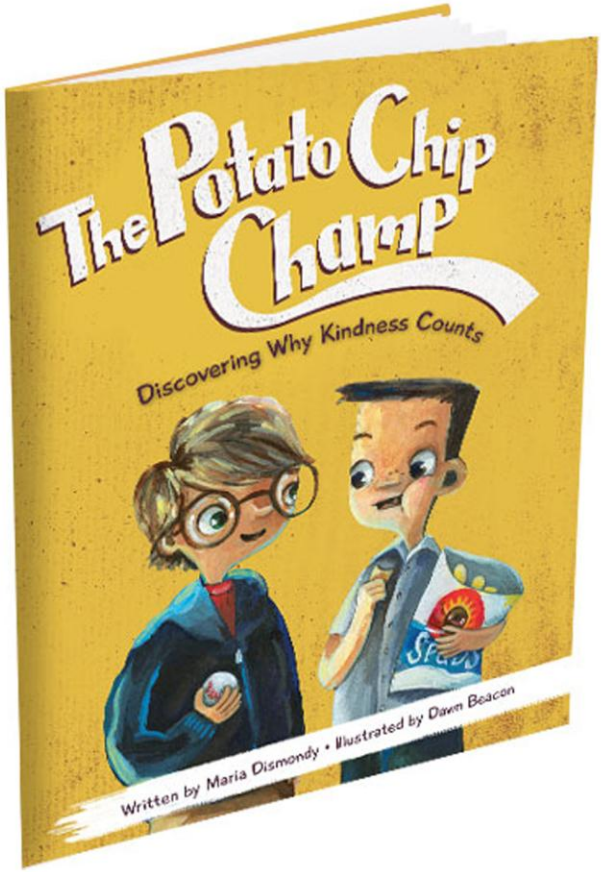
The Potato Chip Champ



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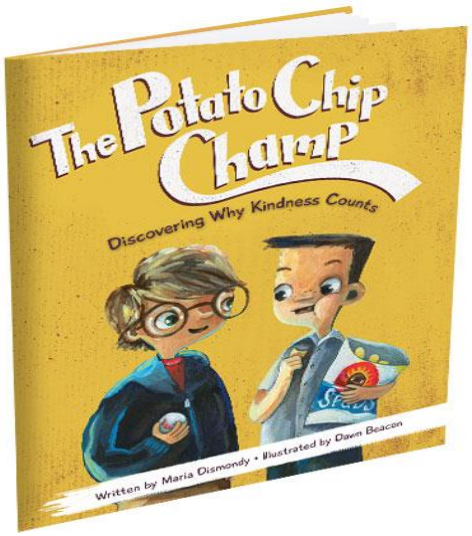


The Potato Chip Champ - Story Map

Major Event #2:

Major Event #3:

Major Event #1:

Problem:

Resolution:

Characters:

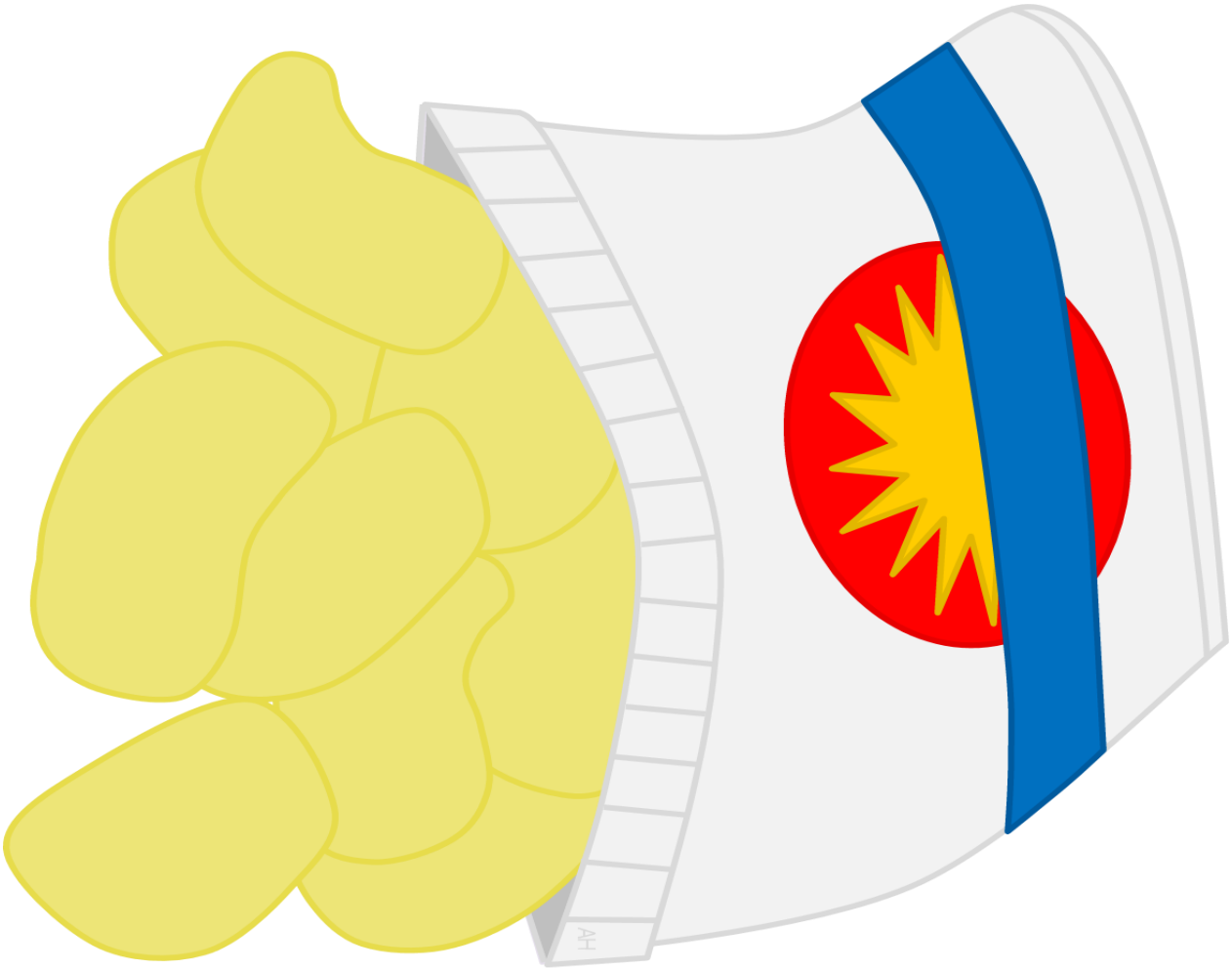
Author's Message:

The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Chips

For this fun activity you can print out the pictures of the chip bag and chips on card stock, or print on regular computer paper and laminate.

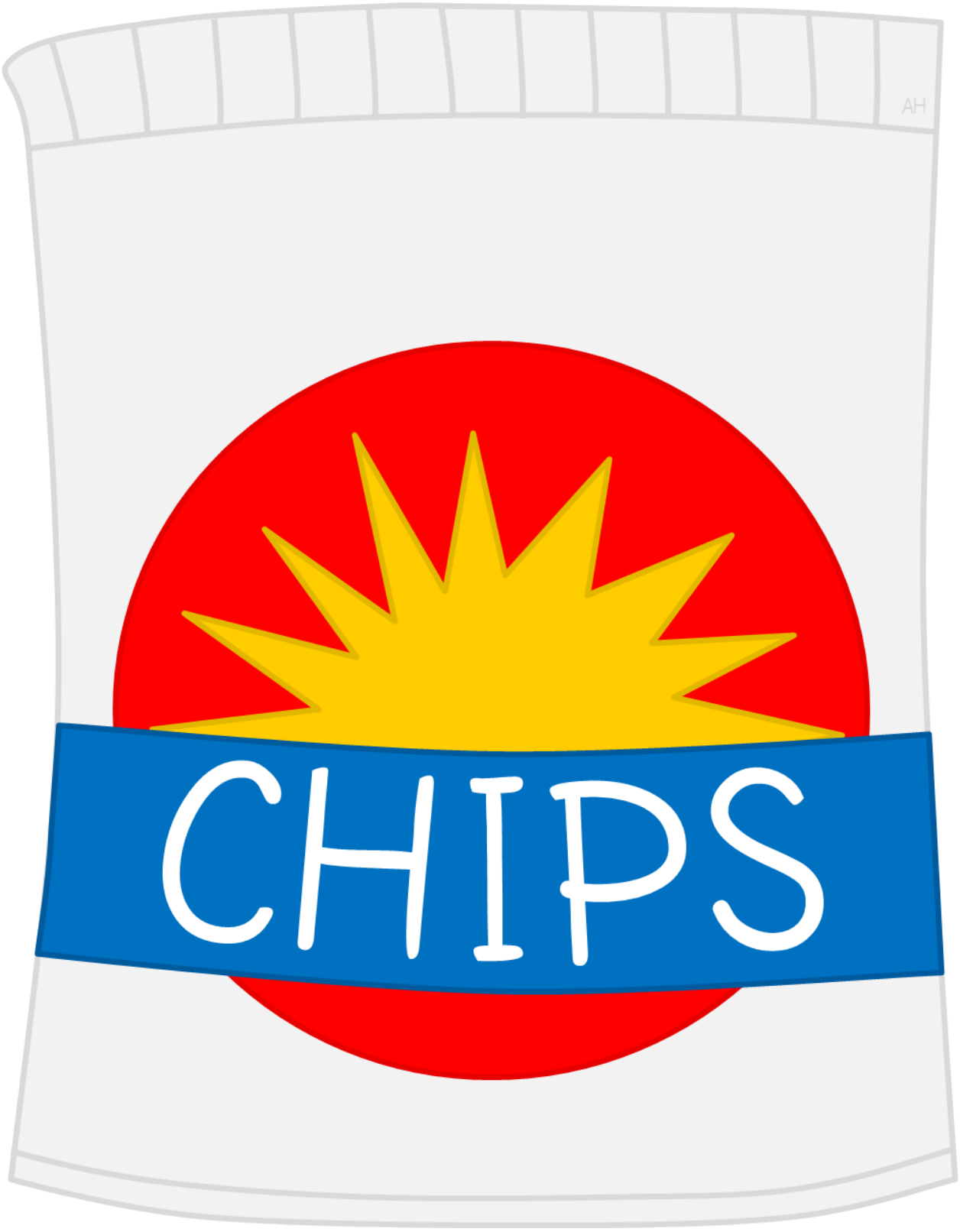
Cut out the front and back of the chip bag and glue together (just glue around the sides and bottom - leave the top open). Cut out the comprehension chips and place in bag.

You can use these chips for reader response questions after reading the story. The teacher can pull out questions to ask the students, or students can pass the bag around, choosing one question to ask their fellow students.



The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Chips

(Front of Bag)



The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Chips

(Back of Bag)

The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Chips

(Questions)

How is Walter described at the beginning of the story?

What is Champ like at the beginning of the story?

Why do you think Champ didn't like Walter at the beginning of the story?

Why did Champ want to win the big baseball fundraiser?

Why did Walter get off to a slow start with the fundraiser?

What changed Champ's plans of winning the fundraiser?

How did Champ feel when Walter first came over to his house?

Why do you think Walter first came over to Champ's house?

The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Chips

(Questions)

What did Walter say at Champ's house that started to change Champ's feelings about him?

How did Champ feel when he found out that Walter won the fundraiser?

Why did Walter want to give the fundraiser prize to Champ?

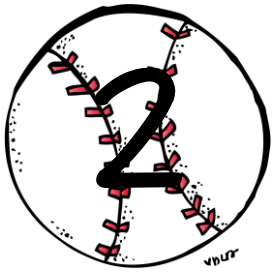
How did Champ feel when Walter told him he wanted to give him the fundraiser prize?

What compromise did the two boys reach about the fundraiser prize?

Why did Champ think people should call Walter "Champ"?

How did Walter help to change Champ's overall character?

How did Champ's character change throughout the story?



The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Chips

(Questions)

Was there ever a time in your life when you felt like Champ at the beginning of the story? Explain.

How can you be more like Walter? Explain.

How would the story be different if Champ hadn't broken his leg?

How did the end of the story make you feel? Explain.

What character traits would you use to describe Champ?

What character traits would you use to describe Walter?

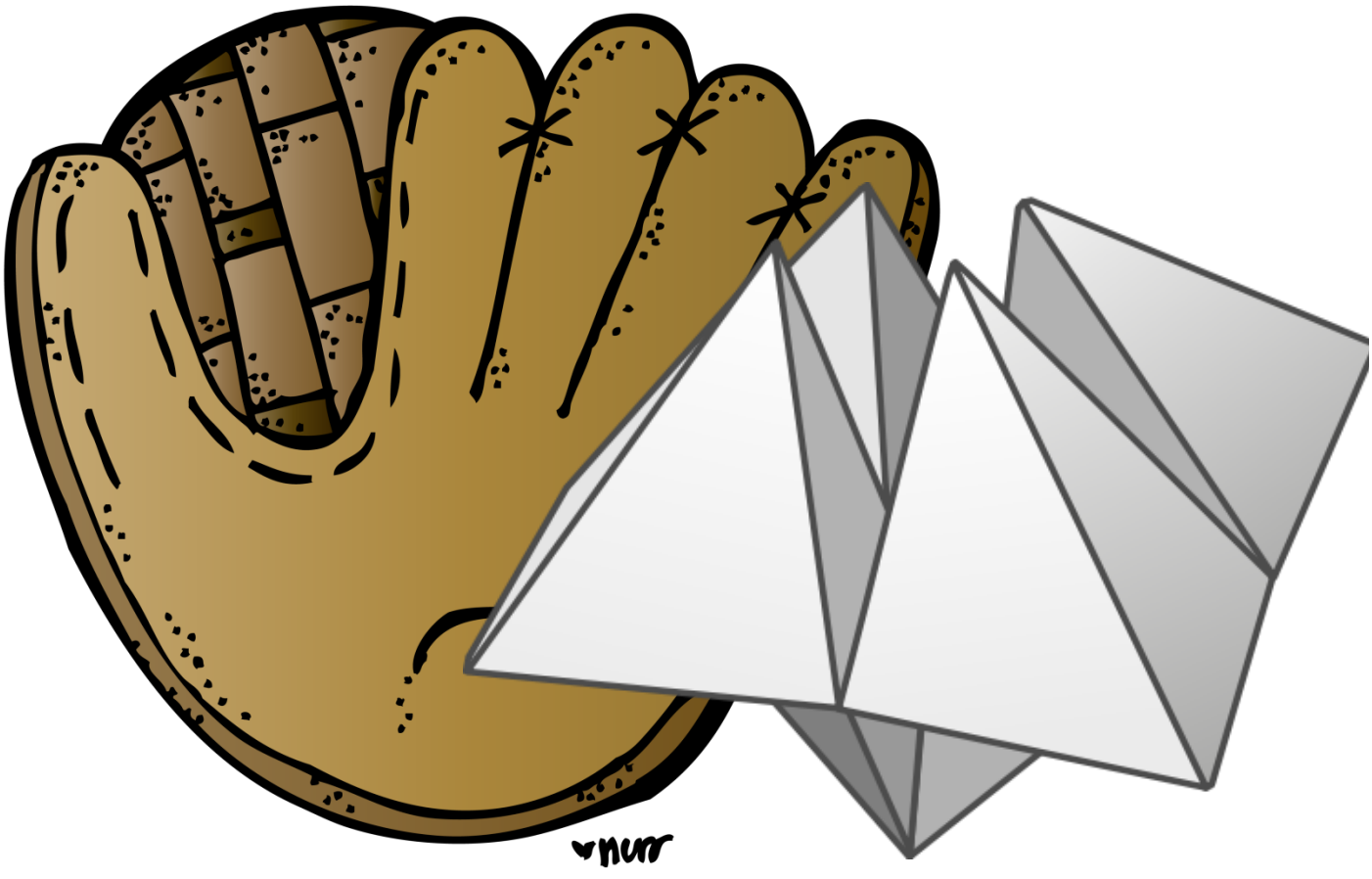
What is the moral of the story?

What important lesson did Walter teach Champ? Explain.

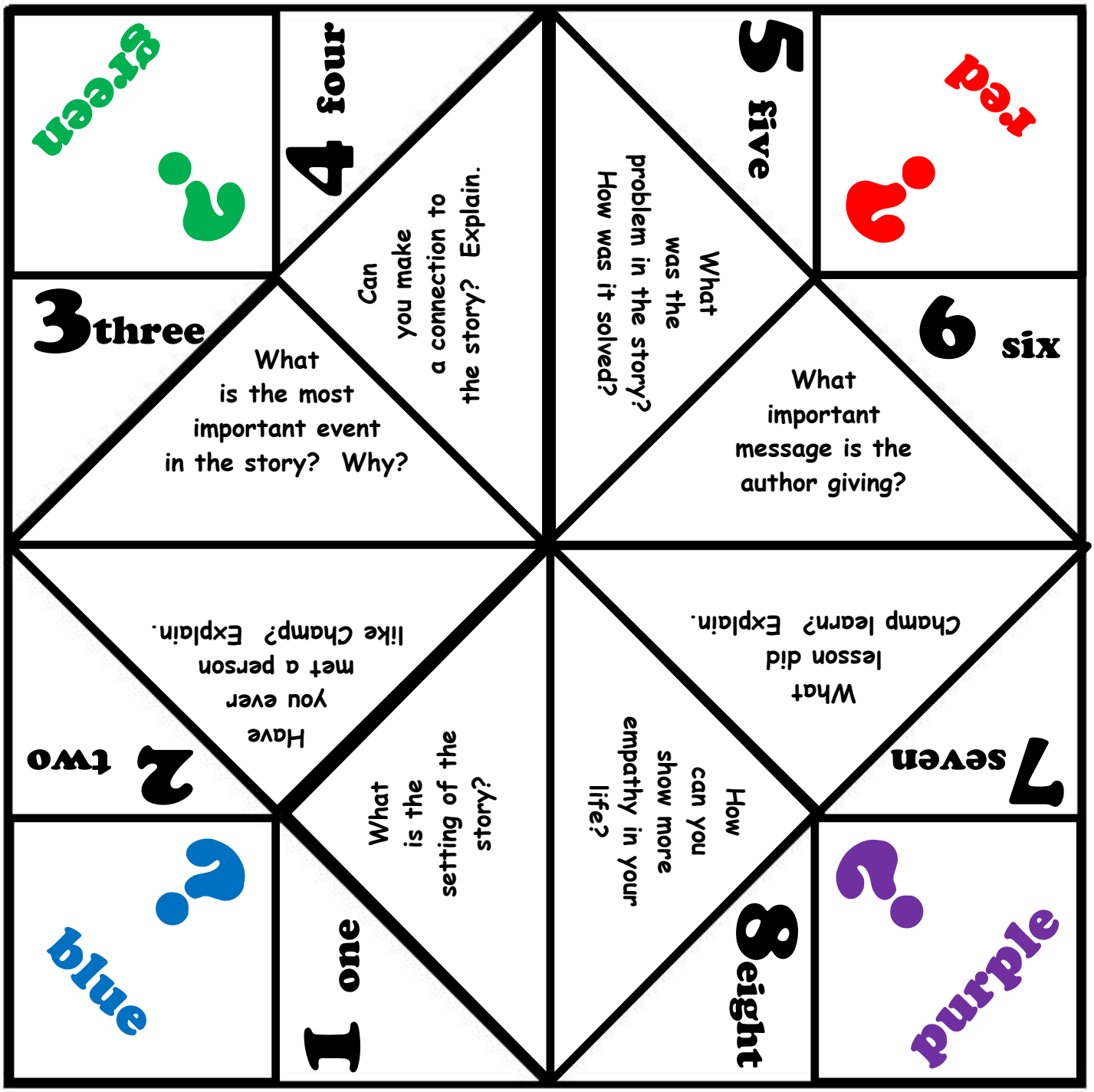
The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Catcher

Cut out the comprehension catcher on the next page and fold into the fortune teller shape. You can view how to fold the fortune teller by watching this You Tube video at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-IAblU9Wrw

To complete the activity, have students cut out the square and fold the fortune teller. Students must work with a partner. The first partner chooses a color, then the partner holding the fortune teller spells out the color, moving the flaps in and out, and side to side in time with the letters. The first partner then chooses a number from the inside numbers shown. The partner with the fortune teller then counts up to this number, in the same manner as before. The second partner then chooses another number from the numbers shown. The partner with the fortune teller lifts the flap under the number and reads the question or prompt for the first partner to answer.



The Potato Chip Champ - Comprehension Catcher



The Potato Chip Champ - Baseball Card Math

Print baseball card word problems out on cardstock or print on regular computer paper and laminate individual baseball cards for extra durability.

Cards can be stacked together to resemble a stack of baseball cards.

For each baseball card word problem, a matching blank card is provided. Students should solve the word problem (and show their work) on the matching blank card.

Answers:

1. The team needs to sell 100 boxes of potato chips.
2. The rest of the team sold 51 boxes of potato chips.
3. Walter delivers 40 papers in one hour.
4. Champ would have to wear a cast for 1008 hours.
5. 18 hours of baseball were played altogether.
6. The truck held 552 bags of chips.

The Potato Chip Champ - Baseball Card Math (Word Problems)

The Potato Chip Champ

1. Champ's baseball team needs to raise $1000.00 on the fundraiser. If each box of potato chips costs $10.00, how many boxes does the team need to sell?

The Potato Chip Champ

2. If Walter sold 36 boxes of potato chips, and Champ sold 13 boxes of potato chips, how many boxes did the rest of the team sell if they made their goal of 100 boxes?

The Potato Chip Champ

3. It takes Walter one hour to complete his paper route each day. Delivering one paper takes him 90 seconds. How many papers does he deliver in one hour?

The Potato Chip Champ

4. If Champ had to wear his cast for 6 weeks, how many hours would that be?

The Potato Chip Champ

5. If each baseball game took 1.5 hours to play, and Champ's team played 12 games in the season, how many hours of baseball were played altogether?

The Potato Chip Champ

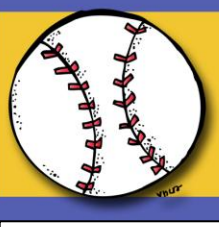
6. If the prize truck could hold 46 boxes of chips, and each box contained 12 bags of chips, how many bags of chips were in the truck altogether?

The Potato Chip Champ - Baseball Card Math
(Blank Answer Cards)

The Potato Chip Champ 1.	The Potato Chip Champ 2.	The Potato Chip Champ 3.
The Potato Chip Champ 4.	The Potato Chip Champ 5.	The Potato Chip Champ 6.

The Potato Chip Champ - Character Cards

Create a baseball card for Champ.



The Potato Chip Champ

Draw a picture of Champ.

Player Statistics:

Name:

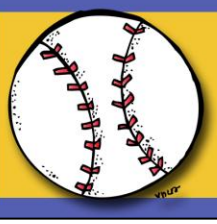
Hobbies:

Likes: **Dislikes:**

Best Known For:

The Potato Chip Champ - Character Cards

Create a baseball card for Walter.



The Potato Chip Champ

Draw a picture of Walter.

Player Statistics:

Name:

Hobbies:

Likes: **Dislikes:**

Best Known For:

Baseball

The Potato Chip Champ - Fun Food Idea

A fun snack idea made for a Champ!

This open-faced sandwich takes only minutes to prepare. Throw a few potato chips on the side and you'll be eating like a champ in no time at all!

Instructions:

1. Using a circle cookie cutter, or top of a glass, cut a circle shape from a piece of bread, slice of ham (or your favorite lunch meat), and a slice of white cheese.

2. Assemble sandwich so that the cheese is on the top.

3. Using a food-safe marker, draw lines on the cheese to resemble a baseball.

4. Add a few potato chips to the side of your plate.

5. Enjoy!

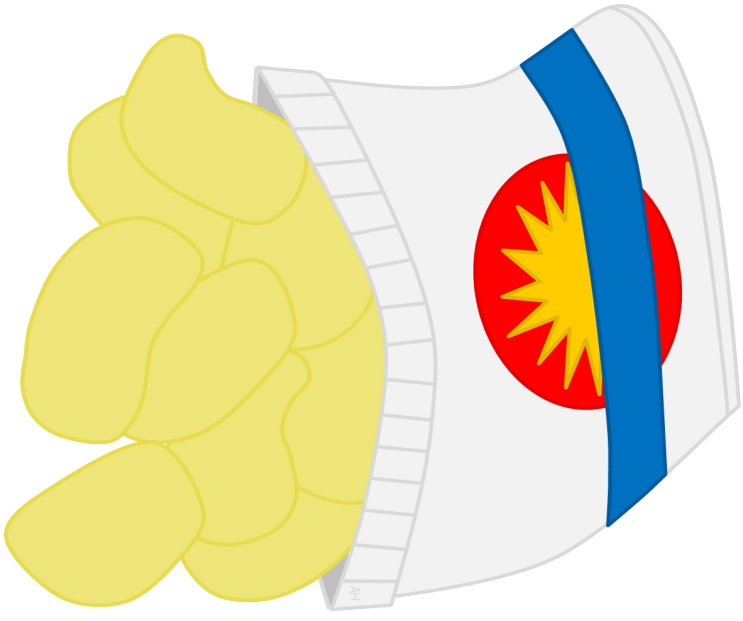
The Potato Chip Champ - Catching Connections

In The Potato Chip Champ, Champ is taught a lesson about empathy and kindness. Describe a time when you have learned about the importance of thinking of others and putting yourself in "someone else's shoes."

The Potato Chip Champ - Potato Chip Science

How much grease do your favorite potato chips contain?

- For this experiment, you will need to collect 4 - 5 different brands or kinds of potato chips.
- On the recording sheet, record the name and fat gram content of each brand of chip (found on bag in nutritional information).
- Predict which chip will leave the biggest grease stain. Write your answer on the recording sheet.
- Using one brand of chip, choose 2 - 3 chips and place them in the middle of the graph paper provided. Place a paper towel on top of the chips, and press to crush the chips. Continue to press for 20 seconds.
- Leave the chips to sit for one minute.
- After one minute, remove the paper towel and discard the crushed potato chips.
- Measure and record the grease stain by counting the number of squares on the graph paper covered in grease.
- Repeat the process with each of the remaining brands of chips (try to keep the size of chips relatively the same throughout the experiment). You will need to use a new piece of graph paper for each brand of chip.
- Answer the reflection questions.



The Potato Chip Champ - Potato Chip Science Graph Paper

Brand of Potato Chip: _____

The Potato Chip Champ - Potato Chip Science Recording Sheet

Prediction: I predict that the _____ chips will have the largest grease stain because

_____

Potato Chip Brand	Fat Gram Content	Size of Grease Stain

Reflection Questions:
Was your prediction correct?

Did anything surprise you about this experiment? Explain.

The Potato Chip Champ - Random Acts of Kindness

When Walter decided to give Champ the prize potato chips he had won, he performed a random act of kindness (R.A.K.). This R.A.K. helped to teach Champ about the importance of kindness and empathy.

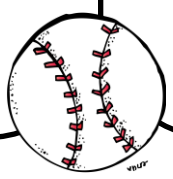
The Potato Chip R.A.K. Challenge

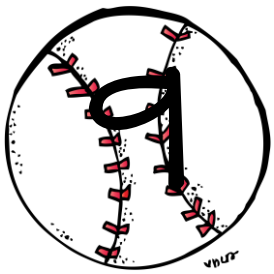
Take on the Potato Chip R.A.K. Challenge - for one week you are challenged to perform at least 2 random acts of kindness each day - one at school and one at home (for Saturday and Sunday you can perform two acts at home).

In the space provided below, brainstorm different ways you can perform random acts of kindness. You can brainstorm with a friend. Remember, a random act of kindness can be as simple as complimenting a person or sharing a smile or hug with someone who needs one.

When you are ready to start the challenge, fill in the R.A.K Challenge sheet at the end of each day. At the end of the week, reflect on how these R.A.K.s made YOU feel.

R.A.K.s at School:	R.A.K.s at Home:

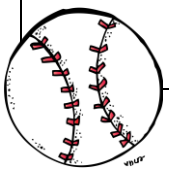


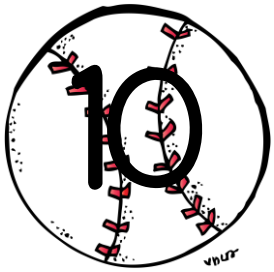


The Potato Chip Champ - Random Acts of Kindness

At the end of each day, fill in the chart with the two R.A.K.s you performed each day. At the end of the week, reflect on how the R.A.K.s made YOU feel. Can you continue the challenge even longer than one week?

Day of the Week	R.A.K. #1	R.A.K. #2
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

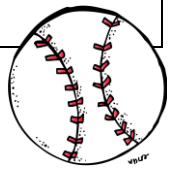


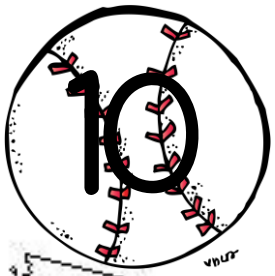


The Potato Chip Champ - Mapping Baseball

It's not just Champ that loves baseball. Baseball is loved by people all around the country. The list below shows all the cities that have major league baseball teams. Locate these cities on the map provided by drawing a baseball where the city is located.

Team Name	City
Baltimore Orioles	Baltimore, MD
Boston Red Sox	Boston, MA
New York Yankees	New York, NY
Tampa Bay Rays	St. Petersburg, FL
Chicago White Sox	Chicago, IL
Cleveland Indians	Cleveland, OH
Detroit Tigers	Detroit, MI
Kansas City Royals	Kansas City, MO
Minnesota Twins	Minneapolis, MN
Houston Astros	Houston, TX
Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	Anaheim, CA
Oakland Athletics	Oakland, CA
Seattle Mariners	Seattle, WA
Texas Rangers	Arlington, TX
Atlanta Braves	Atlanta, GA
Miami Marlins	Miami, FL
New York Mets	New York, NY
Philadelphia Phillies	Philadelphia, PA
Washington Nationals	Washington, D.C.
Chicago Cubs	Chicago, IL
Cincinnati Reds	Cincinnati, OH
Milwaukee Brewers	Milwaukee, WI
Pittsburgh Pirates	Pittsburgh, PA
St. Louis Cardinals	St. Louis, MO
Arizona Diamondbacks	Phoenix, AZ
Colorado Rockies	Denver, CO
Los Angeles Dodgers	Los Angeles, CA
San Diego Padres	San Diego, CA
San Francisco Giants	San Francisco, CA





The Potato Chip Champ - Mapping Baseball

The Potato Chip Champ - Share the GOOD News

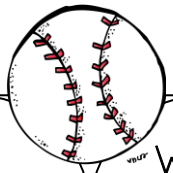
Good news needs to be shared! Pretend you are a reporter writing a news story about Walter sharing his prize with Champ. Remember, all news stories contain the 5 Ws: who, what, when, where, and why. Use the graphic organizer provided below to brainstorm ideas for your news story. Write your final copy on the next page (and draw a picture). Don't forget to come up with an exciting headline for your story!

Headline:

Who:

When:

Where:

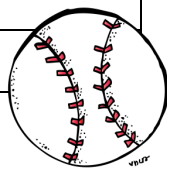


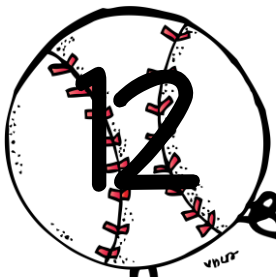
What:

Why:

The Potato Chip Champ - Share the GOOD News

Extra! Extra!





E-M-P-A-T-H-Y

(sung to the "Bunny Hop" tune)

E-M-P-A-T-H-Y

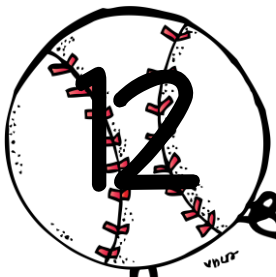
Put yourself in my shoes

C'mon give it a try!

E-M-P-A-T-H-Y

'Cause if you feel what I feel

you might understand why.



EMPATHY

(sung to the tune of "A Rum Sum Sum")

It's empathy, it's empathy,
when you put yourself in place of me,
it's called empathy.

It's empathy, it's empathy,
when I understand your feelings,
it's called empathy.

I like it, I like it,
when you put yourself in my shoes,
and feel empathy.

You'll like it, you'll like it,
when I put myself in your shoes,
and feel empathy!

Responsibility

(sung to the tune of "The Mickey Mouse Song)

When I do things to the best of my ability, I'm
r-e-s p-o-n s-i-b-l-e.

I think before I act and I'm reliable, you see. That's
r-e-s p-o-n s-i-b-l-e.

Persevere (clap clap clap),
never quit (clap clap clap)

Show up on time, yes you can count on me - 2 - 3 - 4.
Do what I'm supposed to do, stay in control of me.

Be r-e-s p-o-n s-i-b-l-e.

Talk, Walk, Then Tell

("Chicken Dance")

If a bully bothers you
and you don't know what to do
Out at recess or in school,
Talk, Walk, Then Tell.
(Repeat 4x)

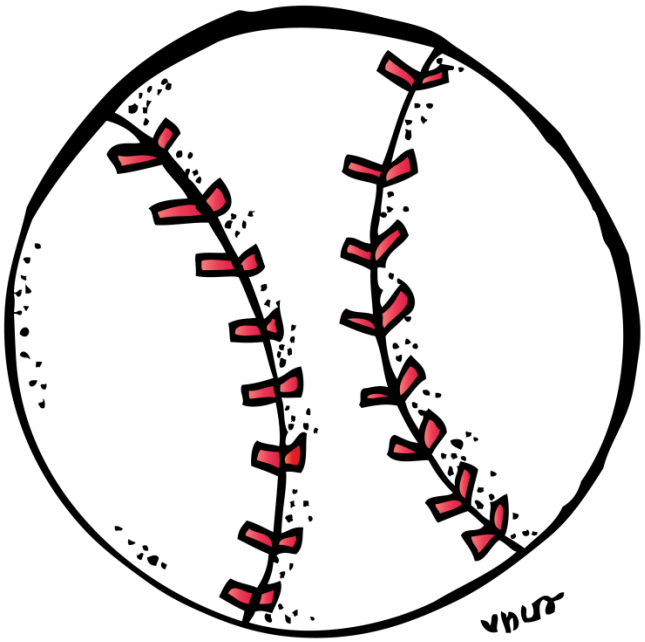
I'll be a buddy not a bully,
I'll be a friend and take a stand.
I can swarm or get a grown up
so we can all lend a helping hand!

The Potato Chip Champ - Kindness is Catching

Go ahead - catch some kindness!

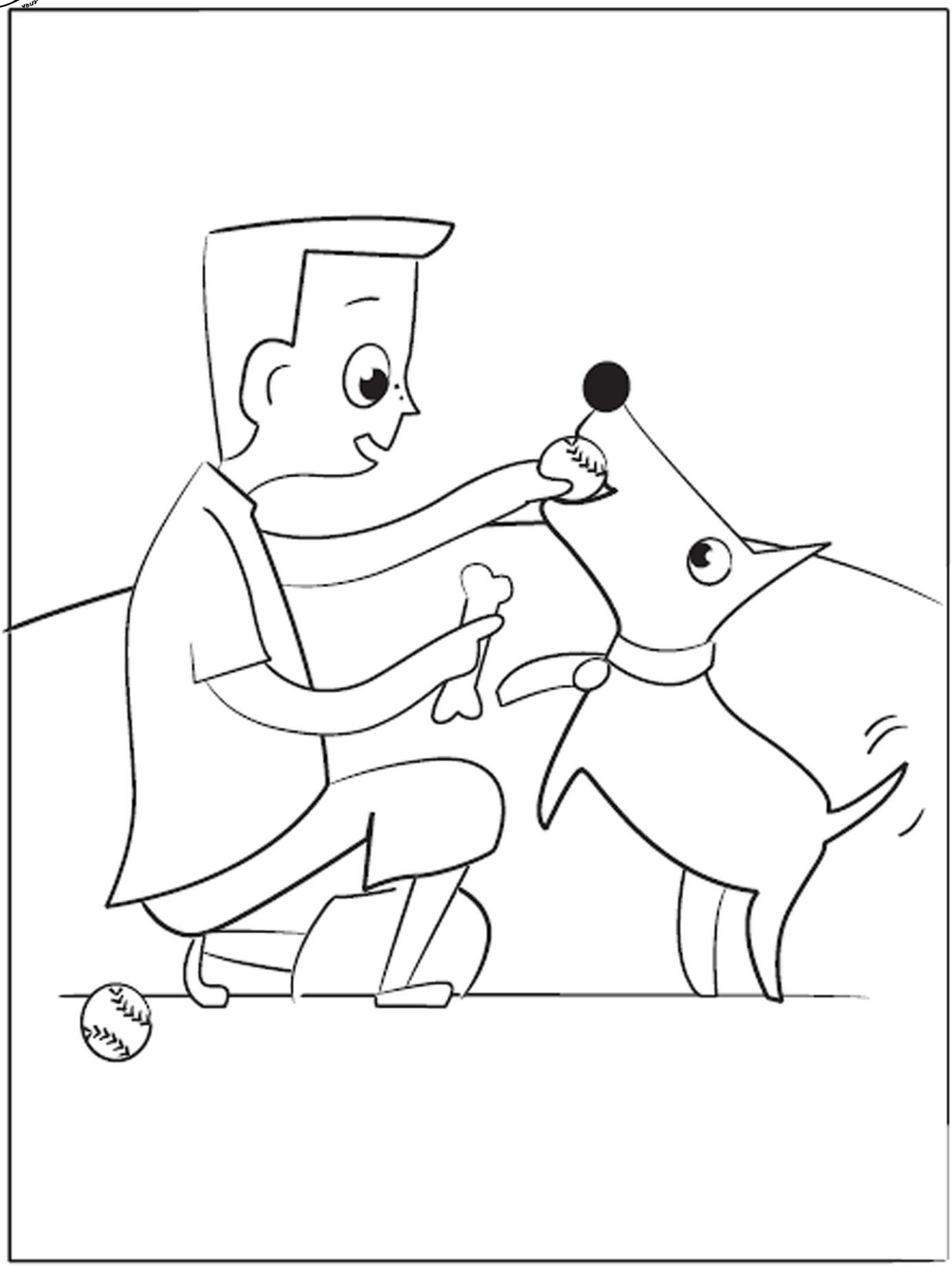
Grab a baseball and form a large circle with your friends / classmates. The first player to start off the activity says a name of a friend / classmate and something he or she likes about the friend / classmate. He or she then throws the ball for that friend to catch. The player that catches the ball then says the name of a different friend / classmate and something he or she likes about the person before passing the ball to that person. The game continues in this fashion until all people in the circle have "caught the kindness".

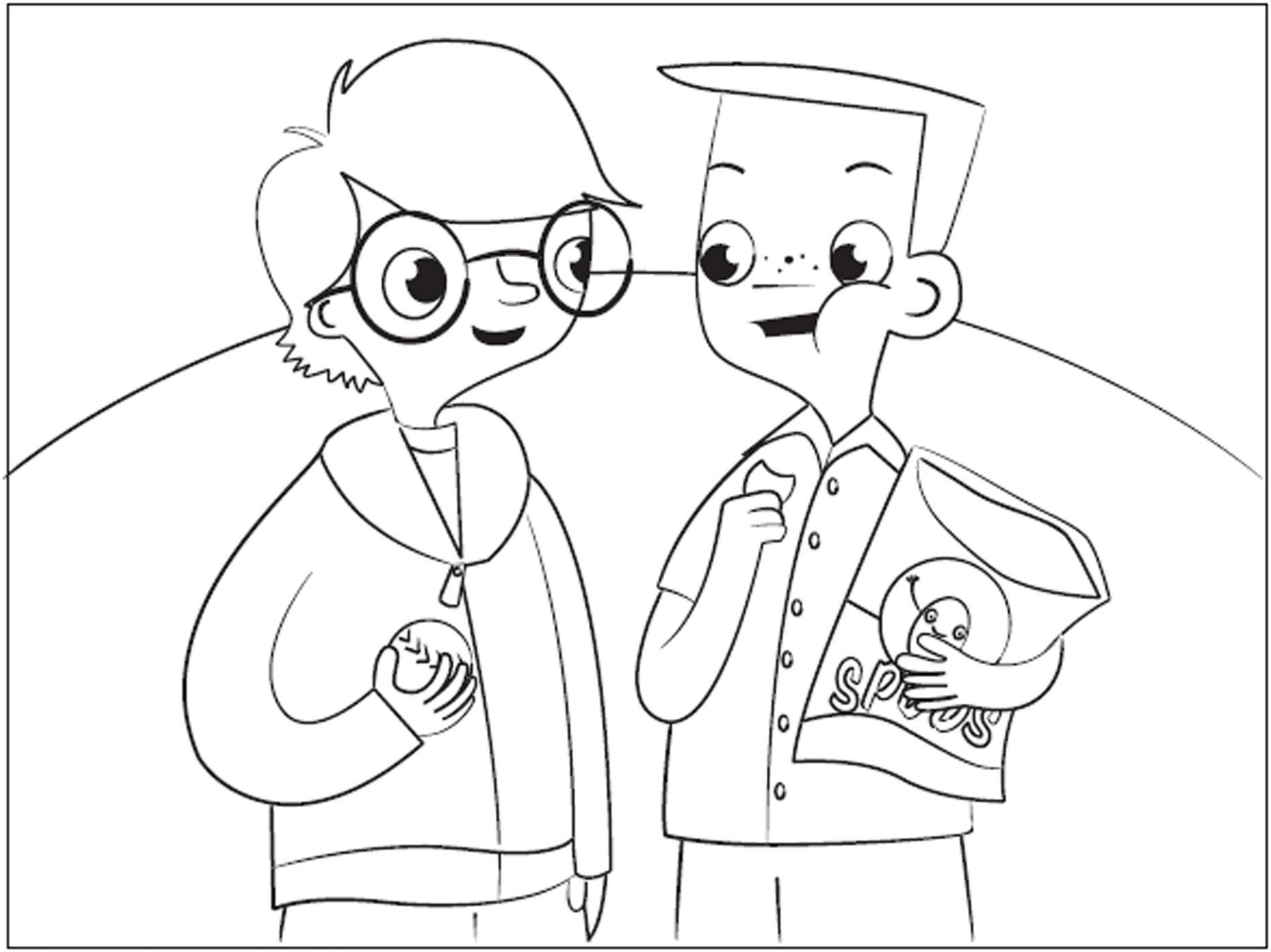
Optional: If a player drops the ball, he or she must say two kind things about the teacher / principal / a parent before the game resumes with the friends / classmates.



Catch The Kindness

The Potato Chip Champ - Coloring Pages

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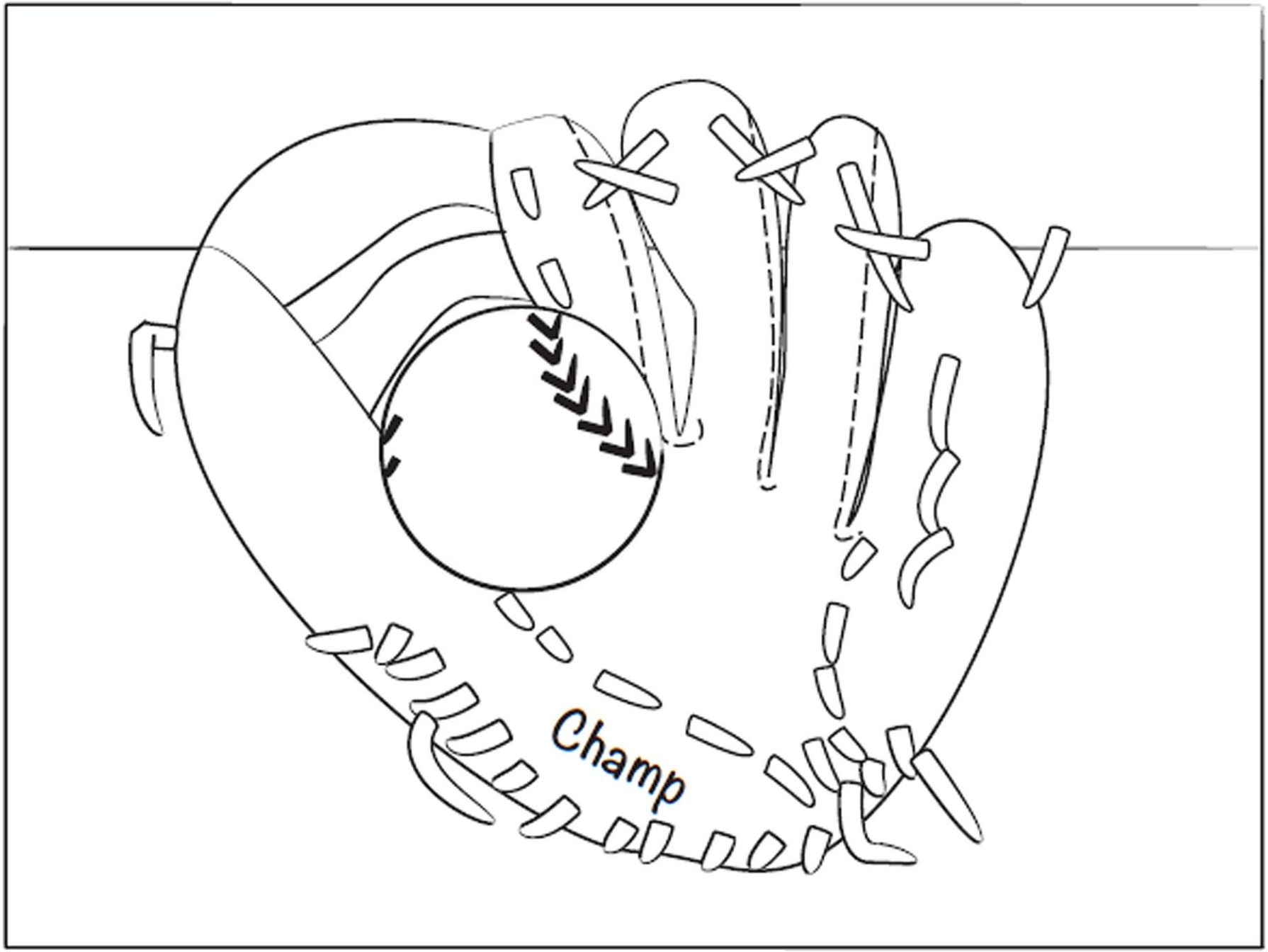

Champ

The Potato Chip Champ - The Pathway to Empathy

Cut out all the game cards. Laminate the game board and cards for extra durability.

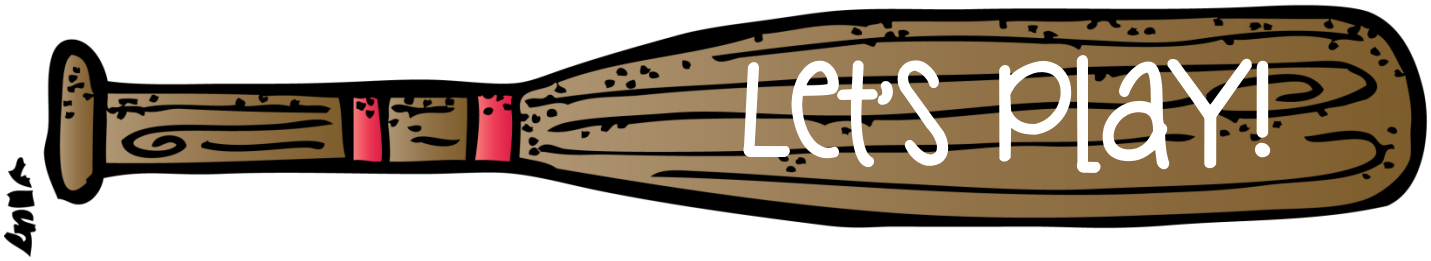
To play the game you will require:

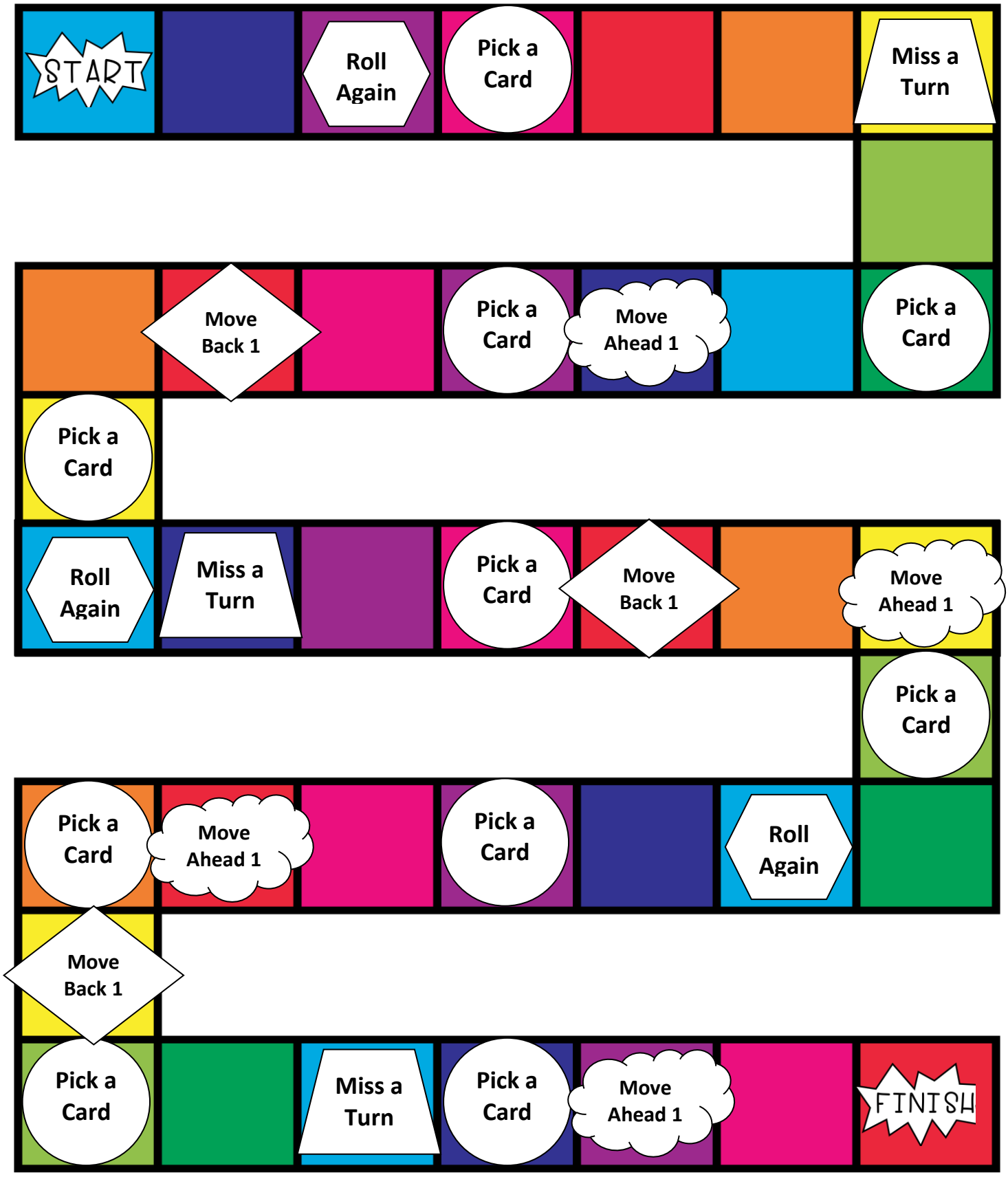
- Game board and cards
- One dice
- Player pieces (2 - 4 players)

How to Play:

- Roll the dice to determine the first player. The player with the highest number goes first and play continues to the left.
- Place all player pieces on or around the "start" square.
- The first player rolls the dice and moves the number he or she rolled. The player follows the instructions on the square or card. If the player lands on a blank square, the player must wait until their next turn.
- When the first player's turn is over, the next player takes his or her turn.
- Play continues in this fashion until the winner is determined by the player who first lands on the "finish" square.

The game and cards can be stored in a large zip loc bag when not in use.

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Roll Again
Pick a Card
Miss a Turn
Move Back 1
Pick a Card
Move Ahead 1
Pick a Card
Pick a Card
Roll Again
Miss a Turn
Pick a Card
Move Back 1
Move Ahead 1
Pick a Card
Pick a Card
Move Ahead 1
Pick a Card
Roll Again
Move Back 1
Pick a Card
Miss a Turn
Pick a Card
Move Ahead 1
FINISH

The Potato Chip Champ - The Pathway to Empathy (Game Cards)

You performed two random acts of kindness today. Move ahead 2 spaces.	You helped clean up the kitchen after dinner. Move ahead 1 space.	You wouldn't share your new toy with a friend. Move back 2 spaces.
You saw someone being bullied at school and didn't go get help. Go back to start.	You held the door open at the store for people walking through. Move ahead 1 space.	You helped a classmate with a problem they were stuck on. Move ahead 1 space.
You started a fight with your sibling. Move back 2 spaces.	You cleaned your room without being asked. Move ahead 2 spaces.	Choose another player to move ahead 2 spaces.
Choose another player to move ahead one space.	You shared your last chocolate bar with a friend. Move ahead one space.	You invited a new student to play with you at recess. Move ahead two spaces.
You didn't help out a friend in need. Move back 2 spaces.	Instead of helping with the laundry, you threw your clothes in the closet. Move back 2 spaces.	You let someone else go ahead of you in line. Move ahead one space.

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You performed a random act of kindness today. Move ahead 1 space.	You cheered for the other team at a sporting event. Move ahead 2 spaces.	You came home from a friend's house later than you were supposed to. Move back 2 spaces.
You did the dishes without being asked. Move ahead 2 spaces.	You finished your homework as soon as you got home from school. Move ahead one space.	You let your sibling use your favorite game. Move ahead one space.
You unexpectedly thanked a parent for something they had done for you. Move ahead one space.	You shared a bag of chips with a friend. Move ahead one space.	You shared your seat on the bus. Move ahead one space.
You didn't treat a friend with kindness. Move back 2 spaces.	Choose a player to move ahead one space.	Choose a player to move ahead 2 spaces.
You helped a friend with their paper route. Move ahead 2 spaces.	You gave away a prize you won in a contest. Move ahead 2 spaces.	You wrote a thank-you letter to thank a relative for a gift. Move ahead 2 spaces.

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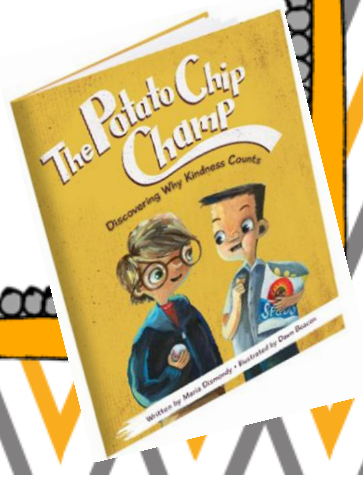
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