Bear-y Fun Button Sorting

Preschool–Kindergarten

Objective

•Students will sort buttons by color, shape and size.

Materials Needed

- *Corduroy* by Don Freeman
- Bear sorting mat
- Collage Buttons (or your own assortment of buttons)
- Glue
- Construction Paper - 9" x 12"
- Sorting by Season reproducibles
- File folder
- Resealable plastic bag
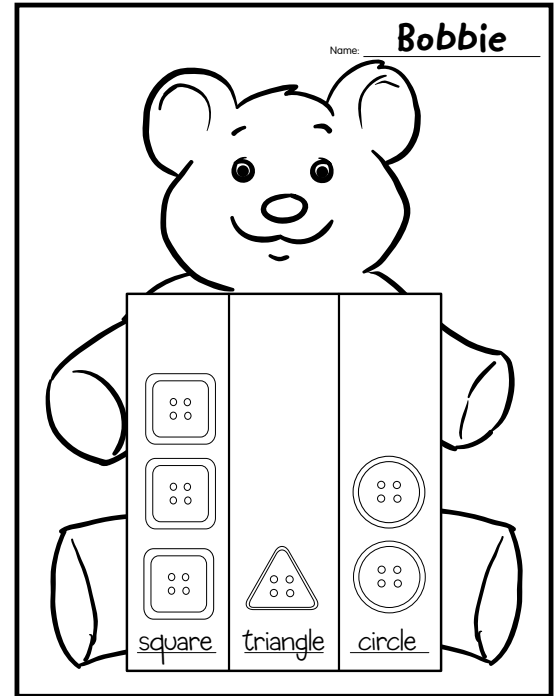- Tape (or paper clips)

Preparation

Print the bear sorting mat. Decide how you would like students to practice sorting: by color, shape or size. Label the three columns accordingly. For example, if you'd like students to sort by shape, you can label the columns "square," "triangle" and "circle." Make a copy of the mat for each student or pair of students in your class.

Introduction

Read aloud *Corduroy* by Don Freeman. Discuss Corduroy's search for his lost button.
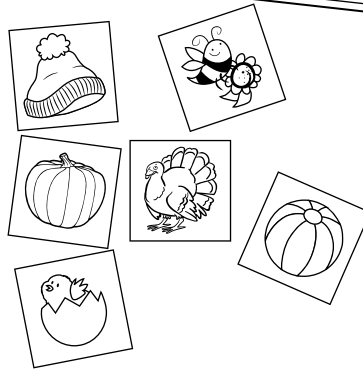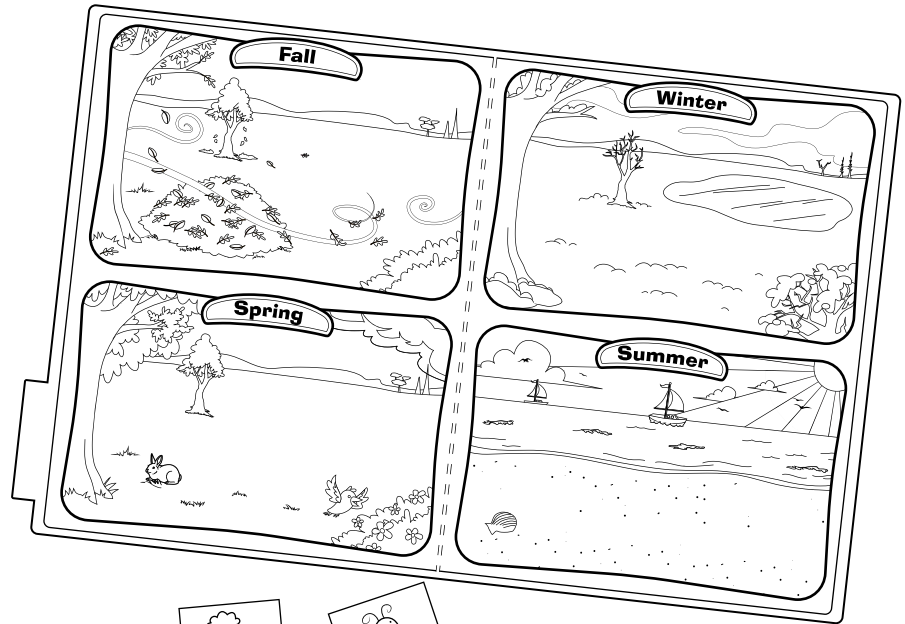
Procedure

1. Divide your class into small groups and give each group a handful of buttons.

2. Encourage students to search through the buttons to find a matching pair. How do students know the two buttons match? How are the other buttons different?

3. Have students work independently or with partners. Pass out copies of the bear sorting mat and ask students to sort buttons onto the mat by color, shape or size.

4. Once students have finished sorting, prompt them to glue their buttons onto the mat. Allow the glue to dry.

5. Display one student's mat and discuss it with the class. How many buttons are in each column? Which column has the most buttons? Which has the least?

6. Mount students' mats on 9" x 12" construction paper. Display them on a bulletin board titled "Bear-y Good Button Sorting!"
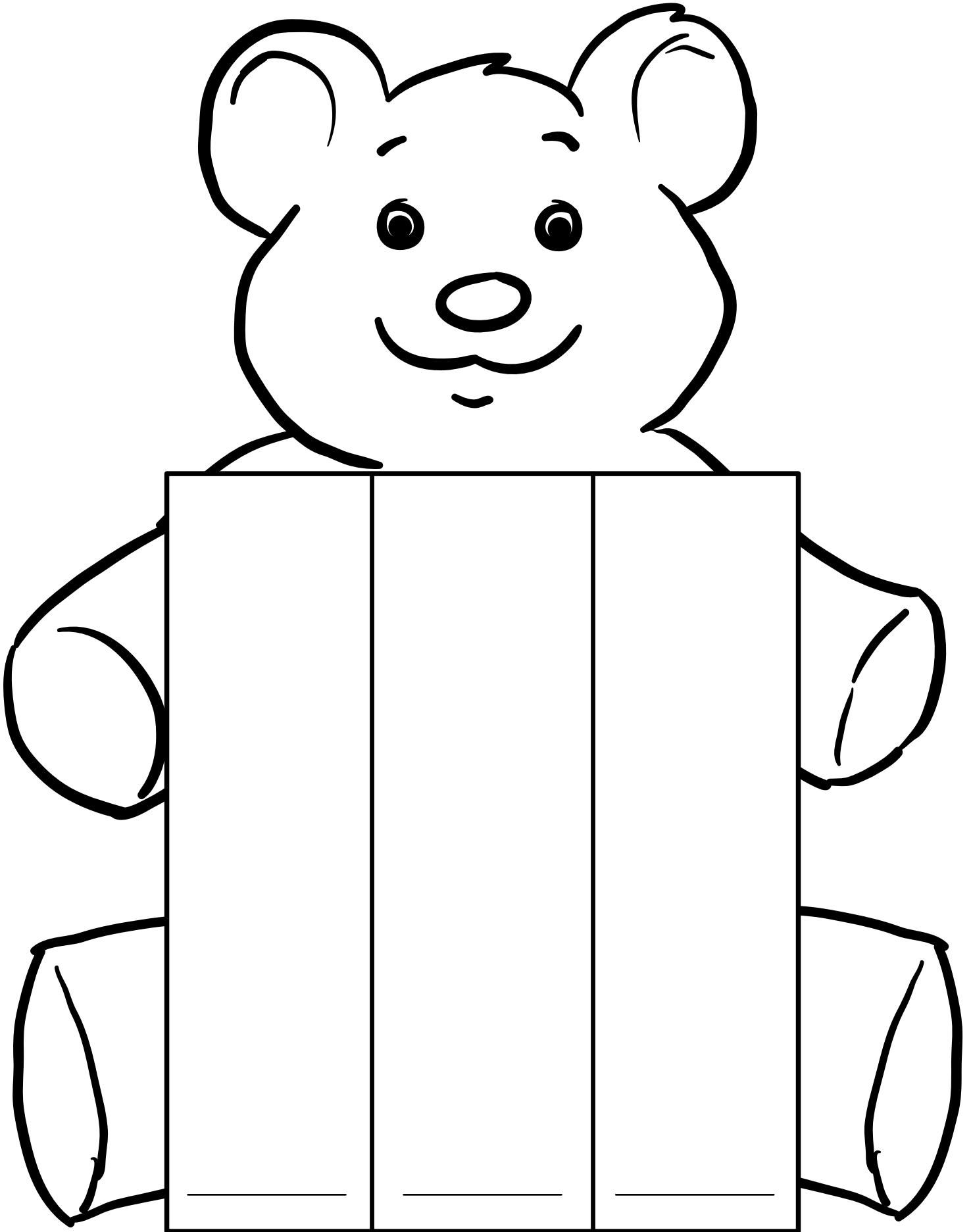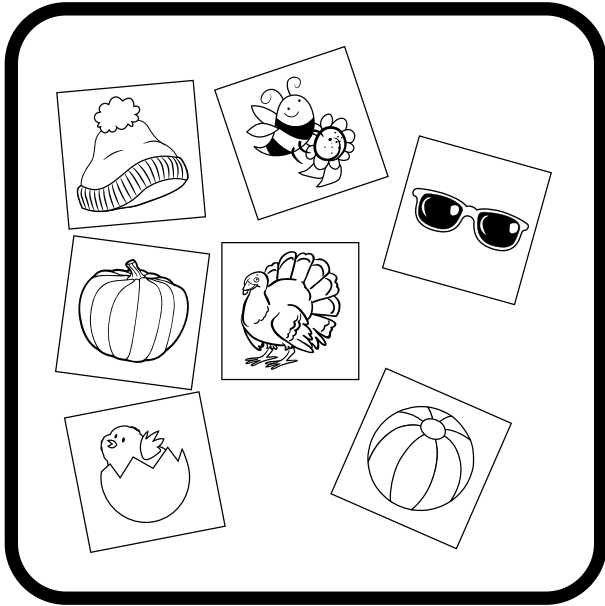
Independent Practice

1. Print out the Sorting by Season reproducibles. Glue the instructions onto the front of a file folder.

2. Trim the season pages along the dashed lines. Color the scenes and glue them onto the inside of the folder.

3. Cut apart the game tiles. Color the tiles and place them in a resealable plastic bag. Tape or paper-clip the bag to the back of the folder.
   (You can print an additional sheet of the game tiles to use as an answer key.)

4. Place the assembled folder game in a center for students to enjoy!
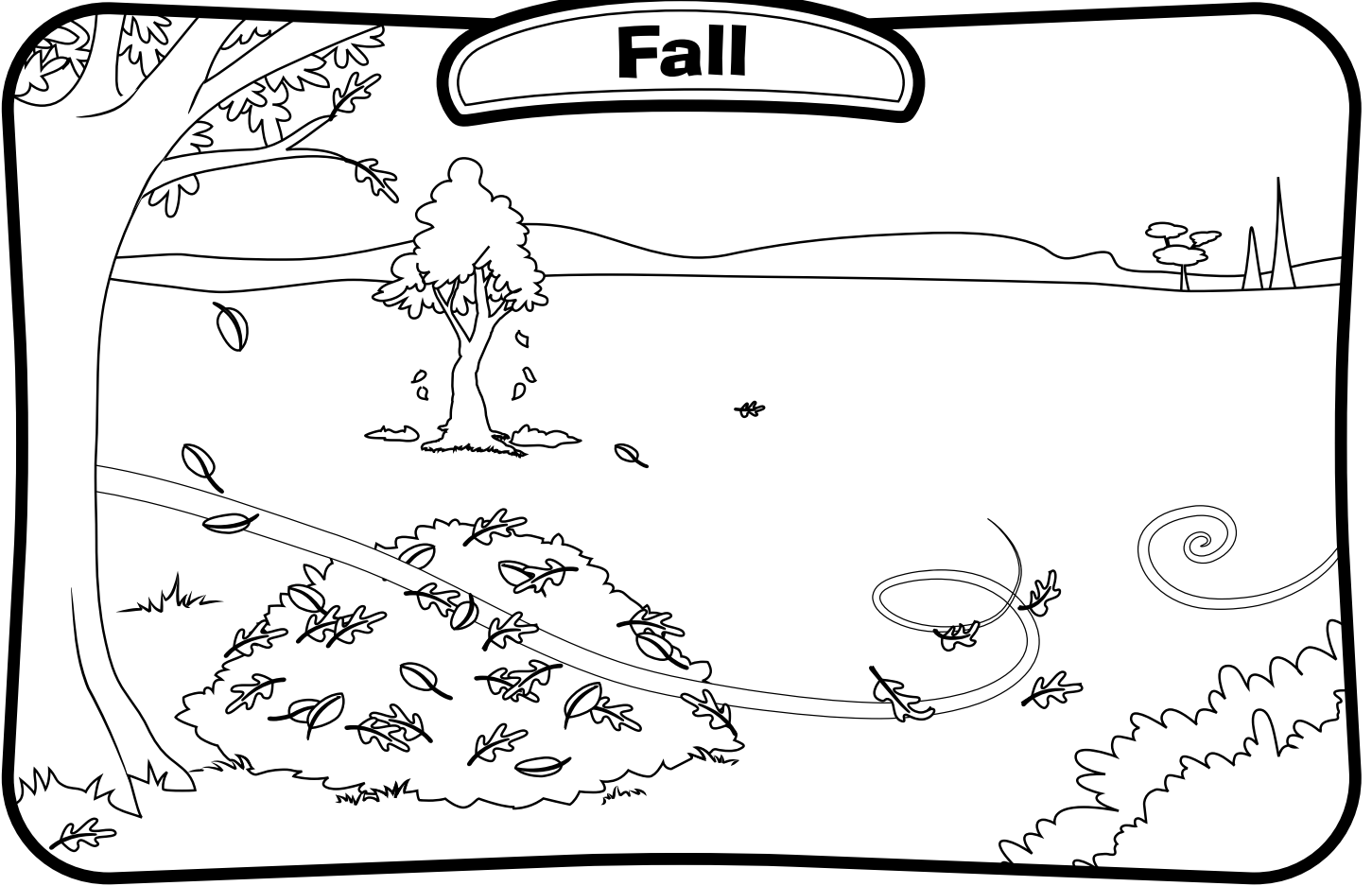
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Sorting by Season

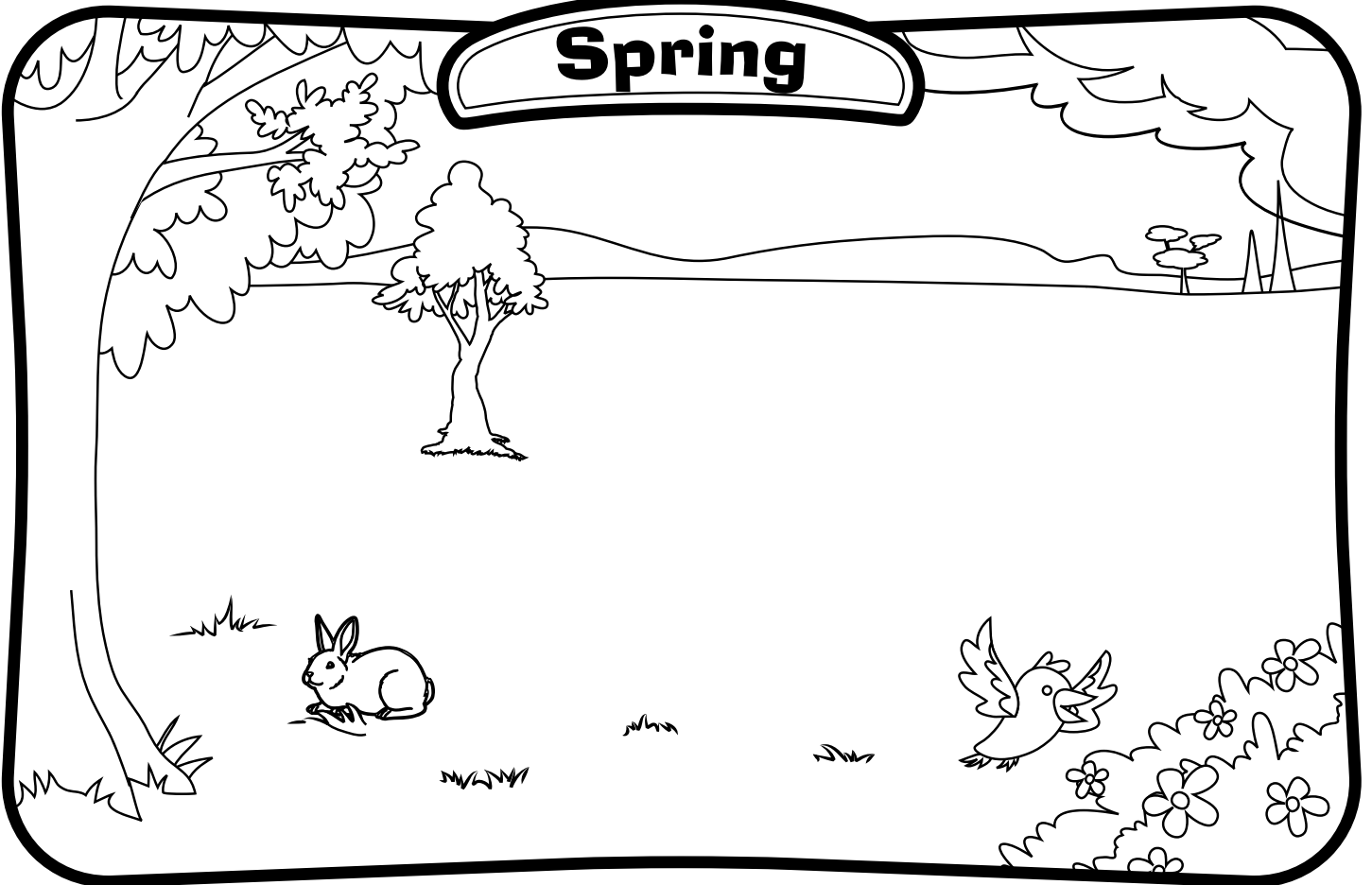**1** Set out the season tiles so that the pictures face up.

2 One at a time, place each object into the seasonal scene where it belongs.
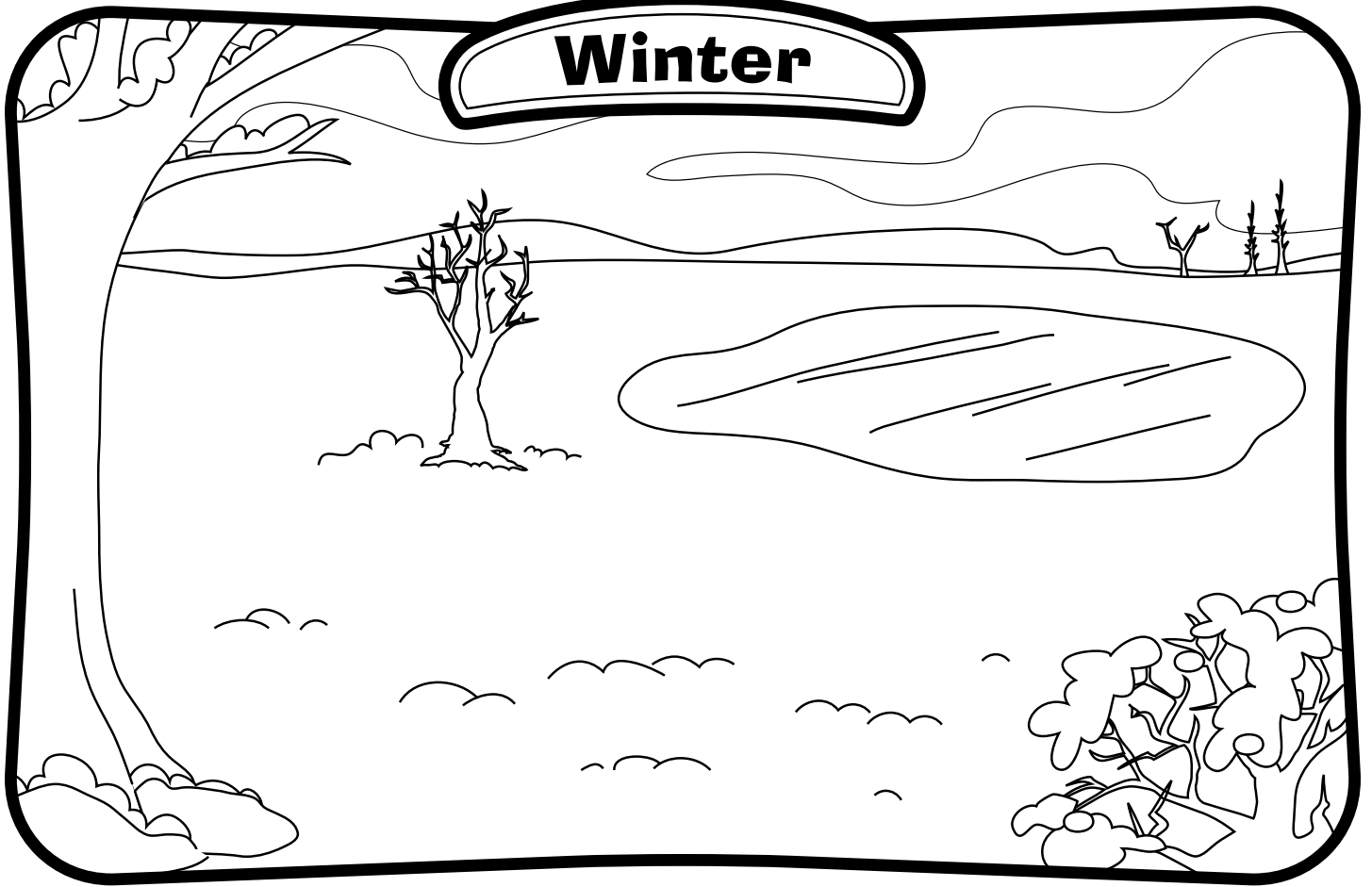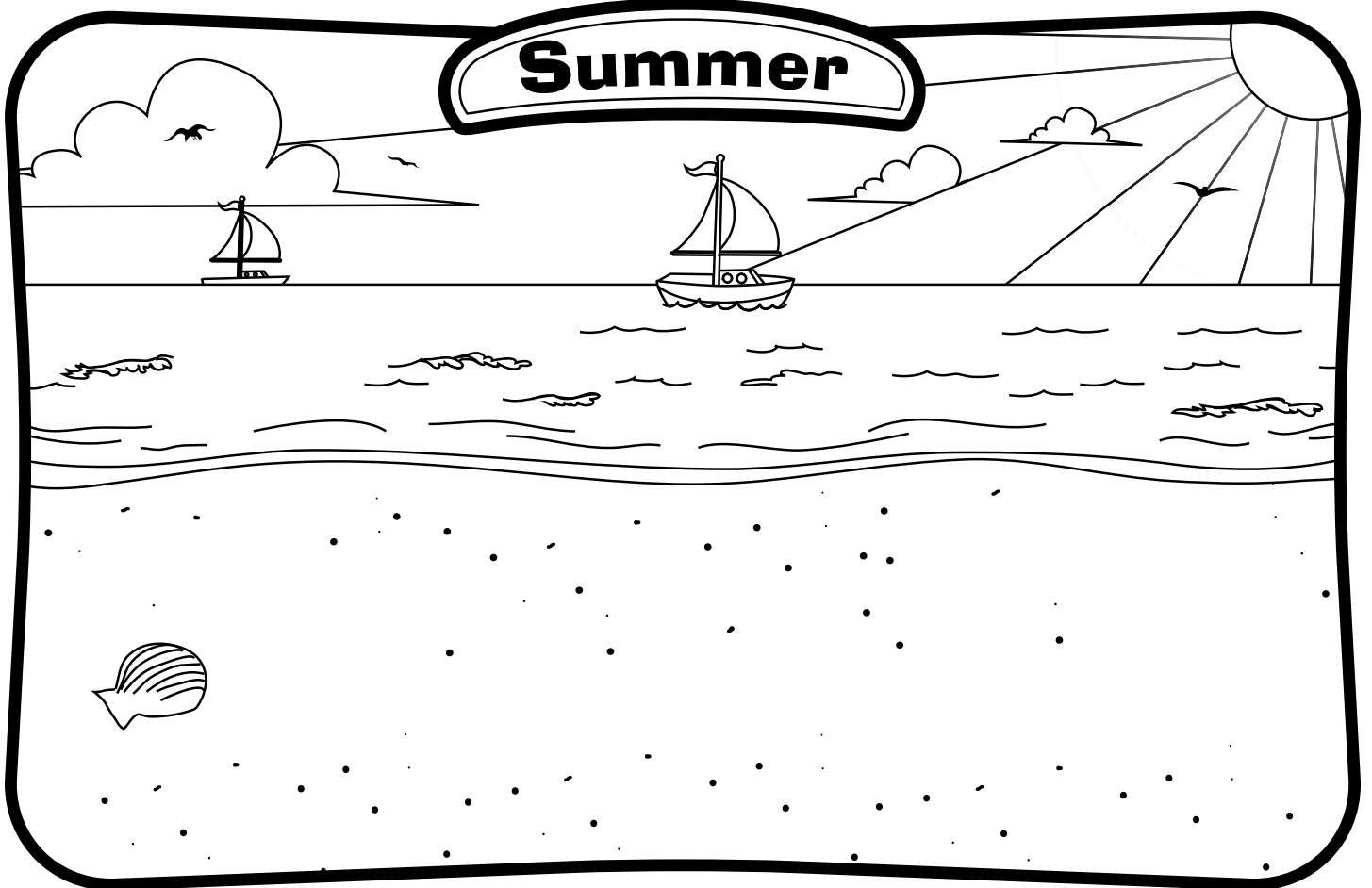
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