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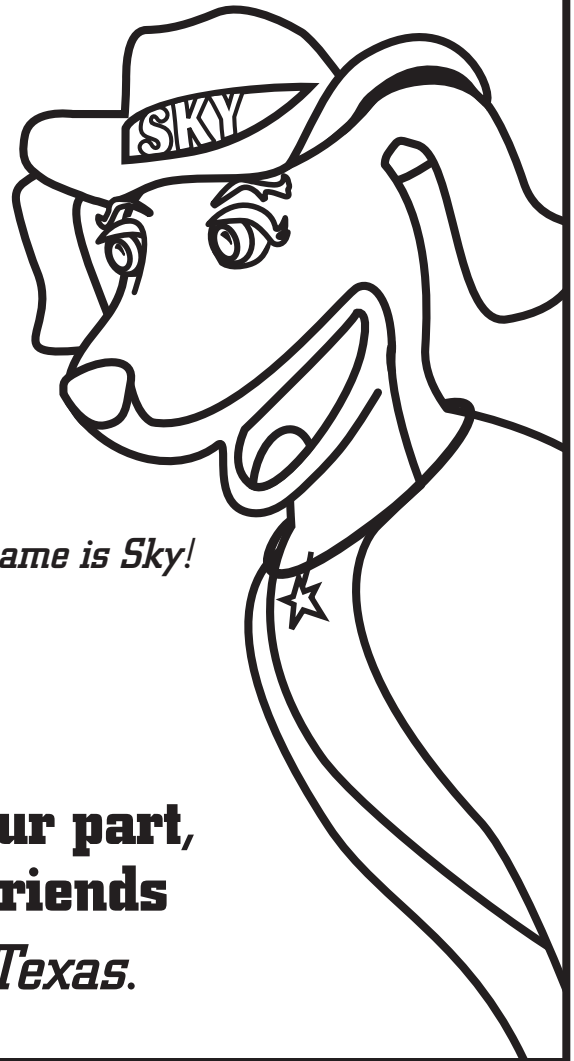


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*Hi, I'm River!*



*And my name is Sky!*

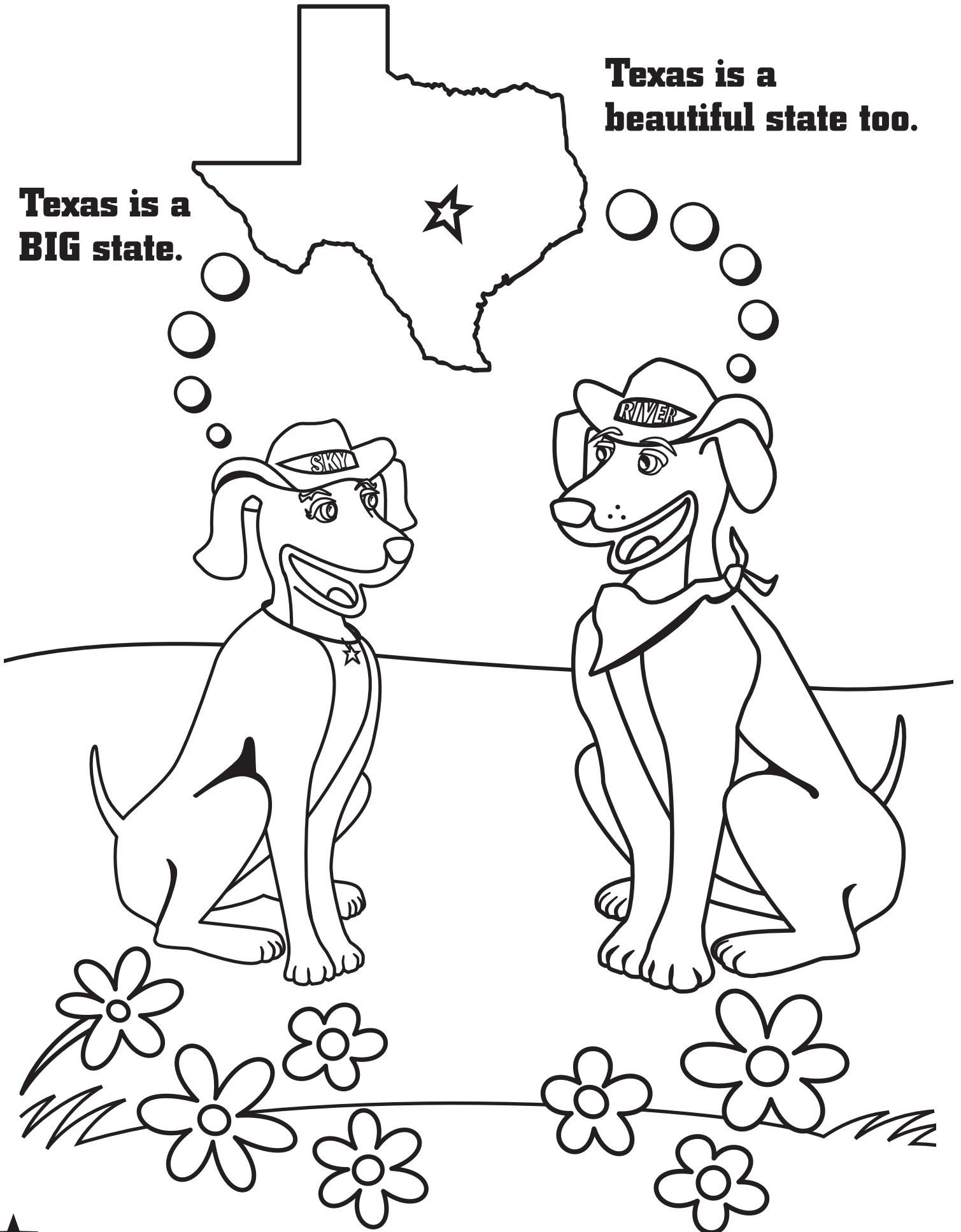
**We like to do our part,  
and help our friends  
*Take Care of Texas.***

**Tell us your name**

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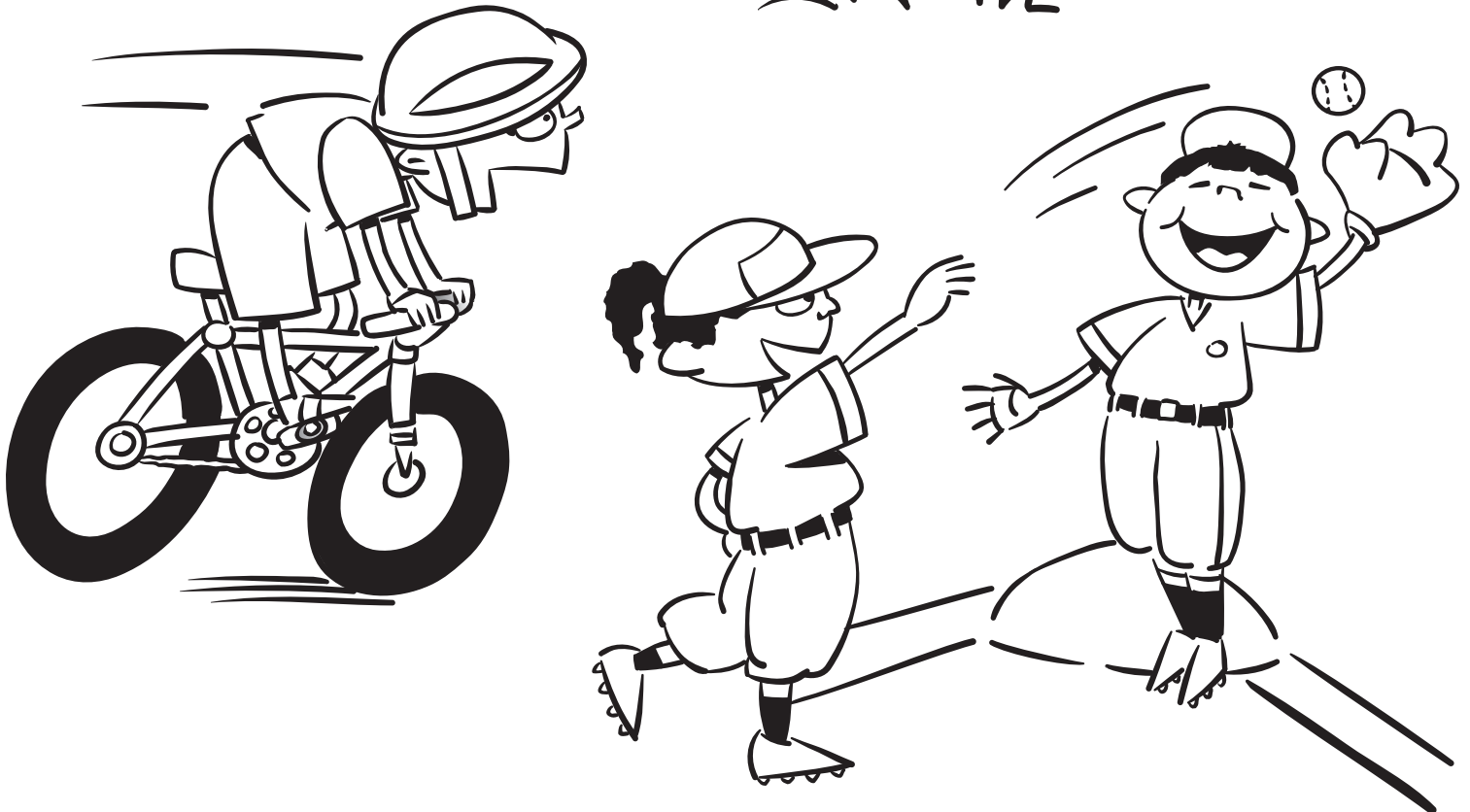
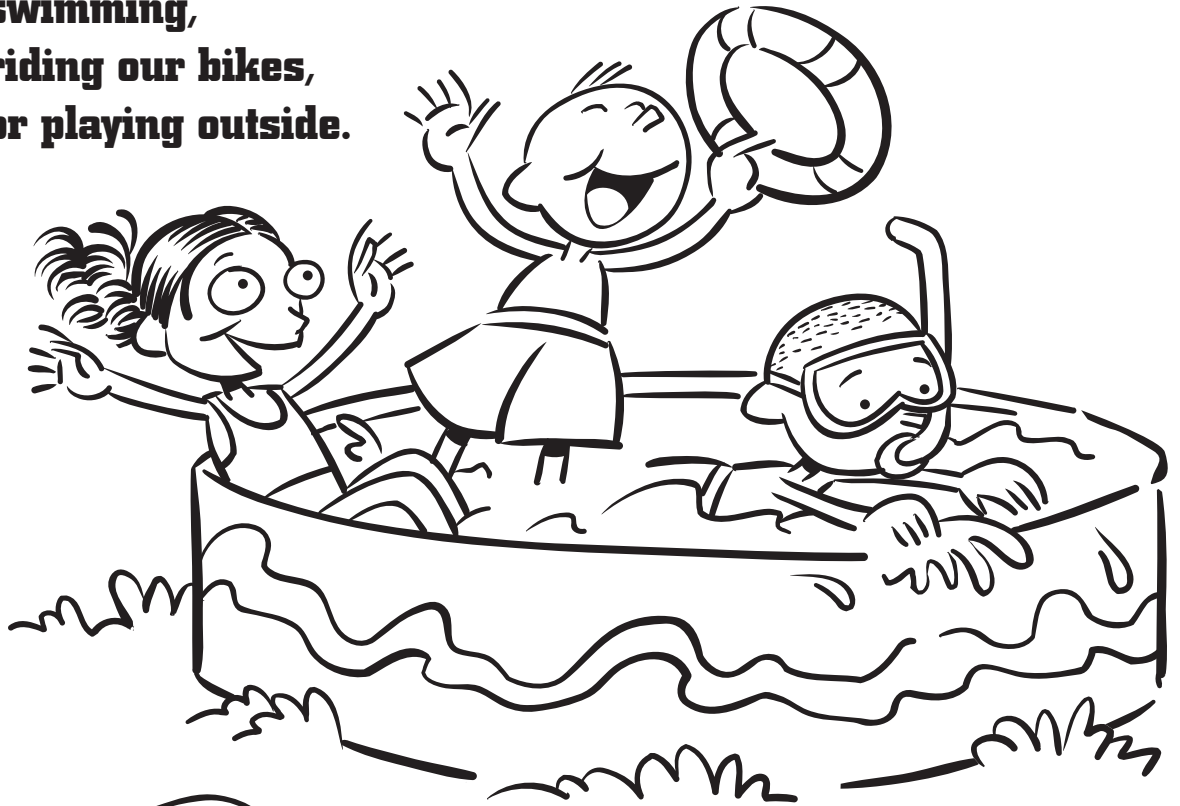
**Texas is a  
BIG state.**

**Texas is a  
beautiful state too.**



**We all like to enjoy Texas,  
whether it's...**

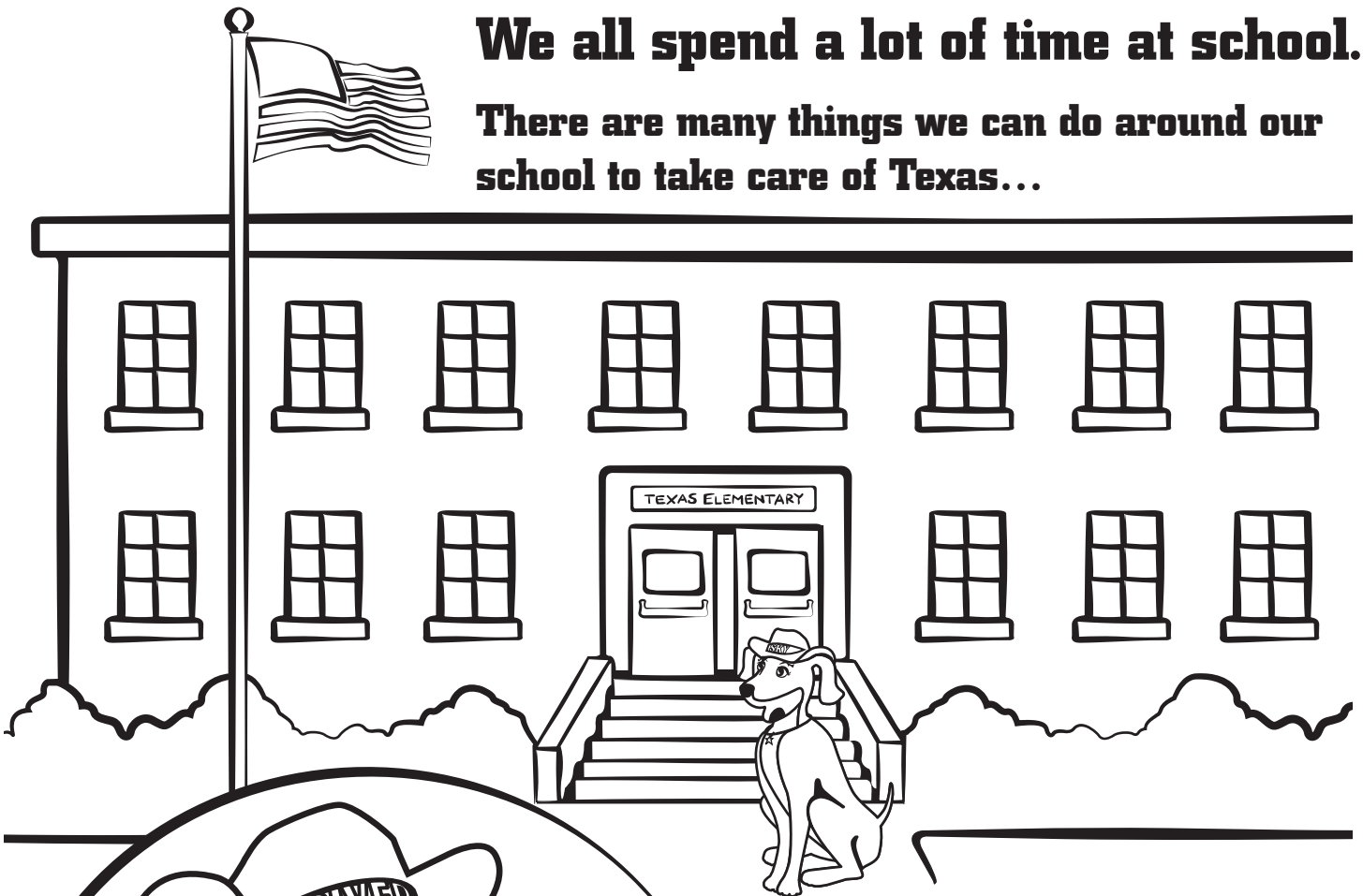
**...swimming,  
...riding our bikes,  
...or playing outside.**



**If we want to keep enjoying Texas, we need to  
make smart choices every day to take care of Texas!**

**We all spend a lot of time at school.**

**There are many things we can do around our school to take care of Texas...**



**When we read and write at school, we use a lot of paper.**



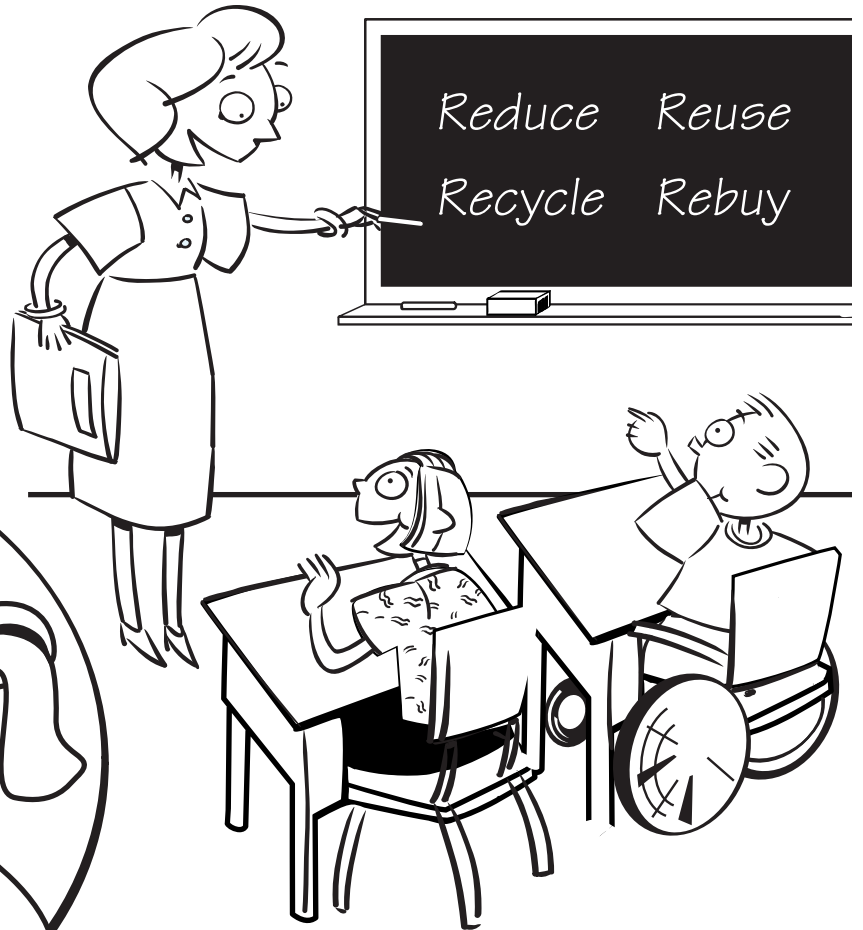
**So we don't throw away as much paper, we can...**

**...use both sides of our paper and recycle our paper instead of throwing it in the trash.**

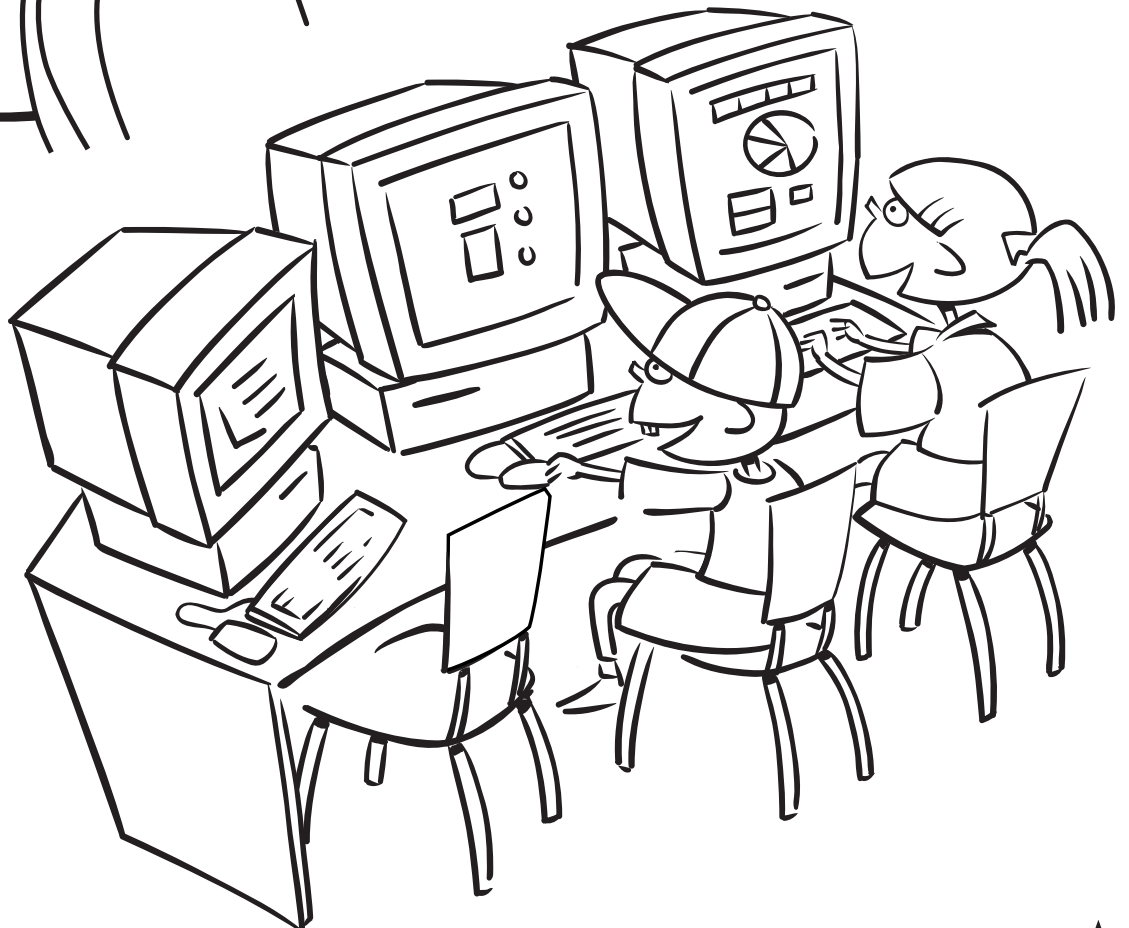


# **We also use electricity at school.**

**By turning off lights, TVs, and computers when we aren't using them, we can conserve electricity, which helps keep our air clean.**



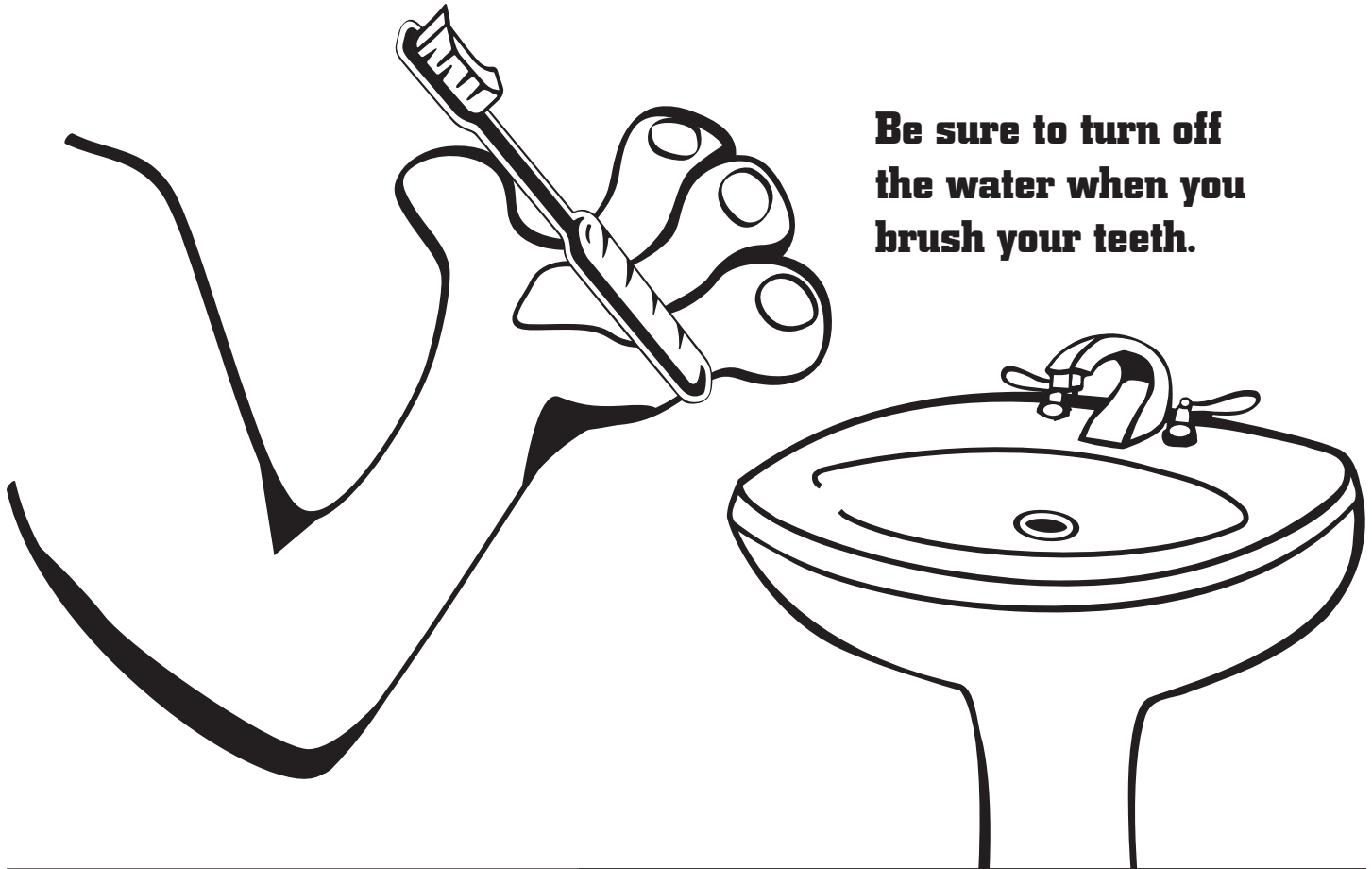
**Activity: Color any computer that should be turned off BLUE and any that should be left on GREEN.**





**There are many things you can do at your home to help take care of Texas!**

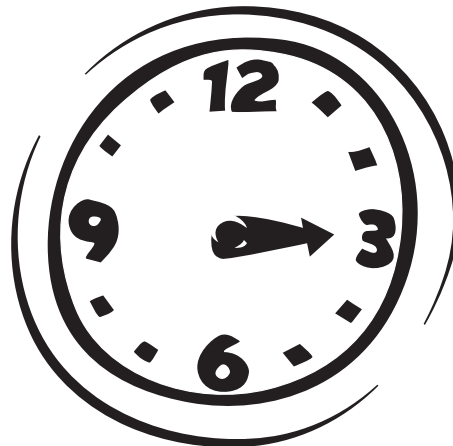
**We can use less water and keep it in our lakes, rivers, and streams.**



**Try to take showers that only last FIVE minutes.**

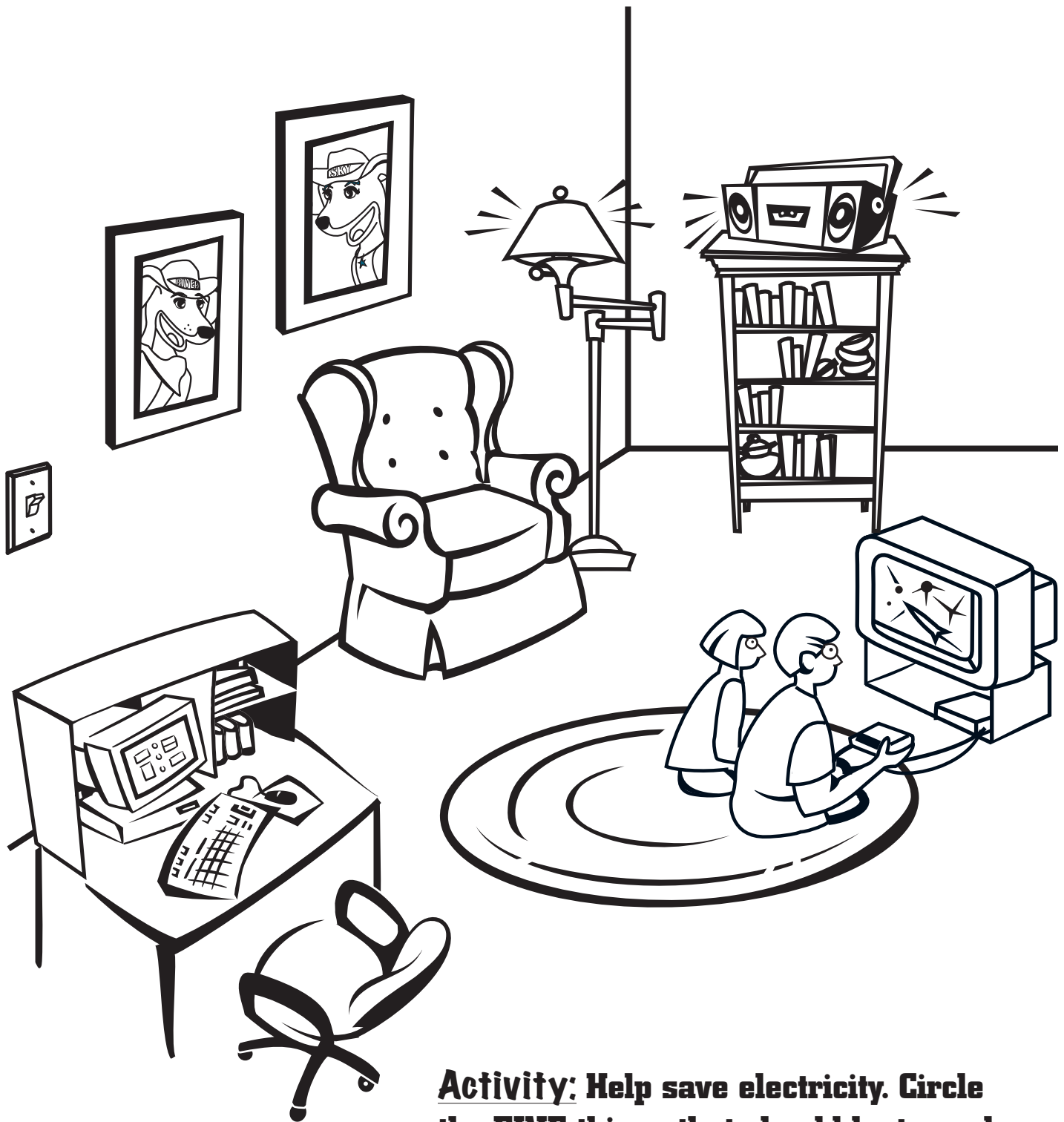


**Activity: Draw the hand on the clock to show that five minutes have passed.**





**When you leave a room, turn off any lights, radios, TVs, computers, or video games that you aren't using.**



**Activity: Help save electricity. Circle the FIVE things that should be turned off when no one is using them.**

**There are many things in your home that you can recycle and reuse.**

**Ask an adult if you can share or donate toys, games, books, and clothes you don't need anymore.**

**Activity:** Can you find **SEVEN** items in this room that can be recycled or reused when you don't need them anymore?

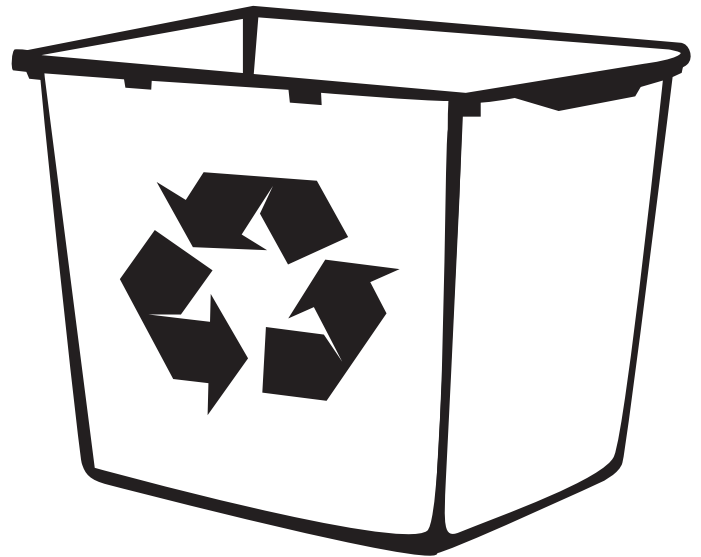


**Not everything can be recycled. Leftovers and food wrappers should NOT go in the recycle bin.**

**Plastic bottles**



**Activity: Draw a line between the recycling bin and the items that CAN be recycled.**

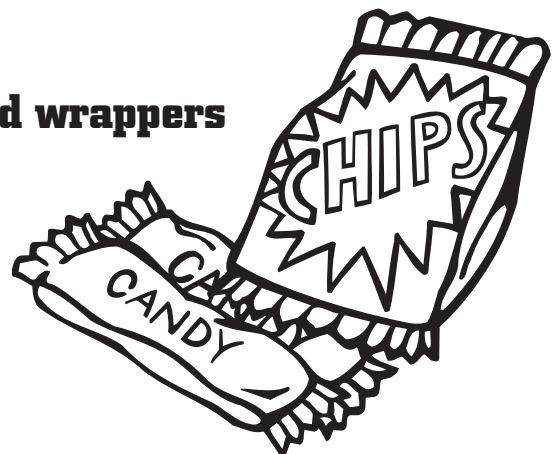


**Aluminum cans**

**Paper**



**Food wrappers**



# **We can help take care of Texas by recycling unwanted electronics.**

**In Texas, you may be able to recycle an unwanted  
computer for free. Recycling a computer is easy  
and a great way to conserve valuable resources.**



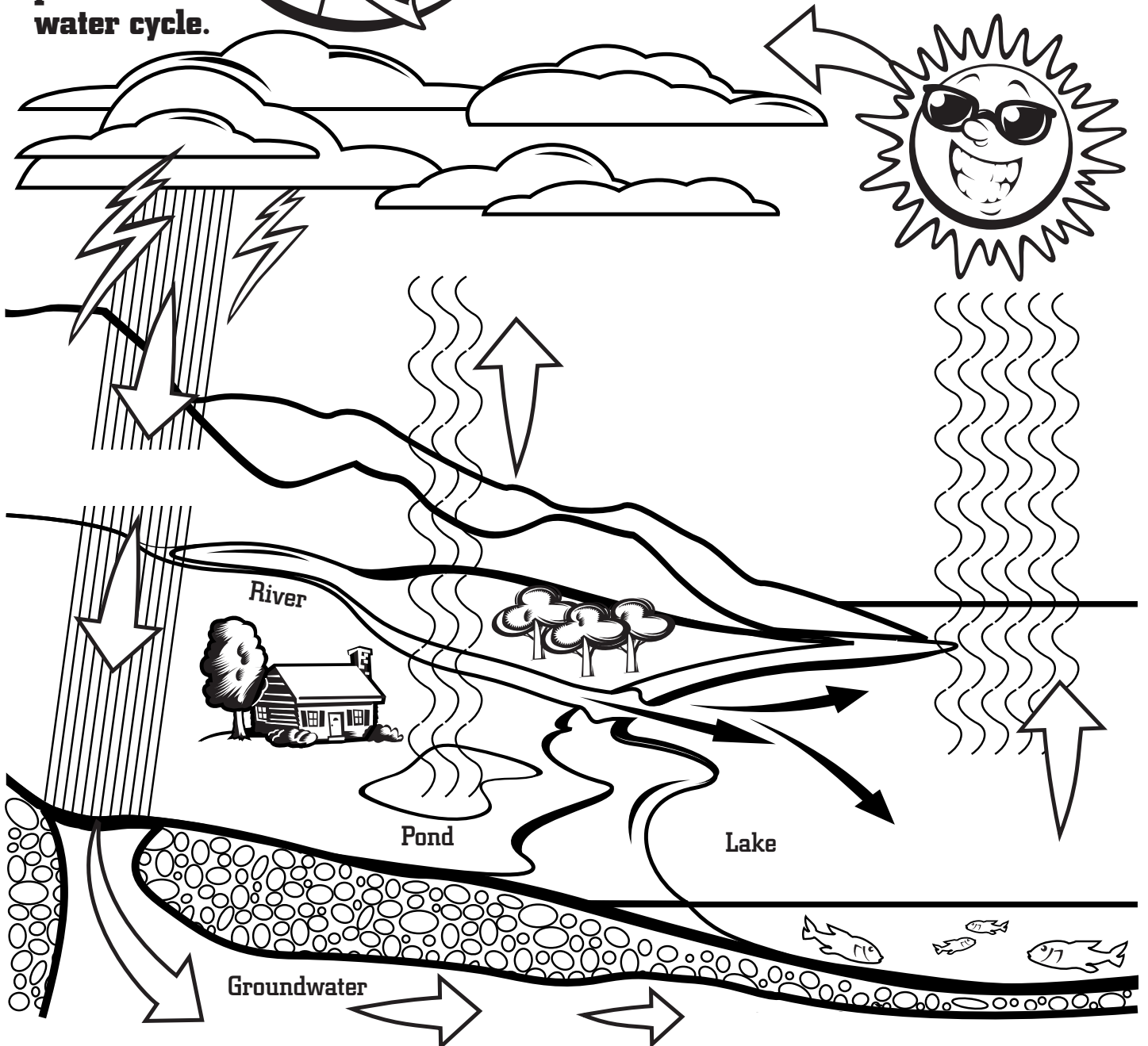
Trace the arrows below to see how the water cycle works. Use the words in the word bank to label the parts of the water cycle.

## Learn how rainwater travels.



**WORD  
BANK**

Condensation  
Precipitation  
Evaporation  
Collection



**You also can reuse the rain.**



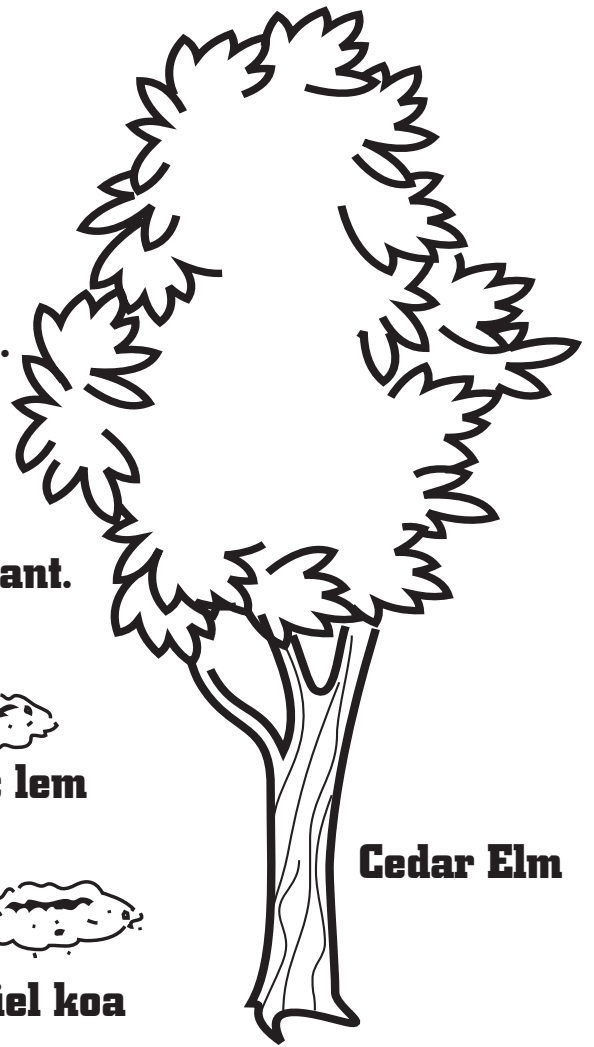
**Catch the rainwater that runs off your roof in a rain barrel. Then water your plants and trees with the water you collect.**

**Trees, flowers, and other plants help make Texas beautiful.**

**Plants that we know grow easily in Texas, called "native plants," use less water.**

**Like all dogs, River and Sky like to dig holes.**

**Activity:** Unscramble each word next to the holes they've dug, and then draw a line from the hole to its matching Texas native plant.



**Cedar Elm**

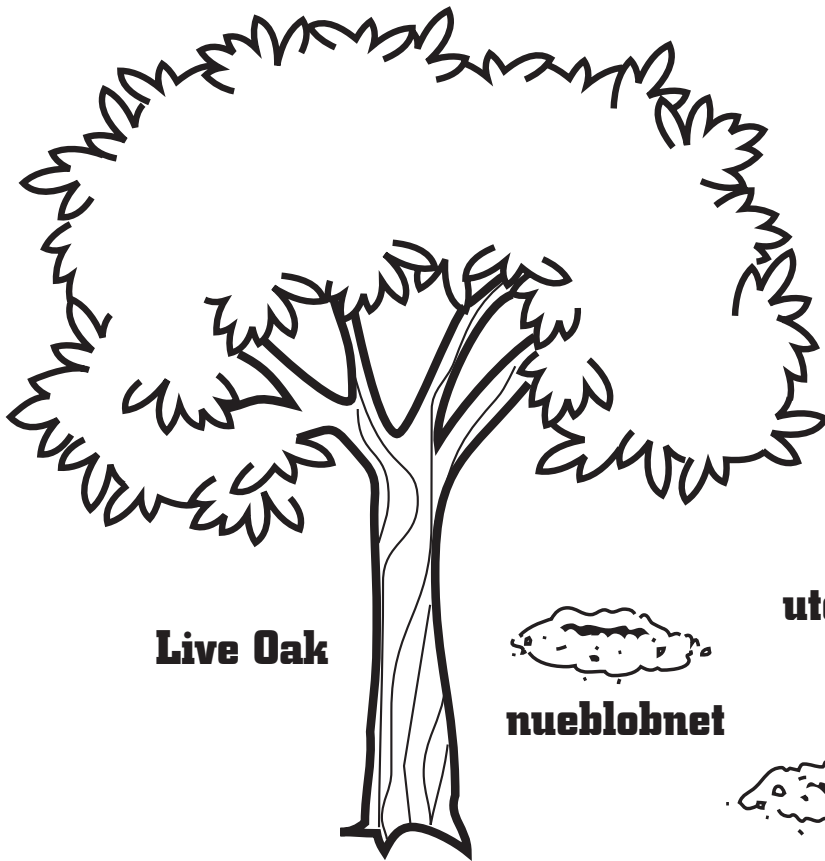
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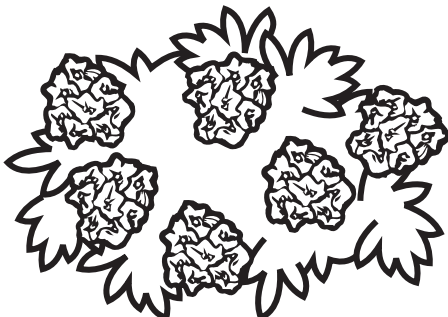
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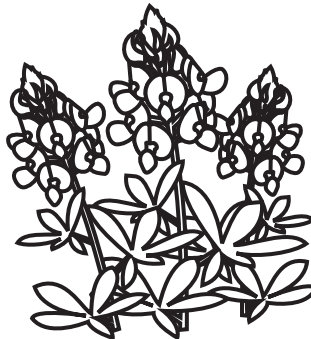
**Live Oak**



**Mountain Laurel**



**Lantana**



**Bluebonnet**



**We can take care of Texas when  
we are out and about as well.**

**By doing our part, we can all keep our communities clean and beautiful!**

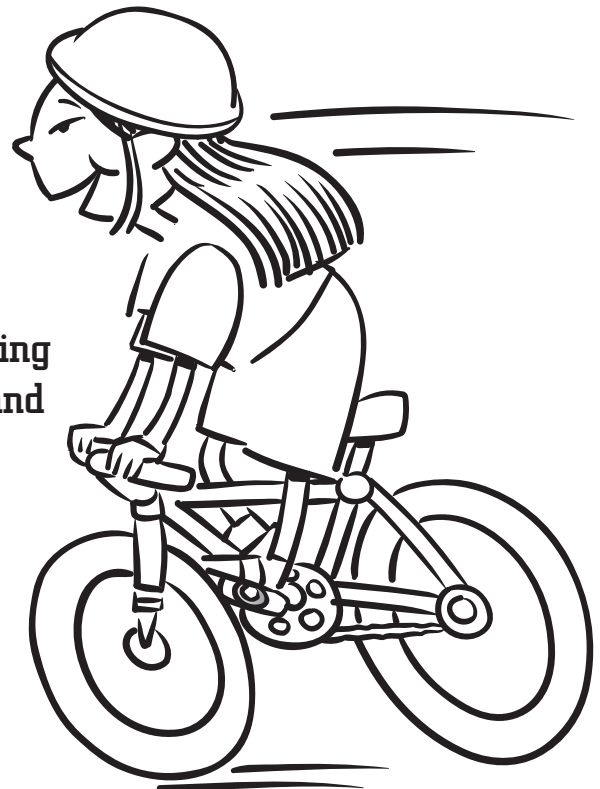


**Don't litter.**

Throw your recyclables  
in a recycling bin and  
your trash in a trash  
can—never throw any  
of them on the ground!

**Ride your bike.**

Instead of riding in the car, try riding  
your bike for short trips. It's fun, and  
it helps keep our air clean.



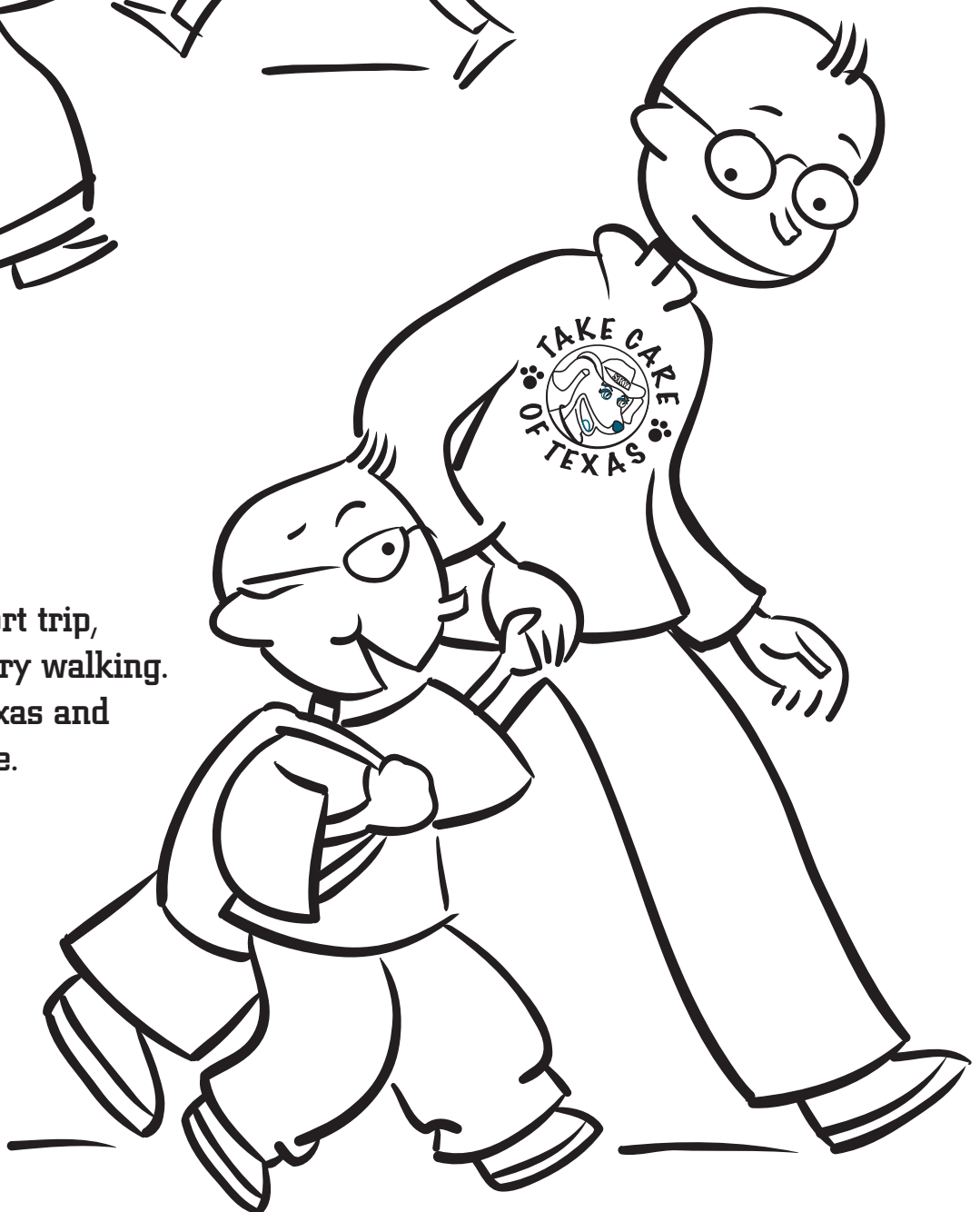


### **Tell your friends.**

Ask your family and friends to help you take care of Texas. No matter where we live, we can all make smart choices to do our part!

### **Take a walk.**

If it's a really short trip, your family can try walking. You can enjoy Texas and get some exercise.



# How do you take care of Texas?

**Activity:** Use this page to draw a picture showing how you and your family  
*Take Care of Texas!*





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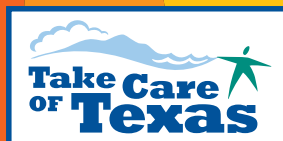
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