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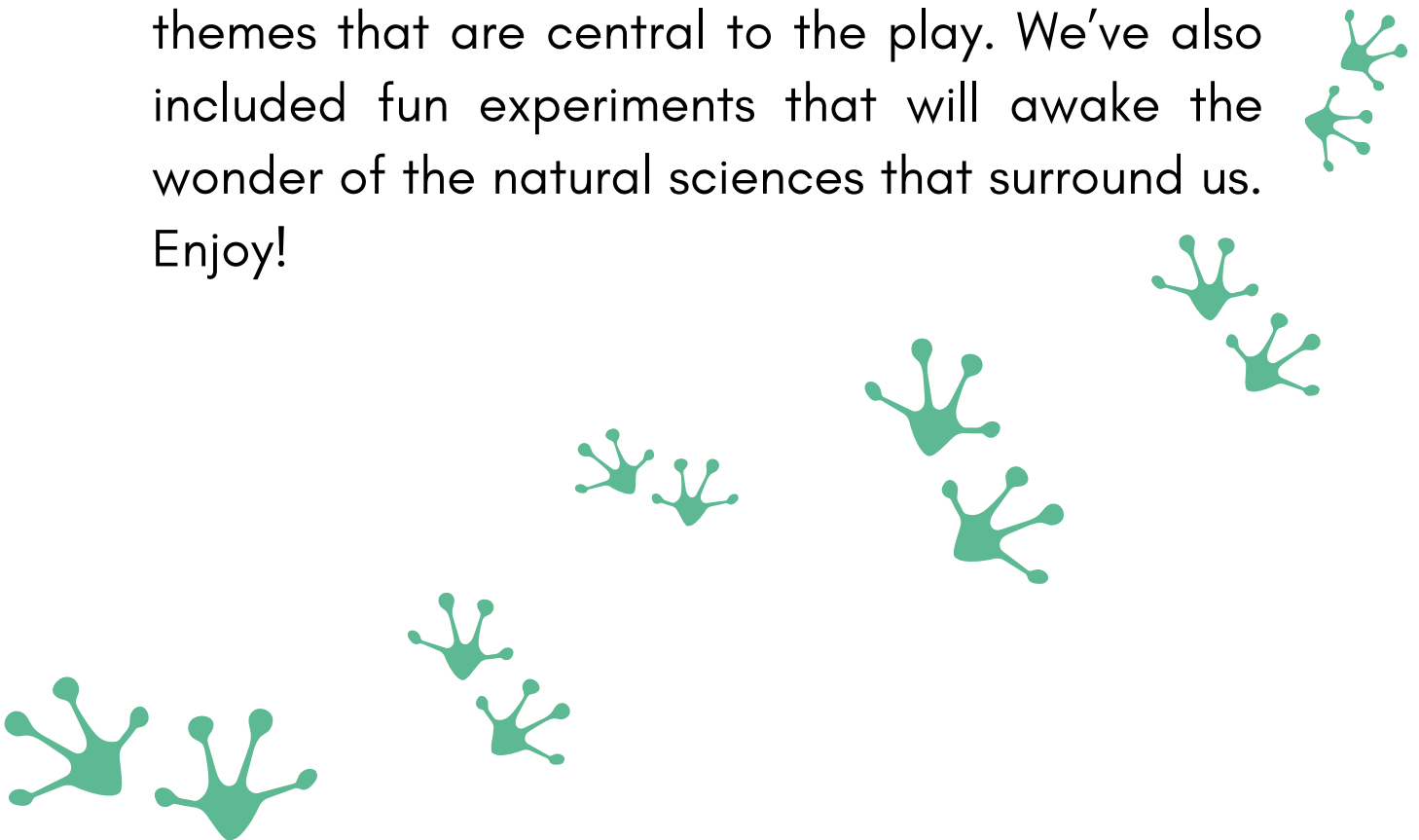


A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

STUDY GUIDE

WELCOME!

Thank you for bringing your children to see Chicago Children's Theatre's production of A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD. This study guide includes games and activities to encourage further exploration of the story, teachings, and themes that are central to the play. We've also included fun experiments that will awake the wonder of the natural sciences that surround us. Enjoy!



WHAT IS A FROG?

WHAT IS A TOAD?

We know you're wondering: what's the difference between a frog and a toad? Well, here are some answers for you.

Toads are actually a kind of frog, just like tuna are a kind of fish. So, all toads are frogs, but not all frogs are toads. (Think about that for a second!) Both frogs and toads begin as tadpoles, but when they grow up, there are some definite differences between them.

FROG



Need to live near water, and can live on the ground or in trees.

Have smooth, moist skin.

Have narrow and skinny bodies.

Have longer back legs and usually have webbed feet.

TOAD



Don't need to live near water, and only live on the ground.

Have bumpy, dry, rough skin.

Have wider, chubby bodies.

Have shorter back legs, and don't have webbed feet.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In the play, Frog and Toad have very different personalities. But they're also really great friends, right?

Do you think it matters to Frog or Toad that they are very different from each other?

Do you think they enjoy their differences?

Have you ever had a friend who was very different from you?

FROG AND TOAD'S FRIENDS

Frog and Toad meet lots of other animal friends. Below are pictures of some of the other creatures from in the story.

The animal names are on the next page. Find the correct name for each animal, and then write the name on the line beneath the animal's picture.







WORD BANK

ANTELOPE

MOLE

SNAIL

HUSKY

LIZARD

BIRD

TURTLE

MOUSE

SQUIRREL



THERE ARE TWO INTRUDERS!

**Can you find the two animals
that are NOT a part of Frog
and Toad's group of friends?**

SNAIL MAIL!

Over and over, Toad complains that he never gets any mail. Then one day he receives a letter from a special friend, which makes him really happy!

Dear Toad,

COUNTING COOKIES

In the story, Toad makes some delicious cookies. Then, Toad and his friend Frog and their friends the birds eat WAY too many of the cookies. We need your help to find out how many cookies they ate.



Use the cookies above to answer the following questions.

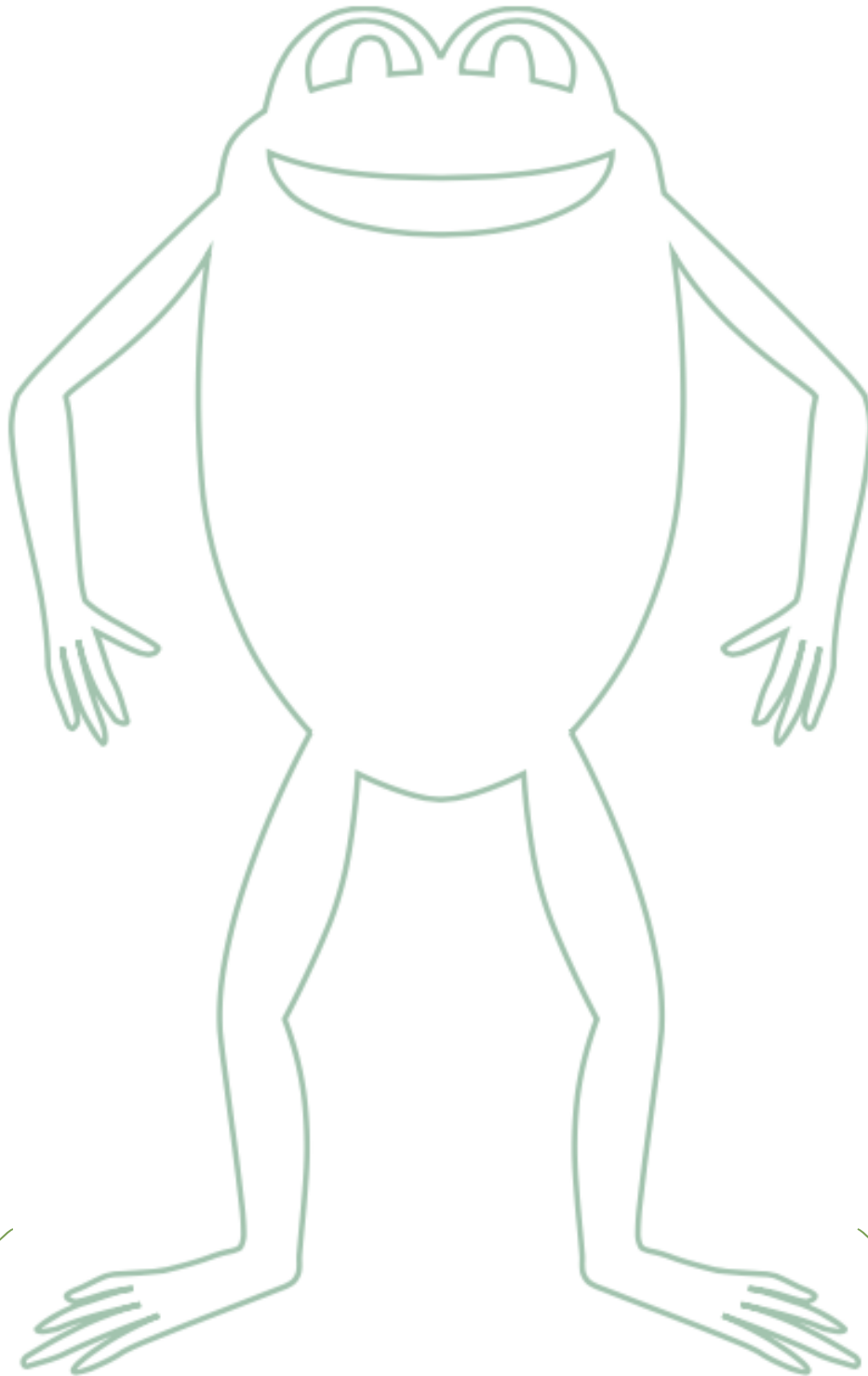
1. How many cookies does Toad bake?
2. Toad eats 6 cookies! How many are left?
3. Frog eats half as many cookies as Toad.
How many does Frog eat?
4. How many cookies are left after Frog and Toad eat their cookies?
5. Three birds eat two cookies each.
How many cookies do the birds eat total?
6. After Frog and Toad and the birds have eaten their cookies, how many are left for you?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

TOAD'S FUNNY BATHING SUIT

In the play, Toad admits his bathing is very silly. But what makes him look so funny? This is your chance to show us.

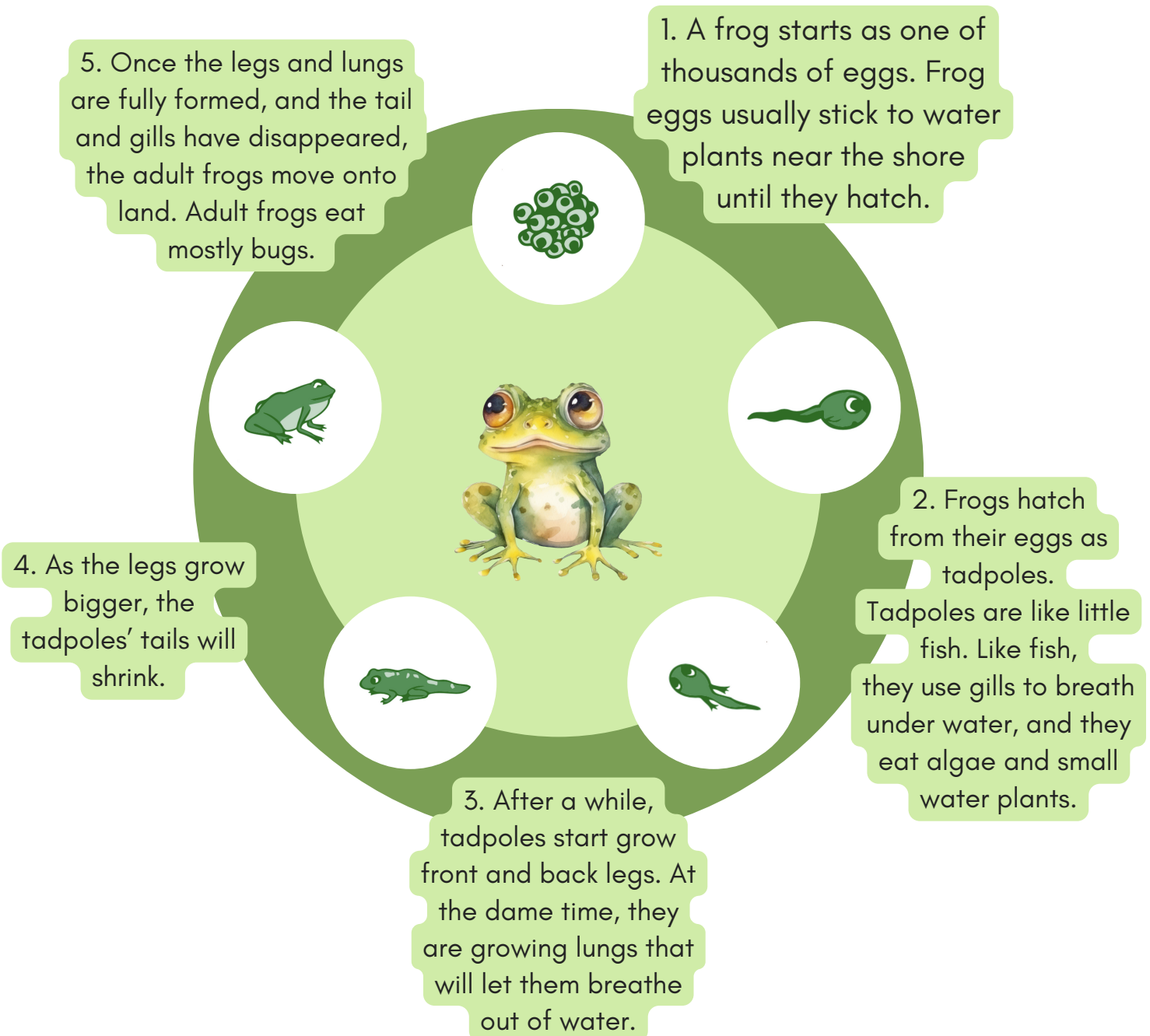
Use your imagination to create a bathing suit that looks really funny, and then draw it on the toad below.



HOW THINGS GROW

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF A FROG

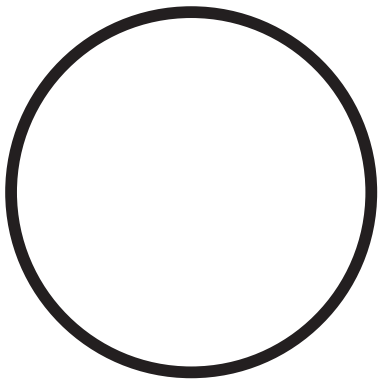
Frogs and Toads are Amphibians. The word amphibian means “double life” and frogs are said to have two lives since they live part of their life in the water, and part on land. Let’s take a look at how it works!

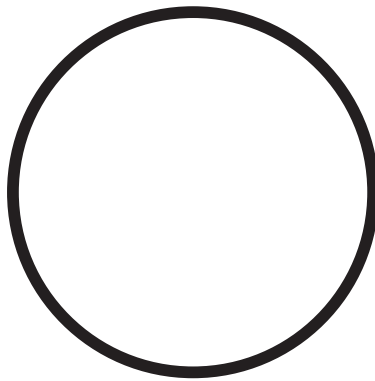


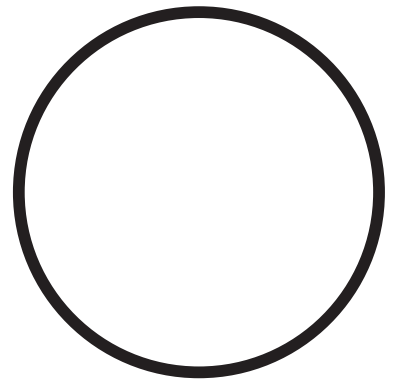
LET'S DRAW WHAT YOU LEARNED

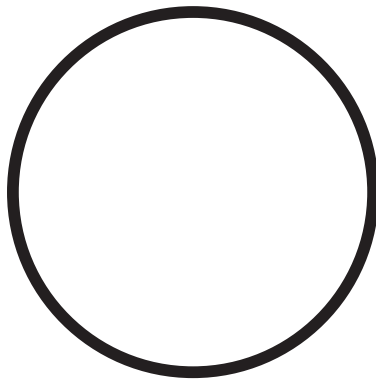
Use the space below to create a cartoon that tells the story of a frog growing up. Draw pictures of the story in the circles, and narrate the story on the lines beneath.

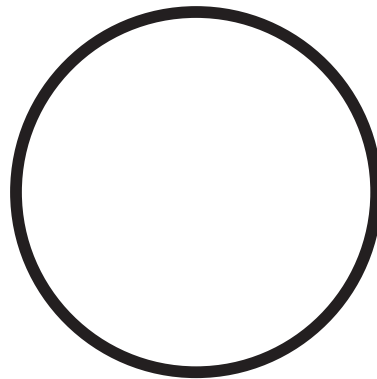
- Name your frog.
- Show how your frog's body changes as he or she grows up.
- Get creative and have fun!













GOOD FRIENDS

What Makes a Good Friend?

- Circle the examples of being a good friend.

What makes a Good Friend?

- Cross out the things a good friend probably wouldn't do.

Asking someone who looks sad if there's anything you can do to make things better.

Stepping on someone's sand castle.

Saying "Im sorry," for accidentally breaking another person's toy.

Ripping up a drawing someone made.

Giving someone a high-five when they win a game.

Telling someone that they are amazing!

Making fun of someone for spilling ketchup on their shirt.

Sharing a toy with a friend.

WHAT IS ONE WAY FROG IS A GOOD FRIEND TO TOAD?

WHAT IS ONE WAY SOMEONE HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND TO YOU?



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