

# #CONCERTSFORKIDS

## Activity Guide

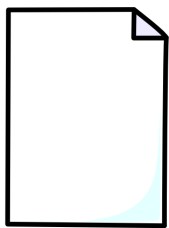


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## Gustafer Yellowgold

*Gustafer Yellowgold is a young alien from the Sun who comes to Earth and lands in the woods of Minnesota! Gustafer is a character created by songwriter and cartoonist Morgan Taylor. Before we listen to songs about Gustafer, let's create our own characters!*

### Suggested Materials



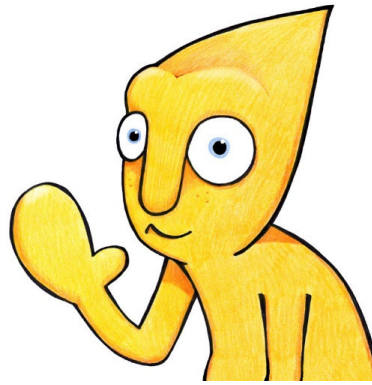
- Paper
- Pen, pencil, crayons, markers, colored pencils – any drawing utensil
- A computer, tablet or phone with internet access

## Drawing a Character

This is Gustafer Yellowgold.

You can find more pictures of Gustafer's family and friends here:

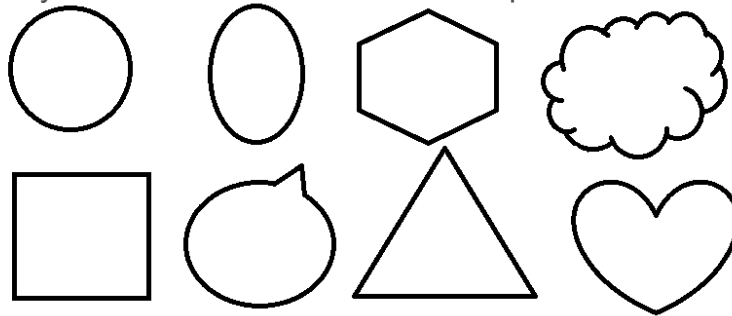
<https://gustaferyellowgold.com/characters>.



Picture by Morgan Taylor

### STEP 1

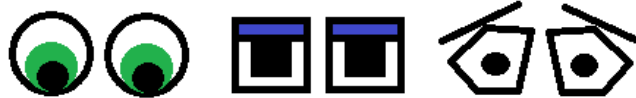
Take out a piece of paper and draw a head. It can be any shape. Here are a few to choose from, but you can also draw a different shape.



### STEP 2

Let's draw some eyes. What kind of eyes does your character have?

Round eyes?



Square eyes?



Almond eyes?



Something else?

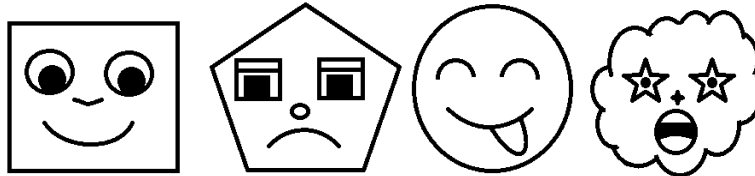


Are they big or small? Are they black and white or other colors?

### STEP 3

Now let's draw a nose and a mouth. What expression does your character have?

Are they smiling? Frowning? Sticking out their tongue?



### STEP 4

Color them in!



If you want to give them a body or clothes, go ahead! If not, that's ok too. What about accessories like a hat or a scarf?



Let's think about what your character's name is. You can give them a name you like, or the name of someone you know, or a name based on something about them.

For example, Gustafer's last name "Yellowgold" might be because he is yellow and comes from the sun.

## Character Voices

Try out different voices for your character.

Say, "It's a good day!"

It's a good day!

Now, try saying it in a really high voice. Try saying it in a low voice. Try saying it like you're laughing. What voice sounds right for your character?

Try saying your character's name in the voice you chose. How does it sound?

## Create a Scene

Imagine where your character is from.

Are they from outer space? What planet? Maybe they are from the ocean or somewhere far away. Maybe they're from your own neighborhood!

Mr. B shows you how to make a puppet out of your drawing and create a set for them! Design what their home looks like with the Lincoln Center Pop-Up Classroom!

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCenterNYC/videos/3144451542245319/>



## Pantomime

**Pantomime** is using your body and face to act out an activity, usually without props.

Watch Mr. B's Pantomime Workshop in the Lincoln Center Pop-Up Classroom!

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCenterNYC/videos/210875106909166/>



Because he lives on the sun, Gustafer says it's hot and light all the time. He likes to spend time with his friend Ellen Lemon in the lolliflowers (they are like flowers and lollypops combined) and jumping on cake!

What does your character like to do when they are at home?

Act it out. Pretend you are the character doing something they love to do at home.

Can you do it so your family can guess what activity you are doing?

## Family Discussion Questions

What do you learn about Gustafer and his friends from the songs about him? What does he like? What does he dislike?

What song would you sing about your own character?

How can you use your face and expressions to help pantomime an activity?

How would you pantomime something in one of the songs you just heard?

What do you want to know more about?