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I Am A Child Of God Family Home Evening Packet

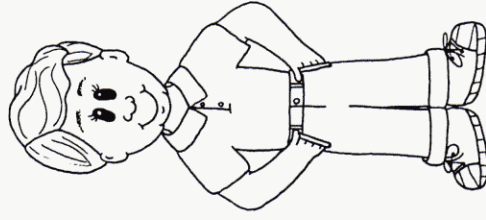


Contents:

Story, Picture Sheets,
Activity, Scripture,
Treat Recipe

\$7.00

Ethan's Cookie Dough Pie



Ingredients:

- Cookie dough
- Vanilla ice cream
- Chocolate chips

Directions:

Spread your favorite cookie dough recipe or a pre-made cookie dough on bottom of a nine inch pie pan. Cover the bottom of the pan 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Bake at 450 degrees for 7-9 minutes. Dough should still be gooey but the bottom should be done. While still hot, fill with vanilla ice cream and sprinkle with chocolate chips. Cut in pie slices and serve warm. YUMMY!!!!

THANKS

to **Misti Hancock** of

Show Low, Arizona, one of our

recipe contest winners for submitting her recipe,

"Cookie Dough Ice Cream Pie"!

I Am A Child of God Family Home Evening Packet Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Scripture

Story

Game

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "I Am A Child Of God", pg. 2 (Childrens)

"My Heavenly Father Loves Me", pg. 228 (Childrens)

"How Dear To God Are Little Children", pg. 180 (Childrens)

Scriptures: Psalms 82:6

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

I Am of Royal Birth - Crown Activity: Preparation - Prepare crowns according to the directions found on the crown sheets.

Activity - Before beginning, explain to the family that we are all sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. We were all created in His image. Thomas S. Monson has said: "The most realistic self-image of all is to conceive of yourself as made in the image of God. You cannot sincerely hold this conviction without experiencing a profound new sense of strength and power." We are all of "Royal Birth." We were all born with unique talents, attributes and divine qualities. Have each family member pass his or her crown around to each family member. Each family member needs to write on the crown a divine quality that they see in that person. Once all of the crowns are completed, finish assembling crowns as instructed on the crown sheets. Have family members wear crowns for the remainder of the family home evening. Once family home evening is finished, have family members put their crowns where they can be looked at often, to remind each of them of the divine qualities they have.

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I Am A Child Of God

Younger Child's Version

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Mother had come out to the front porch to watch for the children as they arrived home. Sabrina would be on the bus from the high school and Ty, Elizabeth and Kirstin would be coming home shortly from their schools.

Ethan thought about his brothers and sisters. They were good brothers and sisters even though there were times when they fought with each other. He felt warm when he thought about his family. Ethan loved them very much. He hoped that they could always be together.

His teacher in Primary had taught him that they could always be a family. She had told them that they were children of God as well as children of their earthly parents. That was very comforting but Ethan wasn't sure that he really understood what Sister Williams had meant. Perhaps he would ask Mother about it this afternoon. Yes, that is just what he would do.

Skipping up the porch steps, Ethan gave Mother a big hug as he threw his book bag onto the chair just inside the door. "I have lunch all ready for you, Ethan" Mother said.

"Oh, good," Ethan thought, "I will have Mother alone for a few minutes before the others get home from school. This will be a good time to ask."

As Mother placed a toasted cheese sandwich in front of him, Ethan took a big bite and stuffed a potato chip in his mouth. He chewed rapidly and then turned to Mother who was fixing sandwiches for the other children. "Hey Mom," he began, "can I ask you a question?"

"Sure" was Mother's response. "What's up?"

Ethan wasn't quite sure how to begin. "Well," he said, "Sister Williams says that we can all live together forever and that we are children of God. What does that mean?"

His face was so sincere that Mother had to smile as she patted him on the head. This was a big question for her seven year old son. Mother knew that it was very important how she answered him. She sat down on the chair next to him and began.

"You see, Ethan, this life is not just something that happened by chance. Heavenly Father has a wonderful plan for us all and we are in the middle part of that plan right now. Let me tell you the story of Heavenly Father's plan."

Mother began to explain. "Do you know what it means when someone says, 'I am a child of God?' Do you understand how wonderful it is that you are 'really' a child of God?"

Before we lived here on this beautiful earth, we lived with our Heavenly Father in Heaven. We were born to Him and our Heavenly Mother as spirit children. Our spirit bodies looked just like our mortal, physical bodies only made of a finer material. This place was called the pre-existence.

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Heavenly Father loved us very much when we lived with Him and He still loves us just the same. He wanted us to come to earth and get a physical body so that we could experience new things. He wanted us to prove ourselves to Him and to be good people so that we could come back and live with Him again. We will be rewarded when we go back to Him for what we accomplish here and how well we live our lives.

Because we are His children as well as the children of earthly parents, we can do amazing things. Did you know that? Did you know that you have divine qualities because you are a child of God?

There was a great plan given to us in the pre-existence. We loved the plan that Heavenly Father told us about and we wanted to come here and prove our love for Him. We need to remember that. He loves us so much and He will help us to do right.

We can pray and talk to Heavenly Father any time we want. He is just waiting to hear from us. Even if we are only two or three years old, He wants us to talk to Him. Did you know that you can pray and talk to Heavenly Father any time you want? Did you know that He hears you every time you pray? Sometimes it's hard to understand how He can do that but He can.

With His help and with our earthly parents help, we can do anything. We don't need to be afraid when we know that we are children of God and that He is there with us. Heavenly Father loves little children very much. He understands you. He wants to take care of you. Isn't that wonderful?

When we left the pre-existence to come here to earth, Heavenly Father also gave us the Holy Ghost to be with us. He also cares very deeply about you. He loves you. He will look out for you.

When we leave this earth, we can live with our earthly families again, forever. If we all do what Heavenly Father wants us to do, we will all be together and we will live with our wonderful Heavenly Father again. That is what He wants and that is what will make us the very happiest.

We need to remember that we have Heavenly Father in us. Because we are His children, we have godliness in us. That makes us very special - very very special. That is what it means to be His child. That is what it means to be a child of God."

Ethan was impressed. He was divine. Heavenly Father was a part of him because Ethan was a child of God.

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Before we came to earth, we lived with Heavenly Father, our Heavenly Mother and all of Their spirit children. This was called the pre-existence.

We were all born there as spirits. We looked very much like we look now but our spirit bodies were made just a little different. We lived with all of our brothers and sisters and friends. It was a wonderful place because we could live with Heavenly Father and Jesus. They loved us very much and still love us very much.

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We were taught and we had agency there as well as here. That means that we could make our own decisions.

After a very long time there, Heavenly Father presented a plan to all of us. He wanted us to be able to progress and to prove ourselves to Him. We loved this plan. We were anxious to come to earth and get a new body - a physical body that had flesh and bones. Some things we couldn't really enjoy or learn about unless we had a physical body. It would be a great adventure and we were very happy about it.

Jesus Christ was the very first one born as a spirit to Heavenly Father and His Heavenly Mother. He was known as the "mightiest of all the spirit children of God."

In a great council in Heaven, God explained that one of His spirit children would be chosen to be the Redeemer and would come and atone for our sins in order that we might be able to repent and live with Him again.

Heavenly Father then asked, "Whom shall I send to be My Son in mortality?" Two spirits answered and said they would go. Christ said that He would go and follow His Father's plan, do as Father asked and He would give all the glory to Heavenly Father. Satan, on the other hand, would go and make us do the right thing. He would make sure that we all made it back to Heavenly Father and then he would take all the honors. (Moses 4:1-4)

Heavenly Father chose Jesus to go and that made Satan very angry. There was a large war in Heaven and one third of the spirit children rebelled against Heavenly Father. They were told to leave the spirit world. The rest of us were born here to earthly parents and here we are.

This life is a testing time for us to prove ourselves to our Heavenly Father. He wants us to come back and live with Him again, just as we did in the pre-existence. What we do here will determine where we live in Heaven. We want to live with Heavenly Father again so we must do as He asks.

Then, when we leave this earth, we can be with our families forever and live with Heavenly Father and Jesus again. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Because we are children of God, we can do great things. We have royal qualities. We are divine too. This means that we don't need to be afraid. He will be there with us to help us and to take care of us. He wants what is best for us. He loves us. We are His children. Isn't that wonderful?"

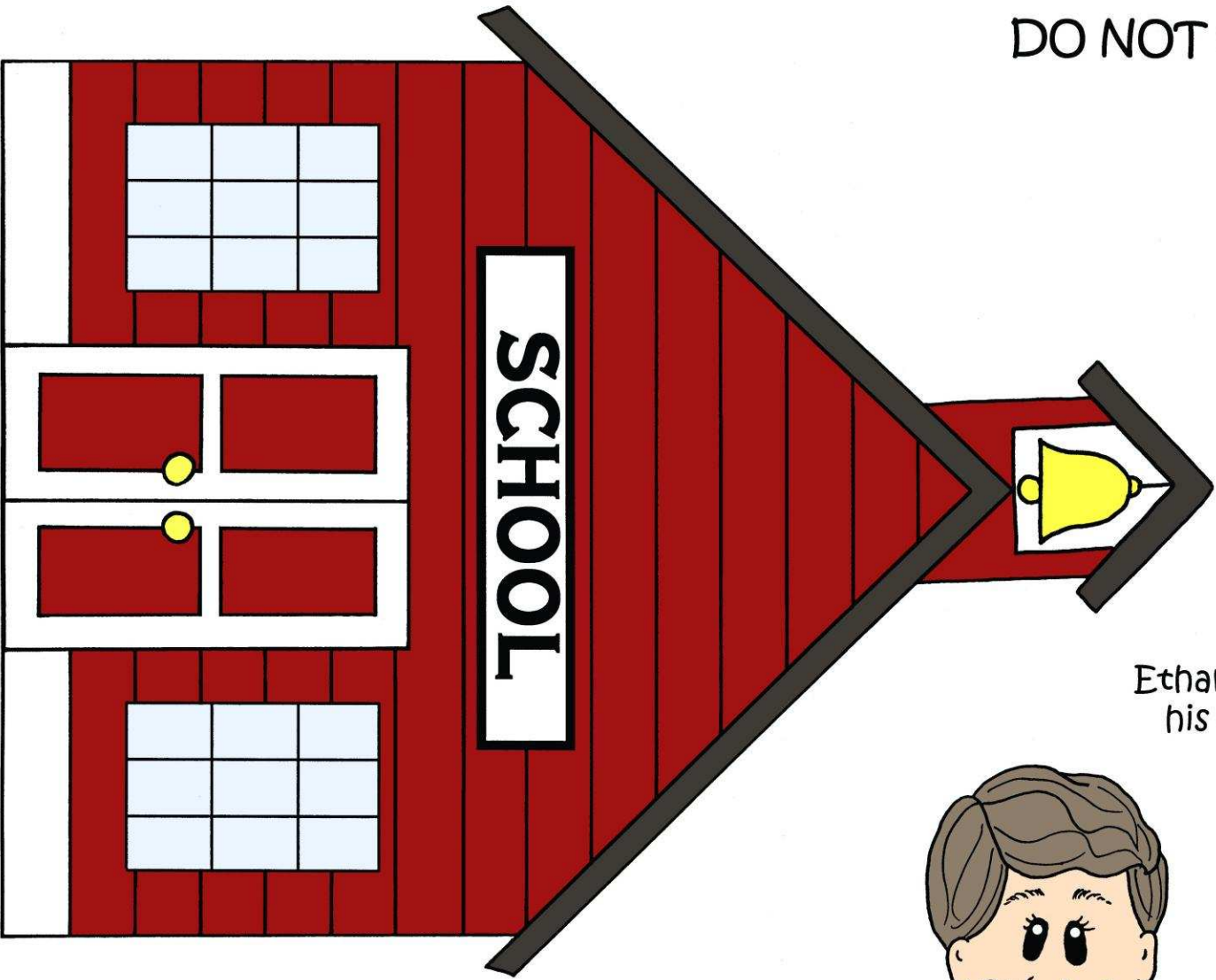
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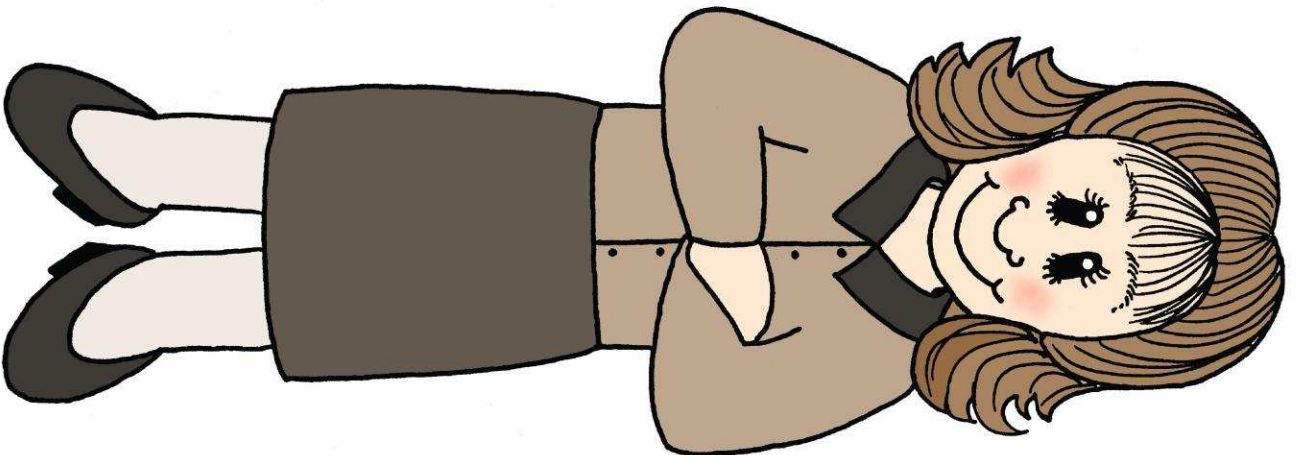
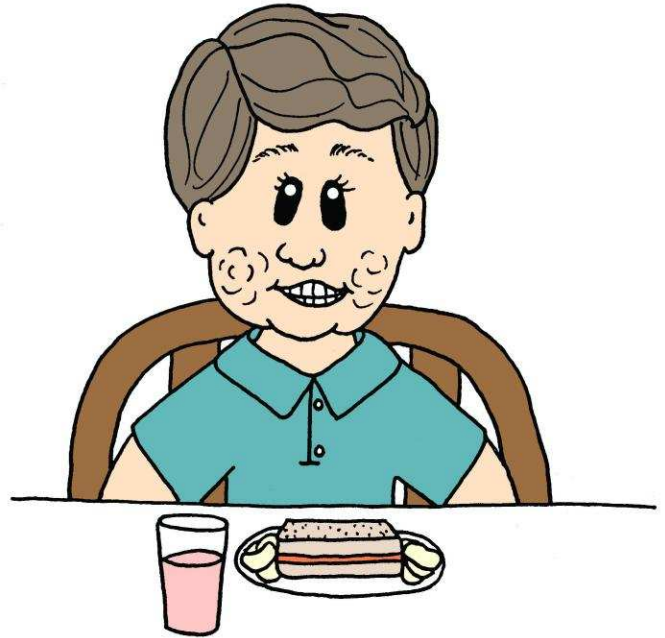
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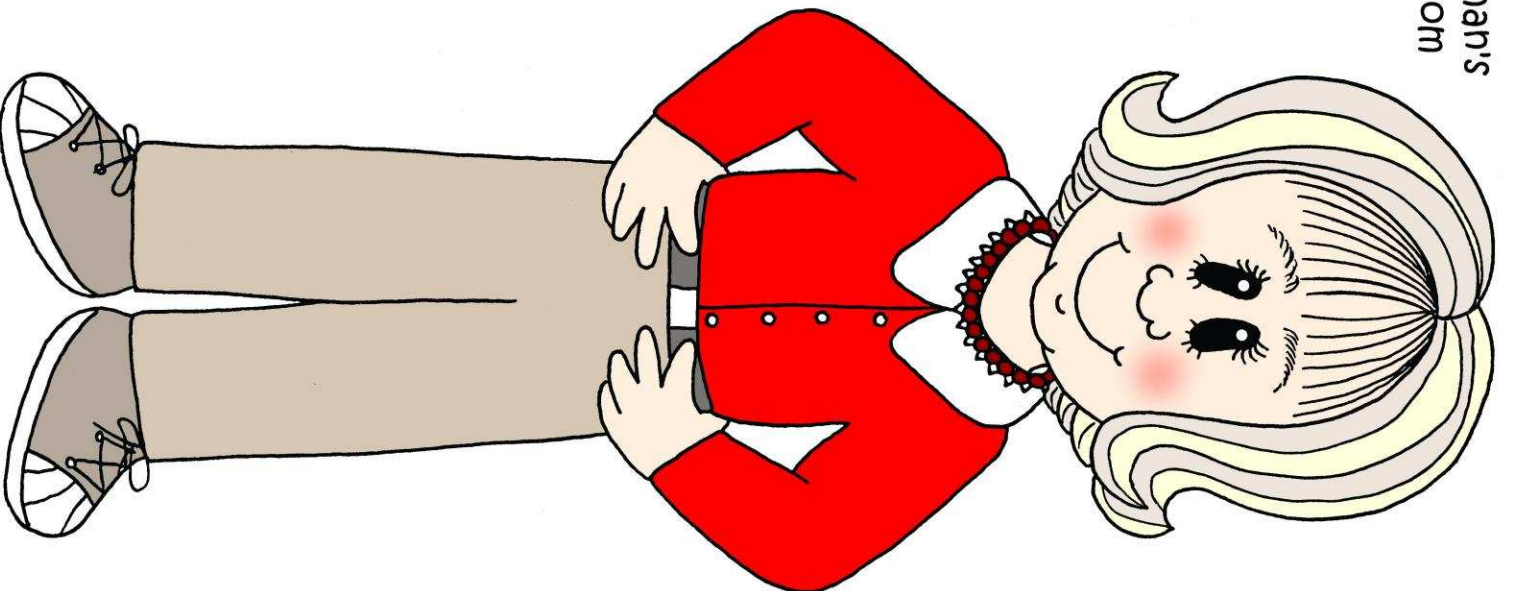


Ethan eating
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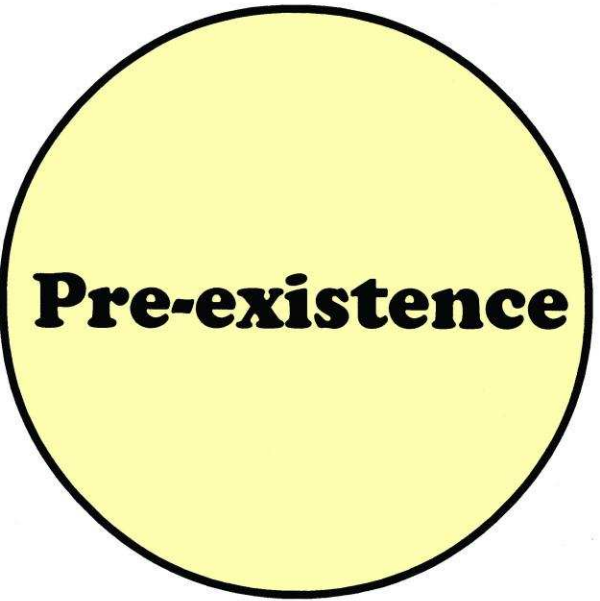
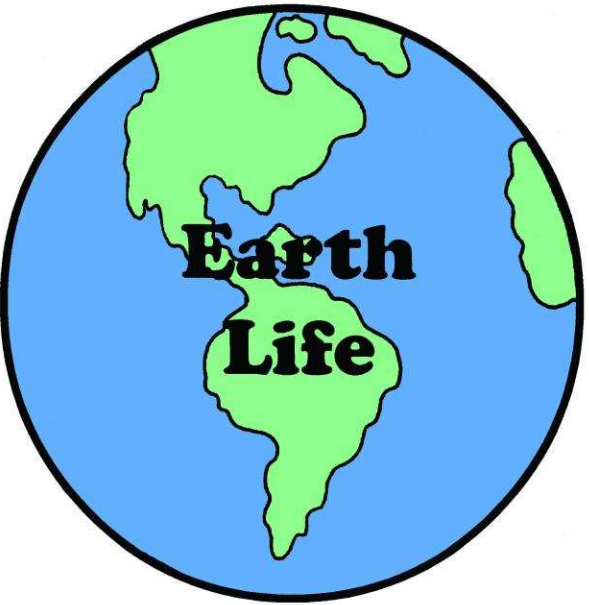


Primary teacher

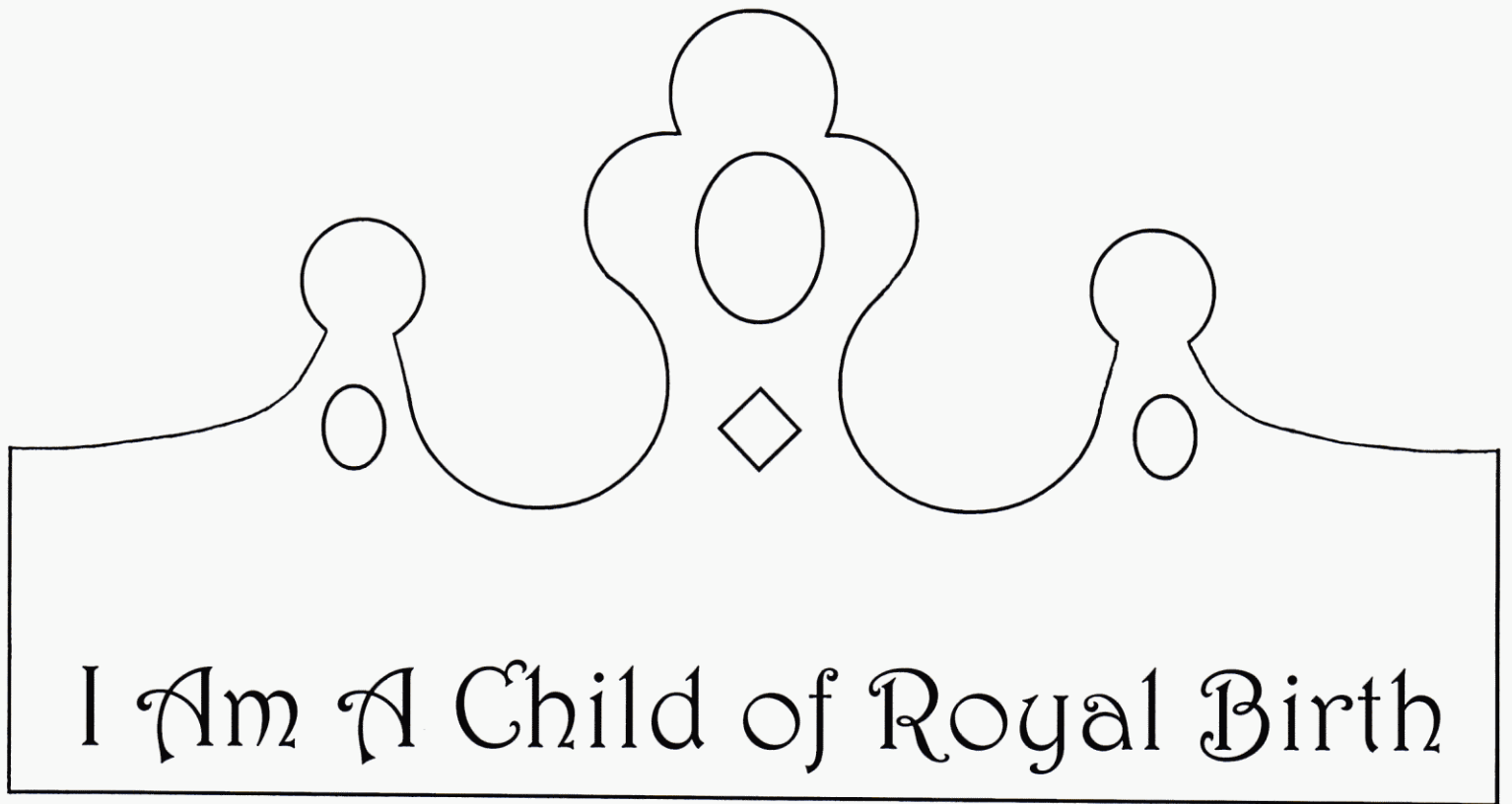
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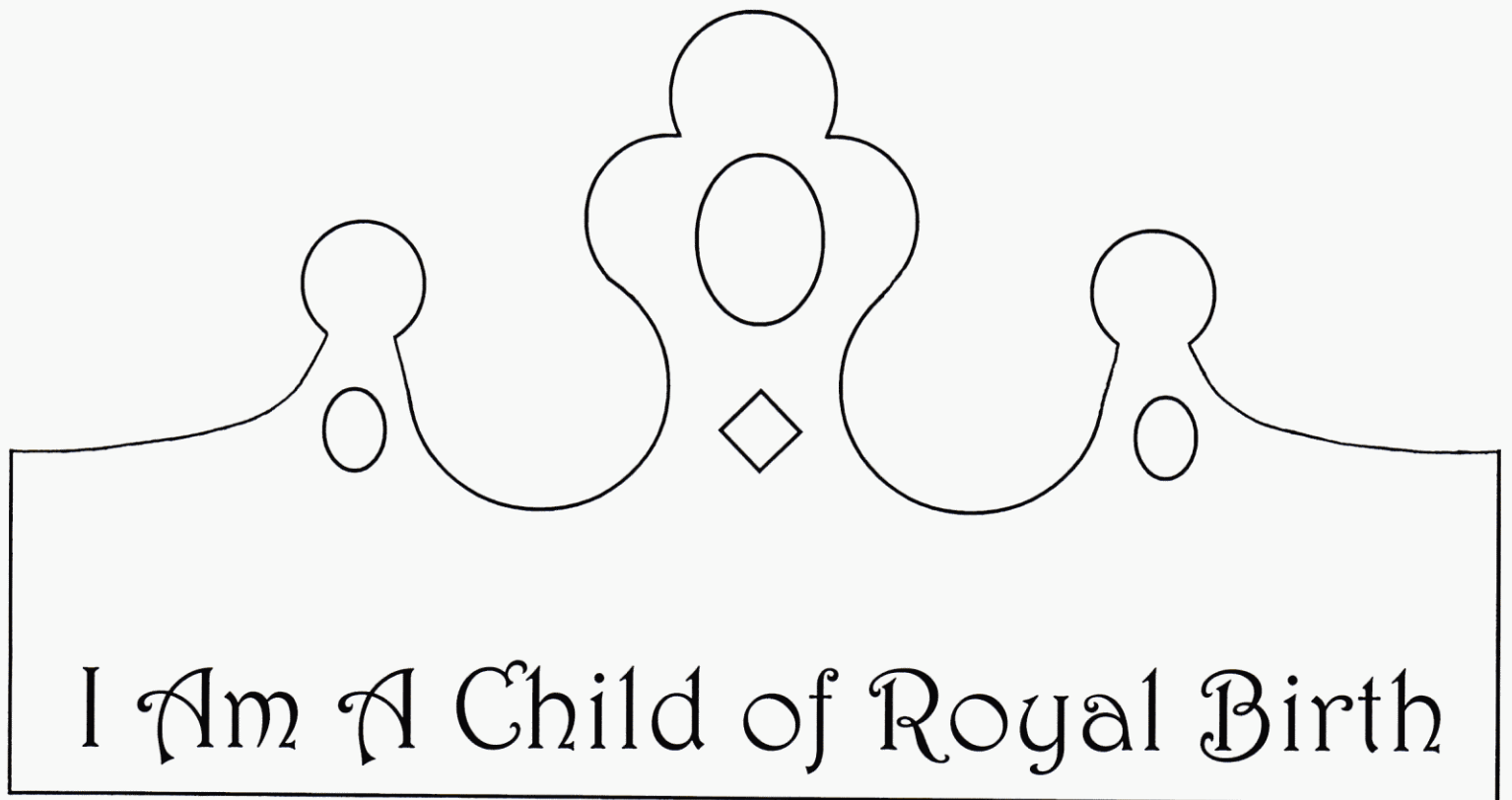
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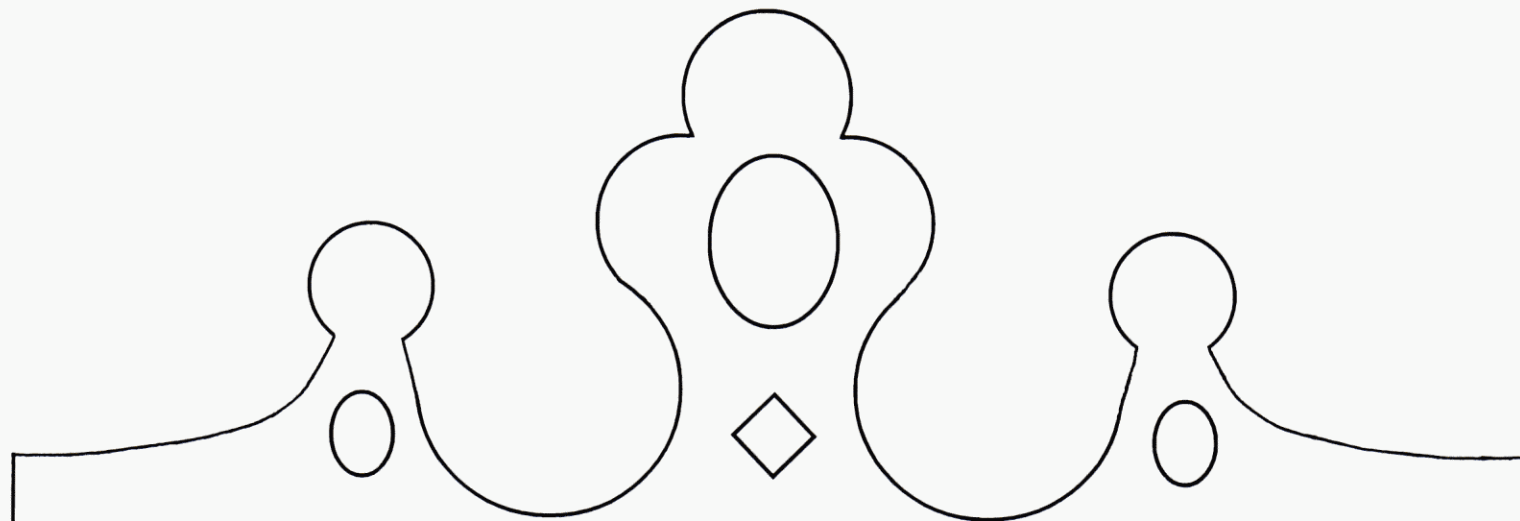


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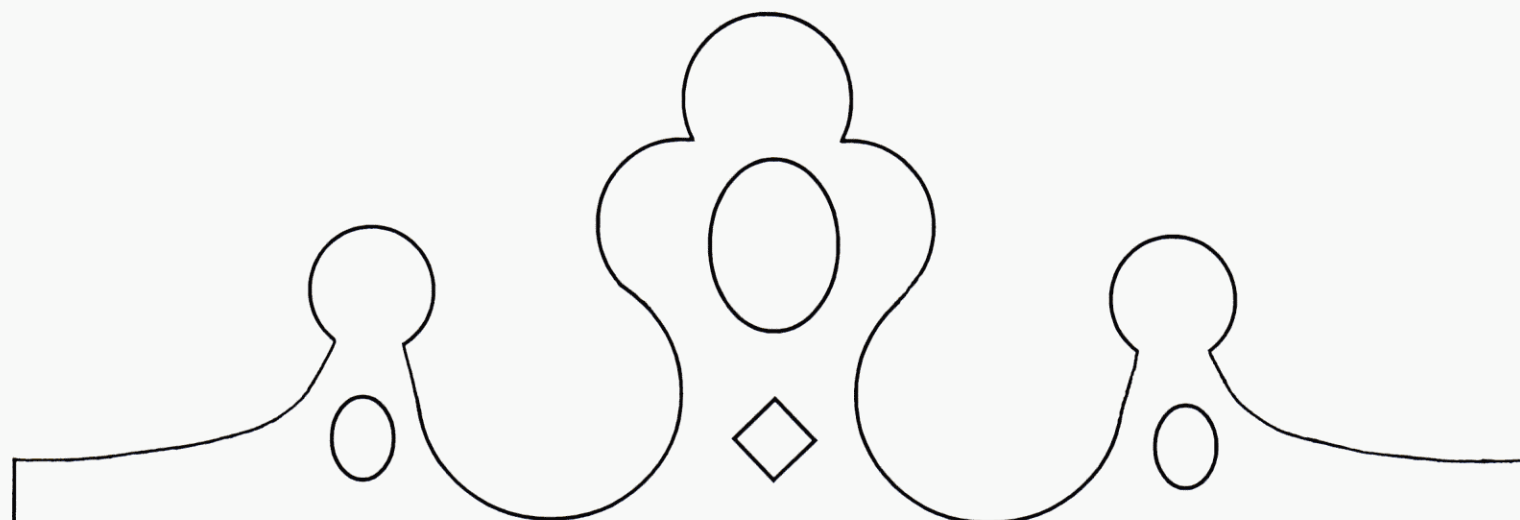
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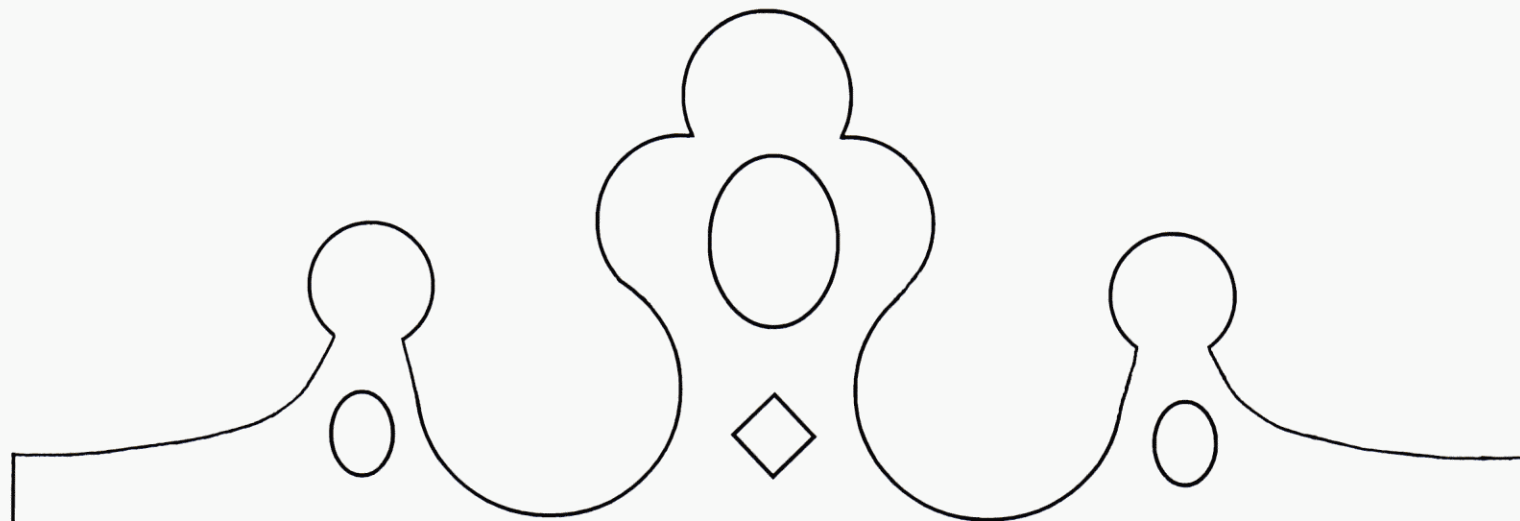


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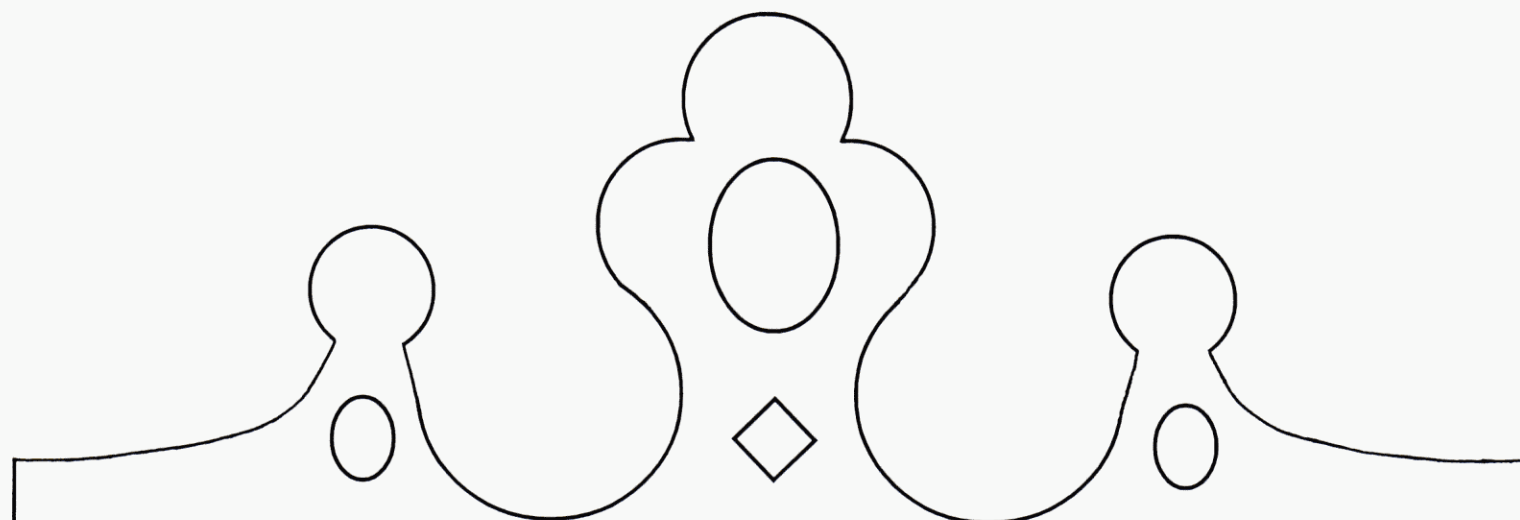


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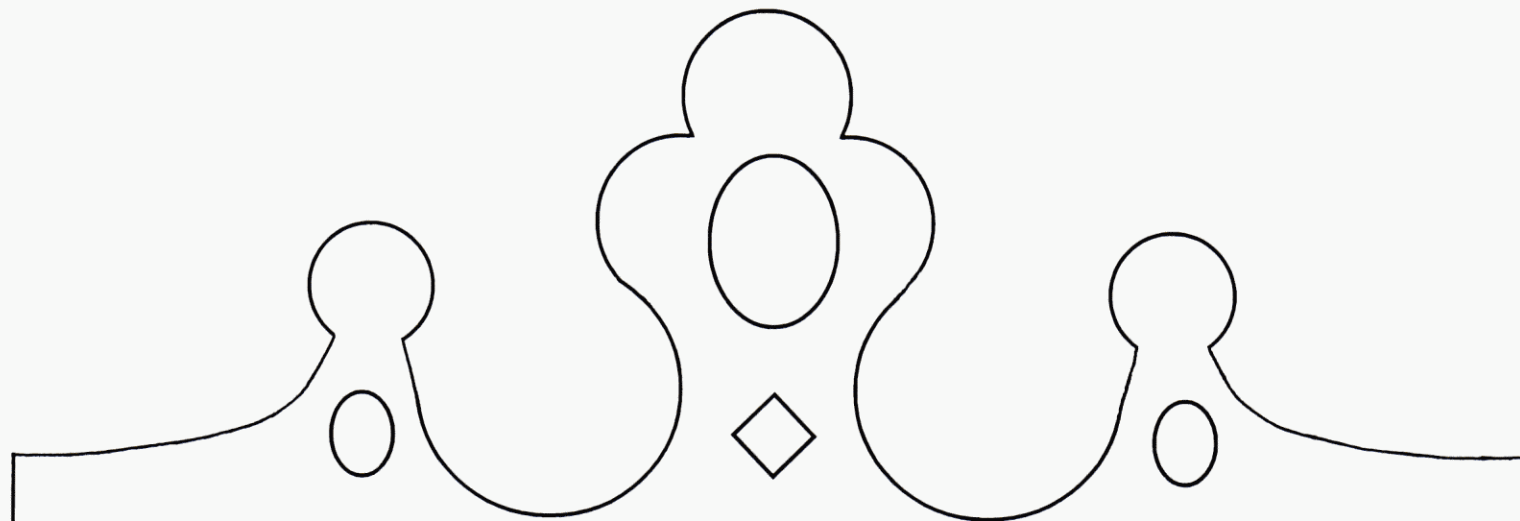


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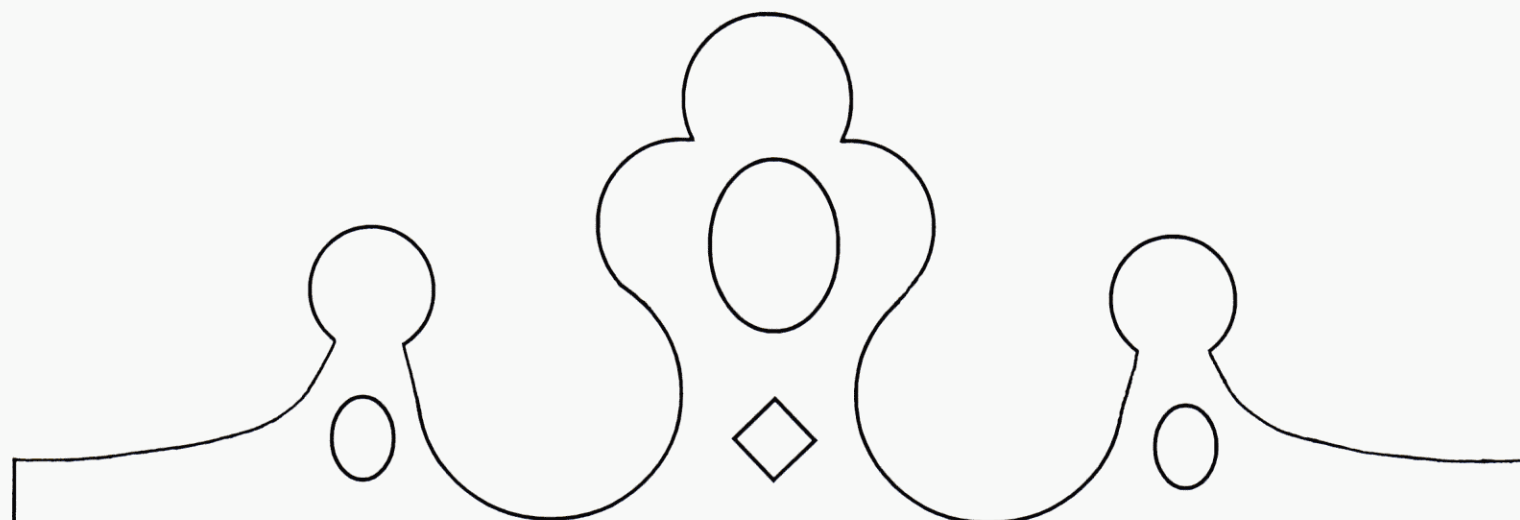


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