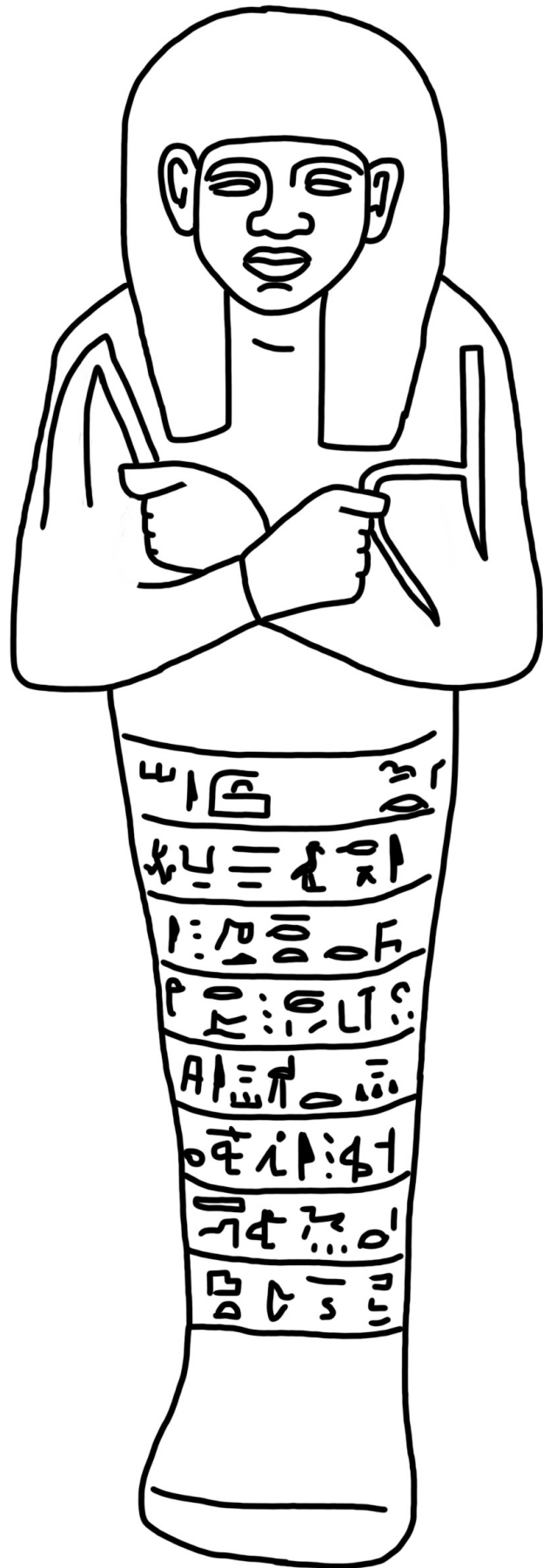


# Family Activity Book

## Antiquities

The antiquities collection at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, began with donations from philanthropist, businesswoman, and suffragette Annette Finnigan in 1931. Today, the collection has grown to include more than 450 works of art and masterpieces from the ancient worlds of the Mediterranean and Middle East.

When visiting the Museum, find the art of the ancient world in the light-filled atriums of the Audrey Jones Beck Building.



### Color the Shabti

This object might look like a sarcophagus, but it is actually a small carved piece of stone called a *shabti*. These figures were carved out of limestone and decorated with paint. They were placed in ancient Egyptian tombs to accompany the deceased into the afterlife.

# Drawing Warm-ups

Draw a jar and color it with your favorite color.

Draw your favorite bird.

Create a symbol that represents you.

Find some loose change and draw both sides of a coin.

The **tetradrachm** was an ancient silver coin equivalent to four drachmae. It was commonly used in Ancient Greece and later in the Roman Empire.

How does this coin look similar or different from the coins of today?



*Roman, Silver Tetradrachm with Corinthian-style Athena on obverse and Nike on reverse, 225–175 BC*

## Eye Spy



Egyptian, *Painted Wooden Coffin of the Sacred Ibis of Thoth*, 332–30 BC, wood with polychrome decoration, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, museum purchase funded by Isabel Brown Wilson and The Brown Foundation, Inc., 2008.808.

Find and circle all the ancient Egyptian symbols in the object.



The **ankh** or **key of life** is an ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic symbol that was used in writing and in Egyptian art to represent the word for “life.”



**Horus** was the Egyptian god of the sky, often represented as a falcon-headed man. His purpose was to protect the pharaoh.



The **ibis bird** was a sacred symbol for Thoth, the ancient Egyptian god of wisdom and writing.



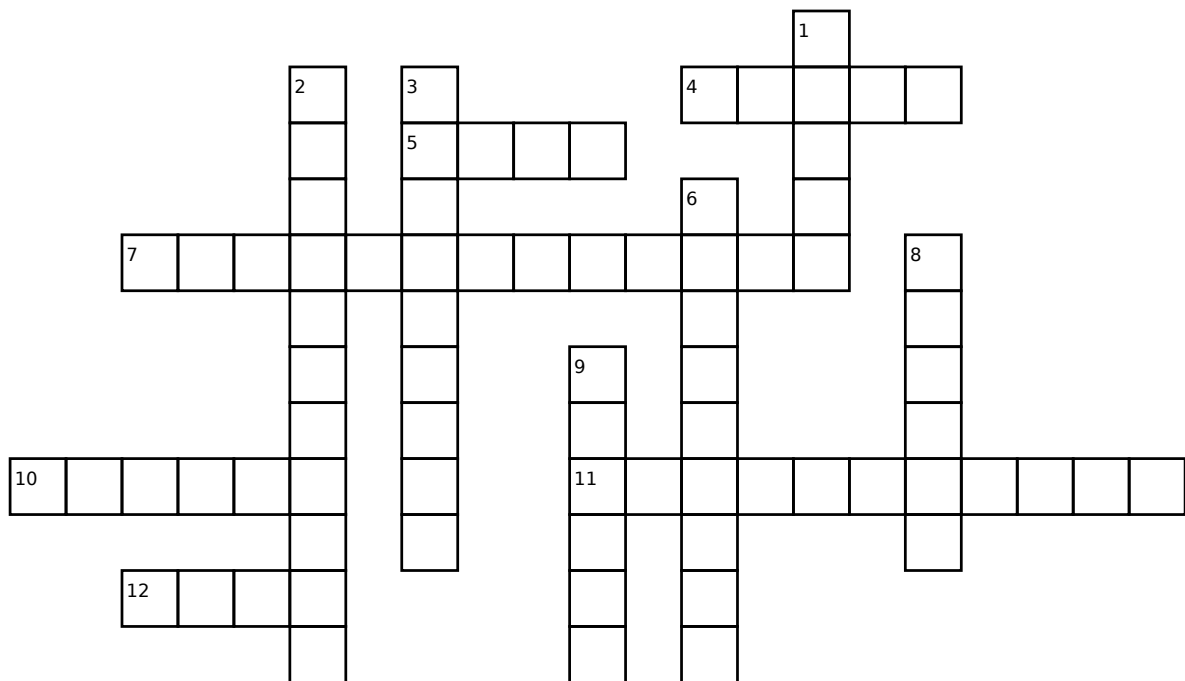
The **winged sun** is one of the oldest Egyptian symbols and represents royalty, divinity, and protection.

**Decorate the *Hydria* (Water Jar)  
with a Domestic Scene.**

A domestic scene has to do with the home and with family life. Draw something you do every day in your house, like doing daily chores or sharing a meal together with your family.



# Crossword Puzzle



## Down:

1. Egyptian god of the sky
2. ancient coin used in the Roman Empire
3. ancient symbol representing royalty
6. type of rock used to carve sculptures
8. Greek vessel for storing water
9. objects placed in ancient Egyptian tombs

## Across:

4. Egyptian god of wisdom and writing
5. sacred bird with a long beak
7. writing system used in ancient Egypt
10. Greek goddess of war depicted on coins
11. objects from the ancient past
12. symbol known as the "key of life"

# Word Search

## Ibis

C	E	L	Z	C	M	G	R	K	E
M	Z	Y	D	U	H	S	T	E	O
Z	R	I	E	D	Z	W	A	L	C
Y	Y	Z	H	Q	L	M	I	E	D
T	D	K	A	E	B	T	L	R	S
Q	H	R	G	H	S	O	U	S	Y
X	M	E	I	Z	R	V	V	Z	V
Q	Y	D	O	B	M	T	S	T	T
N	D	A	E	H	D	C	Y	B	S
F	M	L	E	L	L	G	H	M	B

BIRD  
HEAD  
BEAK  
BODY  
TAIL  
EYE  
LEG  
CLAW

## Hydria

G	B	B	Y	O	E	X	B	H	Q
X	V	L	G	O	C	A	A	S	M
G	T	K	A	K	S	N	B	O	W
O	A	D	S	K	D	T	G	O	C
S	S	R	E	S	K	H	M	R	K
H	M	T	M	R	J	E	P	C	X
Q	P	A	Z	E	N	G	A	J	G
X	B	Z	C	O	N	L	D	R	L
W	Y	U	I	B	B	T	T	N	H
P	L	C	R	A	N	E	S	K	B

RED  
BLACK  
CRANE  
BASKET  
WOMEN  
HANDS  
GARMENTS

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