FEED TWO BIRDS WITH ONE SCONE

Use Kind Words When Talking About Animals

The way we treat each other matters,
and the words we use do, too.
Words can sometimes hurt animals
just like me and you.

It's important to be friendly
and always to be kind,
so when you hear words that aren't nice,
keep these sweeter ones in mind.

Animals aren't "it" or "things."
Call them "he" or "she."
If you show respect for animals,
others will, too, you'll see!

No one should be mean.
Don't "kill two birds with one stone."
You can get things done more quickly
when you "feed two birds with one scone."

We know not to beat horses,
so if you find yourself repeating,
say you don't mean to "feed a fed horse,"
because full horses don't need feeding!

Has someone said you had "ants in your pants"?
Ants don't belong in there!
Tell them you have "pepper in your pants"
when you're eager to go somewhere.

Cats don't belong in bags,
so when you tell a secret,
you can say you "spilled the beans,"
or instead just try to keep it!

Pigs love their families, too,
so why "bring home the bacon"?
Say you're "bringing home the bagels"
for a treat when you awaken.

Has anyone said you "chickened out"
when you were afraid?
Tell them you just "lost your nerve,"
and that's perfectly OK.

Do you say, "Hold your horses!"
when someone's in a hurry?
Try using "Cool your jets" instead
so horses won't have to worry.

Have you said that you were "off the hook"
because you weren't in trouble?
Instead, try using "in the clear"
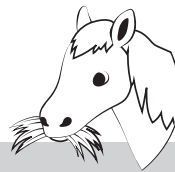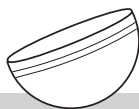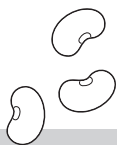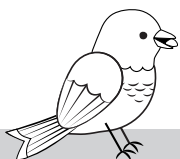and you'll help fish on the double.

Do your grandparents say, "I'm blind as a bat,"
when they try to read?
Tell them bats can see in the dark,
but potatoes' eyes can't see.

Have you said, "They're badgering me,"
although badgers are quite shy?
Instead, say, "They're bothering me,"
or try understanding why.

Don't "put all your eggs in one basket."
They aren't yours to take.
"Put all your berries in one bowl."
Chickens are friends, for goodness' sake.

No one wants to "skin a cat,"
so when there are two ways to get a job done,
say, "more than one way to peel a potato,"
which sounds way more fun!

Other things we may say aren't nice,
like "pig out" and "wild goose chase."
Since you're a friend to animals,
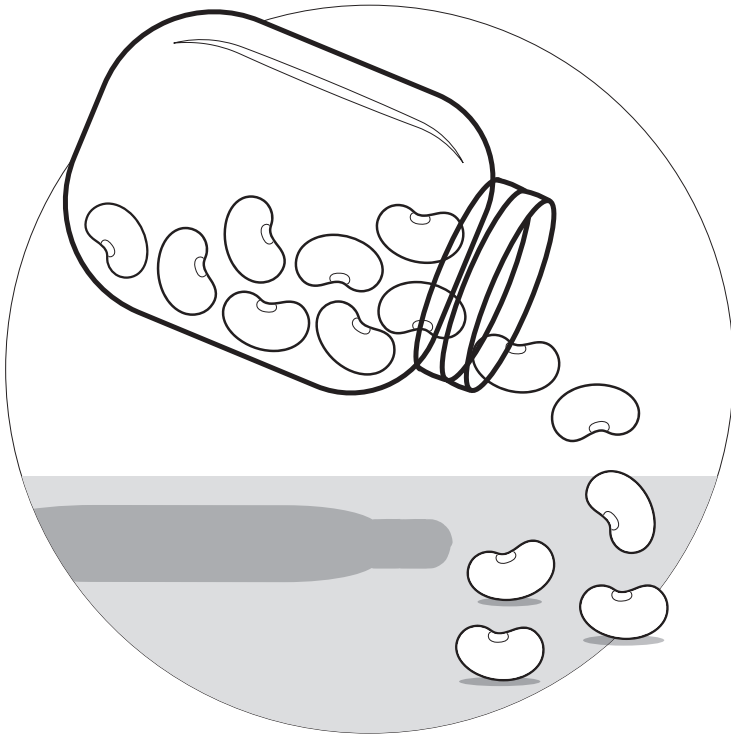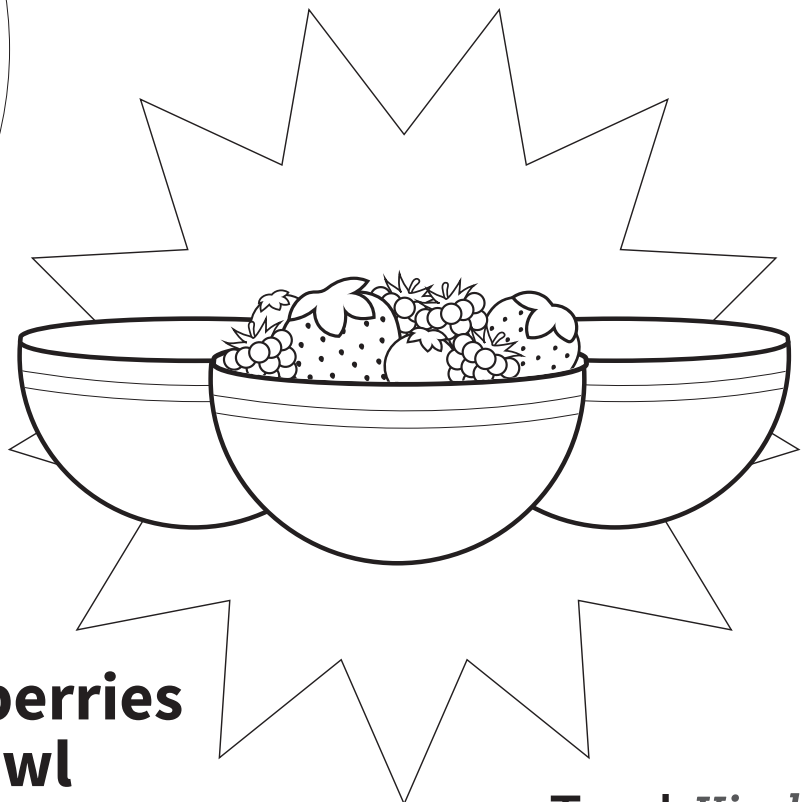can you think of better words in their place?

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Feed a fed horse

Spill the beans

Put all your berries in one bowl