



ONE COMMUNITY

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INTRODUCTION:

“He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way.’” – Luke 10:2,3a

Community development is the primary focus of Canadian Lutheran World Relief’s humanitarian efforts. We work with communities in the developing world to help make life better by supporting programs and projects that feed families, provide knowledge, improve health, preserve creation and create employment.

There are very few, if any, quick fixes in development work. CLWR wants to ensure all programs are sustainable, which means we commit to supporting such endeavours for multiple years at a time. This allows staff, community leaders and participants in the programs to engage in training, gathering resources, planning and implementing programs, and measuring results.

At present, CLWR has reviewed and committed funding to programming in Africa, Asia and Latin America through 2013. To fulfill these commitments we need to raise at least \$2.5 million.

You can help us reach this goal by supporting One Community as they move towards an improved quality of life.

WHAT IS THE ONE COMMUNITY PROJECT:

The One Community project allows a congregation (or a generous individual or family) to equip a community with the various resources needed to undertake sustainable community development.

Using a list of symbolic gifts from CLWR’s Gifts from the Heart catalogue, your group will equip One Community. This community is representative of the communities in which CLWR works in India, Mozambique, Zambia, Bolivia and Peru. You will be able to see how your impact is growing as gifts are added by creating a virtual community using materials in this resource package.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

- 1.** Determine if support for your One Community will be ongoing, for a specified period of time (e.g., from CLWR Sunday until Christmas or the season of Lent) or to a specific financial goal.
- 2.** Choose a date to kick-off your stewardship for your One Community.
- 3.** Create your One Community using your own creativity and the illustrations provided in this resource package. Your first task will be to designate a visible wall space (approximately 40 inches by 30 inches) where you will be able to lay out the community infrastructure. A sample of how this may be oriented can be found in the illustration section of this package. You could set up a colouring station after worship to allow the whole congregation to get involved or you may wish to ask your confirmation class or Sunday school groups to help colour the illustrations.
- 4.** Educate your congregation about the needs of your One Community. Help them understand how a variety of gifts work together to help make life better for people living there. Use the resources in this package to explain the benefits of each gift. You may wish to periodically feature a special gift in your worship bulletin or church newsletter.
- 5.** Collect financial pledges from your congregation to equip your One Community with the suggested items. You may wish to post the items needed by the community beside your map as a “shopping list” so people can see what the needs are and check them off when they have been purchased. Different groups, like a Sunday school class, confirmation class, men’s breakfast folks or ELW, may wish to pool their resources for a specific gift.
- 6.** Once purchased, cut and colour the illustration of the gift purchased which is found in the resource package. Then paste it where it will be useful on the wall-sized One Community map you created in step three. For example: fuel-efficient stoves are built in people’s homes and so the illustration of a stove would be pasted on or near the houses in your map.
- 7.** Send your donations for gifts purchased to CLWR at 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6. You may wish to also send a photo of your One Community map, preferably including some of the people who worked on the project. For CLWR to use a photo, we must have permission of the photographer and any people appearing in the photograph. Photos must also be of a reasonably high resolution.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ONE COMMUNITY:

CLWR works with hundreds of communities annually to equip them with training and resources that will reduce poverty and improve their quality of life. The process begins with community members identifying the challenges faced by their community. Then, with the help of community development program staff, creative solutions are proposed to address these needs. After prioritizing suitable options, steps are taken to implement programming that will affect positive change. In some cases, it is a need for skills and training that equips people to do something new or to do the work they are already doing more effectively, such as training for teachers resulting in improved literacy rates. Other times it is physical inputs that fill a void like a well, or provide start-up resources like seeds for a new more drought-resistant crop. Local program staff continue to journey with the community throughout the process of implementation. They help community leaders monitor the outcomes of each initiative and adjust as necessary to ensure identified needs are met and programs are sustainable.

THE NEEDS OF YOUR ONE COMMUNITY:

Based on a representative community of 100 people (approximately 17 households), please consider equipping your One Community with the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u># REQUIRED</u>	<u>COST PER ITEM</u>	<u>\$ NEEDED</u>
Fish net	9	\$15	\$135
Fuel-efficient stove	17	\$20	\$340
Training for teachers	2	\$20	\$40
Sack of seed potatoes	3	\$30	\$90
Flock of chickens	1	\$45	\$45
Grove of trees	2	\$50	\$100
Bale of commodities	2	\$50	\$100
Medical kit	1	\$50	\$50
Pair of goats	4	\$60	\$240
Garden	6	\$75	\$450
Business skills training	1	\$100	\$100
Bamboo granary	1	\$250	\$250
Solar lighting panel	1	\$320	\$320
Water quality testing kit	1	\$500	\$500
Two cows and a plough	1	\$500	\$500
Well	1	\$1750	\$1750
TOTAL			\$5010

HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP:

FEED FAMILIES

Access to nutritious food is foundational for community development. Meeting this primary need contributes to the success of other initiatives like improved health and the pursuit of educational opportunities.

A fish net provides the means to harvest from community fishponds. These ponds are built by the community and then stocked with small fry. This renewable source of food, and especially protein, contributes to good nutrition.

A sack of seed potatoes symbolizes the seed that is needed for growing sustainable crops. For example: native potato varieties in Bolivia and Peru are well-suited to the region and yield an important source of nutrition for people living in the Andean mountain areas.

A flock of chickens (approximately 40) can be cultivated as laying hens or roasters. Both provide an important source of protein for people's diet, and in some cases, a way for families to generate income that helps provide for other necessities.

A pair of goats provides milk for drinking, manure for gardens, and meat for eating. Given in pairs, goats are a gift that keeps on giving as they reproduce and multiply.

A garden symbolizes the tools and training provided in communities to help them cultivate better crops. With garden tools like rakes, hoes, shovels and wheelbarrows, as well as seeds and training in organic agriculture, communities are better equipped to produce their own nutritious food.

A bamboo granary represents initiatives providing effective storage for harvested crops. This contributes to a more sustainable food supply by preventing deterioration and infestation. In India, bamboo is a readily available material that can be used to construct this storage and helps ensure there is food during the dry season.

Two cows and a plough help farmers to more efficiently till their land for food production.

PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE

Education and training leverage a community's greatest resource, its people.

Training for teachers is a vital part of improving educational opportunities for both children and adults. Improved literacy and skill-building are key components in overcoming poverty.

Business skills training supports microfinance initiatives that help women create a sus-

tainable means of providing for their families. Such endeavours also contribute to the economic vibrancy of their communities.

A solar lighting panel offers young people valuable extra time to pursue their studies in areas where the darkness of early sunsets makes this near impossible without an artificial light source.

IMPROVE HEALTH

The health and well-being of community members allows them to more successfully undertake community development initiatives that will help make other aspects of life in their community better.

A medical kit provides important equipment like a stethoscope, a blood pressure monitor and an infant scale that helps village health care providers identify and address health concerns.

A bale of commodities containing quilts and assorted kits of hygiene items, school supplies and baby care items provides life-giving relief in situations of great need. Refugee camps, areas of extreme poverty with little access to local resources and communities recovering from a natural disaster are common destinations.

A water quality test kit helps communities recognize contaminants in their water supply and take necessary precautions to avoid the health risks of using this for eating, drinking or bathing.

A well provides an entire community with a safe source of water for eating, drinking and bathing. Its convenient location in the community also means that time previously spent fetching water from a greater distance can be devoted to other pursuits like education and training.

PRESERVE CREATION

Understanding one's relationship with the natural environment allows community members to reduce harm and engage in sustainable living practices.

A grove of trees (approximately 40 seedlings) aids in the prevention of soil erosion, replenishes deforested areas and creates shade from the hot sun. As an added bonus, certain varieties also provide fruit for eating.

A fuel-efficient stove uses less firewood for cooking and heating, and alleviates deforestation in the community and surrounding area. These clay stoves are constructed from readily available natural resources. They also reduce the time women and children spend fetching firewood, which allows them to pursue other activities, such as education.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Wouldn't it be less complicated if we purchased just one kind of gift like goats instead of trying to keep track of many different gifts?

It takes a variety of resources like training, equipment, facilities and animals to create sustainability in a community. By choosing to gift many different things you help to meet a multitude of needs that better supports a community on their journey to self-sufficiency.

How do I find out the name and location of the community we are supporting?

CLWR's community development work is undertaken in Bolivia, Peru, Mozambique, Zambia and India. Stories of how programming is helping make life better in communities in these countries can be found in our *Partnership* newsletter, weekly briefs, Annual Report and on our website.

While CLWR would like to be able to pair each interested congregation with a specific community in which we are working, this is not possible for a variety of reasons:

1◆ CLWR is committed to ensuring that most of each donor dollar is used to implement life-giving programming. The administrative costs of pairing congregations with specific communities, collecting regular information on these communities, in many cases translating information received into English and then relaying it to the appropriate congregations would significantly decrease the funds we are actually using to create positive change in communities.

2◆ Work in communities takes place on an ongoing basis. In this model, programming is not put on hold until the money is raised from donors, but rather undertaken in good faith that CLWR will raise the money needed to meet the agency's budget projections. And so, for example, if part of the community development plan is to train 100 teachers in the coming year, this is undertaken as needs in various communities are identified. This may be before or after money is actually collected from donors to cover these costs. Therefore, the funds you collect for your One Community will be used to meet CLWR's budget projections for community development programming that has or will take place in this fiscal year.

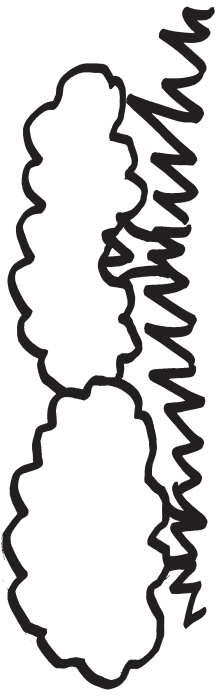
ILLUSTRATIONS

There are two categories of illustrations: 1) infrastructure that is used to initially create your One Community, and 2) gifts that will be added to the community when purchased. The following table outlines to which infrastructure each gift relates.

GIFTS

INFRASTRUCTURE

A fish net.....	Fishpond
A sack of seed potatoes.....	Tilled fields
A flock of chickens.....	Housing
A pair of goats.....	Grazing lands
A garden.....	Tilled fields
A bamboo granary.....	Tilled fields
Two cows and a plough.....	Tilled fields
Training for teachers.....	School
Business skills.....	Marketplace
A solar lighting panel.....	School
A medical kit.....	Medical clinic
A bale of commodities.....	Medical clinic
A water quality test kit.....	River
A well.....	Public gathering place
A fuel-efficient stove.....	Housing
A grove of trees.....	Tilled fields, grazing lands



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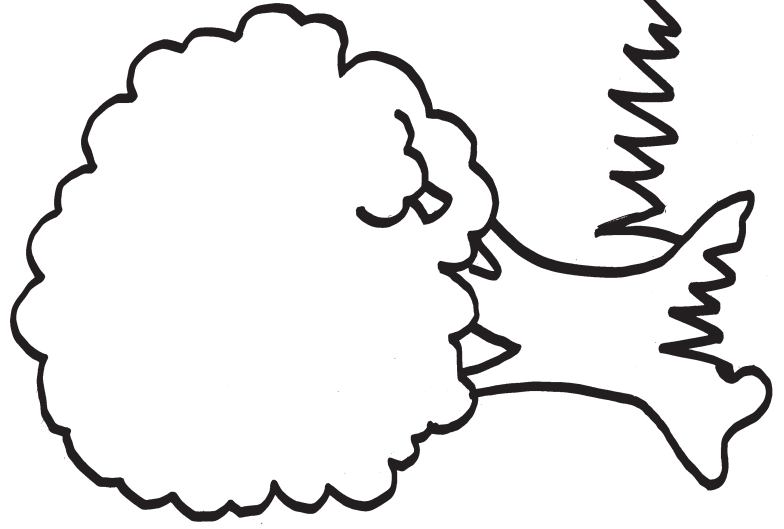
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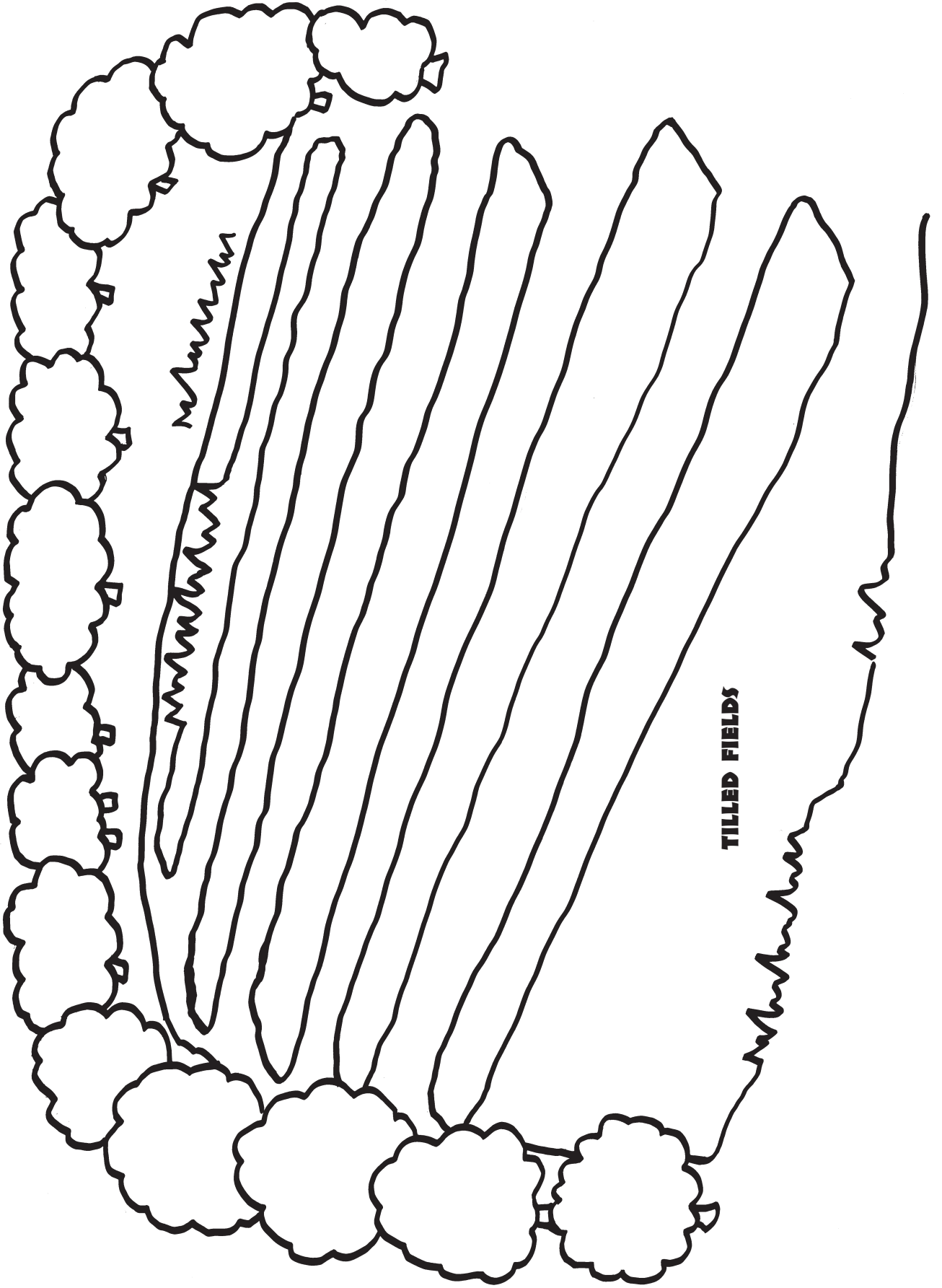
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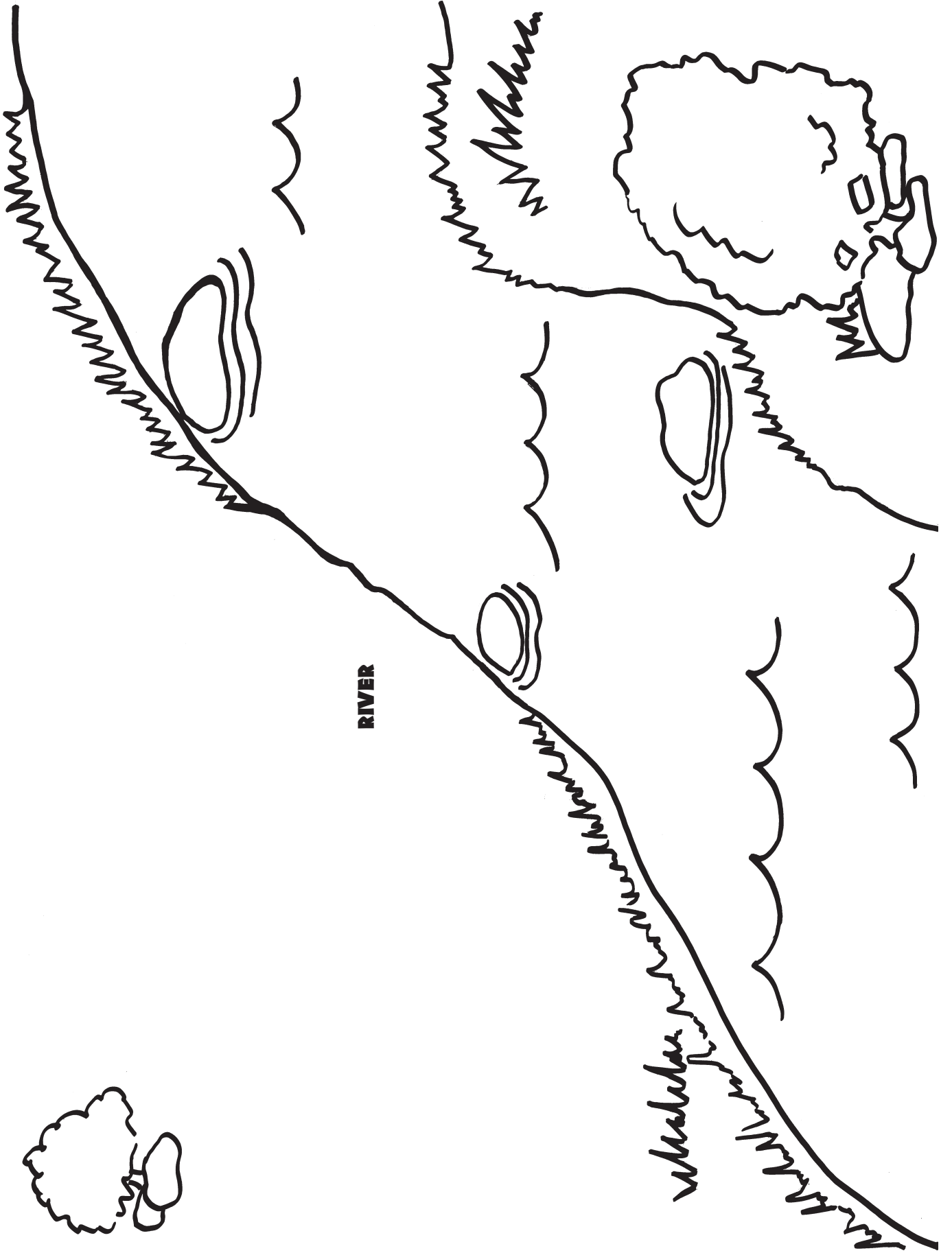


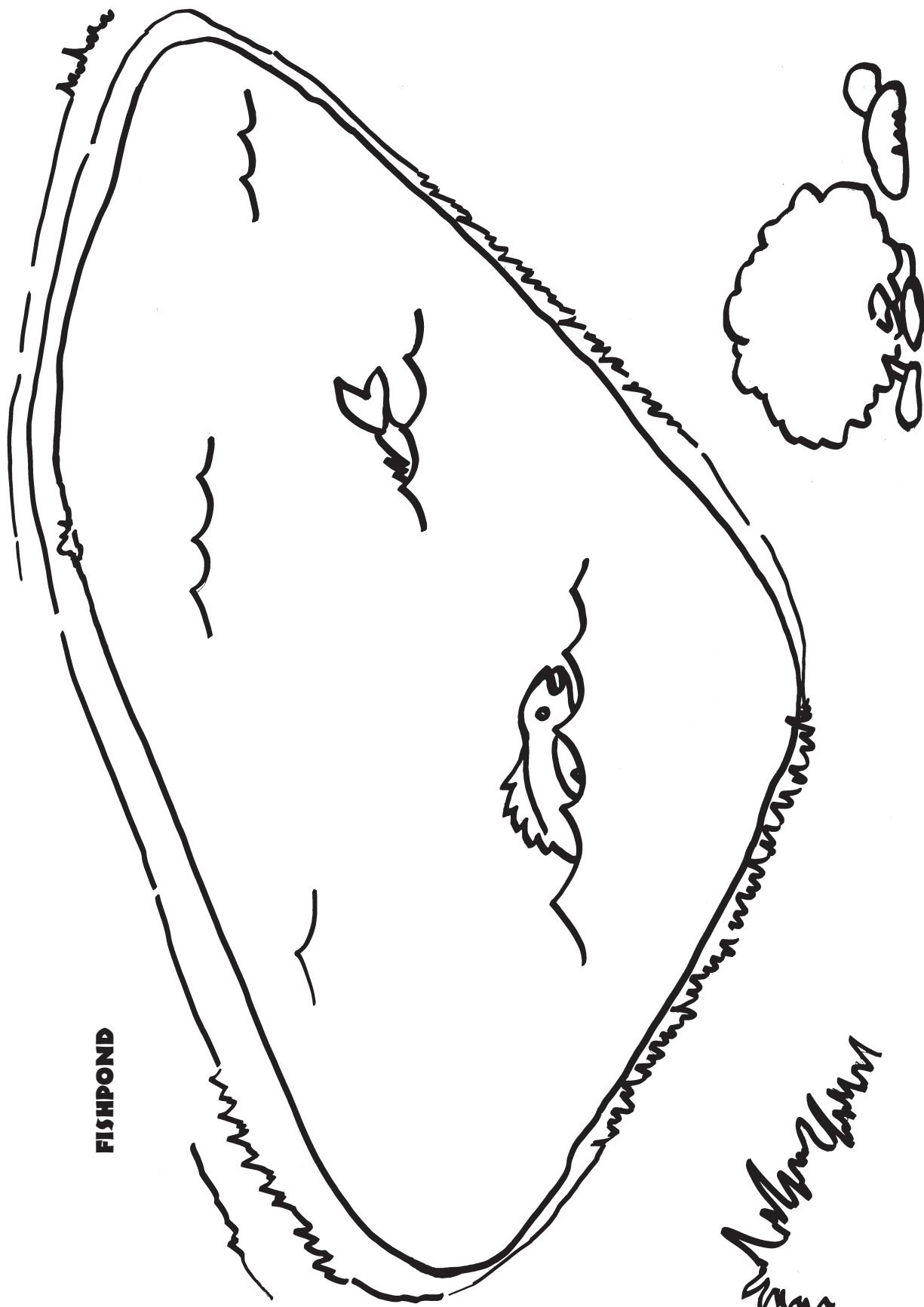
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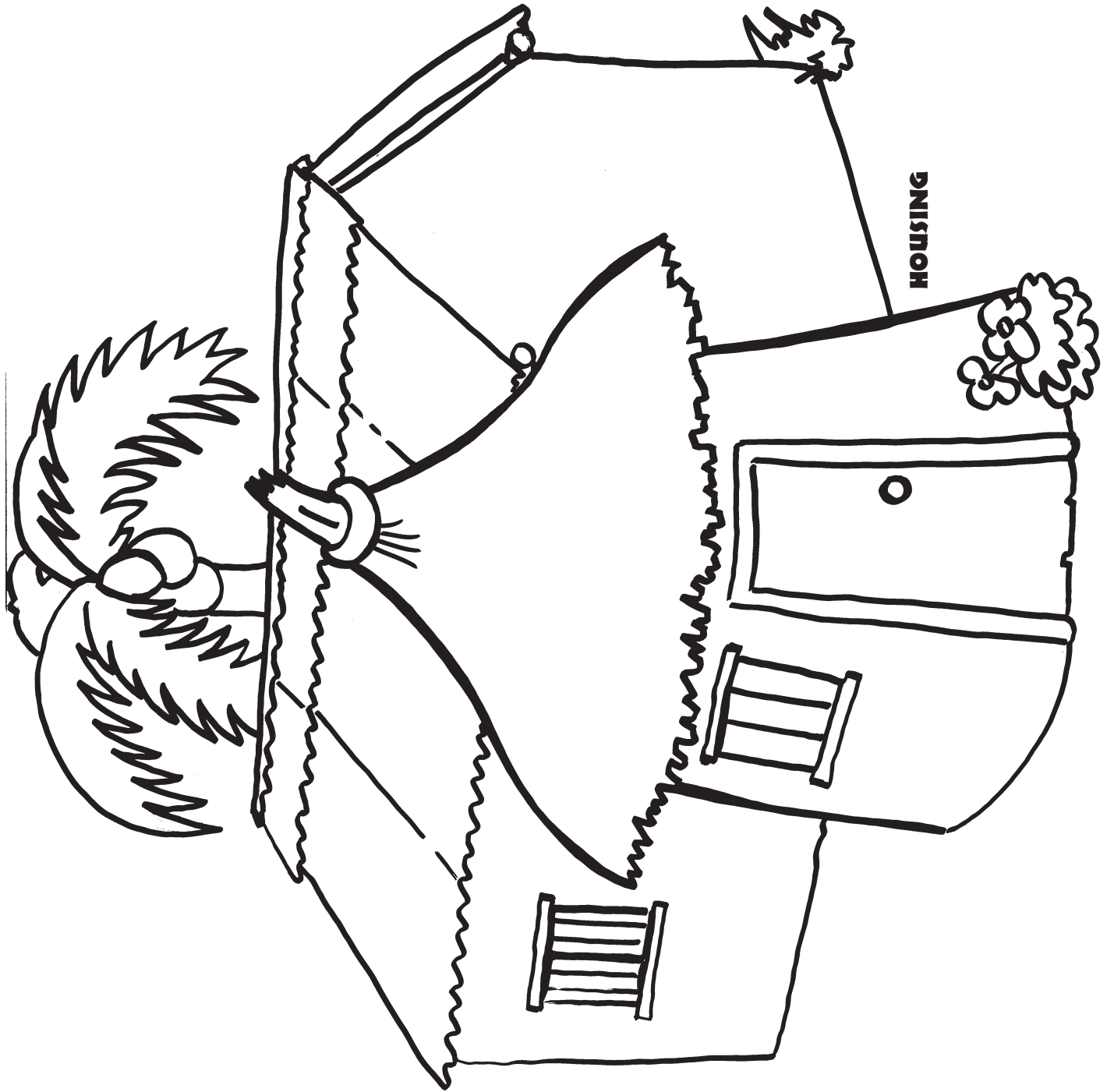
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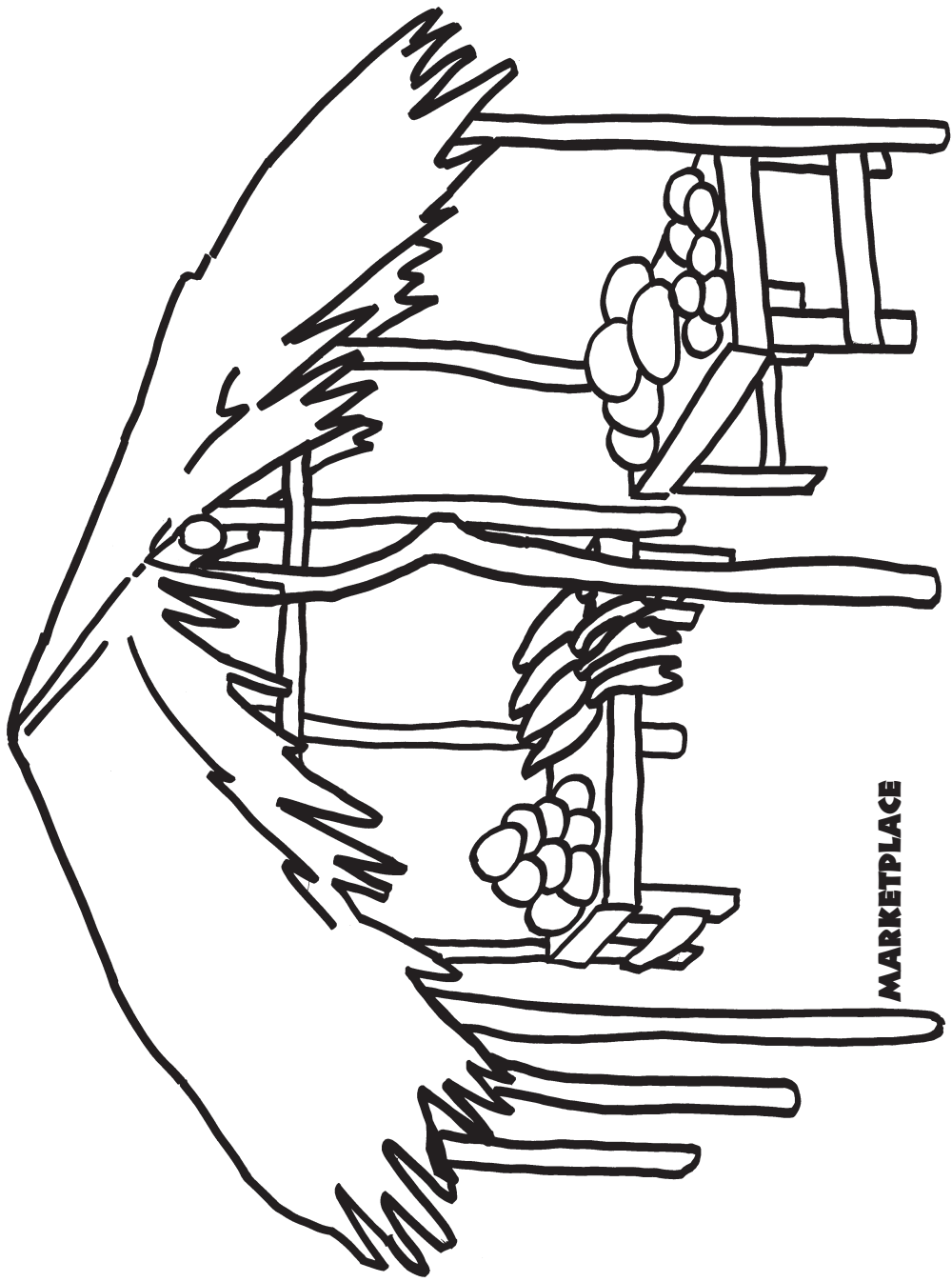


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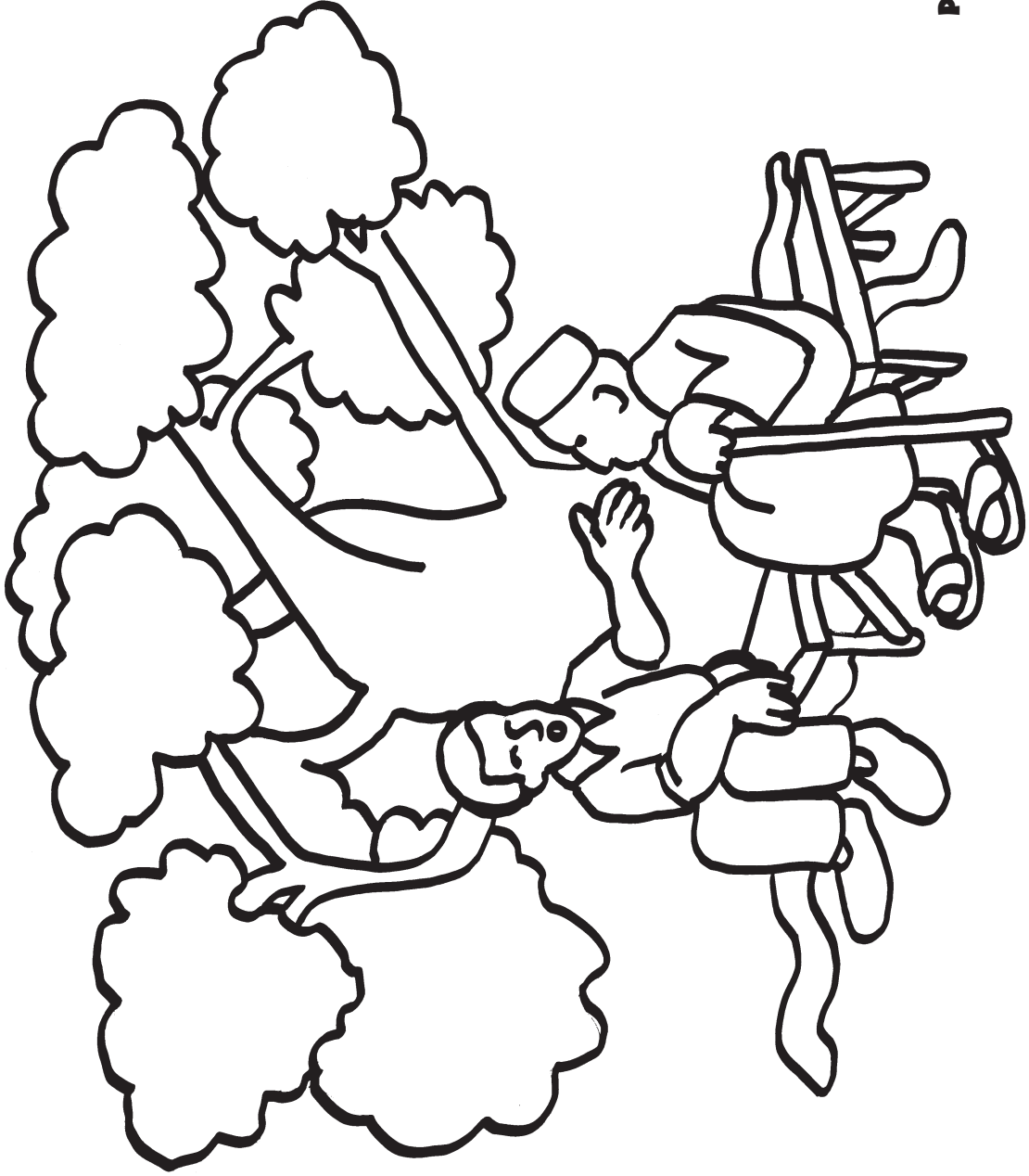
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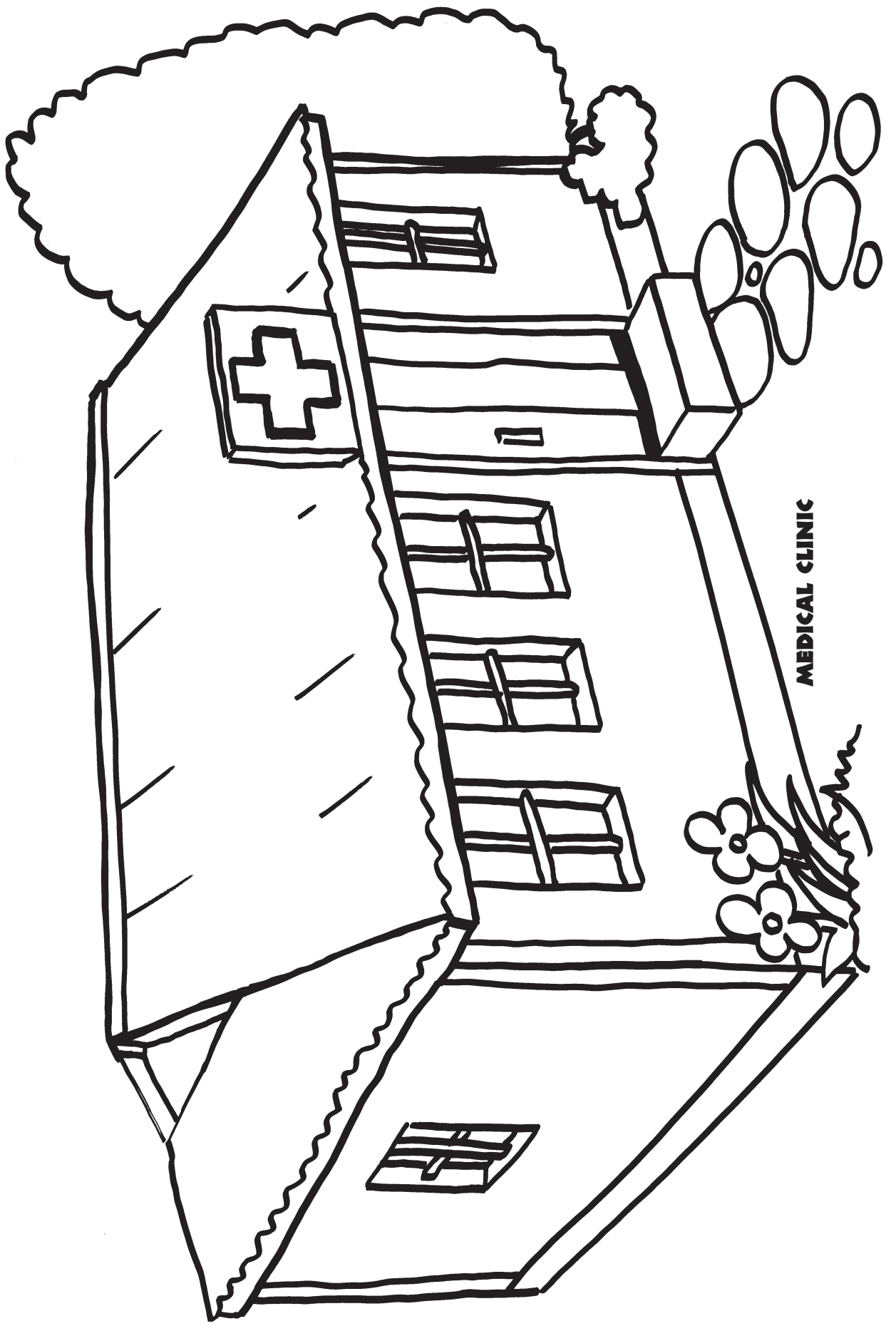
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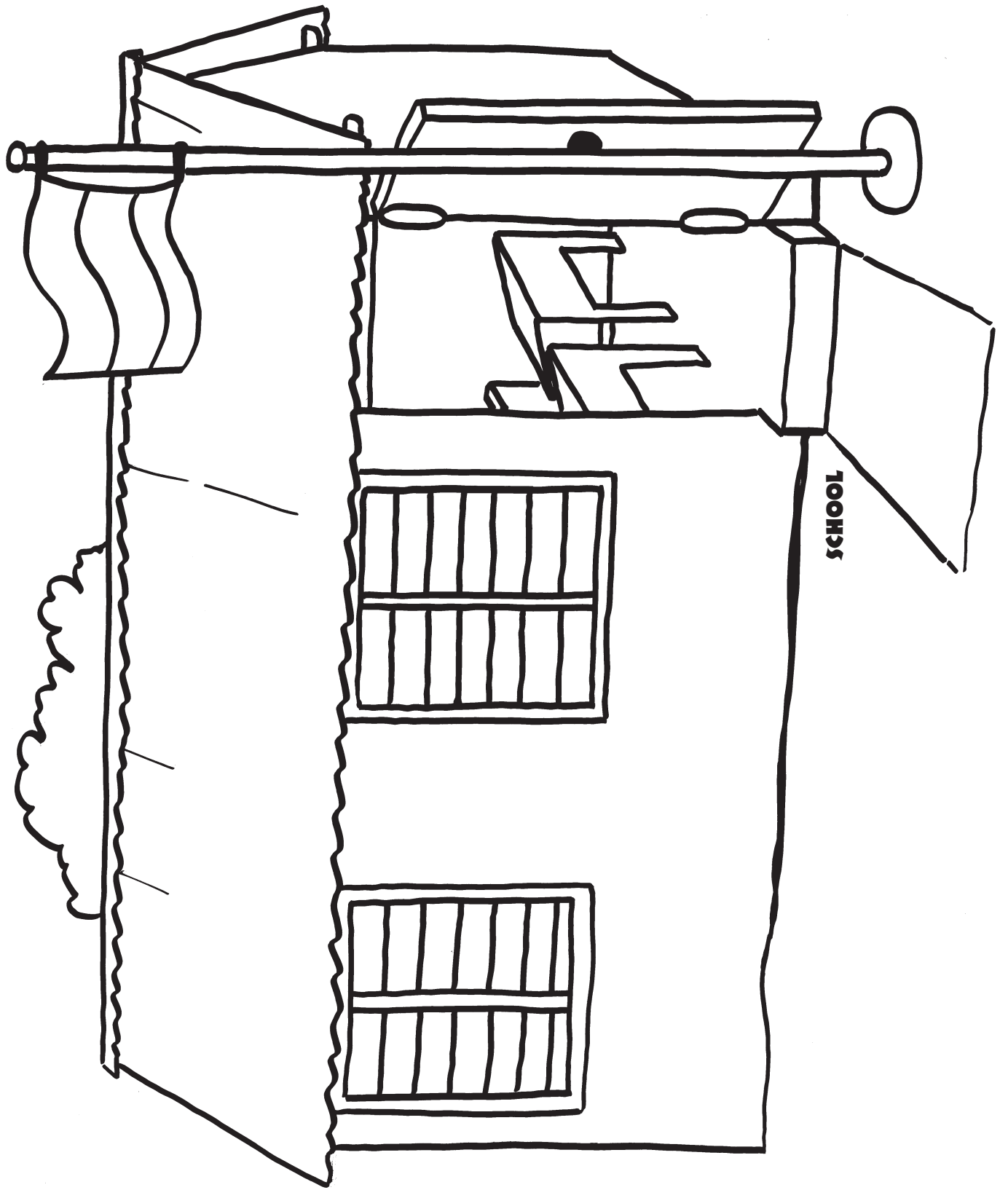
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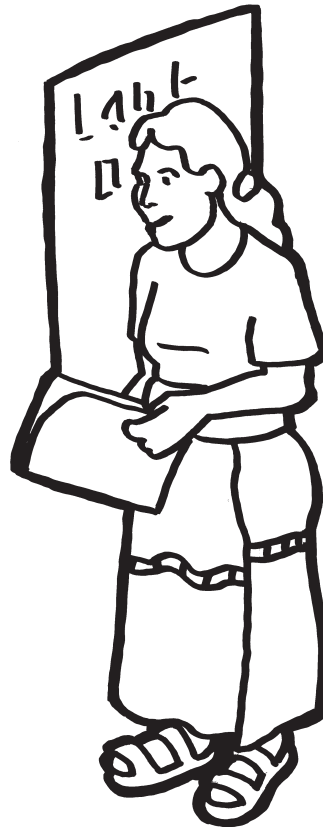
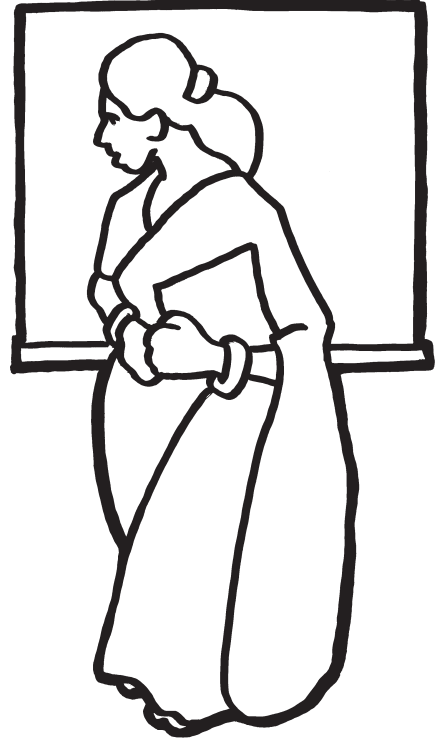
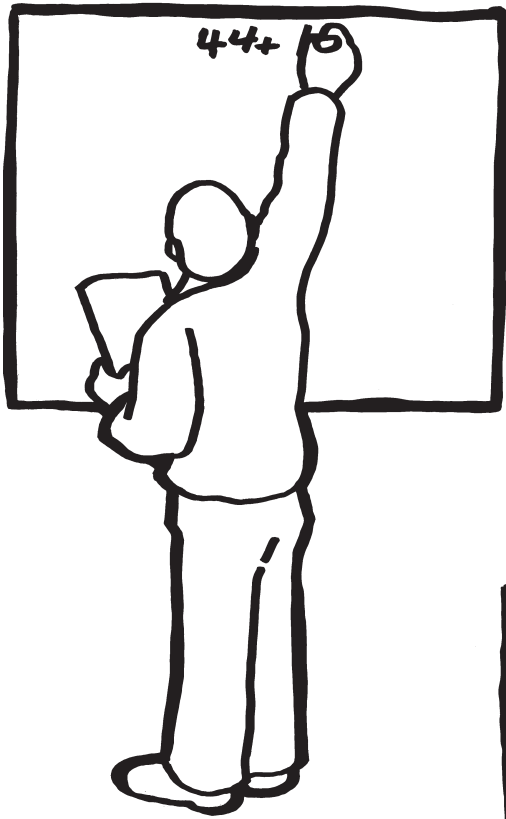
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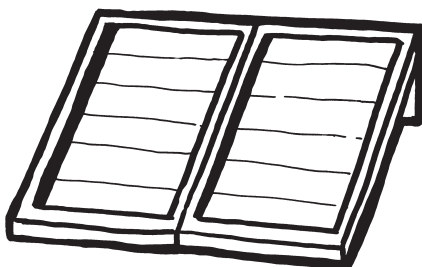
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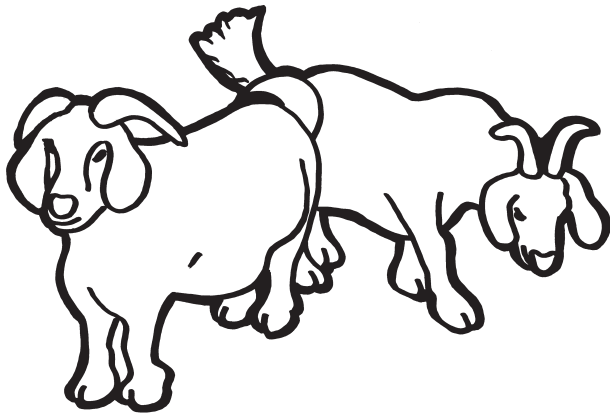
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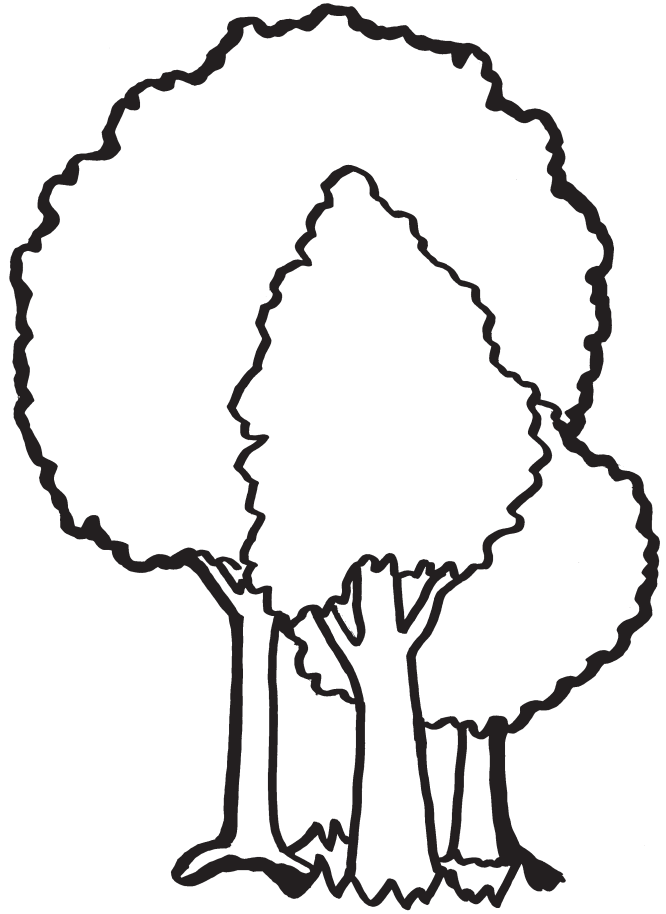
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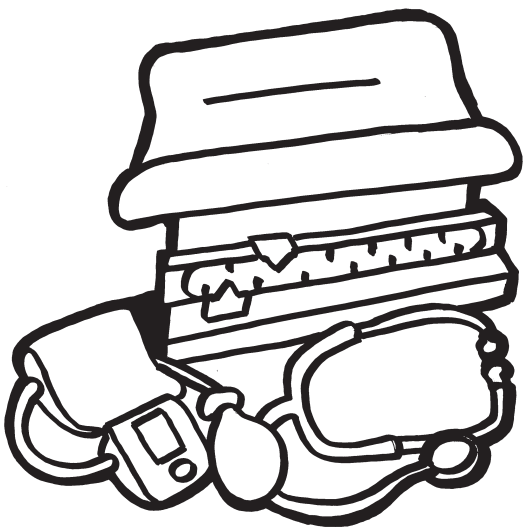
A PAIR OF GOATS



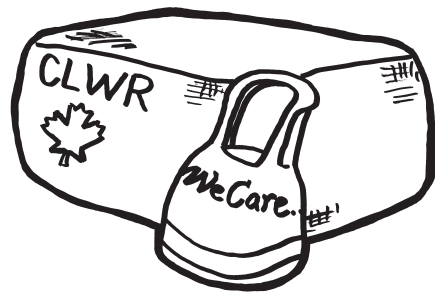
A GROVE OF TREES



A MEDICAL KIT



A BALE OF COMMODITIES



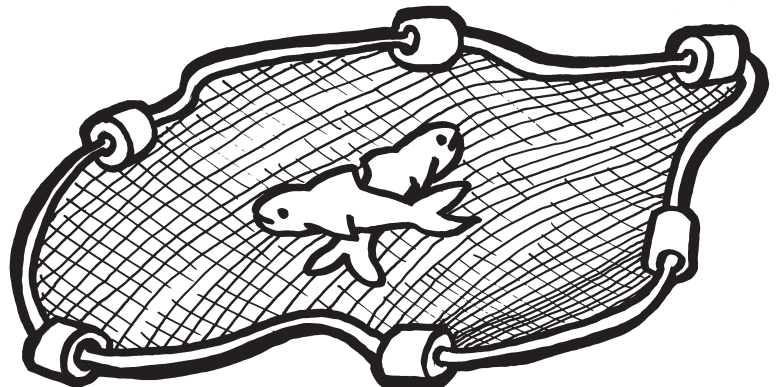
A BAMBOO GRANARY



A GARDEN



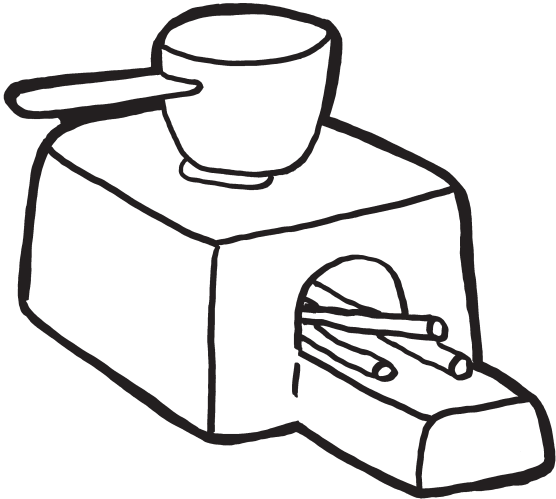
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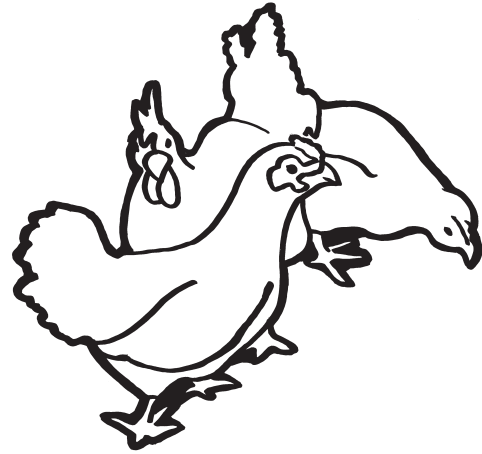
A WATER QUALITY TESTING KIT



A FUEL EFFICIENT STOVE



A FLOCK OF CHICKENS



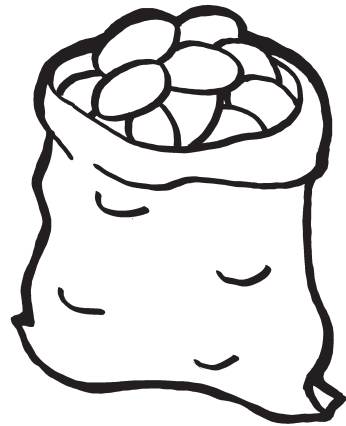
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BUSINESS SKILLS



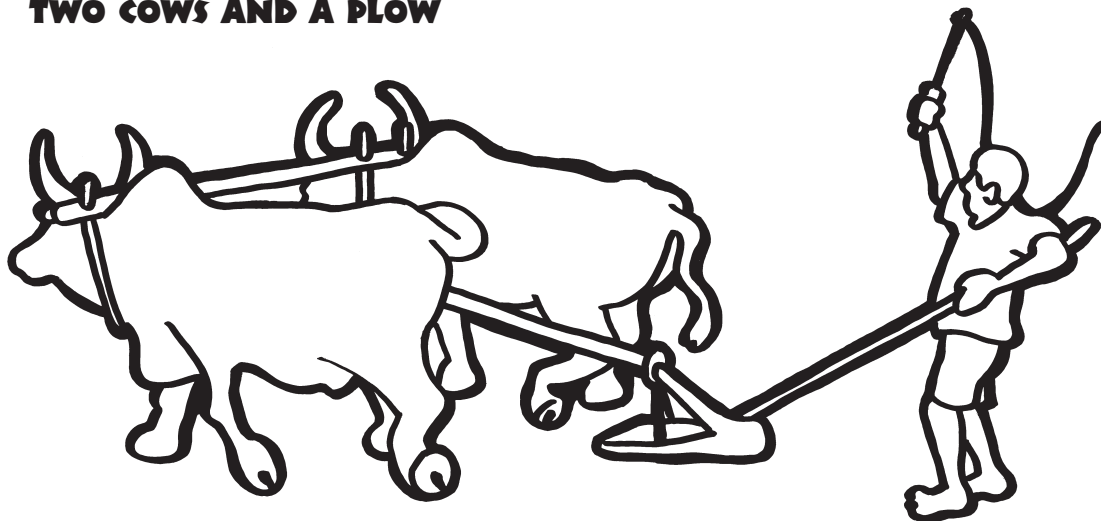
A SACK OF SEED POTATOES



BUSINESS SKILLS



TWO COWS AND A PLOW



A COMPLETE COMMUNITY

