

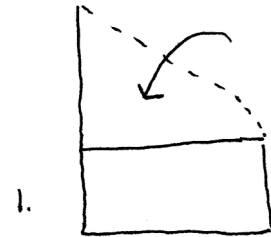
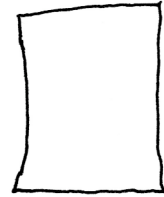
96. The Paper Cross

TELL this story using a piece of plain white paper.

THERE was once wealthy man who had everything he could want. But he also had something he didn't want. He had an empty feeling inside. So he thought about what could make him happy. He decided that if he bought a sailboat, he'd be happy.

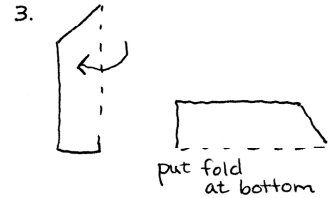
Fold one of the top corners down, making a diagonal fold that looks like a sail. (The top of the page should line up with one side of the page.) So he bought a boat and went sailing. And he was really happy. For a little while. The empty feeling came back. He thought and thought and finally decided that if he had a new house, he'd be happy.

Fold the other top corner down to make a pointed roof. So he bought a new house. It was on a hillside. He could watch the sun set from his window. And he was really happy. For a little

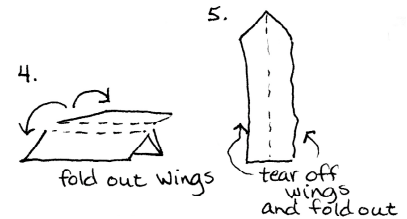


while. The empty feeling came back. He thought, 'Staying at home is not good for me. I need to travel.' So he bought an airplane.

Fold the figure in half vertically, turn it so that the fold is at the bottom, and fold down the top sections to make wings. He flew all around the world and saw so many wonderful things! He was really happy! For a little while. The empty feeling came back. He thought, "Flying around is for the birds. I need to do something unique. Something most people never get to do. I'll take a rocket ship into space!"



Tear the wings off the airplane and open the center fold so that it looks like a rocket ship. So he took a rocket ship into outer space and saw the world very small below. He was very happy. For a while. The empty feeling came back. He looked and looked, and he finally found that there was only one thing that would make him happy.



Unfold the figure to see a cross. And how long did it last? Forever!
(Adapted from an unknown source)

