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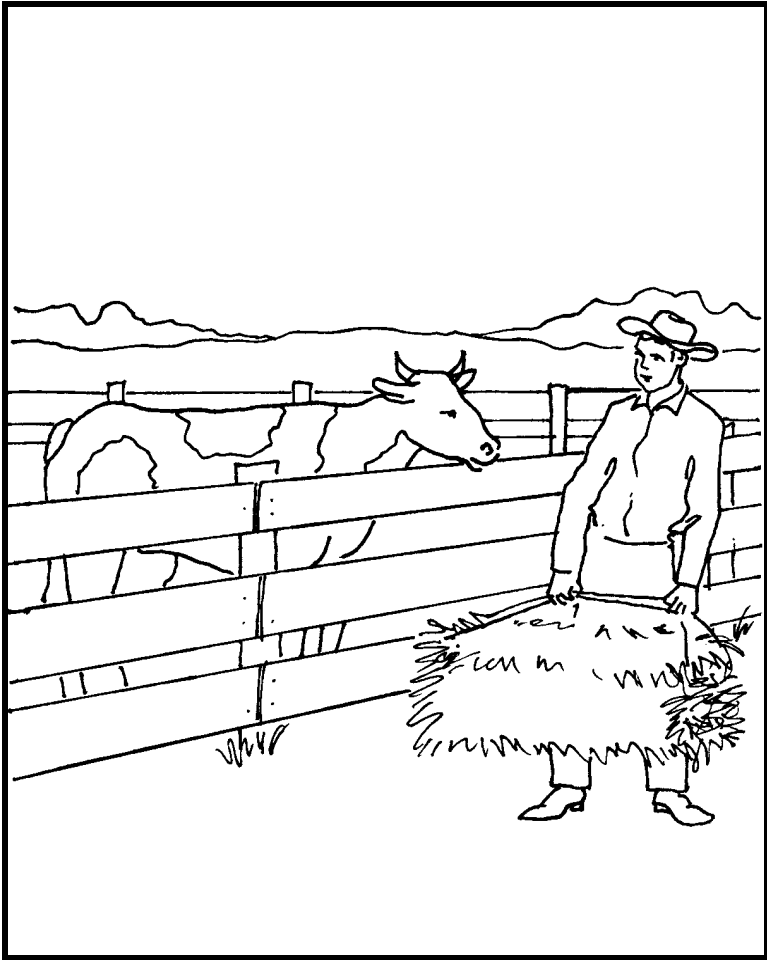
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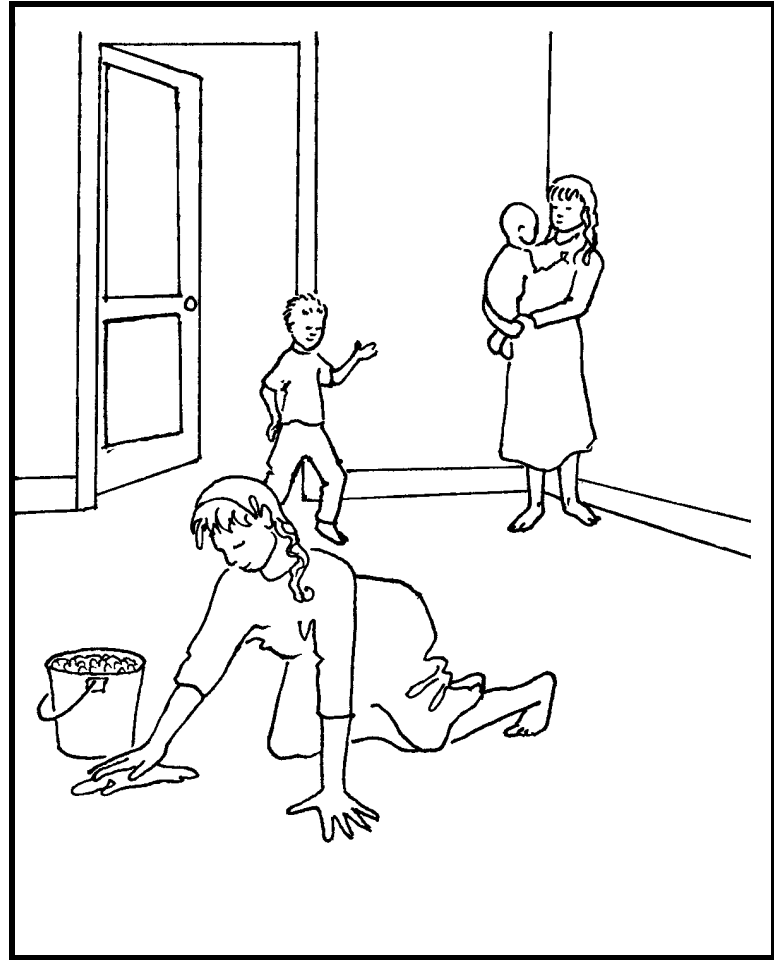
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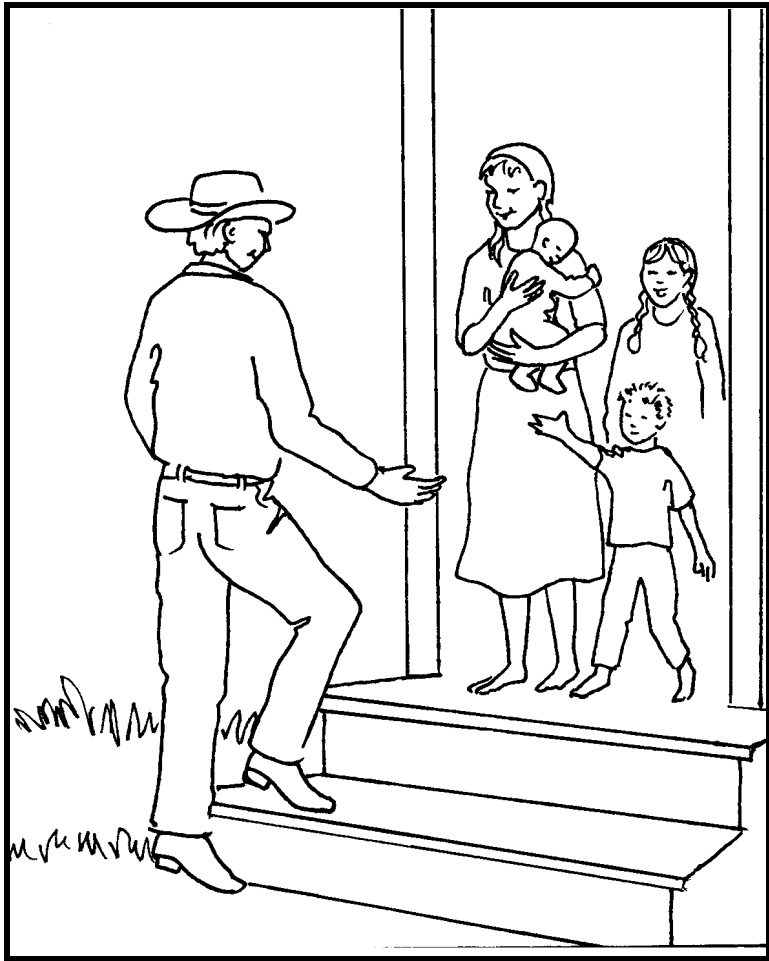
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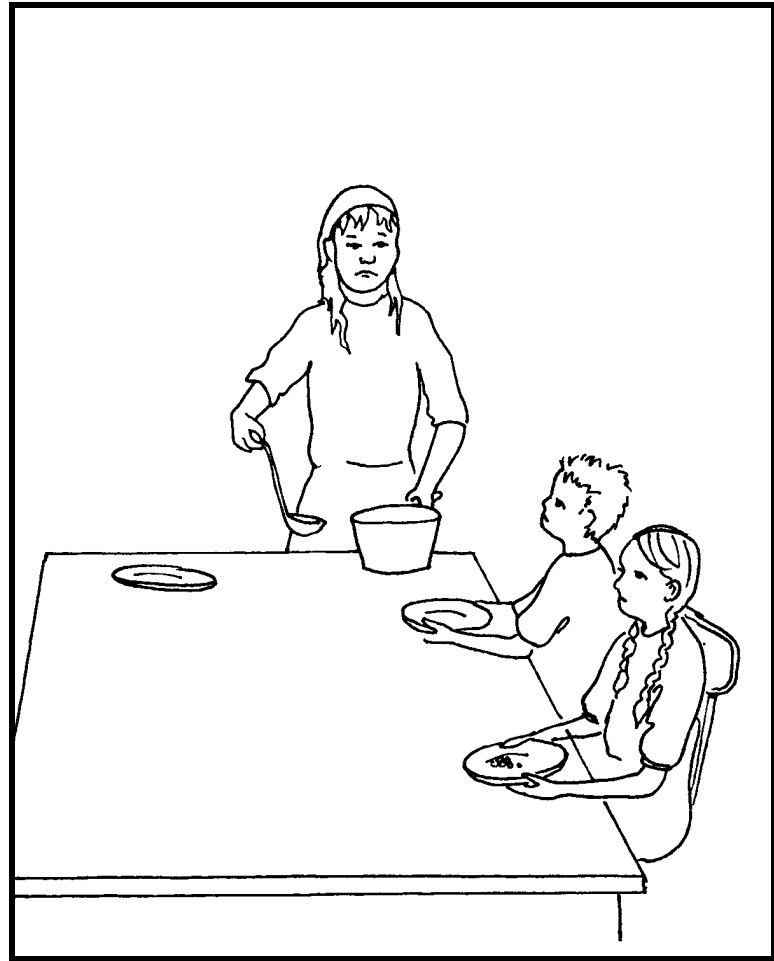
Cornie works for a farmer.  
The farmer has grain crops and pigs.  
Cornie likes farm work.



Cornie and Sara have five children.  
Four children go to school.  
Tina is only three years old.  
She is at home with Sara.  
Sara works hard at home.

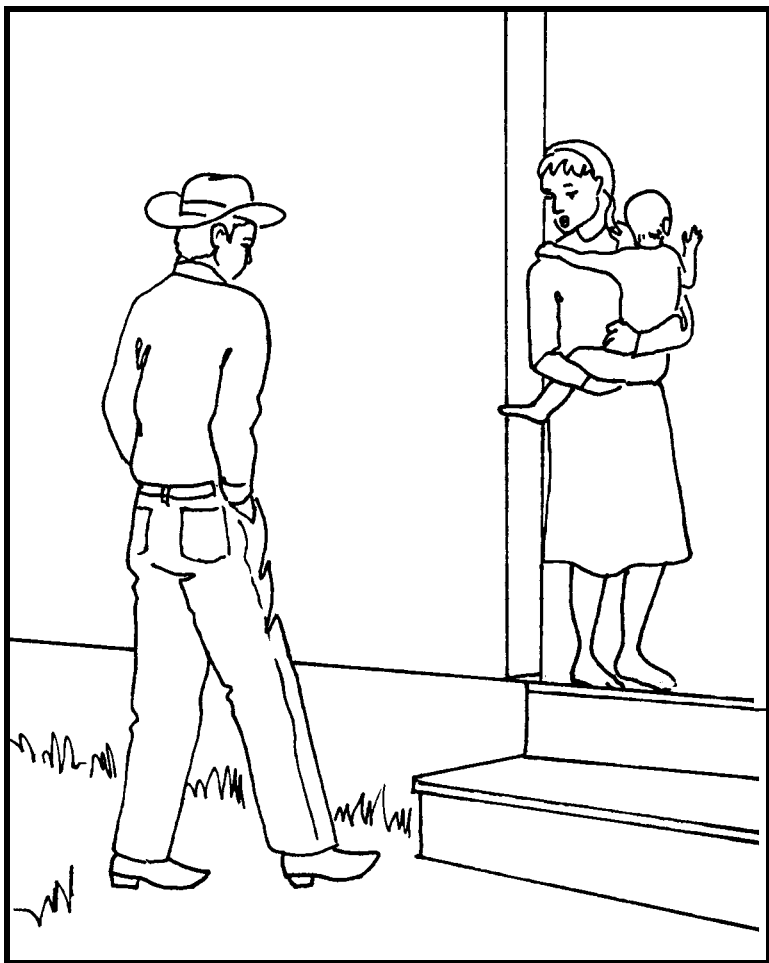


Cornie is happy at work.  
Cornie is happy at home.  
He says, "Hi, Sara! Hi, children!"  
Sara says, "Hi, Cornie!"  
The children say, "Hi, Dad!"

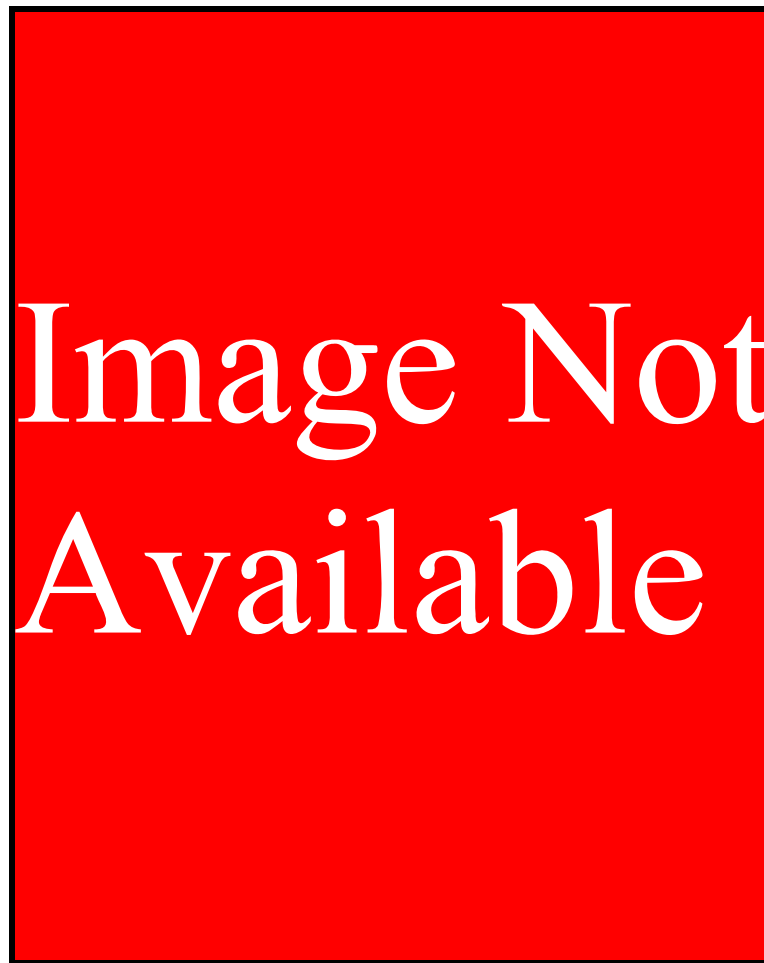


Time goes by.  
There is not much work for Cornie.  
There is not much money.  
Sara makes good food and the children want more!  
There is no more.  
It is a bad time.





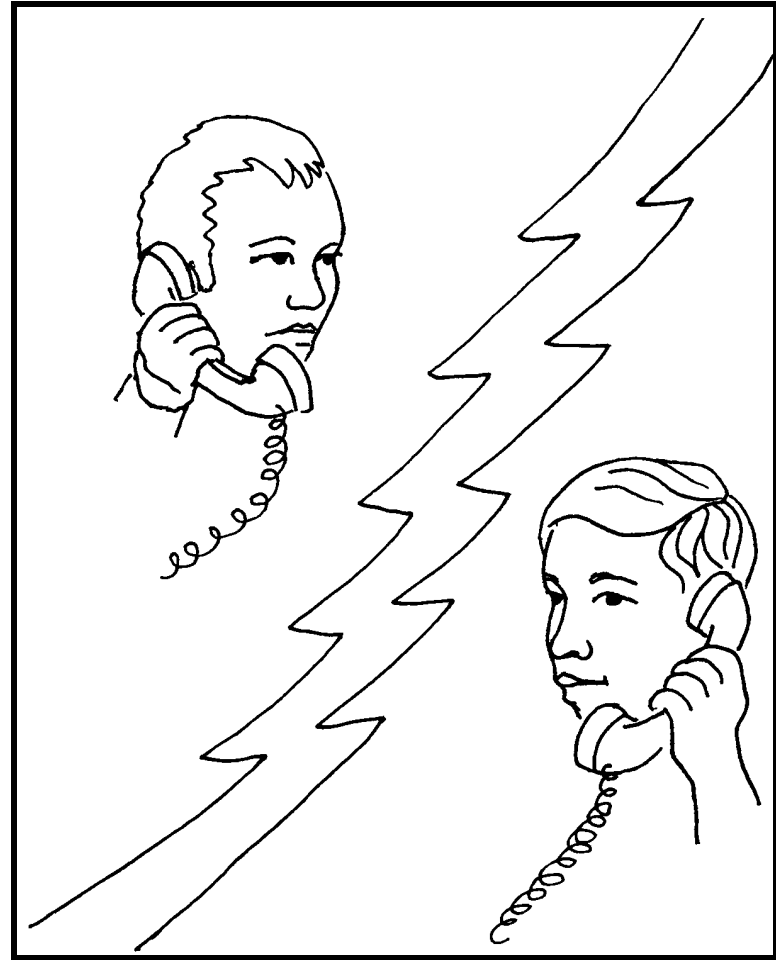
One day Cornie comes home.  
He looks sad.  
Sara says, "What is it, Cornie?"  
Cornie says, "The farmer has no more work.  
I have no job."  
Sara says, "Oh, no! No job, no money, no  
food."



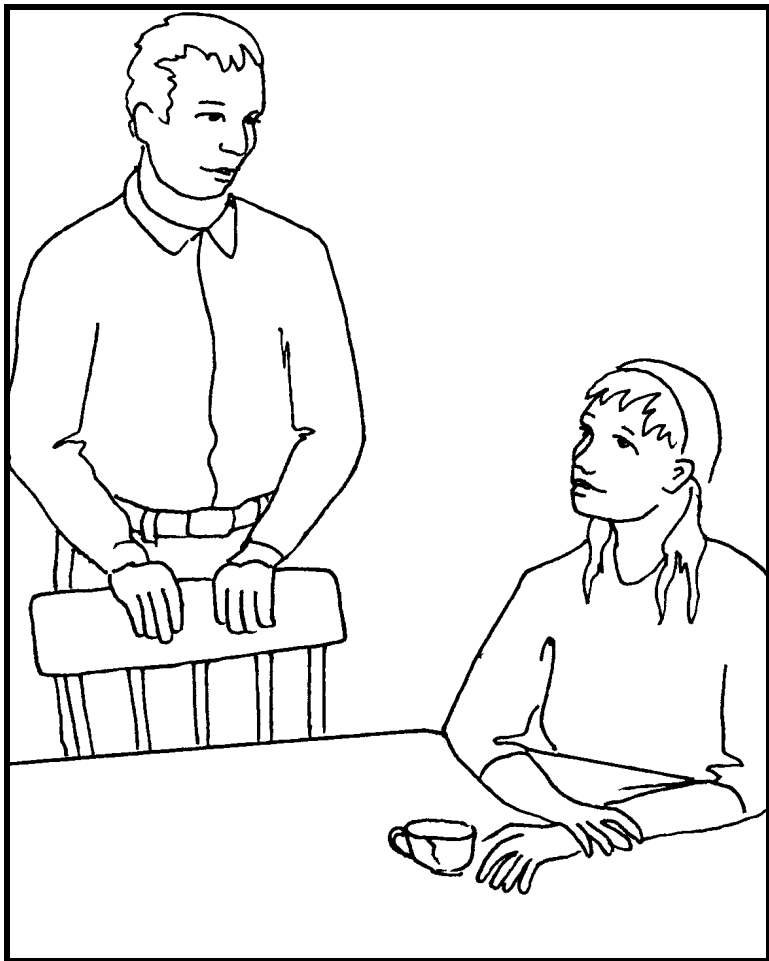
Cornie looks for work.  
He looks and looks, but he can't find work.  
Cornie and Sara talk.  
Cornie says, "What can we do?"



Sara says, "We can't stay in Paraguay."  
Cornie says, "We can go to Canada."  
Sara says, "Yes, we must go to Canada.  
There is work in Canada."



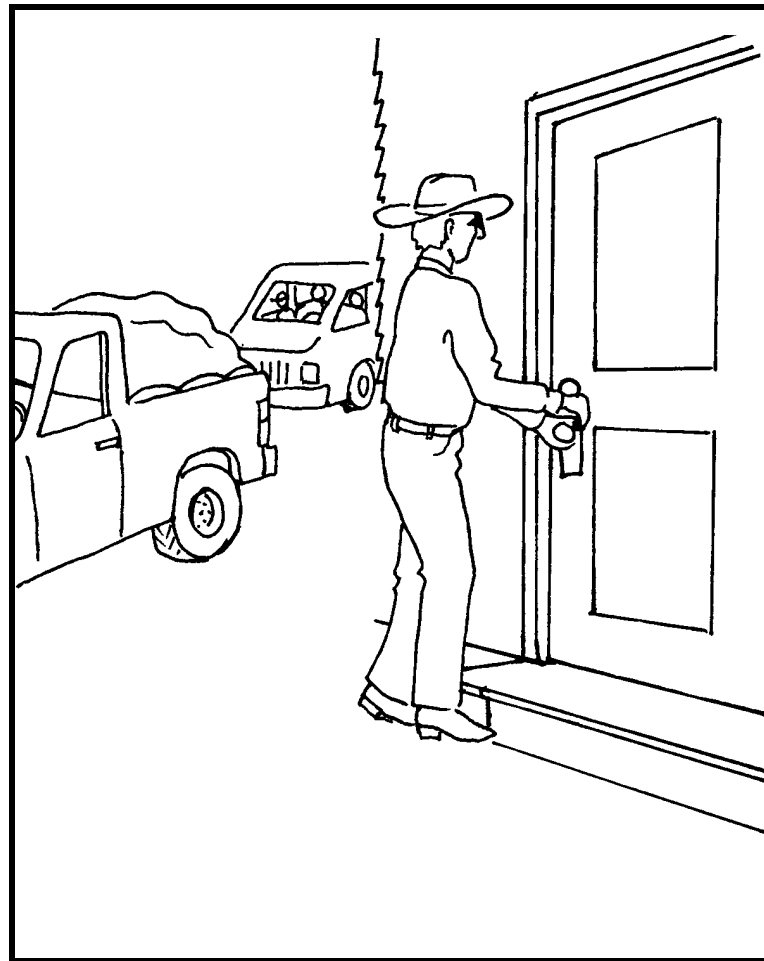
Sara says, "Our children are big!  
Tina is four years old now.  
There are seven of us.  
Where can we live?"  
Cornie says, "I will call my brother, Ed in  
Canada."  
Cornie calls and talks to Ed.



Cornie says to Sara, "Ed says we can stay with them.

We will live with Ed and Nettie.

The house is small, but Ed says it is okay."

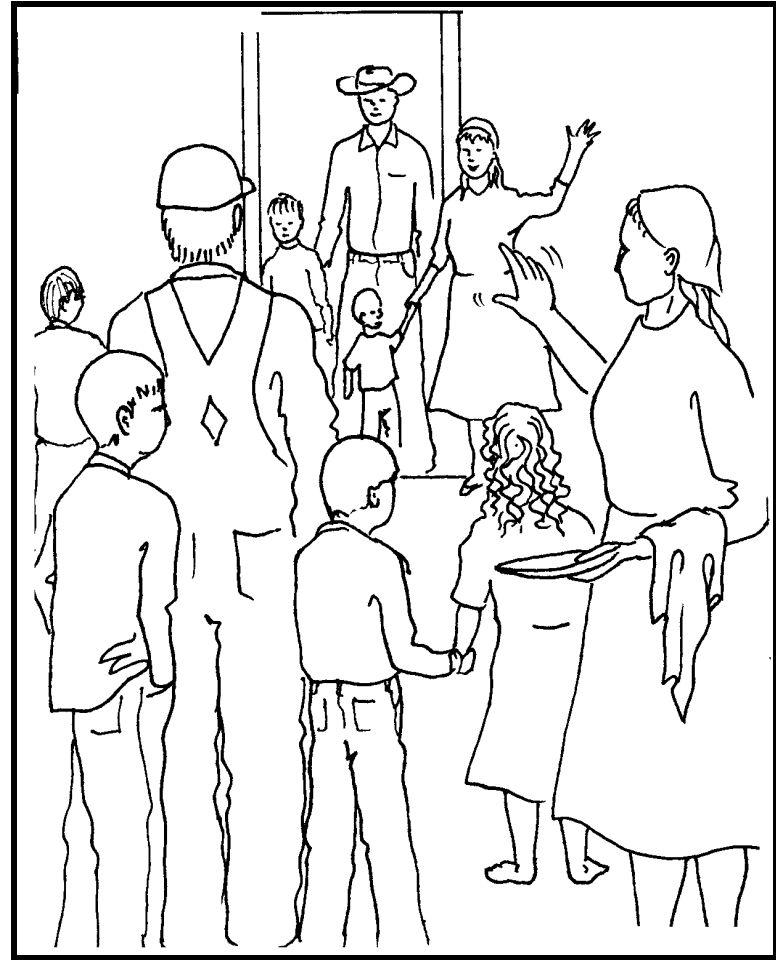


Cornie and Sara can't sell the house in Paraguay.

There is no money.

They lock the house.

They go to Canada.

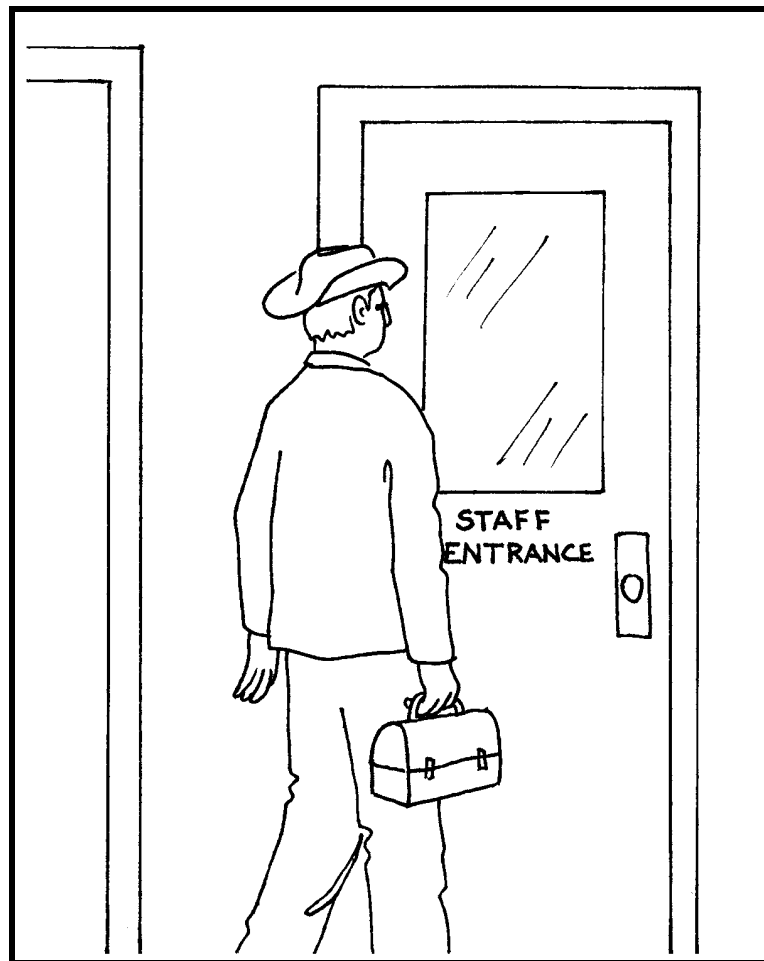


Ed and Nettie are happy to see Cornie and Sara.  
Ed says, "Welcome to Canada!"  
Ed and Nettie have four children.  
Thirteen in the house is a lot!

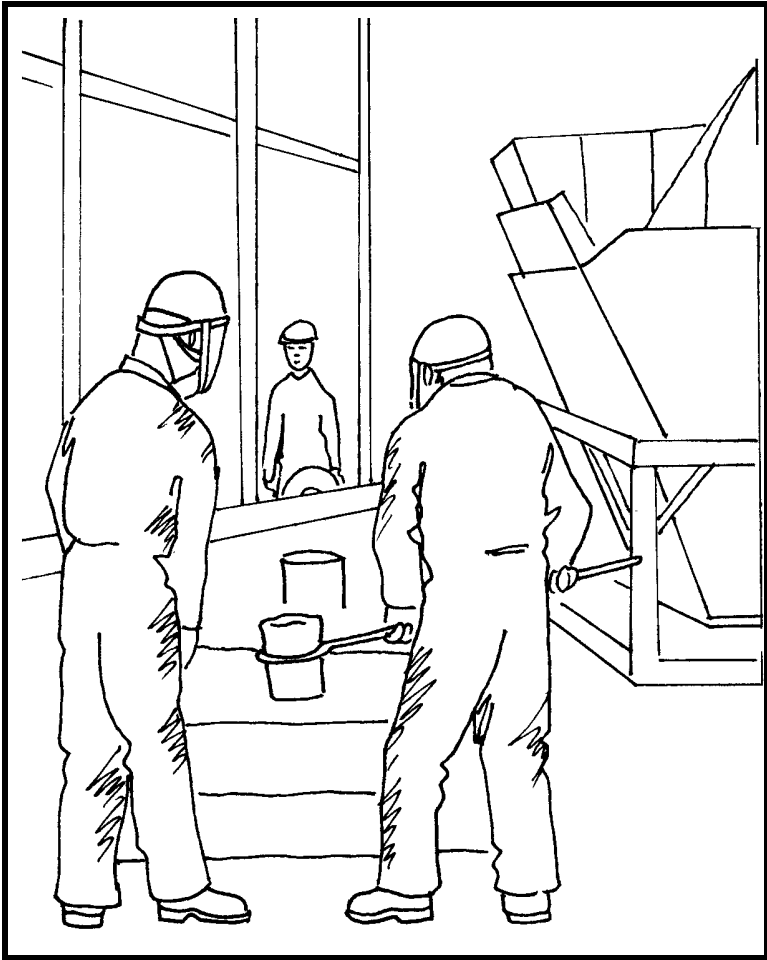




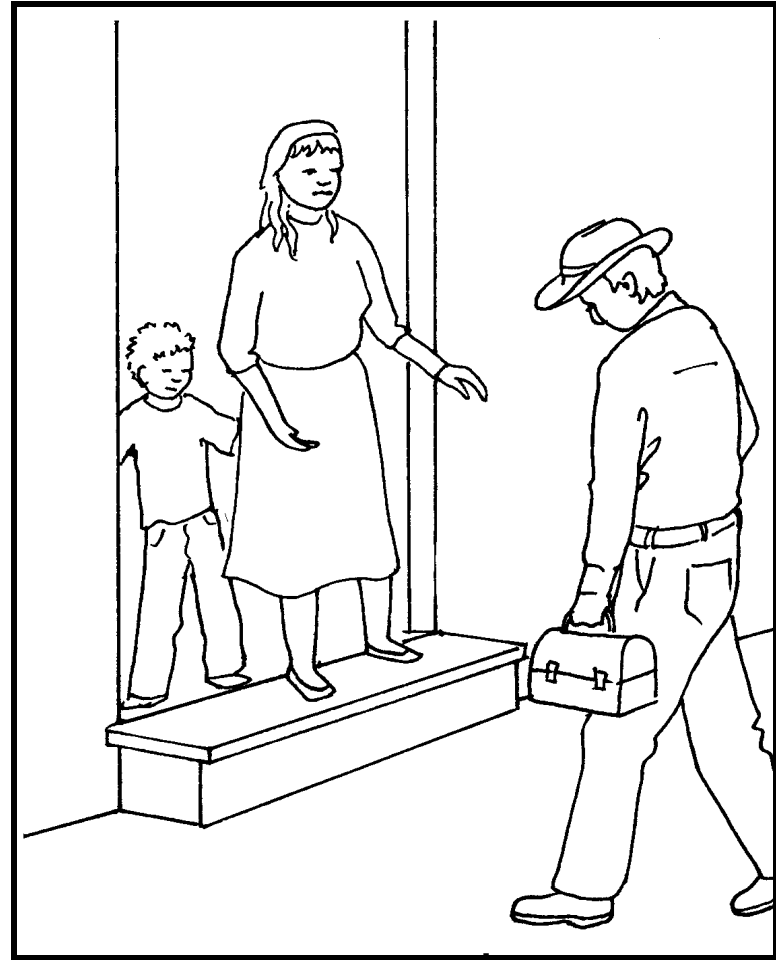
Cornie says, "I need to work.  
Can I get a job with a farmer?"  
Ed says, "You can't work on a farm all year.  
You can work in town.  
The pay is very good.  
Farm pay is not so good."



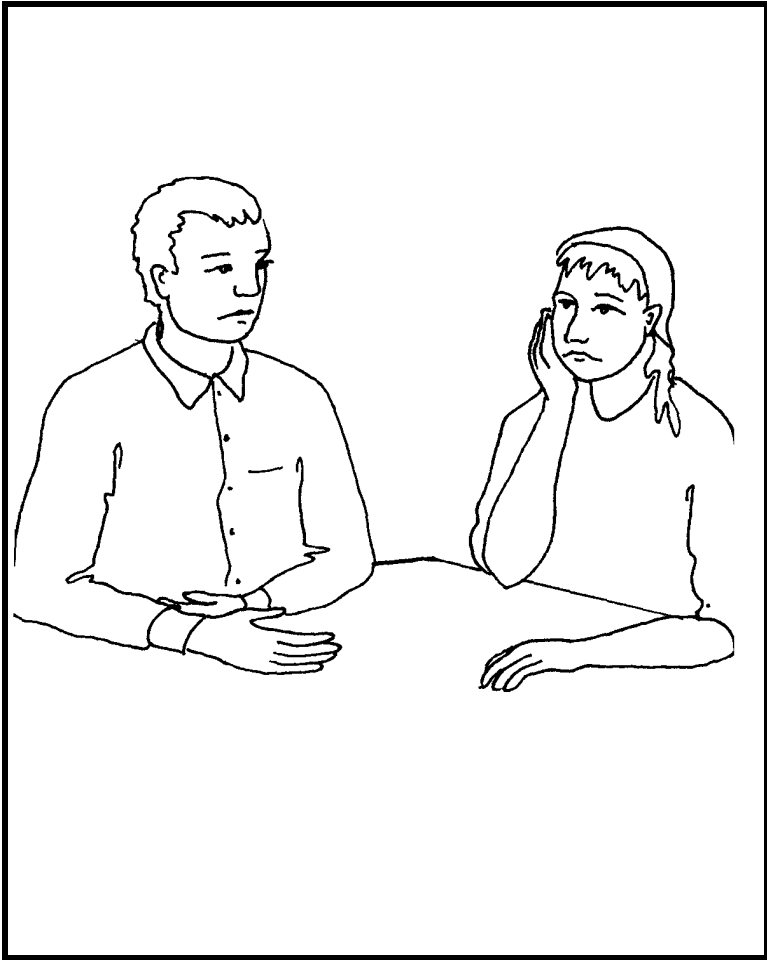
Cornie gets a job in town.  
He is happy to have a job.  
The pay is good.



The work is not so good!  
It is very hard, dirty, and hot!  
It is shift work, too.  
Cornie doesn't like shift work.  
He can't see the children very much.



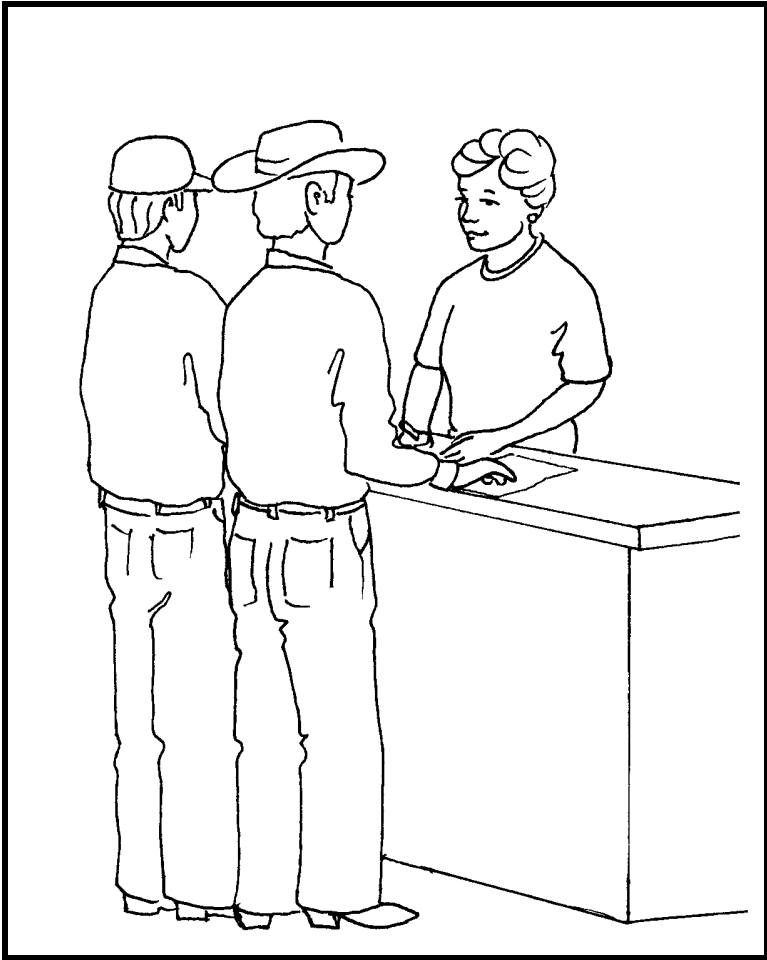
Cornie is not happy at work.  
He is not happy at home.  
Sara says, "Hi, Cornie!"  
Cornie says nothing.  
The children say, "Hi, Dad!"  
Cornie says nothing.



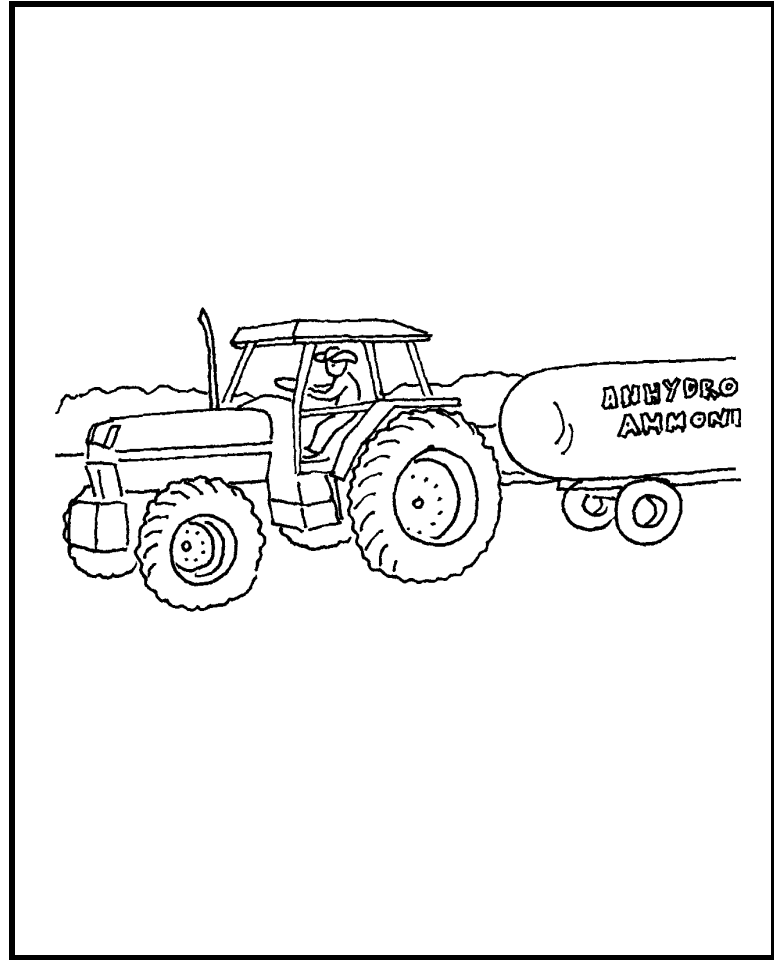
The children go to bed.  
Cornie and Sara sit up late.  
Sara says, "You don't like the work, do you?"  
Cornie says, "No, I don't, but we need the  
money.  
I can't quit."



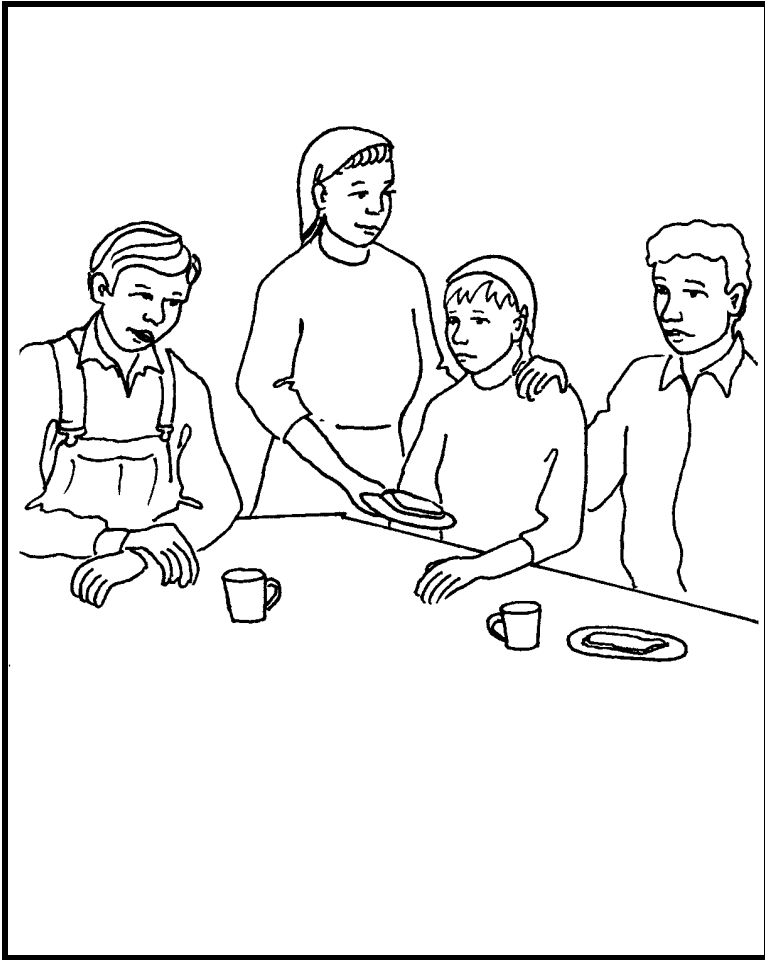
The next year work in town is slow.  
Men are laid off.  
Cornie is laid off.  
He feels very bad.



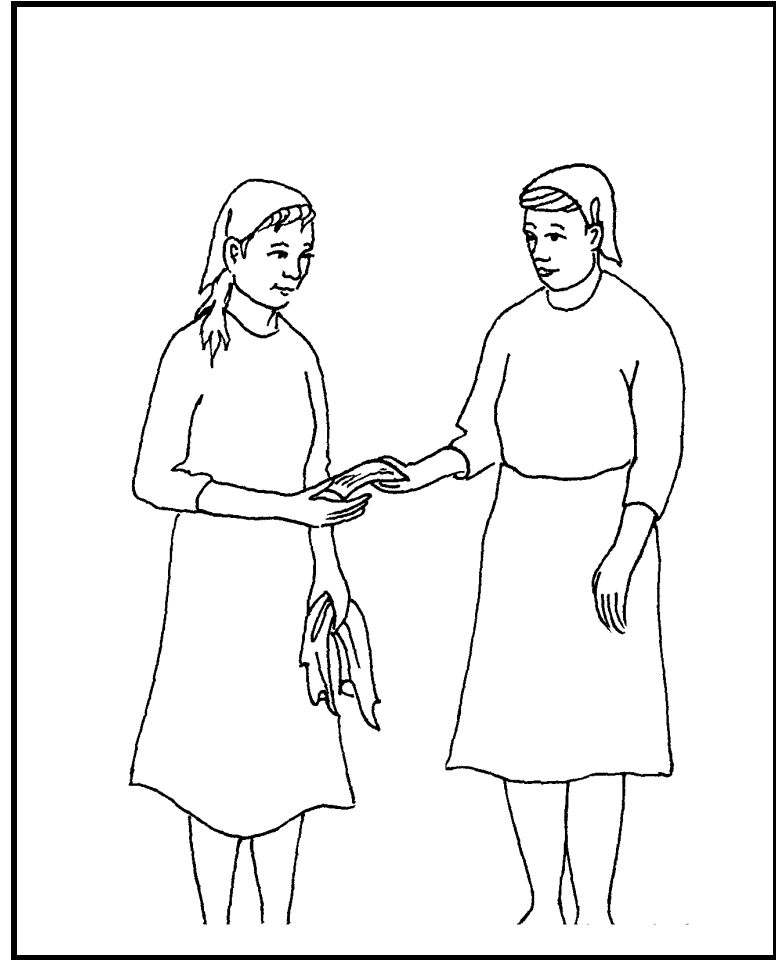
Ed says, "That's okay, Cornie.  
You can get Employment Insurance."  
Cornie and Sara live on E.I. for the winter.  
It's very hard!



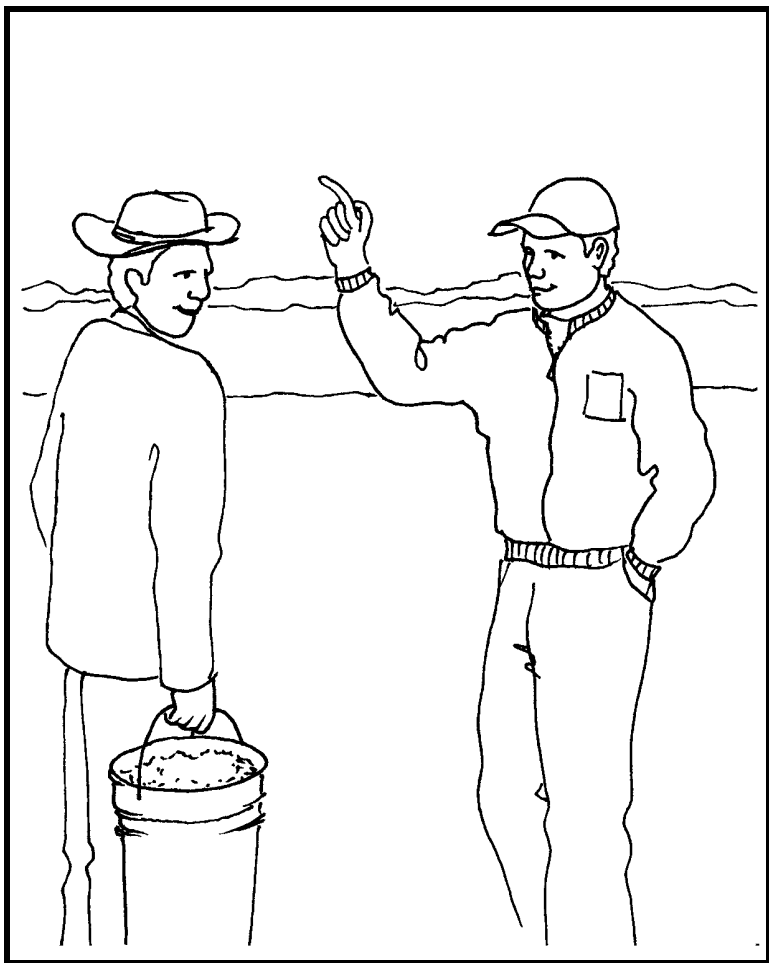
It is spring.  
Cornie looks for work.  
He gets work with a farmer.  
It is not as much money,  
but Sara says, "We can make it."



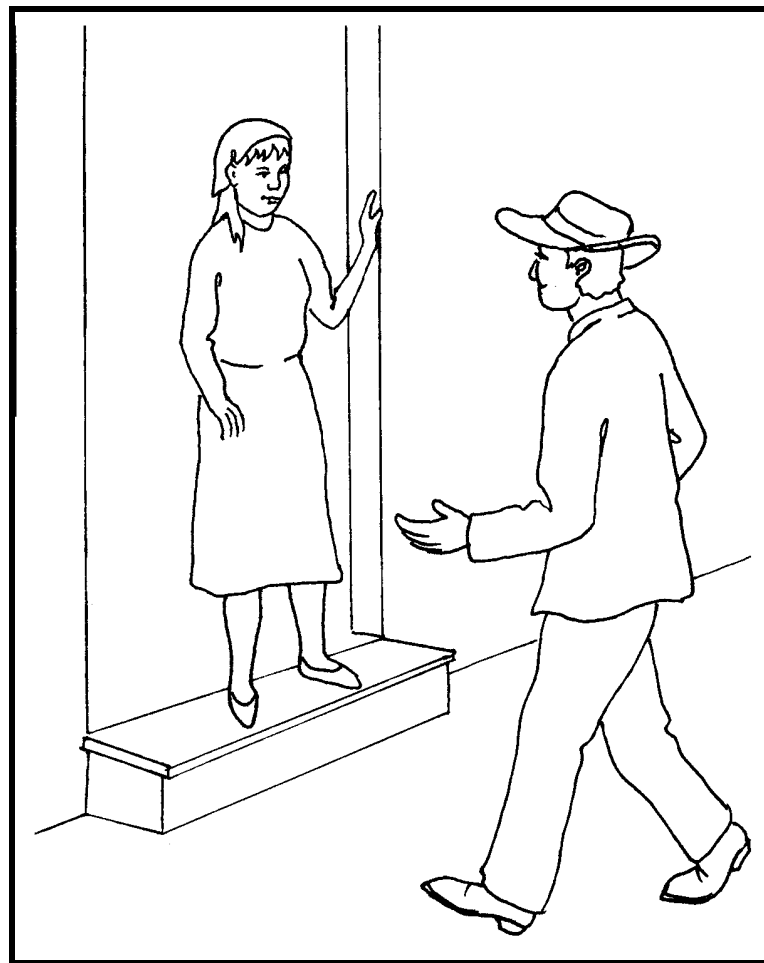
It is hard for Cornie and Sara.  
There is not much money.  
Ed and Nettie help.  
Cornie and Sara say, "We can make it!"



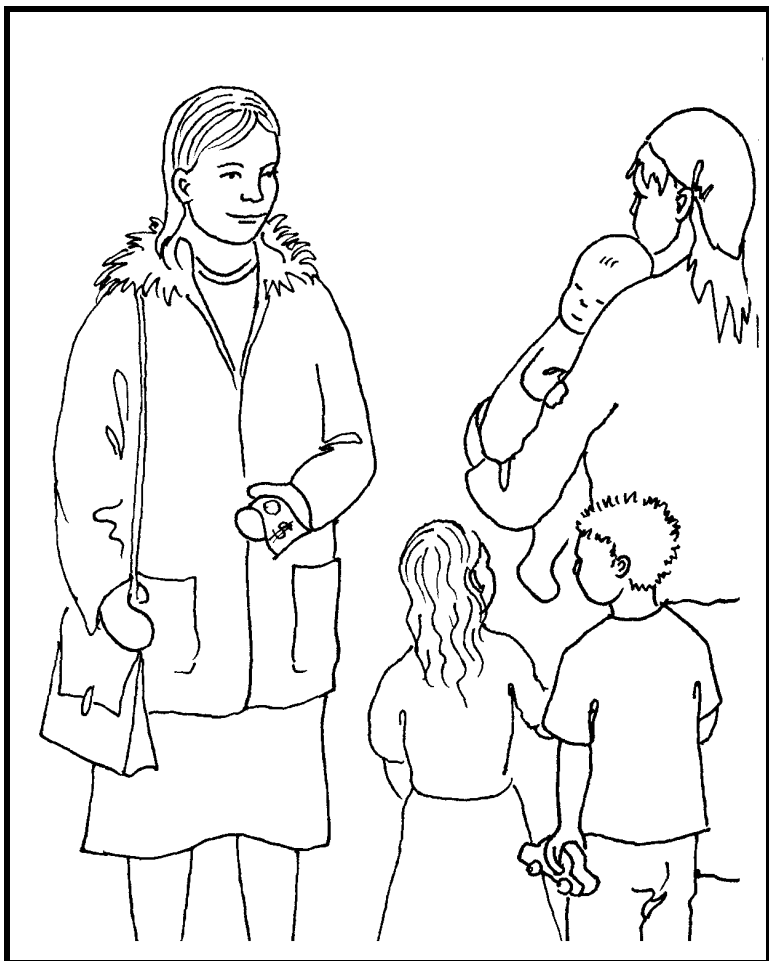
In the fall, Tina is five years old.  
She goes to kindergarten.  
Now Sara can go out to work a little.  
She cleans a friend's house.  
Sara says to Cornie, "It is good  
to have a little work."



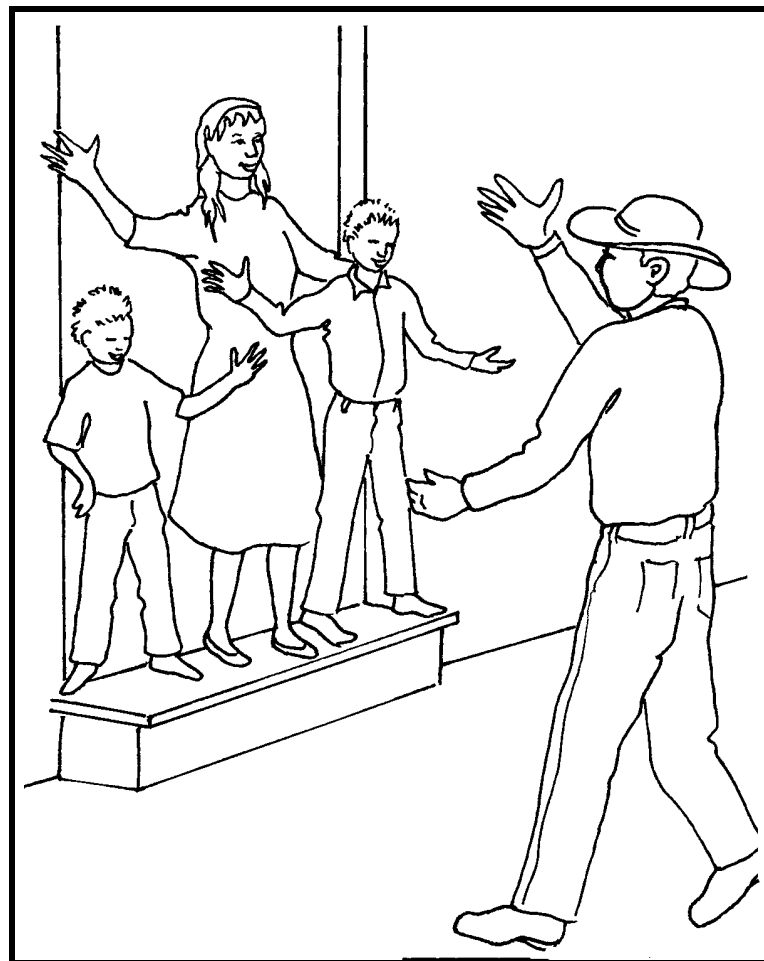
One day Cornie's boss says, "I have a house for you.  
It is not much rent."



Cornie says to Sara, "We have a house!"  
Cornie and Sara and the children move to the house.  
Sara says, "It is good to have our own house!"



Now Sara can go out to work a little more.  
She has a little more money.  
She can help pay for things.



Now Sara and Cornie are happy!  
The children are happy, too!  
Cornie comes home and says, "Hi, Sara! Hi,  
children!"  
Sara and the children say, "Hi!"  
Cornie says, "This is a better time for us!"

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This book is not based on the lives of specific people;  
however, the situations are based on stories told by many  
learners over the years.



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## Good Times, Bad Times

Before you read pages 1 to 4.

- \* 1. Look.  
Say the names.



Cornie - Sara

- \* 2. Write the names.

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- \*\* 3. Read the words.

live	goes	work	crops	money
works	makes	grain	pigs	more

- \* 4. Fill in. Write the words.

w _ _ _	=	_____	l _ _ _	=	_____
_ _ a i _	=	_____	w _ _ _ _	=	_____
_ o e _	=	_____	c _ _ _ _	=	_____
p _ _ _	=	_____	_ a _ _ _	=	_____
_ _ _ _ y	=	_____ e _____	m _ _	=	_____

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## Good Times, Bad Times

**After you read pages 1 to 4.**

\* Write in order.

1. live Cornie and Paraguay Sara in

\_\_\_\_\_

2. work likes Cornie farm

\_\_\_\_\_

3. is much Cornie work There not for

\_\_\_\_\_

4. money There not is much

\_\_\_\_\_

5. a It time is bad

\_\_\_\_\_

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. Where do Cornie and Sara live?

They \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 2. How many children do Cornie and Sara have?

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 3. Who stays home with Sara?

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 4. What do the children say?

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* 5. Why is it a bad time?

\_\_\_\_\_

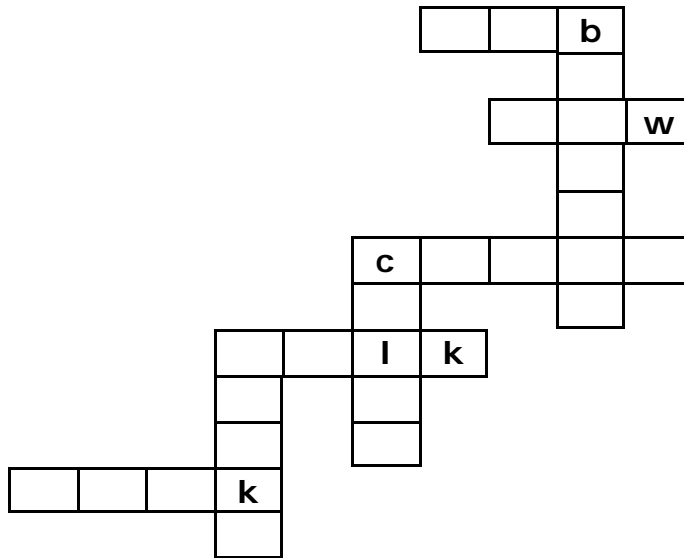
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## Good Times, Bad Times

Before you read pages 5 to 10.

- \* 1. Read the words.  
Fill in.

comes	talk	job	brother
calls	talks	now	lock



- \* 2. Practice reading the phrases.

looks sad

with them

can't find work

more work

must go

can't stay

can't sell

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## Good Times, Bad Times

After you read pages 5 to 10.

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |    |  |     |    |
|----|--|-----|----|
| 1. | The farmer has work for Cornie.        | Yes | No |
| 2. | Cornie can find work.                  | Yes | No |
| 3. | Cornie calls his brother Ed.           | Yes | No |
| 4. | Cornie's brother says, "Stay with us." | Yes | No |
| 5. | Cornie and Sara sell the house.        | Yes | No |

\*\* Number in order. Write the sentences.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cornie calls Ed in Canada.

  1   Cornie looks for work.

\_\_\_\_\_ They go to Canada.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cornie and Sara lock the house.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cornie can't find work.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Good Times, Bad Times

Before you read pages 11 to 18.

\* 1. Read the words.

welcome	thirteen	farm	farmer	nothing
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\* 2. Fill in from (1).

	= _____		= _____
	= _____		= _____
	= _____		

\* 3. Read the words.

need	town	next	year	winter
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\* 4. Find the words from (3). Make **boxes**.

b c m n e x t x n e e d b t o w n w i n t e r g j y e a r y

\* 5. Read the words.

dirty	shift	quit	slow	laid	off
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\* 6. Find the words from (5). Make **boxes**.

h s l o w o f f b d i r t y g q u i t b c l a i d o f f s h i f t f

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## Good Times, Bad Times

Before you read pages 11 to 18.

- \* 1. Read the words.

doesn't	can't	don't
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- \* 2. Draw a line to the right word.

can not	doesn't
do not	can't
does not	don't

- \* 3. Practice reading phrases quickly.

need to work	not so good	need the money
with a farmer	shift work	next year
all year	very much	laid off
in town	sit up late	for the winter

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## Good Times, Bad Times

After you read pages 11 to 18.

\* Put one of the words on each line.

pay	quit	thirteen	work	happy
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the house is a lot!
2. Farm \_\_\_\_\_ is not so good.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is hard, dirty, and hot!
4. Cornie is not \_\_\_\_\_ at work.
5. Cornie said, "I can't \_\_\_\_\_."

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Thirteen in the house is good.               | Yes | No |
| 2. The pay in town is very good.                | Yes | No |
| 3. Cornie likes shift work.                     | Yes | No |
| 4. Sara says, "Hi, Dad!"                        | Yes | No |
| 5. The next year, Cornie is laid off.           | Yes | No |
| 6. Cornie and Sara live on E.I. for the winter. | Yes | No |

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## Good Times, Bad Times

After you read pages 11 to 18.

Answer the questions.

\*\*\* 1. Why did Ed say, "Work in town is very good."?

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\*\*\* 2. Why did Cornie not like the work in town?

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\*\* 3. Who says, "Hi, Dad!"

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\*\* 4. How does Cornie feel?

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\*\* 5. When do Cornie and Sara live on E.I.?

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\* Practice reading phrases quickly.

1. Cornie gets . . . . . a job . . . . . in town.

2. The work is . . . . . not so good!

3. Cornie . . . . . can't see . . . . . the children . . . . . very much.

4. Sara says, . . . . . "You don't like . . . . . the work, . . . . . do you?"

5. Cornie says, . . . . . "No, I don't, . . . . . but we need . . . . . the money.





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## Good Times, Bad Times

**Before you read pages 19 to 25.**

- \* 1. Read the words. Talk about the words.

look	get	make	move	clean
looks	gets	makes	moves	cleans

- \* 2. Write the words.

a e m k	=	<hr/>	o o l k	=	<hr/>
o o k l s	=	<hr/>	m v s o e	=	<hr/>
e a n c l	=	<hr/>	s t e g	=	<hr/>
t e g	=	<hr/>	s a l n e c	=	<hr/>
e o v m	=	<hr/>	k e a m s	=	<hr/>

- \* 3. Circle two the same. Write the word.

makes	make	makes	<hr/>
look	look	looks	<hr/>
get	gets	gets	<hr/>
moves	moves	move	<hr/>
clean	cleans	clean	<hr/>

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## Good Times, Bad Times

After you read pages 19 to 25.

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |    |  |     |    |
|----|--|-----|----|
| 1. | In spring Cornie gets a job with a farmer. | Yes | No |
| 2. | There is lots of money.                    | Yes | No |
| 3. | Tina goes to kindergarten.                 | Yes | No |
| 4. | Sara gets work on a farm.                  | Yes | No |
| 5. | Cornie and Sara move to town.              | Yes | No |
| 6. | Sara can help pay for things.              | Yes | No |

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. When does Cornie get work?

He \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 2. When is Tina five years old?

She \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 3. Where does Sara clean?

She \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 4. How do Sara and Cornie feel? (page 25)

\*\*\* 5. Why is this a better time?

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Good Times, Bad Times

After you read pages 19 to 25.

\*\* Circle the right ones.

1. Cornie gets work . . . . .
  - a) with the town.
  - b) with Ed and Nettie.
  - c) with a farmer.
  
2. There is not much . . . . .
  - a) grain.
  - b) money.
  - c) rent.
  
3. Cornie and Sara say . . . . .
  - a) "We can get it."
  - b) "We can move it."
  - c) "We can make it."
  
4. Sara cleans . . . . .
  - a) a friend's farm .
  - b) a friend's house.
  - c) a friend's car.
  
5. Cornie, Sara, and the children . . . . .
  - a) move to town.
  - b) move to a house.
  - c) move to a farm.
  
- \*\* \* 6. What is the whole story about?
  - a) Cornie and Sara like to work.
  - b) Cornie and Sara have good times and bad times.
  - c) Tina goes to kindergarten.

