

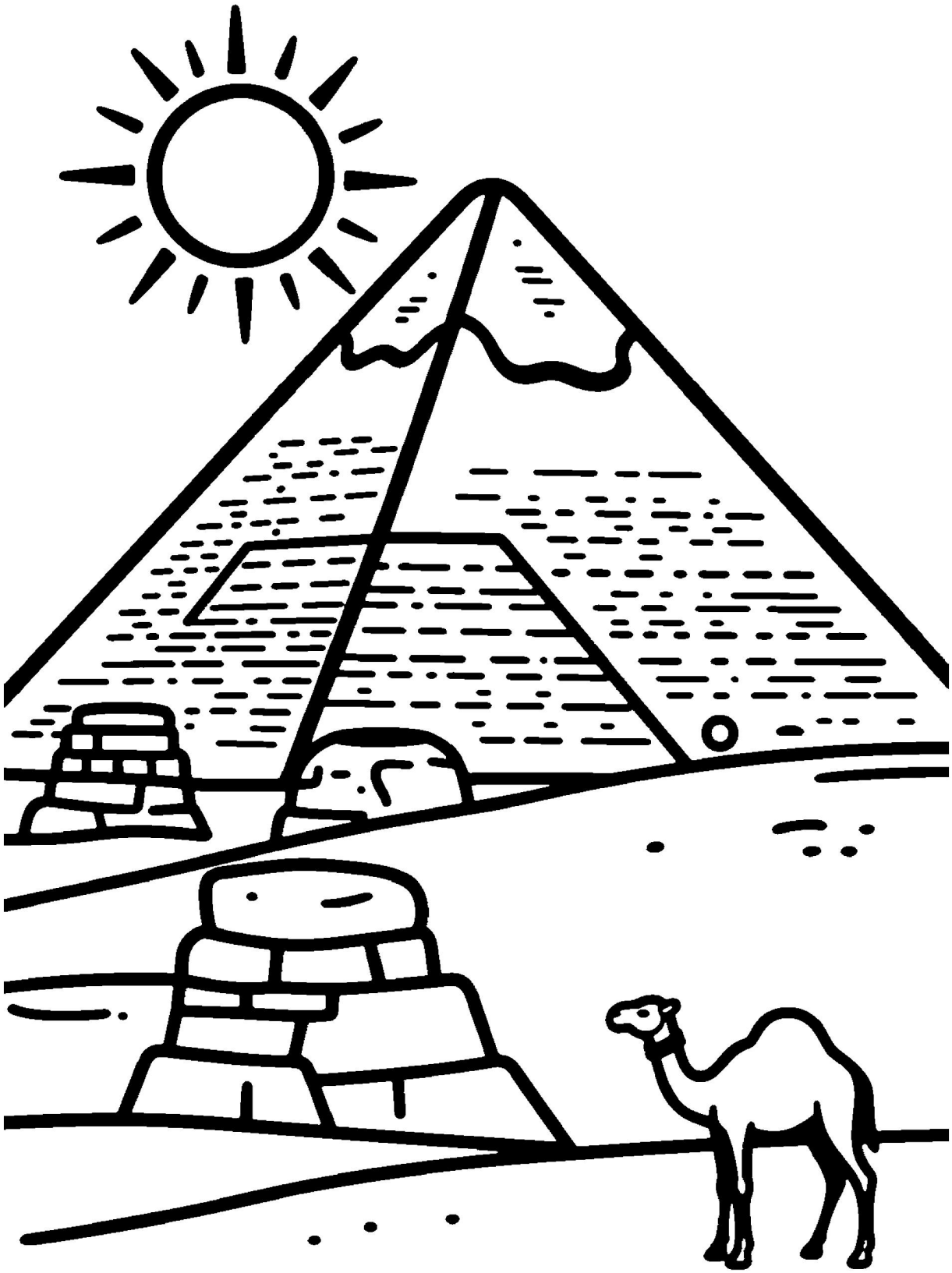
Did you know?

Becoming Pharaoh: The Coronation

Discover It: When a new pharaoh took the throne, a grand ceremony called a coronation was held to mark the beginning of their reign. The ceremony took place in a great temple and involved priests performing sacred rituals to show the gods approved of the new ruler. The new pharaoh received the crook and flail, two special symbols of royal power that looked like a hooked staff and a whip-like rod. People across Egypt celebrated with feasts and festivals lasting many days.

Explorer's Note: At the coronation, the new pharaoh was given five official royal names. Each name described something great about the ruler and their connection to the gods.

Try This: Create your own royal name by combining a powerful word, an animal, and something from nature — for example, 'Swift Eagle of the River.' Write it out in a fancy style!



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The Great Pyramid of Giza

Discover It: The Great Pyramid of Giza is one of the most famous buildings ever made. It was built for Pharaoh Khufu around 2560 BCE and took about 20 years to complete. Over two million stone blocks were used, each weighing as much as a car or even a small truck. For nearly 4,000 years, it was the tallest structure on Earth!

Explorer's Note: The Great Pyramid is the only one of the original Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing today. That makes it truly one of a kind!

Try This: Stack some books or toy blocks into a pyramid shape. Notice how a wide base at the bottom helps the whole structure stay balanced and strong.



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How Were Pyramids Built?

Discover It: Building a pyramid was an enormous team effort that involved tens of thousands of workers. Huge stone blocks were cut from quarries, then dragged on wooden sledges over ramps made of mud and sand. Workers used ropes, levers, and lots of muscle power to haul the stones into place. Archaeologists have found evidence that the workers were fed well and even had their own doctors!

Explorer's Note: Contrary to old myths, the pyramids were not built by slaves. Most workers were skilled Egyptian laborers who were paid in food, clothing, and medical care.

Try This: Place a heavy book on a flat surface and try pushing it. Now tilt a board to make a ramp and slide the book up it. Which way is easier? That is how ramps helped pyramid builders!



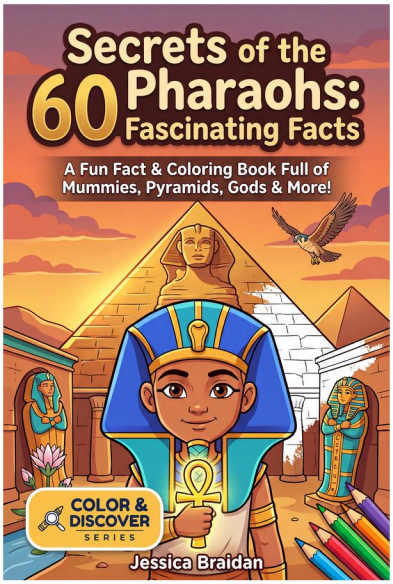
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The Mysterious Sphinx

Discover It: Crouching beside the pyramids at Giza is a colossal statue called the Great Sphinx. It has the body of a lion and the head of a human, believed to represent Pharaoh Khafre. Carved from a single ridge of limestone, it stretches about 240 feet (73 meters) long, which is about as long as six school buses parked end to end! The Sphinx has guarded the pyramids for more than 4,500 years.

Explorer's Note: Over thousands of years, wind and sand have worn away parts of the Sphinx. Its nose was broken off on purpose long ago, so the picture shows how the Sphinx may have looked when it was new!

Try This: Draw your own mythical creature by mixing two different animals together, just like the ancient Egyptians did with the Sphinx. What would you combine?



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