Make & Game: Separating the Flocks

At a Glance:

Jacob and Laban had an agreement that all the speckled, spotted, and streaked animals would be his. All the plain ones belonged to Laban. Children may remember that there were lots of speckled animals for Jacob, which he separated out from the rest of the herds that belonged to Laban. In this activity, children will make paper "beanbags" or "pillows" with pictures of sheep and goats, some spotted or streaked and some plain. These are tossed together and then the children work to separate the speckled and spotted animals from the plain ones, as Jacob did.





Supplies Needed:

- copy of a speckled, spotted or dark animal to make a sample
- copies of the animals—enough for every child to have at least 3 different pages
- 3 extra sets of the plain animals
- stapler
- crayons or markers
- scrap paper, newspaper or tissue paper for stuffing the "pillows"
- open floor space for playing the sorting game
- *optional:* paper bags/sacks for children to take their finished pillows home

Teacher Preparation:

- Make one sample pillow.
- Prepare the animal pages for the students by folding them in half and stapling the sides shut. Do not staple the bottom of the pages yet!
- Make sure there will be more speckled, spotted or dark animals than plain after the children have colored their sets

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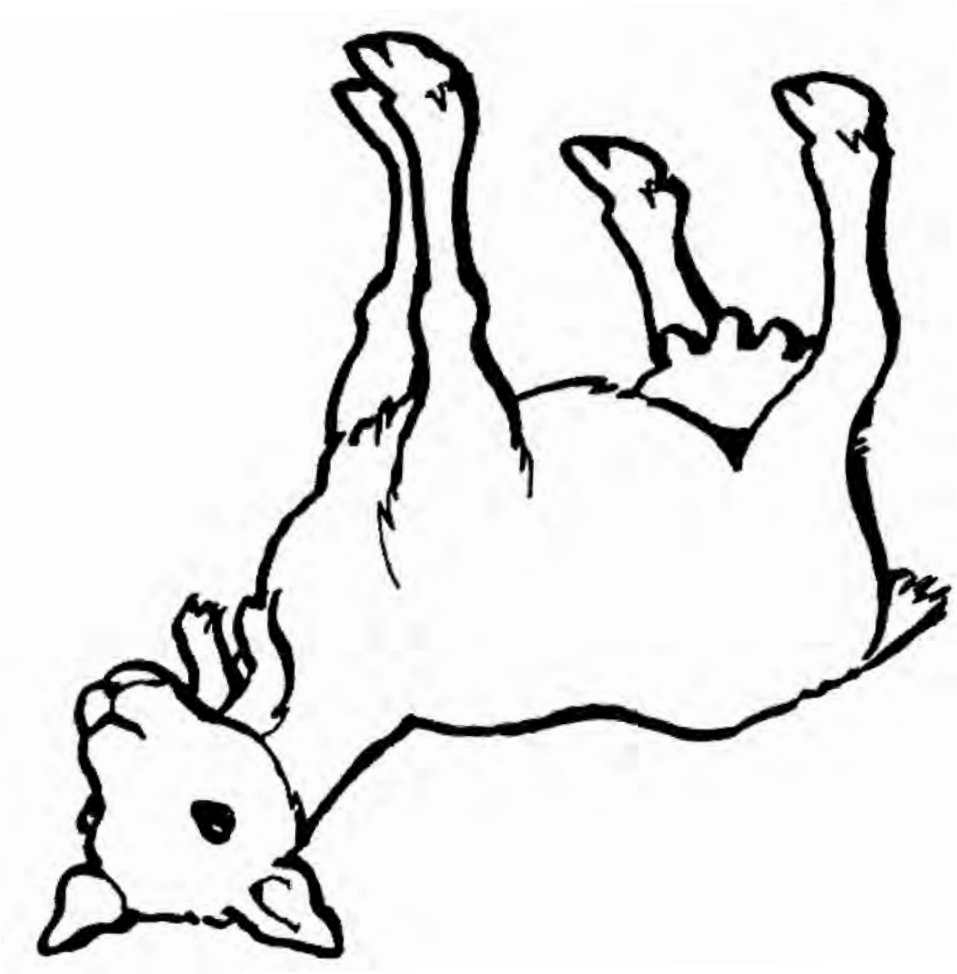
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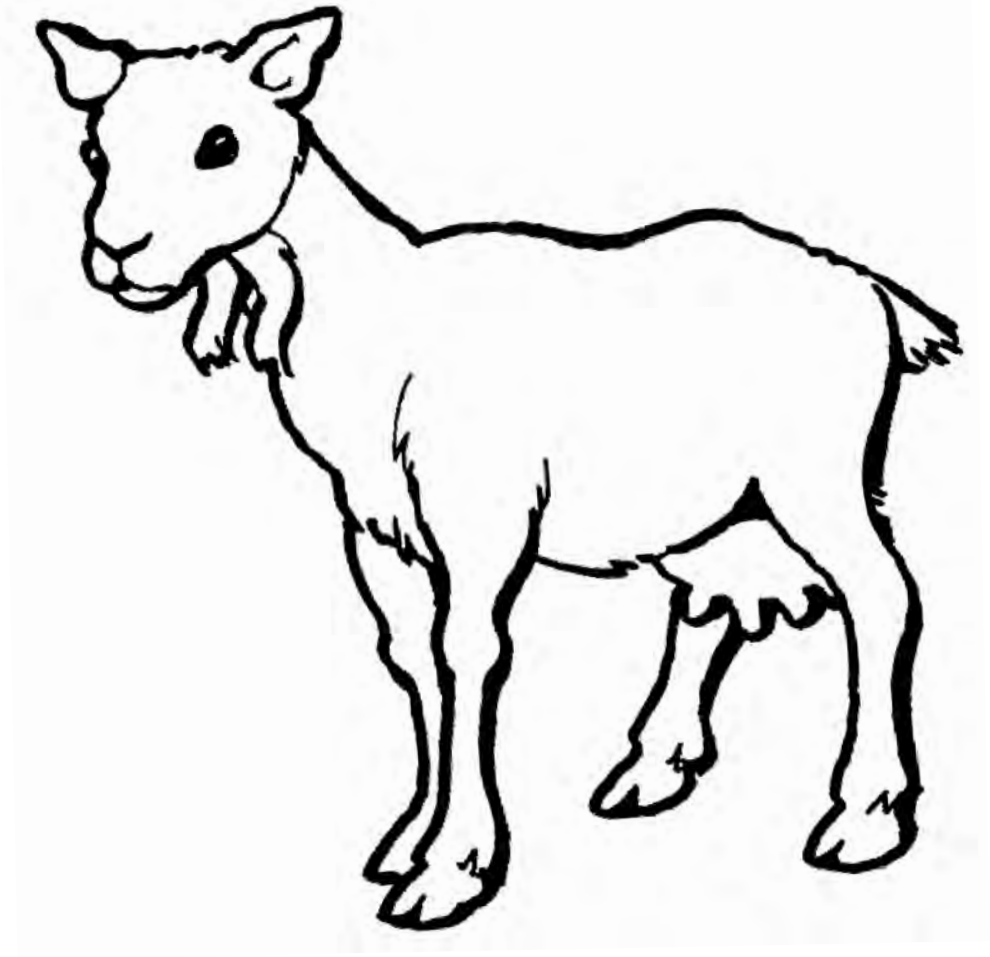
1. Introduce the activity by reminding children of the story of Jacob and the speckled and spotted flocks. Tell them that they are going to make a herd of speckled and spotted goats and sheep.
2. Show the children the sample.
3. Distribute the project pages and crayons or markers. Show the children the speckled and spotted and the plain animal pictures. Encourage the children to color the animals, making them spotted or dark or streaked.
4. Show the children how to crumple up pieces of scrap paper and stuff their pillows.
5. Staple the remaining edge shut to form little "pillows".
6. Stuff the three sets of the plain white animals with crumpled up paper and staple the bottom edges shut to form little "pillows". (These will stay plain and uncolored.)

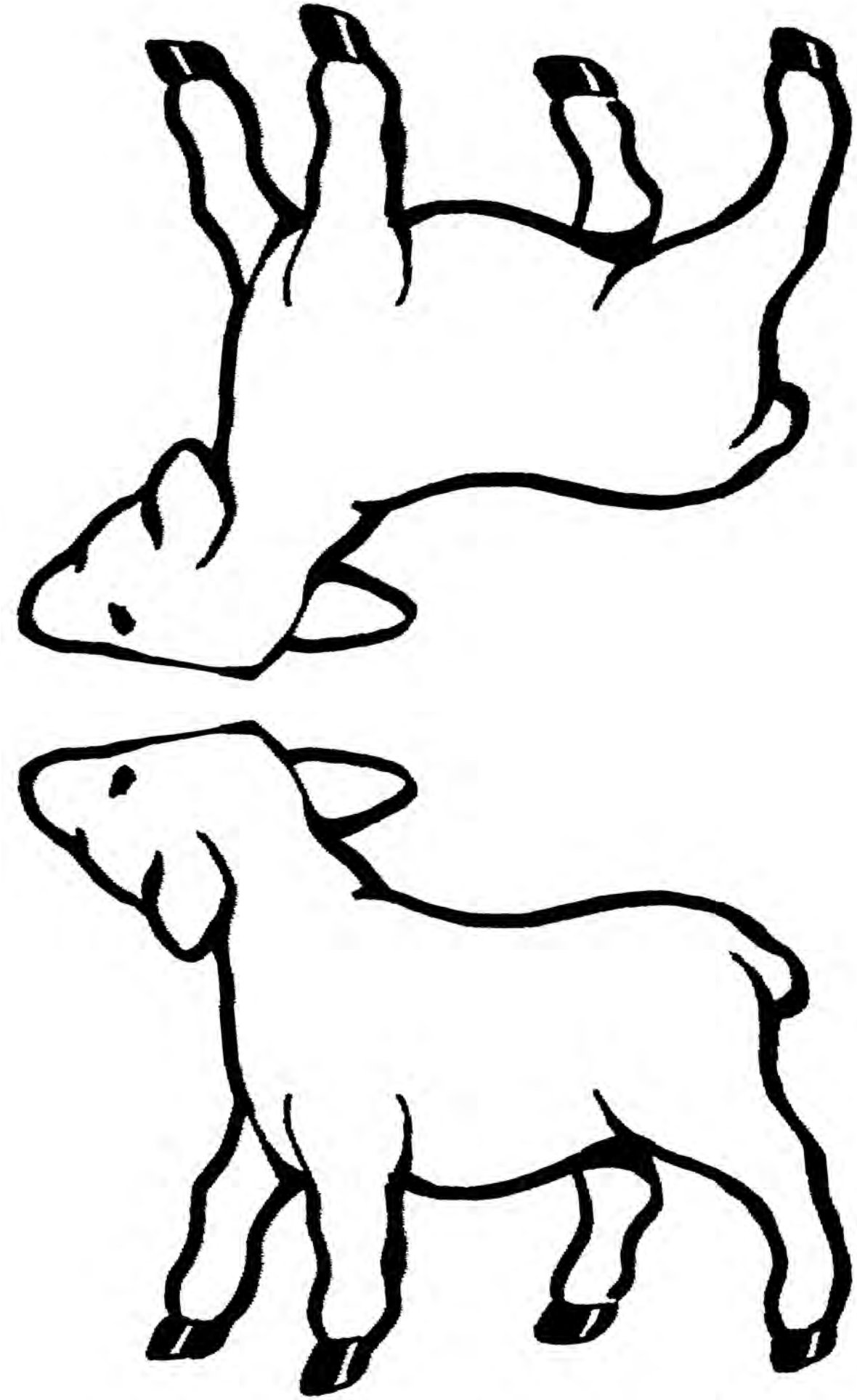
Directions for Game:

1. Have all the children gently toss their animals into a pile on the floor all together.
2. Designate one corner of the space for the plain animals and have one child pick up a plain animal pillow and place it in that area.
3. Designate another corner for the speckled/spotted animals. Have another child pick up a speckled/spotted animal and place it in this area.
4. The children take turns sorting out the animals one by one.
5. When all the animals have been sorted, ask the children, "Are there more plain animals or speckled and spotted animals?" (There should be more spotted animals.) The Lord blessed Jacob by having lots of speckled and spotted animals be born.
6. The game can be repeated as often you wish.

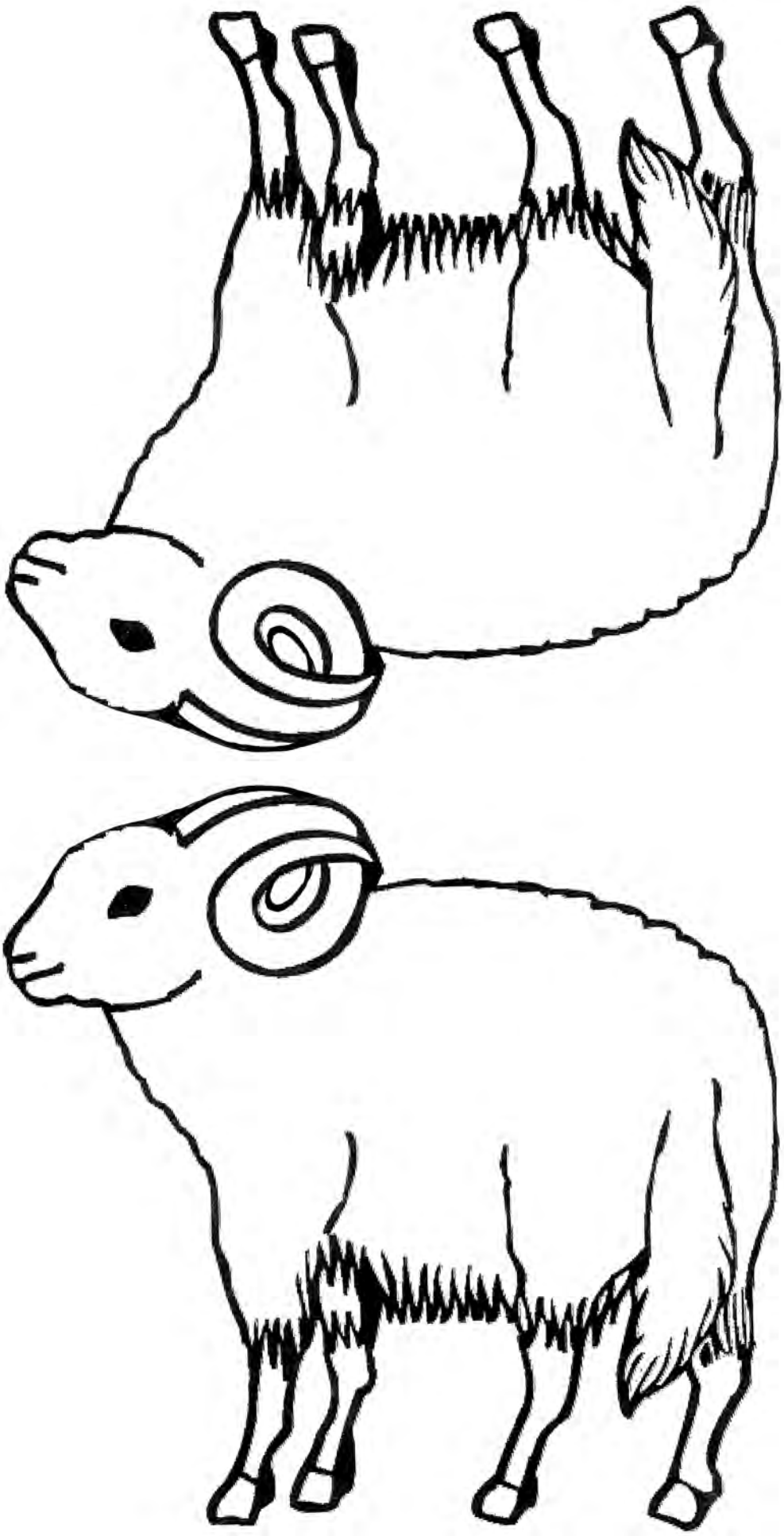
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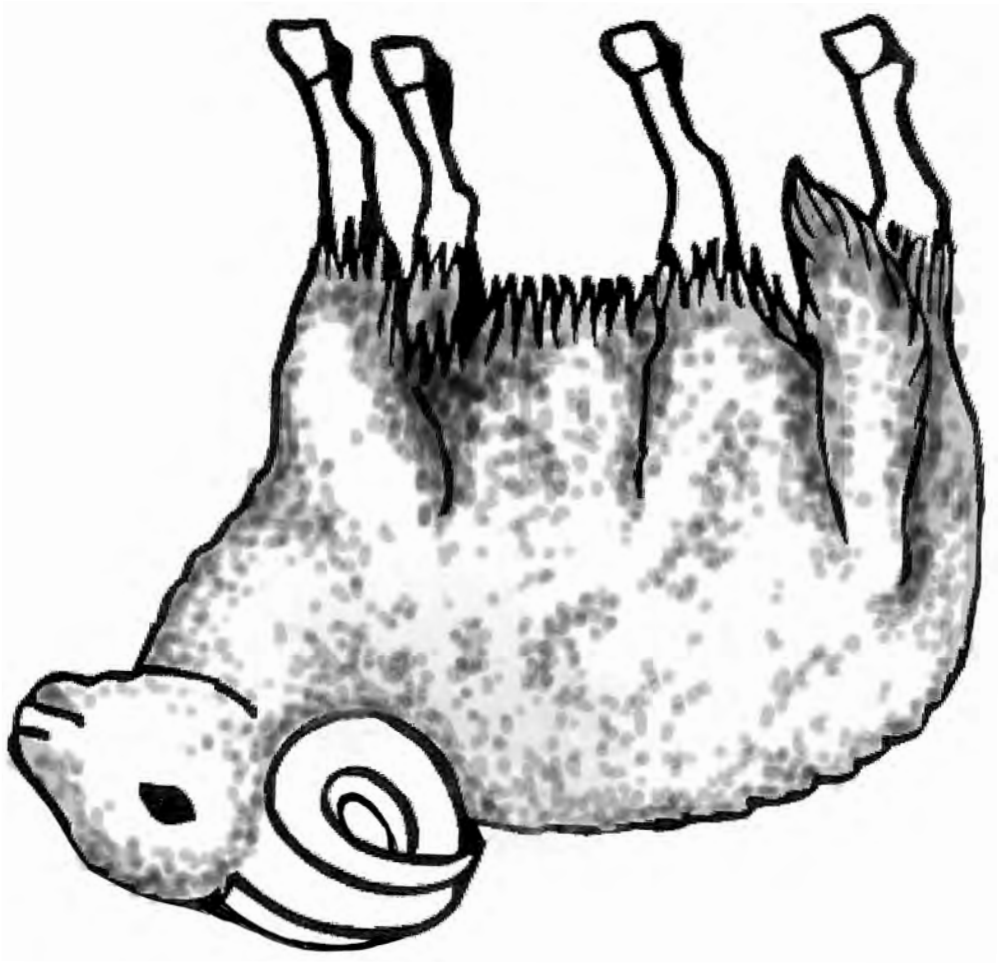


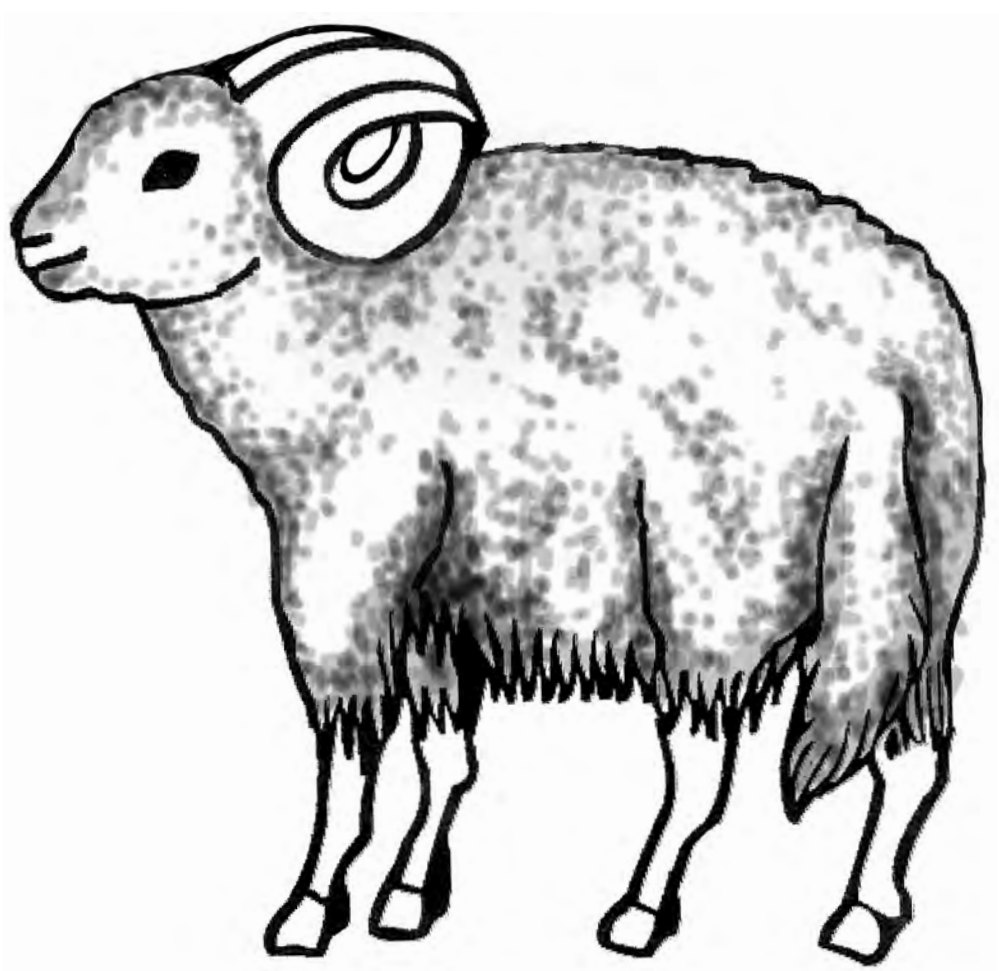


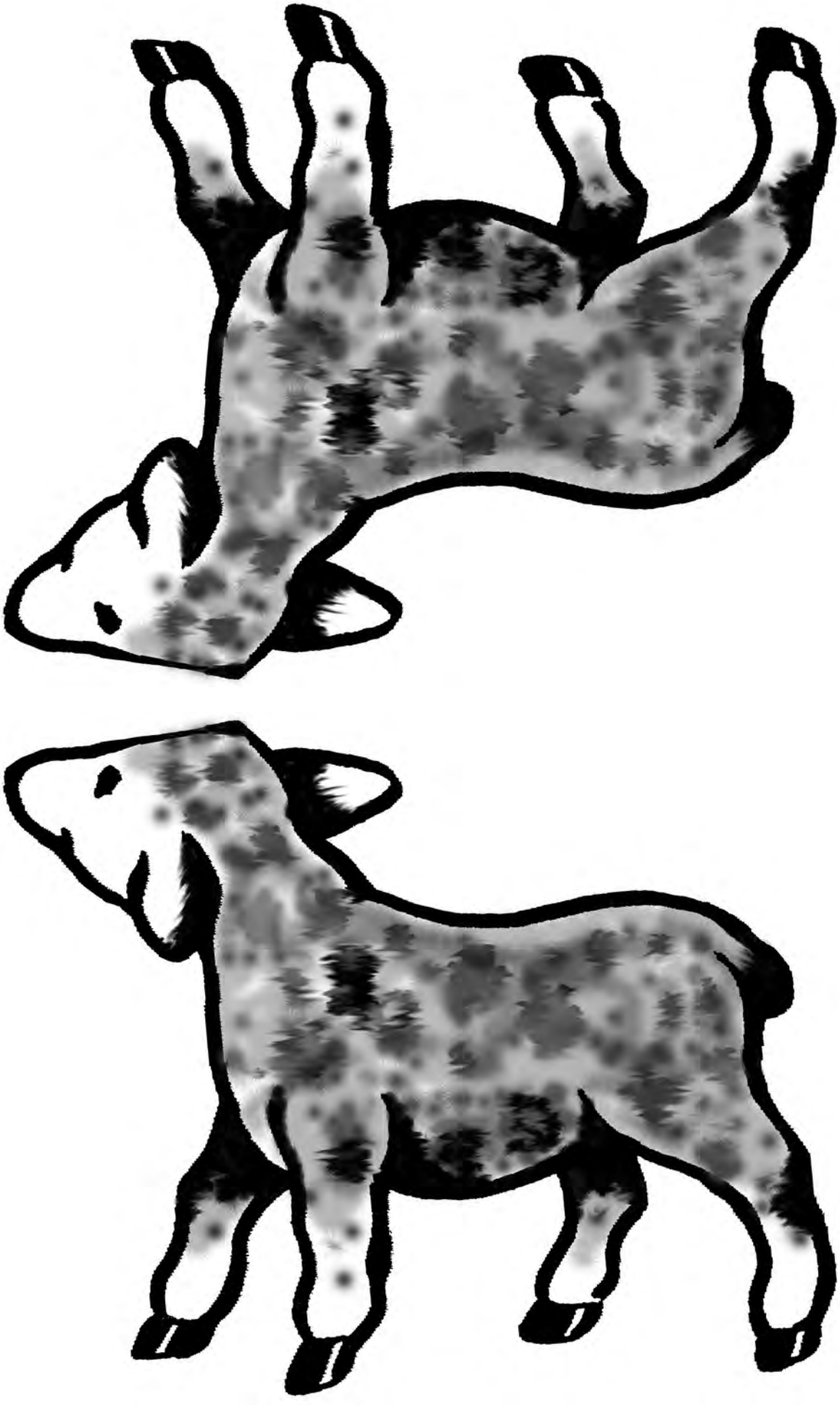
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