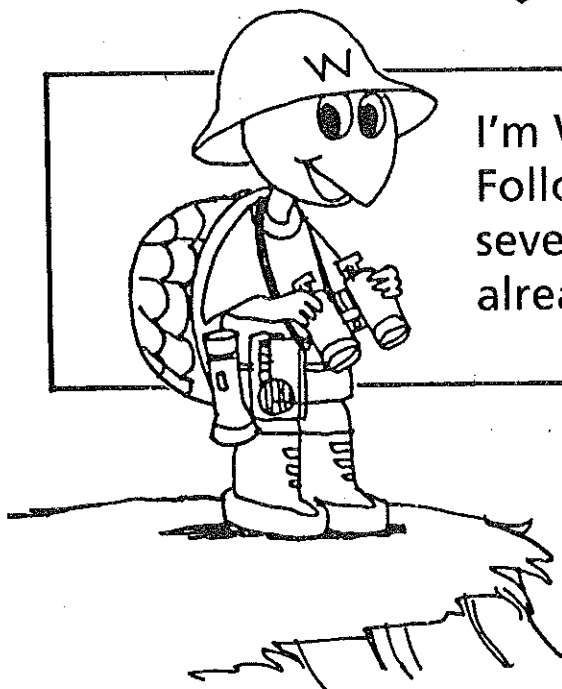
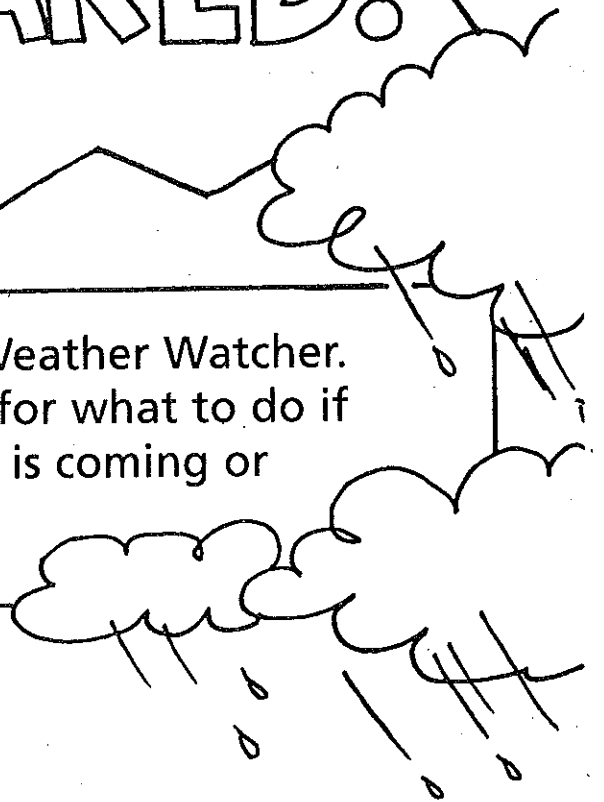


You can't stop hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or thunderstorms from happening. But being prepared can keep you safe.

EMERGENCIES CAN HAPPEN... BE PREPARED!



I'm Wally the Weather Watcher.
Follow my tips for what to do if
severe weather is coming or
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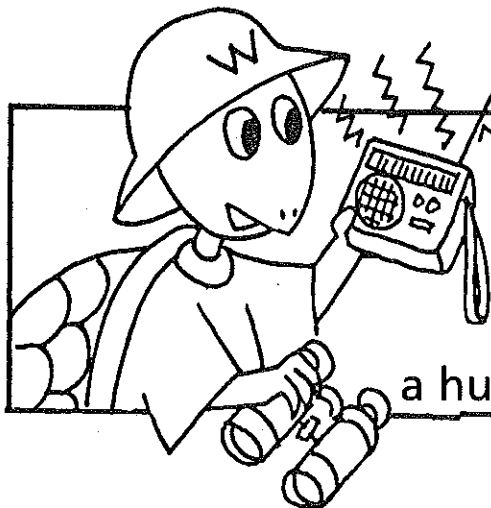
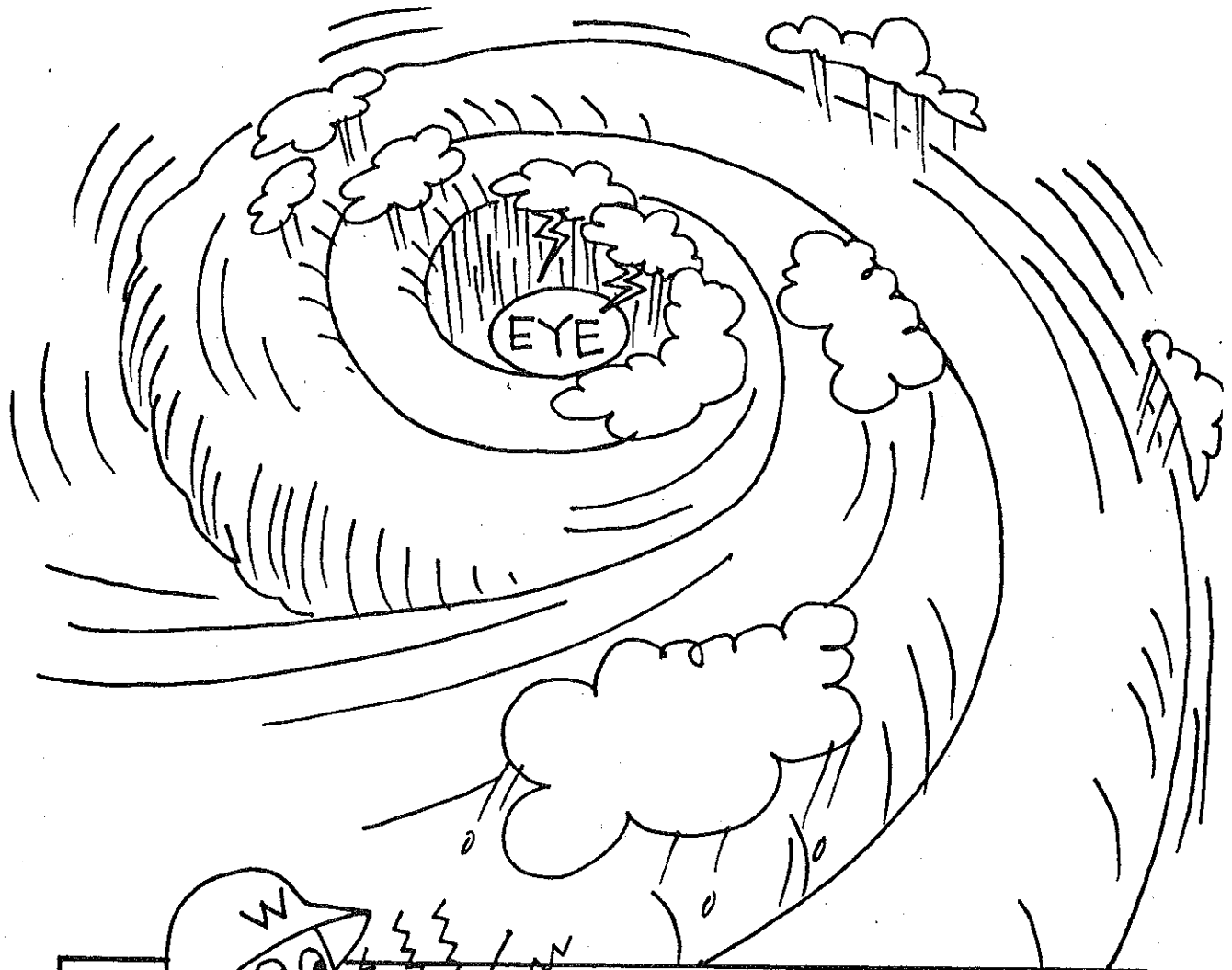


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HURRICANES

A hurricane is a tropical storm. It's a big doughnut of winds with a calm section in the middle called THE EYE.



A **hurricane watch** means a hurricane may come within 24-36 hours.

A **hurricane warning** means a hurricane is due in 24 hours or less.

Around the eye, a storm is raging. Powerful winds and high ocean waves can cause great damage and flooding.

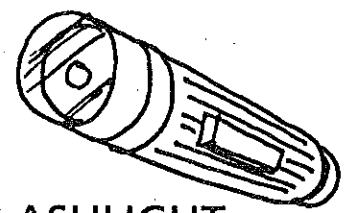
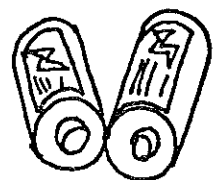
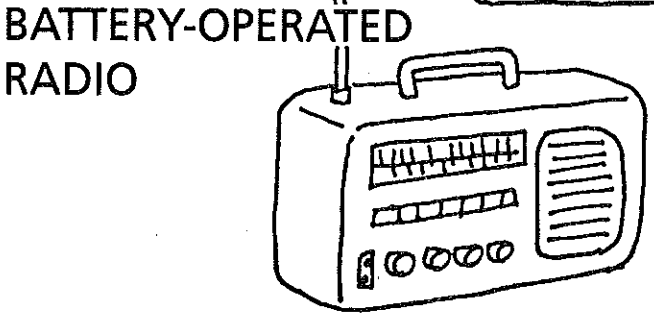
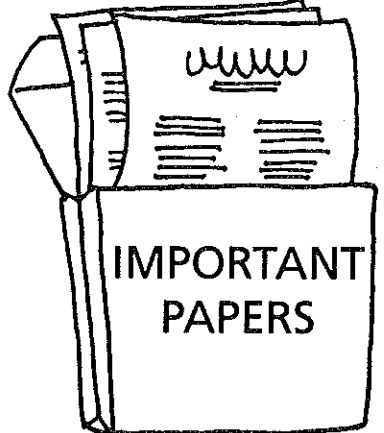
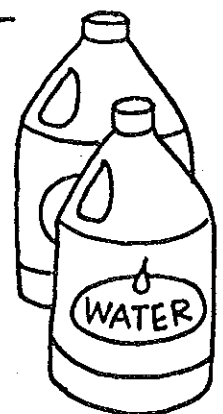
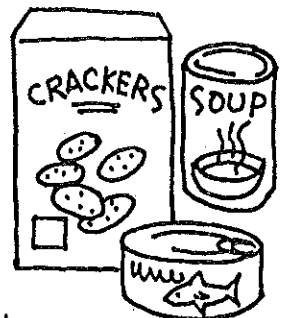
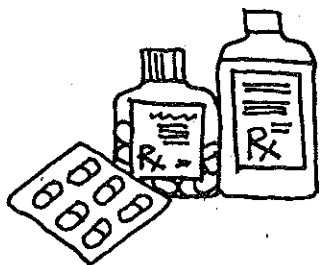
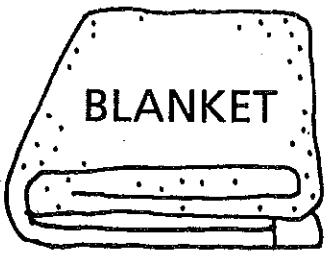
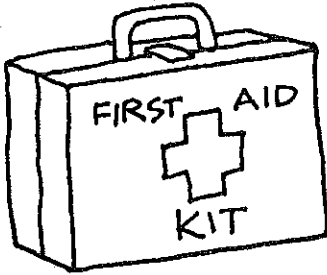
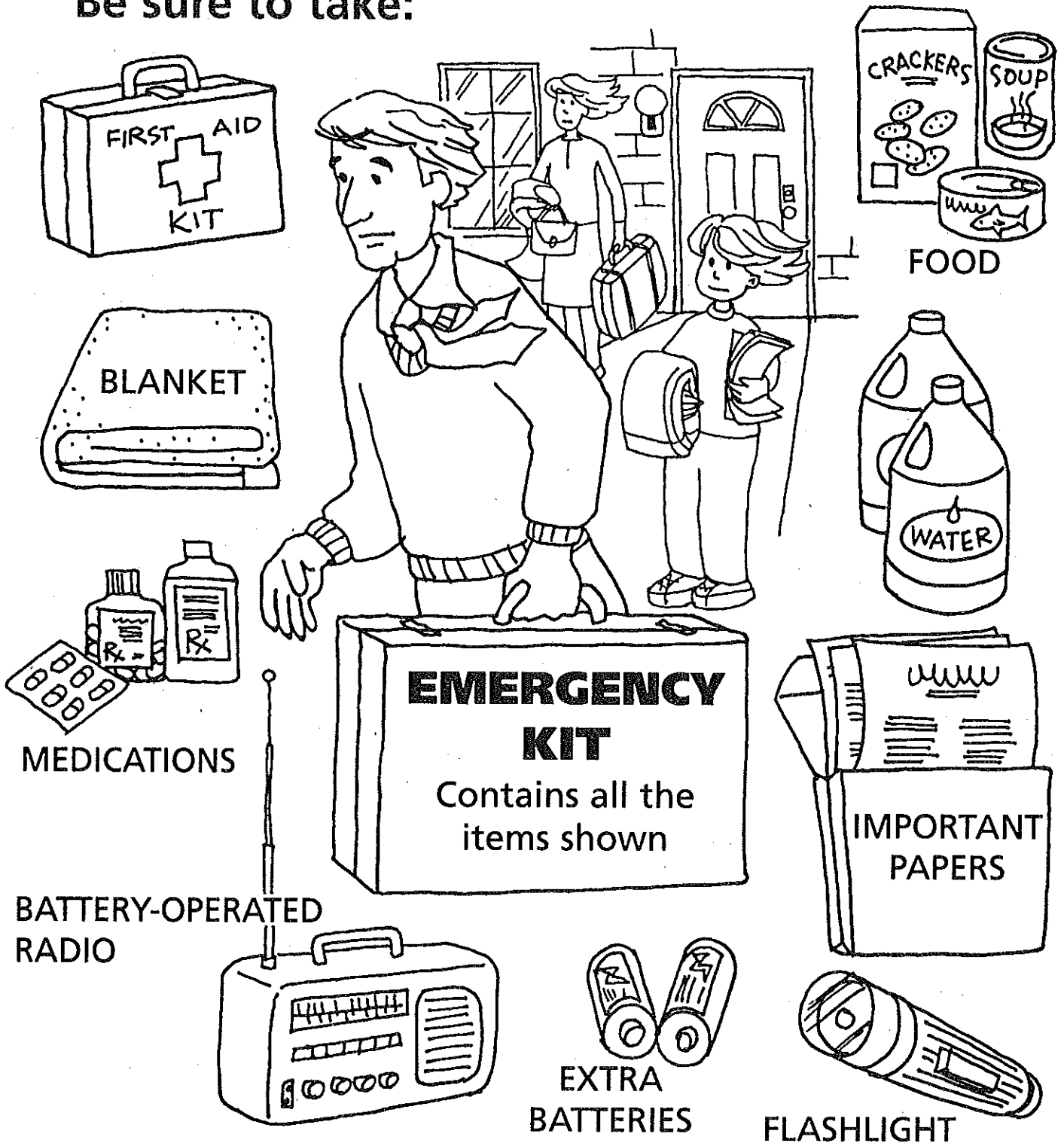


Your family should listen to hurricane updates and have an **EMERGENCY KIT** handy. They should know the safest route to a hurricane shelter.



If you are ordered to leave your home, go right away. Take the **EMERGENCY KIT** and go to a safe place like a school, church, or shelter.

Be sure to take:



TORNADOES

A tornado is a big dark cloud that touches the ground. It looks like a giant funnel. Strong winds blow around and around inside it.



ACTIVITY: Use the number code to find the TORNADO DANGER SIGNS

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B. 8 5 1 22 25 18 1 9 14

C. 20 8 21 14 4 5 18

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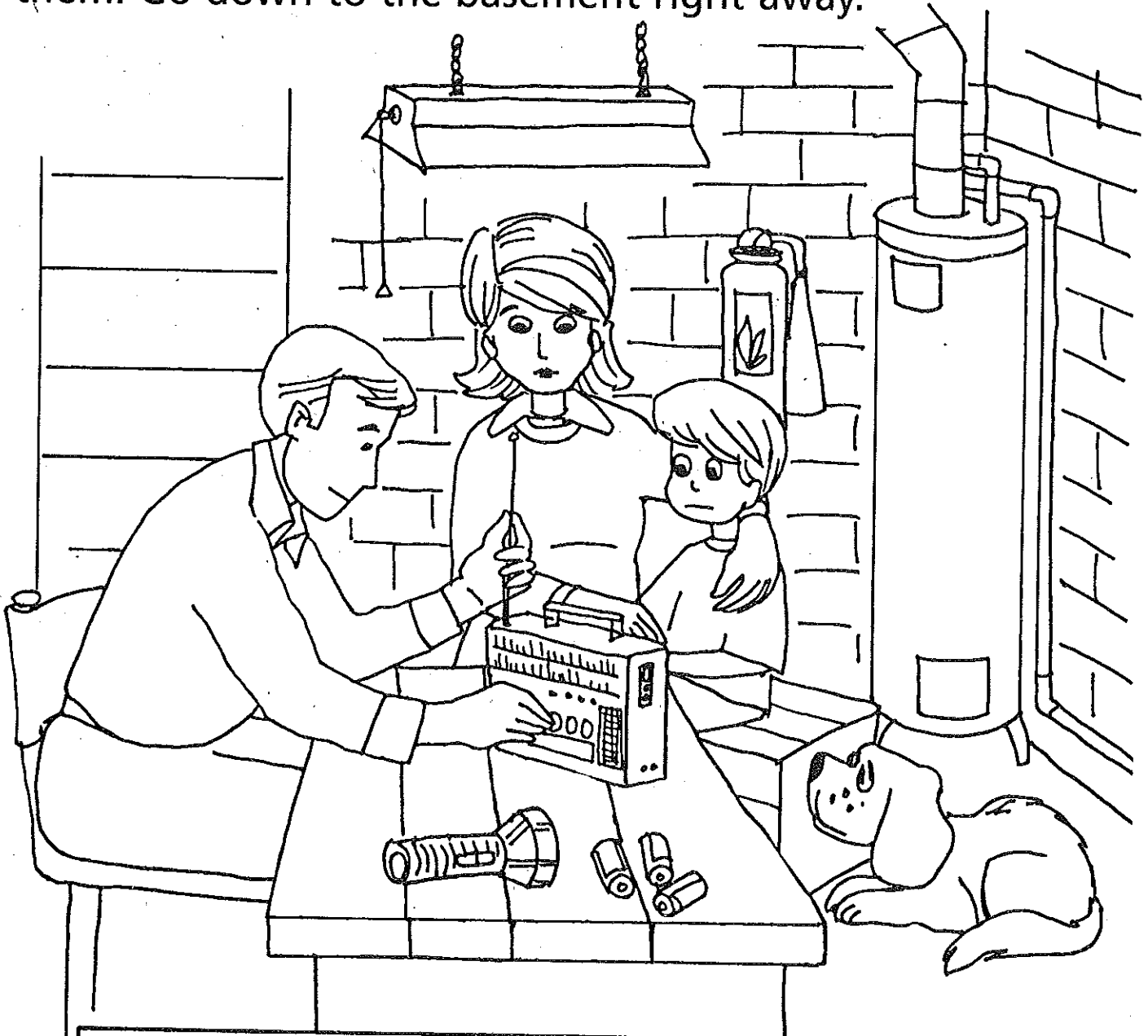
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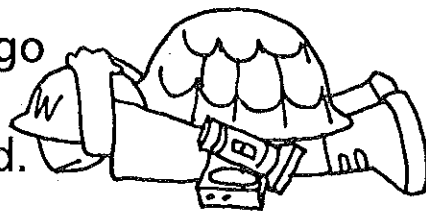
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TORNADO WARNINGS

A **tornado watch** means that a tornado may be coming to your area. A **tornado warning** means a tornado has been sighted. Close all windows tight, and stay away from them. Go down to the basement right away.

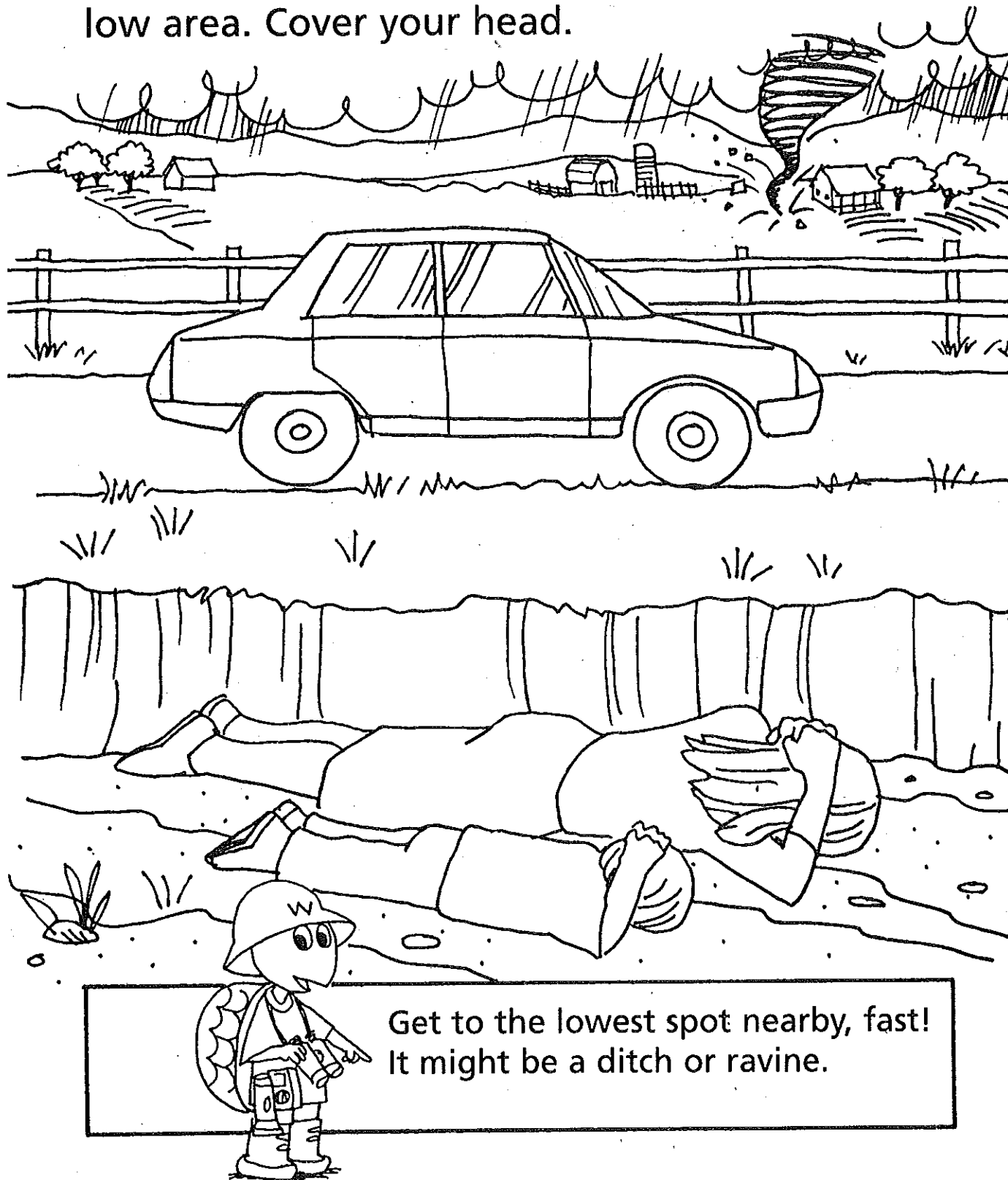


If your home has no basement, go to the room nearest the center of your house. Protect your head.



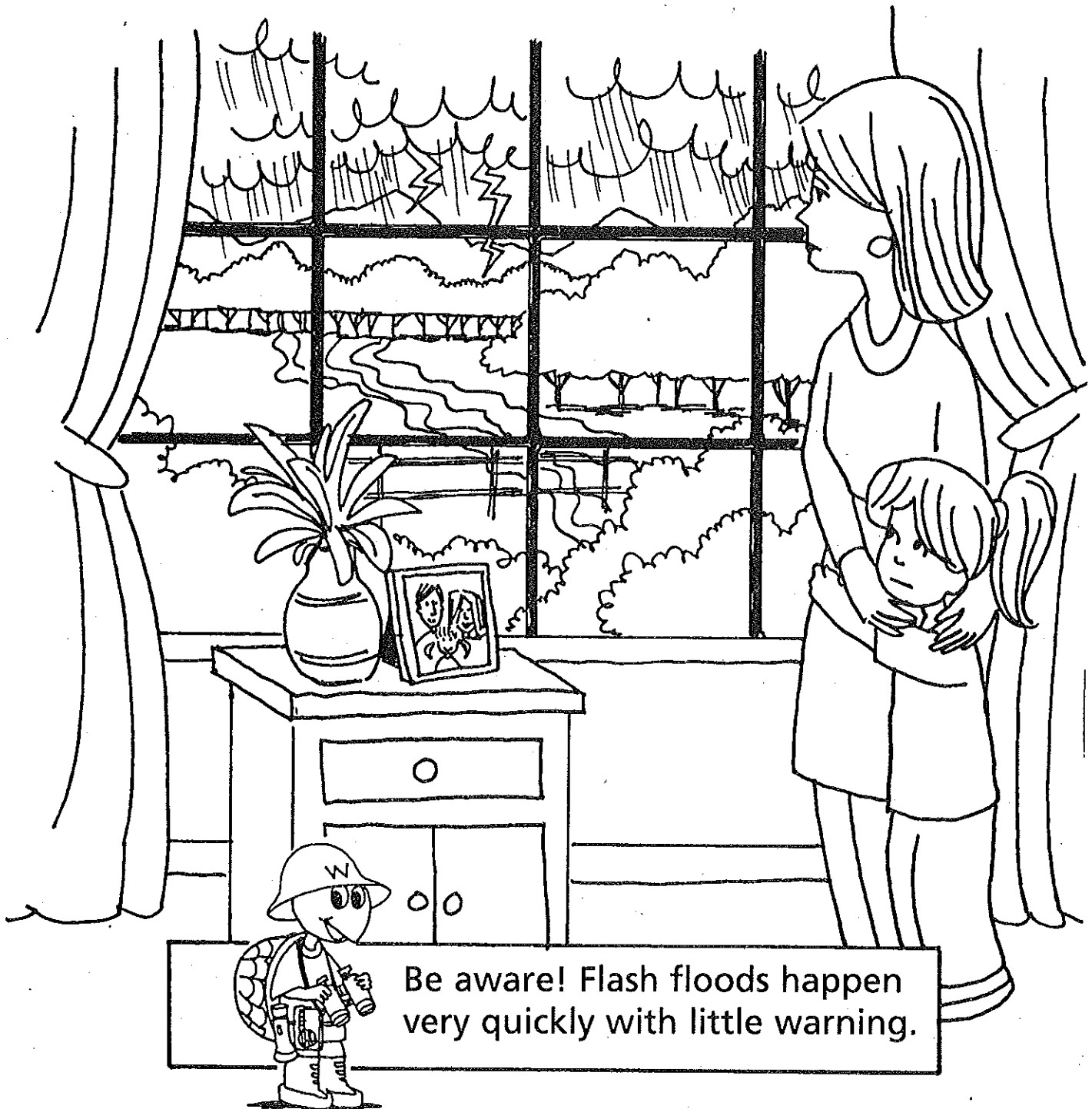
IF TRAVELING DURING A TORNADO

If you are in a car, the driver should stop and everyone should get out. Lie face down in a low area. Cover your head.



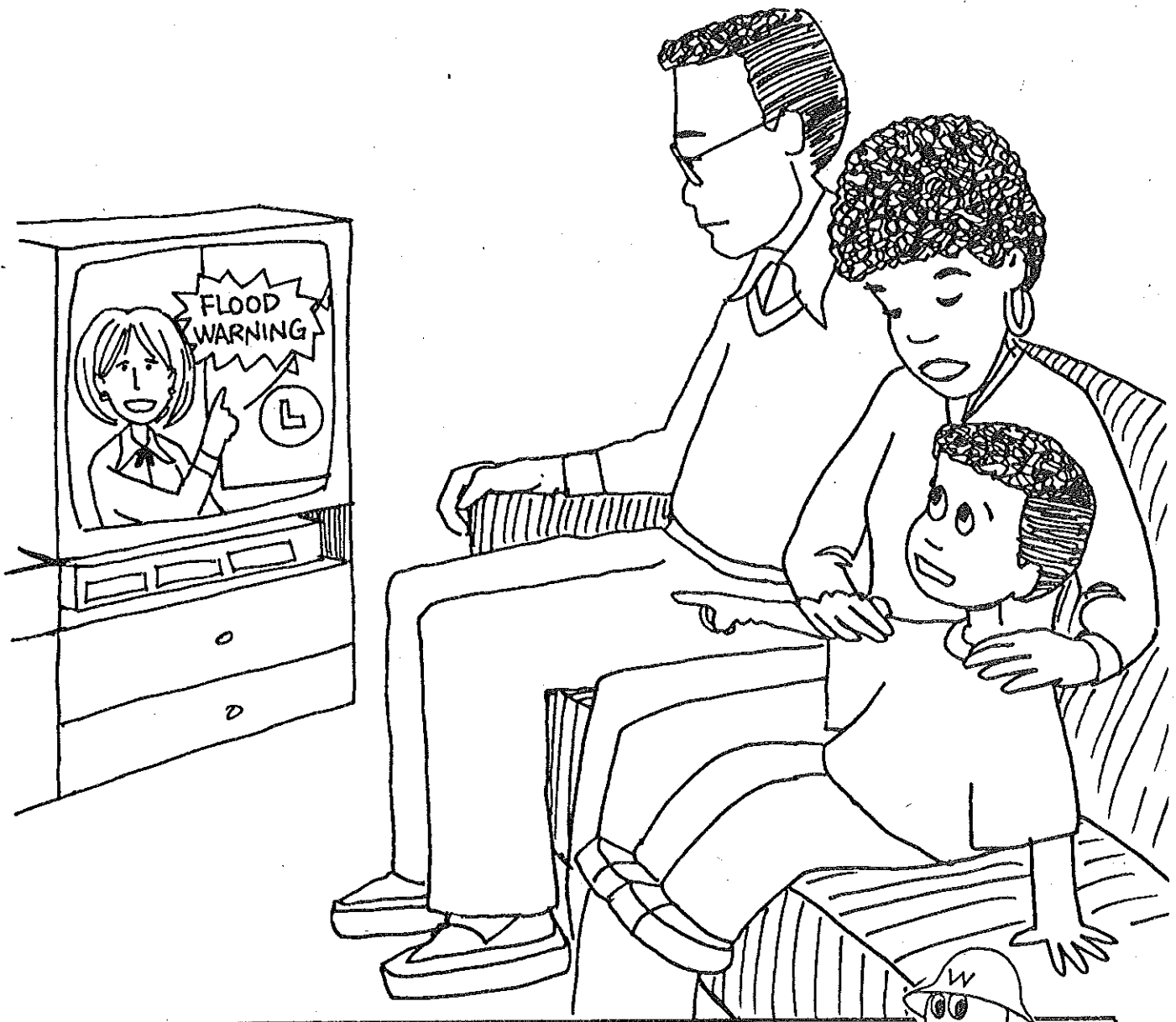
FLASH FLOODS

A flash flood is caused by lots of rain over a short period of time. Rain in another area could cause flash floods where you are.



FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS

A **flood advisory** means small floods are happening. A **flood warning** means dangerous flash floods are taking place.



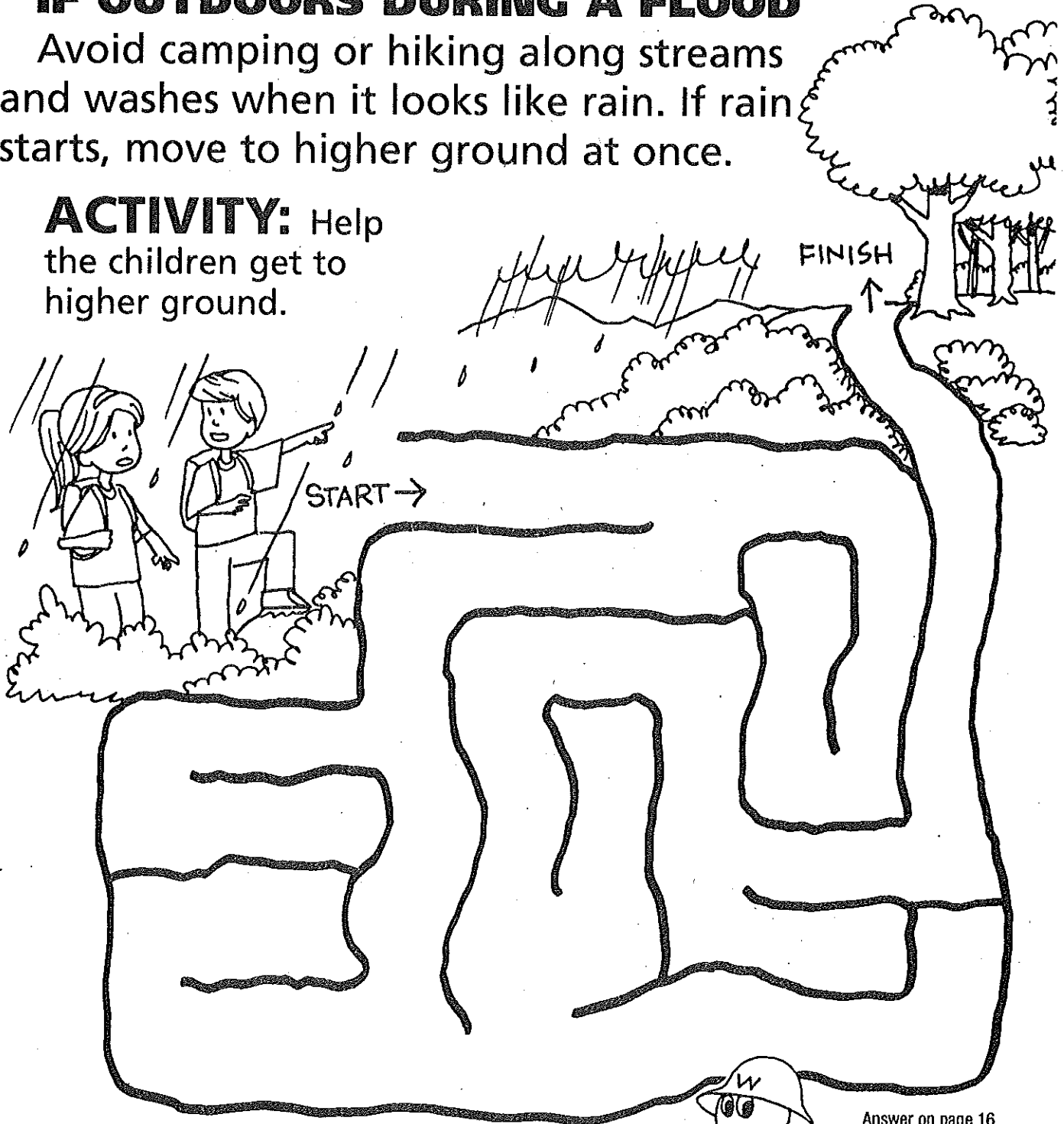
Stay indoors and listen to a battery-operated radio or TV for emergency information. Know how to call for emergency help (usually 9-1-1).



IF OUTDOORS DURING A FLOOD

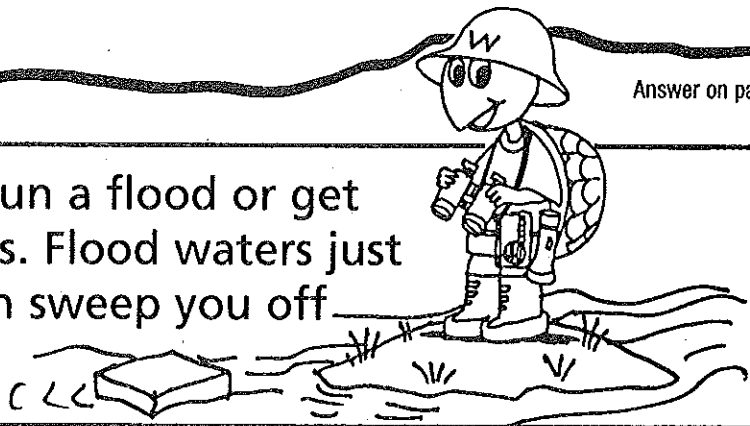
Avoid camping or hiking along streams and washes when it looks like rain. If rain starts, move to higher ground at once.

ACTIVITY: Help the children get to higher ground.



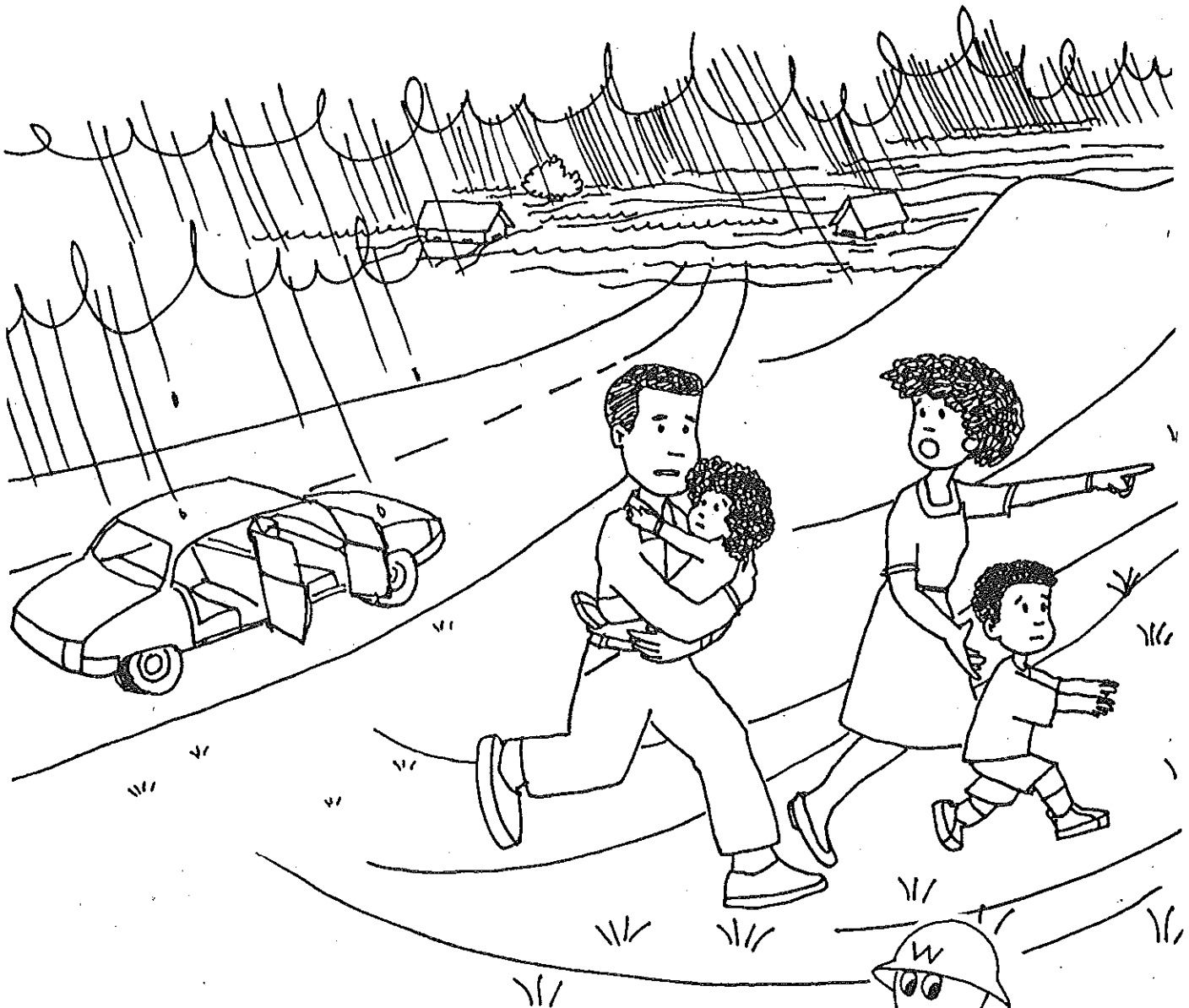
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Never try to outrun a flood or get across flood areas. Flood waters just 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet!



IF IN A CAR DURING A FLOOD

Avoid areas already flooded. Nobody should drive through flood waters. They should turn around and go another way. If the car stalls, get out of it at once. Go quickly to the highest spot in the area.

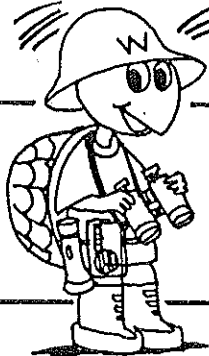


Be especially careful at night when it's harder to see flood dangers.



SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS

Dark clouds, strong winds, thunder, and lightning are signs that a thunderstorm is coming.



Stay in; avoid windows, doors and electrical outlets. Use the phone only in an emergency. Don't take a bath or shower.

IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE IN A THUNDERSTORM

Seek shelter in a building or car.



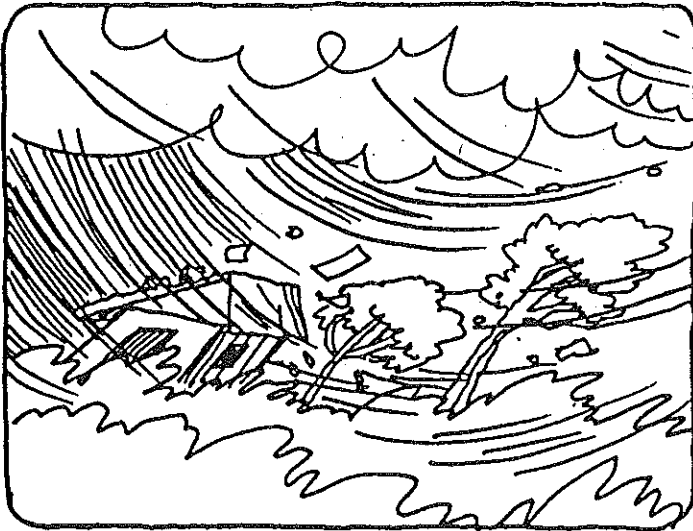
Avoid tall, isolated trees; telephone poles; and open water.



ROUND-UP OF SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY RULES

For all severe weather conditions:

- Listen carefully.
- Follow all directions right away.
- Know how to telephone for emergency help.
- Be sure you know your name, address, and phone number.



HURRICANES:

- Stay away from windows.
- Keep an Emergency Kit ready.
- If you live near a beach and are told to leave your house, go to a school, church, or shelter.

TORNADOES:

- If inside, stay away from windows.
- Go down to the basement or go to a room with no windows.
- If in a car, get out. Lie down in a low ditch and cover your head.

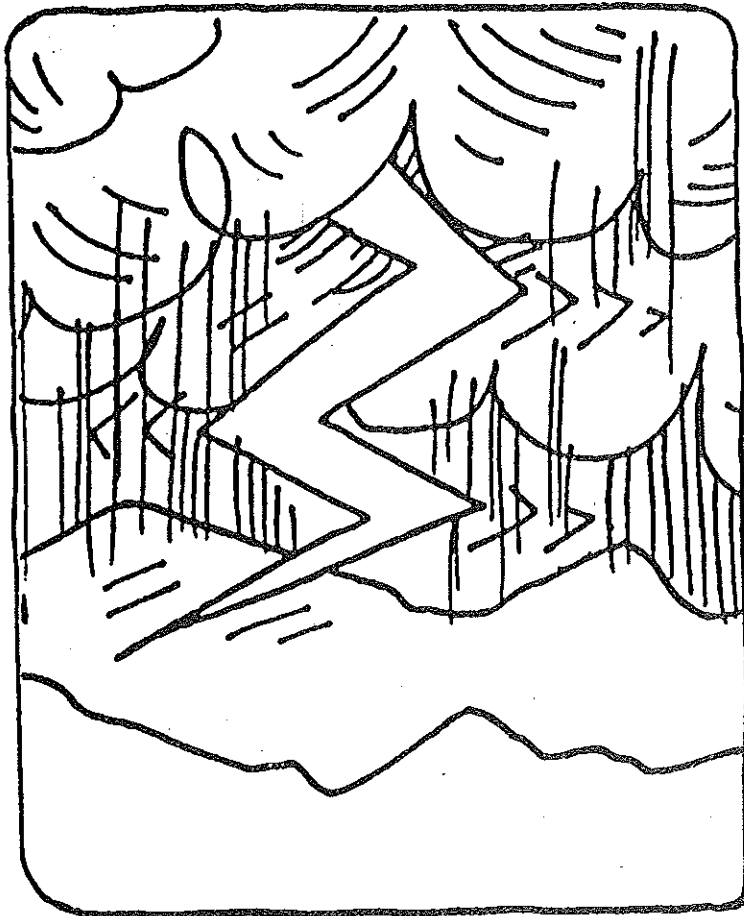


FLOODS AND FLASH FLOODS:

- Stay indoors if possible.
- Keep away from streams, washes, rivers.
- Avoid low areas and bridges.
- Go to higher ground.
- If your car stalls, get out of it!



SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS:



- Stay inside if possible, avoiding windows, doors, and electrical outlets.
- Don't make phone calls or take a bath or shower.
- If outside, quickly seek shelter in a building or car.
- Avoid tall, isolated trees; telephone poles; bicycles and other metal vehicles; electrical lines; or metal fences and pipes.
- Stay away from any bodies of water.
- If in a forest, go to a low area with small trees.
- If in open area, seek a ravine or valley.



ANSWERS:

- Page 5:
 A. hail, B. heavy rain, C. thunder,
 D. lightning, E. loud noise,
 F. funnel cloud, G. strong winds

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