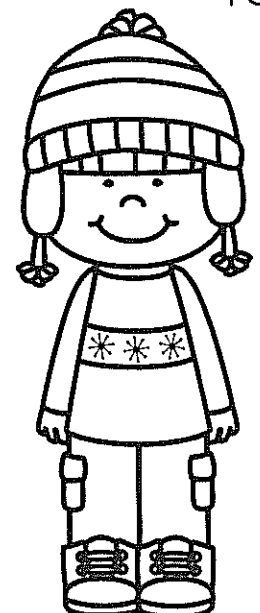


The First Snowfall

“Is it ever going to snow?” I wailed. Every 9
 day I had been watching the weather, 16
 hoping to hear that snow was on its way. 25
 I had gotten a new sled, and I was really 35
 anxious to try it out. Every day I woke up 45
 to the same thing: no snow. Finally, one 53
 Saturday morning, I looked out the window 60
 and got a big surprise! “Hooray!” I 67
 shouted. I ran downstairs and got on my 75
 winter gear. I called my best friend Nick 83
 and told him to meet me outside. It was 92
 finally time to try out my new sled! 100

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Comprehension Questions: The First Snowfall

1. Why was the child anxious for snow?

2. What do you think was the surprise they got when they looked out the window?

3. What did the child do after looking out the window?

4. Who did the child call?

5. What was the child planning to do when they got outside?

Precious Poinsettias

There are many symbols of the Christmas season, but one of the most recognized is the beautiful poinsettia plant. When people see a poinsettia, they know that the holidays are here. Poinsettias are attractive red and green plants that people use to decorate their homes with during the holidays. Poinsettias have bright red and green leaves with yellow buds in the center. Many people think that the red leaves are flowers, but they are not. The yellow buds are the flowers! Poinsettias were originally grown in Mexico, but we are lucky today that they can be grown all over the world.

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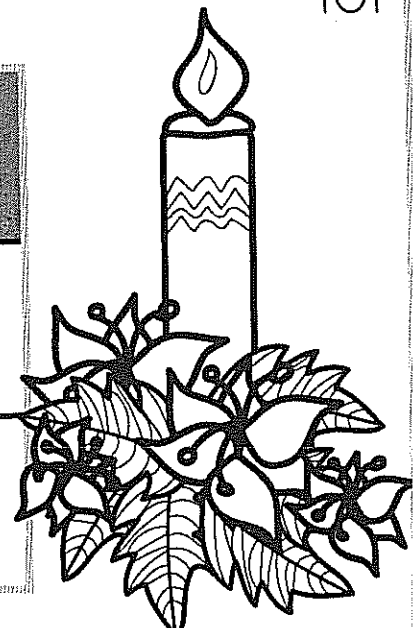
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Comprehension Questions: Precious Poinsettias

1. When are poinsettias available?

2. What are poinsettias?

3. What is the red part of a poinsettia?

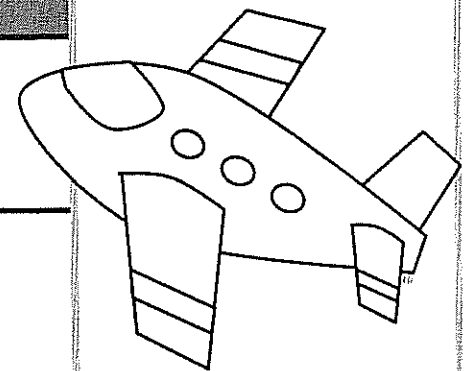
4. What part of the poinsettia is the flower?

5. Why are we lucky that poinsettias are grown all over the world now?

Air Travel

There are many ways that people can travel 8
 from one place to another. You can travel on 17
 land by car, train or bus. You can travel on 27
 the water by boat. You can also travel in 36
 the air. People can travel in the air on 45
 helicopters, gliders, or hot air balloons. The 52
 most popular way of traveling in the air is by 62
 airplane. There are many different kinds of 69
 airplanes. Some are small and some are very 77
 large. People travel in planes when they are 85
 going to go long distances because it is much 94
 quicker than travelling by car. Have you ever 102
 travelled in the air? 106

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Comprehension Questions: Air Travel

1. What are some of the ways people can travel on land?

2. What are ways people can travel by air?

3. What is the most popular way to travel by air?

4. When do people travel on airplanes?

5. Why do you think it is quicker to travel by plane than by car?

The Plane Ride

My family was going to go and visit my Grandma and Grandpa. I was excited to see them and also because I was going to fly on a plane. When I got on the airplane, my parents let me sit next to the window. After I buckled my seatbelt, the pilot said it was time to take off. The plane started to lift off into the air. When I looked out, I could see the things on the ground getting smaller and smaller. Soon, everything looked very tiny. I could see the clouds right outside my window! Soon, we would be at my grandparents' house.

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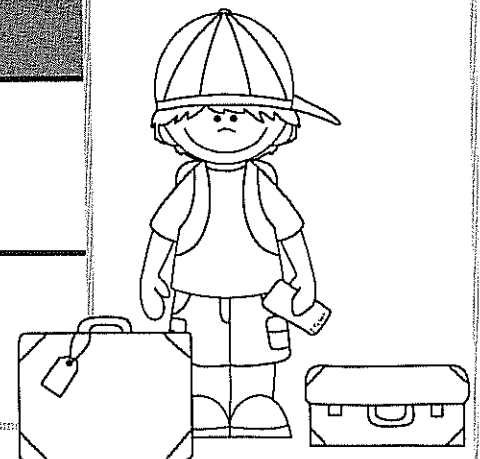
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Comprehension Questions: The Plane Ride

1. Where was the family going?

2. What was the child excited about?

3. What did the child do before the plane took off?

4. What did the things on the ground look like after the plane took off?

5. What could the child see out the window?

Winter Weather Gear

When it starts to get colder outside, you know 9
 that winter is on its way. During the winter, you 19
 need a lot of special gear to help you keep warm 30
 and protect your body from the weather. The 38
 most important thing that you need is a warm 47
 coat. You also need other winter gear too. A hat 57
 will keep your head warm and help protect your 66
 ears from the cold. You will also need gloves or 76
 mittens so that your fingers and hands stay 84
 warm too. Boots are another important winter 91
 item. Boots will keep your feet warm and dry on 101
 snowy days. Don't forget a scarf! Bundle up! It 110
 is cold in the winter! 115

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Comprehension Questions: Winter Weather Gear

1. Why do you think a warm coat is the most important thing you need in the winter?

2. How does a hat help you in the winter?

3. How do boots help us in the winter?

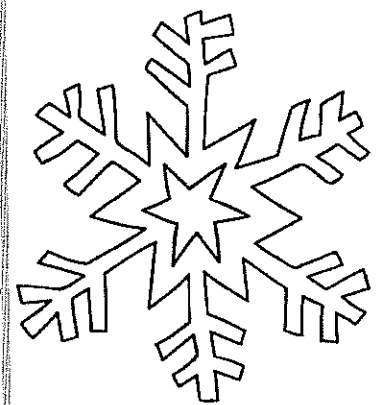
4. What other winter gear does the story mention?

5. What do you think the word gear means?

The Snowflakes Play

Sammy Snowflake woke early one winter morning.	7
“I am going out to play,” he said. “Have fun!” his	18
mother replied. “I will!” he answered. “All of my	27
friends are going to play in the meadow.” Sammy	36
ran outside and lots of his snowflake friends were	45
already waiting for him. “What do you want to do	55
first?” asked his friend Stanley. “I think we should	64
make a big snowman first,” said Samantha. All of	73
the snowflakes piled together and made a giant	81
snowman. “Let’s have races next,” said Sammy,	88
and everyone agreed. The snowflakes played	94
together all morning until it was time to go home	104
for lunch. “Let’s play again tomorrow!” Sammy	111
suggested. “Yes!” everyone shouted together.	116

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Comprehension Questions: The Snowflakes Play

1. What season was it?

2. Where were Sammy and his friends going to play?

3. What was the first thing the snowflake friends did?

4. How long did the friends play?

5. What do you think the snowflakes did the next day?

Wacky Winter Weather

In the winter, the weather can get pretty wild! 9

The snow is pretty, but sometimes it can be 18

dangerous. When it snows a lot, it is difficult 27

for cars to drive safely. They can get stuck in 37

the snow, and need help getting out. It can also 47

be very windy in the winter. When it is windy on 58

a snowy day, it can be difficult to see because 68

of all the snow blowing around. Icy roads and 77

sidewalks are dangerous too. People can easily 84

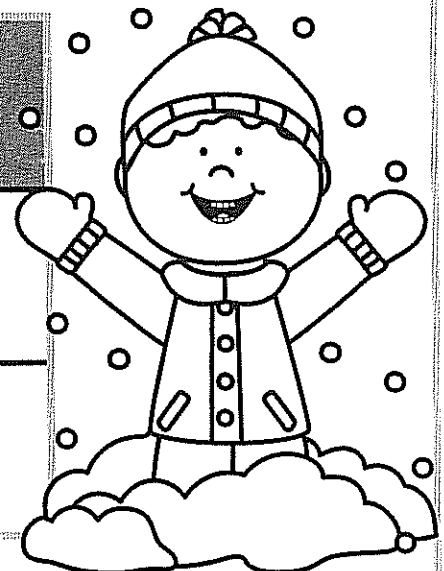
slip and fall when they are walking and it is very 95

hard for cars to get around on the ice. Winter 105

weather is beautiful, but it can also be very 114

dangerous. 115

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Comprehension Questions: Wacky Winter Weather

1. How can snow be dangerous for cars?

2. How do you think cars get out of the snow when they are stuck?

3. Why is windy weather dangerous in the winter?

4. What is another type of dangerous winter weather?

5. Do you like winter weather? Why or why not?

Pine Trees

Everyone knows that trees lose their leaves in the fall, but there is one type of tree that does not. Pine trees keep their leaves all year around! In the winter, you can see beautiful green pine trees when all the other trees are bare. Another special thing about pine trees is the shape of their leaves. They do not look like regular leaves, but they look like needles instead. Pine trees provide shelter for many animals in the winter, and they also provide food. Pine trees produce pine cones and many animals eat the seeds that are hidden inside them. Pine trees are awesome!

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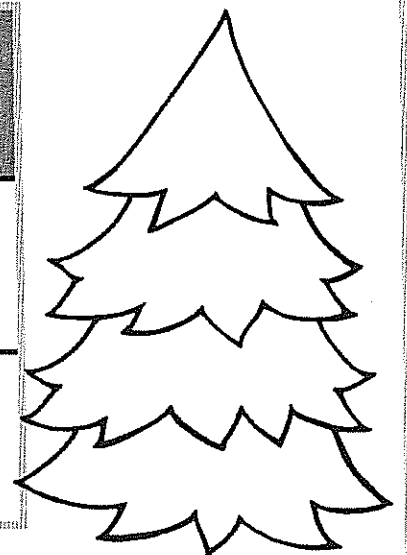
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Comprehension Questions: Pine Trees

1. What happens to the leaves of a pine tree in winter?

2. What are a pine tree's leaves shaped like?

3. What animals do you think may find shelter in a pine tree?

4. How do pine trees provide animals with food?

5. Why do you think the author said that pine trees are awesome?

The Snowy Day

"Oh no!" I yelled when I woke up. 8
 "I overslept!" My mom laughed. "You didn't 15
 oversleep," she said. "There is no school, so I 24
 let you sleep in." "Why is there no school?" I 34
 asked. "It snowed so much that the roads are 43
 covered. It is not safe for cars or busses to 53
 drive." "It is not too snowy to play outside!" 62
 I smiled. I put on my winter gear and headed 72
 outside. All of the neighborhood kids were 79
 already out having a snowball fight, so I joined 88
 in. Next, we built a giant snowman. Finally, we 97
 made a snow fort and climbed inside. "I hope 106
 it snows more again tonight!" I exclaimed! 113

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Comprehension Questions: The Snowy Day

1. What did the child think had happened when they woke up?

2. Why was school cancelled?

3. What did the child do first with their friends?

4. What was the last thing the child did with their friends?

5. Why do you think the child wants it to snow again tonight?

Giving Gifts

I had saved my allowance for weeks. This year 9

I was excited about buying gifts for my family. 18

They always give me gifts and I decided that I 28

wanted to surprise them this year. I finally had 37

enough to go shopping. When I went to the 46

store, I saw a pair of earrings that I knew my 57

sister would love. Then, I saw a funny coffee 66

cup that would make my mom laugh. Next I saw 76

a t-shirt with my dad's favorite team on it. 85

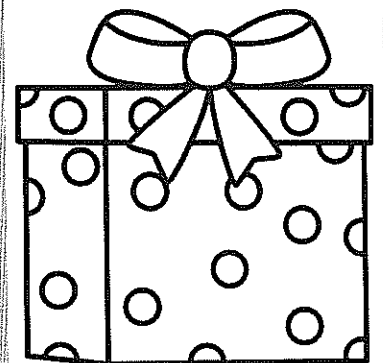
I had the perfect gift for everyone! I had just 95

enough money left to buy wrapping paper. 102

I cannot wait to give my gifts to my family. 112

They are going to be surprised! 118

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Comprehension Questions: Giving Gifts

1. How did the child get money to go shopping?

2. What did the child buy their sister?

3. What kind of coffee mug did the child buy their mom?

4. What did the t-shirt for dad have on it?

5. Why do you think the child is so excited to give their family the gifts?
