Wise Words for Wee Folks

... a book to help young readers learn about words and wisdom.



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Dedication

This book is dedicated to parents,
teachers, and grandparents
who are guiding children as they
learn to read while learning about life.

Introduction

Some of the best times children learn are while curled up in a parent's lap or sitting cross-legged on the floor while reading or listening as a book is read by a teacher, mentor, or grandparent. Wise Words For Wee Folks is designed for children who are learning how to read and how to be wise. The author is a grandfather who delights in writing books for children who like to listen, sound out words, read, and learn about life. This book is part of a series of books for beginning readers. You may discover more books at **www.pacworks.com** or **www.pacworks.biz.**

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Helps For Sounding Out Words

Many English words are “borrowed” from Greek and Latin words that do not fit conveniently into English phonetic rules. Such words must be learned by memory (repeating them often). By reading good books repeatedly, children learn to pronounce, spell, and use words, and to become wise.

The following helps for reading are provided to assist the teacher in training young readers to pronounce words according to basic phonetic rules. These reading rules do not apply to all English words, but the rules equip readers to pronounce and spell many words easily.

English words are made up of two types of letters: **vowels (a,e,i,o,u, and sometimes y) and consonants (b,c,d,f,g,h,j,k,l,m,n,p,q,r,s,t,v,w,x,z).**

In **short words (or single syllables) with <u>one</u> vowel <u>within</u> the word or syllable**, the vowel usually has a short sound. Short word examples: h**a**nd, c**a**t, r**e**d, sl**e**d, f**i**sh, l**i**p, d**i**sh, d**o**g, l**o**g, h**u**g, r**u**g. **A single vowel at the <u>end</u> of a syllable or short word** usually has a long sound (says its name): b**e**, h**e**, m**e**, h**i**, g**o**, s**o**, b**y**, m**y**.

In **short words (or single syllables) with <u>two</u> vowels**, the first vowel usually has a long sound (says its name) and the second vowel is usually silent. Short word examples: **a**pe, **a**te, **e**at, f**ee**t, w**i**se, pr**i**ze, s**oa**p, g**oa**t, bl**ue**, m**u**le, b**y**e, l**y**e.

Some consonants that are side by side make a special sound (bl, br, ch, cl, dr, fl, gr, pl, sh, st, th, wh). Examples: **bl**ack, **br**anch, **cl**ap, **dr**um, **fl**ag, **gr**ape, **pl**um, **sh**ip, **st**op, **th**in, **wh**ip).

The combination of **ph** has the sound of the consonant **f**. Examples: tele**ph**one, ele**ph**ant.

More Helps For Sounding Out Words

The combination of the letters **sl** usually have a special sound made by placing the tip of the tongue just behind the upper teeth and flipping the tongue to pronounce the **sl** sound as in **sl**eep, **sl**ow, **sl**umber, **sl**ed, **sl**ope.

Words ending in two **l**'s have the sound of only one **l**. Examples: wa**ll**, hi**ll**, pi**ll**, fe**ll**.

Words with combinations of a vowel and the letter **r** (er, ir, ur, ar, and or), usually have the sound of just **r**. Examples: sug**ar**, s**ir**, wis**er**, b**ir**d, col**or**, w**or**d, auth**or**, h**ur**t, b**ur**n.

The combination of the letters **ow** sometimes have a special sound as in **ow**l, h**ow**l, c**ow**, n**ow**, h**ow**. At other times the **ow** letters together make a special sound in which only the **O** vowel is pronounced, as in st**o**w, b**o**w, cr**o**w, r**o**w, bl**o**w.

When two **o**'s are side by side, they make a short double-o sound, as in c**oo**k, f**oo**t, b**oo**k, h**oo**k, sh**oo**k. At other times, the **oo** letters have a long double-o sound as in b**oo**t, h**oo**t, t**oo**t, l**oo**se.

Body Parts



family







Wee folks are big folks in small bodies. Even though they are small, wee folks are a lot like big folks. They have two **eyes**, two **eyebrows**, two **eyelids**, two **hands**, two **knees**, two **feet**, two **ears**, and one **mouth** with two **lips** and one **tongue**.











They also have one **heart**, one **tummy** (called a stomach), and one **bottom** with two parts. Sometimes the bottom is the place where wee folks learn to mind big folks. Wee folks have other body parts that will be talked about later in life.



Body Pains



Sometimes wee folks have **ear** pains from playing or swimming in dirty water or **tummy** pains (called stomach aches) from eating the wrong kind of food or not washing their **hands** before eating lunch. Sometimes their **eyes** hurt from not sleeping or by getting near smoke.







Wee folks sometimes have **head** pains (called headaches) and **heart** pains (called heartaches). Most heartaches for wee folks come from hearing cruel words or being hurt by big folks or unkind wee folks who also have heartaches.





Feelings, Dreams, and Thoughts



space





Big folks and wee folks have feelings, dreams, and thoughts about such things as God, families, war, storms, and life. They ask questions about the **sky**, **trees**, **lakes**, **frogs**, **birds**, **deer**, **pigs**, **cows**, **dogs**, **cats**, and **skunks**.







Some questions have answers that are too big for wee folks to understand until later in life. That is why big folks talk with wee folks and read to them from books and computers that explain about the **Earth**, **Moon**, **stars**, and **Sun**. Big folks also read about **people**, **animals**, **bugs**, **trees**, **flowers**, **God**, **pain**, **storms**, the **sky**, the **ocean**, and **mountains**.





Eyes, Ears, and Friends



friends







King Solomon wrote a lot of wise words to help wee folks learn about **life**. King Solomon told wee folks to listen with their **ears** and to let their **eyes** look at good books that will put wise words in their **heart**. He told wee folks not to listen to bad words or stand near big or other wee folks who do bad things.





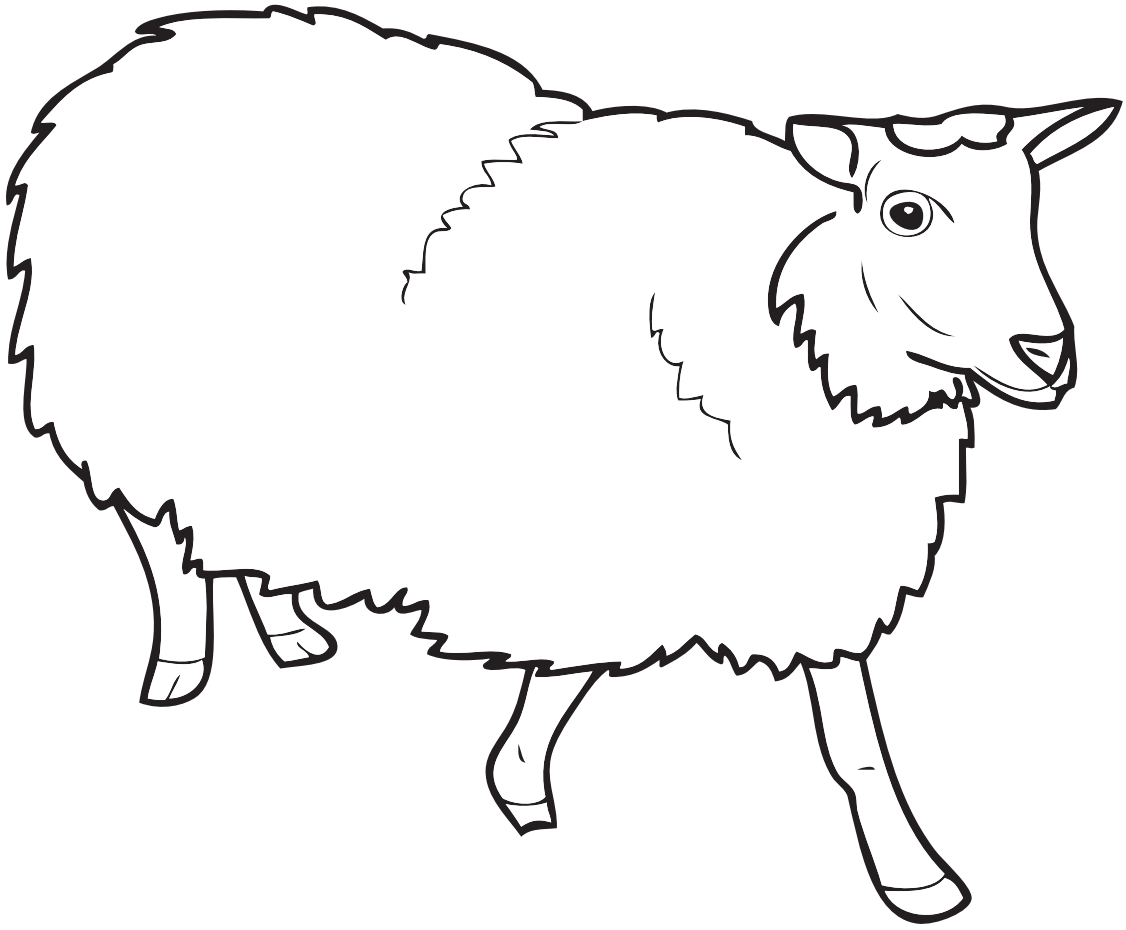




King Solomon also told wee folks to pick good friends, to think good thoughts and be kind to people and pets. He told wee folks to watch where they put their **feet** and not to walk where evil folks walk. The king also told wee folks to obey their parents when they talk about wise words and good people, or dangerous places and harmful things. Wise wee folks will grow up to be wise big folks.

Activity Page

Color this Sheep.



Copy these words.

Family _____ _____ _____

Sheep _____ _____ _____

Hands _____ _____ _____

Wisdom _____ _____ _____

Mouth _____ _____ _____

Activity Page

Color this Frog.



Copy these words.

Frog _____ _____ _____

Gold _____ _____ _____

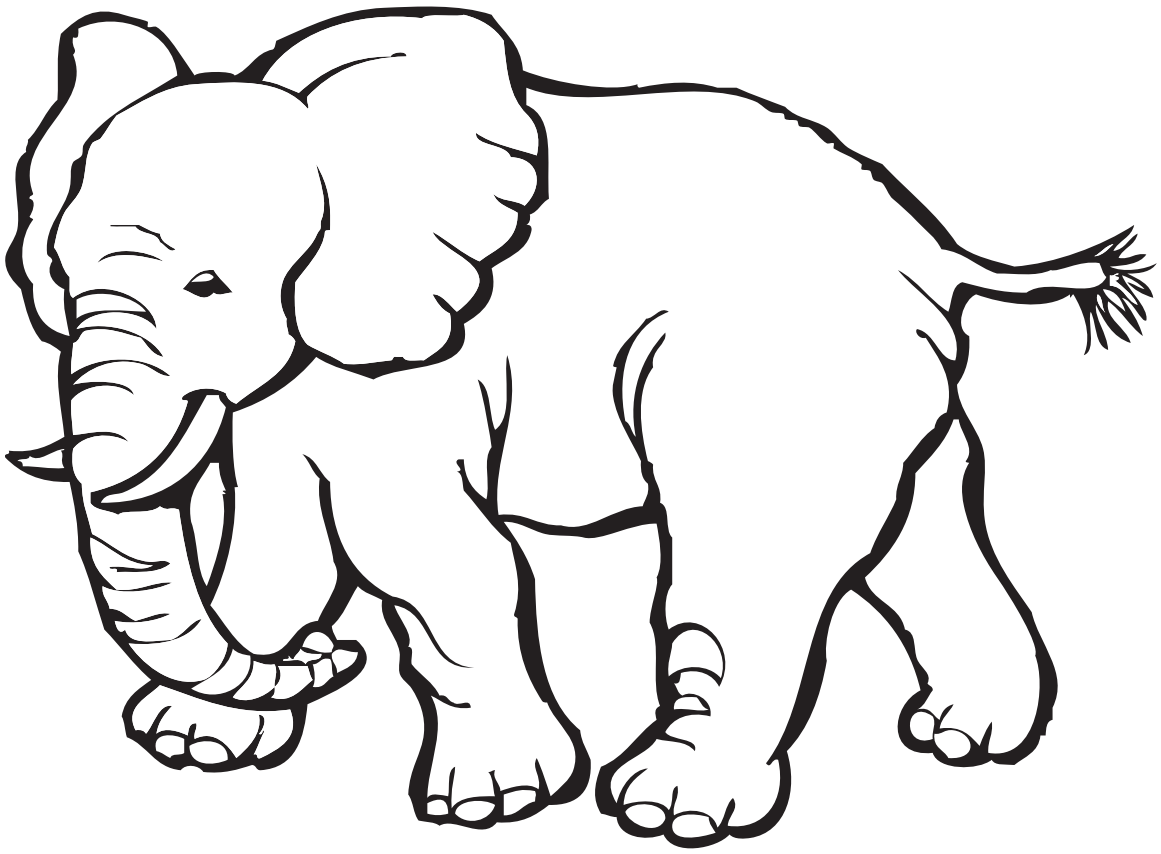
Flower _____ _____ _____

Storm _____ _____ _____

Tree _____ _____ _____

Activity Page

Color this Elephant.



Copy these words.

Moose _____ _____ _____

Spider _____ _____ _____

House _____ _____ _____

Camel _____ _____ _____

Donkey _____ _____ _____

Activity Page

Draw and Color Something in this Book.

Flowers and Plants



grapes







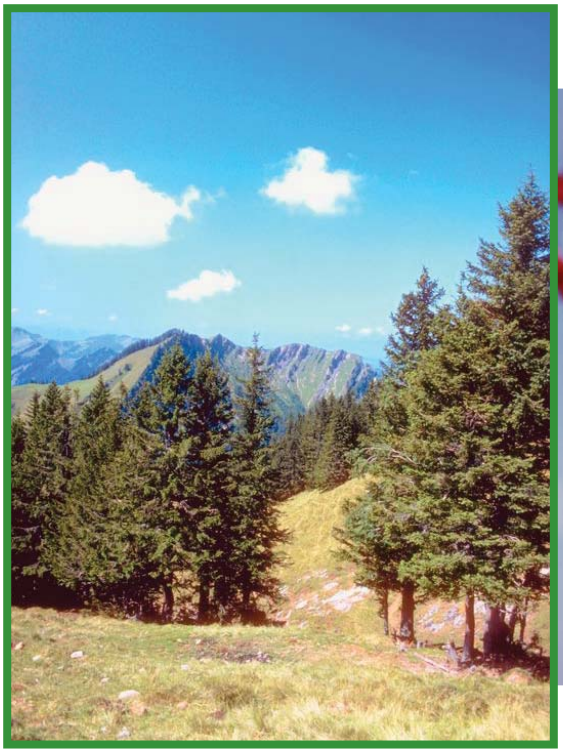


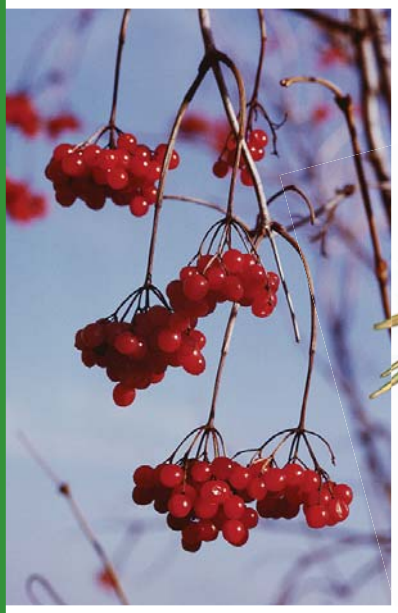


Wee folks like to pick flowers to give to big folks, especially mothers, aunts, and grandmothers. Some flowers, such as red **roses** and purple **thistles**, grow on plants with **thorns**. Other flowers grow on **vines**.











Fruit trees **grow** flowers that turn to pecans, walnuts, peaches, apples, pears, cherries, or mangoes. Sometimes meadows and **pastures** are covered with flowers that are red, **yellow**, blue, purple, white, or **pink**. Those are the flowers that wee folks like to **pick** for mothers, teachers, and friends.





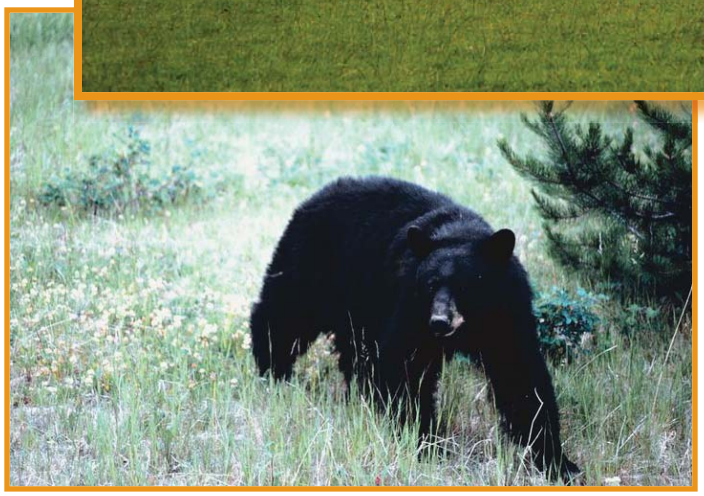
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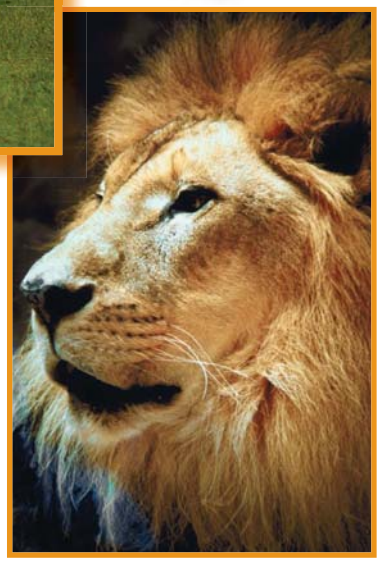








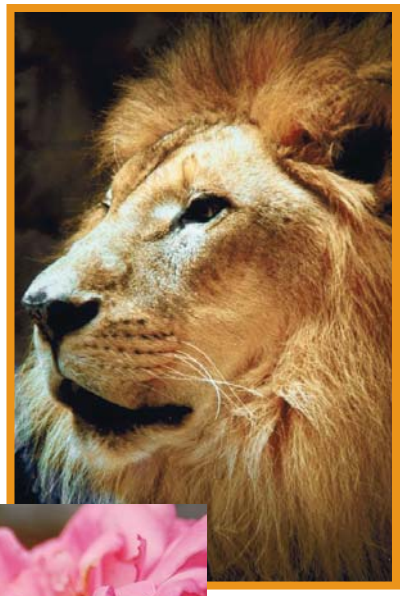




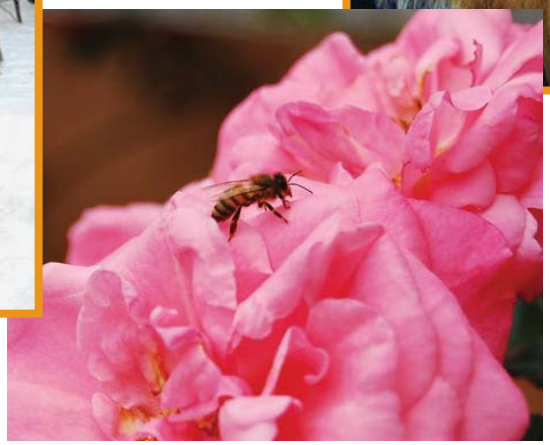




Wee folks like to learn about **animals**, **plants**, **birds**, **butterflies**, **bees**, and **fish**. Some animals can hurt wee folks who get too near. Wise wee folks stay away from strange **dogs** with big teeth. Animals like **bears**, **wolves**, **lions**, **seals**, and **tigers** can hurt wee folks.



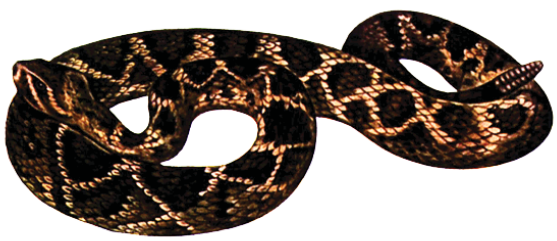




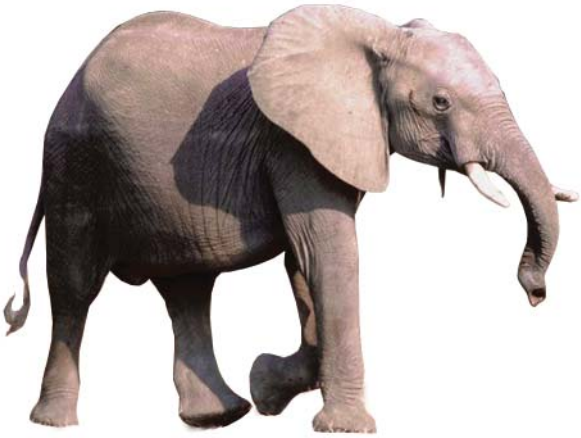




Big animals like **cows**, **horses**, **camels**, **moose**, and **goats** can also hurt wee folks. **Butterflies** and **birds** are pretty and nice, but **bees**, **rattlesnakes**, **spiders**, and **ticks** are not kind to wee folks. Wee folks need to stay with big folks around animals. Some big folks tame and train animals to help people. A girl named Mary rode a **donkey** to a town called Bethlehem to have a baby. Wise men rode **camels** to see the baby.







A soldier named Hannibal rode an **elephant** across high mountains to fight a war. Cowboys ride **horses** to catch **cows**. Police train **dogs** to catch robbers. Shepherds train **dogs** to herd **sheep**. **Mushers** train **dogs** to pull **sleds**. A dog named Balto pulled a sled through **snow** to take medicine to some wee folks who were **sick**.

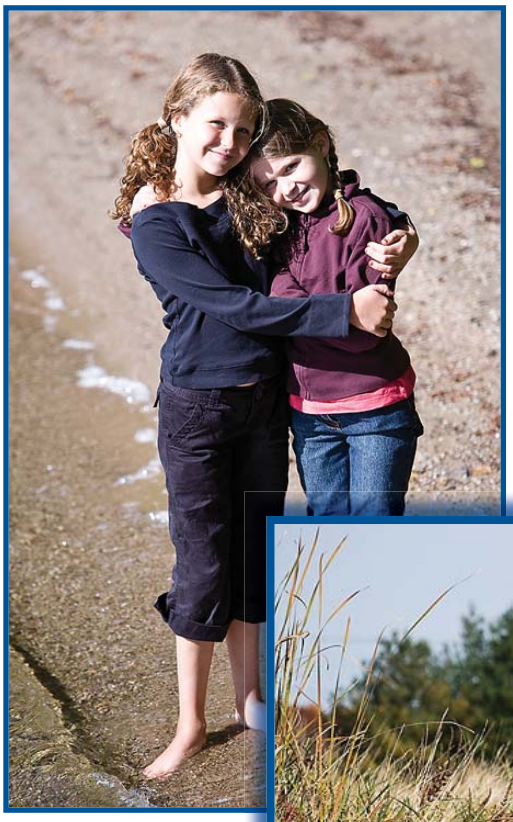








Wisdom Song









freedom



A song reminds wee folks to be wise. Some of the words are: “Be careful little **eyes** what you see; be careful little **ears** what you hear; be careful little **mouth** what you say; be careful little **hands** what you do; be careful little **feet** where you go, because God up above is watching you in **love**.”









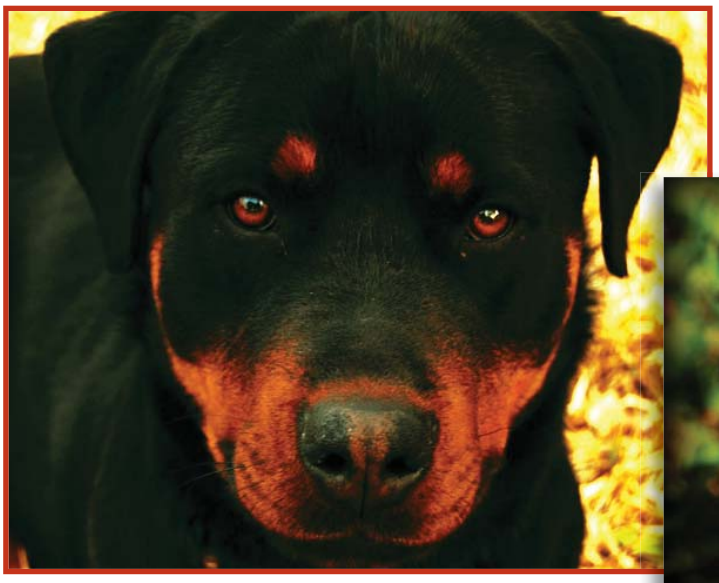


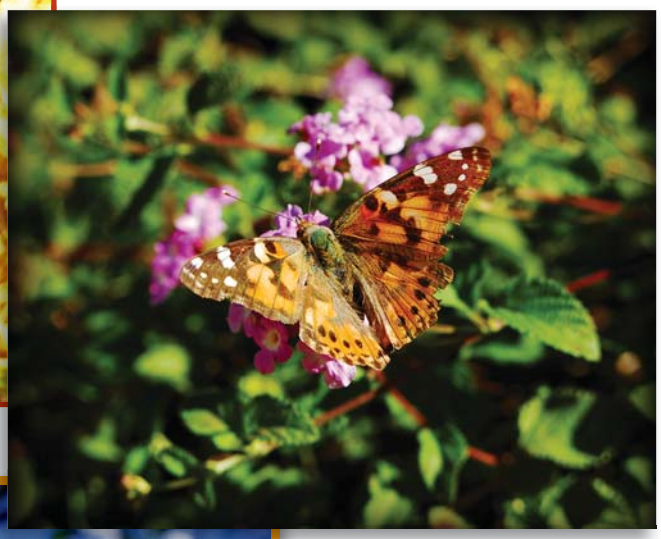
Wise big folks in a city named Washington, D.C. told wee folks that wise folks big and small should say, ”In God We Trust” while learning about life.





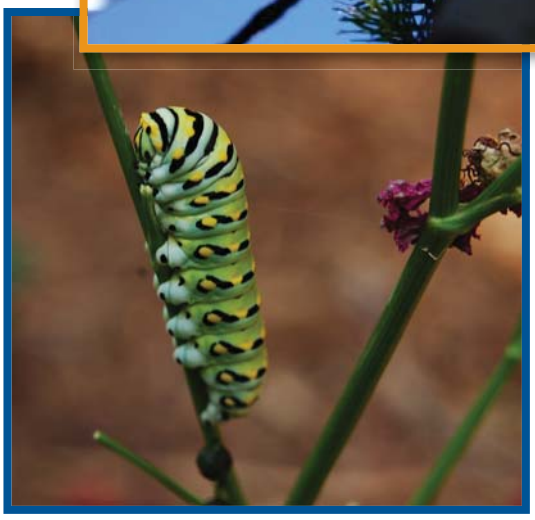
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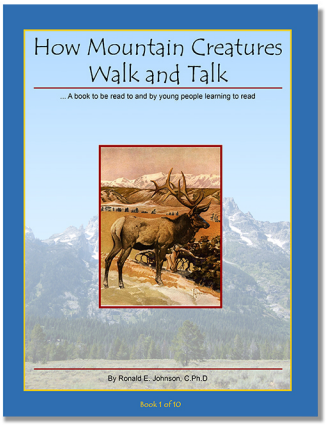


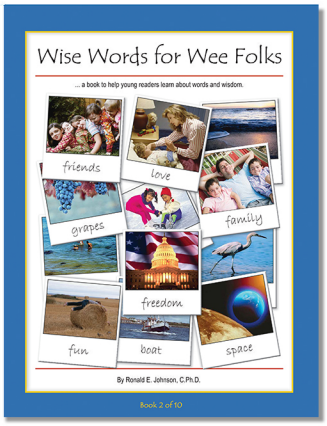


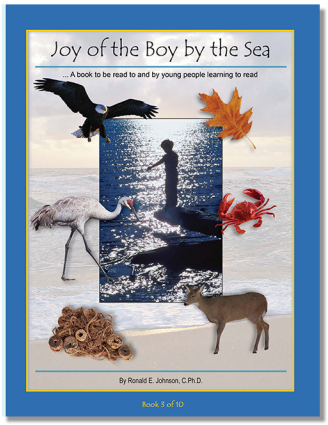


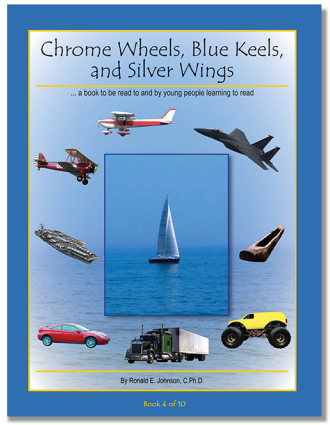


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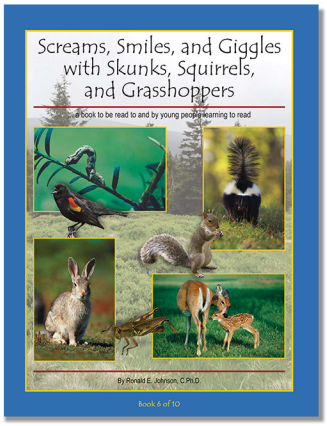


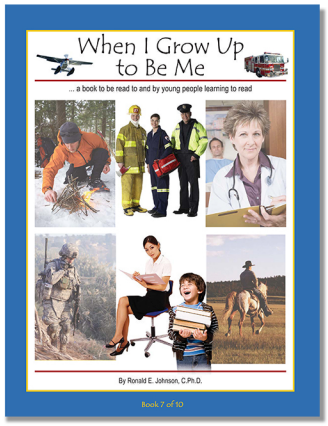


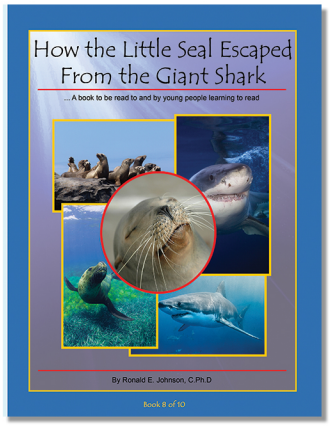


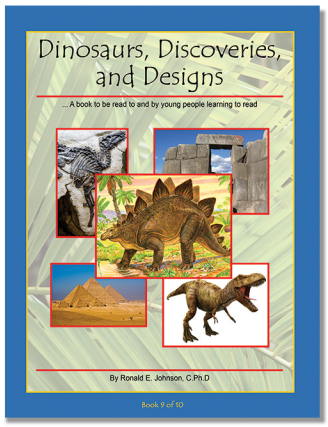


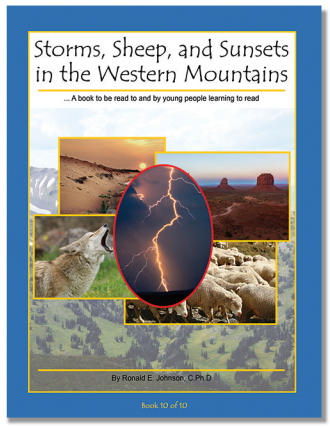












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