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COORDINATED FAMILY &



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Presents

November is Literacy Month



Packet of Literacy

Activities and Resources

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Dear Parent/Provider,

A new season is upon us and the staff at Self Help Inc., Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) is eager to offer our many services to the parents and children in our communities! As you may be aware, Coordinated Family and Community Engagement is grant funded through the Department of Early Education and Care.

The Staff at CFCE would like to invite you (parents and providers) once again to our annual **Literacy Month Project**. As you know, the Governor issues a proclamation each fall designating November as Literacy Month and urges caring adults to spend time reading to children. The staff at Self Help Inc./CFCE has sponsored this project by bringing readers and children together and offering literacy based activities and resources for parents to do at home and providers to use in their programs. This email has been sent to all of the parents on our database and we encourage providers to forward this email (or provide copies) to parents in your care.

This year we are providing you with this packet of activities based around the book "Caps for Sale" by Esphyr Slobodkina. The packet also contains useful resources regarding the importance of reading with children! The book can most likely be found at your local library, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, or a local book store.

If you choose to participate by completing at least *two of the activities, don't forget to complete the Confirmation of Participation and return it by
December 7th!

~The first 15 PARENTS that complete the Confirmation will receive a children's book for their home library.

~The first 15 PROVIDERS that participate and complete the Confirmation will receive a children's book for their classroom and a certificate for their site!

Sincerely,

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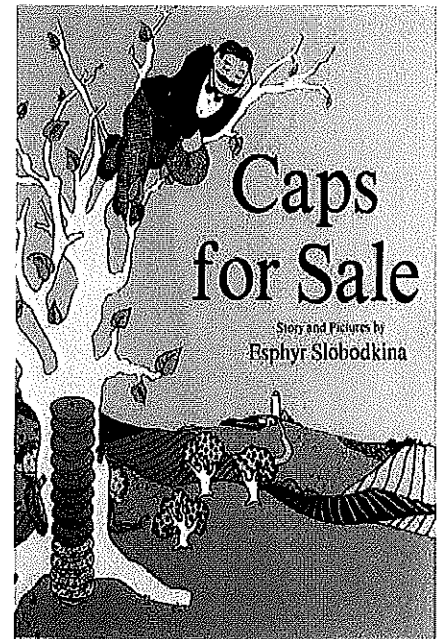


Caps for Sale

Author: Esphyr Slobodkina

“Caps! Caps for sale! Fifty Cents a cap!” calls the peddler, walking up and down the streets. He balances a huge stack of caps on his head—gray, brown, blue, and red—all piled on his own checked cap. One day he stops under a tree to take a nap. When he wakes up, the gray, brown, blue, and red caps have all disappeared! The only one left is his own checked cap. Where on earth can the others be?

“From an old folk tale [the author] has fashioned this bright picture book, infusing it with a humor which seems to have sprung from her own hearty enjoyment of the troubles of a peddler with a band of monkeys.”



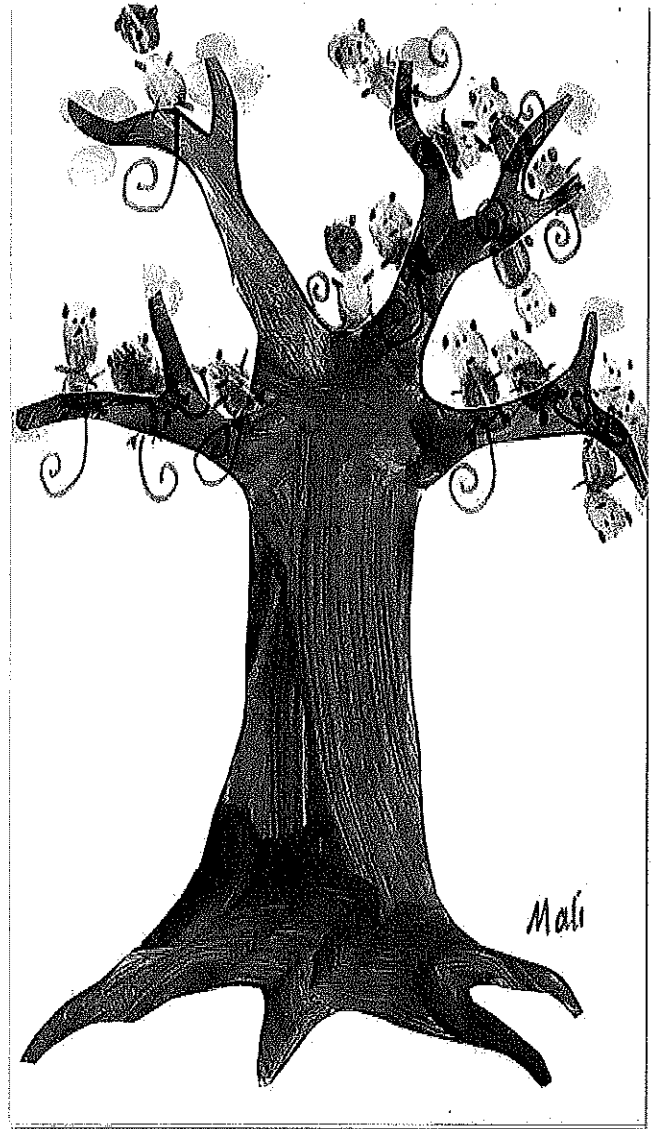
--The New York Times

Hints for Reading Aloud: Caps for Sale is a popular read aloud due to its repetitive text which allows children to speak the lines and join in the reading experience. Your child will certainly be delighted to add a little drama as you read. Your child may want to take on the roll of the monkeys by repeating the actions of the peddler (shaking their finger, stamping their feet, etc.) Help to develop your child’s vocabulary and comprehension by explaining new words (such as peddler, caps, wares, and country). After several readings, your child may take on the role of the peddler. As you read pause and allow your child to fill in the peddlers lines. If you have a class of children, act out the story using paper plate caps that the children have previously colored.

Monkey's in the Tree

Art Activity

- **Have your child paint or color in the tree. (Tree can be drawn by you or the child)**
- **Have your child dip their fingertip in a small amount of paint and press twice to make the monkey. Use green paint for the leaves.**
- **Your child can then add as much detail to the monkeys as they wish using paint, markers or crayons!**



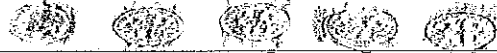
50 CENT RUBBINGS

Ways To Make Fifty Cents

2 quarters



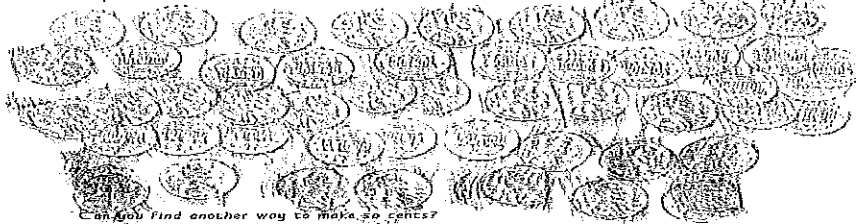
5 dimes



10 nickels



50 pennies



Can you find another way to make 50 cents?

Created by Michelle @ delightfullearning.com

2 Quarters

5 Dimes

10 Nickels

50 Pennies

Can you find another way to make 50 cents?

~Caps for Sale is a sly take on the saying, "Monkey see, monkey do."

Monkey See, Monkey Do Music

Supplies:

Music player, music, a cap

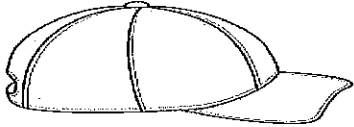
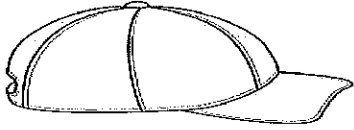
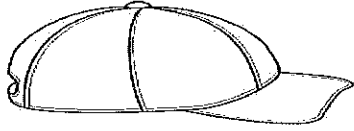
Activity Detail:

Put on some fun music and take turns being the "peddler." Pass the cap around to the children. The child wearing the cap is the peddler and can decide what action to do during the music being played. They can clap, jump, spin, shake hips, shake hands, hop, roll, etc. The "monkeys" job is to imitate what the peddler is doing. Monkey see, monkey do! Take turns and see how creative you can be. Kids LOVE to be imitated and to imitate, even little ones. This activity can be done with 2 or more people/children.



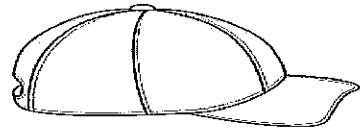
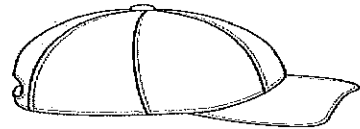
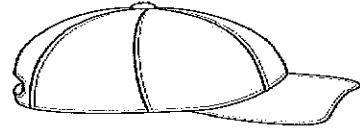
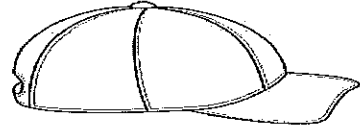
In each box color the caps the correct color and write in the space how many there are

RED



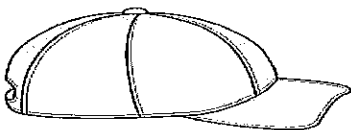
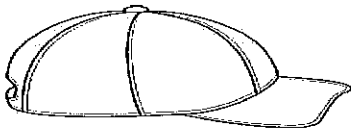
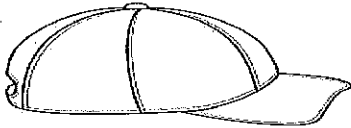
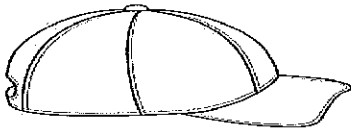
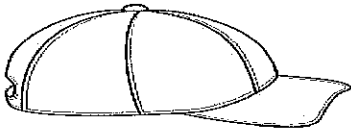
How Many? _____

BROWN



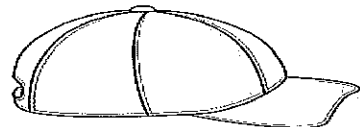
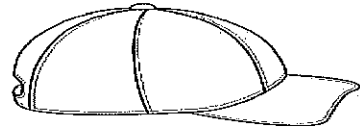
How Many? _____

BLUE



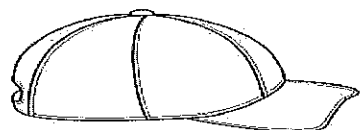
How Many? _____

GRAY



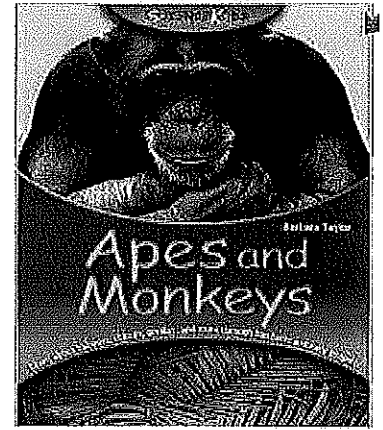
How Many? _____

CHECKED



How Many? _____

**Learn more about monkeys - Try this
Apes & Monkeys book by Barbara Taylor.**



Did you know....

Apes don't have tails, monkeys do.

Monkeys live in various habitats: forests, mountains, grasslands, and swamps.

Chimpanzees eat termites.

Baby orangutans live with their mothers 7-9 years with no other playmates.

There are over 130 different monkeys.

African & Asian monkeys have hard pads on their bottoms to help them sleep sitting up.

Baboons eat other monkeys, birds, and small antelope.

Mini Banana Cream Pies!



Ingredients:

Banana pudding

Bananas

Mini chocolate chip cookies

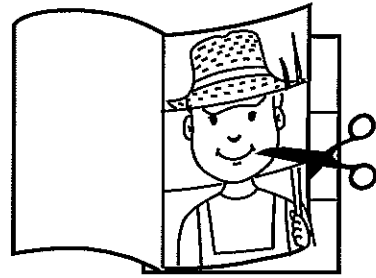
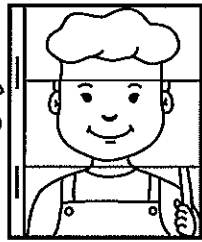
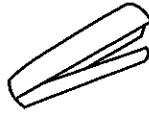
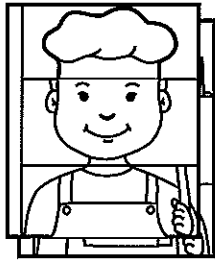
Whipped cream

Chocolate sprinkles

In a small plastic cup/bowl start with a chocolate chip cookie on the bottom for the “crust” then add the banana pudding followed by slices of banana. Spoon a dollop of whipped cream on the top with a few more chocolate chip cookies around the edge. Top with the chocolate sprinkles. **YUM!!!**

~Taken from <http://delightfullearning.blogspot.com/2010/05/caps-for-sale-tale-of-peddler-some.html>

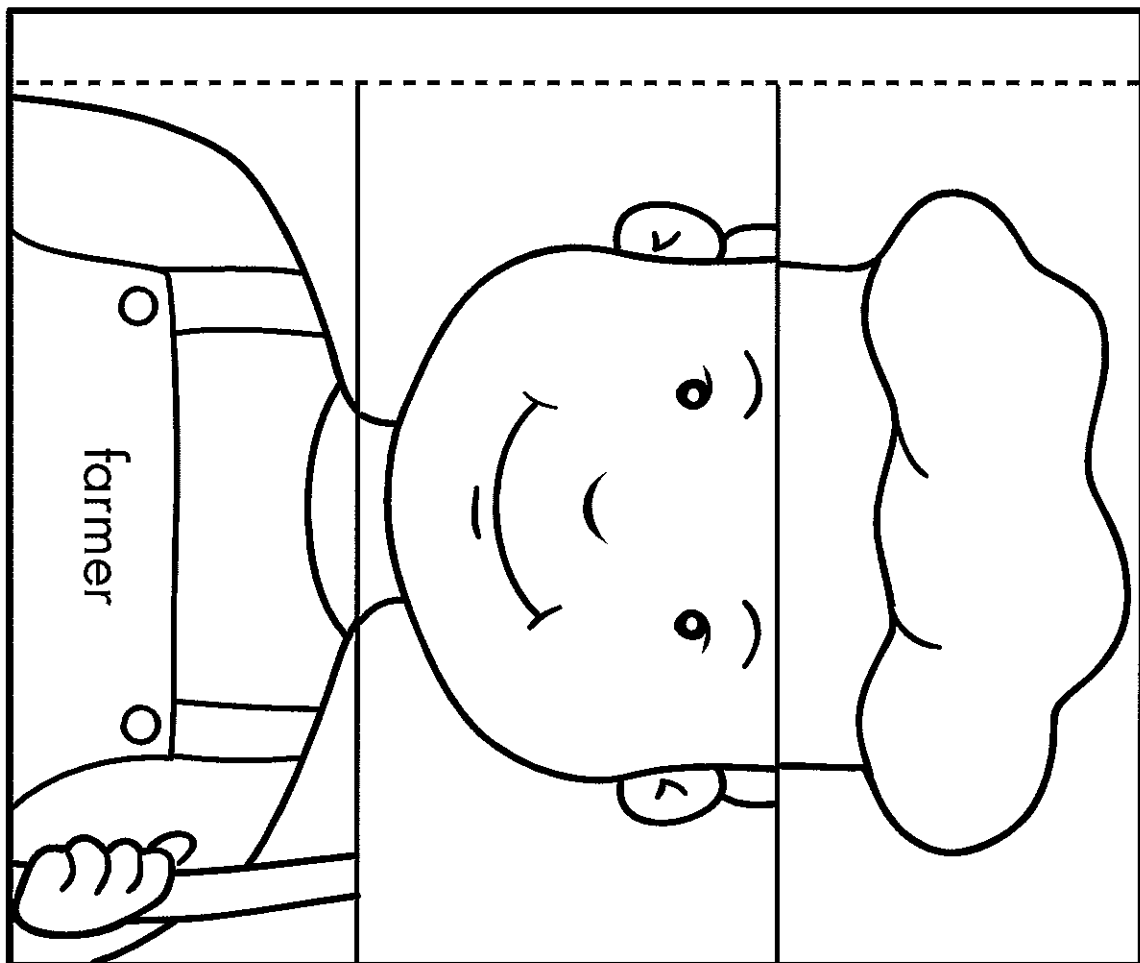
Whose Hat?



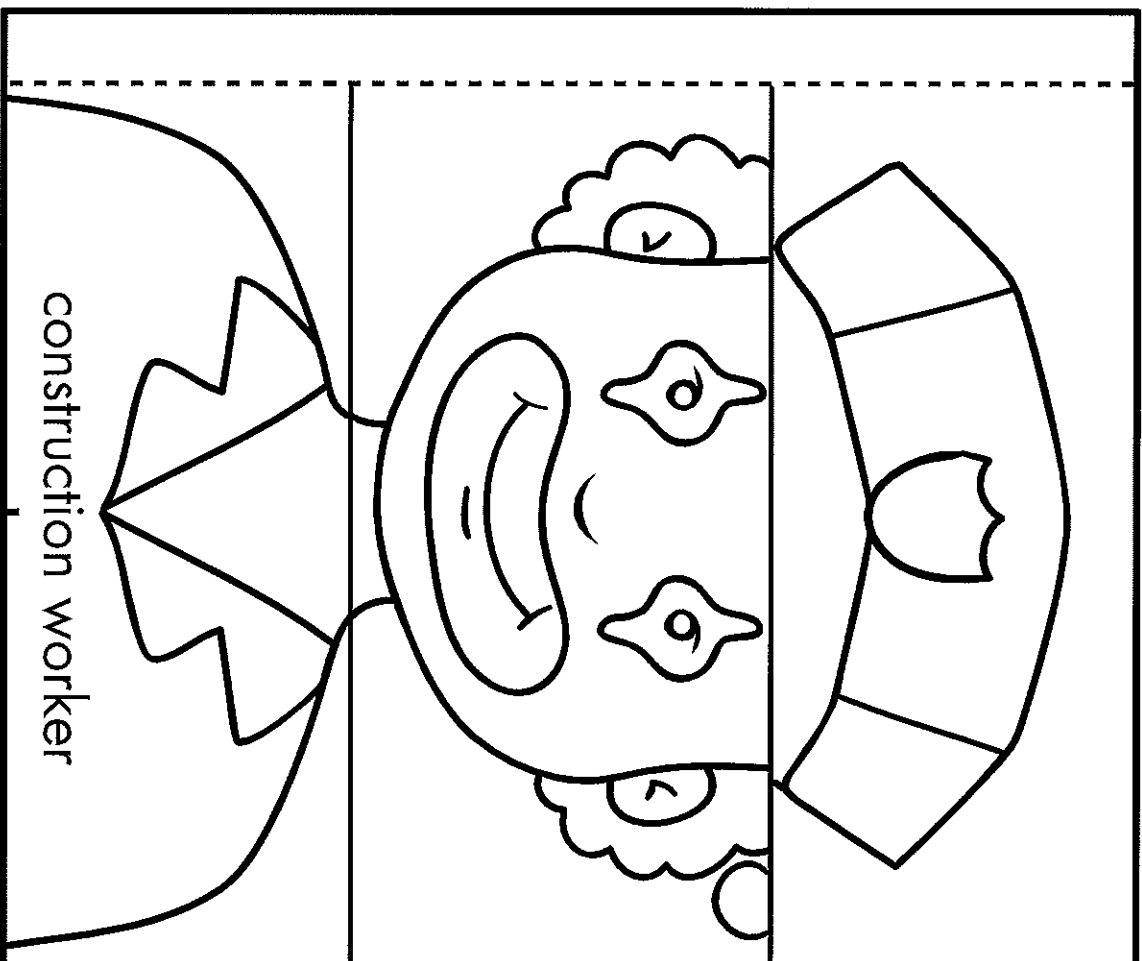
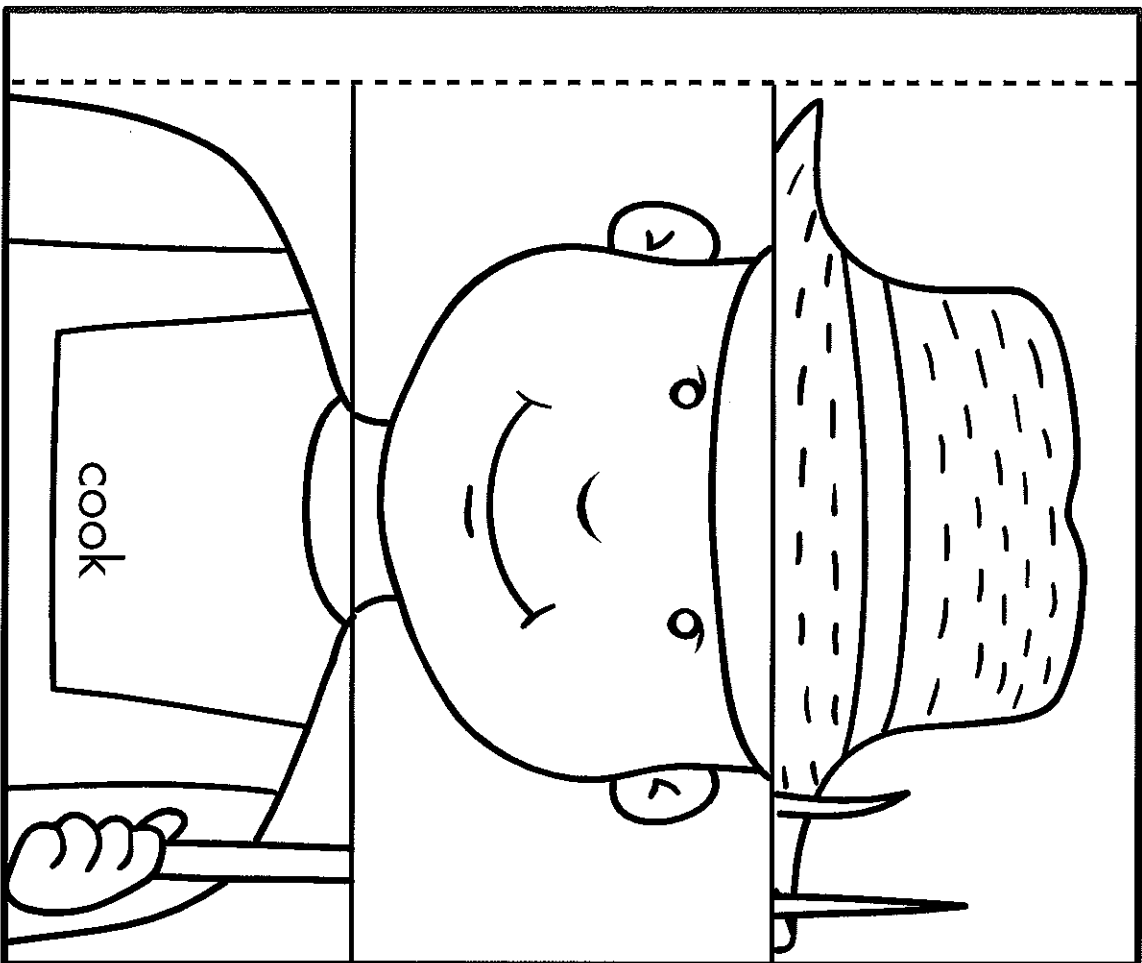
Stack all the pages and staple them together.

Cut the middle pages of the book along the line, forming three sets of pages.

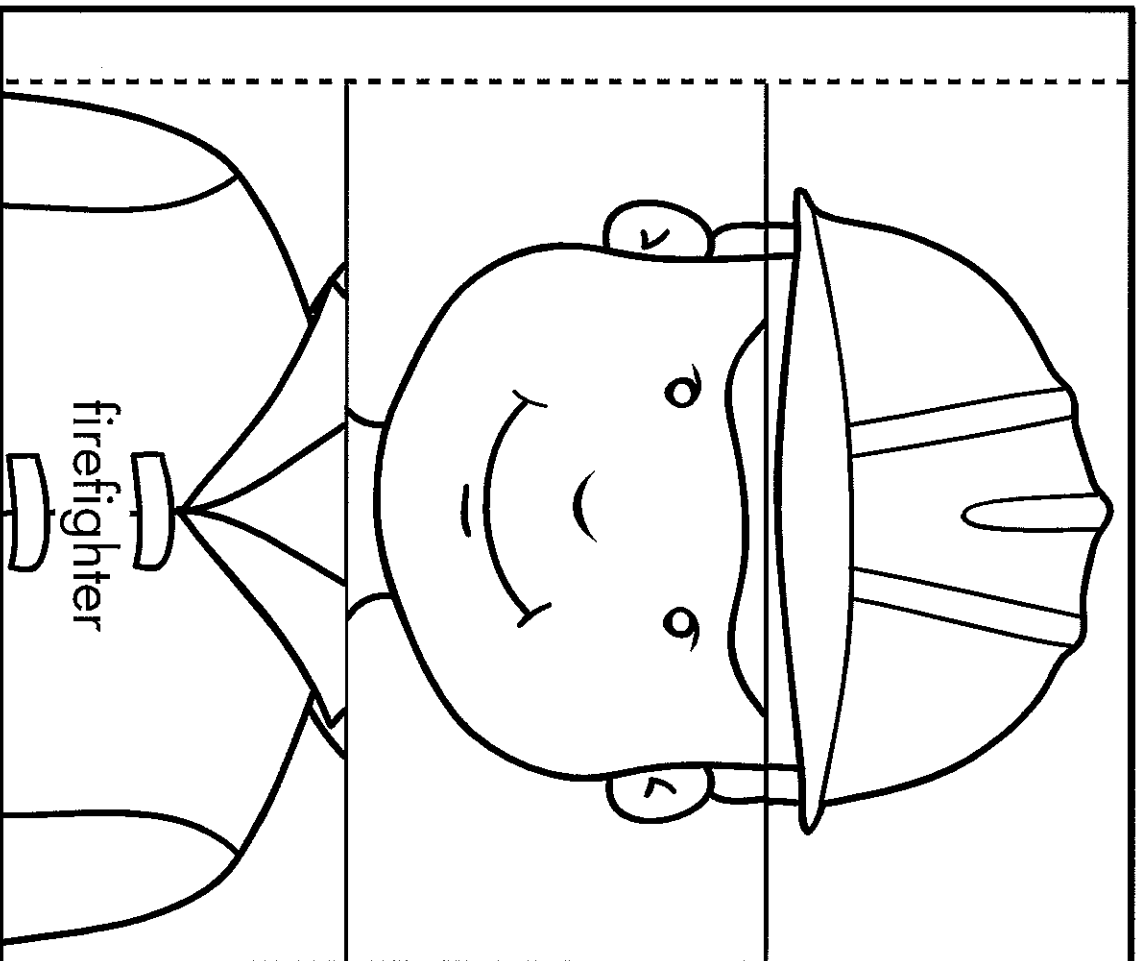
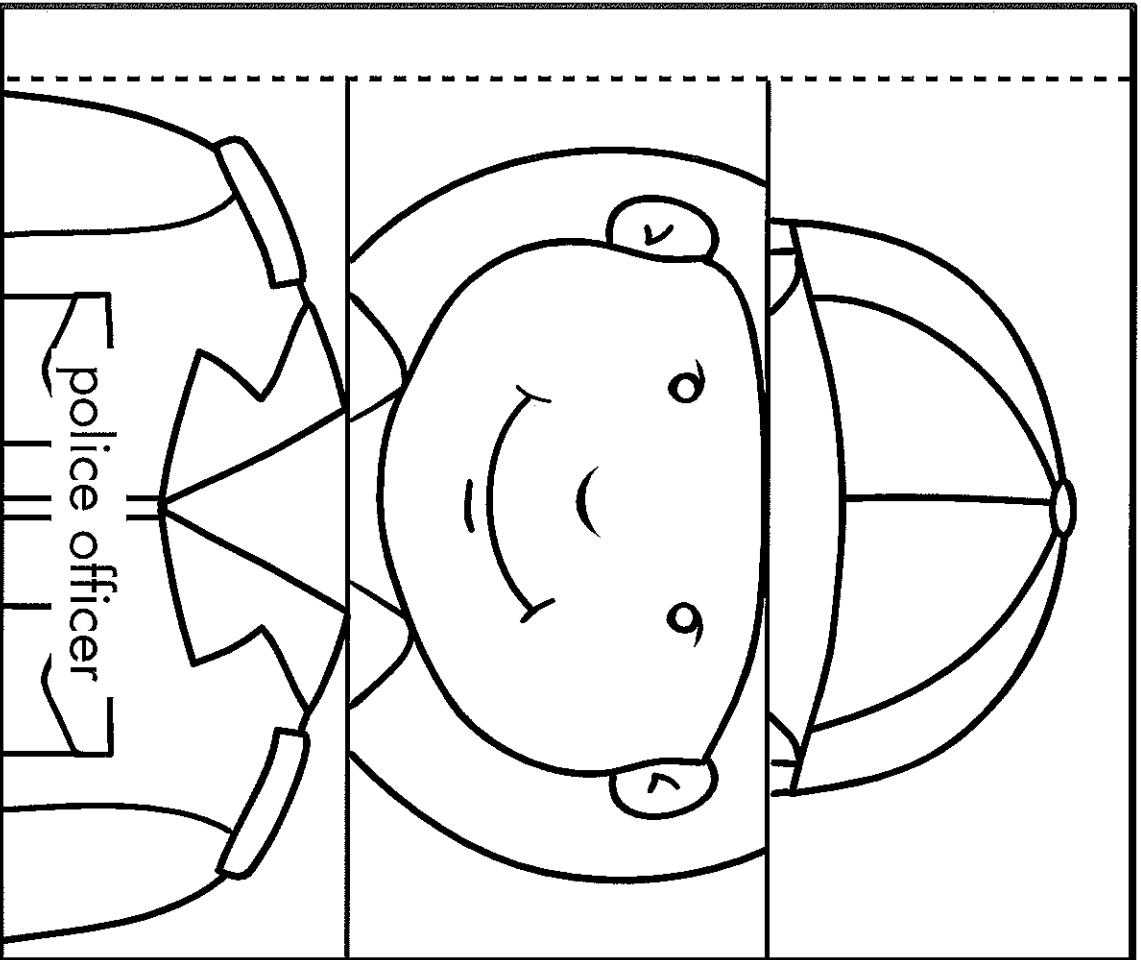
Now flip through the pages to match the picture.



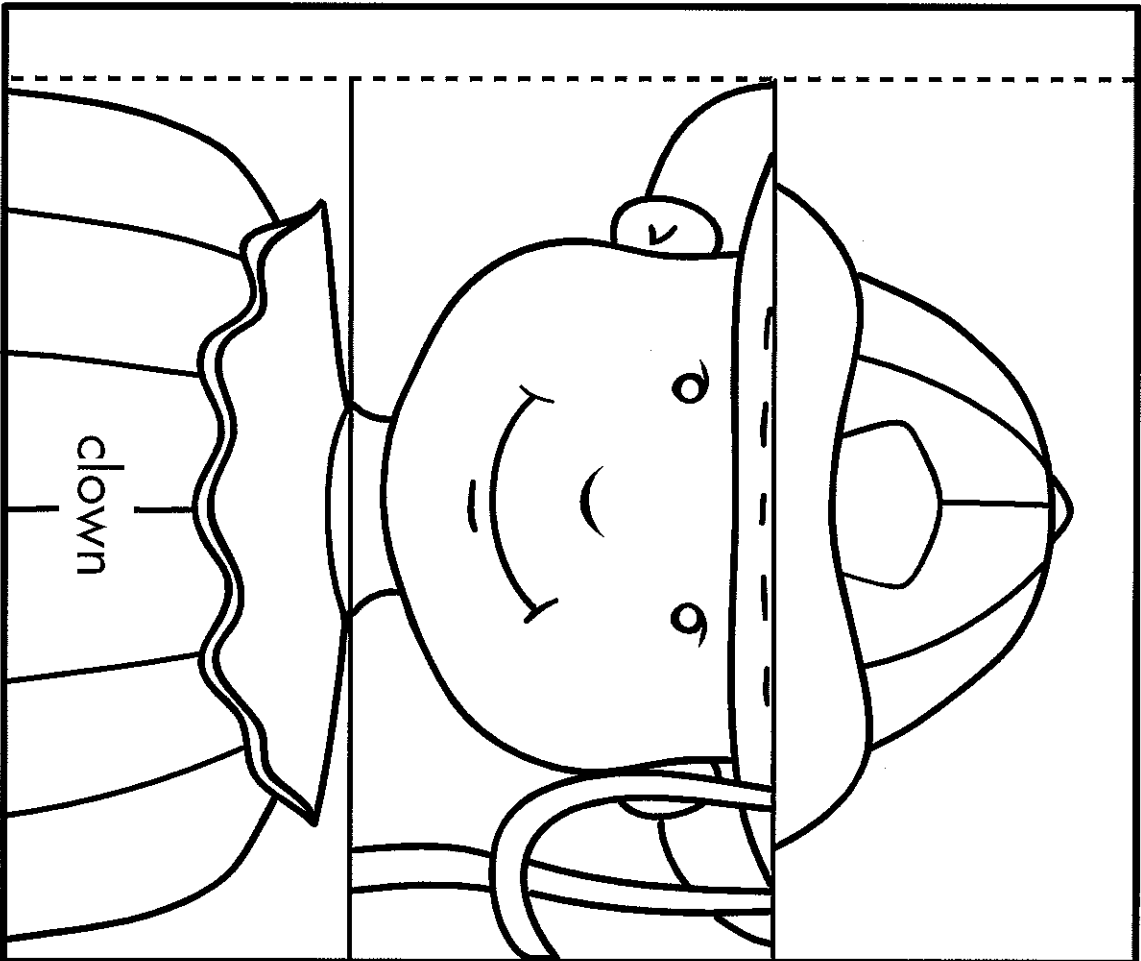
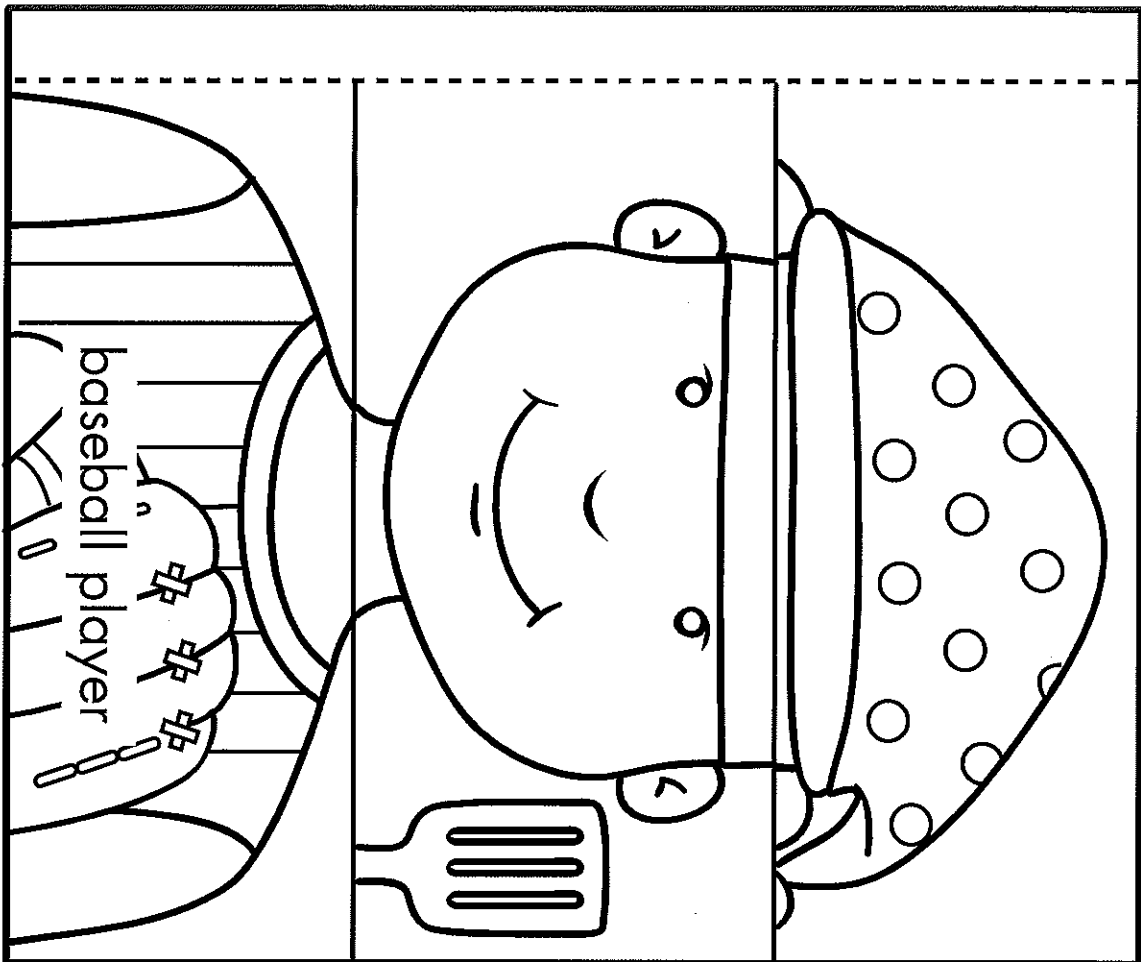
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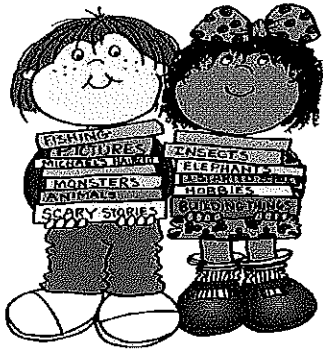
Whose Hat?



Send a photo of your child
reading with their favorite cap
(hat) on!

*Please note that sending this photo allows SHI CFCE to post it on our
website, twitter and facebook accounts.*





If you want your child to be a reader, get him/her a library card!



TIPS:

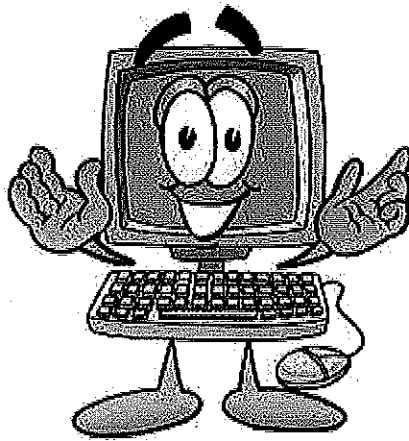
- Your child will feel empowered by having their very own card and thus building the responsibility of caring for the books until they are returned.
- One backpack or reusable bag per child. Allow him to fill it up, choosing the books that interest him. Believe me they can't wait to get home and get to read their NEW books!
- Facilitate good book choice. Suggest some books you think your child might enjoy or show her a new section – maybe the graphic novels or the non-fiction craft section.
- Make the library visit as fun as possible. We like to eat cookies and read our books after a visit for extra library fun!

Check your local library for specific guidelines for children's library cards. If your library has an age restriction for opening a card then make sure you have one for your child to use.



A library card equals reading independence. It's empowering!

Check OUT these websites for additional activities!



[http://www.homeschoolshare.com/b4 resources caps for sale.php](http://www.homeschoolshare.com/b4_resources_caps_for_sale.php)

<http://www.kizclub.com/craft/whosehat/whosehat.pdf>

<http://learnwithbooks.com/caps-for-sale-preschool-lesson-plan-ideas/>

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/caps-sale-extension-activities>

For information on **The Importance of Reading With Children....**

<http://www.reachoutandread.org/parents/readingaloud/>

<http://www.earlymoments.com/Promoting-Literacy-and-a-Love-of-Reading/Why-Reading-to-Children-is-Important/>



Literacy Month 2015
PARENT Confirmation of Participation

Parent Name: _____

Child(ren) Name and Age: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

Email Address: _____

Check Here _____ if you would like to be placed on our email list to receive upcoming programs and activities

Check off the Activities/Ideas that you used with your child(ren) (must use 2):

- Monkeys in the Tree Art Activity
- 50 Cent Rubbings
- Monkey See, Monkey Do Music
- How Many Caps? Coloring Page
- Learn More About Monkeys
- Mini Banana Cream Pies
- Whose Hat?
- Email a photo of your child reading with their favorite cap (hat) on. Sending this photo gives SHI CFCE permission to post it on our website, twitter and facebook accounts. Send to mdavidson@selfhelpinc.org
- Describe your own activity: _____

Complete and return this survey by December 7th and return to the address or fax number below to receive a children's book for your home library!

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