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Ari and Mainer were making hockey cards again. It was one of their favourite activities!

Mainer was very good at drawing and his mom and dad had bought him some really nice art supplies. He had special markers and pencil crayons, and he had every kind of paper you could imagine!

Mainer was really good at sharing too - most of the time. There was one person that Mainer didn't like sharing with - his sister, Mary. Mary was two years younger than Mainer and she didn't treat his art supplies with respect.

She wasn't gentle with his pencil crayons and broke the tips.

She forgot to put the cap back onto his markers and they would dry out.

AND, when she was using his nice art paper and made a mistake, she would just crumple it up and take a new piece. Mainer TRIED to teach her that you should start with pencil so that you can erase your mistakes, but she would always start with markers. YOU CAN'T ERASE MARKERS!

She was SO frustrating.

"Hi Ari!" Mary was standing at the door with a big smile. She looked at Mainer and said, "Hey Mainer, do you think I..."

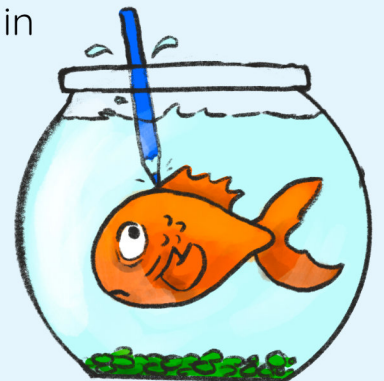
Mainer didn't let her finish! "No, Mary. You can NOT borrow my pencil crayons. Or markers. Or paper. Or scissors, or glue, or erasers, or paint, or paint brushes. You may not use any of my art supplies." He said loudly.

"But I..." Mary started to say, and again Mainer didn't let her finish.

"Mary last time I let you use my pencil crayons, I found one in the fish tank."

"I thought Hairy was dead!" Mary said sadly. (Hairy is the name of her fish.) "When I poked him he started swimming again!"

"What about the time you taped them to the backs of your dolls?" Mainer asked.



“I wanted to have a party with my dolls and they wouldn’t stand up on their own.” She replied.

That’s actually pretty clever. Ari thought to himself. But he didn’t say anything because it wasn’t his business.

“And what about the time I found a bunch of them sticking in the mud in the garden?” Mainer asked.

“I needed something to mark my rows of vegetables!” Mary said. “But I did apologize for that!”

“Yes Mary, I know you said sorry, but I just don’t want to let you use my pencil crayons because you don’t take good care of them.” Mainer said sounding a little bit like a dad.

“Oh, I don’t want to borrow your pencil crayons.” Mary said.

“You don’t?”

“No! I made some hot chocolate and I wanted to share it with you and Ari. Do you guys want some?”

“Uh, yeah we do!” Ari shouted. “Thanks Mary!”

While she was pouring the steaming hot chocolate into their cups she said, “Oh, it looks like the chocolate still needs to be mixed. Mainer do you think I could borrow a pencil crayon...”

Mainer’s eyes got big.

“JUST KIDDING!” Mary said. And they all laughed so hard their stomachs hurt.



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Kindness Activities

Talk about the story!

1. Why didn't Mainer want to share his pencil crayons with Mary?
2. How do you think Mainer felt when he shared his pencil crayons and she didn't treat them with respect?
3. What did Mary want to share with the boys? How do you think that made them feel?

Kindness Challenge!

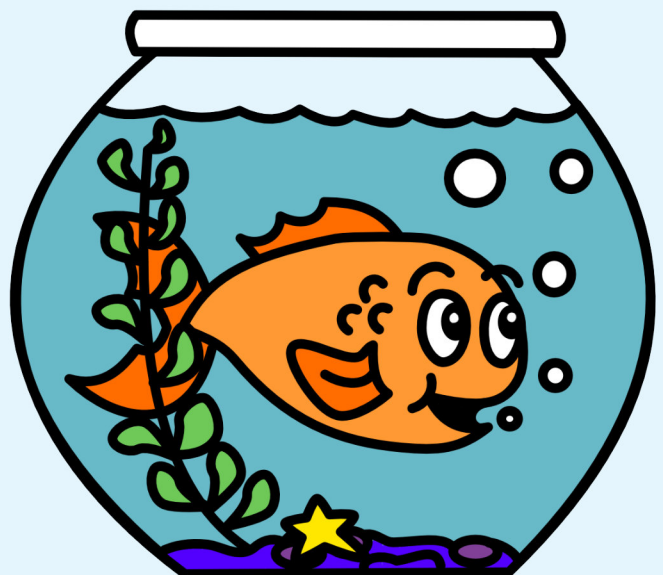
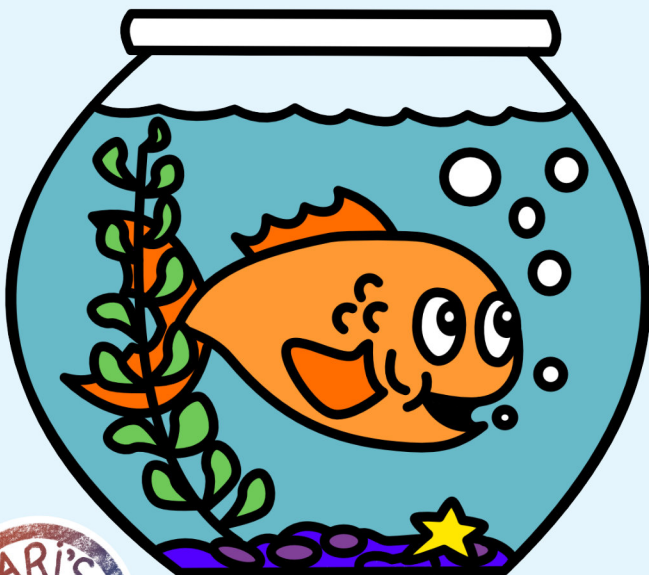
Here are two ways you can practice being kind.

1. When you have a treat, like some candy or popcorn, find someone to share it with!
2. Practice sharing when you colour today.

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

Say "Hi" to Hairy the fish

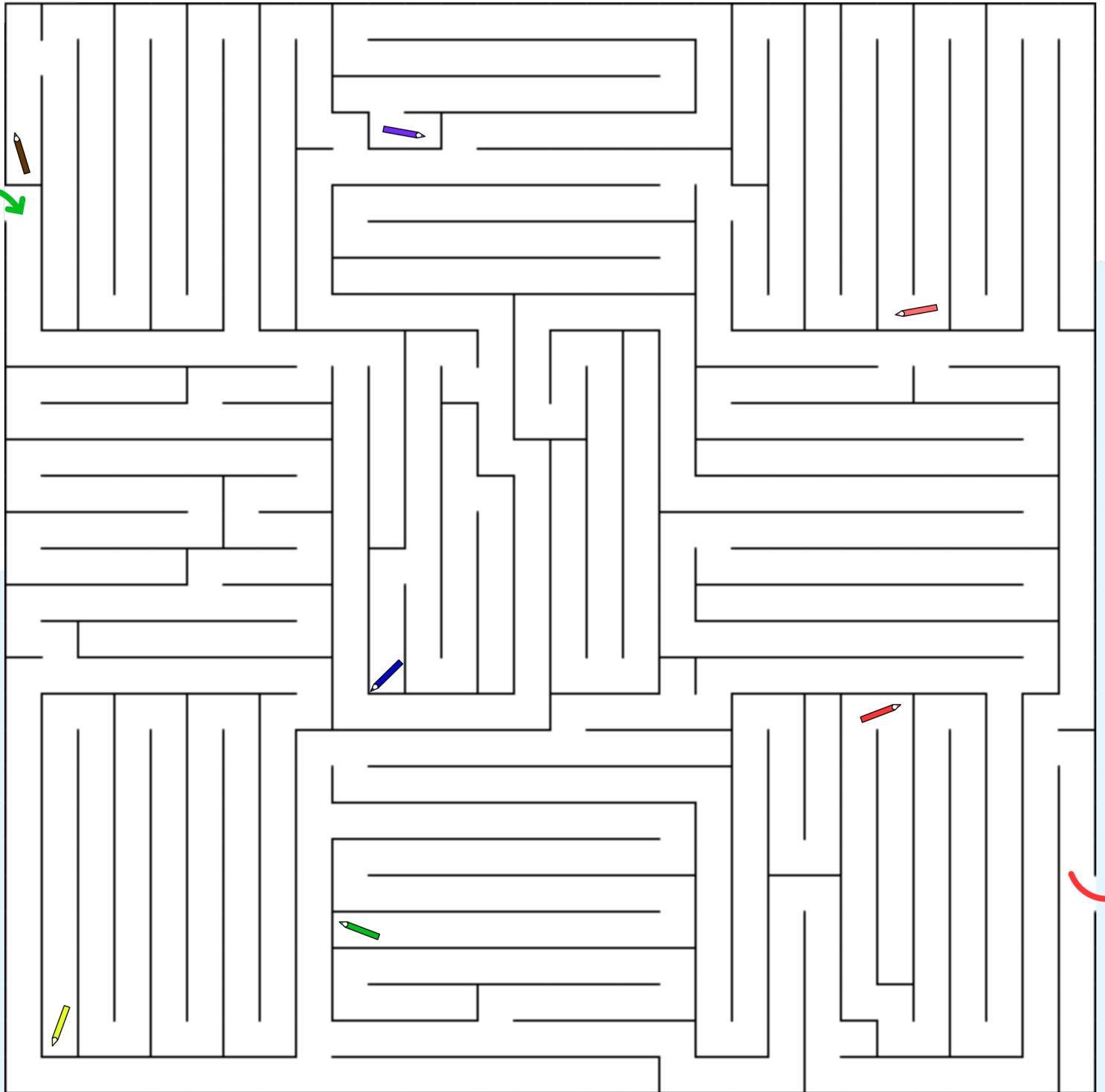
Can you spot all 8 differences in these two pictures?



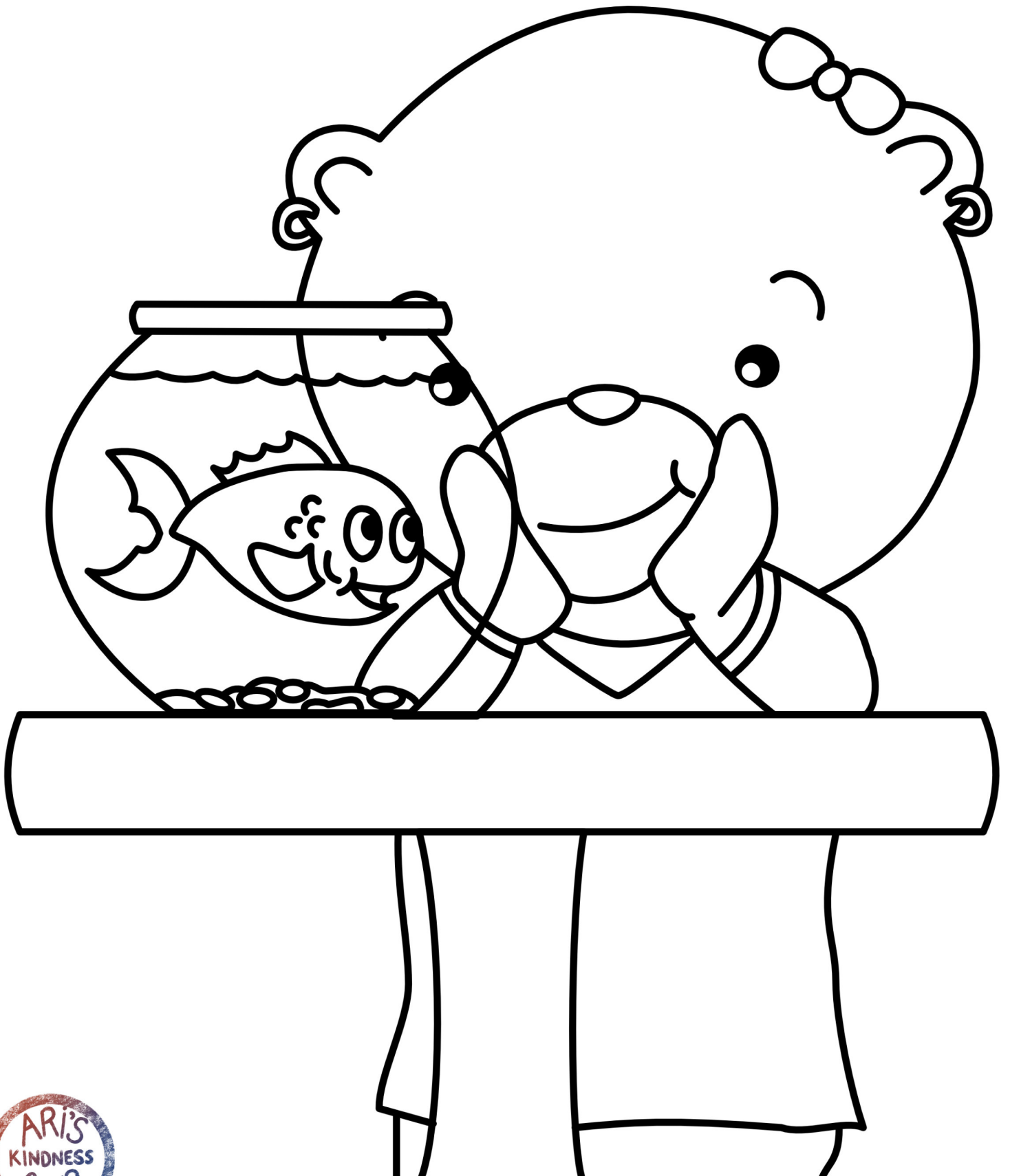
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Mary lost Mainer's pencil crayons all over the house!

Can you help him collect them all?



Mary and Hairy the Fish Colouring Page



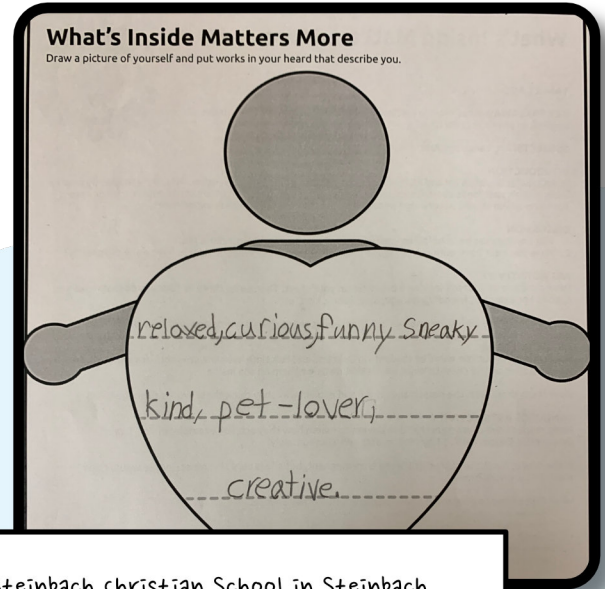
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Pictures from Ari's Friends

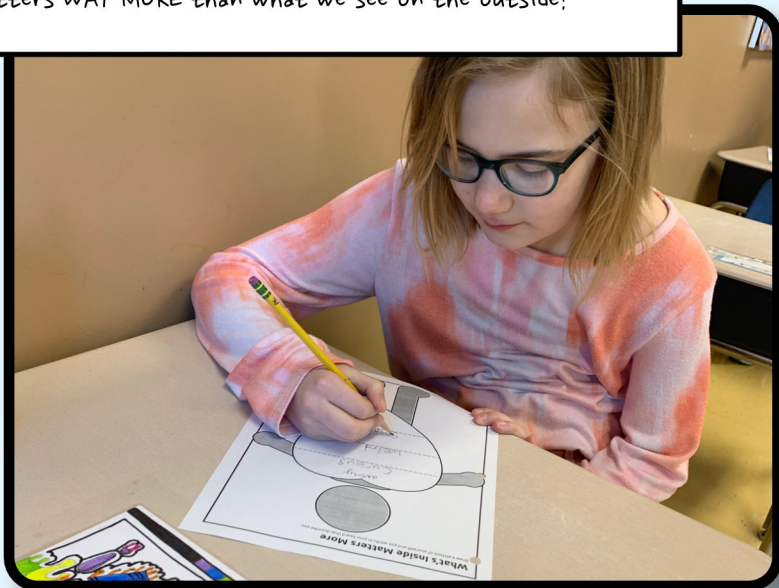
We LOVE it when Ari's friends send in pictures! You could send in pictures of drawings you do, or colouring pages, or just of kids being kind to one another.

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.



These pictures are from Ms Krista Smith's grade 3 class at Steinbach Christian School in Steinbach Manitoba. First, Ms Smith read the book to the class and then students did activities to help them understand that what is on the inside matters WAY MORE than what we see on the outside!



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Hey kids want to know a secret? Thom is starting to work on another Ari the Lion next book!

