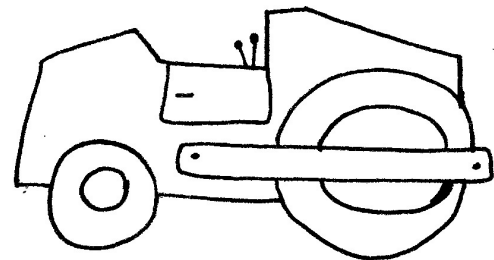
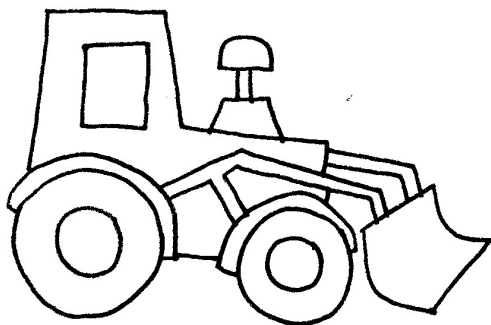
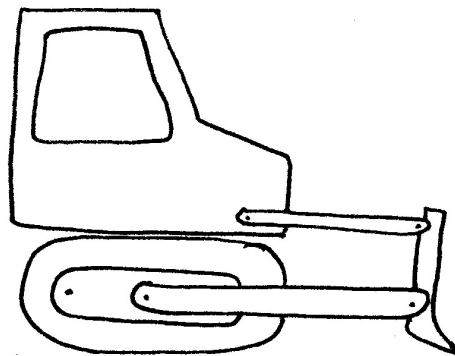
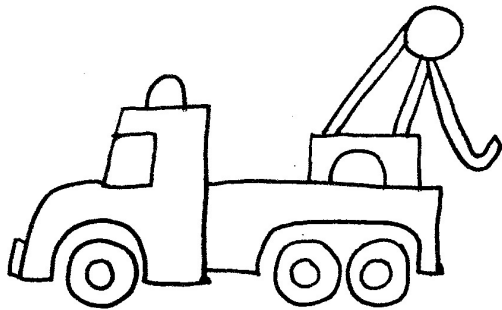
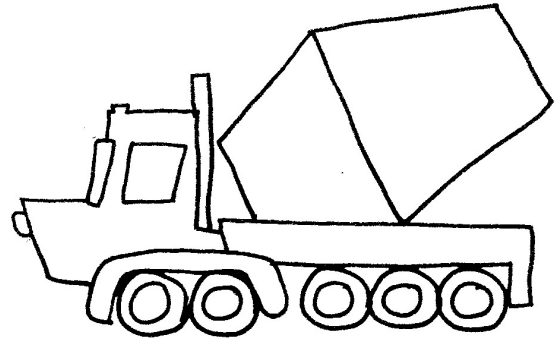
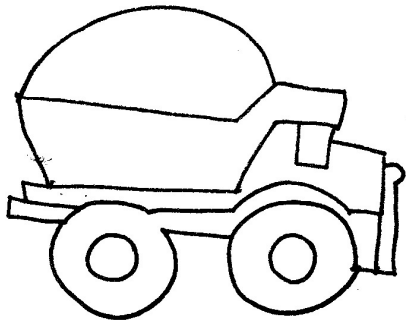


DIG IN TO A DELICIOUS STORY!

Color and cut out the diggers, then use them to retell *DIG IN!*
See next page for additional information.



DIG IN TO FUN!

Retelling a story with your child is a terrific way to foster imagination and build comprehension. Your child can color and cut out the enclosed “diggers” and attach each to a popsicle stick, if desired, to create puppets of the various machines from *DIG IN!*. Or, use toy trucks from around the house. Using the book as a guide, make your own real or play-doh pizza, sequencing the activities of rolling the dough, spreading the sauce, sprinkling the cheese, adding any toppings, and baking. What a feat!

Other story extensions to try...

BUILD CONNECTIONS:

- Ask questions about the story to generate discussion with your child:
 - What are the mice making in *DIG IN!*?
 - Did you think they would be building something else? What?
 - Instead of making pizza, what if the mice made your bed? Washed your clothes? Etc.
 - Where do you see diggers in real life? Is this story real or made up? How do you know? Compare and contrast with a nonfiction book about construction.

BUILD LITERACY:

- What words rhyme in this story? Can you find them?

BUILD IMAGINATION:

- Using empty food cartons and plastic dishes, your child can serve up pizza or other delicious offerings at his/her own pretend restaurant.
- Make a construction play mat by cutting out roads, bushes, and other landmarks from construction paper. Get creative and add real pebbles, sand, or greenery for texture!



- Make a sensory bin using a large shoebox or other box. Fill with beans or rice that your young builder can dig and scoop with toy cars and diggers. This is a great activity to keep young hands and minds busy in the kitchen while an adult prepares dinner!