

Ben's Adventures



Under The Big Top!

Activity Fun Guide

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Ben's Adventures: Under the Big Top!

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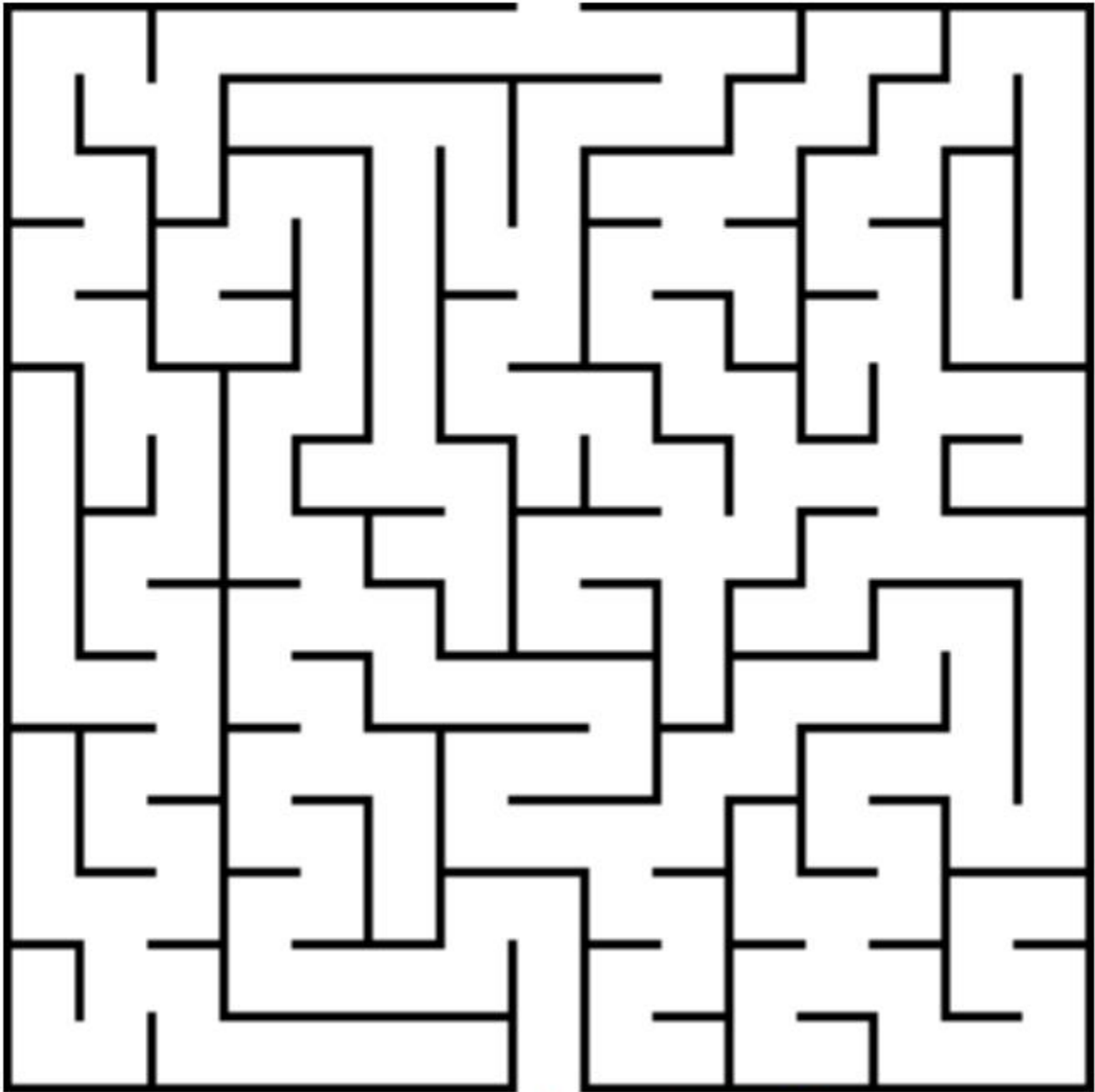
My hope for the Ben's Adventures books has always
been that they help to normalize disability with young
children. I do believe that if we can show images, see
different types of people & children and then TALK
about it, these 'differences' become less scary.

I hope you and your children can have a bit of fun
with this Activity Fun Guide. You'll find a mix of puzzles,
jokes, coloring sheets and lessons designed to get
families talking about disability and our differences,
while making it fun. Differences are not bad or 'weird'
but they are what makes each of us unique.

*All Kids Can
Play & Dream.*



Get Ben to the Circus!



How Many?

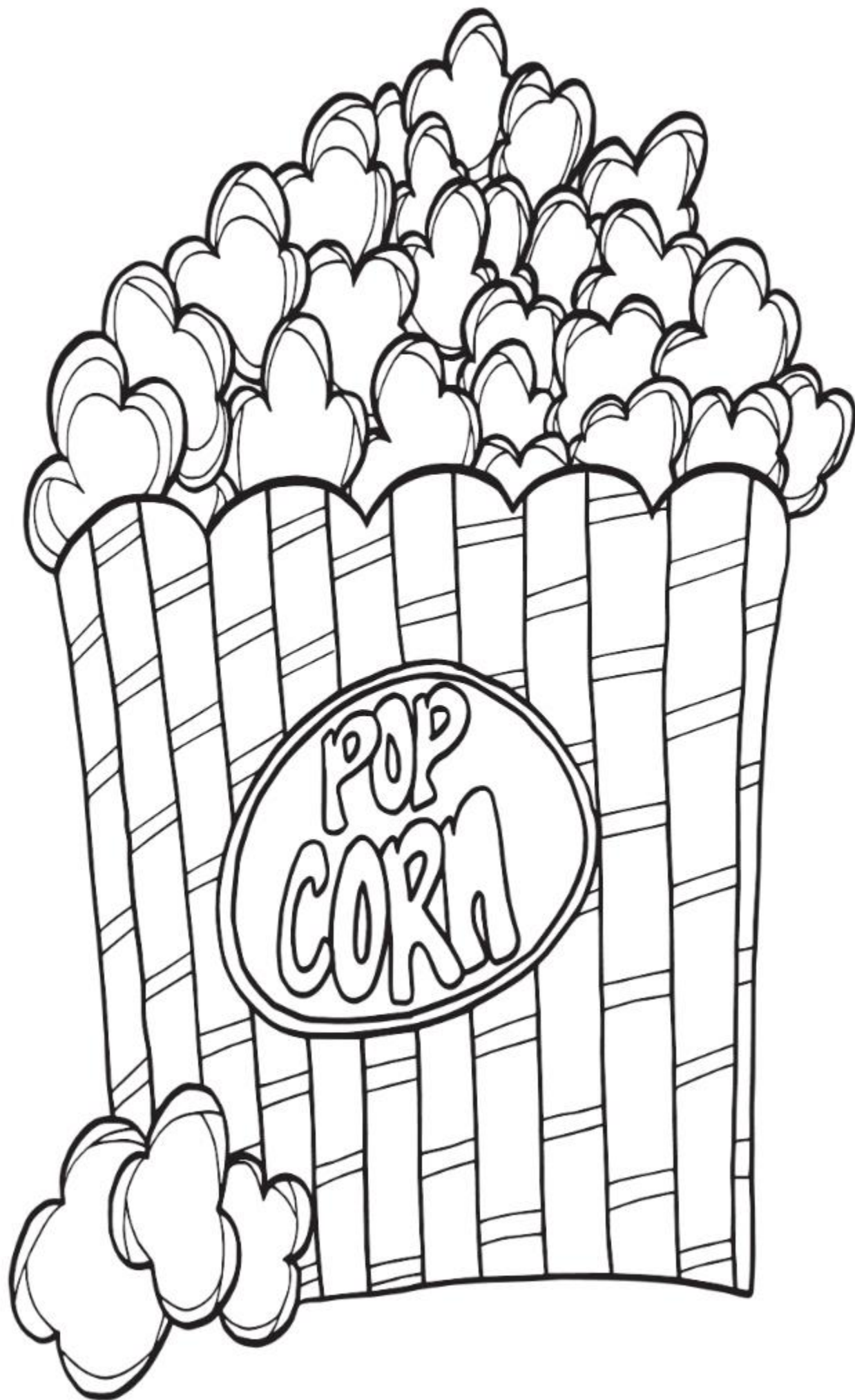


Tickets?

Hats?

Balls?

Ice Cream
Cones?





WORD

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Acceptance
Acrobat
Adventures
Benjamin
Big Top
Candy
Cannonball
Caring
Cerebral Palsy

Circus
Costume
Disability
Elephants

Family
Friendship
Inclusion
Juggling

Lion Tamer
Memories
Parade
Popcorn
School
Teacher
Trapeze
Triplets
Wheelchair

RIDDLE ME THIS

Did you hear about the human cannonball?
He got **FIRE**D!



Why did the clown throw his clock out of the window?
He wanted to see **time fly**!

Did you hear about the fire at the circus?
The **heat** was in-tents!

Why did the clown go to the doctor?
Because he was feeling a little **funny**.

What happened to the elephant who
ran away with the circus?
The **police** made him bring it back!



What building has the most stories?
The **Library**!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
Because her students were **bright**!

What animal cheats on exams?
The **Cheetah**!

What circus performers can see in the dark?
The **Acro-Bats**!

What do you do when you find a blue elephant?
Cheer her up!

What did you learn in school today?
Not enough - I have to go back tomorrow!



Create Your Own Adventure!



Match Word with Its Meaning

Disability	A feeling of mutual affection between people
Wheelchair	A series of thoughts and images that happen when you're asleep
Accessible	A person who teaches in a school
Inclusion	A condition that limits or impairs a person's ability to do everyday tasks
Friendship	A building is able to be reached, entered or used by someone with a disability.
Teacher	A chair with wheels that allows people to roll while sitting down.
Dream	People with a disability are able to participate in the same activities as those without a disability.

Discussion Questions

PARENTS: Talking about disability with your children will give them understanding and teach them acceptance. Kids are naturally curious and are more similar than they are different. These questions are meant to be a guide to a conversation about disability.

Ben, the main character in the book, uses a wheelchair.
Why do you think he needs a wheelchair?

Is he able to pretend and play like everyone else?

Can you think of some other types of disabilities?

What does it mean to be someone's friend?

If someone is in a wheelchair or has another type of disability, does that mean they can't play?

How can you be nice to someone and make someone feel included?

What are some ways that you are similar to someone with a disability?

Gerlachs say:
THANK YOU!

