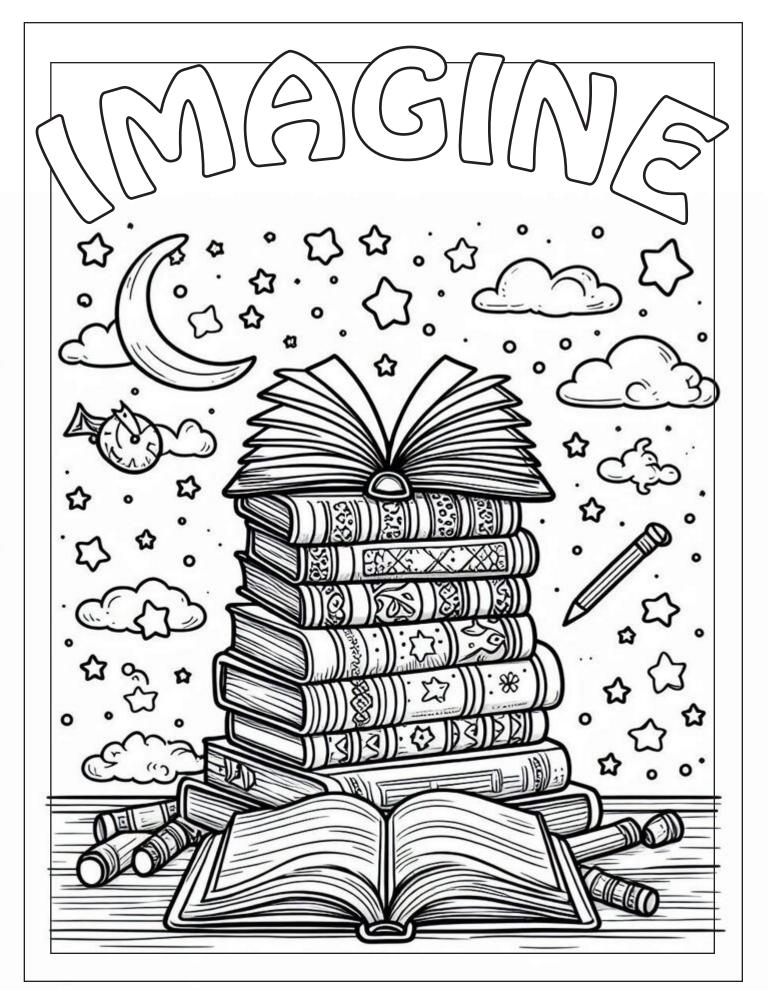
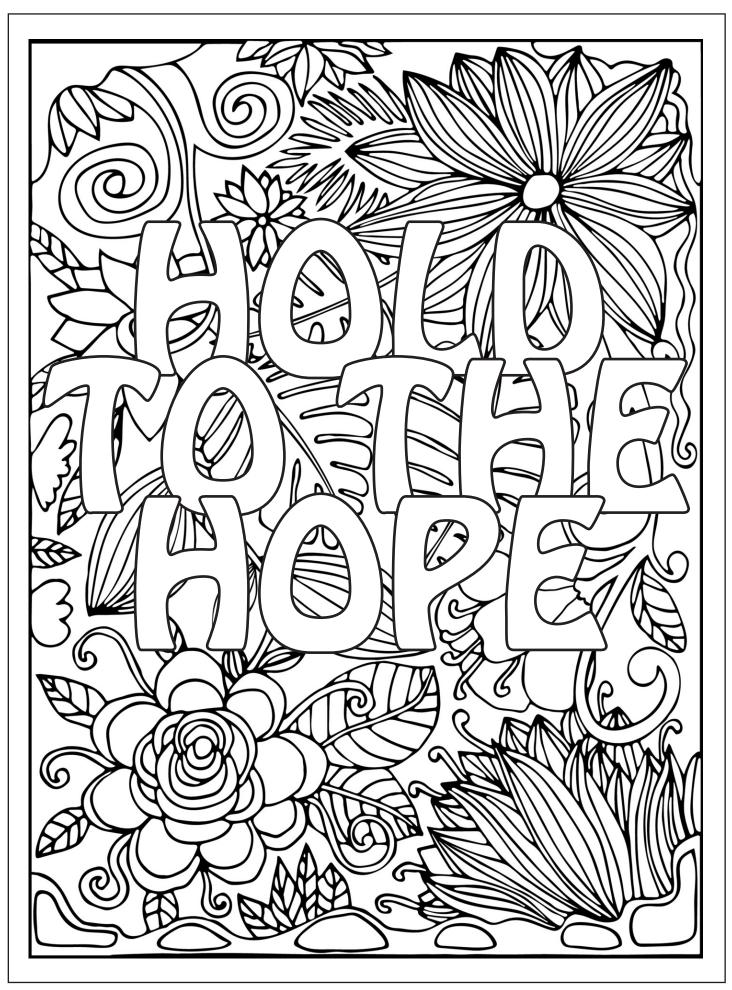
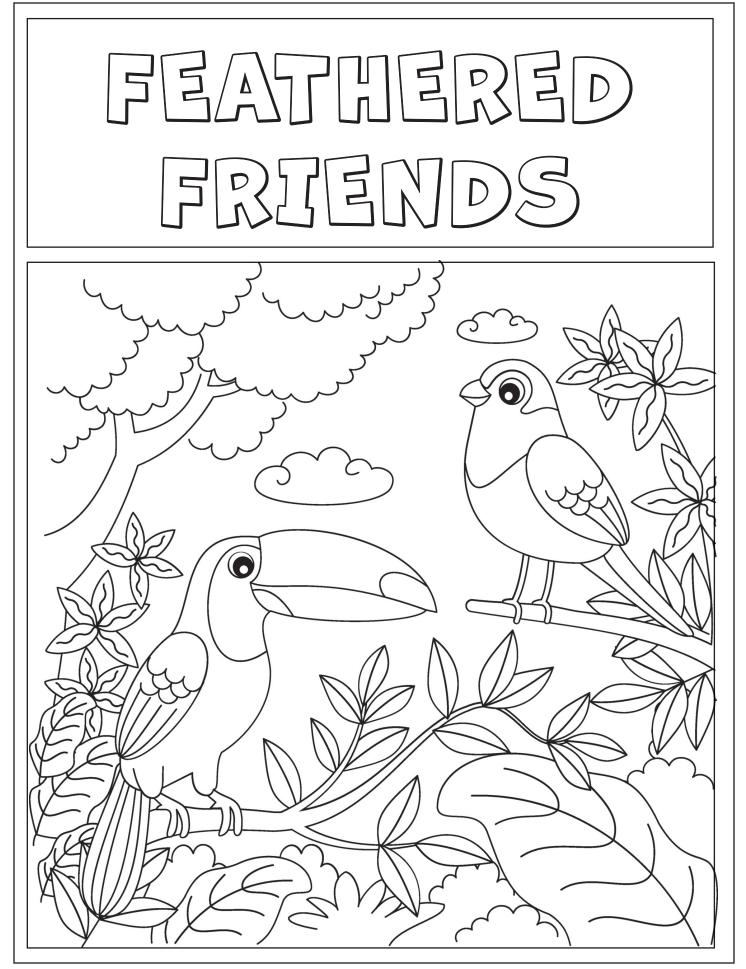


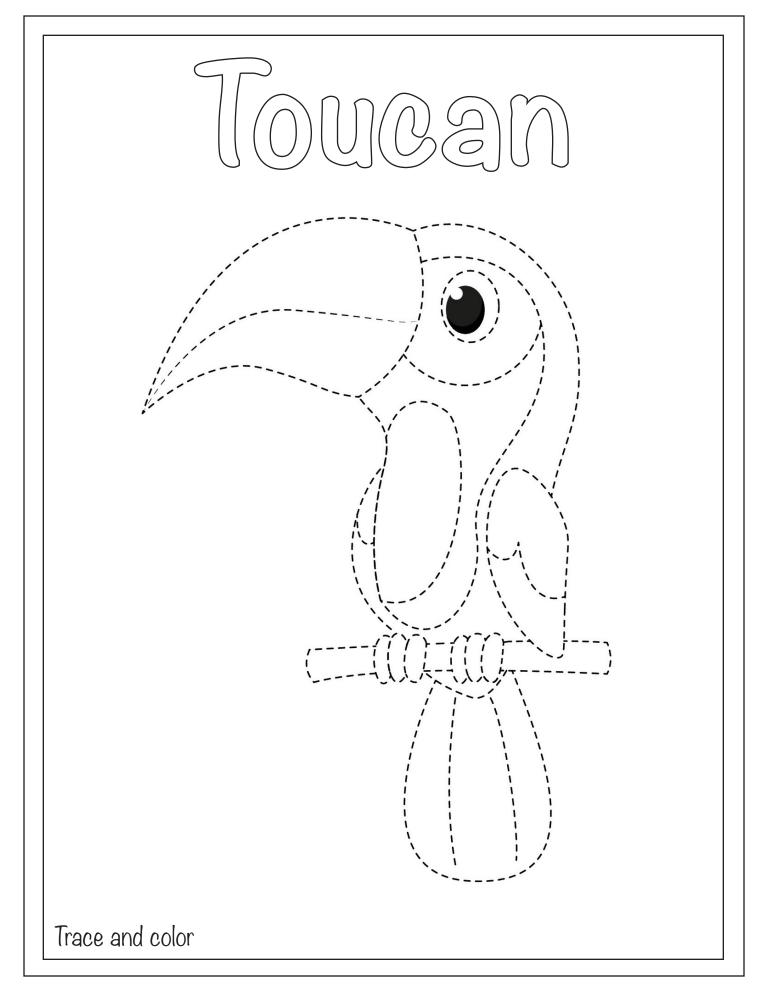
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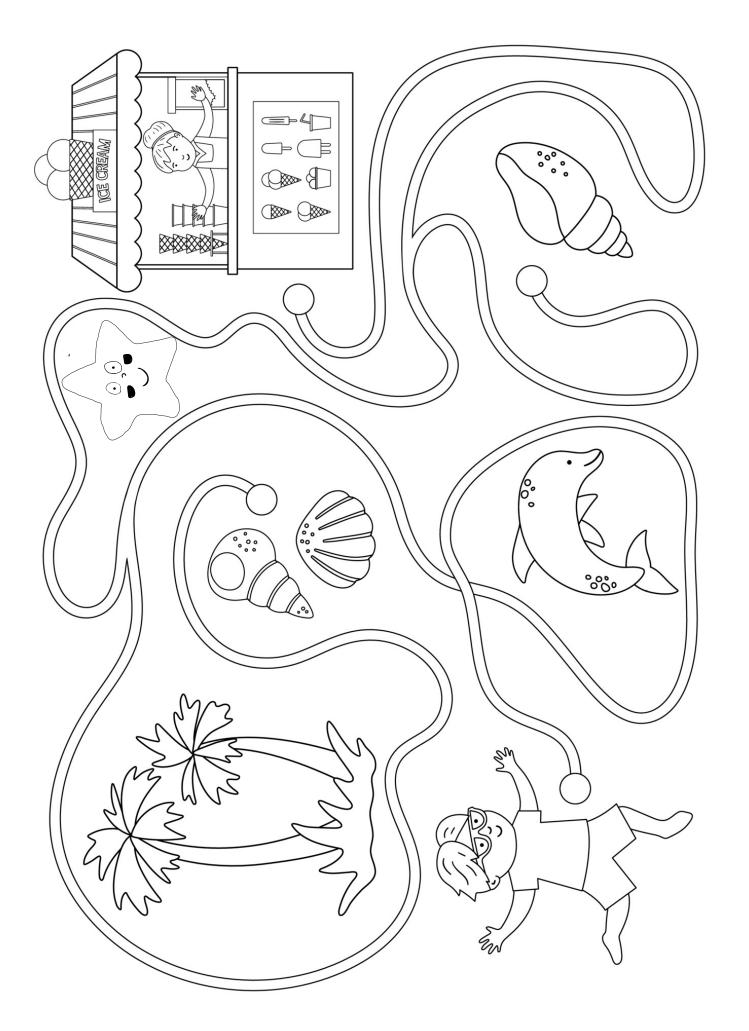


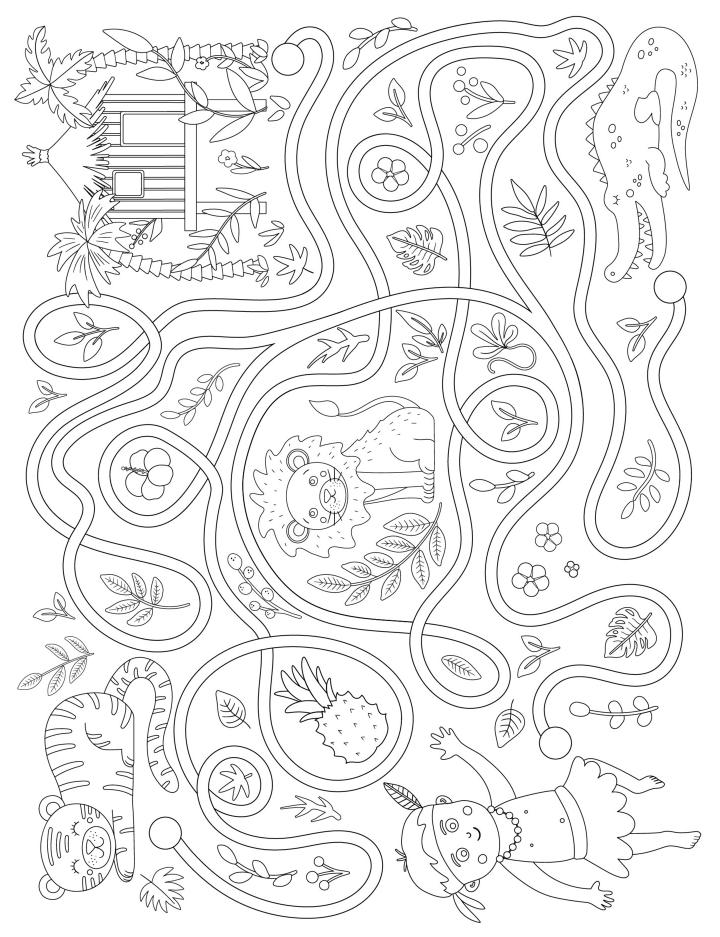


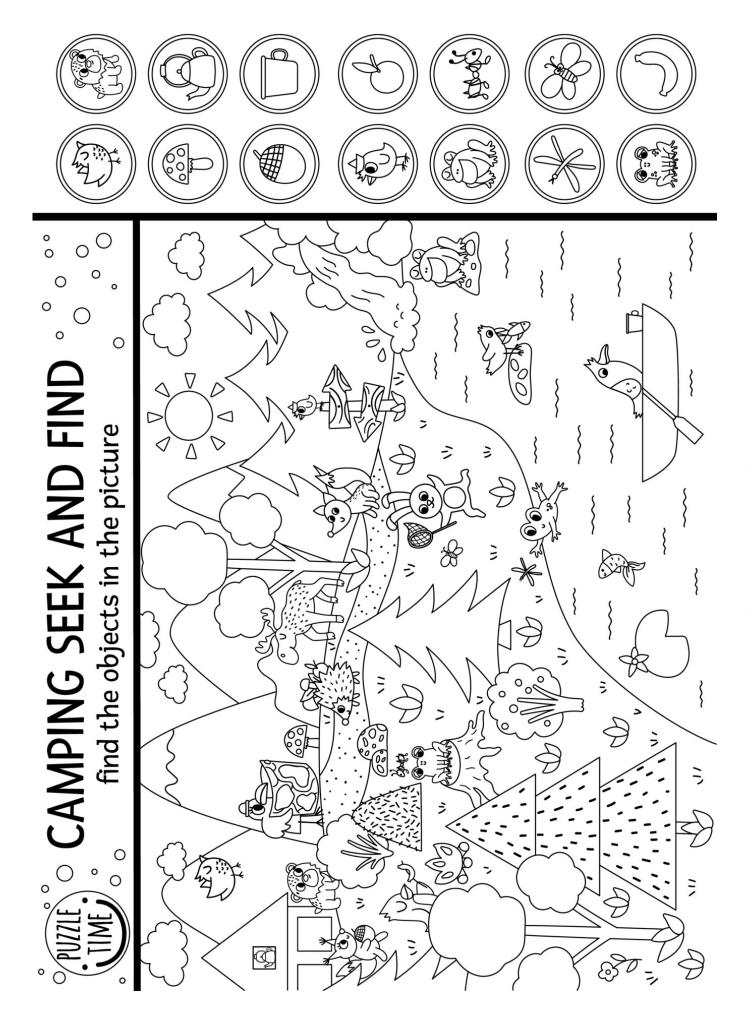












The Incredible Testimony of Elisabeth Elliot

by Annette Marie Griffin - from June issue of StarLight Magazine

Elisabeth Elliot was born in 1926; that's nearly 100 years ago! But Christians today still remember Elisabeth's life, read her books, and listen to her teachings. Through her testimony, many have learned how to love God more deeply. A Christian testimony is a true story about how Jesus comes to live inside a person and works through them to do great things.

Elisabeth's parents loved traveling to other countries to tell people about Jesus. They were missionaries. When Elisabeth grew up, she wanted to be a missionary, too. She studied Greek at Wheaton College so that she could learn how to translate the Bible into different languages. At Wheaton she met a man named Jim Elliot, who also wanted to be a missionary. The two fell in love and married in 1953. The newlyweds worked on the mission field together in South America. Two years later Elisabeth gave birth to a baby girl and named her Valerie. Their little family teamed with four other missionary families in Ecuador for a very special mission. After months of praying and planning, the team was ready to share the Gospel with a group of people called the Waodani.

The Waodani lived in the deepest, darkest part of the jungle. Their tribe spoke an unusual language that few people understood. They also attacked outsiders who came too close to their village. People were afraid of the Waodani, so no one had ever told them about Jesus. Thrilled about the chance to share the Gospel with the Waodani, the missionary team began reaching out to the tribe by dropping small gifts into their village from an airplane. Over a loudspeaker the missionaries said, "Biti miti punimupa," which means; "We are your friends. We like you." The tribe loved the gifts they received. Day after day they smiled, waved, and ran to meet the big yellow plane that flew overhead and delivered useful items like clothing, kettles, and machetes.

After many weeks of gift drops, the missionary team felt they were ready to get closer to the Waodani. While Jim Elliot and the four other husbands landed the airplane on a beach near the Waodani village, Elisabeth and the other wives waited at their homes and prayed. They all knew the mission was dangerous. But their love for Jesus was bigger than their fear.

Shortly after the men arrived on the beach, four Waodani tribespeople approached them. They seemed friendly. After sharing a meal together, the missionaries invited the Waodani to come back to visit another day. Two days later Waodani warriors arrived with spears. They were afraid that the missionaries were there to harm them. Jim Elliot and the other missionary men died on the beach that day before they ever had a chance to share the Gospel.

All the wives were very sad when they discovered that the Waodani warriors killed their husbands. People told Elisabeth Elliot that she should take baby Valerie and move far away from the jungle. But Elisabeth knew that only Jesus could change the Waodani's hearts and make them stop killing. She knew that unless someone told the Waodani about Jesus, they would never know Him. "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14) Reaching the Waodani for Jesus now seemed impossible, but even though Elisabeth was sad, she still believed that God would make a way. The Waodani warriors had done terrible and evil things. Yet God loved them so much that He had sent His only Son to die for them.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). While Elisabeth waited on God, she prayed, read her Bible, and wrote a book about what happened to her husband and the other missionaries. For over 60 years, God has used the book, Through Gates of Splendor, to draw Christians into a deeper relationship with Himself.

Elisabeth was excited and ready when God provided an opening to share the Gospel with the Waodani. She and her missionary friend Rachel Saint were taught the Waodani language by a woman named Dayuma, who had left the tribe years earlier. Dayuma knew Jesus as her savior and wanted her tribe to know Him too. She invited the women to return to her village to live among the Waodani.

Because Dayuma had convinced the tribe leaders that the women meant them no harm, Elisabeth, 3-year-old Valerie, and Rachel were able to move safely into the Waodani village. For years they lived there in huts made of leaves and shared the love of Jesus with all the tribespeople– even the ones who had killed Elisabeth's husband and Rachel's brother! God moved upon the hearts of the Waodani and many of them accepted Jesus as their savior and stopped killing outsiders. Elisabeth moved back to the United States in 1963 with her daughter and continued to live a life devoted to serving the Lord. She told everyone about what God had done for the Waodani. Thousands of people have come to know Christ as a result of that testimony, and countless others have been inspired to draw closer to God and surrender their lives to be used for His glory like Elizabeth and Rachel.

Every Christian has a testimony. When Jesus comes to live in our hearts, He makes us a new creation and uses our lives to accomplish His good plans. Sometimes it's scary to think about living a life fully surrendered to the Lord. But the Bible tells us that we don't have to be afraid because nothing can separate us from His love. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Maybe someday the Lord will call you to fully surrender to him. That doesn't always mean moving to a jungle and living in a grass hut. God wants to use our lives in different places, and under many different circumstances.

Will you be willing to say yes, like Elisabeth?



- 3 A group of people working together, like the missionaries.
- 5 A true story about how Jesus works in someone's life.
- 7 The yellow aircraft used to drop gifts to the Waodani.
- 8 When someone thinks something is true, like believing in Jesus.
- 11 Extending out to meet someone or make contact
- 14 Telling others about God and Jesus.
- 15 A group of people who live together and share the same culture.
- 16 Presents given to the Waodani by the missionaries from the plane.

Down

- 1 The tribe that Elisabeth and the missionaries wanted to help.
- 4 A person who goes to other places to tell people about Jesus.
- 6 The part of people that God changes when they believe in Jesus.
- 9 A brave fighter, especially in a tribe.
- 10 A dense forest, like where the Waodani lived.
- 12 The country in South America where Elisabeth worked.
- 13 A small community where people live, like the one the Waodani had.

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Elisabeth Elliot Testimony

Word Search #1

Words can be found in **<u>any</u>** direction and can share letters as they cross over each other.

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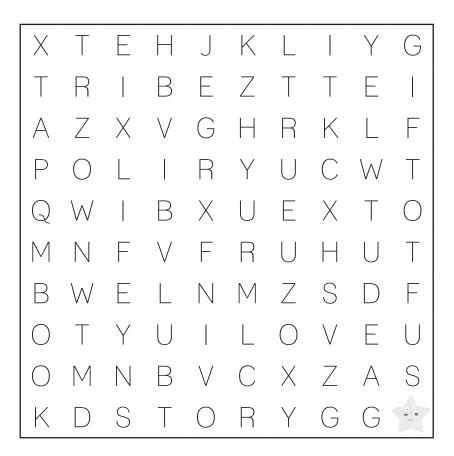
Elisabeth Elliot Testimony Word Search #2

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RIDDLE #1

In a land of green where rivers flow, A place where the trees and flowers grow.

Animals call this land their home, In Ecuador's heart, where they freely roam.

With parrots that chatter and monkeys that swing, What is this place where the wild things sing?

With jaguars and frogs, bright and small, What is this lush land, can you recall?

In the Amazon's embrace, where life's a parade, What is this magnificent, leafy green glade?

Hint: It's a rainforest so lush and grand, Found in Ecuador, this beautiful land.

What is this, wild and free, A treasure of nature, can you tell me?



RIDDLE #2

In the jungle green, where the trees are high, Lives a colorful bird that loves to fly.

With a beak so big, it's hard to miss, In shades of orange, red, and black, like this.

It eats fruit with a snap, and bugs with a peck, What is this bird with a colorful neck?

With feathers so bright and a call so loud, What is this bird that stands out in a crowd?

Hint: In the treetops it stays, with a beak that's grand, Found in rainforests, in a tropical land.

What is this bird with a vibrant hue, A jungle treasure, can you guess who?

Puzzle Solutions

RIDDLES

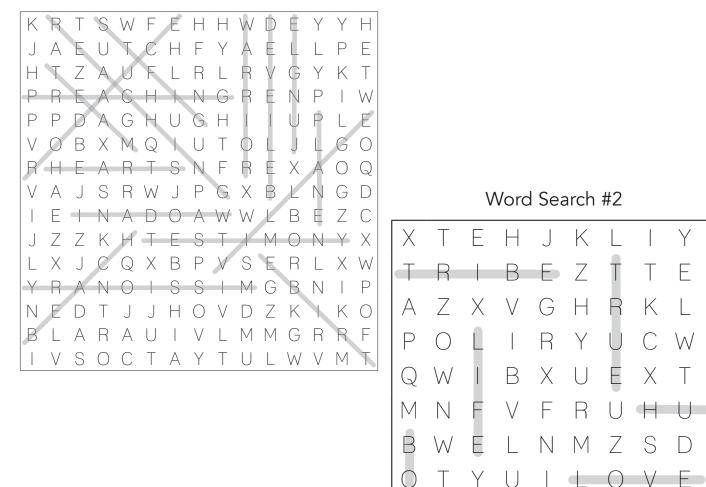
#1 Answer:

The Ecuador **Jungle**, the Amazon's spree, A world full of wonders, for you and me!

#2 Answer:

The **Toucan** bird, bright and true, A splash of color in the sky so blue!

Word Search #1



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