

WILD & SCENIC



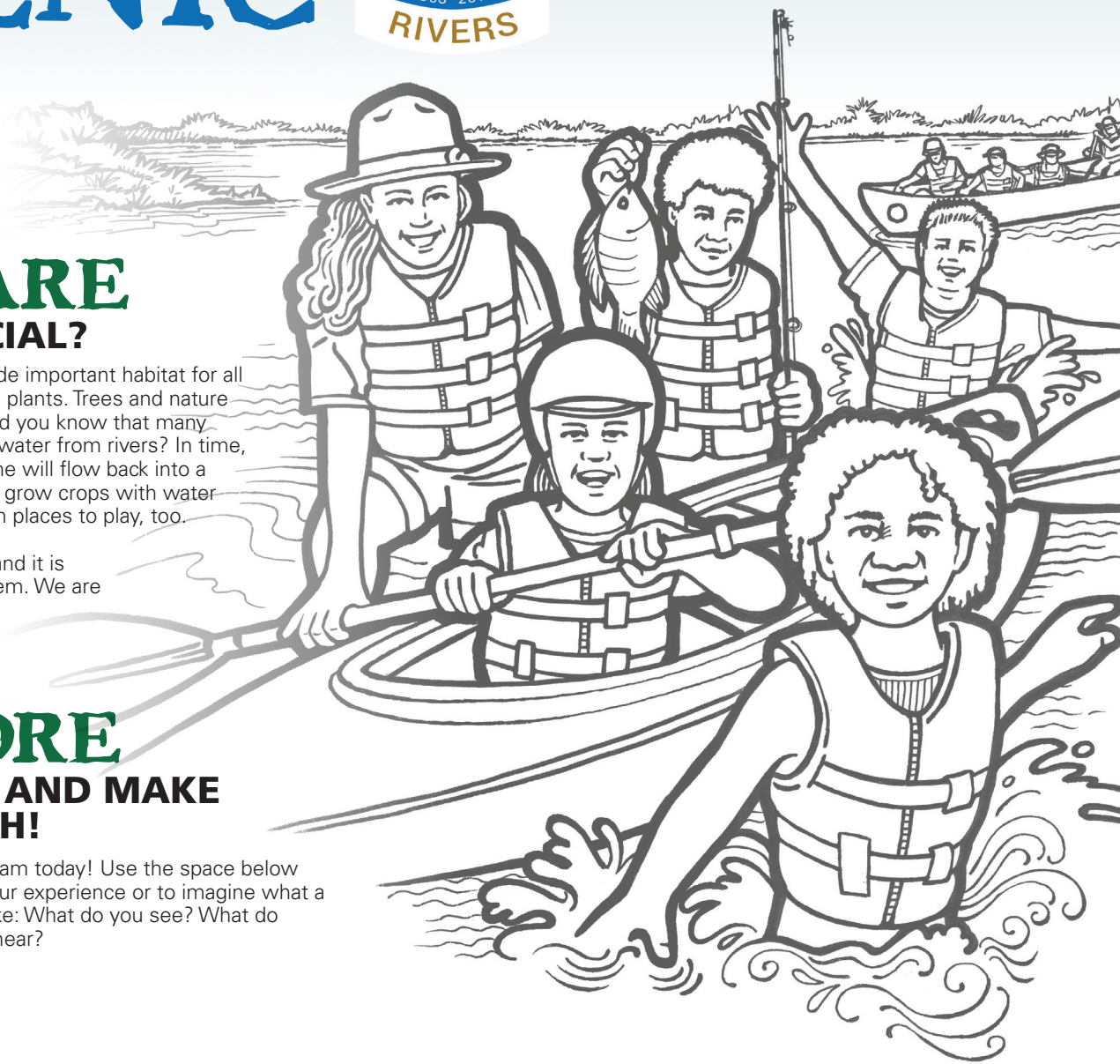
WHY ARE RIVERS SPECIAL?

Water is life. Rivers provide important habitat for all kinds of fish, wildlife, and plants. Trees and nature help keep rivers clean. Did you know that many people get their drinking water from rivers? In time, the water you use at home will flow back into a river. Some farmers even grow crops with water from rivers. Rivers are fun places to play, too.

Rivers give us so much, and it is everyone's job to help them. We are all connected to rivers!

EXPLORE YOUR RIVER AND MAKE YOUR SPLASH!

Visit a river, creek, or stream today! Use the space below to write or draw about your experience or to imagine what a visit to a river might be like: What do you see? What do you smell? What do you hear?



LEARN ABOUT WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS



Complete the following description by using these words to fill in the blanks*:

plants and animals special hurt law protected flow

The United States grew and developed around rivers over many years, but this _____ rivers.

Dams blocked the river's _____ and buildings destroyed animal habitat. Many people wanted a change.

In 1968, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act became a _____. This law protects rivers with special values.

Special values are things like history or rare _____ that make a river unique.

Since 1968, the United States has _____ over 200 special rivers from dams and pollution.

We call these special rivers, "Wild and Scenic Rivers".

We are celebrating the 50th birthday of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. You can celebrate too by

learning more about these _____ rivers!

* Hold booklet upside down to find the order of the missing words: **special, protected, animals and plants, law, flow, hurt**

PROTECT YOUR RIVERS

Congress passed a law to protect special rivers. Many people work hard to keep the rivers clean, flowing free, and available for everyone to enjoy. Special rivers are found across the country.

Name a river you know: _____

Ask a Ranger: How do you protect rivers? _____

How can I help protect rivers and keep them clean?_____

Learn more about Wild and Scenic Rivers at [rivers.gov](https://www.rivers.gov).

