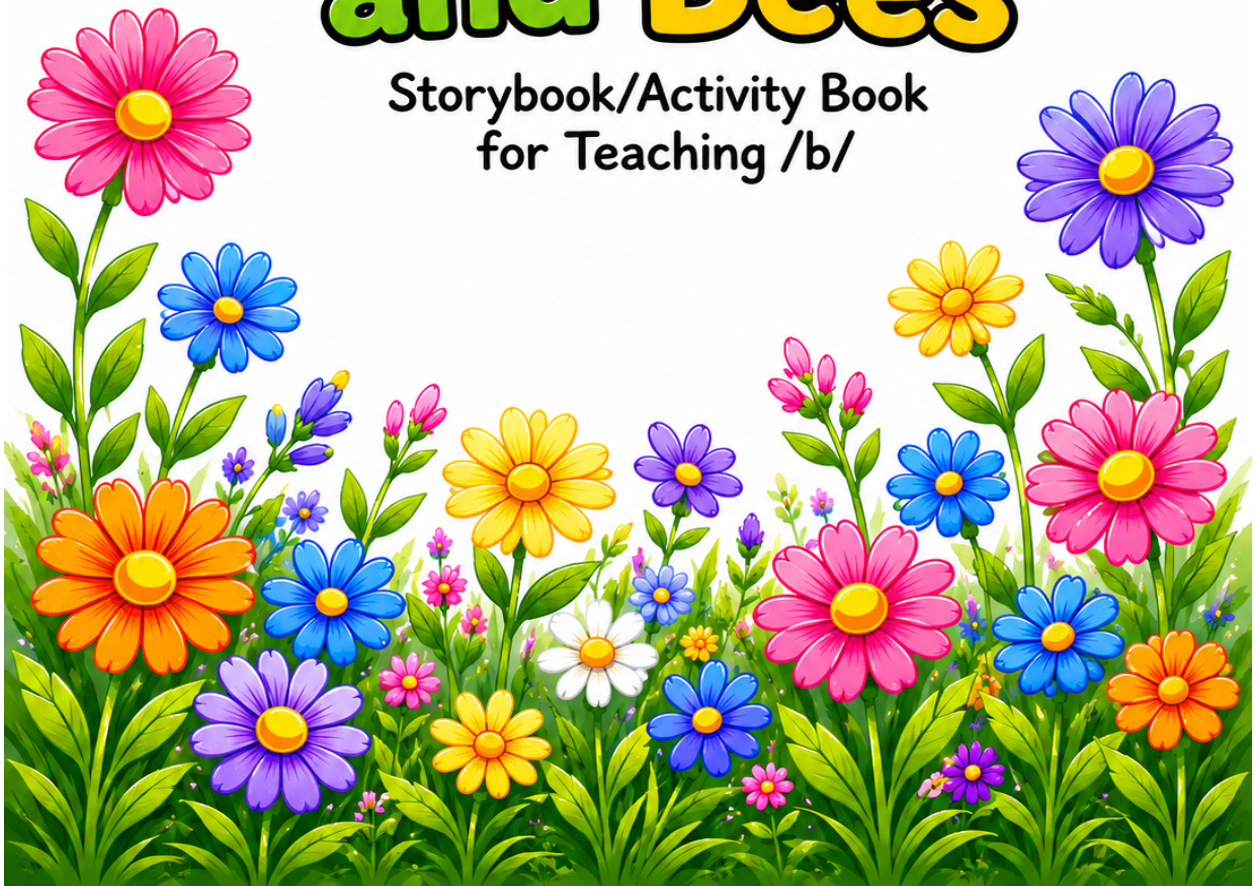


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Storybook/Activity Book
for Teaching /b/



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Birds, butterflies, bunnies, and bees,
Help our world in many ways, if you please.
They work and play both night and day,
Making life better in their special way.



2

A little bird sang in a tree,
“Come and listen here to me!”
He chirped a song so bright and sweet,
Making every day a treat.



3

Birds spread seeds both near and far,
Helping flowers grow where they are.
New plants sprout for you and me,
Growing strong for all to see.



4

A butterfly danced in the sun,
Floating softly, having fun.
With colorful wings of red and blue,
She visited flowers bright with dew.



5

Butterflies help flowers grow,
As from bloom to bloom they go.
They carry pollen here and there,
Helping gardens everywhere.



6

A fluffy bunny hopped along,
Wiggling ears and singing a song.
Through the meadow, green and wide,
He found fresh grasses by his side.



7

Bunnies help the earth each day,
As they nibble plants along the way,
Their digging helps the soil too,
Making room for plants to grow anew.



8

Buzz, buzz, buzz went a busy bee,
Flying from flower to flower happily.
With tiny wings and stripes of gold,
A wonderful story can be told.



9

As the sun sets, it's time to rest,
The bunny hops back to his cozy nest.
Tomorrow brings more things to do,
Helping the earth—and me and you.



10

The stars begin to twinkle,
The night is calm and sweet.
The bunny snuggles down so tight,
With dreams of gardens, flowers, and bees.
Thank you, little helpers,
For all the good you do.
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We're proud of you!



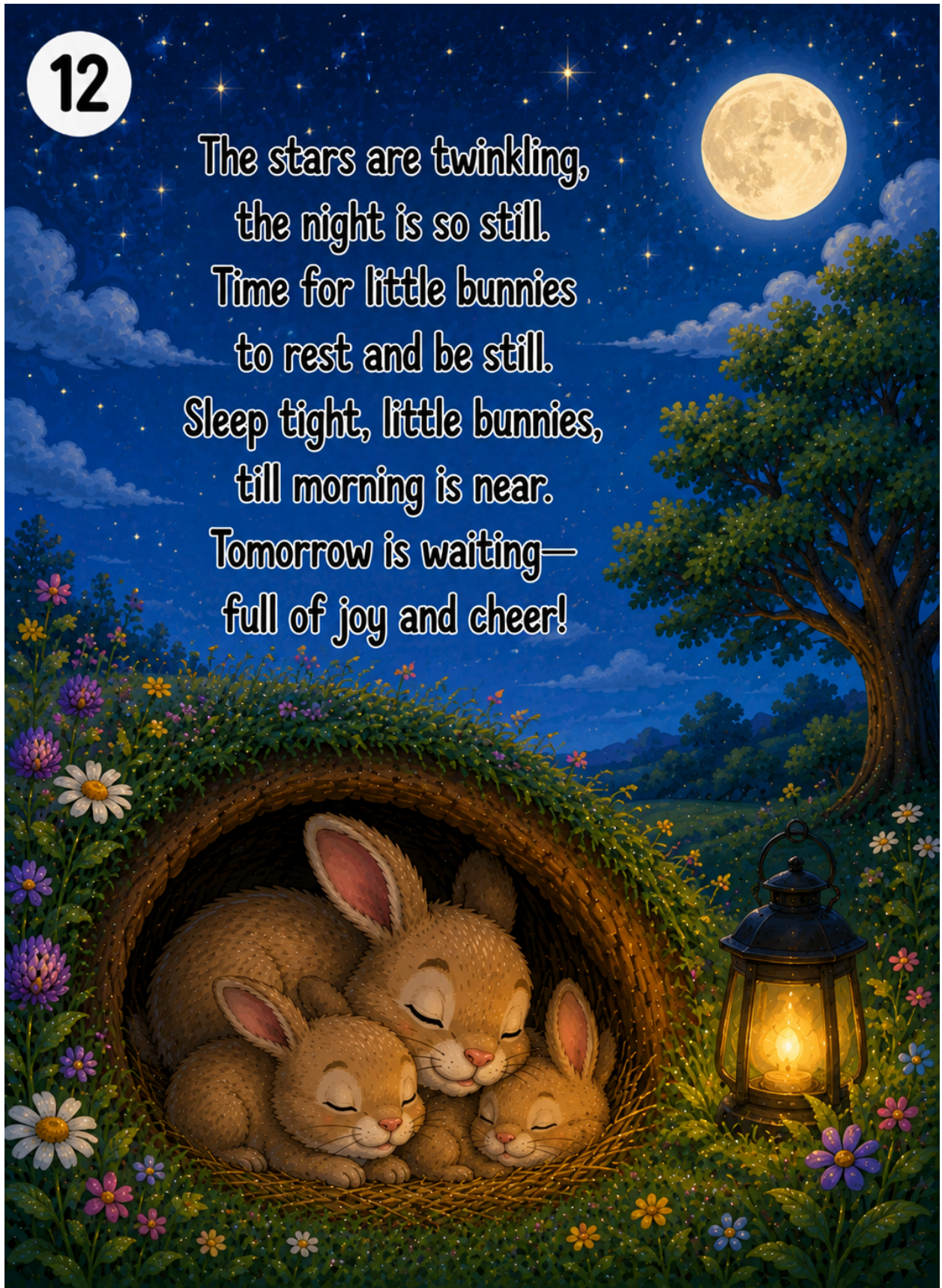
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Bunnies curl up, cozy and tight.
Thankful hearts and dreams so sweet,
Ready for tomorrow—
with busy, helping feet!



12

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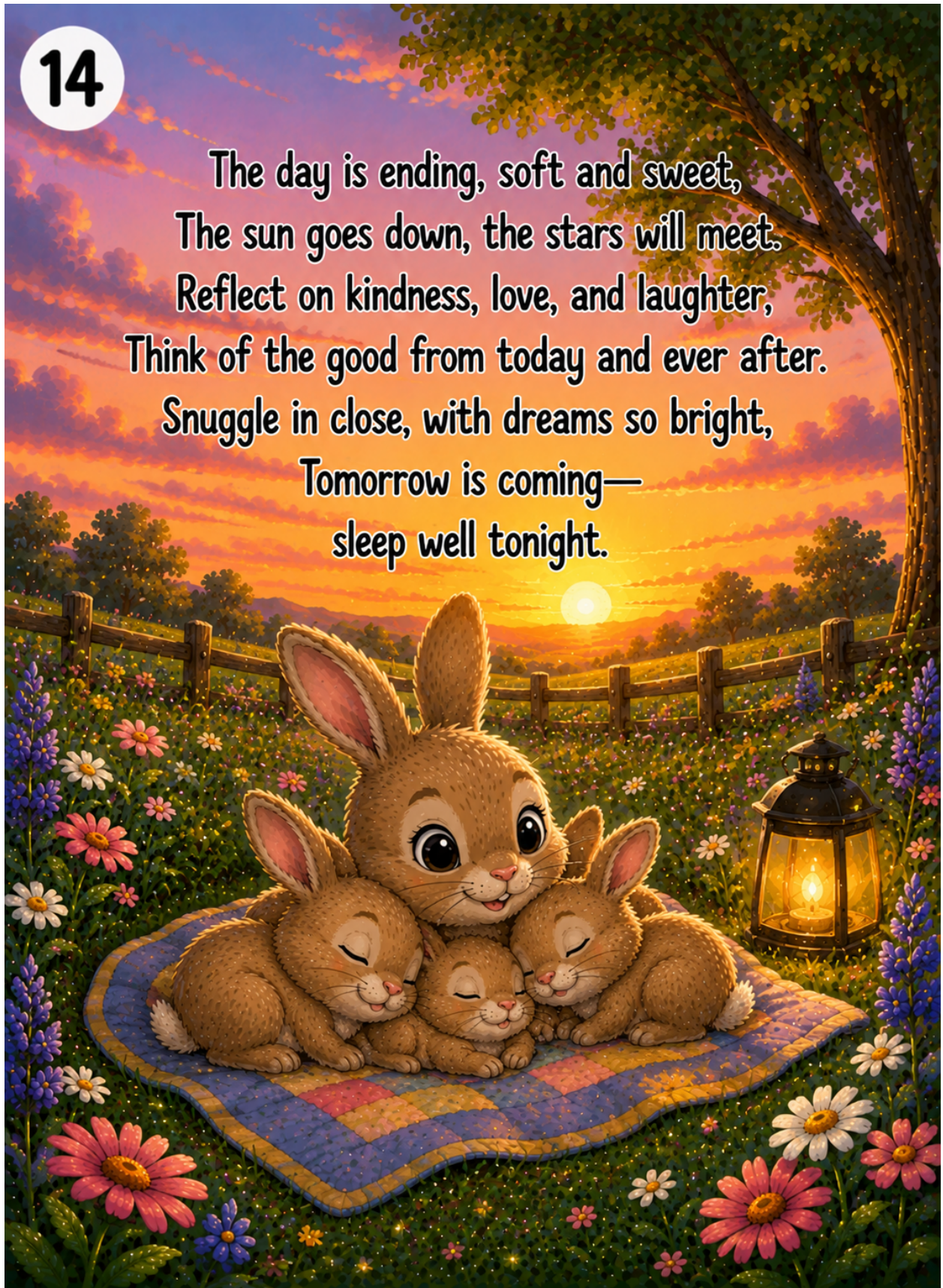
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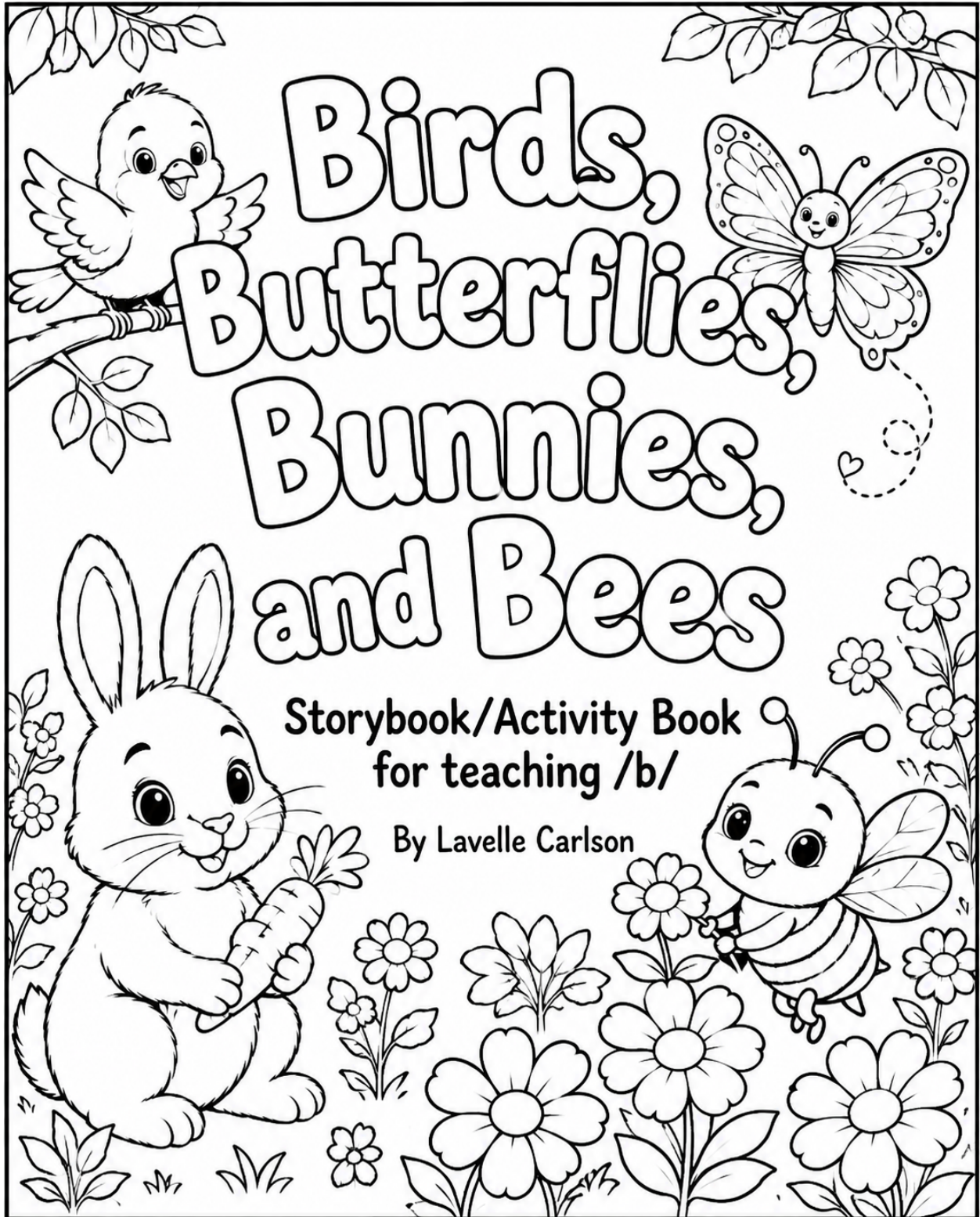


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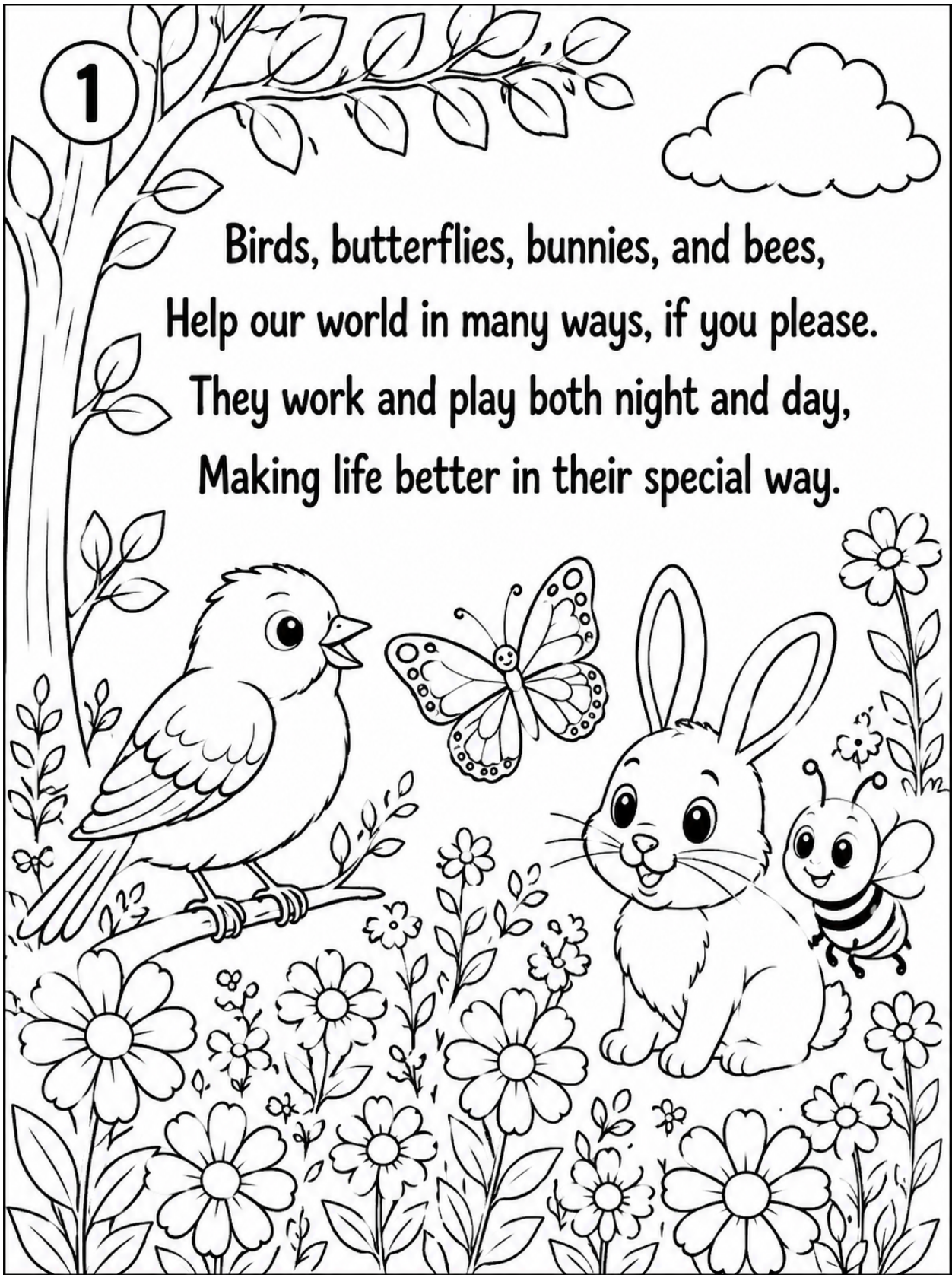






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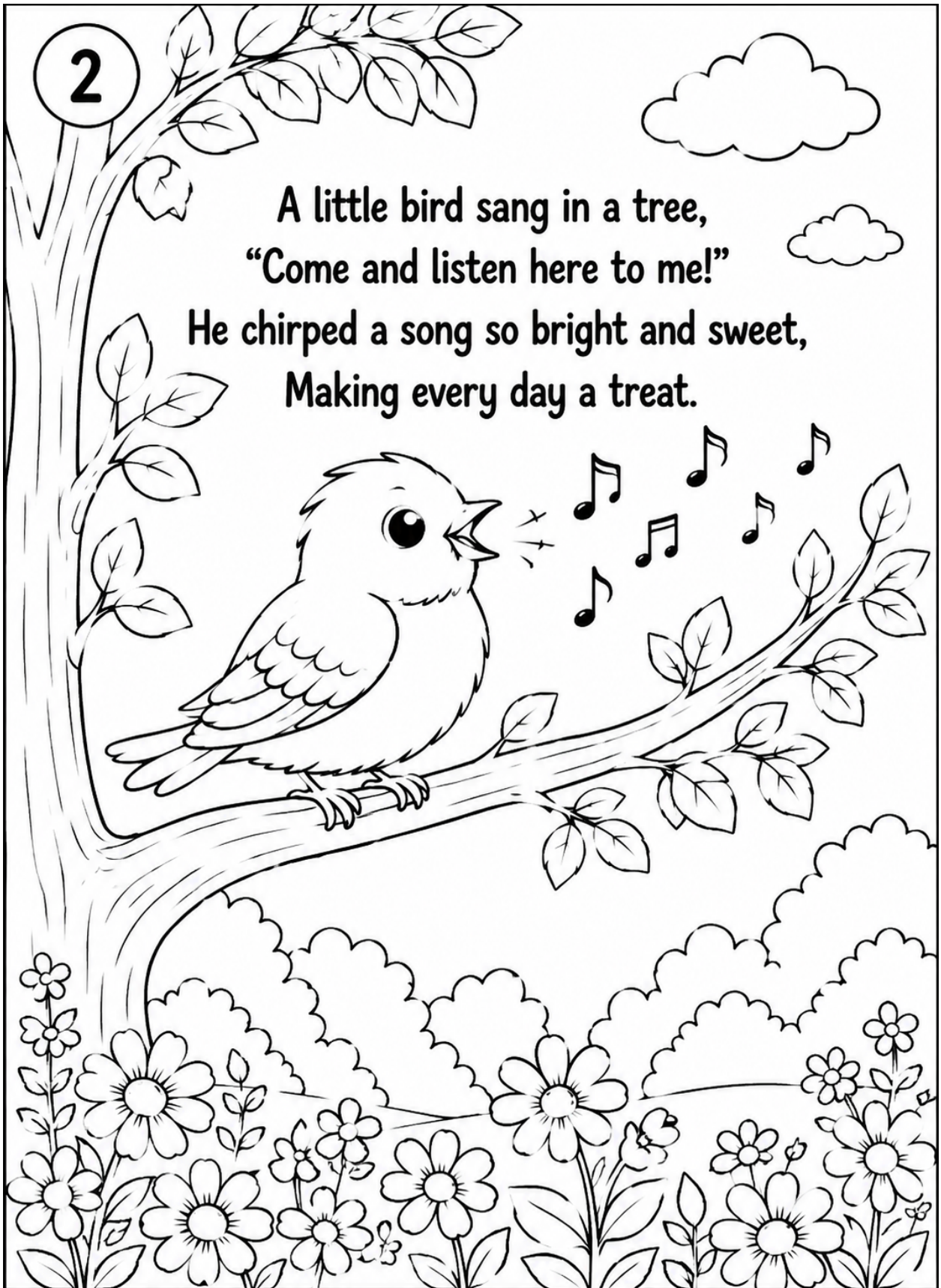
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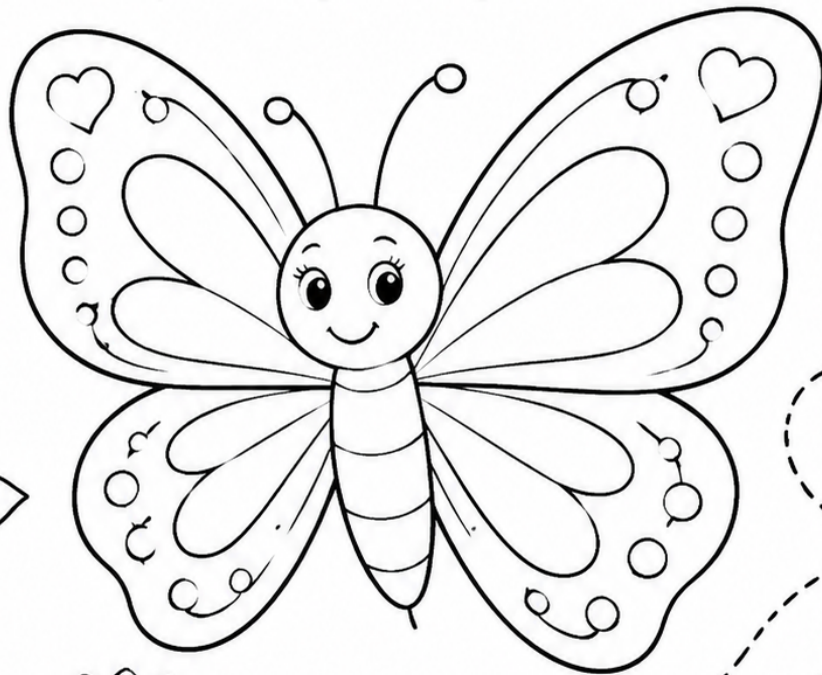
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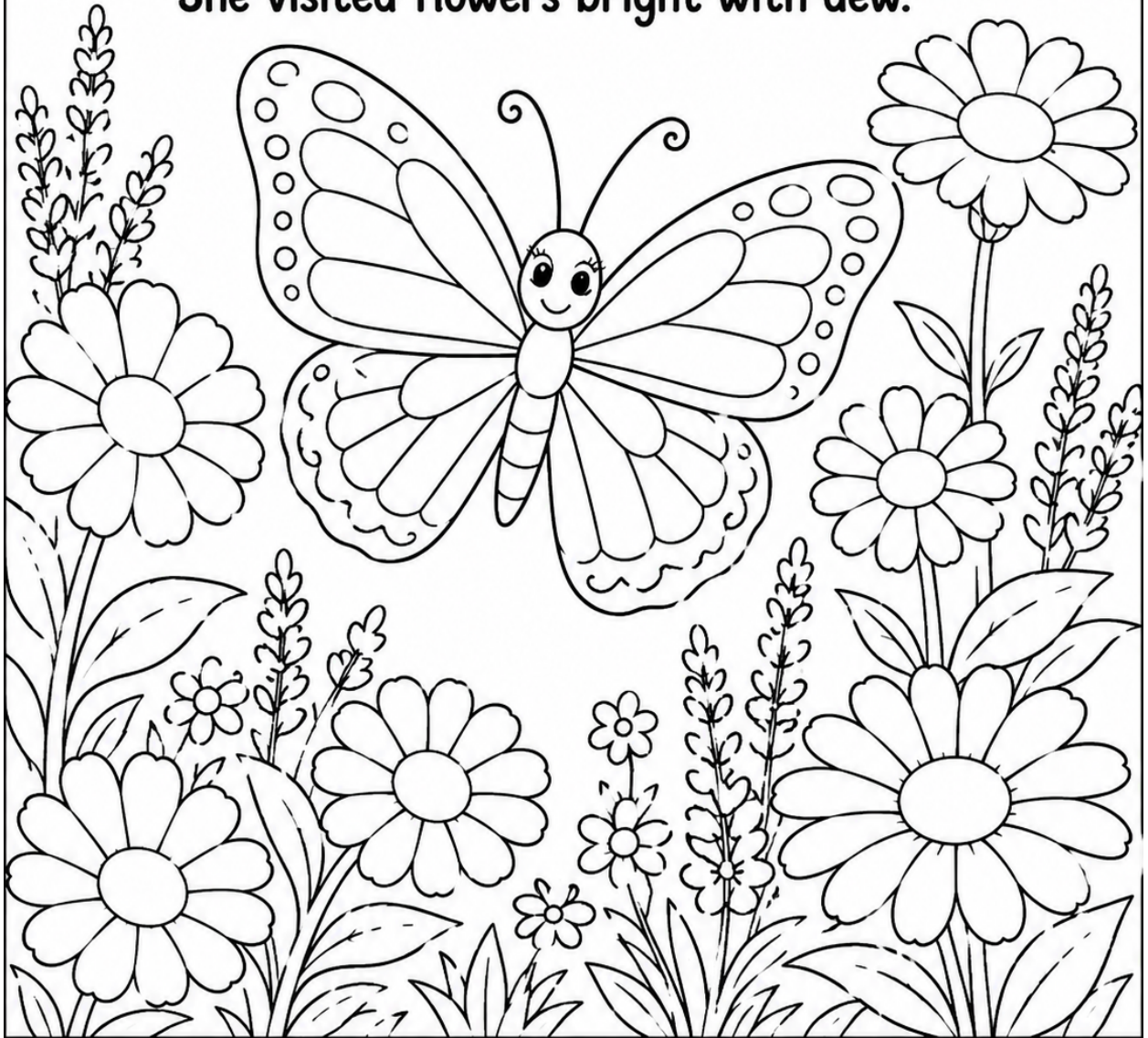
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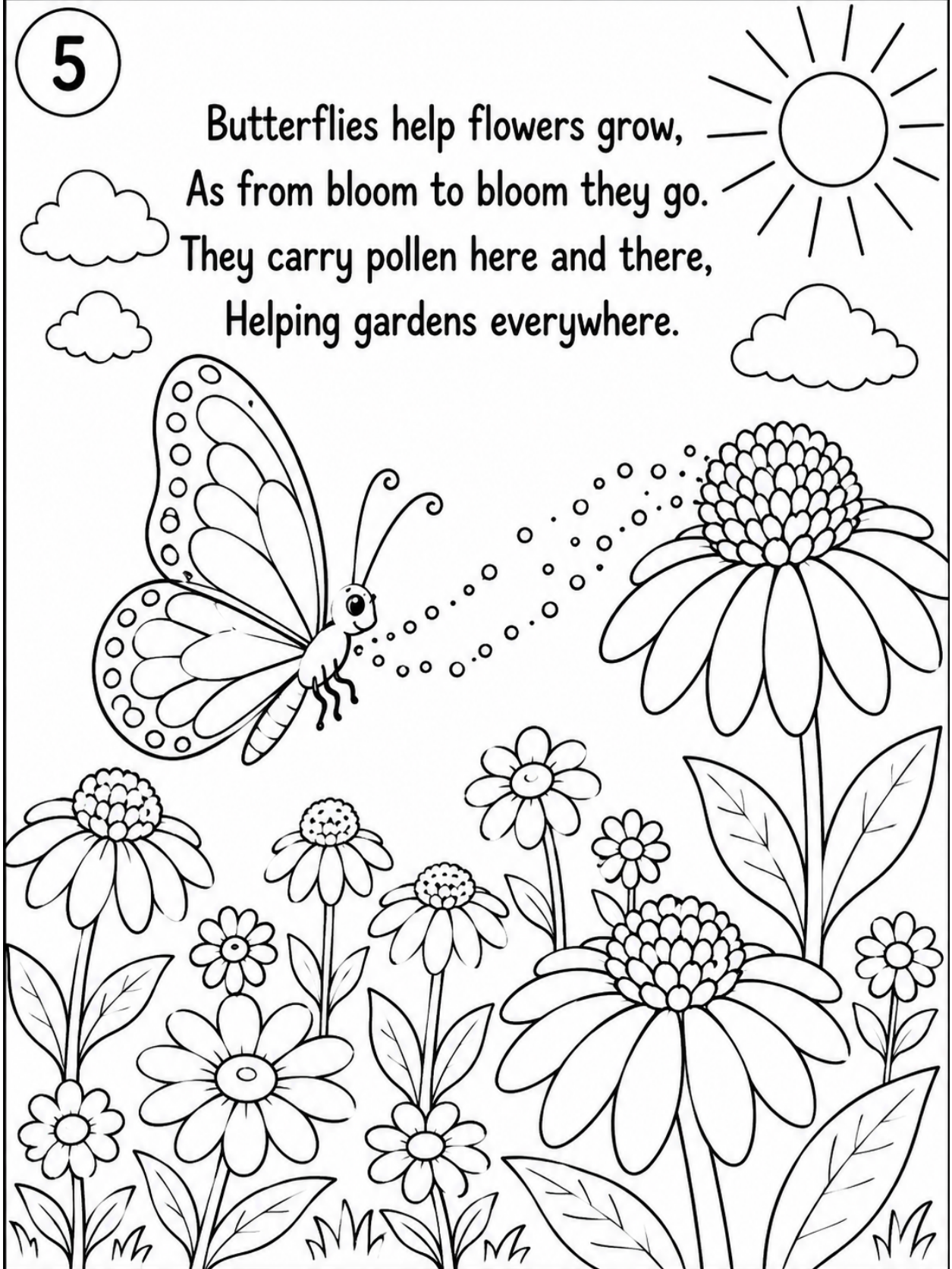


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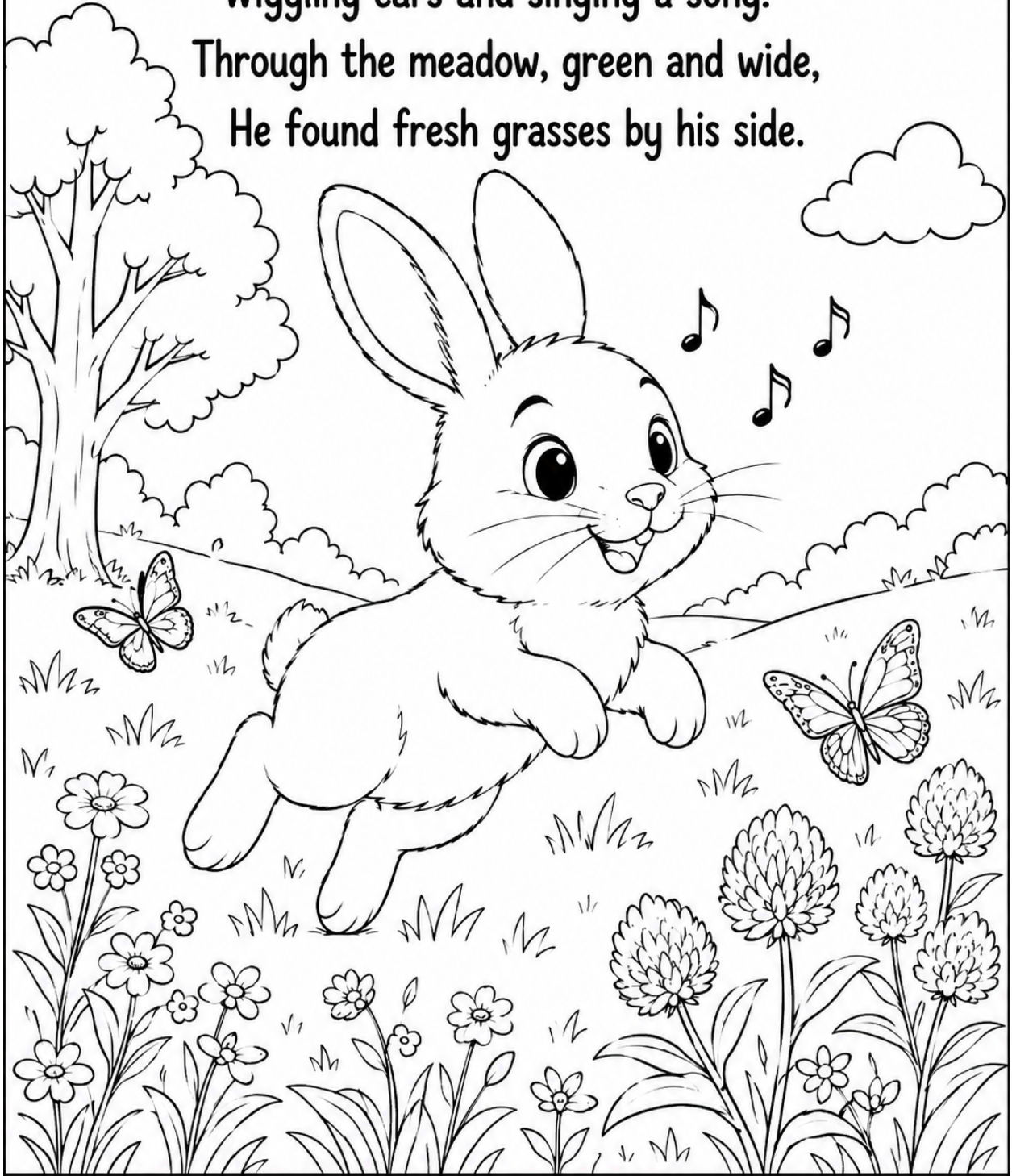
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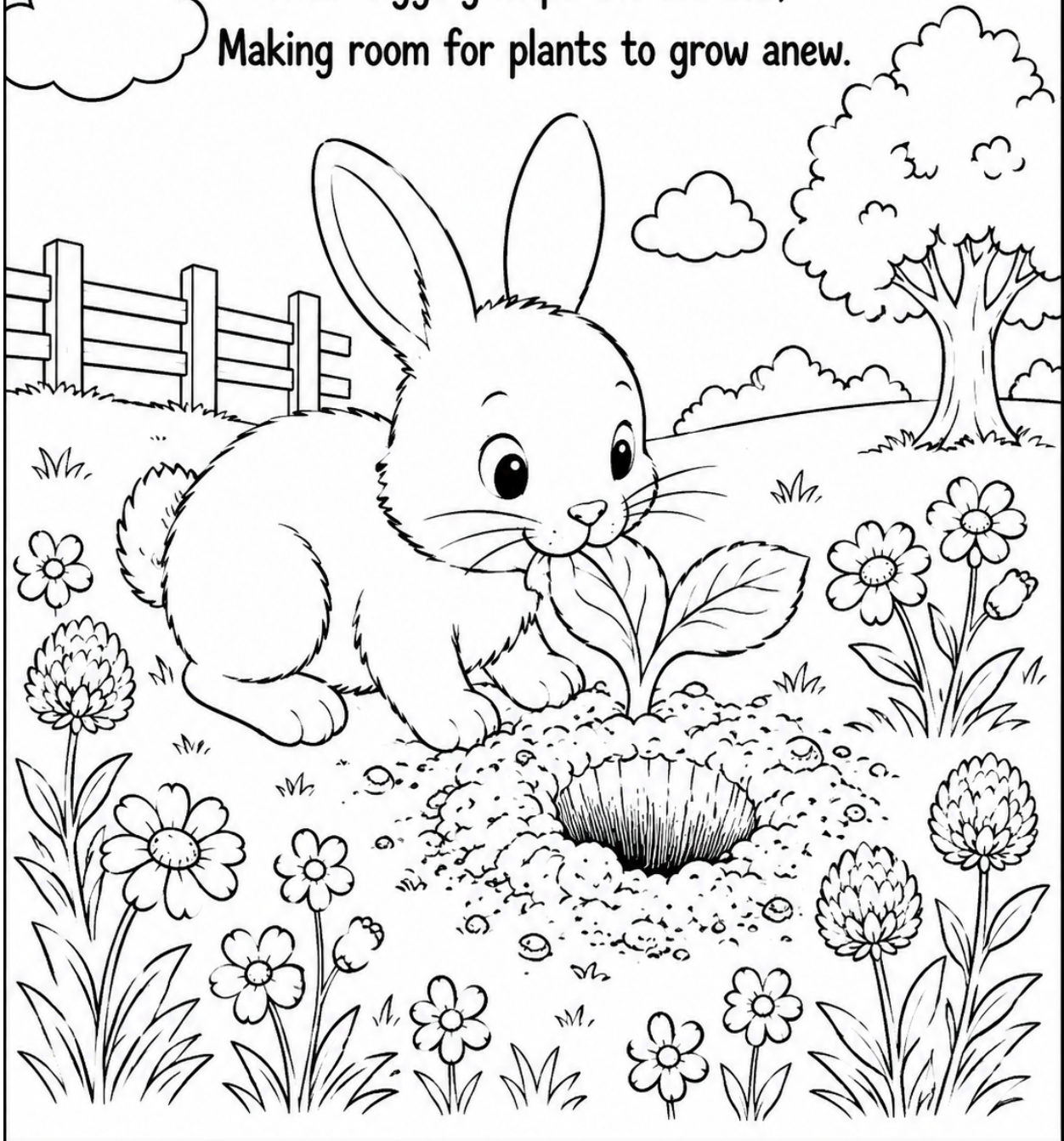
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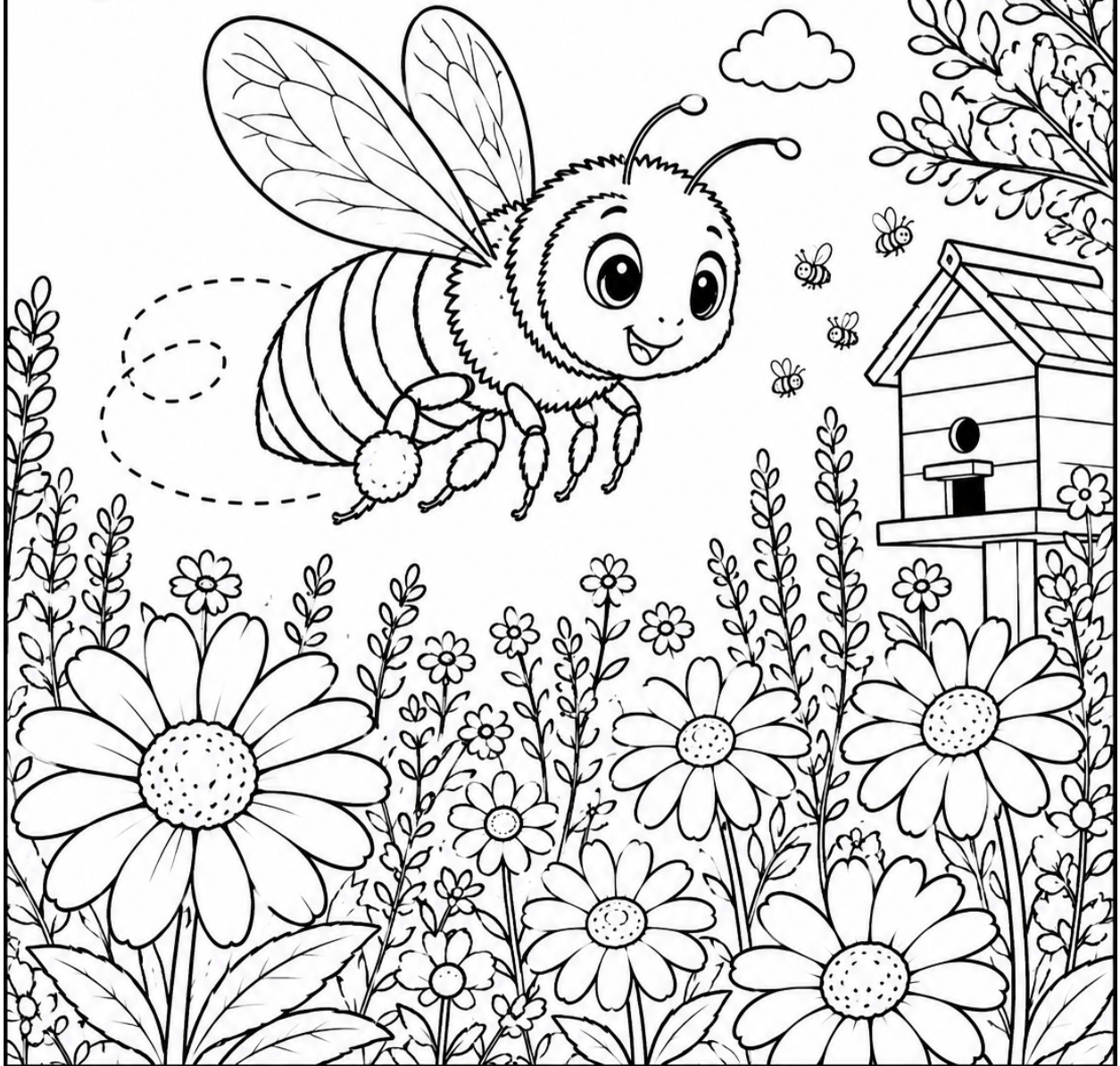
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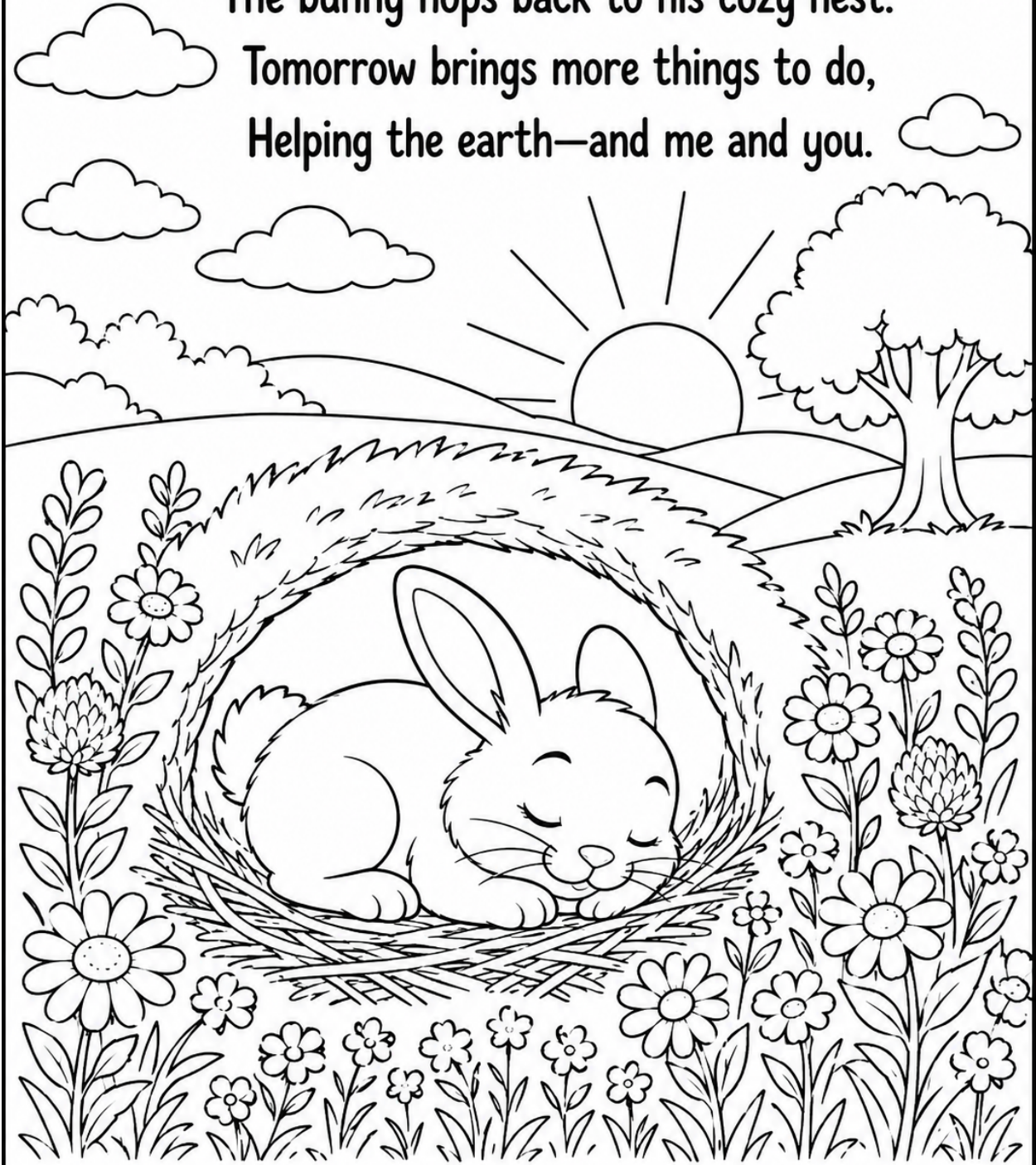
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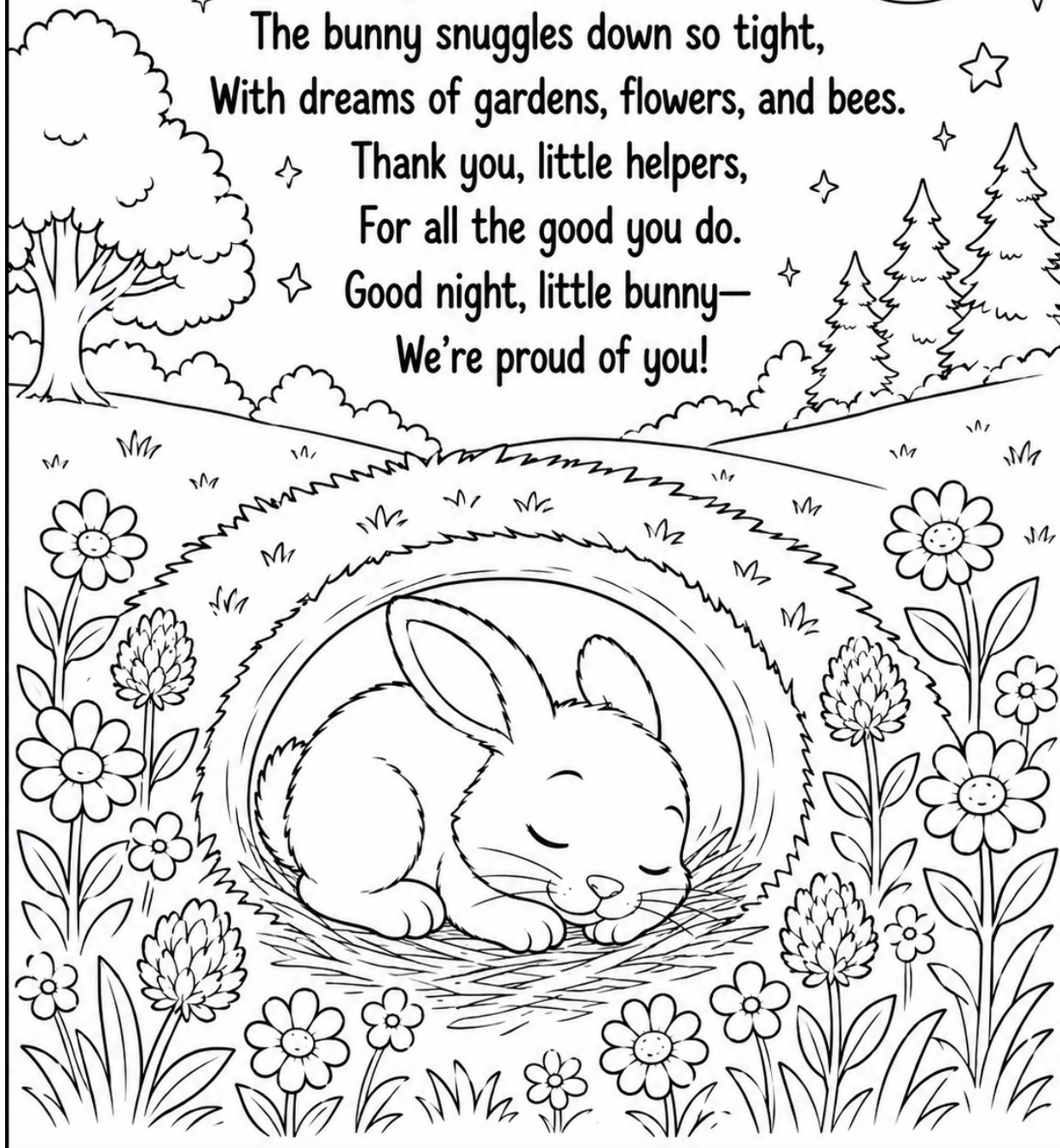


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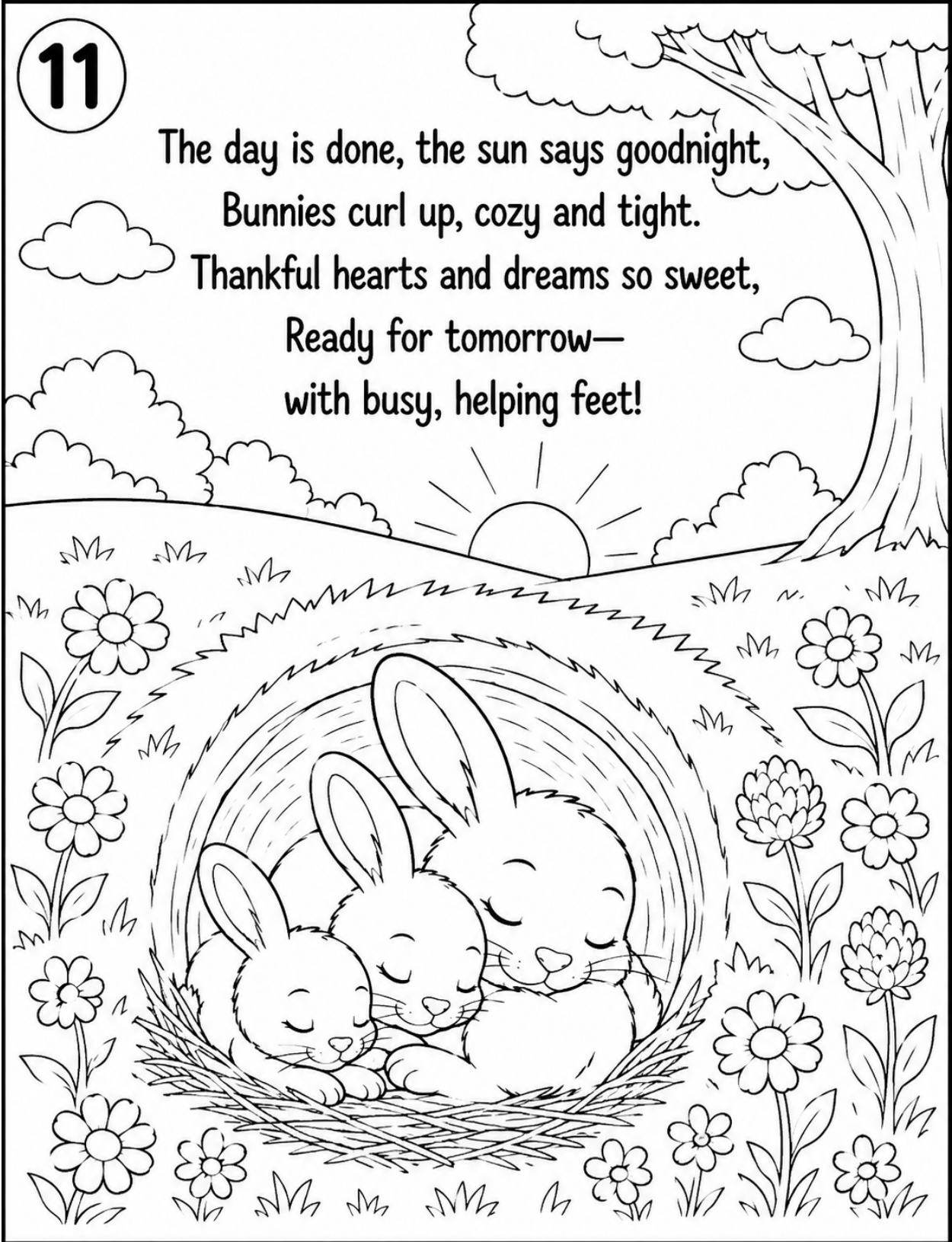
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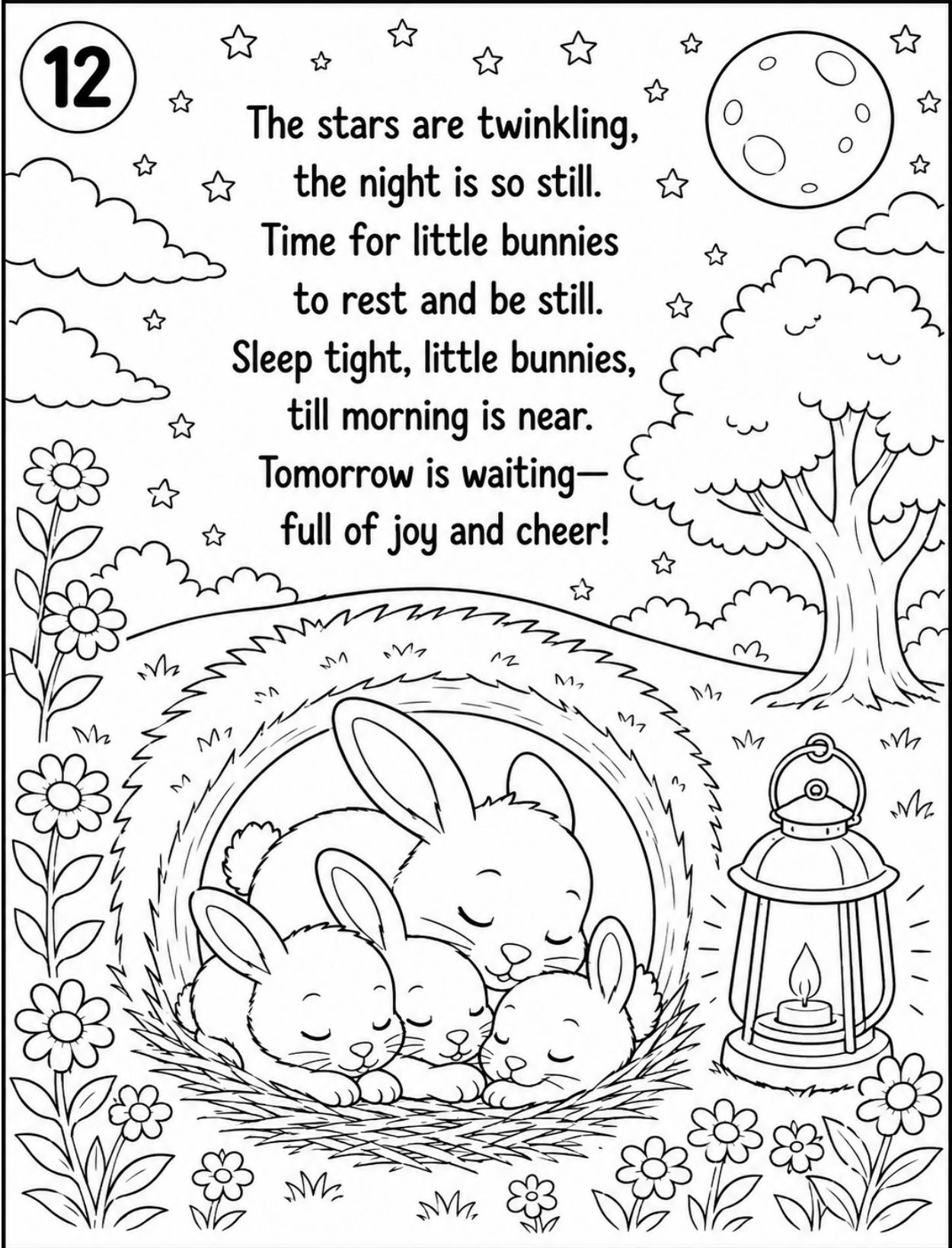
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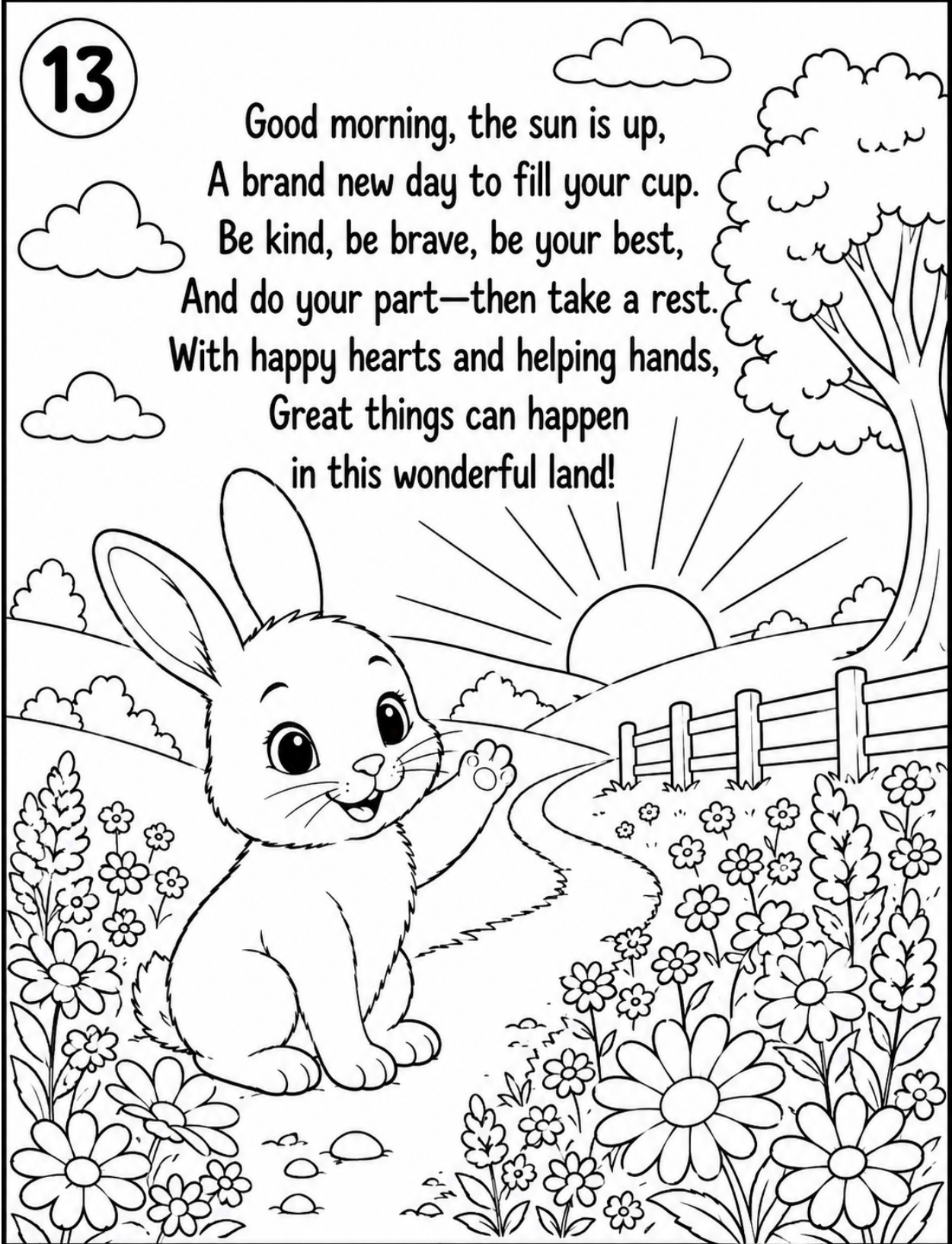
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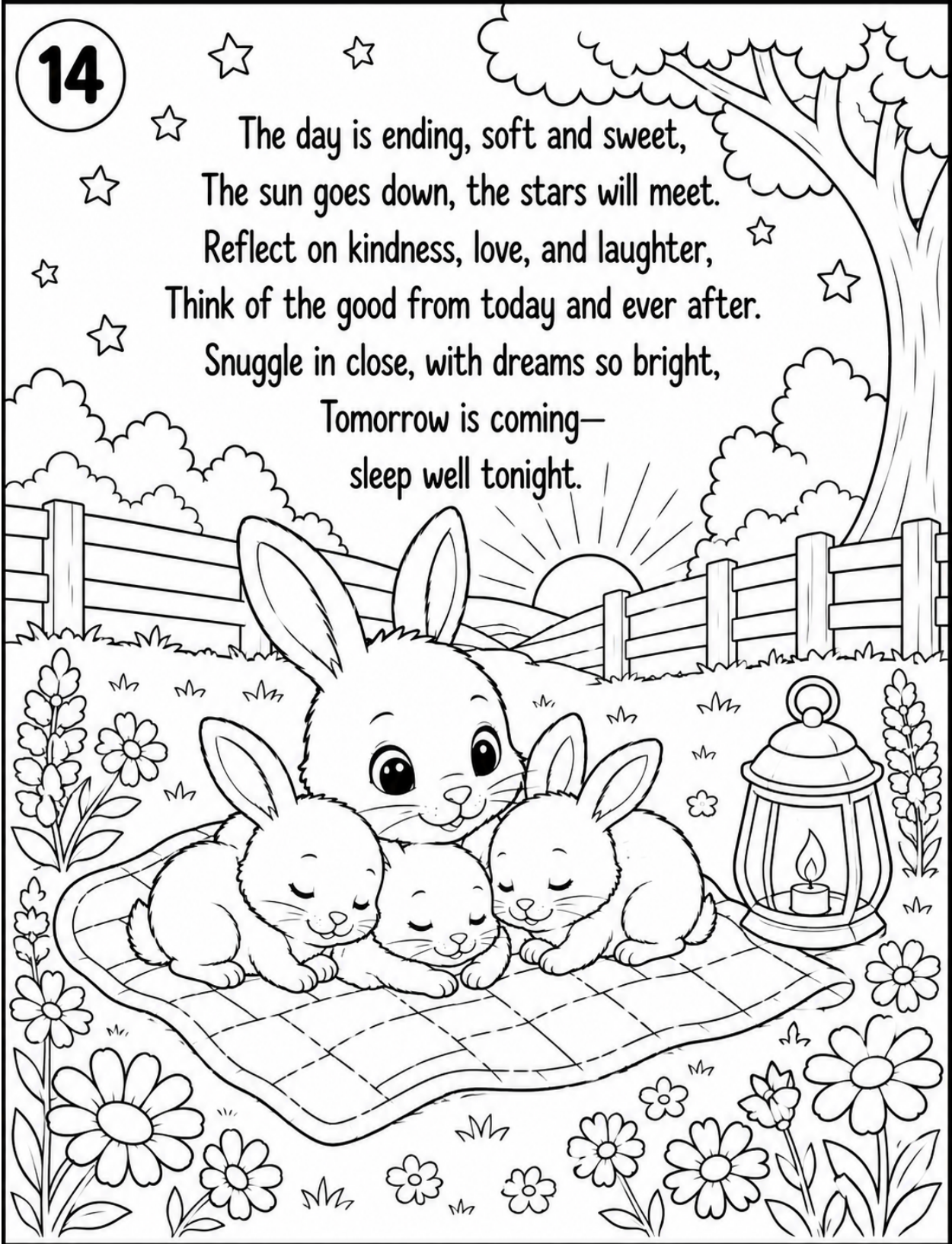
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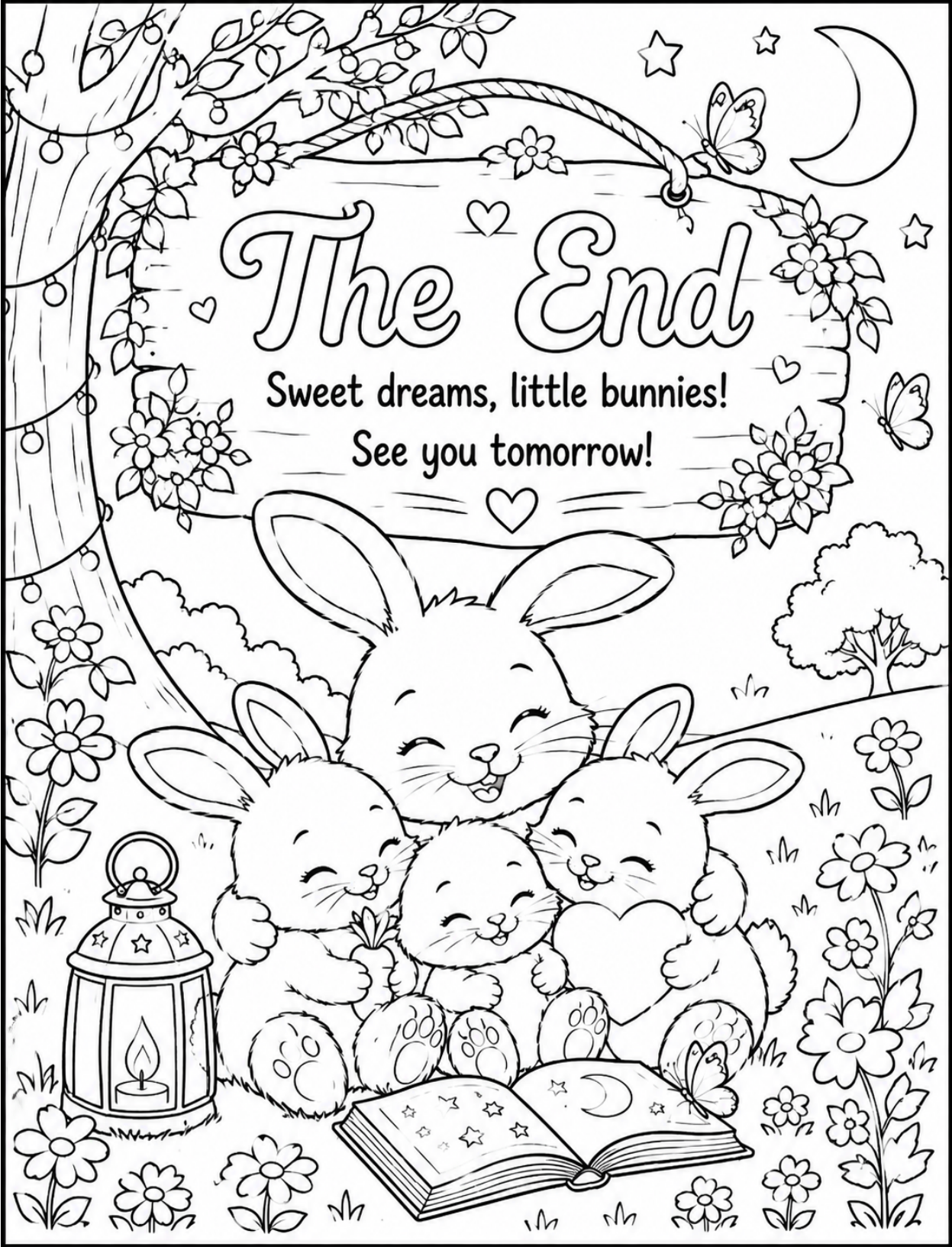
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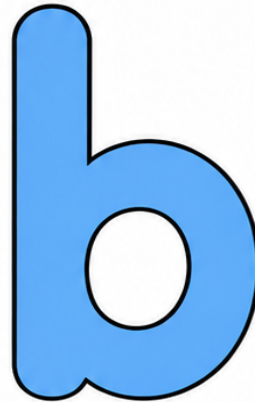
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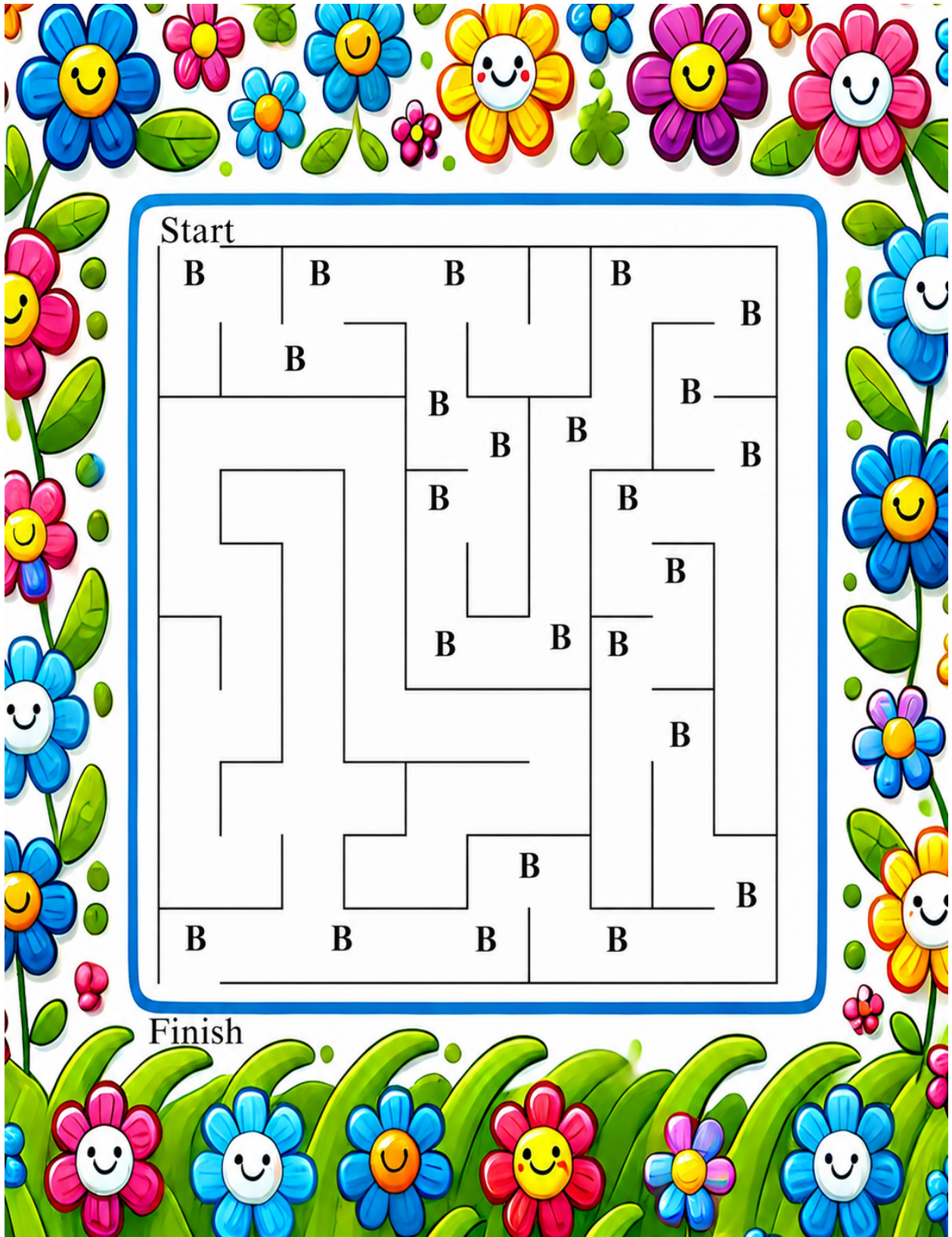
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Lesson Plan for Speech, Language, Phonological Awareness, and Pre-Reading

Target Age

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Early Elementary

Learning Goals

Students will:

- Improve listening skills and attention.
 - Increase vocabulary related to nature.
 - Identify beginning sounds.
 - Improve phonological awareness.
 - Strengthen pre-reading skills.
 - Practice letter identification.
 - Improve speech sound production.
 - Participate in interactive language activities.
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Materials

- Birds, Butterflies, Bunnies, and Bees storybook
 - Bird, Bee, Bunny, and Butterfly flashcards
 - Finger puppets
 - Letter B flashcards
 - Mazes
 - Crayons and markers
 - Plastic insects or animal toys (optional)
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Before Reading Activities

Picture Walk

Show each page before reading.

Ask:

- What do you see?
- What animal is this?
- What color is it?
- What do you think it does?

This builds vocabulary and prediction skills.

Letter B Introduction

Show the letter B.

Say:

"B says /b/, /b/, /b/."

Children:

- Trace the letter in the air.
- Trace on the table.
- Say /b/ together.

Discuss:

Bird
Bee
Bunny
Butterfly

Ask:

"What sound do they all start with?"

Answer:

"/b/"

Story Reading Activities

Read one page at a time.

After each page ask questions such as:

Birds

- What does a bird do?
- What sound does a bird make?
- Where does a bird live?

Butterflies

- What colors did you see?
- What flower might a butterfly visit?

Bunnies

- How does a bunny move?
- What foods do bunnies eat?

Bees

- What sound does a bee make?
- Why are bees important?

Articulation Activities

Initial /b/

Practice:

Bird
Bee
Bunny
Butterfly

Additional words:

Ball
Book
Baby
Blue

Boat
Banana

Have children repeat each word 5 times.

Flashcard Game

Place flashcards face down.

Children turn over a card and say:

- The name of the picture
- The beginning sound

Example:

"Bunny begins with /b/."

Go Fish

Use flashcards.

Children ask:

"Do you have Bee?"

When they receive the card they must say:

"Bee starts with /b/."

Hide and Seek

Hide flashcards around the room.

When found, children must:

- Name the picture
- Say the beginning sound
- Use the word in a sentence

Phonological Awareness Activities

Sound Identification

Say:

Bird
Bee
Bunny
Butterfly

Ask:

"What sound do you hear first?"

Answer:

"/b/"

Clap the Sounds

Children clap once for each word.

Bird = 1 clap

Butterfly = 3 claps

Bunny = 2 claps

Honeybee = 3 claps

Same or Different?

Bird / Bee

Bee / Bunny

Bird / Cat

Ask:

"Do these start with the same sound?"

Animal Sound Fun

Ask:

"What animal did you hear?"

Use:

Tweet Tweet

Buzz Buzz

Hop Hop

Flutter Flutter

Children identify the animal.

Letter Identification Activities

Find the Letter B

Use the maze and worksheets.

Children:

- Circle every capital B.
 - Color every lowercase b.
-

Letter Hunt

Hide letters around the room.

Children find:

B

and match it to:

Bird

Bee

Bunny

Butterfly

Finger Puppet Activity

Give each child a Bird, Bee, Bunny, or Butterfly puppet.

Call out:

"Bee!"

Children holding Bee puppets raise them.

Call out:

"Show me something that begins with /b/."

All puppets go up.

Pre-Reading Activities

Rhyming Fun

Ask children to find words that rhyme.

Bee – See

Fly – Sky

Hop – Pop

Tree – Bee

Beginning Sound Sort

Sort pictures into:

Starts with /b/

Does not start with /b/

Story Retell

Use puppets.

Children retell parts of the story.

This improves:

- Sequencing
 - Language skills
 - Memory
 - Comprehension
-

Maze Activity

Children complete the Letter B maze.

As they move through the maze they:

- Say "B"
- Trace the pathway
- Circle every B they find

This strengthens:

- Visual tracking
 - Fine motor skills
 - Letter recognition
-

Craft Activity

Nature Helpers Crown

Children color:

Birds
Butterflies
Bunnies
Bees

Attach to a sentence strip.

Each child says:

"My animal helps by _____."

Take-Home Activities

Family Sound Hunt

Find five things that begin with B.

Examples:

Bed
Ball
Book
Banana
Backpack

Read and Retell

Have children tell the story to a family member using the finger puppets.

Nature Walk

Look for:

- Birds
- Butterflies
- Bees

Discuss how each helps our world.

Wrap-Up

Ask:

- Which animal was your favorite?
- What sound do Bird, Bee, Bunny, and Butterfly start with?
- Why are these animals important?

Celebrate by having children buzz like bees, flap like birds, flutter like butterflies, and hop like bunnies!

Learning Through Fun

This storybook naturally supports:

- ✓ Articulation
- ✓ Phonological Awareness
- ✓ Vocabulary Development
- ✓ Listening Skills
- ✓ Pre-Reading Skills
- ✓ Letter Identification
- ✓ Fine Motor Development
- ✓ Social Interaction
- ✓ Story Retelling
- ✓ Early Literacy Success

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Once Upon a Time ...
There was a little girl call Leni who simply hated carrots!
One night, a baby bunny with exactly the same issue, came to her in a dream.
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