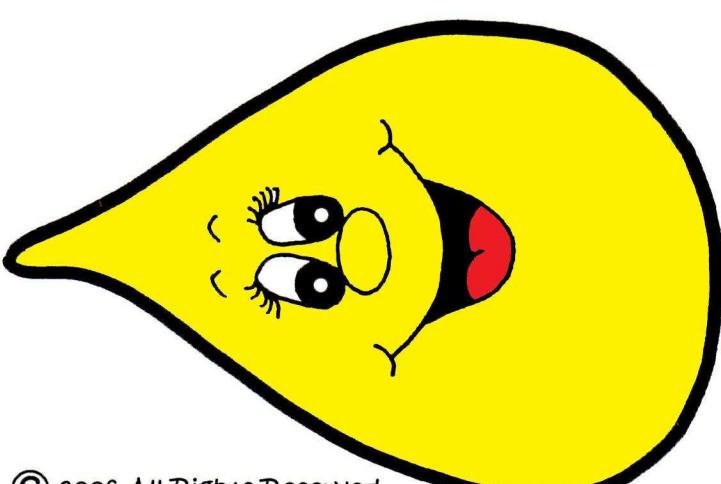
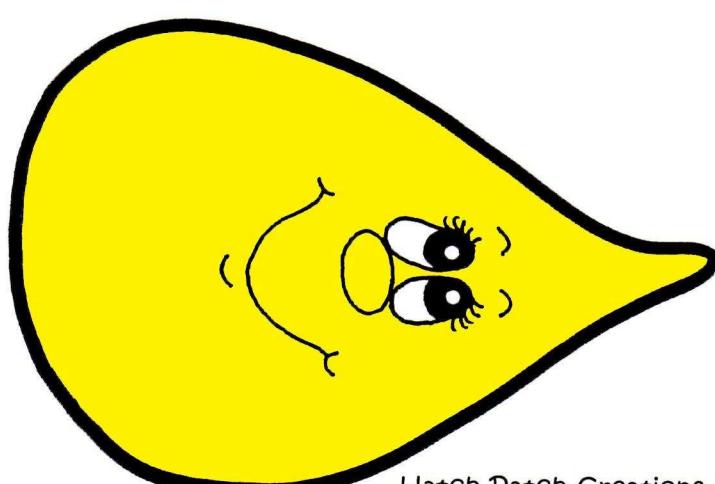
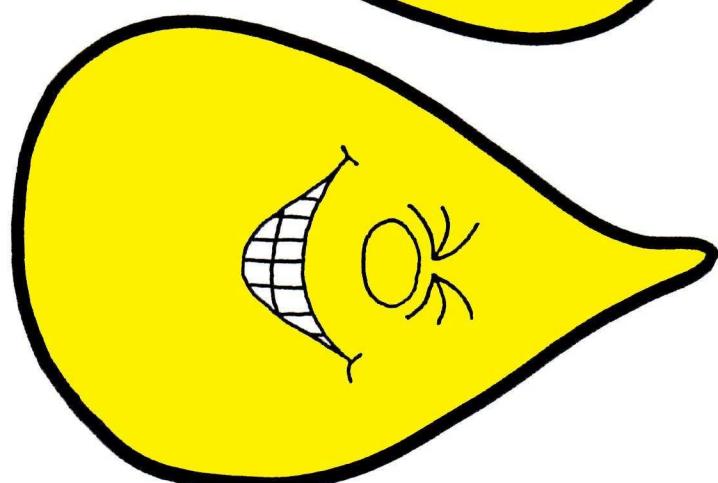
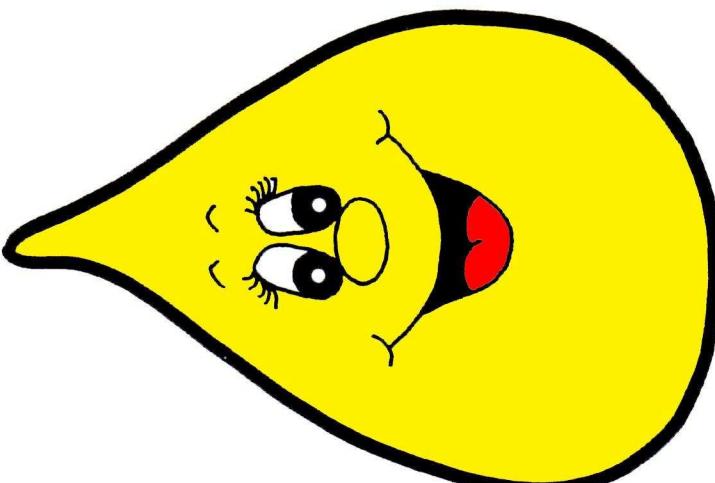
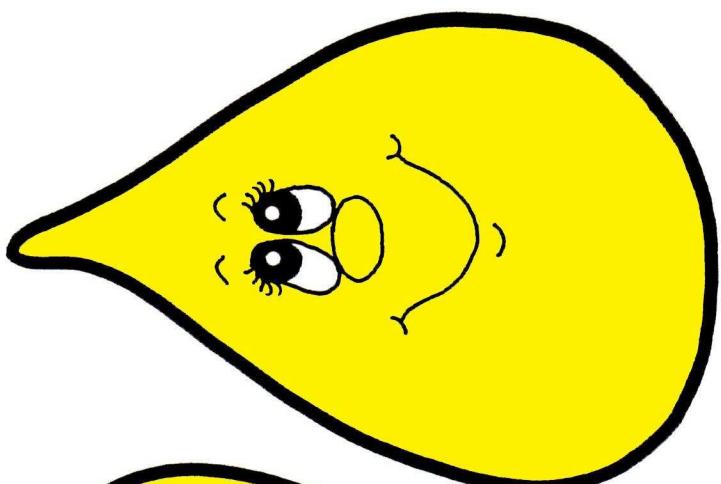
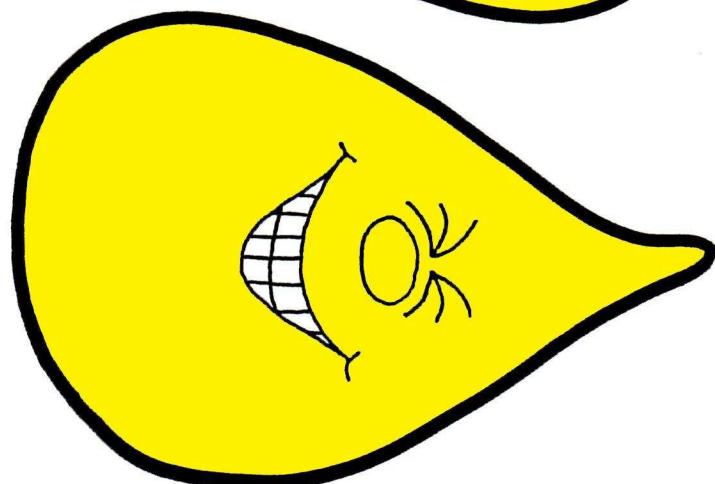
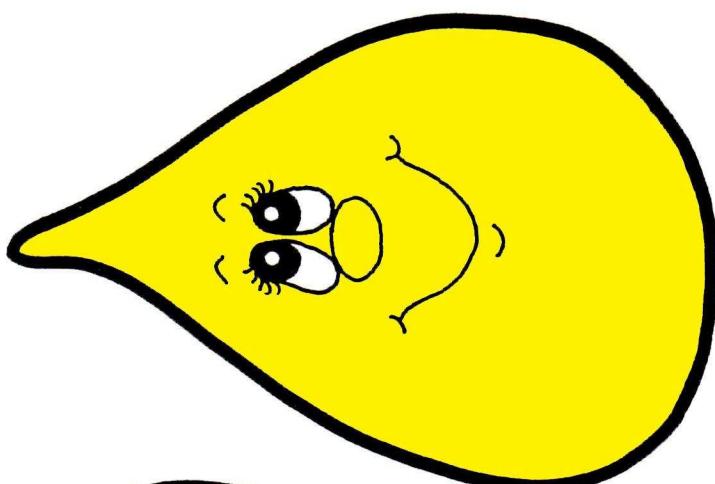
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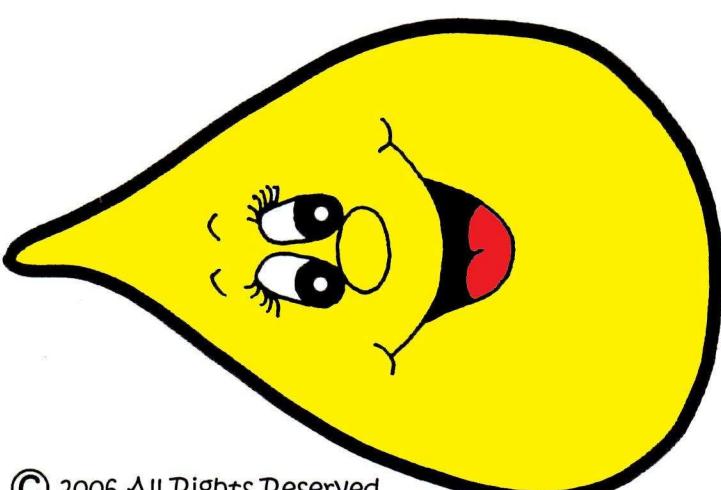
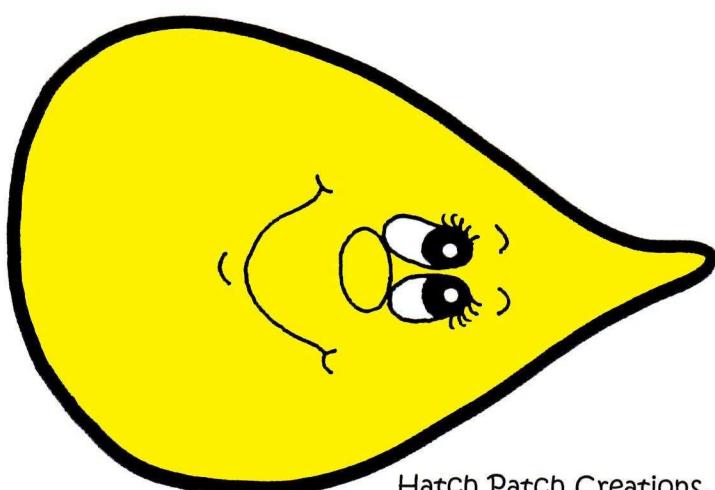
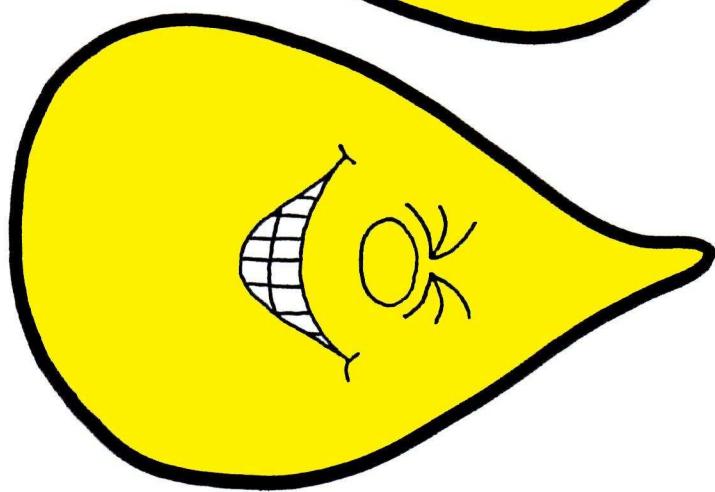
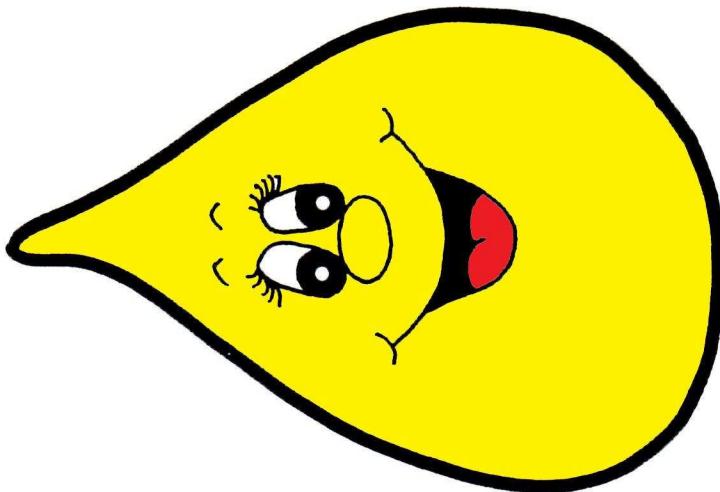
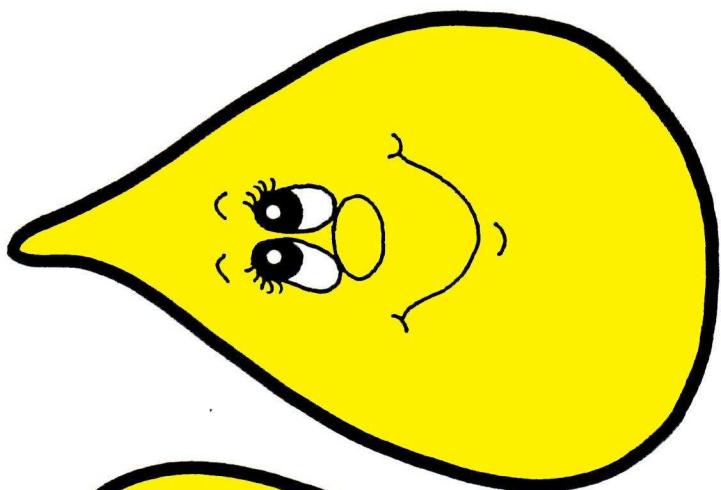
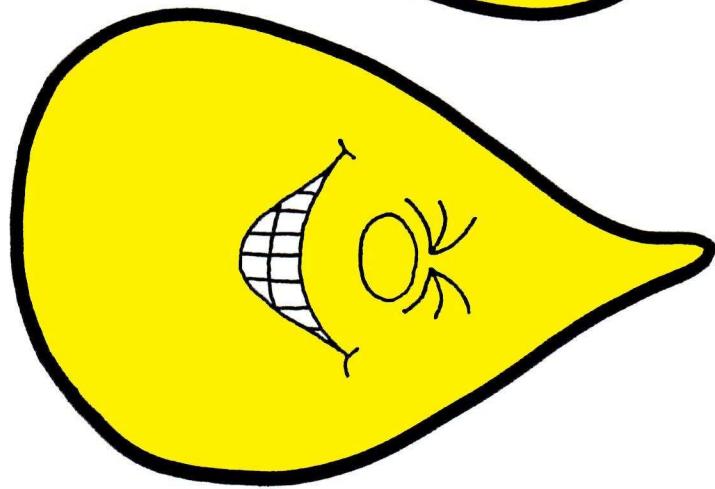
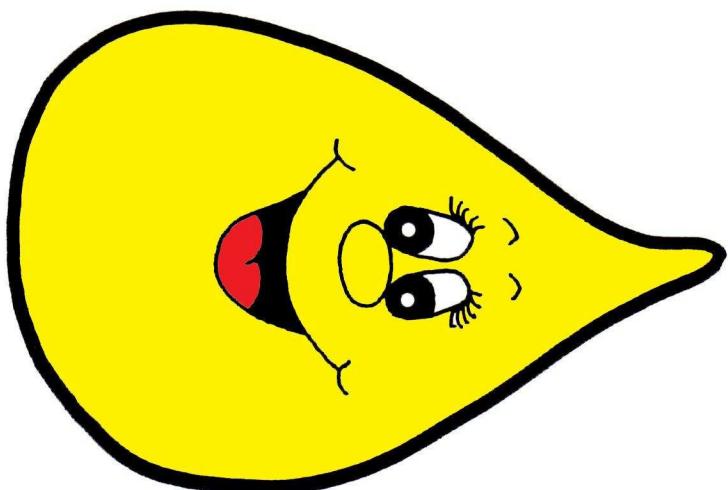
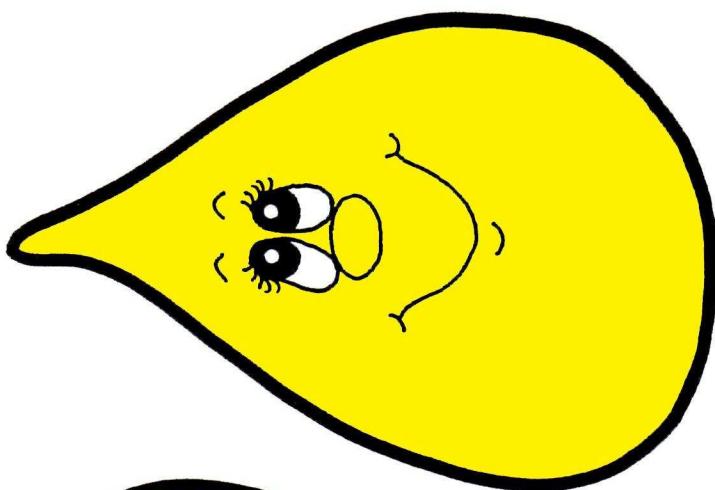
D&C 64:33
"Wherefore, be
not _____ in
well-doing. . . "

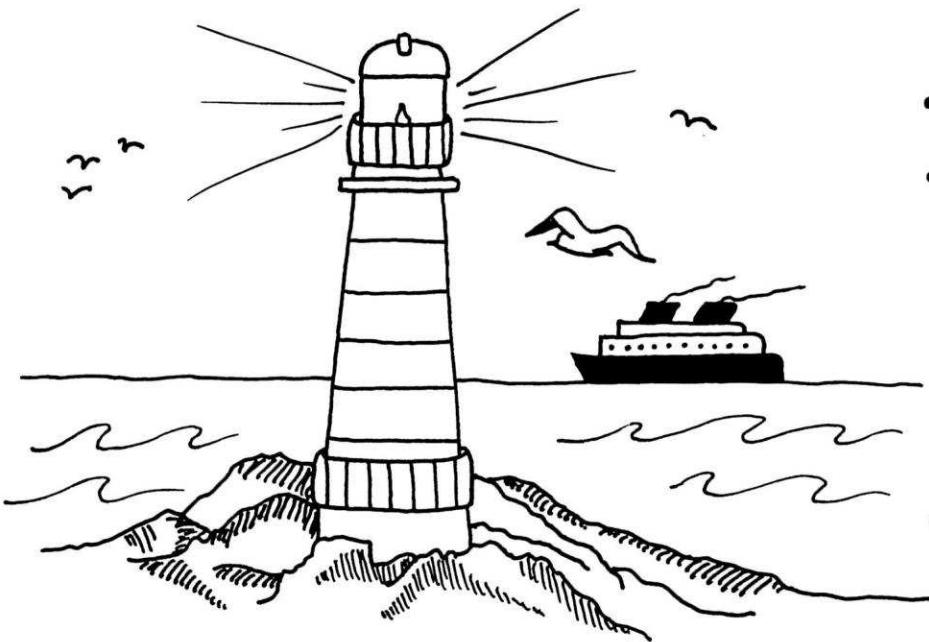
John 3:21
"But he that doeth
cometh
to the light. . . "

John 13:15
"For I have given
you an _____ . . . "

D&C 115:5
" . . . Arise and shine
forth, that thy
light may be a
_____ . . . "







I'm A Little Mormon Lighthouse

Judith Checketts Hatch

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men, that they may see your
good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven."*

Matthew 5:14, 15 & 16

