

CHALLENGES

Reading

Swallows and Amazons series
by Arthur Ransome

Writing

Write a story
about a wise
manager who
saved the
day.

Lego

Make a stop-
motion animation
Lego movie.

Outdoors

Plant a herb
garden

Other

Bury a time
capsule for
someone in
the future to
dig up.

GROW

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manager

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STORY:
The Story of
Charlie
Chipmunk
and his
Adventures
on Noah's
Ark.

THE STORY OF CHARLIE ON NOAH'S ARK

by Sophia Coleman

PROLOGUE

"As I am nearing the end of my days, my friend and how wife Charlotte is urging me to write an account of my adventures early in life. Although my story may be lost with no one to read it, I write it ~~that~~ in case someone may find it and read it, and learn the amazing things God did in my life and the lives of those around me, and that they ~~the~~ may have faith that God will preserve those who love him. My name is Charlie, and although I am a chipmunk, I hope that humans may learn from my story.

My great adventure began when I was a young chipmunk, not yet an adult but definitely not a baby either. My parents were named Thomas and Louise, and although they were loving parents they were cautious and fearful and always worrying. I myself, by their standards, was too optimistic and reckless, but to my friends I was too quiet and shy - especially Charlotte. Charlotte was about the opposite of me - she was brave, high-spirited, energetic, and often stubborn and getting into trouble. We were sort of friends, but she was usually with the others and didn't take much notice of me - until that exciting day when I learned "how dangerous ~~the~~ men could be."

ACTIVITIES

Joe, Sally, Max, and Eva have 45 minutes to complete all the jobs on the list. How can Max delegate the jobs so that they get done in time?

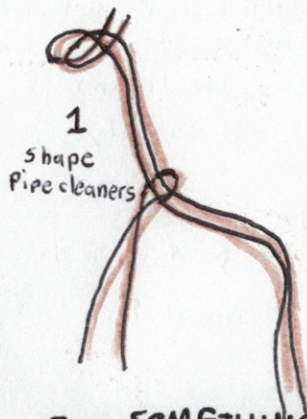
Jobs	Joe =	Sally =	Max =	Eva =
1- Wash dishes (15 min)				
2- Take out trash (5 min)				
3- Vacuum hallway (10 min)				
4- Hang out washing (20 mins)				
5- Clean rabbit cage (10 mins)				
6- Make guest bed (10 mins)				
7- Mow lawn (35 mins)				
8- Sweep porch (5 mins)				
9- Rake leaves (30 mins)				
10- Dust entire house (25 mins)				

How many words can you make from the letters in DELEGATION?

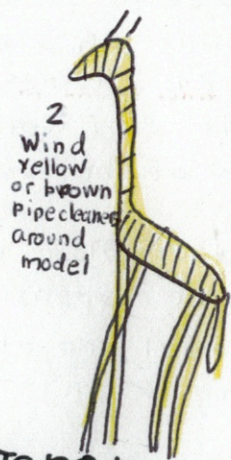
Fill in the grid so that all four symbols appear in every row & column.

Pipe-Cleaner Models

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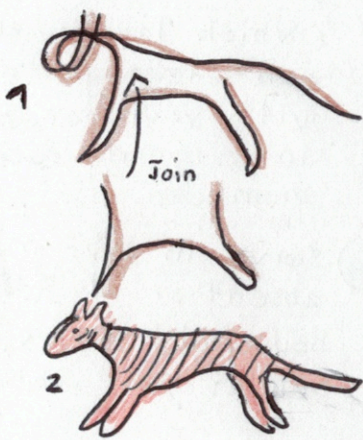


1
shape
Pipe cleaners



2
Wind
yellow
or brown
Pipe cleaners
around
model

A TIGER



1

Join

2

From SOMETHING TO DO by



MAKE A MOVIE

If you or your parents have a phone or camera, why not try out your managing skills by directing a movie? Get some friends or siblings to help, brainstorm ideas, write a script, get costumes and props, film your movie and edit it! For inspiration watch the **CREATORS** series on Right Now Media and for lots of ideas and techniques read **VIDEO IDEAS** by Tim Grabham.



(P.S. Making a movie is a lot of work and you will need lots of help, so make sure you know what you're getting into. At the time I wrote this, I was really keen on making a movie, but I later lost enthusiasm and never finished.)

CHARACTER CHALLENGE



While you learn to efficiently delegate responsibilities, you also need to learn not to be "bossy" - micro-managing and delegating responsibilities when you have not been given authority to do so and thinking you always know best - be humble!

Look up and read Proverbs 12:24

"The _____ of the diligent will _____, while the _____ will be put to forced _____."

Look up Ecclesiastes 4:9

"_____ are better than _____, because they have a good _____ for their _____."

Look up Matthew 8:9

"For I too am a man of authority, with _____ under me. And I say to one, '_____' and he goes, and to another '_____' and he comes, and to my servant, '_____' and he does it."

Look up 1 Timothy 5:18

"For the Scripture says, 'You shall not _____ an _____ when he treads out the _____,' and 'The labourer _____ his _____'."

CHARACTER ACTIVITIES

- 1 Write out detailed instructions for performing a specific task. Give them to a sibling, and watch to see how well you have outlined the steps to complete the job properly.
- 2 Consider the question of paying for chores in a family. Discuss this with your parents. Remembering that your parents are responsible to make this decision, do you think children should be paid for all, part, or any of the work they perform in the household?

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- 3 Study the examples of Abigail and Moses as they delegated responsibilities to others. What did they do? How did it affect them and those around them? (Moses - Exodus 18:13-27, Abigail - 1 Sam 25:14-42)
- 4 List all the tools and appliances your parents use ~~to~~ to help them perform their duties in the home. What other tools could they use to make their jobs easier? (Keep this list for gift ideas)
- 5 Teach a new chore or skill to a younger sibling.
- 6 Take responsibility for a major cleaning job in your home. Break the job into smaller steps and oversee your siblings as you work with them to complete the job.

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Being Introduced

- 7 List major jobs that need to be done to keep your house running. For each job list tasks that are appropriate for children of ~~each~~ different ages in the family. (Which laundry chores can a toddler do? Which can a teenager do?) Discuss the list with your parents, and work with them in assigning some of the tasks to family members.
- 8 Serve in your mother's place when she is absent or ill. Assume responsibility for household duties, meal prep, etc. Enroll the help of your siblings.

- Repeat the person's name to whom you are being introduced - don't just say hello and think that covers it. (Repeating a person's name back helps you remember it for future reference)
- Stop what you are doing when you are being introduced. (If someone thinks enough of you to introduce you to someone else, don't embarrass everyone by acting as if you couldn't be bothered.)
- Smile and make eye contact with the person you are being introduced to
- Remember that first impressions are lasting impressions.

From 50 GOOD MANNERS EVERY YOUNG LADY SHOULD KNOW

by Kay West, John Bridges, and Brandy...