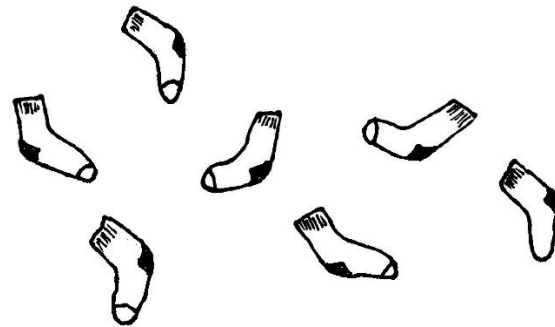
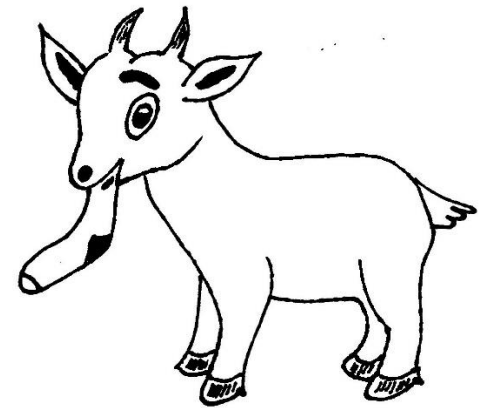
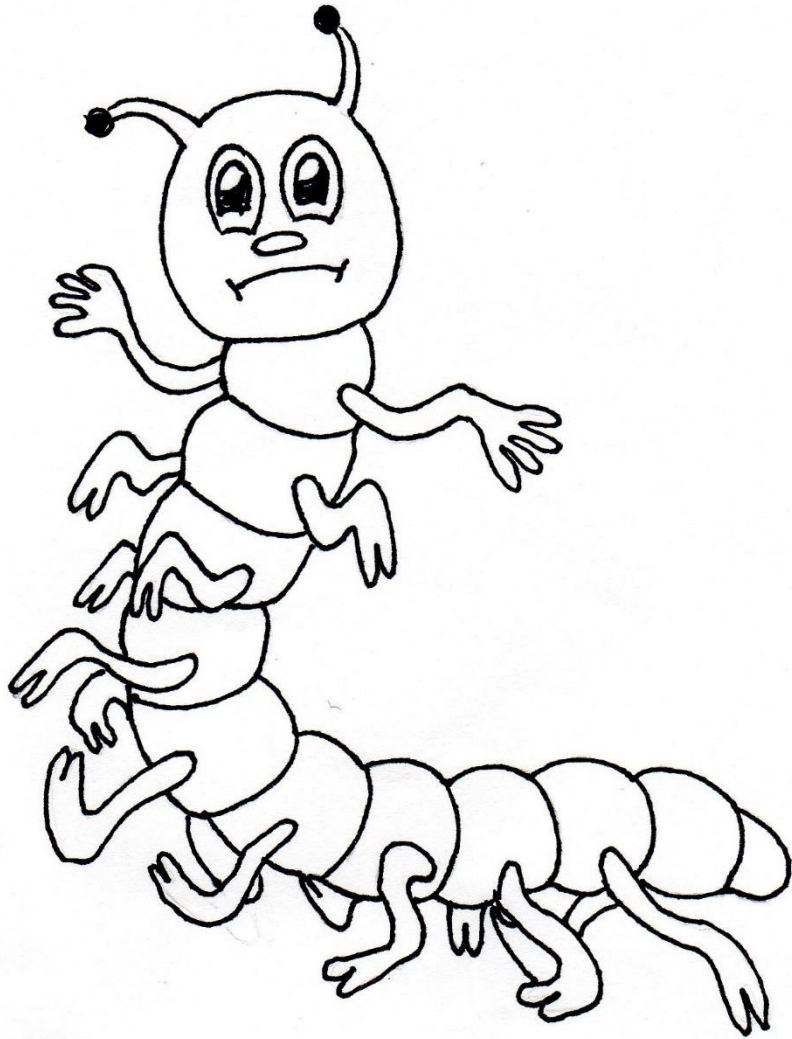
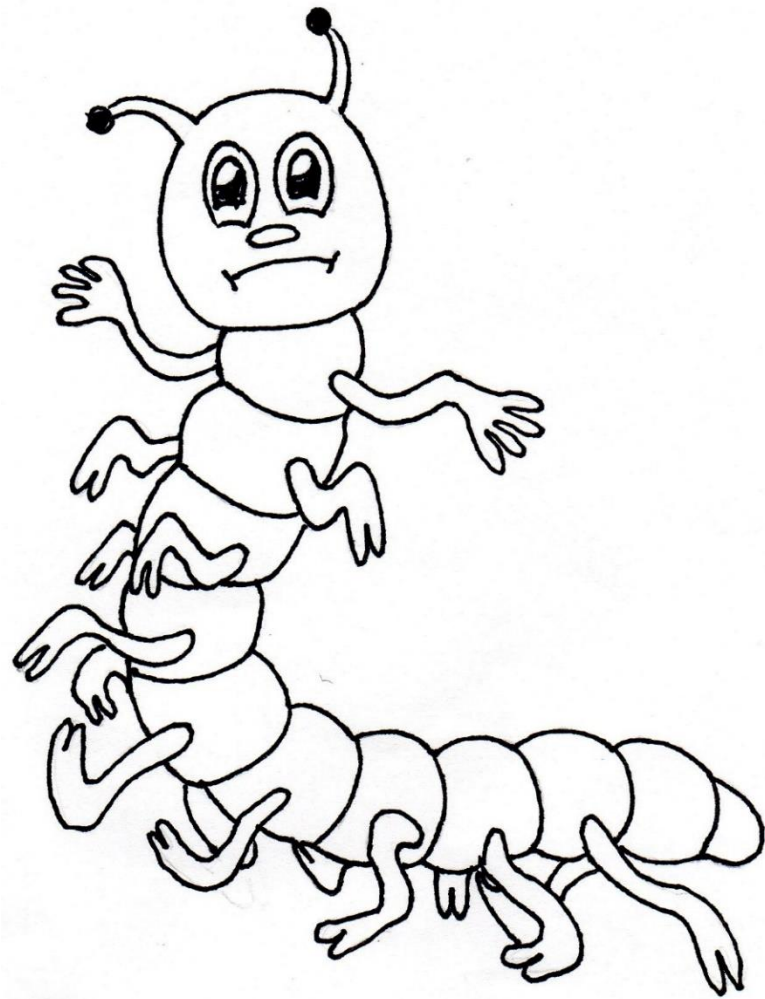
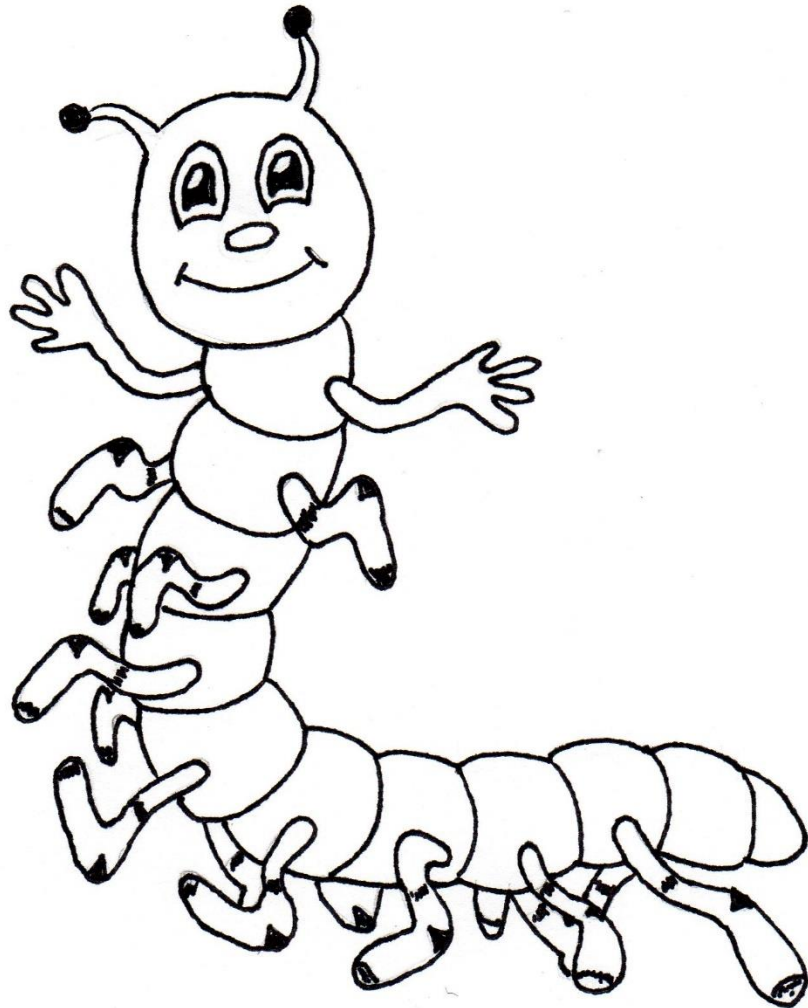
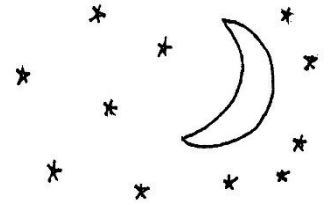
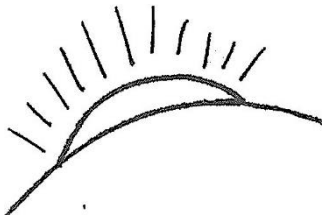


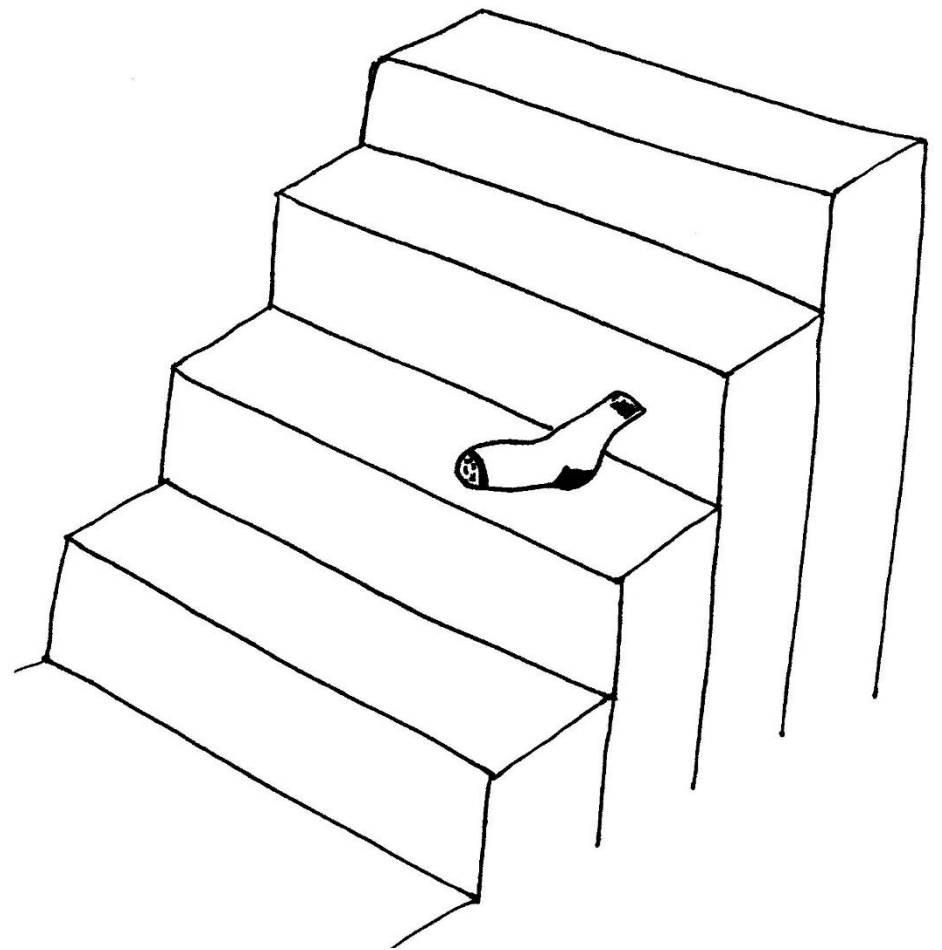
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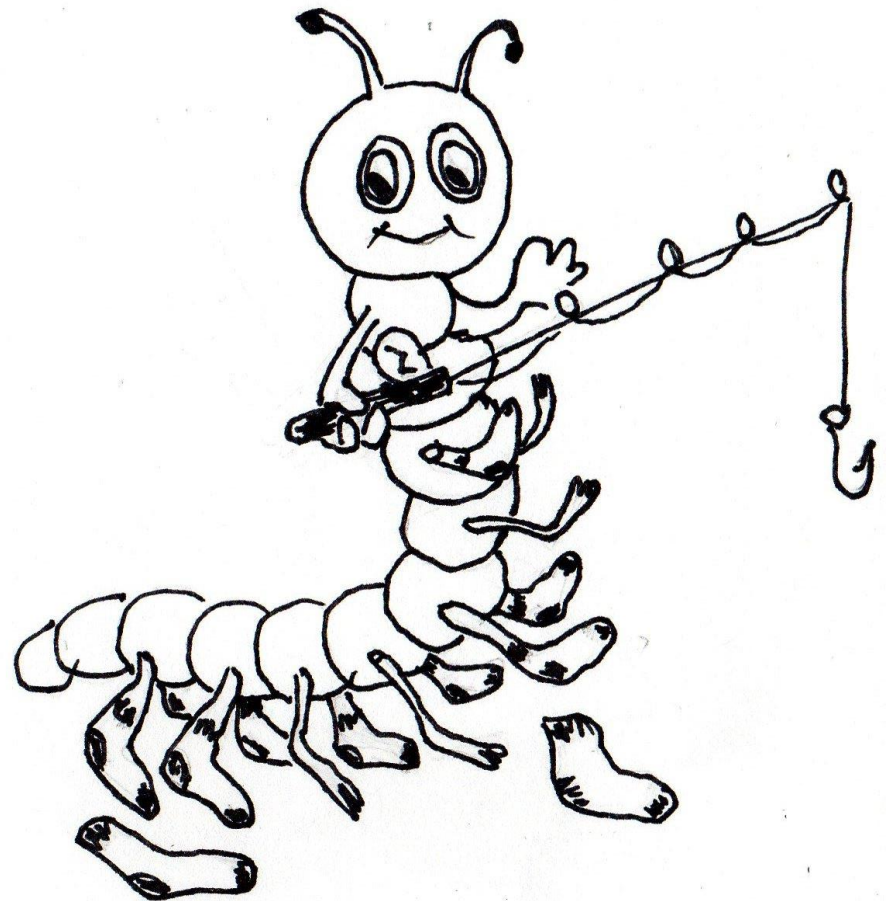
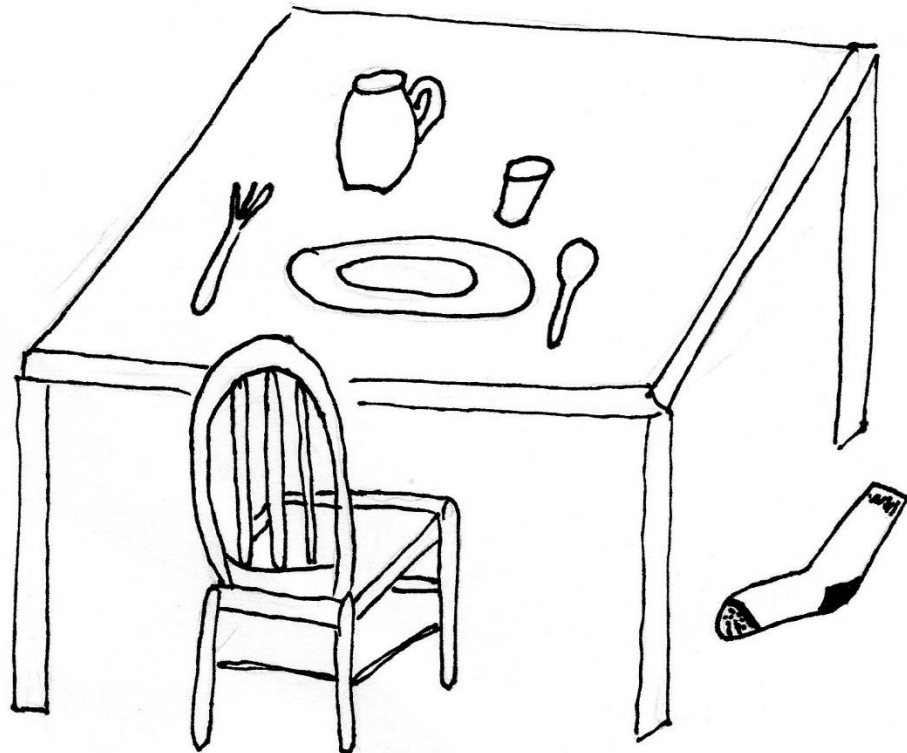
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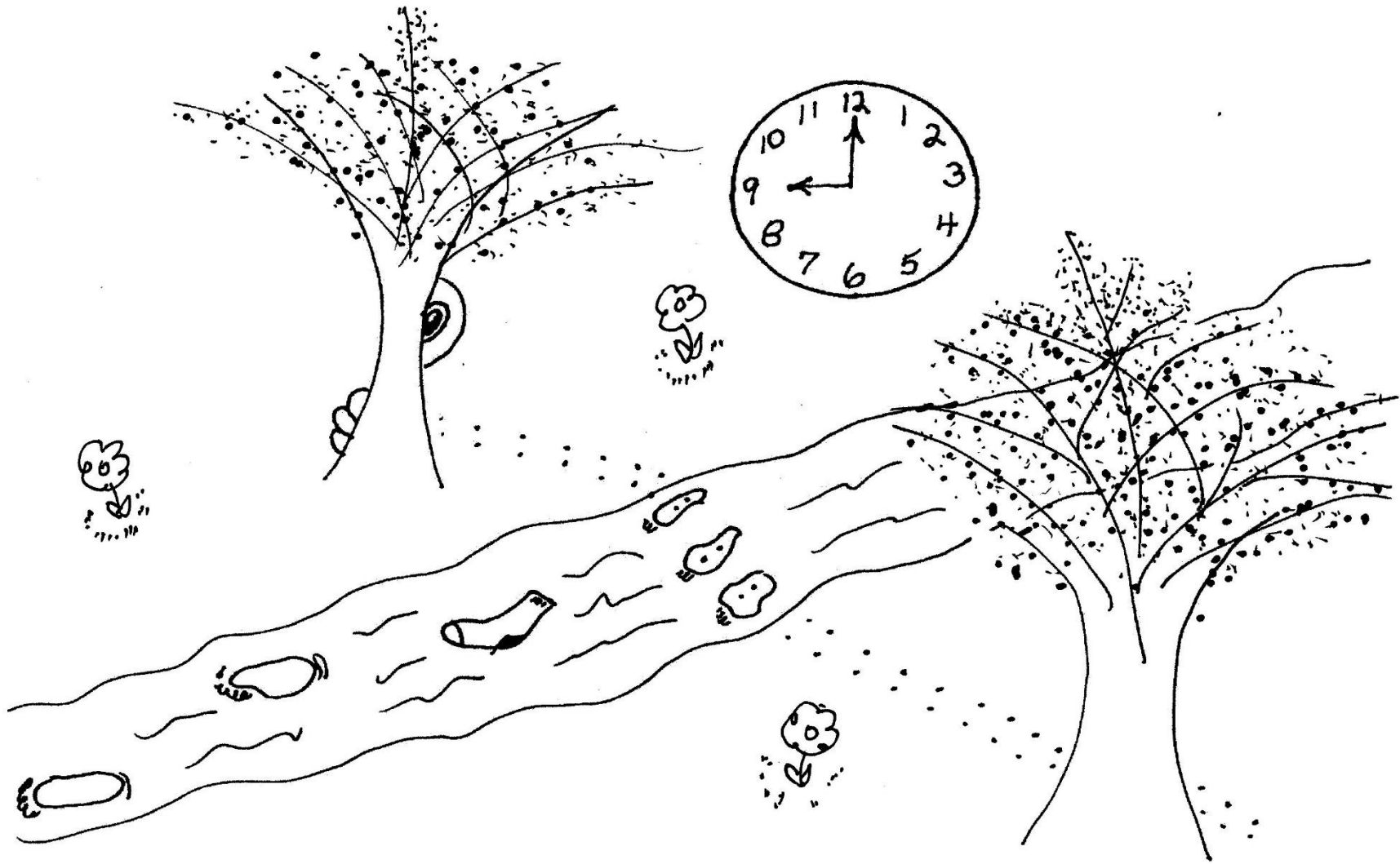
When he gets up he likes to brush his teeth that are so fair.  
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As he goes out to catch a trout, a sock drops by the door.

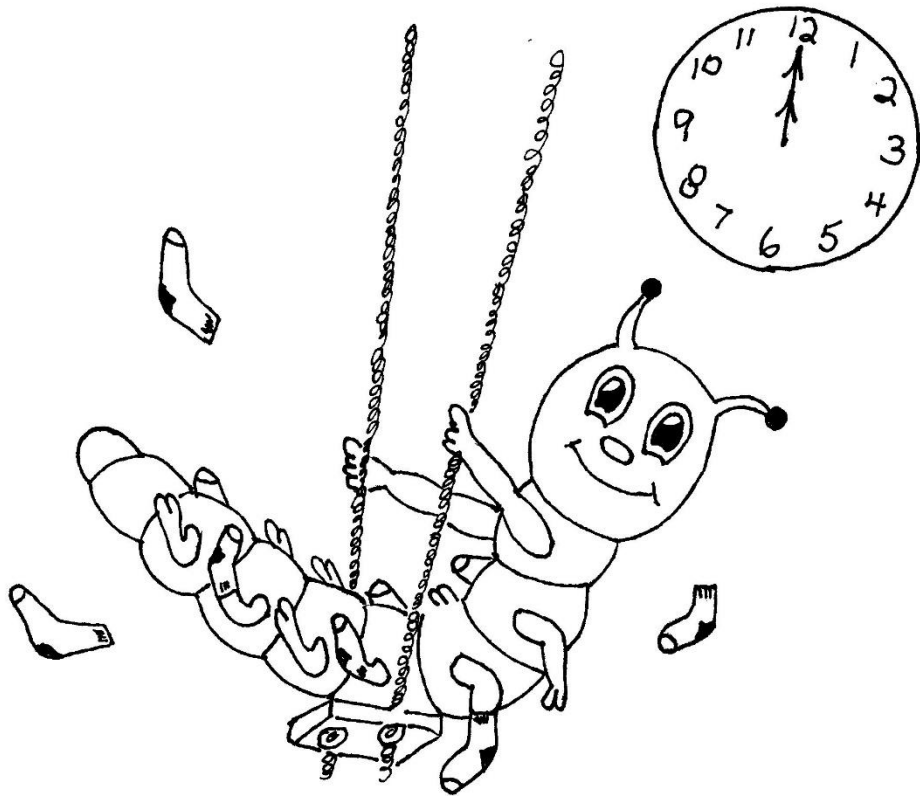


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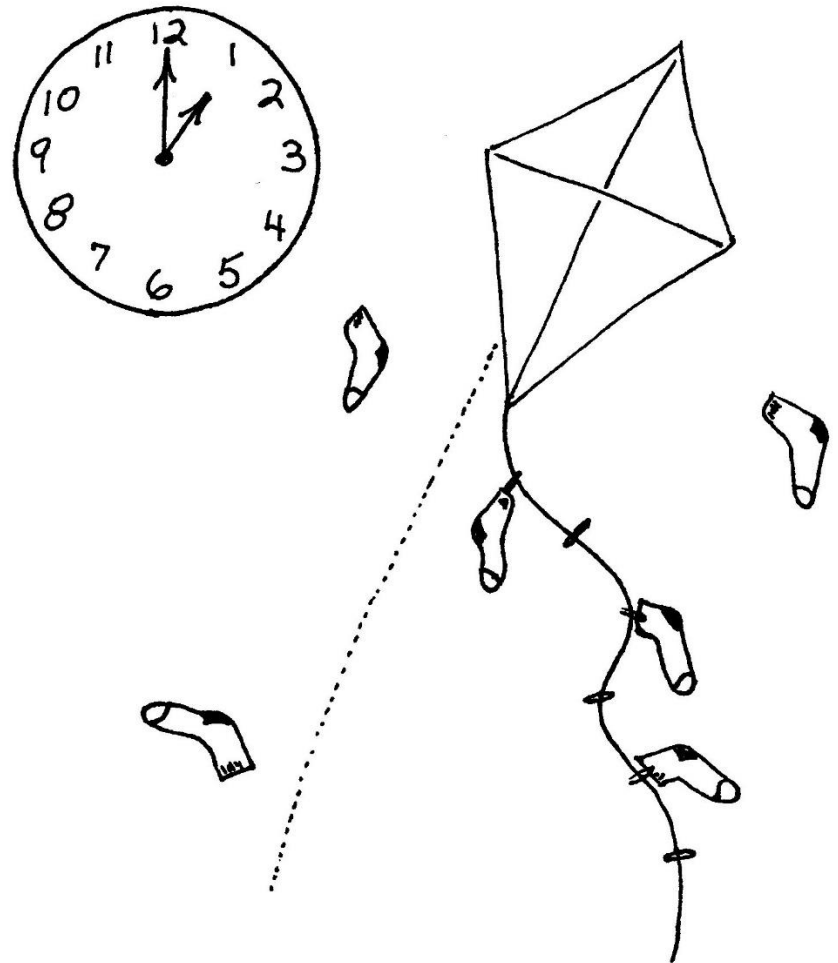




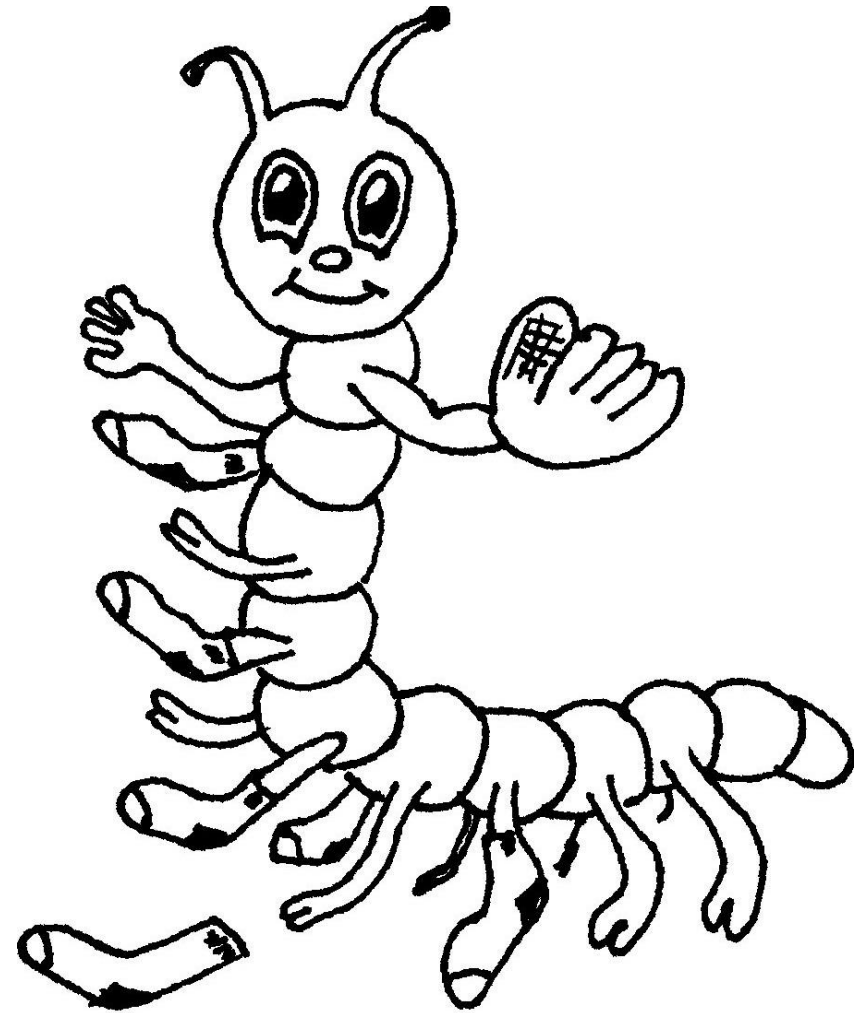
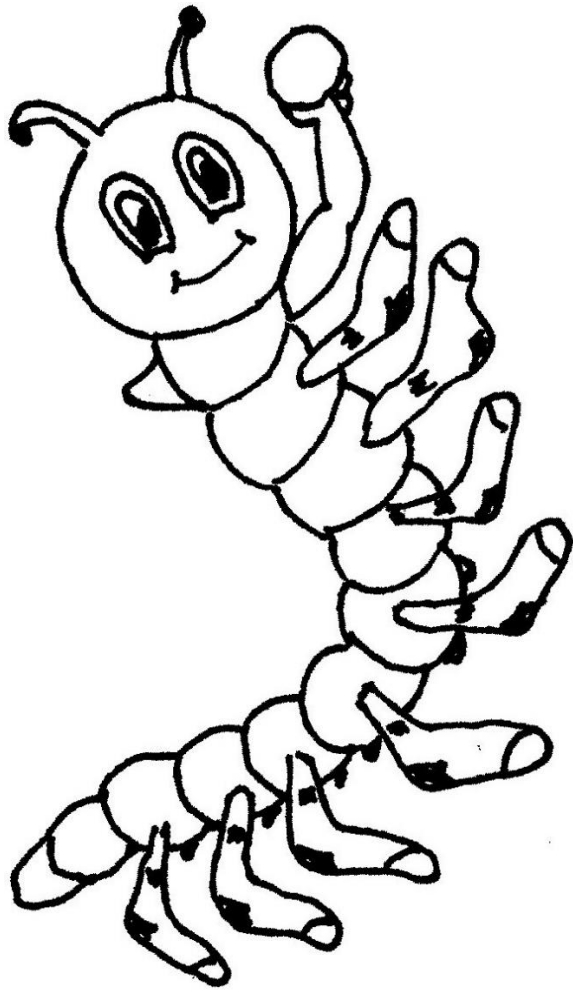
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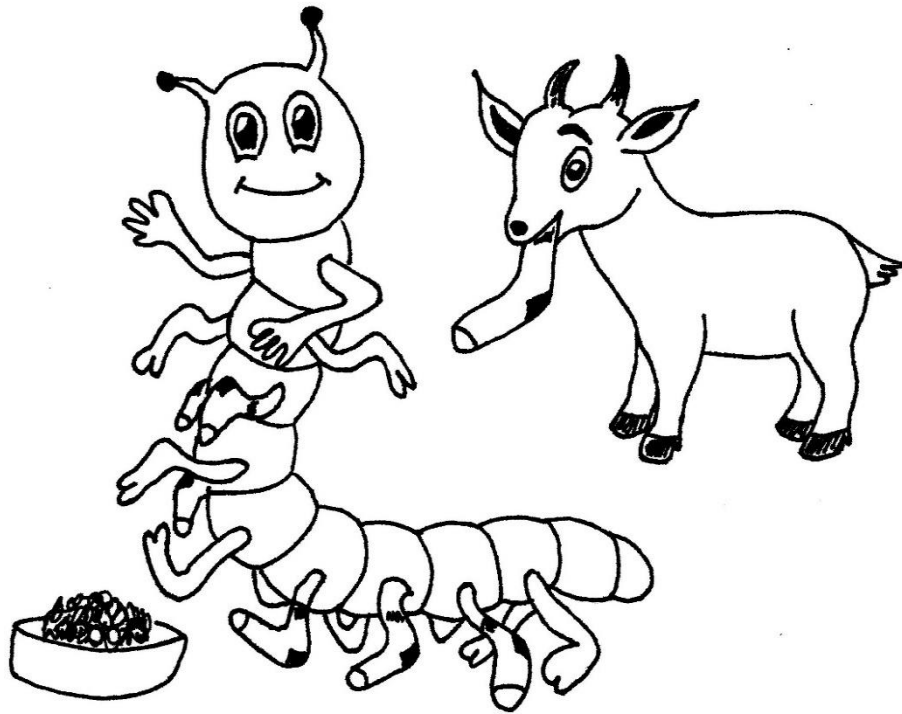
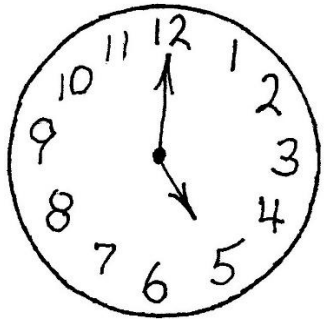
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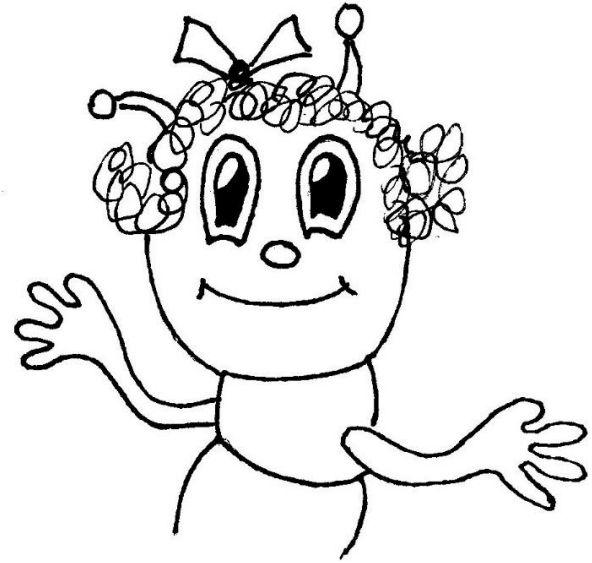
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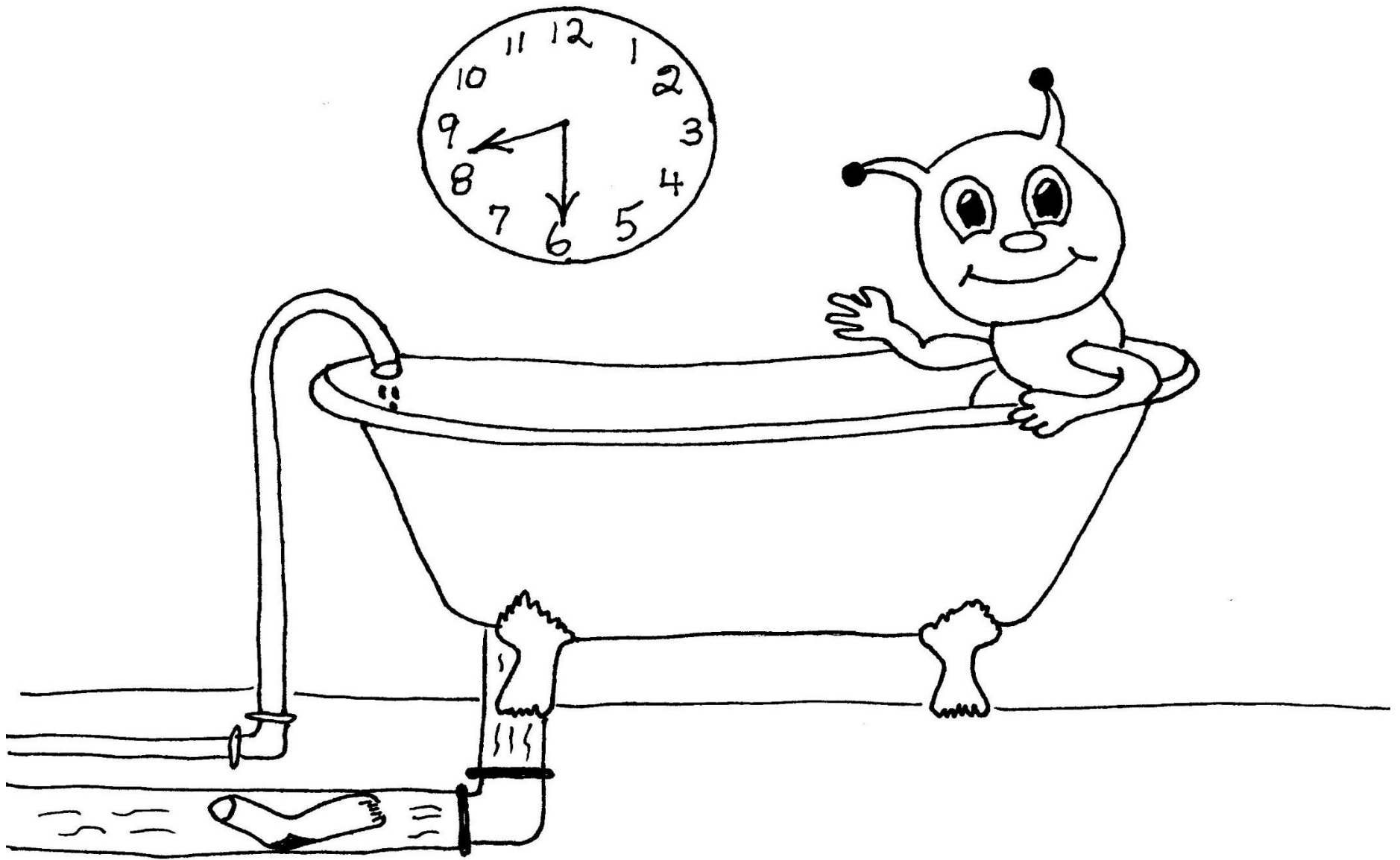
"Your dinner's ready," calls sister Betty.  
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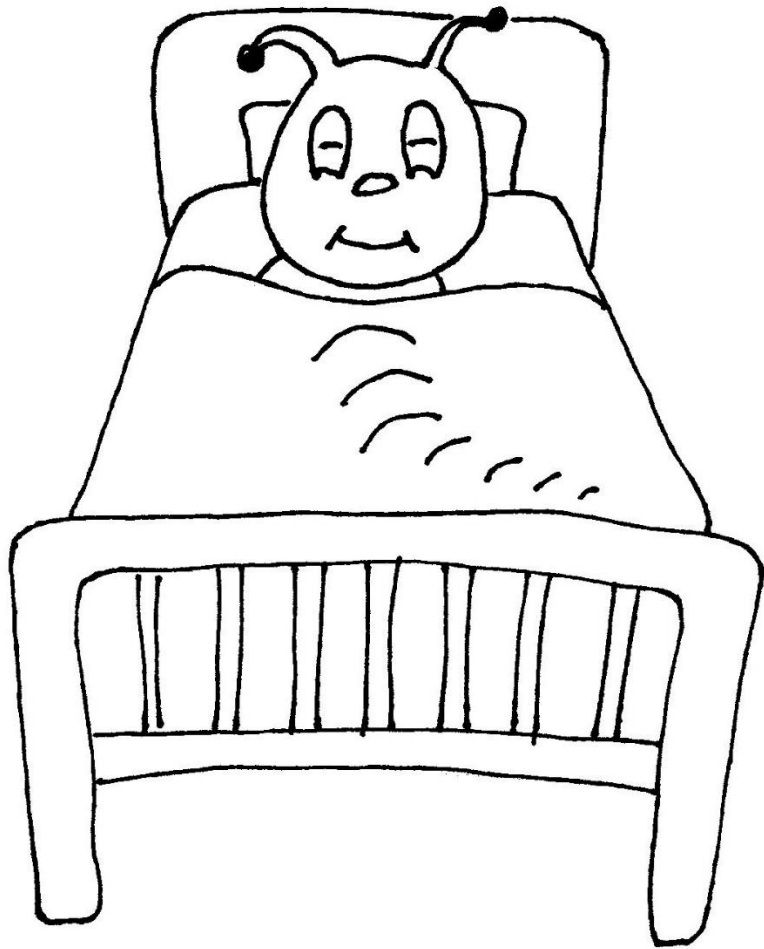
"I'll be right there, but please be 'ware, I've lost a sock some place."





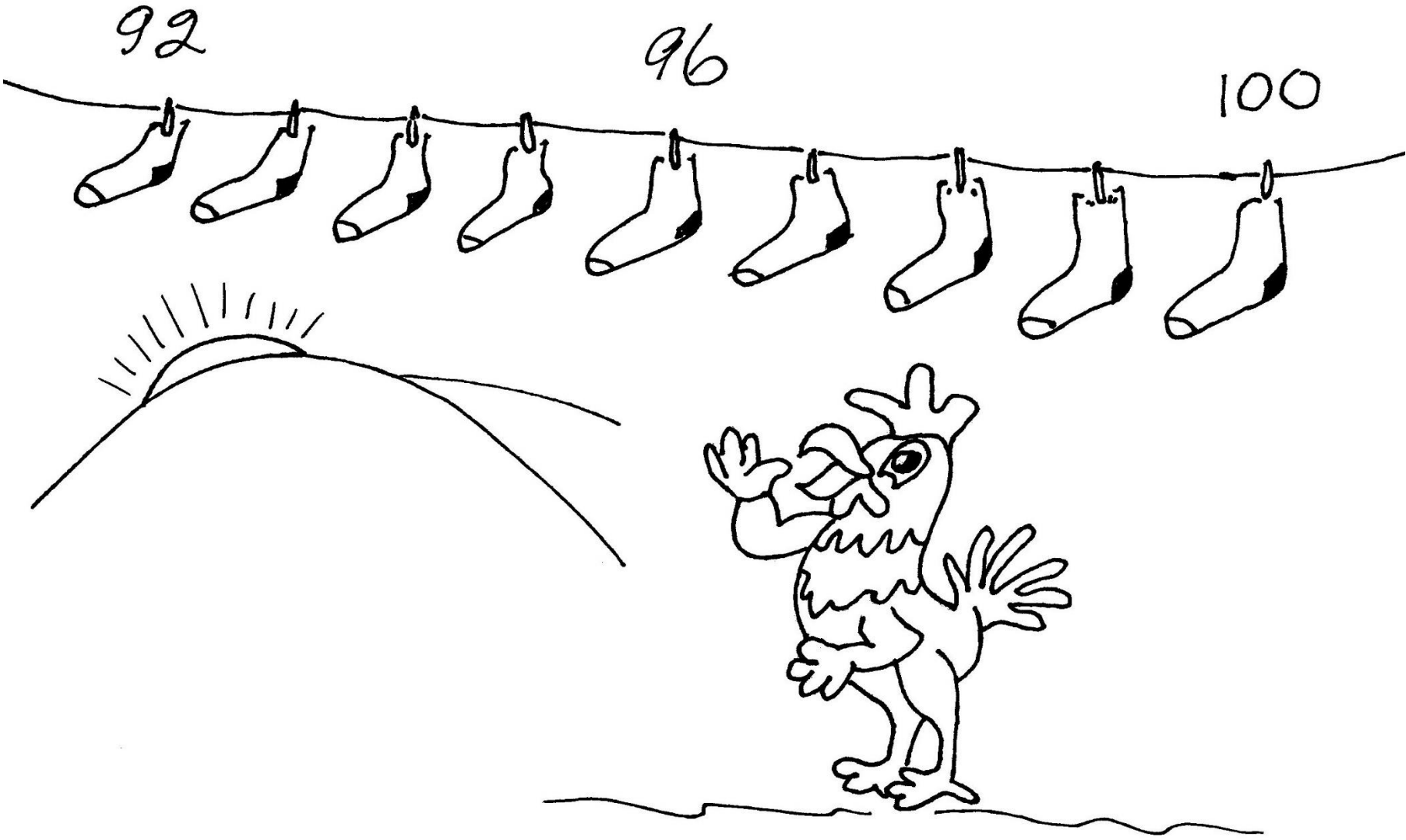


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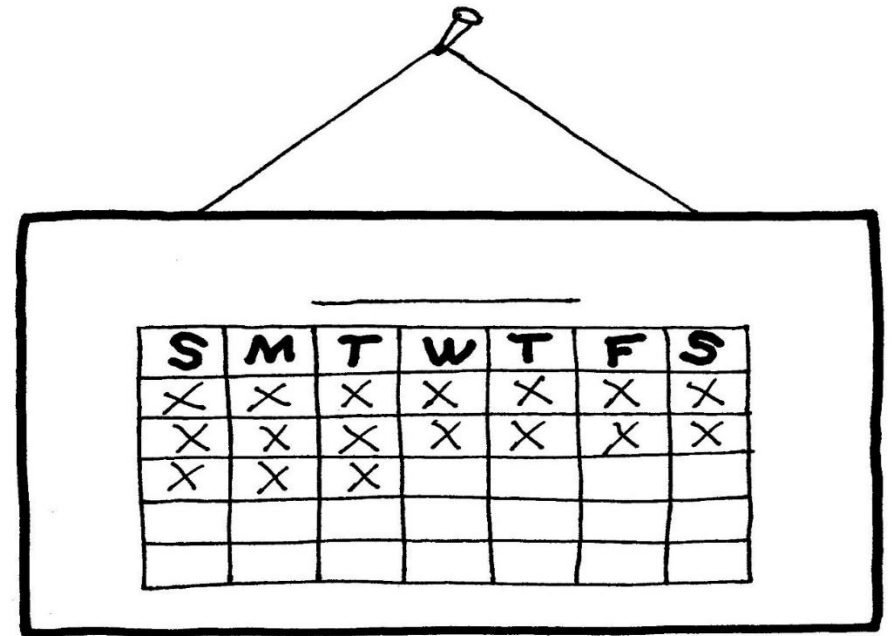
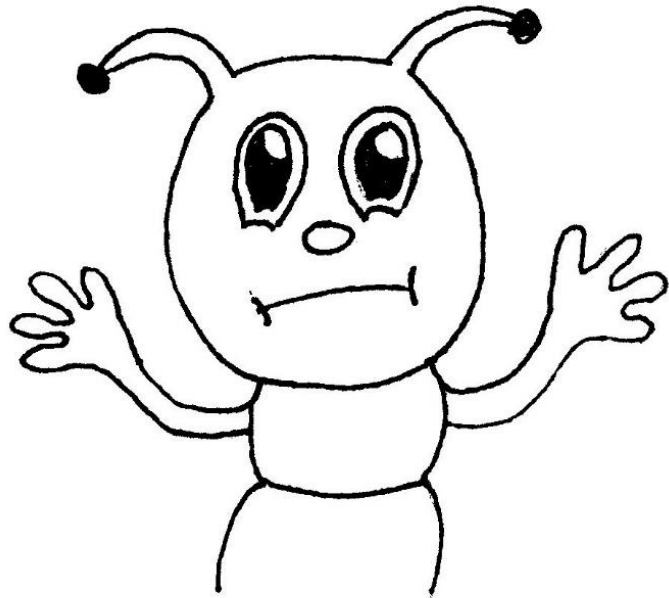


And now it's time to read some rhymes then tuck in for the night.  
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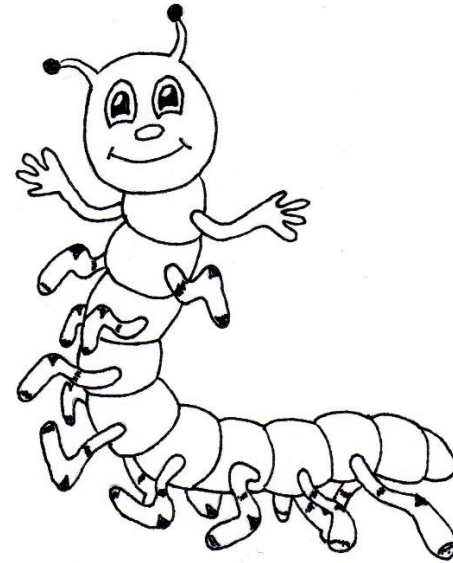
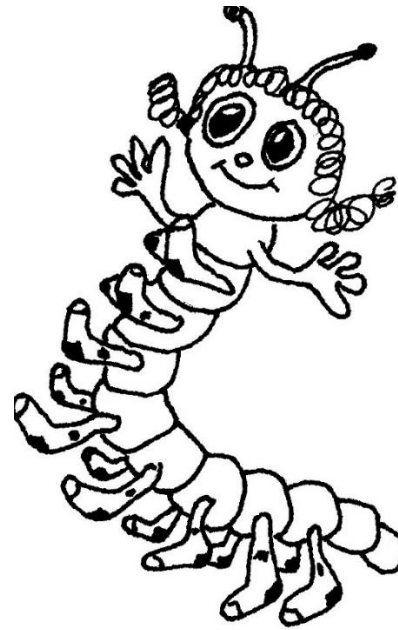
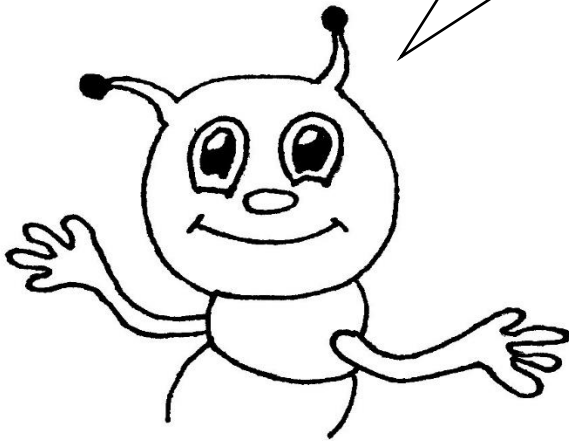


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## Passing the Word Along

**Re-spon-si-bil-i-ty** *n.* **1.** The act of being dependable and reliable **2.** meeting one's obligations **3.** being accountable for one's actions **4.** being responsible.

### Just for You

When Merwin wakes each morning he has 100 socks—one for each foot. But Merwin doesn't take care of his socks, and by night they all are lost. Merwin needs to be responsible for his socks. He needs to watch over them and guard them. When one falls off he needs to put it back on. When one is missing he needs to find it. And when one blows away he needs to run and get it. Merwin needs to take care of his socks. *Can you help Merwin? What can Merwin do to take care of his socks?*

Just like Merwin, God wants you to be responsible and take care of your socks. In fact, God wants you to take care of all your things like toys, clothes, and your home too. But that's not all. God wants you to be responsible for other things too. God wants you to be responsible for your behavior. He wants you to know the difference between right and wrong and good and bad. He wants you to think and act wisely. And God wants you to be dependable and reliable—to do what you are asked to do when you are asked to do it. That's exactly what God expected from Noah.

### Noah and Responsibility

A long, long time ago, long before Jesus was born, there was a problem. The once perfect earth that God created was in big trouble, and it was getting worse each day. The people were doing bad things, and the earth was filled with violence. The acts of mankind were finally so bad that God decided to destroy the earth and all the people on it. All the people, that is, except Noah and his family. God decided to save Noah and his family because of Noah's faithfulness and obedience—everyone else would be destroyed by a great flood. In carrying out his plan, God gave Noah a great responsibility. He told Noah to build an ark of cypress wood. It would be huge—much, much bigger than a football field, and more than four stories high. The ark would safely house Noah, his wife, his sons, and his sons' wives during the flood. In addition to building the ark, Noah was given another responsibility. Noah was to bring onto the ark living creatures of every kind, male and female, and keep them alive during the flood. Finally, Noah was directed to gather food of every kind and store it for his family and the creatures. As you can see, Noah was given a lot of responsibility, and he carried out his assignments very well. Noah worked for 120 years to build the ark and prepare for the flood. When the rains finally came, Noah was ready.

The rest of the story you know. It rained for forty days and forty nights, and the waters covered the earth for 150 days. Then the rain stopped, and the water started going down. Noah sent out a dove, but it didn't find dry land, so it came back. Seven days later the dove was

sent out again. This time it returned with an olive leaf. Noah waited seven more days then sent the dove out a third time. It didn't return. Noah knew the land was safe. At God's direction Noah brought out his wife, his sons, and his sons' wives and all the creatures. Then he built an altar to the Lord and sacrificed burnt offerings to God. Noah had been obedient to God and had carried out his responsibilities. God was pleased.

Noah was a good man. You can learn more about him by reading Genesis 5:29 through 10:32. His story is very interesting. There are a variety of examples of acts of responsibility and reliability in the Bible:

- Joseph was responsible and reliable when he worked in Potiphar's house – **Genesis 39:1-6**
- Jesus told a story about two sons that were asked to work for their father. What happened?  
**Matthew 21:28-31.**
- Jesus told a story about two servants - **Matthew 24:42-51.**
- Daniel was a responsible worker - **Daniel 6:1-14.**
- Jeroboam is a hard worker - **1 Kings 11:27-37.**
- A wife is a conscientious and hardworking woman – **Proverbs 31:10-31.**
- God asked Moses to oversee a special project - **Exodus 40:1-35.**

Details of all of the above stories are available at <https://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/responsibility/bible-stories>