

WALKIES

A Dog's Tale

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ACTIVITY GUIDE

On a gloomy, dripping, rain-boots-required kind of day, Kid is ready to stay inside, warm and dry, and play video games. But to Dog, Kid's arrival home means only one thing: it's time for **WALKIES!**

Outside, rain means puddles to splash in, mud to splock in! Tiny ears perked up, tail a-wagging with joy, Dog bounds through the park, Kid in tow. Playful action sequences, bold facial expressions, and vivid illustrations all drive this wordless tale, transforming a dreary afternoon into a boisterous adventure.

While at first doubtful about the experience, Kid's attitude brightens, buoyed by Dog's playful antics and the surprises and wonder to be found outdoors. Before long, thanks to Dog's positive energy, Kid doesn't think it's such a bad day after all. In fact, it might just be the best!

Filled with adorable, exuberant scenes any dog owner knows well, this playful romp is sure to brighten the day of many a young reader, pet owner and non-pet owner alike.

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#I PET OWNER

It's **SO** much fun to have a pet!
But being a good pet owner takes hard work, too.

How do you care for your pet(s)?

Write their name and what type of animal they are below. Then, write 3 different ways you take care of your pet. (If you don't have a pet, imagine one you'd like to have and how you'd take care of them!)

MY PET'S NAME IS _____ .

THEY ARE A _____ .

I CARE FOR MY PET BY . . .



UNTANGLE THE LEASHES

Kid and Dog got a little tangled on their walk! Can you help them out?

Use a crayon, colored pencil, or marker to trace the leash from Kid and circle which dog Kid's leash is attached to!



AN ADVENTURE IN YOUR BACKYARD

Adventure and outdoor fun can happen anywhere!

Take a walk in your neighborhood or local park with a grownup, friends, and/or your furry friend.

Complete the walking log on the next page, and the following challenges, then cut out your walking badge on the next page!

1. *Observations*

- Pick a spot where you can stand safely for a few minutes to look around. (Make sure you're out of the way of other walkers, bikes, or traffic.)
- Answer the following questions with your fellow walkers:
 - o What do you see? What do you hear?
 - o What are three things larger than you? What are three things smaller than you?
 - o What around you is beautiful?
 - o What's something you didn't notice at first when you were walking?

2. *Weather report*

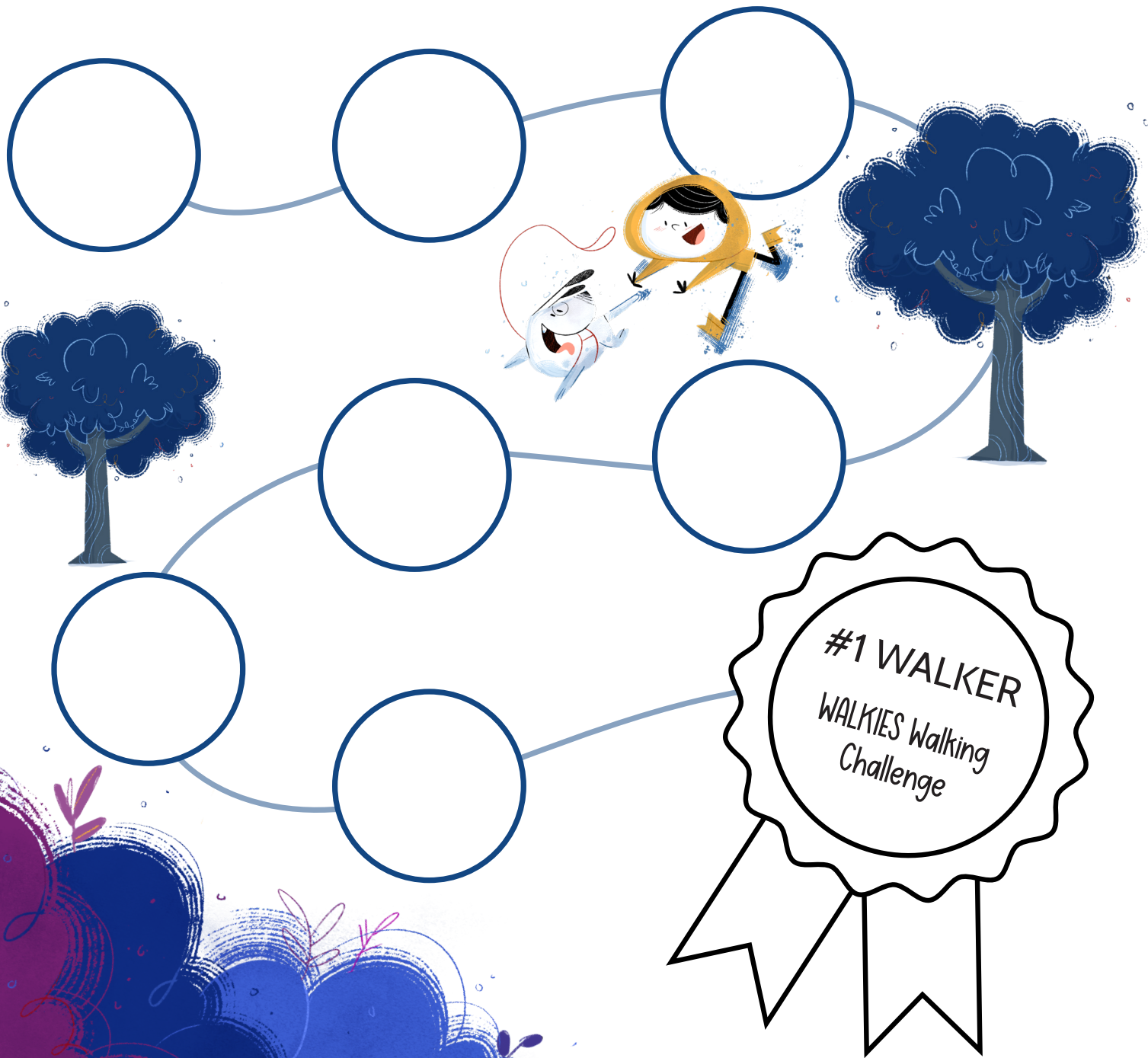
- What's the weather like outside? When you go on a walk, make your own "weather report" by answering the following questions:
 - o Is it sunny, cloudy, or a mix of both?
 - o Is it hot or cold? How did the temperature change throughout your walk?
 - o Is it raining or snowing?
 - o Did you enjoy the weather?
 - o How did you prepare to be outside? What should others wear to be comfortable outside today?



WALKIES WALKING CHALLENGE

Every time you take a walk with a friend, grown-up, and/or a furry friend, color in the next circle.

When you reach the end, cut out and color the badge at the bottom of this page to celebrate finishing the challenge!



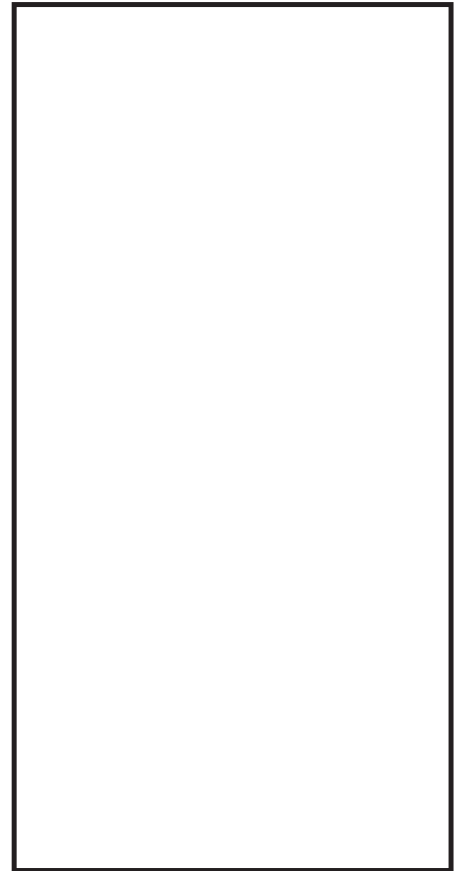
YOU'RE A COMIC ARTIST!



Comics or graphic novels use frames to show movement or different moments of a story. Like the left example from *Walkies: A Dog's Tale*.

Choose a scene to illustrate, with your pet (real or imagined) as the star. Then, use the three frames below to show three different parts of that scene.

Have fun! (And if don't be afraid to use other comic techniques like speech bubbles or words to communicate sound effects.)



FUN IN ANY WEATHER

Color the items Kid uses to prepare for his rainy day walk. Don't forget to add some colorful designs that would stand out on a cloudy, rainy day!

What other items do you think you might use to go outside in rainy weather?



CREATURE SEARCH

If you look closely, you might just find some cute creatures throughout the book!
Search the book for each picture below. When you find each, check the box below the picture.

