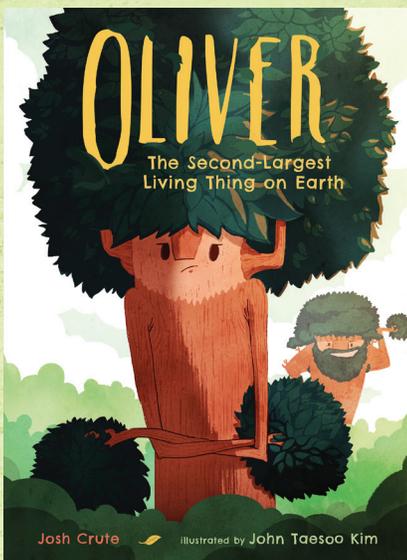


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OLIVER

The Second-Largest Living Thing on Earth

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Oliver is a giant sequoia tree who is tall and majestic, beautiful and strong, a wonder of the planet, and . . . *second-best*. He tries to outgrow Sherman, the largest living thing on Earth, but it's no use. Just when he's resigned himself to always being the second-largest living thing (by volume), Oliver meets some new friends, and they help him realize that he's not alone.

From debut creators Josh Crute and John Taesoo Kim comes a hilarious and endearing story about the familiar feeling of being in someone's shadow and the joy that comes from discovering that you're part of something larger.

Grow your story-time fun by using these activities that sprout from *Oliver: The Second-Largest Living Thing on Earth* to talk about friendship, inclusion, and community, as well as self-esteem and confidence.

ACTIVITIES

Part of Something Larger

Even though he's the second-largest living thing on Earth, Oliver feels unnoticed and lonely. But then he notices the other trees around him and realizes he's part of something larger—a forest. Have the kids complete a maze to show Oliver that he's not alone.

A Tree Selfie!

Oliver is just one of many trees in the forest. But each tree is unique—just like Agnes, Gertrude, Peter, Guadalupe, and Lars. They have different “hairstyles,” heights, trunk and branch shapes, and faces. Have the kids think about what makes each of them unique. Then have them draw themselves as trees, encouraging them to showcase their personalities.

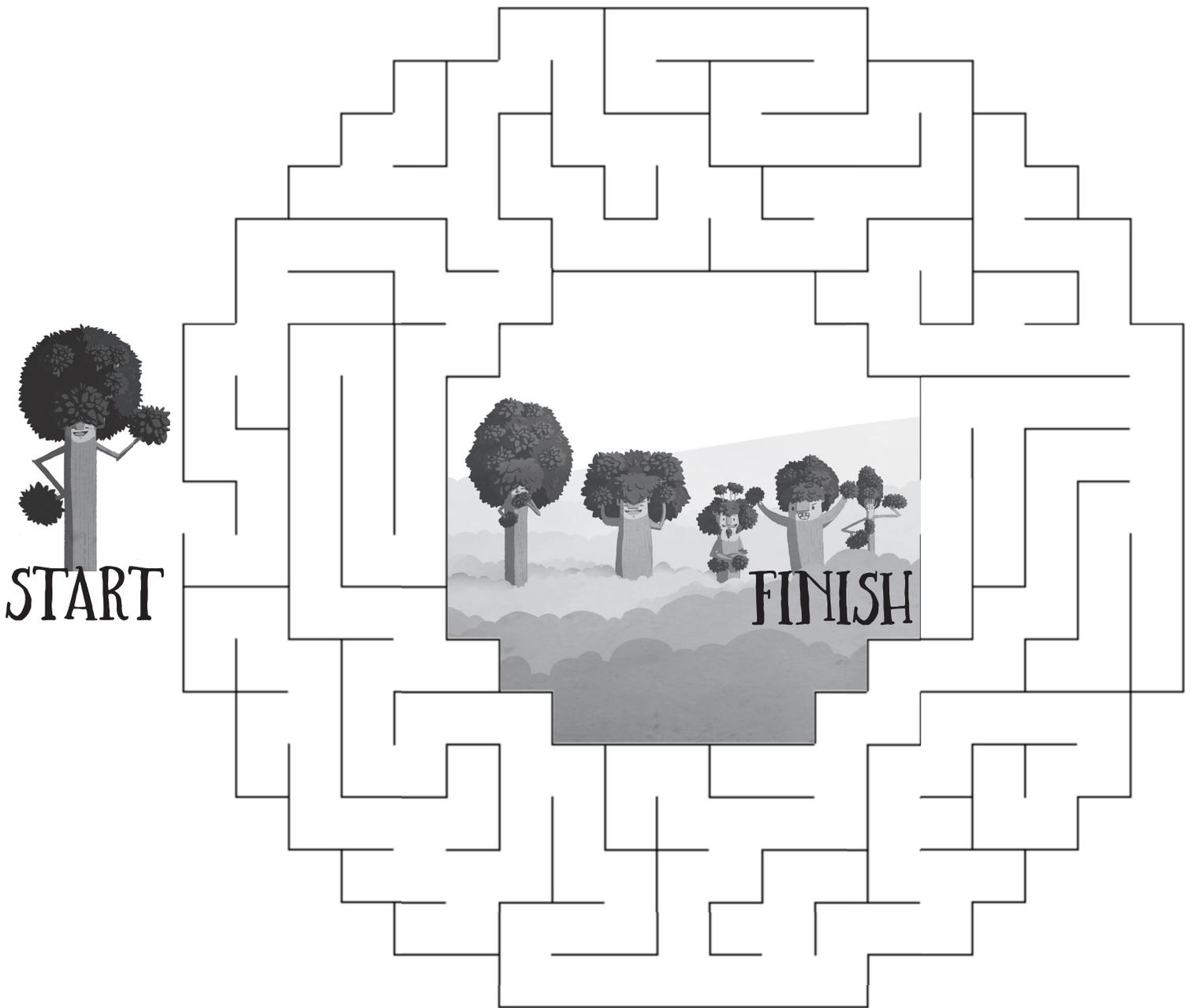
Coming Out of the Shadows

At the beginning of the story, Oliver feels invisible and overshadowed by Sherman. So he comes up with a plan. Ask the kids to write about a time they felt lonely or second-best and how they dealt with those feelings.



PART OF SOMETHING LARGER

Oliver is feeling lonely. Help him discover he's part of something larger!
Draw a route from Oliver to his new friends.



A TREE SELFIE!

Draw a picture of yourself as a tree. Let's see that personality!

