

Tempted in the Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

Section 9-Lesson **3**

Sunday Morning

4-5 years old

PRETIME: "40 Days in the Wilderness", number grid

ATTENDANCE: *(Have one student at a time mark their chart while the others complete the pre-time activity.)*

PRAYER: *(Lead the class in prayer or have a child say the prayer)*

REVIEW: *(Briefly recap the previous lessons using the posters displayed under the heading, "The Life of Jesus".)*

DEFINITION: Temptation - *(Show the vocabulary visual.)*

BIBLE STORY: *(Set a piece of candy in front of each child.)* **Do you like candy? How many want to eat this candy right now? Should we eat this candy now? (No) Why? (Church service is not the place to eat candy.) Does the sight of this candy make you wish you could eat it? This piece of candy is "tempting" you to do wrong. You know this is not the place to eat candy, however, you might be thinking, "Just one little bite won't hurt!"**

Every day Satan "tempts" us to do wrong. He "tempts" us with anything he thinks will cause us to make a wrong decision. *(Give examples of everyday temptations.)* Jesus was tempted by Satan. Listen to this Bible story and see how Satan tried to cause Jesus to make a bad choice. *(Use the transparencies entitled, "The Temptation of Jesus" to tell the story.)*

We are to follow Jesus' example to avoid temptation. Always do what you know is right. Don't let something or someone "tempt" you to do something wrong. We must be careful to always follow God's word.

SONG: Oh, Be Careful *(Use the flip-chart to illustrate each verse.)*

* Record the class singing this song on cassette. (Record on side B.)

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.
There's a Father up above,
And He's looking down will love.
So, be careful little eyes what you see.

Oh, be careful little ears what you hear.
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There's a Father up above,
And He's looking down will love.
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Oh, be careful little mouth what you say.
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Oh, be careful little hands what you do.
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QUESTIONS: *(Toss the bean-bag to the child who is to answer the question.)*

1. What does "temptation" mean?
2. Where did Jesus go to be alone and pray?
3. How long was he there?
4. What did Jesus eat in the wilderness during that time?
5. Who came and tried to "tempt" Jesus?
6. What did Satan want Jesus to do with the rocks?
7. Did Jesus do it?
8. What did Jesus say?
9. When Satan took Jesus to the top of the building, what did he tell him to do?
10. Did Jesus do it?
11. What did Jesus say?
12. When Satan took Jesus to the top of the mountain, what did he want Jesus to do?

13. Did Jesus do it?

14. What did Jesus say?

15. What did the angels do when Satan left Jesus alone?

VOCABULARY: *(Give each child their vocabulary notebook, and have them color the word for today – Temptation. While they are coloring, start Bible facts.)*

BIBLE FACTS: *(Use the "Bible" facts flip-chart.) Name the books of the New Testament. (This can be done as a group or, have a child recite the books. Record the "single" child's progress on the "memory-record" poster.)*

MEMORY VERSE: *"For nothing will be impossible with God" Luke 1:37*

TAKE-HOME HANDOUT(S): Book – entitled, "The Temptation of Jesus" and an audio cassette of the story (to be given later so the recording made today of the song can be added to side B.)

The Temptation of Jesus



Right after being baptized in the Jordan river, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. During those days He was fasting: He neither ate nor drank anything, and at the end of those days He was hungry.

The devil came to him and told him,

Devil: Jesus, if you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread. You are hungry.

Jesus: It is written in God's Word, that man does not live on bread alone, but God's Word provides him with real life.

Devil: Do you mean that you want to live your life according to the Will of God? OK, we'll see, we'll see. Come closer to me. Here, see, Jesus, all the kingdoms of the world are before you. I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So, if you worship me, it will all be yours.

Jesus: Never. It is written in God's Word, "Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

Devil (sweetly): OK, let's act like God's Word says. Throw yourself down, for it is written: "He will command His angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus: Go away from me, satan. For it also says, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Devil (angrily again): OK, you got me now. But this is not the end yet, I will be waiting for any opportunities to tempt you. Do you hear that, Jesus?

Jesus: Go away from me, satan.

And the devil left Jesus. And the angels came to Him and served Him.

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Transparency 2:

Satan knew Jesus was very hungry. He showed Jesus some rocks and said, "If you're the son of God, why don't you turn these rocks into bread?"

Transparency 3:

Jesus answered him and said, "Man does not live on bread alone. You must also live by the words God." Jesus knew He shouldn't do what Satan wanted Him to do. Satan was trying to tempt Jesus.

Transparency 4:

Next, Satan took Jesus to the top of a very tall building. Satan said to Jesus, "Prove you are the son of God. Jump off this building, the angels will save you from getting hurt!"

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Jesus answered him and said, "It is written in the Bible, DO NOT TEMPT THE LORD THY GOD!" Jesus was not going to do something foolish just to prove God loved him.

Transparency 6:

Satan still did not give up. He took Jesus to the top of a very high mountain. He showed Jesus the whole world. Satan said, "Jesus, if you will worship me instead of God, I will give you this entire world!"

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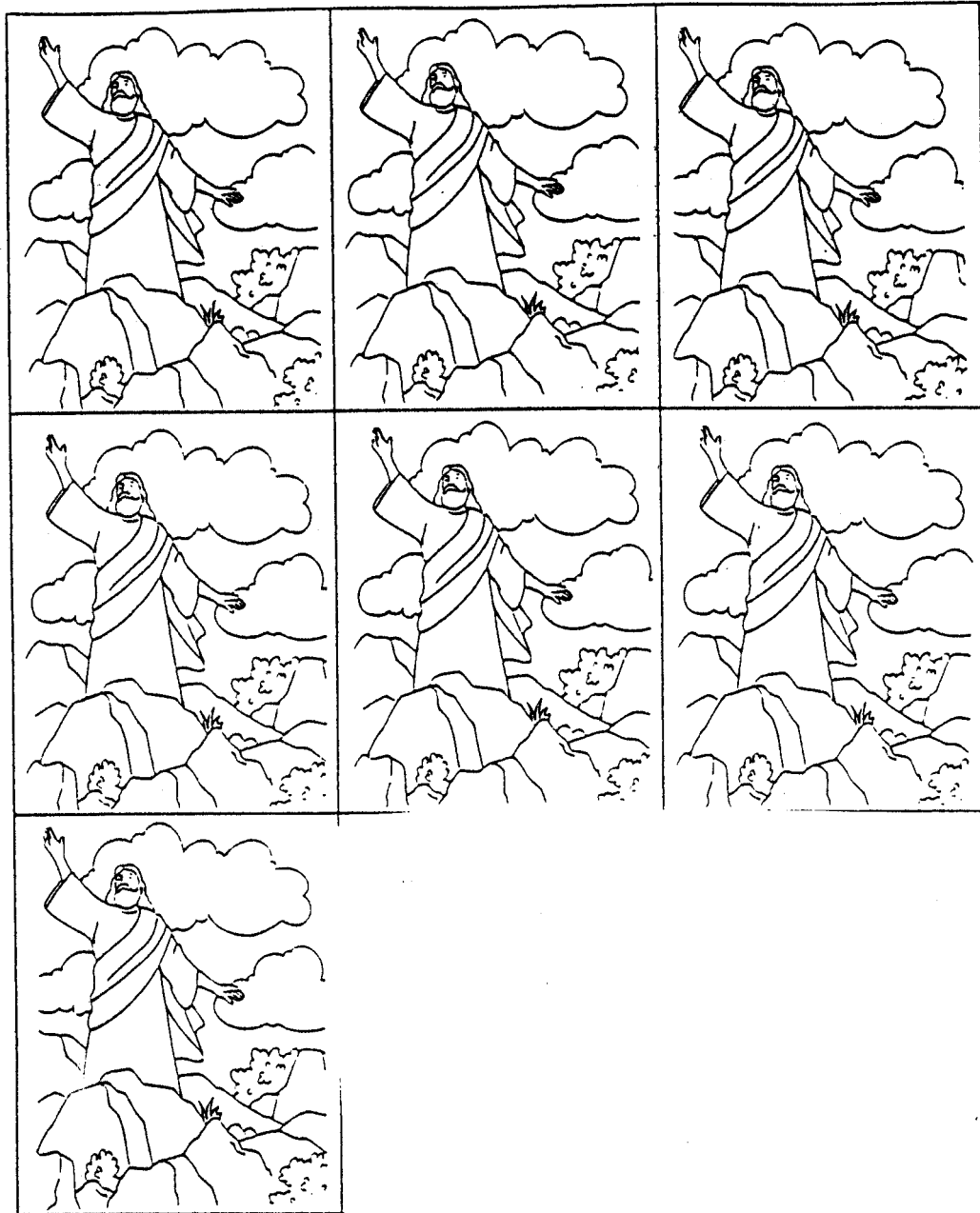
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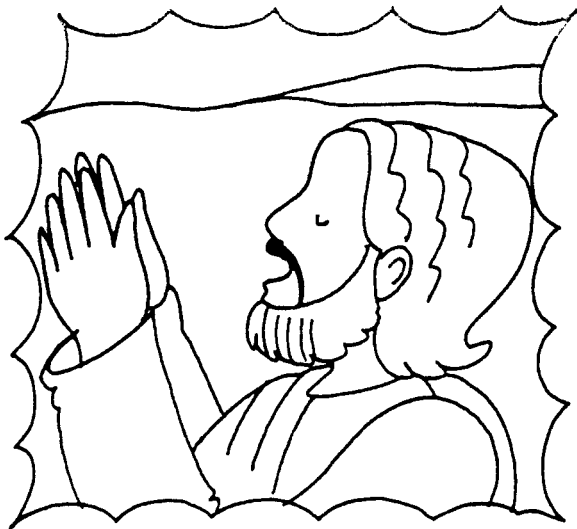
Attendance Chart Visual

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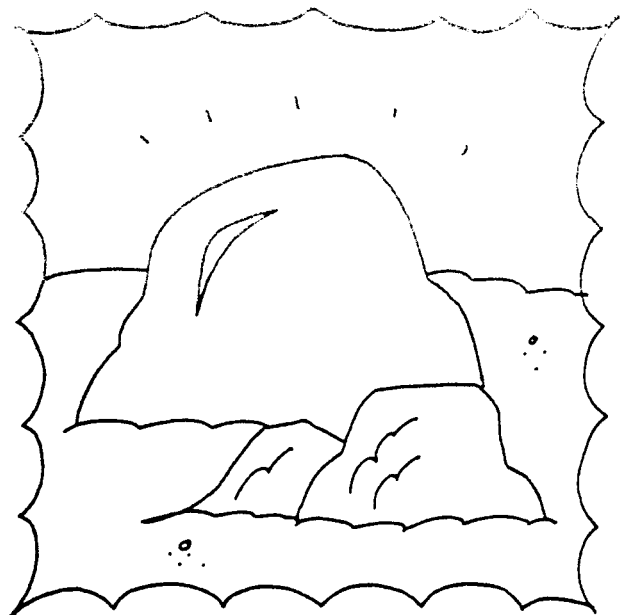
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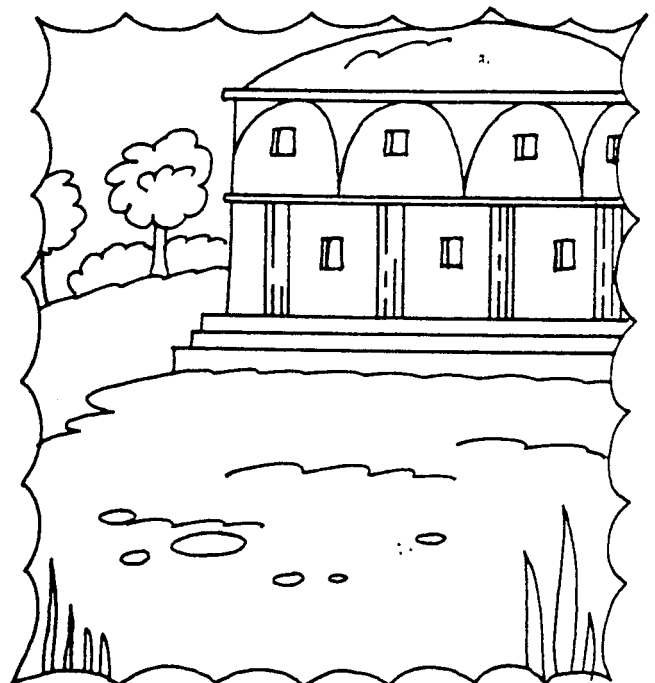
After forty days, Satan came to Jesus. He knew Jesus was weak from hunger. He said, "If you're the son of God, why don't you make bread from these rocks?"

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Jesus replied, "Man does not live on bread only. The word of God fills me."

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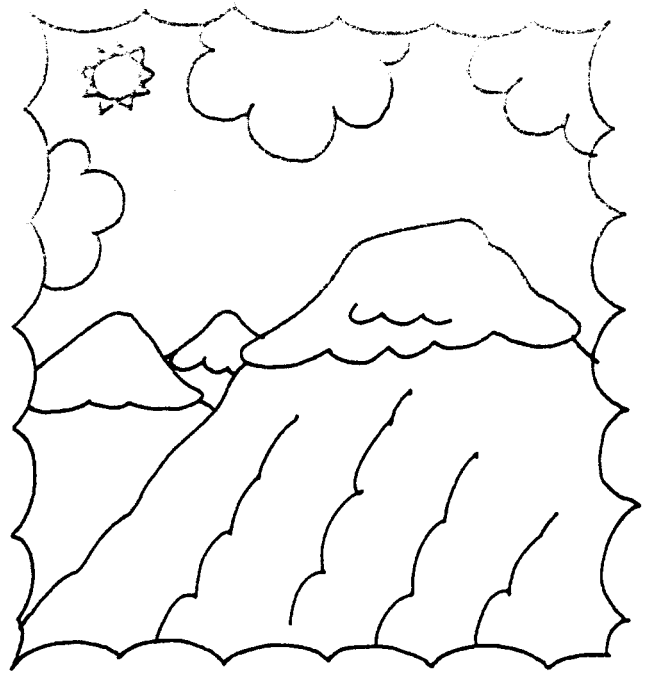
Then Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, "Come, Jesus! Throw yourself down. Angels will not let you die!"

4



Jesus said, "It is written, do not test God."

5



Satan tried once more. He took Jesus to a mountain and said, "Look, Jesus! All you see is yours. Just bow down to me!"

6



Jesus said, "Leave me, Satan! I will worship God alone!"

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Satan left Jesus, and the angels came to care for him.

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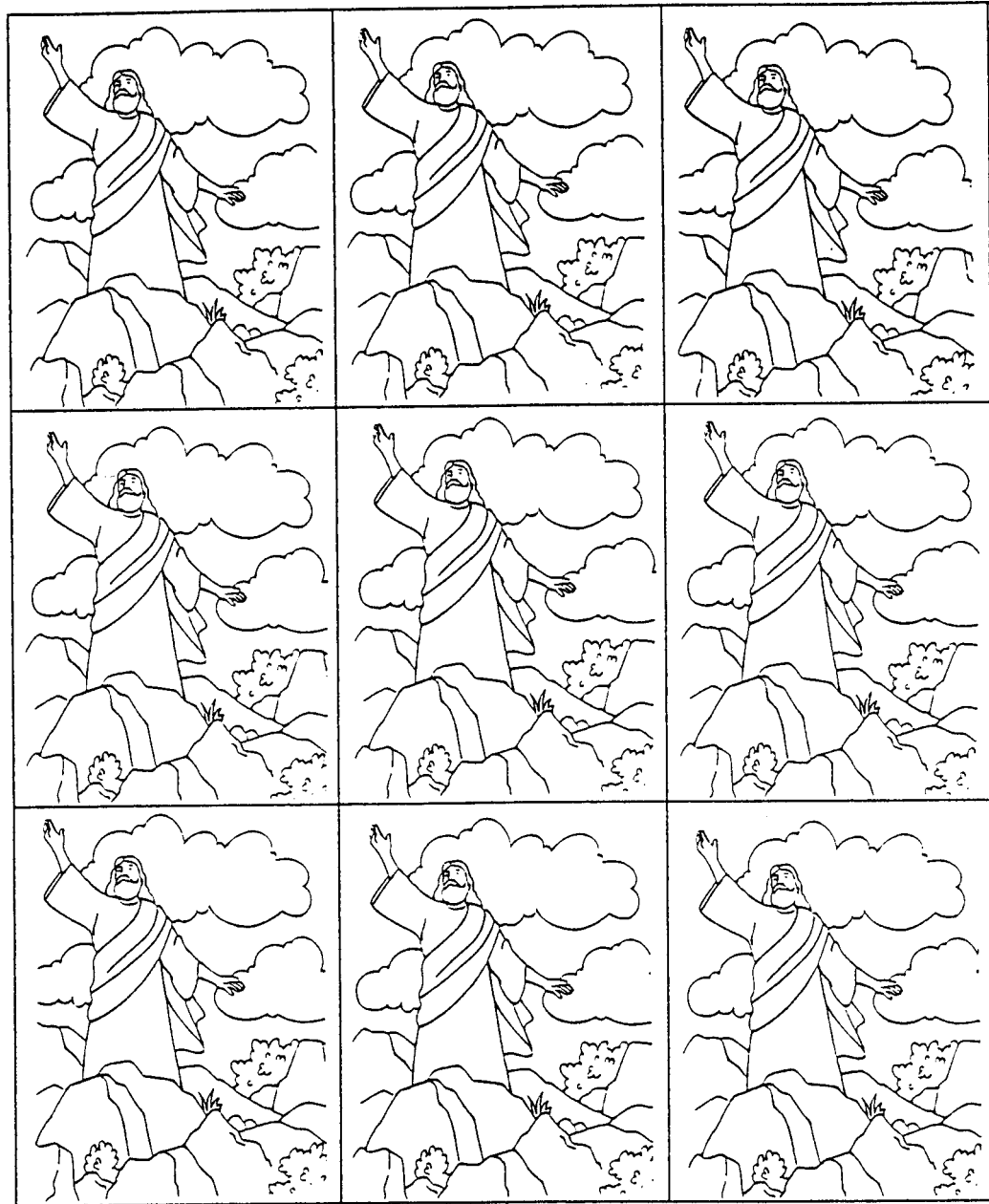
After he was baptized, Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness.
 The devil tempted him, but Jesus was strong and said "No."

Fill in the missing numbers.

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31				35			38		

Attendance Chart Visual

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A test to get you to do wrong

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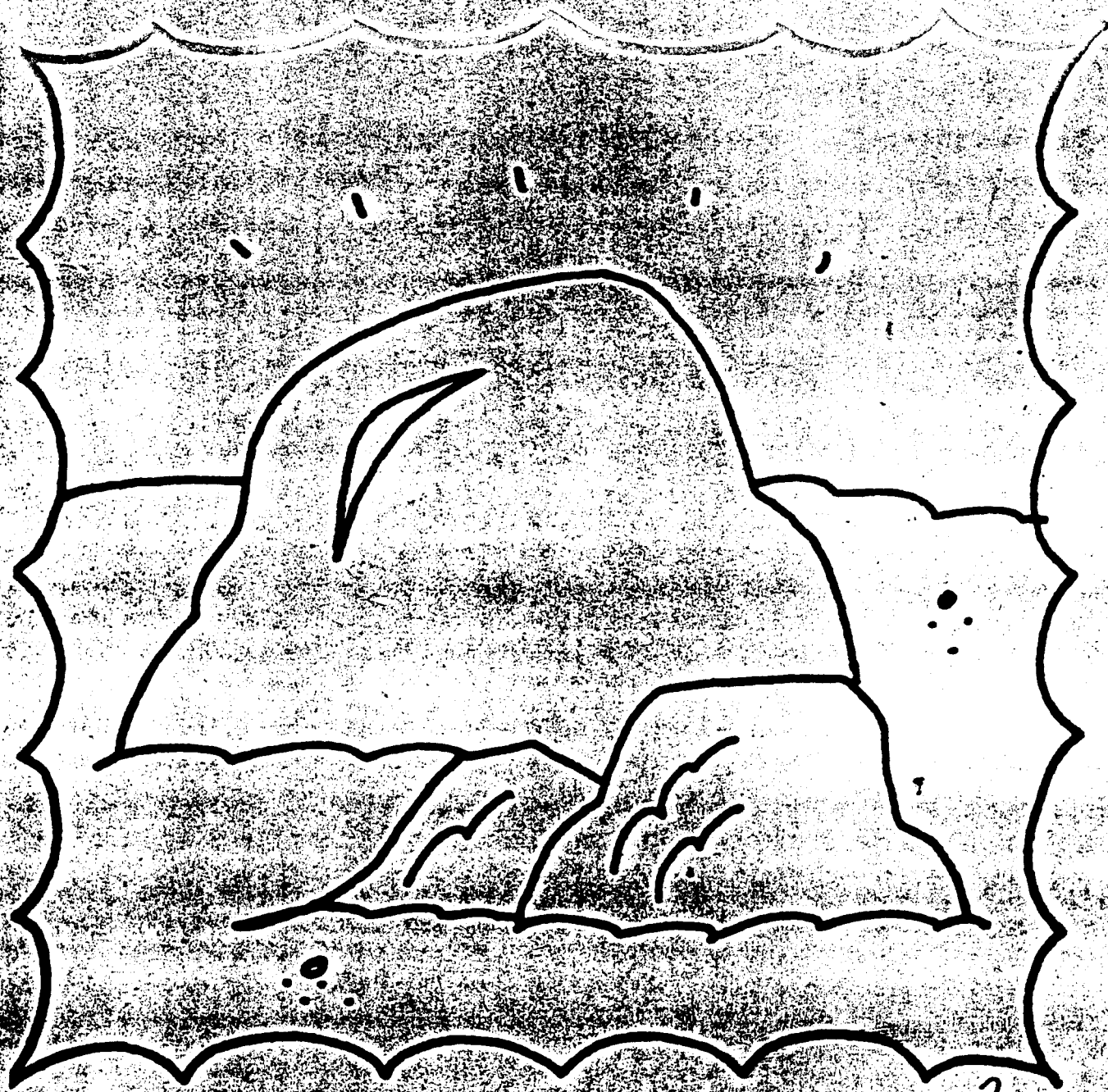
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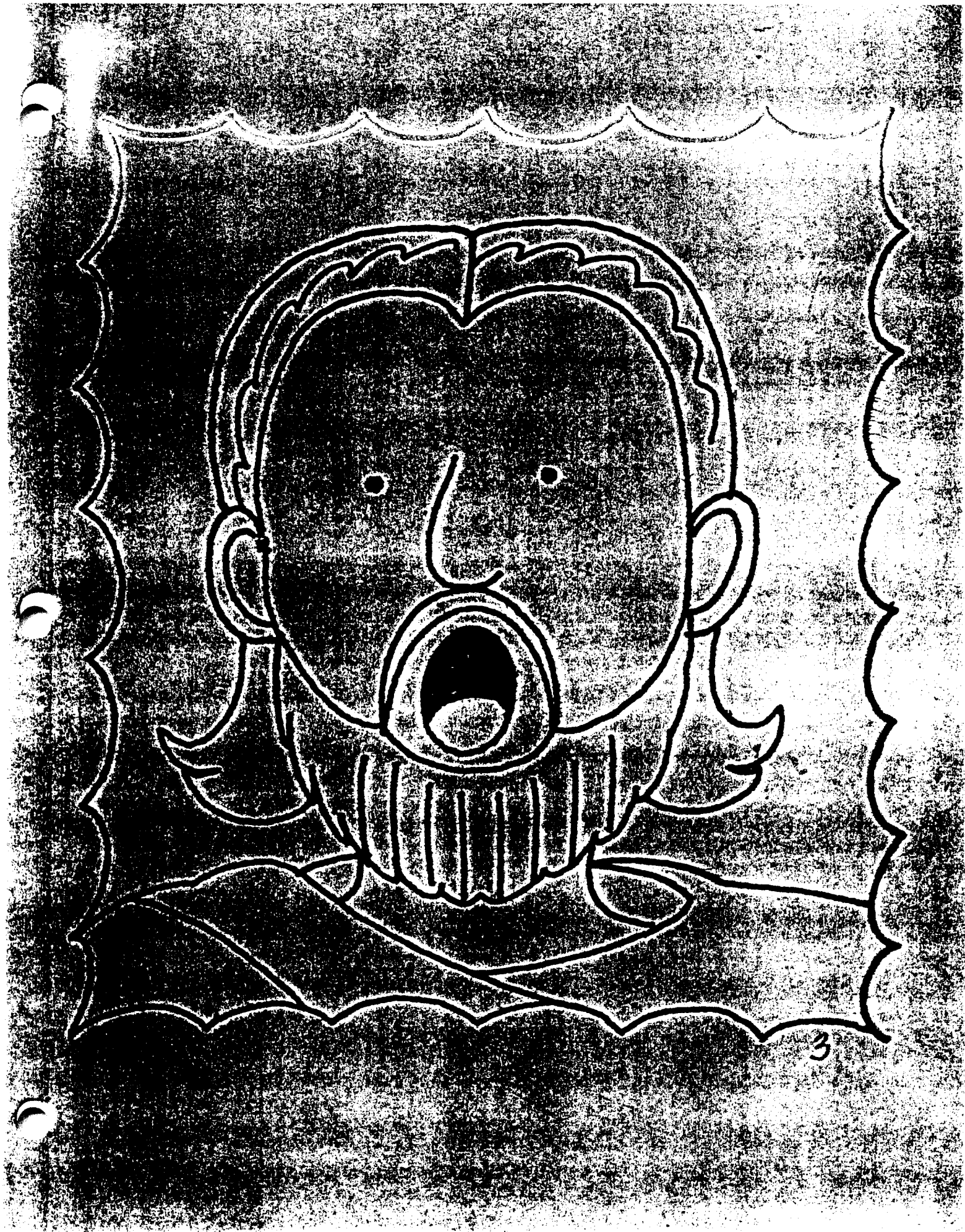
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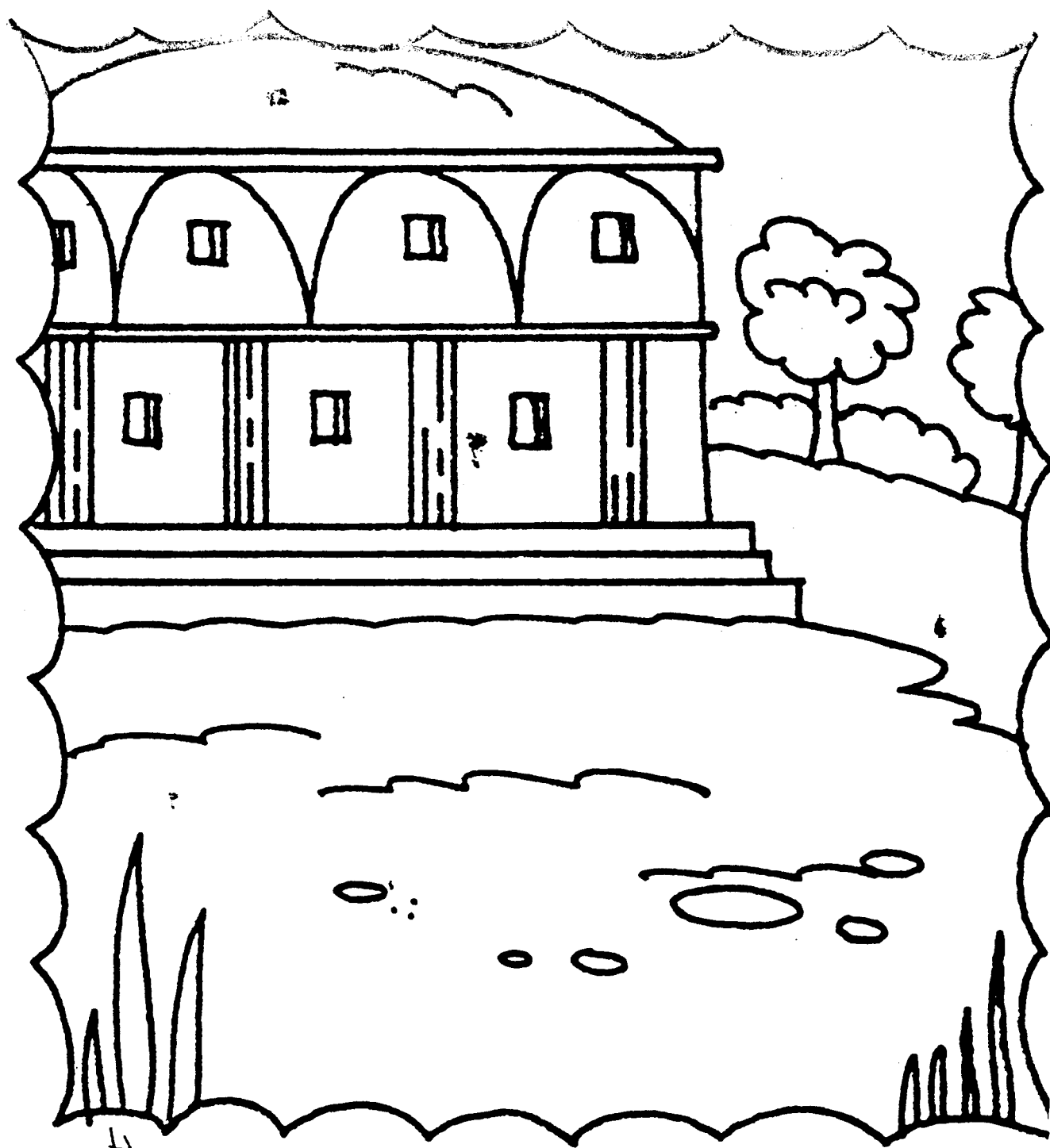
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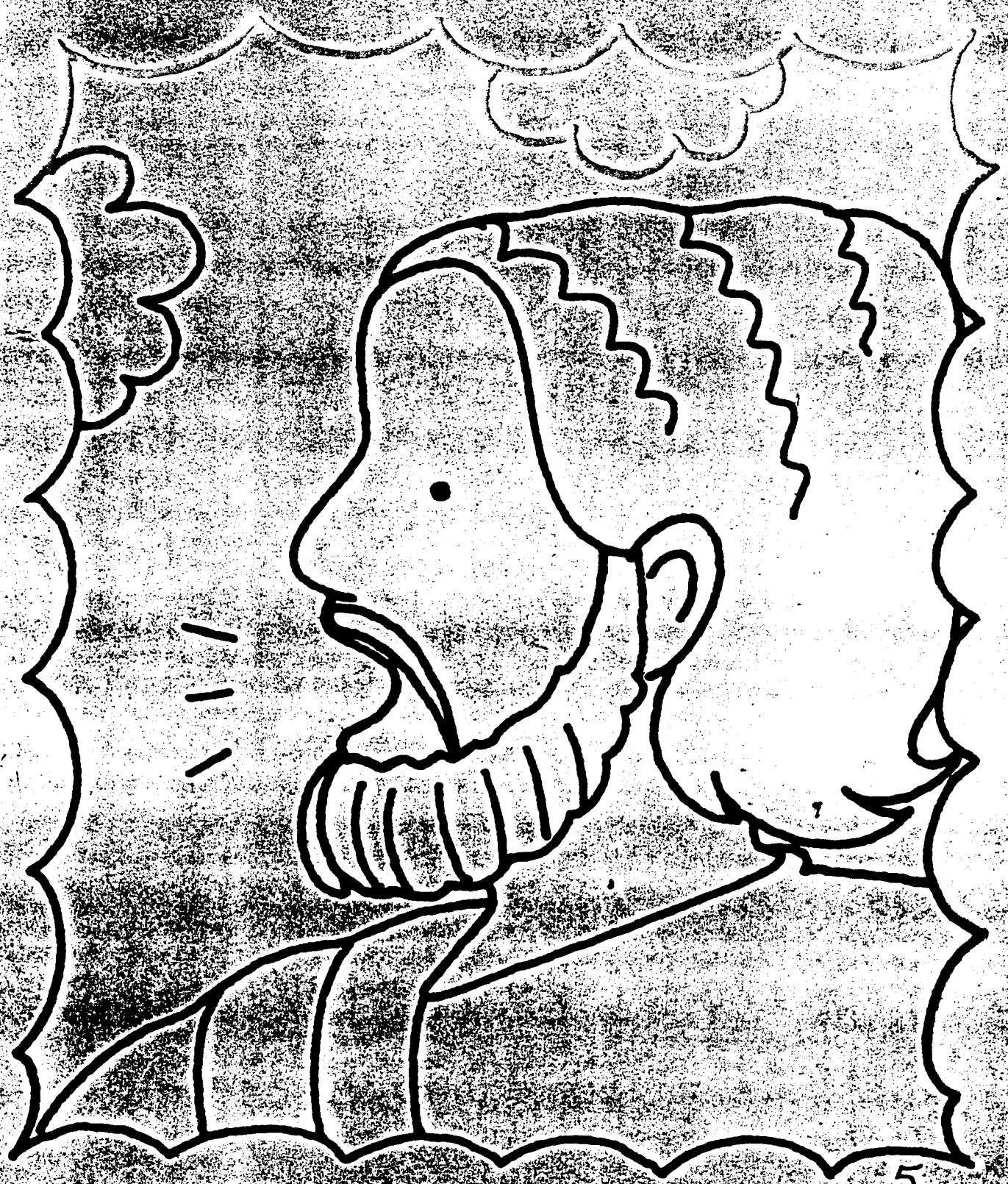
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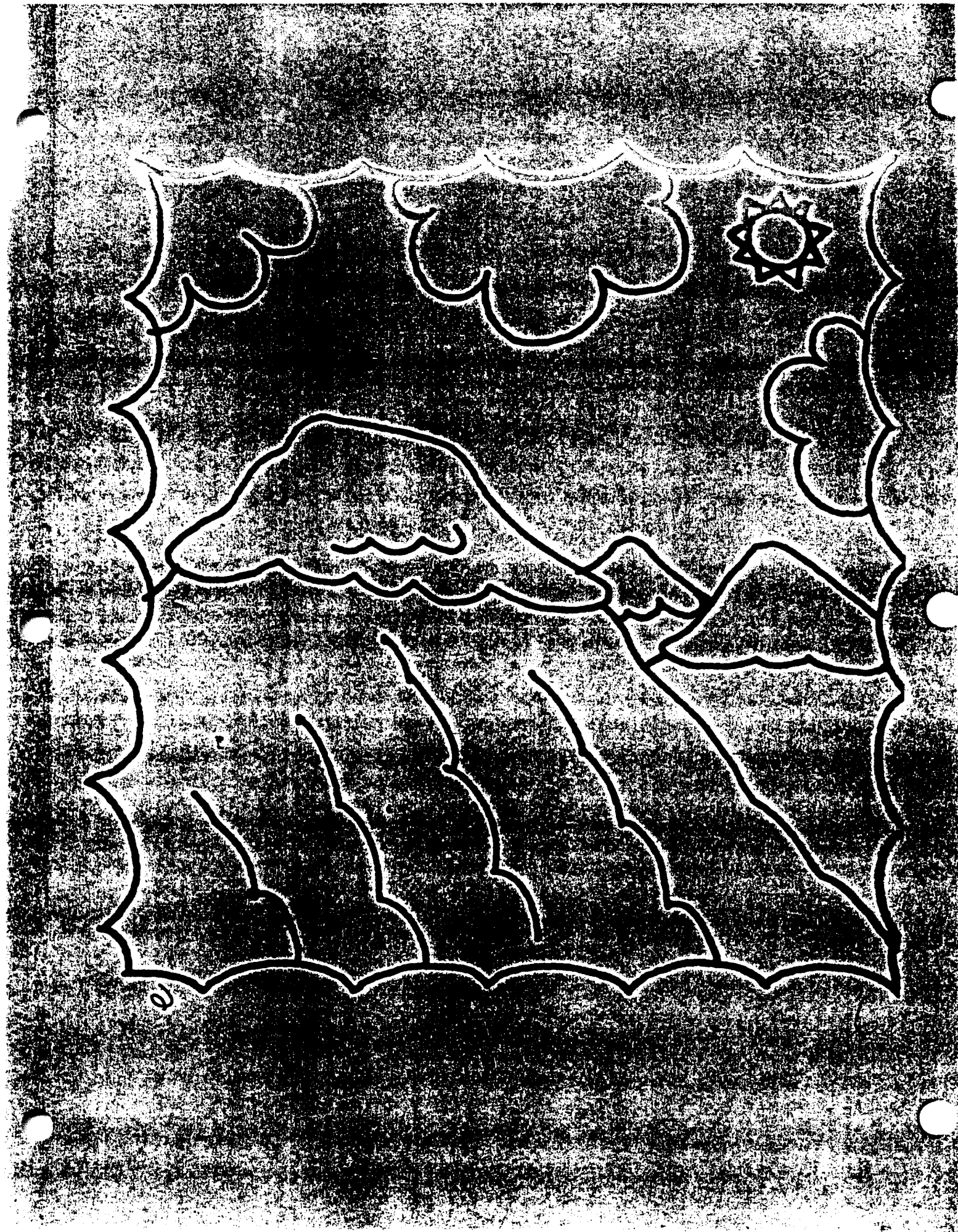














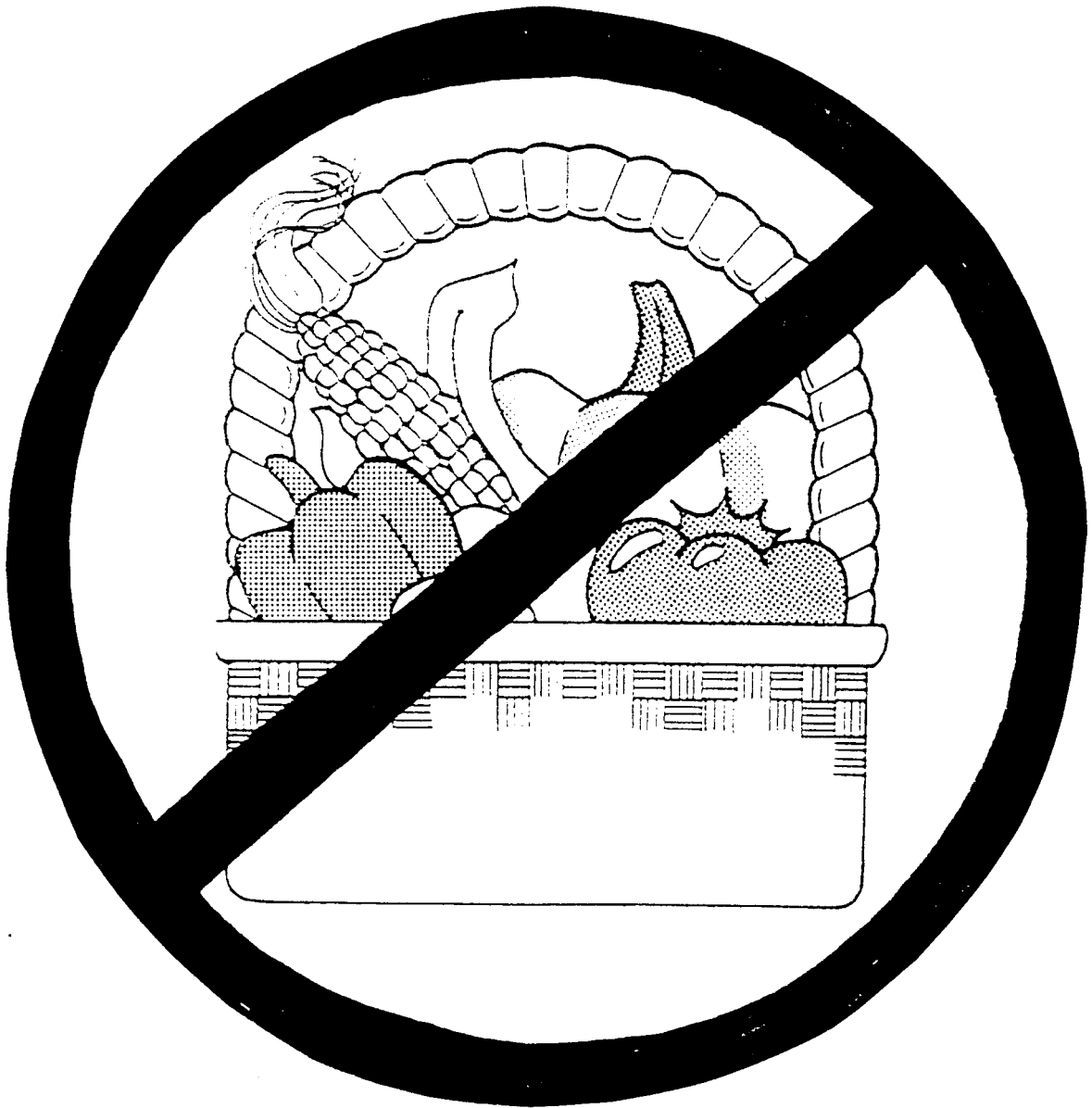


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An event that goes beyond natural powers

FAST



To not eat.