

Search for the Christmas Penguin Activity Book



PARENT & TEACHER'S GUIDE

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Search for the Christmas Penguin

While Molly is starting her show about the great Christmas Penguin, Bob the Stage Manager finds a magical book backstage. This book allows Molly to travel and visit classic Christmas characters such as Scrooge, the Little Drummer Boy and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Each character she encounters has a challenge they need to overcome and through her encouragement, wisdom (and a well-placed song), Molly helps them solve their problem. More than that, she also helps her new friends realize that being different is a gift -- one that allows them to contribute something special, unique, and needed to the world. Being different is something we all should celebrate, not try to hide.

After watching the show, your students will be able to:

- Identify the problem that each character faced
- Explain the solution to each character's problem
- Recognize that being different should be celebrated
- Explain the true meaning of the holidays – sharing, being kind, spending time with family and friends, and giving to others

This activity book reinforces the key messages in *Search for the Christmas Penguin*. It also provides an opportunity for children to create their own characters and stories, letting them practice critical thinking, problem solving, language skills and creative writing.

At the end of this guide is an additional activity not found in the Student Activity Book. This is a group activity that helps focus students on kindness and giving during the holiday season...or any time of the year that works with your teaching schedule. It is also a great activity to do with your whole family.

For more information about the Student Activity Book or this Guide, please reach out. We are also happy to answer any questions about other outreach and shows we offer.

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The Christmas Penguin

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Matching Game

Draw a line to match the character on the left side of the page to the problem on the right side of the page that Molly helped that character solve.



Scrooge



Christmas Penguin



Little Drummer Boy



Rudolph

He didn't know what was different about him made him special.

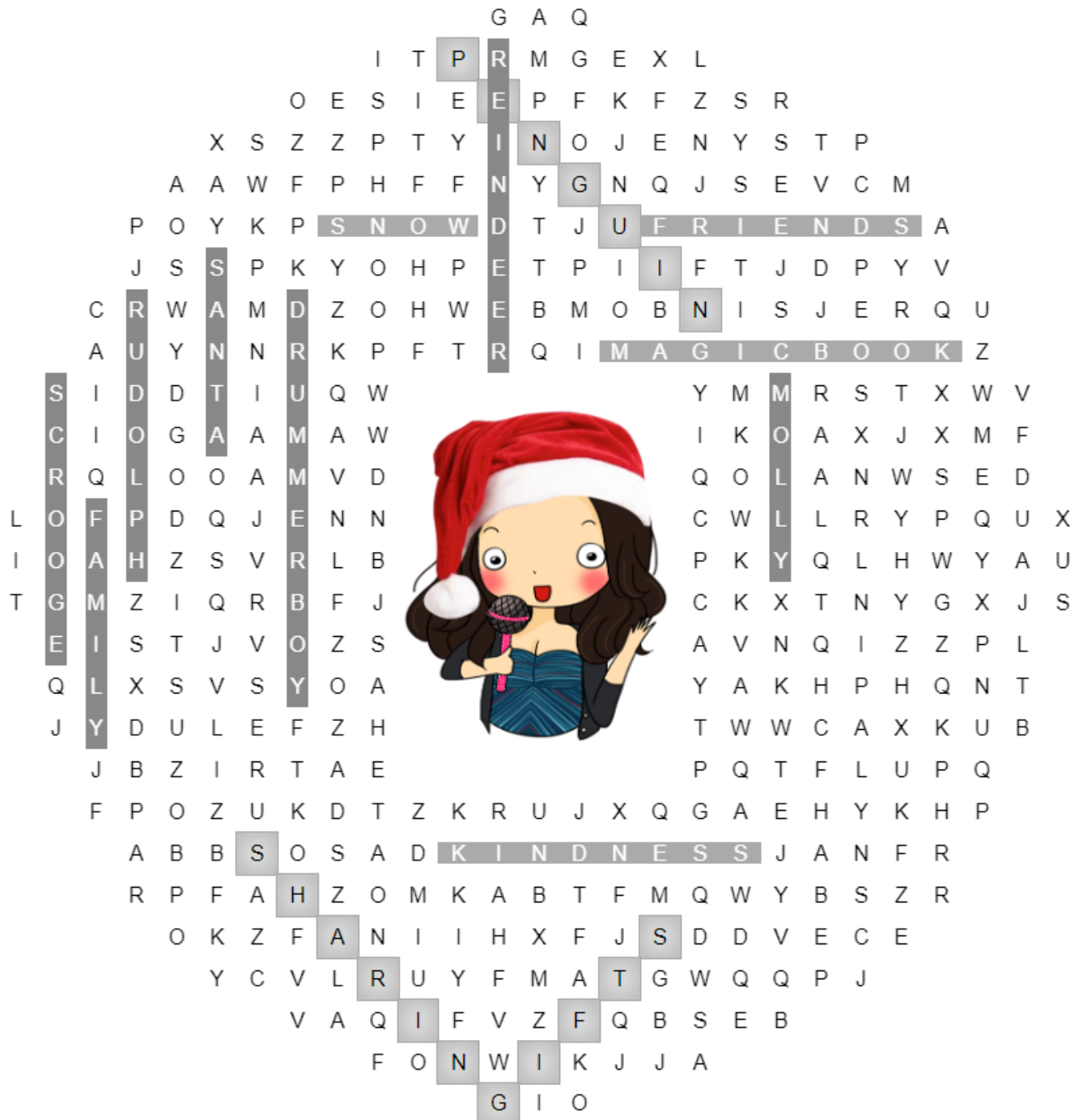
He didn't think he had anything to give as a gift to a King.

He really didn't like holidays or being with people.

He thought the holidays were all about buying and getting things.

Search for the Christmas Penguin

Below is a list of words from the show Search for the Christmas Penguin. Search up, down, forward, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words. When you find a word, circle it and cross it off the list.



penguin
sharing
Magic Book
Santa
family

snow
gifts
Drummer Boy
Scrooge
friends

reindeer
Molly
kindness
Rudolph

Colouring Page

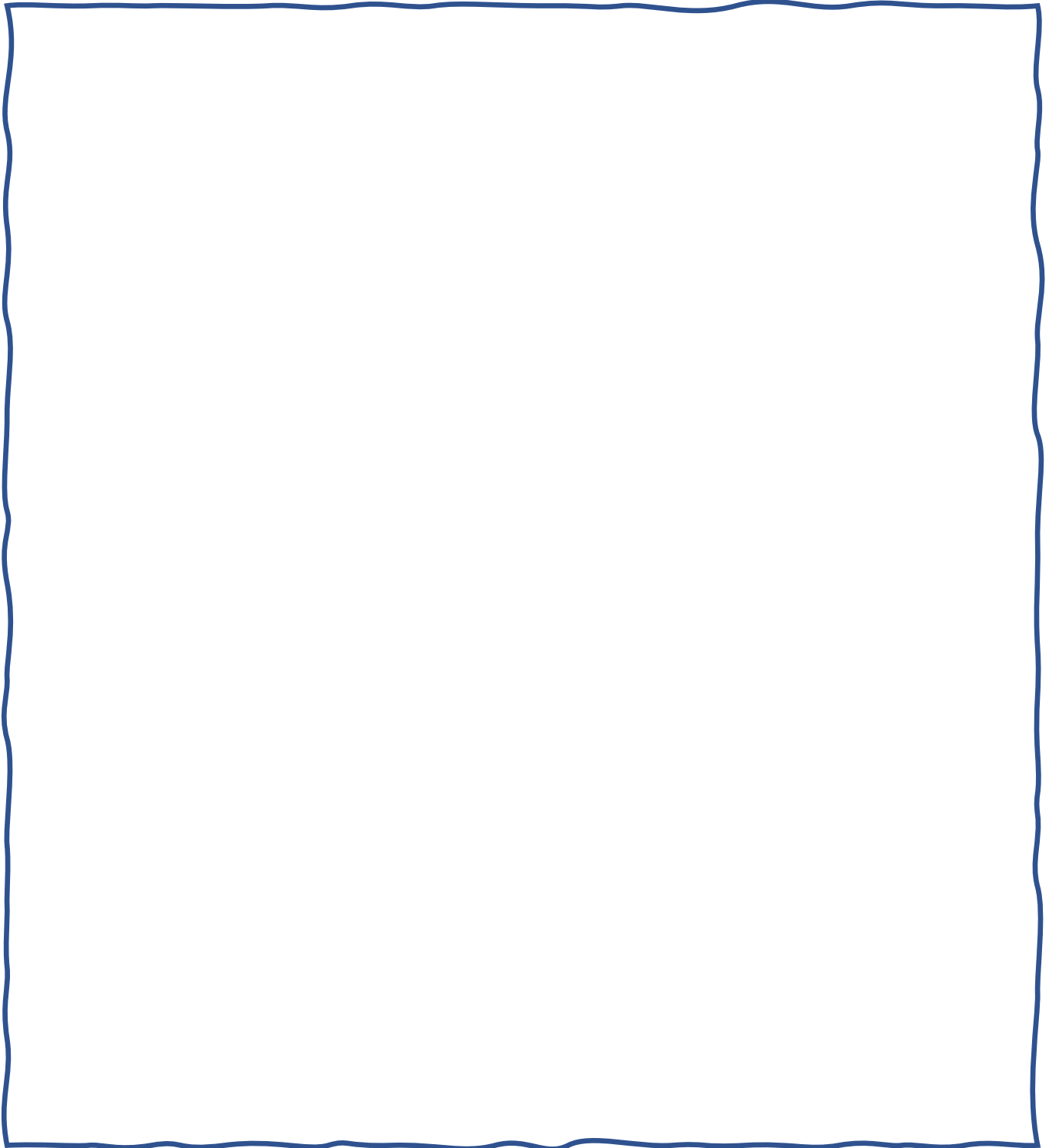


What lesson did the Christmas Penguin learn about the true meaning of the holidays?

The Christmas Penguin learned that the holidays are about giving, not getting. He learned that the holidays are a time to be kind to others, and to spend time with friends and family. And he learned that singing can make you happy!

Creative Writing Activity 1

Molly meets some interesting characters in her search for the Christmas Penguin. Who is another character she might meet during her journey? You can choose a character from history, a book, or even a movie. Draw a picture of your character and Molly and then write a short story about what happens when they meet. Be sure to include what your character learns about themselves or about the true meaning of the holidays.

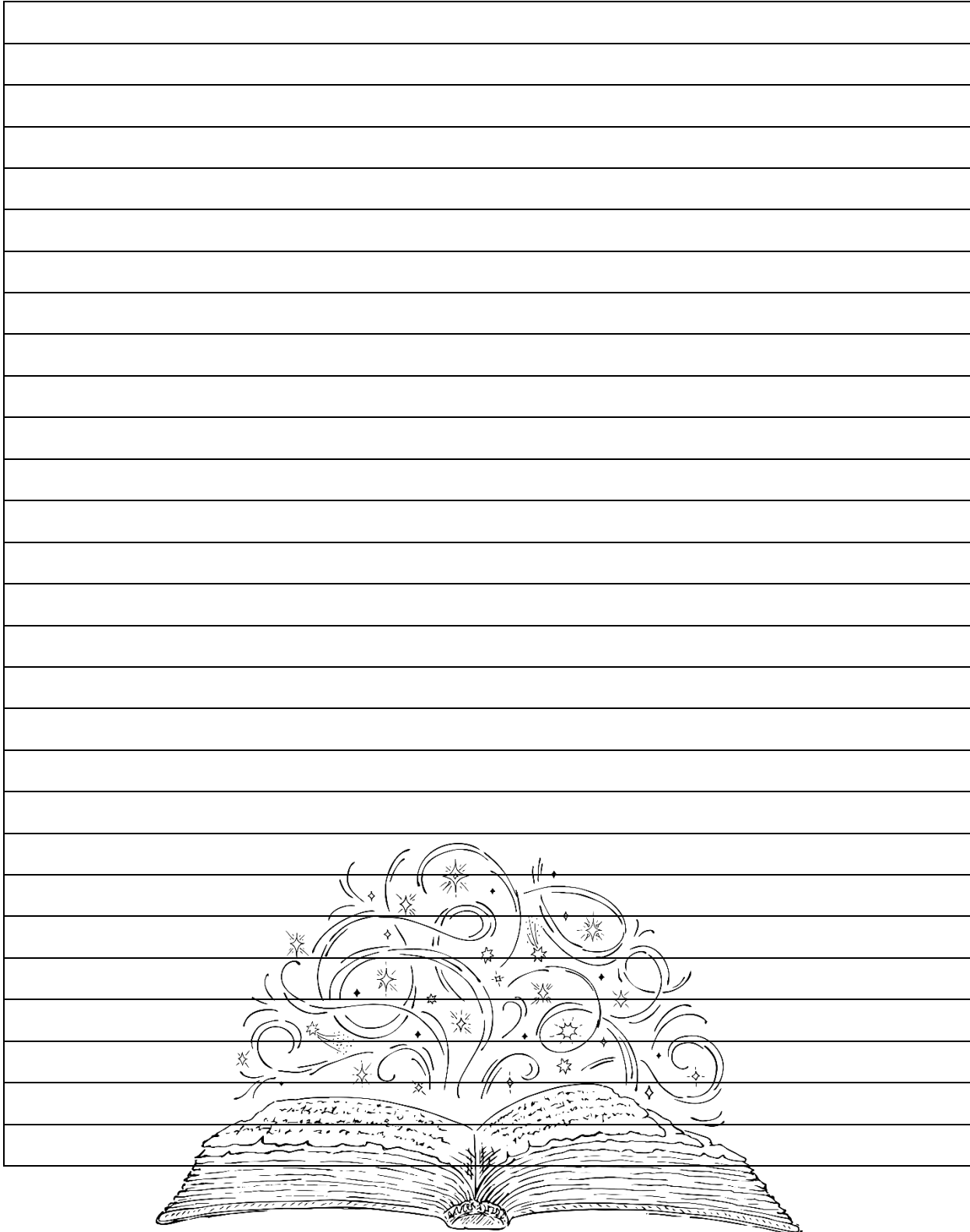


Creative Writing Activity 1, continued

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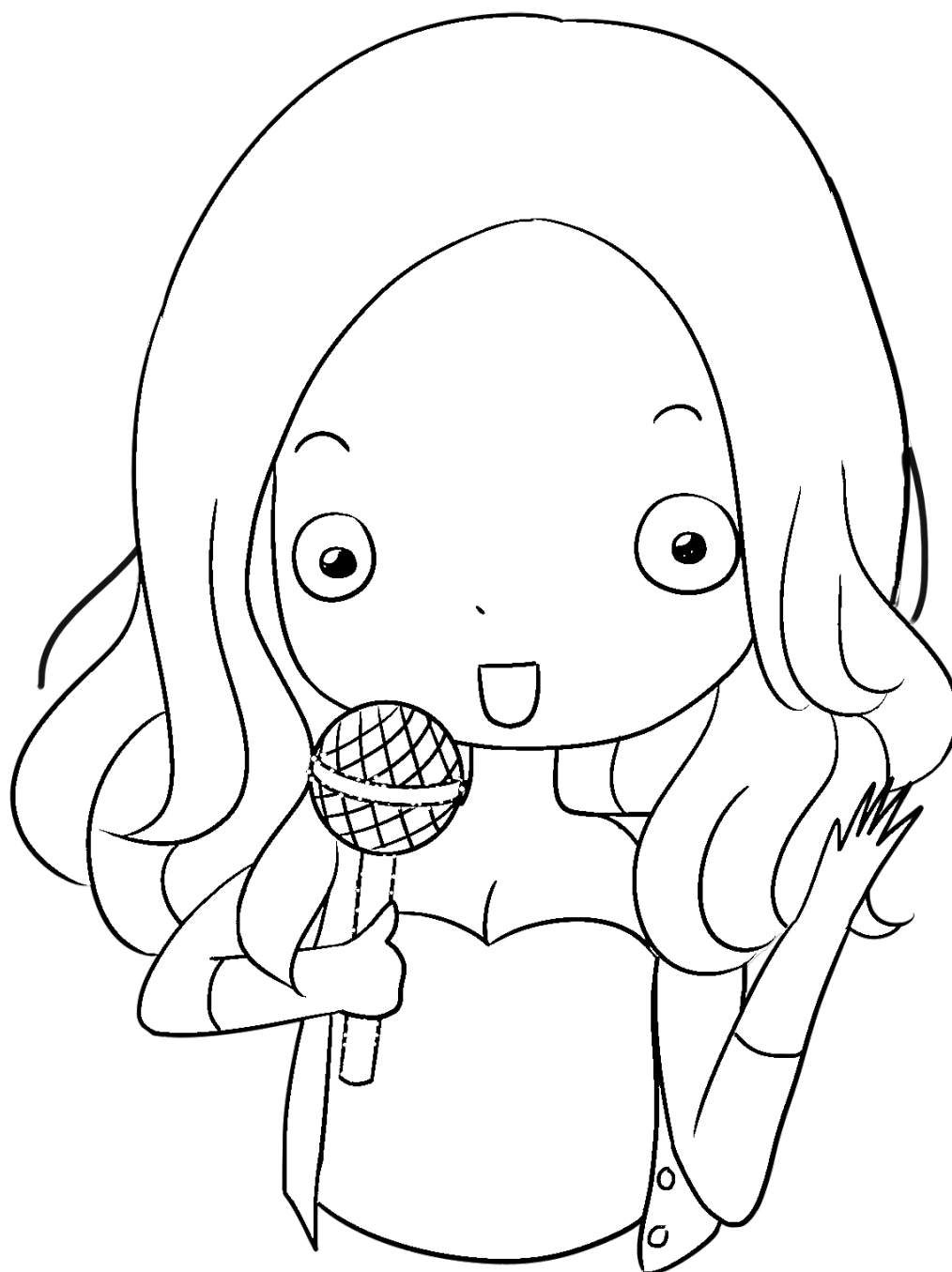
Creative Writing Activity 2

Where would you travel if you found a magic book? Who would you meet on your journey? What lessons would you learn from the characters you meet? Write a short story about the magical adventure you would take in your magic book.



Help Molly find the Christmas Penguin at the end of the maze. Good luck!





The Kindness Game

Remembering to be kind is a lesson we all need to practice. This game encourages students (or family members) to think of ways to be kind and then put their intentions into action. Here is how to play the game.

Group Discussion

- Ask the students to share a time when someone was kind to them. How did it make them feel?
- Ask the students to share a time they were kind to someone else. What did they do? How did being kind to someone else make them feel?
- As a group, brainstorm different ways students can be kind to others. Some ideas include:
 - Sharing a smile
 - Opening a door for someone
 - Picking up garbage
 - Recycling
 - Calling or texting a friend just to say hello
 - Bringing someone a glass of water
 - Letting someone go in front of you in line
 - Inviting someone to play with you at recess
 - Asking someone to have lunch with you
 - Carrying something for someone
 - Sharing something with a friend or family member
 - Walk a neighbour's dog
 - Shovel a driveway
 - Pick weeds from a garden
- Give each student a card and assign them one kind act to write on the card.
- When students are finished writing on the card, have them place the card in a box or a bag.
- Have students form a circle and pass the box or bag around, with each student drawing out one card. This their "kindness mission."
- Choose a date to have all the kindness missions completed.
- After the "due date," have a follow-up discussion with the students to hear about their kindness missions, how people reacted to their kindness, and how they felt. Ask them to brainstorm ways to keep being kind to others.

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