

LESSON  
3

# Animals Helping People

## How do Chickens and Worms Help People?

### Objectives

The students will:

- Recognize how livestock animals help humans.
- Practice writing letters of the alphabet.

### Materials

One copy of "Animal Helpers" per student (assemble books before class).

### Procedure

**1. Identify how chickens and worms help people.** Flip through "The Chicken and the Worm" and ask the students:

- How do chickens help people?
- How do worms help people?

Be sure to read aloud the pages that discuss these points:

- Chickens lay eggs.
- Chicken and worm manure help plants grow.
- Chickens and worms help loosen the soil so plants can grow.

Turn to the page that says "You've got that right!" (Page 33) This shows the chicken and the worm celebrating how useful they are. Read that page aloud, as well as the following pages in the book: "Who knew worms could be so special?" and "Who knew chickens could be so important?" Ask the students why the chicken and the worm are celebrating — do you think they are doing important things? Raise the point that people would have a harder time growing plants without help from chickens and worms.

**2. Identify other animals that help people.** Ask your students to name other animals that help people. Discuss how animals, especially farm animals, help people. After brainstorming ways in which animals assist people, hand out copies of the activity book, "Animal Helpers," to each student.

The "Animal Helpers" activity books are simple word books that show how farm animals help people. Students should trace the dotted lines to write the names of the animals. This helps them learn to recognize and write letters of the alphabet. Encourage the students to color the pages.



### National Standards Addressed

#### SCIENCE

Organisms and the environment.

- Organisms' relations to the environment.
- Organisms' effects on the environment.
- Humans and the environment.



#### LANGUAGE ARTS

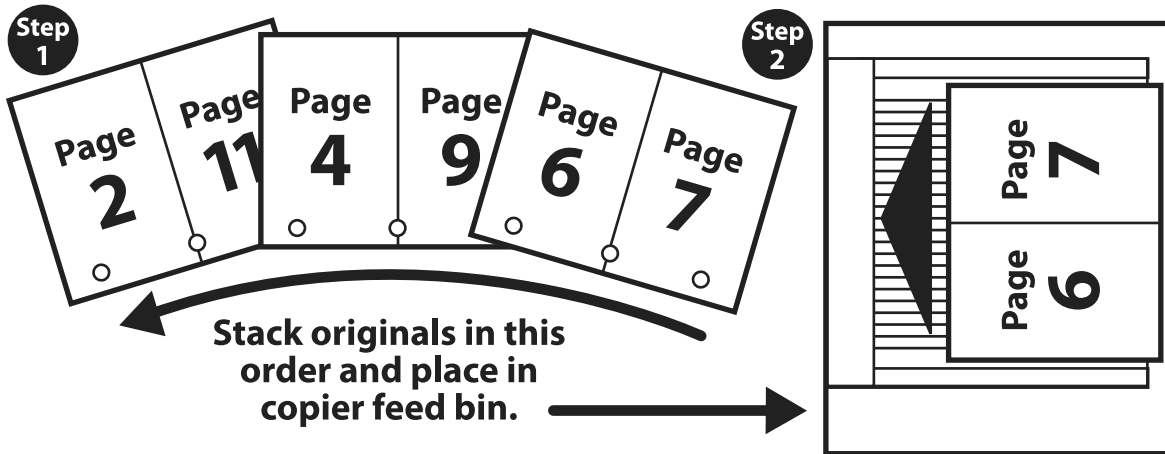
- Read print and non-print texts to acquire new information.
- Employ a wide range of strategies as they write (learn how to write letters and simple words).



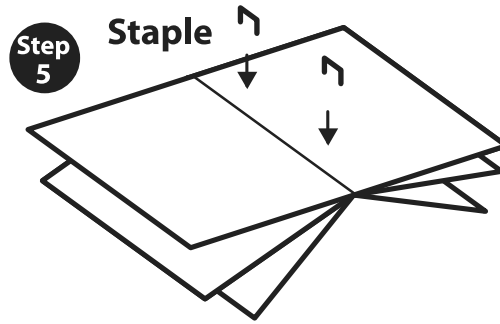
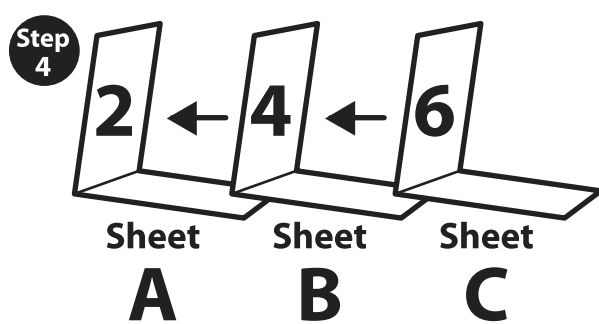
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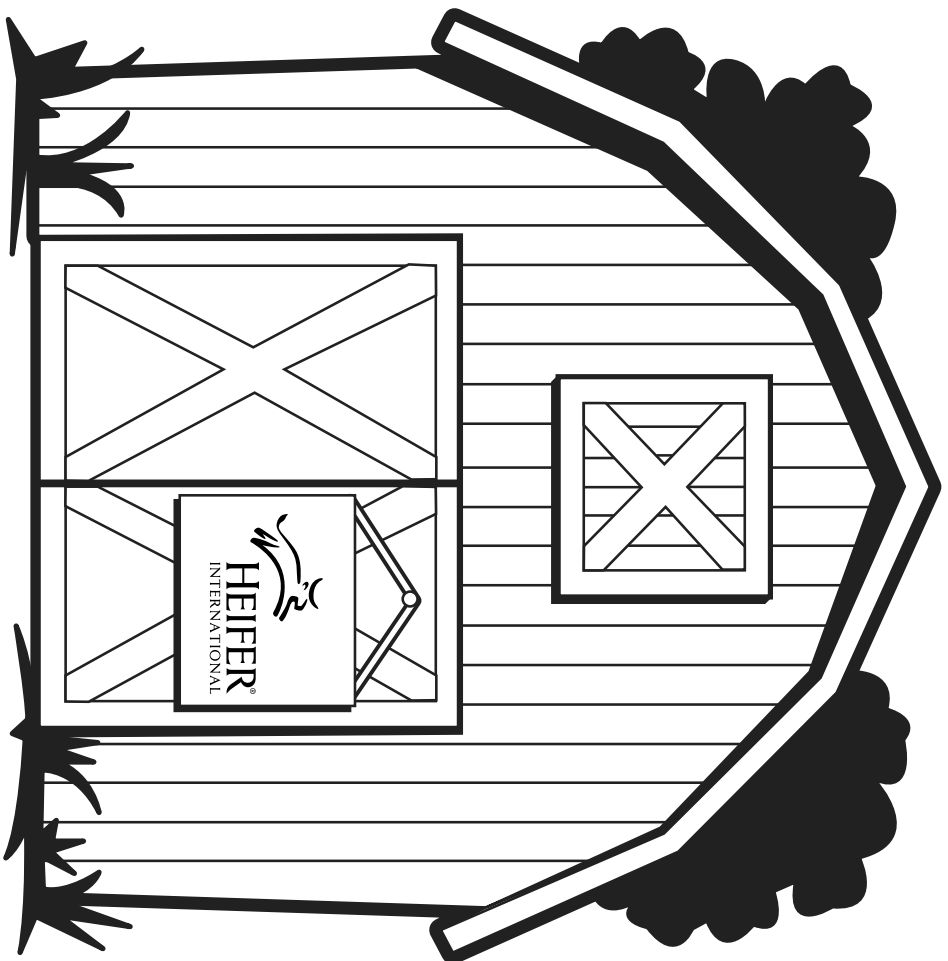
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Livestock animals are a central part of Heifer International's work to help families raise their standard of living. This lesson teaches that animals can be extremely helpful to people, even an animal that seems as insignificant as a worm. As a result, the children grow in their understanding of how animals help people. To learn more stories about children whose families have benefited from receiving livestock animals, see [www.HeiferEducation.org](http://www.HeiferEducation.org).



**Step 3** Select "2-Sided Copies From 2-Sided Original" in copier's menu.



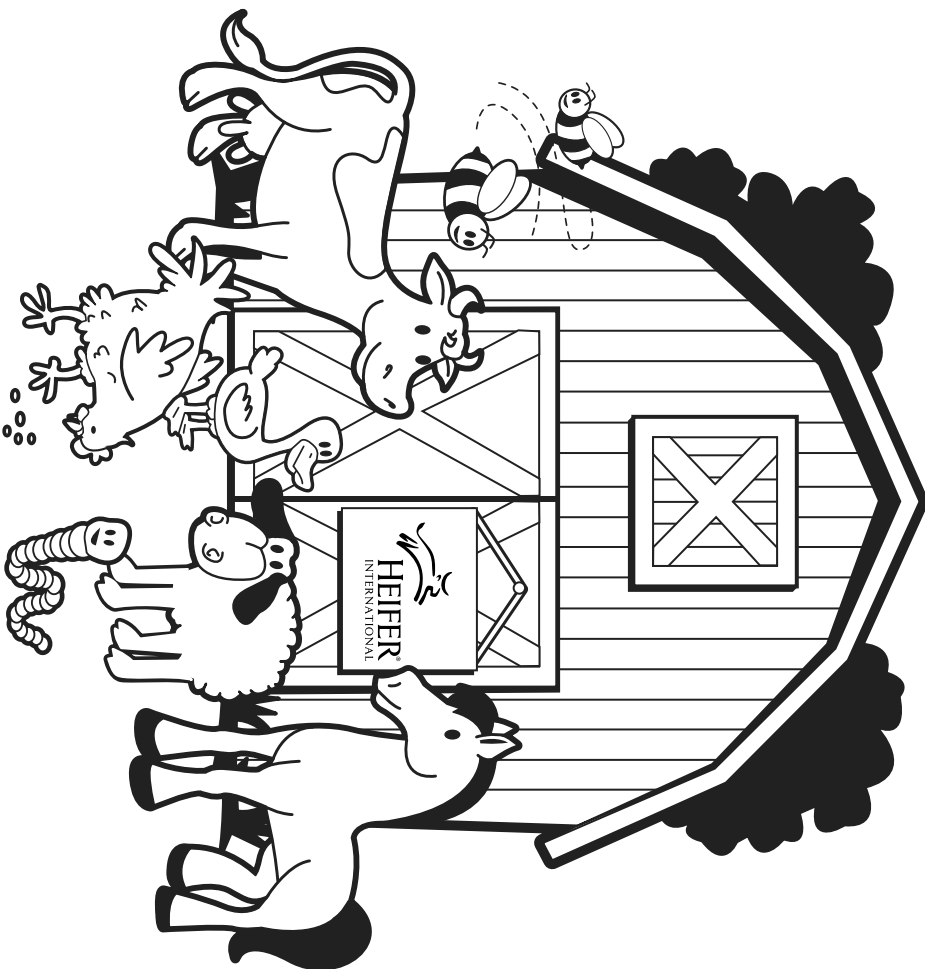


# Animal Helpers

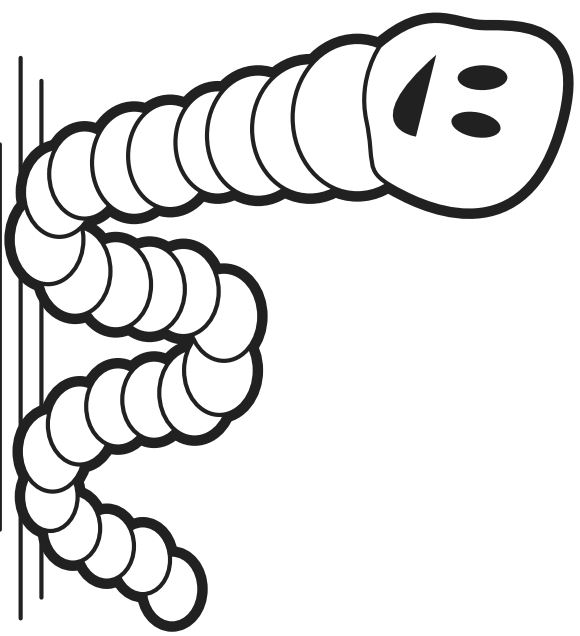




Thank you,  
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helpers!



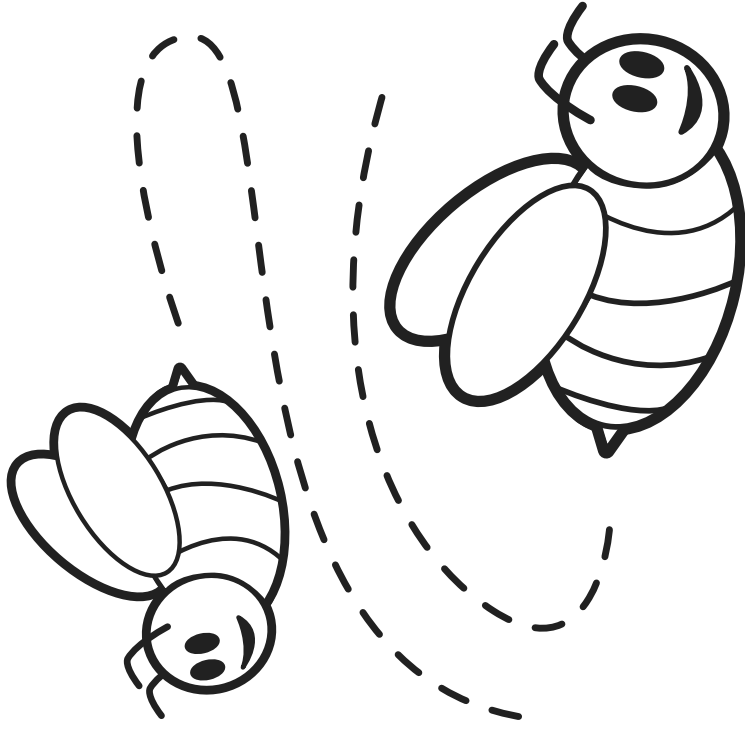
W O R M S



A worm

helps plants grow.

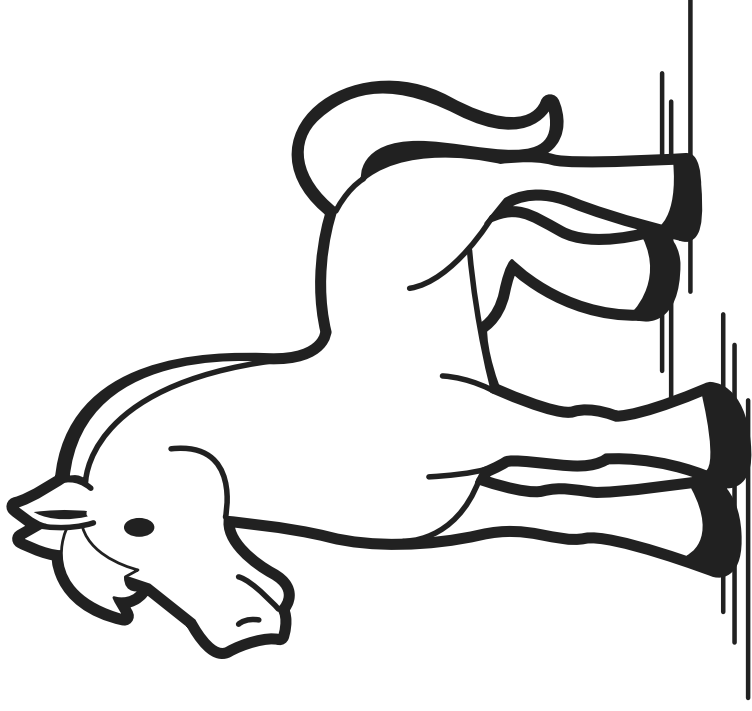
bee



A bee

makes honey.

horse



A horse

pulls a wagon.

h e n



A h e n

lays eggs.

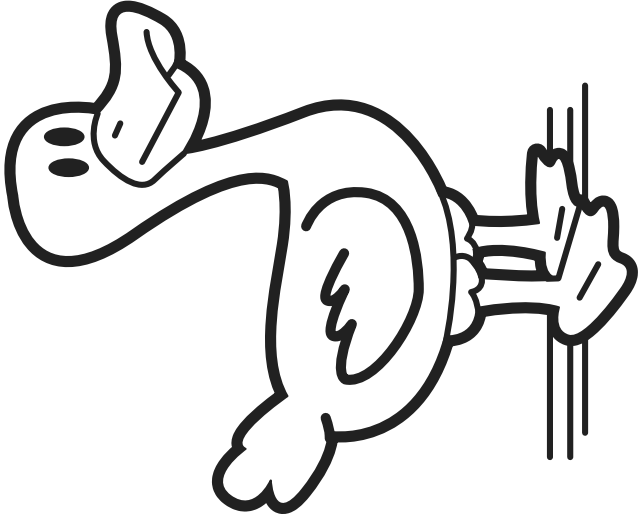
c o w



A c o w

gives milk.

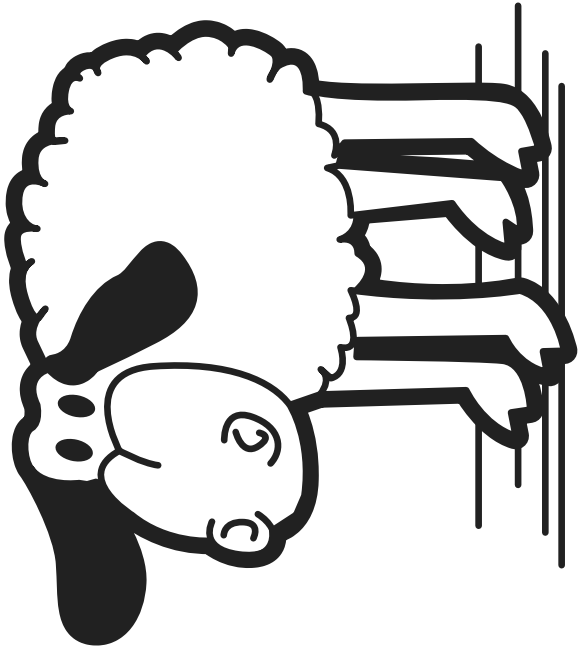
duck



A duck

lays eggs.

sheep



A sheep

gives wool.