

# Mino - Family Story Set



## A family garden and working together

2 stories | 2 coloring pages | 2 seek-and-find activities. Ages 4-8: read together; ages 9-12: create alternative endings.

# Mino and the Missing Garden Plan



Mino hurried into the garden that morning. The family was making a little vegetable patch. Mino had drawn pots, flowers and a winding path on paper. 'There is a place for everyone,' Mino said, setting the plan on the table.

# Mino and the Missing Garden Plan



Just then a breeze lifted the paper. It sailed over the fence and disappeared. Mino's face fell. 'We cannot do anything without our plan!' Mum sat nearby. 'I can see you are upset. Let us take a little breath first.'

# Mino and the Missing Garden Plan



Dad brought a fresh sheet of paper. 'I remember the shady corner,' he said. Mum remembered the flowers beside the gate. Mino remembered the little stone in the middle of the path. They took turns talking. Pieces of the plan were still with them.

# Mino and the Missing Garden Plan



Mino drew a new path, adding Dad's idea for a wider bend. Mum placed a flower pot beside it. 'It is different from the old plan,' Mino said. Then Mino smiled. 'But all our ideas are in it!' The garden belonged to everyone's imagination.

# Mino and the Missing Garden Plan



They prepared the soil together. Mino carried the small pots; the adults lifted the heavy ones. They made space for each seedling. When they finished, something better than a perfect drawing stood before them: a slightly crooked garden made with everyone's care.

# Mino and the Missing Garden Plan



That evening Mino hung the new plan inside the door, away from the wind. 'A plan can disappear,' Mino said, 'but we can still think together.' The family shared a hug. What small part of a shared project would you like to take on?

# Mino and the Picnic After the Rain



Mino had placed the picnic basket by the door. Inside were apples, bread and little sandwiches the family had made together. The yellow blanket was ready too. But one drop appeared on the window, then another. Soon the garden shone with rain.

# Mino and the Picnic After the Rain



‘Our picnic is over,’ Mino said, refusing to put the basket away. Dad said, ‘We cannot follow our outdoor plan right now. It makes sense to feel disappointed. But the lovely things in our basket are still here.’ Mino watched the rain and thought.

# Mino and the Picnic After the Rain



Mum suggested spreading the blanket in the living room. Mino hesitated, then had an idea. 'Let us sit where we can see the window and listen to the rain!' Everyone brought a cushion. The basket seemed ready for a completely new adventure.

# Mino and the Picnic After the Rain



Before eating, each person named a sound: drops on the glass, pattering on the roof, a distant bird. Mino imagined the garden plants drinking. 'We are having our picnic inside, and they are having theirs outside!' Everyone laughed. The rain felt different now.

# Mino and the Picnic After the Rain



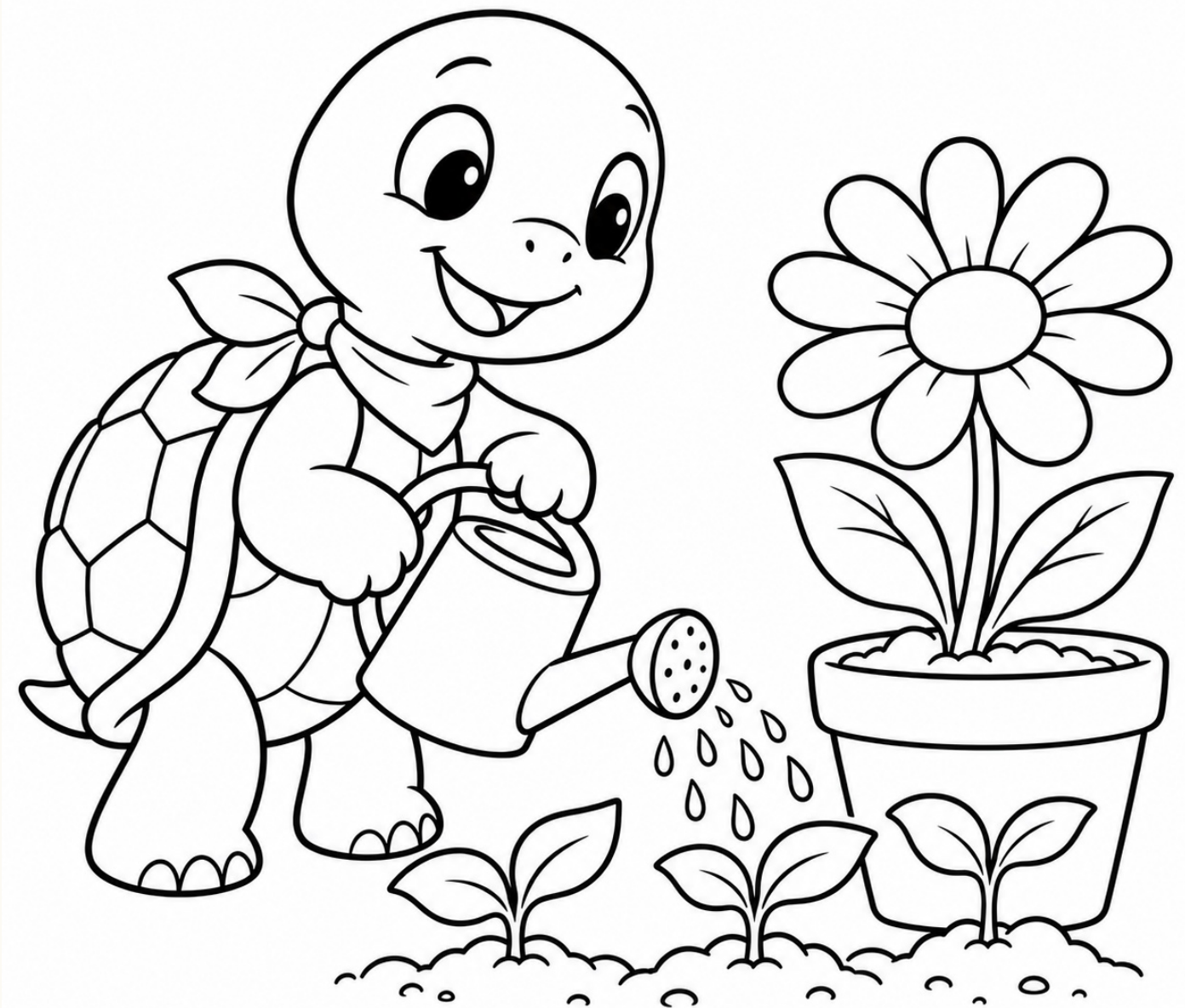
Later the rain eased. The adults checked whether the garden was suitable for a picnic. Mino spread the blanket in a dry spot. Tiny drops sparkled on the leaves. This was different from the morning's plan, but they were discovering it together.

# Mino and the Picnic After the Rain



Carrying the empty basket home, Mino said, 'We had two picnics today!' Their plan had changed, but their time together had stayed special. They folded the blanket and talked about another outing. When a plan changes, what other idea would you like to try?

# Mino - Coloring 1



Choose your own colors. When you finish, tell your family what is happening in your picture.

## Mino - Coloring 2



Choose your own colors. When you finish, tell your family what is happening in your picture.

# Surprises in Mino's Garden



Find: Star, Key, Spoon, Striped sock, Fish shape, Cup

# Hidden at the Picnic



Find: Star, Key, Spoon, Striped sock, Fish shape, Cup

# Keep Exploring Together

Mino is a curious turquoise turtle with a yellow shell and a red scarf. Mino notices small changes in the garden, asks for help, and discovers that everyone can contribute in a different way.

Draw an imaginary family garden. Each person adds a plant and explains how to care for it. If you have a real plant, plan its care together with an adult.

What small part would you like to contribute when your family works together?

What other idea could you suggest when a family plan changes?

Suggested use: one story, one activity and a short conversation each time. Follow the child's interest; finishing is optional. These activities are not developmental tests or diagnostic tools.