



Creative Ways to Celebrate Home with Your Kids

OUR TOP 5 IDEAS:

- Build a spaghetti or toothpick marshmallow house
- Draw your dream home
- Make a cardboard box clubhouse
- Color about home! Use the coloring pages at the end of this document for inspiration
- Create a bracelet of nuts and bolts

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WE WANT TO SEE THEIR CREATIONS, TOO!

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BUILD YOUR OWN HOUSE!

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS TO BUILD THE COOLEST HOUSE YOU CAN USING ONLY SPAGHETTI AND MARSHMALLOWS!

Now it's time to put your building skills to the test! You can decide if you want to make it a team competition or a solo challenge. With your fellow teammates, decide what you want the competition to be. Is it who can build the tallest house? Who can build the largest house? Who can build the strongest house? Or maybe who's house is the most creative?

When you've decided on how you want to compete, set your timer for 10 minutes and off you go!

TIME'S UP!

When you're finished, determine the winners and, if you want, answer these questions:

1. Why are you grateful for your home that you live in?
2. What is your favorite part of your house?
3. How would your life be different if you didn't have your house?

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 BOX UNCOOKED SPAGHETTI**
- 1 BAG MINI MARSHMALLOWS**
- 1 TIMER**



DRAW YOUR DREAM HOUSE

DESIGN AND DRAW THE HOUSE OF YOUR DREAMS AND SHARE IT WITH EVERYONE!

Visualize your dream house and draw it. It can be whatever you want it to be! Draw a **plan**, which is what the layout of the house looks like, looking down from the top with no roof, or an **elevation**, what the house looks like standing in front of it. This is exactly what real home builders must do before they build!

ALL DONE?

Share your drawings with each other. Your neighbors will be able to enjoy your dream house when they walk by! And don't forget to ask for help sharing with us, too!

If you want, when you are finished, answer these questions:

1. Why is this your dream house?
2. What is your favorite part of it?
3. Who would you like to build your dream house with?

YOU WILL NEED:

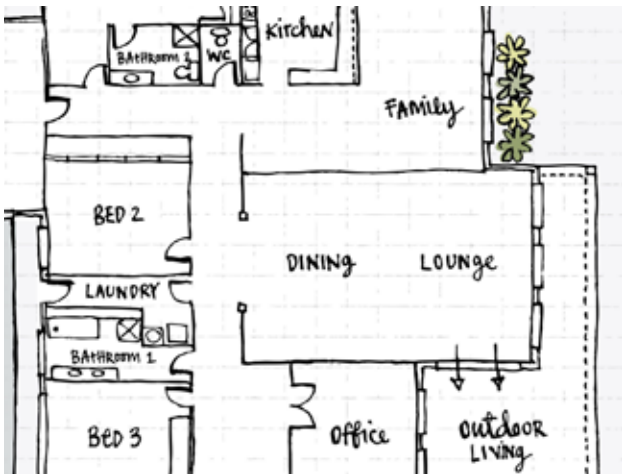
SIDEWALK CHALK

YOUR DRIVEWAY

-OR-

CRAYONS, PENCILS, MARKERS

PAPER



PLAN



ELEVATION

MAKE A CARDBOARD CLUBHOUSE

BUILD YOURSELF A HANGOUT RIGHT IN YOUR OWN HOME!

Once you have your materials, position the box on the floor with the opened end perpendicular to the floor and cut the top off the box. Be careful with your scissors! Keep the piece to use for the roof later.

Next, add tape to the edges to make them stronger.

Use the second cardboard box to cut a second roof piece the same size as the top of the box piece that you saved earlier

Tape the two pieces together to form the roof.

Tape the roof to the top of your clubhouse.

Decorate the inside of the clubhouse with a cozy blanket, books, toys, or whatever you want! You can decorate the outside, too!

FINISHED?

Now that you have your own special place, answer these questions with your family, if you want:

1. What makes your clubhouse nice to hang out in?
2. Did you find it easy or hard to build your house? Why?

YOU WILL NEED:

**2 LARGE CARDBOARD
BOXES OF SIMILAR SIZE
TAPE
SCISSORS**

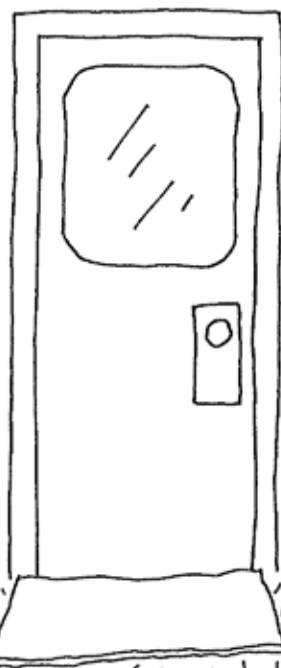
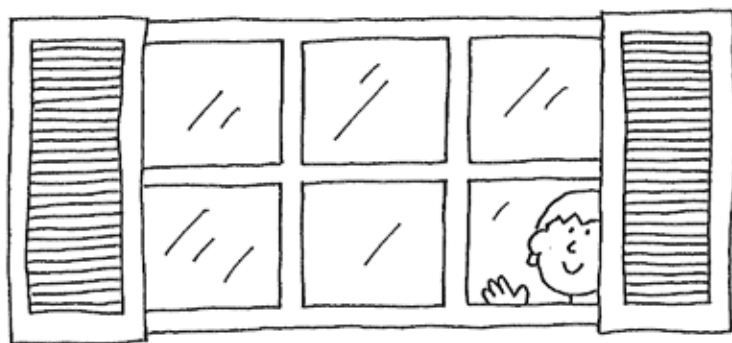


**THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO
MAKE CARDBOARD CLUBHOUSES.
CAN YOU THINK OF ANY OTHERS?**



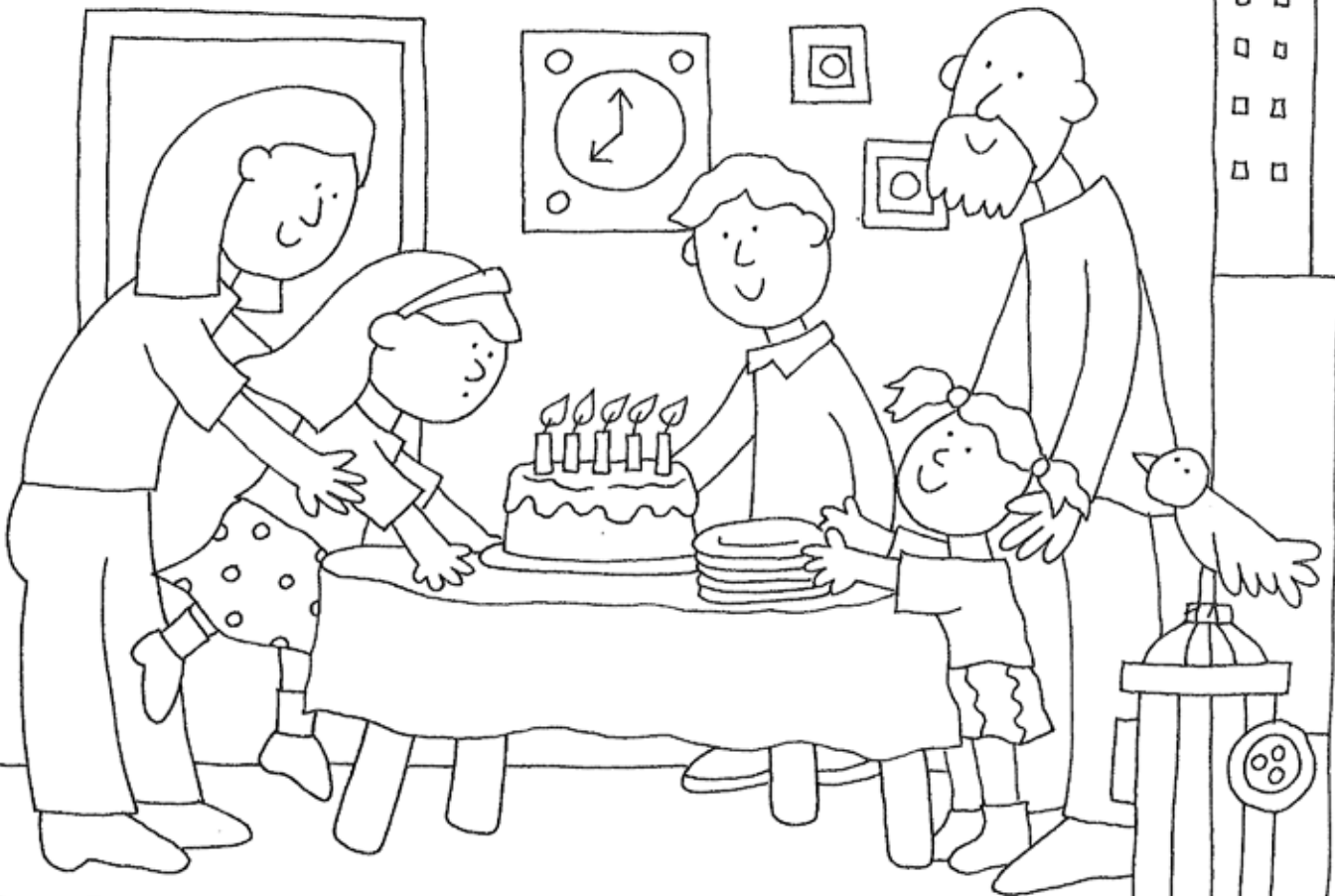
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Who needs a home?



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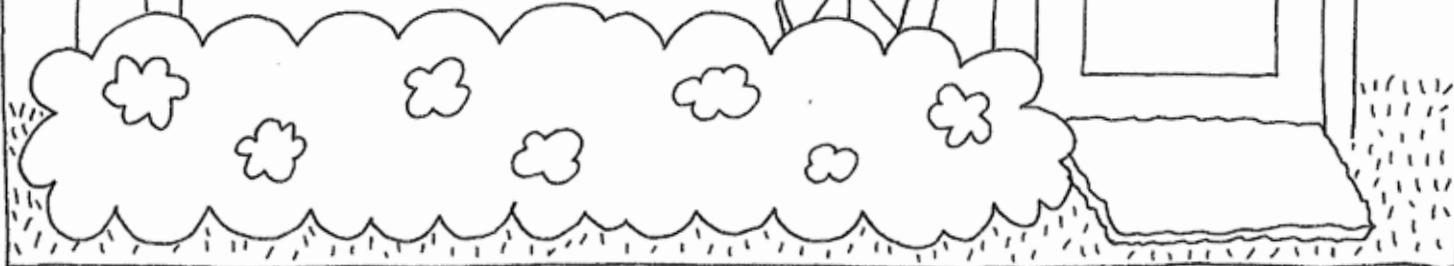
No matter your age or your family's size,
We ALL need a home, it should be no surprise.



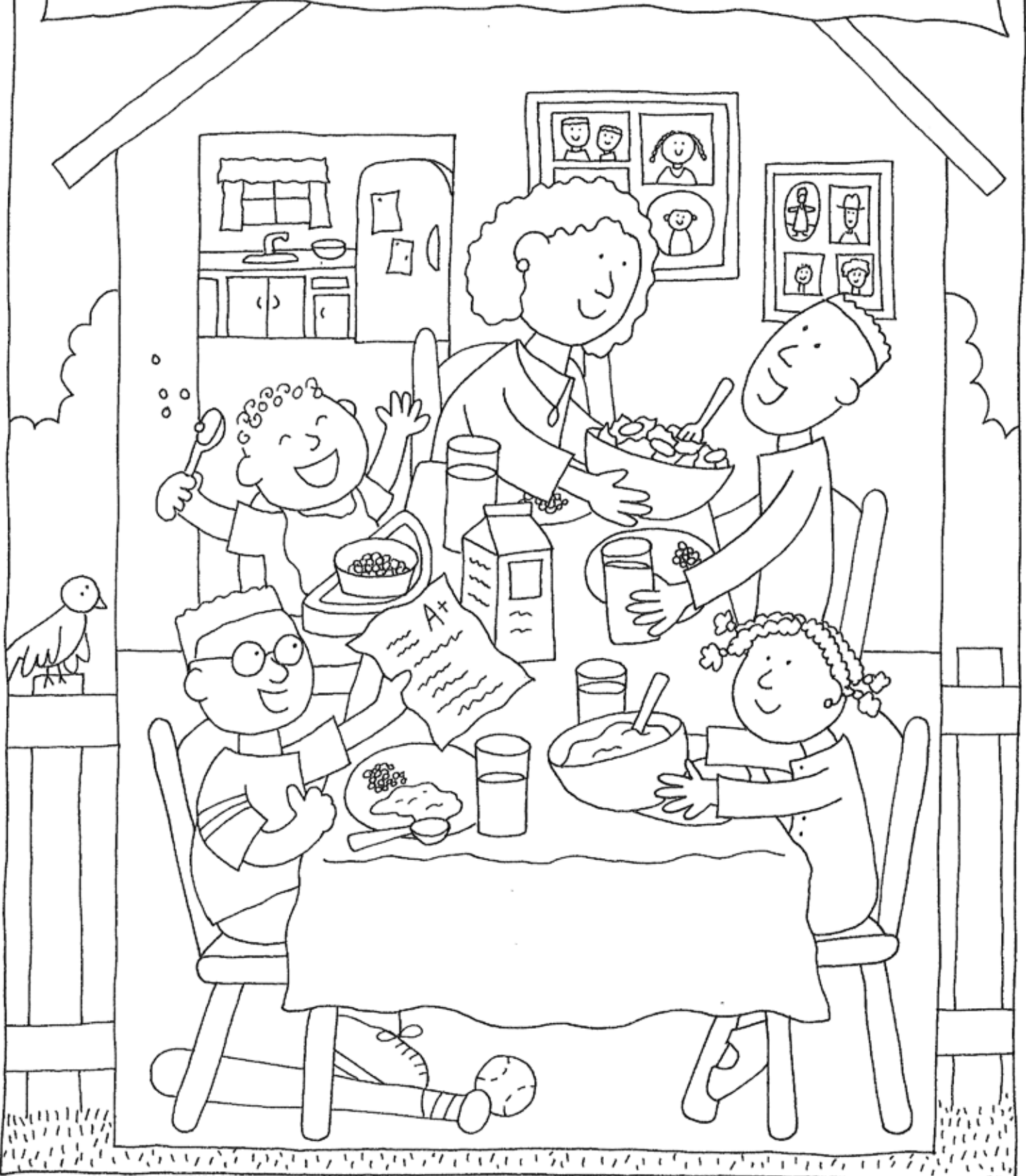
A spot to do homework, a place we can play,
A cozy warm bed at the end of the day,



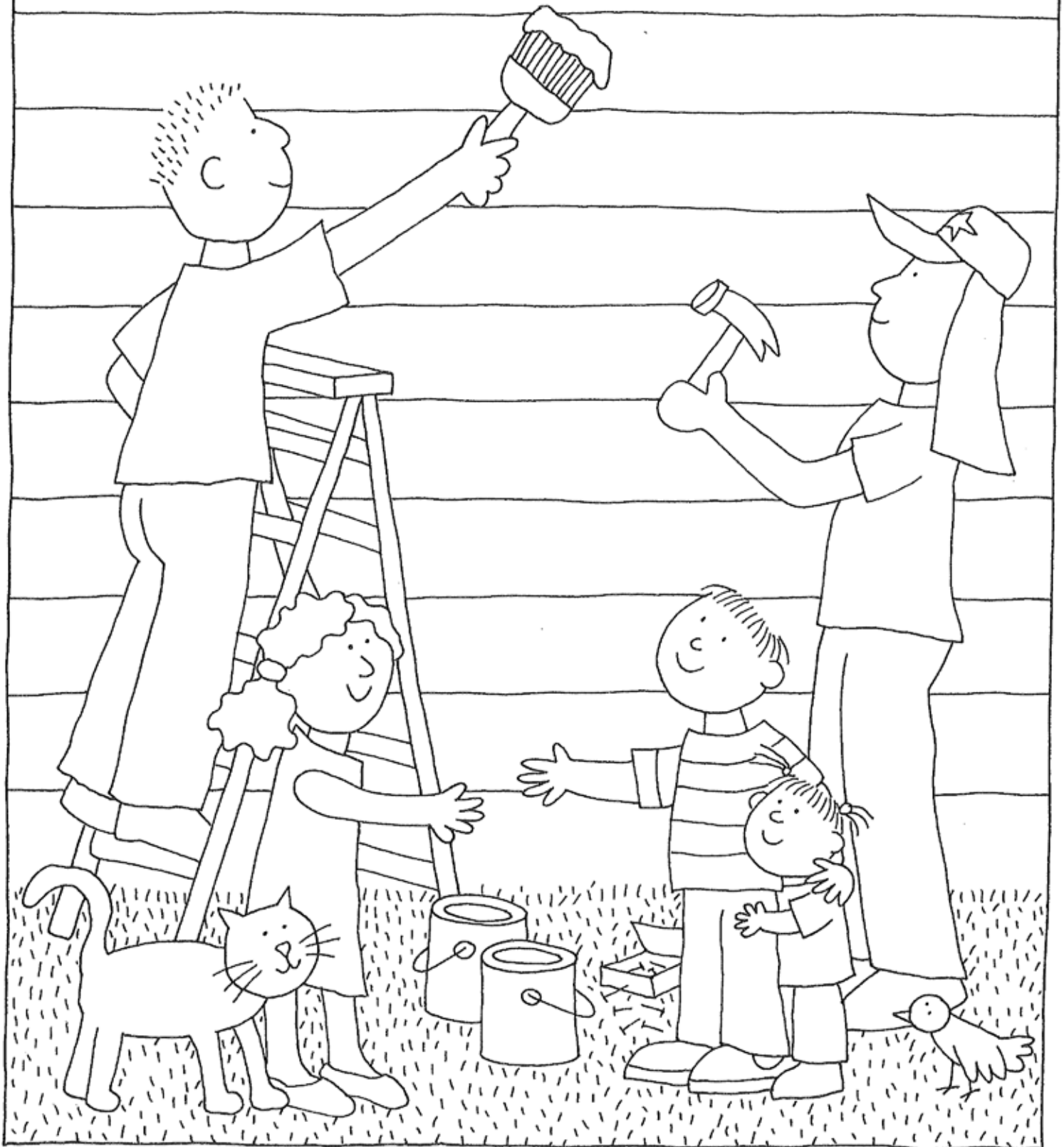
WELCOME!



Somewhere to feel safe with the people we love,
With four solid walls and a roof up above.



So let's make it happen! With hard work and heart,
We'll find homes for ALL, if we ALL play a part.



If YOU could build a home for someone,
what would it look like?

