

**CHRISTIAN ROBINSON**

Caldecott Honor Winner

**dad**



**ACTIVITY KIT**

# ABOUT THE BOOK

From Christian Robinson, #1 *New York Times* bestseller, Caldecott Honoree, and one of the most recognizable picture book creators of this generation, comes a loving tribute to all kinds of dads.



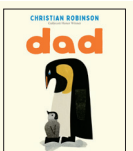
**DAD IS STRONG.  
DAD IS SWEET.  
DAD DREAMS OF  
WATCHING YOU GROW.**

There are as many ways to be a dad as there are dads in the world. *Dad* is a bighearted love letter to all of them, reflecting the range of relationships that dads, both animal and human, have with their little ones.

*Dad* is one of those rare picture books that resonates with every reader at any age.



**ABOUT THE AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR:** Christian Robinson is an illustrator, author, animator, and designer. He is a Caldecott Honoree and illustrator of #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *Last Stop on Market Street* (by Matt de la Peña), *The Bench* (by Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex), and *Something, Someday* (by Amanda Gorman). His solo projects include *Dad; Another*, a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book; and the *New York Times* bestseller *You Matter*. He has won three Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honors, including one for *Nina: A Story of Nina Simone* (by Traci Todd).



# STORYTIME EVENT

Host a storytime event featuring *Dad!*

## EVENT SUGGESTIONS

- Set up tables where kids can work on the activities together.
- Make copies of the activities in this kit and provide pencils and crayons for everyone to use.
- Encourage kids to share their creations with one another.

## READ-ALoud TIPS

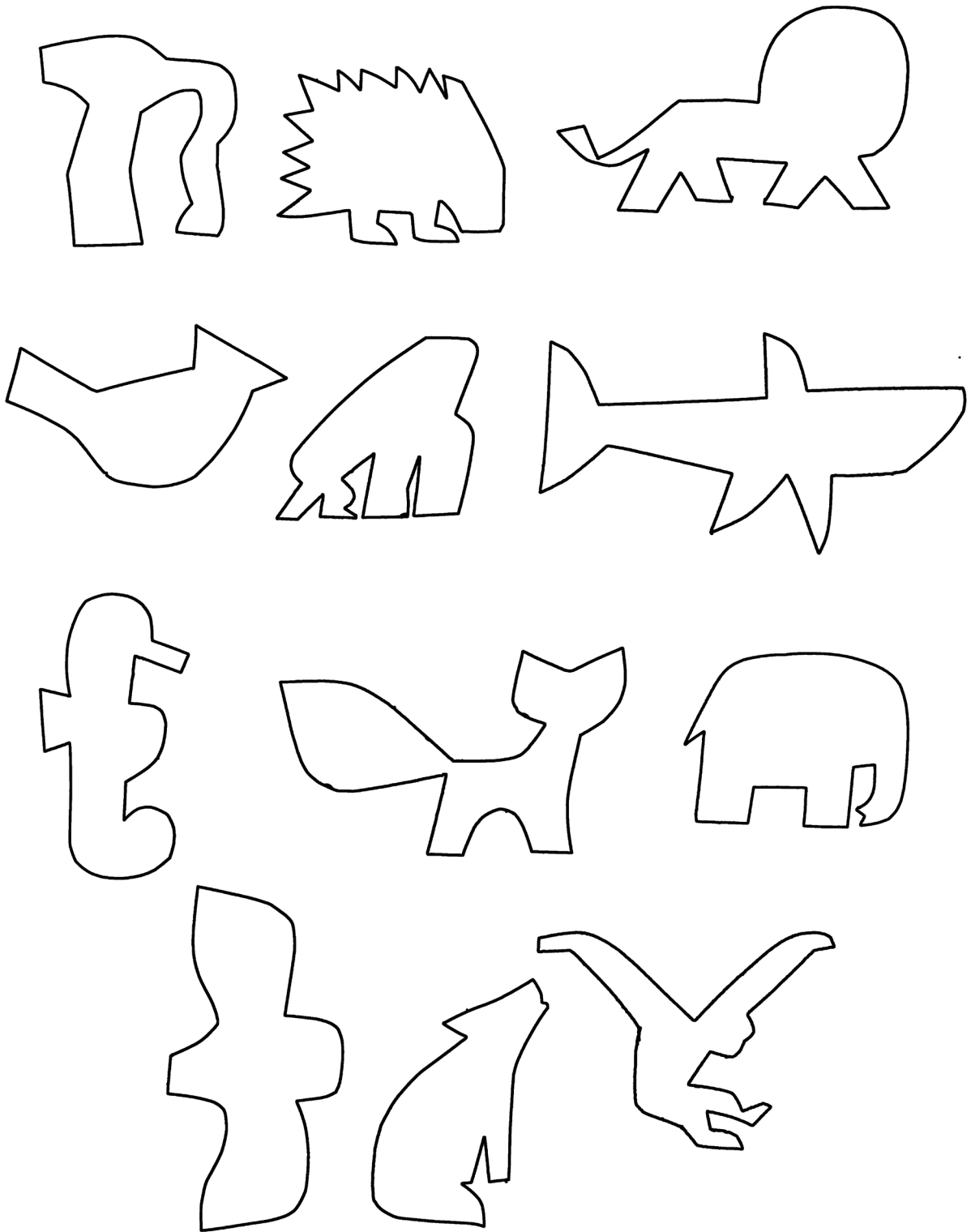
- *Dad* celebrates all the many different ways there are to be a dad. Talk to the group about all the caregivers in their lives who play a father-like role, be it an uncle, older brother, grandparent, coach, teacher, or another person they know.
  - Ask what qualities make the father figures in their life so special.
  - Ask what they love most about spending time with their father figures.
- There are so many animals in *Dad!* Talk to the group about the wildlife that appears in the book.
  - The event leader can start the discussion by sharing some of the animal facts that appear at the end of *Dad*.
  - Ask kids to share facts they know about some of the animals in the book.
  - Ask which animal in the book is their favorite and why.
- After reading *Dad*, discuss the text and encourage conversation with the group.
  - Talk about the different ways that dads can be in our lives. Ask kids how their own dads and other father figures show up for them.
  - Ask why dads and father-figures are important in their lives. Ask what they have learned from their father-figures.





# COLOR A DAD COLLAGE

There are so many different dads in the world!  
Color each of the different animal dads.



# MATCHING GAME

Meet the animal dads! Can you draw a line from each animal to its correct name?

GORILLA



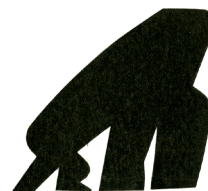
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PENGUIN



PORCUPINE



SEAHORSE



ELEPHANT

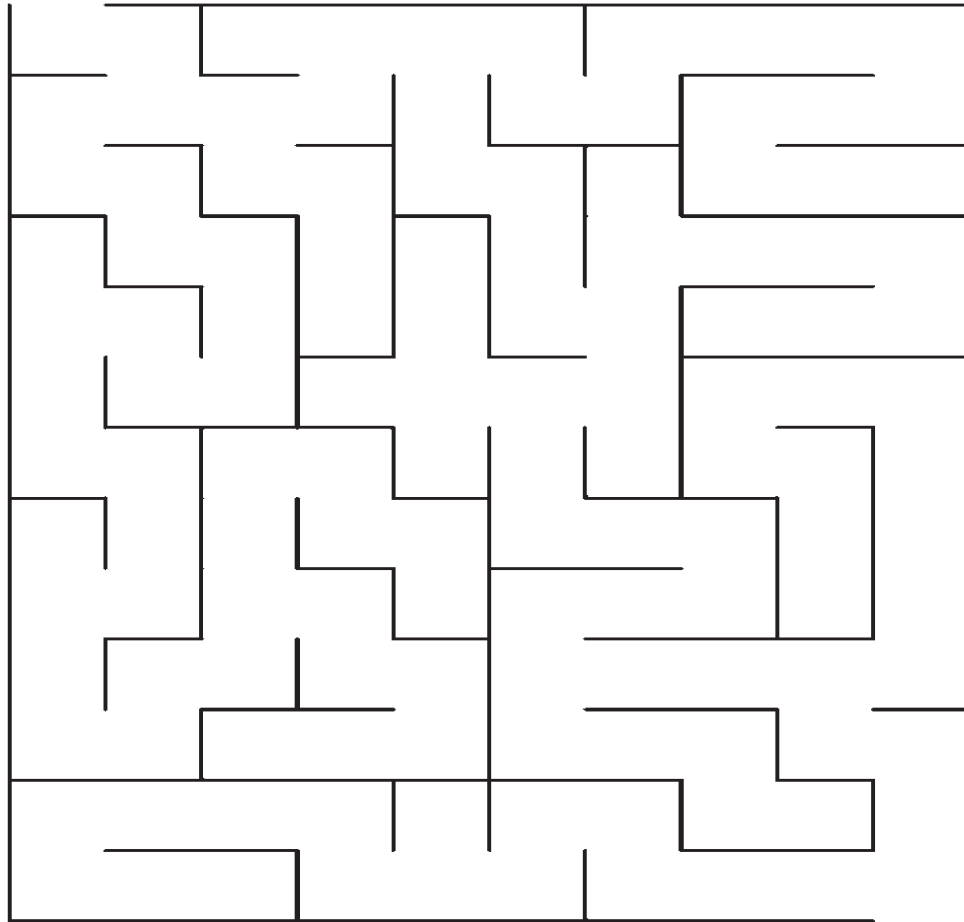


# HELP THE BABY MONKEY SWING HOME!

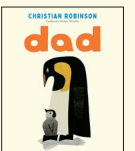
Can you lead the baby monkey back to its dad?



START



END



# WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO WITH DAD?

What sorts of activities do you like to do with your dad?

Use the list below to get started—and write your own favorite things to do with dad.

Show your list to your dad and use it to plan your next fun day together!

1. I love to ride bikes with dad.

2. I love to read books with dad.

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