

Mr. Green Pony & the Sharing Birds

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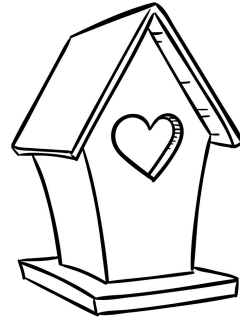
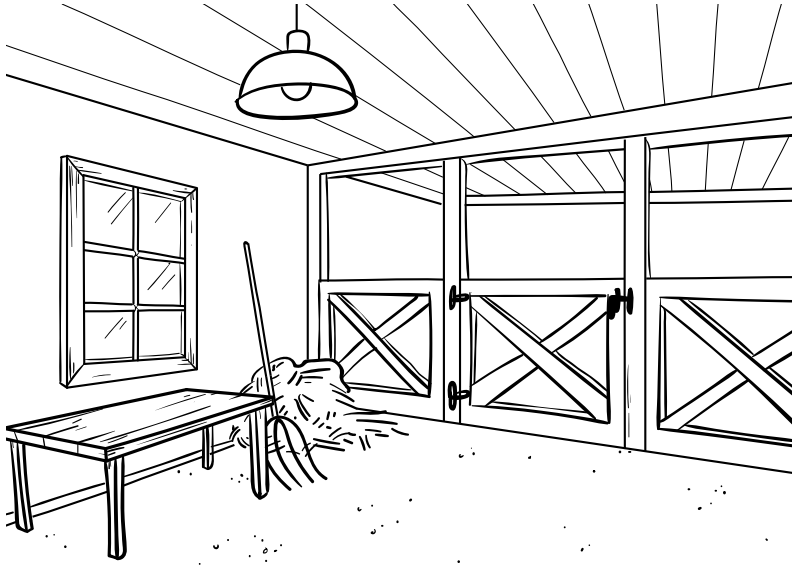
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Educational Activity #1

Story Sequencing & Memory



You'll Need: print out of "Sharing Birds" story images, Inside the Barn coloring page, scissors, crayons, glue

Story Sequencing:

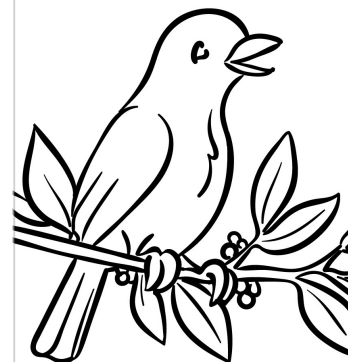
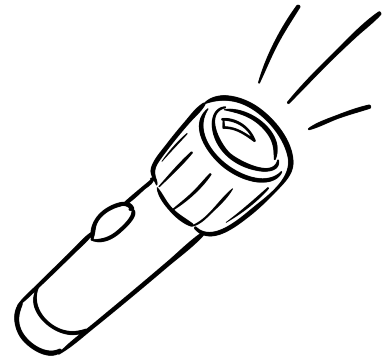
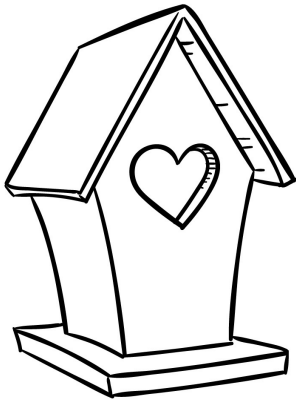
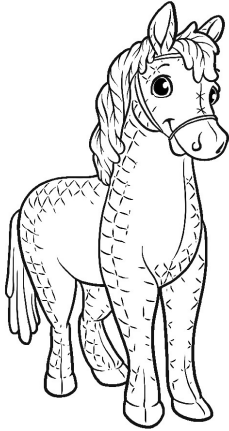
- Cut out story images and lay next to the Barn scene.
- Ask the memory questions below:

Memory Questions:

- What were Maya and Mr. Green Pony making? (birdhouses)
- How was the Princess Snake helping? (paintbrush)
- Who was the house for? (baby birds Gemma & George)
- What were the baby birds fighting about? (where to sleep)
- What did Maya do when the birds would not share? (offered a different way to look at the problem)
- Did they work it out? (yes!)
- Was there a flashlight in the story? (yes) Corn? (no)
- What shape was the door to the birdhouse? (heart)

Ask child to choose the story images that **were** in the story, cut them out and place on the Inner Barn scene; paste and/or color. Child can draw Maya as desired! (no image provided)

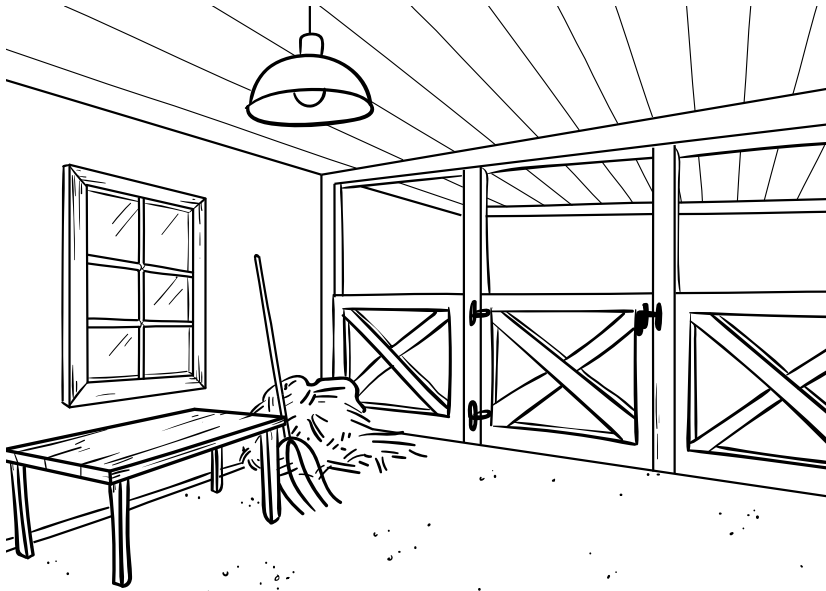
Sharing Birds **Story Images**



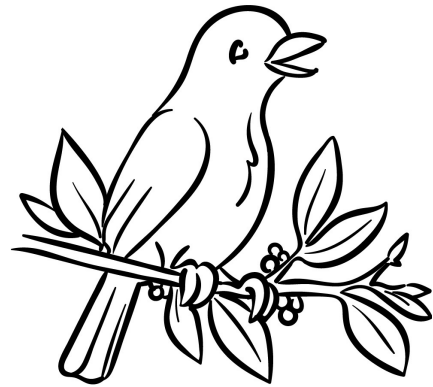
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Educational Activity #2

Story Discussion Questions



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After Story Discussion:

Mr. Green Pony Themes: *Kind, Brave & Green:*

- In this story, how are Mr. Green Pony and Maya being green? (building bird houses)
- How is Maya brave? (let's Egor play with her toy)
- How does Maya help the birds be kind? (shows them how to share the birdhouse)
- Why is it important to share our toys?

Reinforce the lesson throughout the day.

Examples:

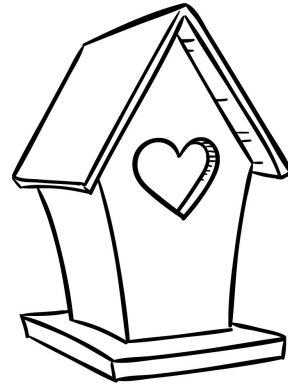
I appreciate how you share so nicely!

Thanks for letting your sister/brother have that toy.

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Educational Activity #3

Nature Activities



Nature Activities:

Unstructured play time in nature is highly valuable for young children. Take your child outdoors if possible and ask them what they see or hear in nature. ENGAGE THEIR CURIOSITY!

Nature teaches children about resiliency, observation, survival and adventure! Nature offers children LIVE, tactile experiences critical to brain development. Engage child less in passive screen-time and more into real live experiences!

Activity ideas:

- Explore backyard birds.
- Think of ways to help birds. Maybe build or buy a birdhouse!
- Engage child's curiosity about birds and all the different colors and types.
- Look for what birds might eat like worms, bugs, etc.

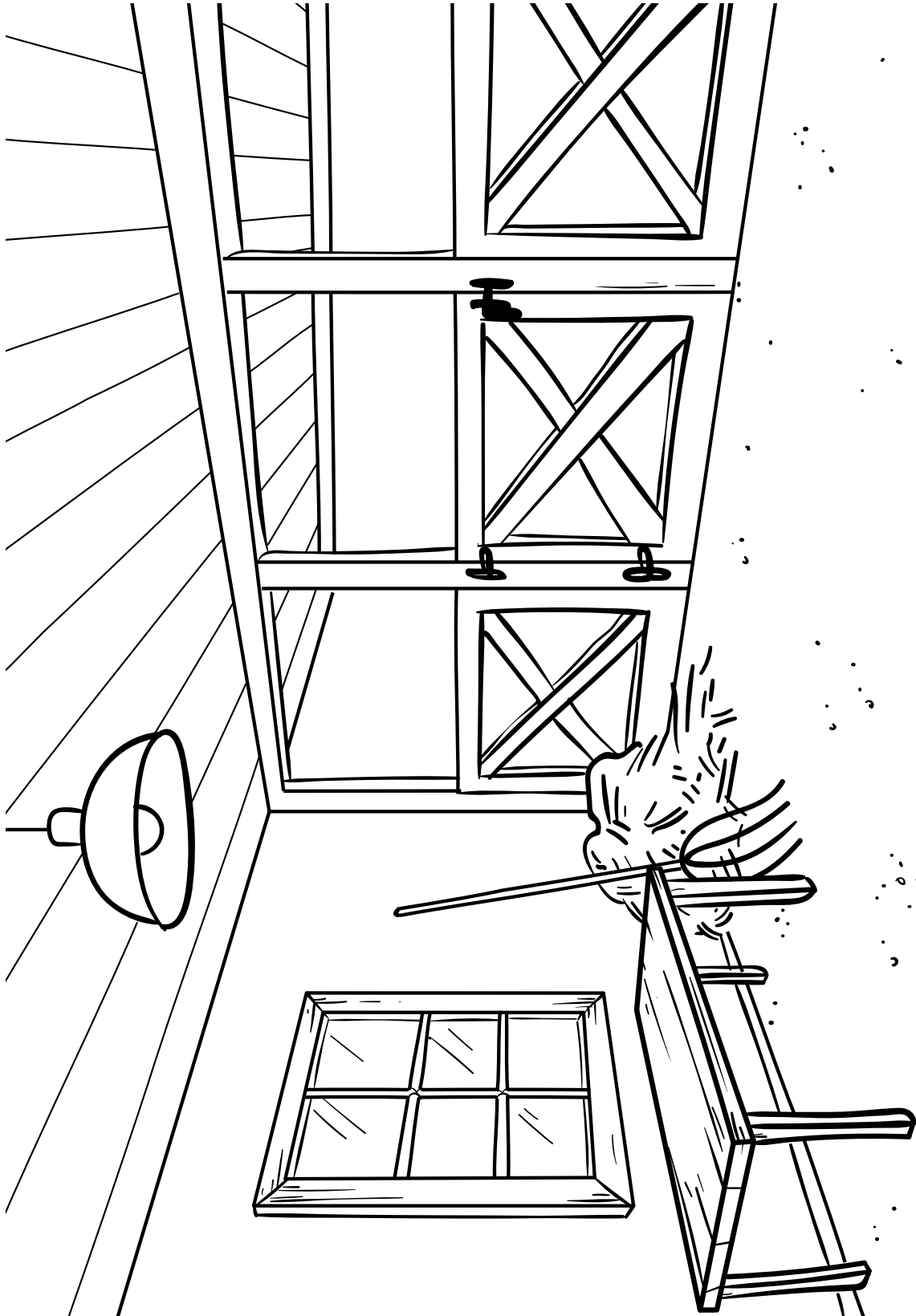
You can also ask children questions like:

"How can we be kind to birds?"

"Where do birds live when not in a house?"

"How can we be friends with nature?"

Inside Barn Coloring Scene



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