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Directions: Answer the questions.

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3. What is the purpose of the Word of the Year?

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Word	Definition	Do you like this word?	
adventure	an experience usually involving danger and unknown risks	**Yes**	**No**
imagine	to think of or create in your mind	**Yes**	**No**
curiosity	the desire to learn or know more about something	**Yes**	**No**
harmony	a pleasing arrangement of different things	**Yes**	**No**
patience	the ability to give attention to something for a long time without becoming uninterested	**Yes**	**No**
gratitude	a feeling of appreciation or thanks	**Yes**	**No**
wonder	a feeling caused by seeing something that is very surprising, beautiful, or amazing	**Yes**	**No**
explore	to look at something in a careful way to learn more	**Yes**	**No**
joy	a feeling of great happiness	**Yes**	**No**
resilience	the ability to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens	**Yes**	**No**

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Word	Definition	Do you like this word?	
creativity	the ability to make new things or think of new ideas	**Yes**	**No**
empathy	the ability to share someone else's feelings	**Yes**	**No**
friendship	a friendly feeling or attitude : kindness or help given to someone	**Yes**	**No**
growth	the process of forming or developing something	**Yes**	**No**
kindness	the quality or state of being kind	**Yes**	**No**
sparkle	to be or become bright and lively	**Yes**	**No**
excitement	a feeling of eager enthusiasm and interest	**Yes**	**No**
celebrate	to praise someone or something	**Yes**	**No**
giggle	to laugh a lot	**Yes**	**No**
dream	an idea or vision that is created in your imagination	**Yes**	**No**

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Word	Definition	Do you like this word?	
brave	feeling or showing no fear : not afraid	**Yes**	**No**
playful	showing that you are having fun	**Yes**	**No**
magic	special power, influence, or skill	**Yes**	**No**
sunshine	a feeling of happiness	**Yes**	**No**
power	the ability to influence people or things	**Yes**	**No**
strength	the quality that allows someone to deal with problems in a determined and effective way	**Yes**	**No**
genuine	sincere and honest	**Yes**	**No**
calm	a quiet and peaceful state or condition	**Yes**	**No**
wisdom	knowledge that is gained by having many experiences in life	**Yes**	**No**
happy	showing or causing feelings of pleasure and enjoyment	**Yes**	**No**

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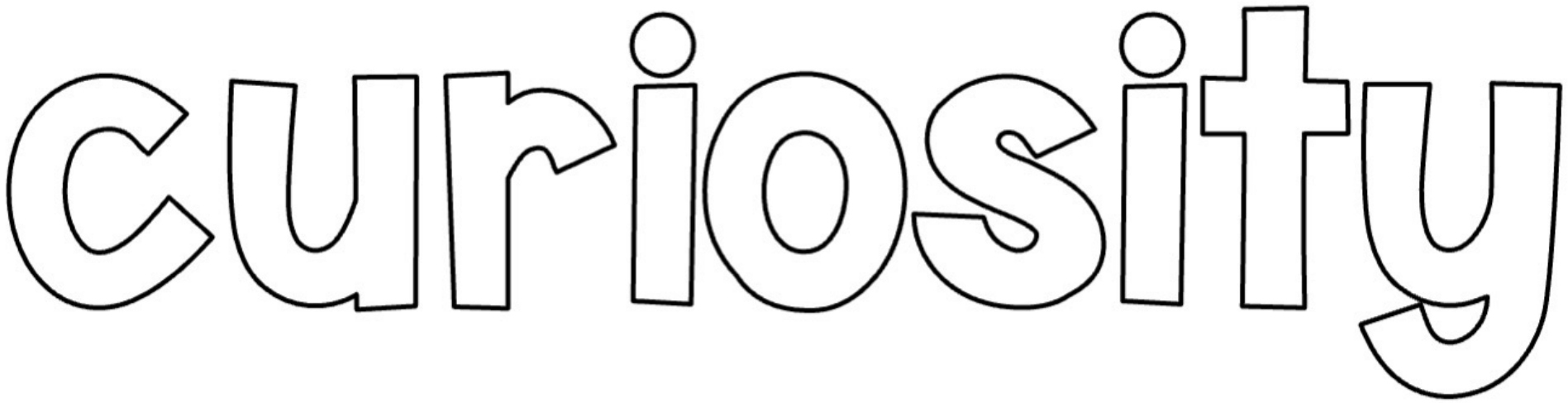
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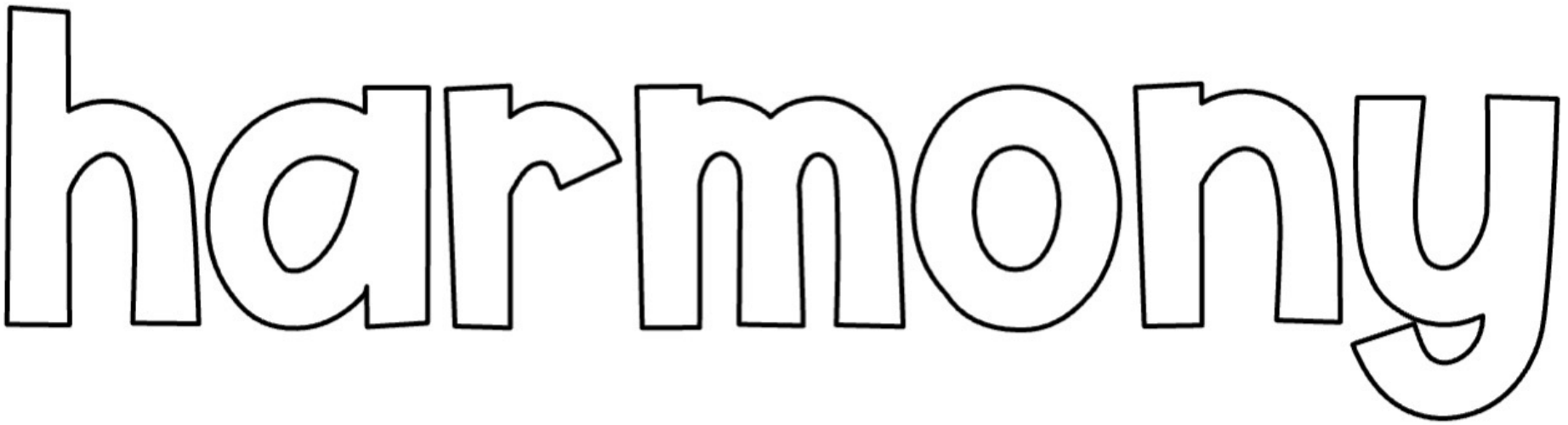
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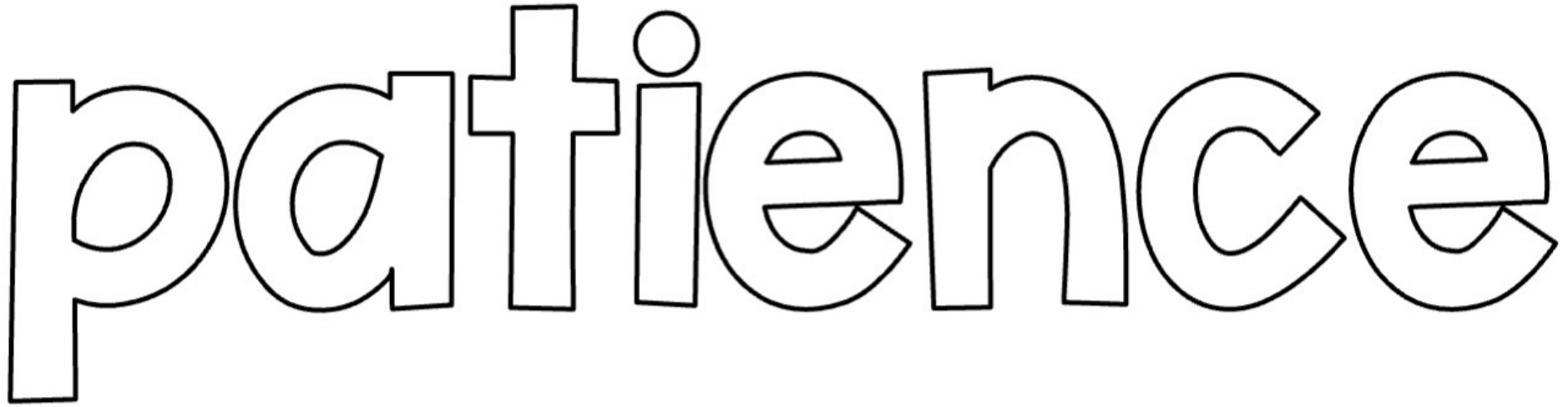
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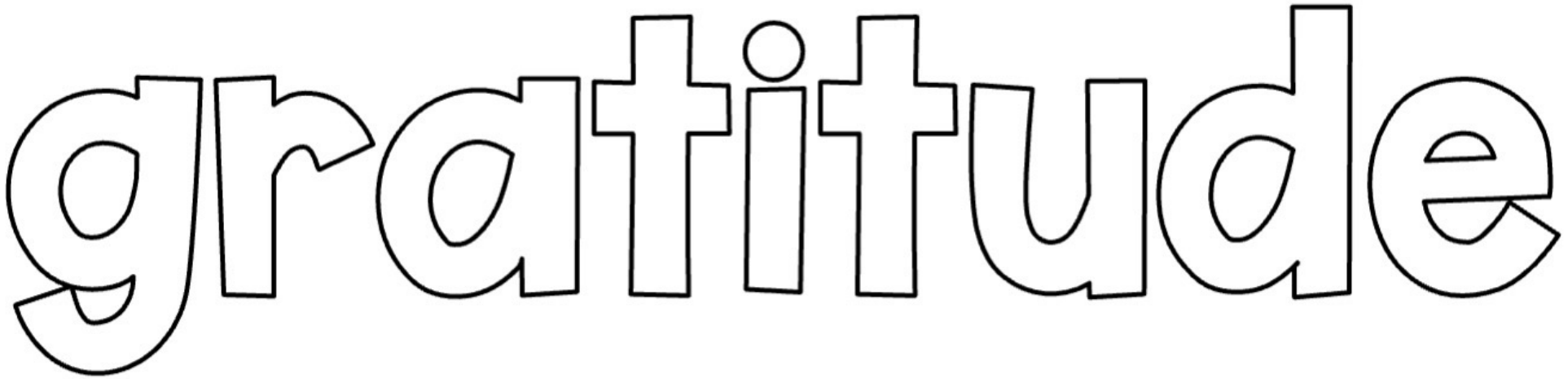
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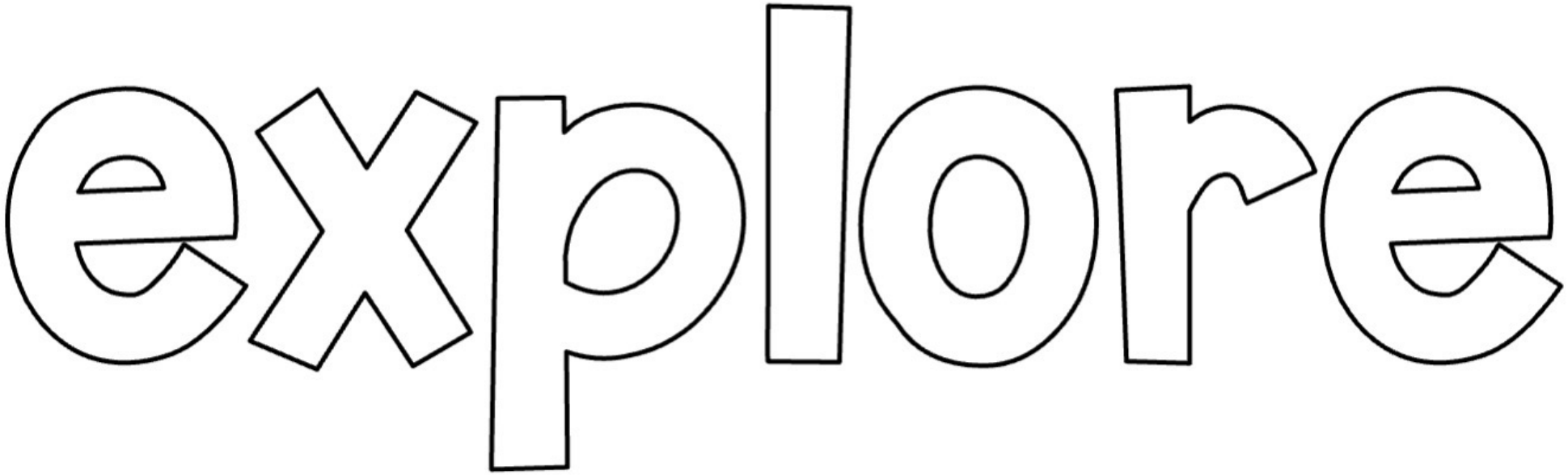
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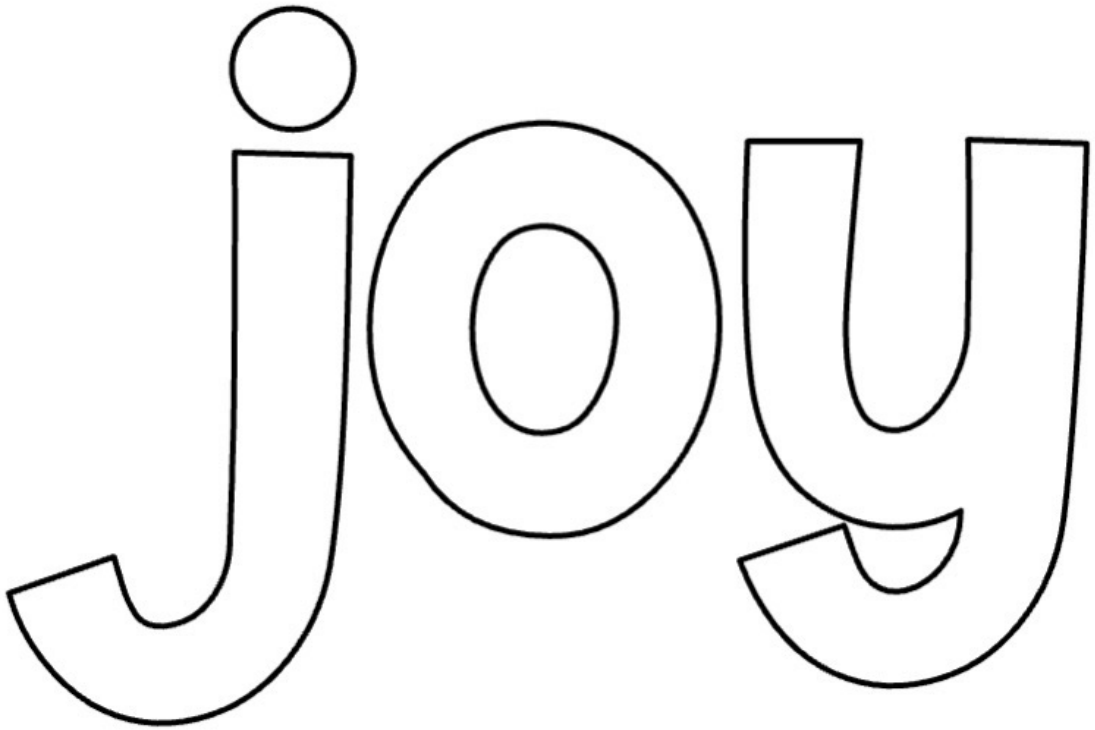
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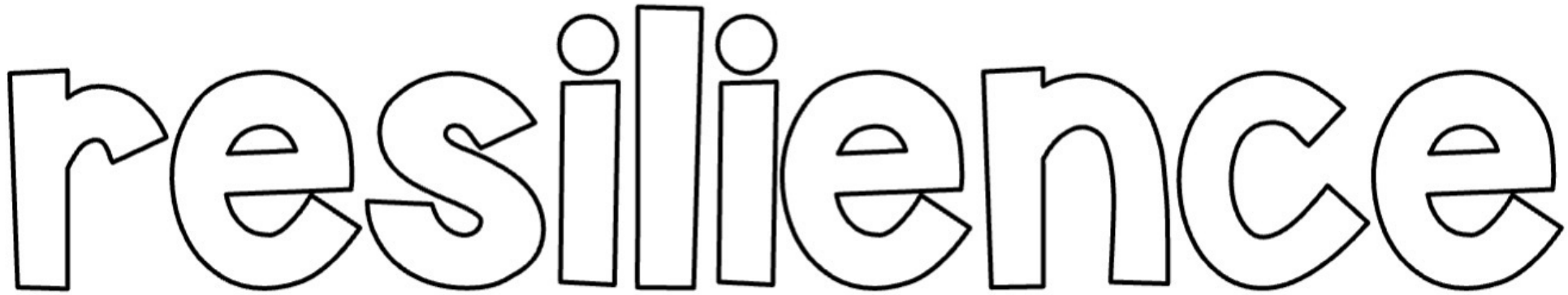
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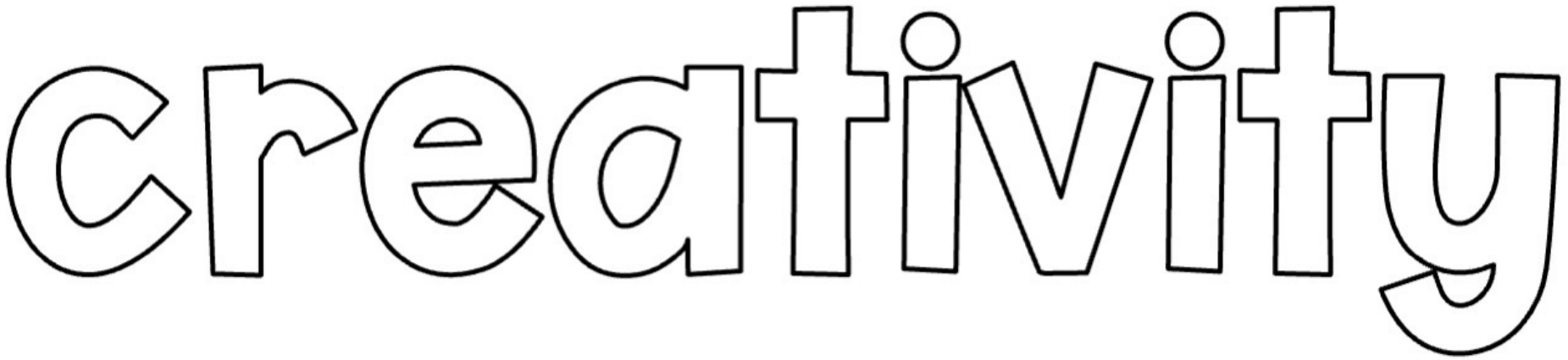
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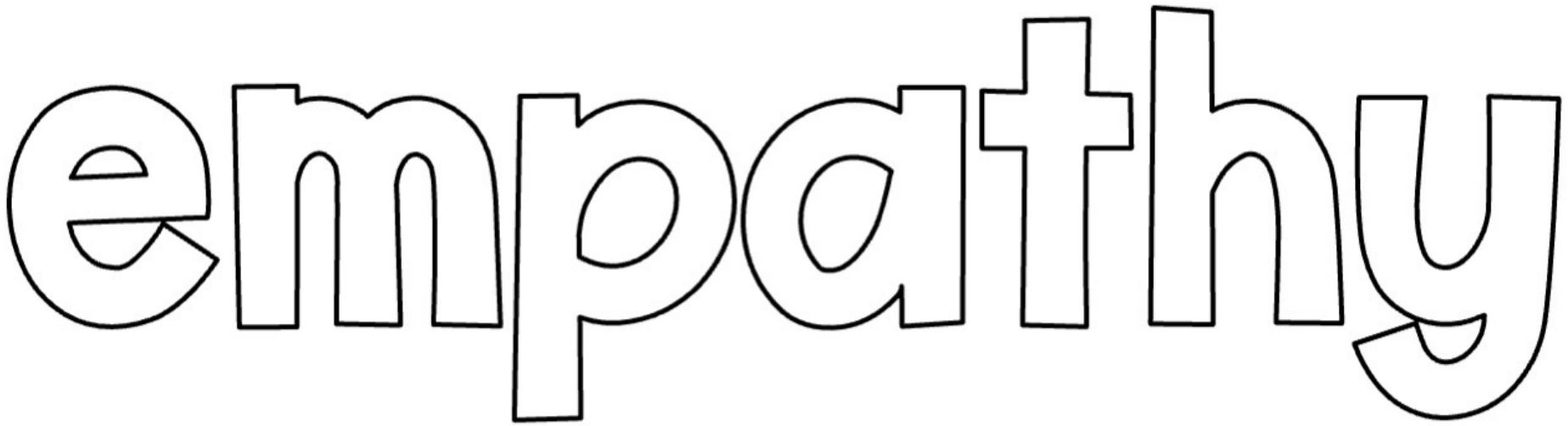
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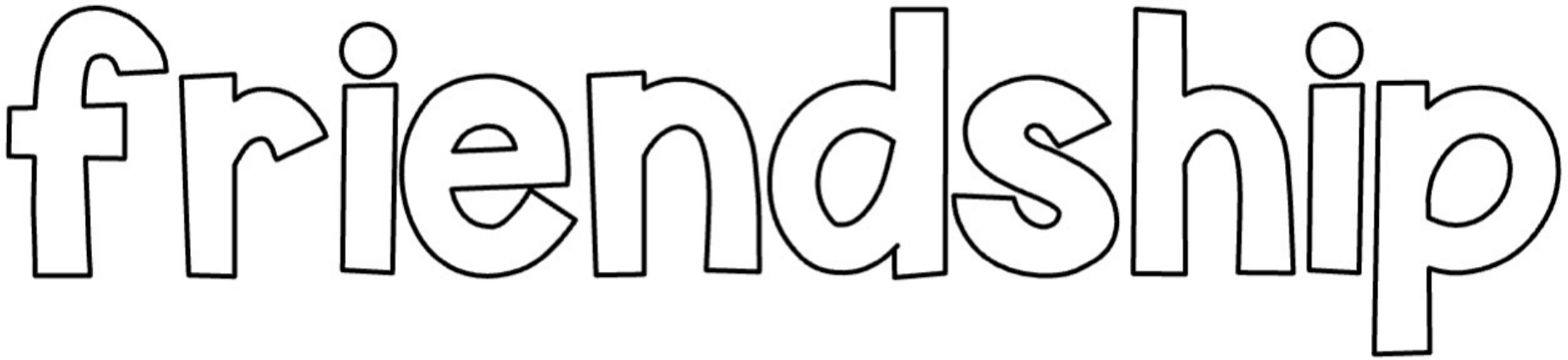
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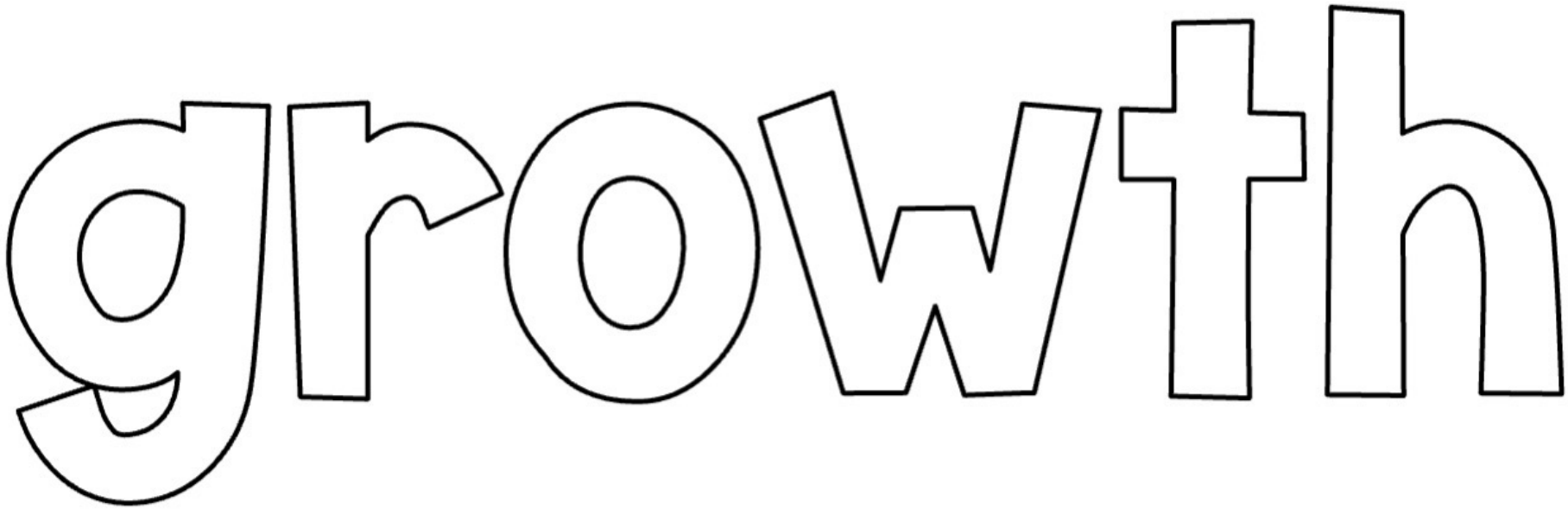
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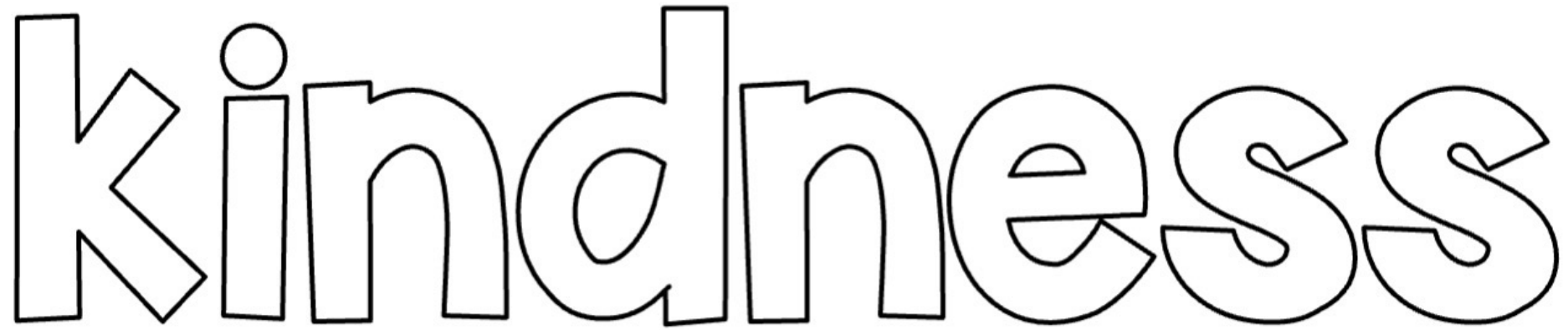
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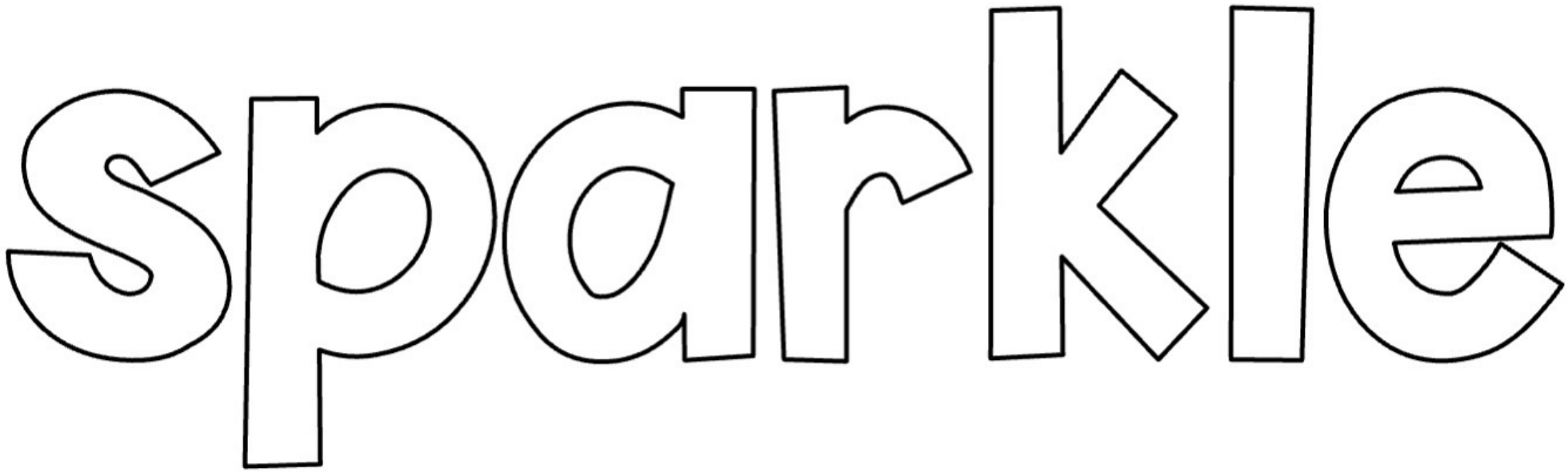
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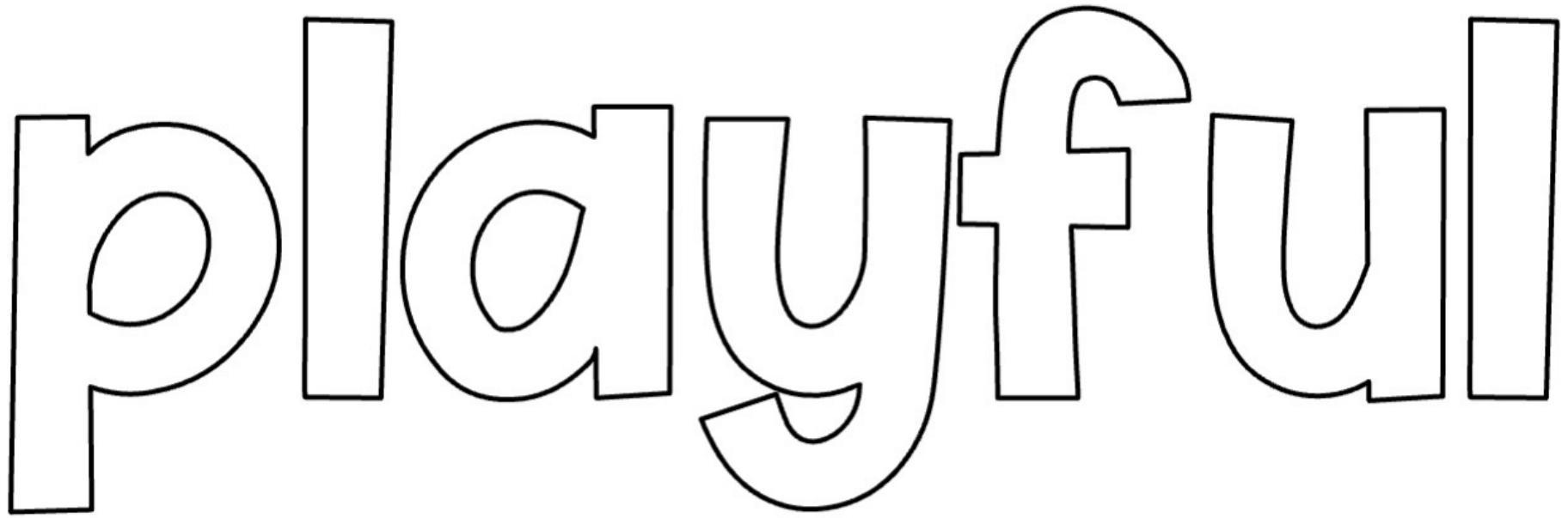
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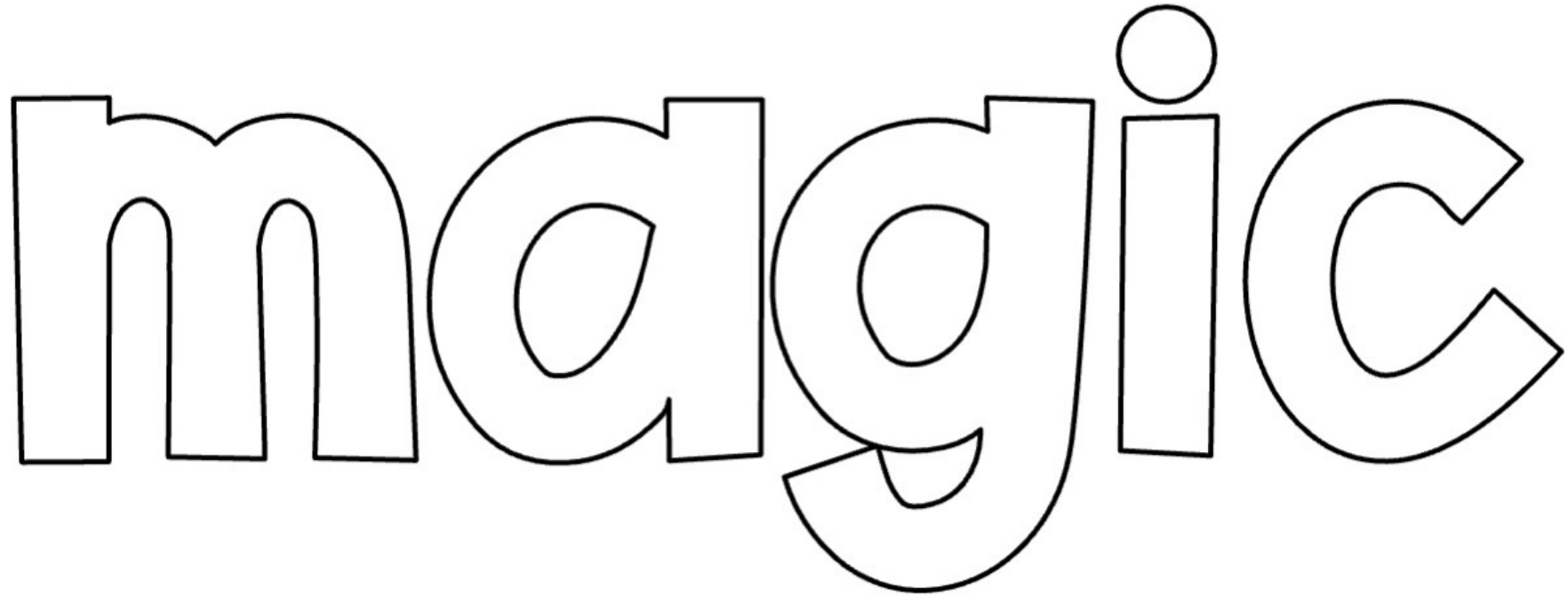
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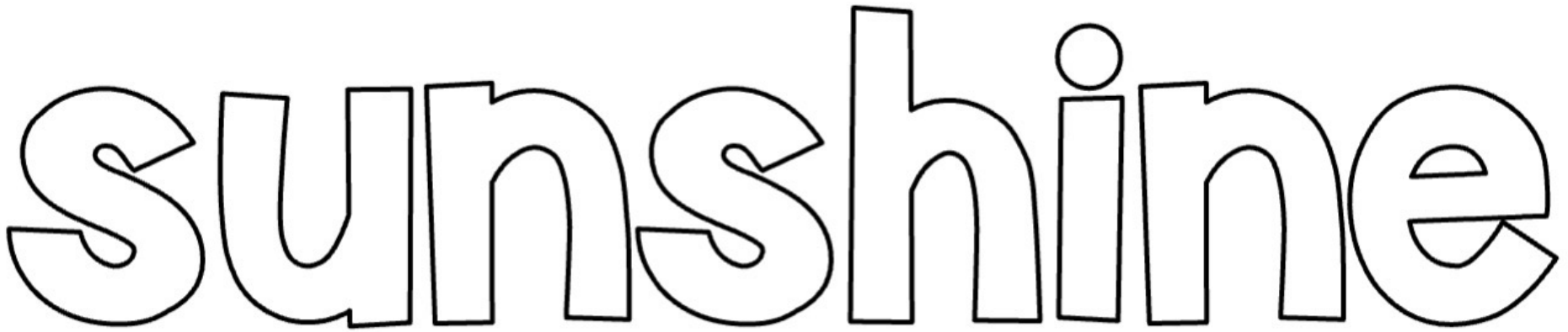
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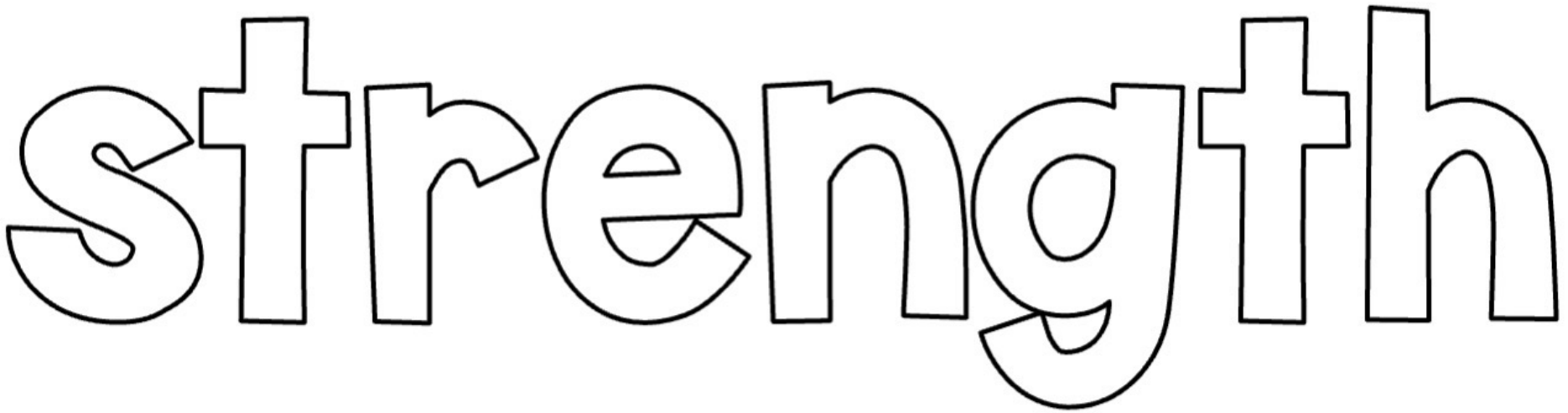
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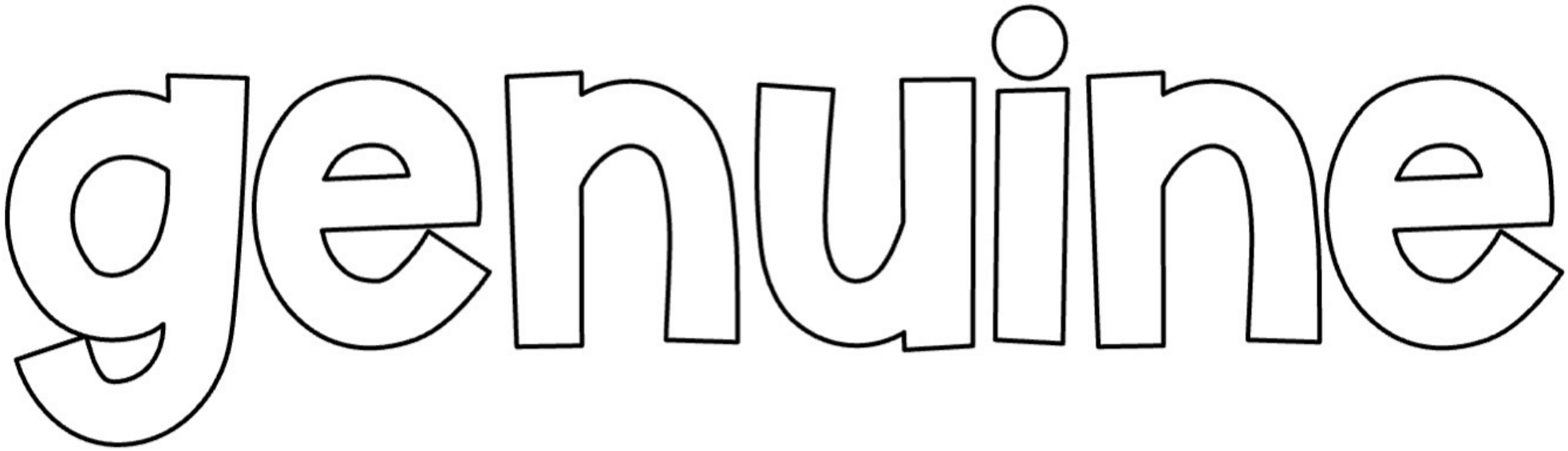
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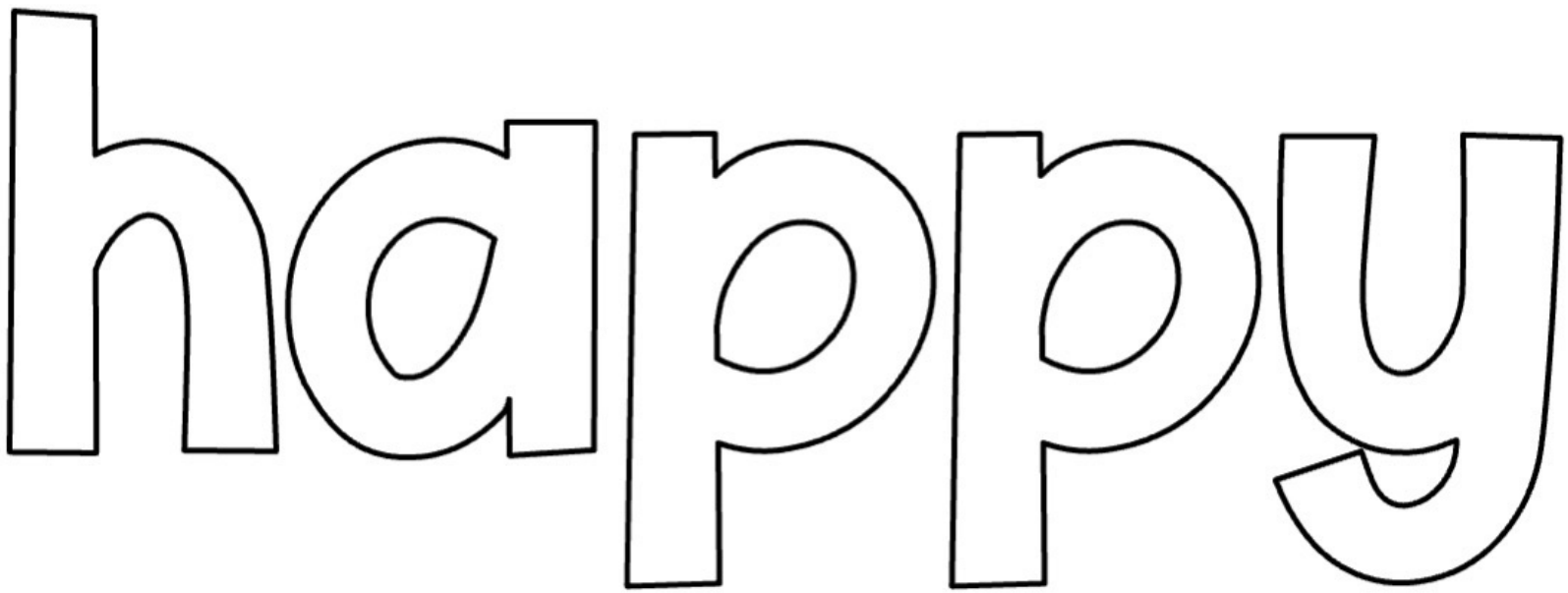
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