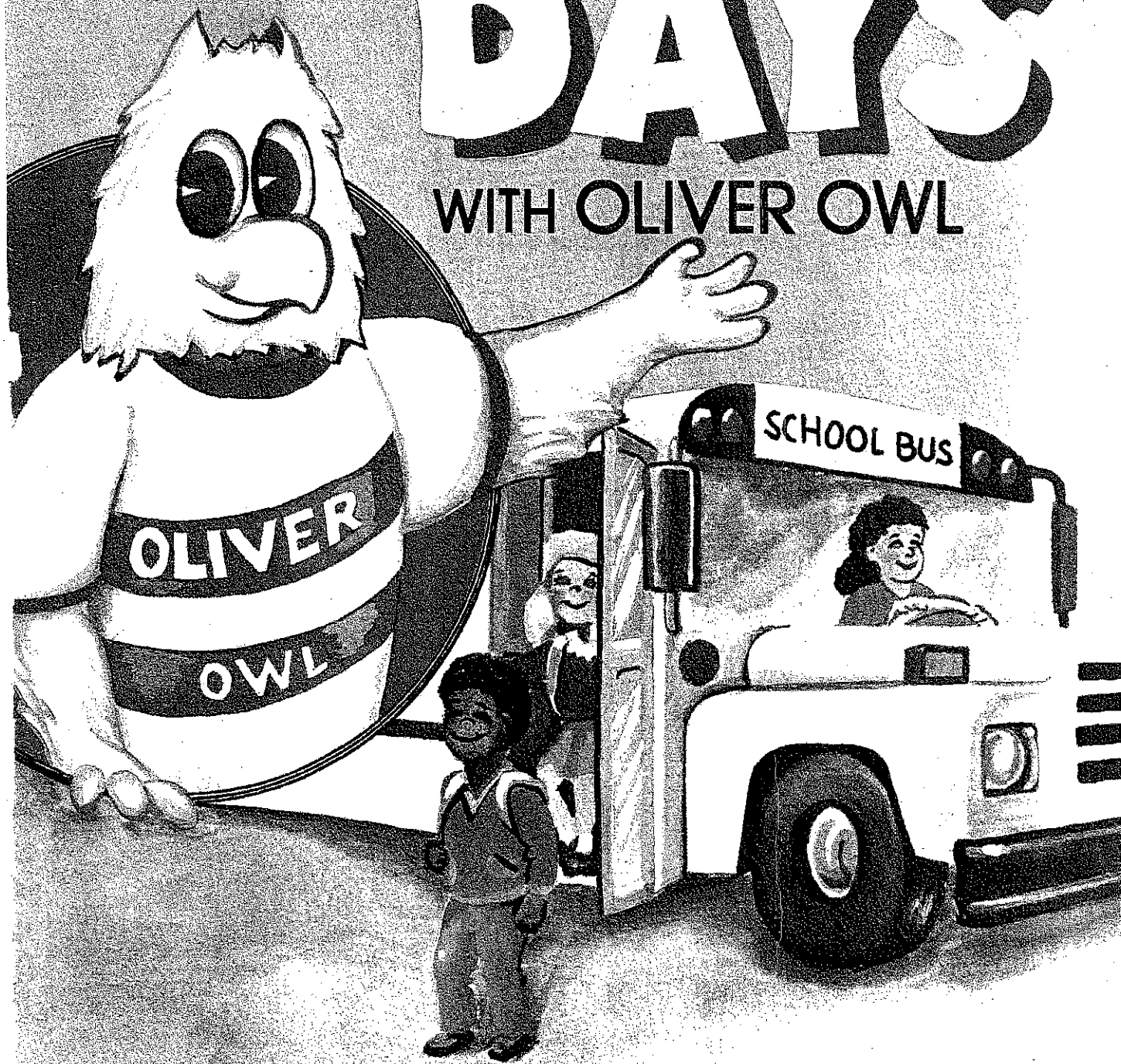


SCHOOL BUS RIDER SAFETY BOOK

SAFE DAYS

WITH OLIVER OWL





A LETTER TO
PARENTS FROM
OHIO DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COLUMBUS



Dear Parent:

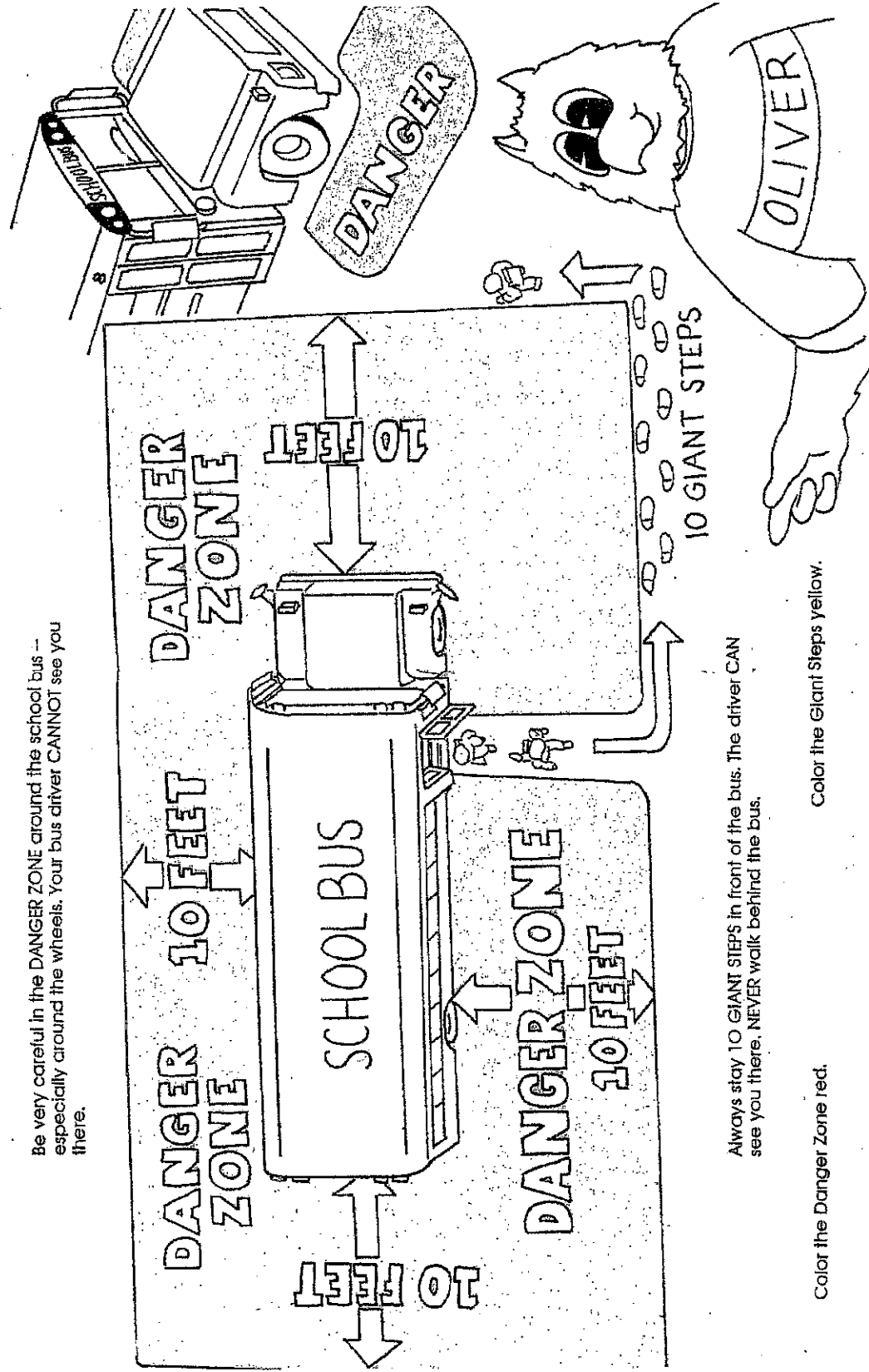
This booklet is designed to assist K-3 pupils in learning about their role and responsibilities in pupil transportation safety. Parents also have a responsibility, and we seek your assistance to help insure that the daily ride to and from school is as safe as possible.

1. Give particular attention to the procedure children are to follow when crossing the roadway in front of the school bus. (This is the Danger Zone.)
2. See that your child is appropriately dressed during inclement weather and always arrives at the bus stop on time.
3. Become familiar with, and reinforce the school district rules and procedures at school bus stops.
4. Reinforce the school district rules for pupils while riding the bus.
5. Become familiar with the walking route to and from the school bus stop.

The help you give in recognizing the dangers inherent in pupil transportation will certainly result in greater safety for each school bus passenger.

HAVE A GREAT DAY!!!

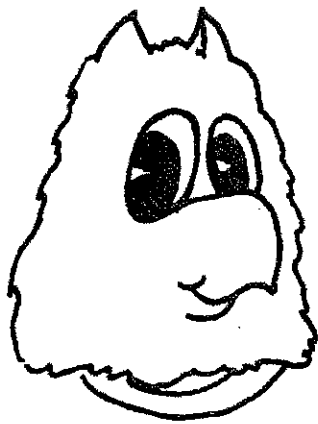
Be very careful in the DANGER ZONE around the school bus -- especially around the wheels. Your bus driver CANNOT see you there.



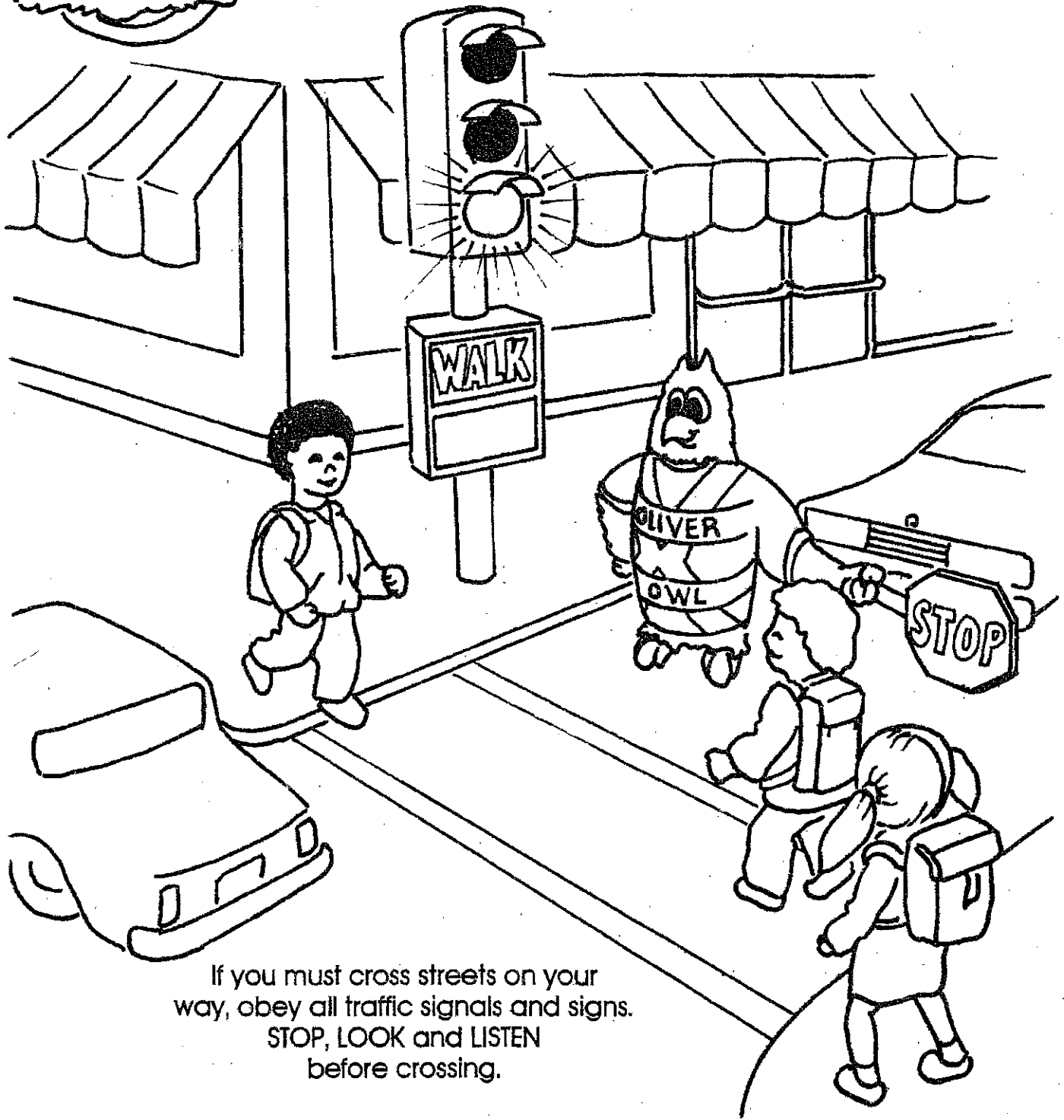
Always stay 10 GIANT STEPS in front of the bus. The driver CAN see you there. NEVER walk behind the bus.

Color the Danger Zone red.

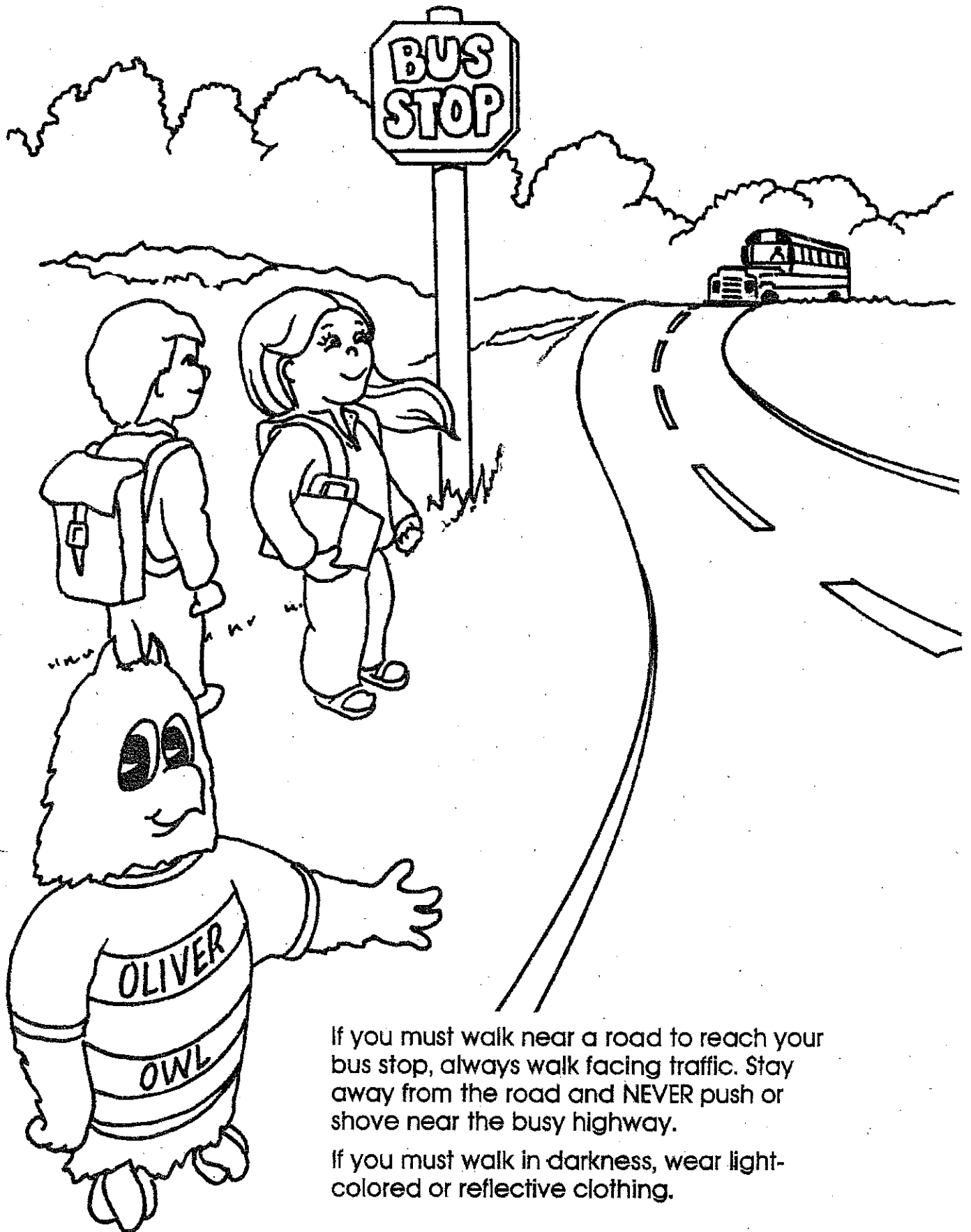
Color the Giant Steps yellow.



Oliver, the School Bus Safety Owl, wants you to be safe on your way TO and FROM school each day. He has some good rules for you to remember about School Bus Safety that can make all your School Days, SAFE DAYS.



If you must cross streets on your way, obey all traffic signals and signs. STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing.

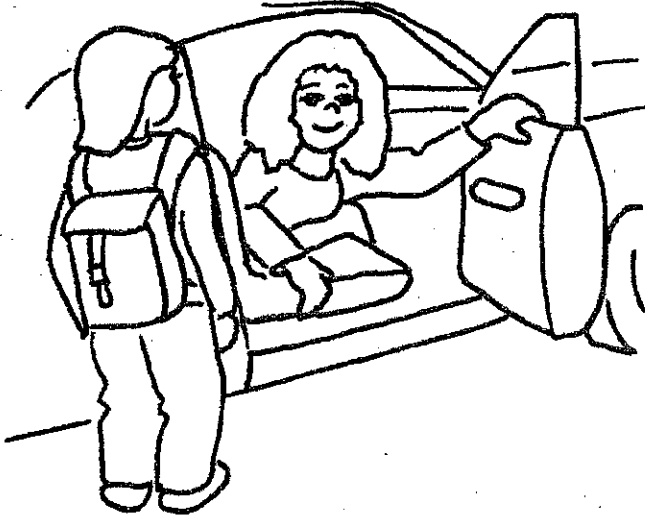


If you must walk near a road to reach your bus stop, always walk facing traffic. Stay away from the road and NEVER push or shove near the busy highway.

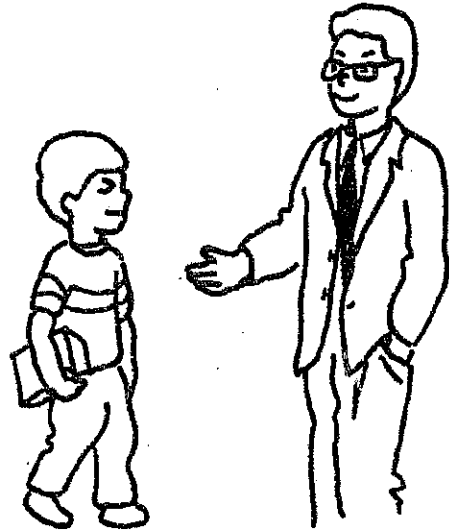
If you must walk in darkness, wear light-colored or reflective clothing.



Oliver says BE WISE.
Go directly to your bus.
Don't play along the way and
NEVER TALK TO STRANGERS.



Don't Take a Ride

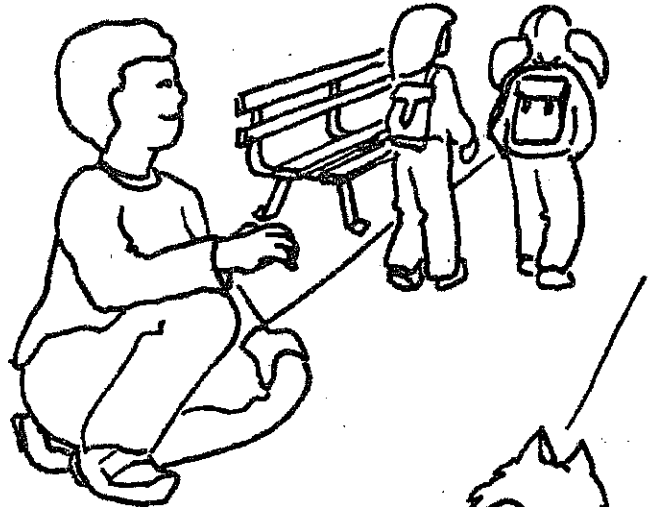


Don't Take a Walk

Don't Take Gifts



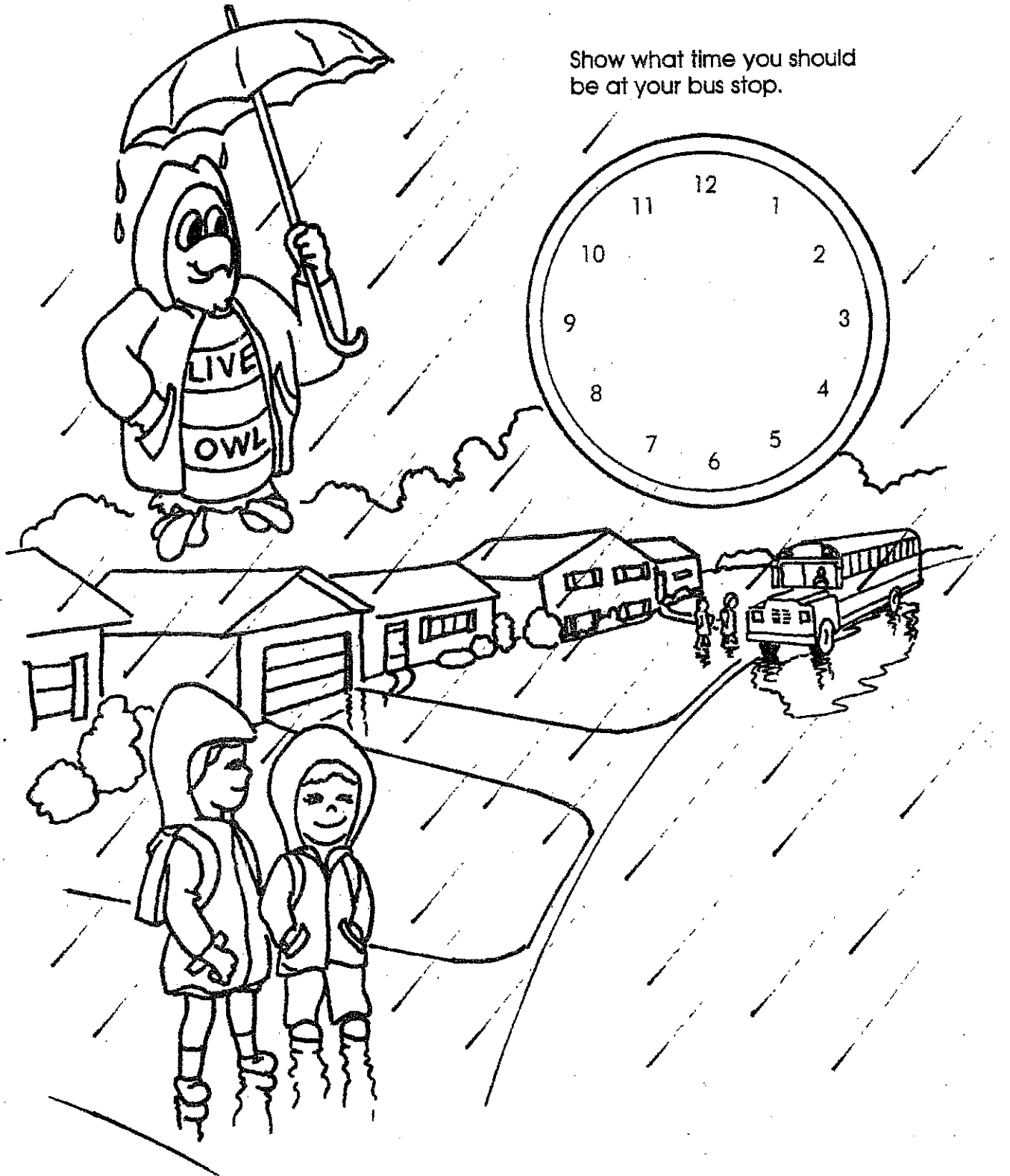
Don't Even Stop to Talk



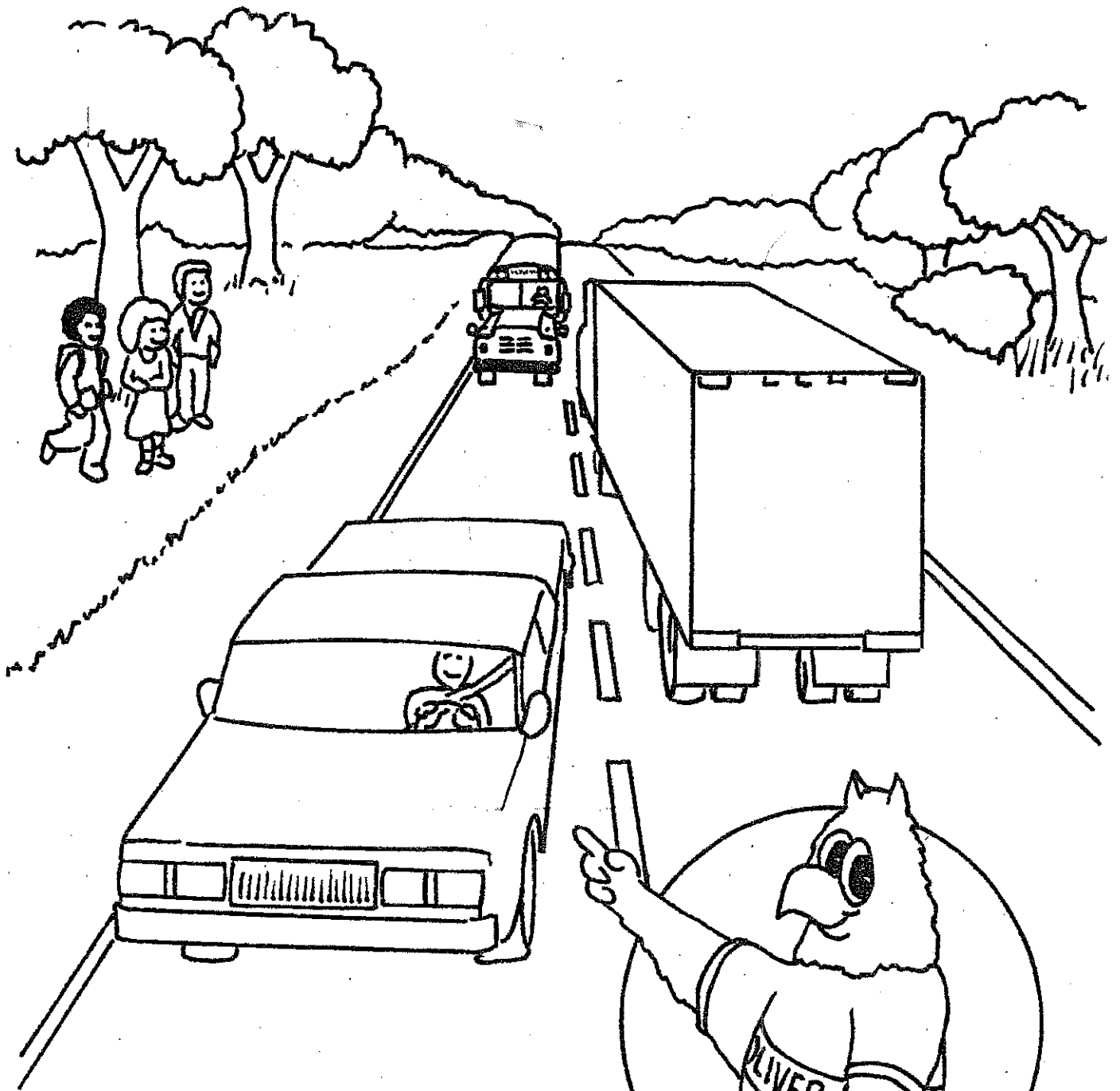
Remember to tell someone you know and trust, if any of these things happen to you. Try to remember what the stranger looks like. If the person has a car, describe it, too.



Show what time you should be at your bus stop.



Always be on time for your bus. If you are late, the bus may not wait. And be sure to dress properly for the weather.



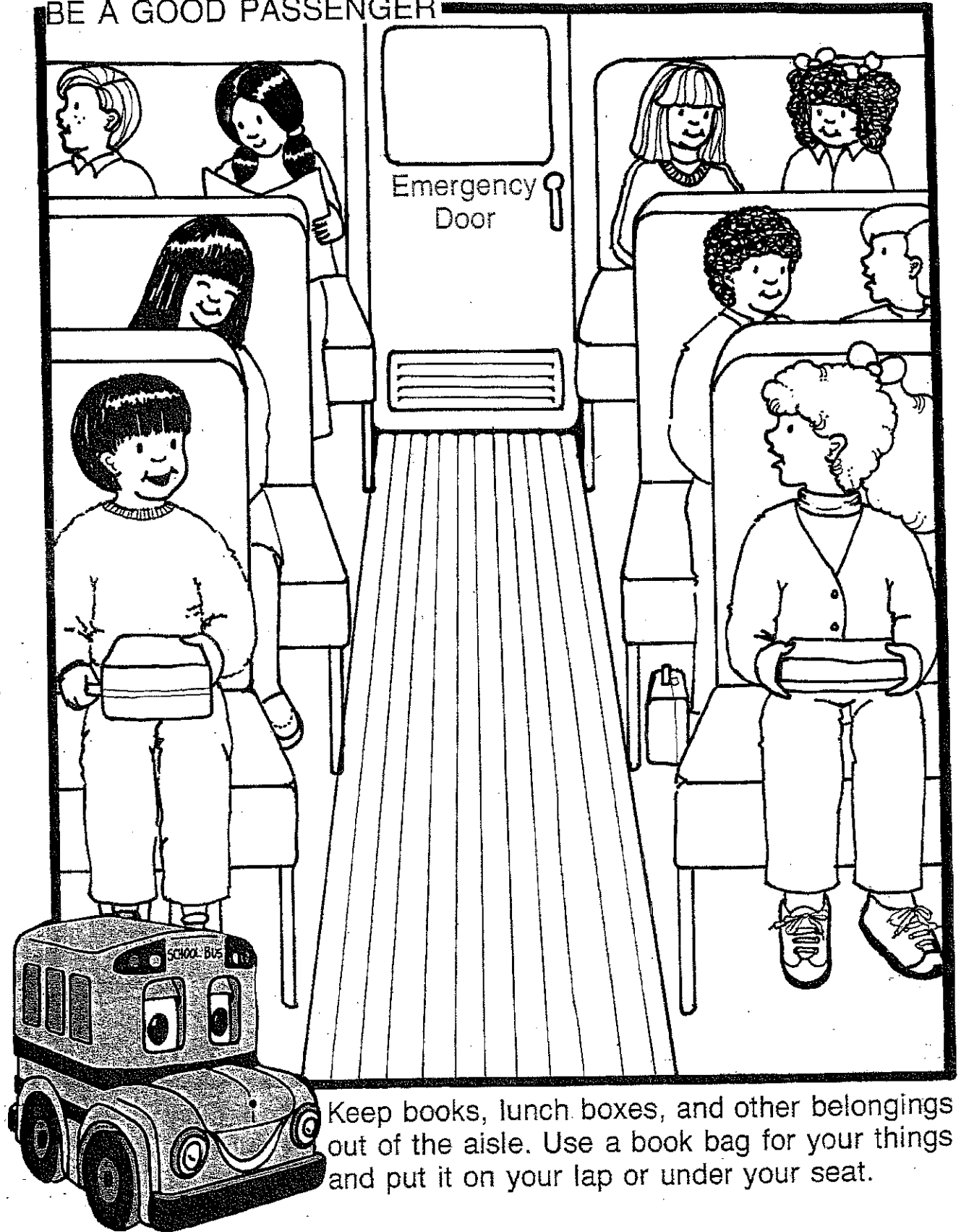
Always wait for your bus in a safe place. Standing near the street or highway can be very dangerous.

Be sure to wait, even if your bus is late. If it does not arrive, go directly home.



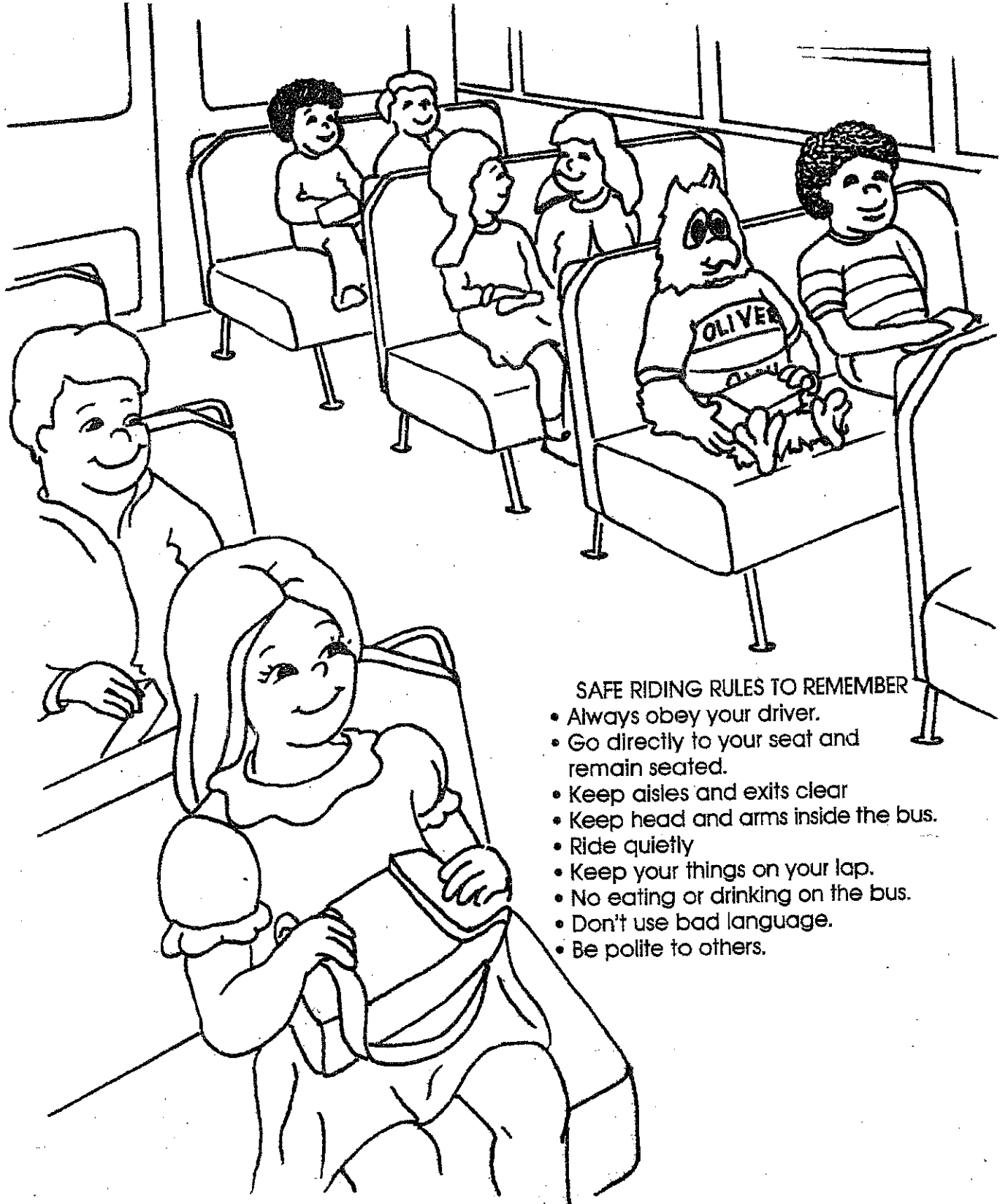
Oliver says,
"Don't play around
at the bus stop."
Someone could get hurt.

BE A GOOD PASSENGER



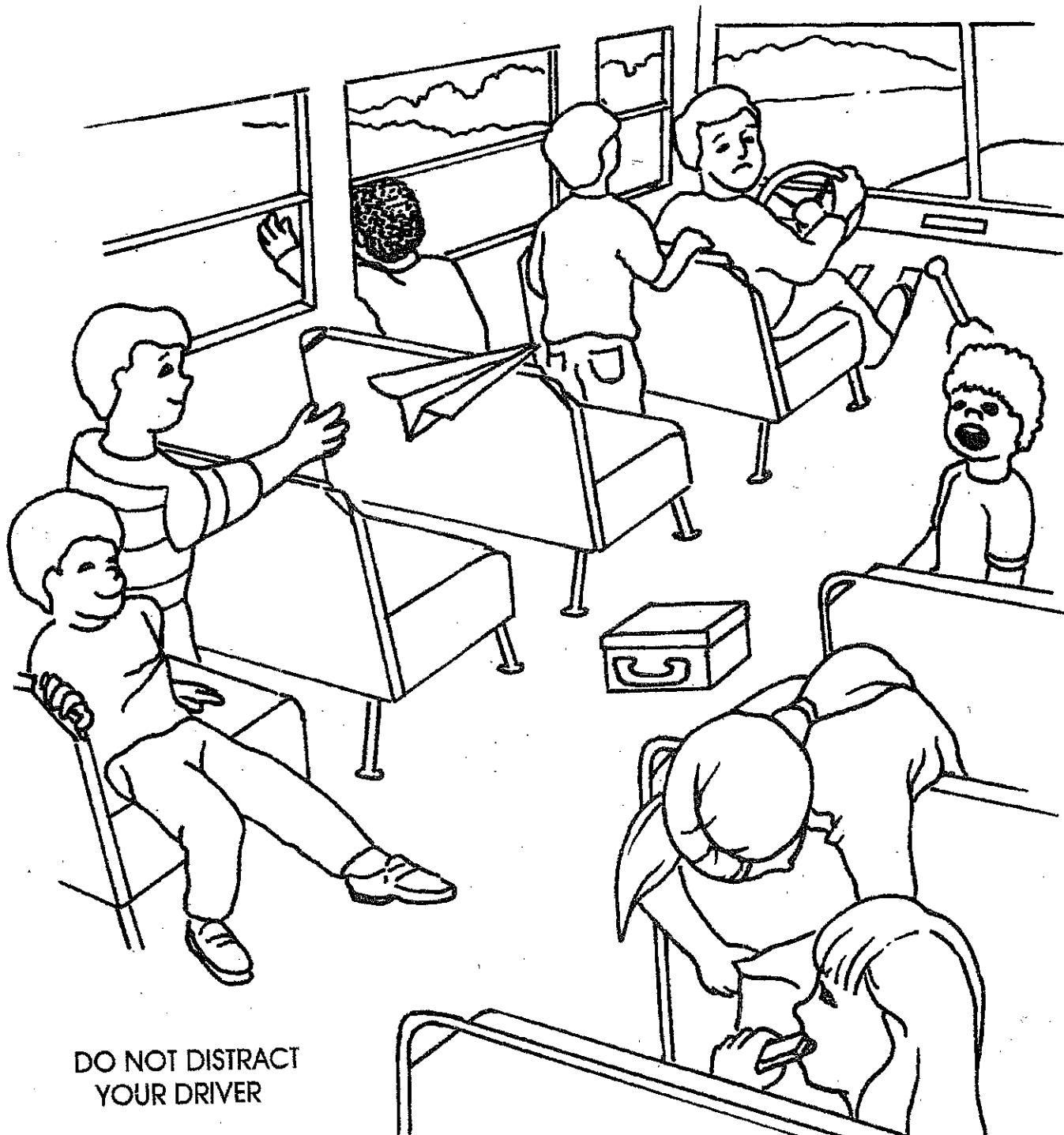
Keep books, lunch boxes, and other belongings out of the aisle. Use a book bag for your things and put it on your lap or under your seat.

The School Bus Driver is your friend, whose main job is to get you to school and back home again safely. Make your driver's job easier by learning safe riding rules.

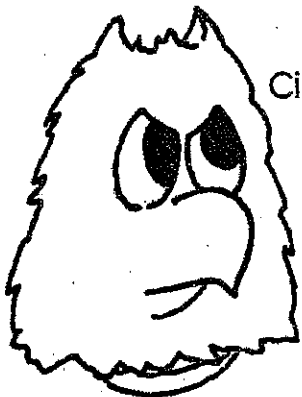


SAFE RIDING RULES TO REMEMBER

- Always obey your driver.
- Go directly to your seat and remain seated.
- Keep aisles and exits clear
- Keep head and arms inside the bus.
- Ride quietly
- Keep your things on your lap.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Don't use bad language.
- Be polite to others.

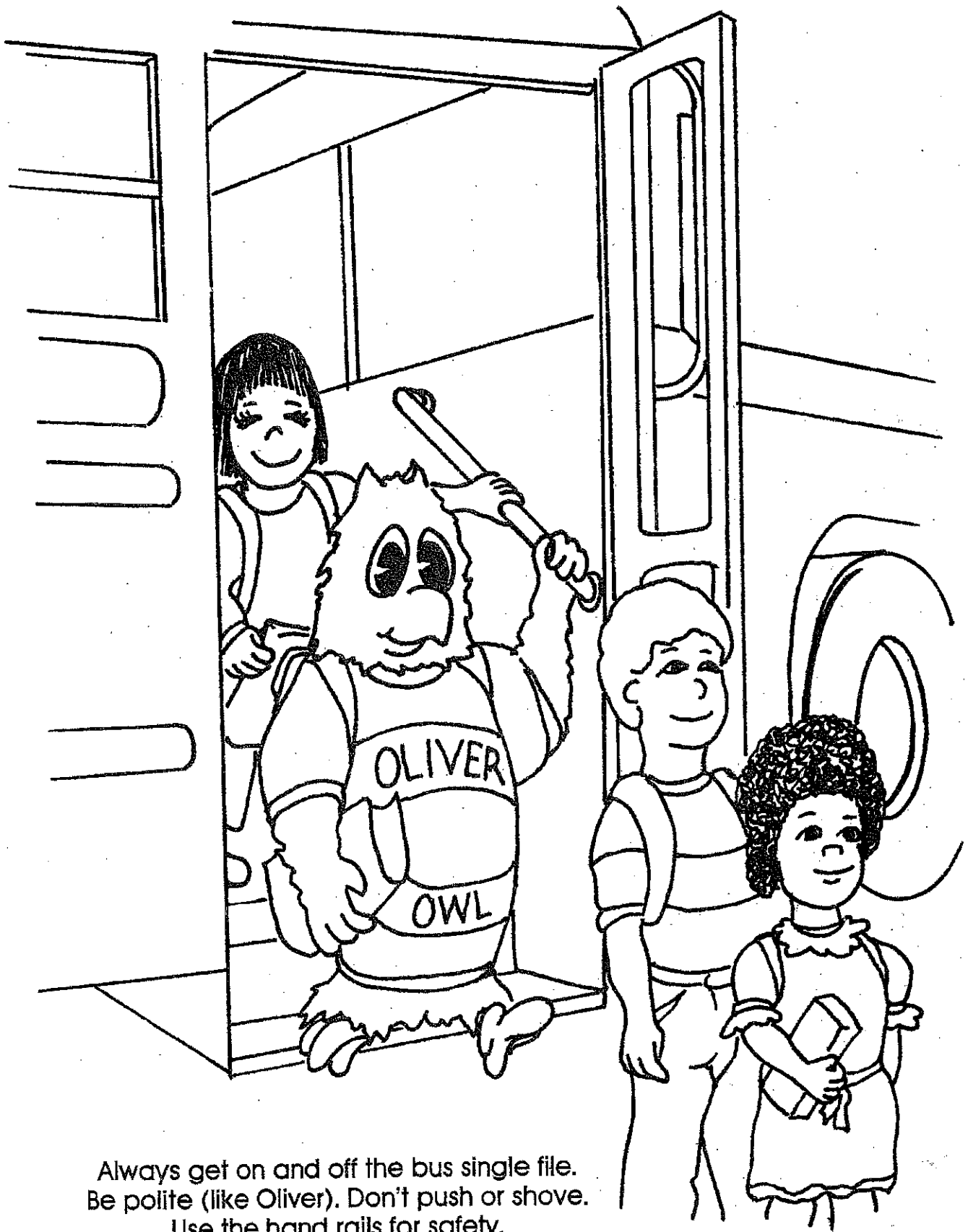


DO NOT DISTRACT
YOUR DRIVER



Circle the eight things wrong in the above picture.

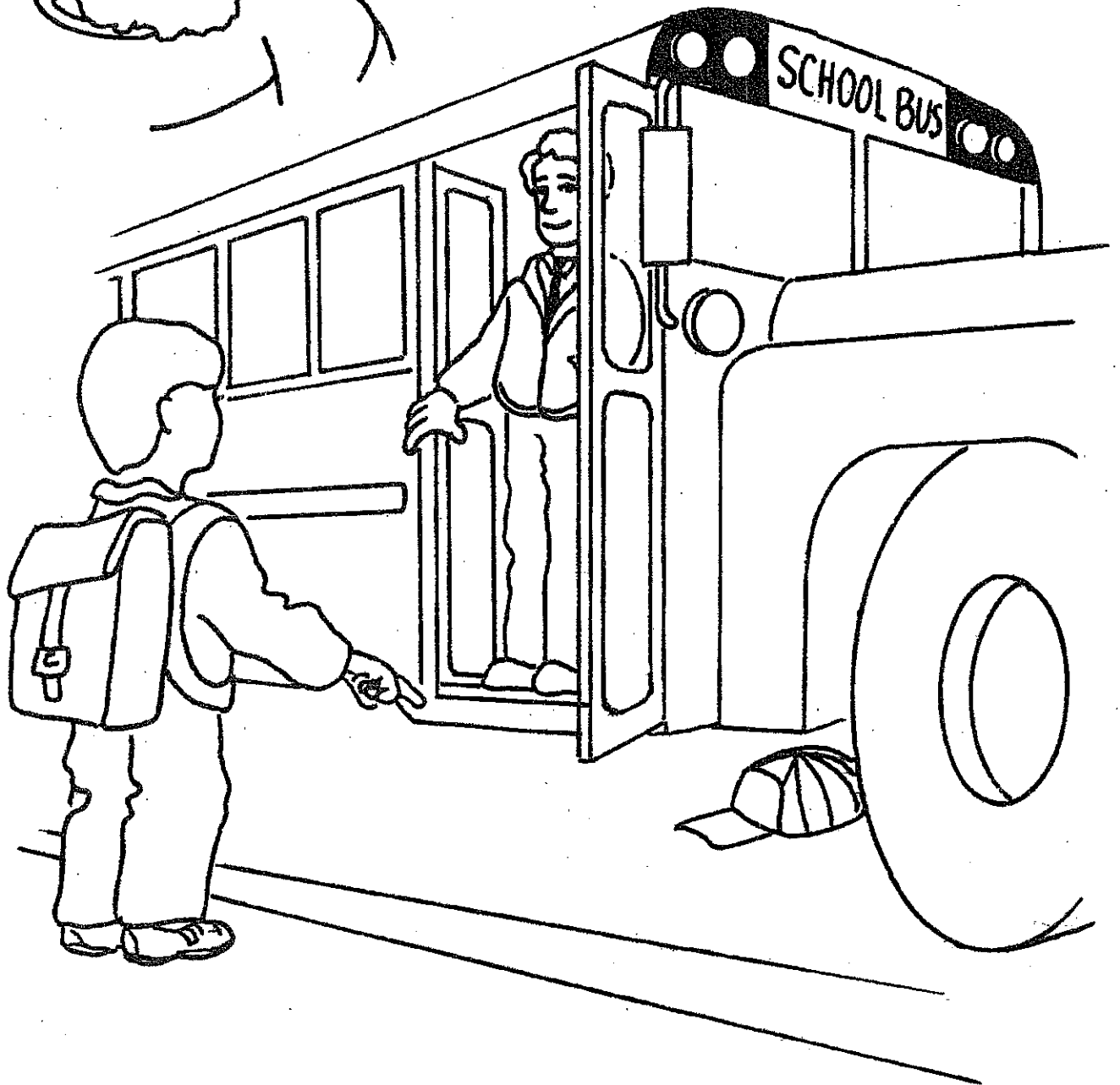
1. Boy throwing paper airplane
2. Girl turned around, hanging over the seat
3. Boy with head and arms out of the window
4. Lunch bucket in the aisle
5. Boy yelling
6. Girl eating a candy bar
7. Boy with feet in the aisle
8. Boy standing up



Always get on and off the bus single file.
Be polite (like Oliver). Don't push or shove.
Use the hand rails for safety.



If you drop something under the bus,
LEAVE IT.
Tell your bus driver or another adult.



Remember, if you must cross in front of your bus:

1. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN.

Take 10 GIANT STEPS in front of the bus.

Make eye contact—you can see your driver and your driver can see you.

Wait for the driver to signal when it's safe to cross.

2. Walk to center of road (traffic edge) STOP ! Check traffic on your own.

3. If it's safe, go directly to your place of safety. Remain there until the bus leaves

4. If the horn blows, that means danger. Recheck traffic, if you see no

danger look back at your driver for further instruction!

In the morning wait at your Place of Safety for your school bus driver to signal you to come to the bus (The bus driver will use hand signal, hand Up means stop, hand Down means come to the bus). This is important for both right side and left side.

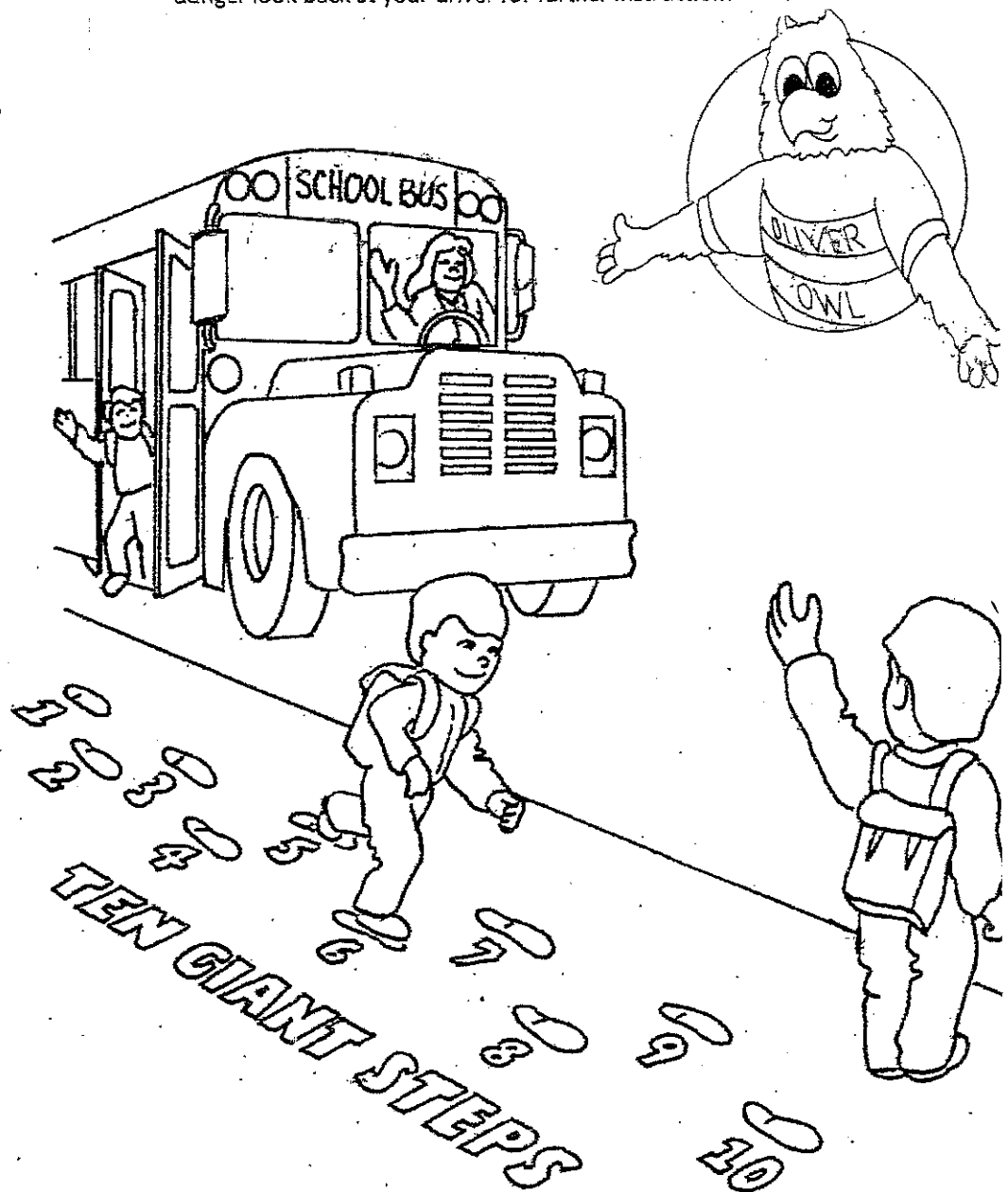
Have the student explain where their Place of Safety is located.

In the morning, my Place of Safety is:

(Teachers) Fill in the Blank (Place of Safety must be on the resident side of the road which is the side of the road the child lives on)

In the afternoon, my Place of Safety is:

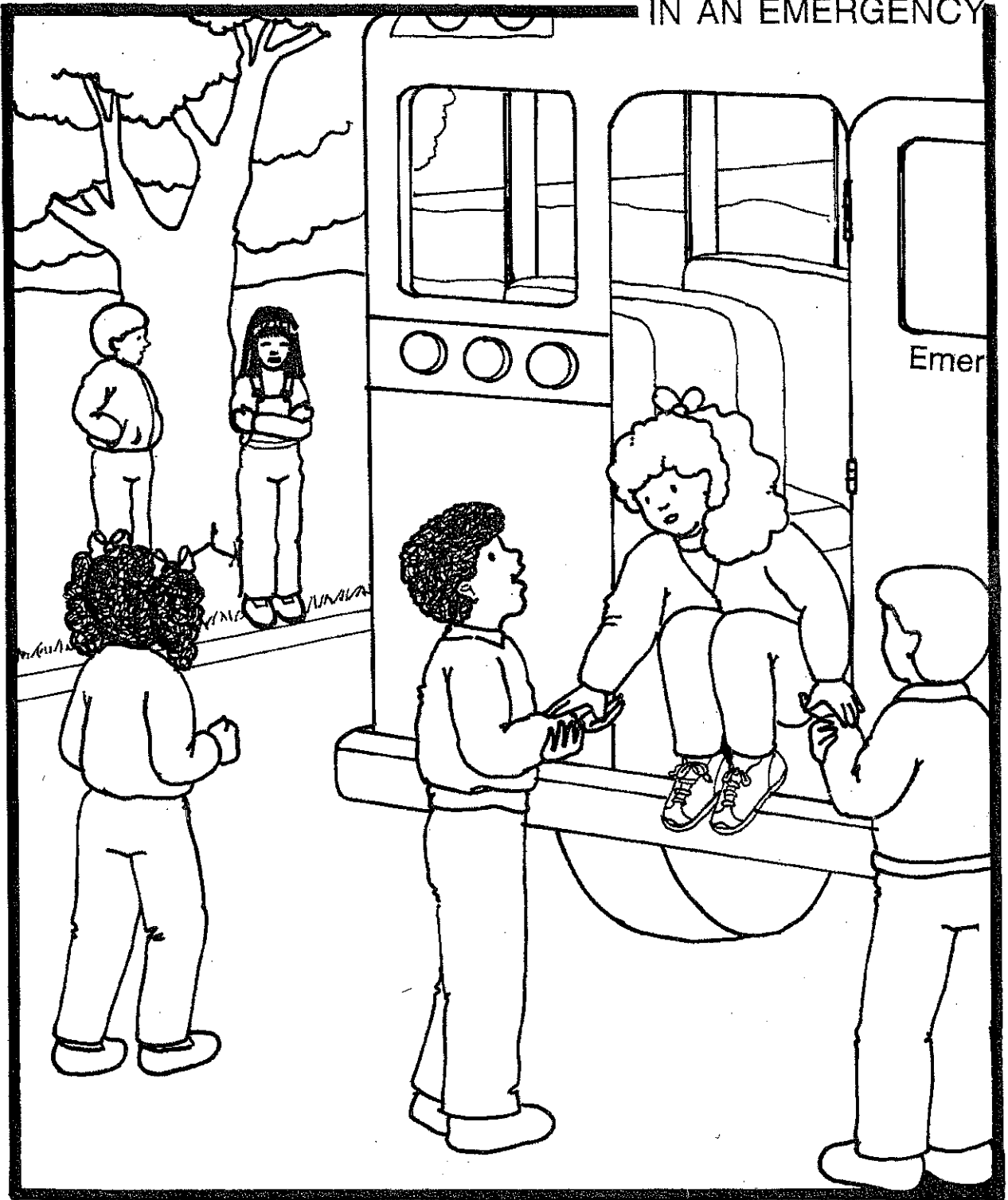
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For everybody's safety, be COMPLETELY QUIET at railroad crossings. Watch for your driver's signal to be quiet. Draw yourself and a friend sitting quietly in the empty seat.

IN AN EMERGENCY

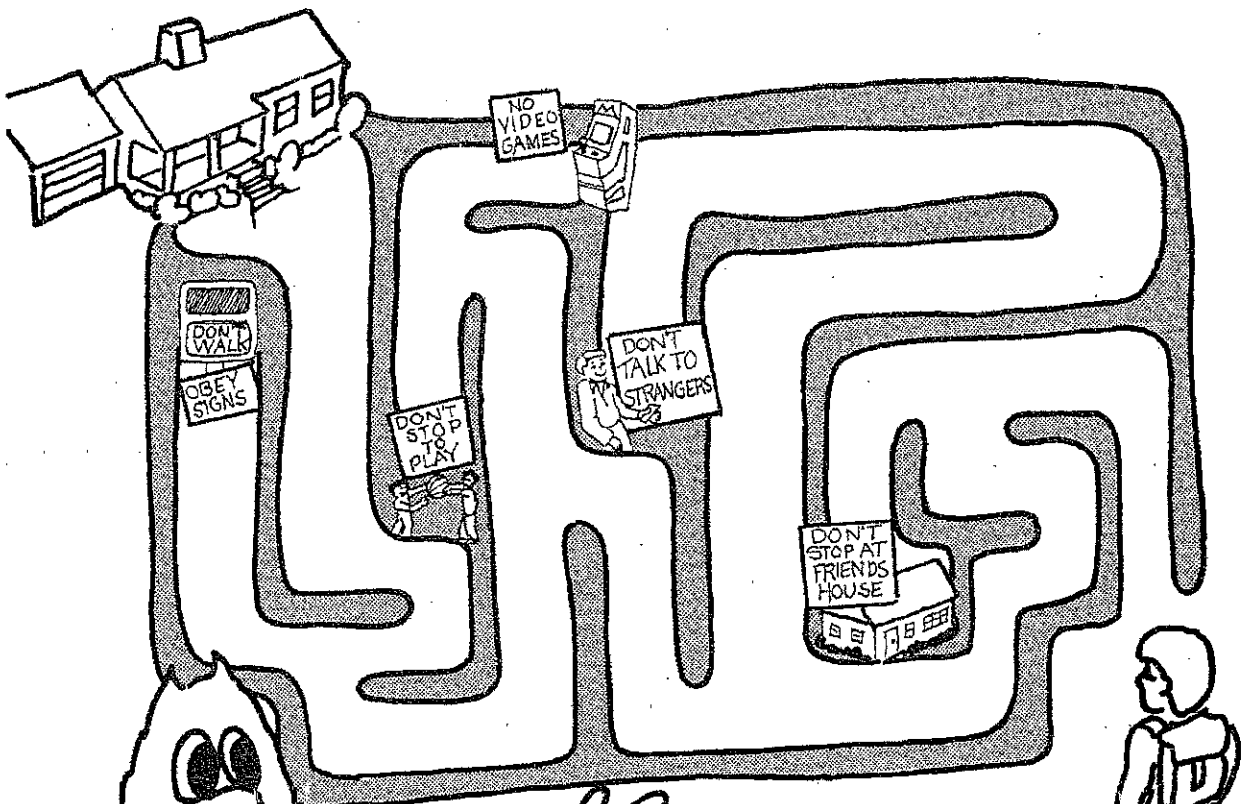
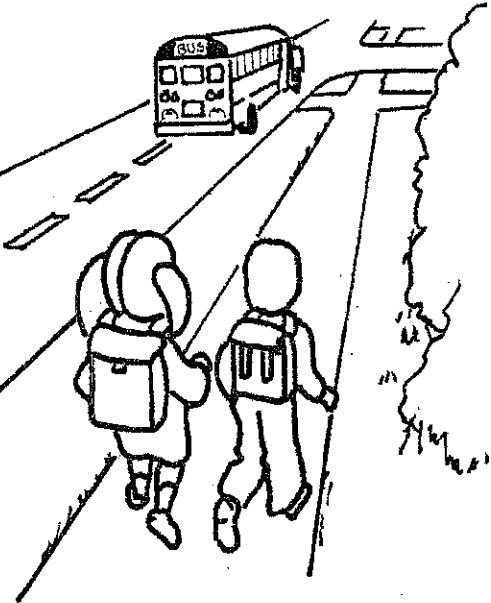


Open the emergency door only in an emergency. Know what to do. Follow the drivers instructions carefully. When told, leave the bus exit in an orderly manner. Stay in a group away from traffic.

After school be sure to get off at
YOUR bus stop. Go directly home.
Don't play along the way.

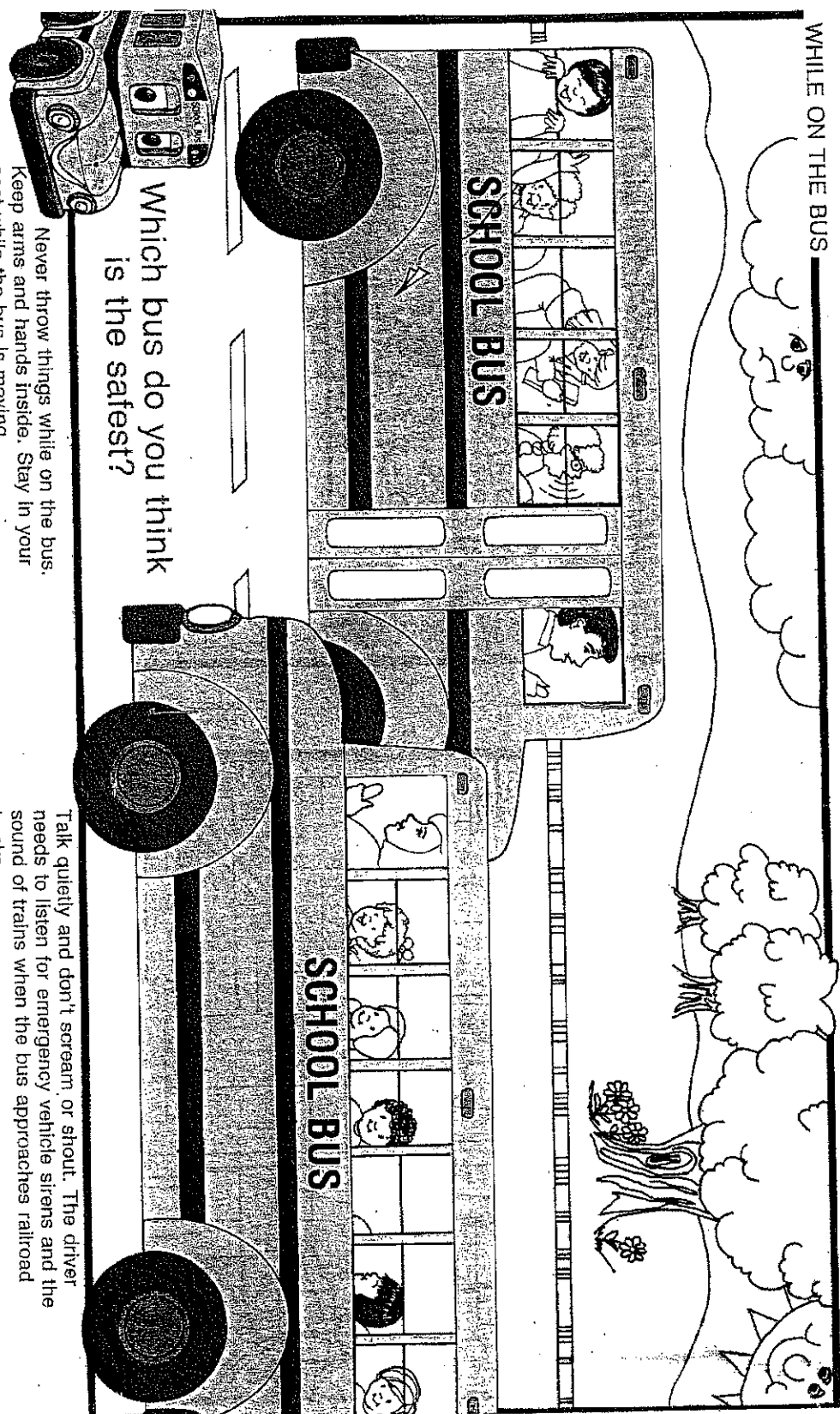
My place of safety is

Fill in the blank



Help Chris get safely from the bus stop
to his house.

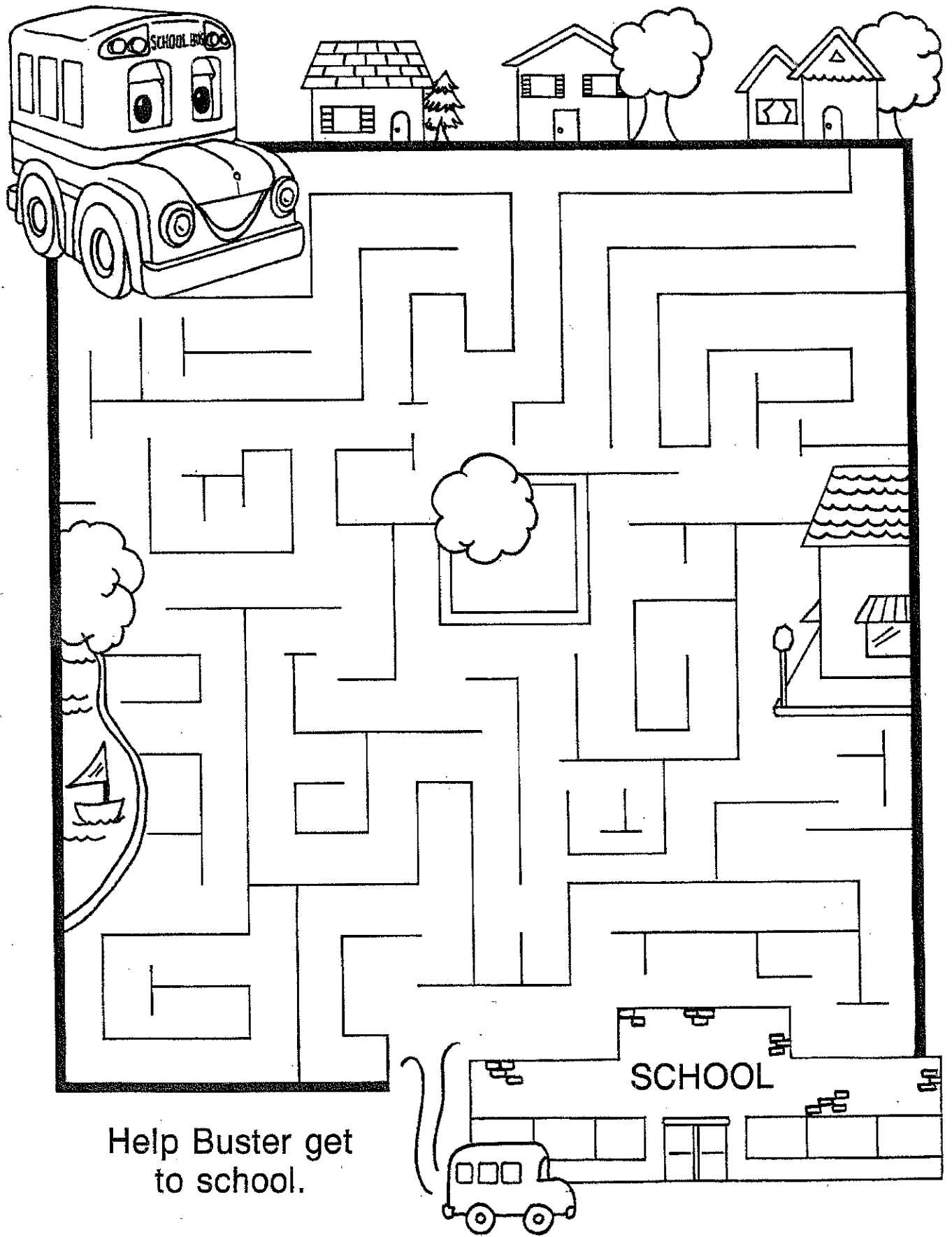
WHILE ON THE BUS



Which bus do you think is the safest?

Never throw things while on the bus. Keep arms and hands inside. Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.

Talk quietly and don't scream or shout. The driver needs to listen for emergency vehicle sirens and the sound of trains when the bus approaches railroad tracks.



Help Buster get
to school.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Our goal is to keep our children safe while traveling to and from school. We need your help in this important task.

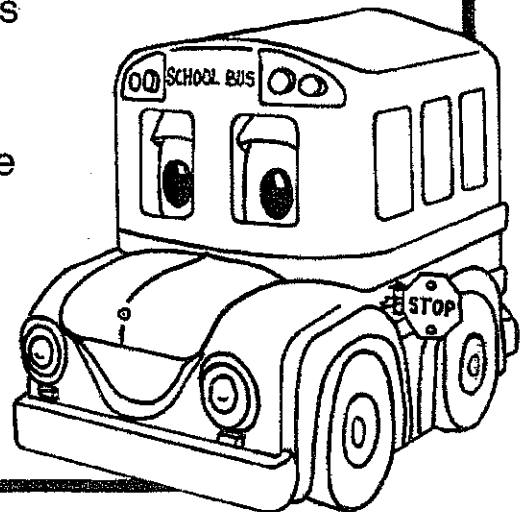
Review the ideas in this booklet with your children. Emphasize positive behaviors and help your child think of some of the benefits of following the school bus safety rules.

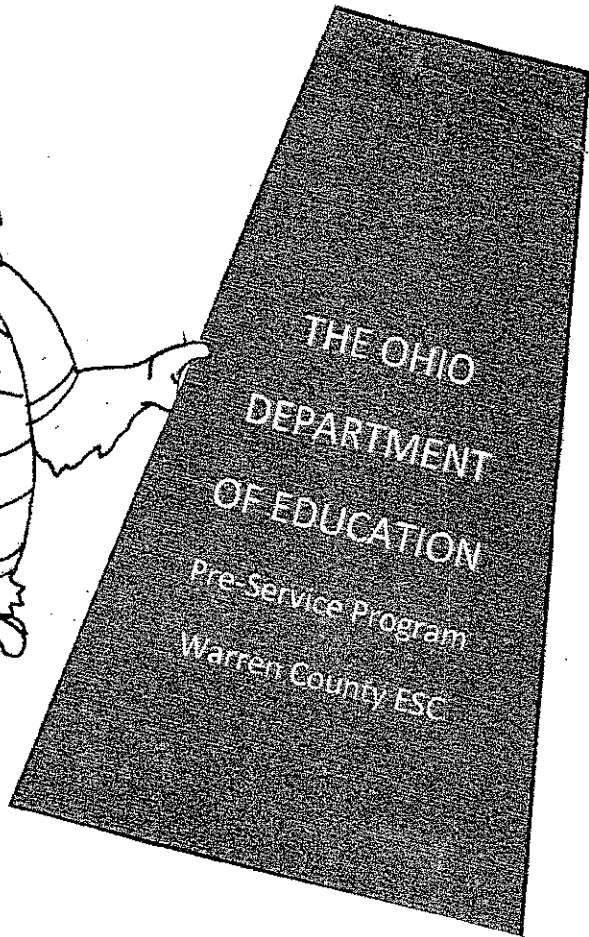
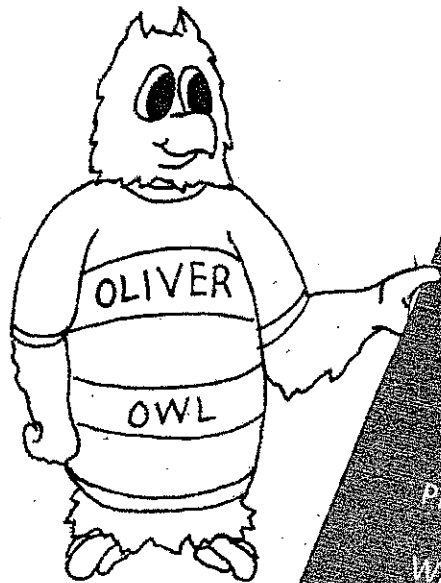
Help your child establish a good morning routine.

1. Have your child leave home early enough to arrive 5 minutes before the bus time without rushing.
2. Make sure your child is dressed properly for the weather.
3. Don't let small children or pets follow your child to the bus stop.
4. Make sure your child has a small pack or book bag to carry school items safely.

All these things are very important in making the school bus ride to and from school both fun and a safe experience.

Working together, we can make this happen.





THE SAFE SCHOOL BUS RIDERS' PLEDGE

I promise to obey all the school bus riding rules in this book and to do my best to promote school bus safety in the State of Ohio.

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____ BUS NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

