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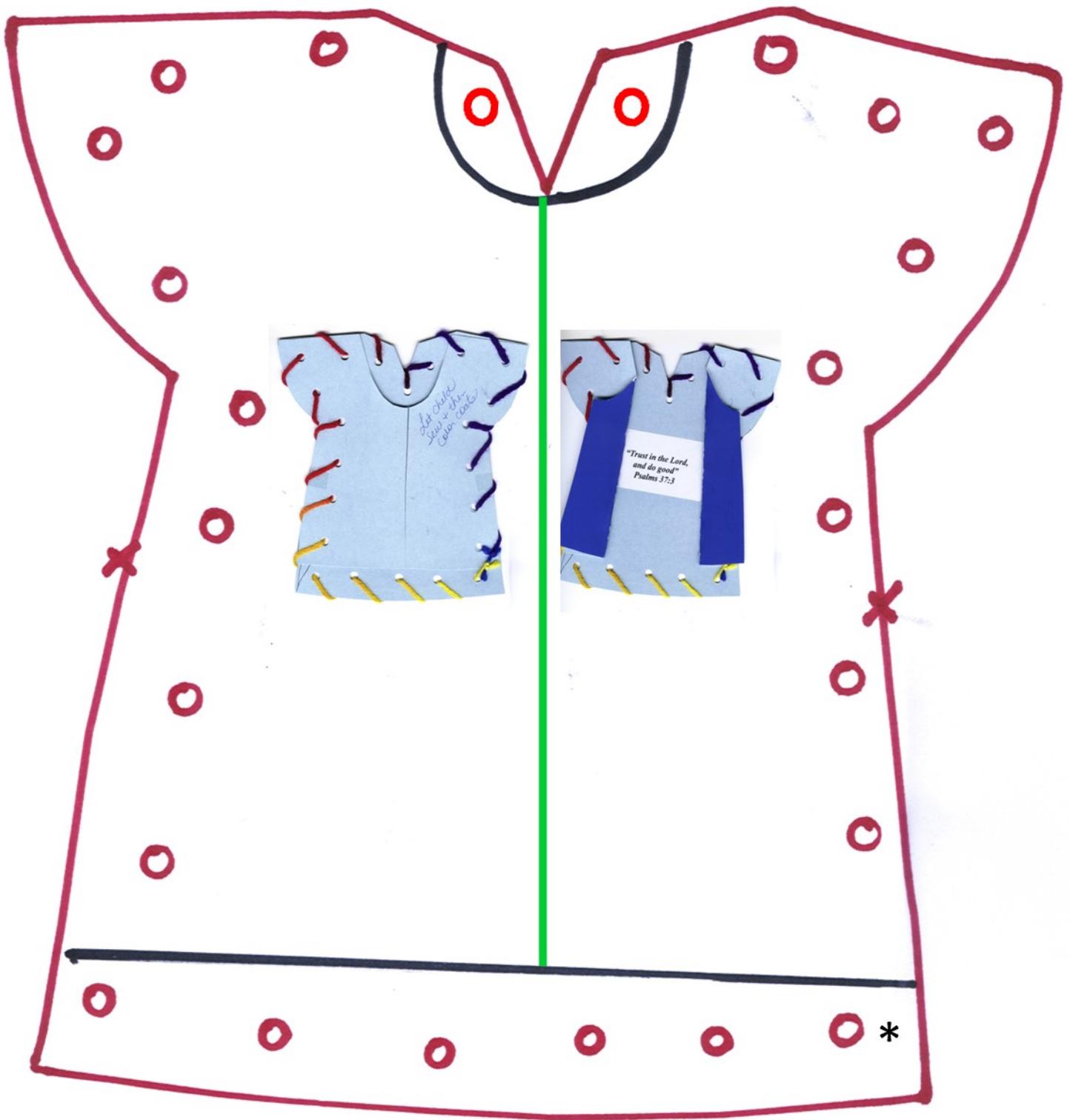
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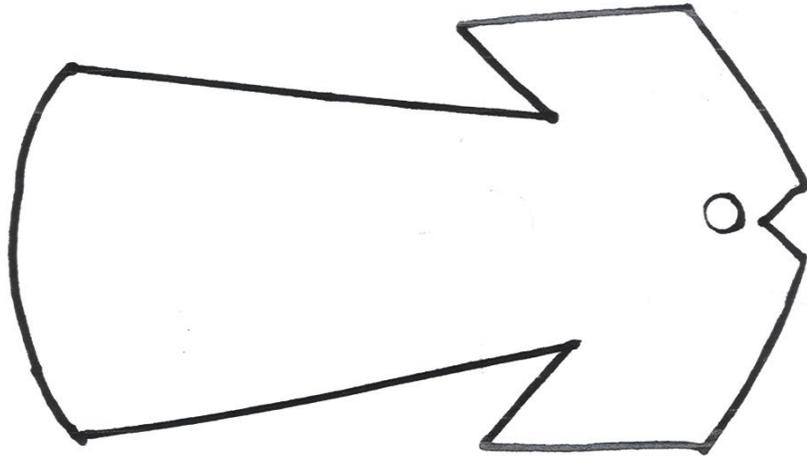
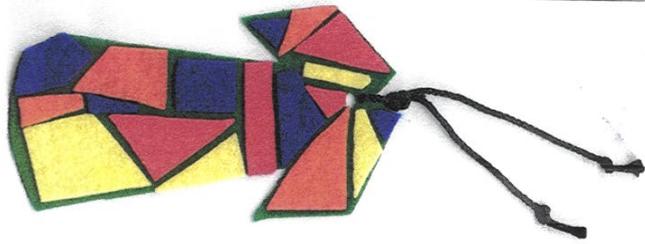
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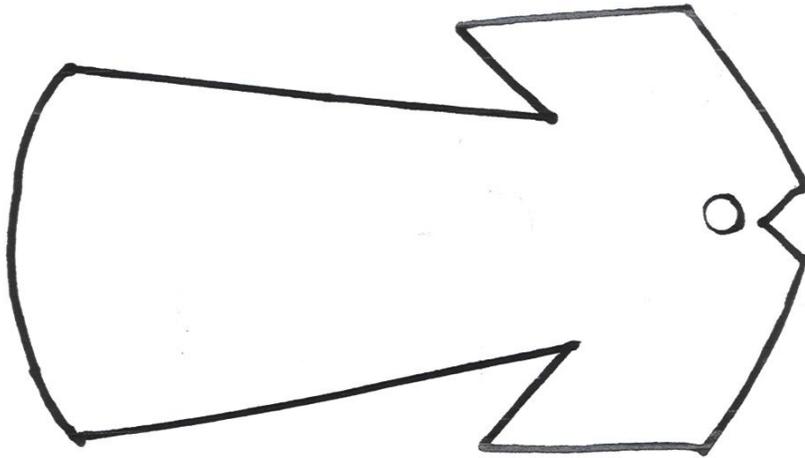
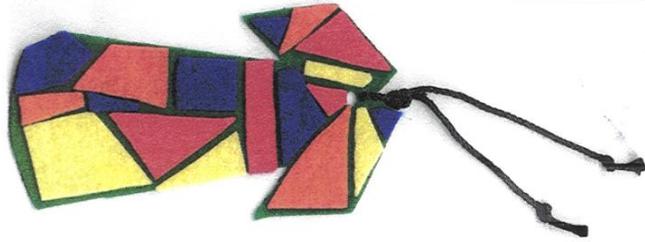






Cut out two identical patterns. Take one of the pieces and alter it to make the front of jacket. Do this by simply cutting off approx. 1" from the bottom as indicated by the black line and round the neckline as indicated by the second black line. Lay one piece on top of the other, lining up the shoulders. Place a piece of scotch tape on each side as indicated by the X. This will hold the front and back sections together. Punch holes around the coat as indicated by red O's. Cut a piece of multi color yarn (approx 5' long) for each child. Tie one end at the bottom corner of the coat as indicated by \*. Add a rounded nosed needle to the other end of the yarn. (You can also use a bread twist tie as a needle. Simple tie the yarn into the center of a twist tie, fold the twist tie in half and twist it until it forms a long needle) Now have the children sew their coats together by simple taking the needle through the underneath side of the next hole and poking it upwards. Pull the string all the way through and then go to the underneath side of the next hole and repeat until they have gone all the way around their coat. Taking scissors, cut straight up the middle of the front of coat, as indicated by the green line. (Do not cut the back section, just the front. Now fold back the sides and write their verse inside.





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