

The Giving Tree



50th Anniversary Event Kit Activity Booklet



With activities and fun for six Shel Silverstein classics:

The Giving Tree

Don't Bump the Glump!

A Giraffe and a Half

Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back

Who Wants a Cheap Rhinoceros?

Where the Sidewalk Ends

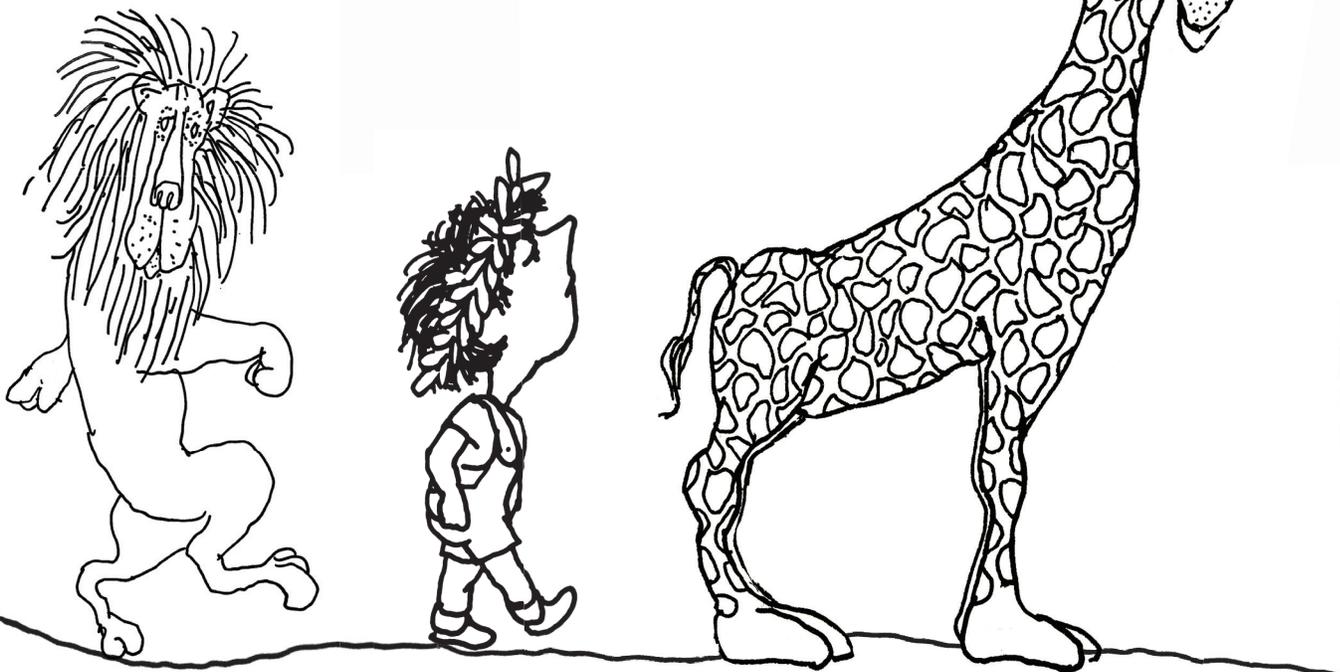


Dear Reader,

Shel Silverstein has inspired readers to dream, discover, laugh, and imagine the impossible for decades, but this year we're marking a milestone moment: the 50th anniversary of *The Giving Tree*, as well as the 50th anniversaries of *Don't Bump the Glump!*; *A Giraffe and a Half*; *Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back*; and *Who Wants a Cheap Rhinoceros?*; and the 40th anniversary of *Where the Sidewalk Ends*.

Inside this kit, you'll find activities for use in the classroom, library, bookstore, or home that bend your brain, open your imagination, and bring each of these anniversary titles to life in a new way. You'll love a little boy and his tree, visit a zany zoo, get silly with Giraffe, meet a lion who loves marshmallows, discover what to do with a cheap rhinoceros, and even find out where the sidewalk ends.

So come in, have fun, and be delighted by the timeless magic of Shel Silverstein!



Reproducible Name Tags

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Once there was a

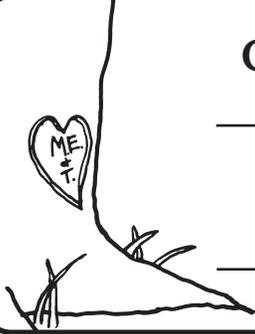
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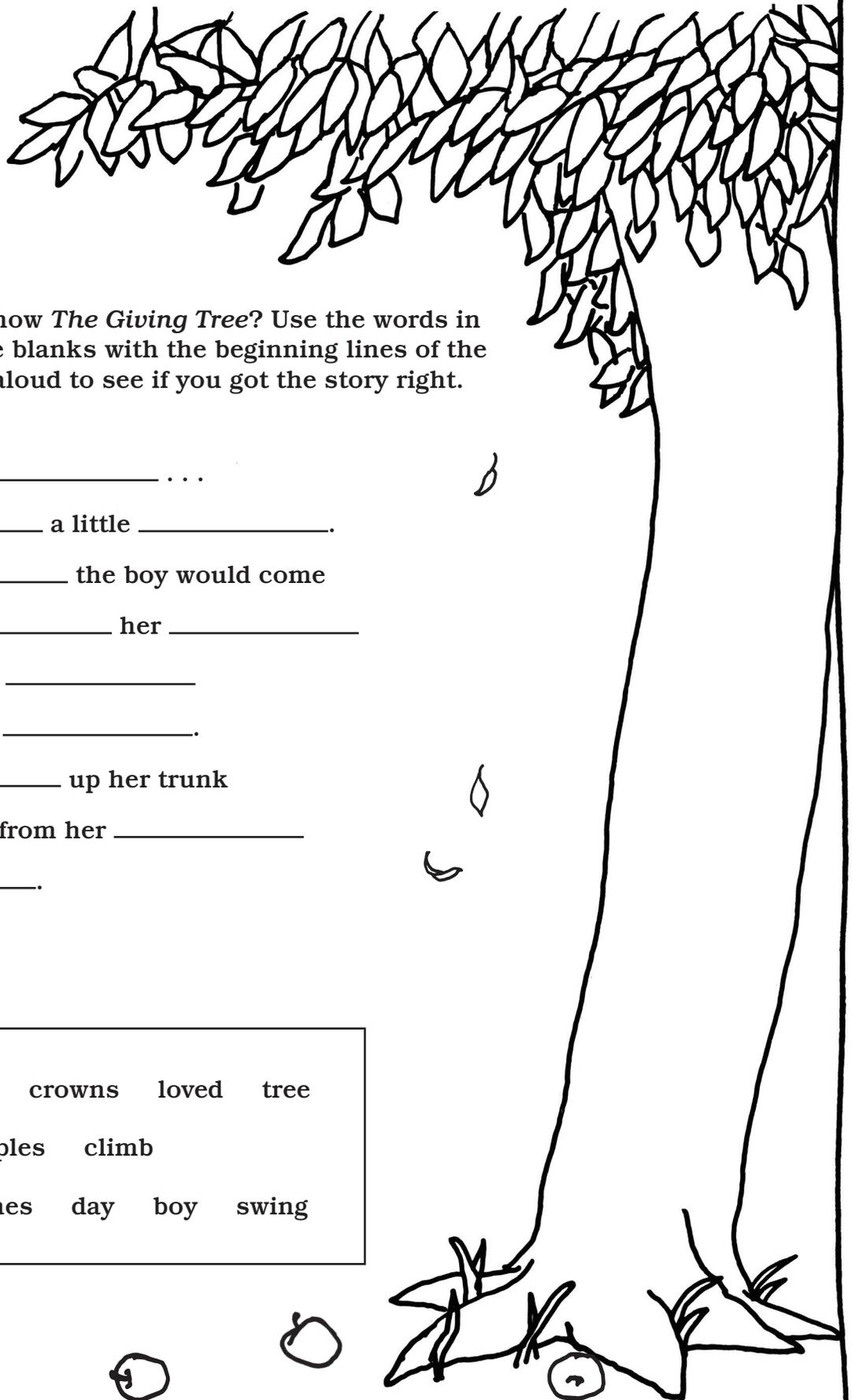
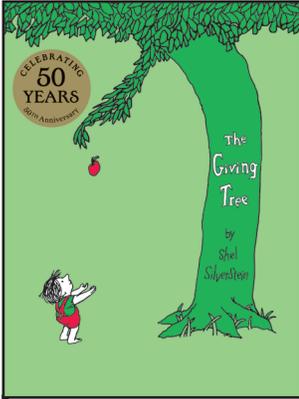
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Once There Was a . . .



How well do you know *The Giving Tree*? Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks with the beginning lines of the book. Then read aloud to see if you got the story right.

Once there was a _____ . . .
and she _____ a little _____.
And every _____ the boy would come
and he would _____ her _____
and make them into _____
and play king of the _____.
He would _____ up her trunk
and _____ from her _____
and eat _____.

forest gather crowns loved tree
apples climb
leaves branches day boy swing

Answer key, in order of blanks: tree; loved; boy; day; gather; leaves; crowns; forest; climb; swing; branches; apples

It's a Zoo in Here

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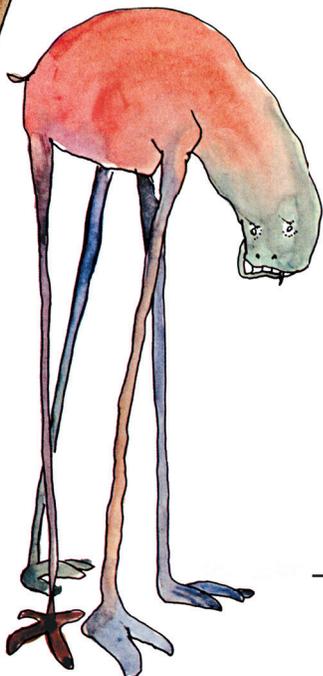
**DON'T
BUMP
THE
GLUMP!**

and Other
Fantasies

by
Shel
Silverstein



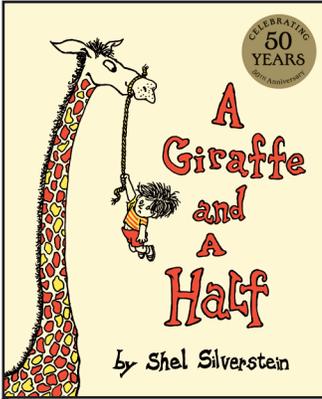
The Wild Gazite, the Terrible Feezus, and the Glub-Toothed Sline are looking for some new friends! In the space provided, draw an original crazy creature to add to Shel's zany zoo from *Don't Bump the Glump!* Be creative, and don't forget to give your character a name.



My creature's name is _____



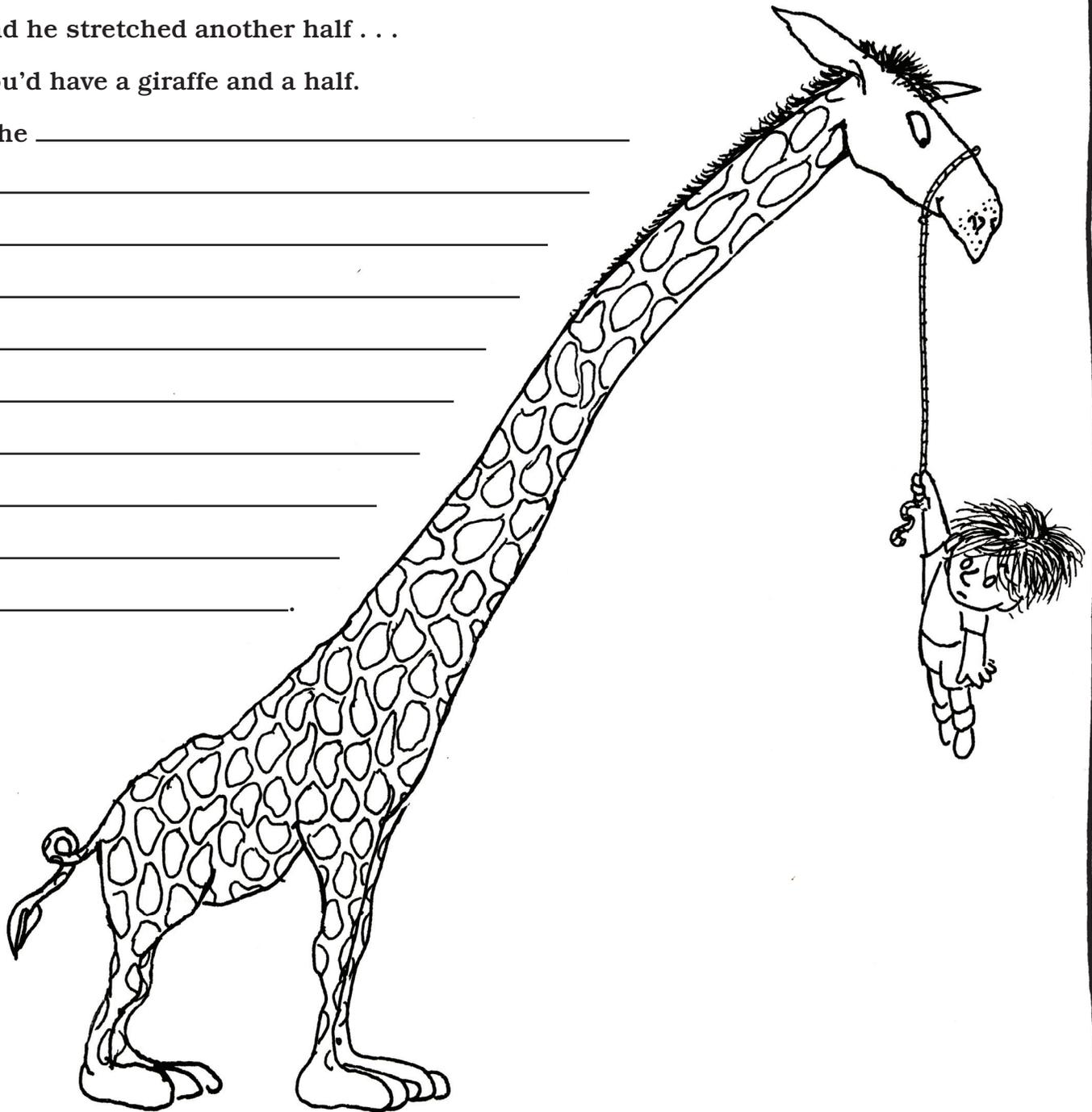
Get Silly with Giraffe



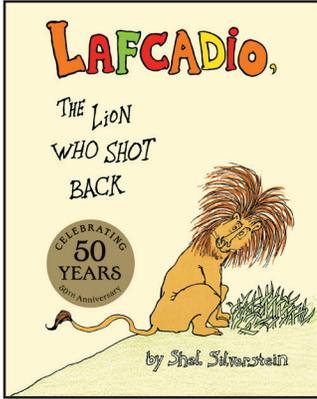
Giraffe in *A Giraffe and a Half* puts on a suit, gets stung by a bee, and steps in glue, but what other crazy antics might he encounter? Finish the beginning line of the story with a new silly situation for Giraffe. Write your idea in the lines below and add it to the picture of Giraffe—the sillier the better!

If you had a giraffe
and he stretched another half . . .
you'd have a giraffe and a half.

If he _____



Lafcadio Loves . . .



What does the world's most famous lion like? Unscramble the words below to find out some of Lafcadio's favorite things. (Hint: all the words are in *Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back*.)



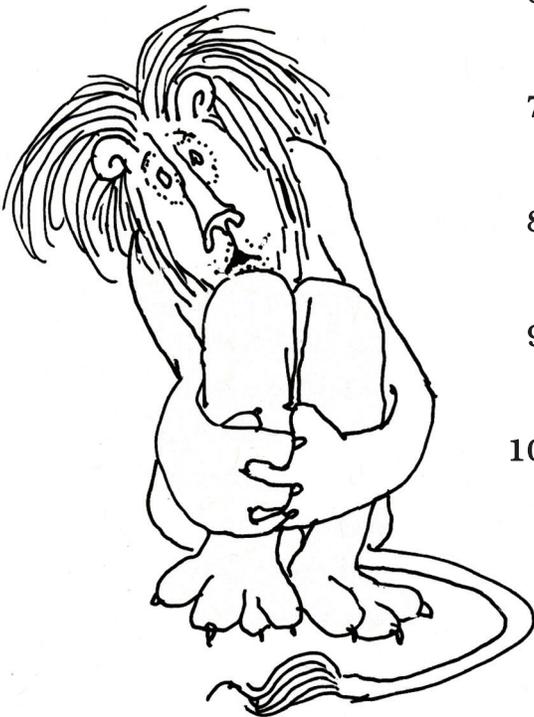
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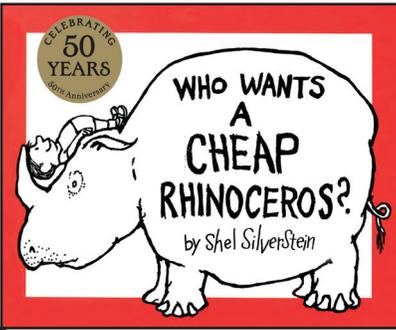
8. pgninati _____

9. wimmsing _____

10. reciexse _____

Answer key: 1 marshmallows; 2 lion; 3 elevator; 4 buttermilk; 5 beach; 6 guitar; 7 circus; 8 painting; 9 swimming; 10 exercise

Rhino Connect

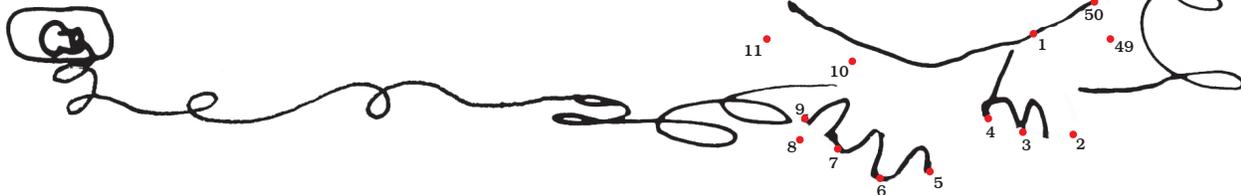
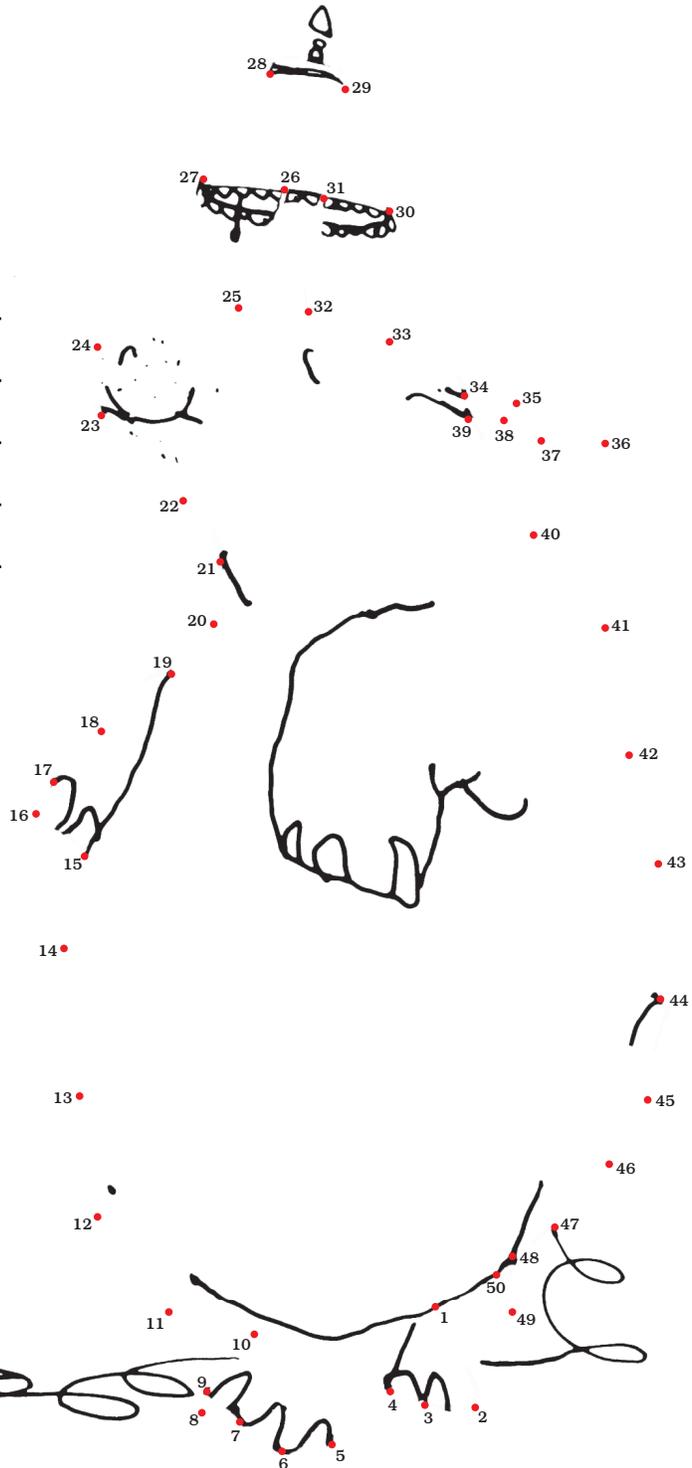


If you had a rhinoceros for a pet, what would you do with him? Connect the dots to discover one of Shel's many uses for a cheap rhinoceros; then come up with your own!

Can you name five other uses for a pet rhinoceros that Shel doesn't mention in the book?

Share your ideas in the lines below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Sidewalk Celebrities



Where the Sidewalk Ends

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YEARS

the poems and drawings of
Shel Silverstein

How well do you know the world where the sidewalk ends?
Read the excerpts below from poems in *Where the Sidewalk Ends*
and guess the well-known character who stars in the poem.
Use the list of names to help you decipher who is who.



He watched till his eyes were frozen wide,
And his bottom grew into his chair.
And his chin turned into a tuning dial,
And antennae grew out of his hair.

Pieces out of picture puzzles,
Bent-up nails and ice-cream sticks,
Twists of wires, worn-out tires,
Paper bags and broken bricks.

And so it piled up to the ceilings:
Coffee grounds, potato peelings,
Brown bananas, rotten peas,
Chunks of sour cottage cheese.

He hasn't changed his clothes since last July.
And why?
'Cause no one can unbutton him
No matter how they try, poor guy.

She thought she could,
She said she would,
So she started in right at the tail.

... she wants a drink of water so she waits
and waits and waits and waits and waits for
it to rain.

Benjamin Bunn

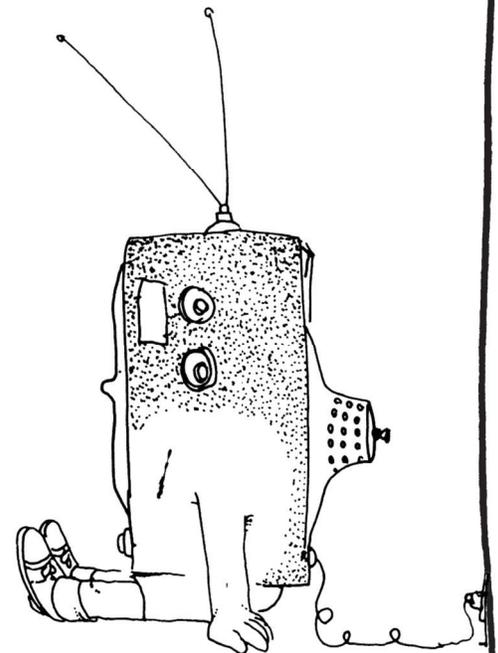
Jimmy Jet

Lazy Jane

Hector the Collector

Sarah Cynthia
Sylvia Stout

Melinda Mae



Answer key: 1 Jimmy Jet; 2 Hector the Collector; 3 Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout; 4 Benjamin Bunn; 5 Melinda Mae; 6 Lazy Jane

Upside Down Poet

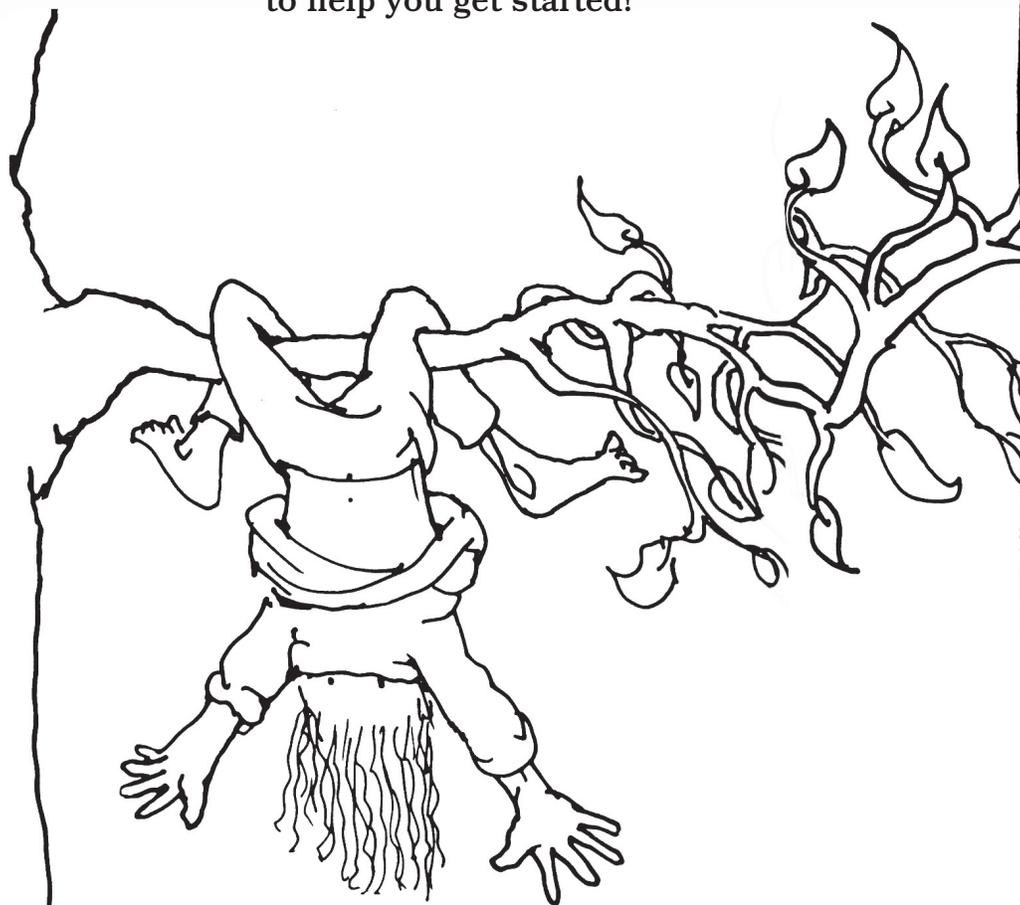
Shel Silverstein writes upside down in "Oops!" from *Where the Sidewalk Ends*—now it's your turn! Compose a poem about Shel in the tree below, but remember to start from the bottom of the page and work your way up. We wrote in the first lines to help you get started!



*Where
the
Sidewalk
Ends*



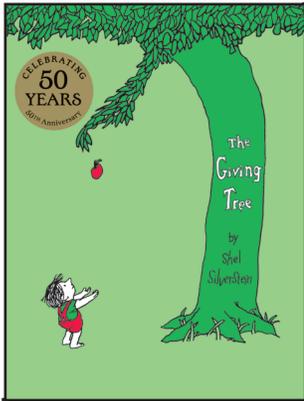
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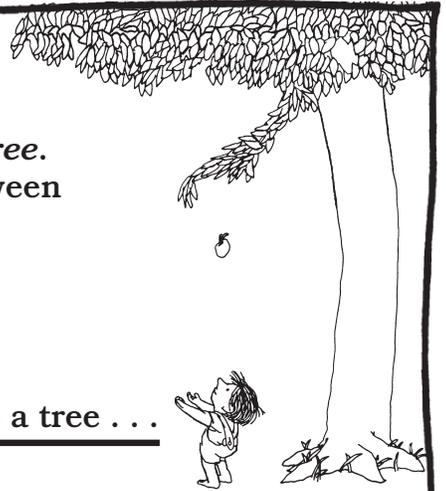
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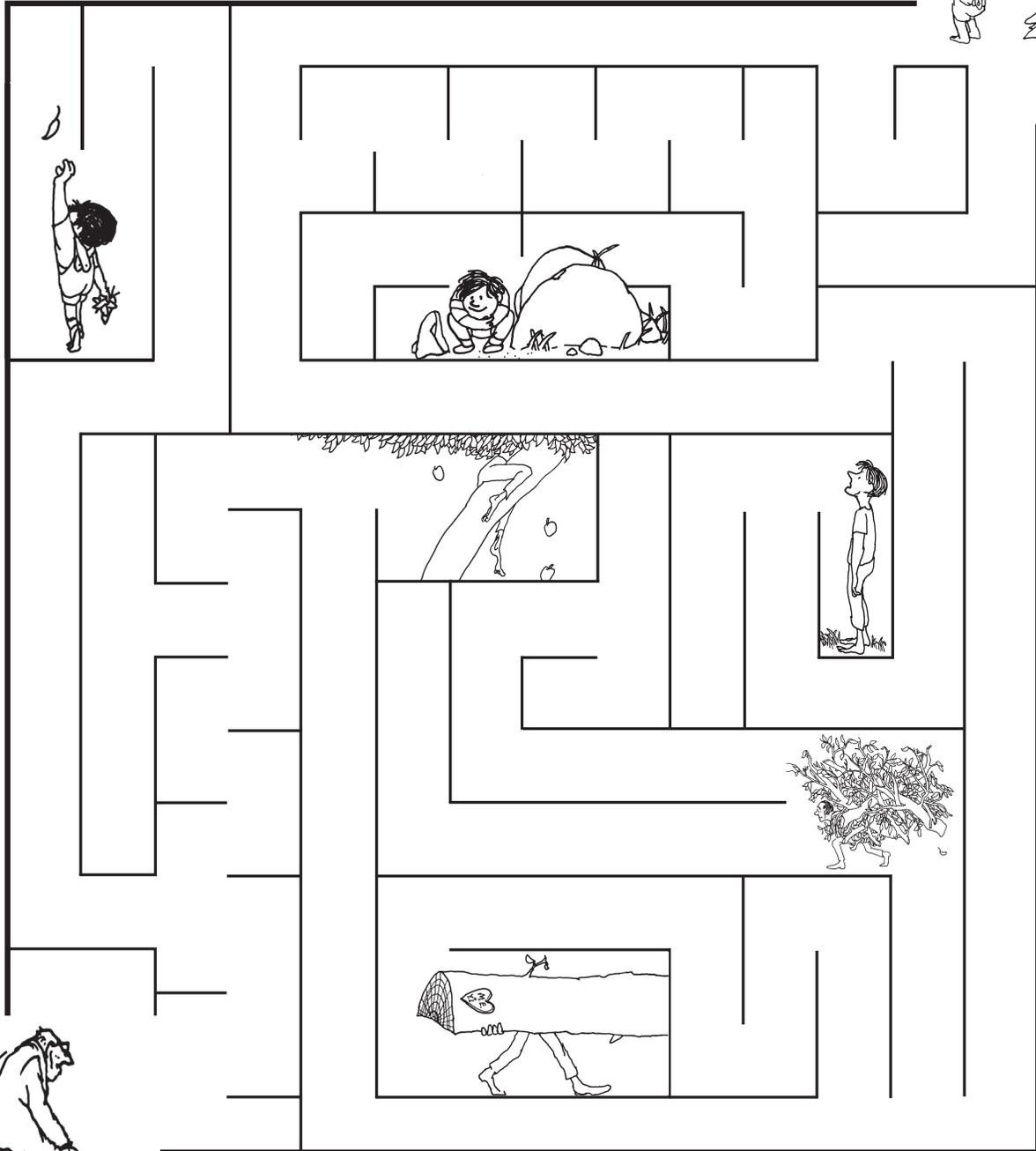
A Giving Maze



Using the maze, follow the journey of the boy and the tree in *The Giving Tree*. What do you think the relationship between the boy and the tree symbolizes?



Once there was a tree . . .



And the tree was happy.



Treasured Titles Word Finder

We've hidden some special words from Shel Silverstein's books in the puzzle—can you find them all? Remember that words can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, or backward, and all the words are from the six books featured in this kit.

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

Giving Lafcadio Giraffe

Rhinoceros Sidewalk Glump

Shel Apple Boy Lion



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