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Ari and Mainer were very excited. It had snowed overnight!

“There is going to be lots of snow on the skating rink,” Mainer said to Ari.

“I know!” Ari said with a big smile. “Let’s get our shovels and go clear the snow to get the ice ready for the other kids.”

Ari and Mainer went to the shed and took out two big snow shovels. Then they started walking to the pond where all the kids liked to skate.

On the way, they passed Ari’s dad snow-blowing his driveway. They could just see his hand waving from inside a big puff of snow. It was really funny and they both laughed and waved back.

Everyone was out shovelling or snow-blowing their driveways and sidewalks. Mrs. Cheetah put down her shovel and said, “Boys when you are done clearing the rink, come in for hot chocolate!”



Mainer looked at Ari and said, “WE WILL!”

But then they walked past a house with lots of snow left on the driveway.

“This is Mrs. Badger’s house,” Ari said to Mainer. “She’s a grandma and I don’t think she can shovel all that snow herself.”

Mainer looked at Ari, and then he looked at their shovels, and then he looked at Ari again. “Well, we already have our shovels. Maybe we should do it for her.”

Ari looked worried. “But then the rink won’t be ready for the kids.”

“We can do both!” Mainer said.

Ari agreed and together they cleared all the snow off of Mrs. Badger’s driveway, her sidewalk, and her front porch.

When Mrs. Badger looked out her window and saw what the boys were doing, she came out of the house and said, “Boys! I can’t believe you





did this!” She was so happy that there were tears in her eyes. “But I don’t even have any money to pay you!”

“Mrs. Badger,” Ari said smiling, “we didn’t do this to make money. We did this because we want to help!”

“Well, that is very, very kind of you.” Mrs. Badger said. Then she had an idea. “Wait here for just a moment.” She told the boys and went into the house.

When she came back she had two bags of cookies. “Here, I want to give you some cookies to say thank you.”

Ari and Mainer smiled. They LOVED cookies.

“Chocolate chip!” Ari yelled. “These are my FAVOURITE! Thank you, Mrs. Badger.”

“Oh no,” Mrs. Badger said, “thank-you boys for your kind, hard work.”

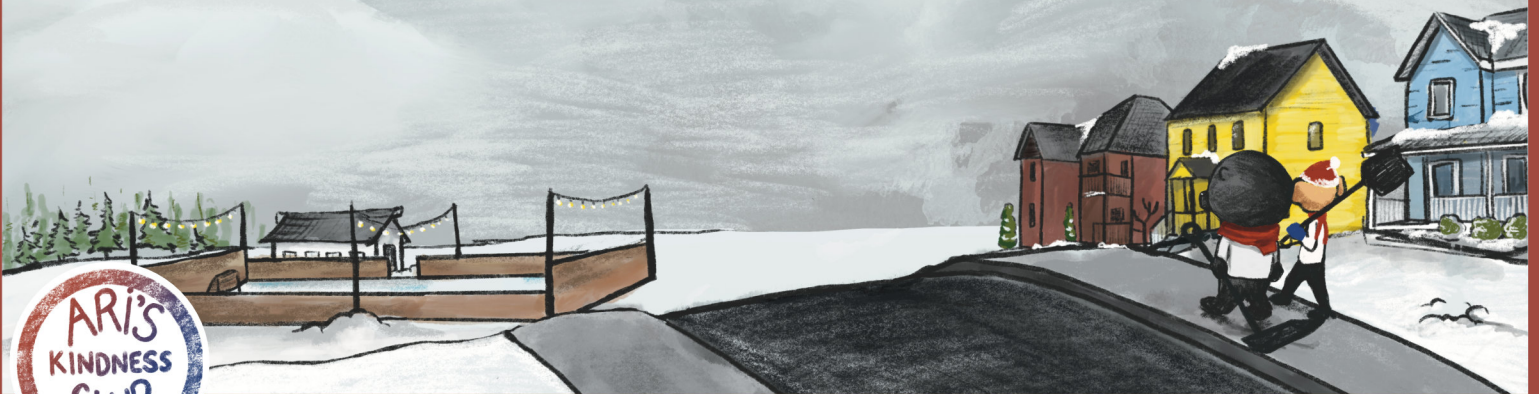
Mainer and Ari walked down the path to the pond eating their cookies and feeling very special.

They just started clearing the snow when weasel came down the path.

“Hey, guys! Are you clearing the snow? Can I help?” He asked.

And then Chuck came running down the hill. “Me too! I want to help too!”

With so much help, the boys quickly cleared all of the snow off the rink and soon it was full of kids playing and having fun!



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Kindness Activities

Talk about the story!

1. What kind thing did Ari and Mainer do for Mrs. Badger?
2. What did Mrs. Badger give them as a thank-you?
3. Who helped Ari and Mainer clear the snow off the rink?
4. What can you learn from this story about kindness?

Kindness Challenge!

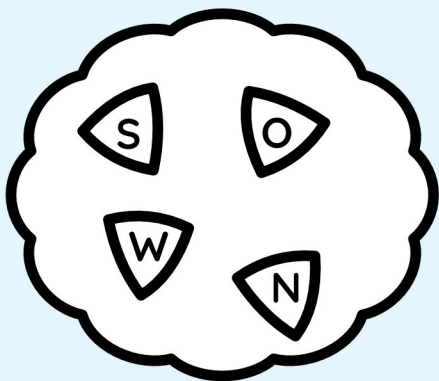
Here are two ways you can practice kindness like Mainer and Ari.

1. Bake cookies with an adult and give them away.
2. Find a way to help someone you know!

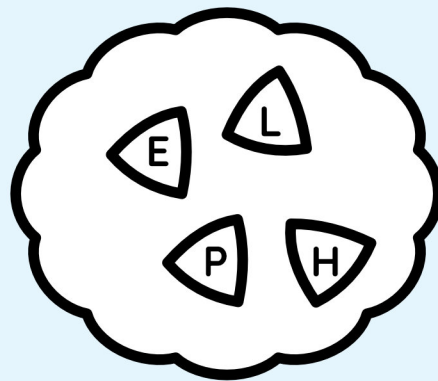
Make sure a grown up takes pictures of what you do to share with Ari!

Word Cookies

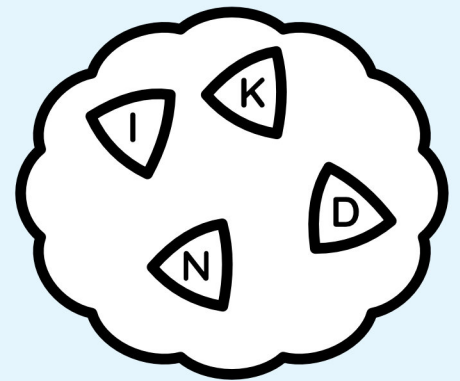
Can you make words from the story out of the letters in the chocolate chips? (I helped you with the first letter of each word!)



S _ _ _ _



H _ _ _ _



K _ _ _ _



Kindness Activities!

Can you find these words from the story?

ARI
BADGER
COOKIE
HOCKEY

KIND
MAINER
SHOVEL
SNOW

L W S W C J O O Z D Q F N M G
H E O W B X N V J N Q P Z X Z
U N V B Z E B T S I Y G A N B
S S N O R Q X J I K K N C X O
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Mrs. Badger Colouring Page



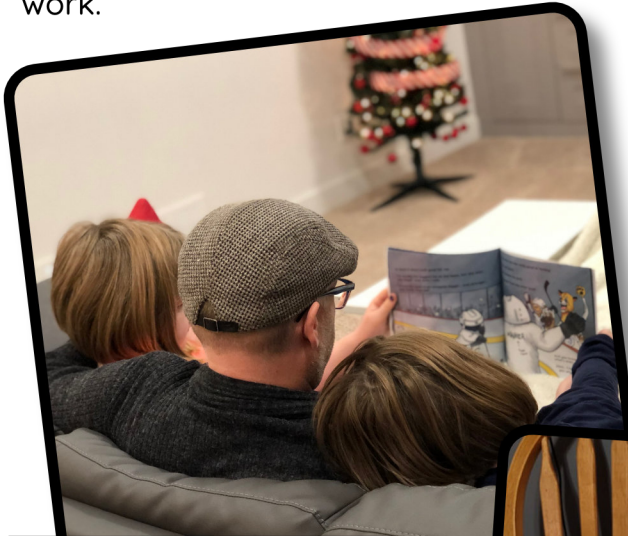
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Pictures from Ari's Friends

We LOVE it when Ari's friends send in pictures! You could send in pictures of drawings you do, or colouring pages, or just of kids being kind to one another.

We post pictures from Ari's friends on Instagram (@all_kids_always) and on Facebook (@allkidsalways). Each month we will choose several of these pictures and feature them here!

Only parents can send in pictures and that can be done at www.arithelion.com/share-your-work.



Reading with dad.
Fallyn (age 6) & Aftyn (age 8)
Dad (pretty old)



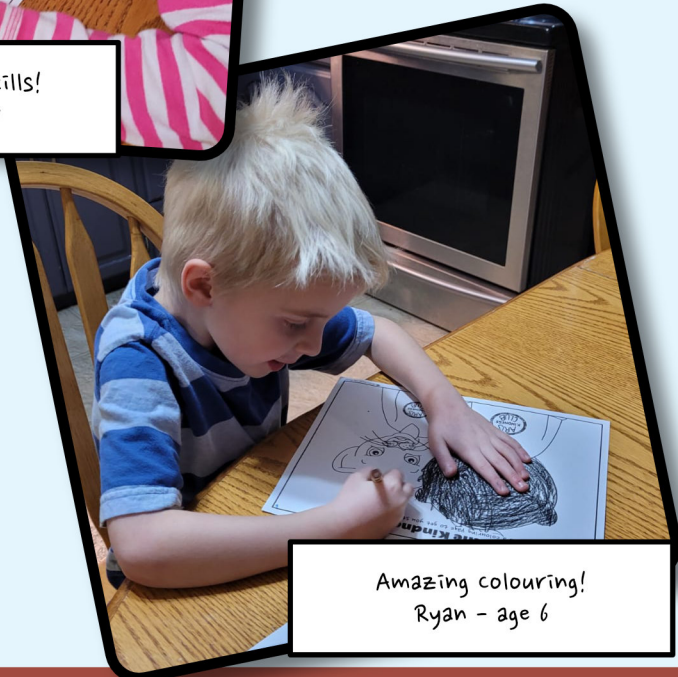
"Awesome!"
Scott (age 5)



Look at those skills!
Eliana - age 7



Sawyer (age 11) reads to his bros
Dominic (age 6) & Bentley (age 8)



Amazing colouring!
Ryan - age 6

