Stay Awake Lanterns

An Advent craft Activity

For this activity children will need:

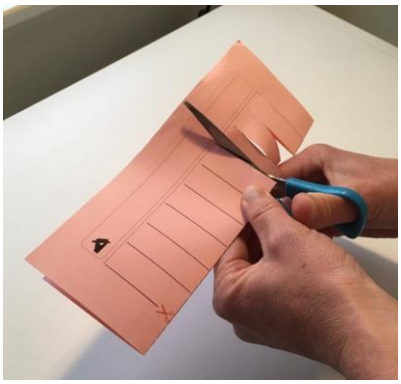
- A copy of the lantern template on thin coloured card.
- Pencils/pens
- Scissors
- Sticky tape or stapler

This craft activity reinforces the key Advent message: 'Stay Awake! Keep your hearts ready and your goodness shining brightly, lighting the way for others.'
The activity hones fine motor skills, and once finished lanterns can be strung together as a colourful classroom decoration.

1. Provide each child with a lantern template each. For ease we've drafted the lines that children need to fold and cut.

2. Instruct children to cut the sheet in two following the solid line. They will now be left with two A5 sheets. They will need both sheets for this activity.

3. Taking the A5 sheet with the grid lines in the rectangular text box, ask children to write a way in which they will keep their hearts ready and goodness shining this Advent.



4. After they've written their intention, children then cut along the ten solid lines; beginning from the fold and being careful not to cut beyond the lines end point (see picture to the right).

5. When children have cut along all the solid lines ask them to unfold the paper and curl the sheet so that the two ends meet, forming a lantern shape. Children then must fasten the two ends together with sticky tape or a stapler.

6. Ask children to set their lantern aside and return to the remaining A5 sheet.

7. Ask children to colour the light bulb (if the card on which template is printed is dark in colour, children may need to cover the bulb shape with yellow paper), then write their name inside the bulb. After this, they should cut out the entire shape before folding along the dotted line top of the bulb.

8. Children then stick the ends of the strip onto their lantern to make a handle. The light bulb should hang inside the lantern.

9. The children's 'Stay Awake' lanterns are now ready to display!

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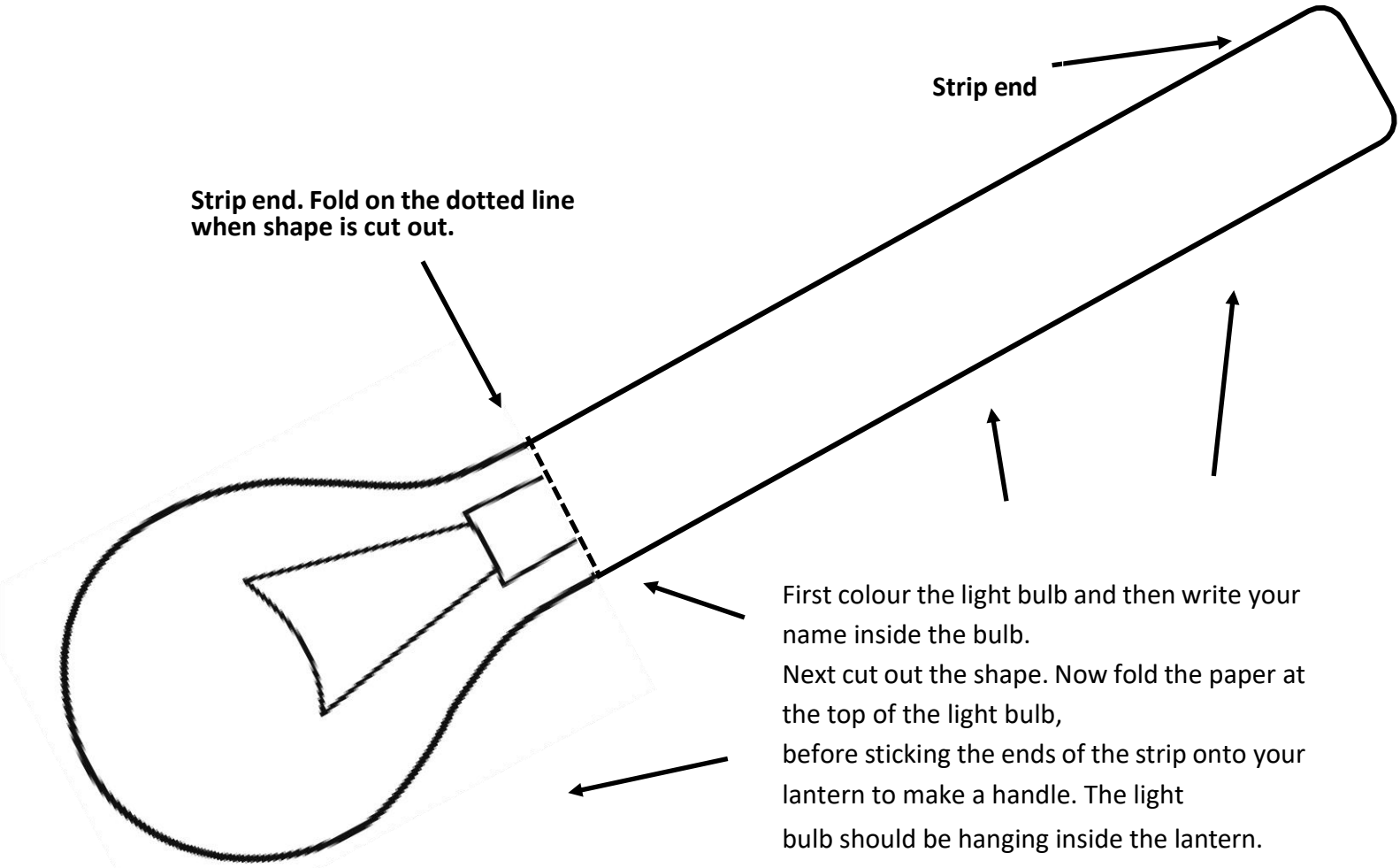
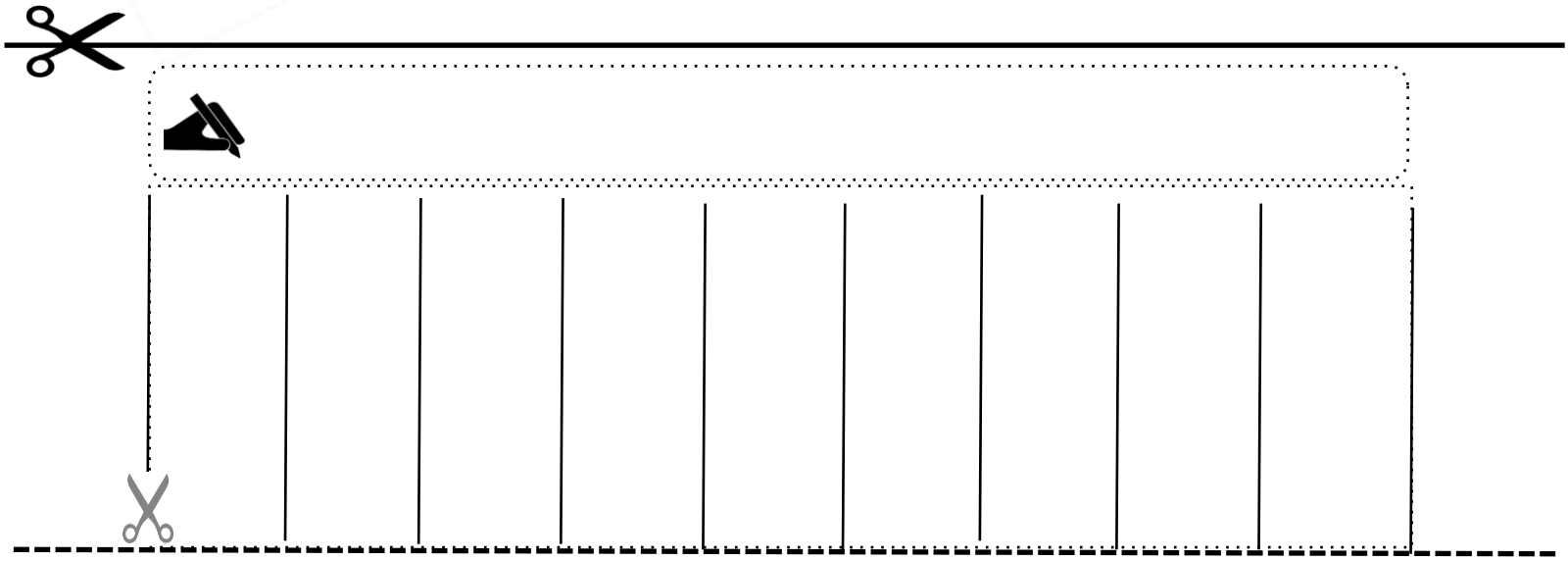
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