

The Ant and the Grasshopper

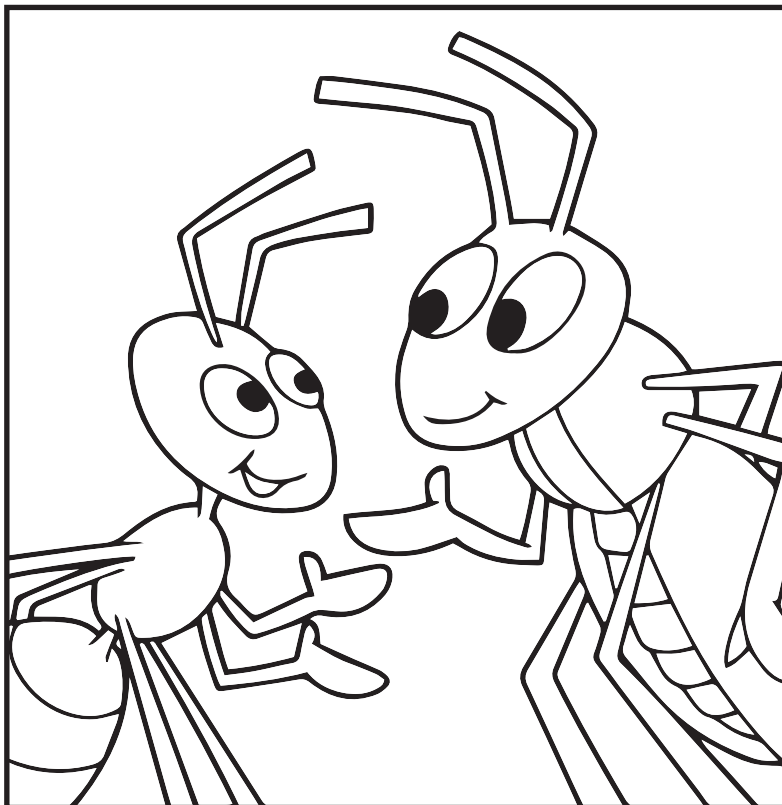
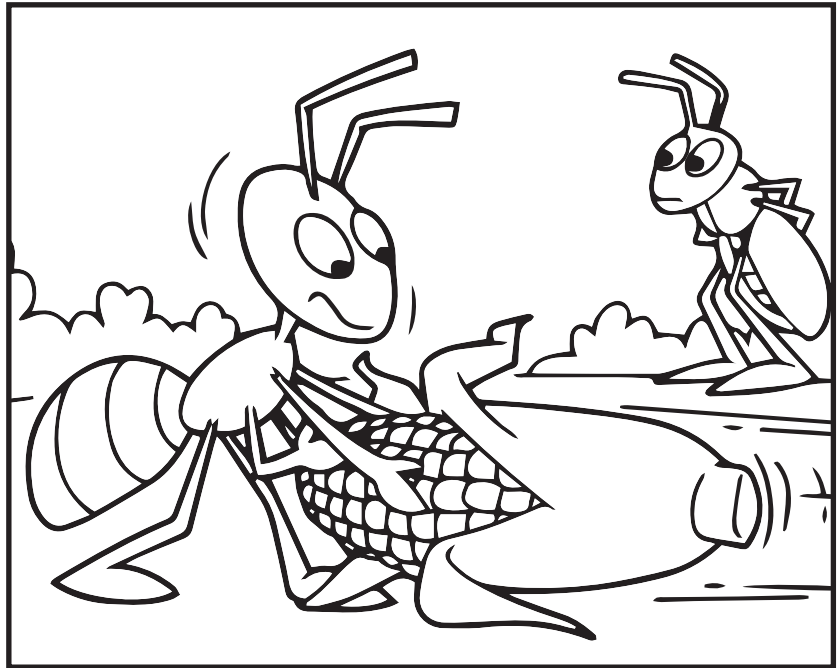
Name: _____

Read the story about crickets with your educator.

Aesop's fables: The Ant and the Grasshopper

In a field one summer day, a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content.

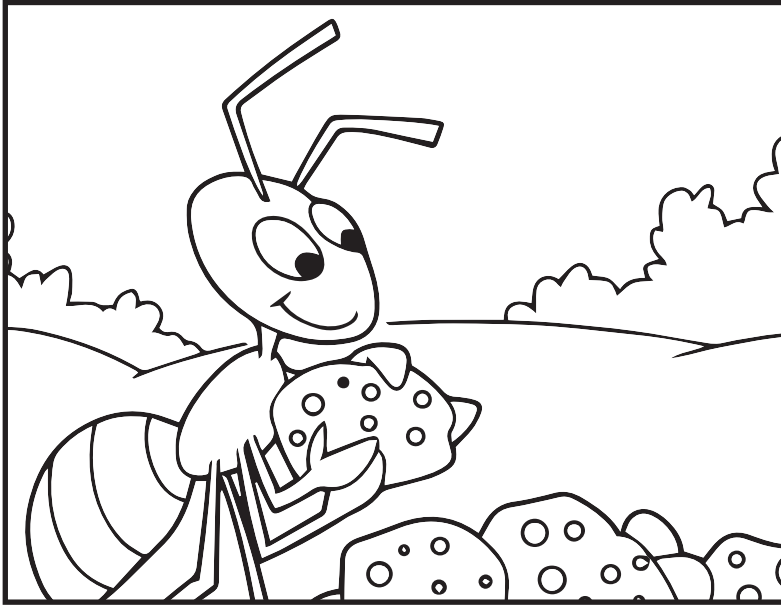
An Ant passed by, bearing along with great toil an ear of corn he was taking to the nest.



“Why not come and chat with me,” said the Grasshopper, “instead of toiling and moiling in that way?”

“I am helping to lay up food for the winter,” said the Ant, “and recommend you to do the same.”

The Ant and the Grasshopper

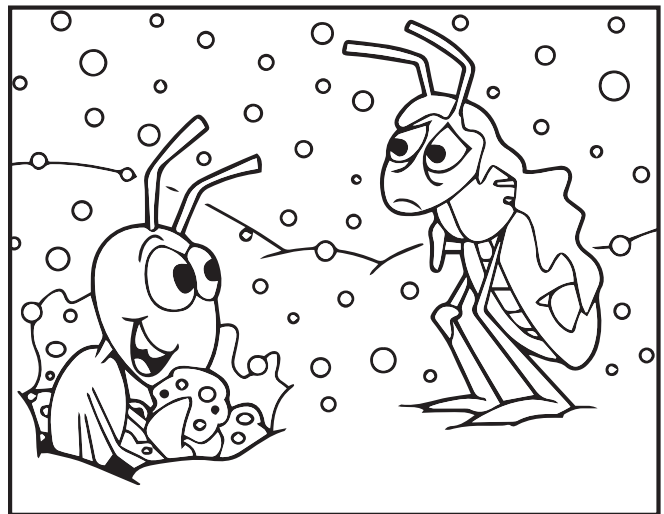


“Why bother about winter?” said the Grasshopper; we have got plenty of food at present.” But the Ant went on its way and continued its toil.

When the winter came, the Grasshopper found

itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants distributing, every day, corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer.

Then the Grasshopper knew...It is best to prepare for the days of necessity.



The Ant and the Grasshopper

Read the sentences about the story. Why did these things happen? Cut out the words in the 'cause' sentences in the boxes below and match them to the correct 'effect' sentences.

EFFECT	CAUSE
The ant was collecting food in the summer because	
The grasshopper was cold and hungry because	
The grasshopper didn't collect food because	
The ant was warm and full of food in the winter because	

the winter was coming.	he didn't collect food for winter.	he didn't think about the future.	the ant collected and stored food for the winter.
------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------	---