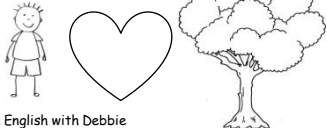


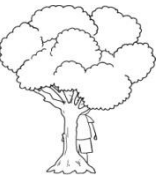
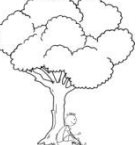

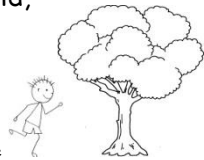

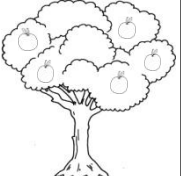
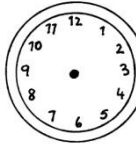


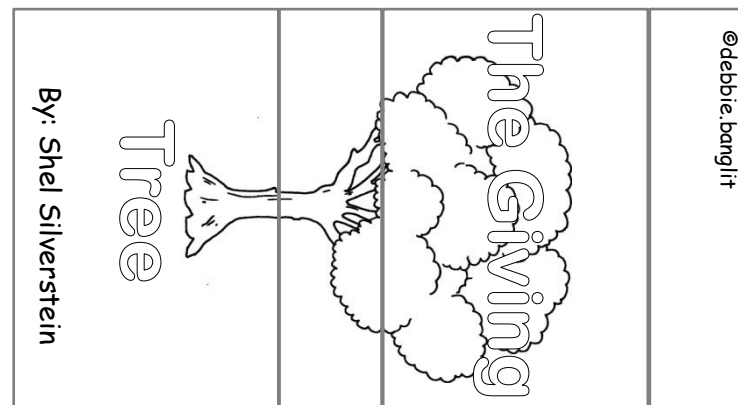






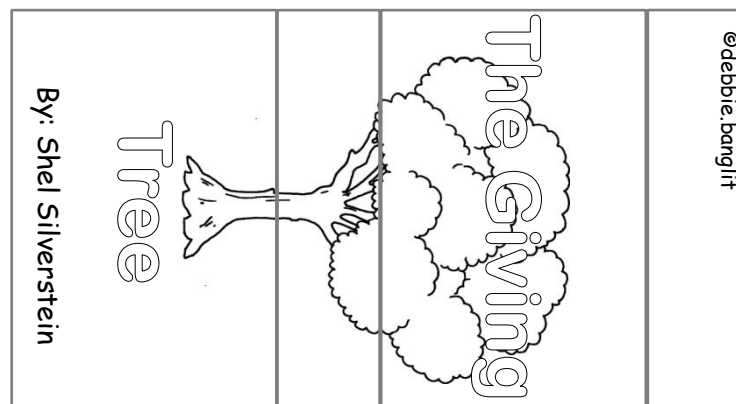


<p>Once there was a tree... and she loved a little boy.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>Every day the boy would come and gather her leaves.</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>He made them into crowns and played king of the forest.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>He climbed up her trunk and swung from her branches and ate apples.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>And they would play hide-and-go-seek.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>
<p>When he was tired he would sleep in her shade.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>The boy loved the tree and the tree was happy.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>Time went by and the boy grew older and the tree was often alone.</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>One day the boy came and the tree said,</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>"Come and climb my trunk, swing from my branches and eat my apples and play in my shade and be happy"</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>
<p>"I am too big to play. I want to buy things. Do you have money?"</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>"No, I only have leaves and apples," said the tree.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>"Take my apples and sell my apples in the city. Then you will have money and be happy."</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>The boy climbed up the tree, gathered her apples and took them away. The tree was happy.</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>But the boy stayed away for a long time and the tree was sad.</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>
<p>Then one day the boy came back and the tree shook with joy, and she said, "Come, Boy, come and climb up my trunk and swing from my branches..."</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>and eat apples and play in my shade and be happy.</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>"I'm too busy to climb trees," said the boy. "I want a house to keep me warm."</p> <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>"I want a wife and I want children, and so I need a house. Can you give me a house?"</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>	<p>"I have no house" said the tree. "The forest is my house."</p>  <p>In English with Debbie</p>



<p>"But you may cut off my branches and build a house."</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"Then you will be happy."</p>  <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>And so the boy cut off her branches and carried them away to build a house.</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>And the tree was happy.</p>  <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>But the boy stayed away for a long time and the tree was sad.</p>  <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>
<p>And when he came back, the tree was so happy she could hardly speak.</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"Come, Boy," she whispered, "Come and play."</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"I am too old and sad to play," said the boy.</p>  <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"I want a boat that will take me away from here. Can you give me a boat?"</p>  <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"Cut down my trunk and make a boat," said the tree. "Then you can sail away and be happy."</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>
<p>And so the boy cut down her trunk and made a boat and sailed away. And the tree was happy... but not really.</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>And after a long time the boy came back again. "I am sorry, Boy," said the tree, "but I have nothing left to give you - "My apples are gone."</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"My teeth are too weak for apples," said the boy.</p>  <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"My branches are gone," said the tree. "You cannot swing on them." "I am too old to swing on branches," said the boy.</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"My trunk is gone," said the tree. "You cannot climb". "I am too tired to climb," said the boy.</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>
<p>"I am sorry," sighed the tree. "I wish that I could give you something. . . but I have nothing left. I am just an old stump. I am sorry..."</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"I don't need very much now," said the boy. "just a quiet place to sit and rest. I am very tired."</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"Well," said the tree, straightening herself up as much as she could, "well, an old stump is good for sitting and resting."</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p>"Come, Boy, sit down... and rest." And the boy did. And the tree was happy..</p> <p>The end!</p> <p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>	<p><small>In English with Debbie</small></p>



The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein - Matchbox Activity

First -

Some of the rectangles have pictures and can be coloured in.

Some of the rectangles are empty and the students can draw pictures if they want to.

Some can be left with just the text from the story.

Each student can decide how to illustrate the story.

Second -

Cut out the strips, fold and stick them as shown in the picture.

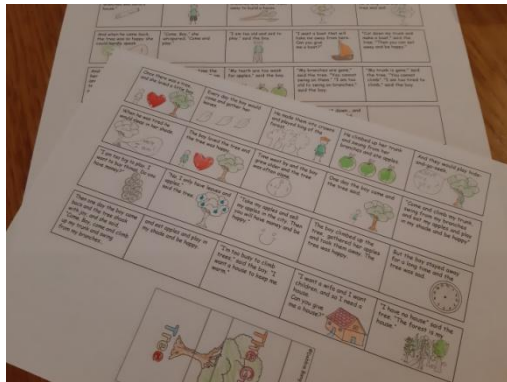
The last empty one is then stuck to the bottom of the matchbox.

The 'Giving Tree' with the tree is for sticking around the outside of the box.

Let the students colour this in before sticking. They can also add their names to the empty rectangle.

Third -

Have fun reading the story with your student.



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