

# Circle C Beginnings Activity Pages

## Content

The Circle C Beginnings books and activities guide can be used as a reading curriculum. The activities cover a wide range of historical and language arts-related topics:

- ⇒ Vocabulary and reading comprehension
- ⇒ Geography and map skills
- ⇒ Historical topics related to the 1870s: ranching, cowboys, one-room schoolhouses, 1874 school rules, dime novels, the Yokut Indians, steam trains, state fairs, the U.S. flag, McGuffey readers, “Jesus Love Me” song origin, “America” song, the Presidio fort in San Francisco, a Victorian Christmas
- ⇒ Math and science: egg math, tallying, Venn diagram, creek animals, blue-belly lizards, horse measuring, horse colors, pet care, steam engines
- ⇒ Language arts: write or narrate, Old West idioms, create a dime novel
- ⇒ Character and Bible: character ribbons, character traits, Bible verses
- ⇒ Crafts and “just for fun”: sugar cookies, weave a placemat, mazes, dot-to-dots
- ⇒ Answer key for all six books

## Pacing the Activities

Each book takes about 16 days to complete.

The (optional) Circle C Beginnings lapbook activities stretch that to about 24 days per book. It is available in Ebook (\$18) or Print (\$36) at [www.AndiandTaffy.com](http://www.AndiandTaffy.com) and covers all six books with unique learning activities not covered in these activity pages.

Assignments are scheduled by day rather than by week, so you can use either a four-day or a five-day school week.

The books are chronological, but they are also stand-alone stories and need not be read in order. (You can read *Andi's Circle C Christmas* during the holidays, for instance.)

**Note:** You have permission to copy as many pages from this study guide as you desire for your home or classroom. Not for resale.

Enjoy the adventure!

*Susan Marlow*





## Schedule for Book 3 : *Andi's Fair Surprise*

\* indicates an optional activity found in the *Andi's Fair Surprise* lapbook.  
 (Lapbook activities **can be skipped** or purchased at [AndiandTaffy.com](http://AndiandTaffy.com))

<b><i>Andi's Fair Surprise</i></b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Day 4</b>
Book	"New Words" & Chapter 1	Chapter 2	_____	_____
Activities	Page 45 #1-3	Page 45 #4-6	* <i>Lapbook activity Chapters 1-2 (#1)</i>	* <i>Lapbook activity Chapters 1-2 (#2)</i>
<b><i>Andi's Fair Surprise</i></b>	<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Day 8</b>
Book	Chapter 3	_____	_____	Chapter 4
Activities	Page 45 #7-10	Pages 46-47	Pages 48-49	Page 50 #1-4
<b><i>Andi's Fair Surprise</i></b>	<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Day 12</b>
Book	_____	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	_____
Activities	* <i>Lapbook activity Chapters 3-4</i>	Page 50 #5-7	Page 50 #8-12	* <i>Lapbook activity Chapters 5-6</i>
<b><i>Andi's Fair Surprise</i></b>	<b>Day 13</b>	<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Day 16</b>
Book	_____	_____	Chapter 7	Chapter 8
Activities	Pages 51-52	Pages 53-54	Page 55 #1-4	Page 55 #5-6
<b><i>Andi's Fair Surprise</i></b>	<b>Day 17</b>	<b>Day 18</b>	<b>Day 19</b>	<b>Day 20</b>
Book	_____	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	_____
Activities	* <i>Lapbook activity Chapters 7-8</i>	Page 55 #7-8	Page 55 #9-11	* <i>Lapbook activity Chapters 9-10</i>
<b><i>Andi's Fair Surprise</i></b>	<b>Day 21</b>	<b>Day 22</b>	<b>Day 23</b>	<b>Day 24</b>
Book	_____	_____	A Peek into the Past	<b>Good Job!</b>
Activities	Pages 56-57	Pages 58-59	Page 61	

# Andi's Fair Surprise Chapters 1-3

Read the chapters and answer the questions:

## Chapter 1

1. What is the name of Andi's dog? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where is Henry the rooster in this chapter?
  - A. in a cage
  - B. in the barn
  - C. in the henhouse
3. YES or NO (circle one). Andi gets to take Taffy to the fair. Hooray!

## Chapter 2

4. Andi has three big brothers. Circle the brother who lassoed her:  
Justin • Chad • Mitch
5. Draw a line from the person to what he or she is taking to the fair:

Mother	lots of cows and horses
Chad & Mitch	nothing
Melinda	jars of jelly
Riley	a quilt
Andi	Henry the rooster
6. YES or NO (circle one). Andi is very excited to dress up for the fair.

## Chapter 3

7. Who sits next to Andi on the train? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Circle the things that happen to Andi when the train starts going fast.  
she falls asleep • she bumps her nose • she cries  
she falls on the floor • her hat slips down • her stomach feels sick
9. What blows into the train when Andi opens the window? \_\_\_\_\_
10. (Circle one): Riley • Justin explains to Andi how a steam train works.

## New Words for Chapters 1-3

Word Match- Draw a line between the words and what they mean. If you need help, look at the New Words list on page 7 in *Fair Surprise*.

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| calf    | • not exciting; boring                                    |
| dull    | • a baby cow  |
| foreman | • someone who helps the rancher take care of the ranch    |
| lasso   | • tiny specks of leftover wood or coal after it is burned |
| soot    | • a rope with a loop tied at one end                      |

### More Fun with New Words

Use the words from the word box and the clues to fill in the missing words in these sentences from chapters 1-3.

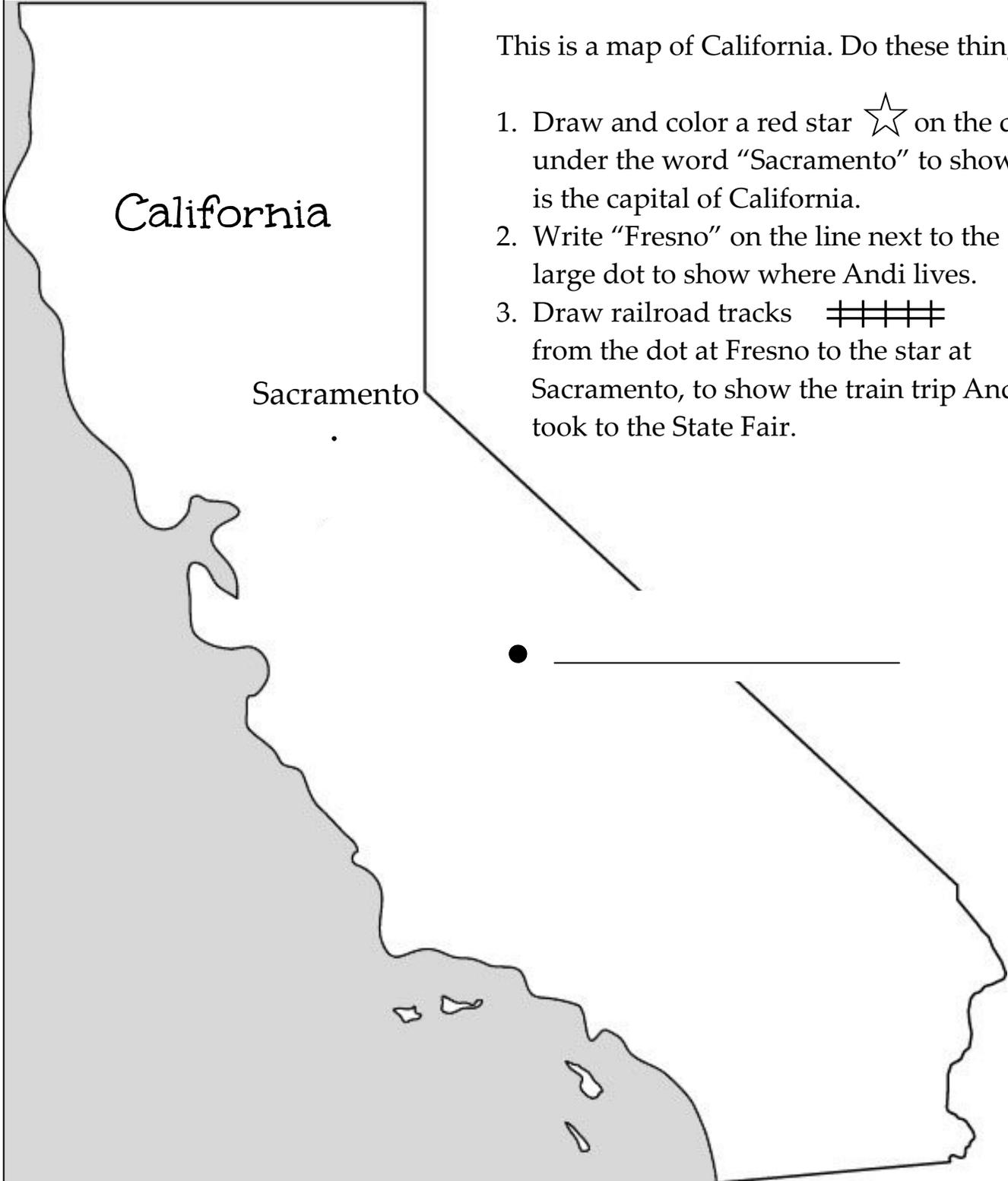
1. Bossy old Chad. He was always \_\_\_\_\_ her great ideas.  
(ruining; messing up)
2. Chad was always \_\_\_\_\_ Andi. (kidding; pestering)
3. Chad \_\_\_\_\_ Andi's hair and stood up. (messed up; ruffled)
4. Andi smiled. She liked sitting by Justin. He was always \_\_\_\_\_.  
(understanding)
5. The train went faster. It \_\_\_\_\_ back and forth. (rocked)

#### Word Box

teasing    patient    spoiling    swayed    ruffled

# Where Was the State Fair?

Sacramento is the capital of California. The state fair was held there every year starting in 1859. Andi and her family live in Fresno. It is a long way from Andi's ranch to the state fair. It takes many hours on the train to get there.



This is a map of California. Do these things:

1. Draw and color a red star ☆ on the dot under the word "Sacramento" to show it is the capital of California.
2. Write "Fresno" on the line next to the large dot to show where Andi lives.
3. Draw railroad tracks ≡≡≡≡ from the dot at Fresno to the star at Sacramento, to show the train trip Andi took to the State Fair.

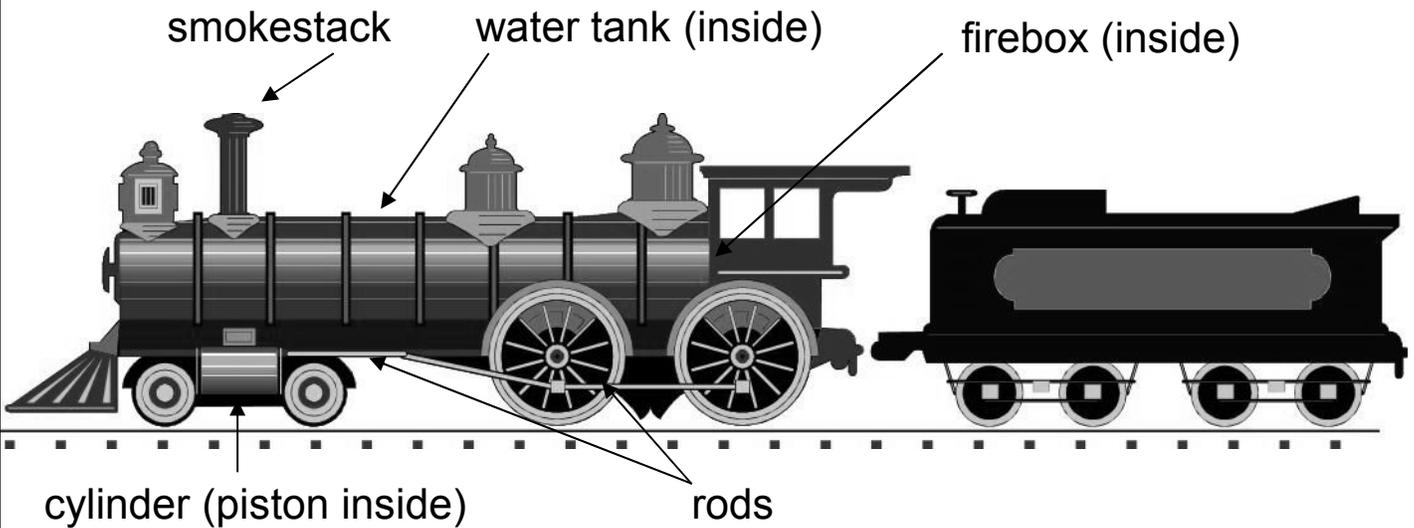
# Steam Trains

"The engine burns coal, and that makes the train go." Riley explains to Andi. "The more coal it burns, the faster it goes. The leftover coal goes out the smokestack."

\* \* \*

How does burning coal make a train go? What else happens? Here is a train engine and its coal car. To make it go, the train needs:

1. coal
2. a firebox
3. water
4. a water tank (boiler)
5. cylinders & pistons
6. rods to push the wheels
7. a smokestack



Here's what happens:

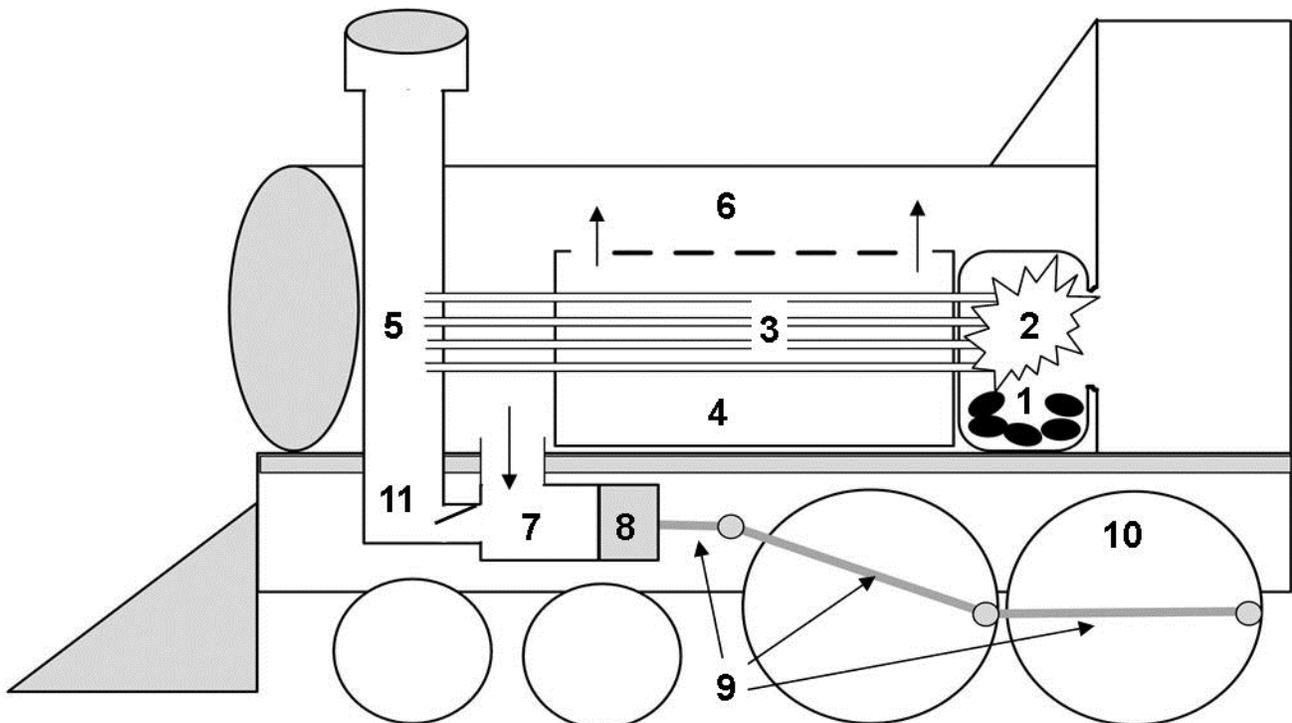
The fireman takes big shovelfuls of coal from the coal car and throws it into the firebox, which sits inside the train engine. The coal burns very hot. There are pipes running from the firebox through a big water tank (called a boiler). The heat from the burning coal goes through the pipes and out the smokestack (with the soot). As it goes through the pipes, the water heats up, just like in a tea kettle. The water gets so hot it turns into steam. The steam is pushed into the cylinder, which pushes the piston. Then the piston pushes the rods. The rods push the train's wheels. And the train moves! The hotter the fire, the more steam is created. The more steam, the faster the piston pushes the rods, and the faster the train goes.

# Inside a Steam Engine

Follow a piece of coal step by step as it turns into steam and makes the train's wheels go around. Color carefully! Watch how a steam train works at this link:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wL1W\\_9U9JI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wL1W_9U9JI)

1. COAL: The train burns coal inside the firebox.
2. FIREBOX: Color the firebox **RED** for a HOT fire!
3. HEATING TUBES: The heat, smoke, and coal dust go through these tubes. Color the heating tubes **RED**. They are HOT.
4. WATER TANK (BOILER): the tubes run through the boiler and heat up the water. Color the water in the boiler **BLUE**.
5. SMOKESTACK: the smoke and soot (burned coal) go up the smokestack. Draw **BLACK** smoke going up the smokestack.
6. STEAM: The water in the boiler gets so hot it turns into steam and goes up. Color everything here **GRAY**, like hot steam.
7. CYLINDER: The steam goes into the cylinder. Color the cylinder **GRAY**. It is full of steam too.
8. PISTON: The steam pushes the piston. Color the piston **PURPLE**.
9. RODS: The piston pushes the rods. Color the rods **GREEN**.
10. WHEELS: Rods push and pull the train's wheels. Color the wheels **BROWN**.
11. SMOKESTACK: The piston pushes the steam back through a little door. It goes up the smokestack too. Color this part of the smokestack **GRAY**



# Andi's Fair Surprise Chapters 4-6

Read the chapters and answer the questions:

## Chapter 4

1. Andi falls asleep on the train and wakes up in a \_\_\_\_\_
2. The fair lasts (circle one):      3 days      •      5 days      •      one week
3. Andi forgets her \_\_\_\_\_ in the dining room and runs back for it.
4. What does Andi find on the table next to her hat? \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 5

5. The state fair is held in which city?
  - A. San Francisco
  - B. Sacramento
  - C. San Diego
6. Andi's fair ticket is number \_\_\_\_\_
7. YES or NO (circle one). Justin gives Andi 20 cents to spend at the fair.

## Chapter 6

8. Circle the animals Riley and Andi visit on their first day at the fair.  
cats      •      rabbits      •      horses      •      sheep      •      chickens  
cows      •      goats      •      dogs      •      pigs
9. Andi meets a little girl named \_\_\_\_\_
10. Andi's first-favorite animal is a \_\_\_\_\_
11. Andi's second-favorite animal is a \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is your favorite animal? \_\_\_\_\_

## New Words for Chapters 4-6

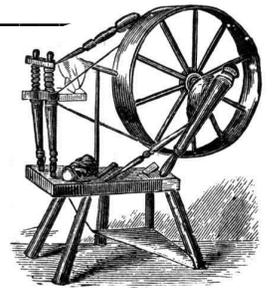
Turn back to page 7 in *Fair Surprise* and find the three words below. Write what each word means.

1. exhibits \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. livestock \_\_\_\_\_
3. thrill show \_\_\_\_\_

## New Words Riddles

Can you guess the word from the riddle clues? Use the word box for help.

4. You look at me in a restaurant to decide what you would like to eat and how much it will cost. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
5. You need me to get into the fair or a movie theater, or to ride a plane. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
6. I am a lady who writes down what you want to eat when you go to a restaurant. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When someone spins me around, I turn wool into yarn. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
8. People give this to someone who has done an extra-good job serving another person. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_



a spinning wheel

### Word Box

spinning wheel

waitress

menu

ticket

tip

# Fair Animals Math

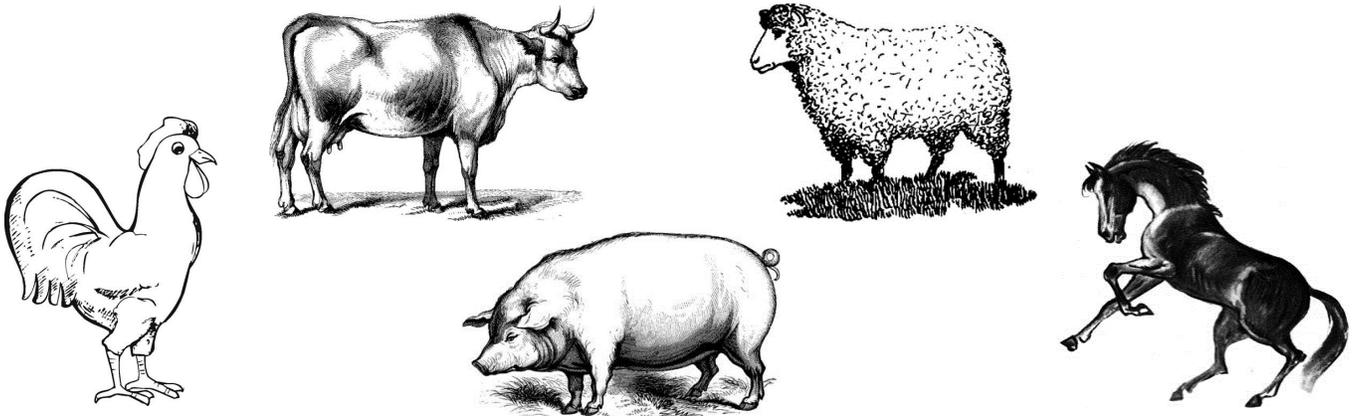
Andi and Riley count the animals they see at the fair. They use tally marks like this to keep track of the animals: |||

Count the tally marks (count by 5's) to find out how many of each kind of animal Andi and Riley saw at the fair:

Horses:	_____
Cows:	_____
Pigs:	_____
Chickens:	_____
Sheep:	_____

1. Which animal did Andi and Riley see the most of? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which animal did Andi and Riley see the least of? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many different *kinds* of animals did Andi and Riley see? \_\_\_\_\_

Which is your favorite fair animal? Circle your choice below:



COLOR THE PICTURE

## Security

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
~ Psalm 100:3



# Security

When you are secure, you feel safe. God loves you. No matter what happens, you can trust Him to take care of you . . . in this life and also forever.

Fill in the missing words from the Bible verses to show God's promises to keep you secure in Him. (Use your Bible to look up the verses, or use the word box.)

**GOD**   **LOVE**   **GOOD**   **EVIL**   **PEOPLE**   **GUIDE**  
**FOREVER**   **SHEPHERD**   **GOD**   **PASTURE**

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ causes all things to work together for \_\_\_\_\_ to those that love God. (Romans 8:28)
2. [Nothing] can separate us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Romans 8:39)
3. The LORD is my \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 23:1)
4. Even though I walk through the darkest \_\_\_\_\_ I will fear no \_\_\_\_\_, for you are with me. (Psalm 23:4)
5. For this God is our God \_\_\_\_\_ and ever; he will be our \_\_\_\_\_ even to the end. (Psalm 48:14)
6. We are his \_\_\_\_\_ and the sheep of his \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 100:3)

# Who Am I?



Today at the fair you can see many different kinds of animals. You can even bring your pets and win ribbons.

Below are some clues about some of the animals at the fair. Can you guess which animal it is? Use the word box to help you.

cat	turkey	rabbit	duck	goat	dog
cow	sheep	pig	hen	rooster	horse

1. I have beautiful tail feathers, and I crow every morning: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Children love to pet my soft fur. I have long ears and hop: \_\_\_\_\_
3. I don't mean to, but I smell stinky. I grunt and like the mud: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Most of the time you see me at Thanksgiving, on a table: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Fluffy wool covers me all winter. I get it cut off in the spring: \_\_\_\_\_
6. I like to butt heads, and sometimes I have horns: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Children like to ride on my back. I am Andi's favorite animal:  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. I lay an egg every morning. Andi has to collect my eggs: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Swimming is what I like to do! I can fly too. And quack: \_\_\_\_\_
10. I give a lot of milk every day. My baby is called a "calf": \_\_\_\_\_
11. I make a fine pet. I love to run and play. I bark a lot: \_\_\_\_\_
12. I don't like dogs! I am soft and cuddly and like to purr: \_\_\_\_\_

# Andi's Fair Surprise Chapters 7-10

Read the chapters and answer the questions:



## Chapter 7

1. YES or NO (circle one). Mitch wins the horse race at the fair.
2. The strong man lifts a \_\_\_\_\_ to his shoulders.
3. What does Andi find that she likes better than a thrill show or taffy candy?  
A. a pony ride      B. a ring-toss game      C. looking at exhibits
4. What prize does Andi hope to win? \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 8

5. What does Andi win with her fair ticket?  
A. a lamb      B. a cowboy hat with a red feather      C. taffy candy
6. Circle the people who do NOT like sheep:  
Andi • Uncle Sid • Chad • Jesus • Carrie • other ranchers

## Chapter 9

7. Andi names her new lamb \_\_\_\_\_.
8. YES or NO (circle one). Andi's lamb gets loose and makes a mess of the fair.

## Chapter 10

9. Why is Andi sad after she gives Inky to Carrie?  
A. because she has a stomach ache from too much fair food  
B. because the fair is over and she doesn't want to leave  
C. because she doesn't have anything to take home from the fair
10. What does Chad win for Andi? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What does Mother give Andi when the fair is over?  
A. a blue ribbon      B. a big hug      C. her prize money

# Twenty Cents a Day

Justin gives Andi 20 cents each day of the fair. She can spend it on anything she wants. Below are some of the things Andi buys. Can you help her add it up?

## Price List

Fruit = 7 cents

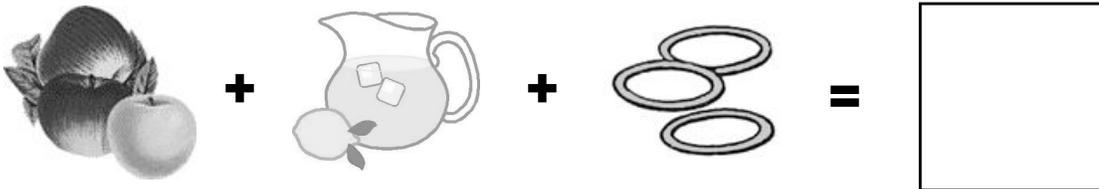
Bread & Jam = 6 cents

Ring Toss Game = 5 cents

Thrill Show = 5 cents

Lemonade = 4 cents

Taffy Candy = 3 cents



\_\_\_\_\_

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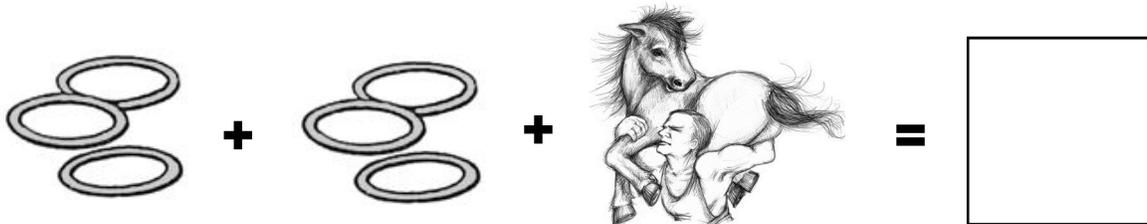


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Andi spent most of her money on the \_\_\_\_\_

# Third Place Winner

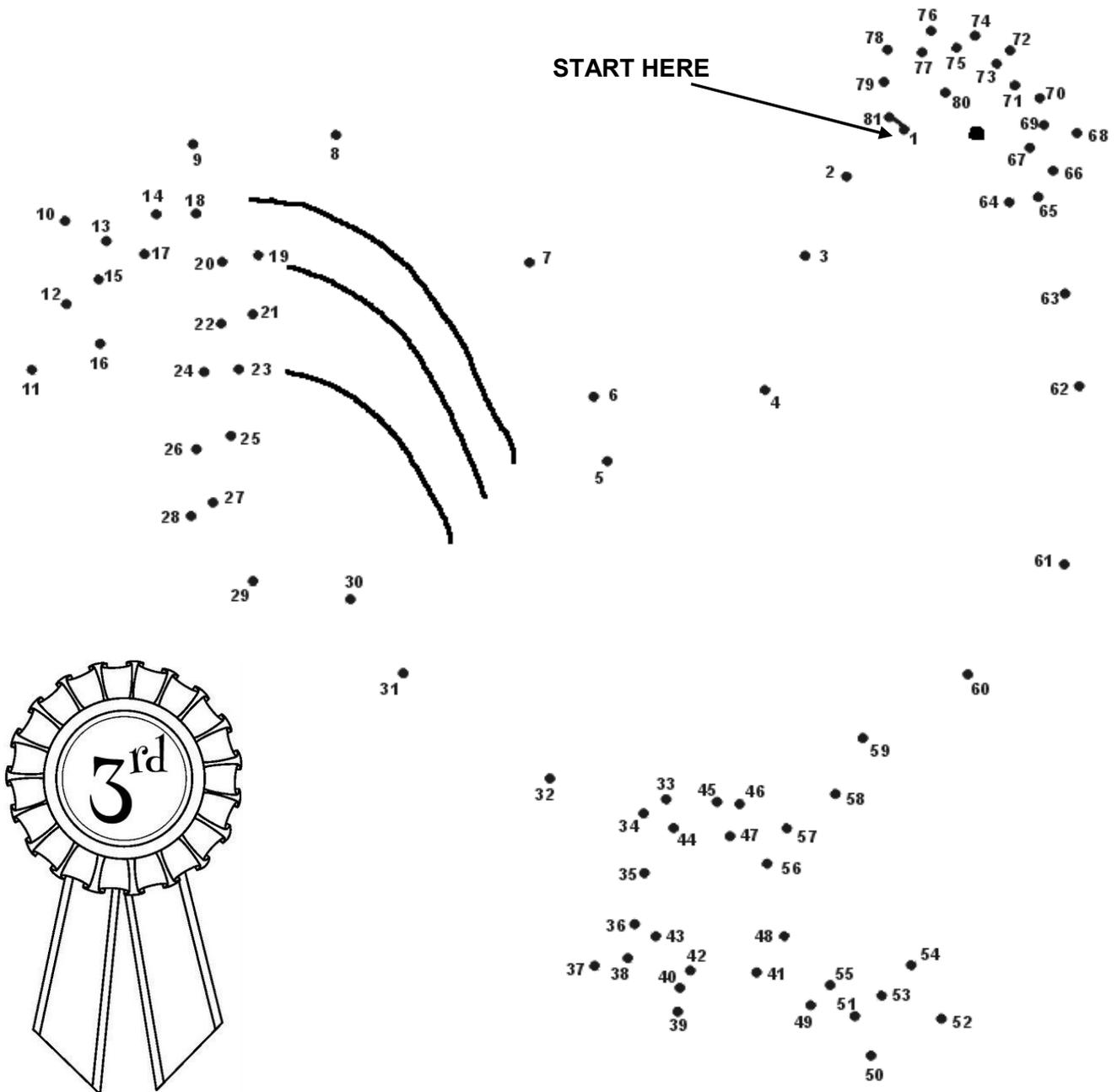
Follow the dot-to-dot to find out who wins a third-place ribbon at the state fair.

Who is it? \_\_\_\_\_ Why doesn't he win a first-place, blue ribbon? (Look on page 55 of *Fair Surprise* for a hint.)

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Now color the picture. Make this fellow beautiful! Color the ribbon too.



# Character Ribbons

Part of the fun of a state fair is entering something special with the hope of winning a ribbon (and prize money). People like to win ribbons for the best horse, the biggest pumpkin, the tastiest pie, or the most beautiful quilt. A blue ribbon means you won first place; a red ribbon means second place; and a white ribbon means third place.

Andi wanted to win a blue ribbon by taking Taffy to the fair. Instead, she won a blue ribbon from her mother for making a hard choice. She won a “character ribbon.” Character is something on the inside of a person, like being grateful or patient or truthful or obedient. Andi won her character ribbon for being KIND and BRAVE. She gave up her lamb.



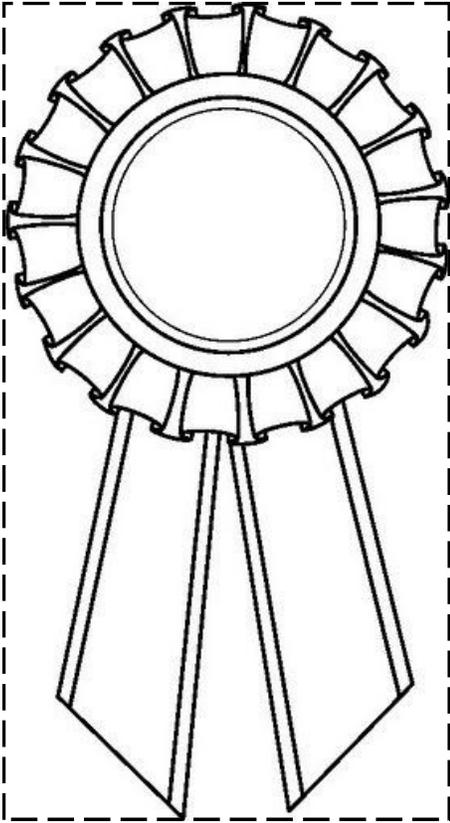
On the next page are character ribbon bookmarks for you to color and cut out (you can make more copies of the page). Think of something your mother, father, sister, or brother could win a character ribbon for. Write it in the middle of the ribbon. Color and decorate the ribbon (you can add glitter too). Cut out the bookmark and give it to them.

Now ask your parents what YOU could win a character ribbon for. Write their answer in the middle of a ribbon. Color and decorate a character ribbon for yourself. Cut it out and keep it handy. Use these character ribbons as bookmarks or to hang on your wall.

The next page also shows extra character buttons. They show examples of character traits. You may use them if you can't think of a special character trait on your own. Color them and cut them out. Glue them into the center of the character ribbons.

## Character Counts!

# Character Ribbon Bookmarks

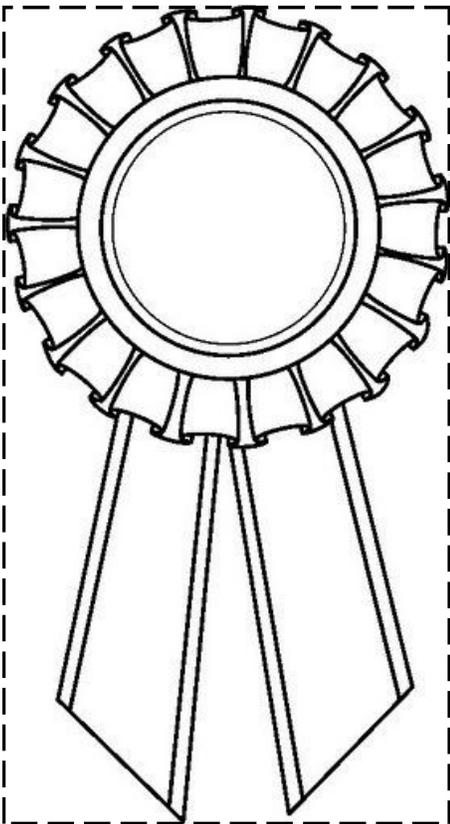
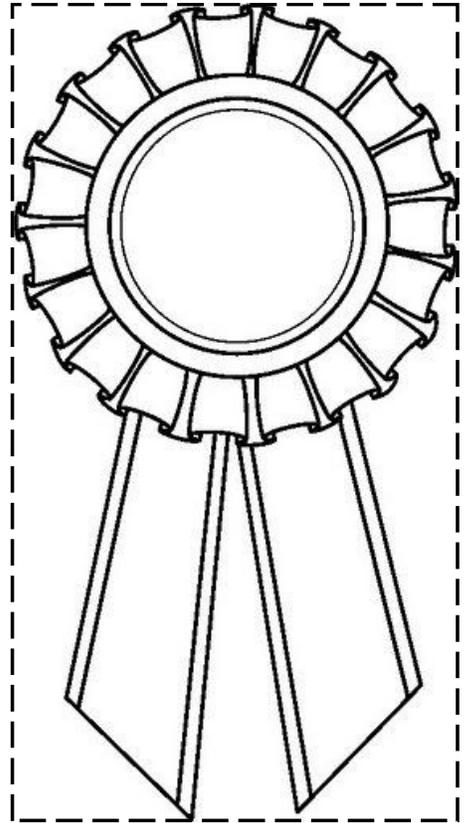


**Kind**

**Patient**

**Truthful**

**Loyal**

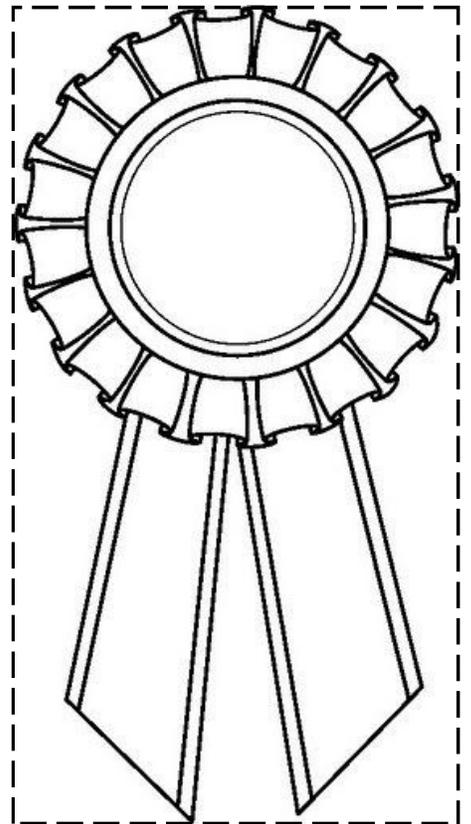


**Obedient**

**Grateful**

**Cheerful**

**Brave**

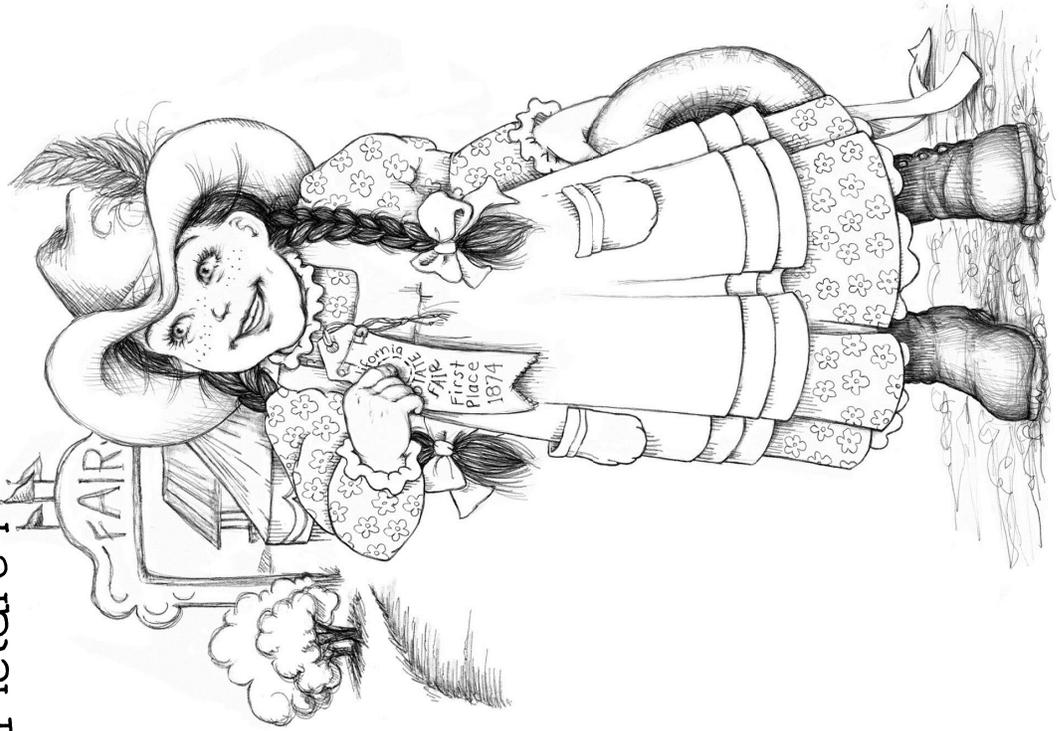




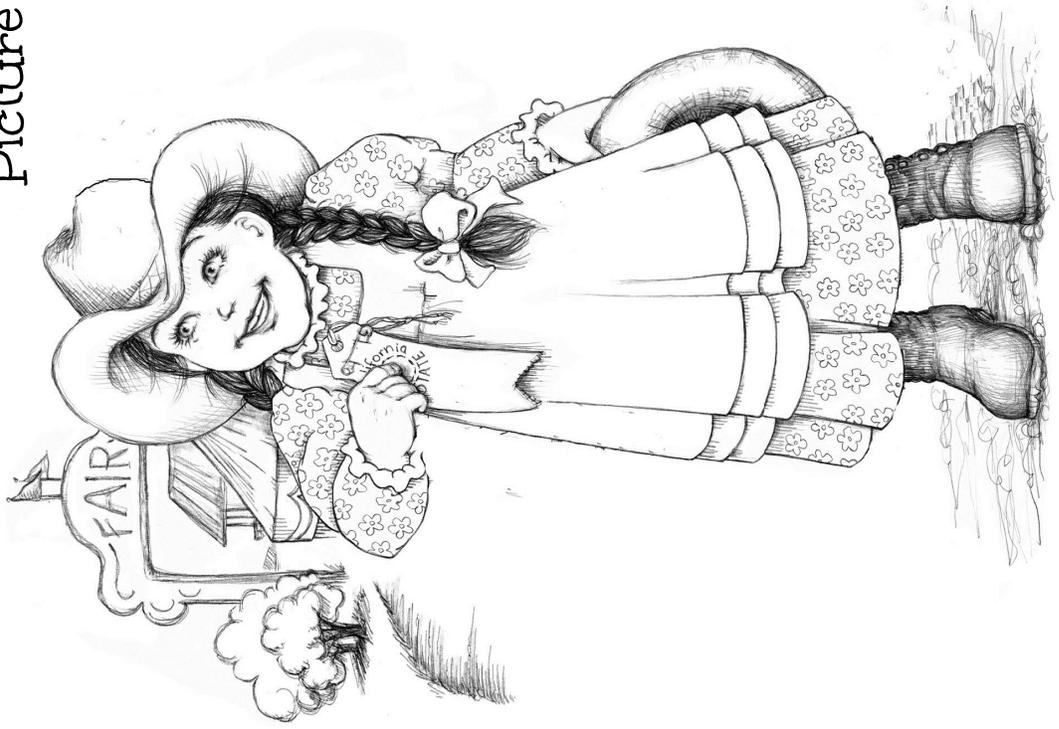
# Fair Surprise Mix-Up

Here are 2 pictures. They are not the same. There are 9 things missing from Picture 2. Can you find them? Circle the places on Picture 2 where the missing things belong.

Picture 1



Picture 2



# Answers: 3- Andi's Fair Surprise

## Page 45: Chapters 1-3

- Duke
- A
- NO
- Chad
- Mother:** jars of jelly  
**Chad & Mitch:** cows and horses  
**Melinda:** a quilt  
**Riley:** Henry the rooster  
**Andi:** nothing
- NO
- Justin
- she bumps her nose; her hat hat slips down; her stomach feels sick
- soot
- Riley

## Page 46: New words Chapters 1-3

- calf**—a baby cow  
**dull**—not exciting; boring  
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**lasso**—a rope with a loop tied at one end  
**soot**—tiny specks of wood or coal after it is burned
- spoiling
  - teasing
  - ruffled
  - patient
  - swayed

## Page 50: Chapters 4-6

- hotel (or bed)
- one week
- hat
- two dimes
- B
- 696
- YES
- horses, sheep, chickens, cows, pigs
- Carrie
- horse
- lamb
- Answers will vary.

## Page 47: Where Was the State Fair?



## Page 51: New Words

### Chapters 4-6

- exhibits**—the booths at a fair that show animals, crafts, and other fair items
- livestock**—farm animals
- thrill show**—an exciting event at the fair, like the sword swallower or the strong man
- menu
- ticket
- waitress
- spinning wheel
- tip

## Page 52:

### Fair Animals

#### Math

- Horses: 32  
Cows: 28  
Pigs: 20  
Chickens: 36  
Sheep: 25
- chickens
  - pigs
  - five

## Page 53: "Security"

- God, good
- love
- Shepherd
- valley, evil
- forever, guide
- people, pasture

## Page 54:

### Who am I?

- rooster
- rabbit
- pig
- turkey
- sheep
- goat
- horse
- hen
- duck
- cow
- dog
- cat

## Page 55: Chapters 7-10

- NO
- Pony
- B
- a cowboy hat
- A
- Uncle Sid; Chad; other ranchers
- Inky
- YES
- C
- the cowboy hat
- A

## Page 61: Fair Surprise

### Mix Up

- One flag  
Pockets (2)  
Braid  
Feather  
Freckles  
Wording on ribbon  
Ruffle around hem  
Hat ribbons

## Page 56: Twenty cents

- 16 cents  
18 cents  
15 cents  
20 cents  
Andi spends most of her money on the Ring Toss game.

## Page 57:

### Third-place winner

- Henry the Eighth (rooster)  
—Henry pecked the judge.

