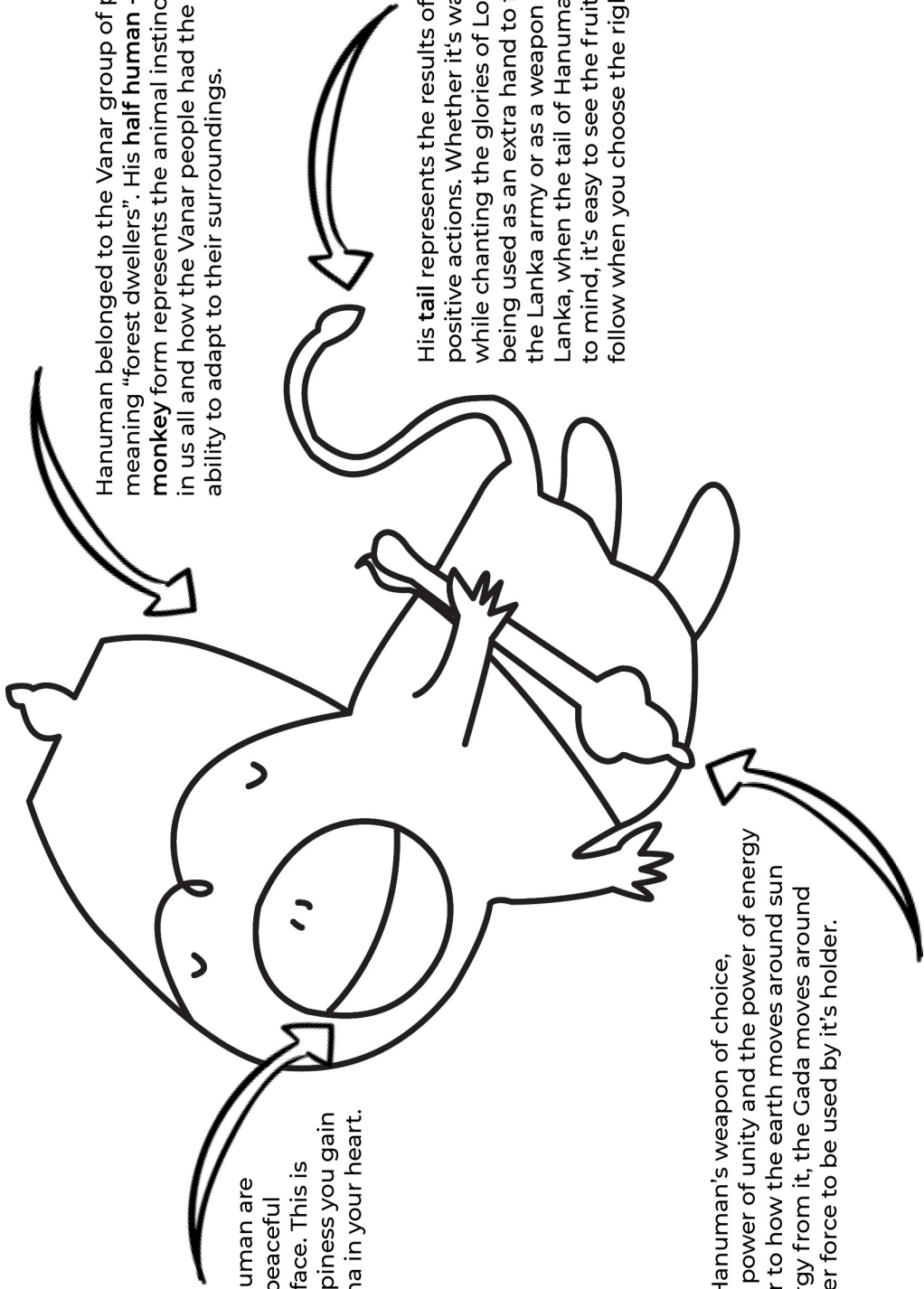


Hanuman represents will power with intellect. He is an example of being strong willed and being able to overcome any obstacle. He is the prime example of devotion. Every part of Hanuman was used for the service of Lord Rama, here are a few examples.



Most images of Hanuman are of him **smiling** or a peaceful content look on his face. This is symbolic of the happiness you gain when you keep Rama in your heart.

Hanuman belonged to the Vanar group of people meaning "forest dwellers". His **half human - half monkey** form represents the animal instinct in us all and how the Vanar people had the ability to adapt to their surroundings.

His **tail** represents the results of our positive actions. Whether it's waving while chanting the glories of Lord Rama, being used as an extra hand to fight with the Lanka army or as a weapon to burn Lanka, when the tail of Hanuman comes to mind, it's easy to see the fruits that follow when you choose the right path.

A **Gada/mace** is Hanuman's weapon of choice, representing the power of unity and the power of energy in oneself. Similar to how the earth moves around sun and gathers energy from it, the Gada moves around the body to gather force to be used by it's holder.