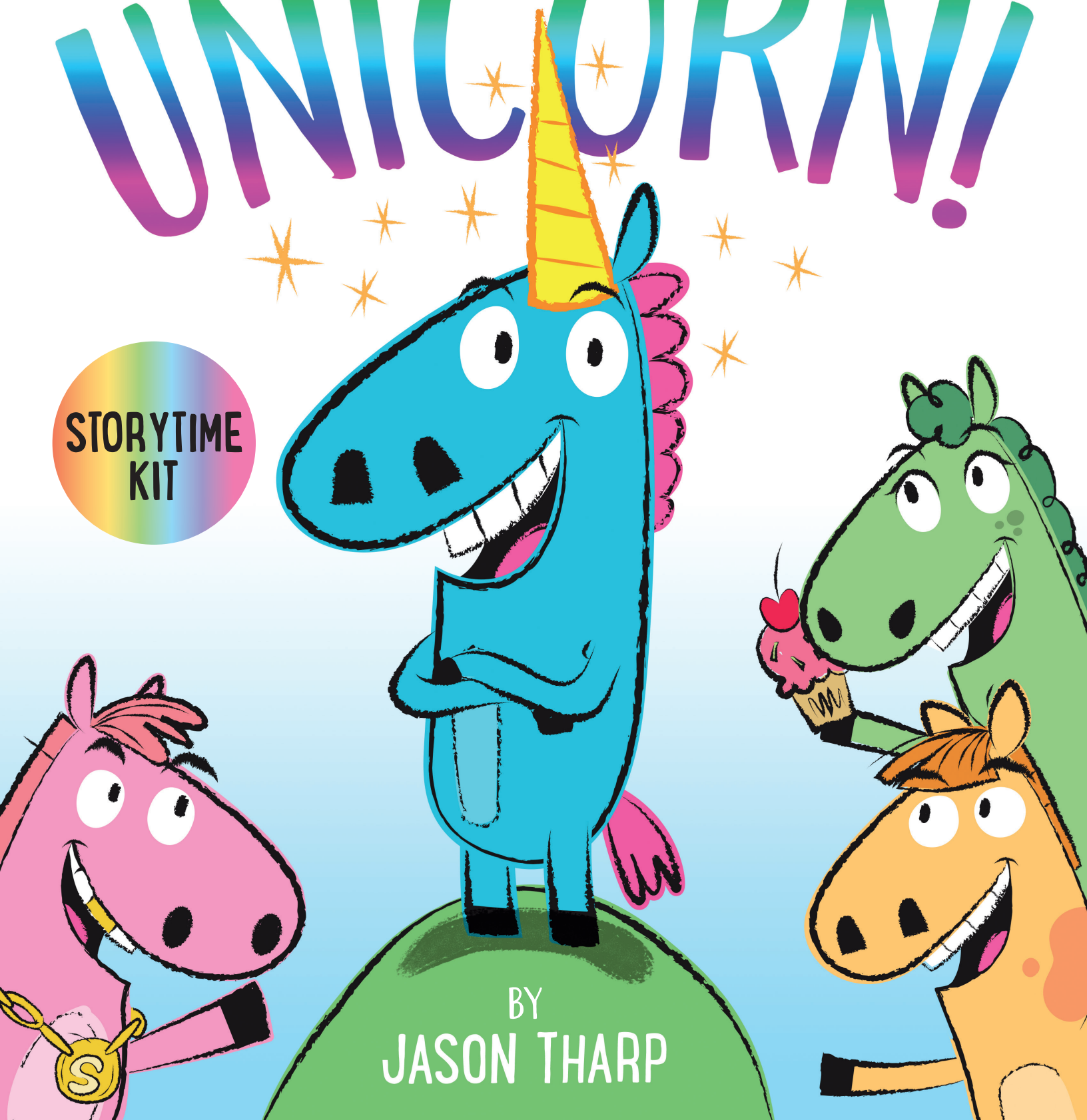


# IT'S OKAY TO BE A UNICORN!



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# THROW YOUR OWN HOOFAPALOOZA UNICORN DAY STORYTIME!

**IT'S OKAY TO BE A UNICORN** is all about spreading kindness and being yourself. Use your storytime to encourage attendees to make your community a little kinder with these kindness-focused prompts!

1. Sit in a circle and ask your neighbor what makes them unique. Then tell the rest of the group how special your new friend is.
2. Kindness is all around us. What does kindness look or sound like to you? There are many different ways to be kind!
3. Kindness also starts within us. What are some things you say to yourself that are kind? Talk with your neighbor and then share with the group.
4. Kindness can mean making your local bookstore, classroom, library, or community more beautiful! Decorate a sidewalk with chalk, paint rocks to place in a public space, or make a mural to hang on the wall.
5. Kindness can mean saying "Thank you" to someone who does a lot for you or your community. Show your appreciation by saying "Thank you" to your teacher, librarian, grandparent, or other friend or loved one.
6. Sharing your talent with others is a way to be kind. Decorate the coloring sheet found later in this activity kit, and give it to someone you care about to show them how much they mean to you.

**CORNELIUS** is preparing something magical for his performance at Hoofapalooza, and your storytime attendees can too! Follow the steps below to host your own Hoofapalooza Unicorn Day.

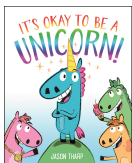
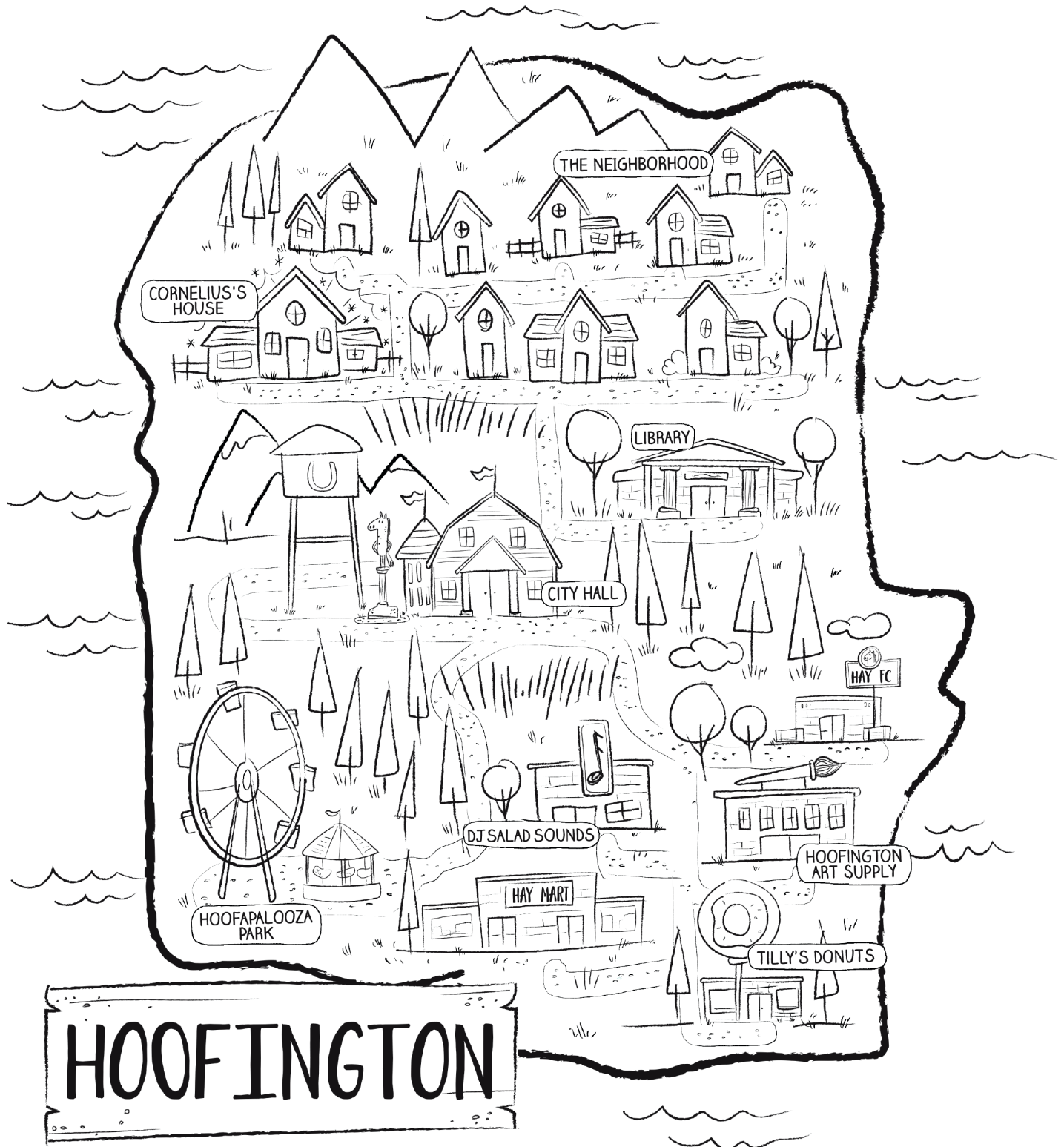
1. Set up the stage. Make an area where everyone will perform and a place for everyone to sit. Put up banners that Cornelius loves, like, "Free to Be Me!" or "I Make Magic Happen!"
2. Go around the room and encourage storytime attendees to talk about their special talents. Which one will they choose to share with everyone? Do they want to perform with a buddy?
3. Give everyone time to prepare their routine. They can practice with a group or by themselves!
4. Costume time! Cornelius picked accessories that best fit his personality. What will your storytime attendees wear to show off their special talents? Provide some fun options, like a unicorn horn, hat, scarf, crown, cape...
5. Finally, encourage attendees to put on their performance! It's time to let everyone know what makes them unique. Don't forget to cheer everyone on!



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# WELCOME TO HOOFINGTON!

The town of Hoofington is filled with color! Put your own spin on it below.

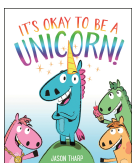
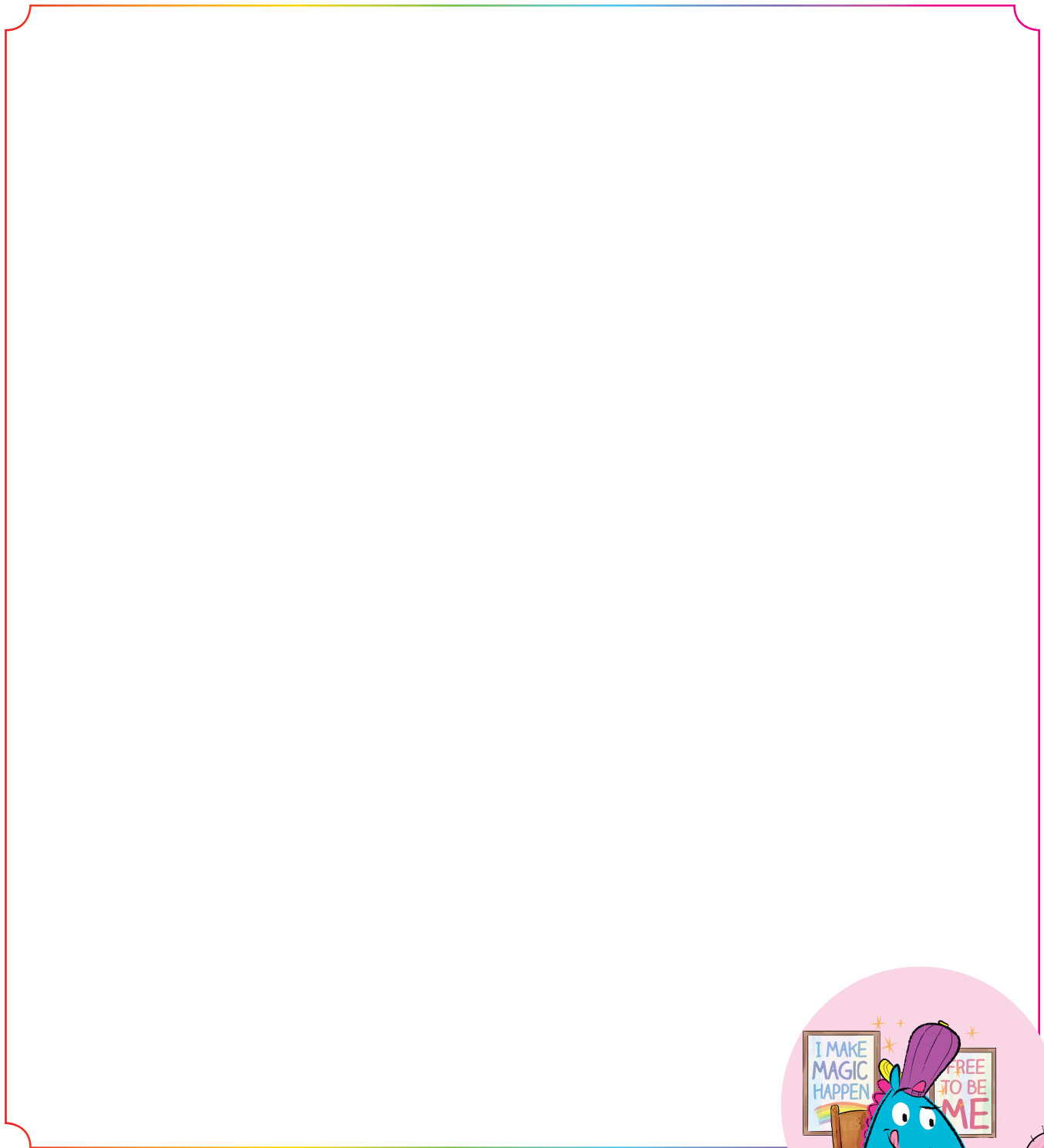


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# BE A YOU-NICORN!

Do you love to dance? Sing? Build stuff?

Draw yourself in the space below as a unicorn doing your favorite things.



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# A HOOFERIFFIC WORD SEARCH!

Cornelius is looking for inspiration for his Hoofapalooza performance.  
Can you help him find these words?

HAT  
HORSE  
MARE

MAGIC  
HAY  
GLITTER

SPARKLE  
COSTUME  
CREATIVE



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# PIN THE HORN ON THE UNICORN!

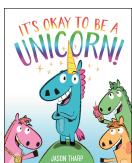
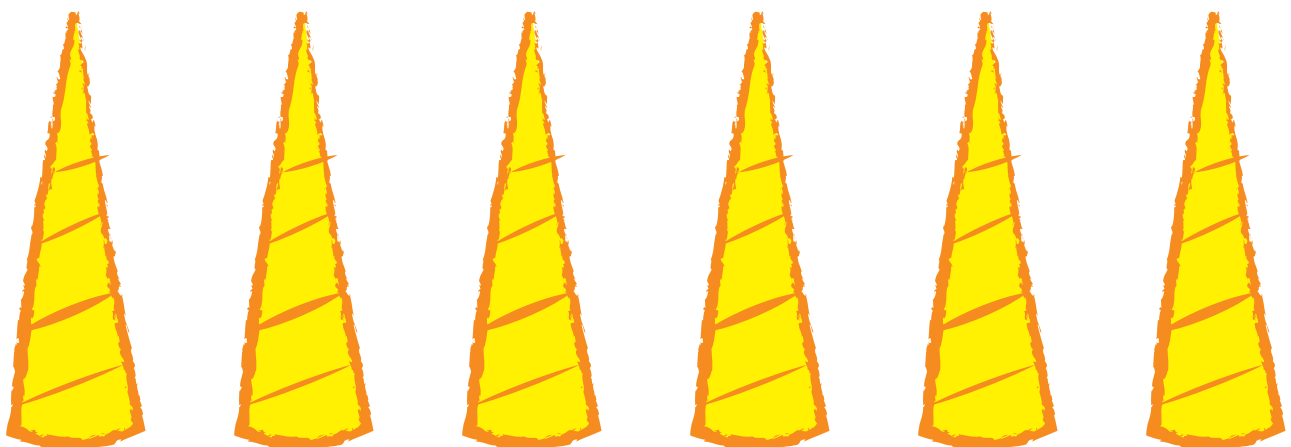
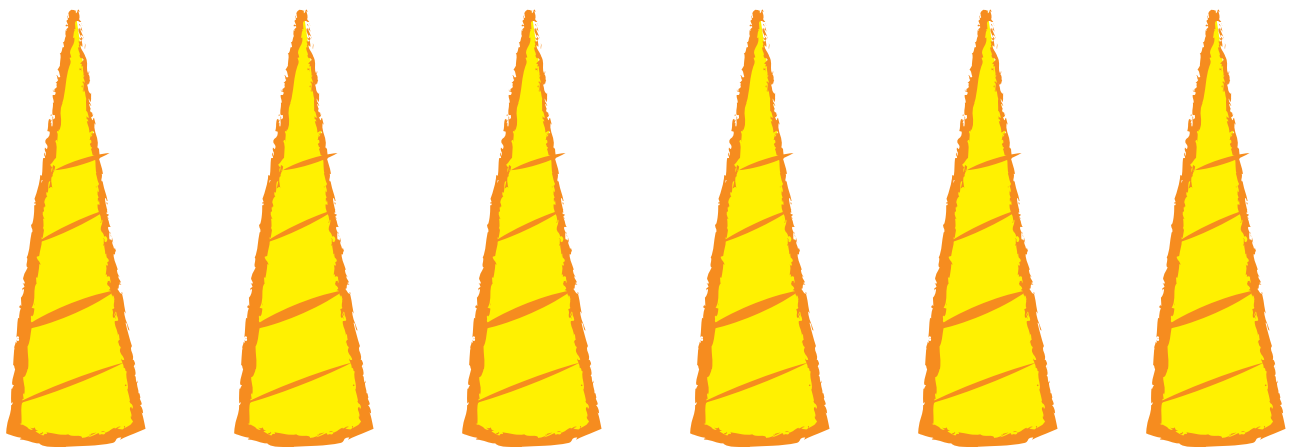
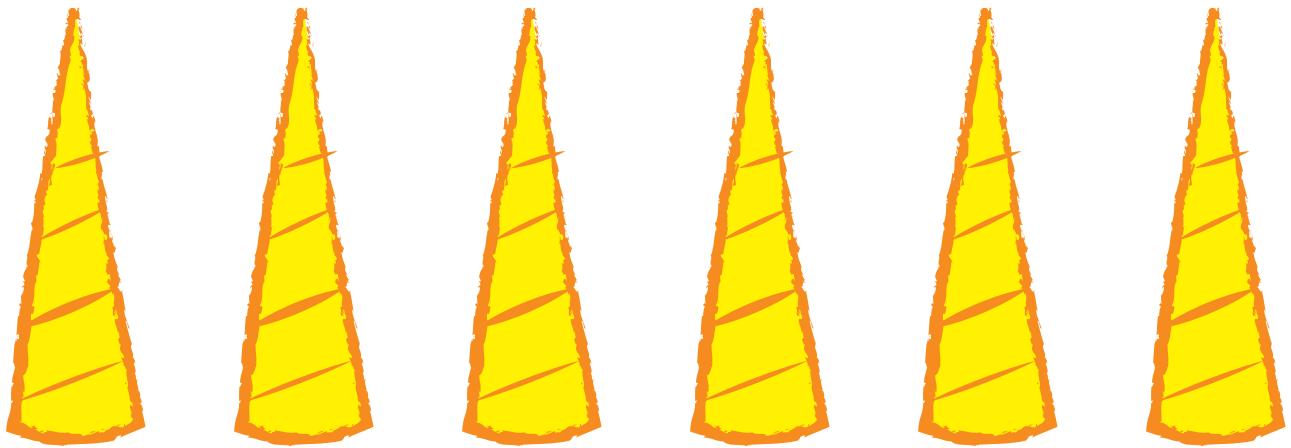
Put on a blindfold and spin around three times! Can you pin the horn on Cornelius?



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# PIN THE HORN ON THE UNICORN!

Photocopy this page and have an adult help cut out the horns. Then, try to pin them on Cornelius!



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# COME TO OUR IT'S OKAY TO BE A UNICORN! STORYTIME!

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_



Our storytime will include a reading of  
*It's Okay to Be a Unicorn*, fun unicorn games,  
and some great activities for you and your child!



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