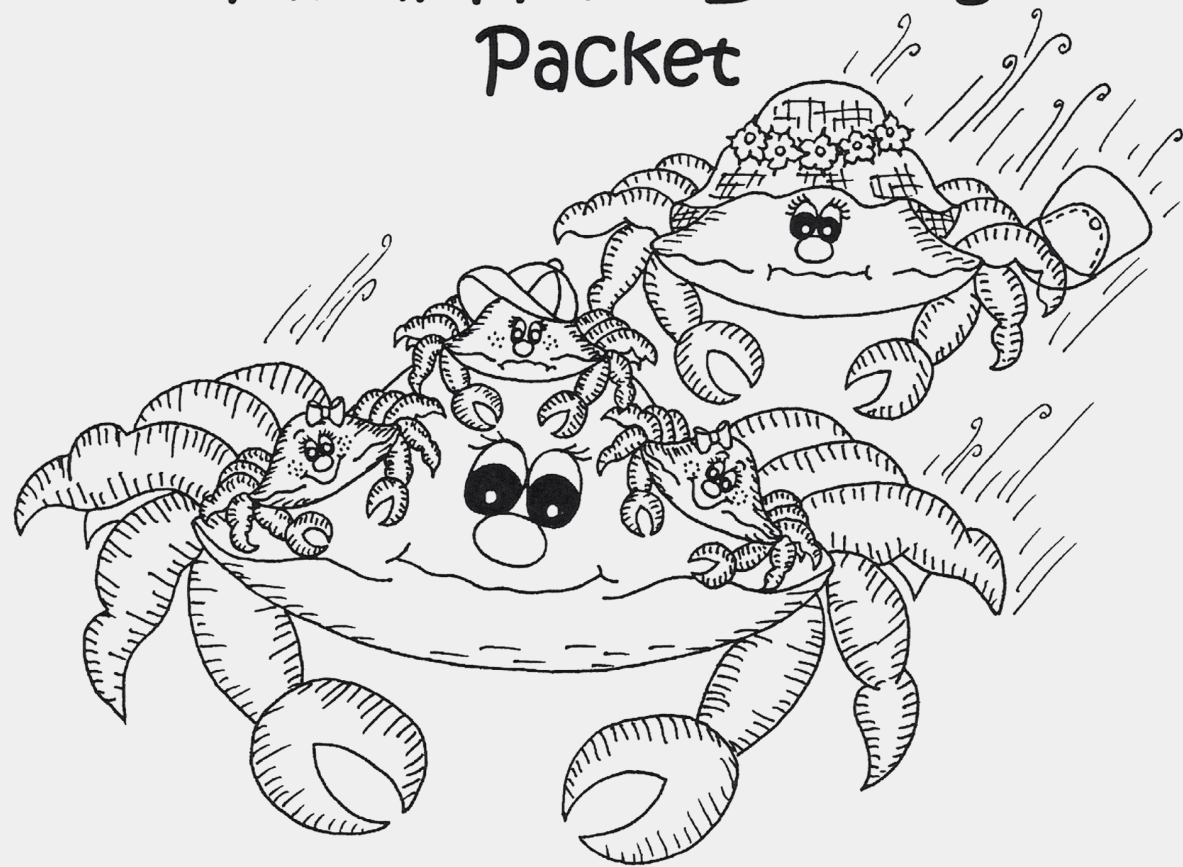


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A Tall Tale of Telling the Truth Family Home Evening Packet



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

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Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
- Scripture
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- Closing Prayer
- Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "Jesus Once Was A Little Child", pg. 55 (Childrens)
"Choose The Right", pg. 239 (Hymn)

Scripture: Proverbs 6:16-19

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Game: Preparation: Color, laminate and cut out "Bug" game pieces. Color the numbered circles on the web game board and laminate game board. Laminate the game cards and cut them out.

Object: To be the first player to move from the center of the web to the finish space on the game board.

Play: Have each member of the family choose a "Bug" game piece and place it in the center of the web where the spider is sitting. Shuffle the game cards and place them face down next to the game board. Choose a player to go first and rotate play clockwise. The player begins by drawing a card. The card is read aloud. The player then moves according to the directions on the card. After the player has moved, play rotates to the next player.

Object Lesson: Before playing the game, read the statement on the game board to the children. "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive." Explain to them, that lies are like a web. A web or lie may start out small but as each strand or lie is added, it becomes bigger and bigger. Liken the spider to Satan. Satan patiently lies in wait for his next victim. With each lie we tell, he is slowly reeling us in until he has us entangled.

Homemade Oreos

Ingredients:

- 2 Devils food cake mixes
 - 4 eggs
- 2 squares butter
- 1 8oz. pkg. cream cheese
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
- Powdered sugar

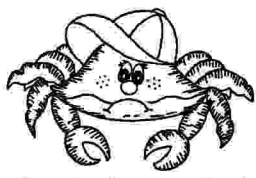
Cookies:

Cream butter and eggs together. Add the cake mixes. Mix well. Roll into small balls and place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes.

Cookie Filling:

Mix together cream cheese, vanilla and enough powdered sugar to make stiff.

When the cookies have cooled, spread the cookie filling on the cookie. Top with another cookie. ENJOY!



A Tall Tale of Telling the Truth



Casey the Crab was feeling very ornery today. His best friend, Arnold the Octopus, had gone on a camping trip with the Platypus family and Casey wasn't asked to join them. No, this wasn't going to be a good day.

The hours were dragging by in the ocean where Casey and his family lived. It was summer and the water was nice and warm - perfect temperature for camping. He imagined that the Platypus family had taken Arnold to the coral reefs just south of the caves. It was a perfect place to camp out for the night. My goodness, he was jealous! Casey thought perhaps he needed to find something to do to take his mind off the way he was feeling. He would dig holes in the floor of the ocean for a while.

The sun beat down on the waves and warmed the ocean even more than the day before. Casey couldn't forget about his friend having so much fun with someone else, though. As the time passed, he got more agitated. Now he was entertaining thoughts of how he could get back at Arnold for treating him so badly. He just kept feeling worse and worse. He decided to go on home.

Mother Crab was preparing the evening meal when Casey arrived home. Father had brought home a nice fish and Mother was sectioning it and loading the plates with the delicacy. Casey decided that he was hungry and for a moment forgot about Arnold.

"Why Casey, what on earth are you doing home so early and without Arnold?"

"Oh, oh," Casey thought. "I don't want Mom to know that Arnold went off without me. What will I say to her?" His mind raced as he thought of all the excuses he might use to explain why his very best friend would leave him alone and go off with someone else. Then it happened. It just seemed to blurt out of his mouth before he could do anything about it. "Uh, Mom, Arnold broke one of his legs today."

Immediately a sick feeling took over Casey's small body and he felt terrible. He had never lied before in his whole life and certainly he would *never* consider lying to his mother. What had he done? Before he could do anything about the situation, his mom was asking more questions.

"Oh, my goodness," she exclaimed. "Have they taken him to the hospital?"

Now Casey was in a real mess. How was he going to get out of this? "Uh, yeah, they are there now," Casey lied.

Mother wouldn't stop with the questions. As she asked each one, Casey would have to think of another lie until finally, he was in serious trouble. Mother was gathering the whole family to go to the hospital to see Arnold. Arnold wasn't in the hospital. Arnold hadn't even broken his leg and Casey knew that he was in the most awful situation he had ever been in. What was he going to do? Lies were popping out of Casey's mouth like bubbles floating through the ocean! Each one had to be bigger and better than the last one so that no one would find out he was lying. Now he had to find a way to stop everyone from going to the hospital.

Mother had gathered the children and grabbed her purse and hat. Father lifted each child onto his back for the trip. Casey knew that this was not going to be easy.

"Dad," he gulped, "Arnold is probably home from the hospital by now. It won't do any good to go there if he has already gone home."

Father nodded in agreement. His next statement made Casey's blood run cold. "We'll just go over to the Octopus house. Ready, Mother?"

Casey's little heart raced as he held on tight to his dad's back. Father could move through the currents of the water very quickly when he wanted to and with Mother close behind, they were at Arnold's house in record time. Suddenly, though, they heard the siren of the local police officer, Joey the Jelly Fish.

This wasn't funny. Father had broken the speed limit getting to the Octopus house and now he was getting a speeding ticket. This was not good. No, this was not good! First Casey had told terrible lies to his mom and dad and now, they were going to have to pay a fine to the city court.

Sweat poured from Casey's head and even his little claws were perspiring. He could see no way out of this mess he had created. The front door opened and there stood Mrs. Octopus with a very puzzled look on her face. "Why, what has happened?" she gasped.

Before Casey could intercede, Mother was telling Mrs. Octopus why they were there.

"My little Arnold has broken a leg!" Mrs. Octopus screamed. "Oh, my, where is he?"

It was Father's turn now. He began explaining that we hadn't yet known that poor Mrs. Octopus hadn't been told about the broken leg and that Arnold had been taken to the hospital. Father tried to calm Arnold's mother by saying that Arnold was probably on his way home right now. Everyone assumed that Father Octopus had been called and had been with his son all this time. Then the worst of all things happened. Arnold came singing up the walkway to their home!

Everyone heard him and ran for the doorway. A great look of astonishment filled every face except for Casey. *He wanted to run* and hide somewhere but there was no where to run.

Arnold looked fine! Arnold could walk on all eight legs. Arnold didn't have a broken leg at all. Father was very angry!!!

"CASEY!!" Father called at the top of his lungs. "Do you have something you would like to tell me?"

Casey wished that right now a huge anchor from a passing ship would fall on him. He had never felt so small or rotten. Lying certainly wasn't any fun and look at all the trouble he had caused.

"Dad," Casey began, "I don't know what happened. I didn't want anyone to know that Arnold had left me to go with some other friend today. I felt lonely, hurt and jealous, so I made up the story about Arnold's leg. I'm really sorry, honest I am."

Father's scowl deepened. "Son," he said, "lying is a horrible sin. The ninth commandment tells us to not bear false witness, which means that you should never lie. You know you must be punished for what you have done."

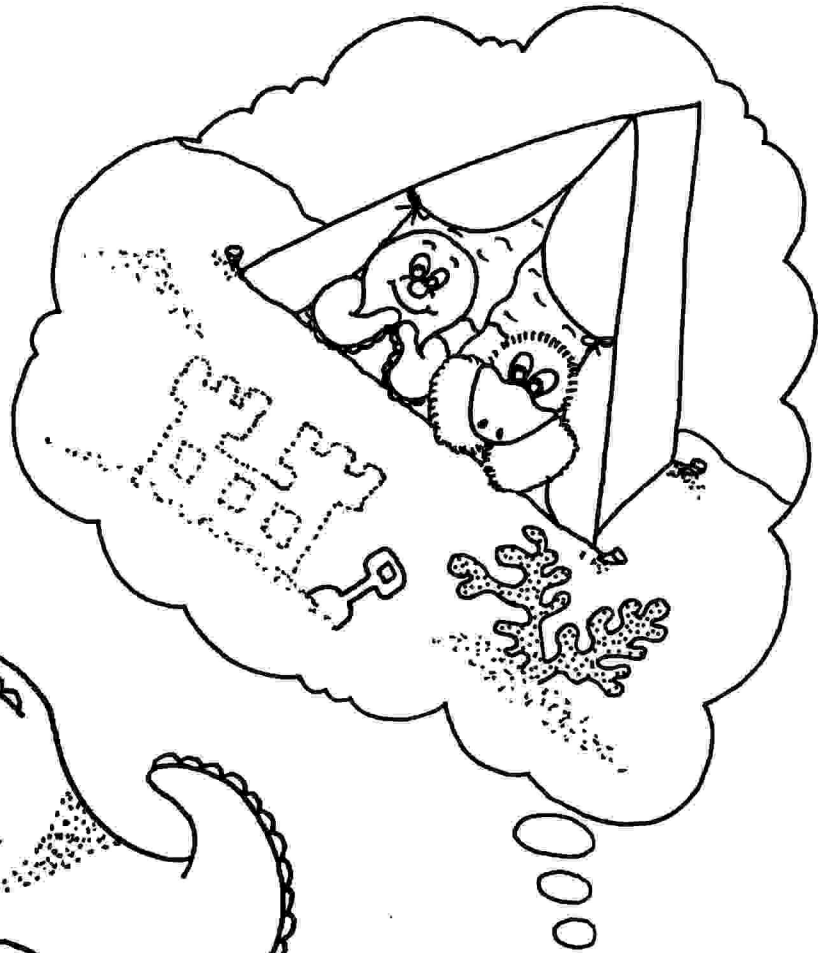
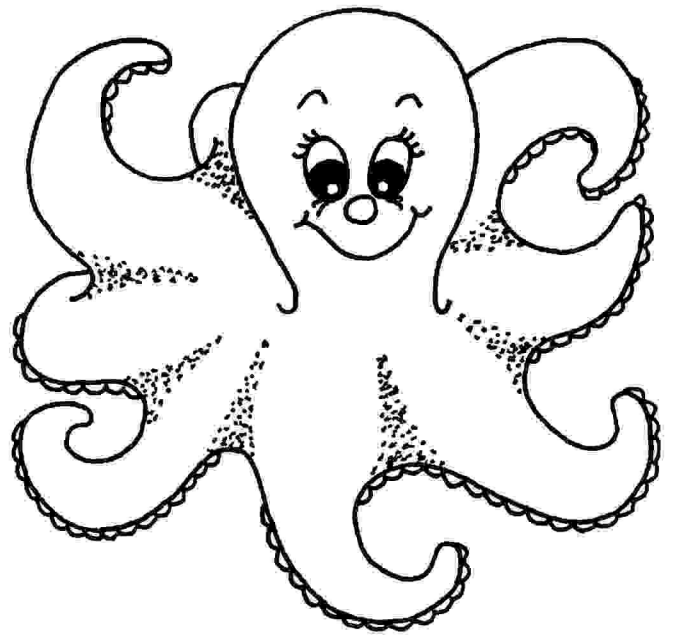
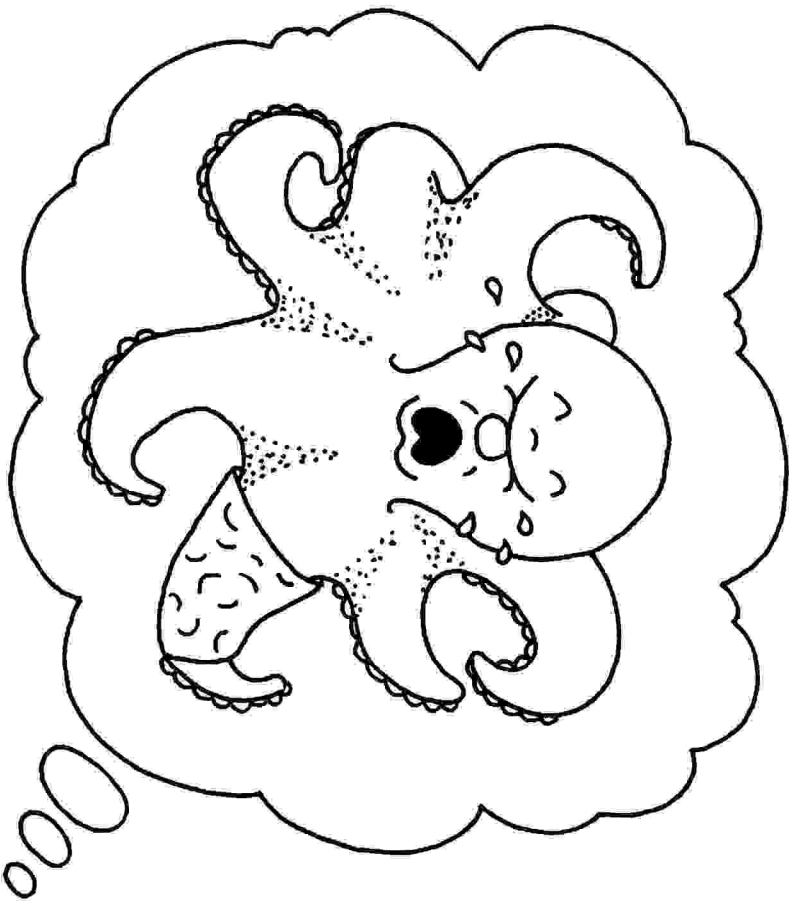
Casey shook his little head up and down and plopped right down in the sand. "What are you going to do, Dad?"

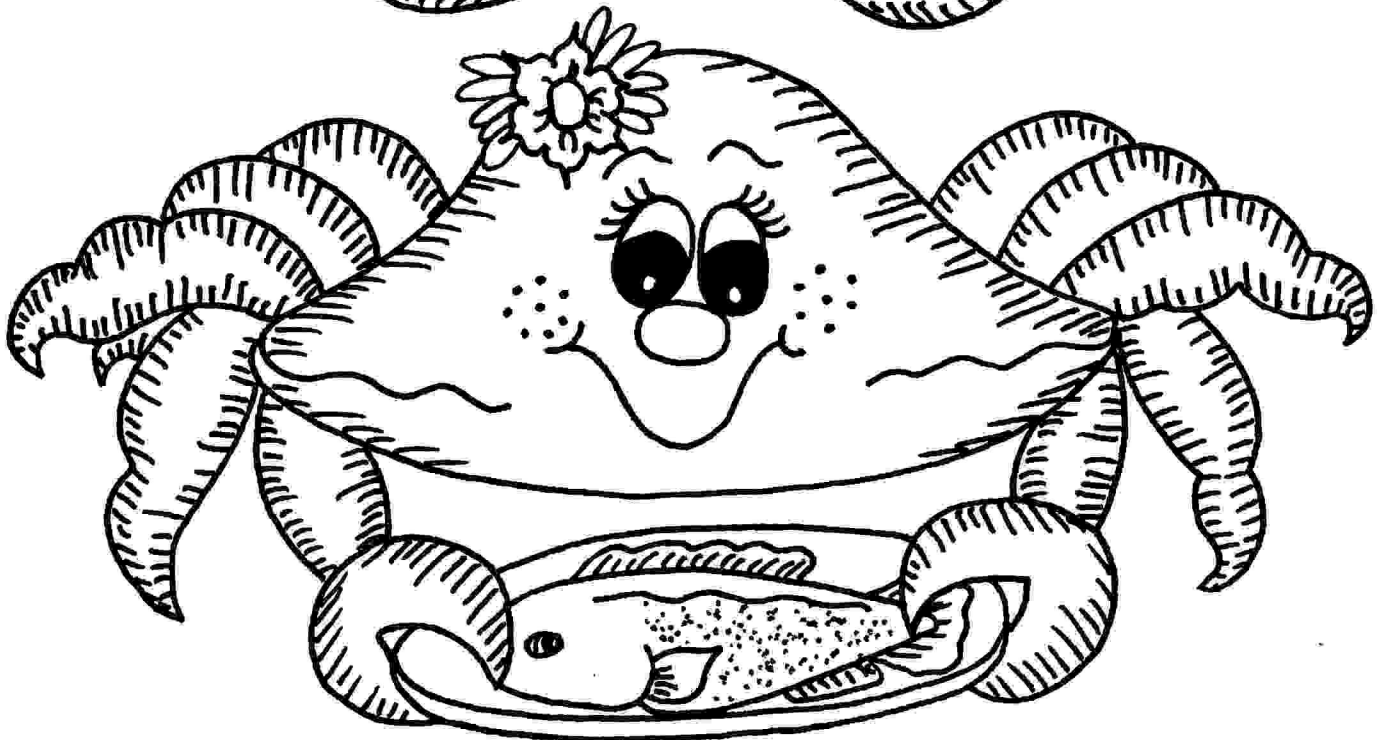
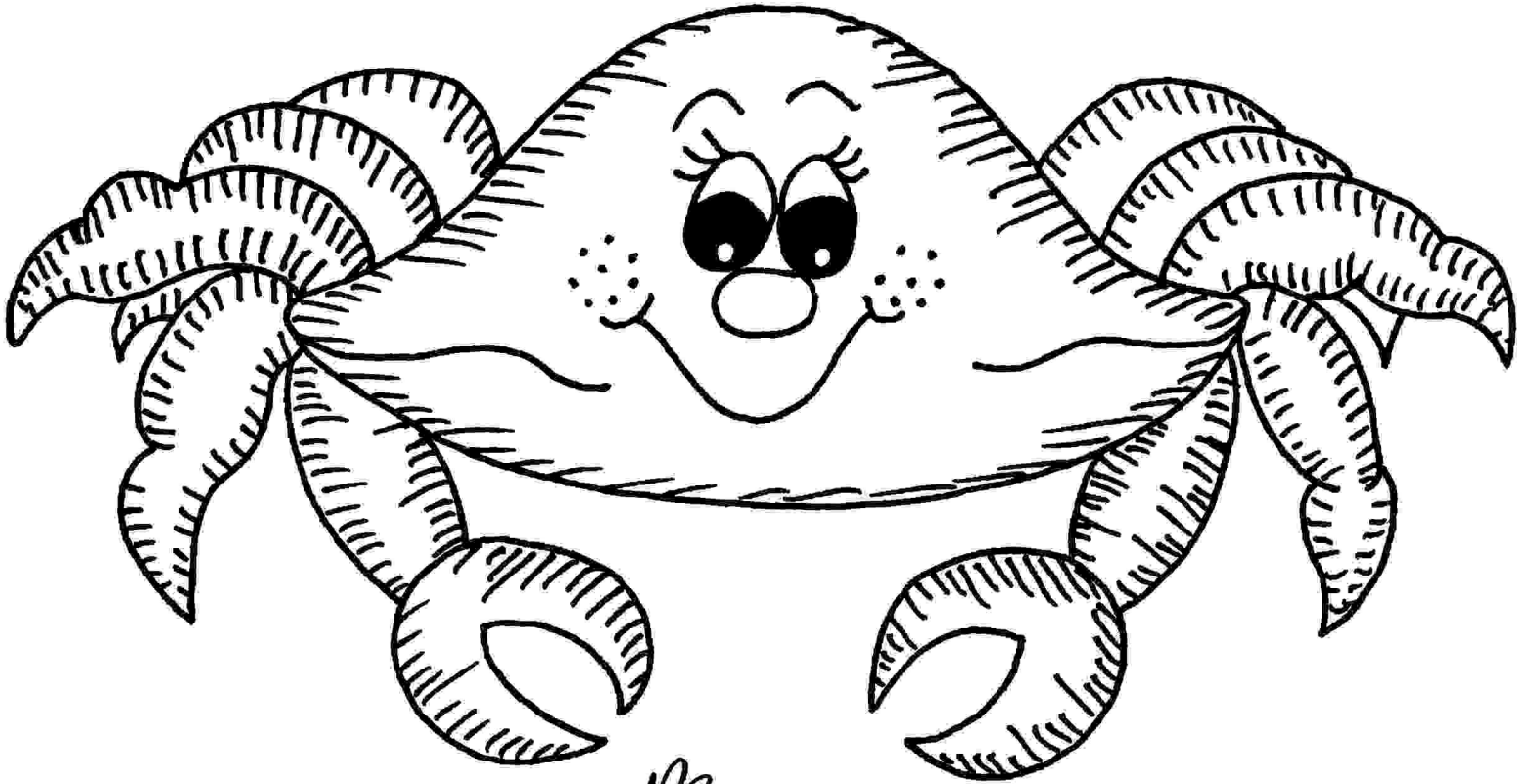
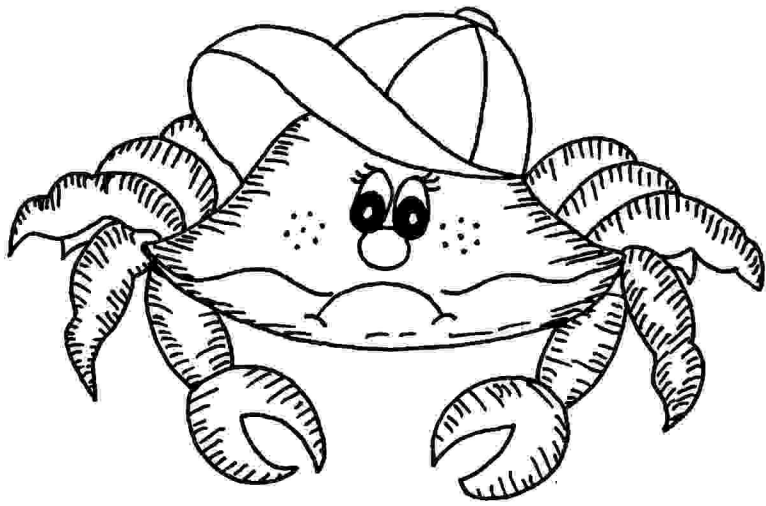
Father first apologized to the Octopus family and then gathered the Crab family to leave for home. Everyone was feeling humiliated. After they arrived at their house, Father began to list all the things that Casey would have to do to make up for the lies he had told. He would have to pay for the speeding ticket that Father received, apologize in writing to the Octopus family and *never* tell a lie again.

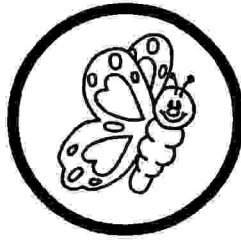
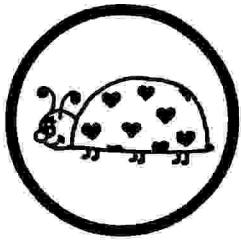
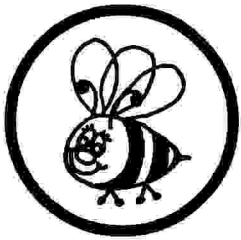
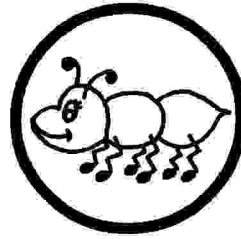
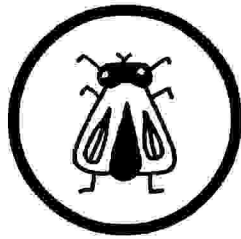
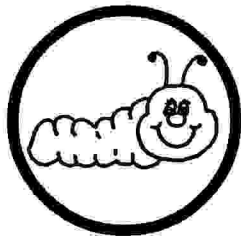
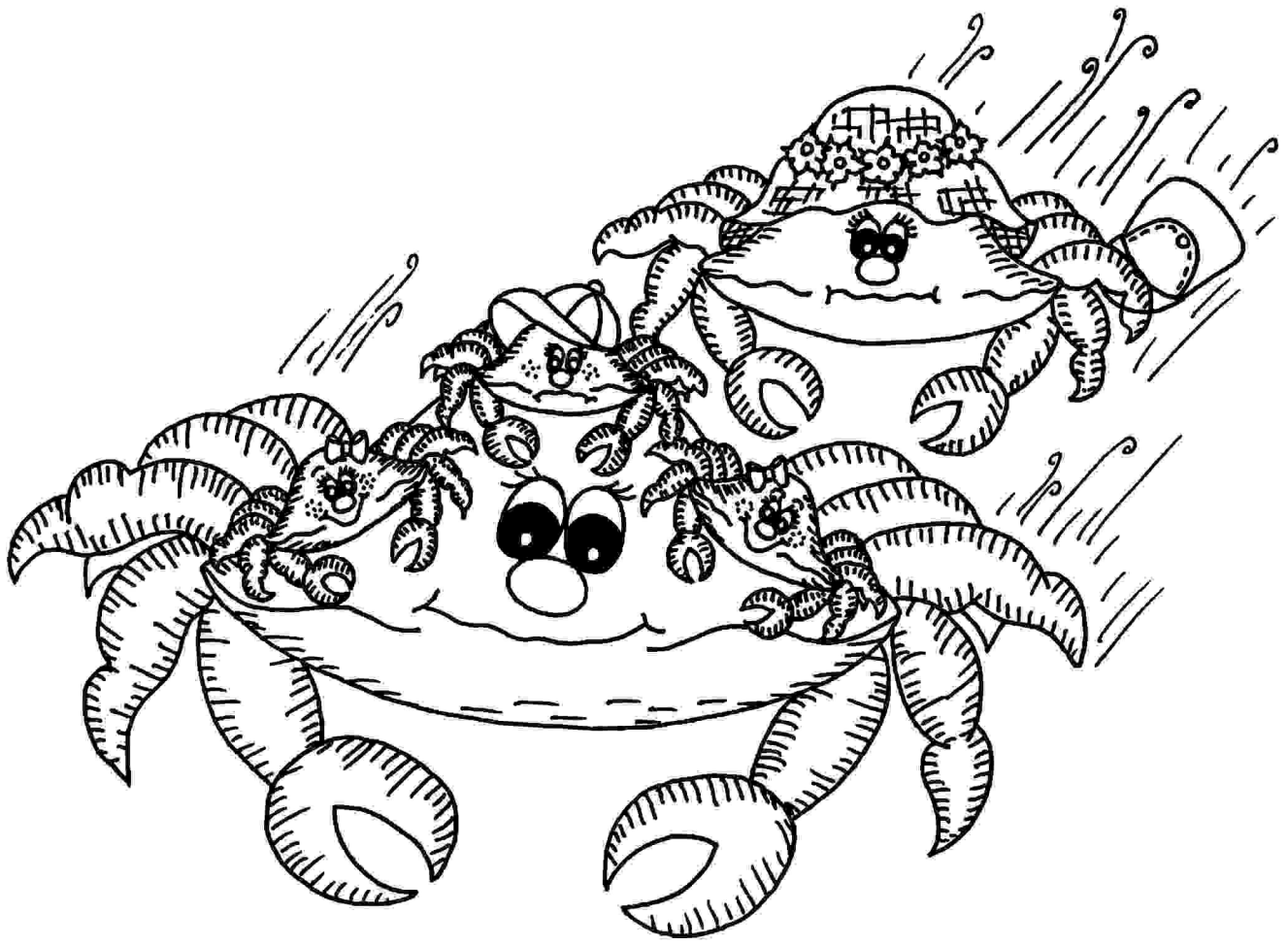
Heavenly Father wants all of us to be honest people. The only way we can be respected and loved by those who know us is if we are trustworthy. That means always telling the truth.

DISCUSSION

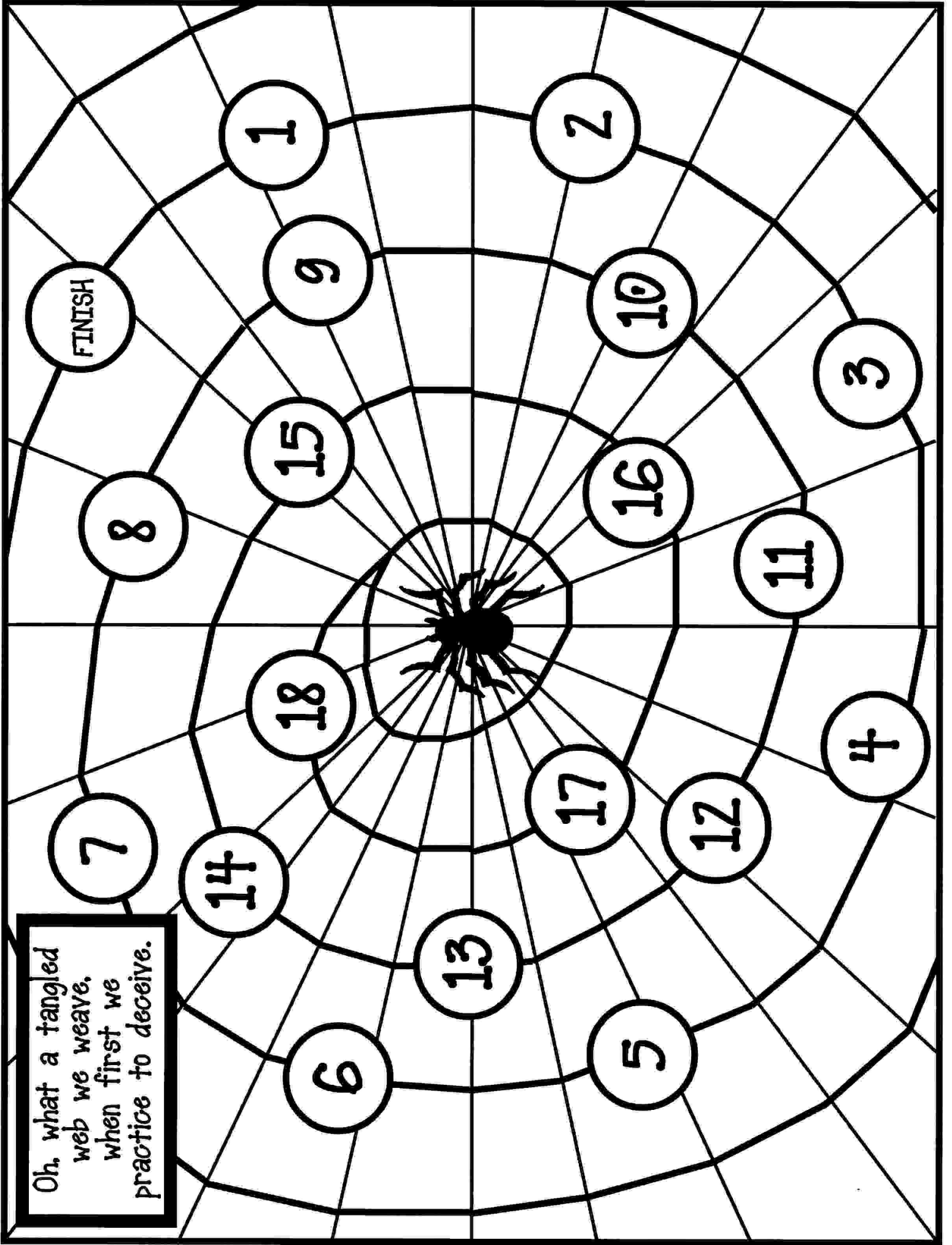
- Have you ever told a lie?
- How did it make you feel?
- Who do we hurt when we tell a lie?







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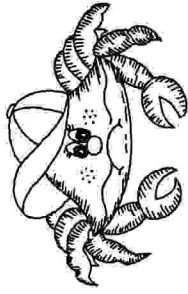
<p>You lied to your brother about breaking his favorite toy. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>You broke your neighbor's window while playing baseball. When asked who broke the window, you told the truth. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You didn't prepare for an important test. Instead, you copied your neighbor's answers. You were not honest with your fellow men. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>Your mother asked you to clean your room before you could leave the house. You didn't have a chance to clean it. When your mother asked you if your room was clean, you told the truth. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>Your mother baked a cake for a special occasion. You couldn't resist cutting the middle piece out of the cake and eating it. When asked about it, you blamed it on your little sister. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You purchased an item at the store. When you returned home, you noticed that the sales clerk had given you too much change. You returned the change to the store. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>While dusting the furniture, you accidentally knocked over one of your mother's lamps and broke it. You carefully glued the lamp back together so no-one would notice. You did not tell your mother about the lamp. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>You promised to do the dishes after school. Your sister did them for you, but the credit was given to you. You tell the truth, and tell your parents that your sister did the chore for you. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You borrowed your sister's favorite shirt. While wearing the shirt, you tore it. When you returned the shirt, your sister noticed the tear in it. You lied and said it was there when you borrowed it. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>A sales clerk didn't charge you for one of the items you brought home. You go back to the store and pay for the item. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You receive your report card, only to find that you have earned a "D" grade in science. When your father asks to see your report card, you tell him you haven't received it yet. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>A teacher gives you a perfect score on a test you took a few days ago. When going over the test, you realize that one of your answers was wrong. You take the test back to the teacher and show her the error. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You accidentally back your car into a parked car. You get out to survey the damage. There are only a few scratches on the bumper, so you just drive away without telling the owner of the car. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>You borrowed your brother's CD, and dropped and scratched it. You tell your brother what you did, and offer to buy him a new one. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>Your best friend steals a candy bar from a store. You refuse to report the theft to anyone. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You find a \$10 bill lying on the floor of a department store. You take the \$10.00, and turn it in to the store owner. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You broke your curfew, and came home later than you should have. When your mother asked why, you told her that you had broken your watch and you didn't realize what time it was. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You voluntarily tell your mother you broke her favorite vase. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>Your mother tells you that you can't get up from the table until you have eaten all of your dinner. When she leaves the room, you quickly scrape your plate into the garbage. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You drew on the family room wall. You realize that it won't wipe off when you are finished. You go and tell your mother what you did. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>

<p>You don't feel like going to school today, so you tell your mother you are feeling sick, even though you are not. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>A neighbor in math class asks to copy your homework. You explain to him that you will not cheat. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You come to a campsite that requires you to pay a fee. You do not pay the fee because there is no one around. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>Your mother has asked you to practice the piano for thirty minutes. A friend comes over and tries to persuade you to lie to your mother and tell her that you practiced. You stay and practice anyway. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You are pulled over for speeding. When the police officer approaches, you lie and tell him that your speedometer is broken. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>Your younger brother takes a toy from a neighbor's house. You walk with your brother to the neighbor's house and instruct him about how to apologize. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You come home from a T-ball game and tell everyone that you hit a home run even though you didn't. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>They give you extra change at the movie theater. You are honest and you give it back to them. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You and your friends skip Sunday School. When your mother finds out about it, you lie and tell her you went to class. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>Your sister's friend calls and leaves a message with you. You forget to tell your sister about the message. When she asks you if anyone called for her, you lie and tell her, "No." Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>The kids at school are gossiping about a classmate. Even though you do not agree with what is being said, you join in the gossiping. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>You don't do well on a test. When asked why, you tell the truth and say you didn't study. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>Your mother asks you to brush your teeth before going to bed. You don't feel like brushing. When she asks if you brushed, you lie and tell her you did. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>A group of kids at school are making fun of Mormons. You tell the truth, and tell them that you are a Mormon. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You and your friend decide to go swimming. You sneak into the recreation center so you do not have to pay for it. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You go to bed and forget to tie up the dog. In the morning, your father realizes the dog is missing and asks if you tied the dog. You tell the truth and tell him you forgot. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You get mad at your brother. You take his favorite toy and hide it under your bed. When your brother asks if you have seen his toy, you lie and tell him, "No." Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You go to a basketball game. You know that you are not allowed to take food into the game, but you sneak it in anyway. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You are spending the night at a friend's house. Your friend wants to watch an "R" rated movie. You tell him that you cannot watch it. Go ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You spilled red punch on your mother's white couch. Your little sister gets blamed for it. You go to your mom and confess that you did it. Go ahead 2 spaces.</p>

“These six things doth the Lord hate:
yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

*A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands
that shed innocent blood, An heart that
deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be*

*swift in running to mischief, A false
witness that speaketh lies, and he
that soweth discord among brethren.”*



Proverbs 6: 16-19

