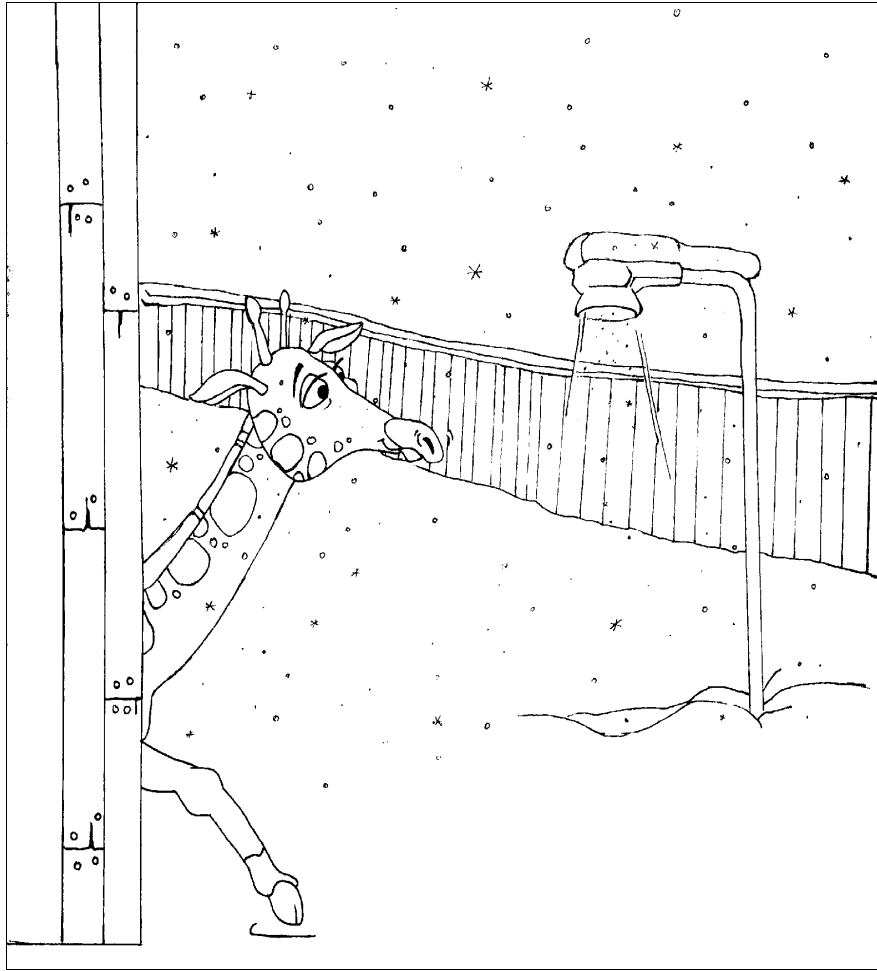


Stuck Story Project:

Joshua's Disastrous Day!

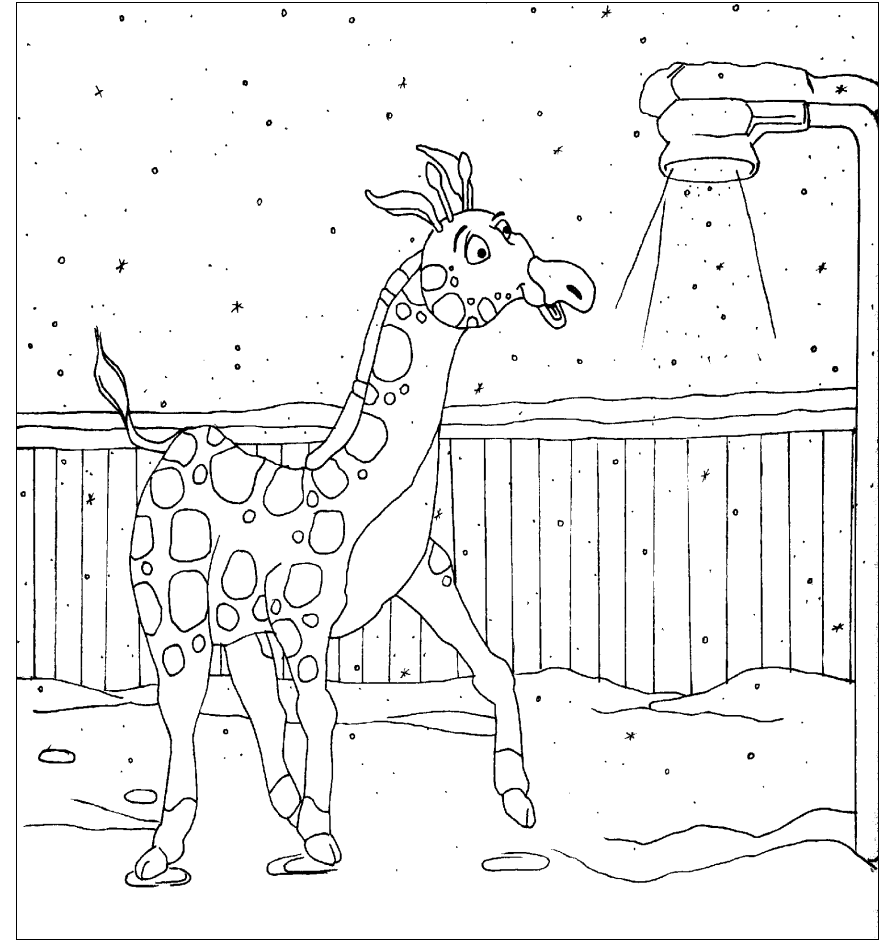
based on the picture book
The Boy who Stuck out his Tongue
by Edith Tarbescu

by JoAnne Moore



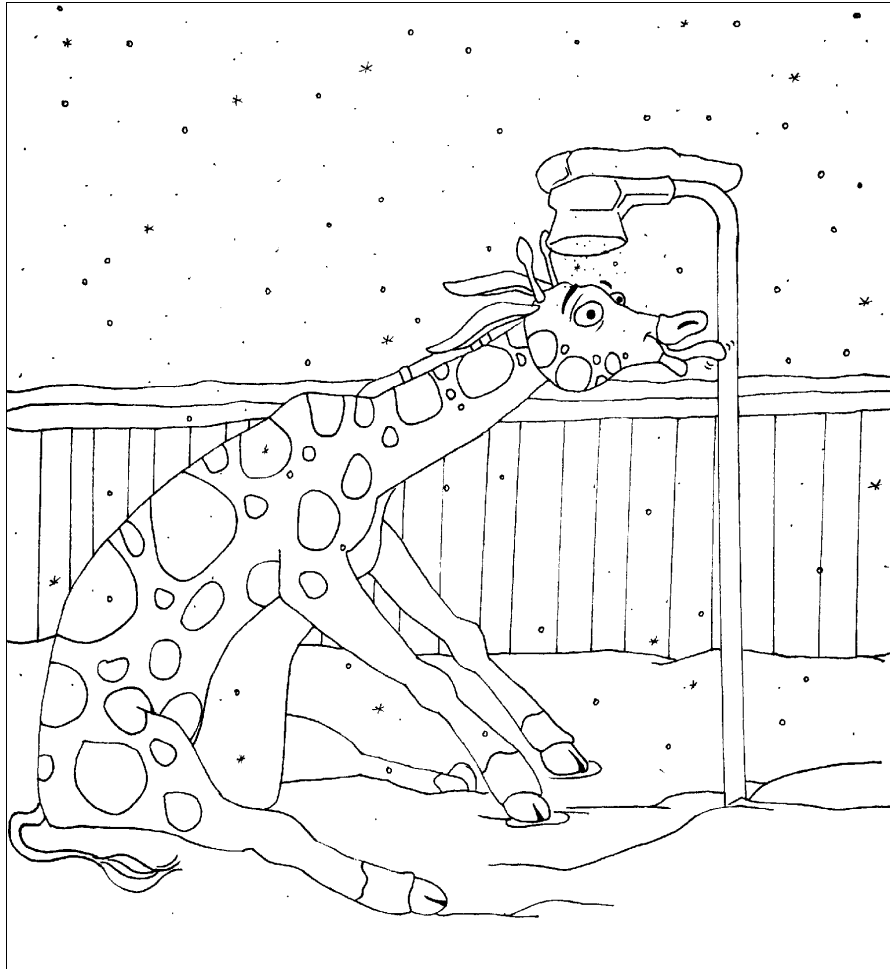
Early one morning snowflakes danced and twirled in the whistling wind. A thick blanket of snow covered the ground. Joshua, the giraffe, stretched his long neck and shook himself wide awake. It was his very first winter in the zoo.

"Oh no, he groaned. My water dish is empty!"



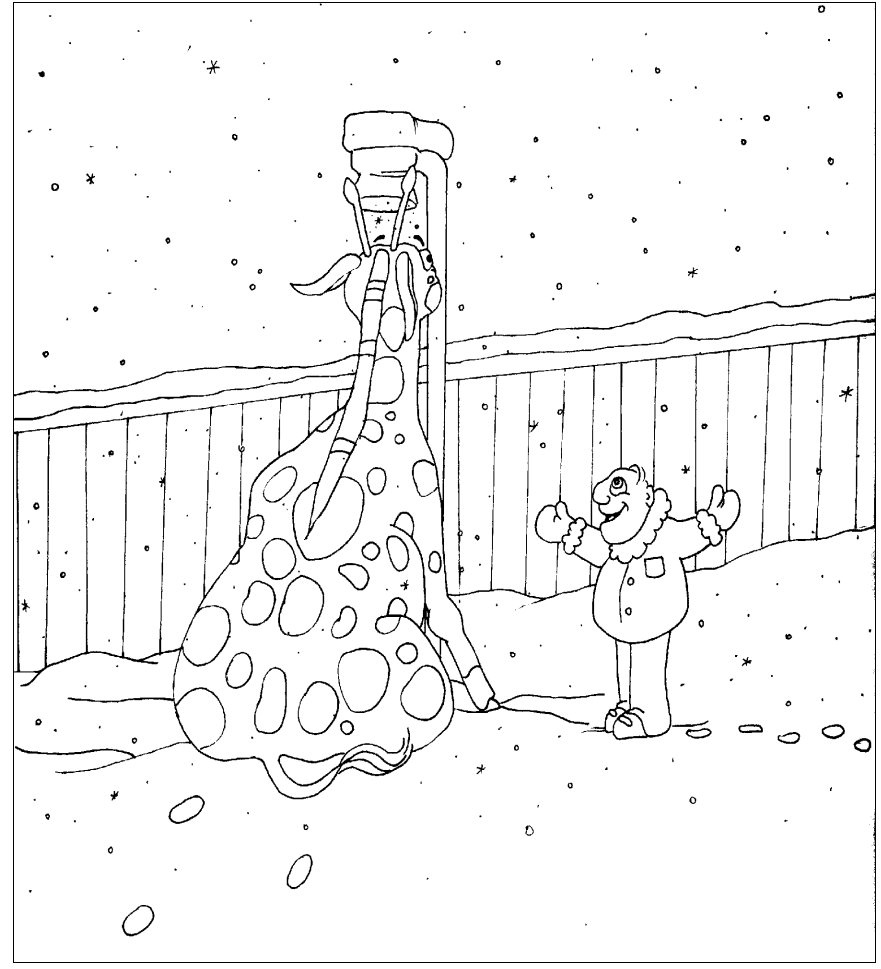
Stepping out into the snow, he wandered around the yard. Just then, something caught his eye. The pole on the yard light was sparkling.

"That must be frost!" he thought excitedly. "Maybe it tastes as wonderful as water!" Joshua stuck out his long tongue and slurped.



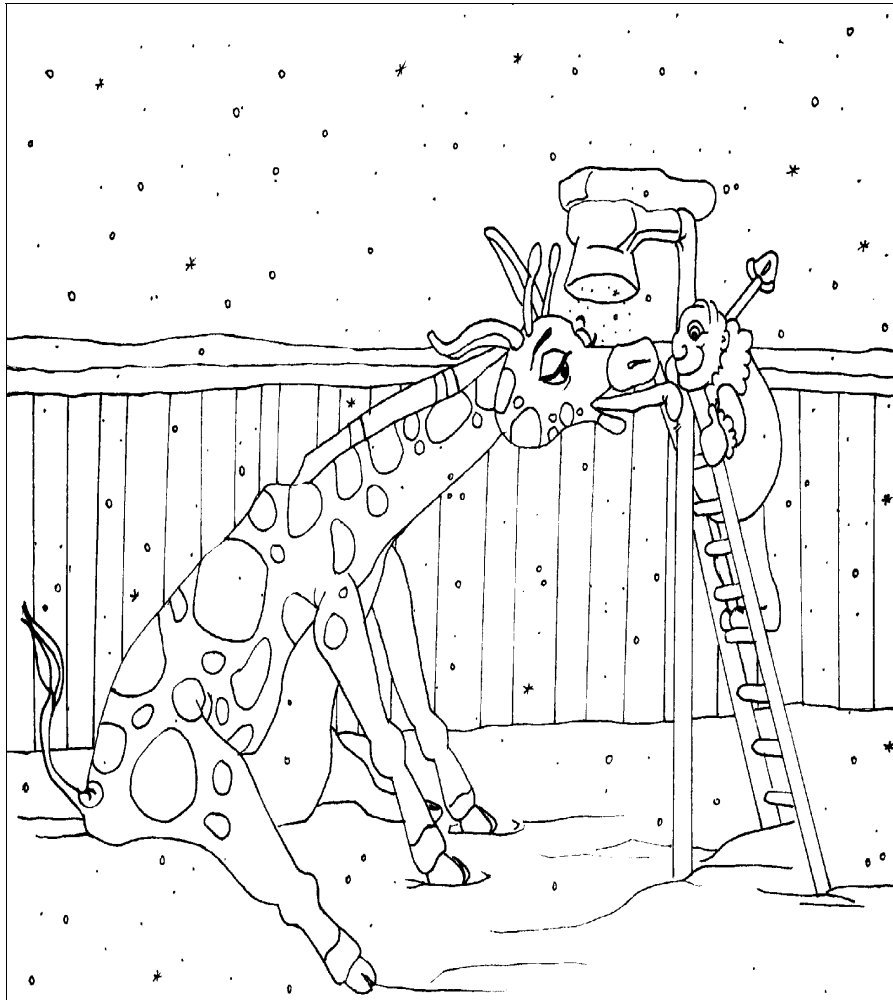
Slap! Eyes bulging, he plopped down in the snow, but his tongue held fast! Tears streamed down Joshua's cheeks as he began to wail.

Just then, he heard footsteps crunching in the snow behind him and a cheery voice called, "What are you doing way over there, Josh?"



Moments later Ted, the zookeeper, stared in disbelief. "Oh my! You poor fella. Well, there's only one thing to do. Pull hard!"

Joshua wiggled his head and yanked, but the only thing that happened was more tears spilled out of his eyes into the snow.

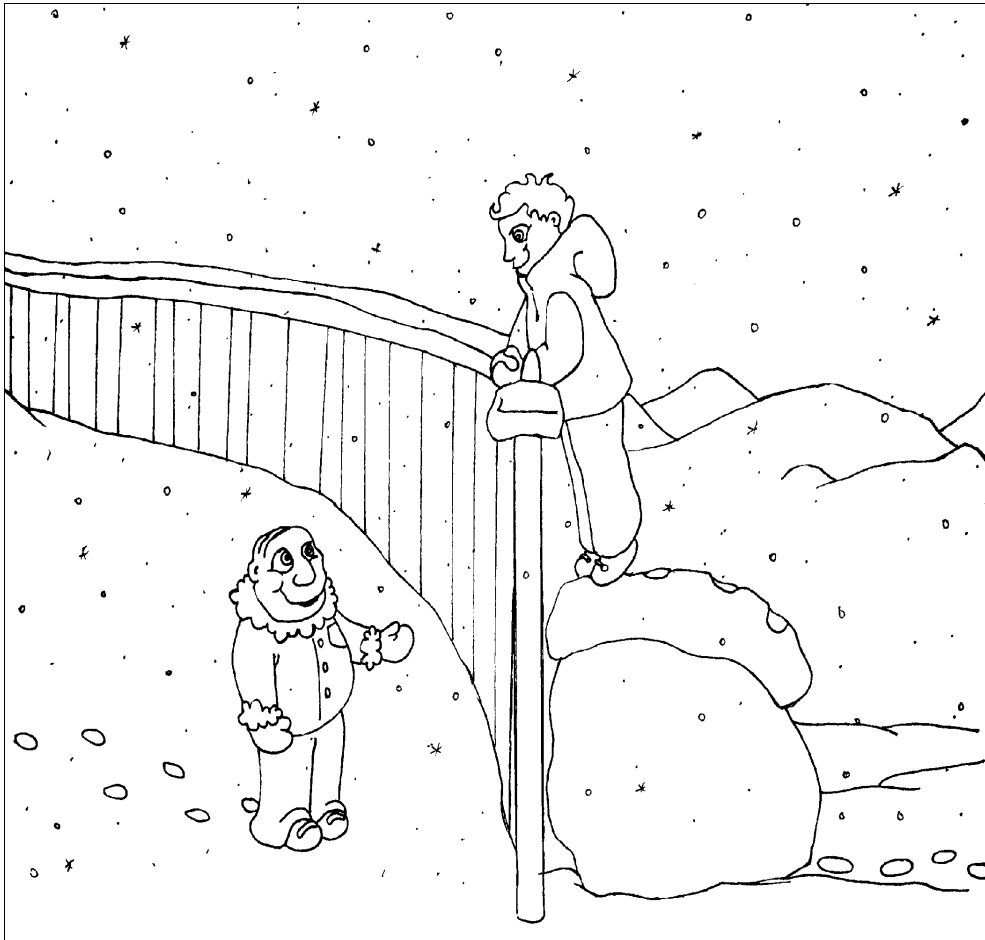


"Well, that certainly didn't work! Let me see now... what to do? What to do?" muttered Ted to himself. "I don't quite recollect what my dear mom told me about this particular situation."

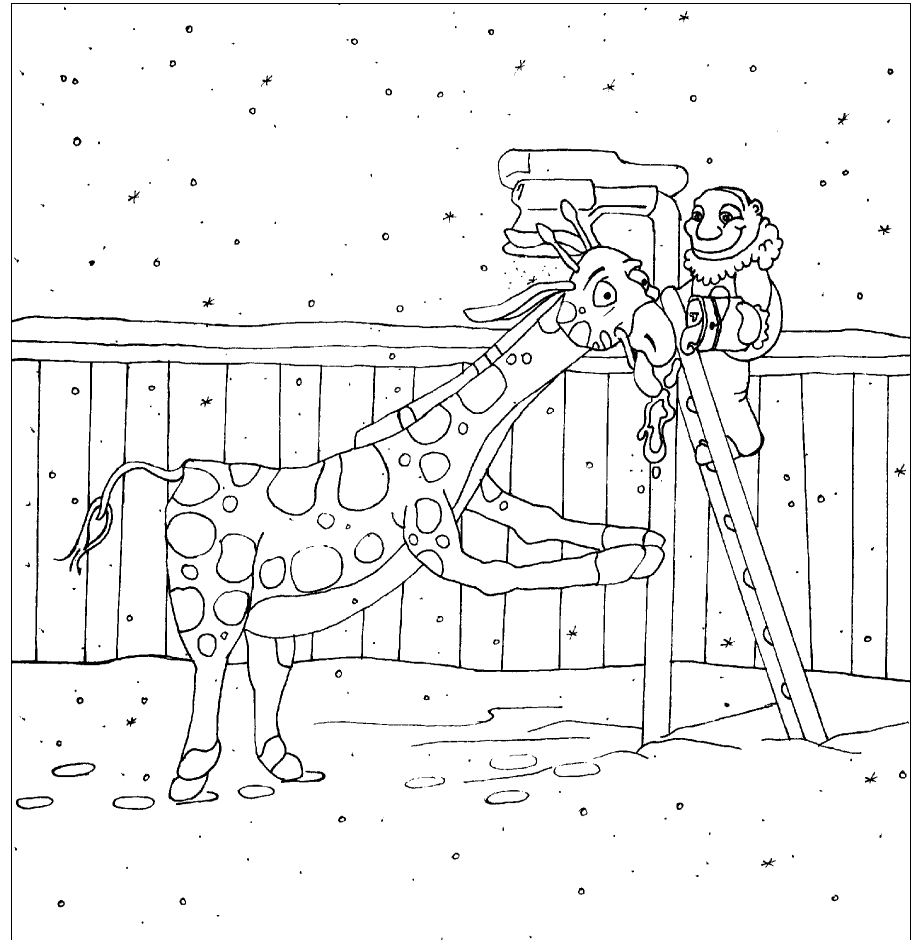
Suddenly his face brightened. "I know! I've got just the tool!"



Minutes later Ted returned with a ladder in one hand and a snow shovel in the other. Parking the ladder against the pole of the yard light, he began to climb. Reaching Joshua's muzzle he patted his cheek and said in a soothing voice, "Hold still and things will be better in a jiffy!"



Ted barely scraped the side of Joshua's tongue with the shovel when... thunk! Two hooves sent him hurtling into a snowbank and his shovel plunged over the fence. Rolling over, Ted noticed two things. One was Josh glaring at him and the other was the giraffe's tongue still stuck to the pole. At that moment Ted heard the sound of laughter. Turning around, the zookeeper saw



the smiling face of a small boy.

"That was pretty funny! Why didn't you pour a bucket of warm water over his tongue? That's what my mom always does!" he grinned.

"I will now!" groaned Ted as he headed back indoors. Moments later warm water ran down Joshua's tongue which loosened and let go. Wagging his tiny tail at Ted, the giraffe took a long drink from the bucket. Free at last!

Character Research Decisions for Stuck Story

1. Choose your character.
2. Where does he live?
3. How does he get his tongue stuck?

CHOOSE ONLY ONE WAY:

a. trick such as....

(I dare you

OR

I bet you couldn't....)

b. disaster

*curious & licks something metal

*thirsty & licks metal

c. act of god

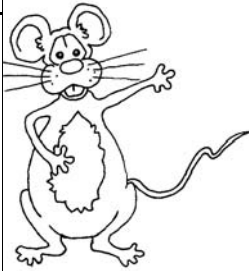
(weather, magic, miracle)

*fairy makes his tongue stuck
to something for talking naughty
to her

d. use of force

(physical or political)

*face shoved into something metal



MOUSE

*teeth grow constantly

*must gnaw

*swims, climbs

*squeezes into tiny openings

*nocturnal

CAT

*climbs, stalks prey, pounces, scratches

*drinks milk, eats mice

*can swim if necessary

*nocturnal & sees well in dark

SKUNK

*nocturnal

*eats ants, insects, eggs, garbage

*moves slowly

*sprays scent when upset/angry

RACCOON

*nocturnal

*collects shiny things

*washes food/eats garbage, ants, eggs

*climbs trees

Stuck Vocabulary

Stuck Vocabulary:

caught, hooked, snagged, tangled, hung, suspended, jammed, clogged, plugged, latched, wedged, crammed, stuck, fastened, held tight, held tightly, glued

Attempt to Free Stuck Object/Thing/Person Vocabulary

grabbed, pulled, yanked, tugged, pried, rattled, jiggled, wiggled

Freed

rescued, loosened, let go, gave way, fell away, weakened

Stuck Story Plan

1. Choose your setting and Character:

2. Introduce your character and show how his tongue gets stuck:

CHOOSE ONE:

disaster: _____

act of god (weather, magic, miracle)

trick: _____

use of force: _____

3. MOTIVE: Your character wants to get his tongue free.

4. Who tries to help first? _____

How? _____

Show why this help fails. _____

Show Strong emotion of: sadness/frustration

5. Who tries to help next? _____

How? _____

Show why this help fails. _____

Show Strong emotion of: sadness/frustration

6. Who tries to help last? _____

How? _____

Show why this help succeeds. _____

Show Strong emotion of: relief/happiness