

On My Way to Court

These are the rules of the game:

Be the first player to get to the courthouse by following one of the paths.

1-4 players can play.

Use coins, paperclips, or erasers as game pieces.

Drop 3 extra coins on a flat surface.

Count the number of heads and move ahead that number.

If there are 1 head and 2 tails, move forward 1 space.

If there are 2 heads and 1 tail, move forward 2 spaces.

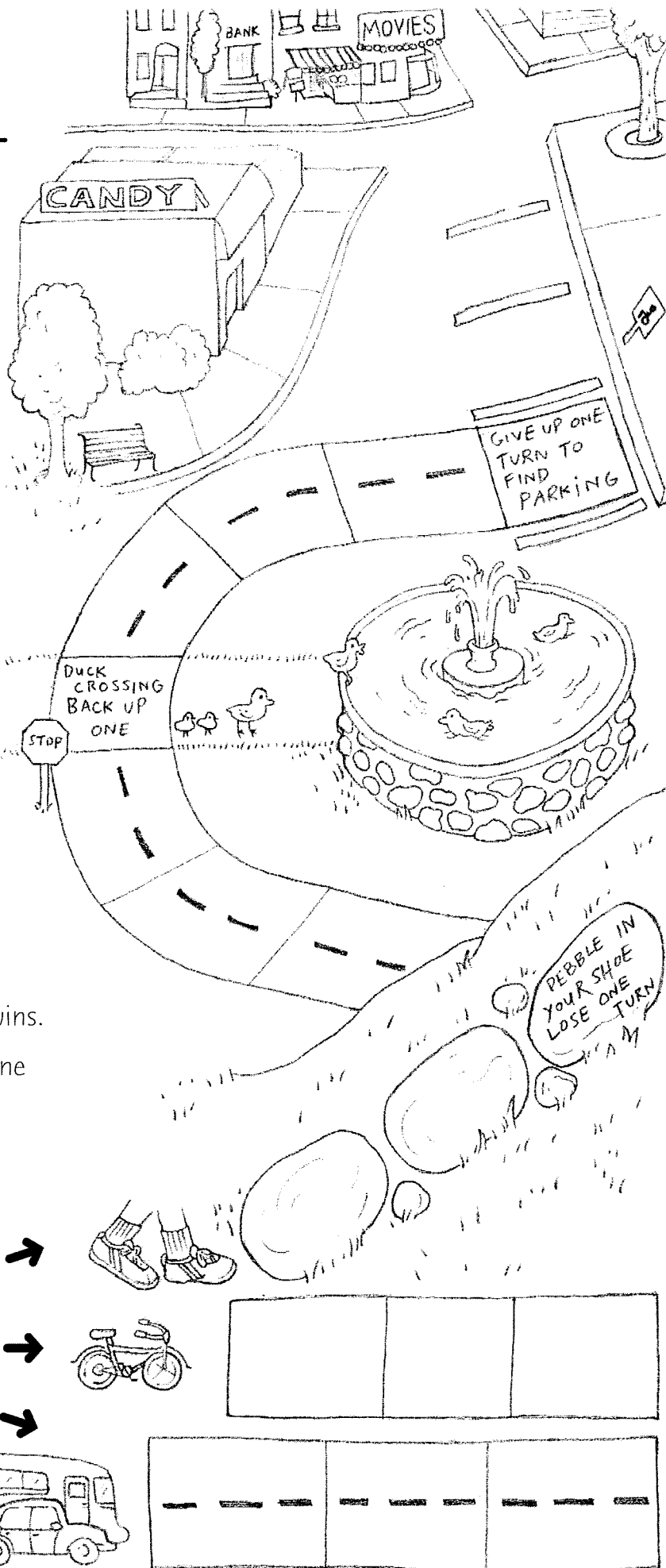
If there are 3 heads and no tails, move forward 3 spaces.

If there are no heads and 3 tails, do not move.

When you land on a space, follow the instructions on that space.

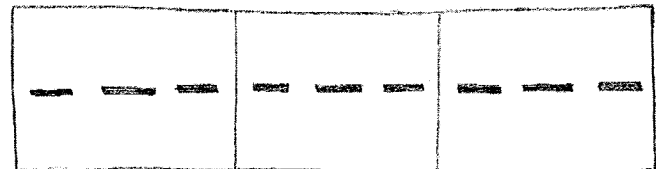
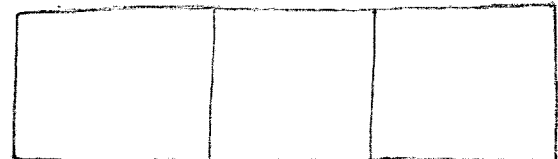
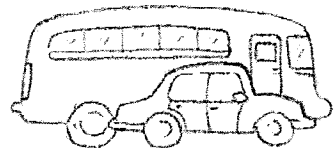
The first player to get to the courthouse wins.

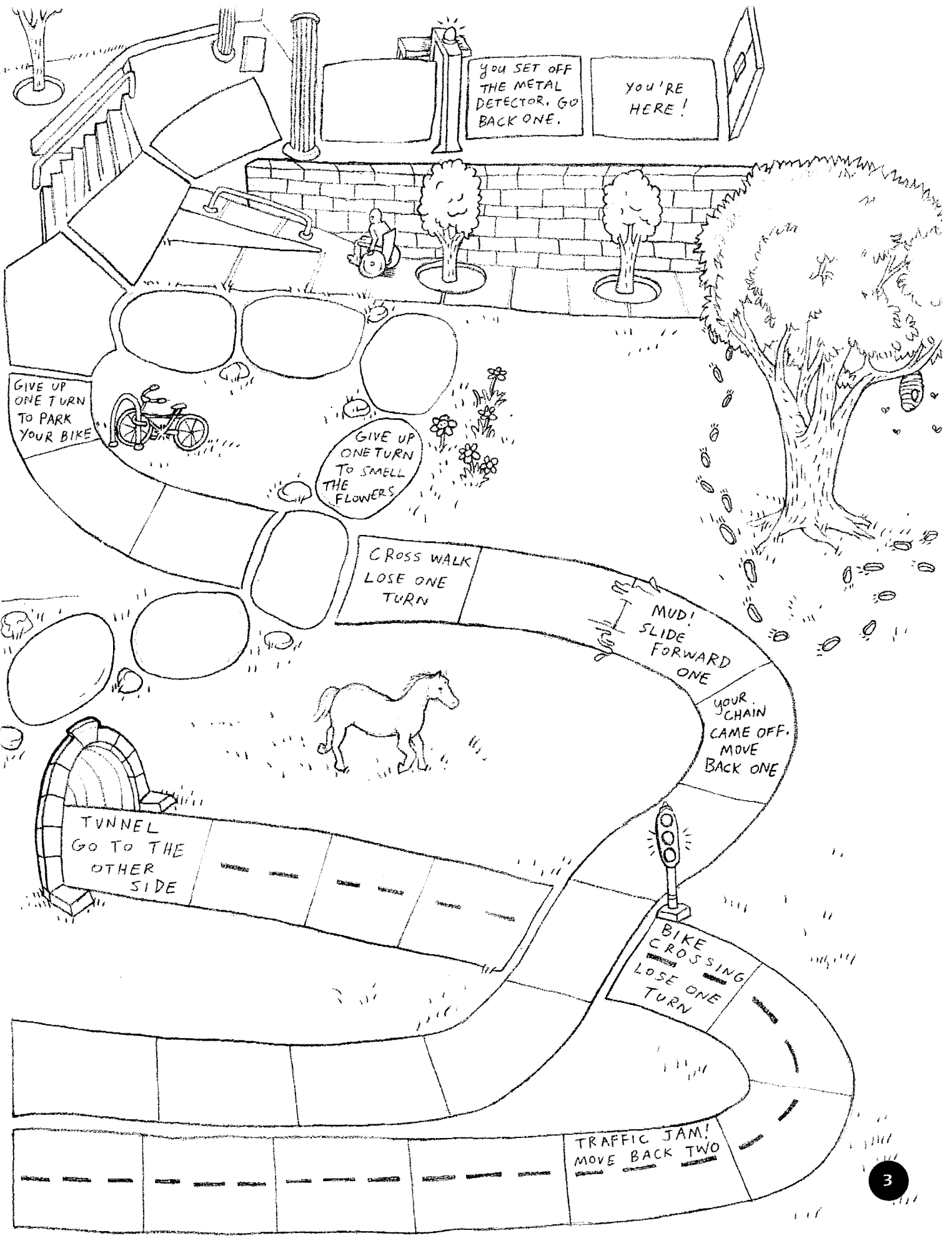
At the end of the game, make sure everyone gets his or her game pieces back.



Circle on the game all the objects that you saw on your way to court today. If you saw a horse, then circle the horse. If what you saw today is not here, draw a picture of it on the game.

Start Here





YOU SET OFF THE METAL DETECTOR. GO BACK ONE.

YOU'RE HERE!

GIVE UP ONE TURN TO PARK YOUR BIKE

GIVE UP ONE TURN TO SMELL THE FLOWERS

CROSS WALK LOSE ONE TURN

MUD! SLIDE FORWARD ONE

YOUR CHAIN CAME OFF. MOVE BACK ONE

TUNNEL GO TO THE OTHER SIDE

BIKE CROSSING LOSE ONE TURN

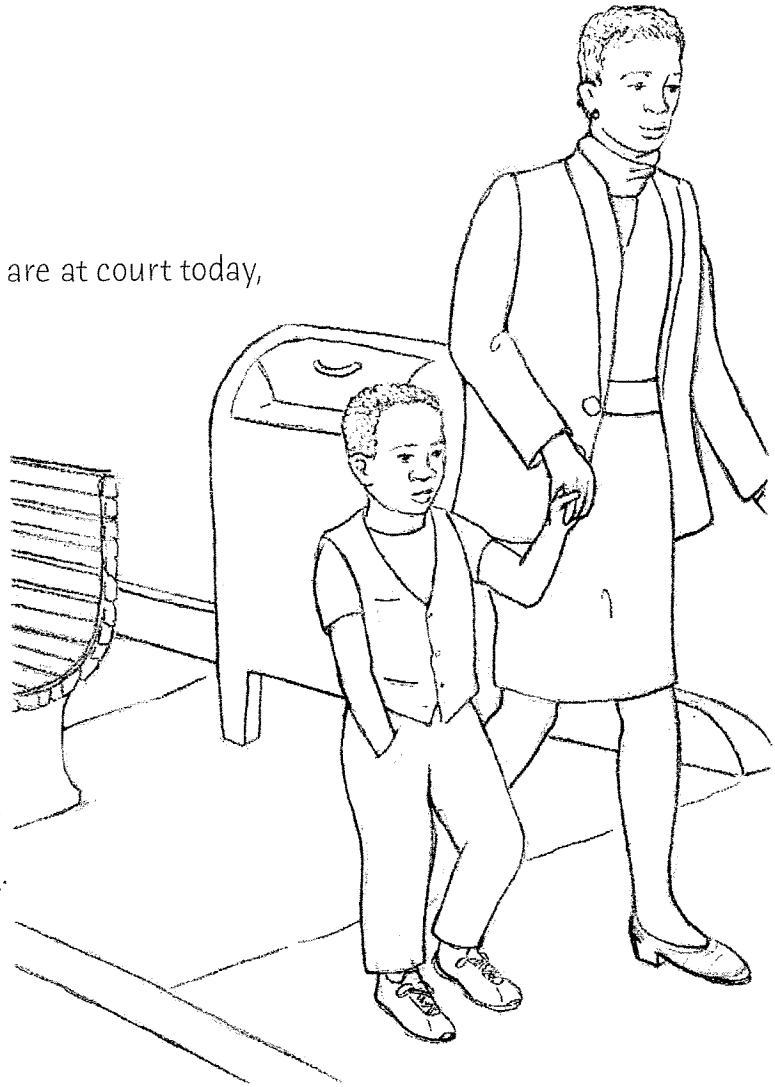
TRAFFIC JAM! MOVE BACK TWO

Why Am I Here?

Check the box that tells why you are at court today, then color the pictures.

I am at court today with

who has come here to



I am at court today on a field trip

with _____

Who Are the People in Court?

Many people work in a court. Everyone has a job to do.

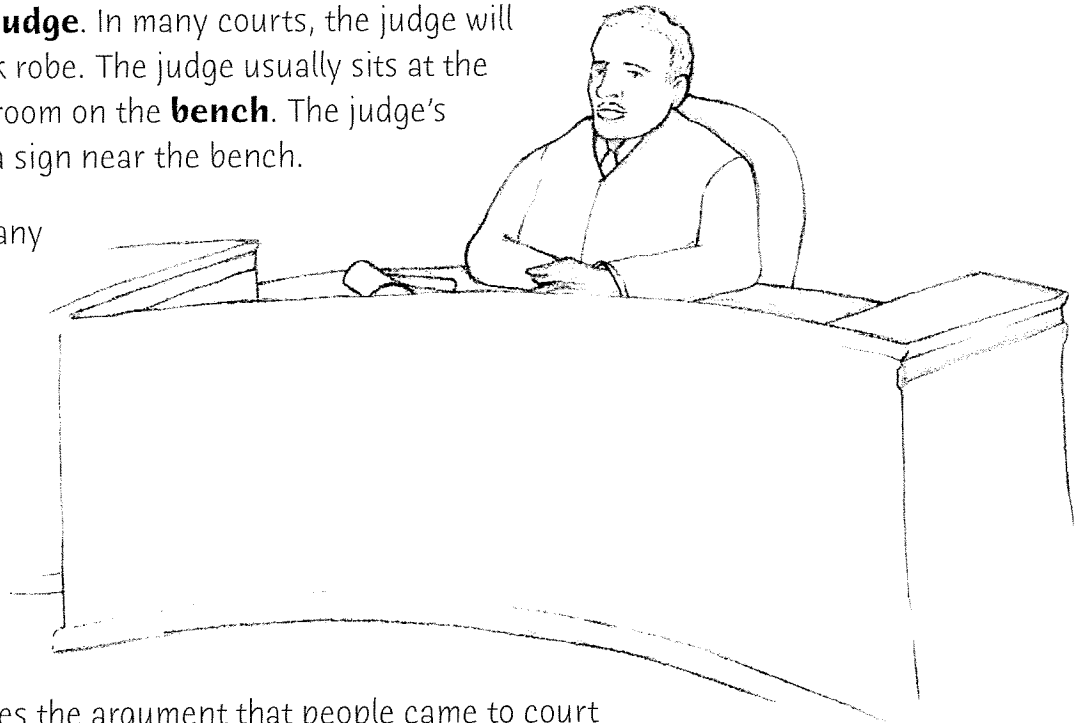
First, there is the **judge**. In many courts, the judge will be wearing a black robe. The judge usually sits at the front of the courtroom on the **bench**. The judge's name is often on a sign near the bench.

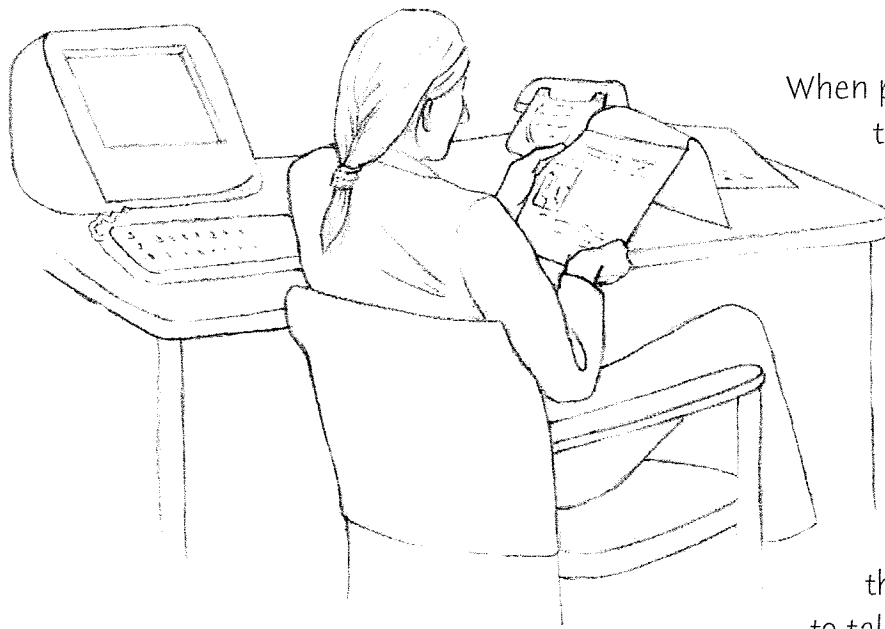
The judge does many things. First, the judge is like a referee at a ball game. The judge makes sure that everyone plays by the rules.

Sometimes the judge is also the person who decides the argument that people came to court about. For example, if two people come to court because they disagree about money, the judge might be the person who finally decides who gets the money.

Other times, a group of people decides who wins the argument. These people are called **jurors**. Jurors are people who come to court to listen to each side of a

disagreement. Then the jurors decide how the disagreement will be settled. A group of jurors is called a **jury**.





When people go to court, they often have

lawyers.

Lawyers are also called

attorneys.

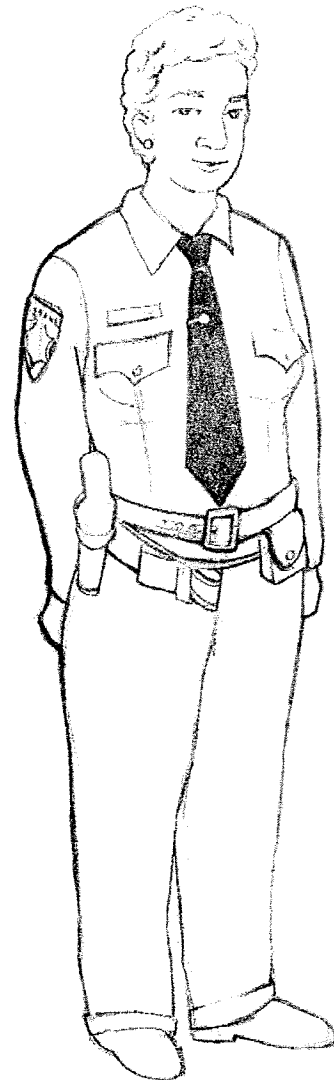
Lawyers give advice to people on their disagreements in court. It is

the lawyer's job to talk to the judge and

jurors for the people who come to court. You don't have to have a lawyer to go to court. When a lawyer talks for someone who has come to court, it means that the lawyer "represents" the person. Each lawyer represents only one person in court. So, if many people are involved in a disagreement, there might be more than one lawyer in court. All kinds of people have lawyers, even children! Lawyers usually sit next to the person they represent in the court.

You can probably spot the **bailiff** very easily. The bailiff is the person who makes sure the people who go to court obey the rules. The bailiff is usually wearing a uniform, like a police officer's uniform.

Courts also have **interpreters** for people who don't speak or understand English. The interpreter's job is to translate what is said in court.



The **court reporter** is the person who writes down everything that everybody says in court. Wow! Can you imagine writing down all the words people say? The court reporter usually sits near the judge and types on a small machine. Court reporters type very fast, and everyone in court has to speak slowly and clearly so the court reporter can hear what they say.



All courts have **clerks** as well. A court clerk keeps all the papers about the cases in the court and organizes them. The clerk keeps track of the decisions or orders that the judge makes during court and also keeps the court's schedule.

Witnesses are people who come to court to tell what they have seen or heard. For example, if someone is accused of stealing something, a witness might come to court to say what they saw happen. When witnesses come to court, they have to raise their hand and make a special promise, called an oath, to tell the truth. They take a special seat and the lawyers ask them questions. Cases that last a long time may have lots of witnesses.



Now that you know about some of the people in a court, can you solve this puzzle? Draw a line to connect the name of the person with the job they do. Good luck!

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| Lawyers or attorneys ○ | ● These people come to court to tell the truth and talk about what they have seen or heard. |
| Judge ○ | ● This person types everything that is said in court into a machine. |
| Bailiff ○ | ● This person organizes all the papers and keeps track of the judge's decisions. |
| Jurors ○ | ● This person translates what is said in court. |
| Clerk ○ | ● This person's job is to make decisions and make sure that everyone follows the rules in court. |
| Witnesses ○ | ● These people give advice and talk in court for the people who have disagreements. |
| Court reporter ○ | ● This person keeps order in the courtroom and usually wears a uniform. |
| Interpreter ○ | ● These people listen to both sides of a disagreement in court and then decide who wins. |

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How Should I Act in Court?

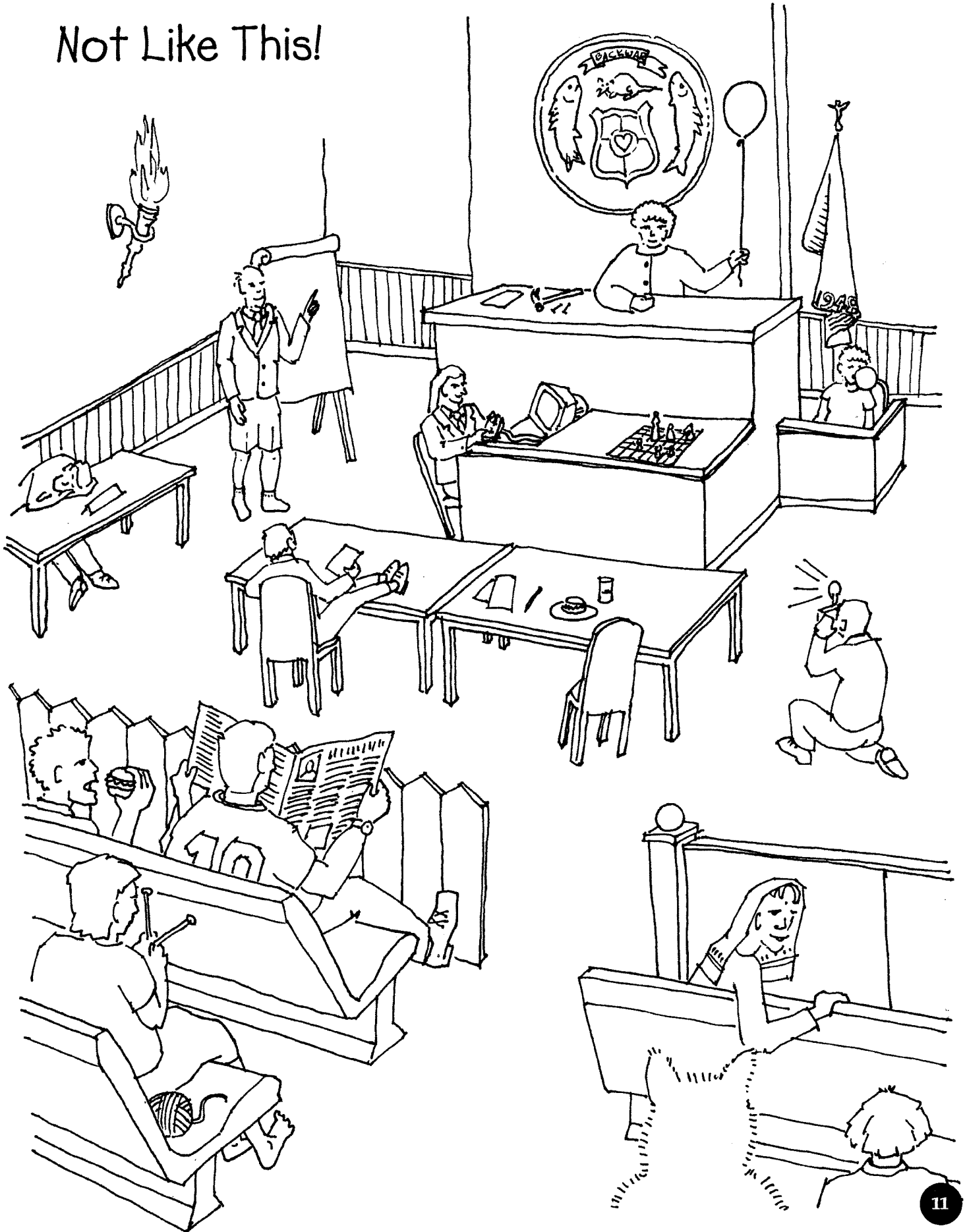
- Be on time.
- Dress neatly.
- Don't go in alone. Make sure an adult is with you.
- Show respect to the people who are there.
- Don't eat or drink in court.
- Don't chew gum.
- You can't listen to a Walkman in court.
- There may be other cases before yours. You have to be quiet and wait.
- You can read a book, or play quietly with this book while you wait.
- When you talk to a judge, call the judge "Your Honor" to show respect.
- Don't speak unless the judge or a lawyer asks you to.
- If you don't understand something, say that you don't understand. Someone will explain it again for you.

What's Wrong with This Picture? →

Circle the things in the picture that are wrong or that should not be happening in court. Or you can write them here:

Answers on page 31.

Not Like This!



I Am a Witness

You read about **witnesses** on page 8. Children can go to court and sometimes they can be witnesses, too. The most important thing for every witness to do is to tell the truth. Sometimes it hurts to say what really happened, but if you are a witness you still have to tell the truth.

Sometimes a lawyer can ask you a question and you do not remember the answer. If that ever happens, all you have to do is say you don't remember. If you do not know the answer to a question, you can say, "I don't know." It is important not to guess, and not to say something that you think the lawyer or the judge wants to hear. Lawyers sometimes ask questions in a funny way. If they do, you may not understand what they mean. That's OK, too. Just let the judge or the lawyer know that you do not understand the question, and the judge will take care of the situation.

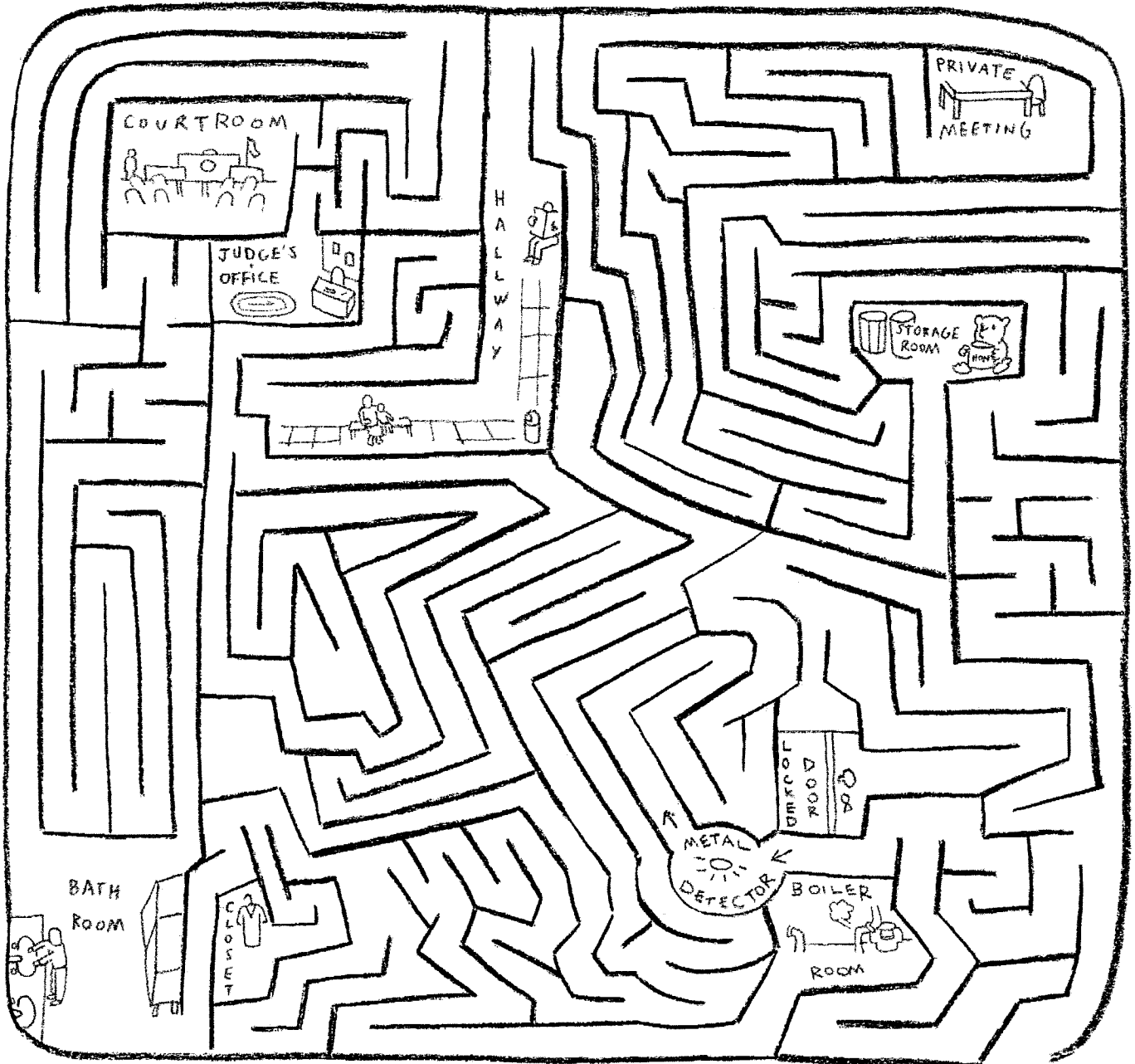
Sometimes children are scared to go to court. If you have to go to court, it's OK to feel scared. Adults get scared about court, too. Just remember the judge is there to make sure everything is fair.

Children usually go to court because of cases involving their family. It could be a criminal case, where someone is charged with a crime. Or it could be a family law case if a mother and father need the judge to decide something. Sometimes it is a case where someone in the family hurt someone else in the family. These cases are hard for everyone.



Can You Find Your Way to the Courtroom?

(The courthouse isn't really this confusing!)



Start Here ↗