Belling the Cat

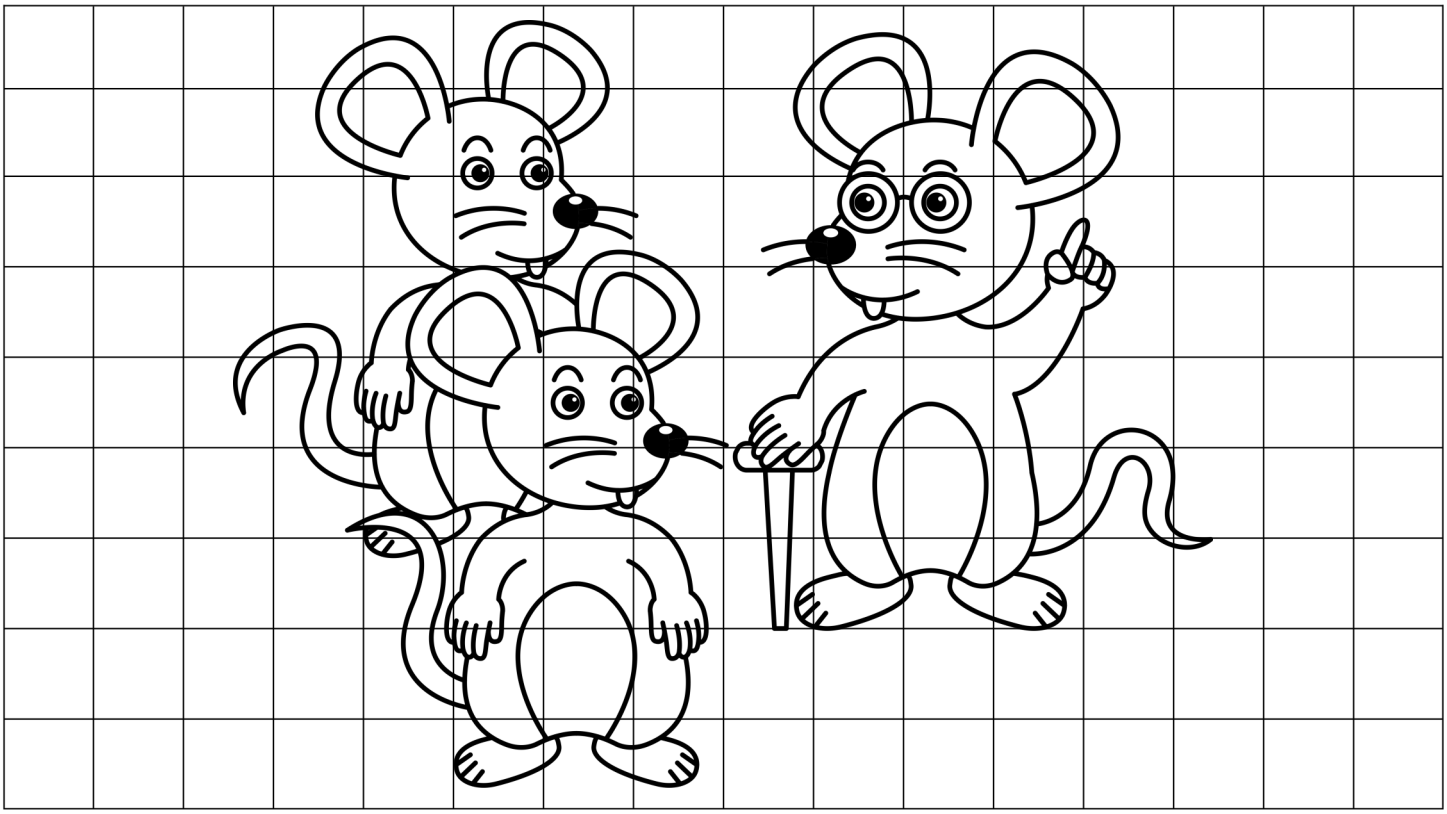
"Belling the Cat" is an Aesop fable in which a group of mice were tired of being afraid of the cat where they lived. They gathered together to try and find a solution to their problem. Finally, a young mouse had a plan that he knew would work. He suggested hanging a bell around the cat's neck. Then they could hear it coming.

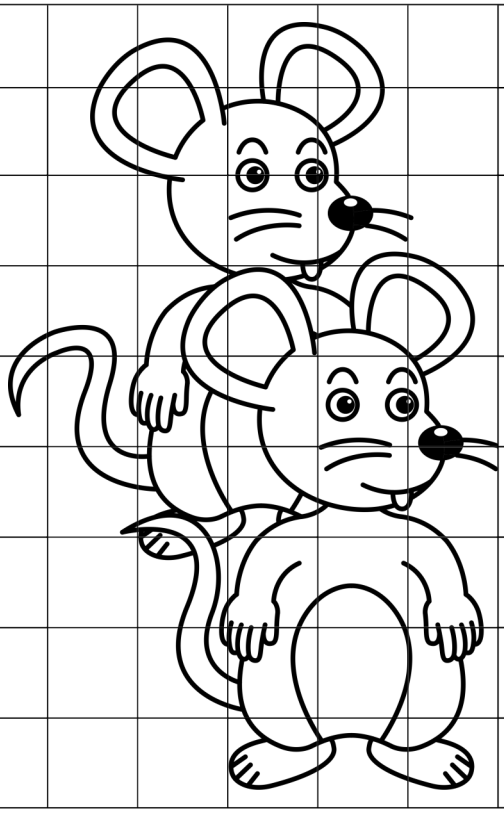
All of the mice were thrilled. They could not believe they had not thought of the plan before. However, an old mouse stood up and quietly said that he thought it was a very good plan, but he had a question. Who was going to be the one to hang the bell around the cat's neck? Of course, no one wanted to be the one to have to do that.

The moral of the story is that it is one thing to say that something should be done, but quite another thing to actually do it.

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The Crow and the Pitcher

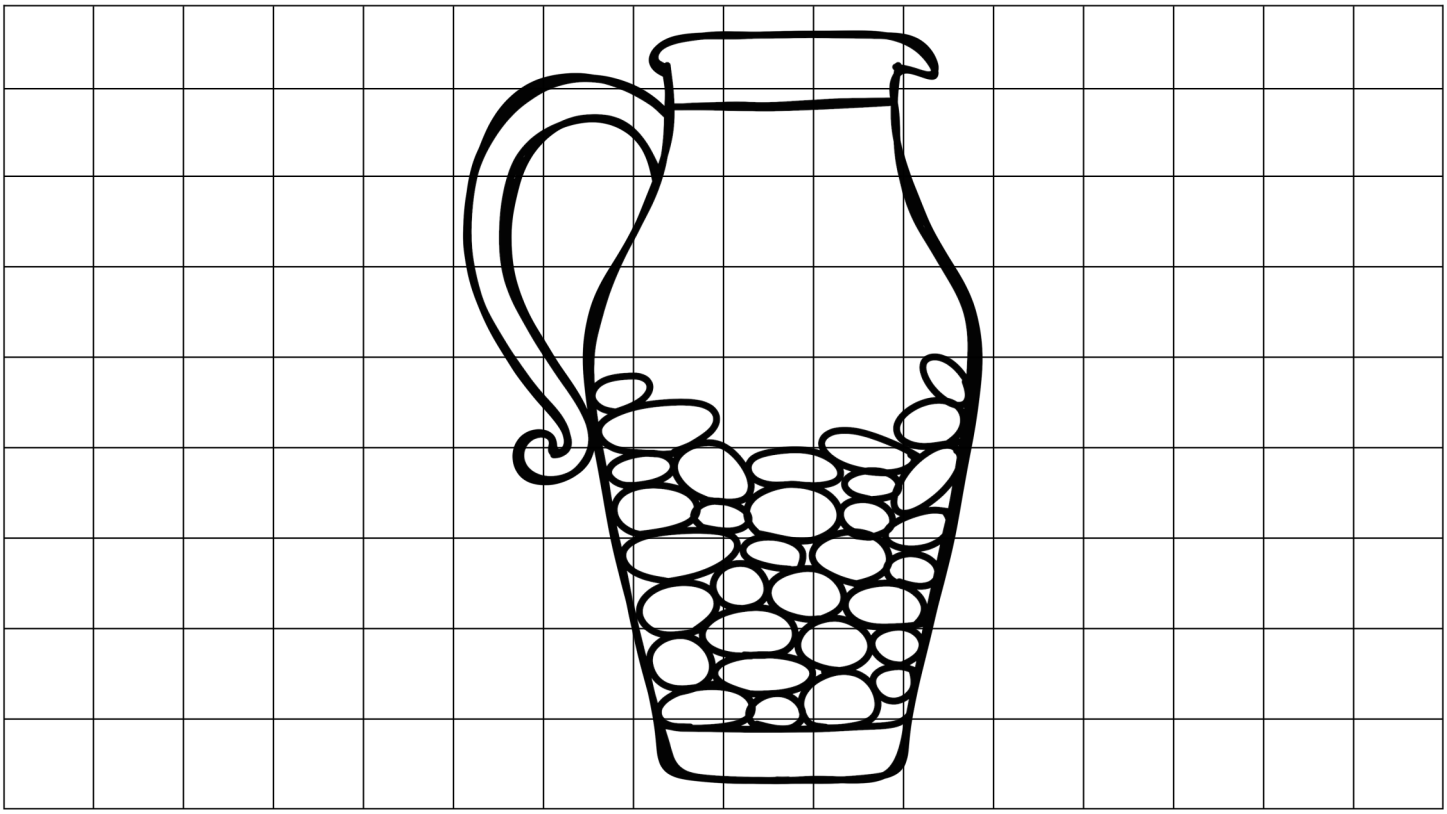
"The Crow and the Pitcher" is an Aesop fable set in a dry summer with very little rain. The birds were very thirsty, and one day a crow found a pitcher with some water in the bottom. The crow tried to get a drink, but the pitcher was too tall, and his beak could not reach the water at the very bottom.

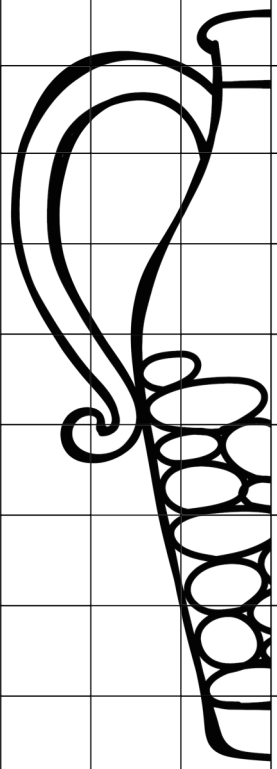
The crow looked around and had an idea. He dropped little pebbles into the pitcher. He had to use small pebbles so they would not get stuck and not go the whole way to the bottom. It took a little work, but he kept working hard to get the water he needed. Every time he put a little pebble in the pitcher, the water came up higher and higher. Finally, the water came to the top of the pitcher where his beak could reach it, and he was able to drink as much as he wanted.

The moral of the story is that lots of little things add up to big things.

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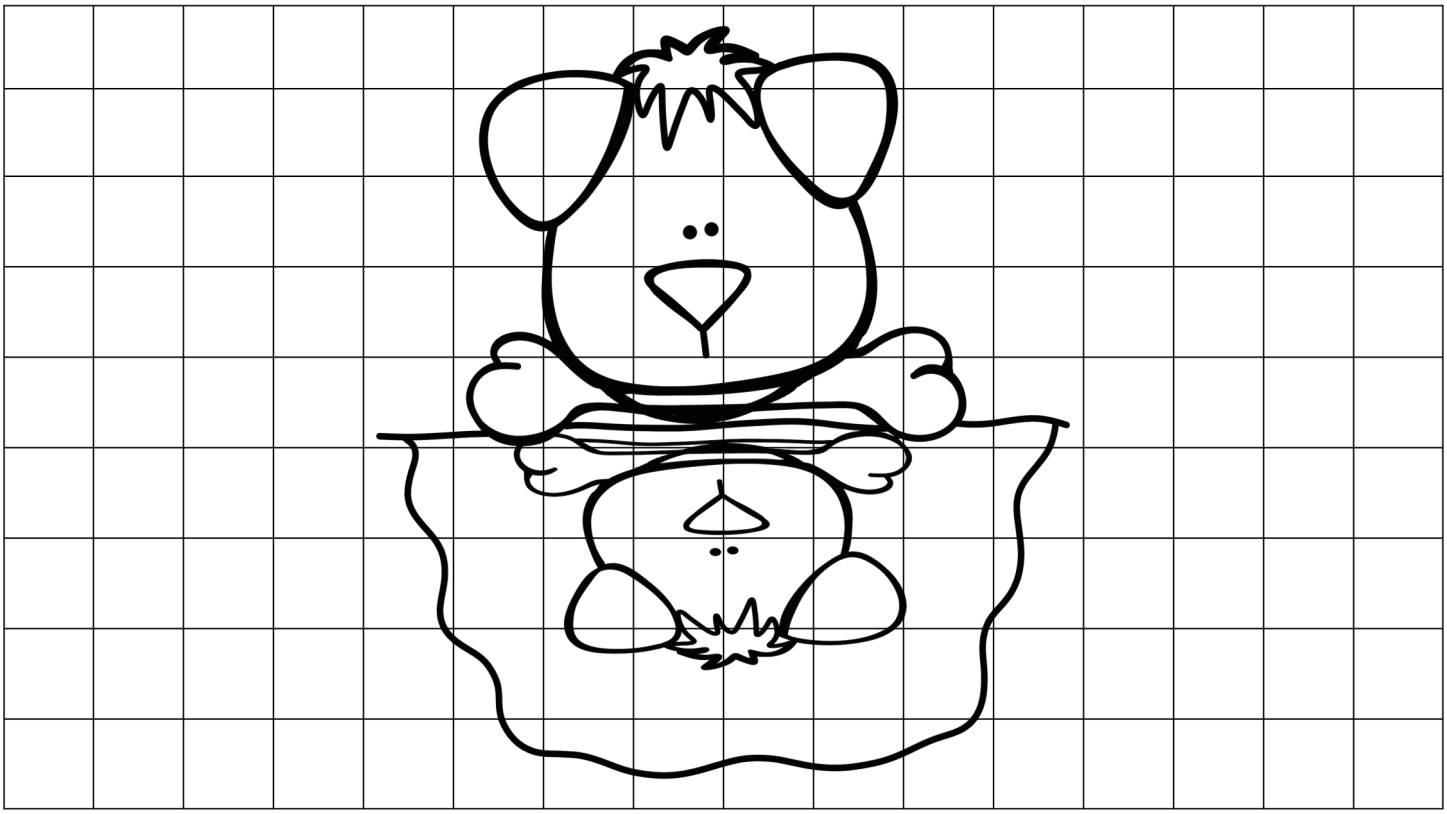
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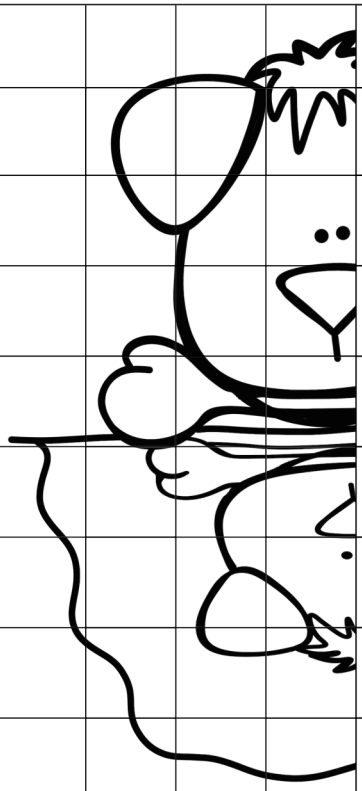
"The Dog and His Reflection" is an Aesop fable about a very happy dog. A nice, friendly butcher had given him a large piece of meat when he was in town. Now, he was on his way to his special spot to eat his treat. On his way, he crossed a bridge and looked down into the pond below him. He saw another dog in the pond with another piece of meat. This was really his reflection, but he did not realize it. He opened his mouth to try to grab the piece of meat he thought belonged to the other dog, and the meat he was carrying fell out of his mouth. It splashed into the water. Now, he had no meat at all.

The moral of the story is not to lose what you have by being greedy for what you don't.

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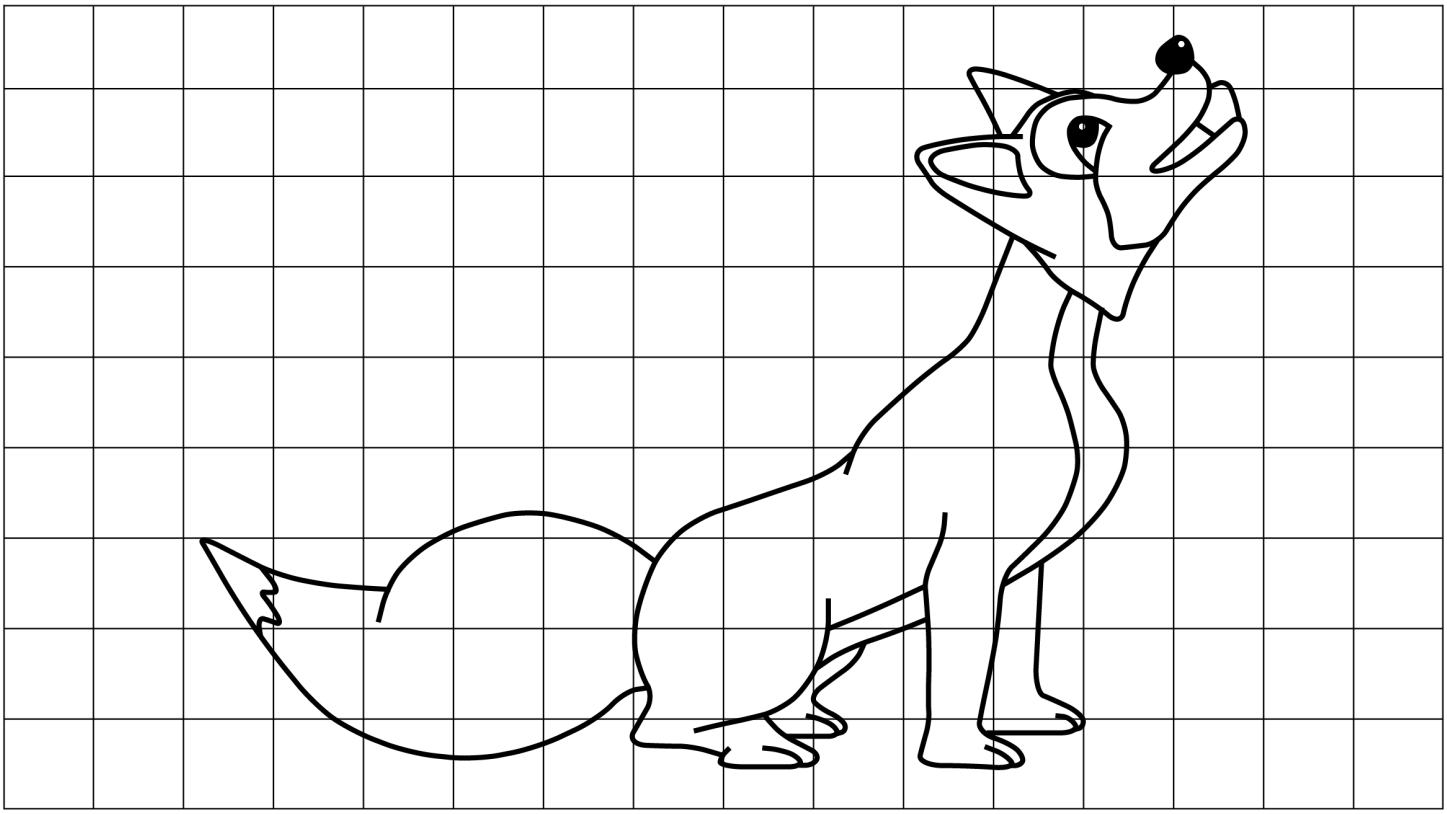
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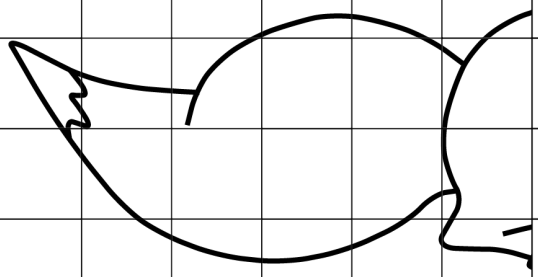
"The Fox and the Grapes" is an Aesop fable about a fox who saw some grapes he thought would be very tasty. The grapes were hanging from a vine high up out of his reach. The fox tried and tried to get the grapes, but he couldn't reach them. He stretched and jumped, but still no success. He backed up and ran and jumped, but they were still out of his reach. Over and over he tried until he was worn out. He got angry and gave up. He told himself that the grapes were probably sour anyways, and no smart fox would ever want them. They really weren't worth his time and effort.

The moral of the story is many pretend to despise what they cannot get.

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The Fox and the Stork

"The Fox and the Stork" is an Aesop fable about friendship. The stork was well-liked and had many friends. One of his friends was a fox who lived near him. Unfortunately, the fox was not a true friend and decided to play a very mean trick on the stork.

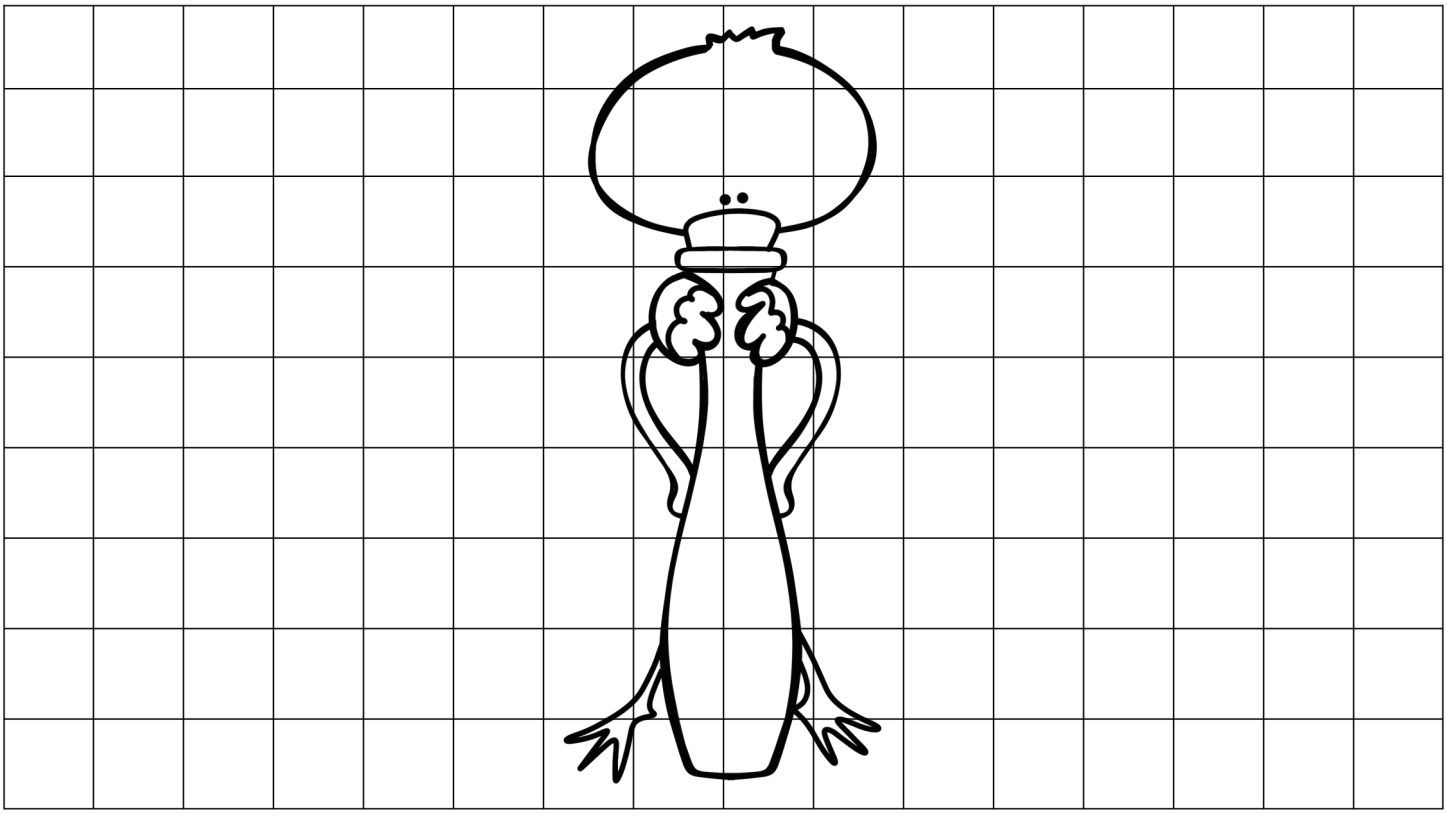
The fox thought that the long bill on the stork looked very funny, so he decided to invite the stork to dinner one night to play his trick. The stork smelled the tasty soup and came to the table, but the fox had put the soup in bowls that were shaped in a way that the stork's bill couldn't reach in to get a drop. The stork had to just sit, look at the soup, and watch the fox eat.

The stork thought about being angry, but he decided it was more important to teach the fox a lesson. He invited the fox to dinner, and the fox was happy to come. But, when the time came to eat at the stork's house, the fox saw that the stork had put the fish he had cooked in tall jars that his bill could easily reach in to eat. The fox, however, could not reach the fish.

The moral of the story is do not play tricks on others unless you want to be treated the same way.

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The Lion and the Mouse

"The Lion and the Mouse" is an Aesop fable about kindness. A mouse was walking in the forest when he saw a lion asleep. The mouse was so frightened she started to run without thinking and ran right across the lion's nose. This, of course, woke the lion, and he grabbed the mouse with his paw.

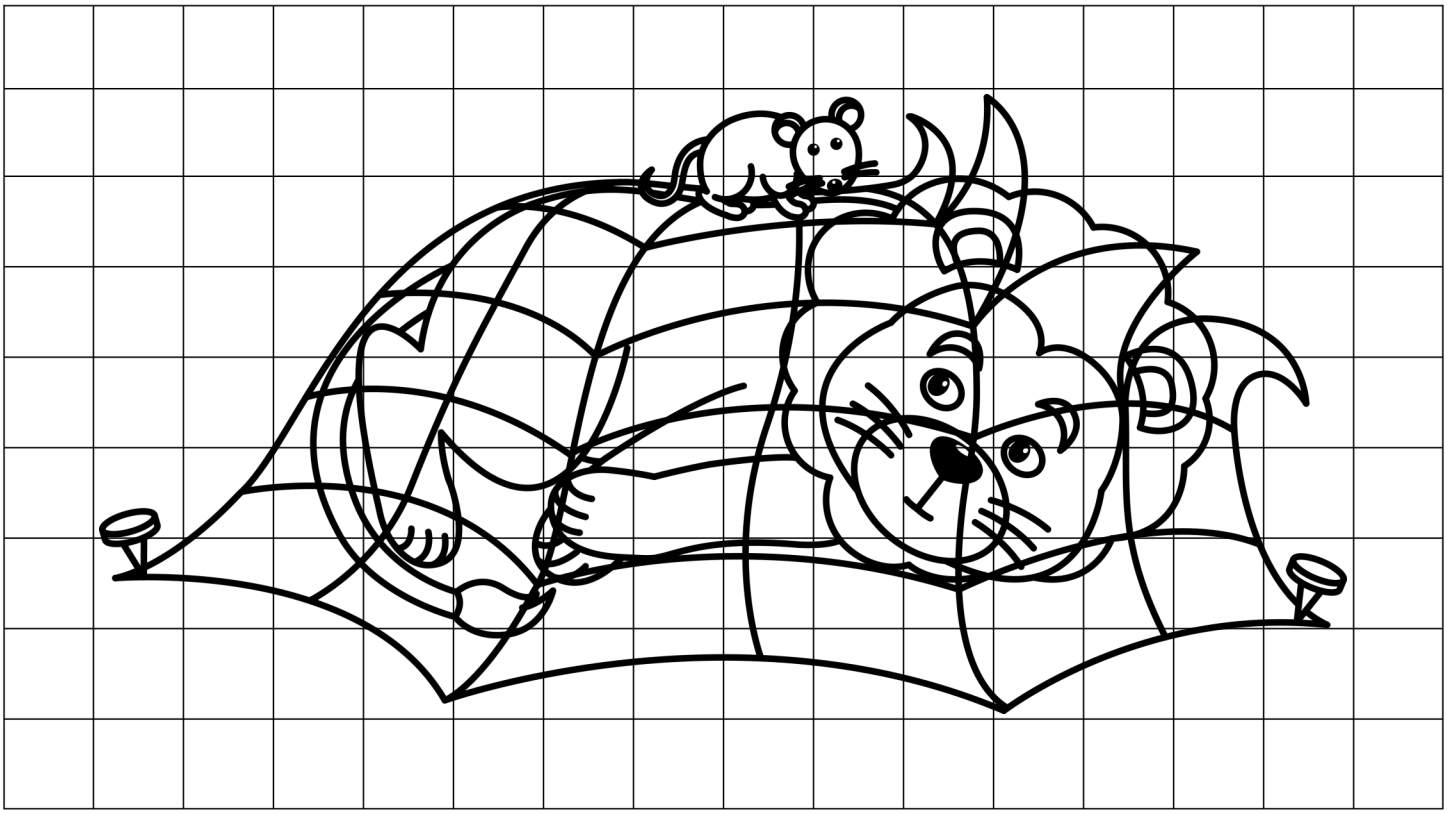
The mouse begged the lion to let her go and promised she would help him some day if ever he needed it. This amused the lion because he could not think of any time something as small as a mouse could help something as large and powerful as a lion, but he felt sorry for the mouse and let her go.

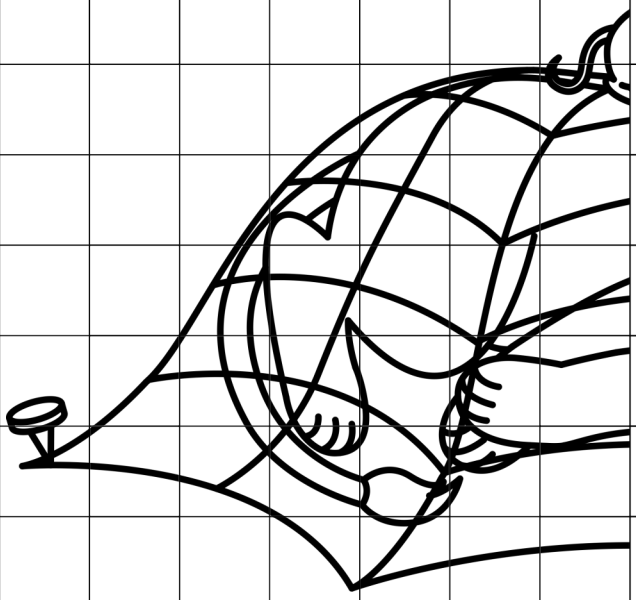
Before long, the lion found himself caught in a hunter's net and could not get free. The mouse heard him roar and hurried to see what was wrong. The mouse chewed through the cords on the net and freed the lion.

The moral of the story is that no kindness is ever wasted.

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The Miller, His Son, and Their Donkey

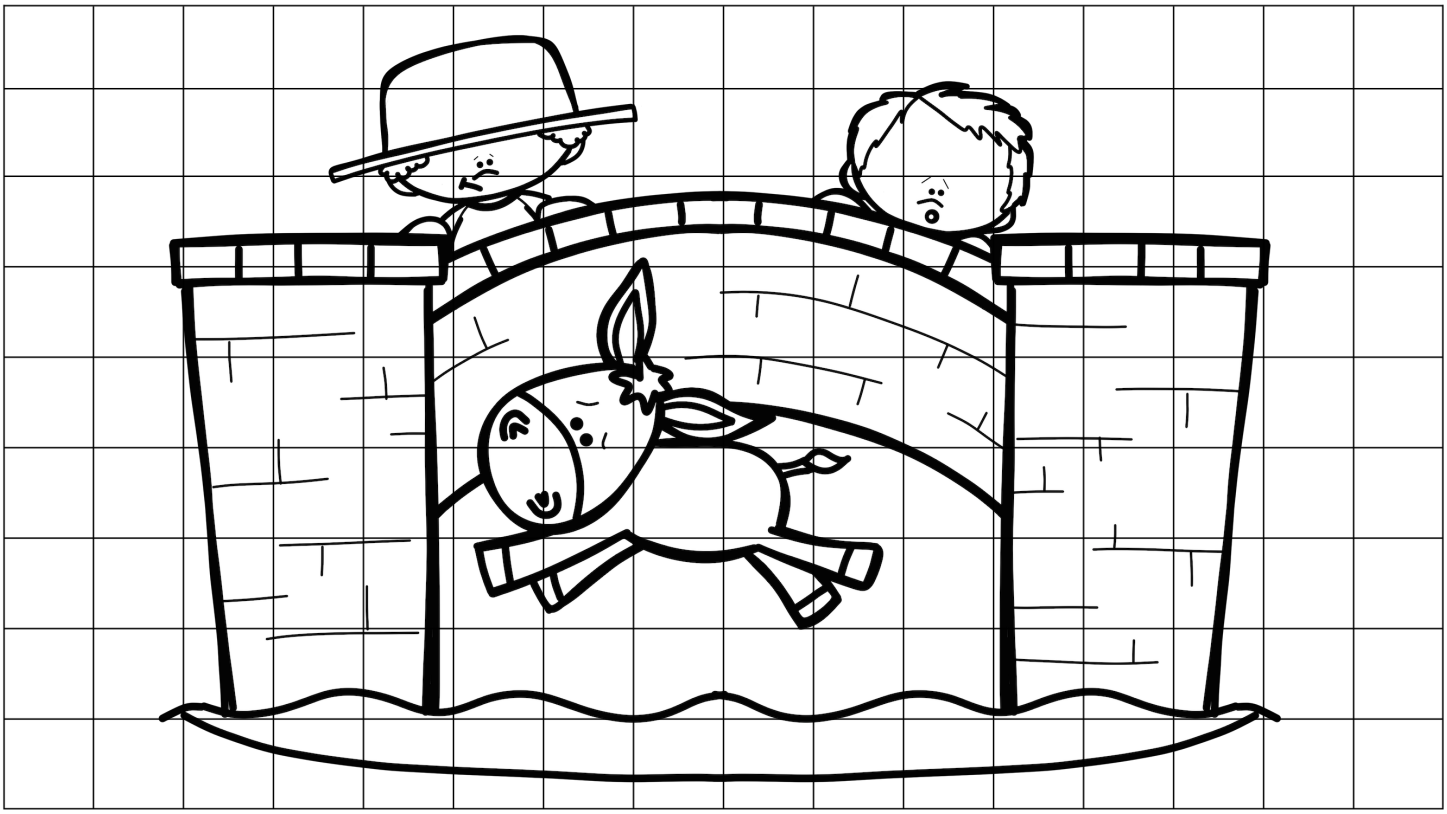
"The Miller, His Son, and Their Donkey" is an Aesop fable about a farmer and his son who were taking a donkey to town to sell him. However, people kept making fun of them. When they walked beside the donkey, people laughed at them for not riding the donkey. When the son rode the donkey, people said it was terrible to make the older man walk. When the father rode the donkey, they said it was terrible to make the son walk. When they both rode the donkey, people said they were being cruel to the donkey.

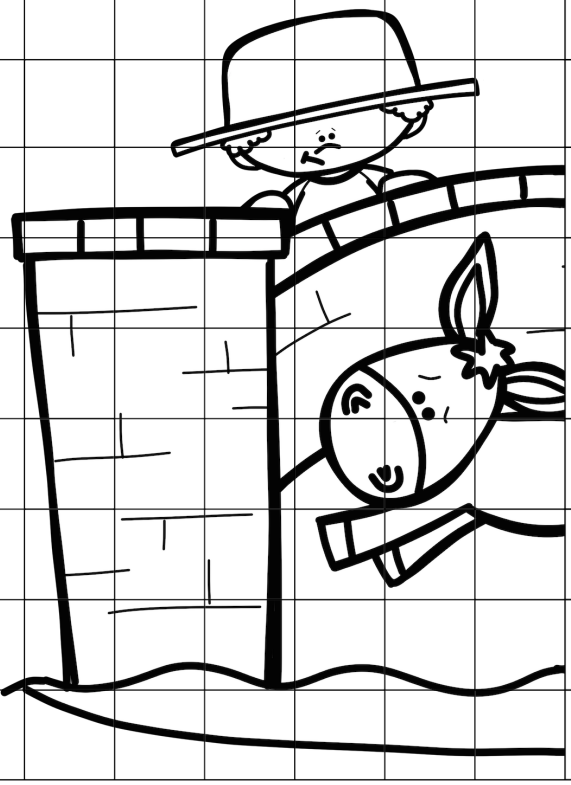
Finally, when they tied the donkey to a pole and carried him, people laughed so hard that the donkey started fighting to get loose. When the father and son were walking across a bridge in town, the donkey broke loose and fell into the river.

The moral of the story is that if you try to please everyone, you end up pleasing no one, including yourself.

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The Milkmaid and Her Pail

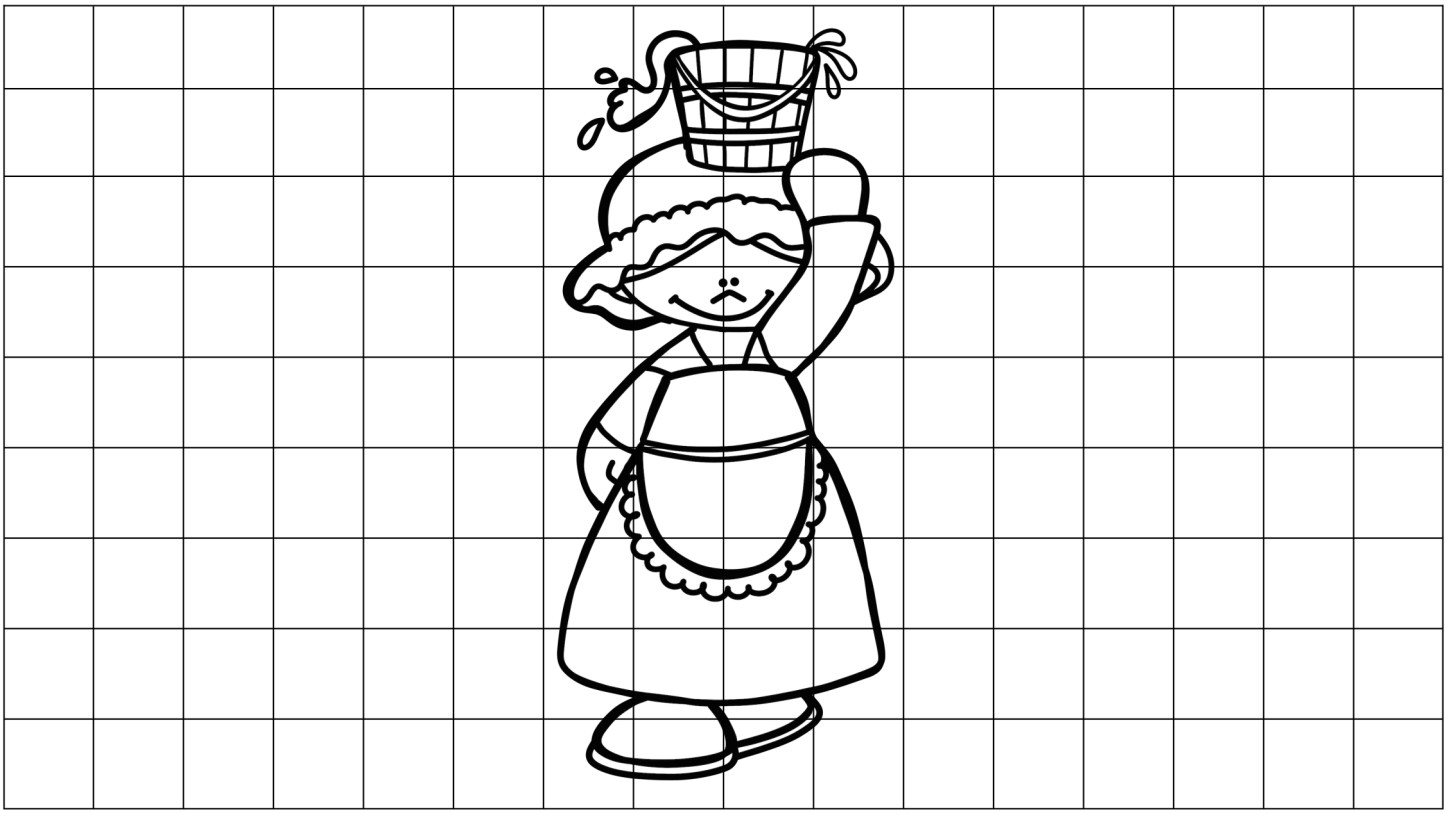
"The Milkmaid and Her Pail" is an Aesop fable about daydreaming when you should be concentrating on what you are doing. When Patty the milkmaid did her job of milking the cows one morning, she saw how good the milk was. She put the pail on her head to carry it back to her house. While she walked, she began daydreaming.

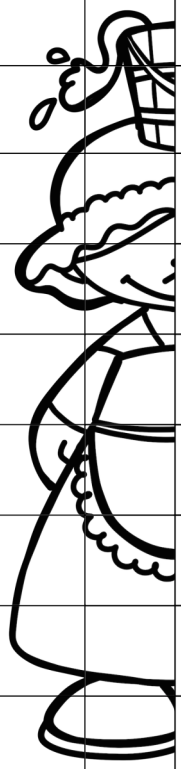
She thought about what she would do with the milk, what she could sell of the butter she would make, what she would buy with the money and, finally, how much money she would have at some point to buy herself a beautiful dress and hat. While daydreaming, she forgot about the pail of milk on her head and didn't keep it balanced. The pail fell to the ground, and the milk spilled. She had been so busy thinking about herself she forgot about everything else.

The moral of the story is not to count your chickens before they are hatched.

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The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf

"The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf" is an Aesop fable about lying. A shepherd boy was watching his father's sheep, but he got bored and decided to liven things up one day.

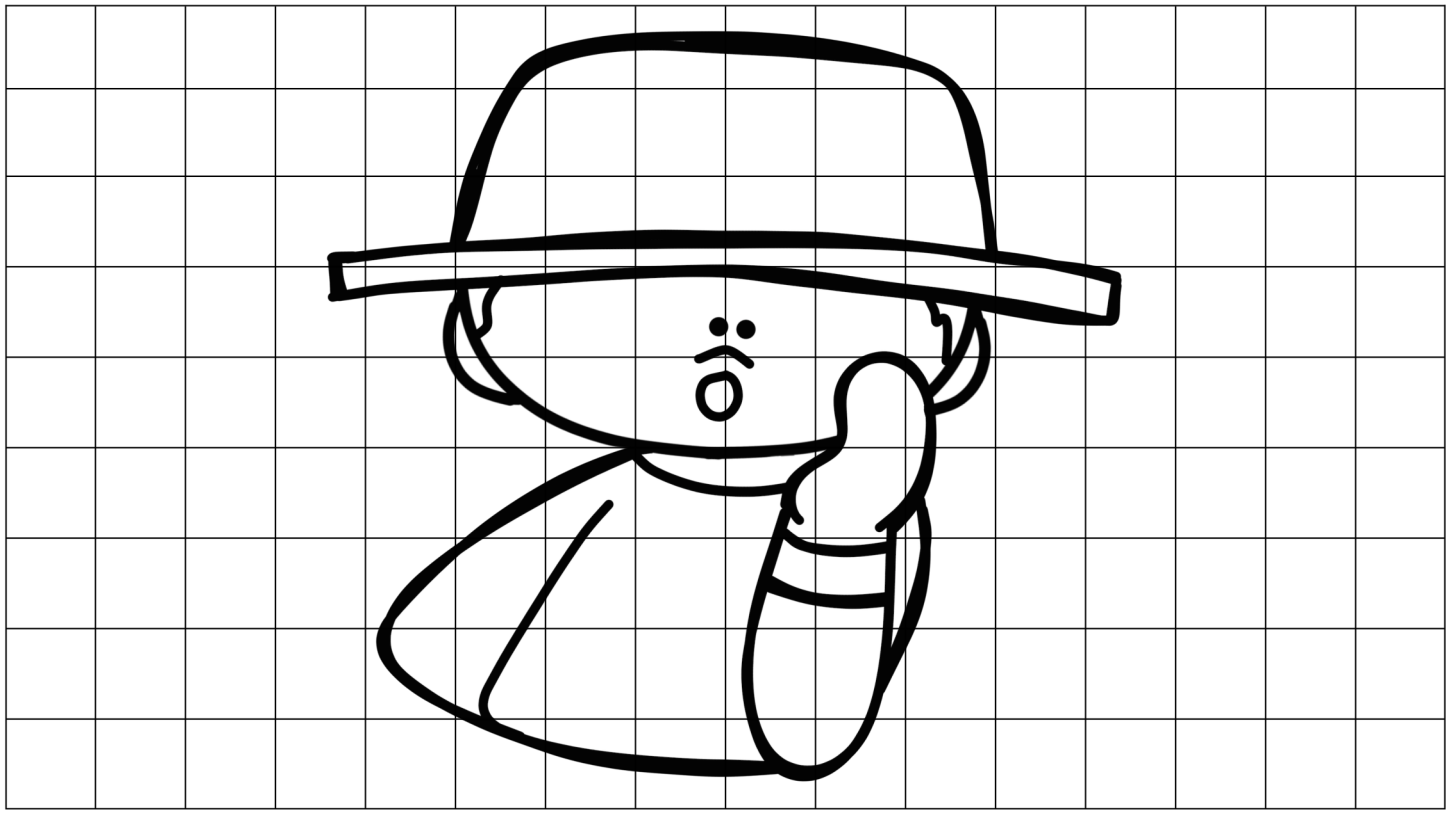
His father told him the people from the village would come and help if he ever saw a wolf attacking the sheep, so one day, even though there was no wolf, the boy cried, "Wolf! Wolf!" The people came to help, but the only thing they saw was the shepherd boy laughing at them. He played the same trick a few more times, always making fun of the people who believed him.

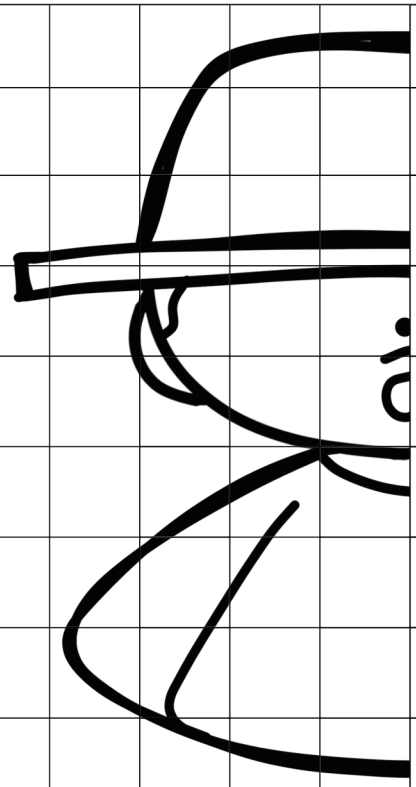
One day, the wolf really did show up and the boy cried for help, but no one came. The boy hid while the wolf ate the sheep and finally left.

The moral of the story is that liars are not believed, even when they speak the truth.

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The Tortoise and the Hare

"The Tortoise and the Hare" is an Aesop fable about working toward a goal and not giving up or getting overconfident. A hare thought he was very special because he could run faster than a tortoise. He challenged the tortoise to a race to show off how fast he really was. The tortoise accepted.

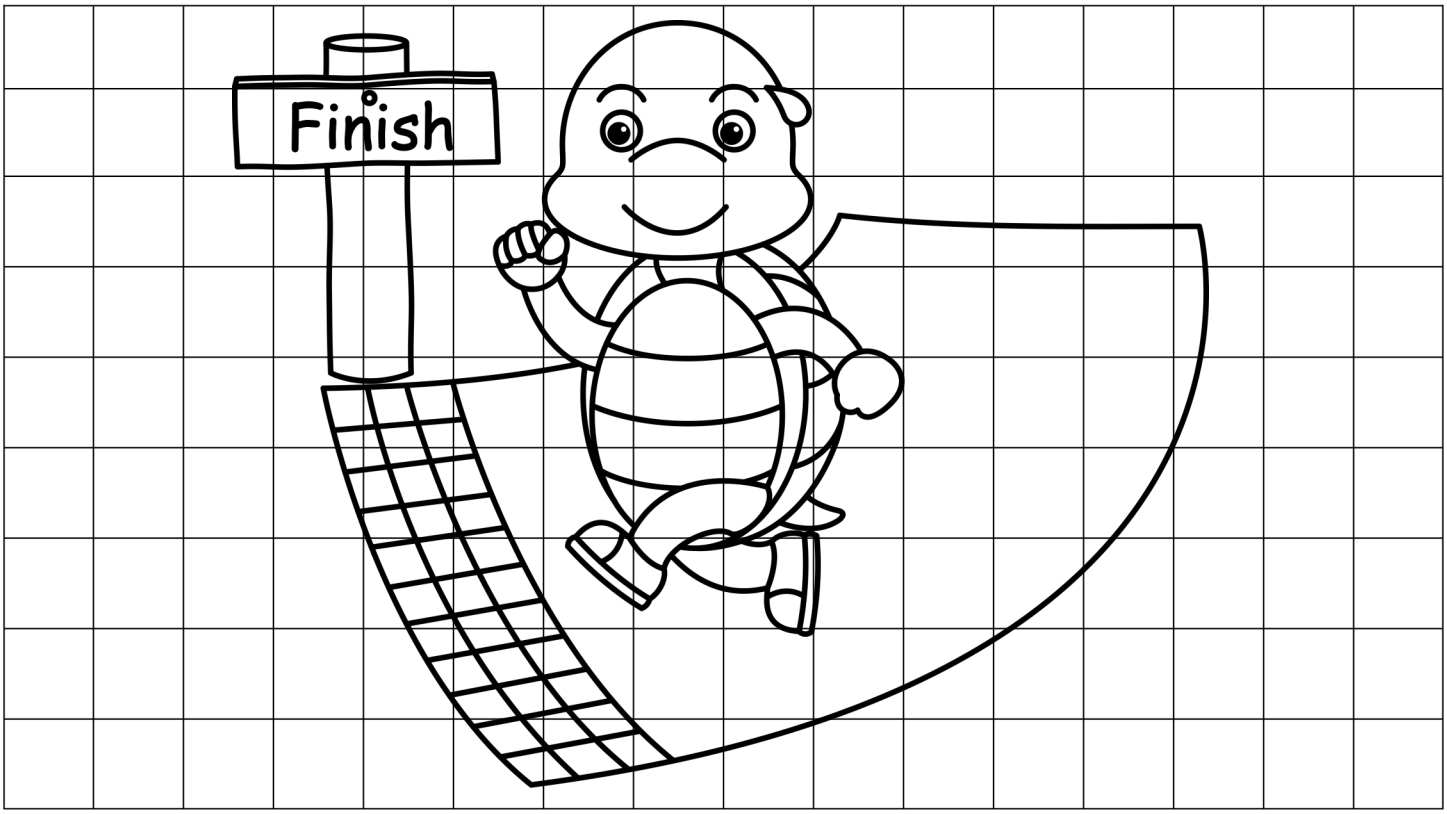
The day of the race, the hare shot away from the starting line, but the tortoise just took one step after another at his own pace. The hare was so sure of himself that he found a nice shady spot and decided to lay down and close his eyes until the tortoise got close. He planned to jump up and quickly dash to the finish line ahead of the tortoise.

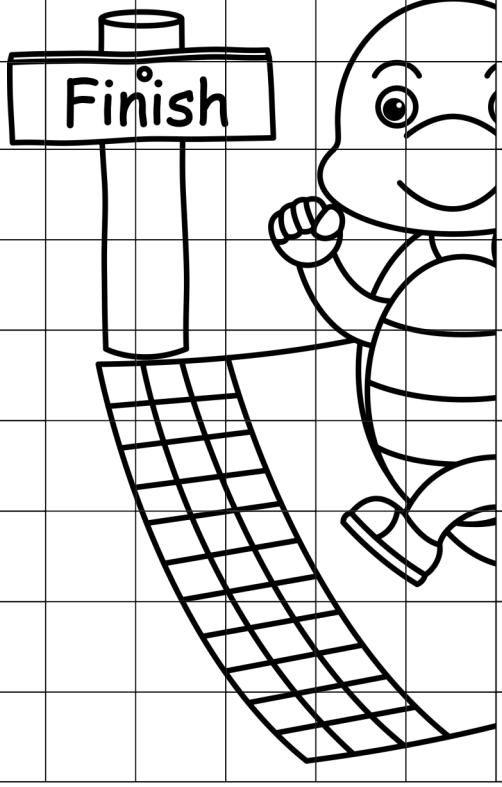
The hare fell asleep, but the tortoise continued along the race path. The tortoise saw the hare sleeping when he passed him, but he didn't say anything. Suddenly, the hare woke up and realized the tortoise was almost at the finish line. The hare tried to pass the tortoise, but it was too late. Before the hare made it that far, the tortoise won the race.

The moral of the story is that slow and steady wins the race.

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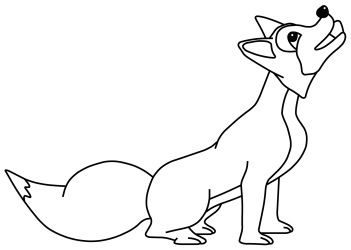
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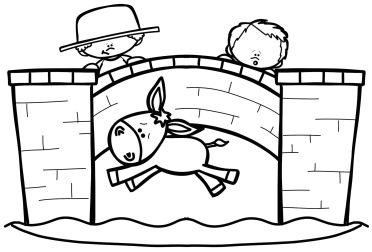

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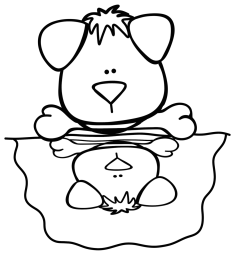
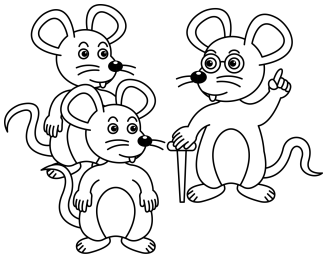


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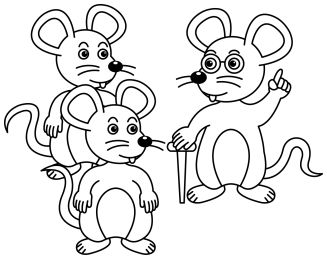
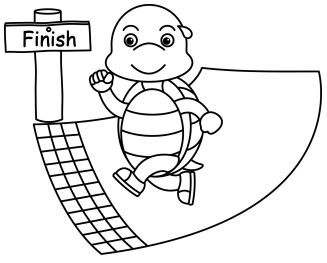




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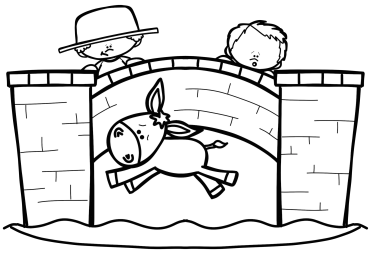
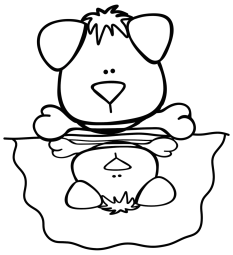




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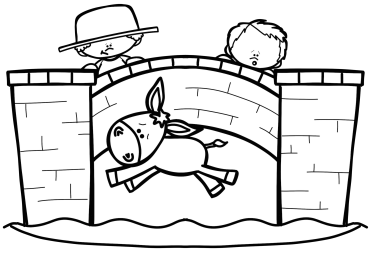
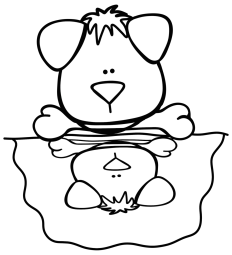




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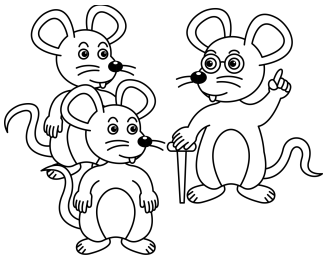
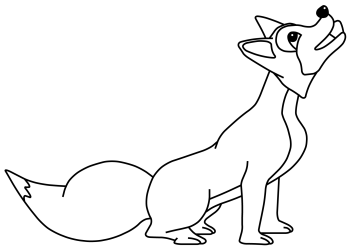
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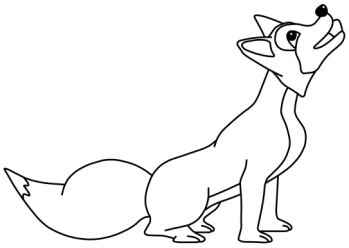
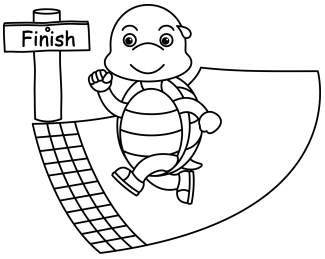
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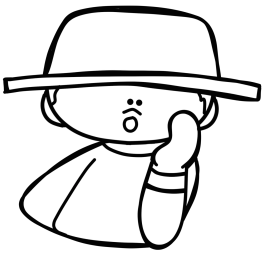




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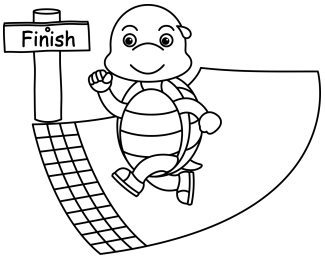




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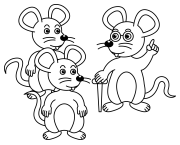


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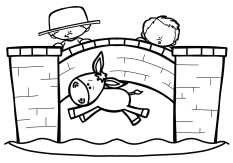
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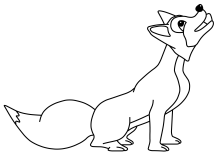
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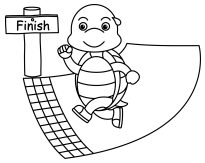
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