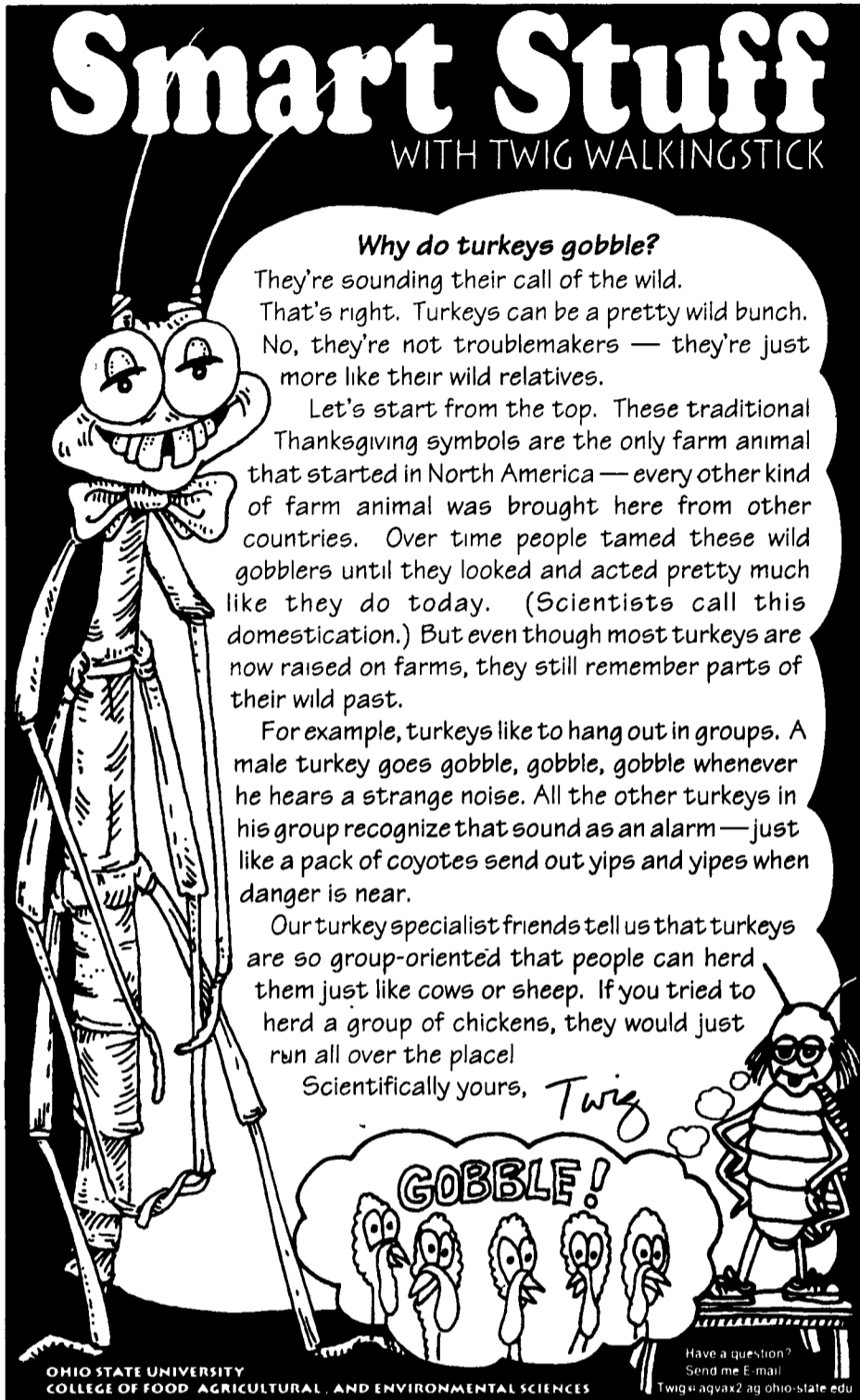


# Kids Korner

## Smart Stuff

WITH TWIG WALKINGSTICK



**Why do turkeys gobble?**  
They're sounding their call of the wild. That's right. Turkeys can be a pretty wild bunch. No, they're not troublemakers — they're just more like their wild relatives.

Let's start from the top. These traditional Thanksgiving symbols are the only farm animal that started in North America — every other kind of farm animal was brought here from other countries. Over time people tamed these wild gobblers until they looked and acted pretty much like they do today. (Scientists call this domestication.) But even though most turkeys are now raised on farms, they still remember parts of their wild past.

For example, turkeys like to hang out in groups. A male turkey goes gobble, gobble, gobble whenever he hears a strange noise. All the other turkeys in his group recognize that sound as an alarm — just like a pack of coyotes send out yips and yipes when danger is near.

Our turkey specialist friends tell us that turkeys are so group-oriented that people can herd them just like cows or sheep. If you tried to herd a group of chickens, they would just run all over the place!

Scientifically yours, *Twig*

**GOBBLE!**

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## When The Telephone Rings

Many young children take great pleasure in answering the telephone. But when parents are unavailable or not home, children need to be aware of some important telephone rules to help assure their safety. Rules that you can share with your child include the following:

- Answer the telephone pleasantly.
- Do not give out your name, number or address to a caller you do not know.
- If the caller wants to speak to a parent and the parent is not home, say that your parent cannot come

to the phone right now. Never say that you are home alone.

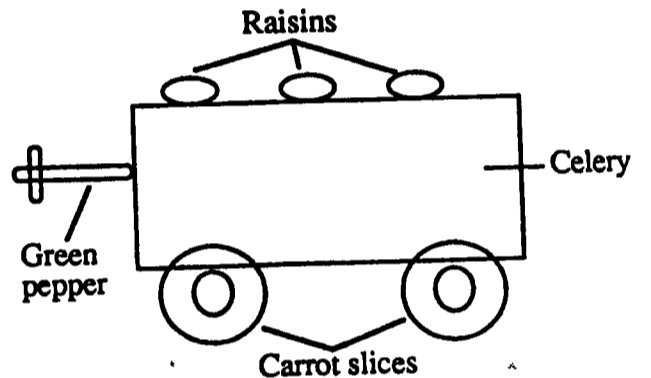
• If a parent is unavailable or not at home, take a message with the name and phone number of the caller and let them know that your parent will return their call.

• If the same person calls more than once and says it's important, call your parent or another trusted adult.

• Keep conversations short—the longer you talk, the more others learn about you.

• If you get a "prank" call, hang up right away and call your parent. Do not answer the phone or door until your parent arrives home

## Be Creative With Veggies



Most children like finger foods and what better foods for little fingers than raw vegetables. Sometimes it is a challenge to present vegetables to children in creative ways. Success often depends on their involvement in the preparation and if it is fun. Some things you can make are baskets, wagons, and ships. These can hold other vegetables, dip, peanut butter, or maybe that new food item

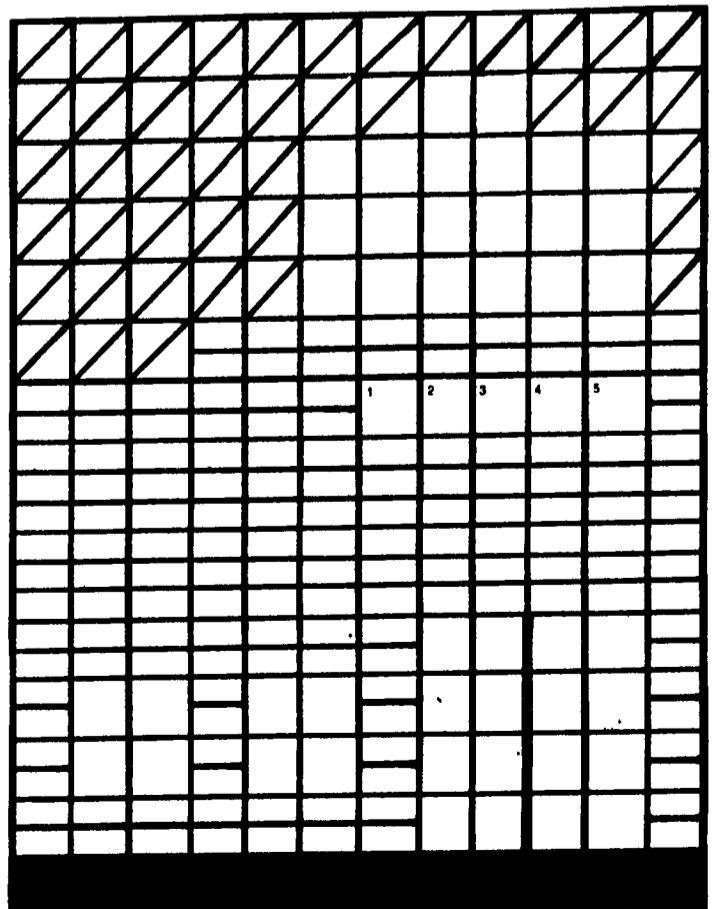
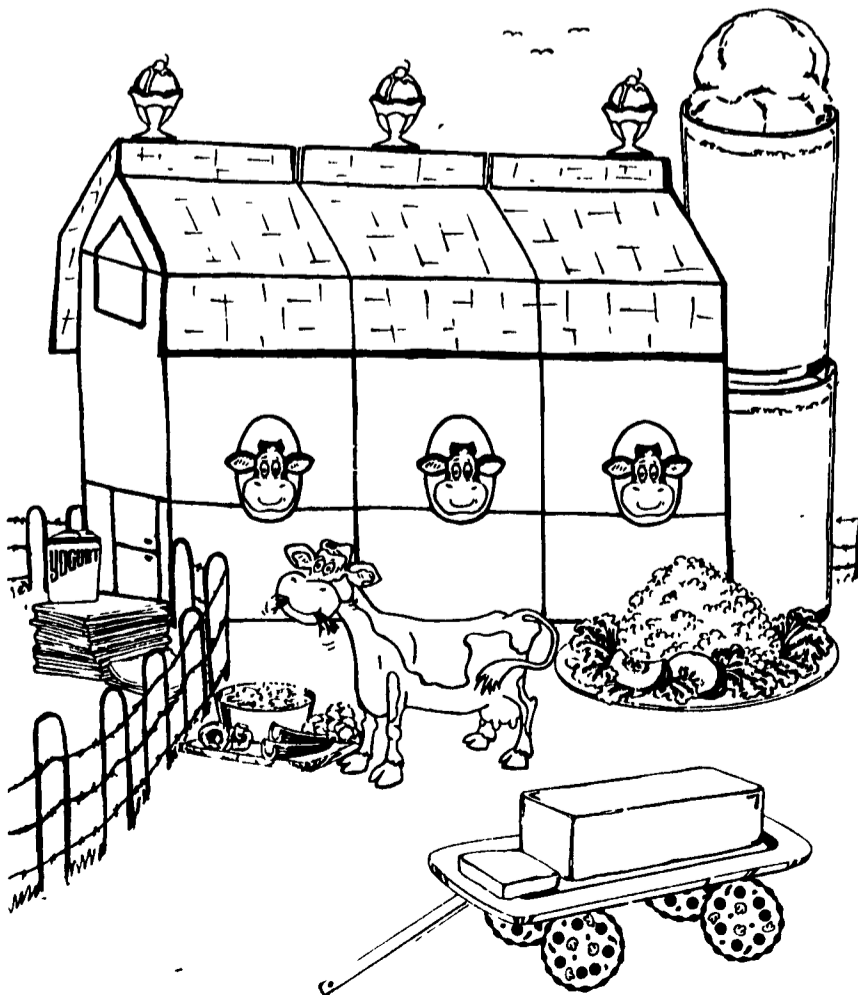
you want your child to try. Try the following ideas, or let your child create a new container.

### Vegetable Wagon

- Celery
- Peanut Butter
- Green Pepper
- Raisins
- Carrot Slices

Use a pretzel or peanut butter to fasten carrot slices for "wheels" to celery. Fill celery with peanut butter, top with raisins.

## Color And Fill In The Spaces



Color the spaces and fill in the numbers 5-Y 2-A 1-D 4-R 3-I  
What do you see?