

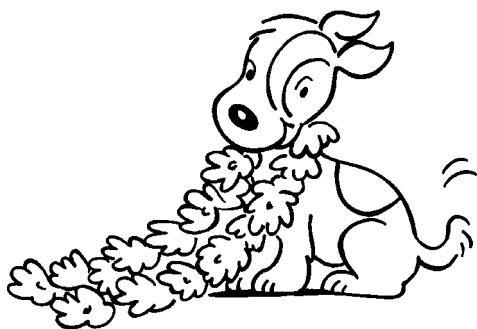


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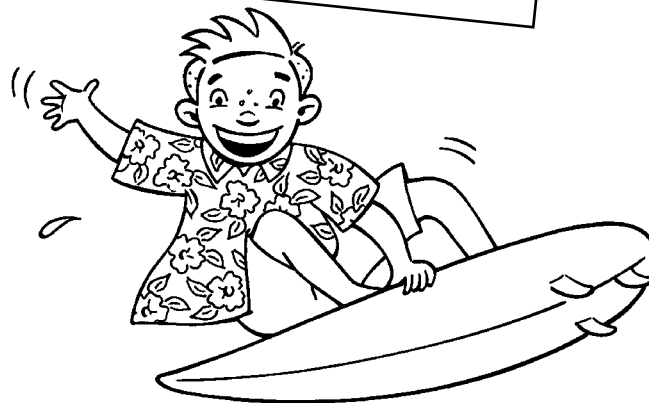
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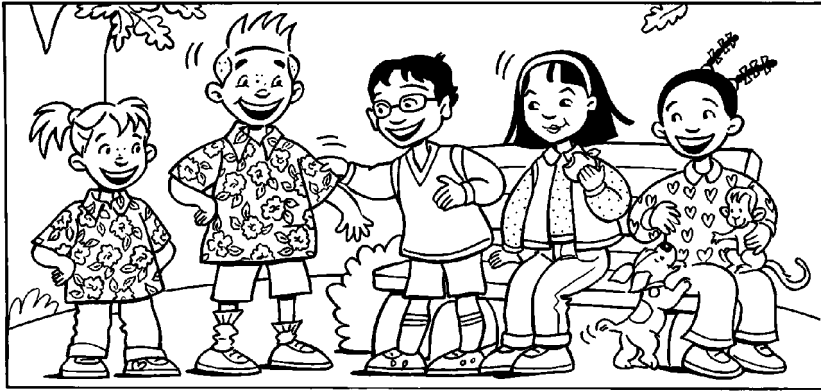
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Tommy Goes to Hawaii



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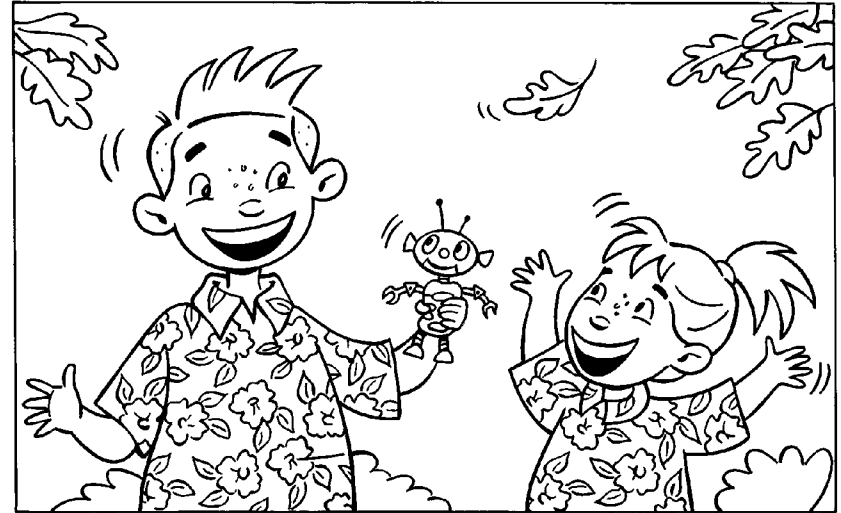
Tommy and his sister, Sam, ran to the park. They ran as fast as they could. They had something special to show their friends. Kim, Lucy, and Andy were sitting on the big blue bench in the park.

"Look what Grandma and Grandpa brought us from Hawaii," said Sam.

"They are real Hawaiian shirts," added Tommy.

"Cool," said Andy. "I wish I had a Hawaiian shirt."

"Why don't we ask RK-5 to take us to Hawaii," said Lucy. "Then we can all get Hawaiian shirts."



Tommy pulled RK-5 from the pocket of his new shirt.

"Can you take us to Hawaii?" asked Tommy.

"Of course I can take you to Hawaii," answered the little robot. "I can take you anywhere. I can even take you into the past and into the future," he added. "There are many Hawaiian islands. I need to know which one you want to visit."

"I don't know which island we should go to," said Tommy.

"Let's go to the biggest island," said Sam.

"The name of the largest island is also Hawaii. Same as the name of the island group," said RK-5. "The local people call it 'the Big Island'. I will take you there."

RK-5 told Tommy which numbers to press on his number pad. As soon as Tommy pressed the numbers, there was a flash of light and a cloud of blue smoke.

When the smoke cleared, the children were no longer at the park.



Tommy opened his eyes. He saw that they were in a beautiful forest.

"Which way shall we go?" asked Andy.

"I can hear waves coming from that direction," answered Tommy. "Let's go that way and find the ocean."

They walked through the forest. They saw many beautiful plants and flowers. They walked for 15 minutes and came to the end of the forest.

There was a sandy beach in front of them. But this beach was different. The sand was black.



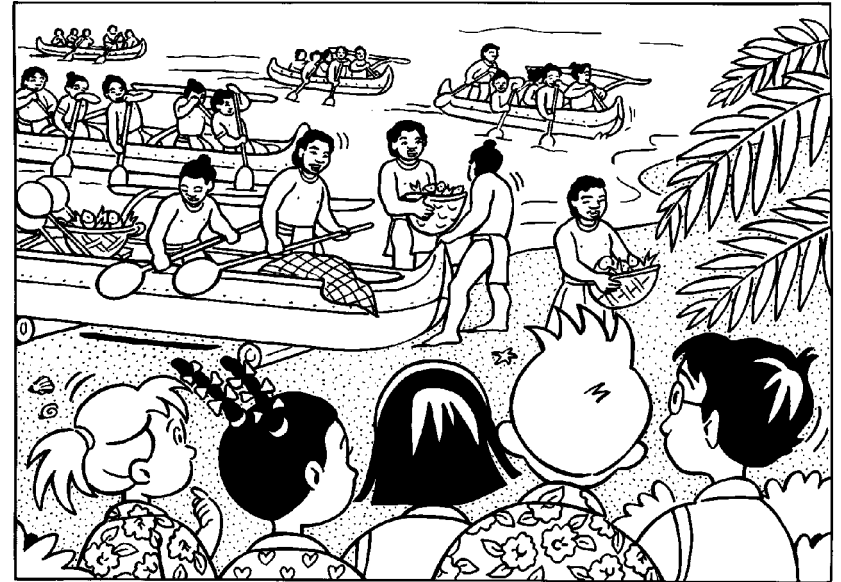
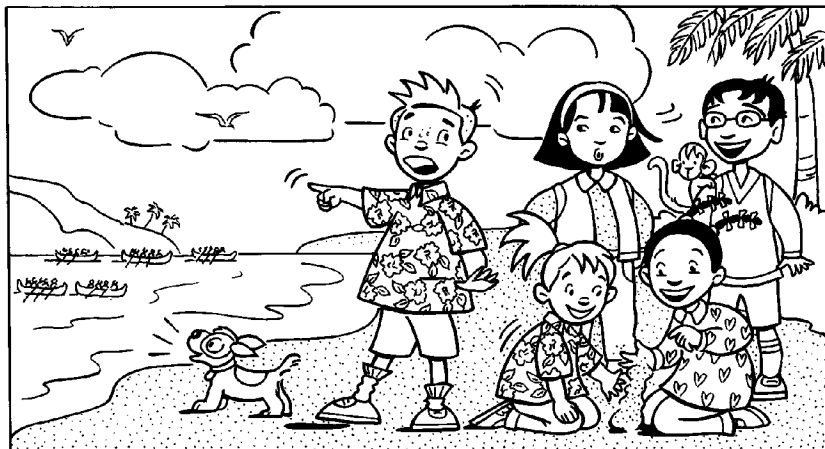
"I don't like this sand," complained Kim. "It looks dirty."

"It's not dirty. It's formed from volcanic rock," explained Lucy.

"What's volcanic rock?" asked Sam.

"Red hot lava comes out of a volcano. When the lava cools down, it turns into black rock. After thousands and thousands of years, the waves and rain break down the rocks. It eventually turns into black sand," explained Lucy.

"Forget the sand lessons. Look over there. We'd better hide," whispered Tommy.



Tommy had spotted five wooden canoes in the water. Each canoe had five people paddling. They were making their way to the shore.

"Oh no!" said Kim. "RK-5 has made a mistake. Look at the way the people in the canoes are dressed. RK-5 has taken us into the past."

The children looked from their hiding place. They saw the paddlers reach the shore. They pulled their canoes onto the beach. Suddenly they heard music.

Tommy and his friends saw drummers greeting the paddlers. Dozens of men and women were dancing on the beach. Children were singing.

“Why don’t you come and join us?” said a voice from behind them.

The startled children turned to see a little boy. He was about their age.

“What’s going on?” asked Tommy.

“It’s a special day today,” answered the boy.

“We are having a festival because the mountain is on fire.”



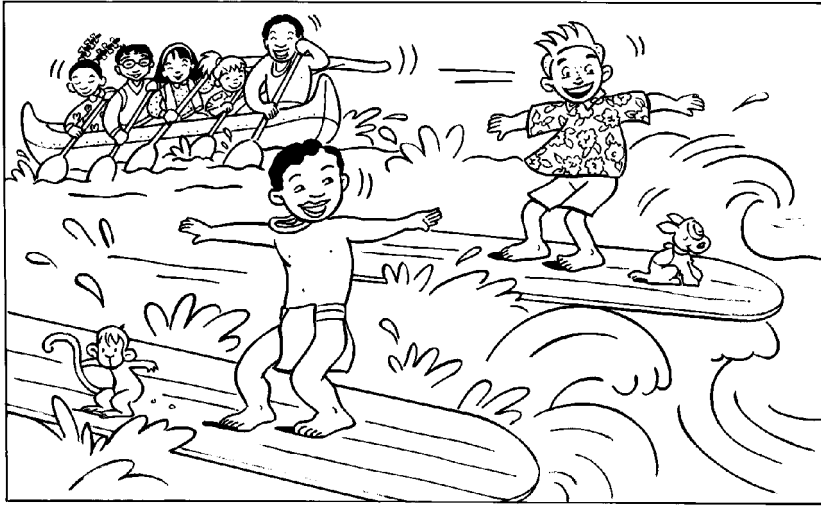
“He means the volcano is erupting,” said Lucy. “Look, there is lava coming from the volcano.”

The little boy said his name was Kahoku. He introduced the children to his friends and family. They were all very friendly.

Nobody wore a Hawaiian shirt. In fact, most of the men wore no shirts at all.

The children were invited to a grand feast. They ate barbecued meat and many things they had never tasted before.





After the meal, most of the adults slept beneath the shady palm trees. The children played in the waves.

Kahoku asked Tommy to go surfing with him. The surfboard looked like a shaped wooden plank. Tommy had never surfed before, but after a few tries he became quite good at it.

Kahoku taught Tommy how to do tricks on the surfboard. By the end of the day Tommy was an expert surfer.

While Tommy was surfing, his friends had learned how to paddle the canoes.

Tommy told Kahoku that he and his friends had to get back home. They all hugged and said goodbye.

When they were back in the forest, Tommy asked RK-5 to take them home.

“But we didn’t get our Hawaiian shirts,” complained Andy.

“Let’s ask RK-5 to take us to present day Hawaii before we go home,” suggested Lucy.

“No problem. I can do that,” said RK-5.





Tommy pressed in the numbers on RK-5's number pad. There was a flash of light and a cloud of blue smoke. When the smoke cleared, the children were in the same place.

They looked out on the beach. There was still a festival going on. This time everybody was dressed in modern bathing suits. Many people wore Hawaiian shirts.

They walked out onto the beach and joined the crowds.

"Look, Tommy, that sign says 'Surfing contest'. You should enter," said Andy.

"There's a canoe race, too," Tommy pointed out. "I'll enter the surfing contest if you four enter the canoe race."

They all agreed. Tommy's contest started just after the canoe race began. His friends were doing well when he had to go surf. Tommy had three tries. On the first try, he found the surfing quite easy. He was used to Kahoku's old, big plank surfboards. After those, the modern ones seemed easy.



Tommy was in third place after his first wave. He did even better on his second attempt. He moved up to second place.

Tommy knew he had to do something special on his last try. He decided to do one of the tricks Kahoku had taught him. He did a handstand on the surfboard as he surfed a huge wave.

The crowd couldn't believe it. The judges declared Tommy the winner of the surfing contest. Two big surfers carried Tommy on their shoulders.

Tommy's friends were already in the winners' area. They had won the canoe race.



Everyone was very happy. They were even happier when they were awarded their prizes. They each won a brand new Hawaiian shirt and were given a celebration dinner.

After shave ice for dessert, Tommy told everyone that he and his friends had to leave.

Everyone cheered and waved as Tommy and his friends made their way to the forest.

Within seconds, RK-5 had taken them all back to the park. They were all proudly wearing their new Hawaiian shirts.

