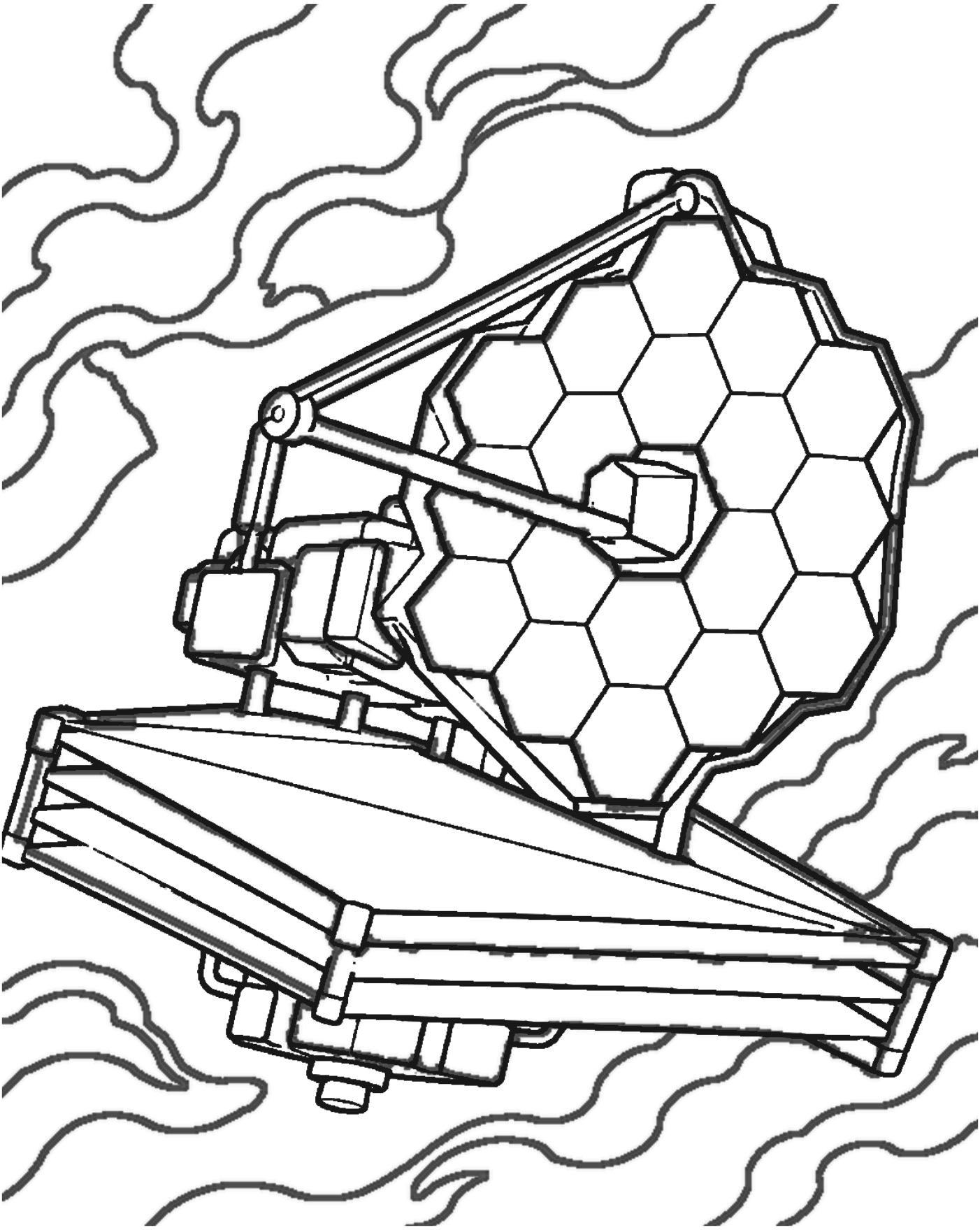
Nebula Telescope

Why does Webb have a gold mirror made of pieces?



Did you know? Webb’s mirror uses 18 segments that folded for launch and unfolded in space. A thin gold coating reflects infrared light well. Webb can gather this light to study things such as young stars inside dusty clouds.