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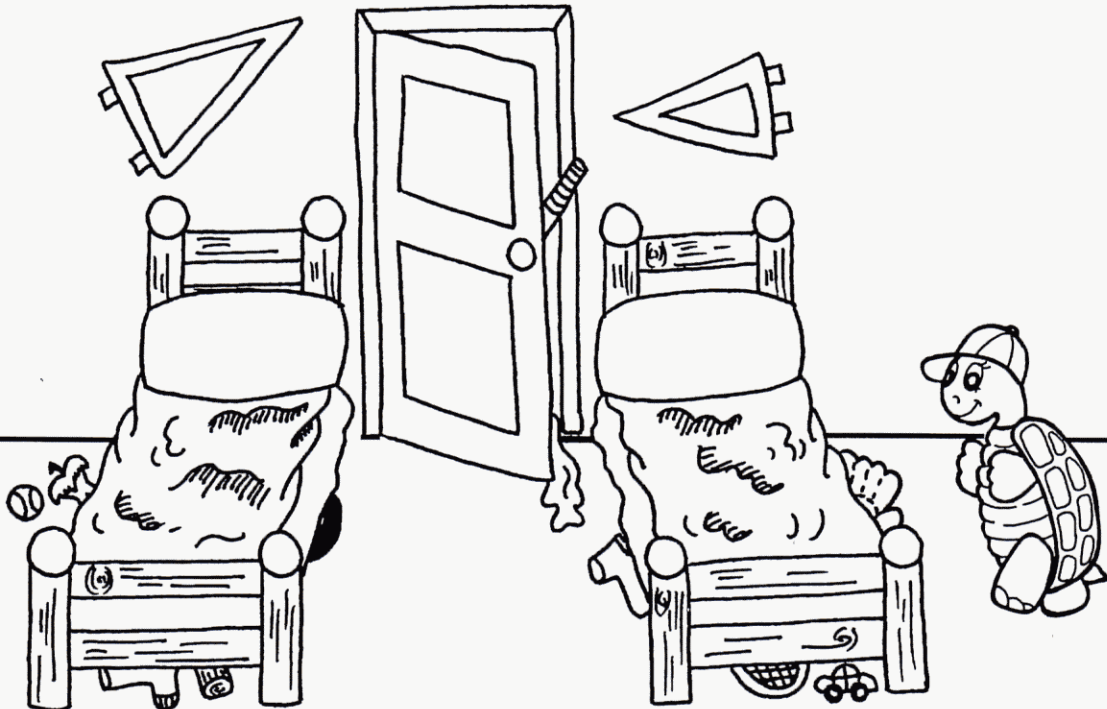
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## Learning Obedience Through Chores Family Home Evening Packet



Contents:  
Story, Picture Sheets, Game,  
Scripture, Treat Recipe

\$5.00

# Chores, Chores, Chores and More! Family Home Evening Packet

## Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Scripture

Story

Game

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Refreshments

**Suggested Songs:** "When We're Helping", pg. 198 (Childrens)

"I Have Two Little Hands", pg. 272 (Childrens)

"Choose The Right", pg. 239 (Hymn)

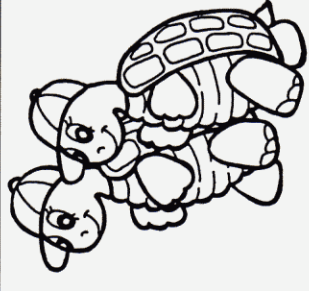
**Scriptures:** D&C 130:19, D&C 105:6

**Story:** Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc.

Use flannel, or laminate and cut out

and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

**Activity:** Color the chore chart as desired and write names of family members in the spaces designated on the chart. Laminate chart and chore medallions with a heavy lamination. Cut out the chore medallions. Mount self-adhesive, round velcro tabs on the backs of each medallion and also in each square of the chore chart (not in the name squares). Make sure that you put all of the positive sides of the velcro on the medallions, and the negative sides of the velcro in the squares so that they are interchangeable. At the end of the week, or at the end of the month fill out a "Congratulations Certificate" for those family members who fulfilled their obligations. You decide on the reward to be given.



## "Turtle"iffic Hot Fudge Brownies

### Brownie Ingredients

- 2 sticks of butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
  - 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup cocoa
  - 1 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350 . Grease a 13x9x2 pan. Melt butter in a large bowl. Add sugar and vanilla. Stir in eggs one at a time, stirring each one until completely mixed. Add cocoa; beat until well blended. Add flour, baking powder and salt; beat well. Pour into baking pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes.

### Items Needed:

- Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream
- Large and small marshmallows (Green preferably)
  - Hot fudge sauce
- Toothpicks or chocolate covered orange or raspberry sticks

After the brownies are cool, take a round cookie cutter and cut the brownies into round pieces. Place the brownie on a plate. Insert four toothpicks into the sides of the brownie for the legs and one into the front for the head. If you have small children, you may want to substitute chocolate covered orange sticks or raspberry sticks for the legs. Place small marshmallows on the legs, and a large marshmallow for the head. Place a rounded scoop of mint chocolate chip ice cream on top of the brownie and pour hot fudge sauce over the ice cream. This can be a great activity for the kids to get involved in. Allow them to build the turtle before placing the ice cream and hot fudge on it.



# Chores, Chores, Chores and More!



Timmy and Tommy loved being twins. Everyone made a fuss over them and they even got special favors from their teacher in school.

Mother Turtle thought they were the most wonderful twins in the world *except* when she asked them to do their chores. Getting the twins to do their chores was truly a tough job for Mother. How could she possibly get them to do what they were told, and when they were told? Mother Turtle thought a lot about this little problem. She had even asked old Mrs. Reginald Turtle, who lived in the next cove. Mrs. Reginald Turtle knew everything. She was very old for a turtle and she was very wise. But even Mrs. Reginald Turtle couldn't come up with a new strategy for Mother Turtle's dilemma.

"Oh, me," sighed Mother Turtle. "Look at this messy room," she said as she gazed around Tommy and Timmy's room. "How many times have I asked them to clean their room this month and look at this horrible sight!"

Mother was at her wit's end. She was discouraged. Perhaps Oswald Owl had some answers for her. She would visit him this afternoon.

The old owl sat on his perch high above the ground and gazed down at the frazzled Mother Turtle. "My dear," he drawled, "it's simple. Life is a journey of work and rewards. You must reward them for their good deeds."

"But, what should I reward them with?" sighed Mother Turtle.

The old owl stroked his feathered chin. "You must give them something they want very badly."

All the way home, Mother Turtle thought about what her boys loved and wanted the very most, until it finally hit her. They had always wanted to go to the annual Tortoise and Hare races at the beach near their home. The races were to be held in one week. She quickened her step as she hurried home to tell the boys what their prize would be if they did their chores for the next week.

"Yippee, skippee!" screamed Tommy. "We can go to the races, Timmy!"

"Now, not so fast, son," Mother cautioned. "There is a stipulation here. You must do your chores faithfully for one full week. Do we have a deal?"

"Yes, Mother," Timmy squealed with glee. "Come on, Tommy, let's go get our room cleaned."

Mother Turtle breathed a sigh of relief. Oswald Owl had been right on with this one. This was going to work! Mother was so happy that she actually sat down to play her piano for a moment or two.

Every afternoon, Timmy and Tommy would return from school, and go straight to their room. Mother could hear them moving things and putting things away. They were actually cleaning! It made Mother Turtle so proud and happy. Her heart swelled inside her as she thought of her two little boys doing what she had asked of them. Peace reigned in the turtle home. Mother periodically checked on the boys' progress and she was always so excited to see the beds made and all of their toys and clothing put away.

The big day finally arrived and both boys were so excited that they couldn't eat their breakfasts before leaving for the beach. Father Turtle had agreed to take the boys. He, too, was proud of his sons and what they had accomplished during the last week.

When they arrived at the starting line, Timmy and Tommy could see all their friends lined up on one side of the sand and all of the bunnies lined on the opposite side. How exciting was this? Their little turtle bodies shook with anticipation. This was something they had wanted to take part in since they were tiny and now was their chance. Everyone was yelling and chatting and the air was full of electricity. Oswald Owl called for all the participants to take the starting line. Timmy and Tommy raced each other for a place among the other turtles. At home, though, there was trouble brewing.

Mother Turtle had gone into the boys' room to get their dirty clothes so she could do the washing while they were gone. The room was so clean that not even the dirty clothes were in sight. Mother opened the closet door and suddenly, she was thrown back hard against the bed when piles and piles of clothes, toys, and food came flying at her.

"Umph!" she groaned. "These boys haven't been cleaning at all. They have just stuffed everything in the closet." She was *not* happy. Maybe there were more hidden things in the room. She began a search. There were stacks of junk under the beds, in the dresser drawers and behind the bathroom door. Mother just sat down upon one of the beds and cried.

At the races, Timmy and Tommy had taken their places at the starting line when suddenly, Timmy nudged his brother.

"We can't run in this race, Tommy. We're not worthy to run in this race."

Tommy hung his head and backed away from the crowd. He knew that his brother was right. They had fooled Mother, but they couldn't fool themselves. They had not done what Mother had asked but they were being rewarded anyway. They must run home and tell Mother how sorry they were.

Timmy explained the situation to Father and the three disheartened turtles trudged on home to face Mother Turtle.

Mother was ready for them. She had taken a seat on the porch to watch for the boys' return home. She had prepared a speech. It would be one that they would never forget, but when she saw the three turtles approaching, their heads down and their steps slow, she realized that something was wrong.

"What is it?" Mother called.

"I believe that Timmy and Tommy have something to tell you, Mother." Father said.

"Mother," Timmy began slowly. "Tommy and I have done something bad. We have tricked you. We wanted to go to the races really bad but we didn't want to do our chores. We just stuffed everything away, hoping you would not find out. We're so sorry, Mother!" Tommy nodded in agreement.

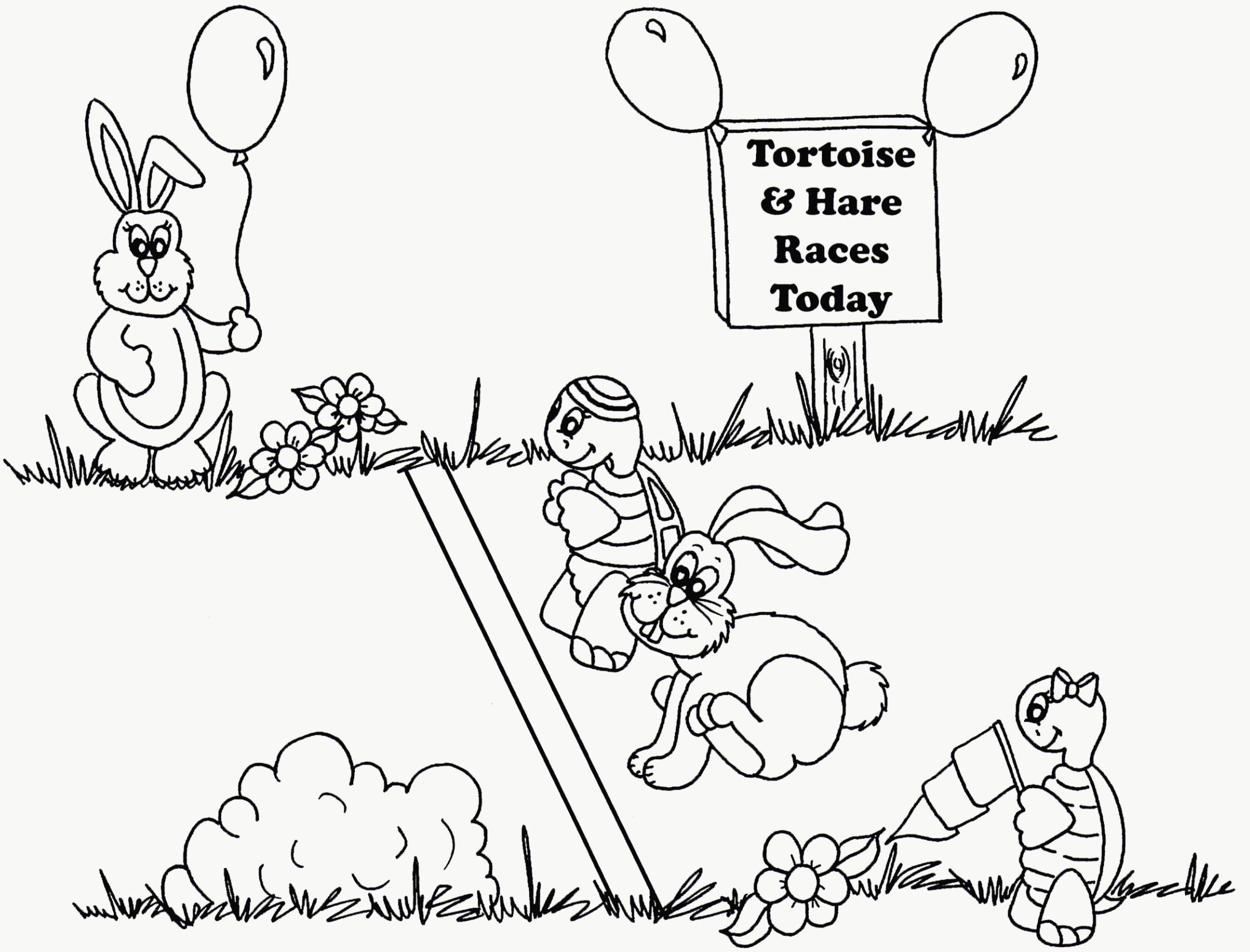
Mother knew that she would not need her speech now. Mother was secretly proud of her little twin boys for their integrity in realizing they had made a mistake. They had been punished enough.

"Boys," she began, "Life is a journey of work and rewards. When we do the work, we gain the rewards. It has always been so. That is why I have assigned you chores to do, so that you will learn that lesson. I believe that you have learned it today. I love you both."

Father smiled as Mother hugged both boys with a great, big, Mother Turtle hug. There were things much more important than running a race.

## **DISCUSSION:**

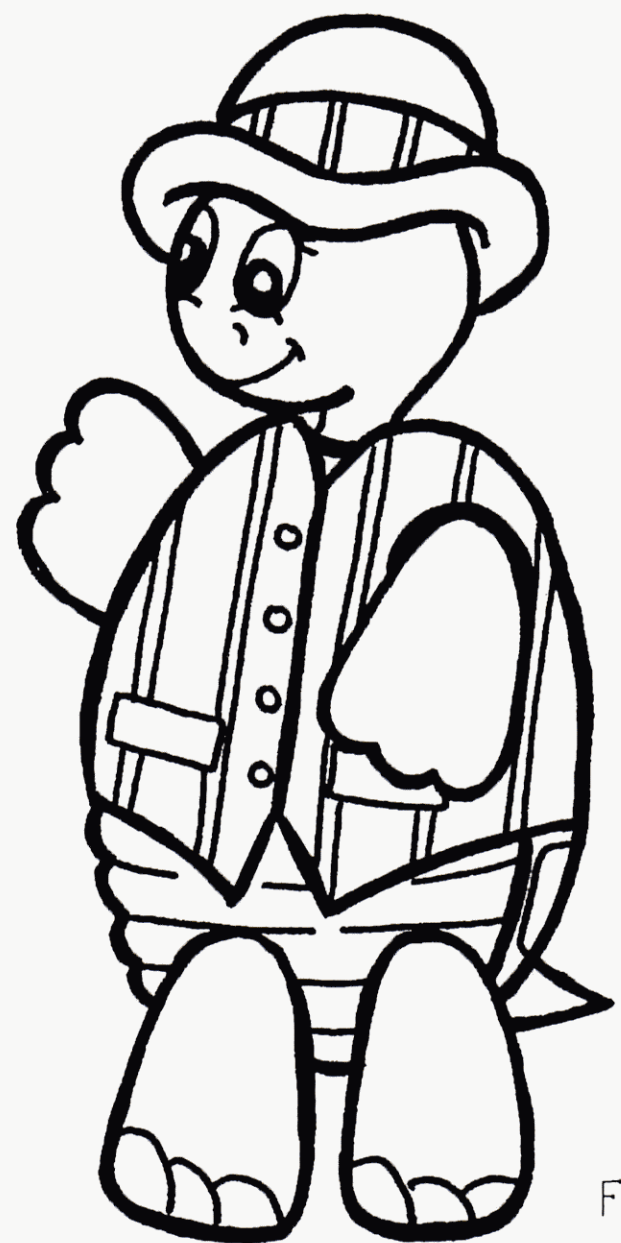
- Do you do your chores faithfully when Mother asks you too?
- What can you learn by doing your chores on a regular basis?
- What rewards do you gain by doing your chores?



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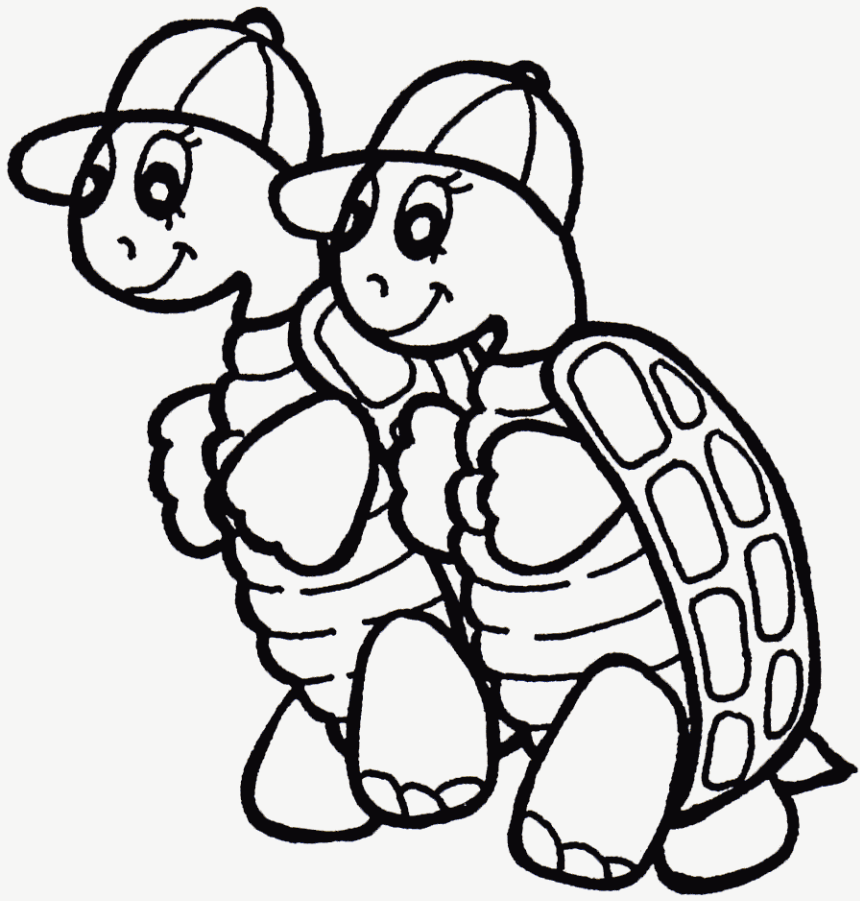


Mother Turtle

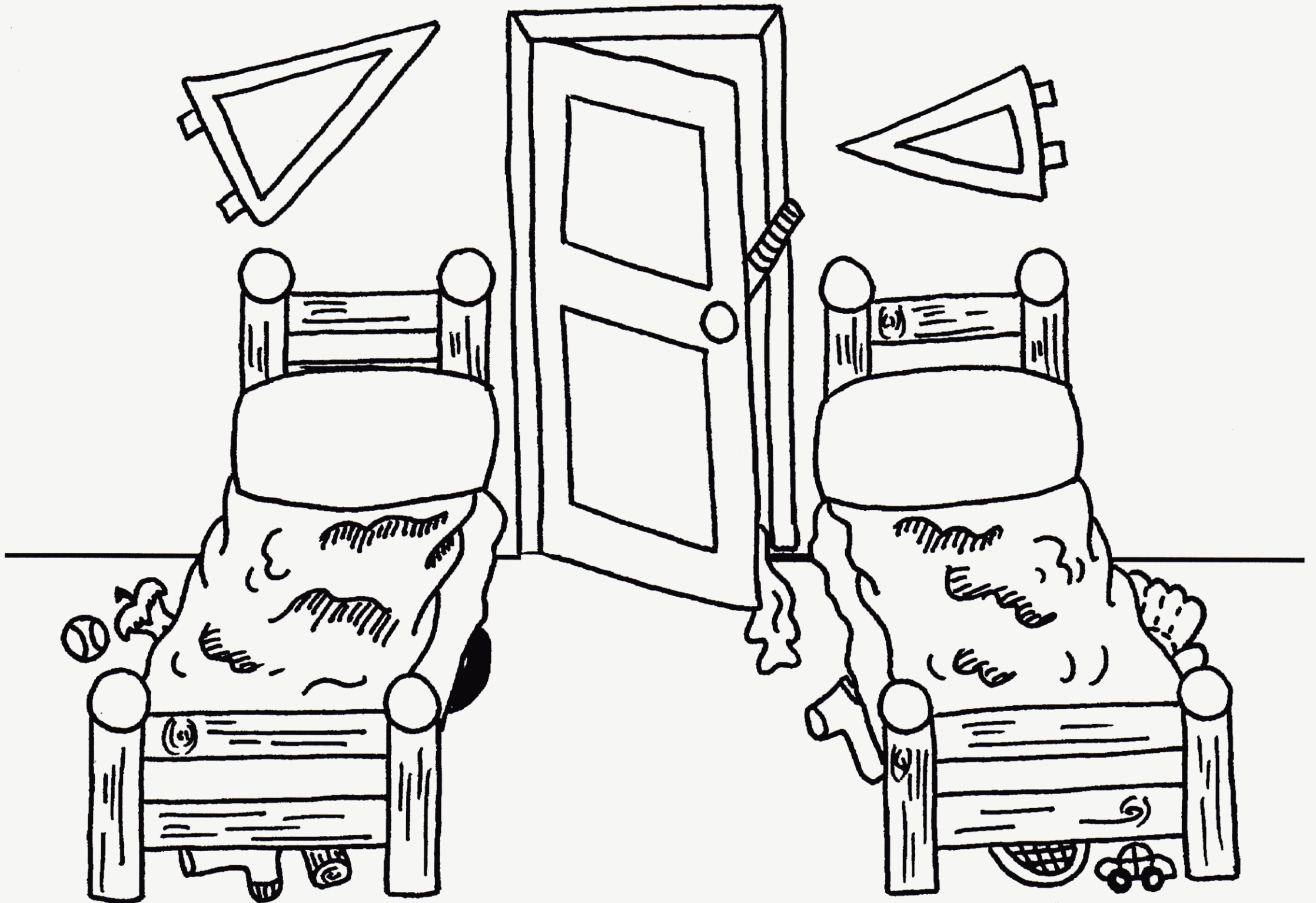


Father Turtle

Oswald Owl



Timmy & Tommy















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**D&C 105:6**



**“And my people  
must needs be  
chastened until  
they learn obedience,  
if it must needs be,  
by the things which  
they suffer.”**