READING GUIDE

The Adventures of Rudy, the Little Red Ball

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

ABOUT THE BOOK

Rudy is a curious little red ball who leaves his toy box to explore the world outside. Along the way, he makes new friends, faces challenges, and learns important lessons about friendship, teamwork, and finding his way home.

THEMES

Friendship
Rudy meets and learns from many new friends.

Teamwork
Rudy learns that working together can solve problems.

Courage & Curiosity
Trying new things helps us grow and discover.

Home & Belonging
Home is special, and friends can be found in many places.

BEFORE READING

- Look at the cover and title. What do you think the story will be about?
- Where might Rudy go on an adventure?
- What kinds of friends do you think Rudy will meet?
- What do you think Rudy will learn?

READING TIP

Encourage students to make connections to their own adventures and experiences!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Rudy decide to leave the toy box?
2. Who were some of the friends Rudy met?
3. What problem did Rudy face in the forest?
4. How did Oliver the owl help Rudy?
5. How did the duck family help Rudy?
6. What lesson did Rudy learn about teamwork?
7. Why do you think Rudy was happy to return home?
8. If you could go on an adventure like Rudy, where would you go and who would you meet?

AFTER READING ACTIVITIES

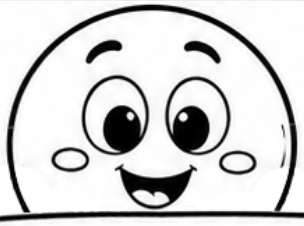
- ★ Draw and write about your favorite part of the story.
- ★ Create a "Rudy's Adventure Map" showing the places Rudy visited.
- ★ Write a thank you note to one of Rudy's friends.
- ★ Act out a favorite scene with a partner or group.
- ★ Make a list of lessons Rudy learned on his adventure.

EXTENSION IDEAS

- ★ Research one of the animals Rudy met. Create an information poster about it.
- ★ Make a class "Friendship Chain" each link sharing a way to be a good friend.
- ★ Plan and share your own class adventure story!

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

The Adventures of Rudy, the Little Red Ball

Let's think about Rudy's adventure!

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

_____

2. Why did Rudy decide to leave the toy box?

_____

3. Who were some of the friends Rudy met on his adventure?

_____

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4. What problem did Rudy face in the forest?

_____

5. How did Oliver the owl help Rudy?

_____

6. What lesson did Rudy learn during his adventure?

_____

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

_____

_____

DRAW HERE!

Draw your favorite part of Rudy's adventure.





THINK LIKE RUDY!

Be curious, be kind, and enjoy every adventure!



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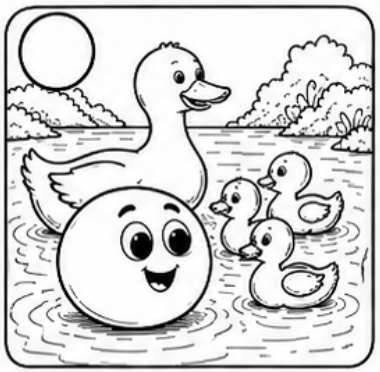
STORY SEQUENCING

The Adventures of Rudy, the Little Red Ball

Rudy's adventure happened in order,
but the pictures below are all mixed up!
Look at each picture and write the numbers 1 to 5
to put the story in the right order.



Rudy lives in a toy box with many toys.



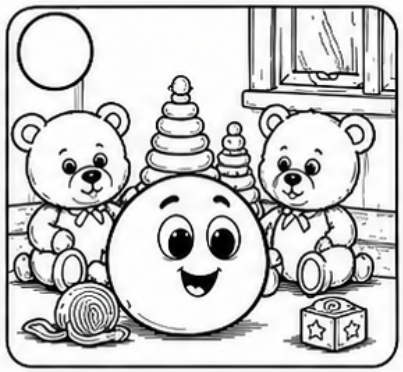
A family of ducks helps Rudy and guides him to safety.



Rudy meets Bella the butterfly and other garden friends.



Rudy gets lost in the forest and feels scared.



Rudy shares his adventures with the other toys.

THINK & WRITE!

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

2. Which friend did Rudy meet that you liked the most? Why?

3. What lesson did Rudy learn on his adventure?

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE SCENE!

Draw a picture of your favorite part of Rudy's adventure.

Great job helping Rudy put his adventure in the right order!

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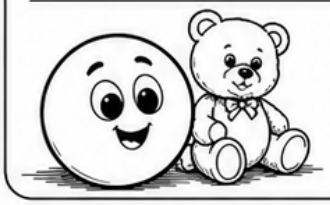
STORY MAP

The Adventures of Rudy, the Little Red Ball

A story map helps us remember
the important parts of a story.
Fill in each part using what you learned about Rudy's adventure!

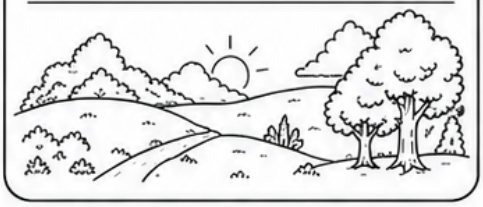
CHARACTERS

Who are the main characters in the story?



SETTING

Where does the story take place? When does it happen?



PROBLEM

What problem does Rudy face in the story?



KEY EVENTS

What happens in the story? List the important events in order.

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



SOLUTION

How does Rudy solve the problem? What helps him?



LESSON LEARNED

What important lesson does Rudy learn in his adventure?

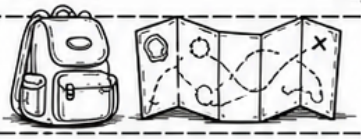


HOW I FEEL

How did this story make you feel? Why?



Every adventure teaches us something new!
What's one adventure you hope to go on someday?



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The Adventures of RUDY: the Little Red Ball

WORD SEARCH





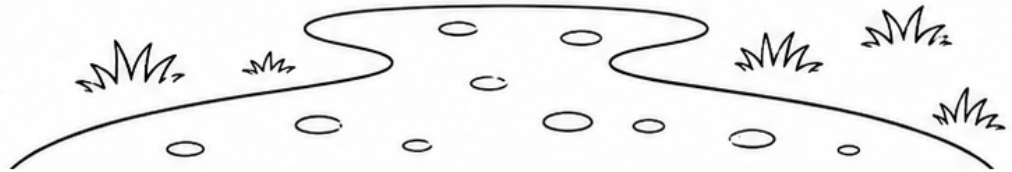
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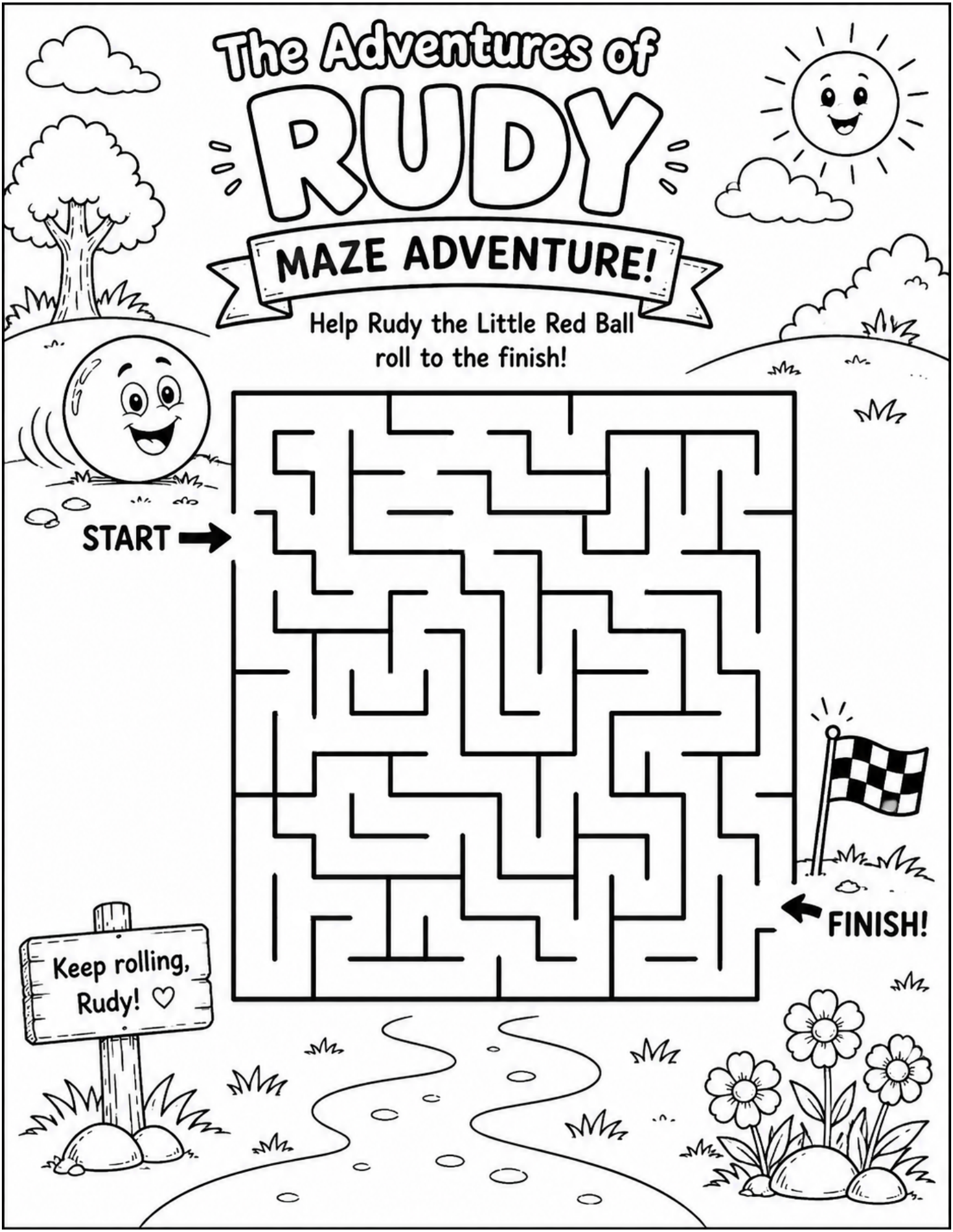
- ☆ RUDY
- ☆ REDBALL
- ☆ ROLL
- ☆ BOUNCE
- ☆ FRIEND
- ☆ PLAY
- ☆ HILL
- ☆ TREE
- ☆ PATH
- ☆ GRASS
- ☆ SMILE

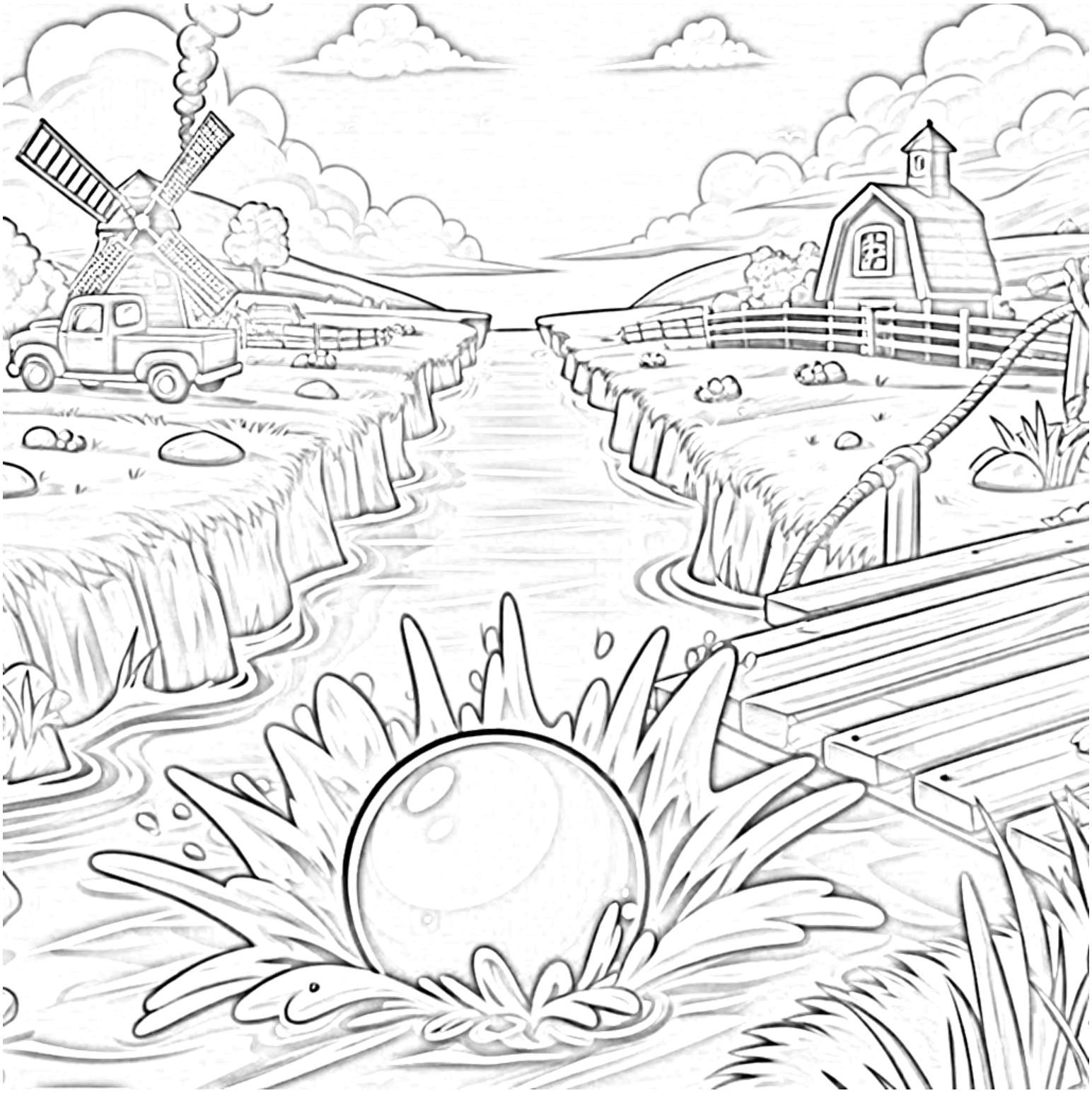


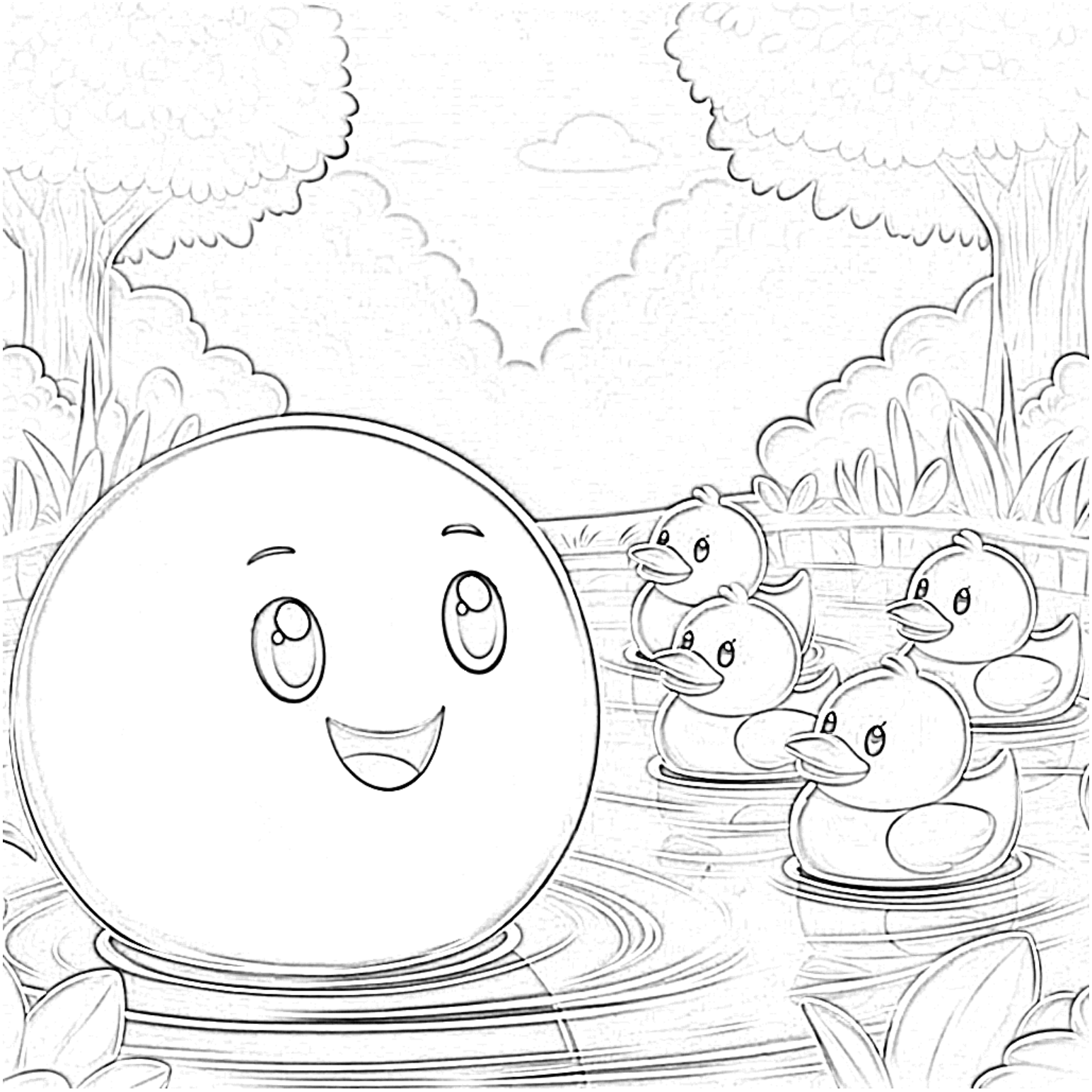







The Adventures of
RUDY
MAZE ADVENTURE!
Help Rudy the Little Red Ball
roll to the finish!
START
FINISH!
Keep rolling,
Rudy! ♡






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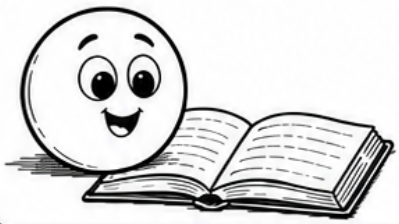
The Adventures of Rudy, the Little Red Ball

Date: _____ Pages Read: _____

Where I Read: _____

SUMMARY

Write a short summary of what happened in this part of the story.



MY FAVORITE PART

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



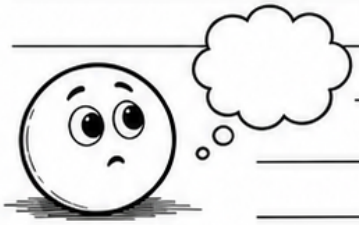
CHARACTERS

Who are the main characters? What did they do?



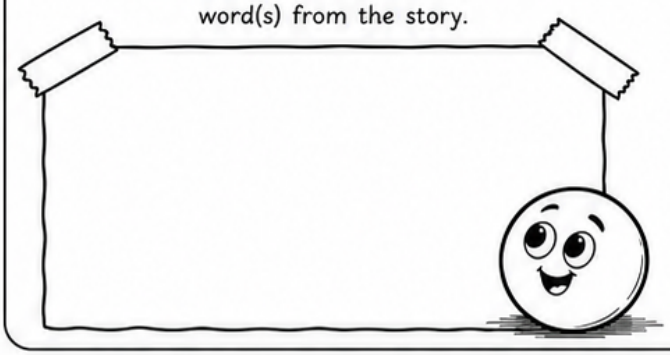
WHAT I LEARNED

What is something new you learned from this story?



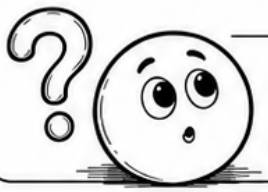
WORDS I LIKE

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



QUESTIONS I HAVE

Write any questions you have about the story.



RATE THE STORY

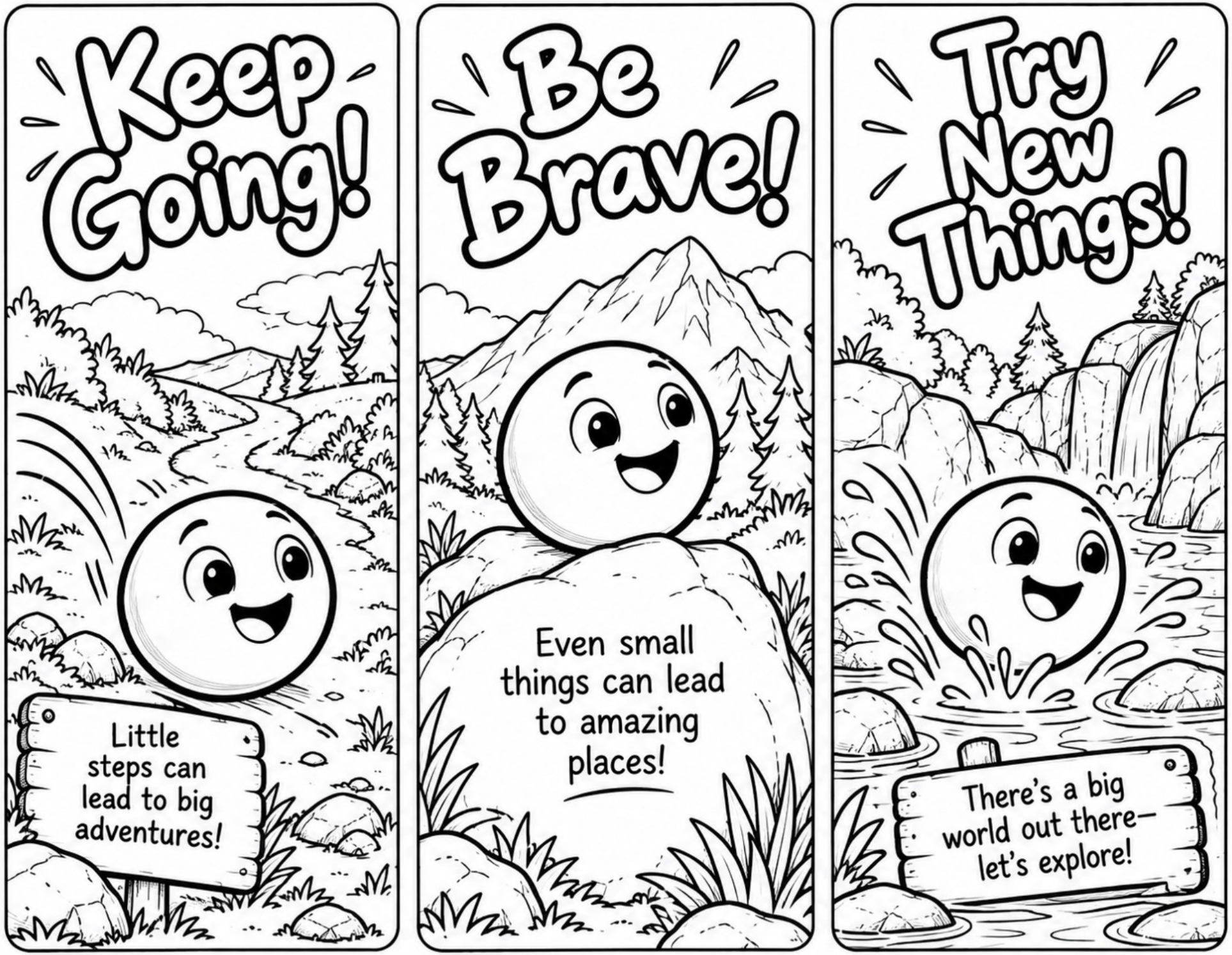
How would you rate this story? Color a star!





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

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Keep Going!
Little steps can lead to big adventures!
Be Brave!
Even small things can lead to amazing places!
Try New Things!
There's a big world out there— let's explore!

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

The Adventures of Rudy: A Day at School

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

The Adventures of Rudy: A Day at School

Rudy had an exciting day at school!
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First	Next	Last

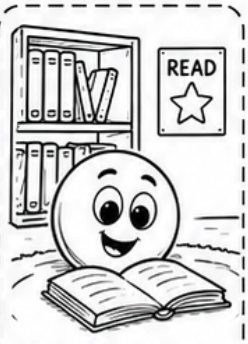
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Rudy stows away in Tommy's backpack.



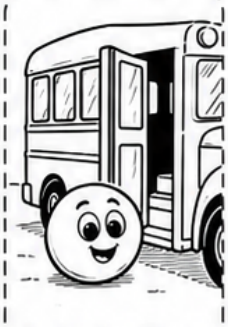
Rudy makes art and gets creative.



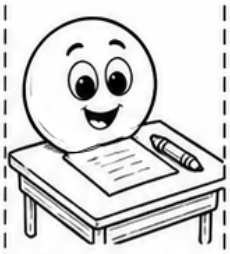
Rudy listens to a story at library time.



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

The Adventures of Rudy: A Day at School

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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The Adventures of RUDY: A Day at School

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

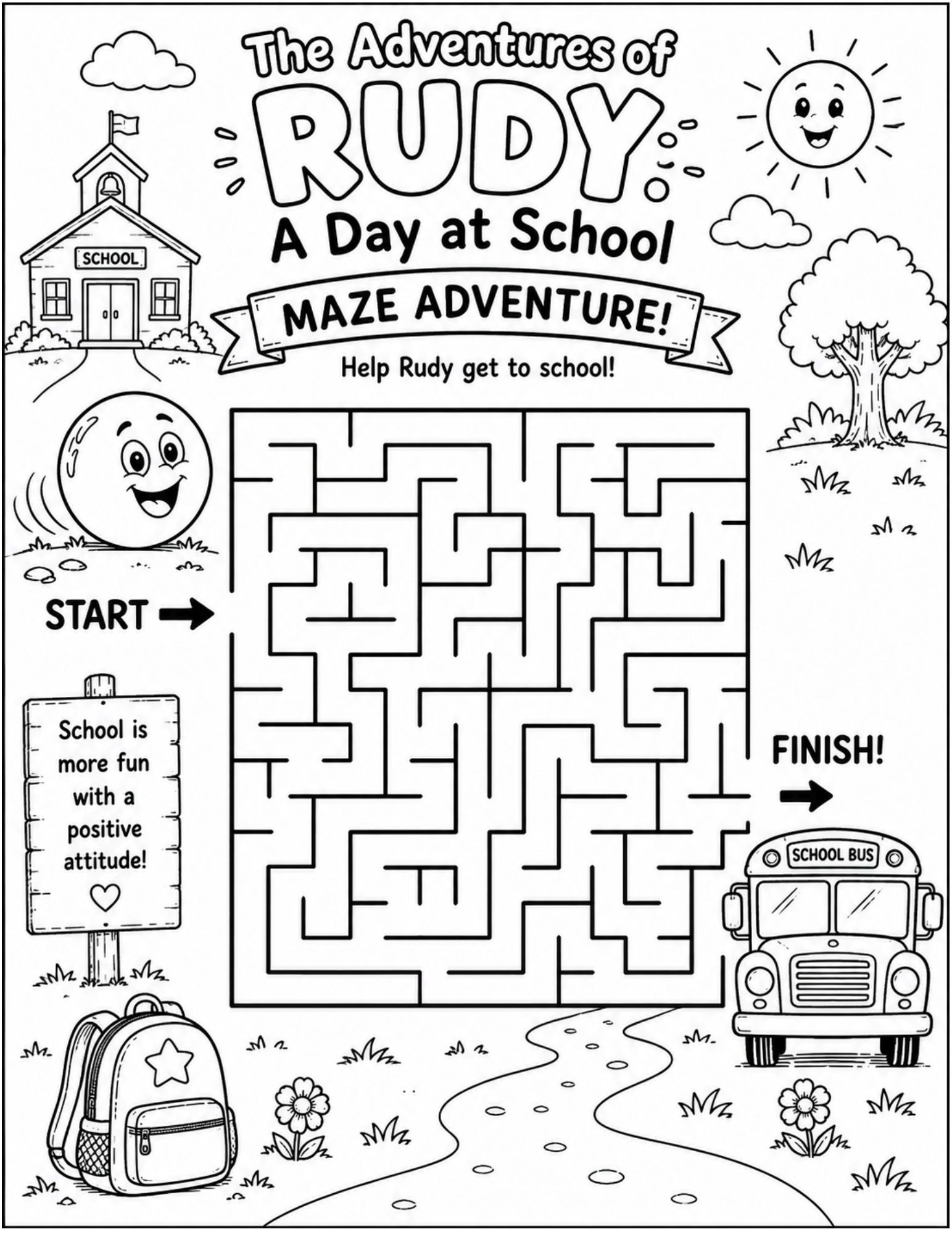


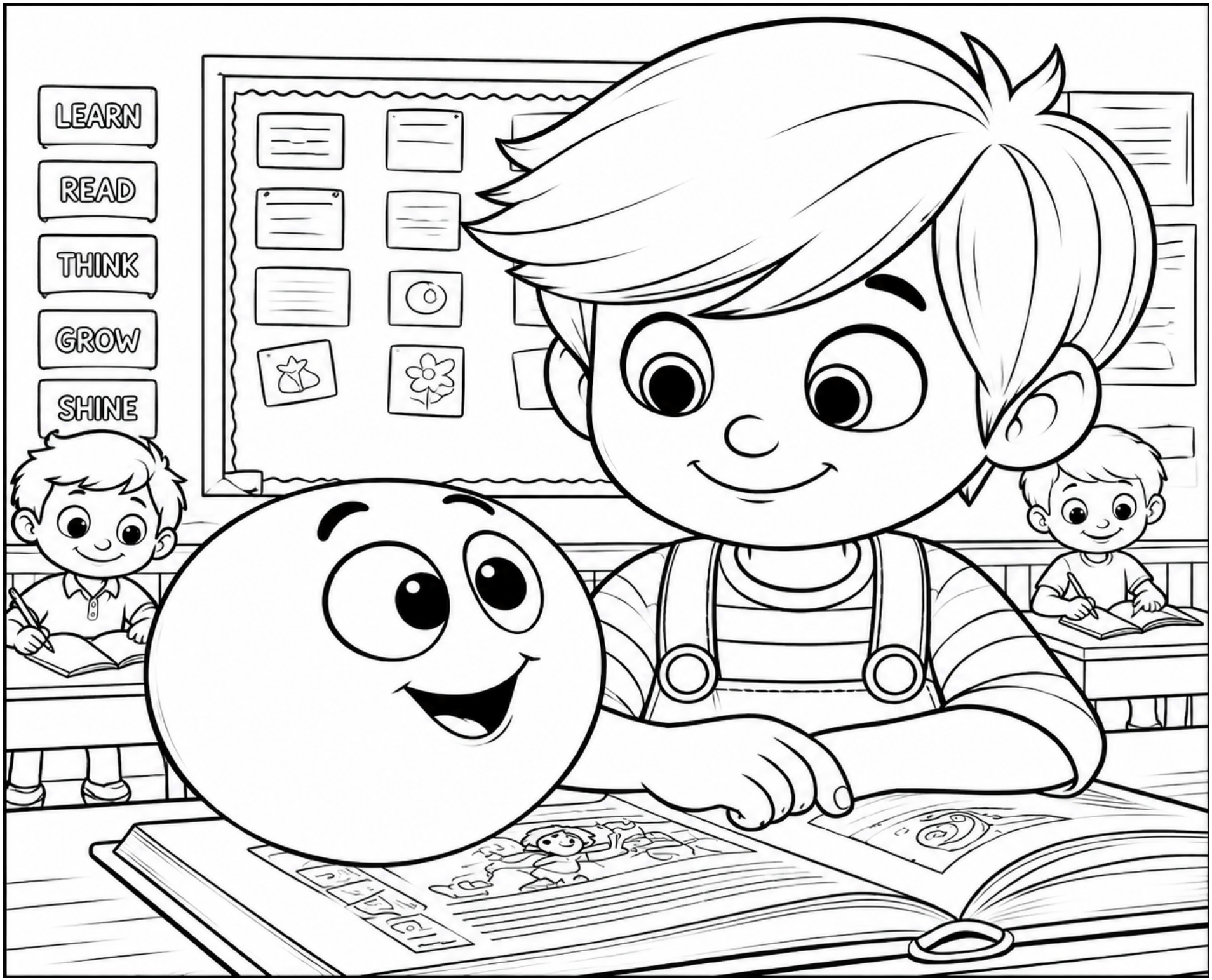


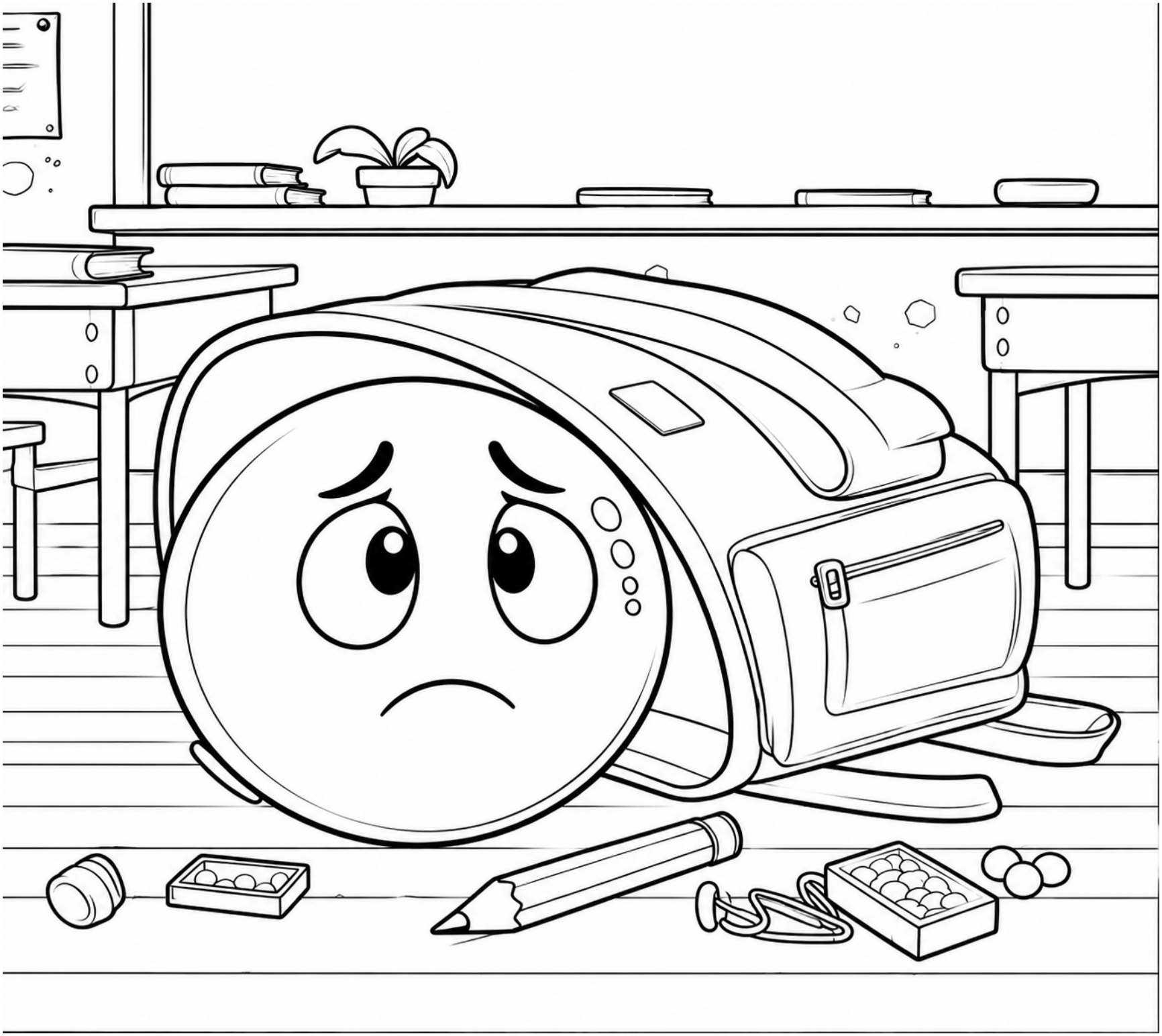


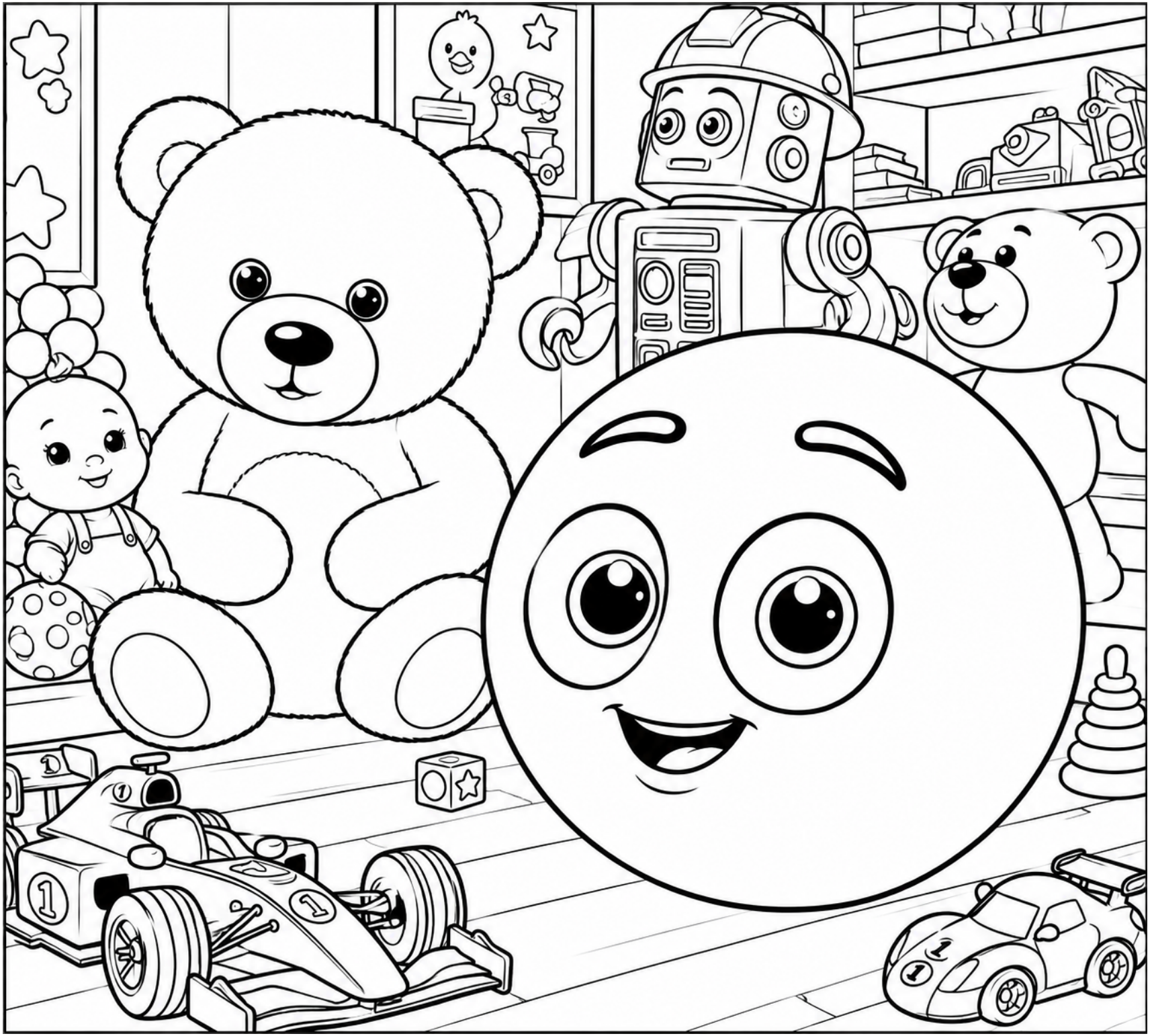





The Adventures of
RUDY
A Day at School
MAZE ADVENTURE!
Help Rudy get to school!
SCHOOL
START
School is more fun with a positive attitude!
FINISH!
SCHOOL BUS


LEARN
READ
THINK
GROW
SHINE





READING JOURNAL

The Adventures of Rudy: A Day at School





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...

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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

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

The Adventures of Rudy: The Christmas Mishap

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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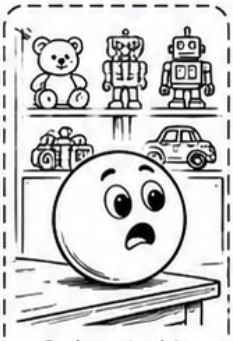
STORY SEQUENCING

The Adventures of Rudy: The Christmas Mishap

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.



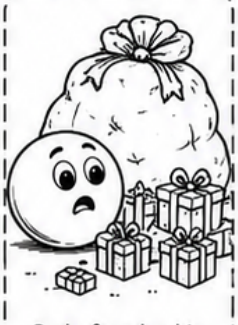
Rudy waited in the toy shop, hoping to find a new home.



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

The Adventures of Rudy: The Christmas Mishap

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!

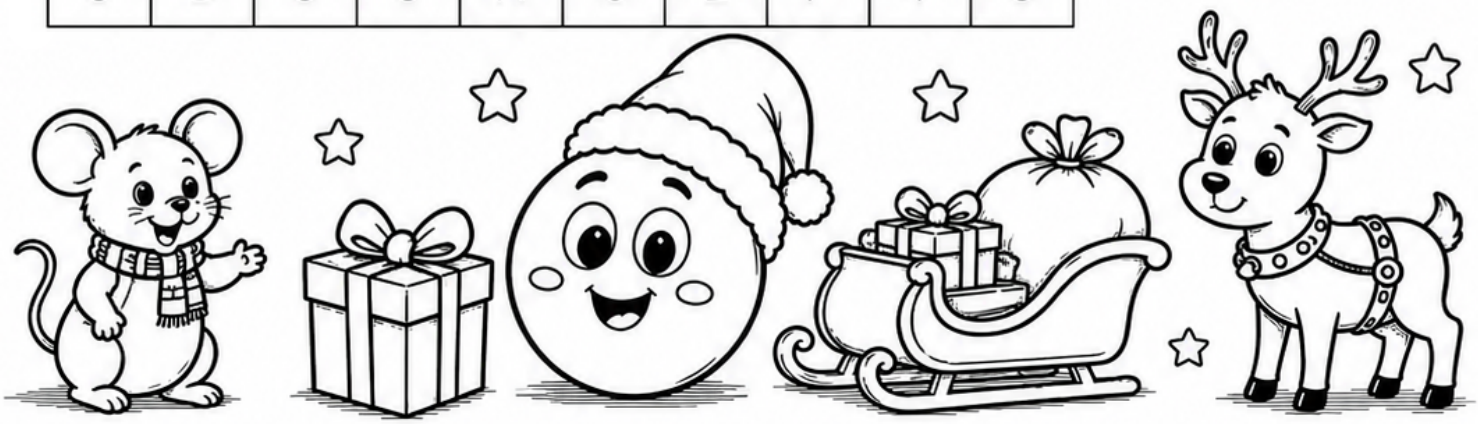




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E	M	J	K	P	W	X	L	Z	T
S	B	O	U	N	C	E	P	Y	S

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!

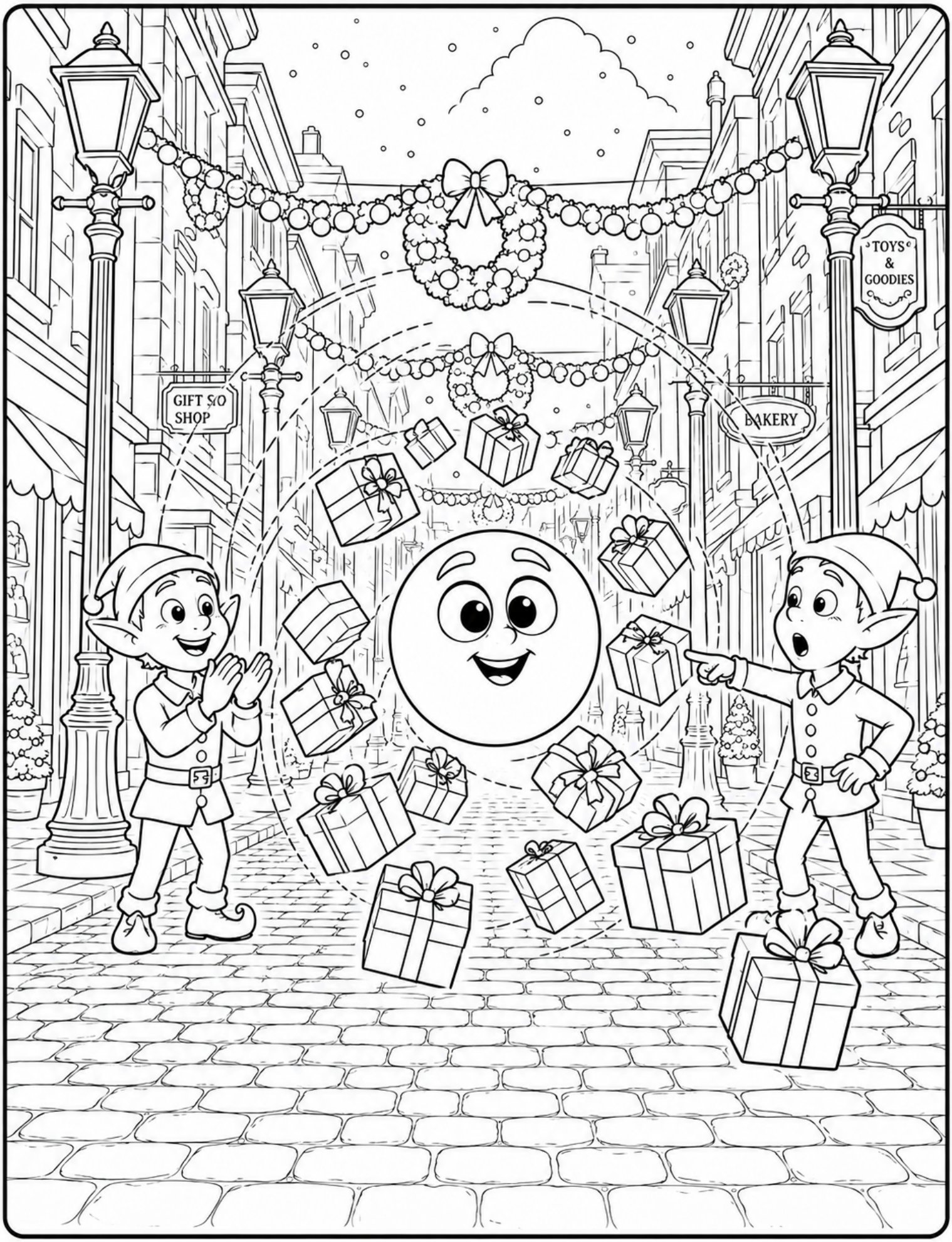




Find your way, collect every present, and help make Christmas magical!






GIFT SHOP
BAKERY
TOYS & GOODIES




FROM: SANTA

READING JOURNAL

The Adventures of Rudy: The Christmas Mishap

Date: _____ Pages Read: _____

Where I Read: _____

SUMMARY

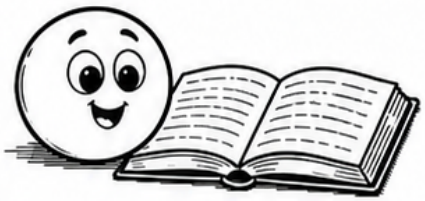
Write a short summary of what happened in this story.

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MY FAVORITE PART

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

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MY FAVORITE CHARACTER

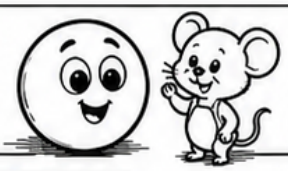
Who was your favorite character? What did they do?

- ☐ 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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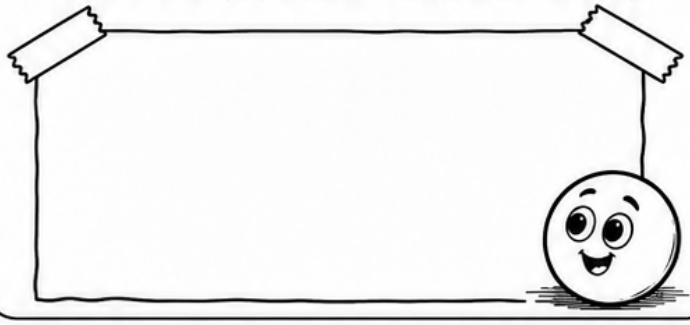
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WORDS I LIKE

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!

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

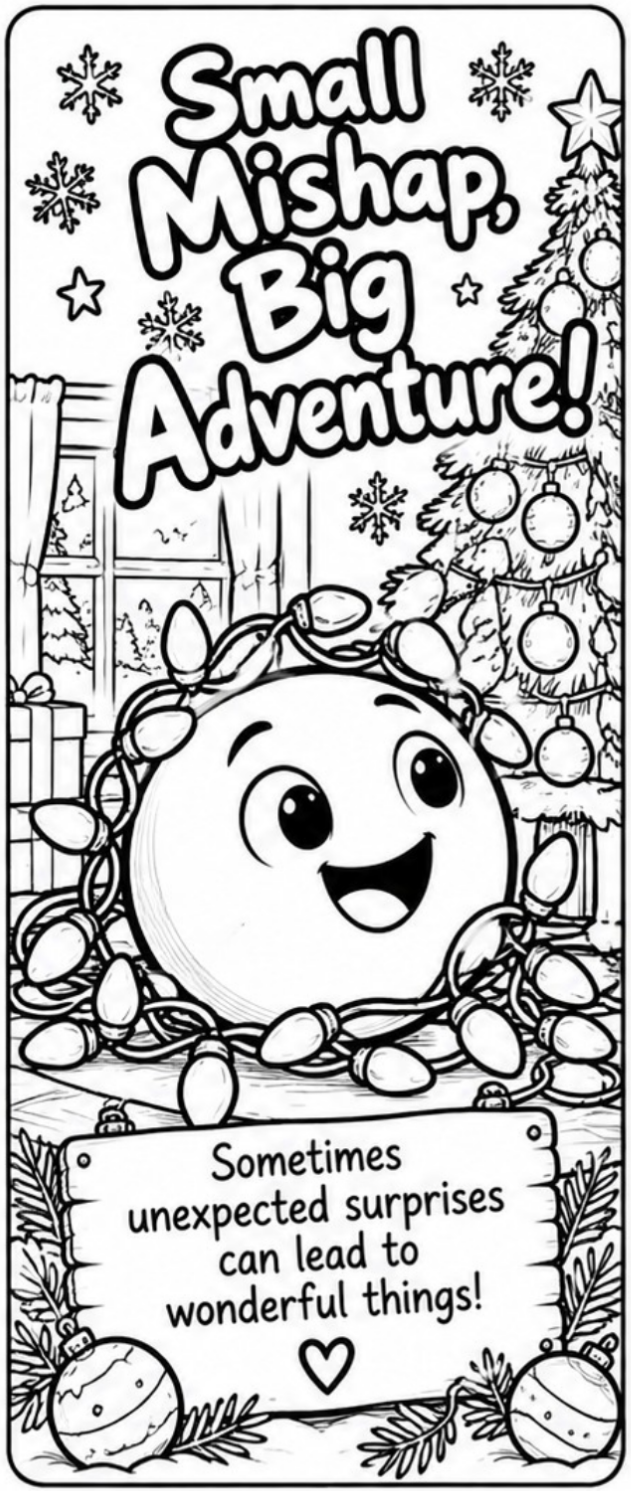




Rudy loves adventures, and so do readers like you!
Keep reading, keep learning, and keep dreaming big!



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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!