

# The JOURNEY OF WAYNE DROP

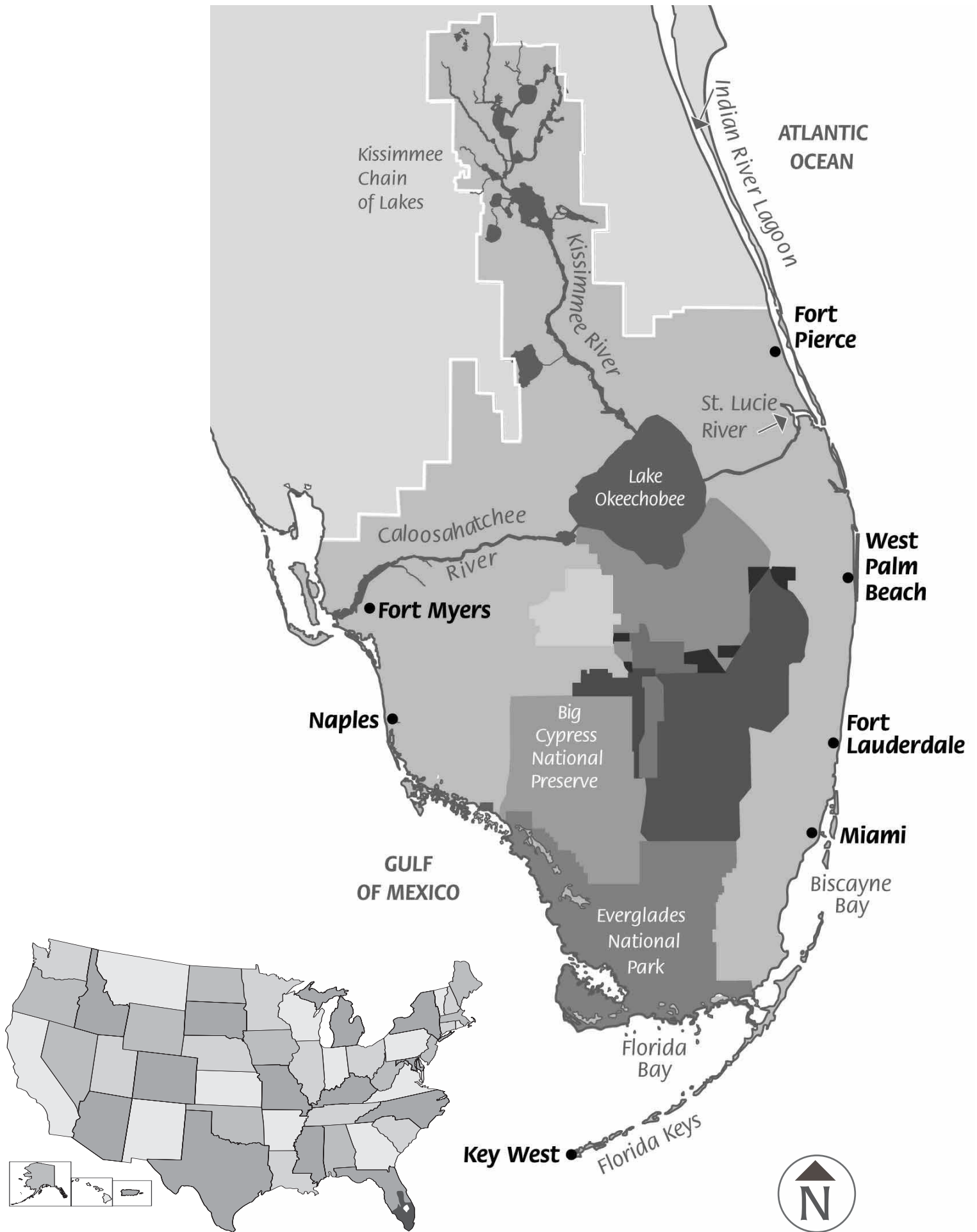
to the Everglades

COLORING BOOK ADVENTURE

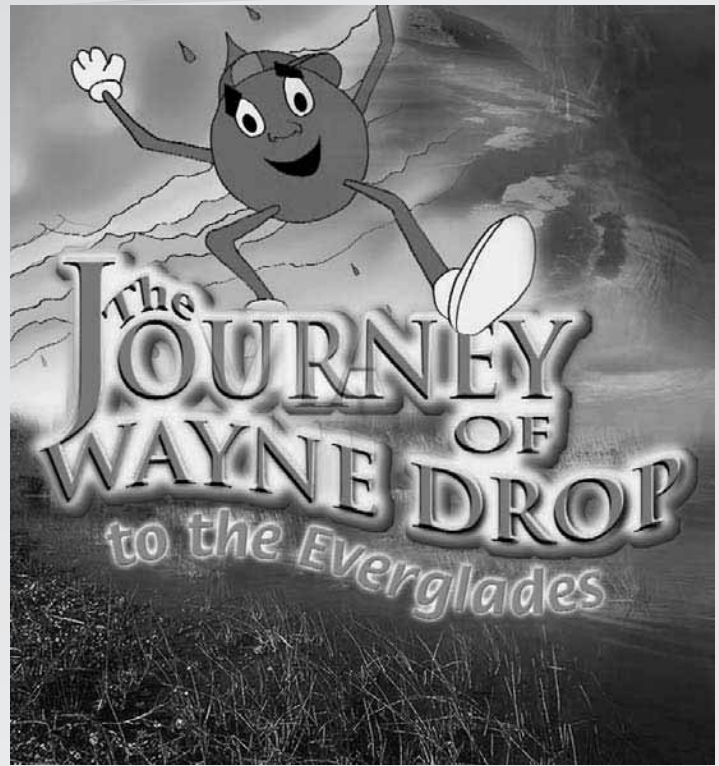


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# Kissimmee - Okeechobee - Everglades Ecosystem



***The Journey of Wayne Drop to the Everglades*** is a fact-filled storybook for elementary and middle school students. Its main character, Wayne Drop, is a fun-loving raindrop who travels through south Florida's Everglades with his friends. Along the way, they learn about wetlands, endangered species, water resources and other environmental issues.

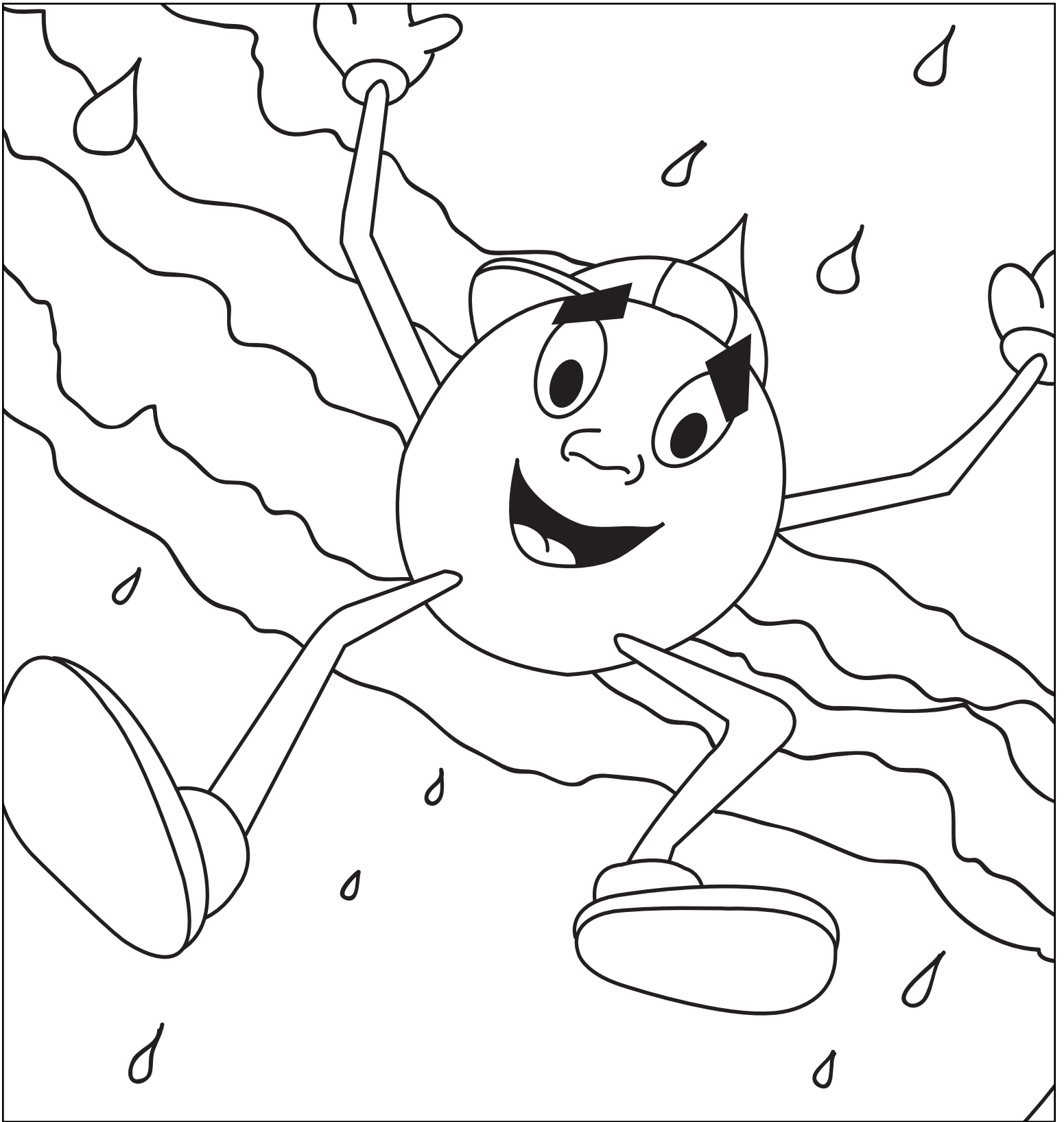


America's Everglades are being restored and preserved in the world's largest ecosystem restoration project, the **Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)**. The **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**, in partnership with **Everglades National Park**, the **South Florida Water Management District**, and **classroom teachers**, developed the storybook and a companion Teacher's Guide with lesson plans.

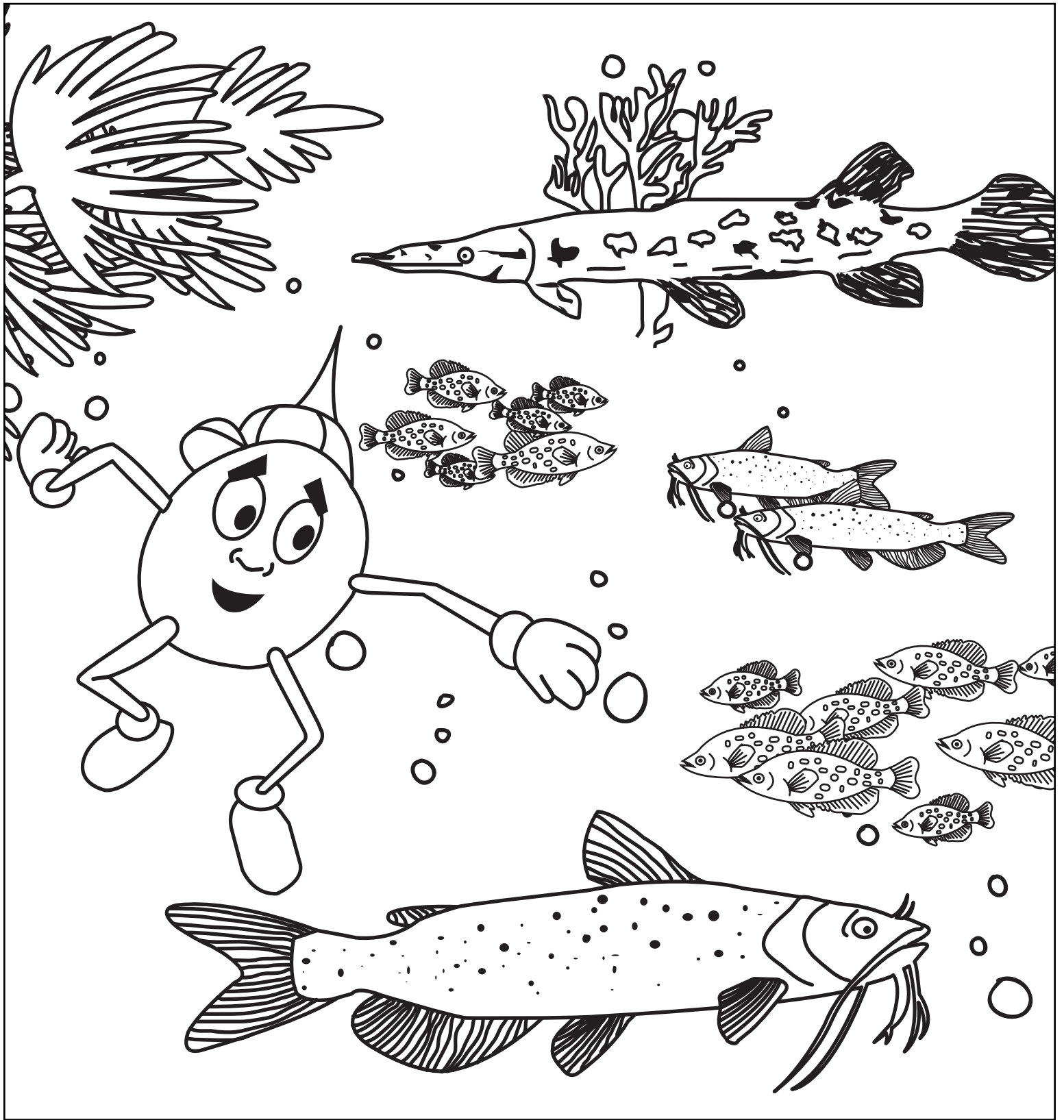
This coloring book highlights some of Wayne's adventures in the Everglades. The complete storybook of *The Journey of Wayne Drop to the Everglades* is available in English, Spanish and Creole. The storybooks and associated teaching resources can be found at [www.evergladesplan.org](http://www.evergladesplan.org). Click on "Learn & Teach" to download.



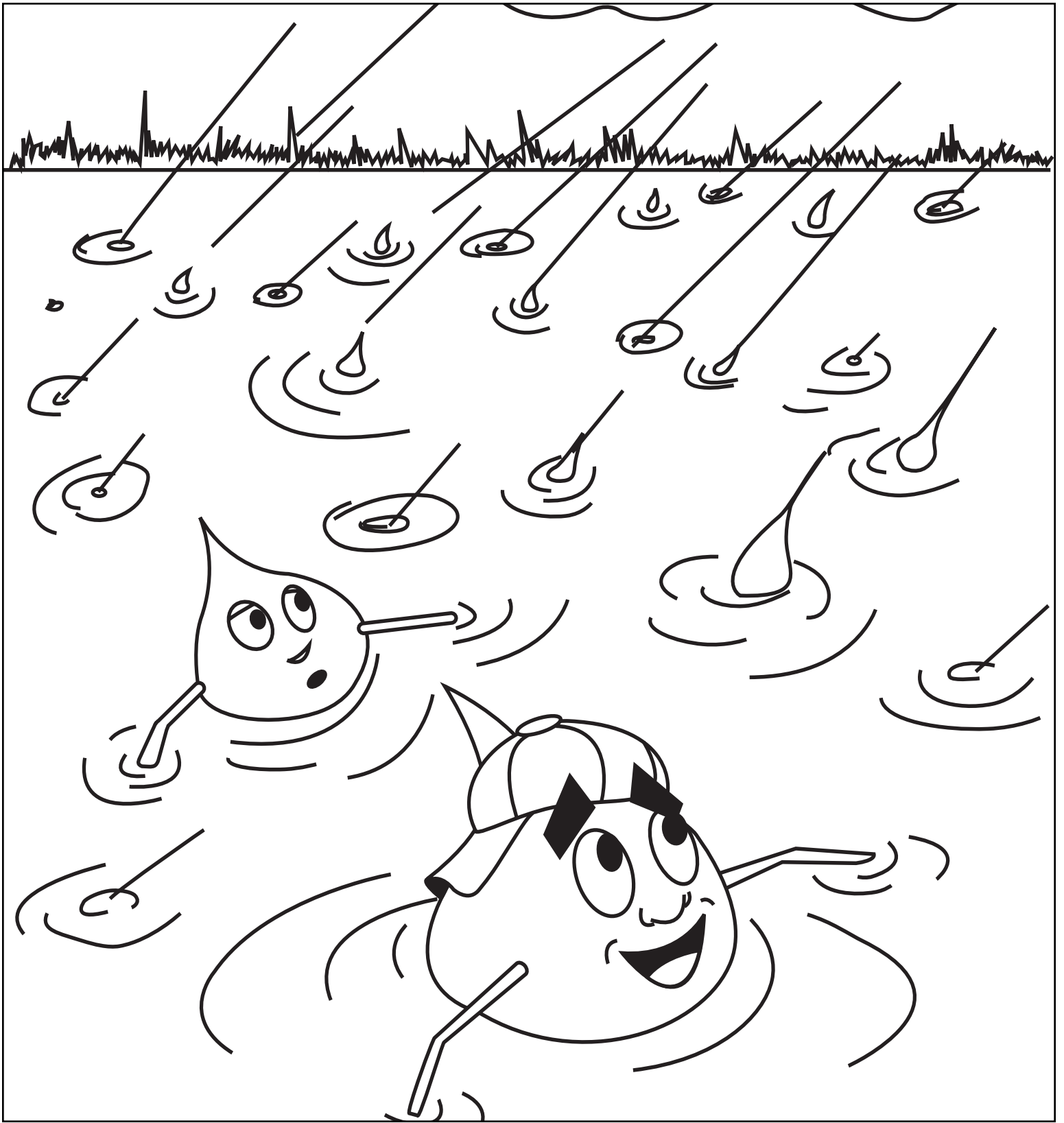
Hi friends! My name is Wayne Drop. I had to take the FSPLAT test in school. My class took a trip to the Everglades to study for the test.



We evaporated into the sky and condensed into clouds, then fell to Earth as rain.



We landed near Orlando in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. Many fish, like Florida gar, speckled perch and channel catfish swam around us.

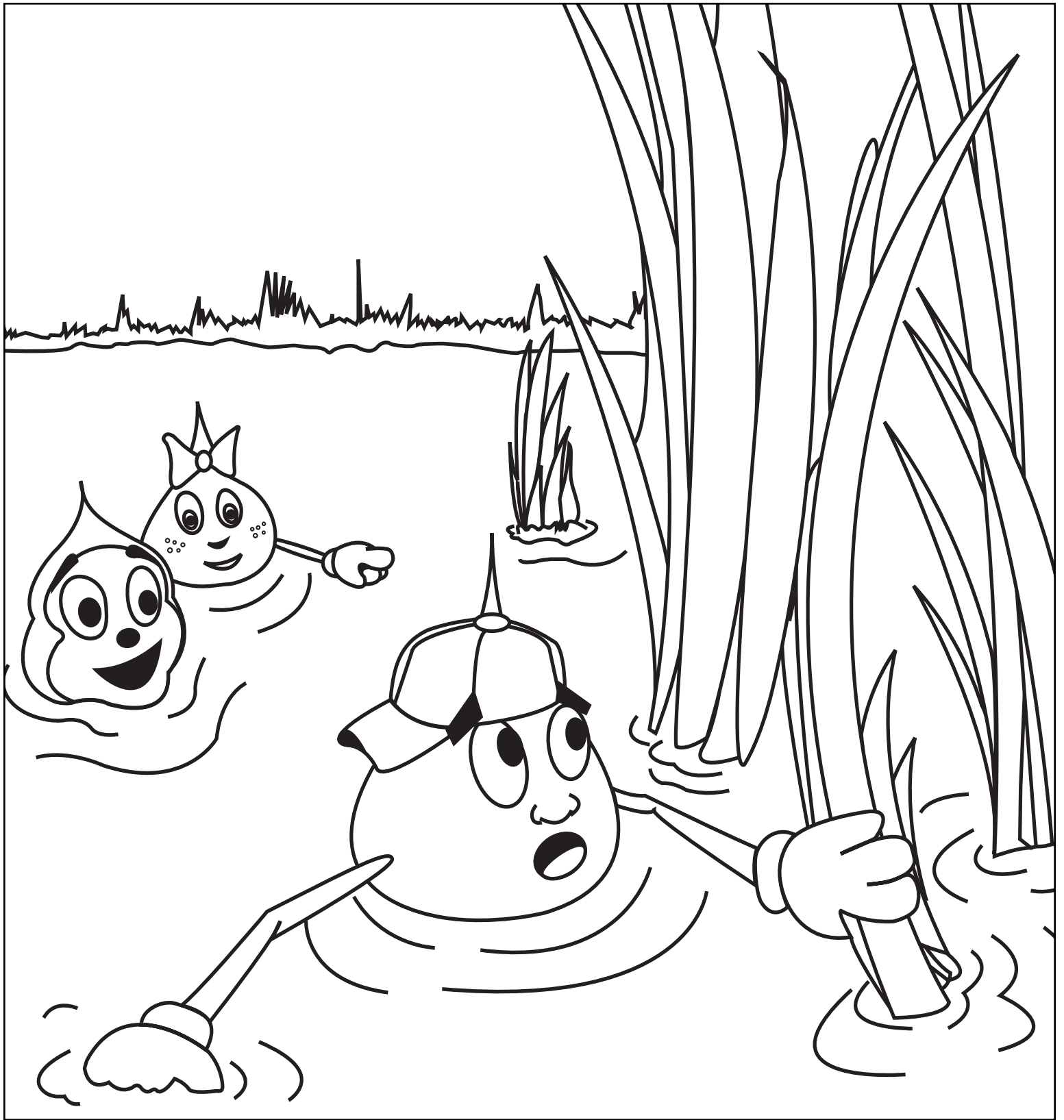


My friends joined me and we floated down the Kissimmee River together.

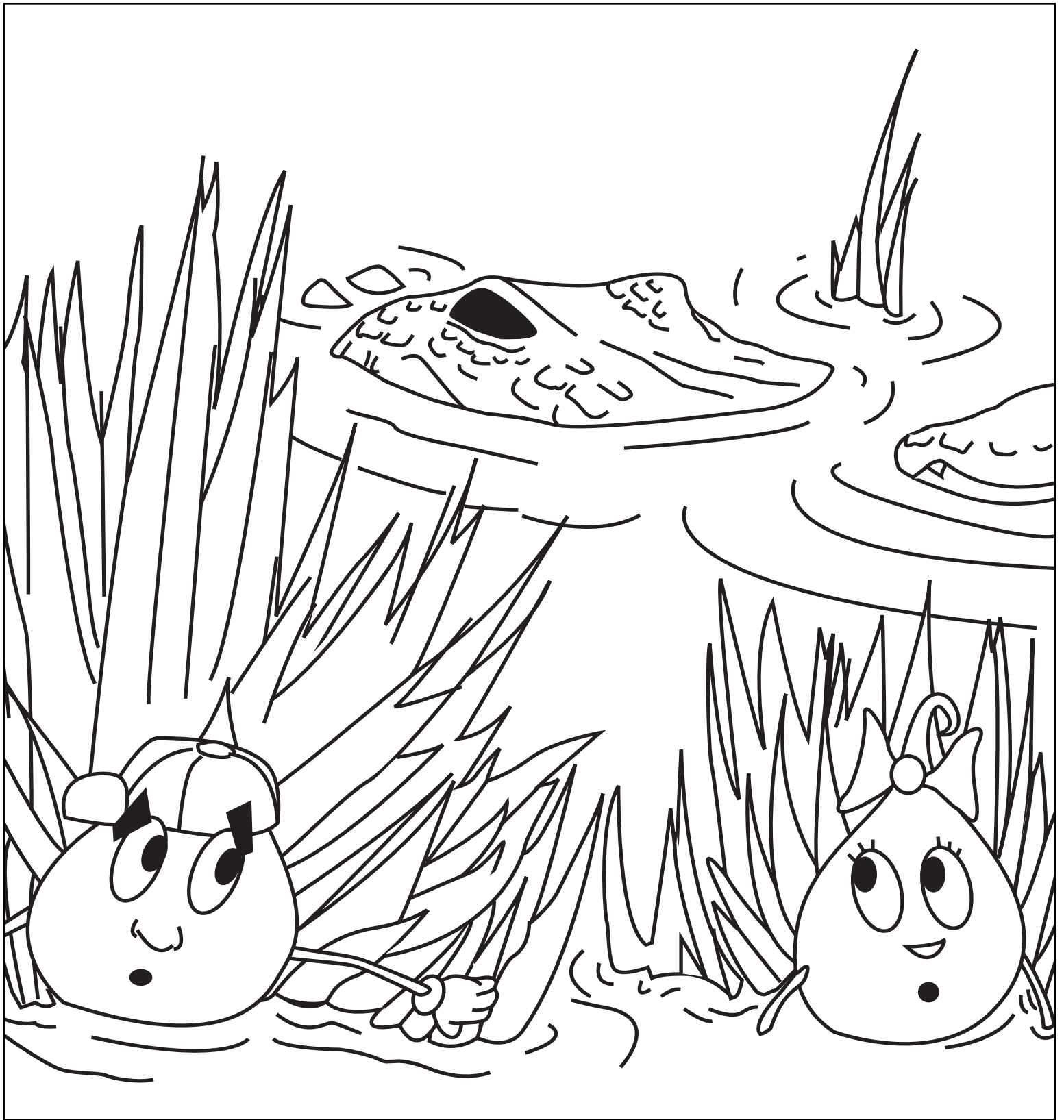


**M**y friend Misty and I caught a ride over big Lake Okeechobee with an endangered wood stork.





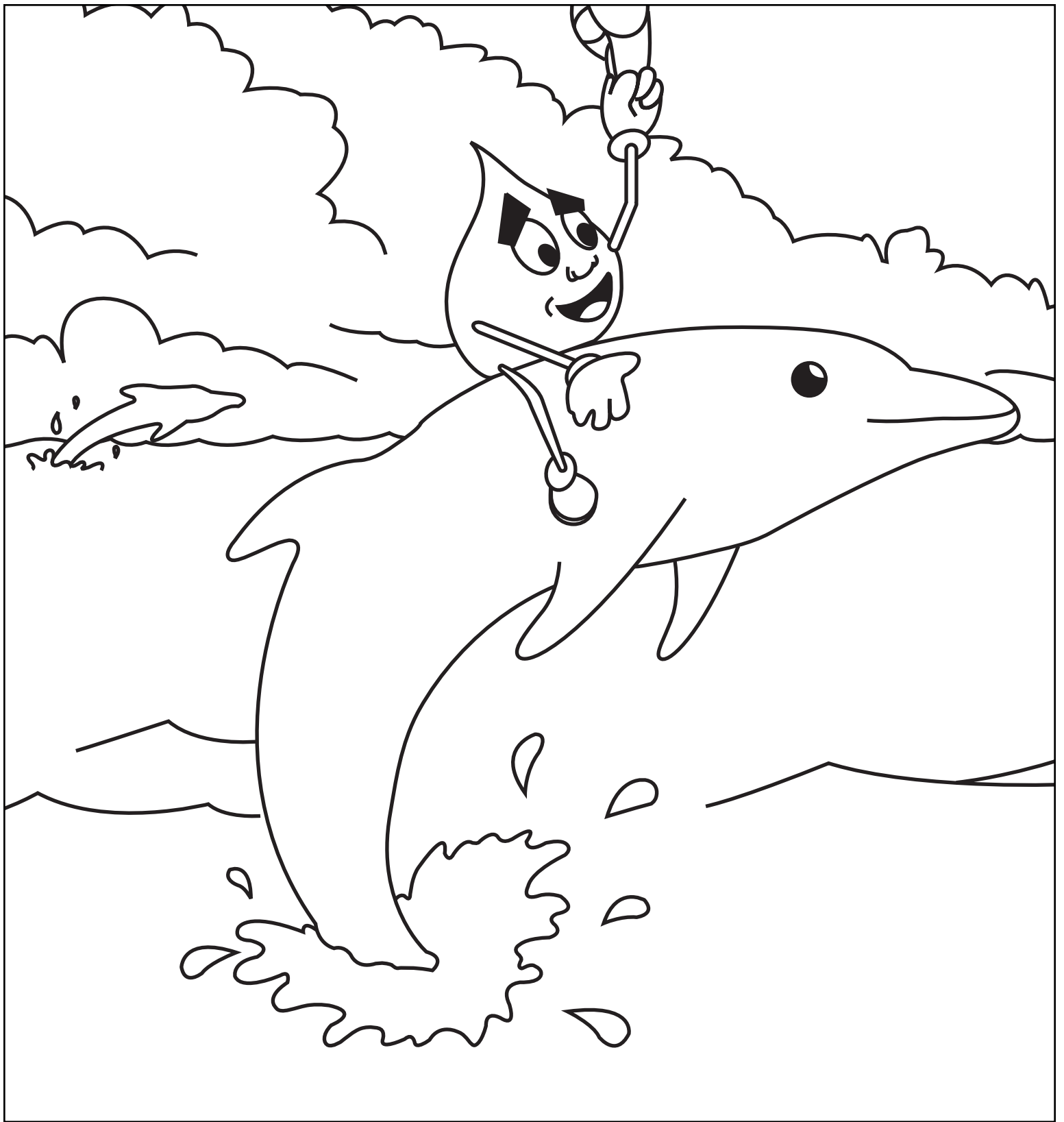
We dropped off into a fresh water slough (rhymes with YOU!). I touched the sawgrass growing there and it was sharp. Ouch!



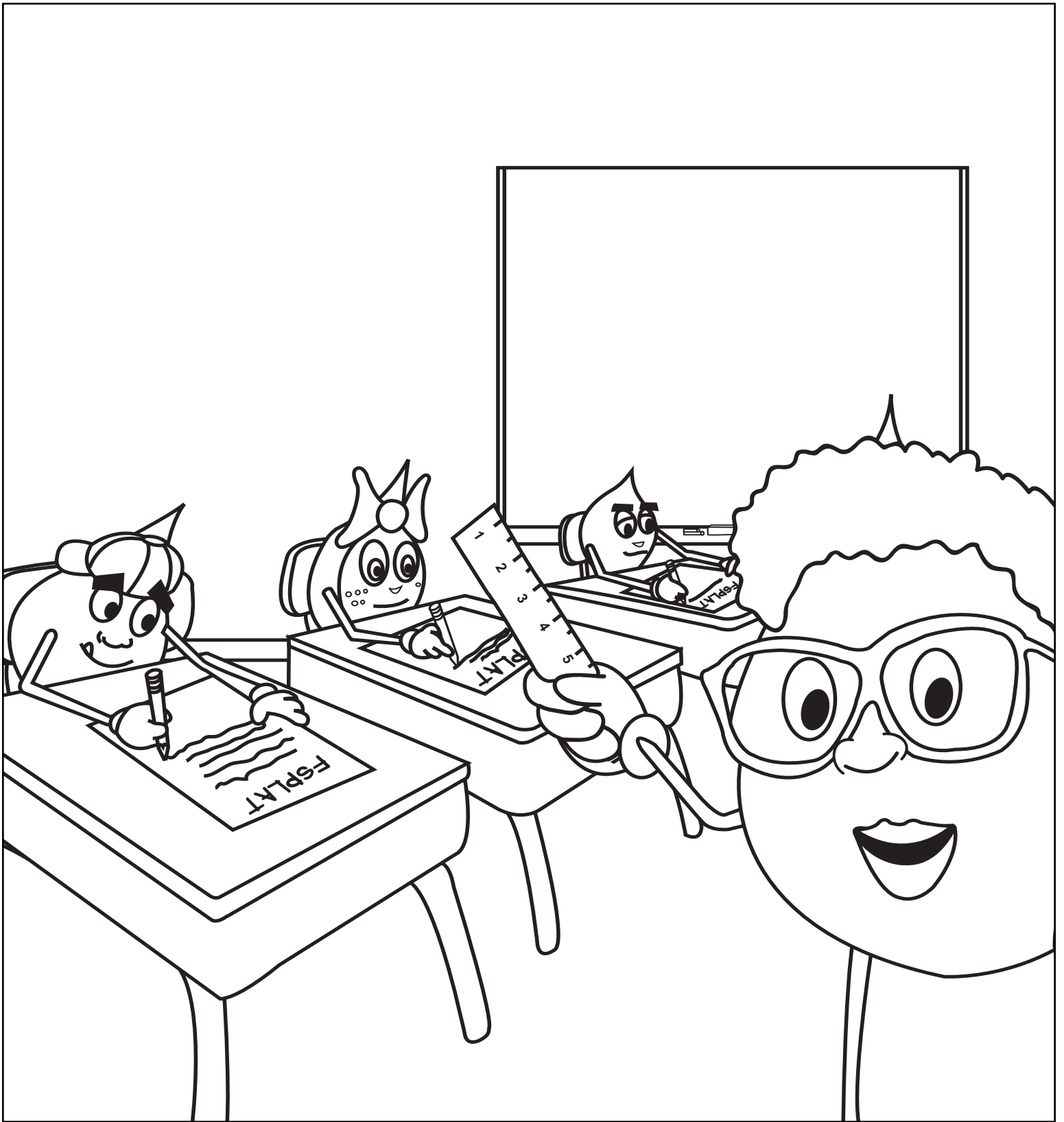
Alligators are scary but important reptiles. They dig holes that other animals use during the dry season.



**M**angrove trees have tall roots that grow out of the salty water near the coast. A snake stuck its tongue out at us, but he was just checking us out!



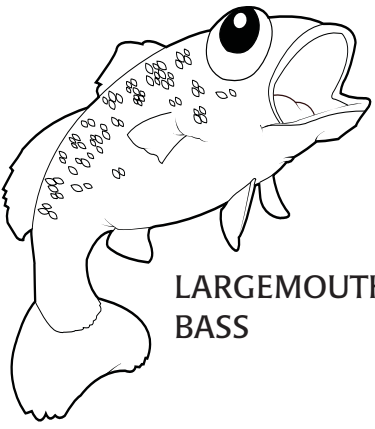
**A**t the end of our journey in the Florida Keys, I had a wild ride on a bottlenose dolphin in Florida Bay. Did you know dolphins are mammals that must breathe air just like humans?



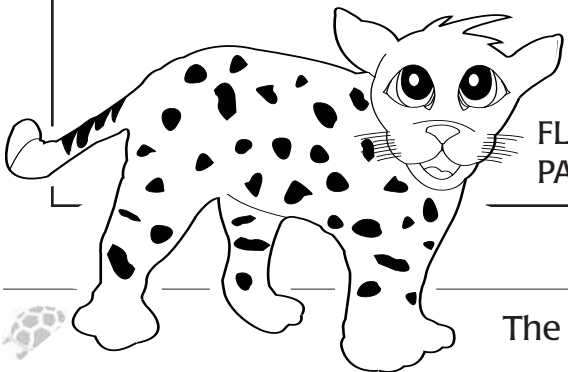
We learned so much on our trip to the Everglades that we did well on our test!

# DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR

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BASS



FLORIDA  
PANTHER CUB

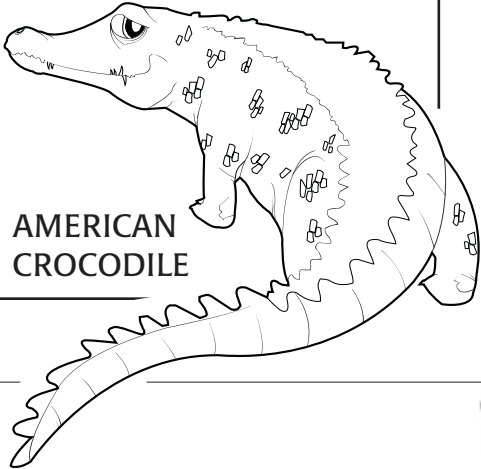
# EVERGLADES ADVENTURE

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WOOD STORK



AMERICAN  
CROCODILE





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