

Grades
1-3

THUMBS UP!

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



STUDENT SAFETY

ACTIVITY BOOK

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BUSPATROL



BUS SAFETY QUICK TIPS

Check before you step!

Know the danger zone.

“I see the driver. The driver sees me.”

Wait for the driver's signal to cross.

Look left, right, and left again.

Use a backpack to avoid dropping things.

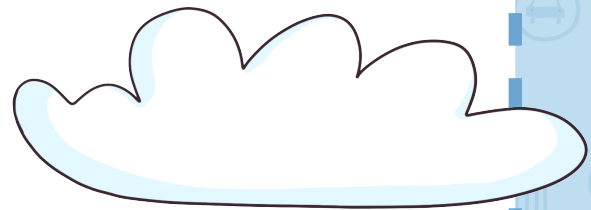
Horn means danger.



GETTING TO THE BUS STOP

- ☆ **Plan to get to the bus stop at least five minutes early.** Get a good night's sleep to wake up early. You do not want to be rushing around traffic trying to catch the bus!
- ☆ Always remember to pack all your items in your backpack before you leave home so you do not drop anything on the road.
- ☆ If you need to cross the street to get to the bus stop, always stop where it is safe and look **LEFT, RIGHT, and LEFT again before crossing.**
- ☆ Always stay alert and listen for cars that you may not see.
- ☆ Never run towards the bus or run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.

AT THE BUS STOP (AS THE BUS APPROACHES)



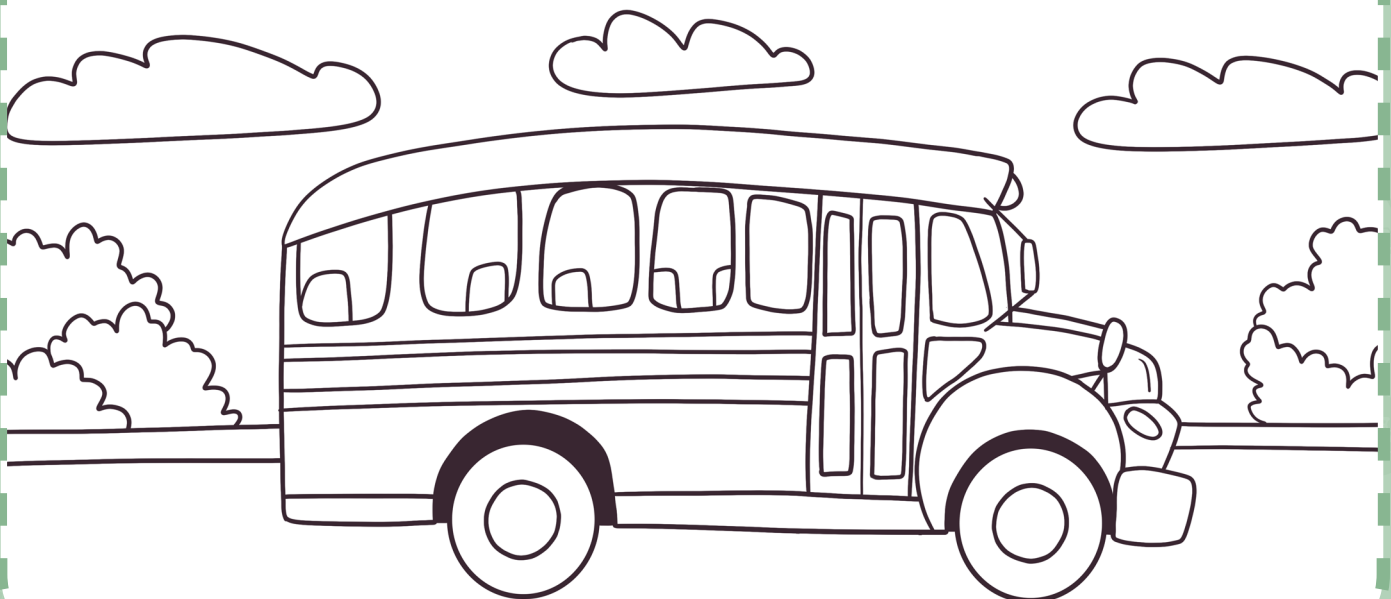
- ☆ Stay safe while waiting for the bus by staying off the street and away from cars. Wait for the bus on the sidewalk or grass (at least 6 feet away - three giant steps).
- ☆ Do not talk to strangers while waiting for the bus and never get into the car with a stranger.
- ☆ As the bus approaches, the yellow lights change to red. **The red lights and red stop sign on the side of the bus tell all cars to STOP.**
- ☆ **BE AWARE - sometimes drivers do not respect the red lights or forget to stop like they should.**
- ☆ Be careful, cars could pass on both the left and right side of the bus - and from the front or back direction.
- ☆ When the bus comes, wait for it to come to a complete stop before getting on.
- ☆ Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay, before stepping onto the bus.

GETTING ON THE BUS

- ☆ Get on the bus one at a time. Form an orderly line as the bus approaches, with the first student standing at least 6 feet away from traffic.
- ☆ Keep electronic devices packed away as you prepare to board. Never use an electronic device or wear earbuds when boarding.
- ☆ **Walk slowly and always hold the railings, as you walk up the steps.**

WHILE ON THE BUS

- ☆ Pick a seat, face forward, and stay seated.
- ☆ Make sure to obey the bus driver's rules and directions.
- ☆ Talk quietly so the bus driver can focus on the road.
- ☆ Do not play, shout, or throw things in the bus.
- ☆ Do not eat on the bus.
- ☆ If the windows are down, keep your head and arms safely inside.
- ☆ Keep your feet and backpacks out of the aisles so no one gets hurt.
- ☆ We stay in our seats until the bus stops.
- ☆ If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions. NEVER play around on the Emergency Exit door steps.



GETTING OFF THE BUS

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL AT THE START OF THE DAY

- ☆ Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's safe, before stepping off the bus.
- ☆ When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing and backpacks don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- ☆ Wait for your turn to get off the bus. Get in line and then patiently exit one at a time – do not push people in front of you.
- ☆ Walk (don't run) straight towards the school.
- ☆ After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.
- ☆ If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver by waving your hands above your head and receiving instructions from the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- ☆ Never walk or run between parked cars and buses.

RETURNING HOME AFTER SCHOOL

- ☆ Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's safe, before stepping off the bus.
- ☆ When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing and backpacks don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- ☆ Wait for your turn to get off the bus. Get in line and then patiently exit one at a time – do not push people in front of you.
- ☆ Always be alert and focused when near the school bus danger zone.
- ☆ Never walk behind the bus.
- ☆ If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver by waving your hands above your head and receiving instructions from the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- ☆ **NOTE:** The driver's horn signals DANGER.

AFTER GETTING OFF THE BUS

DO YOU HAVE TO CROSS THE ROAD?

NO

- ☆ After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.

YES

- ☆ After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.
- ☆ “Be aware — cross with care!” Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.
- ☆ Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- ☆ Wait for the bus driver’s signal that it is safe to cross the street.
- ☆ LISTEN carefully to the bus driver’s crossing instructions.
- ☆ STOP: The driver will hold their hand up for you to stay put, while they check to make sure all traffic has stopped.
- ☆ LOOK: The driver will give the thumbs up to signal it is time to look both ways. Look left, right, and left again.
- ☆ CROSS: The driver will point with the thumbs up in the direction the students should cross using the universal crossing signal. Remember to look, left, right and left again while in front of the bus.

LOADING AT SCHOOL

- ☆ Line up outside quietly and patiently for the bus. Form an orderly line as the bus approaches, with the first student standing at least three giant steps away (at least 6 feet) from the curb.
- ☆ Check with the bus driver or teacher to make sure you get on the right bus.
- ☆ Walk straight towards the bus door and be sure your driver can see you. Get on the bus one at a time.
- ☆ If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver by waving your hands above your head and receiving instructions from the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- ☆ Never run towards the bus or run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- ☆ Never walk behind the bus



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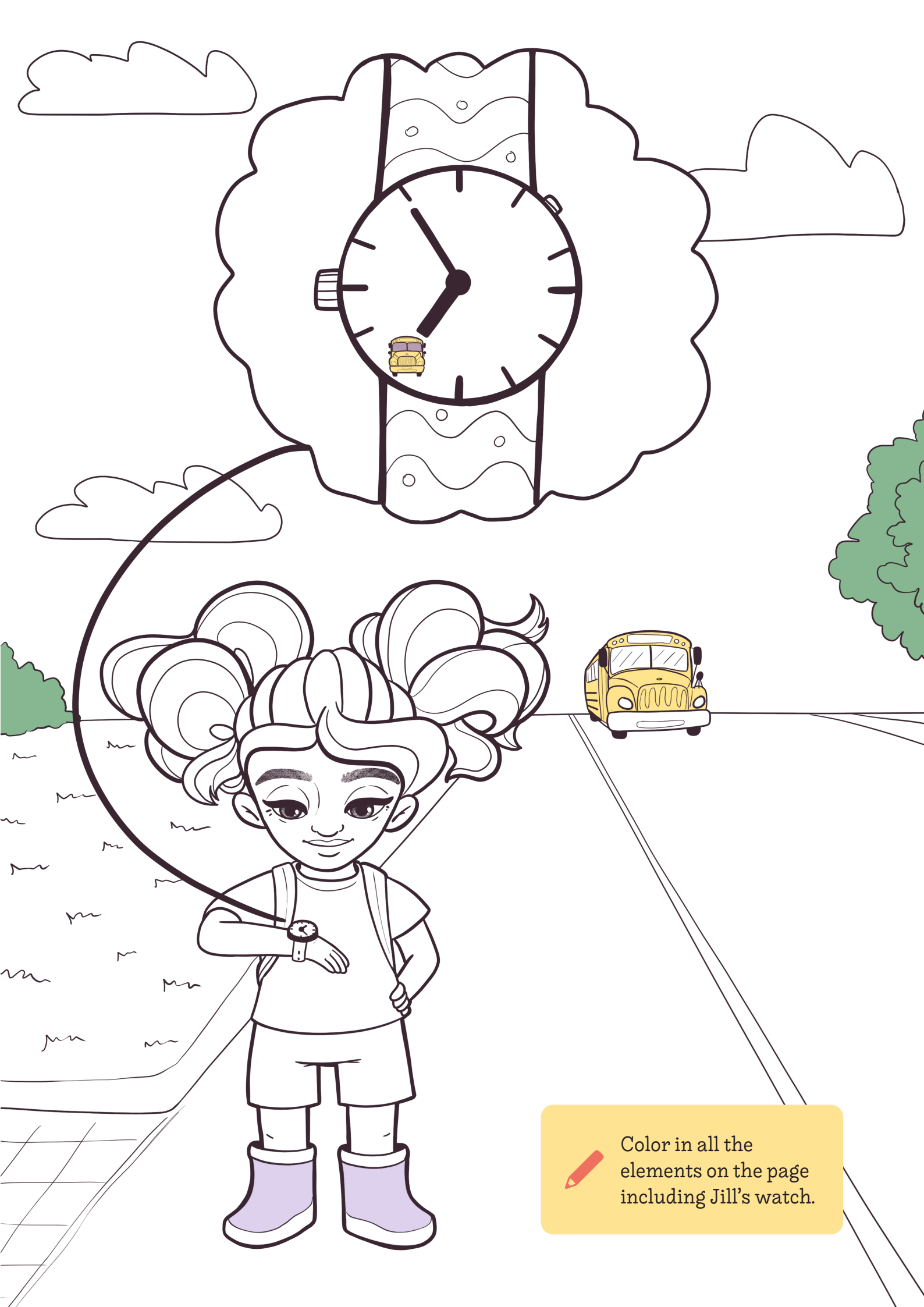
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**START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT!
BE ON TIME.**

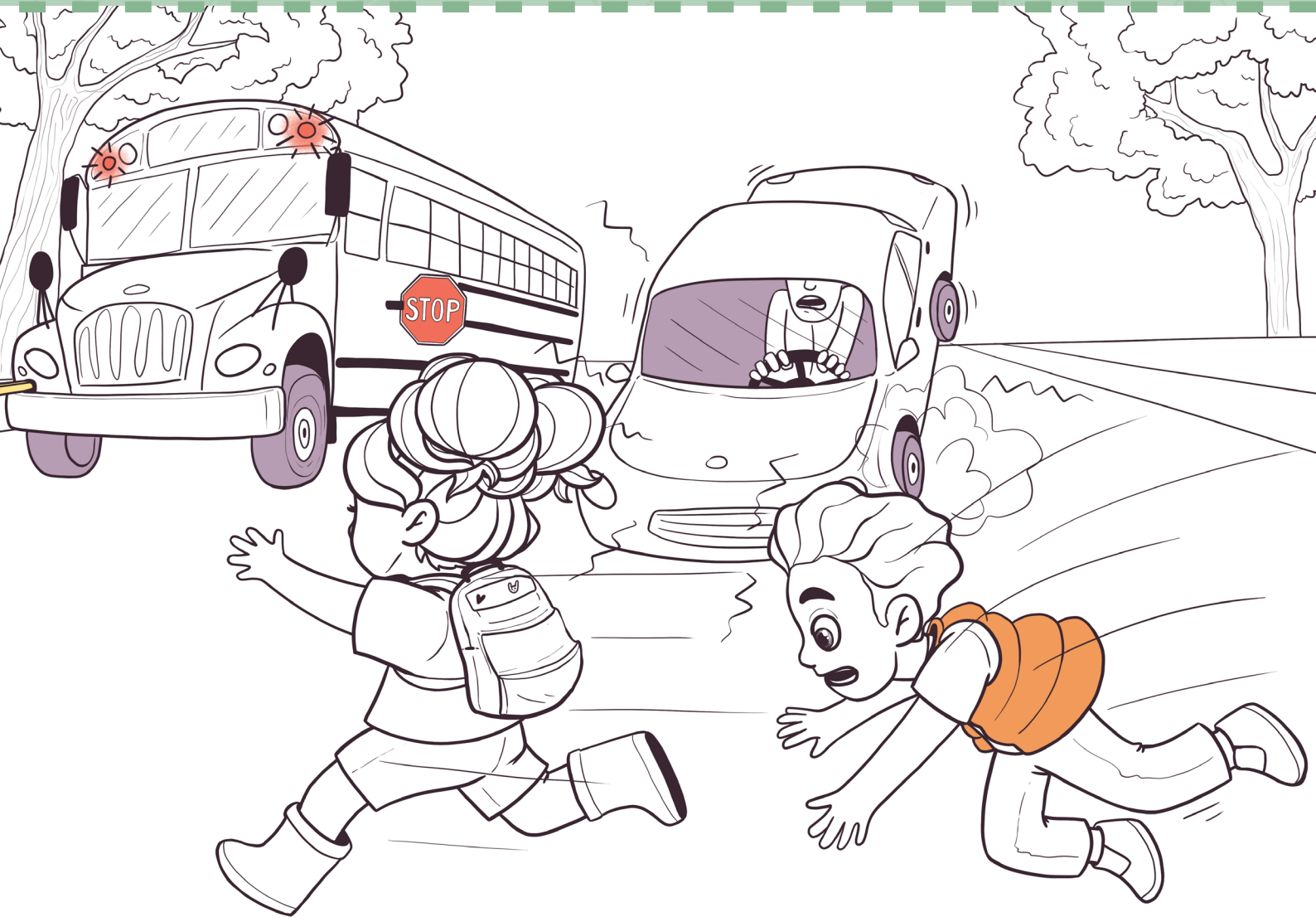
Plan to get to the bus stop at least 5 minutes early. Get a good night's sleep to wake up on time. You do not want to be rushing around traffic trying to catch the bus!



 Color in all the elements on the page including Jill's watch.

BE AWARE, CROSS WITH CARE!

Sometimes drivers do not respect the red lights or forget to stop like they should. Cars could pass on both the left and right side of the bus - and from the front or back direction.



Never run towards the bus or run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.



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LEARN THE UNIVERSAL CROSSING SIGNALS

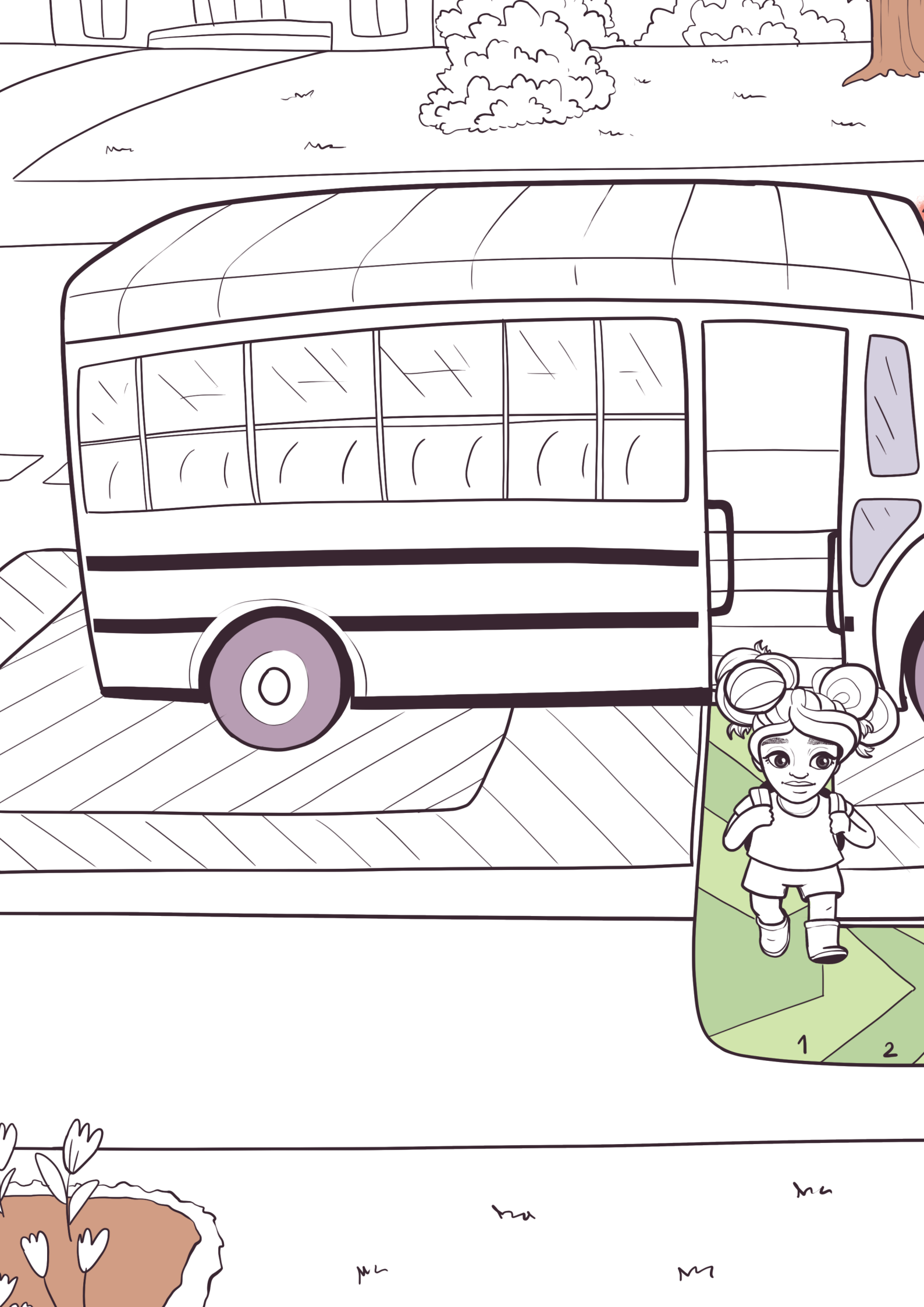
After you get off the bus, be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver. Wait for their signal that it is safe to cross.



STOP, LOOK, CROSS!



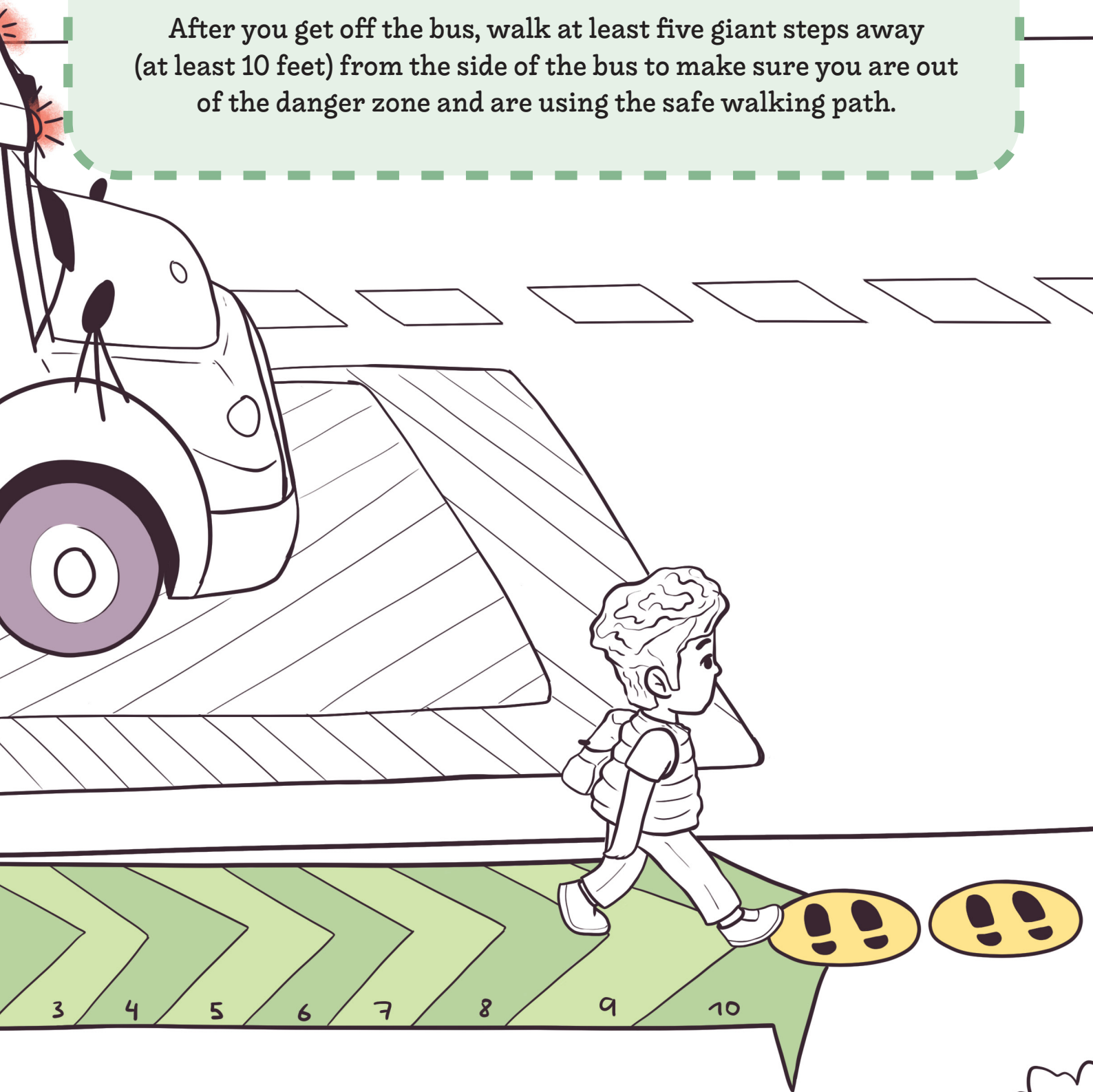
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Coloring Sheet

FOLLOW THE SAFE WALKING PATH!

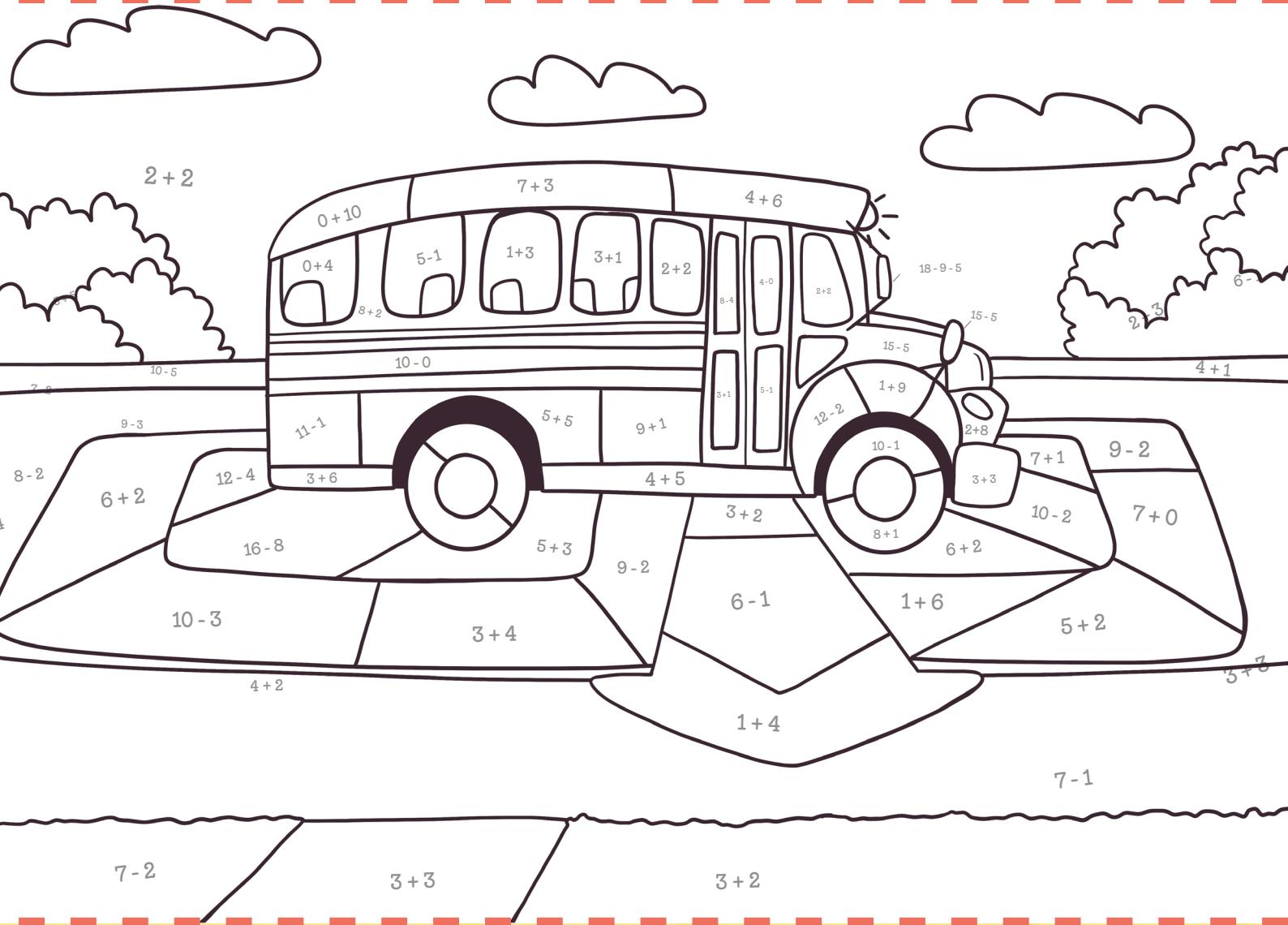
After you get off the bus, walk at least five giant steps away (at least 10 feet) from the side of the bus to make sure you are out of the danger zone and are using the safe walking path.



 Color and shade in all the elements on the page including the danger zone surrounding the yellow school bus.

GET TO KNOW THE DANGER ZONE

Learn about the danger zone around the bus and stay safe while getting on and off. Remember to never walk behind the bus and never try to pick up something you dropped.



Add or subtract the numbers in each. Follow the code below to help you color all the elements on the page. Can you spot the danger zone?

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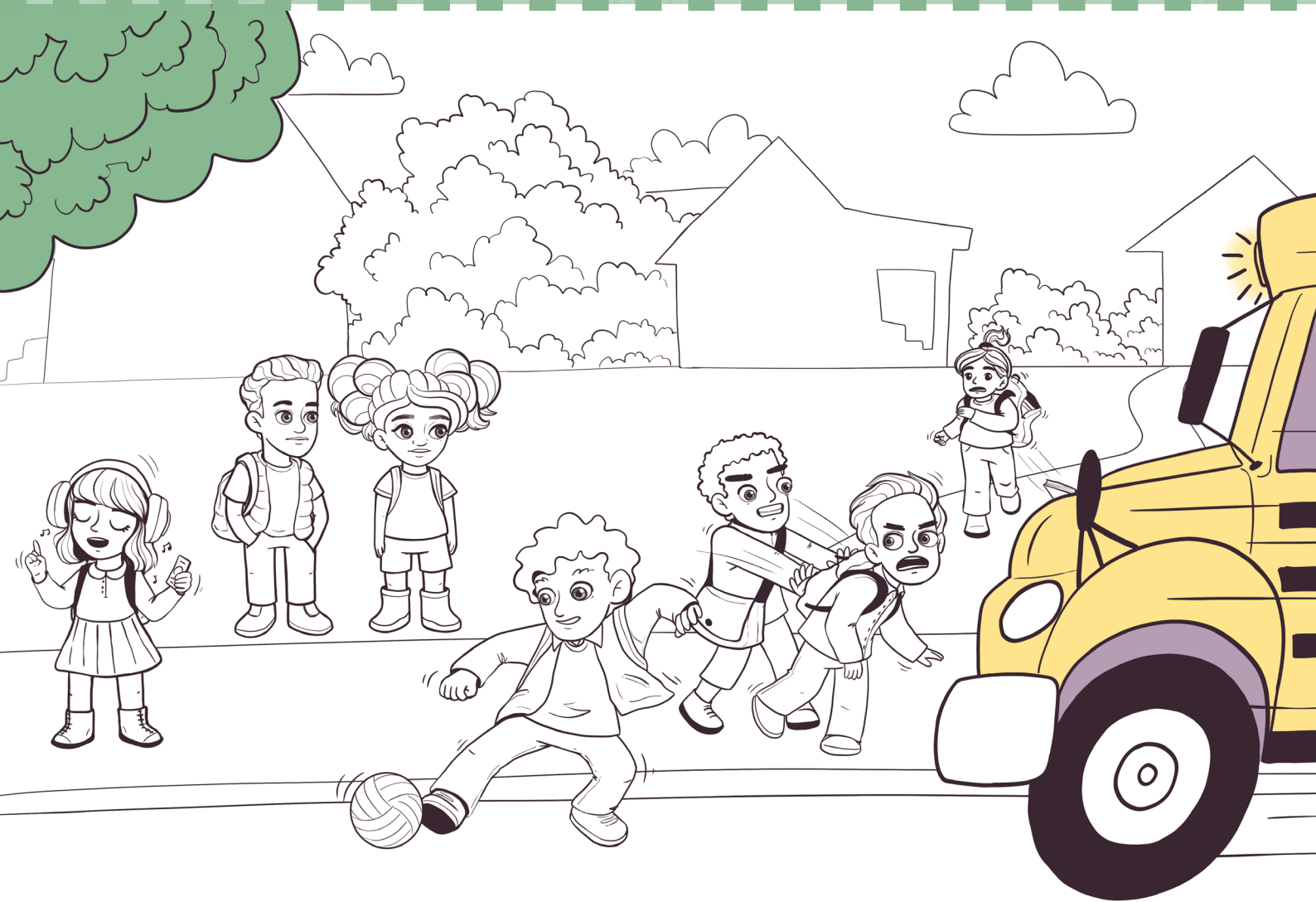
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UNDERSTANDING SAFE AND UNSAFE BEHAVIOR

As the school bus approaches, remember to follow the guidelines to stay safe.



Circle each student that is following the safety guidelines.

Draw a triangle around each student with unsafe behavior.

A PICTURE IS WORTH 1000 WORDS

Help identify safe and unsafe behavior.

Are Jack, Jill and their friends following the safety guidelines?



Focus your attention on the behavior presented in the images below and mark the following:

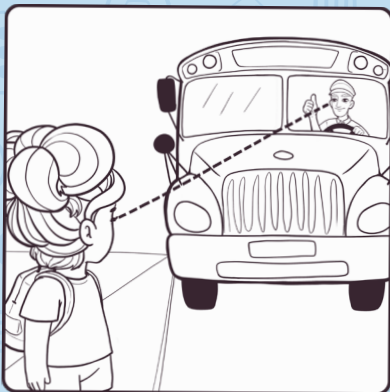
Draw a ✓ next to a **SAFE** statement

Draw an ✗ next to an **UNSAFE** statement

Then ○ the statement that best corresponds to the image



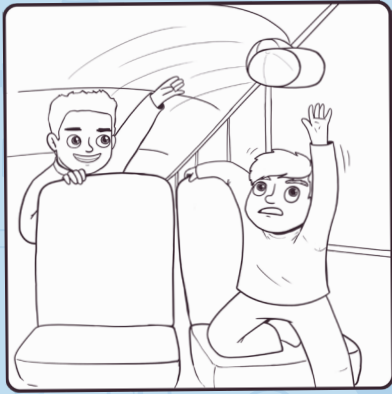
- Children are lined up safely and getting ready to board the bus, one at a time.
- Students are pushing and shoving as they get ready to get on the bus.
- The students are careful and know if they are in the danger zone.



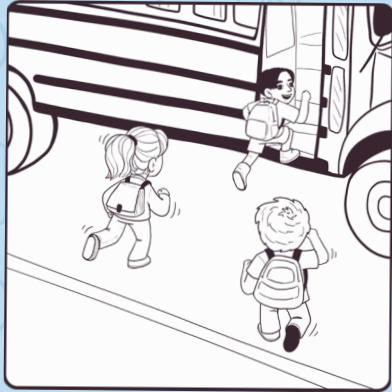
- Jill looks at the bus driver and waits for the signal to know it's safe to cross.
- Jill runs out of the bus as she gets off at school.
- Jill waits for her friends to get to the bus stop.



- Jill sits quietly in her seat facing forward.
- Jill places her backpack under her seat.
- Jill eats her snack on the bus.



- Mike and Matteo sit quietly in their seats facing forward.
- Mike and Matteo play on the bus.
- Mike and Matteo always look left, right, and left again before crossing the road.



- Jill's friends run into the school bus.
- Jill's friends follow the safe walking path and are in line to get on the bus.
- Jill's friends remember to never run or play around the bus.



- Thomas and Marisol sit patiently and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off.
- Thomas and Marisol never cross behind the school bus
- Thomas and Marisol tell the bus driver if they drop anything as they get on or off the bus



- Jack and Jill are holding on to the handrail as they get on the bus.
- The driver is signalling Jack and Jill to let them know it's safe.
- Jack and Jill are carrying books and food in their hands.



- Jack always makes sure that he can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see him.
- Jack walks 10 feet away from the bus after getting off.
- Jack looks LEFT, RIGHT and LEFT again before crossing.

Math Puzzle

LET'S GO MATHLETES!

Can you help solve this puzzle? Test your multiplication skills with this quiz. Remember to be aware and cross with care.

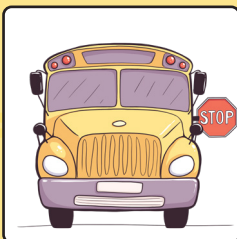
- +** - Find the value of each student safety icon in the multiplication table below.
- ×** **÷** Bonus points: Can you guess what these school bus safety symbols mean?



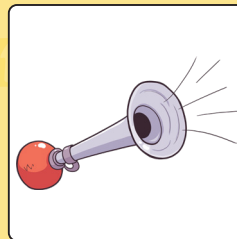
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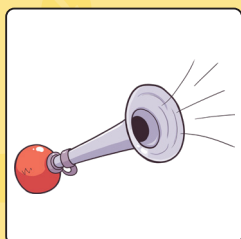
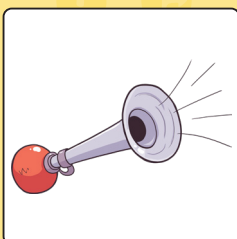
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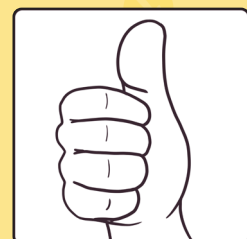
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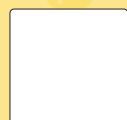
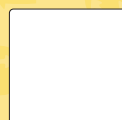
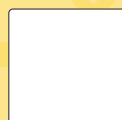
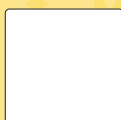
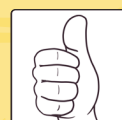
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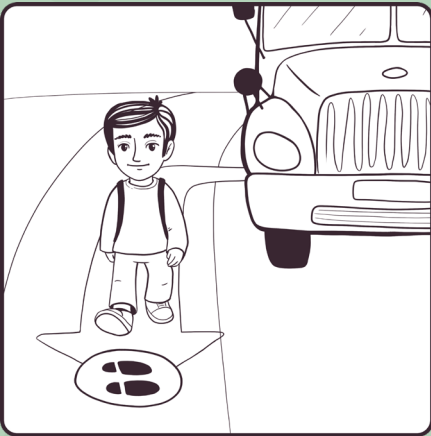
HELP PUT THE STORY BACK TOGETHER

How well do you think you know the school bus safety rules?

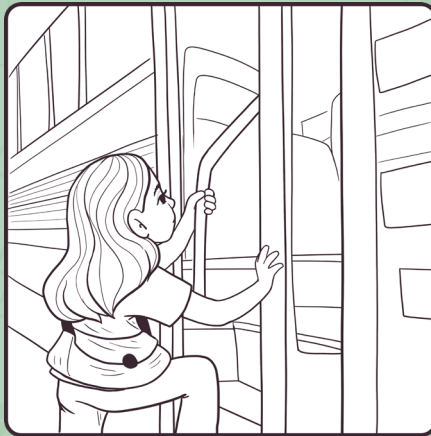
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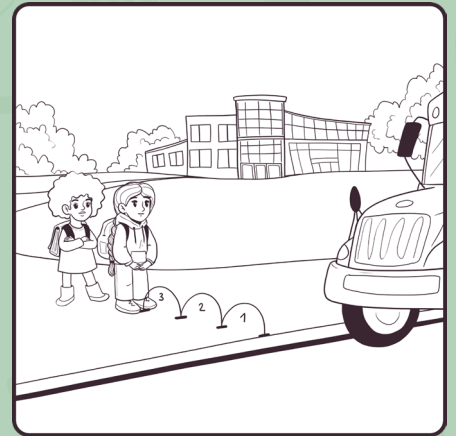
Put the pictures below in order starting with which event happened first! After you've ordered the pictures write a few sentences describing what is happening in each scenario.



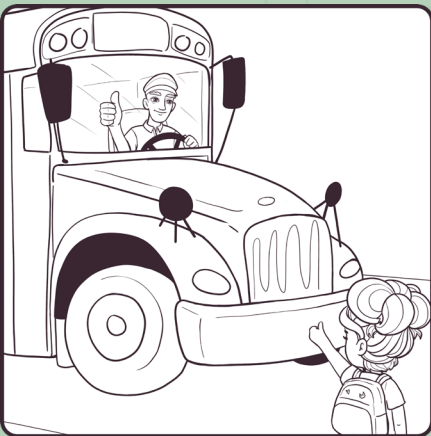
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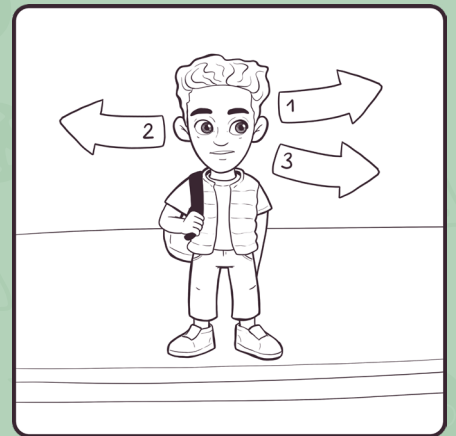
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Word Search

SCHOOL BUS WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words in the puzzle below?
Look out for the words spelled backwards and diagonally.

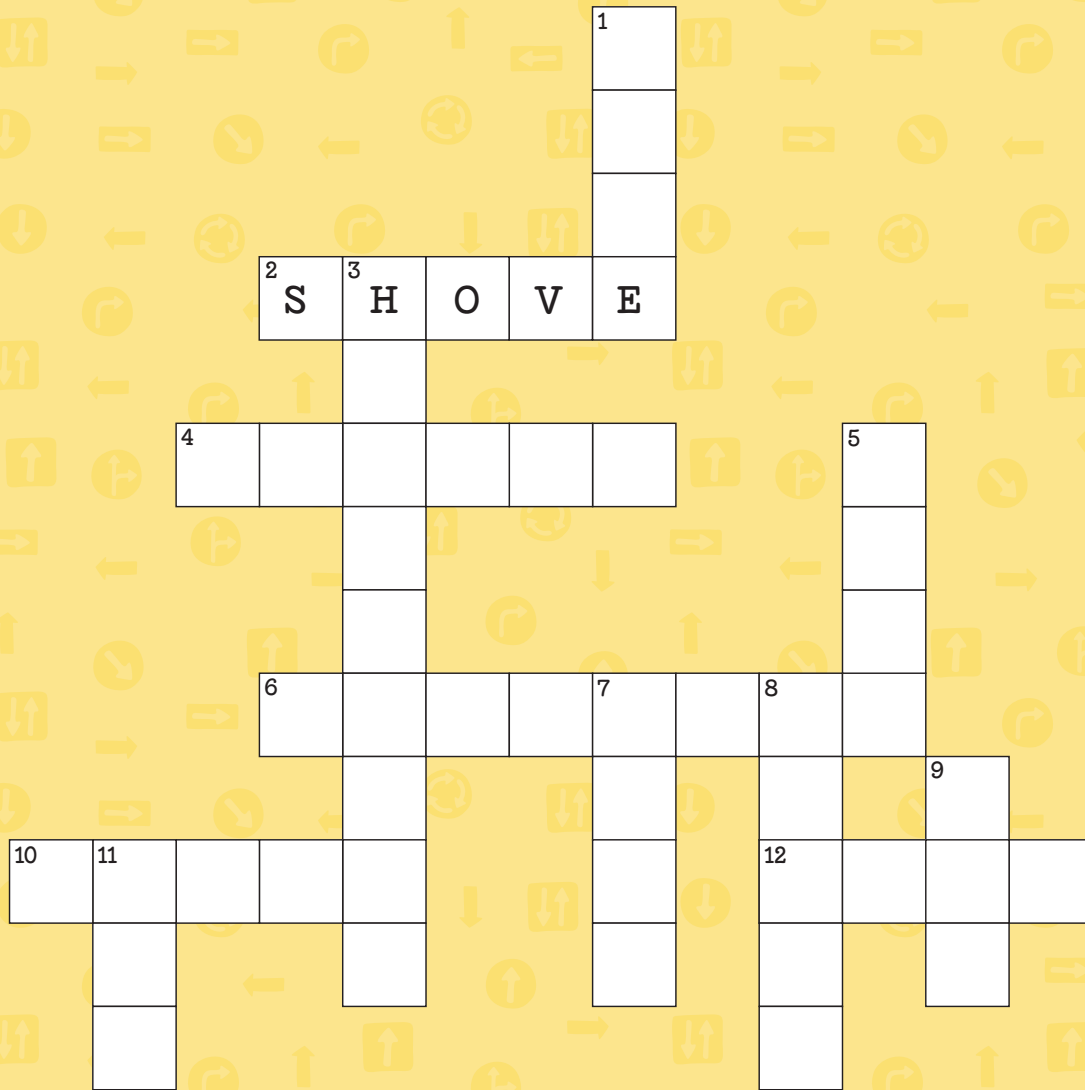
BACKPACKS CLOSED	FEET ON FLOOR	CLEAR AISLES	SAFE TRIP
STAY ALERT	HANDS IN BUS	CLEAN BUS	STAY SEATED
BE KIND	HANDS TO SELF	DON'T PUSH	CHECK BEFORE STEP
BUS RULES	HEAD IN BUS	DON'T SHOVE	
FACE FORWARD	LOOK LEFT	DON'T EAT	
FEET IN BUS	LOOK RIGHT	RESPECT DRIVER	

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Crossword Puzzle

GET TO KNOW THE DANGER ZONE

Can you solve this safety puzzle? Fill in the blanks for the school bus safety sentences below to complete the puzzle.



DOWN

- 1 - Start your day off right! Be on ____.
- 3 - Use the ____ to avoid falling. Be careful that clothing with drawstrings and bags with straps don't get caught in the door.
- 5 - Stop, ____ left, right, left again to make sure it's safe to cross the street.
- 7 - Never ____ students while waiting in line.
- 8 - If you must ____ the street, always do so at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- 9 - I ____ the driver, the driver sees me!
- 11 - Never ____ to or from the bus.

ACROSS

- 2 - Never push and SHOVE while getting on the bus.
- 4 - Learn the "____ zone" and follow the safe walking path.
- 6 - Avoid dropping your things by using a ____.
- 10 - Never ____ under a school bus and never try to pick up a dropped article near the bus.
- 12 - Always ____ the bus driver and wait for the crossing signal.

IDENTIFYING SAFE AND UNSAFE BEHAVIOR

As you wait to get on there school bus, always remember to follow the guidelines to stay safe.



- Circle each student that is following the safety guidelines.
- △ Draw a triangle around each student with unsafe behavior.

BEHAVIORS

- Boy is sticking his head and arm out the window
- Boy is jumping out of the bus and not getting off carefully
- Girl is walking on the walking path after getting off the bus
- Jack is playing with his dog Platino behind the bus
- Boy is sitting on the curb and having a snack
- Jill is standing at a distance where she can see the driver giving her the crossing signal.



SAFETY CERTIFICATE

This certificate is presented to:



Name and Surname

I will follow and respect all school bus safety rules.
I will be considerate of the bus driver and my fellow students.

Date

Signature



