



Tommy Sky coloring & activity book

Aaniin gakina awiiya! Greetings everyone!
My name is Tommy Sky. I'm 12 years old, and I'm proud to be Ojibwe! Our people have been living subsistence lifestyles for many generations. This means we live seasonal lifestyles and embrace each season for the many life-giving opportunities. The warmer weather brings many opportunities to spend time on our zaaga'igan (lake) in the jiimaan (canoe or boat).

We harvest giigoonyag (fish), including ogaa (walleye) and ginoozhe (pike). Sometimes we spear fish, and sometimes we catch fish with asabiig (nets). When we bring home good foods, nookomis (grandmother) cooks in her akik (kettle) for us.

We truly live in a beautiful place in present-day northern Wisconsin. We say "present-day" because this place wasn't always a state when our ancestors first inhabited it.

Long ago, we followed our teachings that told us to travel until we reached the food that grew on the water—which was manoomin (wild rice).

If you are quiet enough out here on the water, you might be lucky enough to see makwa (bear), waagosh (fox), amik (beaver), esiban (raccoon), wazhashk (muskrat), or even migizi (eagle).

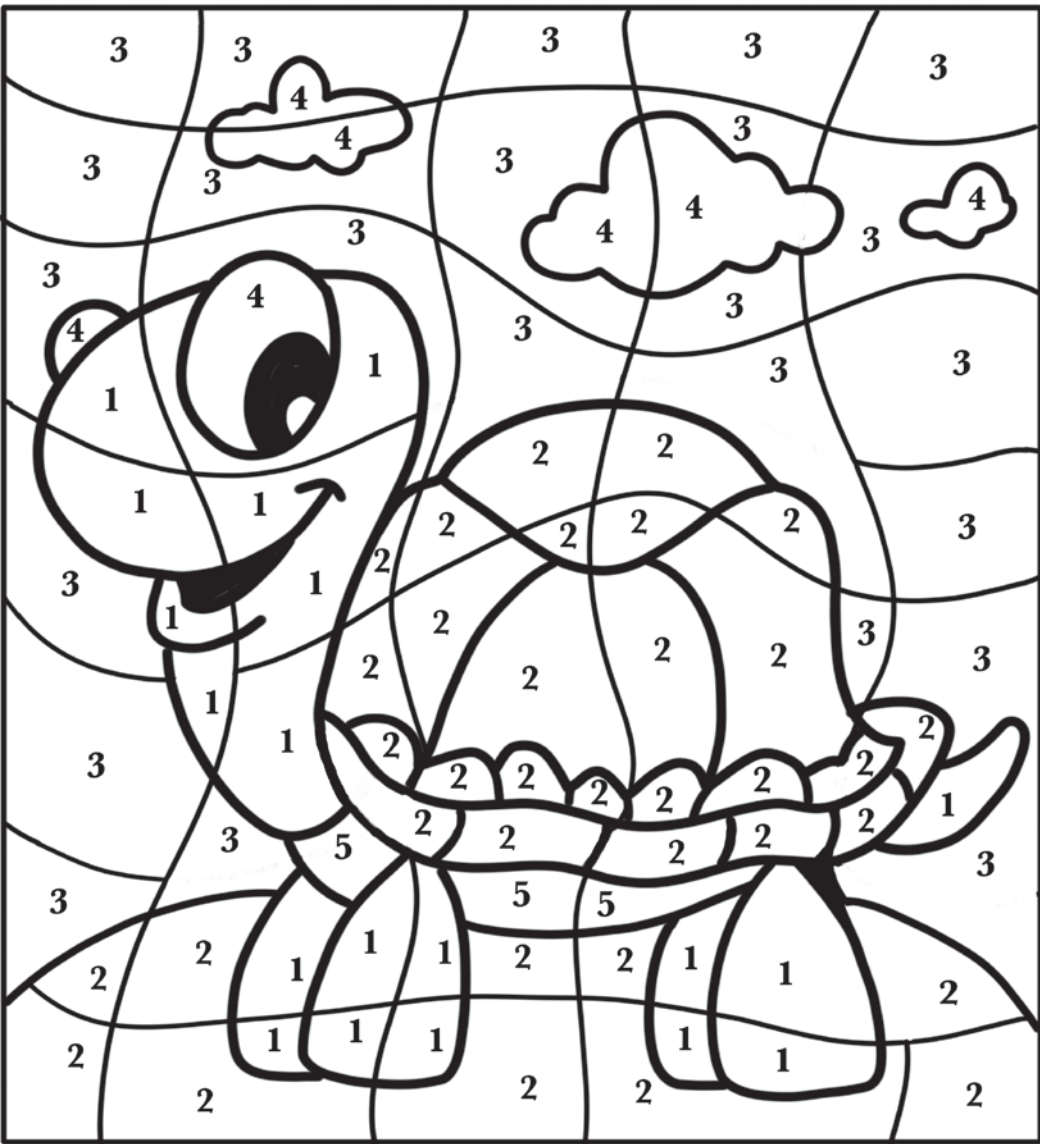
I'm going to scout some fishing spots today but enjoy this activity book created by Joshua Whitebird from the Fond du Lac Tribe in Minnesota.

The book is filled with fun activities including coloring pages, connect the dots, mazes, cootie catcher, fish-tac-toe, moose mask, and more. We will see you again soon—gigawaabamin (see you later)!

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—B. Jennings

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bezbig = green
niizh = brown

niswi = blue
niwin = white

naanan = orange

