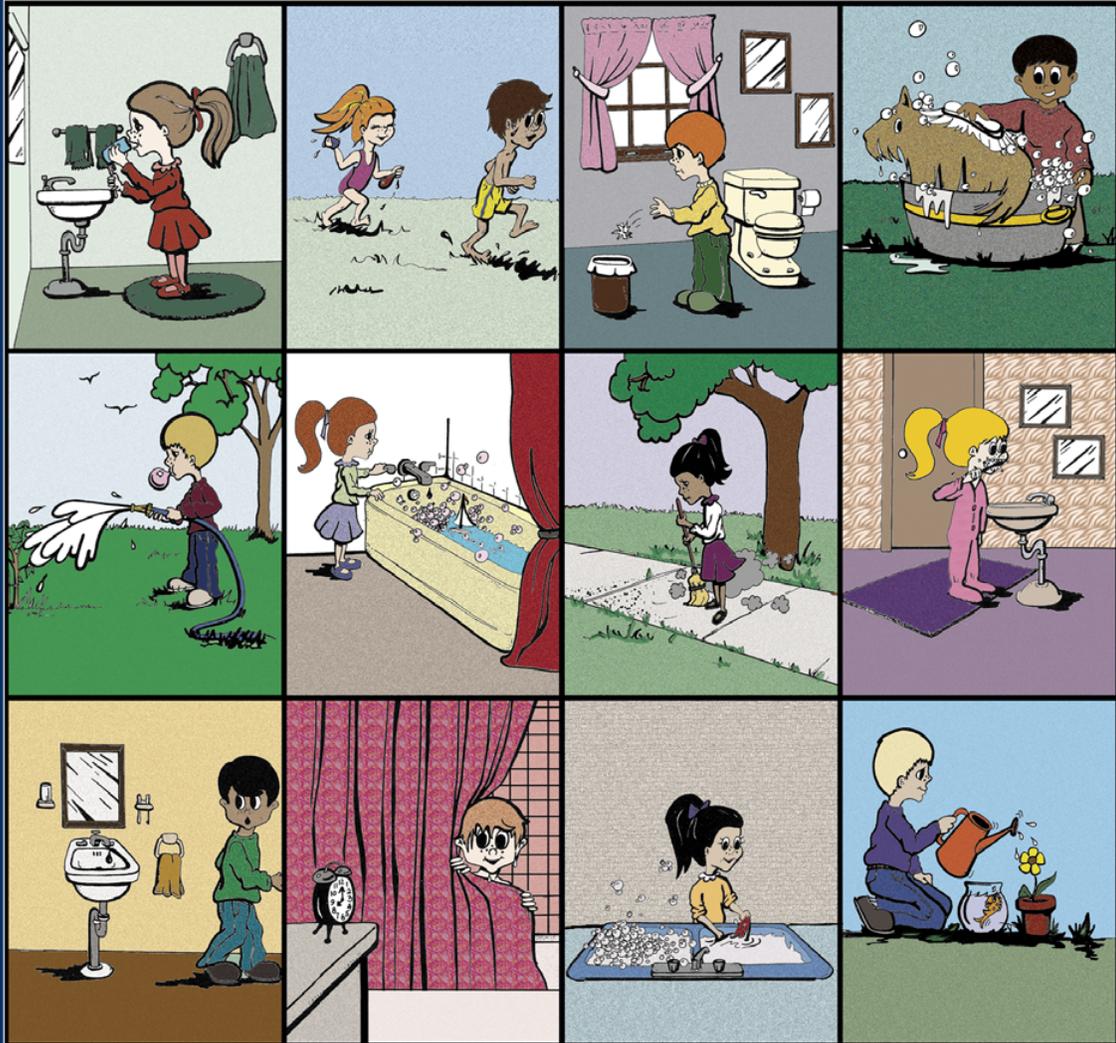


# Let's Save Water!

## Water Conservation Coloring Book

Created by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board



Water conservation begins at home. These tear-out coloring pages suggest ways kids can help save and protect our water resources.

## TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS:

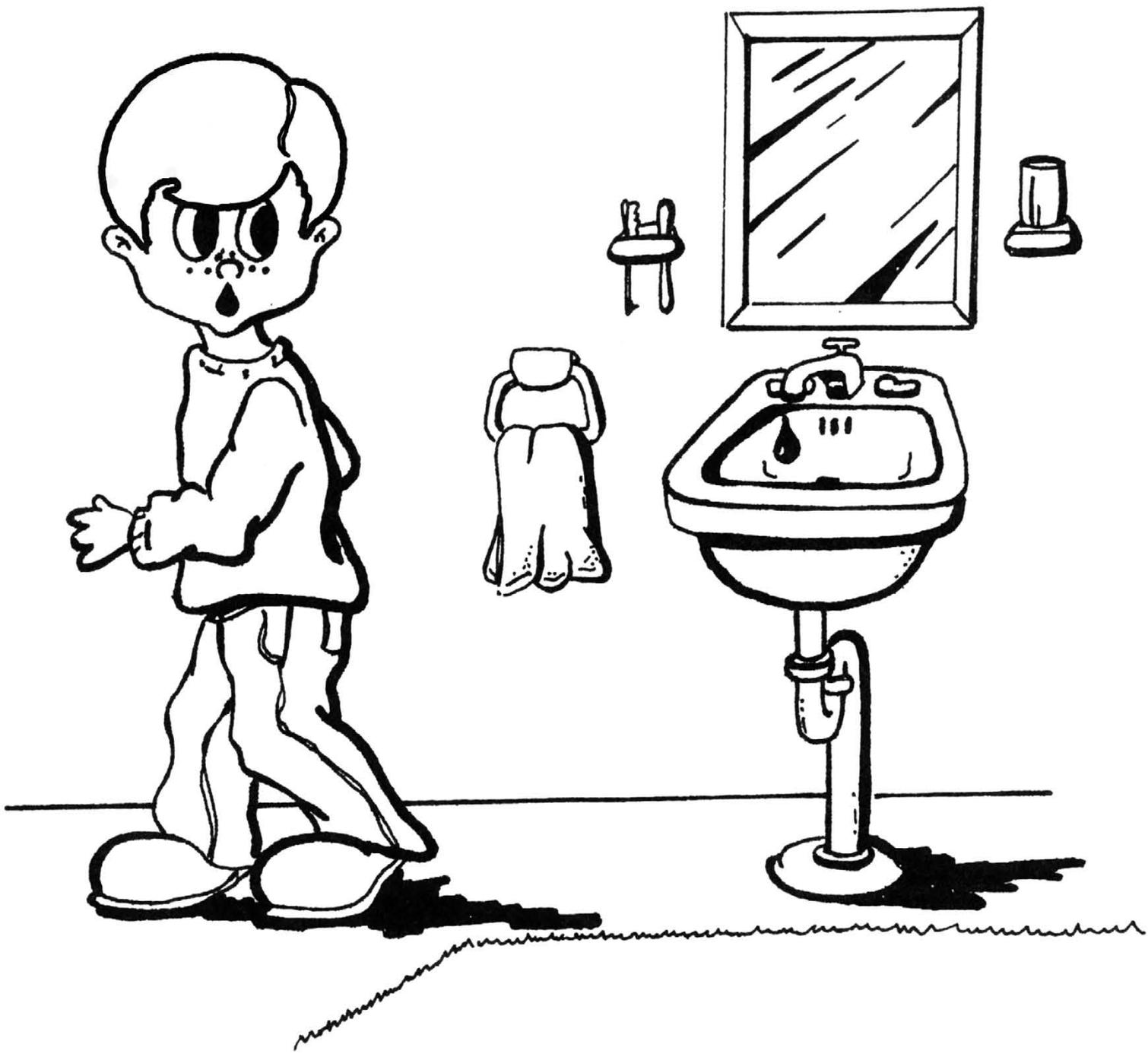
The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) encourages you to help Oklahoma's youngsters develop an appreciation of our state's most precious natural resource--WATER! We ask you to guide them in conserving water by discussing the material in this book and setting a good example by implementing as many water conservation practices as possible at school and at home.

Here's how you can help:

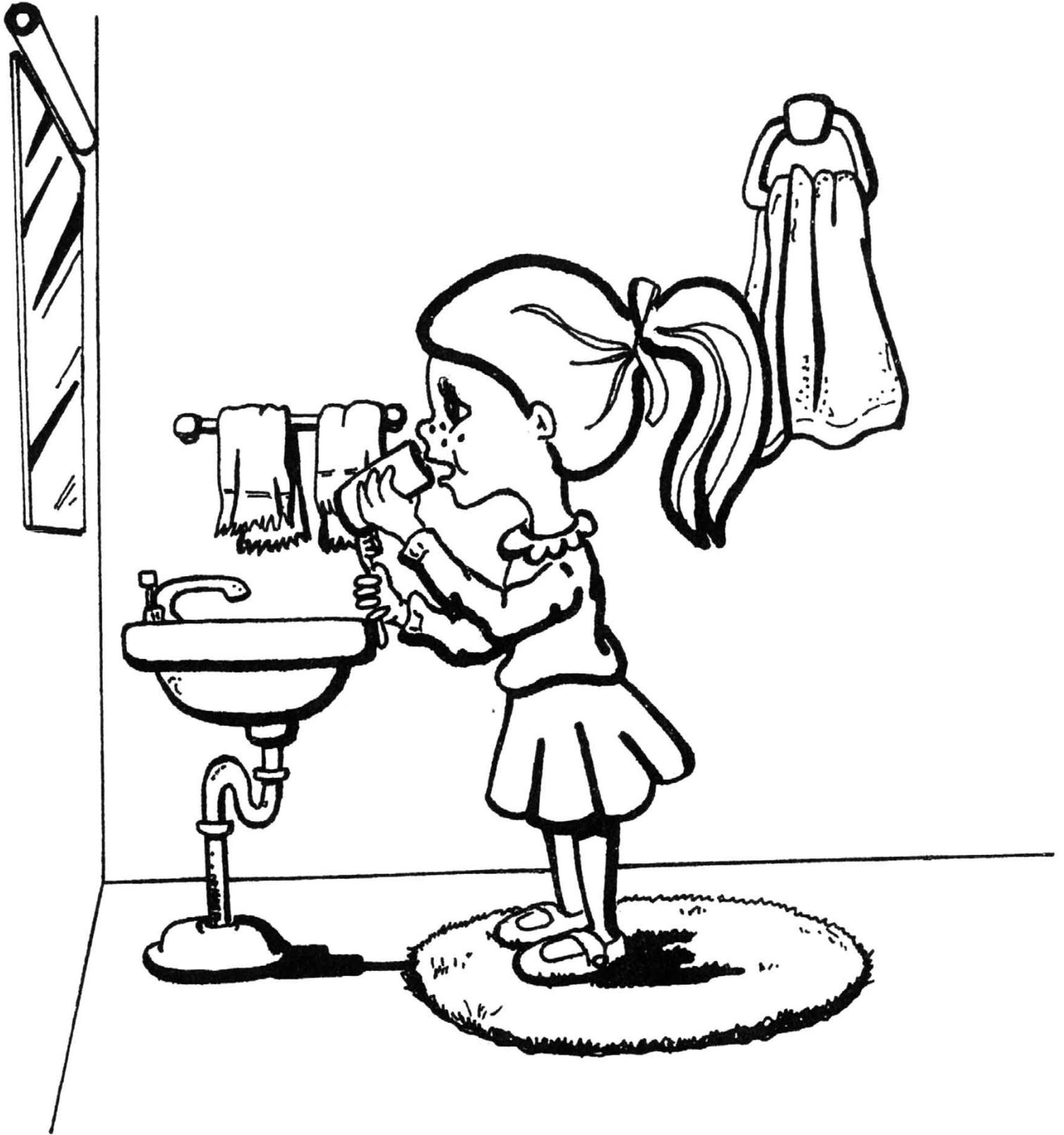
-  Use a low-flow toilet to reduce the amount of water required to flush.
-  Use the toilet only for its intended purpose, not for the disposal of tissues or trash.
-  Watch out for leaky taps or toilets and repair immediately. A slow drip wastes 15 to 20 gallons of water a day.
-  Take shorter showers instead of baths. Showers require less water. Every inch in the tub equals approximately five gallons.
-  Up to five gallons a minute goes straight down the drain when taps are left running to shave or brush teeth. Turn on the taps only when needed.
-  When washing dishes by hand, fill a basin or stopper a sink for rinsing rather than running the tap.
-  Automatic dishwashers use 12 to 25 gallons for each full cycle. Avoid using the "rinse only" cycle and only run full loads.
-  Avoid running the tap for a glass of water. Put a bottle or pitcher in the refrigerator.
-  Since washing machines require 4.0 gallons or more, save water by washing only full loads.
-  Use buckets and tubs to wash your car or the dog rather than a continuously running hose.
-  Water lawns and gardens only when needed and only during the early morning or evening when evaporation is lower.
-  A garden hose will dispense up to 600 gallons in two hours. A nozzle will act as a flow restrictor and reduce water use significantly.
-  Cutting grass at a 2 to 3-inch height instead of cropping it closely will reduce the amount of water needed.
-  Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of washing down with the hose.
-  Reuse as much water as possible.
-  Never pour grease or oil in a drain. It requires too much water to rinse it down and may clog the drain.
-  Let small children bathe together.
-  If lawn watering is scheduled, let youngsters play in the hose spray or sprinkler in a grassy area instead of filling a wading pool.



*Turn the water off while you brush. Turn it on only to rinse.*



*Listen for leaky faucets and turn off drips.*



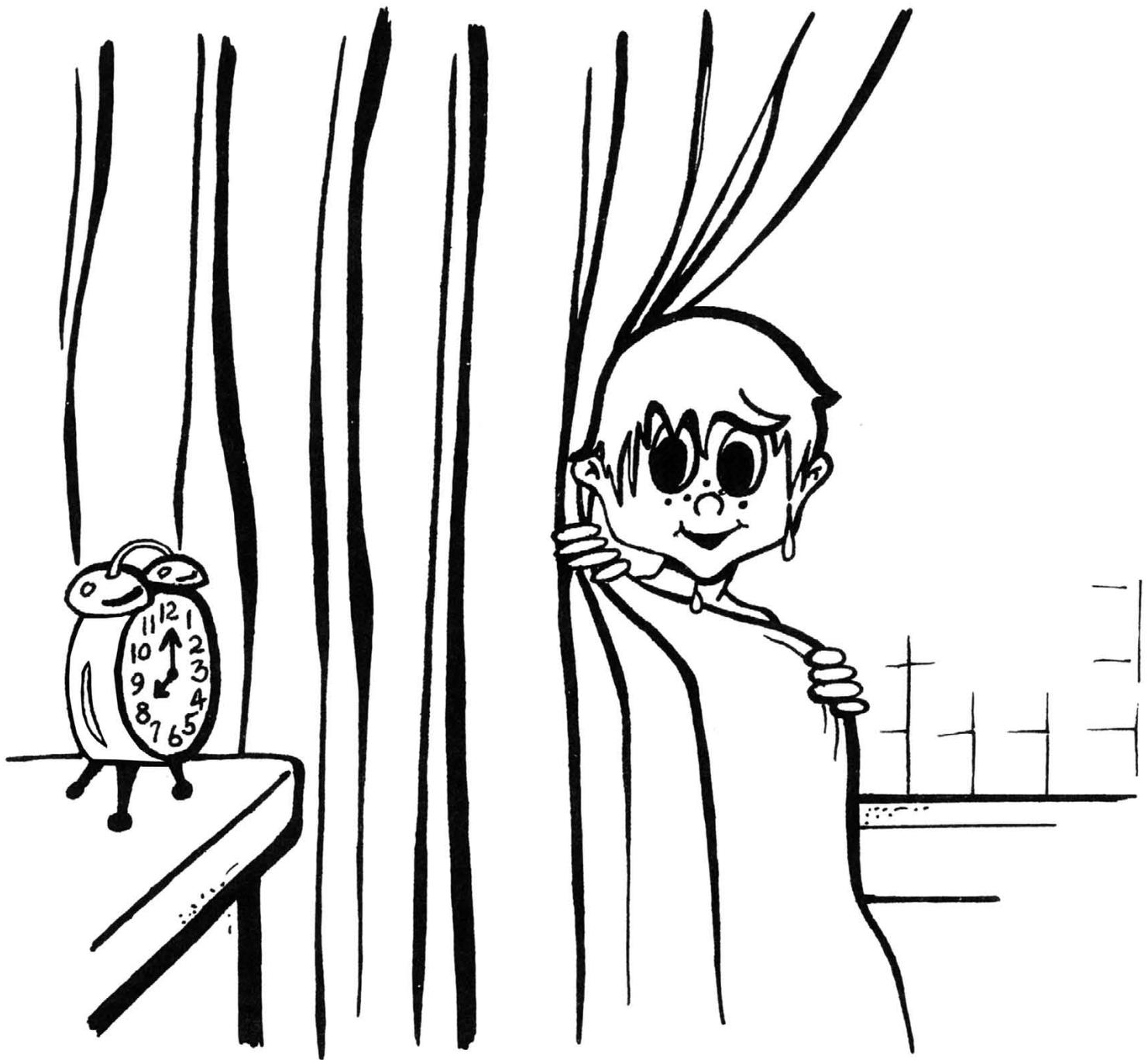
*Rinse your mouth with water from a cup instead of leaving the faucet turned on.*



Use a nozzle on the hose when you water plants outdoors.



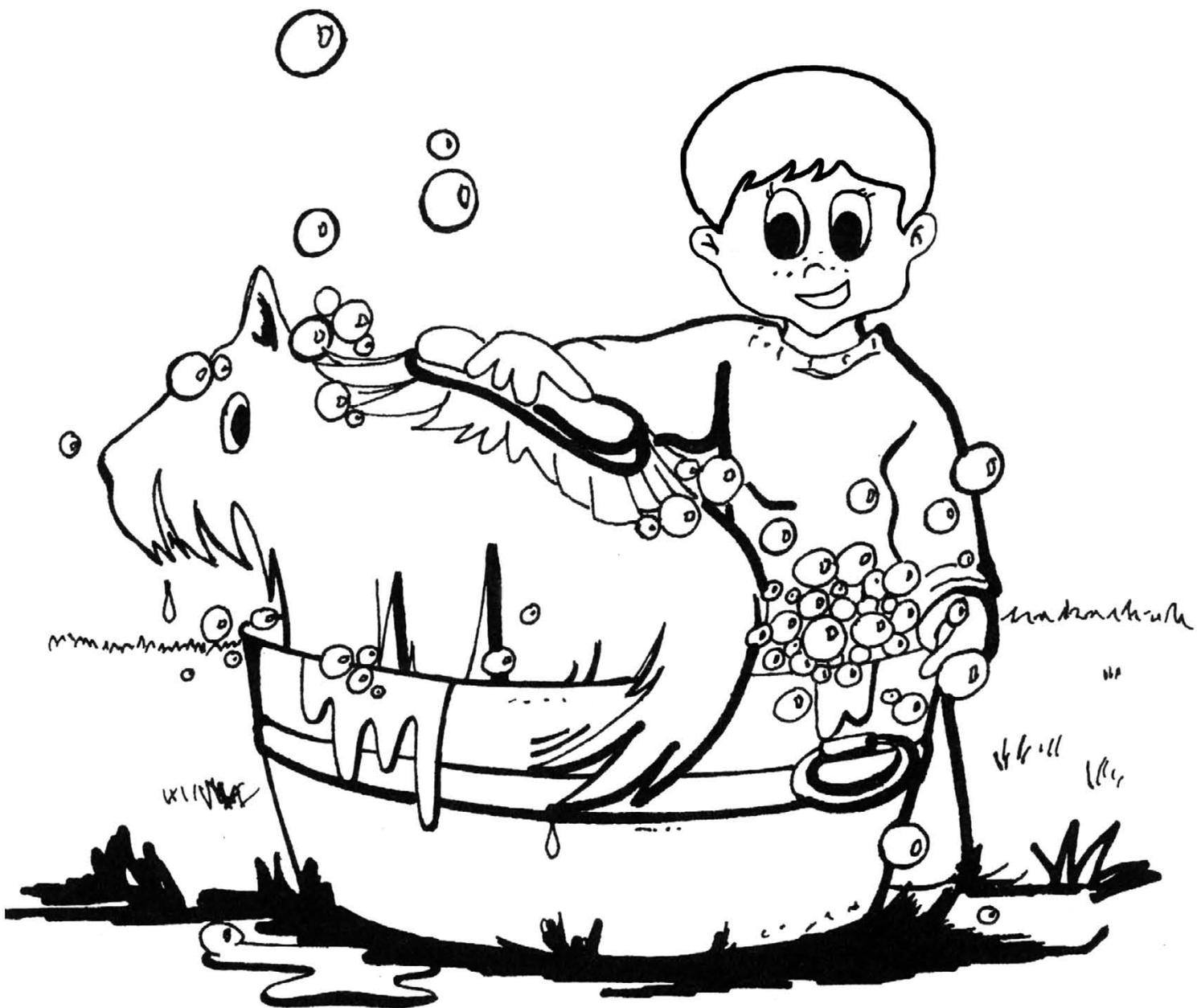
*Use a brush, washcloth, or sponge for scrubbing instead of a stream of water.*



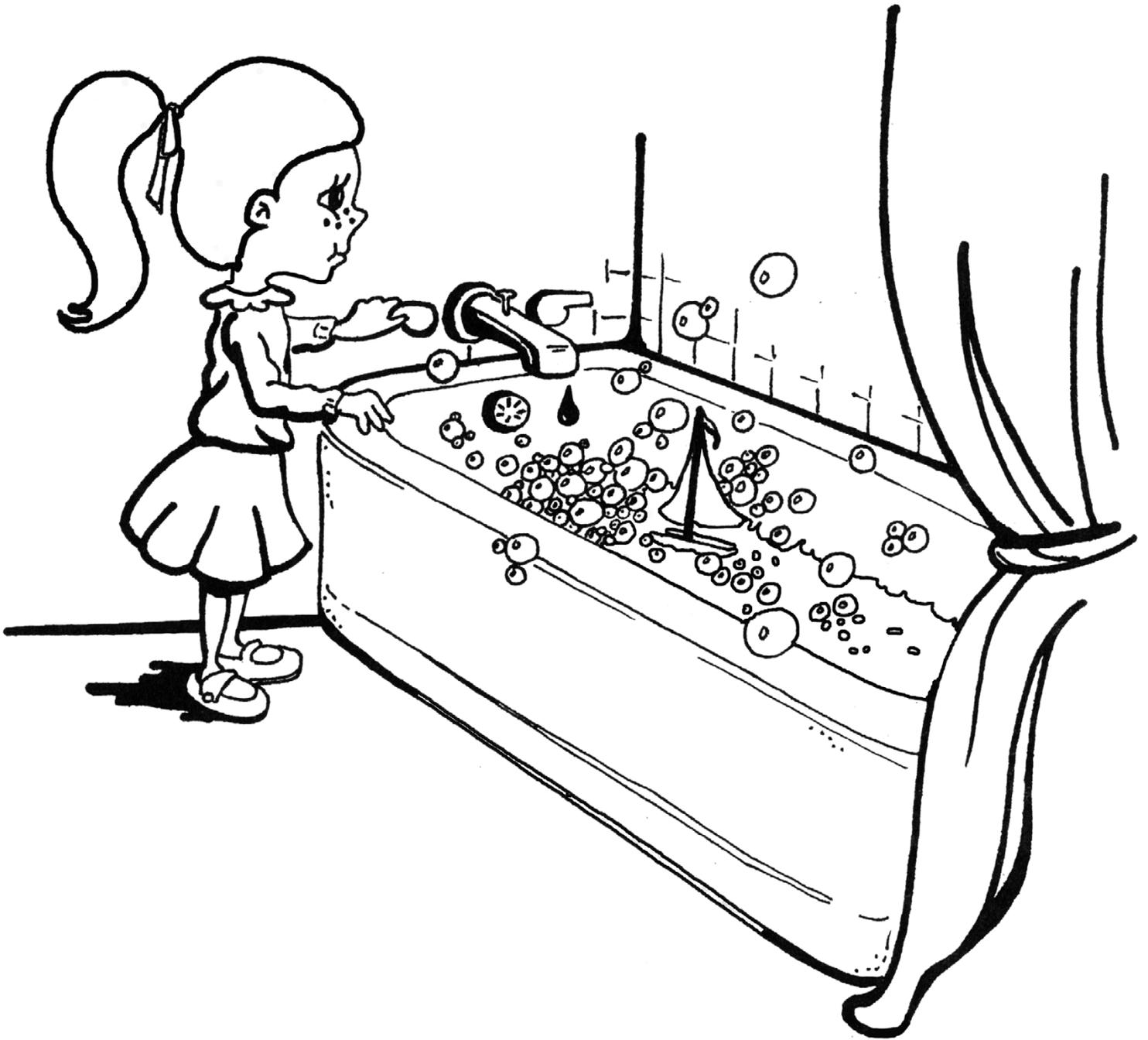
*Take a short shower.*



Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of washing them.



Use a tub or bucket to wash the dog or the car. Turn on the hose only to rinse.



*Use less water in your bath. Every inch of water you don't put in the tub saves five gallons!*



*Use water more than once. Water from the fish bowl or the bath tub can water plants indoors and out.*



Play water games on the grass. It likes water too!



*Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. Each flush uses five to seven gallons.*



*Remind your parents to store grease or oil in a container instead of washing it down the drain.*



*Ask your parents if it's all right to flush the toilet less often.*