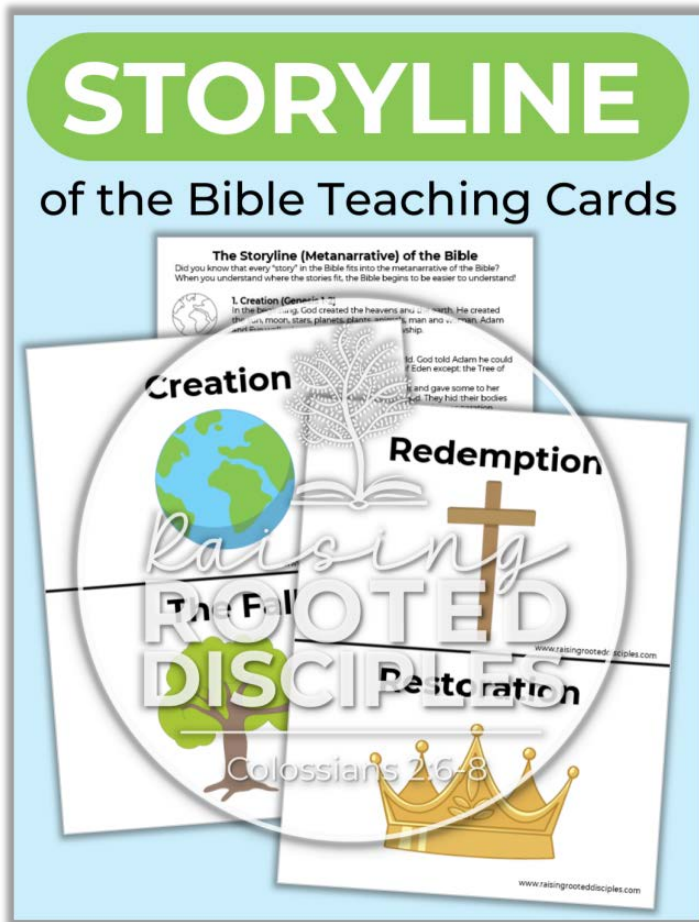


The Storyline of the Bible

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Teaching the individual events (or stories) of the Bible is WONDERFUL. Helping kids see how the stories all fit together into one overarching storyline is even better!

I like to say that the stories of Scripture are like individual pieces of a puzzle. The storyline (sometimes called the *metanarrative*) is the box top of what the entire puzzle looks like. Just like the picture on the puzzle's box top helps to clarify the placement and purpose of each individual puzzle piece, so does the storyline of Scripture help give context and clarity to the meaning and purpose behind each story in the Bible.

When teaching the individual stories, help kids/teens see where the stories fit into the metanarrative of Scripture.

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The Storyline (Metanarrative) of the Bible

Did you know that every “story” in the Bible fits into the metanarrative of the Bible? When you understand where the stories fit, the Bible begins to be easier to understand!



1. Creation (Genesis 1-2)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He created the sun, moon, stars, planets, plants, animals, man and woman. Adam and Eve walked with God in unbroken fellowship.

2. The Fall (Genesis 3)

Man disobeyed God, and sin entered the world. God told Adam he could freely eat the fruit of any tree in the Garden of Eden except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Eve was deceived by Satan. She ate of the fruit and gave some to her husband, Adam. Immediately, they felt ashamed. They hid their bodies from one another and tried to hide from God. Sin brings separation. God pronounced a curse on the serpent and on the earth. He gave consequences to both Adam and Eve. At the same time, He proclaimed a Redeemer would be born of a woman to crush Satan’s head. (Genesis 3:15)

3. Redemption (Genesis-The Epistles)

God chose a nation through whom He would bring the Redeemer. He chose Israel. God did not choose Israel because they were greater than other nations. As a matter of fact, all throughout the Old Testament, we see that they were disobedient, stubborn, and stiff-necked. (Before we get too down on Israel, It’s good to remember, we would have been the same way!)

Throughout the Old Testament, God sent prophets who spoke from God to the people. These prophets also gave prophecies, so we’d know the identity of the Redeemer when He arrived.

In Galatians 4:4, we see that “in the fullness of time,” God sent Jesus, born of a woman, to redeem us from the law and to adopt us as children of God. God is Sovereign. He knew the right time for Jesus, His Son, to arrive to redeem us. Jesus lived a sinless life; He died the death we deserved. He rose again, conquering sin and death! Hallelujah!

4. Restoration (Prophetic Passages such as Revelation)

We can look around and see that things in the world are upside-down. Evil is called “good” and celebrated. Good is called “evil” and rejected. God promises that one day, He will turn everything that’s upside-down right-side up. He will restore and make things whole again, like they were in the Garden before sin. He will create a new heaven and a new earth. Jesus will reign as King. God always keeps His promises, so let’s look forward to that day when God will make all things new.

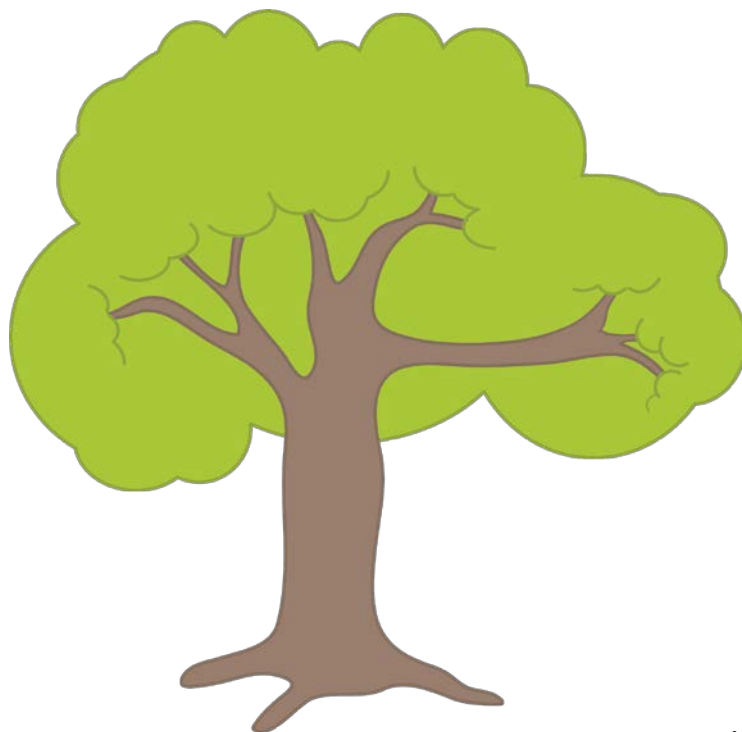


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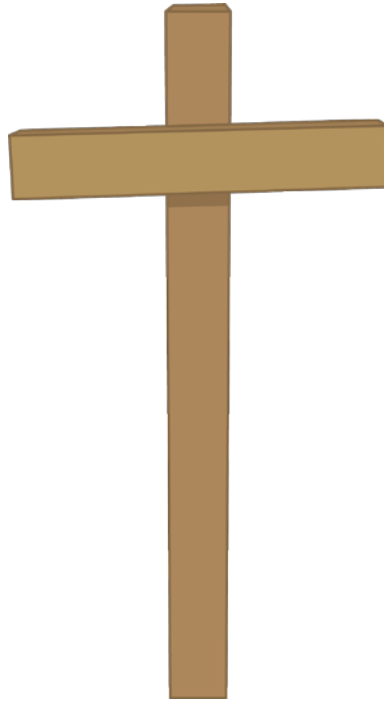
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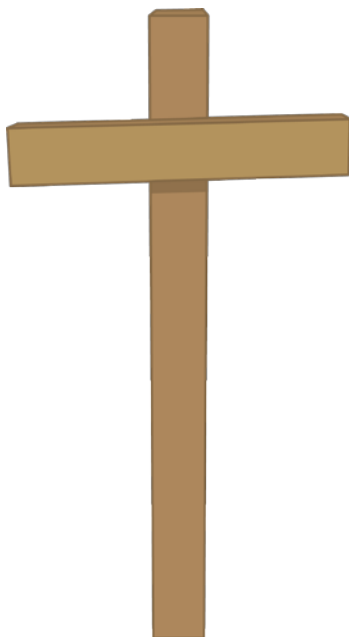
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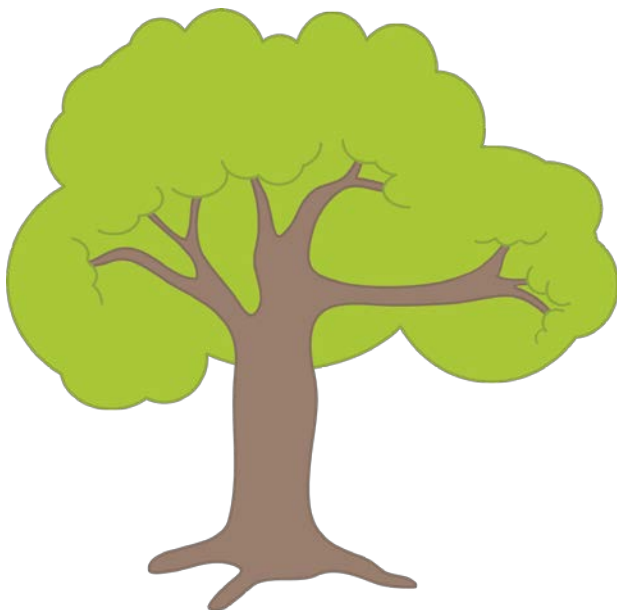


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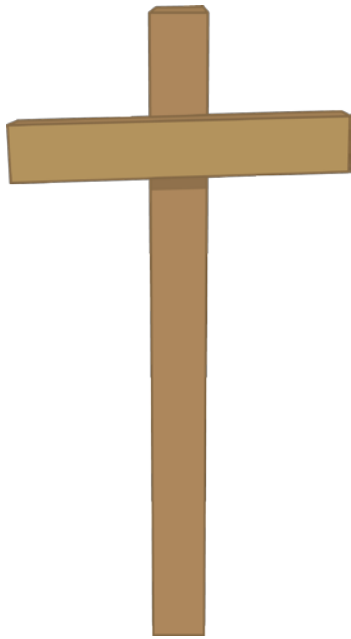


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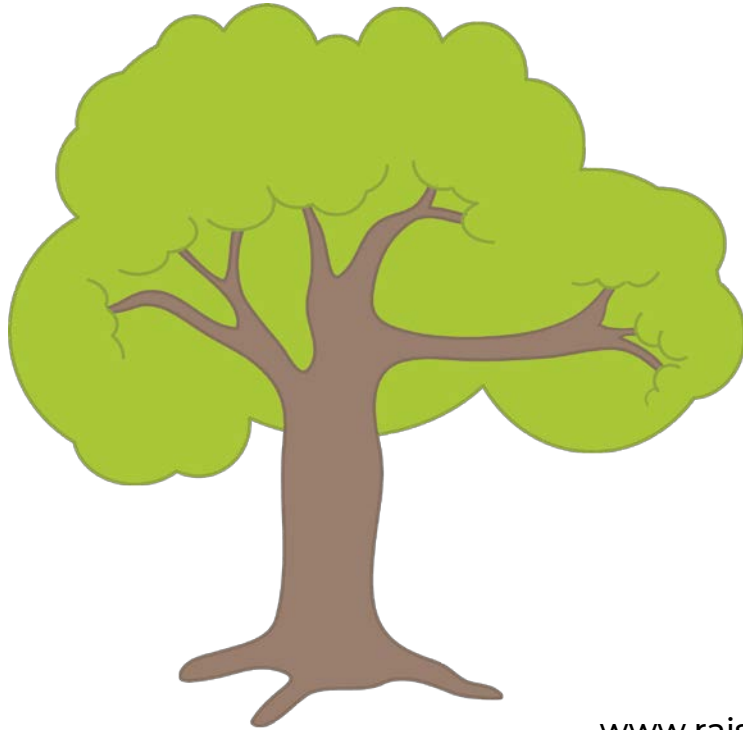


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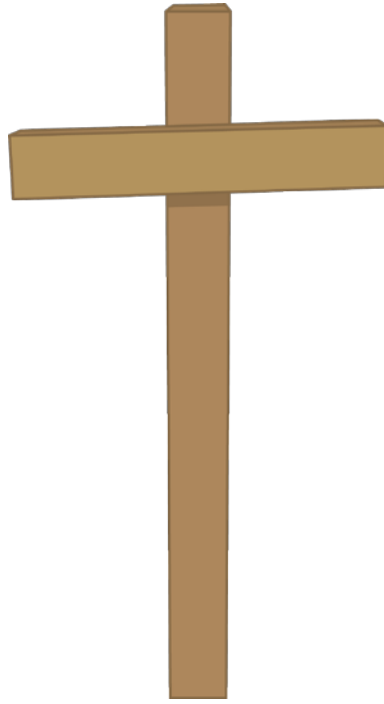


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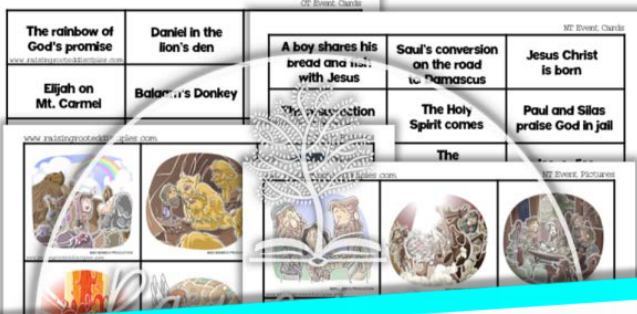
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TESTAMENTS	CHAPTERS/VERSES	INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND
The Bible has two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament has 39 books and is at the front of your Bible. The New Testament has 27 books and is towards the back of your Bible.	Each book of the Bible is split into chapters. And each chapter is split into verses. Some books have more than one chapter. Chapters are numbered so you can quickly find a verse in a book of the Bible.	Some Bibles have a little paragraph or page before the book of the Bible that shares about the author and the background of the book. Don't skip these pages, as the background can help you better understand the book.
STUDY NOTES	TAGS/CONTENTS	MAPS
Study Bibles often have Application Notes which give notes about verses or ideas for life. These are helpful to help you understand the meaning of a page.	Found at the beginning of your Bible, this page helps you find the page number for each book of the Bible. When you open your Bible, it is still a bit like a book. Some people have tabs in their Bibles to help them find a quickly find a book.	Maps are often in the back of your Bible. They help you find the place where a story happened. The map tells you where a story happened. It's important to note the location of the story. Maps are still very useful. They help you understand the background of the story.
HEADINGS	CONCORDANCE	CROSS REFERENCES
Headings (called pericopes) can help you quickly locate where a passage of story is in the Bible if you already know the general vicinity. For example, if you know that The Prodigal Son is in Luke somewhere, the headings can help you find it when you scan the pages.	A concordance works like an index and can be found at the beginning or at the end of Bibles. Concordances may feature topics (such as love or faith), words (such as depart or gift), and/or people and places in alphabetical order with Bible references so you can more easily find them.	The Bible references or refers to itself often. For example, Matthew refers to the Old Testament prophecies. Some verses will have a small letter beside the verse. Then, down at the bottom of the page, it will tell you where that cross reference is found somewhere else in the Bible.

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The Top-Down Approach

Unit of Meaning	Definition	Examples/Questions
Genre	Genre is the type of literature or communication used by the author. Knowing the genre (or kind of text) helps you understand the meaning of a passage. As you read, ask yourself: What is the genre of this text?	prophecy, narratives, poetry or songs, proven history, genealogy, parables, letters or epistles, laws, etc.
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LARGEST to simplest unit of meaning

Begin with the largest unit of meaning, genre, and move to the smallest when you are trying to understand the Bible. This is the 'top-down' approach.



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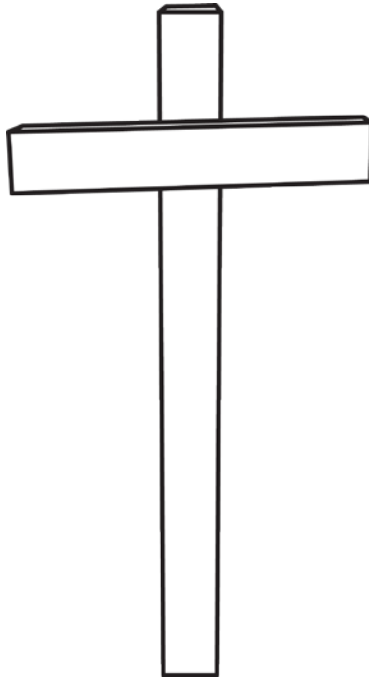
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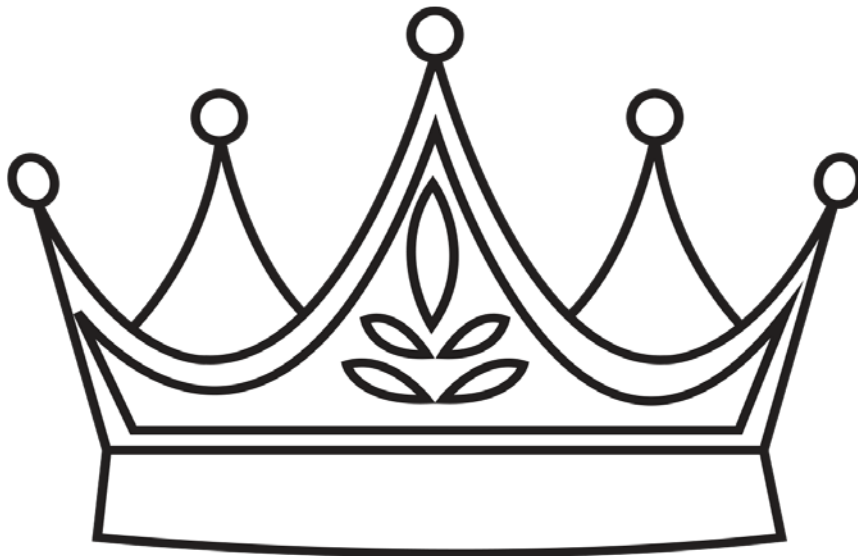
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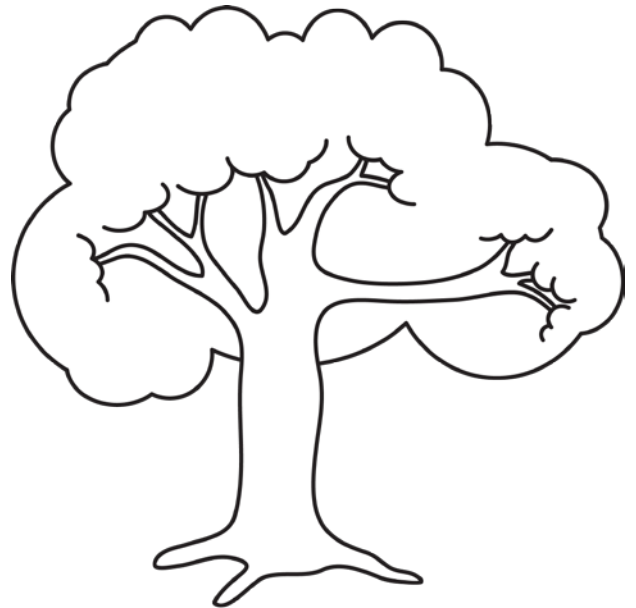
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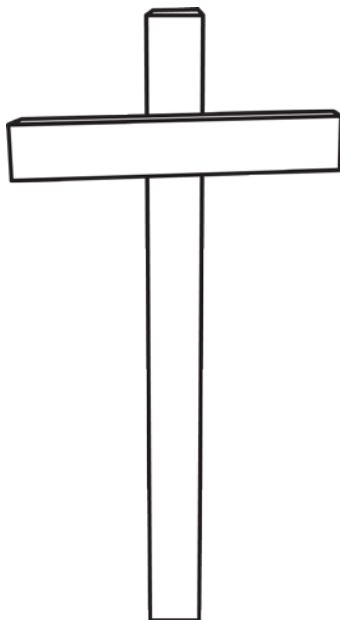
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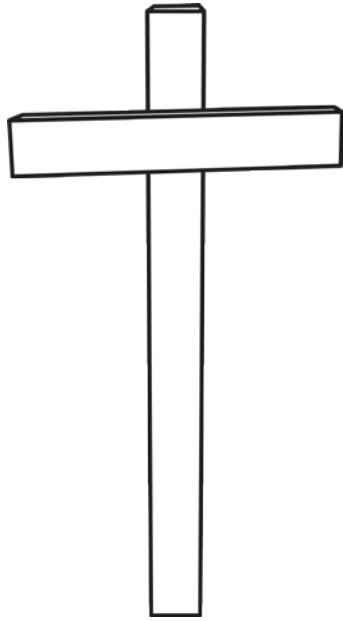


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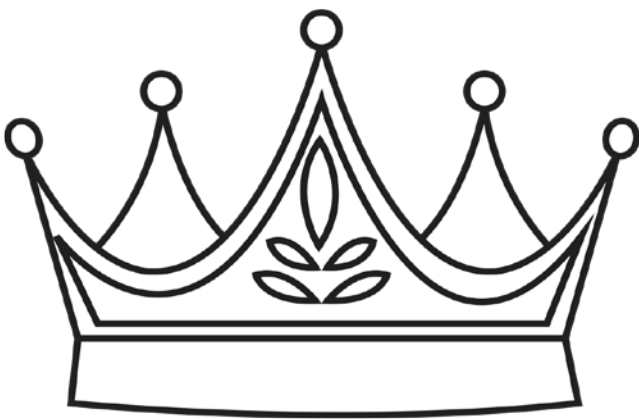


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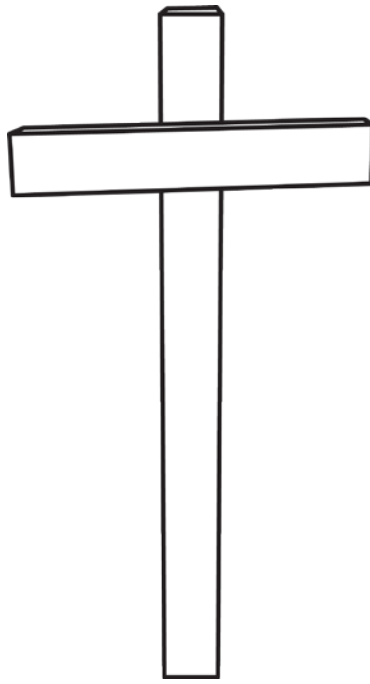


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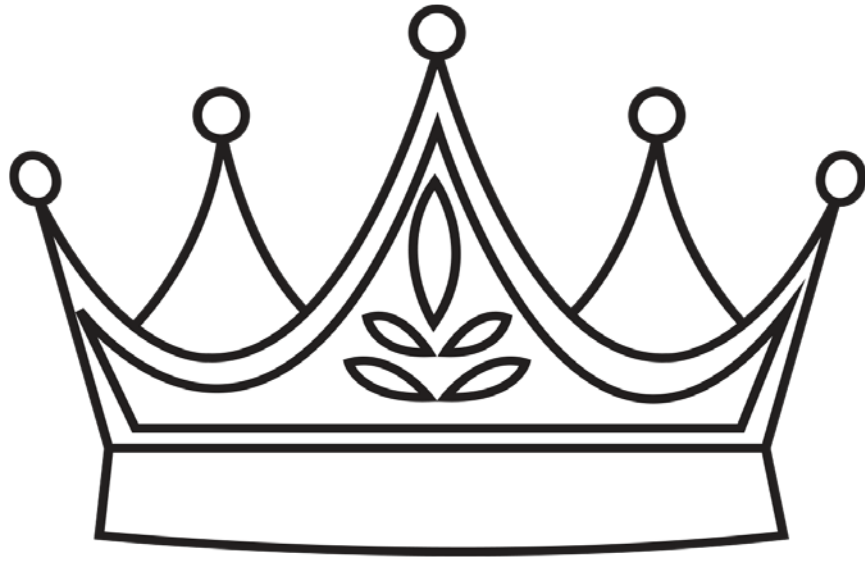


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