

PLAYDOUGH MATS

Rainforest VBS Bible Story Activity

- Print the desired mats.
- Laminate the mats for durability and easy cleanup.
- Reinforce the Bible story by inviting children to create items from the story or add details to the pictures using playdough.
- As children create, encourage conversation by asking simple questions about the Bible story and how it connects to their everyday lives.





BULK PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

If it isn't in the budget to purchase bulk playdough, homemade playdough is a great option that is easy to make and affordable. Here's a recipe for a big batch.

[Link here for an adopt-a-prop instruction page for homemade playdough.](#)

Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups salt
- 4 cups water
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons cream of tartar
- Food coloring (gels for vibrant colors)



Directions

- Add the flour, salt, water, vegetable oil, and cream of tartar to a large pot. Stir until well combined.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring continuously, until the mixture begins to thicken and forms a soft ball of dough. It should pull away from the sides of the pan.
- Remove the dough from the heat and let it cool for a few minutes until it is comfortable to handle.
- Knead the dough until it becomes smooth and soft.
- Separate the dough into smaller sections. Add a few drops of food coloring to each section and knead until the color is fully mixed in.
- TIP 1: You can use a food processor for the last 2 steps.)
- TIP 2: If you are making the entire batch the same color, add the food coloring to the water before mixing the water with the other ingredients. This makes the mixing even easier.

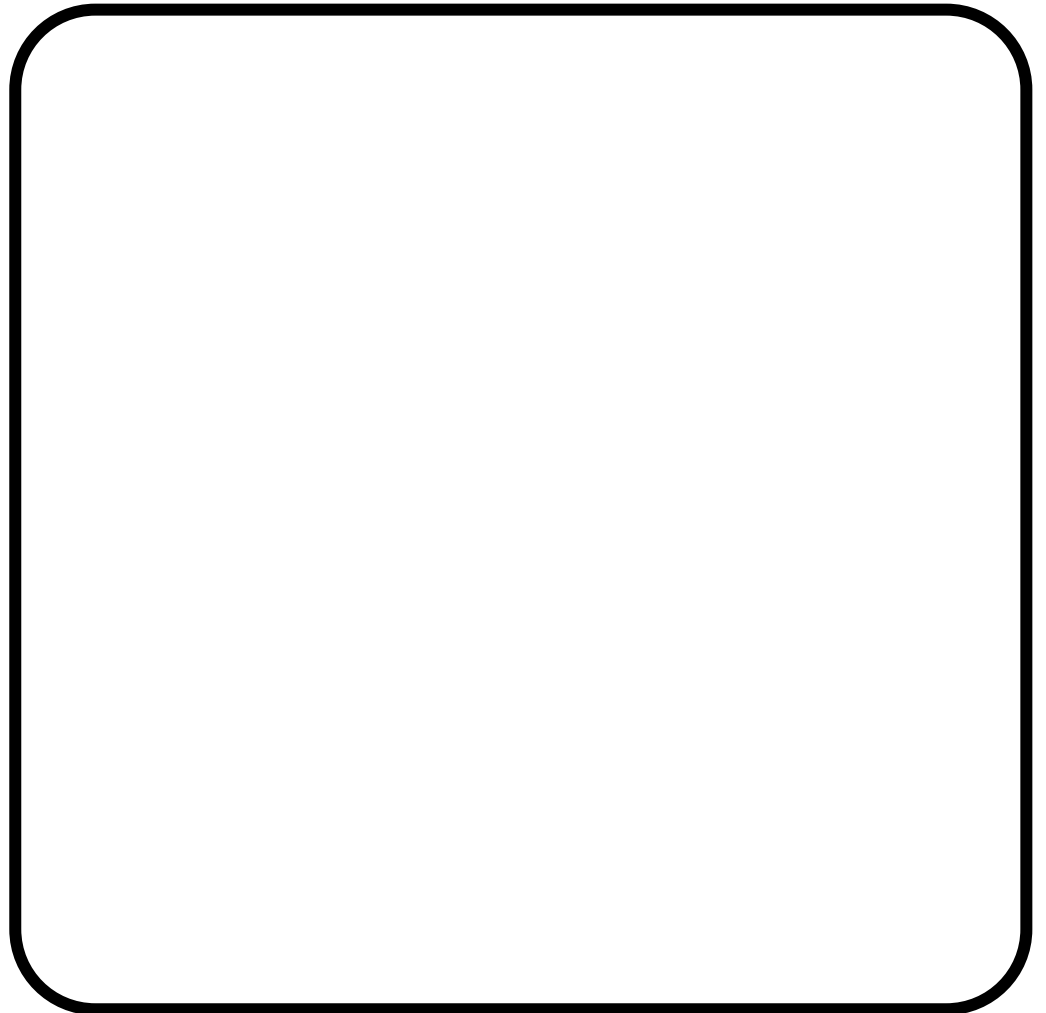
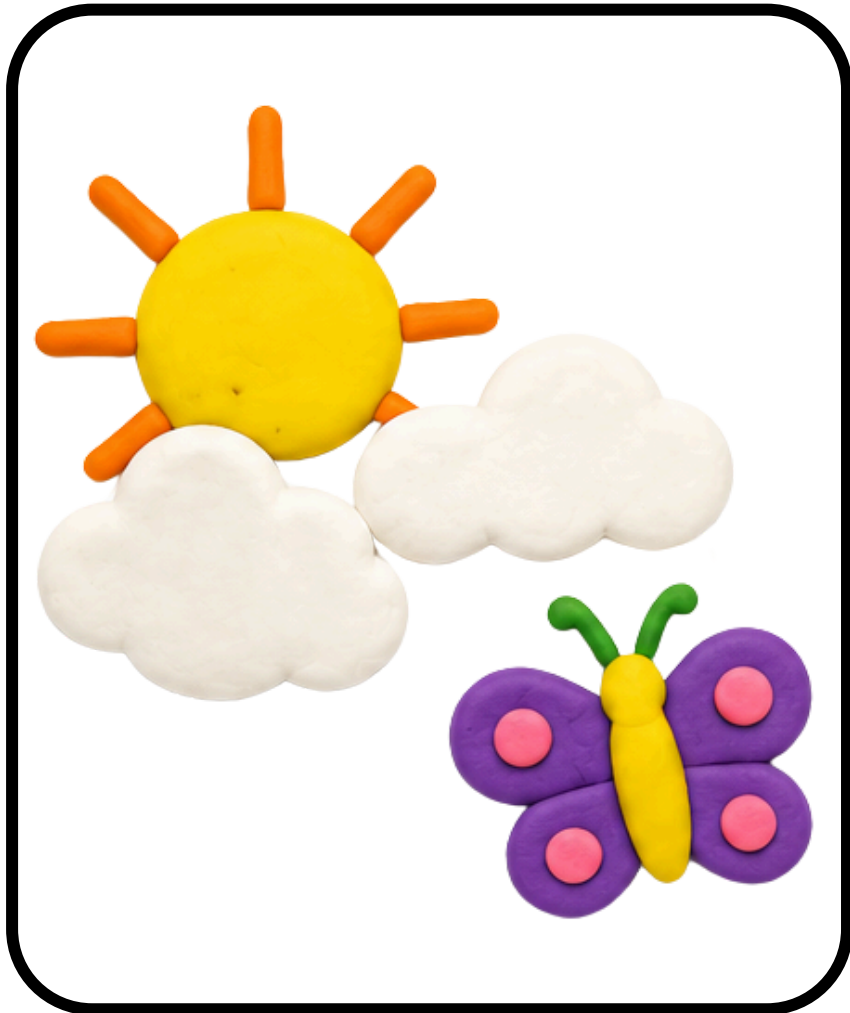
Adopt-a-Prop
instruction page for
making playdough:



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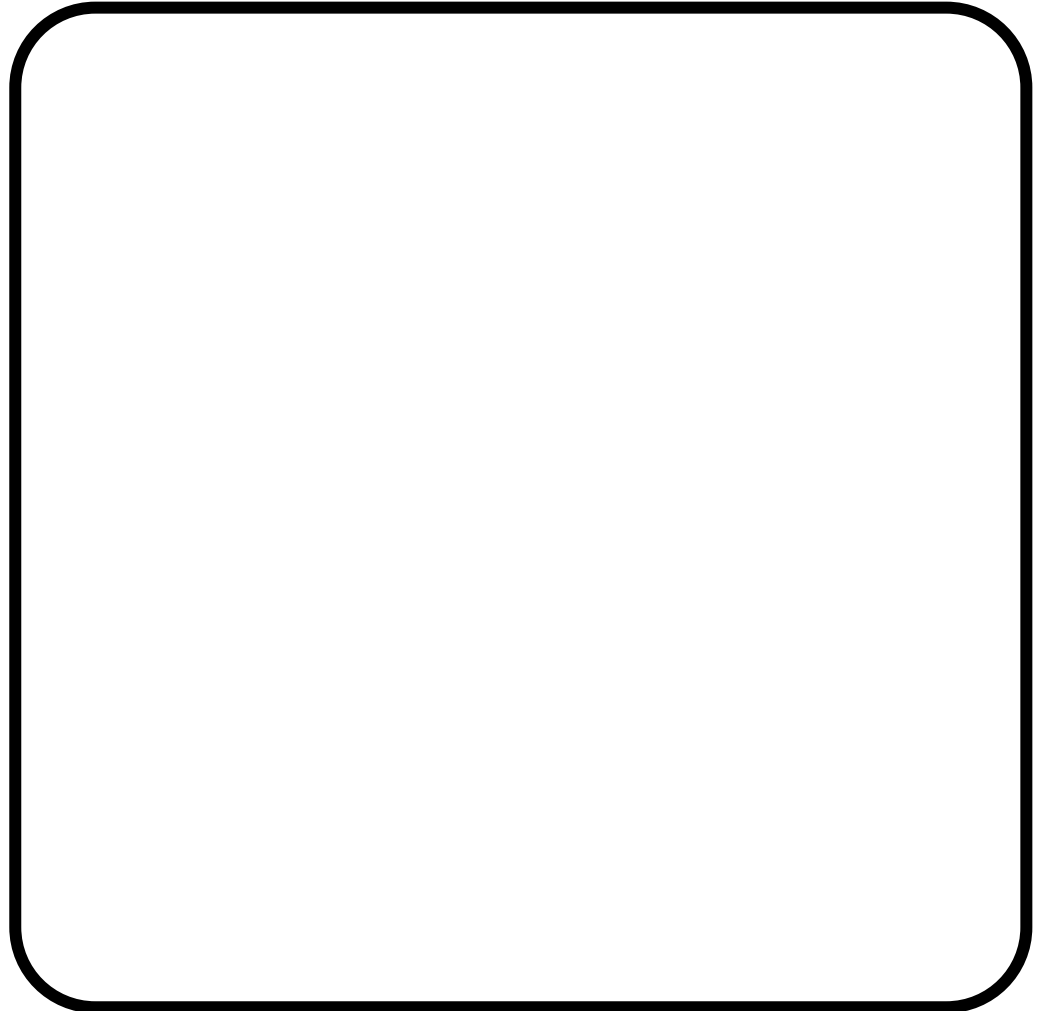
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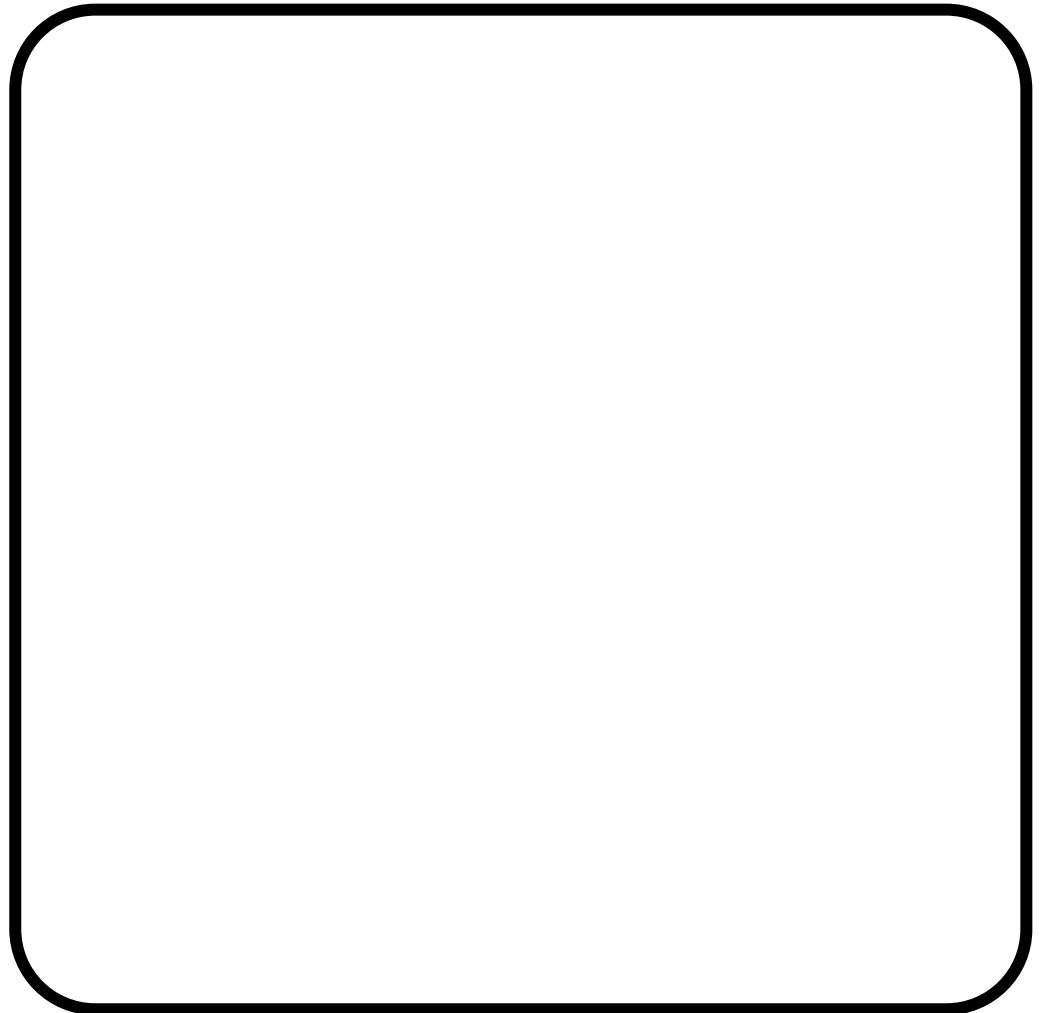
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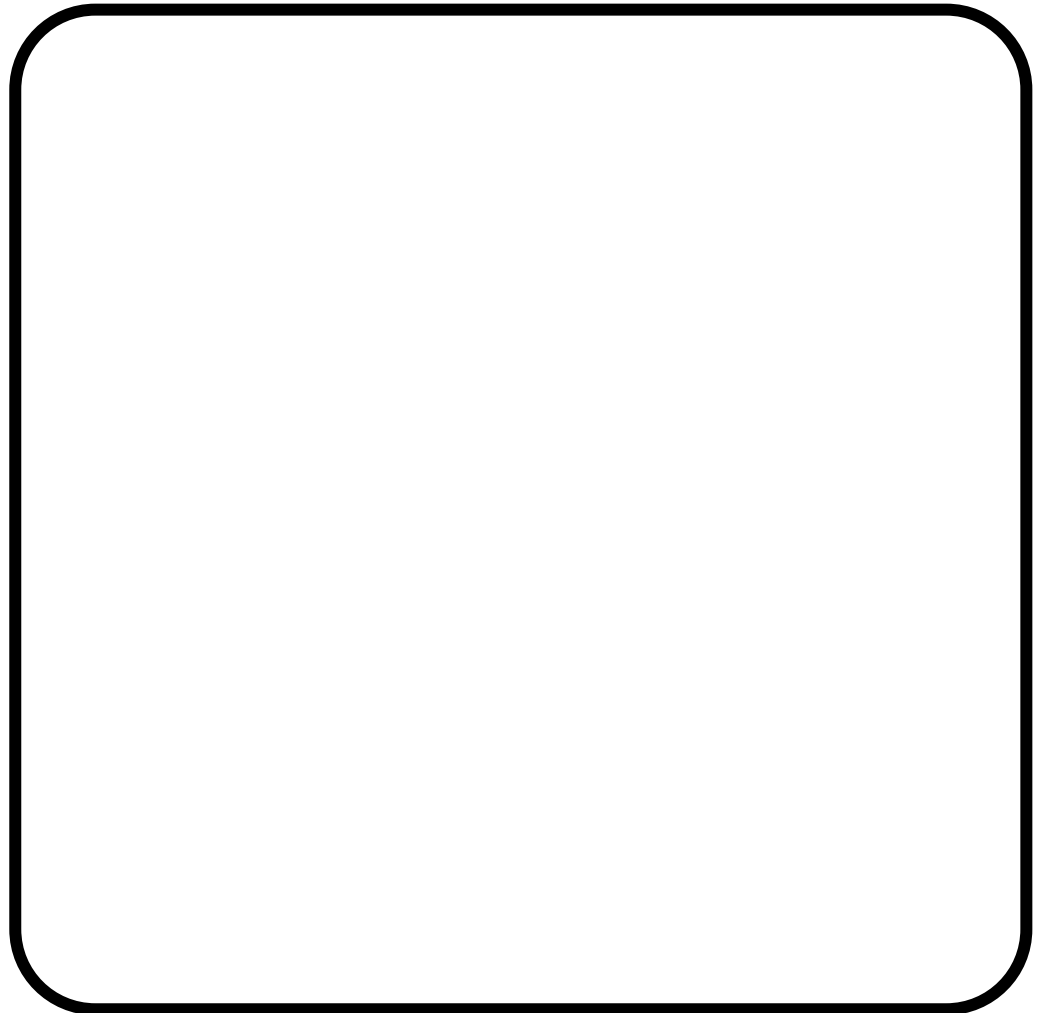
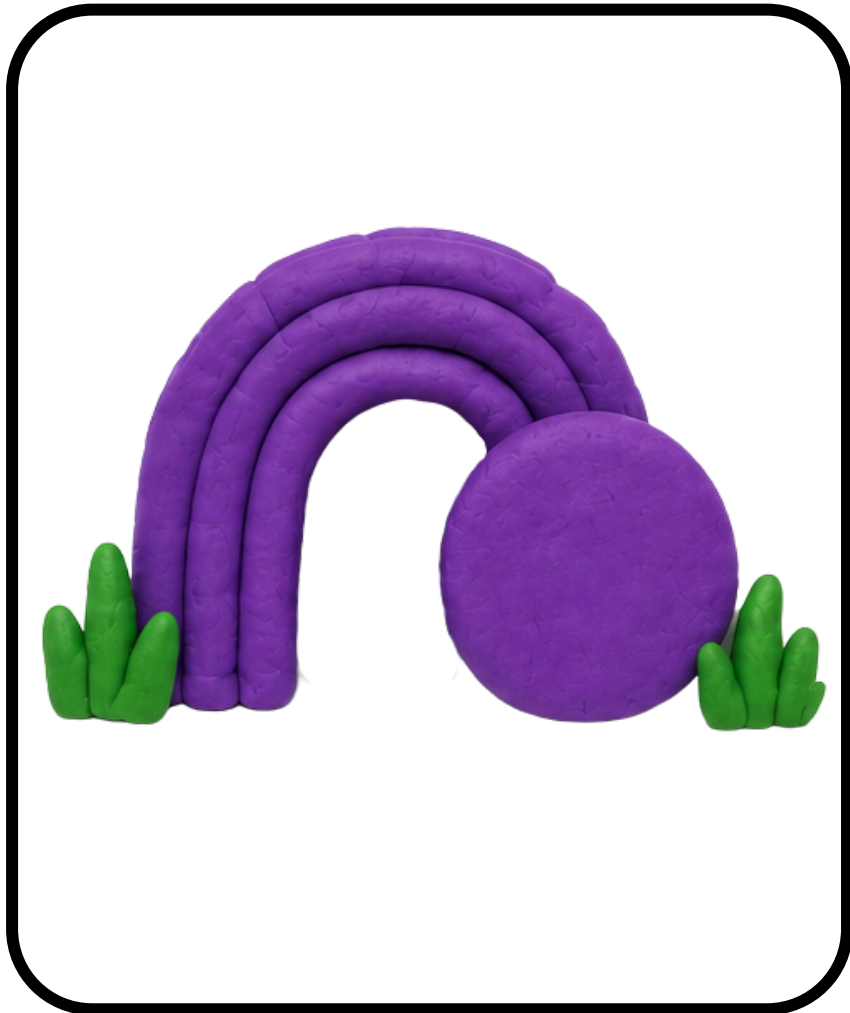
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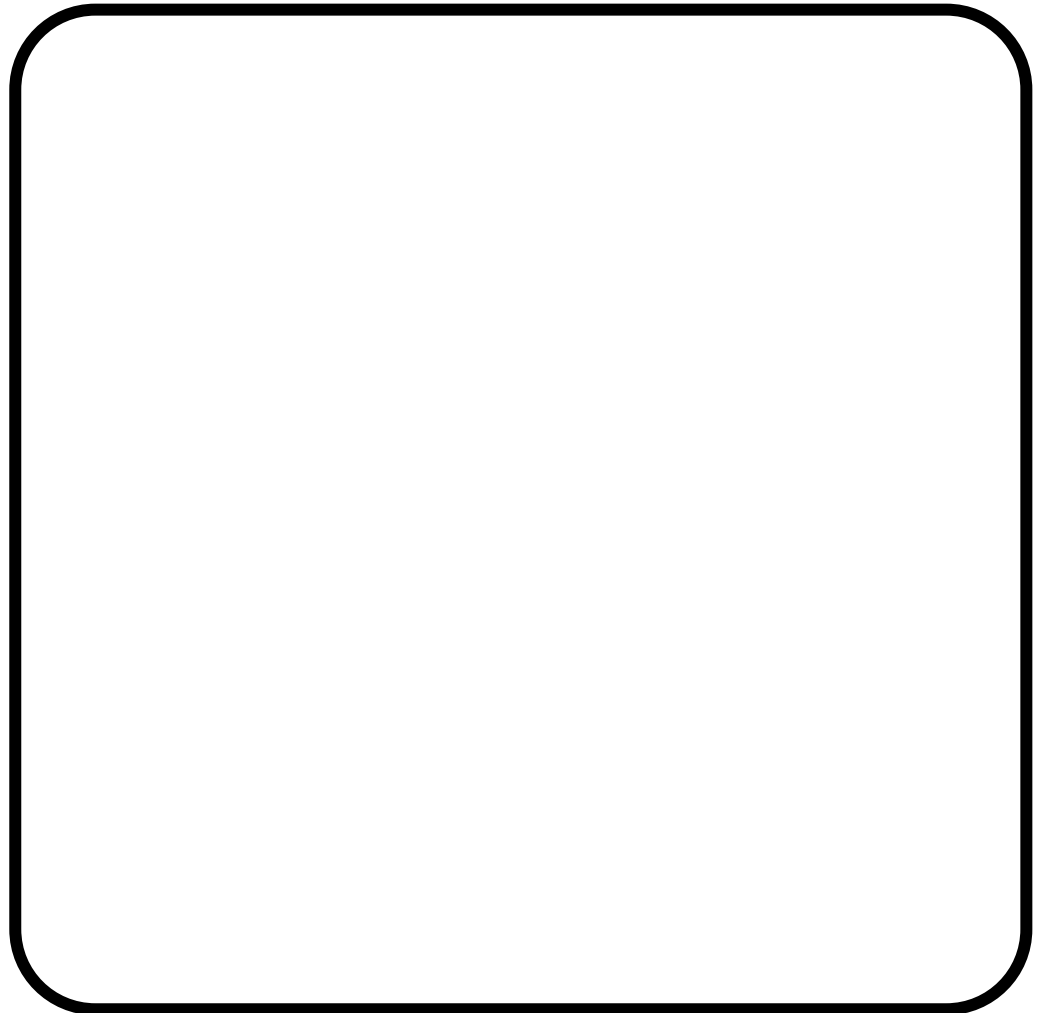
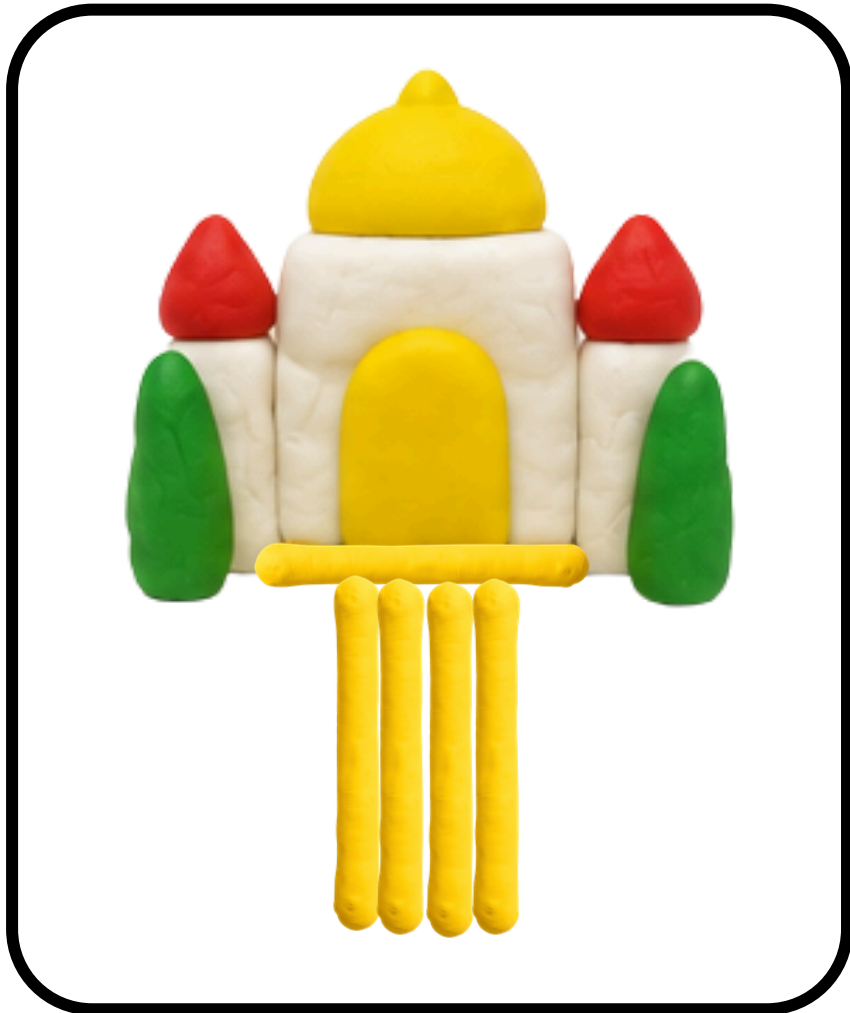
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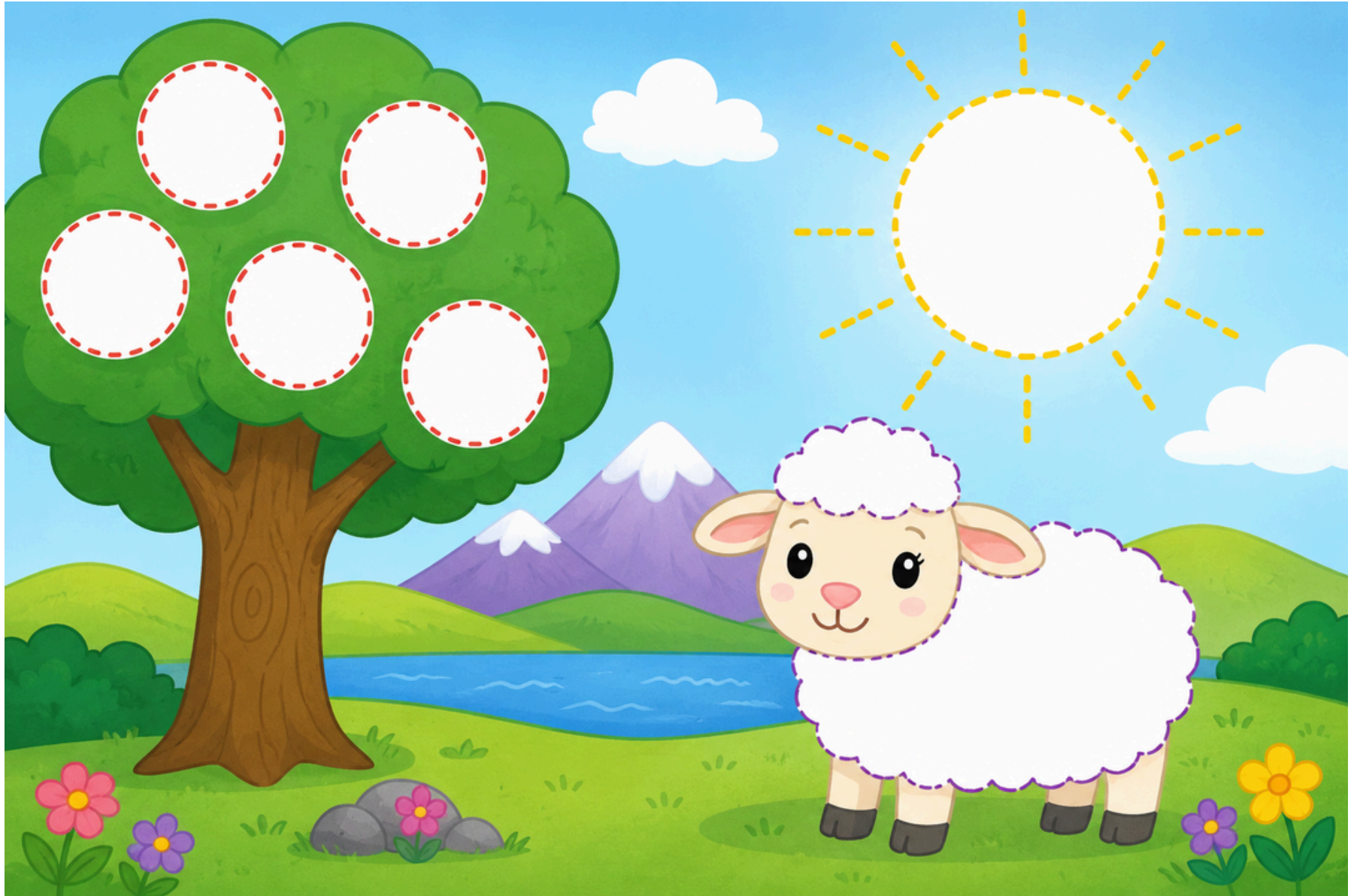
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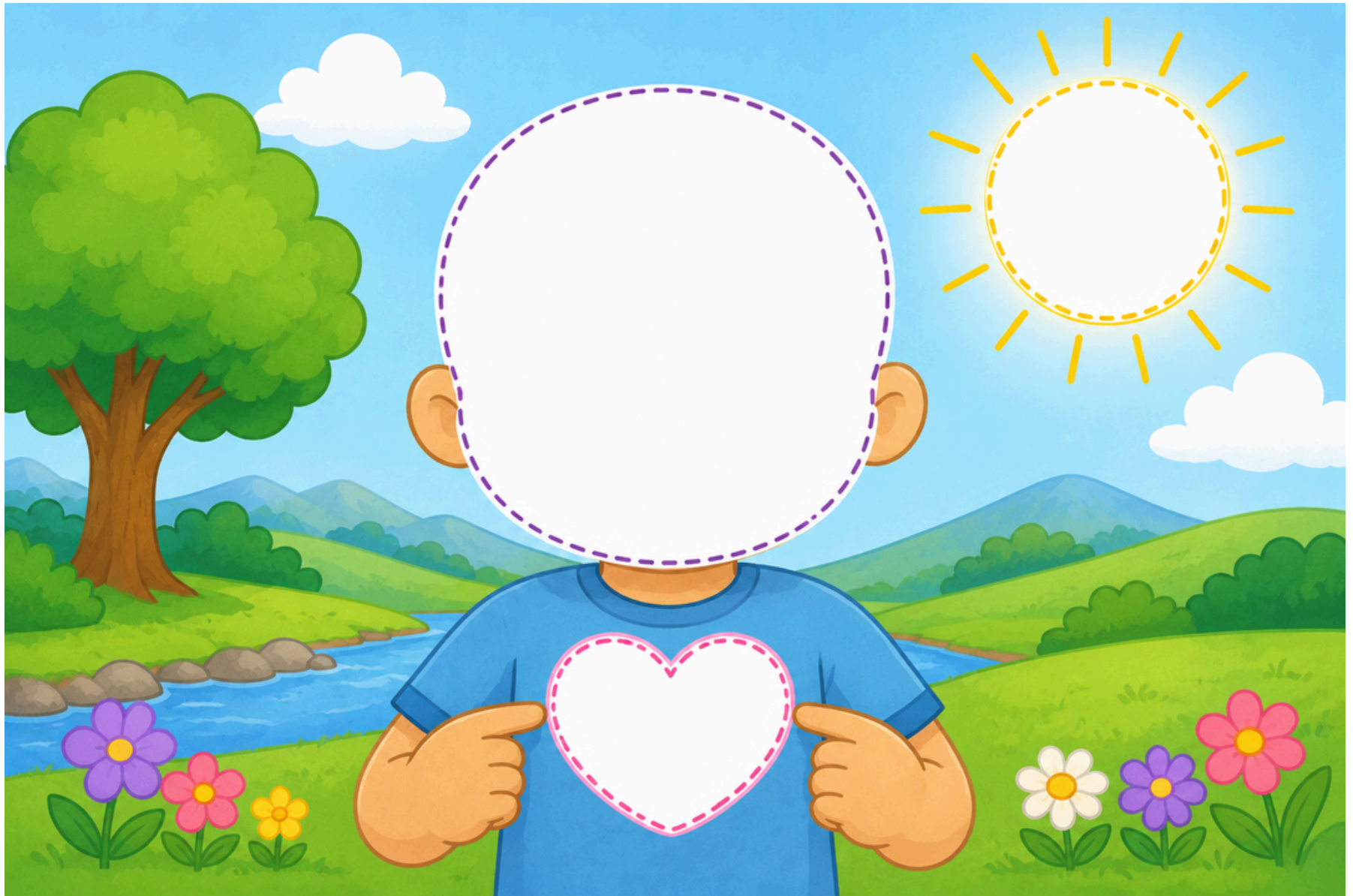


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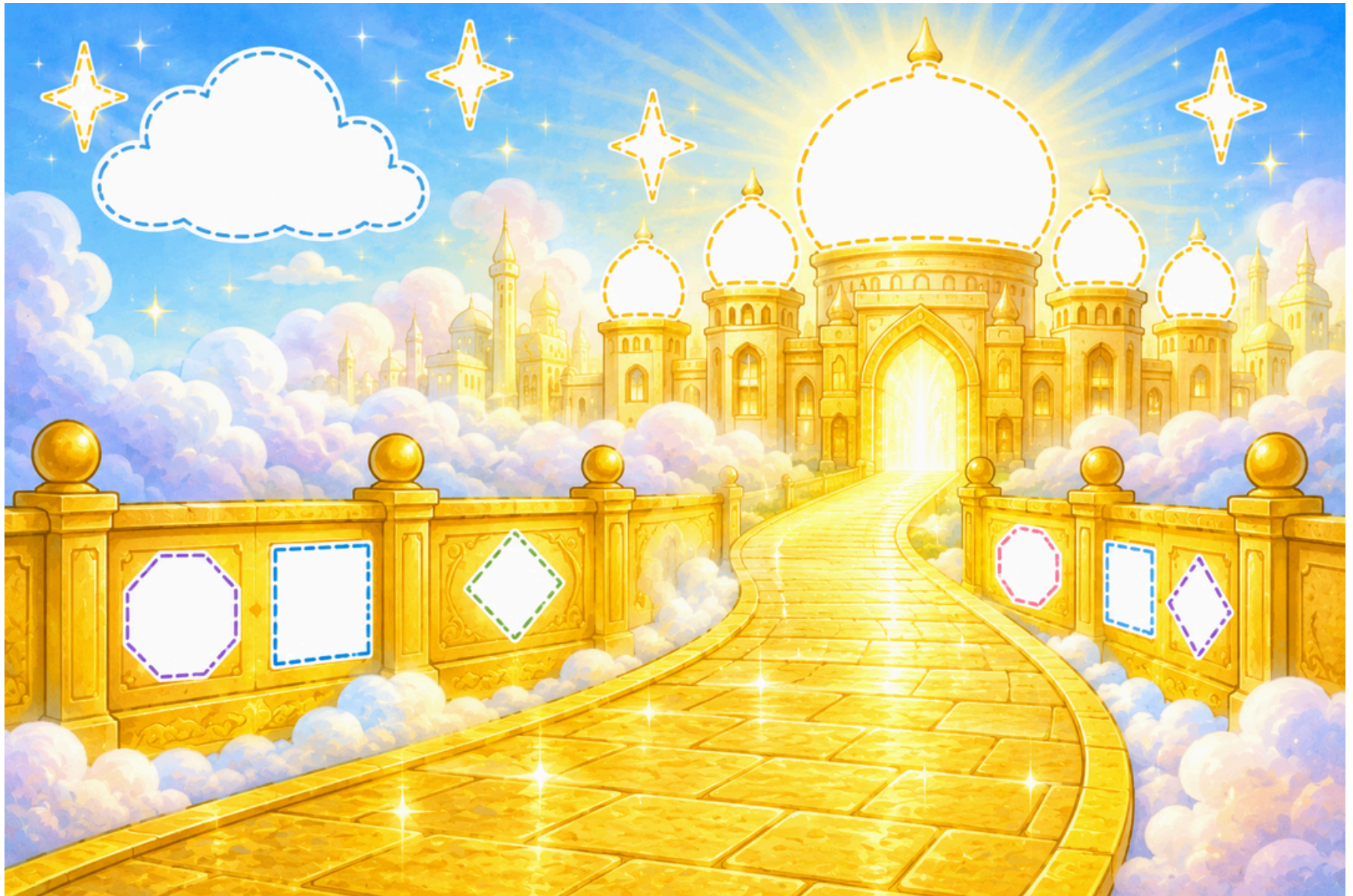
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A large, empty rounded rectangle with a thick orange border, intended for a child to draw or create something.



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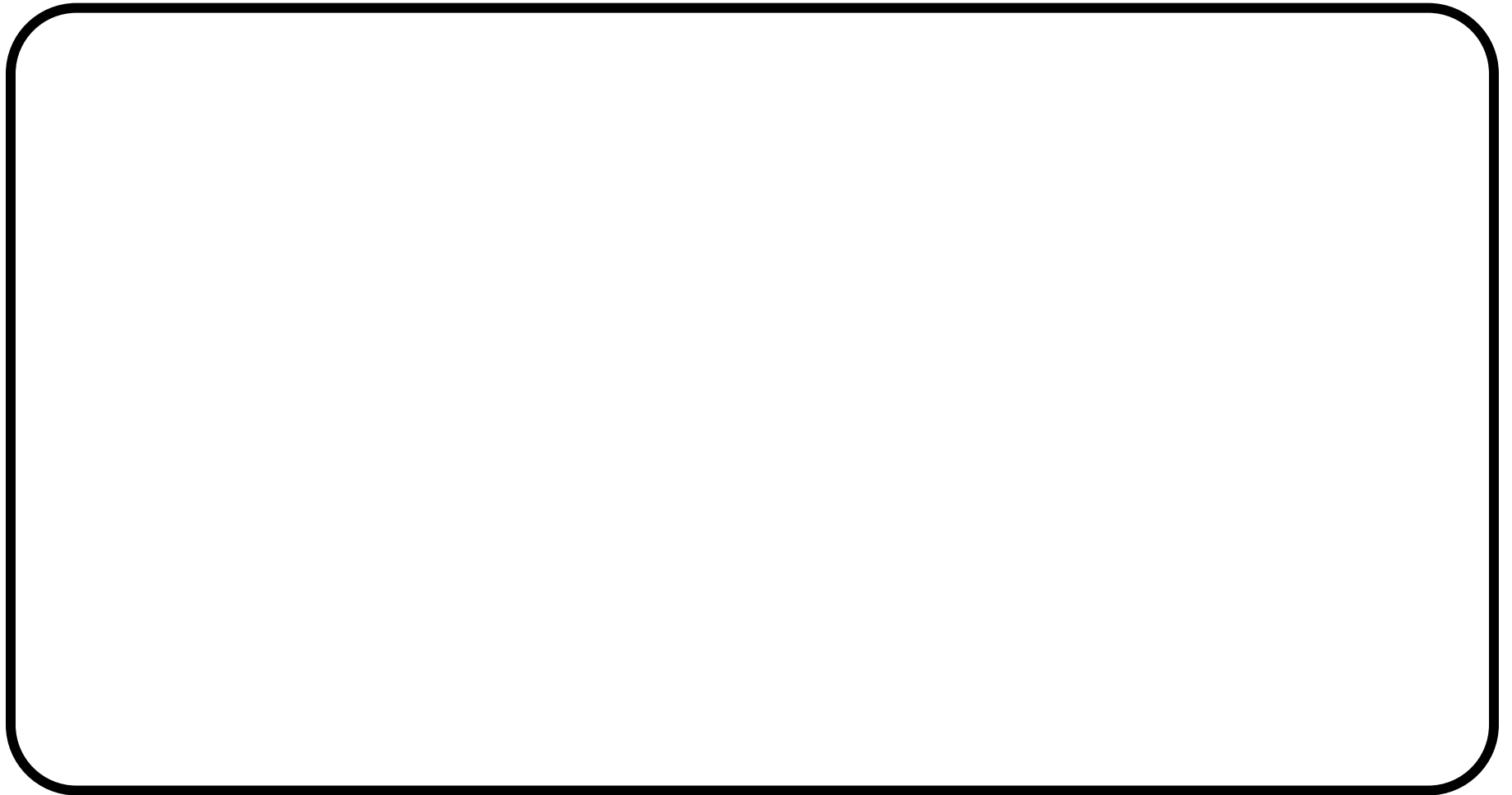
A large, empty rounded rectangle with a thick blue border, intended for a child to draw their own crown.



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