

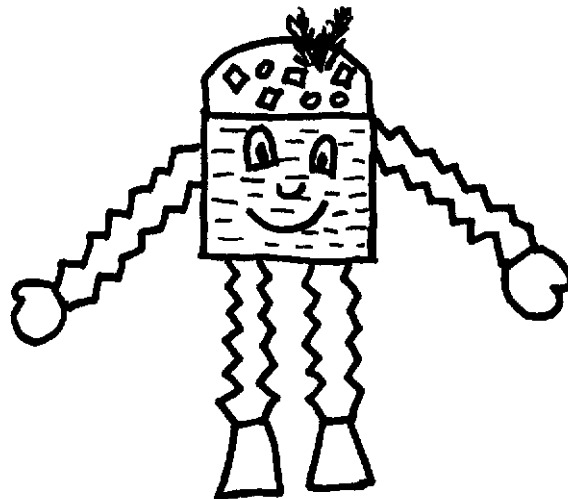
# ***Matzah Man Craft Project***

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Materials needed: white poster board cut into 9" x 9" squares  
4 strips 1 1/2" x 18" colored construction paper  
markers brown crayons  
white glue  
scissors  
2 construction paper/colored paper hands and shoes per student  
1 construction paper/colored card stock hat per student

Assembly instruction:

1. Draw face on the 9" x 9" matzah using markers.
2. Use the side of a brown crayon and lightly color the face of the matzah
2. Fold 4 long strips back and forth "accordion style."
3. Glue hands and shoes to the ends of the strips.
4. Glue hand strips on the sides on the back of the matzah.



## MATZAH MAN

One afternoon just before Passover, Danny opened a big box of matzot. Just as he opened the box, out jumped a big, fat, brown-faced matzah. "A matzah man!" shouted Danny. "Hello, matzah man. Will you play with me?"

The matzah man looked around with his big eyes, jumped down on the floor, and cried "I must be lost!" He ran out of the kitchen and Danny followed him. "You're not lost. You're in the right place." cried Danny. But matzah man ran on and on, through the den and into the living room. "Stop!" screamed Danny. "Stop, and play with me!"

Matzah man climbed up the curtains to the top of the window. Suddenly he fell. Danny caught him just before he was about to crash to the floor and break. "I almost lost you." laughed Danny. Matzah man lay in Danny's hands, out of breath, and very unhappy. "Almost lost me." sobbed matzah man. "Almost lost me. I was made to be lost! You found me before I was lost!"

As tears ran down matzah man's big, fat, brown face, Danny felt sorry for matzah man. Danny didn't know matzah man wanted to be lost.

"And I come from such a great family." cried matzah man.

"You...?" said Danny. "What family is that?"

"The Afi—komens." said matzah man, ready to cry again. "And they always get lost!"

"But it's too early to get lost." said Danny. "You have to get lost tonight at the Seder."

Matzah man looked down at the floor. He was so embarrassed. "I forgot. My dad told me to wait until the Seder."

"Can you play with me now?" asked Danny.

"I guess I can, for a little while." answered matzah man.

So Danny and matzah man began to hop and skip around the room. They jumped and turned until they were dizzy. Matzah man was very happy. "I'll show you what a real Afikomen I can be tonight. No matter where you Dad puts me, I will go where my Dad told me to hide. I'll go under the couch."

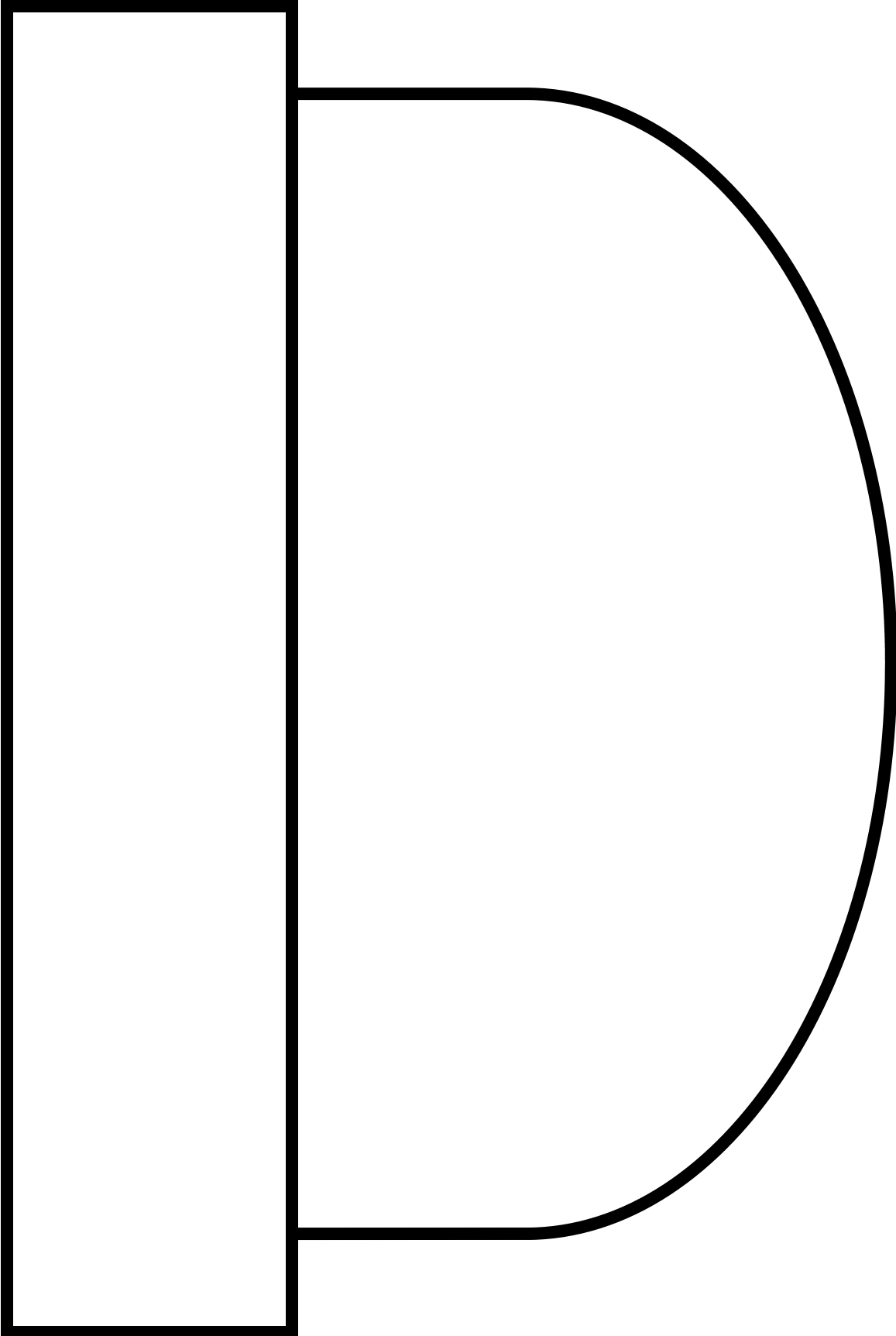
That night, after all the dishes were taken off the Seder table, Danny's dad told everyone to look for the Afikomen. Everyone tried to find Afikomen so they could get the prize. No one could find it.

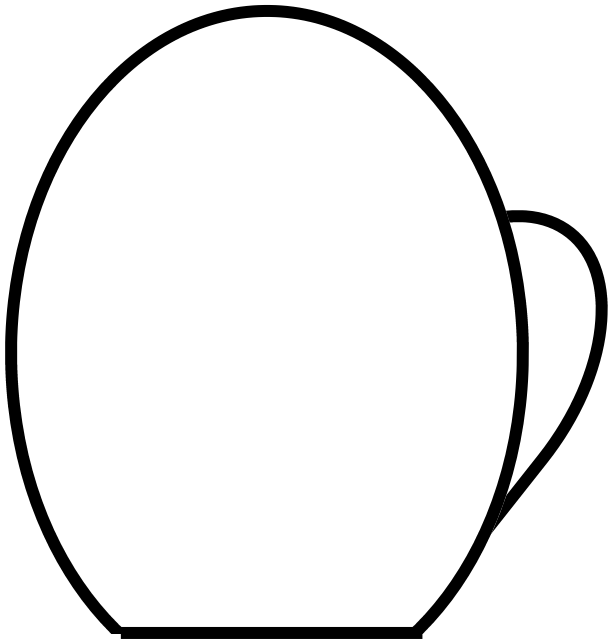
"Do you remember where you put it?" asked one of the cousins. "If no one can find it, I will show you where I put Afikomen" sighed Danny's dad.

Danny's dad went into the living room and looked under the chair. Afikomen wasn't there. Danny's dad was puzzled. Danny started laughing. "Why are you laughing? Can you find Afikomen, Danny?" asked his dad.

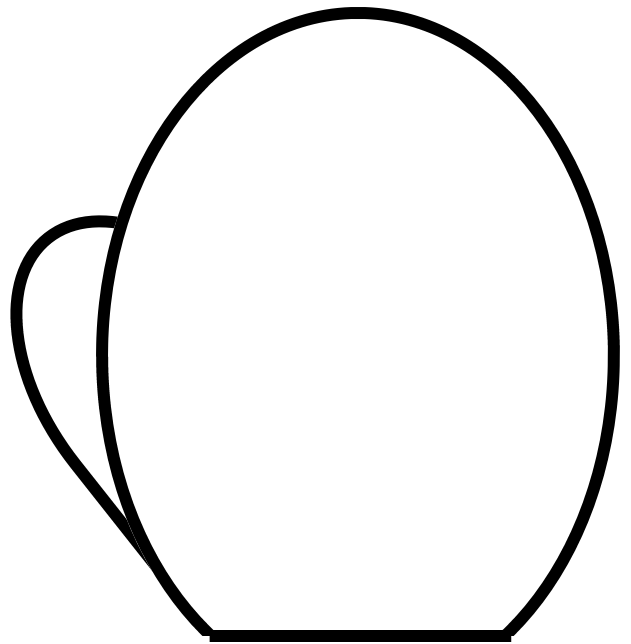
Without answering, Danny went straight to the couch. He reached under the couch and pulled out Afikomen. Danny's dad looked surprised. He began to laugh. "I guess I forgot where I put Afikomen." he said.

Danny looked at matzah man, and matzah man looked at Danny. Danny was so happy for Afikomen. Afikomen felt proud and happy. His big, brown, fat face had a grin from ear to ear. He had shown Danny's family that he was a real Afikomen!"

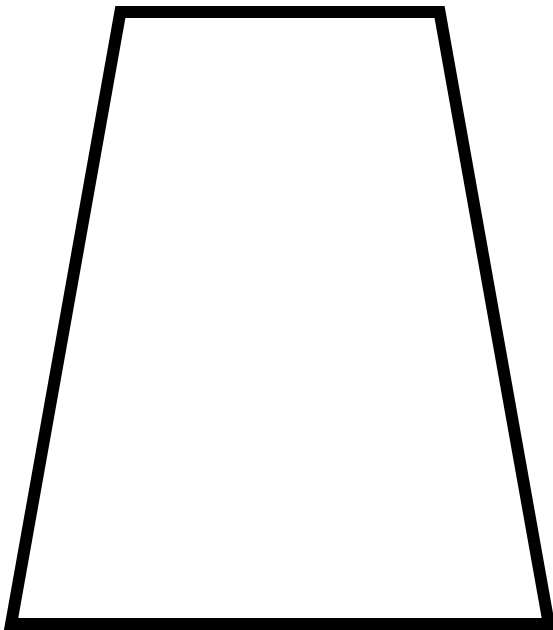




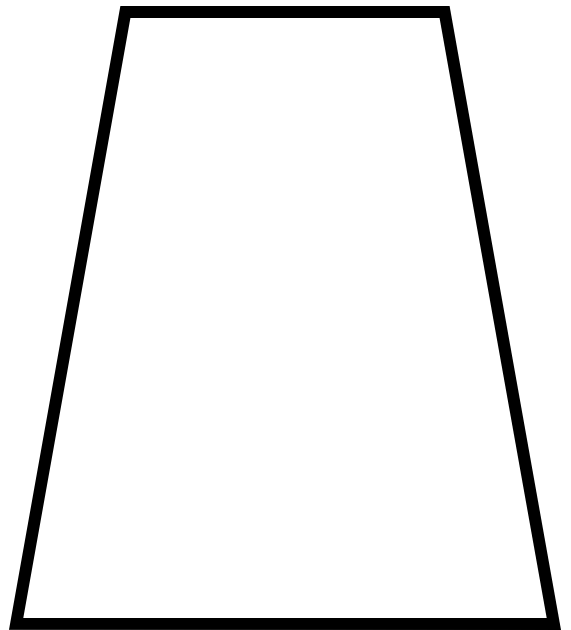
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