

Gideon & Milo

Free Activity Sampler

12 pages to draw, play and explore

Grab a pencil. Let's follow a clue!

Recommended for ages 6-15 | Pick a page. Try it your way.



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Ready, explorer?

Milo is ready. Are you? You can try these pages on your own or share the fun with someone.

- 1 Grab a pencil.** Add crayons if you like. Page 10 has a short list of extra things to find.
- 2 Pick a page.** You do not have to go in order. Start with one that looks fun.
- 3 Try it your way.** Draw, write or say your answer out loud. Take a break whenever you like.

Need a little help? Stuck on a word? Ask someone to read it with you. Stuck for an idea? Look for a “Try this idea” box.

A quick note for grown-ups

Suggested for ages 6-15. Let each child choose a comfortable pace. Younger readers may need help with a few words. The examples are starting points; children can use their own ideas.

The word search is on page 8; its answers are on page 11. This free 12-page sampler is separate from the paid 32-page **Volume 1: Courage** pack.

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Sniff. Sniff-sniff!

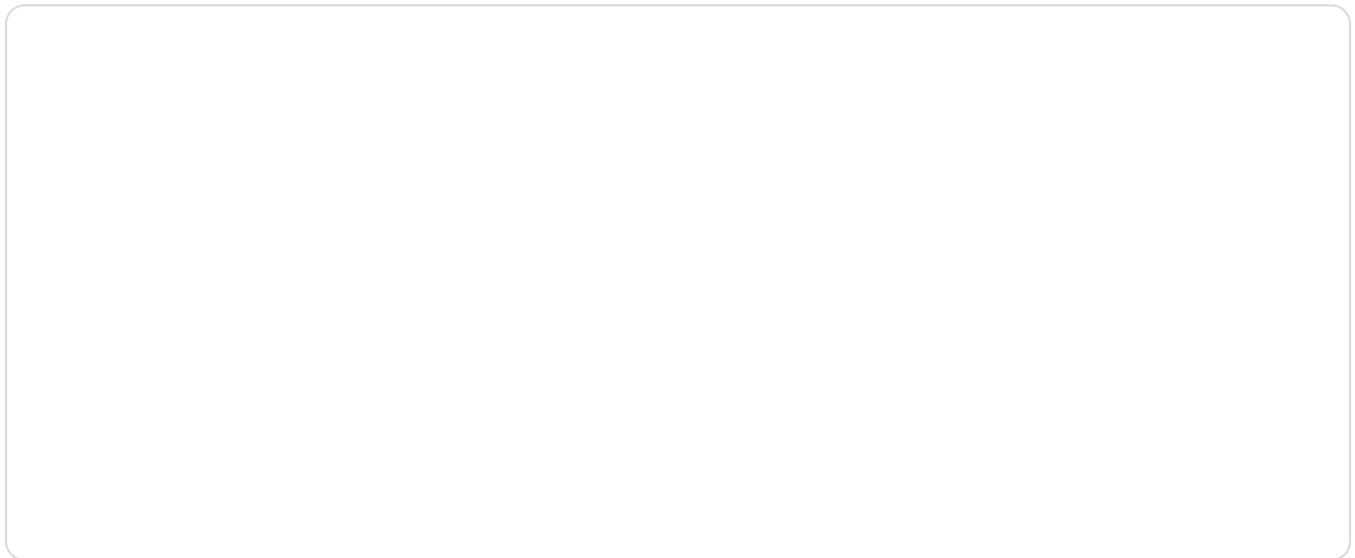
That is Milo looking for a clue! Milo is a little Yorkshire terrier. Gideon is his friend, a boy who loves to ask questions.

You can join in even if you have not read their books yet. Let's start with something right where you are.

Look around. What can you spot?

Pick one thing you can see. Draw it in the box.

Try this idea: "I can see a leaf. It has a pointy end."



What is one thing you notice about it?

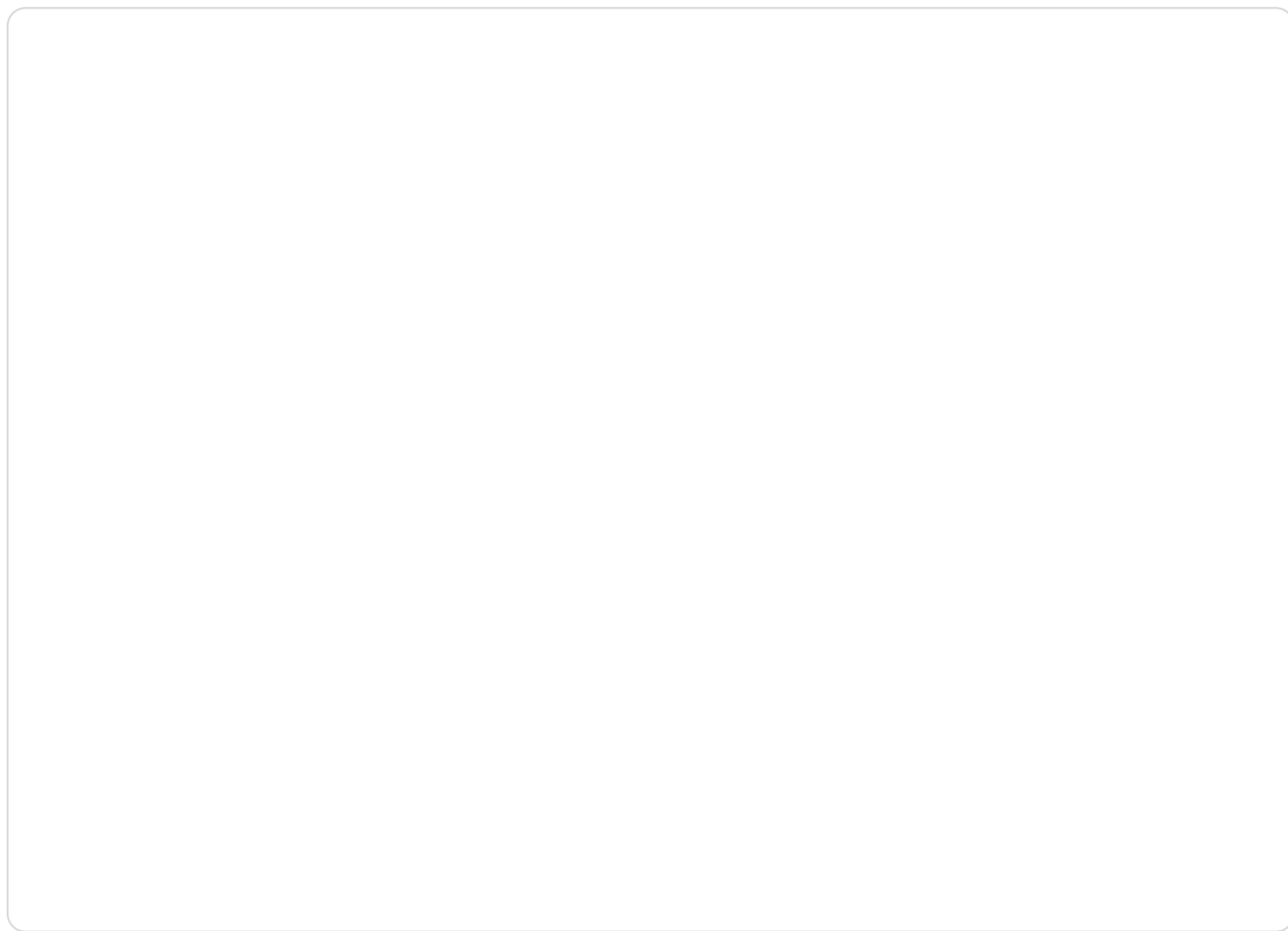
You could name its color, shape or size. Write it or say it out loud.

Want more? Think of a question about the thing you found.

Draw Gideon and Milo

Where shall we go? Pick a place, such as a yard or a park. Draw Gideon and Milo there. Add something for them to spot.

Try this idea: Milo finds a leaf beside a tree.



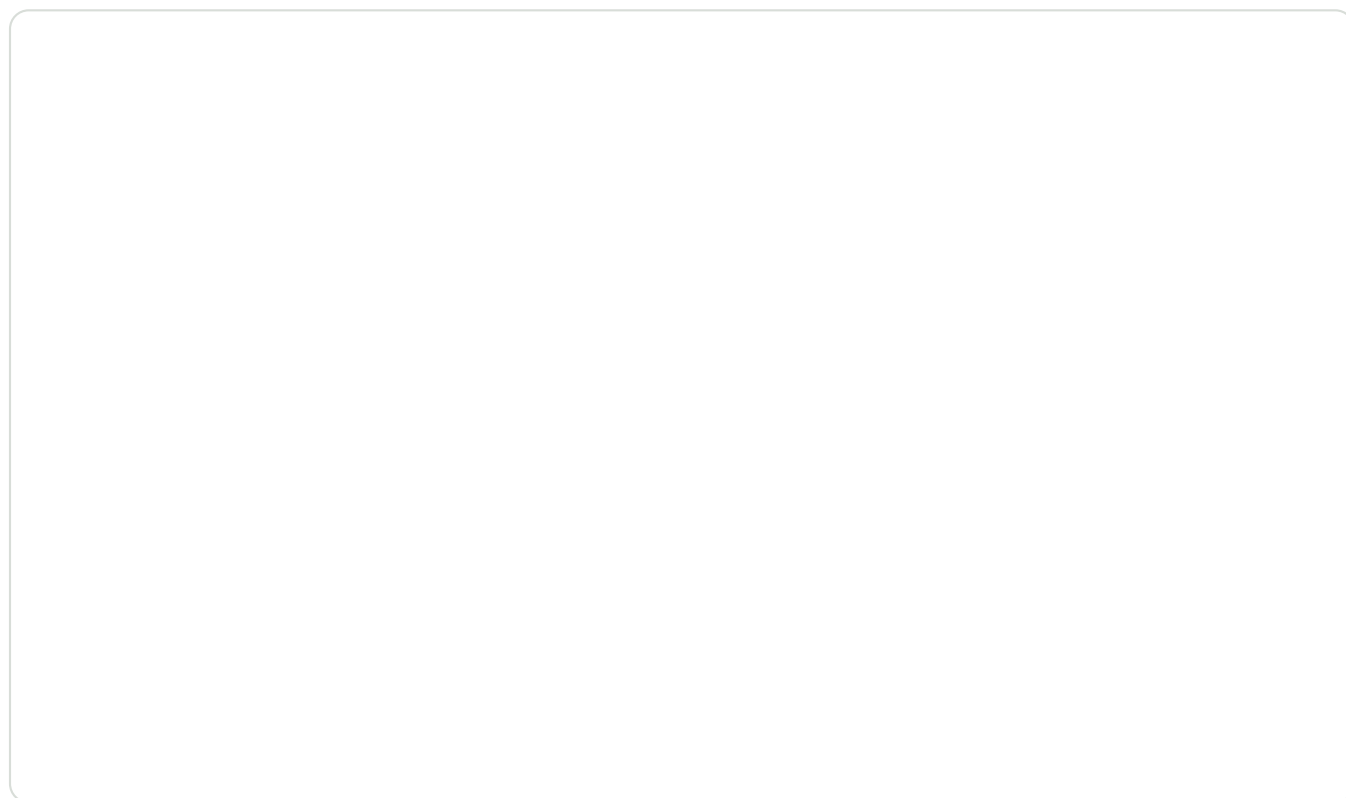
Give your picture a name, or say its name out loud:

Want more? Add speech bubbles. What would each friend say?

A surprise in the yard

Milo's nose has found something! Draw the friends in a yard. Add a surprise: a feather, a footprint or something you make up.

Try this idea: Milo spots a tiny footprint beside a flowerpot.



What did they find? Write it or say it:

What might happen next?

Want more? Hide a second clue in your picture.

My brave little step

Trying something new can feel a little scary. A small step counts! Use your own idea, or make up one for Gideon.

Try this idea: “I wanted to join a game. I asked, ‘Can I play?’”

Draw or write in the boxes.

I wanted to...

One small step I could try is...

How might I feel? Circle any words that fit.

happy worried excited proud not sure

Another feeling: _____

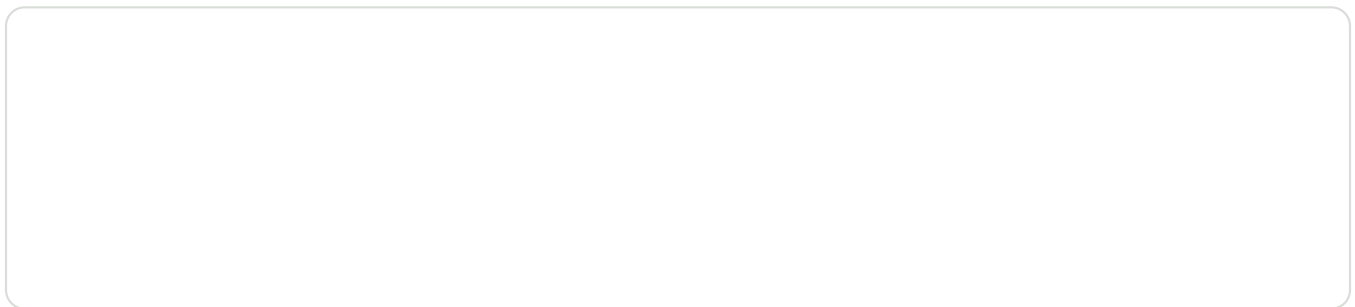
Want more? What could help you take that first step?

What's that rustle?

Rustle, rustle! Milo hears a sound by a bush. Gideon and Milo stop and listen from where they are.

Try this idea: Maybe the wind is moving the leaves.

What else could make that sound? Draw or write an idea.

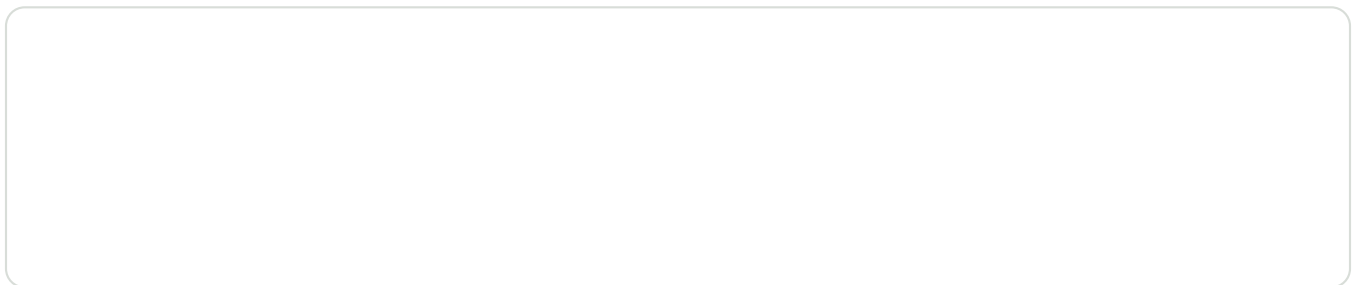


What would you ask? Start with What, How or Why.

For example: "Why are the leaves moving?"

What clue could help you find out?

A clue is something you notice that helps you work it out. You could listen for the sound again or watch the leaves.



Want more? Think of another answer. What clue would fit it?

Sniff out the words

Find the words from the list below. Circle each word in the grid, then cross it off the list. Some words share letters.

Example:

D	O	G
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 Across: left to right.
Down: top to bottom.

D	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	N	I	F	F
U	E	S	H	V	I	Y	N	R	O	L	P
W	E	K	G	F	A	B	R	A	V	E	L
T	L	L	C	J	Q	B	A	X	C	A	A
E	E	C	G	F	B	V	S	T	O	R	Y
A	C	A	R	E	A	D	K	H	L	N	G
M	I	L	O	M	R	F	F	I	O	U	B
M	P	M	W	B	K	D	X	N	R	N	I
O	Q	J	Y	K	B	O	O	K	L	U	I
D	Q	S	H	Q	X	G	S	F	C	M	T

PLAY**DOG****GROW****READ****MILO****FEEL****ASK****CARE****BRAVE****LEARN****TEAM****SMELL****STORY****BARK****CALM****THINK****FRIENDS****COLOR****BOOK**

Pick your challenge: Find 5 words, or hunt for all 19!
Words never go backward or slant. Need a hint? See page 11.

Tell a tail-wagging tale

Make up an adventure for Gideon and Milo. Finish each line with words or a small picture. You can say your story out loud, too.

Try this idea: “Gideon and Milo went to the garden.”

Gideon and Milo went to...

They saw...

Gideon asked...

Milo helped by...

Together, they...

At the end...

Want more? Give your story a name:

Make a leaf shadow

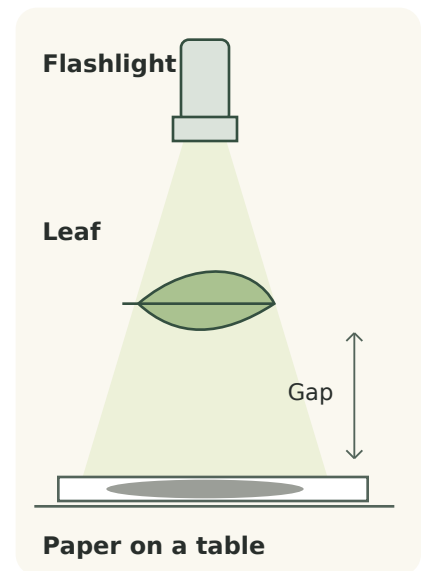
Can one little leaf make a big shadow? Let's find out!

You need: a flashlight, a fallen leaf, plain paper and a pencil.

Keep the light away from eyes. Ask for help if you need it.

- 1 Put the paper flat on a table.
- 2 Hold the leaf above the paper. Leave a gap about as wide as your hand.
- 3 With your other hand, shine the flashlight down at the leaf. Look for its shadow on the paper.
- 4 Keep the leaf in the same place. Move the flashlight closer to the leaf, then farther away. Watch the shadow.
- 5 Put everything down. Draw the shadows you saw in the boxes below.

SIDE VIEW



Light closer to the leaf

Light farther from the leaf

Was one shadow bigger? Circle: YES NO NOT SURE

No flashlight today? Draw a leaf and the shadow you imagine.

Found it!

Use this page when you want a hint. The gold lines show the words. Take a peek, then look for the same word on page 8.

Try this hint: MILO starts on the left side of the grid.

D	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	N	I	F	F
U	E	S	H	V	I	Y	N	R	O	L	P
W	E	K	G	F	A	B	R	A	V	E	L
T	L	L	C	J	Q	B	A	X	C	A	A
E	E	C	G	F	B	V	S	T	O	R	Y
A	C	A	R	E	A	D	K	H	L	N	G
M	I	L	O	M	R	F	F	I	O	U	B
M	P	M	W	B	K	D	X	N	R	N	I
O	Q	J	Y	K	B	O	O	K	L	U	I
D	Q	S	H	Q	X	G	S	F	C	M	T

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One word at a time is fine. You can come back for more later.

Ready for more fun?

Milo's tail is still wagging! You drew, wondered and followed clues. What would you like to try next?

My favorite page was...

Next time, I want to...

Grown-ups: keep the fun going

FREE: This 12-page sampler is a little taste of the fun.

PAID: *Volume 1: Courage* is the separate full paperback workbook, with 32 printed pages: 31 content pages plus a closing page. Enjoy drawing, word searches and story-making.

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Thanks for exploring with Gideon and Milo. There is always another little clue to find!