

VBS Detective Disciples: Solve The Case



Top Secret Assignment:

This VBS "Detective Disciples" Activity Pack is designed to engage young children in a fun and interactive learning experience while exploring the theme of being detectives. Through age-appropriate activities, stories, crafts, and games, children will learn valuable lessons about problem-solving, teamwork, and using their senses to discover God's truth. Let's solve the case for Jesus!



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Day One:



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DAY 1: DETECTIVE'S TOOLBOX

1. Opening Activity:

- Welcome the children and introduce the detective theme.
- Play a game of "Guess the Object" where children feel different objects in a box and guess what they are feeling with their sense of touch.

2. Bible Story:

- Read "God Creates the World" (Genesis 1:1-31)
- Emphasize how God used His senses to create the world and how we can use ours to explore His creation. How can we use our sight, touch, smell, taste, and hearing to explore God's creation?

3. Craft:

- Detective Badges & IDs: Pre-cut the detective badges and allow the children to decorate their own badges. Have the children check in each day with their Detective ID badges. Make them feel official!

4. Snack Time:

- "Sense of Taste" Detective Snack: Provide various bite-sized snacks and encourage children to identify the flavors using their sense of taste. Creating a blindfold snack test is always a fun game for children to identify what they are eating.

5. Active Play:

- "Obstacle Course Challenge": Set up a simple obstacle course for children to navigate using their problem-solving and coordination skills. Create teams so that they can work together.

6. Closing Activity:

- Recap the day's lessons and encourage children to use their detective skills to observe the world around them. Closing prayer.



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Day Two:



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DAY 2: DETECTIVE'S CLUES

1. Opening Activity:

- Review the detective theme and discuss how detectives use clues to solve mysteries.
- Play a game of "I Spy" where children search for hidden objects using their sense of sight. Set the scene by hiding certain fun objects before the game begins.

2. Bible Story:

- Read "The Lost Sheep" (Luke 15:3-7)
- Focus on how Jesus used clues to find the lost sheep and how we can be like Him by helping others.

3. Craft:

- Detective Magnifying Glass Craft: Provide cardboard cutouts for children to create their own magnifying glasses. See attached template for craft instructions.

4. Snack Time:

- "Sense of Smell" Detective Snack: Offer a variety of scented snacks (e.g., vanilla cookies, fruit slices) and ask children to identify the scents using their sense of smell. Using the blindfold game is always a fun way to teach children the sense of smell. Make sure you monitor children carefully when using any type of blindfold or material face covering.

5. Active Play:

- "Mystery Hunt": Set up a scavenger hunt with clues for children to follow and find hidden objects. See attached template for ideas.

6. Closing Activity:

- Discuss the importance of paying attention to details and following clues to solve problems. Closing prayer.

MAGNIFYING GLASS CRAFT:

Here's a step-by-step guide on how to build a cardboard magnifying glass craft.

Materials needed:

1. Cardboard
2. Scissors
3. Clear plastic wrap
4. Glue or tape

Instructions:

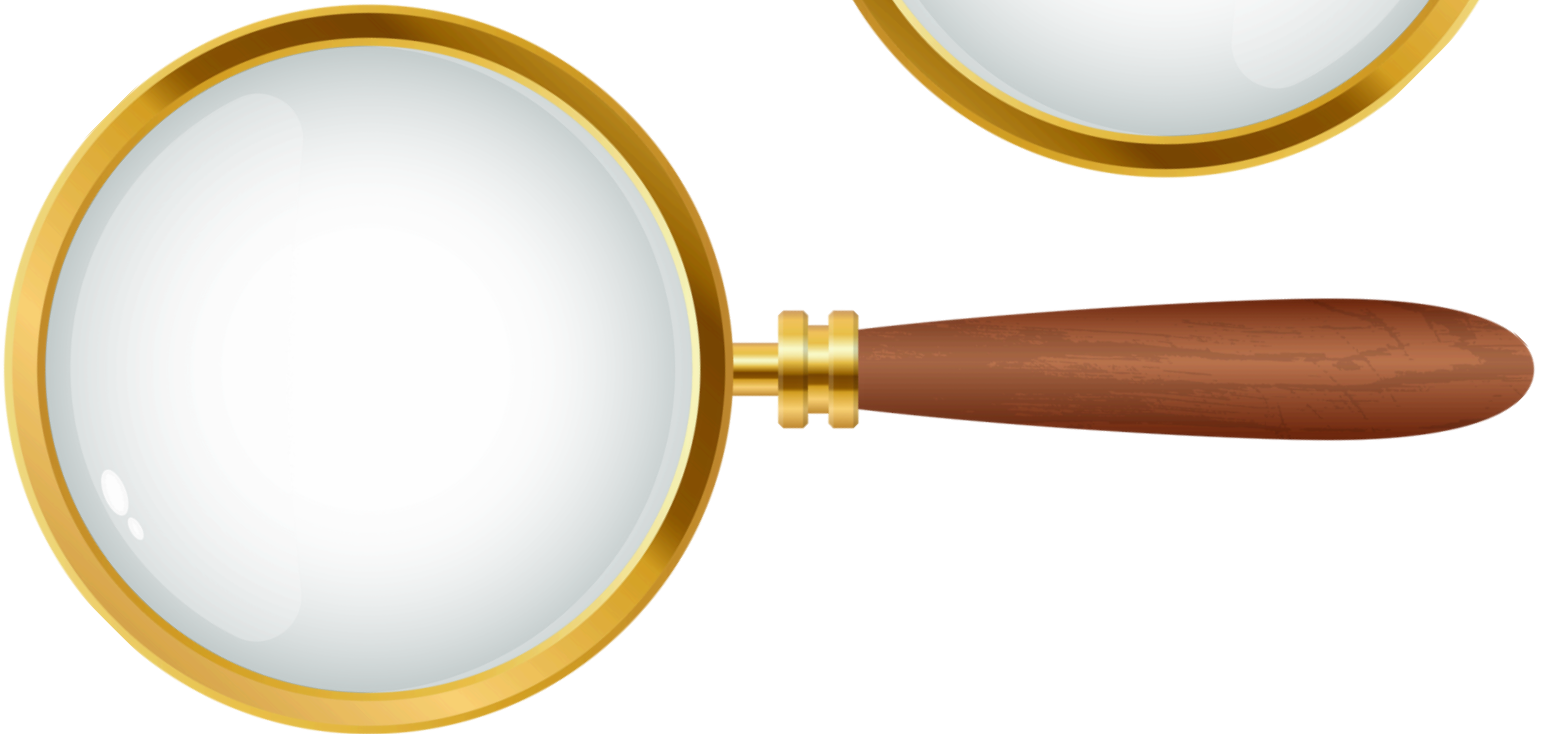
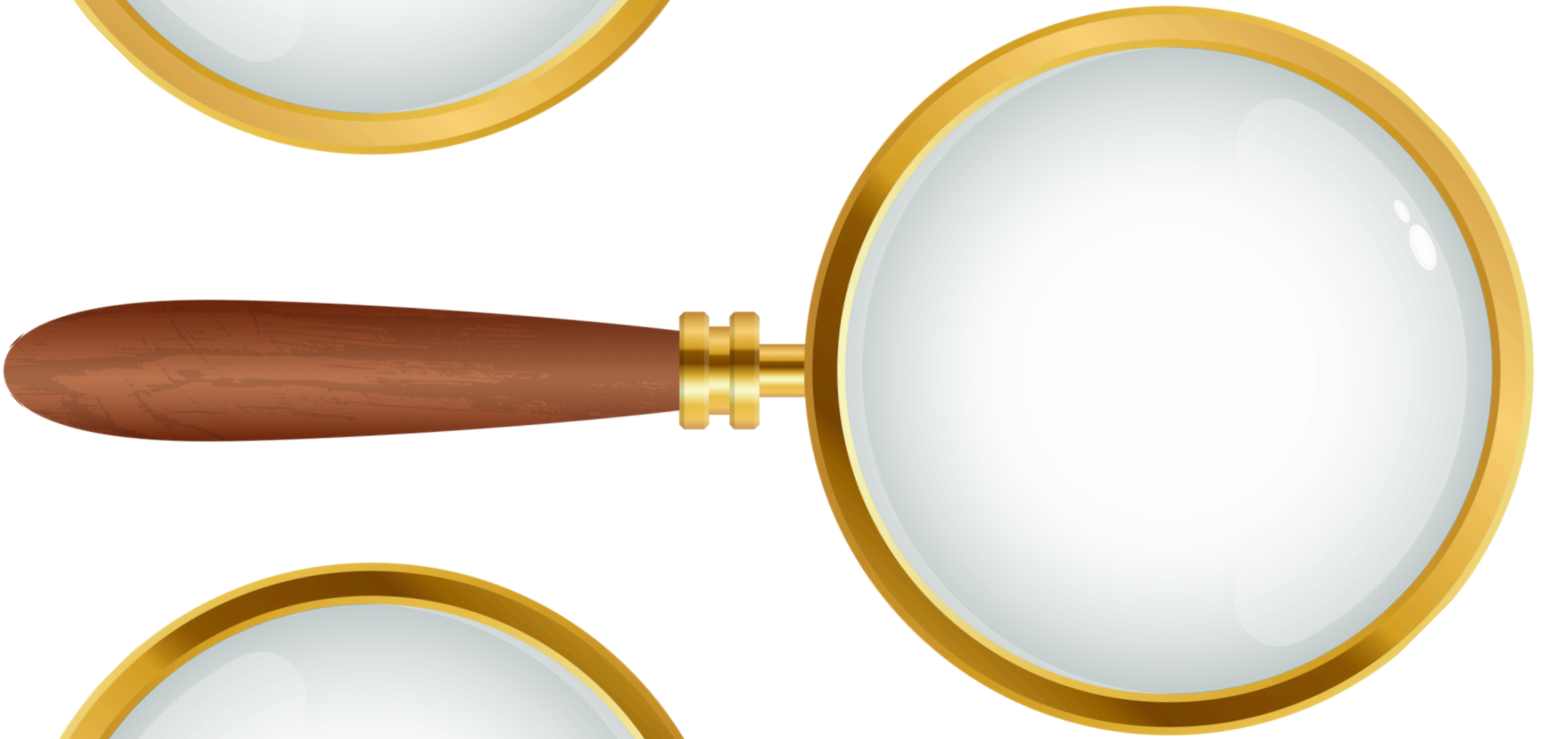
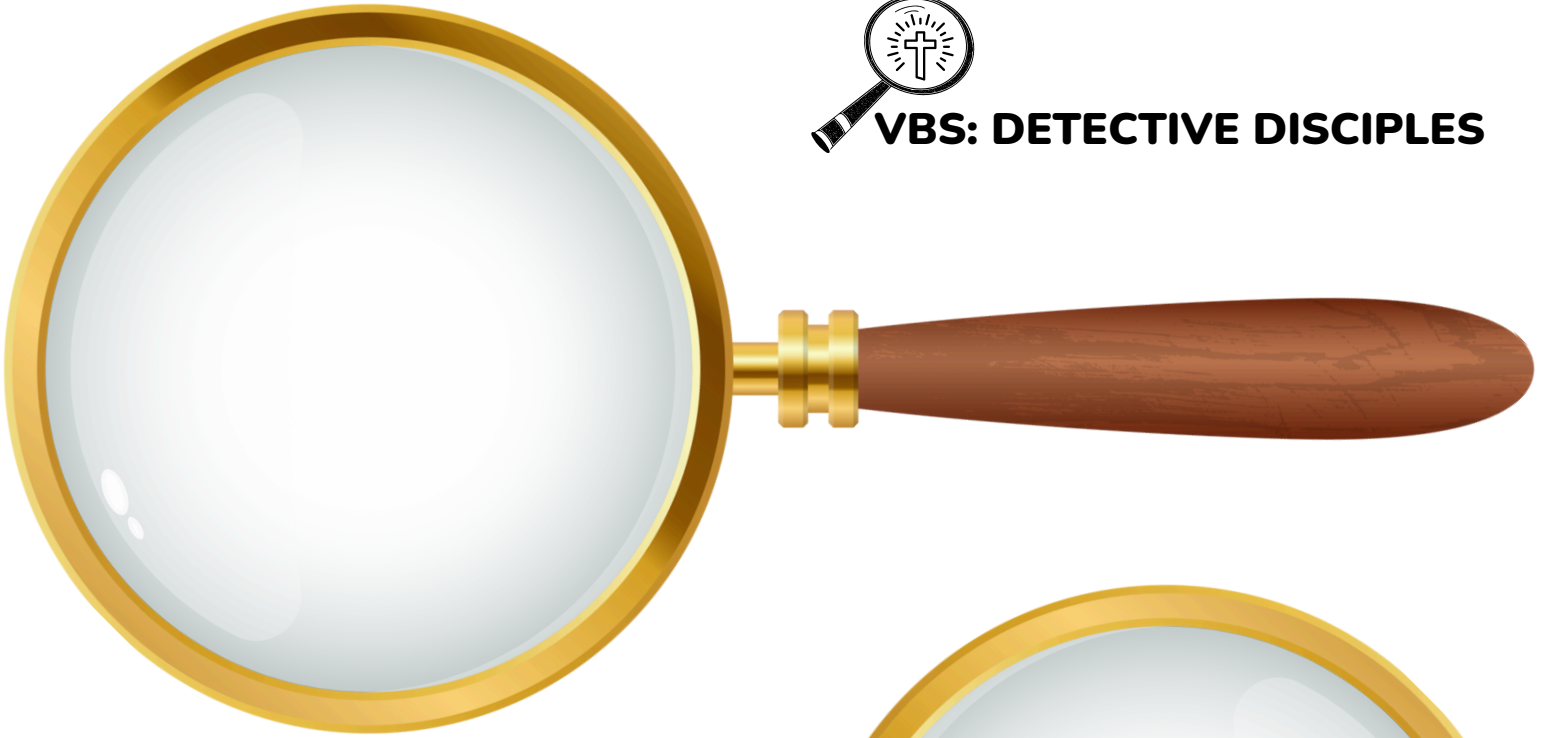
1. Print out the magnifying glass template included.
2. Use scissors to carefully cut out the shape of the magnifying glass. Make sure to assist the children during this step to ensure safety.
3. Once the magnifying glass shape is cut out, you can let the children glue the template to a piece of cardboard. Once dry the magnifying glass can be trimmed out and the glass center circle trimmed away. You may choose to do the cutting on this part since the cardboard trimming may be a little difficult for the children.
4. They can now take a piece of clear plastic wrap and cut it slightly larger than the opening of the magnifying glass frame. You may opt for pre-cut circles so that it will be an easy installation for the children.
5. Securely attach the plastic wrap to the magnifying glass circle. You can use glue or tape to stick the edges of the plastic wrap to the back of the frame. Make sure it is taut and free from wrinkles to ensure clear magnification.
6. Allow the glue to dry completely if you used it for attaching the plastic wrap.

Encourage children to explore the world around them using their new cardboard magnifying glasses. They can use it to examine clues to help solve the case! Remember to supervise the children during the craft-making process, especially when using scissors or other potentially hazardous materials. Enjoy!





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The Mystery of the Missing Treasure

Read the clues & have your Detective Disciples solve the case!
Hide clues & treasure before the game begins.



Introduction:

Dear Detective Disciples, a mysterious treasure has gone missing, and we need your detective skills to solve the case! Follow the clues, unravel the mystery, and recover the lost treasure. Are you ready? Let the hunt begin!



Clue 1:

Start your investigation where stories are told,
where books are borrowed and tales unfold.

Location: Our Book Shelf Or Reading Area -
(Clue #2 should be posted in this area)

Clue 2:

You're on the right track, detective keen,
Now move along to where you get clean.
Find it in a room with tiles, soap, and a splash.

Location: Bathroom - (Clue #3 should be
posted in this area)

Clue 3:

The culprit's trail leads you outside,
To a spot where toys and fun reside.
Among the laughter and games, you'll see,
A clue is hidden near a tall, shady tree.

Location: Outside Play Area - (Clue #4 should
be posted in this area)

Clue 4:

Keep your wits sharp, and eyes wide,
To the backyard, it's time to stride.
In the grassy yard, you'll find a hint,
Search near the flowers, where colors tint."

Location: Flower Bed - (Clue #5 should be
posted in this area)

Clue 5:

Almost there, detective smart,
The treasure's close, it's time to start.



To this room, you must proceed,
Where delicious meals are cooked with
speed."

Location: Kitchen - (Clue #6 should be
posted in this area)

Clue 6:

The final clue is quite discreet,
Look for a spot where you rest your feet.
Find the treasure, precious and rare,
In the place where you sit and enjoy the
air."

Location: Living Room Or Nap Time Area -
(The treasure should be placed here)

Treasure:

Congratulations, Detective Disciples! You
have successfully solved the mystery and
found the missing treasure. Open the box to
unveil the treasure. You can choose a small
prize or a a treat for completing the task!

Remember to adapt the clues and locations
based on the setting you have, and ensure the
difficulty level matches the age of the children
participating. Have fun and enjoy the
detective-themed scavenger hunt!



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Day Three:



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DAY 3: DETECTIVE'S FOOTPRINTS

1. Opening Activity:

- Discuss how detectives use footprints to track down suspects.
- Play a game of "Follow the Footprints" where children follow footprints to find a hidden object. See attached template.

2. Bible Story:

- Read "Zacchaeus the Tax Collector" (Luke 19:1-10)
- Emphasize how Jesus noticed Zacchaeus and how we should also be observant of others and always show kindness.

3. Craft:

- Footprint Art: Use safe paint and heavy-duty paper for children to create footprint keepsakes to take home. Paint the bottom of the children's feet and stamp them. Don't forget to stamp their thumbprint, too! Template included.

4. Snack Time:

- "Sense of Hearing" Detective Snack: Give children various crunchy and soft snacks. Discuss the different sounds they make. What snacks make sounds and which ones do not?

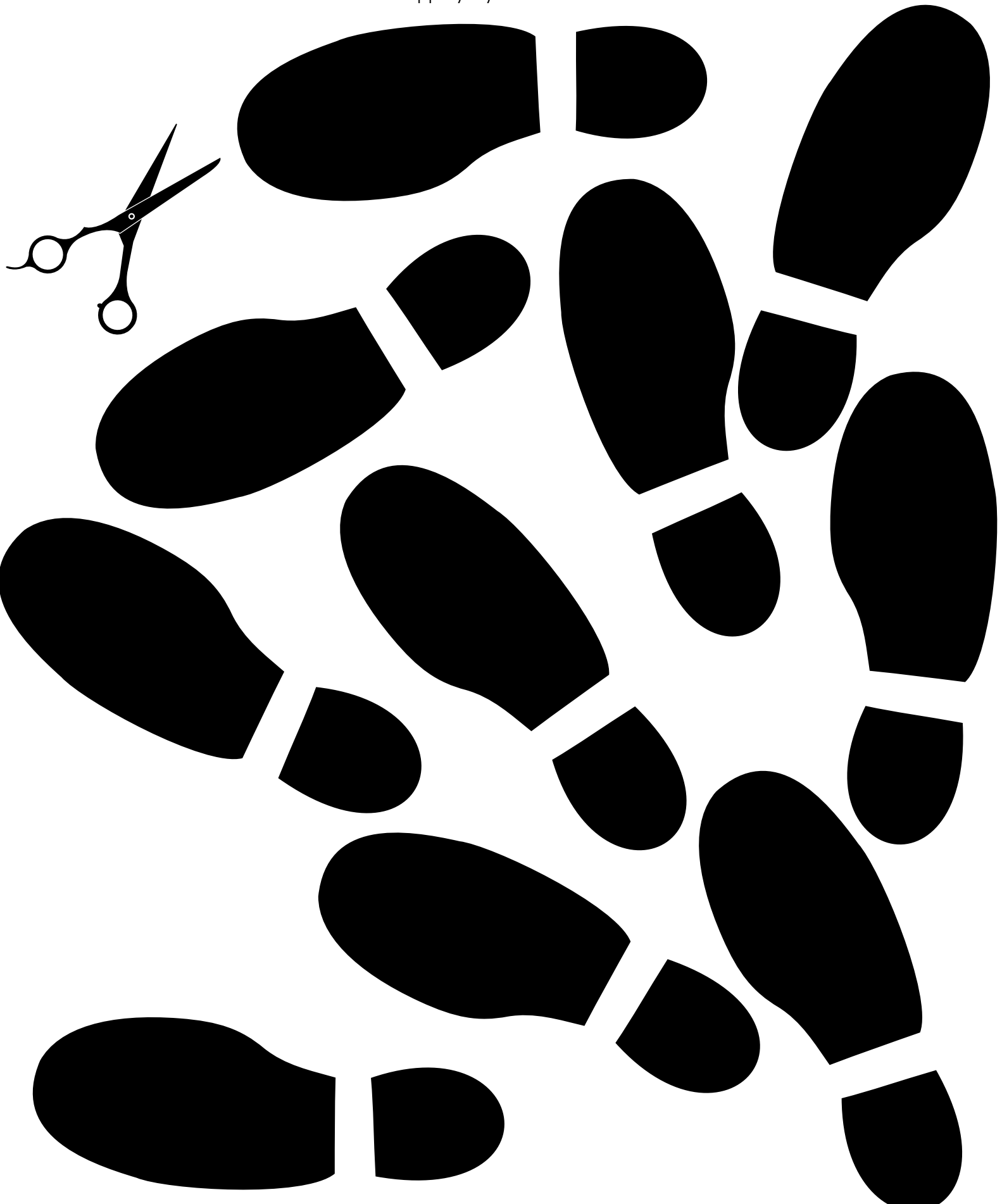
5. Active Play:

- "Detective Freeze Dance": Play music and encourage children to dance and search for clues. Tell them to freeze when the music stops.

6. Closing Activity:

- Encourage children to be aware of the impact their actions have on others. Share that it is better to leave footprints of kindness rather than anger. Closing prayer.

Discuss how detectives use footprints to track down suspects. Play a game of "Follow the Footprints" where children follow footprints to a hidden object. Print the page & cut out footprints. Tape them down and add a hidden object at the end of the footprints. Use caution since they can make the floor slippery if you do not have them secured.





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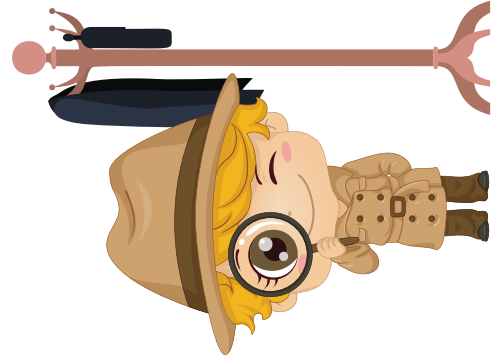


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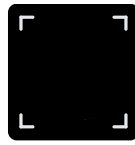




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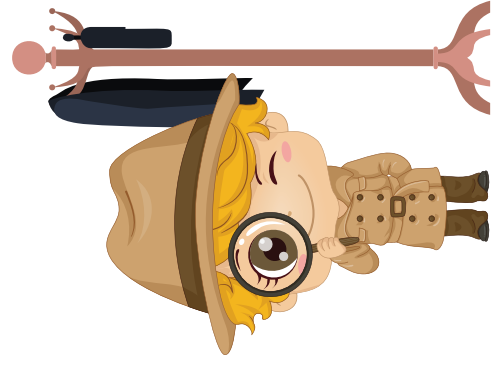
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Day Four:



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DAY 4: DETECTIVE'S PUZZLE

1. Opening Activity:

- Discuss how detectives use puzzles to solve mysteries and challenges.
- Provide age-appropriate puzzles for children to solve together.

2. Bible Story:

- "The Parable of the Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37)
- Teach children about helping others and being problem solvers, just like the Good Samaritan.

3. Craft:

- Puzzle Art: Give children old puzzle pieces and encourage them to turn them over. They can create artwork by arranging and gluing the pieces onto paper.

4. Snack Time:

- "Sense of Touch" Detective Snack: Offer a variety of textured snacks (e.g., pretzels with salt, oranges) and discuss the different sensations they feel when touching them.

5. Active Play:

- "Pin The Mustache/Badge On The Detective" Enjoy the classic Pin The Tail On The Donkey with a twist. See attached template.

6. Closing Activity:

- Discuss how teamwork and problem-solving skills can help solve challenges in everyday life. Closing prayer.



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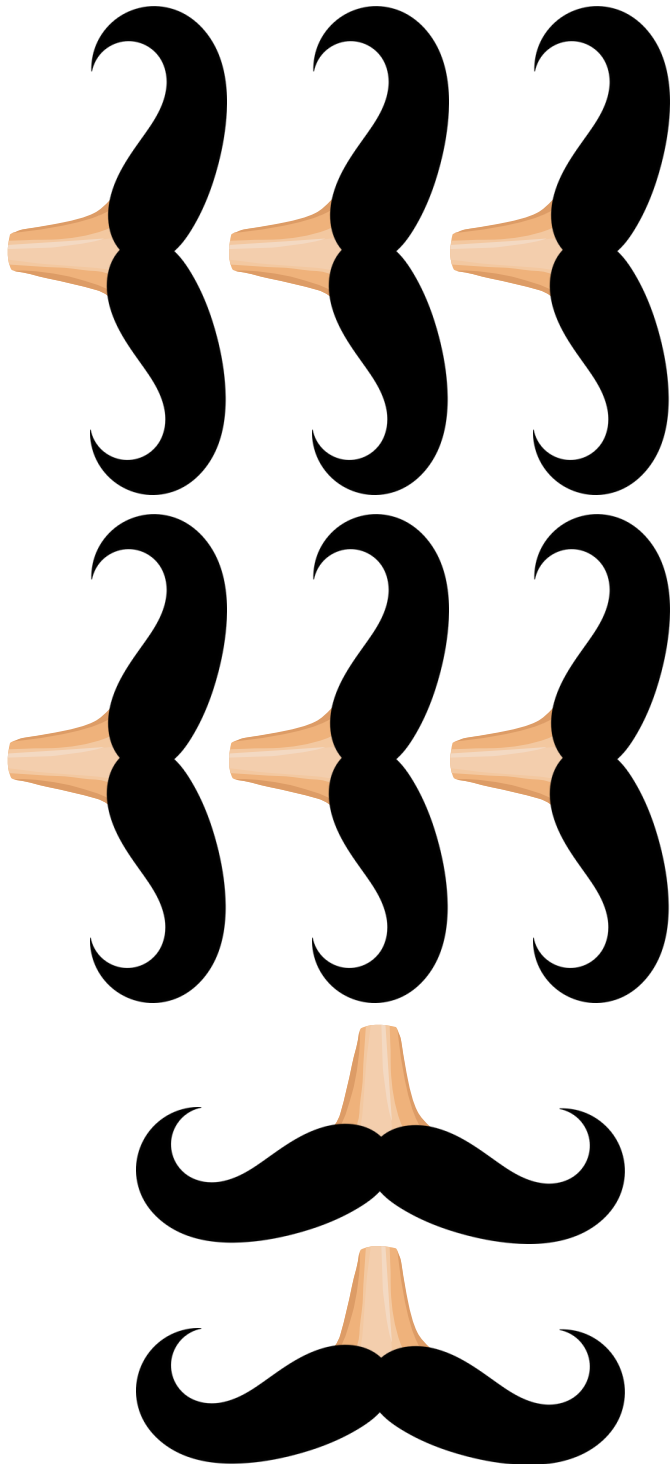


Pin the Mustache/ID Badge on the Detective is a fun game for kids that adds a playful twist to the classic "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" game.

Materials & Instructions:

1. Print a picture of a detective and hang it on a wall or door. See attached picture.
2. Print and cut out the paper mustaches and detective badges.
3. Use sticky putty or tape to attach the mustaches/badges to the poster.
4. Use a blindfold and spin the children a few times. Monitor children when using any type of blindfold or covering.

Remember to supervise the game closely, ensuring the children's safety, and making sure everyone is having a great time. Enjoy playing Pin the Mustache on the Detective!



Day Five:



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DAY 5: DETECTIVE'S CASE CLOSED

1. Opening Activity:

- Review the detective theme and discuss what children have learned so far.
- Play a game of "Detective Charades" where children act out detective-related actions. Let the children guess what the detective is searching for.

2. Bible Story:

- "Jesus' Resurrection" (Matthew 28:1-10)
- Focus on how Jesus' resurrection solved the mystery of eternal life and brought hope to the world.

3. Craft:

- Detective Notebooks: Provide small notebooks/printouts for children to create their own detective notebooks.

4. Snack Time:

- "Sense of Sight" Detective Snack: Serve a colorful snack (e.g., colorful fruit or vegetables) and encourage children to appreciate the beauty around them using their sense of sight.

5. Active Play:

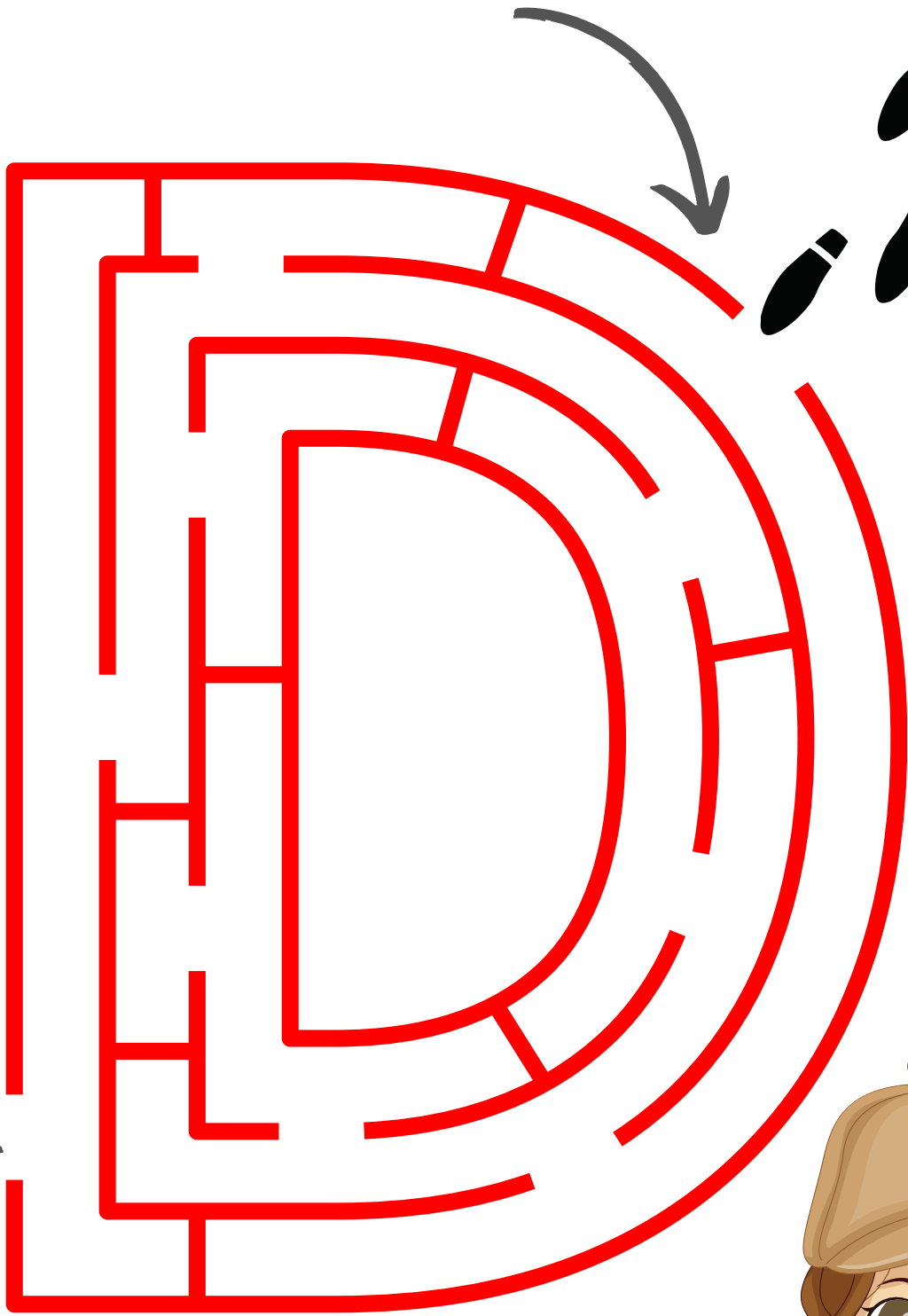
- "Detective Musical Chairs": Have a celebratory game of musical chairs to get your Detective Disciples active! Have them walk around the chairs checking for clues when the music plays.

6. Closing Activity:

- Recap the lessons learned throughout the week and encourage children to continue using their detective skills to explore the world and seek God's truth. Closing prayer.

Note: Adapt the activities, Bible stories, and snacks as needed to suit your specific child care program and time constraints. God Bless!

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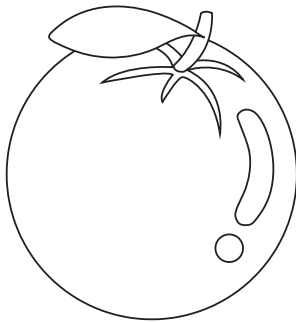
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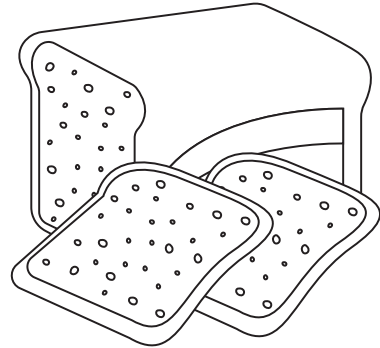
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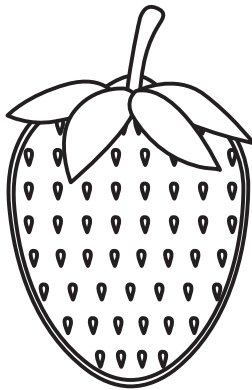
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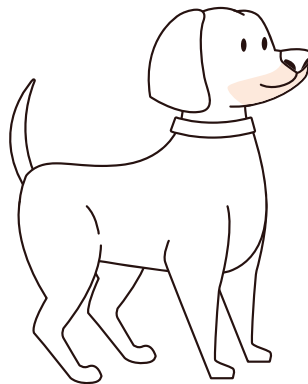
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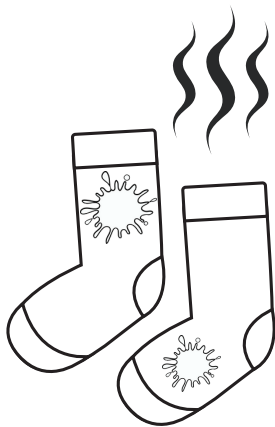
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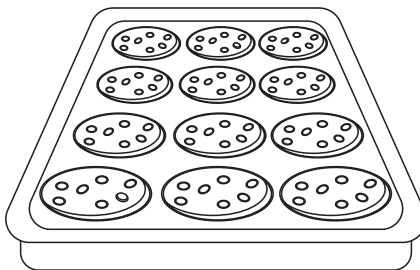
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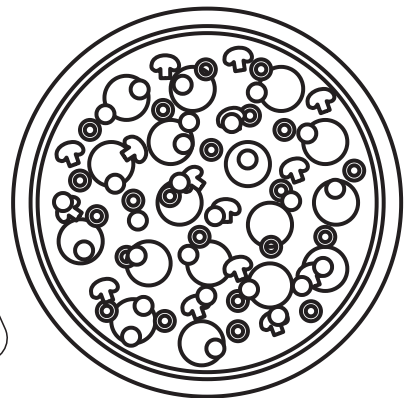
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