

WHAT HAPPENS IN JUVENILE COURT?



A handbook for Iowa children, recommended for ages approximately 3-6

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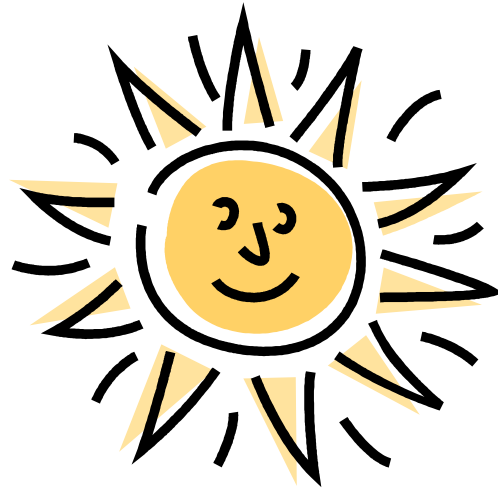
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This is a story about the court written for kids like you. The court is the building where the judge works and is the place where everyone meets to make decisions about what will happen to you. It is the court's job to make sure you are cared for and safe.

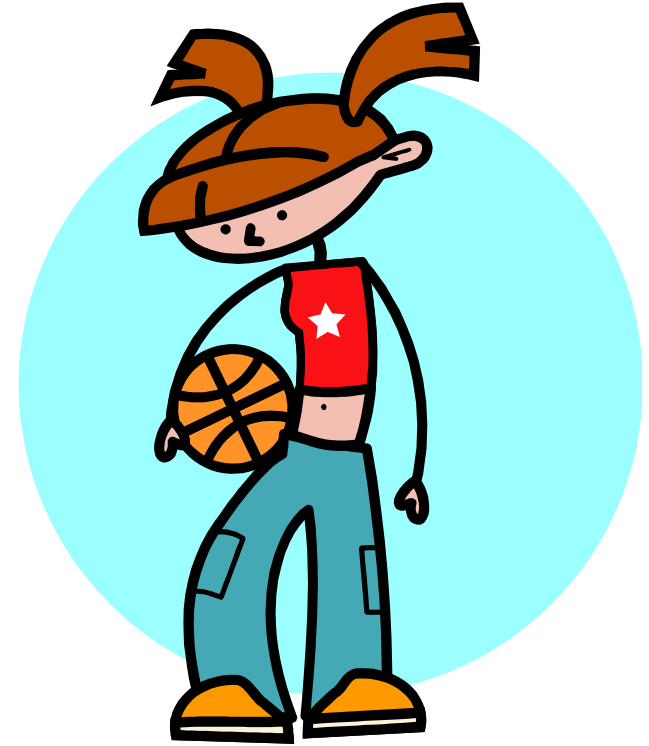


Remember you can always ask your social worker or lawyer questions if you are confused or afraid of what goes on!



Jacob and Madison's families don't know how to take care of them.

This is not their fault. But
sometimes Jacob and
Madison feel bad about it.

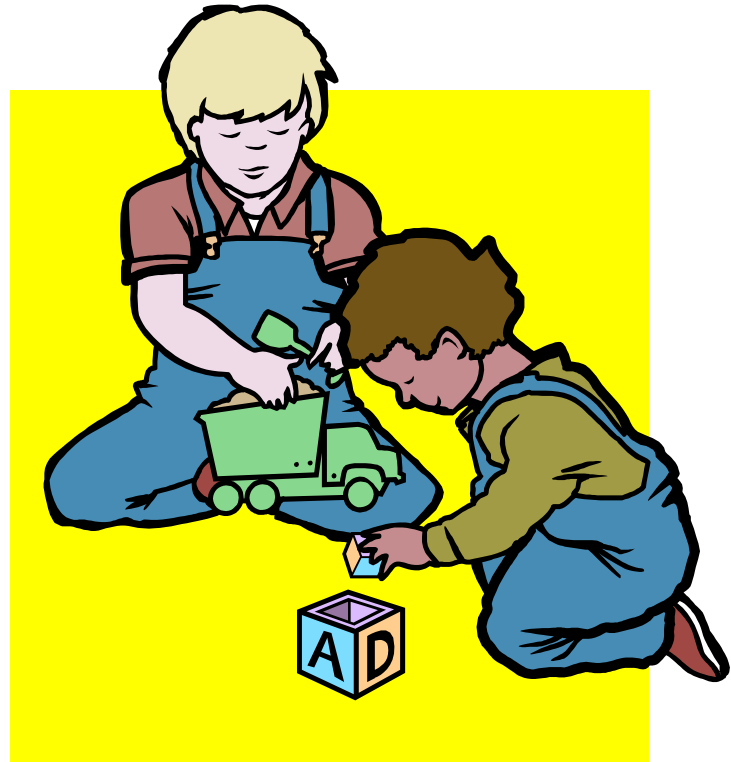




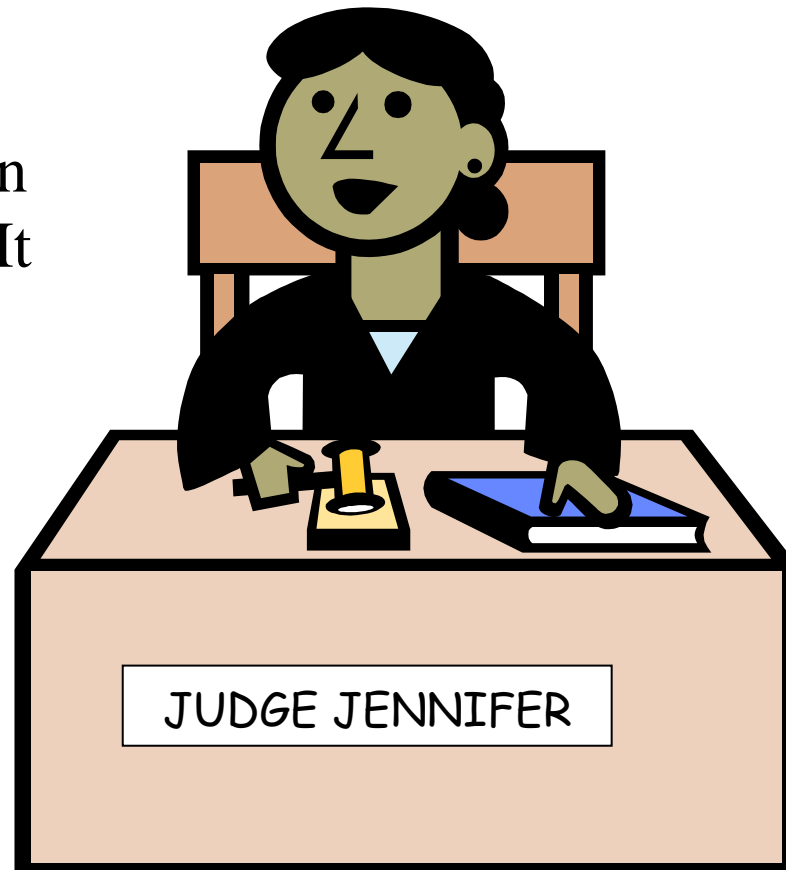
Jacob and Madison may go live with other people while their parents get help. These people may be friends, relatives, or a foster family.

Jacob and Madison wonder if they will get to see their siblings if they stay with other people?

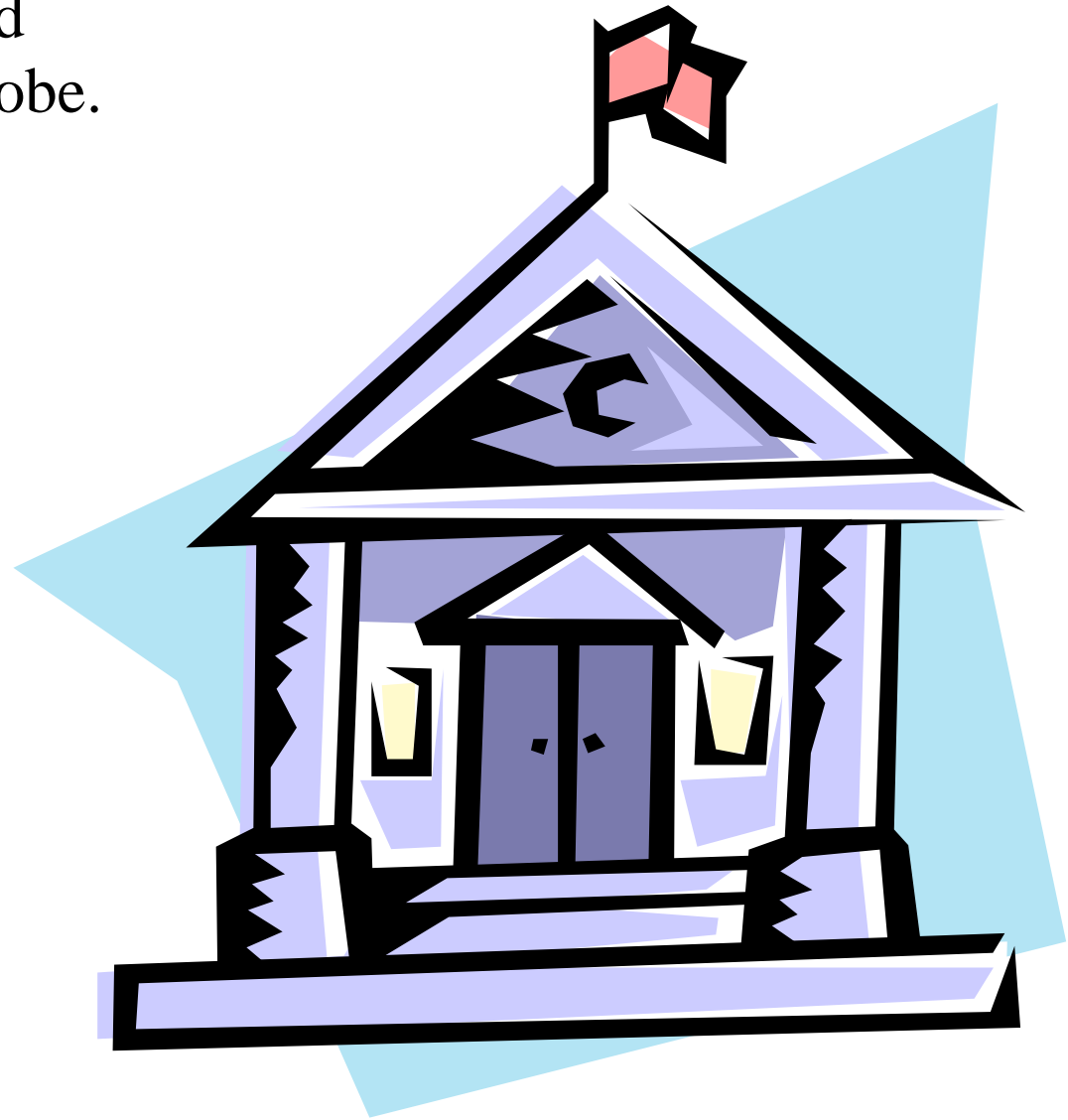
If Jacob and Madison are both in foster care and so are their siblings they have a right to visits, unless the Judge says otherwise.



Who's job is it to makes
sure that Jacob and Madison
are safe and taken care of? It
is Judge Jennifer's job!



Judge Jennifer works
in a court building and
wears a special black robe.



Judge Jennifer has many helpers. Some of them are:



Lisa the Lawyer



Tomas the Therapist



Faith the Foster Parent



Selena the Social Worker

Selena the Social Worker comes to see how Jacob and Madison are doing. She talks to other people about them too.





Selena the Social Worker helps Jacob and Madison's families.



Judge Jennifer and her helpers work hard to see where Jacob and Madison should live.



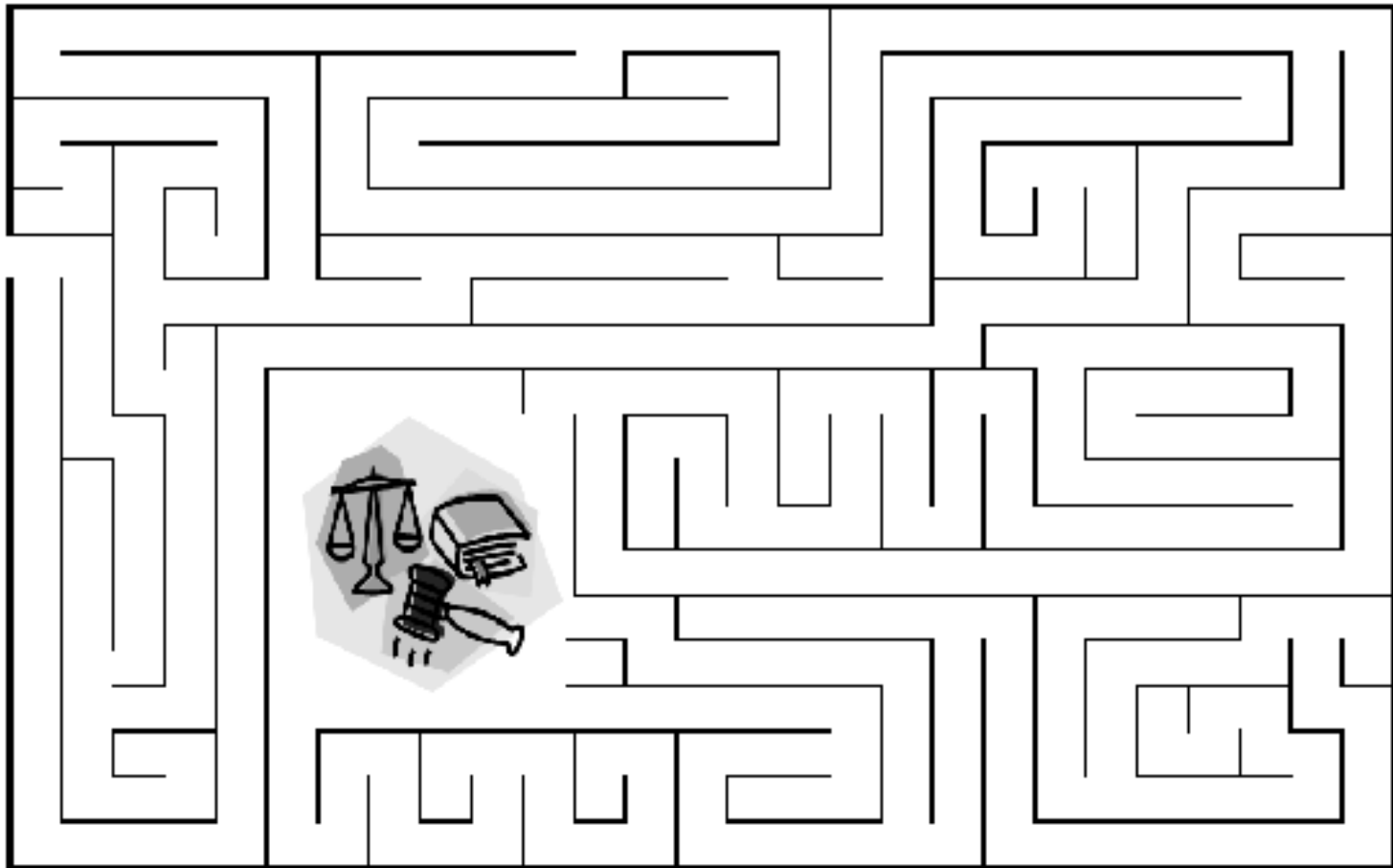
Jacob and Madison like to talk to Judge Jennifer's helpers.

Here are some pages just for you to work on. You can work on them by yourself or with someone else.

Draw a picture of yourself and things you like to do.

Can you find your way to the courtroom?

Start Here!



Answer these questions about you and the things you like.

What is your favorite color? _____

What is your favorite season? _____

What is your favorite book? _____

What is your favorite food? _____

What is your favorite animal? _____

If you could have three wishes what would they be?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

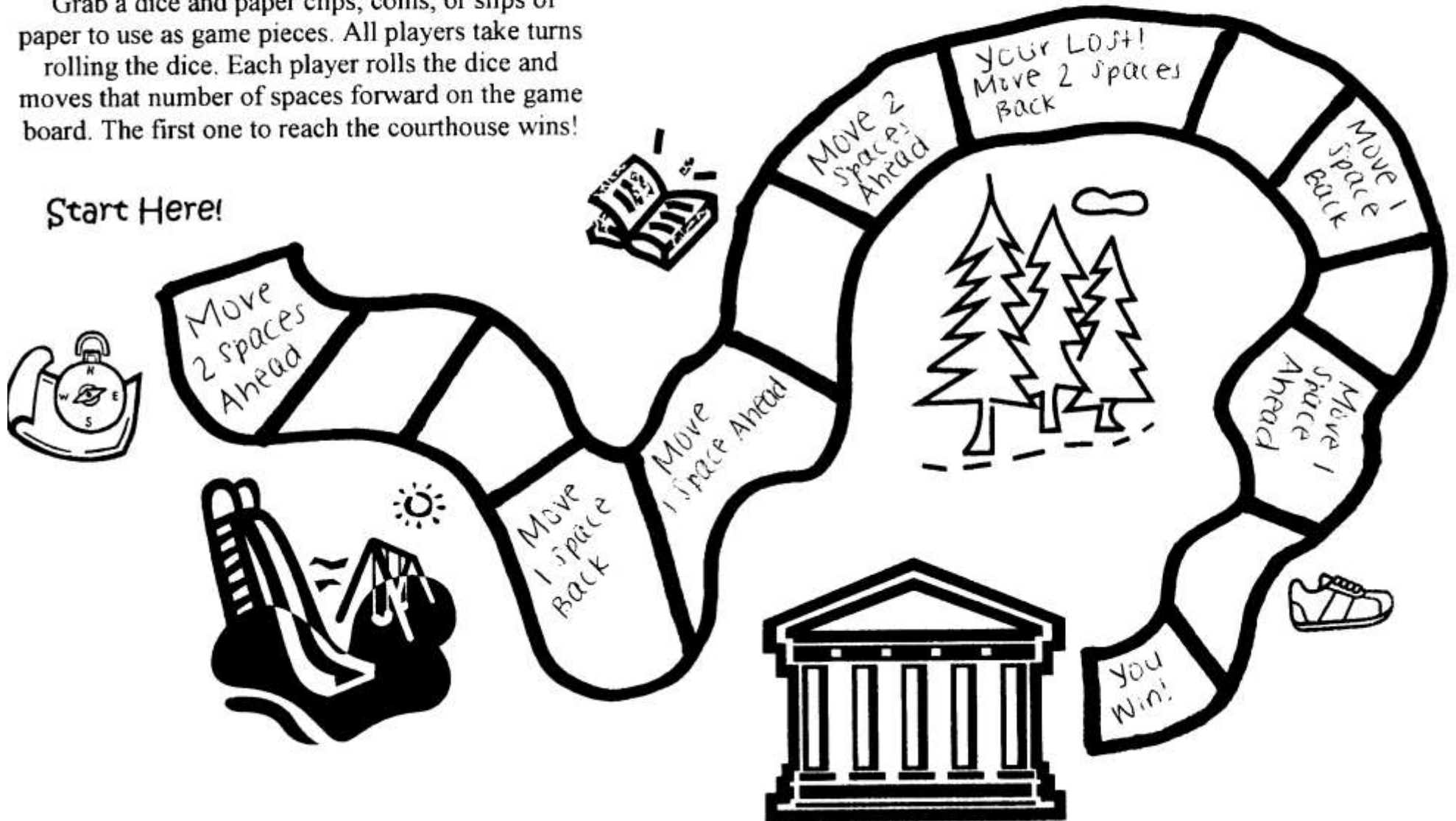


Draw a picture of your family.

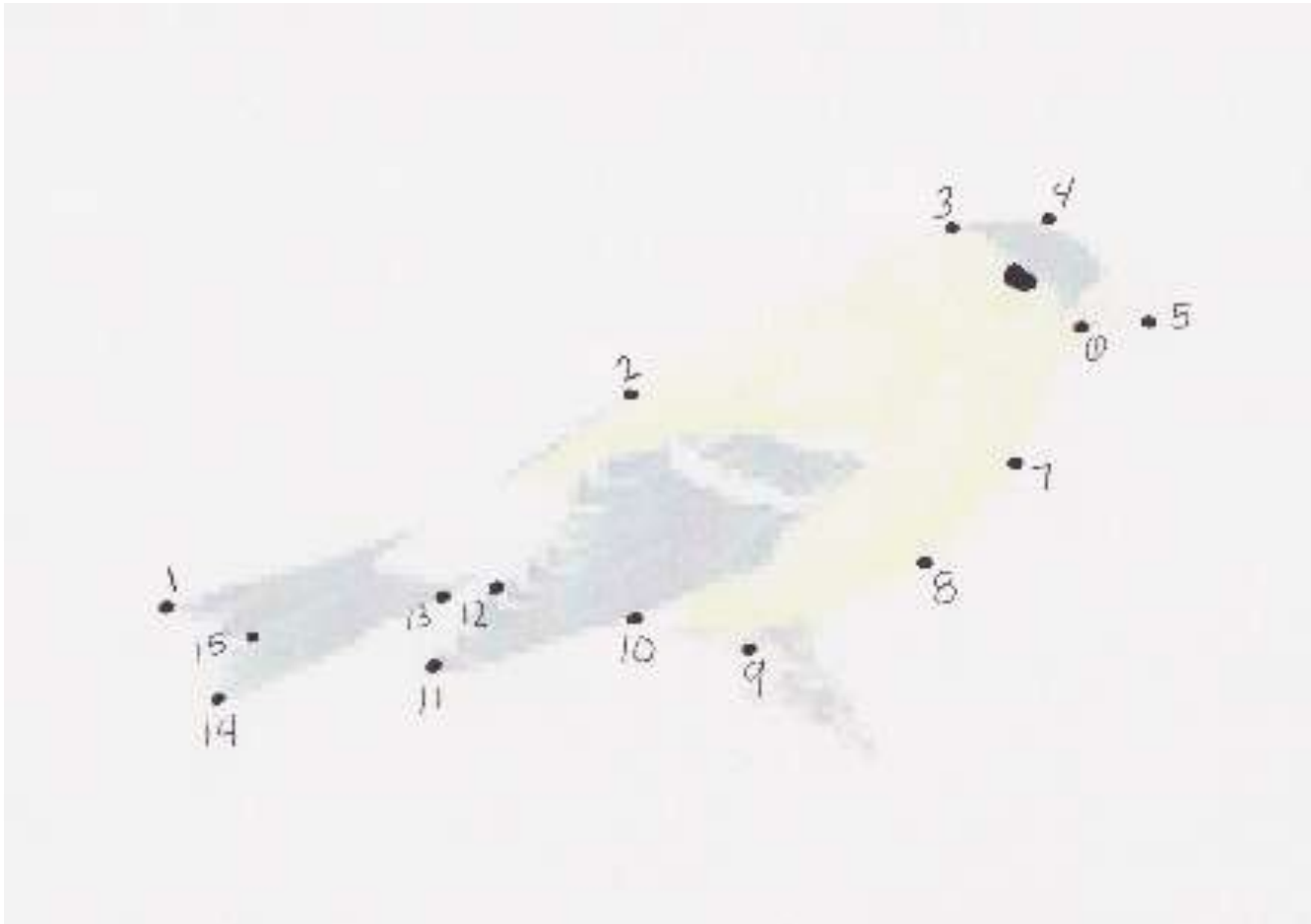
Play the Journey to Court Game! Gather some friends or family members and see who makes it to court first!

Grab a dice and paper clips, coins, or slips of paper to use as game pieces. All players take turns rolling the dice. Each player rolls the dice and moves that number of spaces forward on the game board. The first one to reach the courthouse wins!

Start Here!



Connect the dots to see a picture of the State Bird of Iowa!



The Eastern Goldfinch was chosen as the official state bird of Iowa in 1933. It was chosen as the state bird because it is commonly found in Iowa and often stays through the winter.

IMPORTANT NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Social Worker: _____

Phone Number: _____

Lawyer: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name: _____

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Judge Name: _____