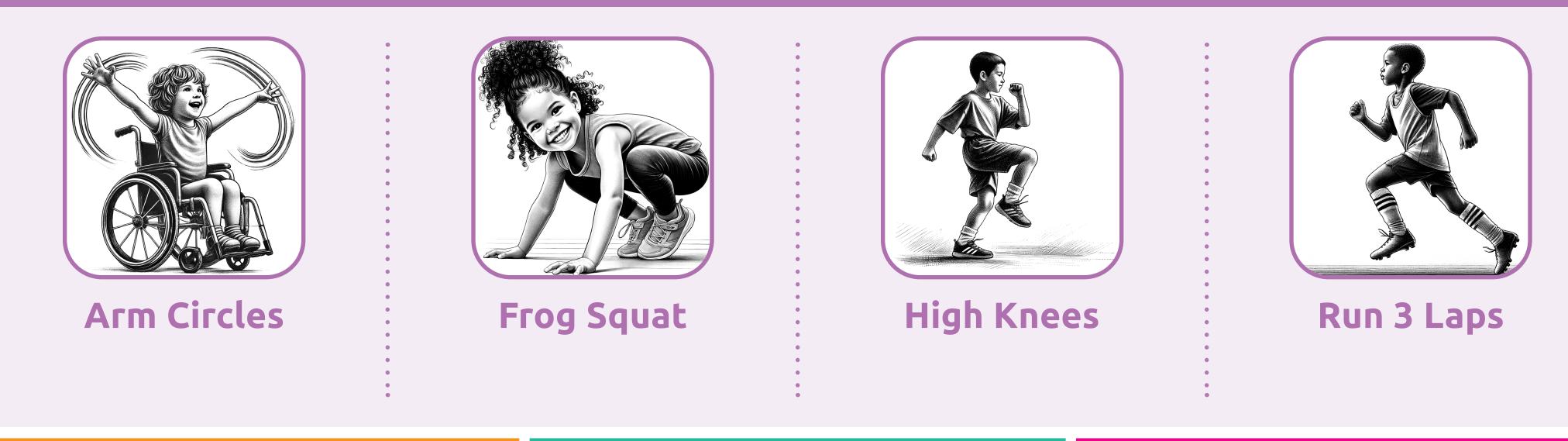


LESSON PLANS UNIT 1

WARM UP: DO ALL 4



LESSON 1

LESSON 2

LESSON 3



Animal Games

Pretend to be an animal (crab, bear, kangaroo, elephant, horse)



Side Stepping

Start with two feet together; step the right foot to the side and have the left foot move to meet it



Inchworm

Start standing and walk hands forward to a plank; walk feet to hands and repeat



I Spy

Scatter equipment (balls, cones, hoops); call out an item for students to run & pick up



Move Like an Animal

Move like an animal (hop like a bunny, crawl like a crab, waddle like a penguin)

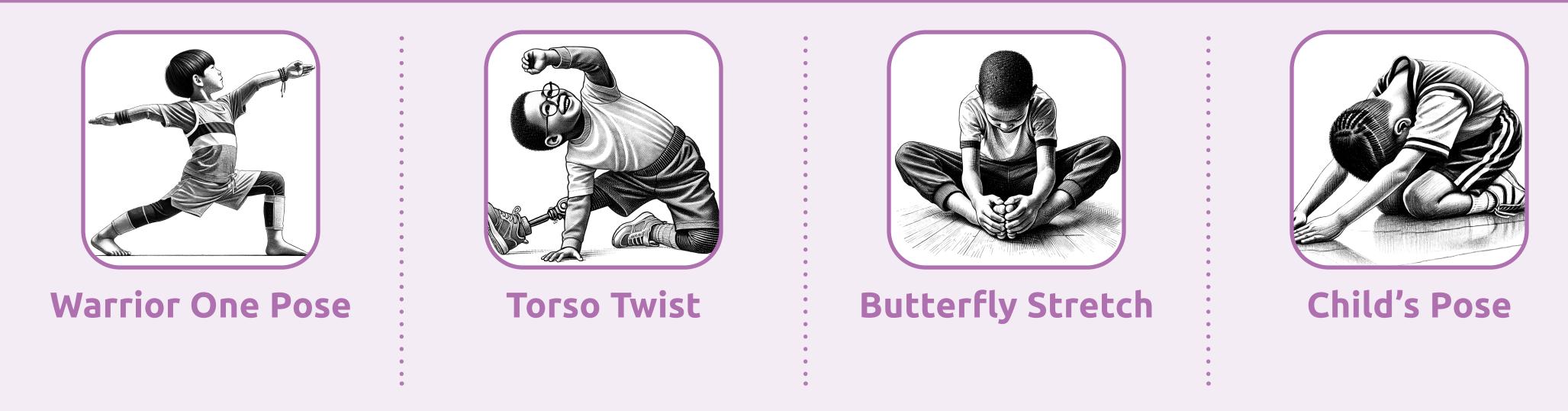


Run & Carry

Run to collect a bean bag from one side of the space and bring it back to your team;

take turns until all bean bags are retrieved

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4









Special Olympics **Young Athletes WALKING & RUNNING**

WARM UP: DO ALL 4



LESSON 1

LESSON 2





Locomotor Skills: Learn the Terms

Explain & demonstrate the movements: run, gallop, skip, side step, leap



Heavy Feet, Light Feet

Students practice stomping their feet hard; then practice lighter stomps



Zigzag

Set out cones in a zigzag formation; have students run and touch each cone



Lilypad Leaping

Place floor markers around the space; have students leap from one to another



Round Up

Randomly place cones; students gallop and go in a circle around each cone



Skipping

Step forward with one foot, then hop on that same foot; repeat with the other leg

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4





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LESSON PLANS UNIT 3 BALANCING & JUMPING

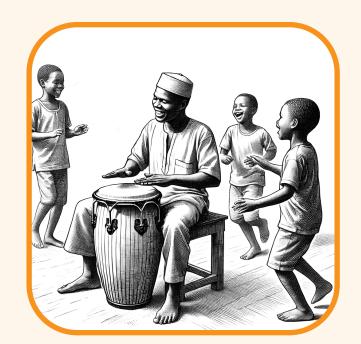
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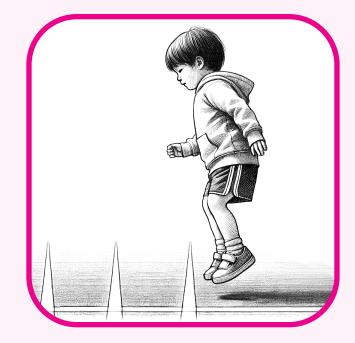
Moving to a Beat

Use a drum, song, or clapping to create a rhythmic beat; students dance or move to the beat; alternate between fast and slow



Scarf Dancing

Students spread out with 1 scarf each; follow the teacher's movements to music; with motions like loops, zigzags, and shapes



Line Jumping

Using chalk or tape, draw 6 parallel lines on the ground; practice jumping & landing on each; try jumping backwards, then sideways



Freeze Dance

Play or sing a song and have students dance; pause the song and have students freeze;



Line Walking

Use sticks or tape to make a line on the ground; students walk along



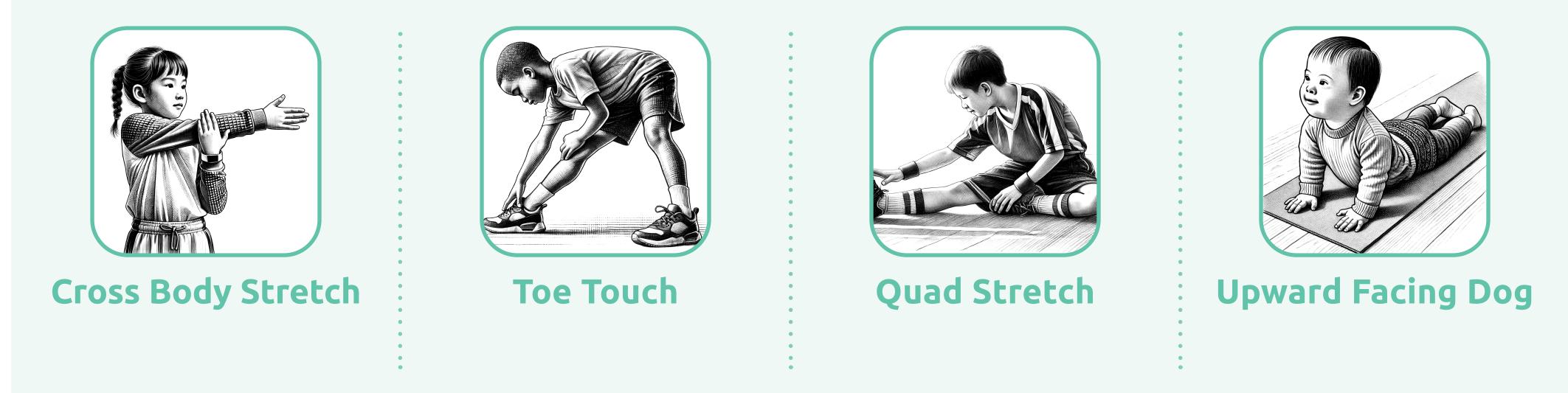
Trees in the Forest

Half of the students stand on floor markers & balance like trees; the other half run around the trees with a scarf pretending to be wind; the trees sway when the scarf runs by

continue the song and have them move again

the line, stick, or tape

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4



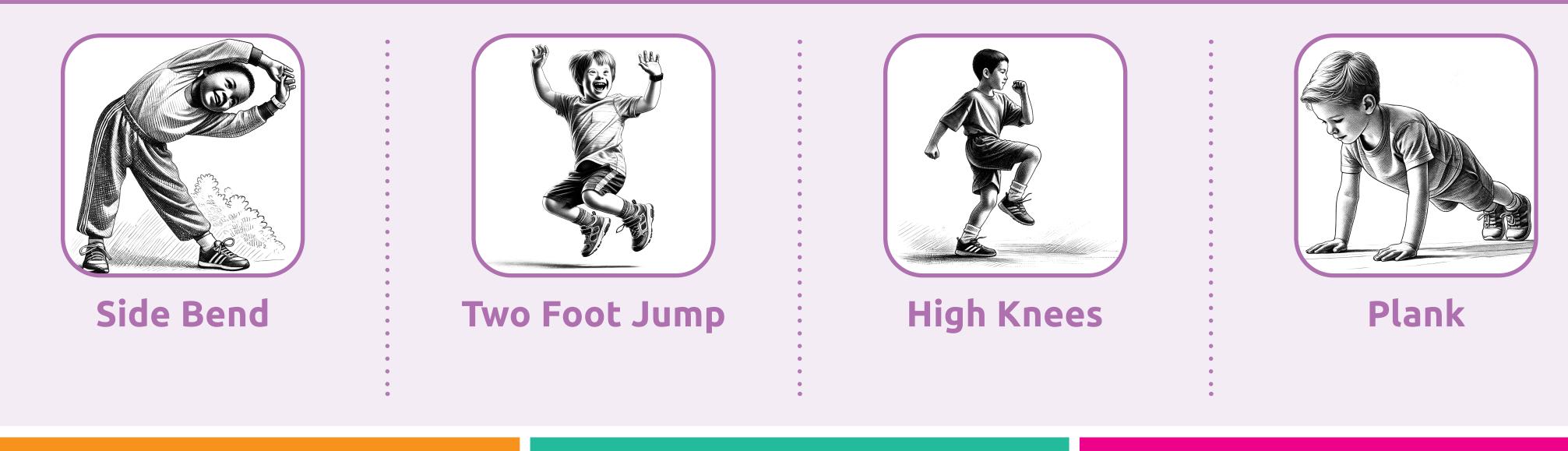






Special Olympics LESSON PLANS UNIT 4 Young Athletes TRAPPING & CATCHING

WARM UP: DO ALL 4



LESSON 1

LESSON 2





Rolling and Trapping

Sit in pairs with legs stretched wide and feet touching; roll a ball to practice trapping; try in a group circle formation



Rolling Practice

Place hoops on the floor on one side of space; try to roll balls into hoops; run to retrieve balls that missed



Low Ball Catch

Students line up in pairs and practice throwing and catching a ball



Goalie Circle

Stand in a circle with feet touching; try to prevent a rolling ball from passing through



Over Under

Stand in a line; alternate between passing a ball over head and under legs; last student

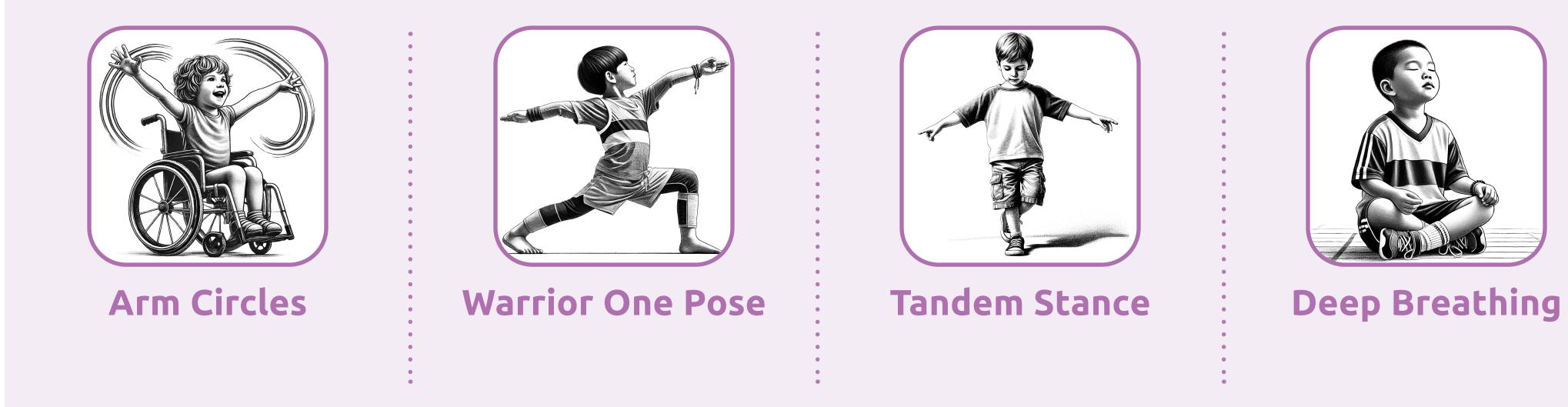


Circle Ball

Students stand in a circle and practice throwing a ball to each other

runs to the front to restart the game

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4





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LESSON PLANS UNIT 5 THROWING

WARM UP: DO ALL 4



Arm Circles



Lunge



Two Foot Jump



Push Ups on Wall



LESSON 2

LESSON 3



Underhand Throwing

Students underhand throw a bean bag onto a spot in front of them; move the spot farther away with each throw



Hot Potato

Stand in a circle and pass a ball while music plays; when the music stops, the holder is out; "out" students start a new circle



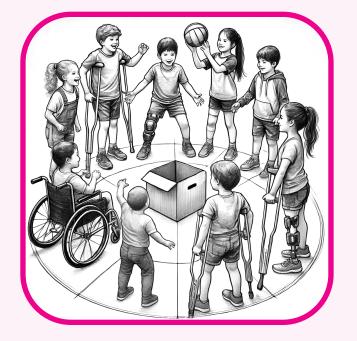
Two Handed Underthrow

Use two hands to throw the ball underhand



Freeze Tag: Underhand Throwing





Shoot to Score Basketball

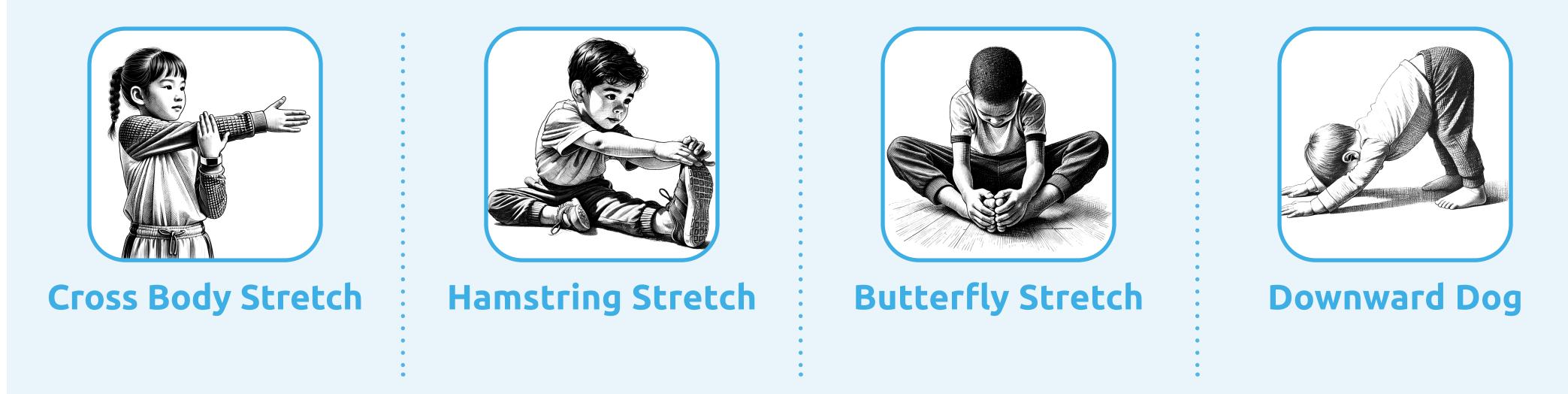
Place a basket in the center of a circle of students; practice throwing

Play freeze tag, but to become unfrozen, one student needs to underhand throw a ball to the frozen student

a floor marker and back, aiming for accuracy

the ball into the basket

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4





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LESSON PLANS UNIT 6



WARM UP: DO ALL 4



LESSON 1

LESSON 2





Balloon Striking

Each student has a balloon and tries to hit it up into the air as many times as possible



Coach Says

Each student has a balloon; the adult or "coach" tells them to hit the balloon high, low, or hit it and turn around



Handball

Students practice hitting a ball off of a cone with their hand



Group Balloon Striking

Students stand in a circle and try to hit one balloon around the circle without dropping it



Keep It Up

Each student stands on a floor marker with a balloon and tries to keep the balloon in the

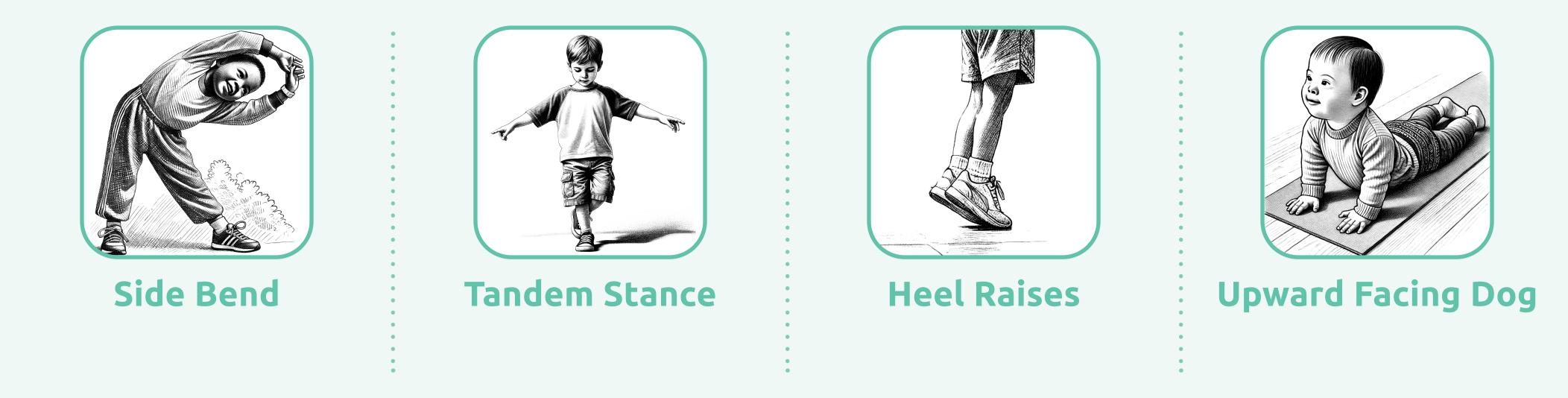


Air Ball

Two students work together to keep a balloon in the air as long as possible

air without moving their foot off the marker

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4







LESSON PLANS UNIT 7



WARM UP: DO ALL 4



Cross Body Stretch





High Knees



Side to Side Hops





LESSON 1

Stationary Ball Kick

Each pair of students has a ball and practices kicking the ball to each other, stopping the ball after each kick



LESSON 2

Kicking Targets

Students work in teams to take turns kicking a ball at cones, aiming to knock them all down first



Dribbling Practice

Take turns dribbling a ball through a zigzag pattern of cones, changing directions at each cone, then dribbling in a straight line back to the next student in line



Hajla

Take turns kicking a stone or ball; try to land it in the farthest square



Follow the Leader

Pairs of students take turns being leader and follower; leader dribbles a



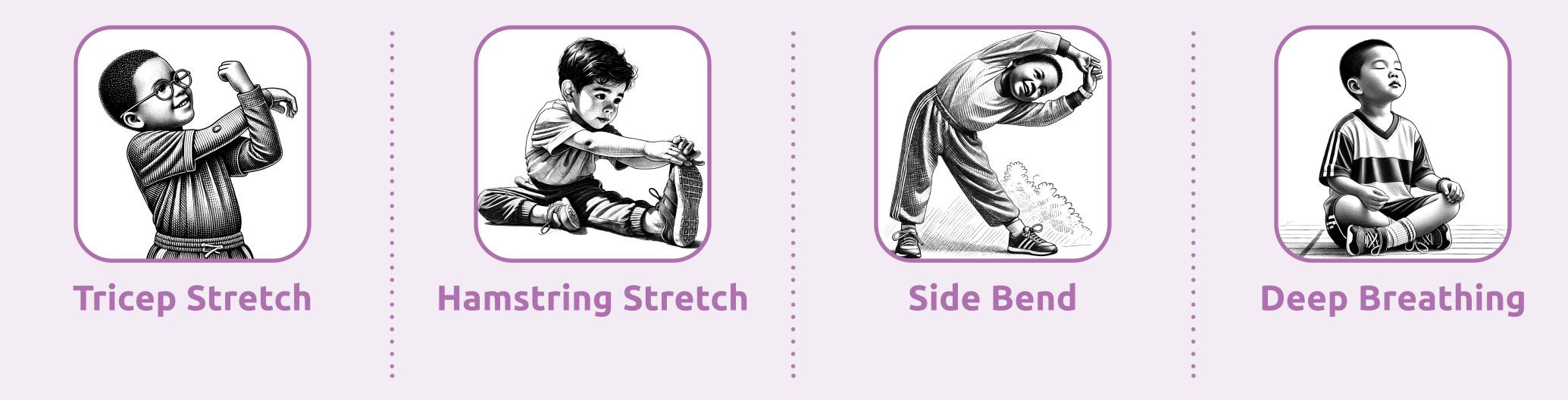
Penalty Kick

Take turns kicking a ball toward a goal; retrieve the ball after kicking and pass to the next student; cheer each other on and practice sportsmanship

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without rolling beyond it, earn points based on where it lands ball and follower imitates, stopping when the whistle blows

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4







Special Olympics LESSON PLANS UNIT 8 Young Athletes ADVANCED SKILLS

WARM UP: DO ALL 4



LESSON 1

LESSON 2





Run and Carry

Take turns running to collect a bean bag and bringing it back to teammates until all bean bags are retrieved



Bouncing Warm Up

Place a jump rope on the ground and jump side to side along its length; first use single jumps, then double jumps, then try the jumps while moving backwards



Ladder Jump

Take turns jumping over 6 taped or chalked lines, first using a one-foot leap and then a



Stand, Roll and Trap

Stand in a circle; take turns trapping a kicked ball with the bottom of the foot and



Parachute Games

Students hold onto a parachute with both hands and engage in various activities:

Lift it high

Run underneath based on called-out categories

Follow leader commands

Roll a ball cooperatively

Count aloud while lifting and lowering the parachute

two-foot jump, trying not to touch the lines

passing it to another player while counting

COOL DOWN: DO ALL 4



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