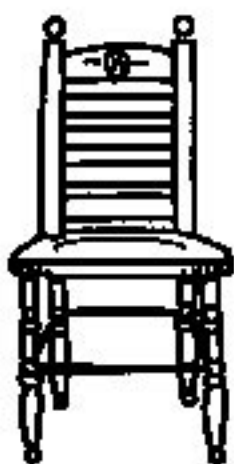
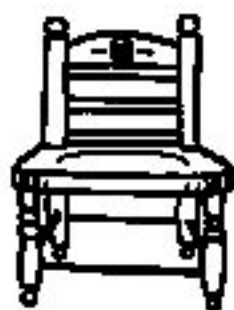


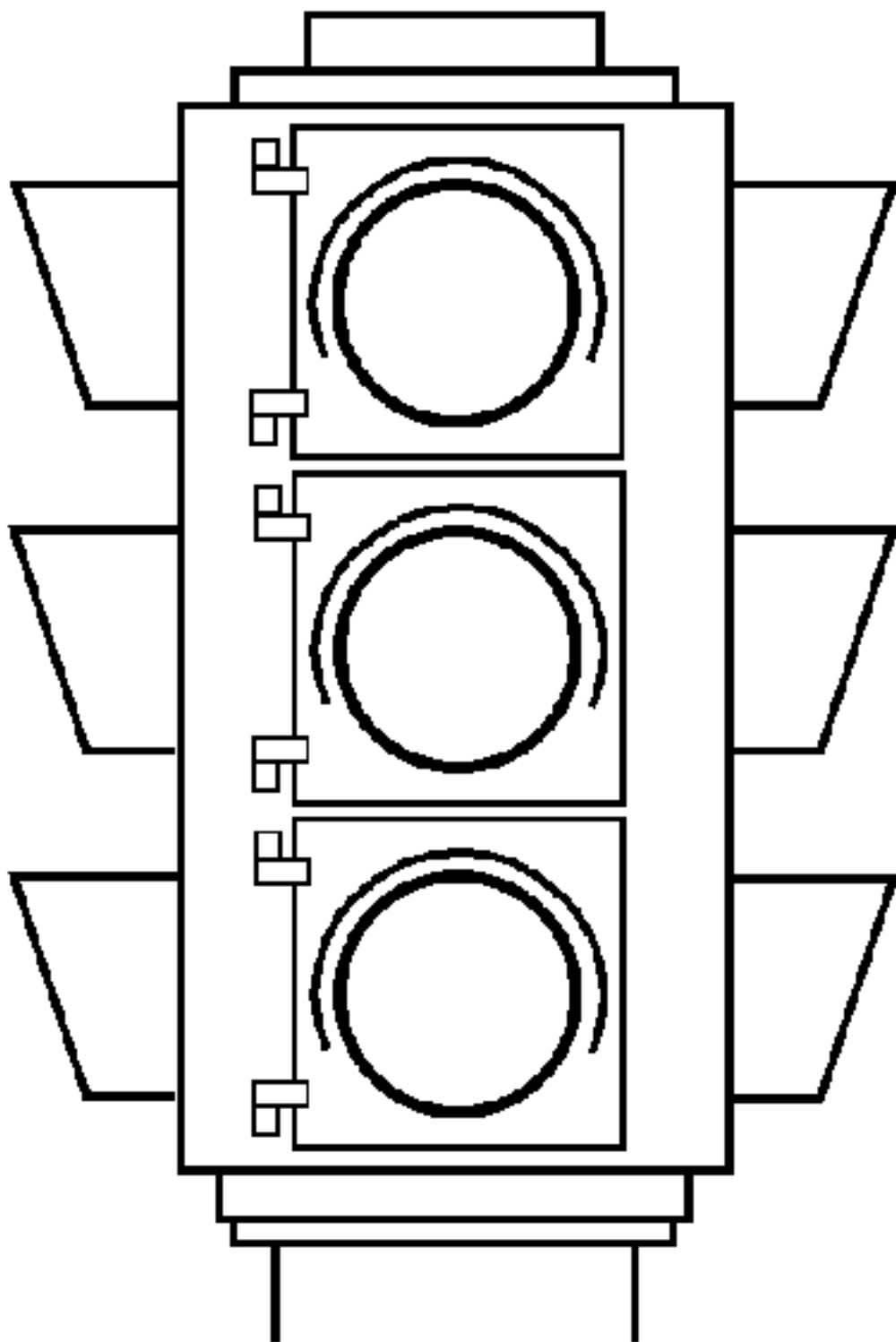
Small, Medium, and Large

Have you ever read the story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*? In that story there are three different sizes of objects in the bears' house. Remove this page and page 9 from the book. Help your child color Goldilock's twelve cards (front and back). Then help your child cut out the cards. Next ask him or her to put the cards in order from large to small or small to large. Then go to the library and take out the story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Read the story with your child and find the objects shown on the cards



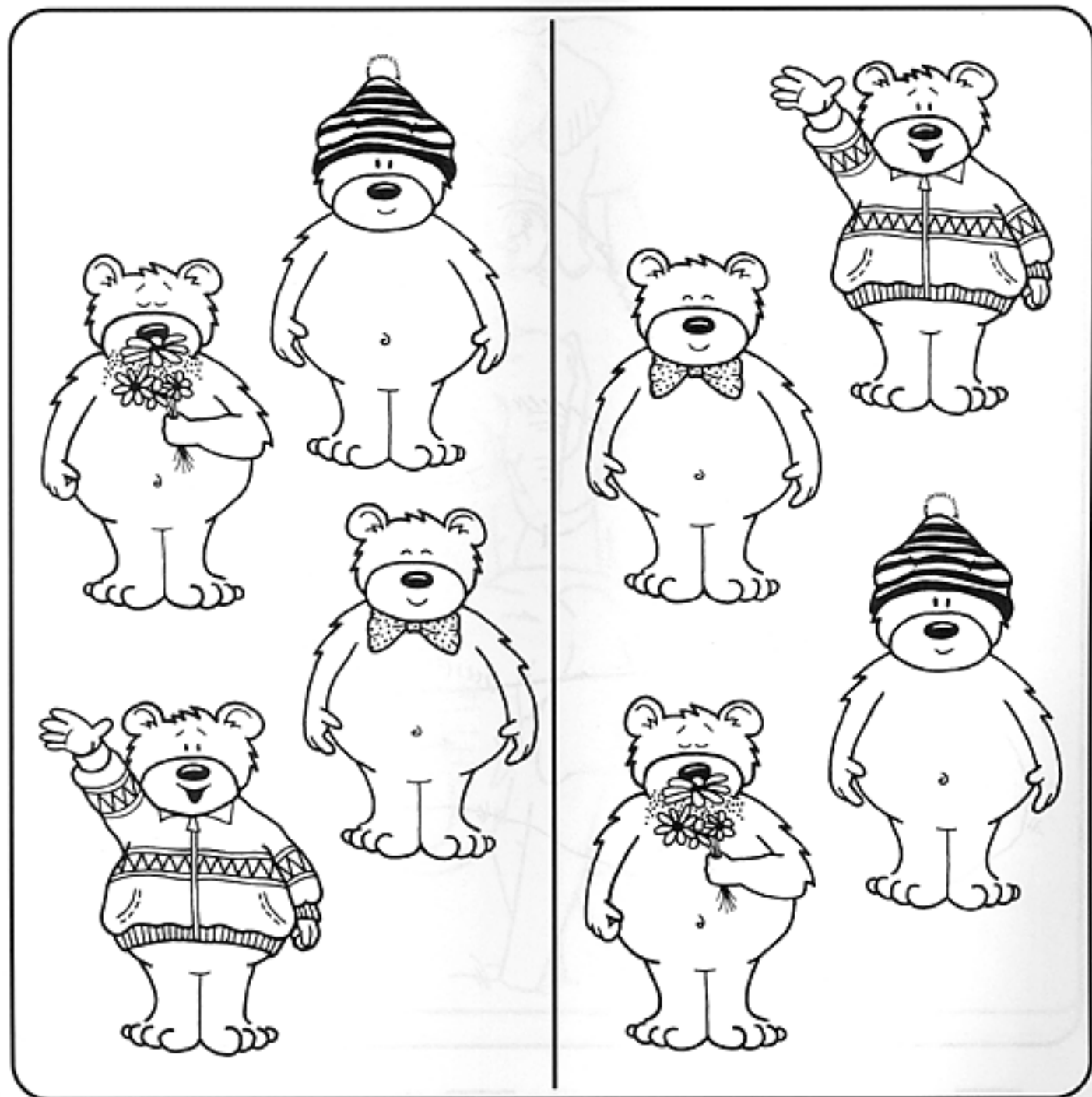
Traffic Light

Traffic lights keep us safe in traffic. Ask your child to name the three colors in traffic lights and tell what the colors mean. Which color is on the top? Which color is on the bottom? Then have your child color the picture. Later, take time to play a game of “Red Light” together.



Pairs and Pairs of Teddy Bears

Does your child have a favorite teddy bear? Talk with your child about the teddy bear. Then ask your child to match the teddy bears by drawing lines to join the pairs that are the same. For extra fun, have a Teddy Bear Day with an inside picnic and a parade.



Celebration Meal for March and April

To celebrate the important events in March and April, plan a celebration meal with your child. You may want to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Earth Day, the start of spring, or any of the other special days in March and April. Whatever choice is made, talk with your child about the holiday or event. Read books that describe the holiday or event. Through discussion your child will learn that he or she is part of a larger group, family, or culture. Your child may also come to accept and appreciate the cultures of others. Your positive example will influence your child's thinking about other cultures.

No matter which event you choose to celebrate, planning and preparing the meal will be a great chance for you and your child to spend fun time together. Cooking is a natural learning time for children, and when hands are busy, lively conversation just seems to follow naturally. This is a great time to talk with your child about the changing seasons and the events that are a part of spring.

Shopping for Groceries

With your child, decide on a menu for the celebration meal. Have your child help you write a grocery list of the things you will need. Enjoy your child's enthusiasm as you shop for the items on the list. You may ask for help in finding an item that begins with a certain sound or is a particular color. Have your child compare the size of various items. (Which is bigger, the grape or the apple?) Explain how items are used. (Juice is for drinking.)



Ready, Set, Recycle!

Make every day Earth Day by recycling. Many things can be used again, or *recycled*. New paper can be made from old paper, new cans can be made from old cans, and new bottles can be made from old bottles. Tell your child that these recycling bins need to be filled. Ask your child to draw a line from each item to the correct recycling bin.



Books to Share with Children

Title	Author
<i>Apples and Pumpkins</i>	Anne Rockwell
<i>Autumn Harvest</i>	Alvin Tresselt
<i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i>	Bill Martin, Jr.
<i>Clifford the Big Red Dog (series)</i>	Norman Bridwell
<i>Colors</i>	Heidi Goennel
<i>Don't Forget the Bacon</i>	Pat Hutchins
<i>Everyone Goes as a Pumpkin</i>	Judith Vigna
<i>Fall Is Here!</i>	Jane Belk Moncure
<i>Grandma and Grandpa</i>	Helen Oxenbury
<i>Grandpa's Face</i>	Eloise Greenfield
<i>Harry, the Dirty Dog</i>	Gene Zion
<i>Hooray for Snail</i>	John Stadler
<i>Jewish Holidays Facts, Activities and Crafts</i>	Susan Gold Purdy
<i>People</i>	Peter Spier
<i>Perfect Pigs</i>	Stephen Krensky
<i>The Right Number of Elephants</i>	Jeff Sheppard
<i>Scary, Scary Halloween</i>	Eve Bunting
<i>Some Swell Pup or Are You Sure You Want a Dog?</i>	Maurice Sendak and Matthew Margolis
<i>Will I Have a Friend?</i>	Miriam Cohen
<i>The Year at Maple Hill Farm</i>	Alice Provensen and Martin Provensen