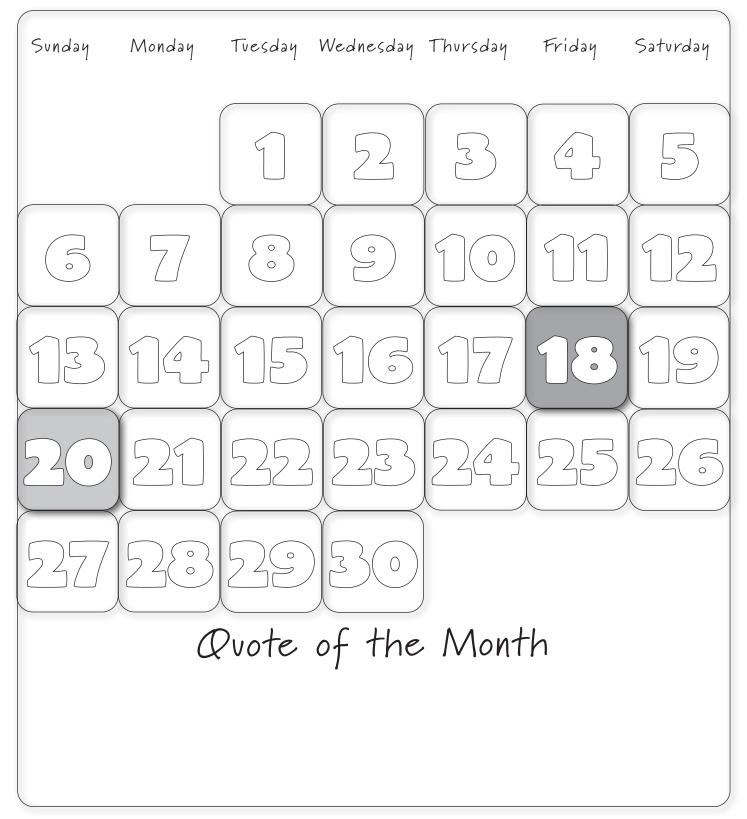


Reading Habit Tracker



My April Prayer Page

What a friend we have in Jesus–He's always by our side. When we're feeling happy or when we want to hide.

We can talk to Him in prayer and share what's on our heart. He'll listen with His love and care, no matter where we start.

Write a prayer to your friend Jesus today! Tell Him what makes you smile or what feels in your way. Ask Him for His help and peace, and thank Him for His care, He's always ready to listen—anytime, anywhere.

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Watch Me Write

For younger children, use the Watch Me Draw page to create a picture of a time they had to be brave!

Every great story starts with an idea– and your idea is worth telling! A story is like an adventure in your imagination. It has a **who** (the main character), a **where** (the setting), a **what** (the big challenge), a **when** (the time it happens), and a **why** (the reason it matters). You get to decide what happens next! Maybe your character is a brave explorer, a kind friend, or someone learning an important lesson. Your words can bring your story to life—so let's start writing!

This month, let's write about <u>courage.</u> Courage isn't about never feeling afraid it's about taking action even when you are scared. Maybe you've had to be brave, or try something new. Even in the Bible, we see stories of people who were afraid but found courage.

Think about these things: Courage can look different for everyone! Maybe your story is about a farm girl who wants to help with the harvest, but she's afraid of climbing the biggest apple tree. Can she find the bravery to take that first step?

There are so many ways to be brave! What will your story be?

Writing Prompt: Write a story about a time when your main character might be afraid at first but finds the strength to move forward.

Watch Me Write

Tell us your story of Who, Where, What, When, and Why!

Pick one from each category or come up with your own ideas!

1. Tell About Your Main Character (Who)

- A child like me
- □ An animal (rabbit, fox, bird, etc.)
- □ A hero from the Bible (David, Esther, Peter, etc.)
- A worker (farmer, shepherd, firefighter, etc.)
- A knight or explorer
- I have another idea!

2. Tell About the Setting of your Story. (Where)

- □ At school or in a town
- □ In nature (mountains, forest, ocean, farm)
- □ In a church or Bible-time village
- In a kingdom
- □ On an exciting journey (mission trip, camping trip, etc.)
- I have another idea!

3. Tell About the Climax or Turning Point. (What)

- □ Facing a fear (the dark, speaking up, trying something new)
- Overcoming a mistake or failure (learning not to give up)
- Choosing to be kind or stand up for someone
- Making a tough but right decision (telling the truth, being honest)
- I have another idea!

4. How Does the Story End?

- The character learns a lesson and grows stronger
- $\hfill\square$ A friend or mentor helps them find courage
- I have another idea!

Watch Me Write

Outline Questions to Get Started:

When does the story take place? (Is it happening now, in the past, or in the future? Is it during a special event, like a festival, storm, or important moment?)

Why does your character need courage? (What is at stake? Why is this challenge important? How does it affect them or others?)

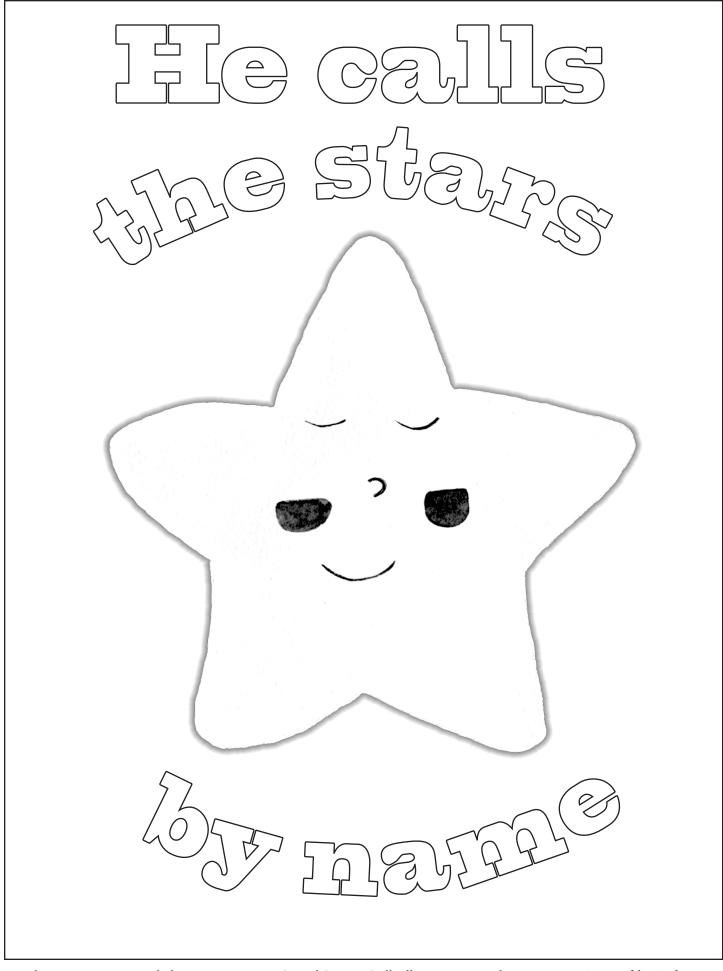
Where does the character find the courage to keep going? (Do they remember something encouraging? Do they pray or think of someone who inspires them? Does a friend help?)

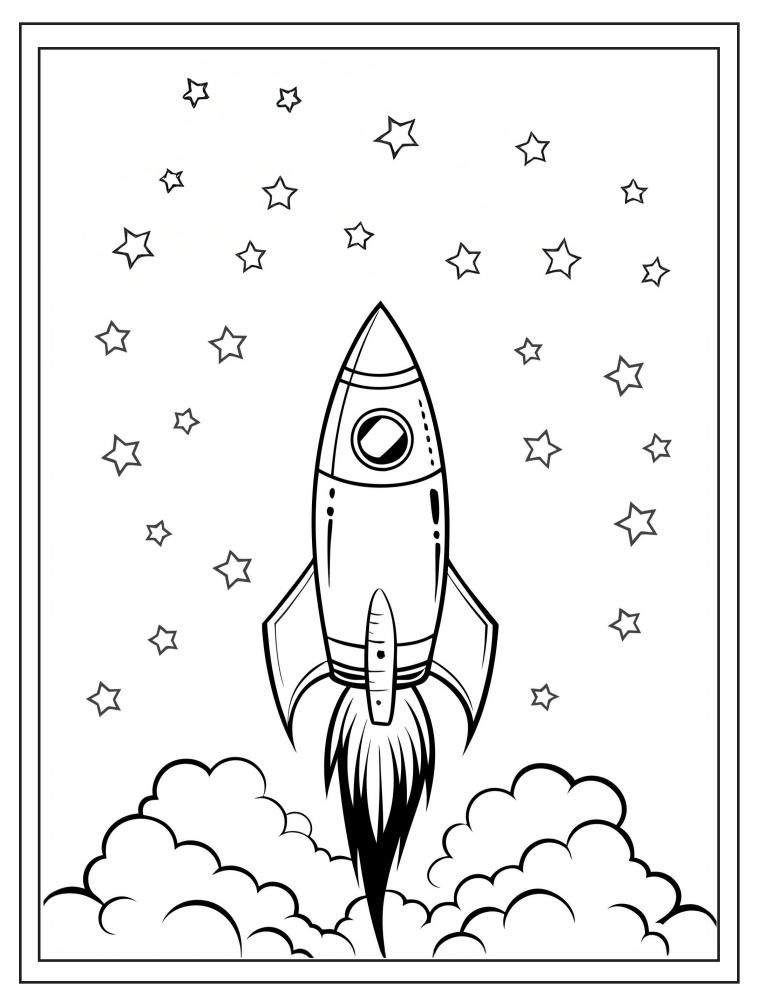
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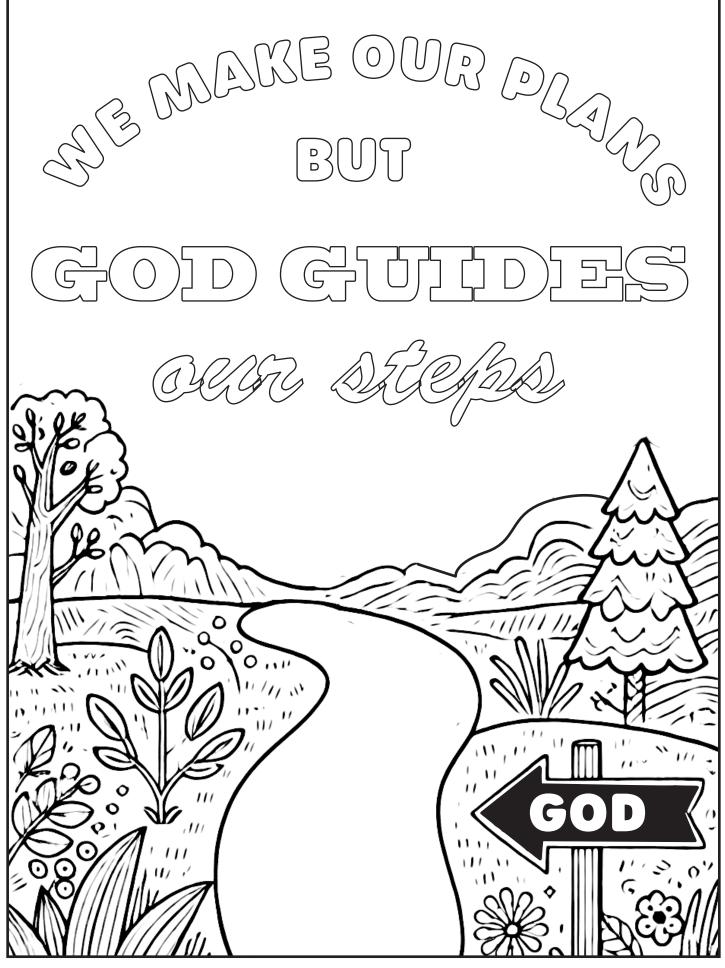
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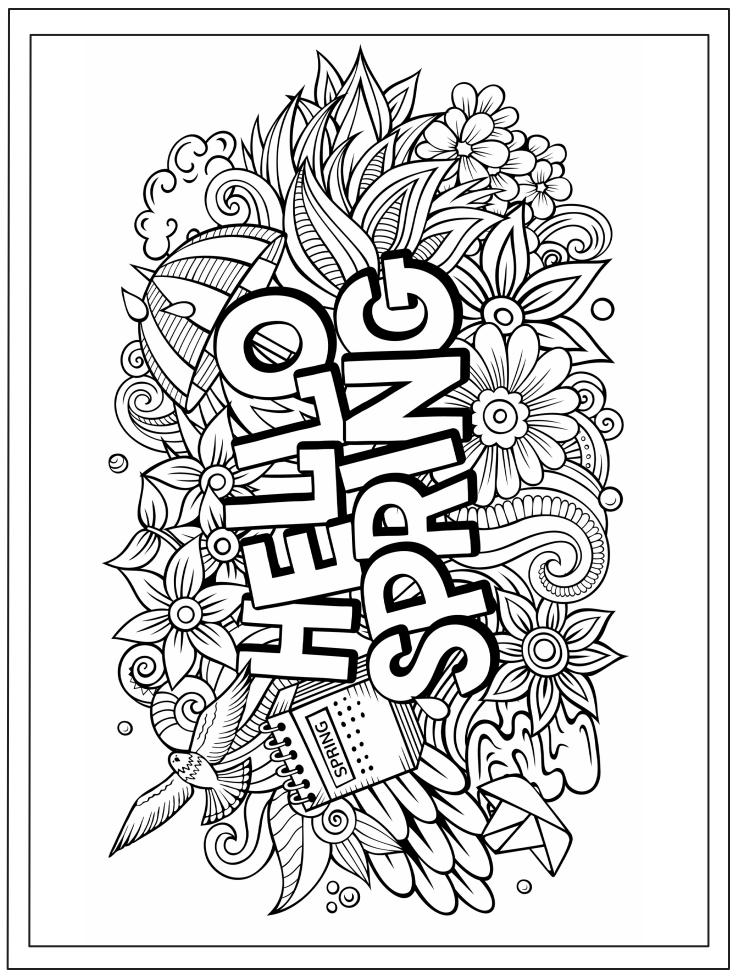
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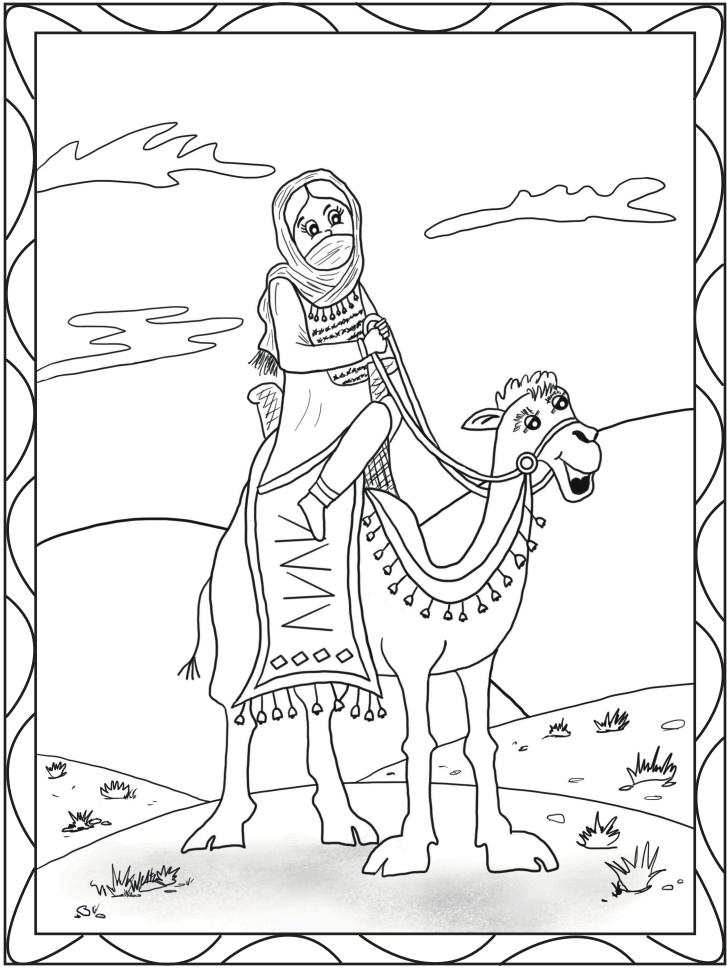






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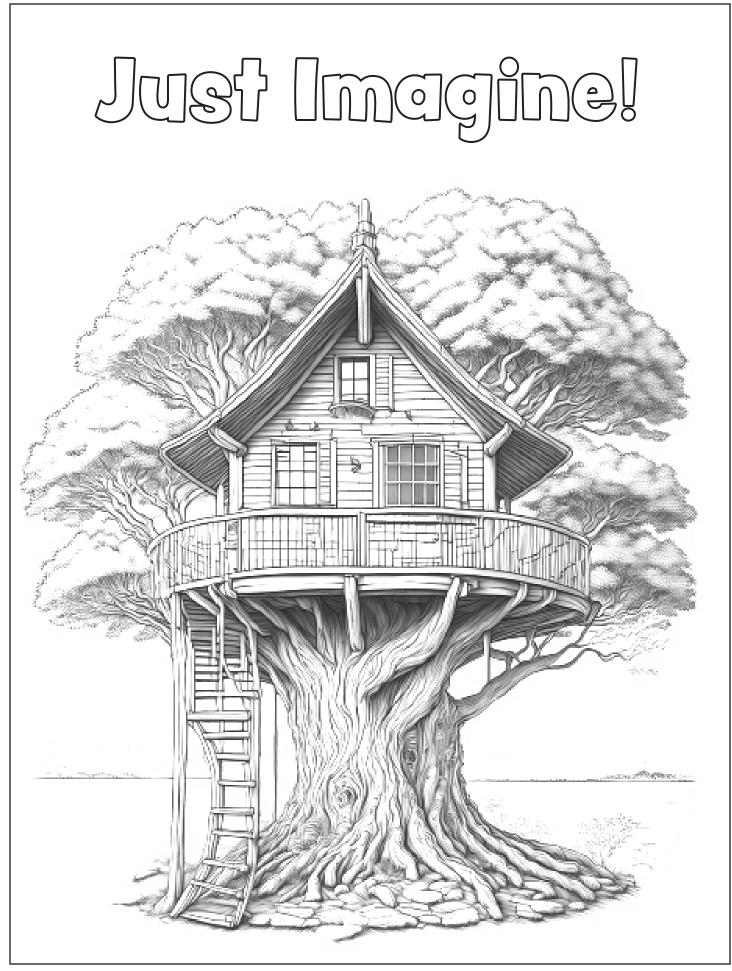


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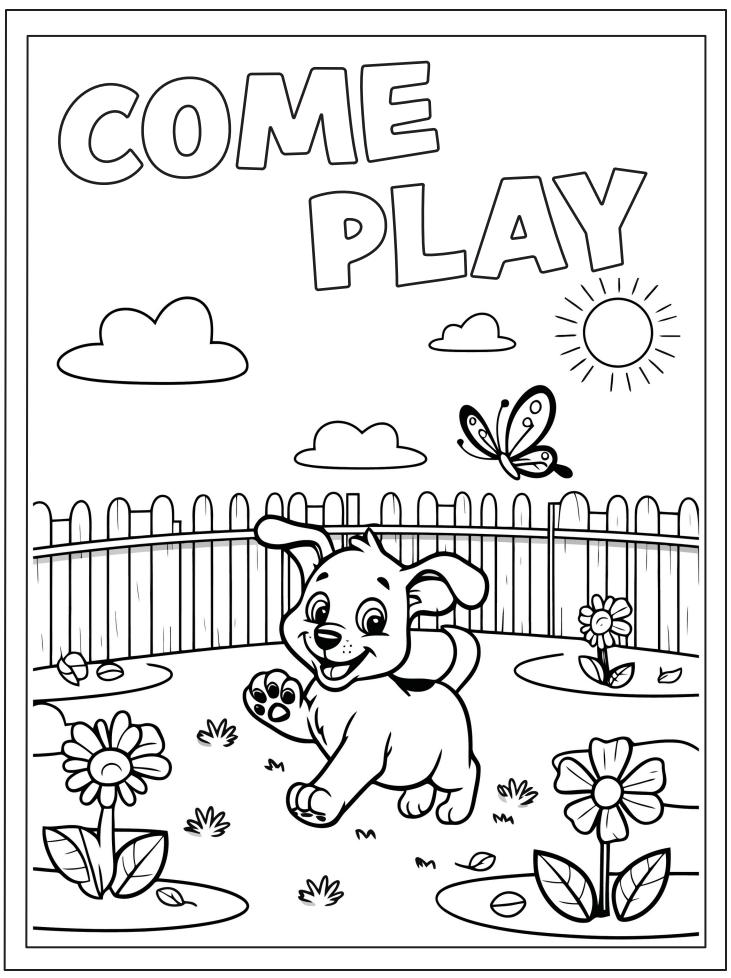
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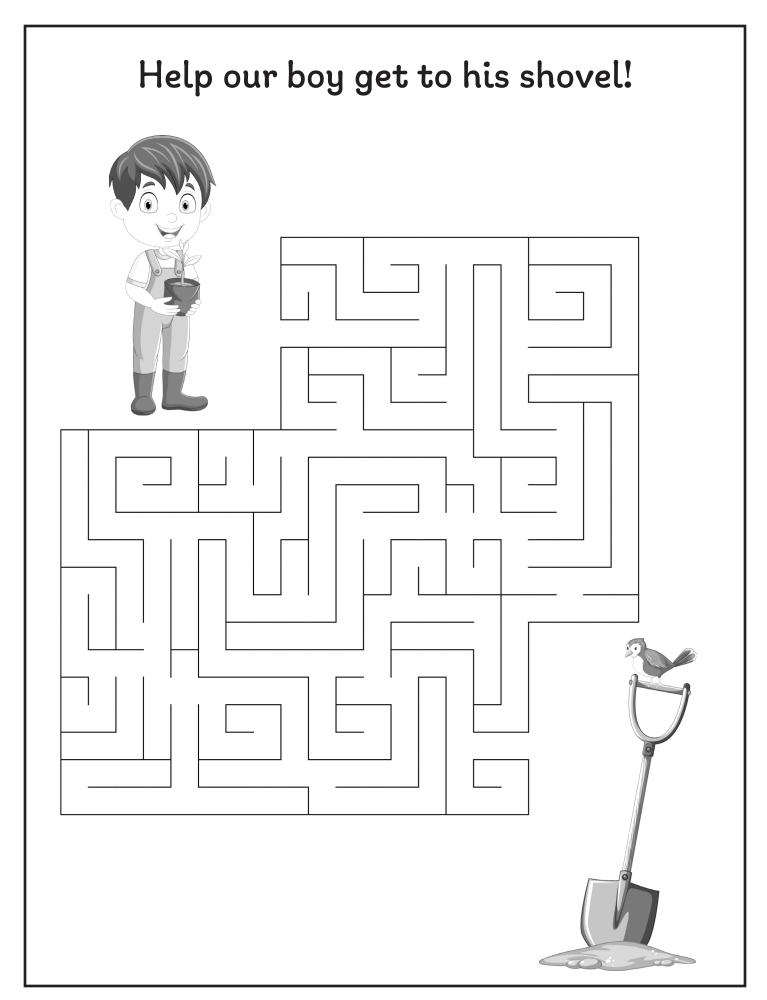


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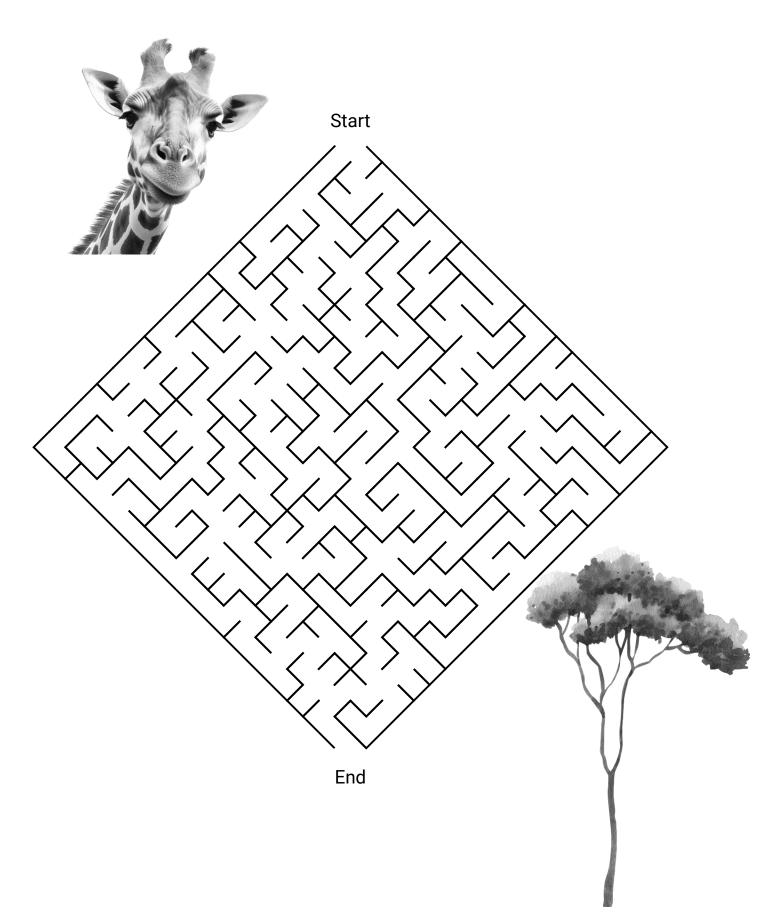


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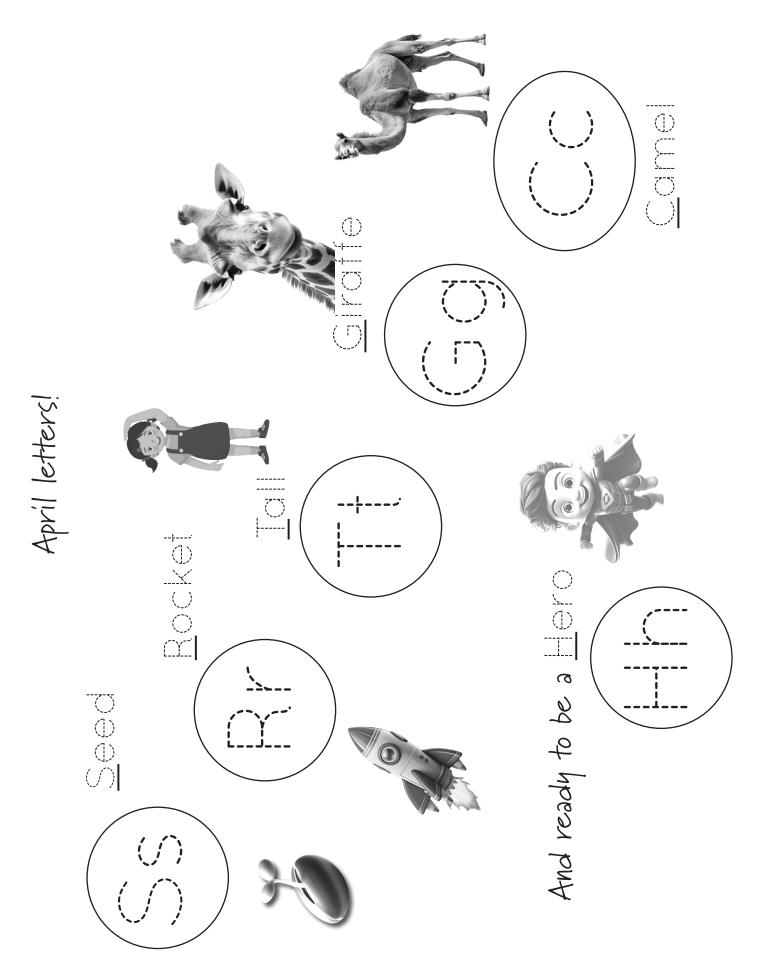


Help our giraffe friend get to the tree!



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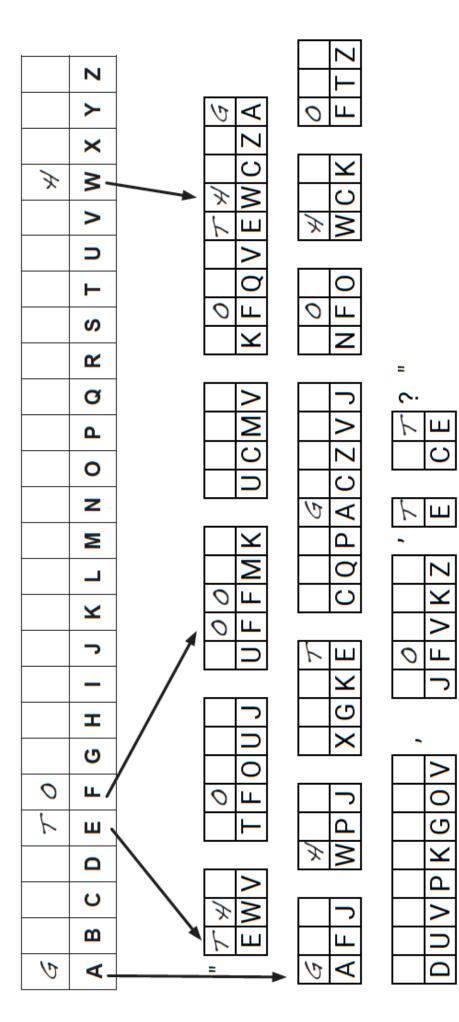


Cryptogram Puzzle Instructions

A cryptogram is a secret code where letters are replaced with different letters. Your job? Crack the code and reveal the hidden quote!

Each letter in the puzzle stands for a different letter of the alphabet. In this example, if A = G and F = O, W = H so every time you see an A, write G, and every time you see an F, write O and so on.

As you fill in letters, you'll start recognizing words. Use those solved letters to crack other words and reveal the full message!

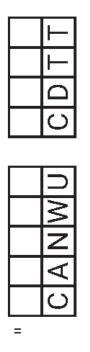


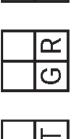
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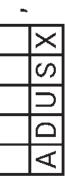
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A Quote from The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis:

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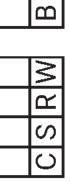
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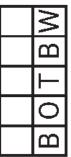
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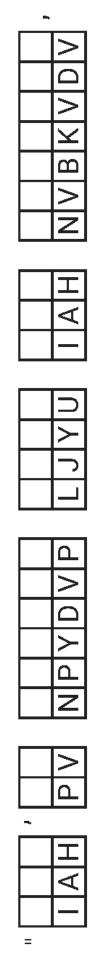


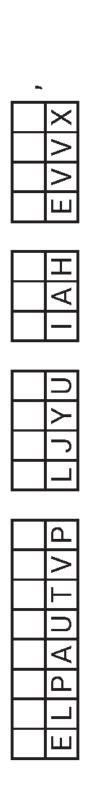


Cryptogram Puzzle #2

A Quote from Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne:

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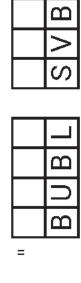
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Cryptogram Puzzle #3

A Quote from The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter:

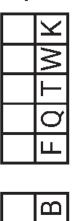
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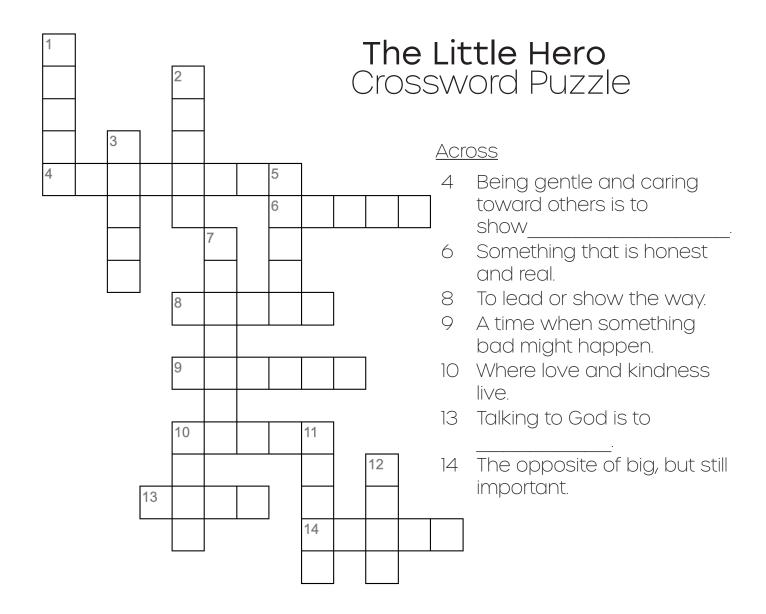
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The Little Hero (Adapted for Children) by Anonymous, Public Domain

A little child may have to stand Against a wrong, with heart in hand, And speak the truth, though others sneer, And face a danger without fear.

A little child may do their part With love and kindness in their heart, To help another on their way, And bring them joy throughout the day.

A little child may kneel and pray, And trust in God to guide their way. For courage isn't being tall– It's trusting God, though we feel small.



Down

- 1 To say out loud.
- 2 The opposite of right.
- 3 A reaction to disbelieving truth.
- 5 To be firm and not back down.
- 7 Doing the right thing even when you are scared takes _____
- 10 Someone with courage who helps others.
- 11 Believing in God even when we are unsure is to
- 12 Something we must overcome with courage.

The Little Hero 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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The Little Hero Word Search #2

Words can be found in either <u>left to right</u> or <u>top going down</u>.

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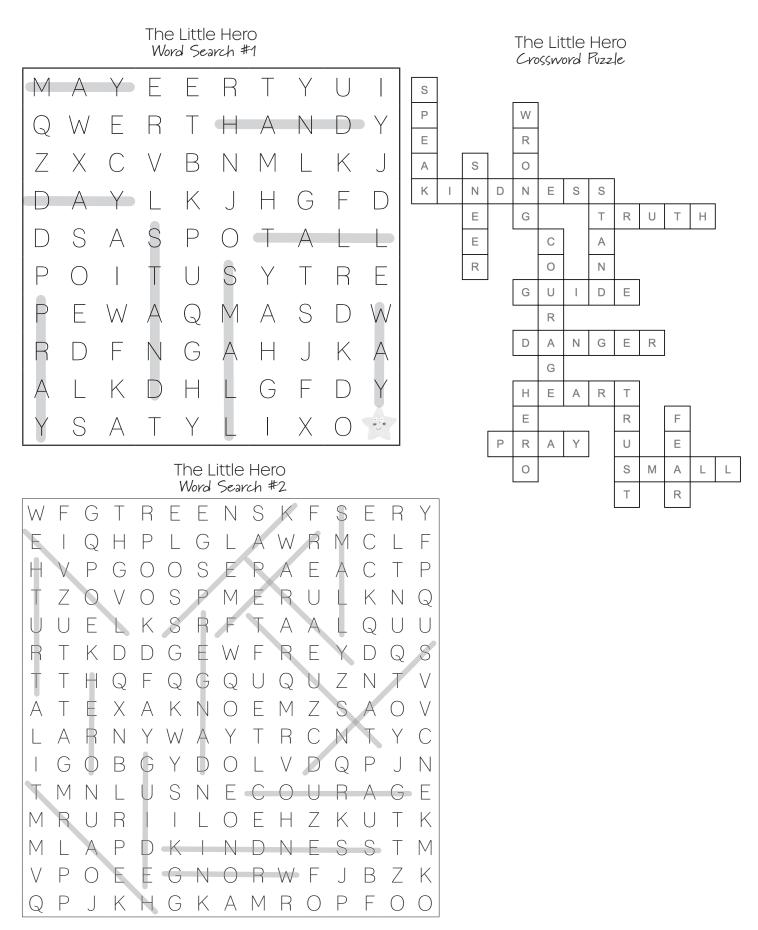
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I start out small, but I must grow, Through rain and wind, I trust and sow. Though buried deep, I reach for light, With faith and courage, I rise in might. What am I?



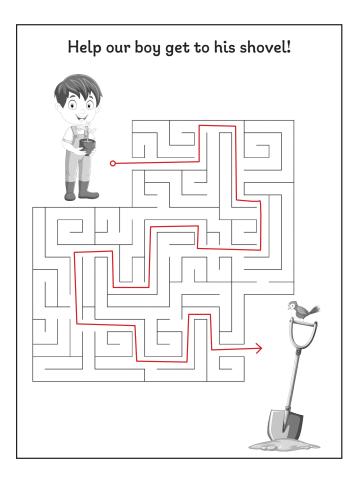
I'm not the biggest, not the best, But I face my fears and pass the test. David had me, Esther too, With faith in God, I help you through. What am I?

Puzzle Solutions



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Instruction full solution:

A Quote from *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery: "The world looks like something God had just imagined for His own pleasure, doesn't it?"

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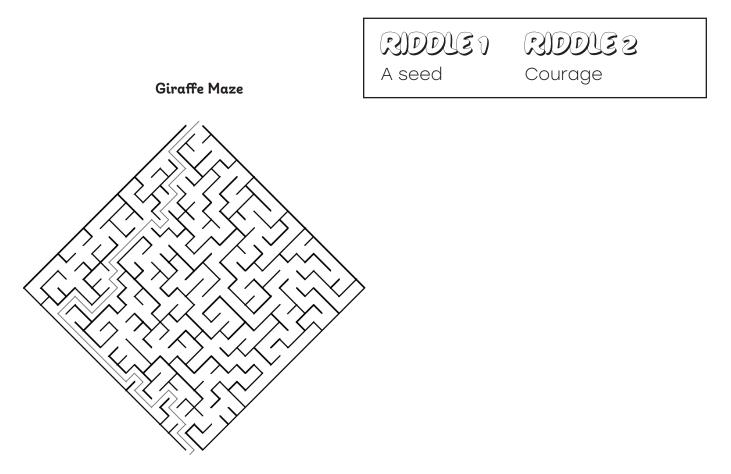
A Quote from *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis: "Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight."

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A Quote from *Winnie the Pooh* by A.A. Milne: "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

<u>#3</u>

A Quote from The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter: "Even the smallest one can change the world."



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