

October 1st. 2024

Dear Valued Community Member.

As we welcome October, the Riverside Medical Clinic Charitable Foundation is excited to invite you to join us in celebrating Bullying Prevention Month with our campaign. "Raise Your Voice and Change Your Story".

Our campaign. "Raise Your Voice and Change Your Story", emphasizes that advocating for ourselves and others does not have to lead to conflict: instead, it can lead to a more supportive and understanding community. Even if you, your child, or loved one are not directly affected by bullying, it's important to remember that bullying behaviors impact us all. By addressing bullying, we can build a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone.

To support your advocacy efforts, we are providing you with a variety of resources and activities to help you be an everyday advocate in your home, school, and community. These resources include:

- · Advocacy Calendars
- · Advocacy Bingo
- Goal-Setting Worksheets
- Classroom Activities
- At Home Activities
- Coloring Pages
- · Word Searches
- Crossword Puzzles

We believe that true advocacy is rooted in empathy. kindness, resilience, patience, and community. By celebrating and acknowledging Bullying Prevention Month, we reinforce the values that help us stand strong against negativity and create a nurturing environment for everyone. Together, we can build a community where every individual feels safe, valued, and empowered.

Join us in making this Bullying Prevention Month a powerful testament to the strength and unity of our community. Let's work together to create a future where kindness prevails and every voice matters.

With kindness.

Riverside Medical Clinic Charitable Foundation

During the month of October, National Bullying Prevention Month, join us in

spreading kindness to combat the effect that bullying has on our lives.

Choosing to be kind to others and yourself can make the biggest difference.

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	4 Ask your teacher for help on an assignment you are struggling with	11 Support a friend	18 Speak out against unkind behaviors	25 Listen and consider other perspectives without judgment	
N II L	3 Speak up in class	10 Attend a school resource fair	17  Write letters to your counselor or principal about changes you would like to see in your school	24 Engage in open communication with peers	31
MED	2 Research topics that are important to you	9 Say hello to or start a conversation with someone who may look different than you	1 <b>6</b> Donate to a charity with a good cause	23 Share ideas with others at school or home	30
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FREE Kindness Resources Available at RMCCHARITY.ORG

Grades K-6

Organize a fundraiser for a cause you support

Promote kindness within your community

Advocate for safe spaces in your school

Create a list of your strengths

(ex: PTA. school club) with Attend school meetings

a parent

## IDENTIFYING MY NEEDS

Using the chart provided, write down a need that you have and identify the ways in which you can meet your need!

What is my need or want?
Can you meet your own need or want? If not, list the people who you can ask for help.
Write down one sentence that helps you communicate your need to others.
Write down one goal to help you meet your need.
List the steps you are going to take to meet your goal.
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## BE AN ADVOCATE

Advocacy is being able to express your wants and needs in a direct and respectful manner while respecting the need of others. Think and write about ways you can advocate for yourself this week then go out and practice doing them.

At school:
At home:
In the community:

#### Reflection:

Were you able to achieve your goals or did you have trouble completing them? If so, what are some steps you can take to succeed next time?

### POSITIVE SELF-TALK

How you speak to yourself matters. Sometimes, we might say things to ourselves that make us feel bad, but we can change those thoughts into something that makes us feel happy and confident! Write down examples of negative self-talk that you may have said to yourself, and then rewrite negative thoughts into positive statements.

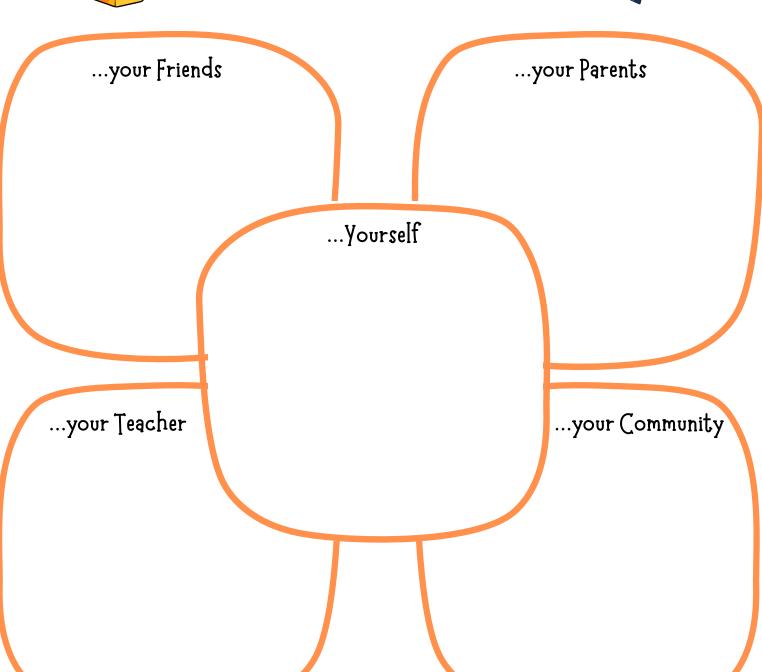
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Ex: I will never be good enough to join a soccer team.
Kind or Positive Self-Talk
Ex: [may not be that good at soccer yet. but [will keep practicing everyday!

## SHOWING ADVOCACY

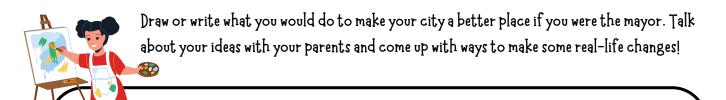


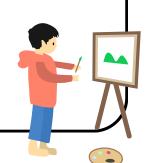
Draw or write how you can advocate for...





### IF I WAS THE MAYOR ...





# ADVOCACY JAR

#### MATERIALS NEEDED: SMALL/MEDIUM JAR. MARKERS. STICKERS. COINS

Decorate a jar and decide with your family on causes to support. Each family member adds coins or small donations and, periodically, decide as a family where to donate the money at the end of each month.

Use the jars below to keep track of the charities you have donated to or plan to donate to by writing their names on the jars.

Additionally, write down the goal amount of money you want to save.



# THIS OR THAT: PRACTICING SELF-ADVOCACY

This activity is a simple way to practice thinking about what you like and a chance to practice making decisions. The first step in self-advocacy is thinking about what is important to you.

#### This

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#### That

Eating cereal for breakfast

Playing inside the house

Walking to school with your siblings

Asking your parents for help on homework

Letting the person know they are doing unkind behaviors

Writing how you feel in a journal

Reading 1 chapter of a book

Eating pancakes for breakfast

Playing outside of the house

Walking to school with your friends

Asking your teacher for help on homework

Letting the teacher know someone is doing unkind behaviors

Drawing how you feel in a journal

Watching 1 episode of a TV show

#### Discussion Questions

Did you like making your own choices? Was it easy or difficult to make your decisions?

Think back to when you had to make a difficult decision in or outside of school. What steps did you take to make that decision? Would you make the same decision now or would it be different?

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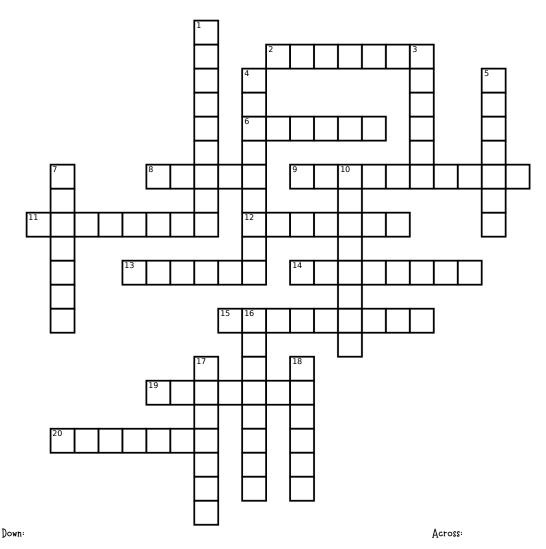
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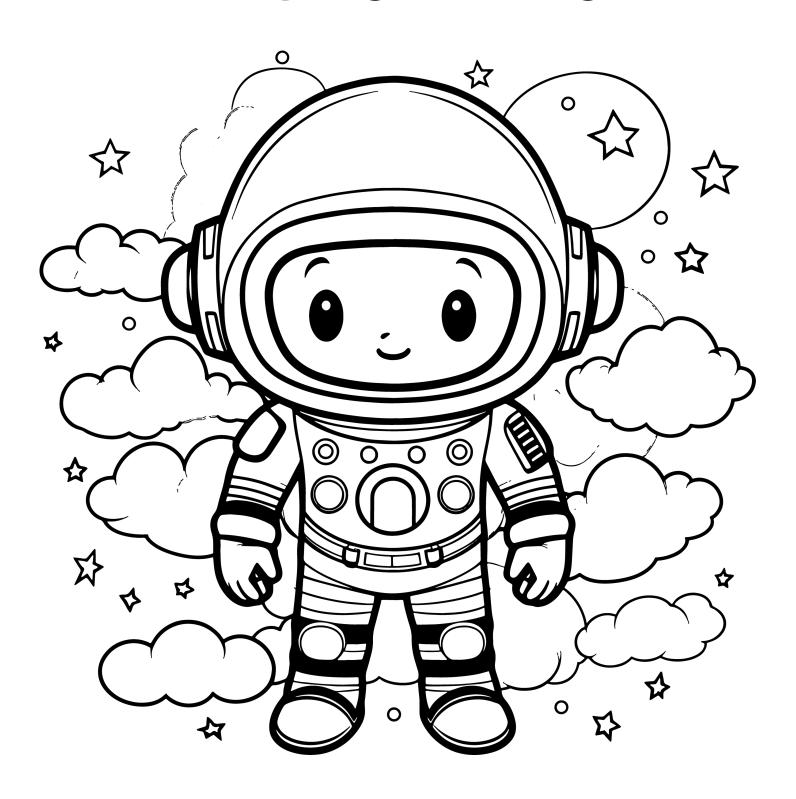
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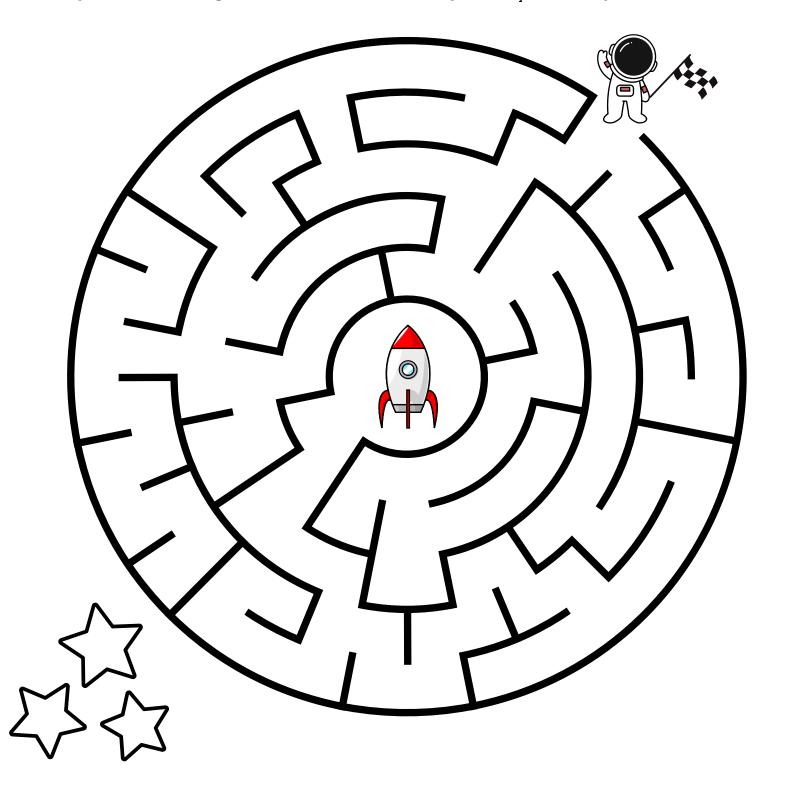
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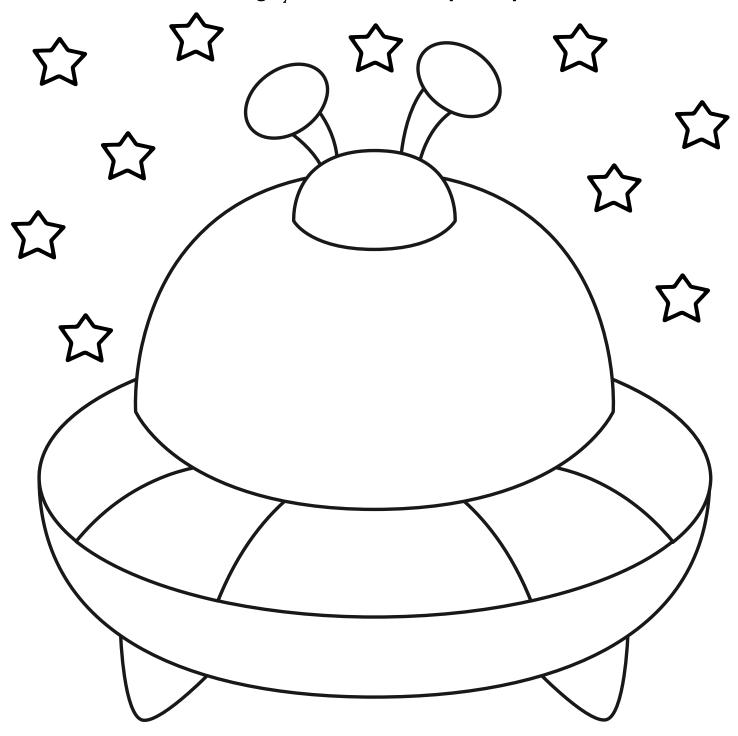


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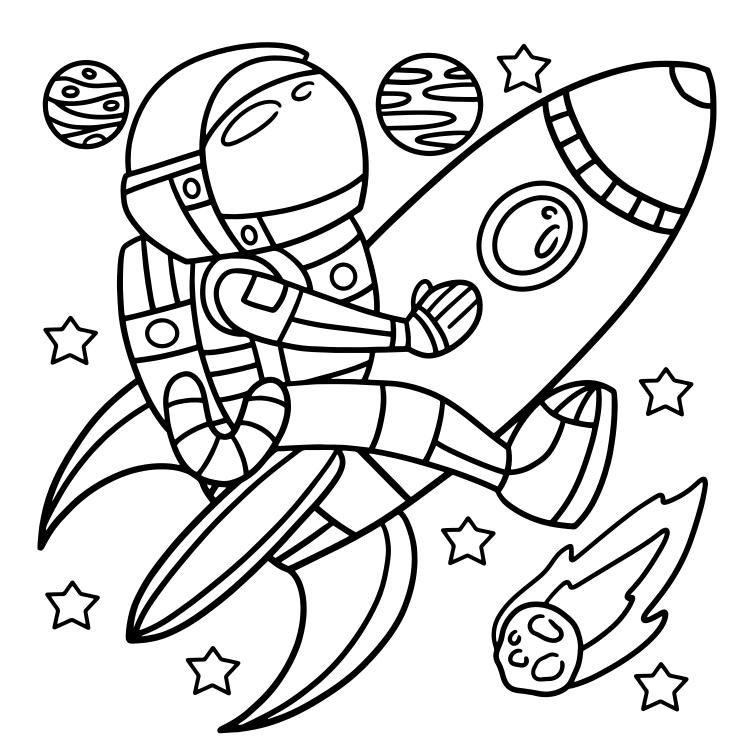


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Design your own kindness spaceship!



# BERAGEDU FEEDOULL (SECREDEULL)



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Draw yourself inside the astronaut helmet!

