



# ROALD DAHL

## Ideas for LITTLE HEROES

Do you know a small human bean who could help the BFG catch dreams like Sophie or mix a magic potion like George? This **Roald Dahl Day**, encourage every child to **#BelieveInMagic** by recreating moments from **Roald Dahl** stories, just for them!

Use these **simple ideas** and **templates** to help your little chidders feel as special as

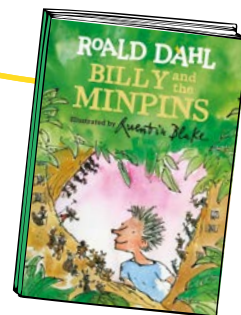
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## BILLY AND THE MINPINS TINY ESCAPE

When Little Billy ventures into the forest he discovers the trees are filled with millions of tiny people called the Minpins – who live in fear of the 'Red-Hot Smoke-Belching Gruncher'. See if your little hero can invent a way to save them!

*'The one waiting for you down there is the fearsome Gruncher, the Red-Hot Smoke-Belching Gruncher. He grunches up everything in the forest. That's why we have to live up here. He has grunched up hundreds of humans and literally millions of Minpins.'*

- 1 Read the 'We Know All the Birds' chapter to impress upon your little hero how important their task is!
- 2 Use the template on page 6 to make a tiny Minpins door and stick it to the skirting board or a tree in your garden.
- 3 Leave the tiny note from Don Mini asking your child to help save the Minpins by making something to fly them to safety.
- 4 Ask your child to make something that flies, like a bird or a plane – they could use lollipop sticks, feathers or even just colourful paper. Make sure they throw it to see how far it can travel!
- 5 Encourage your child to leave their flying device beside the tiny door.
- 6 The next day, remove the flying device. How about creating a tiny minpins breakfast for them to say thank you from the Minpins for helping them fly to safety.

**TOP TIP:** Make tiny pancakes for breakfast by using a teaspoon to drop the batter into the pan! You can also find millions of ways to make miniature food on YouTube.



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## SOPHIE'S DREAM JAR

Brave Sophie helps the BFG captures dreams – from wonderful golden phizzwizards to terrible trogglehumpers! The unlikely duo swiftly bottle up the little balls of energy into glass jars with the help of a dream-catching net. But what if the BFG was to visit your little one overnight and leave one of his dream jars behind . . .?

*'Dreams,' he said, 'is very mysterious things. They is floating around in the air like little wispy-misty bubbles. And all the time they is searching for sleeping people.'*

- 1 Read the 'Dream-Catching' chapter before bedtime.
- 2 Get a large jar and label it 'Dream Jar' in your best BFG handwriting. Hide a golden phizzward somewhere your child will be able to find it. (You could use golden tissue paper or fibre wool – or how about a silky scarf?)
- 3 Cut out the note on the Template Page 7 from The BFG requesting your child's urgent help to restore the absent dream to its rightful jar.
- 4 Once your little one is sleeping, place the empty jar and the note by their bed or somewhere they will see it when they wake up.
- 5 When they wake up to find the dream jar and the note, help them to hunt down the BFG's phizzwizard using the 'Dream Spotters Guide' template on page 6.
- 6 Place the phizzwizard in the jar at bedtime, for the BFG to collect. In the morning, the dream jar will have been collected and replaced by a giant thank you note (use the template on page 8).

**TOP TIP:** Make the experience even more special by making a dream-catching net to catch the dream.



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## GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE

George combines ordinary everyday items to produce the most remarkable effects on the likes of his grandma and his dad's chickens!

**Show your child hero how it's done!**

*'There was an old stick lying on the bench that had been used for stirring paint. George picked it up and started to stir his marvellous concoction. The mixture was as thick as cream, and as he stirred and stirred, many wonderful colours rose up from the depths and blended together, pinks, blues, greens, yellows and browns.'*

**1** Read the 'Animal Pills' chapter before you begin your concoction.

**2** Mix together a potion of toothpaste, a little bit of shampoo and some water. (Do NOT eat it!)

**3** Next get a plant pot and put some soil in the bottom.

**4** Pour your potion over the soil and leave the magic to work overnight...

**5** Before your child wakes up, place an object in the pot, which has magically 'grown' overnight - perhaps a pair of slippers or a rubber chicken or something delicious and unexpected!



## CHARLIE'S GOLDEN TICKET

From the moment Charlie Bucket finds Willy Wonka's fifth and final Golden Ticket, his life is changed forever!

*'So watch out for the Golden Tickets! Five Golden Tickets have been printed on golden paper, and these five Golden Tickets have been hidden underneath the ordinary wrapping paper of five ordinary bars of chocolate.'*

**1** Read 'The Golden Tickets' chapter to whip up Golden Ticket mania!

**2** Now imagine if your little one was to receive a Golden Ticket of their own...

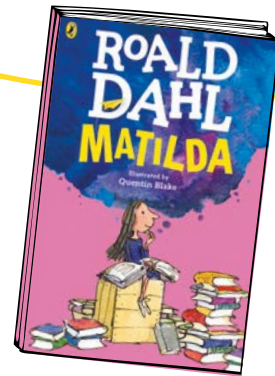
**3** Cut out the Golden Ticket template on page 6 and hide it in your child's lunch box - along with a few unusual lunchtime surprises from the chocolate factory.

**4** When they return home, have a surprise waiting - it could be an unusual baked goodie (check out *Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes*) or news of a trip to somewhere exciting.



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## MATILDA'S LITTLE MIRACLES!

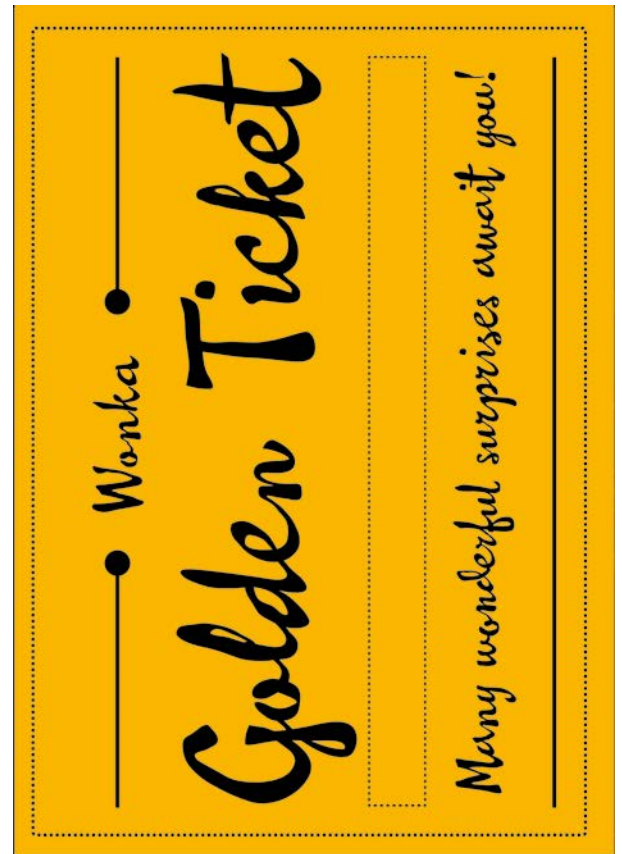
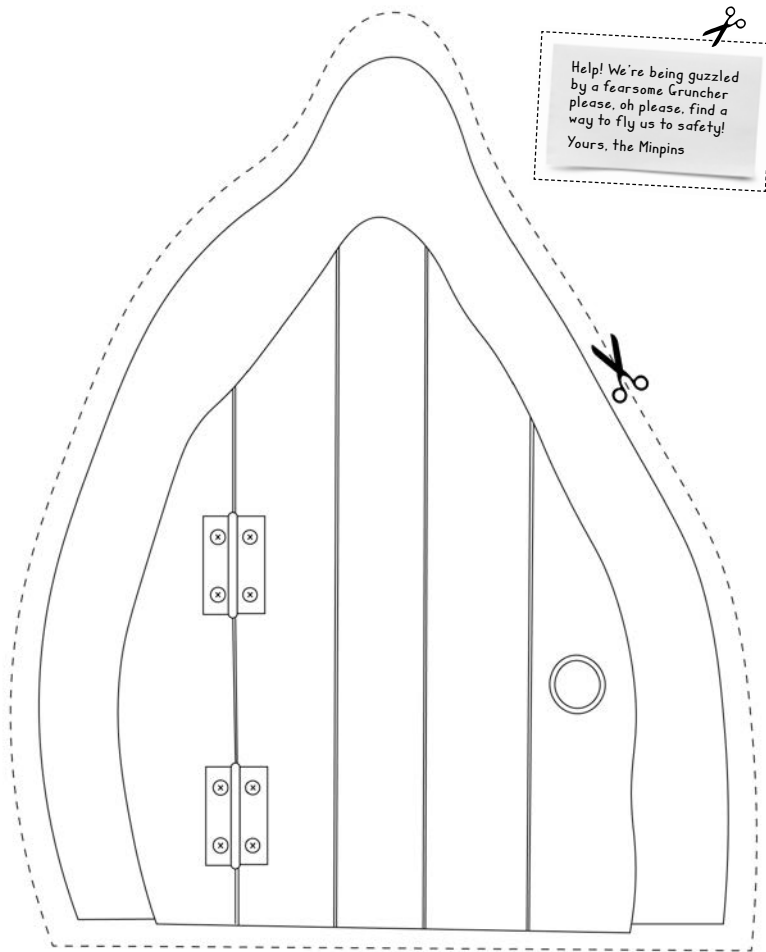
Matilda uses her extraordinary brain powers on the wicked Miss Trunchbull to avenge Miss Honey and drive the crooked headmistress out of town.

*'And now, quite slowly, there began to creep over Matilda a most extraordinary and peculiar feeling. The feeling was mostly in the eyes. A kind of electricity seemed to be gathering inside them. A sense of power was brewing in those eyes of hers, a feeling of great strength was settling itself deep inside her eyes. But there was also another feeling which was something else altogether, and which she could not understand. It was like flashes of lightning. Little waves of lightning seemed to be flashing out of her eyes. Her eyeballs were beginning to get hot, as though vast energy was building up somewhere inside them. It was an amazing sensation.'*

- 1 Read 'The First Miracle' chapter to remind your child what Matilda is capable of, and what they might be capable of, too.
- 2 Attach a book or another object to some fine wire or fishing wire - you'll then need to attach this to a stick or hide one grown-up out of sight with the wire. (You might need another Sparky Grown-Up to help you with this.)
- 3 Ask your child to sit at the kitchen table to look at the object and focus extra hard.
- 4 Pull the wire so the object lifts into the air.
- 5 Then watch their surprise as they prove to have the same brain powers as Matilda.



# Golden Ticket + Minpins Door TEMPLATES



## DREAM SPOTTERS GUIDE

- Golden phizzwizards make a 'tiny little buzzing-humming noise', but do listen carefully because it's very quiet.
- They're almost always sparkly, gold and light to the touch.
- They like warm, snug places.
- When you spot one, be still and don't breathe too loudly – it might flee otherwise.
- Once you are ready to pounce, capture the dream in one fast, smooth motion.
- Put it in the jar as quickly as possible – they're known to thrash about like fish when they've been crodsquinkled.



# The BFG note TEMPLATE

Dearest human bean,  
I has accidentally dropped my dream  
jar and a golden phizzwizard has escaped  
Somewhere in your ~~towns~~ house.  
Please could you keep your eyes and earwigs  
pealed for it?  
I shall check back later this evening  
to see if you has caught it for me.

THE BFG

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My little Quogwinkle!

I is forever in your debks! I was ever so  
biffsquiggled when I see the golden phizzwizard gone  
walk around!

Thank you from my hearts bottom for finding it for me!

You have done me a jumpsquiffing ~~flaw~~ favour,

I am now your humbug servant!

THE BFG