

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?

