READING GUIDE

The Adventures of Rudy: The Christmas Mishap

A guide to support reading, discussion, and learning with Rudy's adventure!

ABOUT THE BOOK

Rudy is a little red ball with a big heart and an even bigger sense of adventure! When a mishap on Christmas Eve sends him rolling into a magical night, Rudy discovers the joy of helping others and the true meaning of Christmas.

THEMES

Helping Others
Rudy shows how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Bravery
Rudy is brave when he takes on a challenge he never expected.

Teamwork
Rudy works with Santa and the elves to save Christmas.

Christmas Spirit
The story celebrates the magic of Christmas and giving from the heart.

BEFORE READING

- Look at the cover and title. What do you think the story will be about?
- Who do you think Rudy might meet?
- What do you think might go wrong on Christmas Eve?
- What do you think Rudy will learn?

READING TIP

Encourage students to make connections to their own experiences and the holiday traditions in their lives!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Rudy bounce out of the toy shop?
2. What problem happened with Santa's sack?
3. How did Rudy help Santa and the elves?
4. What did Santa invite Rudy to do?
5. What did Rudy do on Christmas Eve night?
6. What lesson did Rudy learn from his adventure?
7. Why was Rudy a good helper?
8. If you could go on a Christmas adventure like Rudy, where would you go and who would you help?

AFTER READING ACTIVITIES

- ★ Draw and write about your favorite part of the story.
- ★ Create a "Rudy's Adventure Map" showing where Rudy went on Christmas Eve.
- ★ Write a thank you note to Santa or your favorite helper.
- ★ Act out a favorite scene with a partner or group.
- ★ Make a list of ways you can help others.

EXTENSION IDEAS

- ★ Research how people celebrate Christmas in different countries.
- ★ Create a "Kindness Tree" with acts of kindness you can do during the holidays.
- ★ Write your own adventure story about Rudy or another toy.

Stories help us learn, grow, and dream. Thank you for helping your students explore Rudy's adventure and the lessons that come with it!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Let's think about Rudy's adventure!

1. Where does Rudy live at the beginning of the story?

2. Why did Rudy bounce out of the toy shop?

3. What problem happened with Santa's sack?

4. How did Rudy help Santa and the elves?

5. What did Santa invite Rudy to do?

6. What did Rudy do on Christmas Eve night?

7. What was your favorite part of Rudy's adventure? Why?

DRAW HERE!

Draw your favorite part of Rudy's adventure.



Think About It

What lesson did Rudy learn during his adventure?

- ○ It's fun to run away.
- ○ Helping others can make a big difference.
- ○ Gifts are the most important part of Christmas.
- ○ It's best to stay out of trouble.

Draw Yourself with Rudy!



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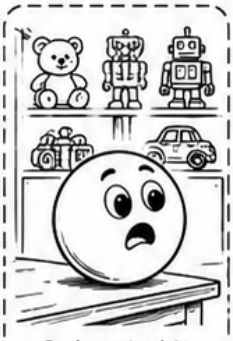
STORY SEQUENCING

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Rudy's Christmas adventure had lots of twists and turns! Cut out the pictures below and glue them in the correct order to show what happened first, next, and last.

1	2	3
First	Next	Last

Cut out the pictures below. ☆ **Note:** Not all pictures will be used.



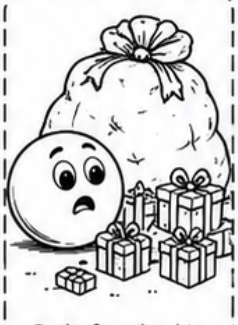
Rudy waited in the toy shop, hoping to find a new home.



Rudy bounced off the table and rolled right out the toy shop door!



Mouse saw Rudy and warned him that he might go too far if he kept rolling.



Rudy found a big sack of presents that had fallen off Santa's sleigh!



The presents flew out of Santa's sleigh and scattered everywhere!



It was Christmas Eve, and Santa was on his way to deliver presents.

☆ Good readers put the story in order!

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STORY MAP

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Every good story has important parts! Fill in the story map to remember Rudy's Christmas adventure.

CHARACTERS

Who is in the story?



SETTING

Where does the story take place?

PROBLEM

What was the problem or challenge?

KEY EVENTS

What happened in the story? Write or draw the important events in order.

1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5

SOLUTION

How was the problem solved?

LESSON LEARNED

What did Rudy learn?

MY FAVORITE PART

What was your favorite part of the story?

Use words, pictures, or both!

Great readers think about the story and remember the important parts!

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WORD SEARCH

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Find the words from Rudy's adventure!

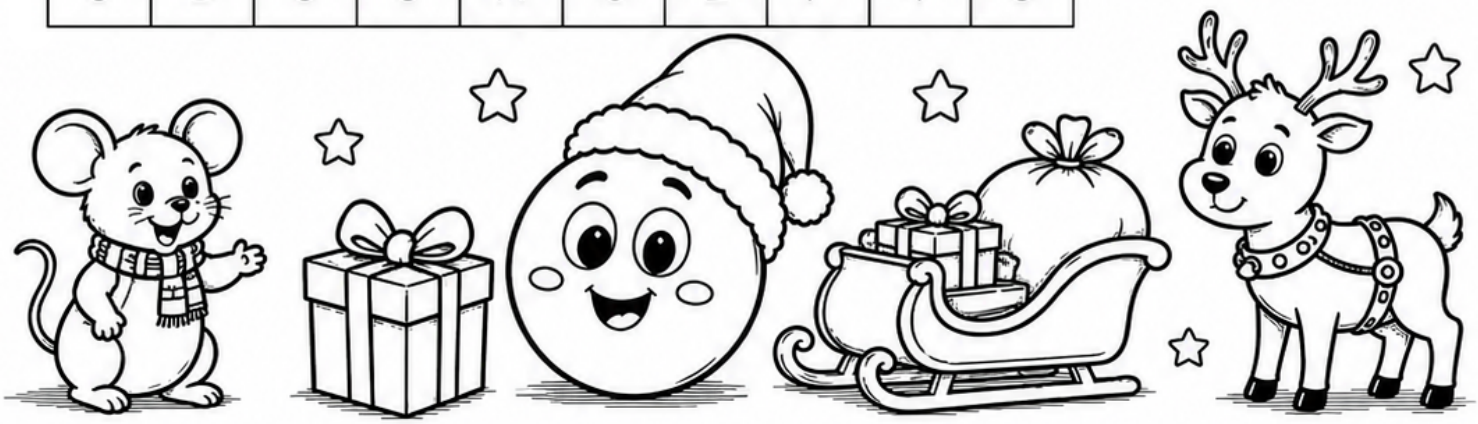




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WORD LIST

- RUDY
- CHRISTMAS
- SANTA
- MOUSE
- ELVES
- REINDEER
- SLEIGH
- PRESENTS
- SNOW
- BOUNCE
- TOYSHOP
- HELP



RUDY'S CHRISTMAS MAZE

Help Rudy bounce through the Christmas adventure and collect all the presents!



START



FINISH!

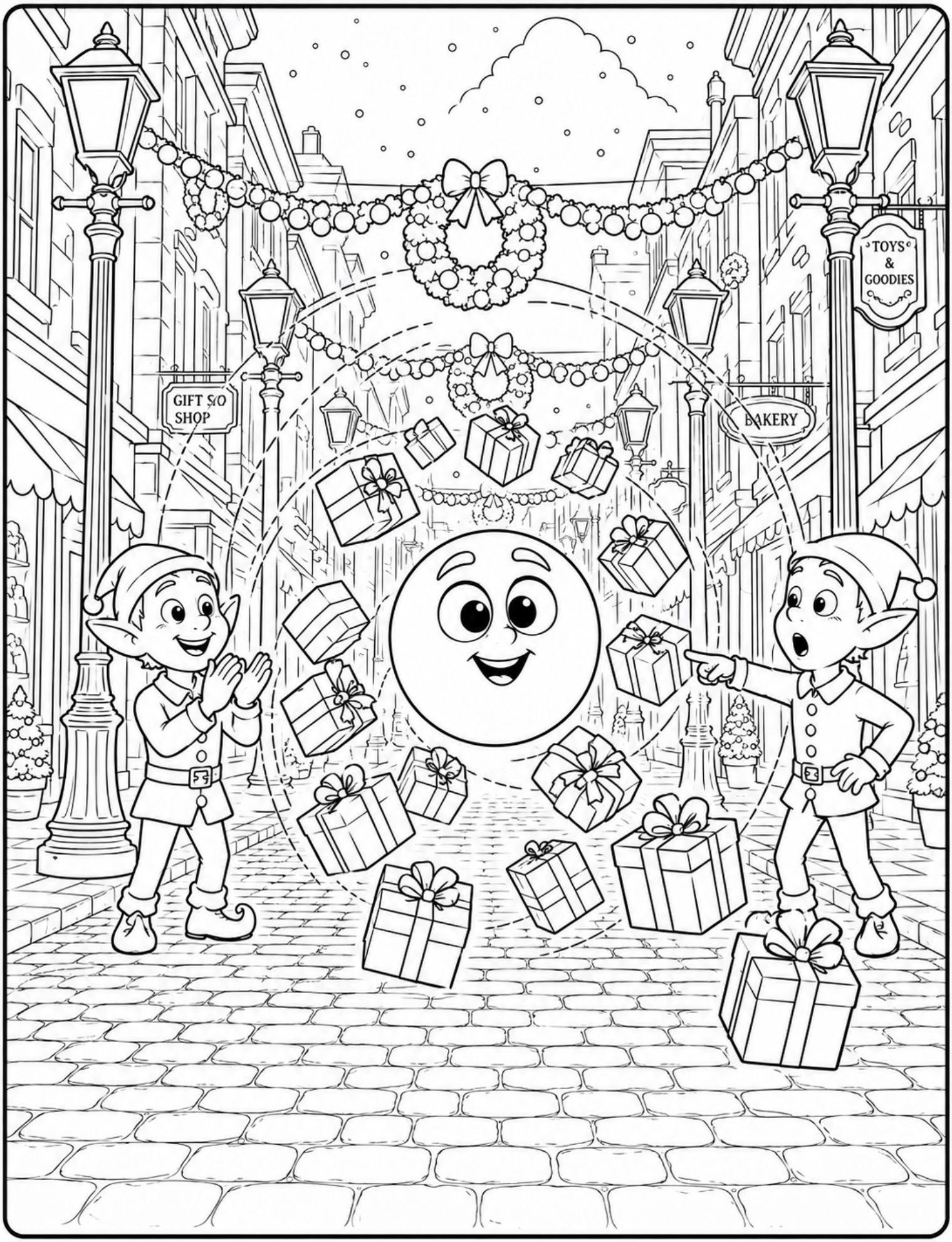




Find your way, collect every present, and help make Christmas magical!






GIFT SHOP
BAKERY
TOYS & GOODIES




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READING JOURNAL

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Where I Read: _____

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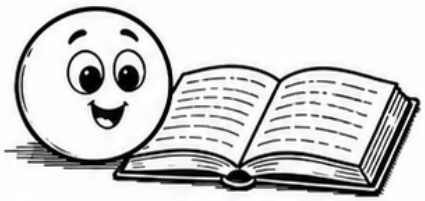
Write a short summary of what happened in this story.

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MY FAVORITE PART

What was your favorite part? Why did you like it?

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MY FAVORITE CHARACTER

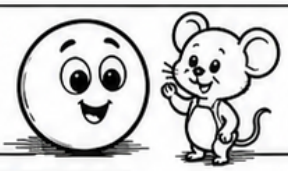
Who was your favorite character? What did they do?

- ☐ Rudy
- ☐ Santa
- ☐ Mouse
- ☐ The Elves
- ☐ The Reindeer
- ☐ The Shopkeeper
- ☐ Someone Else: _____

Why?

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WHAT I LEARNED

What is something new you learned from this story?

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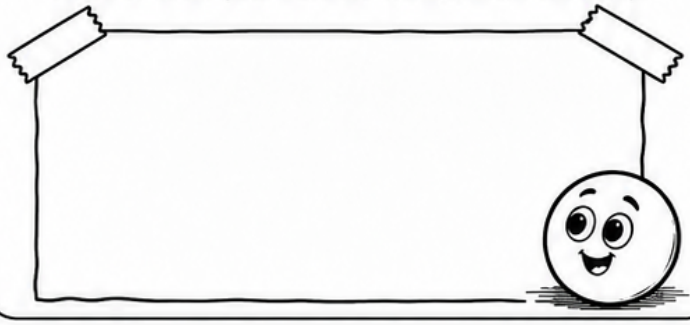
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WORDS I LIKE

Write or draw your favorite word(s) from the story.



QUESTIONS I HAVE

Write any questions you have about the story.

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RATE THE STORY

How would you rate this story? Color a star!

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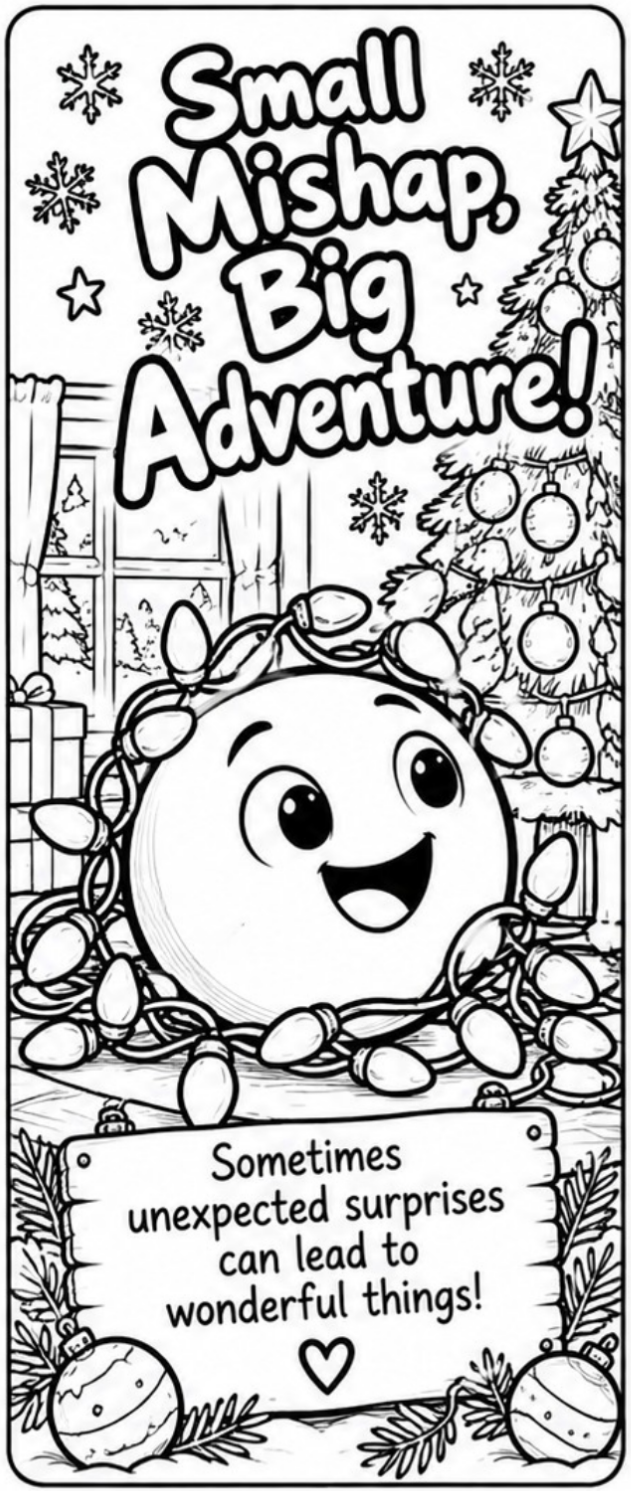




Rudy loves adventures, and so do readers like you!
Keep reading, keep learning, and keep dreaming big!



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Small Mishap, Big Adventure!
Sometimes unexpected surprises can lead to wonderful things!


Be a Bright Spot!
Kindness
Joy
Patience
Helps
Make
Christmas
Brighter!


It's Okay When Things Don't Go as Planned!
Mistakes happen. Keep going, and great things can still happen!