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All About May Day

May Day is a holiday that is celebrated in all around the world. On May Day, we celebrate the start of spring. May is on May 1st. In some places, towns have a Maypole. This is a tall pole that is decorated with flowers and ribbons. People hold onto the ribbons and dance around the Maypole. Some of them wear flowers in their hair. May Day is a fun way to celebrate the start of spring!

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### Comprehension Questions: All A

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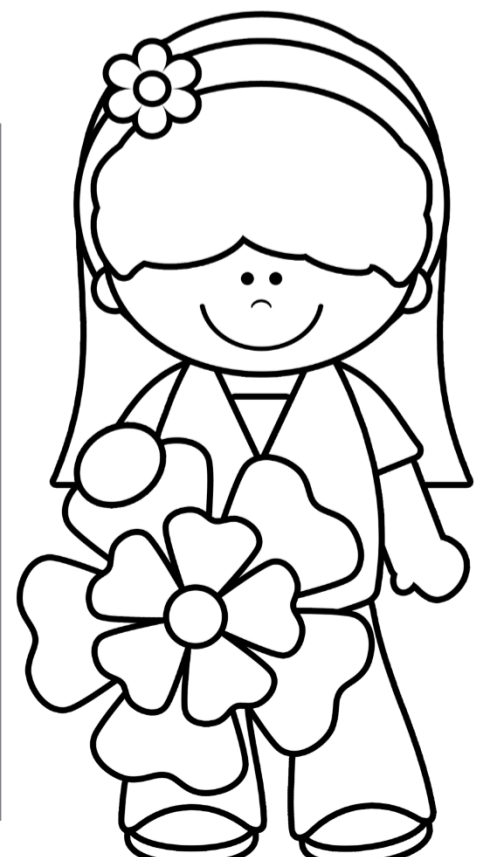
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# Comprehension Questions: All About May Day

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2. What is May Day a celebration of?

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3. What is a Maypole?

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4. Why do you think flowers are part of May Day decorations?

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# Space Day

Space Day is a special day that is held on the first Friday in May. This day was first celebrated in 1997. It was not supposed to be an annual event, but people liked it so much that they decided to hold Space Day every year. On this day, people think about jobs where they would use science and math. It is a good day to learn more about space and jobs in the space industry. Many different places like schools, museums, and science centers do special activities on this day.

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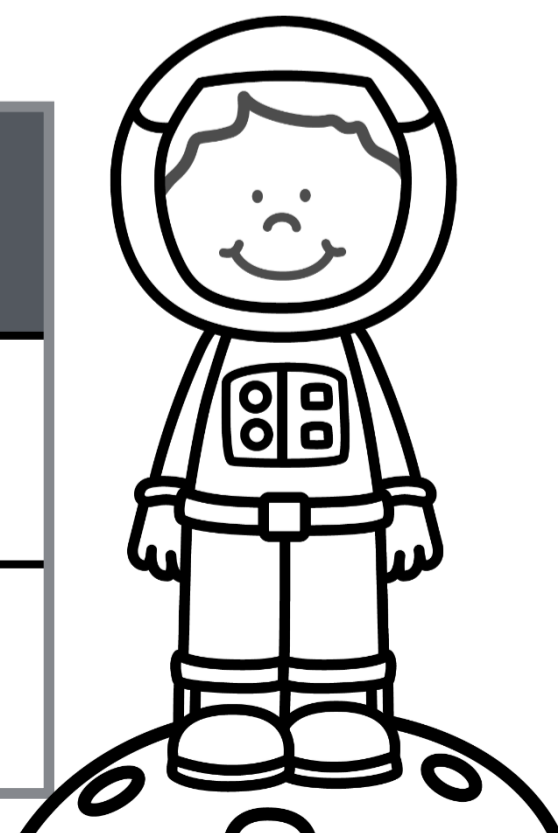
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# Comprehension Questions: Space Day

1. When is Space Day held?

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2. Why is Space Day celebrated every year?

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3. What is the focus of Space Day?

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4. Would you like a job working in the space industry?

Why or why not?

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# Happy Mother's Day!

Moms are great! They do so much to help us that people think we should have a holiday for them. Well we do have one, and it is Mother's Day. Mother's Day is held on the second Sunday in May. It was first held in 1908. On Mother's Day, we do things to let our mothers know how much we appreciate them. Some people give their mothers cards, presents, or do extra things to help around the house. No matter how you celebrate Mother's Day, make sure to let your mom know that you love her!

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## Comprehension Questions: Happy Mother's Day!

1. When is Mother's Day held?

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2. When was Mother's Day first celebrated?

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3. What are some ways the story says people celebrate Mother's Day?

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4. What is something you could do for your mom on Mother's Day?

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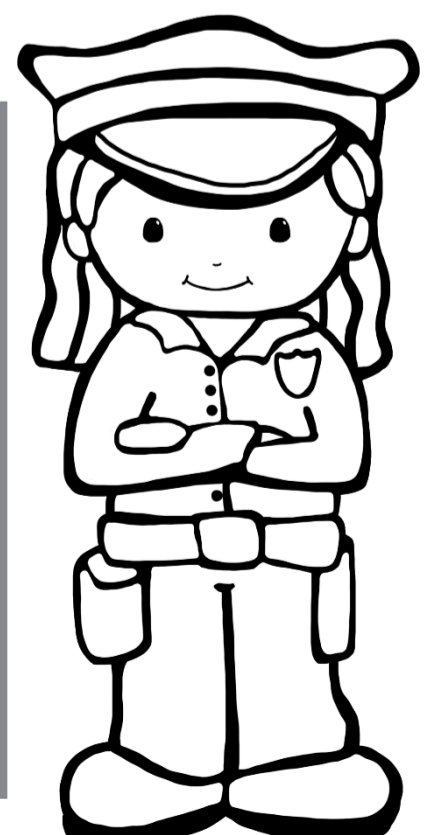
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# Police Protect Us

Police officers work very hard to help keep us 9  
 safe. They drive in police cars and solve 17  
 problems that they see while they are driving. 25  
 Other police officers ride on motorcycles, 31  
 bicycles or even horses! They solve crimes 38  
 and help with emergencies. They make sure 45  
 that people are driving safely. They make 52  
 sure that people are following the law. Their 60  
 jobs are very important. The next time you 68  
 see a police officer, make sure you thank 76  
 them for keeping us safe! 81

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# Comprehension Questions: Police Protect Us

1. What kind of transportation do police officers use?

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2. What are some of the things that police officers do?

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3. Why do you think a police officer's job is important?

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4. What would be another good title for this story?

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# Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a holiday in America. It 8  
 became a holiday in 1971 and it is held on the 19  
 last Monday in May. It is a day to remember 29  
 the soldiers who died while they were serving 37  
 our country. Many people protect our 43  
 country by serving in the Army, Navy, Air 51  
 Force, Marines, or other groups. They help to 59  
 keep our country safe. On Memorial Day, we 67  
 honor the soldiers who died during wars. 74  
 There are many picnics and parades on 81  
 Memorial Day as well as other special 88  
 activities. 89

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# Comprehension Questions: Memorial Day

1. When is Memorial Day celebrated?

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2. What is the purpose of Memorial Day?

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3. What are some activities that are held on Memorial Day?

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4. What are some of the groups that soldiers serve in?

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## A Mother's Day Surprise

My mom is the best! She always works hard. 9

My sister and I decided to surprise her on 18

Mother's Day. We woke up early and made 26

her breakfast. We made pancakes for her 33

and a hot cup of coffee. After she ate 42

breakfast, she came downstairs to find a nice 50

clean house. Next, she saw a bunch of flowers 59

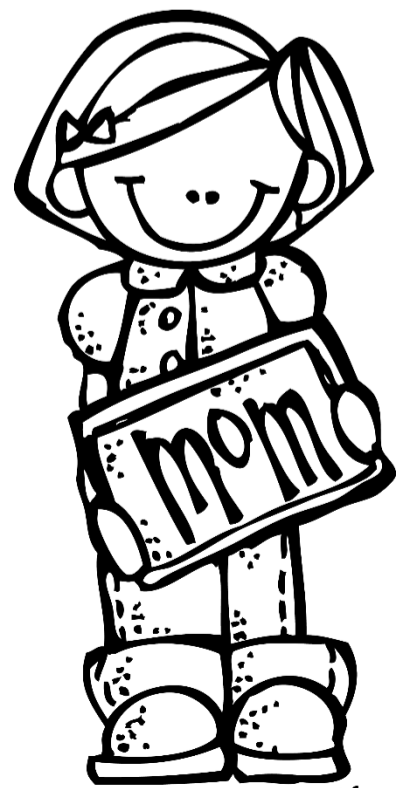
and two big cards. "Happy Mother's Day 66

Mom," we shouted. "You are the best mom 74

ever!" My mom smiled. "Thank you so much! 82

This is the best Mother's Day ever," she said. 91

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# Comprehension Questions: A Mother's Day Surprise

1. Why did the children decide to surprise their mom?

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2. What did the children make their mom for breakfast?

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3. What other nice things did the children do for their mom?

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4. How do you think Mom felt about the Mother's Day surprise?

Why do you think that?

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# A Trip to Outer Space

My rocket blasted off. I looked out the window and I saw stars everywhere. I could not believe I was taking a trip to outer space! My spaceship landed and I climbed out. I made sure my helmet was on tight. I took a few steps and saw an alien. "Hello," it said. "Hello," I said back. I was a little scared, but mostly excited. "Let me show you around," the alien said, and we walked off together. The next thing I knew, my alarm clock went off. It was just a dream!

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# Comprehension Questions: A Trip to Outer Space

1. What did the author see when they looked out the window?

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2. Where was the author going?

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3. What did the author see when they landed?

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4. What happened in the end of the story?

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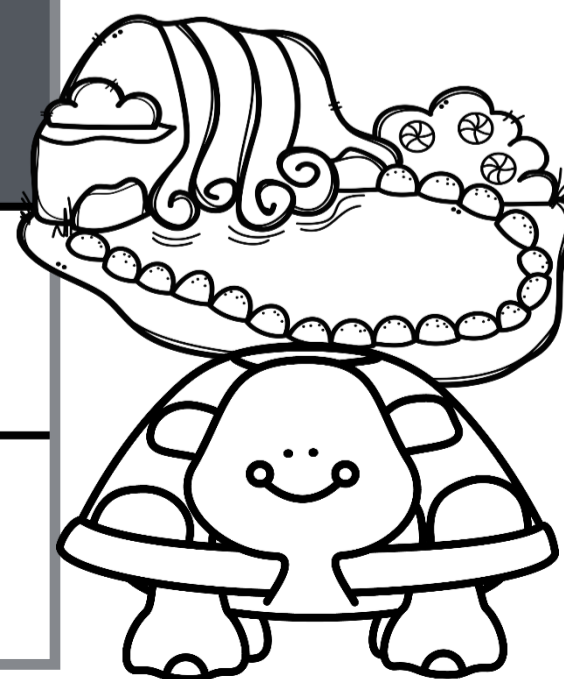
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## Toby's Big Day

Toby was the smallest turtle in the pond. All 9  
 the other turtles were big and strong. One 17  
 day Toby saw a sign that said, "Turtle Race 26  
 next week at Snapper Pond." Toby was 33  
 sad. "I want to be in the race, but I am too 45  
 small," he said. "One of the other turtles will 54  
 win." Toby went to Snapper Pond on the day 63  
 of the race. He saw all the other turtles. "I 73  
 will try," Toby said and jumped into the 81  
 pond. Toby swam as fast as he could. He 90  
 won the race! He was so happy! 97

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# Comprehension Questions: Toby's Big Day

1. What was Toby like?

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2. What sign did Toby see?

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3. What was Toby worried about?

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4. What happened at the end of the story?

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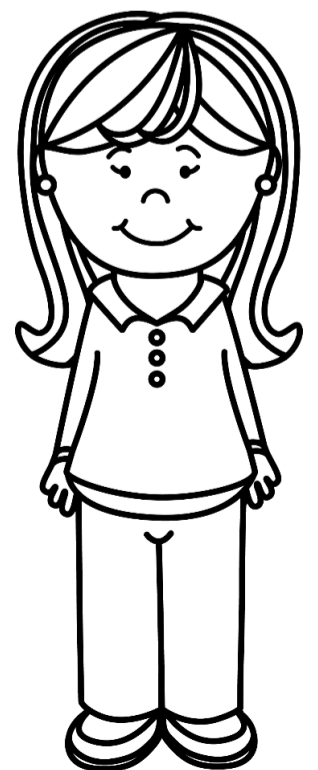
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# I Love My Teacher

When I got home from school, my mom 8  
 said, "This is Teacher Appreciation Week." 14  
 "What does that mean?" I asked. "It is a 23  
 time to thank your teacher for all the nice 32  
 things she does for you." We went to the 41  
 store. We bought her a box of her favorite 50  
 candy. We put it in a bag with a pretty 60  
 bow. When we got home, I made a card 69  
 that said, "You are the best teacher ever!" 77  
 The next day at school, I gave her the gift. 87  
 She was very happy. I love my teacher! 95

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# Comprehension Questions: I Love My Teacher

1. What did mom say Teacher Appreciation Week meant?

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2. What did they buy at the store?

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3. What did the child make for their teacher?

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4. How could you show someone that you appreciate them?

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## May Day Flowers

Every year on the first day of May, my school has a flower sale. It is called the May Day Flower Sale. The kids bring in money and they can buy flowers to take home or give to someone. I wanted to surprise my mom. I got her purple flowers because those are her favorite. I got a flower for my teacher too. I got her a red one. I picked a yellow flower for my bus driver because he is so nice! The flowers are so pretty. I hope they like them!

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# Comprehension Questions: May Day Flowers

1. When is the flower sale?

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2. What can students do with the flowers they buy?

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3. Who did the student give flowers to?

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4. If you bought a flower, who would you give it to?

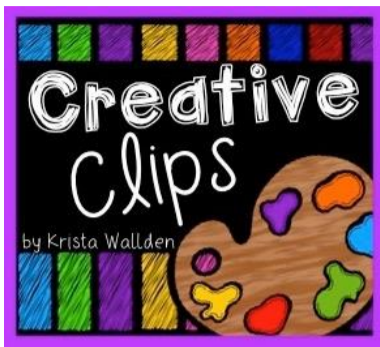
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