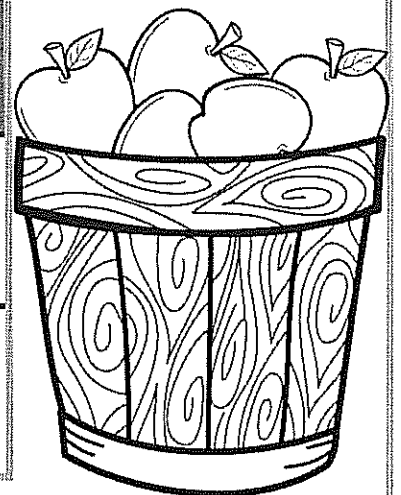


The Apple Orchard Tradition

My family has a tradition. Every year in the 9
 fall, my family takes a trip to the apple 18
 orchard. We get up early in the morning, drive 27
 to the orchard, and spend the entire day 35
 there. First, we take a hay ride into the 44
 orchard to pick apples. There are so many 52
 types of apples! After our bags are full, we 61
 get back on the wagon and it takes us to the 72
 cider mill. We have hot, sweet donuts and 80
 apple cider. Then we take a walk in the corn 90
 maze. It is fun to get lost in it and find your 102
 way out. I love going to the apple orchard 111
 with my family! 114

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Comprehension Questions: The Apple Orchard Tradition

1. What do you think the word tradition means?

2. What is the first thing the family does?

3. What does the family do after they pick apples?

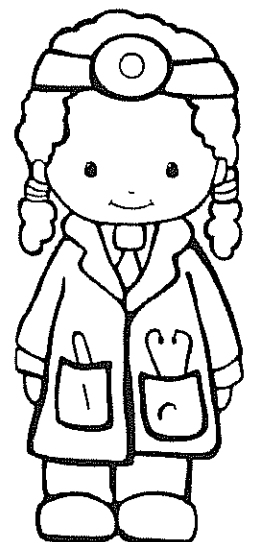
4. What is the last thing the family does at the apple orchard?

5. What do you think the family does with all the apples?

Helpers in the Community

A community is a place where many people live 9
 and work. It takes many helpers to keep a 18
 community running smoothly. There are helpers 24
 like police officers and firefighters who help to 32
 keep the community safe and solve problems 39
 when they happen. There are also community 46
 helpers like teachers and librarians who help us 54
 learn, as well as doctors and dentists who take 63
 care of us and keep us healthy. Community 71
 helpers like mail carriers, garbage collectors, 77
 and road workers all do jobs that benefit our 86
 communities every day. People who work in 93
 shops are community helpers too. 98

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Comprehension Questions: Helpers in the Community

1. How do police officers and firefighters help the community?

2. How do you think road workers help the community?

3. What is a community?

4. What do you think the word benefit means?

5. What other community helpers can you think of?

Fire Safety

Fire helps us do many things but it can also be very dangerous. There are some rules that you should follow so that you can be safe when you are around fire. First, you should always ask an adult to light a match. It is not something you should do yourself. Next, you should never leave a candle burning if no one is around. You must be very careful when you are around candles or a lit stove. If your clothes ever catch on fire, do not run. Instead, you should stop, drop to the ground, and roll until the fire goes out. If there is ever a fire in your house, get out immediately. Do not hide!

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Comprehension Questions: Fire Safety

1. What are some ways fire can be helpful to us?

2. Why do you think you should not leave a candle burning if no one is around?

3. What should you do if your clothes catch on fire?

4. Why do you think you should not hide if there is a fire in your house?

5. Who should you ask to light matches?

The First Day of School

I am always excited for the first day of school, but I am also nervous. Every year I have the same worries. What if I do not have friends in my class? What if my teacher is mean? What if the work is too hard? This year on the first day, I woke up extra early. I had a hearty breakfast and I strode off to school. When I walked into the classroom I felt instant relief. I saw many of my good friends in the room and my new teacher greeted me with a bright smile. I got a feeling right away that this was going to be a good year!

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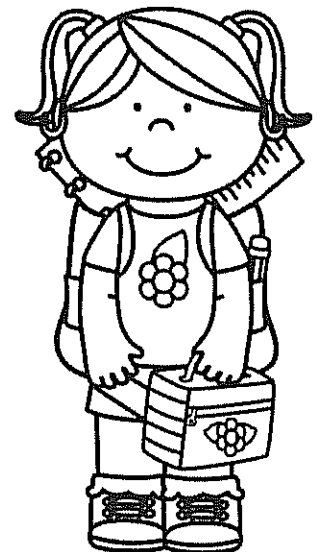
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Comprehension Questions: The First Day of School

1. How does the child say they always feel on the first day of school?

2. What does the child say they always worry about?

3. What do you think the word hearty means?

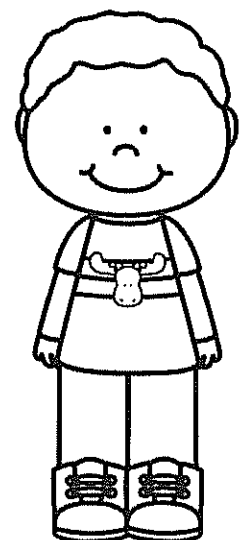
4. Why was the child relieved when they walked into class?

5. How did the child feel at the end of the story?

Fall Leaves

Fall is the season when the beautiful green 8
 leaves that cover our trees turn into many 16
 different colors. Sunlight helps to make food 23
 for leaves. There is less sunlight in the fall, so 33
 the leaves stop making food to get ready for 42
 winter. When they stop making food, the green 50
 color starts to fade. Other colors that have 58
 been hiding in the leaves start to show. Fall 67
 leaves can be red, yellow, brown, or orange. 75
 Many people do not know that these colors are 84
 always in a leaf, but that the green color hides 94
 them. The leaves start to die and fall off the 104
 trees. Then you can rake them into piles and 113
 jump in them! 116

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Comprehension Questions: Fall Leaves

1. What happens to leaves in the fall?

2. Why is sunlight important for leaves?

3. Why is fall the season when leaves change color?

4. What happens to the leaves after they change colors?

5. What is something that surprised you in this story?
