

JESUS WALKED ON WATER



Bible Reference: **Matthew 14:22-33**

Date: **8/2/26**

Grade: **PreK /Kindergarten**

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Jesus is...

Trustworthy

Schedule

- Welcome/Arrival.....10:45-10:55
- Story Station (LG2).....11:00-11:20
- Project Station (Classroom).....11:25-11:45
- Game Station (LG1).....11:50-12:10
- Back to Classroom:.....12:15
 - Dismissal

Notes and Reminders

We are so excited to have you join us in discipling our PreK and Kindergarten children as we journey through the life of Christ this summer! We encourage you to pray for the children's hearts to be open to new understanding of why we love and obey God!



SUMMER SUNDAYS 2026

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

The Texas Giant is a roller coaster that slowly sends riders up 153 feet before dropping them back down at high speeds. At the top of that incline, a sign states, "Wait! Let's discuss this!" A similar thought might have been on the minds of the other disciples when Peter asked to join Jesus walking on the water!

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. But as soon as Jesus spoke to them in the boat and identified Himself, Peter saw an opportunity. He asked for Jesus to command him to come, stepped out of the boat, and started walking toward Jesus.

Peter wanted to be where Jesus was even if it meant leaving his comfort zone. Peter left the security of the boat and took a risk. God calls us to do the same. He calls us to step into the challenges He sets before us, even when the task seems difficult or even impossible.

This story also shows us that when we step out in faith, challenges are to be expected. The wind was fierce, and the waves were intimidating. And when Peter shifted his focus to the situation around him, he began to sink. The writer of Hebrews tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus as we run the race of life (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Even in Peter's failing, he discovered the goodness of God. When Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and lifted him up. God's grace meets us in the middle of our weaknesses. Even when our faith falters, He is faithful, ready to rescue and restore.

Peter shows us that following Christ with boldness will draw us closer to Him. We will experience a deeper relationship with our Savior as we take risks for Him. Each act of obedience, every step taken in faith, brings us closer to Him and gives us courage to face the next challenge.

This week, help kids look past the distractions and storms of life as they fix their eyes on Jesus as the Savior they need.

OUTLINE



Welcome and Arrival

10:45-10:55

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Choose one or several of the following activities to organize as the children arrive.

Walk on Water

- Lay out blue bulletin board paper on the floor to represent water. Gather the kids and explain they will pretend to walk on water like Jesus. Invite kids to take turns walking across the “water” while they say today’s theme: “Jesus is Trustworthy!” Encourage the kids to keep their balance as they walk and talk.
- **SAY** You pretended to walk across the water. Could you walk on real water? [Allow responses.] Only Jesus can walk on water! Jesus showed us that we can trust him by walking on water. He is powerful and loves us. When we trust Jesus, we don’t have to be afraid when hard times come.

Draw Things That Make You Afraid and Safe

- Give each child a sheet of paper and markers. Guide them to draw things that they are afraid of and things that make them feel safe, like a parent or favorite toy. Label their pictures. Remind the kids that we don’t have to be afraid if we trust in Jesus! Be sensitive to children who may be afraid of talking about their fears.
- **SAY** How did you feel drawing your fears? It made me feel nervous to draw pictures of our fears, but I’m so glad God is with us! Are any of you afraid of dogs? It is good to be careful around dogs you don’t know. What else are you afraid of? (allow answers) Sometimes we worry about things that are not true. If you were with Jesus’ friends in the boat, would you have been scared? Jesus showed us that we can trust him by walking on water. He loves us and is always with us. When we trust in Jesus, we don’t have to be afraid.

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Spell Words

- Prop metal baking sheets against a wall. Find the words Jesus, save, and water on index cards in your bin and attach them to the edges of the baking sheets with loops of tape. Explain that each of these words will be important parts of today's Bible story. Encourage boys and girls to spell the words with the magnetic letters. You may find it helpful to gather the letters that the children will need before you start the activity, so that they can more quickly identify which letters they need.
- **SAY** You all worked so hard to spell these important words! In today's Bible story, Jesus walked on the water to get to the disciples' boat. We will hear later what happened when Jesus told Peter to walk toward Him.

Story Station (Large Group 2).....11:00-11:20

Project Station (Classroom)

11:25-11:45

Decorate a Bible Marker

- Give each child two copies of the **Memory Verse** bookmark. Place crayons, markers, and stickers on each table for the children to decorate their bookmarks. Repeat the memory verse together several times as the children decorate both of their bookmarks. Suggest that each child give one bookark to a family membero or a friend. Encourage them to use their boobookmark to read the memory verse this week with their families.
- **SAY** Our memory verse is: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6. When Jesus walked on water and calmed the storm, he showed his friends that he is God's Son. When you give the bookmark to someone special to you, you can tell them about Jesus and the miracles he did!

Discuss what the children learned during the Bible Story today. Use the main Takeaways as a guide to your discussion.

- We can trust Jesus! If we keep out eyes on Him, we do not need to be afraid.
- We can look to Jesus for help when we fear or doubt.

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Takeaways (continued)

- Jesus walked right into the middle of a storm to be with his disciples. He wanted to help them and save them.
- Jesus is all-powerful - He has control over all things, even the wind and the waves.

Sample Questions:

- What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- What happened when Peter got scared and looked at the big waves? (He started to sink.)
- How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus made the wind stop? (Answers will vary.)
- How did Jesus show He is powerful? (He walked on water, He healed people, He fed a big crowd, He forgives our sins)
- How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus.

Practice Memory Verse

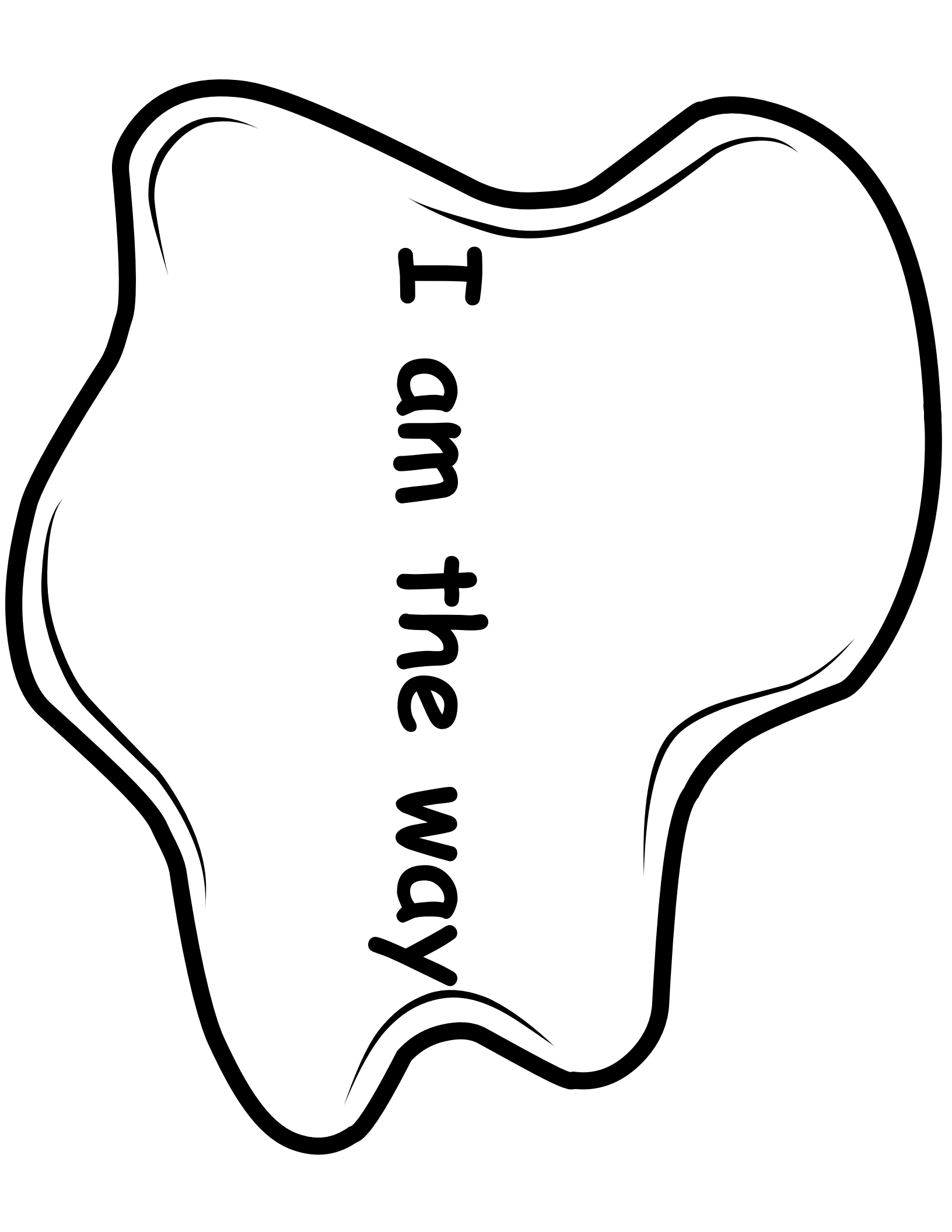
- Find the seven big blue puddle shapes in your bin. Read the memory verse aloud and lead children to say the memory verse with you. Instruct the children to jump from puddle to puddle as they say the following phrases: "I am the way" "and the truth" "and the life" "no one comes" "to the Father" "except through me" "John 14:6"
- SAY When we follow Jesus, we do not have to be afraid. Our key passage says that if we believe in Jesus even if we die, we will live. People who believe and follow Jesus will live with God forever.

Game Station (Large Group 1)11:50-12:10

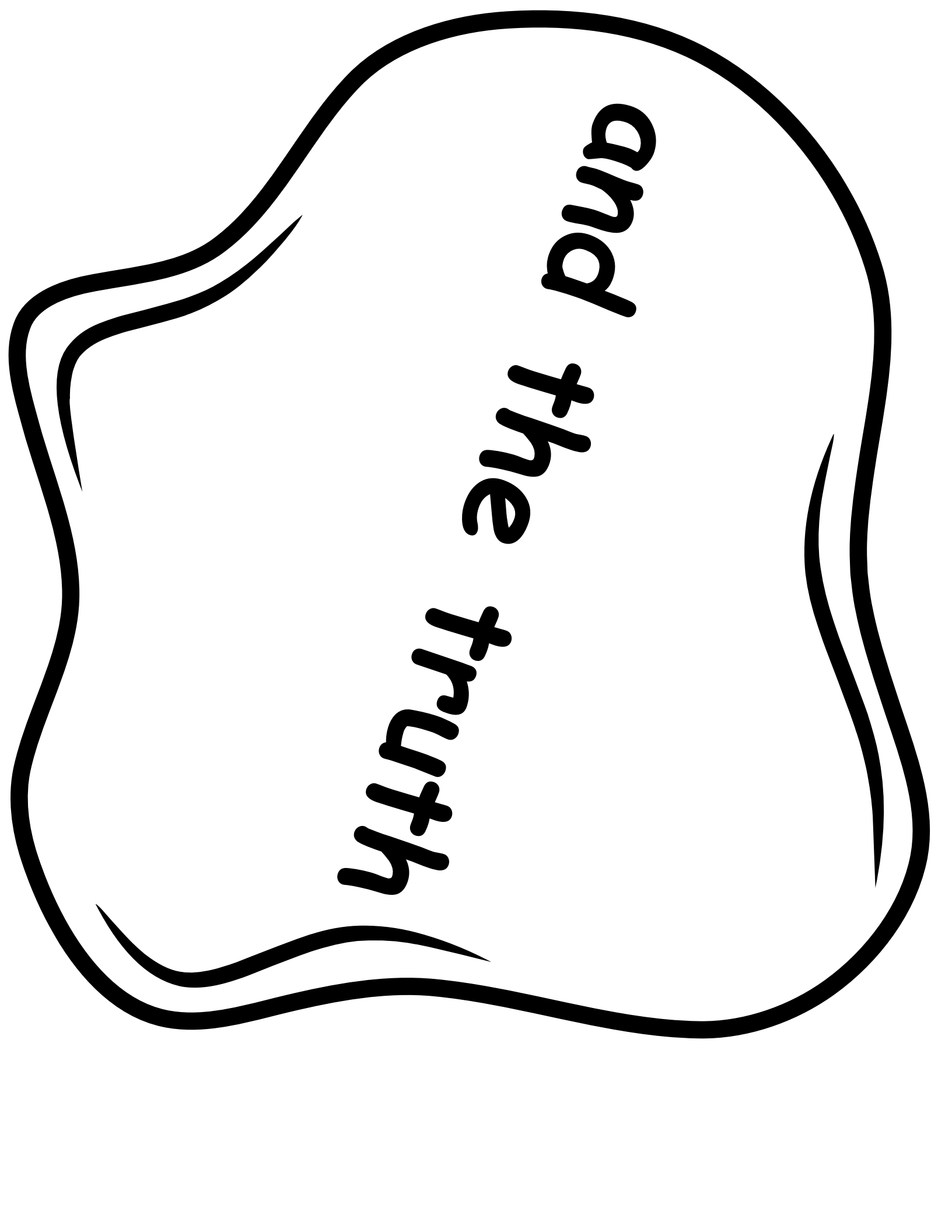
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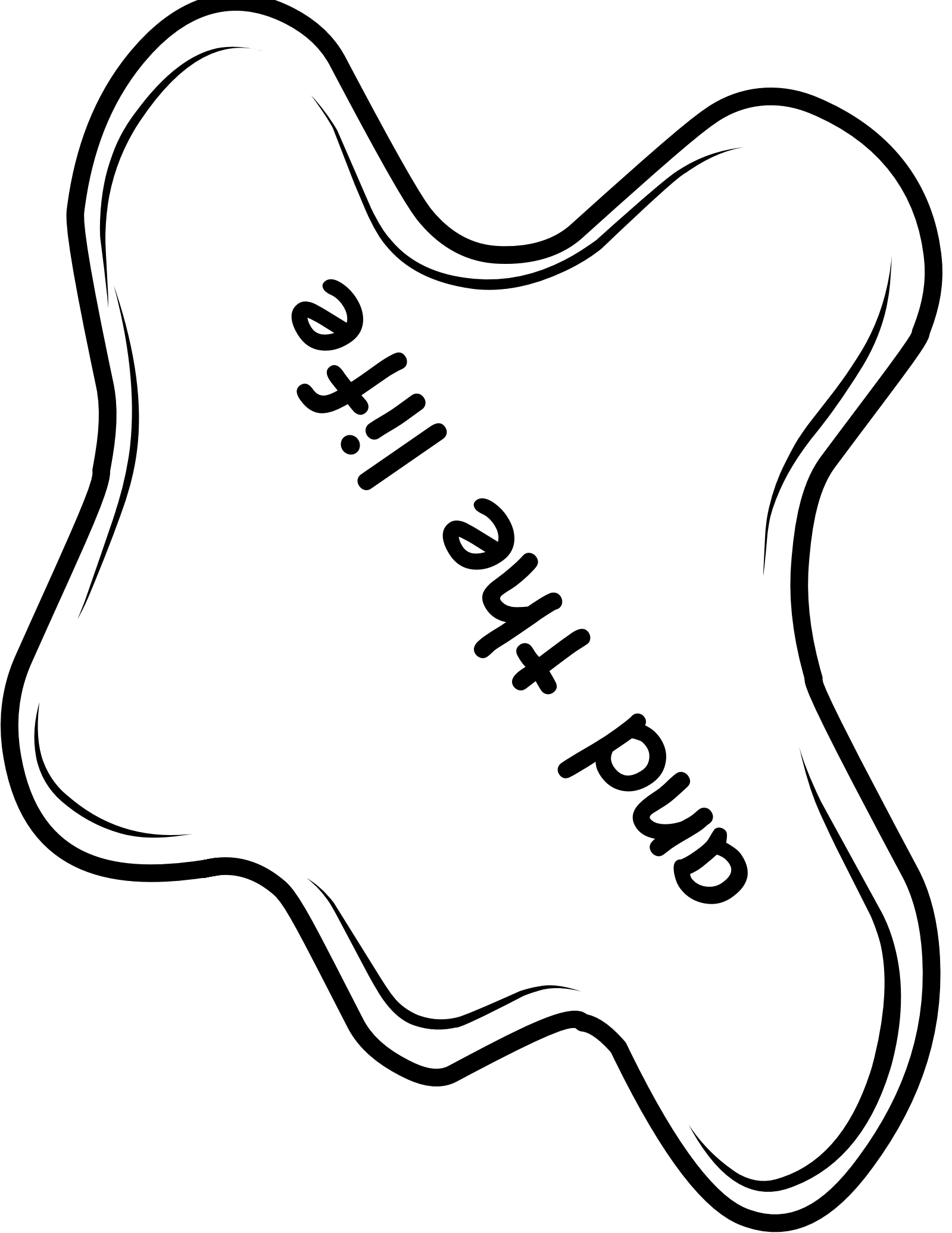




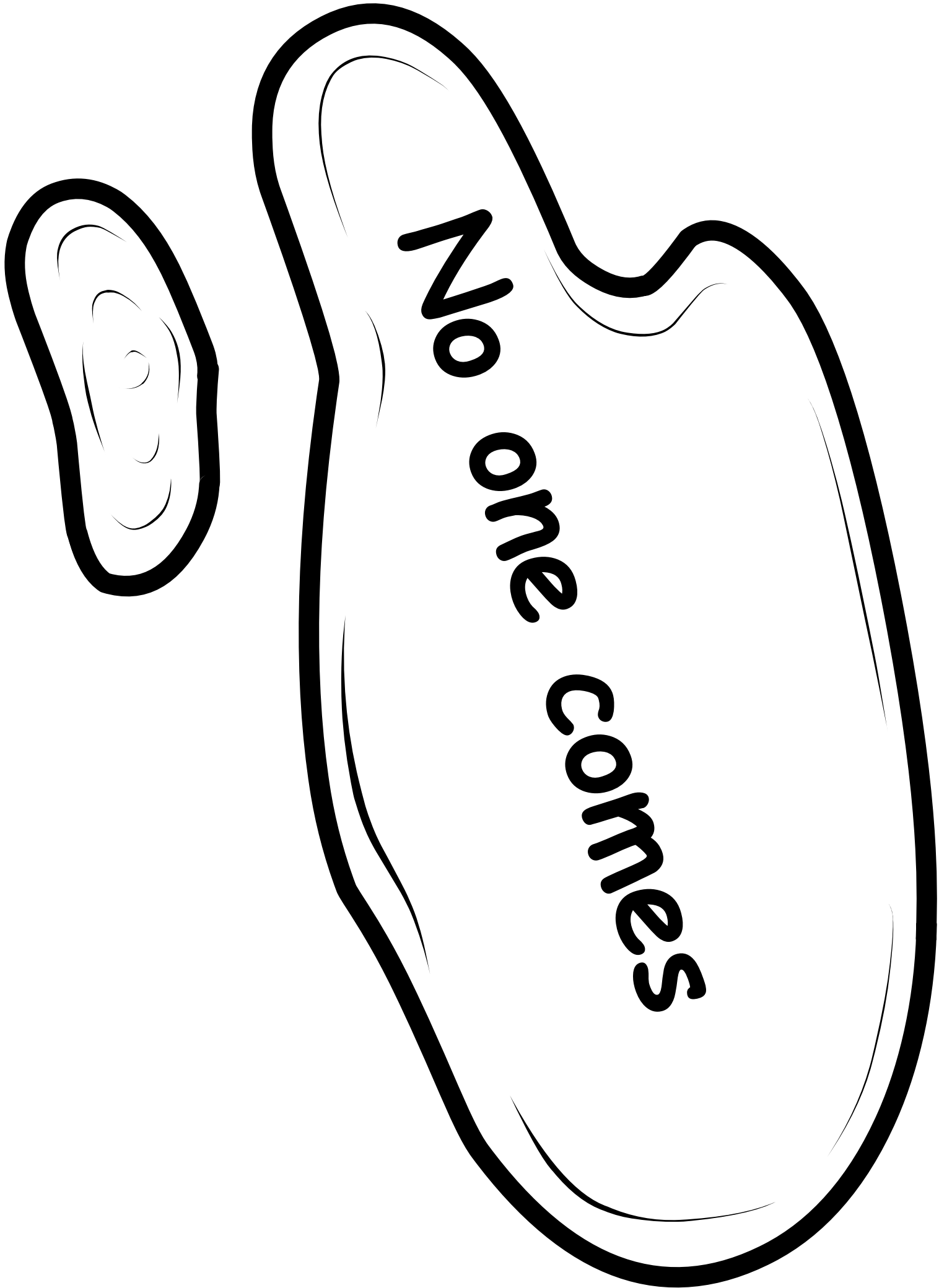
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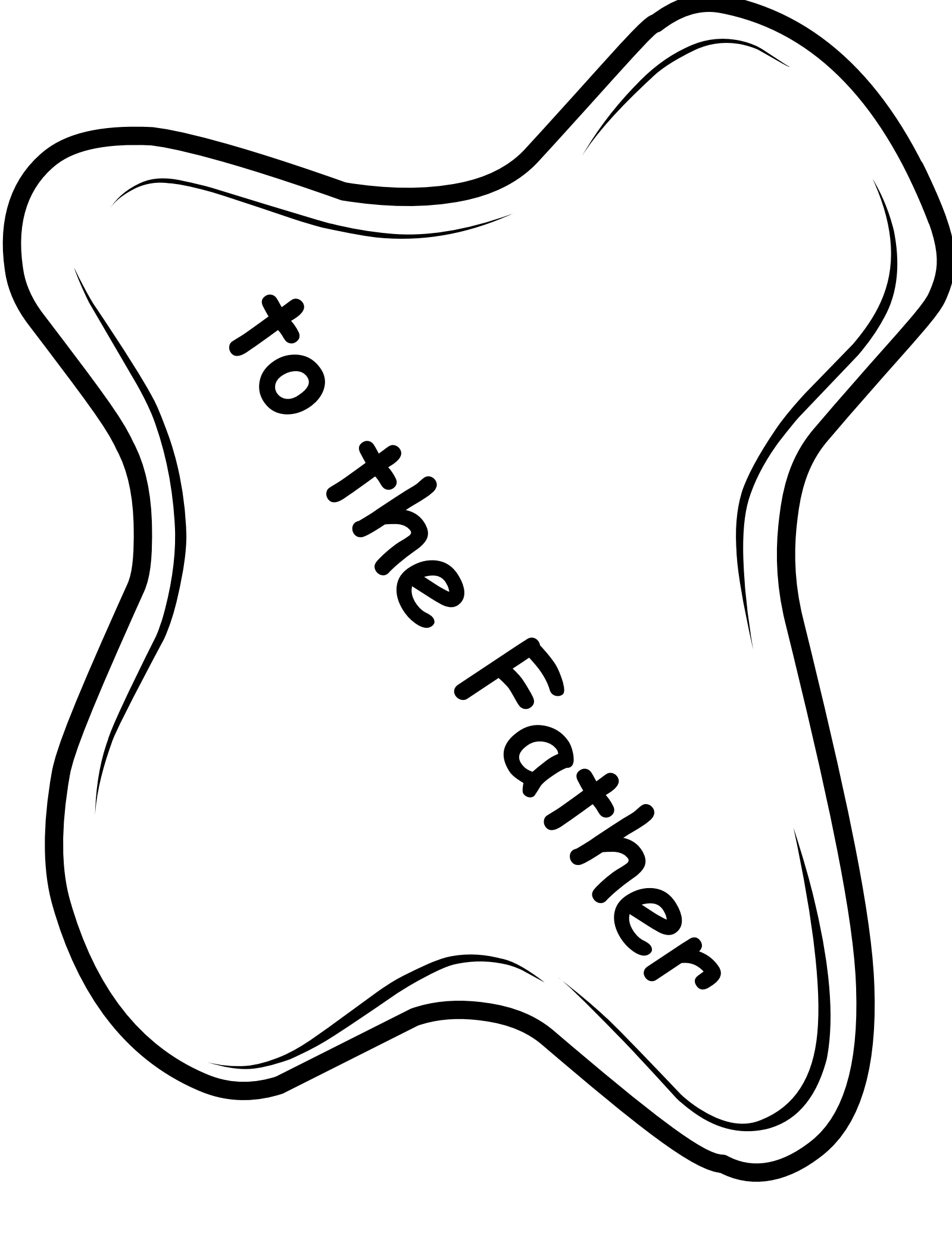


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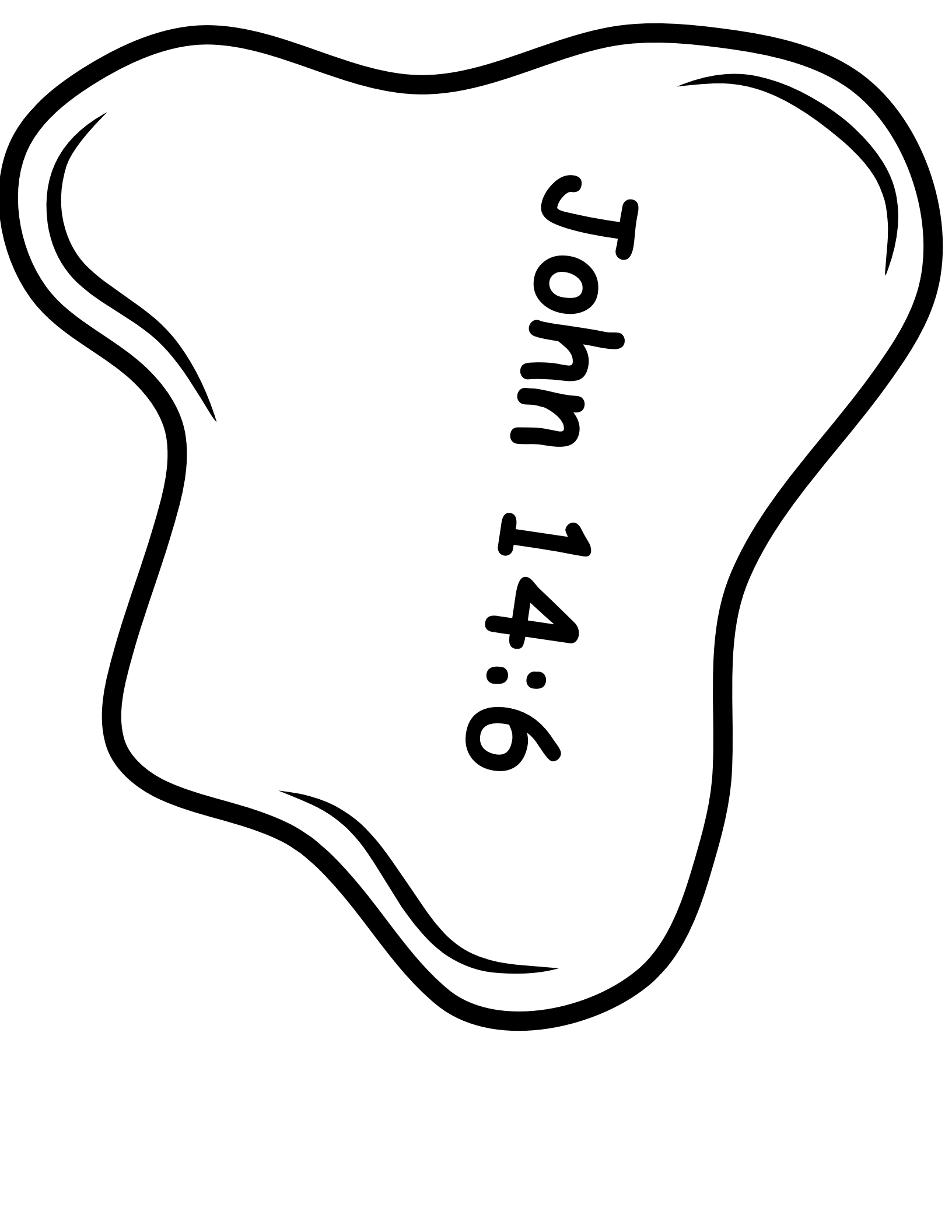




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