

Jabu and the ants

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Listen to the story about ants.

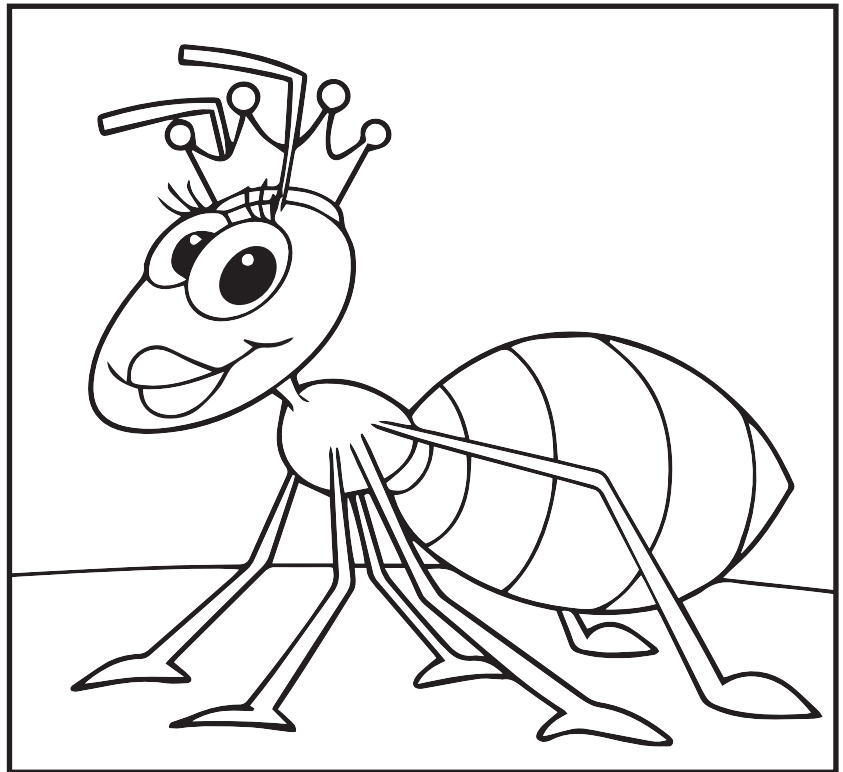
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Jabu liked to watch ants. "Ants work very hard all day long," Jabu told his mom.

"Where do ants live?" asked Jabu's sister.

"Ants live in an ant nest," said Jabu.

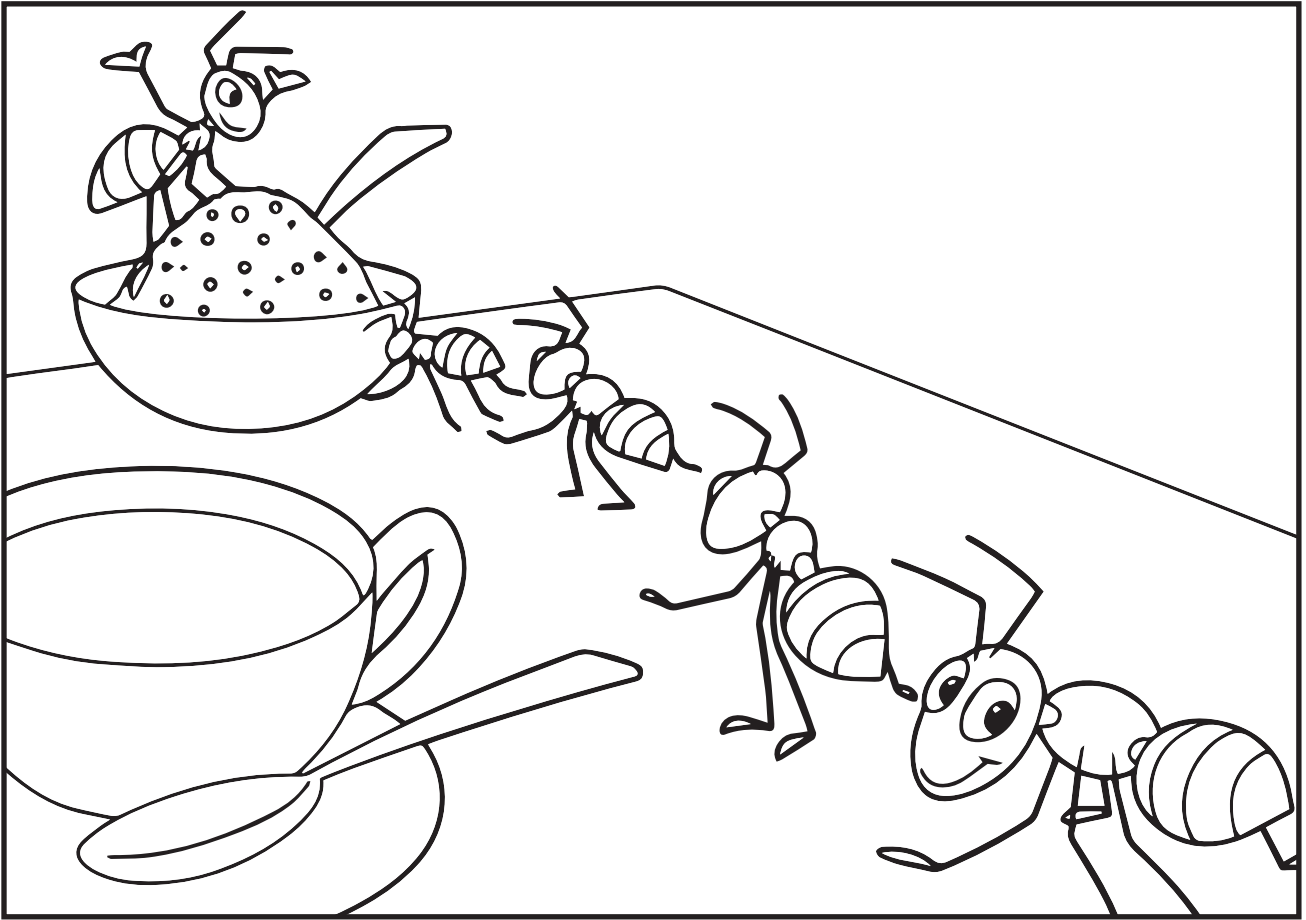
"Who do ants live with?" asked Jabu's brother.



"Ants live with other ants in an ant colony," said Jabu. "The most important ant in the ant colony is the Queen ant. The other ants are the male ants, the soldier ants and the female worker ants. The male ants and the Queen ant have wings. The other female ants don't have wings. The Queen ant is the only ant who can lay eggs," said Jabu. "Wow, you know a lot about ants," said Jabu's mom.

"How do ants take food to their nest?" asked Jabu's brother. "Ants use ant trails to get food to their nest," said Jabu. "If you find an ant trail you will find food on one end of the trail and the ant nest on the other end," said Jabu.

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Jabu said, “When an ant finds food, it leaves a scent for the other ants to follow. The other ants in the nest smell the scent and follow it to find the food.”

Jabu said “I can show you how ants make an ant trail.” “How will you do that?” asked Jabu’s brother. “Ants like sweet foods like sugar,” said Jabu. “If we leave some sugar for the ants they might make a trail,” said Jabu. Jabu and his brother put some sugar on the table for the ants.

When one ant found the sugar, it made a trail for the other ants to follow. They all followed the other ants followed the same trail to the food. Soon many ants were crowding around the sugar.

“Ant’s are quite interesting insects aren’t they?” said Jabu. “Yes they are,” said Jabu’s brother. “I like ants,” said Jabu.

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Circle the correct answer to the questions about the story:

1. This story is about:

- a) Ant trails
- b) Snake trails
- c) Deer trails

2. The Queen ant is the only ant who:

- a) Lives in the colony
- b) Has wings
- c) Can lay eggs

3. The male ants and Queen ants:

- a) Don't have wings
- b) Have wings
- c) Cannot fly

4. A group of ants is called a:

- a) Crowd of ants
- b) Herd of ants
- c) Colony of ants

5. The ant's home is called a:

- a) Nest
- b) House
- c) Hive