



SPOOKLEY AND LYLA'S VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION TOOLKIT



EDUCATORS, PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS

Use this toolkit, along with the book *Lyla the Love Bug*, to help your young ones understand the meaning of love. Find the book, as well as Spookley and Lyla's Valentine's Day show and song, on Spookley's YouTube Channel.

Let's Talk

Read *Lyla the Love Bug* by Joe Troiano or listen to it on Spookley's YouTube Channel. Discuss its themes.

QUESTIONS	KEY THEMES AND OBJECTIVES
Lyla takes good care of her rose and doesn't mind that it has a black spot. Why?	She identifies with the rose because she feels she isn't perfect either. <i>Guide children to appreciate what makes something or someone unique, even if it isn't seen as a good thing at first.</i>
Lyla notices that all the ladybugs pay attention to a ladybug with 10 spots. Why do you think they follow her?	The other ladybugs think that more spots mean the bug is better, regardless of what they are like on the inside. <i>Encourage children to consider characteristics that are more than skin deep.</i>
Lyla finally realizes that she loves her rose the best. Why didn't she realize it before?	It didn't seem special to her because it was always there. <i>Help children notice the wonderful things that are right under their noses!</i>
At the end of the book Lyla has changed on the outside: she has new heart-shaped spots. Has she changed inside too?	Yes! Lyla has gained new knowledge and understands what love is. <i>Introduce the concepts of inside vs outside change.</i>

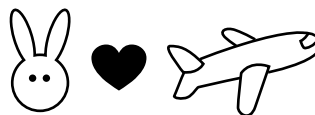
ideas for teamwork

1. Lyla talks to other creatures in the greenhouse to find out what they love: bees love honey, butterflies love sunshine, and ants love to work. Have you ever tried something new and discovered that you like it or love it... or not enjoy it at all? Find out if other people in your class or family have tried it and what did they think. Ask them why.
2. At the beginning of the book, Lyla loves her rose even though it has a spot. Gather as a group and share something you love even though it has a flaw—or maybe because it has a flaw! (Teachers, this could be a fun show-and-tell.)
3. At the end of the book, Lyla realizes that love comes in different forms, such as caring, sharing, and friendship. In a group, each person can think of a way to show love without actually saying it, then write it down. You do not need to put your name on it. The teacher collects the papers and reads them out loud. Did anyone think of the same thing?

Storytelling

Everyone in *Lyla the Love Bug* loves different things. In stories, we often see rabbits love carrots, but is that ALL they love? Think of a reason that these things could love each other. Now pick your favorite and make up a story about them!

Why would a rabbit love an airplane?



Because _____

Why would a bird love pizza?



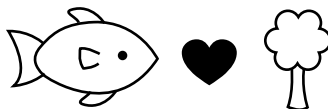
Because _____

Why would a snake love a donut?



Because _____

Why would a fish love a tree?

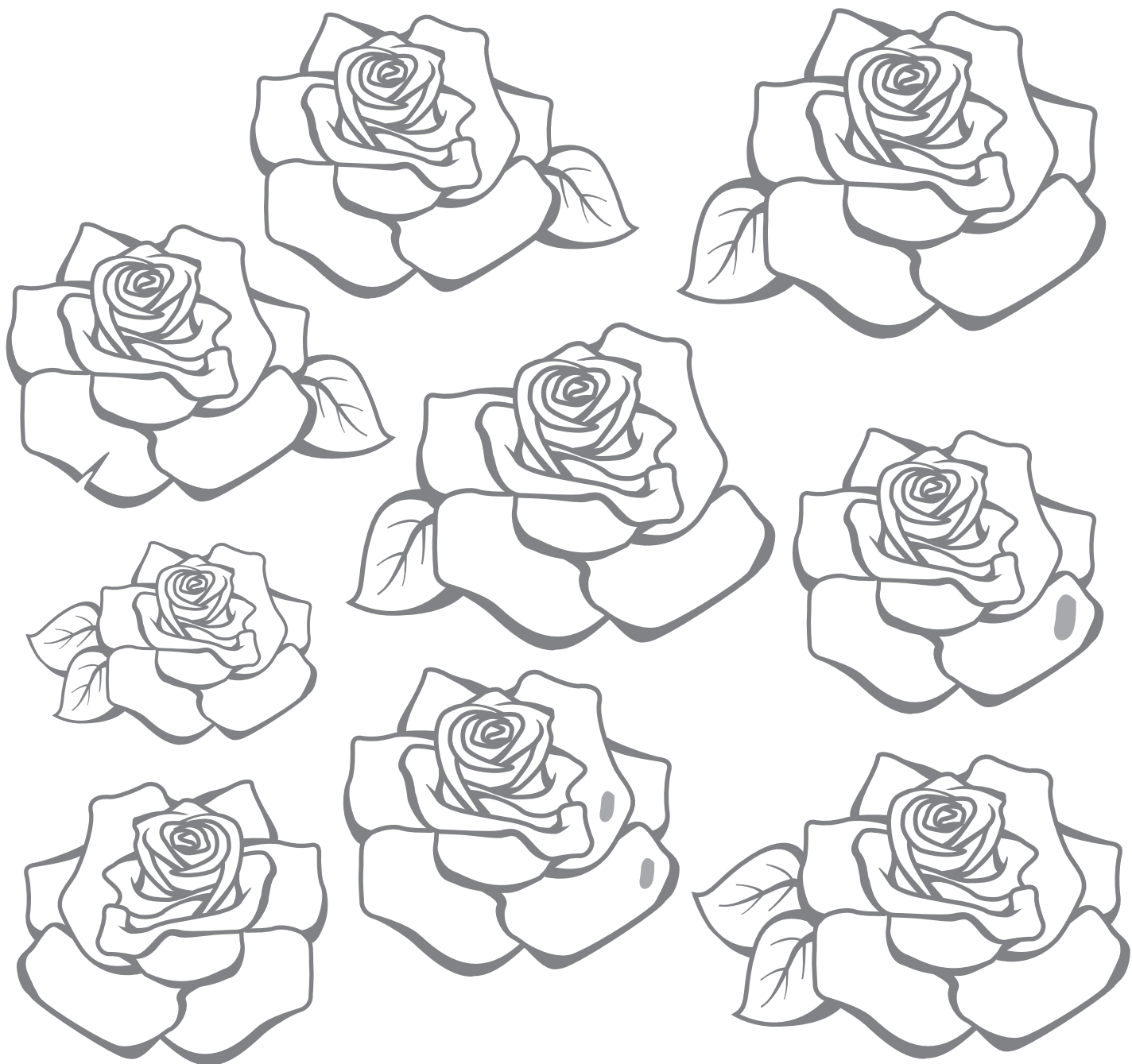


Because _____

Different but the Same

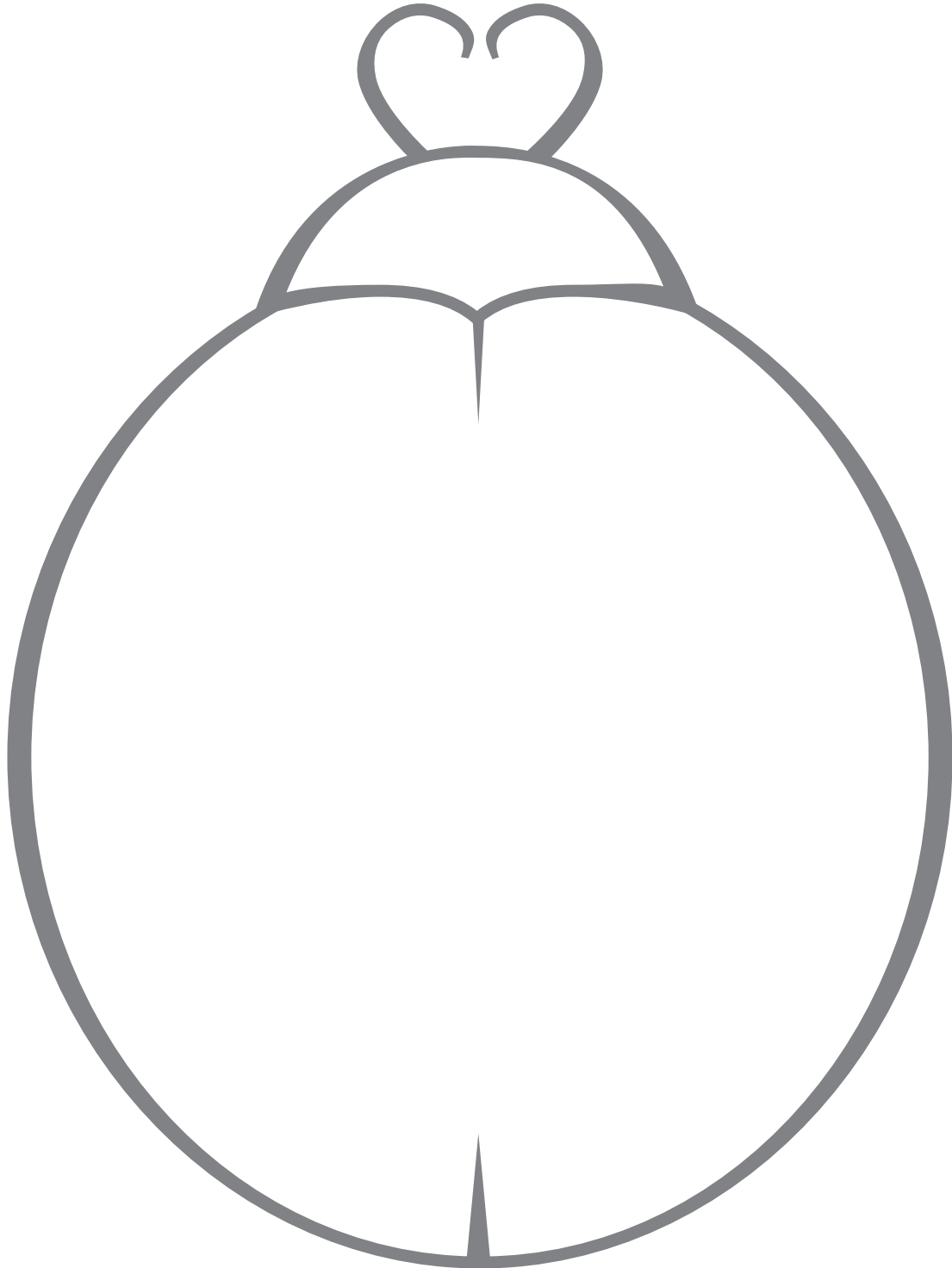
*And just as the last heart appeared on her shell,
every rose in the greenhouse bloomed as well.
And each one was beautiful
in its own special way...
just like Lyla the Love Bug, that Valentine's Day.*

Can you find what makes each of these roses a little different from each other? Color them to make them even more unique!



Loving and Learning

At the beginning of *Lyla the Love Bug*, Lyla has no spots. When she learns the meaning of love, she gets heart-shaped spot on her shell. If you had a shell that was blank at the start of this school year but it filled up as you learned, what would it look like now?



Love can be strange...

In *Lyla the Love Bug* every creature loves something different: bees love honey, the butterflies love the sun, the ants love to work, and Lyla loves her rose. No one creature's love is better or more right than another's. Is there anything you love that is unusual? Maybe something no one else in your class or family loves? Draw a picture and write what you love and why you love it. There is no right answer!

You may not believe it, but I love...

Word Search

Find the words from the story of *Lyla the Love Bug*.

R N B O L Y L A Y B
T H E A R T O T O U
K K E N P U V T F G
U W O R K P E Q L R
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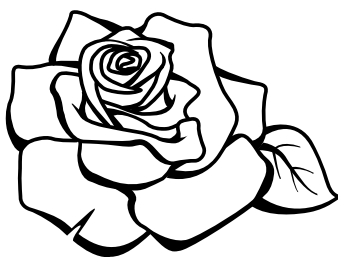
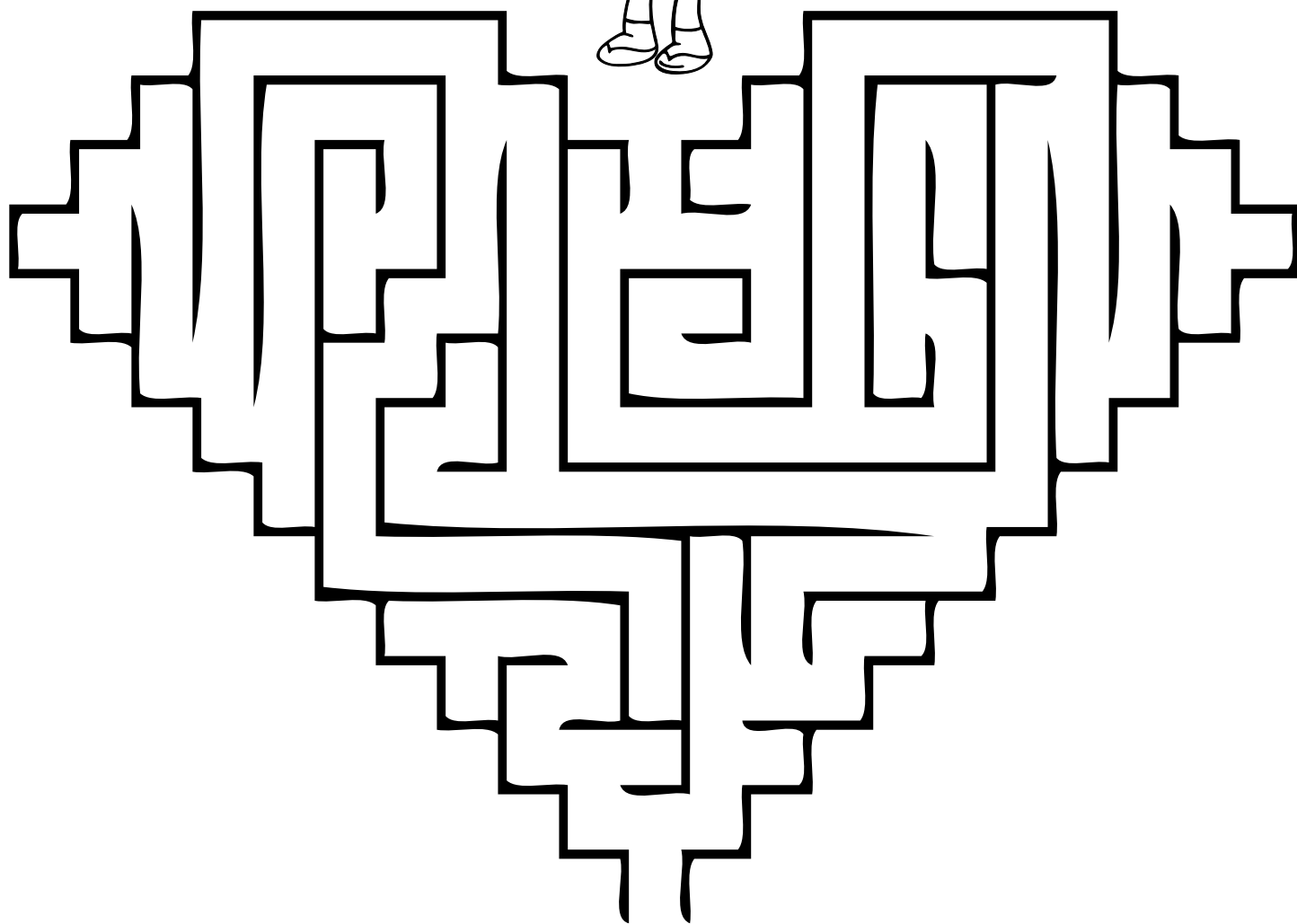
LOVE
BUG
LYLA

ROSE
HONEY
WORK

SUNSHINE
SPOTS
HEART

Home is Where the Heart is

Help Lyla find her way home to her rose.



LYLA



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