



# Ema Wall Wishes

A peaceful 172-acre forest covers the center of Japan's capital city, Tokyo. Inside this beautiful forest is the Meiji Jingu Shrine. When people visit the shrine, they write wishes on wooden Japanese wish tablets called *ema*. Some people draw pictures of their wishes. There is a wall around a special tree where these wish tablets are hung. Use the *ema* shapes below to write your own wishes and hang them in your home. May your wishes come true!

## MATERIALS



## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Write a wish on each *ema*.
- 2 Carefully cut out the *ema* shapes with a pair of scissors.
- 3 Use a hole punch to make a hole at the top of each *ema*.
- 4 Thread a piece of string through each hole. Ask an adult to help you knot the strings and find a special place to hang your *ema*.

