

By Y York

Directed by Mark Lutwak

Scenic Design by Kimb Williamson

Costume Design by Kish Finnegan

Sound Design by Mark Lutwak

Stage Manager: Gretchen Schaefer

The Cast

Rat. Juliet Drake
Cat. Justin Krueger
Dale Beaver. Ricardo Araiza

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Today you saw a production of *River Rat and Cat* performed by Childsplay. Here are some things to think about and some activities to do now that you've seen the show!

Tell your family and/or friends about the play you saw. . .

◇ Tell them about the story and the characters: What happens in the beginning, the middle and the end of the play? How many characters can you remember? Which character was your favorite and why? What were some of the things the characters did? What was your favorite part of the play?

◇ Tell them about the costumes, scenery, props, lights, and sound effects from the production. Draw pictures to help describe things you talk about.

◇ Tell them about something new that you learned from the play.

In the play, Rat talks about his "windfall." A windfall is a sudden or unexpected piece of good fortune or personal gain. Think about different kinds of "windfalls." Winning the lottery, having a lot of rain after it's been very dry, or getting a lot of presents on your birthday are all examples. If you could receive any kind of "windfall," what would you want it to be? If you could wish for a "windfall" for a family member or friend, what would it be?

The words "cat" and "rat" rhyme. What other words rhyme with "cat" and "rat?" List as many as you can think of:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

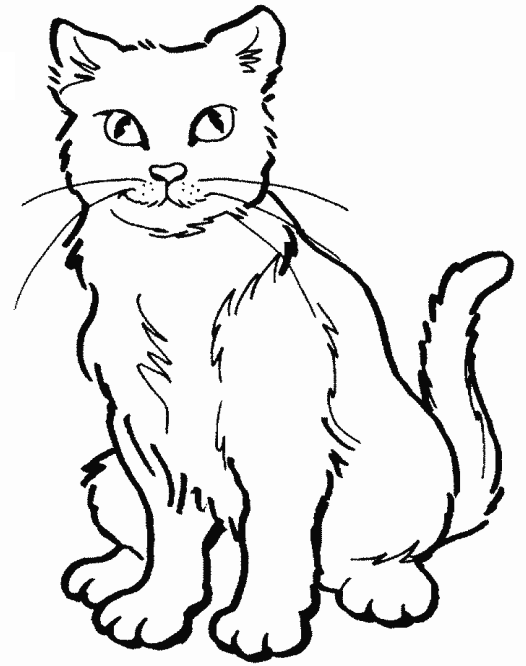
WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the words in the puzzle below:

BEAVER	CAT	DAM
FRIENDS	POCKETS	RAT
RIVER	TIRES	TREE
WINDFALL	WORRYSTONE	

C N E D T U R R F U
 S M N F A B I D A M
 B T O O R V X I K L
 E L T E E I T B L C
 A E S R E A E A U F
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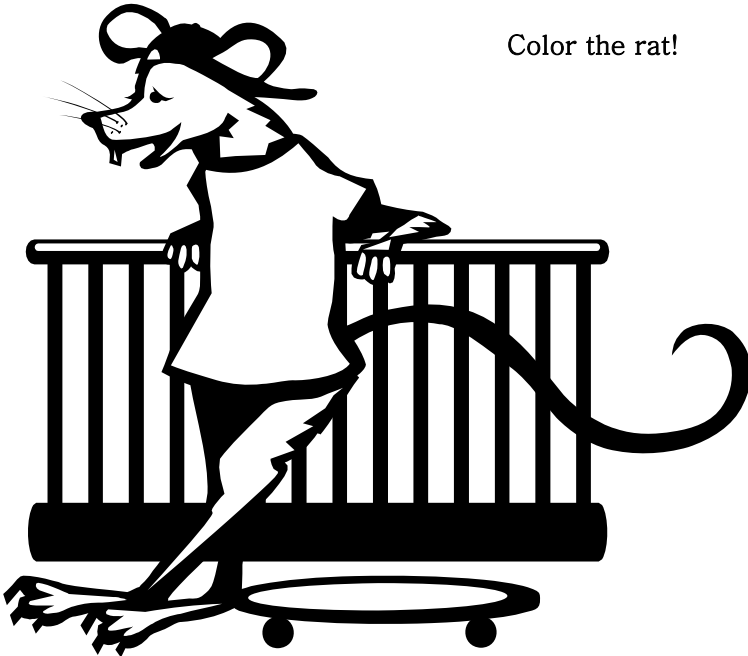
Color the cat!



River Rat loves his worry stones!

Worry stones are smooth, polished stones with a thumb-sized indentation. They originated in Ancient Greece. It is believed that holding one between your index finger and thumb while slowly rubbing it will lessen your worries. Do your parents or teacher ever tell you to stop fidgeting? Sometimes rubbing a worry stone can help you to focus and become calmer which will help the fidgeting! Find a rock or stone that you can use as a worry stone. You can look for one while on a hike or buy one in a store. Keep it in your pocket and use it when you feel worried, frustrated or scared.

Color the rat!



River Rat loves to collect things. He is a pack rat. Do you collect anything? If so, what do you collect?

I collect _____

How many items are in your collection?

_____ items.

If you don't have any collections, write down three things you would like to collect.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

In the play, Dale Beaver wants to build the biggest dam ever. Have a competition with a friend (or several friends) to see who can build the biggest "thing." Choose something like a card house, building blocks, rubber band ball, foil ball, or whatever! Put a time limit on your challenge and find an adult who can judge the competition.