

"I know!" said Katrina, "let's clean up this mess."

"All right!" shouted all the children, and they all got busy picking up the garbage. They all talked to their Moms and Dads about what was happening, and the parents helped too.

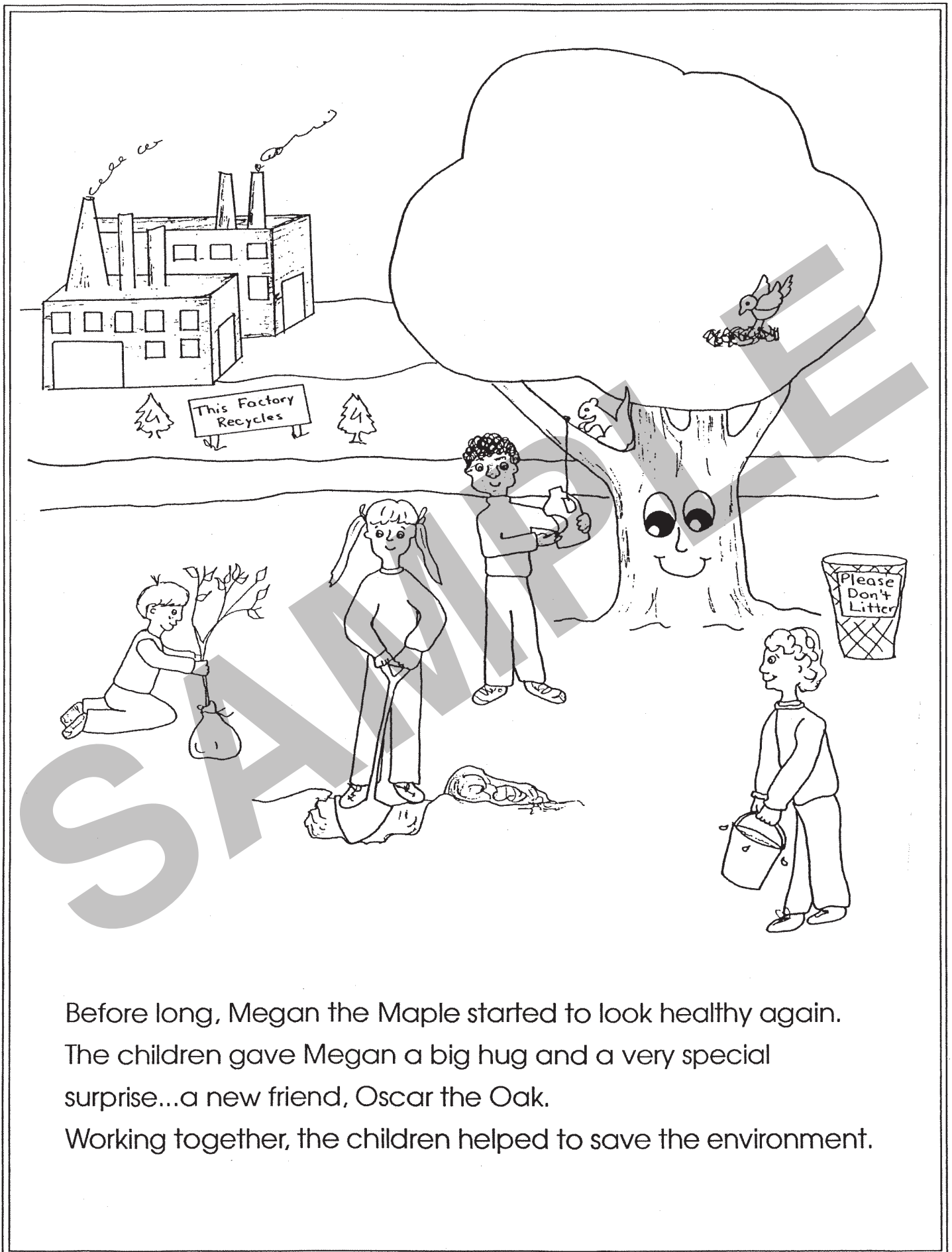
Megan's environment was starting to look better.



With help from their parents they talked to the people in the factories about how the polluted air and water was making Megan the Maple and our environment sick.

"Our environment is for everyone," said Alex. "We must work together to protect it!" said Kristin.

When the factory owners saw how much the children and their parents cared, they started to clean up the factories and cut down on the amount of pollution their factories were making. Everyone started working together.



Before long, Megan the Maple started to look healthy again. The children gave Megan a big hug and a very special surprise...a new friend, Oscar the Oak. Working together, the children helped to save the environment.

Thinking About The Story

Megan the Maple

Part One

1. What happened to Megan the Maple?
2. What made her sick?
3. How did she feel?
4. How did the children feel about what was happening to Megan?
5. What did the children do?
6. Who helped? What did they do?
7. How did the children feel when they started cleaning up their environment?
8. What is our environment?

(Our environment is the place where we live and everything in it—the ground we walk on, the air we breathe and the water we drink. We share our environment with all the birds, fish, animals and plants and trees who live in it.)

9. How did Megan feel after everyone cleaned up her environment?
10. What is pollution?

(Pollution is the waste material, including garbage, chemicals, and unnatural things that do not belong in the water, air or ground. When too much of the wrong or harmful things get into the wrong place, we say it is polluted. For example, when exhaust fumes from cars, trucks and factories are released into the clean air we need to breathe, the result is air pollution.)

11. How does pollution make you feel?
12. What can we do to stop pollution?