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I'm Stixx.

Look for me as you read the story about Eddie. Write down
the letters I touch. It will spell out a secret message!

Answer on page 32



Eddie loved sports!

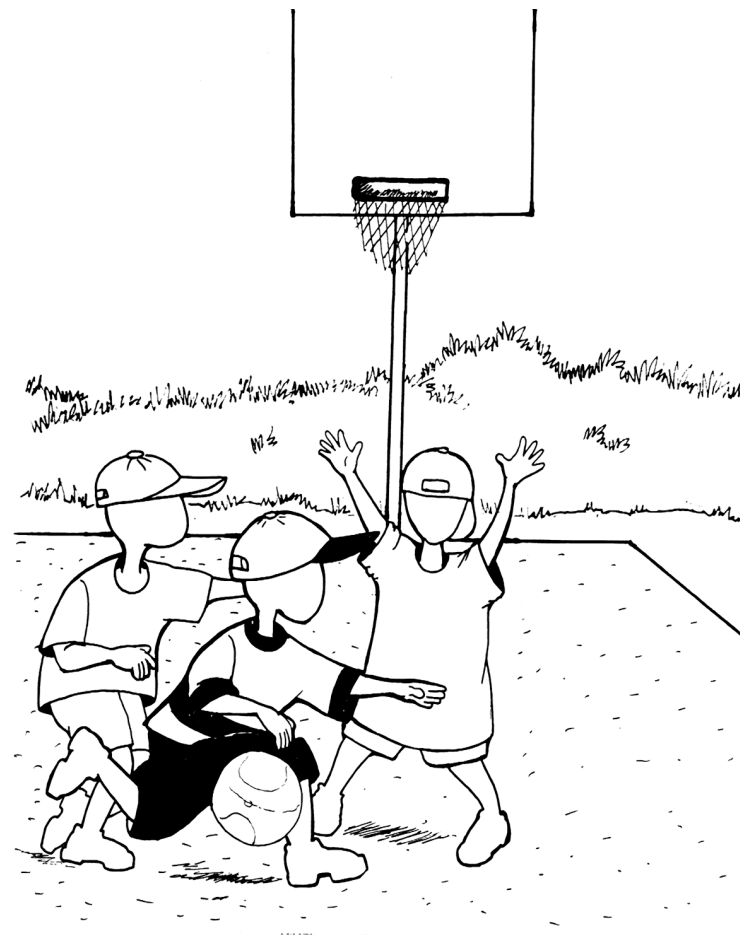


Basketball Fun Facts

- Basketball was invented in 1891 by James Naismith, a teacher at a YMCA in Springfield, Massachusetts. If this year is 2013, how many years ago was basketball invented?

122 years ago

- Peach baskets were used as the first “hoops.” Because the bottom of the basket was solid, players had to take the ball out of the basket each time a score was made.
- The first backboards were made of wire.
- The first basketball was actually a soccer ball. The modern basketball was introduced in 1929.



In his neighborhood, Eddie liked playing basketball with his friends. They all looked just like Eddie.