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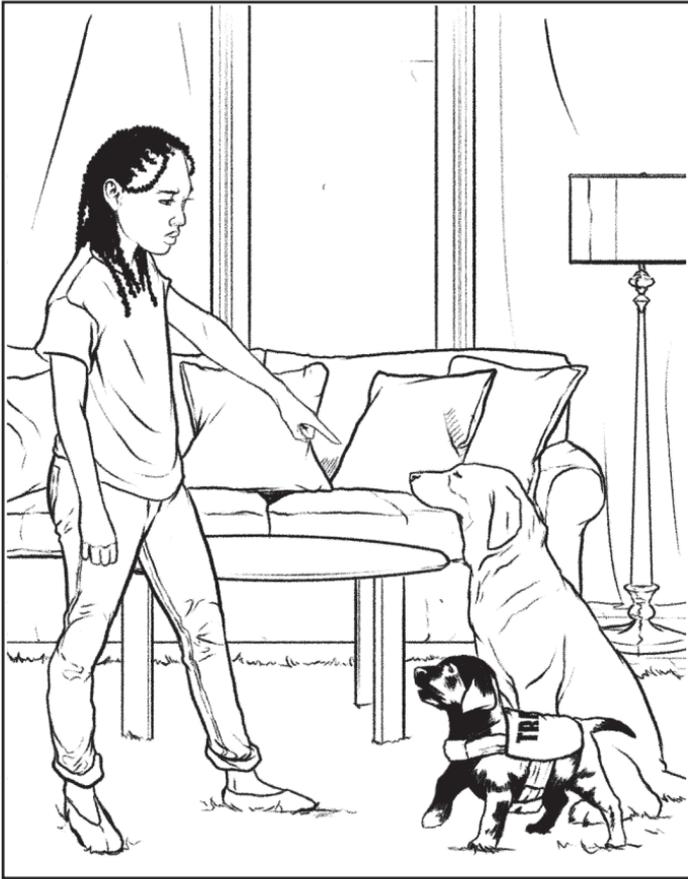
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Shawn and Hap

Shawn has a pup. It is a black lab. His name is Hap. Hap is a fine dog. But Shawn will not keep Hap. Shawn will just work with Hap so that Hap can help a kid that needs a dog.

Shawn will train Hap to help a kid that can not see.

Shawn is in a 4-H club. Her group in the club gets pups to train. Shawn and her mom have had five pups. Three of the dogs are now with kids who can not see. The last dog did not make the grade.



*Shawn will train Hap to help a kid
that can not see.*

The name of the last dog is Rose. Rose is a smart dog. But she will not set a paw on a main street. She hates loud noise. It gets on her nerves. She can not stand car horns and the screech of brakes. So Rose is still with Shawn. She will help train Hap.

A Day with Shawn and Hap

Hap is with Shawn day in and day out. Shawn takes Hap to school. Hap has to sit still. Hap has a green vest. When Hap is in his vest, he is on the job. He can not

sniff stuff. He can not play with toys or chase things. He has to do what Shawn tells him to do. Hap knows Shawn is in charge.

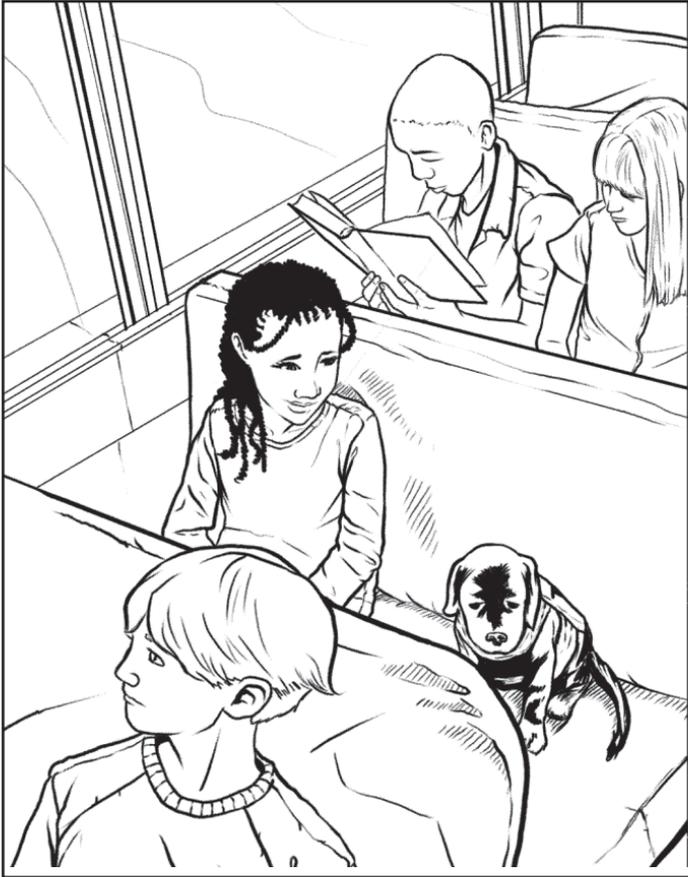
“Here, boy,” Shawn said. Shawn put the vest and leash on Hap. “Time for us to scoot. We will be home at three, Mom.”

Shawn hugs Rose and Mom and bursts out the door. The screen slams shut. Shawn and Hap run to the bus stop.

On the bus, Hap rides with Shawn. Hap curls up on the floor.

“Hi, Hap, you big lug,” said Kit as she joins the group.

“Shawn, did you get



On the bus, Hap rides with Shawn.

the math sheet done?”
said Ben.

“I got a lot of it done,” said Shawn. “The last part was too hard. Miss Glen will have to show me the steps.”

“She can tell me six times,” said Kit. “She can tell me six times six times! I still will not get it.”

“I bet Hap gets it,”
said Ben. “Too bad he
can not write.”

Hap wags his tail at
the sound of his name.
But he will not budge
from his spot.

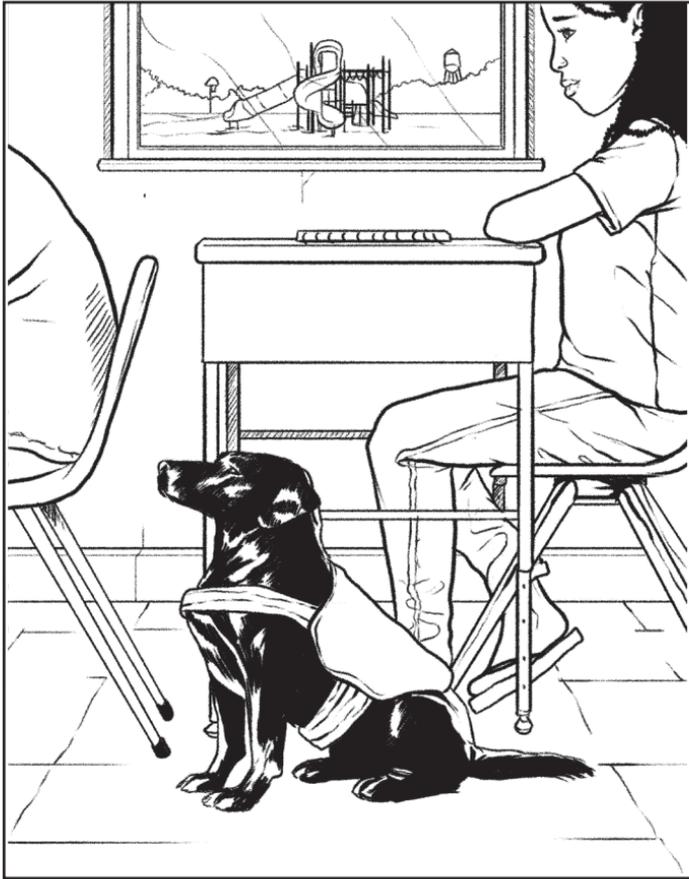
Hap in Class

The kids like Hap as a class mate. He is part of the group. But they do not bug him if he is in his vest. They know Hap is not like a pet dog from the pound.

Hap has a job to do.

At free time, Shawn will take off the vest and the leash. Then the kids can play with Hap on the lawn. But a lot of the time Hap is in his vest and on the job. Hap sits by the desk. He rests his chin on his feet so he can doze.

At the end of the day, Hap and Shawn



*A lot of the time Hap is in his vest
and on the job.*

ride the bus home.
Shawn takes the vest
off of Hap. Mom and
Shawn sit and eat a
snack. Rose and Hap
romp on the lawn.

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done	said	what
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give	there	
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