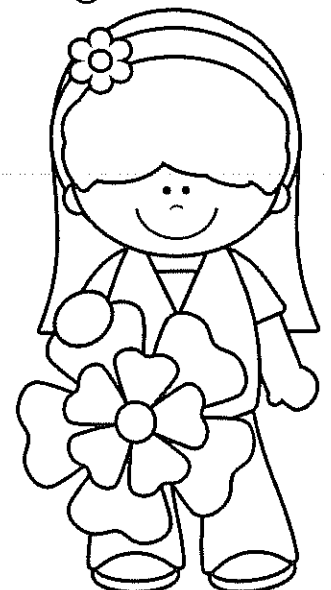


## May Day Fun

May Day is a holiday that is celebrated all over 10  
 the world. It is always on the first day of 20  
 May. May Day is a celebration of the start of 30  
 spring. People celebrate May Day in many ways 37  
 in different parts of the world. In some 46  
 towns, there is a Maypole. This is a tall pole 56  
 that is decorated with ribbons and flowers. 63  
 Joyous people dance around the Maypole, 69  
 holding onto ribbons. People celebrate with 75  
 special meals, and in some places people even 83  
 select a May Queen. Flowers, food, music and 91  
 dancing..what a nice way to welcome spring! 99

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## Comprehension Questions: May Day Fun

1. When is May Day?

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2. What is a Maypole?

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3. What do you think joyous means?

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4. What are some May Day traditions?

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5. What is one thing you learned about May Day from this story?

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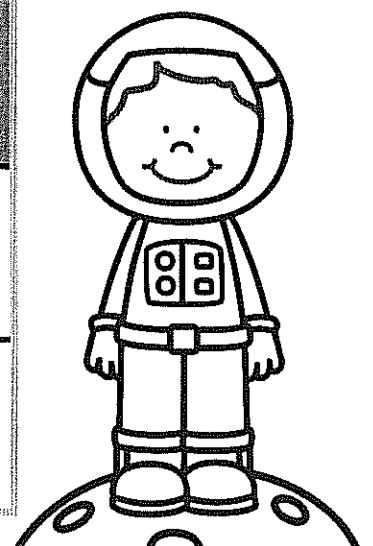
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## Space Day

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to 10  
 go into outer space? Do you wonder how people 19  
 build rockets? Space Day is the perfect time to 28  
 find out the answers to these questions and 36  
 other things you might want to know about 44  
 space. Every year on the first Friday in May, we 54  
 celebrate Space Day. On Space Day, people learn 62  
 all about space, and about jobs in the space 71  
 industry. There are many different places that 78  
 hold special Space Day events, like schools, 85  
 science centers, libraries and museums. This 91  
 year on Space Day, you should look for events 100  
 near you to learn more about space and science! 109

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## Comprehension Questions: Space Day

1. What is Space Day?

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2. When is Space Day held?

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3. What kinds of places hold Space Day events?

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4. What is a question you have about people who work in the space industry?

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5. What kinds of jobs do you think there are in the space industry?

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## Celebrating Mothers

Every year on the second Sunday in May, 8  
 we celebrate Mother's Day. Mother's Day is an 16  
 annual event which was first recognized in 23  
 1908. On this day, people all around the world 32  
 take time to let their mothers know how much 41  
 they appreciate them. Some people give their 48  
 mothers cards or gifts. Others arrange special 55  
 activities for them, like taking them out to a 64  
 movie or a restaurant. Other people spend their 72  
 day at home with their mothers, making the day 81  
 special for her. Our mothers do so much for us. 91  
 Mother's Day is a good time to thank them for 101  
 all that they do! 105

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## Comprehension Questions: Celebrating Mothers

1. When is Mother's Day celebrated?

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2. When was Mother's Day first celebrated?

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3. What do you think the word annual means?

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4. What are some ways people celebrate Mother's Day?

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5. What can you do to let your mother know you appreciate her on Mother's Day?

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## Police Officers Protect Us

Police officers have an extremely important job. 7

They work very hard to keep us safe, and 16

to help people solve problems in the community. 24

They also make sure that people are driving 32

safely and obeying the laws. Most police officers 40

drive in patrol cars, but others ride on 48

motorcycles, bikes, or even horses. Sometimes 54

you may see them walking around town. Police 62

officers are always on the job. Many of them 71

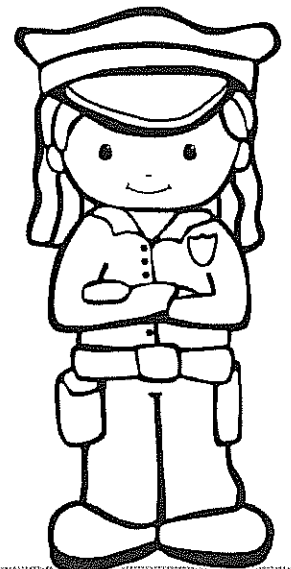
are working to keep us safe while we are asleep. 81

A police officer is always available if you need 90

one and we are very lucky to have them working 100

in our community. 103

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## Comprehension Questions: Police Officers Protect Us

1. What are some of the ways police officers get around?

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2. Why do you think police officers may be working when we are asleep?

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3. What are some ways police officers help protect us?

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4. Why do you think a police officer's job is so important?

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5. When do you think a police officer would be on a horse?

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## Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a holiday celebrated every year 8  
 on the last Monday in May. It is a holiday that 19  
 has been celebrated in America since 1971. 26  
 On Memorial Day, we honor soldiers in the Armed 35  
 Forces who died while serving our country. The 43  
 Armed Forces include the Army, Navy, Air Force, 51  
 Marines, Coast Guard, and other branches. On 58  
 Memorial Day, many volunteers visit cemeteries 64  
 and place flags at the graves of the brave men 74  
 and women who died while defending America. 81  
 Many parades, concerts, speeches and other 87  
 activities are also held on Memorial Day to honor 96  
 and remember soldiers. 99

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## Comprehension Questions: Memorial Day

1. When is Memorial Day celebrated?

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2. What is Memorial Day?

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3. What are the Armed Forces?

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4. What are some activities that take place on Memorial Day?

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5. What do some volunteers do on Memorial Day?

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## A Special Day for Mom

My mom is the best! This year for Mother's Day, I decided to make her day extra special. When she woke up in the morning, she came downstairs. There were a bunch of flowers waiting on the counter for her. I handed her a cup of coffee that I had made. "I have to go do some laundry," she said. "I already did it!" I answered. A big smile lit up her face. "I ran the vacuum too!" I said, "and now I am going to make breakfast for you." I made scrambled eggs for her, with bacon and toast. "What a great Mother's Day," she said. "Thank you so much!"

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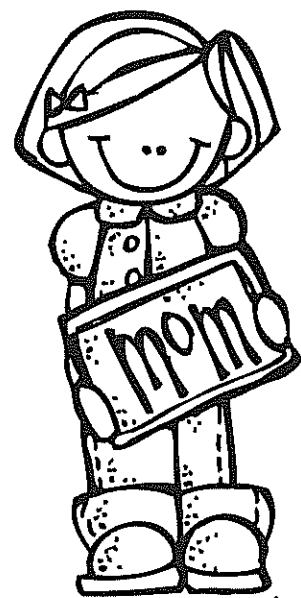
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## Comprehension Questions: A Special Day for Mom

1. What was the first thing Mom saw when she came downstairs?

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2. What did the child do to help their mom?

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3. What did the child make their mom for breakfast?

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4. What do you think the author meant when they said  
"a smile lit up her face?"

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5. What can you do for your mother on Mother's Day?

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## My Space Trip

I looked out the window of my spaceship. I could not believe that very soon, I would be visiting outer space. I was nervous, but also excited. The countdown started and my rocket lifted off. Soon I saw stars everywhere. I zoomed past many planets and then my spaceship landed on a bright green planet. I put on my helmet and stepped out. I saw strange trees and plants I have never seen before. I turned to see three smiling aliens. "Welcome to our planet!" they said. "I am from Earth," I said. "Hello Earth friend," they said. "Let us show you our planet." It was amazing! I cannot wait to go to outer space again!

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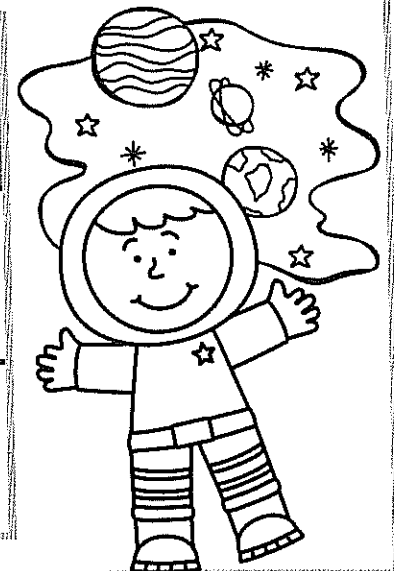
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## Comprehension Questions: My Space Trip

1. How was the astronaut feeling about going into outer space?

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2. What did the astronaut see while they were in flight?

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3. What did the astronaut see when they first stepped out of the spaceship?

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4. What did the aliens say to the astronaut?

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5. What do you think you would see if you went into outer space?

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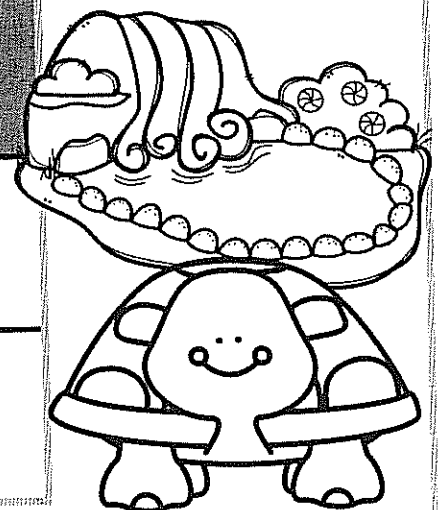
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## Turtle Trouble

The turtles were gathered around the pond. “We 8  
 have trouble,” said Thomas. “A big group of fish 17  
 have moved into the pond.” “They cannot make us 26  
 leave our pond,” said Terry. “This has always been 35  
 our pond.” Meanwhile, the fish were meeting. 42  
 “We need a new place to live and I think this is a 55  
 good one,” said Felix. “But what about the 63  
 turtles?” asked Finn. “Maybe they will want to 71  
 share,” Felix replied. Felix went to Thomas. “We 79  
 were wondering if we could share your pond,” he 88  
 said. “Yes, I think there is enough room for all of 99  
 us,” Thomas answered. “Hooray!” said Felix. “This 106  
 will be a good place for us all to live.” 116

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## Comprehension Questions: Turtle Trouble

1. What was the turtle trouble?

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2. What was Terry worried about?

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3. Why were the fish meeting?

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4. What was the solution to the problem?

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5. Were you surprised by the solution? Why or why not?

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## Teacher Appreciation Day

At my school, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day so we can let our teachers know how much we appreciate all the things they do for us. First, all the kids at school make cards and write letters for our teachers to thank them for taking good care of us. Then, all the kids and parents make a big lunch for the teachers. This year, my mom and I made brownies for the lunch. My friend and his mom made a big pasta salad that looked so delicious! I am so lucky to have such a nice teacher and I want to make sure she knows how much I appreciate her!

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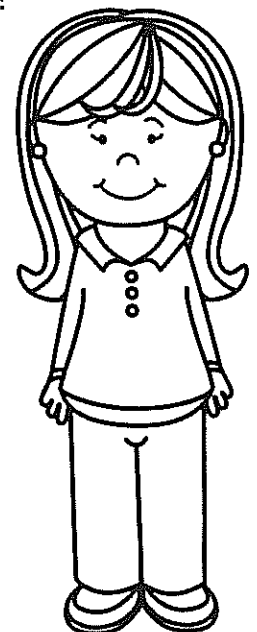
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# Comprehension Questions: Teacher Appreciation Day

1. Why does the school celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day?

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2. What do the kids make for their teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day?

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3. What did the child and her mother make?

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4. What did the child's friend and his mother make?

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5. What could you do to let someone know you appreciate them?

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## May Day Flowers Everywhere

Even though the calendar says that spring starts 8  
 in March, it does not truly begin to feel like 18  
 spring until the trees and flowers are in full 27  
 bloom. In May, flowers start to bloom and 35  
 spring is truly in the air. I learned about May 45  
 Day celebrations around the world and decided 52  
 to have my own. I planted flowers all around my 62  
 yard. My friends and I planted some around the 71  
 school too! We made flower wreaths for our 79  
 front doors at home. We made sure there were 88  
 flowers everywhere! We even made our own 95  
 Maypole to dance around. It was so much fun 104  
 celebrating May Day with my friends! 110

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## Comprehension Questions: May Day Flowers Everywhere

1. When does the calendar say that spring begins?

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2. What do you think the author means when they say "spring is in the air?"

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3. What made the child want to have their own May Day celebration?

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4. Where did the child plant flowers?

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5. Why did the child and their friends dance around?

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