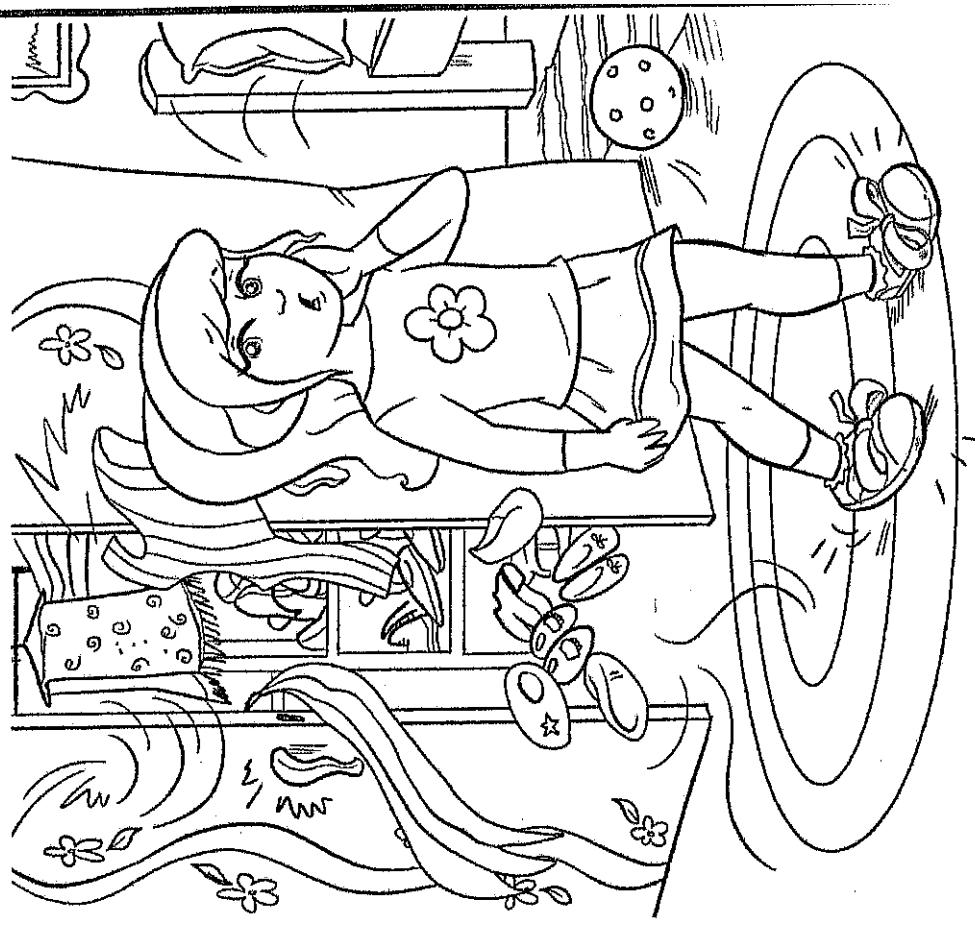


The Showoff Shoes



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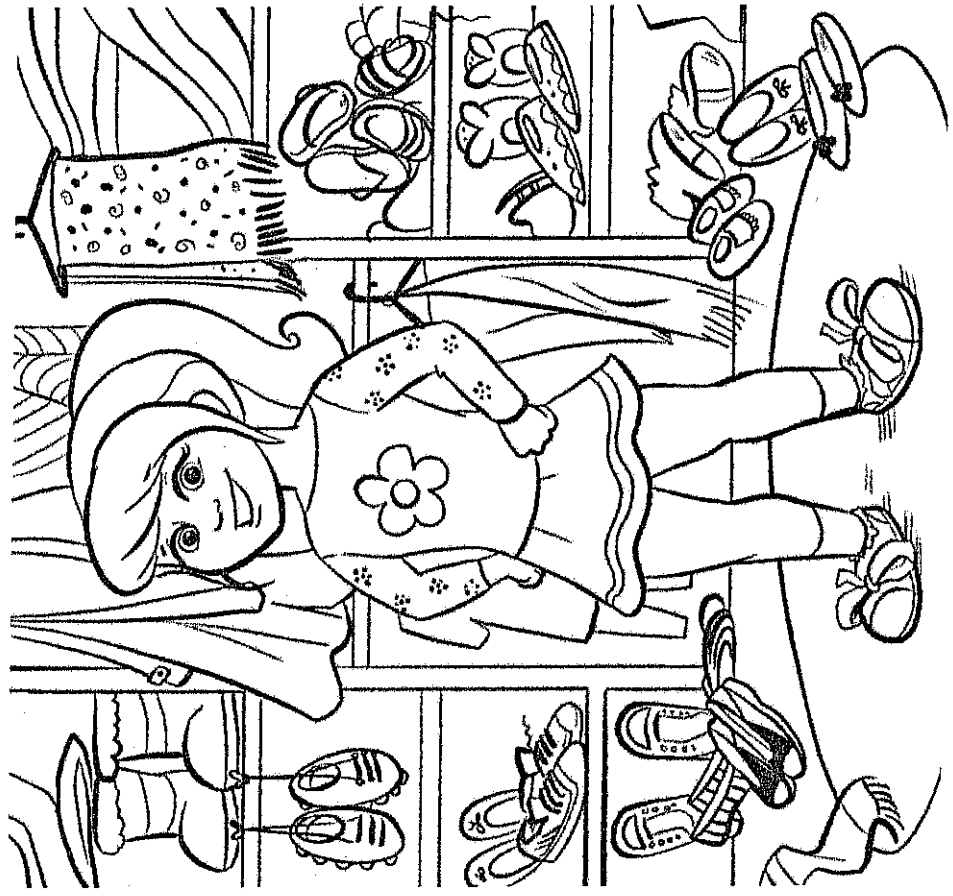
I turned to the girl and said, "Here, let's trade. I will take your shoes and you can have mine. Besides, I think they would look better on you!"

I didn't need showoff shoes anyway, but I could always use a new friend. ♣

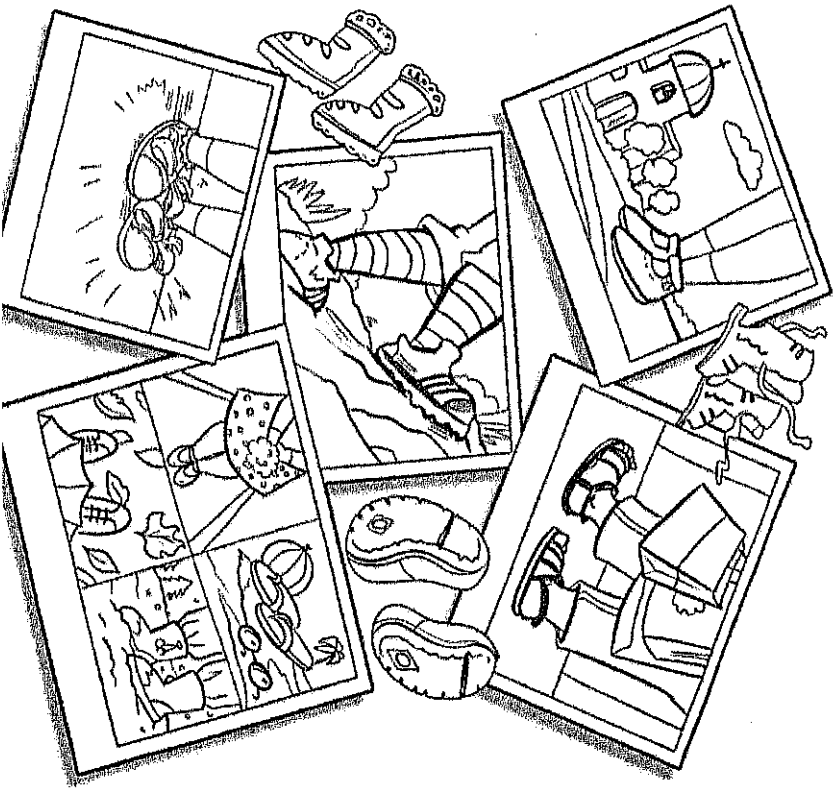


“Oh my,” I thought to myself. “These silly old shoes aren’t worth anything to me if there are other little girls who have so much less.” Right then and there, I sat down on the floor and untied my shoelaces.

My name is Sandy Smith. I am smart. I am silly. And sometimes I am sassy. But my favorite thing about myself is my shoes. I have lots and lots of shoes.

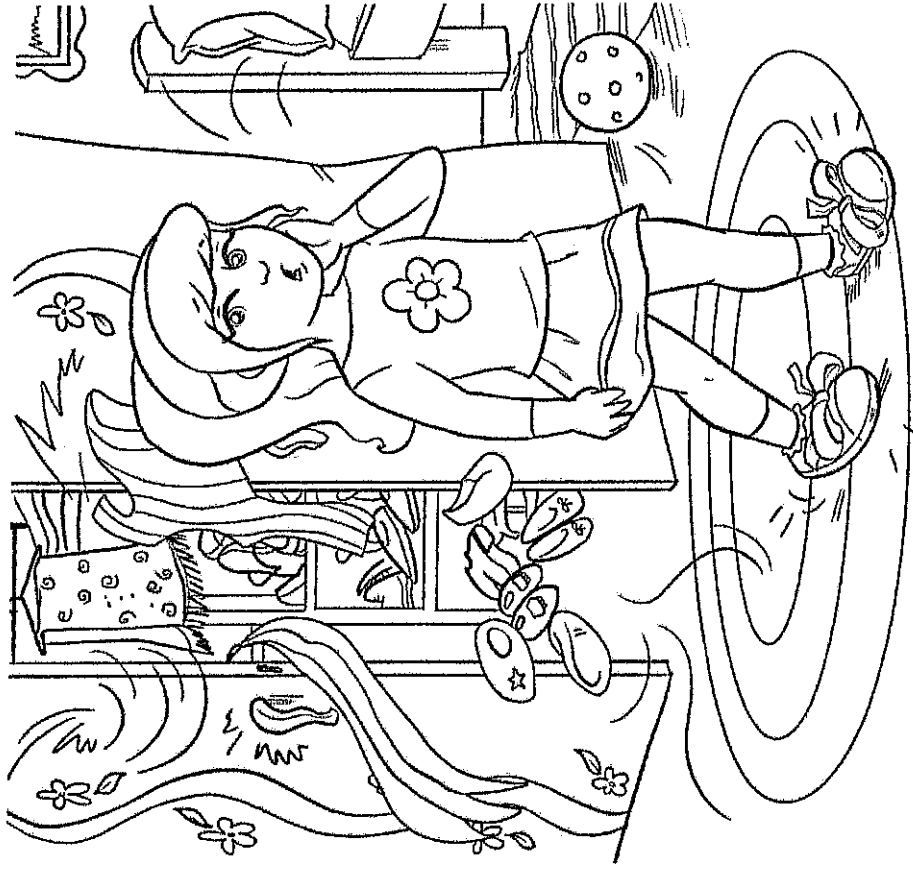
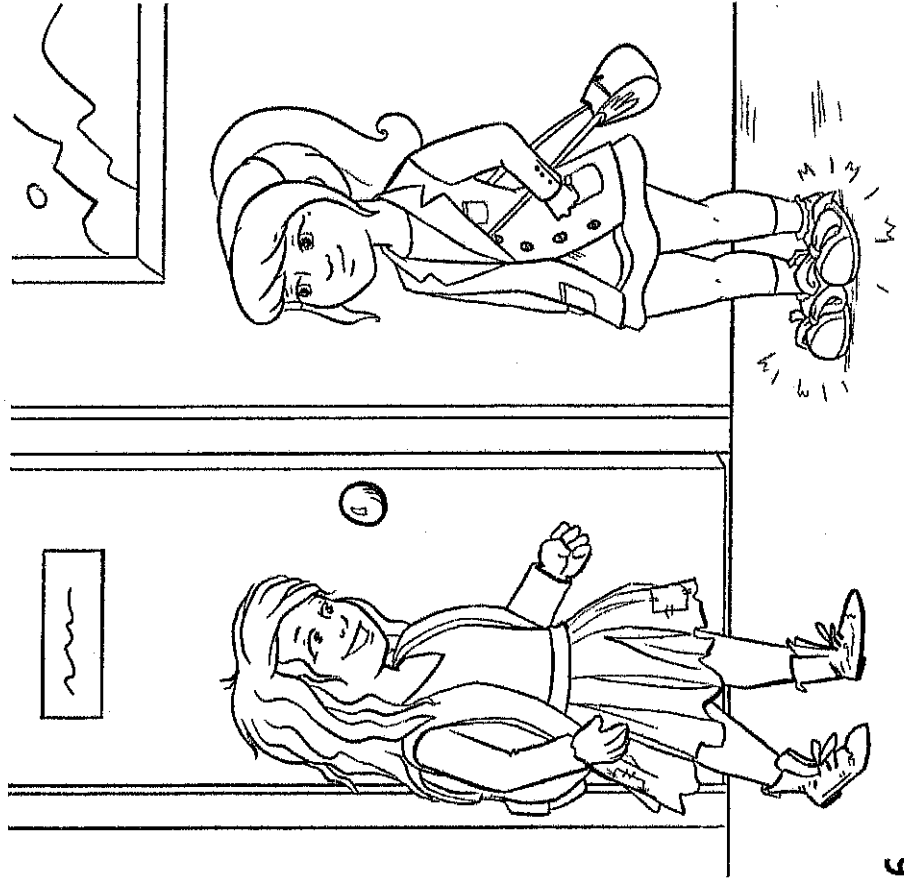


I have shoes for playing at the park and shoes for going to **School**. I have shoes for shopping and shoes for hiking. I have shoes for winter, spring, summer, and fall. I have open toe shoes, shoes with straps, shoes with ties and Velcro shoes.

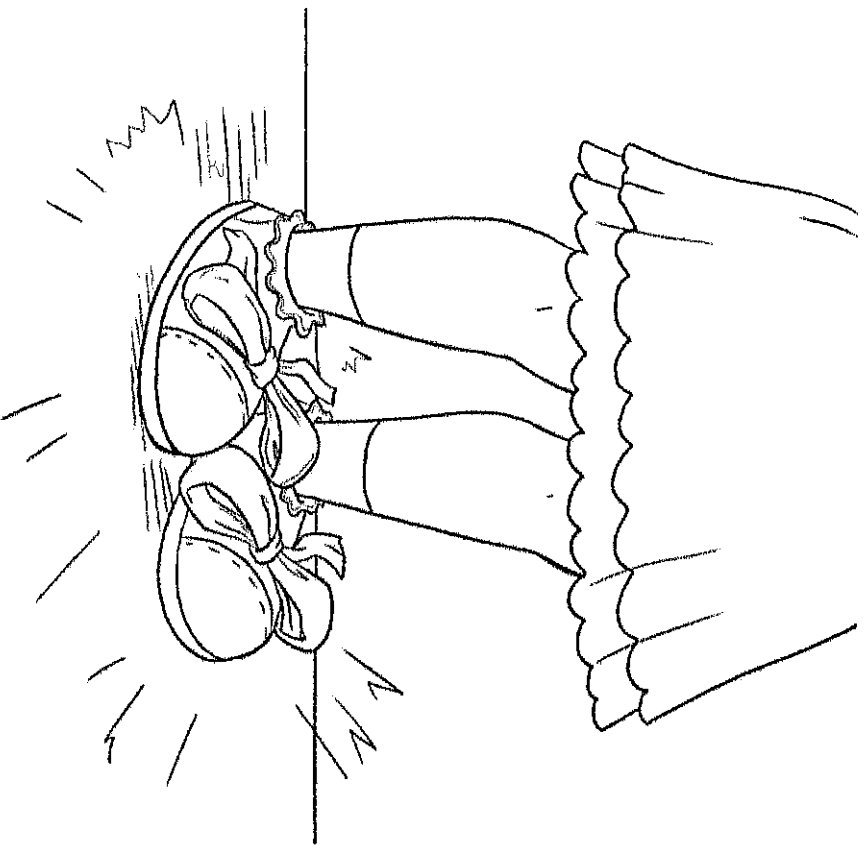


“Those are just beautiful shoes,” she said to me. She did not sound jealous. She sounded like she was happy that someone in the world would own such a thing of beauty.

On my way, I passed a new girl who was wearing a **tattered** dress and shoes without socks. Her hair looked stringy and her eyes looked very sad. She looked at me swagging down that hall and she looked down at my **boastful** shoes.



I have so many pairs of shoes they don't all fit in my closet. When I put them in there and try to close the door it pops right open and shoes go flying everywhere!



I also have a *favorite* pair of shoes. They are all the colors of the rainbow. They have sparkles and bows and they light up when I walk. I like to call them my showoff shoes. I definitely feel like a showoff when I wear them!

One day I was walking down the hall at school to get a drink of water. I was feeling especially proud because I had on my showoff shoes. They were blinking and sparkling and just looking great. I was thinking about how everyone was watching me in my shoes. I was feeling really proud!

