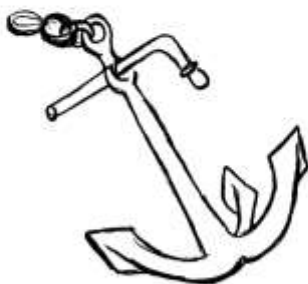


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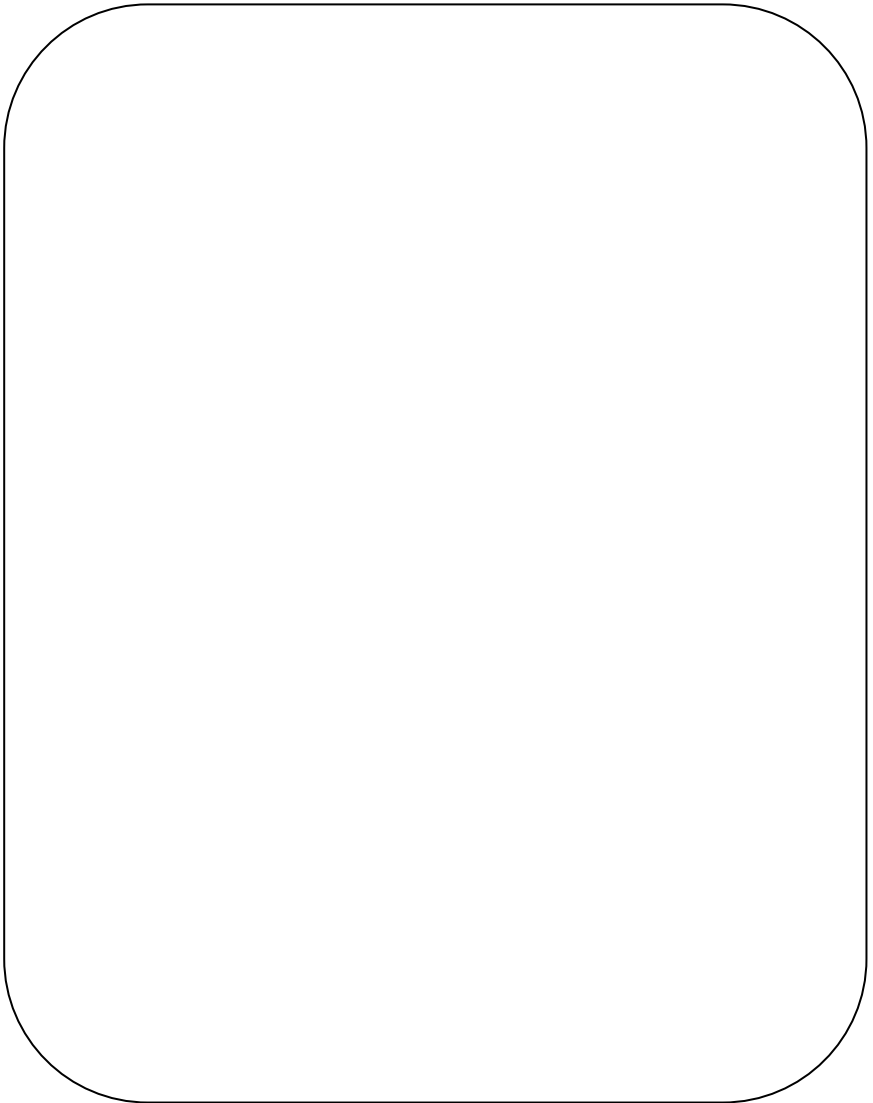
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Identify the beginning sounds of each picture with your child.

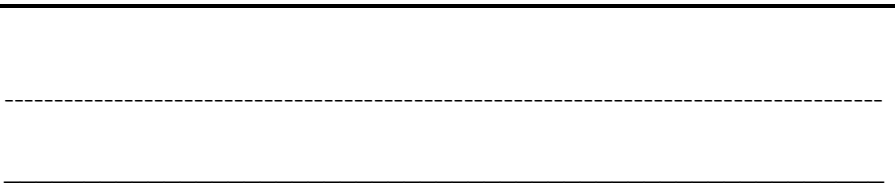


**Pictures Answer Key:** apple, arrow, acorn, anchor,  
larger arrow, ant

Help your child find something else that begins with  
the letter “a” today and draw it below.



Help your child draw the letter A.



Read the poem aloud and help your child find any A's and a's in the poem. This can be done through visual or audible recognition.

## A B C

Great A, little a,

Bouncing B!

The cat's in the cupboard,

And can't see me.

# Saint Agnes



## **Who was Saint Agnes?**

St. Agnes is the patroness of young girls and chastity, among other things. She was born in the year 291 to Christian parents, and she was exceedingly beautiful. Many young Roman men sought her hand in marriage, but she denied each one, saying that she was already promised to the Lord of the Universe. Jesus would be her only spouse.

This angered the men greatly and eventually her name was submitted to Roman authorities for the crime of being a Christian. She was promised great rewards if only she would deny her Christian Faith. She repeatedly stood firm and joyously went to her martyrdom at the age of 12 or 13 to meet her spouse in Heaven in 291 A.D.

There were even many pagans who were deeply saddened at seeing such a beautiful young maiden put to death.

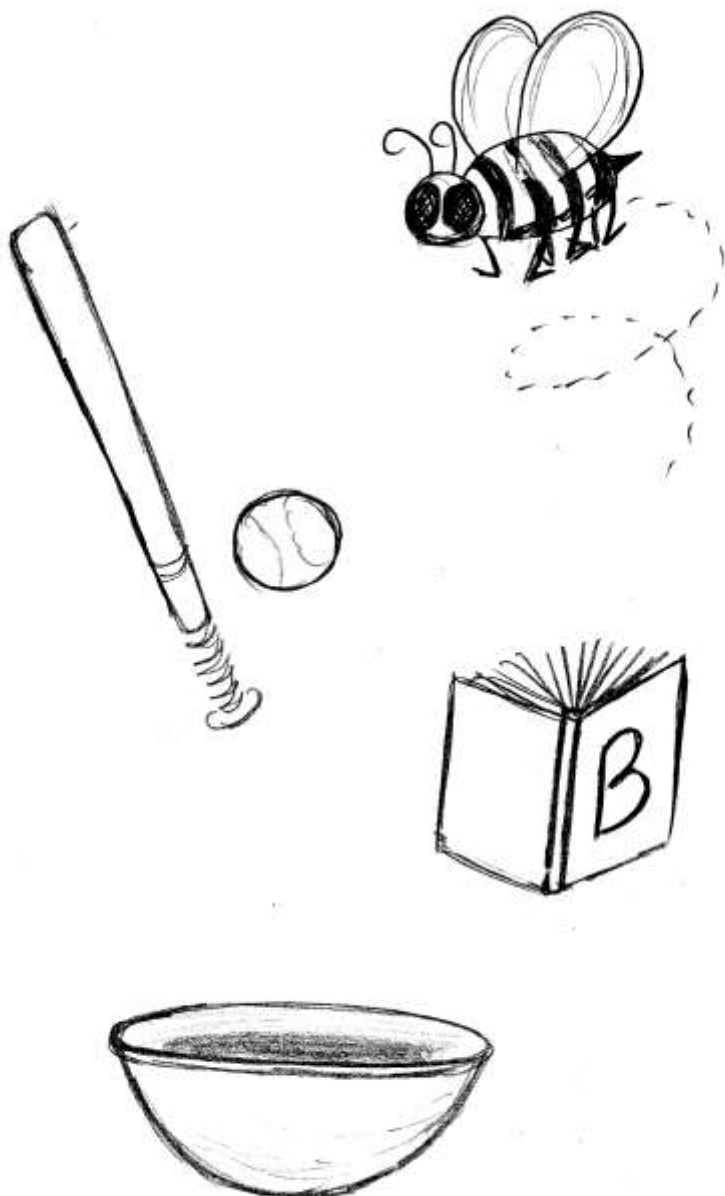




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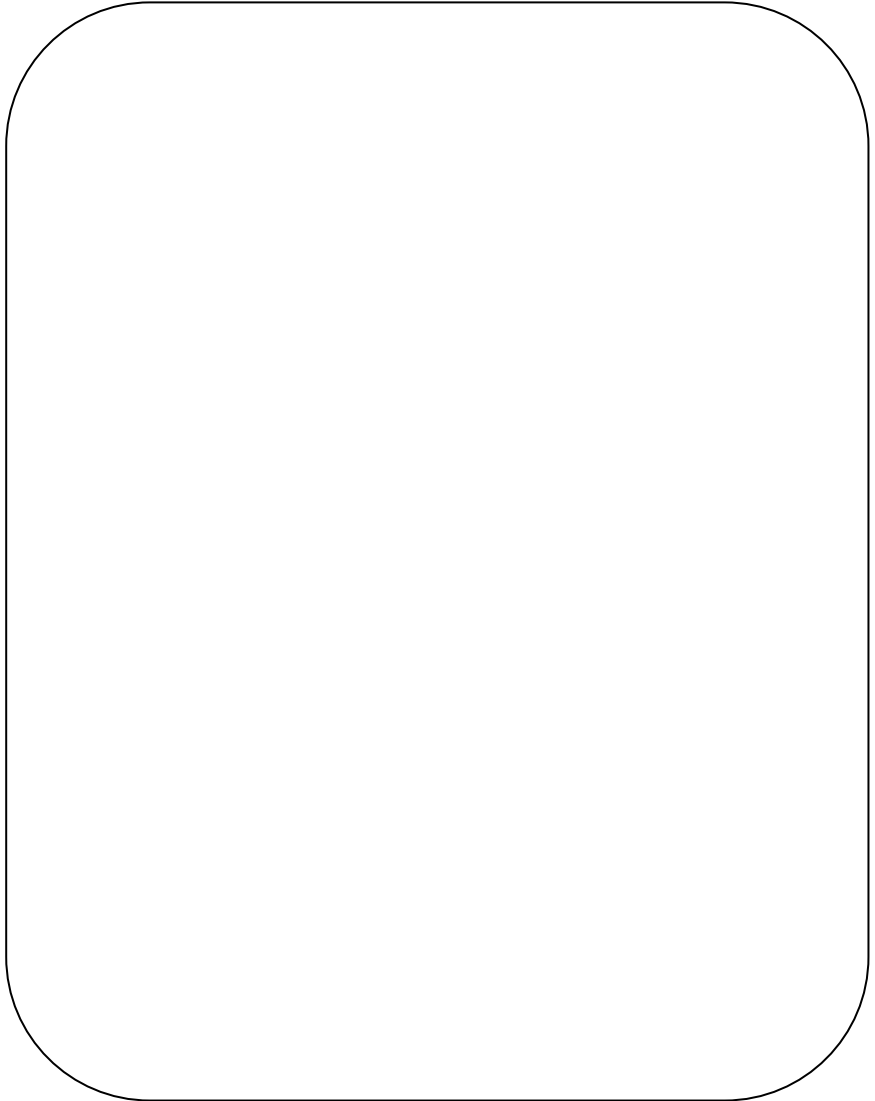
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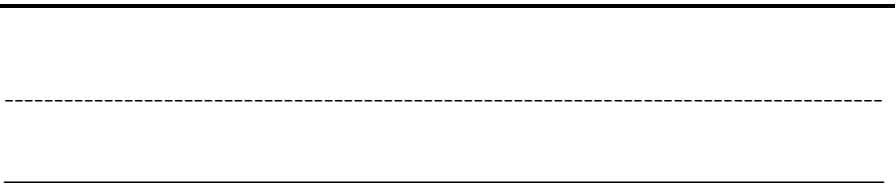


**Pictures Answer Key:** bee, bat, ball, book, bowl,  
letter B on the book

Help your child find something else that begins with  
the letter “b” today and draw it below.



Help your child draw the letter B.



Read aloud the little poem and help your child find the “B” and b’s. For extra practice, find the a’s, too!

## **BURNIE BEE**

Burnie bee, burnie bee,

Tell me when your wedding be?

If it be tomorrow day,

Take your wings and fly away.

# Saint Bernadette



## **Who was Saint Bernadette?**

In 1844 A.D. St. Bernadette was the first-born daughter of a Christian miller family.

On February 11, 1858 Bernadette was gathering firewood with her sister and friend when a small, beautiful lady dressed in blue and white appeared to her over a rosebush near a grotto called Massabielle. Bernadette prayed a rosary with the lady.

The beautiful lady repeatedly visited Bernadette, praying the rosary with her. During one apparition, the lady asked Bernadette to wash herself in the water nearby and to eat of a plant that grew there. Bernadette had to dig in the mud to find the water, but the next day clear water flowed.

At the thirteenth visit, the lady asked for a chapel to be built and a procession to be made. At the sixteenth vision, the lady responded to Bernadette's request for her name with "I am the Immaculate Conception." She was then able to go to her parish priest with the lady's message.

After vigorous interviewing by Church and civil authorities, her visions were declared authentic, and today the Chapel at Lourdes is one of our major pilgrimage sites. Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity and died amongst them in 1879.

