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1-3

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



STUDENT SAFETY

ACTIVITY BOOK

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BUS SAFETY QUICK TIPS

Check before you step!

Know the danger zone.

“I see the driver. The driver sees me.”

Look left, right, and left again.

Use a backpack to avoid dropping things.

Horn means danger.



GETTING TO THE BUS STOP

- ☆ **Plan to get to the bus stop at least five minutes early.** Get a good night's sleep and wake up early. You do not want to be rushing around traffic trying to catch the bus!
- ☆ Always remember to pack all your items in your backpack before you leave home, so you do not drop anything on the road.
- ☆ If you need to cross the street to get to the bus stop, always stop where it is safe and look **LEFT, RIGHT, and LEFT again before crossing.**
- ☆ Always stay alert and listen for cars that you may not see.
- ☆ Never run toward the bus or run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.

AT THE BUS STOP (AS THE BUS APPROACHES)



- ☆ Stay safe while waiting for the bus by staying off the street and away from cars. Wait for the bus on the sidewalk or grass (six feet away—three giant steps).
- ☆ Do not talk to strangers while waiting for the bus, and **never** get into a car with a stranger.
- ☆ As the bus approaches, the yellow lights change to red. **The red lights and red stop sign on the side of the bus tell all cars to STOP.**
- ☆ **BE AWARE: Sometimes drivers do not respect the red lights or forget to stop like they should.**
- ☆ **BE CAREFUL: Cars could pass on both the left and right side of the bus —and from the front or back direction.**
- ☆ When the bus arrives, wait for it to come to a complete stop before approaching the door.
- ☆ Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay, before stepping onto the bus.

GETTING ON THE BUS

- ☆ Get on the bus one at a time. Form an orderly line as the bus approaches, with the first student standing at least six feet away from traffic.
- ☆ Keep electronic devices packed away as you prepare to board. Never use an electronic device or wear earbuds when boarding.
- ☆ **Walk slowly. Always hold the handrails as you walk up the steps.**

WHILE ON THE BUS

- ☆ Pick a seat, face forward, and stay seated.
- ☆ Be sure to obey the bus driver's rules and directions.
- ☆ Talk quietly so the bus driver can focus on the road.
- ☆ Do not play, shout, or throw things while on the bus.
- ☆ Do not eat on the bus.
- ☆ If the windows are down, keep your head and arms safely inside.
- ☆ Keep your feet and backpacks out of the aisle, so no one gets hurt.
- ☆ Stay in your seat until the bus stops.
- ☆ If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions. NEVER play around on the Emergency Exit door steps.



GETTING OFF THE BUS

ARRIVING AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

- ☆ Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's safe, before stepping off the bus.
- ☆ When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing and backpacks don't get caught on the handrails or doors.
- ☆ Wait for your turn to get off the bus. Get in line and then patiently exit one at a time—do not push the person in front of you.
- ☆ Walk (don't run) straight toward the school.
- ☆ After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.
- ☆ If you drop something near the bus, do not try to pick it up. The driver may not see you. Wave your hands above your head to get the driver's attention. Wait for the driver to give you instructions.
- ☆ Never walk or run between parked cars and buses.

RETURNING HOME AFTER SCHOOL

- ☆ Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's safe, before stepping off the bus.
- ☆ When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing and backpacks don't get caught on the handrails or doors.
- ☆ Wait for your turn to get off the bus. Get in line and then patiently exit one at a time—do not push the person in front of you.
- ☆ Always be alert and focused when near the school bus danger zone.
- ☆ Never walk behind the bus.
- ☆ If you drop something near the bus, do not try to pick it up. The driver may not see you. Wave your hands above your head to get the driver's attention. Wait for the driver to give you instructions.
- ☆ **NOTE:** The driver's horn signals DANGER.

AFTER GETTING OFF THE BUS

IF YOU DON'T NEED TO CROSS THE ROAD

- ☆ After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.

IF YOU DO NEED TO CROSS THE ROAD

- ☆ After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.
- ☆ “Be aware — cross with care!” Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.
- ☆ Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- ☆ **LISTEN** carefully to the bus driver’s crossing instructions.

LOADING AT SCHOOL

- ☆ Line up outside quietly and patiently for the bus. Form an orderly line as the bus approaches, with the first student standing at least three giant steps away (at least six feet) from the curb.
- ☆ Check with the bus driver or teacher to make sure you get on the right bus.
- ☆ Walk straight toward the bus door and be sure your driver can see you. Get on the bus one at a time.
- ☆ If you drop something near the bus, do not try to pick it up. The driver may not see you. Wave your hands above your head to get the driver's attention. Wait for the driver to give you instructions.
- ☆ Never run toward the bus or run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- ☆ Never walk behind the bus.

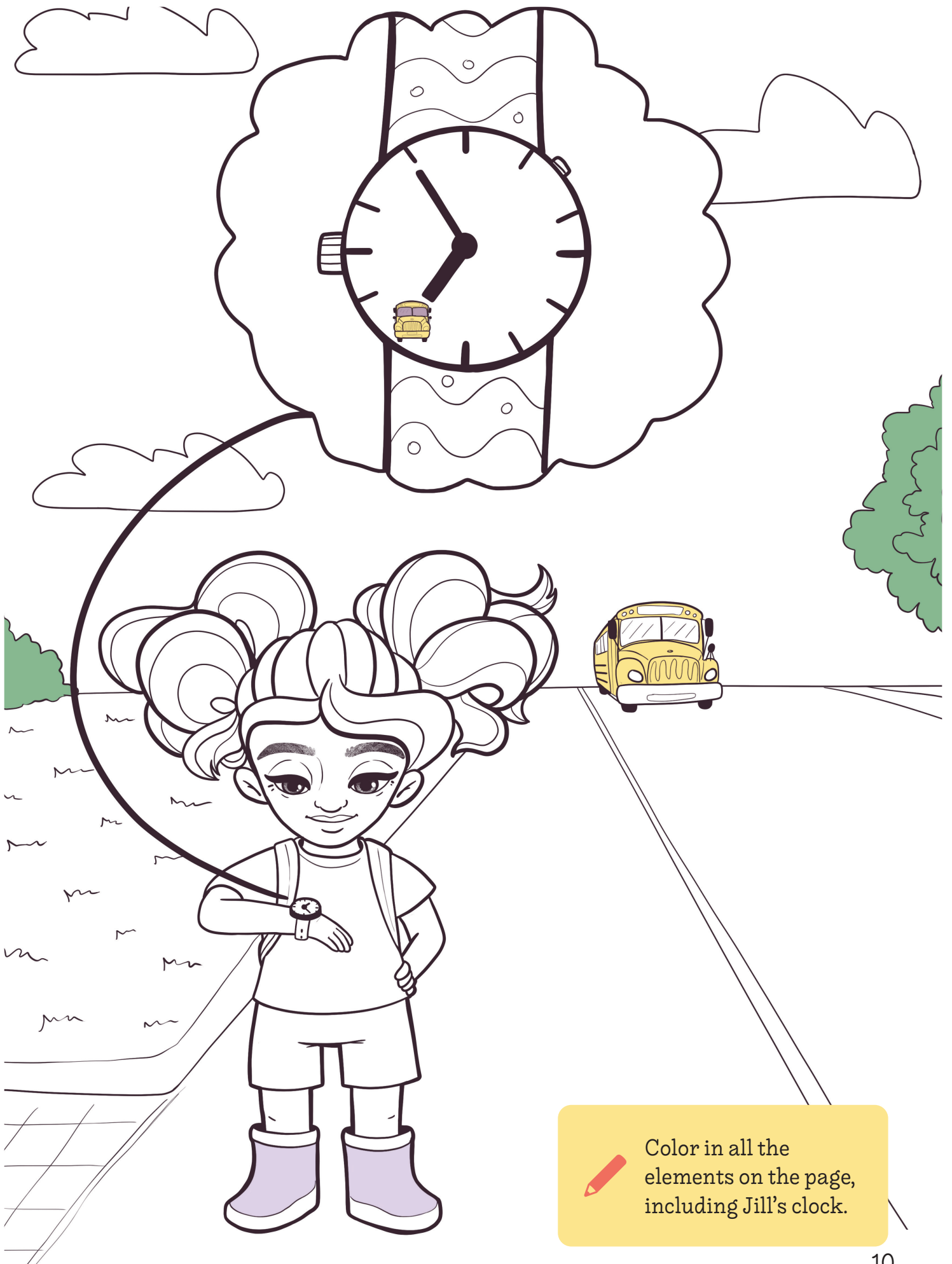




Coloring Sheets

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT! BE ON TIME.

Plan to get to the bus stop at least five minutes early. Get a good night's sleep and wake up early. You do not want to be rushing around traffic trying to catch the bus!



Color in all the
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including Jill's clock.

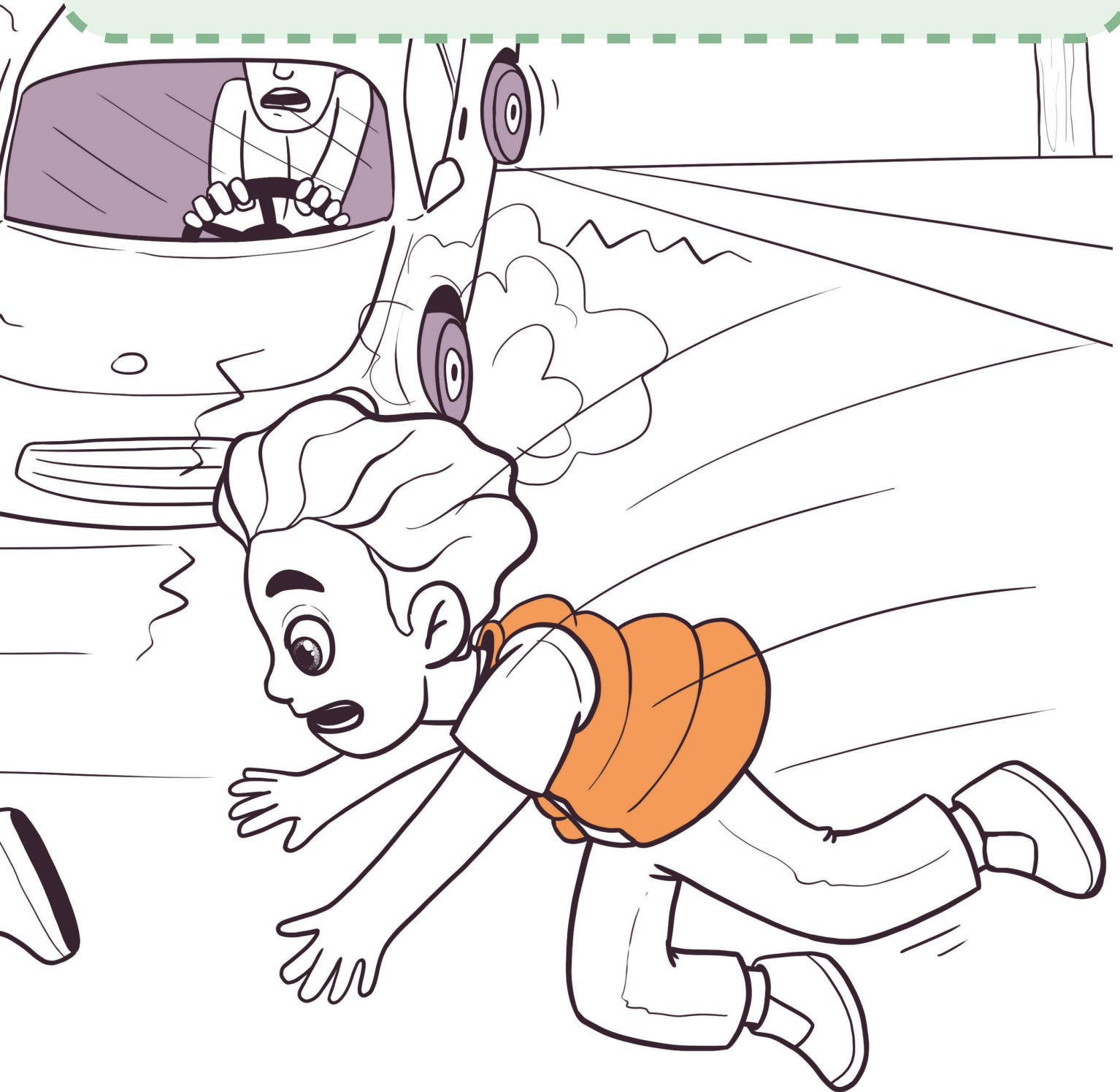


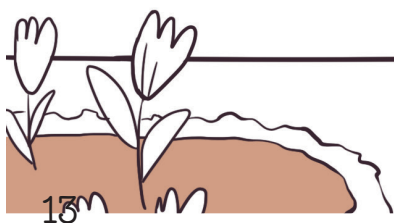
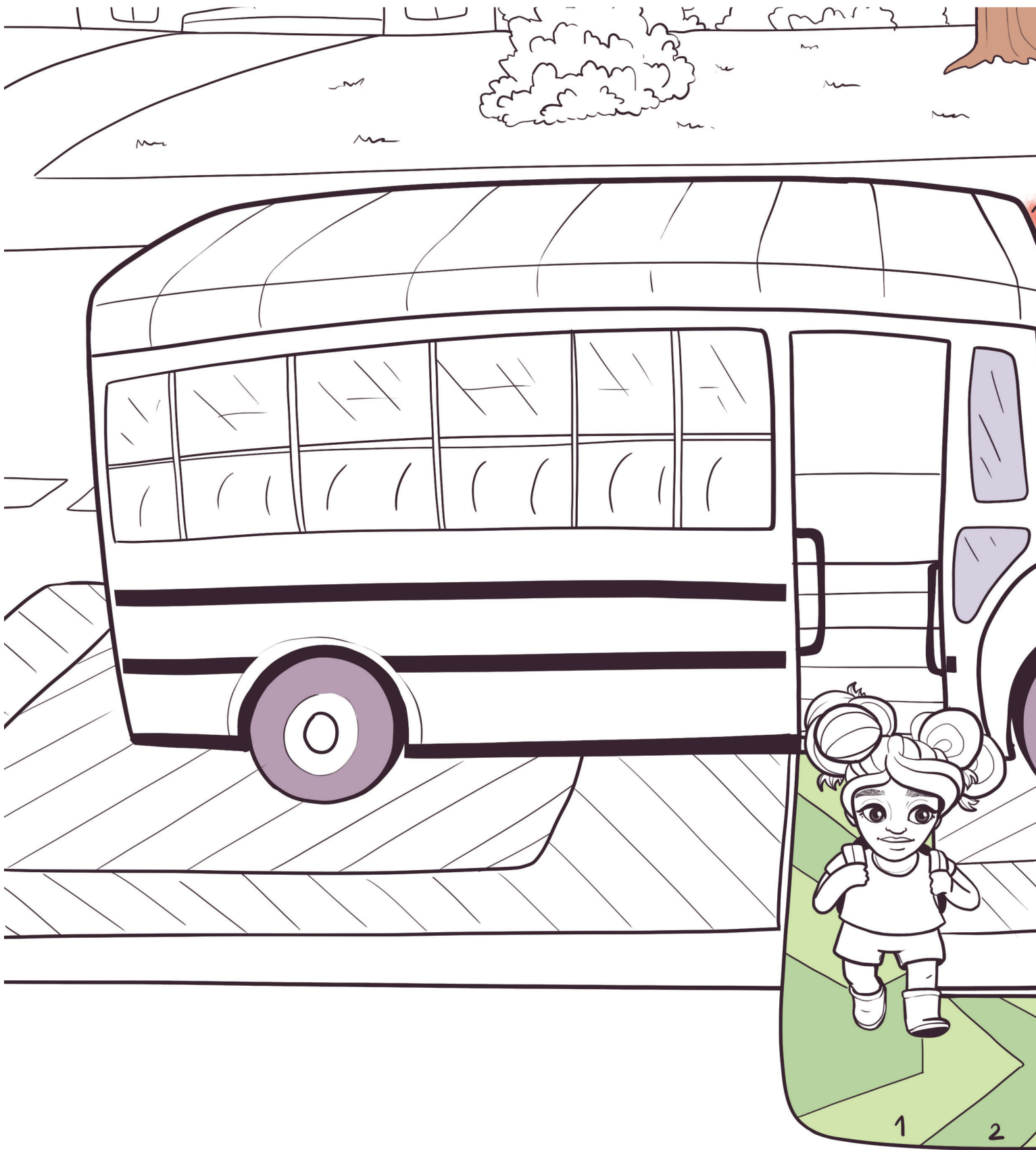
Color all the elements
on this two-page scene,
including the car that did
NOT stop for the school bus.

BE AWARE, CROSS WITH CARE!

Sometimes drivers do not respect the red lights or forget to stop like they should. Cars could pass on both the left and right side of the bus—and from the front or back direction.

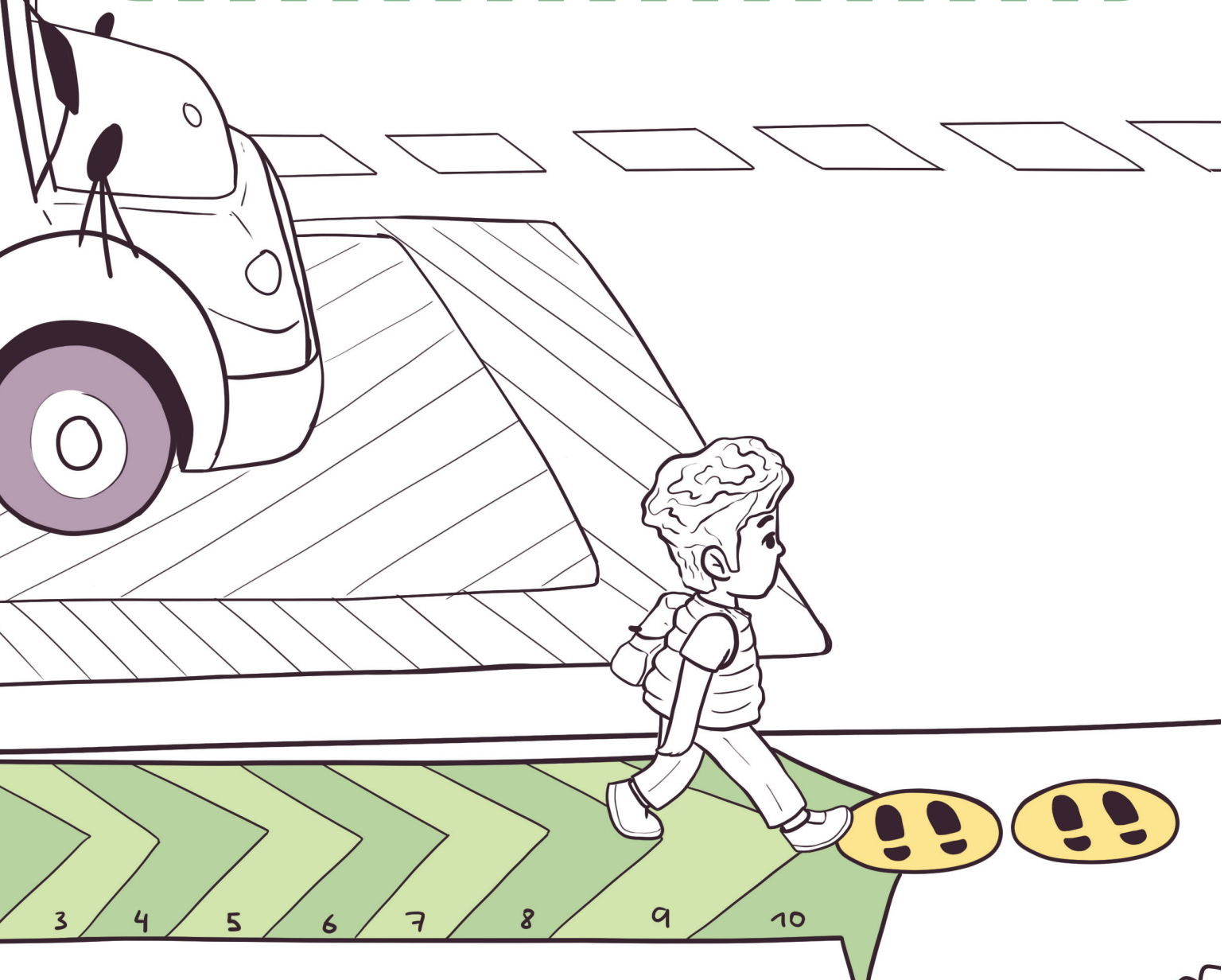
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FOLLOW THE SAFE WALKING PATH!

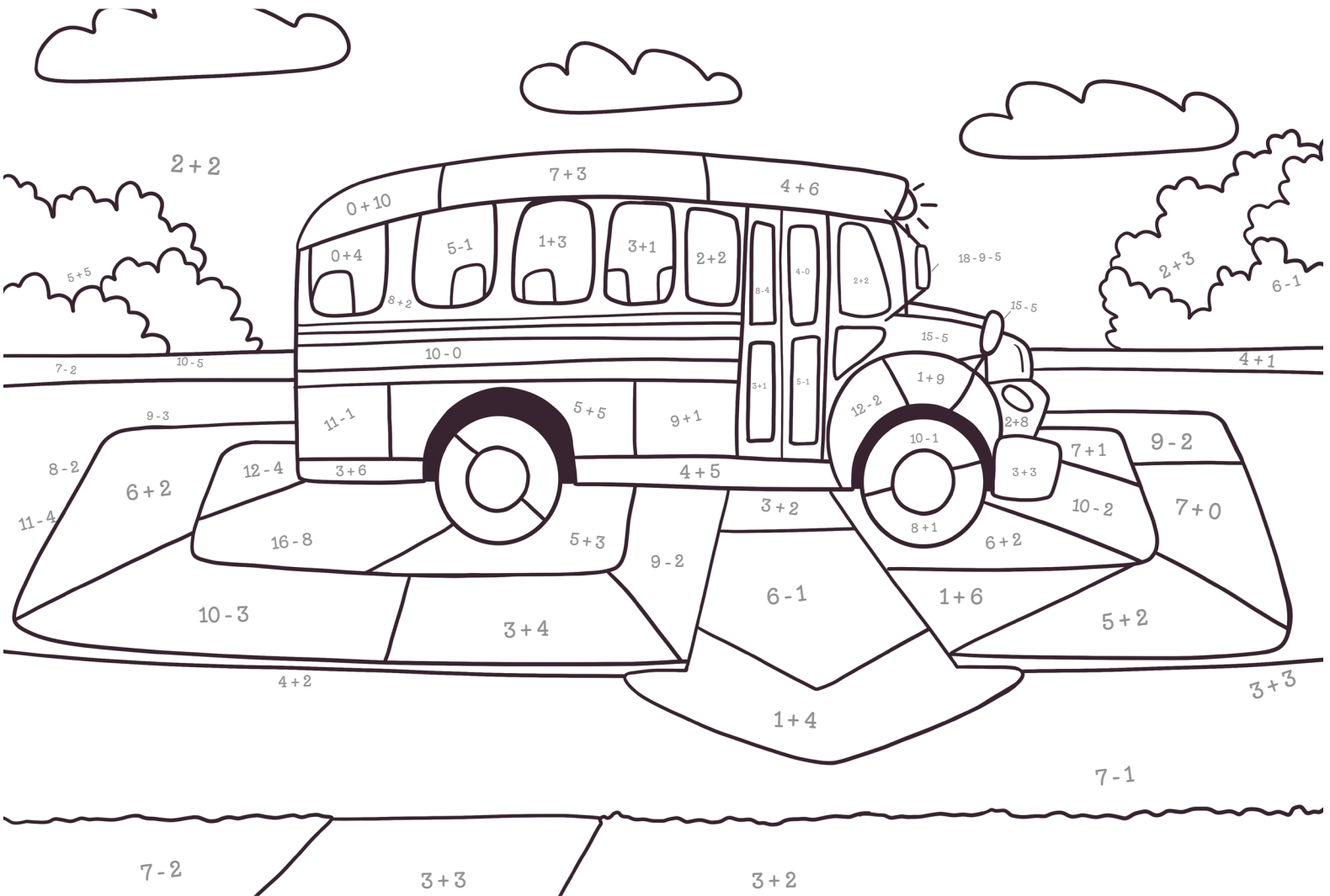
After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.



Color all the elements in this two-page scene, including the danger zone surrounding the yellow school bus.

GET TO KNOW THE DANGER ZONE

Learn about the danger zone around the bus and stay safe while getting on and off. Remember to never walk behind the bus and never try to pick up something you dropped.



Add or subtract the numbers in each section. Follow the code below to help you color all the elements on the page. Can you spot the danger zone?

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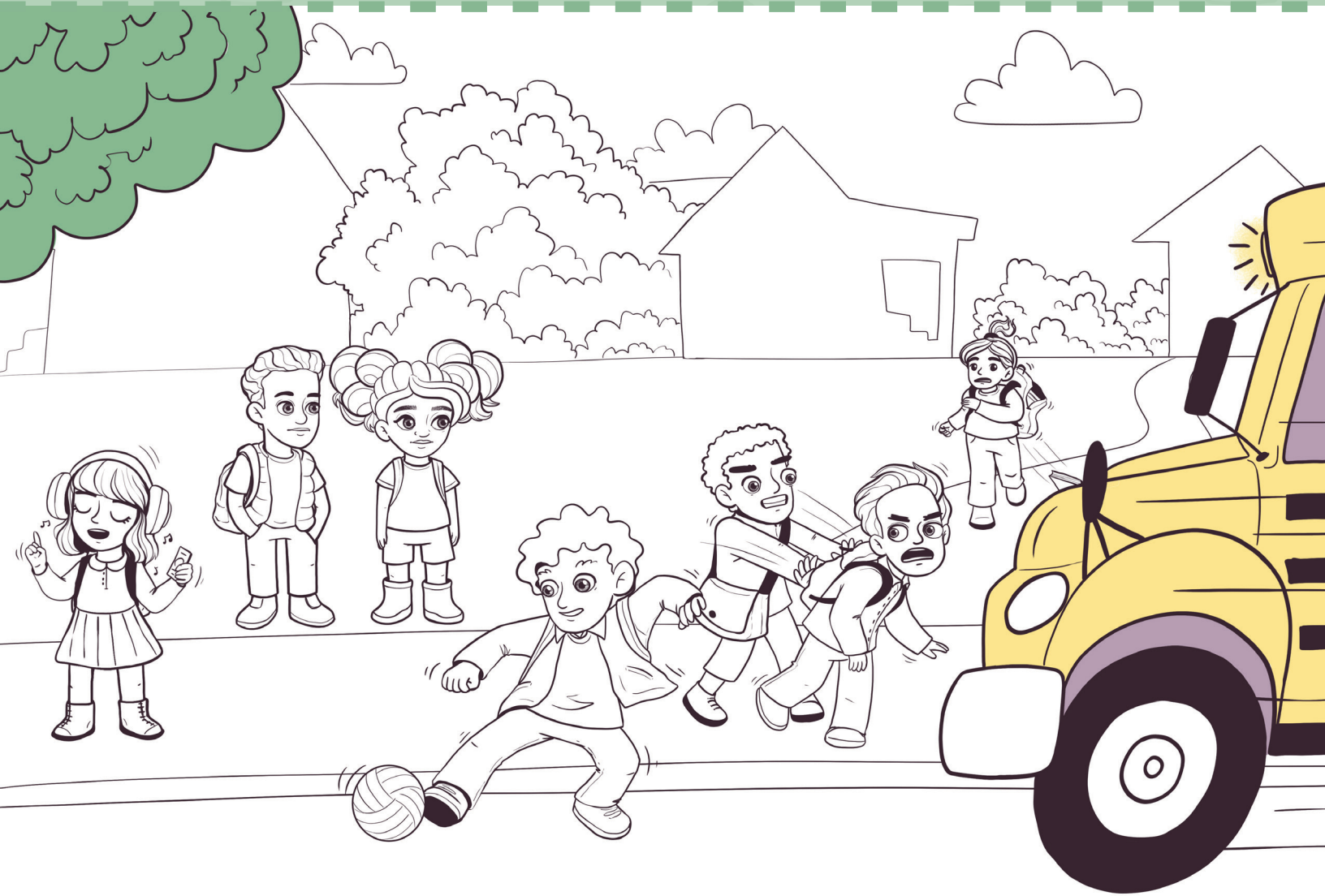
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UNDERSTANDING SAFE AND UNSAFE BEHAVIOR

As the school bus approaches, remember to follow the guidelines to stay safe.



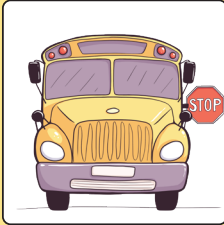
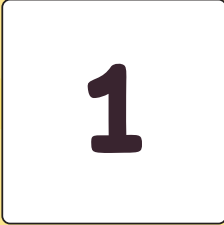
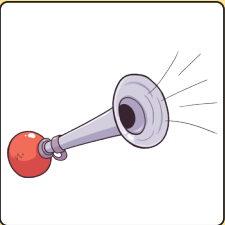
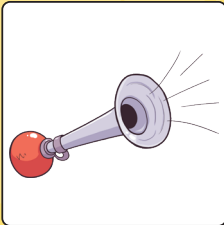
○ Circle each student that is following the safety guidelines.

△ Draw a triangle around each student with unsafe behavior.

LET'S GO MATHLETES!

Can you help solve this puzzle? Test your multiplication skills with this quiz. Remember to be aware and cross with care.

- +** **-** Find the value of each student safety icon in the multiplication table below.
× **÷** Bonus points: Can you guess what these school bus safety symbols mean?

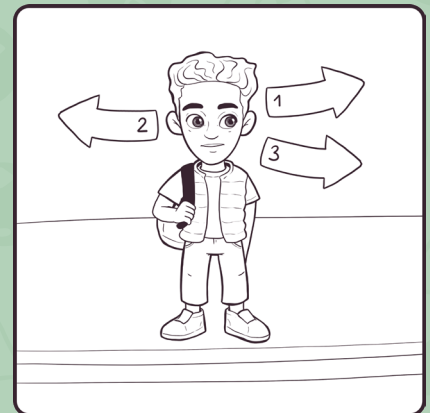
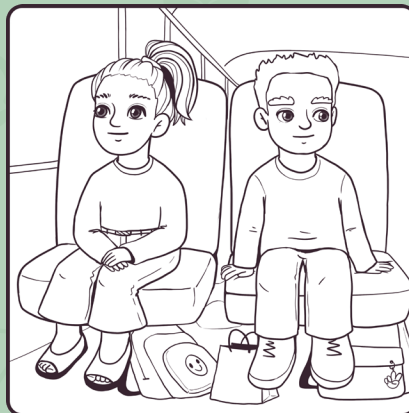
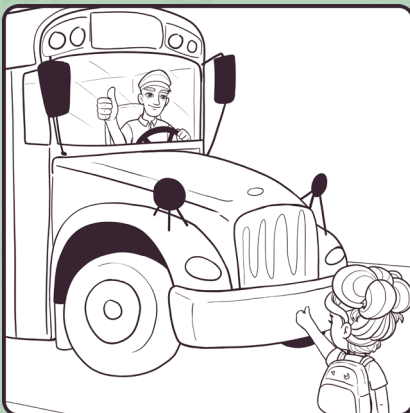
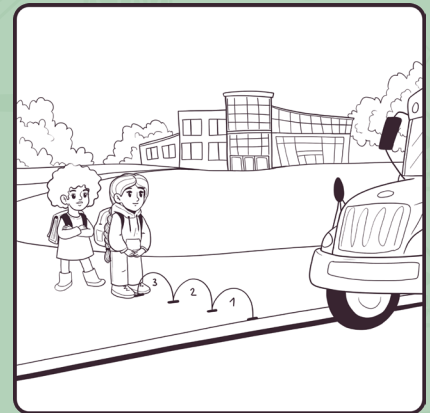
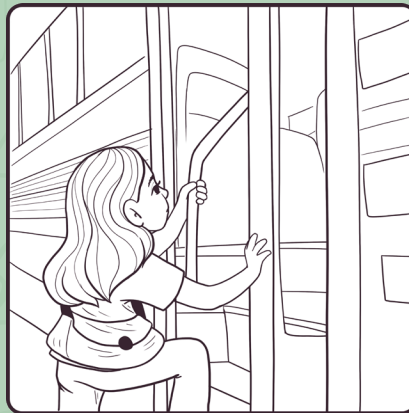
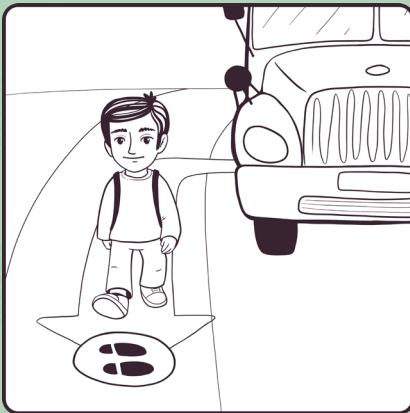
HELP PUT THE STORY BACK TOGETHER

How well do you know the school bus safety rules?

The pictures below are all mixed up! Let's see if you can piece the story together.



Number the images below in the order in which they happen. After you've ordered the pictures, write a sentence or two describing what is happening in each scene.



Word Search

SCHOOL BUS WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words in the puzzle below?
Look out! Some words are spelled backward.

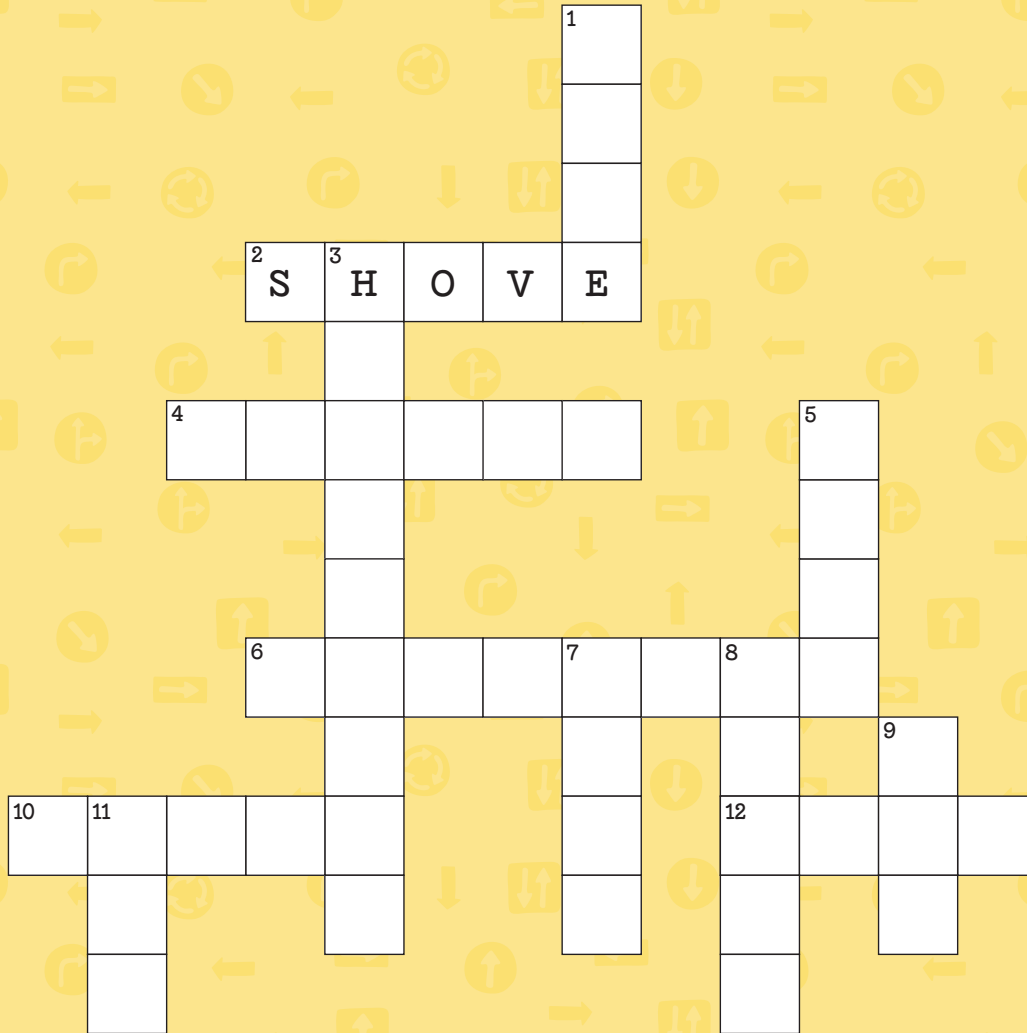
BACKPACKS CLOSED	FEET ON FLOOR	CLEAR AISLES	SAFE TRIP
STAY ALERT	HANDS IN BUS	CLEAN BUS	STAY SEATED
BE KIND	HANDS TO SELF	DON'T PUSH	CHECK BEFORE STEP
BUS RULES	HEAD IN BUS	DON'T SHOVE	
FACE FORWARD	LOOK LEFT	DON'T EAT	
FEET IN BUS	LOOK RIGHT	RESPECT DRIVER	

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Crossword Puzzle

GET TO KNOW THE DANGER ZONE

Can you solve this safety puzzle? Read the clues below. Write the answers in the crossword puzzle.



DOWN

- 1** - Start your day off right! Be on ____.
- 3** - Use the ____ to avoid falling. Be careful that clothing with drawstrings and bags with straps don't get caught in the door.
- 5** - Stop, ____ left, right, left again to make sure it's safe to cross the street.
- 7** - Never ____ students while waiting in line.
- 8** - If you must ____ the street, always do so at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- 9** - I ____ the driver, the driver sees me!
- 11** - Never ____ to or from the bus.

ACROSS

- 2** - Never push and SHOVE while getting on the bus.
- 4** - Learn the "____ zone" and follow the safe walking path.
- 6** - Avoid dropping your things by using a ____.
- 10** - Never ____ under a school bus and never try to pick up a dropped article near the bus.
- 12** - Always ____ the driver.

IDENTIFYING SAFE AND UNSAFE BEHAVIOR

As you wait to get on or off the school bus, always remember to follow the guidelines and stay safe.



- ☐ Circle each student that is following the safety guidelines.
- ☐ Draw a triangle around each student with unsafe behavior.

DESCRIPTIONS

- ☐ A boy is sticking his head and arm out the window.
- ☐ A boy is rushing to get off the bus.
- ☐ A girl is walking on the safe walking path after getting off the bus.
- ☐ Jack is playing with his dog Platino behind the bus.
- ☐ A boy is sitting on the curb and having a snack.
- ☐ Jill is standing at a distance where she can see the driver.



SAFETY CERTIFICATE

This certificate is presented to:



Student Name

I will follow and respect all school bus safety rules.
I will be considerate of the bus driver and my fellow students.

Date

Presented by



