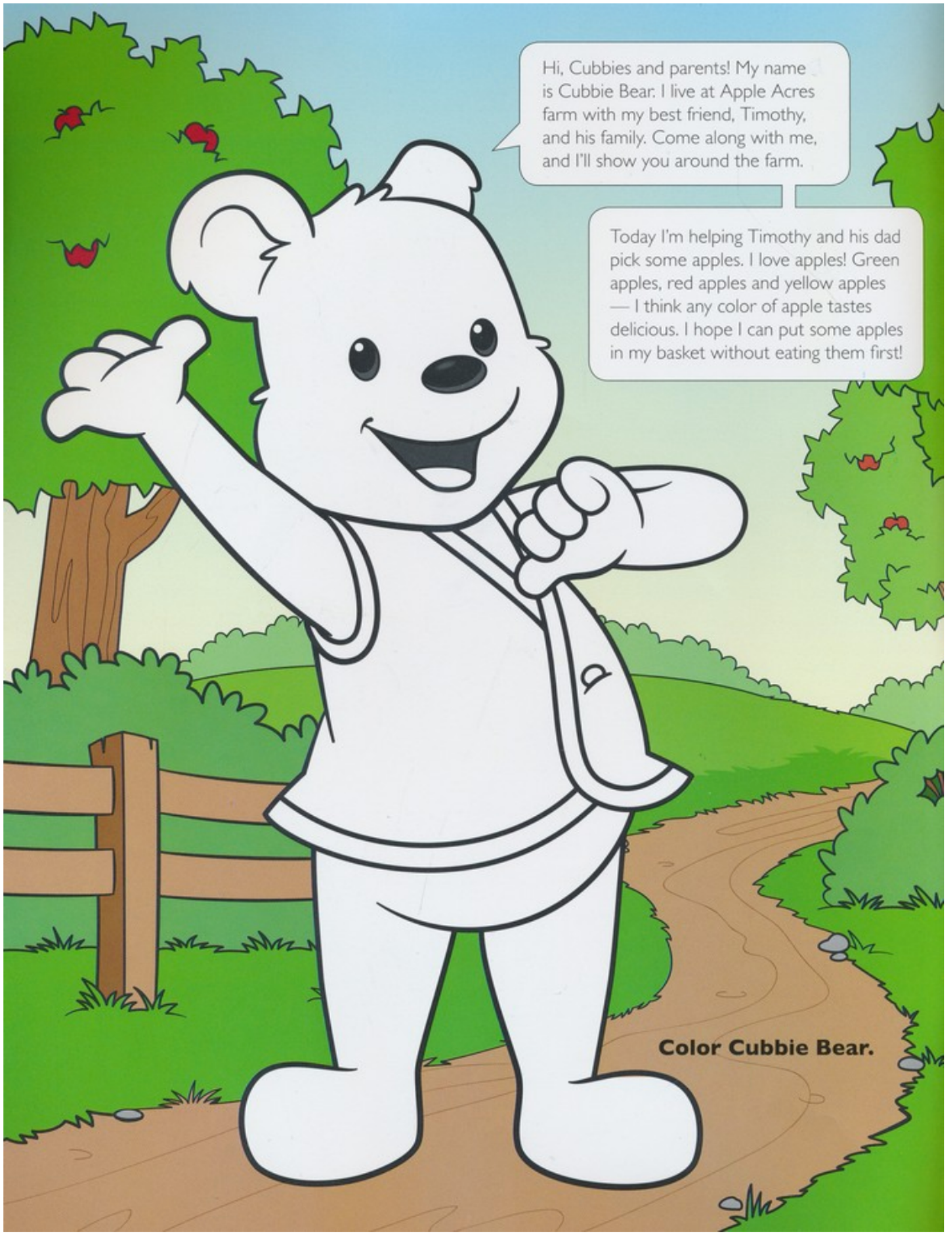




WELCOME TO

APPLE ACRES





Hi, Cubbies and parents! My name is Cubbie Bear. I live at Apple Acres farm with my best friend, Timothy, and his family. Come along with me, and I'll show you around the farm.

Today I'm helping Timothy and his dad pick some apples. I love apples! Green apples, red apples and yellow apples — I think any color of apple tastes delicious. I hope I can put some apples in my basket without eating them first!

Color Cubbie Bear.



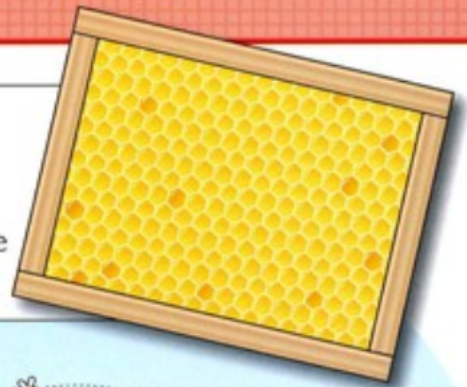
Cubbies, can you count the apples in each basket?

Ask a grown-up to help you write the number on the line below the basket.

Want a challenge? See if you can count all the apples on the trees.



Psst. Look over there. Do you see those boxes? Those are beehives. There are lots of beehives on the farm. Inside the hives, the bees make honeycombs that look like this:

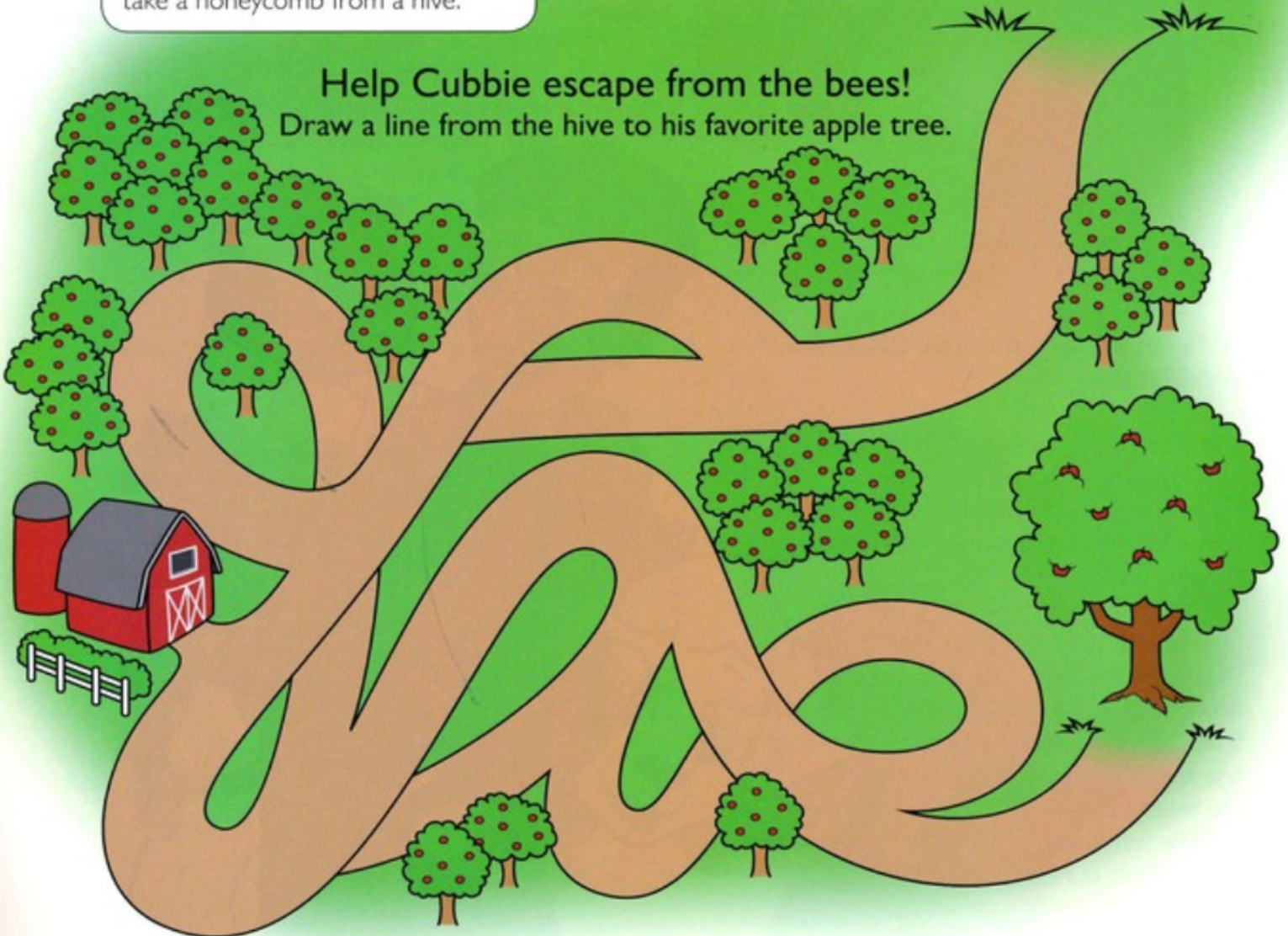



The honeycombs are filled with honey — yum! As soon as the bees leave, I'm going to sneak over and take a honeycomb from a hive.

Uh-oh! I think the bees see me. I'd better run before I get stung.



Help Cubbie escape from the bees!
Draw a line from the hive to his favorite apple tree.





Dad, where do apple trees come from?

An apple tree grows from a tiny apple seed, but it takes a long time for apple seeds to grow, so on our farm, we plant small trees that grow into big trees.

Parents, isn't it exciting to watch your child grow?

You want him or her to grow physically, mentally, socially and most of all, spiritually. At Cubbies®, we help you plant the right spiritual seeds. These seeds are the Word of God. (See Jesus' parable about seeds in Luke 8:4-15 in the Bible.)

As Cubbies leaders and parents help Cubbies memorize Bible verses and truths, we sow the Word of God into Cubbies' hearts. When Cubbies are receptive, God makes the seeds grow to produce spiritual fruit like faith, love, joy and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Salvation in Jesus Christ

If your child seems ready to hear more about the gospel, discuss the points below. Let your child take the initiative to trust Christ as Savior; never pressure a decision. (If you want more information on trusting Christ, talk with your child's Cubbies leader.)

1. God loves you and wants you to be His friend forever.

For God so loved the world ... (John 3:16)

2. Because we are all sinners, we can't be friends with God.

Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God (lying, hitting, disobeying parents, etc.). We were all born sinners (Romans 5:12-21). God is perfectly good, and He must punish sin. The punishment for sin is dying and being away from God forever.

For all have sinned ... (Romans 3:23)

(TIP: To help your child understand the concept of punishment, remind your child of a time he or she experienced consequences for disobedience.)

3. God helped us to be His friends.

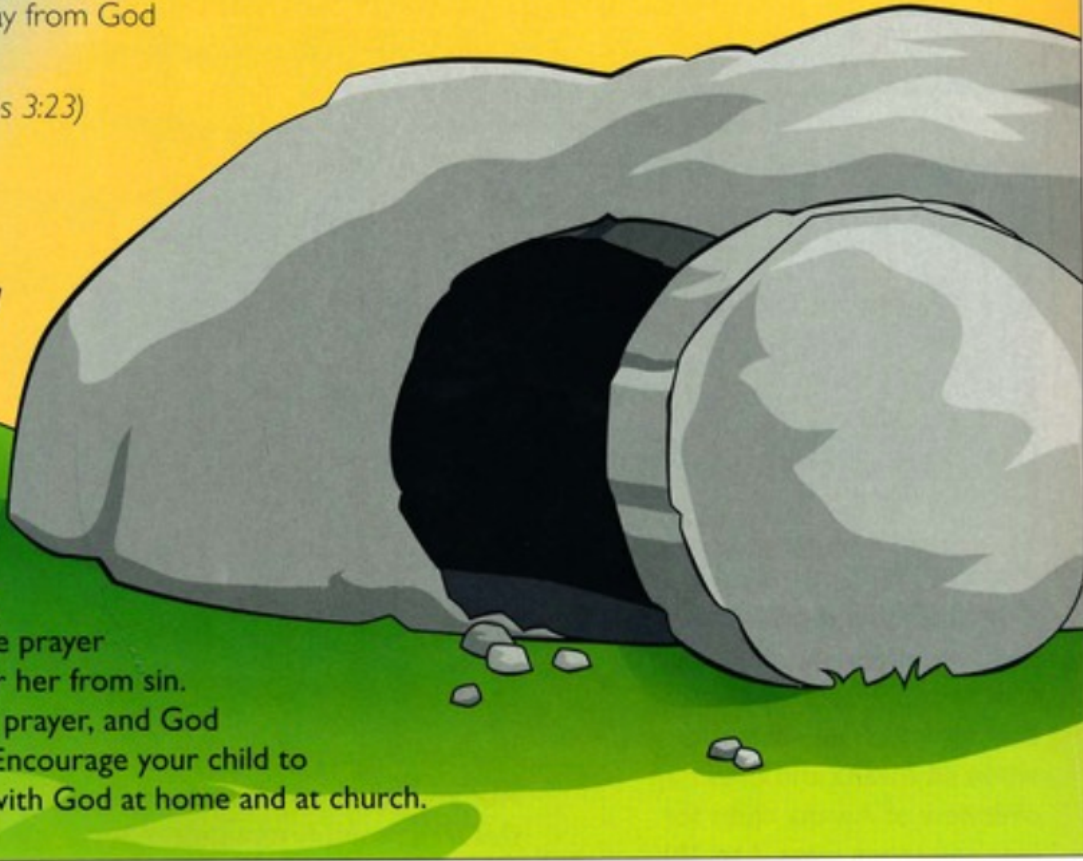
He sent his Son, Jesus Christ (who never sinned), to be punished instead of us. Jesus died on the cross for our sins because He loved us so much. Then Jesus came alive again!

... Christ died for our sins ... He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

4. When you trust that the Lord Jesus died to save you from sin and rose again, you are God's friend forever.

All your sins are forgiven. God's Spirit comes to live in you (Ephesians 1:13), and someday, you will live with God in heaven.

... "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ..."
(Acts 16:31)



After your child trusts Christ, invite your child to say a simple prayer thanking God for saving him or her from sin. Explain that we talk to God in prayer, and God talks to us through the Bible. Encourage your child to develop his or her friendship with God at home and at church.



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