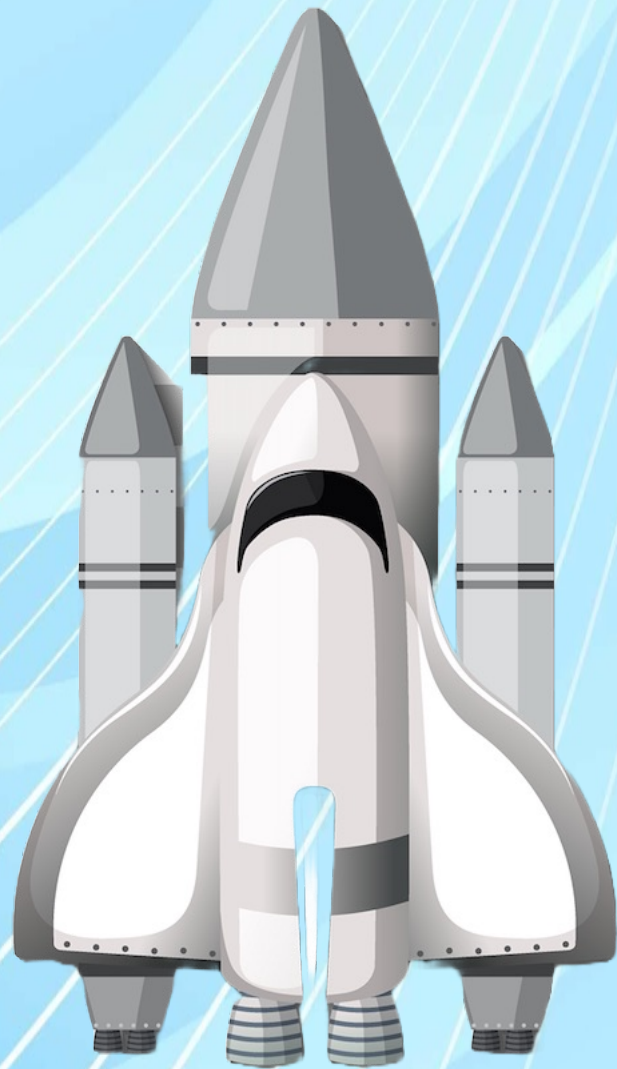


# Leading Your Own Learning

Early Elementary  
Students



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# LEADERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY



**Leadership & Responsibility is about making your own decisions and accepting consequences for those choices.**

**How can you be a superstar learner?**

- Be a leader!
- Make learning fun!
- Help your friends learn!
- Keep trying when learning is hard!
- Ask questions to help you learn!

**A student who demonstrates Leadership & Responsibility can say:**

- I share my ideas
- I help solve problems
- I accept responsibility for my decisions and actions
- I think about my classmates and friends when I make decisions
- I want my school to be an amazing place for all students



# Understanding Leadership & Responsibility

Respond to the questions below:

- What does it mean to be a *leader*?
- How do you make *responsible* decisions?
- Why is it important to think about *others* before you make a decision?
- How can you *improve* your leadership skills?
- Why do good leaders need to be *good listeners*?

Leadership & Responsibility Words:

Try using each word in a sentence.

decisions

lead

listening

opinion

choice

responsible

speak-up

ideas

leadership



# Understanding Leadership & Responsibility

## Who Am I as a Leader?

Answer Yes or No to the following statements:

I know what it means to be a leader.	YES	NO
I am a leader at school.	YES	NO
I use my voice to share my ideas at school.	YES	NO
I listen to other students' ideas.	YES	NO
I work well with other students.	YES	NO
I know when I make a mistake or poor decision.	YES	NO
I want to learn how to be a better leader.	YES	NO

What can you do to be a better leader?



# WHAT MAKES A GREAT LEADER?

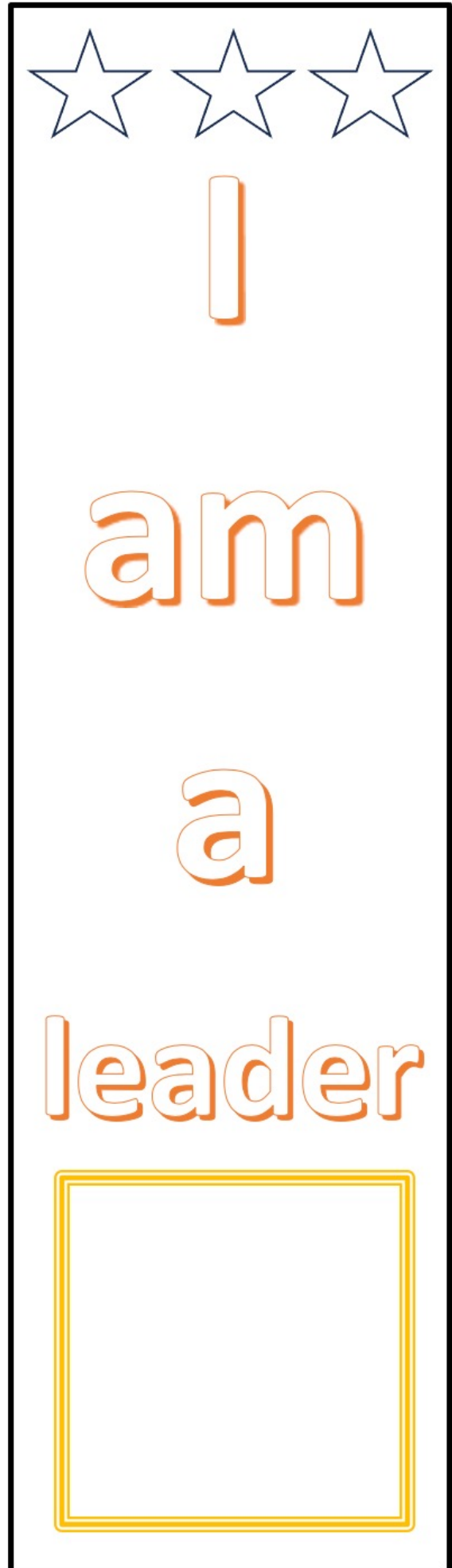
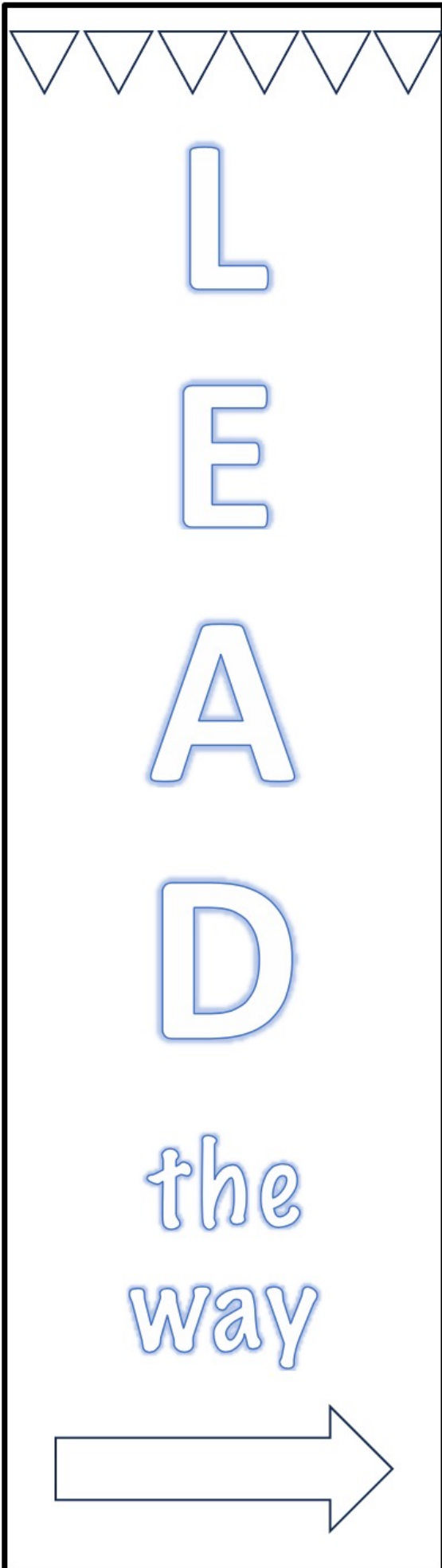
- uses kind words
- makes good grades
- helps others
- follows the rules
- is polite
- works hard
- shows respect
- positive attitude



Draw a picture of you being a leader.



Color in these bookmarks and use them to remind yourself that you are a leader!



# READY! SET! ACTION!

- When you and your friends need to make a decision, share your opinion.
- Ask your friends for their opinion on something important to you.
- Next time you work in a group, be the leader.
- Write a decision you need to make. Then list all the choices you have for that decision.
- Next time you do something wrong, admit your mistake and share what you learned.
- Think of your own Leadership & Responsibility challenge.



# GET READY!

## CLASS CHALLENGE

- Discuss leadership traits as a class. Identify one trait you have.
- Seek others' opinions and ideas on a daily basis.
- Invite the principal to the class to hear your ideas about the school.
- Develop a list of classroom responsibilities.
- Find out from the custodian what your class can do to help keep the school clean.
- Develop a Leadership & Responsibility classroom challenge.



# GET READY! TALK

Read and discuss the following.

Cali loves to be the class leader. She asks students for their ideas and always listens. Before Cali makes a decision, she always thinks about other students.

1. Why do you think Cali is a good leader?
2. What kind of leader are you?
3. What different ways can students be leaders?
4. Share a time you were a leader. What made you a leader in this example?
5. What can you do to be a better leader at school?



# WORD SEARCH

*Find* the words in the puzzle below.  
*Learn* what the words mean.  
*Live* the words every day!

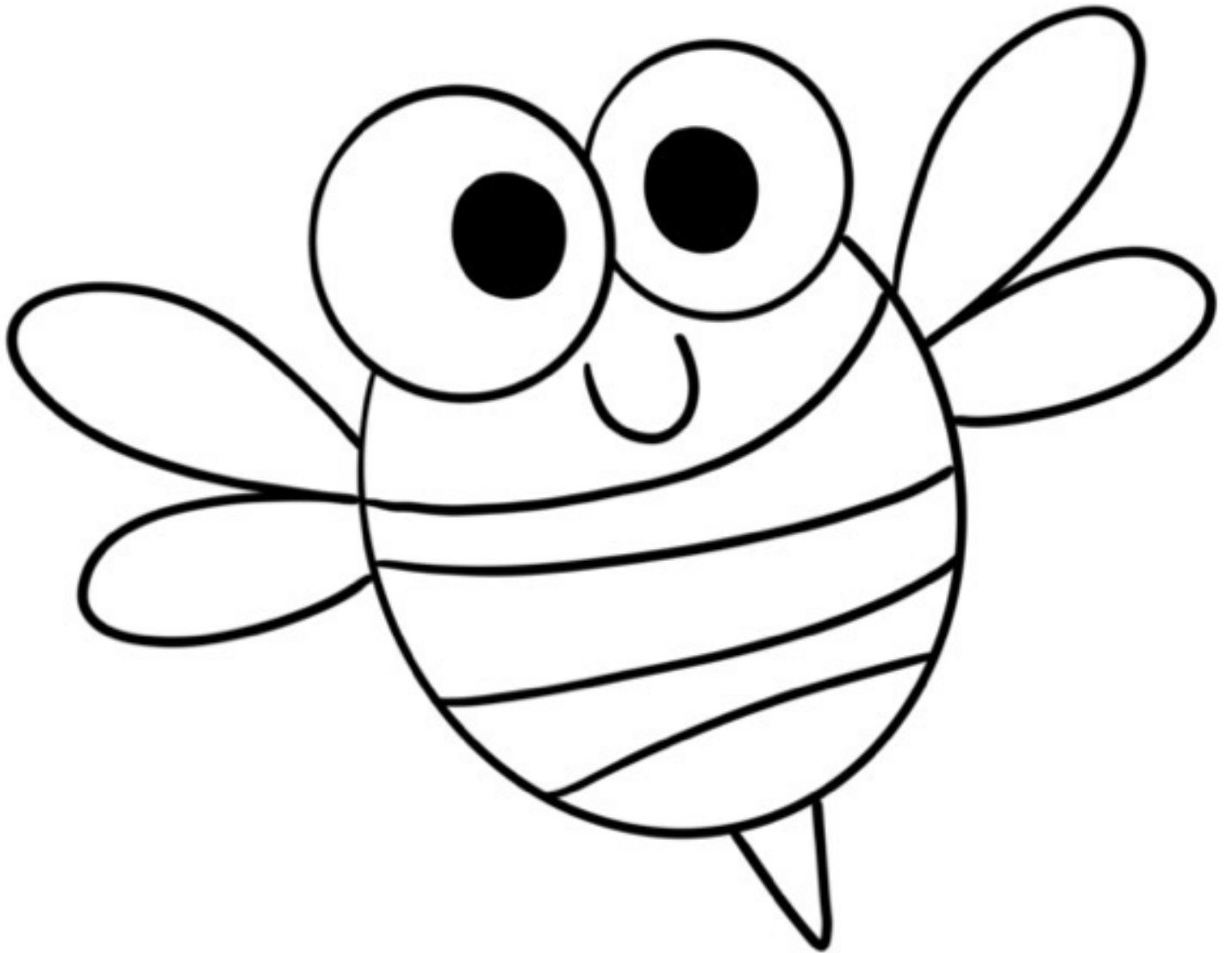
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DECISIONS  
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JUSTICE  
LEADERSHIP

LISTEN  
OPINION  
POSITIVE  
RESPONSIBLE  
SPEAK

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**BEE**



**RESPONSIBLE**