

FUN NIGHT IDEAS

Perceptive Detective Night

Basic Overview:

Perceptive Detective Night is a night of mystery. Something has been stolen from the missionary's suitcase and it is the kid's job to figure out what item (out of six possible choices) was stolen, which animal (out of six possible choices) stole it, and where the item is hidden right now. Ultimately, the kids will go on basically a large scavenger hunt all throughout your church building during their game time to find clues to solve the mystery.

This entire event takes place during your game time. To begin with, the kids and leaders will receive a detective notebook (see the pages below for examples of each) to keep track of all their answers on. Five stations will be set up around your church (keep in mind to avoid areas where adult and other groups may be meeting in your church). You will then pass out a different clue to each team (so that they are sent to different stations than the other teams) and explain the general rules of the night. The teams will then follow their clue to one of the five stations.

At each station, (1.) the kids will figure out the answer to the clue that brought them there in the first place, (2.) cross off clues in their detective notebooks, and (3.) pick up their next clue and head off to the next station.

At the end of their hunt, they will be left with one picture that was not crossed off in each of the boxes of their detective notebook which is the answer to the mystery. The first team who arrives back into your game room with all the right answers are your winners.

Our kids and leaders really enjoyed this night (it is unlike anything else we really do in Expeditions) and it is a way to get them to know the church building a little bit better.

Additional Ideas:

You could even have the kids dress like detective or have those small magnifying glass party favors to give out to everyone on this night.

Reminder Flyer:

See the flyer on the next page.

Remember, next week is...

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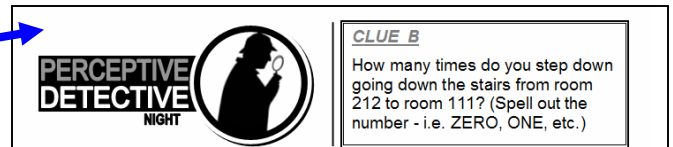
OPTION 1 –

There are really two ways that Perceptive Detective Night can be run at your church. This first option is a much simpler way to run this night, while option 2 requires a bit more preparation.

For Option 1, each child and leader on the team will receive a pen and a detective notebook like this one.



When game time begins, each team will also be given a different clue so that all teams are sent to different stations around your church.

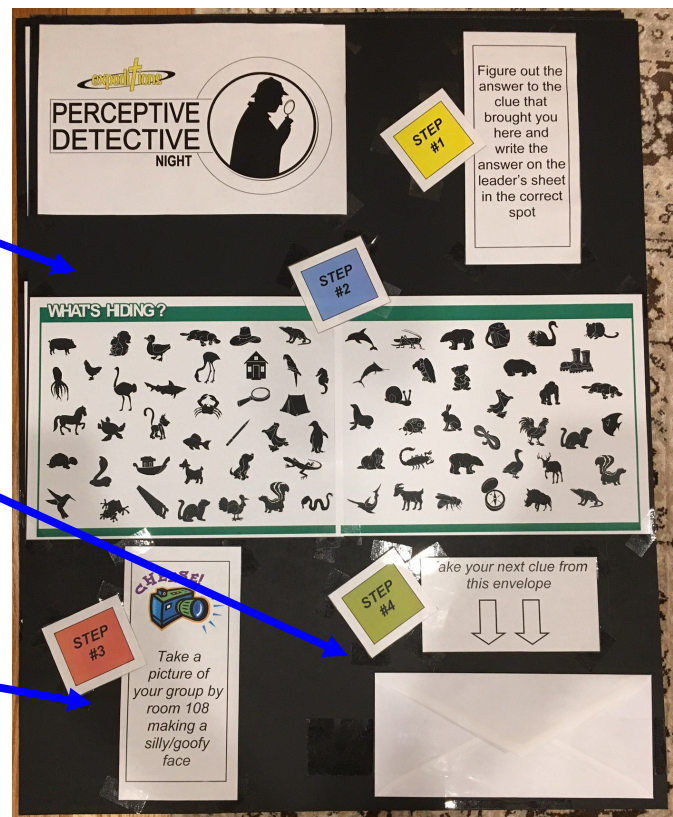


At each station, the kids will find a poster like this one.

Their job is to (Step 1) look through the pictures and cross off the item, animal, and place in their detective notebook that they found at that station.

(Step 2) They will then pick up the clue and move on to the next station.

(Step 3 – optional) One additional item that we did was to have the leader take some kind of goofy group photo of the kids at each station. If you wish to do this we have included this material for you as well.



Below are the print outs for Option 1:

WHAT'S MISSING?



Radio



Compass



Canteen



Map



Binoculars



Notebook

Put an "X" on every item you find...

WHERE IS IT?



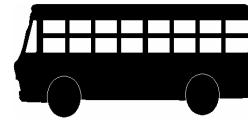
Tent



Igloo



House



School Bus



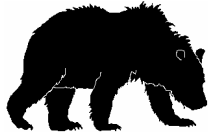
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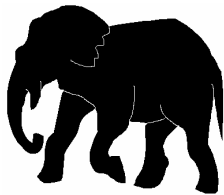
Teepee

Put an "X" on every place you find...

WHO STOLE IT?



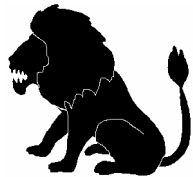
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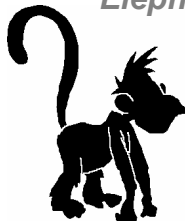
Elephant



Camel



Lion



Monkey



Crocodile

Put an "X" on every animal you find...

CASE CLOSED...

Team Name:

Item that was stolen:

Animal that stole it:

Place it is sitting now:

Something has been stolen from the missionary's suitcase! Help us discover what was taken, which animal took it, and where it is hiding right now...



Instructions:

- No running at all or talking loudly (remember there is church going on)
- At each station:
 - Look through the picture and put an “X” on the animal you found (in the blue box)
 - Look through the picture and put an “X” on the stolen item you found (in the green box)
 - Look through the picture and put an “X” on the place you found (in the orange box)
- Take the next clue and head to the next station (Take one clue per team...leave the rest for other teams)

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STATION POSTER SETUP:

For option 1, you will only need to put the following steps on the posters at each station

Station poster header

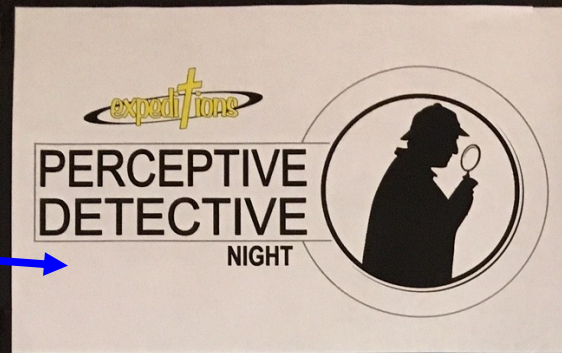
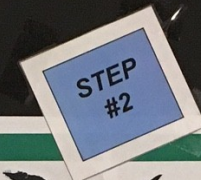
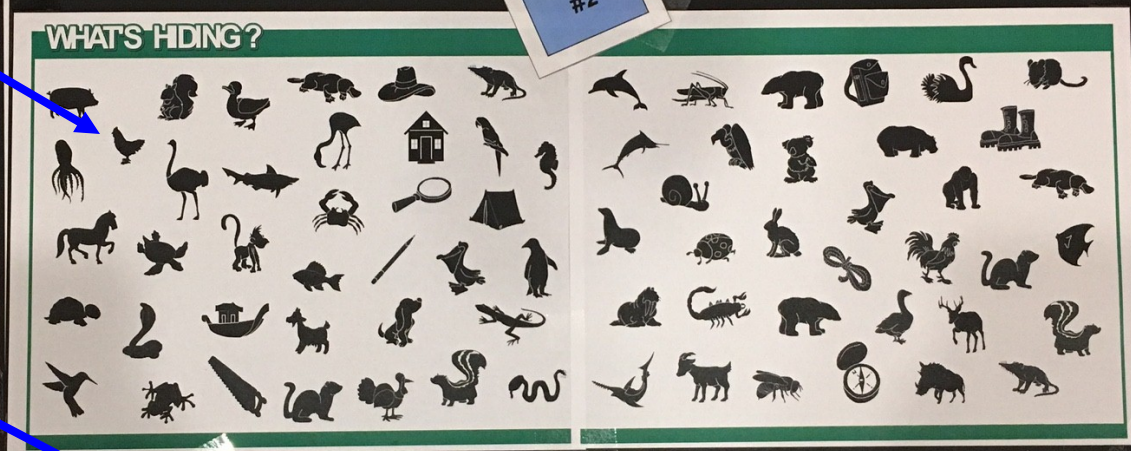
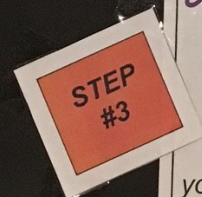
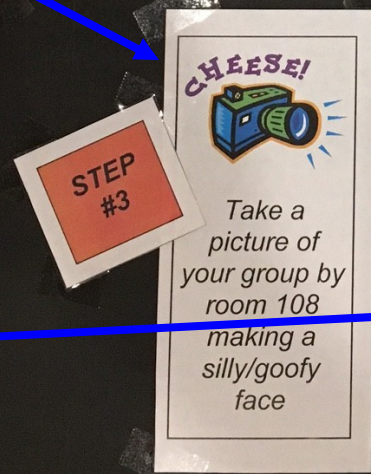


Figure out the answer to the clue that brought you here and write the answer on the leader's sheet in the correct spot

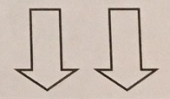
(Step 1) - Hidden pictures page



(Step 2 - Optional) Group photo



Take your next clue from this envelope



(Step 3) - Envelope for next clues



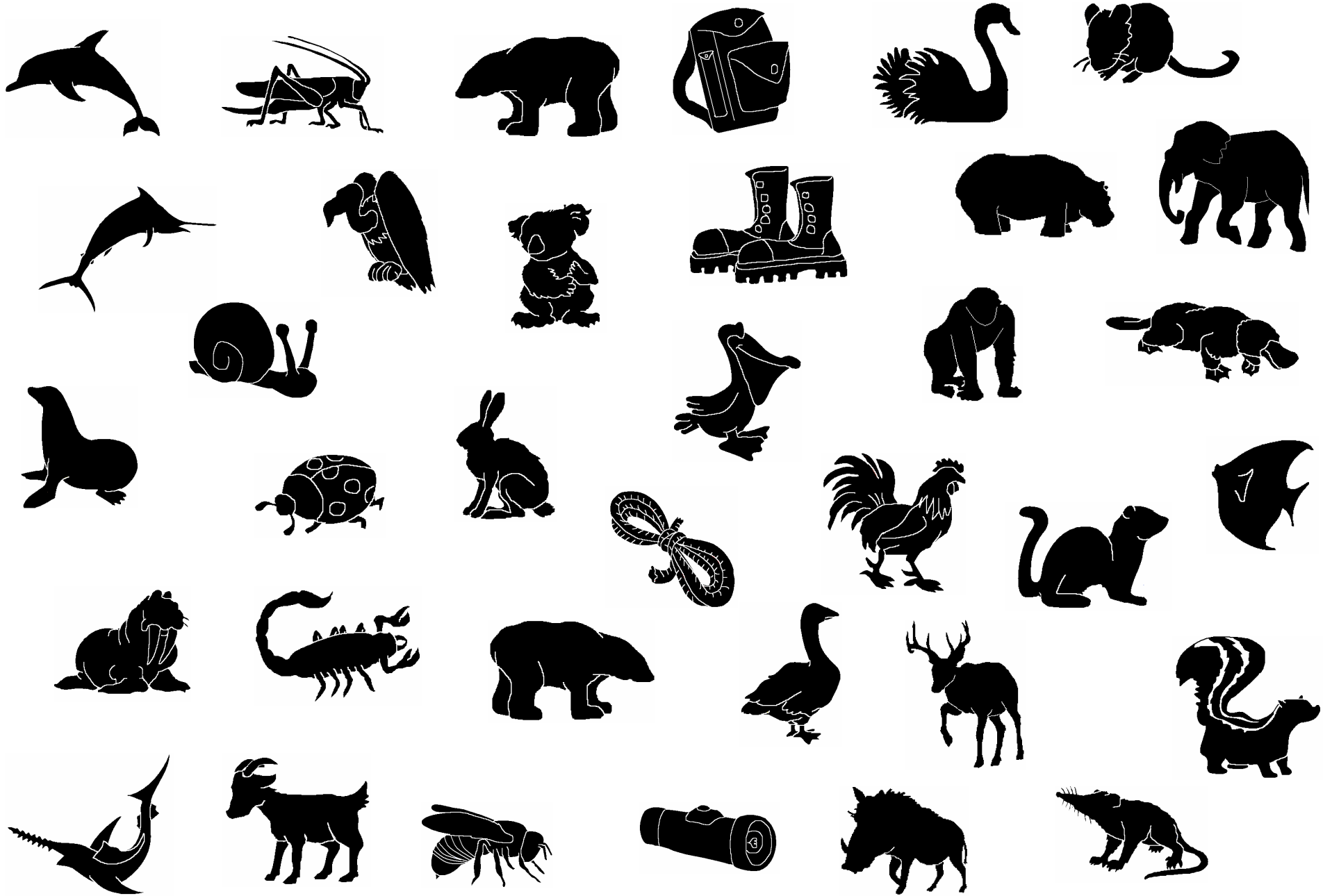
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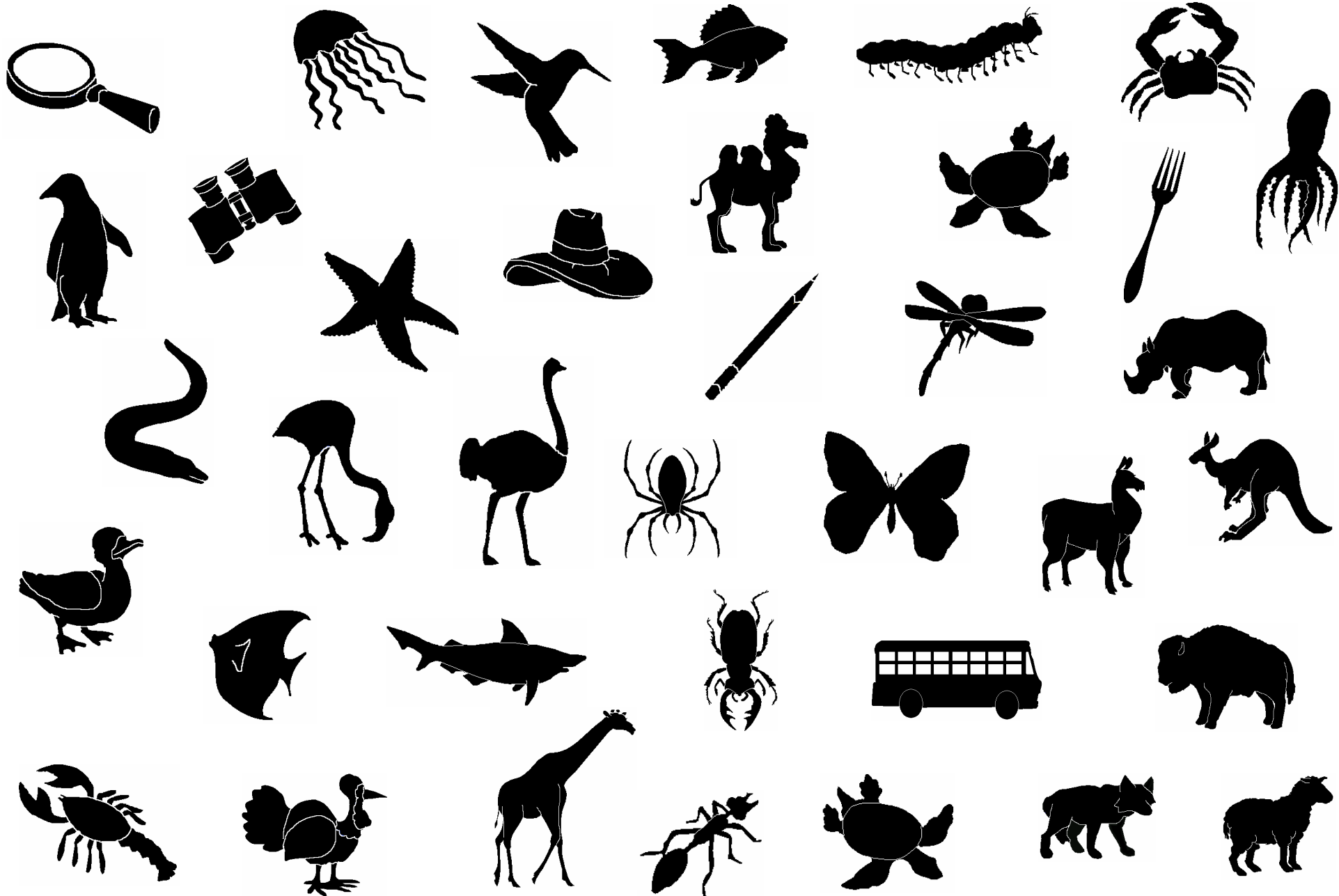
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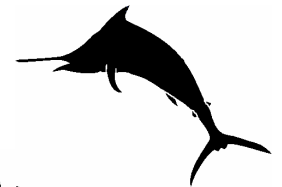
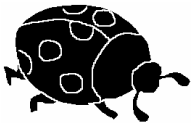
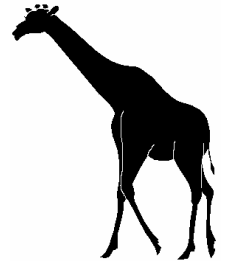
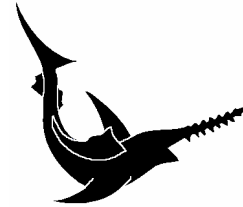
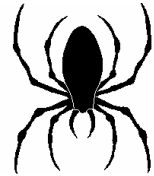
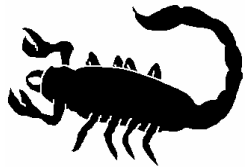
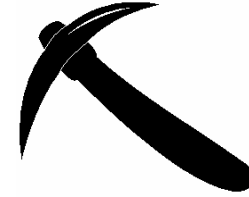
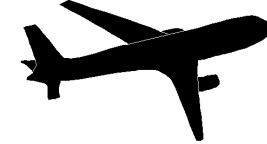
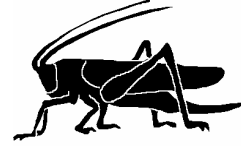
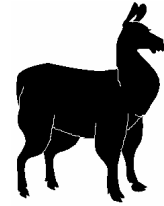
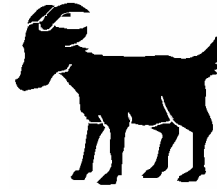
Station Poster Header (cut along dotted line and then tape or paste in the upper left corner of each poster)

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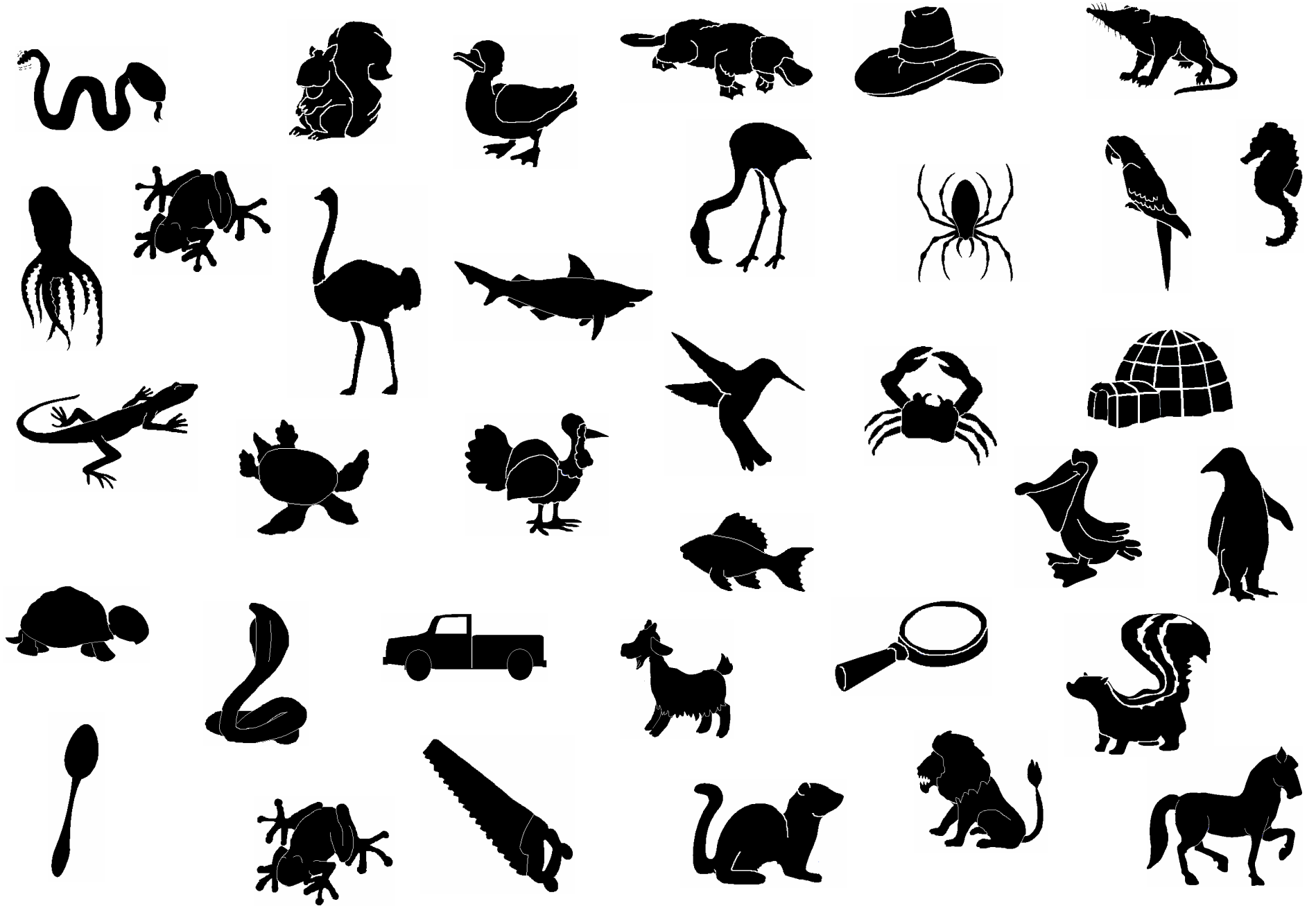


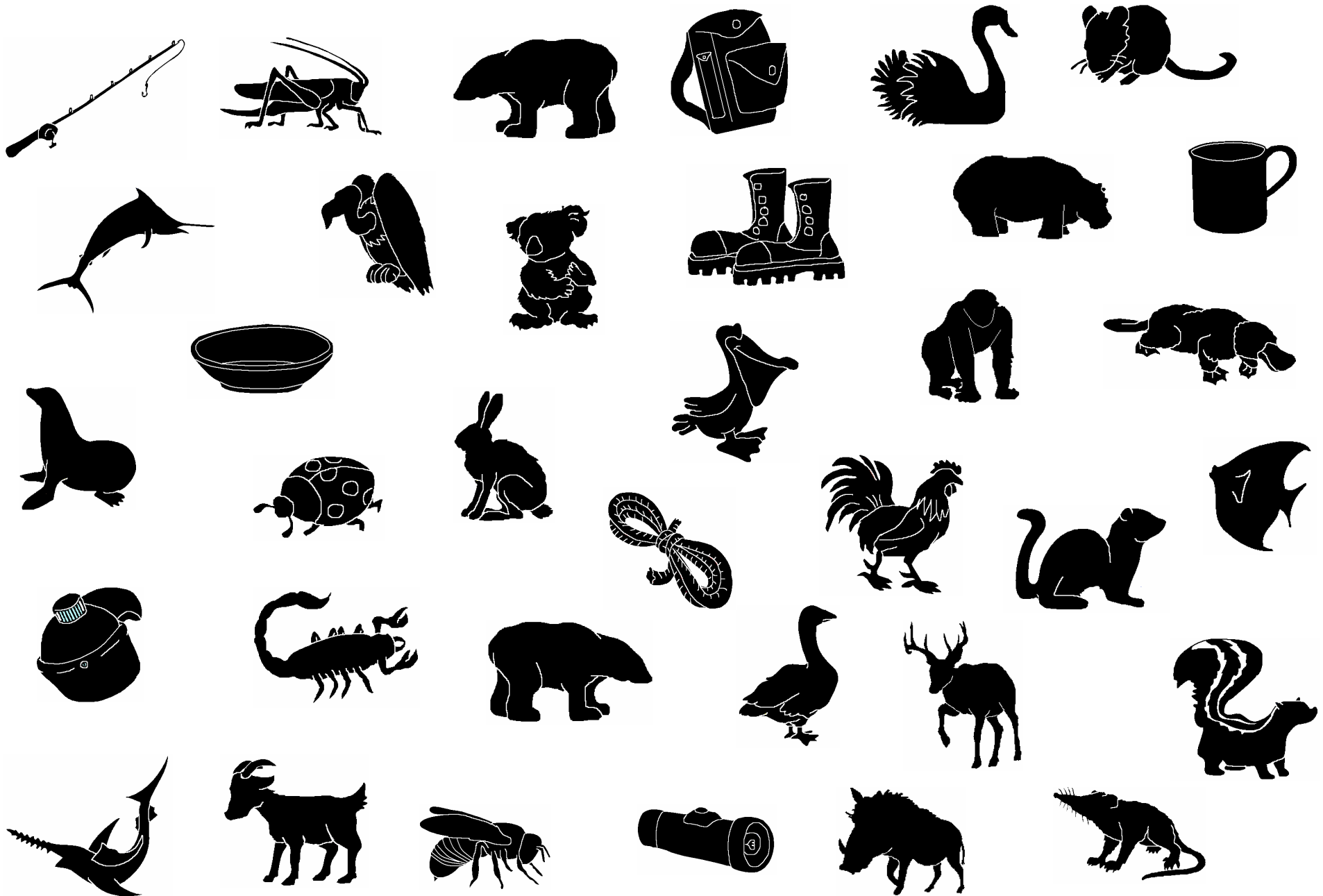
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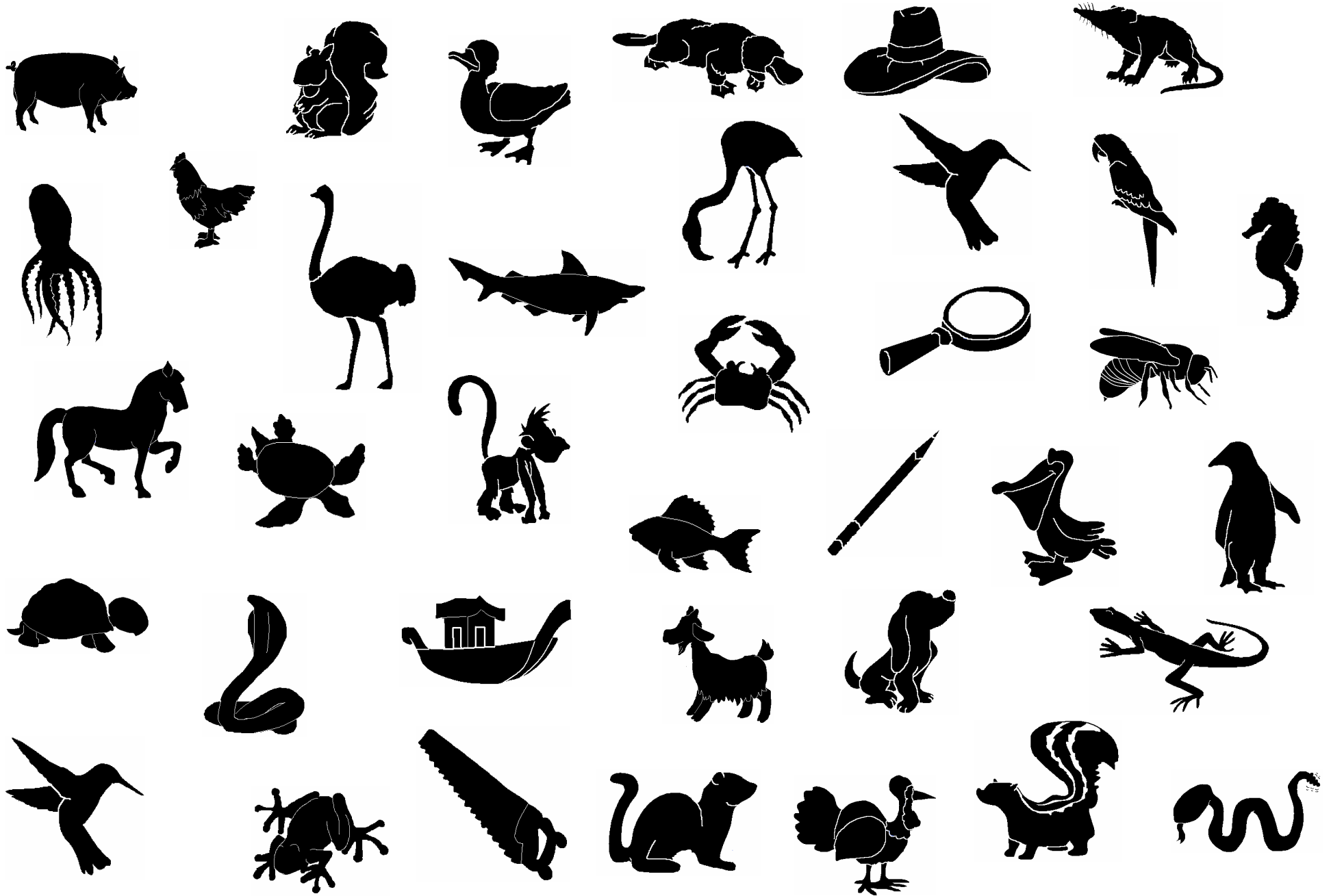


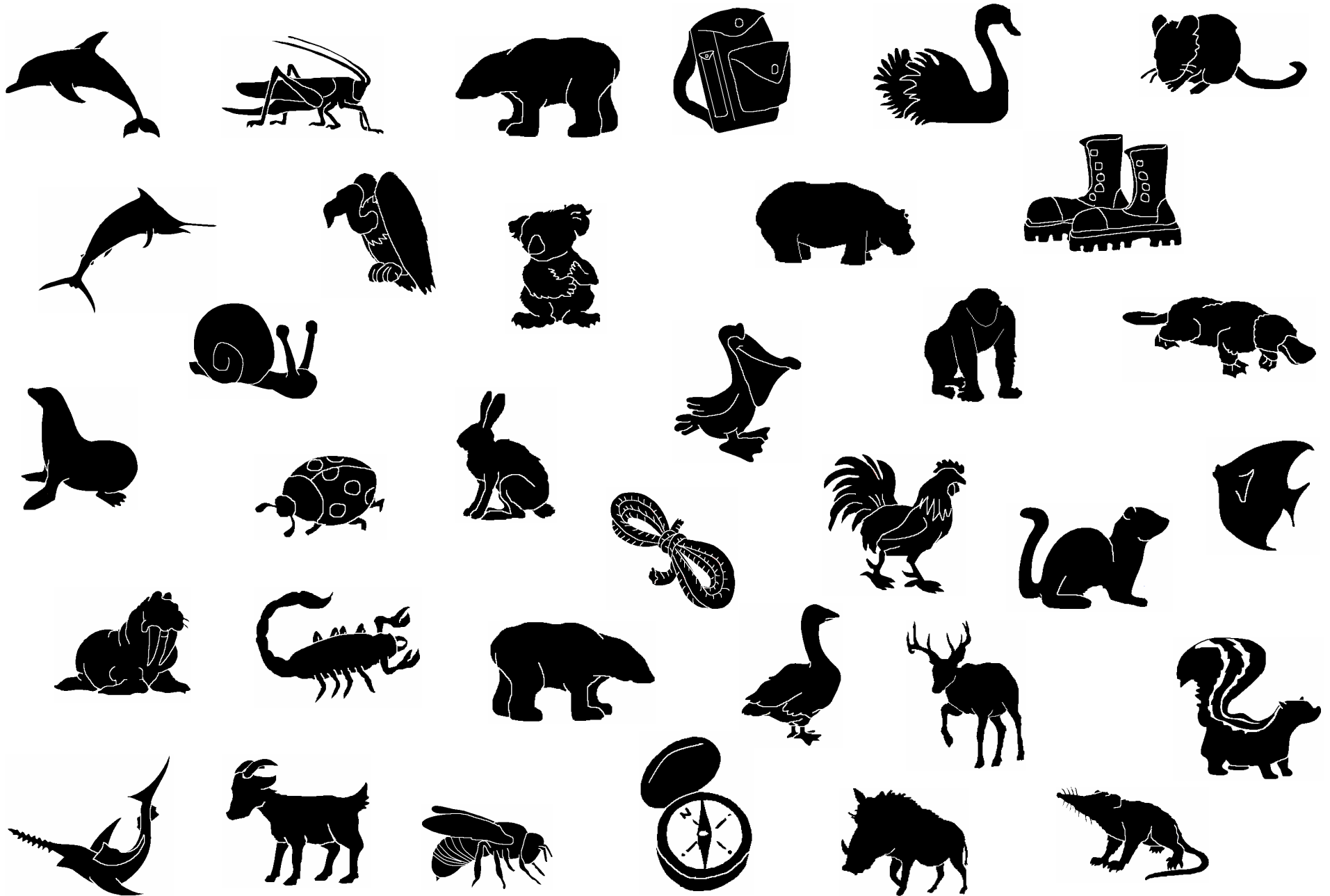
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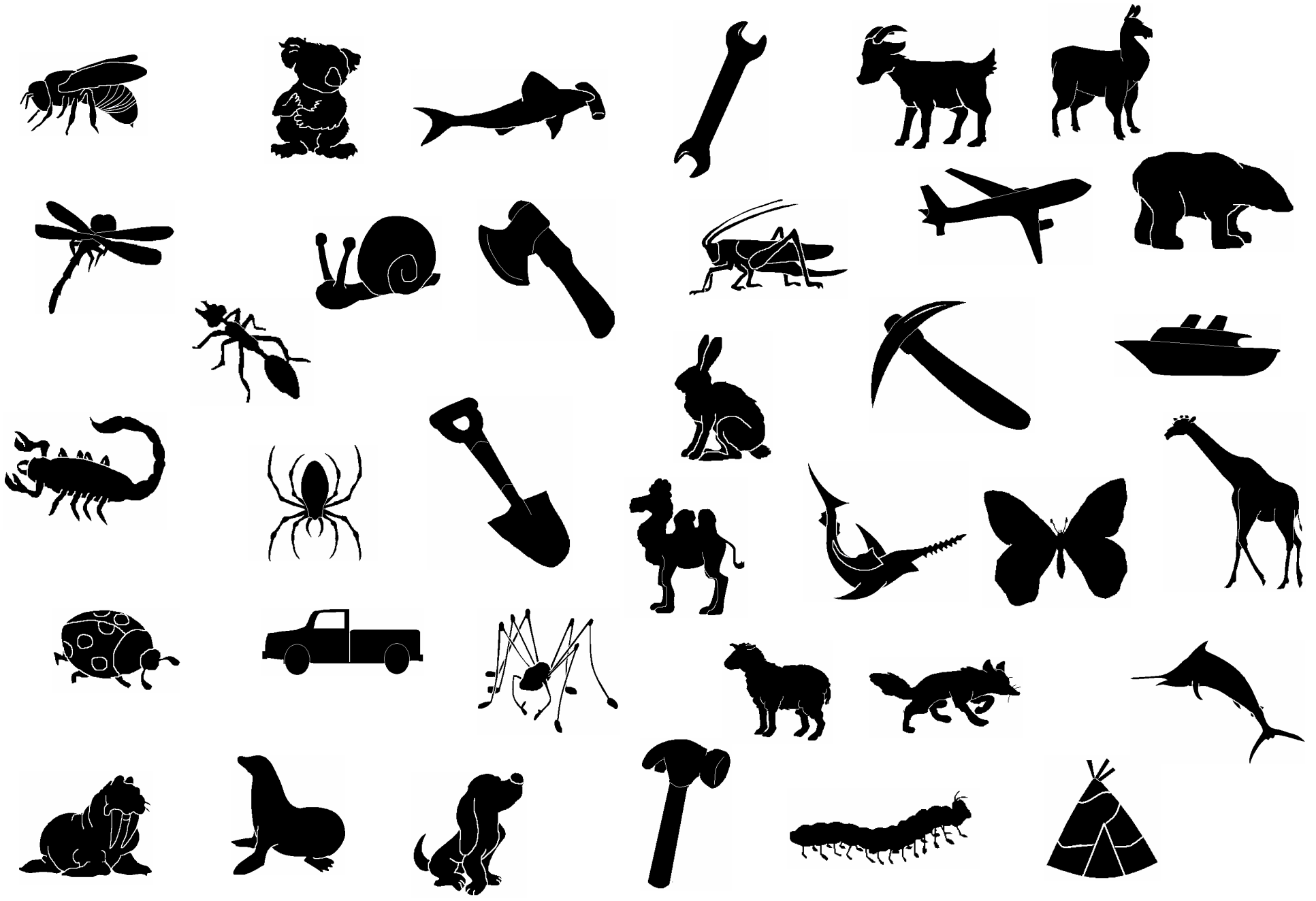


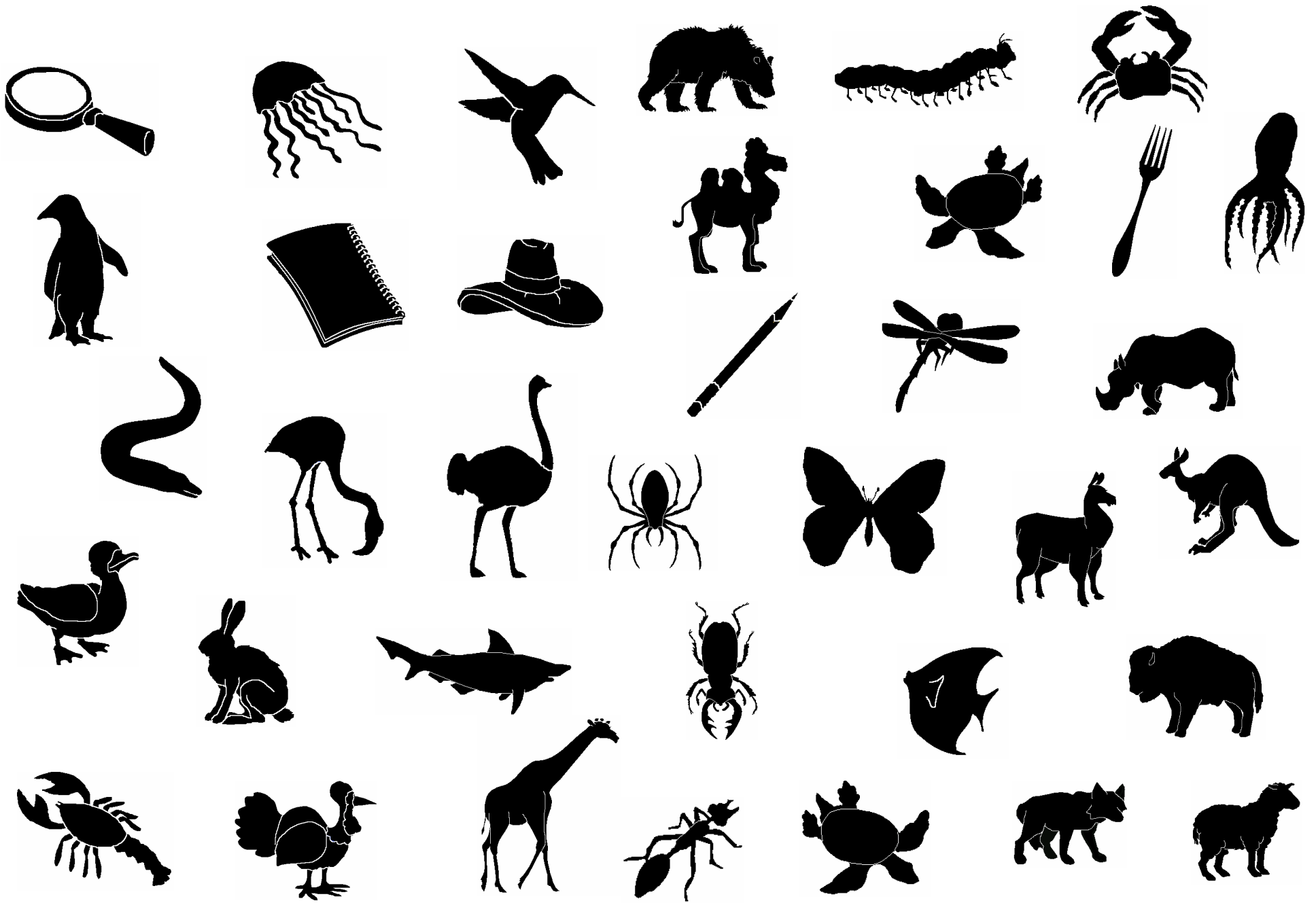
WHAT'S HIDING?





WHAT'S HIDING?





CHEESE!



Take a picture of your group sticking out their tongues

CHEESE!



Take a picture of your group puffing out their cheeks

CHEESE!



Take a picture of your group making binoculars with their hands

CHEESE!



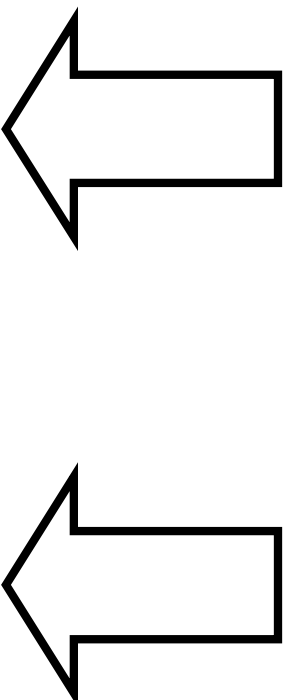
*Take a
picture of
your group
making a
shhhhh face*

CHEESE!

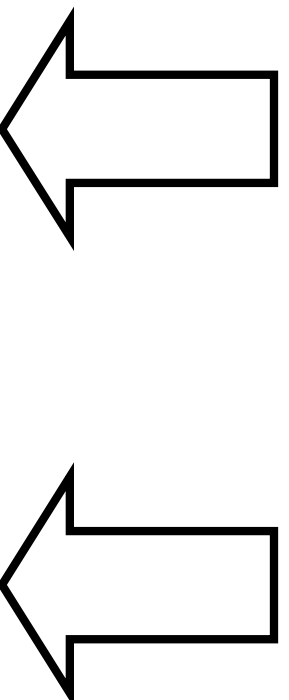


*Take a
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silly/goofy
face*

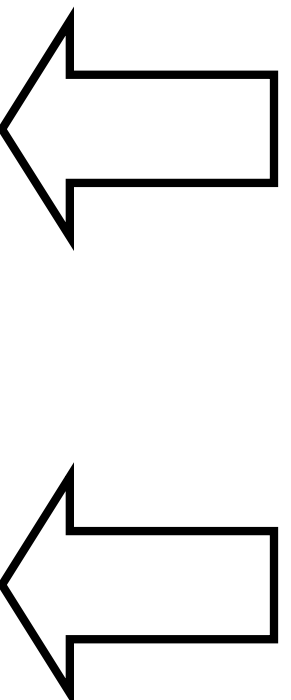
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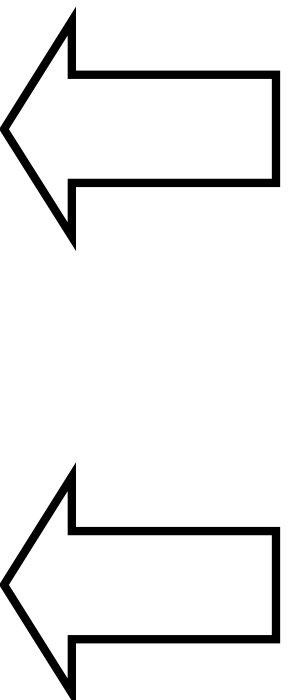
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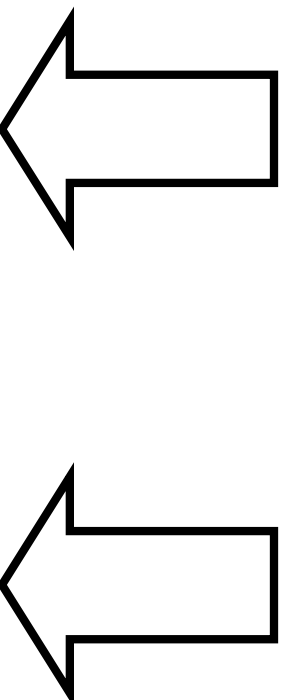
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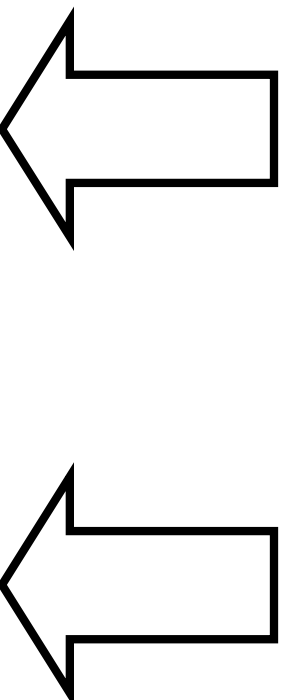
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Clues and station location:

You will need to come up with 5 clues to various places specific to your church. These clues send your kids all throughout your church building while avoiding key areas like the auditorium and other classrooms where people were meeting. It works best if the all the clues are not right near one another, but somewhat spread out throughout your building. Also keep in mind to try to keep the kids indoors as much as you possibly can. As you think of clue ideas here are some ideas:

- Send the kids to your church's missionary wall
- Send the kids to your church's track rack
- Send the kids to the door of your pastor, assistant pastor, or music director's office
- Send the kids to some of the rooms that you use for Expeditions each week
- Send the kids to somewhere near the nursery
- Send the kids to your church's kitchen

Try to pick areas that all of your leaders will know the location of and will not need a special key to access. It is also wise to include one of these signs near each of your posters so that ushers or do-gooders don't accidentally remove your poster before the hunt begins:

***We are doing a special night in
Expeditions tonight.***

***Please leave this poster and the
items around it alone for our kids.***

***We will clean it all up when we are
through!***

Thank you!

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CLUE

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CLUE

Final Answers:

Stolen Item:

Map

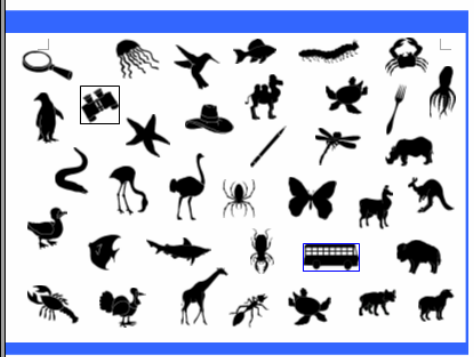
Animal Thief:

Crocodile

Current Location:

Tent

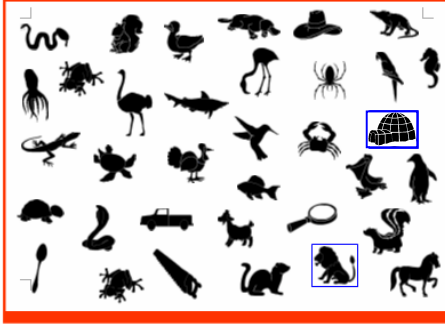
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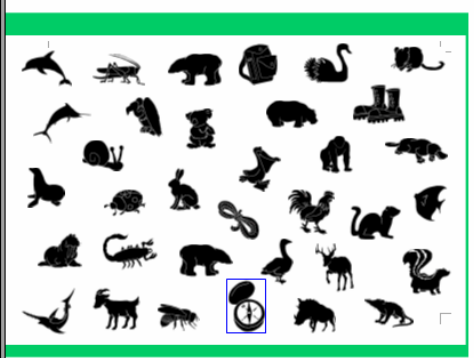
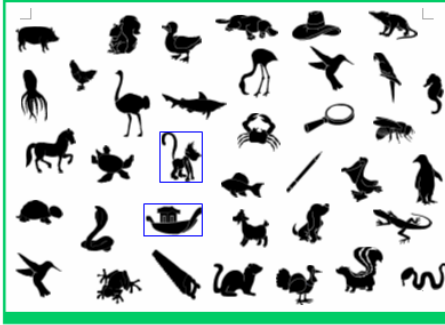
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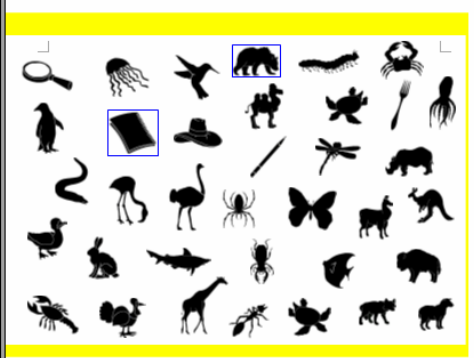
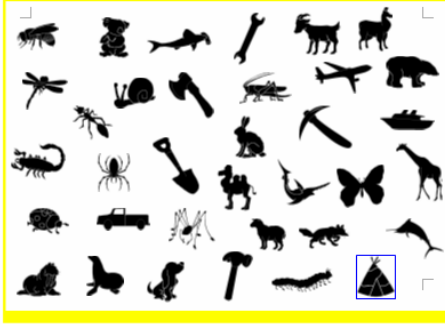
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OPTION 2 –

Option 2 is a little more complex, but this kids really enjoy this one. The difference here is that the answers to the clues actually help the kids figure out the current location of the stolen item. You will begin by trying to come up with 5 clues to various places in your church. For example, here are the clues that we used at our church:

- Clue A - What number is written up in the board in room 212? *FOUR*
- Clue B - How many times do you step down when going down the steps from room 212 to room 111? *EIGHTEEN*
- Clue C - Whose picture is on the nursery door? *MR. _____ (MATT)*
- Clue D – On our missionary wall, who are the missionaries between the Van Reijns (to the Netherlands) and the Roberts (to Wales)? *THE _____ TO GERMANY (ARNOLDS)*
- Clue E - What locker is our pastor's face on in the upstairs hallway? *LOCKER _____ (FIVE)*
- Clue F – Whose face is on the door of room 108 in the downstairs hallway? *MR. _____ (JASON)*

These clues sent our kids all throughout our church building while avoiding key areas like the auditorium and other classrooms where people were meeting. Finally, using letters from our answers above, our stolen item was hiding in Room One-Eleven:

FOUR
EIGHTEEN
MATT
ARNOLDS
FIVE
JASON

ROOM ONE-ELEVEN

To better understand what we mean, take a look at what a finalized leader's detective notebook would look like at the end of the night on the next page.

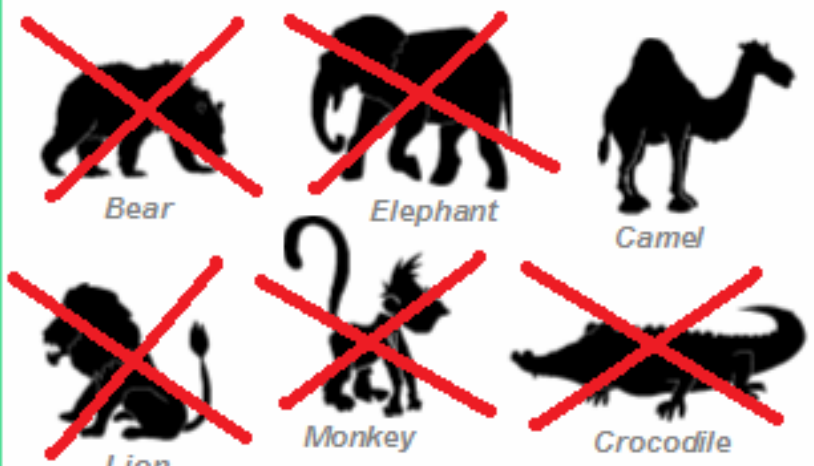
If you would like to come up with something like this, please email us and we will email you the files in a word document to be able to create it for your church.

WHAT'S MISSING?



Put an "X" on every item you find...

WHO STOLE IT?



Put an "X" on every animal you find...

WHERE IS IT?

Figure out the answer to each clue and write it on the correct line below:

- Clue A - F O U R
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- Clue B - E I G H T E E N
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- Clue C - M A T T
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- Clue D - A R N O L D S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- Clue E - F I V E
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- Clue F - J A S O N
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Each line above starts with a clue number. Below, the abbreviation B7 means Clue B, 7th letter on that line....C3 means Clue C, 3rd letter on that line). Write the letters in circles below to solve where the missing item is right now.

