

# Kids Korner

## Spring Things

GAY BROWNLEE

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The word "versatile," in the dictionary means several things. One meaning of versatile is "adaptable to many uses or functions."

In the following fun exercise, Kid's Korner readers will learn about something versatile that comes every spring. It has many uses.

Read all the clues and take a guess, then Kid's Korner readers can give the quiz to their parents.

### CLUES

- Find me peeping at you through the dirt or in the grass
- I live in the country and in the city
- My stem is hollow
- Kids like to play with me
- Kids' noses get gold on the tip if they try to smell me
- When kids pull my stem their fingers get gooey with milk
- Kid make excellent jewelry with me
- Grownups eat my green leaves
- People dip me in pancake batter and fry me
- People pick bushels-full of me to make wine
- When I'm done blooming, I turn fluffy and blow away

ANSWER: Dandelion

### POSEY

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Spring comes in March,  
And winter is through.  
Roses are red,  
And violets will bloom,  
But in springtime it rains,  
And the thunder goes "boom!"

### PUPPY

We got a new pup,  
Who eats all his food,  
And digs holes in the ground,  
When he's in the mood.  
Our pup like to play,  
So we're teaching him tricks,  
Like catching a frisbee,  
or fetching small sticks.

### TEETH

It's time for the dentist,  
To check all my teeth,  
I know he will tell me,  
To stop eating sweets.  
But milk builds good teeth,  
So I drink it a lot,  
To stop bad old cavities,  
Or my teeth will rot.

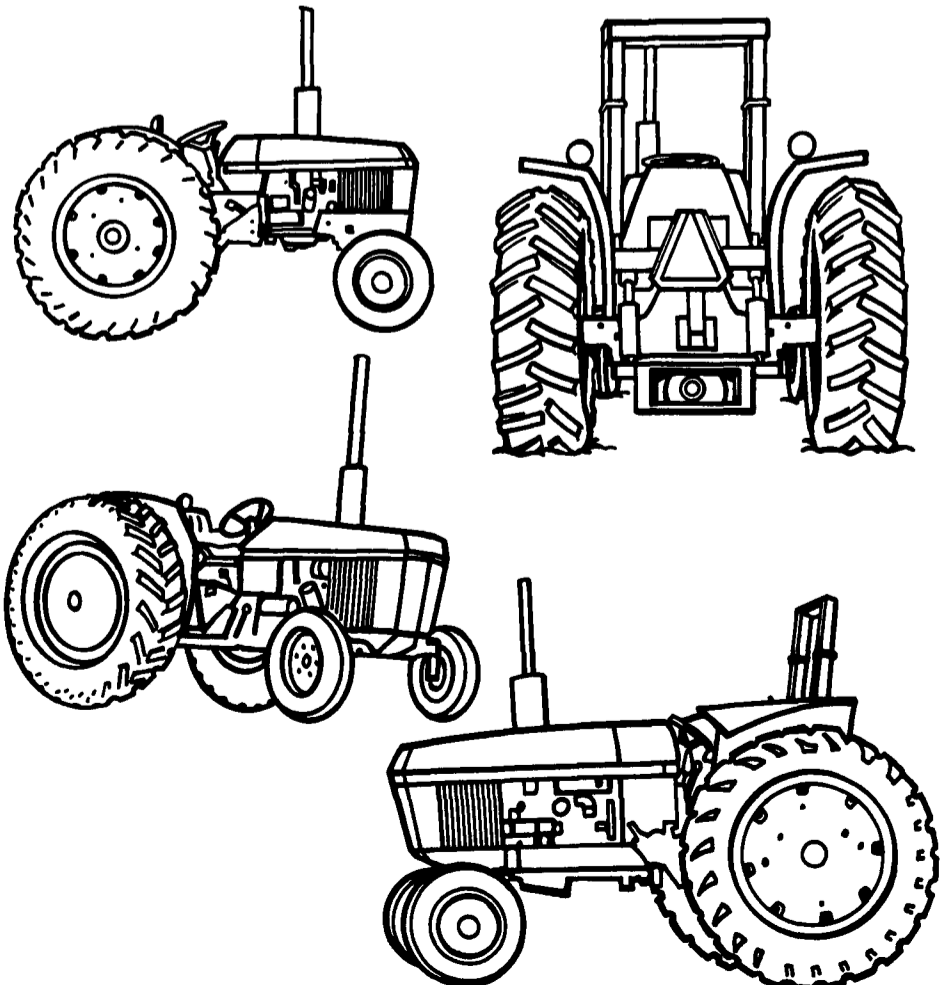
### SOCCER

It's time to play soccer,  
The season is here,  
For kids and their coaches,  
To kick balls and cheer.  
It's time to score goals,  
Don't worry or fear,  
Clever footwork will work,  
Kick that ball right in here.  
Then break for your bottle,  
And guzzle it down.  
Your team won the ballgame,  
They are heroes in town.



**T**here's nothing chicken about wearing a seatbelt.  
Connect the dots and you'll see how to make a ROPS even more valuable.

**A** rollover protective structure (ROPS) helps protect mom and dad if the tractor tips over.  
Circle the tractors that already have a ROPS  
Then draw a ROPS on the tractors that don't have one



# Smart Stuff

WITH TWIG WALKINGSTICK



Why does sap flow from maple trees?

As you know, people have been tapping maple trees for a long time to collect sap. The best time for collecting sap is in the early spring. Temperature then often are above freezing (32 degrees F) during the day, but below freezing at night.

Maple sap flows out of a hole in the trunk of the tree during the day. The sap flows out because the temperature is above freezing during the day. The sap flows out because the temperature is above freezing during the day. The sap flows out because the temperature is above freezing during the day.

When warm weather returns and the sap melts, there is too much sap to fit in the tree. People drill a hole in the trunk to catch the extra sap in a bucket.

The sap can then be made into enough maple syrup to cover all the pancakes you want.

Happy eating!

Scientifically yours, Twig

