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EARTH FRIENDLY FAMILY E-ZINE



THE GIFT OF LOVE!

YOUR PRESENCE IS THE BEST PRESENT!

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for teachers!**

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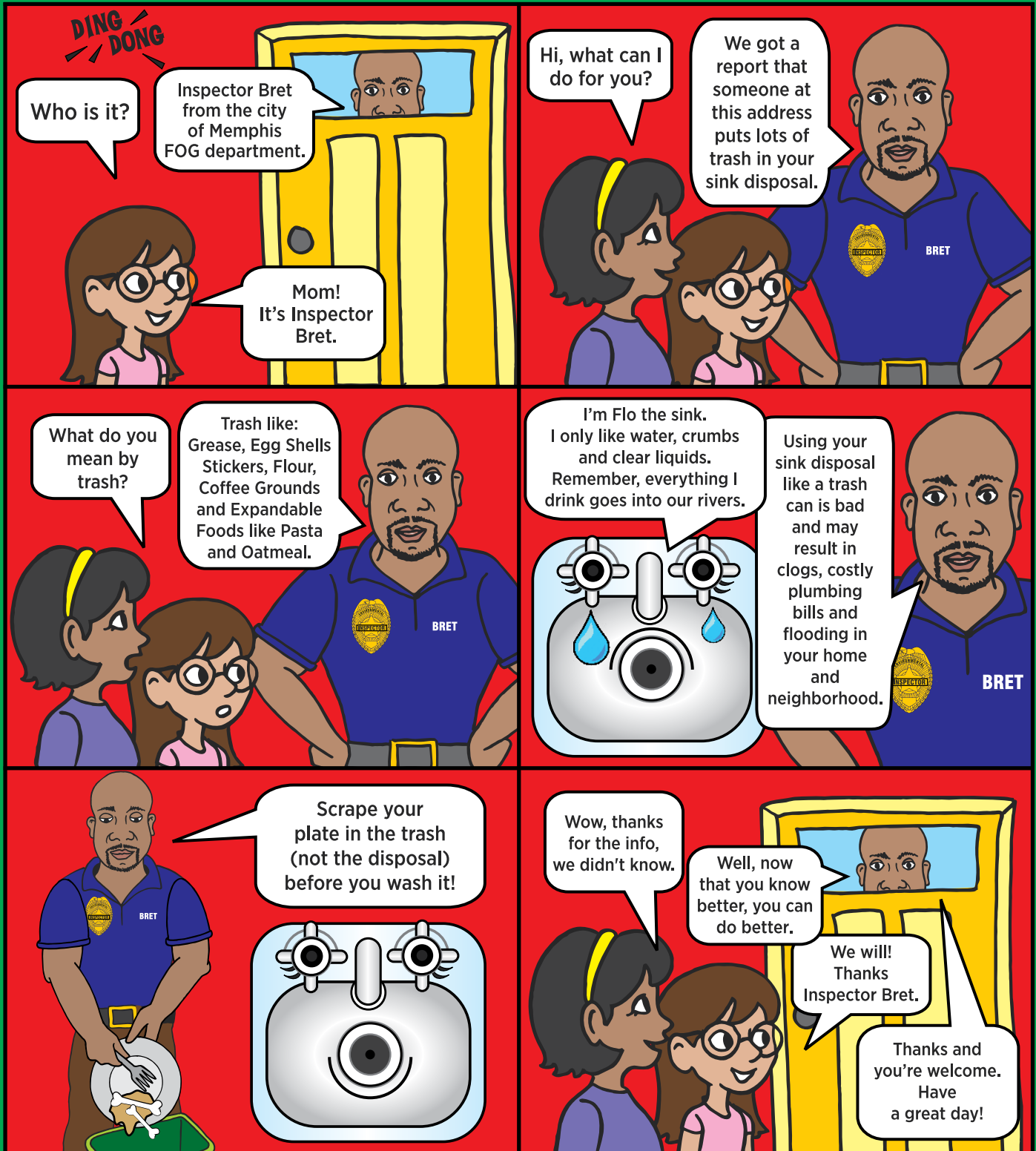
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THE ADVENTURES OF INSPECTOR BRET!



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When in doubt, trash it!

SEASON'S GREETINGS MY FAMILY OF FRIENDS!

It's December and many of us are excited about the holidays. For me, it's winter solstice and Christmas. We have annual traditions that we look forward to sharing together. What holidays do you celebrate in the winter and what is one of your traditions? Write to me and tell me more! (see page 6)

It's obvious why kids love Christmas, it's a time when many expect to be showered with gifts from Santa and their family members. If you're fortunate enough to celebrate in this way, take a moment during the month of December to research ways to give back to those who are less fortunate. There are plenty of charities in the Mid South asking for contributions. Ask your parents if there's some meaningful way you and your family can give back.

Most of the time, *GIVING* is even *MORE* rewarding than receiving, so remember...even if you don't have money or material things to offer your loved ones during the holidays...the *BEST GIFT IS YOUR PRESENCE*. That means, *PUT AWAY YOUR PHONE AND LOOK INTO PEOPLE'S EYES*, ask questions then *LISTEN*, help a neighbor or relative with household chores...give *BIG* hugs AND just be present in each moment with your family. These gestures are meaningful and can last a lifetime. Want more ideas? Check out our parents article on page 12.

BE GREEN LIKE ME and scrape your holiday plate in the *TRASH* before washing it. Grease, bones and foods that expand like pasta are drain clogging, even in the disposal. Don't ruin your holiday plans dealing with plumbers and a nasty mess.

See you next year!
Peace and love,
Jabberblabber

Jabberblabber
has a new ornament for
his holiday tree with a
big "J" on it!
It's hidden somewhere in
this E-zine. See if you
can help him find it.



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Jabber mail



"Be My Pen Pal" (see page 5), is a popular and regular feature in Jabberblabber E-Zine. Children from all over the Mid-South write letters to Jabberblabber, and he writes EVERYONE back! This fun exercise helps children with letter writing, handwriting and communication skills and gives them an opportunity to send and receive mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Dear Jabberblabber,
My favorite green vegetable is . . . broccoli.
My favorite NOT green vegetable is . . . pizza!
Dinnertime around my home is like this . . . my grandma cooks
and I set the table and clean it off.
My question for you is . . . do you cook?
Sincerely,
Veronica James, age 10, Memphis, TN

Dear Jabberblabber,
My favorite green vegetable is . . . sweet peas.
My favorite NOT green vegetable is . . . carrots.
Dinnertime around my home is like this . . . My mom works at night, so
we warm up food she made or dad brings home takeout.
My question for you is . . . are you a carnivore?
Sincerely,
Daniel Bradbury, age 11, Bartlett, TN

Dear Jabberblabber,
My favorite green vegetable is . . . broccoli.
My favorite NOT green vegetable is . . . cauliflower.
Dinnertime around my home is like this . . . mom gets home from work
and makes us dinner, we usually eat about 6:30. My brother is 14, he
helps her cook. I help with dishes.
My question for you is . . . what is your least favorite chore?
Sincerely,
Saralynn Parker, age 11, Memphis, TN

Dear Jabberblabber,
My favorite green vegetable is . . . spinach but only in smoothies.
My favorite NOT green vegetable is . . . potatoes.
Dinnertime around my home is like this . . . during the week, we
microwave a burrito from the freezer or make ramen noodles.
On weekends, mom cooks and we eat together at the table.
My question for you is . . . do you have a bicycle?
Sincerely,
Brenee Johnson, age 12, Collierville, TN

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BE MY GREEN PENPAL

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As a club member, you pledge to practice the "10 ways to be green like me" (below)!



10 WAYS YOU CAN BE GREEN LIKE ME!

- 1. Turn it up or down 2 degrees!** Turn your heat down 2 degrees in the winter & your air conditioner up 2 degrees in the summer.
- 2. Turn it off!** When you're the last one to leave the room, ALWAYS turn off the lights!
- 3. Unplug It!** Reduce your home energy bill 10% by unplugging your cell phone charger, TV, stereo, and computer when you're not using them.
- 4. Say NO to plastic bags!** Bring your own bag when you go shopping. Plastic is bad for land & animals!
- 5. Shop Locally!** Support local farmers & local businesses who produce here at home.
- 6. Don't Idle!** If you are going to be parked more than 10 seconds, turn it off! Idling cars produce 25% of all Co2 (carbon dioxide) emissions.
- 7. Recycle!** Cans, bottles, cardboard and plastic. Donate unwanted clothes, toys & furniture.
- 8. Reuse!** Get a washable, reusable and refillable water bottle.
- 9. Conserve Water!** Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth and take a short shower rather than a bath.
- 10. Can it!** Trash on the ground is unsightly & can end up in our rivers and oceans. Always throw trash in the trash can. Be kind and pick up others' trash.

What you need:

- The template on the next page or a piece of paper.
- 2 envelopes • 2 stamps • pen or pencil

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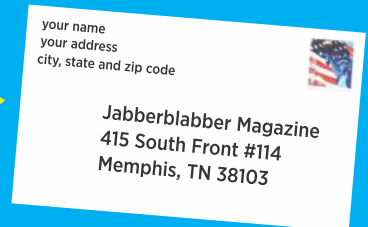
Answer the questions in the template or write me a letter. Then fold it and place it in one of the envelopes.

Step 2:

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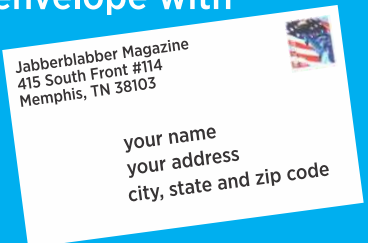
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Memphis Tn 38103

Place a stamp in the top right corner of the envelope.



Step 3:

Address the other envelope to yourself: Your name your address your zip code. Place a stamp in the top right corner. Fold and place in the other envelope with your letter.



Step 4:

MAIL IT! Place in 'OUTGOING MAIL' box at your home or various locations of the United States Post Office (USPS).

You will receive a reply and a **BE GREEN LIKE ME** bumper sticker in the mail in the next few weeks.

All letters submitted are eligible for copy/reprint in a future issue of Jabberblabber Family E-Zine.

Dear Jabberblabber,

I am giving the gift of love this year. I plan on doing something nice for ...

I want to get really healthy, so I plan on eating more ...

I want to tell you about my family. These are the people closest to me ...

The people at school I am closest to are ...

My question for you is ...

Sincerely,

your name:

your age:

your address:

city, state and zip code:

I pledge to practice the "10 ways to be GREEN"



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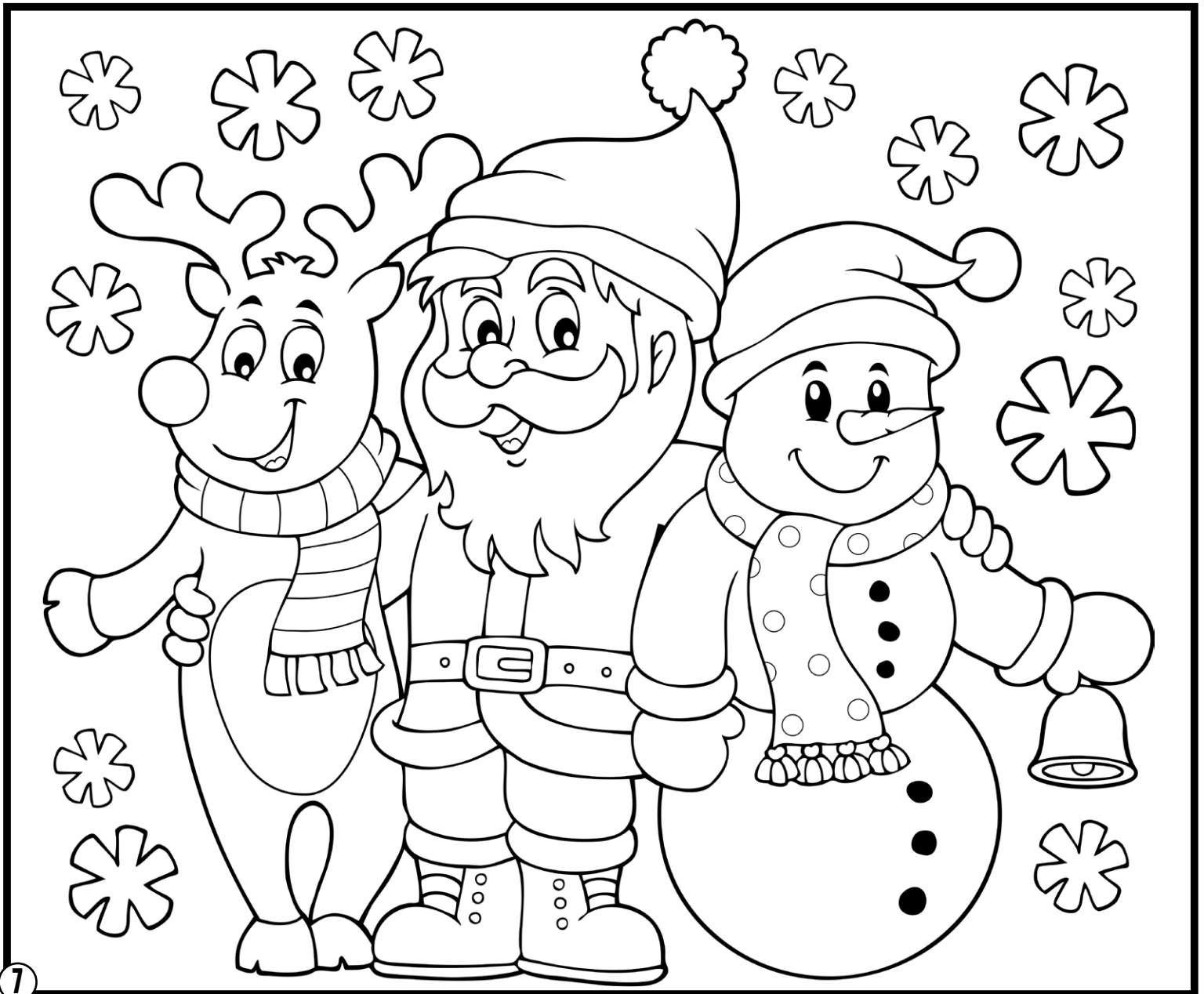
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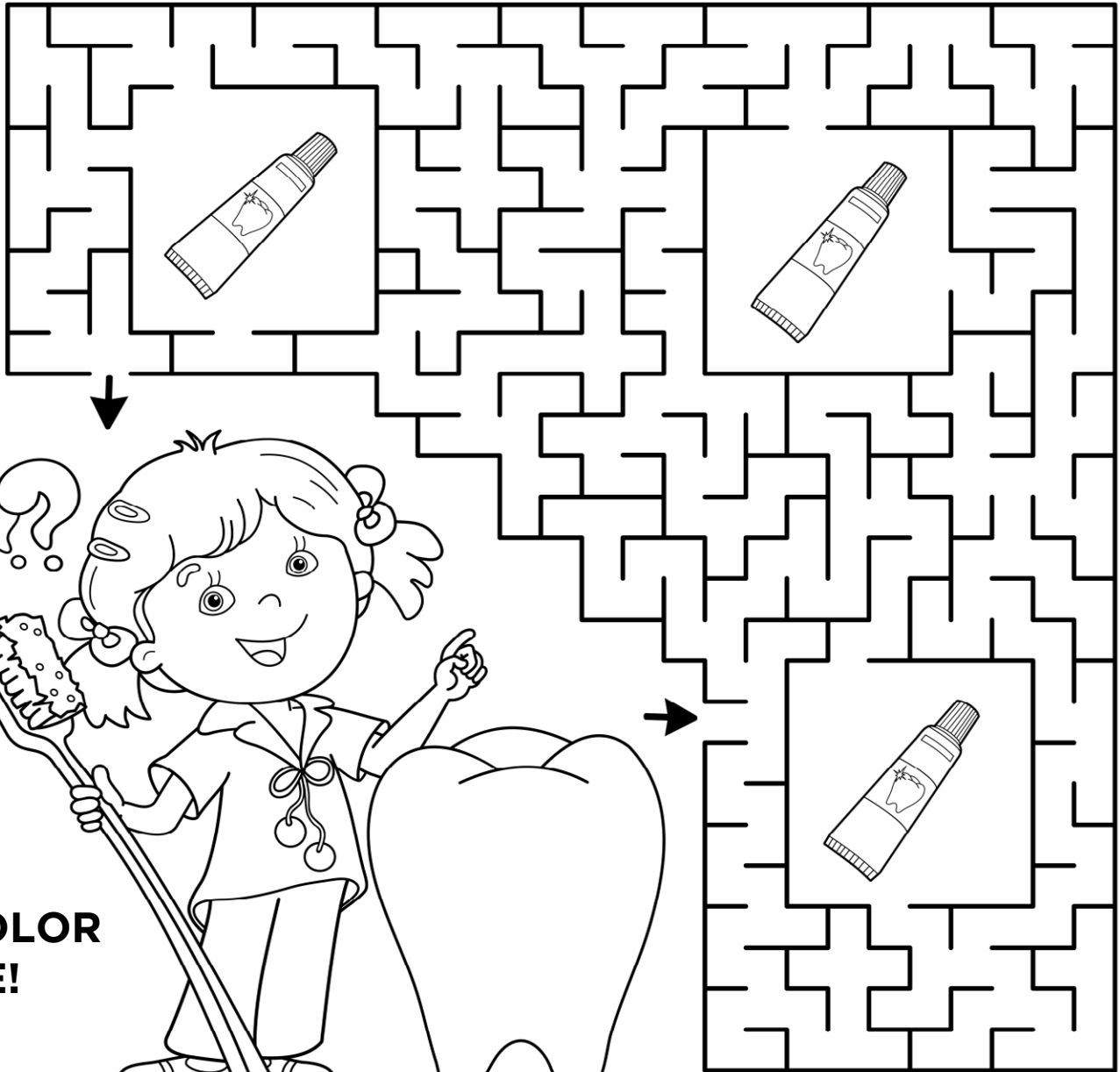
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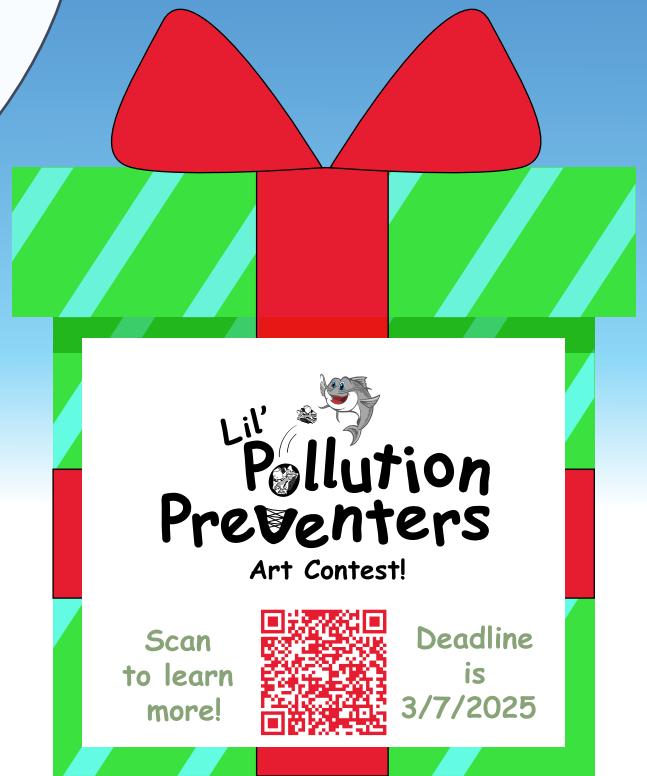
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and add color
to the
drawings!**



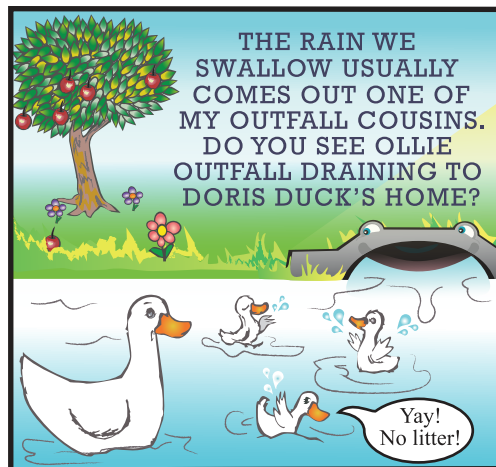
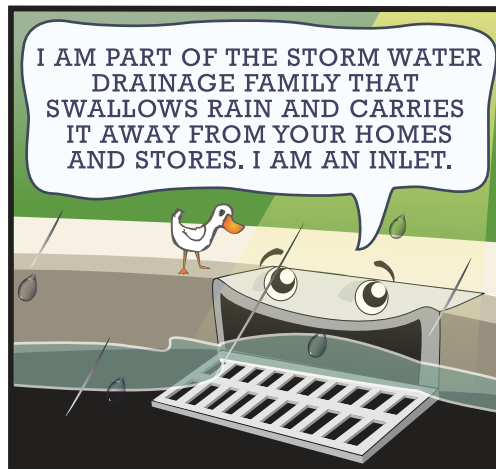
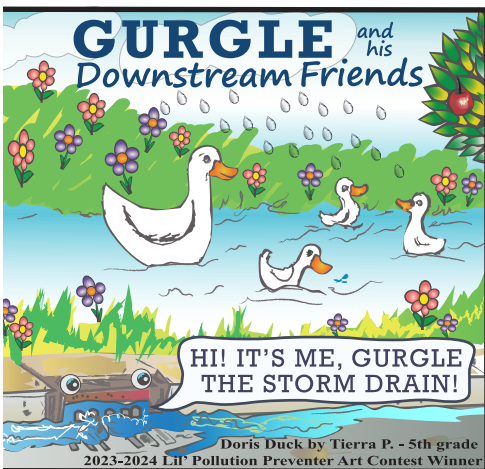
Answer on page 36



My downstream friends and I are wishing for clean and healthy waterways this year! Enter the Lil' Pollution Preventer Art Contest to help our wish come true! Winning art is in magazines, my comic strip, and on a billboard!



Tierra P. won the 2023-2024 contest! See her art in our NEW comic strip below!





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PRESENTS

MONEY AS YOU GROW

20 THINGS KIDS NEED TO KNOW TO LIVE FINANCIALLY SMART LIVES!



- 1 **YOU NEED MONEY** to buy things.
- 2 You earn money by **WORKING**.
- 3 You may have to **WAIT BEFORE YOU CAN BUY** something you want.
- 4 There's a difference between **THINGS YOU WANT** and things you need.

3-5 YRS



- 5 You need to **MAKE CHOICES** about how to spend your money.
- 6 It's good to shop around and **COMPARE PRICES** before you buy.
- 7 It can be costly and **DANGEROUS TO SHARE INFORMATION** online.
- 8 Putting your money in a savings account will **PROTECT** it and pay you interest.

6-10 YRS



- 9 You should **SAVE AT LEAST A DIME** for every dollar you receive.
- 10 Entering personal information, like a bank or credit card number, online is risky because **SOMEONE COULD STEAL IT**.
- 11 The sooner you save, the **FASTER YOUR MONEY CAN GROW** from compound interest.
- 12 **USING A CREDIT CARD IS LIKE TAKING OUT A LOAN**; if you don't pay your bill in full every month, you'll be charged interest and owe more than you originally spent.

11-13 YRS



- 13 When **COMPARING COLLEGES**, be sure to consider how much each school would cost you.
- 14 You should **AVOID USING CREDIT CARDS** to buy things you can't afford to pay for with cash.
- 15 Your first paycheck may seem smaller than expected since **MONEY IS TAKEN OUT FOR TAXES**.
- 16 A great place to **SAVE AND INVEST MONEY** you earn is in a Roth IRA.

14-18 YRS



- 17 You should use a credit card only if you can **PAY OFF THE MONEY OWED IN FULL** each month.
- 18 You need **HEALTH INSURANCE**.
- 19 It's important to save at least three months' worth of living expenses **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**.
- 20 When investing, consider **THE RISKS AND THE ANNUAL EXPENSES**.

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The Gift of Presence: Holiday Recommendations From a Therapist

Written By Sonia Combs, MS, LMHC, NCC

Here comes the holiday season! Time to brace ourselves for the whirlwind of shopping, planning, socializing, and all the little “to-dos” that come with it. While there is joy in festive gatherings and gift-giving, there can also be a constant undertow of stress and an unspoken expectation to “do it all”. As a mental health therapist, I often hear people say, “I can’t wait for the holidays to be over!”.

If you notice yourself wishing the holidays away or experiencing anticipatory dread of family gatherings, a few intentional changes can help to create a shift in your holiday experience.

1. Give Yourself Permission to Say “No”

If saying “yes” to every invitation feels overwhelming, honor your boundaries and kindly say “no” when you need to. You’ll feel more energized for the events you choose to attend and be able to bring more presence to the people you love. If you anticipate a long list of “to-dos”, consider adding your “non-negotiable” tasks and gatherings to your calendar and then seeing what remaining days you want to sprinkle in fun festivities. This allows you to say “no” to anything that does not fit within your holiday calendar.

2. Create Relaxed Rituals

Traditions give us something to look forward to every year, and they don’t have to be grand or time-consuming to be meaningful. Some ideas: a quiet evening with candles and a holiday movie or a slow morning making breakfast together. These simple, relaxed rituals allow for mindful connection amidst the holiday hustle.

3. Allow Imperfection

The drive to make everything just right can be exhausting. In that pursuit, we often miss the small, beautiful moments along the way. In fact, sometimes it’s the not-so-perfect moments that bring the biggest laughs and the sweetest memories. Let go of the expectation that things need to be “perfect” for people to enjoy them.

4. Reconnect with Nature

Even a short walk in the crisp winter air can bring a sense of calm and clarity. Exposure to a drastic temperature change will activate the nervous system to produce endorphins and improve mood. Add to this boost the positive impact of looking at nature as a way to ground into the present and remind us of our place in a much bigger world.

5. Be Present with Loved Ones

At the heart of every holiday season are the people we care about. Make a conscious effort to put away your phone and fully engage when interacting with loved ones. Look into people’s eyes, listen actively, and soak up their laughter and stories. Moments with friends, family, or even strangers are the ones that stay with you long after the decorations are packed away.

6. Take Care of Your Own Wellbeing

The holidays can be dramatic and sometimes draining, so remember to recharge yourself. Just like recharging your phone, you need to keep your own battery filled to function well and be available for the people you care about. Practicing self-care is important for maintaining energy to stay present and enjoy the festivities.

The holidays don’t need to be about checking every box on a to-do list or fulfilling every obligation. The greatest gift you can offer to both yourself and others — is to show up as your authentic self, fully present and open to the magic in each moment. Years down the line, you won’t treasure the hours you spent shopping or decorating, but you will remember the warmth of laughter, the quiet joy of connection, and the peace of taking things just a little bit slower.

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DOCTOR'S ORDERS



NOVEMBER TOPIC:

8 tips for keeping children safe during the holidays

by Peter Reisner, M.D.
Family Medicine, Primary Care

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season can be a fun, exciting time. However, holiday decorations, parties and cold weather can threaten children.

Keep these safety tips in mind while preparing for the holidays:

1. Manage your Christmas tree.

If you have a real tree, ensure the tree stand is always filled with water so the tree doesn't dry out and pose an increased fire hazard. If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is made from fire-retardant material. Make sure the stand is flat on the ground, and decorate the tree to equally distribute weight.

2. Keep flames away.

Don't leave children alone in a room with lighted candles, matches, lighters, fireplaces, or any other sources of flame or heat.

3. Watch for tempting seasonal decor.

Keep decorations out of reach of children and secured to the wall. Any object small enough to fit through a toilet paper tube can obstruct a child's airway. Closely supervise children if they're helping you decorate, especially when handling lighting, ornaments and breakable objects.

4. Keep plants out of little hands.

Keep mistletoe, holly berries and poinsettias out of reach of children, as each is toxic when ingested.

5. Remember electricity safety.

Use power strips with built-in circuit breakers. Avoid putting too many plugs into one electrical outlet. Keep cords out of the way or behind furniture, and insert electrical outlet covers into unused outlets. Purchase lights with the UL Listed mark, which certifies that the product has been tested to meet safety requirements.

6. Find safe toys.

Make sure your children's toys are age-appropriate and the batteries cannot be easily removed. Batteries shaped like disks, or button batteries, pose a choking risk to young children. Avoid placing gifts under the tree that contain glass, perfume or cologne, poisonous substances or sharp materials.

7. Monitor alcohol in the home.

Keep alcohol out of reach of children. Quickly clean up leftover drinks.

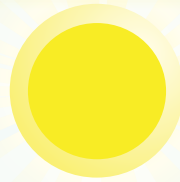
8. Bundle up and use safety gear.

Dress children properly for the weather, making sure that their hands, feet and heads are covered. Supervise children and make sure they wear the correct safety gear for sledding, skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and other outdoor activities.

Carefully inspecting your home and taking care of any safety hazards can ensure you and your children have a happy and safe holiday season.



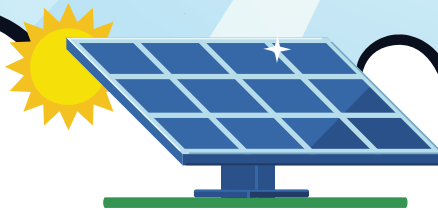
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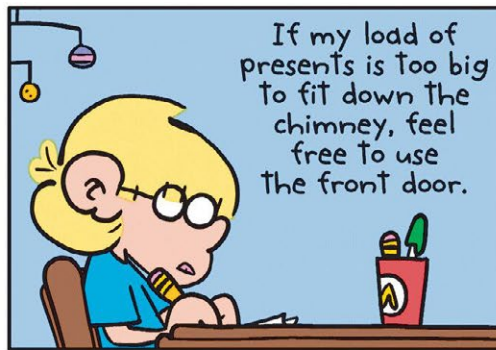
Holiday Quiz

See if you can match the Holiday with its description.

Kwanzaa ___ **Hanukkah** ___ **Christmas** ___

- A** The word means dedication. This holiday remembers the restoration of a temple in Jerusalem lost to a powerful enemy of the Jews over two thousand years ago. Jewish soldiers found only enough oil in the temple to burn a lamp for one day, but the lamp burned for eight days. The lighting of eight candles on a menorah is part of this holiday.
- B** Christians celebrate this holiday as the birthday of Jesus, whom Christians believe to be the son of God. Many people celebrate by decorating a tree and placing gifts for friends and family beneath it. Other traditions include hanging stockings, large feasts and family visits. The central theme of this holiday is peace on earth and goodwill towards men.
- C** The word means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili. It is a unique African-American holiday with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce and self-improvement. Neither political nor religious, it is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture.

COMICPAGE



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Jabber Jokes

1. What did Santa say at the start of the race?
2. What do you call Santa when he doesn't move?
3. What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?
4. What did one Christmas tree say to another?
5. What does an elf study in school?



#BeAirAware

Improve Air Quality by remembering the "COOL 5"

Share the Ride Carpool, use public transportation, bike, or even walk! It saves money and reduces pollution levels.

Link the Trips When driving, do all of your errands in a row instead of returning home in between. It saves money, gas, and reduces pollution.

Stop at the Click When refueling the gas tank in your car, do not top off after the click. It harms your car and increases pollution levels!

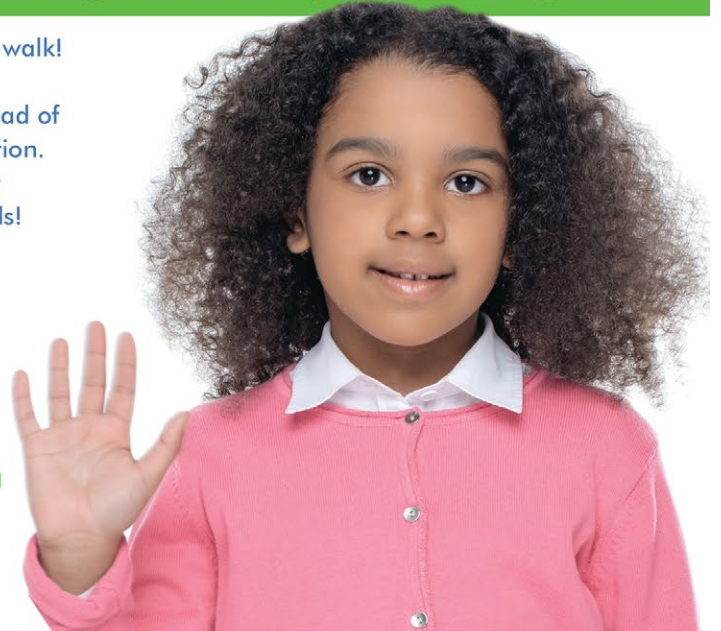
Don't Idle Your Car You can reduce pollution levels by avoiding drive-through lines and shutting your engine off if waiting for more than 30 seconds.

Mow When the Sun is Low Gasoline lawn mowers are much dirtier than automobiles. Mow after 6pm to reduce ozone levels in the summer.



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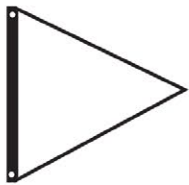
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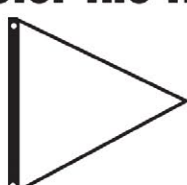
Learn what air quality flags mean!

Daily AQI Color	Levels of Concern	Values of Index	Description of Air Quality
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Yellow	Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Red	Unhealthy	151 to 200	Some members of the general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Purple	Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
Maroon	Hazardous	301 and higher	Health warning of emergency conditions: everyone is more likely to be affected.

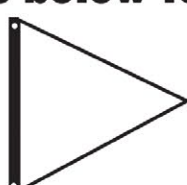
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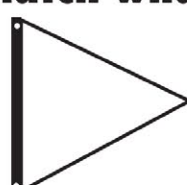
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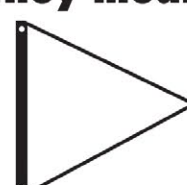
Good day to be outside. Some risk.



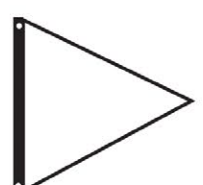
OK to be outside for a short time.



Risky for some groups to be outside.



Recommended to stay inside.



Stay indoors. Air quality is hazardous.

DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

- Dec 1 | Sunday | Eat a Red Apple Day
- Dec 2 | Monday | Fritters Day
- Dec 3 | Tuesday | Make a Gift Day
- Dec 4 | Wednesday | Wear Brown Shoes Day
- Dec 5 | Thursday | Day of the Ninja
- Dec 6 | Friday | Put on Your Own Shoes Day
- Dec 7 | Saturday | Hanukkah Begins
- Dec 8 | Sunday | Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day
- Dec 9 | Monday | Christmas Card Day
- Dec 10 | Tuesday | Human Rights Day
- Dec 11 | Wednesday | Noodle Ring Day
- Dec 12 | Thursday | Gingerbread House Day
- Dec 13 | Friday | Ice-Cream Day
- Dec 14 | Saturday | Monkey Day
- Dec 15 | Sunday | National Lemon Cupcake Day
- Dec 16 | Monday | Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec 17 | Tuesday | Maple Syrup Day
- Dec 18 | Wednesday | National Twin Day
- Dec 19 | Thursday | Oatmeal Muffin Day
- Dec 20 | Friday | Go Caroling Day
- Dec 21 | Saturday | Winter Solstice (Shortest Day)
- Dec 22 | Sunday | Date Nut Bread Day
- Dec 23 | Monday | Roots Day
- Dec 24 | Tuesday | Eggnog Day
- Dec 25 | Wednesday | Christmas Day
- Dec 26 | Thursday | Kwanzaa Begins
- Dec 27 | Friday | No Interruptions Day
- Dec 28 | Saturday | Card Playing Day
- Dec 29 | Sunday | Pepper Pot Day
- Dec 30 | Monday | Bacon Day
- Dec 31 | Tuesday | Make Up Your Mind Day



Jabberblabber **FIND IT**™

See if you can find the **9** differences in the two photos.



Jabber GENIUS

THESE ARE TOUGH! TRY THEM IF YOU DARE!

Irritating Brain Teaser 1

Using only horizontal and vertical lines, connect every number to its pair (i.e. 1 goes to 1, 2 goes to 2, etc). The lines must not cross each other or go through a number.

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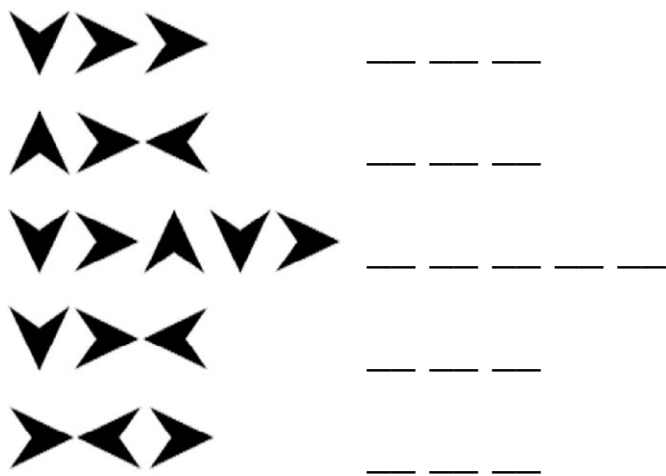
Number Puzzle

How many times can you subtract the number



BRAIN TEASER

Each of these sets of arrows represents a word. What are the words?



Name Search

Find your name in the word search below within 30 seconds!

M	U	U	V	B	O	U	L	O	K
X	O	N	I	O	N	S	E	R	A
L	E	G	U	K	Y	O	T	A	H
C	Z	C	S	L	O	Y	T	N	Y
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GRANDPARENTS PAGE

Celebrating our senior adults in the prime of their lives!



Grandparent of the Month – Judy Deshaies

Judy moved to Kirby from her home in Hein Park in midtown Memphis. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

Judy went to the University of Arkansas and graduated from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She received her RN degree in 1967 and was a nurse at Methodist Hospital for 10 years. Then, she assisted her husband in his ophthalmology practice until retirement.

She enjoys reading (especially mysteries), walking, and gardening. Judy likes classic and funny movies. A former member of the Maternal Welfare League and the Le Bonheur Club, now Judy devotes her volunteering time to her church.

Christmas is her favorite holiday and family get togethers are her favorite tradition. This upcoming Christmas, she and her family won't have far to travel to get together since Judy has a brother and a sister living at Kirby Pines with their spouses. What fun!

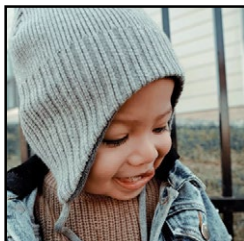
Congratulations Judy, for being Jabberblabber's Grandparent of the Month!

GRANDPARENTS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

WINTER WONDER

Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.

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 I N C L D U A Q K X V Z A C Q P W N E
 C F K A S N E T T I M P P H B T A P U
 E R X B S G R U T I I C B S K I I N G
 H X Q W J H B N A M W O N S P G W C T
 O T S O C H R I S T M A S W E N N Z W
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 M W V K I P P C Q B E D E H F R G I A
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 WINTER

GRAMMARTIME

See if you can fill in the blanks with the correct answers.

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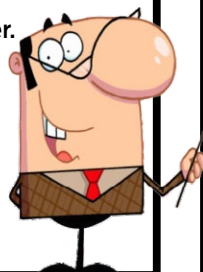
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THEIR - THERE THEY'RE

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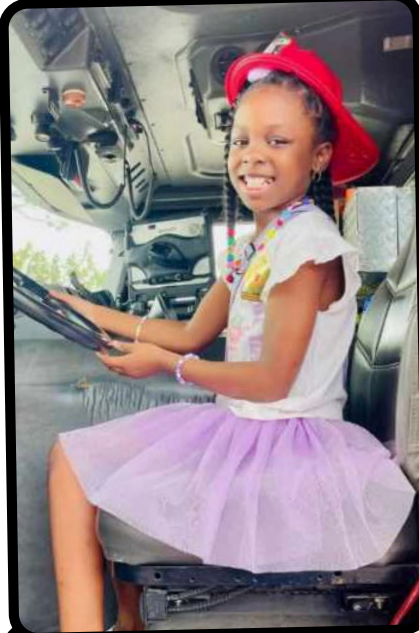


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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Creative Thinking Tasks

Learn about Christmas traditions around the world with these fun tasks. All you need is a pen and paper!

Greenland

For Christmas, people in Greenland eat whale blubber with the skin attached called mattak. Would you try mattak? List 10 things that you would NOT like to find on your Christmas dinner table?

1

Spain

Children in Spain leave their shoes on their balcony in hopes that The Three Kings will fill them with treats and small toys. Do you think shoes are a good item to collect gifts? How do they compare with stockings? What other items would be good to collect treats and small gifts?

2

Ukraine

One holiday tradition in the Ukraine involves pudding. They throw a spoonful of pudding to the ceiling, and if it sticks, you will have good luck for the coming year. Do you think your parents would let you try this? How might you persuade them to let you try?

3

England

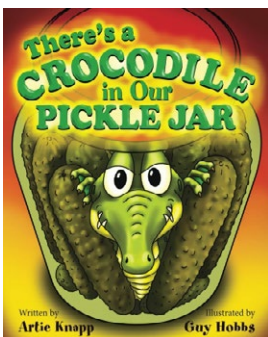
The tradition of Christmas cards is believed to have started in England. The oldest surviving card is from 1466. Use subtraction to figure out how old the card is. Design a Christmas card for someone who is important to you.

4

BOOKS OF THE MONTH!

“Children need to be read to every day from conception to age 3.”

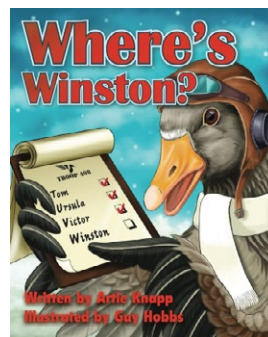
- *The Urban Child Institute*



In this tale, young Alex discovers that onions aren't the only thing in the fridge that can make you cry, and that good eating habits can fend off all kinds of problems.

“There's a Crocodile in Our Pickle Jar has a funny twist that's sure to get kids to eat their vegetables.”

- *Jabberblabber Magazine*



From the prolific pen of Artie Knapp and illustrated by celebrated wildlife artist Guy Hobbs, “Where’s Winston?” is the story of a flock of geese known as Troop 408. When tested to honor a tradition of unity, see what happens when a member of the flock breaks code during migration.

“Where’s Winston? tugs at your heart and teaches a valuable lesson in loyalty with a great ending.”

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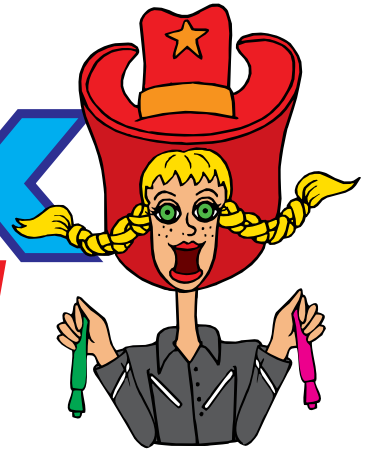
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Ramer, TN



Riley Graves - age 8
Ramer, TN

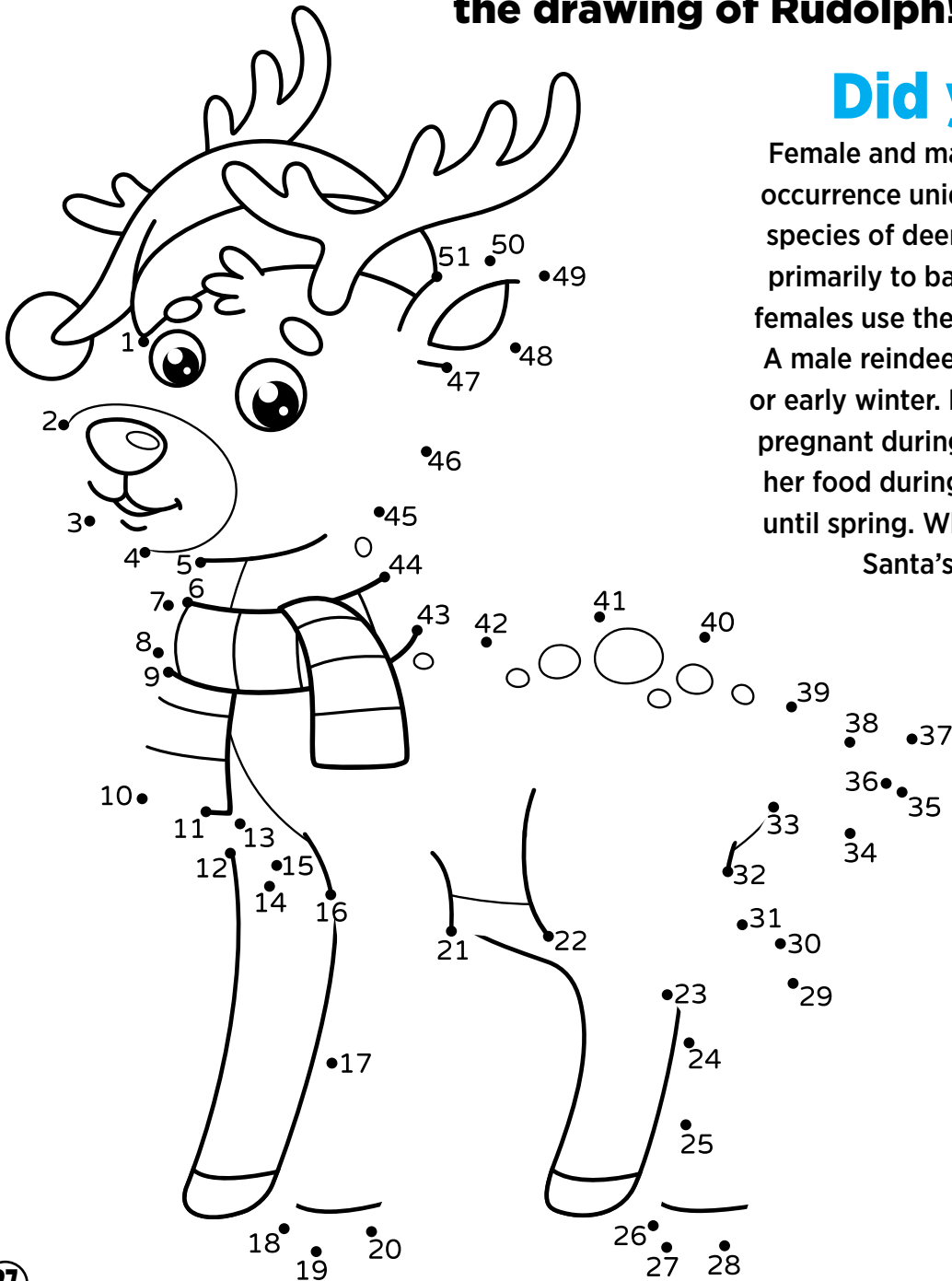
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**Don't forget
to color
your
masterpiece.**



Winter Scavenger Hunt

How many of these winter-themed items can you find this magical season?



cardinal



pinecone



snowman



hat



snowflake



mittens



candy canes



hot cocoa



pine trees



dog in a coat



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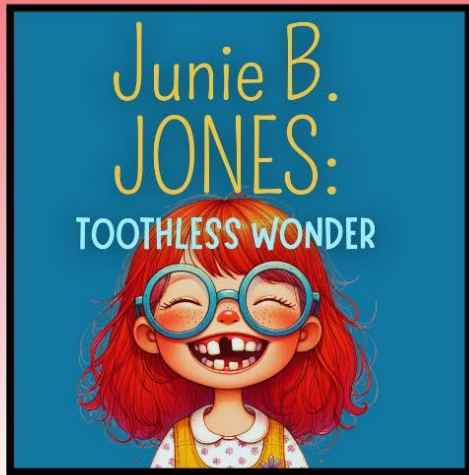


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MATH MAZES

Find your way from top to bottom by following the path of correct answers.
You can only exit a cell if the number matches the answer to the problem.

START **LEVEL 1**

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Answers on page 33

WORD OF THE MONTH

generous

adjective

gen·er·ous

Willing to give of oneself and one's possessions:

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Use "generous" in your own sentence:



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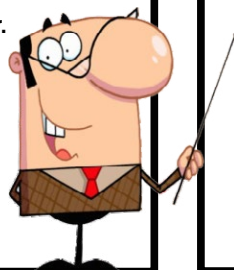
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Holiday Quiz

ANSWERS

Kwanzaa C **Hanukkah** A **Christmas** B

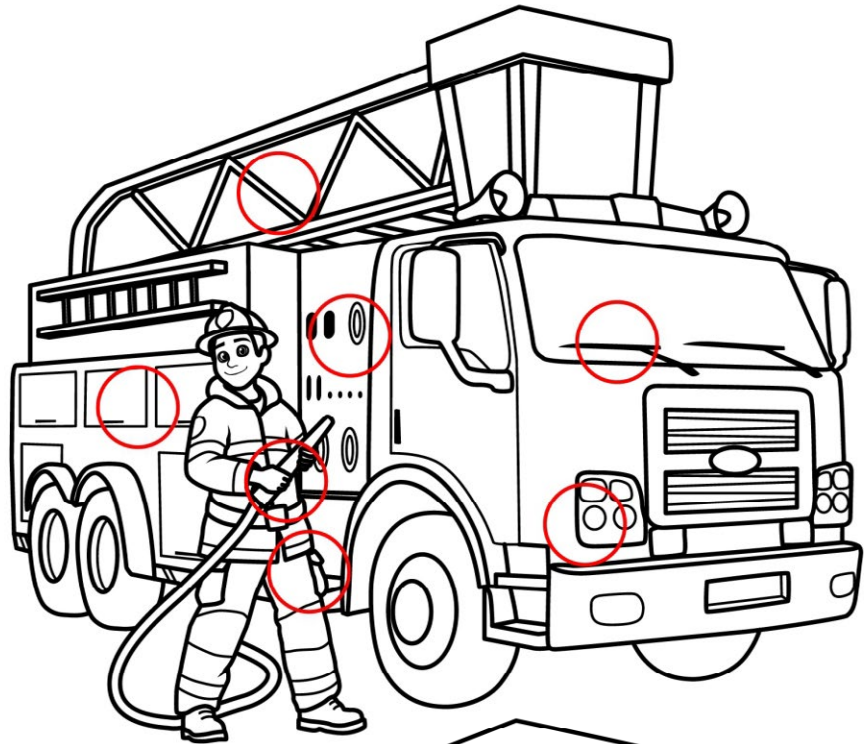
- A** The word means dedication. This holiday remembers the restoration of a temple in Jerusalem lost to a powerful enemy of the Jews over two thousand years ago. Jewish soldiers found only enough oil in the temple to burn a lamp for one day, but the lamp burned for eight days. The lighting of eight candles on a menorah is part of this holiday.
- B** Christians celebrate this holiday as the birthday of Jesus, whom Christians believe to be the son of God. Many people celebrate by decorating a tree and placing gifts for friends and family beneath it. Other traditions include hanging stockings, large feasts and family visits. The central theme of this holiday is peace on earth and goodwill towards men.
- C** The word means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili. It is a unique African-American holiday with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce and self-improvement. Neither political nor religious, it is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture.



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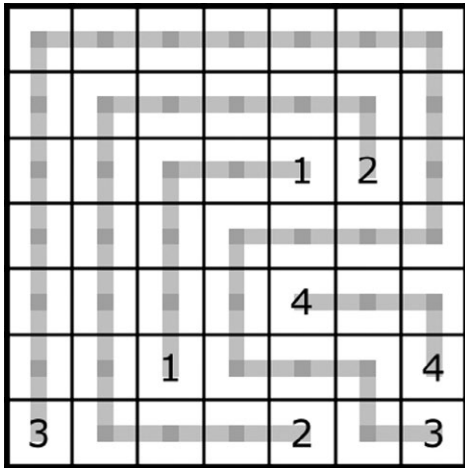


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Irritating Brain Teaser 1

Using only horizontal and vertical lines, connect every number to its pair (i.e. 1 goes to 1, 2 goes to 2, etc). The lines must not cross each other or go through a number.



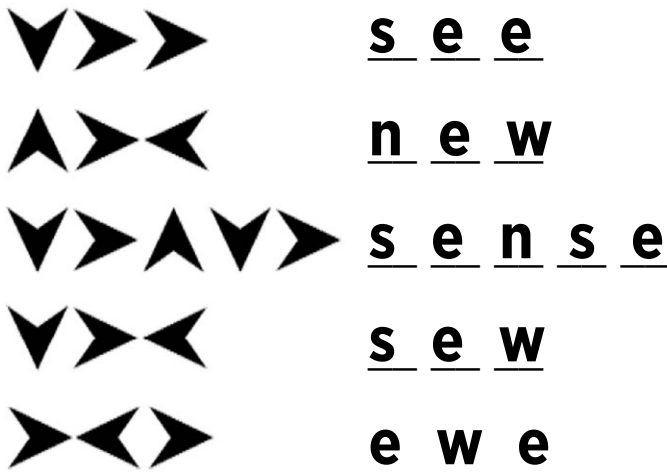
Number Puzzle

How many times can you subtract the number 5 from 25

Only once! After that you will be subtracting 5 from 20, then 5 from 15, etc.

BRAIN TEASER

The arrows represent the compass directions N, E, S, W.



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