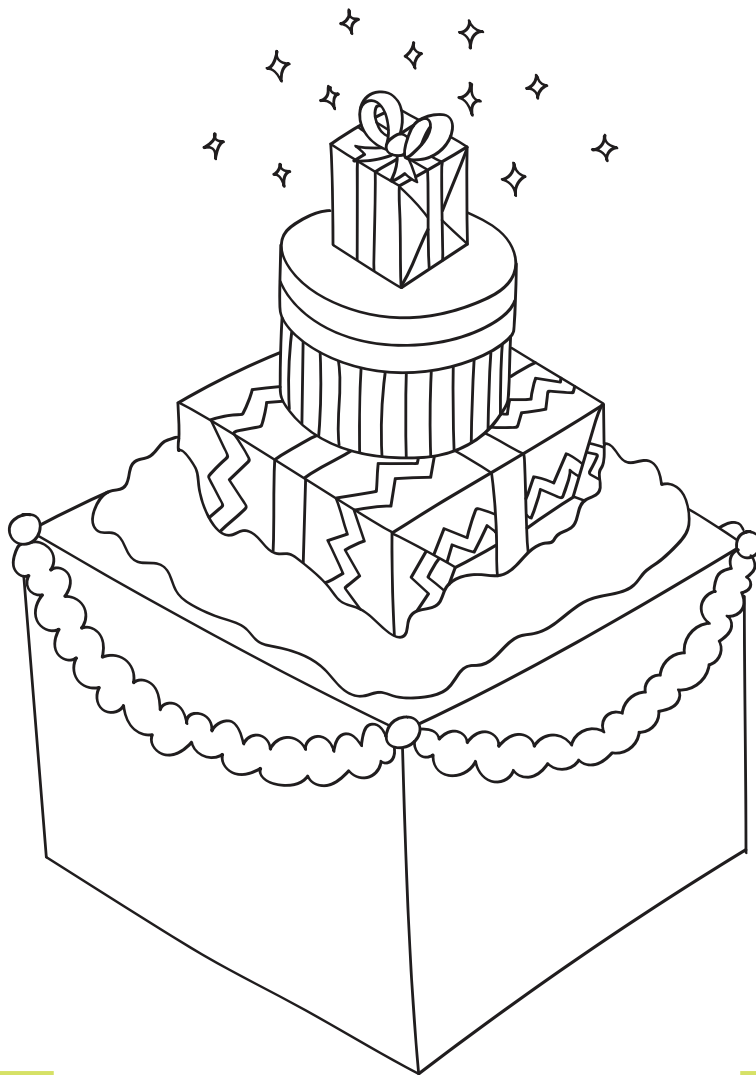


COLOR YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

THE GREATEST GIFT

A QUEST FOR GRANDMA'S PRESENT



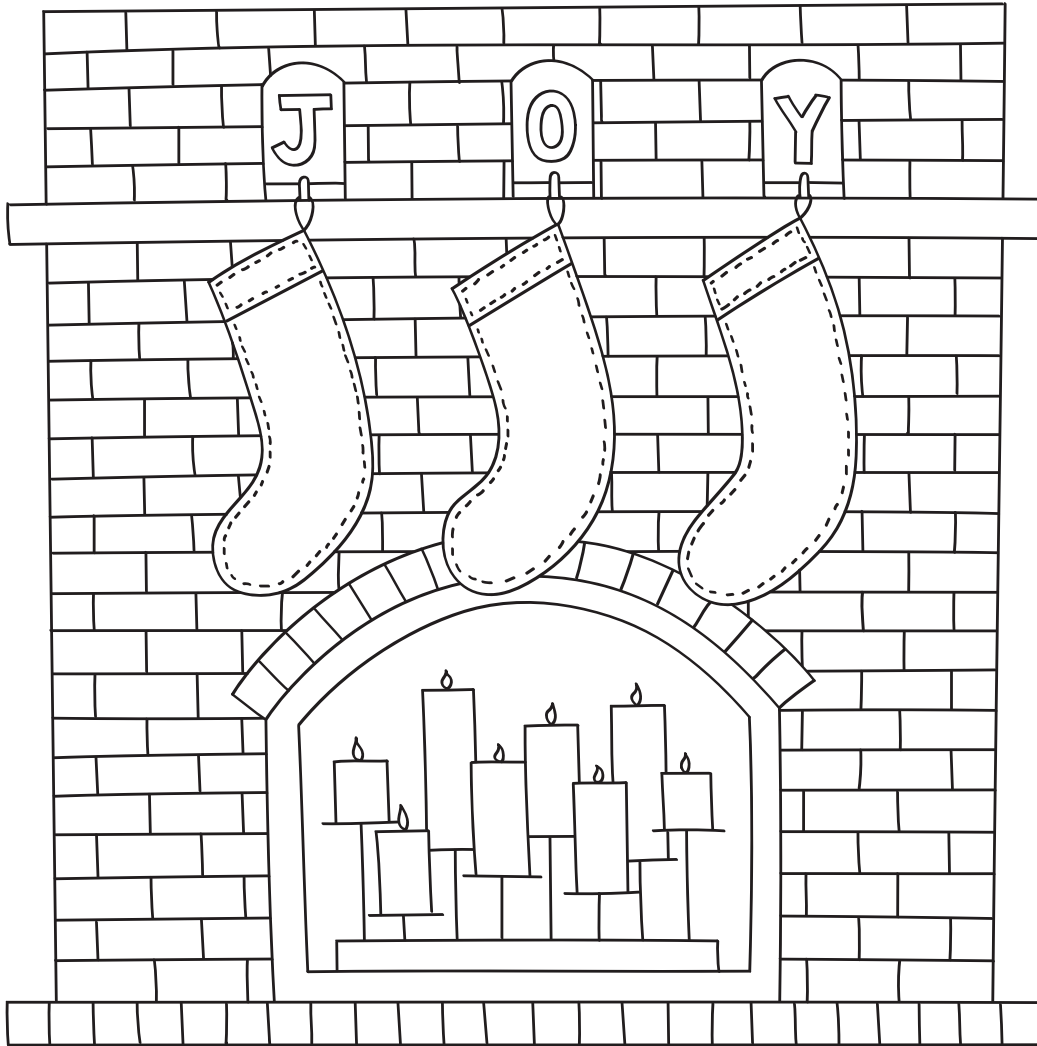
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Hello readers,

You are about to go on a Christmas adventure!
Each step of the way you get to decide how the story goes, but choose wisely, because the ending depends on you!

It's the first Friday in December and the sky is dumping piles of snow on the ground. But you're cozy inside by the fireplace, watching the flickering flames and admiring the colorful stockings. You are thinking about your Grandma. She is visiting for the first time since she moved across the country and you can't wait to see her. You are sure you're going to get the perfect Christmas present for her. The only problem is: you don't have any money.

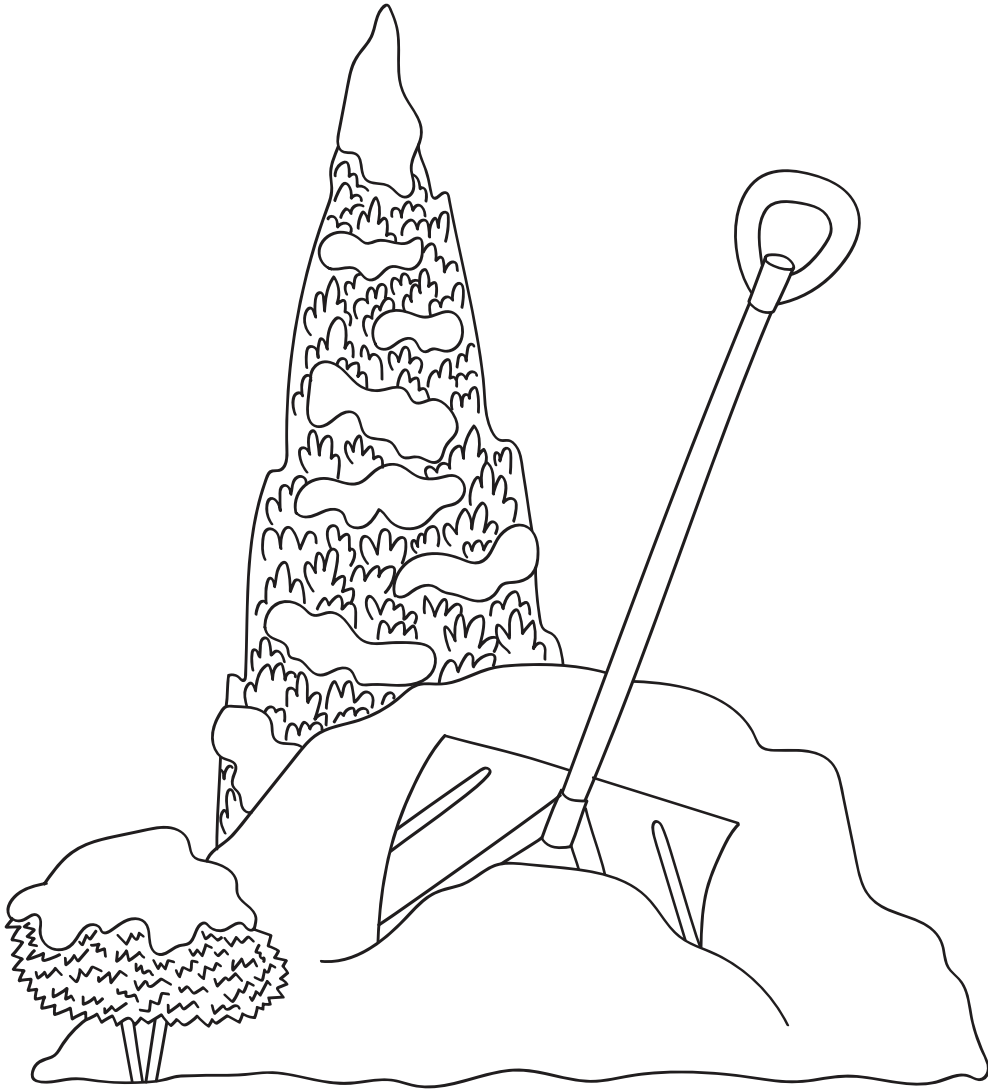
Looking out the window gives you an idea: you could shovel snow! That sounds kind of hard, though, and you imagine getting blisters on your hands. What if you walked dogs for your neighbors? That would probably be more fun, but also a lot of work. Maybe you could set up a stand and sell hot chocolate? The choice is up to you!



If you shovel snow, turn to page 5.

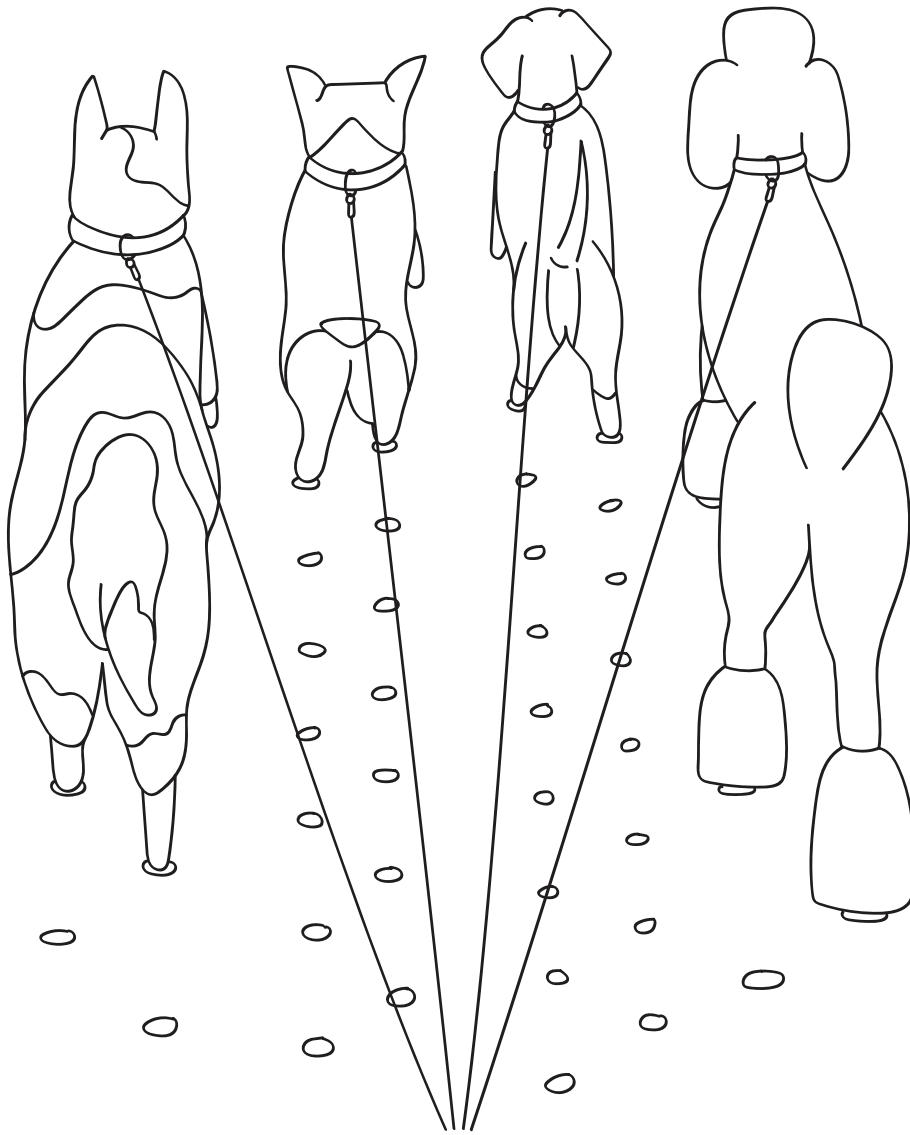
If you walk dogs, turn to page 7.

If you sell hot cocoa, turn to page 9.



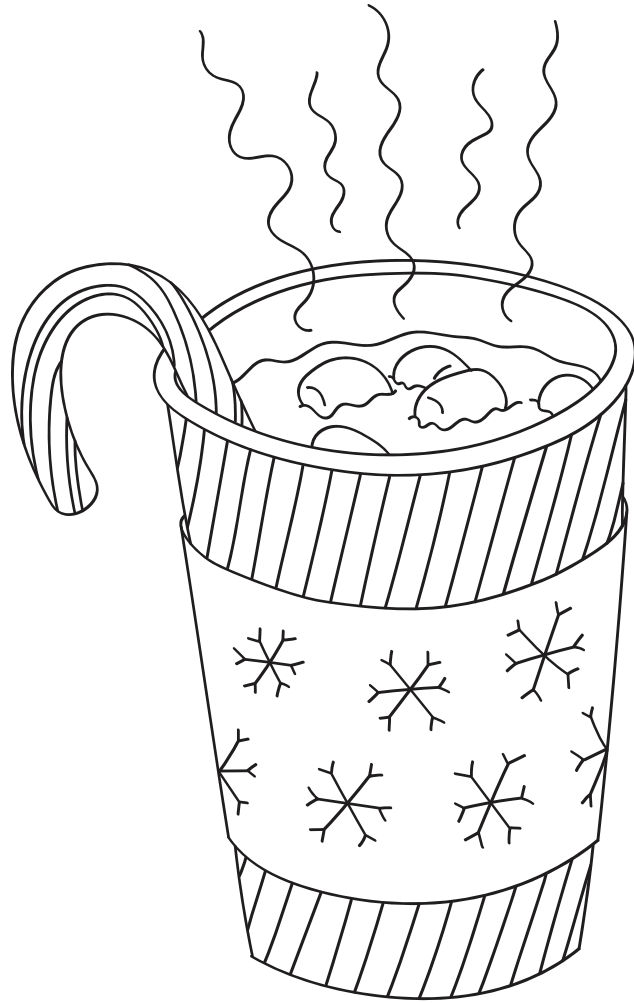
There's so much snow to shovel you wonder if the Abominable Snowman has come to town! It is sweaty work, and sure enough, even with gloves, you still get blisters, but by the time Monday comes, you have a pocketful of cash. Should be plenty to buy Grandma the perfect present!

Turn to page 10.



Going door to door you find out more of your neighbors have dogs than you thought! You are excited to line up a whole week of dog-walking. It ends up being a little wild keeping dogs from running away and cleaning up the poop. But by the time your week is over, you are a superstar: you don't have a single lost dog and you have plenty for Grandma's gift.

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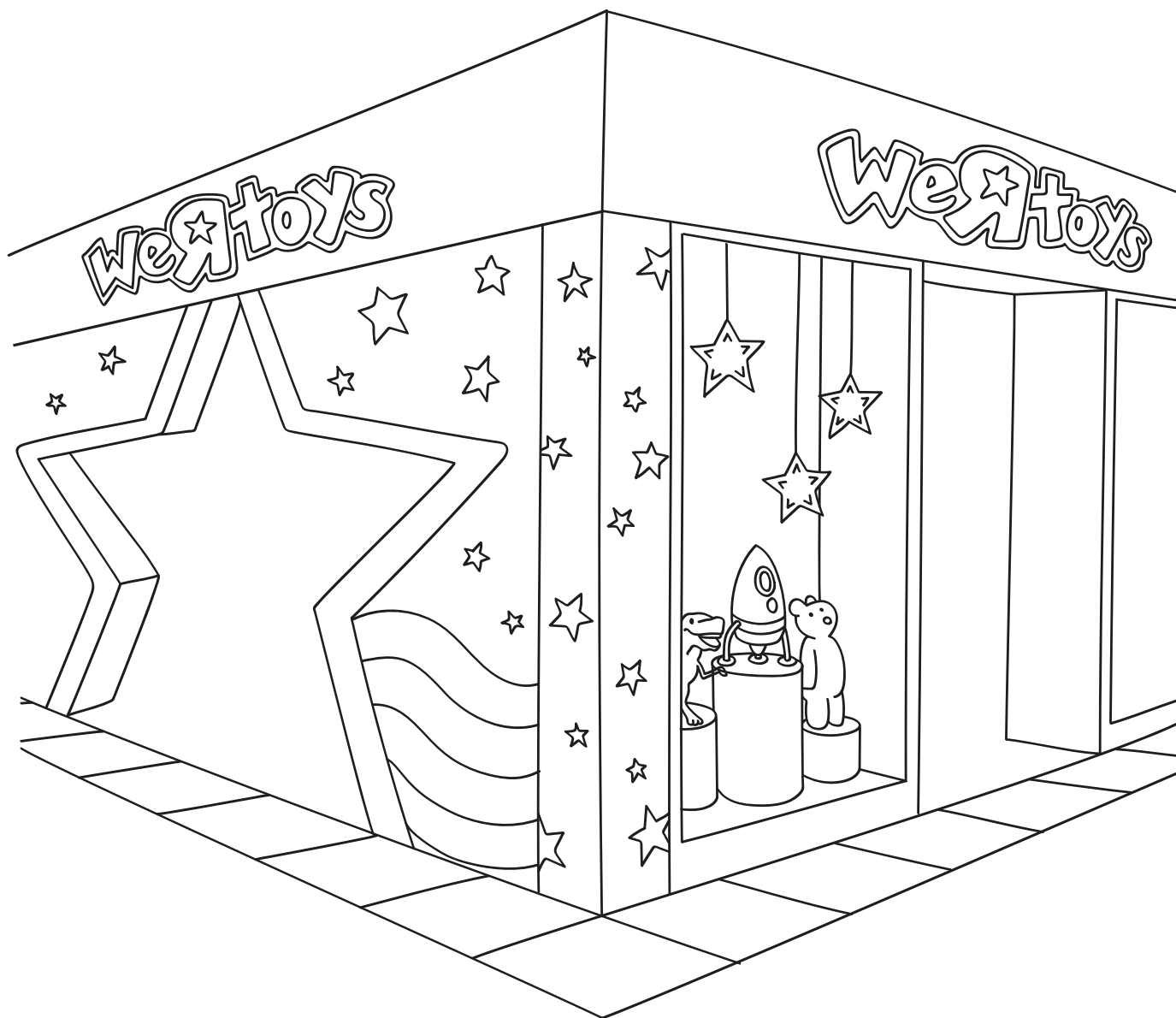


It seems that while selling lemonade in the summer stirs up a lot of customers, not many people are out looking for hot cocoa in this winter cold. You daydream, imagining you are in a hot air balloon flying over the Sahara Desert, but your freezing cold toes bring you back to Earth. You go home with only a few dollars. Maybe this wasn't the best idea to earn money.

Turn back to page 3 and pick again.

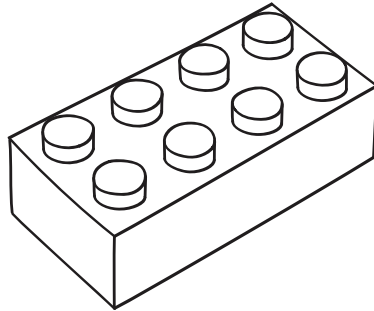
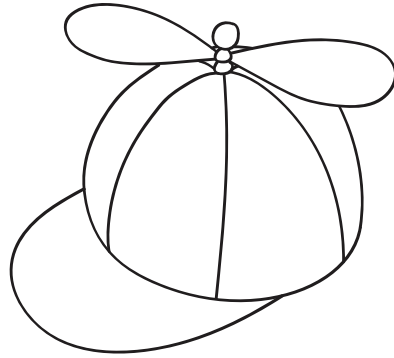
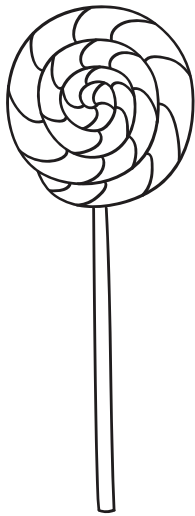
Now that you have your money, it's time to pick out a present! Mom drives you and your big brother to Batterslea Mall. As she gets out from behind the wheel she says, "I have some shopping to do, so you two have fun, and we'll meet back at the car in an hour! Do you know which store you'd like to go to?"

Hmm, you hadn't thought about that! You'll just pick a direction and look around until you see something you like.



*If you go left, turn to page 12.
If you go right, turn to page 20.*

You see Charley Chonka's Chocolates, Freewill Thrift Store and We R Toys. Hmm, on one hand Grandma has a big sweet tooth, candy would be great! But on the other hand she also loves thrift store knick-knacks. Of course it would also be fun to check out the toy store; you're really hoping to get some cool new toys this year.

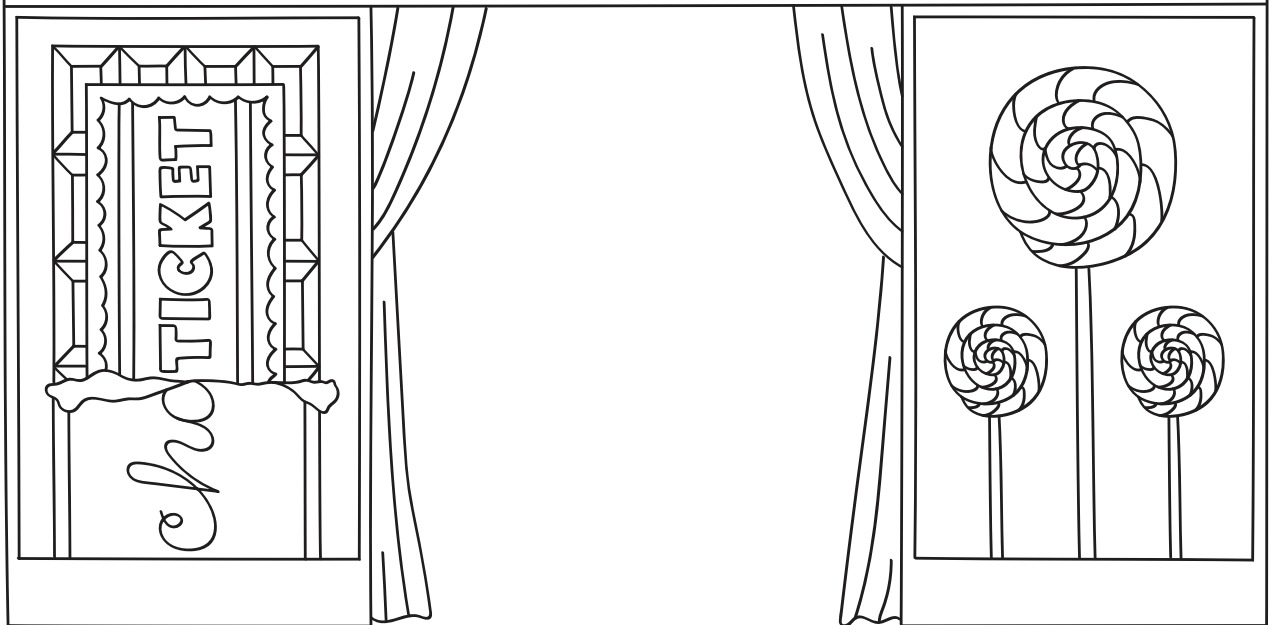


If you choose Charley Chonka's Chocolates, turn to page 15.

If you choose Freewill Thrift Store, turn to page 17.

If you choose We R Toys, turn to page 19.

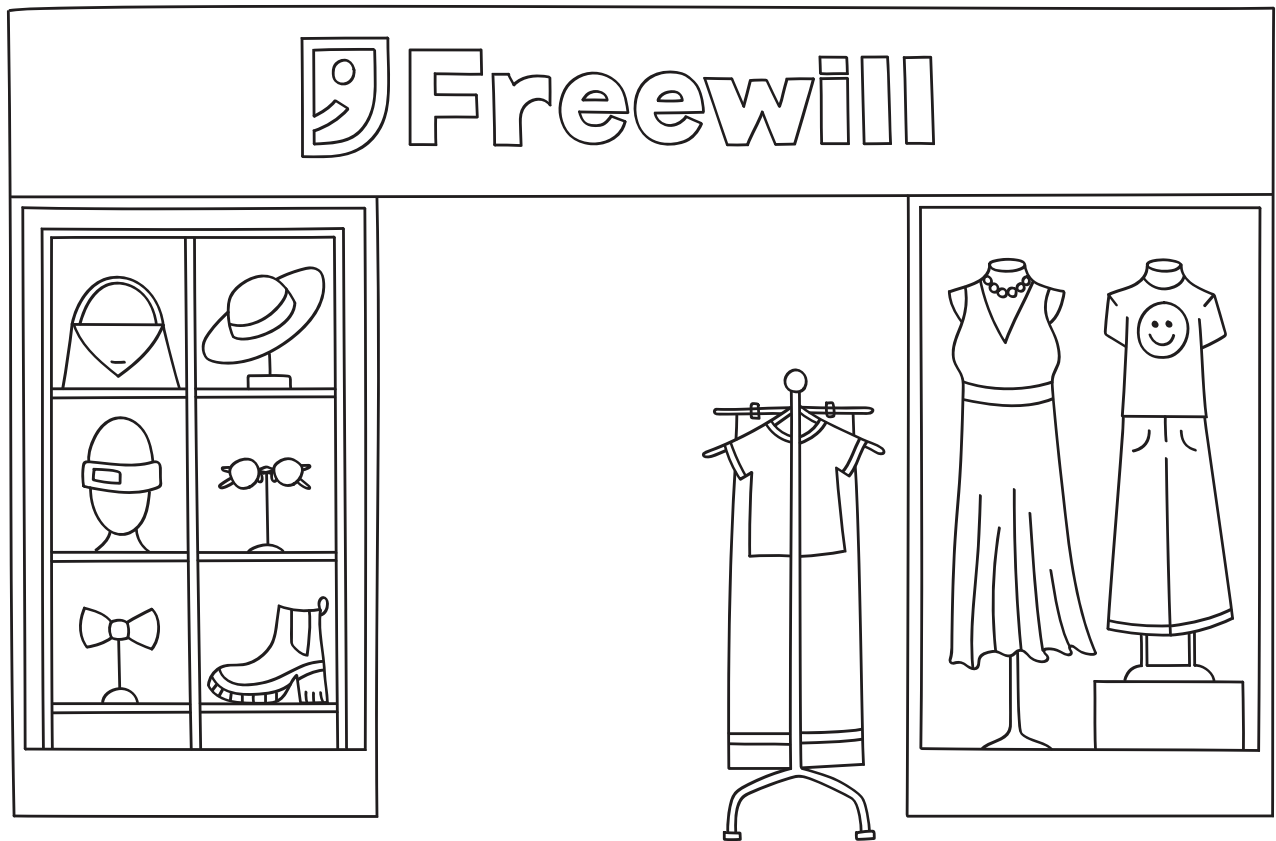
CHARLEY CHONKA'S CHOCOLATES



Every kind of candy is in here: caramels, taffys, fudges, lollipops, gummy worms, licorice, jelly beans and more. You see a big box of Dr. Wogan's Brilliant Bites. It's expensive, but it's just the kind of thing Grandma would love. You grab the box and head to the counter where you see a flier for a charity. It says that you can buy a Christmas meal and gifts for a family who can't afford it. You want to help, but the suggested donation costs almost as much as your whole gift. You'd only have a few dollars left for Grandma's present.

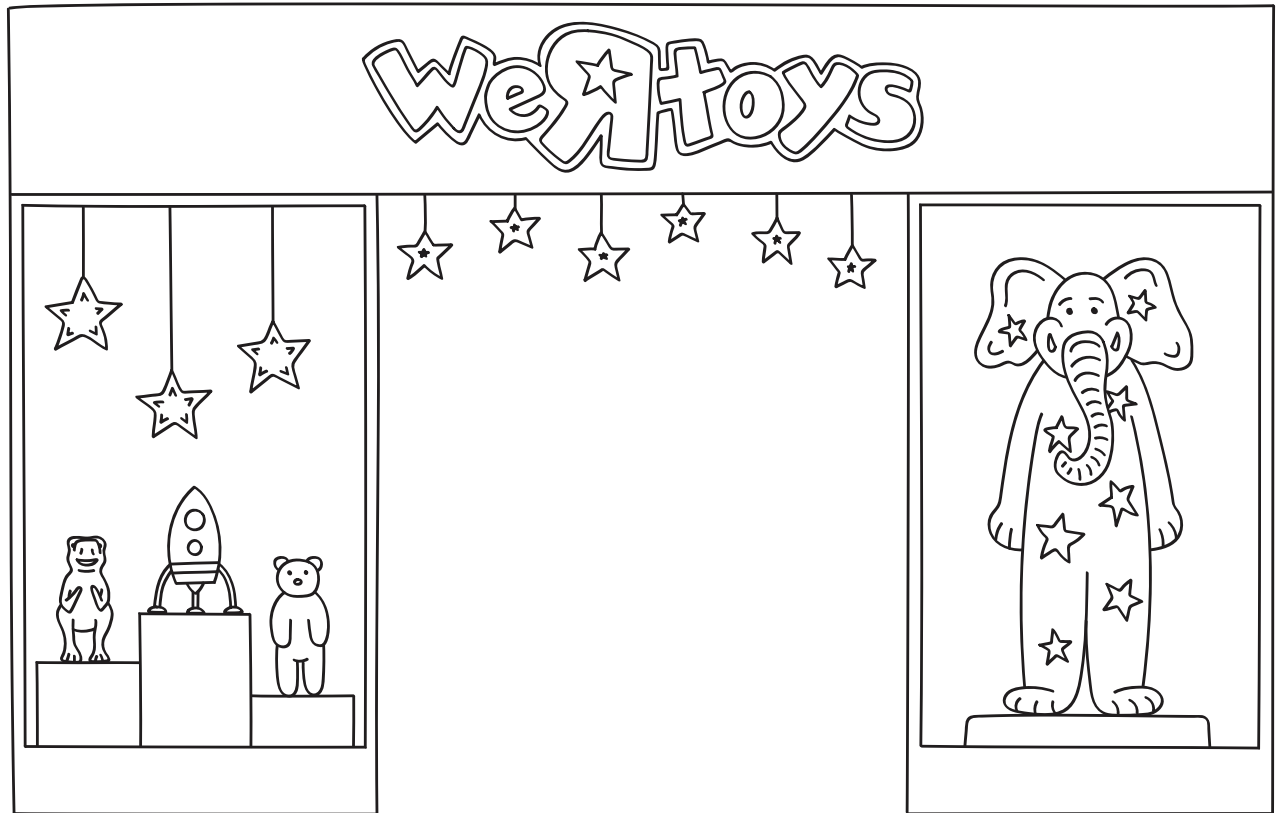
If you buy the chocolate, turn to page 31.

If you donate your present money, turn to page 29.



As you browse, a little dragon carved out of glossy onyx stone catches your eye. When you were little, your favorite book was all about dragons and Grandma read it to you over and over. She even called you her “little dragon.” You think the carving might remind her of that special memory. At the checkout you see a flier for a charity. It says that you can buy a Christmas meal and gifts for a family who can’t afford it. You want to help, but the suggested donation costs almost as much as your whole gift. You’d only have a few dollars left for Grandma’s present.

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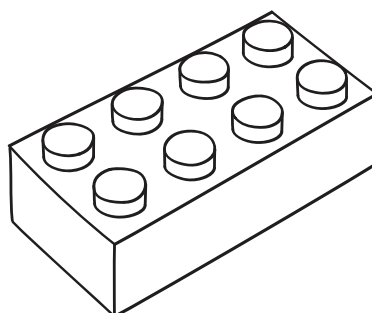
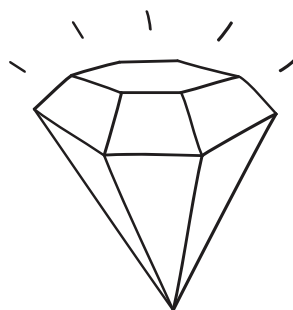
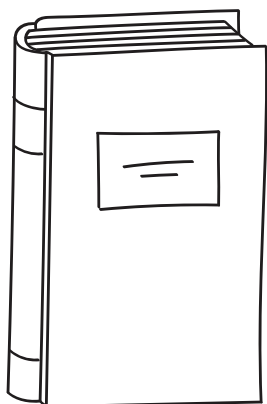


You know you probably won't find a present for Grandma here, but toy stores are AWESOME! You are having so much fun looking around at all the cool games and gadgets, when suddenly you spot an Armo set from your favorite TV show: The Cave of Time. You had no idea these were out yet, and you grab the box. Is this the luckiest day of your life? You realize if you buy this, you won't have money left for Grandma's gift, but this is a limited edition set and you might not have another chance.

If you buy yourself the Armo set, turn to page 33.

If you pick a different store, turn back to 13.

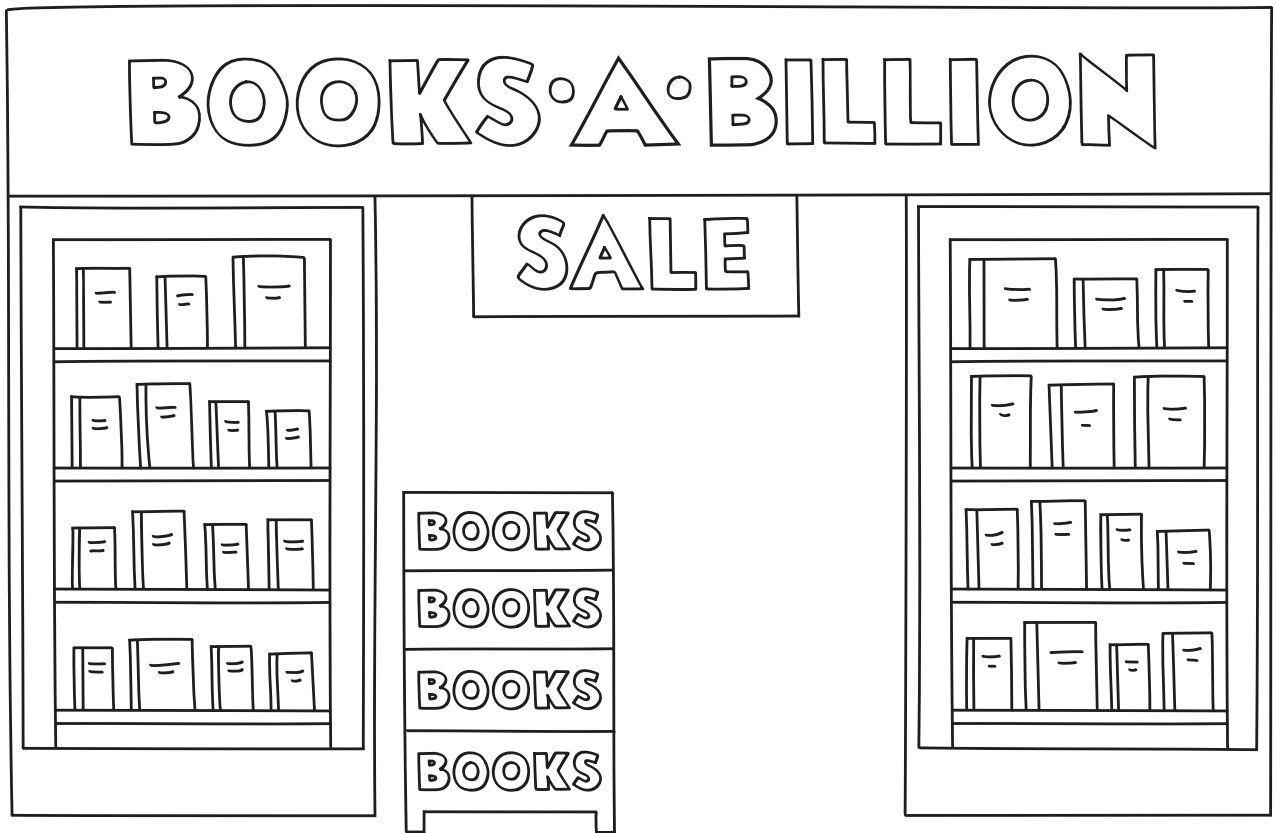
You see Books a Billion, Jay Jewelers and We R Toys. Hmm, Grandma reads more than anyone else you know, and she'd probably love a new book. But jewelry seems special—maybe earrings or a necklace? Of course it would also be fun to check out the toy store; you're really hoping to get some cool new toys this year.



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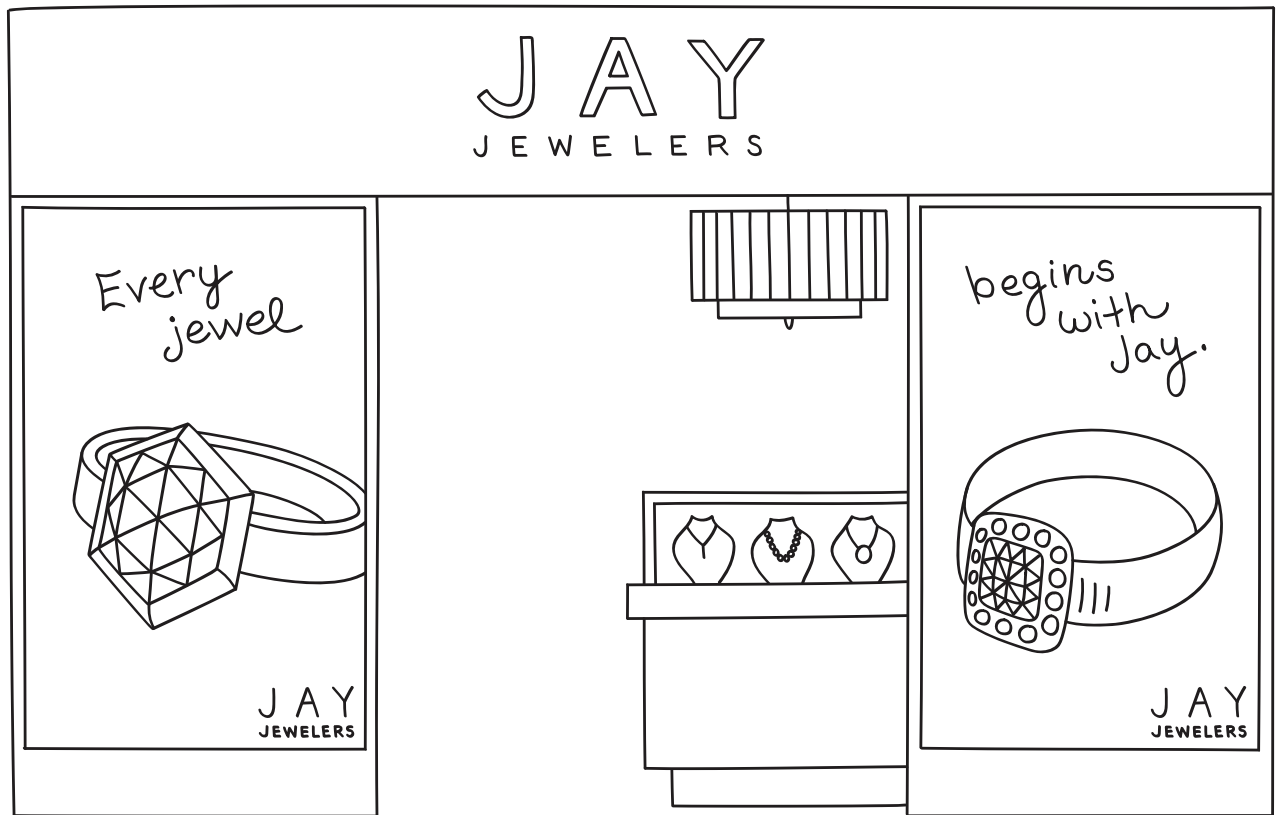
If you choose We R Toys, turn to page 27.



As you walk the aisles, you find a coffee table book called *Journey Under the Sea*. It's full of glossy photos of underwater scenery: all kinds of colorful fish, shots of coral reefs and even some pictures from treasure dives! You pull it off the shelf and as you walk to the counter you see a flier. It says that you can buy a Christmas meal and gifts for a family who can't afford it. You want to help, but the suggested donation costs almost as much as your whole gift. You'd only have a few dollars left for Grandma's present.

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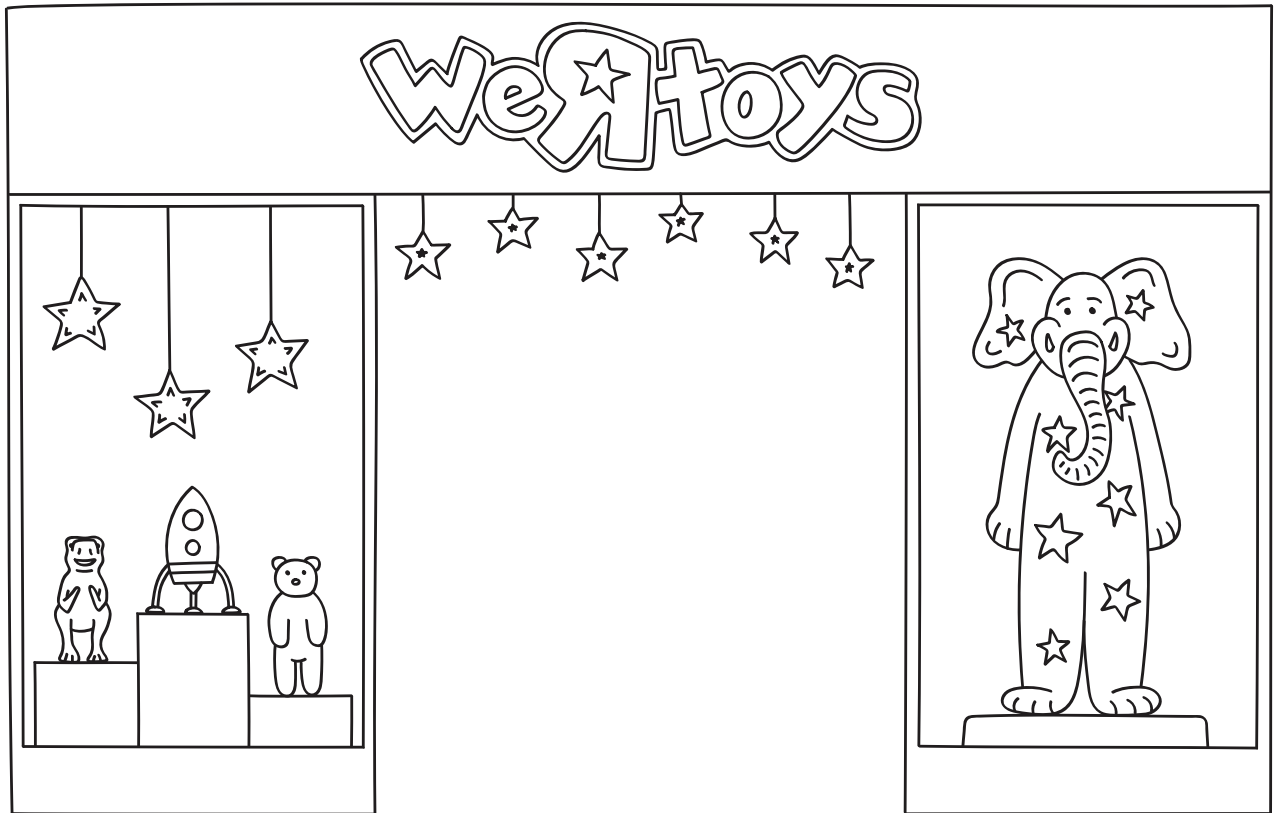
If you donate your present money, turn to page 29.



Outside the window of the jewelry store you notice a pair of silver wing earrings. Birds are Grandma's favorite! This is definitely the present for her, but as you open the door to go inside, you see a flier. It says that you can buy a Christmas meal and gifts for a family who can't afford it. You want to help, but the suggested donation costs almost as much as your whole gift. You'd only have a few dollars left for Grandma's present.

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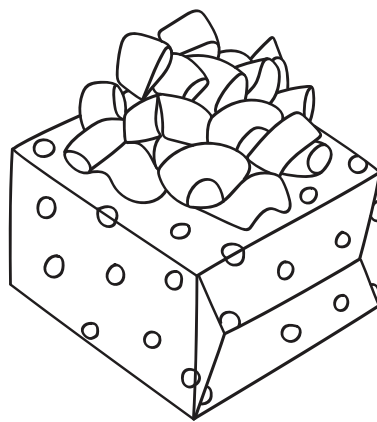
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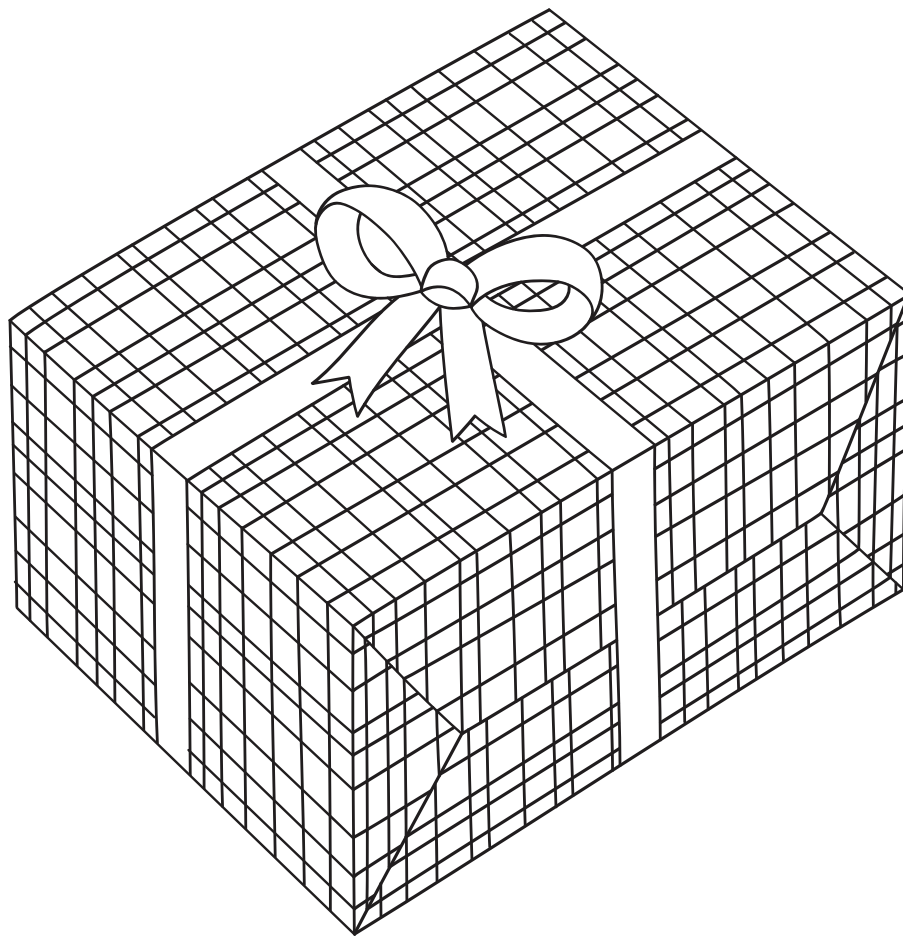
If you buy yourself the Armo set, turn to page 33.

If you pick a different store, turn back to 21.



On Christmas Eve you open your presents. You feel a little embarrassed explaining to Grandma why you only have a small gift for her. “I had something all picked out,” you say, “but... there was someone who needed my help.” You are surprised that Grandma doesn’t seem disappointed, instead, she looks proud of you! “Your brother told me what you did, and your kindness is the best present I could have asked for,” she says. She gives you a big hug and says, “How about some hot cocoa?”

The End



On Christmas Eve you open your presents. Grandma's eyes twinkle as she smiles at you. "Thank you, sweetie, it's just right." She gives you a big Grandma hug which makes you feel like all the work you did was worth it. As you sip cocoa later on, you begin thinking about those families who don't have enough money for special food or presents. Then you realize: there's still one day left until Christmas—maybe it's not too late to make a donation! "Hey Mom," you say, "Could I have my allowance a little early? I have one more gift to buy!"

The End



On Christmas day you give Grandma a card, drink some hot cocoa together and then spend the rest of the morning playing by yourself with the new Armo set you bought. Looking back, do you feel good about the way you spent your gift money, or would you make a different choice next time?

The End

Why do we give gifts at Christmas time? Because Christmas is when God gave us the greatest gift of all: himself. The gift of Jesus cost him everything, but God gave his son with joy, because each one of us is worth the greatest gift there is.





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