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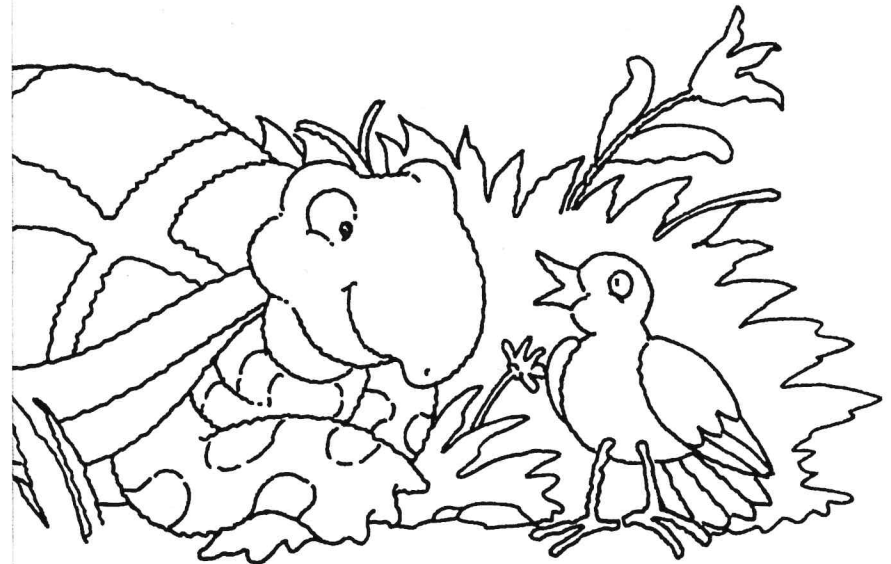
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The Turtle and the Bird



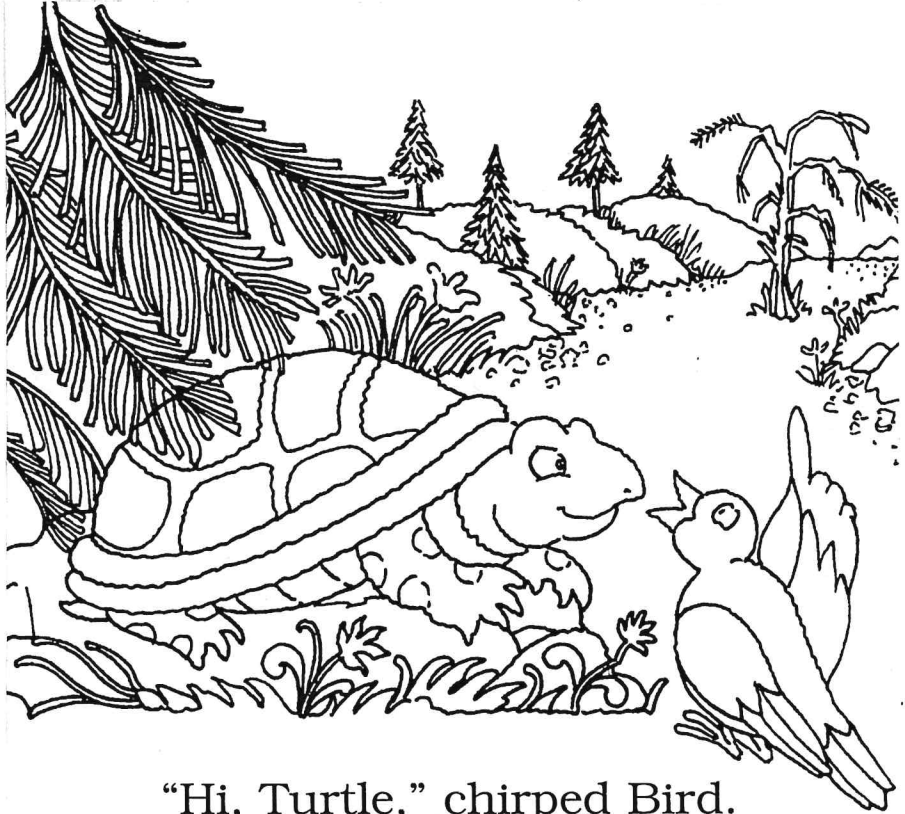
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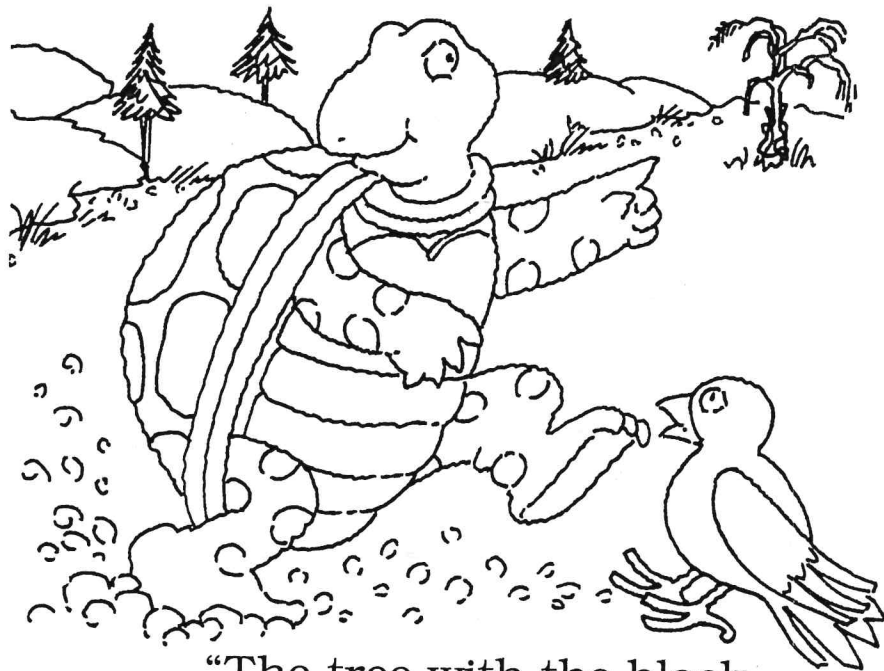
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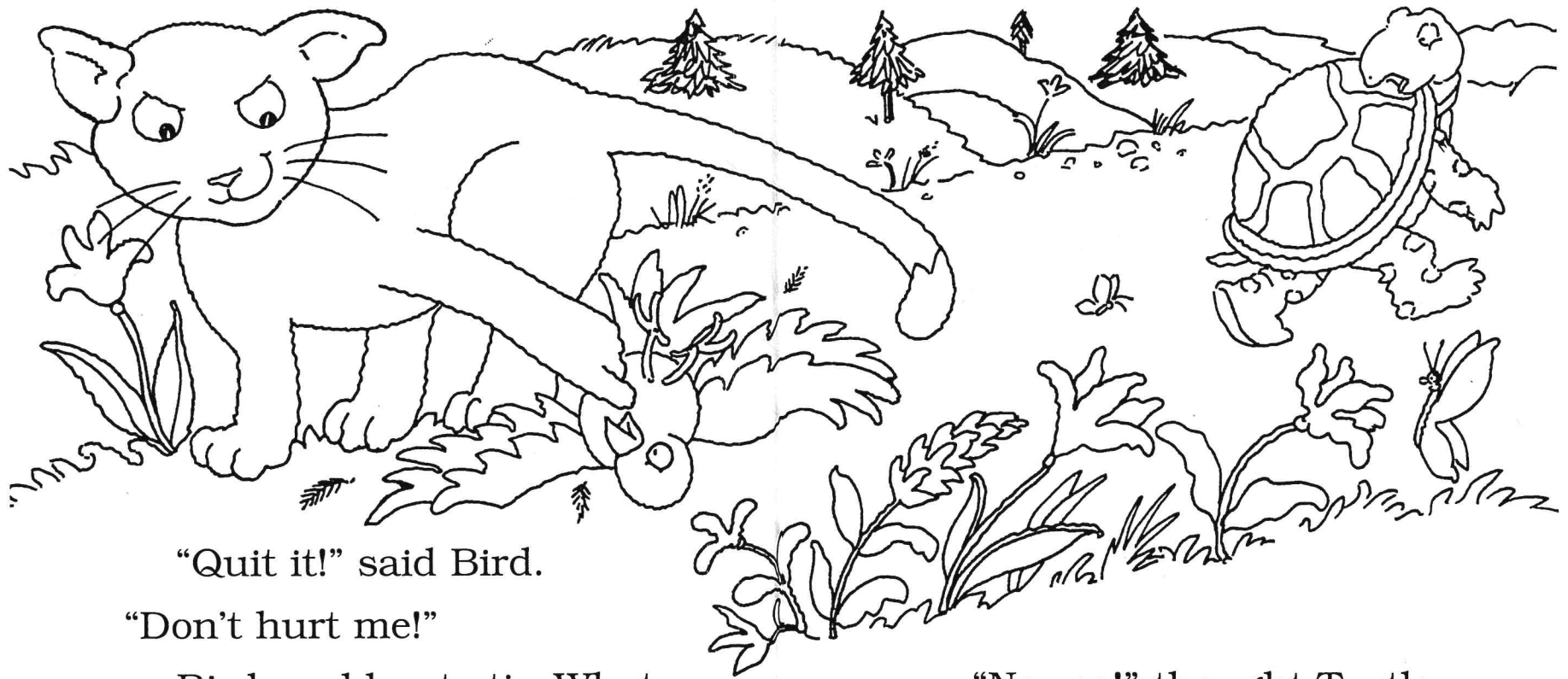
“Hi, Turtle,” chirped Bird.
 “Do you want to have a
 contest? We can run to the
 fir tree.”



“The tree with the black burn?” asked Turtle. “I’ll get there first!” she said with a smirk. Her feet churned in the dirt.



There was a quick flash of fur. Cat had a firm grip on Bird. Turtle did not turn.



“Quit it!” said Bird.

“Don’t hurt me!”

Bird could not stir. What
in the world could Bird do?
Cat gave a happy purr.

“No, no!” thought Turtle.
“Bird will get hurt! I must
turn back!”

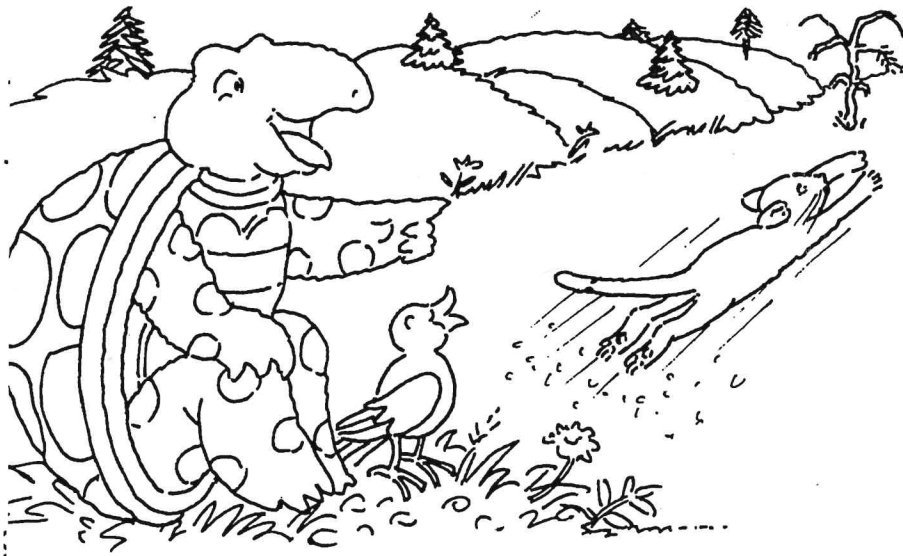


Cat did not see Turtle
come back. Turtle nipped at
Cat's tail. Did the sharp nip
startle Cat? Yes, it did!



"Are you hurt, Bird?"
asked Turtle.

"No, I'm fine," said Bird.
"Thank you for helping me!"



Cat was just a blur of fur.
“Look at him go!” said
Turtle. “CAT will get to the fir
tree first!”

The End

Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. Who is going to have a race?
2. Why does the race suddenly stop?
3. Why does Cat run away?
4. Who will probably get to the fir tree first?

Answers: 1. Bird and Turtle 2. Possible answer: because Cat grabs Bird
3. Possible answer: because Turtle nips his tail 4. Cat

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