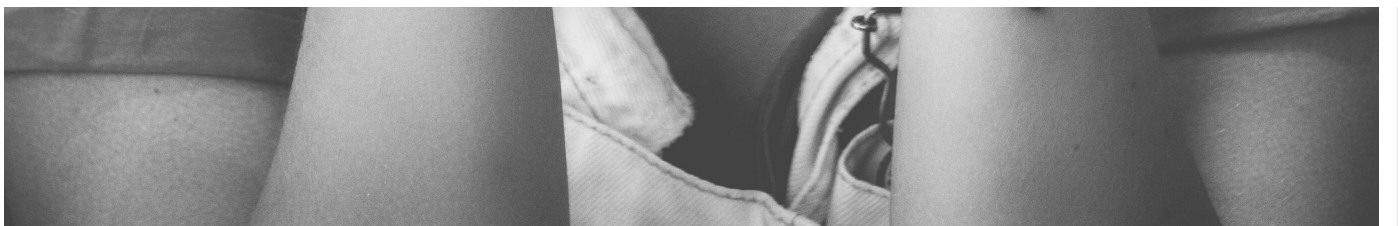




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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 9 Full-Color Bookmarks
- 9 Coloring Pages
- Suggested process for preparing your grandkids for a Fruitastic year
- Schedule of months with Fruit of the Spirit & Scripture

SUGGESTED PROCESS

- For younger kids, compare fruit that grows on trees with God's "Fruit" that grows in our hearts.
- Introduce each month's Fruit individually by talking about these three things: (1) What makes it hard to have that Fruit. (2) Examples of how to show that Fruit to others. (3) Things we can do to grow that Fruit.
- Write some of the ideas you discussed in the above conversation on the corresponding coloring page and then color. Our grandkids had fun making patterns inside the fruits and even on the background.
- Cut out the corresponding bookmark. TIP: Either print on white cardstock or mount the bookmark on colored card stock to make it more durable.
- Choose two or three ideas for how each grandchild can grow that Fruit at school and write those ideas on the back of the bookmark.
- Store bookmarks and coloring pages for future months in labeled envelopes so they are easy to find later!

TIPS FOR LONG DISTANCE & OLDER GRANDKIDS

- Long Distance: For grandkids that live far from you, these conversations can be had on the phone or video chat. As you talk, show your grandchild that you are recording their ideas on the coloring page and bookmark and explain that you will send it all to them in the mail. When they receive their package (and what kid doesn't love to get mail!) they can color everything and take their bookmark to school.
- Older Grandkids: For your Middle & High School Grandkids (or even college students!) skip the coloring pages and simply give them a new bookmark each month. You can still have great conversations using the suggestions above...they'll just be more sophisticated.

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SCHEDULE OF MONTHS WITH FRUITS & SCRIPTURES

September = Peace

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then his peace will guard your heart and mind. Philippians 4:6-7

October= Patience

But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently. Romans 8:24

November = Goodness

Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. Romans 12:21

December = Joy

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines...Still I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! Habakkuk 3:17-18

January = Kindness

Don't use foul language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will encourage those who hear them. Ephesians 4:29

February = Love

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 1 John 3:18

March = Self-Control

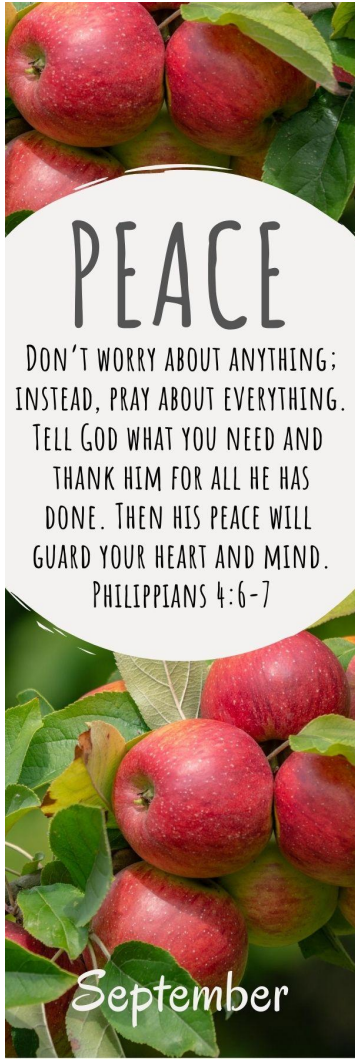
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April = Faithfulness

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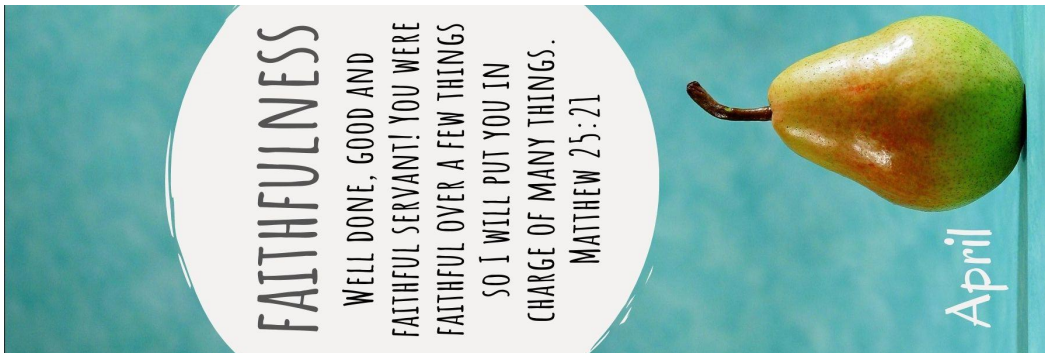


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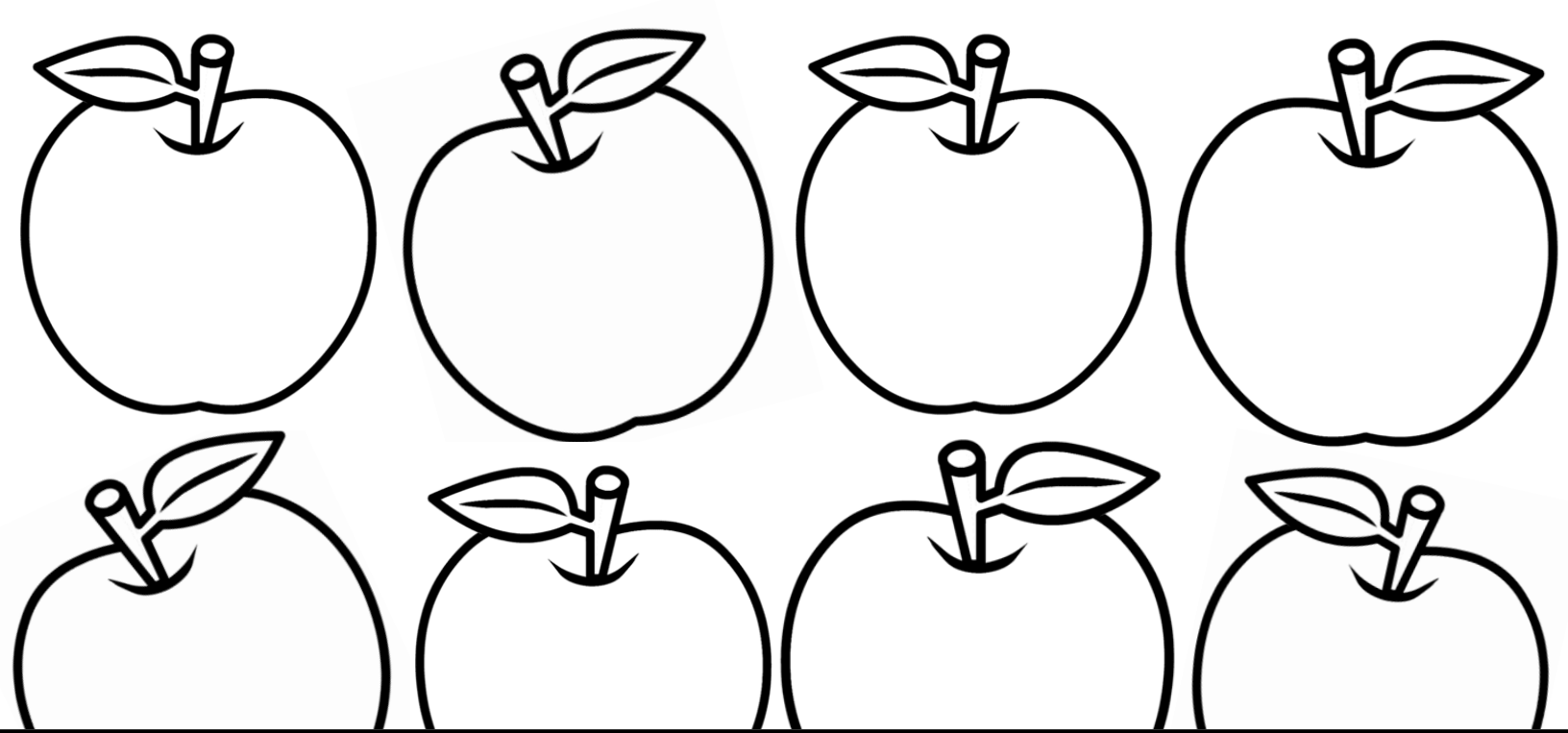


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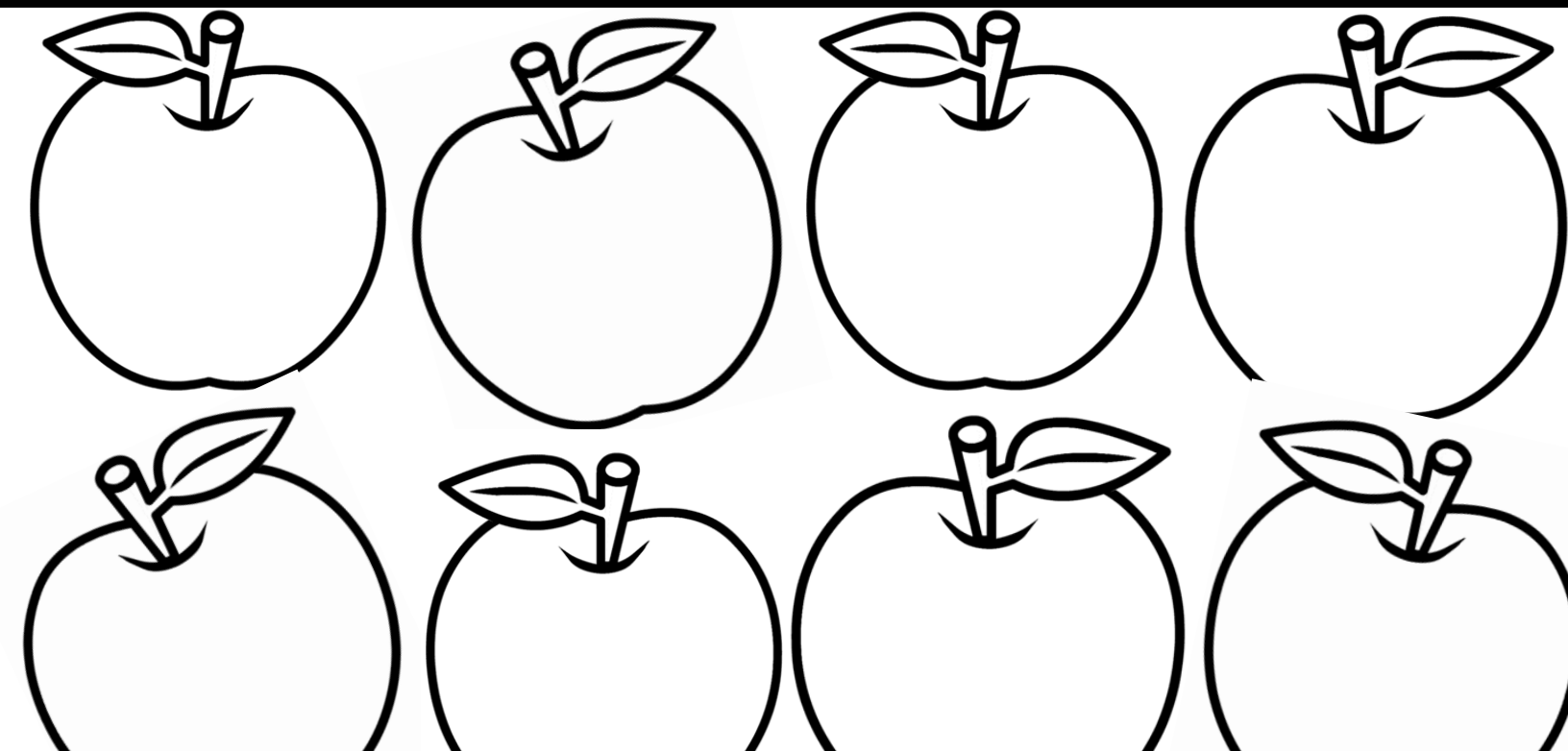
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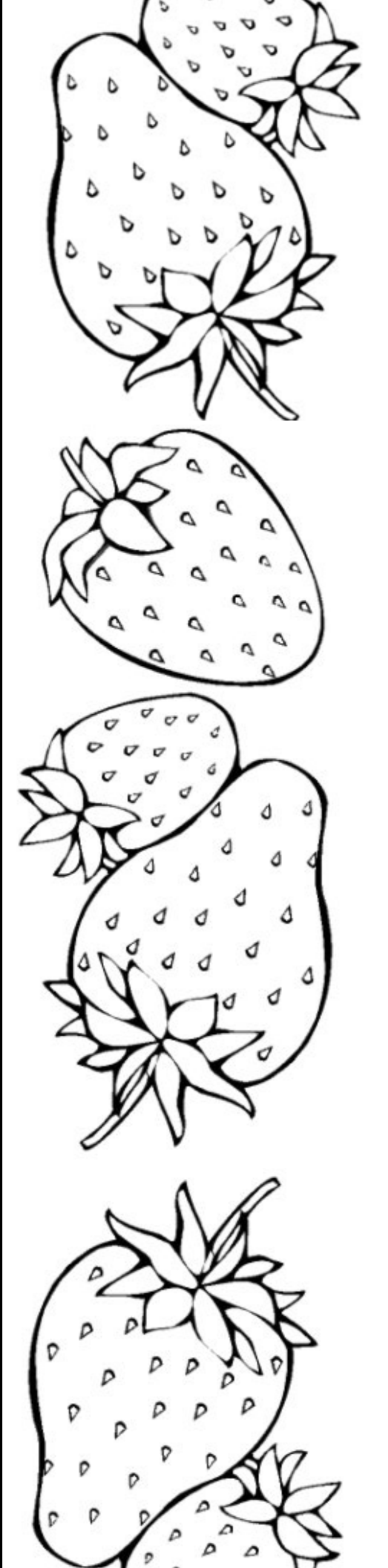
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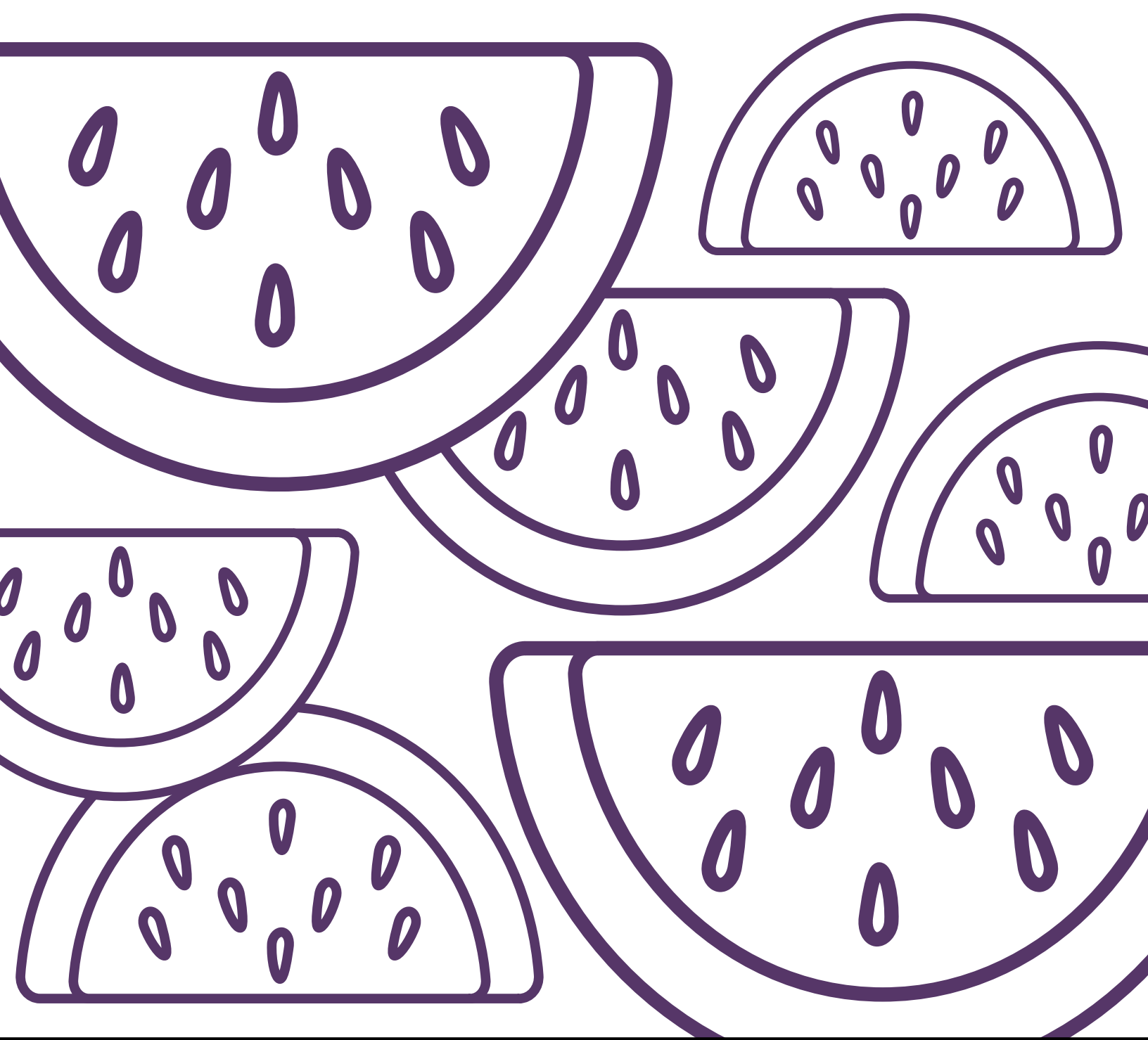
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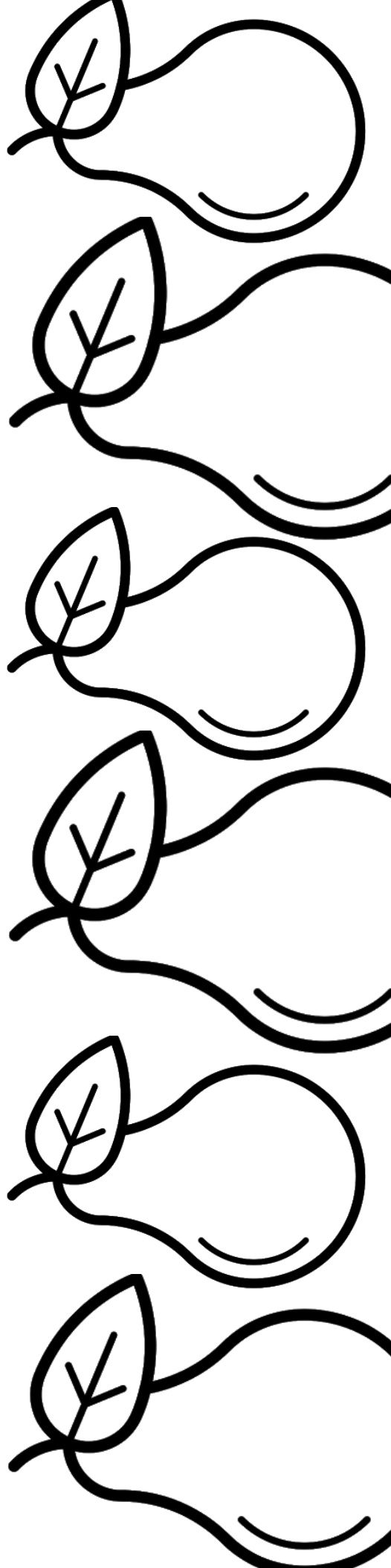
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