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I Can Do It Myself

by Katie Clark

"I can help with the snack," said Josh. He pulled carrots and dip from the refrigerator.

"Great," Mom said. "Let me get a plate."

Josh ran ahead of her. "I can do that too."

Josh ate his carrots and dip. He drank his milk.

Then he took his dishes to the sink all by himself.

"Would you like to play in the backyard?" Mom asked.

"Let me get my shoes," Josh said.

Josh's new shoes had laces. "I can tie them myself," he said.

Josh pulled, tugged, and twisted the laces. They twisted into a knot.

Josh frowned.

"I have an idea," said Mom. "Why don't I show you on my own shoes?" She showed Josh how to cross his laces, make a knot, and make a loop.

Now came the tricky part.

Josh bit his lip. He found the hole under the loop. He slid the lace inside the hole. He pulled the two loops.

"I did it!"

"Would you like me to show you again for your other shoe?" Mom asked.

"No thanks," Josh said. "I can do it myself."



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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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| 2. carrots | ● | ● strings on shoes |
| 3. dishes | ● | ● hard |
| 4. laces | ● | ● keeps food cold |
| 5. tugged | ● | ● orange vegetables |
| 6. tricky | ● | ● pulled |

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In the story, "I Can Do It Myself," Josh likes to do things by himself. He gets his own snack. He puts his plate in the sink. He even ties his own shoes.



Write about some things that you do all by yourself.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are ten sets of these lines for writing practice.

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