

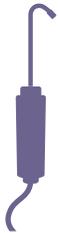
# MEET YOUR DENTIST'S TOOLS!

*Just like a woodworker or an engineer, your dentist uses certain tools to make sure your teeth stay clean and healthy. Read about some of the tools you might meet at a visit to the dentist's office, and then color them in!*



## MS. MIRROR

It can be pretty dark inside of your mouth – after all, there are no windows! Dentists and hygienists often use a little mirror on the end of a small stick to reflect light to see inside of your mouth. Can you find Ms. Mirror and color her orange?



## MR. THIRSTY

Your dentist might squirt a little bit of water in your mouth to rinse away toothpaste. Mr. Thirsty is a tool that helps suck the water out so you don't swallow it. Mr. Thirsty can also help get rid of extra saliva, which can pool up if you've had your mouth open for a while. Find Mr. Thirsty and color him blue.



## MR. EXPLORER

Mr. Explorer is a tool with a curved end. Your dentist uses him to explore inside your mouth, like counting your teeth or checking between them. Look for Mr. Explorer and color him green.



## X-RAYS

X-rays are special pictures your dentist takes of your teeth. These pictures help your dentist see your teeth better – even above and below your gums! A heavy apron protects you while the dentist takes pictures. Find the X-rays on the next page and color them purple.



## MR. BUMPY AND MRS. WHISTLE

If you have a cavity, your dentist will use Mr. Bumpy and Mrs. Whistle to get rid of the decayed part of the tooth to make it healthy again. You'll get some jelly rubbed on your gums so you won't feel Mr. Bumpy or Mrs. Whistle, but you will probably hear them! One of them likes to whistle, and the other makes a bumpy noise. Color Mr. Bumpy yellow and Mrs. Whistle red.

