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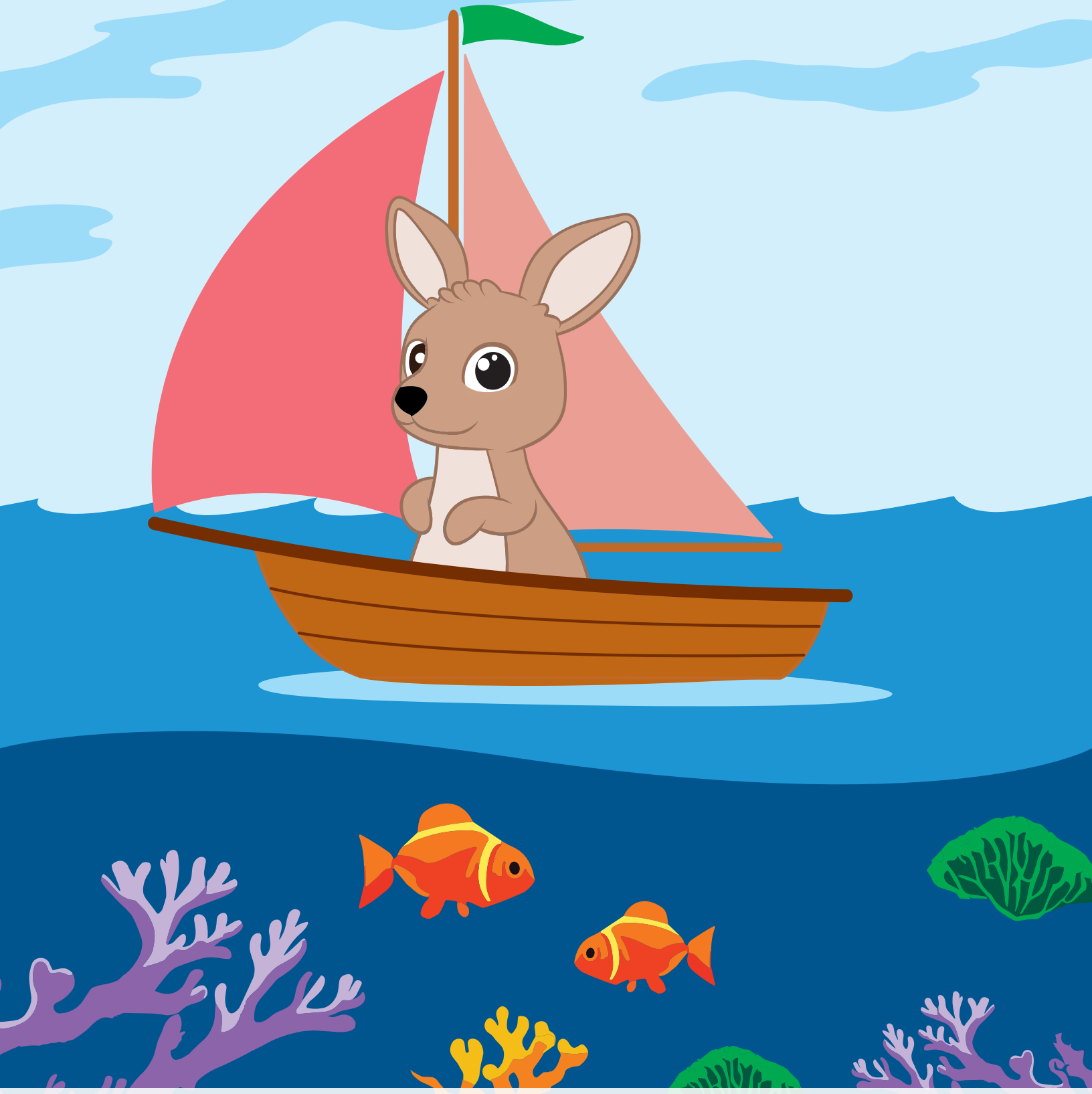
# READY TO EXPLORE



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# All About Kangaroos

**Diet:** Kangaroos spend much of their day grazing and searching for food. They are herbivores, mainly eating grasses, leaves, shoots, and herbs. Most feeding happens during the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler. Kangaroos have specially adapted teeth that help them grind tough plants, and their stomachs allow them to digest fibrous vegetation efficiently. By eating low-nutrient plants in large amounts, they get the energy they need to hop long distances and stay active.

**Traits and Behaviors:** Kangaroos are large marsupials with powerful hind legs, long feet, and a strong tail used for balance and support. Their thick fur can range in color from light gray to reddish brown. Kangaroos move by hopping, which helps them travel quickly and conserve energy over long distances. Females carry and raise their babies, called joeys, in a pouch. Kangaroos are social animals and often gather in groups, where young kangaroos may box and play to practice important survival skills.

**Scientific Name:** Macropus
**Animal Type:** Marsupial
**Height:** 4–6 feet tall when standing
**Weight:** 40–200 pounds
**Gestation Period:** About 30–36 days
**Life Span:** 8–12 years in the wild
Habitat: Grasslands, open woodlands, savannas, and shrublands of Australia

**Interesting Facts:**

- Kangaroos can hop up to 35 miles per hour in short bursts.
- A kangaroo can leap 30 feet, as long as a school bus.
- Kangaroos have a thick, strong tail that works like a third leg.
- Kangaroos cannot walk backward.
- Kangaroos carry and raise their babies in a warm, protective pouch.
- Kangaroos live in groups called mobs.
- Kangaroos can sleep while sitting up and resting their tail on the ground.

# REACH YOUR GOALS!

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**Your Name**

**What activities would your troop like to do this year?**

**How much money you will need to make that happen?**

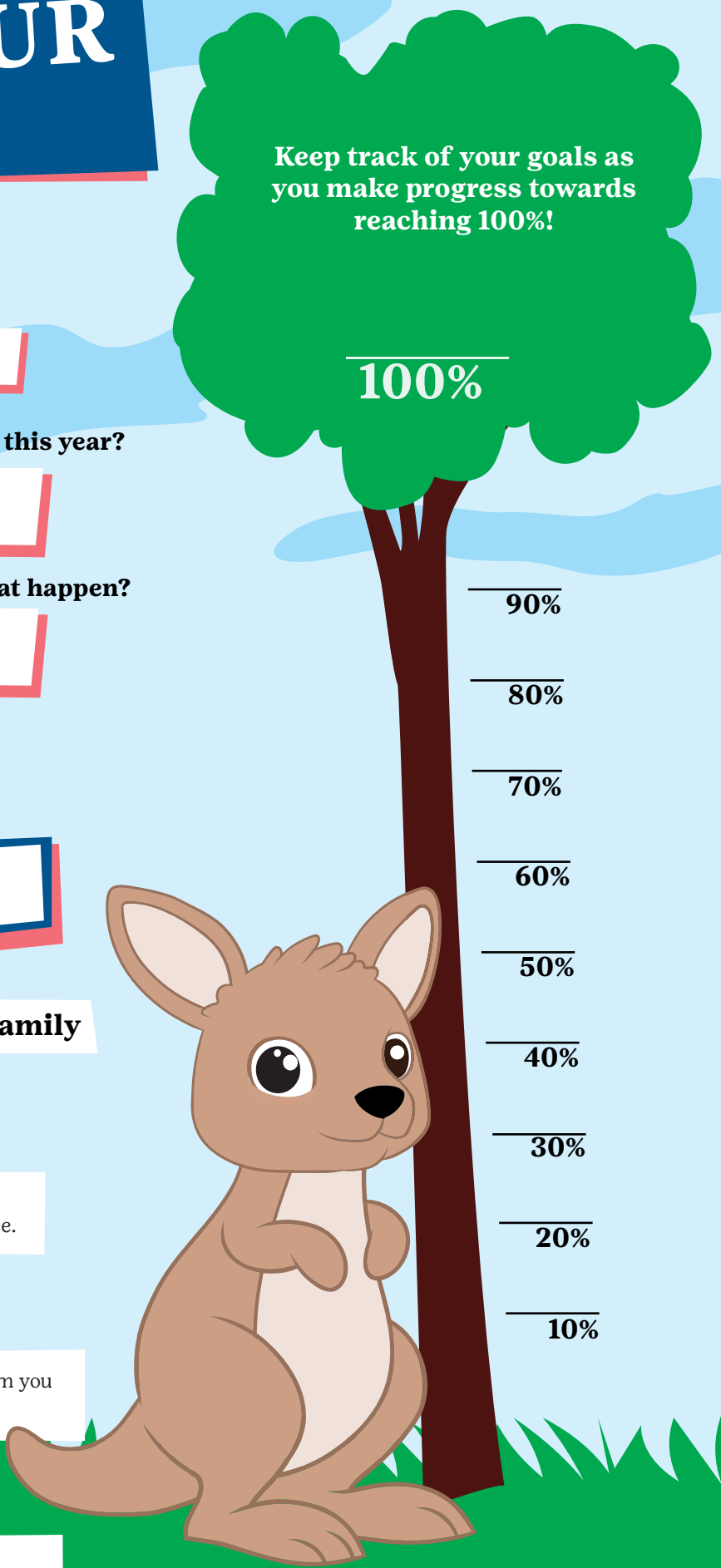
**Set your troop goal** $

**Set your individual goal** $

**Share your goals with friends and family**

1. Visit your council's website and click the link to start the online portion of the program.
2. Enter your goals, and your progress will appear online for friends and family to see.
3. Check the product program dates and ensure all orders are placed before the deadline.
4. Tell your customers why they should buy from you and what your group will do with the money.
5. Be sure to thank every customer.
6. Follow all Girl Scout product program and internet safety guidelines. Only contact people you and your family know.

**Keep track of your goals as you make progress towards reaching 100%!**

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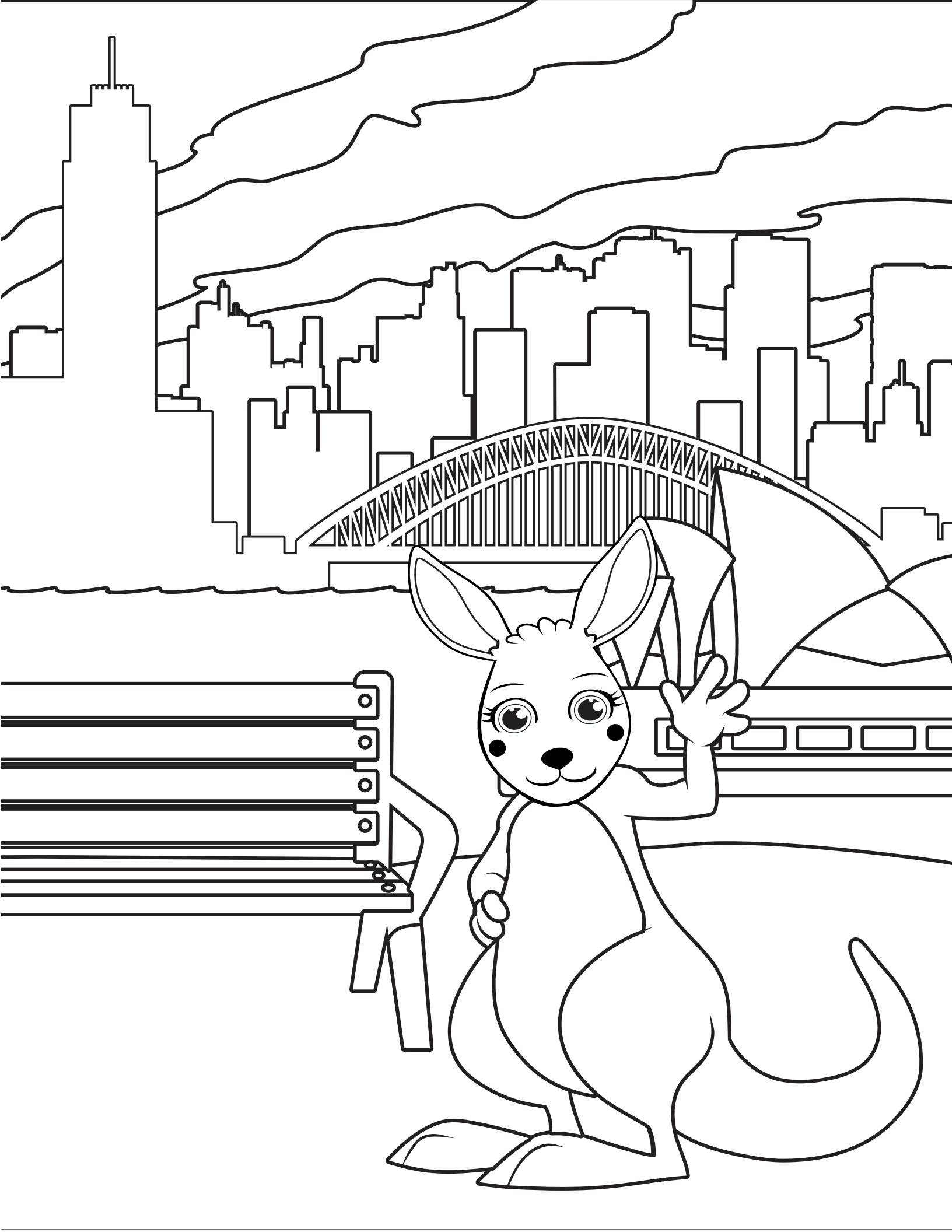
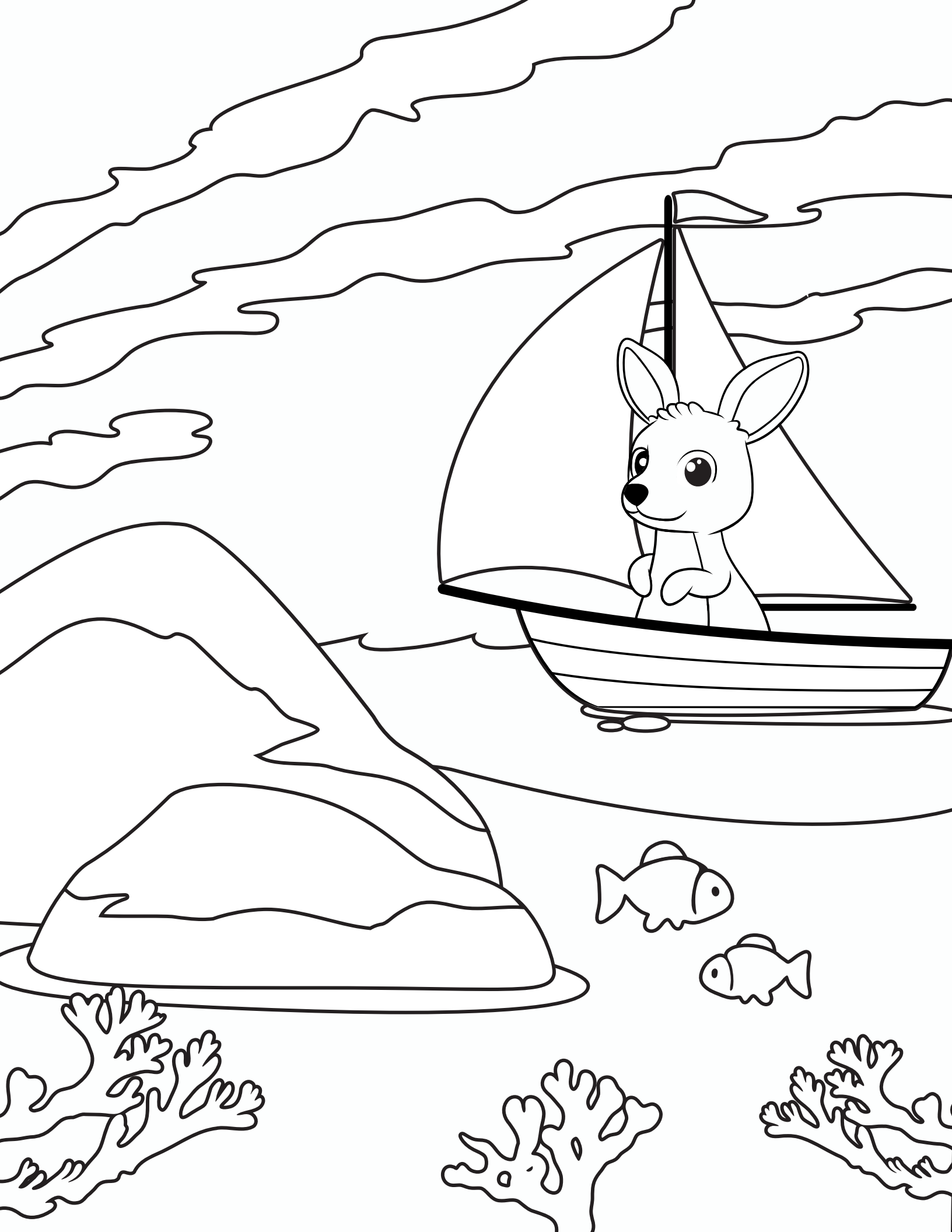
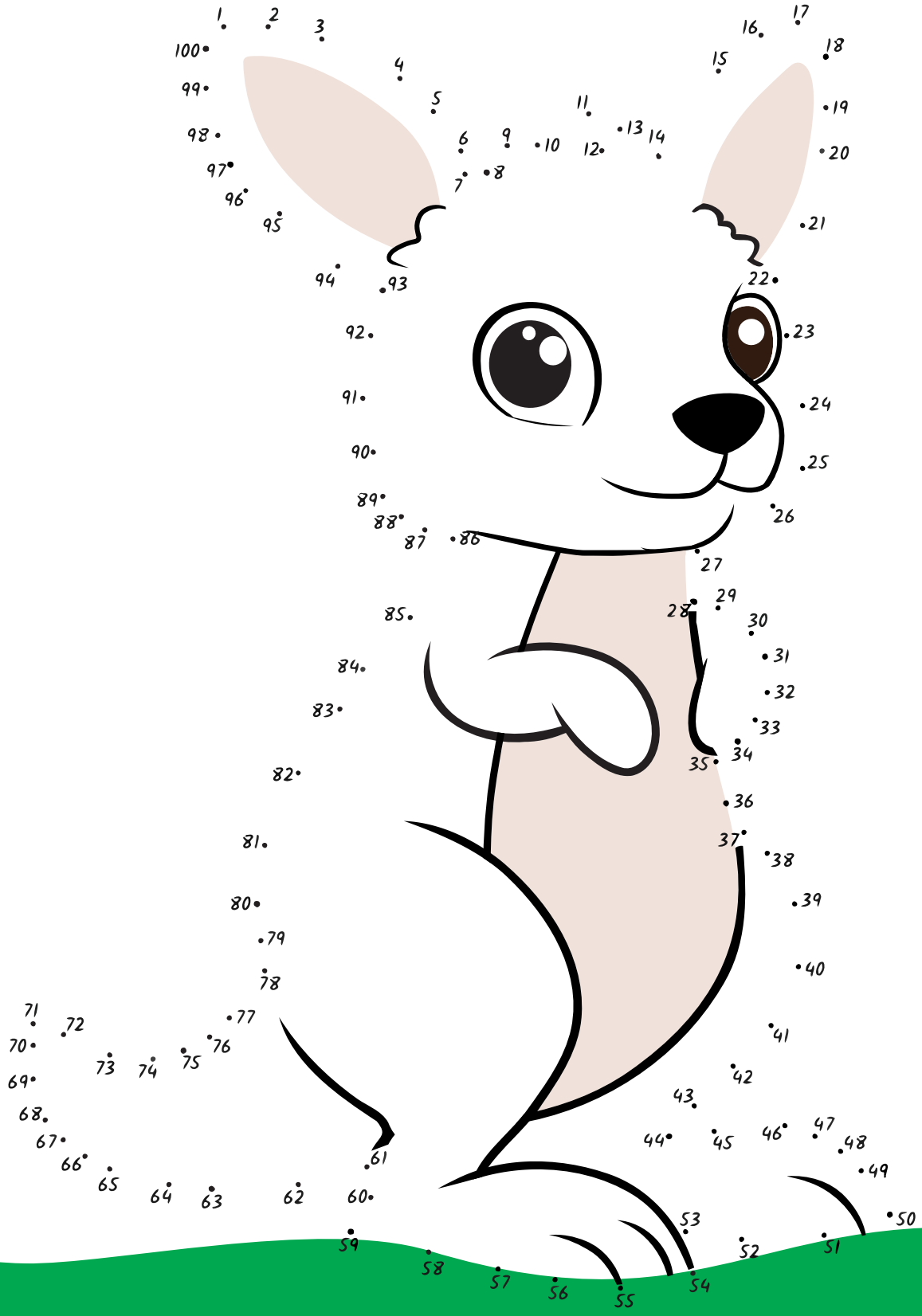




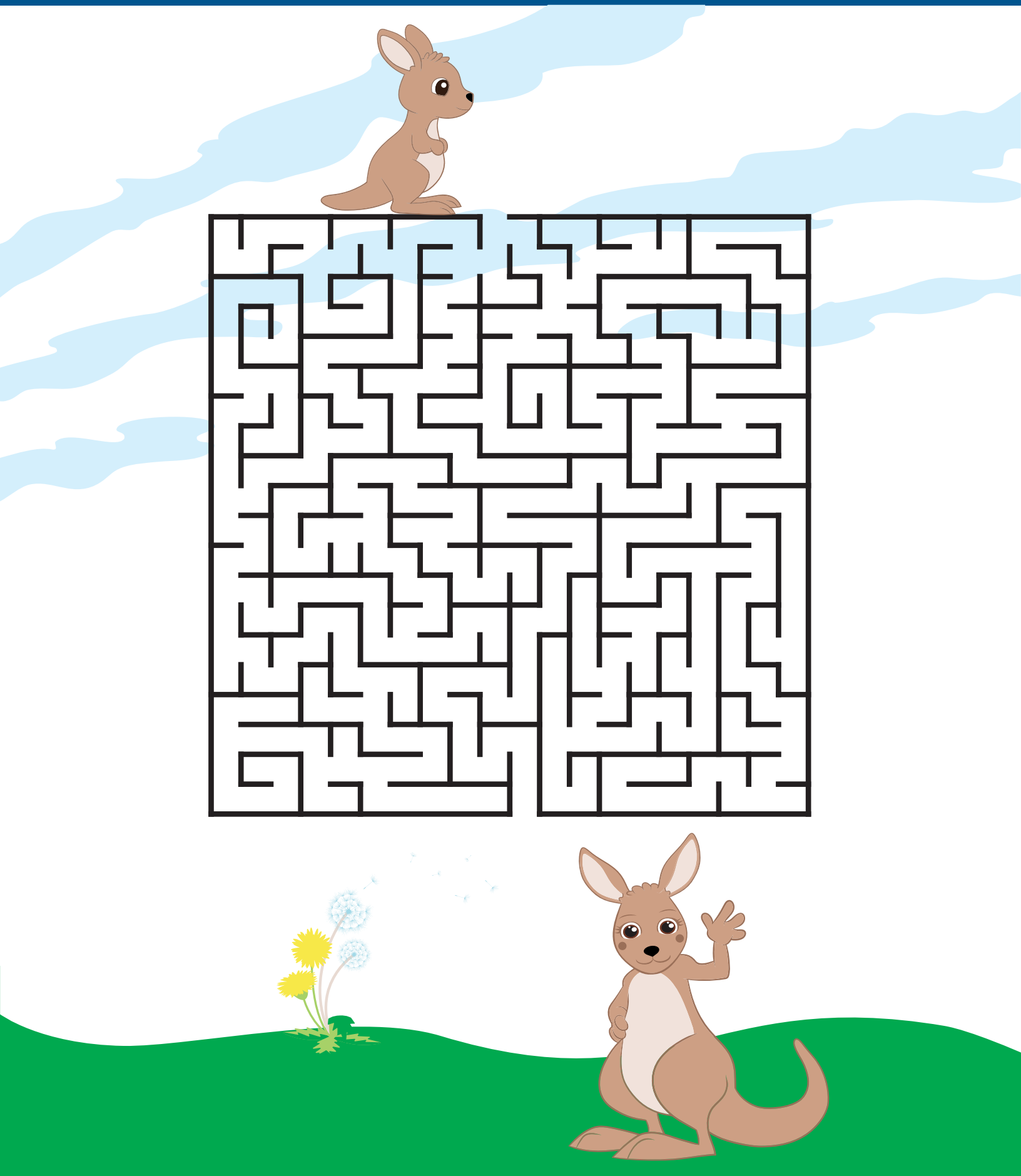
# CONNECT THE DOTS

Connect all the dots to see who is hopping along.



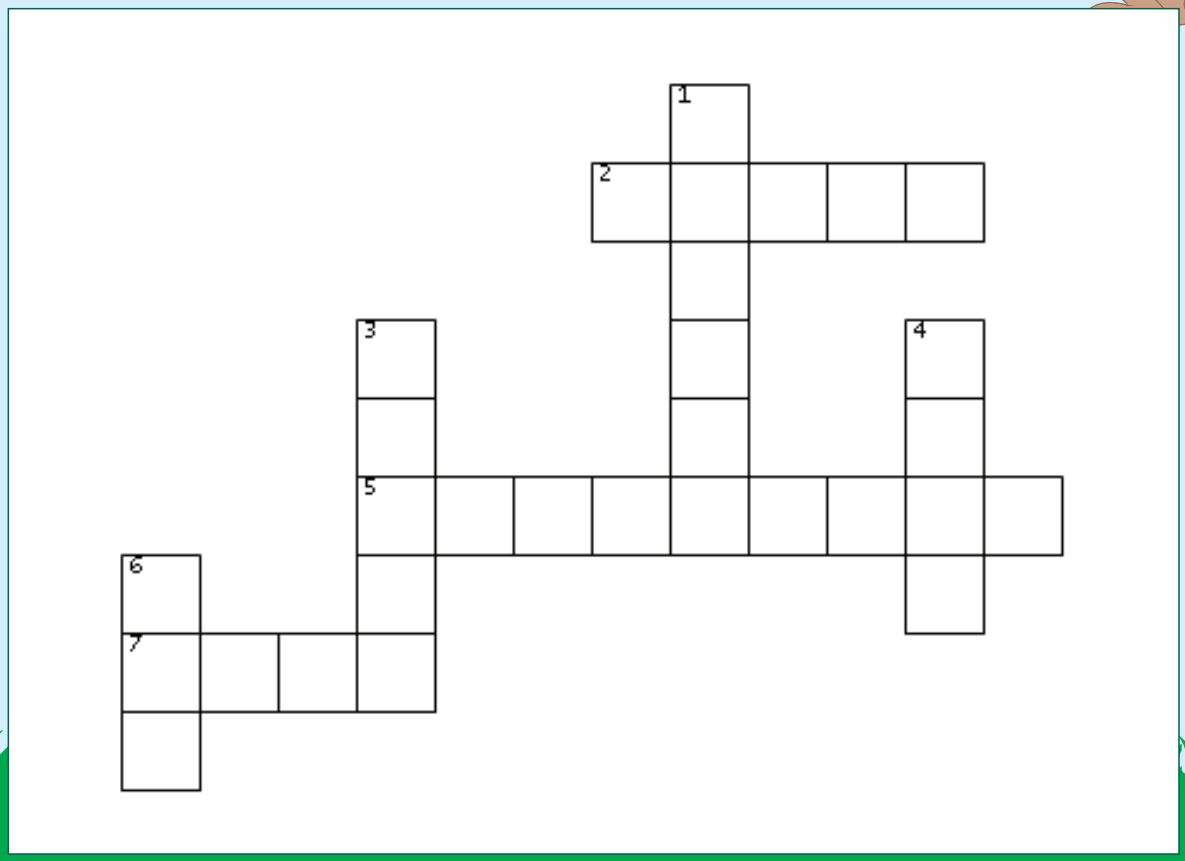
# HELP THE JOEY FIND HIS MOM!

Can you help the baby kangaroo find the right path through the maze to reach his mom?



# KANGAROO CROSSWORD ADVENTURE

Use the clues to fill in the crossword with the correct kangaroo words!




## ACROSS

2. Where a joey stays safe
5. Where kangaroos live
7. Help kangaroos hear danger

Answer Key
2. Pouch 5. Australia 7. Ears

## DOWN

1. A male kangaroo
3. Kangaroo food
4. Helps kangaroos balance
6. A type of kangaroo

Answer Key
1. Boomer 3. Grass 4. Tail 6. Red

# DECODE THE KANGAROO SECRET!

Use the symbol key to crack the code and discover the secret kangaroo message!

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