

Reading Focus: Problem & Solution

Display the partially completed picture. Explain that a child colored this picture for a coloring contest.

- ▶ **Is there a problem with this picture? What is it?** Yes; he did not finish coloring it.
- ▶ **What might have happened to keep the child from finishing this project?** Possible answers: He may have found something else he would rather do; he may have thought the project was too hard; he may not have had time to finish.

Display the completed picture alongside the incomplete one.

- ▶ **Here is a picture someone else colored for the contest. Did this person finish his picture?** yes
- ▶ **Which picture would more likely be chosen to win the contest?** the finished one
- ▶ **Do you think it would be a good idea for the first person to finish his picture?** yes
- ▶ **What are some possible ways to solve this problem?** Possible answers: The person could set aside a time to finish coloring the picture; he could ask for help if the project was too hard.
- ▶ **What are some words you would use to describe a person who finishes his jobs?** possible answers: *hard-working; diligent; responsible; dependable*
- ▶ **Does God want you to be a person that others can depend on to finish your jobs?** yes [BAT: 2e Work]

Review the meanings of *problem* and *solution* given on Student Text page 160. The characters in a story find a way to solve the problem in a story. Guide the students in matching each problem with its solution.

Purpose for Reading: Think as You Read

Direct the students to look at the title and the picture on Student Text page 161. Choose a student to read the title aloud.

- ▶ **Take a picture walk through the first few pages of the story “Kate Kangaroo.”** How can you tell that this story is fantasy and could not happen in real life? The kangaroos are wearing clothes and doing things that people would do, such as eating at a table, sitting in chairs, eating muffins, and reading the newspaper.

Direct the students to look for answers to the following questions as they read the story.

- ▶ **Why does Kate have so many problems?**
- ▶ **How does she solve her problems?**

