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*Family Home Evening Made Easy*

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## I Can Show Love By Sharing With Others Family Home Evening Packet



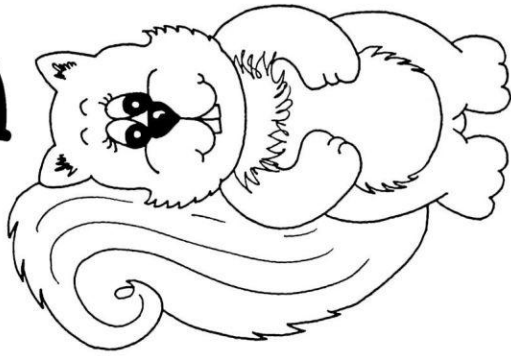
### Contents:

Story, Picture Sheets, Activity,  
Scripture, Treat Recipe



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# Bert's Nutty Delight



## Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 1 (3 oz.) box chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (3 oz.) box vanilla instant pudding
- 3 cups milk
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 pint whipping cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla

## Frosting Ingredients:

### Crust Directions:

Mix flour, butter and nuts. Press into a 9x13 pan. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool.

### Layer #1 Directions:

Combine cream cheese, whipped topping and powdered sugar. Mix well and spread over crust.

### Layer #2 Directions:

Combine both pudding mixes and milk. Beat until thick. Spread over layer #1.

### Layer #3 Directions:

Whip cream until stiff and add the sugar and vanilla. Spread over top layer and top with grated chocolate bar. Chill for one hour before serving. DELICIOUS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Scripture

Story

Game

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Refreshments

*Suggested Songs:* "Friends Are Fun", pg. 262 (Childrens)

"Give Said The Little Stream", pg. 236 (Childrens)

"Home Can Be A Heaven On Earth", pg. 298 (Hymn)

*Scriptures:* D&C 4:6, Ephesians 4:32

*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 - "No Need For Greed":*

**Game Setup -** Determine how many players are playing. There are a total of eight sets of picture cards (Bert Squirrel, acorns, the twins, tree house, basket of corn, star, sun and a leaf), one "Mr. Nicely" card and one "Mr. Greedy" card. For an example, if you have four players, eliminate four complete sets of picture cards and play with the four remaining sets. After you have determined which sets of picture cards you are playing with, mix the cards well including the "Mr. Nicely" card and the "Mr. Greedy" card. Set the eliminated cards aside.

**Object -** To be the first player to collect all five cards of one set.

**Play -** Deal out all the cards (except for the eliminated ones) face down in front of each player. Once all of the cards are dealt, each player may look at his cards. A player looks at his cards and determines which set he wants to try and collect. Some players will have either the "Mr. Nicely" card or the "Mr. Greedy" card or possibly both. A player does not want to get caught holding the "Mr. Greedy" card. If a player is caught holding the "Mr. Greedy" card at the end of the hand, they lose twenty points. If a player has the "Mr. Nicely" card at the end of the hand they receive twenty points. Play begins by a player signalling "GO"! A player holds up however many cards he or she wants to trade in hopes of getting cards he or she is trying to collect. The player yells out the quantity of how many cards he or she is trying to trade. If there is another player who is trying to trade the same quantity, the two players may trade cards with each other. Be sure when trading not to show to the other players what you are trying to trade. Trading continues until one player has successfully collected all five cards of one set. If a player successfully collects all five cards of one set they receive the point value listed on their cards multiplied by five for their total score. The players who did not collect five cards of one set must deduct the point values shown on their cards. If a player collected all five cards of one set and had the "Mr. Nicely" card in their hand, they collect an additional ten points on top of the twenty points just for having the "Mr. Nicely" card. Play as many hands as you would like or set a time limit. HAVE FUN!!!!!!

# I Can Show Love By Sharing With Others

Bert was not used to having a baby sister in the nest. Why, the tree would never be the same now, that she was here. In fact, he had decided he didn't like her at all!

Mother and Father Squirrel had waited rather impatiently for little Savannah to come along but now they had a problem. Bert seemed to be threatened by his baby sister and would not even look at her lying in her cradle.

"Hmmm," mother thought, "I was afraid of this. What will little Bert think when we have lots of other children?" It worried Mother and Father Squirrel a lot.

Days and weeks passed and still Bert did not warm up to his little sister. Even as Savannah grew bigger, Bert would have nothing to do with her. Then Father and Mother dropped the bombshell. Mother was expecting twins in the spring. "Oh my goodness," Bert yelled, "we can barely move around in this dumb old tree now. What are we going to do with two more around here?" He threw his little head into the air and swished his fluffy tail behind him. He was off. Out of the hole and down the huge, dark tree trunk he whisked, scratching off bark as he flew. He was angry. He was frustrated and he was through with the whole family thing.

Away he flew to his tree house that was situated five trees over in the forest where they all lived. It was here that Bert went when he was seeking refuge from the world and today he needed to be alone and think. Life had been so wonderful when he was the only child. Mother and Father Squirrel paid total attention to him then, but now, there was this pink thing they called Savannah and she was a thorn in his side. He decided right then and there, that he would not be nice to her, ever! He would never share his toys or the nuts that he gathered in the fall. He would keep his distance.

Father Squirrel began to get a little nervous when Bert had been gone for over an hour. Father knew about the tree house and he had figured that it was there that Bert had gone, but still he was worried. It caused Mother and Father great pain to know that Bert didn't want to have anything to do with his little sister. Father and Mother loved both of their children the same - loved them with all of their hearts. There aren't too many pains in life that are worse than your children not loving each other. And now with twins coming, Father and Mother worried more than ever.

Mother sat in the blue chair, making a baby blanket for one of the new babies to come and she couldn't help remember when she was a little squirrel. There were six brothers and sisters in her family and she remembered well the sibling rivalry that existed in their home. Almost all families experience it but that didn't excuse it. She knew the most important relationships are those we make with our parents and brothers and sisters. Our families are the most important people we will ever know and yet, they are the ones that we are the meanest to some times. How was she going to be able to convince Bert that he needed to be nice to Savannah? Bert needed to share with his baby sister and be kind to her. What was Mother going to do?

Soon Father could hear Bert scampering up the tree trunk. Father breathed a sigh of relief. When Savannah heard Bert coming, she fled for Mother's lap. She clutched tightly to Mother's fur and waited for Bert to plop down through the hole to their nest. Savannah was no dummy. She knew how Bert felt and she was just as frustrated as Mother and Father were. Savannah had spent hours thinking of things to do for Bert. She had tried to share her toys with him. She had even made his bed for him and picked up his clothes.

When squirrels or people truly love one another, they want to do nice things for them. They want to share what they have. They want others to be happy, and despite Bert's treatment of Savannah, she loved him with all of her little squirrel heart.

There was an uncomfortable silence at the dinner table that night. "Bertie," Savannah finally broke the silence, "would you like to play Tiddley-Winks after dinner?"

Bert grumbled underneath his breath and emphatically answered "No!"

"I'll share my popcorn with you, Bertie." Savannah continued.

"No, I said!" repeated Bert as he excused himself from the table. Savannah hung her little head and a large tear slid down her baby cheek.

Months passed and still Bert wouldn't share anything with Savannah nor would he play with her. Then the twins were born and Father announced the news to the children. "Kids," he said, "you have two new baby sisters."

"Oh my goodness!" Bert yelled. "I'm surrounded!" Do you know what Bert was really worried about? He was worried that as more children came into the family, the less Mother and Father would love him. Yes, he was feeling insecure and threatened so he lashed out at his little sister.

Something strange happened in the squirrel home when the babies were born. Savannah saw the care and love that Mother and

Father showed the new little sisters. She became a little jealous herself and as the twins grew, Savannah wouldn't have much to do with them. She even caught herself treating them mean sometimes and not sharing her toys or her games with them. The squirrel house was becoming a place to fight, yell and to be selfish. If Savannah got to a popular toy first, Ann and Amy, the twins, would pull on it or yell or fight. If Bert didn't share with his sisters, they would run to Mother and whine. They would tattle on each other and hide things so the others couldn't find them.

Mother and Father were beside themselves. One night after family prayer, Father Squirrel said he had an announcement to make. Mother, Bert, Savannah, Ann and Amy sat in silence. This sounded serious.

"Children, I have decided that I don't like being the head of this family any more. I want to be one of the children. So, from now on, you will all have to work every day, gathering food for yourselves. You will have to repair things in the house when they get broken and you will have to take care of Mother. I am going to sit around the house and enjoy myself for a change."

Everyone sat in silence. This was very strange behavior for Father. Had he lost his mind? The children all looked to Mother for reassurance. She looked as shocked as the rest of them. Four very quiet children headed to bed that night.

The next morning, the children raced from their beds to see what was going on. Father had not left to gather nuts but instead was reading the newspaper with his feet propped up on the table. When Bert sat down to eat, he reached for a very big, plump acorn from the plate in the middle of the table. Suddenly, Father grabbed the plate, yelling, "You can't have that. It's mine. I searched for it and brought it home. You will have to get your own."

A big lump formed in Bert's throat. He had always counted on Father to gather the food for the family. What would they do? Mother motioned for the children to come to the hole in the trunk. "You all must go down and gather acorns for your breakfast children. Hurry now so you don't miss the bus for school."

The little squirrels rushed to the bottom of the tree and gathered the nuts in their cheeks until they were bulging and scrambled up the trunk to their home. Once inside, they all sat down, breathing heavily, as they hurriedly ate their breakfast and raced for the school bus.

The same thing happened at dinner and every meal for the next three days. Father Squirrel became very strange. He wouldn't let anyone watch his television or read his books. He wouldn't play games with the children or tell them bedtime stories. He said he was too busy. Father wouldn't help them with their homework or give them piggyback rides. It was a very miserable time in the squirrel household. Finally on the fourth day, Bert mustered every ounce of courage he had and approached Father at breakfast.

"Father," he stuttered, "I need to talk to you."

Father answered, "I'm sorry Bert, I just don't have time this morning."

That was it. Bert could stand it no longer. "Father," he was yelling now, "you are supposed to take care of us. You are supposed to love us and share your food with us. You are supposed to be kind to us and not fight with us. You have become very selfish and I just can't take it any more."

The other children and Mother had all gathered to the kitchen now and were listening intently. Mother suddenly smiled. Father put down his paper and laughed right out loud. Each little squirrel got a puzzled look on his or her face.

"Children," he began, "why should it be any different for me to treat you kindly than for you to treat each other kindly? Why should I share my things with you when you won't share with each other? You are all supposed to love each other too."

The room became silent as each squirrel thought about what Father was saying and suddenly, they were all ashamed. They had acted terrible toward each other. They had treated each other as Father had treated them.

As the days passed in the hole in the tree, wonderful things began to happen. Bert began to share his toys with Savannah and she began to read to the twins. Soon, there was a peaceful feeling in the house and something strange began to happen. Bert started to feel loving towards his sisters and they began to love him back. There was no fighting or bickering. There was no selfishness or whining and no one was tattling to Mother. The squirrel home had indeed become a little Heaven on earth.

Heavenly Father has asked that we not allow our children to fight with one another. That is a very hard task when children are selfish and unkind. If we treat our brothers and sisters with love and appreciation, we will receive that same kind of treatment back from them. If we share with our families, we will be more willing to share with others and slowly, we will influence the world for good. Heavenly Father is displeased when we fight with each other and when we are selfish. He wants us to love one another as he loves us. He calls it "Charity" or the pure love of Christ. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the word "Charity" and the word "Sharing" are spelled similarly and sound much the same.

## **DISCUSSION**

- What can we as a family do to learn to share better?
- What is sibling rivalry?
- What causes us to have feelings of selfishness towards our brothers and sisters?



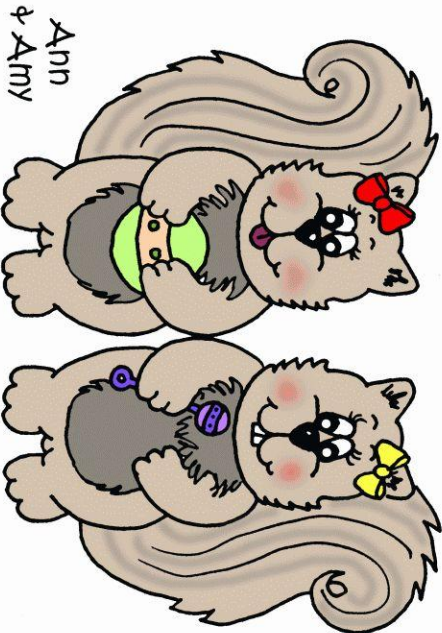
Bert's Tree House

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Savannah trying to share her popcorn



Father Squirrel



Ann & Amy



Mother Squirrel

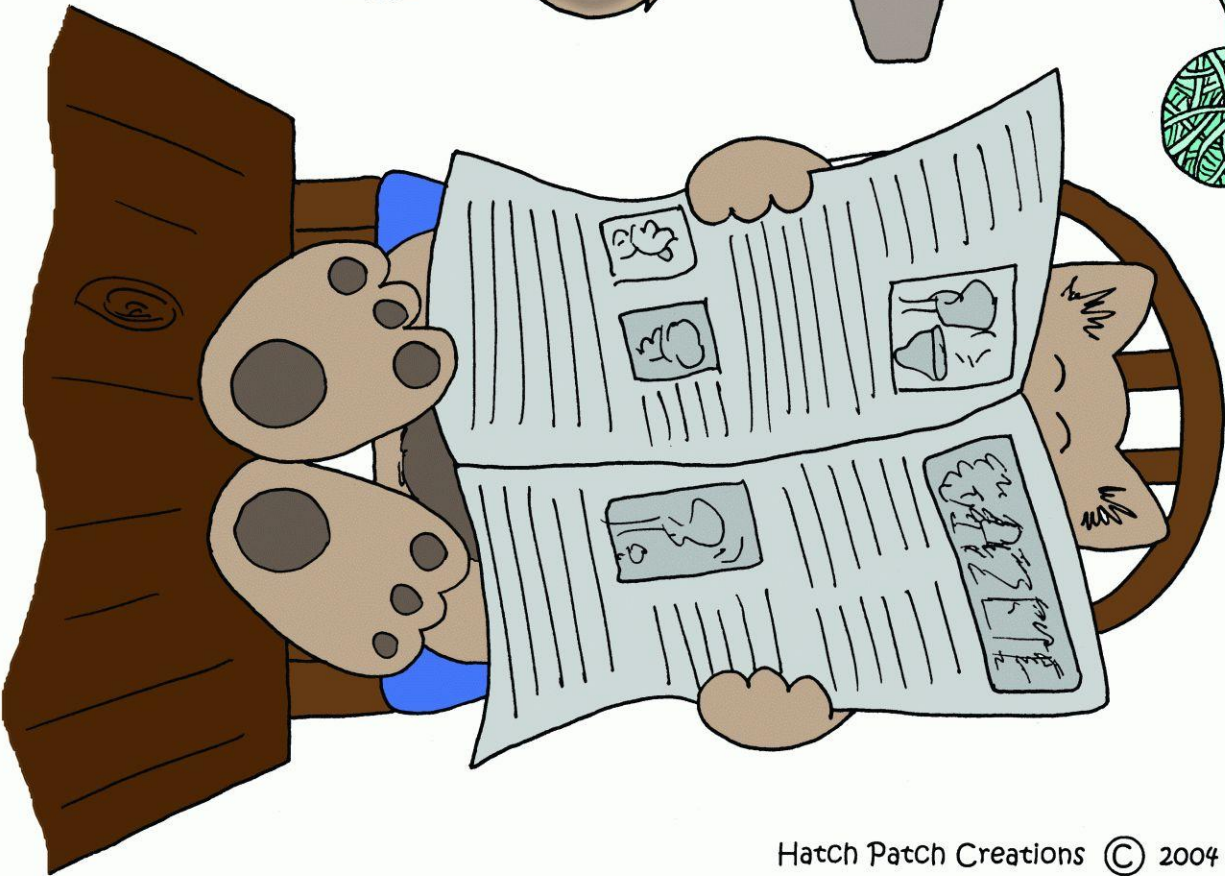
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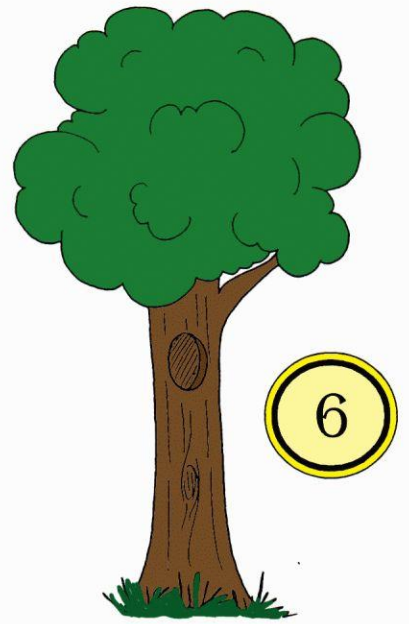
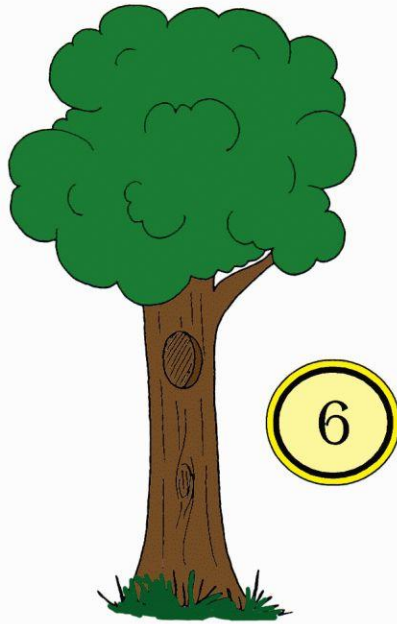
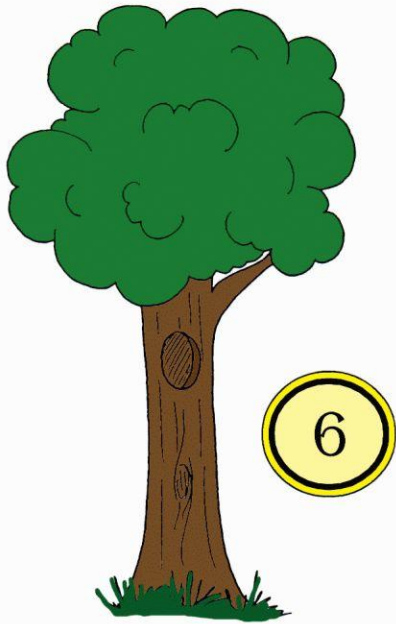
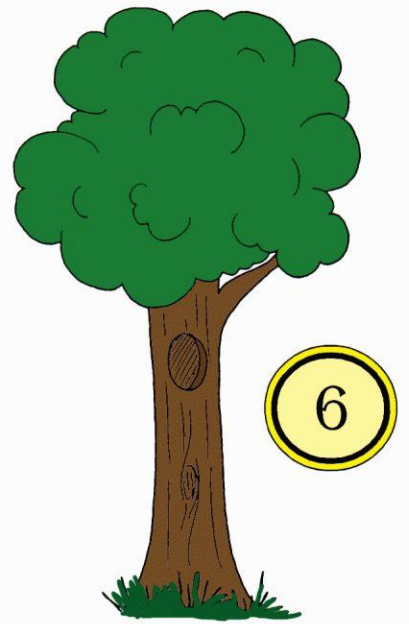
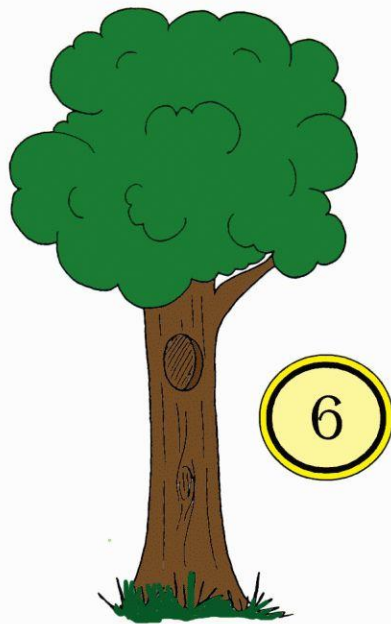
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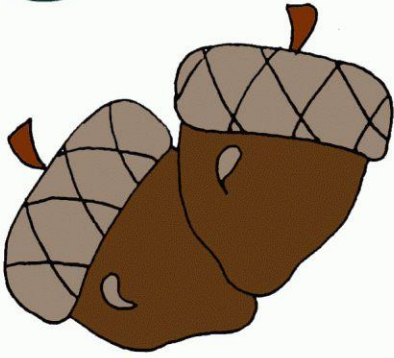
Mother making a baby blanket



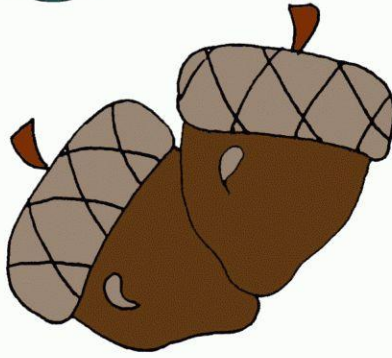
Father reading his newspaper



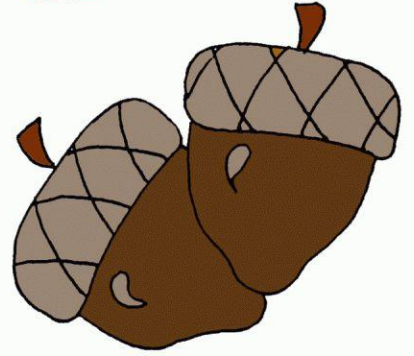
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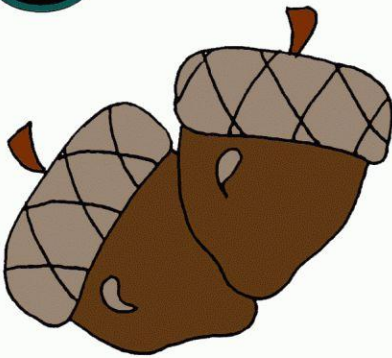
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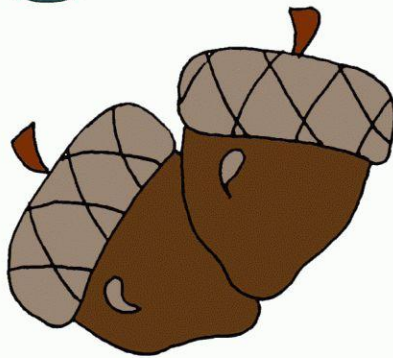
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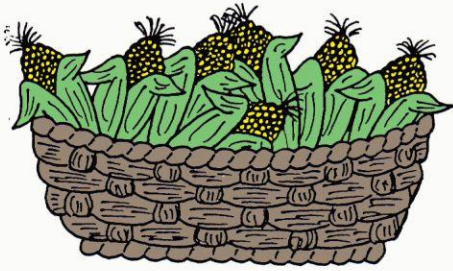
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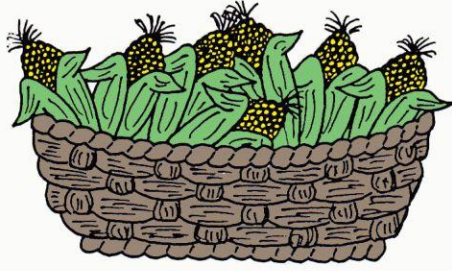
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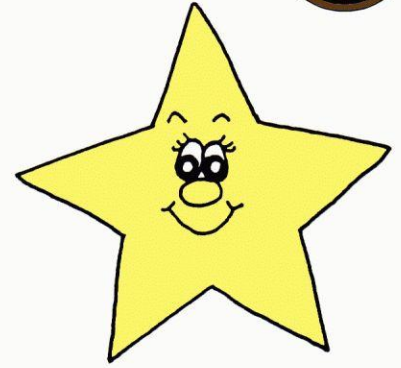




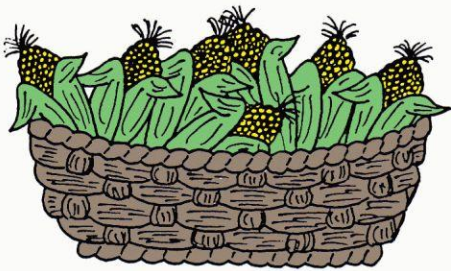
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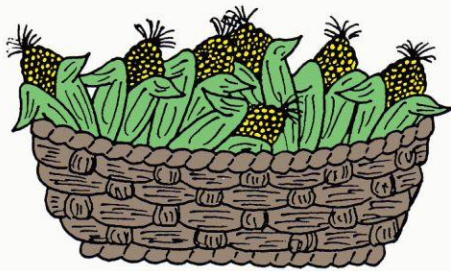
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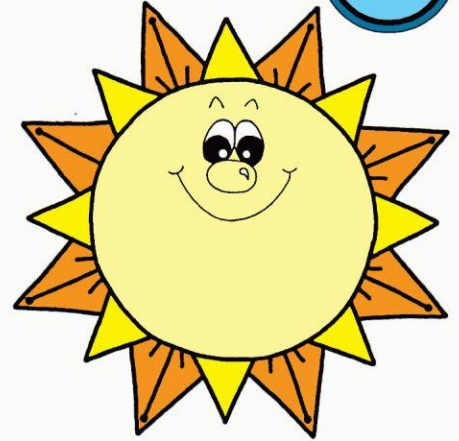
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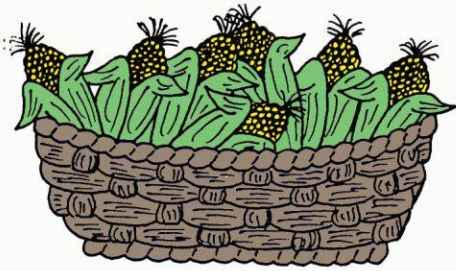
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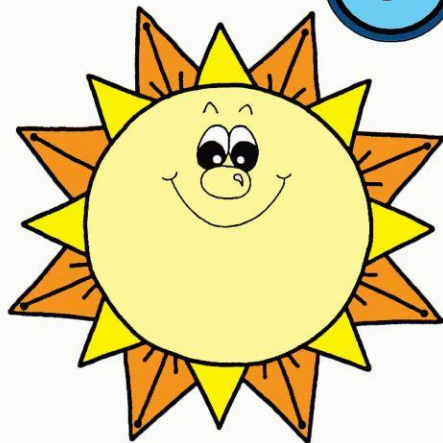
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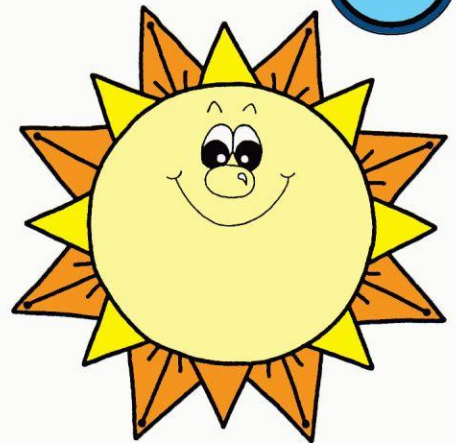
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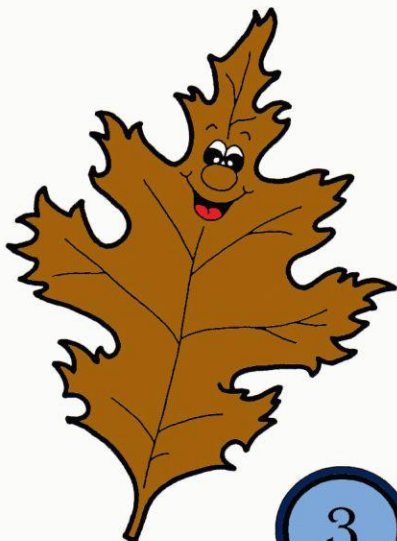
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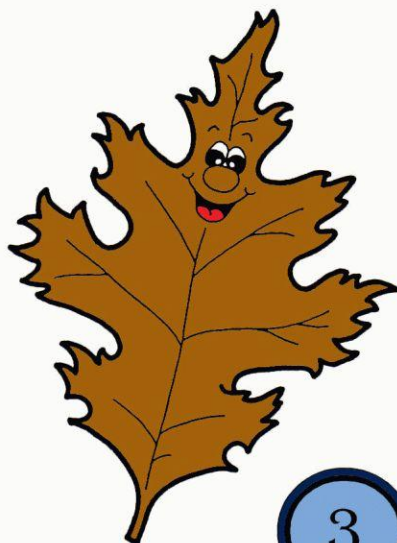
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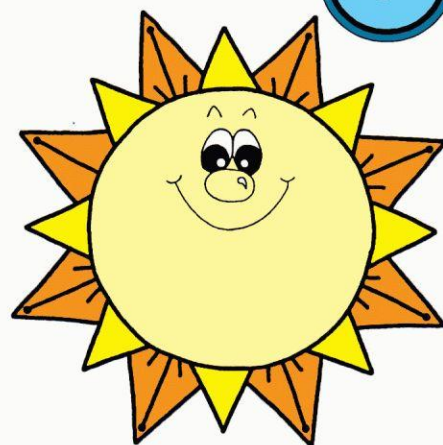
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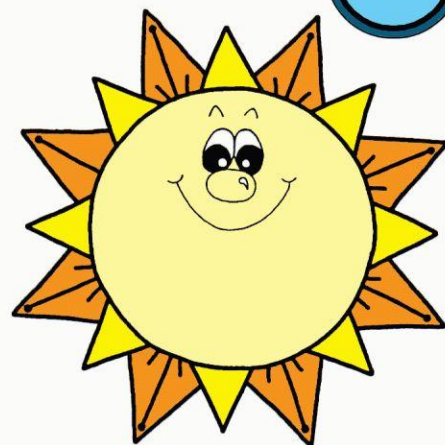
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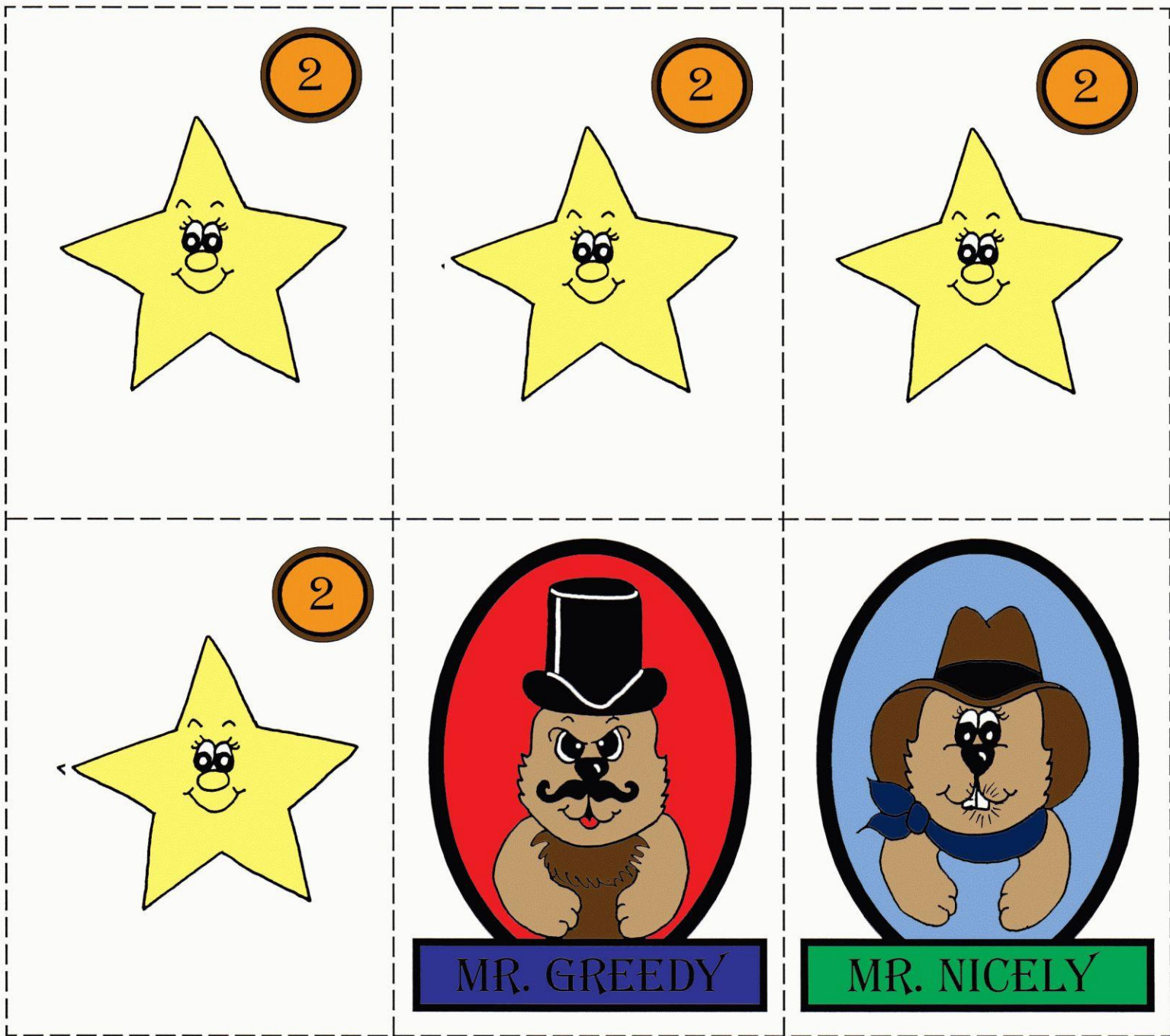
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### Game Card Preparation Instructions

*Color all eight sets, Mr. Greedy and Mr. Nicely cards as desired. Cut out each "No Need For Greed" card cover and also the picture cards. Using a glue stick, adhere the "No Need For Greed" card cover to the back side of each picture card. Once card covers are adhered, laminate each card for durability. You're ready to play "No Need For Greed"!*



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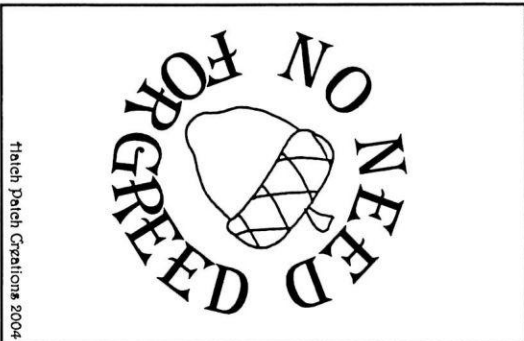
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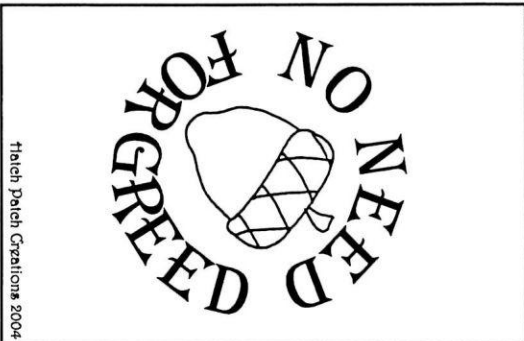
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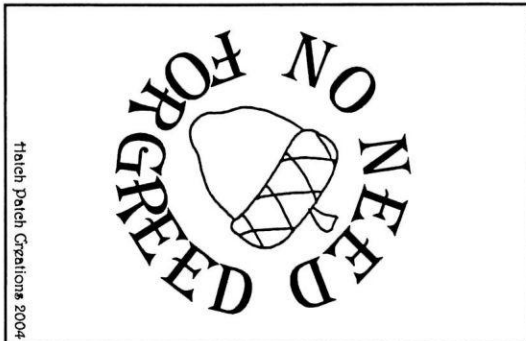
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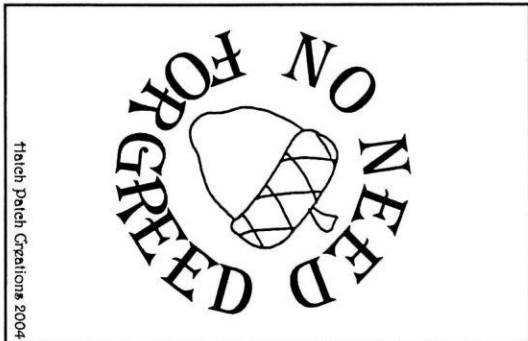
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*"Remember faith, virtue,*

*knowledge,*

*temperance,*

*patience,*

*brotherly kindness,*

*godliness,*

*charity, humility, diligence."*

*D&C 4:6*

