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### **Celebrating the Important Work Done by Landscape Professionals**

Landscapes are beautiful outdoor places where people live, play, and work. They are made up of grass, flowers, bushes, and trees. These plants make things pretty and they help our environment. Landscapes also include things that are built so people can enjoy being outside even more. For instance, schools add fields to their landscapes so children can play and neighborhoods add parks, ponds, and other places for people to relax. The people who bring these outdoor spaces to life are landscape professionals. They are lucky because they get to work outside most every day making things beautiful, working with fun people, and helping families and their communities be healthier. If you like being outside and enjoy helping people, maybe you will be a landscape professional one day!

If you want to learn more about landscapes and projects you can do to make your yard more enjoyable for you, your friends and even wildlife, visit [www.LoveYourLandscape.org](http://www.LoveYourLandscape.org).



**I am  
Flora  
Fantastic.**



**And I am  
Captain  
Landscape.**



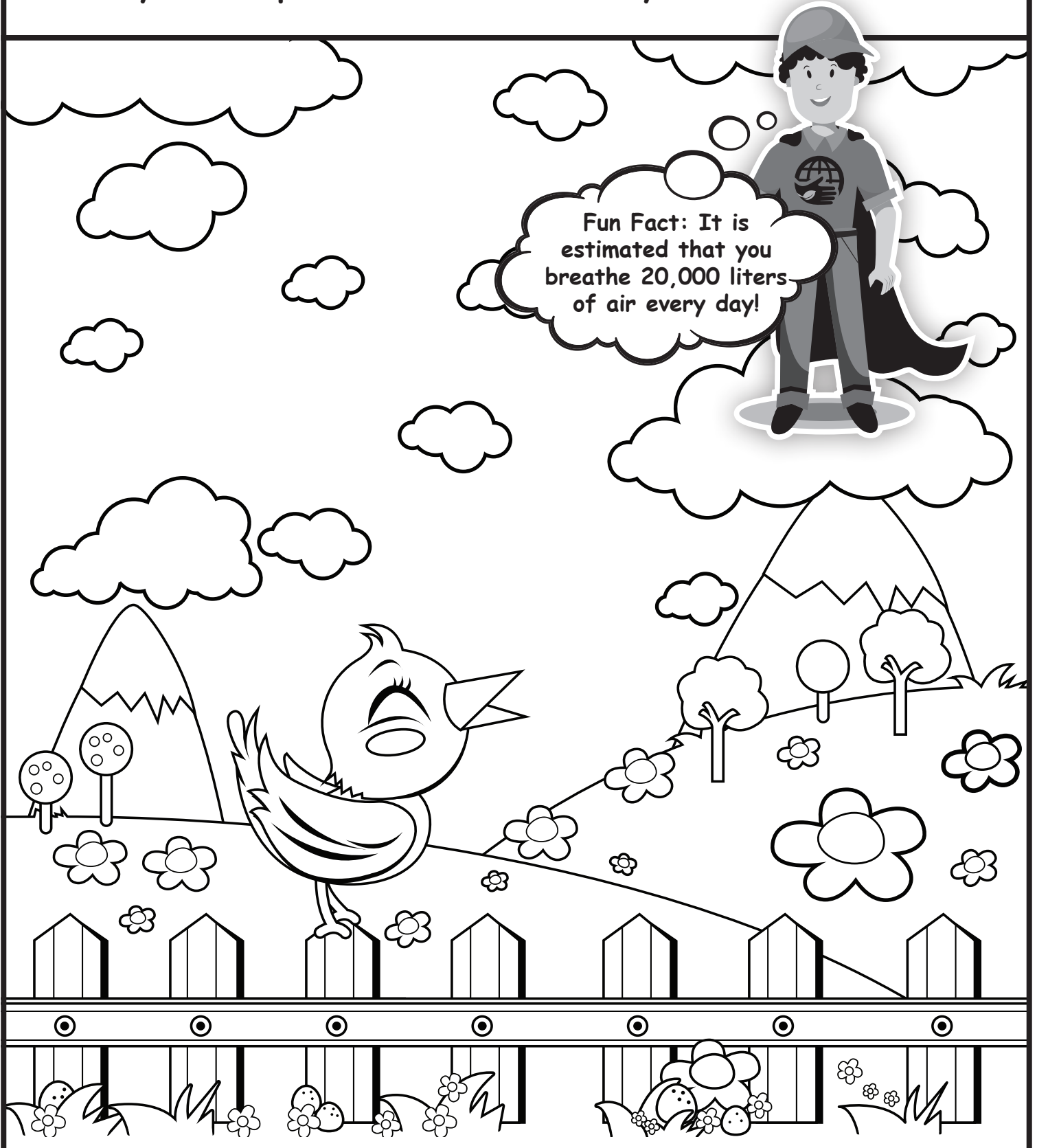
**We want to help you learn about  
landscapes and the people who create them,  
the Landscape Professionals.**

**Look for us as we journey together  
to learn all about beauty and  
benefits of outdoor spaces.**



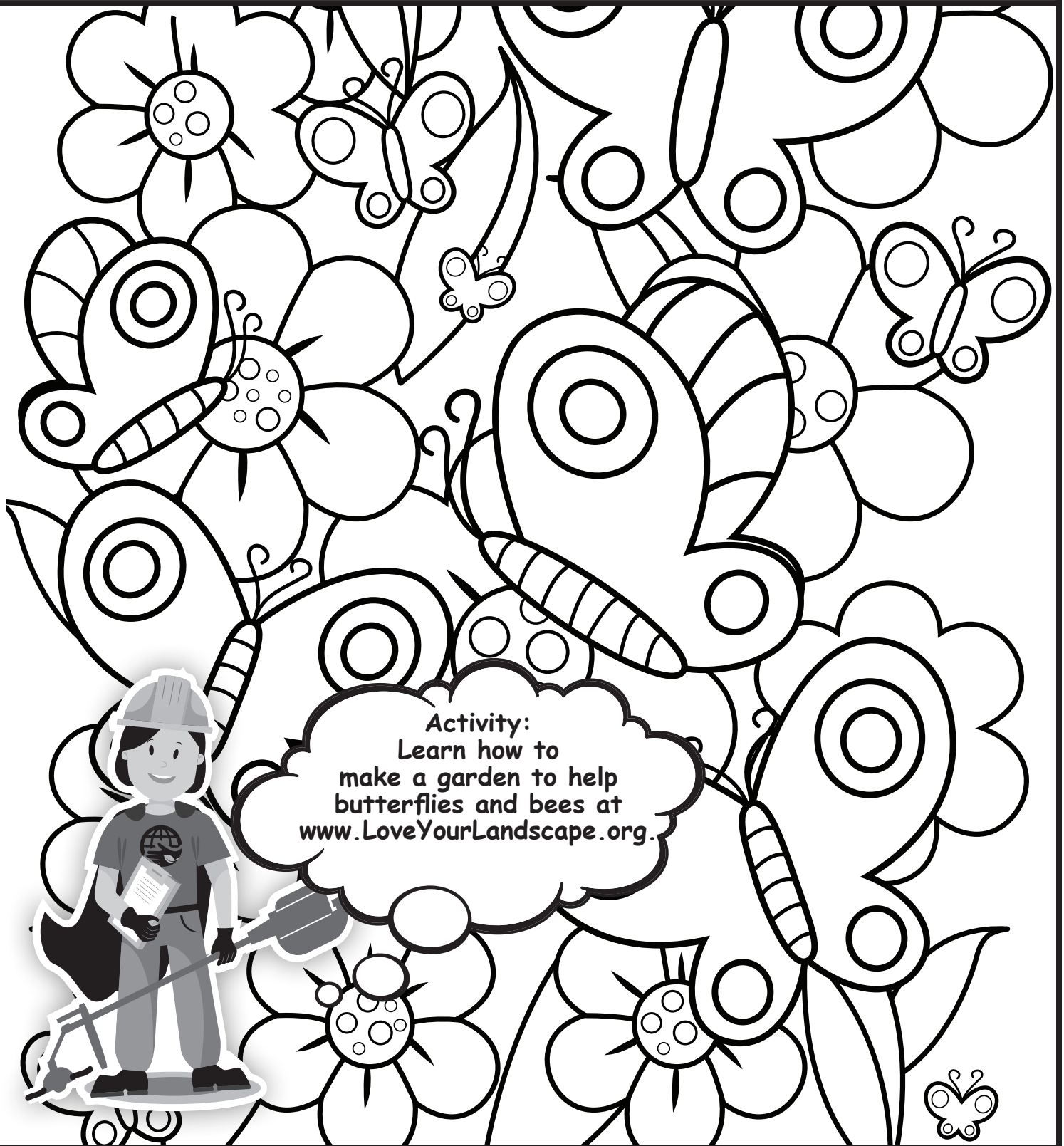
# Air

Healthy landscapes make the air healthy for us to breathe.



# Butterflies

Butterflies and other pollinators feed on flowers they find in our yards.



# Construction

Professionals often use tractors, bulldozers, and other construction equipment to create beautiful landscapes.



# Design

Landscape professionals design beautiful outdoor places for people to work and play.

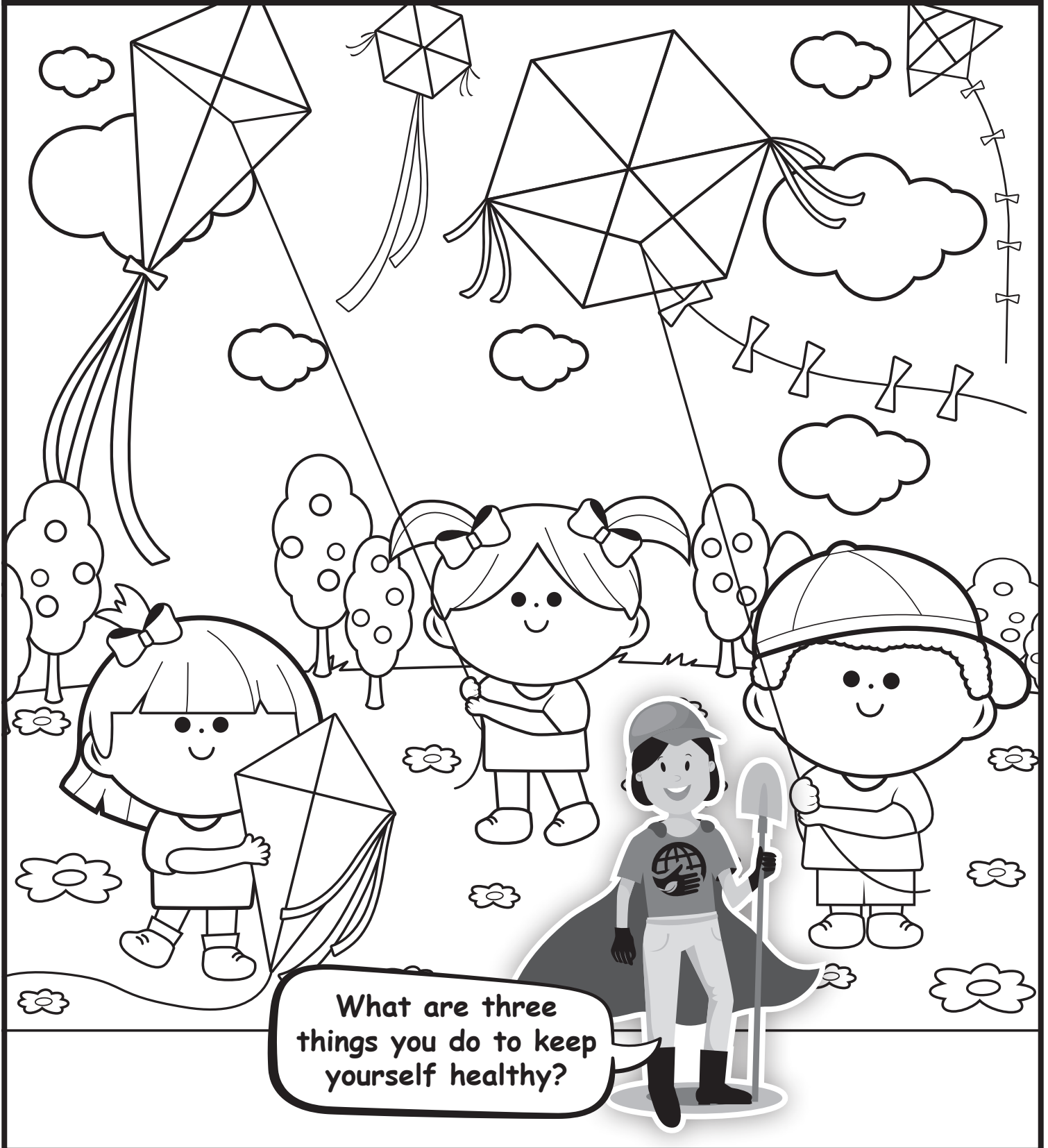


Draw a beautiful outdoor space where you can play.

A large rectangular area with a dotted border, intended for drawing a beautiful outdoor space where you can play.

# Environment

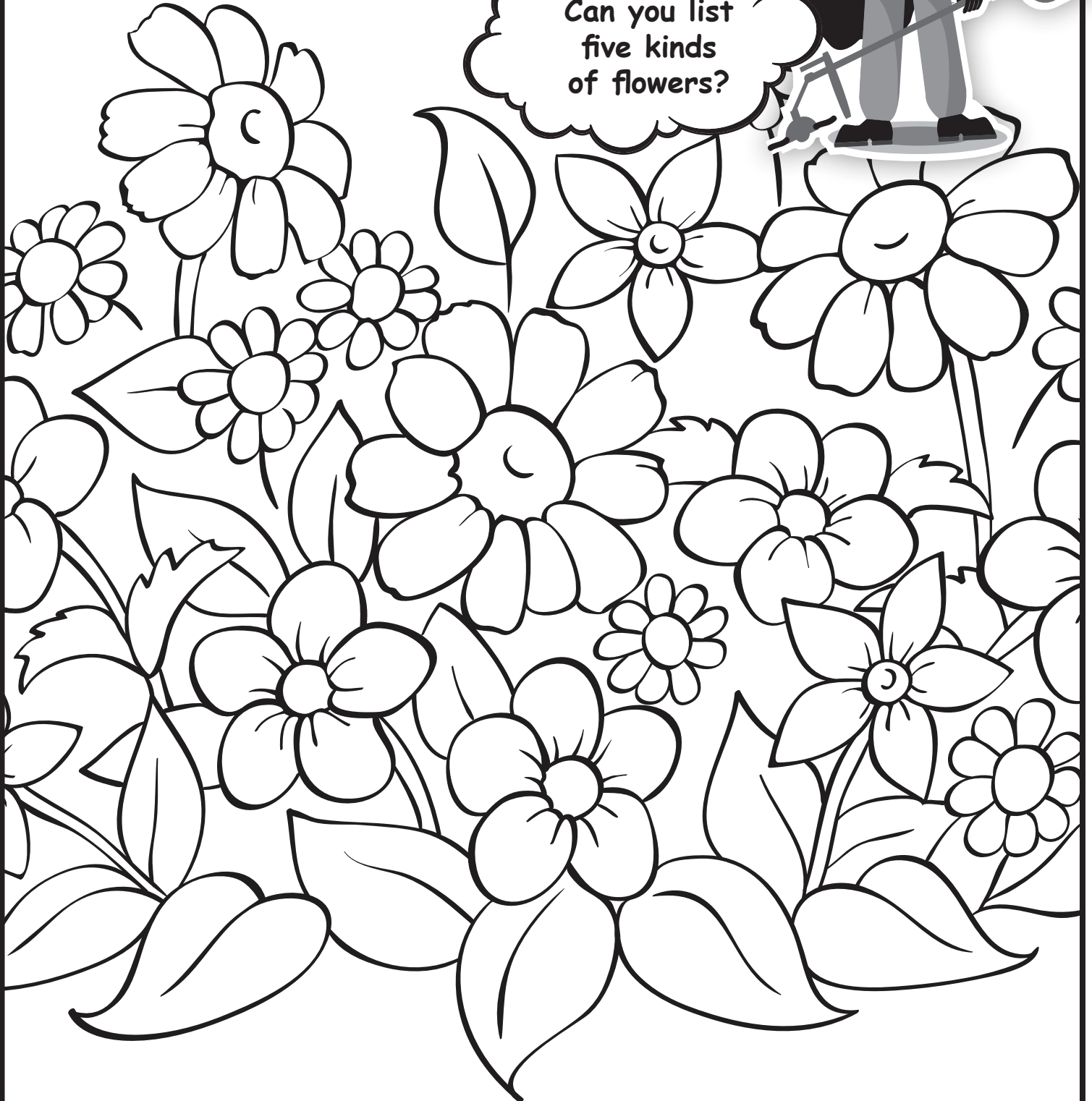
Landscapes help make our environment healthy.



# Flowers

Flowers add beauty to our world.

Can you list  
five kinds  
of flowers?

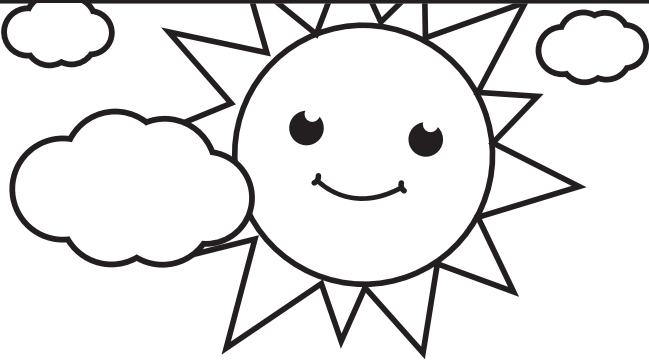




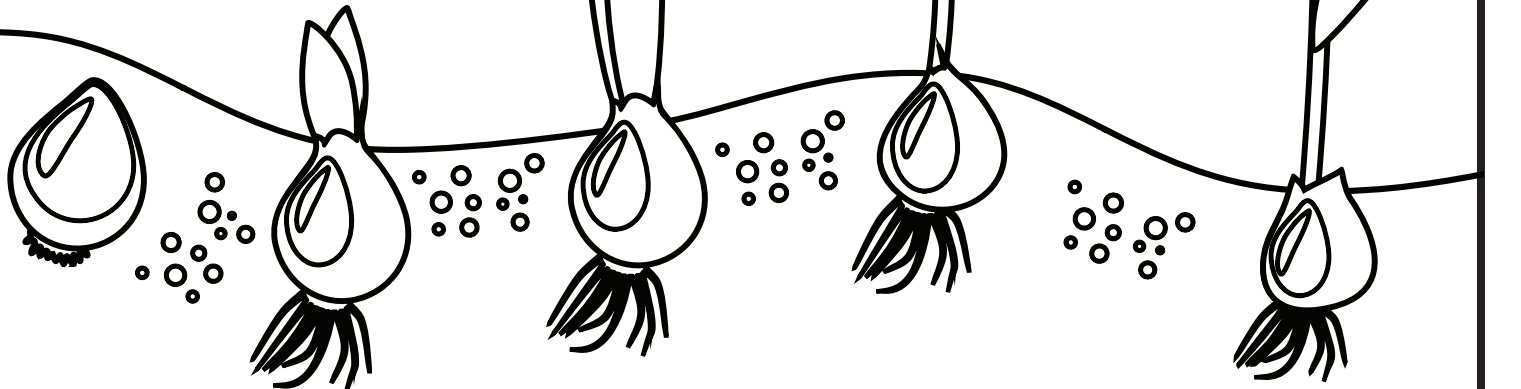
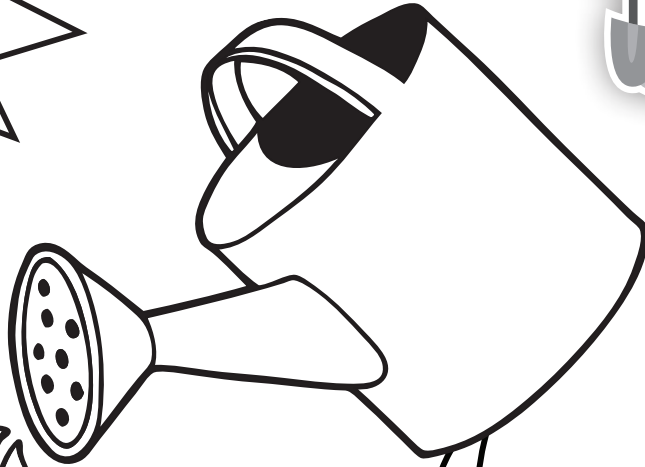
# Grow

Plants need nutrients, water, and soil to grow.

What helps you grow?



## WATER



## SOIL

## NUTRIENTS

# Happy

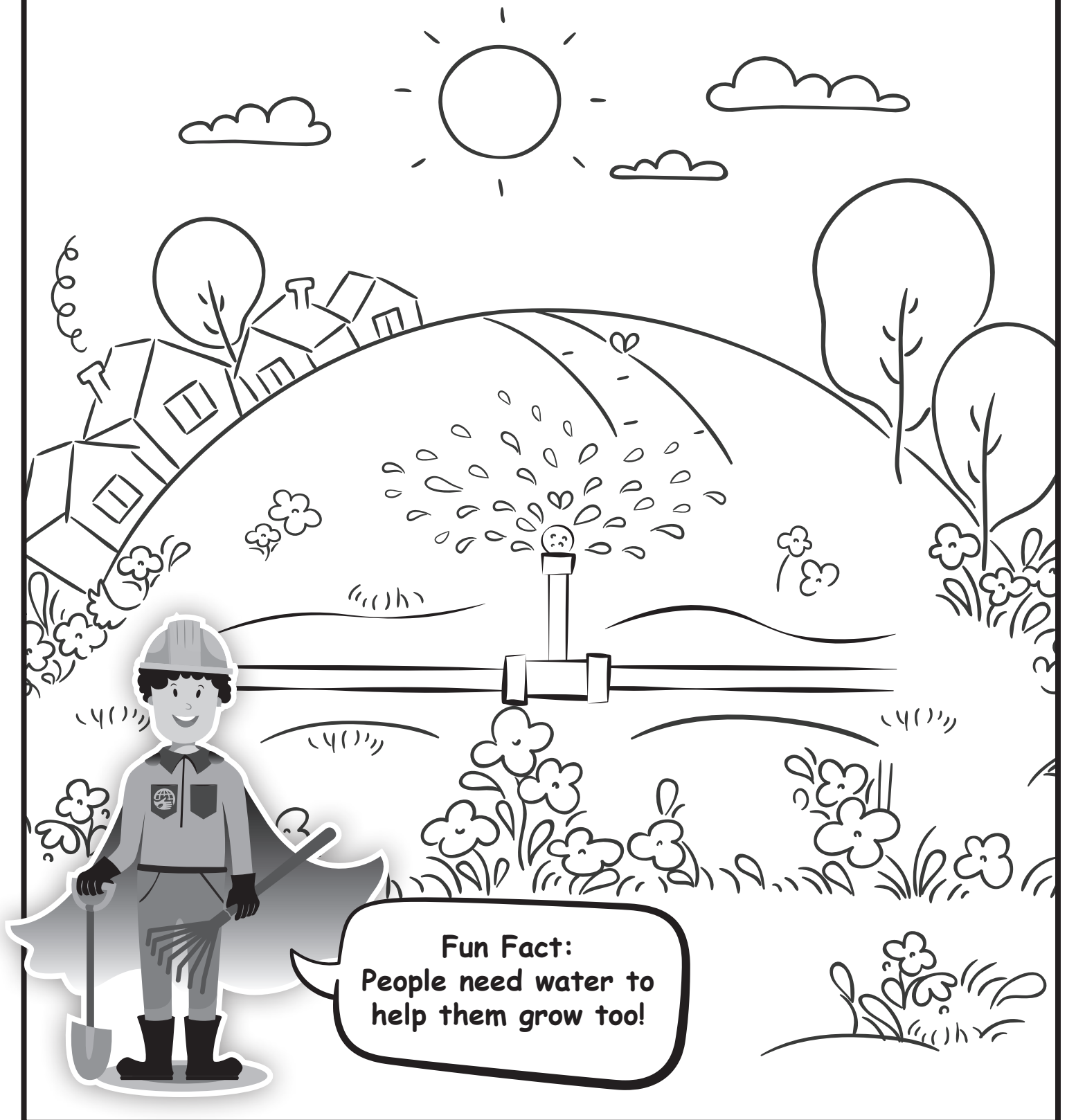
Landscapes make people - and the environment - happy.





# Irrigation

Irrigation systems provide water to help grass and flowers grow.



# Joy

Flowers, plants, and trees bring people great joy and help them relax.

What other things bring you joy?



# Kids

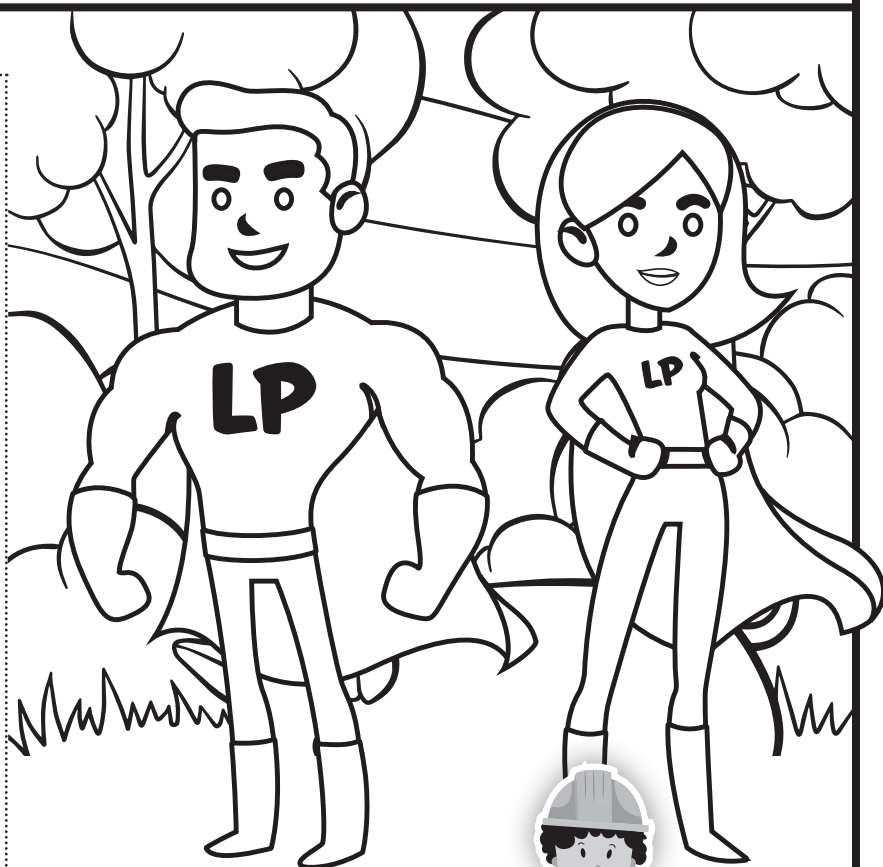
Kids can enhance their backyard landscape by planting edible gardens, composting, making paver stones, and adding plants that attract wildlife.

What can you do to make your backyard more enjoyable for you and your family?



# Landscape Professional

Landscape professionals create and care for lawns, parks, sports fields, and other outdoor places we enjoy. Their work makes people happy and helps communities.



Draw a picture of yourself as a landscape professional.



# Mulch

Mulch is like a jacket soil wears to cover up the roots of plants to help them stay healthy.



Draw a picture of something you like to wear.



# Nature

Grass, flowers, and shrubs are part of nature just like birds, squirrels, and other animals.





# Activity:



## Enjoy a Nature Scavenger Hunt!

Take an afternoon or a few weekends to see how many of the following items you can find in nature.

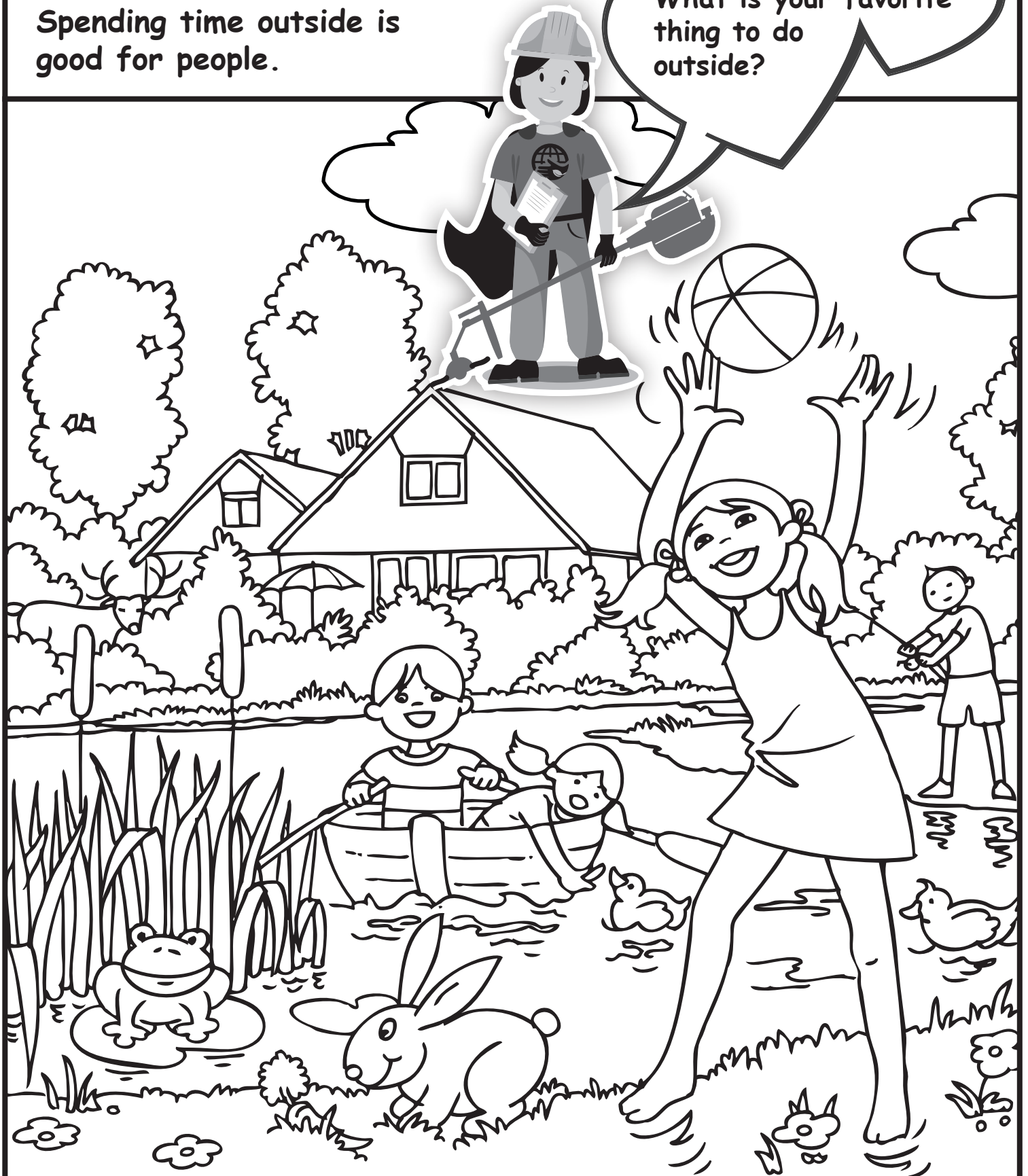
Don't race to find them - take time to enjoy the opportunity to be outside and appreciate the world around you.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acorns                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Something Red                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthworms                 | <input type="checkbox"/> A Young Tree                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Different Birds          | <input type="checkbox"/> A Plant with Berries         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something with Roots       | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Water Source         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spider                     | <input type="checkbox"/> An Evergreen Tree            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flying Insect              | <input type="checkbox"/> A Blooming Flower or Bush    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower You Have Never Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> An Animal that Lives Outside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Needles               | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Footprints            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Bird's Nest              | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Feather                 |
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# Outside

Spending time outside is good for people.

What is your favorite thing to do outside?



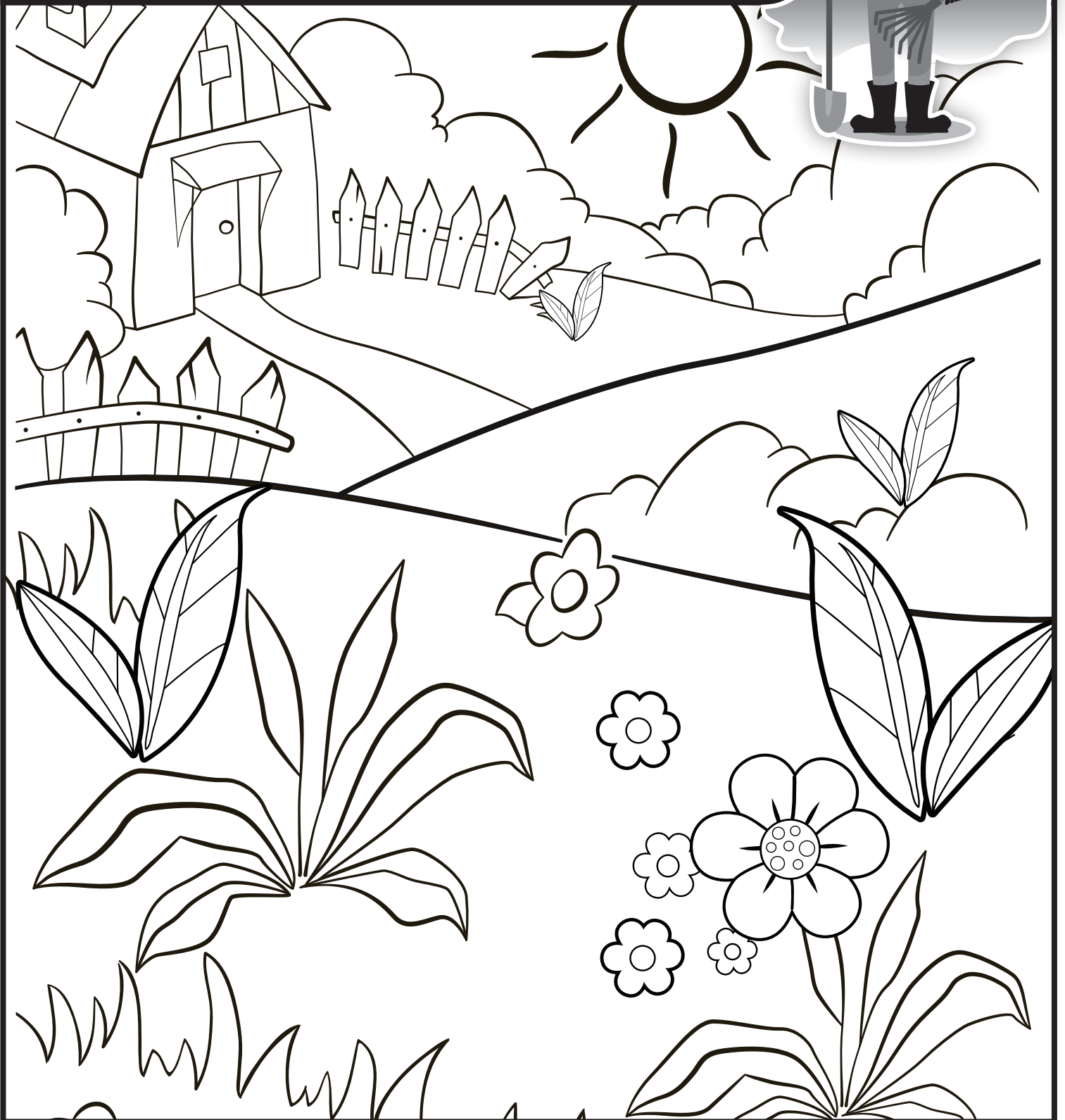


# Plants

Plants add beauty all around us, and they provide oxygen to the environment.

Activity: Count all the plants you see today.

Warning: There may be too many to count!



# Quiet

Healthy landscapes protect us from too much noise.



Activity:  
Can you whisper  
for an hour?

# Rain

Rain is helpful to plants and helps them grow.

Activity: Capture water next time it rains and use it to water plants inside your home.



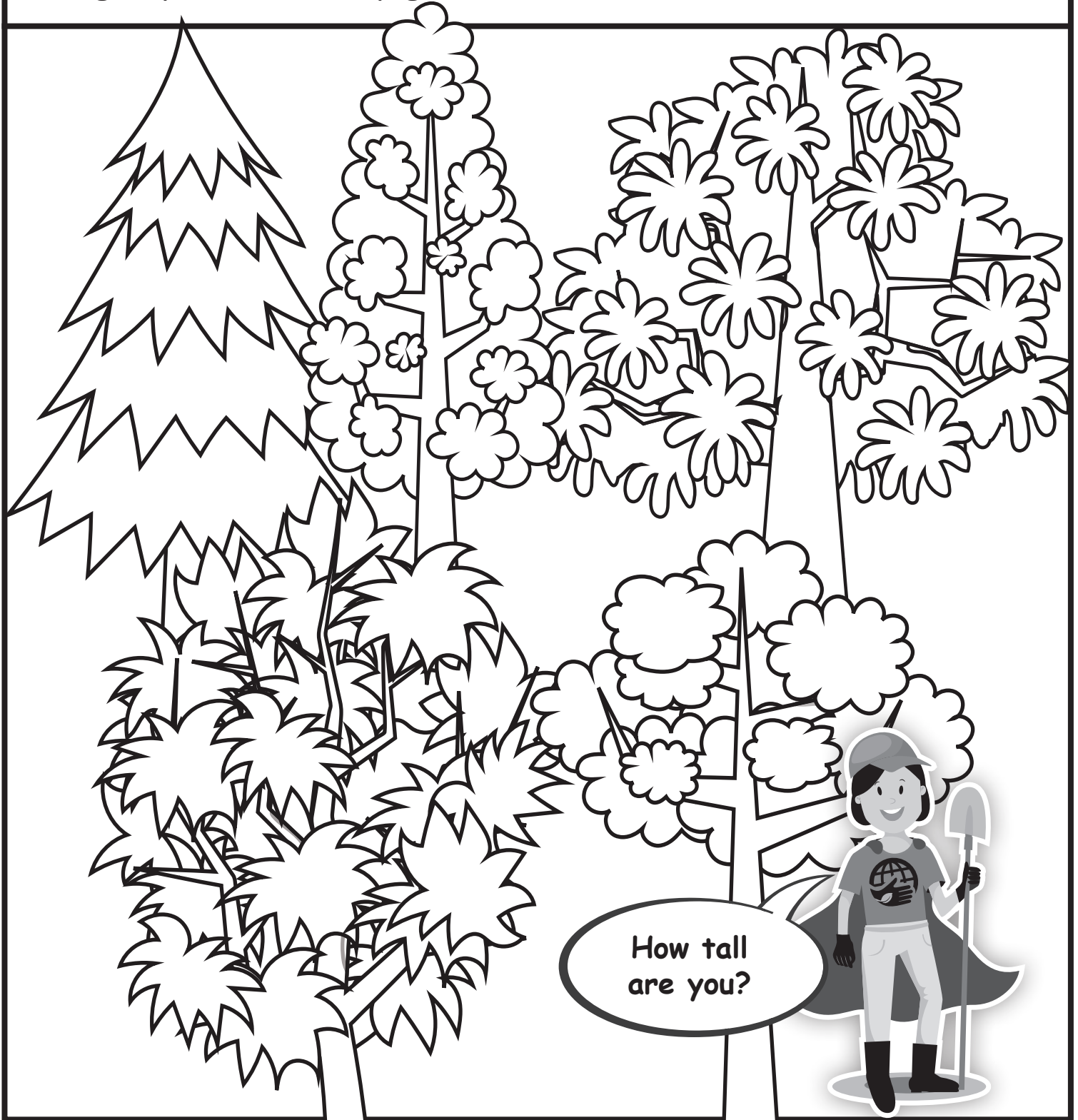
# Sports Fields

Landscape professionals create sports fields where we can play soccer, golf, baseball, lacrosse and other games.



# Trees

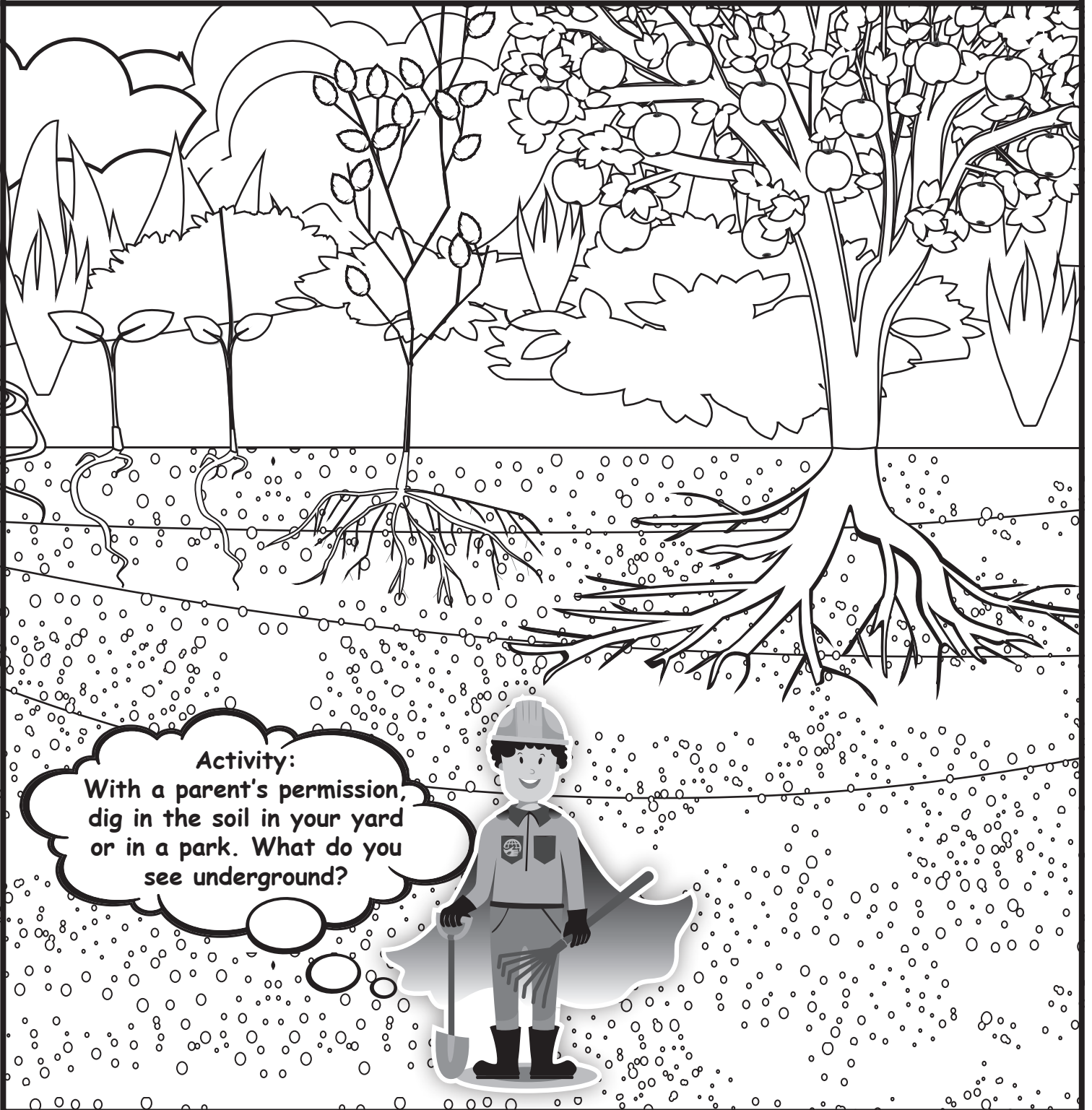
Trees are the tallest parts of landscapes. Some specially trained landscape professionals climb all the way up them using important safety gear.





# Underground

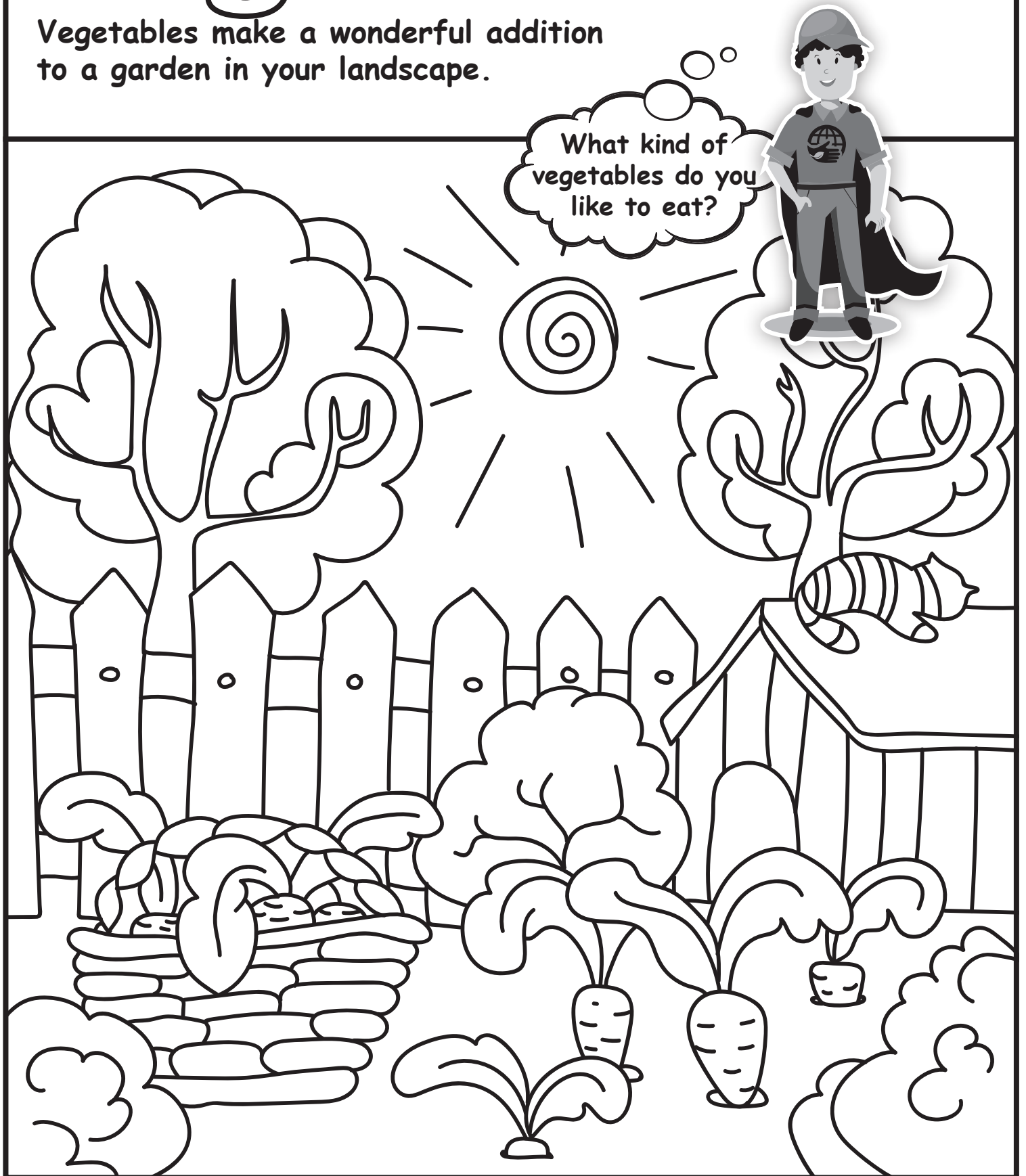
Though we love to look at flowers and trees, the health of these plants begins underground, and that is why they need healthy soil to help them grow.



**Activity:**  
With a parent's permission,  
dig in the soil in your yard  
or in a park. What do you  
see underground?

# Vegetables

Vegetables make a wonderful addition to a garden in your landscape.



# Water

Water helps plants grow.

Activity:

If you have plants inside your home, ask your parents if you can help water them.

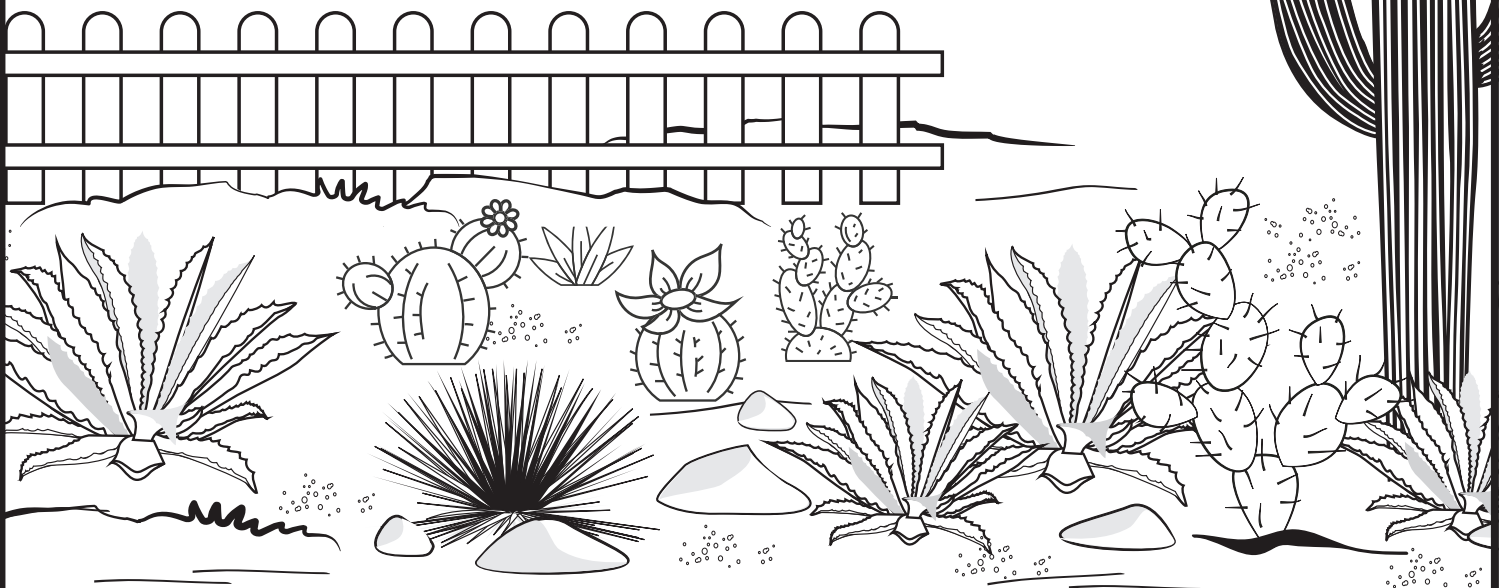
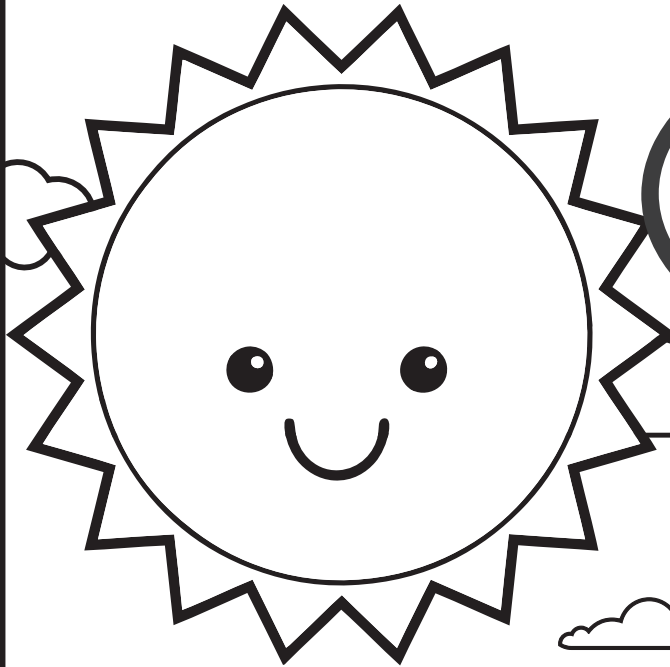




# Xeriscape

A xeriscape is a landscape that uses water wisely.

Water is a valuable resource. How do you save water around your house?

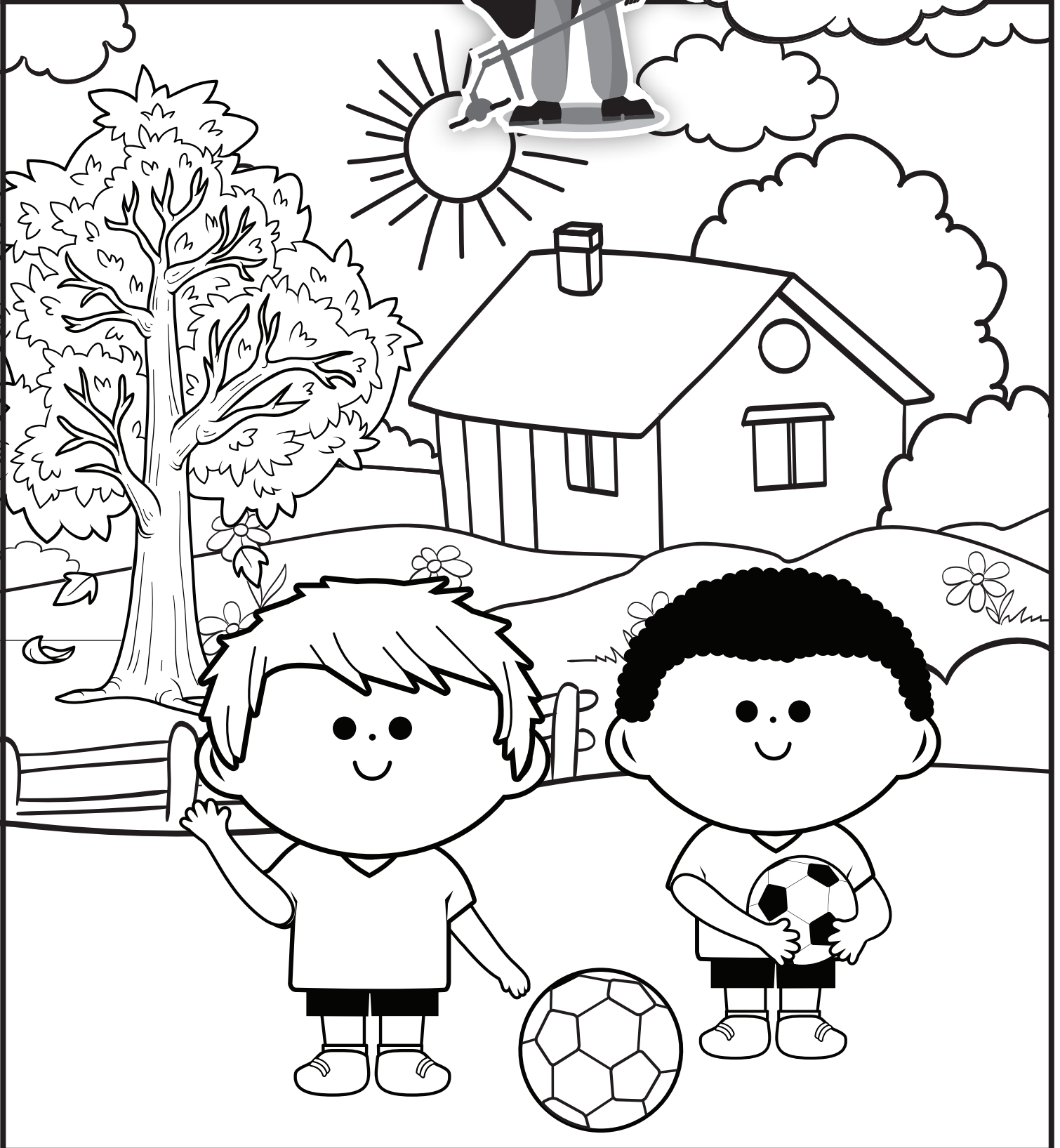


# Yard

Yards are for fun!



What do you like to  
do in your backyard  
or a friend's?



# Zoom

Bees and other pollinators zoom around the landscape.  
Plants could not grow without them!



# Word Find

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## Find these words

AIR

FLOWERS

GRASS

LANDSCAPE

OUTSIDE

PLANTS

PRETTY

SOIL

TREES

WATER

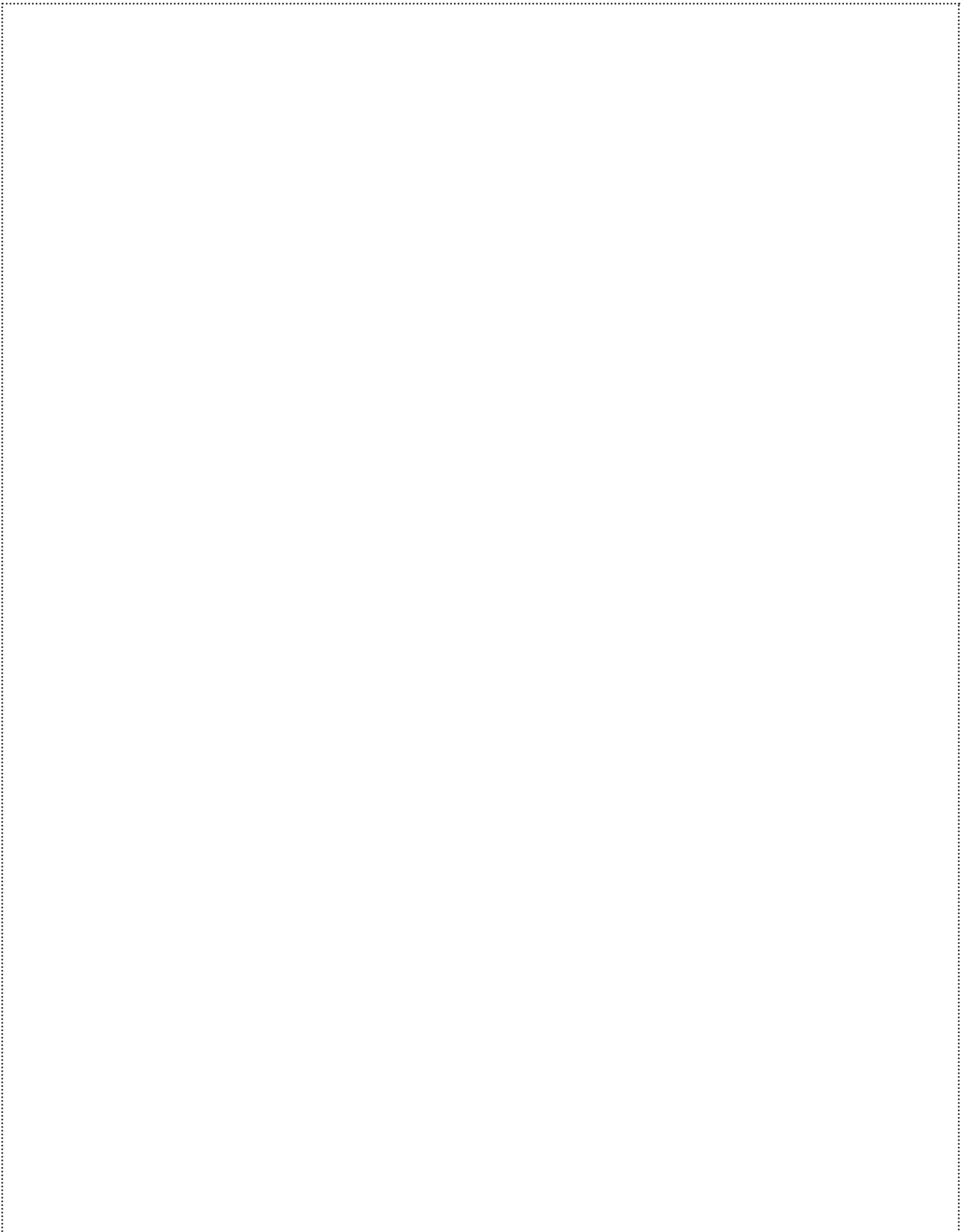
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