



Little KID, BIG City!

New York

Travel from Home Activity Kit

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Adventure Awaits!

Experience NYC without Leaving Home

HELLO, TRAVELERS!

Use this activity guide alongside the book *Little Kid, Big City!: New York* to create a unique armchair travel experience for the children you teach—whether in a classroom, home, or library setting. You can also use it to enhance your visits to the Big Apple by allowing kids to be directly involved in planning itineraries.

The activities in this kit can be used anytime, anywhere. They are designed to help you foster curiosity in kids about people and the world beyond their environment and inspire them to take more active roles in their travels. Using the activity kit and interactive elements in the book together, you'll help kids build confidence while discovering their own interests as they become lifelong tourists.



GENERAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Group Activities

Build your own Brooklyn Bridge out of Popsicle sticks! Twenty-one elephants once walked across the Brooklyn Bridge in an opening parade to prove to the world its incredible strength. Gather some Popsicle sticks and let kids try to create their own bridge. How strong can you make it? Try adding quarters or classroom items to each bridge and test what design holds up best.



Art

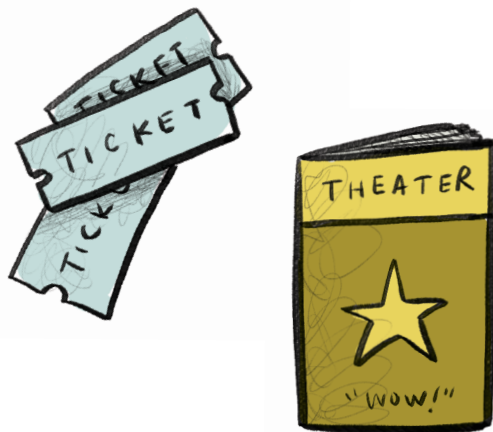
Ask kids to plan a trip to NYC. What would they wear for a day in the Big Apple? Would they bring binoculars to look at the Statue of Liberty from Battery Park? Pocket change to buy a hot dog from a street vendor? Have them draw all the things they would bring for their outing. Hang their beautiful artwork for all to see!

Art and Writing

Create a postcard! Have kids doodle their favorite NYC destination (either a place they've visited or one they'd like to explore) on a postcard-shaped piece of paper, and send it to a friend or family member. On the postcard, have kids share some of the fun facts they've learned from the book.

Writing

Using the book to inspire the travel bug, have kids keep a journal of their adventures outside the classroom. Include a list of prompts, including: Did you travel anywhere fun this weekend? What is your favorite place near your home to visit with your family and friends? If you could visit any place in the world, what would it be?



ACTIVITY: WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.

Search up, down, forward, and backward!



musical theater
Manhattan
pastrami
bagels

Rockefeller
Jazz music
Broadway show
Yankees

Empire State
Chinatown
museums
hot dog

Lady Liberty
Big Apple
Subway
pizza

ACTIVITY: I SPY

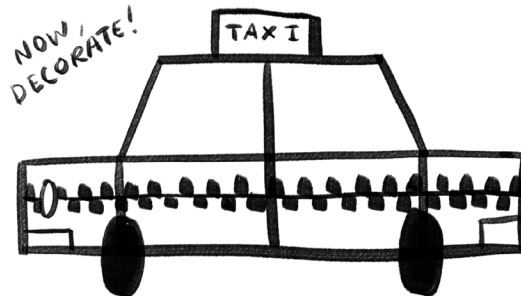
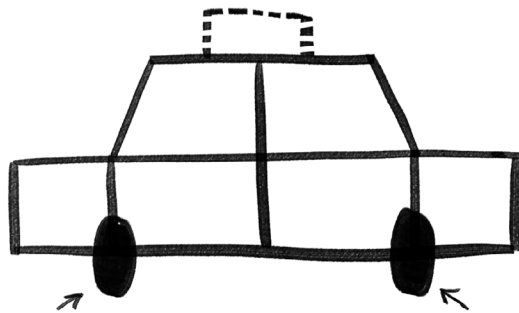
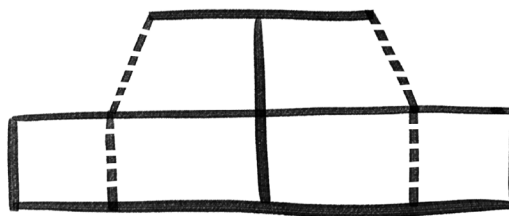
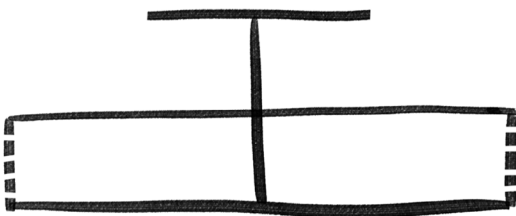
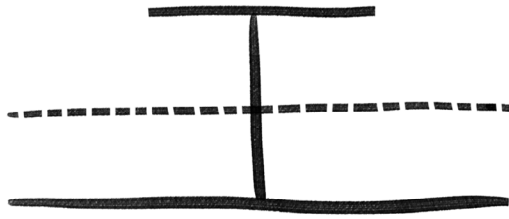
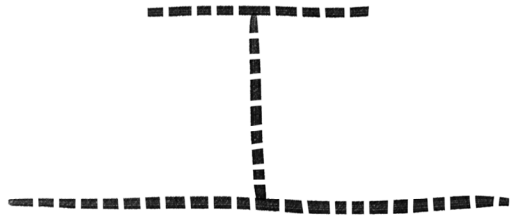
I spy with my little eye . . .

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A A flock of pigeons | D Dogs playing frisbee | G People doing yoga | J Three big blankets | M A squirrel |
| B Two taxicabs | E A piano | H Four people splashing | K A red apartment building | N The Washington Square Arch |
| C A football game | F A statue | I A dog watching a chess game | L A truck | |

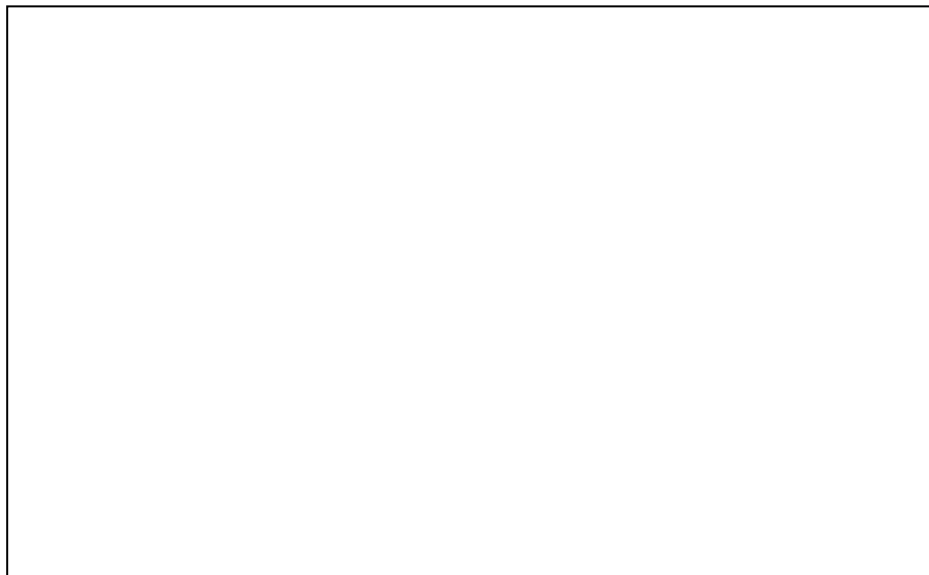


ACTIVITY: DRAW A TAXI

Use the instructions to draw your own taxi at the bottom of the page!
The dotted lines show you what to do next.

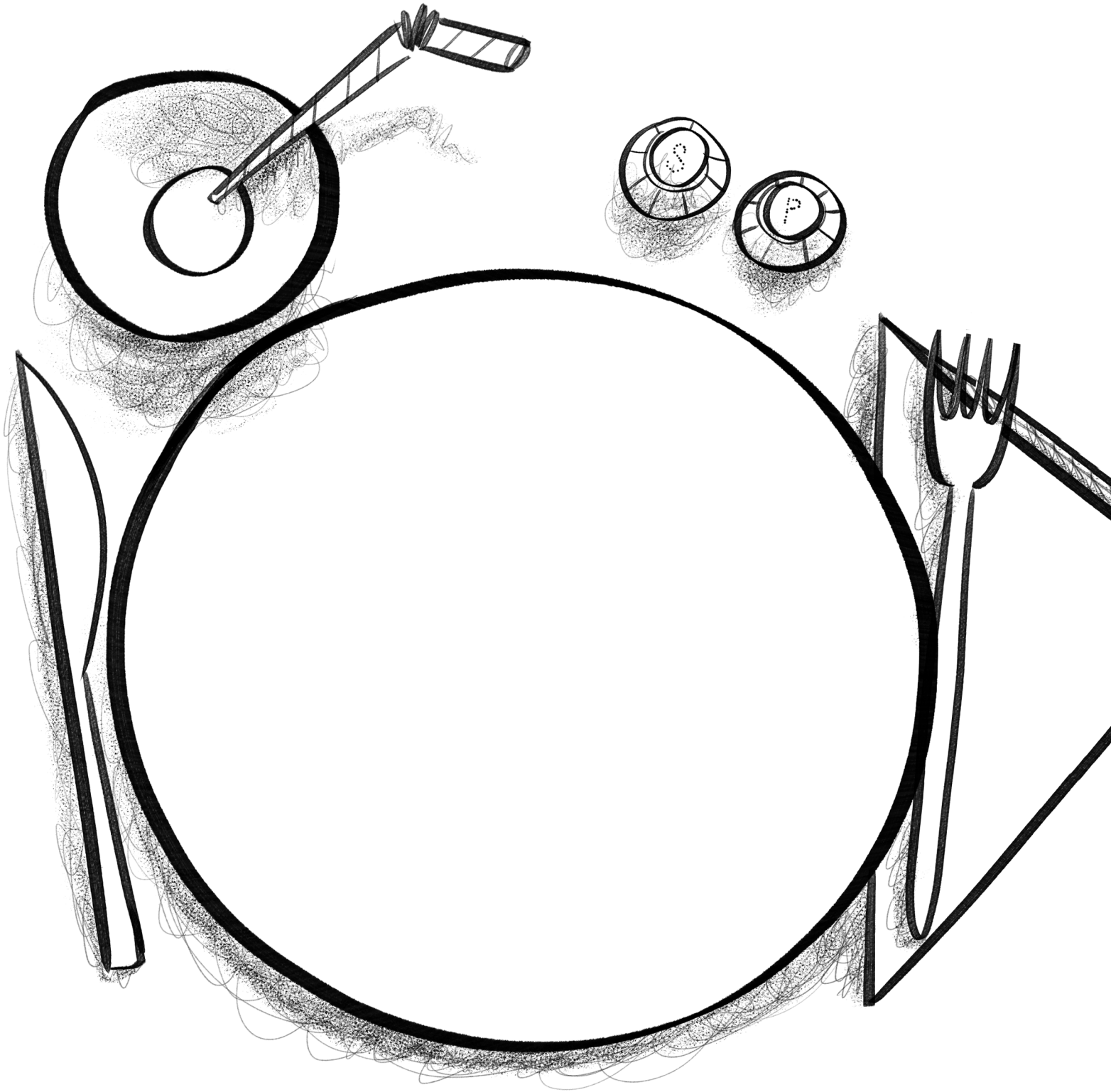


NOW, YOU TRY:



ACTIVITY: MAKE A NEW YORK DINNER

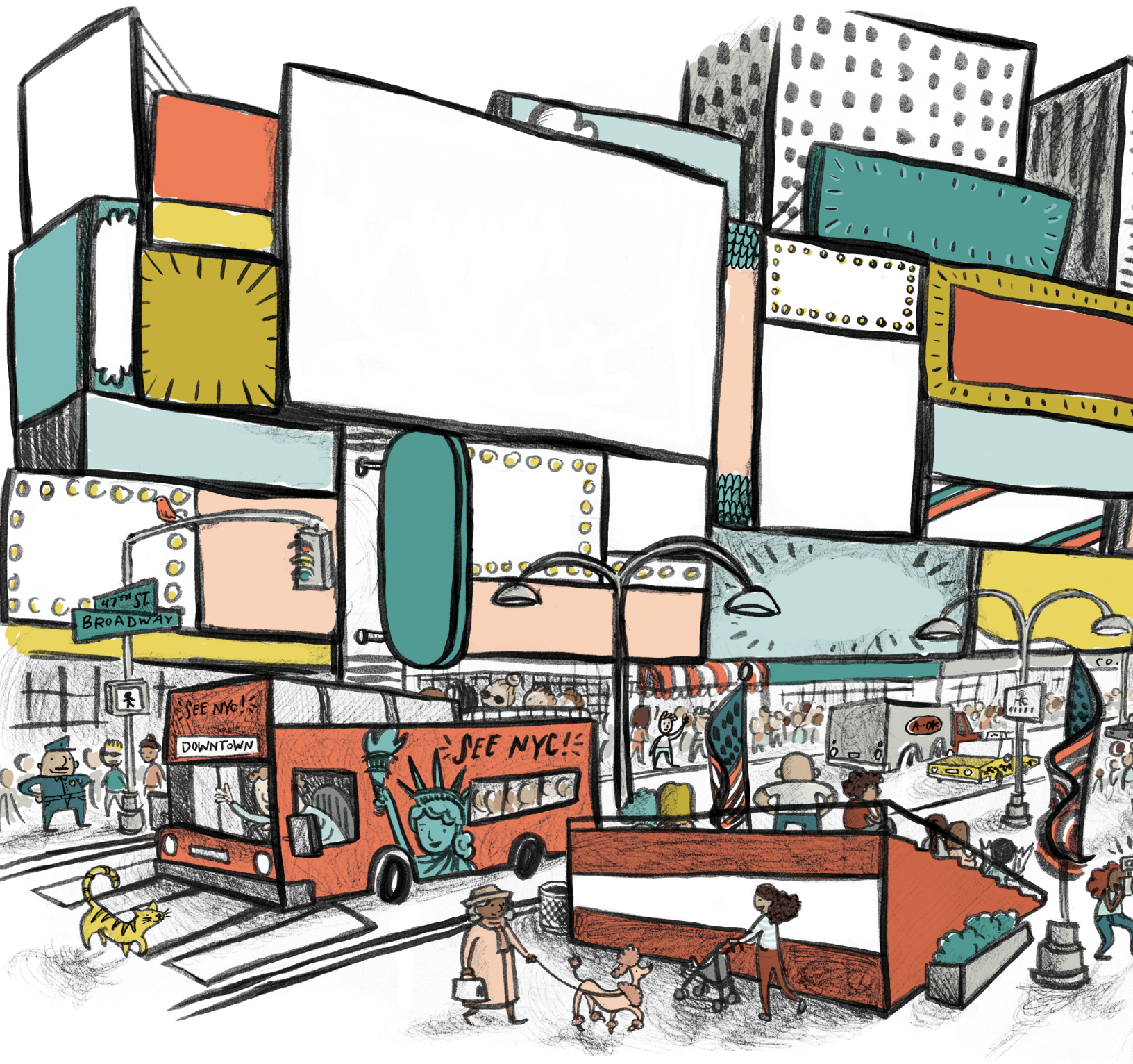
Cheesey pizza, black-and-white cookies, cannoli, hot dogs, pretzels, noodles, cheesecake, pastrami on rye stacked a mile high . . . What's YOUR favorite food to eat in NYC? Show us!



ACTIVITY: CREATE YOUR OWN BILLBOARDS

What musical or play would YOU put on the famous billboards
at **BROADWAY** and **47TH STREET**?

Fill in the signs for all the theater visitors to see!



ACTIVITY: MATCH THESE ICONIC NYC SKYSCRAPERS

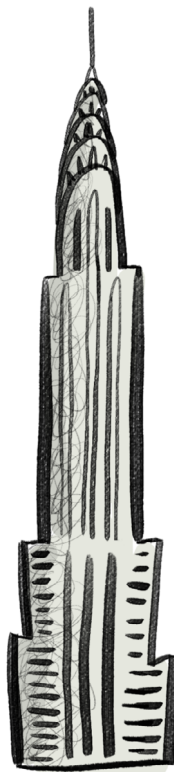
Can you identify these iconic NYC SKYSCRAPERS? Use the letters below the pictures to match each building to its correct name.



A



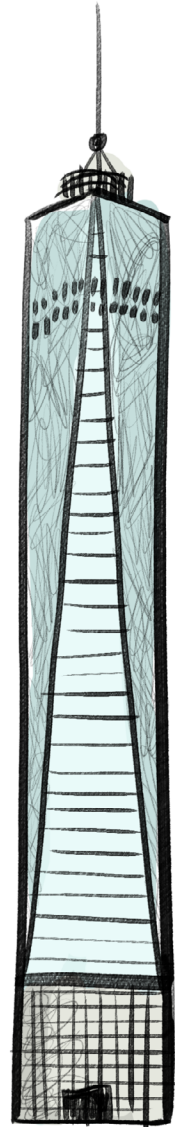
B



C



D



E

____ Empire State Building
1,454 FT TALL

____ Flatiron Building
285 FT TALL

____ Statue of Liberty
305 FT TALL

____ Chrysler Building
1,046 FT TALL

____ One World Trade Center
1,776 FT TALL

CONTINUE THE ADVENTURE

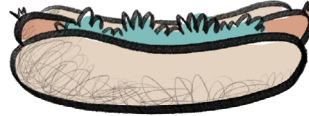
Now that you've read the book, continue to explore **NEW YORK CITY** from home!

Watch a movie set in the Big Apple.

- *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*
- *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*
- *Stuart Little*
- *The Secret Life of Pets*
- *Miracle on 34th Street*
- *The Muppets Take Manhattan*
- *Elf*
- *Ghostbusters*
- *Night at the Museum*
- *Enchanted*
- *Annie*

Build your own menu by making or buying classic NYC foods.

- New York-style cheesecake
- New York-style pizza
- New York-style bagels
- Pastrami
- Bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich
- Loaded hot dogs



- Pretzel
- Falafel
- Black-and-white cookie

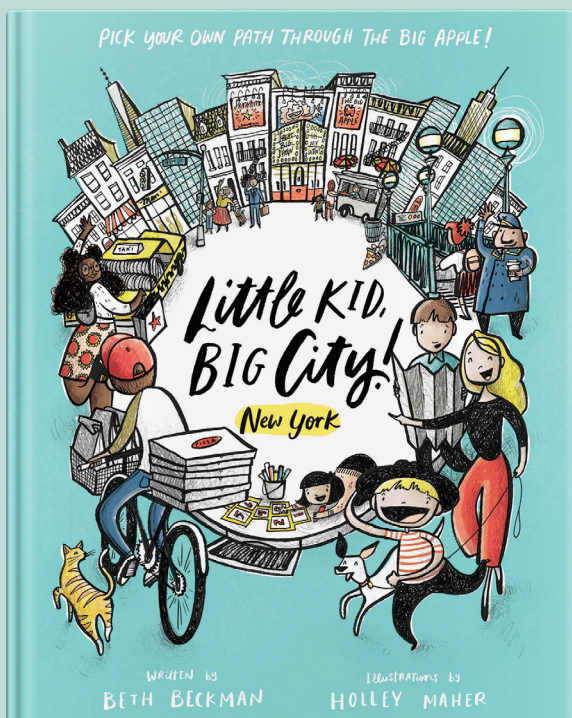
Create a NYC-themed playlist.

- “Welcome to New York” by Taylor Swift
- “New York State of Mind” by Billy Joel
- “New York Groove” by Ace Frehley
- “No Sleep till Brooklyn” by Beastie Boys
- “New York, New York” by Ryan Adams
- “Rockaway Beach” by The Ramones
- “Autumn in New York” by Billie Holiday
- “Theme from New York, New York” by Frank Sinatra
- “Take the ‘A’ Train” by Duke Ellington
- “On Broadway” by George Benson
- “New York, New York” from the Broadway musical *On the Town*



LEARN MORE ABOUT LITTLE KID, BIG CITY!: NEW YORK!

In this first book in the Little Kid, Big City series—in which travel guides collide with an interactive format—kids are empowered to imagine, create, and explore their own routes through the world's greatest cities. Featuring whimsical illustrations, lovable characters, an invaluable resources section, and a foldout map, this book has everything you need to invent your own adventure!



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