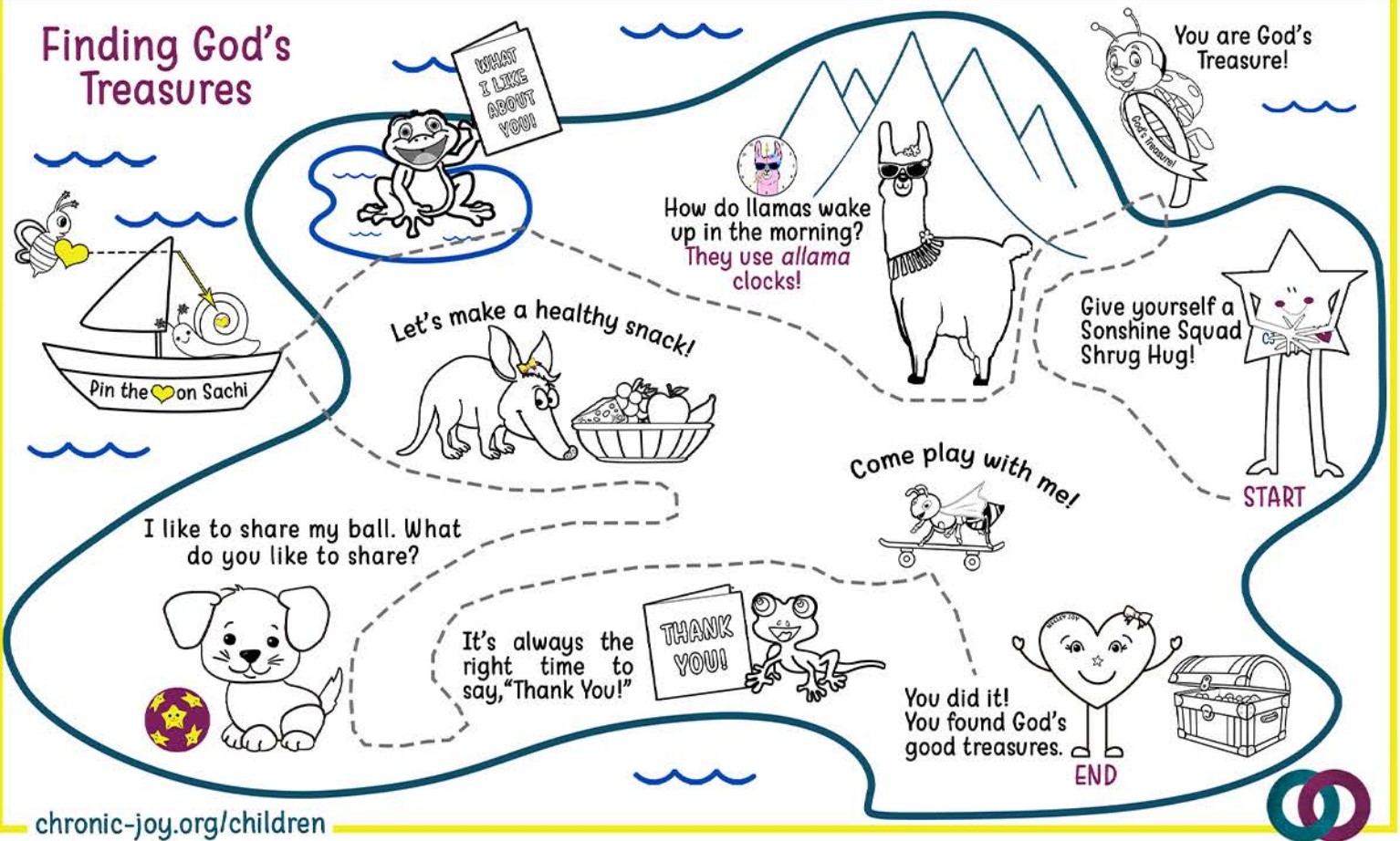


# Finding God's Treasures



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## LOOKING FOR GOD'S TREASURES

CJ Star stood outside the door of Neeley Joy's hospital room. He had come to see his best friend. He wanted to cheer her up. He missed playing with her and wondered how long it would be before she could play with the Sunshine Squad again.

CJ thought of the Bible verse he'd been memorizing all week, Romans 8:28: "God works all things together for good." This didn't feel good. Why hadn't God healed Neeley yet? Why was she still in the hospital?

CJ looked up at his dad, who was standing next to him. "Dad," he said, "I don't get it. The verse I've been learning this week says that God works *everything* together for good. Why does this feel so bad?"

CJ's dad bent down next to him. "Sometimes things will be hard. Sometimes our hearts will hurt, but God reminds us that when our hearts hurt, He is right here with us. Did you know that God hides treasures for us in the hard times? Those treasures are reminders that we are never alone, that God is with us *through everything*. That doesn't mean we won't be sad sometimes, but it does mean that Jesus is right here with us."

"Could one of those treasures be that I'm here to cheer up Neeley Joy?" CJ asked.

"Yes!" answered CJ's dad. "Keep looking for treasures today. Ask Neeley Joy if she's found any, then let's talk about what you've both discovered."

### QUESTIONS

- Are you sad today? Are you struggling with big feelings?
- Have you stopped to look for God's treasures? What did you find?

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for hiding treasures for me to find when I'm sad, treasures that remind me that You are always with me. Remind me to thank You for the treasures. I love you, Jesus. Amen.

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