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LLS is the world’s largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. We offer a wide variety of programs and services in support of our mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

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I’m Bailey. I have cancer.
My treatment will help me to get better.
Who Goes With Which?

My new friend Ray volunteers at the hospital. He was a patient here a few years ago. He told me not to worry about my hair falling out. It will grow back like his did. Ray makes me laugh! We joke about wearing hats. He said a cowboy would look pretty funny wearing a tiny clown’s hat!

Match the hats to the people below.
This is my friend Ty.
Ty’s port makes it easier for him to get medicine and blood tests.
Q & A

My doctors and nurses answer my questions. Sometimes my mom and dad ask my treatment team questions too. I’m glad they have people to help them!

Speaking of questions, do you know the answers to these?

1. Which of these is not found in a hospital?
   a. IV pole   b. Nurses’ station   c. Train station   d. X-ray machine

2. Which one of these is a fruit?
   a. Peach   b. Potato   c. Poodle   d. Piano

3. Which of these is not a part of the body?

4. Which one of these people does not work in a hospital?

Questions for my doctor:

1. How does my treatment help to get rid of the cancer?

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Answers: 1) c  2) a  3) b  4) d
This is my friend Lupe.
Lupe likes cats and dogs.
Design a T-shirt

Lupe likes animals. She likes to be in the playroom whenever Gus, the therapy dog, is visiting. Lupe has a T-shirt with a picture of a cat.

You can design a T-shirt. You can draw a picture or a design, or write something. Answer the questions below to help you choose what to put on your T-shirt.

What’s your favorite color?

Do you like pictures or patterns?

Who is your hero?

What’s your favorite song?
(Pick out your favorite line.)

What’s your favorite video or DVD?

Do you have a favorite animal?

What’s your nickname?
We like fruit. My favorite is bananas. 
Ty likes apple sauce.
Healthy foods give my body the energy it needs to fight my cancer. Sometimes I don’t feel like eating very much. Some foods taste and smell different right now. That’s from my treatment.

These words look different too!
Can you unscramble the letters to make real words?

**RUFIT**

**COTROD**

It’s fun to make up word scrambles too. Start with your name like Bailey (YIABLE) did.

Answers:
MERG (germ), RUFIT (fruit), TOOF (foot), TROP (port), COTROD (doctor), RUNES (nurse)
My brother Danny reads me funny stories.
I Wish, I Can, I Will

My family or friends come to visit whenever they can. We like to read or play games.

What do you like to do? Make a list in 3 parts.

1. Things you WISH you could do
   I wish I was at the beach with my friends.

2. Things you CAN do now
   I can sing all the words to the song, "There Were 10 in Bed."

3. Things you WILL do later on
   I will become a film star and make a movie about my life.

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Add your own list here.
I am doing yoga with Lupe. This is the lion pose.
I sing when I feel ______________.

I pound my pillow when I feel ______________.

I write in my journal when I feel ______________.

I look for my friends in the playroom when I feel ______________.

I make jokes when I feel ______________.

I curl up in my bed when I feel ______________.

I write a letter to my mom when I feel ______________.

I dance when I feel ______________.

Lupe and I like to do yoga. But yesterday Lupe was tired. She wanted to sit by herself for a while. Sometimes I like to sit quietly by myself too. I can feel happy, sad and angry all in the same day.

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks, or use your own words.

silly • lonely • angry • homesick • tired • strong • sad • happy
Ty likes to read and do puzzles.
He reads stories with his teacher.
Find the Differences

Do you like puzzles? These two pictures may look the same, but they are not the same. Can you find 5 differences between them?

Looks like someone picked the third flower. (A3) • The boat on the shelf sailed away. (B5) • The floor must be crooked because the ball rolled over to the chair. (D4) • The bunny hopped off one slipper to look for some lettuce. (D3)
• The buttons on the pajama top switched places with the star on shirt. (C3 & C4)
My family and friends are welcoming me home. My brother shaved his head to give me support! Everyone has a “Bailey’s Team” cap.
Choose Your Dream Team

If you could invite anyone in the world, real or imaginary, to be on your “dream team,” who would you choose? Your favorite singer? Your best friend? Your teacher? Your favorite basketball player? A character from your favorite book or movie?

Make a list of everyone you’d like to have on your team.
If you like, you can draw a picture of your dream team.
Sometimes I sing while I wash my hands with soap and warm water.
The Hand-Washing Experiment

Here is a hand-washing experiment to find the best way to wash away germs. See if your mom and dad will help you with this experiment. Or you can do it at school with your teacher and class.

You will need: 3 tablespoons of cooking oil, 3 teaspoons of cinnamon and you and 2 other volunteers.

Each volunteer hand washer: Rub 1 tablespoon of cooking oil all over your hands until completely coated. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of cinnamon on your hands and rub it all around. The cinnamon is the make-believe germs. It’s all over!

Everyone washes their hands by rubbing them briskly for 20 seconds.

Hand Washer 1: Use cold water and no soap.
Hand Washer 2: Use warm water and no soap.
Hand Washer 3: Use warm water and soap.
At home I take my meds every day.
Find the Hidden Words

We made a chart at home to help us keep track of me taking my medicine. I keep track of other activities on my chart too.

Circle the words you can find.

hat
dog
nurse
swab
pill
central line
yoga
germs
so
ax
tin

me
sow
it
of
ice cream
mice
dessert
bop
no
an
hospital

by
nap
playroom
tub
lion
star
in
pit
pet
parakeet
Web Sites for Children

The Starlight Starbright™ Children’s Foundation
www.starbright.org
Creates innovative, media-based programs that help seriously ill children and teens better cope with their disease and enhance their quality of life. Offers free CD-ROMs and online communities of information and support for kids and parents.

Band-Aides & Blackboards
www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/stories.html
Features stories from children, teens and siblings about living with serious illness.

SuperSibs™
www.supersibs.org
A foundation that honors, supports and recognizes brothers and sisters of children with cancer.

Books for Children

What Is Cancer Anyway? Explaining Cancer to Children of All Ages
Karen L. Carney
Provides basic, reassuring information about cancer in simple terms. Published by Dragonfly Publishing, Inc.

Chemo, Craziness & Comfort: My Book About Childhood Cancer
Nancy Keene and Trevor Romain
A resource book for children 6-12 years of age diagnosed with cancer. Addresses medical tests, hospitalization and treatment. Published by Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation.

The Jester Has Lost His Jingle
David Saltzman
A story about finding laughter and happiness inside oneself to help get through challenging times such as a cancer diagnosis. Useful tool for classroom presentations. Published by Jester Books.
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