

Mitzy and the Trouble with the First Day

Everything for one read-aloud, in a single file. Print the whole thing, or open it and print only the pages you want. It is free, and it stays free.

What is in this pack

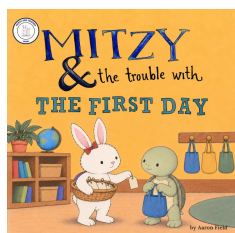
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How to use it

Read the book first, all the way through, without stopping to ask anything. The talking comes afterward. The reading guide has three questions and one thing to do, and none of it needs preparing.

These are quiet stories. Somebody gets something wrong, usually by accident, and the grown-ups stay kind about it. Nobody is shamed and nobody says the lesson out loud, so a child is left room to work it out. If a question opens up a feeling, that is the book doing its job.

Everything here may be copied for your class, your library or your kitchen table, as many times as you like.



The book

Mitzy and the Trouble with the First Day

Paperback \$12.99 and Kindle \$4.99. 8.5 by 8.5 inches, 36 pages.

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Mitzy and the Trouble with the First Day

The story

Tonight is the night before the first day of school, and Mitzy's tummy is full of butterflies. What if she cannot find her classroom? What if nobody sits with her at lunch? In the morning Mrs. Trala the owl says she has a job that needs doing, and asks if she may give it to Mitzy. The job is the name tags, and carrying the basket takes her over to the cubbies, where a small turtle is standing on his own.

The feeling in this book

Worrying about a new place is ordinary, and it does not go away because somebody tells you there is nothing to worry about. It gets smaller when you have something to do and somebody to do it with.

Talk about it

- What was Mitzy worried about before the first day?
- Mrs. Trala gave Mitzy a job instead of telling her not to worry. Why do you think that helped?
- Have you ever been the one standing on your own? What would you want somebody to do?

Something to do

Think of one job you could give to somebody new, something small and real, like carrying the pencils or holding the door. Doing a job beside somebody is an easy way to start.

About the story we read today

For teachers: print one per child to send home in backpacks.

Today we read *Mitzy and the Trouble with the First Day*.

These are quiet stories about a family of rabbits. Somebody gets something wrong, usually by accident, and the grown-ups sit down beside them instead of raising their voices. Nobody is shamed. Nobody is sent to a corner. What your child comes away with is the feeling that it is safe to say what happened.

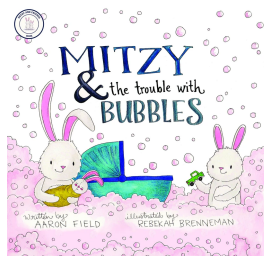
If the story stayed with them, there are free things to print at home. Every book has a one page reading guide with a few questions to talk about together and one thing to do afterwards. There are coloring pages of all the friends, and counting and handwriting pages for younger ones. All of it is free. There is nothing to sign up for and no email address to hand over.

The books themselves are paperbacks, and there are Kindle editions too. You can find one of them at mitzyandfriends.com, or by searching Mitzy and Friends on Amazon.

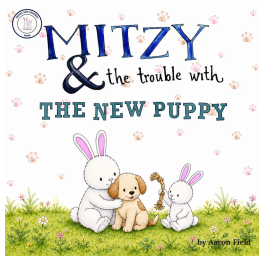
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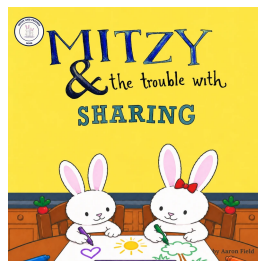
THE BOOKS SO FAR



Mitzy and the Trouble with Bubbles



Mitzy and the Trouble with the New Puppy



Mitzy and the Trouble with Sharing

Seventy books are planned. Each one is about one small thing that goes wrong in an ordinary week.

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Reading guides

One page per book. A few questions to talk about together and one thing to do afterwards.

Coloring pages

Every one of the friends to color, plus four scenes in Rebekah Brennenman's original ink line art.

Counting and letters

Carrots to count, numbers to trace, and big letters to write for little ones just starting out.

How do you think she felt?

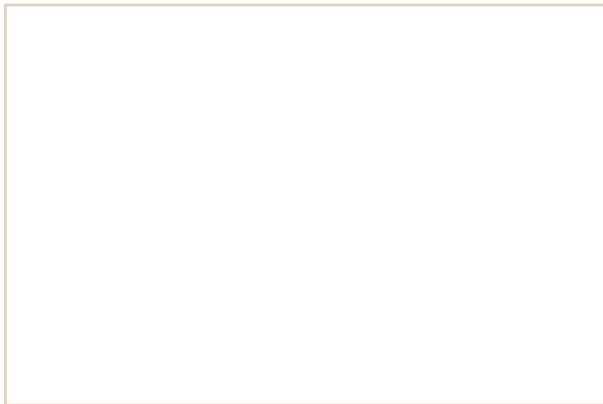
Read this part of the story again, then talk about it together. There is no wrong answer on this page, and a child may pick more than one.

Mitzy stops dead at the classroom door and does not go in.

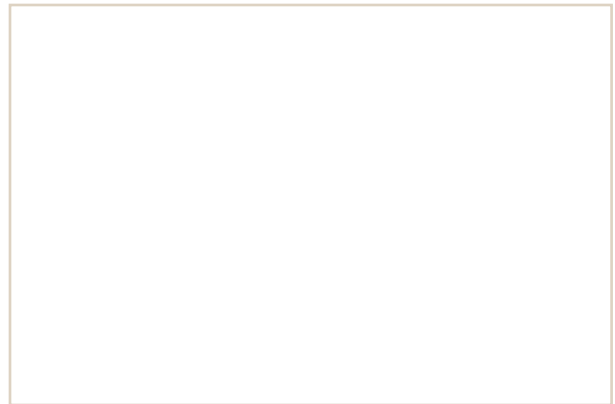
What might she be feeling?

- ☐ **Worried**
Worried is right. She did not know what was on the other side of that door yet.
- ☐ **Shy**
Shy is a real feeling and it is not the same as being unfriendly. It just takes a minute.
- ☐ **Brave**
Brave does not mean not scared. She went in anyway, and that is the brave part.
- ☐ **Hopeful**
She wanted it to go well. Wanting something to go well is its own kind of feeling.

Draw the faces



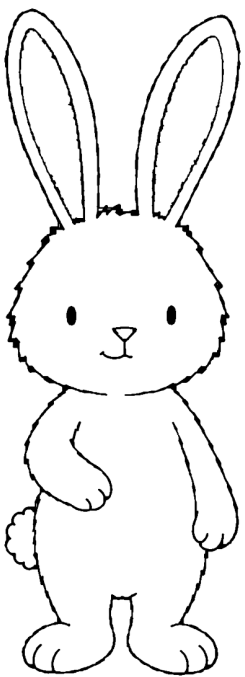
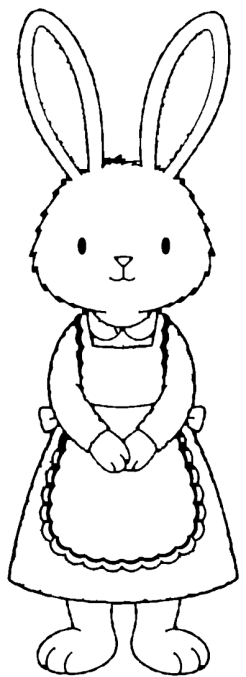
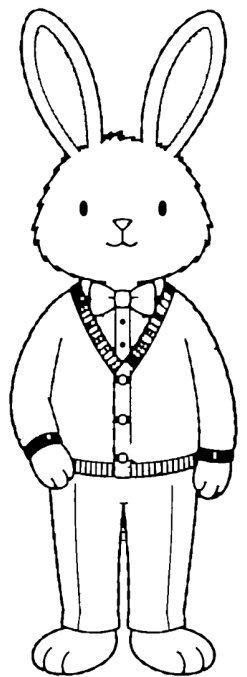
The face you think she made



The face you would make

Bookmarks to color and keep

Color them in, then cut along the dotted lines. Four to a sheet.

MITZY AND FRIENDS	MITZY AND FRIENDS	MITZY AND FRIENDS	MITZY AND FRIENDS
			
Mitzy	Mika	Mommy	Daddy
This one belongs to	This one belongs to	This one belongs to	This one belongs to
Books I have read	Books I have read	Books I have read	Books I have read
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Reader certificates

Two to a sheet. Cut along the middle.



CERTIFICATE OF VERY GOOD READING

This is for _____

who read

Mitzy and the Trouble with the First Day

Signed _____ Date _____





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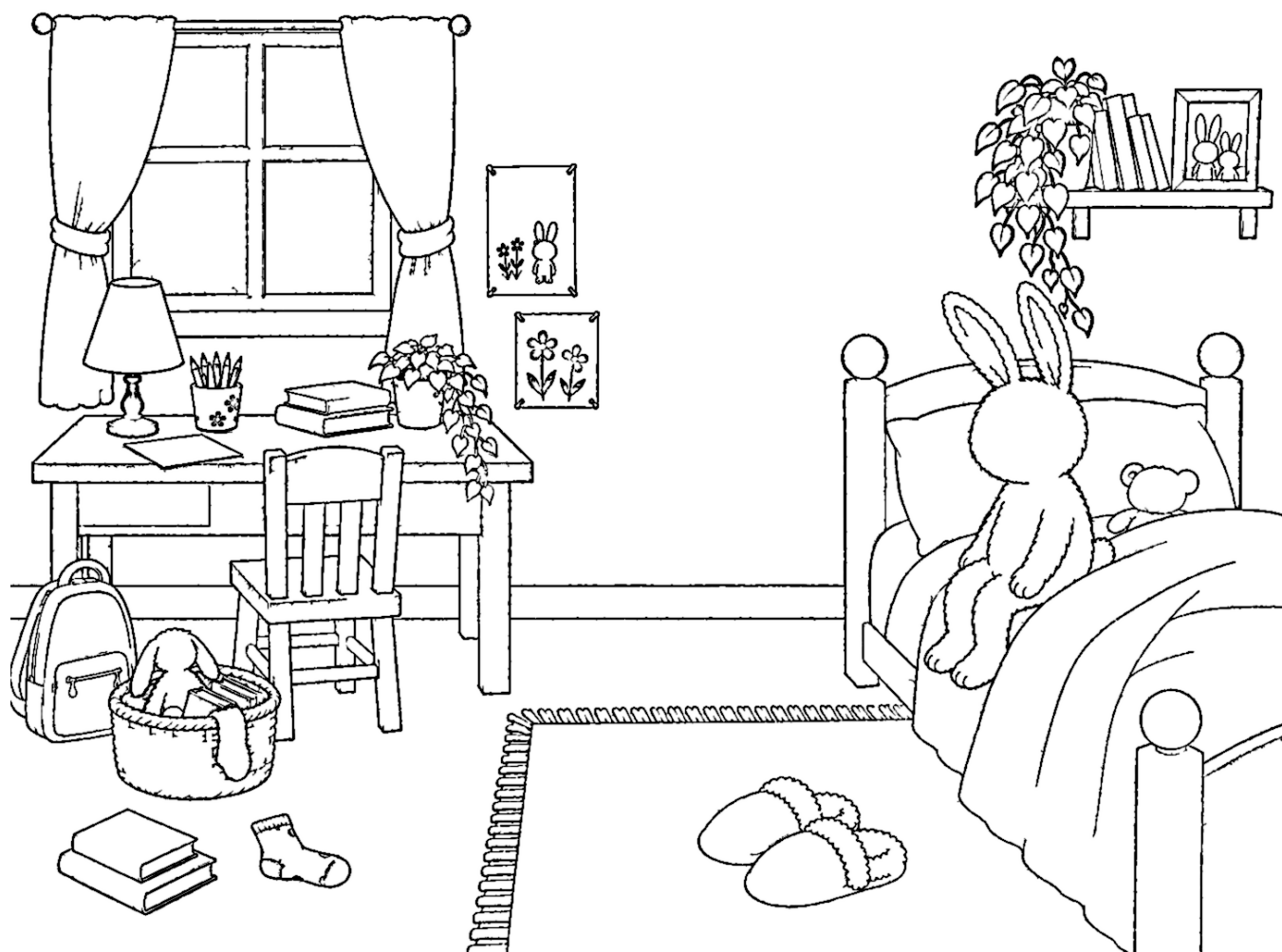
Seventy Mitzy books

Seventy stories about the same small rabbit, her family and her class at Great Oak School. Tick off the ones you have read. The ones in color are out now and the rest are on the way.

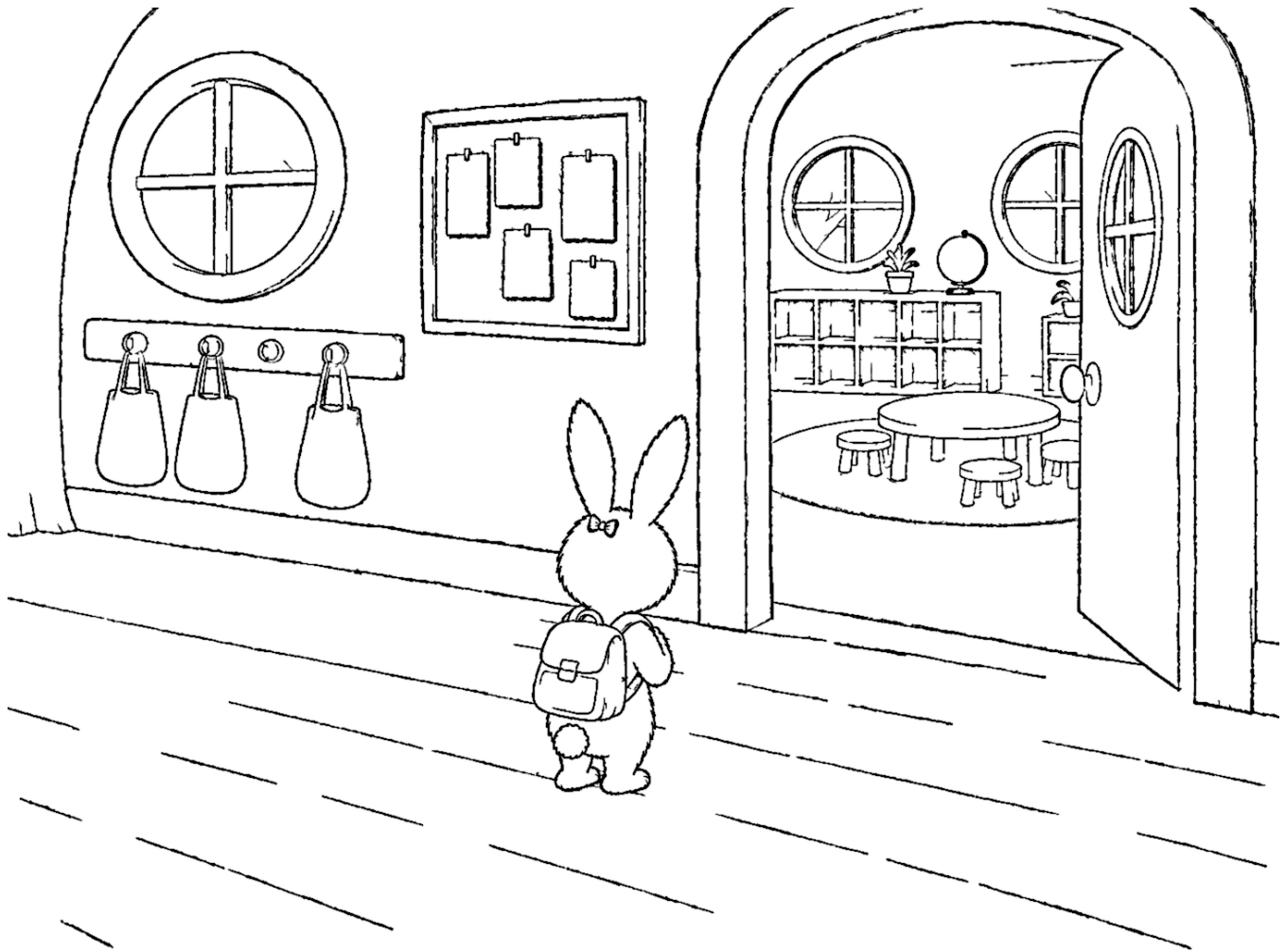
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| ☐ 15. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Haircut | ☐ 50. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Talent Show |
| ☐ 16. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Doctor | ☐ 51. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Silent Treatment |
| ☐ 17. Mitzy and the Trouble with Waiting Her Turn | ☐ 52. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Chores |
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| ☐ 19. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Costume | ☐ 54. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Substitute |
| ☐ 20. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Grumpy Morning | ☐ 55. Mitzy and the Trouble with Town Hall |
| ☐ 21. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Big Storm | ☐ 56. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Class Election |
| ☐ 22. Mitzy and the Trouble with Show and Tell | ☐ 57. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Fall Leaves |
| ☐ 23. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Team Project | ☐ 58. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Copycat |
| ☐ 24. Mitzy and the Trouble with Moving Day | ☐ 59. Mitzy and the Trouble with the New Neighbor |
| ☐ 25. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Dentist | ☐ 60. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Wrong Answer |
| ☐ 26. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Beach Trip | ☐ 61. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Home Build |
| ☐ 27. Mitzy and the Trouble with Day Camp | ☐ 62. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Maypole |
| ☐ 28. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Zoo | ☐ 63. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Playdate |
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| ☐ 31. Mitzy and the Trouble with Making Peace | ☐ 66. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Bad Dream |
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| ☐ 33. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Allowance | ☐ 68. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Apology Letter |
| ☐ 34. Mitzy and the Trouble with the Library Book | ☐ 69. Mitzy and the Trouble with Saying Goodbye |
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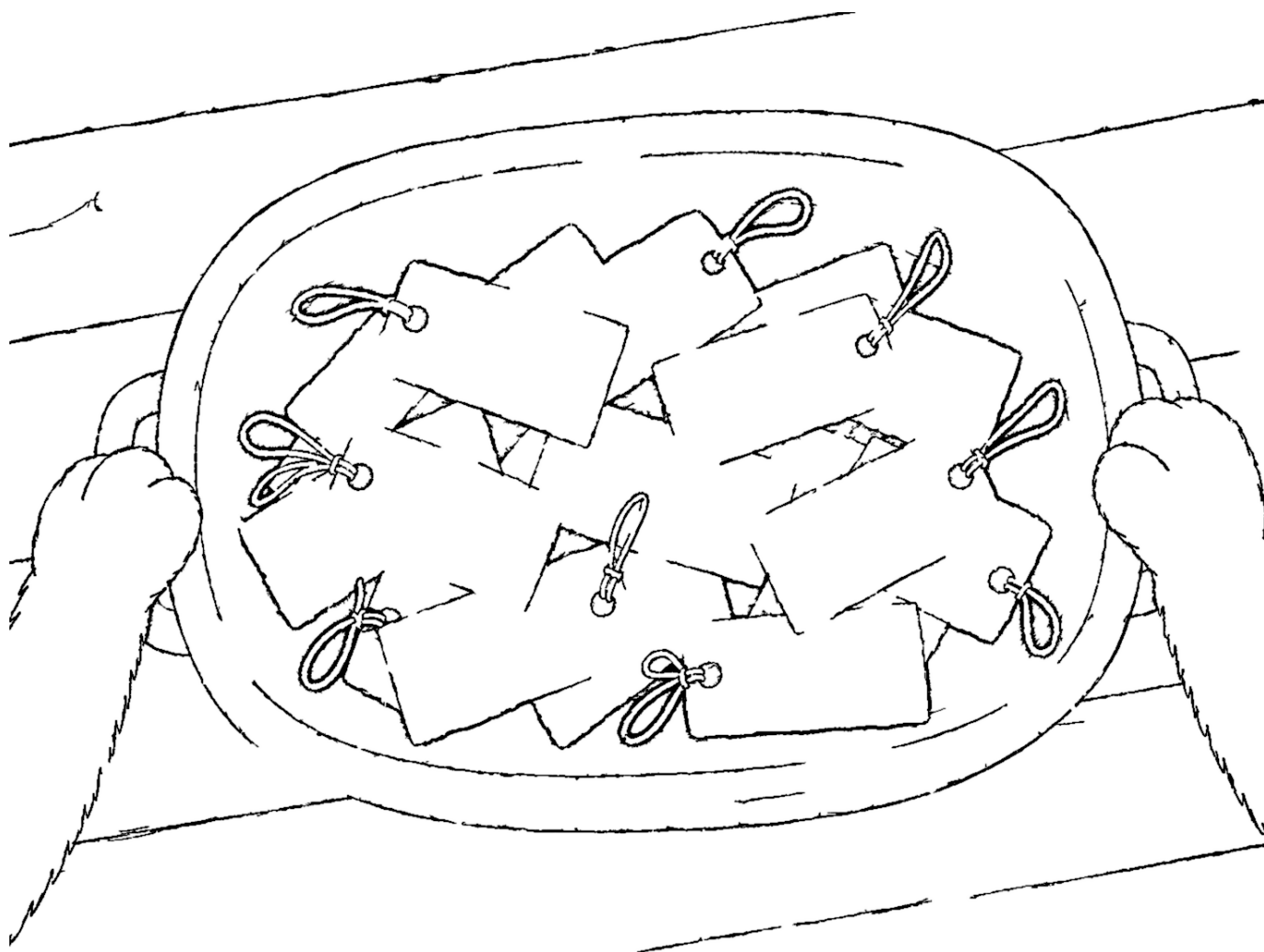
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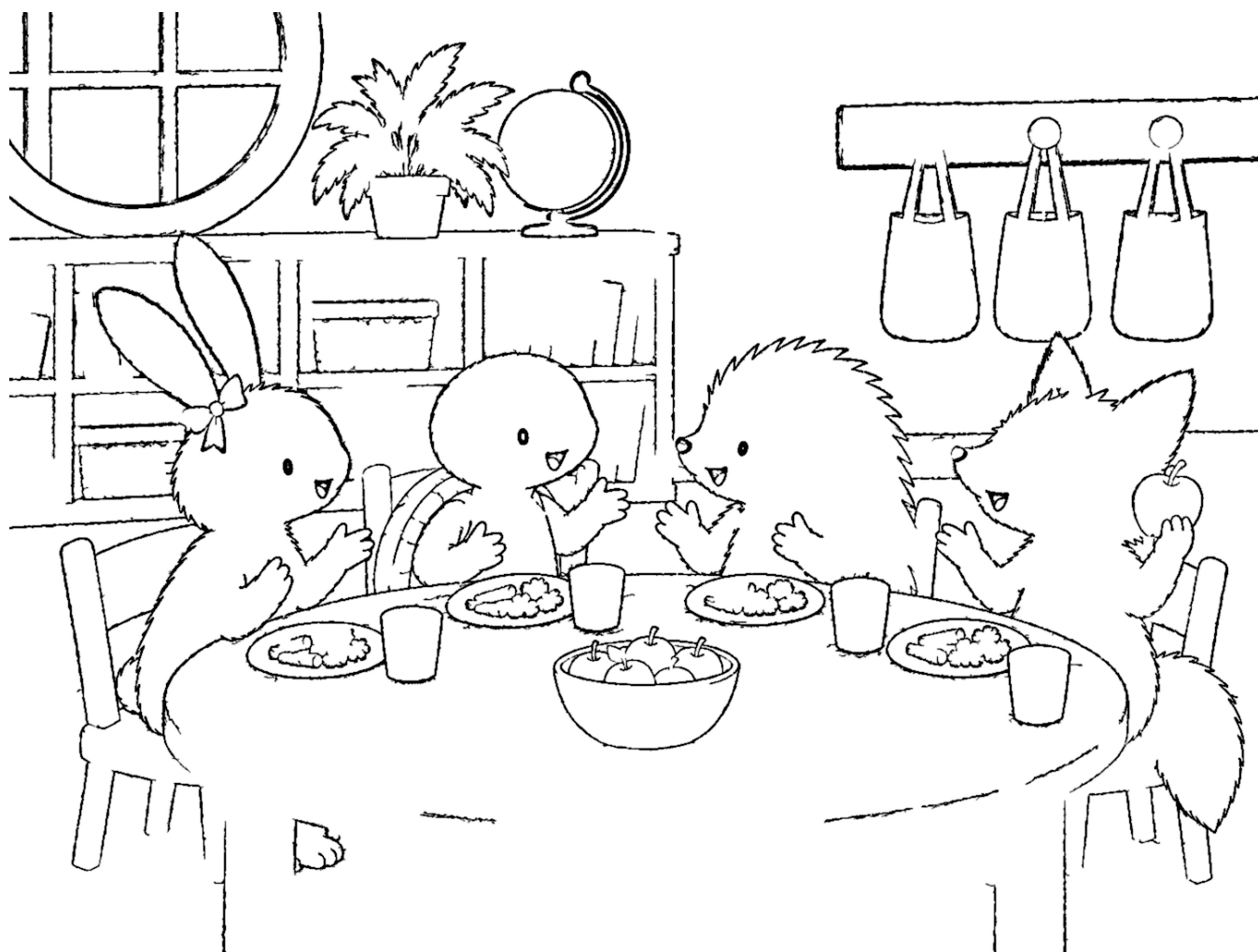
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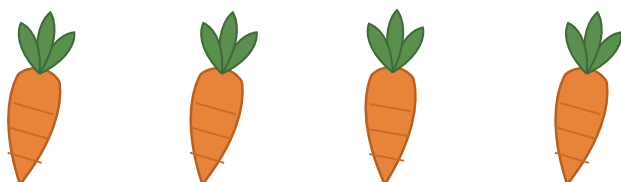
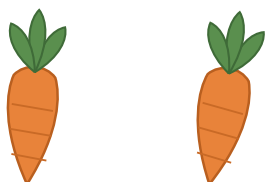
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Count the carrots with Mitzy

The bunny family is getting dinner ready. Count the carrots in each row and write the number in the box.



Trace the numbers, count the carrots

Trace each number, then touch each carrot as you count it out loud.

1



2



3



4



5



Trace the bunnies' names

Trace the big letters with your finger first, then with a crayon. Then write each name yourself on the lines underneath.

Mitzy, the big sister

M I T Z Y

Mika, her little brother

M I K A

Now write your own name, nice and big
