

# MY MOON WISH



Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup>  
**KiDS**  
FOR WISH KIDS<sup>®</sup>

## MY MOON WISH TOOL KIT

# ABOUT MY MOON WISH

## What is *My Moon Wish*?

“When the moon is bright and the night is still, the Moon Rabbit appears, high on a hill.”

With rhythmic prose that begs to be read aloud, author and illustrator Jane Brown beautifully captures the magic of childhood wishes. A dancing rabbit, wishes hung in trees and a mysterious Wish Train that whisks children through the night sky are all delightfully depicted in Brown’s enchanting dreamscape. *My Moon Wish* is sure to charm both children and adults.

Proceeds from the sale of *My Moon Wish* books will be donated to Make-A-Wish®, the largest wish-granting charity in the world. The organization believes that when a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, sadness with joy, and anxiety with hope.

## Who is Jane Brown?

Jane Brown was born and raised in Herefordshire, England, and the beautiful countryside influenced her career as an artist. She has always loved quality children’s books and was inspired to write *My Moon Wish* while staying in the small English village of Inkpen.

“I wanted to create a peaceful book that encompassed the mystery of the Moon and a child’s simple wish,” she said.

Jane Brown has lived in Kentucky for more than 25 years. She has two grown sons and her first grandson, Ollie to whom *My Moon Wish* is dedicated. Jane and her family recently celebrated the arrival of her second grandchild, George.

## How can I order *My Moon Wish*?

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# ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH®

Make-A-Wish is the largest wish-granting charity in the world. Every 34 minutes in the United States and its territories, Make-A-Wish grants a life-changing wish for a child with a critical illness. More than 315,000 wishes have been granted in the U.S. since 1980. More than 450,000 wishes have been granted worldwide. Make-A-Wish serves every community in the United States through 60 chapters.

Founded in 1983, Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana (Make-A-Wish OKI) is the largest chapter in the nation. We serve children in every county of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana— 300 counties in all— and we receive referrals from 14 different children's hospitals. Since our founding, OKI has granted more than 17,000 life-changing wishes.

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## **Why are Wishes Important?**

To quote the Fairy Godmother from Walt Disney's *Cinderella*, "a dream is a wish your heart makes, when you're fast asleep." Children who hold on to their dreams and wishes into adulthood are often the ones challenging status quo and working to make their world a better place. By encouraging youth to dream big and beyond themselves, we in turn, are helping to develop the entrepreneurs, leaders and philanthropists of tomorrow.

## **Qualifications for a Wish**

Any child between the ages of 2 ½ and 18, diagnosed with a critical illness, may qualify for a wish regardless of the family's race, gender, creed, socioeconomic or cultural background.

## **Types of Wishes**

Make-A-Wish receives wish requests as unique as the children who make them. The majority of wishes fall into five categories: I wish to go ... I wish to be ... I wish to meet... I wish to have ... I wish to give ...

# WISH IMPACT

A wish come true helps children feel stronger, more energetic and more willing and able to battle their critical illness. For many, it marks a turning point in their fight against their illnesses.

- 81% of parents observed an increased willingness by their wish kids to comply with treatment protocols.
- 75% of parents observed that the wish experience increased wish kids' physical health and strength.
- 97% of parents said the wish experience strengthened their families.

*Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. "Wish Impact Study Results – Initial Phases: Jan – Dec 2010." March 2011*

## OUR PROMISE TO YOU

### Support With Confidence

Financial support for Make-A-Wish comes from individual, corporate and foundation donors. Additionally, more than 25,000 individuals volunteer their time and talents nationwide. Make-A-Wish consistently dedicates 73 percent of dollars received to granting wishes.

### Kids Make A Difference

Make-A-Wish OKI is supported by hundreds of different fundraisers hosted by youth groups and schools every year. **Annually, these fundraising events raise over \$250,000 and help grant over 25 wishes!**



# INCORPORATING *MY MOON WISH* INTO YOUR WORLD

*My Moon Wish* has a number of opportunities to explore the themes of wishes and thinking beyond one's self with creative writing and visual art. These activities would be appropriate within a family, a school, or even a youth club/sports team!

## ***My Moon Wish Tree***

Ready for a unique activity for your kids? Have them create a life-sized Wish Tree for your classroom or home. Included in this tool kit is an example for your kids to create a Wish Tree (on page 8). They can draw it with crayons, paint, use watercolors, chalk, colored pencils, or they could even cut out construction paper and build a tree together.



Next, ask them to think about their wish, write their Moon Wish on the tag and hang it on the tree, just like in the book. They can share their wishes as they attach them to the tree (you can find a template for the Wish Tags found in the book on page 15). Once your tree is ready, take a photo with the tree and share it on social media using the hashtag **#MyWishTree** so other readers can see!

## **Reading Aloud + Vocabulary Building Lesson Ideas**

Encourage students and children to read *My Moon Wish* aloud. Another idea is to complete a *My Moon Wish*-themed word search (worksheet included in this kit).





# INCORPORATING *MY MOON WISH* INTO YOUR WORLD (CONT.)

## Short Story Lesson Idea

Sometimes wishes are BIG ideas! Have youth/students write a short story describing their wish in detail and what it would take to make it come true. Be sure to have the students focus on paragraph structure by including a beginning, body and ending!

## Visual Arts Lesson Idea

- **Color!** Coloring sheets are included in this tool kit. The sheets feature two scenes from the book.
- **Draw!** Have students draw a picture of their wish to help share their idea with their classmates.
- **Inspire!** Ask students to draw, sketch, sculpt, or paint their favorite, unique or personal wishes!
- **Record!** Write a song or record a video explaining your very own Moon Wish!

## Encourage Family & Friends to Purchase *My Moon Wish* or Gift a Copy to a Make-A-Wish Wish Family

Directions on how to order additional books is included within this tool kit. These make a great gift for children of all ages! Also, should you be interested, on [MyMoonWish.com](http://MyMoonWish.com), you're also able to gift a book to a local wish child waiting for their wish to come true!

# Moon Facts!

- The average distance from the Moon to the Earth is 384,403 kilometers (238,857 miles)
- The Moon orbits the Earth every 27.3 days
- It is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest moon in the solar system
- The first person to set foot on the Moon was Neil Armstrong
- The effect of gravity is only about one fifth (17%) as strong on the surface of the Moon compared to the strength of gravity on the surface of the Earth
- The Earth's tides are largely caused by the gravitational pull of the Moon
- The phases of the Moon are: New Moon, Waxing Crescent, First Quarter, Waxing Gibbous, Full Moon, Waning Gibbous, Last Quarter, Waning Crescent
- The Moon is a dusty ball of rock, measuring 3,476km in diameter– that's roughly a quarter of the size of Earth
- The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite—a celestial body that orbits a planet
- Although the Moon shines bright in the night sky, it doesn't produce its own light... we see the Moon because it reflects light from the Sun

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# MY MOON WISH WORD SEARCH

## My Moon Wish

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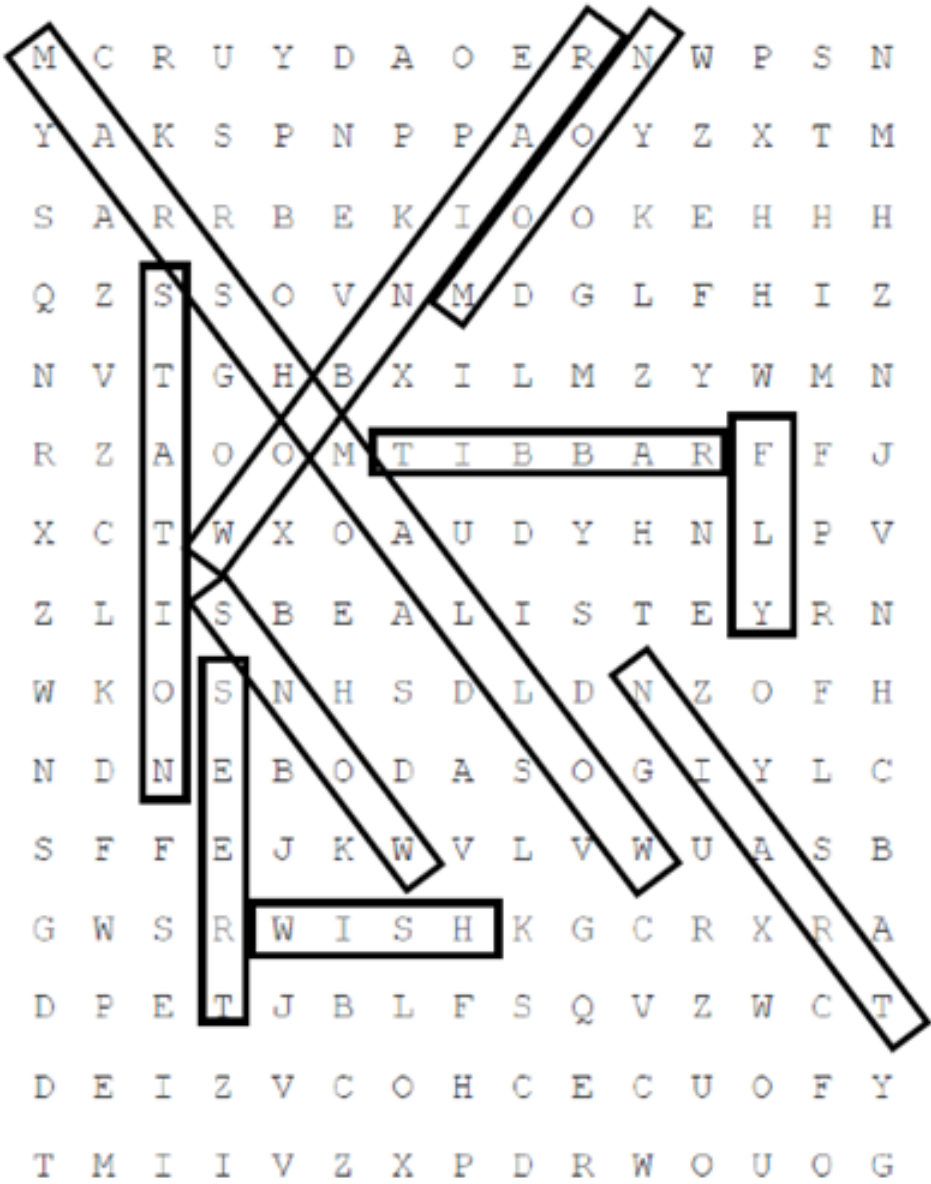
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TRAIN  
MOON  
SNOW  
TREES

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# MY MOON WISH WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

## My Moon Wish



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RABBIT  
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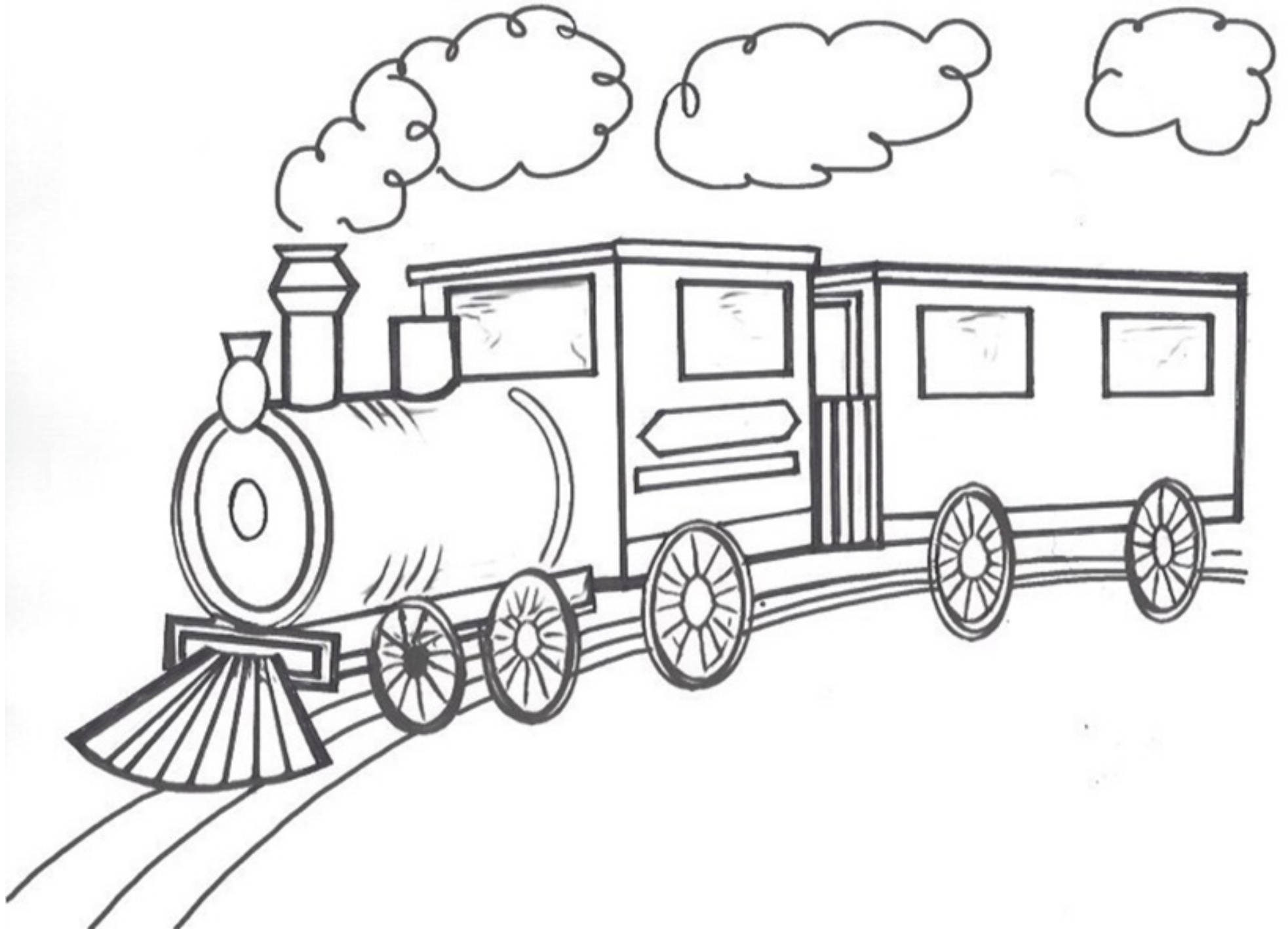
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## MY MOON WISH – MARSHMALLOW WISH STATION COLORING SHEET

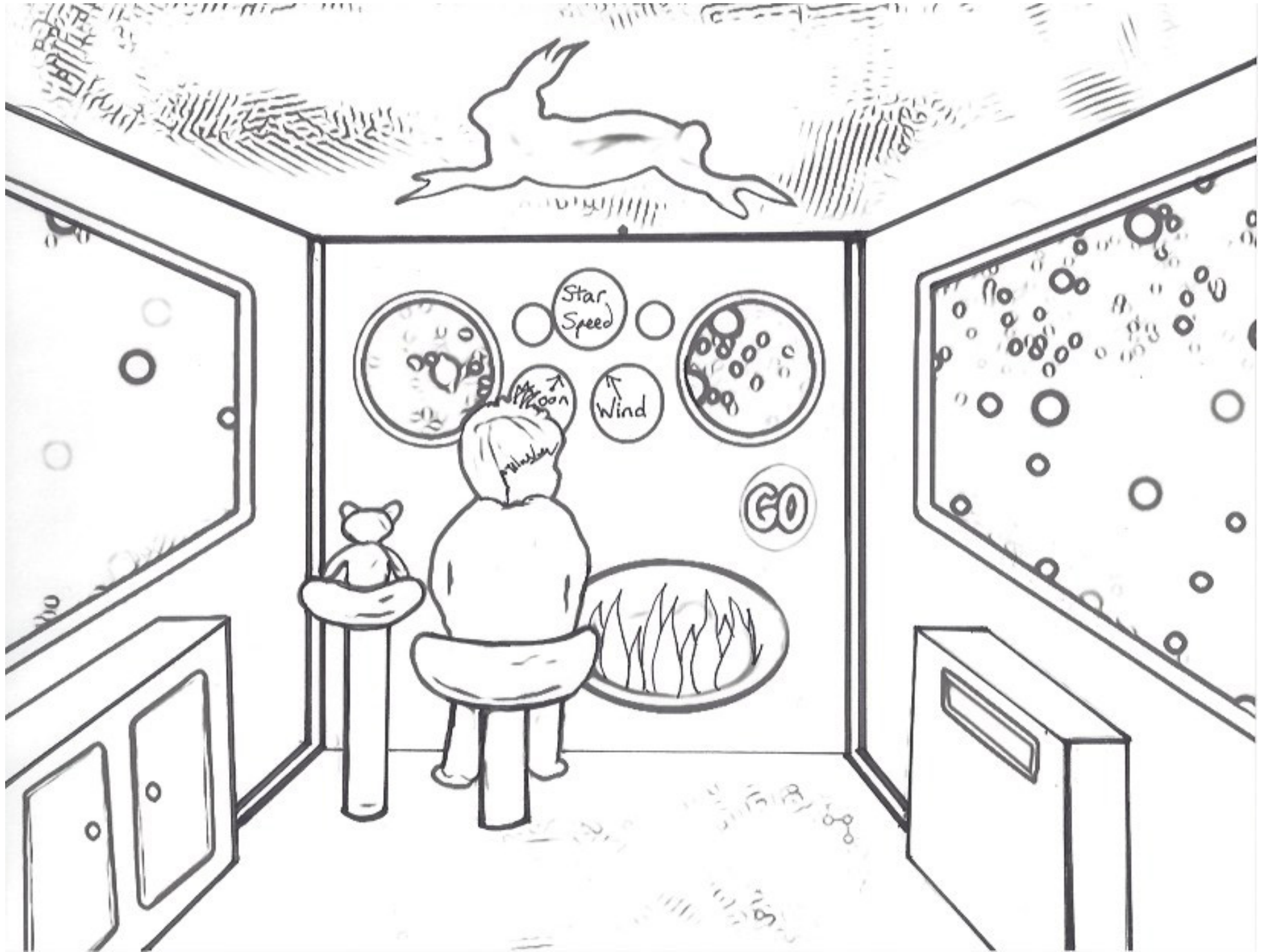


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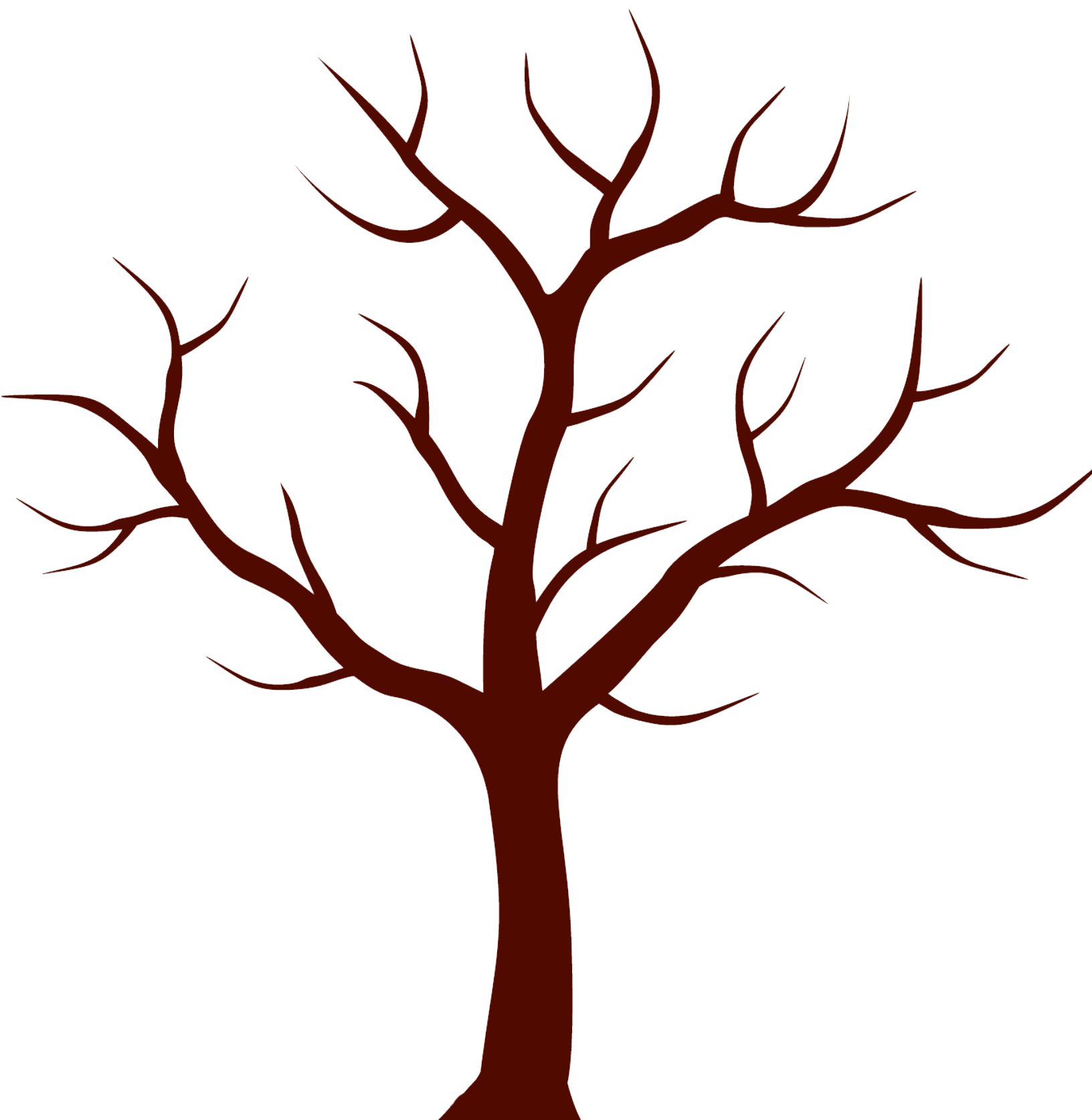


# MY MOON WISH – WISH TRAIN ENGINE COLORING SHEET





**MY MOON WISH WISH TREE EXAMPLE**





## HOW TO ORDER *MY MOON WISH*

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By doing so, you will help give the gift of reading to a child and share the book's important message about the magic of a wish and the power of hope.

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