Let's get every child reading!

READ ALONG WITH VOOKS

We're helping you celebrate National Reading Month with special resources and activity packs to keep kids reading all month long!

Our purpose in creating these resources is to help parents and teachers extend the learning beyond each story book. The joy of reading begins when a child connects with the text. Each activity is created to engage and excite the child about learning as they build foundational reading skills.



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Theme for March 15–19

Animals & Friendship



Unicorn (and Horse) shows us how friendship can flourish because of what makes us unique, not in spite of it.

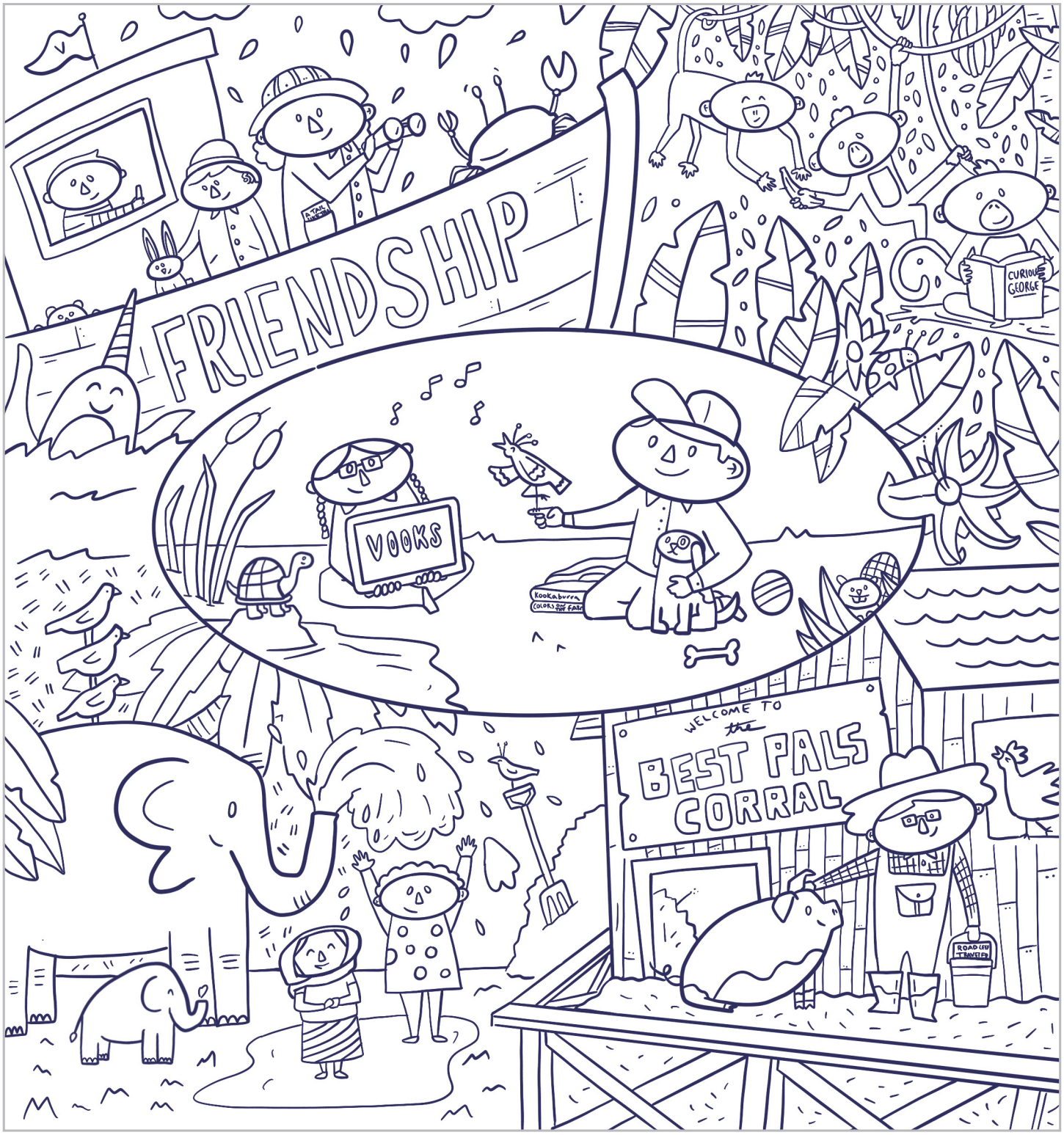
In this resource you'll find:

- Special activities for this week's theme.
- Book Chat activity for *Unicorn (and Horse)* to complete together live on Facebook **Friday, March 19, 10:00am (PST)**.
- Additional activities for titles that center on animals and friendship: *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?; I See a Kookaburra!; The Road Not Taken; Slumberkins: Bigfoot; The Smellyphant.*
- One-page take home sheets to extend the learning at home.

Join us to share stories, spread joy, and spark creativity!

Color Along With Us

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Animal Fact Poster

Throughout the week create a poster about your favorite animal in the space below. Draw your animal in the center and write 4 facts about it on the lines. Present your poster to friends, family, or your classmates.

This week I learned about

Name of animal

1

2

3

4

Book Chat

Unicorn (and Horse) is a funny yet endearing lesson on envy with one important truth: We are sometimes unicorns. We are sometimes horses. But, it's our differences that make us all unique. And, friendship can come in all shapes and sizes.



Goes with *Unicorn (and Horse)*

We're going Live on Facebook!
Join us for a book chat on *Unicorn (and Horse)* **Friday, March 19, 10:00am** (PST). RSVP & learn more at *vooks.com/readalong*

What is *Unicorn (and Horse)* about?

When do you feel like Unicorn?

When do you feel like Horse?

Encourage your child to talk about jealousy.

What does it mean to be jealous of someone? Have you ever been jealous? Who was jealous in the story? How did Horse handle his jealousy? What are some ways you have handled jealousy?

Do you have a friend that you didn't like at first? What changed?

Put the Story in Order

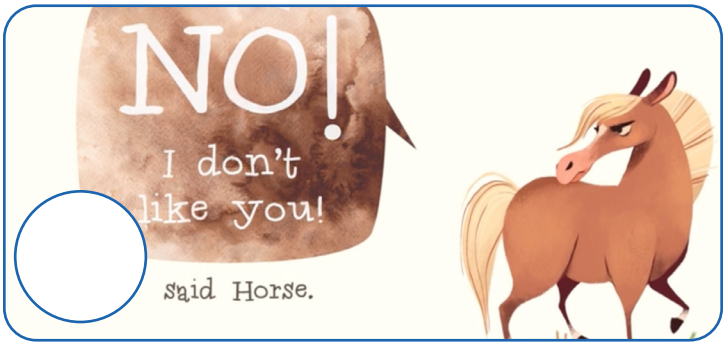
Place the 8 scenes from *Unicorn (and Horse)* in the correct order by writing 1-8 in the spaces provided.

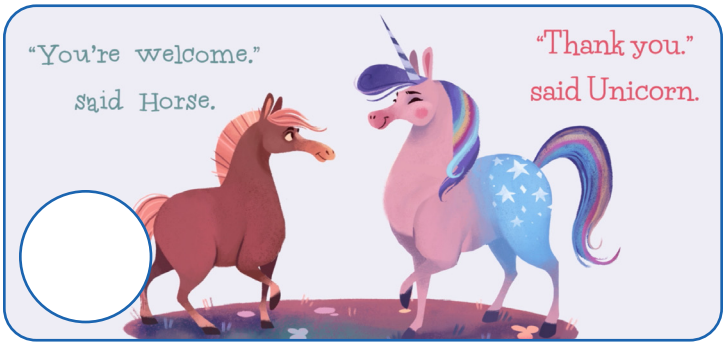


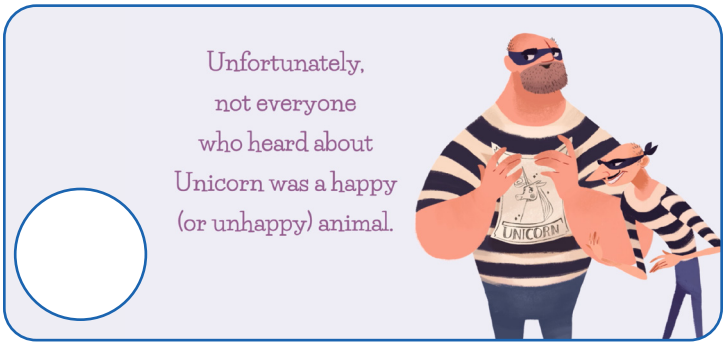
Goes with *Unicorn (and Horse)*













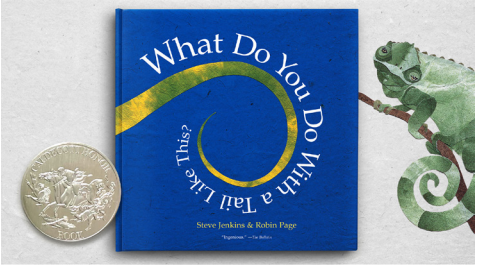




Word Search

Find the words from the *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* word bank in the word search below.

The word can be positioned in all directions, written from left to right, from right to left, horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, but is always on one straight line.



Goes with *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*

Word Bank

- ☐ ALLIGATOR
- ☐ ANIMAL
- ☐ ANTEATER
- ☐ ARCHERFISH
- ☐ BAT
- ☐ BATH
- ☐ BUSHBABY
- ☐ CHAMELEON
- ☐ CHIMPANZEE
- ☐ CRICKET
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ EAGLE
- ☐ EARS
- ☐ ELEPHANT
- ☐ EYES
- ☐ FEET
- ☐ GECKO
- ☐ GIRAFFE
- ☐ HIPPOPOTAMUS
- ☐ HYENA
- ☐ JACKRABBIT
- ☐ LIZARD
- ☐ MOLE
- ☐ MONKEY
- ☐ MOSQUITO
- ☐ MOUTH
- ☐ MUD
- ☐ NOSE
- ☐ PELICAN
- ☐ PLATYPUS
- ☐ SCORPION
- ☐ SKUNK
- ☐ SOUNDS
- ☐ STINKY
- ☐ TAIL
- ☑ UNDERGROUND

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Writing & Drawing

Draw a picture of Bigfoot and yourself having an adventure.
Write a story describing the adventure.



Goes with *Slumberkins: Bigfoot*



Write A Poem

The Road Not Taken is a good example of a poem that follows the ABAAB rhyme scheme where the last word in the 1st, 3rd, and 4th lines rhyme and the last word in the 2nd and 5th lines rhyme. Choose one of the titles from the week and write a poem using the rhyme scheme ABAAB and iambic tetrameter rhythm pattern. This activity can be completed as a group, in teams, or individually.



Goes with *The Road Not Taken*



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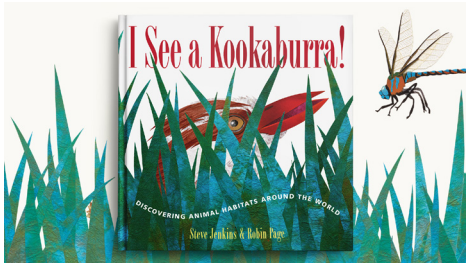
B _____

A _____

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B _____

Jaguar Mask



Goes with *I See A Kookaburra!*

Instructions

1. Color in the jaguar mask below and cut it out along the dotted line.
2. Cut the eye holes out.
3. If you'd like, punch holes where the blue dots are & thread a string through it so you can wear your mask.

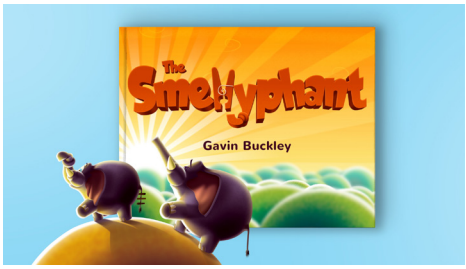


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Puzzle

Instructions

1. Color in the puzzle below.
2. Cut out the pieces along the blue dotted lines.
3. Scramble them up and then try to put the puzzle back together again.



Goes with *The Smellyphant*

Take-home Sheet

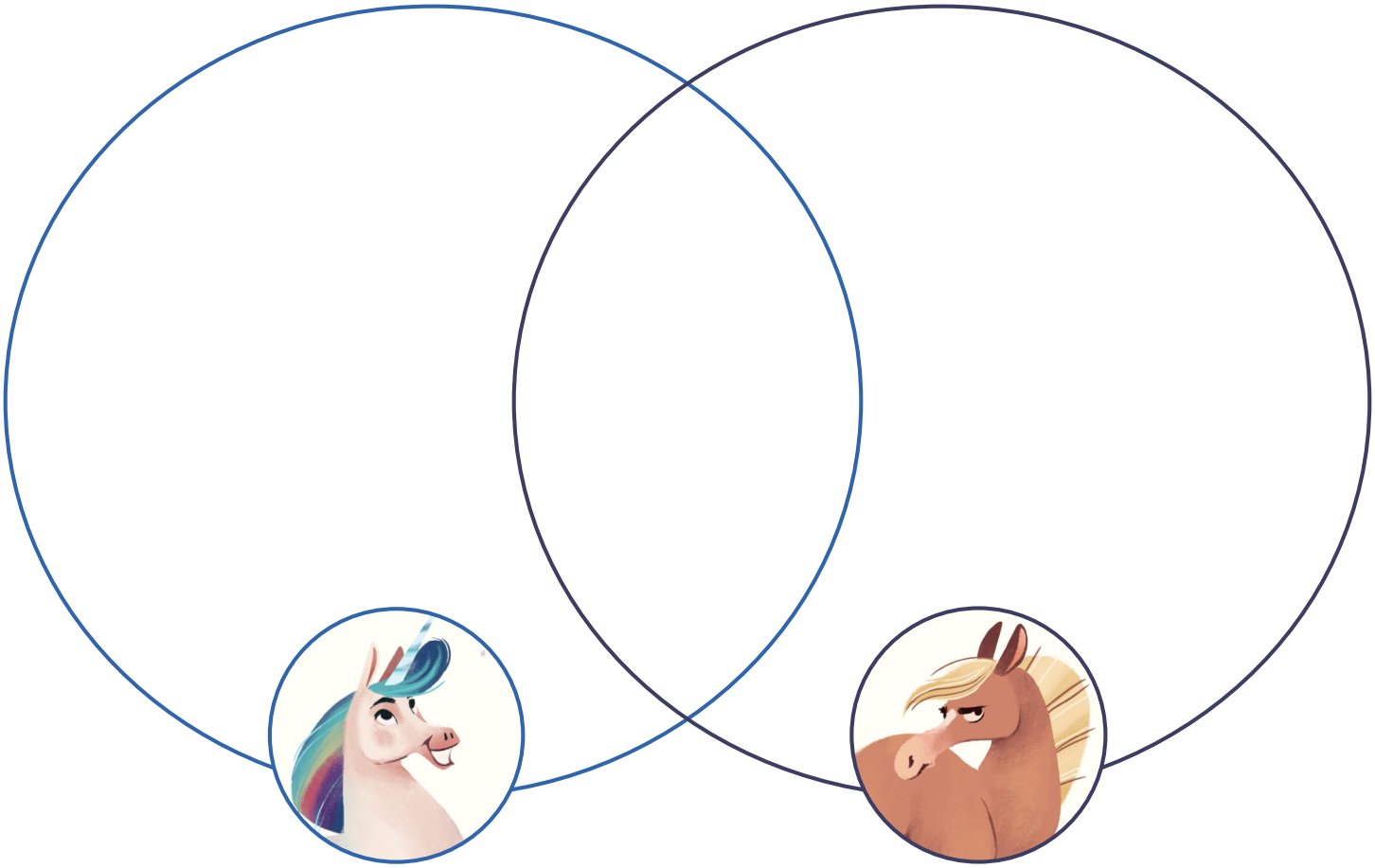
Unicorn (and Horse)

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Venn Diagram

How are Unicorn and Horse different? How are they the same?



Mini Pause & Ponder

0:32	What are three differences between a unicorn and a horse?
1:42	What can a horse do?
2:52	How could a unicorn make someone a lot of money?
4:02	What is Horse thinking about?

NAME _____

Take-home Sheet

The Road Not Taken

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The poignancy and weight of Frost's most well-known poem has been captured for young readers in an accessible story of choices and personal journeys.

Drawing and Writing

If you had to choose one road to take like the child in *The Road Not Taken*, what would you want to find on the path? Draw and color yourself on one of the two paths and finish the sentence below.



I would want to find _____ on the path that I chose.

Mini–Book Chat

What decisions have you made today?

_____

What are some small choices/decisions that you have to make?

_____

_____
NAME

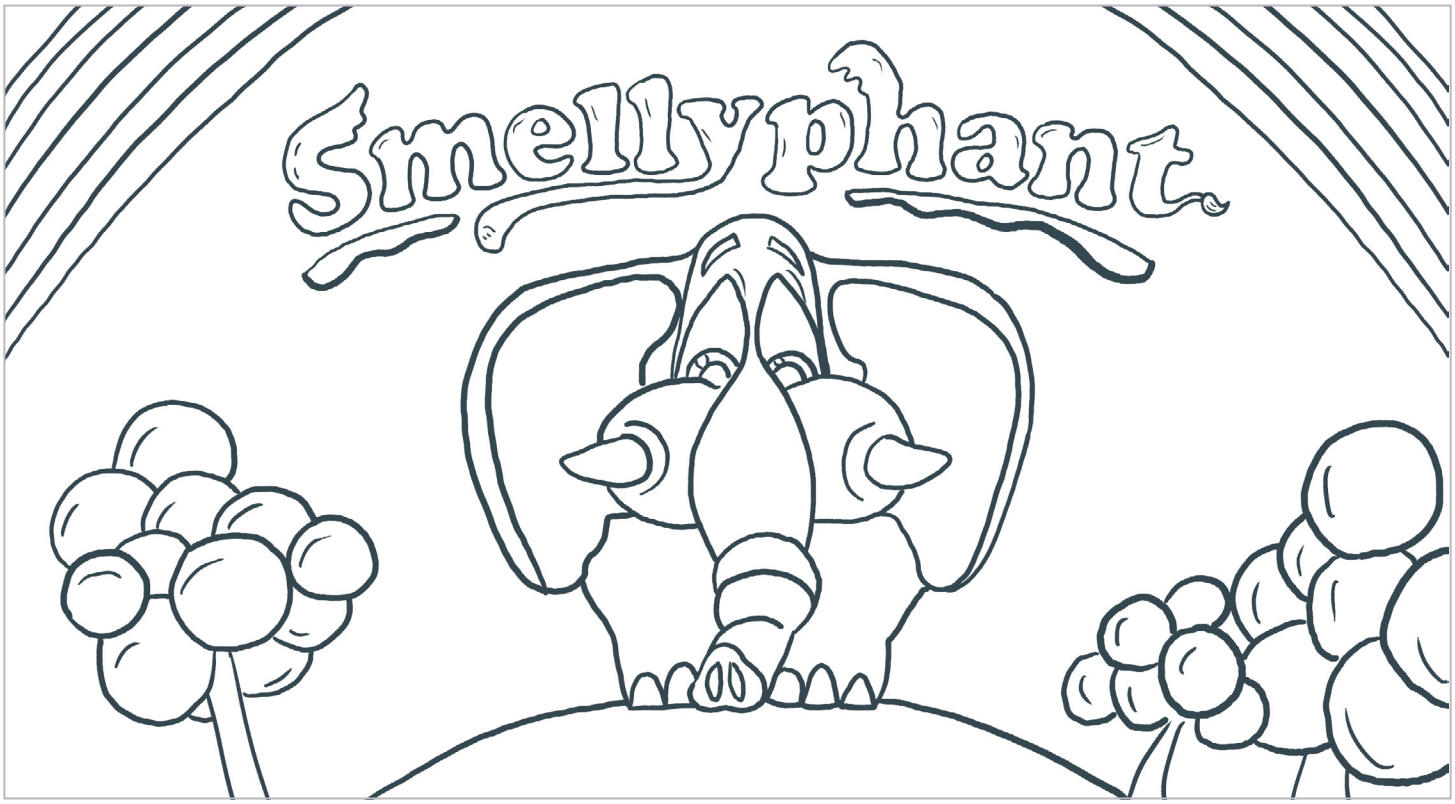
Take-home Sheet

The Smellyphant

VOOKS
Storybooks brought to life

The silly tale, *The Smellyphant*, shows that what's on the outside can sometimes be deceiving. The other elephants are mean to Samson, refusing to let him play with them, because he is a bit stinky and different. But when Samson helps them out, things change.

Coloring sheet



Mini–Book Chat

Do you have a nickname? Where did it come from?

Have you ever felt left out?

NAME

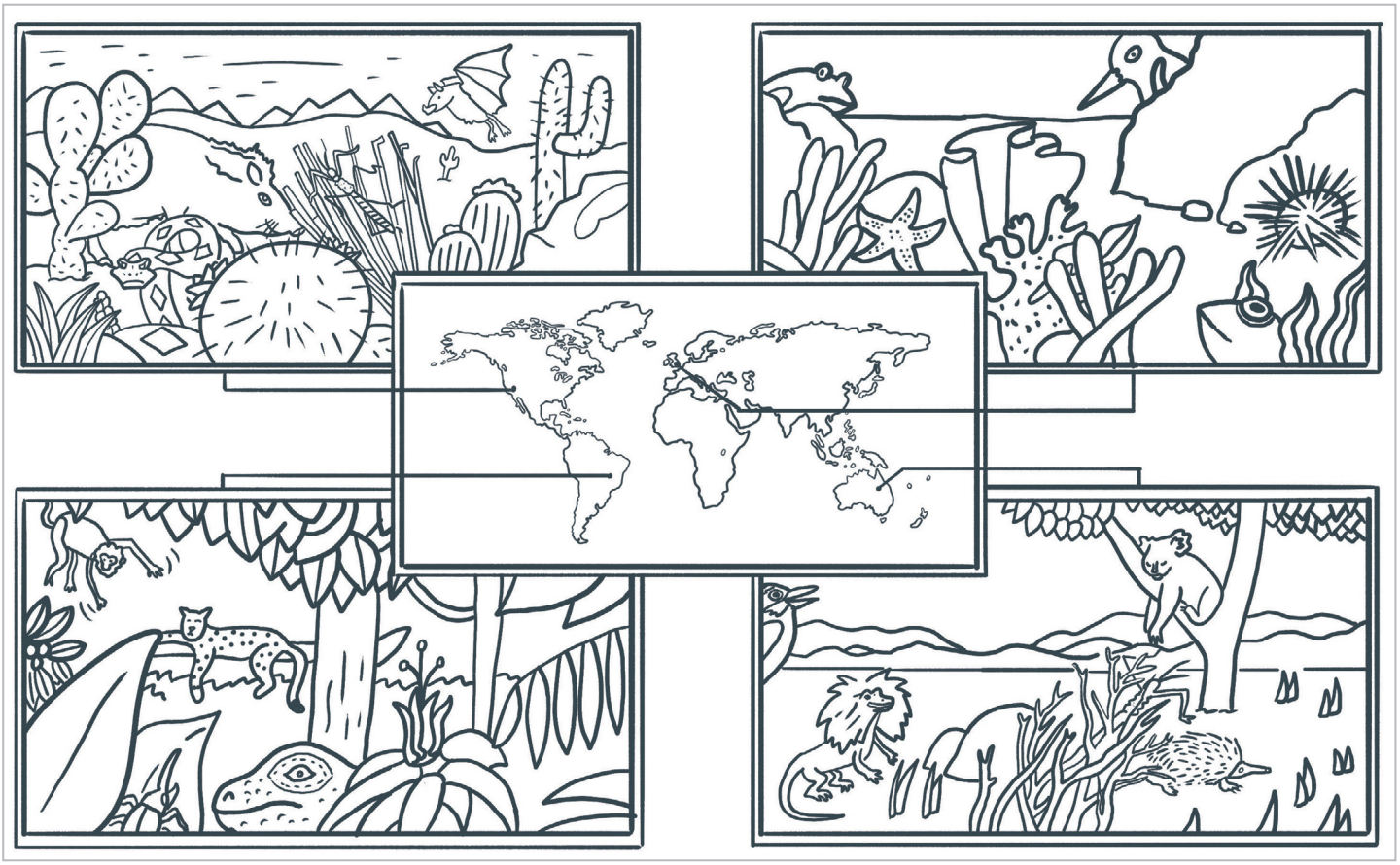
Take-home Sheet

I See a Kookaburra!

VOOKS
Storybooks brought to life

The reader will discover six of the most intriguing habitats, and eight of the animals that live there. *I See a Kookaburra!* is filled with fun facts about unusual animals.

Coloring Page



Mini–Book Chat

Describe a habitat that you remember from *I See a Kookaburra!*.

What kind of animals live there?

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Take-home Sheet

Slumberkins: Bigfoot

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Bigfoot's heartwarming story of acceptance and strength boosts readers' self-esteem. Through interactive affirmations little ones learn how to say positive things about themselves, providing an early foundation of confidence and self-worth.

Drawing

Illustrate a picture of a time you helped someone feel better.

Positivity Writing

Create a list of affirmations and positive things you can say about yourself. Practice saying them to yourself.

NAME

Take-home Sheet

What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?

VOOKS
Storybooks brought to life

What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? helps readers explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails.

Coloring Sheet



Mini Book Chat

What are some ways you use your ears, eyes, mouth, nose and feet?

If you had a tail, how would you use it?

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What's Up Next?

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March 22–25

Celebrating Our Differences



Friday featured read-along

Friday, March 25
10:00am (PST)

Where Are You? teaches us to appreciate our differences and always be there to help each other.

Support titles

- *Nita's First Signs*
- *Cinderella*
- *Nom Nom Shapes*
- *Wangari's Trees of Peace*
- *100 First Word* series