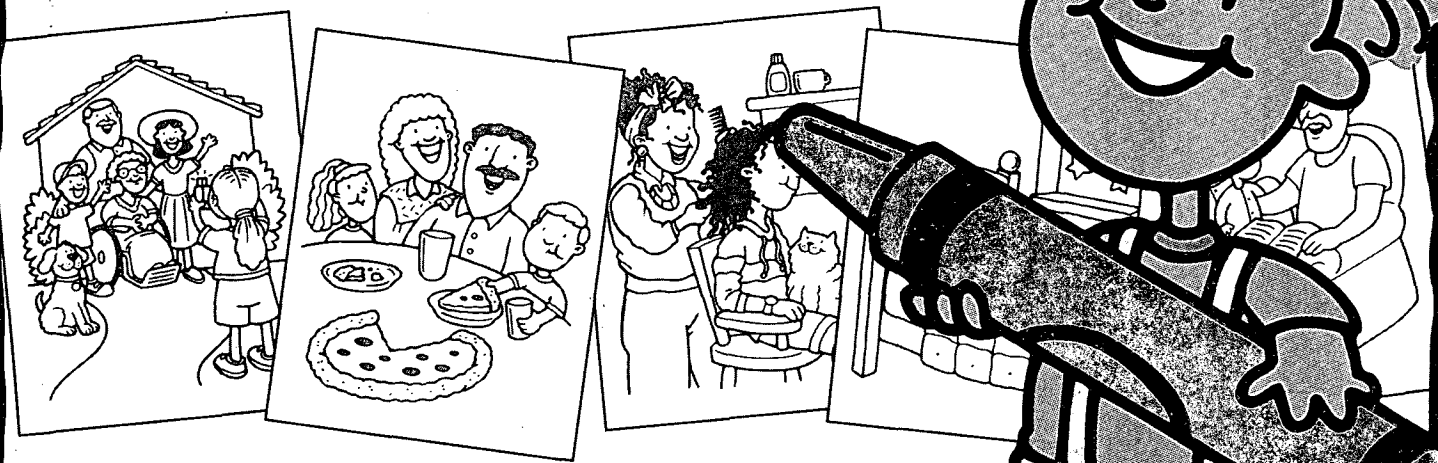


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PRAYER COLORING BOOK

Coloring pages that teach kids
God hears their prayers.



created by

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A Letter from Shirley Dobson

PRAYER COLORING BOOK

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

My Prayer Coloring Book was created to help children see God as a real person who is involved in their everyday lives. As a child begins to view God as someone who listens, cares and loves, prayer will become more natural and spontaneous. God will become a constant companion to the child, an ever-present listener with whom he or she can share all of the joys and sorrows of daily life.

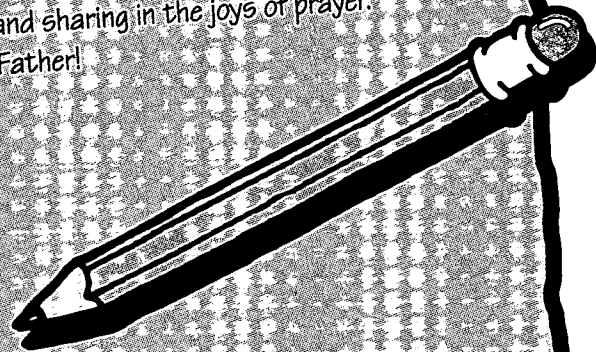
It is extremely important to teach children to pray early in life. Young children are capable of developing a faith in the formative years that will hold them steady through the inevitable storms of adolescence and indeed, for the rest of their lives. I was five years old when I began praying. My husband, Jim, actually learned to pray before he began to talk, imitating the sounds made by his parents during their family devotions.

When parents model prayer in the home, children will naturally follow their example. I can think of no greater gift that could be offered to our impressionable children than this early relationship with Jesus. That's why we have created this coloring book and another exciting prayer resource, My Family's Prayer Calendar. These resources will help parents and kids come together in prayer every day, making prayer a meaningful family activity.

It is my prayer that your kids will enjoy coloring in this book, and sharing in the joys of prayer. Bless you as you teach your kids to talk with their Heavenly Father!



Shirley Dobson
Chairman, National Day of Prayer Task Force



I PRAISE YOU, GOD, FOR A BRAND-NEW DAY.



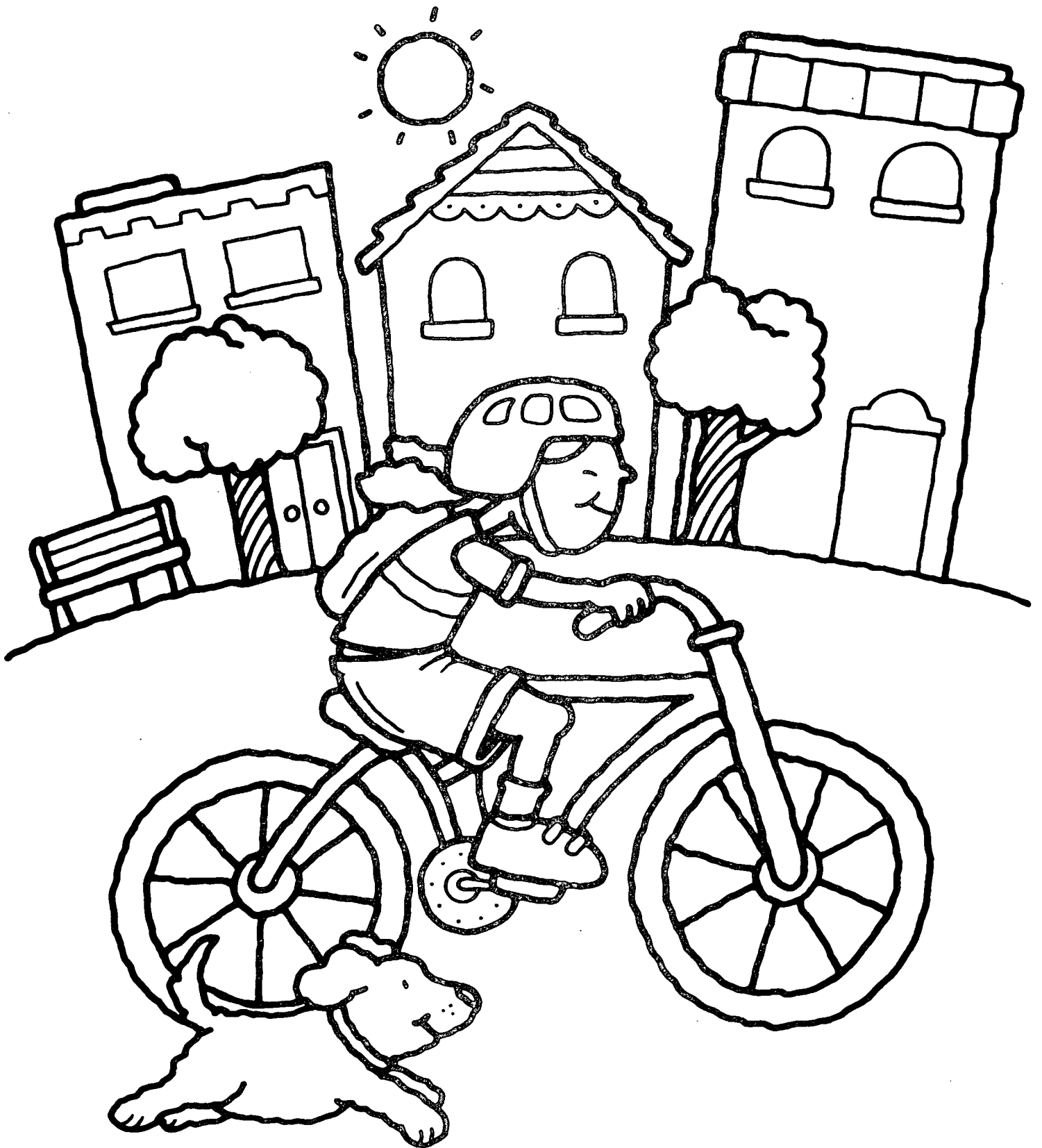
These sisters are just waking up to a brand-new day.
What do you think the weather will be like?
What can you say to God when you start a new day?

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR THE PEOPLE WHO TAKE CARE OF ME.



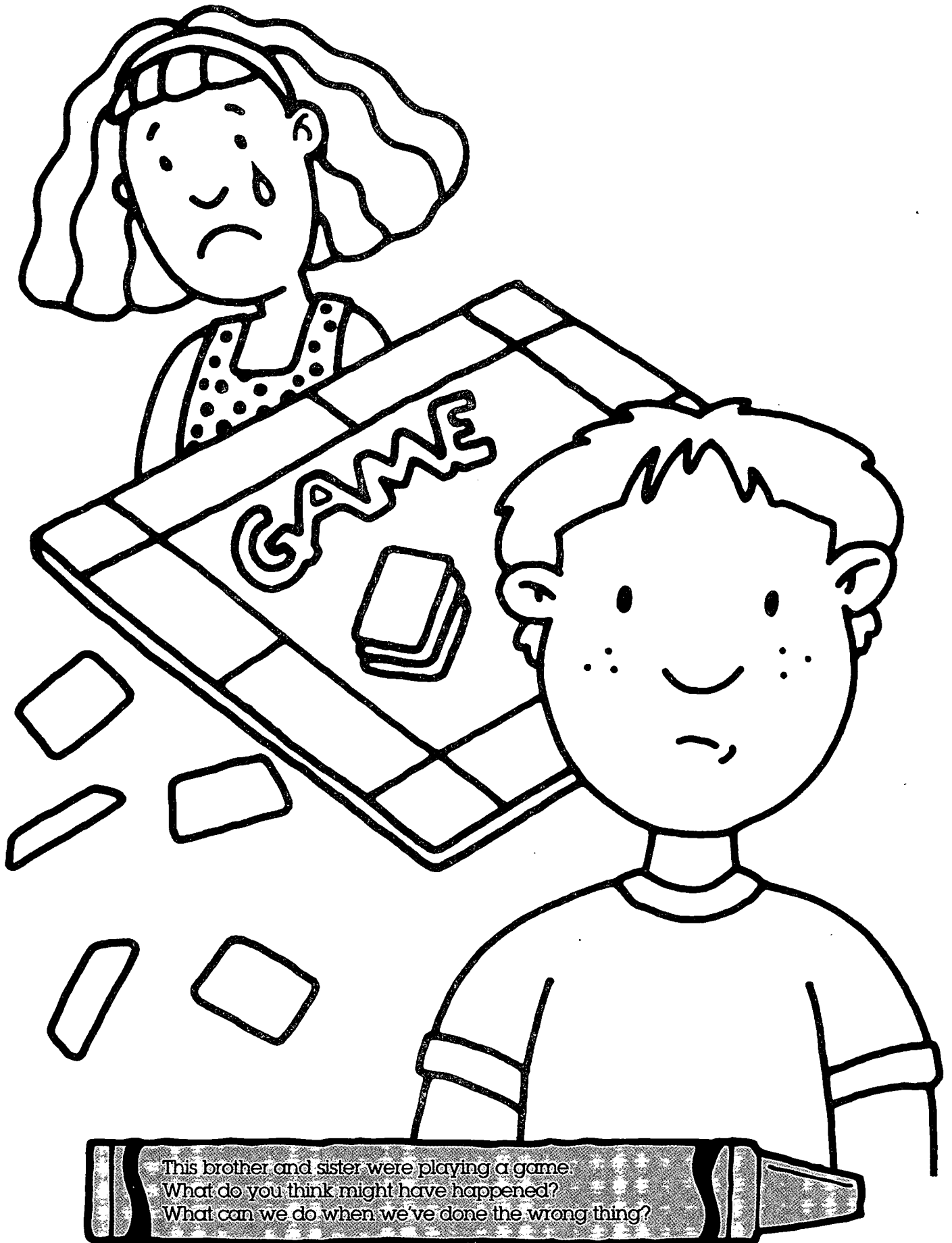
What is this mother doing to take care of her daughter?
Who takes care of you?
Say a prayer of thanks for these people

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR MY HEALTHY BODY.



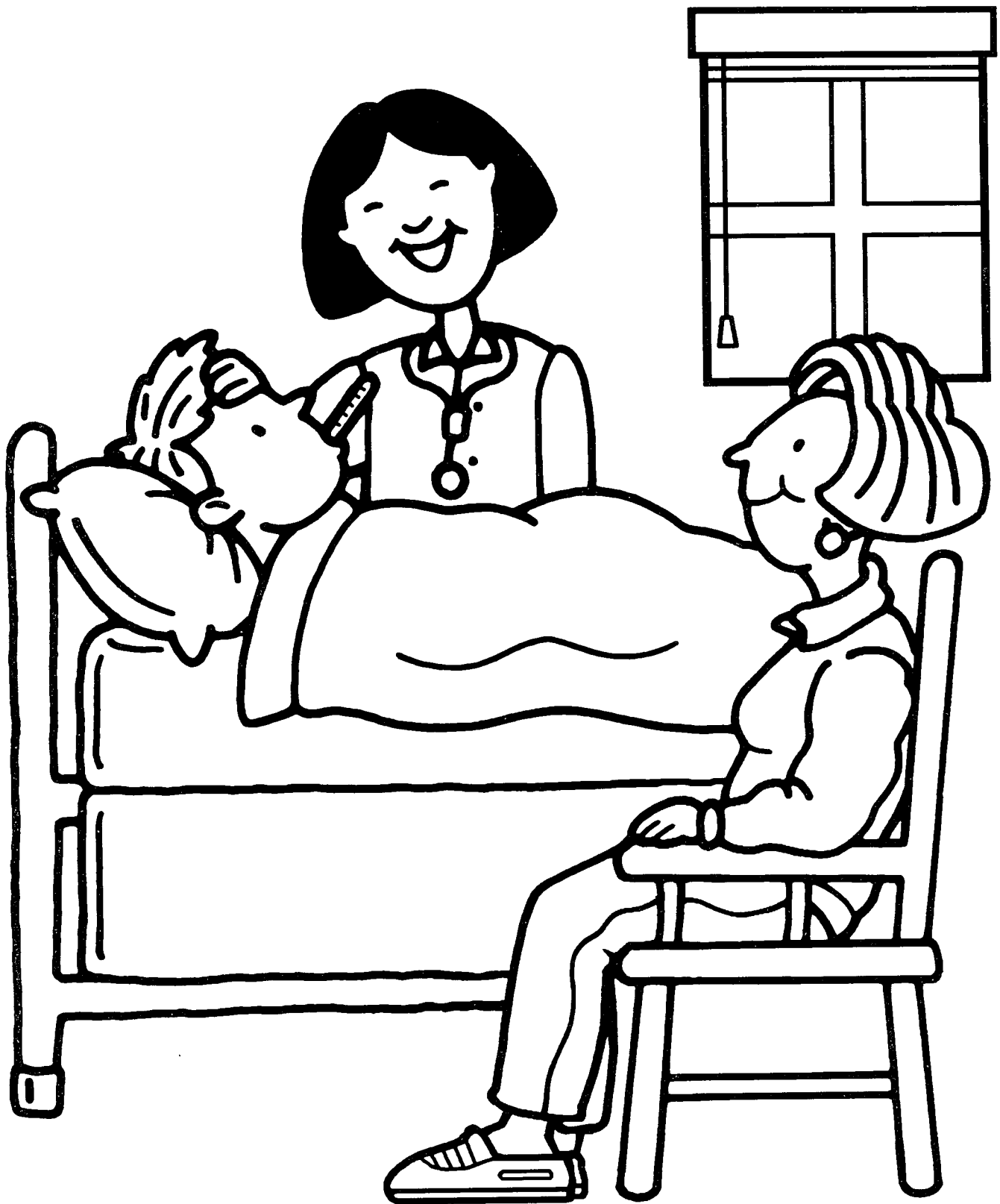
Which parts of the body is this girl exercising?
What sports or exercise do you like to do?
Thank God for your healthy body.

FORGIVE ME, GOD, WHEN I DO THE WRONG THING.



This brother and sister were playing a game.
What do you think might have happened?
What can we do when we've done the wrong thing?

HEAL ME, GOD, WHEN I AM SICK.



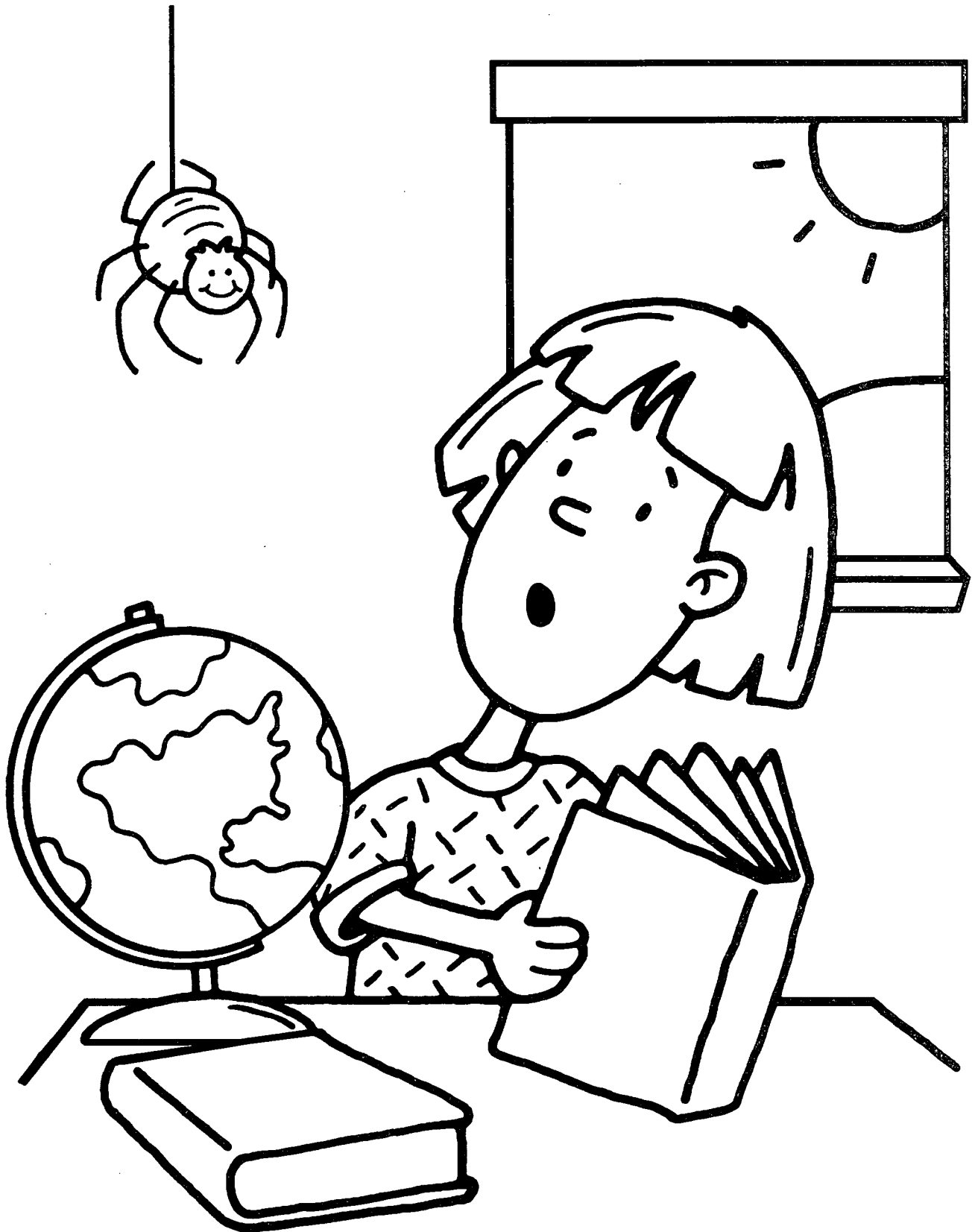
What do you think is wrong with this boy?
When was the last time you were sick?
Pray for someone you know who is sick.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR MY FAMILY.



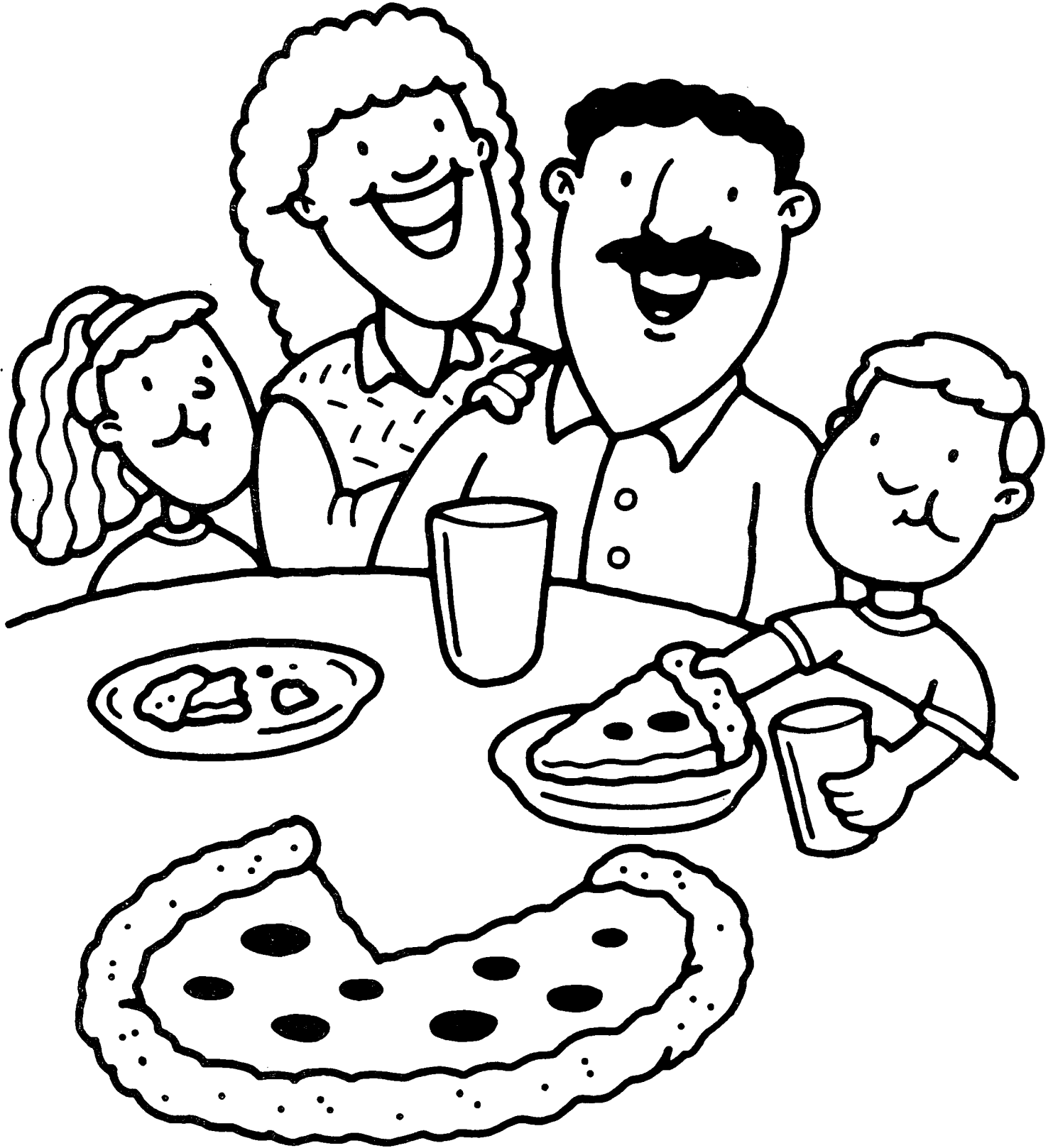
What is this family doing?
Who is in your family?
Thank God for each person in your family.

PROTECT ME, GOD, WHEN I AM AFRAID.



Why do you think the girl in this picture is afraid?
When was a time you were afraid?
God is with us when we are afraid.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR MY FOOD.



What is this family having for dinner?
What do you like to have for dinner?
Thank God for the food you ate today.

HELP ME, GOD, WHEN I HAVE HARD WORK TO DO.



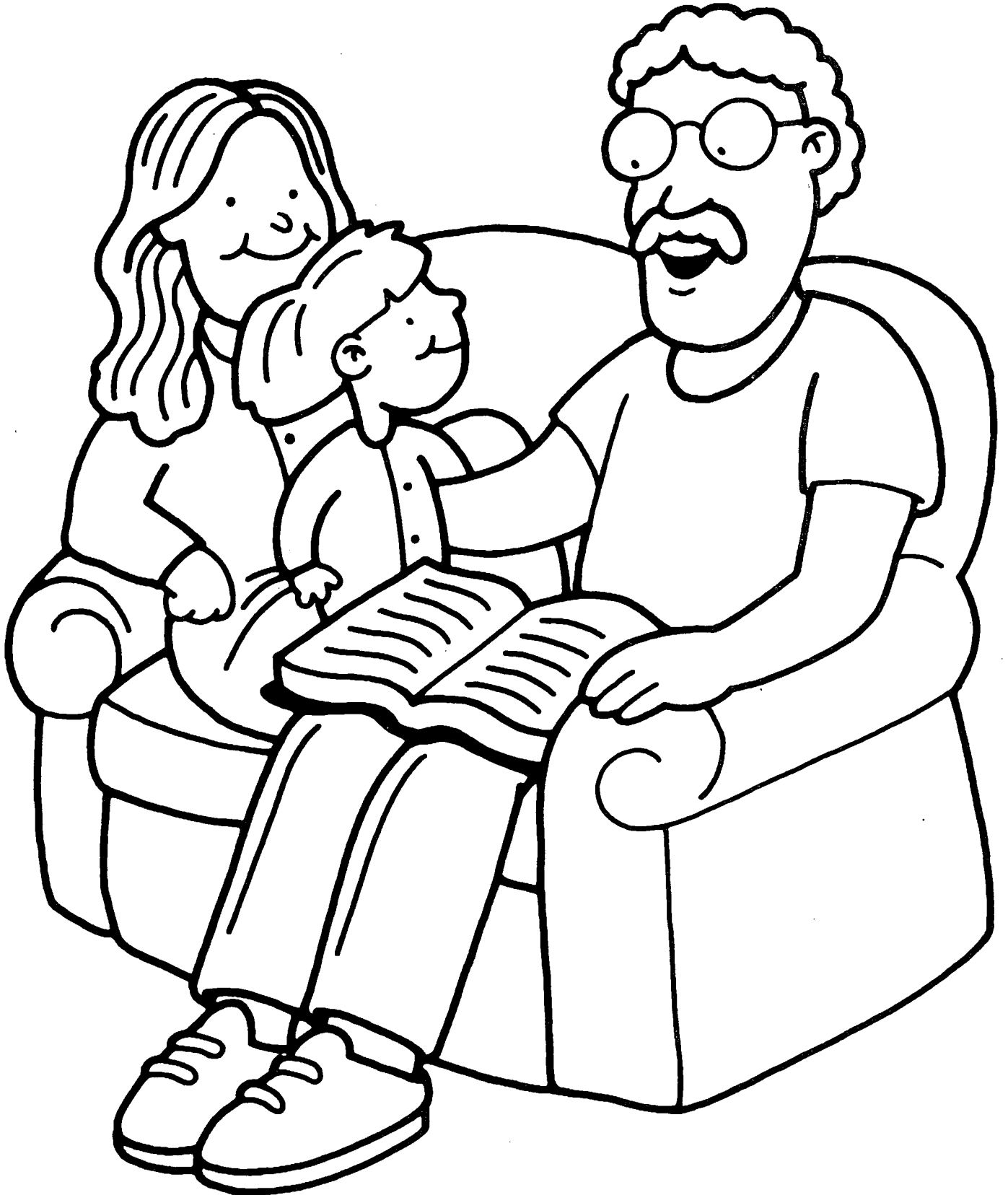
What is this boy doing?
What kind of work do you have to do?
Ask for God's help with your work.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR TIMES TO BE SILLY.



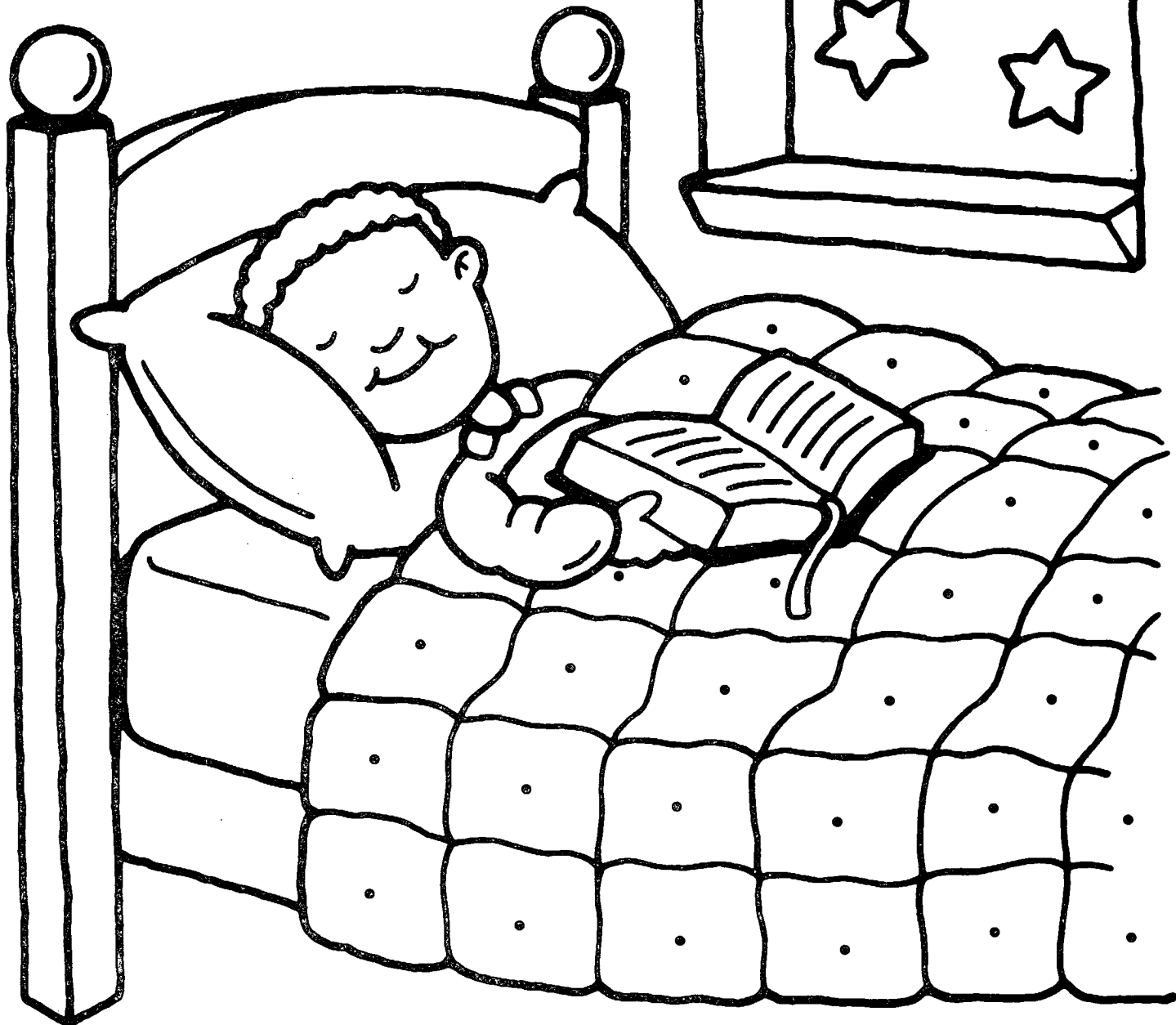
What silly thing is this boy doing?
What do you like to do when you are being silly?
Thank God for good times.

HELP ME, GOD, TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WORD.



This family reads the Bible together.
When do you learn from the Bible?
Ask God to help you understand His Word.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR
BEING WITH ME ALL DAY
AND ALL NIGHT.



What was this boy doing when he fell asleep?
What else do you think the boy did during the day?
Tell God what you did today.
Thank God for being with you all day and all night.

National Day of Prayer

Every Year—The First Thursday of May

We live in a wonderful country—a great nation that was built on the foundation of goodwill and promise. But in these times it seems goodwill and promise are becoming more and more scarce. Too many people are in need, too many are hurting, and walls of hate and separation seem to surround us. That's why we need to surround ourselves with prayer! Prayer can break down any wall. Through prayer we can restore love and trust, promise and hope—the ideals that made this country great.

Every year—the first Thursday of May, marks the observance of the annual **National Day of Prayer**. Americans are encouraged to set aside time for concentrated prayer at work, school, church and home. The National Day of Prayer Task Force, a nonsectarian group with no political affiliation, says it is the right, privilege and responsibility of citizens to pray for America, its leaders, churches, businesses, schools and families.

"Government is a powerful institution, but in the face of crime, violence, family disintegration and racial divisions that are running rampant in our society, it can only do so much," said Shirley Dobson, NDP chairman.

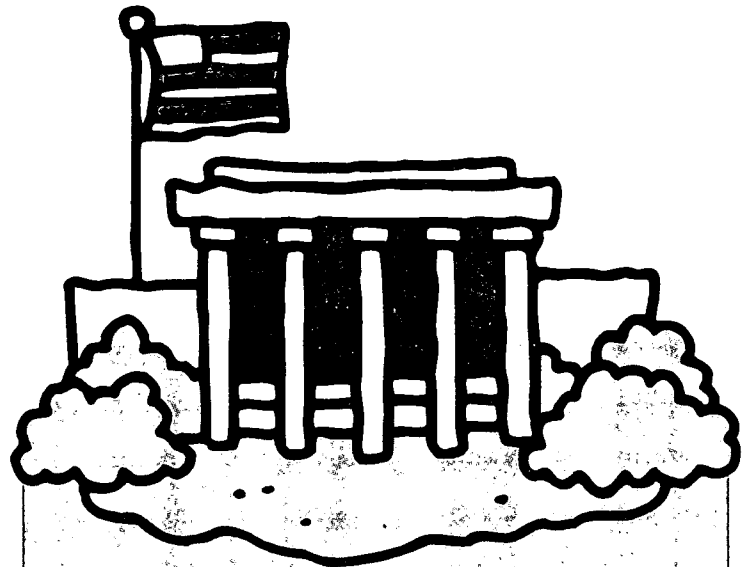
"Our forefathers recognized this fact by placing their ultimate faith in God and in a regular reliance on prayer as they oversaw the painful and difficult birth of our country. If we are to overcome the ills that plague us today, our only hope is to return to the humble practice of our predecessors and to pray for divine mercy, guidance and blessing in our personal and corporate affairs and to petition God to heal our land."

America's Tradition of Prayer

Since the Continental Congress first declared a National Day of Prayer in 1775, these events have become an American tradition. In 1952, Congress passed a joint resolution (signed by President Harry Truman) establishing an annual national day of prayer. The law was amended in 1988, and

signed by President Ronald Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday in May. For more than 40 years, American citizens have united for the annual National Day of Prayer—rising above denominational differences to lift their thanks, praise and needs before the Almighty Creator.

God honors the prayers of His people. We have His promise of prayer's power and the assurance of its answer. The need for folded hands and bended knees in America is greater than ever before, and you—side by side with countless others—can make a world of difference. Your land vitally needs your prayers.



Seek His Face

"When the foundations (of America) are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face" (Psalms 11:3,7).

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

My PRAYER COLORING BOOK



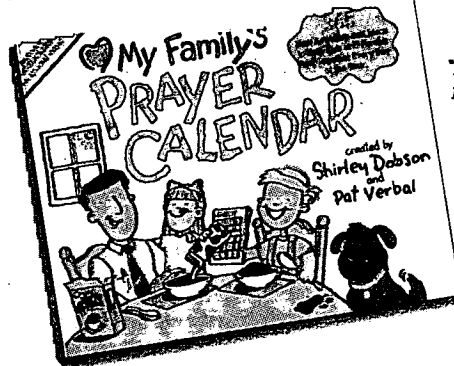
DID YOU KNOW...

You can talk to God any time you want to! He hears you whenever you pray. Whether you're happy or sad, whether it's day or night, God will listen to you. So, whenever you have something to say to God, just pray! He's waiting to hear from you!

Fun Ways to Pray
Together Every Day!

With **My Family's Prayer Calendar** you can turn any time into a special family time of prayer. Whether you're gathered around the dinner table, tucking the kids into bed, or taking a drive in the car, these creative ideas and activities provide an easy way for parents and kids to get together and pray every day.

And once you start praying together, you'll begin to create memorable family times, form deeper family bonds and strengthen the foundation of your child's spiritual life.



So turn off the TV and take a few moments each morning or evening doing something really significant: praying. It's the most important thing parents and kids can do together!

"I use my calendar with my mommy or my daddy at night before I go to bed. I like it best when we sing songs. I even make up my own songs sometimes."

Maria Gajewski, age 4, Fairview Heights, Illinois

"I think the prayer calendar is very pretty. The stickers are neat and I like the Bible verses. My grandma tells me what the special days mean, like President's Day."

Katie Irons, age 7, Yoder, Wyoming

There is no greater contribution parents can make to their children than to teach them the power of prayer. Their faith will be an anchor, as it was for me, through all the storms and trials of growing up. This responsibility exceeds every other objective during the parenting years.

—Shirley Dobson

