

I Can Be a Civility Cool Cat

activity book for children of all ages



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Dear _____,
(insert your name)

As a candidate for becoming a Choose Civility Super Hero, your mission begins with this book.

First of all, you're probably wondering what the word CIVILITY means. According to the good old dictionary, CIVILITY is when you show politeness and courtesy in what you do and say.

For example, these are some of the Choose Civility Principles you can follow in your everyday life, whether at home, in school, or around your community:

-  Pay attention
-  Listen
-  Speak kindly
-  Respect other people's time and space
-  Be inclusive
-  Accept and give praise
-  Take responsibility
-  Be a considerate guest

Cool Cat challenges you to learn more about these ways to be civil by completing the activities in this book to earn the official Choose Civility Super Hero certificate!

Good luck,



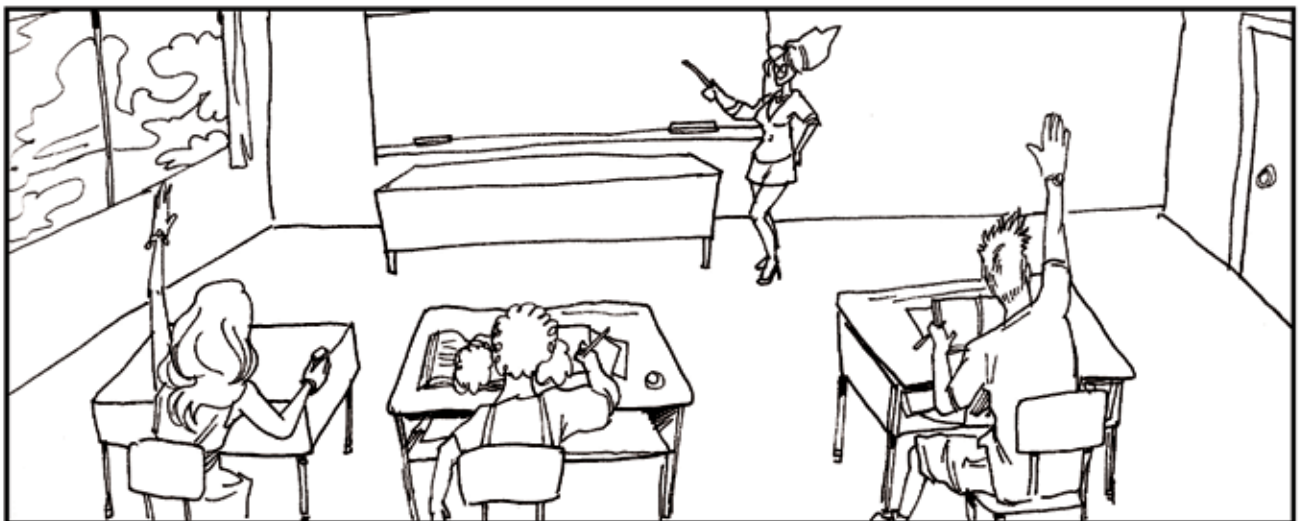
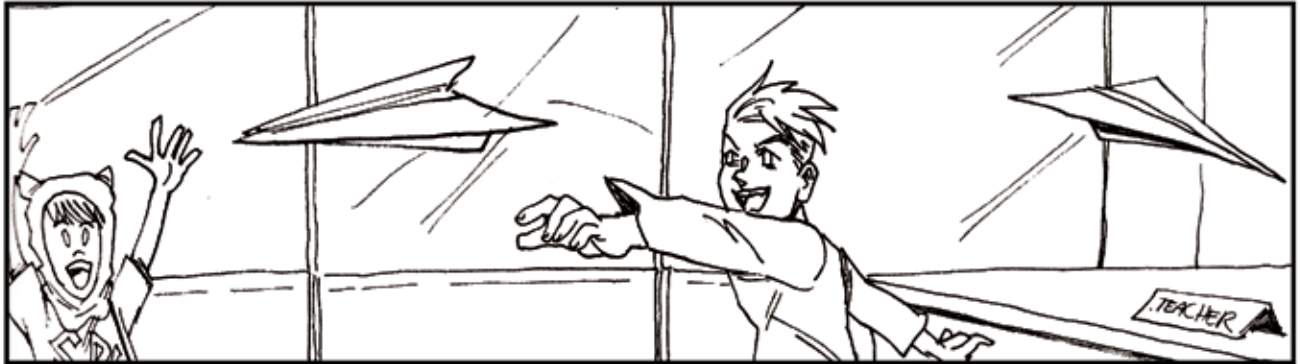
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Being a Choose Civility Super Hero in School by Paying Attention



Paying attention in school helps you and your friends learn from your teacher and one another. You can pay attention by listening and not interrupting others while they are speaking and by following directions given by an adult.

DIRECTIONS: Color the students who are paying attention in class.



FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: Discuss with an adult how the children you did not color could improve their actions to become a Choose Civility Super Hero like you!

Choosing Civility at the Library During a Children's Class by Listening



Listening during a class at the library helps you and others enjoy the book, discussion, and activity. You can be a good listener by sitting quietly and keeping your hands and feet to yourself.



FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: Circle "yes" or "no" to the questions below and discuss your answers with an adult:

Can you listen if you are yelling? Yes No

Can you listen if you are talking with a friend? Yes No

Can you listen if you are running around the room? Yes No

Show Civility By Speaking Kindly at Sporting Events



Speaking kindly at sporting events makes everyone feel happier about playing and watching the game.

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the speech bubbles with kind comments that could be said during a game.



FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: The next time you watch or participate in a sport, discuss with an adult acts of kindness you saw or heard.

Respecting Other People's Time and Space Makes You a Choose Civility Hero at the Supermarket



A Choose Civility Super Hero honors a person's time and space by waiting his/her turn in line.

DIRECTIONS: How are these people not honoring space and time?



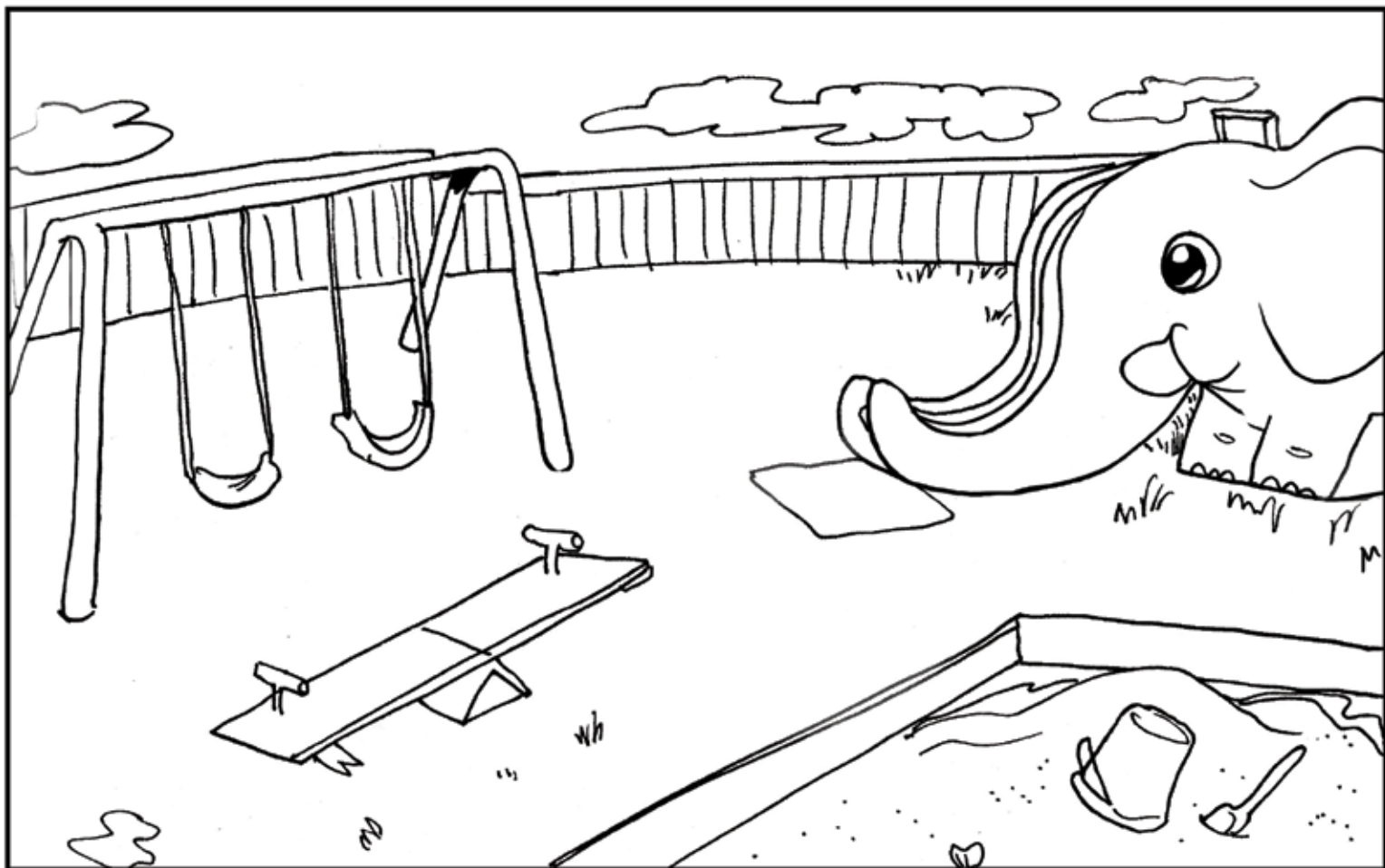
FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: The next time you visit a store with an adult, talk about ways you can show you are a Choose Civility Super Hero by respecting another shopper's personal space or time.

Choose Civility Super Heroes Include Others While at Play



When playing on the playground, be sure to invite others to join in the fun, as being left out of a game or activity can hurt someone's feelings.

DIRECTIONS: Draw yourself on the playground including others.



FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: The next time you are on the playground and you see another child playing or standing alone, ask the adult you are with if you can invite the child to play!

As a Choose Civility Super Hero, I Accept and Give Praise for a Job Well Done

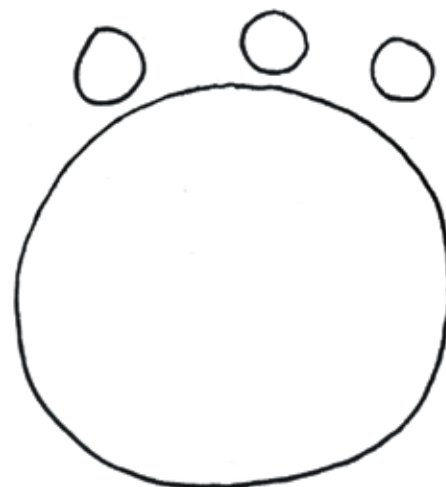
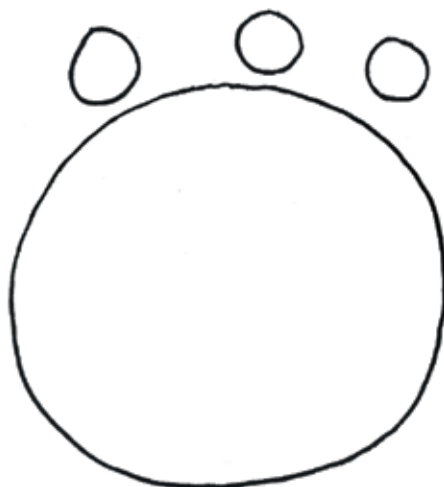
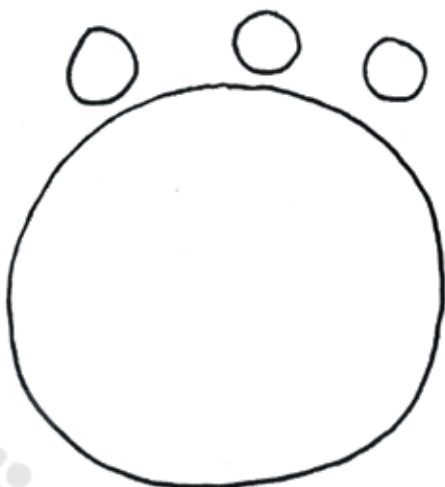


If someone compliments you, be appreciative and always say "thank you." It is always good to compliment and provide words of encouragement to others.

DIRECTIONS: Your friend just won first place in an art contest. Circle the words that show praise on a job well done.

Awesome That stinks Cool Terrible Amazing
You shouldn't have won Boo Great job What a masterpiece

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: Share with an adult three additional things you could say to praise a friend. Write them in the paw prints.



Choose Civility Super Heroes Show Responsibility at the Mall



Being responsible means making good decisions, including helping others through your words and actions, so that people can count on you to do the right thing.

DIRECTIONS: Help Cool Cat be responsible by getting him through the mall in time to hold the door for his fellow shopper.



FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: The next time you are with an adult at home, in a store, or at school, offer to hold the door for someone.

I Can Choose Civility by Being Considerate at a Restaurant



Being considerate means showing good manners while visiting restaurants with your family.

DIRECTIONS: List five good manners you can use at a restaurant to be a considerate guest.

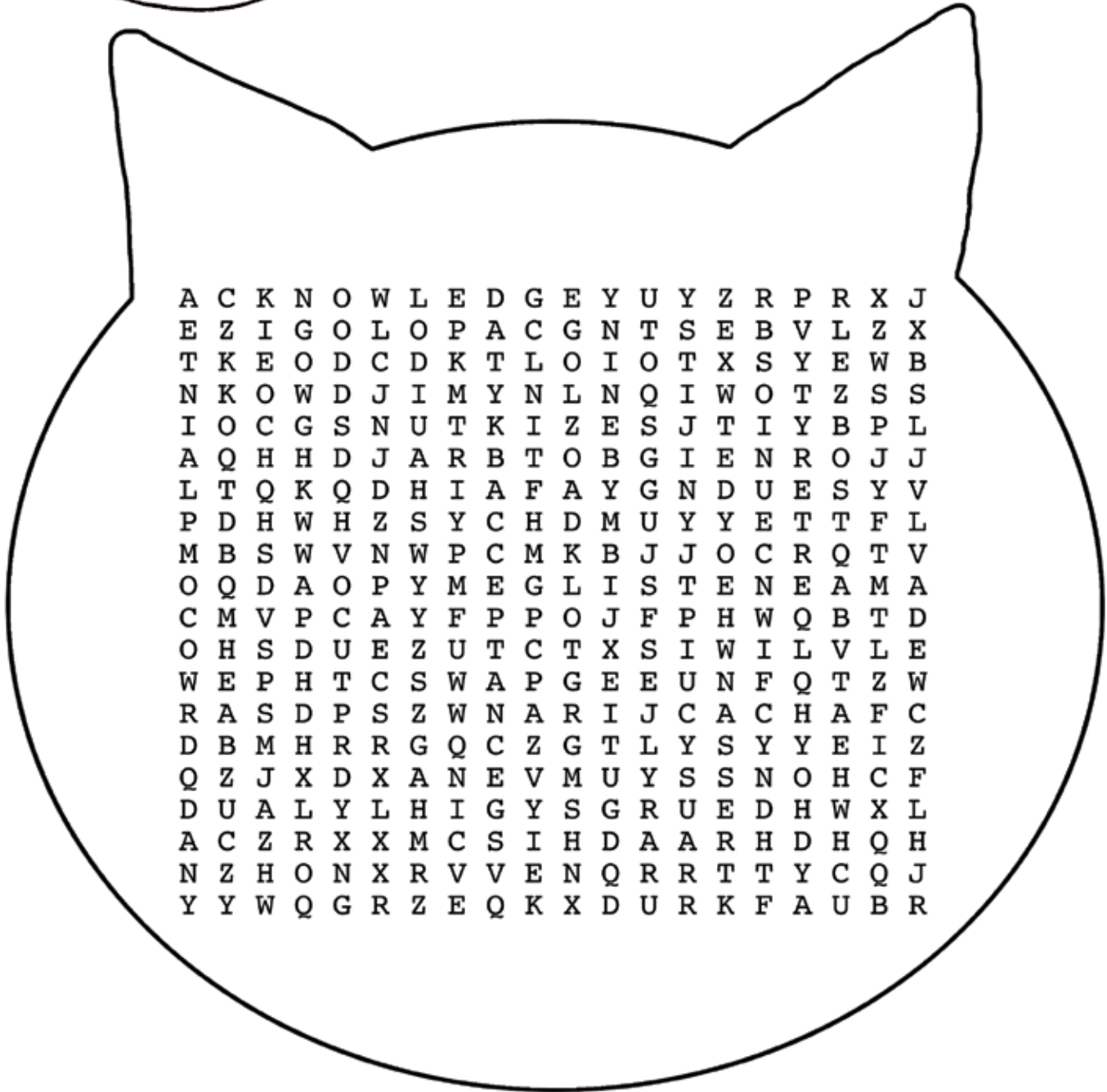


FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY: Discuss your list of good manners with an adult and practice them at home while at the dinner table.

Choose Civility Super Heroes Follow Principles



Congratulations! You have learned about some of the Choose Civility Principles! Help me find and circle the following Choose Civility Principles hidden in the word search below!

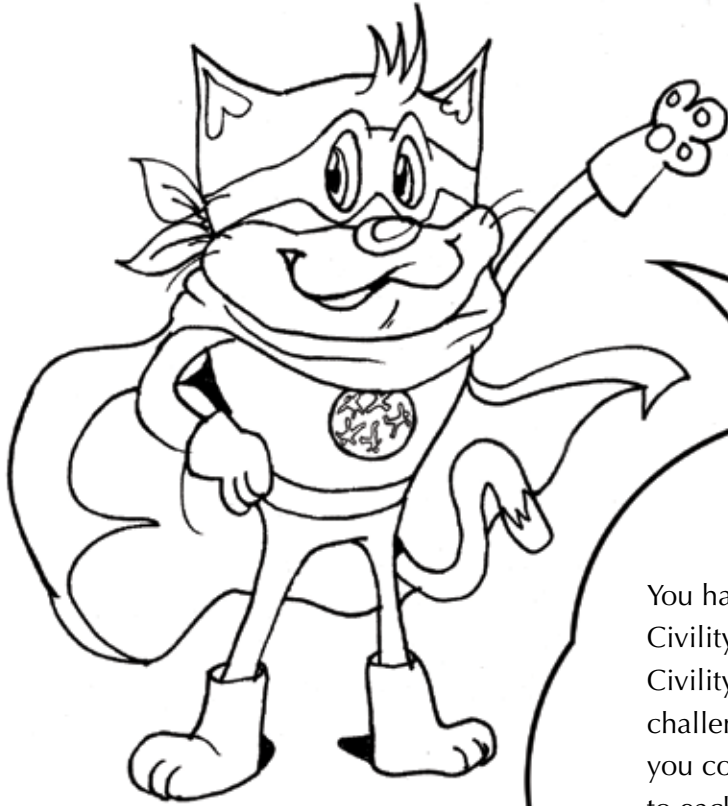


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WORDS TO FIND

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| Listen | Kind | Respect | Inclusive | Acknowledge |
| Acceptance | Praise | Responsibility | Apologize | Considerate |
| Attention | Best | Assert | | |

Choose Civility Super Hero Challenge



You have now learned about some of the Choose Civility Principles. To earn your official Choose Civility Super Hero Certification, I, Cool Cat, challenge you to use these in the real world. As you complete each task, have an adult initial next to each one.

1. Listen carefully and do not interrupt as an adult gives you directions.
2. Praise a friend for a job well done.
3. Say "please" and "thank you" while at the dinner table.
4. Hold the door for someone.
5. Include all your friends in a game or activity.

CIVILITY COOL CAT CERTIFICATE

CONGRATULATIONS

This Certificate is Hereby Awarded to

in recognition of his/her completion of the
Choose Civility Super Hero Challenge.

Given this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

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Choose Civility Chapters include Washington County, Maryland; Freeborn County, Minnesota; Southern Maryland; Portland, Maine; and Miami, Florida.

Learn more at choosecivility.org.