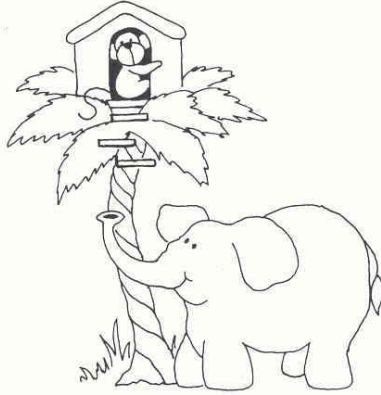


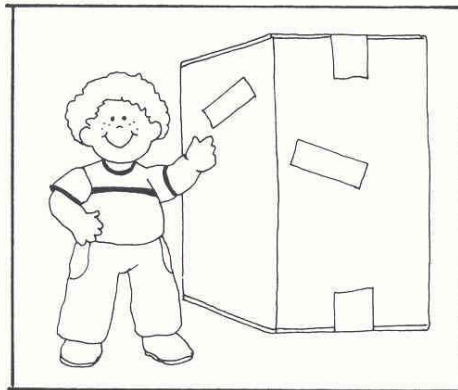
Our first talk about talking....



Monkeys can squeak.
But they can't say "Good morning!"
Elephants can trumpet,
But they can't say "Let's play!"
Dogs can bark.
But they can't tell how old they are.

People in movies say words,
But if I asked them "What's in the box?"
They wouldn't answer,
Because they're not really real.

I'm a person,
And so is Mom and Dad.
We're really real,
And we can talk!





We can.....

**say our name,
tell a story,
ask a question,
count to ten,
talk on a telephone,
yell "This is fun!",
or say "I love you."**

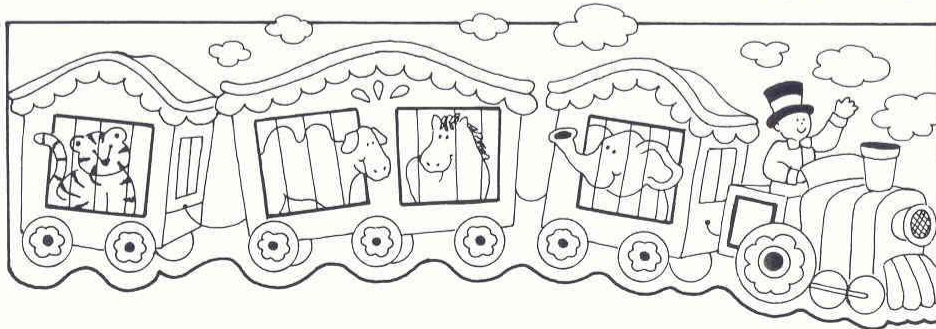
Talking makes us very special!

**But Mom and Dad don't talk like me.
They talk "Big People" talk.**

**They know the names of everything,
(it seems like).
They even know big words.
I have trouble saying big words.**

Sometimes they do too!

We just laugh about it.



**But I don't like to talk to everyone.
Only people I know.**



**If they have nice voices,
And talk slowly,
Then I like to talk to them.**

**If they're patient when I ask questions,
If they help me learn new things,
That makes me feel good.**



**Sometimes it's easy to talk.
And sometimes it's not.**

Like when I'm in a hurry,

Or when something terrible has happened.

Terrible things happen to everybody sometimes.



**When the dog does something wrong,
Mom and Dad yell at him.**

**When the cat does something wrong,
Grandma yells at her.**

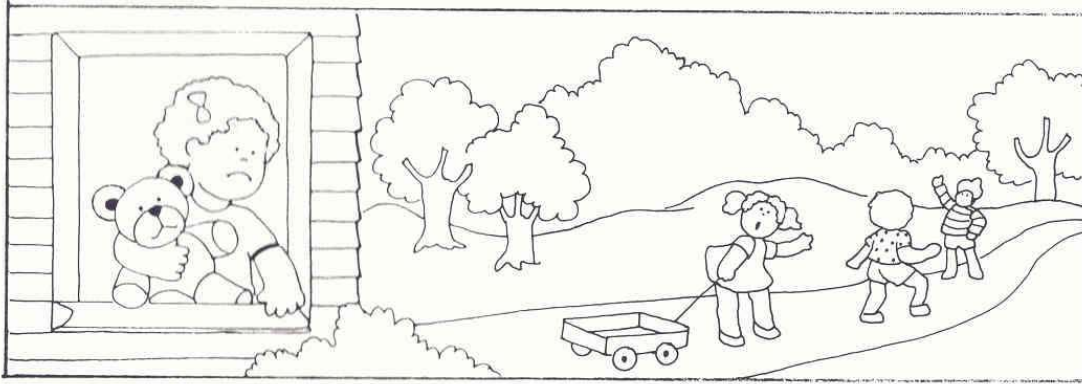


**And when I do things that are wrong,
People yell at me too.**

**And when people
yell at me,
I have
trouble
talking.....**



Talking is not fun then.



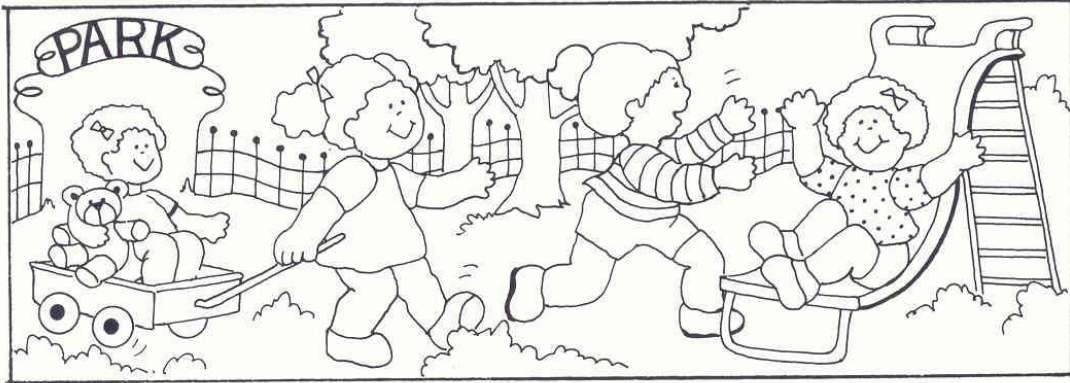
**But when all my friends are far away,
I wish they would come back,
Because I really like to have someone
To talk to.....all the time.**

**And most of the time I do have friends to talk to.
I'm surely glad!
We talk loud outside.
We talk soft inside.
We talk rough when we're mad.
We talk nice when we're happy.**

**Sometime we take turns talking.
Sometimes we even talk to ourselves!!**



**I know I'm a good talker now,
Even if I sometimes have trouble talking.**



**And I know that as I grow I will become
better and better at talking.
I know because Mom and Dad told me so.
And they know everything!!**

