



Materials

- *City Shapes* by Diana Murray from your local library or view an animated read aloud on YouTube.
- Building Template* (attached)
- Paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Art Supplies (crayons, markers, etc.)

*Note: Three Building Templates are attached. These templates may be printed or copied on to a piece of paper. Students may choose to create one or multiple buildings.

This activity will require assistance from a grown up.

Learning Objectives

I can identify and describe buildings within my community

I can build a building and describe what it is for and who lives or works inside it

I can describe a building and shapes it is made of

Skills

 Language Development

 Creative Play

 Life Skills

 Math Skills

Exploration

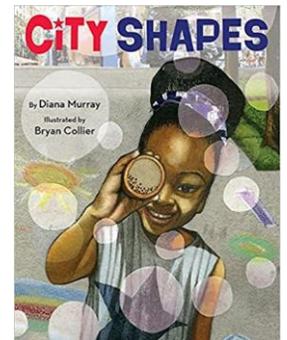
Begin this activity by reading (or viewing) *City Shapes* by Diana Murray. As students explore the text, encourage them to notice the shapes that are discussed, and identify where they are found within the city and if they serve any purpose. Then, ask students to reflect on their community:

- ***What type of buildings are in your community?***
- ***Who works or lives in these buildings? What do they do? What tools do they use?***
- ***What shapes make up these buildings? Describe them to me.***
- ***Do all buildings look the same? Why or why not?***

Provide students with a Building Template and explain that they will have the opportunity to create their own building. Assist the students in cutting out their template, folding the tabs, and taping the building together. Students may choose to make more than one building.

As students construct their building, encourage them to describe where this building can be found within the community, if it serves a purpose (Fire Station, Post Office, Grocery Store, etc.), and if people live or work in the structure. Once students have completed construction, ask them to consider the following questions:

- ***Which building did you pick for your community and why?***
- ***What shapes make up your building?***
- ***If you were to construct another building, what would you do differently?***

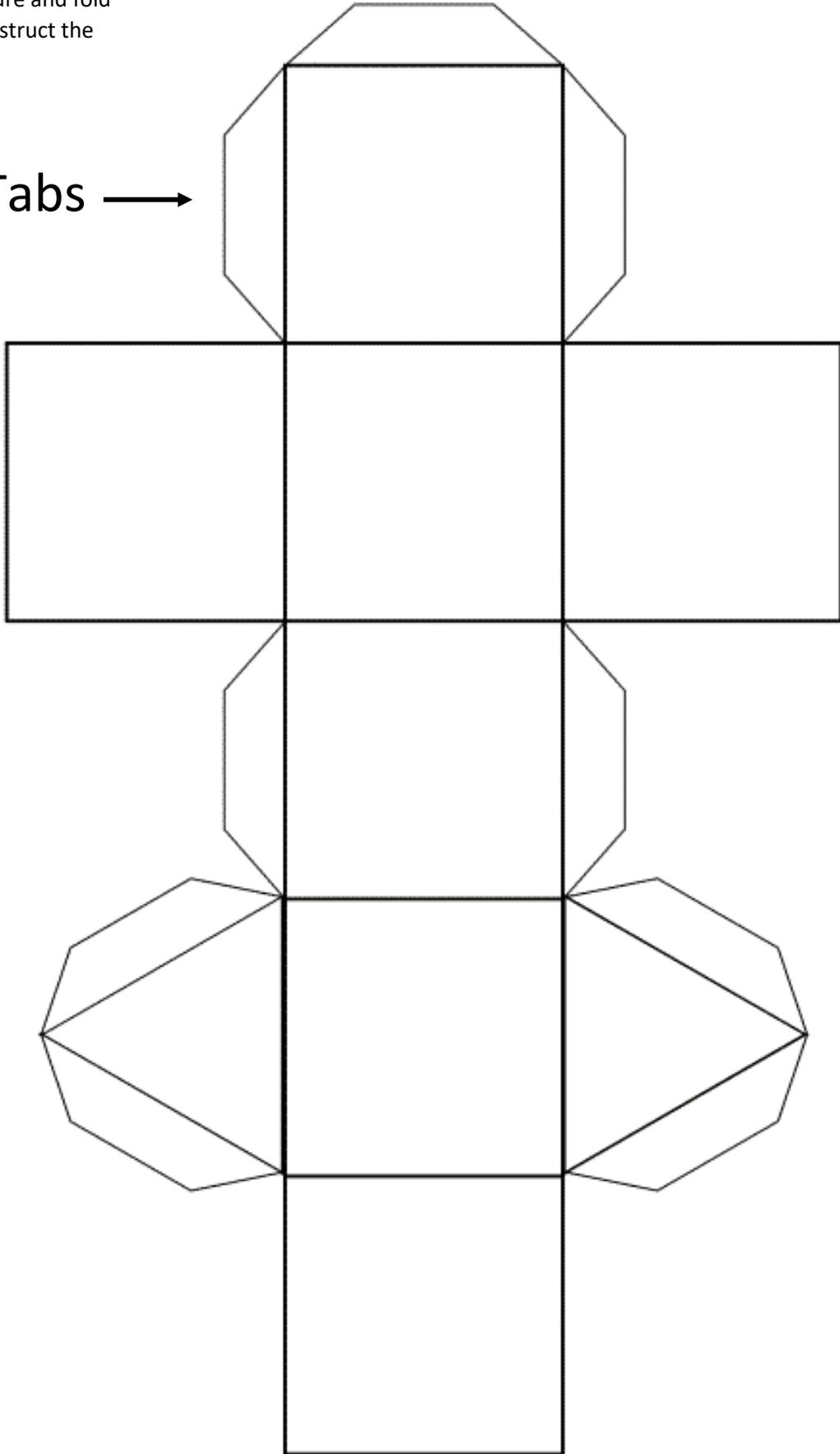


Building Template #1

Cut out the figure and fold the tabs to construct the building.



Tabs →

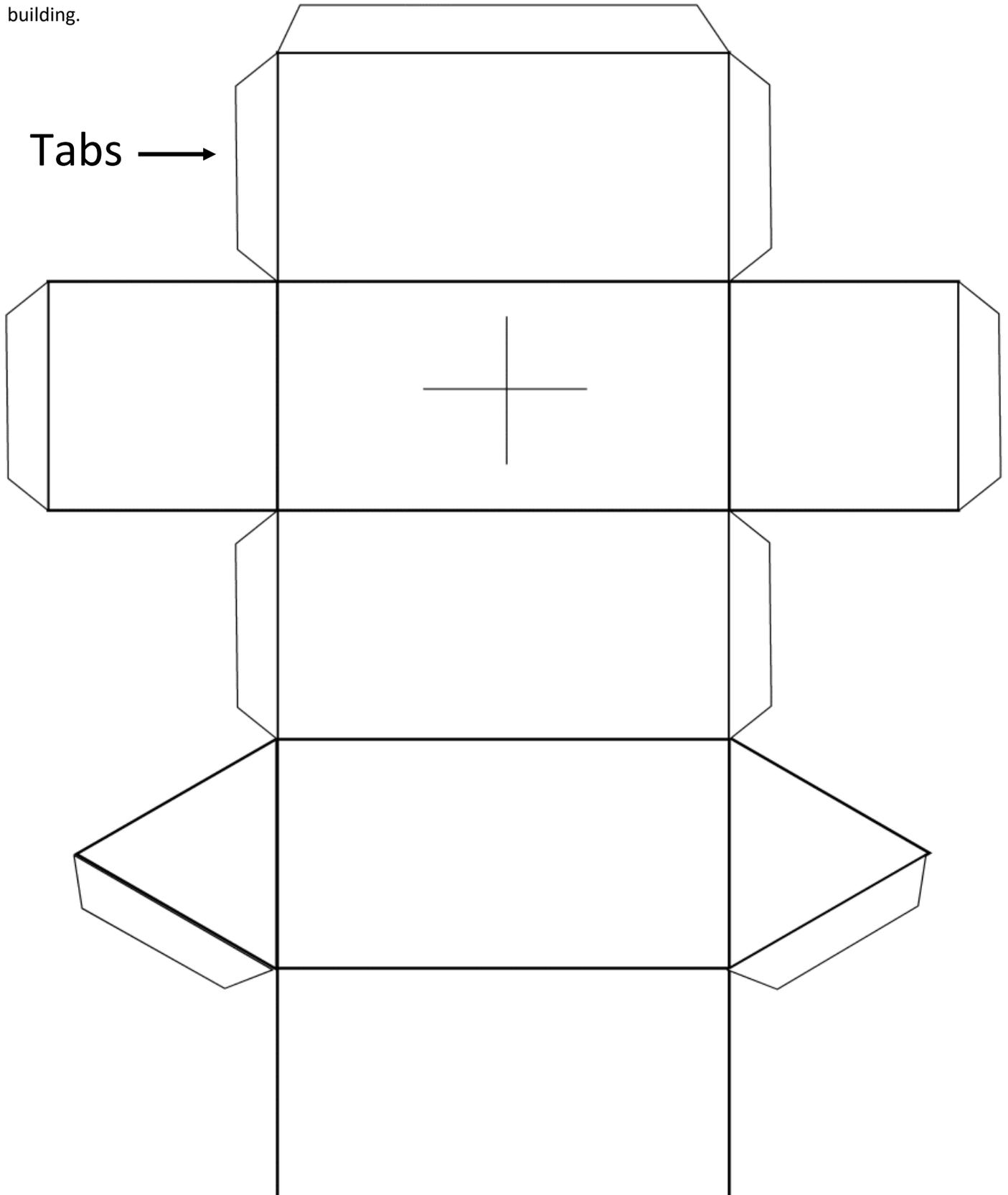


Building Template #2

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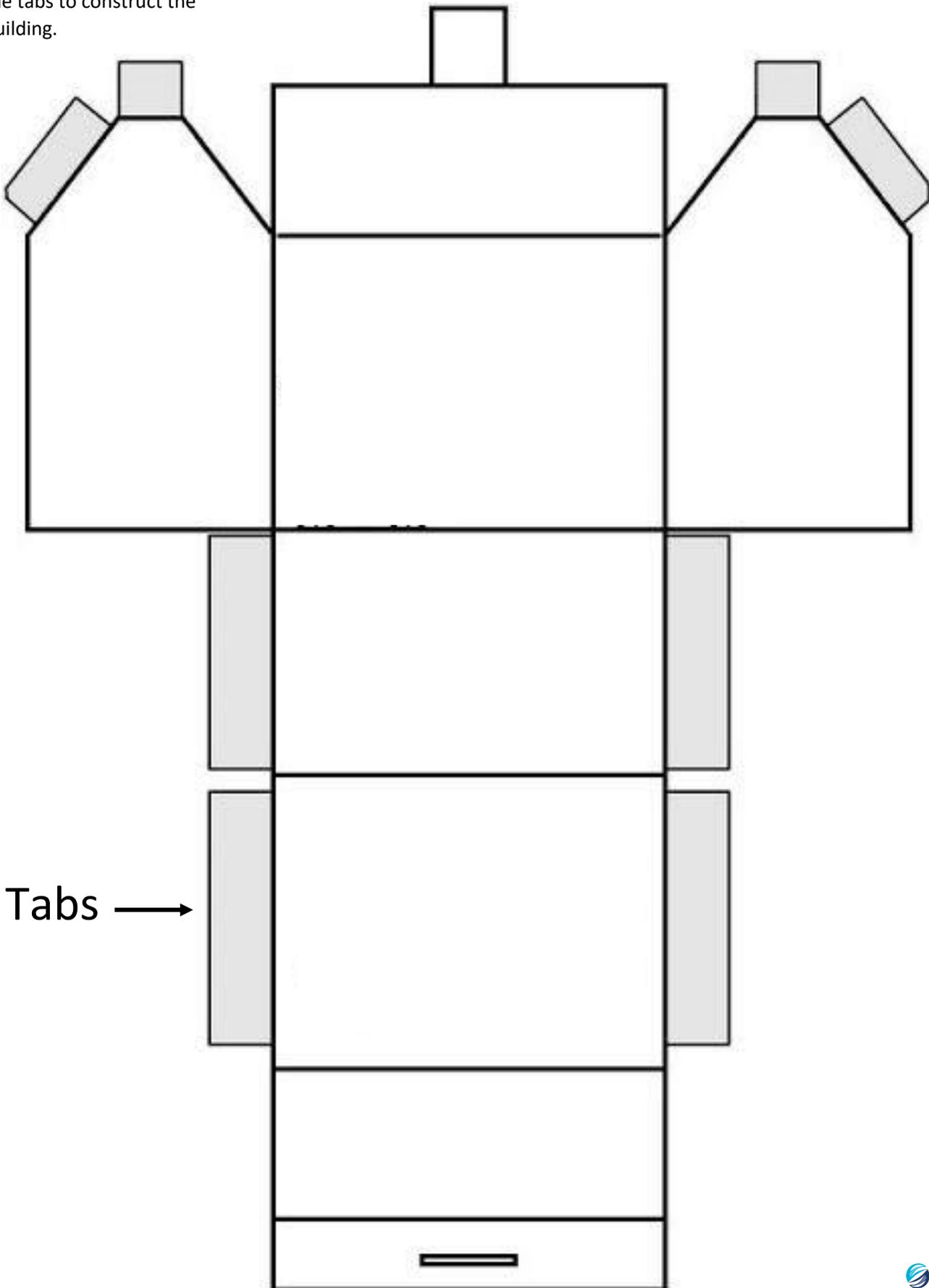


Tabs →



Building Template #3

Cut out the figure and fold the tabs to construct the building.



Tabs →