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About This Book

This book is intended for children ages 3-6 to introduce them to juvenile court and the supportive people who care about them and want to help them. It is meant to be used as a teaching tool to encourage conversations between children and adults about juvenile court. It is not intended to give or substitute for legal advice.

Set aside at least a half hour of relaxed time in a comfortable place to share this book with a child and respond to questions.

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**This is Bear. He
is going to court
just like you.**

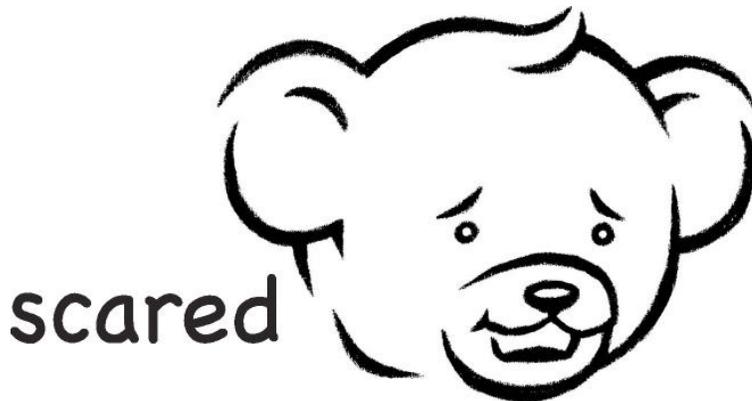


**This is the
courthouse.
The courthouse
is a place
where people
make
important
decisions.**



**Why is Bear
in Court?
Bear is in court
because his
parents cannot
take care of
him right now.
It is not
his fault.**

It is ok to feel sad or scared, or lonely or mad. Circle how you feel.



These are the people in court whose job it is to make sure Bear is safe.



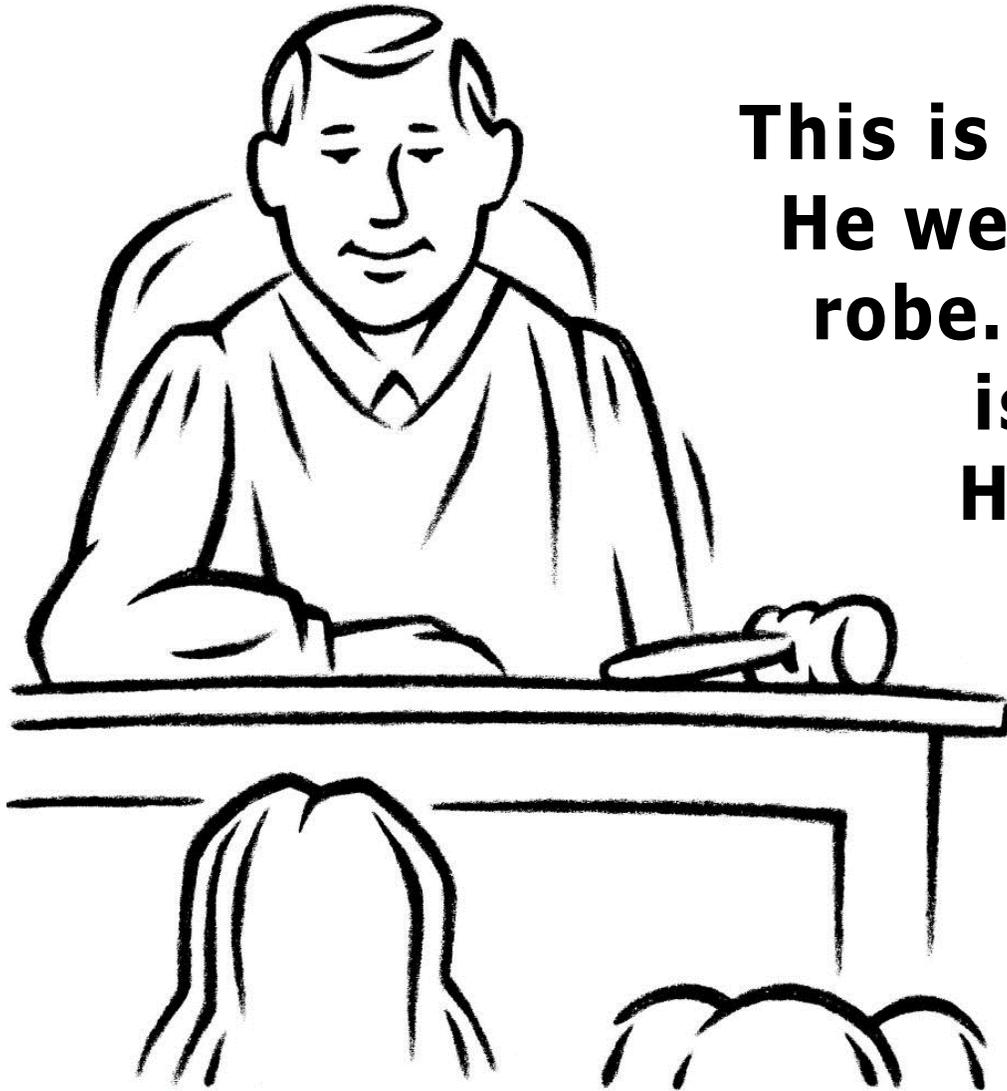
guardian ad litem



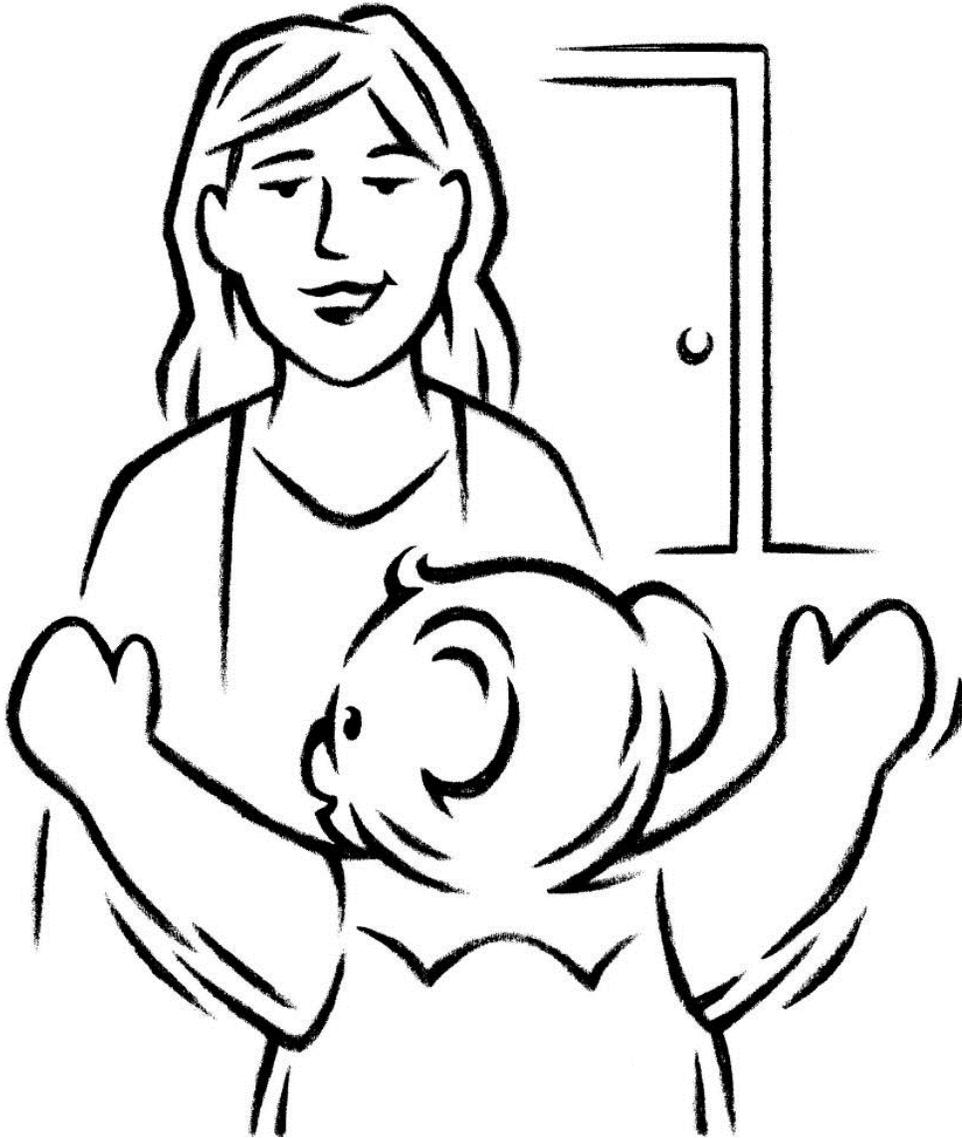
judge



caseworker



**This is the judge.
He wears a black
robe. The Judge
is in charge.
He has many
helpers.**



**This is the
guardian ad
litem.
She is one
of the
Judge's
helpers.
She talks
with Bear.
She will tell
the Judge
Bear's story.**

This is the caseworker. Bear tells him how he feels. The caseworker will help Bear and his family.



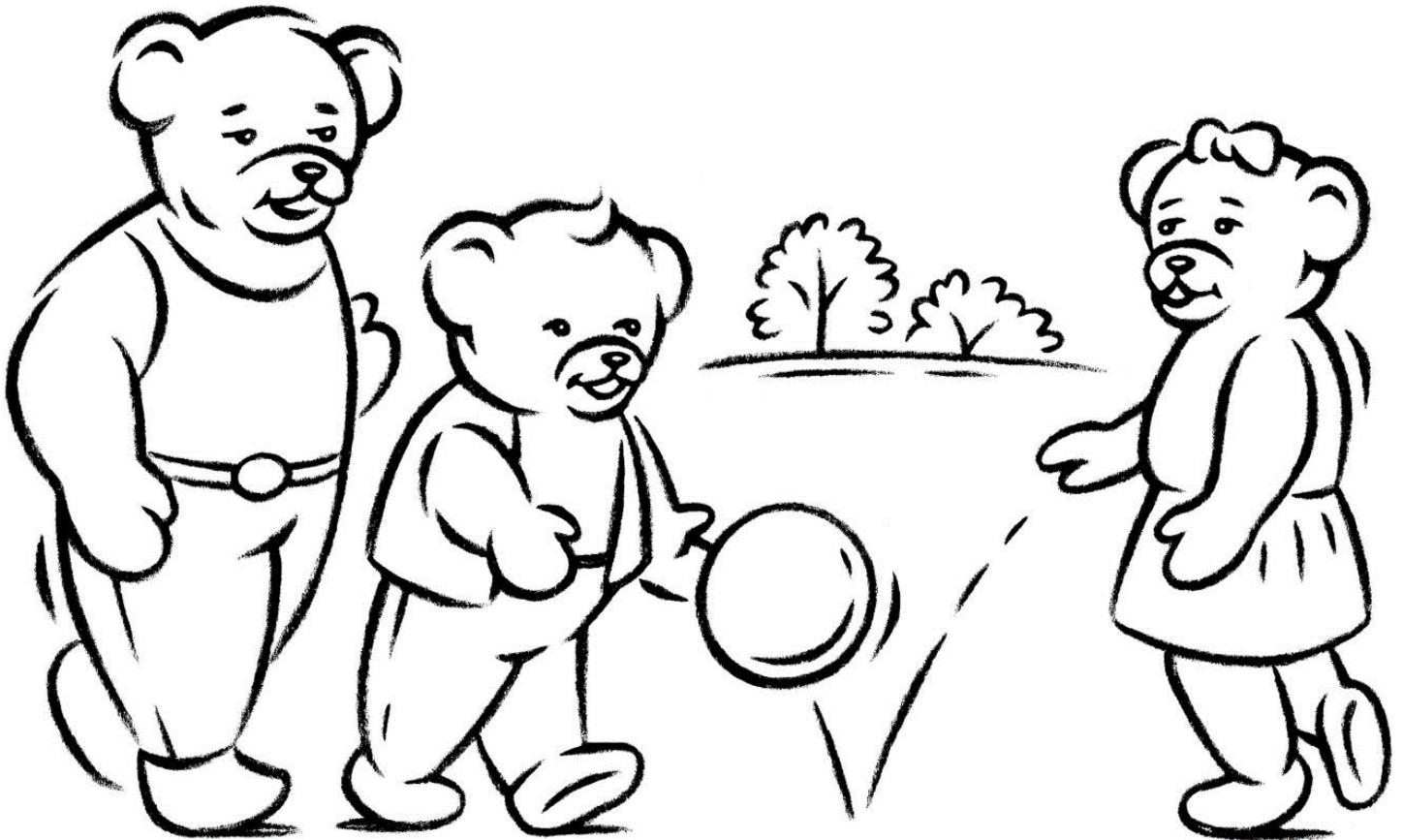


**These are
foster
parents.
Foster
parents
take care
of Bear
while Bear's
parents are
unable to.**

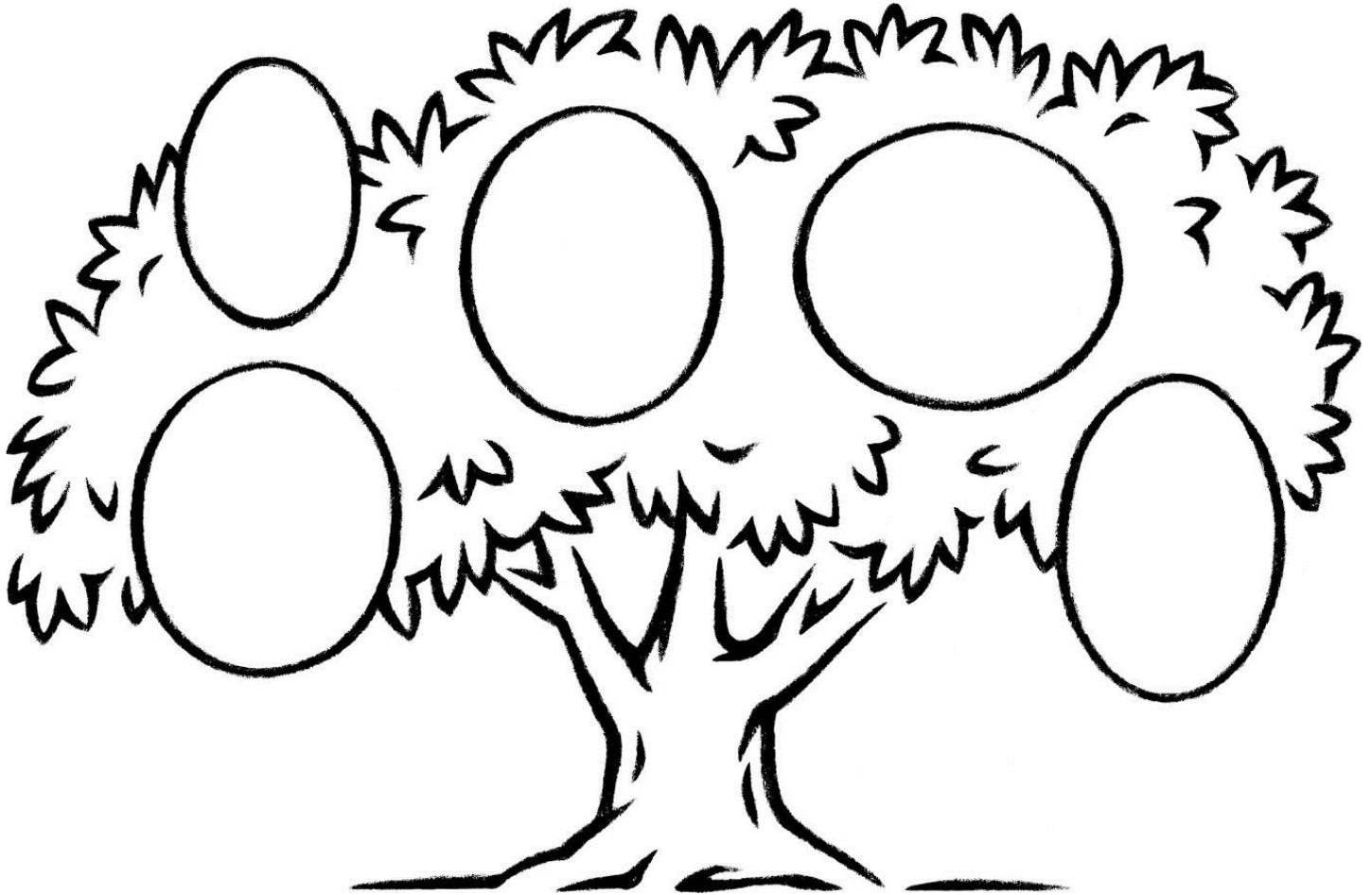
**If Bear is not living with his parents,
he may visit with them.**



If Bear is not living with his brothers or sisters, he may visit with them too.



Draw the faces of the people in your family.





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