

# Clementine's Christmas

## Teaching Notes

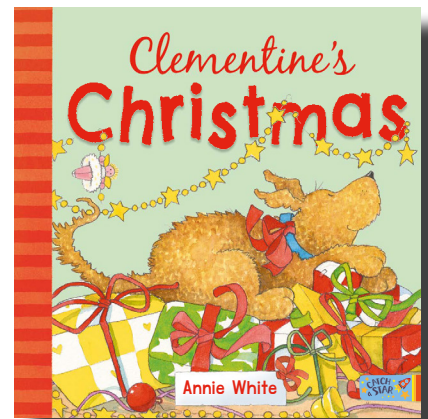


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## SYNOPSIS

It's Christmas Day at Clementine's house. The tree is trimmed, the gifts are all wrapped, and the family is full of excitement. But when it's time to open the presents, something isn't right. What has Clementine got up to?



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Annie White illustrates and writes for children from her studio in Melbourne, Australia. After studying art and design, she worked in the advertising industry for a while and now freelances for a number of different publishers and other interested people. Annie has illustrated over 80 books for children and likes to communicate her ideas clearly and simply using expression and movement. Some of her picture books have appeared on the CBCA Notables list (*Clementine's Treasure*), the Speech Pathology shortlist and the Prime Minister's Literary Awards shortlist. Millie, the studio dog, who often slept under Annie's desk, helped inspire the *Clementine* series. Her habit of going from deep slumber to sudden excited barking often caused all sorts of chaos – from odd additions to drawings to spilt cups of tea.

## HOW THE BOOK ENHANCES LEARNING

*Clementine's Christmas* is written in rhyme, which not only introduces children to the imaginative potential of books, but also aids in early reading development through an understanding of phonetics. Key themes in the story include family life and having fun – even when events take an unexpected turn. Annie's used pencil and watercolours in her illustrations.





## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before reading the book:

1. Ask the students if they have a dog or know of someone with a dog.
2. How many different sorts of dogs can you think of?
3. What are some good names for dogs?
4. Looking at the front cover together, what do you think this story is about?
5. Do you think dogs enjoy Christmas as much as we do?



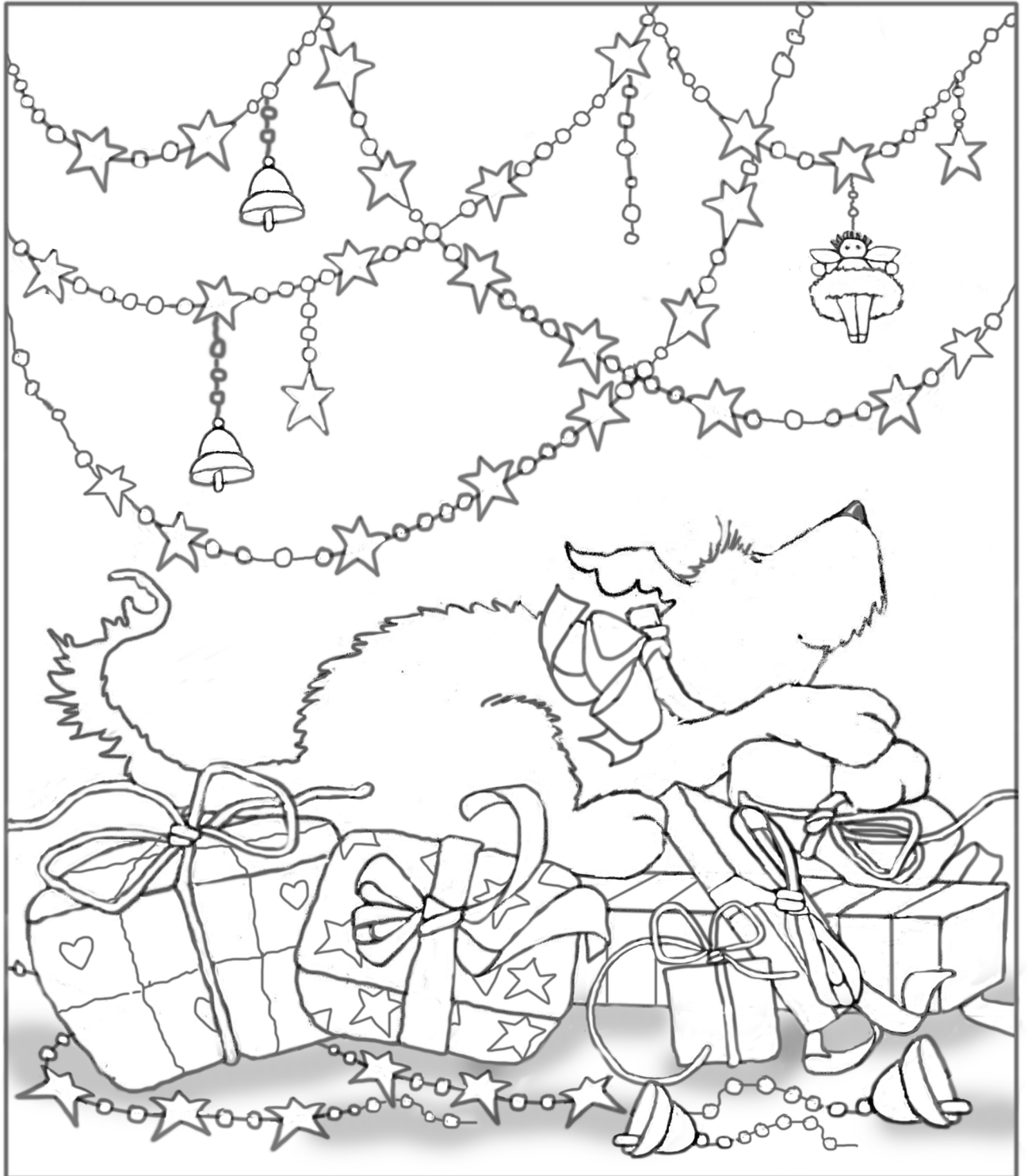
After reading the book:

1. On Christmas Eve, why did Granny and Clementine stay up late, after the rest of the family had gone to bed?
2. What was in Dad's present?
3. What was in Baby's present?
4. What did James and Clementine decide to do with their presents?
5. Do you think everyone enjoyed their presents at the end of the story?



## COLOUR IN CLEMENTINE!

Colour in Clementine having fun with the presents in your brightest colours.



CLEMENTINE'S CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

Find all the words in the *Clementine's Christmas* wordsearch.

Name:

Class:

Date:

word search

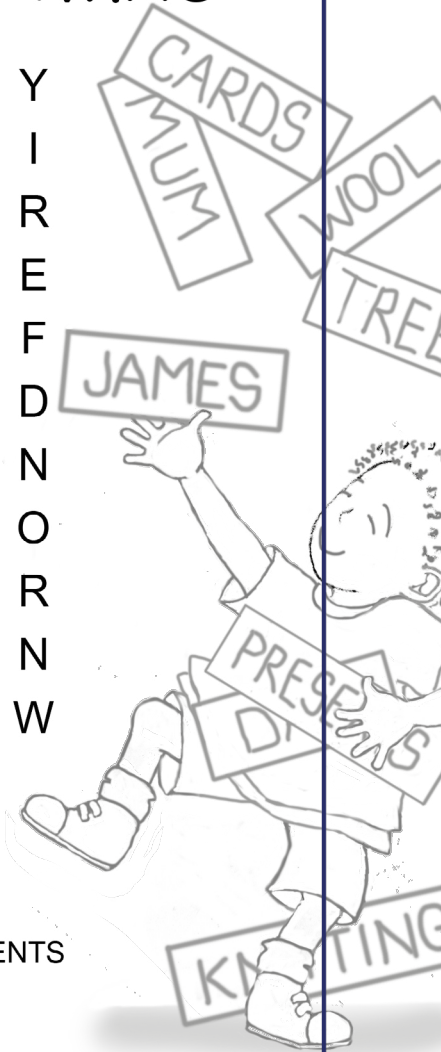
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# SOLUTION TO CLEMENTINE'S CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

Answer Sheet

word search

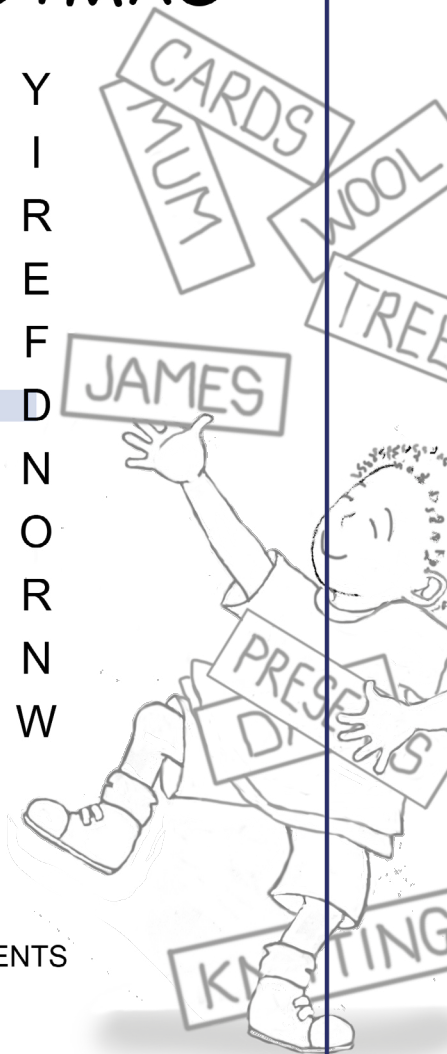
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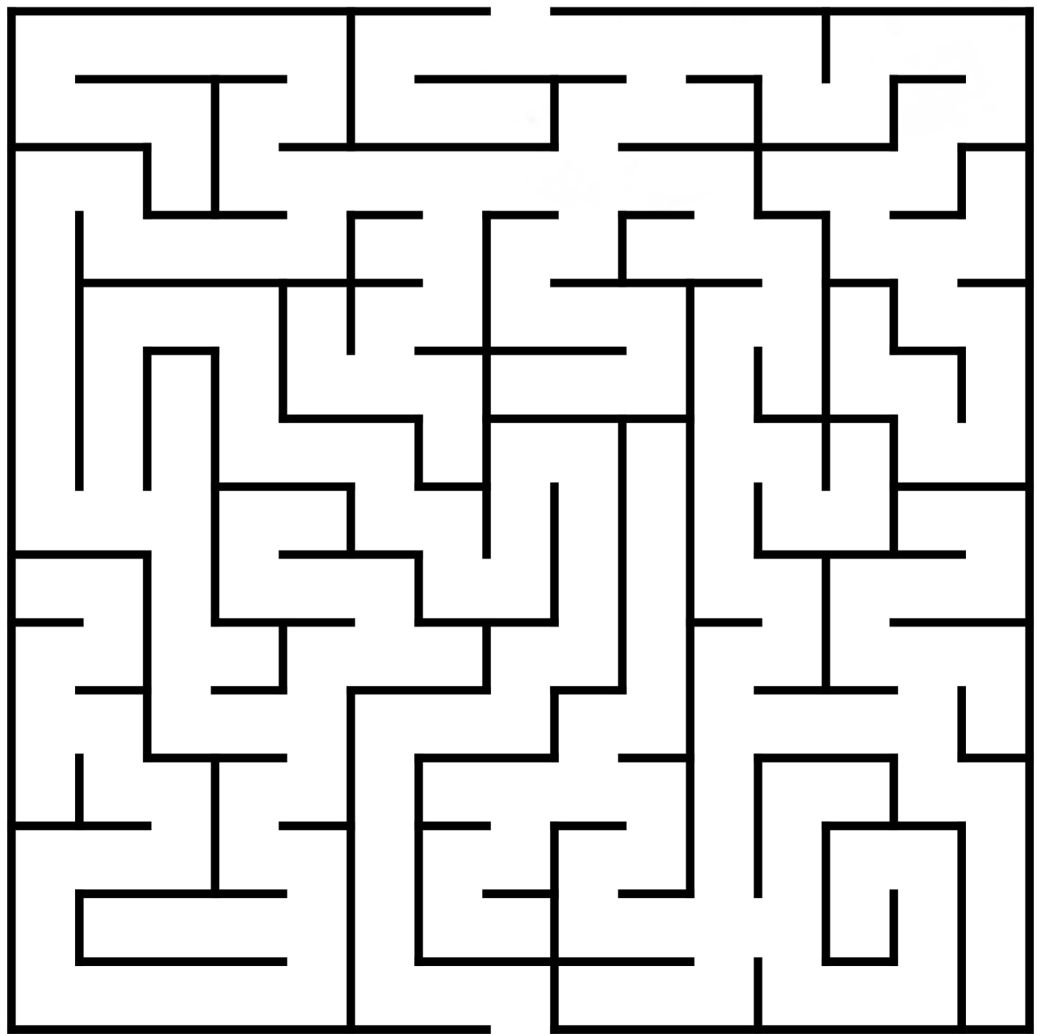
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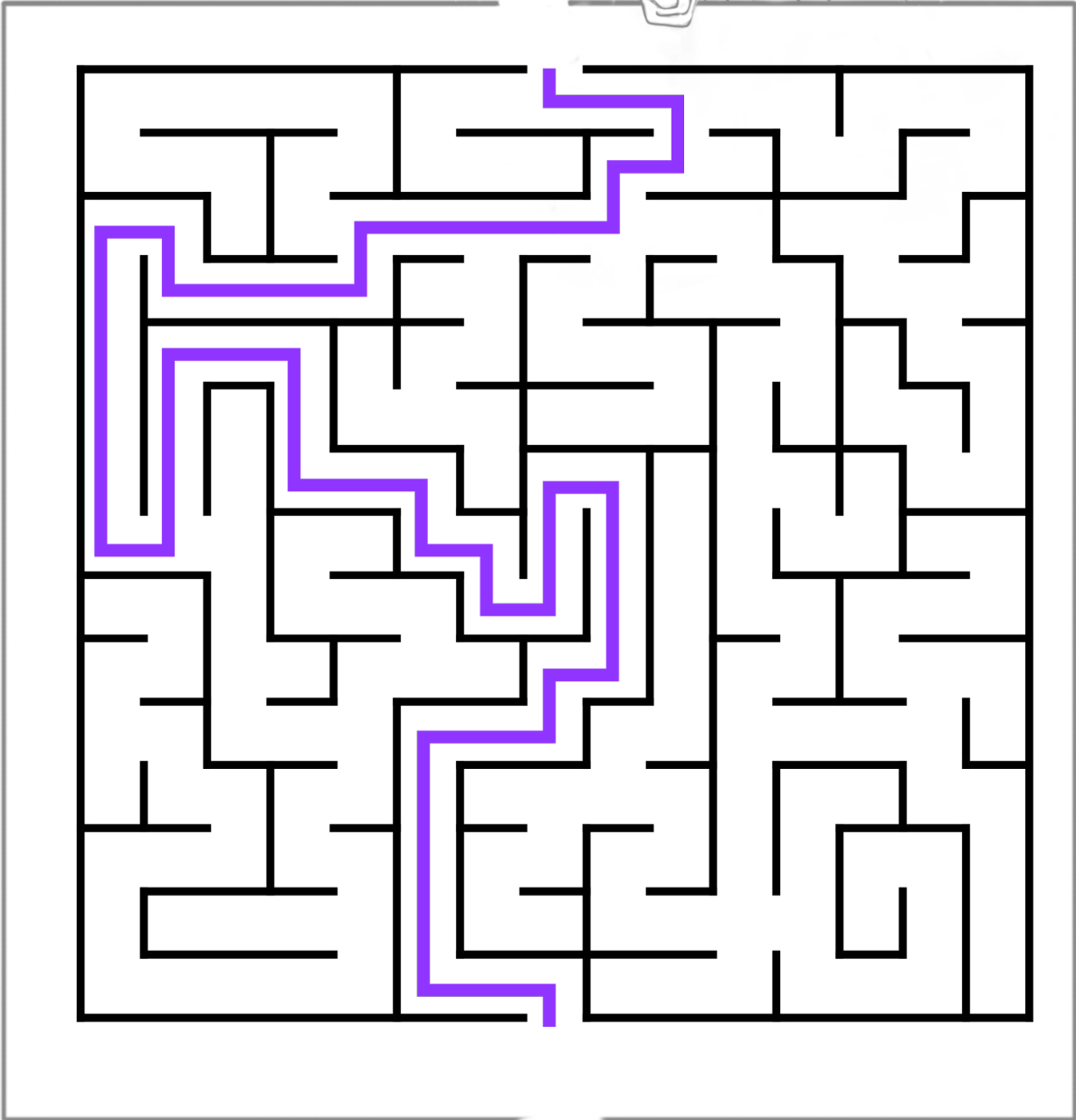


## A-MAZE-ING CLEMENTINE

Help Granny find her purple wool!



SOLUTION TO A-MAZE-ING CLEMENTINE





## CLEMENTINE RHYME

*Clementine's Christmas* is written in rhyme. Match each word with its rhyming word.

delighted

jumbled

right

said

bed

delight

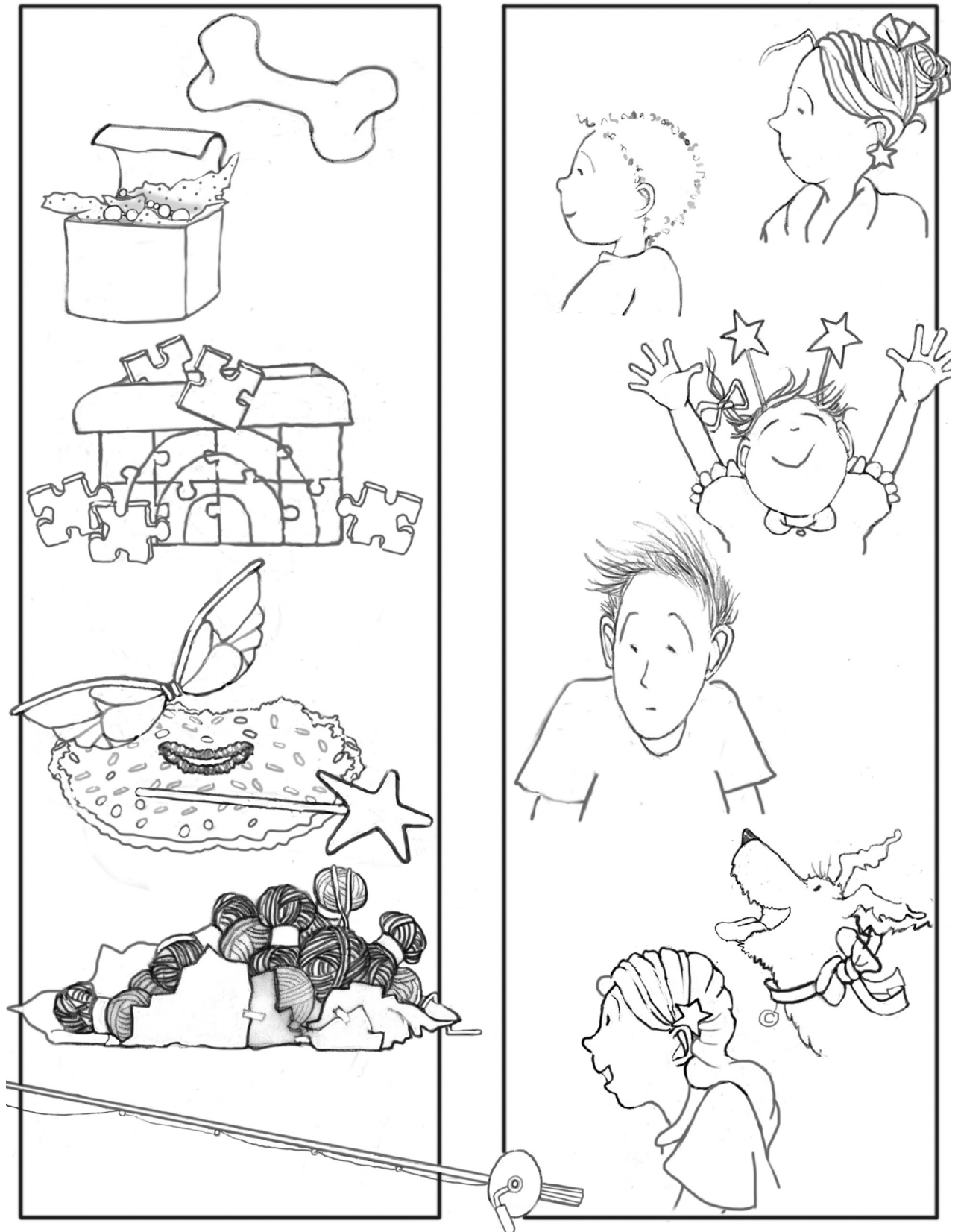
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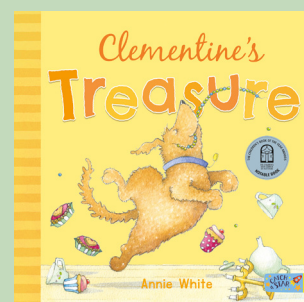
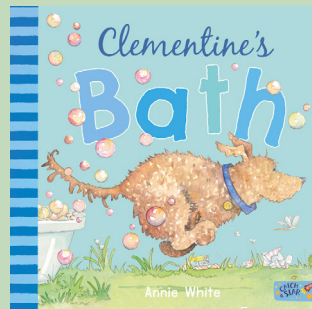
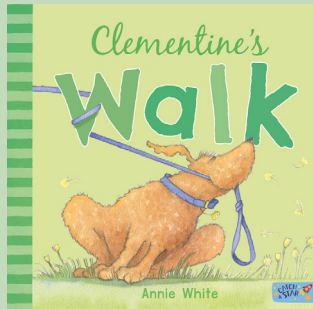


## WHICH PRESENT?

Draw a line from each character to the present they received in the story. In a different colour, draw a line from each character to the present you think they should have received.



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