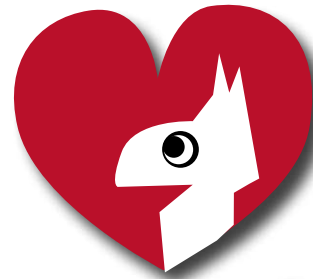
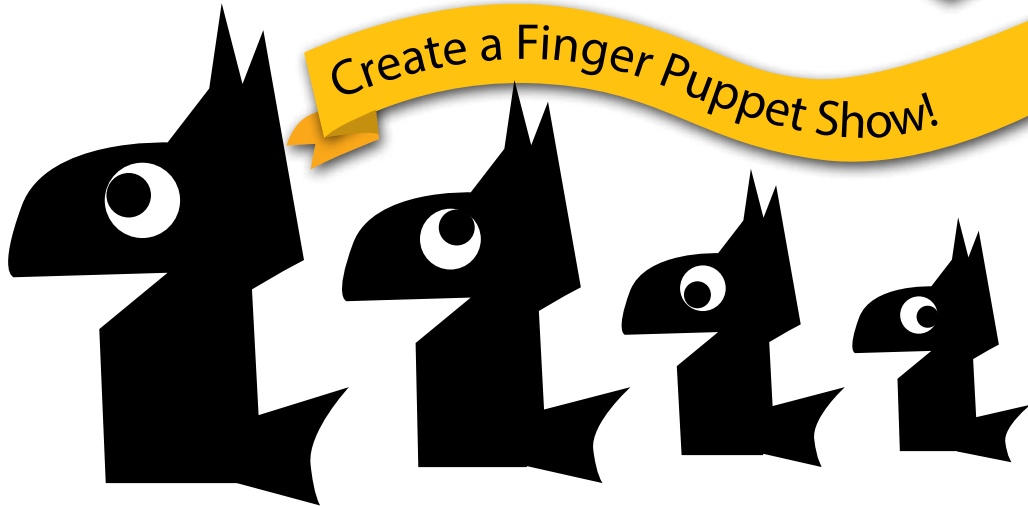


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Whoopi Bird Packets come with 6 birds (Mama, Papa, and kid birds) and a story book.

* Must supply glue (hot glue for quicker assembly), markers, paints, brushes, or any items you feel will look great as decorations.

* Bird packets comes with eye stickers.

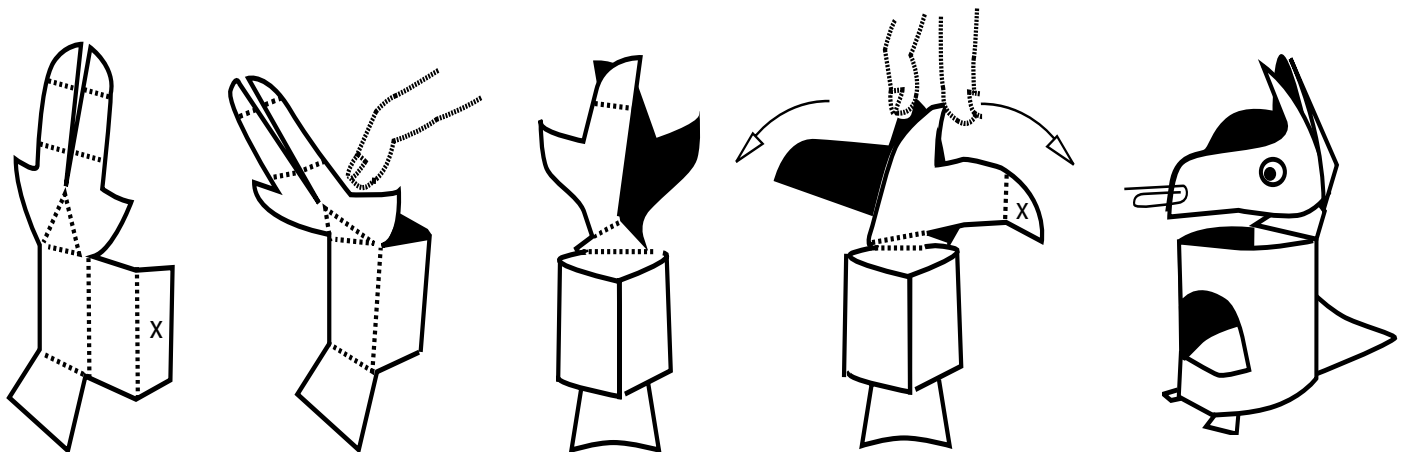
Opening to Lesson

- This lesson is to be done outdoors on a very nice day, in the classroom or home. You can assign students to collect things with their parents at home, but if the activity takes place during school hours, I recommend trying to get volunteers in advance to help with monitoring the students. This could also be a good big-buddy, little-buddy activity.
- The teacher will lead a discussion with students about the Whoopi Bird by showing an example of how it works. Then explain how these birds are eco-friendly and can be decorated by things found in nature. Show examples of the Whoopi Birds decorated with things from nature.
- Give an assignment for parents and children to collect things around their house or on a hike in the woods to decorate their bird in the classroom. After birds are decorated have the students come up with a short puppet show to perform in front of the class. Topics of the puppet show can be how the student acquired their decorations and their experience finding the special objects.



Start of lesson:

- Talk with students about how paper toys are better for the environment than plastic toys.
- Don't vandalize or break anything in nature, or litter.
- Discuss how the birds are put together (see assembly photos).
- Pass out sheets of die-cut Whoopi Birds and have them punch out a Papa bird.
- Have the students assemble the Papa Bird first (it is easier to understand assembly).
- Share the unique way you construct a Whoopi Bird, have students follow along.
- Do not discard the sheets after birds are punched out (they can be used for templates later).
- Have a hot glue gun at your desk (it is faster to glue).
- Have students line up at your desk when they have the bird folded on all fold lines.
- Assist with the head panel construction and apply a glue dot on student's bird beak.
- Apply glue to the beak and then have student pinch together until dry.
- Once heads are glued have students fold the belly panel and line up for a glue dot on belly panel.
- Elmer's glue or glue sticks can be used but it takes a long time to dry. Applying a hot glue dot is quicker.
- Observe the puppet the student now has put together - show how fingers go through front opening.
- Show how the head can fold back to create a bobble head effect when you shake puppet.
- Now have students punch out the kid (baby) birds that will be the legs of the larger bird.
- Repeat the process of students lining up to have glue applied to their bird to secure.
- Once a larger Mama or Papa bird and kid birds are assembled, show how they can walk.
- Follow pictures and have the kids make their birds walk by sticking fingers into smaller birds.
- The tails of the smaller birds become the feet for the larger bird (see photos).



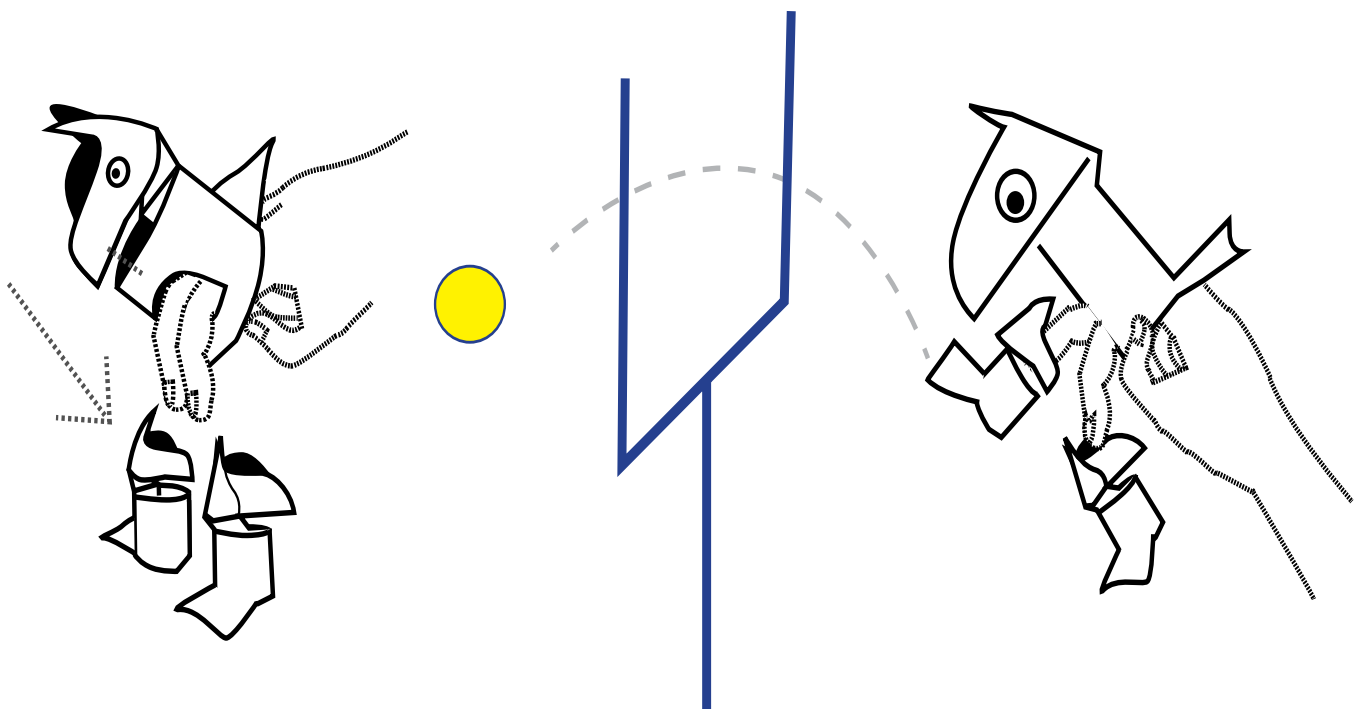
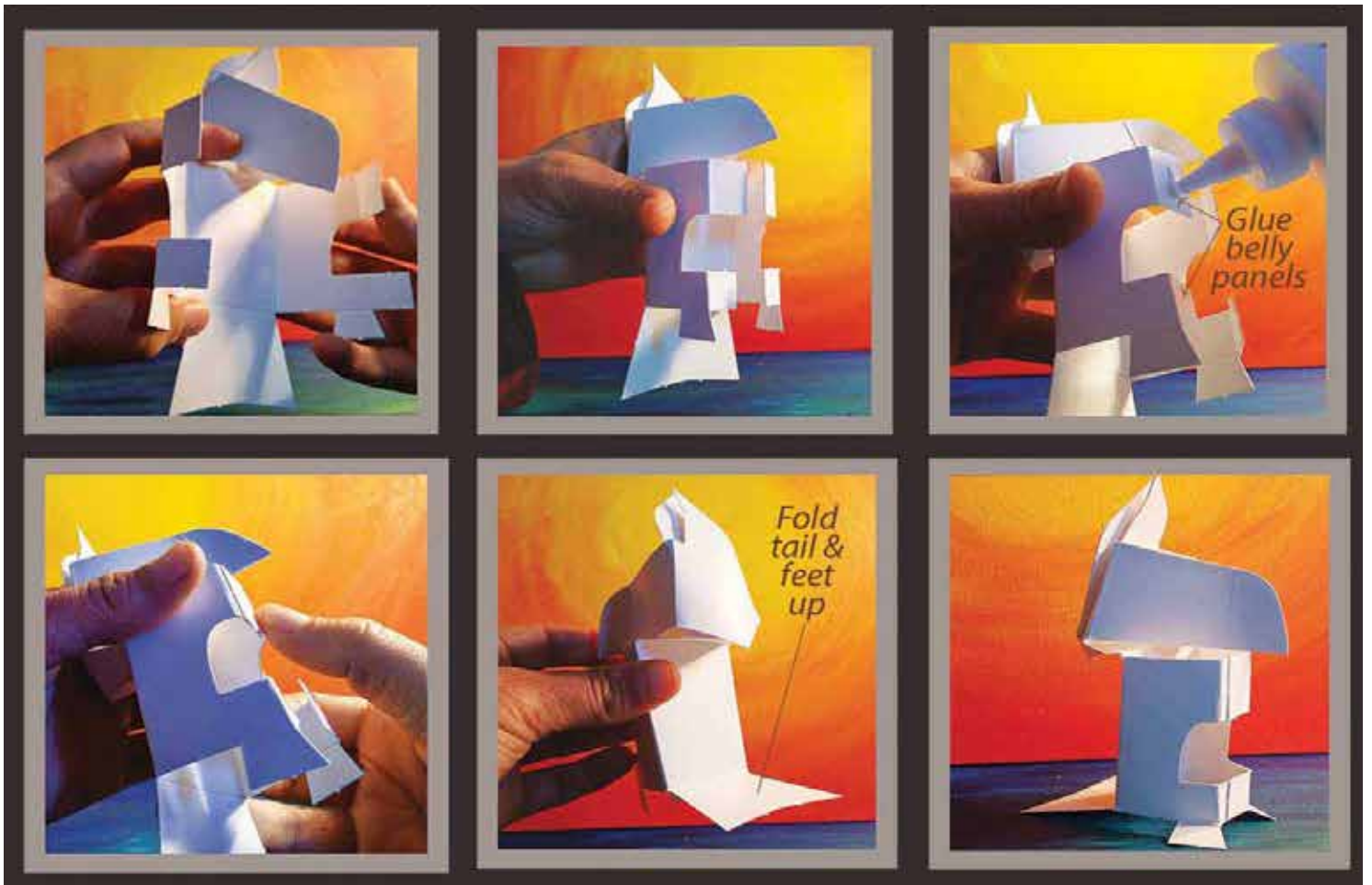


How to assemble the head panel:

- First Fold Head Panel Back.



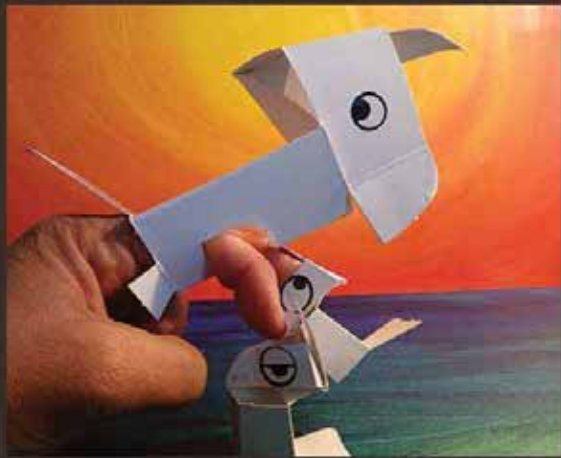
How to assemble the body:



Now learn how your bird can walk!



Stick Fingers through front opening,



**Now stick fingers into the heads of kid birds
with tails facing forward like feet.**

Read The Whoopi Bird Story:

Now that the students have an assembled Whoopi Bird, show the story “Whoopi Bird Find’s It’s Colors”. Packets of birds have a printed copy of the story, if you have no copy go to www.whoopibird.com to see the story on-line or go to the last pages of this document to print out. This story will be the inspiration for students to go outside and collect the different elements from characters in the story.

Talk about the beautiful colors in all seasons, the unique shapes of leaves from different trees, the different textures of rocks, sticks and feathers, etc... be specific to your area. Ask students to name some items from nature they see every day outside.

Collect items to decorate:

- Have markers ready for students to color on their birds and personalize them.
- Ask students what colors are found in the places around their home, rivers, or forests.
- Tell students that today they will go outside for a fun lesson making puppets from found materials.
- Explain that they are only to use things that they have found with supervision.
- They can find fallen leaves, flowers, sticks, but they should not pick anything off without permission.
- Emphasize that they want to conserve the environment the way it is.
- Explain that they will be presenting the things they find to glue on their bird to a adult.
- Talk about what materials the students can use to make their bird.
- Have them refer to story for nature elements (leaves, sticks, pepples, flowers, berries, pinecones, etc.).
- Have them collect in a bag either during a class trip or a home assignment with parents.

They can use scissors to cut the leaves, flowers, sticks, etc.

**WARNING! CHECK MATERIALS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE NOT HARMFUL!
Search and download a poisonous species list for your area.
Beware of choke hazards for small children.**

- Have students right their names on birds and keep them in class till they have collected all objects to decorate with. Another option is to collect things yourself and have them available for students to decorate with or have a weekend assignment where they go and collect things at home on their own time to take to class the next week to decorate the rest of birds in class.

Note: Have a waste bin ready to throw away any trash they find.

Closing:

Let students share and describe their art that they made by themselves or with their partner to the class.

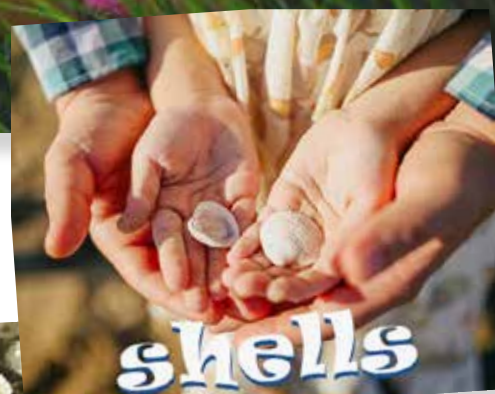


Other Decorations:

- Fuzzy Balls
- Gem Stones
- Feathers
- Jingle Bells
- Sparkles
- Googly Eyes
- Stickers



Find things in Nature





Tips & tricks to assemble, decorate and play with your Whoopi Birds.

- Pre-color birds with paint or markers before punching out of paper.
- Bend and move paper around to get desired head and body shape. It takes some practice to get a feel for how the paper will bend. Some fold lines should be pressed harder than others. Pinching the top feathers together on head secures it for gluing beak.
- Decorate Mama and Papa birds with lots of objects but keep decorations minimal on smaller kid birds as they will need to be the legs. Too many things glued to kid birds may make it difficult to do the “walking” action for the puppet show.
- Keep the sheet after you punch out birds, they can be used as a template for future birds. Simply trace the die-cut shape and use the Whoopi Bird fold and glue method to assemble. Use a heavy card stock paper to make it sturdy. You may also use a piece of cardboard (a great way to recycle used packages).

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Other Creations for Whoopi Birds



PENCIL TOPPERS:

There are many ways you can share the Whoopi Bird. The small (baby) birds can be put on the end of pencils or pens.



DINOSAUR CHARACTERS

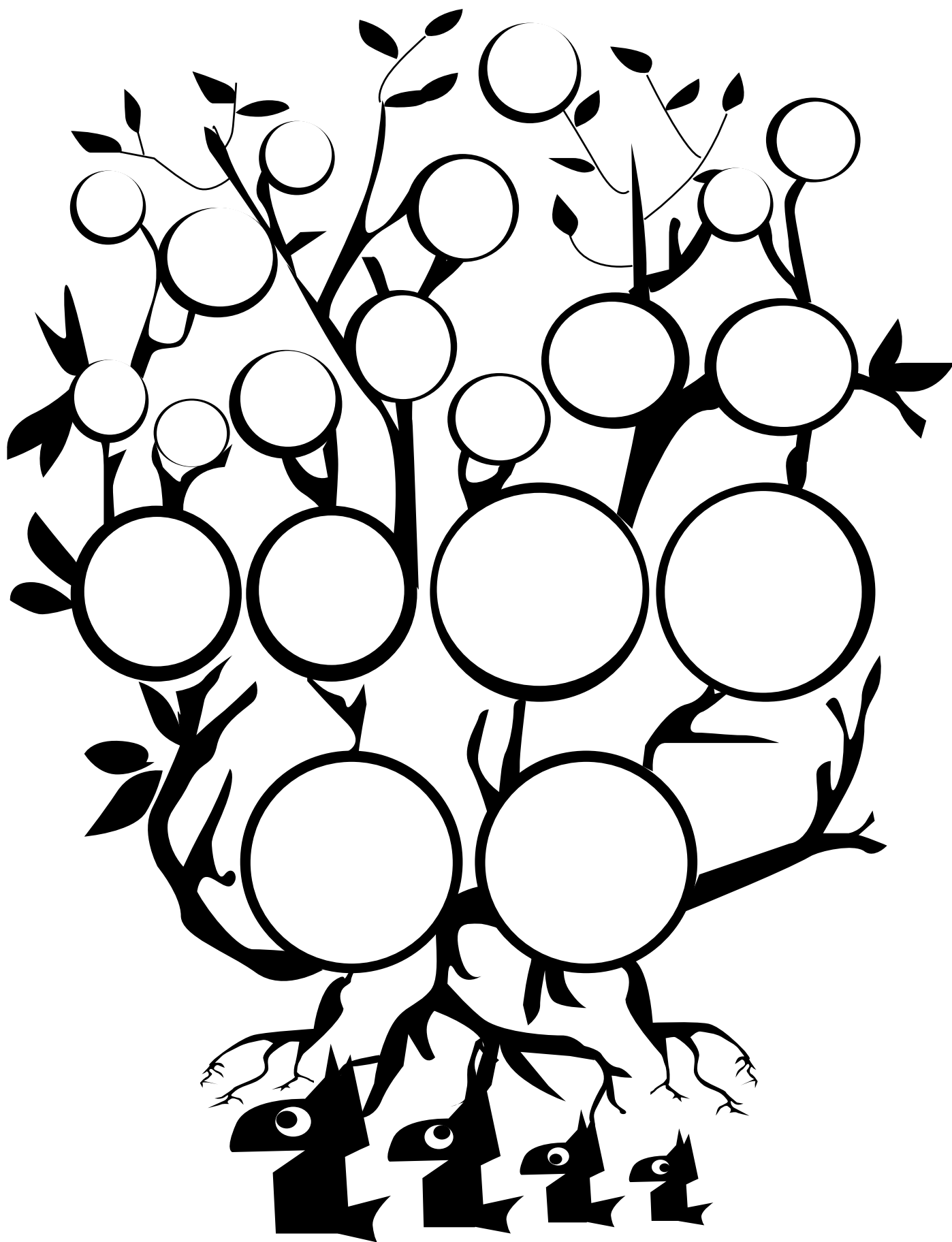
Print out different animals like a dinosaur to paste onto the heads of the Whoopi Bird. Examples coming soon on the website.



GREETING CARD HOLDER

Have the class create a greeting card. Then the Whoopi Bird can be the card holder, giving it a eye catching and unique way to display your message. Simply cut slits into the belly portion for the card to slide in. More examples on the website.

Create your family history tree



Perform a task Game

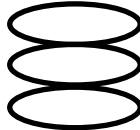
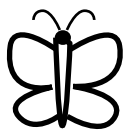
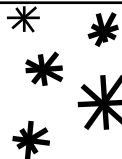
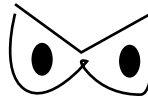
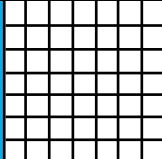
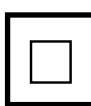
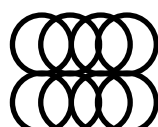
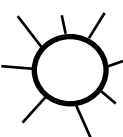
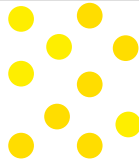
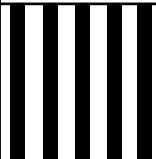
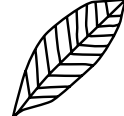
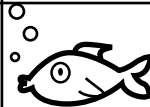
Print out cards (2 sheets) - set out dots or markers on the floor (up to 30 marks). Then have the students pull a card out of a hat and perform the task in front of the stu-

Act out a scene from a movie for 30 seconds Climb 2 dots	Must have little bird leg and kick field goal (5 attempts) - Climb 4 dots	Do the can can dance & say "Whoopi" for 30 seconds - Climb 5 dots	Fill in your special task Climb 6 dots
Do any song and dance for 15 seconds Climb 2 dots	Must have little bird leg and kick field goal (5 attempts) - Climb 4 dots	Take a picture of you and your bird and send it to someone - Climb 5 dots	Fill in your special task Climb 6 dots
Tap yourself on the head with your bird and turn around 3 times Climb 2 dots	Must have little bird leg and kick field goal (5 attempts) - Climb 4 dots	Read a Dr. Suess story to your bird for one minute Climb 5 spaces	Fill in your special task Climb 6 dots
Click head up and down 10 times & count them out Climb 2 dots	Must have little bird leg and kick field goal (5 attempts) - Climb 4 dots	Say one nice thing about other player (& they have to agree it was nice) Climb 3 spaces	Fill in your special task Climb 6 dots
Do any song and dance for 15 seconds Climb 2 dots	Must have little bird leg and kick field goal (5 attempts) - Climb 4 dots	Take your bird to the bathroom and make a fart noise Climb 2 dots	Fill in your special task Climb 6 dots
Tap yourself on the head with your bird and turn around 3 times Climb 2 dots	Write down a four line poem that rhymes Climb 3 dots	Call somebody and say "Whoopi" 3 times & hang up Climb 3 dots	Load paper ball on top of head feathers and flick it through field goal (you get 4 attempts) Climb 6 dots

Bingo Style Decoration Game

Have students pick a bingo number out of hat (H6, etc.). Students then draw the symbol on their bird.

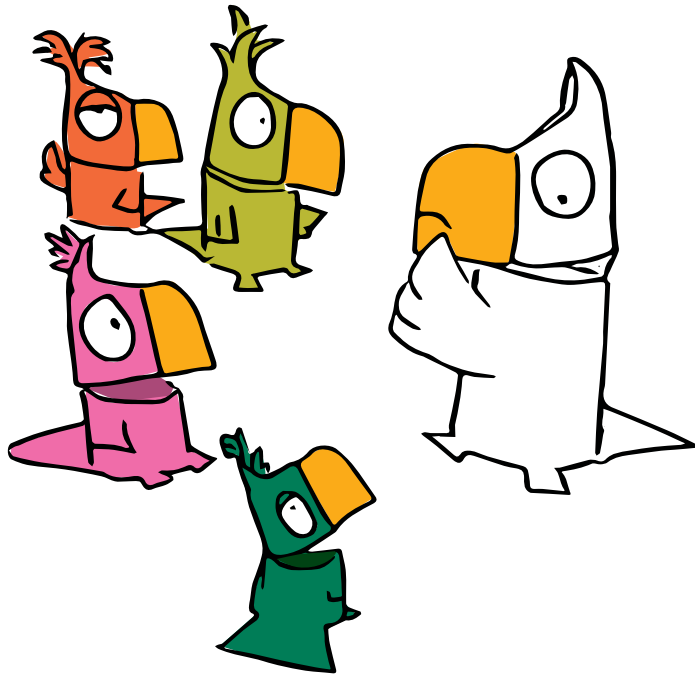
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finds it's colors

In the garden was a Whoopi Bird tree
where all the Whoopi Birds sat
and sang their Whoopi Bird songs.



Every Whoopi Bird was unique.
Each one full of vibrant colors
and beautiful feathers.

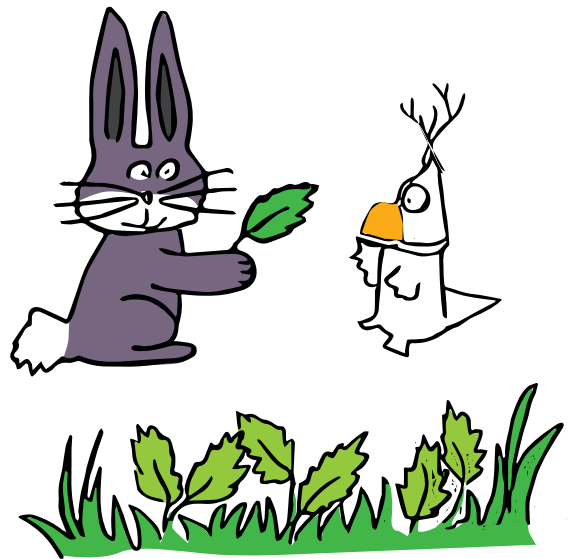
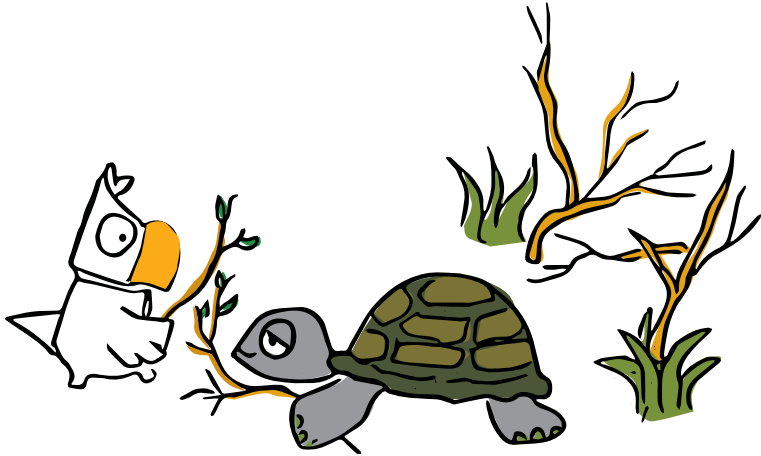
But one little Whoopi Bird was
very sad because they were born
without any colors or feathers.

Mama Whoopi said,
“Go into the garden
and collect the colors
you like the most.”

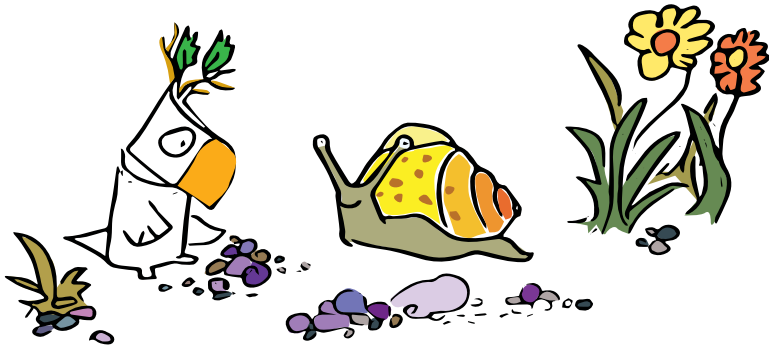


So the little Whoopi Bird went into the garden to find it's colors.

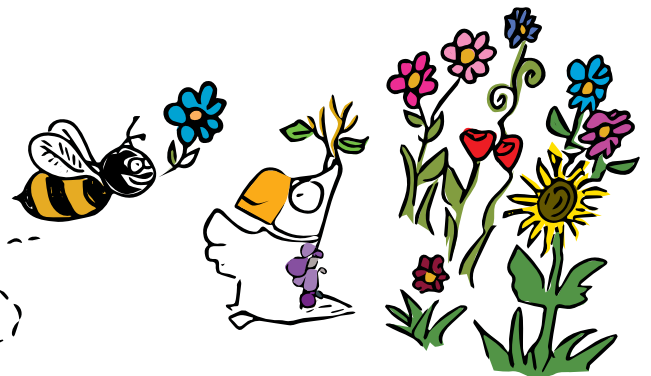
The Whoopi Bird found a trusty Turtle
who shared it's **orange** twigs.



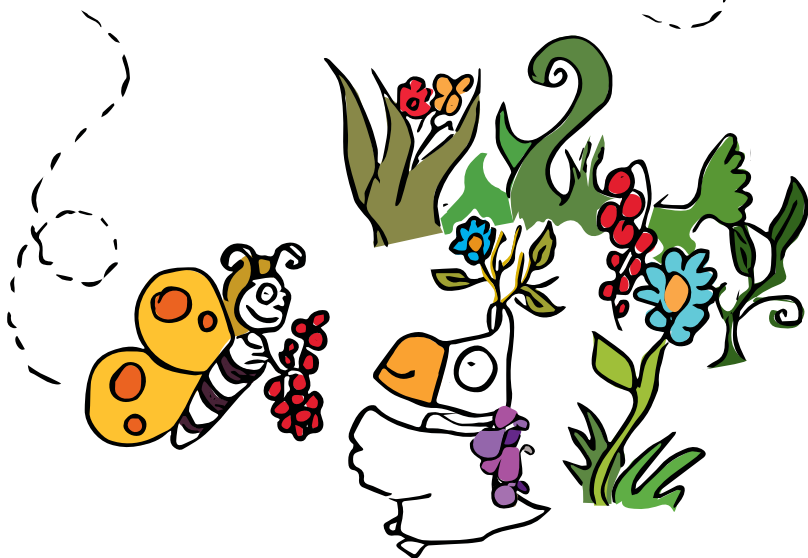
Then a rascally Rabbit hopped out
and shared growing **green** leaves.



A slippery Snail slinked over and
shared pretty **purple** pebbles.



A busy Bee buzzed by and
shared beautiful **blue** flowers.

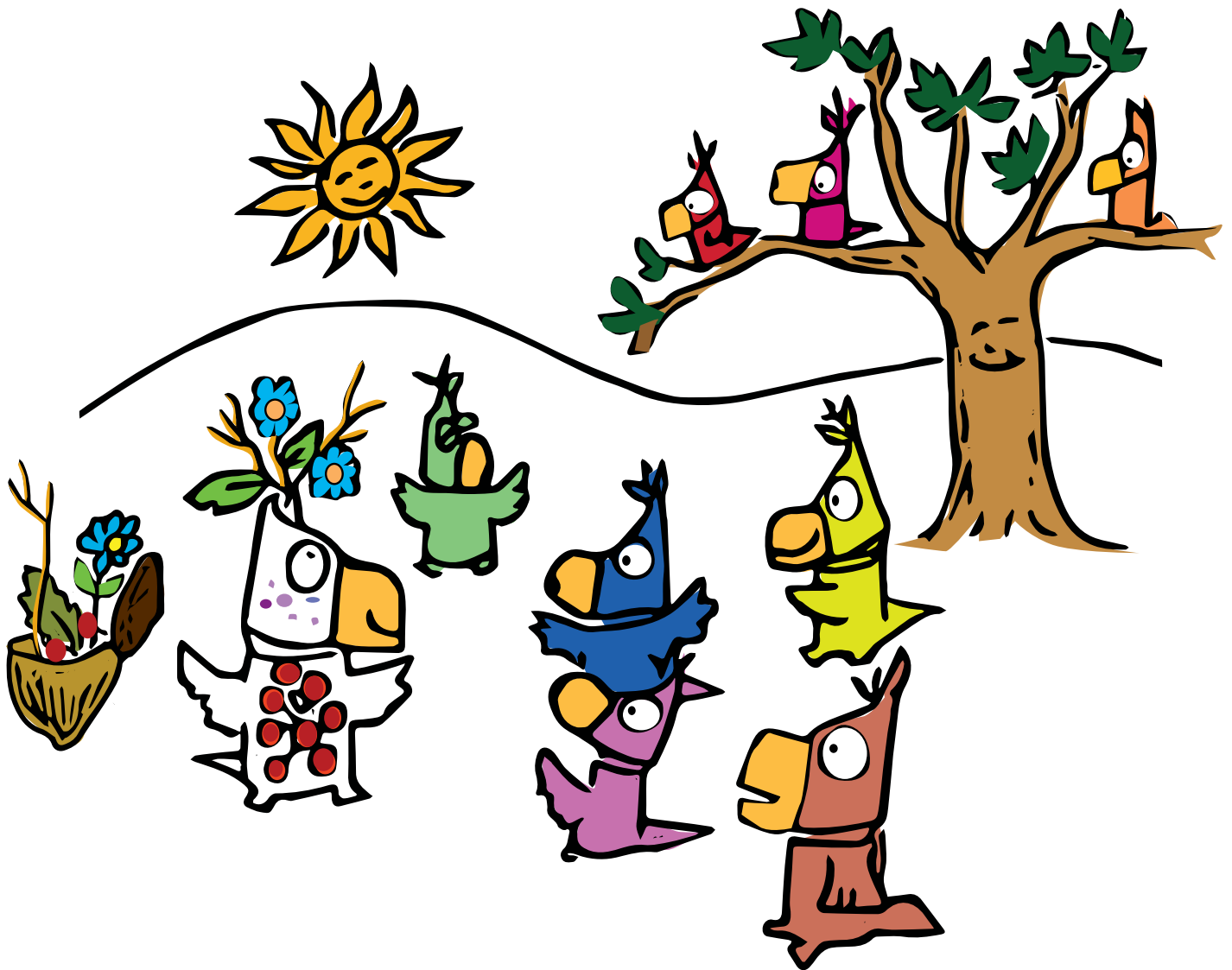


A fancy Butterfly fluttered by
and shared radiant **red** berries.



Then a silly Squirrel showed up and
shared a **brown** tree nut.

At last the Whoopi Bird was full of colors
and went home to share the dazzling display with their family.



Now the little Whoopi Bird was the most colorful of
all the Whoopi Birds in the Whoopi Bird Tree.

And they all sang
Whoopi! Whoopi!



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