

**Dear Parents,**

**Please enjoy the activities in this packet with your family to continue learning about our great county and its rich history during the extended break this week.**

**We look forward to seeing you again soon!**

**Sincerely,**

**Bell County Museum staff**



## **Ice Excavation!**

Teach your kids about archaeology and excavation with this fun and easy activity!

Explain to your kids that archaeologists excavate (dig up) artifacts that tell them all about ancient peoples and how they lived. Remember, archaeologists don't dig up bones; that's a paleontologist's job!

In a small plastic cup, gather some fun items from home, fill the cup with water and put it in the freezer. When it's frozen, let the kids use different tools to excavate the artifacts!

## **Rain Sticks**

Many Native American tribes would make rain sticks to be used during powwows. These rain sticks not only paid tribute to the gods, but also helped to encourage the gods to send rain. Rain was very important in helping crops grow and providing necessary water to the tribes and the local animals.

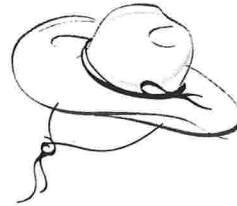
You can make your own rain stick with things found at home!

Have kids decorate a toilet paper roll. Then, attach a piece of wax or construction paper to one end using a rubber band and fill with a few pinches of rice or beans. Attach another piece of wax or construction paper to the other end with a rubber band.

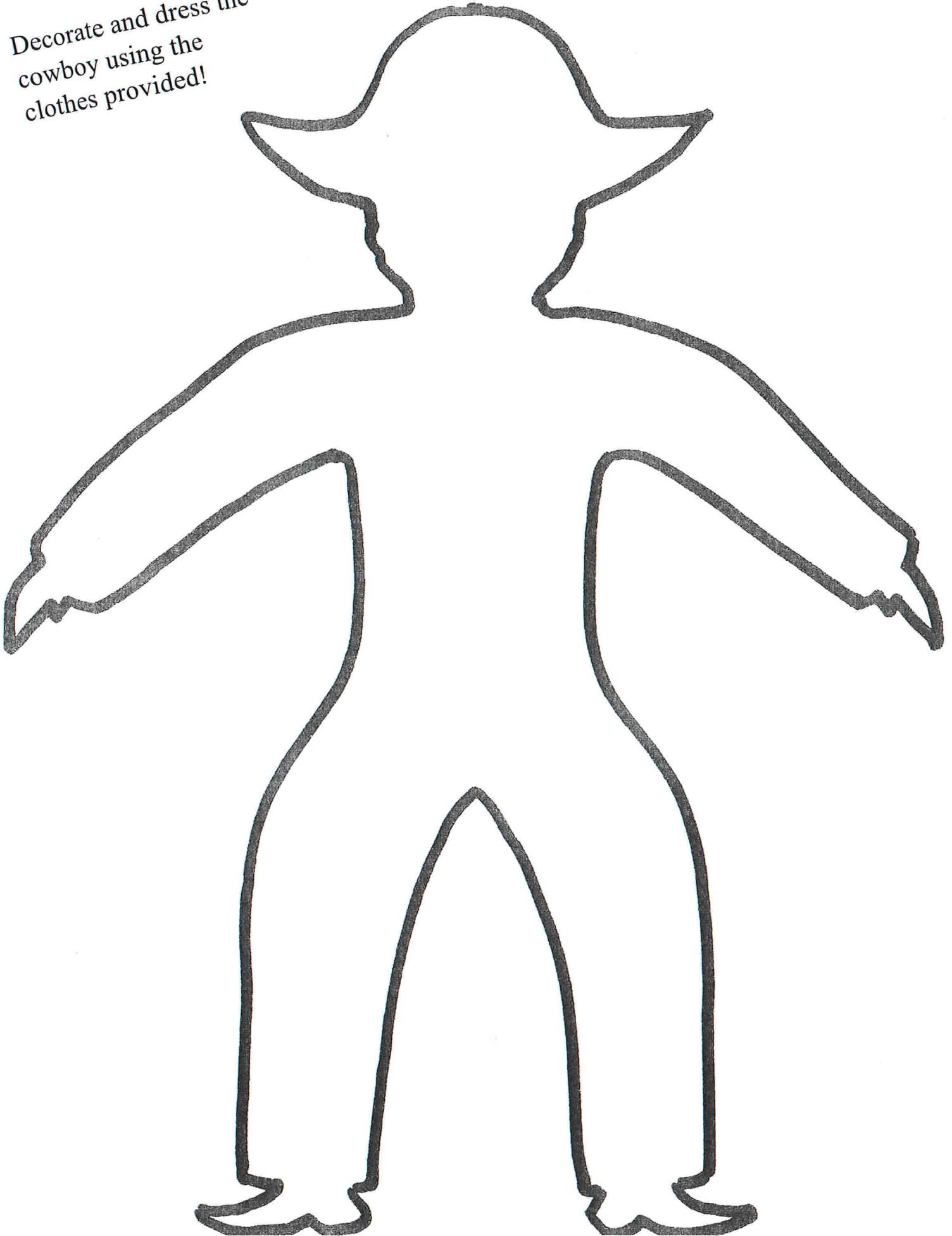
Host your own powwow for rain!

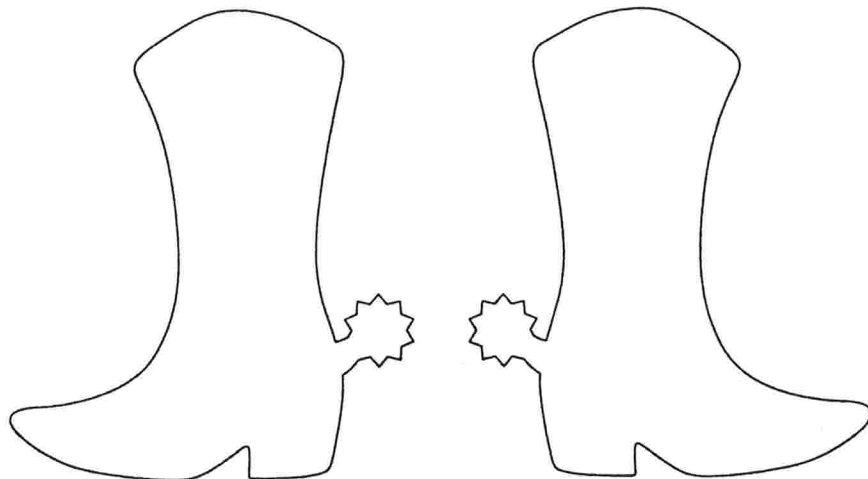
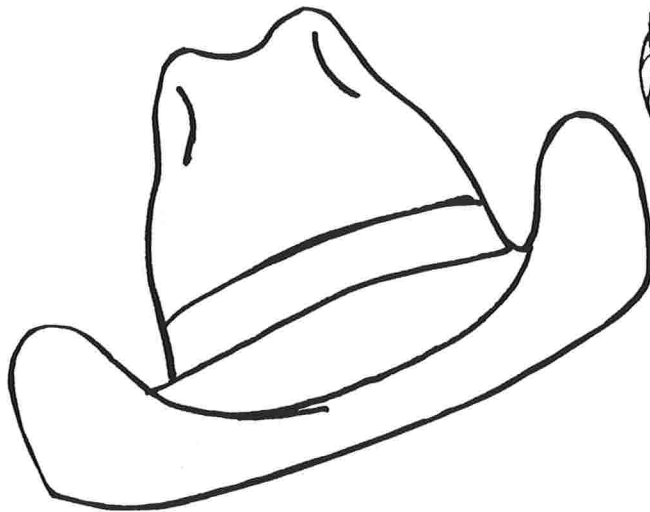
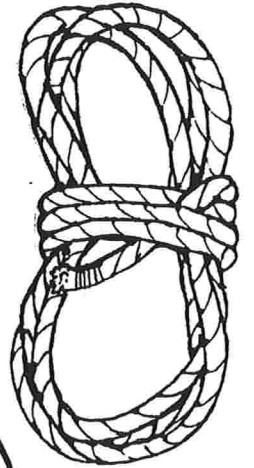
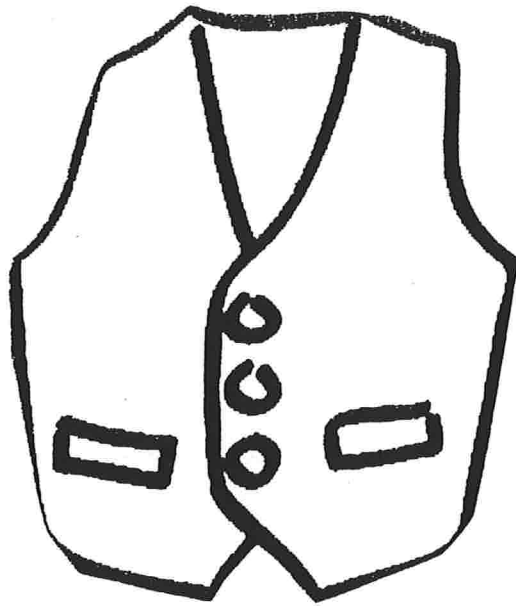
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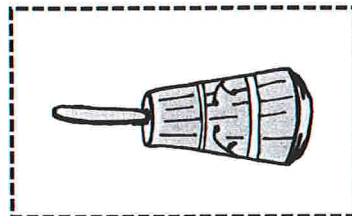
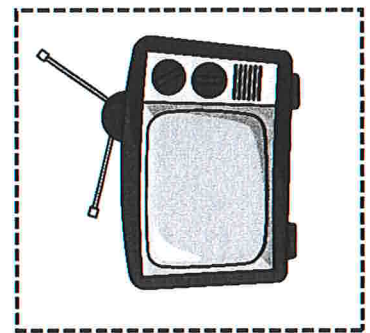
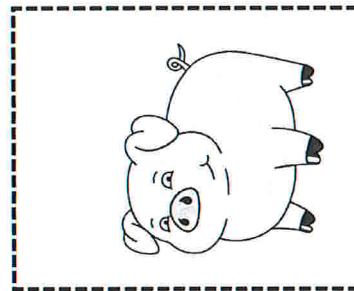
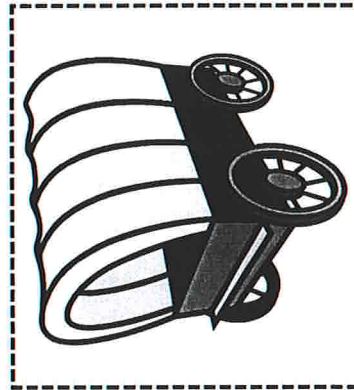
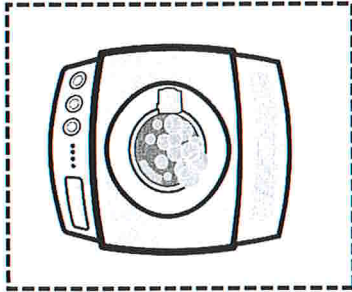
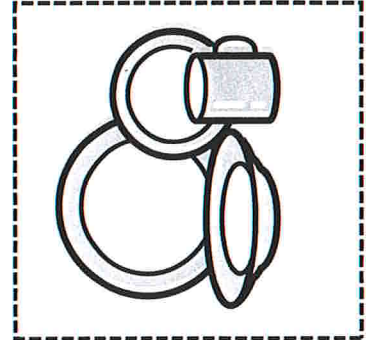
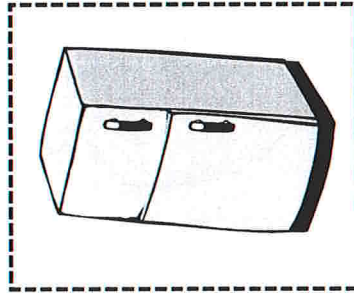
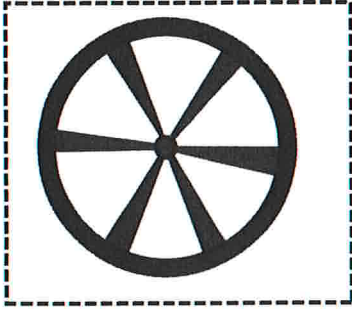
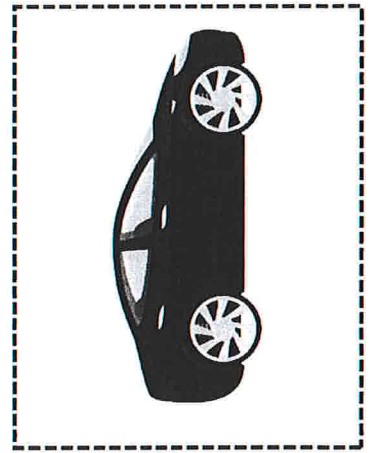
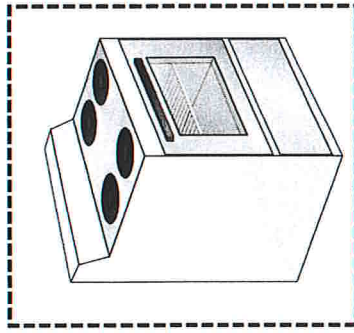
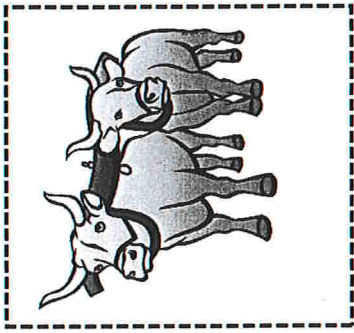
Circle the things that belong to a cowboy. Put an X on the things that do not belong to a cowboy.



Decorate and dress the  
cowboy using the  
clothes provided!





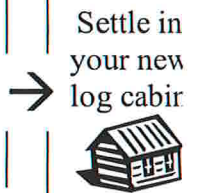
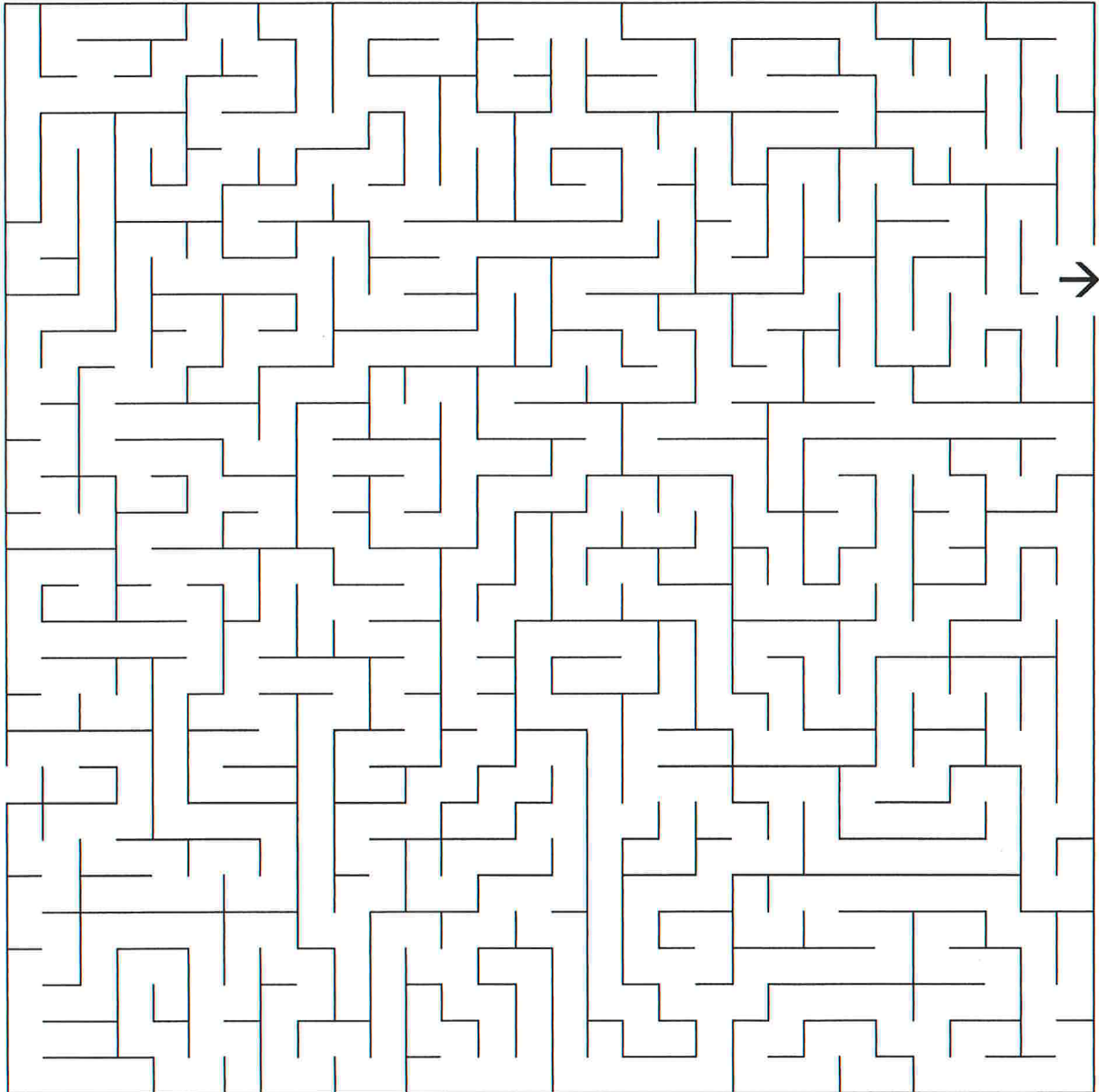




*What do you think a pioneer family would bring to Texas?*

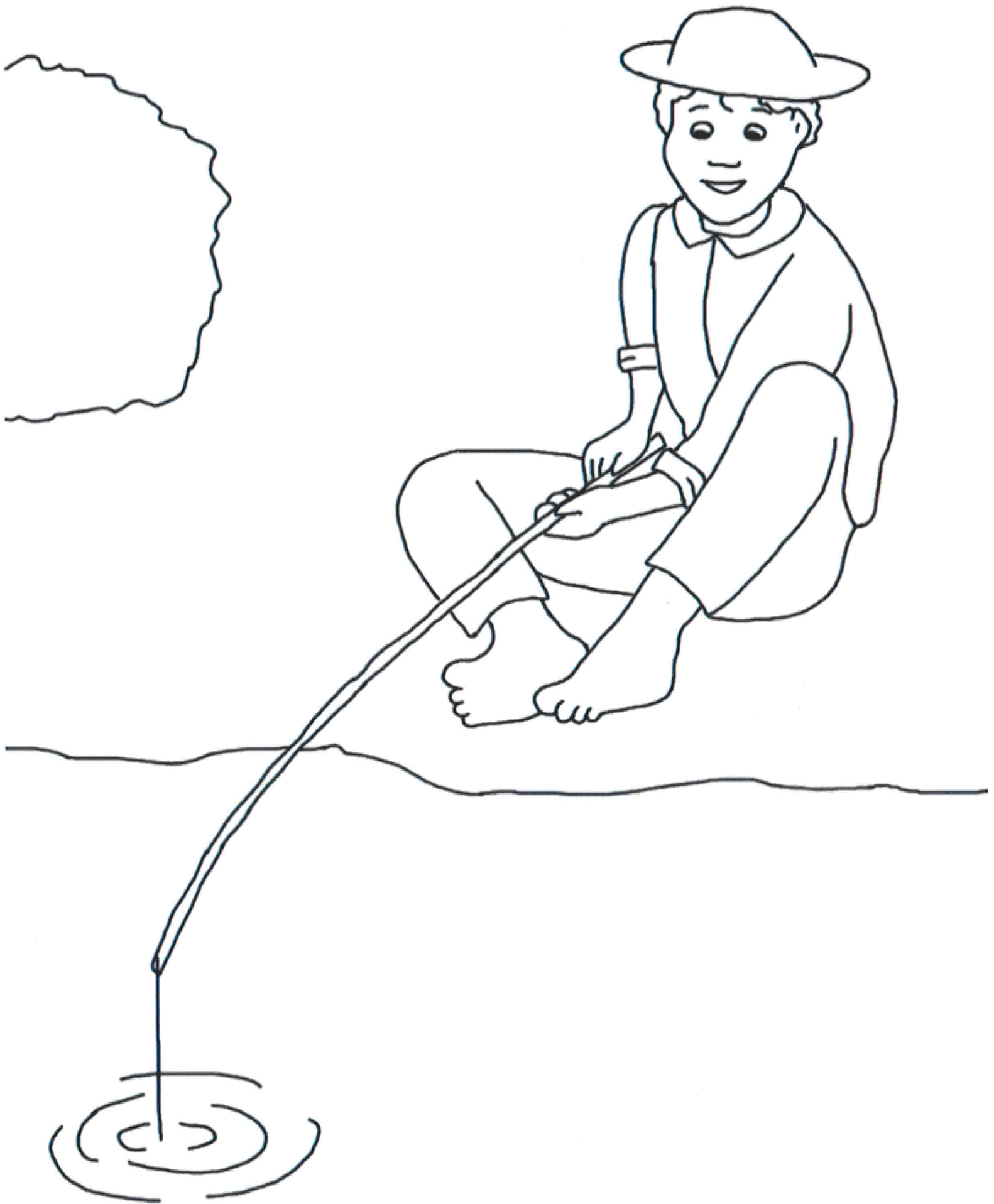
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# Travel to Texas!

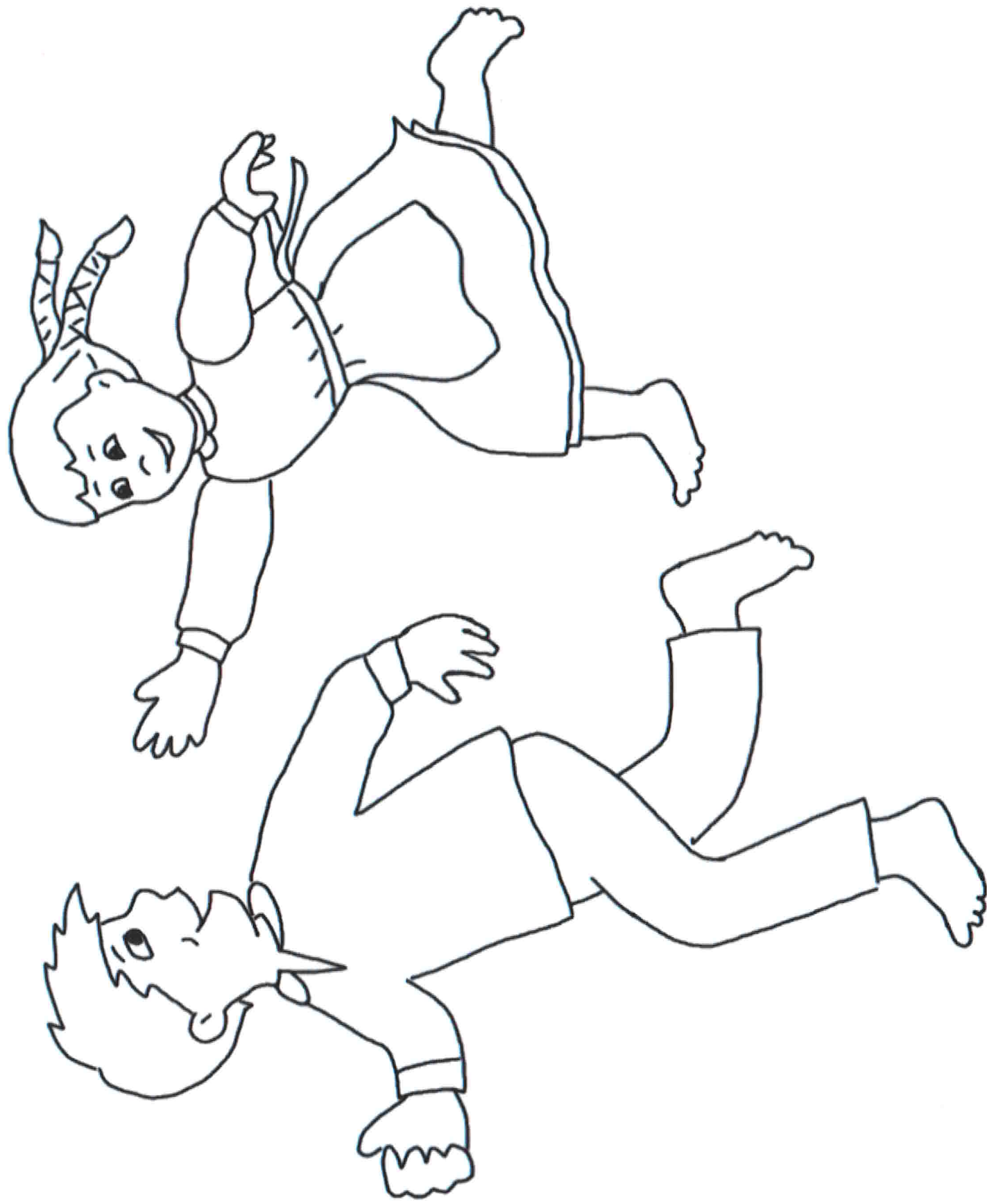


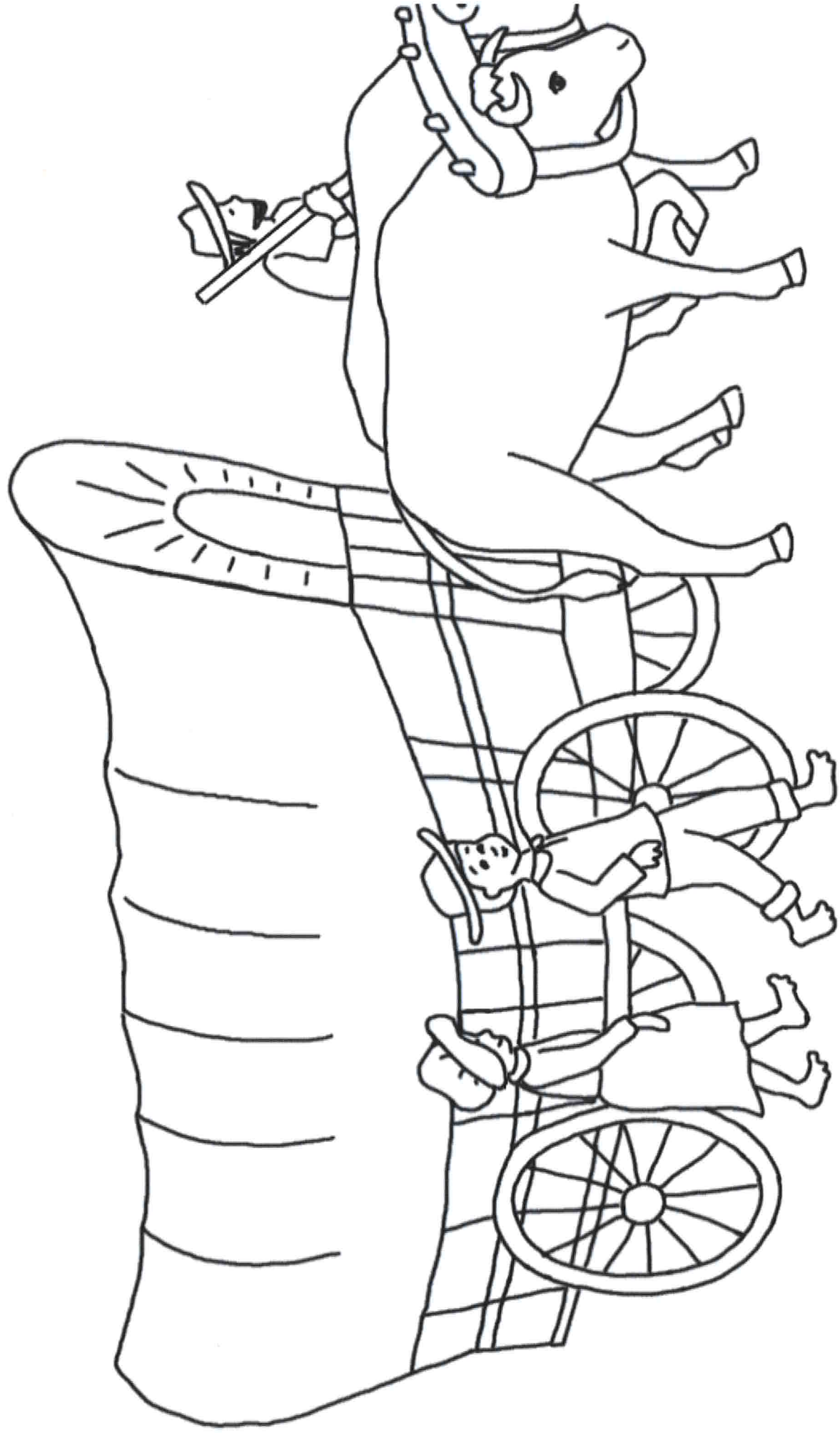
# Hide and Seek















## **Campaign Buttons**

Campaign buttons are often used to help people show support of a particular candidate or an important law. This would help drive others to learn more about the topic and encourage them to vote for them.

Using supplies found around the house, have your kids make their own buttons to show their support of something important to them!

## **Hoovervilles**

Explain to kids that after the stock market crash in 1929, many people lost their life savings, their jobs, and many times, their homes. For this reason, people were building shacks out of scrap materials to make homes for their families. Since the president, Herbert Hoover, refused to offer assistance to those affected by the crash, these neighborhoods of homes became known as “Hoovervilles”.

Using supplies found around the house, have kids build their own “Hooverville” homes. What works best to make a structure that will stand on its own and withstand different weather conditions?

## WWII Rations

Explain that during the war, many goods were only available in limited amounts. This was to be sure that soldiers in Europe got enough food, gas, rubber, and other supplies to help them win the war. Every family received special ration coupons that could be used to buy these limited items, but when the coupons ran out, you couldn't buy more!

Using the included recipes and ration coupons, work with your kids to make the meals for your family. What needs to be removed or changed in the recipe to be sure that both meals can be made with the coupons provided? The coupons provided add up to 96 points and each thing has a point value listed on the table provided.

Once you have done that, make your own ration cookies to further show how rationing changed American meals!

# WWII No-Bake Cookie Recipe

$\frac{3}{4}$  tsp applesauce (in place of butter)  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp corn syrup (in place of sugar)  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp milk  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp cocoa  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp sunflower butter (in place of peanut butter)  
Dash of vanilla  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tbsp oatmeal (in place of flour)

In a bowl, mix applesauce, corn syrup, milk and cocoa powder until fully blended together.

Next, stir in the sunflower butter and vanilla until fully blended together.

Finally, mix in the oatmeal until fully covered. Scoop up with your spoon and place on the parchment paper to harden for 20 minutes.

**Eat and enjoy!**

Chicken and Dumplings  
SERVINGS 4-6

2 lbs chicken  
2 stalks of celery  
4 carrots  
1 medium onion  
14 ounces of chicken  
broth  
2 tablespoons parsley  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
water

DUMPLINGS

2 cups flour  
4 teaspoons baking  
powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup milk

Beef Stew

Vegetable oil  
Flour  
2 1/2 pounds beef chuck, cut into 2-  
inch cubes  
salt and pepper  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 medium onions  
10 cups beef broth  
1 -1/4 pounds medium red potatoes  
4 medium carrots  
2 celery stalks  
7 whole tomatoes

1 lb of meat = 30 points  
1 cup of vegetables = 20 points  
1 cup of flour, sugar or butter = 10 points  
1 cup broth or milk = 10 points  
1/2 cup of oil or any spices = 5 points

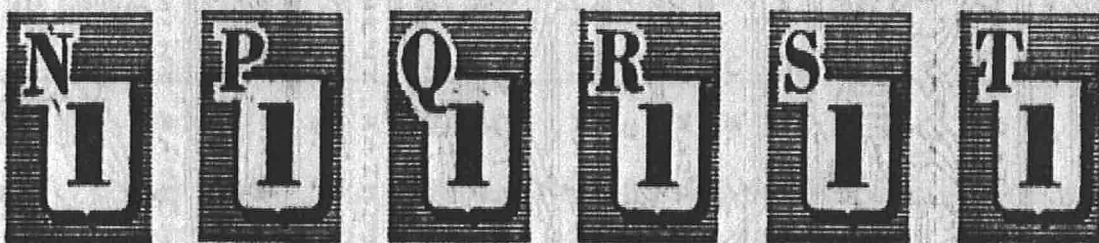
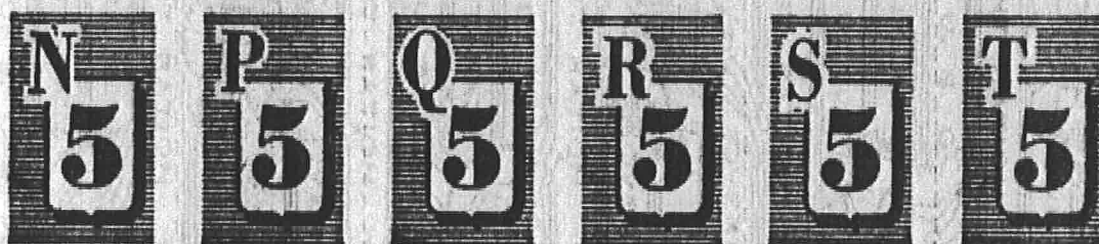

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**Illustrate the story below!**

**Hare always teased Tortoise for her short feet and slow pace. Tortoise replied, "Though you are swift as the wind, I bet I can beat you in a race."**

**Hare, believing Tortoise's challenge to be impossible agreed to the race. They agreed that Fox should choose the course and set the rules.**

**On the day of the race, the two started together at the line. Tortoise never for a moment stopped during the race and went on with a slow but steady pace straight to the end of the course.**

**Hare, however, got tired quickly and laid down to take a nap. He knew he could beat Tortoise no matter what.**

**At last waking up, and moving as fast as he could, he saw Tortoise had already won the race and was taking a nap of her own.**