

Too Many Carrots – Reading Guide

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Themes: thoughtfulness, sharing, friendship, generosity

Lesson/Notes: Rabbit has collected too many carrots and is focused more on himself than others. When Rabbit finally pays attention to how his friends are feeling, he learns to be as generous with his home and belongings as his friends have been to him. *A thoughtful friend notices and cares about how others are feeling. A generous friend shares.*

Discussion Questions

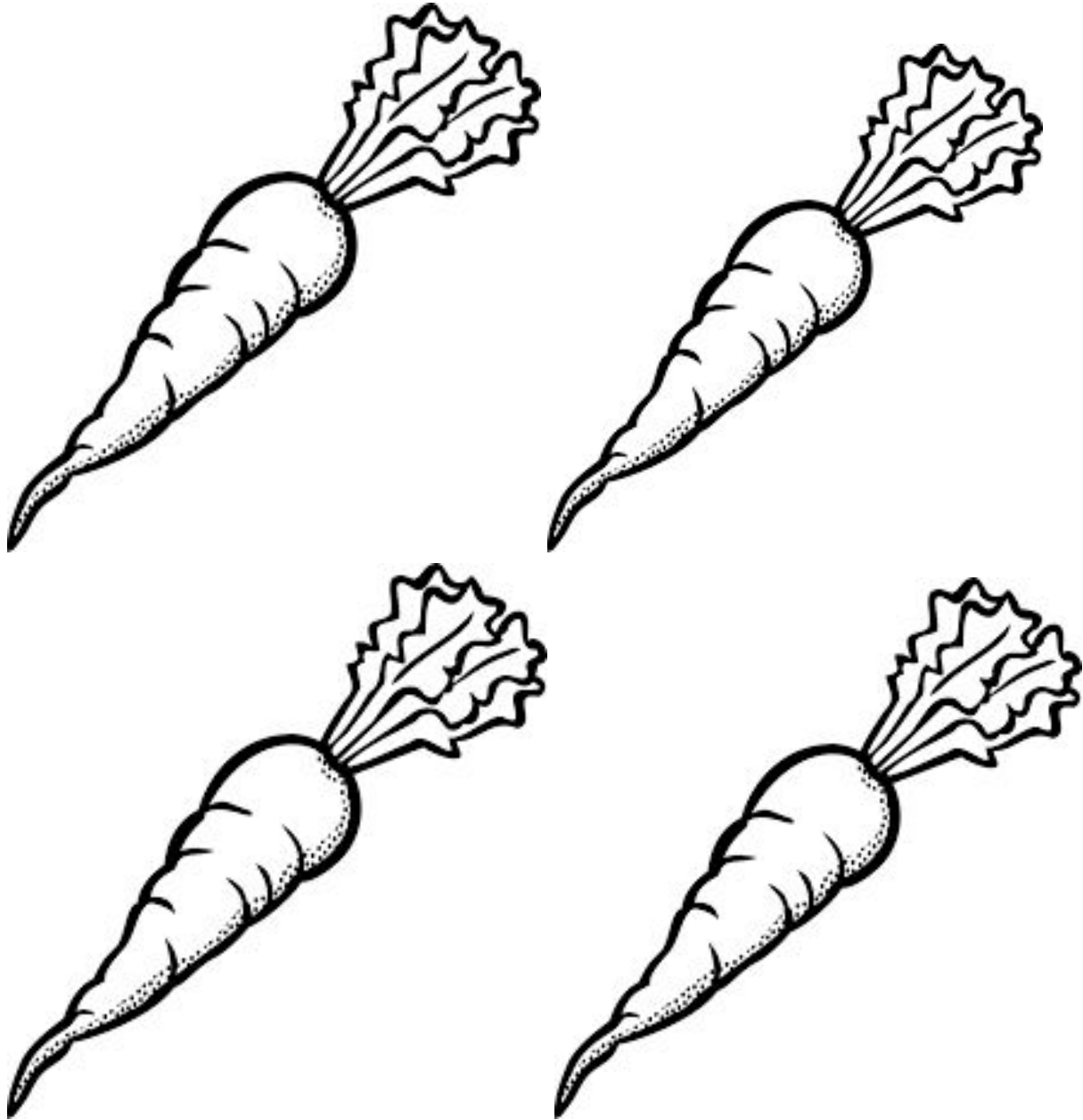
- *What was Rabbit's problem? (too many carrots, no room to sleep)*
- *How did Rabbit's friends help? (let him stay with them)*
- *When Rabbit tried to bring more and more carrots to his friends' homes, was he thinking about himself or others? (himself)*
- *When did Rabbit start to notice how his friends were feeling? (after crashing onto the riverbank)*
- *How was Rabbit generous toward his friends? (shared carrots and home)*

Activity: Caring Carrots

Supplies: pages 2-3, writing utensil, orange and green crayons

- Direct child to color the carrots then cut them out. Younger children may need help with cutting.
- On the back of each carrot, child can write one characteristic of a friend. Examples:
 - thoughtful
 - generous
 - nice
 - shares
 - listener
 - plays with me
 - fair
- Younger children may like to play with stuffed animals and practice sharing the carrots.

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