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Colorado Jones and the "Choose Wisely" Crusade Family Home Evening Packet



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Treat Recipe



\$7.00

Colorado Jones and the "Choose Wisely" Crusade Family Home Evening Packet *Home Evening Outline*

Opening Prayer
Opening Song
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Closing Song
Closing Prayer
Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "Dare To Do Right", pg. 158 (Childrens)

"Friends Are Fun", pg. 262 (Childrens)

"Choose The Right", pg. 239 (Hymn)

Scriptures: D&C 84:46, Moroni 7:15

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics. etc.

"Colorado Jones and the Choose Wisely Crusade" Game: Preparation - Overlap the left side of the game board (the sheet with Colorado Jones on it) on top of the right side of the game board up to the dashed line, just barely covering the dashed line and adhere together on the back side. Laminate the game board. Laminate and cut out the "Colorado's Friendship Qualities" cards and "Colorado's Crusade Essentials". Laminate and cut out the scenario cards. You will need a playing piece for each team and a die. On the playing surface, place ten separate piles of each of the different cards (Compass, map, bull whip, canteen, back pack, honest, trustworthy, loyal, integrity and values) face up so they can be seen. There should be four cards in each pile. Place the scenario cards in one pile, face down on the playing surface.

Object - To be the first team to collect all five "Essentials" cards (Compass, map, bull whip, canteen and back pack) and all five "Friendship Qualities" cards (Honest, trustworthy, loyal, integrity and values). A total of ten different cards.

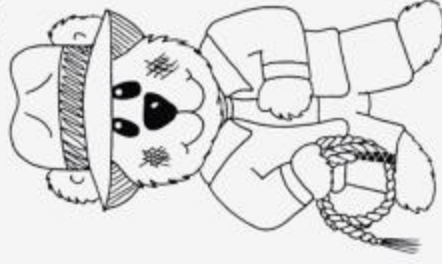
Play - Divide family up into two to four teams. Have each team place their playing piece on one of the stones on the game board. Each stone represents a space. Decide which team will go first. The team begins by rolling the die. The number rolled on the die determines which "Crusade Essential" card can be collected. A key can be found directly on the game board as to what numbers rolled can collect which "Crusade Essential" cards. Once a card has been collected, you cannot collect another card of the same item in either the "Crusade Essentials" or the "Friendship Qualities" cards unless the card has been taken from you and you no longer have it in your possession. Once a "Crusade Essential" card has been collected, the team then moves the number of spaces indicated on the die, moving in a counterclockwise direction. Once the team lands on a stone, they draw a scenario card and follow the directions on the card. If the team has to give their card to an opposing team, they must give it to a team that does not already possess a card with that item or quality. If all the teams already possess that particular item or quality, simply place it back in the pile. If a team gets to take a card from an opposing team, it must be a card that they are in need of, otherwise their turn ends and rotates to the next team. All teams must keep their collection of cards face up in front of them, so they can be viewed by all players. If a team lands on the "Quicksand" or "Pit" space, the team's turn ends and they lose their next turn. Scenario cards are drawn, read aloud and then placed face down in a discard pile. When all the scenario cards have been drawn, simply reshuffle the scenario cards in the discard pile, place them face down in a pile and continue play. As you play, be sure to explain in detail what each of the "Friendship Qualities" mean. For example: VALUES - Word of Wisdom, not swearing, not watching inappropriate movies, etc.

Colorado Jones' Bull Whips

Fruit Flavored Tootsie Rolls

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1 package Koolaid
- 1/2 cup Karo syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3/4 cup Coffee Mate
- 3 cups powdered sugar



Directions:

Mix all ingredients together and knead well. Roll between hands to form long, 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick rolls. Cut at desired lengths and wrap in waxed paper. ENJOY!!!!!!

THANKS

to *Misty Hancock* of

Show Low, Arizona, one of our recipe contest winners for submitting her recipe, "Tootsie Rolls"!

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Colorado Jones and The "Choose Wisely" Crusade

Colorado Jones had a quest. He needed a friend. He had never had a best friend and he needed one badly. He would find one. Off he went on his crusade to find a best friend.

Mother bear wiped a small tear from her eye as she kissed her little son good-bye. Colorado was a good son and had always been kind to his mother. He had treated his brothers and sisters with respect and love and they would all miss him very much. But everyone knew that Colorado must find a best friend.

It was a beautiful day. The sun was shining brightly as the little bear hoisted his pack onto his back and trudged down the mountain side. "Goodness, what did Mama put in this bag?" he thought as he shifted the load from one side to the other. It was very heavy and it wasn't long before Colorado had to sit upon a large rock to rest for awhile.

Suddenly, a large squirrel darted in front of him and scampered up a tall tree just beyond the rock. "Hey," called Colorado. "Whatcha doin'?"

"Playin' Hide and Seek," was the reply. "Wanna play?" Colorado was off the rock and up the tree faster than lightning.

"Hey, are you my new best friend?" Colorado asked.

"Sure, if you want me to be," answered the squirrel. "My name is Chip. What's yours?" Colorado introduced himself and was so happy that he had found a best friend so soon after leaving home. He couldn't wait to take Chip to meet his mother and family. They would be so happy.

Chip and Colorado spent hours in the sun. Chip told Colorado that there were five other squirrels playing Hide and Seek. Chip said that he was the king of the game and that no one could find him. Together, they outran all of the squirrels for most of the day.

Chip never stopped talking all day long. He told Colorado about his family of thirteen and about his straight "A"s in Mrs. Spencer's class. He also told him about his being the fastest squirrel on the mountain. Colorado was so pleased with his choice for a best friend.

As the sun began to go down, the boys suddenly heard a voice calling Chip. Out of nowhere, it seemed, appeared a cute little girl squirrel. "There you are, Chip. Mother has been looking all over for you," she said. Chip's cheeks turned a bright red.

"You know that you have chores to do and that Mother and I can't do them all by ourselves!" Chip's sister glared at the two adventurers.

"What about all of your brothers and sisters helping?" asked Colorado. Chip just hung his head down. His sister answered for him. "There's just the two of us. Hey, has Chip been lying again?" she asked.

Colorado stared at his friend. "You weren't really playing hide and seek were you?" Colorado asked. "And you don't get "A"s in school and you're not the fastest squirrel on the mountain, are you?"

Chip just slowly shook his head "no."

Colorado's little bear heart sunk in his chest. He couldn't possibly have a new best friend who did nothing but lie to him. How could he ever trust anyone like that? No, Chip could not be his best friend. He would have to continue his crusade. He would have to "choose wisely."

Colorado spent the night beneath a huge pine tree and when the sun came over the mountain the next morning, he was on his journey again.

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He had not walked far when he heard a voice calling to him. "Hey, Bear," it said. "Where are you going with that big pack on your back?"

As Colorado looked around to see where the voice was coming from, he spied a fluffy, gray and white rabbit standing right next to him. "Hi Rabbit. What is your name and are you my best friend?"

The bunny got a strange look on his face. "Well, sure, I'd love to be your best friend," he said.

"There was something a little peculiar going on here," Colorado thought. But, he would not worry about it. He had finally found his new best friend.

"The name's Oscar," the rabbit said, motioning to the side for someone to come near. Suddenly, there were four rabbits standing next to Colorado.

"Wow," Colorado yelled. "This is awesome. Four best friends all at once." He felt like dancing. What a great day this would be for little Colorado.

"Come with us," Oscar called as the four rabbits began scampering into the woods. Colorado skipped with delight as he followed them off of the path and into the trees.

The group traveled for what seemed like hours to Colorado, deep into the dark, green foliage. Colorado had a bad feeling but he shrugged it off because it was only important to have his new best friends.

Suddenly, they were in a cleared area of the woods. There was a funny smell here and it was smoky and hazy. Again the bad feeling came and again Colorado ignored it.

"This is where we have our meetings," Oscar said. "Come on, you'll love this, my friend."

Oscar's voice sounded a little wicked as he guided Colorado to a wooden bench nearby.

Then, Oscar handed Colorado something he recognized. His mother had warned him about cigarettes. "Put it in your mouth," Oscar said as he struck a match to light it.

Colorado was scared. He became even more scared when he noticed that some of the other rabbits were drinking beer and experimenting with drugs! This was an awful situation - the kind of situation his mother had warned him about, over and over again!

DISCUSSION

What should Colorado do?

What would you do in this situation?

He knew what to do. Mother had told him what to do. Colorado mustered up every ounce of courage he had. He stood up tall, threw the cigarette on the ground and spoke in a bit of a shaky voice.

"No thank you," he said. "I don't do things like this and I don't want friends who do!"

A look of shock covered the faces of the five rabbits as Colorado slung his backpack over his shoulders and sprinted away from the clearing. His little bear heart was racing as he hurried through the woods to find the path he had been on. Once there, he sat down beneath a large pine tree to rest. What a close call that had been. He decided that "choosing wisely" was going to be more difficult than he had thought.

Soon, Colorado fell fast asleep. He was tired. He wanted to go home but he knew that his crusade was not over yet. Maybe a nap would help.

Colorado woke to find someone staring up at him. It was someone who had a very mean looking face.

"Hi," the name's Billy," the badger said. "That's a mighty fine backpack you got there. What's in it?"

Colorado wiped the sleep from his eyes and stood up straight. "It's the stuff my mom packed for my trip."

"HMMMMM," Billy sneered, "let's see what's in there."

The back pack was opened to reveal lots of wonderful snacks that Colorado's mother had made for him. There were books to read and freshly washed clothes to wear. Even his toothbrush and a bar of soap were in the bag.

Billy the badger began devouring the cookies and cakes inside. He was not a neat eater, either. Colorado watched in horror as one by one, his tasty snacks disappeared. "Billy is very rude," thought Colorado.

"What are you doing out here?" Billy asked, as he stuffed the last morsel into his mouth.

"I'm on a quest to find my very best friend," Colorado replied. He was very discouraged and tired.

"Well, look no further," Billy said as he smiled a very sneaky looking smile. "I'll be your best friend."

Colorado just wasn't as happy as he thought he would be when he finally found his best friend but he was just too tired to worry about it right now. Billy would have to do.

The pair played on the mountain for the rest of the day. There were many times that Colorado was really unhappy with Billy's behavior. One time, Billy actually stood in the way so that a large goose could not get to the lake to catch fish. He had been intentionally mean and bullied her. This was not proper behavior for a best friend.

Billy had shown great disrespect to some of the elderly badgers they had met that day. He had made fun of them and called them names.

As the day wore on, Colorado felt worse and worse. His quest was a failure. He could not count Billy as his best friend and so again, the little bear headed back down the mountain - alone.

Colorado's feet were tired and his back ached and he just wanted to be with his family again. He would sit down and read for a few minutes before making his journey home.

He reached into his back pack for one of his books, only to find that everything was gone, even his toothbrush! Billy had taken everything! Billy wasn't only a bully and disrespectful of others but he was a thief too! "Oh my goodness," thought Colorado, "I am no good at this friend thing."

He knew what he didn't want though. He had learned a great deal these two days. His best friend would not lie or cheat. He would not use cigarettes, drugs or alcohol. He would not be a bully or treat others with disrespect and he would not steal! That was a lot to learn in such a short time.

Can you finish the story now? Can you find a best friend for Colorado? Who should be his best friend? What should his best friend be like? What characteristics would you want in your best friend? Help Colorado find a best friend.

PARENTS NOTE: *This can be a fun way to end the story of Colorado Jones and his "Choose Wisely" Crusade. Help the children to end the story themselves. Help them to find a friend who has the qualities that they should be looking for in a friend. Have them draw a picture of this friend. This will help instill in them a firm idea of what to look for themselves and will help them to be more particular when they associate with others.*

DISCUSSION

- Why is it so important that we "Choose Wisely" when it comes to choosing our friends?
- Can friends sometimes influence us to do things that we would not normally do?
- Why should we listen to our parent's advice when it comes to choosing the proper friends?



Colorado Jones



Oscar

Chip



Billy
Badger

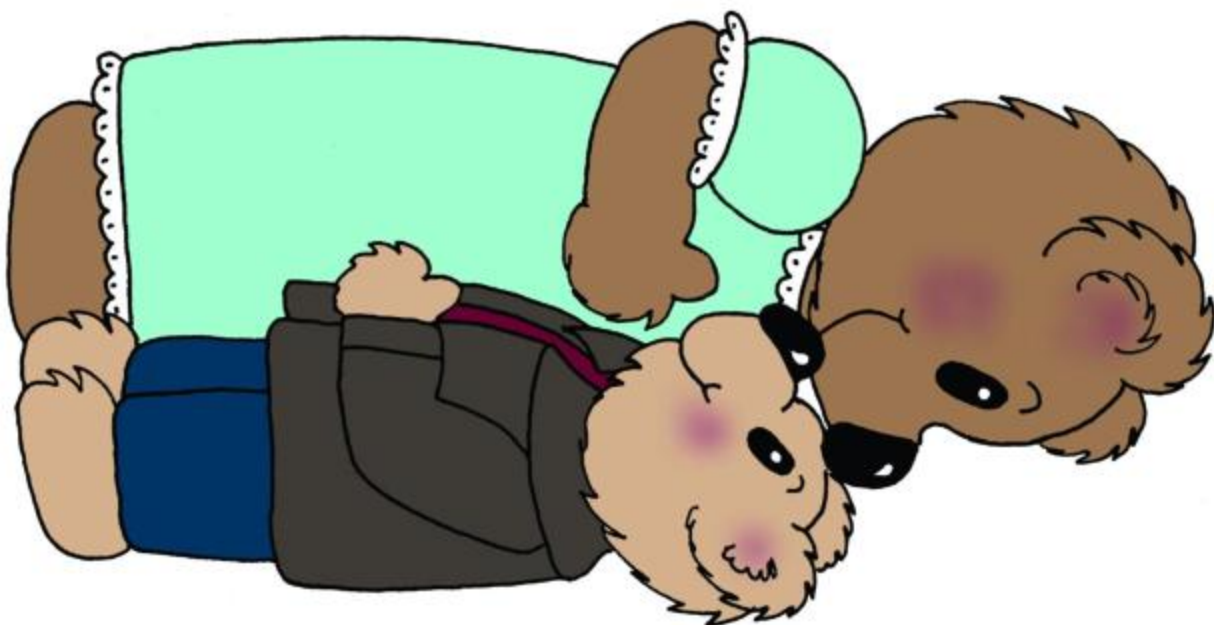


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Colorado's
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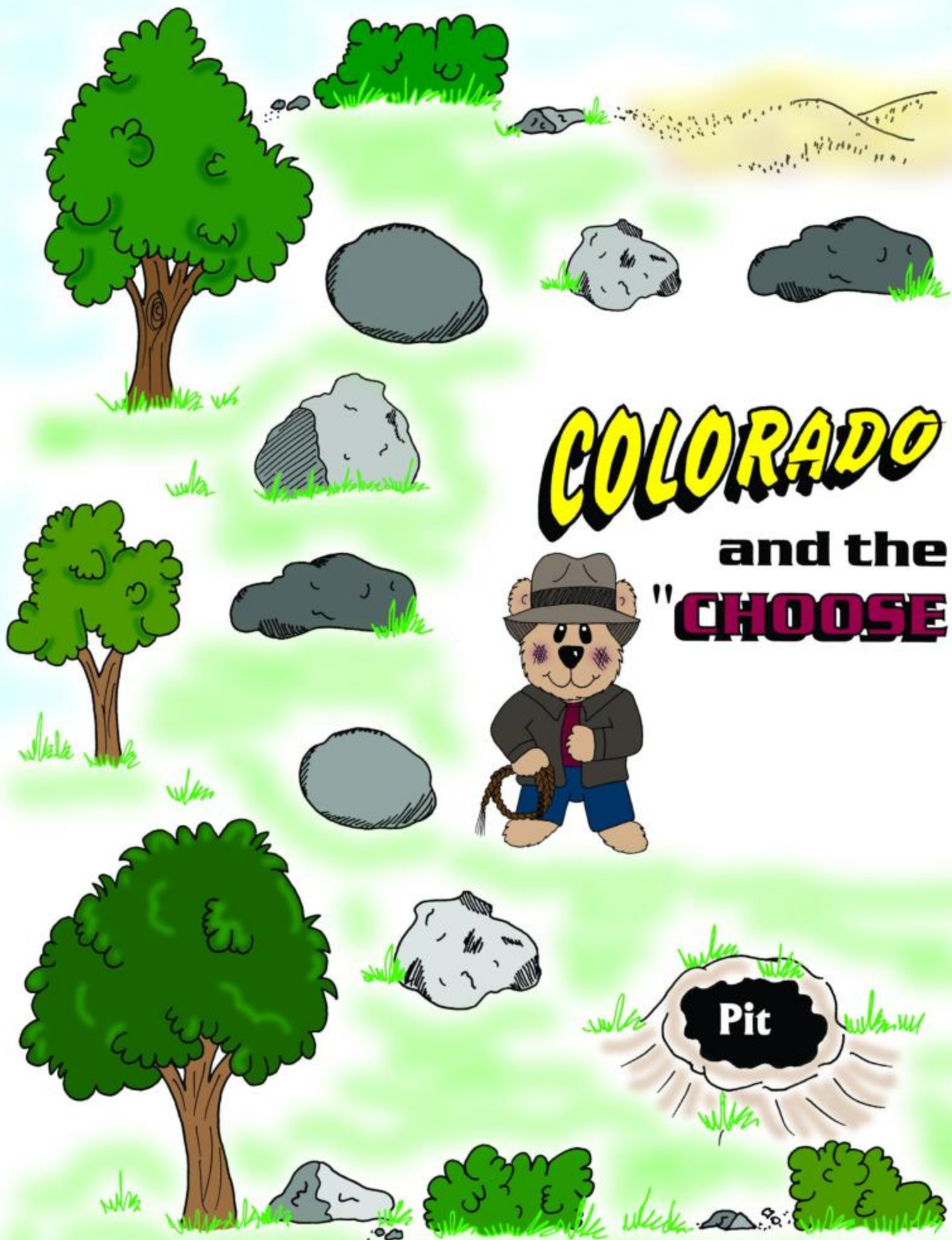
Colorado's Mother
Kissing Him Goodbye



Chip's Little
Sister



Oscar's Friends



COLORADO

and the
"CHOOSE"



WISELY "CRUSADE

CRUSADE ESSENTIALS KEY



Roll a "one" and collect a bull whip



Roll a "two" and collect a back pack



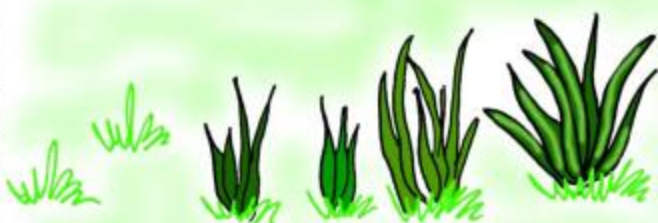
Roll a "three" and collect a map



Roll a "four" and collect a compass























Roll a "five" and collect a canteen



<p>You chose to hang out with a friend who drinks alcohol and smokes cigarettes. If you have a "Values" card, give it to the first player on your left who does not already have one.</p>	<p>You went into a store with a friend. He took a candy bar without paying for it. You helped him eat the candy bar. If you have an "Honesty" card, give it to the first player on your right who does not have one.</p>	<p>You invited a friend to your home. Your mother left some money on the kitchen counter and your friend took the money. You didn't tell your mother. If you have a "Trustworthy" card, give it to the first player on your right who does not have one.</p>	<p>Your friend went to an "R" rated movie and you accompanied them to the movie instead of telling them no. If you have an "Integrity" card, give it to the team with the least amount of cards who does not already have one.</p>	<p>You and a group of friends were talking badly about one of your other friends. You felt guilty, but you continued in the conversation. If you have a "Loyal" card, give it to the first player on your left that does not have one.</p>
<p>A so-called friend, lit up a cigarette and tried to persuade you to try it. You politely said "No" and walked away. You may take a "Values" card from any of the opposing teams or from the pile.</p>	<p>You are at a friend's house. They start watching a movie that you know is not appropriate. You tell them that you are not going to watch the movie. You may take an "Integrity" card from any of the opposing teams or from the pile.</p>	<p>You didn't study for a history exam. Your friend tells you that you can copy off of his paper. You choose not to copy and take a lower test score. You may take an "Honesty" card from any of the opposing teams or from the pile.</p>	<p>Your friend takes things from other people without their permission. You inform your friend that he shouldn't do that. You may take a "Trustworthy" card from any of the opposing teams or from the pile.</p>	<p>A group of friends are making fun of another friend of yours because that friend won't smoke or drink with them. You tell the group that you respect that friend for her decision and you walk away. You may take a "Loyal" card from any of the opposing teams or from the pile.</p>
<p>A group of friends want to attend a party where you know drugs and alcohol will be present. They want you to go with them. You tell them you do not want to attend a party like that and suggest something else you could do. You may take a "Values" card from the pile.</p>	<p>You and another LDS friend are talking with a group of kids who are making jokes about Latter-day Saints. You tell the kids it's inappropriate to make jokes like that and you and your friend walk away. You may take an "Integrity" card from the pile.</p>	<p>You and a friend accidentally break one of your mother's plates. When your mother returns home, you tell her what happened. You may take an "Honesty" card from the pile.</p>	<p>Your friend wants to borrow one of your brother's CD's. He asks your brother's permission first. You may take a "Trustworthy" card from the pile.</p>	<p>You and your friend try to never speak badly of anyone else, especially other friends. You may take a "Loyal" card from the pile.</p>
<p>You may take an HONESTY TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL INTEGRITY or VALUES card from any of the opposing teams.</p>	<p>You may take an HONESTY TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL INTEGRITY or VALUES card from the pile.</p>	<p>You must give an HONESTY TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL INTEGRITY or VALUES card to an opposing team.</p>	<p>You must give an HONESTY TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL INTEGRITY or VALUES card to the pile.</p>	<p>You may take any card you desire from an opposing team or from a pile.</p>



Colorado's Friendship Qualities

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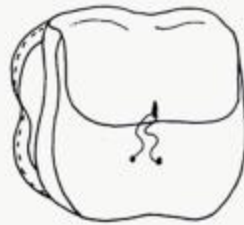
Colorado's Crusade Essentials



COMPASS



MAP



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**BULL
WHIP**



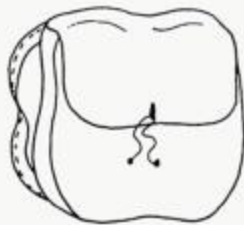
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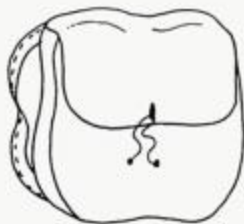
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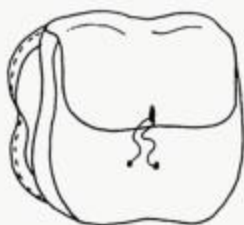
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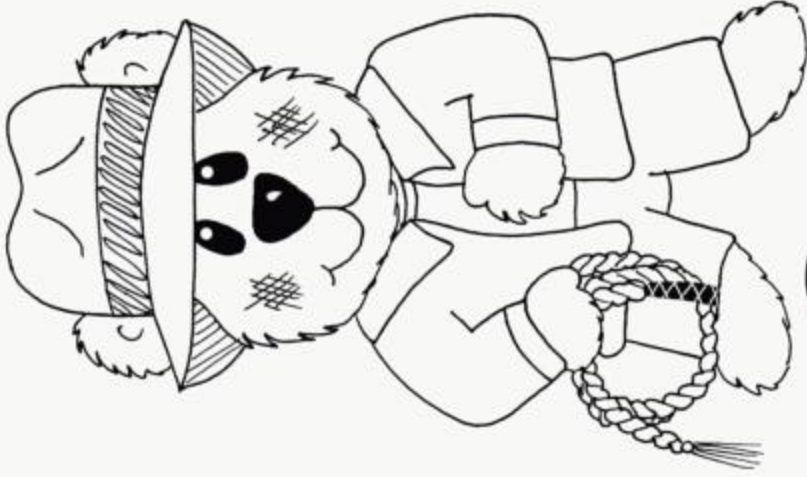
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CANTEEN

*"Do you know how to recognize a true friend?
A real friend loves us and protects us.*

*In recognizing a true friend we must look for
two important elements in that friendship:*



- A true friend makes it easier for us to live the gospel by being around him.
- Similarly, a true friend does not make us choose between his way and the Lord's way."

Robert D. Hales

CHOOSE WISELY