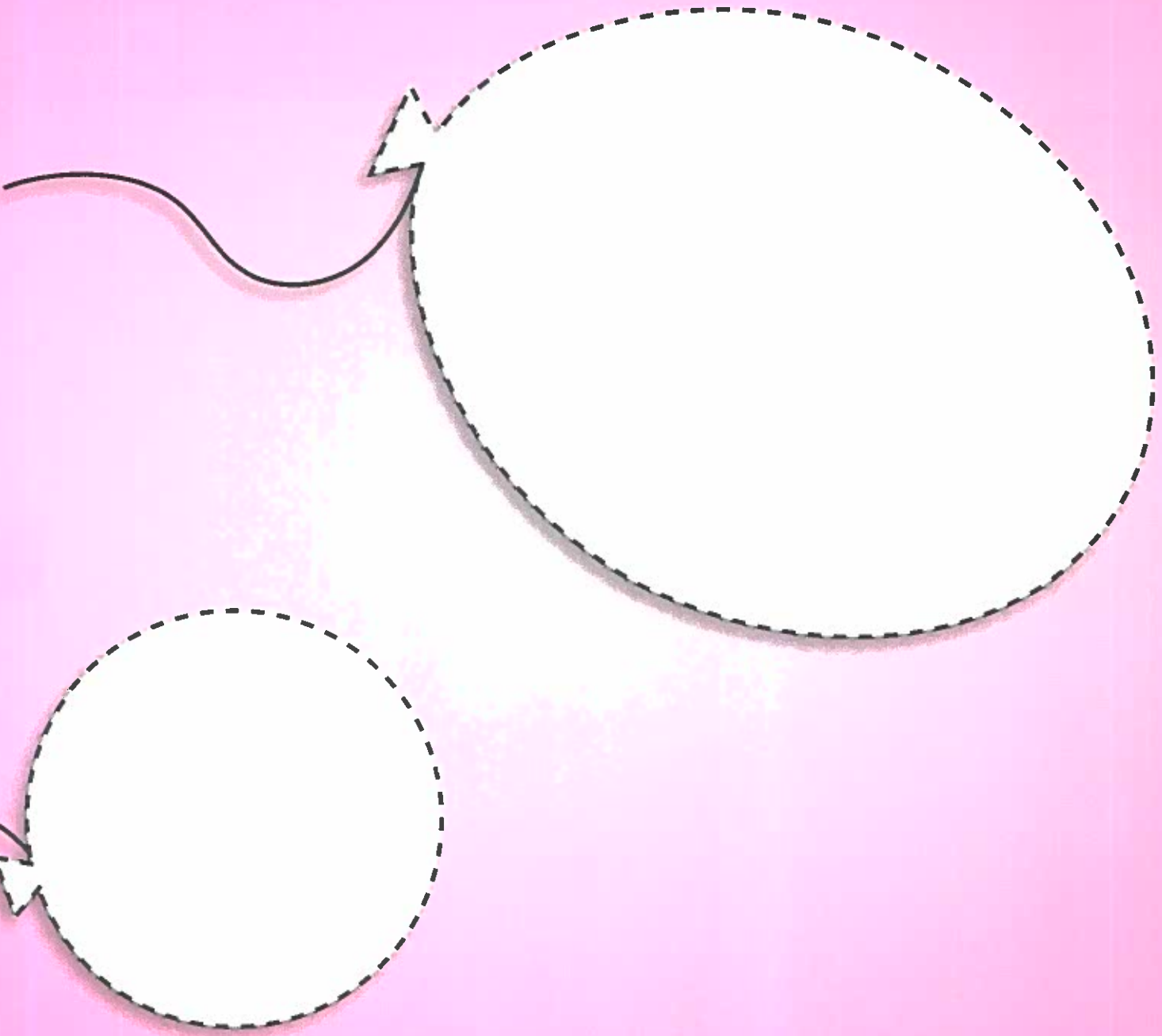


Name _____

Trace the dotted lines to make balloons. Color the balloons.



Special Lesson 11: Birthdays

In this lesson the children celebrated life, their own lives in particular. They held a birthday party for everyone that included gifts and small cakes. They recalled that they are God's children and that God loves them very much. Save the birthday cape that your child made. It can be worn on his or her real birthday.

Your Child

Instill in your child respect for life by showing reverence for all people and all living things.

Reflect

I have called you by name . . . (Isaiah 43:1)

Pray

God, we praise you for the gift of life.

Do

- Ask your child what he or she likes best about being alive.
- Point out the beauty of a baby's little features to your child.
- After an enjoyable activity with your child, comment on how wonderful it is to be alive.
- Make your child aware of the many different types of people in the world. Introduce him or her to some of them or invite some of them to your home.
- Come up with some family rituals for celebrating birthdays.
- Read to your child *Happy Birthday, Dear Duck* by Jan Brett. Share favorite memories of your child's birthdays and other celebrations. Pray in thanks for the day of your child's birth.

For more family resources, refer to the *Family Activity Booklet* and visit www.loyolapress.com/preschool.