

# Bag of Makkos Puppets

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**Grade Level:** Early Childhood, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

## **Description:**

This adorable item includes all of the templates you will need to make Popsicle stick Makkos puppets! A snappy Makkos song featuring the names of the Makkos, in order, with a brief hint to the meaning of each Makka, is included as well (to the tune of This Old Man). Make these Makkos puppets for the Parshiyos of Va'eira and Bo or as part of your Pesach curriculum. Note: Some Makkos include more than one craft idea to choose from!

## **What to download**

- Download the print-ready PDF file (includes lesson plan/instructions).
- OPTIONAL: Download the editable PUB file (does not include lesson plan/instructions).

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## **Goals/Objectives:**

Students will recall the names of the Makkos, their order and what took place during each Makka by making related props and singing a related song.

## **Materials Needed:**

- Gallon size bag
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Cardstock
- Glue
- Popsicle sticks
- Paint/crayons/markers
- Red tissue paper (Dam)
- Mini straws (Dam)
- Googly eyes (Arbeh and Choshech)
- Red sequins (for Shechin)
- Translucent water bottle caps (Barad)
- Pipe cleaners (Choshech)

**Instructions:**

1. Have students color-in the “Bag of Plagues” sheet. Cut in half. Attach each half to either side of the Zip-loc bag.
2. Teach students about the Makkos. Have them make these props as a review. Place completed props in the bag.
3. Teach students the Makkos song.
4. Detailed instructions for creating each Makka are included on the page featuring that Makka’s templates.

**Closure Assessment:**

Have students lift the correct Makka-puppet when singing the Makkos song.

**Additional Tips:**

- The teacher’s pre-made puppets can be used as a visual-aid when teaching Parshiyos Va'eira and Bo and/or the Haggadah.
- It is probably best to use a hot glue gun to attach the bottle caps together for Makkas Barad. A Popsicle stick can be attached to the completed “hailstone” in the same manner.
- The contributor actually starts the project during Parshas Va'eira and the students work on it as time allows until Pesach.

**Variations:**

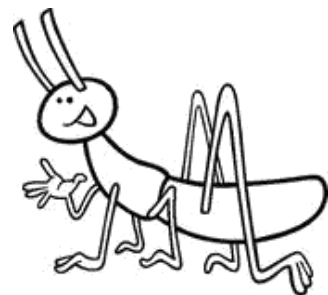
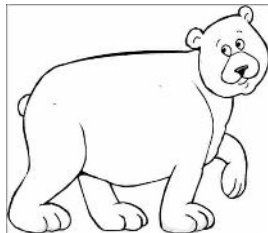
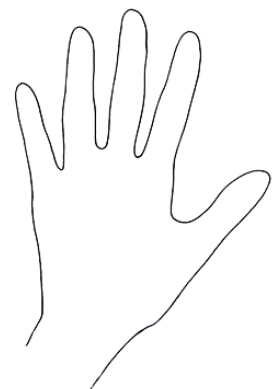
Half “hailstones” can be filled with red and orange tissue paper (or other “fire-like” craft supplies, such as red/orange pom-poms, sequins, etc.) and glued to a square of cardstock. This way, a Popsicle stick can be attached to this Makka in the same manner as the other Makkos.



# עשר מכות



# Bag of Plagues



## עשר מכות

To the tune of "This Old Man"

דם all red

Frogs in bed

פנים itching in my head

wild עורב can you hear the roar

דבר sheep, alive no more

שחין brought pain

ברד did rain

ארבה ate up all the grain

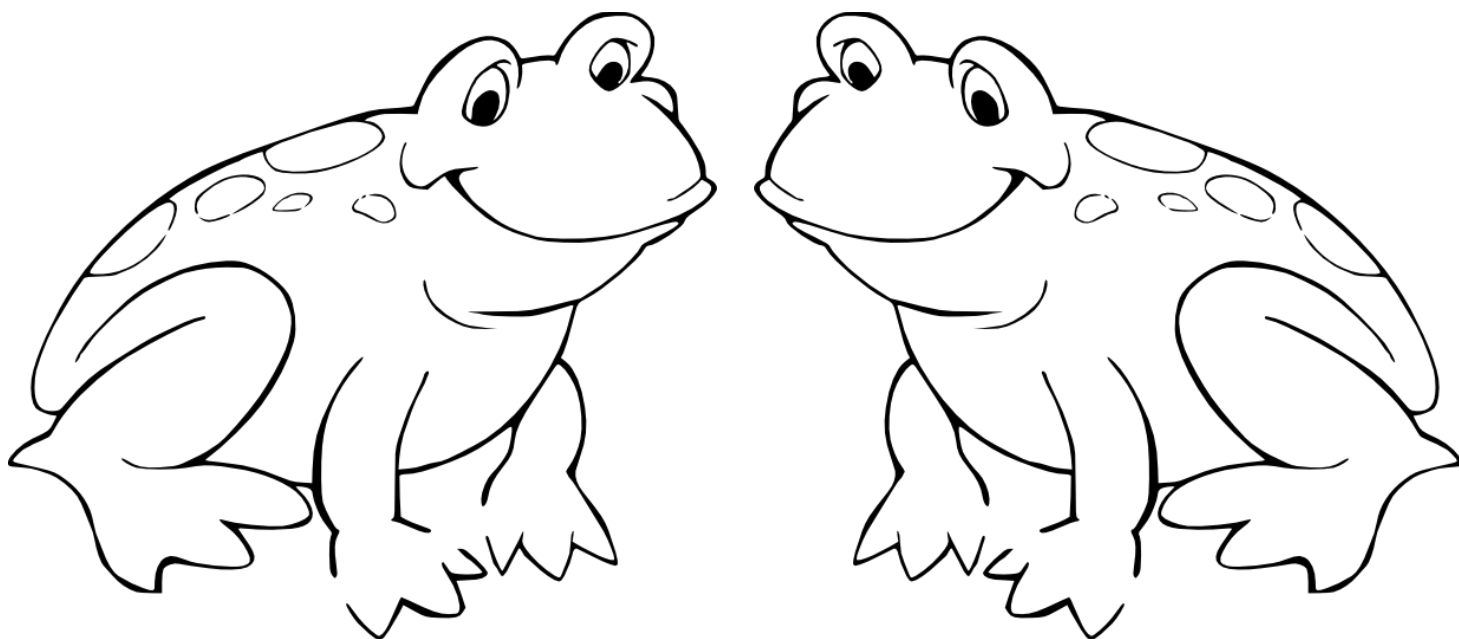
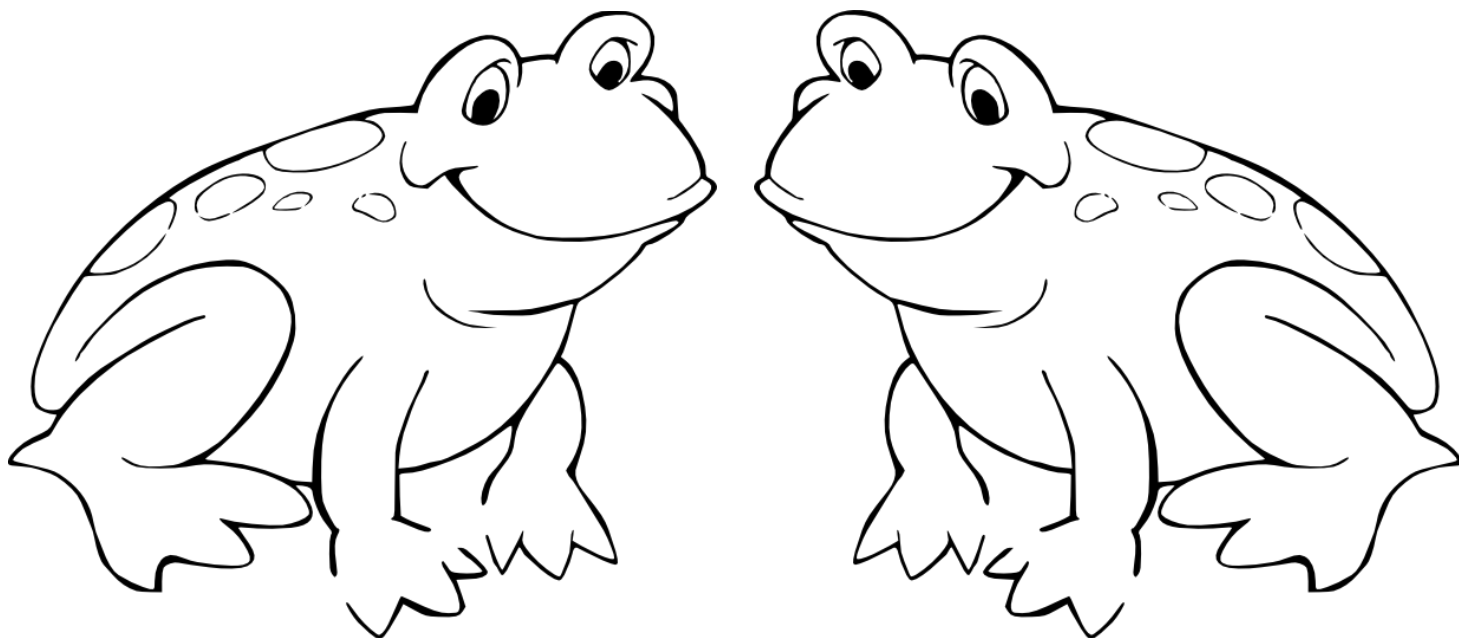
חשך so thick moving wasn't done

מכת בכורות killed first born son

Dam—Color half of each glass red (or use red tissue paper), leave the other half clear. Put a straw in each glass. Put popsicle stick in the middle, glue back to back.



tzefardeia—Color frogs. Put popsicle stick in the middle, glue back to back

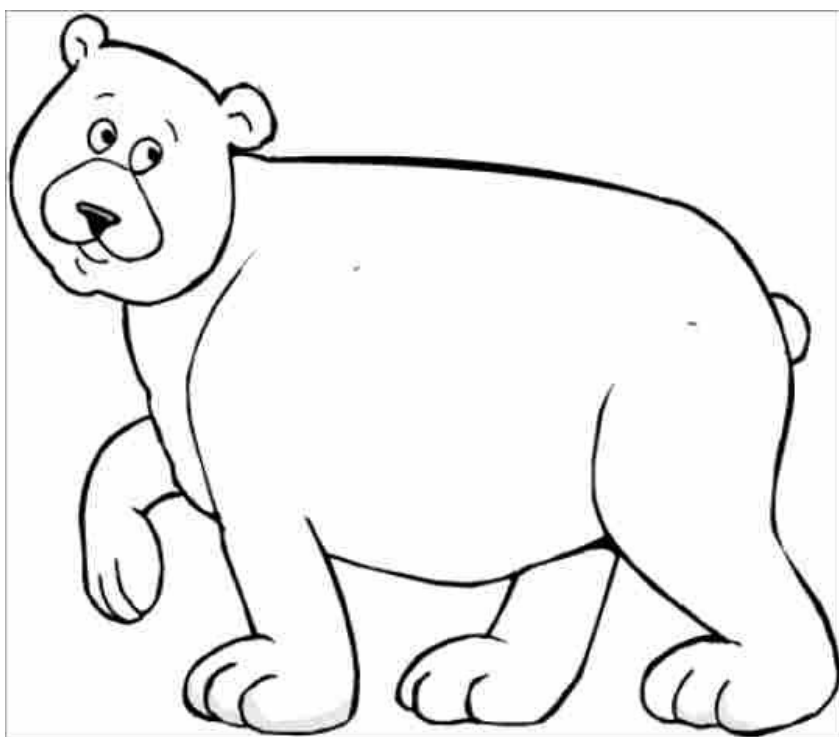
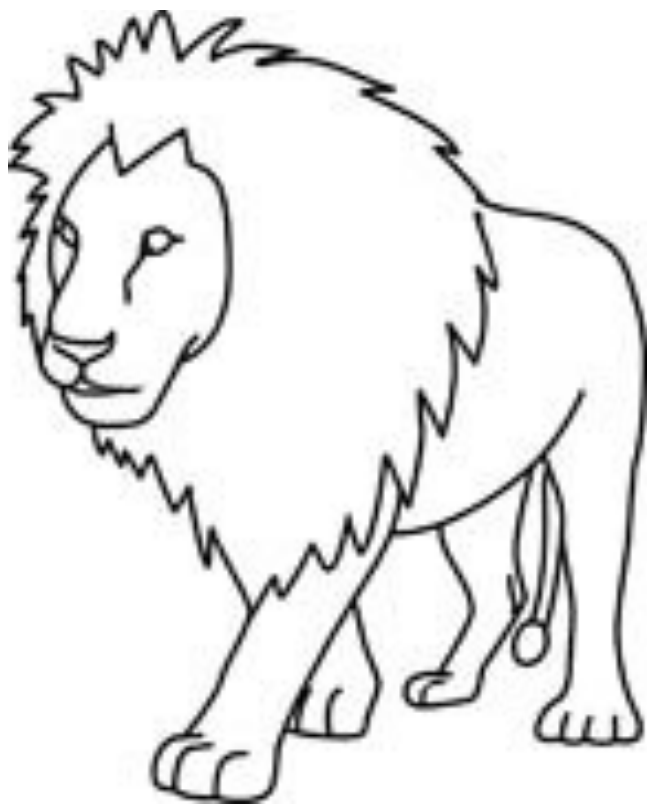
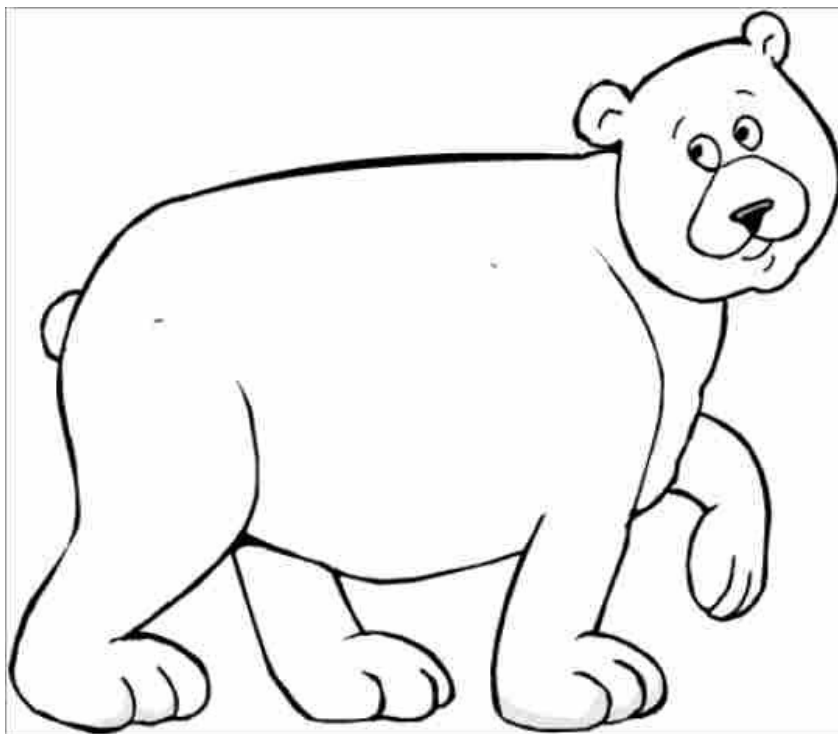
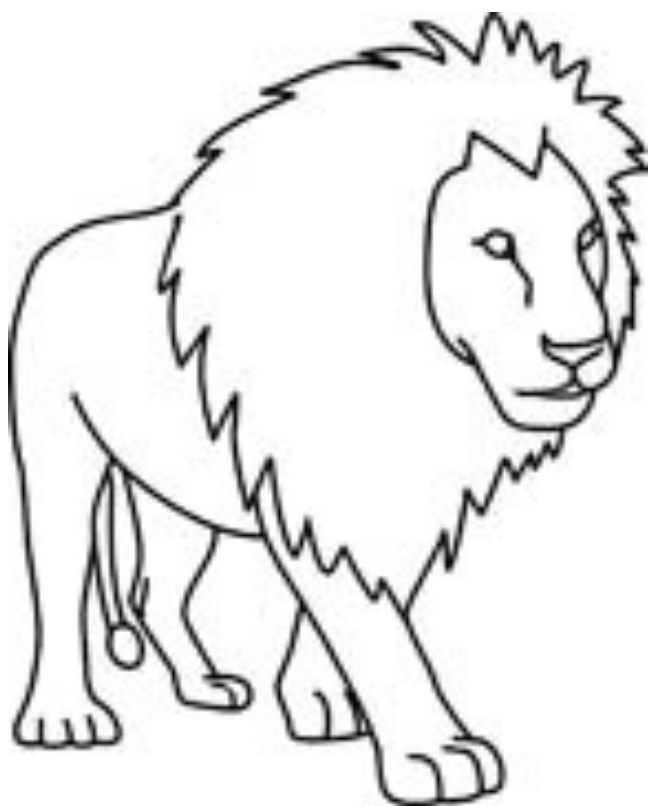


kinim—Color, cut out “loosely”. Optional—glue to construction paper. Put popsicle stick in the middle, glue back to back.

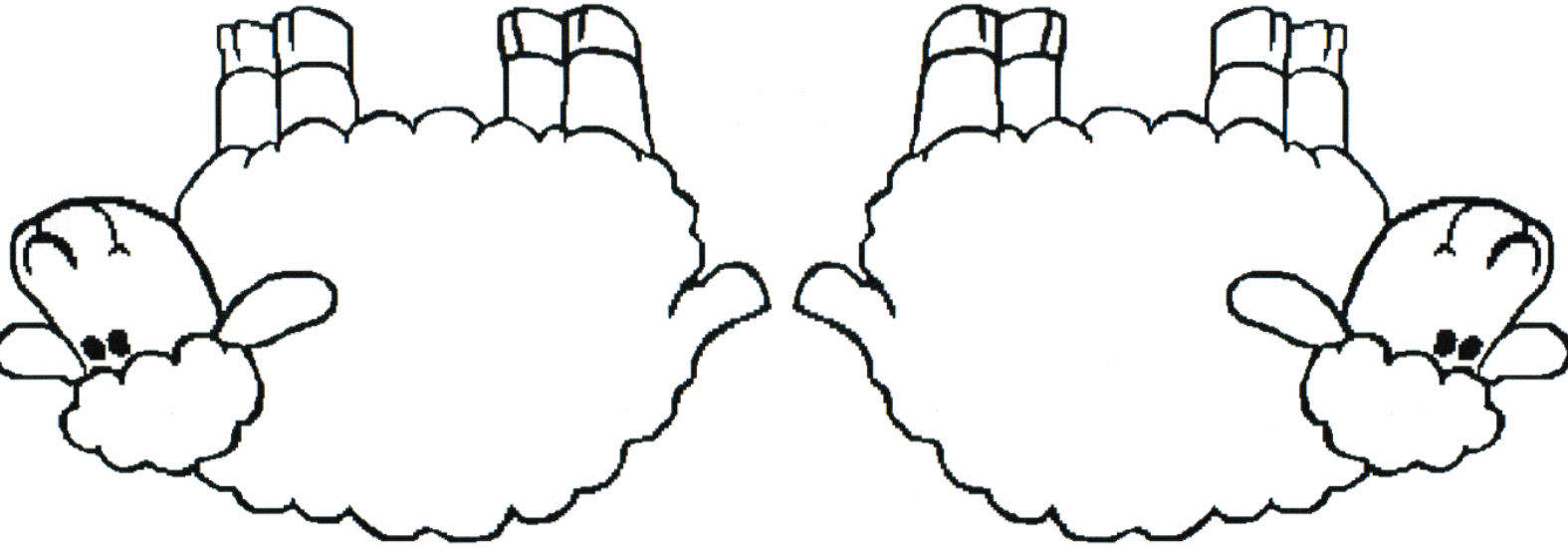
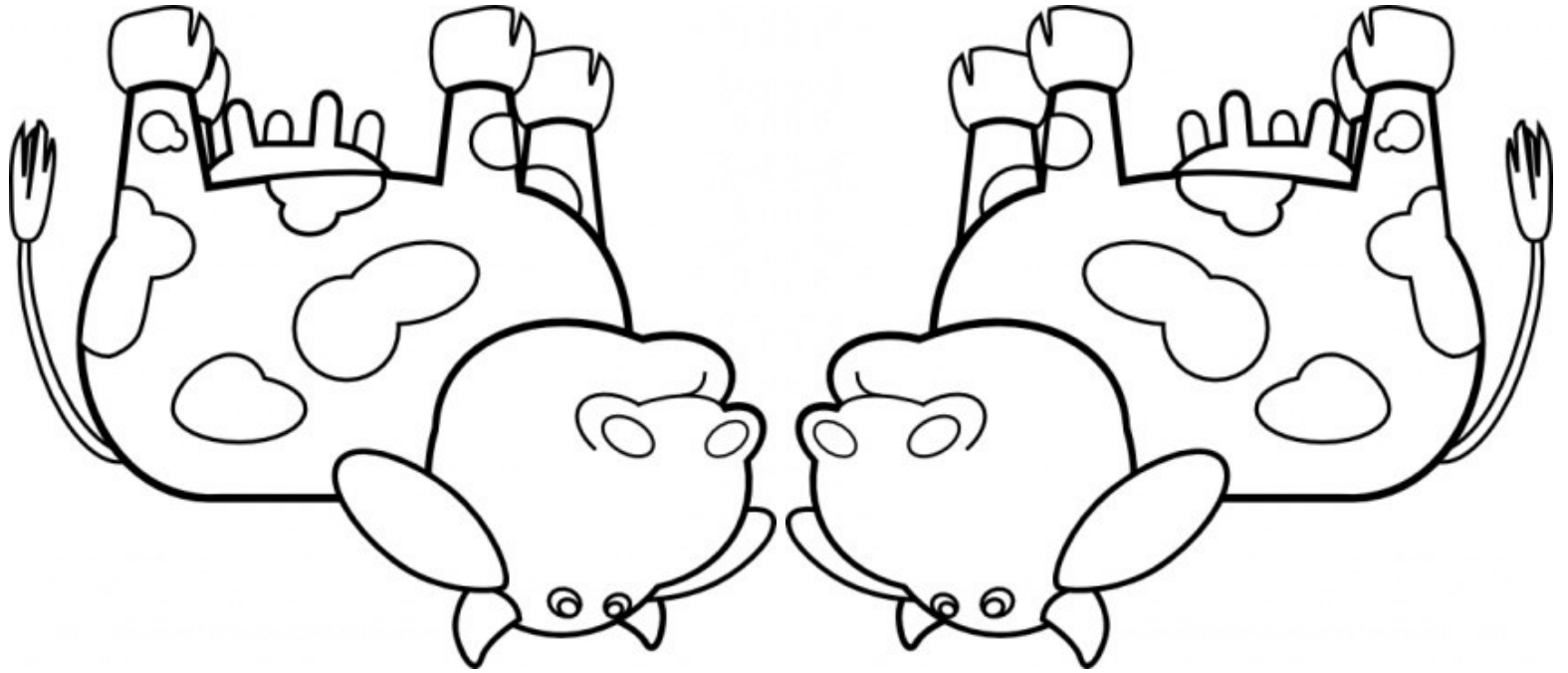


kinim—get bag of “afar”.

aroy—Color, put popsicle stick in the middle, glue back to back.

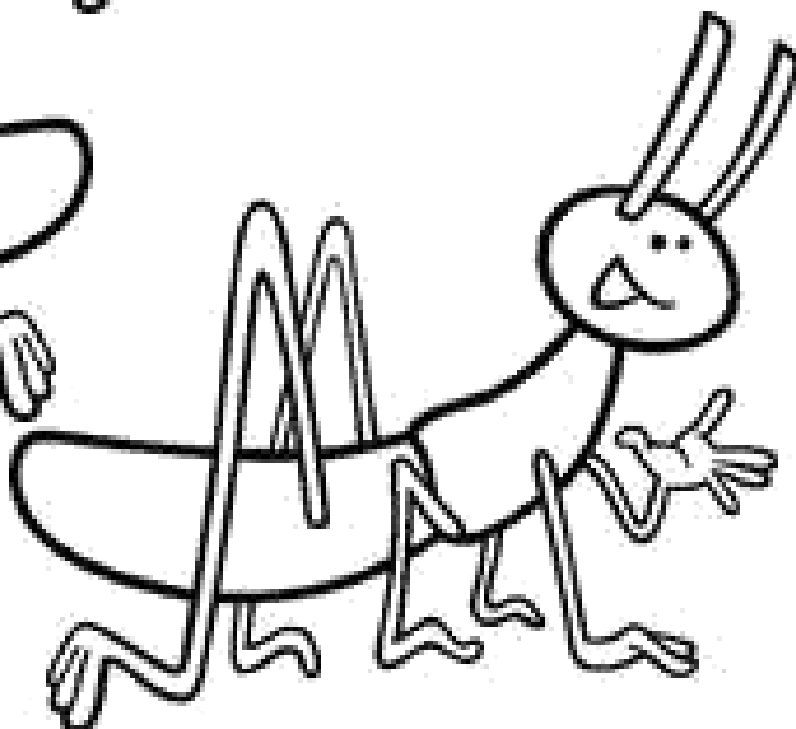
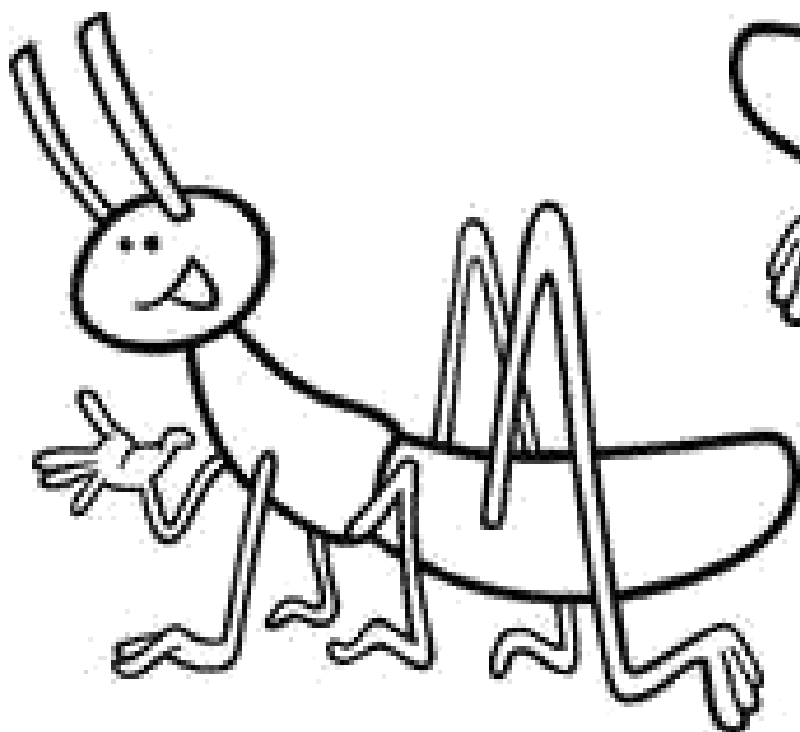
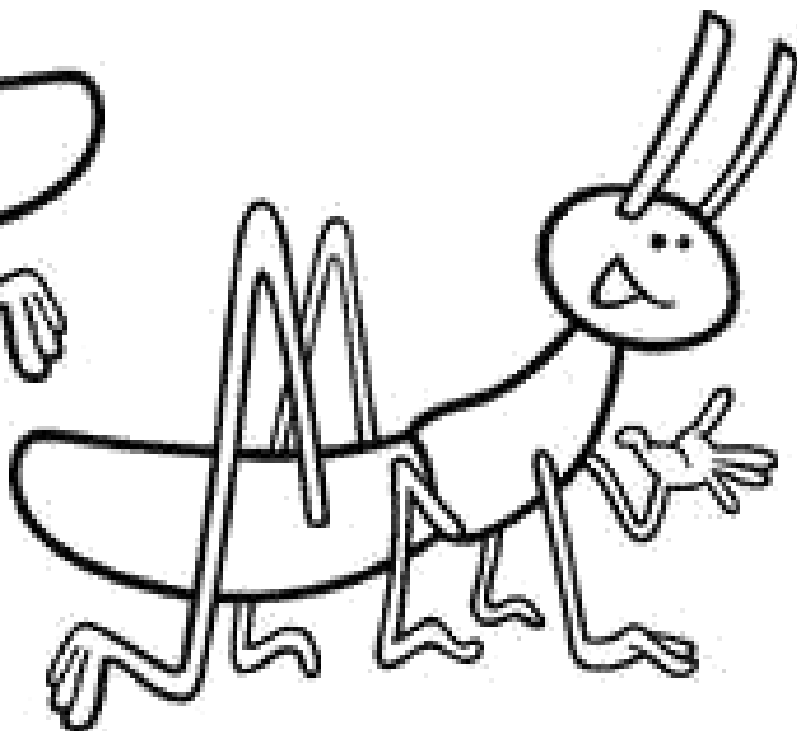
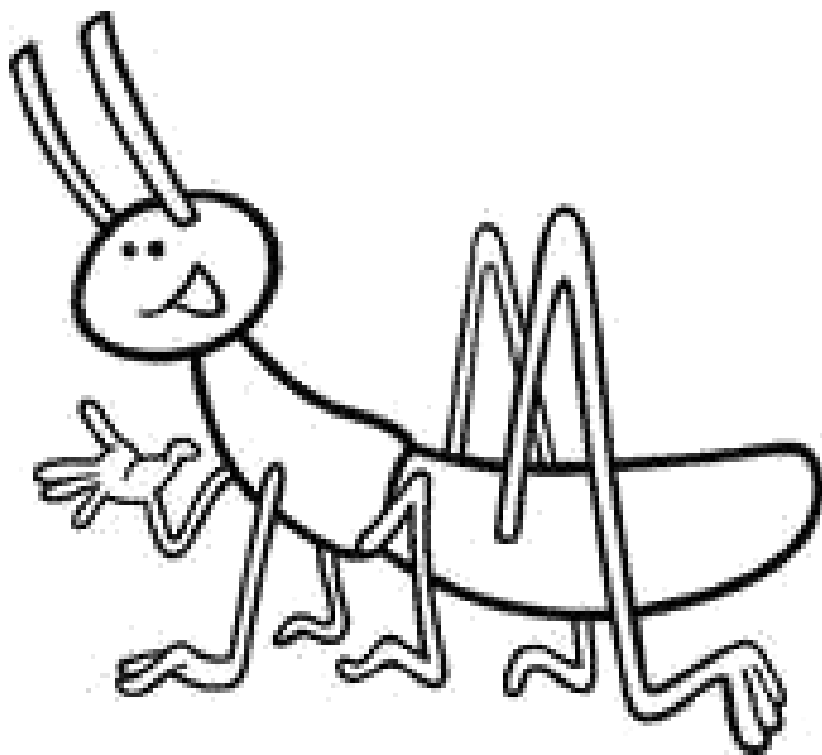


dever—Color, put popsicle stick in the middle, glue back to back. Make sure animals are upside down!





arbeh—Color, put popsicle stick in the middle, glue back to back. Glue googly eyes for eyes.

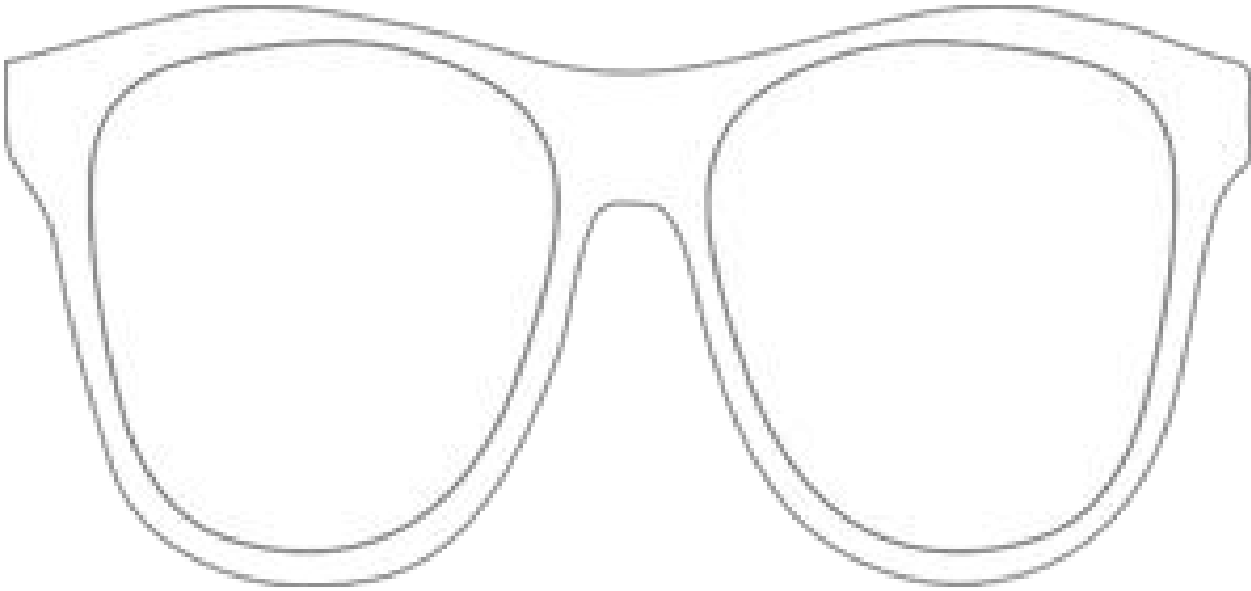


shchin—Trace your hands, Color, glue together. Put popsicle stick in the middle. Add red sequins for boils  
Color a few clear water bottle caps red for actual “shchin”

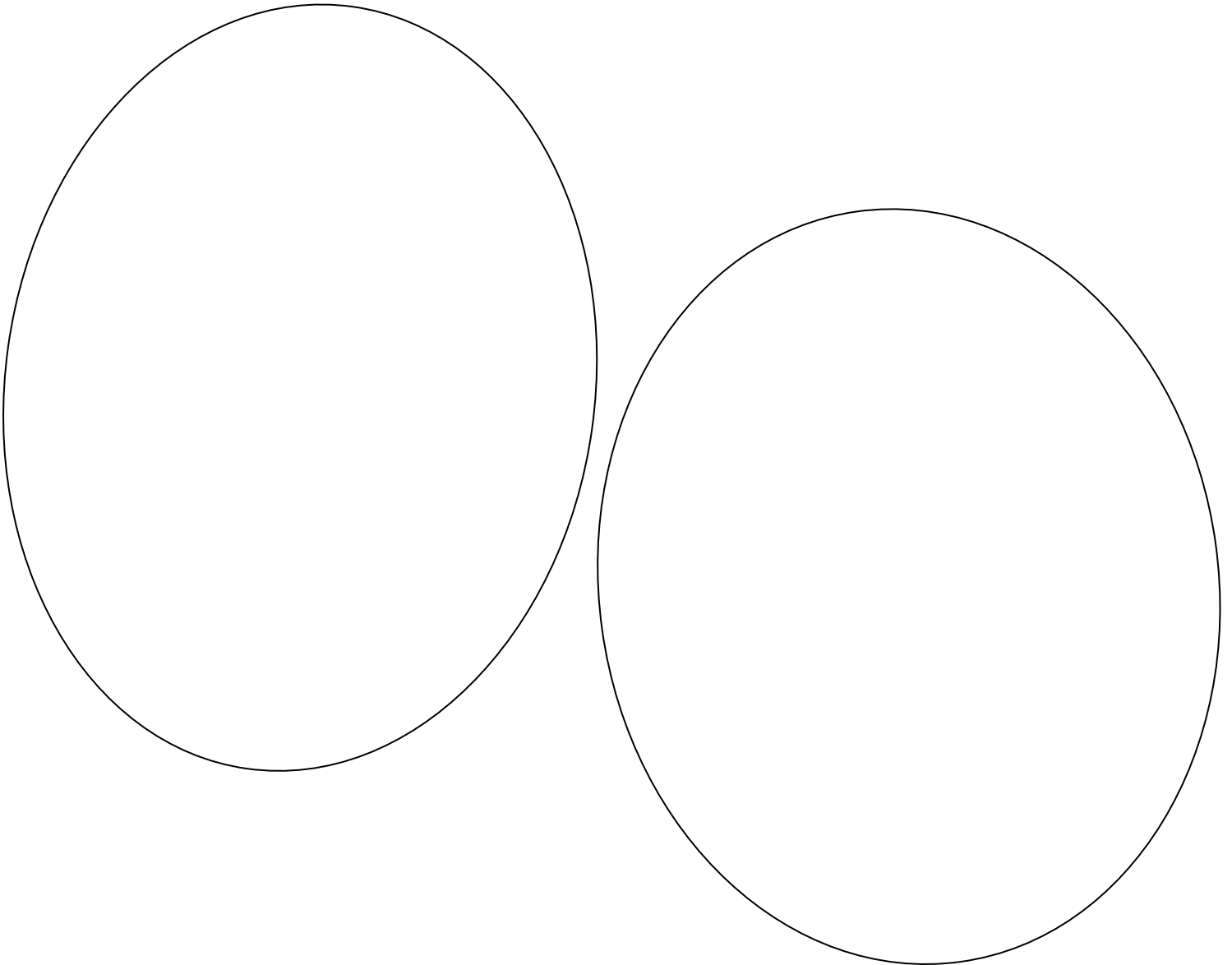
# Trace both of your hands.

Barad—take bits of red and orange tissue paper. Put in between two clear water bottle caps, glue caps together for hail with fire inside!

Choshech 1—Color, make sure “lenses” are black. Attach pipe cleaners for ear pieces.



Choshech 2—Color oval black or use black construction paper. Add a few pairs of googly eyes . Glue together. Put popsicle stick in the middle.



Makkat Bechorot—Color. glue together. Put popsicle stick in the middle.

