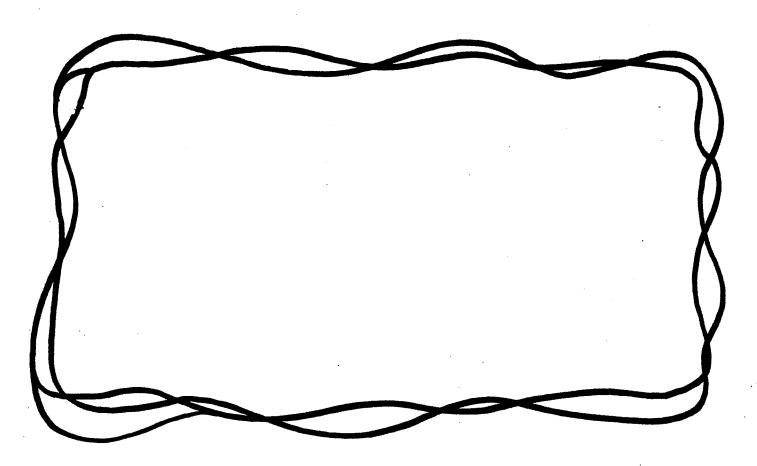


Good News! Good News! My dad told me some good news. He said we are going on a trip. We are going on a trip to the sea. We will drive the car for a long way. Then we will camp by the sea on the beach.

We will pack a tent. We will have to pack our food in a box with cold ice. We will have to take some toys to play with. I will take my hat so I will not get a bad sun burn. We can not take my cat. She does not like to ride in the car.

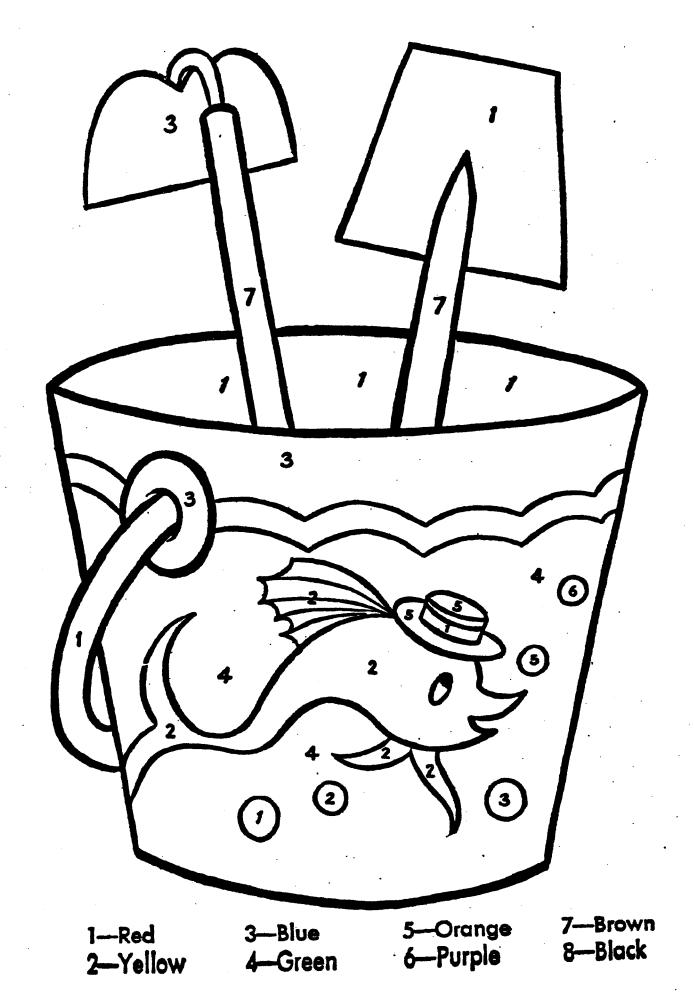
I will help my mother and father get ready. I will clean my room and pick up my toys. I will feed my cat and brush her fur. I will wash each dish and sweep the floor. I am ready! Let us get in the car and go now!

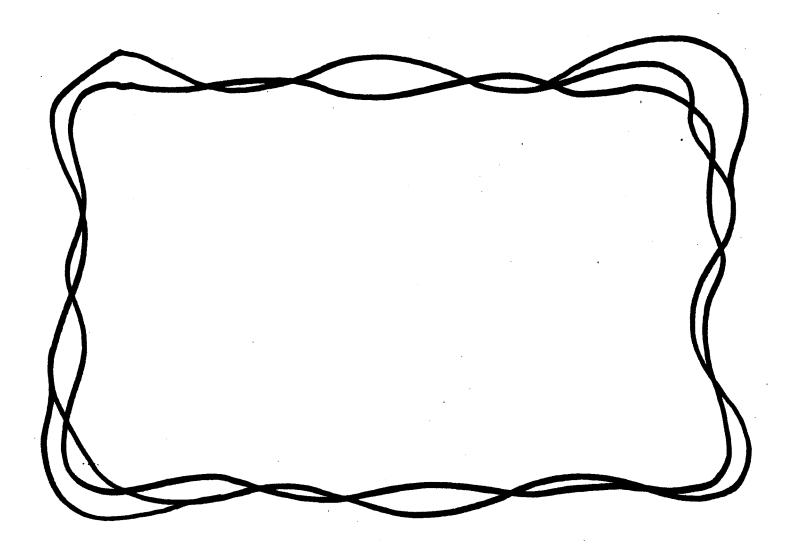


We are here at the beach. I see tan sand, lots and lots of sand. I see the green sea. It is so pretty and big! I see the waves and the blue sky. I see white shells and brown crabs. I see gray rocks and black birds. This is a good place for a child to be.

I can dig in the wet sand. I can dig a deep hole. Here comes a wave! I dig a deep hole and the sea fills it up. I can play with the sea.

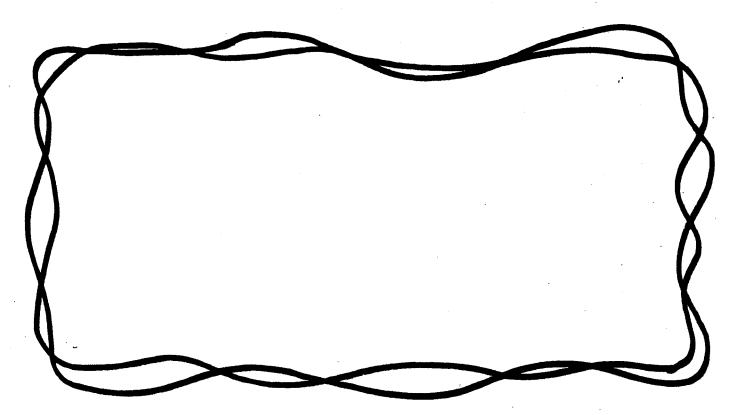
I can fill my pail with shells...big shells with pink spots, little yellow shells and some shells that are sharp. I must take care. I do not want to get cut!





Today my mother and father and I took a swim. The sun was hot but the sea was cool. We swam under the waves in the cool sea. I had to hold my breath. The waves came over the top of us and we went under. It was so much fun!

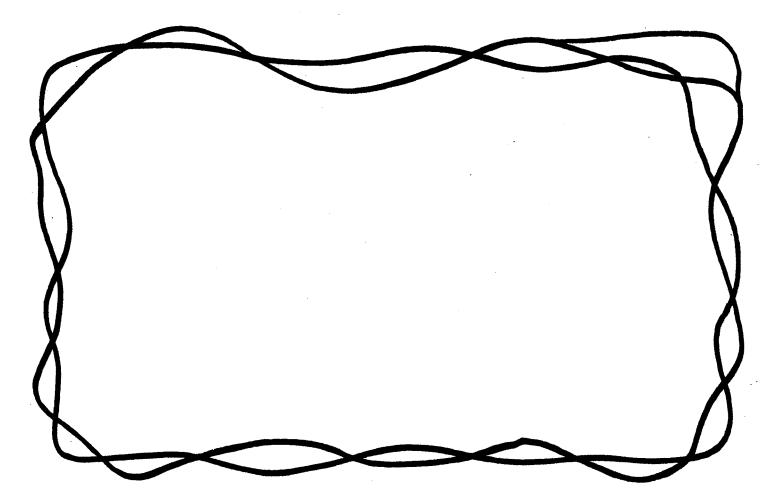
Then a funny thing happened. I felt something. Something was on my leg! Was it a fish? Was it a shark with teeth? What was it? I did not like it at all! Then my dad said, "Look! It is just a bit of sea weed. It will not hurt you." I felt silly but I was glad!



On the next day we will go for a swim under the water. We will each get a mask and a set of fins. We will have to kick hard with the fins on our feet. What will we see under the water?

I hope to see lots of pretty fish. I want to see fish of all kinds....little blue fish that swim fast, big silver fish that swim slow. I bet we will see a lot of sea weed.

What if we find an old ship...an old lost ship that sank in the sea years and years ago? What if we find an old chest in that ship? If we take the top off the chest, it might have gold in it. Lots and lots of gold! Oh, how I hope the next day will come soon!



What a great trip this is! I am very sleepy and I must go to sleep soon. For a little while, I can sit and look at the pretty night sky. The silver moon looks at me and I look back at the little white stars. I can hear the waves that wash onto the beach. I can hear a man and a child sing a song. I can feel the warm sand under my feet and hands. I can smell the salt air.

This is such a great place for a child to be. I love this land and the sea. I love all the things that I have seen.

Good night, pretty earth and sea. Good night...