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Language development focuses on the many helpers we have, both in Heaven and on earth. Angels, saints, priests, sisters, brothers all help God, as can families and children.

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WELCOME

to

SETON HOME STUDY SCHOOL'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM!



May you refresh your own wonder and curiosity as you work and play with your young child. Not only will this be a year to reflect and teach each of the topics in the eight units, it will be a time to introduce concepts and to expose your child to vocabulary, the notion of letters and sounds, many sensory activities as precursors to handwriting, as well as print and book awareness in a developmentally appropriate way for a four year old.

Two key points:

- This book is activity based because preschoolers learn best by doing and playing.
- This book is a year of exposure, not mastery, of the alphabet or sounds.

Our goal is to help parents create a Catholic and child-friendly learning environment, as well as to provide guidance and materials with which to teach.



Preparing a Catholic home environment

Our Faith is precious, and our traditions are rich. Preschoolers do not understand the depths of the mysteries of our Faith; however, they absorb a tremendous amount by ardently observing what we as parents do. Even one-year-olds at the table will stop and watch intently as the family makes the Sign of the Cross and prays grace together. You will find simple, suggested activities throughout this book which are consciously designed to emphasize the Catholic faith in your home life.

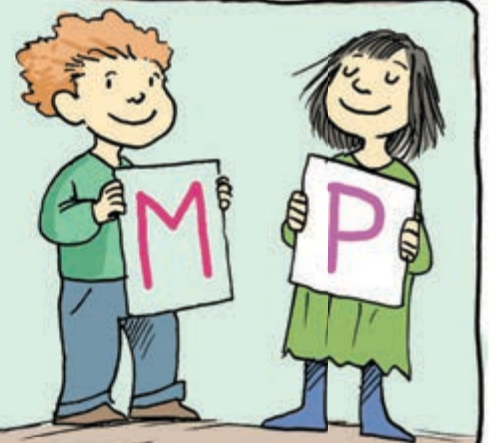
Preparing a child-friendly home environment

As parents, you began building a child-friendly environment before your child was born. You made your home and car safe for an infant with a crib and a car seat. As he became more mobile, you may have added outlet covers, gates, and a highchair. As he learned to crawl and walk, padding the sharp corners, putting cleaning materials out of reach, and keeping the bathroom door closed became routine matters.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE

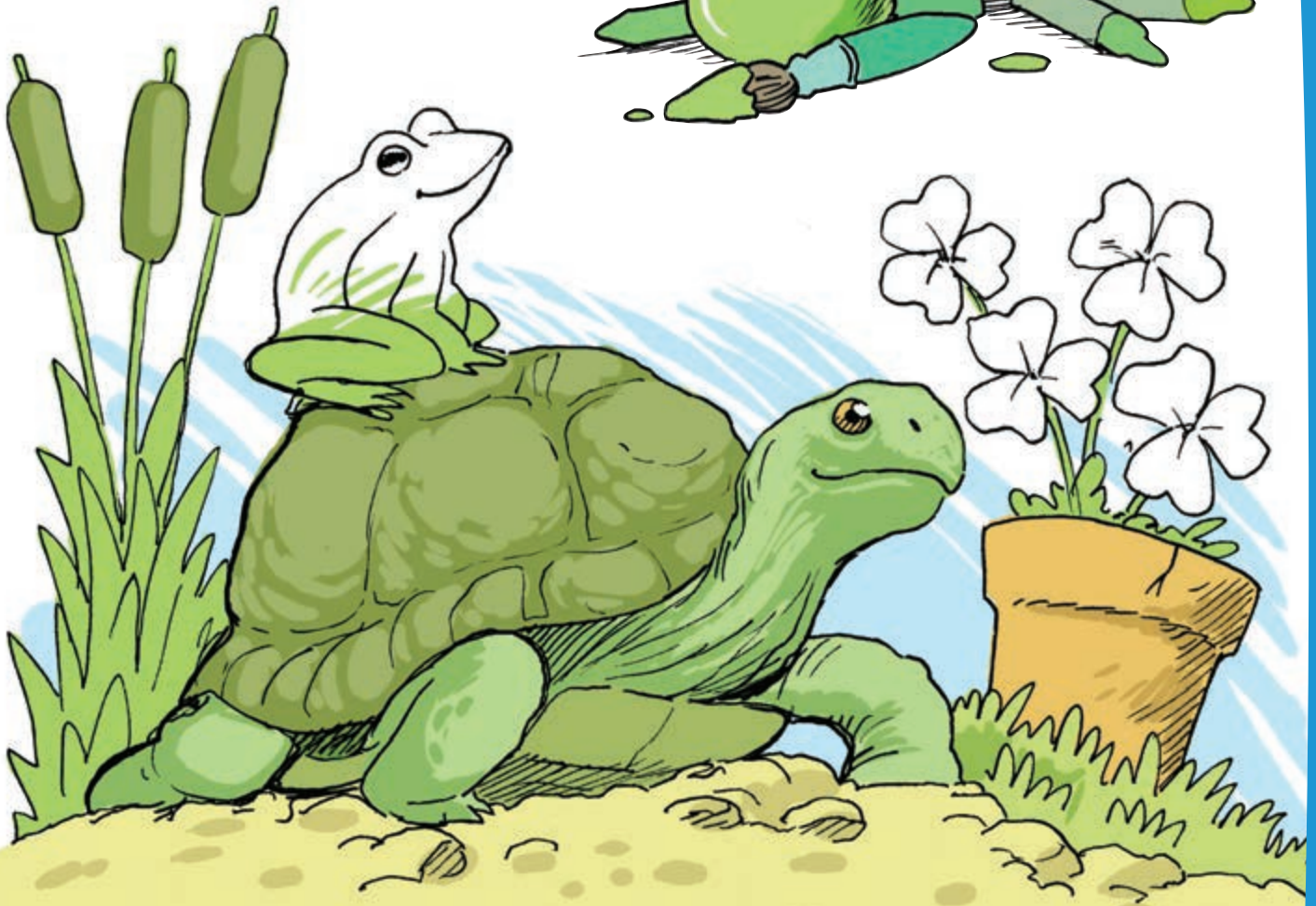
Why are the letters not introduced in ABC order?

The letters are not introduced in alphabetical order, but rather based on the ease of the strokes required to make them. The activity book itself begins with pages where your child can scribble, and can trace simple vertical, horizontal, and circular lines.



I SEE GREEN

Color with green.



TRY THIS:

Let your child help you to tear up lettuce for a salad this week. Tearing paper (or lettuce) helps preschoolers develop the small muscles of the hand, which they will need for handwriting.



HEAVENLY WRITING

1. Stand next to your child.



2. Place your left hand on your right shoulder.



3. Draw a big letter in the air. Use your whole right arm.



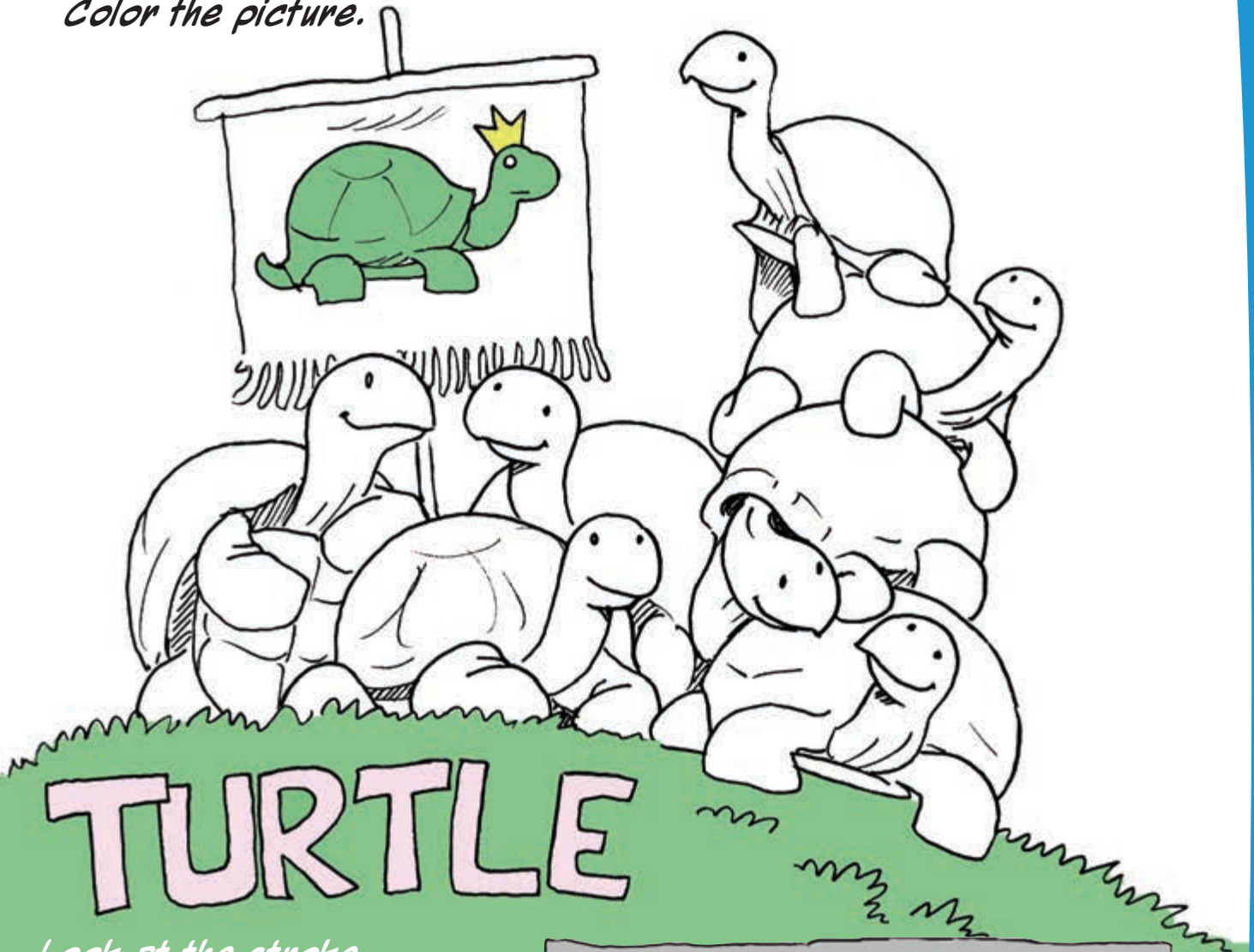
4. Child copies three times.



Note: IF your child is left-handed, have her place her right hand on her left shoulder, and move her left arm to write the letter.

A TIME FOR TURTLES

Color the picture.



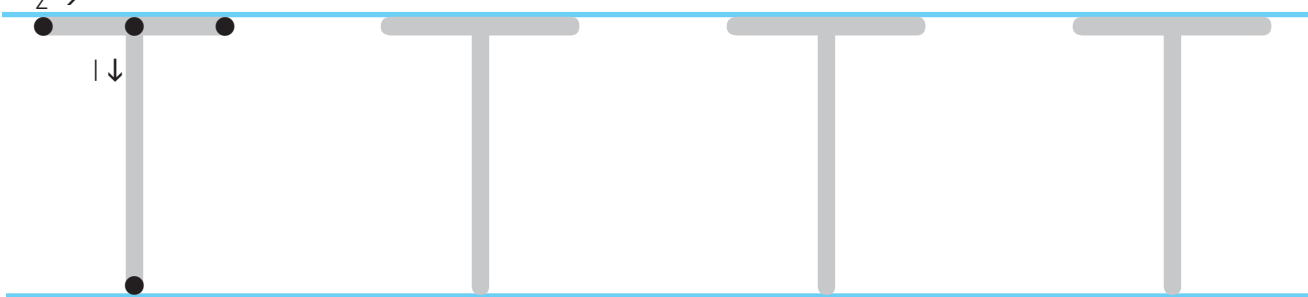
Look at the stroke sequence for the letter T. Before your child attempts this page, he should practice making Ts in the air with Heavenly Writing.



Giving small (3" or less) pieces of crayon or chalk to use will encourage the three fingers to use the tripod grasp.

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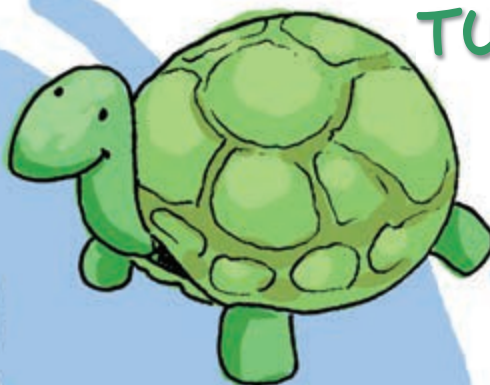


T I CAN SAY "T"

Circle the Ts and color the tiger.



TIGER



TURTLE

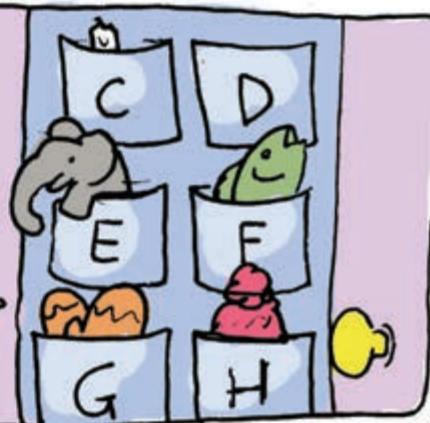


TUBA

Refer to the pronunciation guide in the FAQ in the back of the workbook. Introduce the sound by saying it clearly, and close to your child, so he can see your mouth. "This letter says /t/." Emphasize that tiger, turtle, and tuba all start with the /t/ sound.

TRY THIS:

Purchase a clear, plastic over-the-door shoe holder with 24 pockets. Print one upper case letter on each pocket with a permanent marker. Pair W and X, Y and Z. With your child, collect items which begin with each sound as it is introduced and place in the pocket.



THERE'S a TIGER

Name all the things that start with /t/. Color the picture.

IN MY TUB!



MY ALPHABET BOOK

During the year, in a 3 ring binder, start a sheet for each new letter. Your child may trace the letter. Have her glue pictures of items which begin with that letter to put on the opposite page. Remember to print the word under the picture as she watches.



Tip: This is a great place to reinforce Catholic imagery. Start with T-Tabernacle.

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A TIGER and a TURTLE TOO!

Circle all the Ts and color the turtle.

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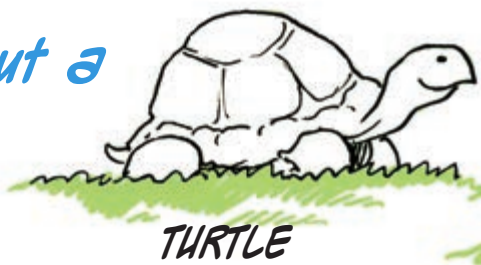
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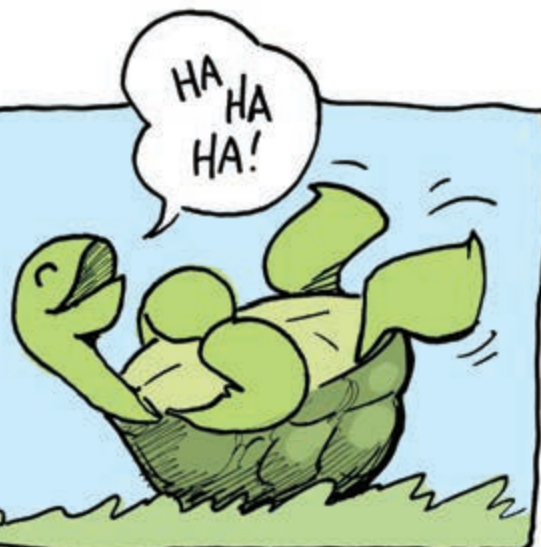


TENT.

A Rebus Story uses pictures to tell a story. Help your child "read" the rebus pictures as you read the sentences and point with your finger, left to right. Listen for the /t/ words.

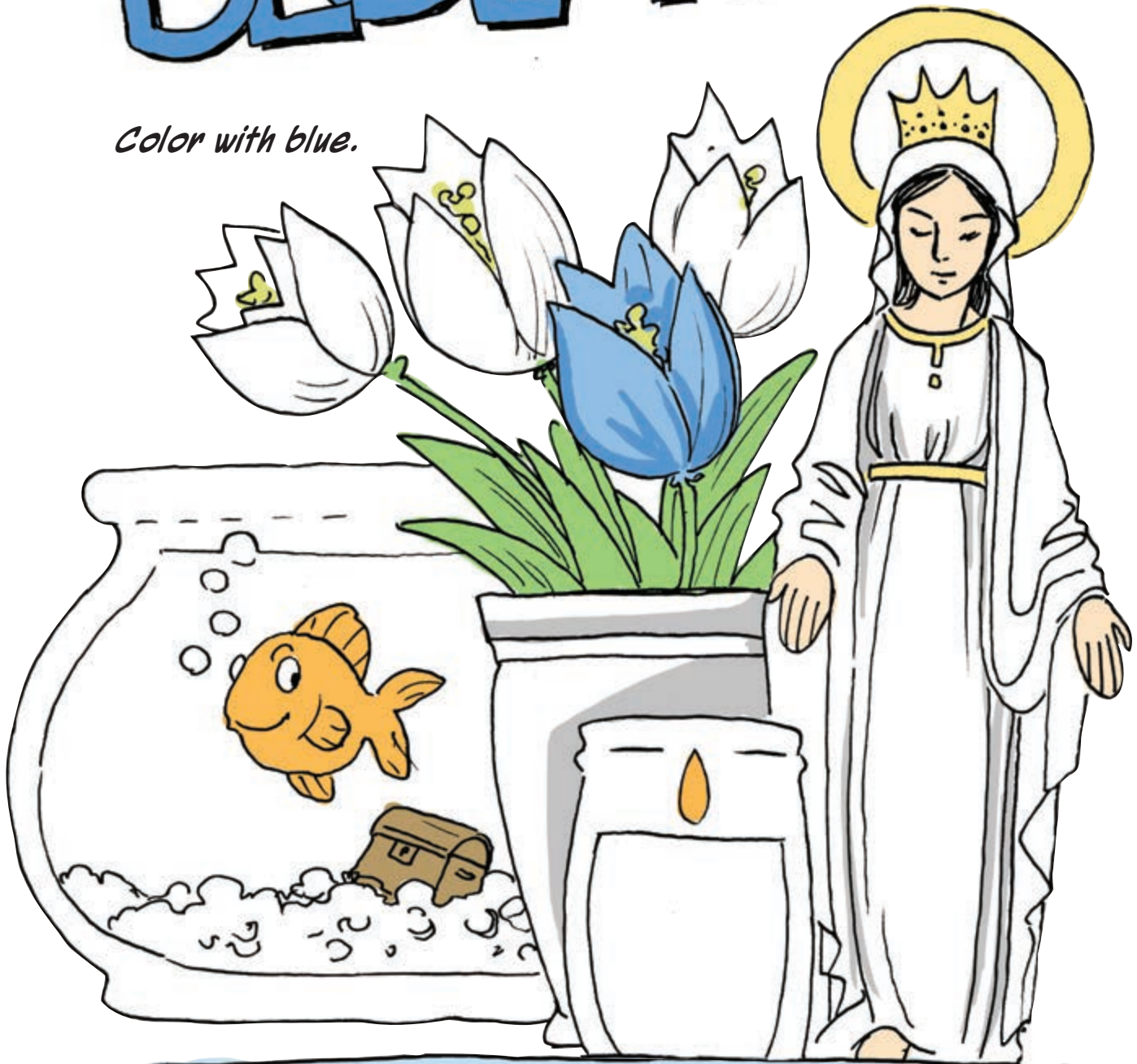
THAT'S SILLY!

Gather several items or pictures that begin with /t/. Take turns making silly sentences using the objects.



BLUE TOO!

Color with blue.



Playing with Legos, Tinker Toys, or other small manipulative toys will help develop the muscles to use a tripod grasp.

A Year of Activity-Based Learning

This will be a year to reflect and teach as you introduce your child to concepts, vocabulary, the notion of letters and sounds, sensory activities as the precursors to handwriting, and print and book awareness.

May you refresh your own wonder and curiosity as you work and play educating your precious young child. This activity book has been designed to attract your child with its colorful and playful illustrations, presented in a way that is developmentally and age appropriate.

