

MONSTER



STORY TIME EVENT & ACTIVITY KIT

**AN EVENT KIT FOR
THE AWARD-WINNING
MONSTER & ME™ SERIES
FROM PAUL CZAJAK,
ILLUSTRATED BY
WENDY GRIEB**



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The Monster & Me series builds literacy, learning, and life skills by providing young children with relatable, real-life, and memorable stories. Each Monster book educates children about relationships, values, and vocabulary. Kids will fall in love with the mischievous, adventurous, friendly blue Monster!

In this Monster & Me Story Time Event Kit, we've provided ideas to make your store, classroom, or library a monstrously fun place to read and learn. These Story Time suggestions and reproducible activity sheets will familiarize children with Monster and engage their minds.

We welcome all comments about events or Story Times. Let us know how your event went by emailing Sammy Bosch at sammy@scarlettapress.com.

Paul Czajak

Paul Czajak got an “F” with the words “get a tutor” on his college writing paper and after that, never thought he’d become a writer. But after spending twenty years as a chemist, he knew his creativity could no longer be contained. Living in Massachusetts with his wife, and two little monsters, Paul has rediscovered his passion for writing and looks forward to sharing his stories for years to come.

Wendy Grieb

Wendy Grieb is a professional working in the Los Angeles animation industry and teaching animation at California State University—Fullerton. She is also an Annie Award-winning storyboard artist, who has worked as an animation development artist, children’s book illustrator, and character designer for companies such as Disney, Nickelodeon, Sony, Klasky-Csupo, White Wolf and more.



MONSTROUSLY MARVELOUS AWARDS AND REVIEWS

MONSTER NEEDS A COSTUME



A Mom's Choice Awards® Gold Recipient

"Given the jaunty flow of the story and the humorous details on every page, put this at the top of the list for unscary options come October." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"The rhymes, quite obviously, are bouncy and irreverent, and just as much heck is raised by Grieb's cartoony illustrations of the enormous, blue, horned beast with the happy underbite..." —*Booklist*

MONSTER NEEDS HIS SLEEP

"Czajak and Grieb pair up once again for a hilarious take on the many creative ways a monster attempts to avoid bedtime. ... Sure to be a welcome choice for the going-to-bed that never seems to end." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Featuring an endearing character children will adore, this imaginative book will be hard to put down...even at bedtime!" —Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen, author of *Pirate Princess and Chicks Run Wild*

MONSTER NEEDS A CHRISTMAS TREE



A Mom's Choice Awards® Gold Recipient

"Sendakesque ... The cute finale brings to mind Charlie Brown, as Monster gathers up houseplants to cobble together a pretty darn impressive placeholder. As before, Czajak and Grieb make Monster's perpetual overexcitement palpable and identifiable." —*Booklist*

"...providing children with a valuable lesson in persistence and determination. *Monster Needs a Christmas Tree* shows that the Monster & Me series is going strong and, from all indications, has a long life ahead of it." —*Foreword Reviews, 5-Star Review*

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STORY TIME SUGGESTIONS

Costume Story Time:

Bring your favorite costume. Try to think outside the box like Monster. The most creative costume wins a candy prize! See Page 6 to make your own Halloween mask.



Sleepytime Story Time:



Bring your favorite pajamas. Get into a circle and discuss: Why doesn't Monster want to sleep? What is your greatest fear? How could you overcome this fear? Draw your own pajamas on Page 7 of this event kit.

Winter Wonderland Story Time:

Ask the kids to wear winter or Christmas-themed clothes. Craft your own tree by using the activity on Page 8.



Swashbuckling Birthday Story Time:



Dress in pirate-themed costume to celebrate Monster's birthday. Hold an in-store scavenger hunt: Look for two gold doubloons hidden somewhere in-store. The winners receive a party balloon and a dessert in honor of Monster's birthday. Color your own eye patch and parrot using the activity on Page 9.

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MONSTROUS WORDS VOCABULARY SHEET

For each group of words, find the word that doesn't belong and cross it out.
What word can you think of to replace it?

Ballerina

Desperado

Plié

Deflated

Scrumptious

Exhausted

Delight

Dismay

Evergreen

Jubilee

Suspicious

Mysterious

Dramatically

Emphatically

Astronaut

Vocabulary Sheet Answers: Desperado, Scrumptious, Dismay, Astronaut, Evergreen

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MAKE YOUR OWN MONSTER MASK!

Decorate the Monster face below using markers, glitter, sequins, etc. Be creative!
Cut out the Monster face and glue a stick to the back. Now you have a mask!



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MONSTER PAPER DOLL

Draw your favorite pajamas on Monster!

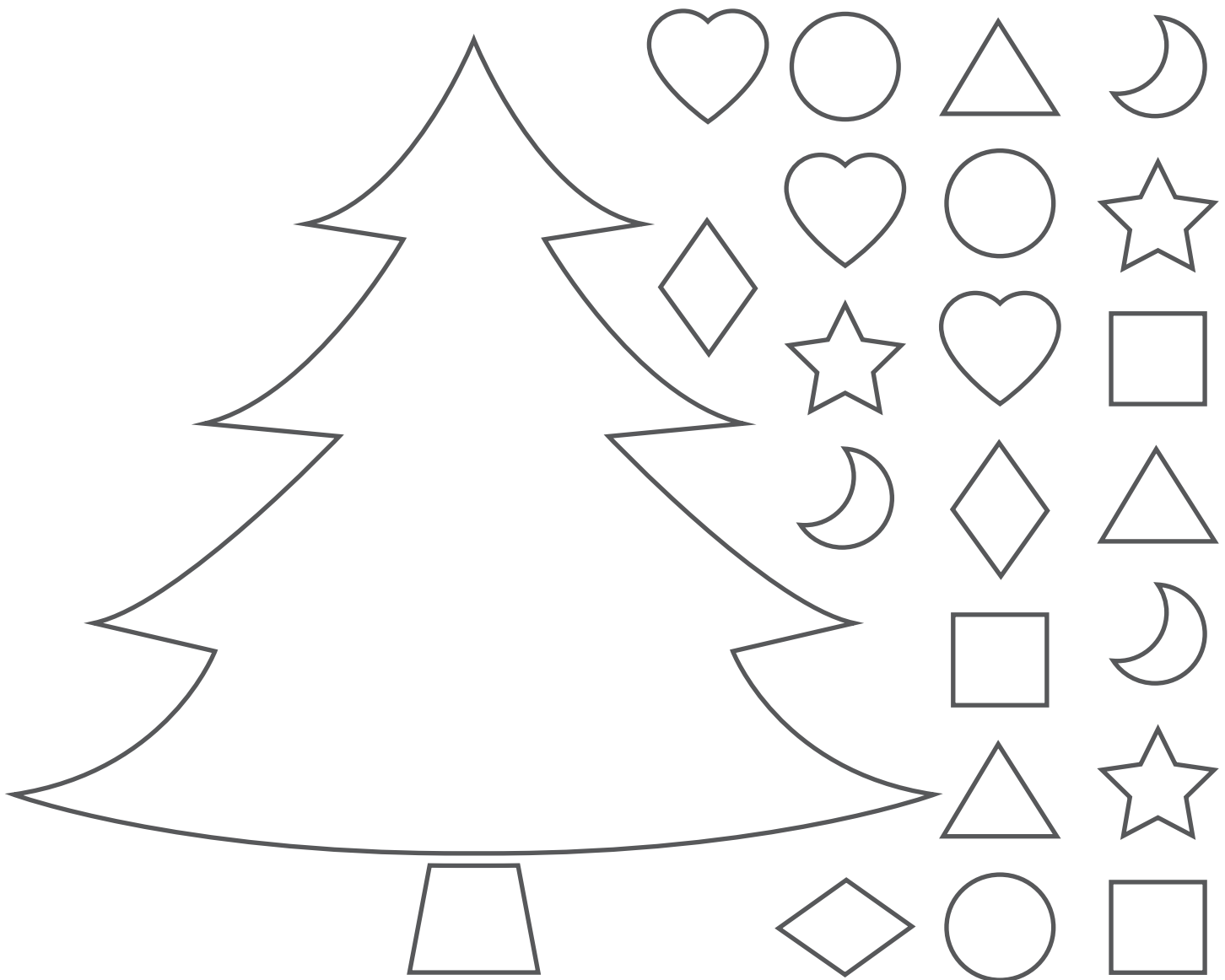


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MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE!

Color and cut out the shapes below.
Glue them to the tree and make your own special tree like Monster!

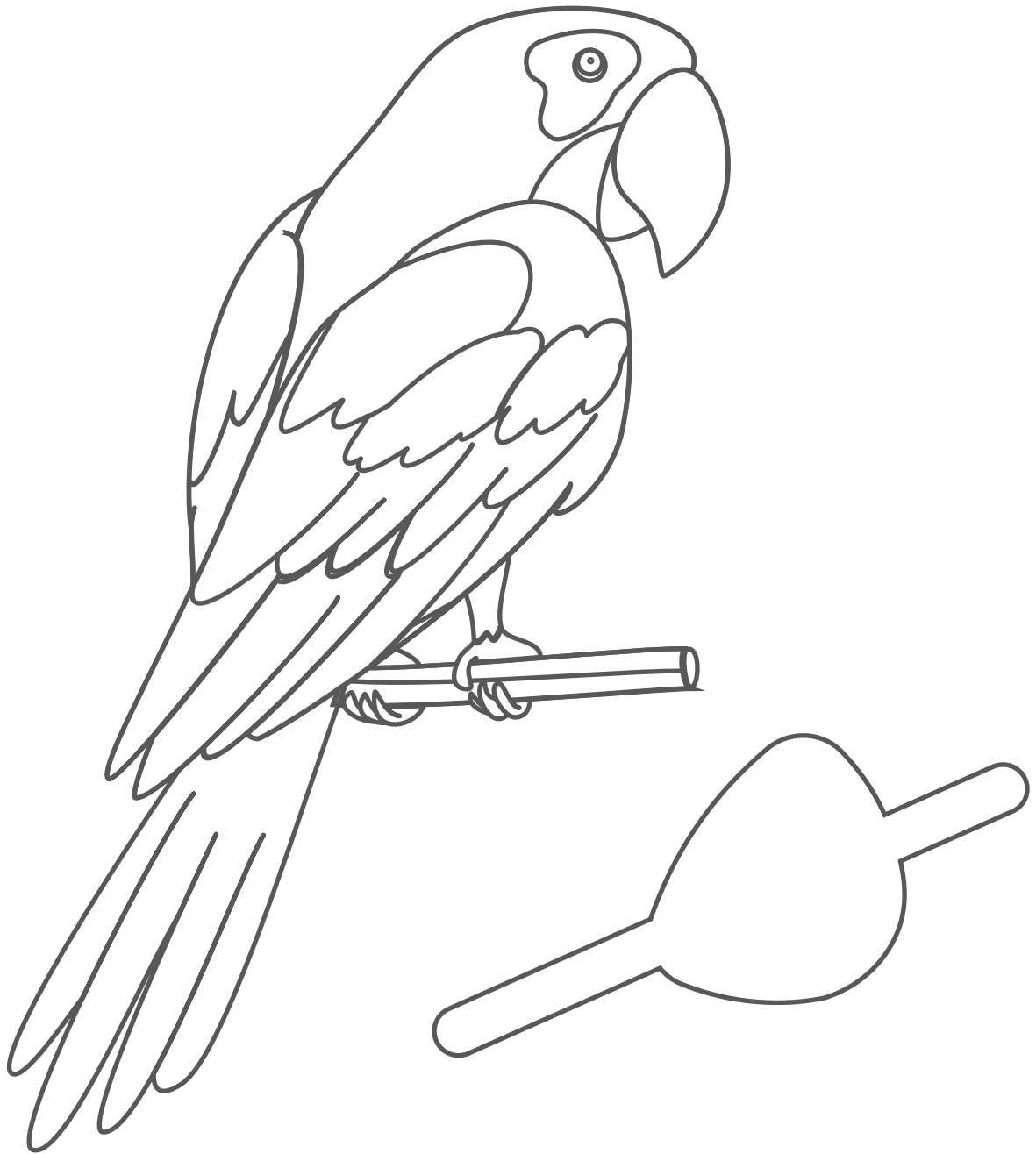


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SWASHBUCKLING COLORING SHEET

Color the eye patch and parrot below in honor of Monster's birthday!



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STORY TIME WITH MONSTER



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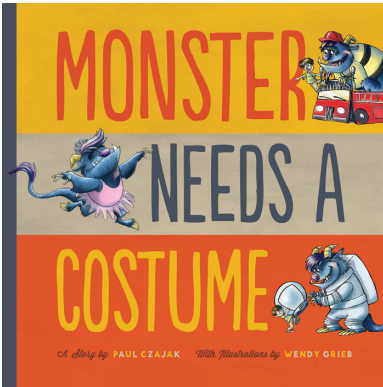
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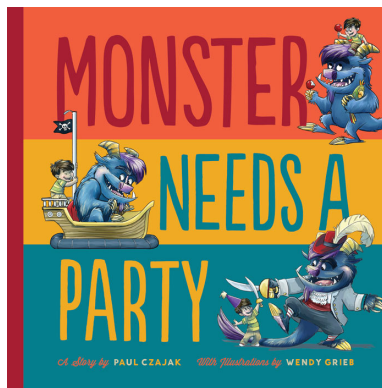
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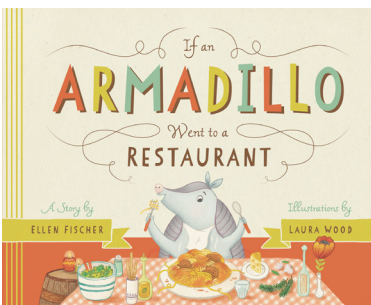
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YOUR VOTE**

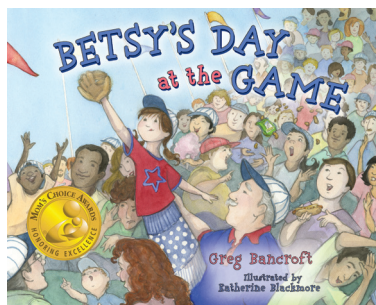
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