

NEW BRITAIN



Backyard Explorer Activity Booklet

This activity book belongs to:





GET READY TO EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

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WHAT YOU NEED

- ☐ PENCIL
- ☐ CRAYONS OR COLORED PENCILS
- ☐ YOUR IMAGINATION

EXPLORER WARM-UP

Find a place to sit down outside. Close your eyes. Take 3 slow, deep breaths. Then open your eyes. Write down the first five things you see:

1.

2.

3.

Unscramble these words with a partner:

NARUTE _____

SRTEE _____

MNIAALS _____

AGDREN _____

BRDSI _____

SNCSEIT _____

APLNTS _____



**JOURNAL: Imagine you are an ant in a garden.
Write about your view of the world and what
you see.**



Plants, animals, insects, tools...there's so much to see in the garden! Complete the word search below.

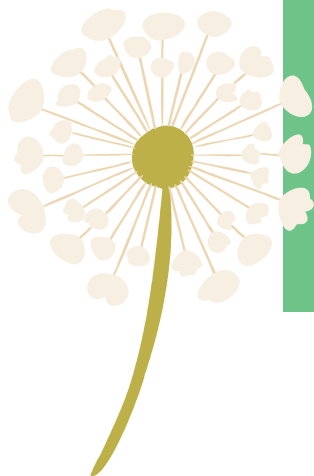
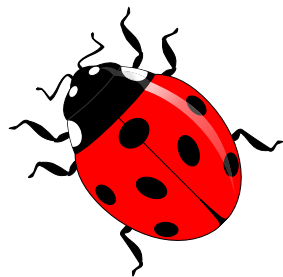
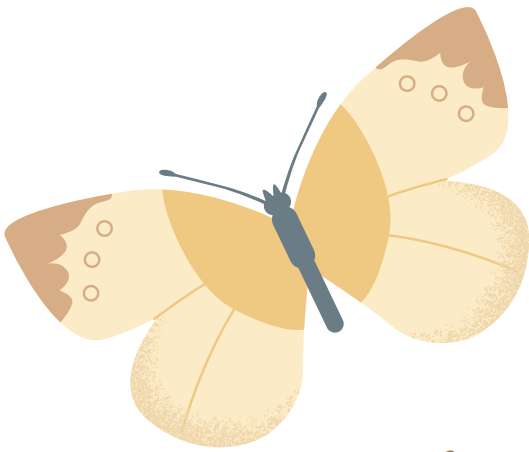
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BEES
BUTTERFLY
FLOWER
GARDEN
PLANTS
SEEDS

SHOVEL
SOIL
SUN
VEGETABLES
WATER
WORMS

BACKYARD



Dandelion

**Touch tree
bark**

**A rock
bigger
than
your
finger**

**Flying
bird**

**Find a
plant
taller than
you**

Butterfly

**A bee on a
flower**

**Something
prickly**

Freesia

**A rock
smaller
than your
thumb**

Water

**A cloud
that looks
like an
animal**

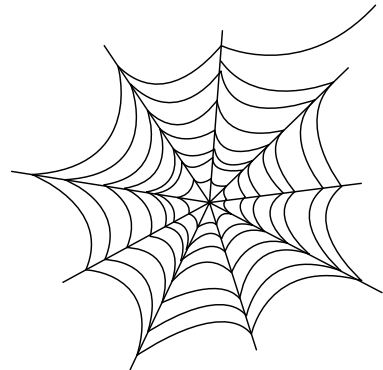
Squirrel

Ladybug

**Fall
flower
petals**

BINGO

Rock your st	Worm	Find an ant hill
erfly	Listen to the wind	Spiderweb
space	Pick a clover	Pinecone
oud looks e an mal	Mushroom	Throw away a piece of trash
len ver als	A leaf bigger than your hand	Listen to birdsong

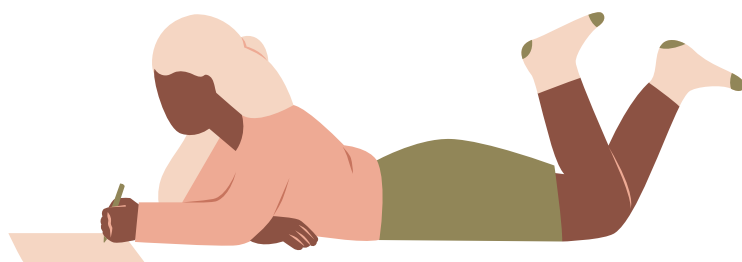


FREE DRAW: Fill the boxes with drawings of your discoveries from explorer bingo.

Draw something beautiful that you saw:

Draw something you have a question about:

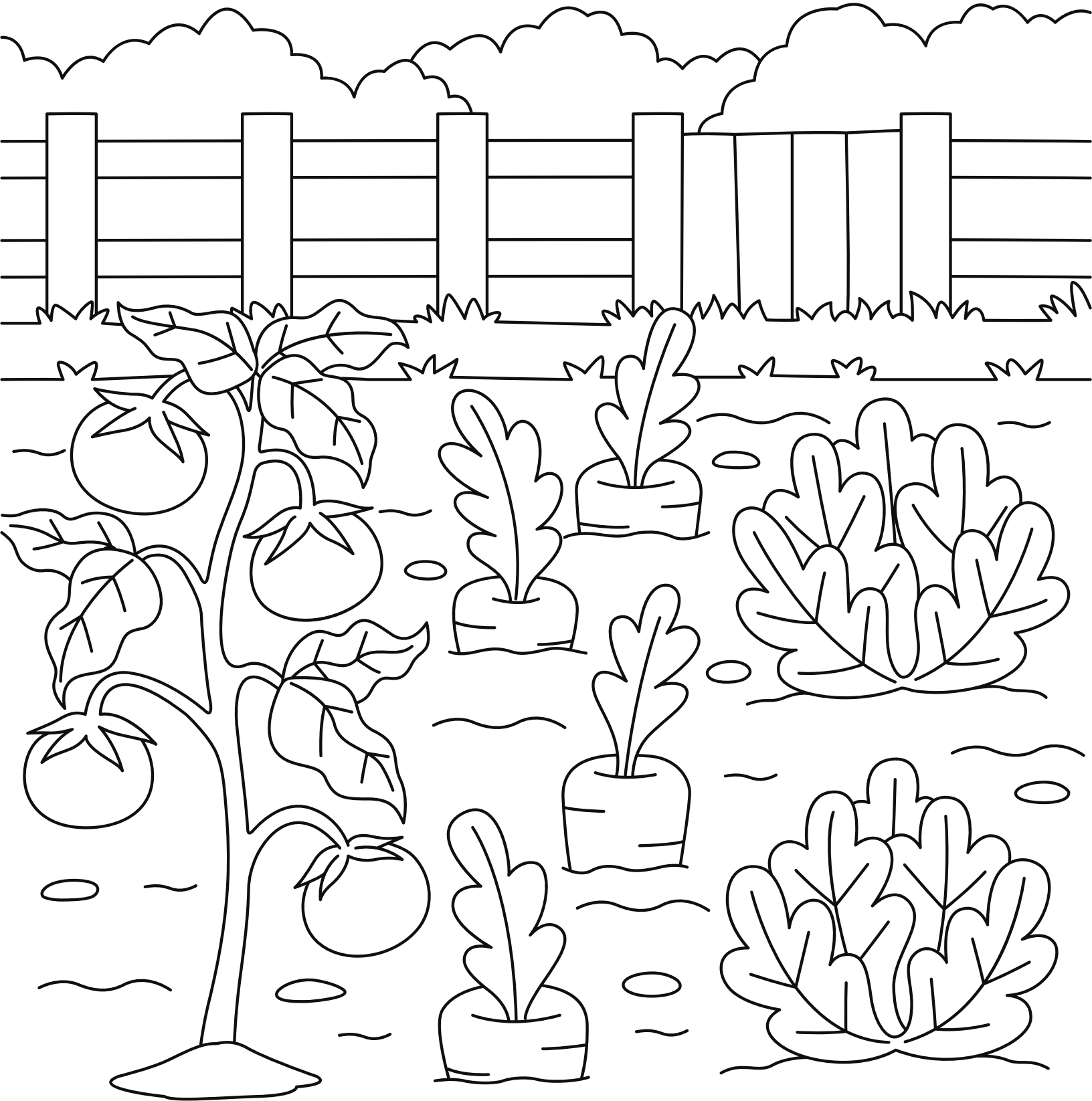
Draw something you'd never seen before:



LEAF DISCOVERY: Find at least 5 different kinds of leaves. What do you notice about them? How are they similar and how are they different?



COLORING PAGE: Gardens help make healthy communities. We can grow food to eat and provide habitat for animals and insects. Color in your vegetable garden.



JOURNAL: How can you help take care of the plants, animals, and people in your community?



Dear Nature Explorers,

We are so excited to share this activity book with you as you discover all the wonders nature has to offer right in your community. Nature is all around us, even for those of us that live in cities.

Growing up in New Britain, I would spend time in the backyard using my five senses to experience my little slice of nature. I played in my mom's garden where I made mud pies, dug and collected worms, ate cherry tomatoes right from the vine, and picked up helicopter seeds growing on maple trees and dropped from the tallest point I could climb. There are so many ways to have fun outdoors, and I still have fun in nature as an adult (though I don't try and eat my mud pies anymore).

We hope this booklet guides you in having fun while experiencing the natural environment right at your fingertips. Whether you find a cool looking bug, finally discover where that chipmunk is living, or stumble upon a bird's nest - I promise you that you're going to find something new and exciting to share with your friends and family. There are so many wonders to discover, so from one explorer to another, get outside and let the discoveries begin!

Happy Exploring,

Farmer Joey

