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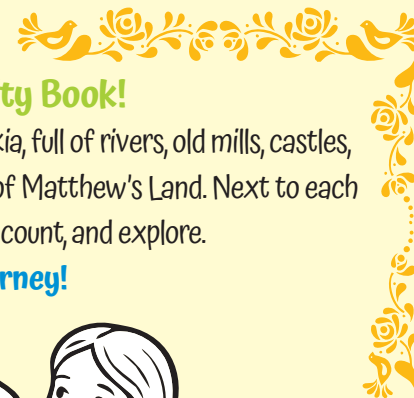
Matthew's

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HAVE FUN EXPLORING MATTHEW'S LAND!





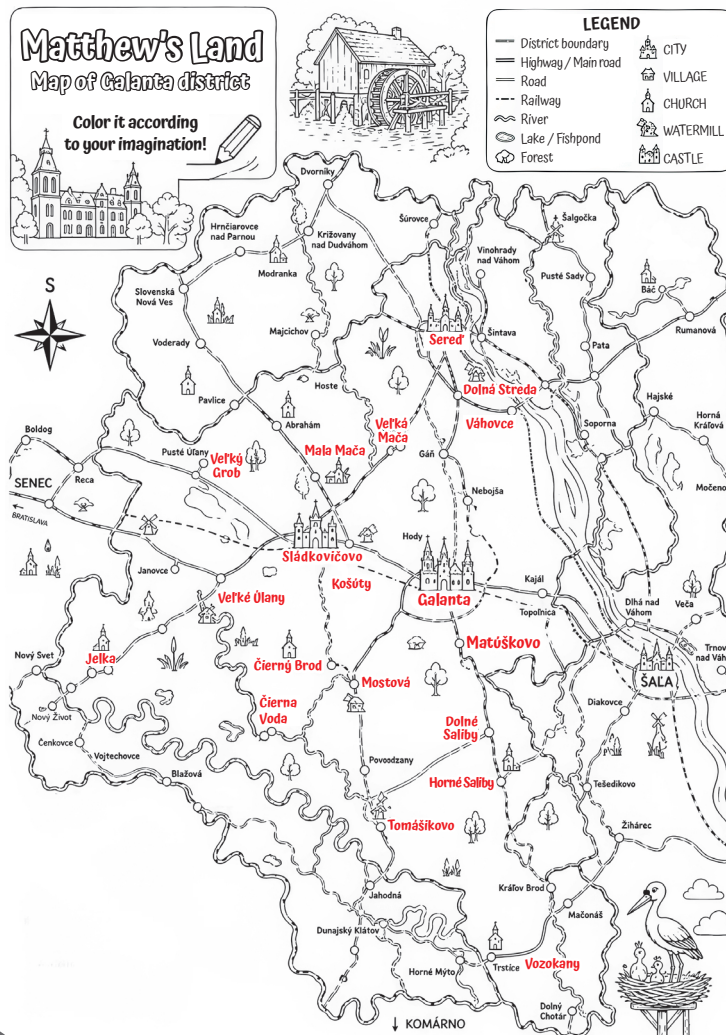
HELLO, LITTLE EXPLORER!

Welcome to the Matthew's Land Colouring and Activity Book!

Do you know where Matthew's Land is located? It is a beautiful region in southwestern Slovakia, full of rivers, old mills, castles, churches, and interesting animals. In this book, you will get to know the most beautiful places of Matthew's Land. Next to each picture, you will find a quick interesting fact and a fun task. You can color, search, count, and explore.

Get your crayons ready and set off on an adventurous journey!





What is Matthew's Land?

Matthew's Land was named after Matthew Csák, an important nobleman who lived more than 700 years ago. Today, this region is known for its villages, fertile fields, and rich traditions.

Color the map of Matthew's Land.

Find in the picture:

- ☐ river
- ☐ church
- ☐ castle
- ☐ stork



The Little Danube is the most important river in the region. For all of nature, it is like the water of life! Many animals live in and around the river. Little fish swim in the water, ducks play on the surface, and clever beavers build their lodges on the bank. If you look closely, you will see little frogs jumping and birds singing. The river water flows slowly, and beautiful trees and meadows grow around it. In the summer, children love to go to the river to observe nature. A long time ago, the Little Danube was also important for adults because people traveled on it in small boats and canoes.



- Which animals live by the water? Circle them!



A Magical Little Forest in Vel'ká Mača

Next to the Sárd stream grows a beautiful, protected little forest full of secrets. In spring, lily of the valley smells sweet, and the rare European bladdernut bush grows here, whose seeds were once used to make beads.

The little forest is also home to cheerful birds—a beautiful nightingale sings here, as well as hardworking Blue tits. It is our little natural treasure that we must protect!



- Find the 5 hidden animals.
- Which animal does not belong here?
 - deer
 - rabbit
 - penguin
 - fox
 - bee





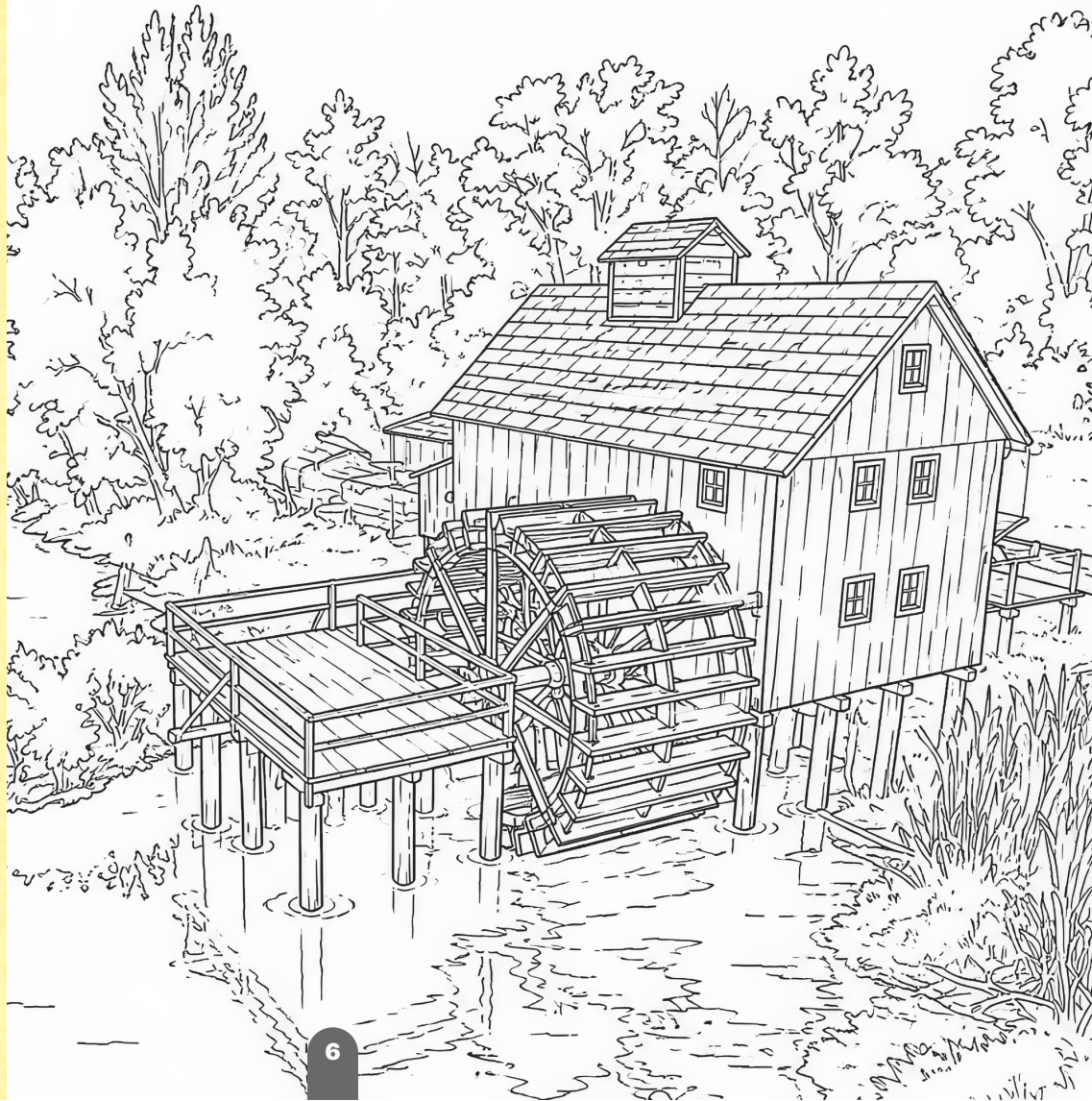
The large mill wheel was driven by the power of water. Thanks to it, millers ground grain into flour. The watermills in Jelka and Tomášikovo still show us today how people worked in the past.

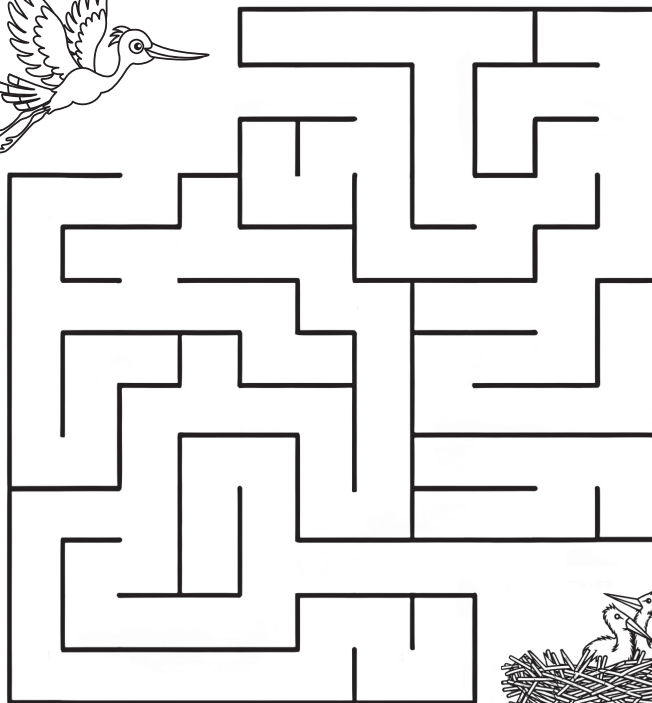
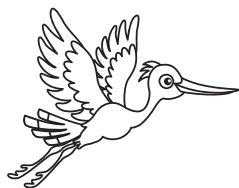


- Count the blades of the mill wheel:

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- Draw a boat on the river!





Many storks nest in Matthew's Land.
In spring, they return from distant Africa.
A single stork nest can weigh up to several
hundred kilograms!



- Connect the stork with its nest.
- Color the chicks.
- How many storks do you see in the picture?

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Some villages in Matthew's Land are so old that they have existed for almost a thousand years! Their ancient churches hide secrets and tell stories from the past—for example, the one in Čierny Brod, which people call the "Hed'ský Church".

According to an old legend, a long time ago, a thick fog saved it from enemies by hiding it, and thanks to that, it still stands today.



• Find two identical windows.

• Count all the windows of the church:

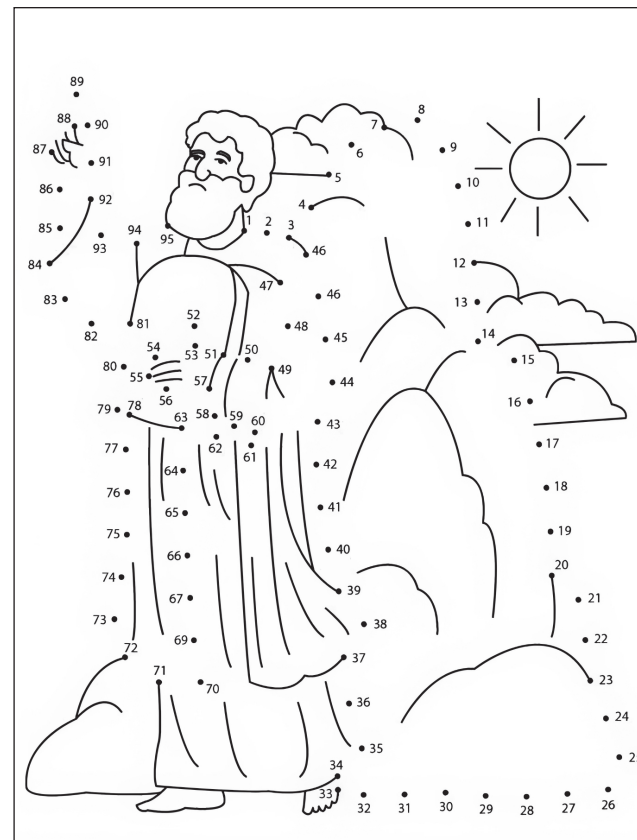
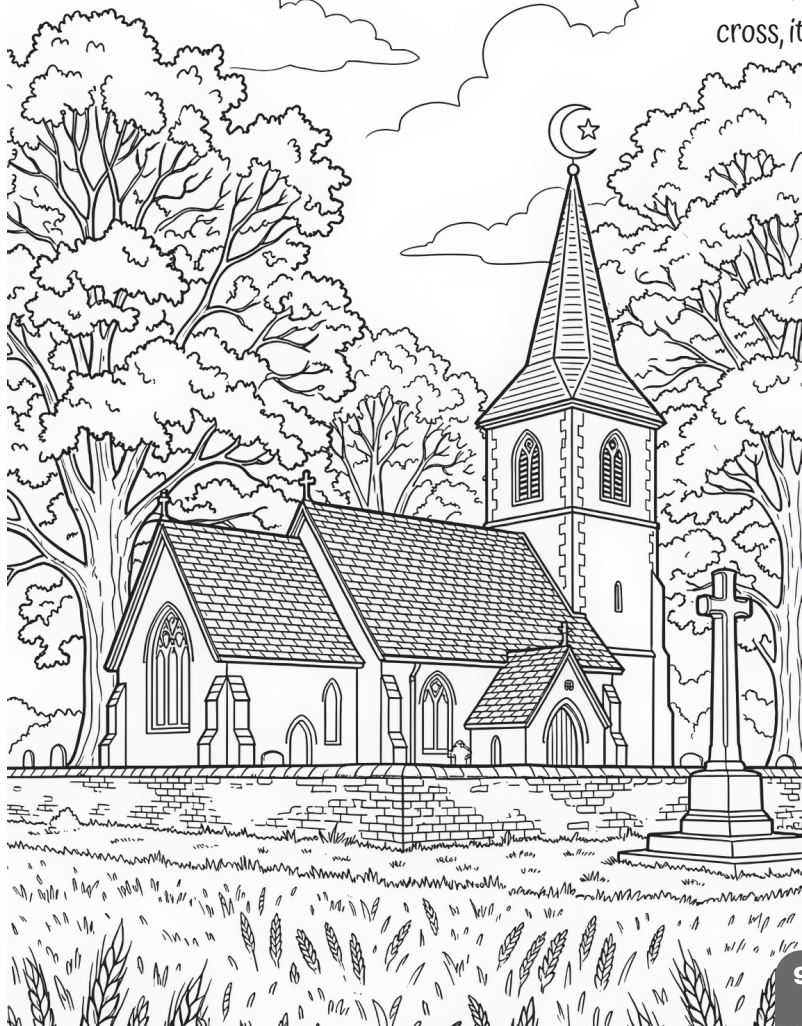
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• Draw a bell into the belfry!





The little church of St. Margaret in Malá Mača. There used to be a church here, but the Ottomans used it as a Mosque! Instead of a cross, it has their crescent moon and star on the tower. Try to color it in!



• CONNECT THE DOTS BY NUMBERS TO REVEAL THE PICTURE.



**Roman Catholic Church of the Exaltation
of the Holy Cross in Mostová**

Compare these
two churches and
then color them
according to your
own imagination.

Write down the
differences you found:

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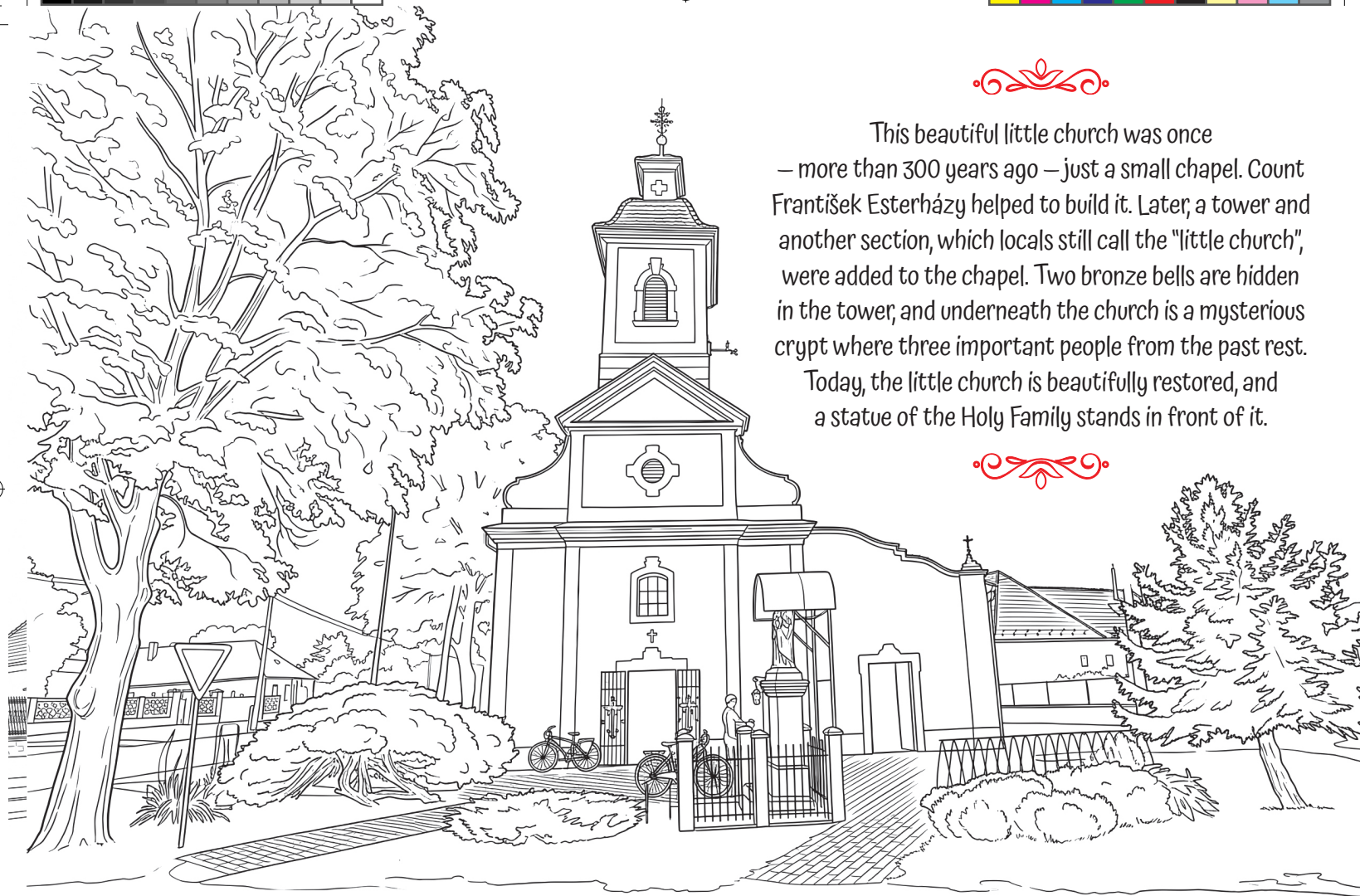
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Lutheran Church in Dolné Saliby



This beautiful little church was once – more than 300 years ago – just a small chapel. Count František Esterházy helped to build it. Later, a tower and another section, which locals still call the "little church", were added to the chapel. Two bronze bells are hidden in the tower, and underneath the church is a mysterious crypt where three important people from the past rest. Today, the little church is beautifully restored, and a statue of the Holy Family stands in front of it.



Church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary in Vozokany





There are many beautiful castles in Matthew's Land. In the past, counts, barons, and prominent noble families lived in them. The most famous and important family in our region was the Esterházy family. They were so rich and powerful that they owned four magnificent manor houses in the area! Various exciting stories and secrets are associated with them, which you can still discover in these buildings today.



The Esterházys appeared in the territory of Galanta as early as 1549. Around 1600, František Esterházy and his wife Žofia Illésházy settled in today's Renaissance castle. They had 13 children together and were engaged in cattle breeding and trading.



Neo-Gothic Castle in Galanta





Esterházy Castle in Tomášikovo

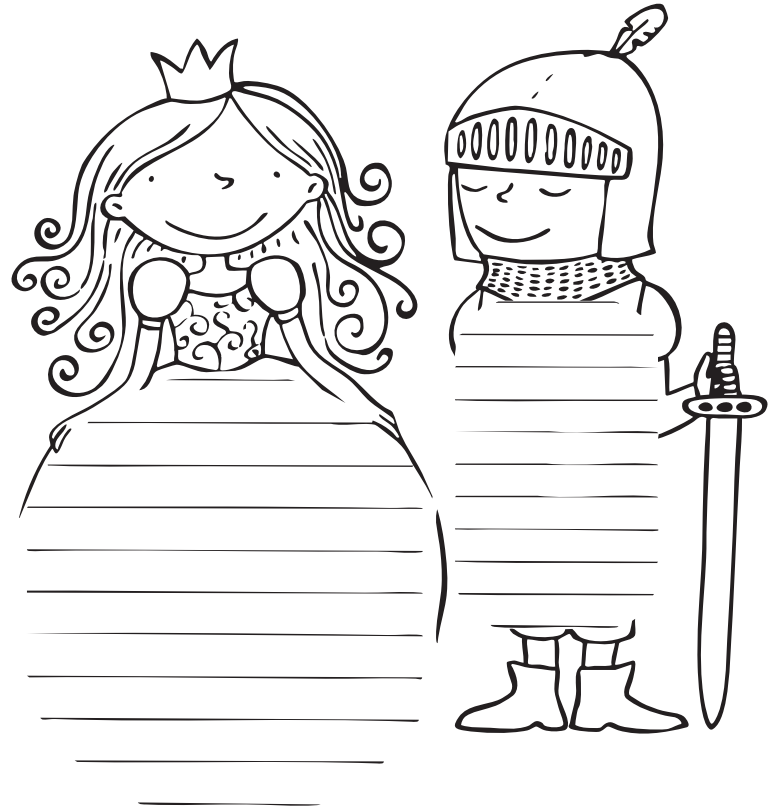


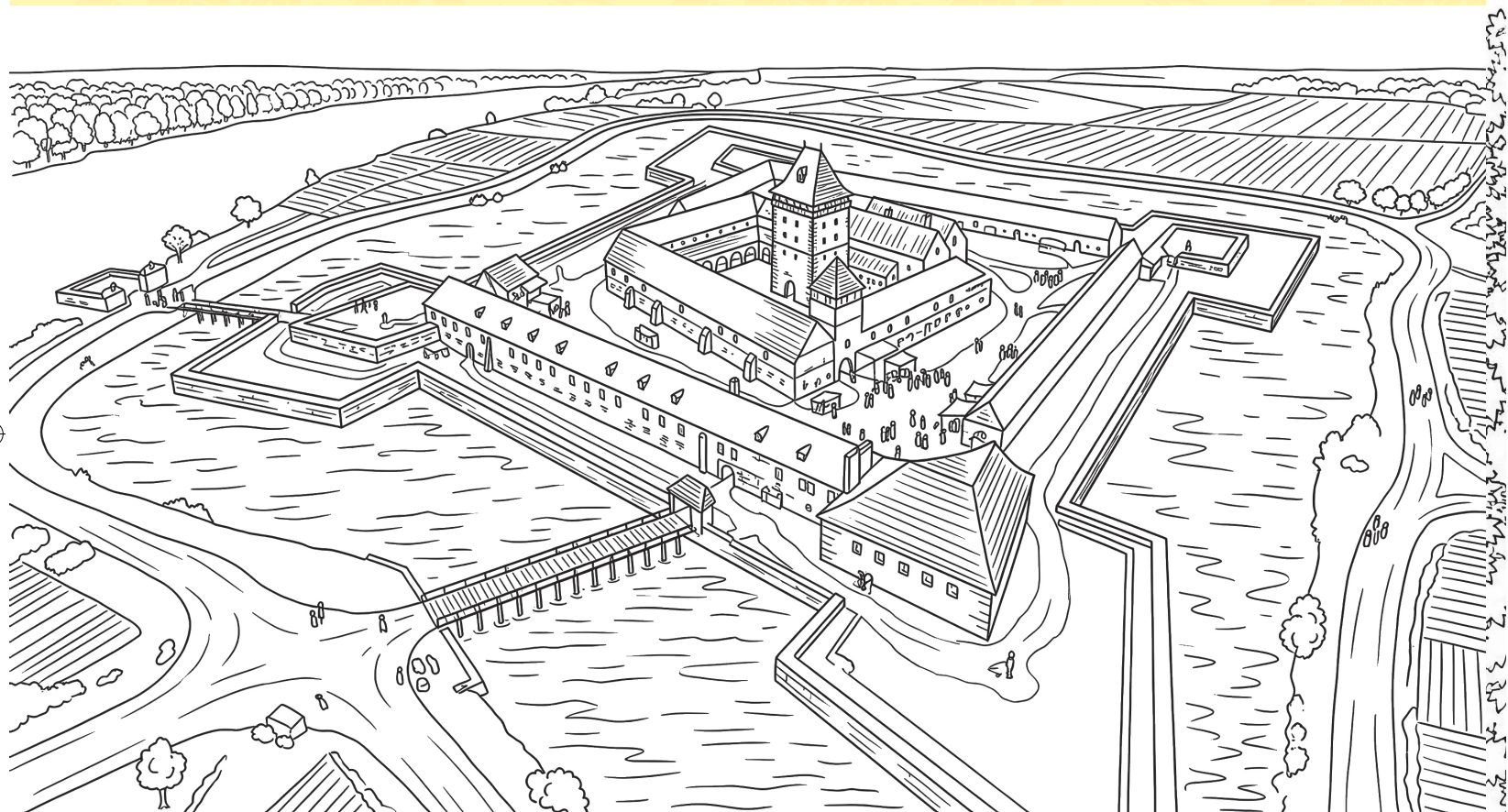
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| 2 blue | 7 brown |
| 3 light green | 8 green |
| 4 pink | 9 yellow |
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- Color the picture according to the numbers.

- Write a short story about a princess and a brave knight directly on the lines. In the end, don't forget to color them in nicely!



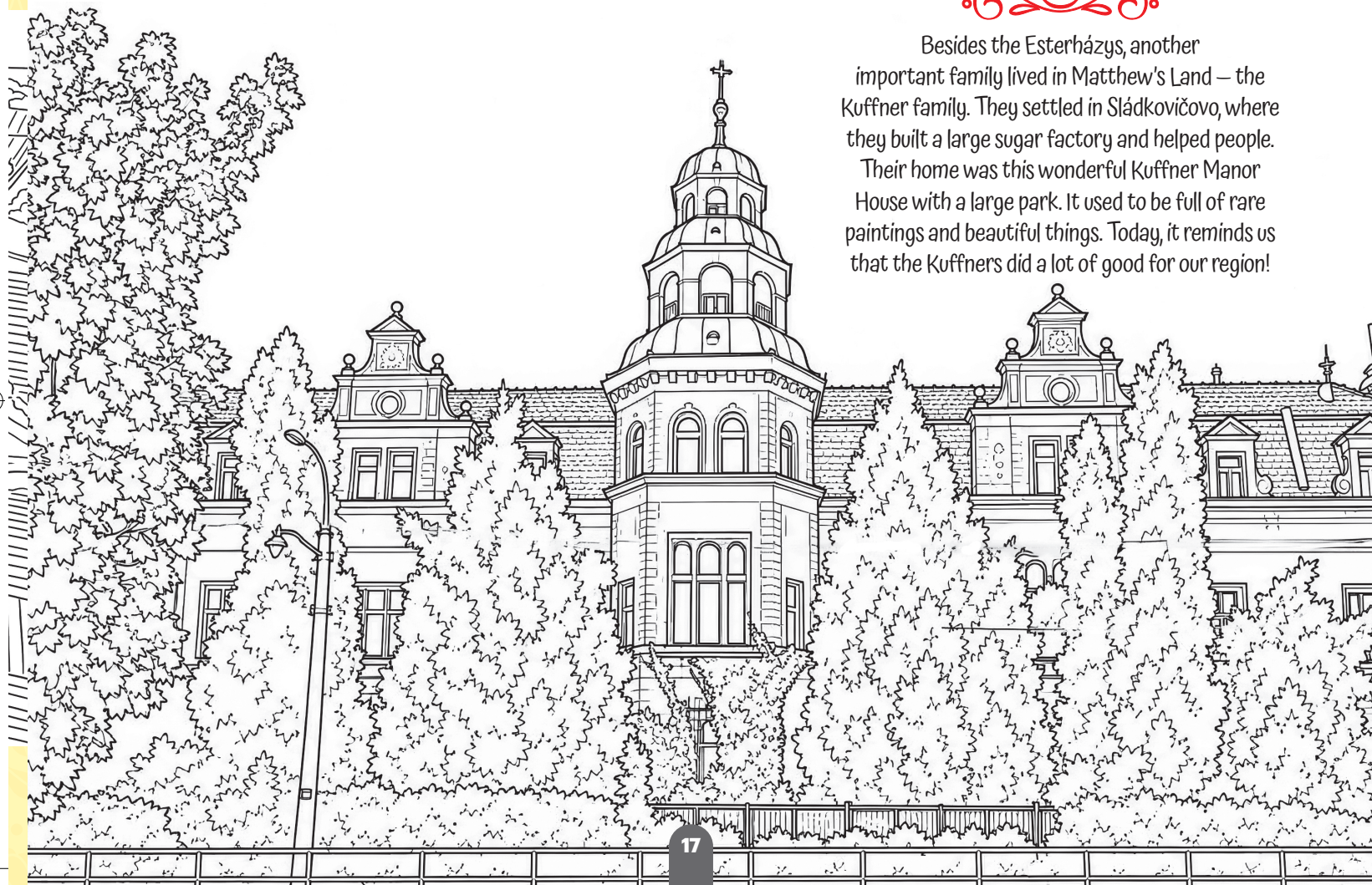


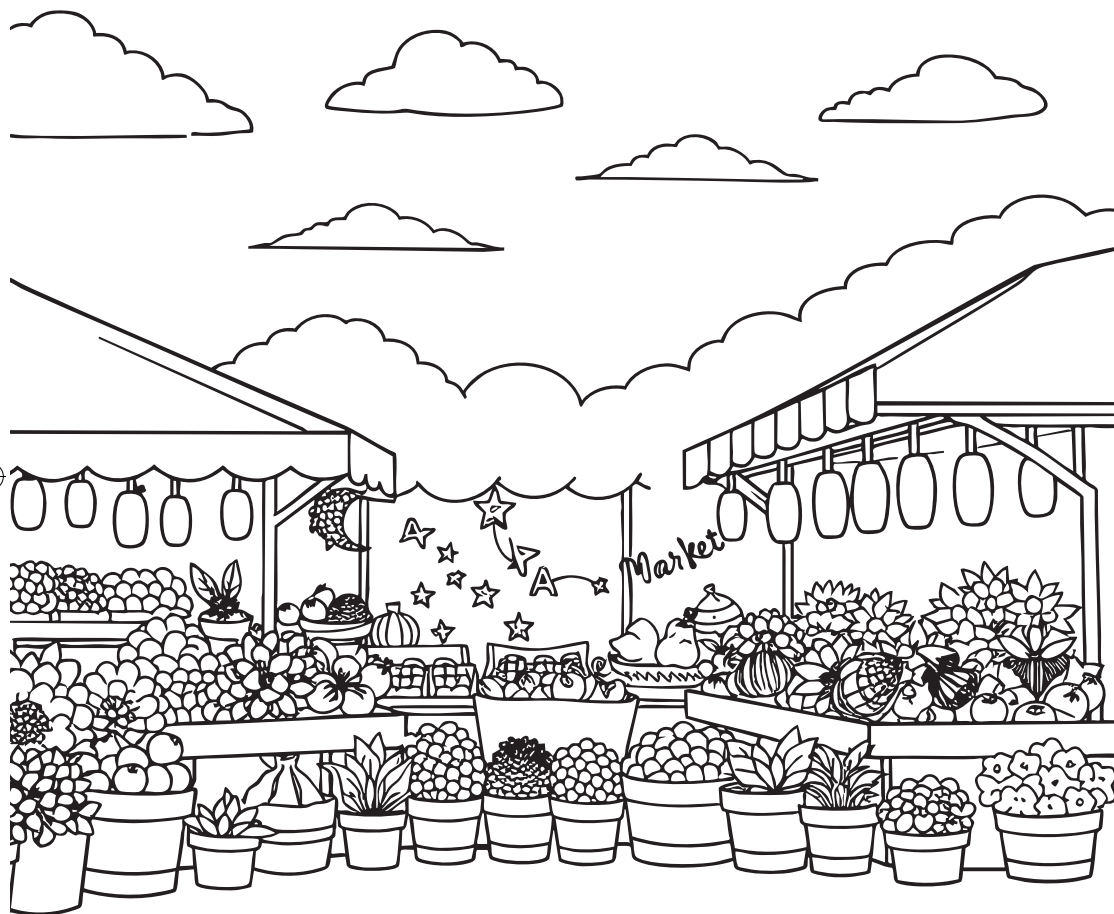
- Color the picture of the Sereď Castle as it might have looked during its golden age!



Besides the Esterházys, another important family lived in Matthew's Land – the Kuffner family. They settled in Sládkovičovo, where they built a large sugar factory and helped people.

Their home was this wonderful Kuffner Manor House with a large park. It used to be full of rare paintings and beautiful things. Today, it reminds us that the Kuffners did a lot of good for our region!





At the markets, fruit, vegetables, fragrant honey, fresh pastries, and beautiful products by skilled craftsmen were sold. The market has always been a great place for meetings, conversations, and good fun! This tradition lives on today

— for example, in Tomášikovo, popular farmers, and craft markets are held every month. People from near and far got here to buy homemade delicacies and unique, handmade items.





People once earned a living through various crafts. Among them were blacksmiths, potters, carpenters, and millers. Their work was very important.



WHO MAKES WHAT?

BLACKSMITH →

POTTER →

MILLER →





Matthew's Land is known for its thermal pools. The warm water attracts visitors here all year round.

It is a paradise for children!

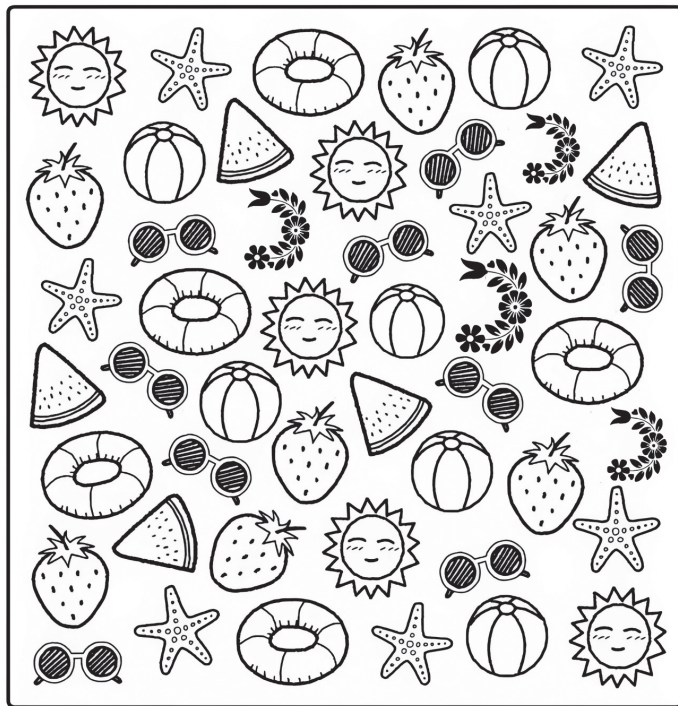
Besides pleasant splashing, they can go wild on huge, winding water slides in the summer, while parents relax in the healing warm water. Whether the sun is shining outside or snow is falling, it is always fun and warm at our thermal pools.





COUNT IN SUMMER!

Color, count, and write the numbers in the boxes below.



- Color the picture according to your own imagination.





Matthew's Land is known not only for its pools, but also for its incredibly delicious dishes and fresh treats! All cooks here know how to cook the best soups, bake crispy bread, or fragrant cakes that smell wonderful throughout the yard.

- Color this amazing table full of goodies and draw your favorite food on the empty plate!



Matthew's Land Explorer Diploma

Congratulations!

You have traveled through Matthew's Land and got to know
its rivers, mills, churches, manor houses, and animals.

Write your name:

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Official Explorer of Matthew's Land

"Whoever explores the world around them experiences
a new adventure every day!"



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