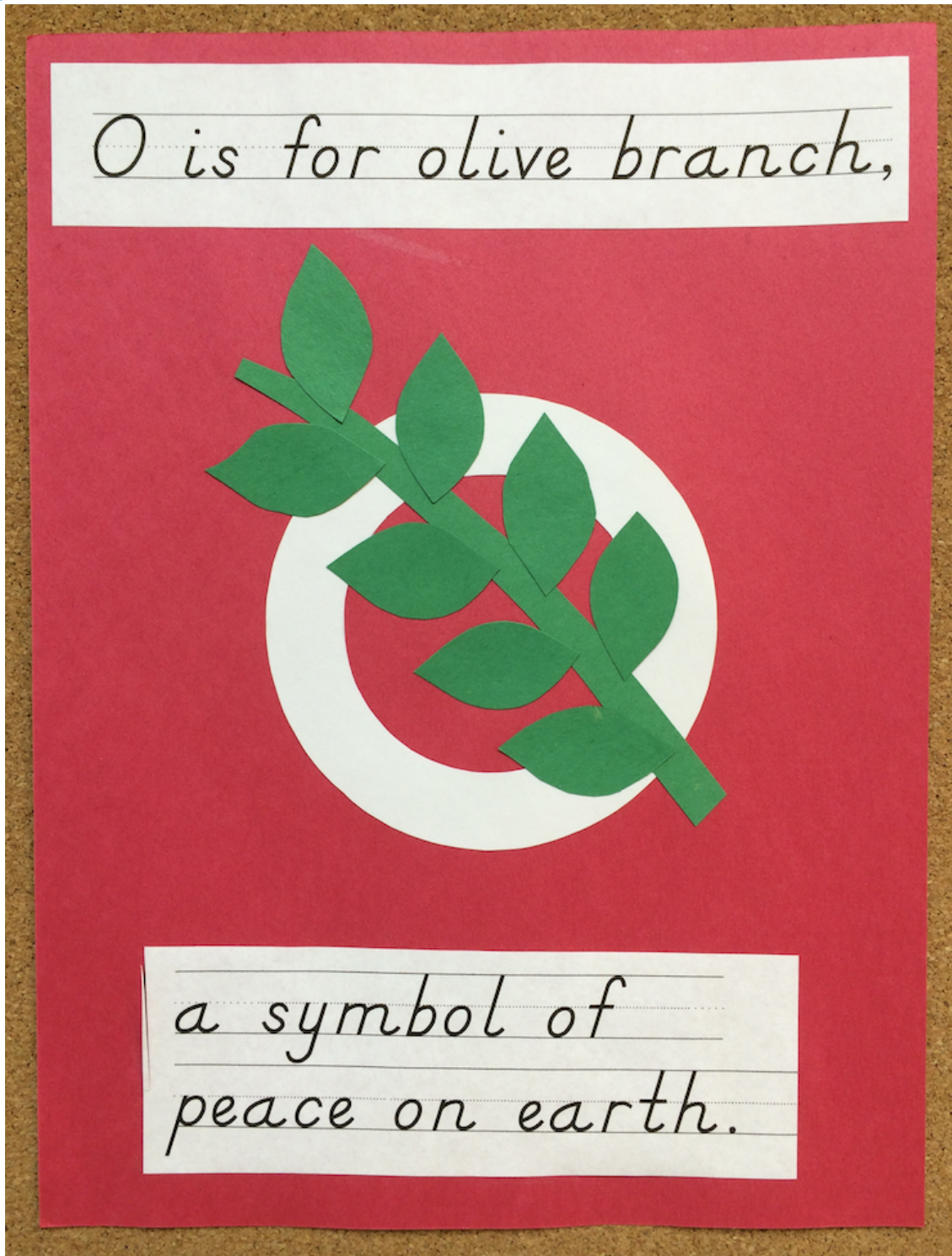


# O is for Olive Branch...

"My Catholic ABC Book" - Page 15



*In the evening the dove came back to him, and there in its bill was a plucked-off olive leaf! So Noah knew that the waters had diminished on the earth.*

*Genesis 8:11*

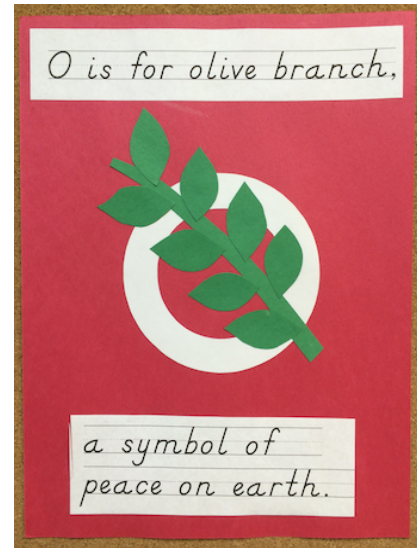


# O is for Olive Branch

*a symbol of peace on earth.*

## Materials:

- text & image templates (included below)
- construction paper (9x12in):  
*red, green, white*
- scissors
- glue sticks
- crayons/markers



## Option 1: Construction Paper Cut-Outs (see photo example)

*\*Note: For this option, you must be able to make photocopies on construction paper*

1. Use **Templates B-D** to make copies of the craft pieces on colored paper. Each template will list the color to use and the number of pieces you need for each child.
2. Choose the text style that suits your class, and copy the related **Text Template (E-I)**. Cut the strips so that each child has the top and bottom sentence strip ready to glue.
3. Give each child a 9x12 background book page. (see photo for color suggestion)
4. Instruct students to complete the sentence strips (read, trace, or write), and glue them on the top and bottom of the page, leaving plenty of room in the middle for their images.
5. Students should then cut out the colored paper images and glue them in place on their book page. Help students figure out the best order to glue, as some pieces overlap:
  - \* "O" in the center, branch across the middle, and 4 leaves along each side of branch.

## Option 2: Students Color & Cut (not shown)

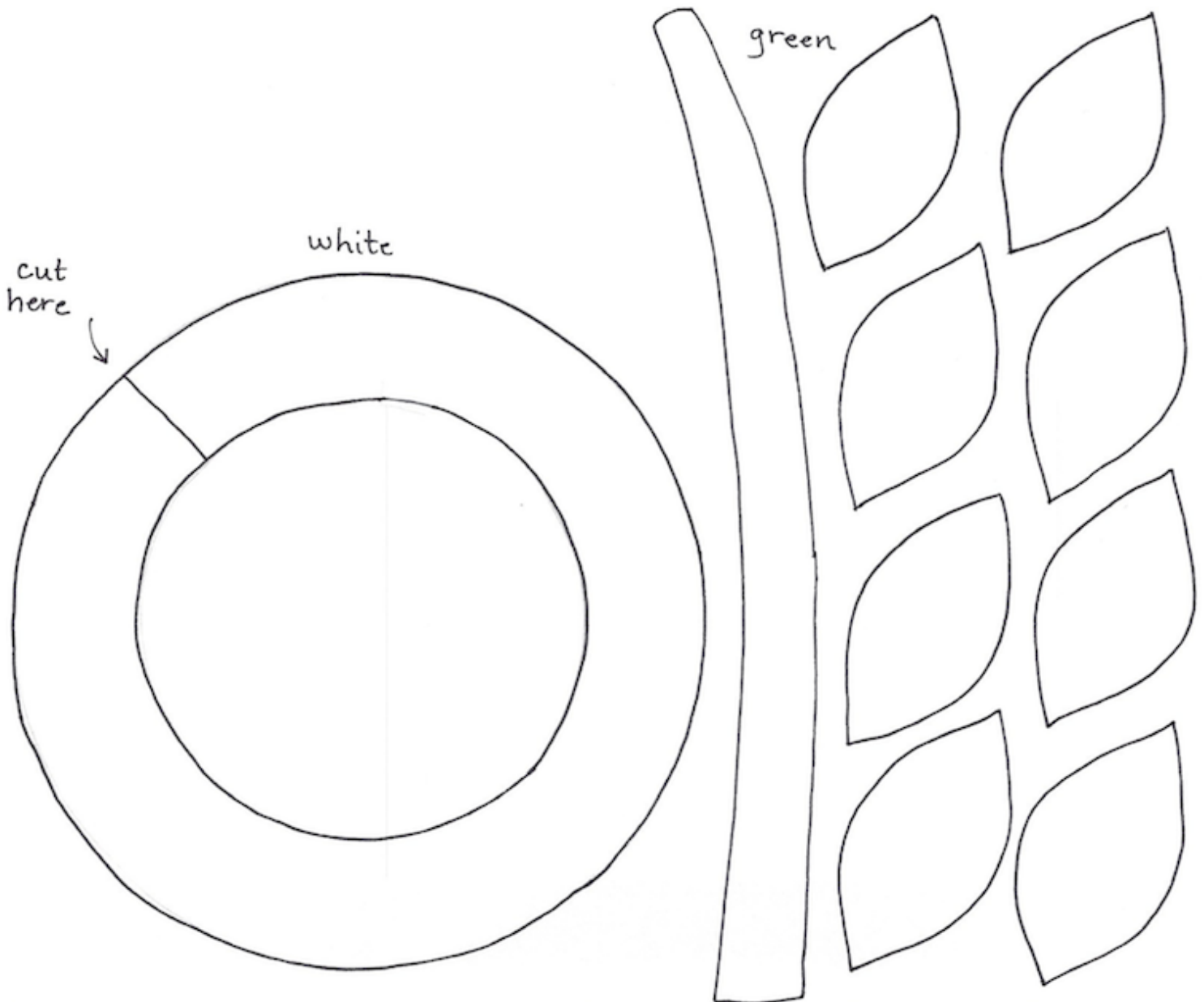
1. Make one copy of **Template A** for each student on white construction paper (use regular copy paper if you do not have the option to photocopy onto construction paper)
2. Instruct students to use crayons/markers to color the images on the template.
3. Choose the text style that suits your class, and copy the related **Text Template (E-I)**. Cut the strips so that each child has the top and bottom sentence strip ready to glue.
3. Give each child a 9x12 background book page. (see photo for color suggestion)
4. Instruct students to complete the sentence strips (read, trace, or write), and glue them on the top and bottom of the page, leaving plenty of room in the middle for their images.
5. Students should then cut out their colored image pieces and glue them in place on their book page. Help students figure out the best order to glue, as some pieces overlap:
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# Template A (Individual)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

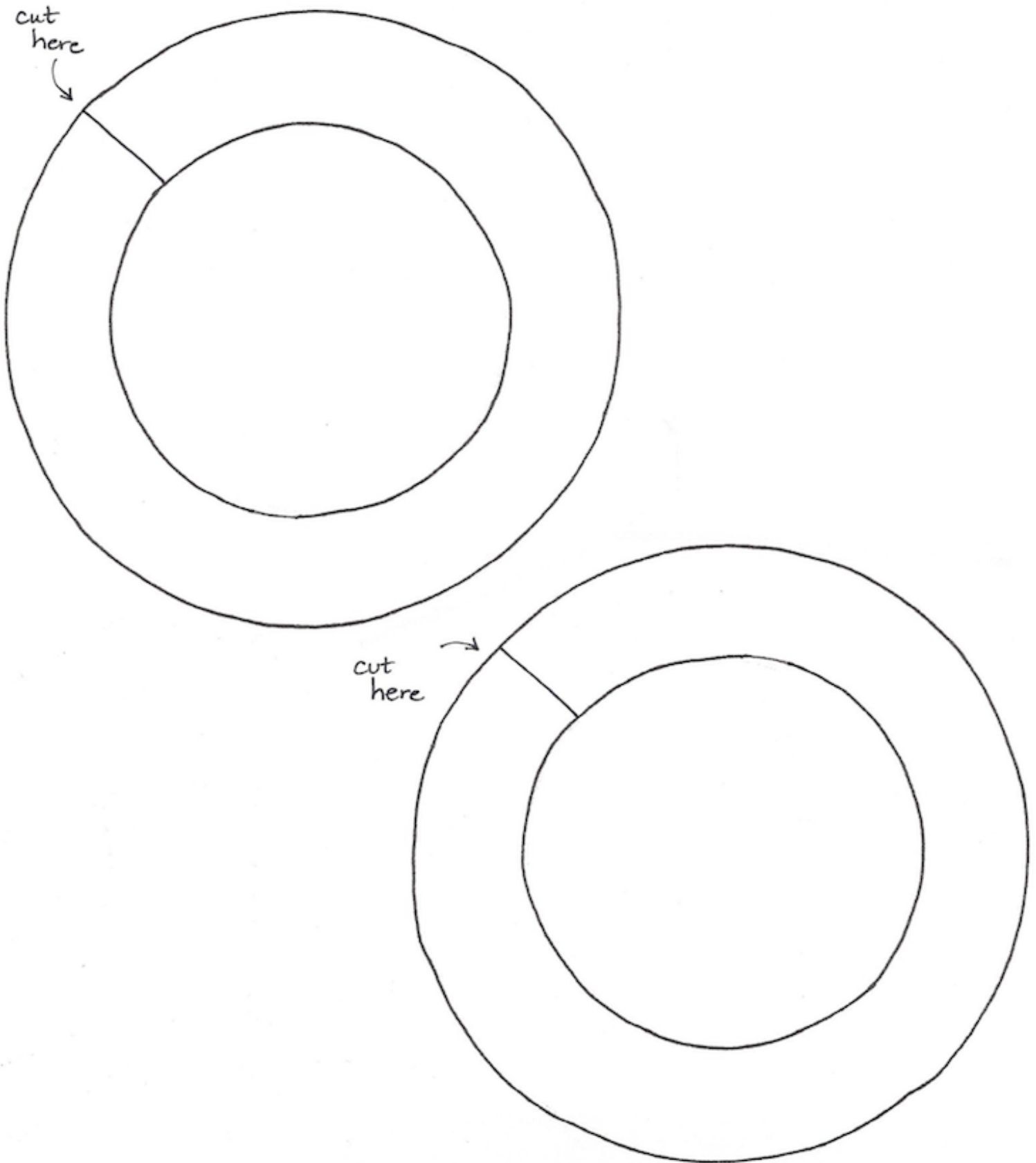
Directions:

1. Ask your teacher for the sentence strips for this book page. Read, trace, or write the sentence, and glue the strips to the top and bottom of your book page.
2. Use crayons or markers to color in each piece below. Use the color words to help you.
3. Carefully cut out your pieces and follow your teacher's directions to glue them down.



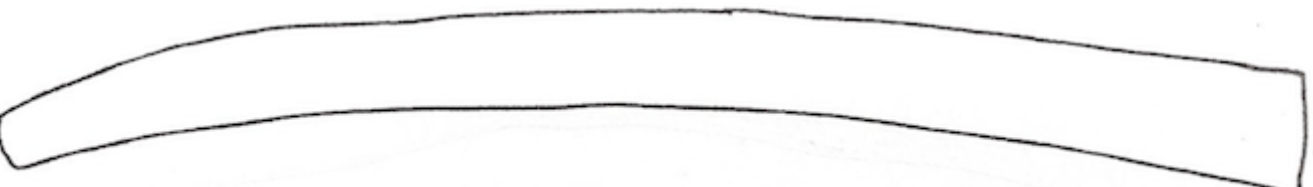
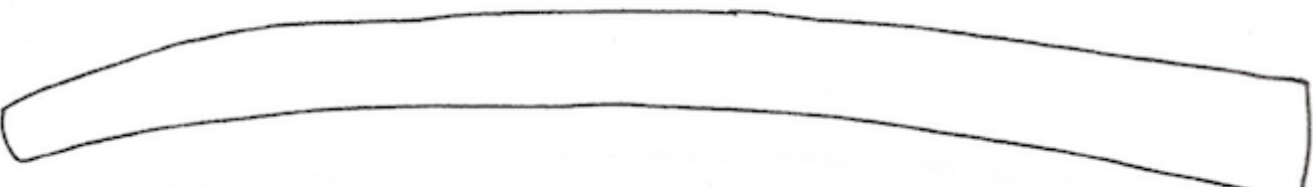
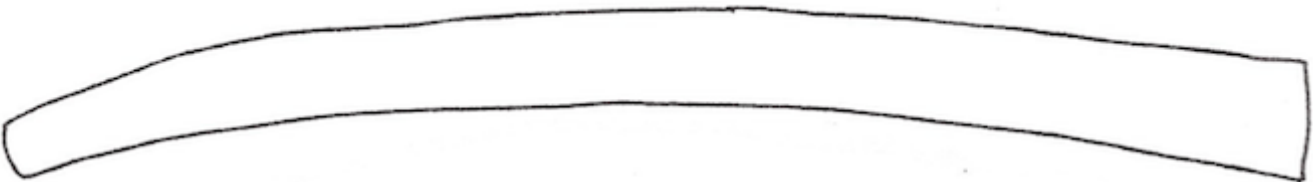
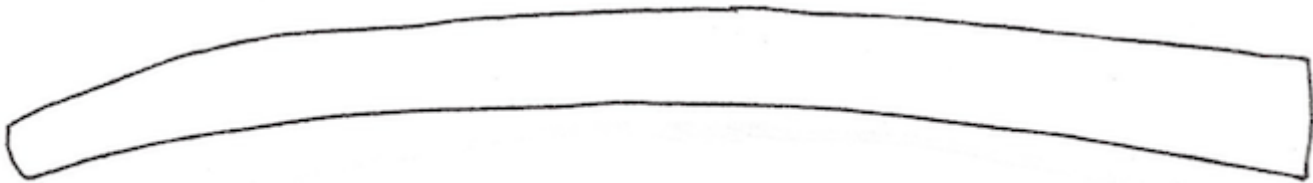
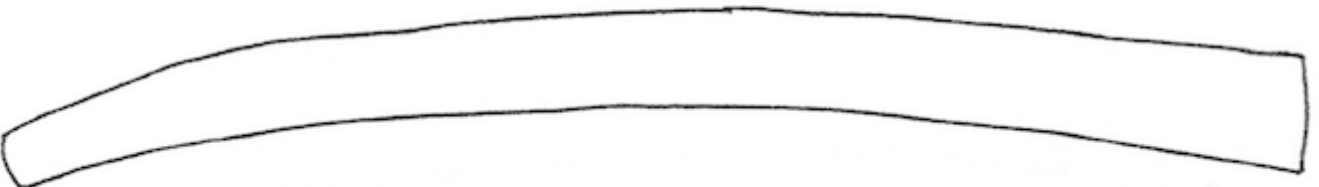
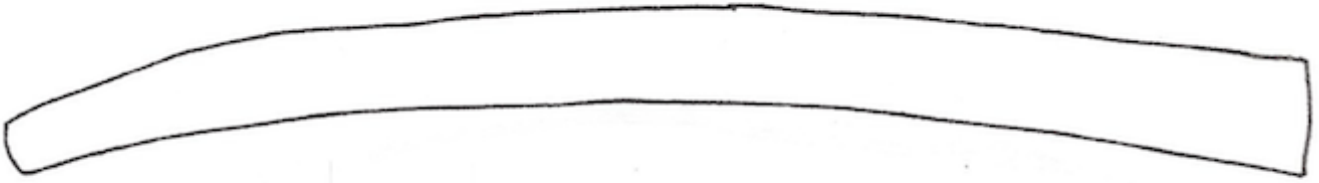
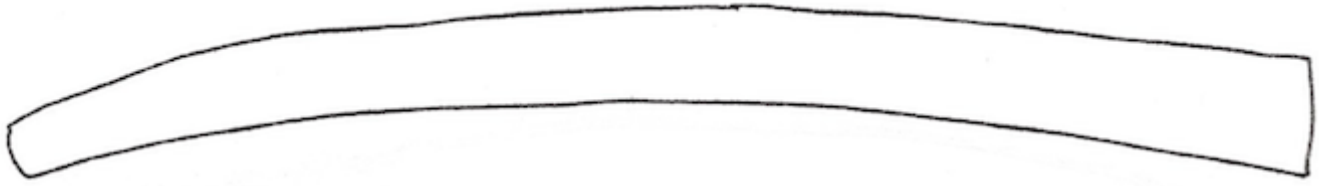
**Template B** - Copy on **WHITE** - 1 "O" per student

Note: students need to cut through the "O" in order to cut out the middle piece. When they are ready to glue it down to their page, position the "O" so that the branch can cover the cut.

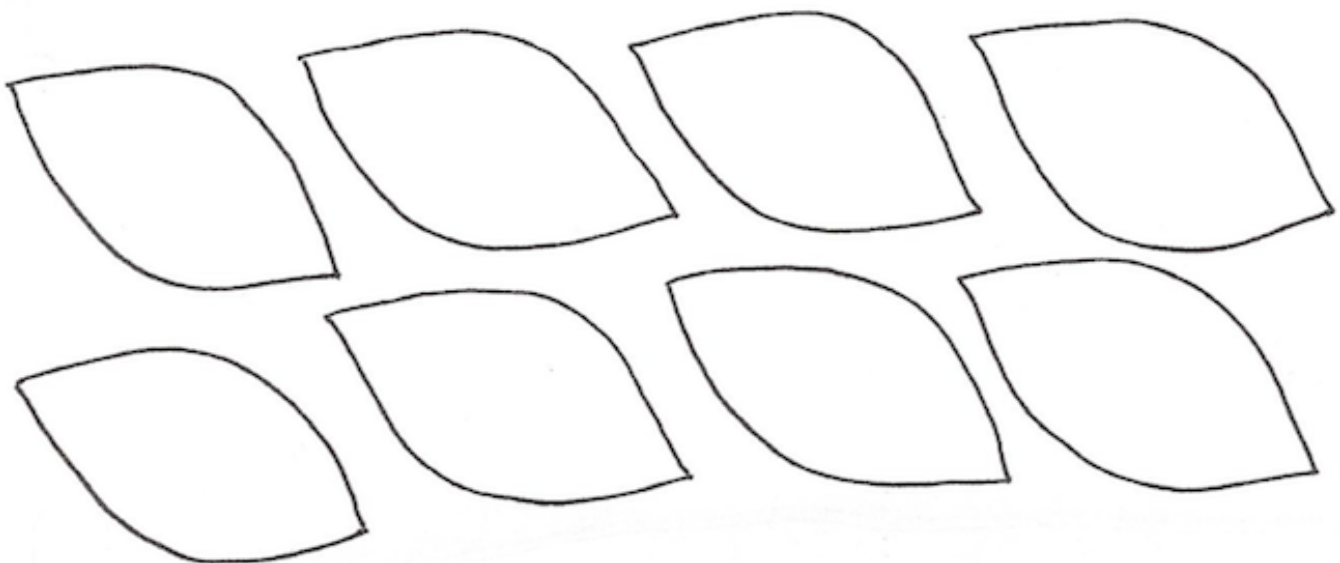
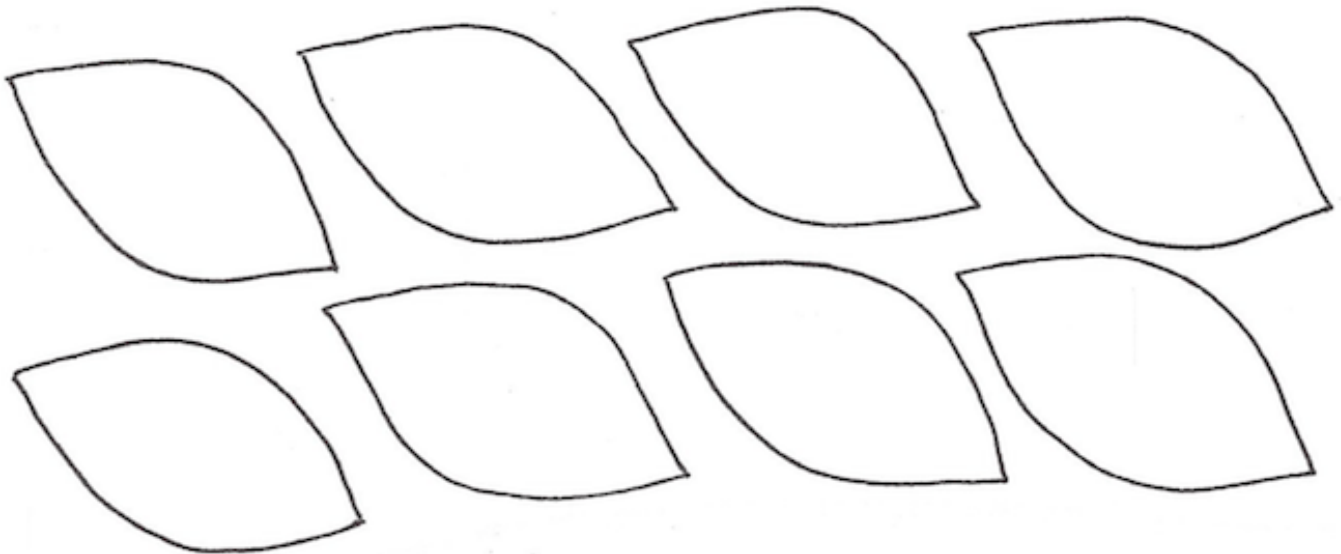
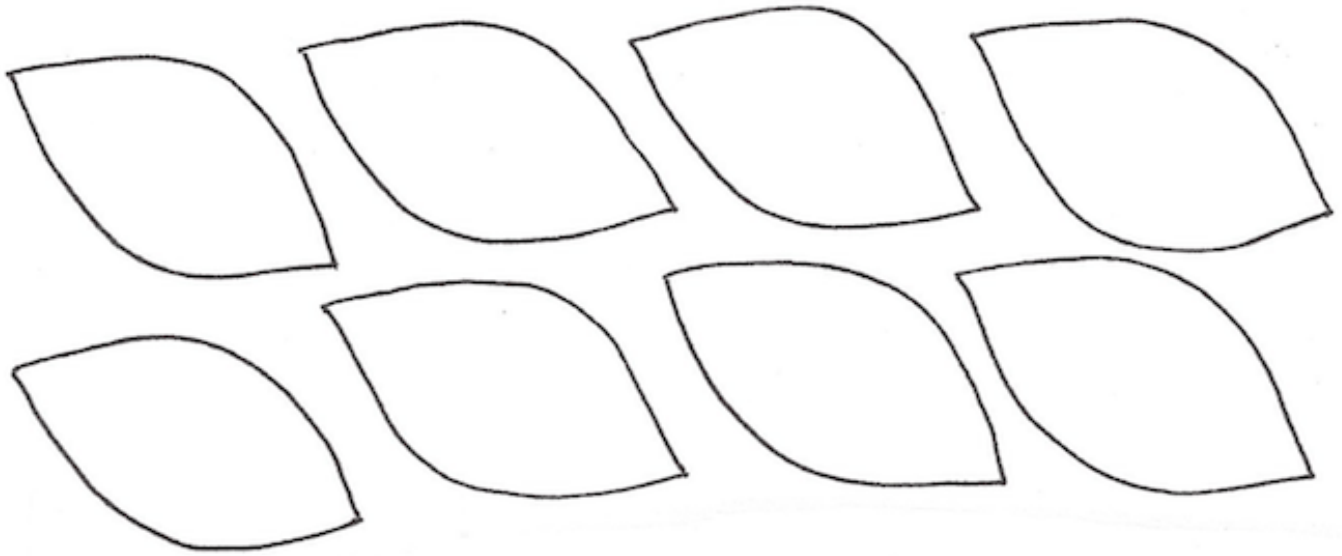




**Template C** - Copy on **GREEN** - 1 branch per student.



**Template D** - Copy on **GREEN** - 1 set of (8) leaves per student



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Template F - Text - D'Nealian manuscript, outline tracing with arrow guides

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Template G - Text - D'Nealian manuscript, outline tracing, no arrow guides

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# Template H - Text - D'Nealian manuscript, tracing dots

W w W w W w W w W w

W w W w W w W w

W w W w W w W w

W w W w W w W w W w

W w W w W w W w

W w W w W w W w

**Template I** - Text - Blank Rules for Independent Writing  
(single top line: "O is for Olive Branch,"  
double bottom line: "a symbol of peace on earth.")

The page contains ten sets of handwriting lines. Each set is composed of three horizontal lines: a solid top line, a dotted middle line, and a solid bottom line. These sets are arranged vertically down the page, providing a template for independent writing practice.