

TEACHER'S GUIDE



The Great Get-Together

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Step right up! Blue ribbons, daring rides, strutting animals, foods-on-a-stick—all this and more await at the annual reunion, the greatest of get-togethers, the state fair.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- How does a state fair help people from different towns and cities feel like one big community?
- What are some ways people work together to make the fair fun and exciting for everyone?
- Why is it important to have a place where we can celebrate all the different things that make our state special?
- What are some fun competitions at the fair, and how do they help people feel proud of what they do well?
- How can going to a fair help us learn more about each other and become better friends and neighbors?

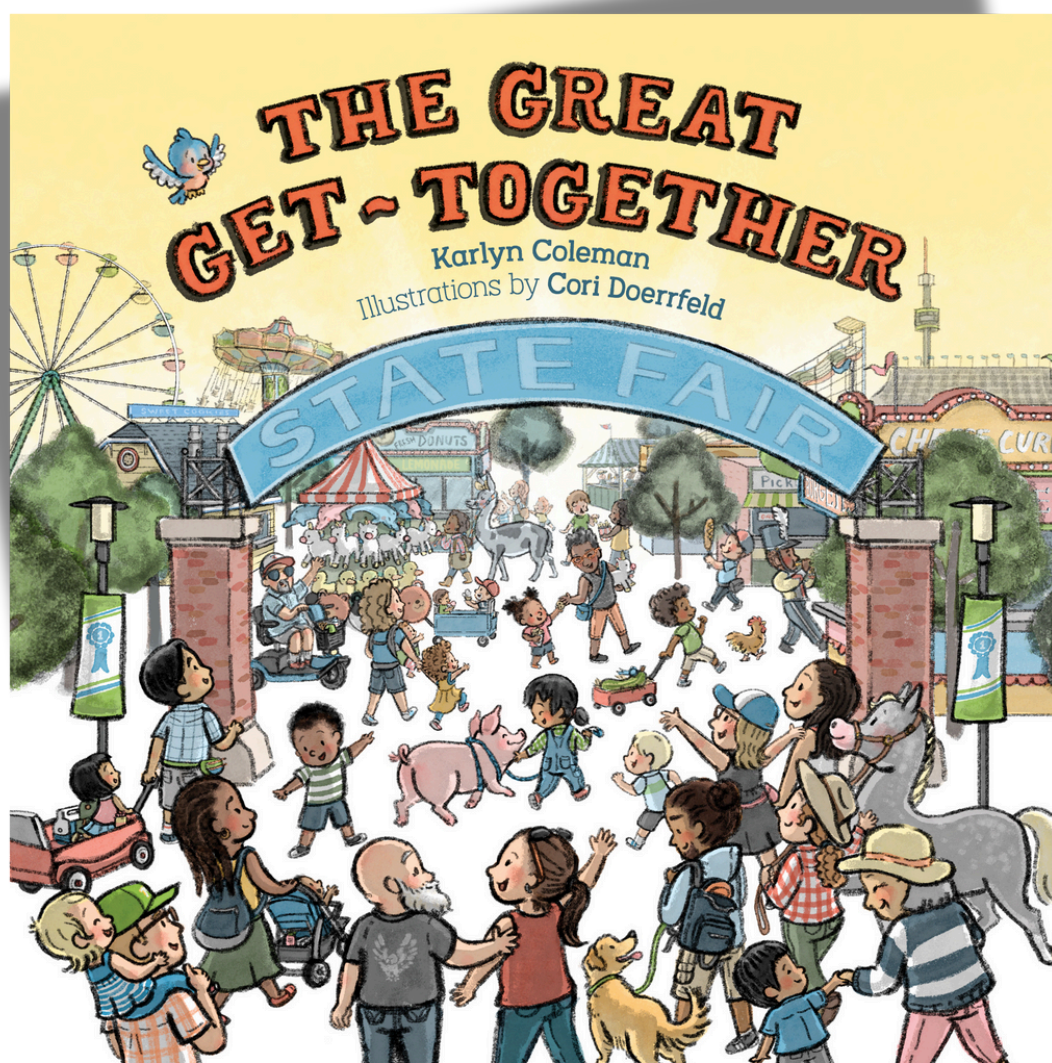
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The Great Get-Together Activity Guide



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Questions for Thinking and Sharing



Wood carvings,
blown glass,
art made out of
seeds.



needlepoint work,
patchwork quilts,
hand-knit sweaters.



A princess
carved
out of
butter?



Questions after reading *The Great Get-Together*:

1. How does a state fair help people from different towns and cities feel like one big community?
2. What are some ways people work together to make the fair fun and exciting for everyone?
3. Why is it important to have a place where we can celebrate all the different things that make our state special?
4. What are some fun competitions at the fair, and how do they help people feel proud of what they do well?
5. How can going to a fair help us learn more about each other and become better friends and neighbors?

State Fair Bingo

When you spot any of these fun things, make sure to check them off.
What awesome adventures and sights can be found at a fair?



cow



skyglider



band



blue ribbon winner

FREE



stuffed animal



arts and crafts



llama

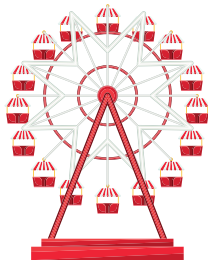


ferris wheel

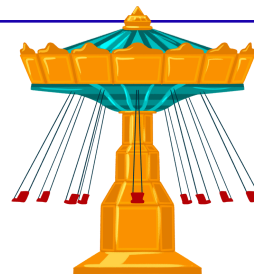
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ONE

This OR That

If you had only one ticket for each fun activity, which one would you pick?
Please circle your favorite choice!



Ride the Ferris Wheel



Ride the Swings



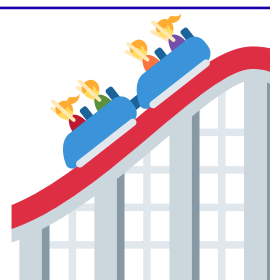
Eat a Corn Dog



Eat Cotton Candy



Ride the Giant Slide



Ride the Roller Coaster



Pet a Llama



Pet a horse



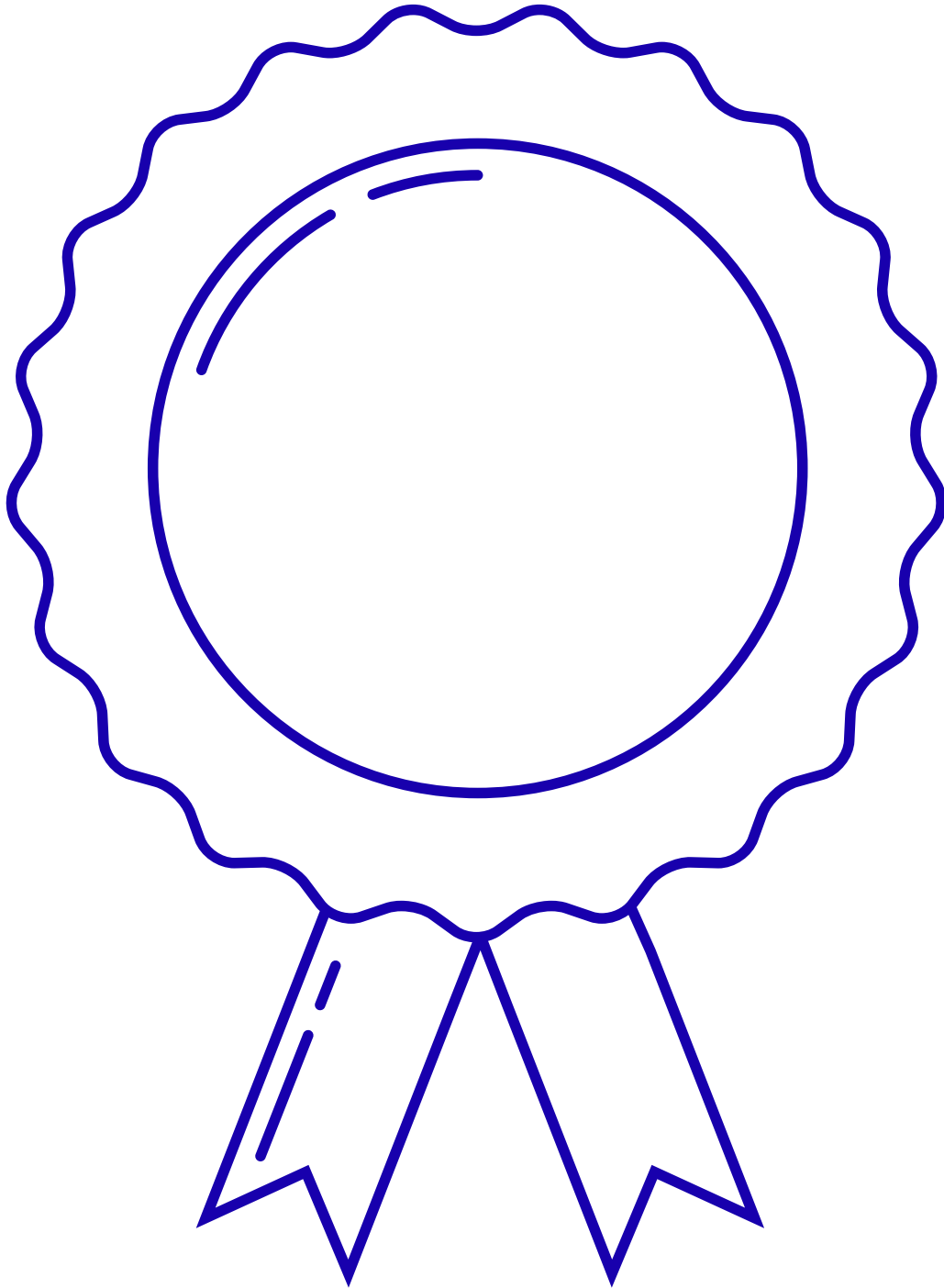
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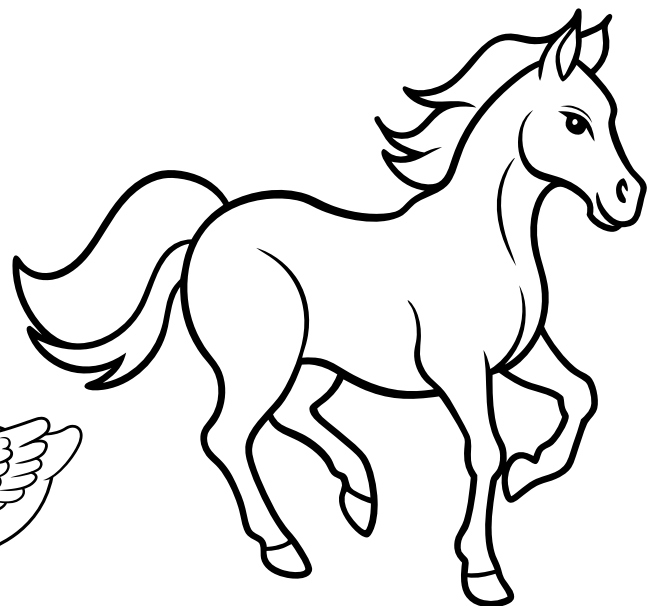
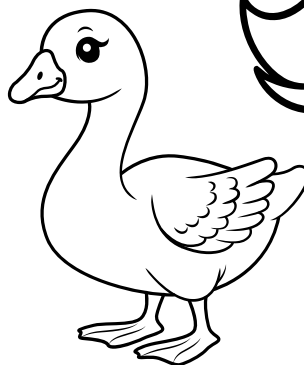
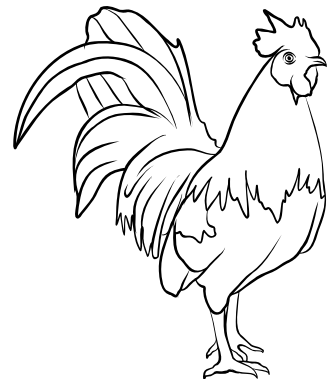
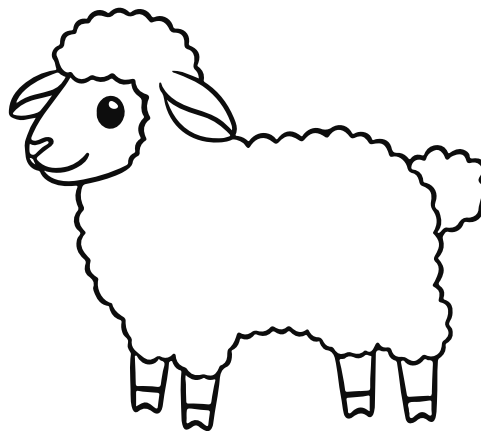
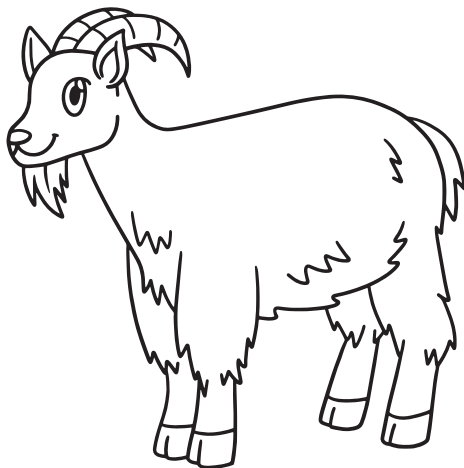
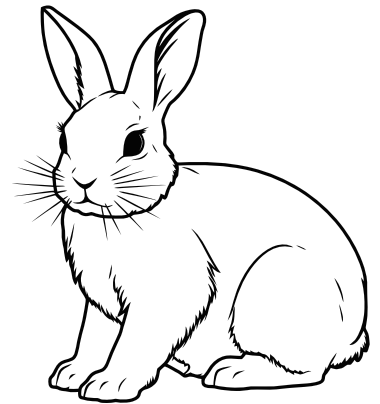
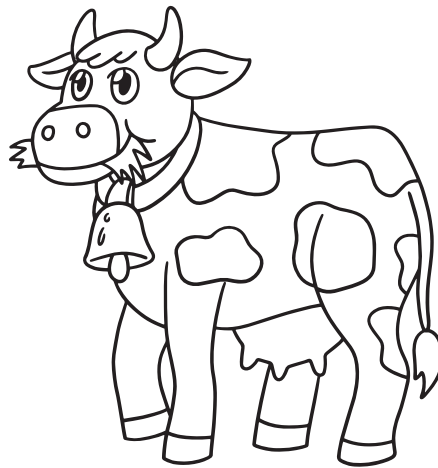
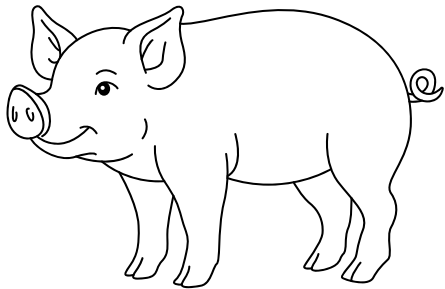
Look at Giant Pumpkins

Ribbon Challenge

Make a **BLUE** ribbon to celebrate your amazing talents! What makes you special? Are you a super friend, great with animals, crafty, sporty, or really good at solving problems?



Farm Animal Coloring



Fabulous Eats and Treats

Express your creativity by writing or drawing about your favorite foods!
Make us hungry!

A yellow Polaroid-style frame with a white center for drawing or writing.

**My favorite
sweet food**

An orange Polaroid-style frame with a white center for drawing or writing.

**My favorite food
to share**

A green Polaroid-style frame with a white center for drawing or writing.

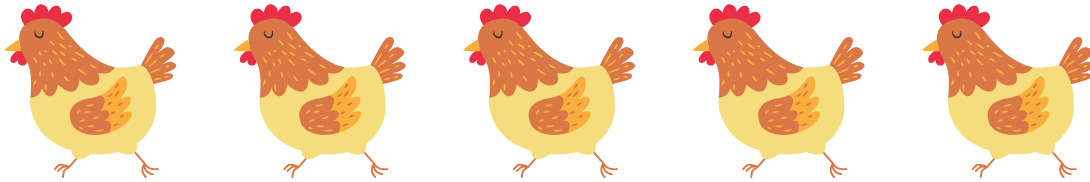
**My favorite
food on a stick**

A purple Polaroid-style frame with a white center for drawing or writing.

**My favorite
fruit or vegetable**

Counting Farm Animals

Count the farm animals below and put the correct number in the circle.





Farm animals

Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

R	A	G	E	S	R	A	B	B	I	T	A
B	H	I	O	M	I	O	K	P	V	A	S
D	X	E	R	A	S	A	C	O	W	L	D
U	O	H	L	A	T	C	C	E	R	A	O
C	T	O	C	O	M	E	I	T	I	D	N
K	I	R	C	H	W	E	M	O	T	K	K
N	R	S	S	E	A	L	G	O	O	S	E
R	C	E	H	N	V	A	A	V	G	F	Y
E	U	W	V	E	C	H	I	C	K	L	E
P	I	G	K	T	L	K	C	O	T	U	M
B	V	T	E	P	L	S	H	E	E	P	N
E	D	O	V	E	T	I	R	E	L	F	R

RABBIT

SHEEP

PIG

CHICK

DONKEY

GOAT

COW

DOVE

GOOSE

DUCK

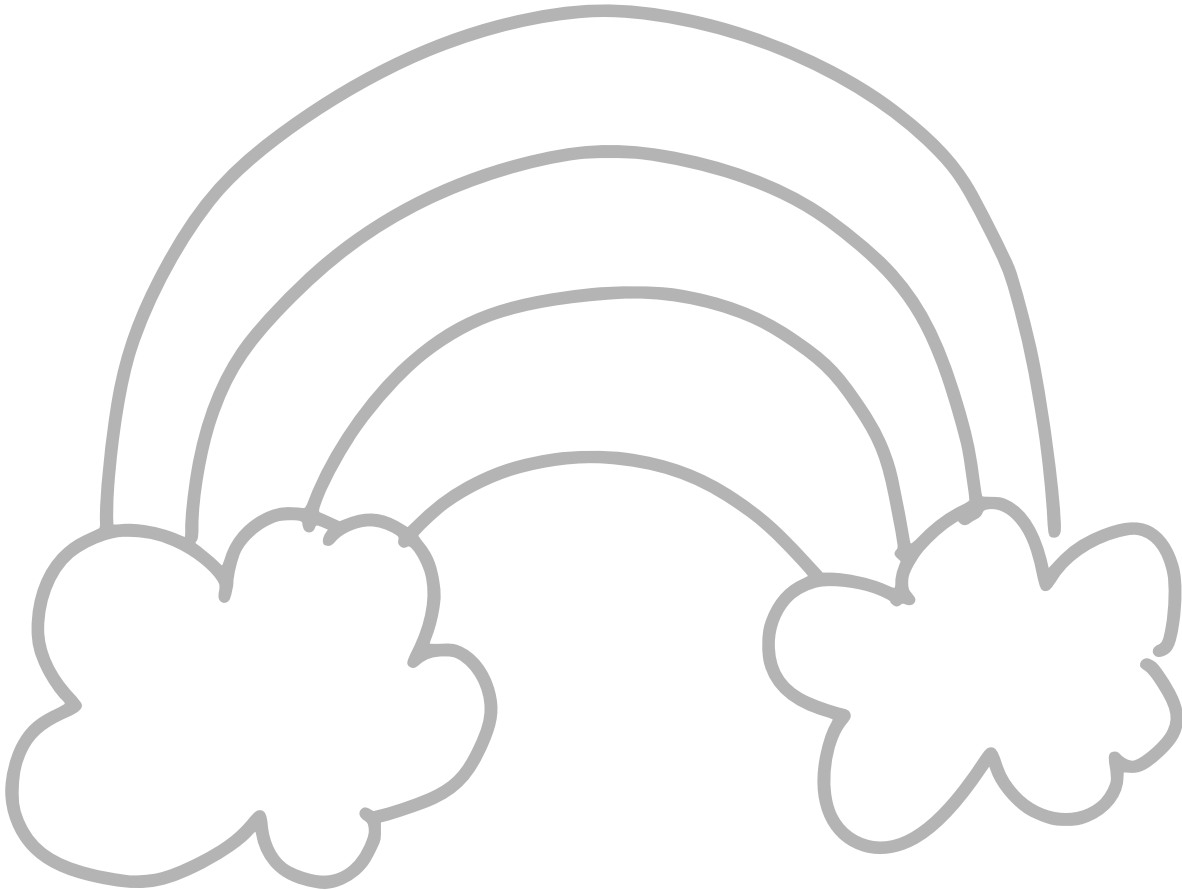
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HORSE

Create Your Own Seed Art



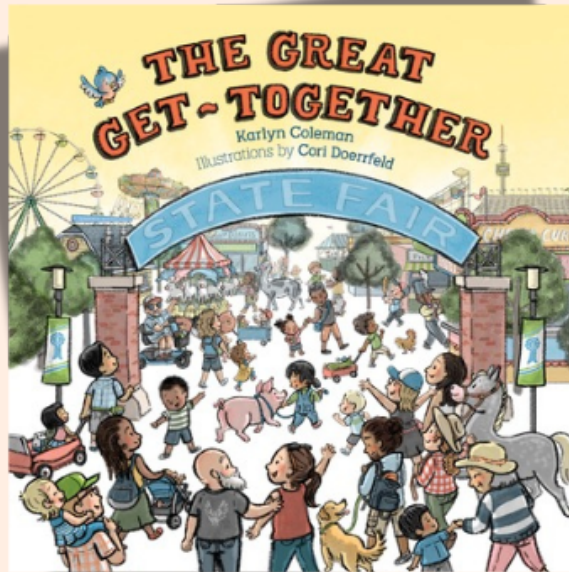
1. First, draw a simple picture like a flower, animal, or shape on your paper. Or use the image of the rainbow provided below.
2. Then, choose different kinds of seeds to match the parts of your picture—big seeds, small seeds, light or dark! Have an adult help you find seeds in a garden or on a walk or even in your kitchen cupboard!
3. Use glue to carefully stick the seeds onto your drawing to color it in and make your art pop!





WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST?

Write a story or draw a picture about your favorite part of
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