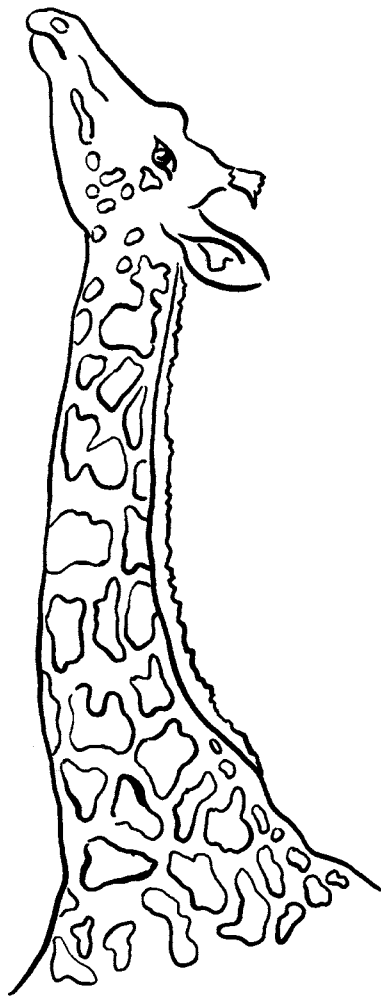


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**I**n the beginning was the green grass and the stars in heaven. I ate the grass but I looked to heaven. I wanted to eat the stars too. I stretched and stretched. My legs grew long, my neck grew longer, but I never reached the stars.

Now I eat leaves from high on trees. I still look up to the stars. I think they are fine and fair. Only the birds are closer to them than me.