



# Magic in the Wild

A Coloring Book For  
Budding Eco-Explorers

Dear Parent,

The New England Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU), located at Boston Children's Hospital, is one of ten national units that provide consultation, care, and education to address pediatric and reproductive environmental health concerns. Our unit, known as PEHSU Region 1, covers the New England states; Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Our goal is to improve the health of children and reproductive-age adults through early recognition, evaluation, management, and prevention of environmentally related health problems.

We created this activity book to encourage children to think about the interconnectedness of the world around them. This includes their local and the global environment, wild and domestic animals, plants, trees, and all the people in the world. In a changing climate, we hope to inspire them to think about how they can make positive changes in their own neighborhoods.

Enjoy!

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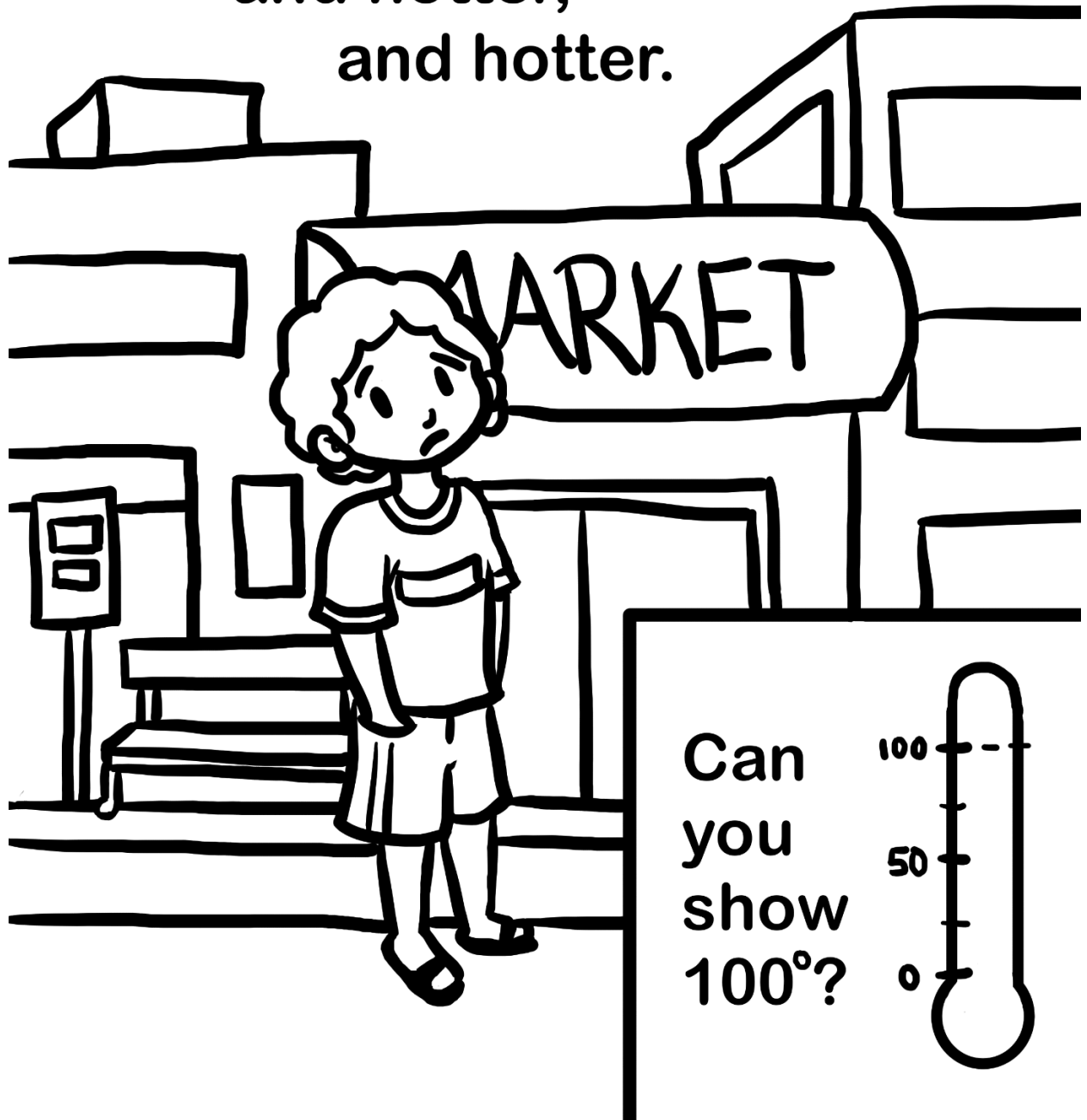
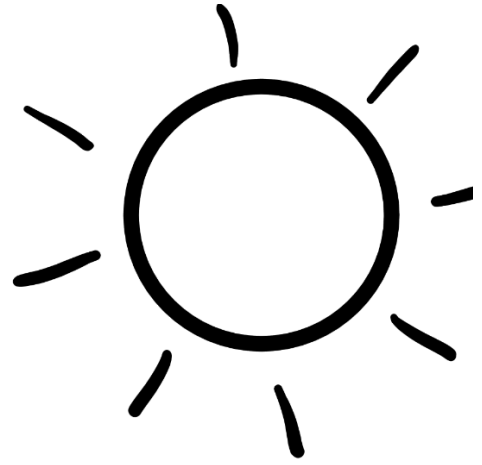
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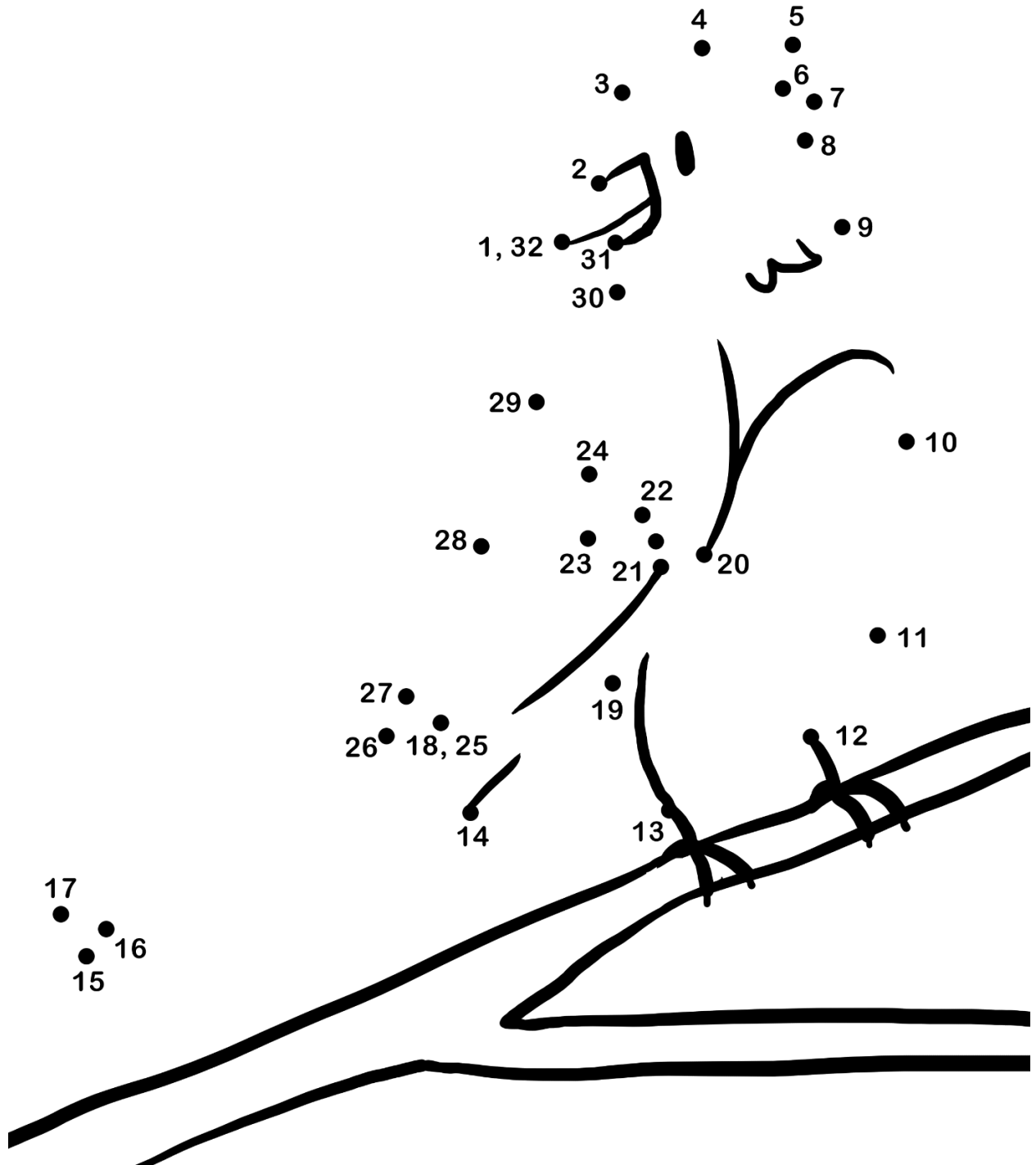
Kit was feeling  
very hot on this  
summer day. It  
got hotter,  
and hotter,  
and hotter.



Kit found shade in the local park. It was still too hot.  
"Up here!" A voice chirps from the tree.



# Connect the dots to find out who is talking to Kit!



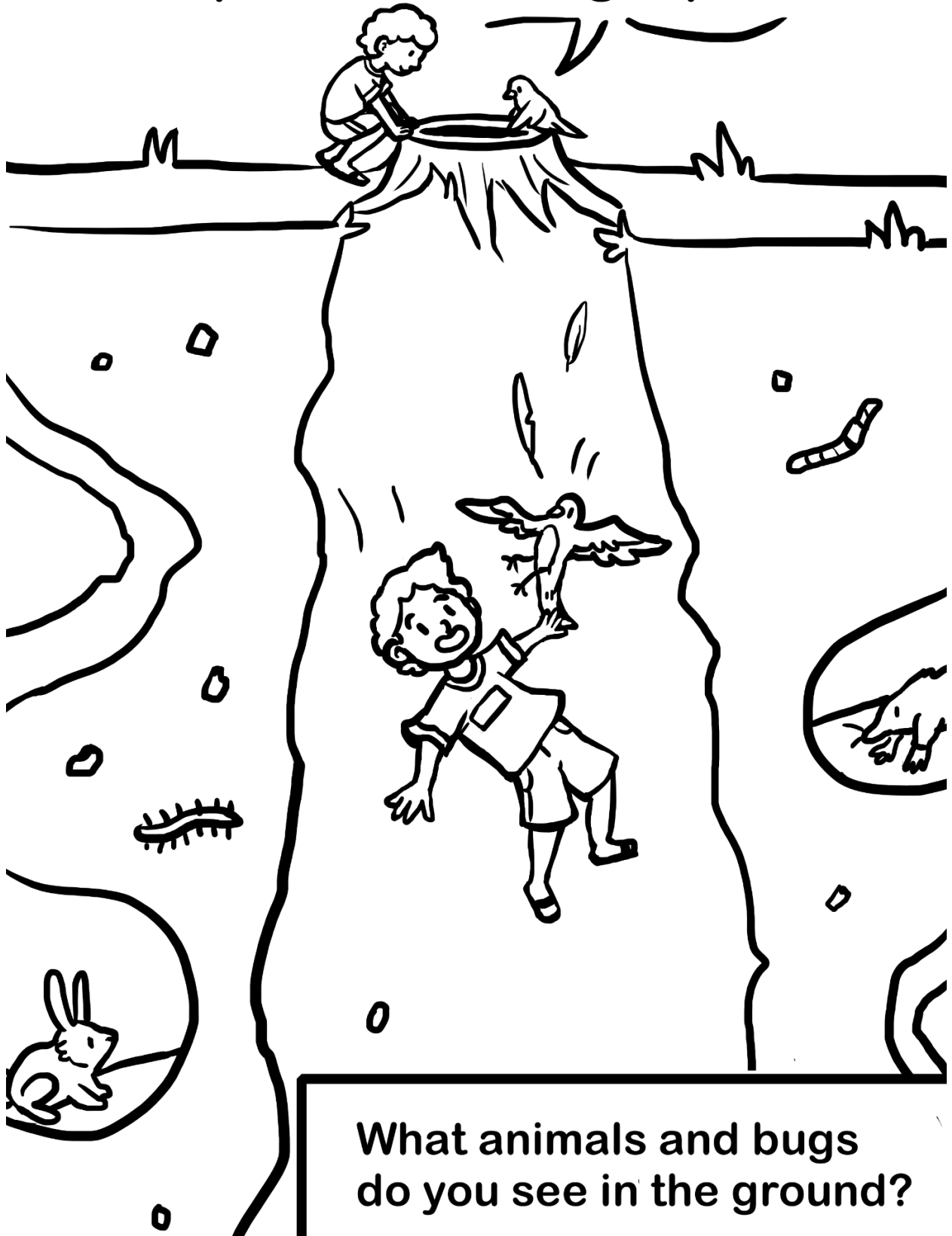
My name is Finny the  
finch! I can bring you  
somewhere cooler.  
Follow me!



Let's go!



Jump into this magic portal!



What animals and bugs do you see in the ground?

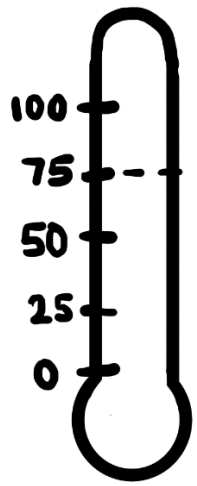


With more grass and trees it feels cooler!

I feel better!

POOF

Can you show 75°?





But look closer...  
Even if it's cooler,

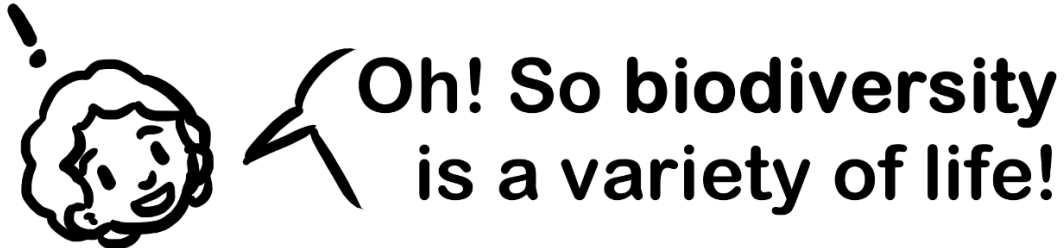
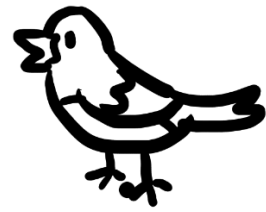


There is very  
little **biodiversity**.



Bio = Living

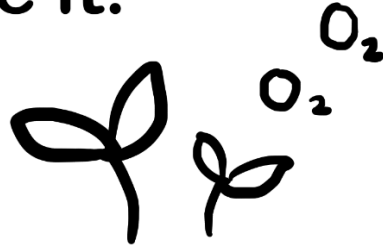
Diversity = Variety



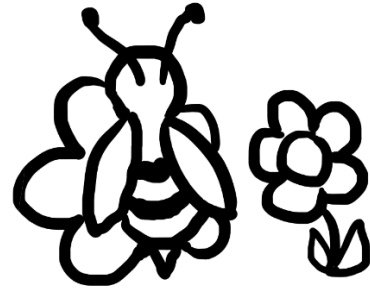
Draw all the living things you can see now!

# Biodiversity is important because it:

Cleans our air,  
water, and soil...



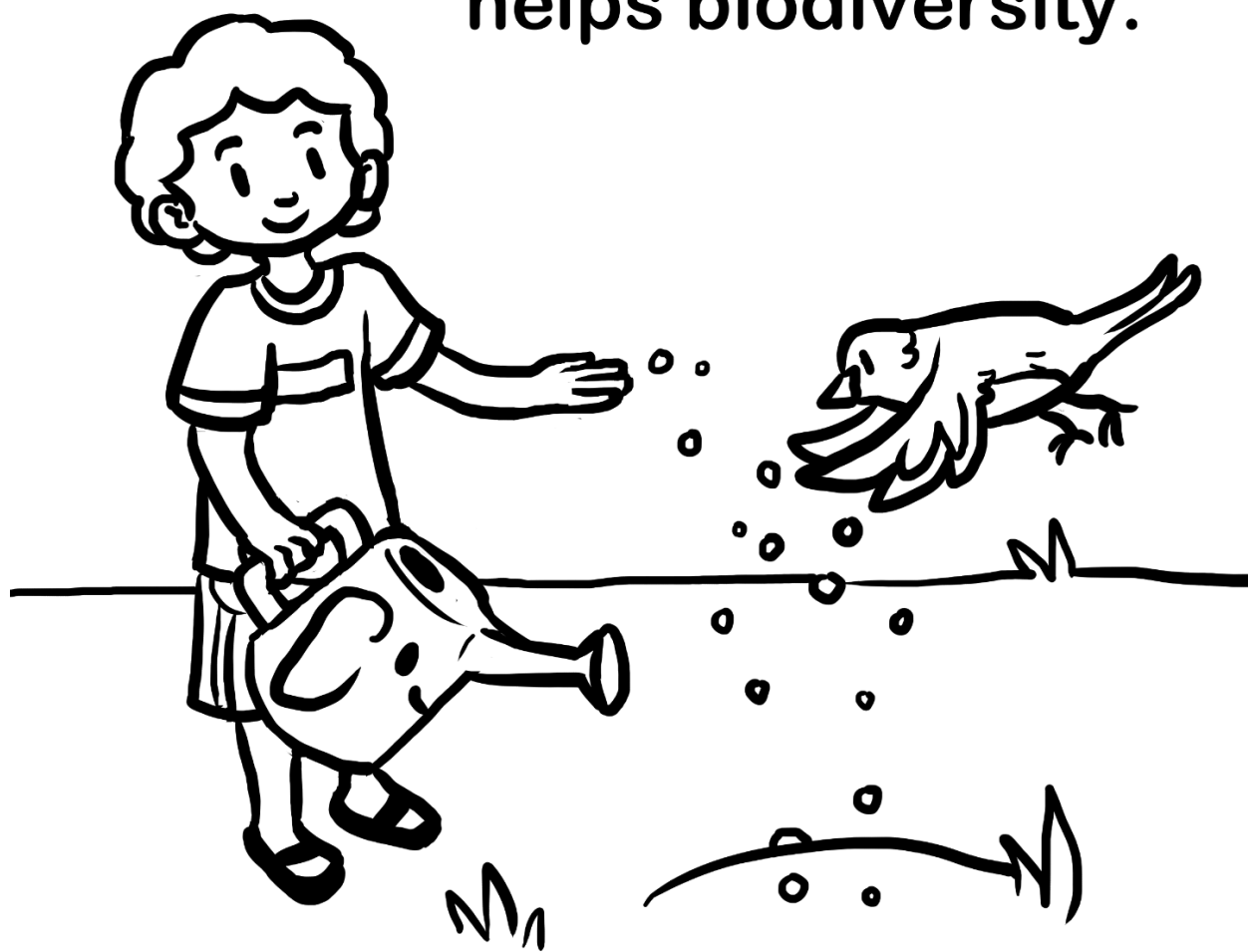
...Feeds us...



...And keeps  
the earth safe!



**Growing plants  
helps biodiversity.**



**Help Kit and Finny plant  
some seeds! Can you  
draw the water?**

**Plants feed us, keep us cool,  
make us happy...**



**...and they even clean  
our air, dirt, and water!**

I don't feel so hot  
anymore. Thanks Finny!

You're welcome!





My nest won't be blown away by strong winds!

The water is so clean!

Let's pollinate!

How many living things did Kit and Finny help today?

Let's go back! I want to show everyone what I learned!

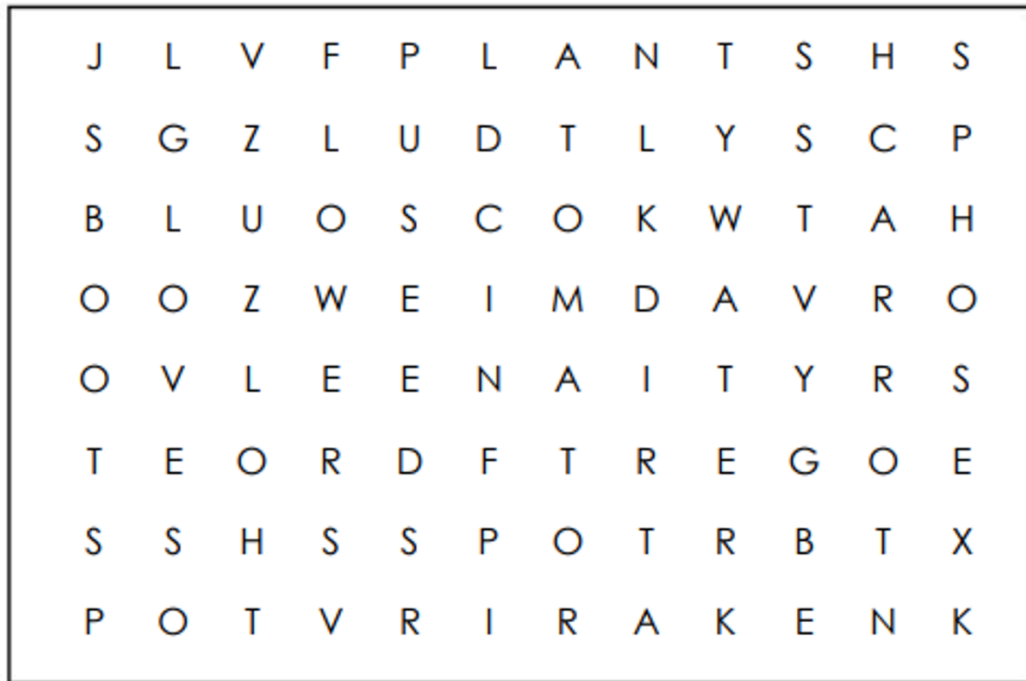




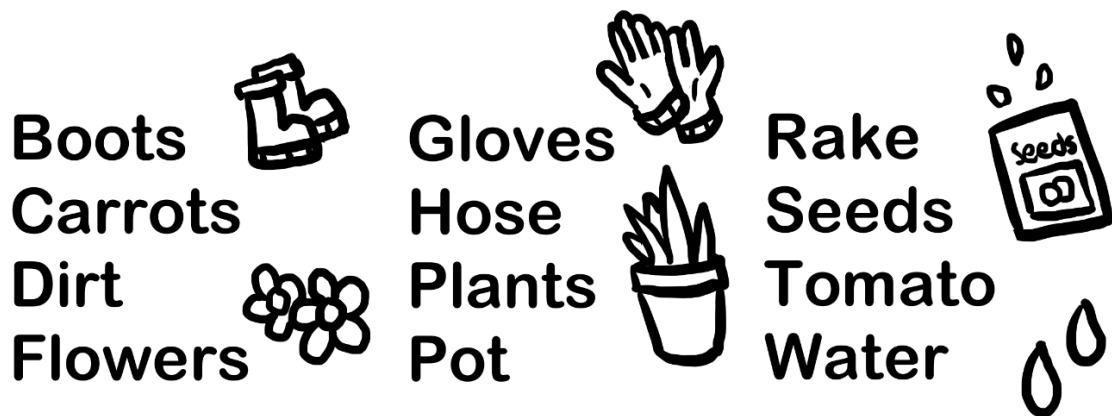
Hi friends! Can you help me fix the park?



# Help Kit and the others find some tools!



Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → and ↓ .



Kit, Finny, and their friends all helped out.



Good job, everybody!





**We have clean air, fresh water, and lots of plants!**

**Thanks Kit and Finny! We all  
feel happier and healthier!**





It's a very hot day.  
Kit is not sure how  
to cool down...  
until Kit meets a  
magical friend  
who brings them  
on an adventure  
through nature!



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