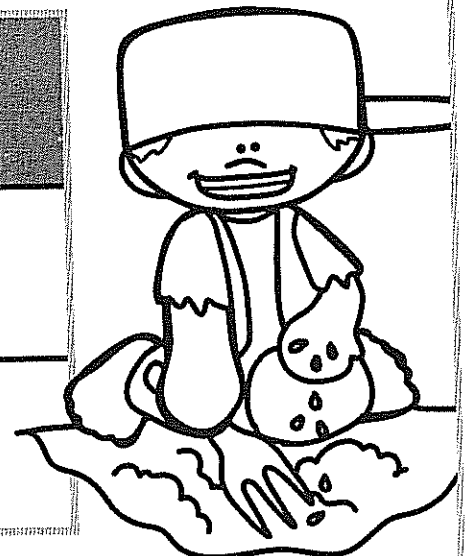


Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed was born on September 26, 7
 1774. His given name was John Chapman, but he 16
 earned the nickname Johnny Appleseed because he 23
 loved planting apple trees. He owned many apple 31
 orchards in New York and Pennsylvania. As new 39
 areas in the United States were opened for 47
 settlers, he began to travel there to plant apple 56
 orchards using seeds from his crops. He created 64
 many new orchards in the Great Lakes area. 72
 Johnny was a kind man who lived a simple life. 82
 Many people could not pay him for his trees, so he 93
 traded them for clothes and food. He planted 101
 millions of trees and made many friends during his 110
 travels. Apples were Johnny's gift to the world! 118

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Comprehension Questions: Johnny Appleseed

1. How did John Chapman earn the nickname "Johnny Appleseed"?

2. Where did Johnny begin to plant his apple orchards?

3. Why was Johnny able to begin planting trees in the Great Lakes area?

4. How was Johnny paid for his apple trees?

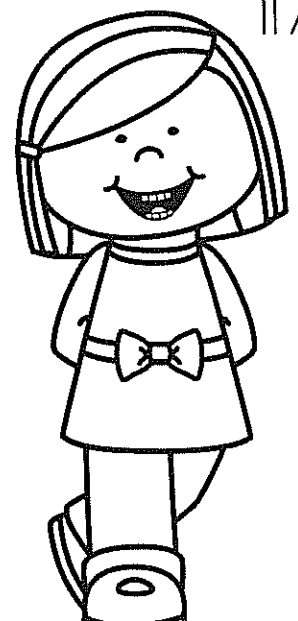
5. What kind of person do you think Johnny Appleseed was?

6. Tell about a tradition your school has.

Rules at School

Every school has rules. Rules are important for 8
 keeping everyone safe, and for making sure that 16
 everyone can learn. There are rules for the 24
 classroom, the playground, the cafeteria, and 31
 the halls. Although it may seem like there are 41
 lots of rules, did you ever wonder what it would 51
 be like without them? Imagine a school where 58
 everyone could run, yell, and do whatever they 67
 wanted. It would be chaotic. If you were running 77
 in the halls, you could get hurt, or you could hurt 86
 someone else. Too much noise in the classroom 94
 keeps students from being able to think and 103
 learn. Think of a rule at your school and then 113
 think about why it is important. 117

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Comprehension Questions: Rules at School

1. Why are rules at school important?

2. What would be an example of a safety rule at school?

3. What would be an example of a rule at school that helps make sure everyone can learn?

4. What is a rule at your school? Why do you think it is important?

5. What do you think the word "chaotic" means?

6. Tell about a tradition your school has.

Hooray for Friendship Day

Friends are a very important part of our lives. 9

They make life more fun and they help us when 19

we need it. They give us advice, and spend time 29

with us. In 1935, a special day was created to 39

help us celebrate the good friends in our lives. All 49

around the world, Friendship Day is celebrated on 57

the first Sunday of every August. On this day, 66

people find ways to let their friends know how 75

much they mean to them. They may spend the 84

day together, or even exchange cards or gifts. 92

Popular gifts to exchange on Friendship Day are 100

flowers or friendship bracelets. This year, make 107

sure to tell someone Happy Friendship Day! 114

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Comprehension Questions: Hooray for Friendship Day

1. Why are friends important?

2. What is Friendship Day?

3. When is Friendship Day celebrated?

4. What do people do on Friendship Day?

5. How will you celebrate Friendship Day this year?

6. Tell about a tradition your school has.

Eating in the Cafeteria

A school day is long! That is why students have 10
 lunch in the middle of their school day. Students 19
 need a break so they can eat a healthy lunch to 30
 provide them with energy. In most schools, 37
 students eat together in a cafeteria. In a 45
 cafeteria, you will find groups of students sitting 53
 at large tables conversing and enjoying their lunch. 61
 Some students will bring lunches from home. 68
 Other students will purchase a school lunch. No 76
 matter what you eat, there are some rules you 85
 should follow. You should always use nice manners 93
 and good behavior in the cafeteria. You should also 102
 throw away your trash and clean up after 110
 yourself when you are done eating. 116

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Comprehension Questions: Eating in the Cafeteria

1. Why do students have lunch at school?

2. What do students do in the cafeteria?

3. What would be an example of good behavior in the cafeteria?

4. Why do you think it is important to clean up after yourself in the cafeteria?

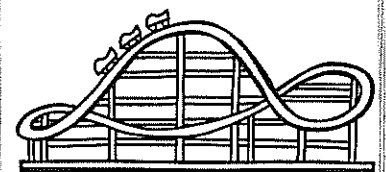
5. What do think the word conversing means?

6. Tell about a tradition your school has.

All About Theme Parks

Theme parks are at the top of almost 8
 everyone's list of fun places to visit! Theme 16
 parks are places that are designed for people 24
 of all ages to go and have a good time. 34
 Whether you are playing the exciting games, 41
 riding thrilling rides, or eating delicious food, 48
 you are sure to find something that you will 57
 enjoy at a theme park. Theme parks are 65
 designed around a certain theme. For instance, 72
 there are theme parks based on types of 80
 animals, characters from books or movies, 86
 different hobbies, or places in the world. The 94
 next time you are looking for a fun place to 104
 visit, you should head to a theme park! 112

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Comprehension Questions: All About Theme Parks

1. What can you do at a theme park?

2. What types of themes are these parks designed around?

3. Does a theme park sound like some place you would like to visit?
Why or why not?

4. What age groups are theme parks designed for?

5. What theme parks can you think of?

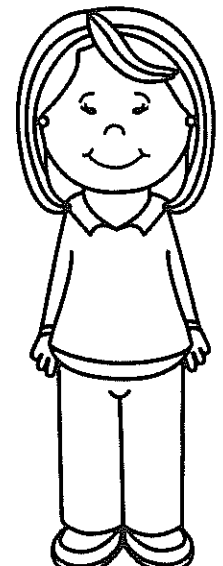
6. Tell about a tradition your school has.

My New Teacher

Each year, I always worry about getting a new teacher. I always end up liking my teachers, but during the first few days of school, I am always afraid that I will not. This year was no different. The night before school started, I felt apprehensive. The first day of school arrived and I walked into the classroom. I laughed when I entered the room. "Ms. Jackson! What are you doing here?" I asked as I saw my teacher from last year standing in the room. "I am your new teacher," she said. "They asked me to change grades!" "That is great news!" I said. "I guess I will stop worrying about meeting my new teacher now!"

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Comprehension Questions: My New Teacher

1. What does the child say they worry about every year?

2. What do you think the word apprehensive means?

3. Who did the child see when they walked into the classroom?

4. What did Ms. Jackson say to the child?

5. Why did the child say they would stop worrying about meeting their new teacher now?

The Best Friend

Everyone loved Jenny and wanted to be her friend. She was the most popular girl in school. One day at recess Jenny and her friends came to my friend Tara. "Hi Tara," Jenny said. "We wondered if you wanted to play with us. We need another person for our game." "I am playing with Lindy," Tara said. "Can she play too?" "No, we only want you to play," Jenny said to her. Tara looked at me. "Go ahead," I told her. "You can play with Jenny." "No," Tara said. "I am playing with you. If you can't play too, I don't want to go." "You are a great friend Tara!" I smiled.

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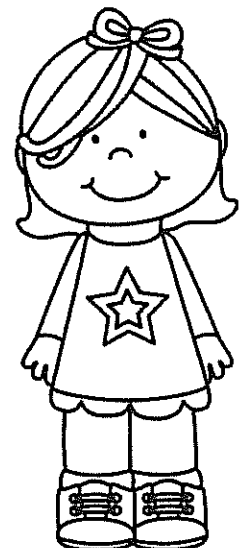
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Comprehension Questions: The Best Friend

1. Who was Jenny?

2. What did Jenny ask Tara?

3. Why did Tara say no to Jenny's question?

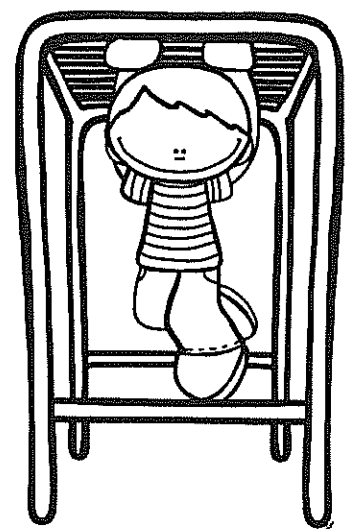
4. What did Lindy tell Tara at the end of the story?

5. What would you do in this situation?

Safety on the Monkey Bars

“Why can’t we walk on top of the monkey bars?” my friend Carson asked. 9
 “It is so much fun!” “We cannot walk on them because we 18
 could fall and get hurt,” I answered. “I am 26
 going to walk across the entire set and I will 35
 not get hurt,” he smirked. Just as he was 45
 about to climb on top, our friend Lizzie walked 54
 by with a cast on her arm. “Hey Lizzie,” I said. 63
 “What happened to your arm?” “I was 74
 walking across the top of the monkey bars. I 81
 fell off and broke it,” she replied. “Oh,” 90
 Carson said. “I guess I had better not do it.” 98
 “That is a good idea,” Lizzie smiled. 108
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Comprehension Questions: Safety on the Monkey Bars

1. What rule at school was Carson going to break?

2. Why did his friend tell him not to break the rule?

3. What did Lizzie have on her arm?

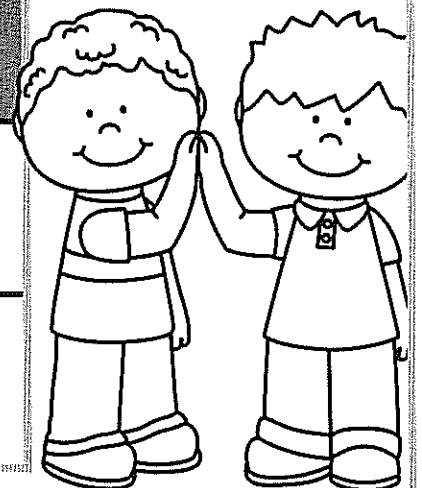
4. What changed Carson's mind about breaking the rule?

5. What is a safety rule you have at your school?

A Friend in Need

“Boys and girls, we can’t go outside for recess 9
 until our classroom is cleaned,” my teacher 16
 said. “We have to put all of the math materials 26
 away, and get everything tidied up.” I quickly 34
 cleaned up my area, and got my coat to go 44
 outside for recess. I looked back at my friend 53
 Sam. Just as he was about to put the box of 64
 dice away, he dropped it and they spilled on the 74
 floor. I pretended that I did not see, and 83
 headed outside. After a few steps, I turned 91
 back. “Here, I will help you,” I said to him. 101
 Even though I wanted to play, it felt good to 111
 help a friend in need. 116

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Comprehension Questions: A Friend in Need

1. Why did the teacher say the class could not go outside?

2. What happened to Sam?

3. What did the child do when they were done cleaning up their area?

4. Why do you think the child came back to help Sam?

5. What would you do if you were in this situation?

My Summer Break

This year was my best summer break ever! 8

I got to go to camp for the very first time! 19

I was nervous about leaving my family for an 28

entire week, and was afraid I could not sleep 37

at night. I have never been away from home 46

for more than one night before! Once I got to 56

camp though, all my worries disappeared. 62

There were fun activities planned for us from 70

the time we woke up until the time we went to 81

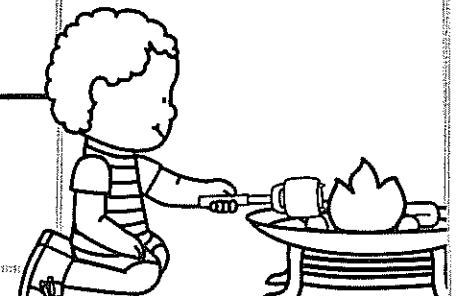
bed. We played sports, rode horses, hiked, and 89

swam every day! Every night we had a 97

campfire. I was so exhausted every night 104

that I fell right asleep with no trouble at all! 114

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Comprehension Questions: My Summer Break

1. Why did the child say this was their best summer break ever?

2. What was the child nervous about at first?

3. What are some of the things the campers did?

4. What made the child sleep well at night?

5. How did the child's feelings change in this story?
