Positive Parenting during the COVID-19 Pandemic with your Children

Here are some ways that you can support your kids during these difficult times.

Just R E M E M B E R!

Reassure them:	Stick to the facts and let them know that you will keep them safe and be there for them.
	Fortunately, available information at this time suggests that children have milder illness if they contract the disease and fatalities are rare.
Empower them:	They have an opportunity to learn values of caring for others and thinking about their community.
	Guide them through the "I Am Corona" booklet and help them understand about the virus. Then, have them write gratitude (thank you) notes to e.g. our front line healthcare workers and leaders (can be sent later) and let them make calls to family to check in on them in this difficult time.
Maintain your own calm:	Self-care is important for managing your own stress and subsequently theirs.
	Take your own pulse first and stay calm! Children will imitate what you do not what you say.
Engage them:	Make lemonade out of lemons.
	Take this as an opportunity to spend time with your family <u>at home!</u> Keep kids busy, play board games, watch movies or cook meals together, maybe some arts and crafts as well do some indoor stretches to stay active.

Manage their emotions:

Give them the opportunity to ask questions, discuss their feelings about the pandemic and how it affects them.

This is even more important as they are isolated from their friends and usual routines due to school closures. You do not need to always have an answer but being there to listen can go a long way. This may also be an opportunity to teach them relaxation techniques like deep breathing and medication. You can also refer to the booklet "I Am Corona" for related worksheets.

Beware:

Filter and limit.

Media exposure can be overwhelming for children and may not always have accurate information. Parents can regulate kids from spending excessive time on social media or internet regarding the virus.

Educate them:



This could be an opportunity to educate them about good habits like hand washing and covering one's cough.

Maybe an opportunity to interest them in science or helping careers like "how amazing it would be for a scientist to discovery a vaccine for this illness?". "What an amazing job nurses are doing caring for the ill?" "Can you imagine how important the work of cleaners is in keeping us all safe these days?".

Routines:





Try to practice as much normality as possible.

Carry on with things like family dinners, bedtime stories, home movie nights. Don't forget to also have them get some exercise at home and regularly hydrate. Get some fresh air in your home or backyard if you can!

Play Activities for Children during Quarantine and Movement Control Order

Online Resources:

- BrainPop
- Curiosity Stream
 - Tynker
 - Outschool
 - Udemy
 - iReady
- Beast Academy (Math)
 - Khan Academy
 - Creative Bug
- Discovery Education

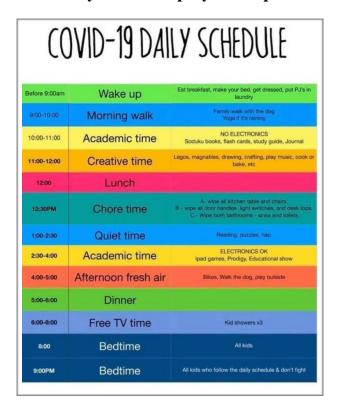
YouTube Channels:

- Crash Course Kids
- Science Channel
 - SciShow Kids
- National Geographic Kids
 - Free School
 - GEOgraphy Focus
 - TheBrainScoop
 - SciShow
 - Kids Learning Tube
 - Geeek Gurl Diaries
 - Mike Likes Science
 - Science Max

More free learning websites:

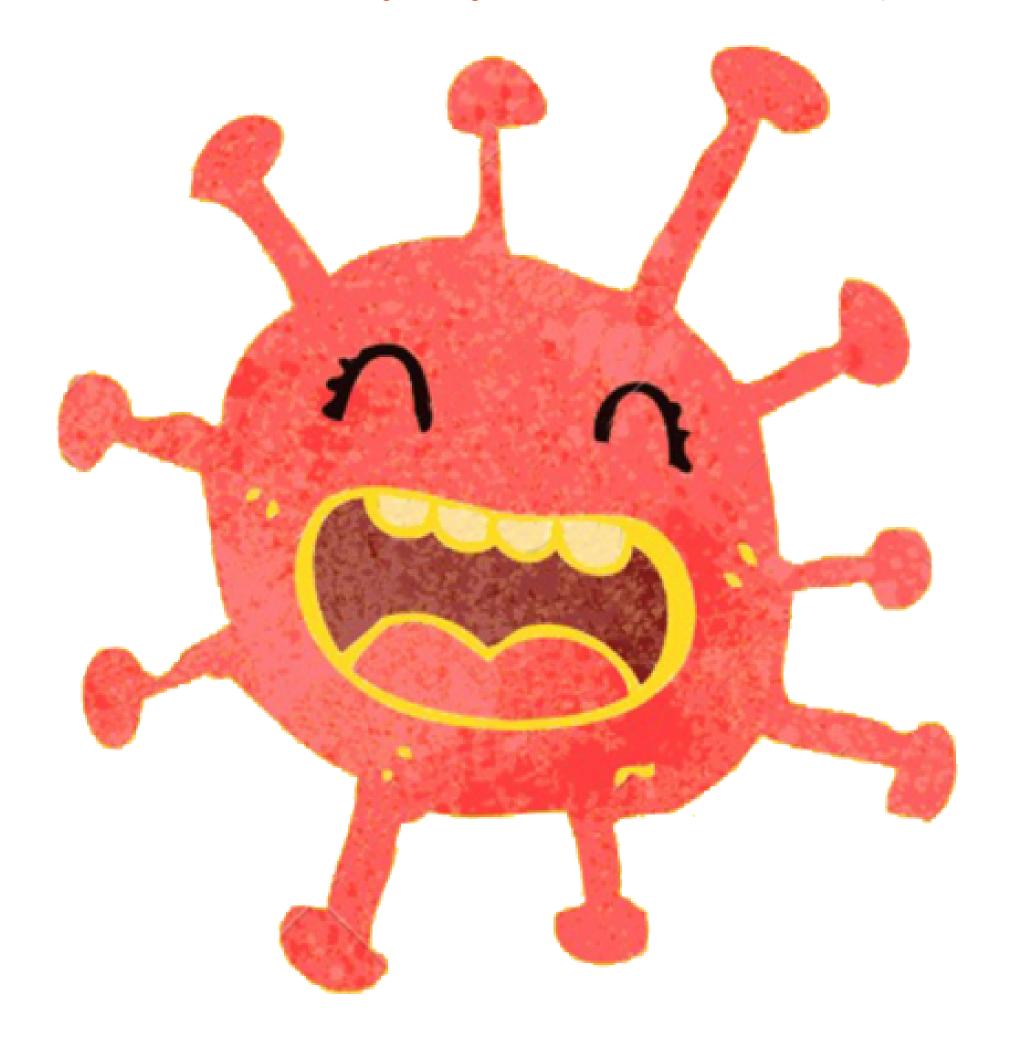
- https://www.abcya.com/
- https://www.funbrain.com/
- https://www.storylineonline.net/

Make a schedule for daily activities/play to keep the children occupied



And Remember to Stay Away from Crowded Places!

Jam a VIRUS, cousins with the Flu and the Common Cold



My name is Coronavirus

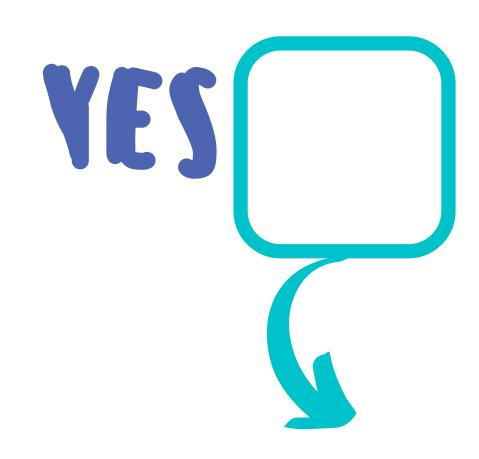
I love to travel...

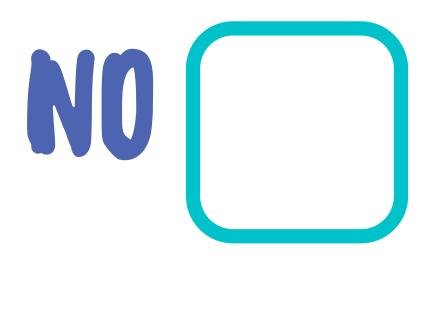


and to jump from hand to hand to say Hi



Have you heard about me?

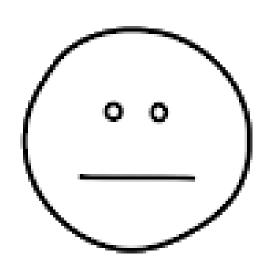




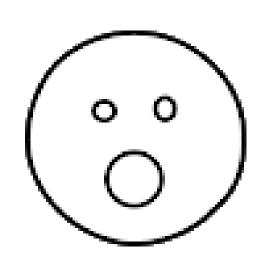
And how do you feel when you hear my name?



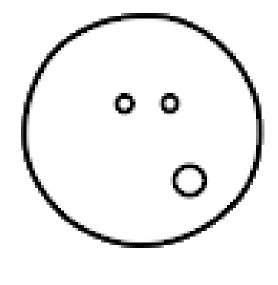
Relaxed



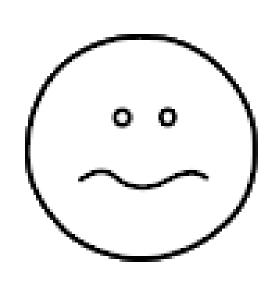
Confused



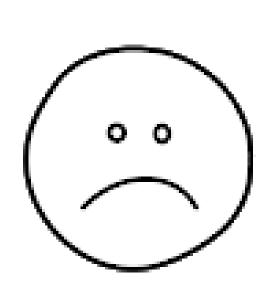
Worried



Curious

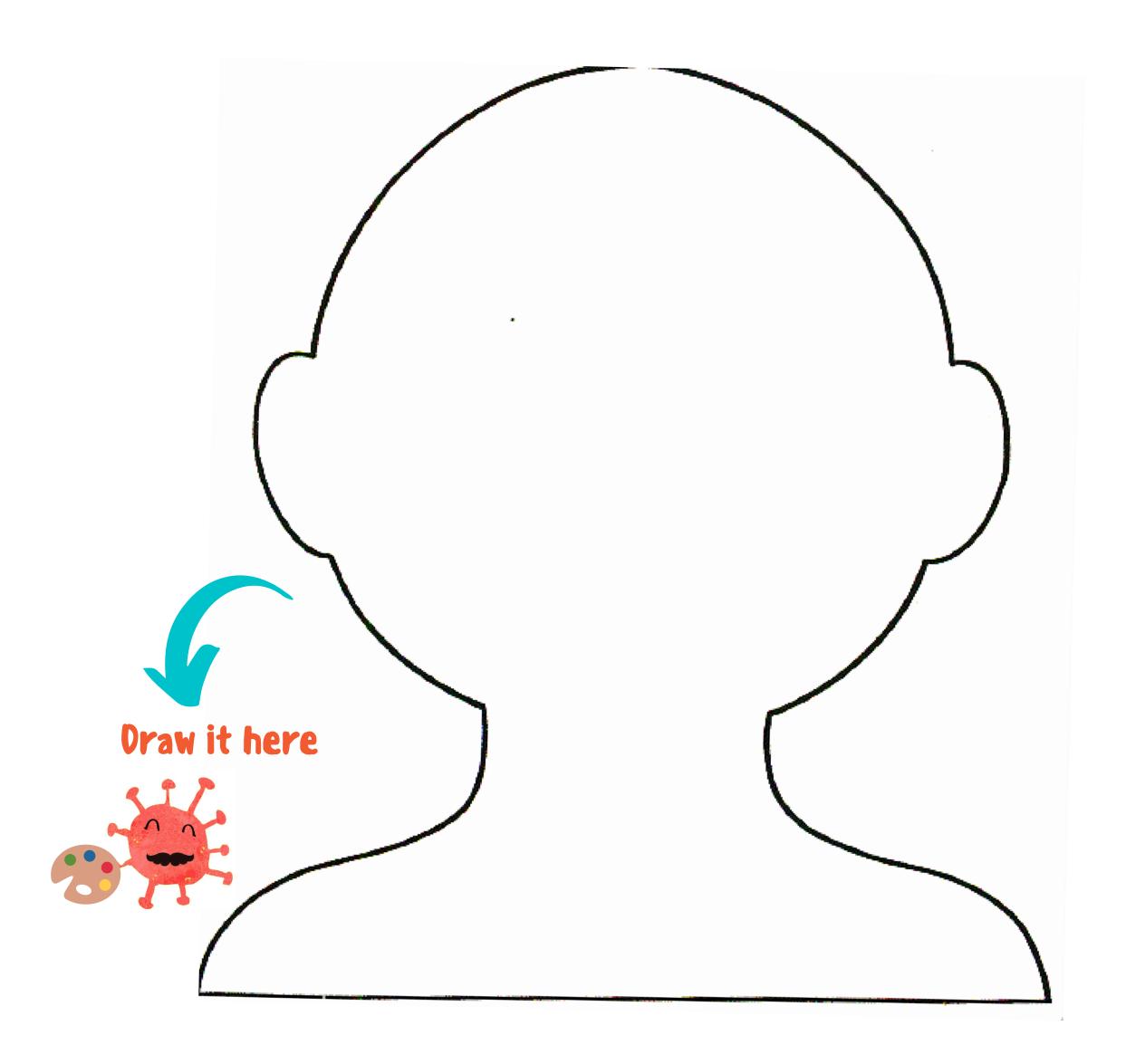


Nervous



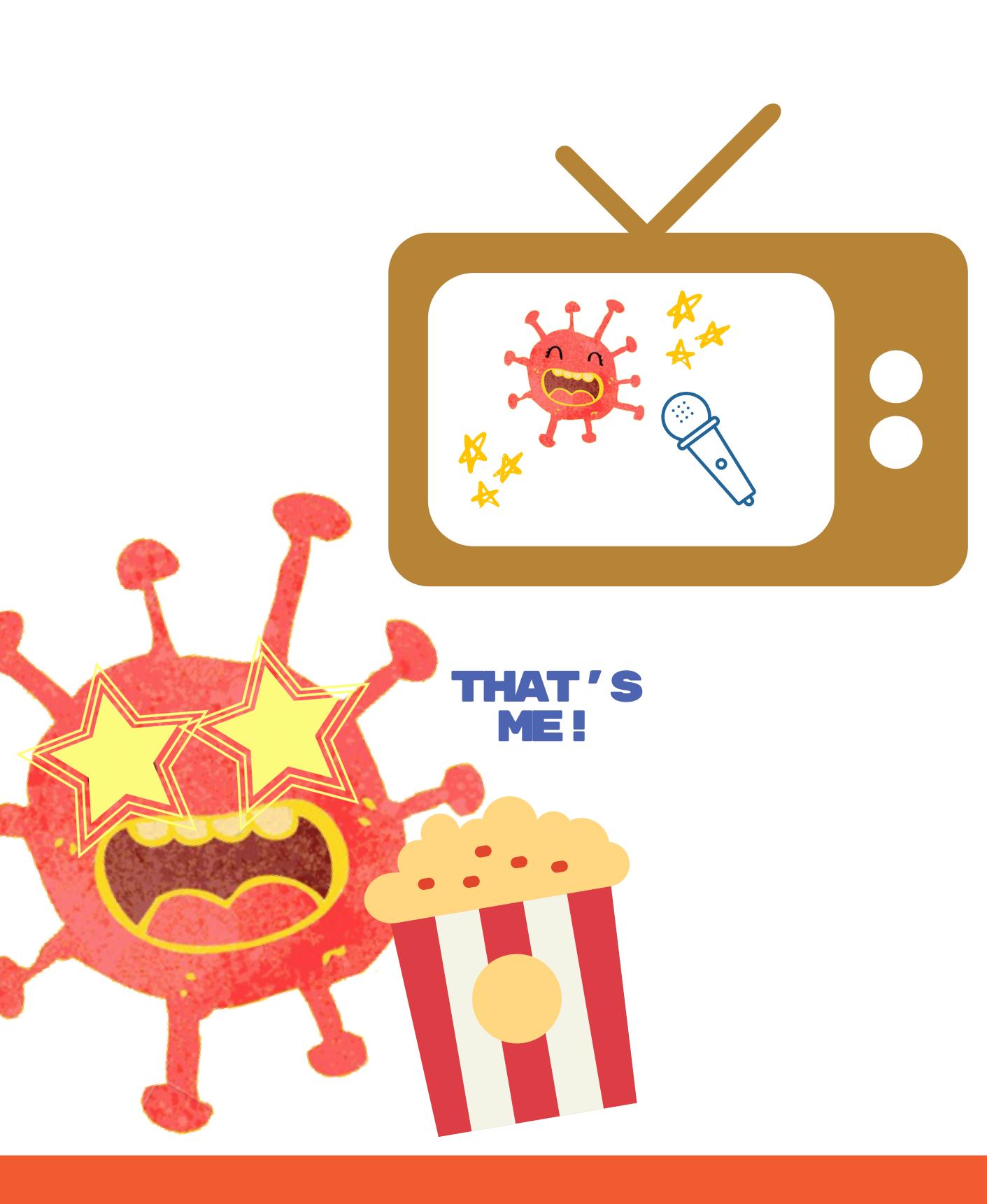
Sad

I can understand you feel...

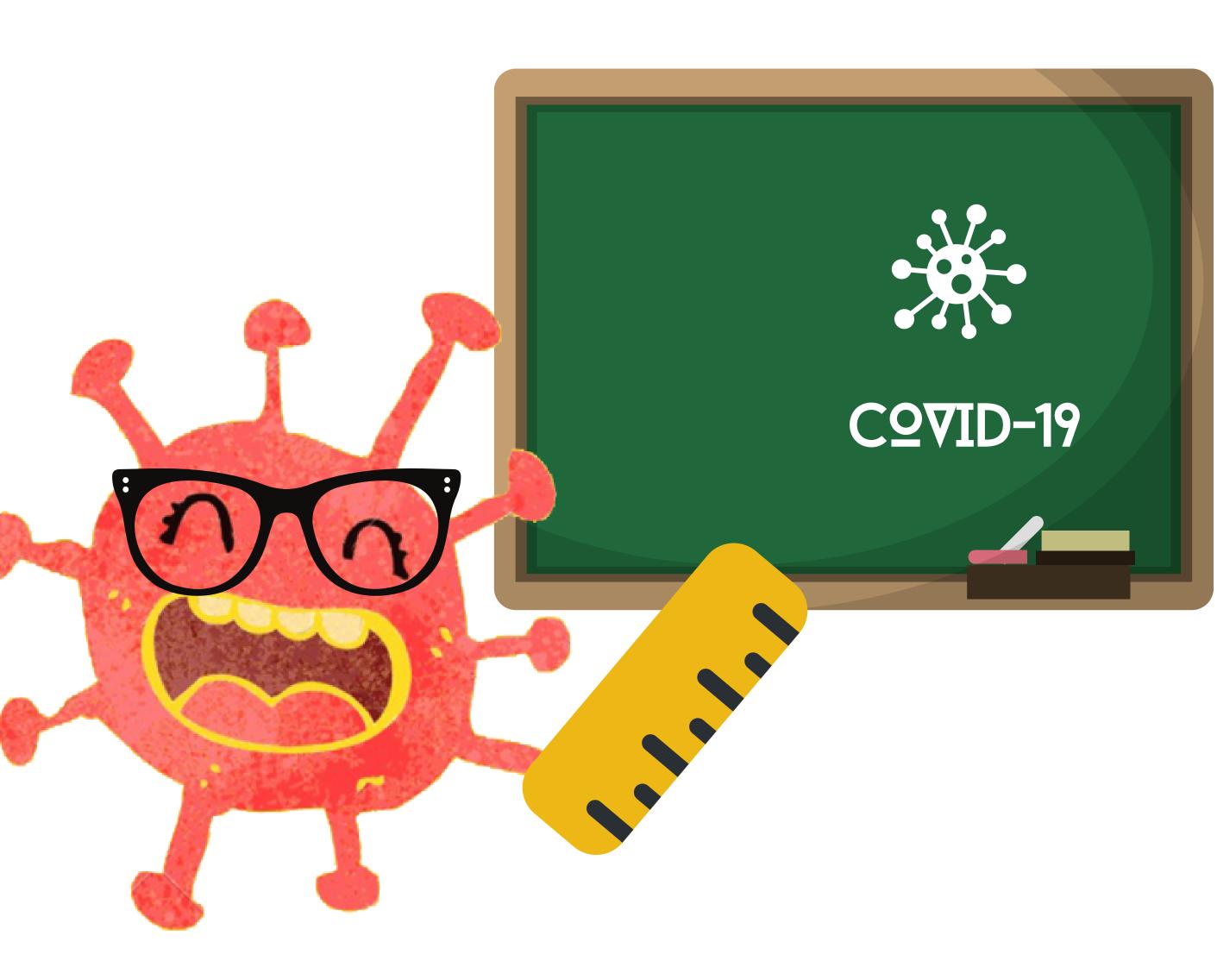


... I would feel the same way

Sometimes adults get worried when they read the news or see me on TV

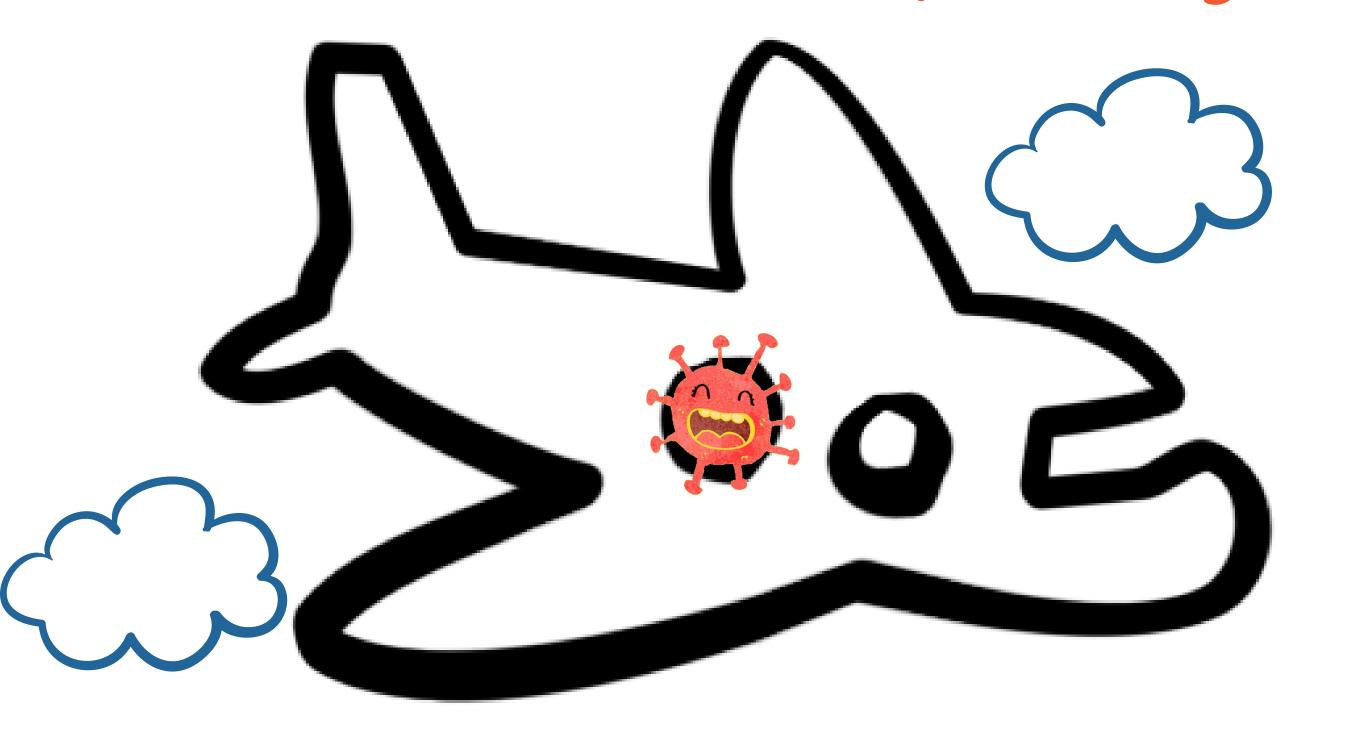


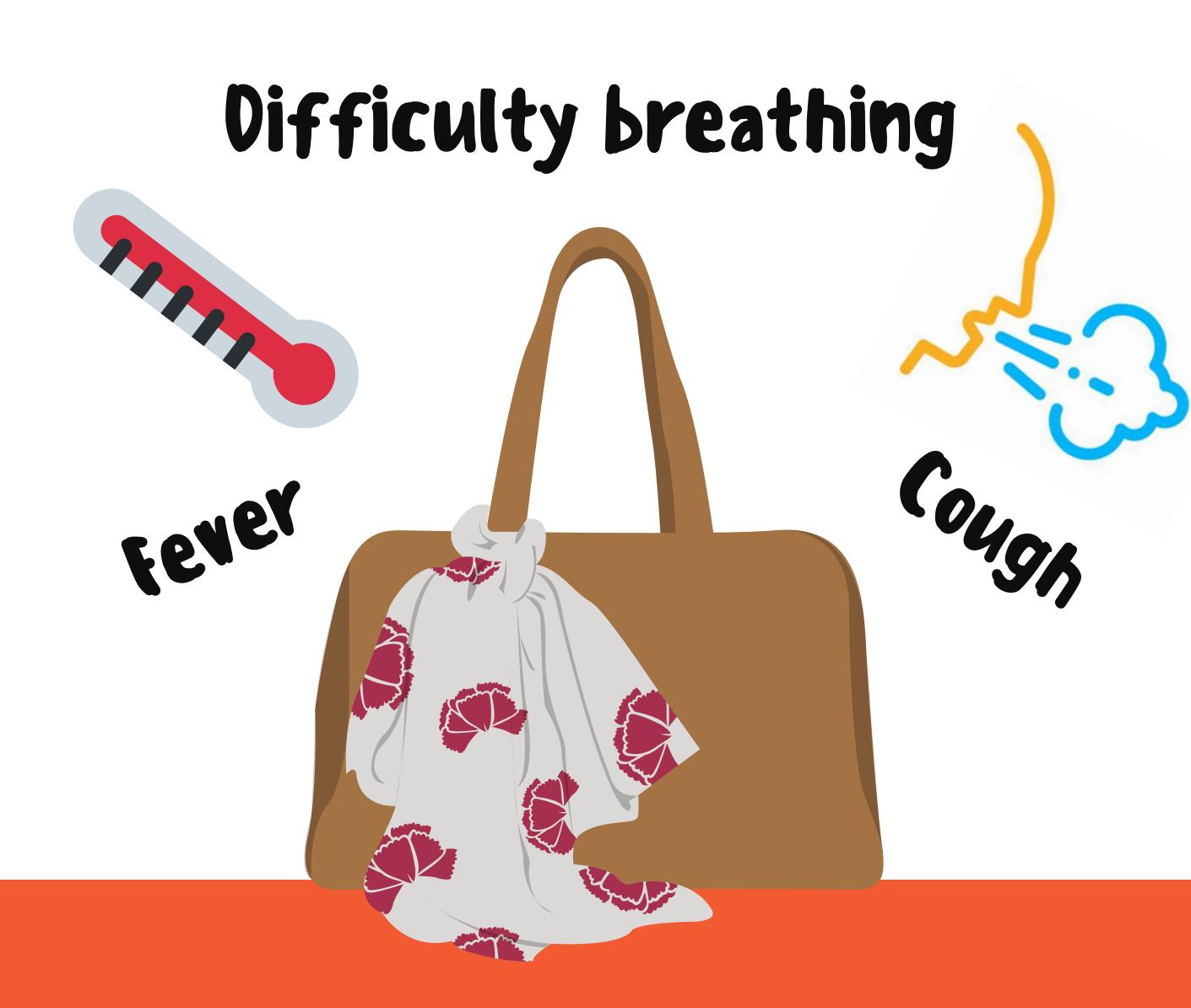
But I am going to explain myself...



So you can understand...

When I come to visit, I bring...





But I don't stay with people for long, and almost everyone gets better



Just like when you get a scrape on you knee and it heals



Dont you worry!

The adults who take care of you:

will keep you safe



And you can help...





By washing your hands with soap and water while singing a song



You can sign your favorite song, the happy birthday song, or the alphabet song





By using hand sanitizer and letting it dry on your hands



Without moving them count to 18

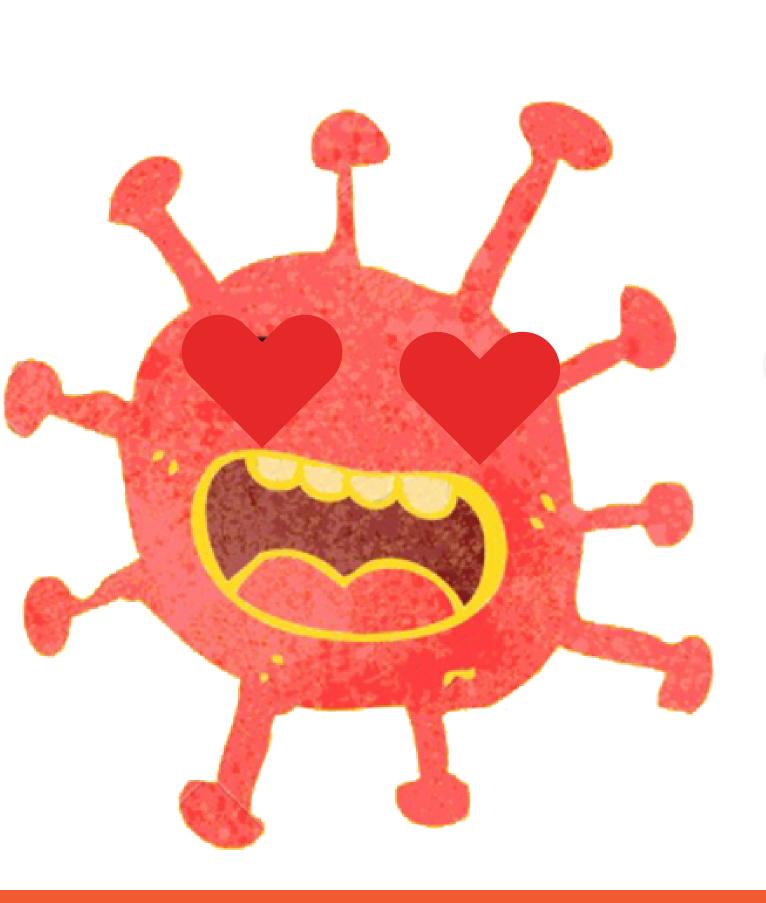
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Once your hands are dry you can get back to playing!!

If you do all that I will not come to visit

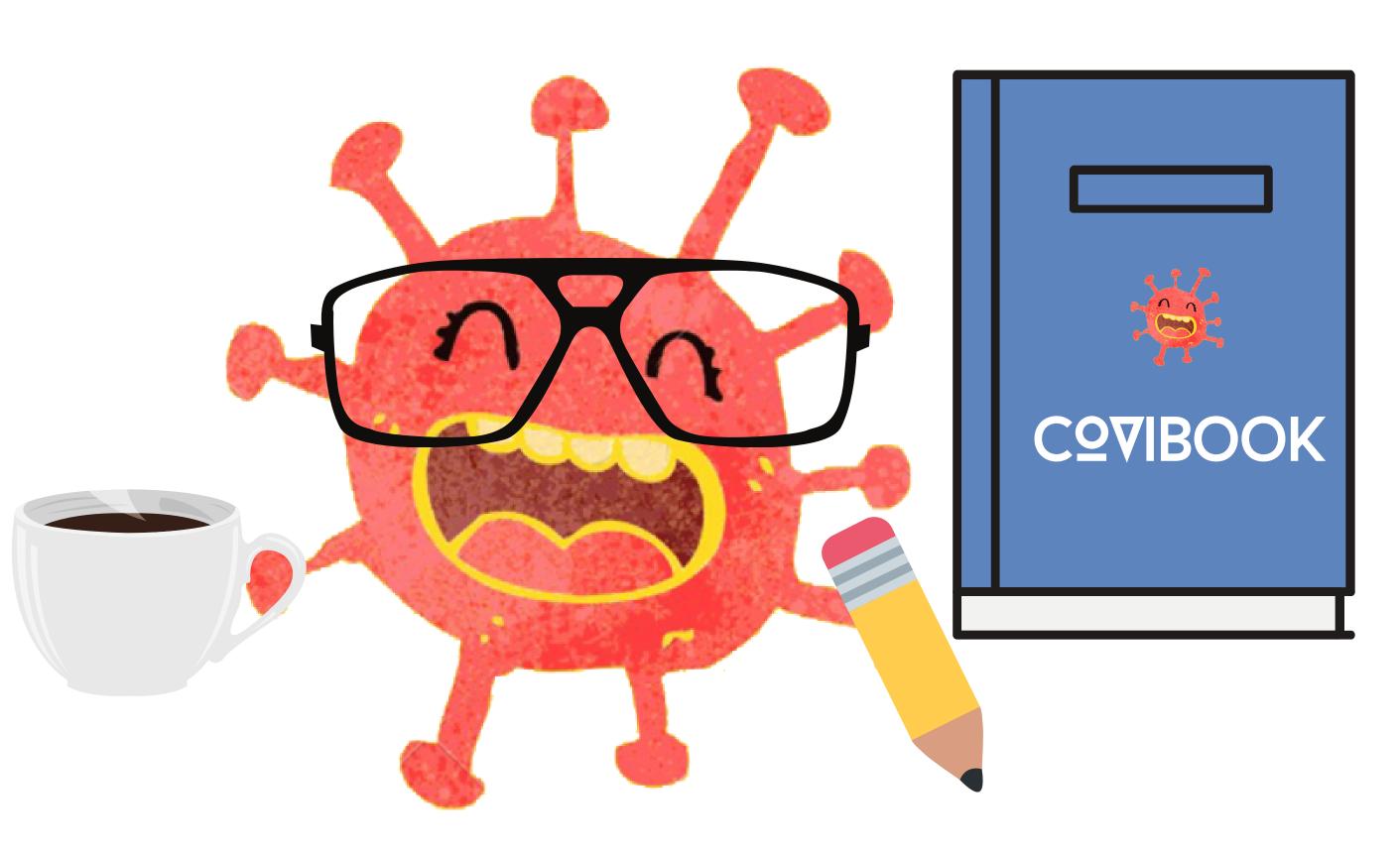


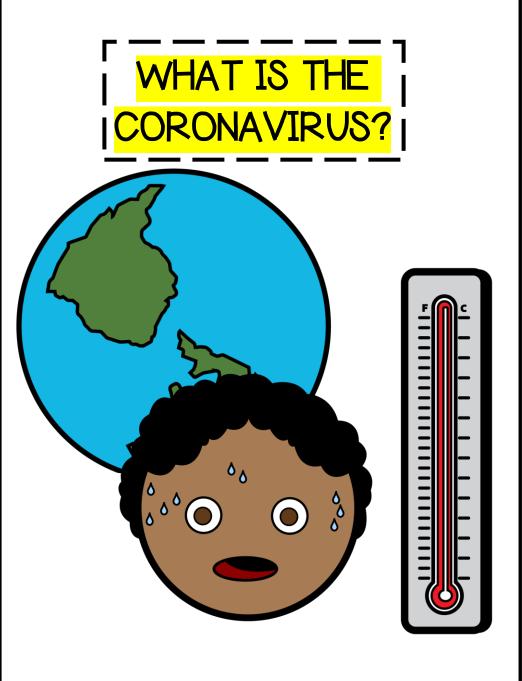
while the doctors work to find a vaccine that will allow me to say hi without getting you sick.



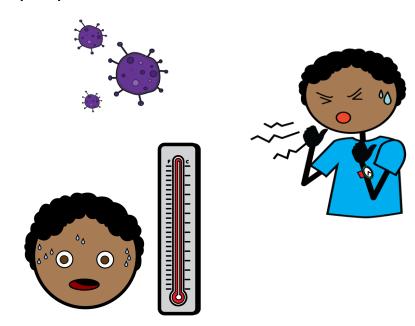


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The Coronavirus is a virus that can make people feel unwell.



The Coronavirus can also be called "COVID-19".

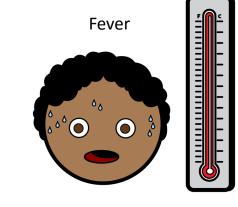
COVID-19 / CORONAVIRUS



People who have the Coronavirus may have:



Sore Throat/ Dry Cough







Most people who have the Coronavirus will stay at home to get better.

Some people who have the Coronavirus will go to the hospital to get better.

I can help stop the spread of germs by washing my hands with soap and water.

I can take my time when I wash my hands, making sure I wash between my fingers and all over my hands.

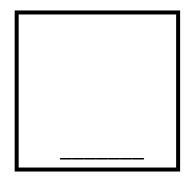
If I can't use soap I can use Hand Sanitizer.







There will be NO School for



School will reopen again.





I will stay at home while school is closed.





I know that I will be safe and I don't have to feel afraid.



I will complete school-work /homework while I am at home.

I will be safe and happy at home with my family.









I will not be able to go to my favourite places for now.

Once the Coronavirus is gone I will be able to go to my favourite places again.

For Parents/Caregivers

Please note that this document is not a diagnostic tool for the Coronavirus.

It is a social story and by its very nature provides limited specific information.

If you require additional factual information about the Coronavirus please go to the following;

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/201 9-ncov/about/symptoms.html

https://www.who.int/healthtopics/coronavirus