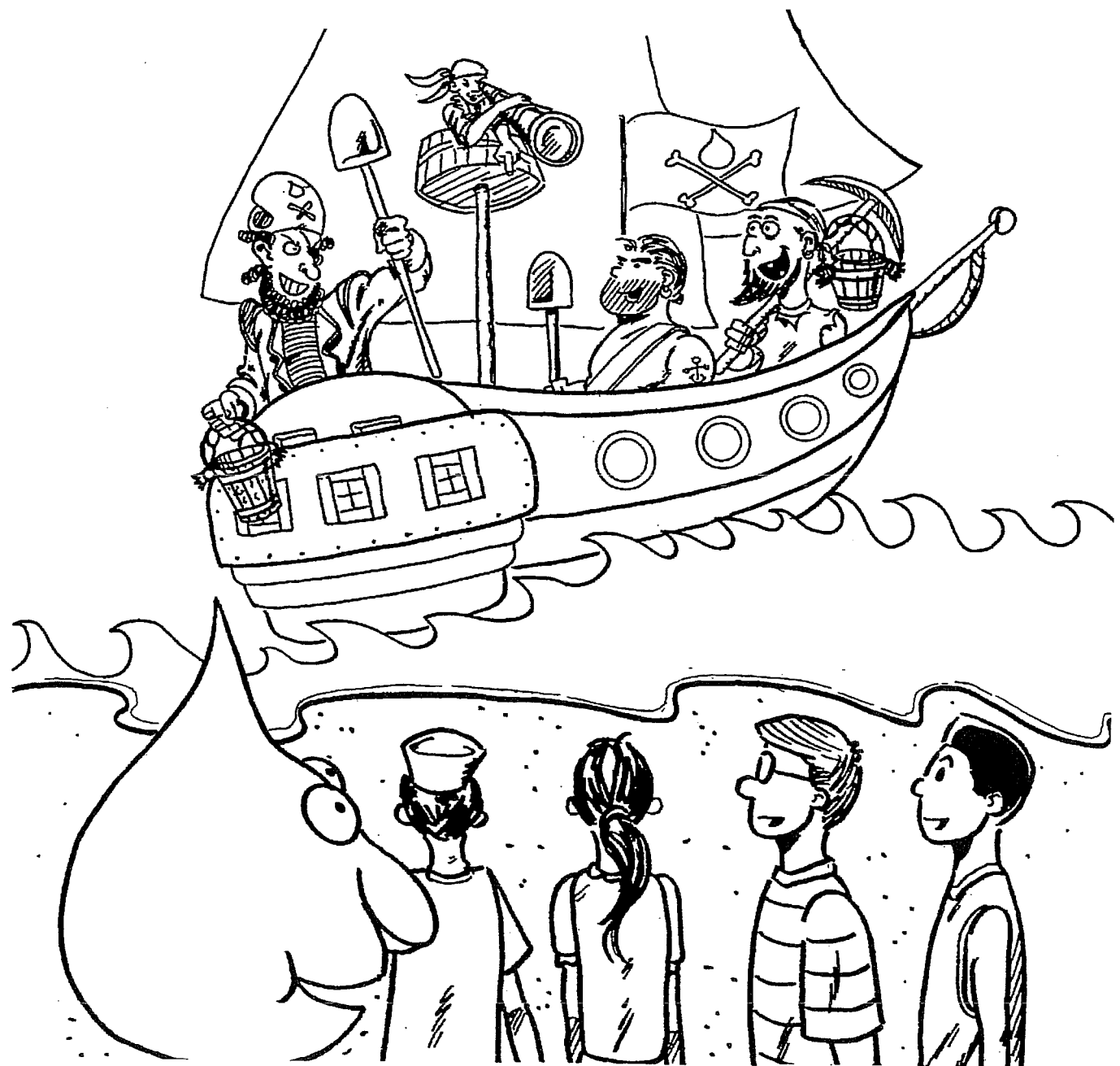


THE ADVENTURES OF THE SWFWMD HYDROFORCE

IN "FLORIDA'S BURIED TREASURE"

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Greetings, matey!
We need some fresh water.
Can you help us?
Will you share?

Sure!
But what happened
to your water?





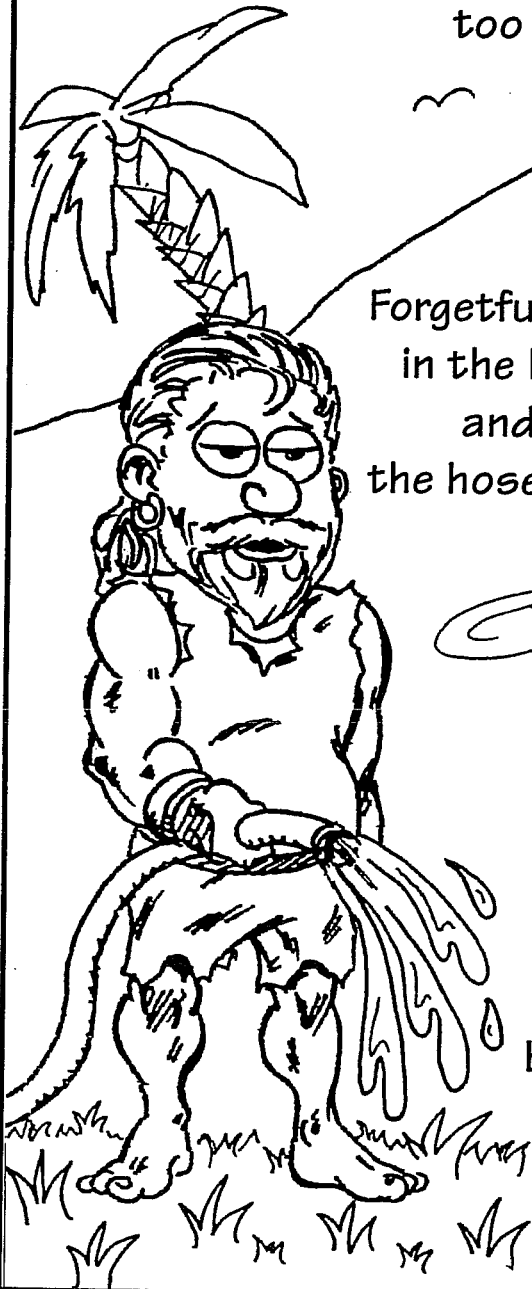
We live on a small island.
I think we used water faster
than the rains could
replace!

Silly stayed
in the shower too long
and filled the bathtub
too high!



Forgetful watered
in the hot sun
and left
the hose running!

Hazy
brushed
his teeth
with the
faucet
running...



... and
flushed
bugs and
trash
down the toilet!



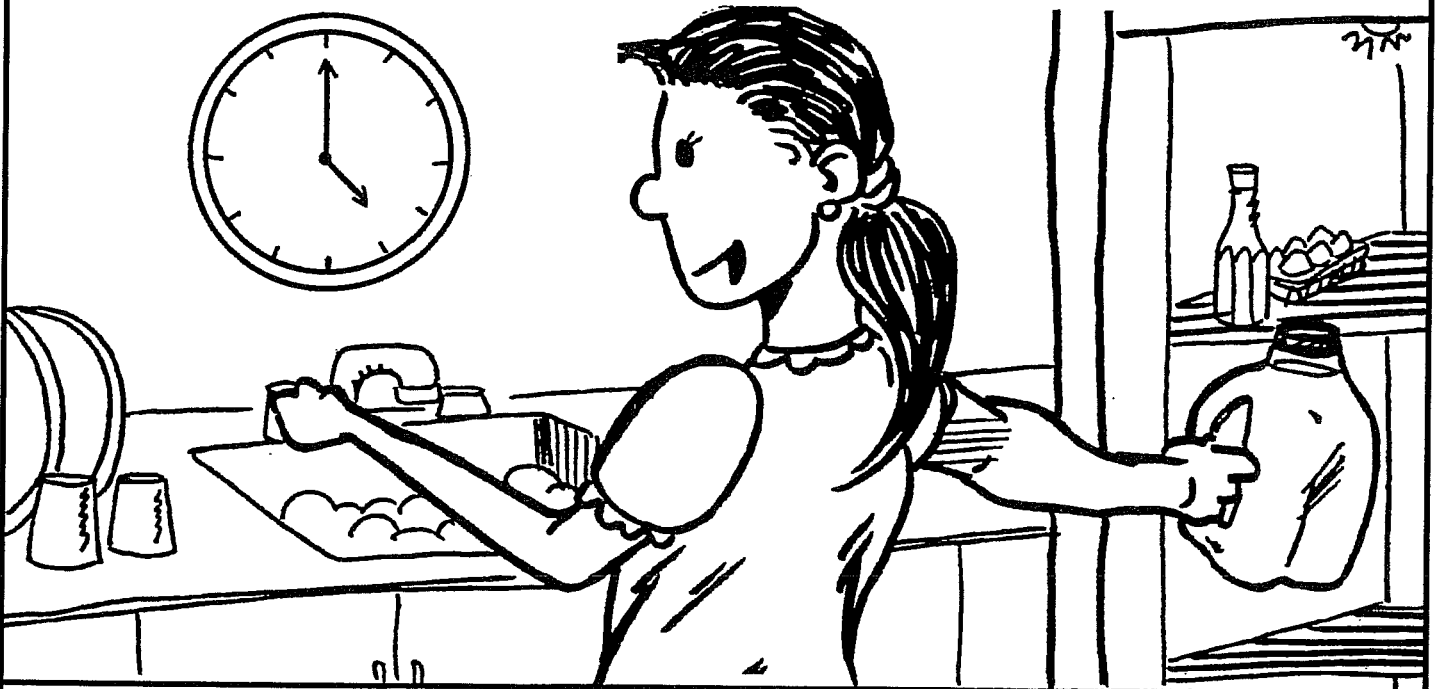
Just make a
"W" salute like this and say
these words:
"I promise to do my best
to save our water.
SWA SWA!"

"SWA SWA"
is our secret code word.
It stands for
"Save Water And Save
Water Again."

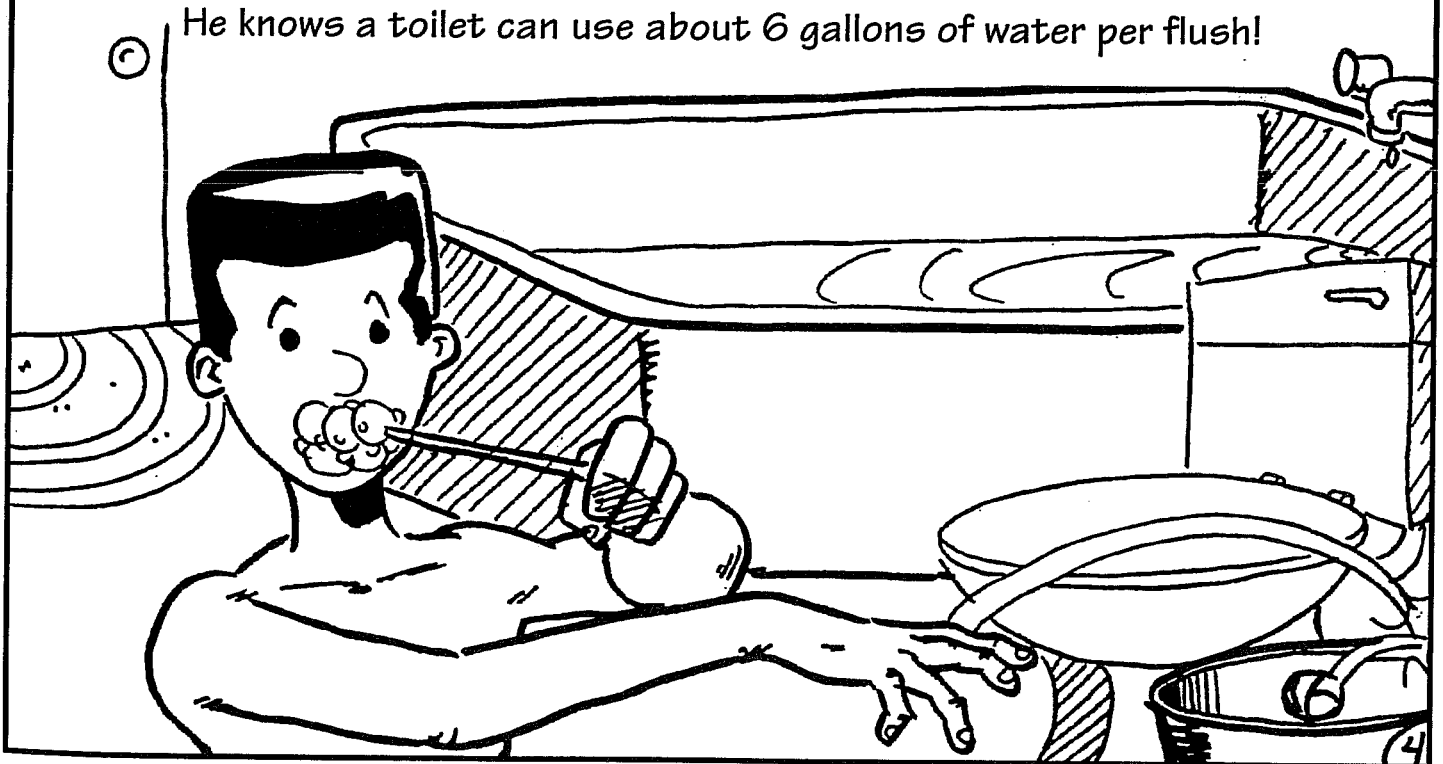
Sounds like
you need to join our
water saver's club,
THE SWFWMD
HYDROFORCE.



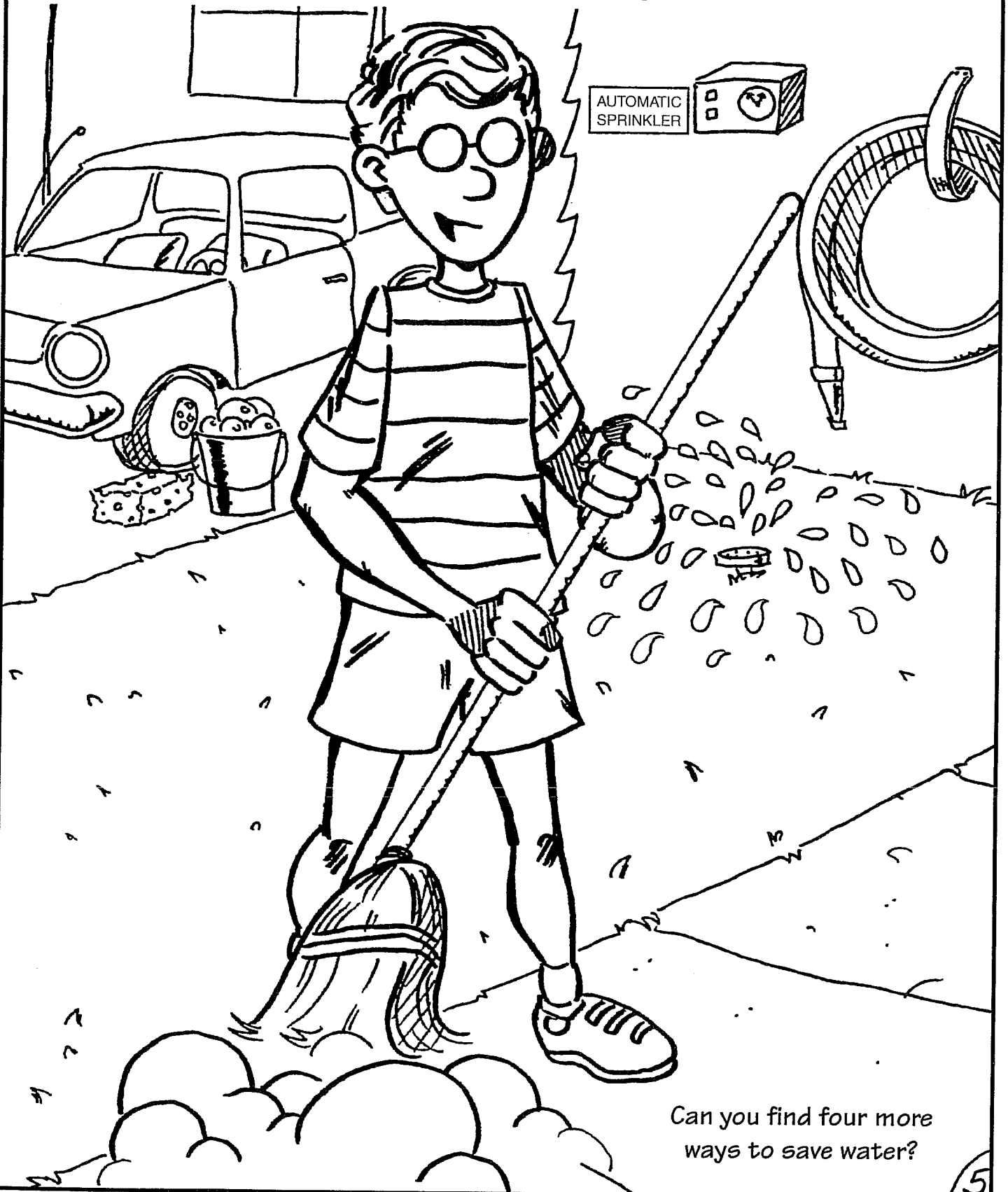
Careful Cathy saves water by keeping a jug of cool water in the refrigerator. She also washes dishes in a sink that is only filled halfway. She knows a running faucet can waste about 3 gallons of water in a minute!



Conserving Conrad saves water by brushing his teeth with the faucet turned off and filling his bathtub only halfway. He also throws bugs and trash into the trash can instead of flushing them down the toilet. He knows a toilet can use about 6 gallons of water per flush!



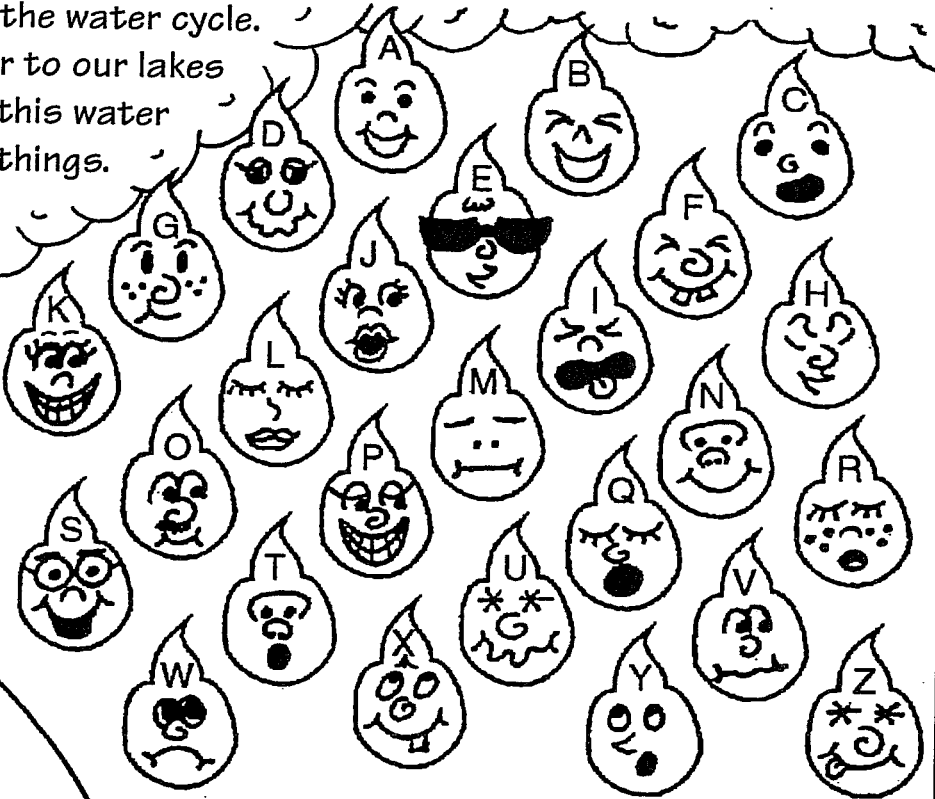
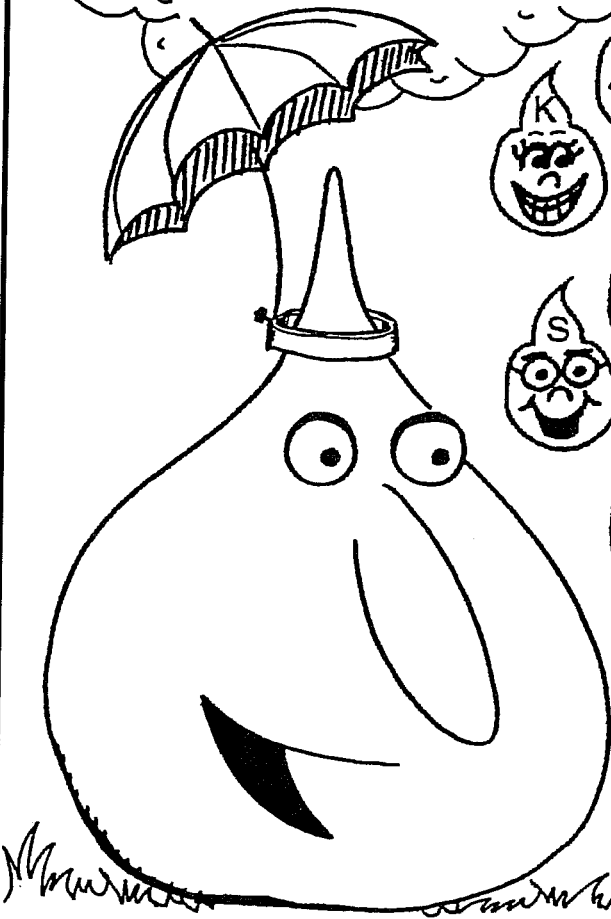
Saver Sam saves water by sweeping the sidewalk instead of cleaning it with a hose. He knows a running hose can waste about 10 gallons of water in a minute!



Can you find four more ways to save water?

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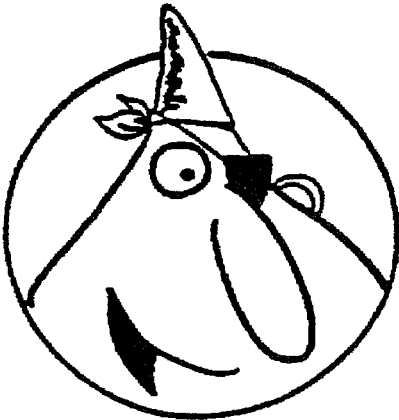
Clouds and rain are part of the water cycle.
 Rainfall brings fresh water to our lakes
 and rivers. We will use this water
 for many different things.



Match the faces on the big raindrops above
 with the faces on the small drops below.
 Write the letter you see in the big raindrop
 on the line over the matching small drop.

ANSWERS: PLANTS, CLEANING,
 COOKING, DRINKING, PLAYING

F O R _ _ _



Saving water is a family job.
 Take the SWFWMD Hydroforce Quiz
 with your family and friends.
 Circle all the answers that help save water.

1. When I brush my teeth, I should:

- (a) leave the faucet running
- (b) fill a cup with water to rinse
- (c) turn the faucet off while brushing
- (d) brush my teeth in the shower

2. When I take a bath, I should:

- (a) fill the bathtub half full
- (b) wear my clothes to wash them
- (c) throw the used water on the plants
- (d) play with my rubber ducky

3. When I get a drink of water, I should:

- (a) let the water run until it gets cold
- (b) keep a jug of water in the fridge
- (c) take more than I can drink
- (d) not swallow

4. When I take a shower, I should:

- (a) get clean in 5 minutes or less
- (b) let the water run an hour to get hot
- (c) share my shower with my dog
- (d) use a low-flow showerhead

5. I should flush the toilet:

- (a) to get rid of bugs
- (b) only when I need to
- (c) to get rid of trash
- (d) to waste 6 gallons of water

6. When toilets, faucets or pipes leak, I should:

- (a) ask my parents to move to a new house
- (b) ask my parents to fix them
- (c) count the drops wasted
- (d) ignore it

7. When the dishwasher or washing machine is running, I should make sure:

- (a) the machine has a full load
- (b) I am nowhere to be found
- (c) the items are really dirty
- (d) the soap is safe for the environment

8. When I clean the driveway, I should:

- (a) use a broom
- (b) use the hose
- (c) use the toothbrush
- (d) use a lawn and leaf blower

9. When I wash my parents' car, I should:

- (a) leave the hose running
- (b) use a bucket and sponge
- (c) wash it on the grass
- (d) use a hose with a shutoff spray nozzle to wet and rinse

10. In the swimming pool, I should:

- (a) cover it to stop evaporation
- (b) splash water out on the pool deck
- (c) overfill it with the hose
- (d) remind my parents to clean the filter often

Answers: (1) b, c (2) a, c (3) b (4) a, d (5) b (6) b (7) a, c, d (8) a, d (9) b, c, d (10) a, d

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