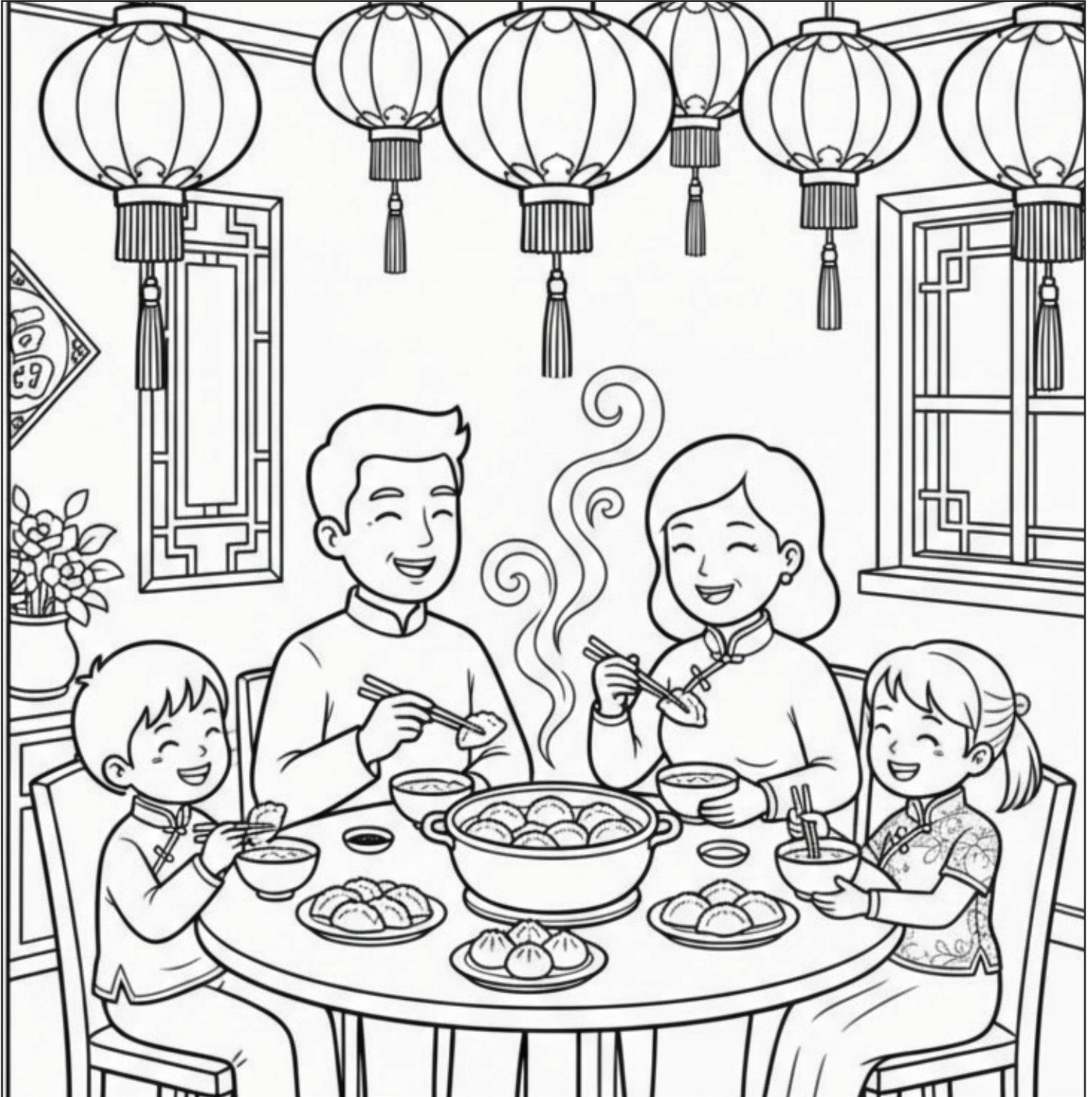


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Chinese New Year is the most important Chinese holiday, marking the beginning of the lunar calendar and celebrated with family reunions, feasts, and various cultural activities.



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Chinese New Year is deeply rooted in ancient legends and traditions. One legend tells of Nian, a mythical beast that terrorized villages until people discovered that loud noises, firecrackers, and the colour red could scare it away. This is why red decorations and firecrackers are still central to the celebration today. The lion dance, which is also still performed today, is said to have originated from the villagers trying to imitate the Nian's appearance to frighten it.

**Make your own Lion Dance Mask by colouring and cutting out the mask.
Cut out the eye holes and attach an elastic band or popsicle stick.**



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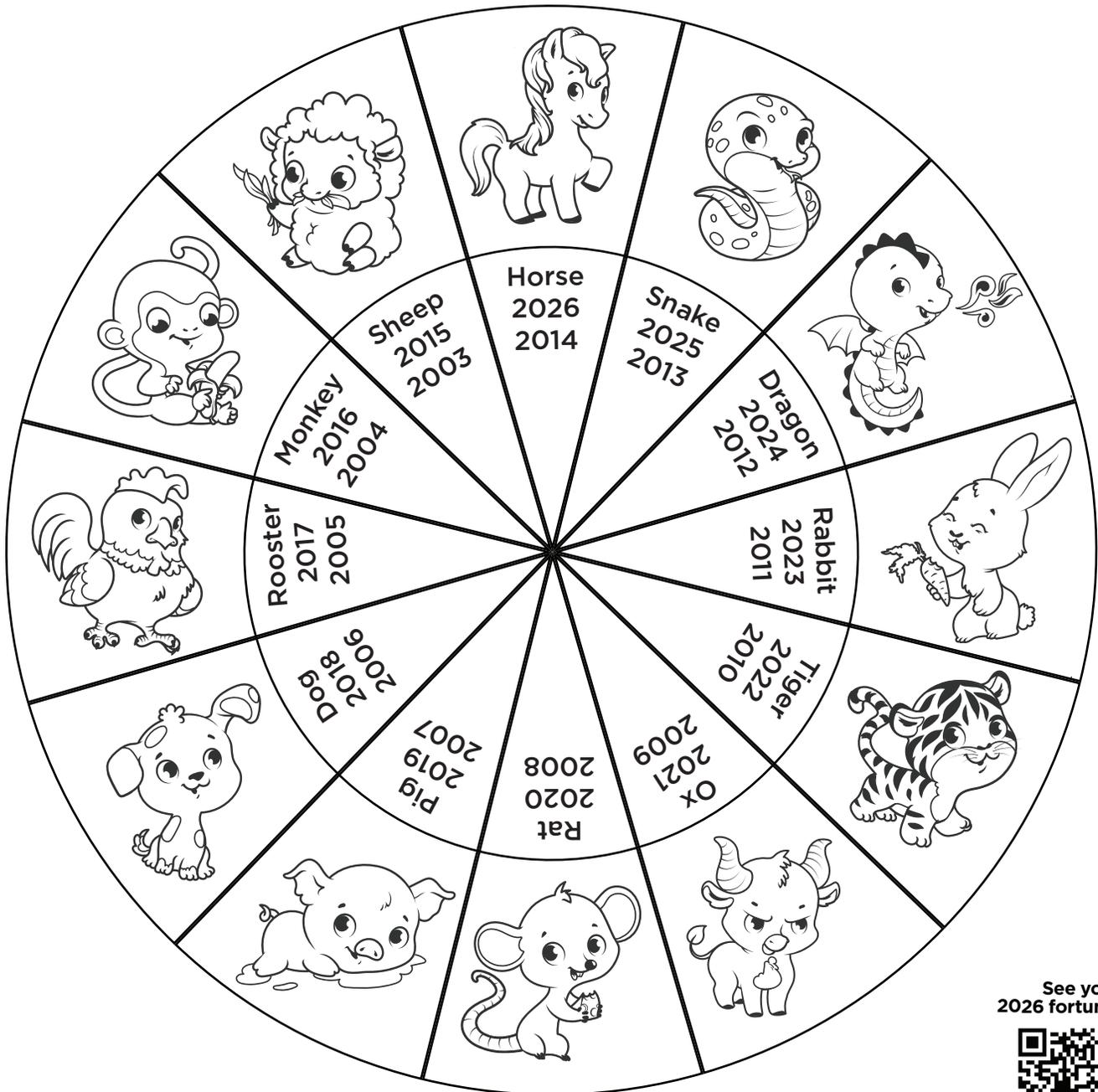


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Long ago in ancient China, the Jade Emperor decided to hold a Great Race to name each of the 12 zodiac years. He invited all the animals in the kingdom to participate. The first 12 animals would be rewarded by having a year named after them. The order that each animal crossed the finish line became that animal's place in the zodiac cycle.

According to the Chinese zodiac, each animal has its own distinct characteristics and the year you were born influences your personality traits and fortunes for the year. Using the zodiac wheel below, can you find what your Chinese zodiac animal is?

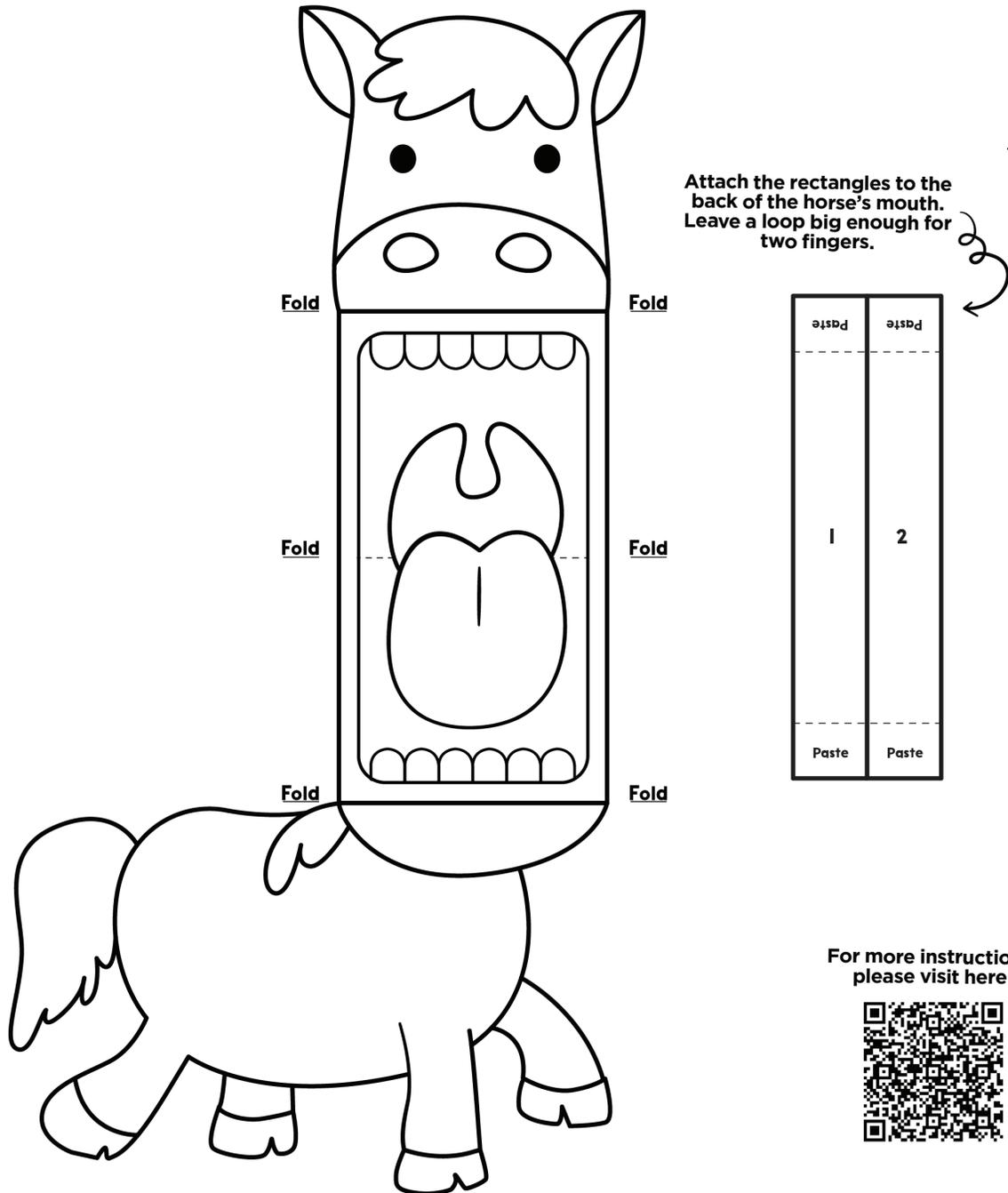


See your
2026 fortune here:



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2026 is the Year of the Horse. People born in the Year of the Horse are known to be smart, independent, and cheerful. They are energetic and enjoy new adventures. Create your own energetic Horse puppet by colouring, cutting out, and folding the head on the lines by the mouth. Cut out the two strips of paper on the sheet and glue them on the back of the horse's mouth (top and bottom) to create finger holes for your horse puppet.



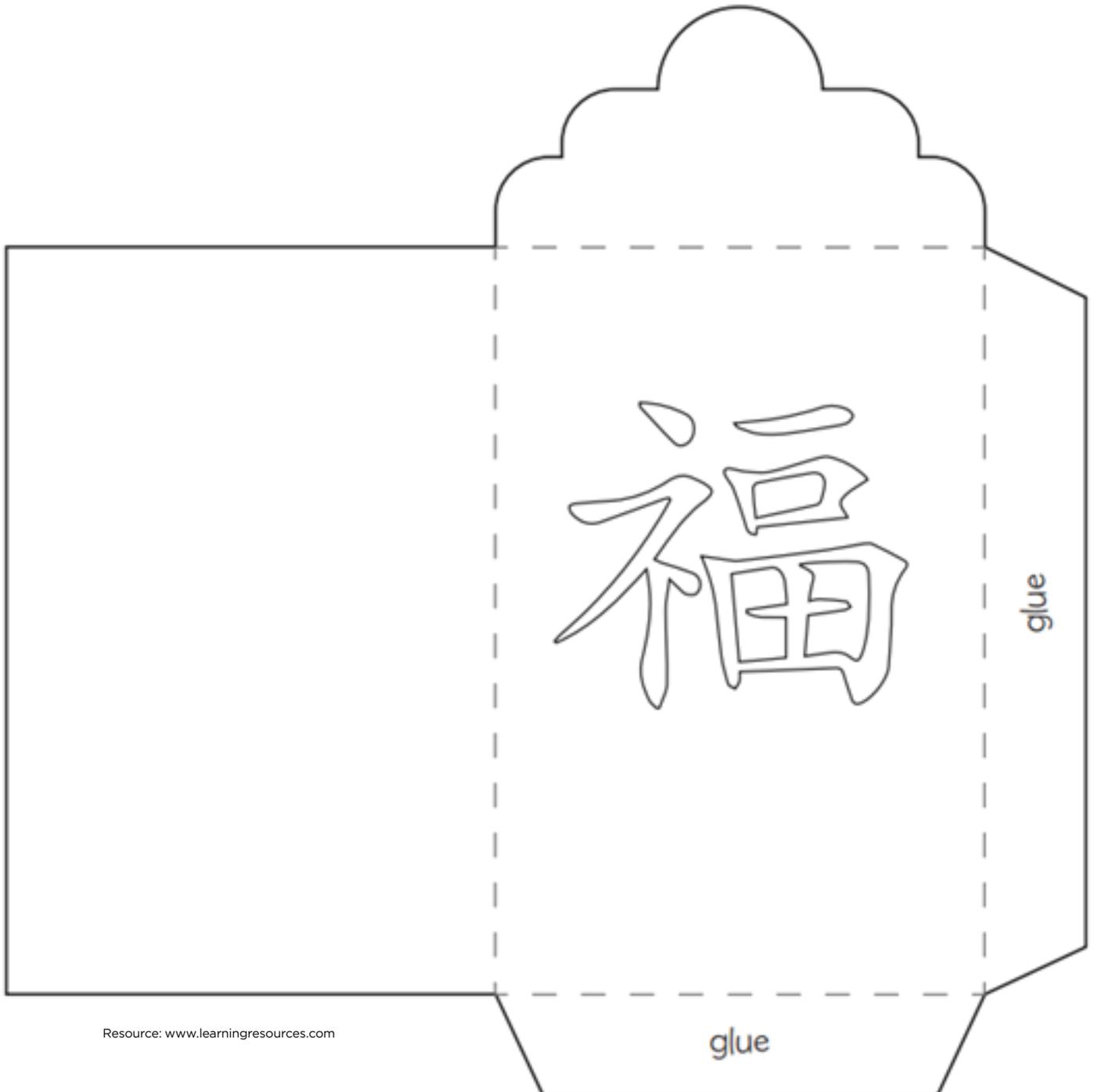
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Dumplings are traditionally eaten during Chinese New Year because their shape resembles ancient Chinese money (ingots), symbolizing wealth for the coming year. Eating more dumplings is believed to bring more wealth. Can you cut and paste the pictures below to help complete Mandy Pandy's Dumpling Feast?



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Red envelopes are special envelopes filled with money, typically given to children to bring good luck and happiness for the new year. Create your own lucky red envelope below with a special symbol “福” (fu), meaning good fortune. Colour the envelope red, use gold or yellow for the symbol “福”, cut out the envelope and fold along the dotted lines. Apply glue to the envelope edges where it says ‘glue’ and assemble your lucky red envelope!



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