Three dollars at the fair

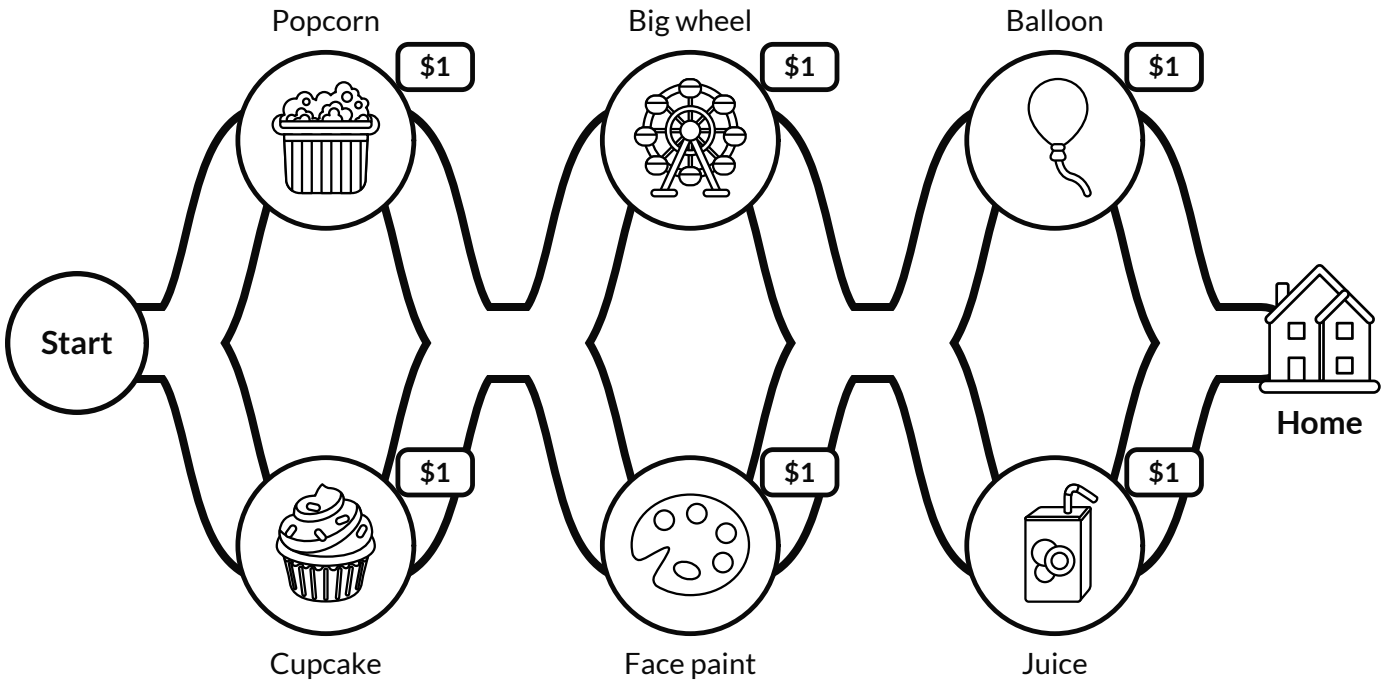
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Name: _____ Date: _____

You have 3 dollars.
Each stop costs 1 dollar.



Each time you pick, color 1 dollar.



Color what you picked. Put an X on what you skipped.

Then draw a tiny picture in each box.

I picked

I skipped

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For grown-ups

WHAT THIS SHEET PRACTICES

SSKE4 asks children to explain that people must make choices because they cannot have everything they want. With 3 dollars and 6 things to pick from, your child has to pass up 3 of them. The empty boxes make the skipped things as real as the picked ones.

HOW TO USE IT IN 5 TO 10 MINUTES

Read the top two lines out loud. Have your child trace one road at each split with a finger, then with a crayon, coloring one dollar each time.

When your child reaches home, fill in the boxes together. The activity takes about 5 to 10 minutes. Try it again on another day and see whether the picks change.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

There is no wrong path. A complete sheet has 3 dollars colored, 3 things picked, and 3 things skipped.

Listen for the trade: “I picked the balloon, so I did not get juice.” Economists call the best thing you gave up the opportunity cost. Your child does not need the word, only the idea that every yes comes with a no.

ONE QUESTION TO TALK ABOUT

Which skipped thing do you miss most, and would you pick it next time?