



Planet Protectors Create Less Waste in the First Place!

A story about
reuse on Earth



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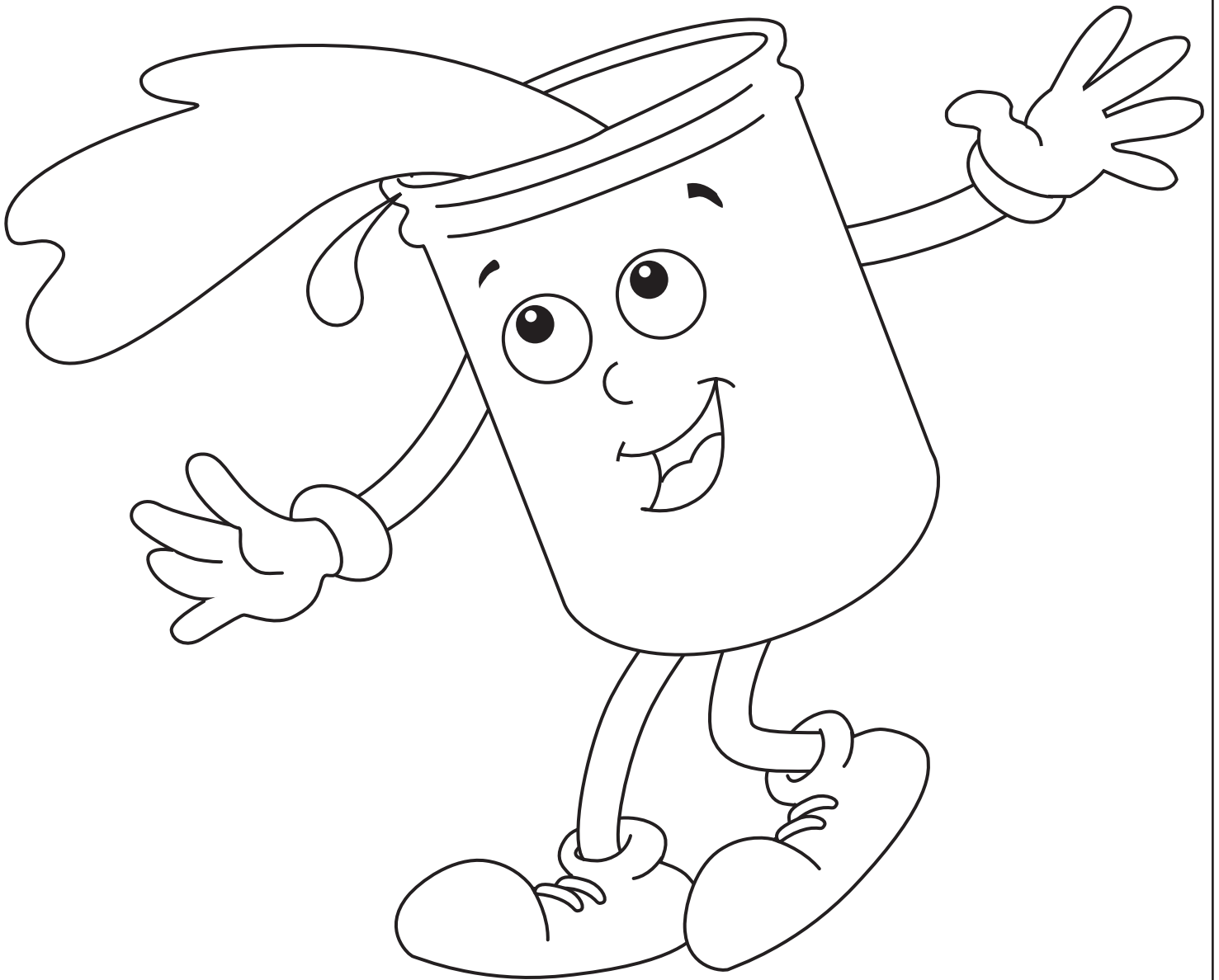
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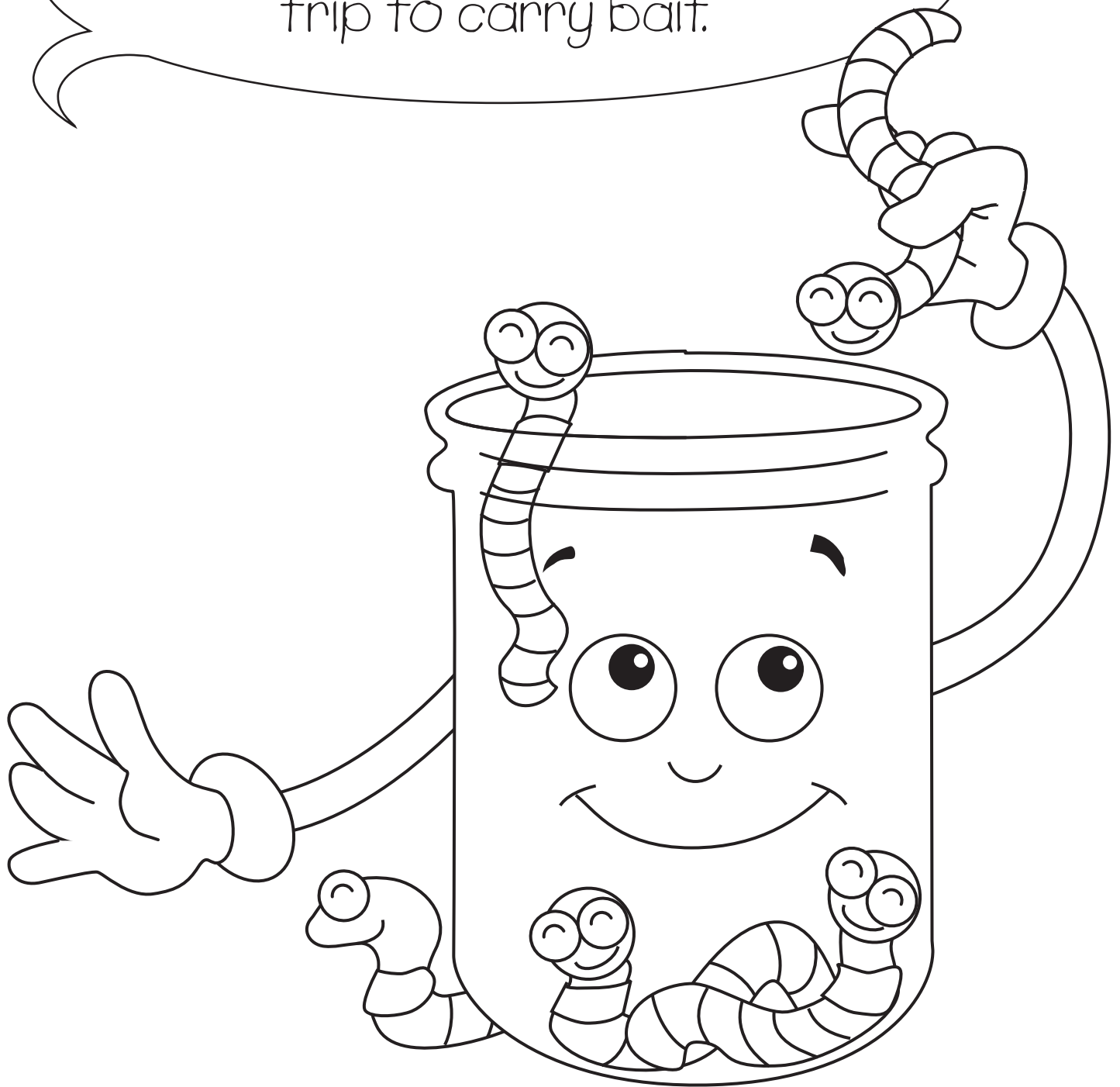
What On Earth Can You Do With An Old Jelly Jar?

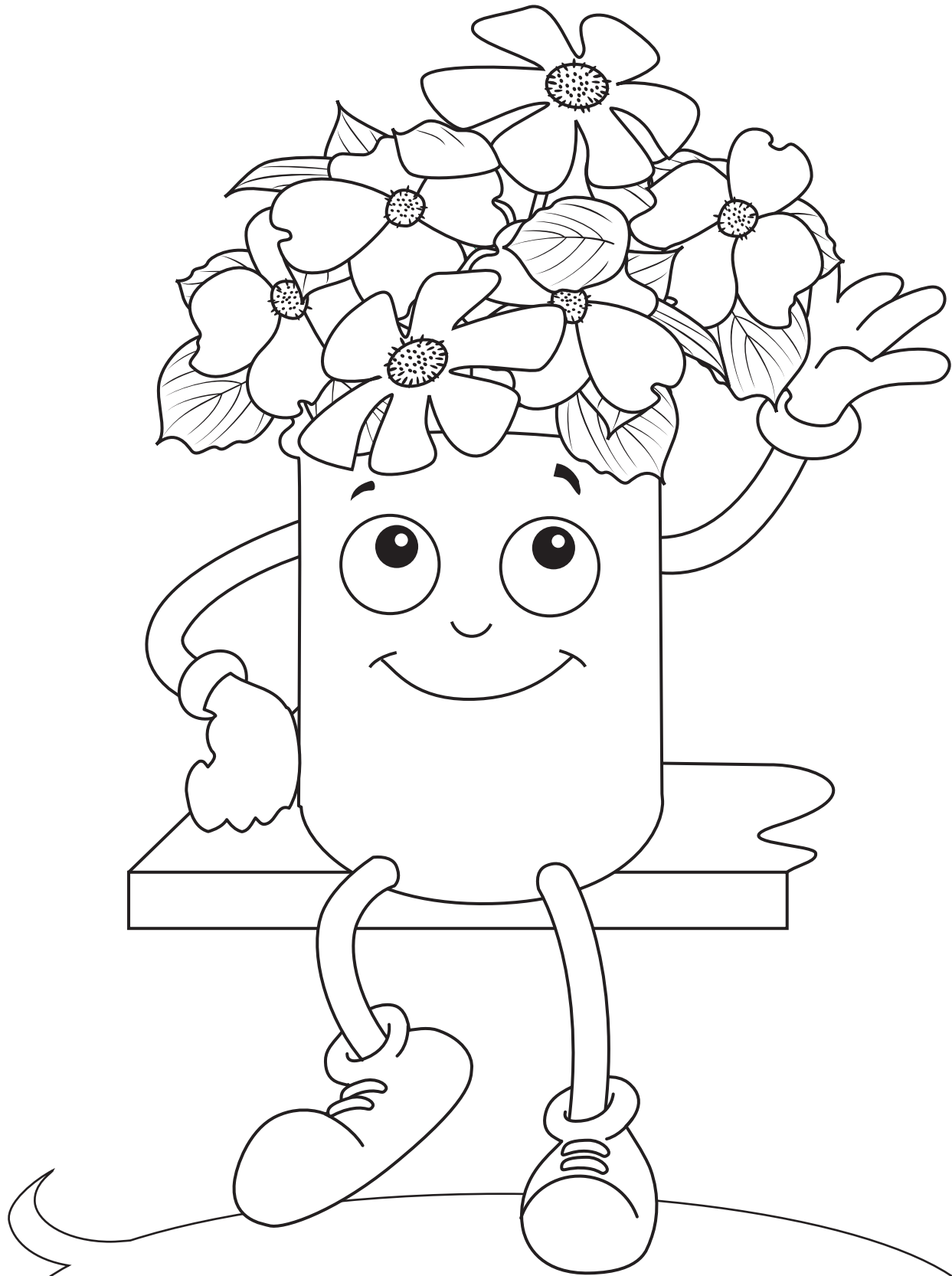
Space creatures might think the idea of reusing containers is an alien concept but here on Earth it's easy to keep an old jar out of the trash and give it new life. Follow these tips to keep a jar in use and out of orbit. Or, take a trek around your home or school to find more ways to reuse old jars or other items.

Wash and reuse me as a drinking glass.



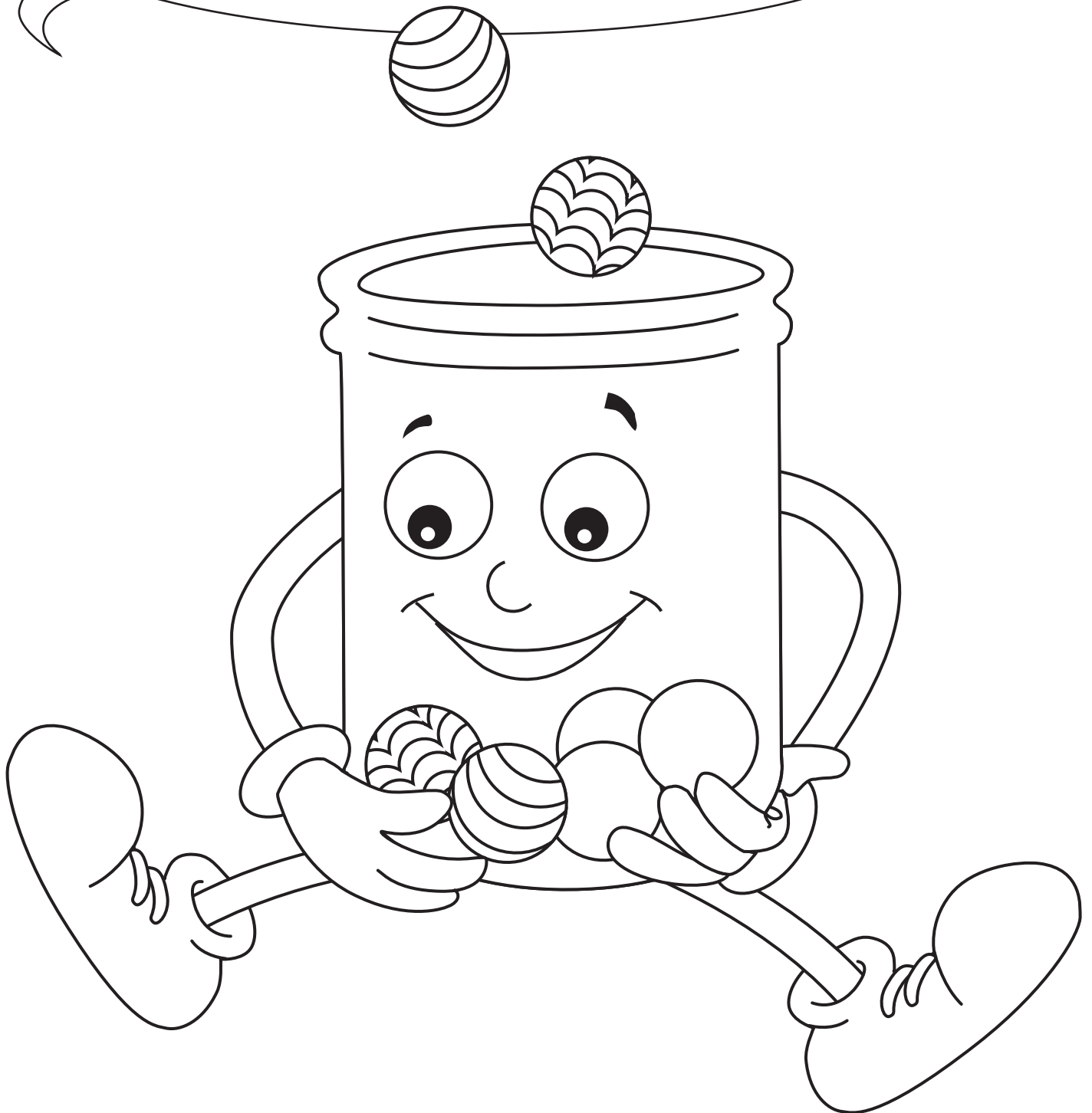
Take me on your next fishing trip to carry bait.

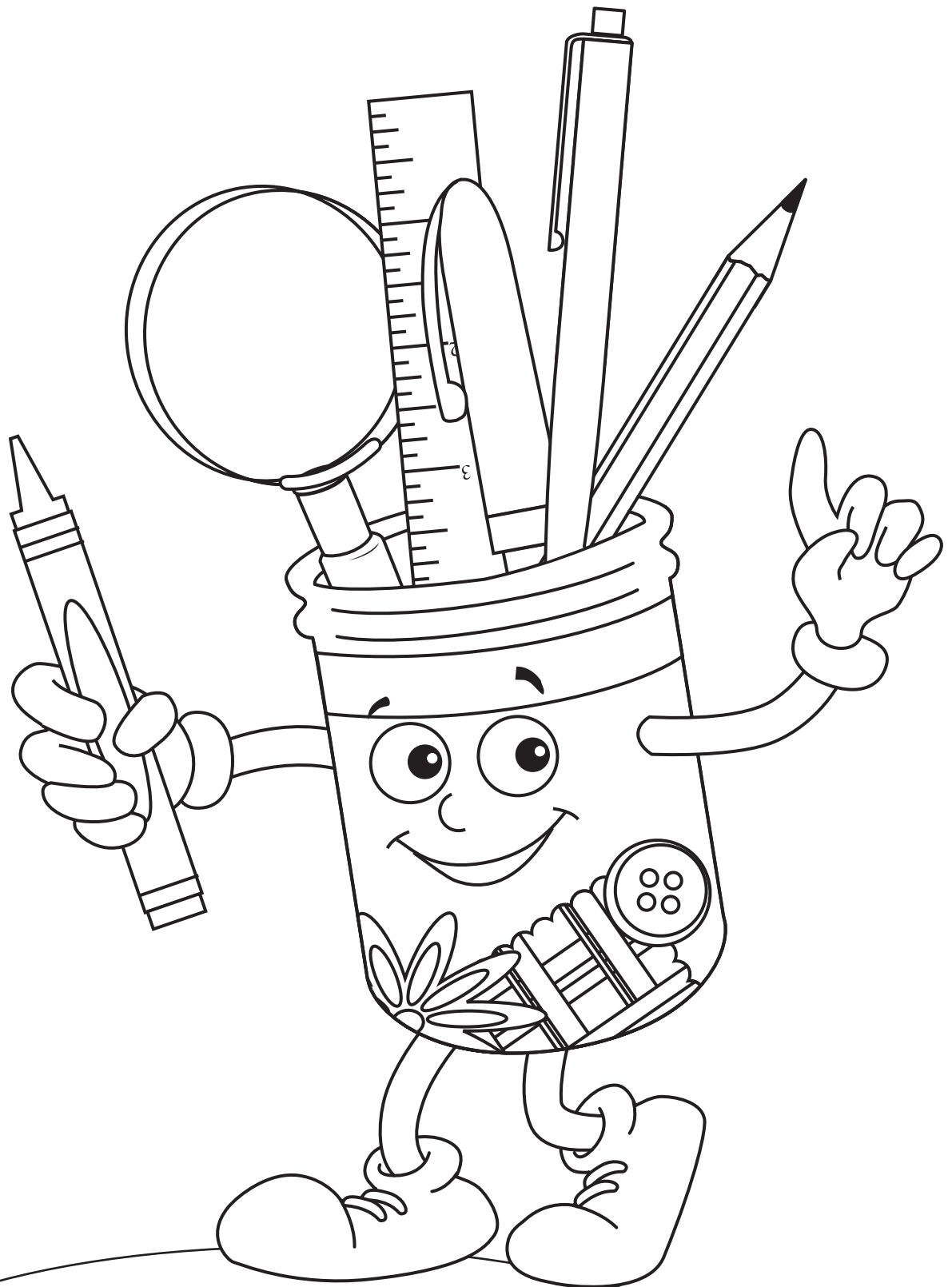




Fill me with freshly picked flowers
or use me to water them.

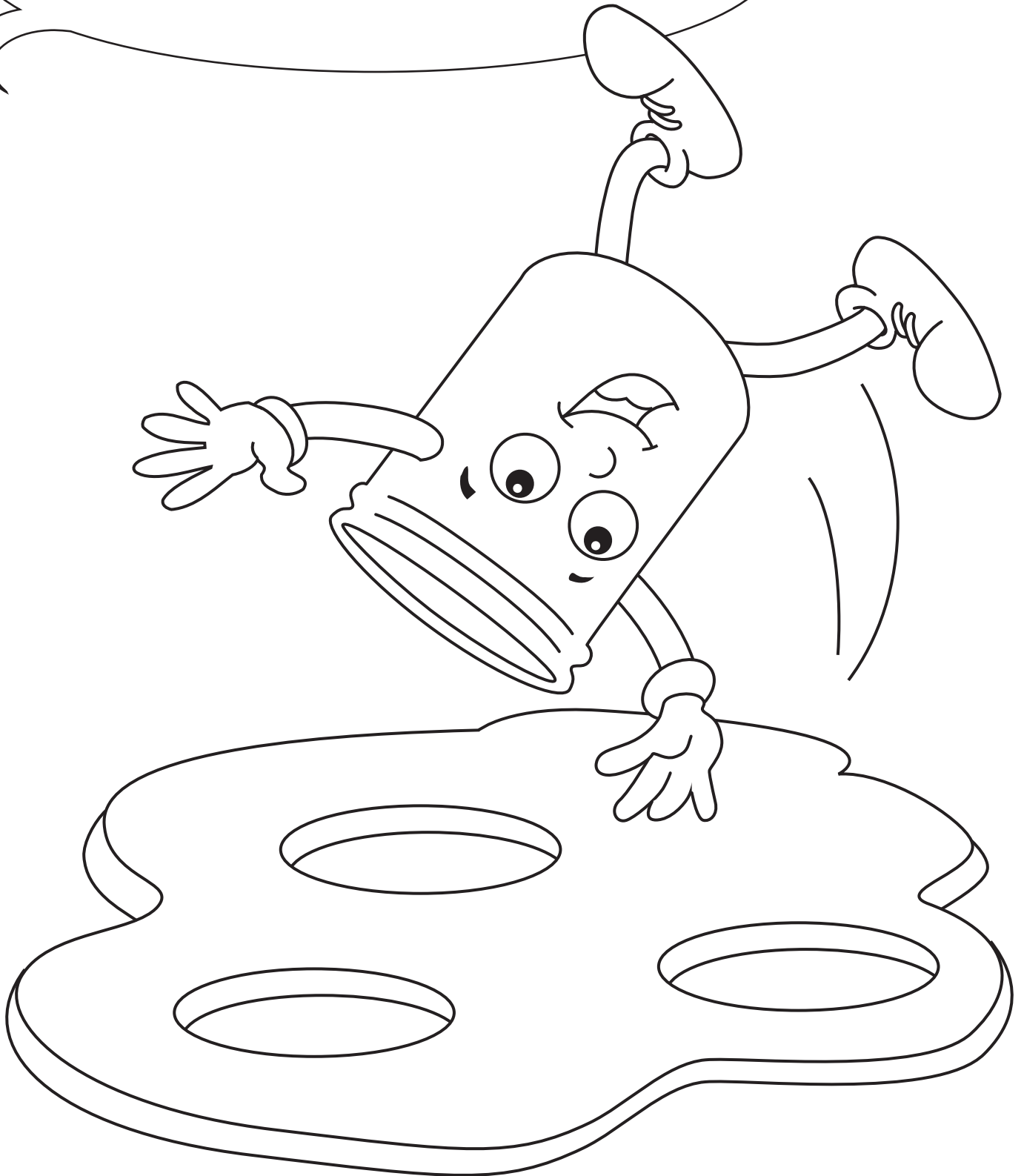
Display a prized marble collection.

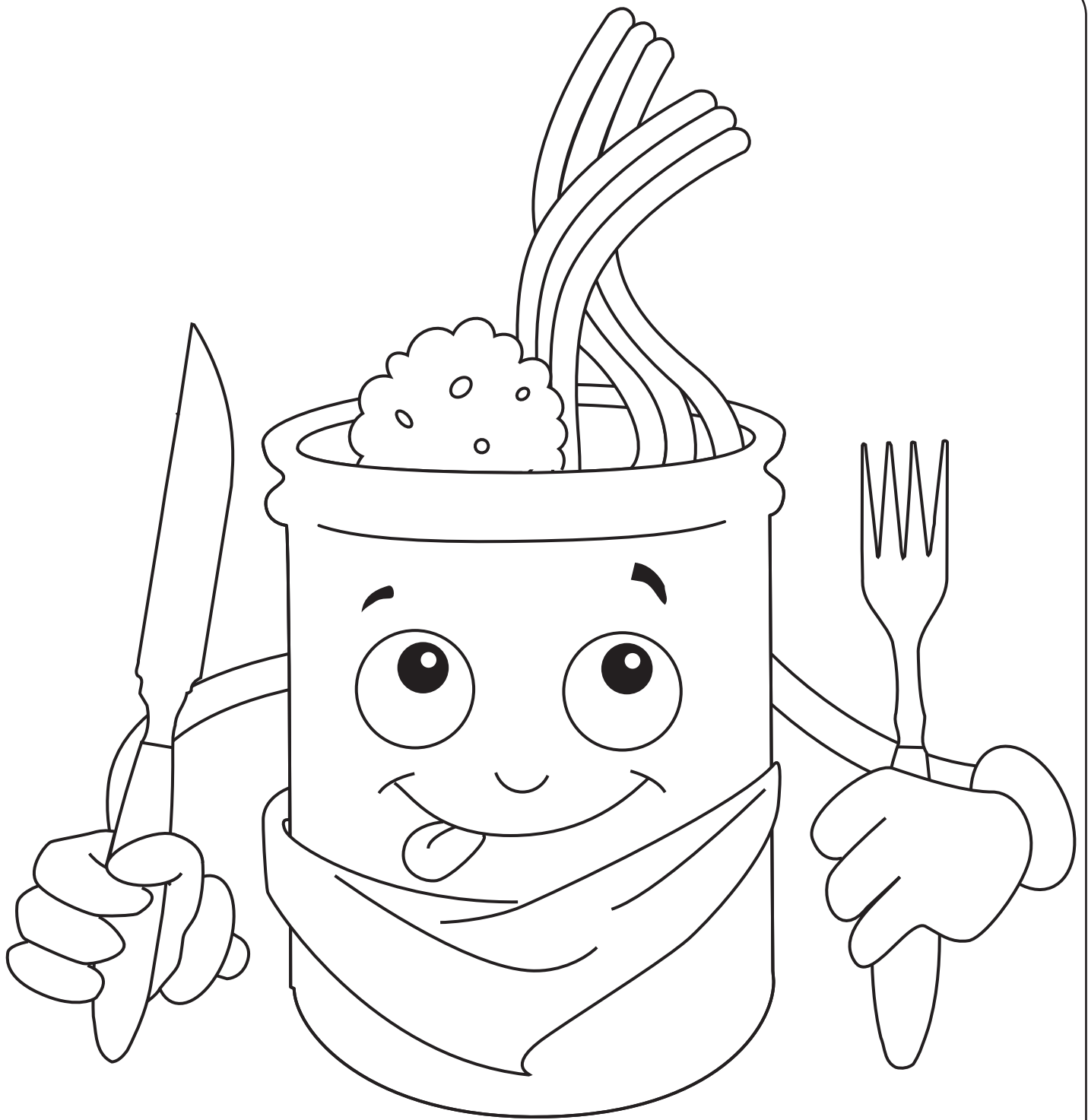




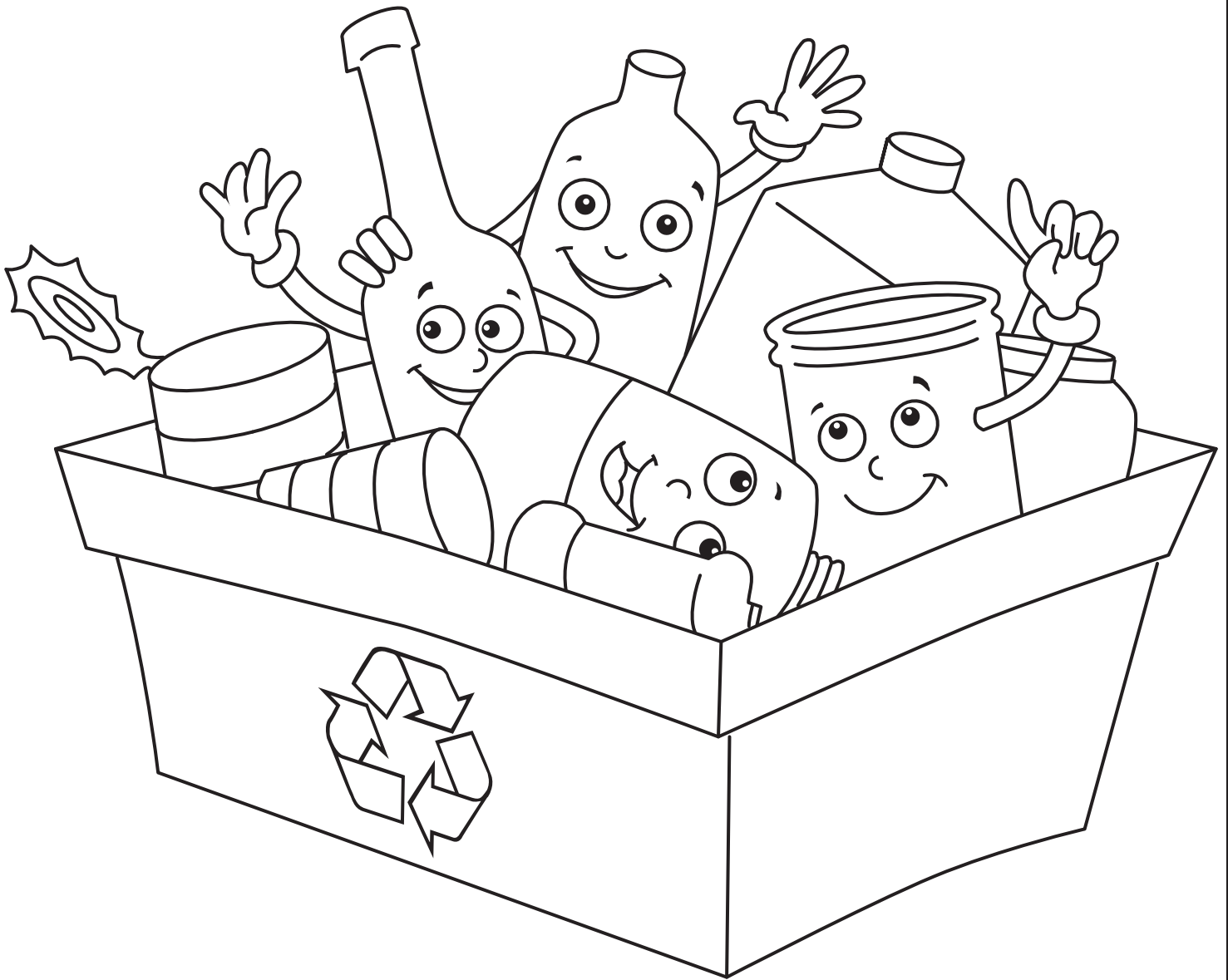
Decorate me with your favorite things and use me to store pens and pencils.

Use me as a cookie cutter.





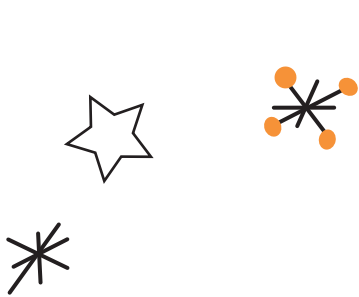
Use me to store leftovers.



When you run out of jobs
for me, recycle me.

Be a Planet Protector!

Find your own ways to make less trash, and help other people learn to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Fill in the blanks below with your own ideas.



Reduce

Hint:

Use products with less packaging, like toys you don't have to unwrap.

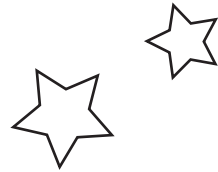


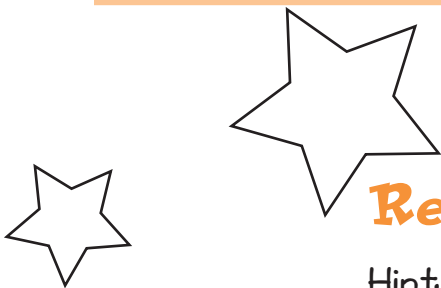


Reuse

Hint:

Reuse scrap paper to draw pictures or make grocery lists.





Recycle

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Find out what can be recycled in your community.





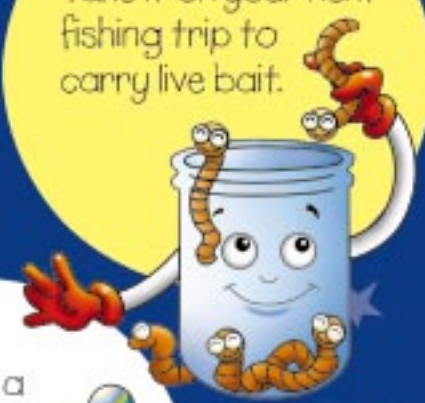
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