Bessie

and the Little Highland Welcome



Nessie's friendly sister has a story to share...

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Meet Bessie



In a Highland river near Inchbae lived Bessie, Nessie's little sister. She had a long, curvy neck, two round humps and the gentlest smile in the glen.

Bessie liked quiet mornings, pine trees and making new friends.

One morning, she heard a tiny sound.

"Peep," said a robin. "I have a welcome song, but I'm too shy to sing it."

Can you make your tiniest robin peep?

A very small voice



Bessie bent her long neck to listen.
"Your voice doesn't have to be big to be lovely," she said.
A red squirrel stopped rustling in the pine tree. The robin tried again.
"Peep, peep!"
"I heard that," whispered the squirrel. "It sounded like a little hello."
The robin's feathers fluffed with pride.

What could you say to help a shy friend?

A little Highland welcome



Bessie made one gentle ripple. The squirrel tapped a pine cone softly against a branch.
The robin listened, took a breath and sang.
His little tune floated over the water.
"Welcome to our Highland home!"
Bessie swished her tail in time. The squirrel smiled.
The robin had found his song, and his friends had helped him share it.

Tap a gentle beat and invent a welcome song.

A sky full of wonder

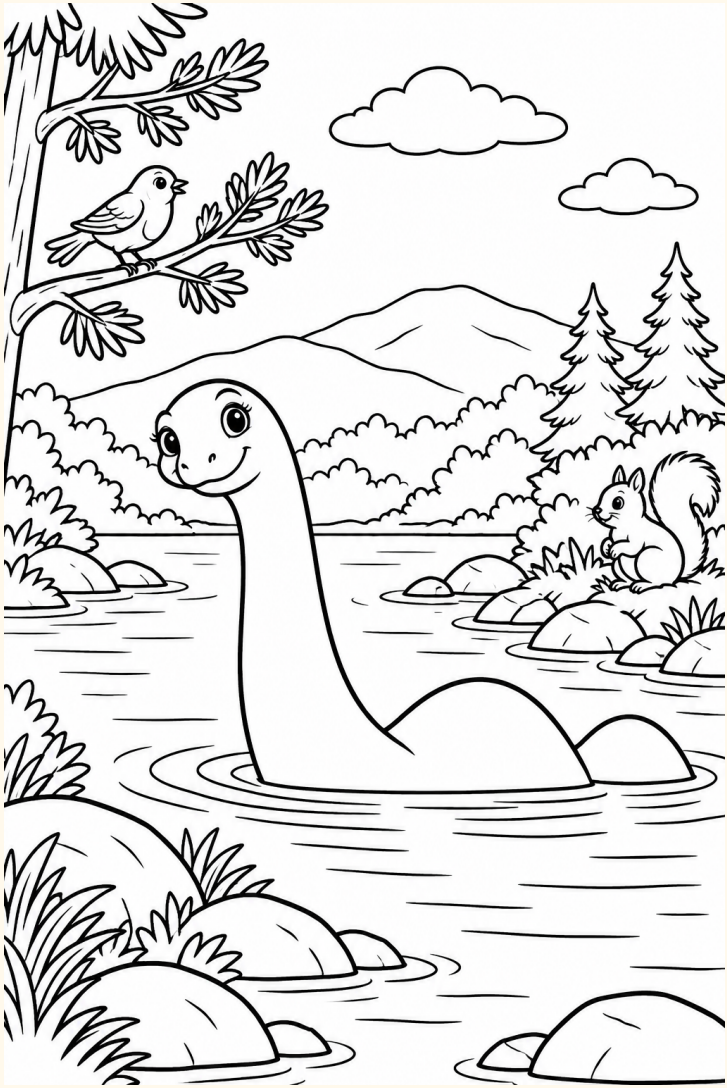


That evening, a snowy owl glided overhead. Green ribbons of light shimmered across the sky.
"I thought I was too small to make a difference," said the robin.
"You made us all feel welcome," said Bessie. "That's a very big thing."
The river sparkled. The forest grew quiet.
And Bessie smiled her gentlest smile.

Who could you help to feel welcome today?

Colour Bessie

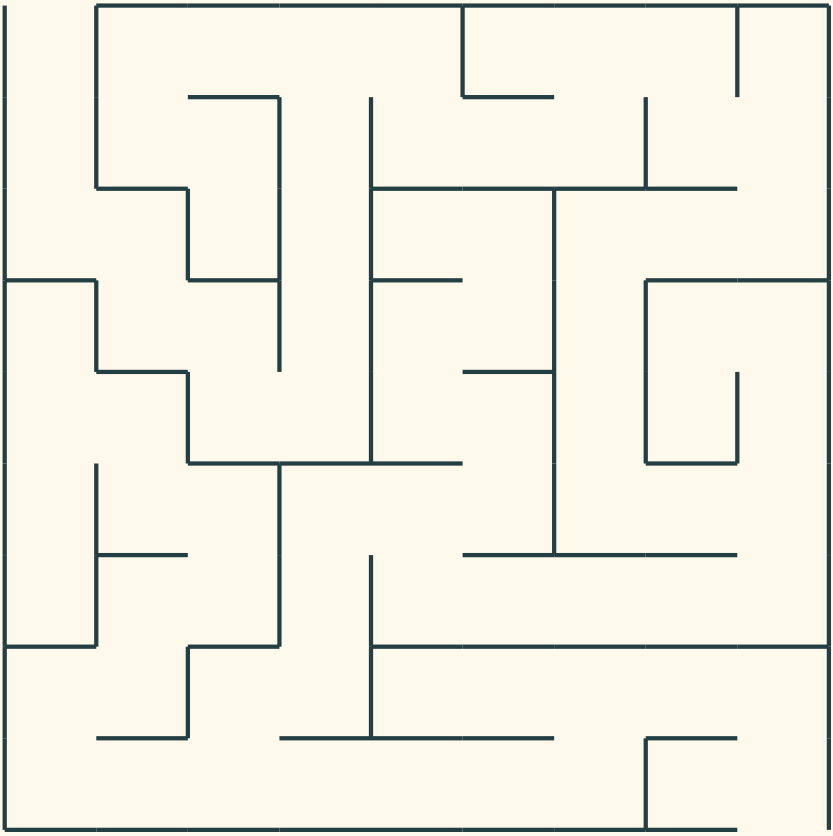
What colours will you give Bessie and her Highland home?



Bessie's river maze

Help Bessie find the quiet pool. Draw a path from START to FINISH without crossing a wall.

START



FINISH

Try using your finger first, then a pencil.

Words in the woods

Find these six words. They go across or down.
Ask a grown-up to help you read them.

BESSIE RIVER OWL PINE FISH STAR

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

Circle each word when you find it.

A new friend for Bessie

Draw a new friend for Bessie. It could be a real Highland animal or a creature from your imagination.

My creature is called:

It makes Bessie smile by:

Highland counting

Count each row. Write the number in the box.

Fish



Pine trees



Stars



Bessie's kindness challenge
Tell someone one thing you like about them.

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Little Highland Explorer

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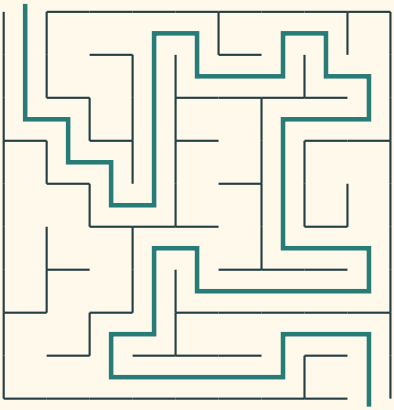
For sharing Bessie's adventure,
using a wonderful imagination
and helping others feel welcome.

Date: _____

With a ripple and a smile from Bessie

A little help

Maze answer



Counting answers

3 fish

4 pine trees

5 stars

Word hunt answers

Rows run from the top.
Columns run from the left.

BESSIE: row 1, columns 1-6
RIVER: column 8, rows 2-6
OWL: row 3, columns 2-4
PINE: column 1, rows 4-7
FISH: row 6, columns 3-6
STAR: row 8, columns 4-7

About this little adventure

Bessie is our make-believe Black Water River monster and Nessie's sister. This story is an original Highland adventure, rather than a traditional folk tale.

Suggested age: 4-8, with a grown-up's help as needed. If you explore outdoors, keep children supervised and safely back from the river. Enjoy wildlife quietly from a distance.

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