

360 Craft Ideas

For the young Muslims

12 books to grow

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Worship, arts, spoofs in Quran, useful objects, remembrance, Allah's Creation, Holidays, Prophets, manners, games, Allah's names, living creatures...

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WHAT IS THIS BOOK?

This is a sample book featuring examples of crafts that will appear in our series of books dealing with Islamic crafts. Each volume will treat a different subject, about 30 crafts each with patterns attached.

These books will also include religious, geographical, historical and cultural knowledge.

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VOLUME 1: Prophets

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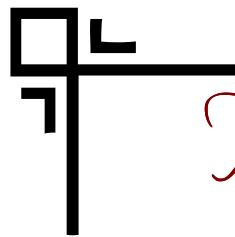
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Crafts & Islamic crafts in Particular enhance:

- Communication / social time
- New skills like problem solving, handiness
- Coordination important for writing and handling
- Creativity and imagination
- Enrichment and knowledge
- Builds self-confidence
- Steadfastness and patience
- Enjoyment and relaxation
- Charity and the desire to give
- Thrive through the accomplishment of a task
- Intelligence by strengthening areas of the brain
- Inspiration and spirituality
- The feeling of beauty and loving the gifts of Allah
- The child's identity as a Muslim
- The pride of being Muslim
- The remembrance of Allah
- The learning about Islam



Prophets

✿ Ibraheem: build a Kaaba to hold your thoughts :

Ibraheem (Abraham) is often regarded as the prophet who built the Kaaba in Makkah, but he actually only rebuilt it. The great mosque in Makkah is considered one of the most sacred places for Muslims. The Kaaba is the Qiblah or the direction towards which all Muslims turn to pray. The Kaaba is known to have always existed on earth thanks to its first inspired architect, the prophet Adam, guided in its construction by angels. It is believed that a model of the Kaaba exists in the Heavens on top of the actual Kaaba and that a corner of the garden of Paradise lies by its door. This is why many Muslims like to offer supplications there.



The dimensions of the Kaaba are about 11 m. (36in.) x 12 m. (41in.) and 13 m. (42.98 ft) in height.

The “cube” is covered by a black silk curtain decorated with gold-embroidered calligraphy. This cloth is known as the kiswah and it is replaced yearly during the great pilgrimage. The declaration of faith is embroidered in it as well as verses from the Quran.

Suggestions and what you will need:

Use your Kaaba to store cards in which you can jolt down ideas, reminders, and feelings about your faith. Your Kaaba box can also contain your compass or a small Qur'an. It can also be an excellent pen box that will remind you of Ibrahim and his family.



Sticky back felt (or)
felt with tacky glue

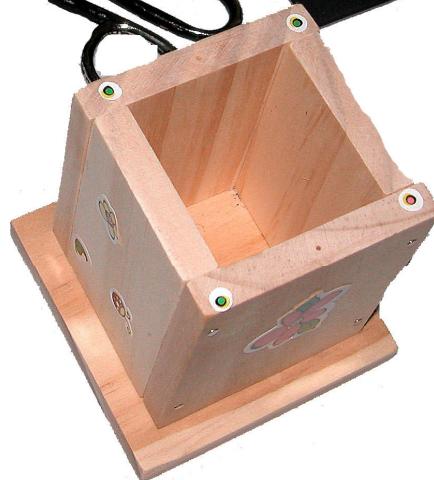
Double sided tape



Scissors



Glitter powder, one
color or variety of colors



Box, cardboard box,
whipping cream carton
or wood box

What to do:



1



2

Stretch the felt around the sides of the box



3



4

Glue the extra inch(es) of felt on one side of the box.
Glue the side panel of felt over the extra inch(es)



5



6

Spread the glitter evenly over the tape

Pour drops of glue on the door and then glitter the door.

Thought cards:

Today, I am feeling.....

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I cannot get over the feeling that

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Friends are a lot of fun, but.....

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Being a Muslim is at times.....

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I like being a Muslim because.....

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Today I memorized a Soorat.....

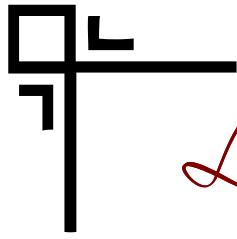
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We are supposed to respect our parents, but..

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I wish I could be.....

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Living creatures

❖ Socks animals:

Animals are present everywhere in the Qur'an and the Sunnah.

When the Apostle of Allah ﷺ arrived from an expedition, he saw something in the store-room of Aisha. He asked her, "What is this?" She replied, "My dolls." Among them he saw a horse with wings made of rags, and asked, "What is this I see among them?" She replied, "A horse." He asked, "What is this that it has on it?" She replied, "Two wings." He asked, "A horse with two wings?" She replied, "Have you not heard that Solomon had horses with wings?" He laughed.

The Apostle of Allah ﷺ said once, "Allah never sent any Prophet but he was a shepherd." Islamic tradition says that Allah chose him among the shepherds to demonstrate the importance of humility and in order to teach him how to lead with gentleness.



We will make plush animals that do not have a face but will be very comforting to a young one.

Muslims prefer toys that do not show faces because it goes with the Islamic interdiction of drawing faces. This is why some plush toys may not have eyes or mouths.

Suggestions and what you will need:

You can hide secrets inside the garment of the dolls.

By only changing the shape of the ears and the head, you can make different animals appear magically.



Filler (cotton, rags, poly-fill, and even rice or beans, etc)

Children's tights
(or) plain socks



Seven fasteners or elastic bands

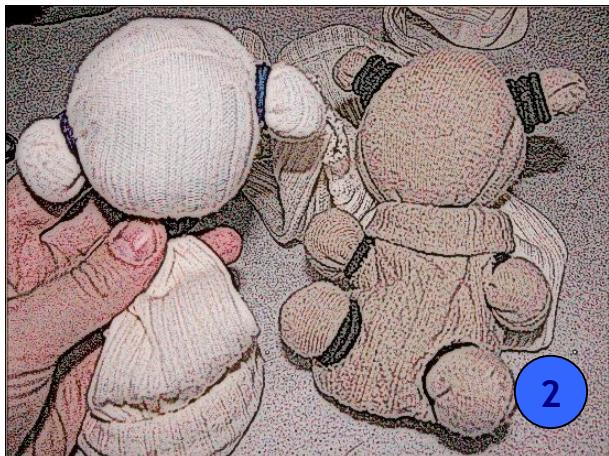


Scissors

What to do:

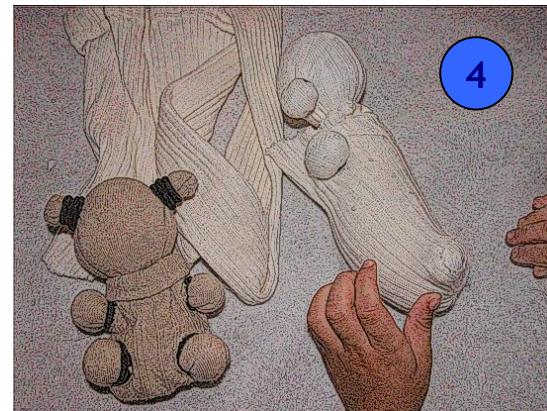
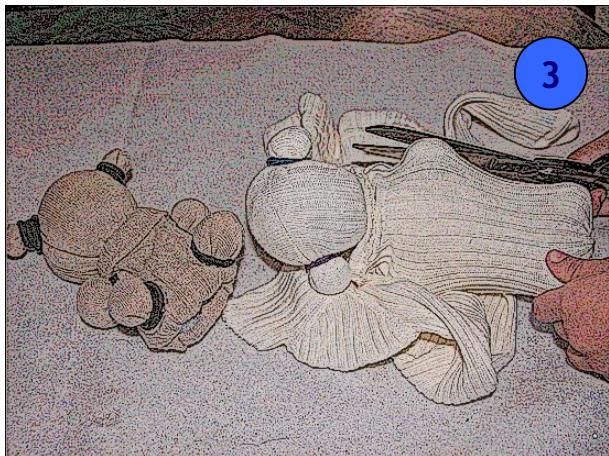


1. Cut the bottom part of a tight or use a sock. Fill the toe with pieces of material, poly-fill stuffing or cotton balls. Use an elastic band to form the ears.
2. Place seven elastic bands, two for the ears, one for the neck, two for the arms and two for the legs.
3. Twist the sock at the bottom between the legs, then turn the fabric over to cover the legs and arms and make a "coat".



Then cut four holes in the "coat" for the hands and legs to stick them out.
Pull the hands and legs through the fabric.

You may continue to decorate your plush animal anyway you want or leave it like this. The way you shape the ears, the head and the body will give you different shapes and different animals.





❖ *Wheel of creation:*

In Islam, the world as man knows it, begins and ends with Allah; the world is the starting point for Allah's power. Allah is the "*Creator of the heavens and the earth from nothingness, He has only to say when He wills a thing: "Be," and it is*" (Al-Baqarah 2:117).

Allah has created the world in six days, but He did not rest on the seventh days as the Christians think. The Quran says, "(HE) *created the heavens and the earth in six days, then HE settled Himself firmly on the Throne*" (7: 55).

The Quran mentions that the world was created in six "days", but this is not literal; one day equal a long period of time, "*In thy Sustainer's (Lord's) sight a day is like a thousand years of your reckoning*" (22:47).

We will make a rolling wheel showing each stage of the Creation:

Days 1-2: Creation of the earth

Days 3-4: Allah places firm mountains on the earth to keep it stable, and then HE creates the animals and the plants.

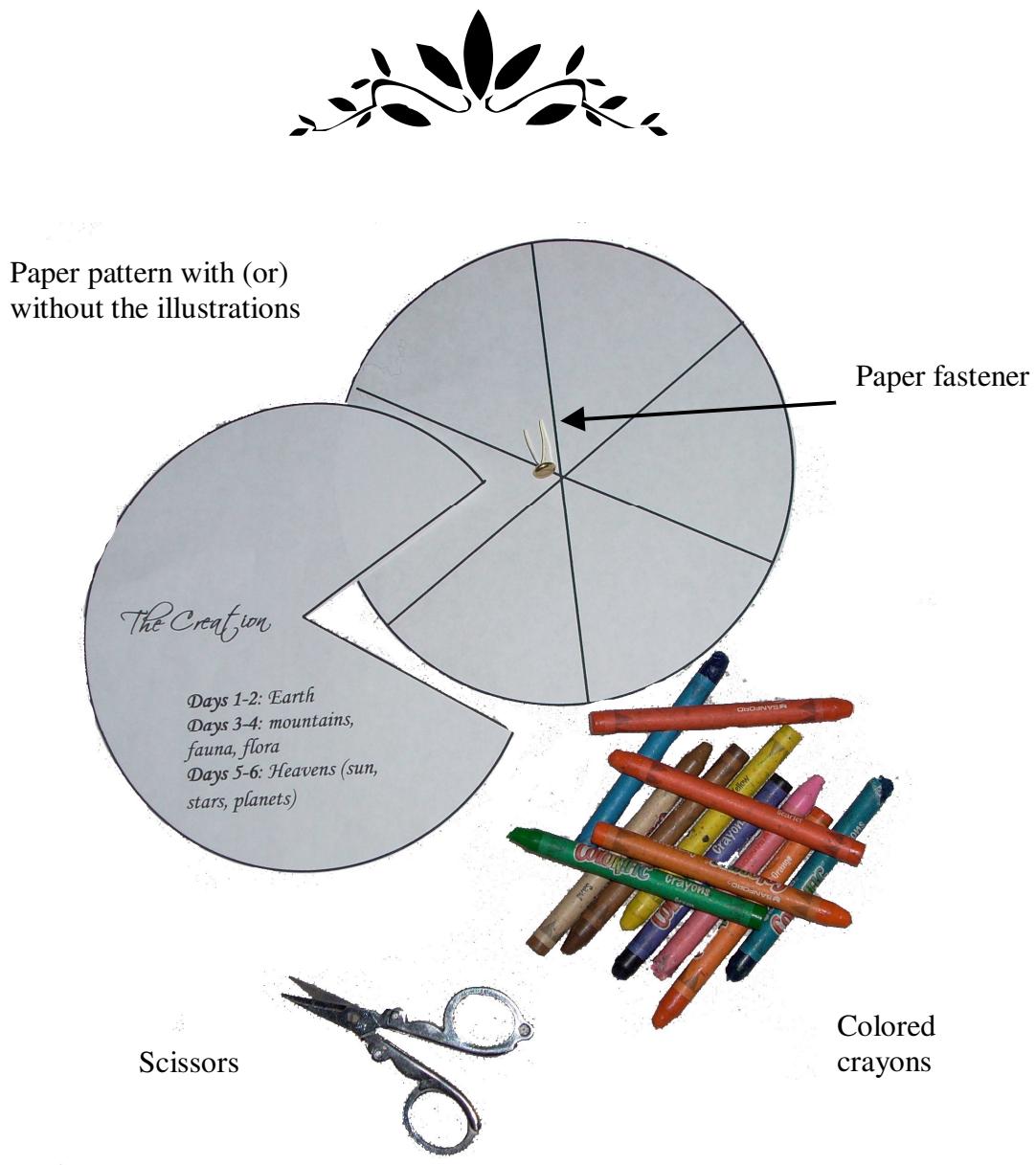
"He set on the [earth] mountains standing firm, high above it, and bestowed blessings on the earth, and measured therein all things to give them nourishment in due proportion, in four days, in accordance with [the needs of] those who seek [sustenance]." (Fussilat 41:9-12)

Days 5-6: Allah sits on HIS throne, HE creates the seven Heavens and on the lowest part of the Heavens, HE makes the nights and the days, the sun, the moon, the stars.

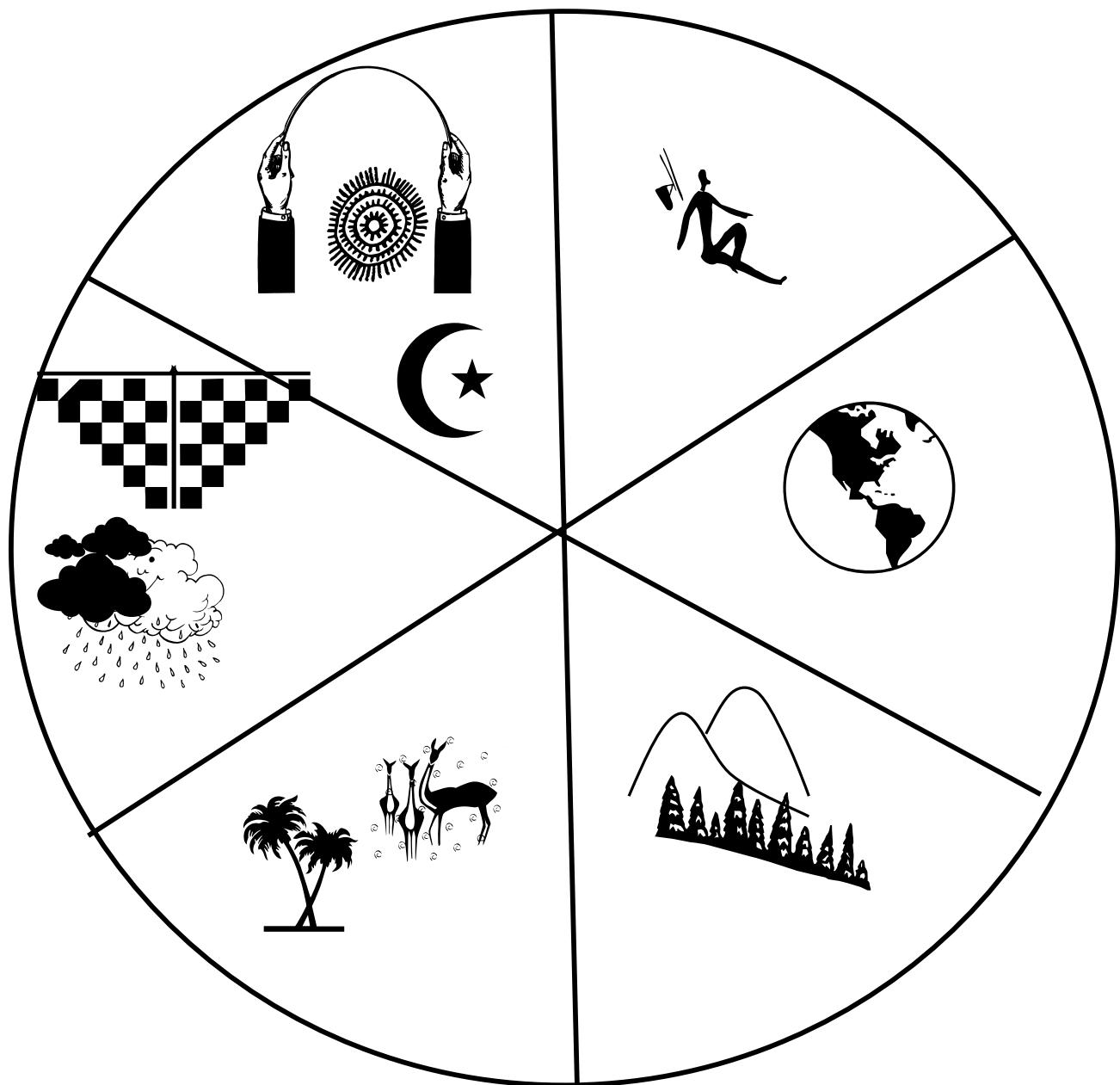
"He comprehended in His design the sky, and it had been [as] smoke: He said to it and to the earth: "Come ye together, willingly or unwillingly." They said: "We do come [together], in willing obedience." So He completed them as seven firmaments in two days and He assigned to each heaven its duty and command. And We adorned the lower heaven with lights, and [provided it] with guard. Such is the decree of [Him] the Exalted in might, Full of knowledge." (Fussilat 41:9-12)

What you will need and suggestions:

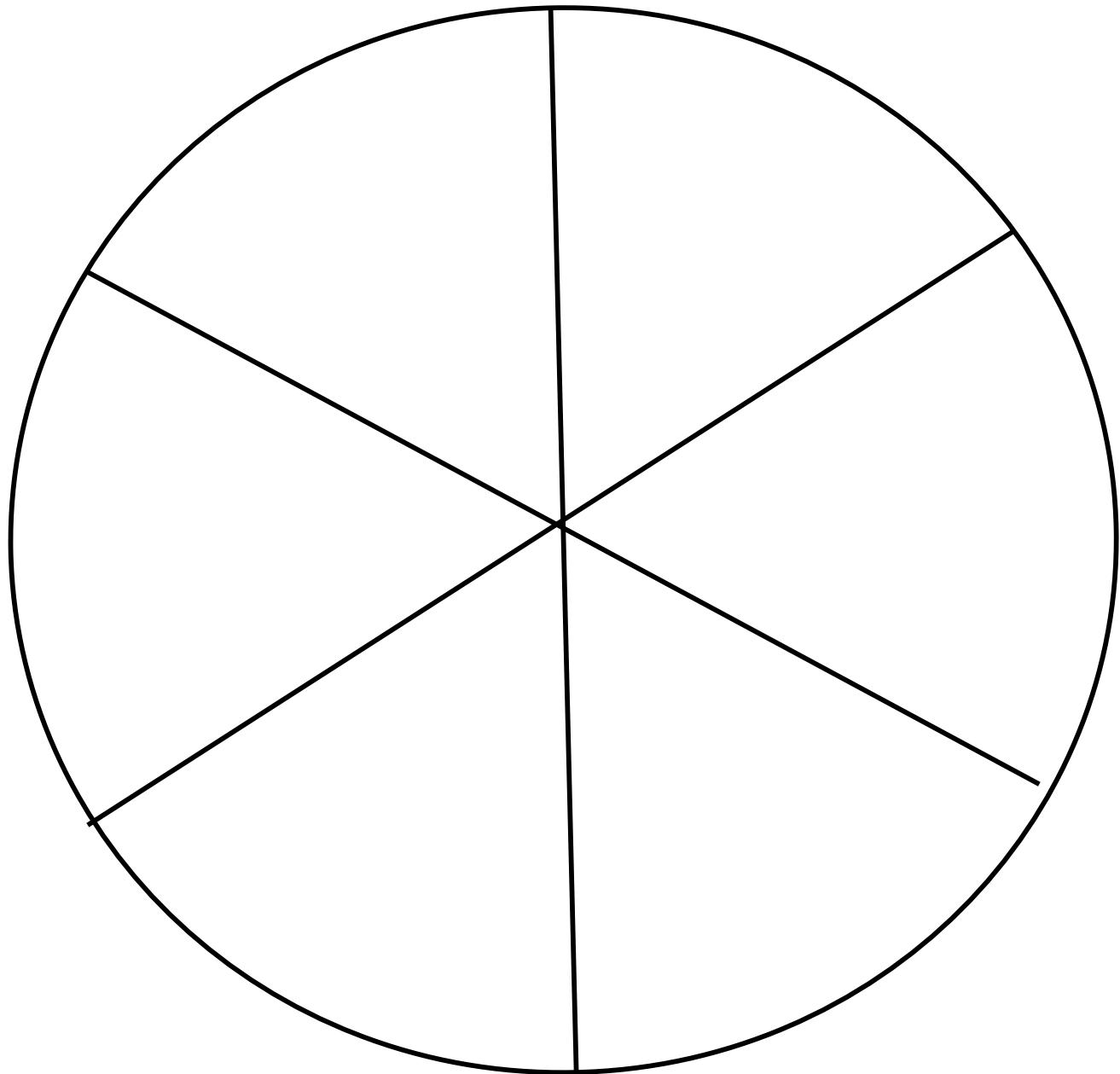
If you do not have a paper fastener to pin both circles together, use a twister and a button. You can highlight the partitions two by twos so that three big partitions become obvious. Place the top wheel (the one saying "The Creation") on top of the bottom wheel. Pin both wheels together with a paper fastener. Do not forget to draw your phases of the Creation! You could also draw a colored line around the top wheel to make it more attractive. Turn your bottom wheel to quiz yourself.



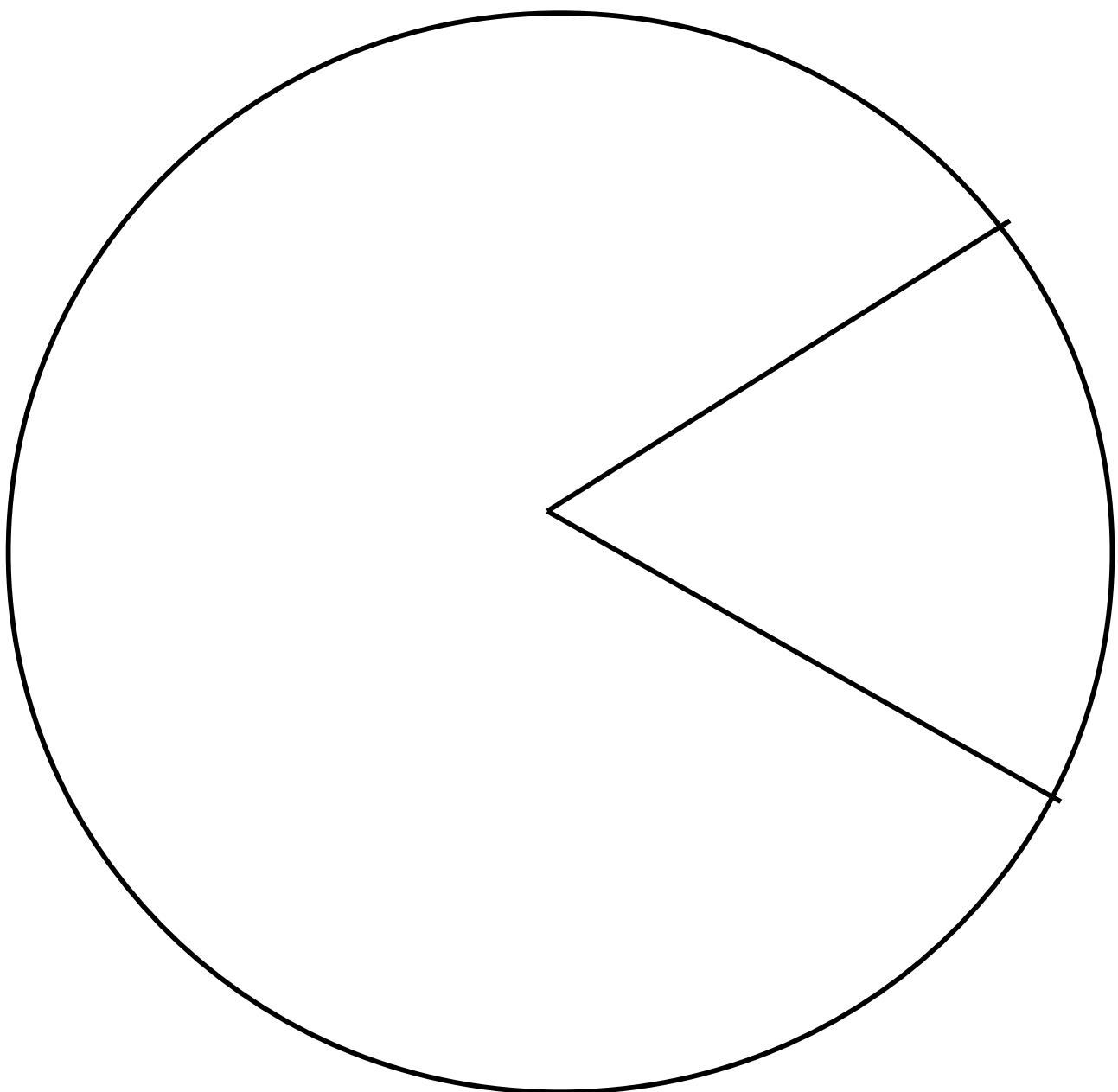
Inside of the wheel sample:



Blank inside wheel pattern:



Outside wheel pattern. Cut a window to the right:



Outside of wheel sample pattern. Cut a window:

