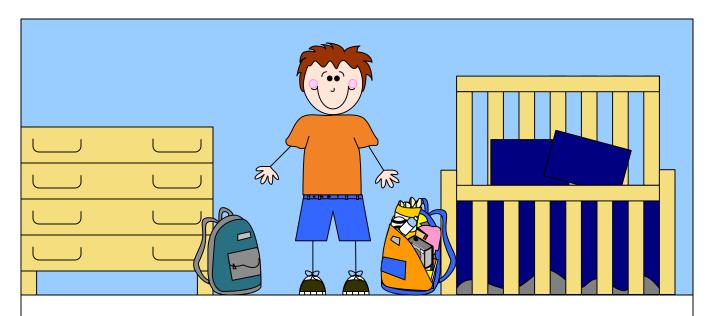


## The Road Trip

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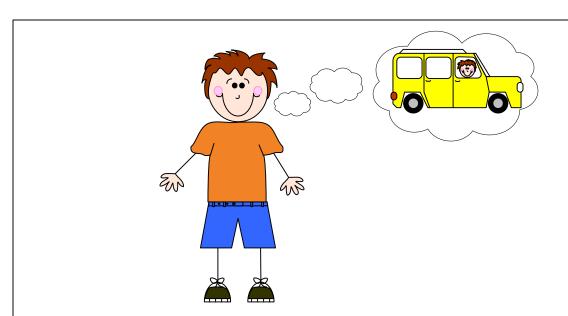


I like to take a road trip each year with my mom and dad. We pile up in the car and drive to a fun place. We need to pack a lot of things when we go on a road trip.

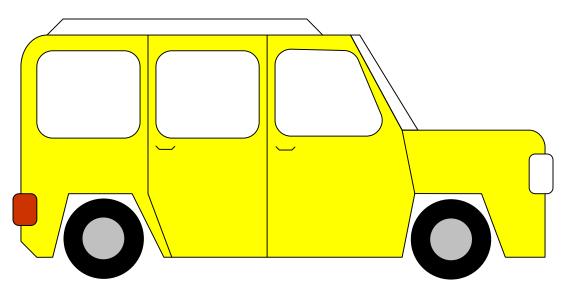
We put the things we need in bags.



We take fun things to do while we are in the car, like games and songs. We take a lot of bags. We put two bikes on the top of the car so we can ride them when we get to where we are going. We take a lot of snacks to eat on the ride.



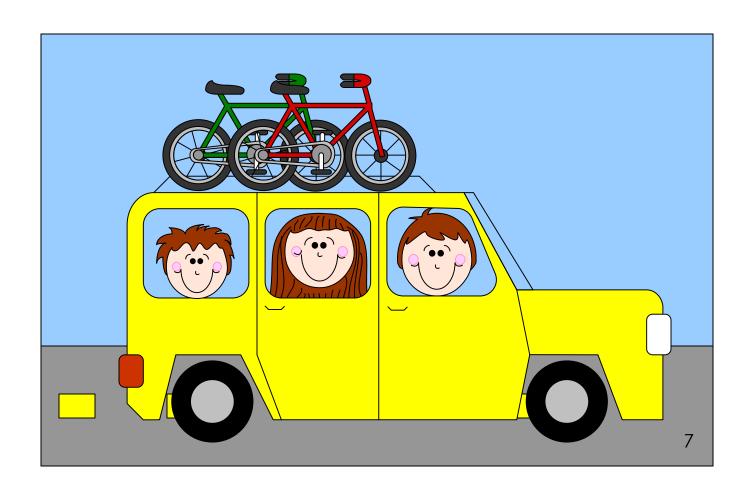
I do not get to drive. If I did I would be very safe. You have to be safe when you are driving a car. You do not want to be in a car crash, so you need to be very safe.

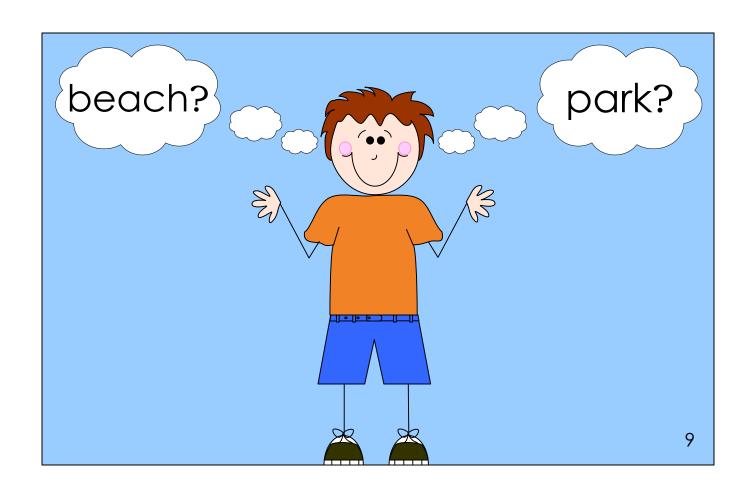


We have a Jeep. The paint on the Jeep is bright yellow. We can drive on and off the road in the Jeep. It is a big car and can go in mud, on the street, and in sand. The Jeep can go anywhere. It is fun to ride in the Jeep.

On the road trip we sing songs, play car games, and try to find fun places to stop. We sing "Are we there, yet?" a lot in the car. When we drive past big trucks we wave and the trucks go "beep, beep." It is a lot of fun to get the trucks to go "beep, beep." We stop at a lot of fun places on the way.

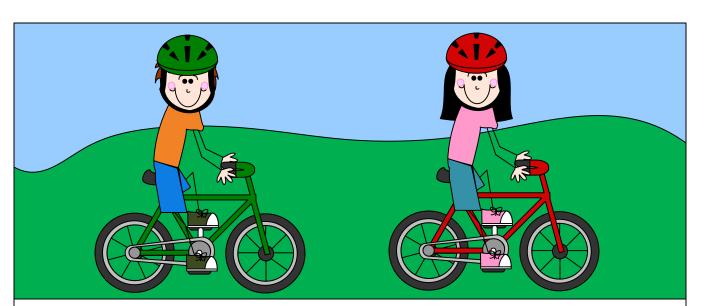
One time we stopped at a place with the state's biggest peanut. I did not think a peanut could be that big. It was as big as the Jeep! What a big peanut!



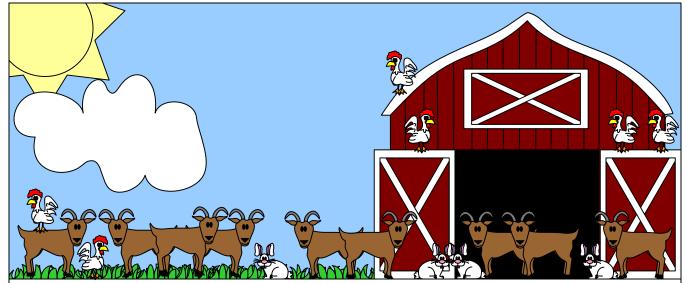


Each year we go to a fun place. I like to go to places that have lots of fun things to do. Mom and Dad pick where we go each year, but they ask me where I want to go. Each year I say I do not know where I want to go. I just want to go to a fun place that has a lot of things I can do.

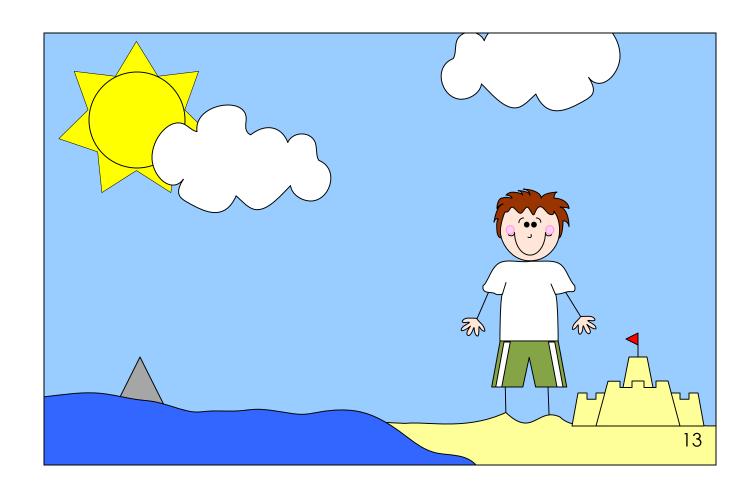
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One time we went to a state park. It was a very big park that had thick green grass as far as I could see. There were lots of trees and hills. It was so pretty. I rode a bike with my mom at the park. My dad went on a hike. We had a lot of fun at the park.



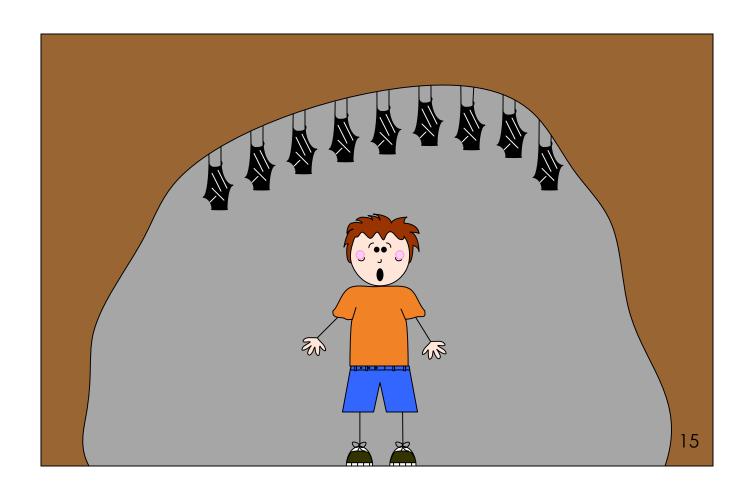
On one road trip we went to a farm. On the farm there was a big red barn. There were nine goats in the barn. There were four rabbits. There were lots of chickens. I got to pet the goats and rabbits. I liked petting the rabbits because they were so soft.

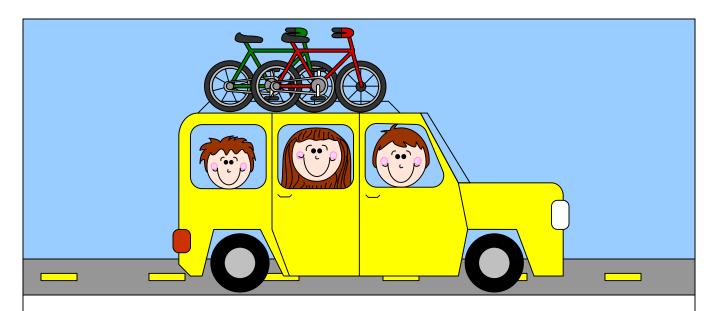


One time we went to the beach. We drove to the coast and played in the sand. We swam in the waves. We could see little fish swimming. We had a raft so we could float on the waves. I liked playing in the sand best, but it was fun to see the fish. I was glad we did not see any sharks at the beach. The beach was so much fun!

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When we go on a road trip Mom and Dad get me a gift that I can keep. The gift makes me think of what we did on the road trip. One time the gift was a notepad and pen. My notepad is black with a bat on it. When I see it I think about the time we went to the bat cave. There were many bats in the cave. It was very dark in the cave. It makes me smile when I think about that trip.





When we get home from the road trip we want to just go to sleep. We are tired and need to rest. Still, I hope we can go on a road trip next year. I hope we go to a place we have not been. Road trips are so much fun!