

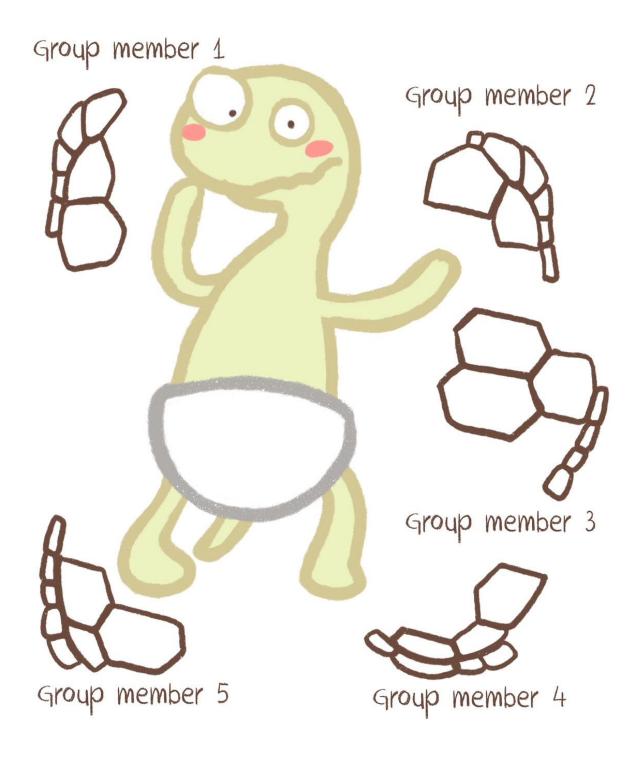
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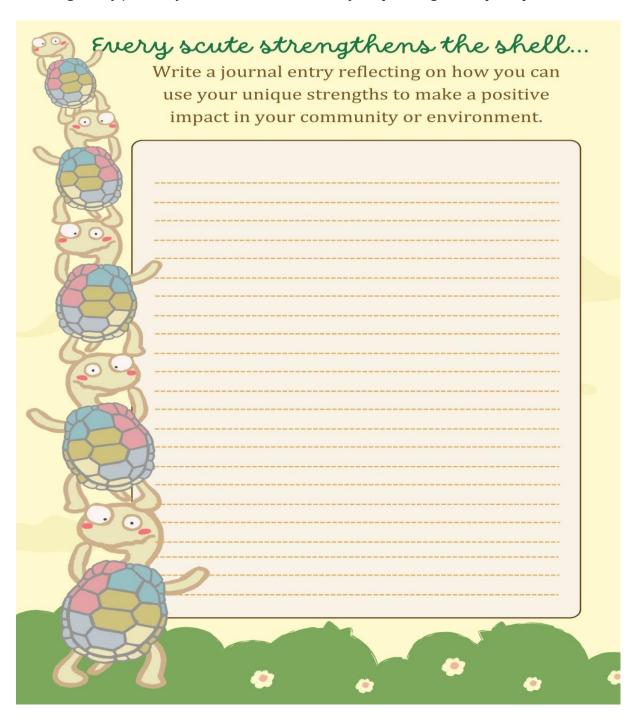
An activity of "Nature's Kisses".

Browse through the photo essay "Nature's Kisses" (page 27, *What's Up* March 2024). This activity was inspired by the turtle in the article. Work in small groups to complete it.

1. Timmy Tortoise's top shell (carapace) has come apart. He needs some help piecing it together. Let's help him. Cut out the protective plates (called "scutes") below.



- 2. Reflect on these questions: What are you good at? Which activities make you feel confident? Think beyond academic skills. Include social skills, hobbies, personality traits, helpfulness, or anything else that makes you unique. Using symbols or acronyms, write down one of your strengths on each of the protective plates (or scutes) that make up Timmy's carapace. Colour and decorate the scutes.
- 3. Piece together the five scutes so that they form the complete carapace. Then, mount the carapace on Timmy's back. Share your work with the class, highlighting some unique strengths you have mentioned.
- 4. Thoughtfully journal your reflections here \checkmark by responding to the prompt.



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