

# Lesson #7, ONLY ONE GOOD MAN LEFT

GENESIS 6:1-9, Hebrews 11:7, Matthew 24:36-39

As people began to multiply in the earth, they turned more and more away from God. They became so wicked and rebellious that God was sorry he had ever made man. God saw that the wickedness of men was very great and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart were continual evil. The Lord was so grieved in his heart over this that he decided to destroy the whole earth. He said, "I will destroy man and beast, creation this and birds of the air, for I'm sorry that I ever made them!"

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God looked at Noah, and said that he was a just man, and righteous. Noah walked with God. So God said to Noah, "I'm going to destroy all life because of the wickedness on the earth, but I will preserve you and your family."

Think about what an awful place the earth must have been for Noah and his family. No one else in the whole world believed in God. Only Noah, his wife, and three sons, and their wives. Even before God told Noah to build the ark, so that he and his family could be saved from the coming judgement, the people around them must have made fun of them for being different than the rest of the world.

God told Noah to build an ark, a huge boat. God gave Noah the exact instructions on how the boat was to be made. God said, "Make the ark of gopher wood. Treat it with pitch (tar) inside and out so that it will be waterproof. The ark will be 438 feet long, 73 feet wide, and 44 feet high. The ark will have a window across the top one cubit (about 18 inches) high. There will be a door on the side and three levels inside. Noah followed God's instructions exactly. The ark was so big, that it took Noah and his sons one hundred and twenty years to get it all built. While Noah was building the ark, he would also preach to the people as they came to mock him and his sons for what they were doing.

Noah told the people that God's judgement was coming for all the wickedness of the world. He told the people that they must repent and turn away from their sins and rebellion against God, or they would all be destroyed in the coming flood.

Noah was building the big boat on dry land. There was no water near and the people had never seen rain, much less a flood. They mocked and jeered Noah. They called him crazy. They believed things would always continue as they had and since there never had been a flood, they thought there never would be one in the future either. Noah's preaching was in vain. When the ark was finally finished, there were no more believers in God there had been the day he started the ark. Noah preached righteousness for one hundred and twenty years and not one person believed him. It must have caused him and his family get sorrow and heartache to see the people reject God the way they did.

When the ark was finally finished, the Lord told Noah to collect the animals and birds that were to go on the ark. All those creatures that were not on the ark would die in the great flood. God called the animals to come to Noah.

All those that the Lord wanted on the ark filed into their places under God's direction. God gave Noah instructions to take a male and a female of each type of animal onto the ark, but of certain animals that he called clean. Noah was to take seven into the ark. Again, Noah obeyed God and did exactly as he was told.

The ark was gigantic, so there was plenty of room for every kind of animal. It was as long as 1 1/2 football fields, and taller than a four story building. It would hold as many as 533 railroad stock cars, so know that there was a lot of room. Many of the animals and birds that went on the ark were small. The creeping things (insects) were small too, but there were also very large animals such as elephants and dinosaurs.

With so many animals on the ark we might wonder how they were all fed and kept clean. Also some the animals, like Tyrannosaurus, might try to eat other animals, but no problem is too big for God. He could have made them all very sleepy, like when bears hibernate for winter.

Last of all, when all the animals were on board, Noah and his family got on board. Then God shut the door of the ark. Now it was too late to believe what Noah had said and God shut the door and no one else could get into the ark to be saved from the coming judgment. That is why it is important to answer yes when God calls us. No one knows when God will stop calling and it will be too late to turn to him.

The ark is a beautiful picture of how God provided safety (salvation) in the face of certain destruction. Sin had entered the world and had to be punished. Today we face the same choice. Though God has promised never again to send a flood to destroy the earth, there will be a day of judgment that will come to all those who rebel against God.

## Learn:

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near:  
Let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts:  
And let him return unto the Lord,  
And he will have mercy upon him,  
And to our God,  
For he will abundant pardon.  
Isaiah 55:6-7

## Craft: Lesson 7: ONLY ONE MAN LEFT

Supplies Needed:  
Brown Construction Paper  
Black Construction Paper

Instructions:

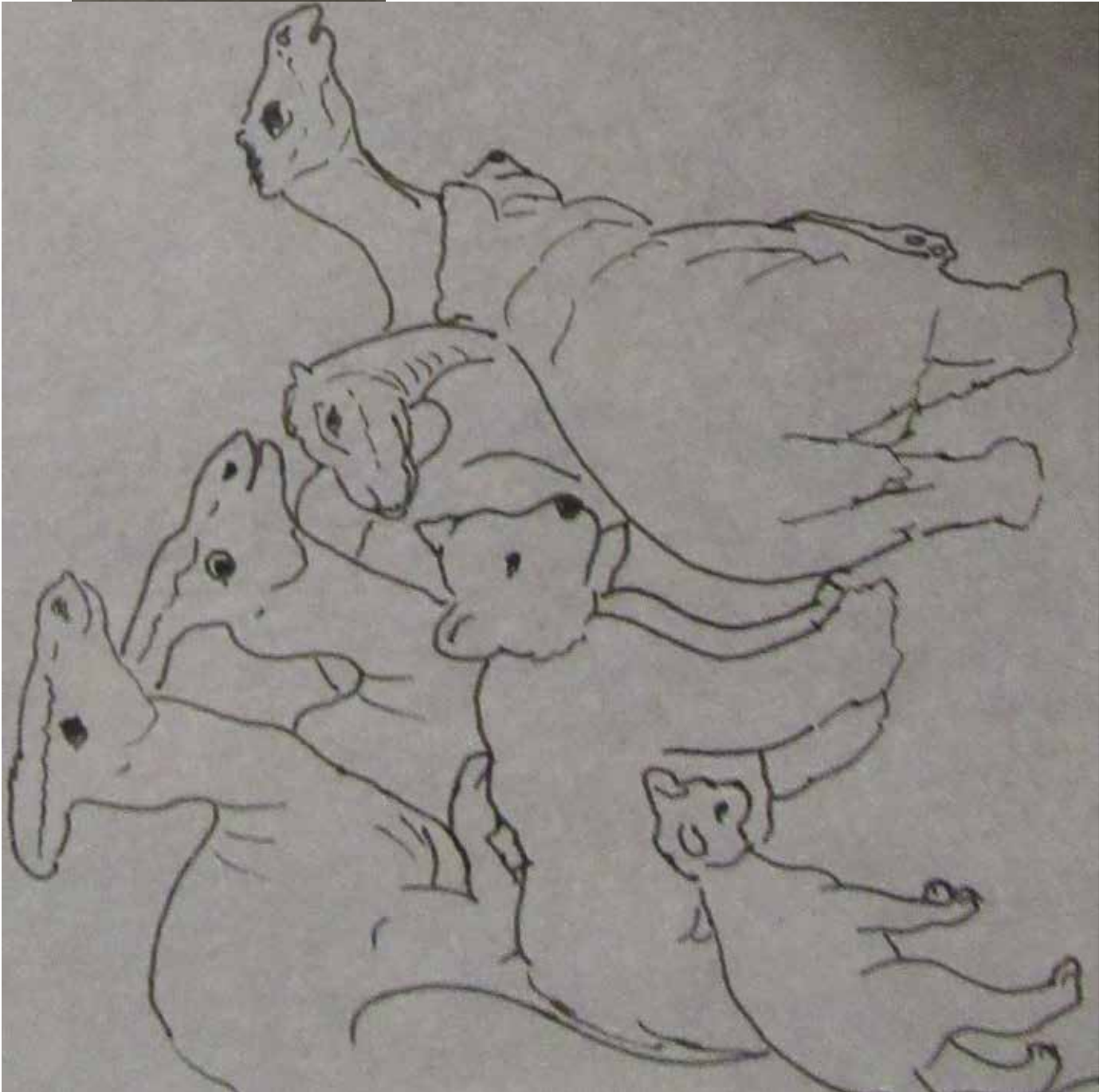
1. Make from construction paper. Draw on lines and shade the ark.
2. Color all pattern pieces and cut out.
3. Paste inside of ark. Paste vessels and food for animals inside of ark.
4. Place Noah on ark directing the incoming animals.



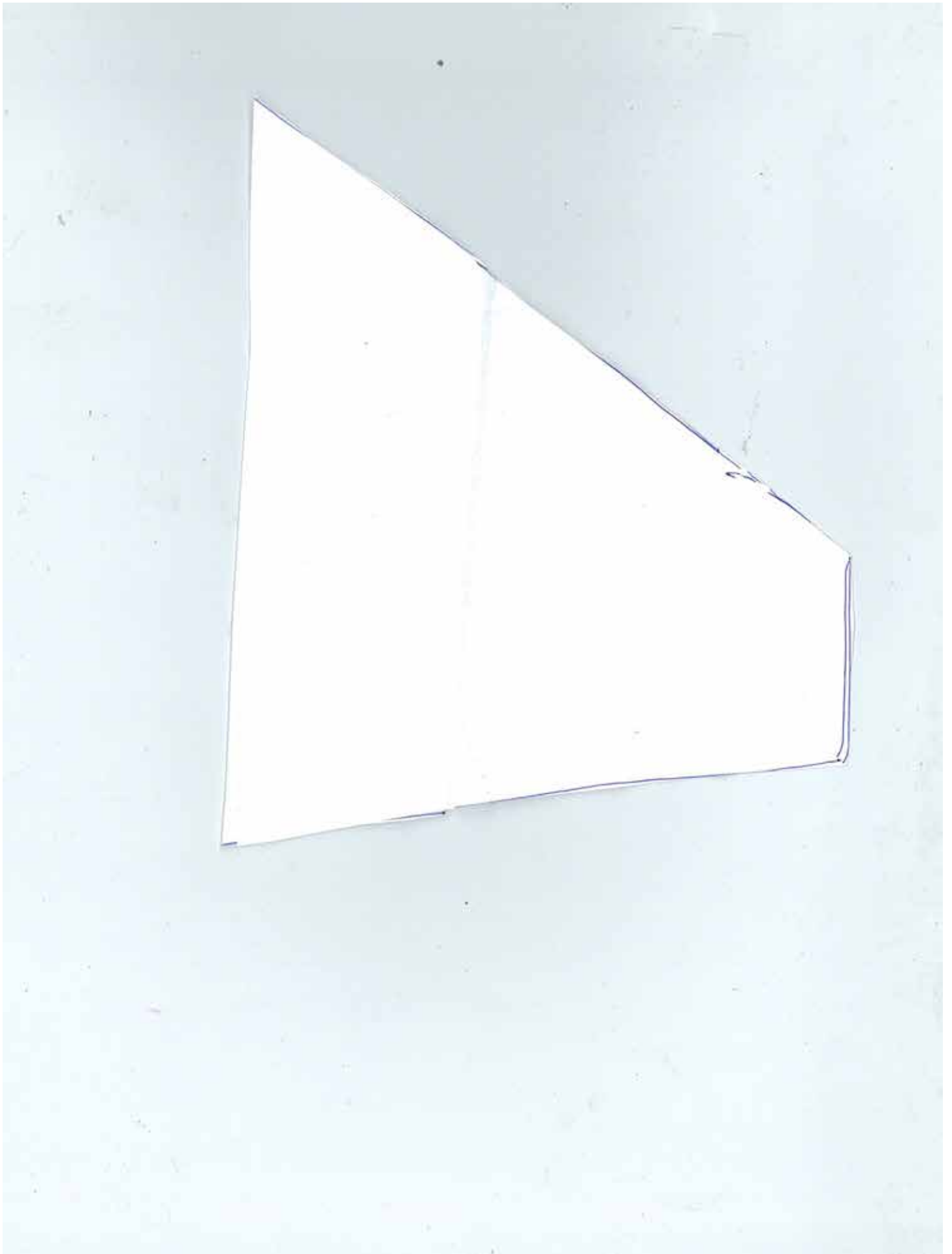


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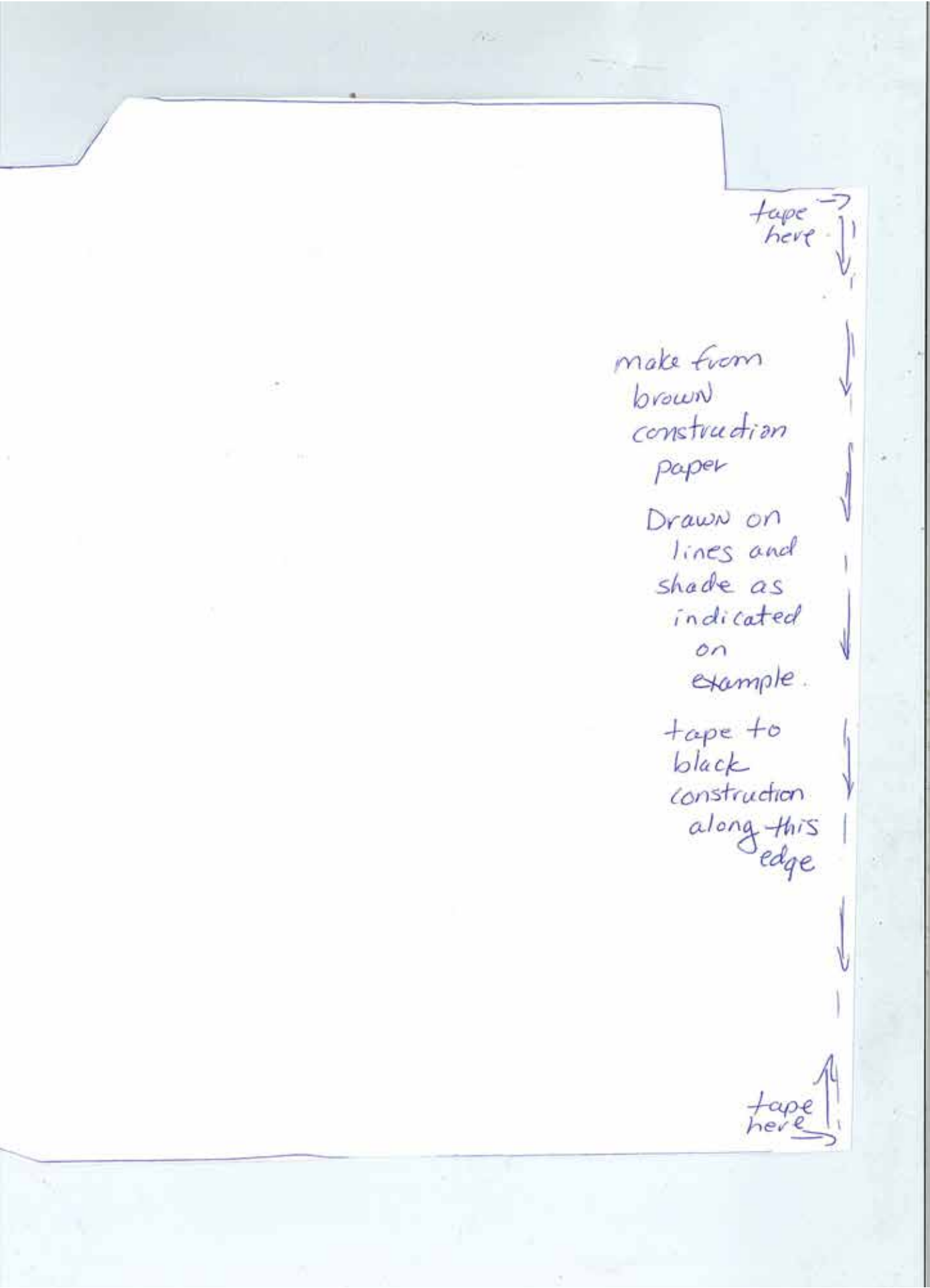


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