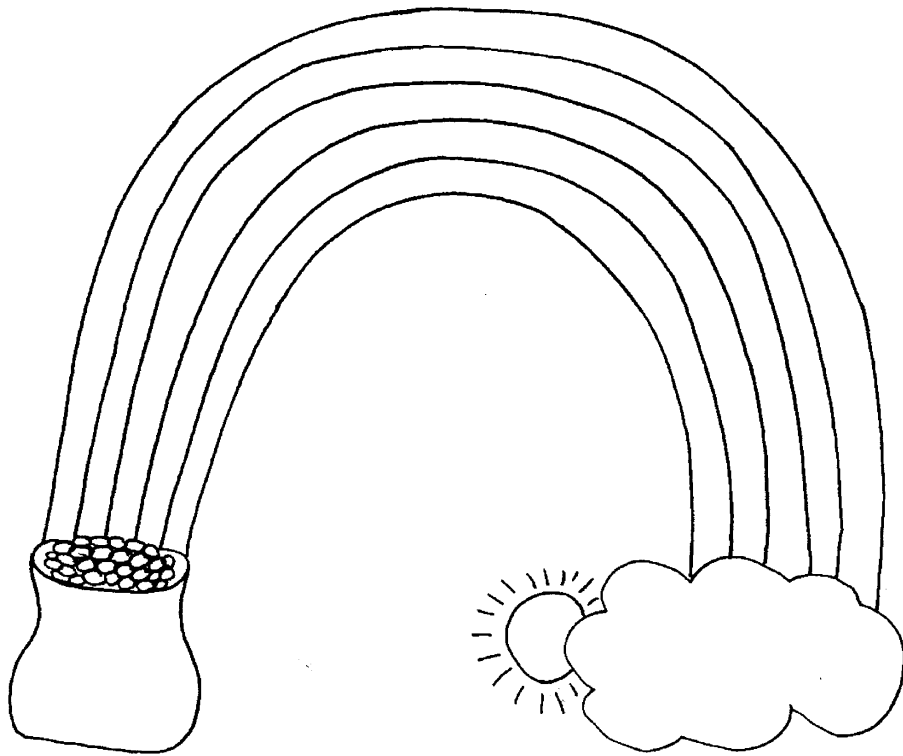
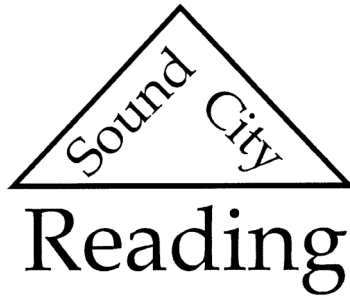


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Teaching Notes

These pages are designed to help children practice the strokes needed to learn to write the letters of the alphabet. You may have the student complete them in any order. Each page prepares students to write one or more letters. The table of contents lists the letters that are supported for each activity.

Model each activity so that the student will know what to do on each page. Make your expectations clear that the student will work carefully without being in a hurry. At the same time, an extremely slow, overly careful approach is not helpful either. Modeling the correct pace and arm movements will help the student find a good working rhythm.

Make copies of the pages so that students can repeat any exercise that they like, or that they need to practice.

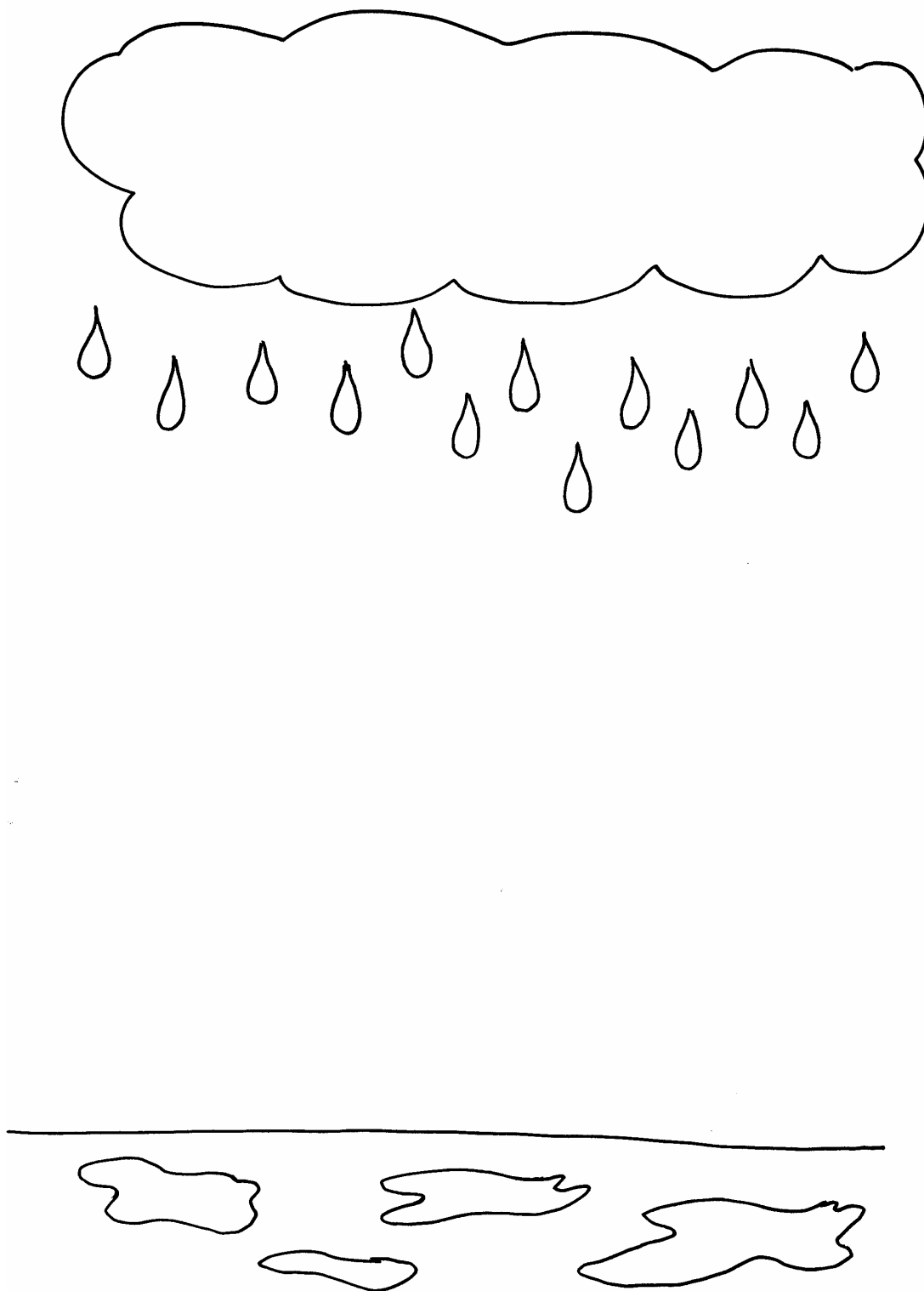
Students will enjoy using the pages with a set of colored pencils. Students can do the rainbow page using a different colored pencil in each path. On the other pages, students may want to do a page in one color first, then switch to a different color to repeat the page, and then to a different color to do it again.

Explain to the students that using these pages will be fun, but will also prepare them to write letters easily and beautifully. Talk about how this type of practice can help them learn to move their pencil smoothly in any direction on the paper. After spending some time practicing the exercises, students will not have to stop and think about how to make the various strokes. This will make writing and copying much easier.

Encourage students to draw and color their own pictures. This provides more practice to prepare students to handle a pencil comfortably so that learning to write is easier.

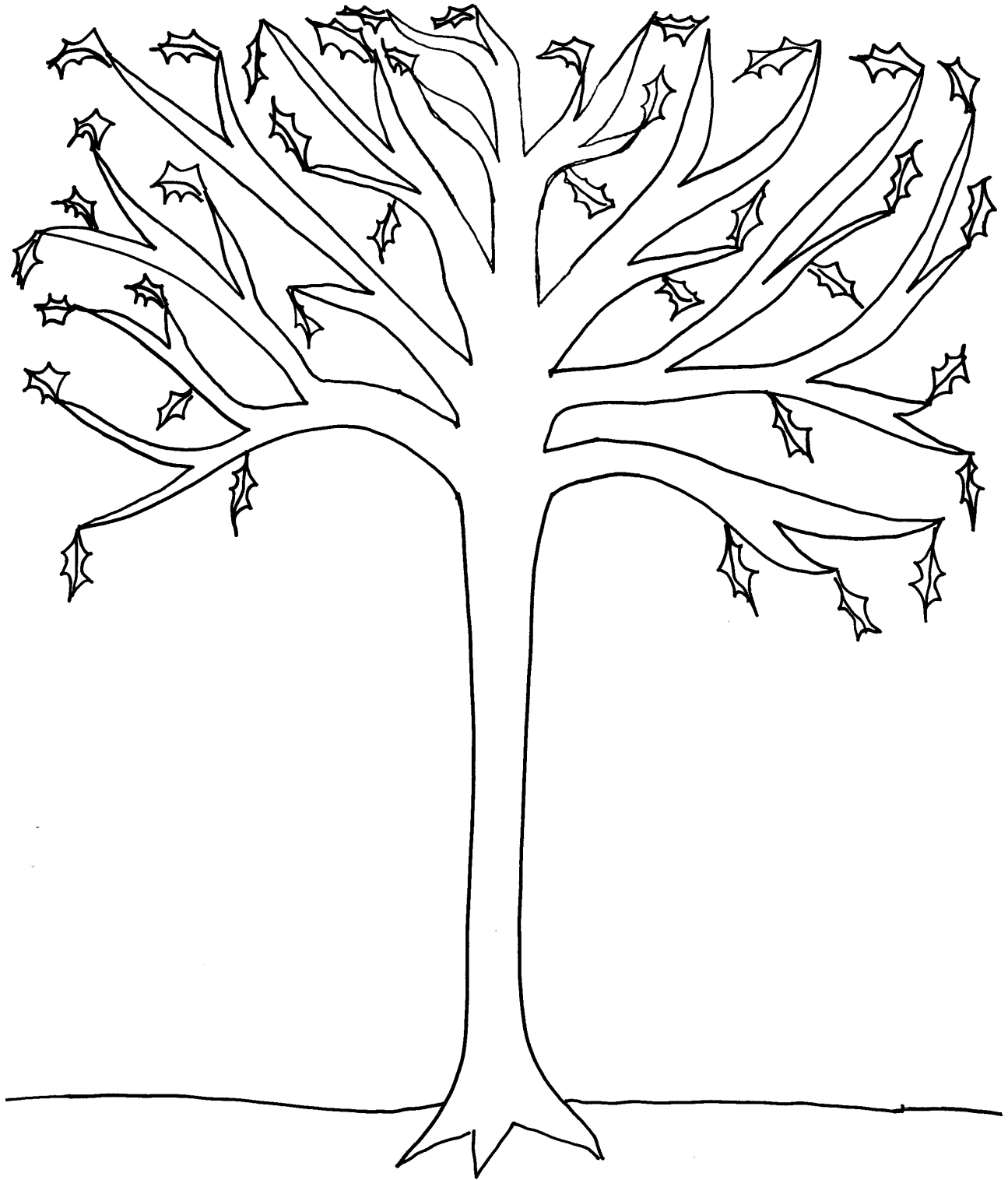


Raindrops



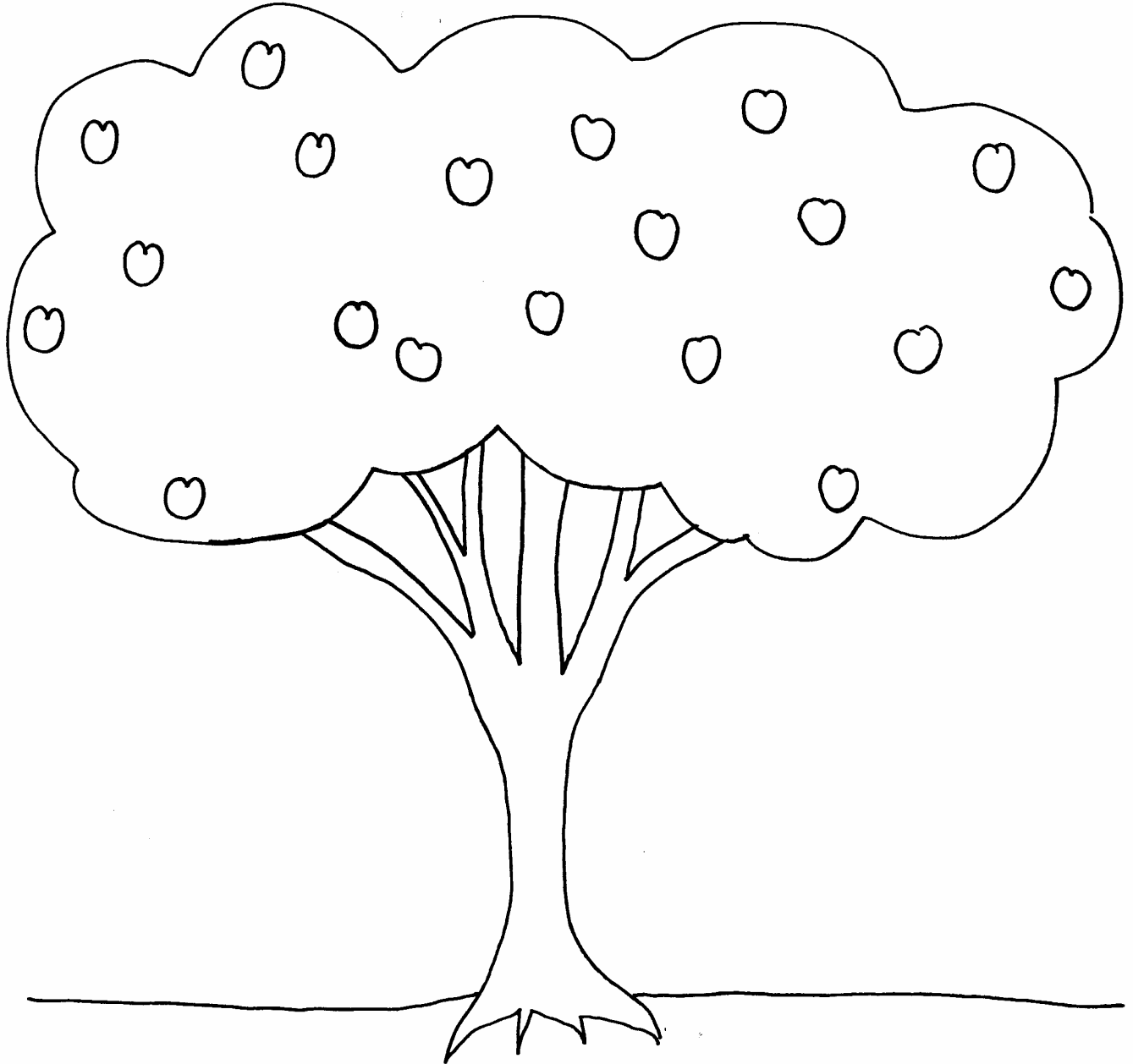
Draw a line from each raindrop straight down to the ground.

Leaf Drop



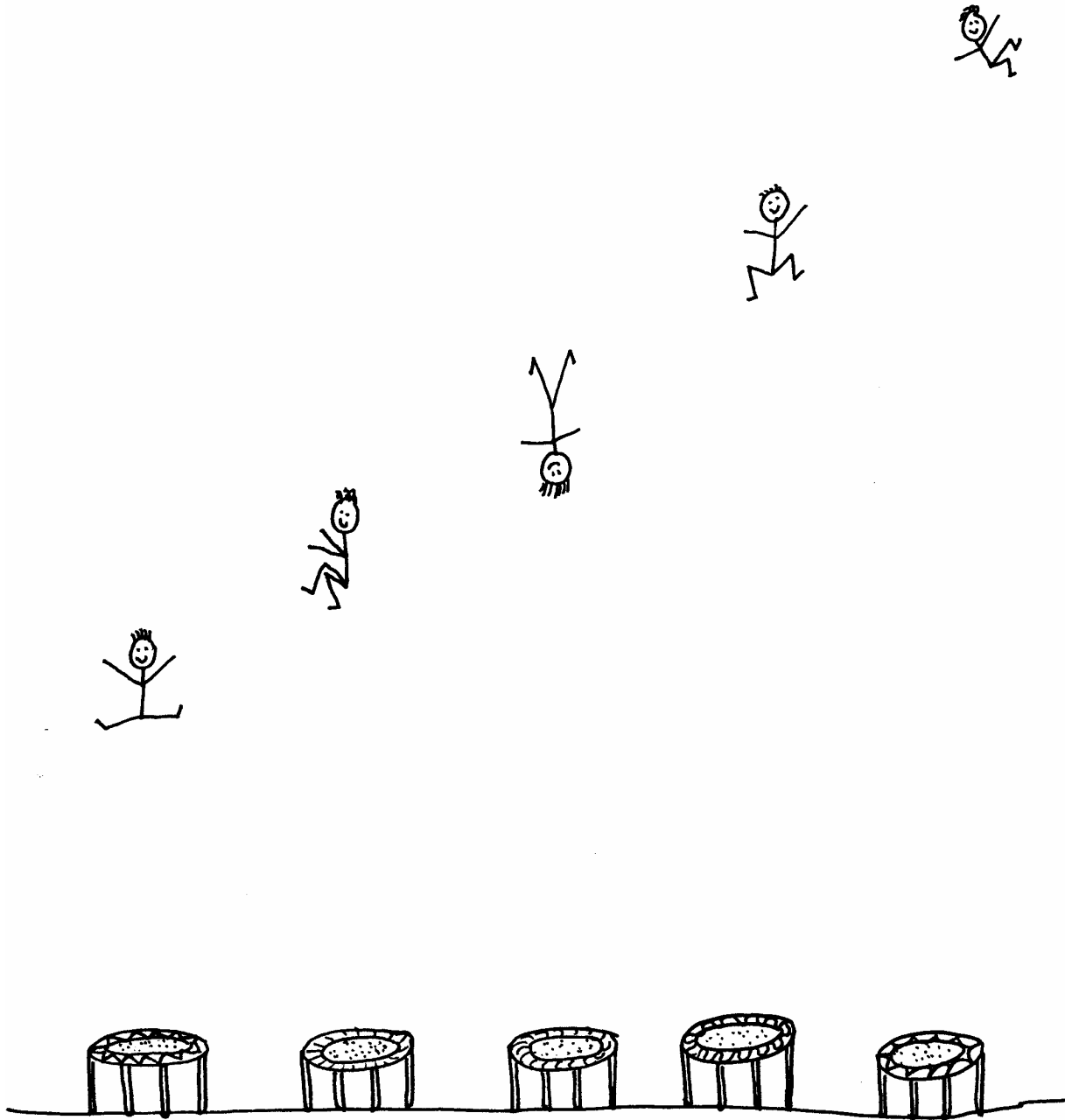
Draw a line from each leaf straight down to the ground.

Apple Drop



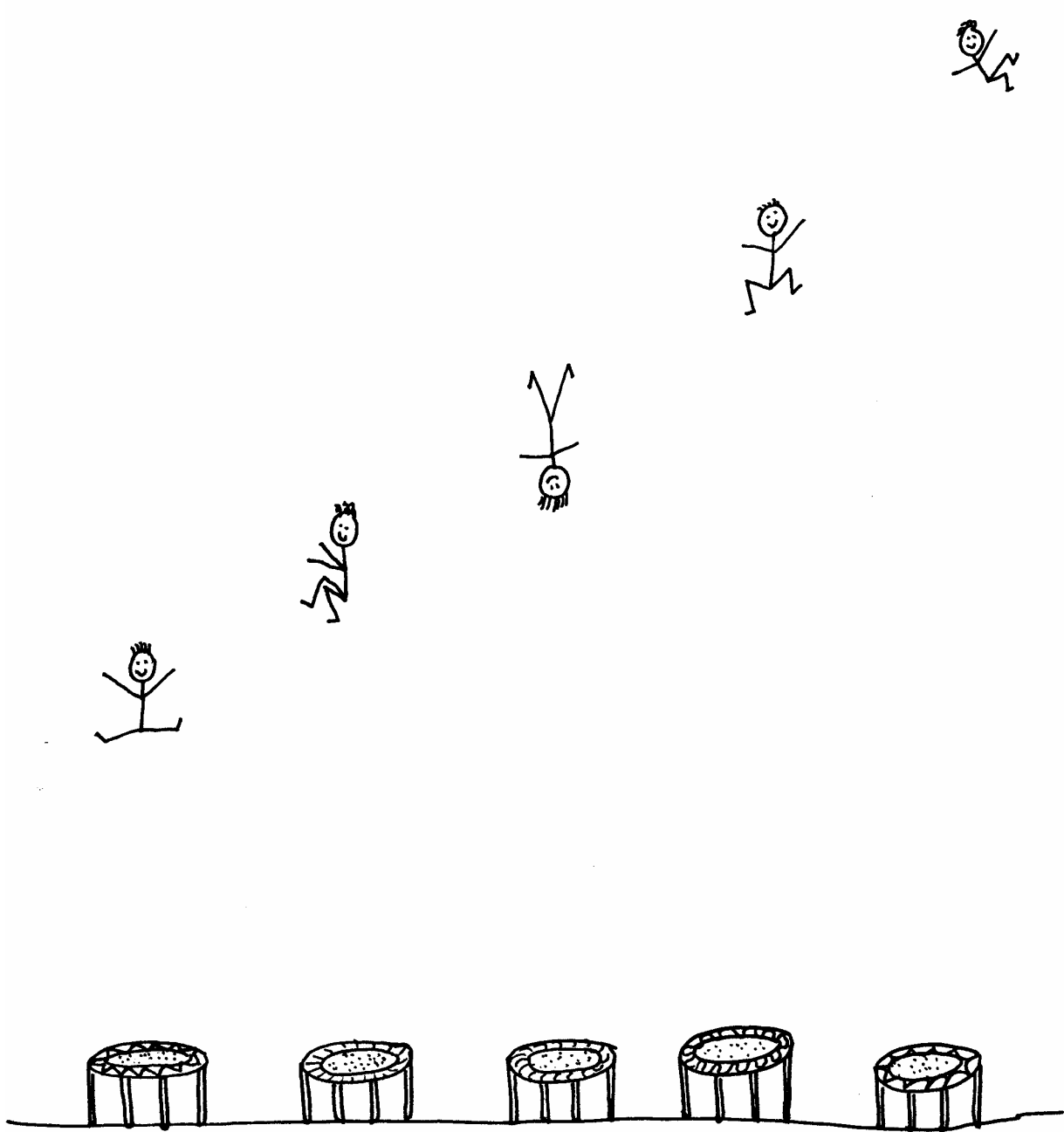
Draw a line from each apple straight down to the ground.

Jumping Jacks 1



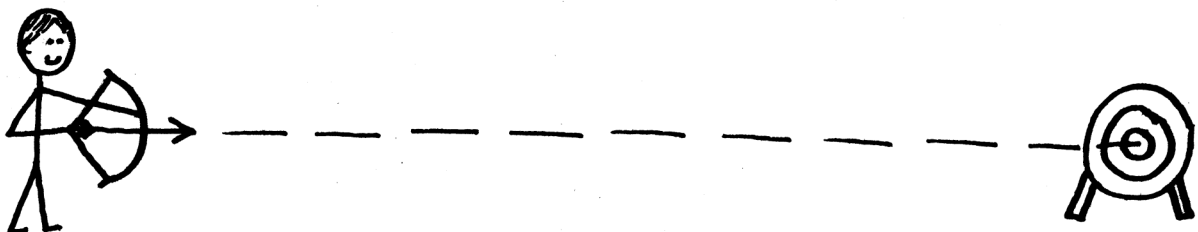
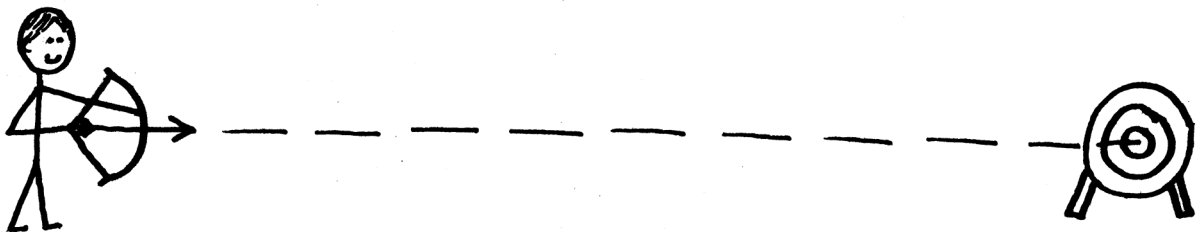
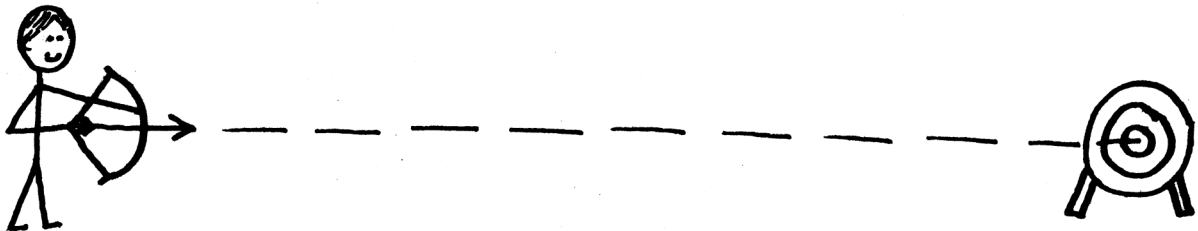
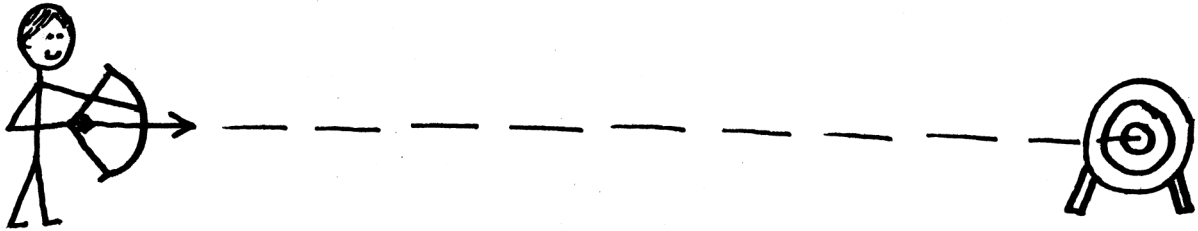
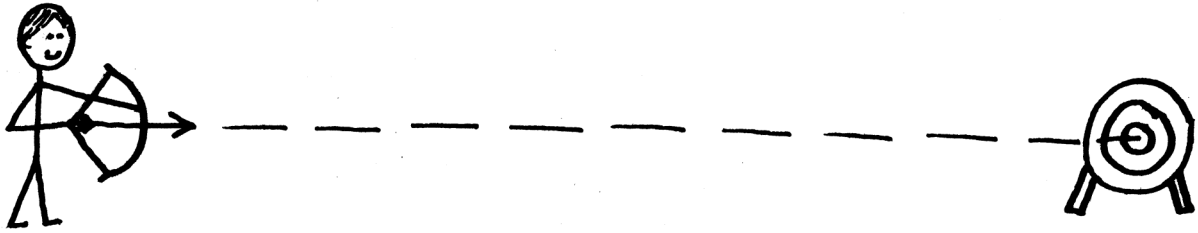
Draw a line from each person down to the trampoline and back up again.

Jumping Jacks 2



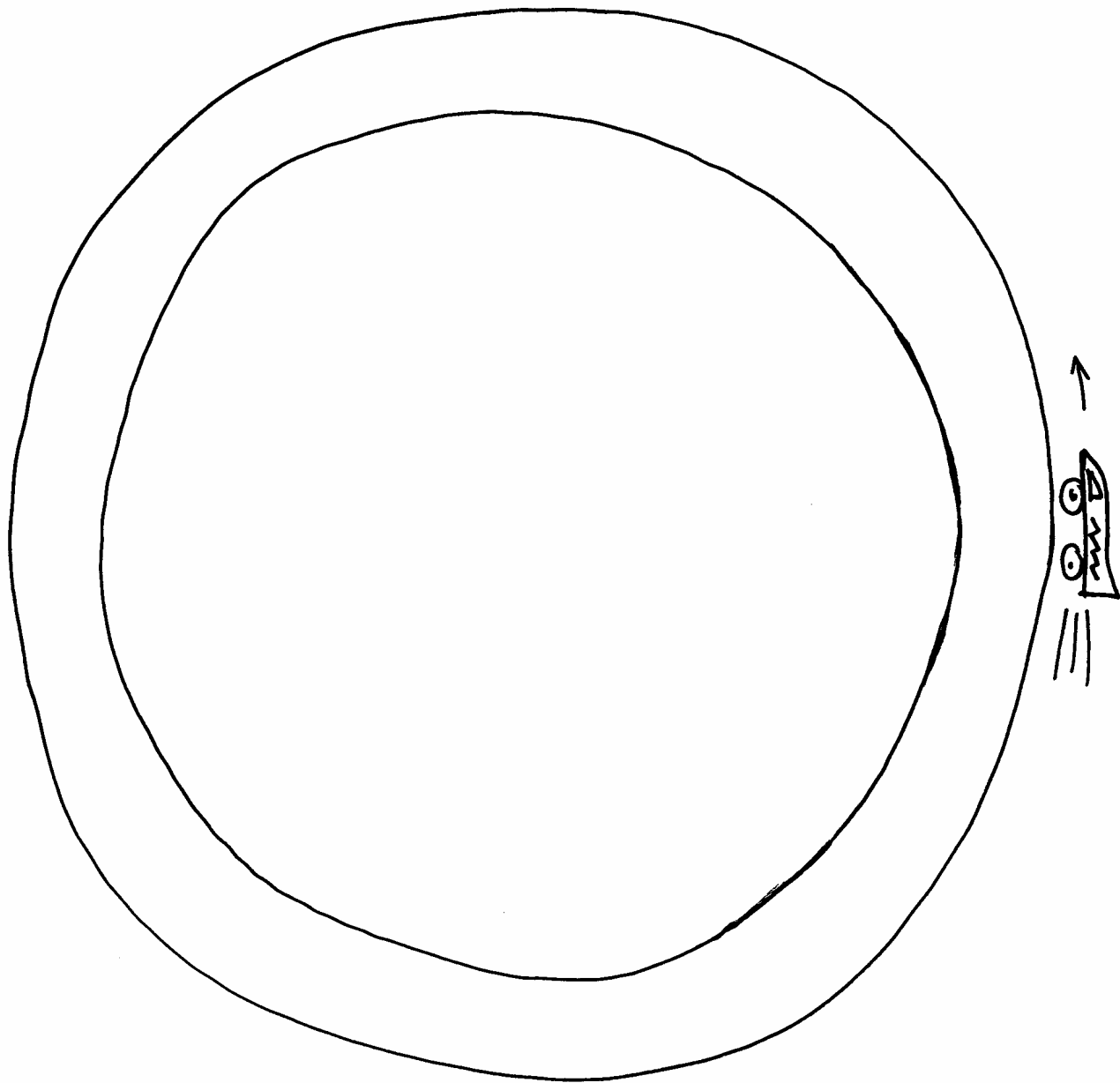
Draw a line from each trampoline
up to the person and back down again.

Target Practice



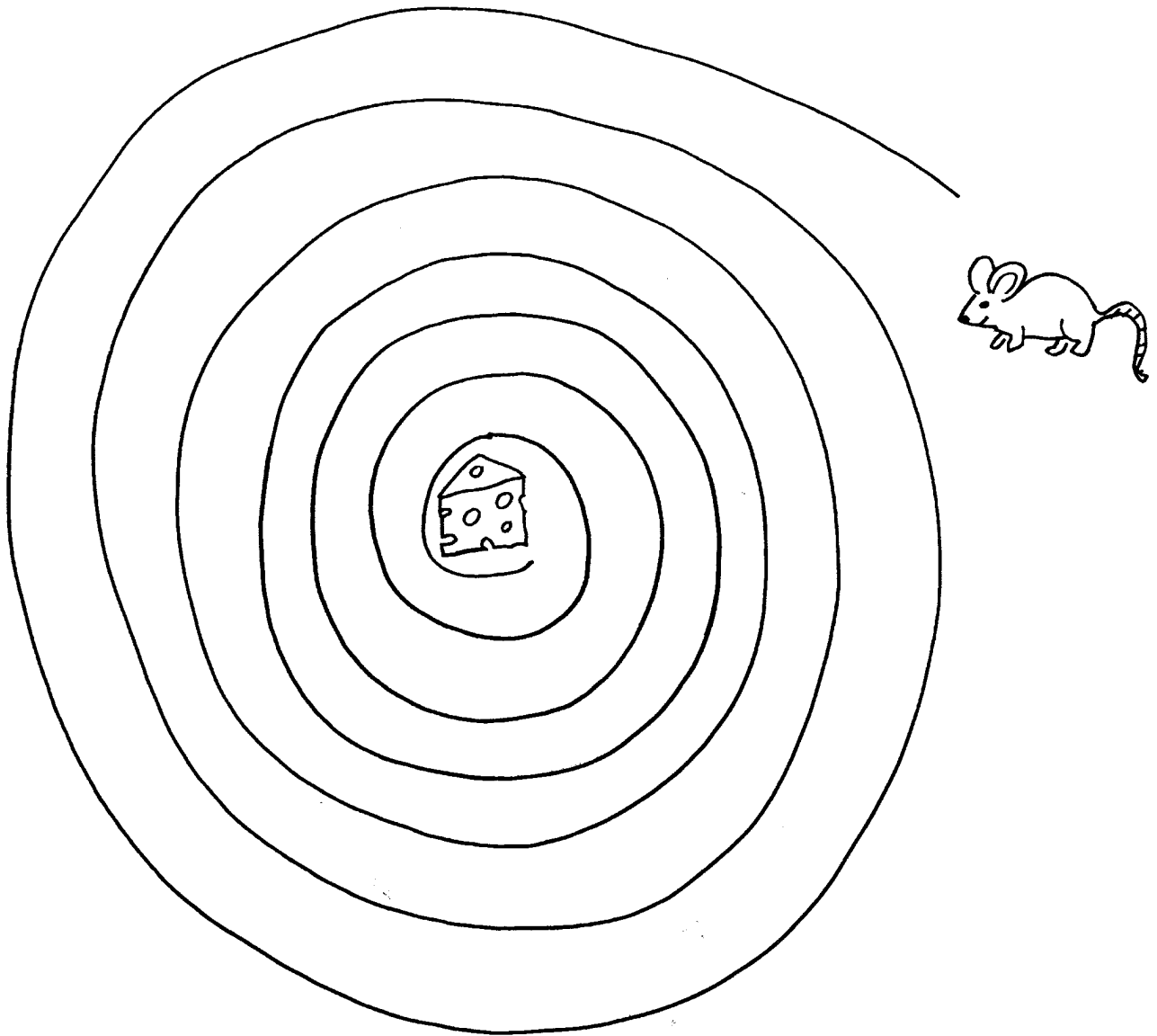
Draw a line from the bow to the target. Let each bow shoot two times.

Round Race Track



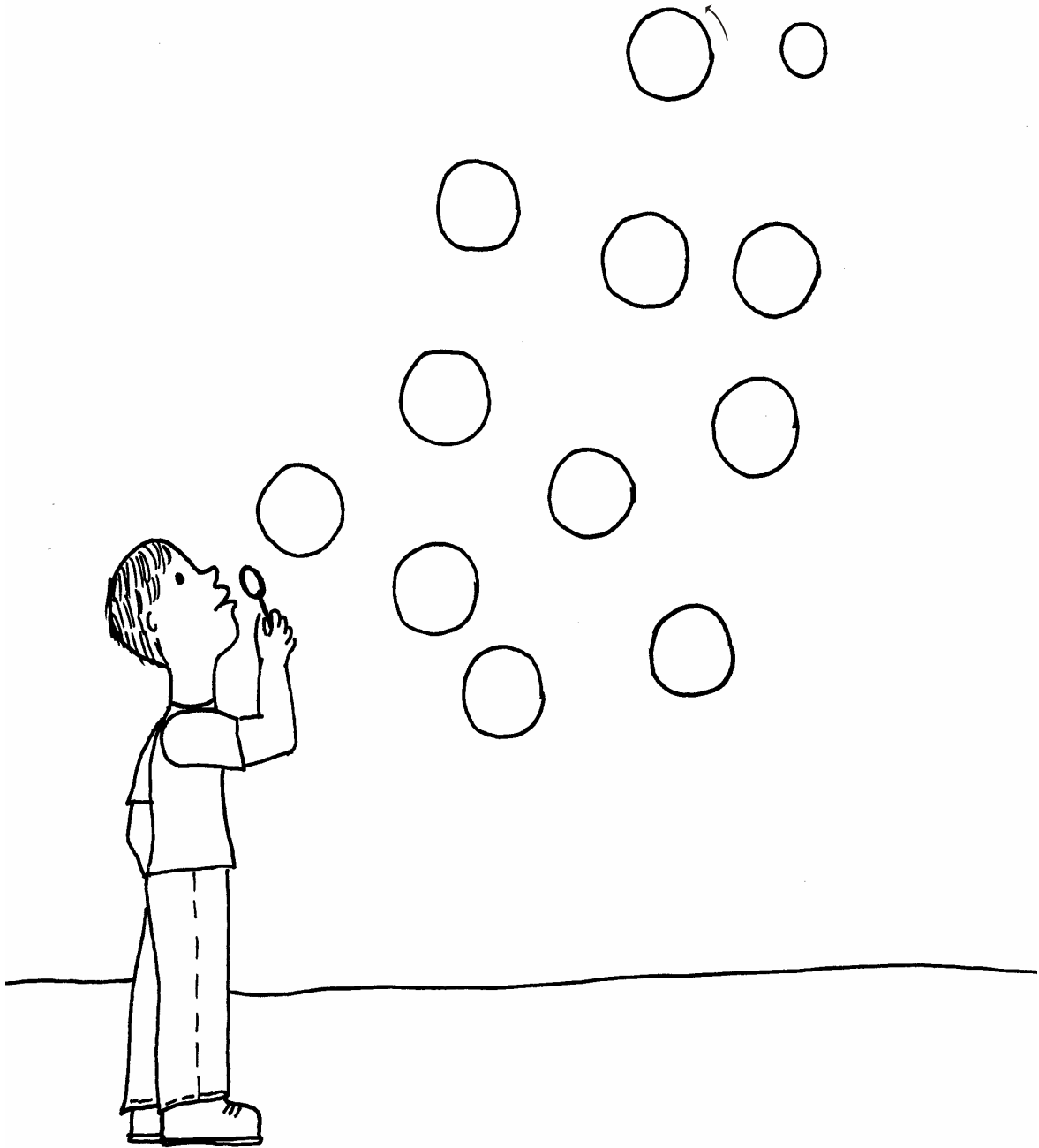
Draw a line up and around to show the car going around the race track. Go around many times.

Mouse And Cheese



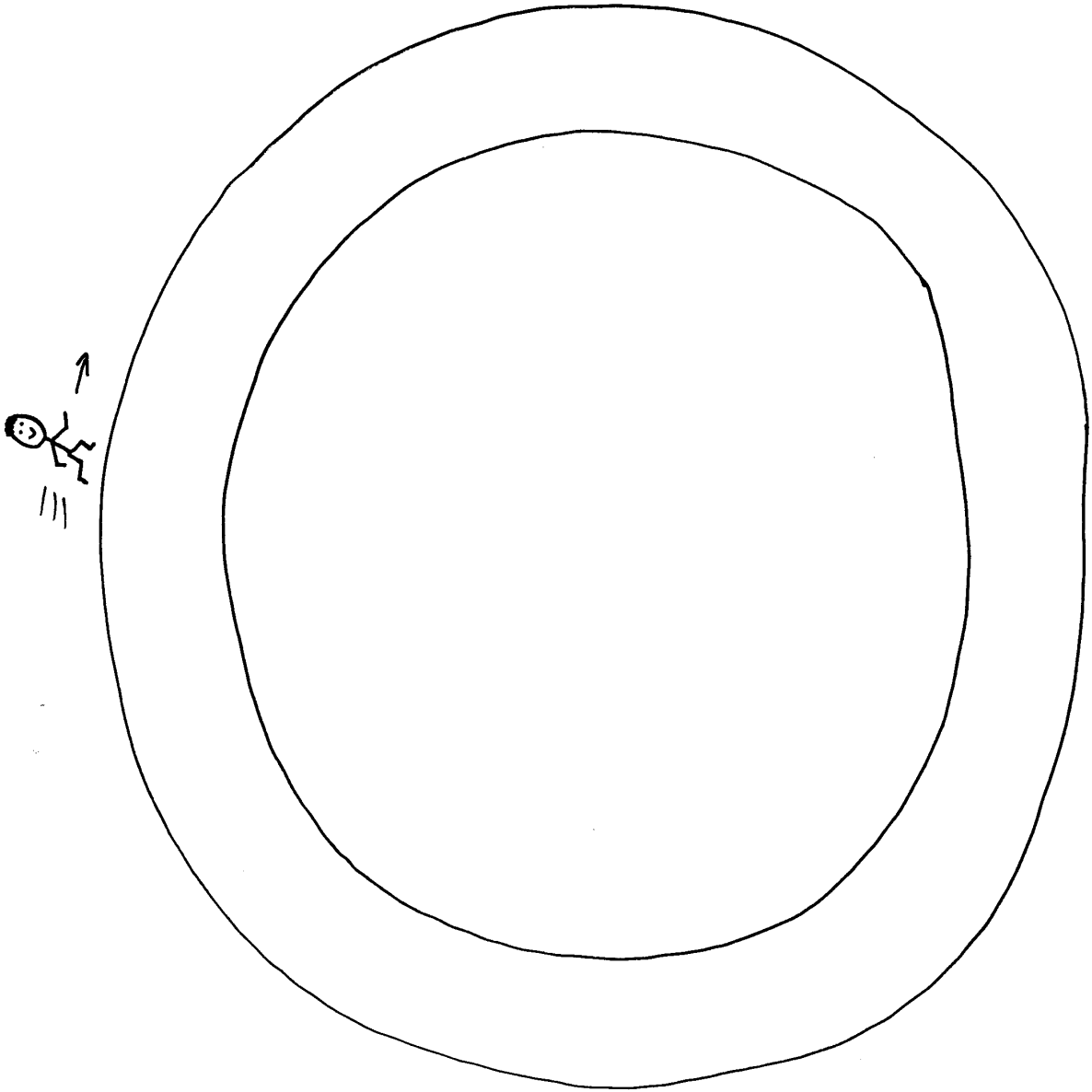
Help the mouse find his cheese.

Bubble Blow



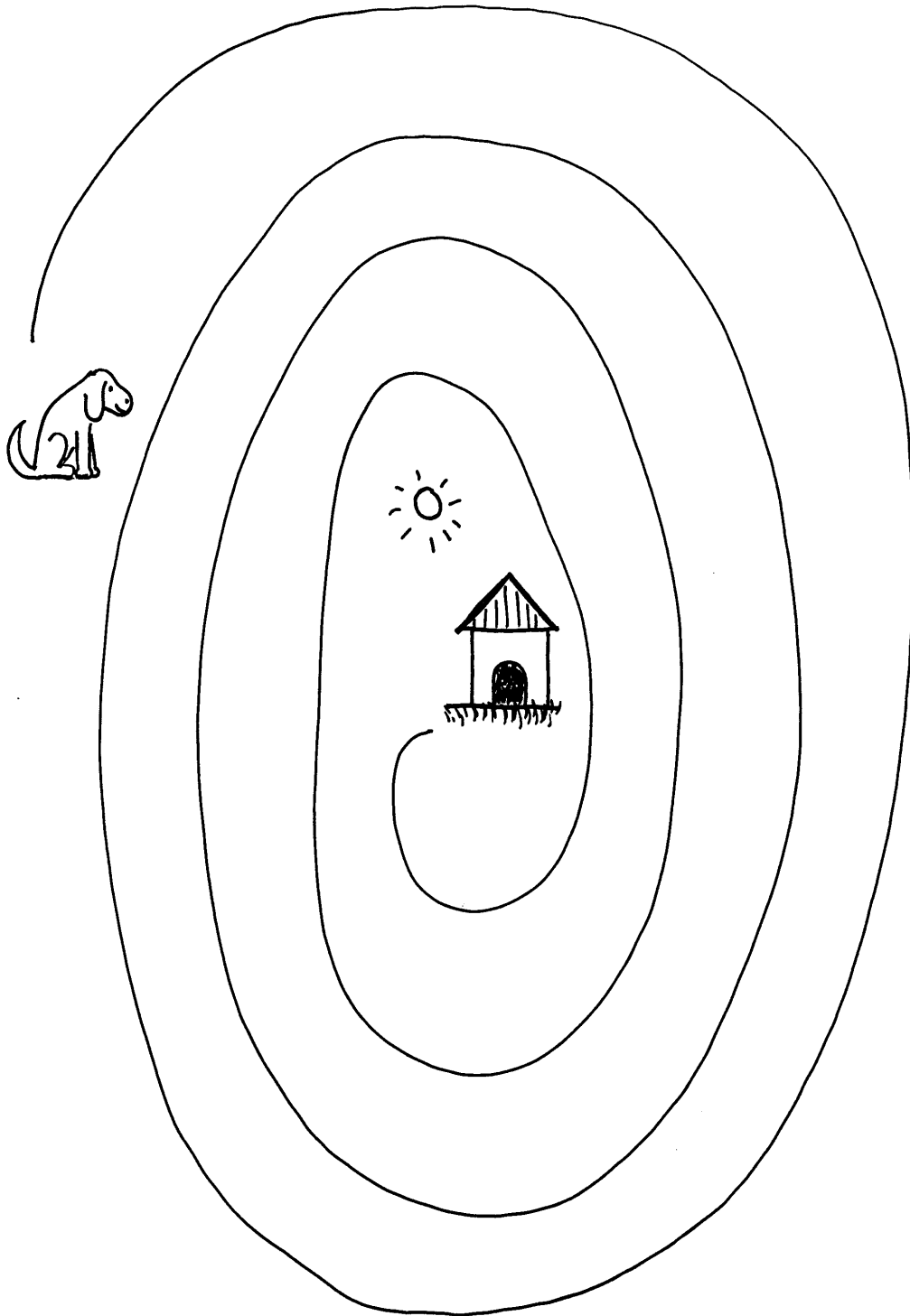
Trace each bubble going counterclockwise.
Then draw some more bubbles.

Jogger



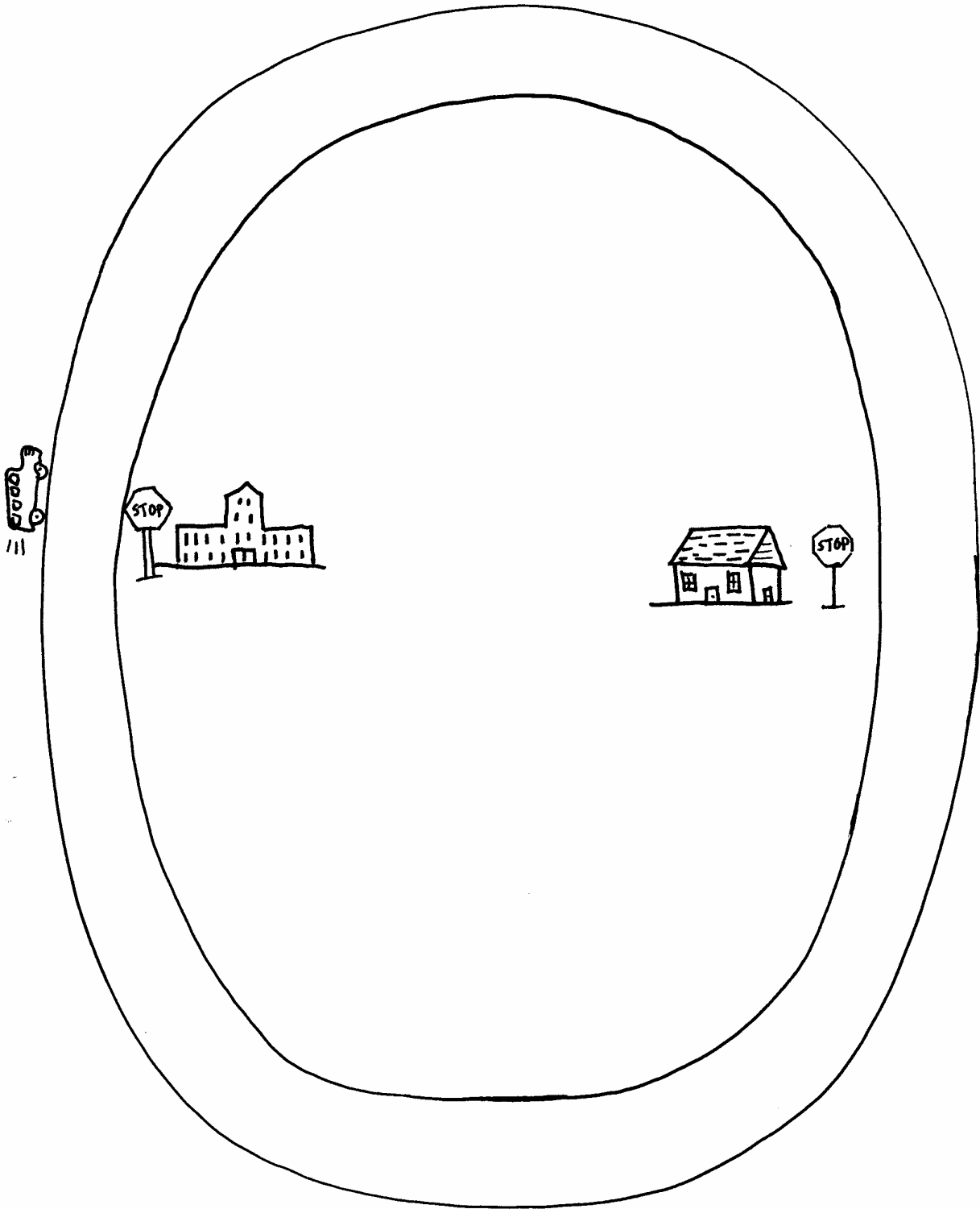
Draw a line to show the jogger running up and around the track.
Go around many times.

Dog Run



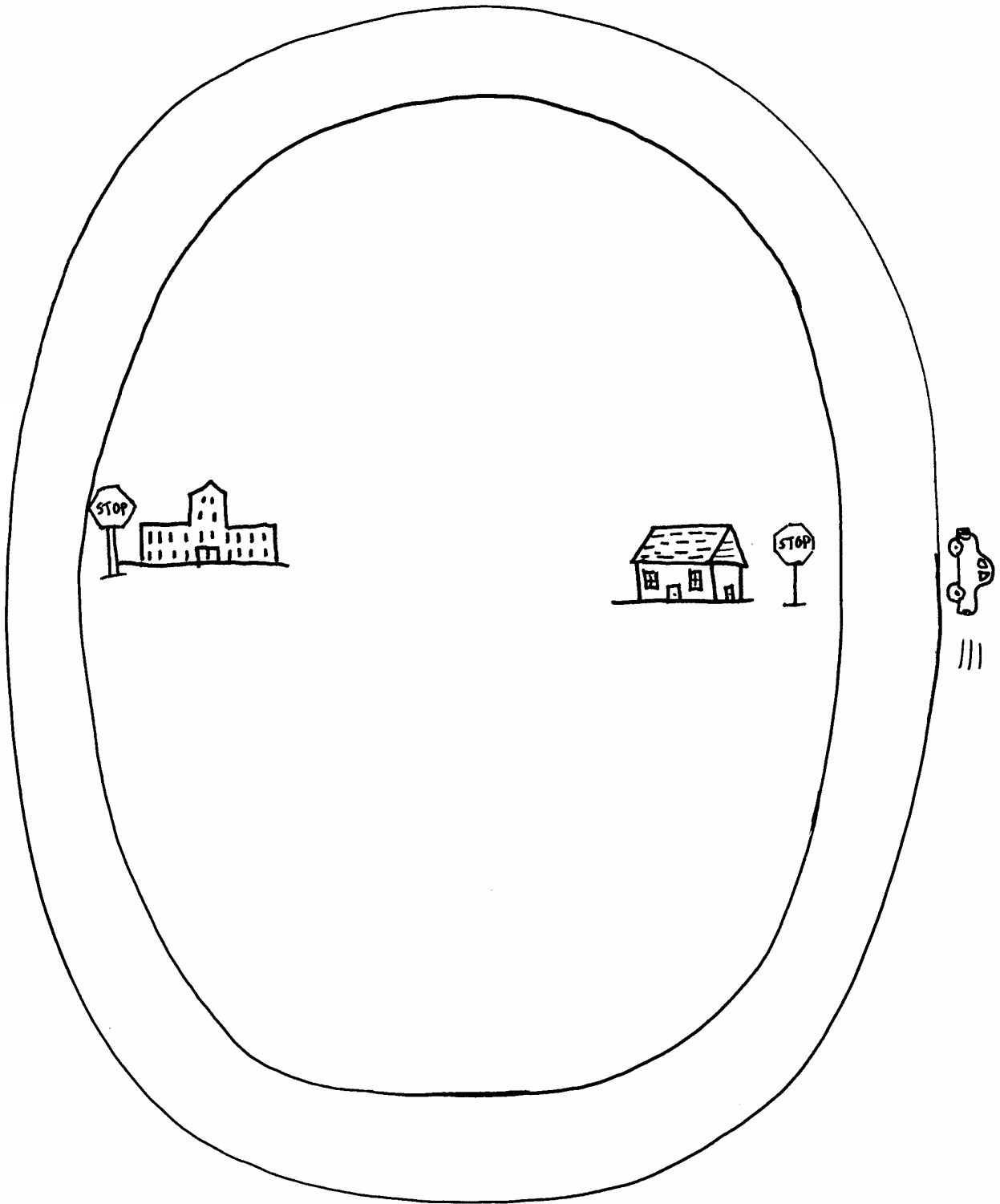
Help the dog find his way back to his doghouse.

Bus Stop 1



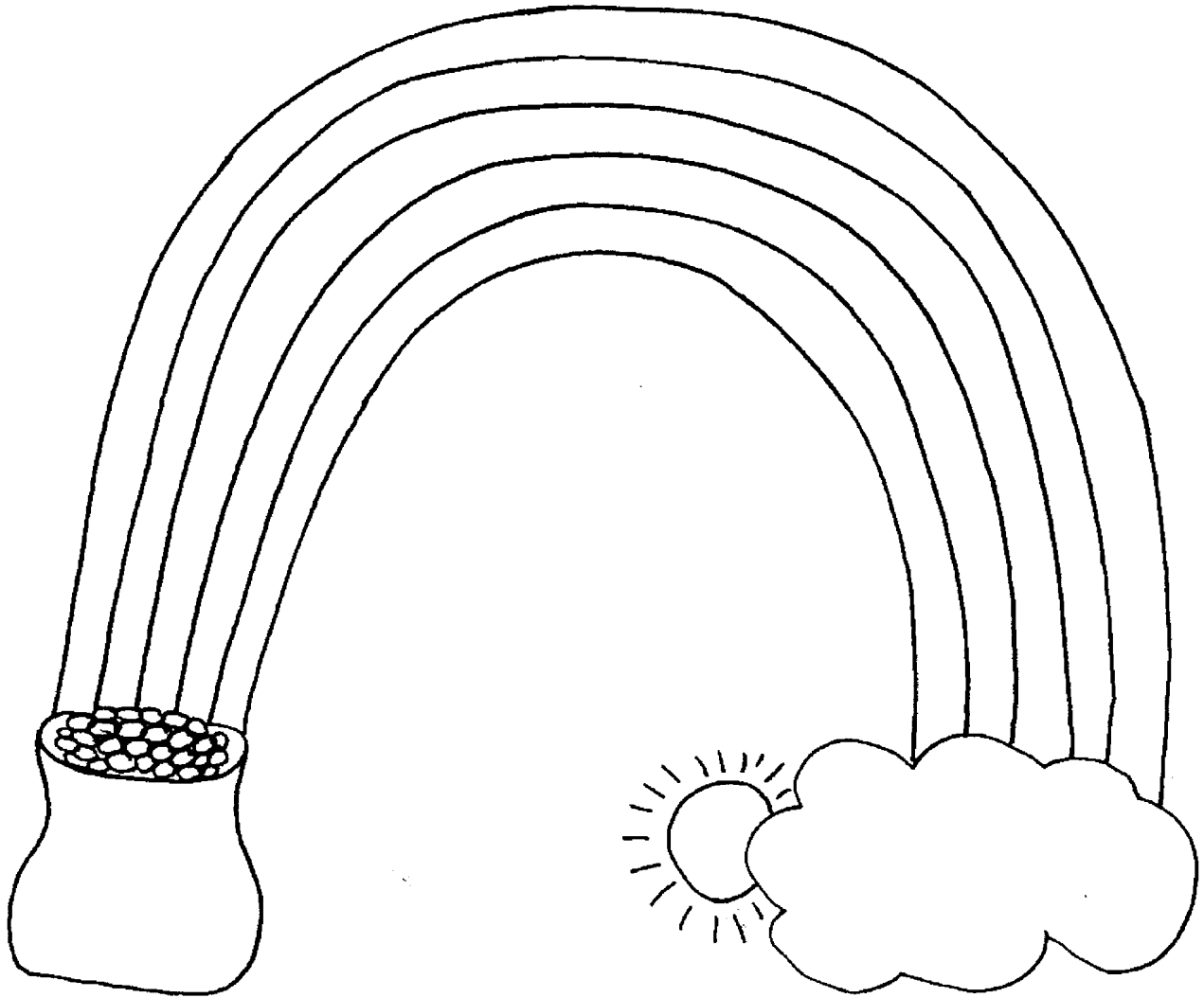
Drive the bus up and around from the school to the house.
Stop and drop off the children.
Then keep going down and around the circle back to school.

Bus Stop 2



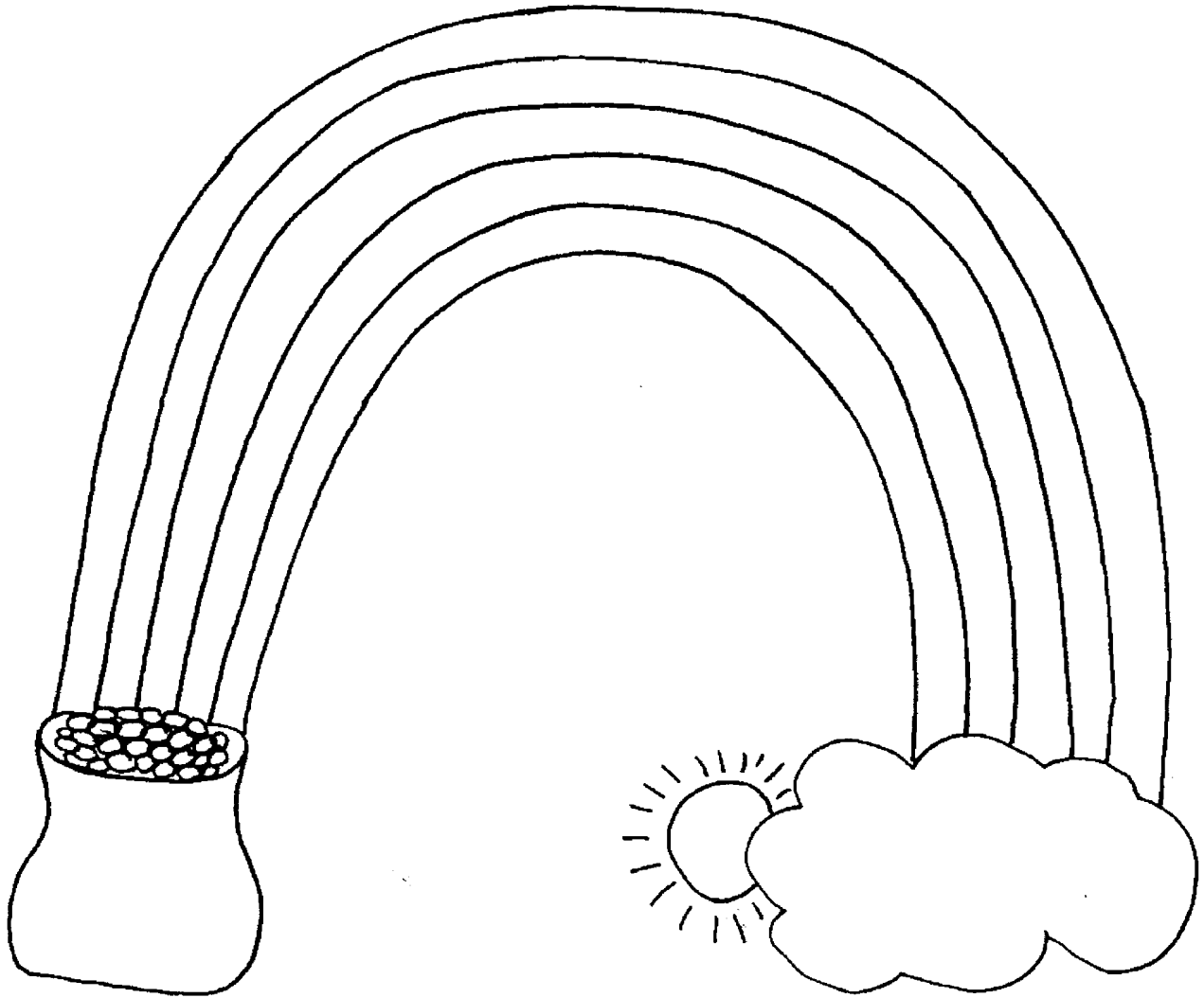
Drive the car up and around to the school. Stop and drop off the children.
Then keep going down and around the circle back home.

Rainbow 1



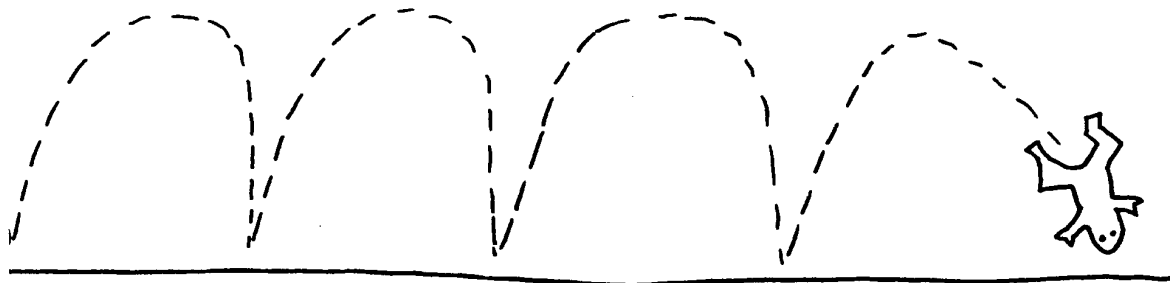
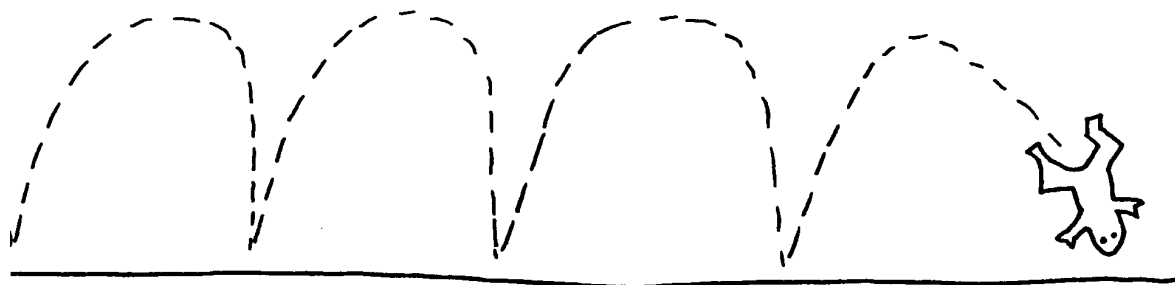
Follow the rainbow from the pot of gold to the cloud.
Use a different colored pencil for each path.

Rainbow 2



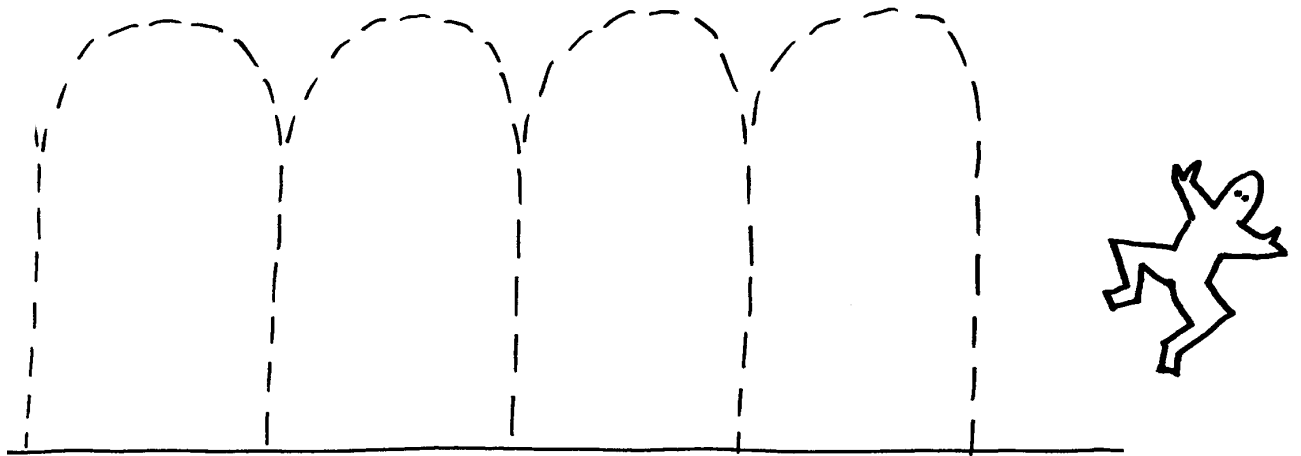
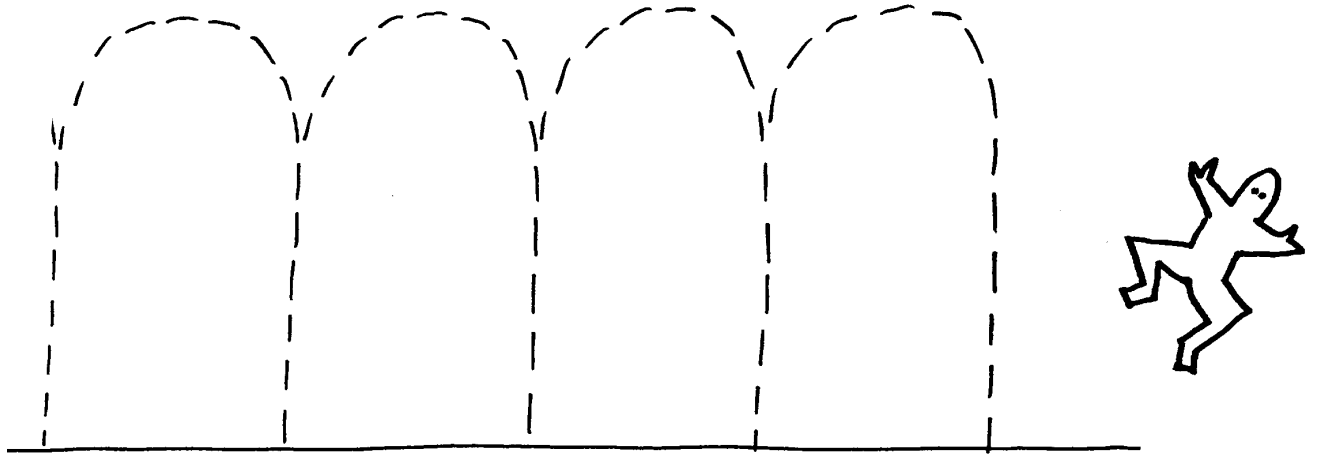
Follow the rainbow from the cloud to the pot of gold.
Use a different colored pencil for each path.

Frog Hop 1



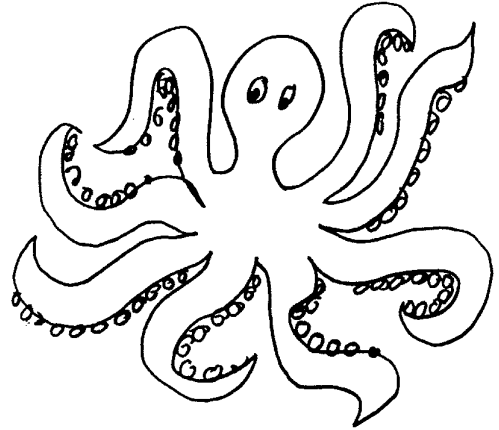
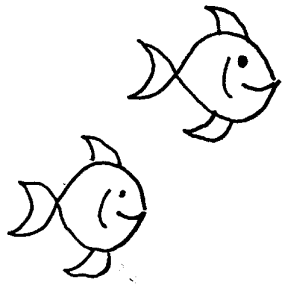
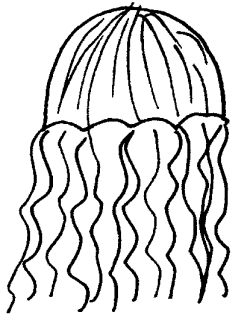
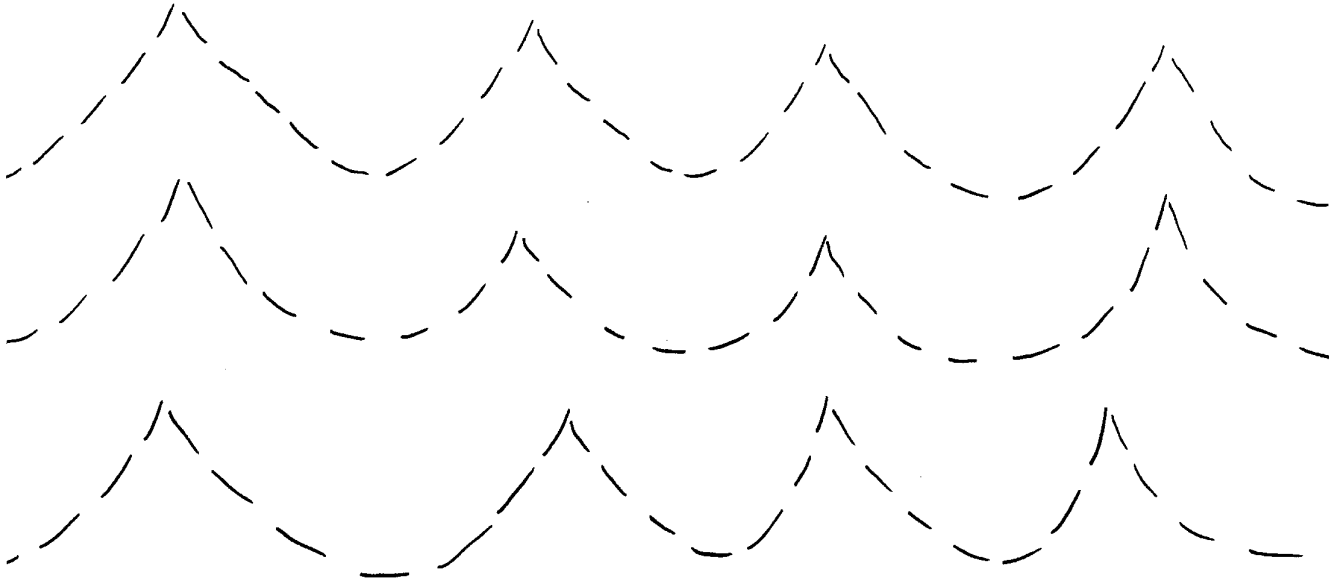
Follow the hopping frogs.
Follow each path three times.

Frog Hop 2



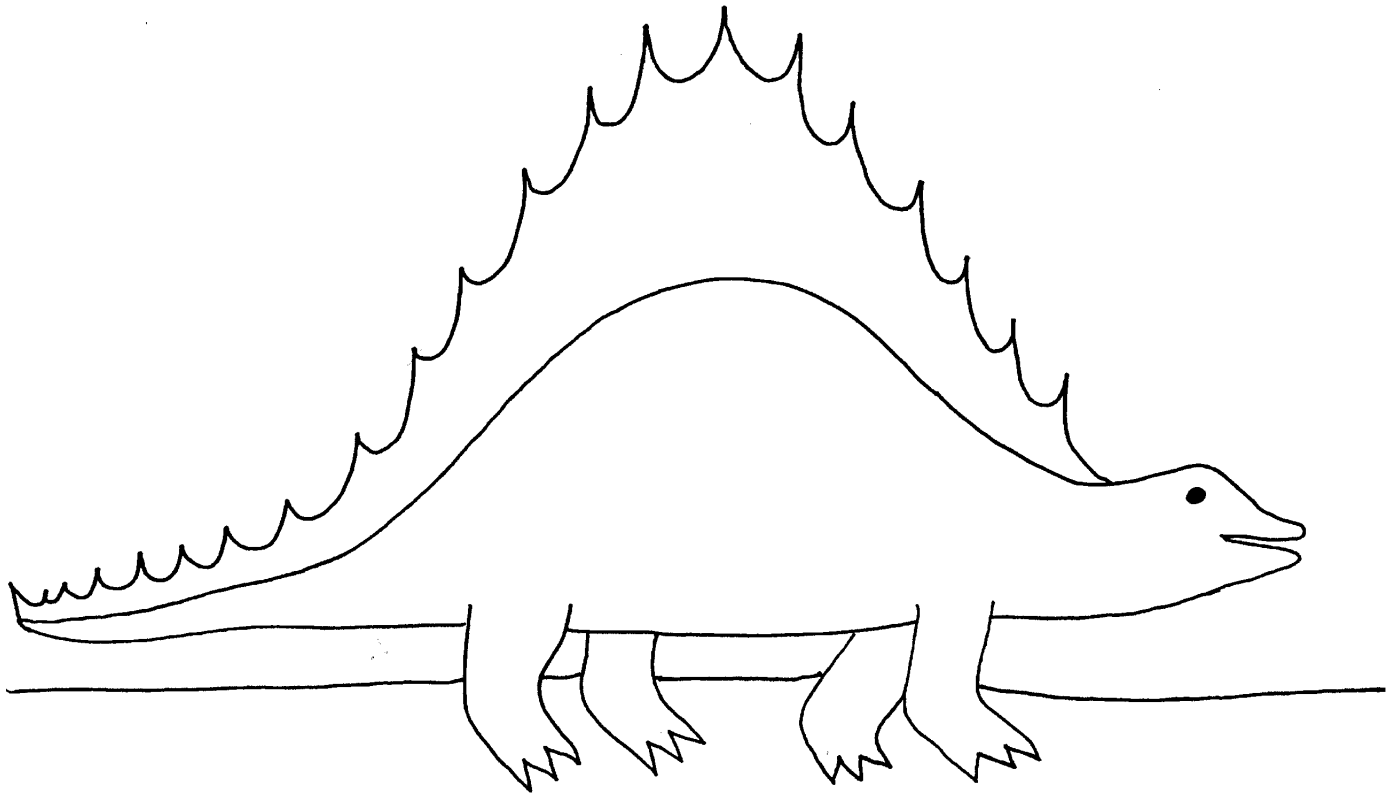
Follow the hopping frogs.
Follow each path three times.

Waves



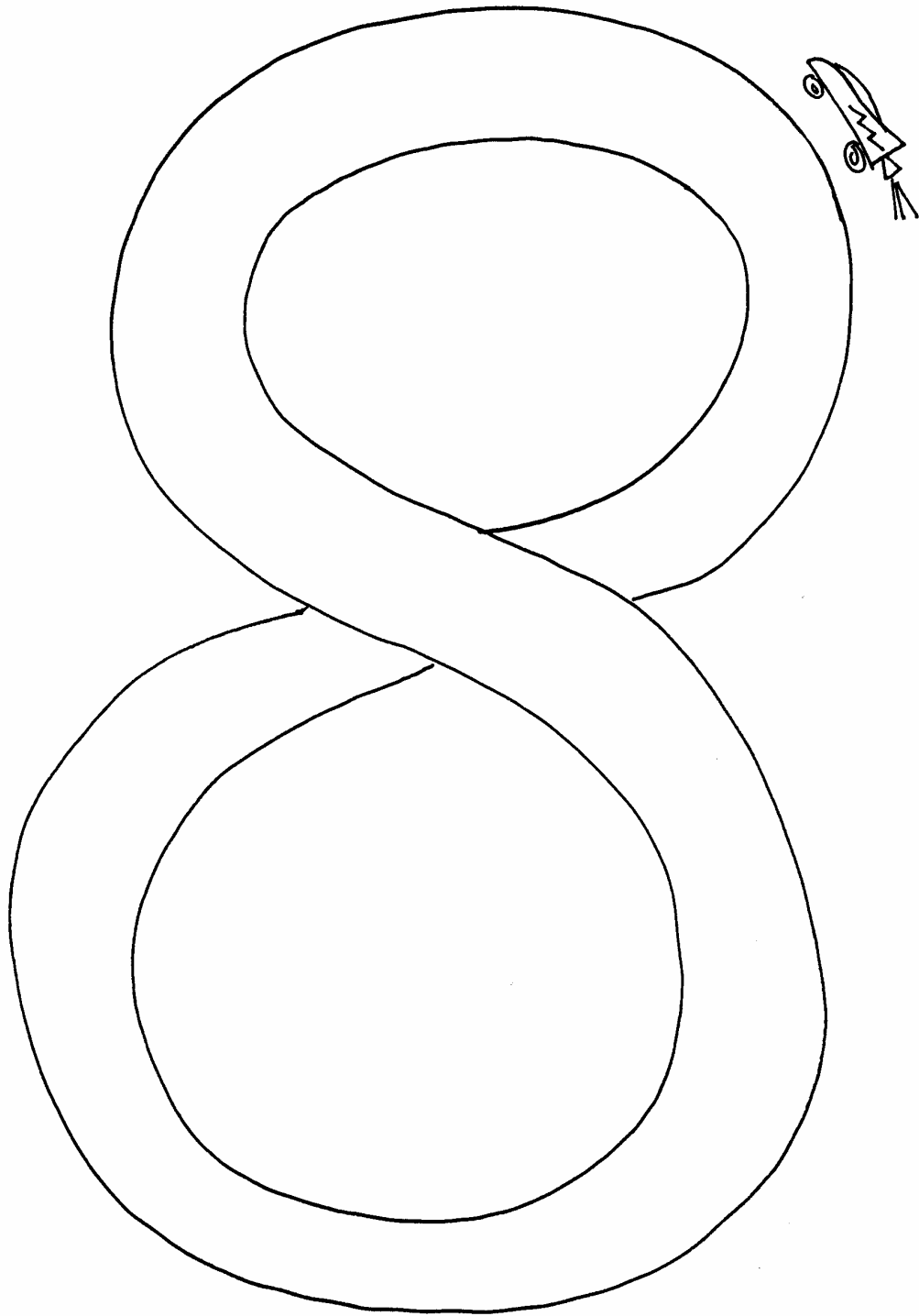
Trace the waves two times.
First trace from left to right.
Then trace from right to left.
Color the octopus, fish, and jellyfish.

Dinosaur



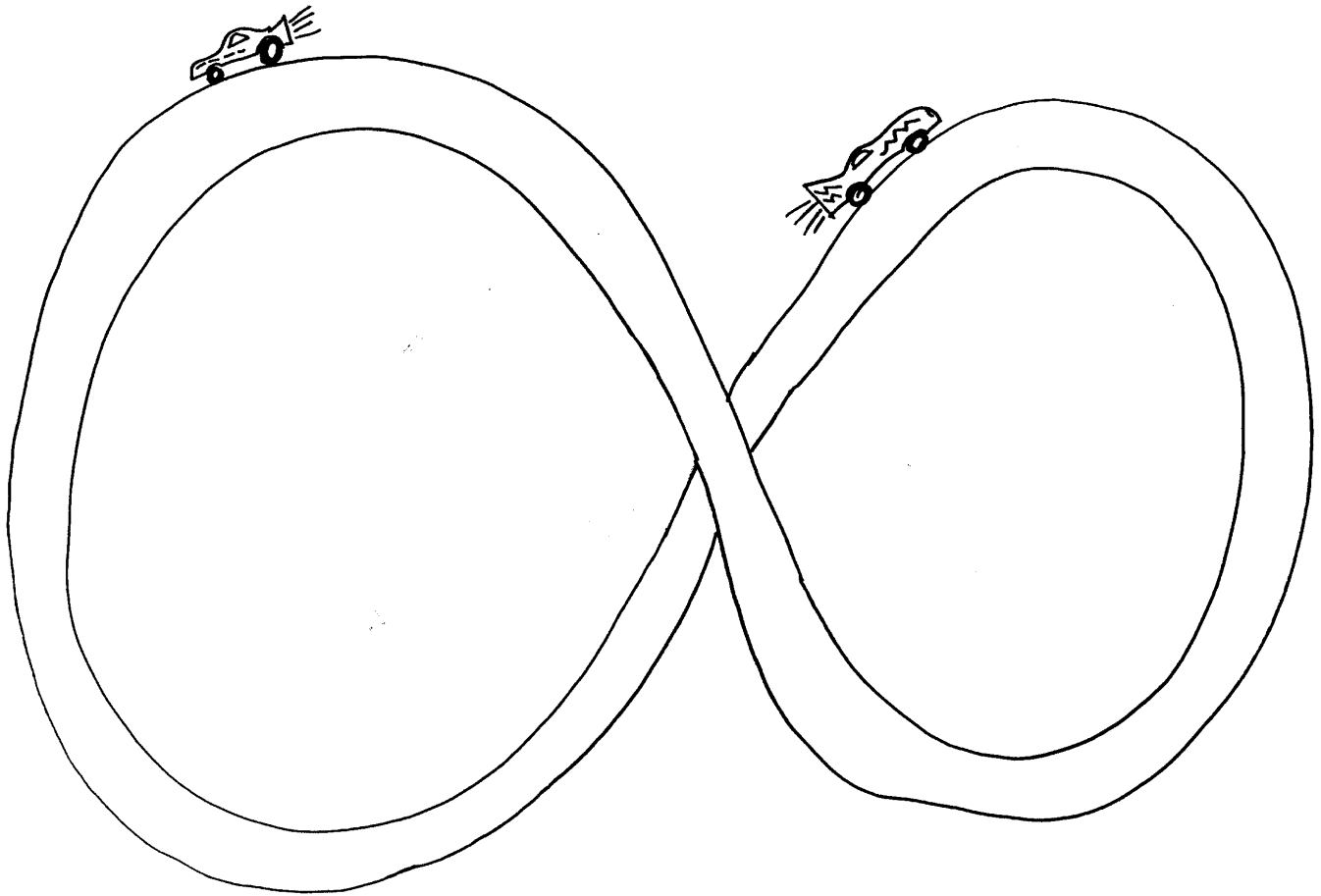
Trace the fin on the back of the dinosaur.
Start at the tail and go towards the head.
Then start at the head and go towards the tail.
Color the dinosaur.

Figure Eight Race Track 1



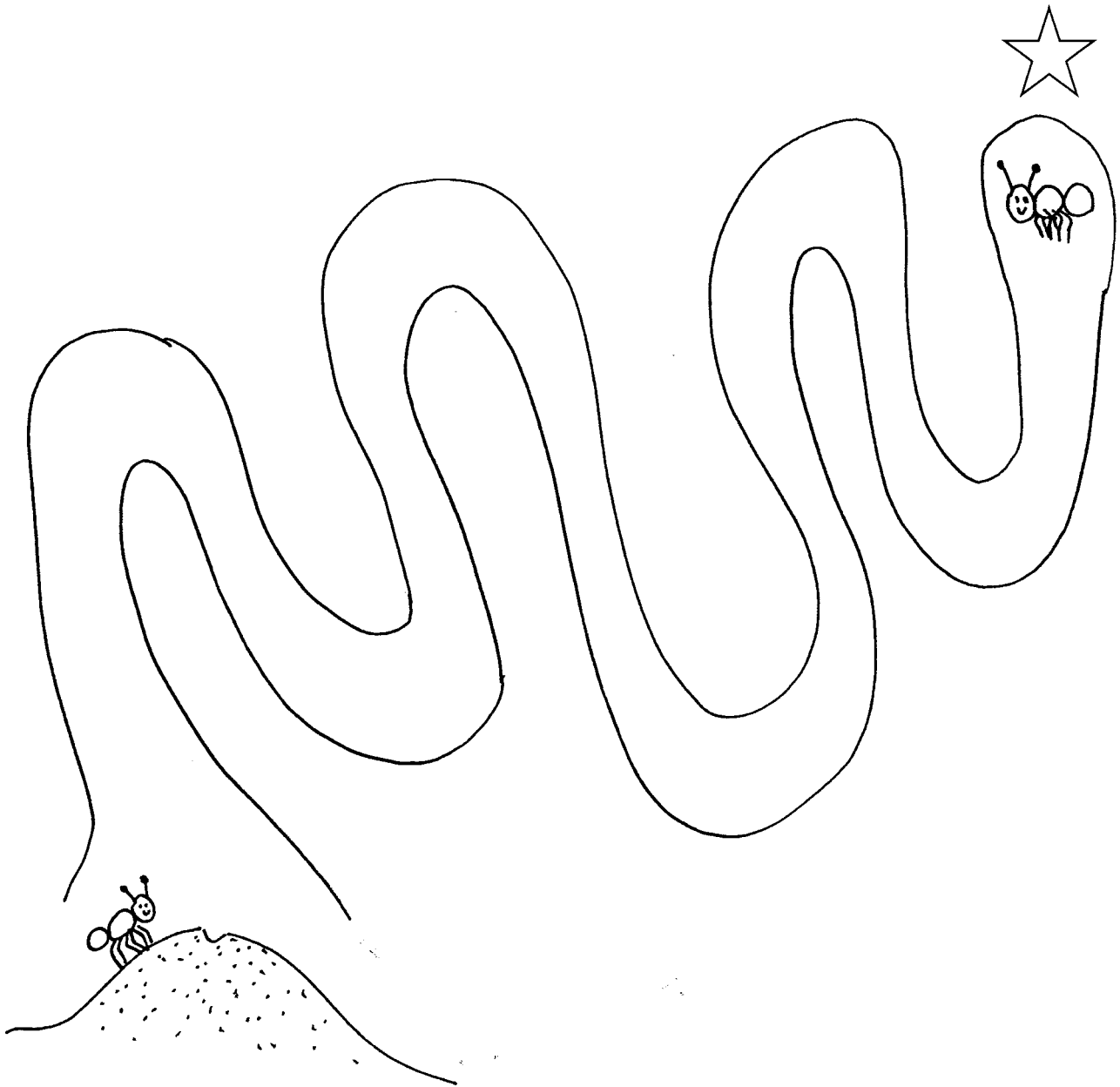
Start on the racetrack by the car.
Go up and around the track many times.

Figure Eight Race Track 1



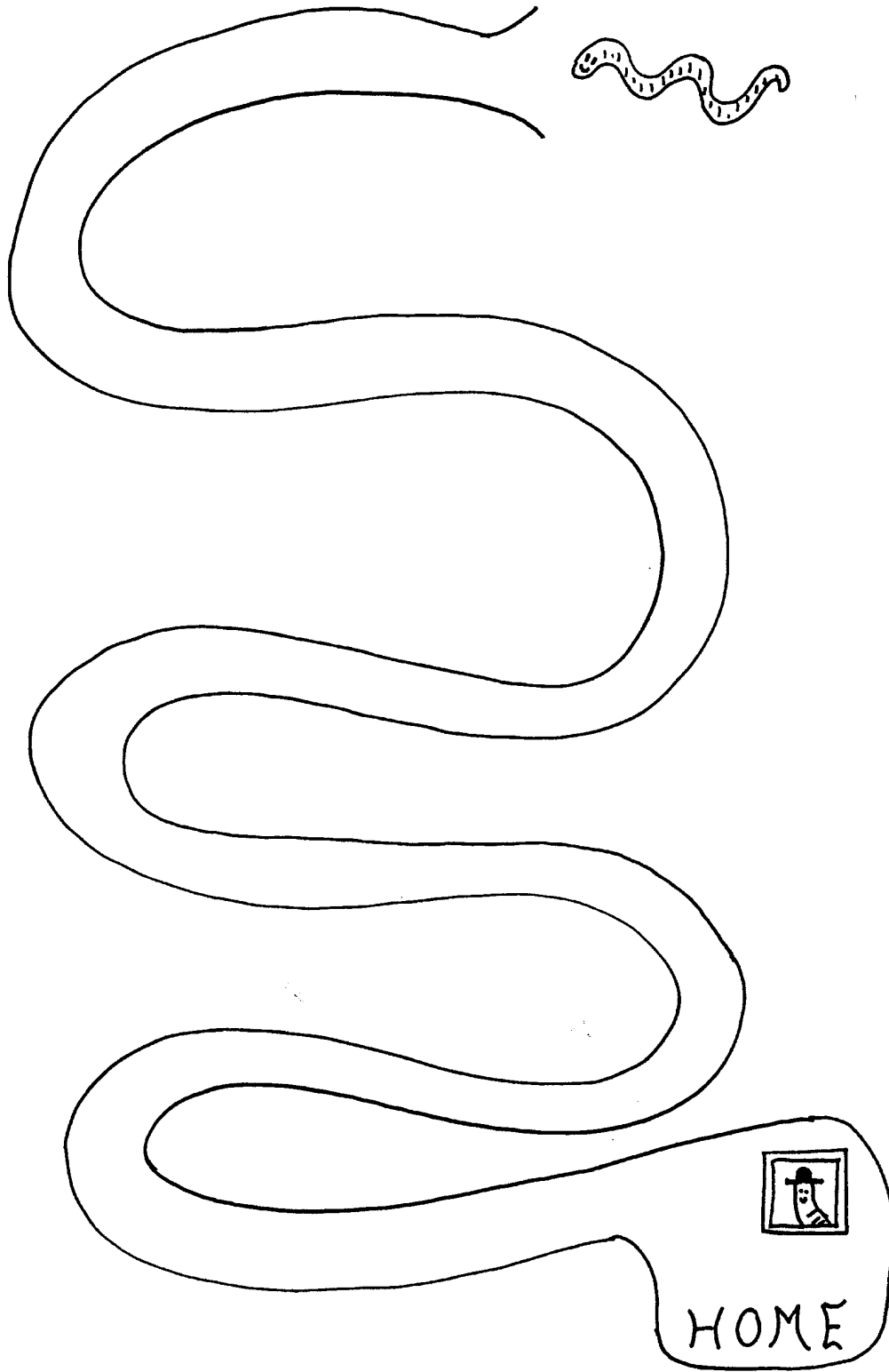
Start where the racetrack crosses. Go up and to the left.
Go around the track many times.
Keep your pencil on the paper.

Anthill



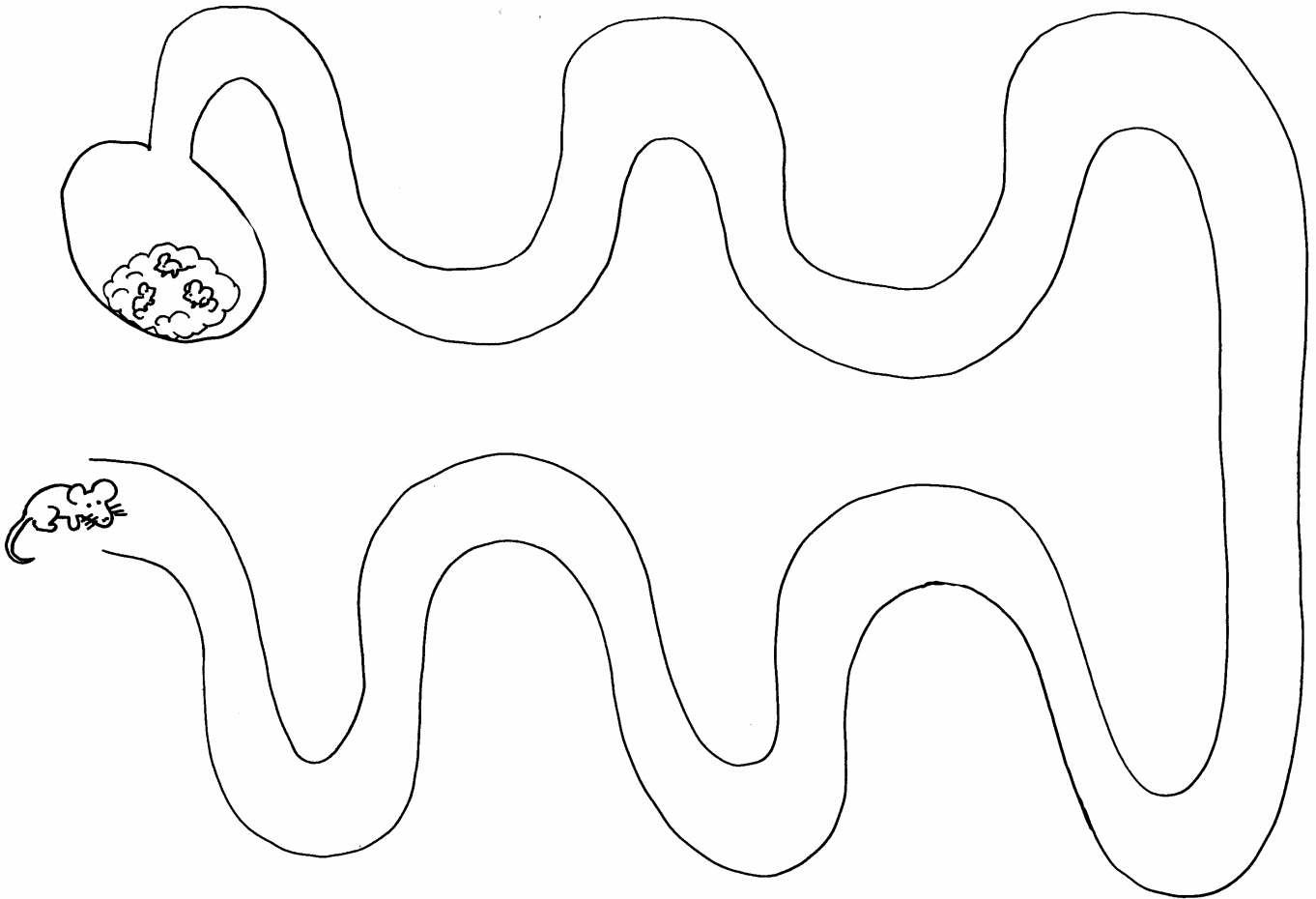
Start at the ant by the star. Help the ant find his way home.

Willy Worm 1



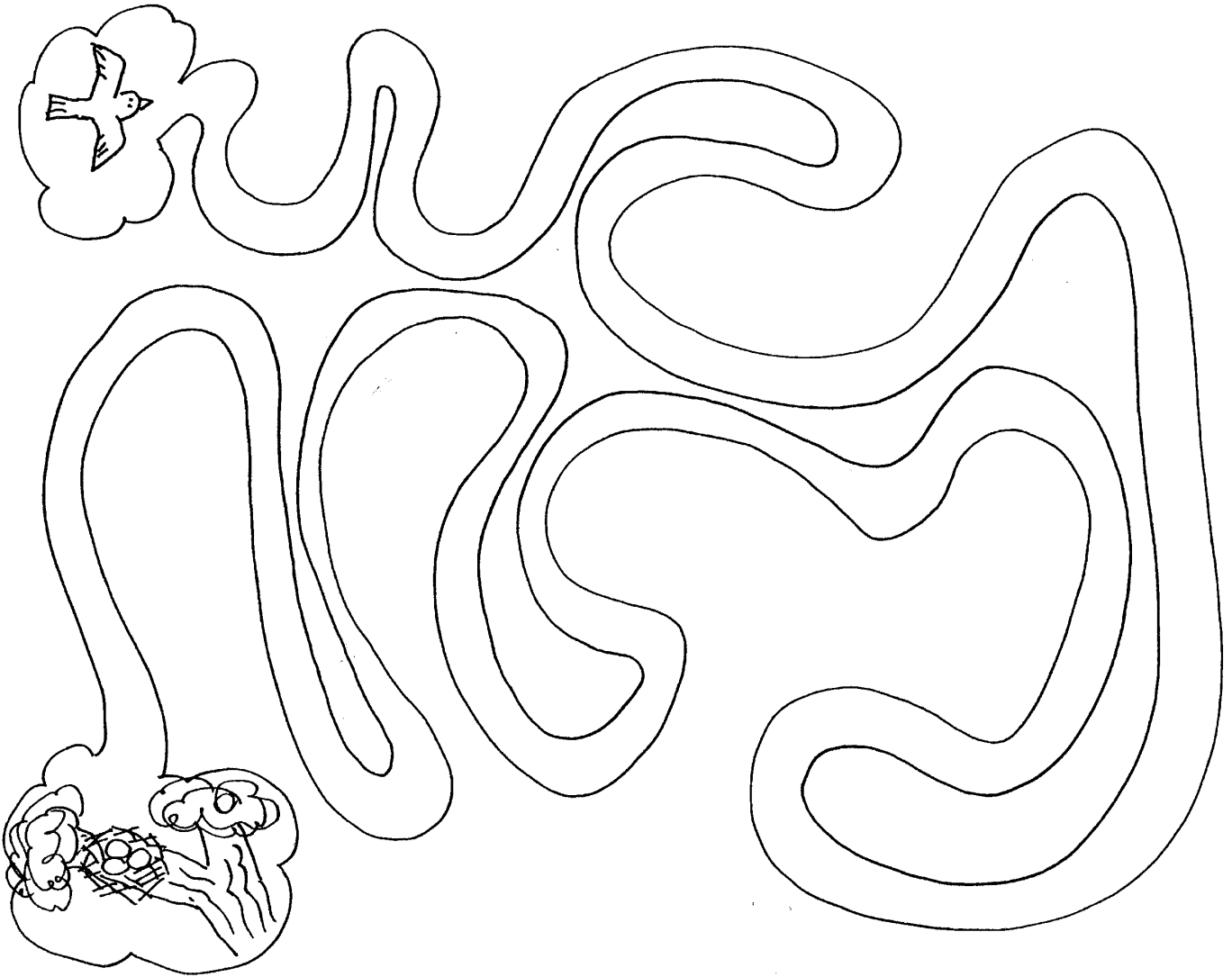
Start at the worm. Help the worm find his way home.

Mouse Walk



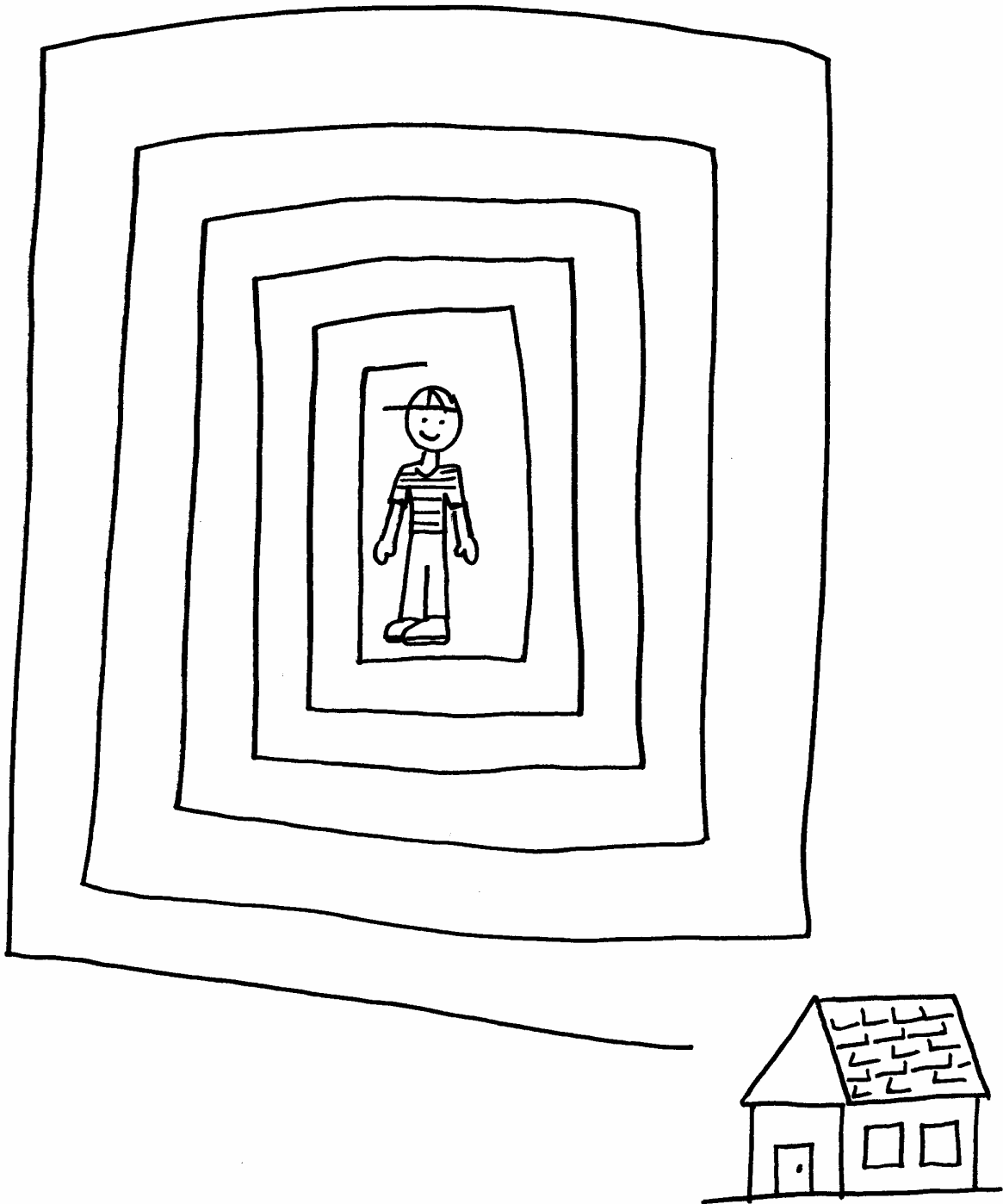
Start at the mouse.
Help the mother mouse get back to her babies.

Bird Nest



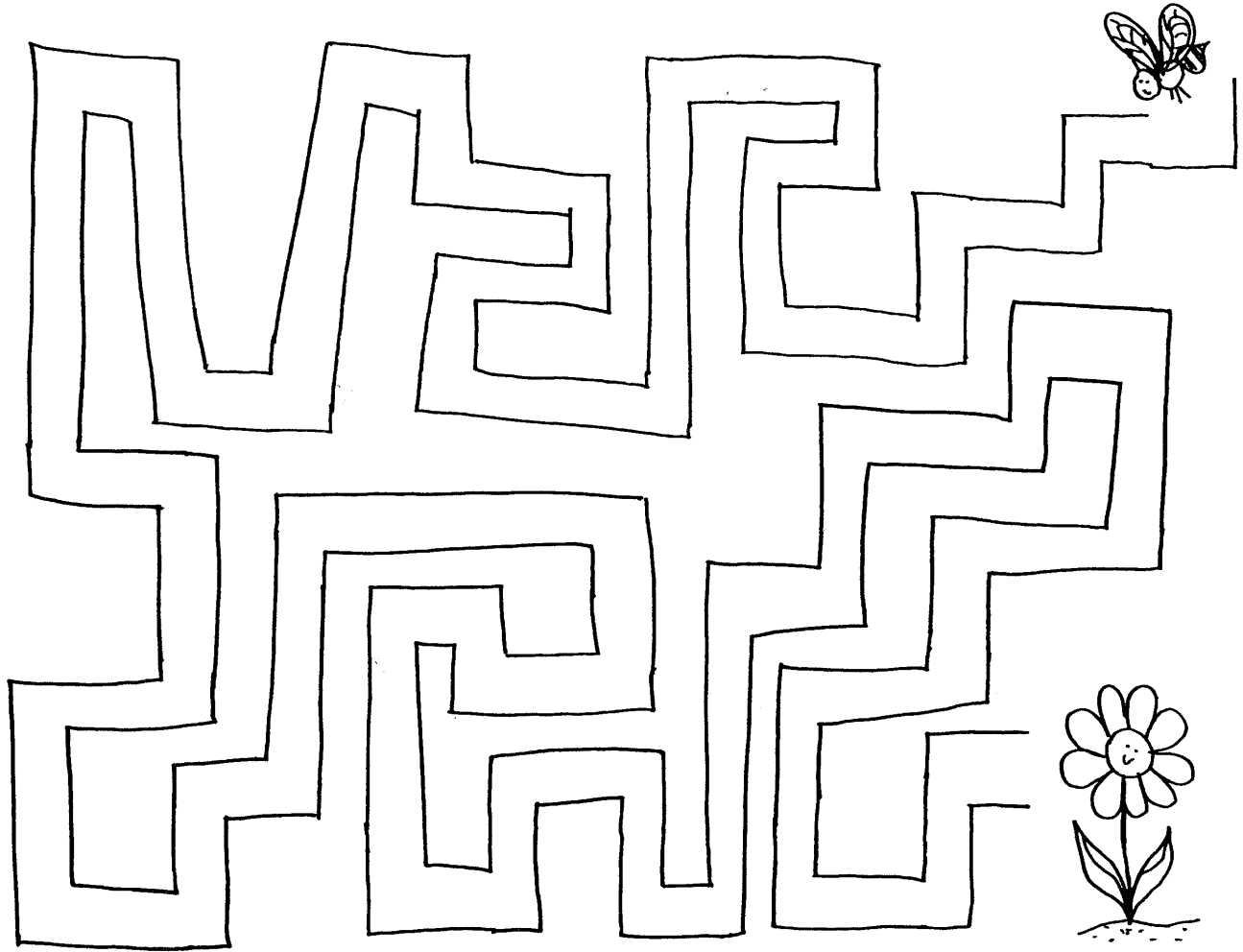
Start at the bird.
Help the mother bird find her nest.

Boy Going Home



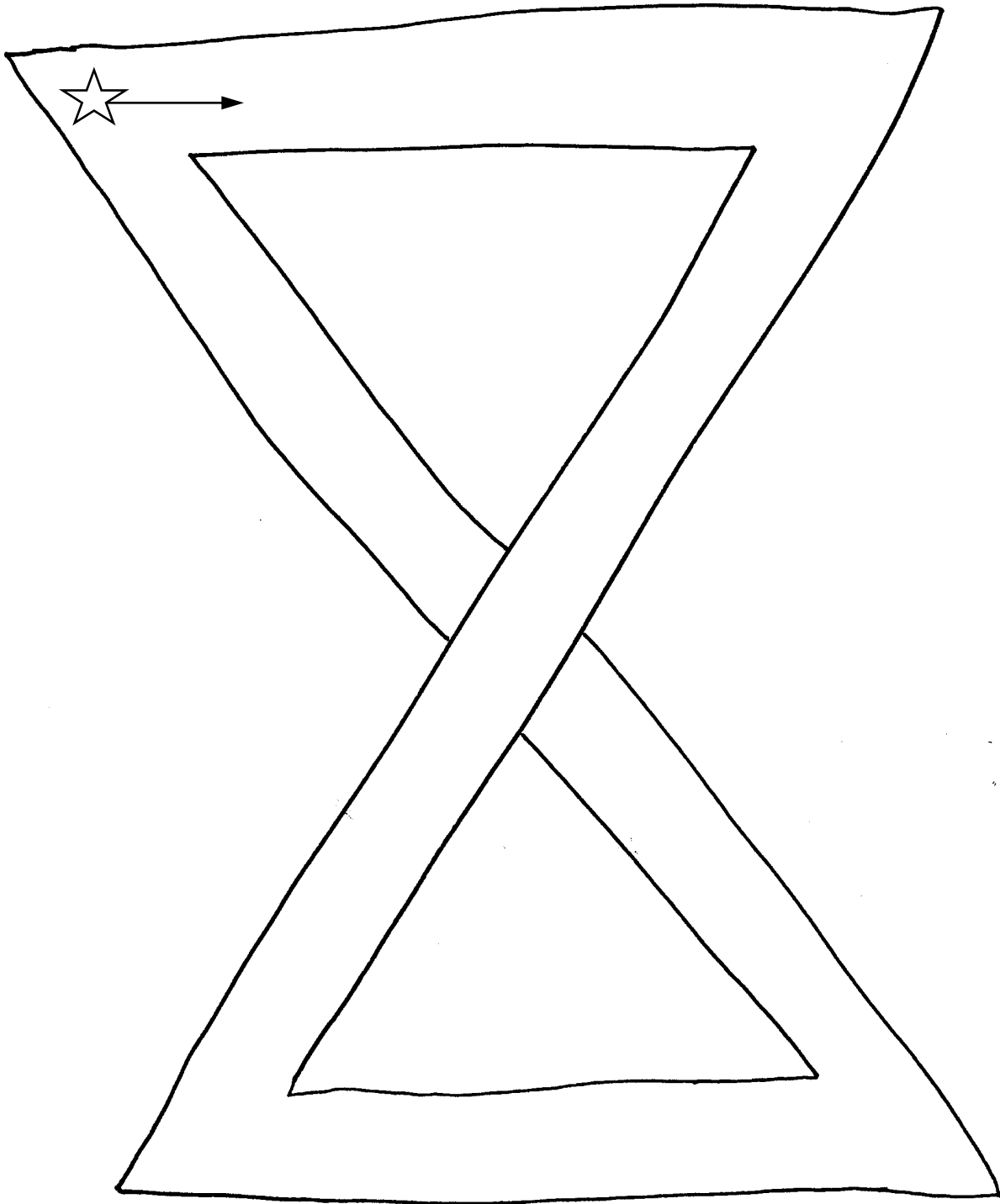
Start at the boy. Go to the house.
Make a sharp corner at every turn.
Help the boy find his way home.

Bee And Flower



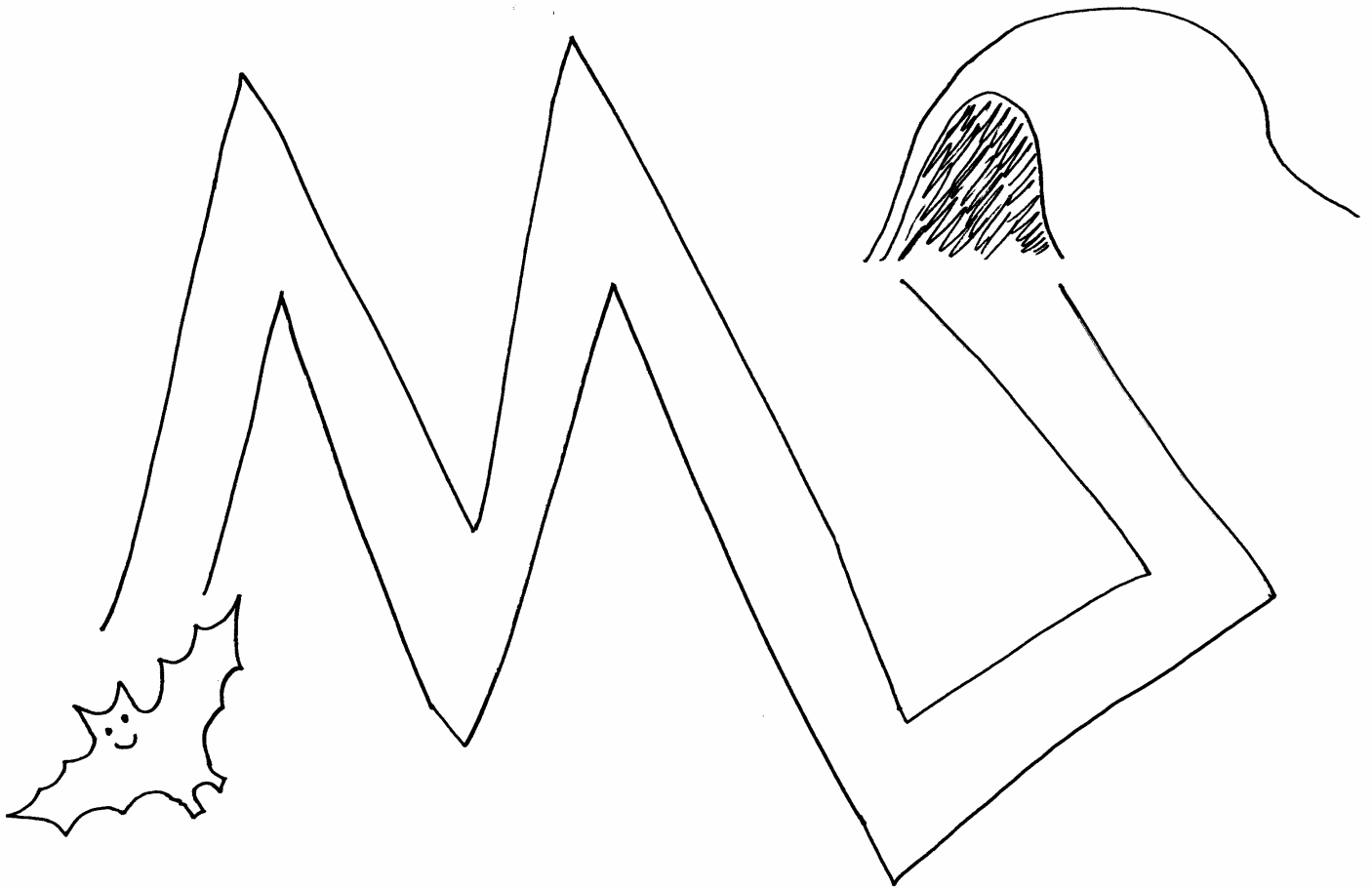
Help the bee find the flower.
Make a sharp corner each time the bee turns.
Color the flower.

Double Pyramid



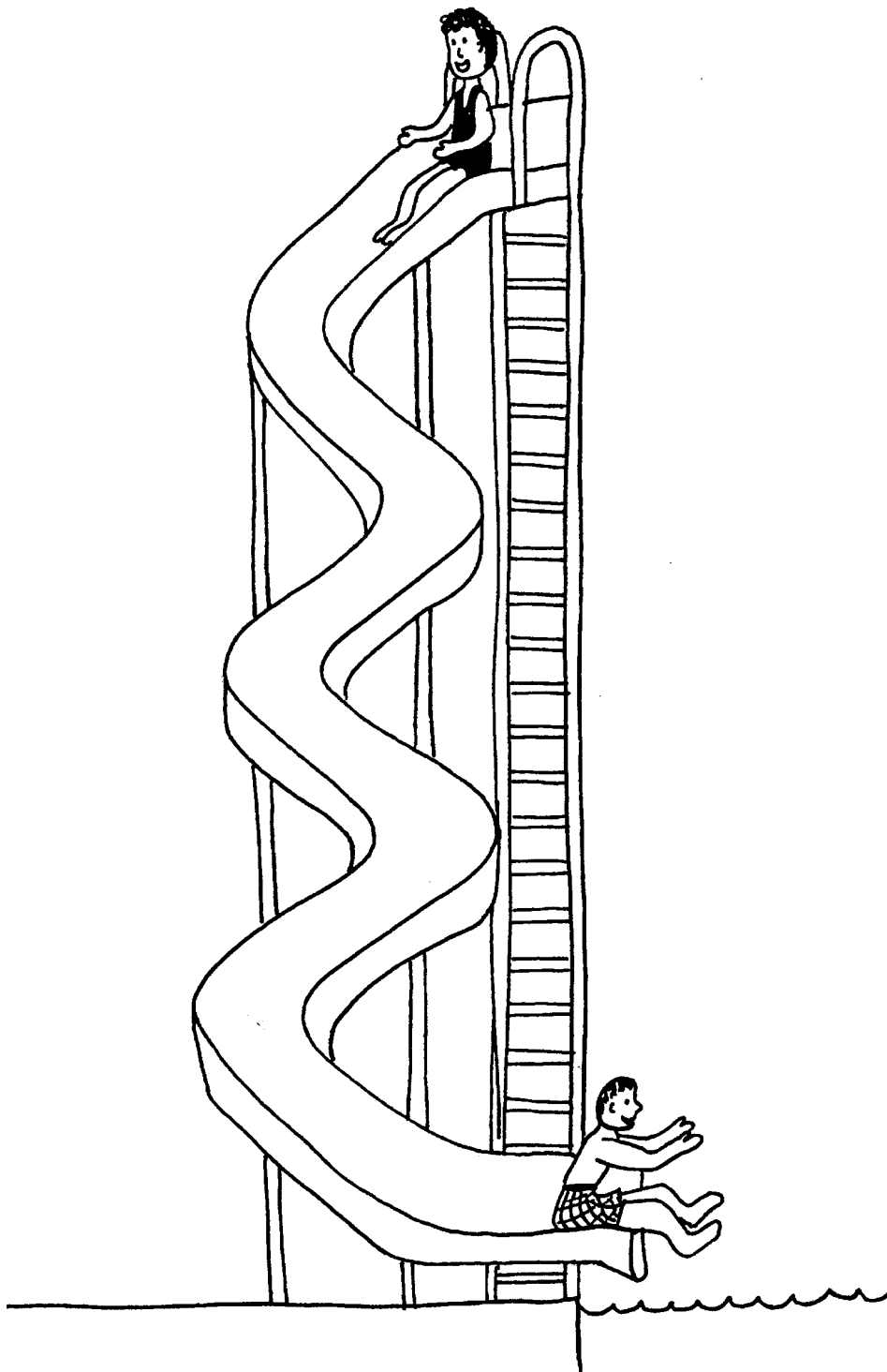
Follow the path. Start at the star. Follow the arrow.
Make a sharp corner each time you turn.
Go through the path several times.

Bat Cave



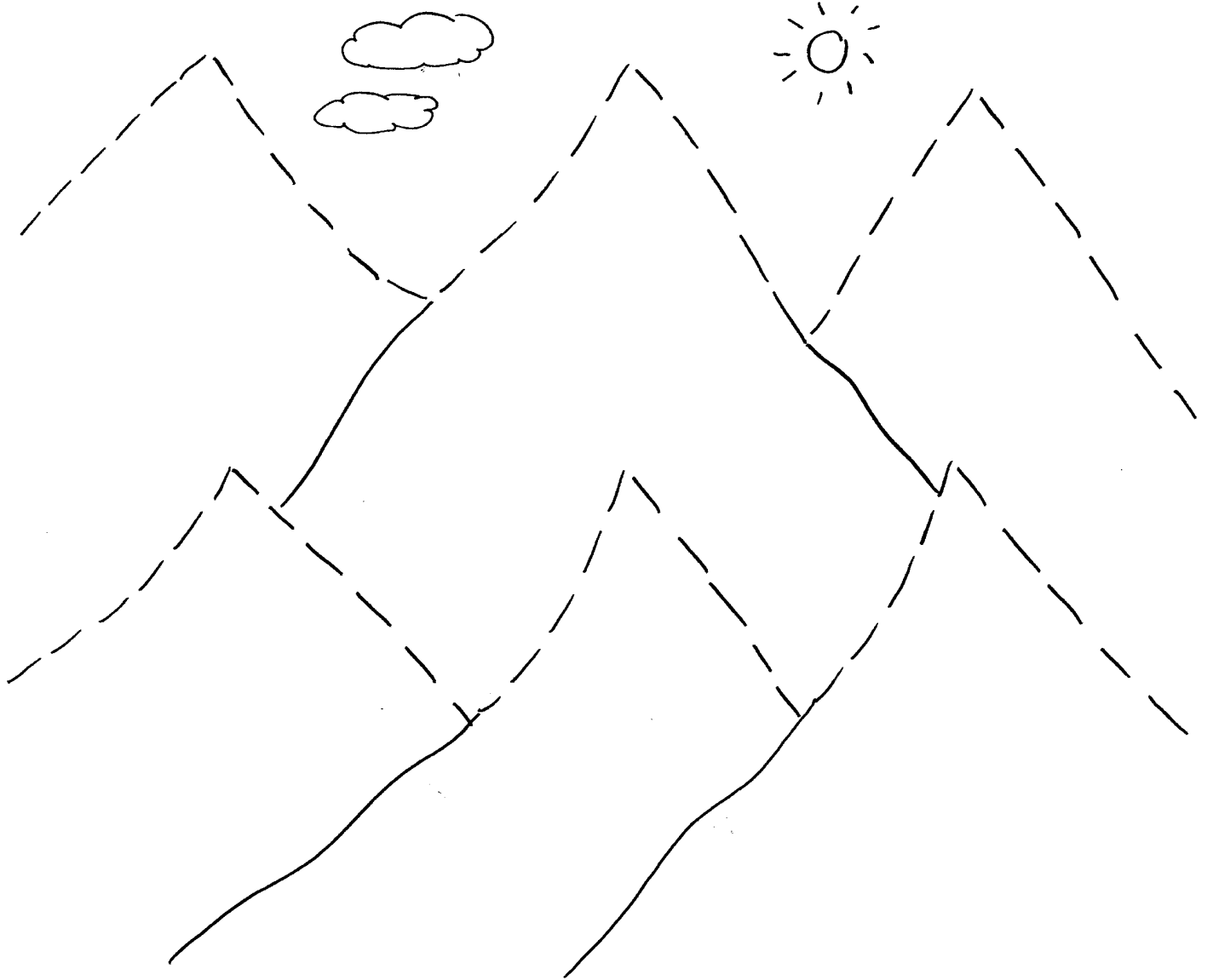
Help the bat find his cave.
Make a sharp corner each time you turn.

Waterslide



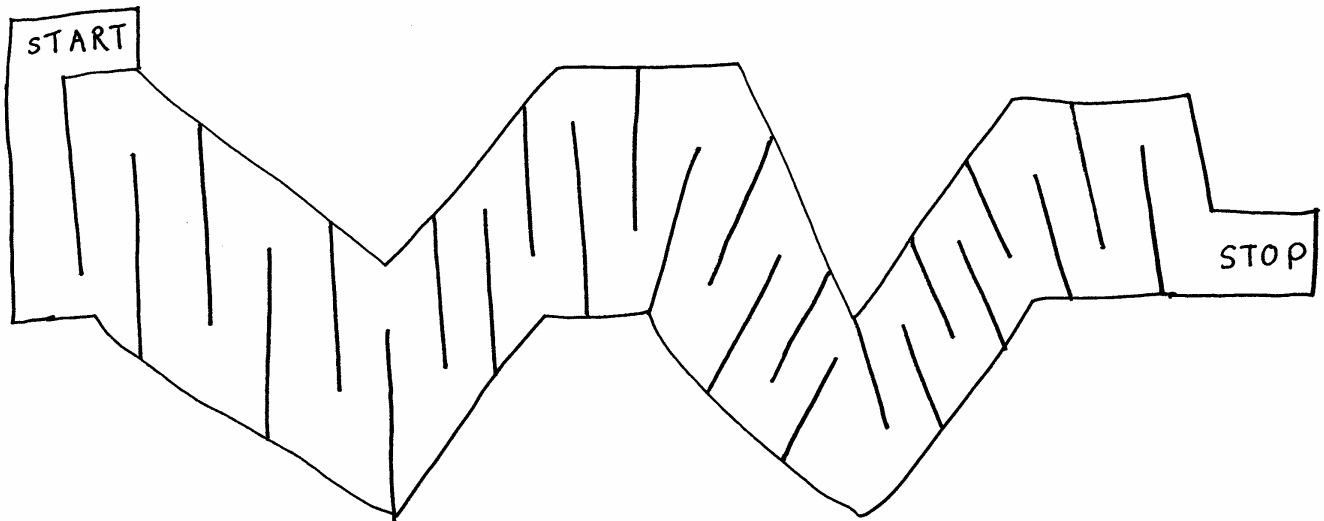
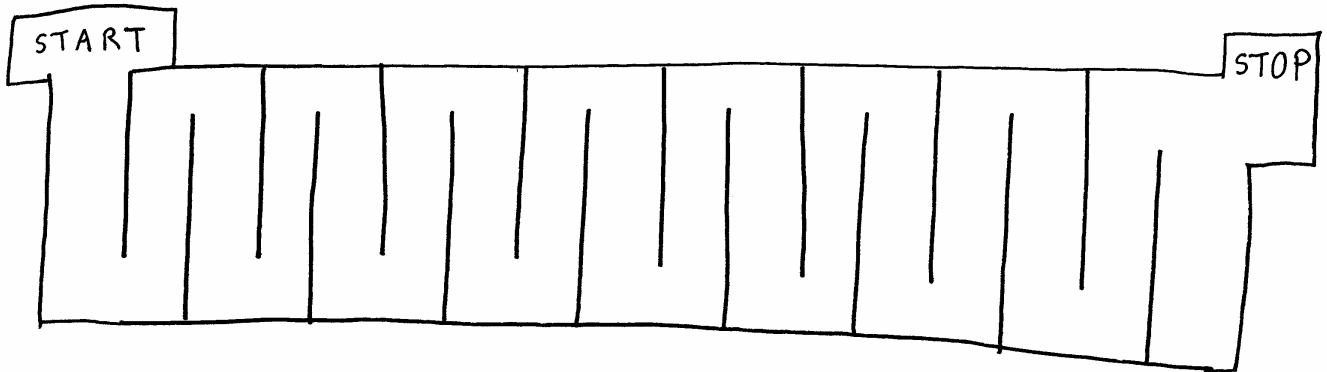
Help the children go down the waterslide.
Go down many times. Then color the picture.

Mountain Tops



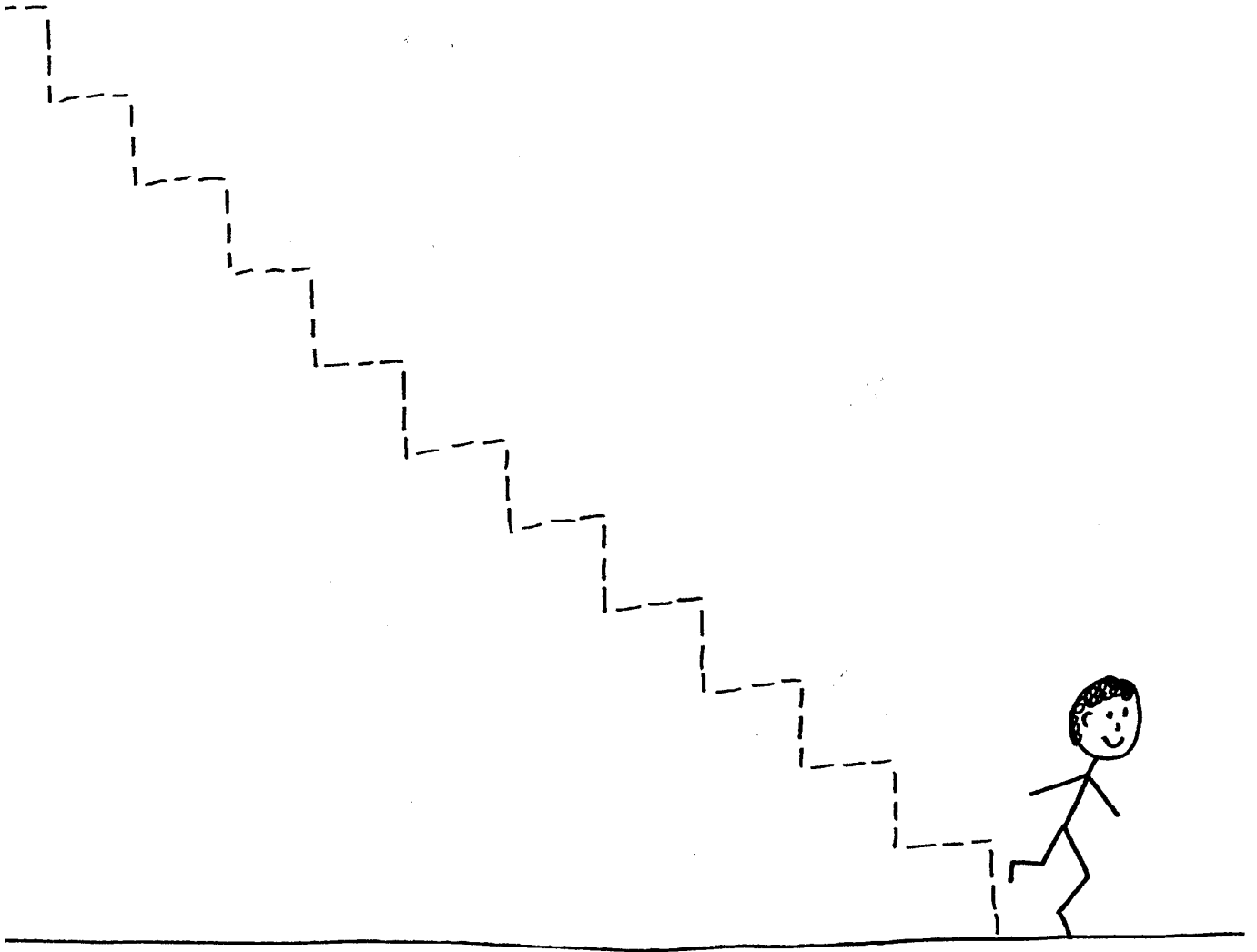
Go up and down the mountain tops. First go from left to right.
Then go from right to left. Color the mountains.

Two Mazes



Go through each maze.

Down The Steps



Go down the steps three times.
Make a sharp corner as you go down each step.
Then draw more children going down the steps.

