



ORLANDO SHAKESPEARE THEATER
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Study Guide

IF YOU GIVE A CAT A CUPCAKE

Based on the book by Laura Numeroff
Adapted by Bob Dolan

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Dear Bookseller,

If you give a cat a cupcake, he'll ask for some sprinkles to go with it. When you give him the sprinkles, he might spill some on the floor. Cleaning up will make him hot, so you'll give him a bathing suit...and that's just the beginning!

The adorable cat who first appeared in *If You Give a Pig a Party* now stars in his very own book, *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake!* Written in the tradition of the best-selling *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond's newest story will show everyone that Cat is where it's at!

We've provided everything you'll need to have a successful event in celebration of Cat, including:

- Name tags for your guests
- Reproducible activities
- Decorate-your-own-cupcake coloring page and sticker sheet giveaways
- Full-color poster
- Cupcake recipes from 

Find out more about Cat's new adventure and the entire *If You Give... Book*™ series at www.mousecookiebooks.com!



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MAKE THE MATCH

Draw a line to connect each word on the left with the matching picture on the right.

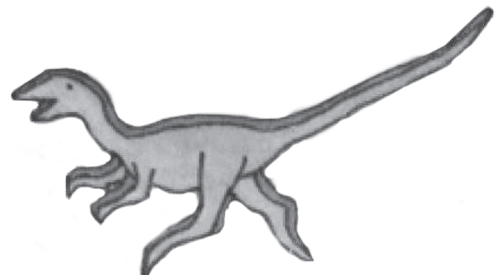
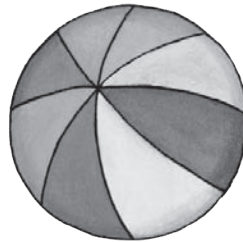
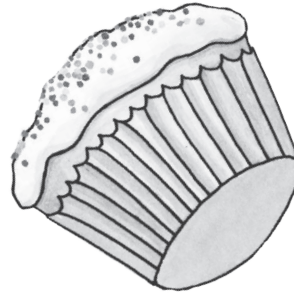
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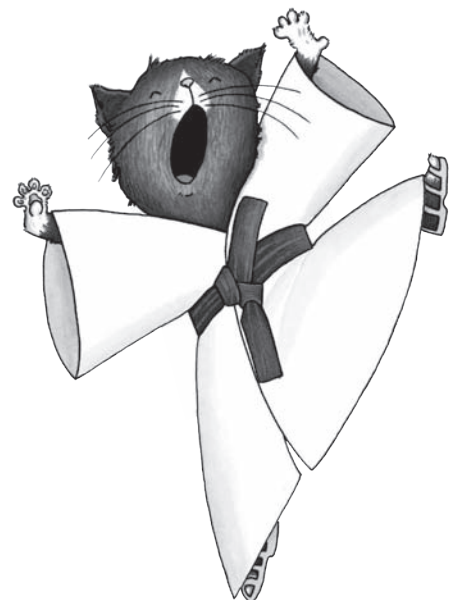
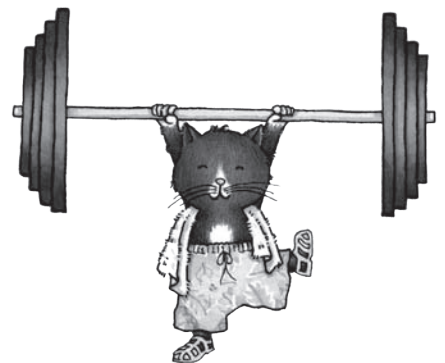
Reproducible Activity

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WHICH CAT IS DIFFERENT?

Cat is very active and likes to have fun.

Look carefully at the pictures below and circle the one that is different in each row.



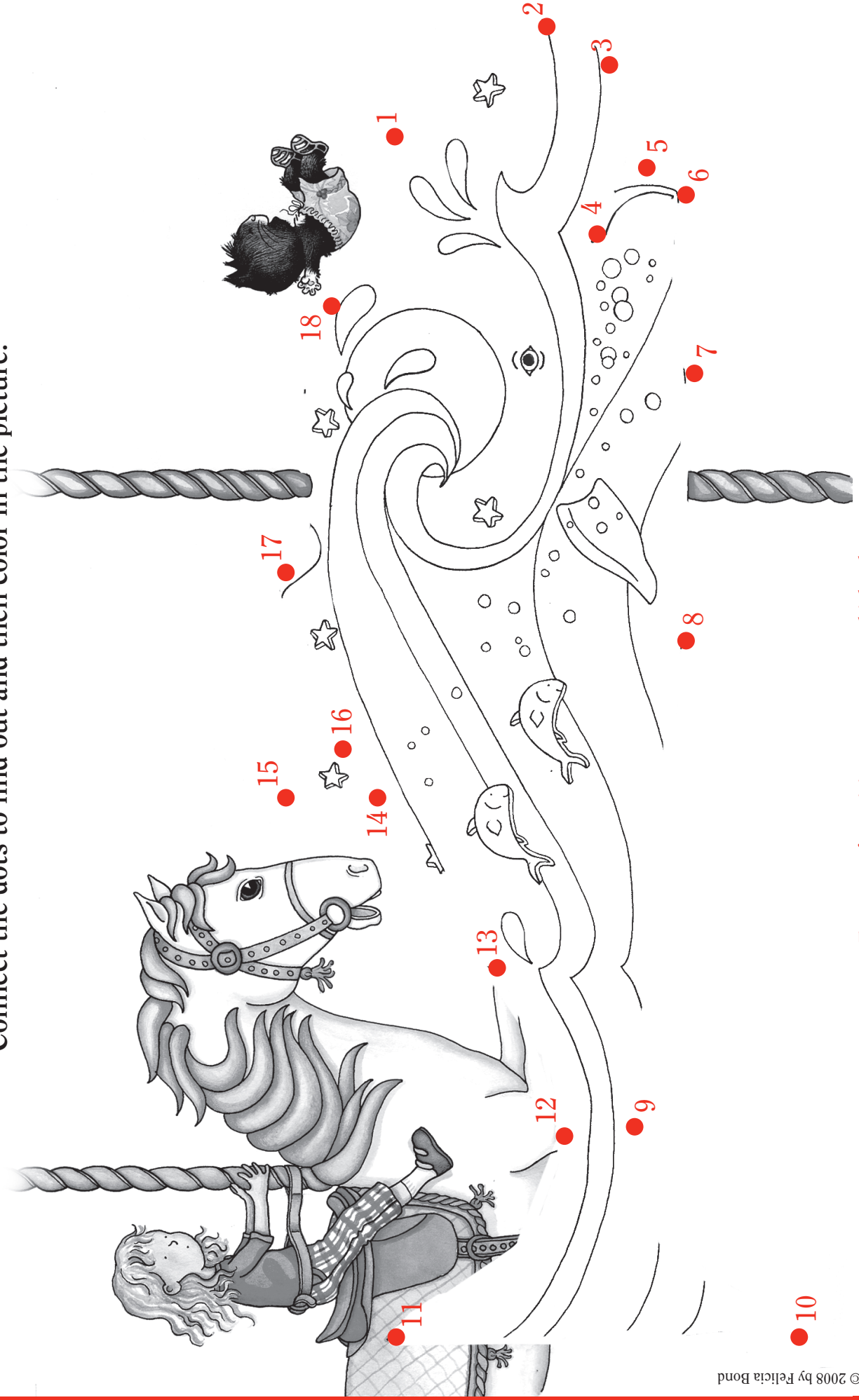
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A WHALE OF A TIME

What is Cat doing?

Connect the dots to find out and then color in the picture.



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A DAY AT THE BEACH

When Cat was looking for seashells at the beach, he found some other things as well.

Can you spot the hidden objects in the picture below?

Circle each one that you find and cross it off the list.

BOOT HAT MOUSE BRUSH TRUCK WHISTLE SNEAKER

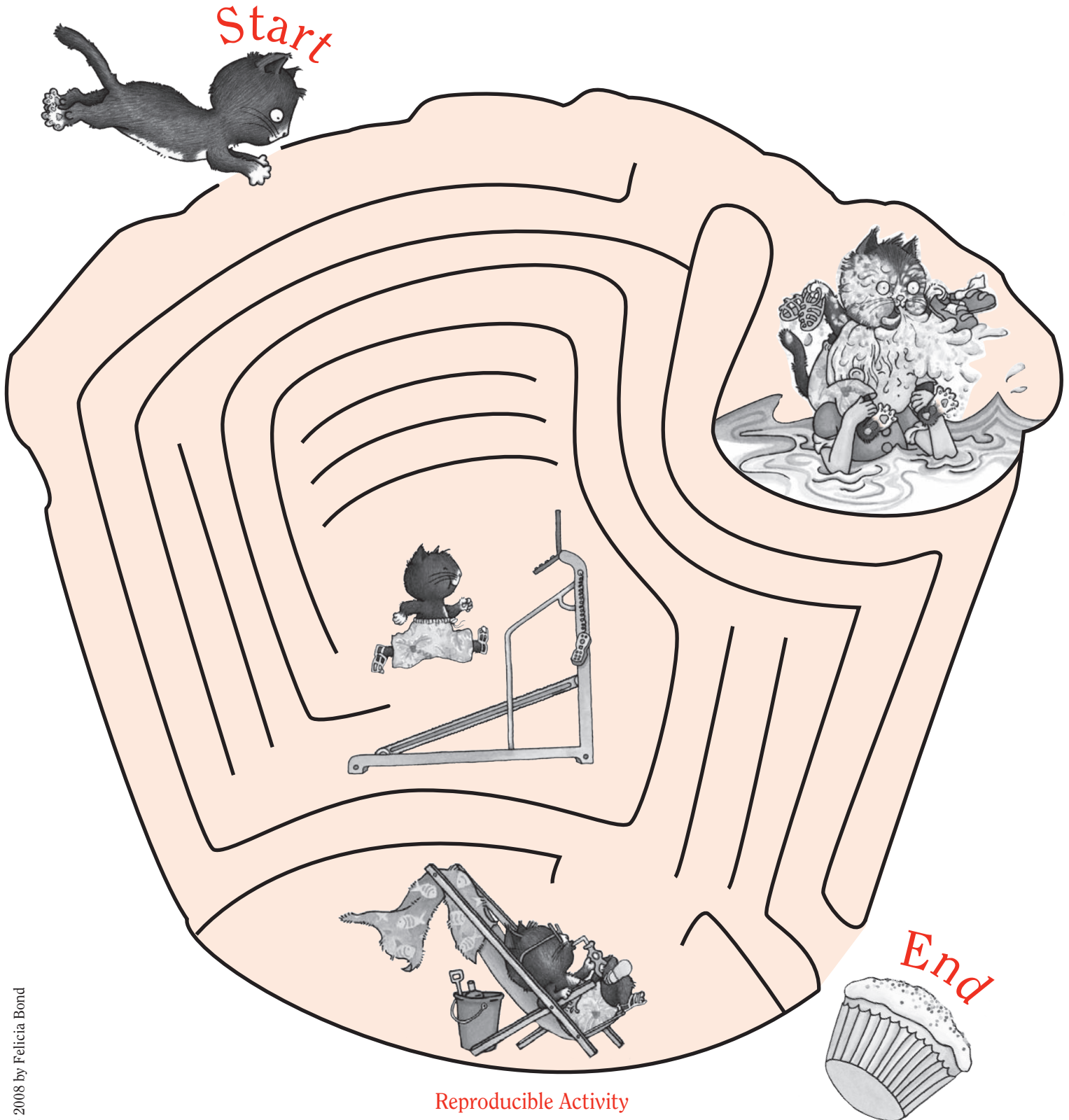


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CAT'S CUPCAKE MAZE

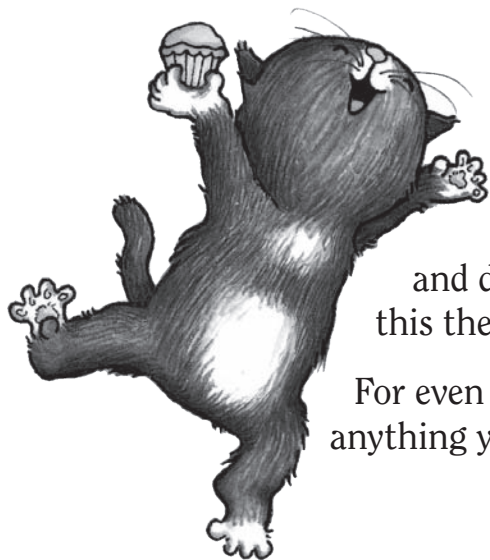
Help Cat find his way through the maze to get to the cupcake at the end.
Try not to get caught up in his adventures along the way!



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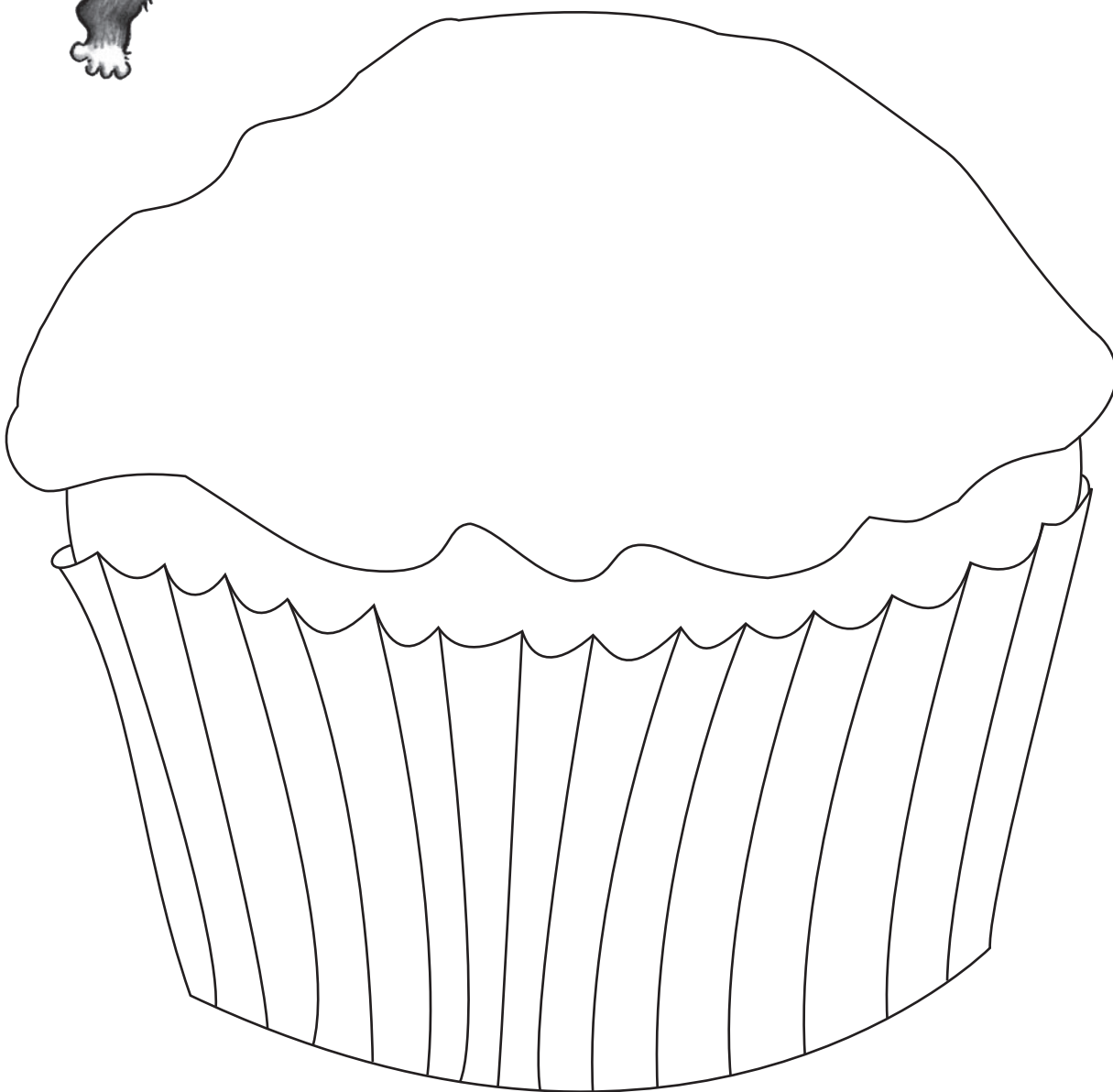
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DECORATE YOUR OWN CUPCAKE!



Cat loves cupcakes. You can have fun, just like Cat, by decorating your own cupcake. Use crayons or markers and draw in decorations and your favorite sweet treats to make this the most colorful and creativwe cupcake ever!

For even more fun, use craft supplies to add glitter glue, sparkles—anything you can think of!



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Orlando Shakespeare Theater is proud to present the *World Premiere* of the stage version of Laura Numeroff's If you Give a Cat a Cupcake!

This adaptation was written by OST's Director of Education, Bob Dolan, who has previously adapted and directed another of Ms. Numeroff's books, at Study Guide If You give a Moose a Muffin.

This year's production follows the storyline of the book as the Cat talks his new friend, the little Girl, into taking trips to the beach, the park, and the museum all the while creating chaos and dragging along a very indulgent Father. A talented group of 5 OST actors will portray all the characters in the book, as well as several that have been added for the stage adaptation.

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If your students are coming to see our production, please discuss Theater Etiquette with them. It will make for a much more enjoyable experience for everyone.

- 1) Everyone needs to be quiet and LISTEN when the characters are talking on the stage.
- 2) It's great to laugh, but then we need to quiet down again so that everyone can hear what the characters are saying.
- 3) It's OK to answer when the characters ask the audience a question. But only answer once.
- 4) Pay attention to everything in the Theater: The sets, the lighting, the costumes, the music.
- 5) Let them know that we are going to ask for a few people in the audience to be in a part of the show, doing some exercise and a dance. But we can only take a few, so don't be disappointed if you aren't picked. *(We will be asking your help in identifying three or four from each group who are well coordinated and might learn a simple dance quickly).*

Finally: Please know that we endeavor to start each show ON TIME and our schedule (and yours) does not allow for waiting for latecomers before starting. Please do everything you can to insure that your bus is at the school to pick you up in enough time to get you here 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

If You Give a Cat a Cupcake

Post Show Discussion Questions

Why doesn't the Little Girl tell her Father that it's the Cat who wants to go to all the places?

How does the Little Girl talk her Father into taking her to all the places?

What food is the Father always trying to find?

What did the Lady at the beach think she saw in the water?

What kind of exercises and activities were they doing at the Gym?

Were you scared by the Pirate that the Cat & Little Girl "saw" in their imagination?

Have you ridden on a Carousel before? Where? What animal did you ride on?

Have you been to the Science Museum? Did you see dinosaurs? Apes?

Have you collected shells on the beach? Have you been to any beaches outside of Florida? Do you have any seashells at home?

What is your favorite kind of cupcake: Yellow cake or chocolate?

How about frosting: what is your favorite flavor?

Do you have sprinkles on your cupcakes?