

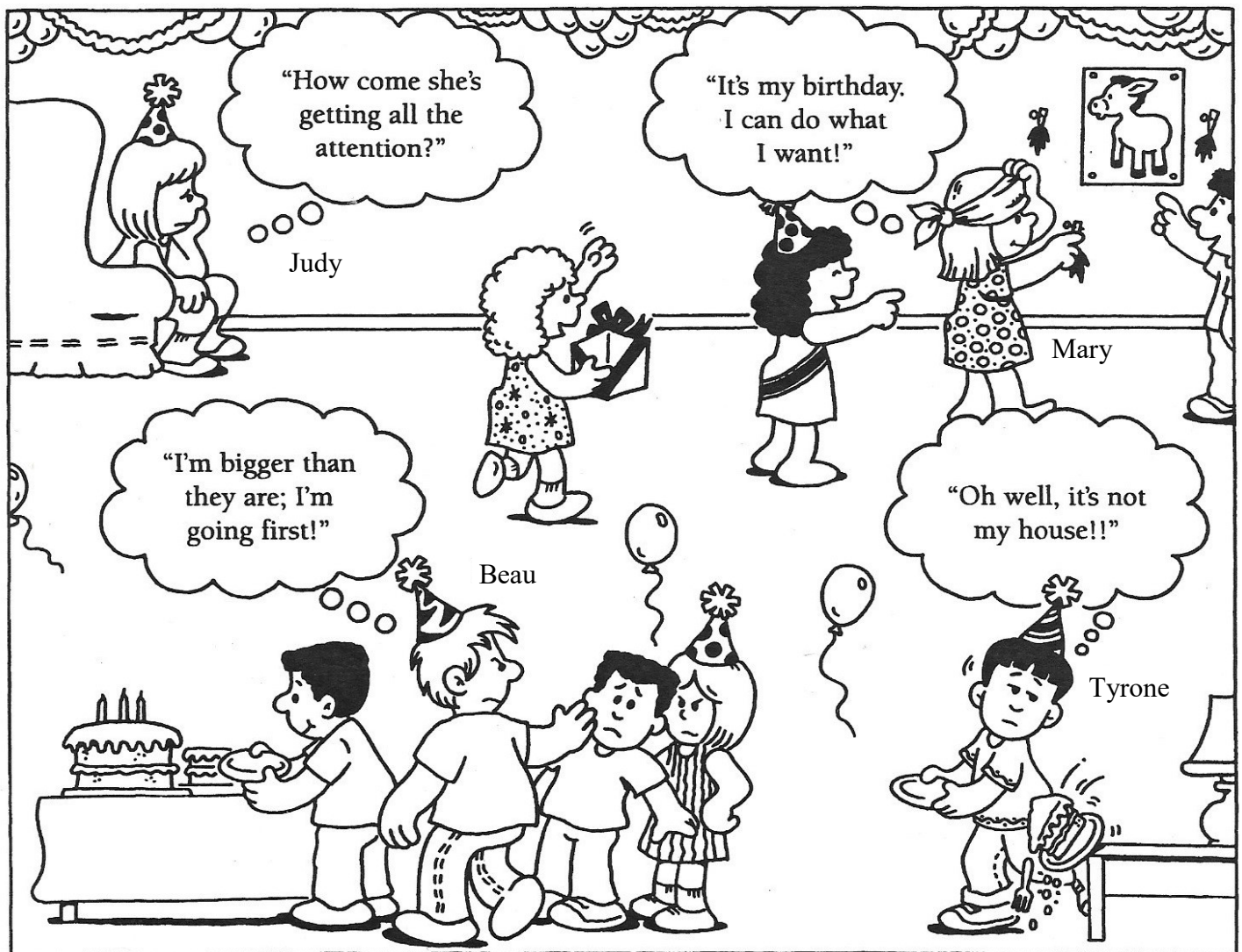
Thinking About Others

It's only natural to think about yourself most of the time. All kids think about what they want and what they need throughout the day. Adults do this too.

But it's also important to think about others. Everything you do and everything you say will have some effect on the people around you. When you think about others, you can show your friends and family and even people you don't know, that you care about their feelings. Becoming a thoughtful person will make you and everyone around you happier. If you only think about yourself, people might think of you as selfish and uncaring.

Take a look at the cartoon below showing Mary's birthday party. As you can see, some of the kids at the party—Judy, Beau, Tyrone, and Mary—are thinking only about themselves and not about the other kids at the party.

On the next pages, think about what these four children can say and do to show they are thinking about others.



Judy

Describe what Judy is doing.

How do you think her behavior affects the other children at the party?

What could she say to herself that would make her feel better?

What could she do in this situation that would show she was thinking about others?

Beau

Describe what Beau is doing.

How do you think his behavior affects the other children at the party?

What could Beau say to himself that would show he was thinking about others?

What could he do in this situation that would show he was thinking about others?

Tyrone

Describe what Tyrone is doing.

What do you think about his reaction to his mistake?

What could Tyrone say to himself that would show he was thinking about others?

What could he do in this situation that would show he was thinking about others?

Mary

Describe what Mary is doing.

How do you think her behavior affects the other children at the party?

What could Mary say to herself that would show she was thinking about her guests?

What could she do in this situation that would show she was thinking about her guests?
