

Playgroup Lesson – Knowing God

Aim: For pre-school children to begin to develop a relationship with God by identifying His creations. For parents to be able to talk with their children about God in some concrete and tangible ways.

Five lesson Plans

1. God made Minerals
2. God made Plants
3. God made Animals
4. God made People
5. God made Me.

Five Elements:

1. Prayers – Practice the prayer “O God, My God, My Beloved, My Heart’s Desire” as a group.

2. Song: “*God is Everywhere*” by Radha
Use pictures or actions to learn words.

3. Quotation: For children who have developed some language to memorize. Say together as a group at different volumes, speed, etc.

“God created all.”
Abdu’l-Baha

4. Story: Read the story “Shining Stars” in the book *The Creator* by Roberta Hafenstein. Alternatively pictures on cards or toys can be used and given out to the children as the story is recited. This has proved very effective for children as young as one.

5. Art Activities:

1. God made the Shining Stars (Mineral Kingdom).

Make a booklet and stick in collage material for “God made light (stars, sun, moon, fire), He made the earth (mountains, rocks, sand) and He made the water (seas, rivers, snow, rain).” Collage material could be coloured paper, cellophane, sandpaper, fabric, etc. Or alternative colouring page.

2. God made the Giant Trees (Plant Kingdom).

Collage using pressed flowers, seeds, leaves, bark. Write on it that God made flowers, trees, seeds fruit, etc. Or colouring page.

3. God made the Solid Elephants (Animal Kingdom).

Either a colouring page of animals or use stamps or stickers of different animals.

4. God made People (Human Kingdom).
Colouring sheet of God made my friends and family etc.

5. God made Me
Fingerpainting of handprints.

6. Kinesthetic activities:

1. God made the Shining Stars (Mineral Kingdom).
Water tray with ice cubes. Sand tray with pebbles, coloured stones and “gold” hidden in it for children to “find the treasure”. Mirrors, torches, etc for light play.

2. God made the Giant Trees (Plant Kingdom).
Go for a nature walk. Make a fruit salad to eat. Plant cuttings in playdough.

3. God made the Solid Elephants (Animal Kingdom).
Either build a farm/zoo with animal figures and blocks, or feed ducks and pat dogs, or play fishing with magnet and paper-clipped fish.

4. God made People (Human Kingdom).
Use dolls and make a play house – activities could include dress-ups, tea party, transporting dolls or people in toy/pretend vehicles.

5. God made Me
Thread cut up straws on to string to make a necklace. Include a piece of card in a love heart shape that reads “God made Me”. Or alternatively make a crown with card and collage material and write on it “God Made me” .

SHINING STARS

from the Book “The Creator” by Roberta Hafenstein 1998

God made the shining stars,
And He made the busy ants.
God made the solid elephants,
And He made the running water.
God made the giant trees,
And He made the tiny seeds.
God made the fluttery butterfly,
And He made the prickly cactus.
God made the tough old turtles,
And He made the tender young flowers.
God made the mountains,
And God made me.
“He is the Most Holy, the Most Great,
the Most Exalted, the Most High.”

“God is Everywhere” by Radha

Who shines through the sun?
God shines through the sun.
Who shines through the stars?
God shines through the stars.

CH: God is everywhere (x4)

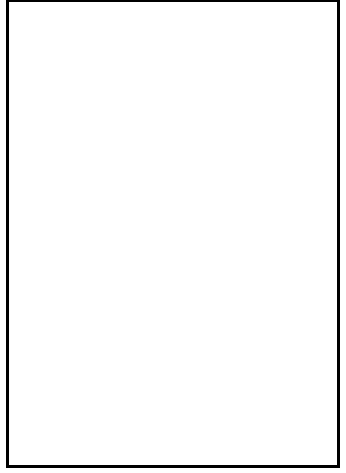
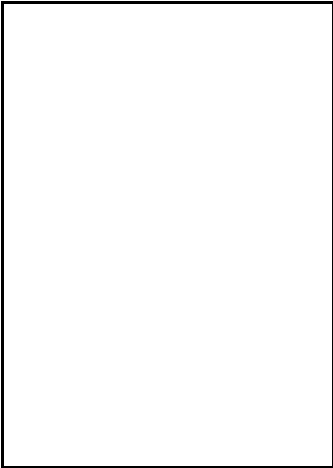
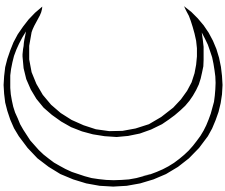
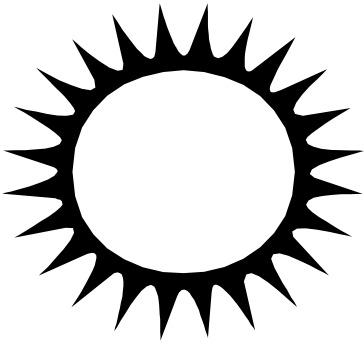
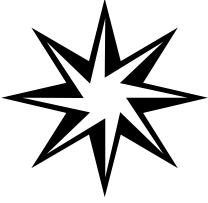
Who shines through the moon?
God shines through the moon.
Who shines through the rainbow?
God shines through the rainbow.

Chorus

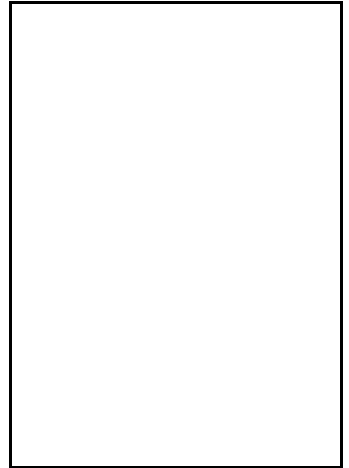
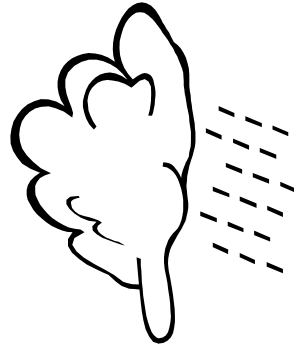
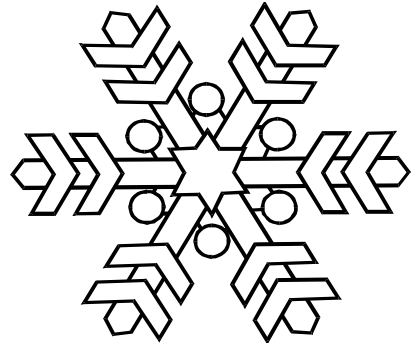
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God shines through my mother.
Who shines through my father?
God shines through my father.

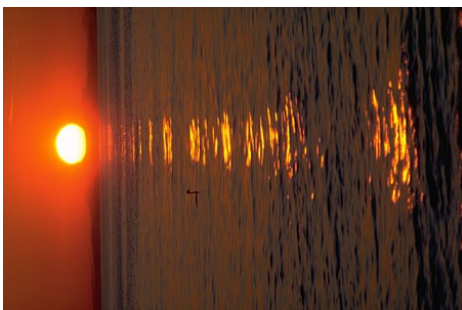
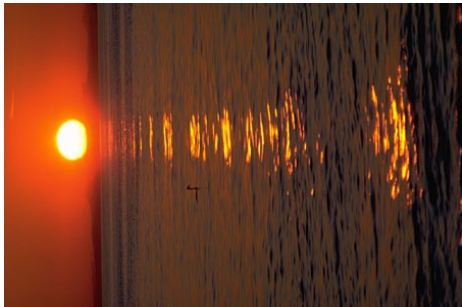
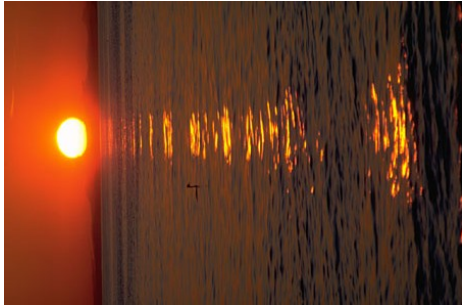
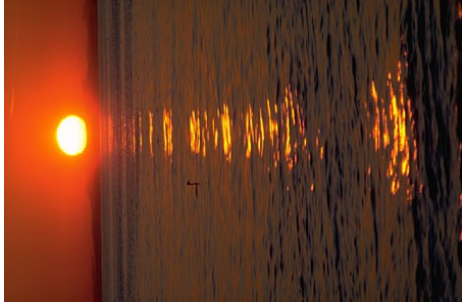
Chorus

Who shines through my friends?
God shines through my friends.
Who shines through my heart?
God shines through my heart.

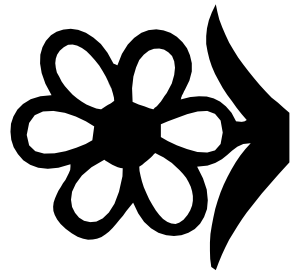
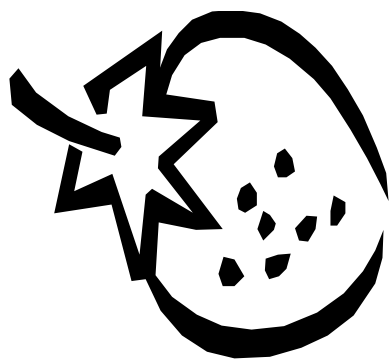
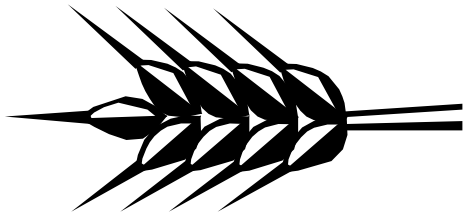
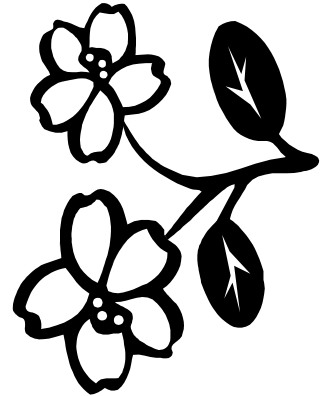
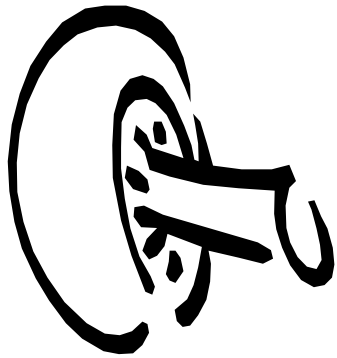
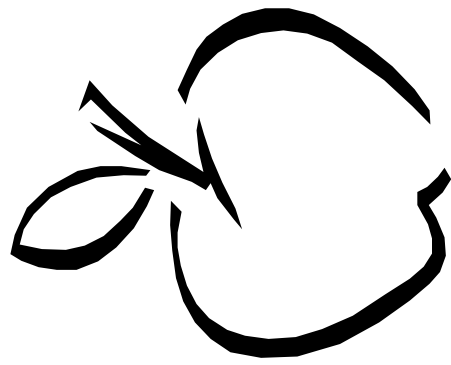
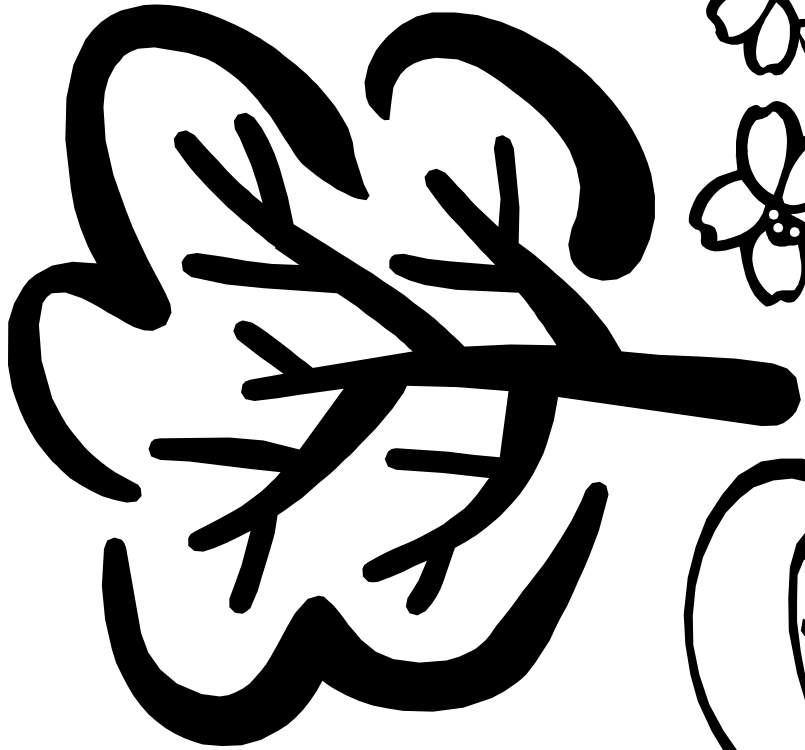
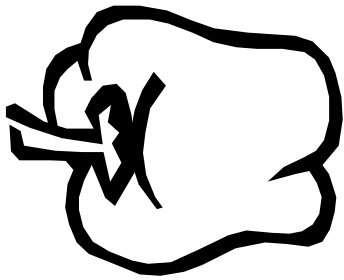


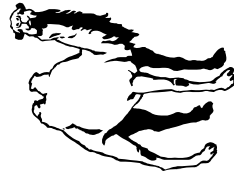
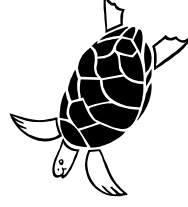
*God made light.
He made the Earth.
And He made the Waters.*





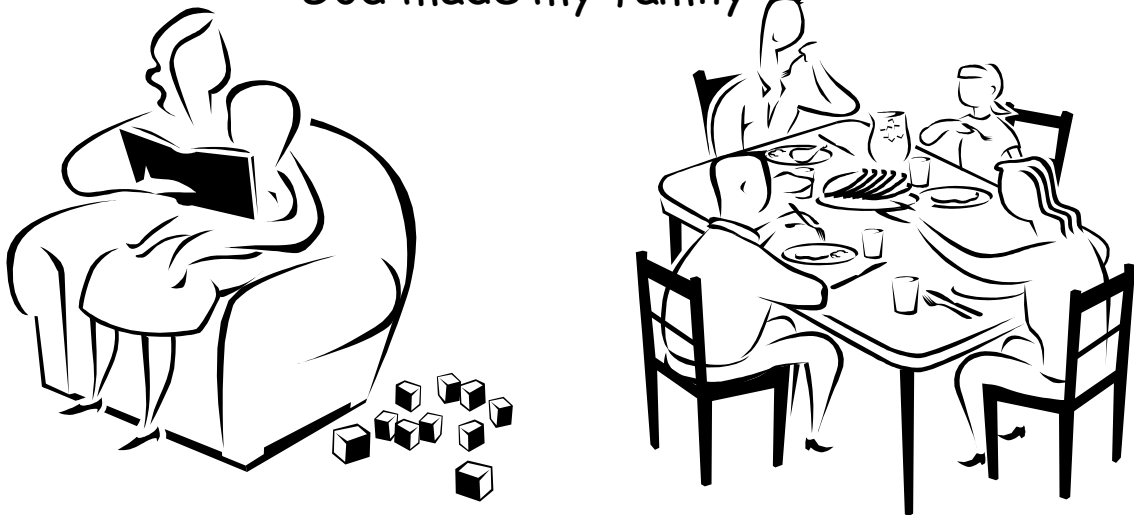
God made the tiny seeds, and the flowers and the giant trees.



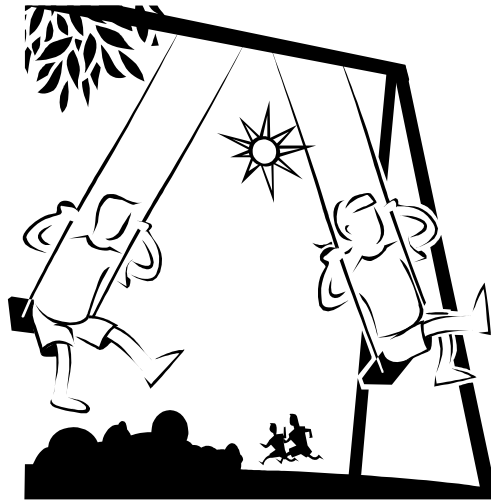


***God made the animals. He made the busy ants, the solid elephants,
the tough old turtles and the fluttery butterflies.***

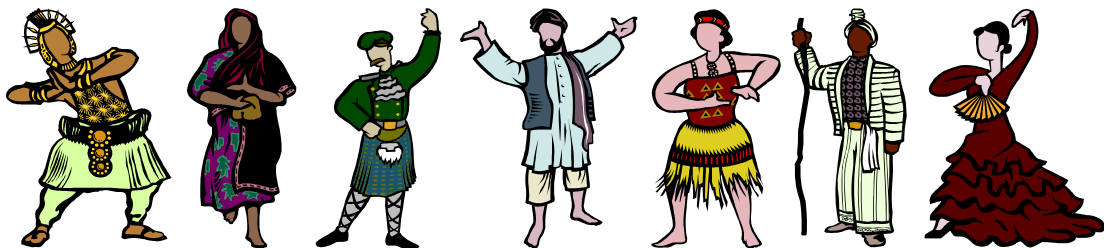
God made my family



God made my friends



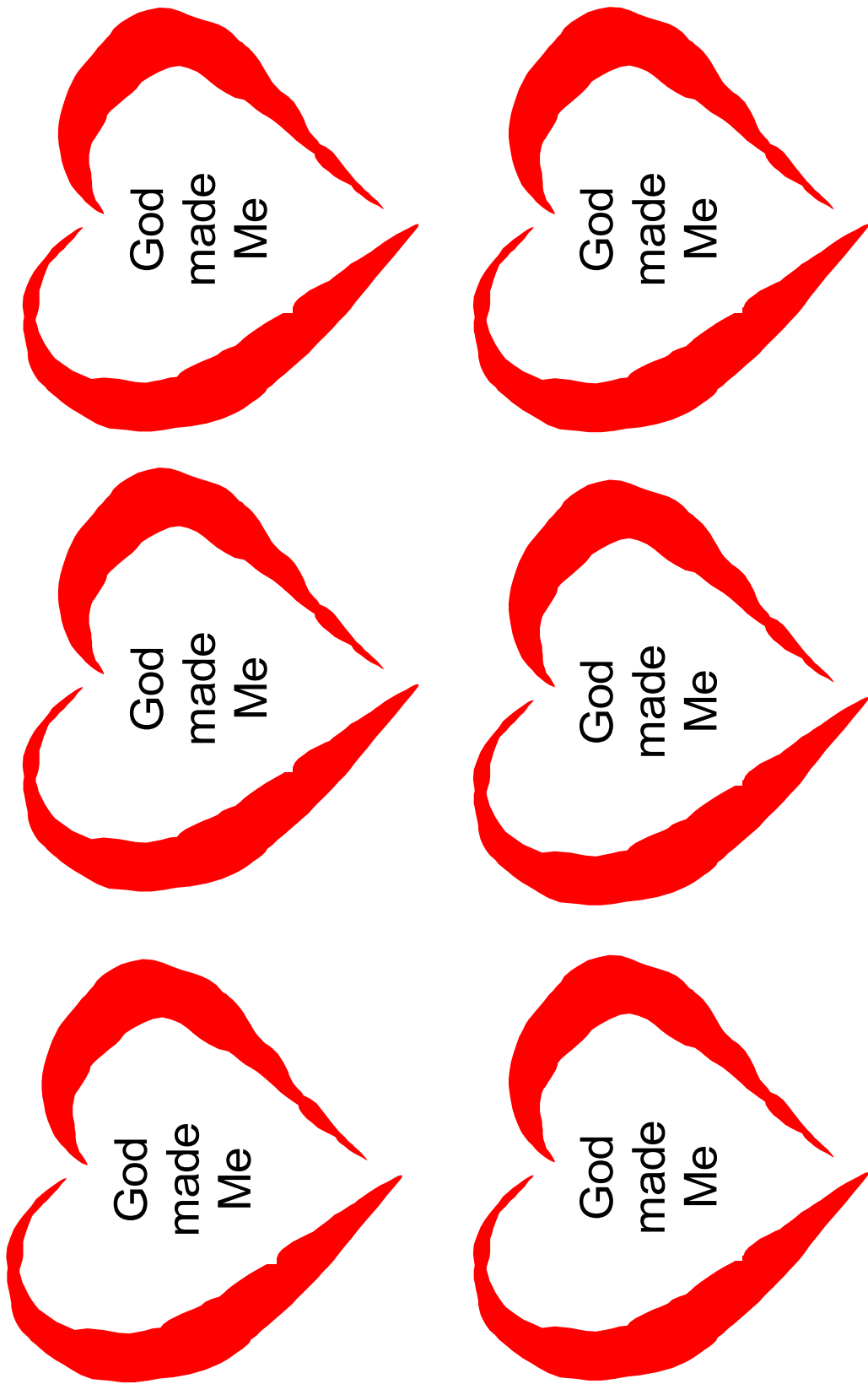
God made everyone in the world



"O SON OF MAN!
I loved thy creation, hence I created thee..."
Baha'u'llah

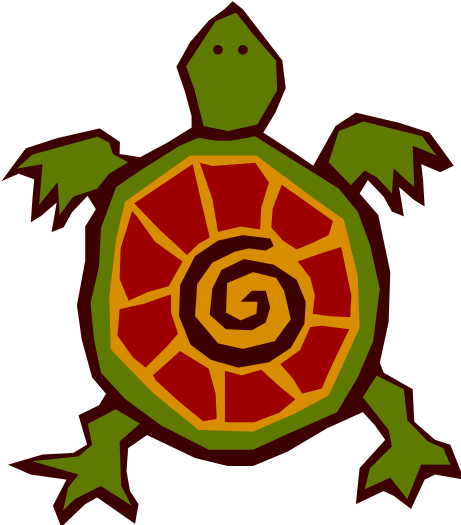
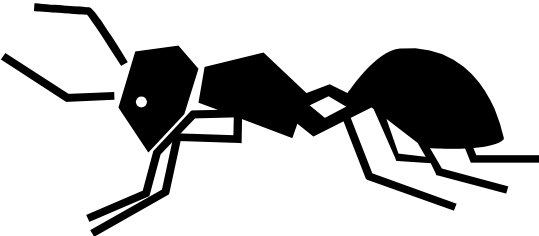
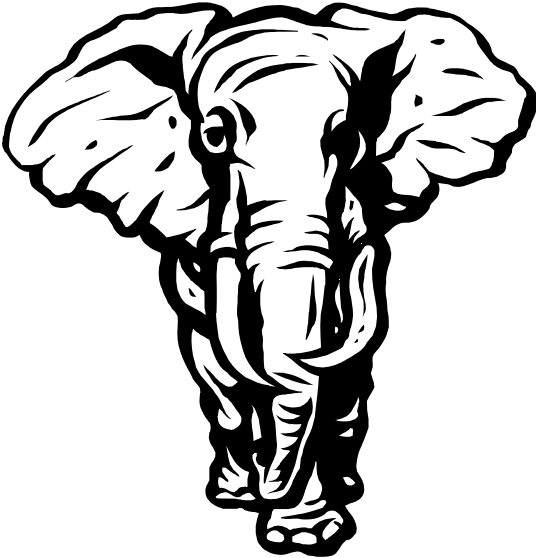
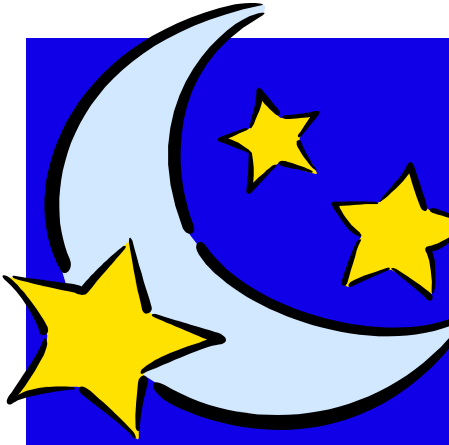
God made Me

My name is:



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