Shut the Lion's Mouth

Materials Needed

copies of *Shut the Lion's Mouth* p. 2 and *Lion Mouth and Angel Arm* p. 3, brads (split pins), scissors, glue, crayons or markers

Prepare in Advance

Print pages. Each child will need a copy of p. 2 and one of the mouths and arms from p. 3. Cut out the lion's mouth circles and fold them in half. Cut out the rectangle around the angel arms. Fold it in half along the dotted gray line and cut out around the arms.

New Church Concept Protection

Nothing at all can harm people whom the Lord is protecting, not even if all of hell were surrounding them. *Arcana Coelestia* 968

Peace holds within itself trust in the Lord, that He governs all things and provides all things, and that He leads toward a good end. When a person believes these things about Him he is at peace, since he fears nothing and no anxiety about things to come disturbs him. How far a person attains this state depends on how far he attains love to the Lord. *Arcana Coelestia* 8455.1,2

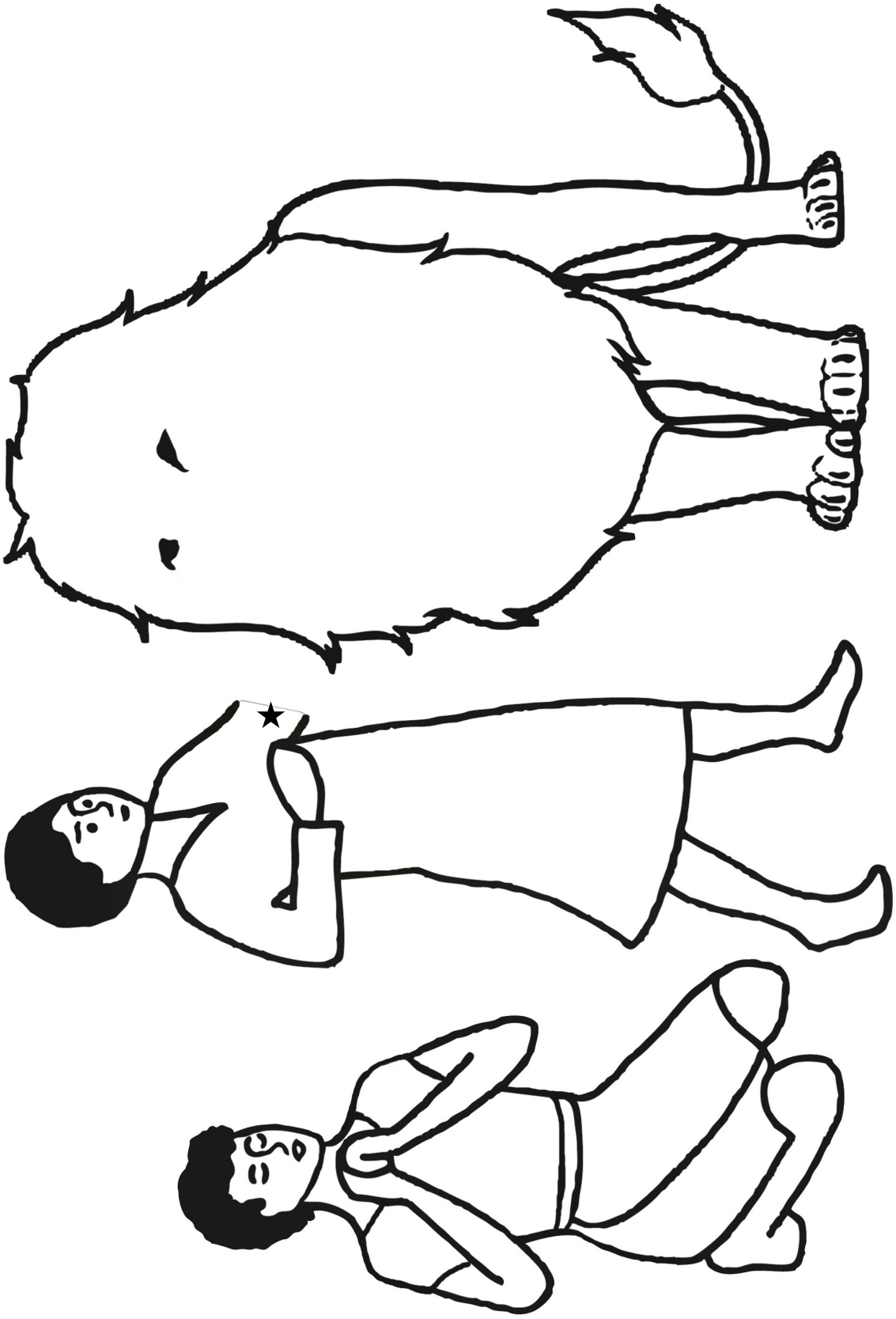


When Daniel was thrown into the lions' den an angel protected him by shutting the lions' mouths. Children will create a moving picture showing the angel shutting a lion's mouth.

1. Our story today is about an angel who protected Daniel.
   What kind of clothes might an angel wear? When Mr. Swedenborg visited heaven, he met many angels. He told us about their homes and about the lovely clothes they wear. Angel clothes have many colors—just as our clothes do here. If you could draw an angel, what color might you use for the angel's clothes
2. Hand out copies of *Shut the Lion's Mouth* (p. 2). Invite the children to color the picture. Daniel is praying to the Lord. The angel is next to the lion. The angel's arm is missing because we are going to make a special moving arm for the angel in a moment. The lion doesn't have a mouth because we will make a special mouth that can move.
3. Give each child one of the mouths from p. 3. Color the lion's face the same color as the lion. Open the circle up and draw some big sharp teeth inside the lion's mouth. Now glue the mouth to the lion's face so it can open or shut (see picture, above).
4. Give each child an angel arm from p. 3. Glue the two sides of the arms together to strengthen them. Color the arm so that it matches the rest the angel's clothes.
5. Children may need help fastening the arm to the picture. Poke the brad (split pin) through the top of the angel's arm. Line the brad up with the star on the angel and poke through to the back. Open the brad to secure in place.
6. Once the project is complete encourage children to use the picture to retell the story, showing how the angel shut the lion's mouth to protect Daniel.

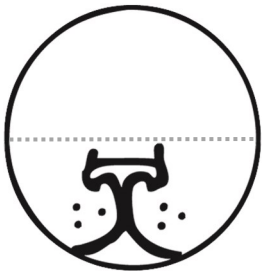
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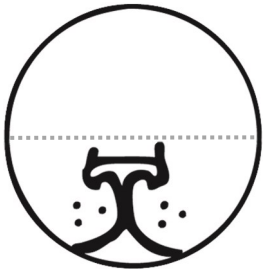
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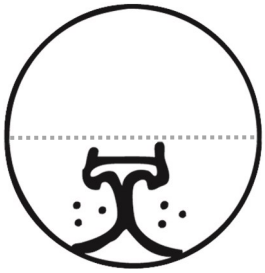


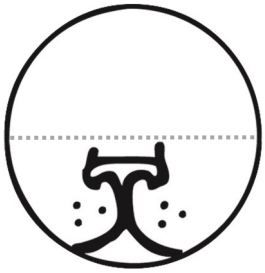
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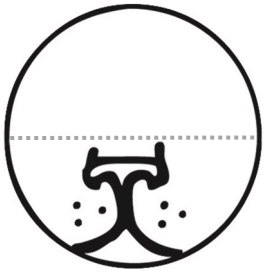
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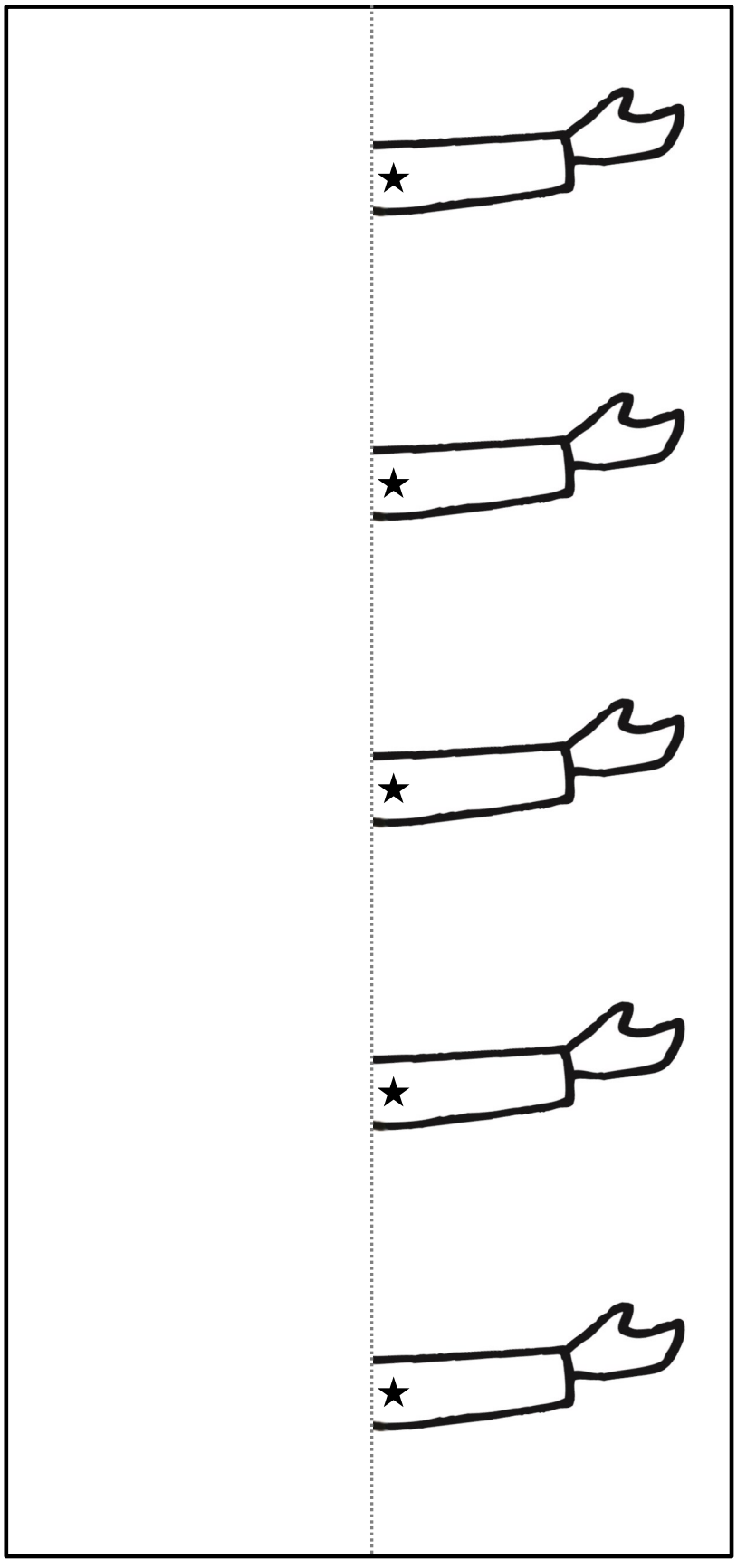












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