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## ROMANS 12V2



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# Welcome



## to World Changing Families!

Maybe you've put up a tent in the back garden to really get into the Creation Fest mood, or maybe you're enjoying the comfort of the living room?

Either way, come on a journey this summer, from the old to embrace the new!

At Creation Fest we love to see whole families learning to grow in faith, go deeper with God and have fun together.

A group of ordinary families are here to serve you on this All Things New journey. Each week you will be able to download a Family Pack like this, full of **activities** designed to help you to laugh, learn, chat and grow together, inspired by the CreationFest On Air themes. Throughout this pack you will see links to short, all-age friendly **YouTube clips** of our families demonstrating the activities. **Meet the families [here](#).**

See the **introduction** to this week's activities [here](#).

**Each week we will explore the theme with the following activities:**



### Bible Challenge

Fun ways to memorise a part of the Bible together



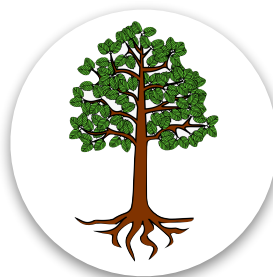
### Creative Prayer

Hands-on ways to talk to God together



### On Your Feet Challenge

Challenges to stretch your mind and your body



### Going Deeper

Inspiration to help you put this week's theme into action



### Craft

Join Clare's Craft Corner and get creative!



### Bag Time

A sensory way to chat and reflect as a family, using objects





## Bible Challenge

Watch the Kennedy family take the Bible challenge at:

<https://youtu.be/-wm6B8USZ-M>

### Act it out

This week's memory verse is **Romans 12:2** (see below).

There are some good action words in this verse; words like "squeeze", "transformed" and "renewing".

**As a family, can you put actions to this verse?**

It's amazing how actions can help you to remember the words and even think more deeply about what they really mean.

Where are you being squeezed by the world?

**"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"**

**Romans 12:2** (Phillips + NIV!)

### Think Differently

This week's challenges are designed to bamboozle your brains and give them a work-out!

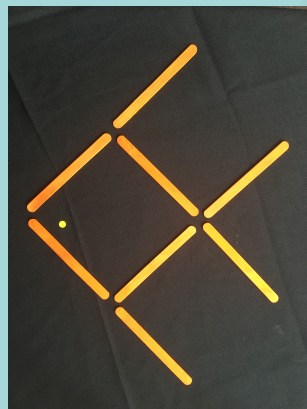
#### The Fish

You will need:

- 8 lollipop sticks (or pencils, or strips paper)

Lay your sticks out as shown.

The aim of this puzzle is to make the fish face the **opposite way** (180 degrees in the other direction) by only moving **3 sticks**. Have a go!



## On Your Feet Challenge



## On Your Feet Challenge continued

Watch Andy and Grace set up and have a go at these puzzles. No solutions till next week though!

<https://youtu.be/ala-oIBl82s>

### Think Differently... continued

#### coin conundrum

You will need:

- 5 coins (sorry, you will need to provide your own!)

Lay your coins out as shown



Your challenge is to create four coins in a row on one side of the right-angle, without losing three coins in a row on the other side of the right angle... by only moving **1 coin!**

Rules: no adding extra coins from your pocket or anywhere else!

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#### connect the dots

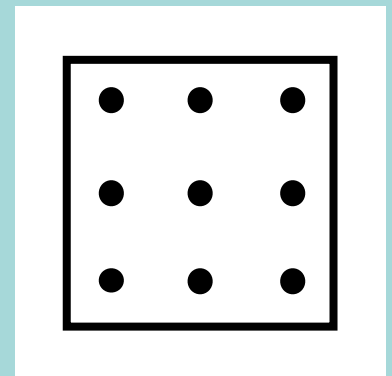
You will need:

- Paper and a pen or pencil

Draw out a set of 9 dots, in a box, like the picture. (Or you can print out the sheet in the "extra goodies" at the end of this pack).

Your challenge is to connect **all** of the dots with just **4 straight lines**.

Once you have started drawing, you are not allowed to lift your pen/ pencil from the paper until you have drawn all 4 lines.



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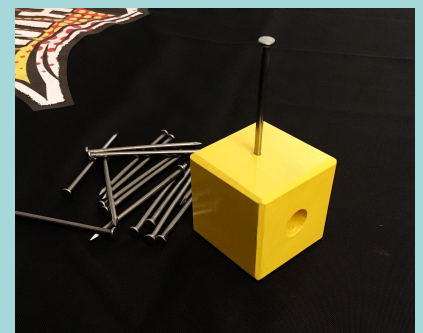
#### Nail balance

This one is good if there is someone who is into DIY in the family. Parental supervision recommended for any children involved in assembly!

You will need:

- 16 large nails
- 1 block of wood (and a hammer to knock one nail, standing straight, into the wood)

Your task is to **balance all remaining 15 nails** on top of the one in the wooden block!







## Craft

Watch Clare  
show you how to  
make this hot  
air balloon:

[https://youtu.be/  
ag23uPeU4rw](https://youtu.be/ag23uPeU4rw)

### Seeing from Above

A hot air balloon to lift us up and give us a different view.

#### You will need:

- Coloured paper or card
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- String
- Sellotape
- Photo (optional)



- 1) From coloured paper, cut about 12 balloon shapes using the template at the **back of this pack**, or any other symmetrical shape you'd like.
- 2) Fold each shape down the middle and glue one half to another piece like book pages.
- 3) Continue with the other shapes to form your 3D balloon.
- 4) Before you glue the last pieces together take two lengths of string looped at the top and feed down the middle, you should have 4 ends of string at the bottom.
- 5) Make yourself a balloon basket out of card and stick the 4 strings into the corners.
- 6) You could write the verse from Romans 12 verse 2 on the folds of your balloon.

Just for fun you can cut a family photo to put you all in the basket!

### Circle Praying

This is a simple but powerful way to pray as a family, borrowed from the ancient Celtic Christians.

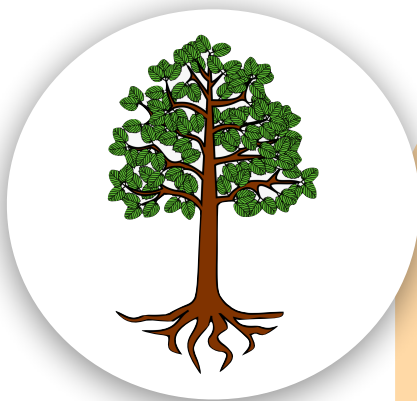
- Decide what you are going to pray for - in the video we pray for our minds, but you can choose!
- Stand in a circle - you are going to imagine the things you are praying for are inside your circle.
- Think about what needs to be taken **out** of the situation you are praying for (fear, lies, pain, sickness, despair?)
- Reach into the circle and shout together, for example: "**Pain OUT!**" - and throw it out of the circle!
- Now think of the opposite, the things God wants to put **into** the situation (courage, truth, peace, healing, hope?)
- Now reach out of the circle and shout, for example: "**Peace IN!**" - and throw it into the circle!
- Continue until you feel the deal is done :)



## Creative Prayer

Watch the Kennedy  
family do circle  
Praying together:

[https://youtu.be/  
BtgrKhcSEVM](https://youtu.be/BtgrKhcSEVM)



## Going Deeper

check out today's video to see the Mahals working on their Bible timeline, along with some info and top tips.

<https://youtu.be/5Ljtby7VHMM>

### Making a Bible Timeline

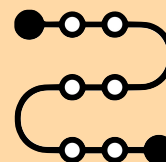
Our **minds** get shaped by what we spend time looking at, thinking about, talking about and creating.

One of the best ways to allow our minds to be shaped by God is to get to know the Bible. Not only bits of the Bible, but the whole of God's big story found in the Bible.



We've found that as well as reading the Bible, we can get to grips with this big story in creative ways: we have been learning to 'Bible timeline'.

"Bible time-lining" is essentially sketching out the big story of the bible on anything from an A4 sheet up to a whole roll of wallpaper. It can be as simple or as complex as you like and everyone can join in. You don't have to be an incredible artist, just willing to have a go. But do feel free to go art crazy if you wish!



**We have a challenge for you to get stuck into the Bible this week! Read on...**

Here are **3 different options**; choose the one that fits you and your family.

**A**

**"My family don't really know the Bible"**

We suggest you get to know the main character of God's story, Jesus, by listening to a book in the Bible called **Mark** (Although you might enjoy having a look at some of the clips listed in Option B to give you the big picture).

**You will need:**

- Paper and felt tips or colouring pencils, play dough, lego or anything that keeps your hands busy and your ears free to listen.

• This link, to an audio version of Mark: [https://youtu.be/fny3\\_3WJlpl](https://youtu.be/fny3_3WJlpl)

1. Gather around a table and play the story.
2. As you listen, draw pictures, doodles or make sculptures inspired by the stories you hear. Grown ups too! (Teens might prefer to call it graffiti, mind maps, sculpting clay or mindful colouring)

If your family aren't arty, they don't have to create something from the story - colouring, or fiddling with play dough or lego are fine.

3. After about half an hour (or however long your family is engaged), stop and have a chat about what you've heard.
  - Was there anything you'd never heard before?
  - Which were your favourite bits?
  - Are there any parts you didn't understand?

4. Then come back to listen to more of the story another day!





Ok, here are some ideas to help you get started:

**You will need:**

- Pieces of A4 or A3 paper
- Pens, pencils, colours
- String
- Clothes pegs

**B**  
“My family don’t really know where to start!”

Instead of starting on one big sheet, you could create a “clothes line” timeline by using pieces of paper for different chunks of the story. That way, you can focus on one chunk at a time and add to your line bit by bit.

Here are some suggestions for the chunks you might use:

1) Creation and Fall, 2) Abraham 3) Egypt - slavery and escape, 4) In the Desert, 5) In the Promised Land, 6) Divided Kingdom: prophets and exiles, 7) Jesus, 8) Holy Spirit and 9) Good news spreads

But there are lots of other ways you could divide it up if you prefer.



If you need inspiration to get your juices flowing, here are links to some short, fun Bible-overview animations from the Bible Society to watch together:

Old Testament: <https://youtu.be/7AkDu7i2Y5c>

Jesus: <https://youtu.be/O9GSs5B-0yQ>

Early Church: <https://youtu.be/vJPM7oegfEM>

See more links and ideas in the “Extra Goodies” at the end of this pack.

**C**  
“My family is ready to go for it”

You may have your own thoughts about how to attack it, but if you’re still looking for ideas, here are some suggestions:

1. You might like the sections we’ve given in **Option B** above, as a starting point.

2. Or, you could look at the major **Covenants** (promises) God makes with key figures:

- Abraham,
- Moses & Israel,
- David
- and through Jesus.

Your time line could look at what leads up to, what happens in between and what happens after each of these Covenants.

3. Or, you could divide the big story up into four main movements: **Good, Guilt, Grace and Gratitude**.

**Good** - God creates all things to be good

**Guilt** - Sin enters the world and we all end up living under its consequences

**Grace** - God gives grace again and again and ultimately in the life, death & resurrection of Jesus.

**Gratitude** - We have the opportunity to respond to God’s grace by living a life of gratitude for all he has done for us by loving and serving him.



From this big picture you can fill in more and more detail as you go along.

Enjoy exploring the Bible together, creating and having fun!

Have a look in the “Extra Goodies” section for more ideas, tips and links.



## Bag Time

### Reflect and Chat

Here's fun, sensory way to help you reflect and chat together as a family.

If you haven't already, you will need to have a hunt around the house for the objects below. If you don't have one or two of them, choose something else instead! (It helps if they are easy to hold).

Then, gather round as a family and take it in turns to chose an object and share.



#### Highlighter Pen

Talk about your  
**highlight** of the week



#### Stone

Talk about something that  
has been **hard** this week



#### Shell

Do you think you have  
**heard God** speaking to  
you this week?



#### Pom Pom

Talk about something  
that has made you feel  
**warm and fuzzy** this  
week



#### Lego brick

Talk about something  
you have **learned or**  
**discovered** this week



#### Star

**Encourage** someone else  
in your family



#### Tea light

(World Changing Families question of  
the week)

Has anything made you **change your**  
**mind** this week?

Watch the Kennedy family introduce you to "Bag Time":

<https://youtu.be/QYW48MkxbIs>





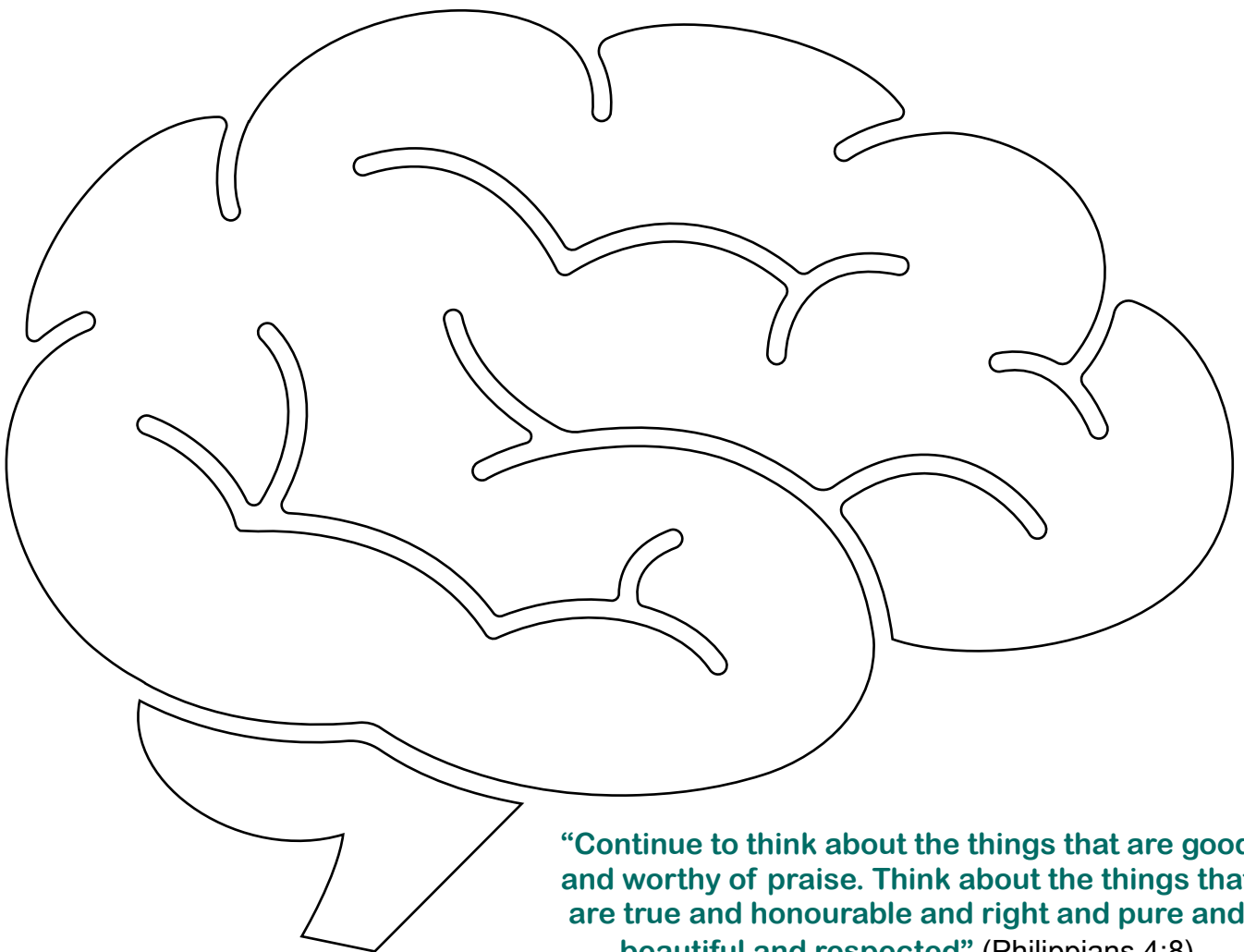
## Just for fun

Watch parents and children having a go at some tricks to amuse and entertain you! :)

None of them are professionals, but they love to have a go!

Check out this week's illusions to baffle your mind, with Grace and Andy:

<https://youtu.be/MP5ub7MRhpl>



**“Continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honourable and right and pure and beautiful and respected” (Philippians 4:8)**

**What are some of these things in your life? Wonderful memories, loved people, heroes you look up to, beautiful places you have been...?  
Draw, doodle or write in all the spaces in and around this brain.**

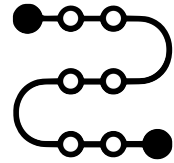
# Extra Goodies

... because we're nice like that

## Bible Time-lining extra help!

### Questions to ask each other as you look at each "chunk" of the story:

- Which books of the Bible tell this part of the story?
- Where in the world does this part happen?
- Who are the main human characters & what do they do?
- Does anything go wrong, or go right, in this bit?
- What is God doing in this bit? What parts of his character do we see?
- Does God make any promises in this part of the story?
- Why do you think (a book you are looking at) is in the Bible?



You could use some or all of these questions to shape the information you include in your timeline.

### Tips

- Of course, even though this is a time line, you don't need to get too bogged down with dates - the story is the important part!
- Mums and Dads - if you know your Bible well, don't be tempted to splurge all your knowledge over your children. Ask questions and listen to their questions. Allow them to discover answers for themselves, by doing their own research if they can.

### Advanced tips

You could also look for some other themes or points of interest that crop up regularly throughout scripture and focus on stories that include these themes, such as:

Justice, Gardens, Women, Exile, Water, Sabbath, Heaven & Earth

### Final thoughts

There really is no set way of doing these timelines and there's no way of getting them wrong - sure, something may end up in the wrong place or a detail may be slightly inaccurate but you can work together to rearrange or correct these and the more you do, the better you'll get to grips with Bible time-lining and the Bible itself.

Some of our timelines have been a few hours of work and we're done. Others have been going for months on end with lots of research done in between art sessions. We've done them as a family, we've done some with friends and we even do them with our international short-term mission teams (check out [ywamwildfire.com](http://ywamwildfire.com)).

## Some Useful Resources

### Child-friendly Bible overview clip (5 mins)

<https://youtu.be/urwZP2WGdHc>

### More thematic overview for older ones

[https://youtu.be/7\\_CGP-12AE0](https://youtu.be/7_CGP-12AE0)

### "What's in the Bible?"

A thorough introduction to each book of the Bible for children. Very informative, with lots of giggles and silly songs. From the creator of Veggie Tales.

<https://mrphil.tv>

Series Trailer: <https://youtu.be/l-v5ufuiCl0>

### The Bible Project

Accessible, theologically sound and super well-made videos on individual books of the Bible as well as the big themes. This is such a good resource for your family!

<https://bibleproject.com/>

### The Infographic Bible

A great resource displaying facts and figures in a fun way.

<https://www.theinfographicbible.com/>



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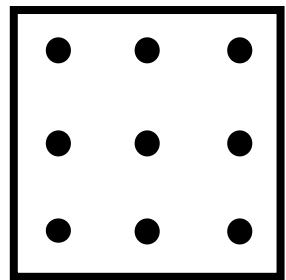
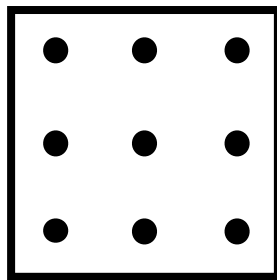
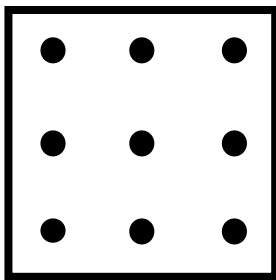
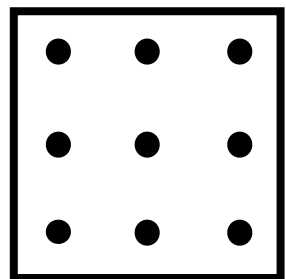
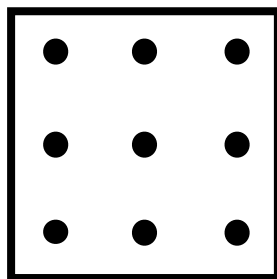
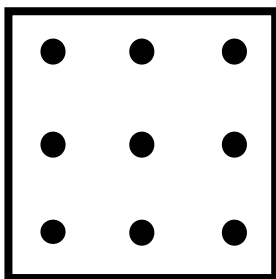
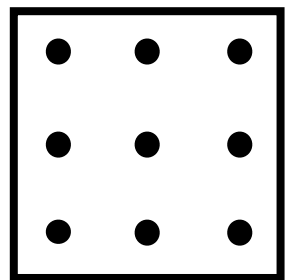
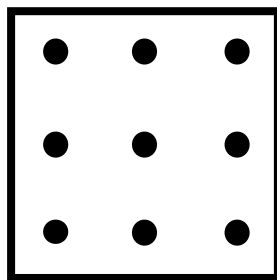
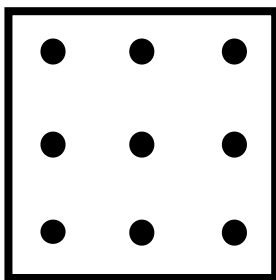
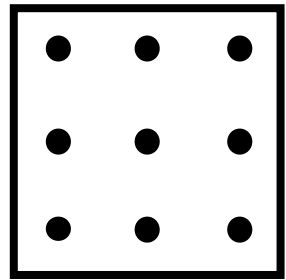
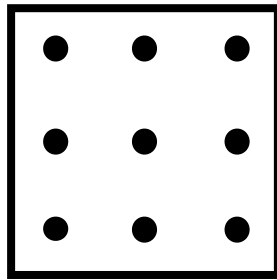
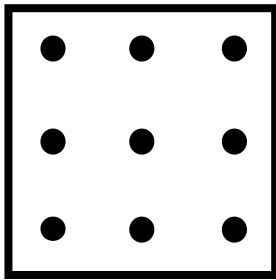
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# On Your Feet Challenge

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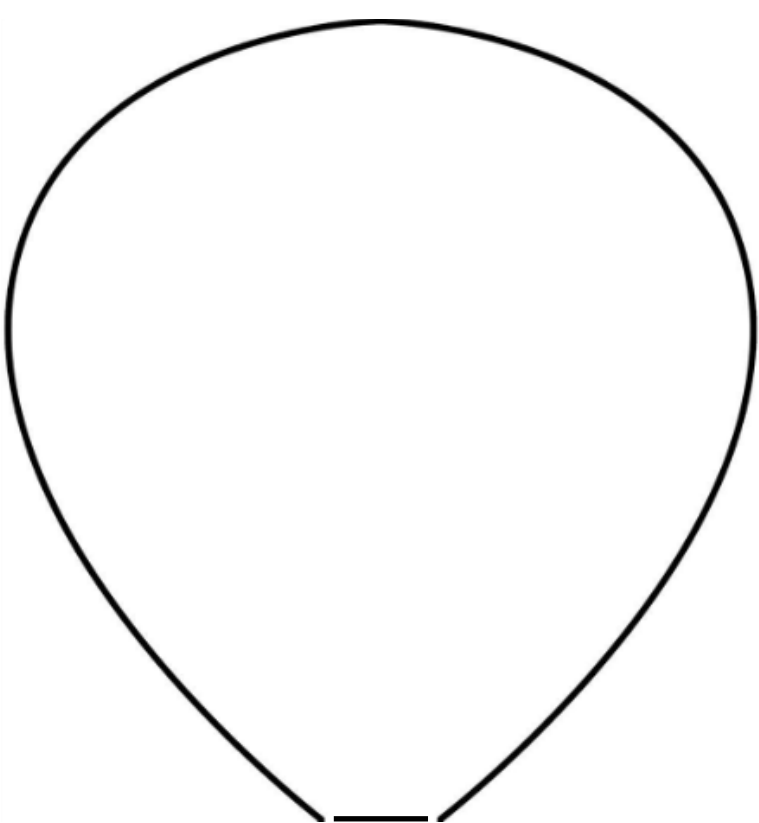
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Craft

# Hot Air Balloon Template



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