READING GUIDE

The Adventures of Rudy: A Day at School

This guide is designed for teachers, parents, and caregivers to help children connect with Rudy's adventure and apply the story's lessons in meaningful ways.

Ages
4–8

Reading Time
5–10 minutes

Themes
Curiosity, Friendship, Learning, School, Creativity, Adventure

Reading Level
Picture Book
(Grades 1–2)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After reading this story, children will be able to:

- Retell the story in order (beginning, middle, end).
- Identify activities that happen during a school day.
- Explain why curiosity and trying new things are important.
- Describe ways to be a kind and helpful friend.
- Connect Rudy's experiences to their own school day.

BEFORE READING

Set the stage and spark curiosity!

- Look at the cover together. What do you think Rudy will discover at school?
- What are some of your favorite things about school?
- What questions would you ask if you could spend a day at school with Rudy?

DURING READING

Pause and engage as you read!

- What do you think Rudy is feeling right now?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Which activity would you most like to try with Rudy?

AFTER READING

Discuss and reflect on the story!

- Why was Rudy curious about school?
- What was your favorite part of Rudy's adventure? Why?
- What did Rudy learn about school?
- How did Rudy make new friends?
- What is one thing you learned or enjoyed today at school?

CLASSROOM EXTENSIONS

READING
Retell the story using beginning, middle, and end. Ask students to recommend a favorite book to Rudy.

ART
Design a backpack that Rudy would love to use!
Draw Rudy's next school adventure.

SCIENCE
Observe something in your classroom. What do you see? What do you wonder about it?

SOCIAL SKILLS
Talk about ways to be a good friend at school.
Share one way you can help a classmate.

SCHOOL ROUTINE
Compare Rudy's school day to your own. What is the same? What is different?

TEACHER TIP
Encourage children to share their own school experiences. When they connect the story to their life, comprehension grows and confidence builds!

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Discussion Questions

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Let's Talk About the Story!

Talk about Rudy's adventure with a parent, teacher, or friend.
There are no wrong answers—share your ideas and have fun!

Before You Read

1. What do you think Rudy will discover at school?

_____

_____

2. What is your favorite part of school?

- ☐ Reading
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Recess
- ☐ Lunch
- ☐ Something else: _____

After You Read

3. Why did Rudy decide to climb into Tommy's backpack?

_____

_____

4. What happened when Rudy tumbled out of the backpack?

_____

_____

5. Circle all the school activities Rudy enjoyed.

Riding the school bus Reading books Art class Recess Making friends Science

6. If you could spend one day at school with Rudy, what would you do together?

_____

_____

Think About It

What did Rudy learn about school by the end of his adventure?

- ○ School is a fun place to learn.
- ○ Friends make adventures even better.
- ○ Every day can bring something new.
- ○ All of the above.

Draw Yourself with Rudy at School!

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STORY SEQUENCING

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Rudy had an exciting day at school!
Cut out the pictures below and glue them in the correct order to show what happened first, next, and last.

GLUE

1	2	3
First	Next	Last

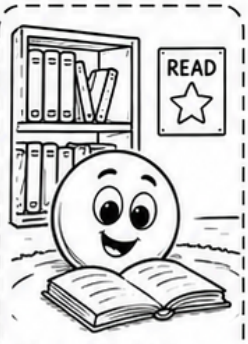
Cut out the pictures below. ☆ **Note:** Not all pictures will be used.



Rudy stows away in Tommy's backpack.



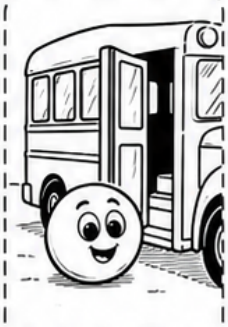
Rudy makes art and gets creative.



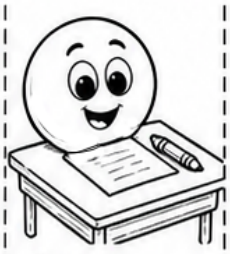
Rudy listens to a story at library time.



Rudy has fun during recess.



Rudy rides back home on the school bus.



Rudy answers a question in class.

☆ 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 school 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

Find these words in the puzzle!





B	A	C	K	P	A	C	K	K	H
I	O	S	I	E	M	P	R	R	O
S	G	A	N	X	I	O	E	W	M
C	S	C	H	O	O	L	C	F	E
I	L	T	E	A	C	H	E	R	W
E	L	U	N	C	H	R	S	D	O
N	B	S	M	I	L	E	S	T	R
C	L	A	S	S	R	O	O	M	K
E	A	K	L	D	T	G	J	B	J
A	E	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	G

FIND THESE WORDS:

- ☆ SCHOOL
- ☆ FRIENDS
- ☆ TEACHER
- ☆ LUNCH
- ☆ RECESS
- ☆ CLASSROOM
- ☆ HOMEWORK
- ☆ SCIENCE
- ☆ BACKPACK
- ☆ SMILE

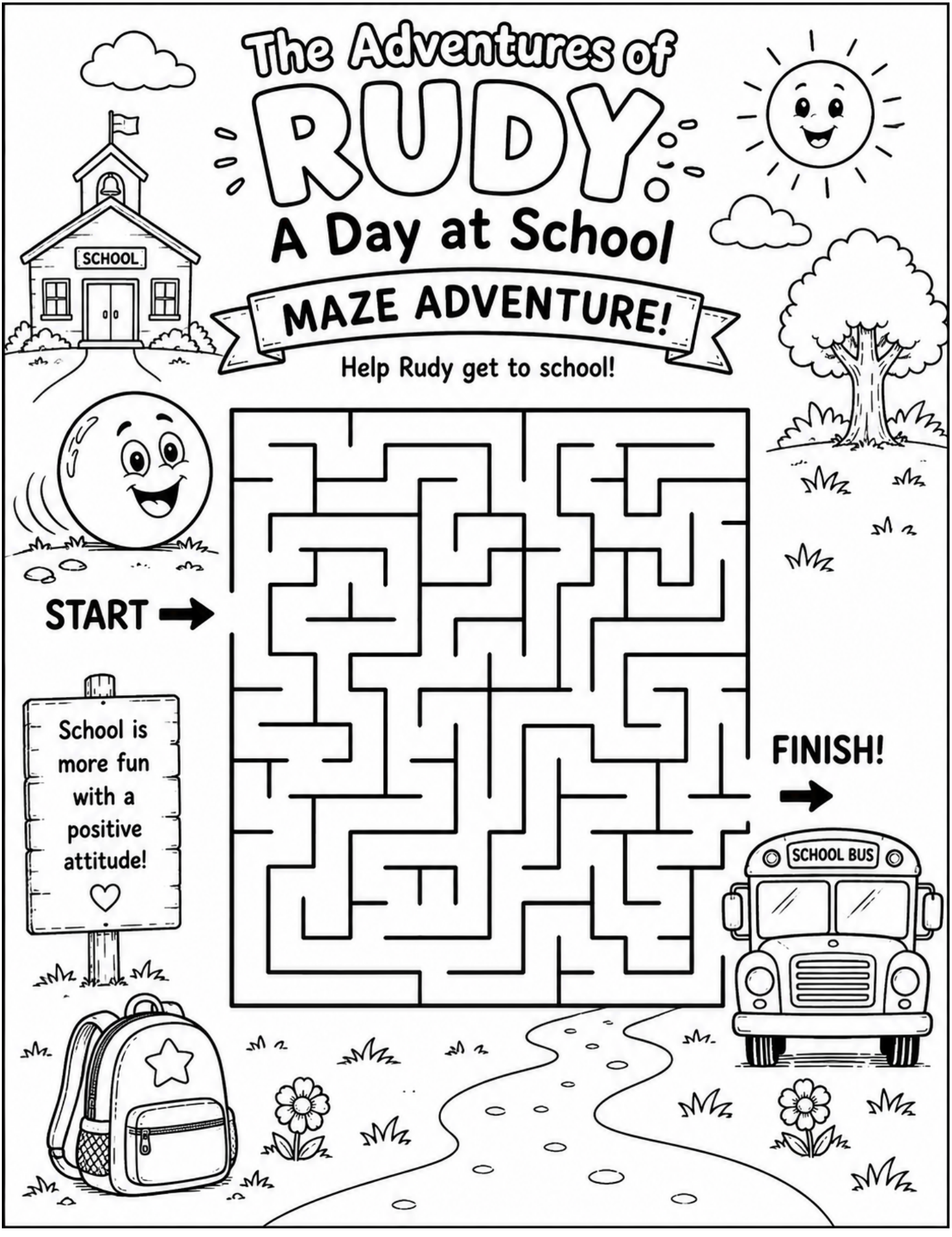


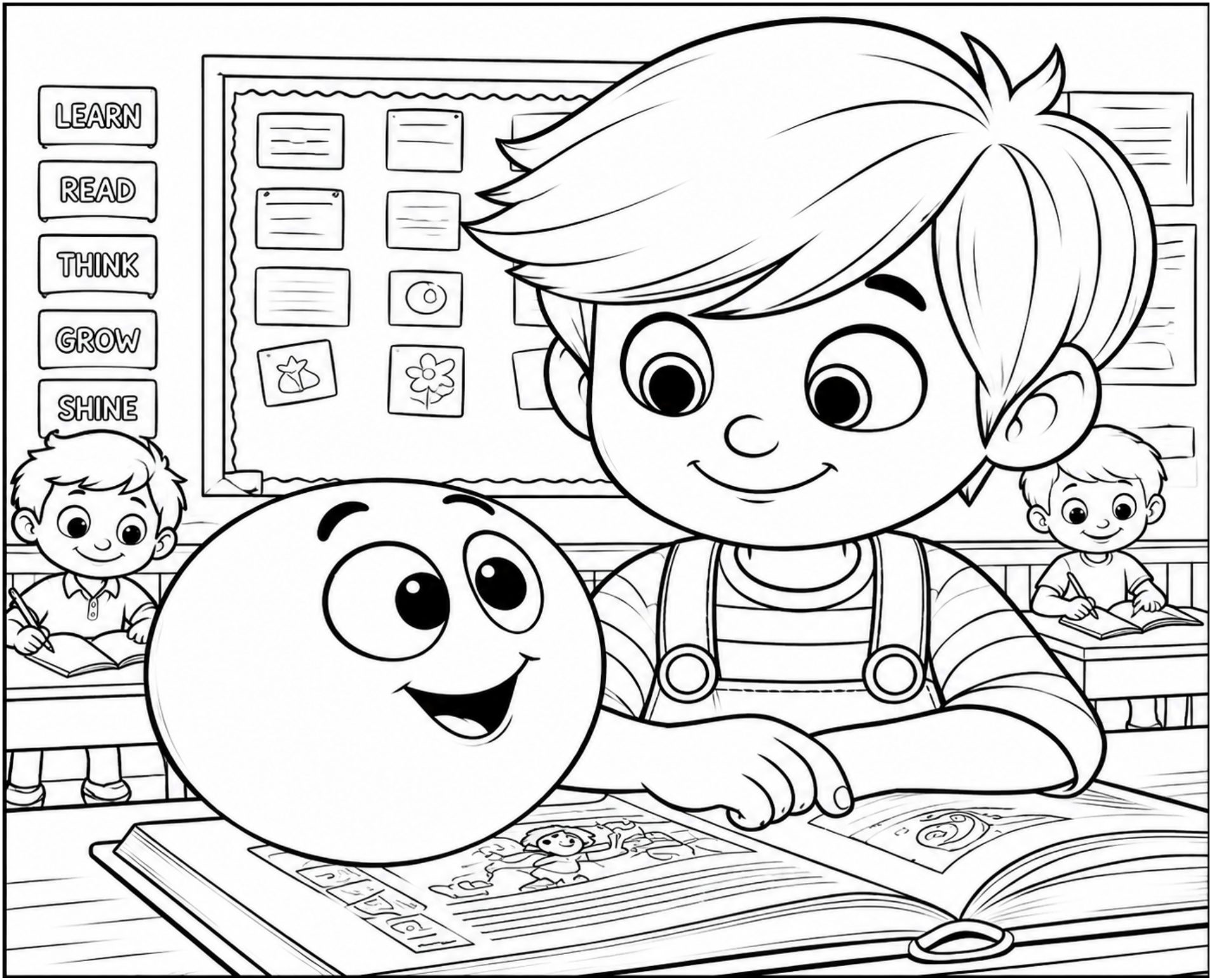


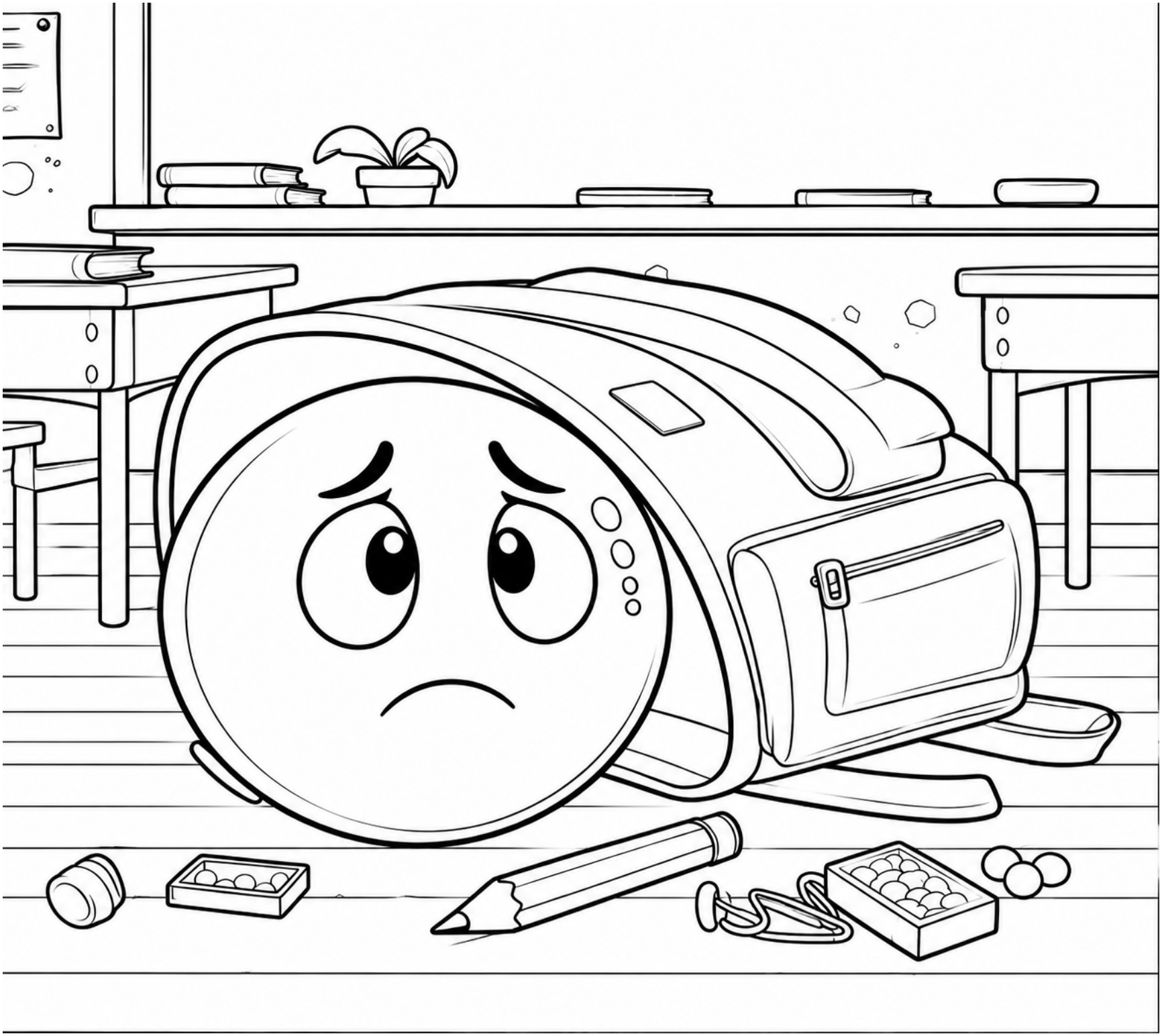


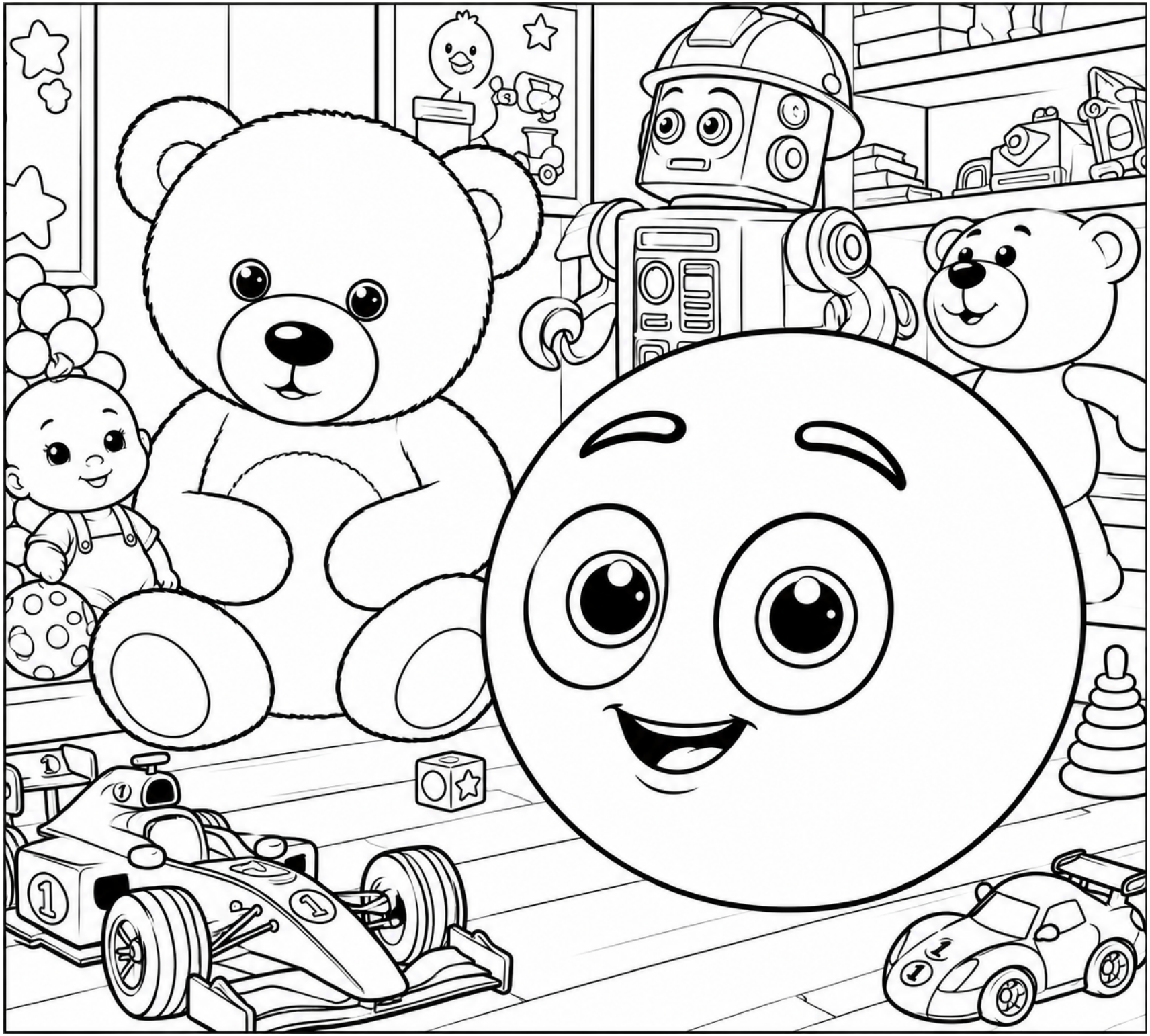





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MAZE ADVENTURE!
Help Rudy get to school!
SCHOOL
START
School is more fun with a positive attitude!
FINISH!
SCHOOL BUS


LEARN
READ
THINK
GROW
SHINE





READING JOURNAL

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Remember Your Adventure!

Every book is an adventure.
Write, draw, and remember your favorite parts!

ABOUT THE BOOK

Date Read: _____

I read with:

By myself ☐ Family ☐ Teacher ☐ Friend ☐

MY RATING

Color the stars!

MY FAVORITE PART

_____

_____

_____

MY FAVORITE CHARACTER

☐ Rudy ☐ Tommy ☐ Teacher

☐ Another Student

☐ Someone Else: _____

Why?

_____

_____

SOMETHING I LEARNED

_____

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_____

IF I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH RUDY...

_____

_____

_____

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE SCENE!





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Let's Learn Together!
You Can Do It!
Good friends make school brighter!
Read
Be Kind
Be Curious
Try New Things
A brighter you today!


Small Ball. Big Possibilities!
Every day is a chance to learn something new!
Be Kind
Be Helpful
Be Yourself
You Belong Here!


Try New Things!
New Places
New Friends
New Adventures!
Play
Learn
Be Kind
Include
Have Fun
The Adventures of Rudy
The Little Red Ball Goes to School