**Craft**
**Ages 3–5**
**15 minutes**

# The Emperor's New Clothes

## Description

Make a craft, using a file folder, that contrasts the emperor in his clothes and in his underwear

## Space Considerations

Any type of space where participants can be seated to do a craft

## Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Creative and imaginative thinking

## Materials

- Printouts of the emperor templates
- Scissors (adult use only)
- Crayons, pencil crayons or markers
- Glue
- File folders (one per participant); can be previously used
- Tactile items including foam shapes and cut clothes from fabric, to decorate the emperor

## Preparation

- Prepare the room for a program that uses glue
- If desired, pre-cut the emperor's head and feet, or allow parents and caregivers to assist with this step

## Implementation

1. Distribute the printouts of the emperor templates, file folders, glue, and crayons, pencil crayons or markers.
2. Participants colour all of the templates and add tactile items as desired.

3. Glue the base of the head to the top and back of the file folder, with the head facing forward and sticking out above the top of the folder.

4. Glue the feet to the bottom and back of the file folder, with the feet facing forward and sticking out below the bottom of the folder.

5. Glue the emperor’s clothed body to the front of the folder.

6. Glue the emperor in his underwear on the inside of the folder.

7. Open (and close) the folder to see the emperor in his underwear. How embarrassing!

## Accessibility Considerations

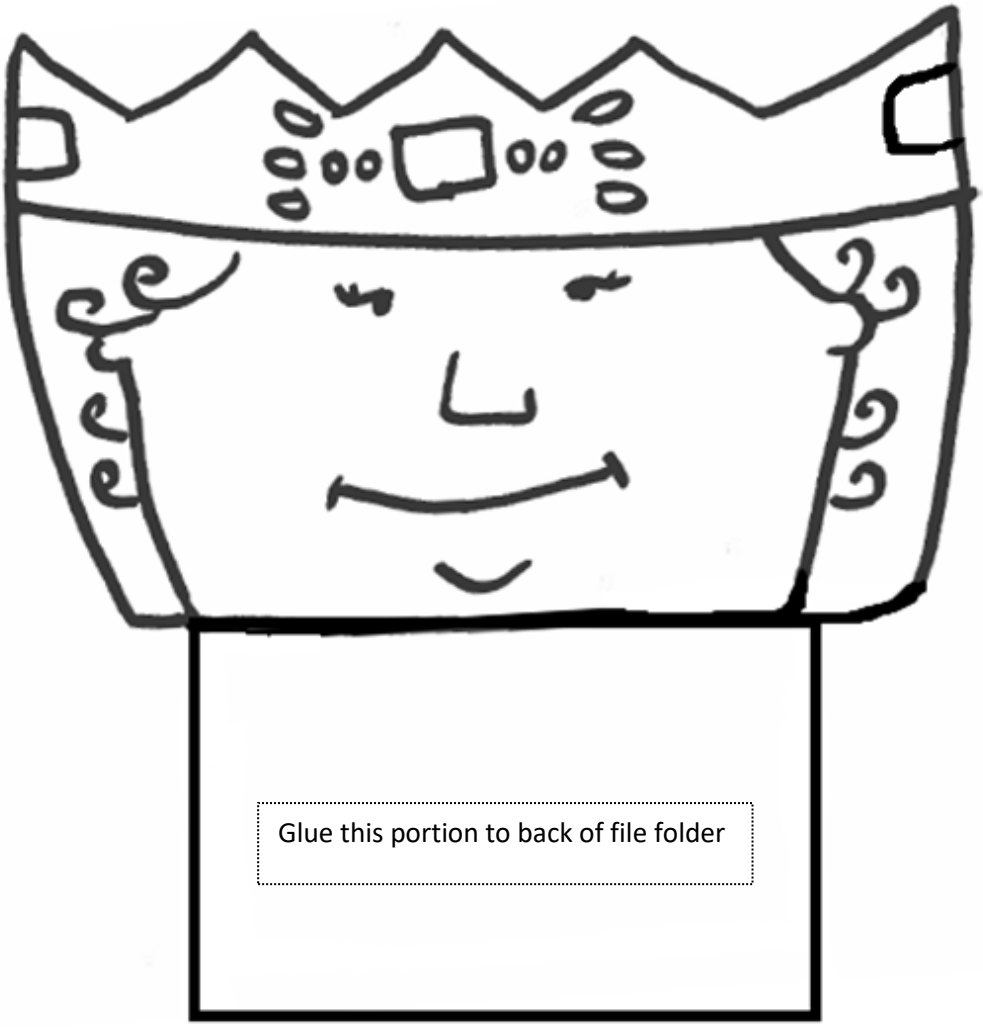
- Offer kids a variety of instruments to colour their image, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Pre-cut the head and feet templates
- Offer a few tactile items (e.g. foam shapes, cut-out clothes from fabric) to decorate the emperor's clothes

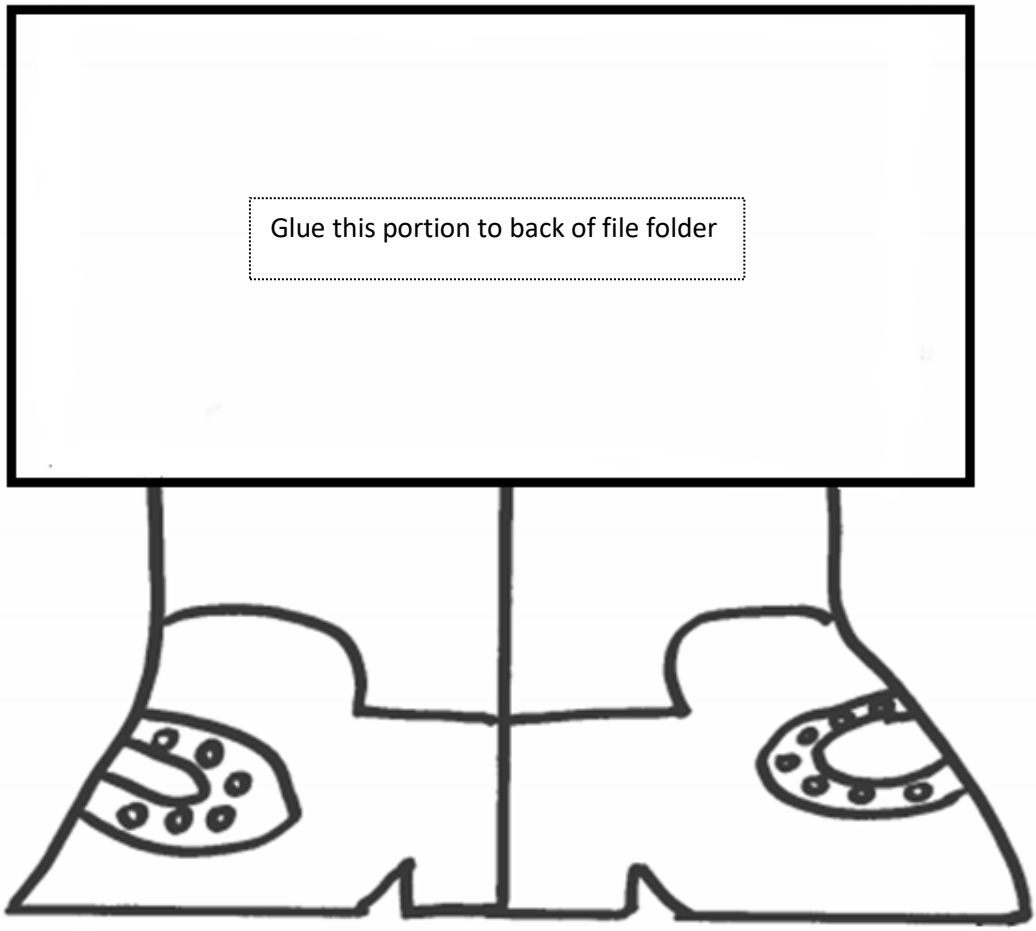
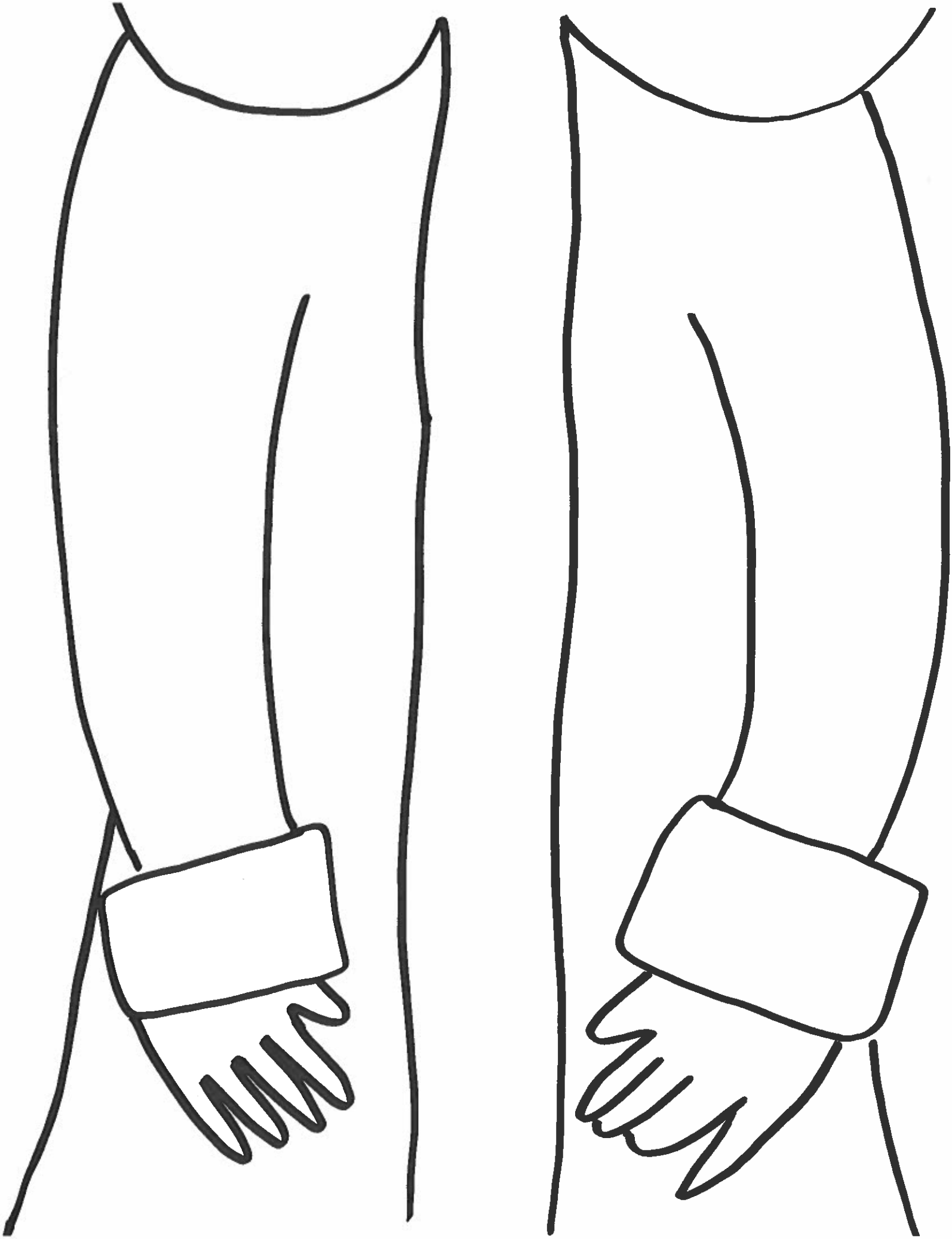
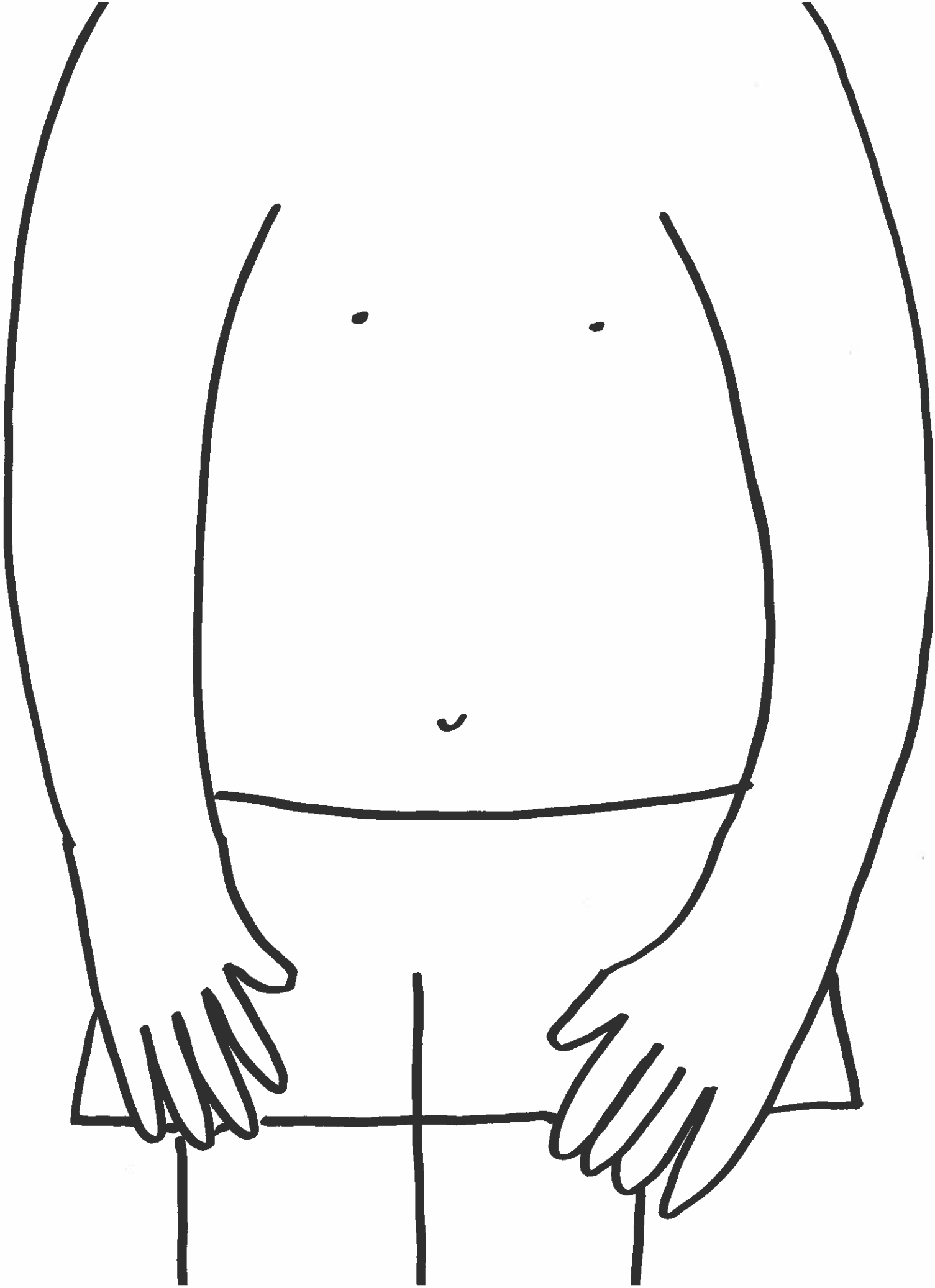
## Book Suggestions

*I Am Scary* by Elise Gravel
*Read to Your Toddler Every Day: 20 Folktales to Read Aloud* by Lucy Brownridge and Chloe Giordano

## Download Links

Emperor templates


Glue this portion to back of file folder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