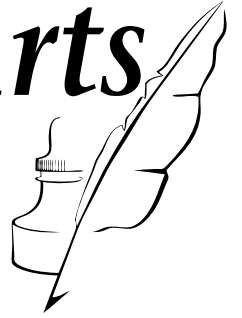


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## **Blue Student Activity Book**

This *Blue Student Activity Book* is a companion to *The Blue Book* portion of *The Common Sense Reading Program*. The pages in this book are perforated so you can pull them out for your student's use. *The Blue Student Activity Book* is not intended to be used independently. The information and material you need to teach are found in *The Blue Book Teacher's Manual*.

## **Materials Packet**

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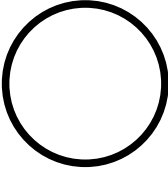
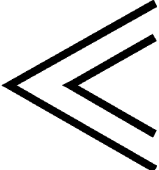
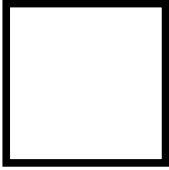
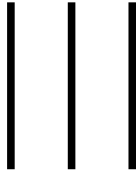


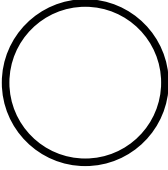
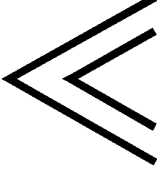
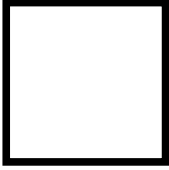
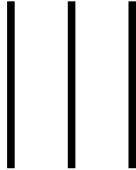


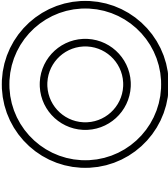
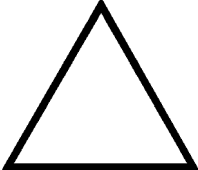
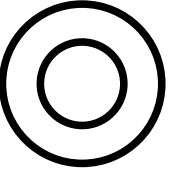

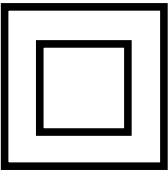
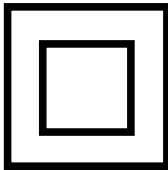
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## **Readers**

Also included in *The Blue Book* portion of *The Common Sense Reading Program* are the following readers:

- Successful Reading for Beginners**
- 12 Short Vowel Readers (teal covers)
- 6 Bridge Readers (yellow covers)
- 10 Long Vowel Readers (purple covers)



					
					
					
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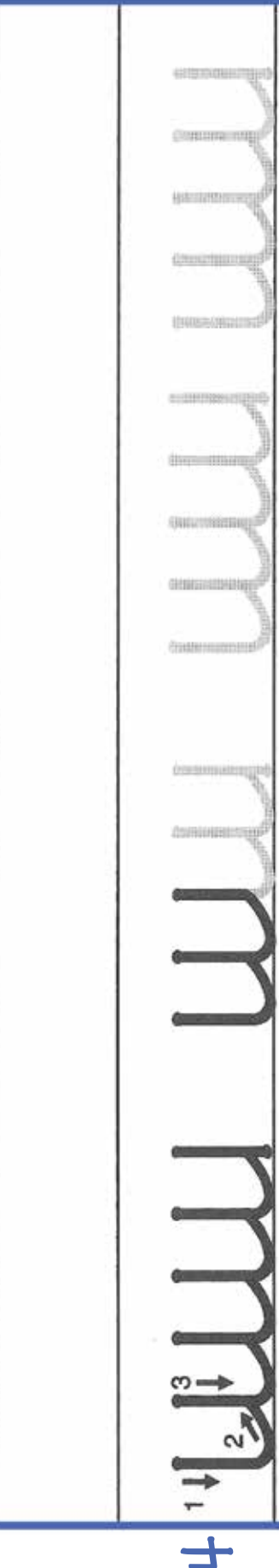
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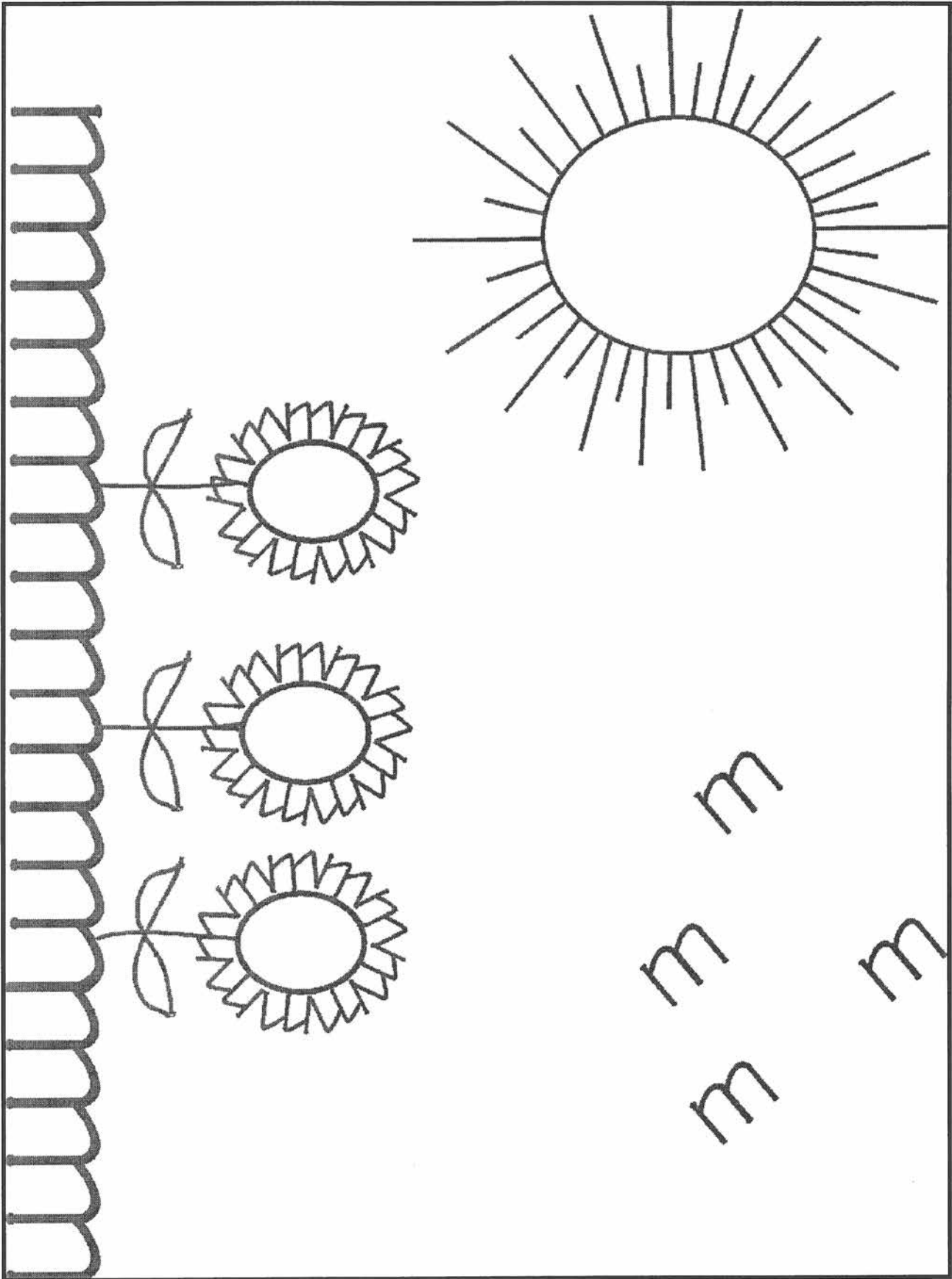


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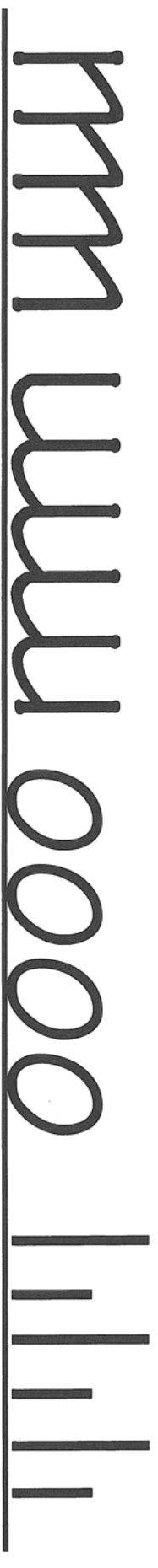
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Story Folder

# The Lion and the Mouse

by  
Aesop

that you were right all along. I have been too proud. I am sorry for the way I laughed at you, and I would be very thankful if you would help me now."



The little mouse was very happy to help his King, and he quickly freed the big lion. When they were both safely on the jungle floor again, Lion held Mouse in his great paw. "Mouse, you have taught me an important lesson today. I have learned not to be so proud, and I know now that even little animals can be of great help to anyone."

Deep in the jungles of Africa, there lived a great Lion. He knew that he was the bravest and strongest beast in the jungle. He knew that no other animal was as strong as he was. But Lion was too prideful. He did not think that he would ever need other animals to help him. He thought that he could do anything.



One night, Lion heard a noise in his den. He got up and spotted a tiny mouse scurrying about in a corner looking for food. The King was tired of the mouse running around in his den. He grabbed the little mouse, and was about to throw him out. But before he did this, the mouse shouted out to him.



"Please, King Lion. Let me stay here. I will try not to make as much noise," said the mouse.

But Lion was angry with the mouse for being in his home. "Why should I let you go?" he asked.

Mouse said, "I know I look small to you, but if you help me, one day I might be able to help you."

Lion thought this was funny and he decided to let the mouse go.

Lion laughed for a few days afterwards about the little mouse who thought that he would be able to help a great king. He soon forgot about Mouse though and went about his business as usual.



One day as he was walking around in the jungle, he was suddenly tossed up into the air. Lion found

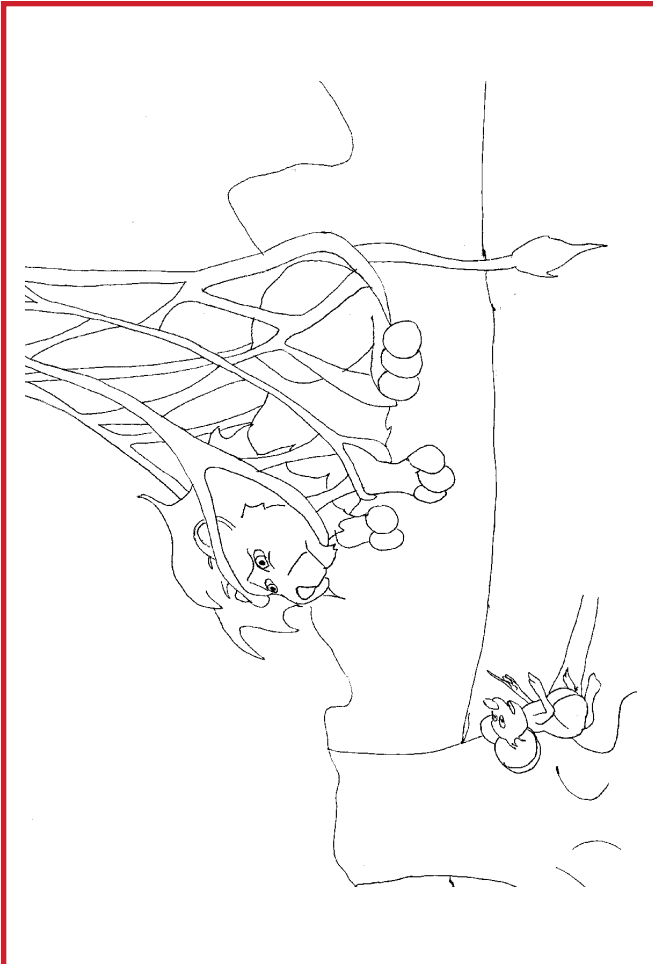
himself trapped in the air by a huge net. "Oh no!" groaned Lion. "I do not think I can get out of this trap. But if I do not, the hunter who set this trap will come back and get me."

As he was crying in the trap, there was a tiny mouse running about the jungle floor right underneath the King. It was the same mouse whom Lion had spared in his den. Mouse heard Lion crying up above him. He ran up the tree to see what was going on. Mouse was surprised to see the King in the trap. "King, what has happened to you?" he asked. "You must escape from the trap before the hunter comes!"

Lion replied, "I have been trying for hours, and my strength is gone. I cannot escape." He hung his head in sadness.

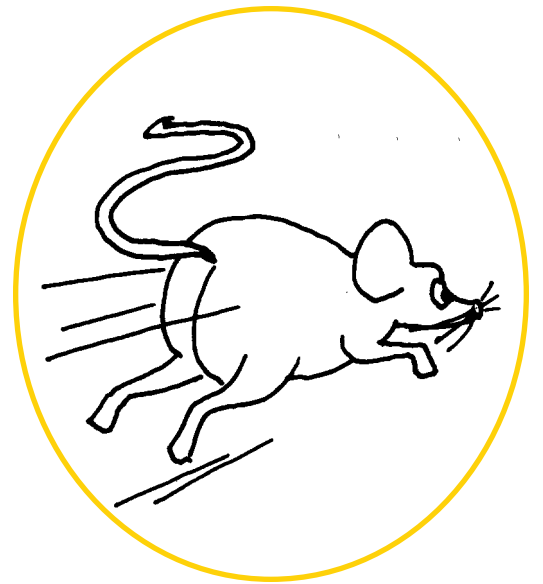
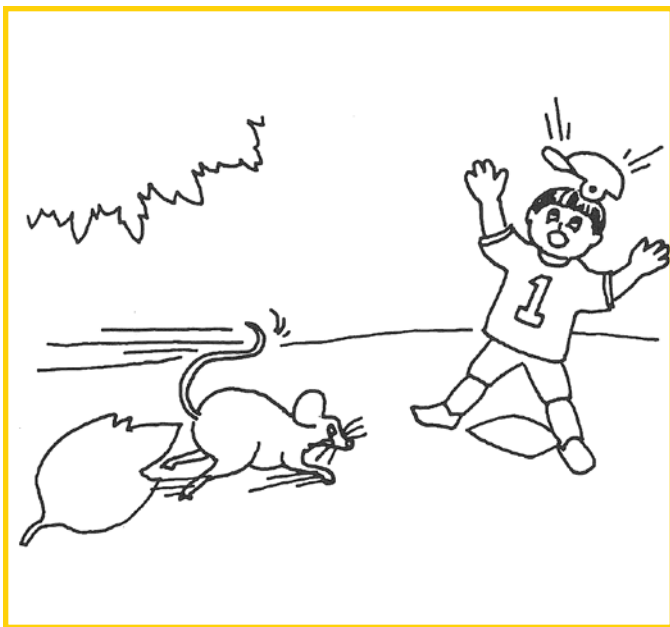
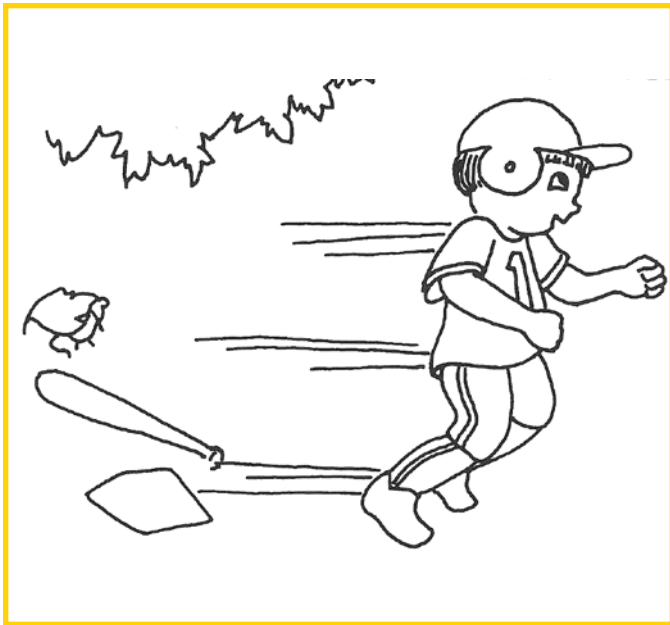
Mouse was thinking very hard. "Lion," he said, "I think I can help you. If you want me to, I will chew through these cords and set you free. It looks like I have the chance to help you after all."

Now Lion was thinking about what Mouse said. He knew that Mouse could free him. He wanted to be free more than anything. But he also knew that he would have to tell Mouse that he had been right, and he would have to apologize to Mouse for laughing at him. This would be very hard to do for the proud King. He knew that his life was worth more than his pride. He spoke to Mouse, "Little one, I see









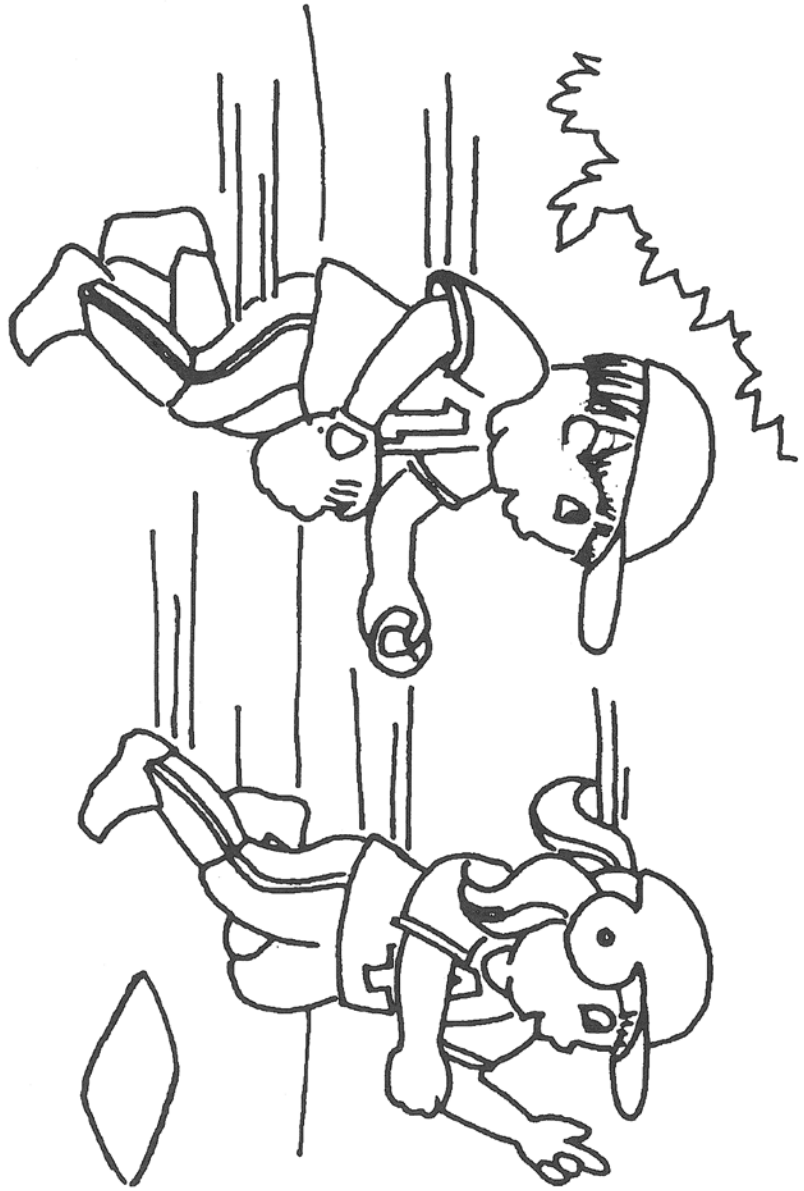


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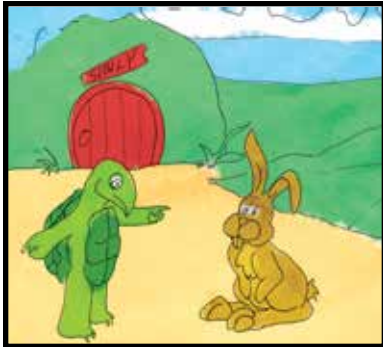
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# The Nature News

## The Race of the Decade

By Wiser, the Owl



Yesterday, in the meadow, there was a great race! All the animals of the meadow showed up to cheer for either Speedy the Hare or Slowly the Tortoise.

It all started the day Speedy ran by the home of Slowly. Slowly was outside watering his spinach when the hare ran by his home. The hare raised up a bunch of dust when he ran by. The tortoise fell flat on his back. Slowly called out to the hare in a slow voice, "Speedy," he called slowly, "Come back here, Speedy."

"What's up, Slowly?" asked the hare. "Hurry up! I'm in a hurry to get somewhere."

"Well, that is what I wanted to talk to you about," the tortoise said. "You see, Speedy, you are always speeding around here and knocking me over or messing up my spinach. I do not like it, Speedy." The tortoise was tired of being knocked over.

"Me? Slow down?" asked Speedy, laughing. "You are so slow that you do not even know what

fast is. I was not even running fast just now. Why don't you go back to watering your plants?"

"I will make a deal with you, Speedy," said Slowly. "If I can beat you in a race, then you have to promise to stop running by my house and getting dust all over my spinach, O.K.?"

When he heard this, Speedy laughed again, but he agreed to the tortoise's bet.

So, the next day in the meadow, the two animals met at the race track. I asked Slowly and Speedy questions about the race.

"What do you think about the race?" I asked Speedy.

"Wiser," he told me, "I do not think I will have any problem with speeding past this slow tortoise. He does not have a chance!"

I asked Slowly the same question.

"Well, Wiser, I know that he is really fast, but I have a feeling that Speedy will make a mistake in this race."

When both contestants were ready, the judge of the race shouted, "Go!" and they took off. Actually, only Speedy took off. Slowly began at a slow walk. Being an owl, I followed the race by flying in the air, above the two animals. After the race had begun, I saw Speedy look behind him. He saw that Slowly was nowhere in sight. So he decided to



take a short rest. He said to himself, "That silly tortoise is so far behind that he has probably given up." After a while, Speedy was still asleep. Soon, I saw Slowly walk past the sleeping hare. He nodded to me as he passed Speedy, as if to say, "I told you so!"

I flew on to the finish line. I waited for the winner with the other animals of the meadow. Everyone began to cheer as they saw Slowly walking to the finish line. The loud cheer woke up Speedy, and when he saw that the tortoise was about to cross the finish line, he ran toward it as fast as he could. He was much too late to beat Slowly now. The tortoise crossed the line, and when Speedy crossed the line, there was Slowly smiling at him.

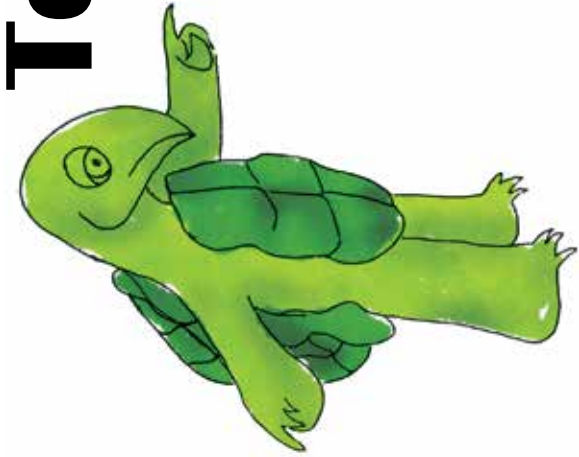




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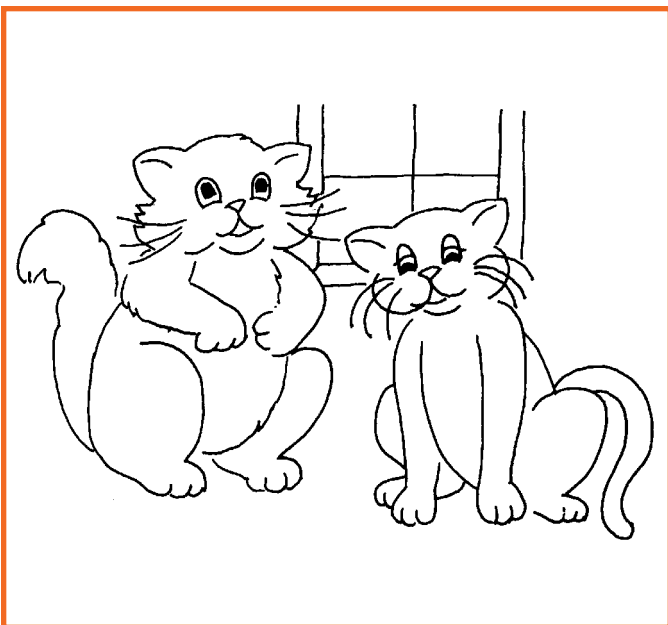
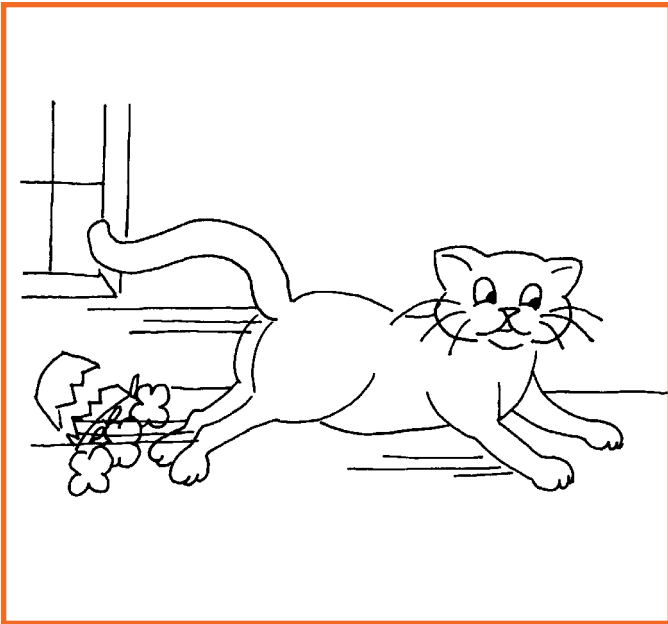
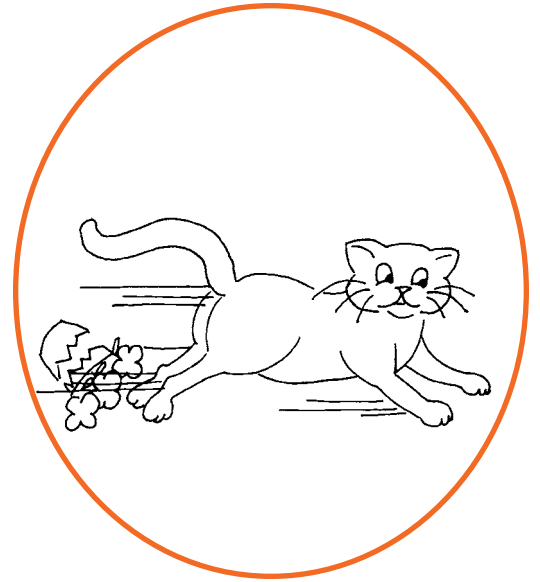
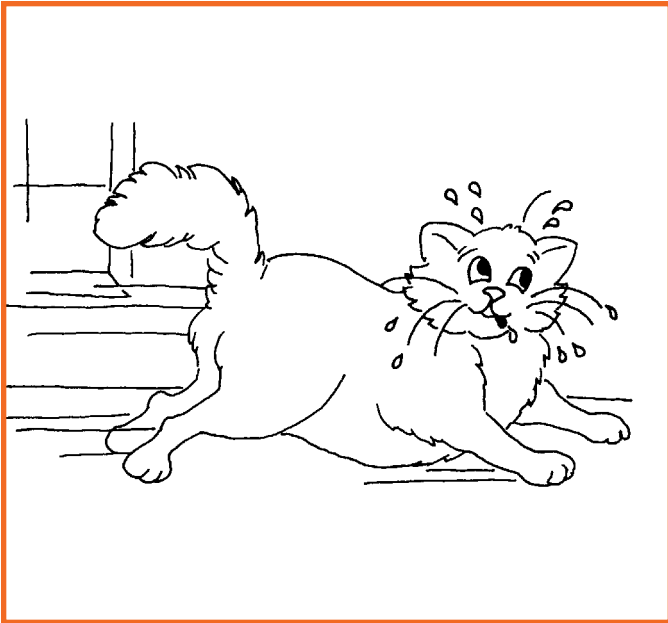


# Tortoise









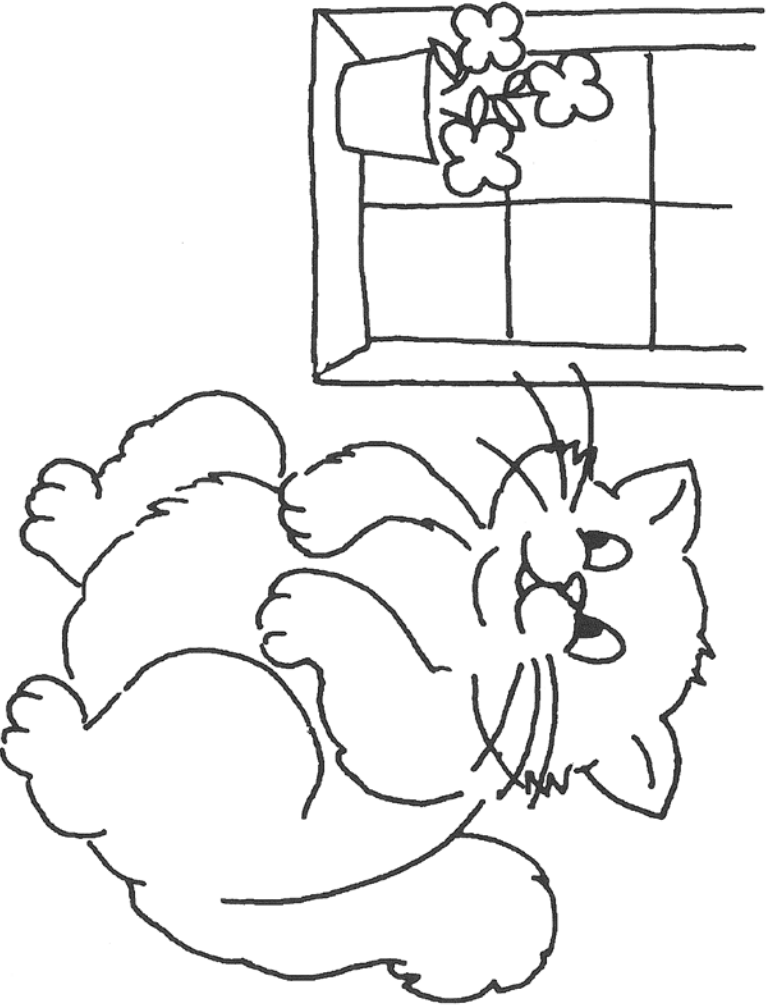


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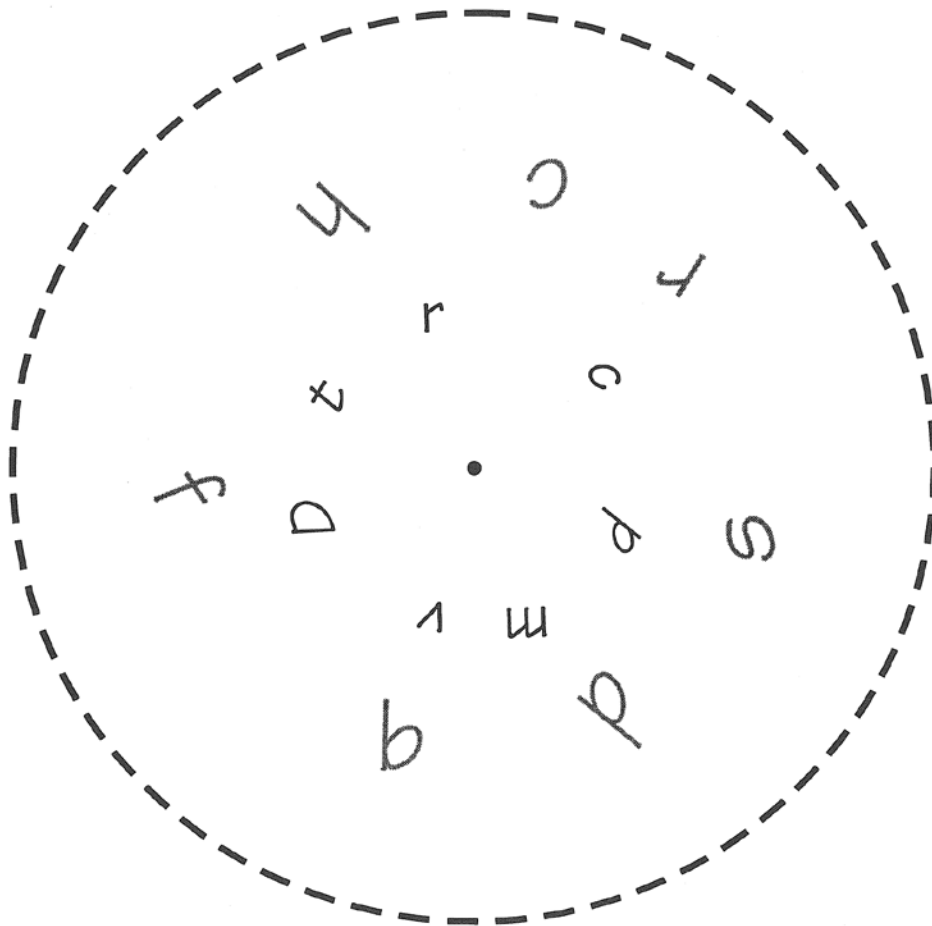
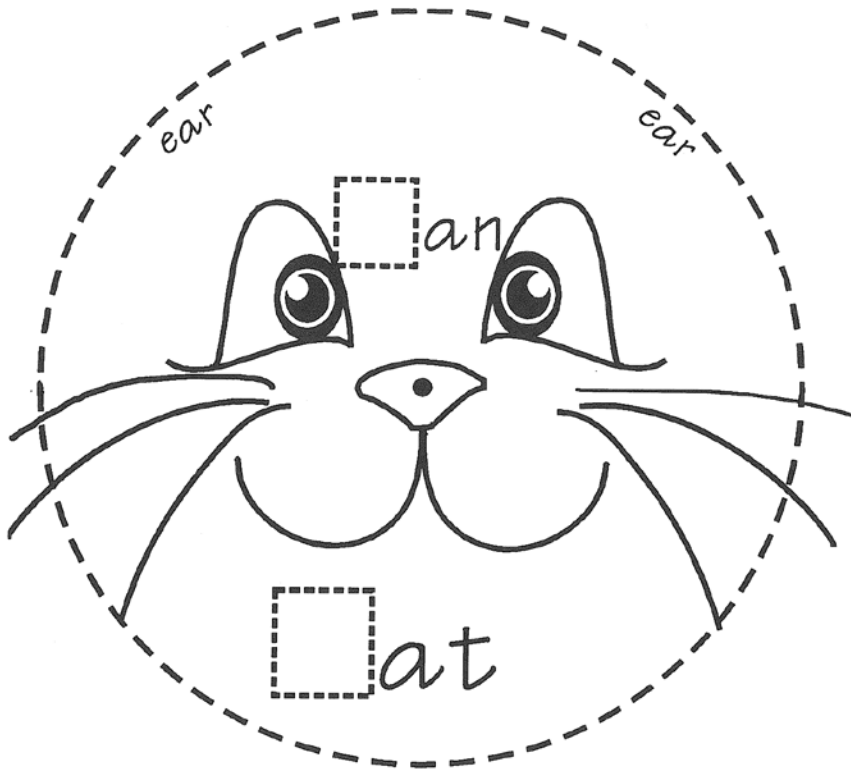
The cat sat.

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## Directions for Cat Word Wheel

Cut out the 2 circles and 2 ears. Glue onto construction paper if desired. Cut out the 2 squares on the cat face. Trace the letters that have been taught on the letter circle.

Put a brad through the center dot on the cat face and then through the center dot on the letter circle. Fold the brad pieces over so the circles can move easily. Glue the ears in place. Hold the bottom circle and turn the top one to create words.





## Story 1

### New Sight Words

here is big  
little I are

The cat and  
rat are here.

Here is the  
big cat.

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little rat.





## Story 1 (cont.)

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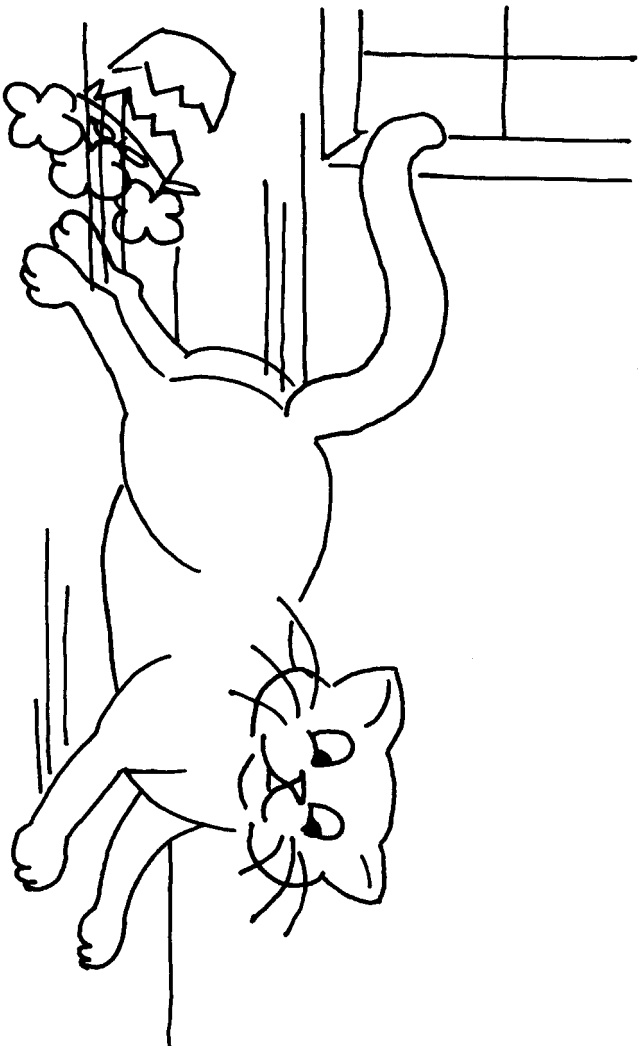
The big cat  
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A rat ran.

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