



Dear Educator,

Great news! *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, based on the acclaimed children's book series, comes to life in IMAX this February! In conjunction with your classroom reading program, we invite you and your students to discover the *hidden* world that surrounds us all as this amazing tale unfolds on the giant IMAX screen!

Peculiar things start to happen the moment the Grace family (Jared, his twin brother Simon, sister Mallory and their mom) leave New York and move into the secluded old house owned by their great, great uncle Arthur Spiderwick. Unable to explain the strange disappearances and accidents that seem to be happening on a daily basis, the family blames Jared. When he, Simon and Mallory investigate what's really going on, they uncover the fantastic truth of the Spiderwick estate and of the creatures that inhabit it.

To assist you in bringing this fantastical story into your classroom, inside this Educator Kit you will find the following:

- List of Classroom Activities
- *Are there Faeries Nearby?* Activity Page
- *Design Your Own Faerie Map* Activity Page
- *Morph into a Wood Elf* Activity Page

Through these activities, you and your students can explore the world just as great uncle Spiderwick did!

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity for you to introduce your students to this classic children's series and now, the film - opening in theatres and IMAX on February 14th!

BOOK A GROUP IF YOU DARE!

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Classroom Activities – A fantastical page of ideas to help you get started!

- 1. For starters, convert your class reading area into a fantasy world with cans of tomato paste and pebbles to keep the Goblins away!*
- 2. Read a passage from “The Spiderwick Chronicles” and have your students draw a picture of the featured creature! Hang the pictures on your bulletin boards and see how close they compare to those in the book and the film!*
- 3. To get those creative juices flowing log onto spiderwickchronicles.com for inspiration! Here, you can brush up on your Spiderwick knowledge.*
- 4. Check out simonsaysteach.com for activity sheets, from trivia to creating elf masks. There is a wealth of information and fun here! A few examples are included in this packet.*
- 5. Faerie-proof your classroom by having a “red” clothing day, or better yet wear articles of clothing inside out!*
- 6. Hold a Spiderwick reading event and invite students to dress up as their favorite fantastical character!*
- 7. Create a new world of creatures specifically for your classroom! Give them a local feel by relating them to your neighborhood. Display this new world around your classroom by hanging pictures, descriptions and other crafts that are created!*
- 8. Faerie Check! Use the checklist (available at simonsaysteach.com) to tell if Faeries are in your library! Make up your own lists!*
- 9. Test your Spiderwick knowledge. There are all sorts of trivia available! Hold a contest for all to enter!*



Are there FAERIES NEARBY?

USE THIS CHECKLIST TO TELL IF THERE ARE FAERIES IN YOUR
LIBRARY, BOOKSTORE, CLASSROOM, OR HOME.

Environmental Evidence

- Holes in the walls?
- Ceiling tiles pushed up?
- Vents ajar?
- Tiny footprints in dust?
- Small faerie tools or clothing found?
- Trees with knotholes on lawn or playground?
- Weird lights flickering in trees at night?
- Oak, ash or thorn trees nearby?
- Rings of mushrooms?
- See things moving out of corner of your eye?

Auditory Evidence

- Hear footsteps when no one is around?
- Hear rustling in the walls?
- Music coming from under the ground or inside of a tree?

Behavioral Evidence

- Does food left out overnight disappear?
- Do streetlights go out when you walk underneath them?
- Do your pets seem to attack or flee from things you cannot see?
- Do items disappear, only to reappear in a different location?

Any additional evidence:

Checking even one of these indicates that you might have faeries in your library, school, classroom or home, but checking 3-5 suggests that you have a serious faery infestation on your hands!





Design Your Own FAERIE MAP

If you've been lucky enough to come across a faerie, where did you see it? Was it near your house or your school? Try drawing a map of your area and mark down where you've seen faeries. Who knows: Maybe your map will help other faerie-seekers find some friendly faeries . . . or know where to avoid the mean ones.



Map Where Faeries Live in My Neighborhood



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Morph into a **WOOD ELF**

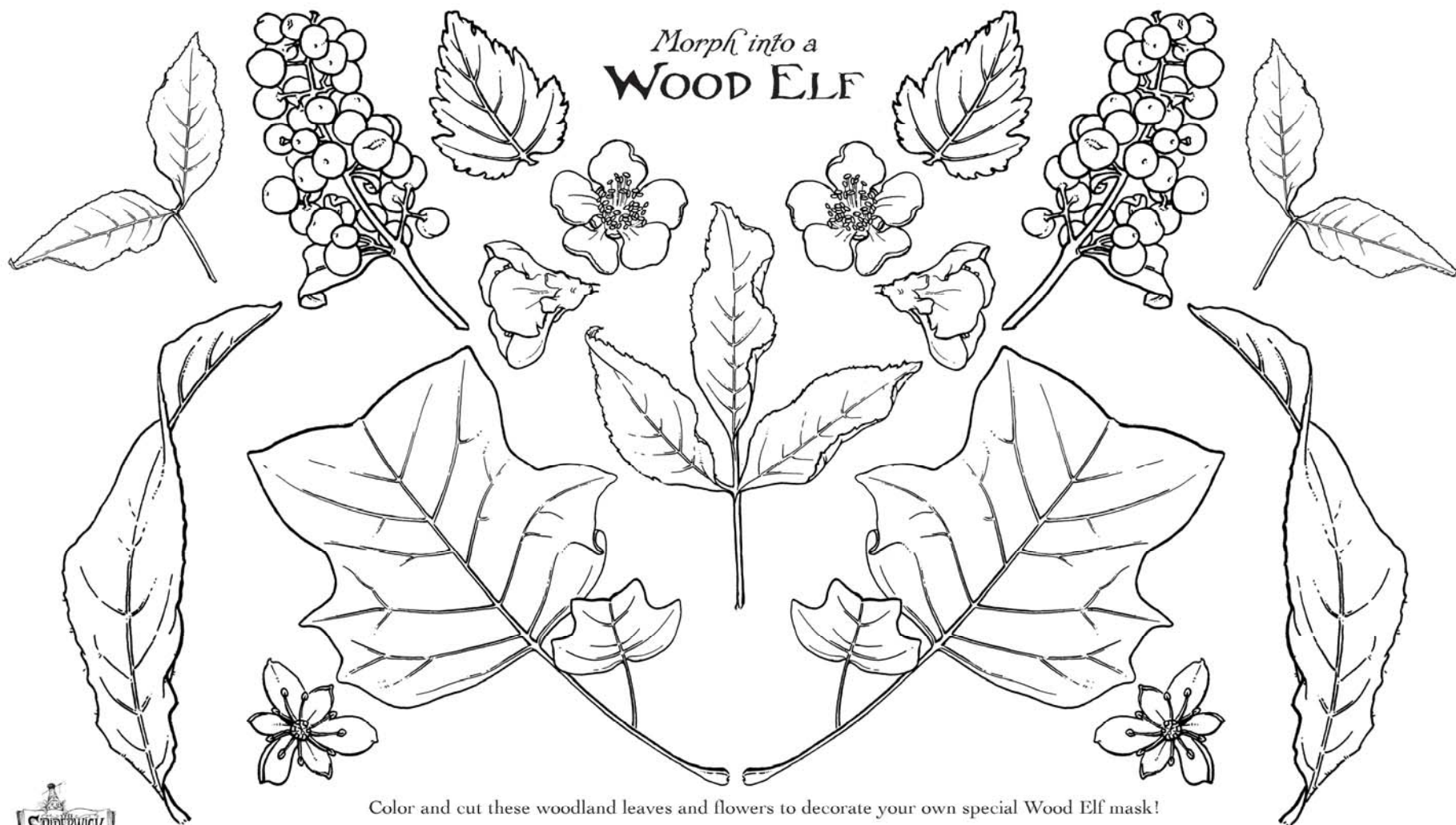
YOU FIGHT TO KEEP THE SECRETS OF THE FOREST. YOU ARE THE PROTECTOR OF ALL THINGS IN NATURE.
YOU ARE A WOOD ELF!

Cut out elf mask along black outside line. Cut out eye holes, and make small holes by the ears where you can insert yarn to tie the mask on.
Decorate using crayons, colored paper, leaves, and anything else that will make you an elf—USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

For inspiration and ideas, refer to *Book #5: Lucinda's Secret*—when the Grace kids first meet the Wood Elves.



Morph into a
WOOD ELF



Color and cut these woodland leaves and flowers to decorate your own special Wood Elf mask!



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