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What was the woman's name in our story today? Hannah
Hannah was married to a man named what? Elkanah
Hannah and Elkanah had a very good marriage and they loved each other very much but there was one thing that Hannah wanted very much. What was that one thing? A baby
Where did Hannah go to ask God for a baby? The tent-church
Did God hear Hannah's prayers? Yes
Did Hannah have a baby? Yes
Was the baby a boy or a girl? A boy
What was the babies name? Samuel
Was Hannah and Elkanah good parents? Yes
How did they take care of baby Samuel? They fed him and gave him milk to drink. They dressed him warm and kept him safe.
Do you think that Hannah was a good mother? Yes
Do you think that Hannah loved baby Samuel very much? Yes
Does your mothers love you? Yes
What are some special things that your mothers do for you?
What are some special things that you can do for your mothers today since it is Mothers Day?
Should you do special things for your mothers just on Mothers Day or should you do nice things for her all the time?

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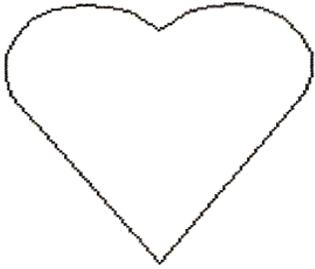
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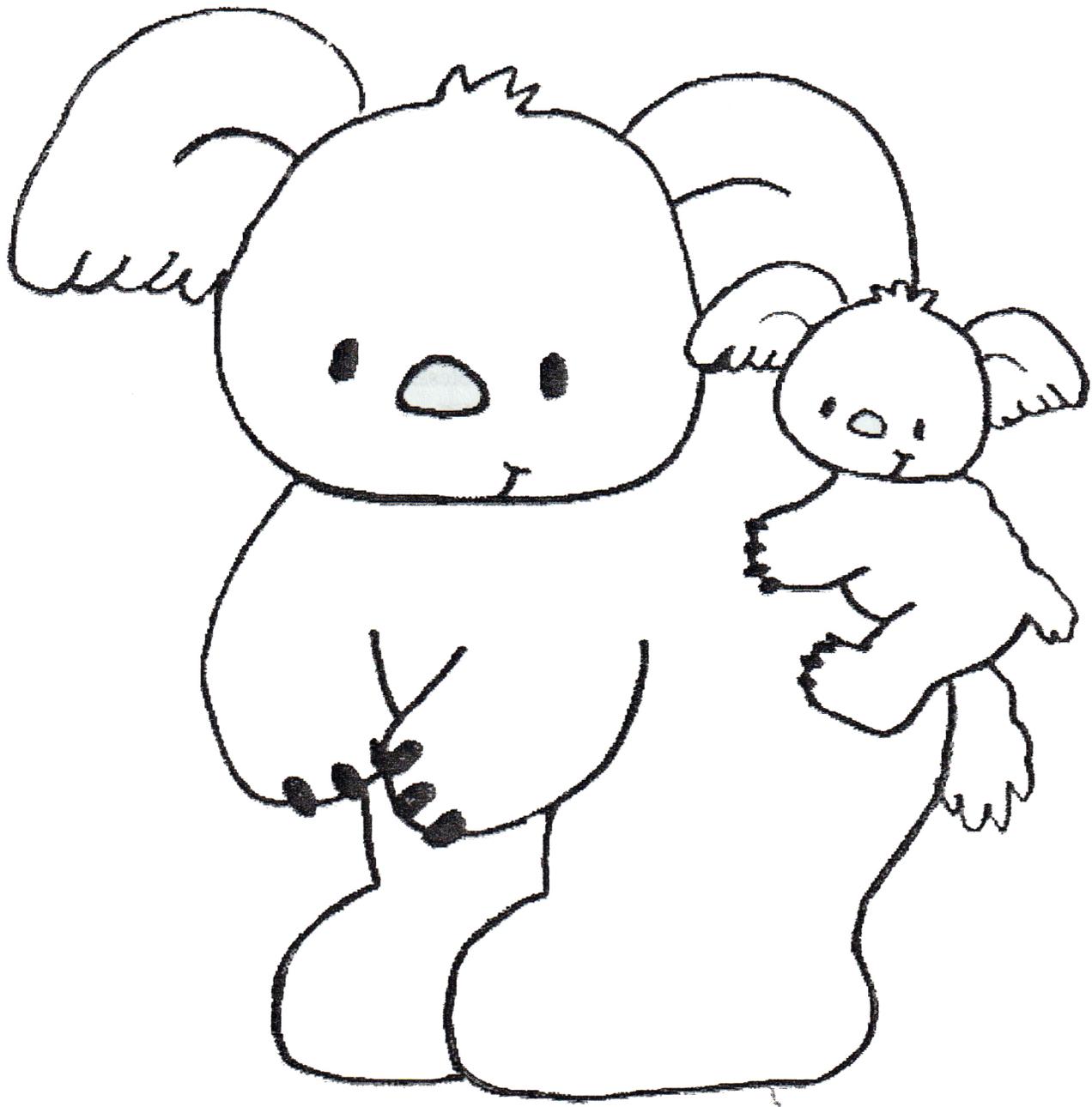
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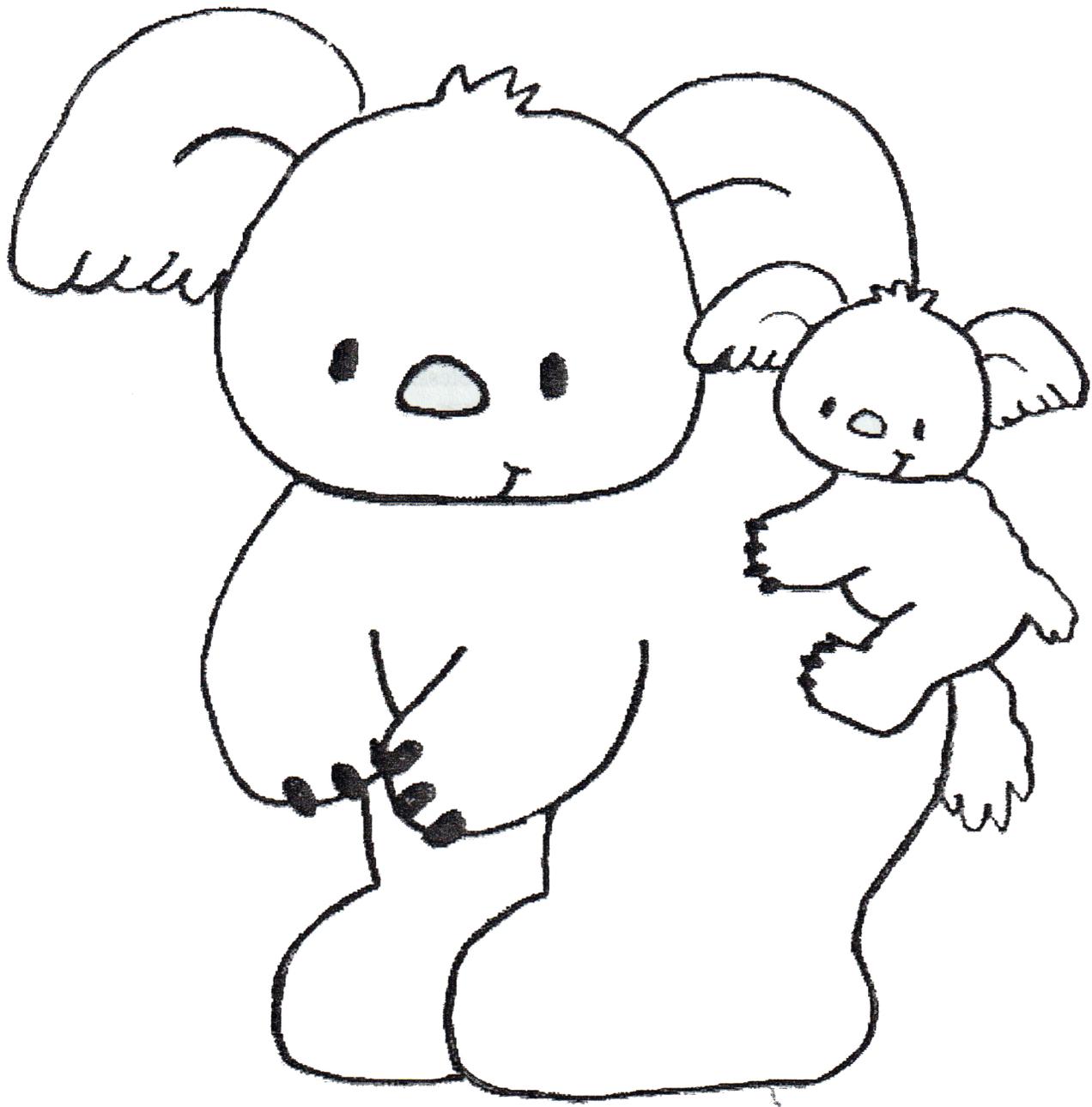
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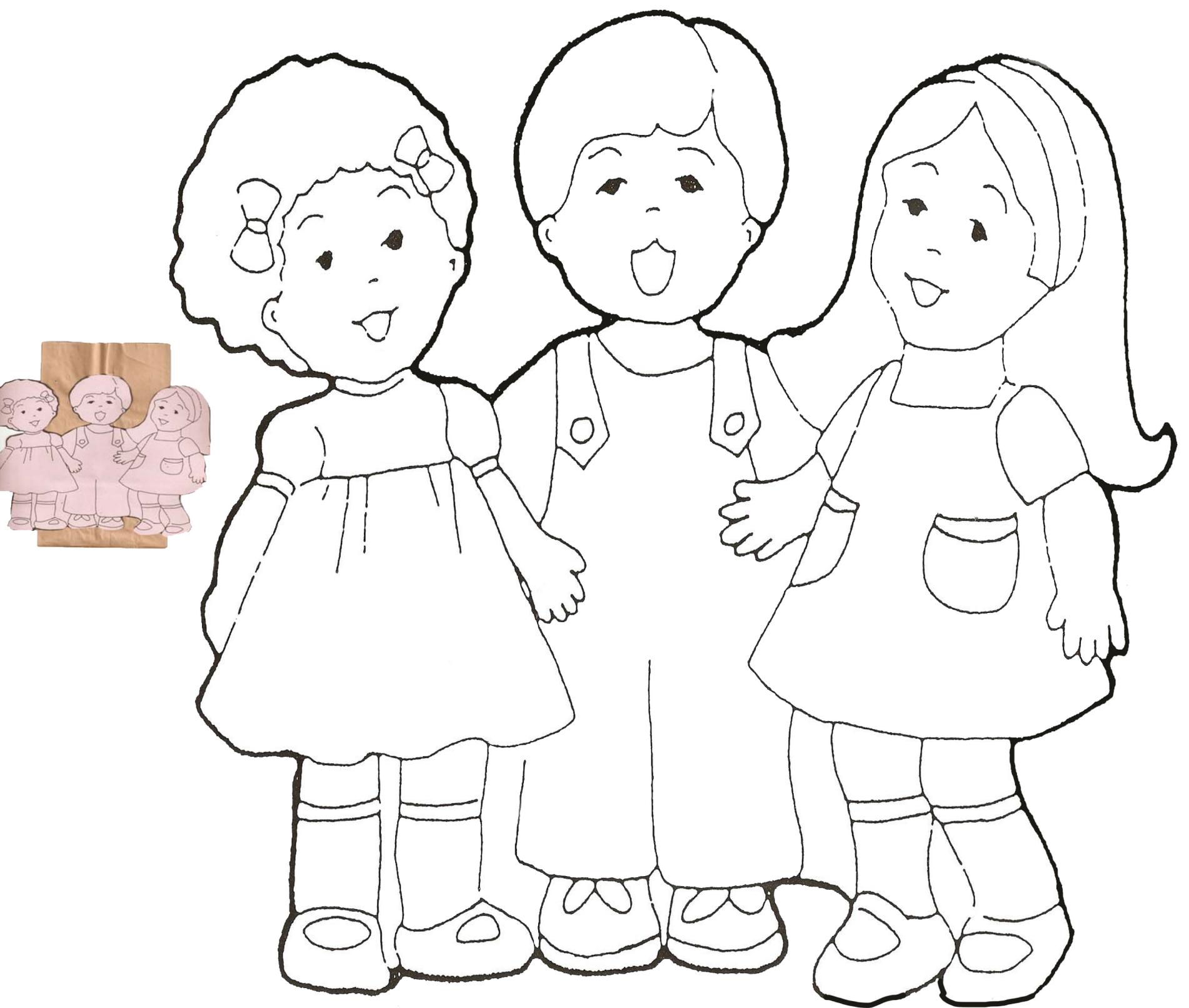


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I love you, Grandma!



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their hearts forever.

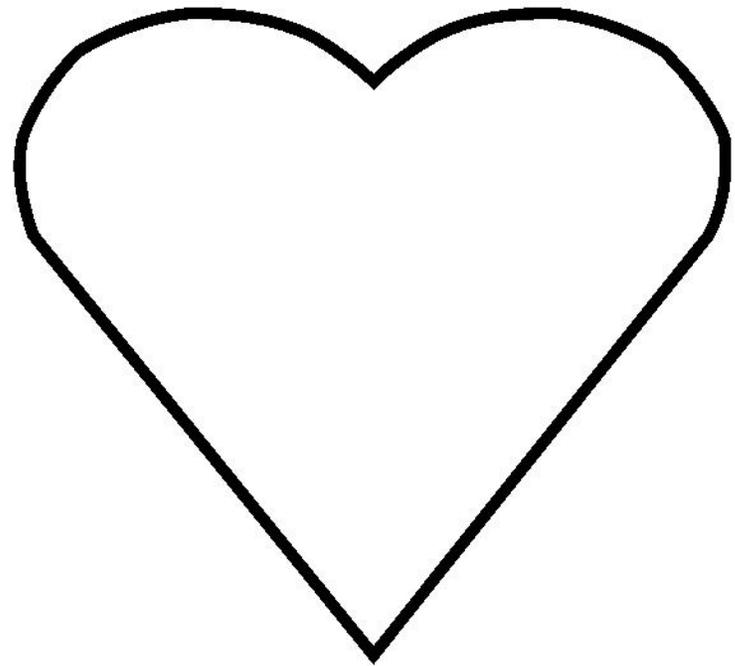
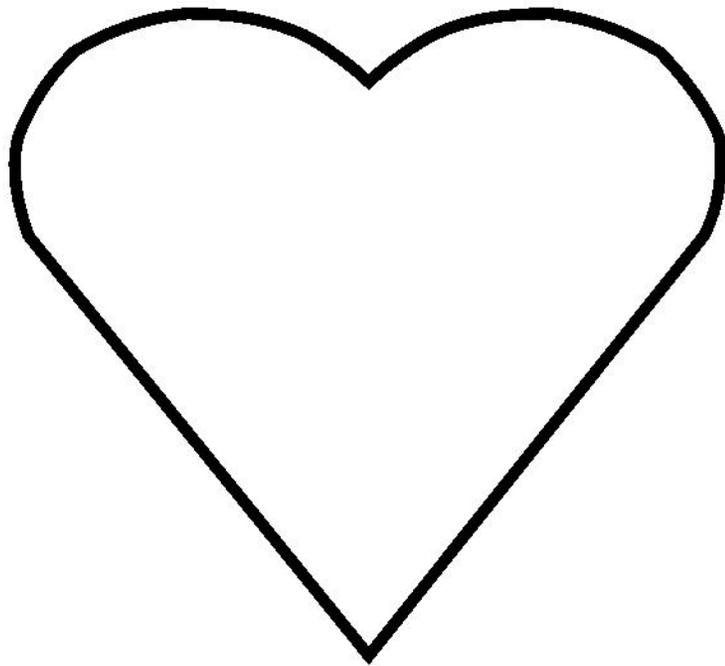
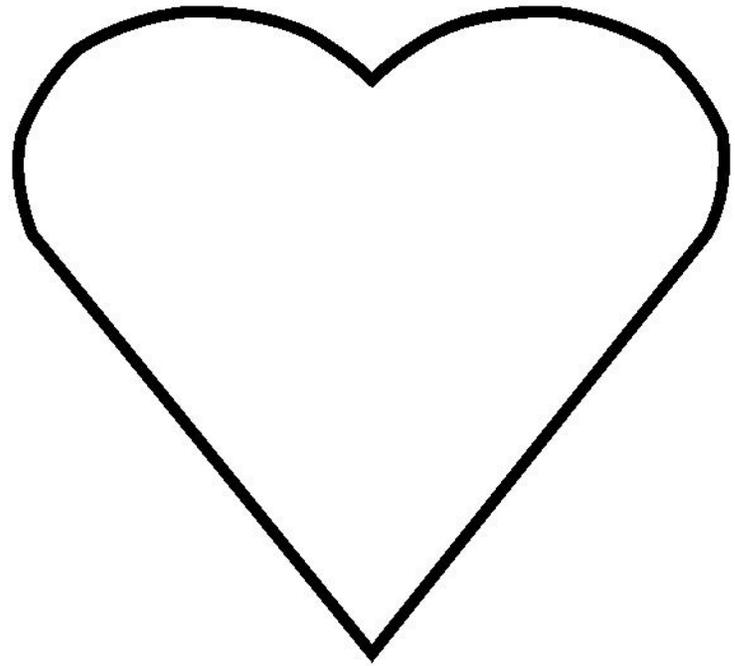
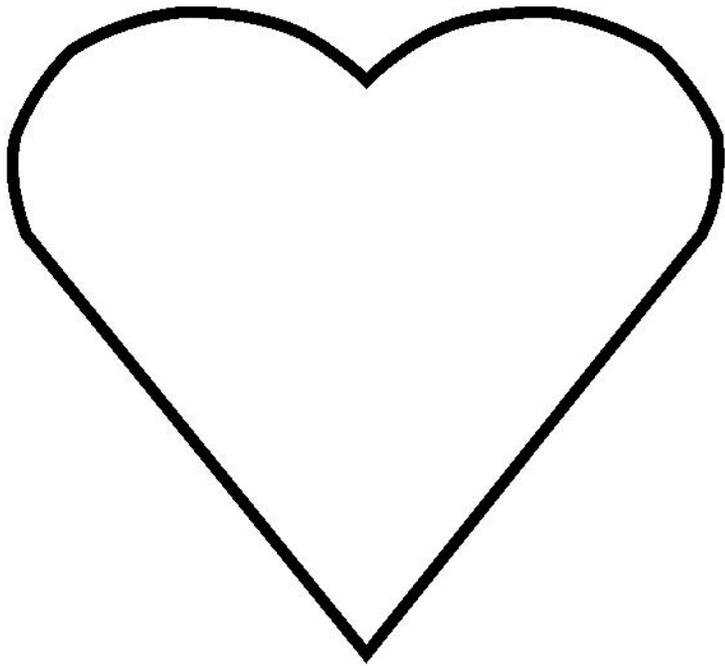


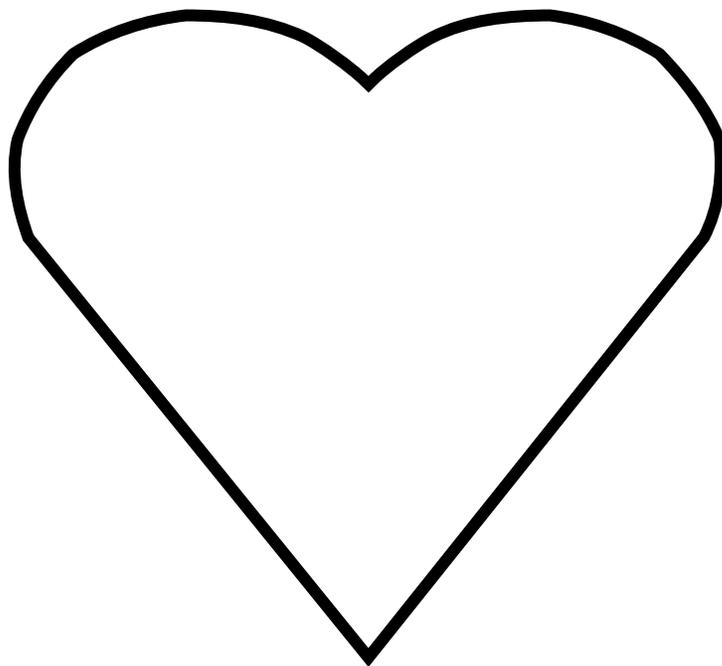
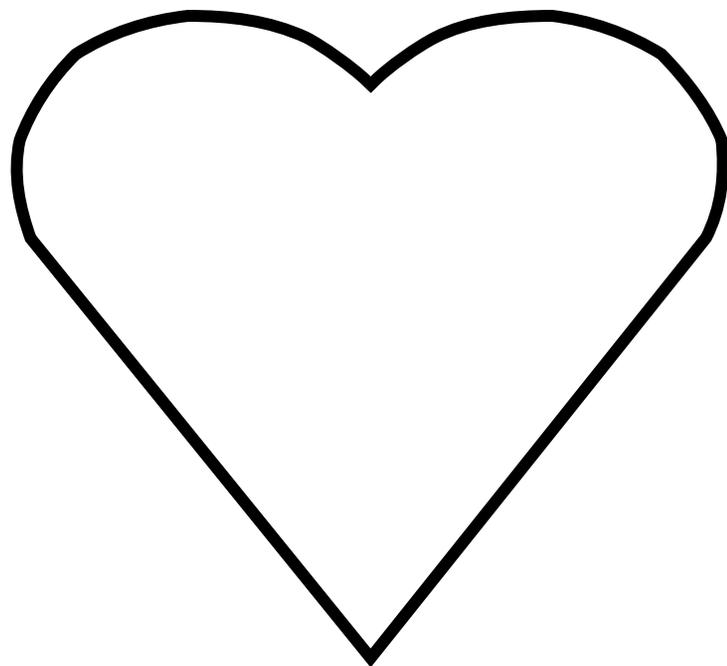
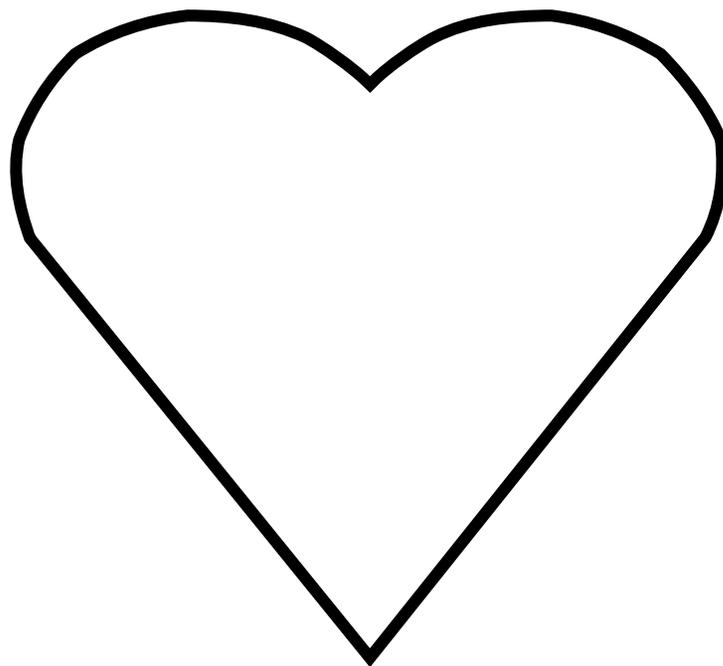
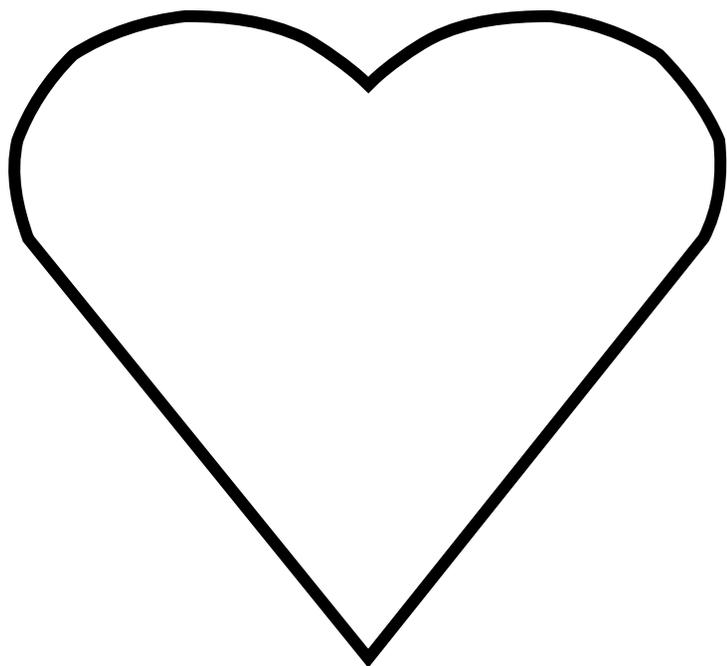
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Tea Pot Craft

Fold a piece of construction paper in half. Top of tea pot is on the fold.
Cut out tea pot with fold at top

Open tea pot and glue poem inside

Front of tea pot

Using construction paper, cut a square (or heart) from the paper measuring approx ½” larger (on all sides) than your tea bag.

Place glue around 3 edges of the square. Leave top edge without glue.

Glue to face of pot to make a little pocket

When dry, Place the tea bag inside the pocket

Allow the children to decorate their tea pot however they wish





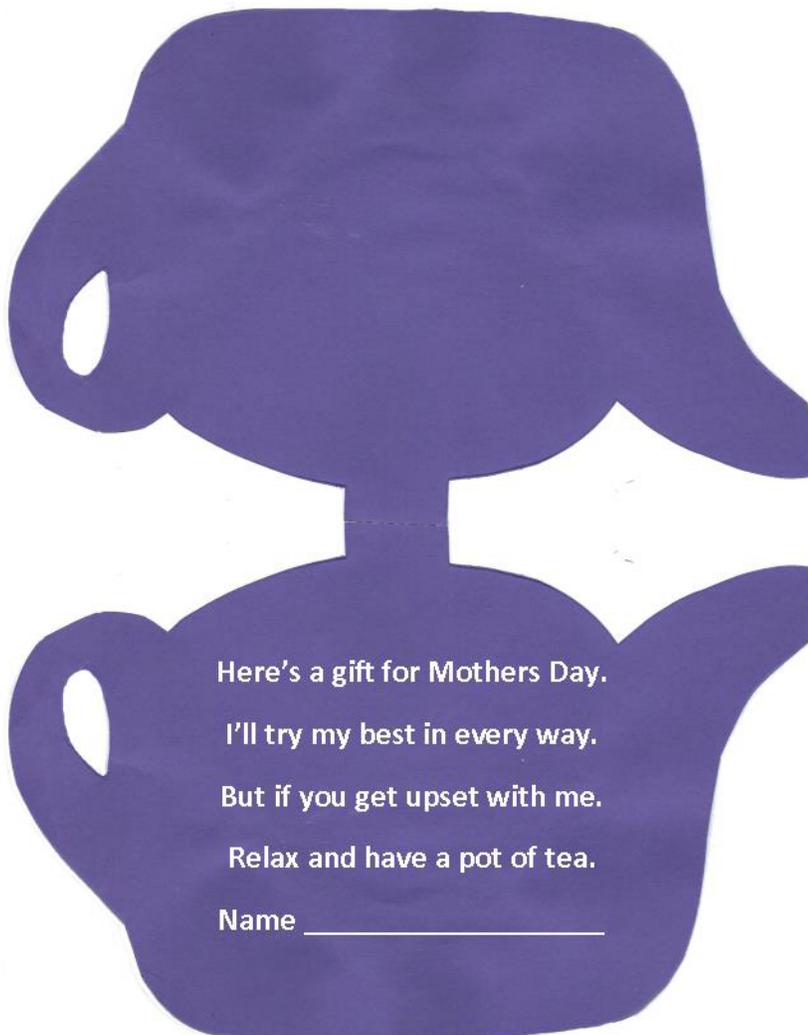
Tea Bag

To

Mom



Have Kids cut out heart, write "To Mom" on the heart and glue the edges with the arrows...
Just the outer edges...not the entire heart. Let Dry, Stick Tea Bag inside the heart.



Place Tea Pot on Fold Line and cut out. Pot should be connected at the top.

Child chooses the color of construction paper they want to use.

Can decorate with stickers, hearts, flowers, whatever they choose.

Second Option

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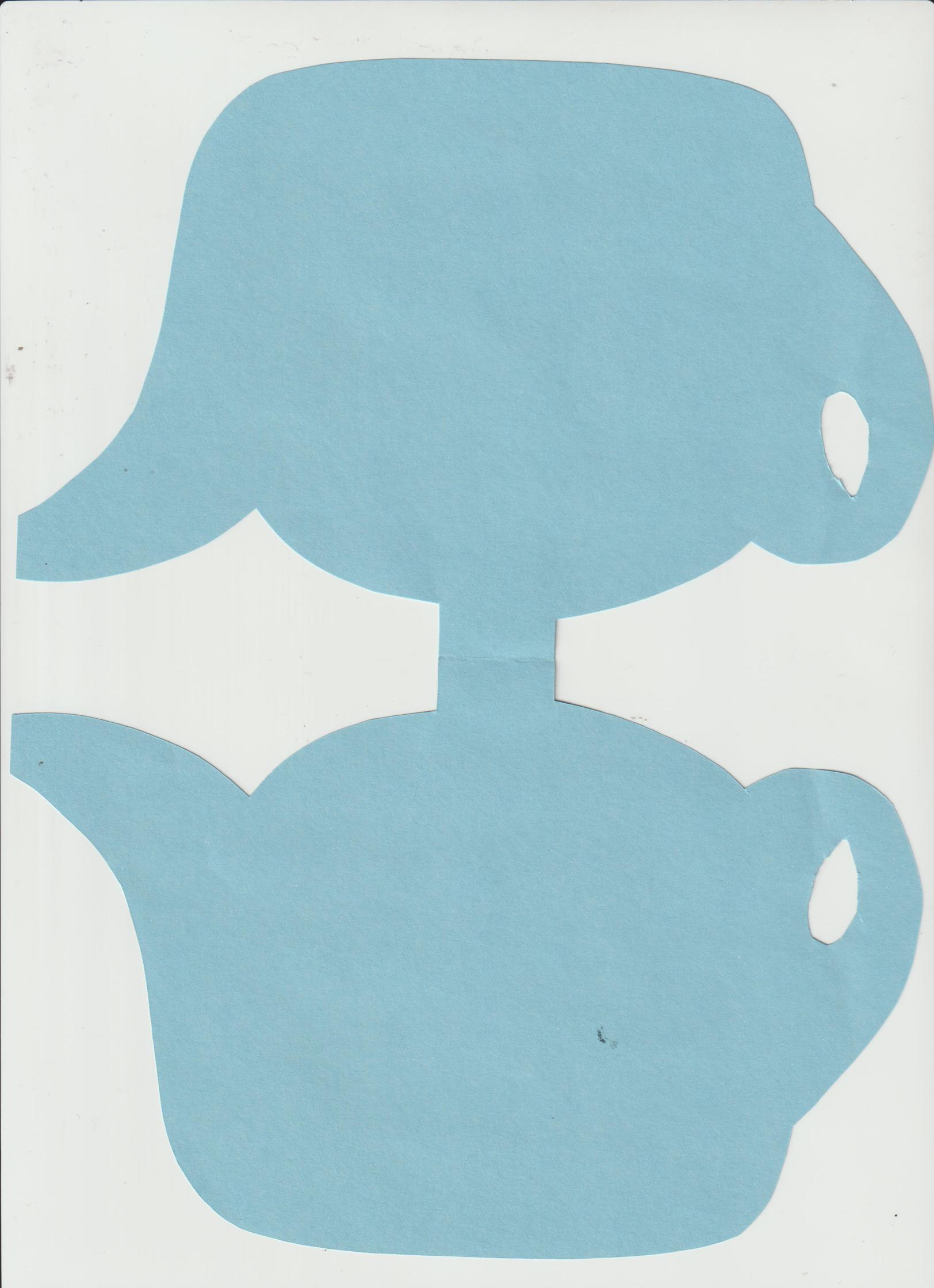
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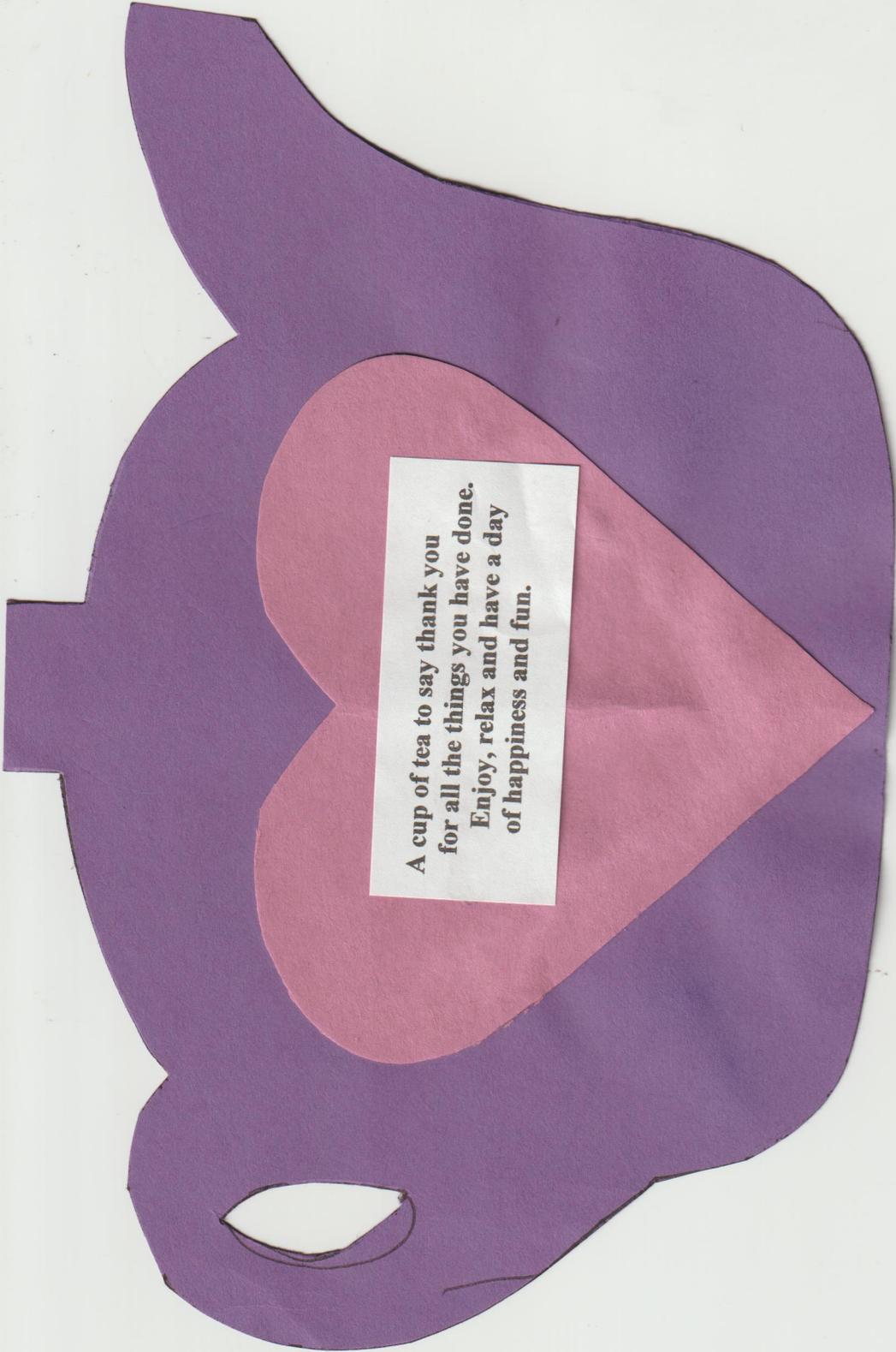
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Name _____





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We also made tea pots for all the ladies in the church.
We made a smaller pot that was just a single pot, not a folder double card like we made the mom's.

We glued a heart on the front and glued the pot to the heart.

Note: we used a different poem for the church ladies.



Spoonful of Love Craft

1. Print out the heart pattern onto red stock paper
2. Cut out the hearts and punch a hole in the upper left side of the heart
3. Gather a plastic spoon for each child
4. Place two or three Hershey Kisses in the spoon
5. Wrap the spoon with netting and tie a ribbon around the spoon
6. Attach the heart onto the ribbon. Tie the ribbon into a bow
7. Add some silk flowers

Photo below does not show the kisses inside the spoon





