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HOLIDAY HOUSE



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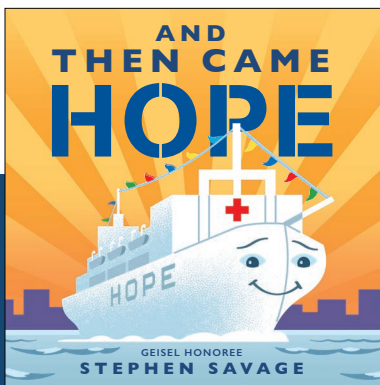
A Note from Stephen Savage

Dear Reader,

The sight of the hospital ship USNS *Comfort* triumphantly sailing into New York Harbor in April 2020 inspired me to write this book for children. The city was in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ship, true to its name, brought comfort. I did a little research that night and came across another hospital ship from the 1960s called SS *HOPE*. That's when I knew I had my ship and my book!

The story reminds us of the power of HOPE. We can't live without it. We also can't live without doctors and nurses and other medical professionals. So put your trust in them. They're superheroes!

Your friend,
Stephen



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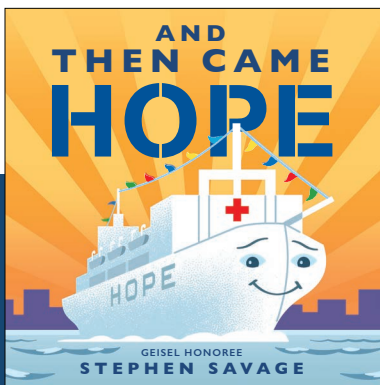
Learn About the Real SS HOPE



On September 22, 1960, a gleaming white ship left the San Francisco harbor and steamed across the Pacific Ocean to Indonesia. She would make eleven voyages over the next fourteen years, bringing medical care, training, and supplies to countries around the world.

The SS HOPE was a state-of-the-art floating medical center with two hundred fifty beds, an operating room, an X-ray room, a library, and a pharmacy. The ship's unique feature was a powdered milk machine called the "iron cow" that could make one thousand gallons of milk a day.

One hundred doctors, one hundred fifty nurses, and other allied health professionals, all volunteers, performed surgeries, vaccinations, treatment for injuries and trauma, and even dentistry. They shared their medical knowledge with the doctors and nurses in the countries they visited. The SS HOPE completed her last voyage in 1974, and today she is retired. But her mission continues as Project HOPE, a land-based organization that provides medical care and training to countries hit hard by disease, war, and natural disasters. For more information, visit Project HOPE at projecthope.org.



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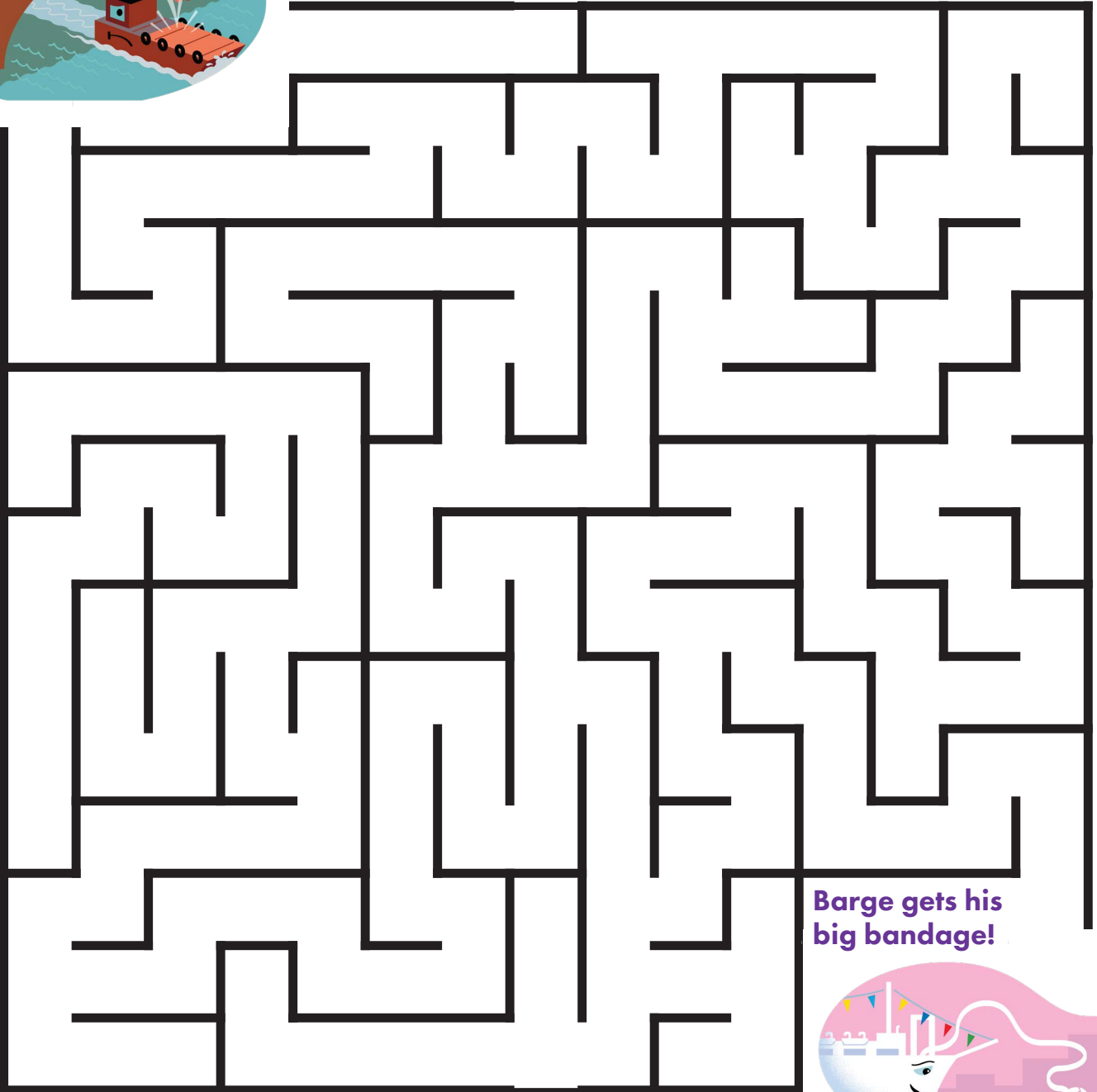
Help Barge Get a Bandage!

Complete the maze so Barge can get a bandage to fix his bump!

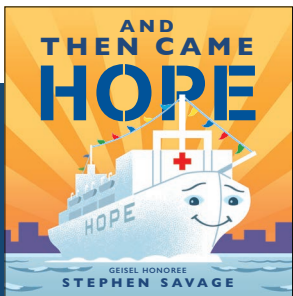


Put out the call for an SOS!

START!



Barge gets his big bandage!



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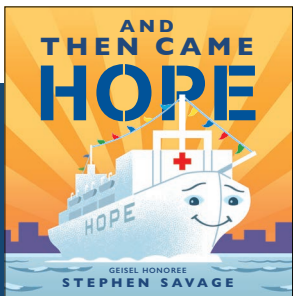
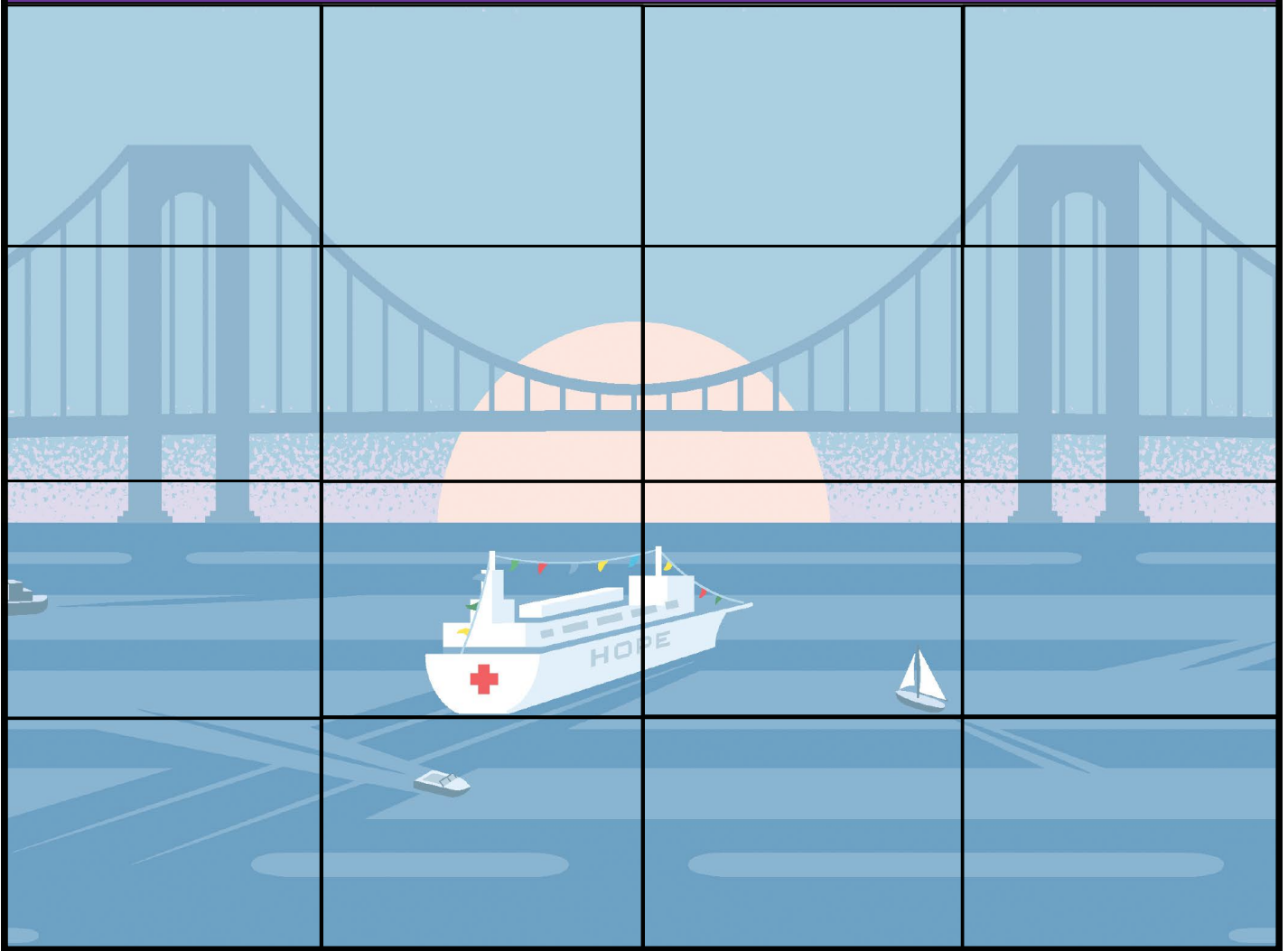
Harbor Boat Bingo (Part 1)

Be the first player to cover four spaces in a row!



*Be sure to ask an adult for help with cutting.

HARBOR BOAT BINGO



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Harbor Boat Bingo (Part 2)

Be the first player to cover four spaces in a row!



Instructions:

1. Reproduce and cut out blank boat bingo cards for each player.
2. Give every player a blank boat bingo card.
3. Reproduce and cut out the word pieces.
4. Reproduce and cut out the SS HOPE game pieces.
5. Give each player a set of words to place on their bingo card in any order they choose, and a set of game pieces.
6. Reproduce and cut out a set of word pieces to call out. Place word pieces in a bag or basket for drawing and calling out.
7. Call out each word.
8. Players must identify the word on their card and cover the space with a game piece.
9. If a player has all four words covered diagonally, across a row, or vertically in a column, they should call out "HOPE!"

Word pieces

barge

submarine

dory

harbor

ferry

aircraft carrier

tugboat

hope

fever

doctor

SOS

bandage

shipshape

snuggled

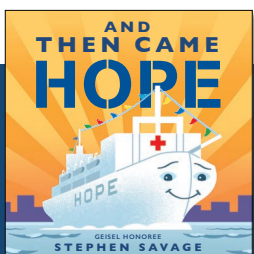
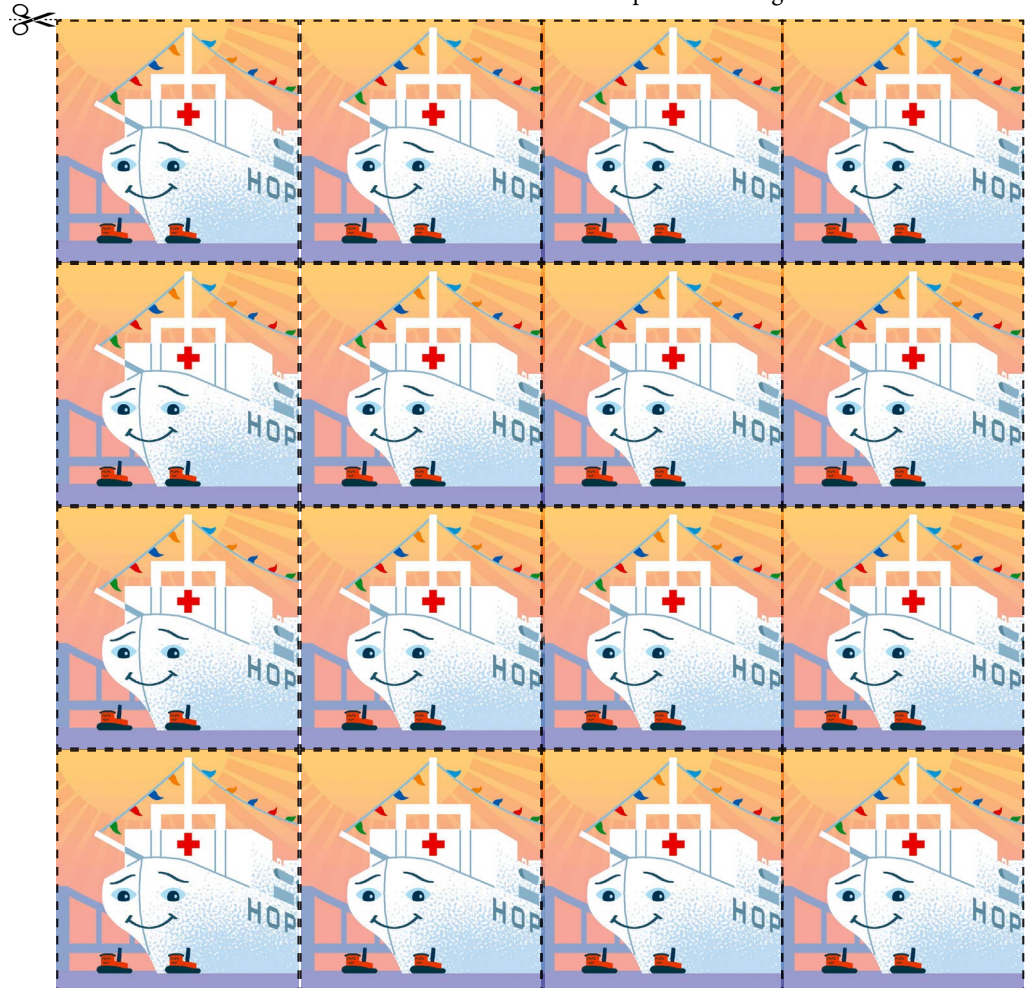
help

steaming

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Game pieces

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Feeling Shipshape! Matching Activity

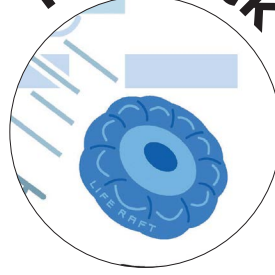
Draw a line from the boat to the item HOPE used to help them.



Barge



Ice Pack



Submarine



Blanket



Ferry



Cough Medicine



Aircraft Carrier



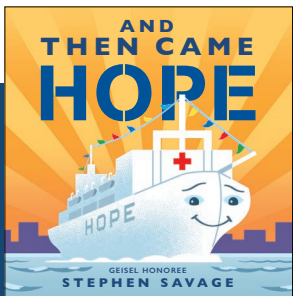
Life preserver



Dory



Bandage



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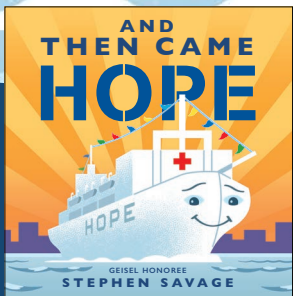
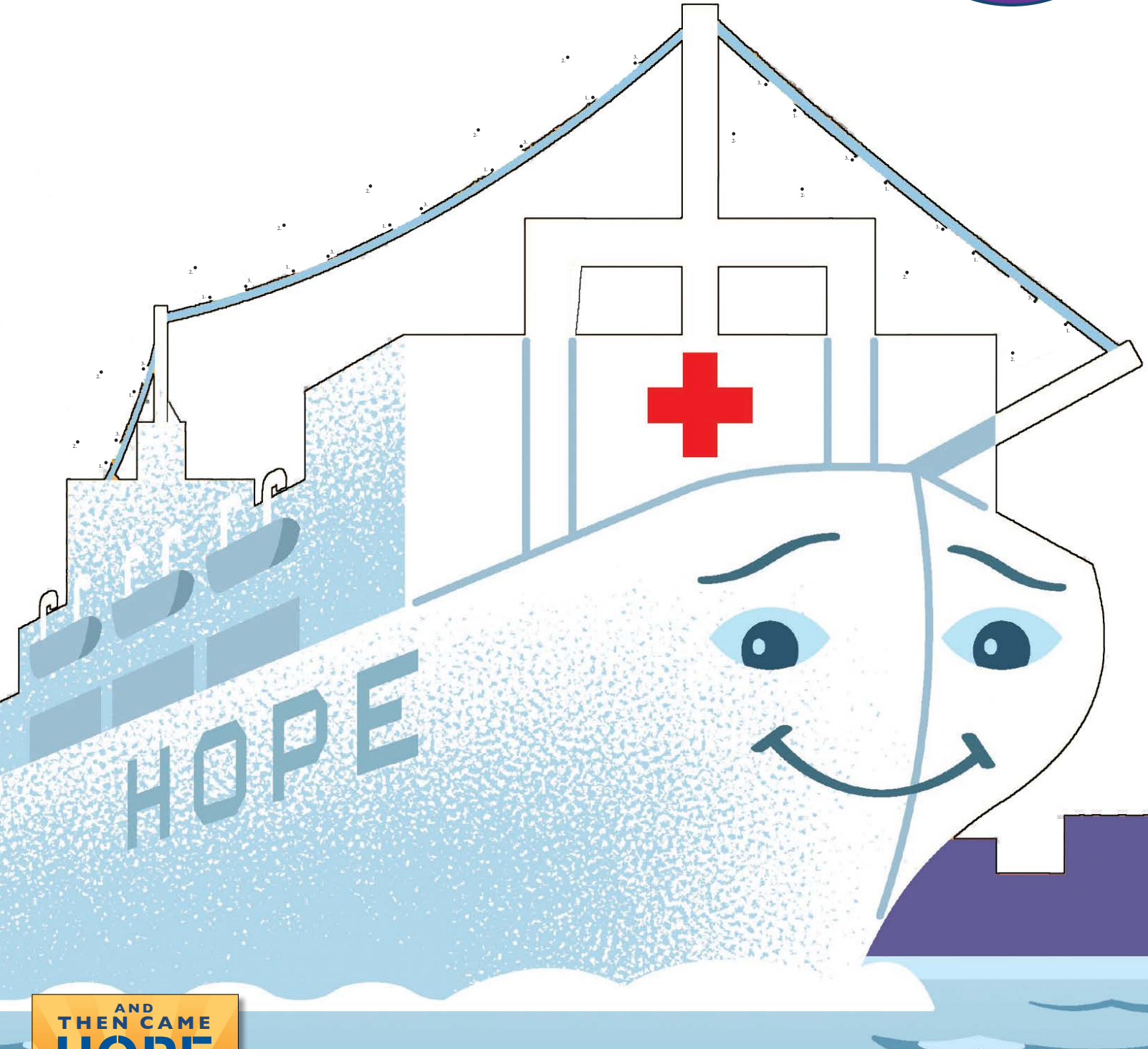


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Connect the Dots

What is missing from HOPE's masts? Connect the dots to find out and then color them in!



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Make Your Own Get Well Card!

Send this card to someone you care about who isn't feeling shipshape.



Instructions:

- Cut out and fold the card below in half.
- Write a message inside to someone you care about and sign your name.
- Put it in an envelope, address it, add a stamp, and mail it!
- Be sure to ask an adult for help with mailing!

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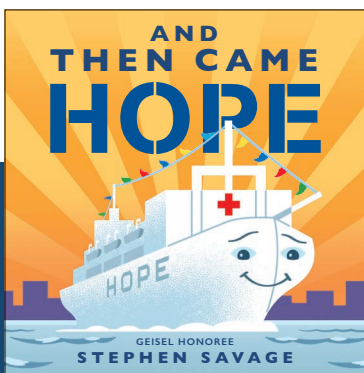
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WELLNESS RESOURCES FOR KIDS

Here are some ways to keep yourself in Shipshape!

taken from American Academy of Pediatrics HealthyChildren.org

- **Choose Healthy Snacks!**
- **Be Mindful!**
- **Get Moving!**
- **Get Enough Sleep!**



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