

Printable Nativity

Scenes

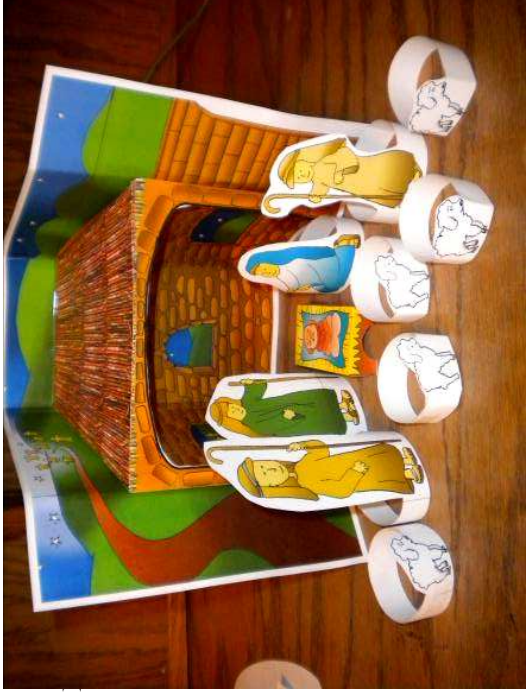
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The following pages contain cut-out materials you can use to create a nativity scene featuring shepherds, the manger, Joseph and Mary. However, you will notice that there are actually two Christmas nativity scenes you can create here. There

is a baby in the manger with shepherds in the first scene and some wise men with a two-year old boy Jesus at the house in the second scene.

Why two scenes?

Contrary to popular opinion, the wise men never came to the manger to



with the shepherds at the manger scene if you wish, but remember that the Bible, not Christmas carols, is the true source of the Christmas story.

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see the baby Jesus at Christmas.

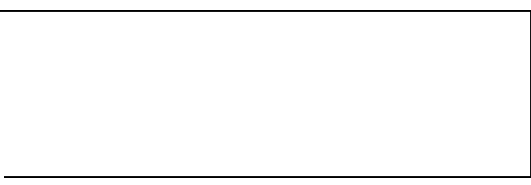
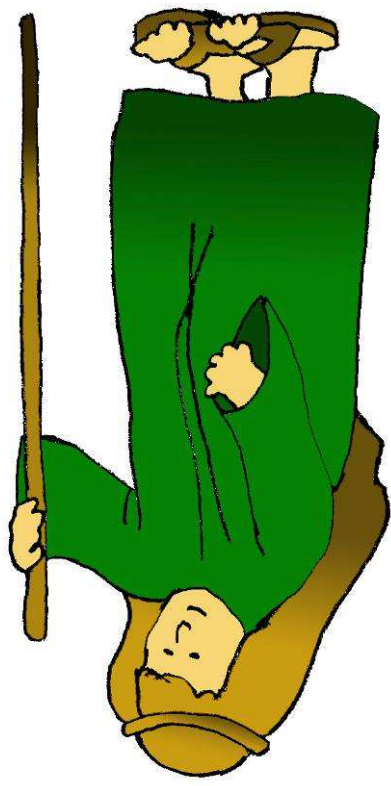
They came to Jesus' house about two years after his birth.

For a full explanation of other corrections in the typical Christmas pageant script, read the last page about "10 common misconceptions of the Christmas story"

You may combine the wise men figures

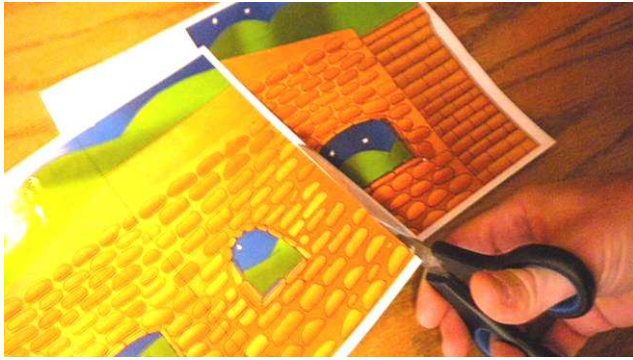
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You may also wish to download one of the dozens of other activities including a 3D printable model of Moses' Tabernacle or a 3D printable model of Noah's Ark.

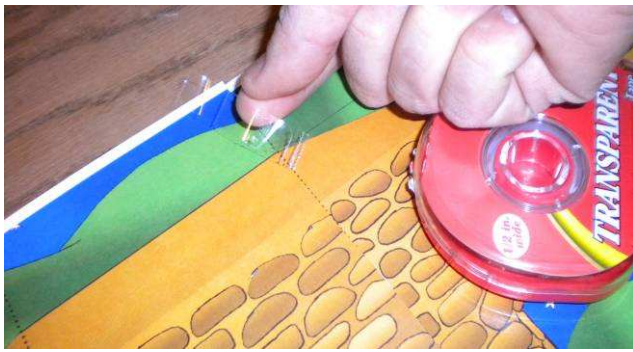


How to assemble the stable.

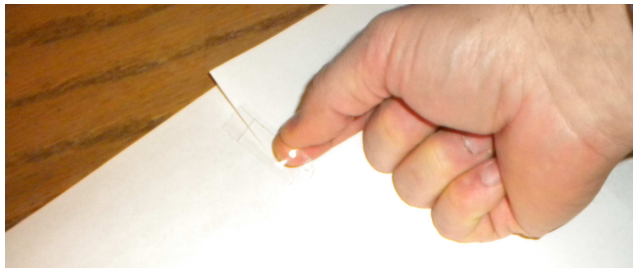
There are three pages to the manger scene stable—the roof and the two scenery pages. The picture to the right shows the stable fully assembled.



1. Cut off the right edge of the first stable page. See picture to the left.



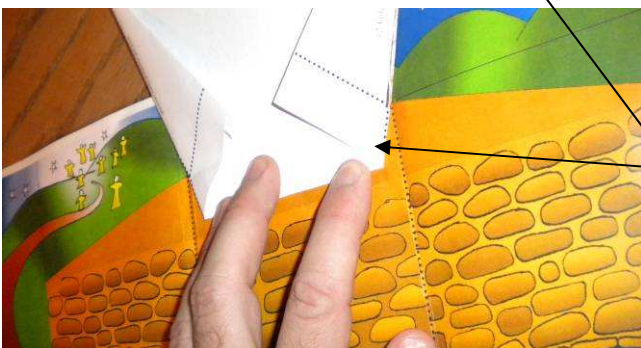
2. Tape the two stable pages together. Be careful to align them straight before taping. The two sheets should overlap about 4 inches.



3. Tape both the front and back sides. See pictures to the left.

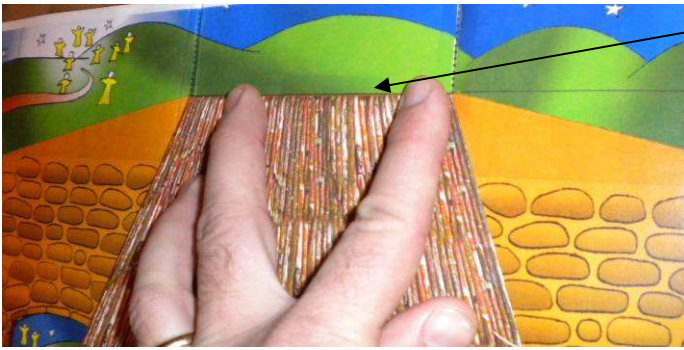


4. Fasten the roof to the walls. The top of the roof should align with the line printed on the wall as pictured to the left.



5. Fasten the roof to the walls. Tape the flap on the underside of the roof to the wall.

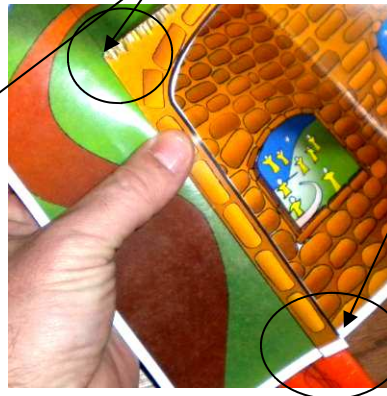
The flap is about 1 inch wide.



6. Put a piece of tape along the top edge of the roof line.

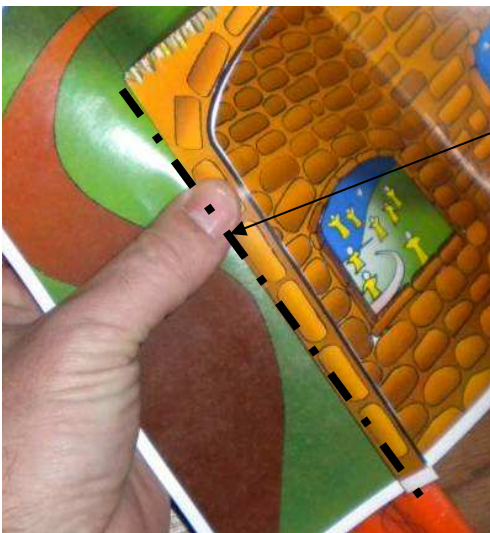


7. Align the sides of the house with the background scenery. The lines printed on the scenery page should align *approximately* with posts of the house.



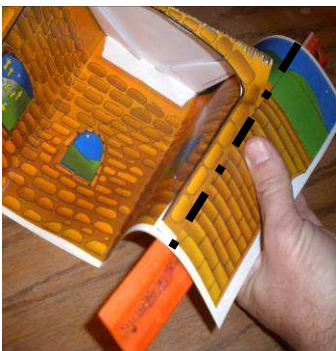
The bottom of the post should align *exactly* with the bottom of the scenery page.

Fasten the posts of the house to the scenery page with several pieces of tape.



8. After taping the posts of the house to the background scenery, gently fold the scenery out along the place where the two papers join. This gives the whole scene a more open appearance. You may find that a ruler helps fold the paper.

Folding the left wall.



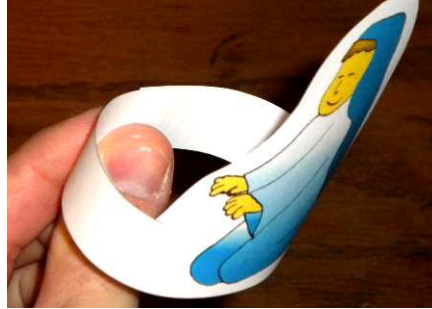
Folding the right wall.



The finished stable is now ready for people and animals.

How to make the people

1. Cut out each person, lamb and camel including the long band of paper at their feet. The cut-out can be approximate. Notice that the pictures here show a margin of about 1/4 inch of paper around Mary.
2. Create a circle with the band and fasten with tape.
3. The circle of paper should allow the figure to stand up.



How to make the manger

1. Cut out the manger. Be sure to cut precisely around the edges or it will not stand up straight.
2. Fold down each side at a right angle as pictured at the right.



Arrange the figures

The night of Christmas, Joseph and Mary were visited by shepherds. The angels in the distant hills told the shepherds they would find a baby wrapped in clothes, lying in a manger in Bethlehem, the city of David.

Some time later—perhaps two years— Magi (aka Wise Men) came from the east to worship the child. They came to see a boy who lived in a house. See page 10 for further explanation as to why two separate scenes are necessary to tell the full Christmas story.



A completed house

Two versions of Jesus' home are included here. Page 10 contains a single-sheet version shown here. Page 11 and 12 contain a larger house that is more true to scale with the figures that surround it.

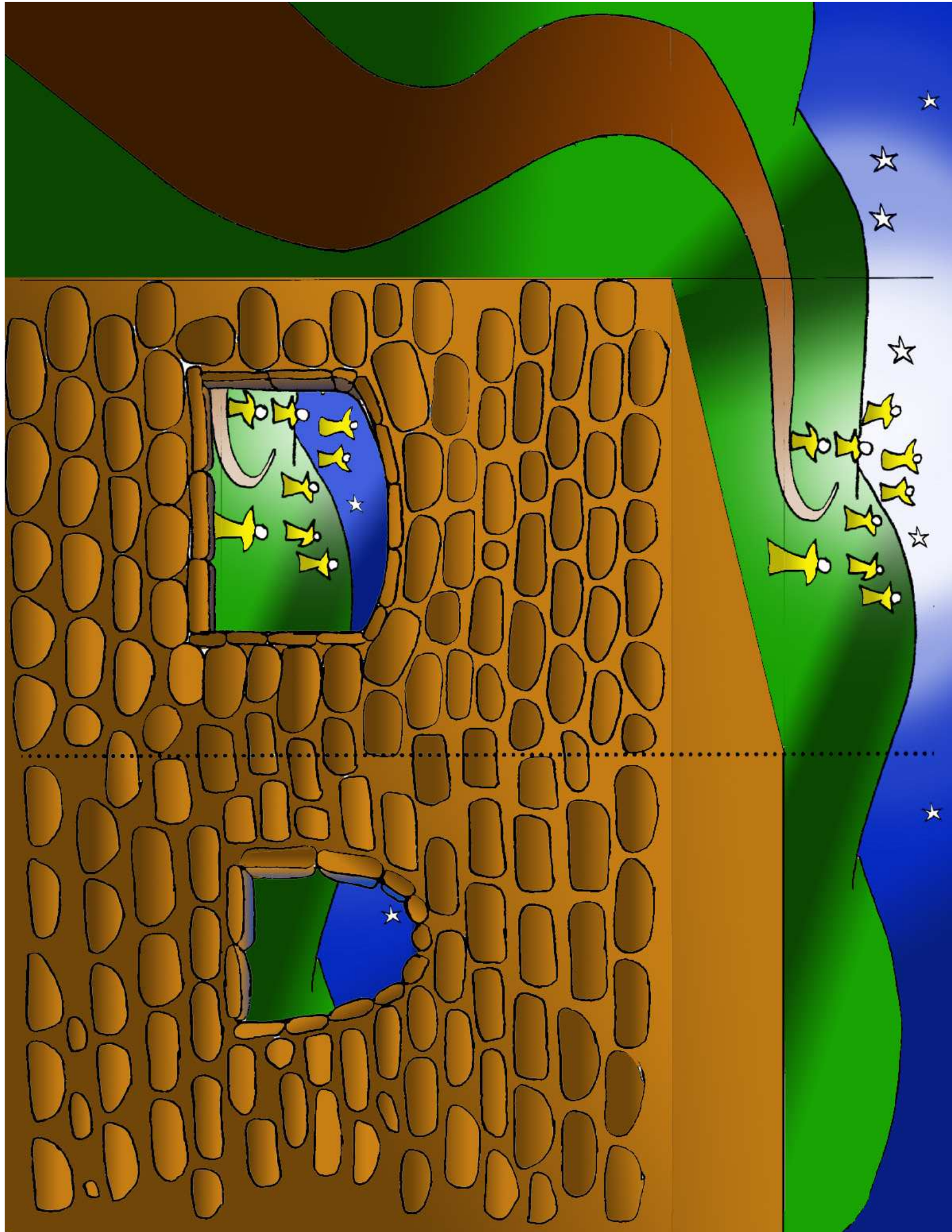
If you wish, you could also adapt this house as the inn that had no room for the Savior.

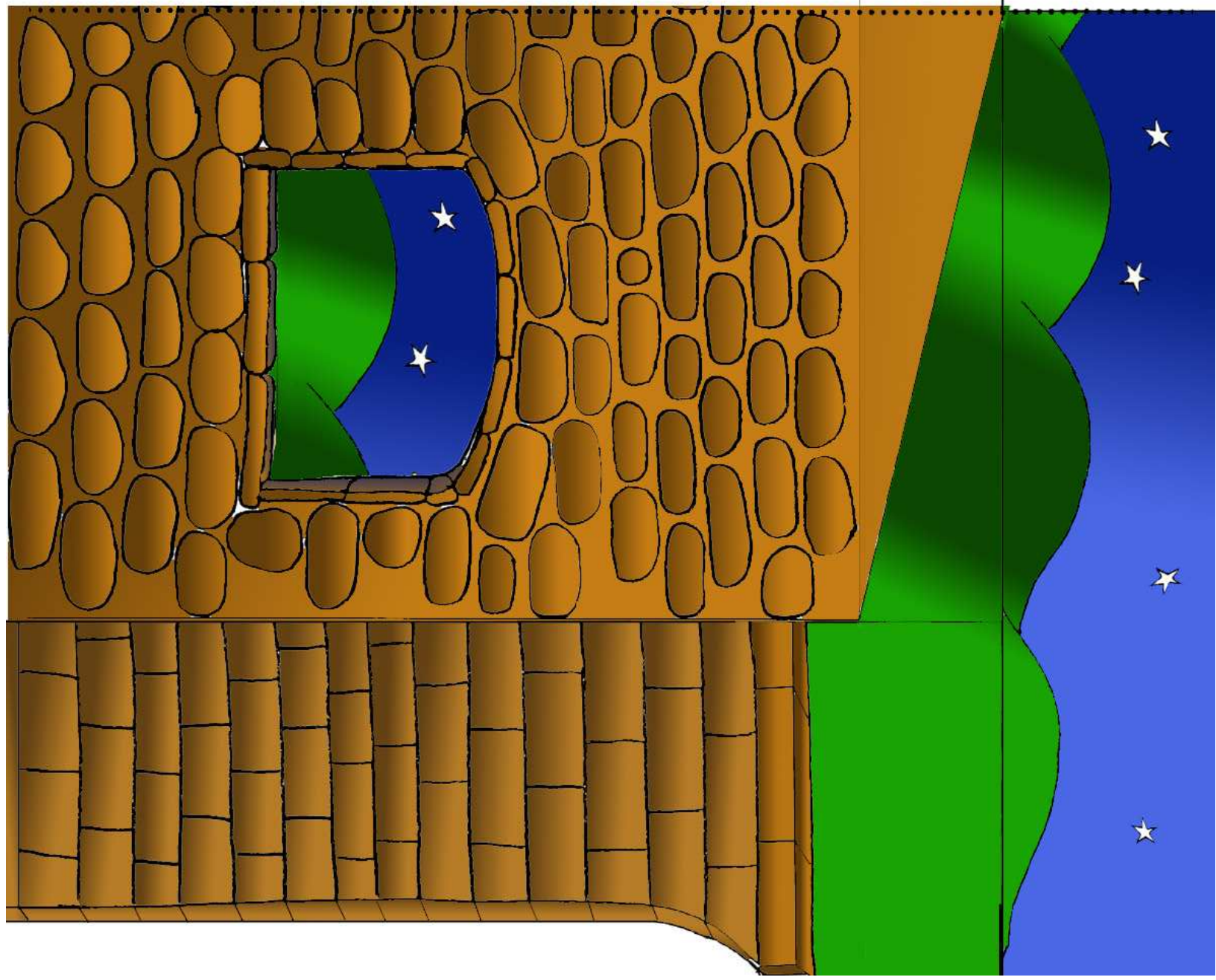


Scene #1—the manger when Christ was born.



Scene #2—the wise men visit the house when Christ was a boy.





#3 Fold top flap third.

#2 Fold diagonal lines second

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Fold sides in first.

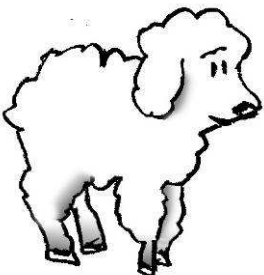
#1 Fold sides in first.

#3 Fold the roof edge (above)

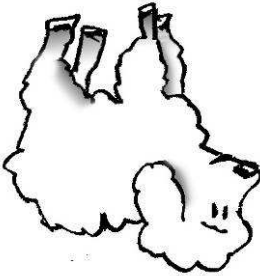
#4 Cut out this doorway.



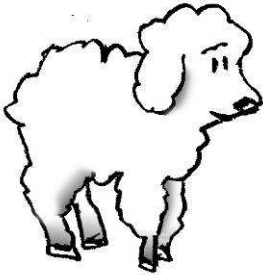
1. Fold outside edges.
2. Fold diagonal lines along the sides of the roof.
3. Fold the top edge of the roof.
4. Fold along the roof line.
5. Cut out this white region.



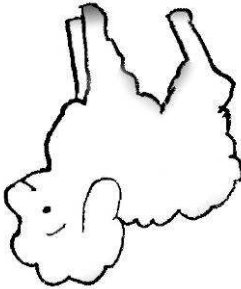
A large empty rectangular box for writing, positioned to the right of the first sheep illustration.



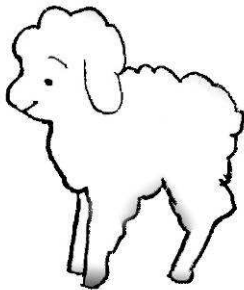
A large empty rectangular box for writing, positioned to the left of the second sheep illustration.



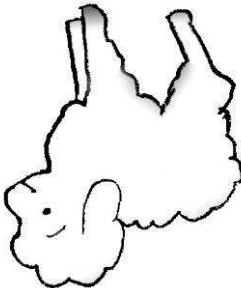
A large empty rectangular box for writing, positioned to the right of the third sheep illustration.



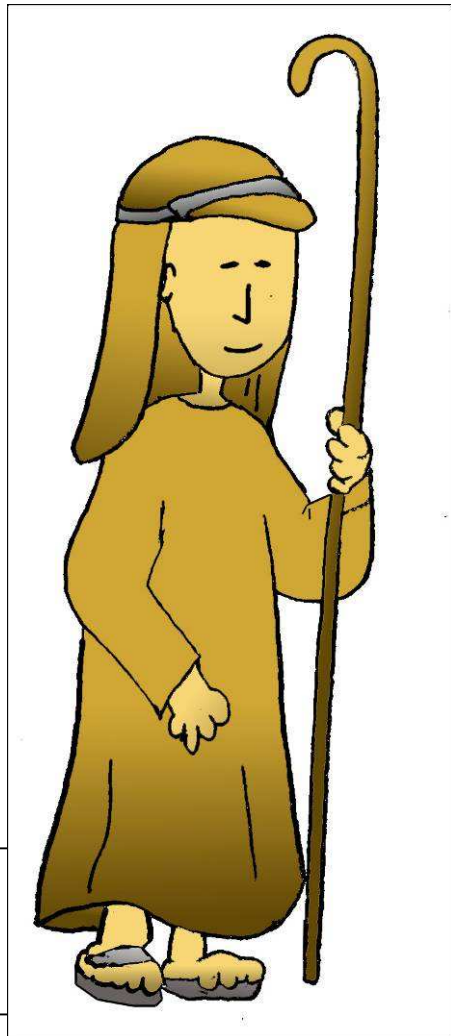
A large empty rectangular box for writing, positioned to the left of the fourth sheep illustration.

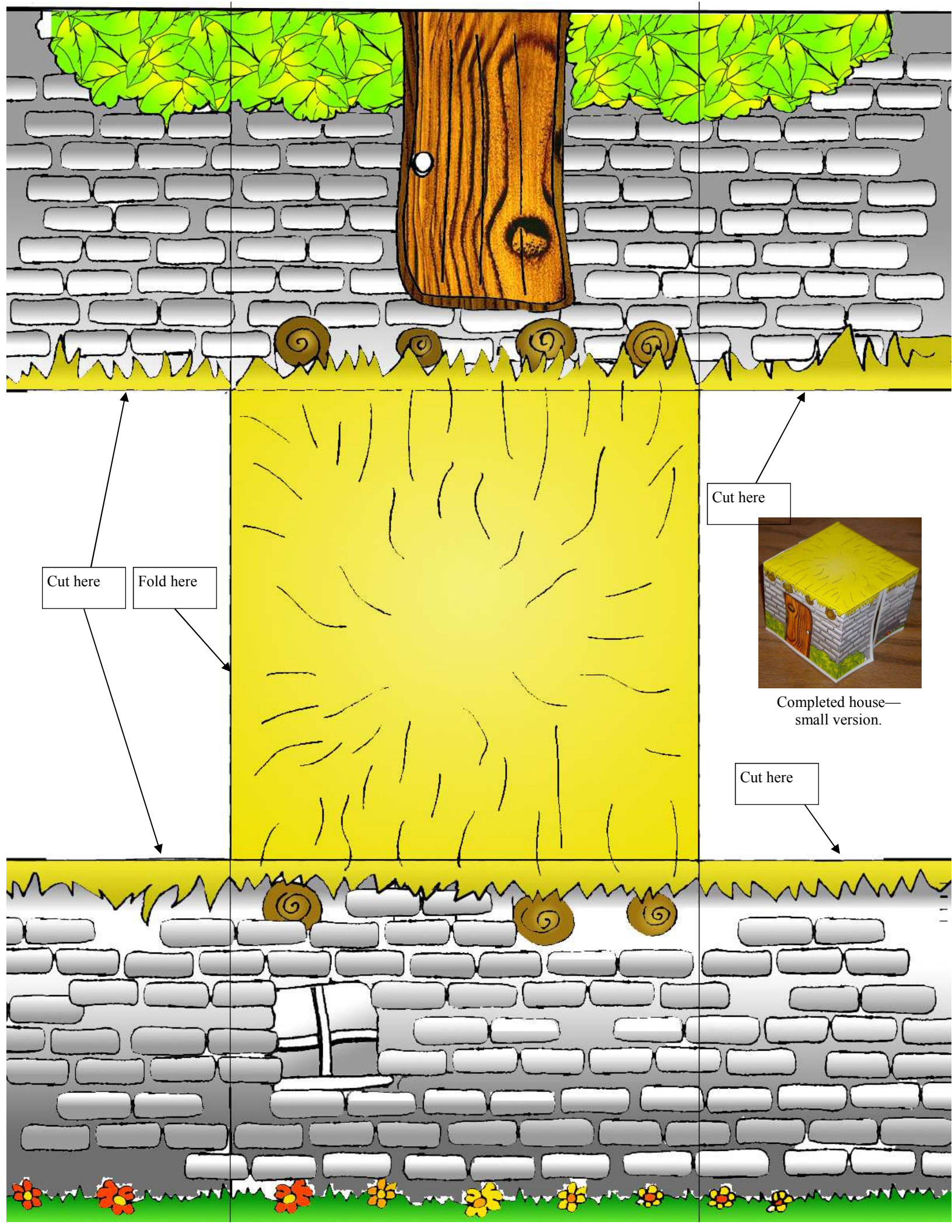


A large empty rectangular box for writing, positioned to the right of the fifth sheep illustration.



A large empty rectangular box for writing, positioned to the left of the sixth sheep illustration.





Cut here

Fold here

Cut here



Completed house—
small version.

Cut here

This piece can be thrown away.

Cut this page on this line. Match this edge with the line printed on the roof on the other house page

Fold

Do not cut beyond this

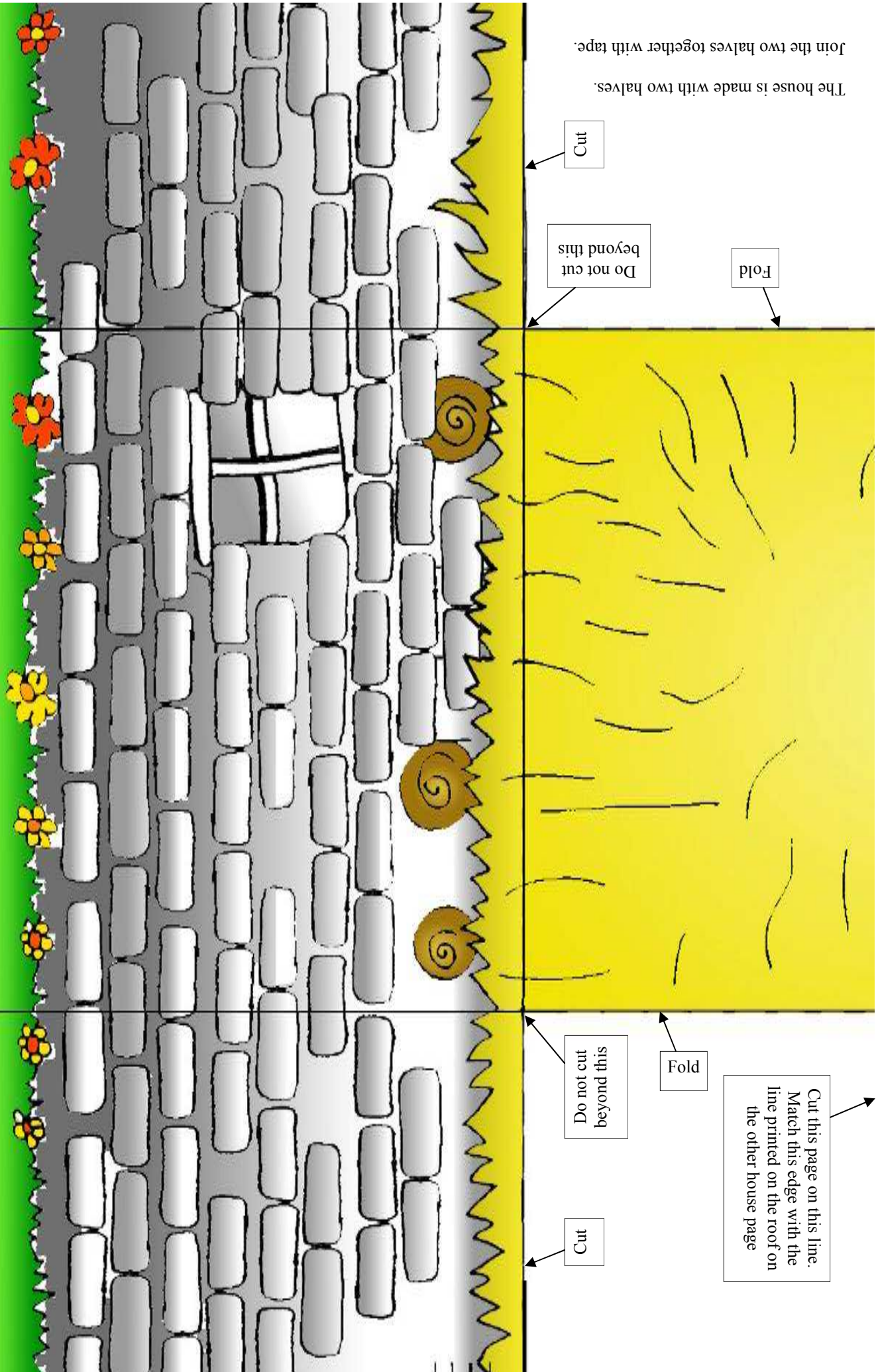
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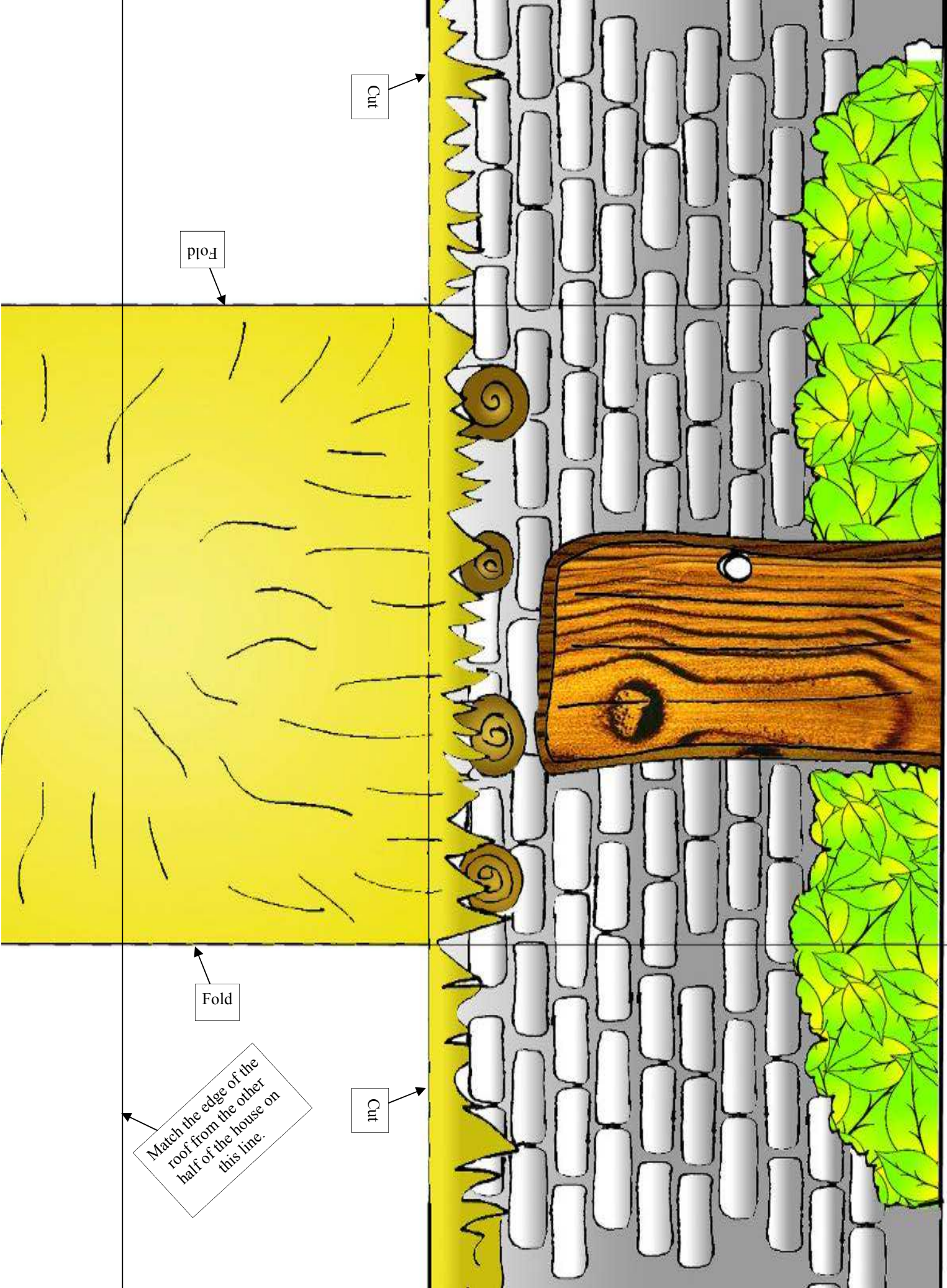
Fold

Do not cut beyond this

Cut

The house is made with two halves. Join the two halves together with tape.





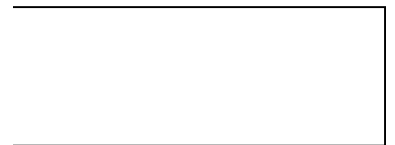
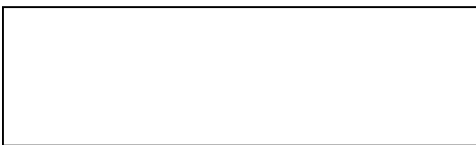
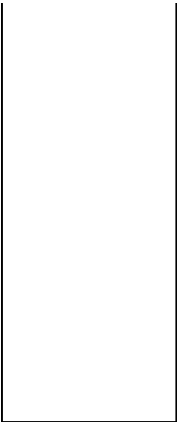
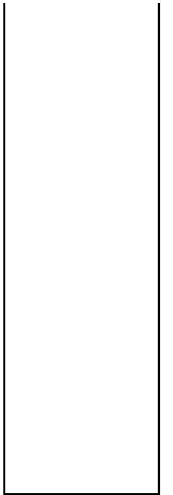
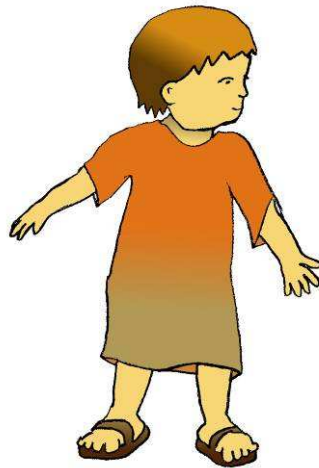
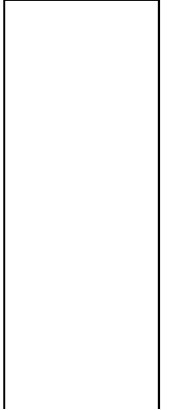
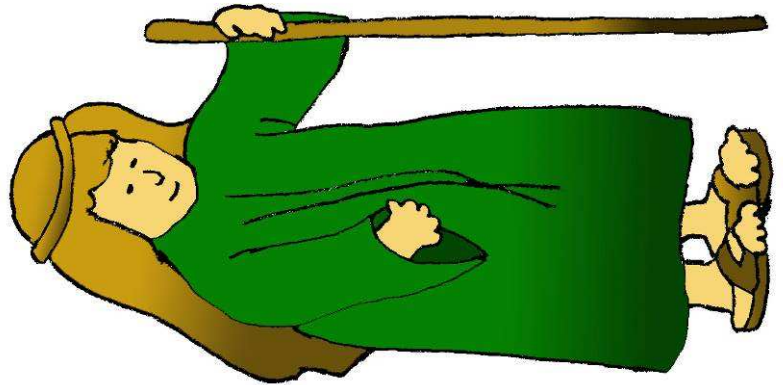
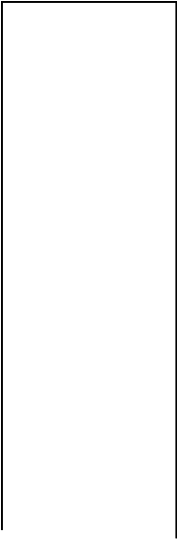
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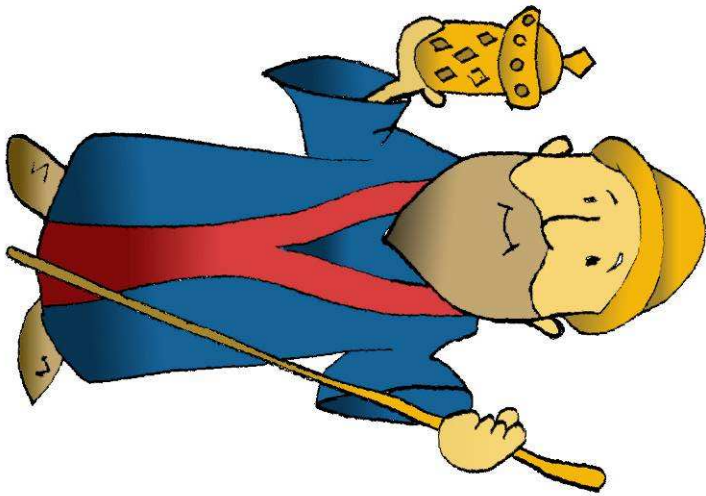
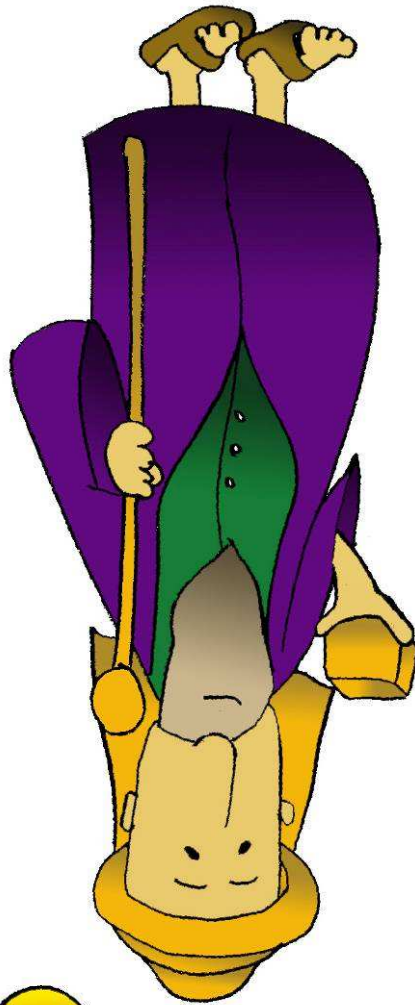
Fold

Fold

Cut

Match the edge of the roof from the house on this line.





Empty rectangular box for labeling.

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