



STANDING MEERKAT

Meerkats watch for predators by standing up on their hind legs. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow to an idol and stood up for God. Just as Jesus was with them, He will be with us when we stand for what is right (Daniel 3:28).

YOU WILL NEED:

- Black Fabric Marker
- Poly Stuffing
- School Glue
- Fabric
- Cord
- Needle
- Thread
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brush
- Paint
- Paper



DIRECTIONS:



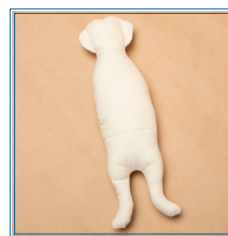
1. Cut out the meerkat template*. With the fabric folded wrong-side out, lay the template on the fabric and trace the silhouette with a pencil.



2. Sew both layers of fabric together along the pencil line, leaving a small 1" hole on the side for stuffing.



3. Cut out the silhouette of the meerkat, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Score the fabric along the curved edge lines just short of the seam.



4. Turn it right side out. Stuff the meerkat with fiberfill, starting at the paws, then the head and the body.



5. Sew the hole closed.



6. Attach a small loop of thread to the meerkat's ear. Cover the entire surface of the meerkat with school glue diluted in water 1:1. Hang the meerkat by the loop. Let it dry.



7. With a pencil, draw the outlines of the meerkat's clothing and the flag it is holding. If you make a mistake you can use the eraser. Go over the pencil lines with a black fabric marker.



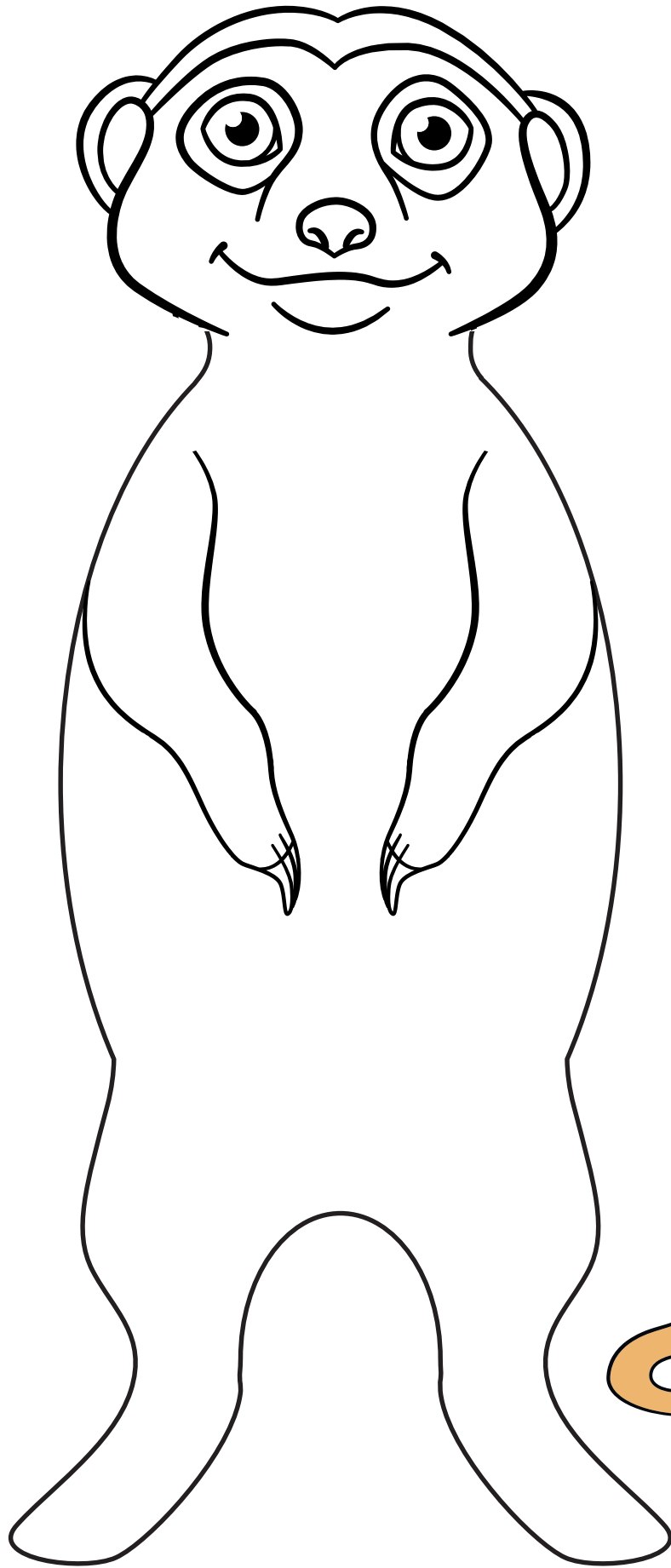
8. Paint the meerkat, and hang by ear loop to dry. After it's dry, you can remove the ear loop.



9. Trace over the lines again with a black fabric marker. Write on the flag: **Stand for Jesus!** Sew a loop of cord to the top of the meerkat's head.



10. Attach the cute meerkat to your school backpack as a reminder to always stand for Jesus.



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