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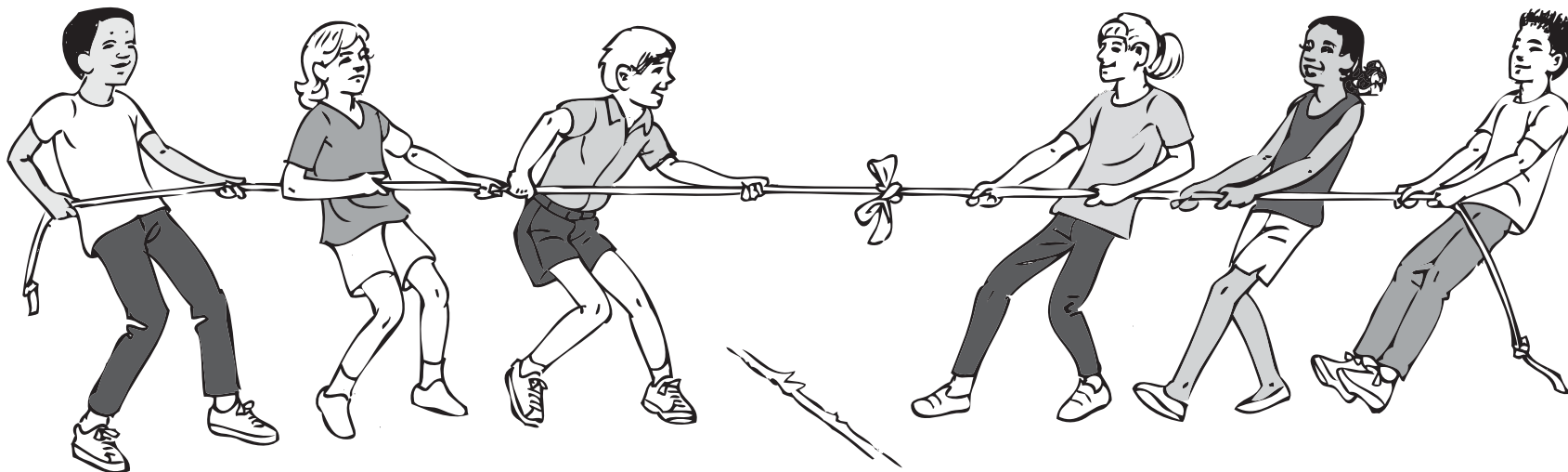
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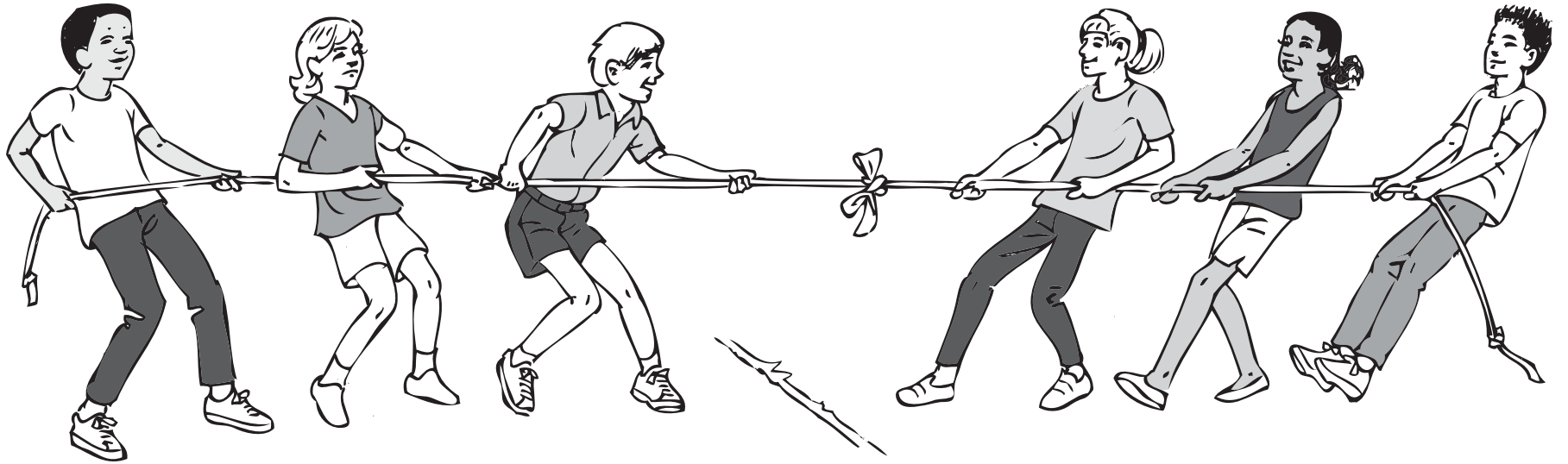


tug

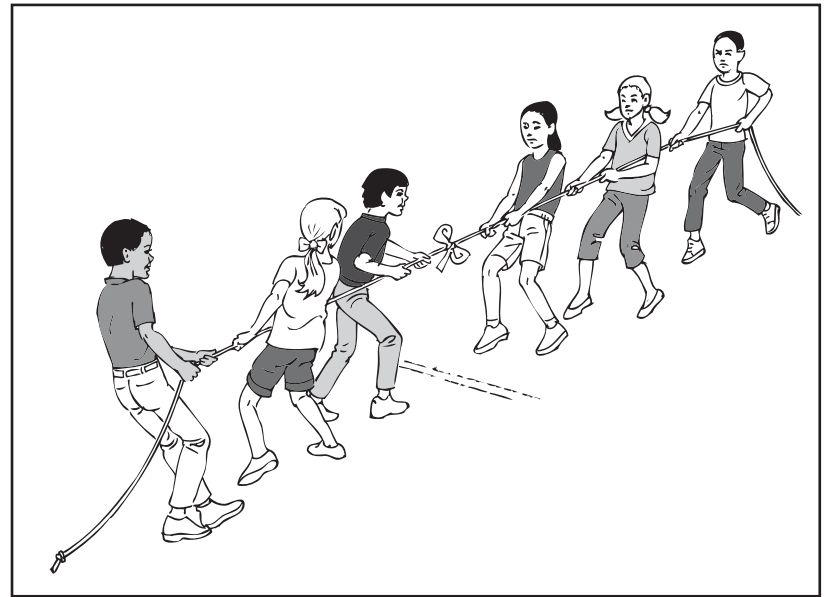


The children tug on the rope.

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The hungry mouse likes to nibble the cheese.

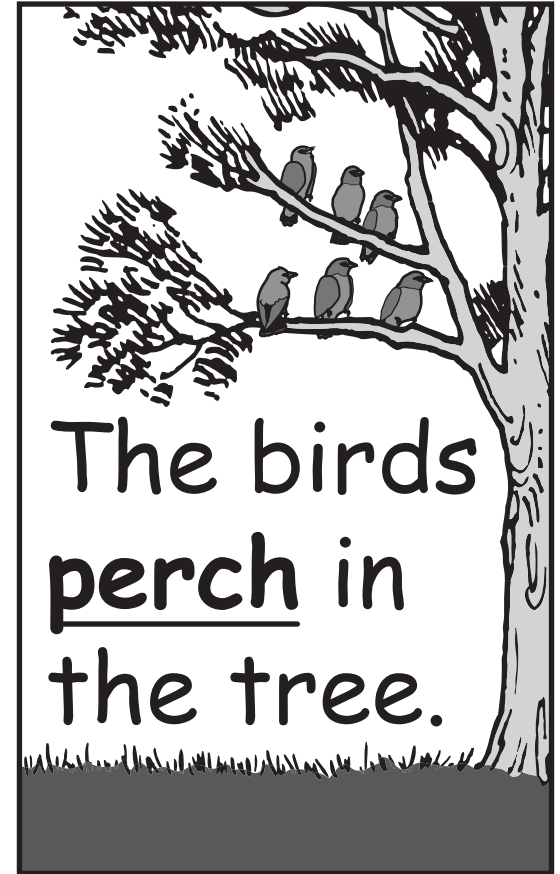
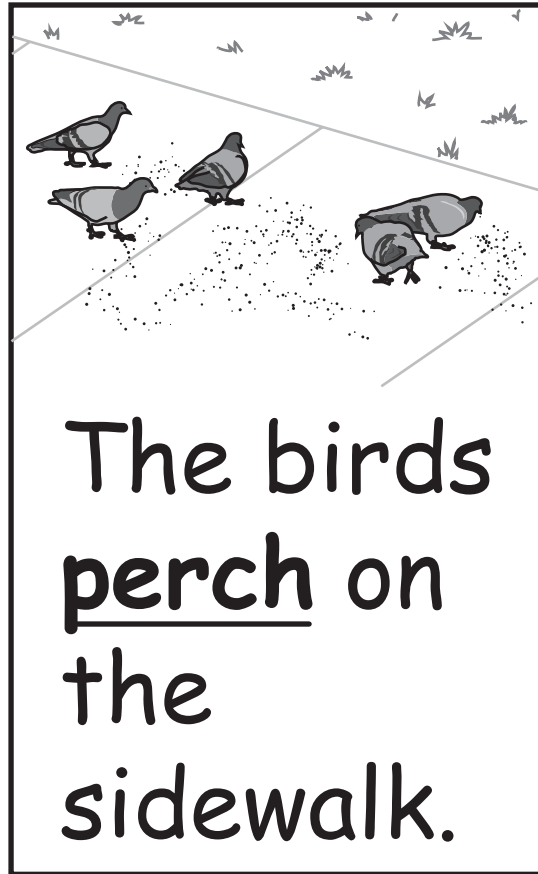
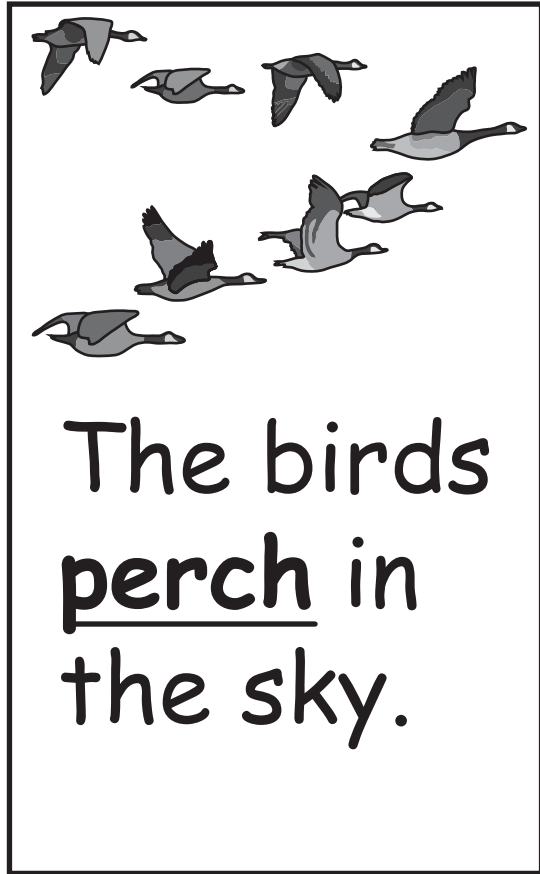


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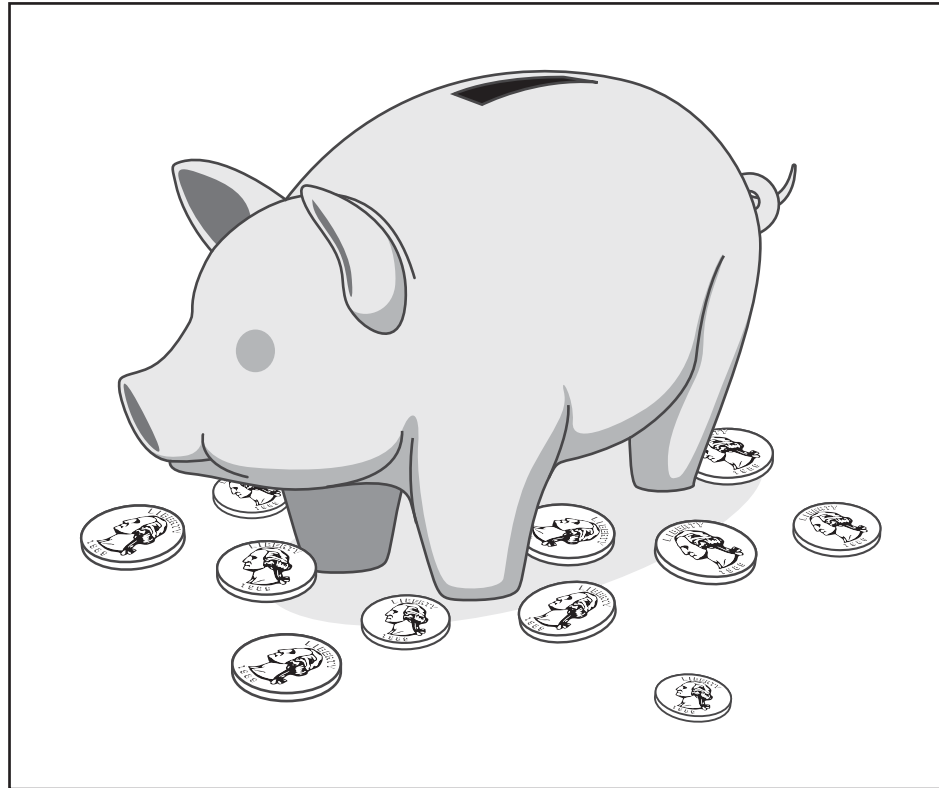
eat

hold

perch—to rest in a high place





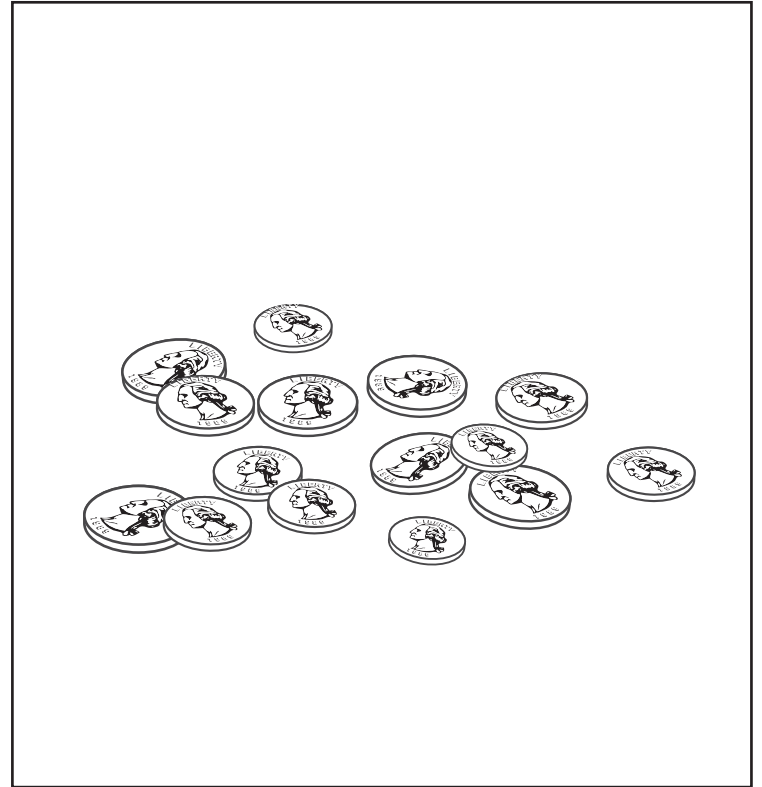


Children can make a piggy bank from an empty milk jug.


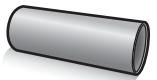



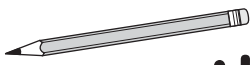




A large, empty milk jug can be used to make a piggy bank.

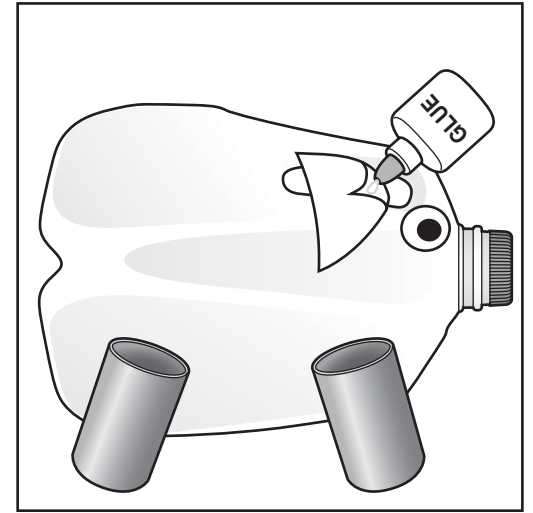
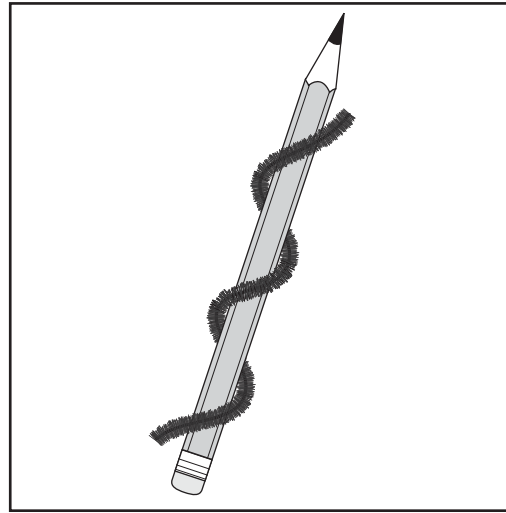
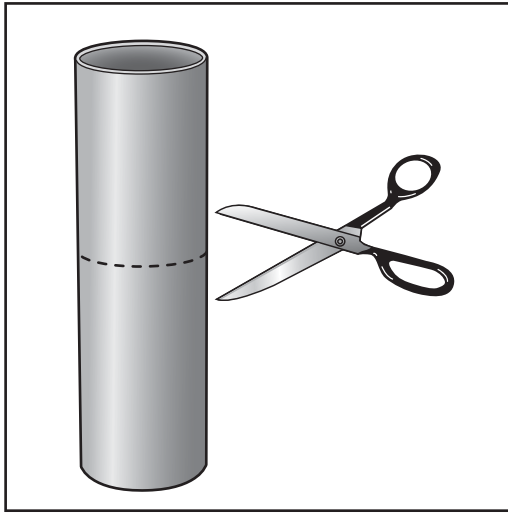
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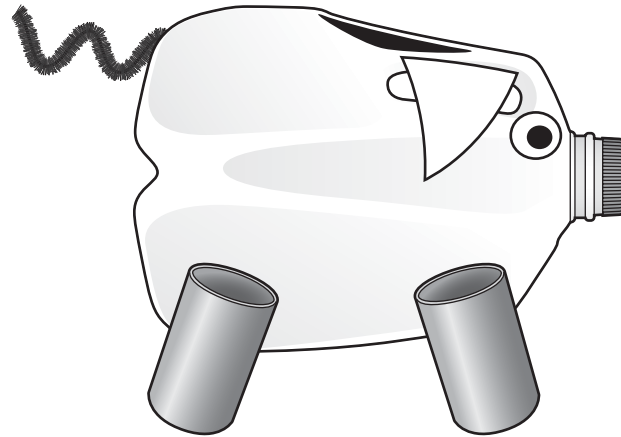
# How to Make a Piggy Bank

-   1. Cut paper tubes in half for legs.
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-   3. Twist a pipe cleaner around a pencil to make a tail.
-  4. Glue the legs, ears, and tail to an  empty milk jug.

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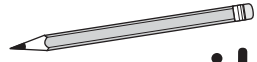
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5. Paint the pig.





6. Glue one button on the lid of the milk  
jug for a nose.



7. Glue two buttons on the milk jug for  
eyes.

8.

Cut a hole in the top of the milk jug to put money in the bank.

Glue the eyes, ears, and tail on the milk jug.

Paint the milk jug to make it look like a pig.



# The History of the Firehouse

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The first firehouses were buildings for the horses that pulled wagons to the fire. The wagons carried firefighters and a large tank filled with water.



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Firefighters and horses lived together in the first firehouses so that they could be ready for a fire. Horses lived on the first floor of the firehouse. Firefighters lived and slept on the second floor. Firefighters ate in the kitchen and slept in the bedrooms. Fireplaces kept the firefighters warm on cold nights.

on the second floor

on the first floor

in the kitchen

Firefighters and horses lived together in the first firehouses. The firefighters slept and ate on the second floor. They tossed hay down to the first floor for the horses at feeding time. The horses learned that the second floor was the warmer place to be and learned to climb the stairs. The problem was that the horses could not go down the stairs. When there was a fire, the firefighters didn't have time to get a horse that was stuck on the second floor down the stairs to the fire wagon.

To solve the problem, many firehouses put in circular staircases that the horses couldn't climb up. But these stairs slowed the firefighters when they needed to rush to a fire.

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One firefighter had the idea to cut a hole in the second floor and put a wooden pole from the second floor to the horses on the first. Firefighters could grab the pole and slide down to the first floor. Now firefighters were getting to the fires faster than ever!



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Firefighters lived on the second floor, and the horses lived on the first floor.

Firefighters tossed hay down to the horses at feeding time.

Firefighters needed to get the horses ready quickly when there was a fire.



# Rain Sizes

by John Ciardi

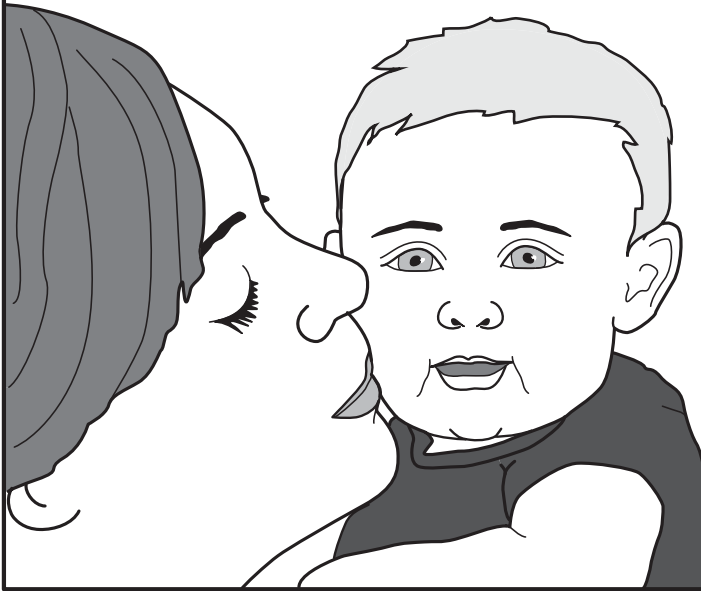
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Some rain is as small as a mist.  
It tickles your face with surprises,  
And tingles as if you'd been kissed.



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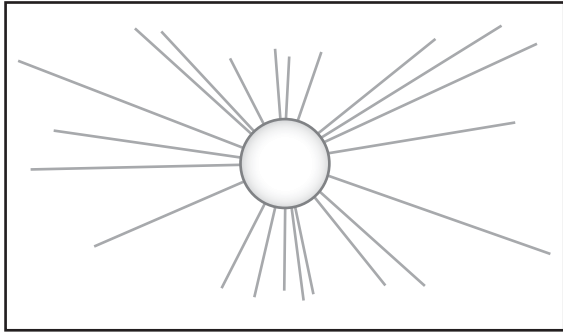


fed



Some rain is the size of a sprinkle  
And doesn't put out all the sun.  
You can see the drops sparkle  
and ,





shine



twinkle



fall

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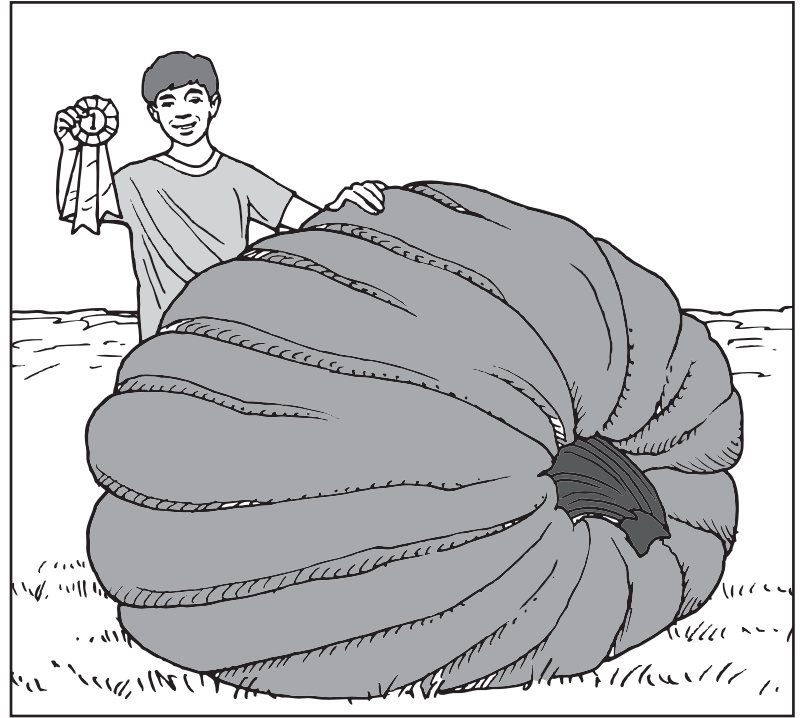
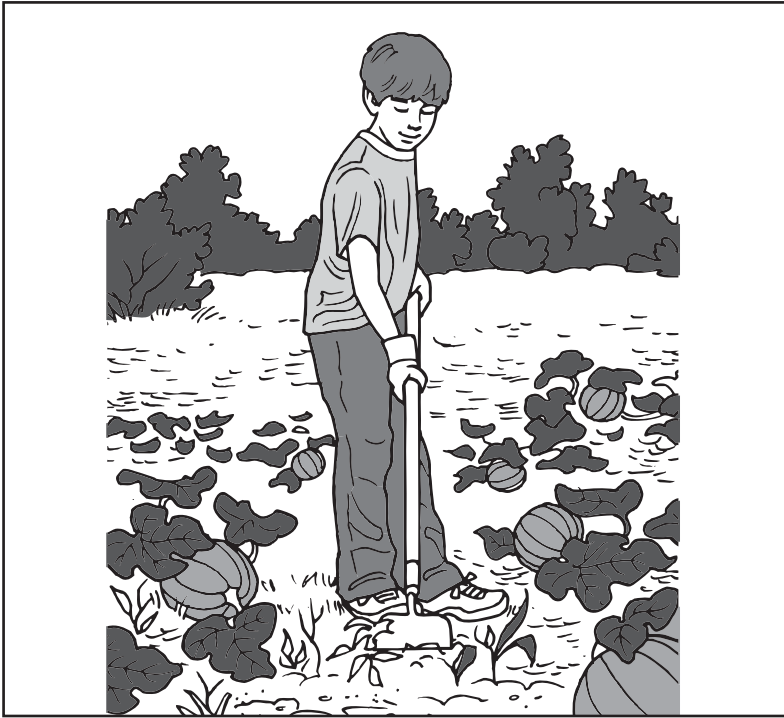


Jimmy wants to grow a giant pumpkin like the one on the poster.



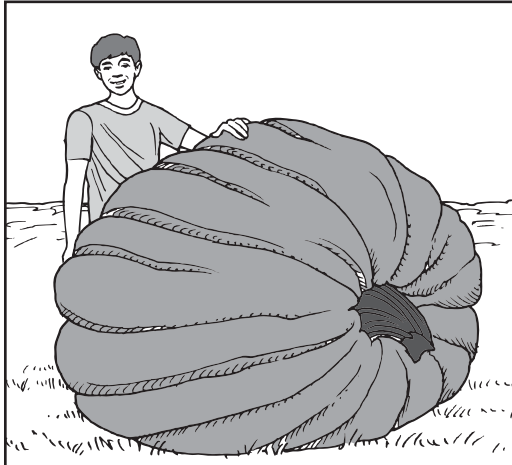
Jimmy wants to grow a giant pumpkin and win a first-place ribbon at the fall fair.





# The Runaway Pumpkin

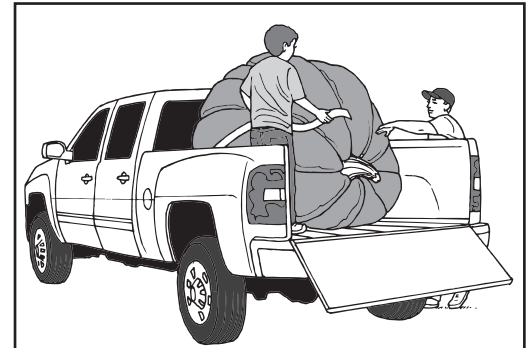
Jimmy wanted to grow a giant pumpkin. Jimmy planted the pumpkin seeds in dirt piles he made in the garden. Every day Jimmy dragged the water hose through the yard and watered the plants so they would not dry up. The seeds grew into pumpkins. Jimmy chose the biggest pumpkin in the garden to take to the fair.



Jimmy  
chose the  
biggest  
pumpkin.



Jimmy  
used a  
hose to  
water the  
pumpkin  
plants.

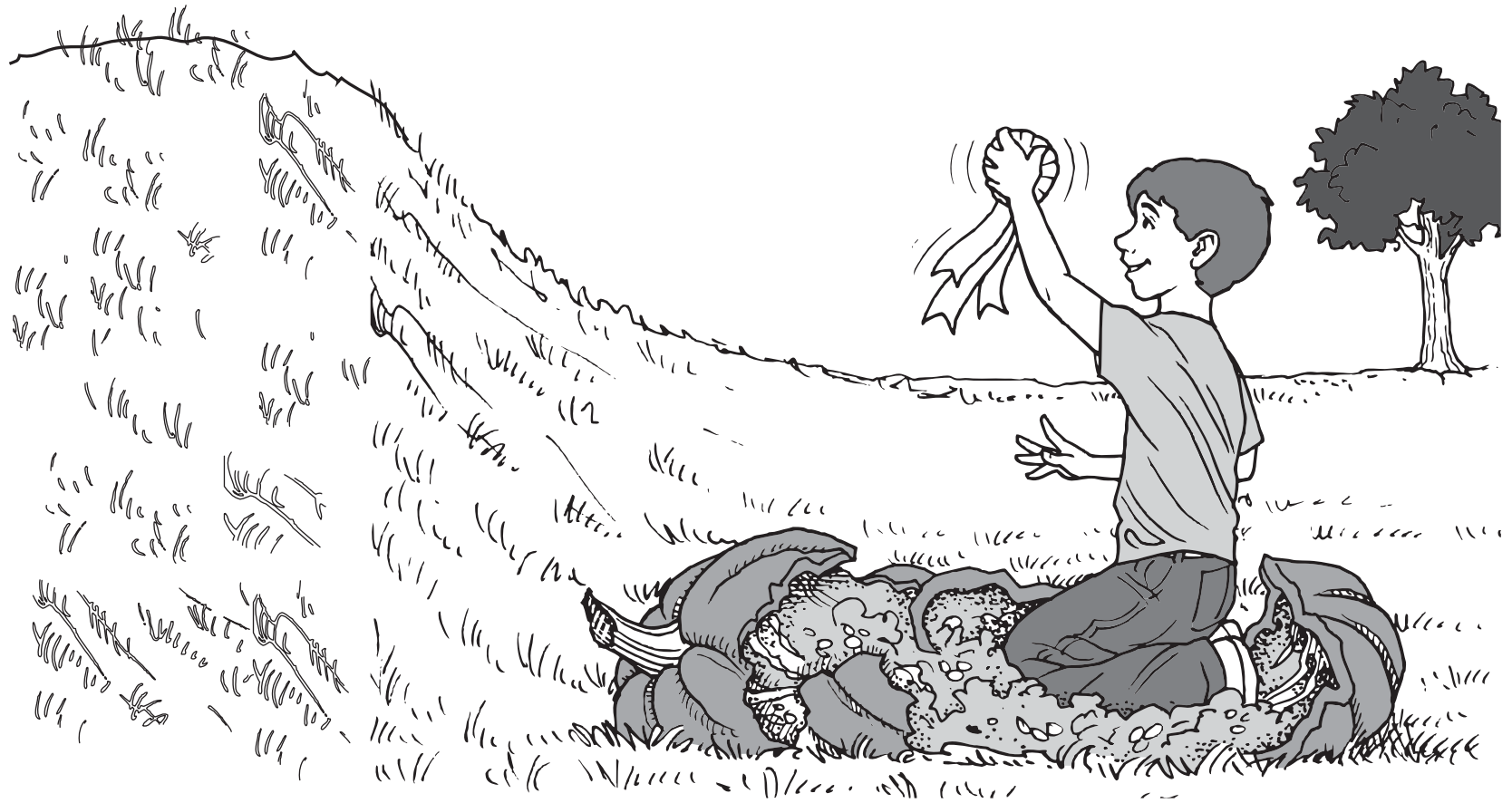


Jimmy  
and his  
father  
loaded his  
pumpkin  
onto the  
truck.

At the fair Jimmy wanted the judges to see his pumpkin first. Jimmy put his giant pumpkin in a grassy spot on the top of a hill. Jimmy's dad said, "I hope your pumpkin doesn't roll down the hill." Then Jimmy and his dad walked around the fair to see the other pumpkins in the contest.

When they got back, Jimmy's pumpkin was gone. A big orange mess covered the grass at the bottom of the hill.

Jimmy ran down the hill and picked up a shiny bit of his first-place ribbon from the mess. Jimmy's pumpkin had won a prize!





Jimmy won a first-place ribbon for his pumpkin.

Jimmy put his pumpkin on the top of a hill.

Jimmy and his dad walked around to see the other pumpkins in the contest.

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