

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

BABY JESUS

IS BORN

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS

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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of Baby Jesus is Born from your children's Bible. Would you rather? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "Baby Jesus is Born Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Even though we celebrate Christmas on December 25, this is probably different from the actual day Jesus was born. We don't know when Jesus was born, and scholars argue about it. The Roman Catholic Church decided many, many, many years ago to celebrate Jesus' birth on December 25.

Where was Jesus Born?

Many Christmas stories and people say that Jesus was born in a stable. But the Bible doesn't actually say that Jesus was born in a stable. It says there was no guest room available. This could have been an inn or it could have been a guest room in a relative's house. It is very likely that there were relatives around because everyone in Joseph's family would have to return to Bethlehem for the census.

In Israel, animals were not kept in a wooden stable or barn. They were kept in caves or on the lower level of a house. Modern-day nativity scenes often depict the stable as a wooden barn, but it is possible that Jesus was born in a cave or on the lower level of a house where animals were kept.

What is a manger?

A manger is a trough for feeding animals. It could have been made from wood or stone.

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Baby Jesus is Born: Quickly map out the four main parts of the story.

- Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem
- There is no room for them
- Jesus is born
- Mary wraps Jesus and lays him in a manger

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 How do you think Mary and Joseph were feeling after their long trip?	QUESTION #2 What happened when they tried to find a place to stay?
QUESTION #3 Where was Jesus born and where did Mary put him?	QUESTION #4 What do you think it was like in the stable?



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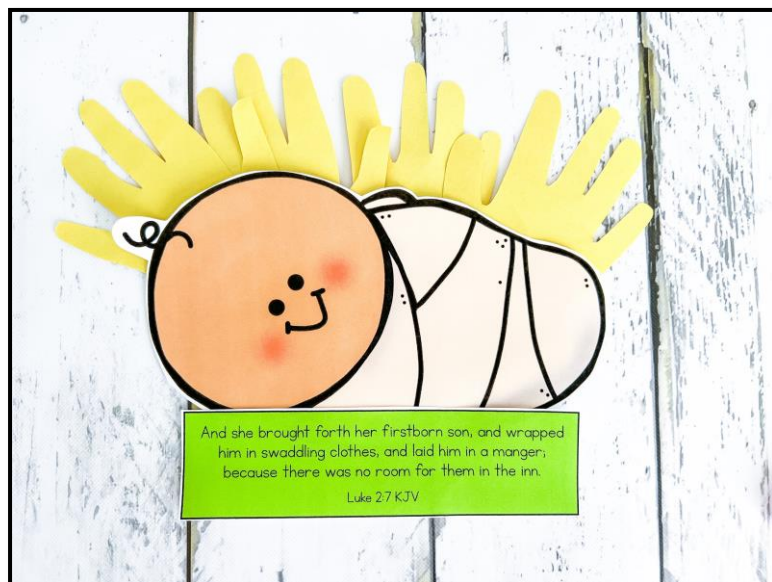
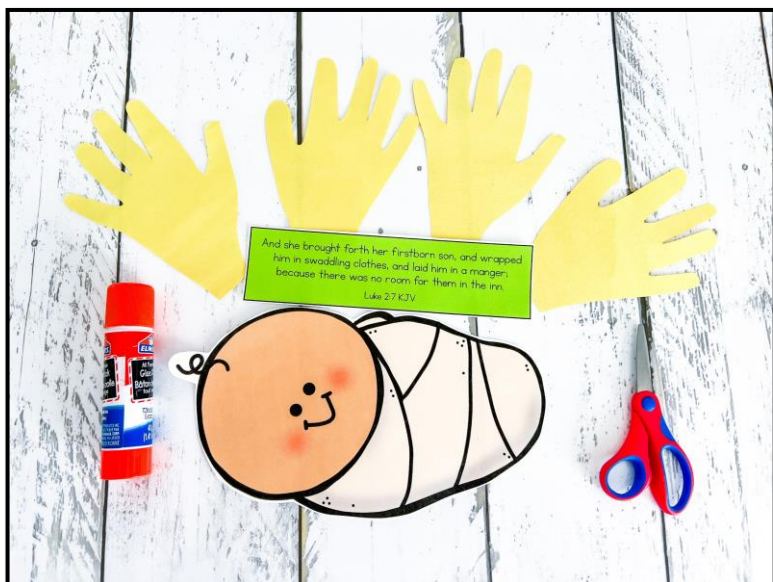
Step Three: Do the craft/activity.

Before the lesson: Print out the baby Jesus templates (one per child). Gather yellow construction paper, scissors, glue, and drawing/coloring materials.

Give each child a Baby Jesus template and ask them to color it. Next, have kids trace their hand four times on a yellow piece of paper. They might need a partner to help with this. Depending on the size of the kids' hands, they might need two pieces of paper. Cut out the yellow hands.

Show kids how to arrange the yellow hands behind Baby Jesus to look like hay. Glue the hands into position. Then glue or write the Memory Verse at the bottom of the craft.

Alternative: Cut yellow construction paper into thin strips. Glue the paper to the back of the Baby Jesus template until it resembles hay.



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Baby Jesus is Born' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Kids will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

And she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:7 (NIV)

Big idea suggestion: Jesus came to earth as a baby.



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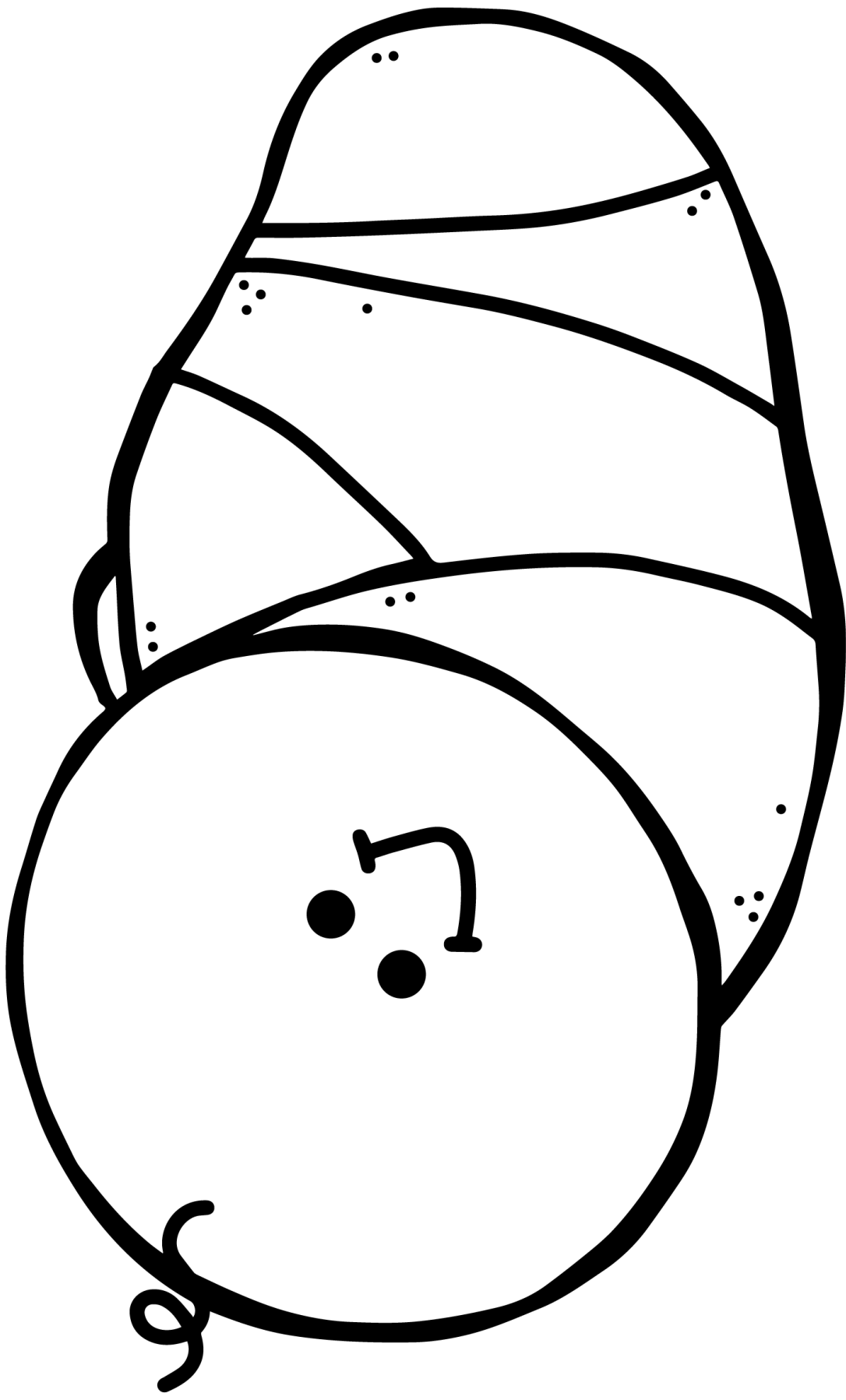
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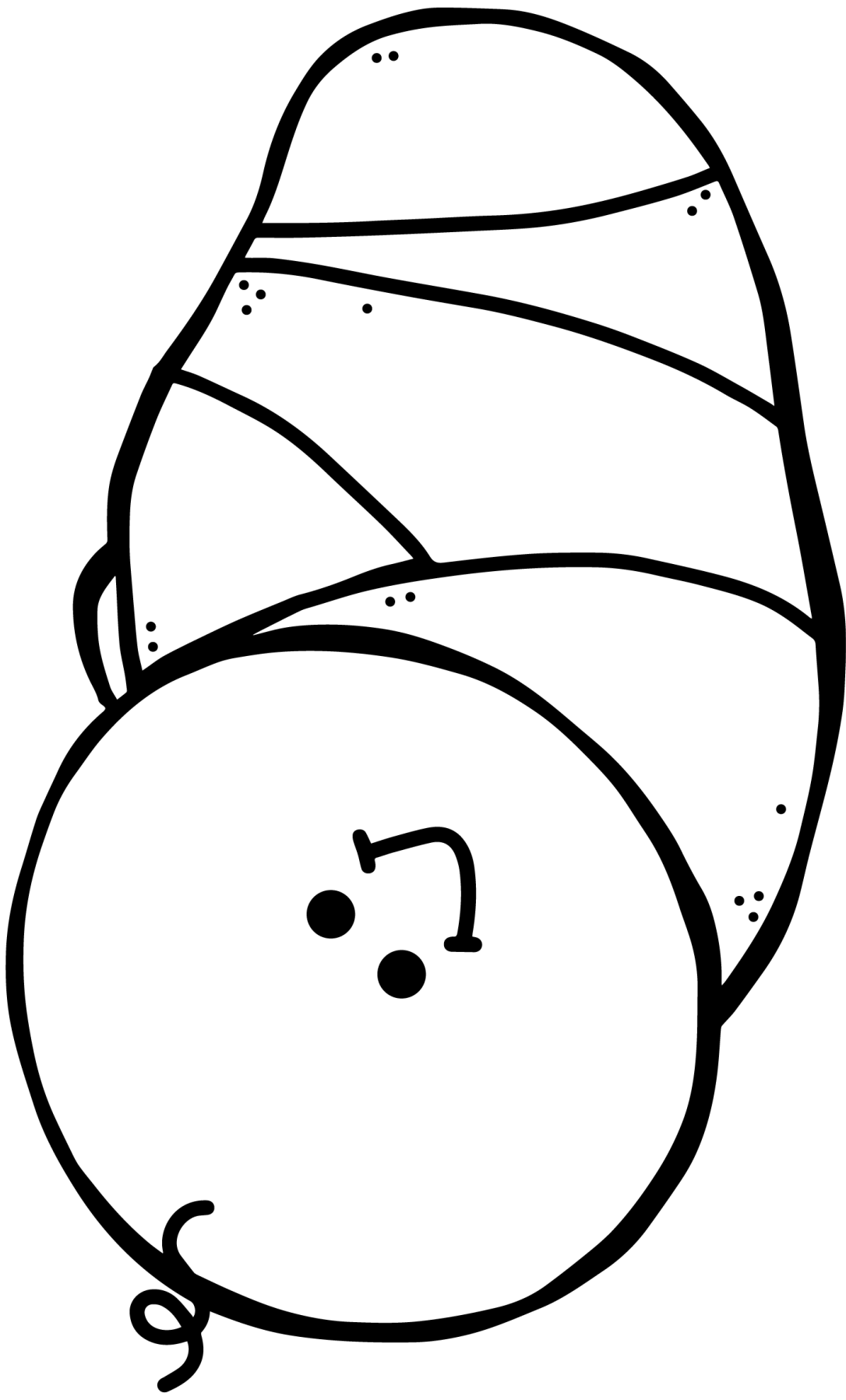
QUESTION #4

What do you think it was like in the stable?



And she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in clothes and places him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:7 NIV



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because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7 KJV

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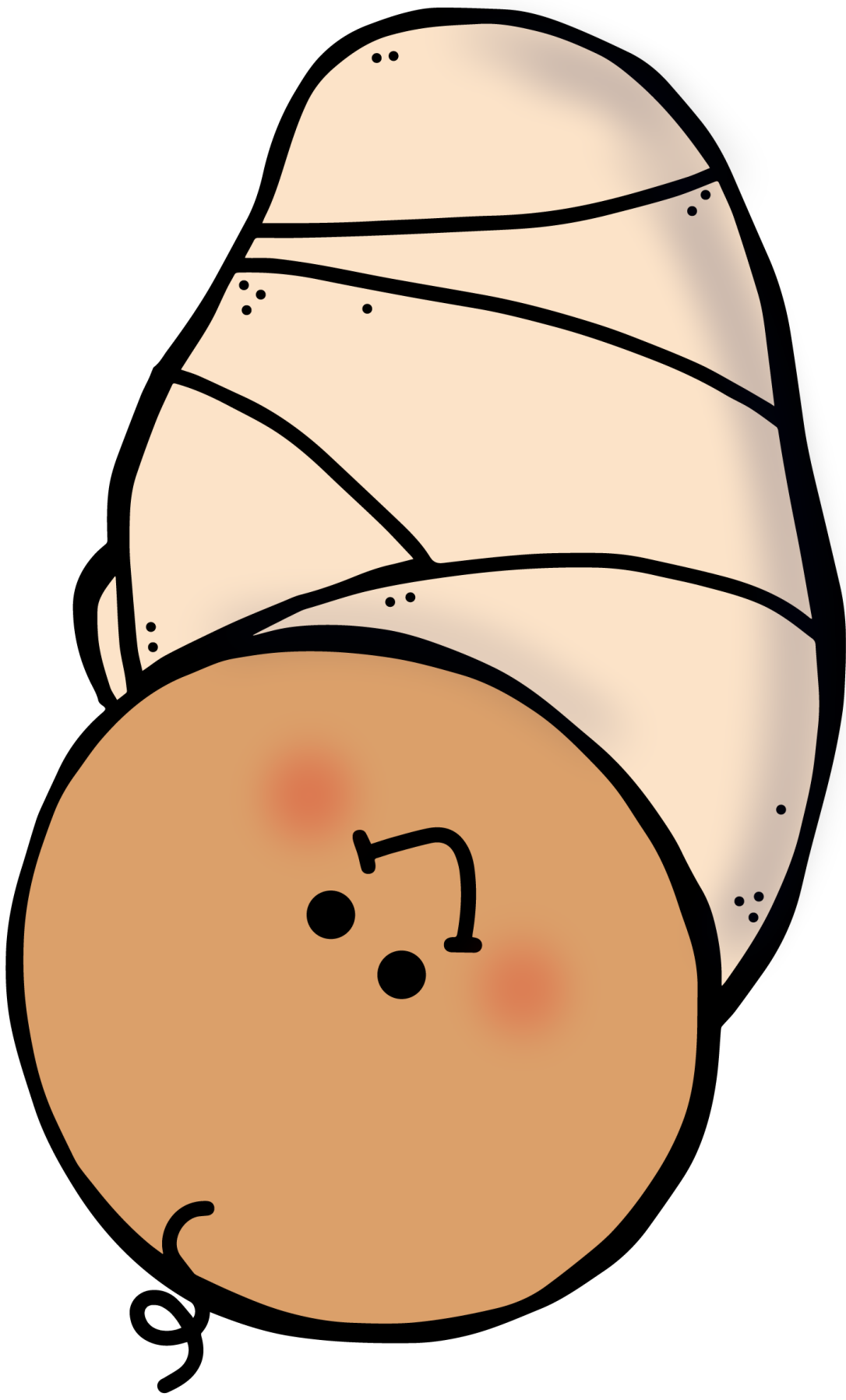


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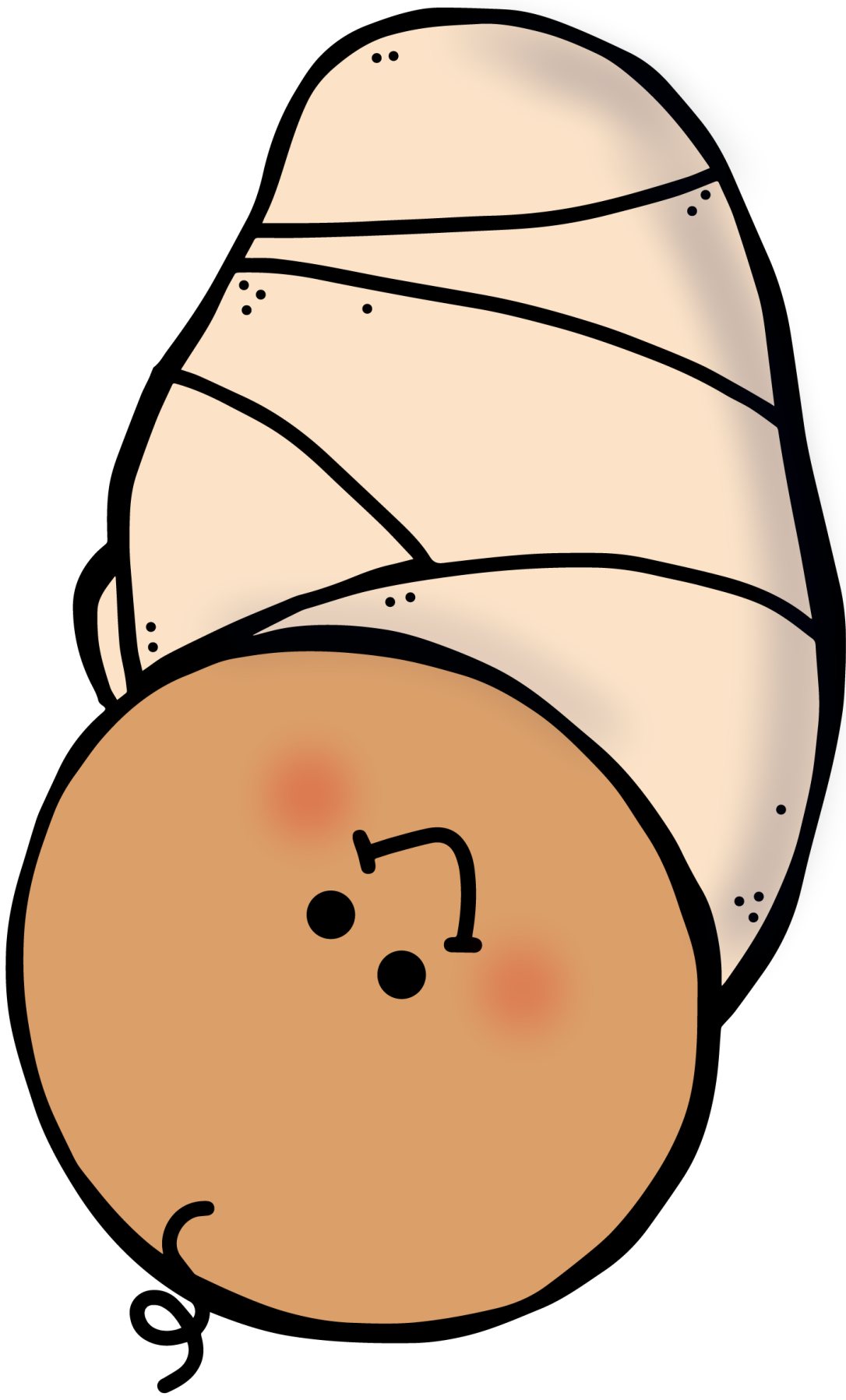
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