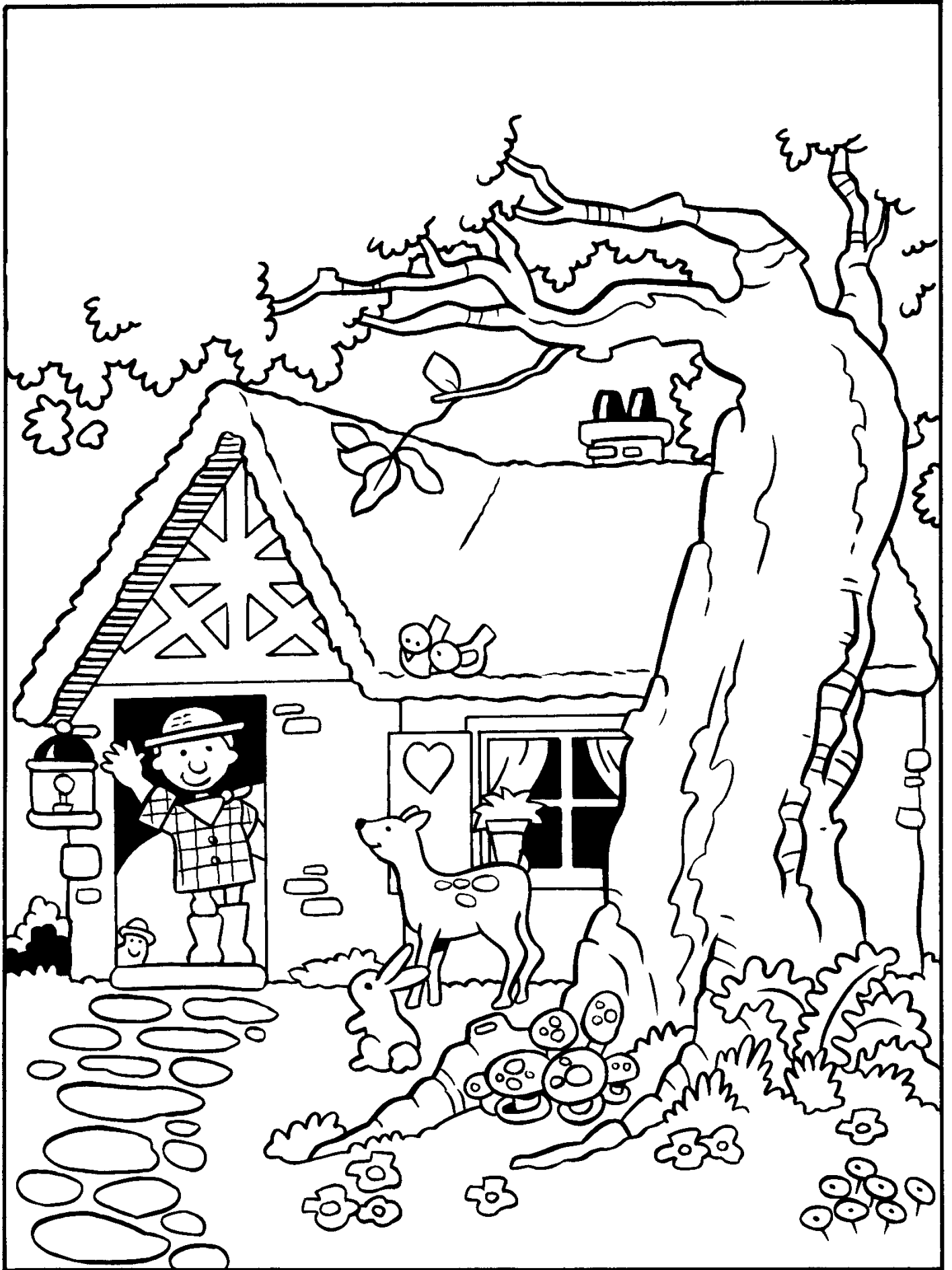




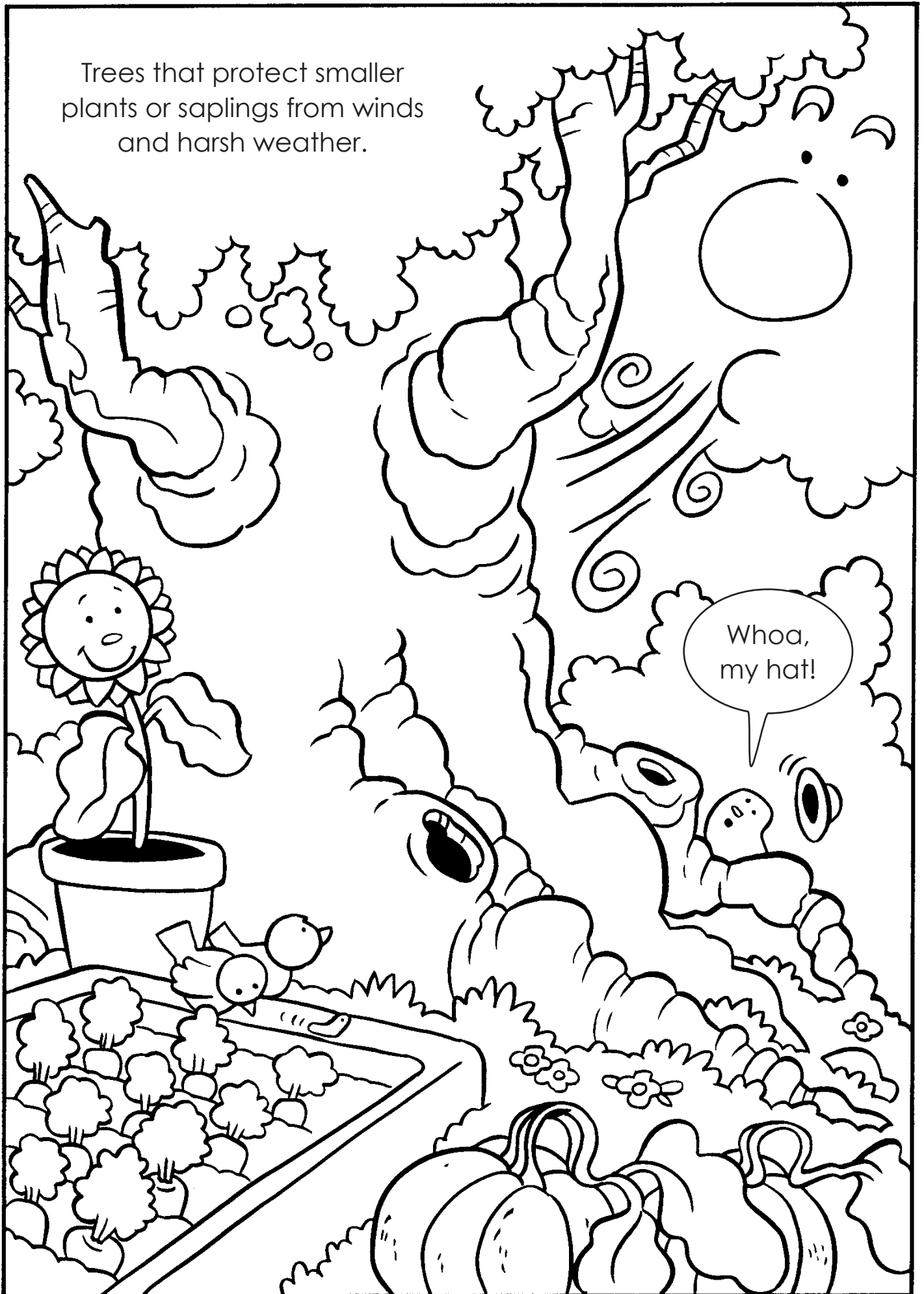
Coloring Book: More Magnificent than Trees

Have you noticed the many different kinds of trees in nature? Each tree is different, and yet each tree can fulfill a specific purpose.



There are trees that provide shade and shelter.

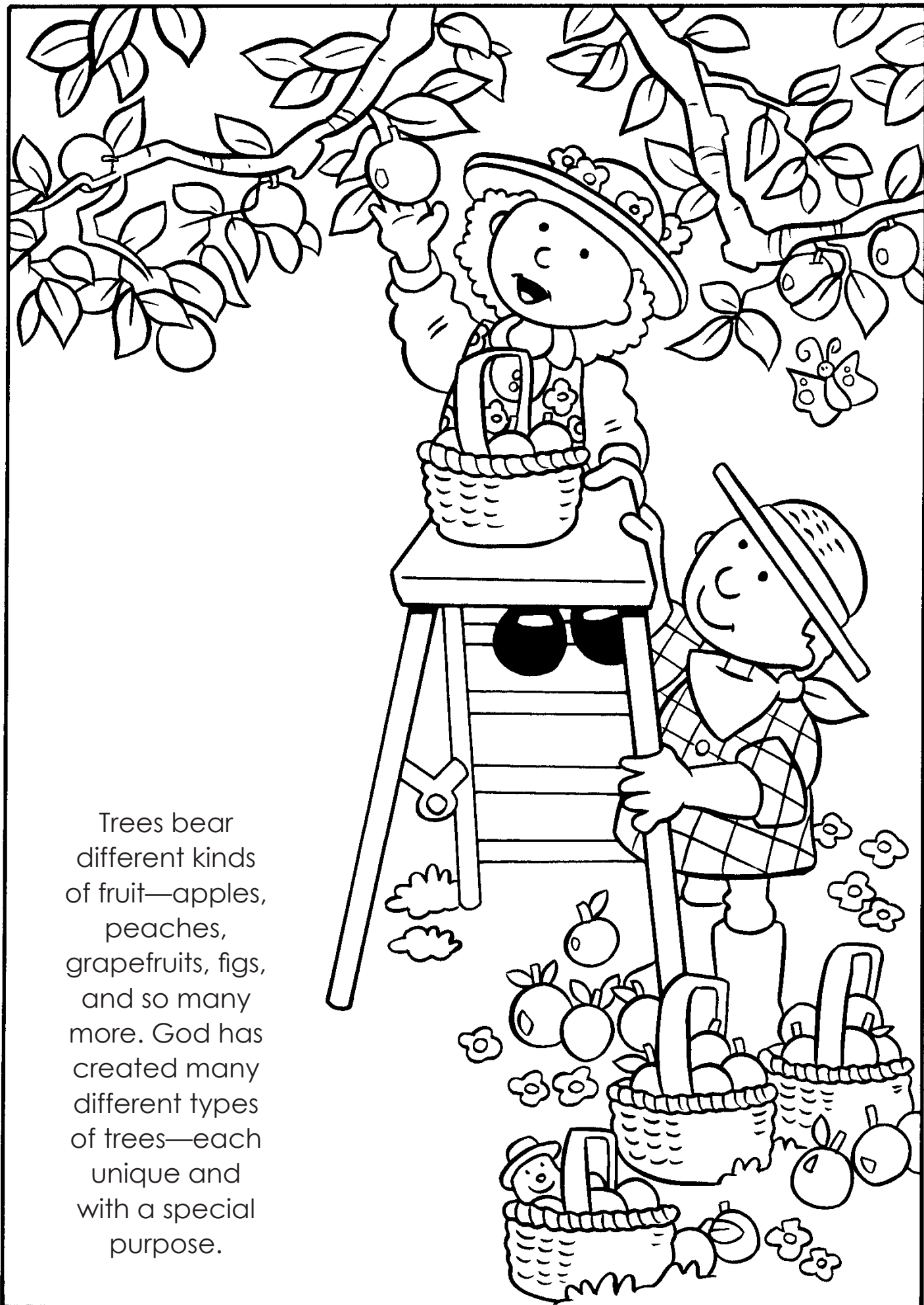
Trees that protect smaller
plants or saplings from winds
and harsh weather.

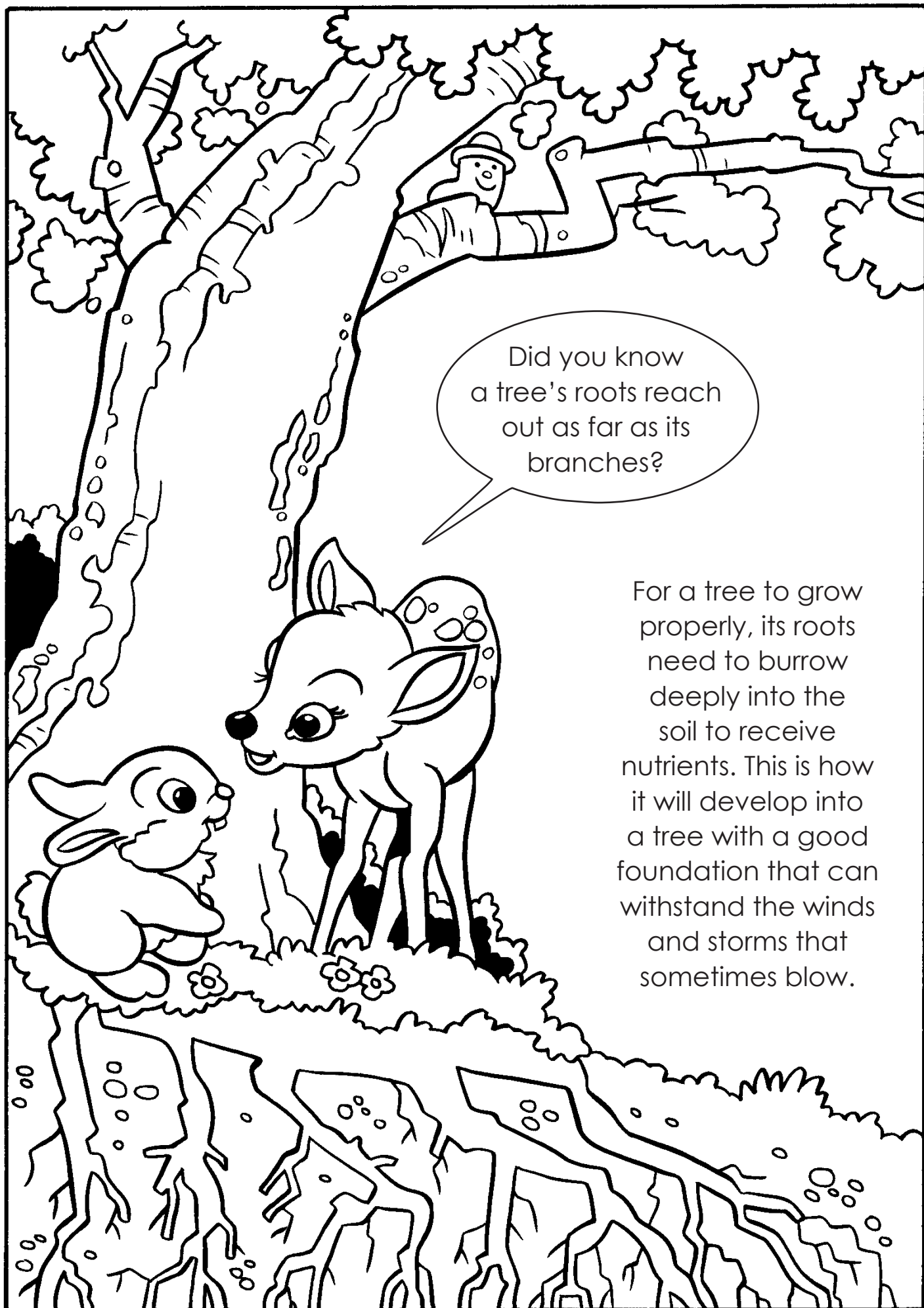




Trees that are perfect for play
—climbing in, building a treehouse or
fort in, or hanging a swing from a branch.

Trees bear
different kinds
of fruit—apples,
peaches,
grapefruits, figs,
and so many
more. God has
created many
different types
of trees—each
unique and
with a special
purpose.



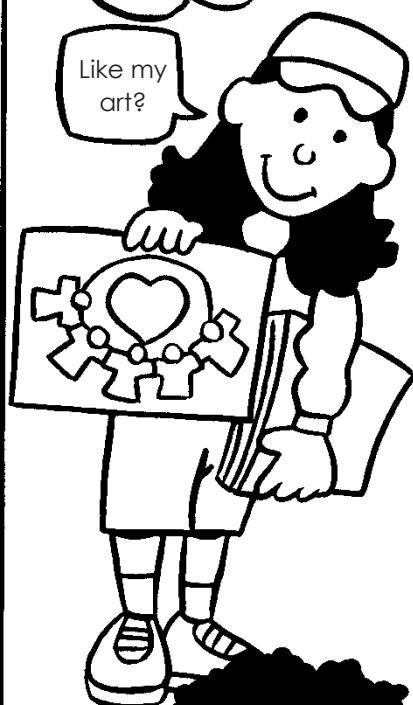
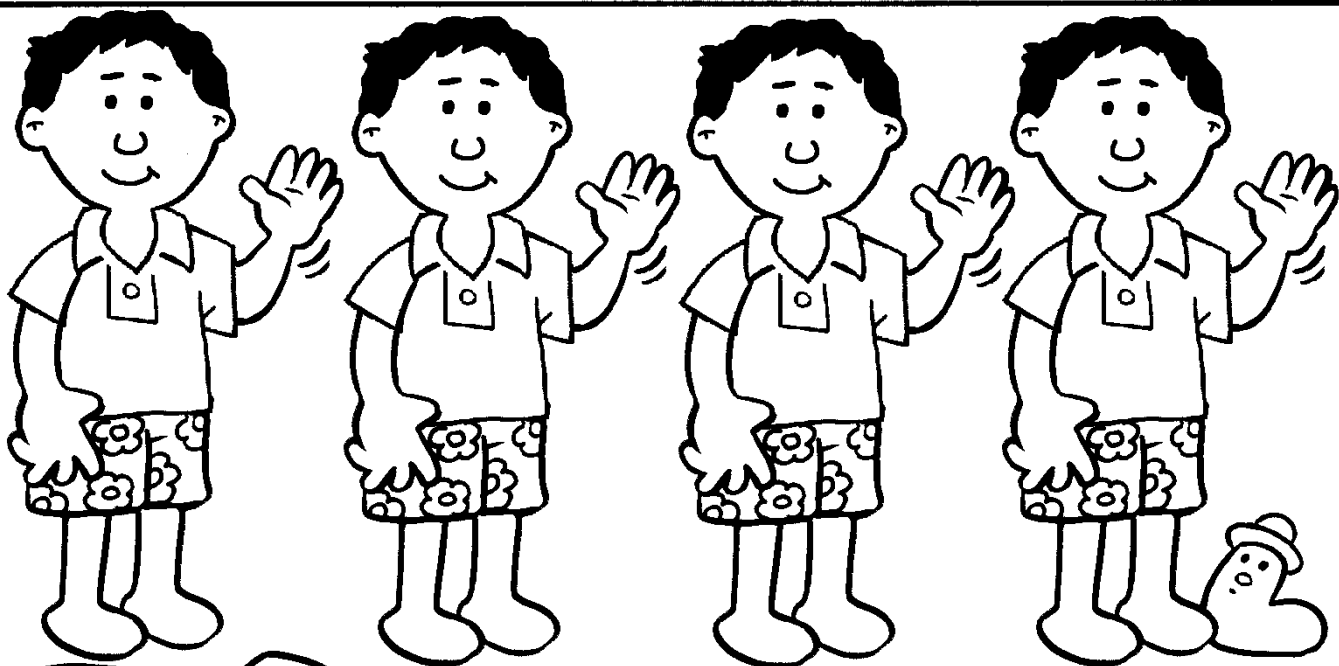


Did you know
a tree's roots reach
out as far as its
branches?

For a tree to grow properly, its roots need to burrow deeply into the soil to receive nutrients. This is how it will develop into a tree with a good foundation that can withstand the winds and storms that sometimes blow.



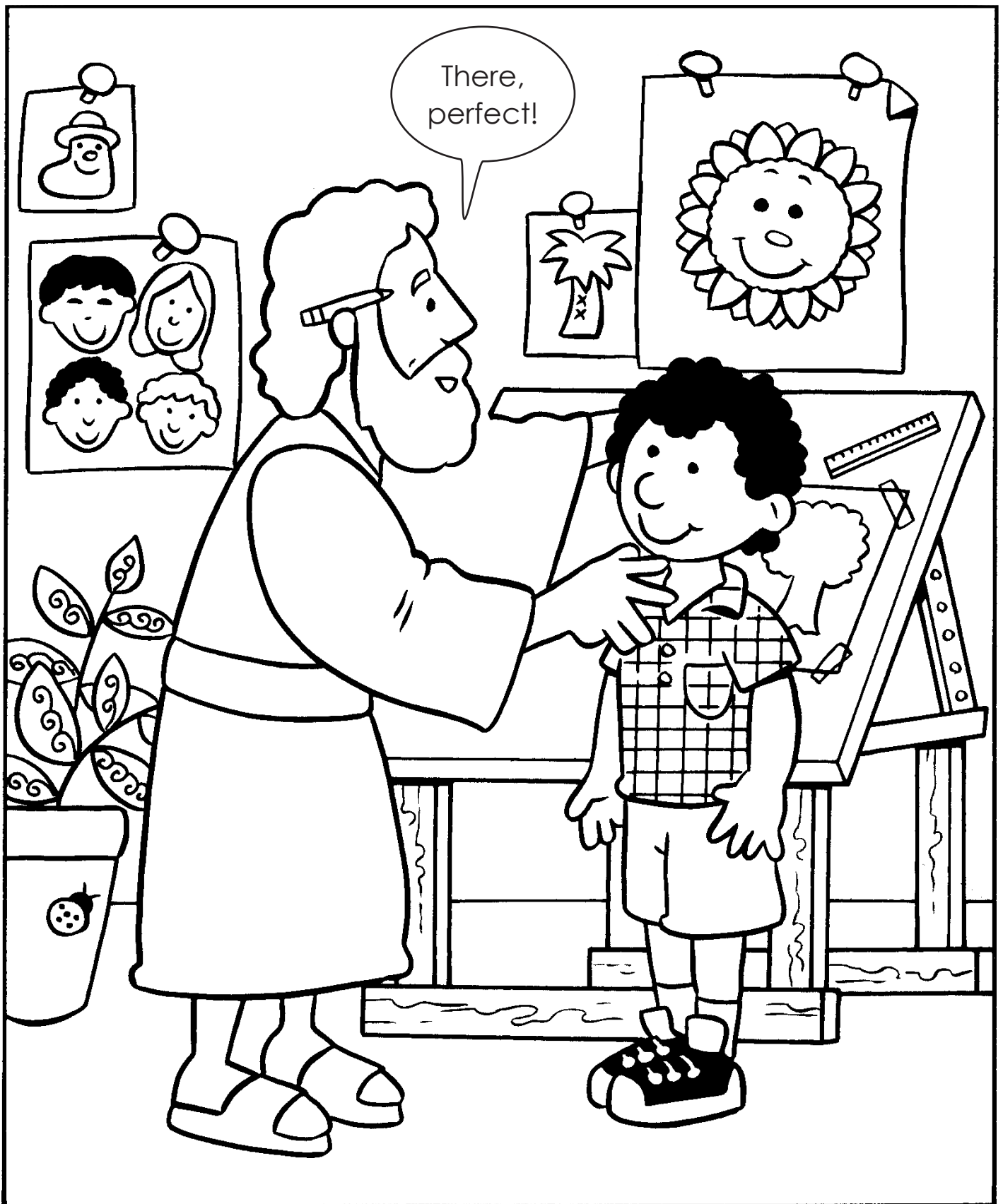
God has created His children
with many different gifts and
talents. Each person is unique
and special to Him.



In the Bible, we
read that "It
is God himself
who has made
us what we are
and given us
new lives from
Christ Jesus;
and long ages
ago he planned
that we should
spend these
lives in helping
others."¹



¹ Ephesians 2:10 TLB



You are made in God's image;² He has plans for your future that are good and filled with hope.³

² See Genesis 1:27.

³ See Jeremiah 29:11.



He has made you exactly as you are. Your different characteristics, skills, experiences, and culture make you a unique creation. Even those things that you struggle with help to develop your character and determination, because they remind you to ask Jesus for help.



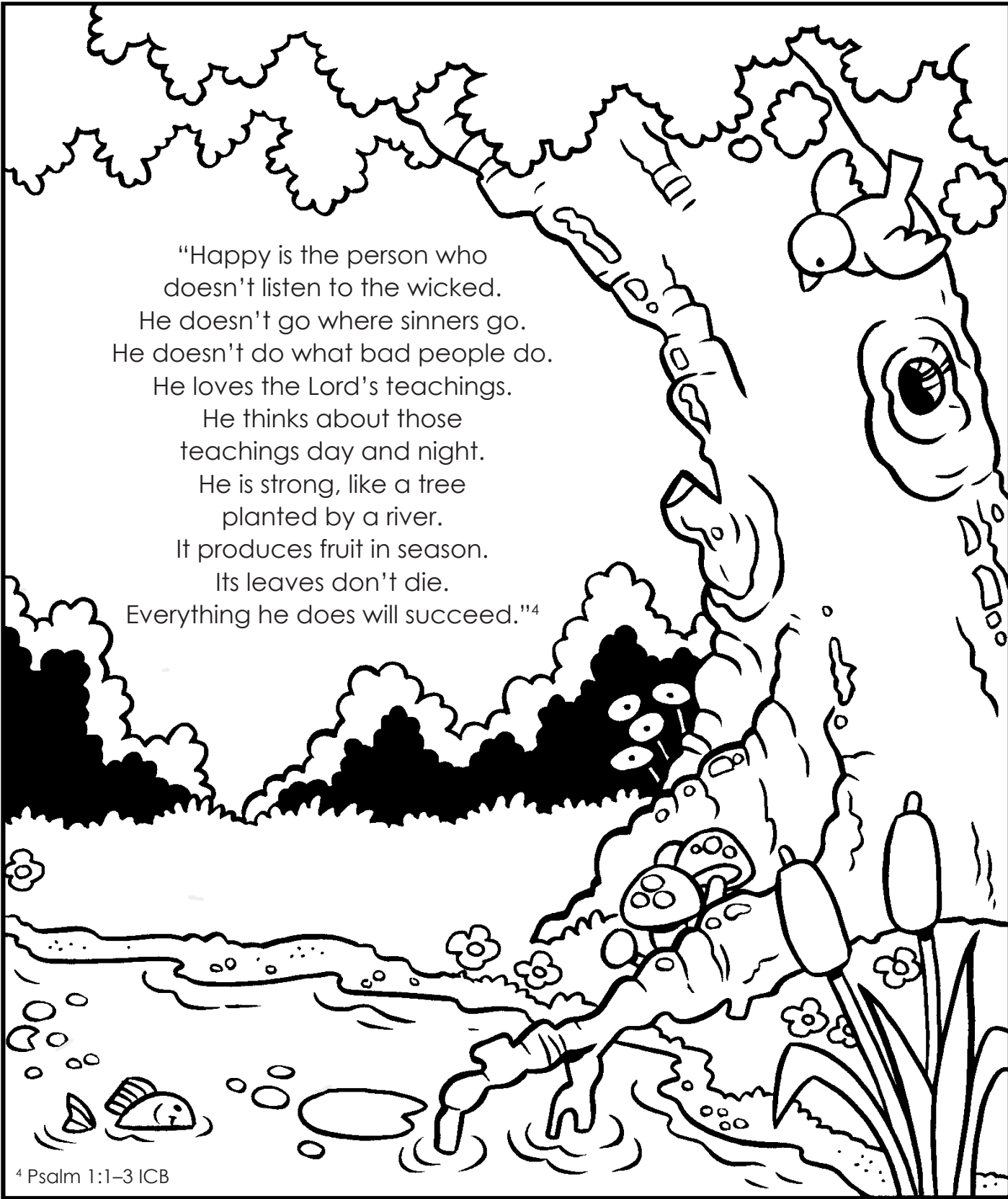


Don't ever
forget that you
are special to
Me!

If you feel discouraged
about something, take some
time to talk to Me about it.
I will encourage your heart
and draw you closer to Me.

You matter
to Me!

Like a Tree



"Happy is the person who
doesn't listen to the wicked.
He doesn't go where sinners go.
He doesn't do what bad people do.
He loves the Lord's teachings.
He thinks about those
teachings day and night.
He is strong, like a tree
planted by a river.
It produces fruit in season.
Its leaves don't die.
Everything he does will succeed."⁴

⁴ Psalm 1:1-3 ICB

See if you can find where Mr. Gardener's friend Wormy is hiding on pages 1-11.