



Travel Tips for Mom

Hey Parents! Help your kids put together these Travel Paks with tape or staples and a little bit of folding prowess. Put Pages 1 and 8 and 2 and 7 back to back and staple; do the same to Pages 6 and 3 and 4 and 5. Stack all together with Pages 2 and 7 and 4 and 5 facing up. Fold all 4 pieces in half, so that Pages 4 and 5 meet. Staple 2-3 times along the folded edge. Your Travel Pak is ready to go!



Bring a small first aid kit filled with some bandages, pain reliever, and ointments.



Don't bring too much food that crowds your space. It's better to stop a few extra times to stretch your legs anyway.



When you stop, try to burn off some energy! You and your kids can run in place, do some jumping jacks, play tag!



Bring stamps and addresses for postcards you buy at the places you travel through.



Pack some trash bags—especially the small plastic ones you get at the grocery store.



At every stop, try to get your kids to go to the bathroom. Even if they say they don't want to, have them try.



Pack a lightweight blanket.



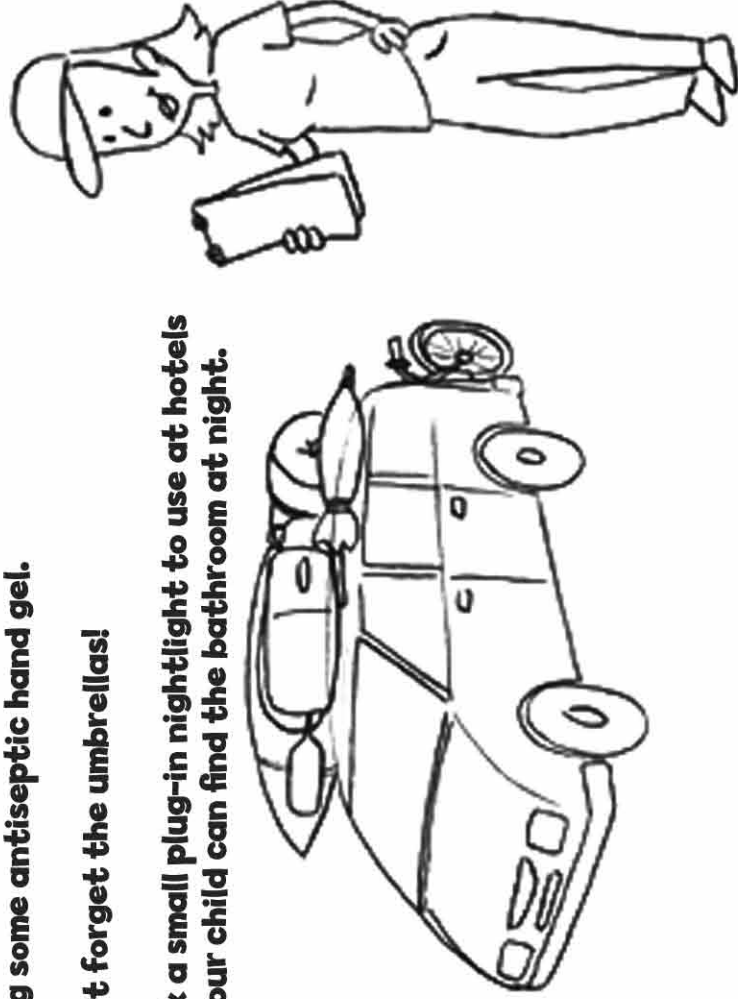
Bring some antiseptic hand gel.



Don't forget the umbrellas!



Pack a small plug-in nightlight to use at hotels so your child can find the bathroom at night.



State Kooky Trivia

As we ramble down the highways and byways of this kooky country of ours, we're passing places known for odd things! For example, I'm from St. Louis where we have the Bowling Hall of Fame! Here are ten more places with attractions that you probably don't know about (and might not need to!).



Anniston, Alabama, has the world's largest chair, which is 25 feet high.

Castroville, California. The self-proclaimed "artichoke capitol of the world," has the world's largest artificial artichoke—20 feet high and 12 feet across.

Cawker City, Kansas. This little town has the largest ball of twine, which weighs in at nearly nine tons.

Cincinnati, Ohio, is the birthplace of William Howard Taft—the heaviest American president (340 pounds!).

Collinsville, Illinois. Want fries with that? "That" being the world's largest catsup bottle, at a whopping 70 feet tall.

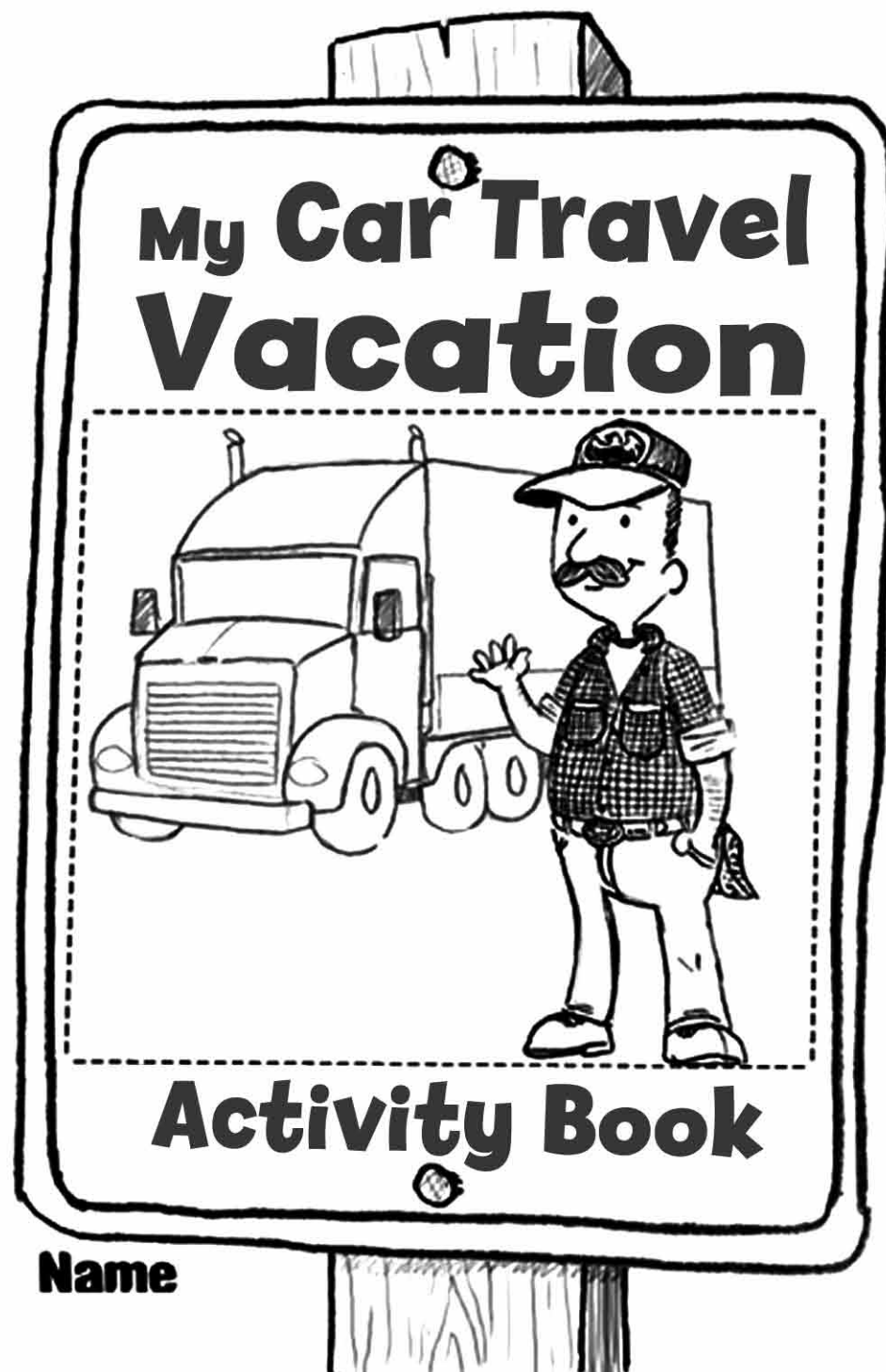
Houston, Texas. Think you're cramped now? At Rice University in Houston scientists made the world's smallest car: a "nanocar" measuring just 4 x 3 nanometers, slightly wider than a strand of DNA (much smaller than even a strand of hair).

Inglewood, California, needs a big glass of milk because there you'll find the world's largest donut, which has a 22-foot diameter.

Montgomery, Alabama has a MOOseum, a children's educational museum devoted to the preservation of the beef cattle industry.

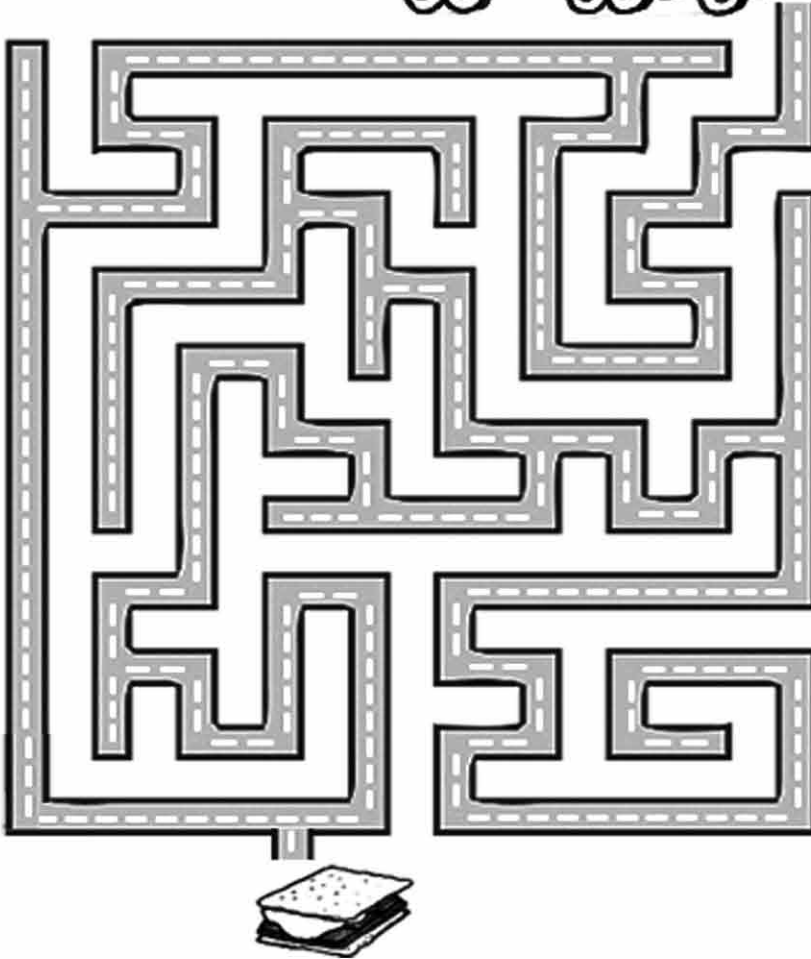
Port Conway, Virginia, is the birthplace of the shortest U.S. president, James Madison, at a modest 5 foot 4 inches (he was also the smallest at a mere 100 pounds).

Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here you'll find the Giant Oil Man statue (aka "golden boy"). The locals call him Larry, and he's standing tall, rising 76 feet into the sky.



Maze Activity

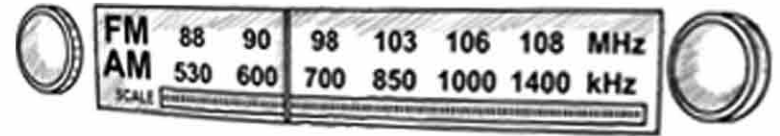
Howdy! Biggs Wheel here, and I decided I've driven drastically off course. Guide me back through this maze to the campsite in time for my mid-afternoon s'mores!



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Travel Tip!
Bring a pillow—you'll probably want to take a nap during long drives.

Radio BINGO



Time for radio bingo! Mom or Dad get to pick the radio station, and then they fill in this grid with words you'll probably hear. Now ... everybody be quiet! Mark off the words you hear—the first one who marks a whole line gets to say 'bingo' and wins!

To Parents: for example, if you're listening to the ball game, you'd write in words like "out," "home run," individual player names, maybe something from a commercial like "insurance," etc. If you're listening to music, try words like "love," "baby," etc.

Fill in
words
here



Travel Tip!
Pack snacks! Crackers, raisins, or an apple are great to eat on the road.

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Coloring Page

I'm an aficionado of the fine arts but it seems I left my crayons at the truck stop. Can you color me for me?



Travel Tip!

• Try to go to the bathroom at every stop, before you get back in the car.

Bigglibs



Let's take a road story and make it crazy as a Betsy bug! Ask your parents to come up with descriptive words, action words, places, people, and things, and fill in the blanks for a truly twisted tale!

Fill in the blanks, then read the BiggLib story back to them!

Examples:

Descriptive words: smelly, pretty, tall, etc.

Action words: running, jumping, dancing, etc.

Things: wheel, tree, can, etc.

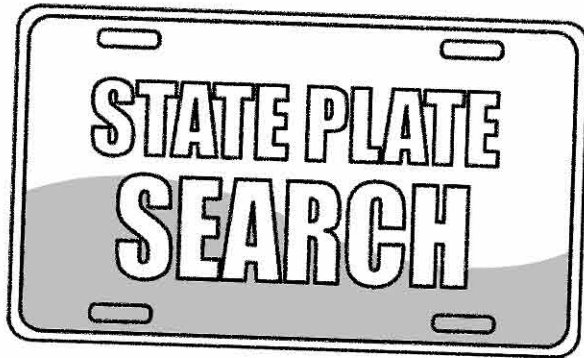
Places: home, camp, state, etc.

People: police officers, sister, etc.

There once was a _____ [descriptive] trucker named Colonel Roadkill who was _____ [action] as fast as he could to get away from a lovelorn, colossal _____ [thing]. The Colonel was especially _____ [descriptive], and if he didn't get to _____ [place] in time to meet _____ [person], he'd be late getting to the _____ [descriptive] warehouse where there was a load of _____ [thing] he really wanted. Alas, he was so busy escaping he didn't see where he was going, and he tripped over the _____ [thing] into _____ [person] who had a truck full of _____ [descriptive] _____ [thing]. Naturally, that kept him from getting to the warehouse, but he consoled himself at the truck stop with a supersized cup of _____ [descriptive] _____ [thing].

Travel Tip!

Bring a Frisbee! It's great to toss back and forth at road stops.



Now it's time for a State License Plate Search. Find as many states as you can - whoever finds the most before you reach your destination wins.

Bonus points if you know the Capital of the State. 10-4, good buddy!

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Travel Tip!
Bring a compass and help Mom and Dad navigate.

Family Trivia!

You think you know those people in the front seat? Take a test! Here are ten questions you may—or may not!—know about your family. Write in what you think is the correct answer, and then quiz Mom and Dad. See how close you are to being right.

1. Where did your Mom and Dad meet?
2. Who was Mom's best friend growing up?
3. What was the first word you ever said?
4. Who was your Dad's favorite Uncle?
5. What were your parent's favorite toys growing up?
6. What was your Mom's first pet's name?
7. When you were born, what were you almost named?
8. What was Dad's favorite sport?
9. What was Mom's favorite family vacation?
10. What were your parents favorite snacks when they were younger?



Travel Tip!
Don't bring too many toys and games in the car with you—that backseat gets crowded quickly!