

# You Can Count on Me

**Big transitions like going to school can be easier when children know they always have a helping hand.**

Trace your hand, then trace your child's hand within yours.  
Invite your little one to color in both.

Together, count the number of fingers on your hands as you

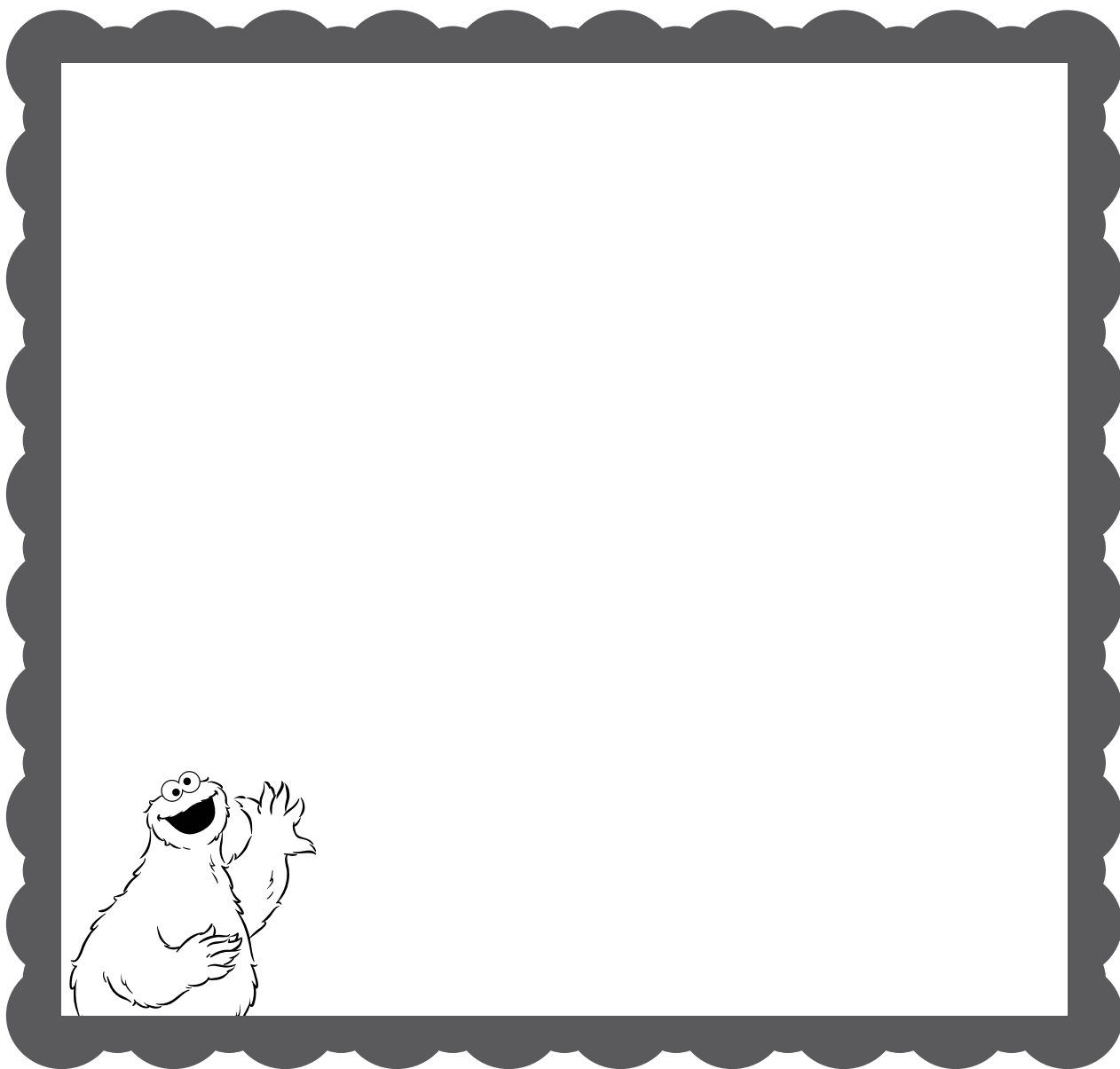
write numerals on each. As you count each of your child's fingers, say something positive about your child, such as, "You are helpful to your brother" or "You are brave." Read this poem aloud:

**1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.**

**Count on me again and again.**

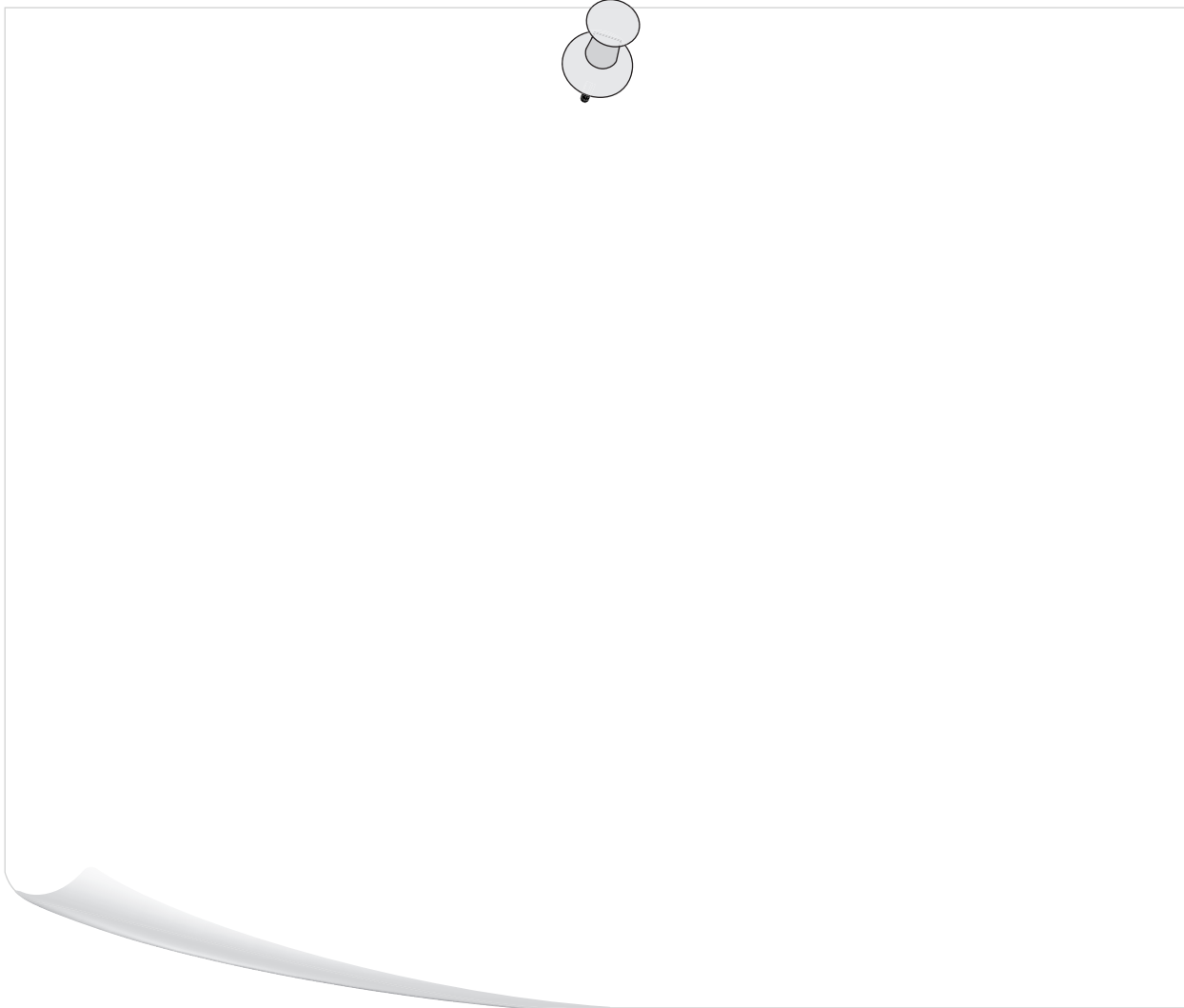
**My fingers are big, your fingers are small.**

**But together, we can do it all!**



# My Family Portrait

**When your child begins school,** your whole family becomes part of a learning community. To help your child's teacher get to know your family, help your child draw a family portrait on this page and share the answers below with his teacher.



**NAMES OF PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THINGS WE LIKE TO DO TOGETHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LANGUAGE(S) WE SPEAK AT HOME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORDS THAT DESCRIBE MY FAMILY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT MY FAMILY IS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOMETHING IMPORTANT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MY FAMILY IS:** \_\_\_\_\_