



Merry Christmas

The other day I saw a cardinal outside looking at me. I knew this coloring book had to have cardinals in it.

After my Mom left to go dancing with Dad on Dec. 3, this coloring book had to reflect on the loss so many of us feel this year. In memory of Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, Wife, Sister, Aunt, Friend 9-26-1925 — 12-3-1914

— bert leveille

What is the definition of a “Cardinal Experience”?

Definition: A specific occurrence or series of supernatural or spiritual encounters involving a cardinal (bird) during a time of extreme chronic dysfunction during the grieving process resulting from the death of a family member or close friend. During these mysterious experiences, The Cardinal serves as a conduit or a messenger of the beloved to bring comfort, understanding, and acceptance to the bereaved from beyond the natural realm transcending the state of physical death of the decedent. ...

Unfortunately, we all know what loss is. Be it a job, a friend, a lover, or a treasured object, loss is a universal human experience. In one form or another, loss is something we have all encountered. What distinguishes a cardinal loss from an ordinary loss is the significance of the loss. If we lose our watch or piece of jewelry, we may be upset, but things can always be replaced. Even if we lose our car or our home, it's still conceivable that we can get a new one. Perhaps even bigger and better than the one we lost.

Cardinal however, pertains to something that is primary in our life. Cardinal refers to the highest most important thing in our lives, and the most important, cardinal element in life is life itself. Without life, even the consideration of loss would not exist for us. A cardinal loss is the loss of a life, and human life is something that cannot be restored or replaced. ...

“I am aware now that the major-ness involved in the cardinal experience is a shared one. When it comes to those we love, our lives are intertwined. We are connected in love, history, blood and countless other ways that we may not even be aware of, until we experience their loss. ...

When you experience a cardinal loss, it opens the opportunity for a cardinal gain. Fortunately, the cardinal gain is directly proportionate to the cardinal loss. It may be hard to conceive of, especially in times of loss, but the very depth of our pain may well be the very measure of the heights of our gain.

—<http://thecardinalexperience.com/questions.php>

Cardinals have a long symbolic history of visiting those who are saddened by loss, in particular, a “Cardinal Loss”, the heartrending loss of a loved one.”

—<http://thecardinalexperience.com/mission.php>

Red Birds – When you see a red bird in winter, you will prosper in spring. When you hear a Cardinal sing, your sadness will soon be lifted. When a red bird shows up, help is on the way.

—<http://thecardinalexperience.com/superstitions.php>



<http://thecardinalexperience.com/angels.php>

What is a Cardinal Angel?

The Hebrew word for angel is “malach,” which means messenger. Angels are accepted worldwide as messengers from above sent to perform various missions, namely, delivering messages from the heavens. The word cardinal comes from the Latin word, “cardo”, meaning key or chief. Hence we have Cardinal Angels, the chief or highest in the hierarchy of Archangels.

What is the difference between a Cardinal Angel and an Archangel?

While the number of Archangels in the angelic realm is generally accepted as seven or more, there are only four key or Cardinal Angels. Just as there are four cardinal directions, four winds, four seasons and four elements, there are four cardinal angels. The four Cardinal Angels are Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. Among these four Cardinal Angels, Michael is considered the head or chief angel.

Is a cardinal angel the same as a Guardian Angel?

Many people have encountered angels, but very few have encountered cardinal or archangels. Contrary to many popular conceptions, Cardinal Angels are reserved for higher matters. The task of a cardinal angel is to inspire and guard large groups of human beings, such as whole nations, peoples or ethnic groups. It is this distinction that elevates their rank above the angels who deal with individuals, families or smaller groups.

Why are all the Cardinal Angels male angels?

While historically, angels have been referred to as he or she, angels are neither male nor female. One explanation for this gender distinction among artist throughout the ages may be that the human perception of gender is related to the energies we encounter. To humans, power is generally perceived as masculine energy. That there is only one power greater than that of the Cardinal angels, may explain why we tend to consider Cardinal Angels, to be “male” angels.

How do we know what Cardinal Angels really look like?

The general consensus of the angelic form is largely based on artistic perceptions. Artist throughout the world have been portraying angels in a human like form for thousands of years. Whether the angelic images we all relate to are merely artistic interpretations of the visions of prophets and seers or divinely inspired images, we may never truly know. **It is interesting to note however, that the one thing that artists in every time and civilization tend agree upon, is that angels have wings.**

As always, the printed coloring book has blank pages for you to draw and color and write about your own ideas and your own artistic vision of angels. You can use blank printer paper.

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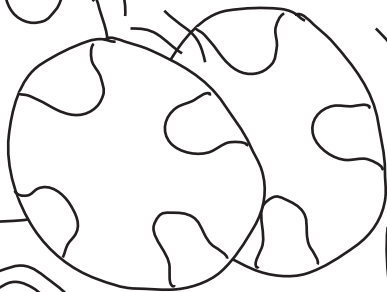
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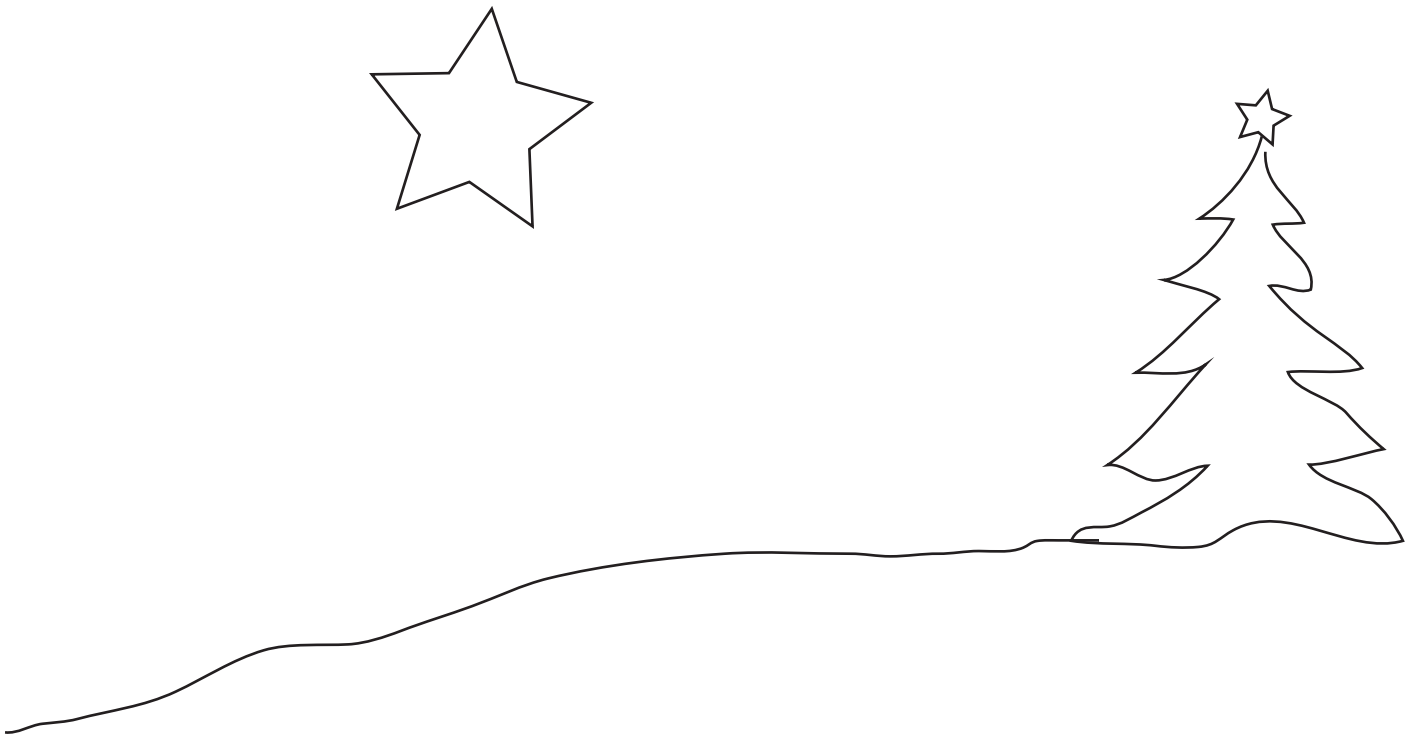
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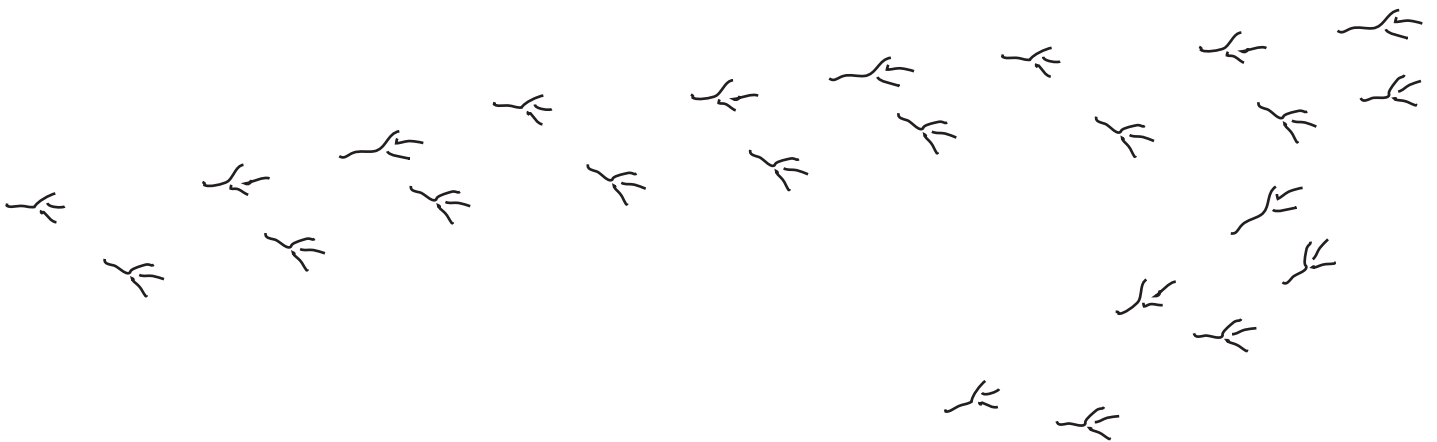
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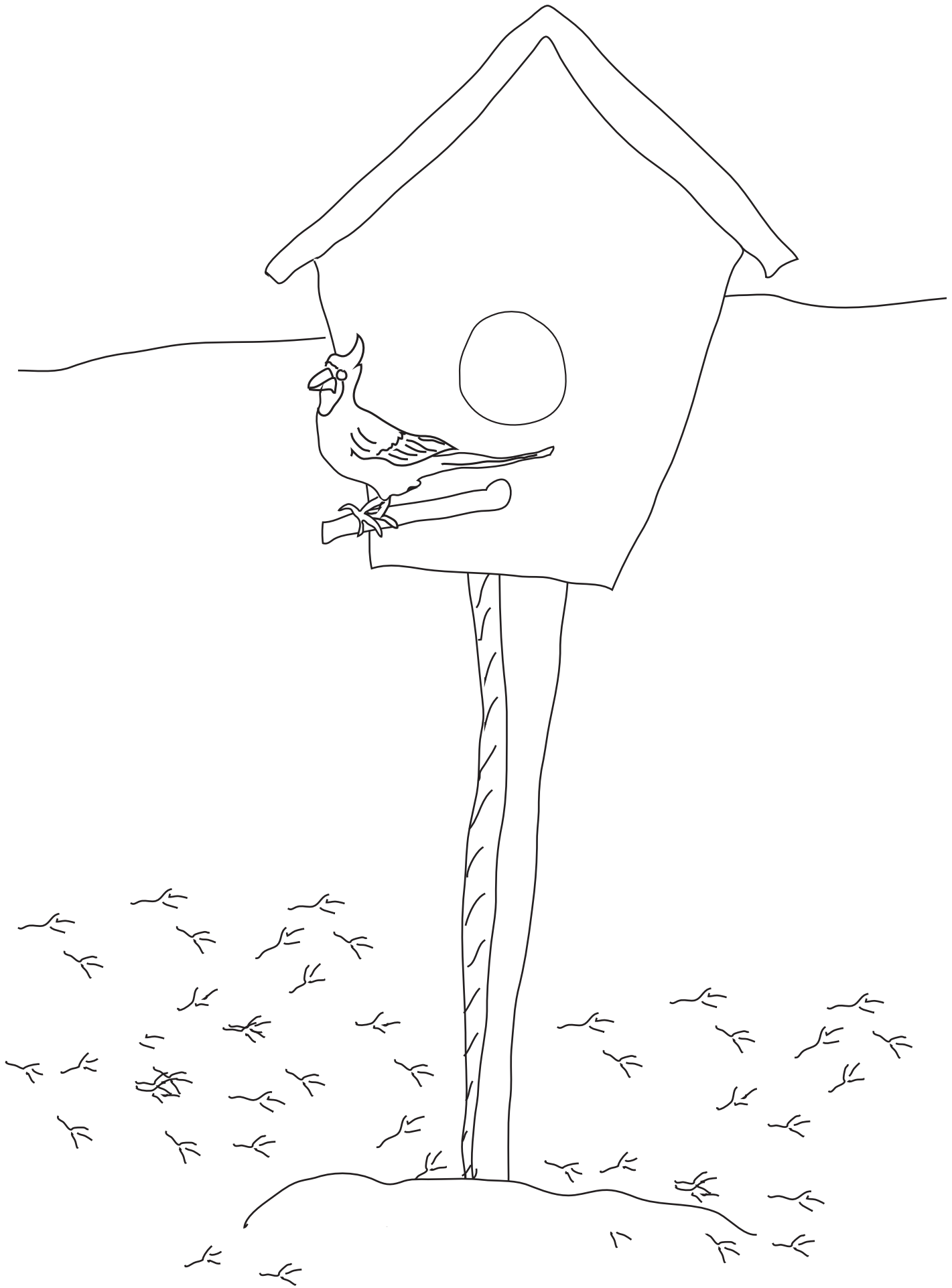




I know for certain that we never lose the people we love,
even to death. They continue to participate in every act,
thought and decision we make.
Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories.
We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched
by having shared their love.

— Leo F. Buscaglia



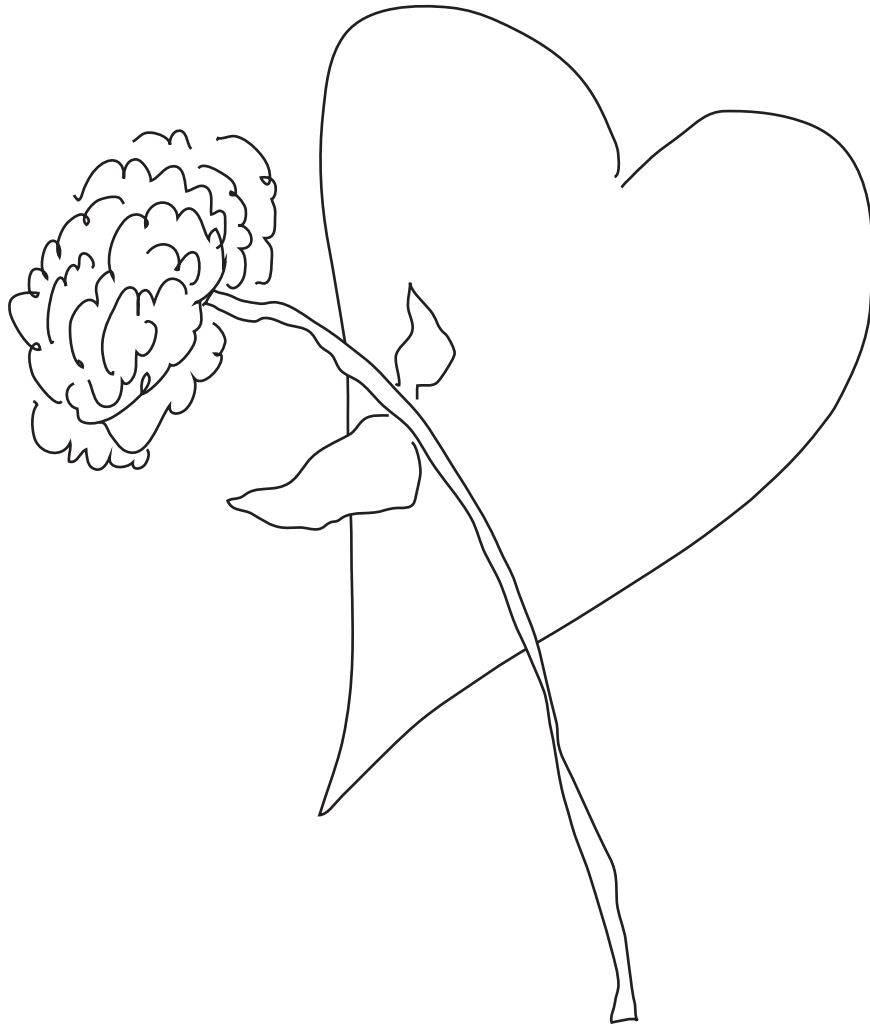


Dance

with Joy



Find it in your heart...
Find love in your heart.
Find forgiveness in your heart.
Find joy in your heart.
Find the Christmas spirit in your heart.





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The cardinal was Gert Leveille's favorite bird.

Her favorite color was red.

Her favorite flower was a red carnation.

bert leveille