

SPACE for EVERYONE

ACTIVITIES



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ABOUT THE BOOK

When Zainab runs down the stairs in the morning, she knows what she'll find: Papa cooking at the stove, Mama pouring tea, and everyone gathering around the family table. Neighbors stop by, and there's plenty of room for them, too. So many beloved rituals happen at the table: homework and crafts, aunties coming to plait hair, and festive gatherings with neighbors and relatives. But soon, boxes start piling up around the house, and Zainab worries about the move—will the rituals feel the same in her new home?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER READING *SPACE FOR EVERYONE*

BEFORE STARTING THE STORY

Do you know anyone who has moved away, or have you moved before?
How did it make you feel?

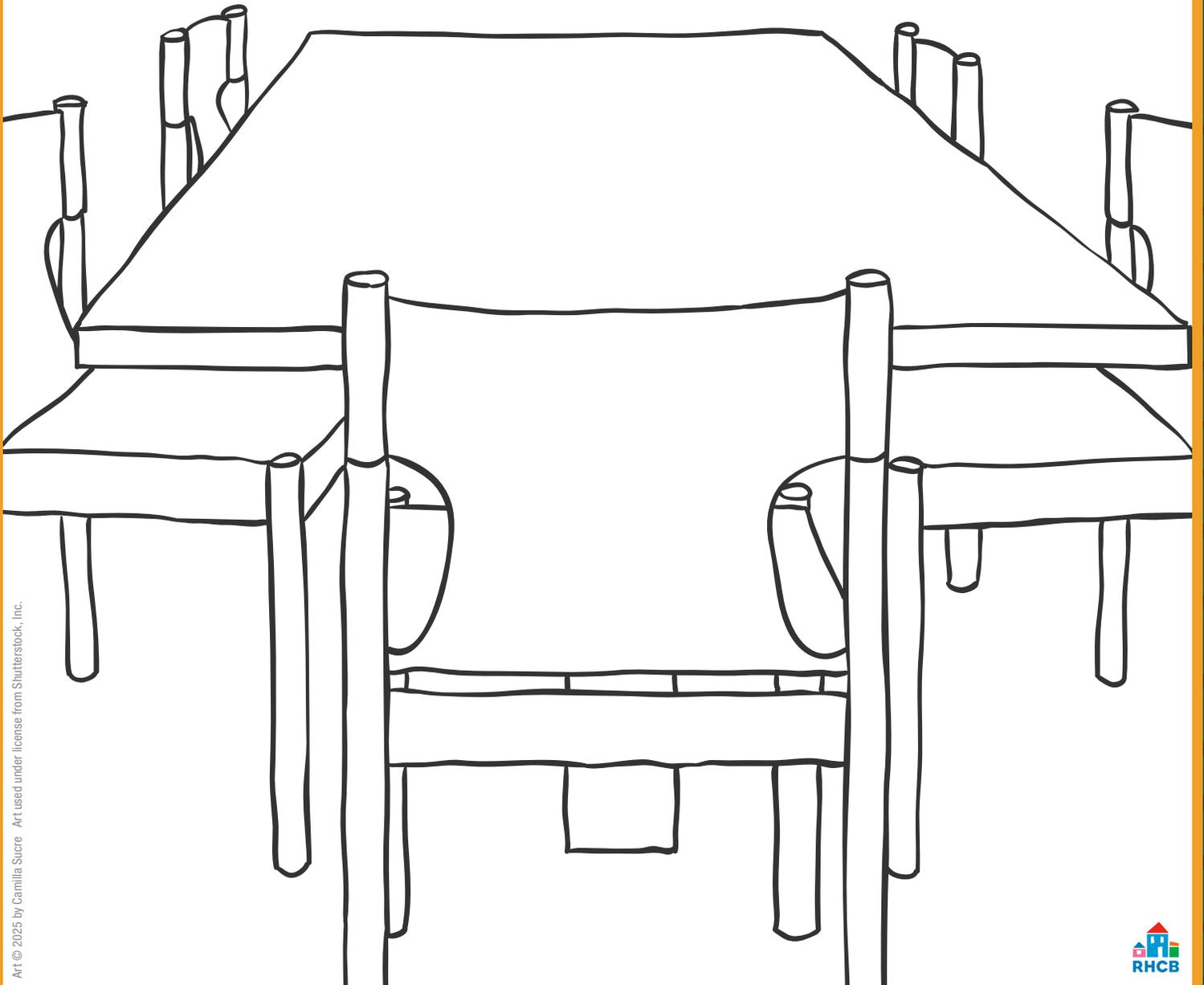
AFTER THE STORY

Zainab loves the special things that happen at her family table, like cooking and sharing with neighbors. What do you think will help her feel better about moving to the new house?



FAMILY TABLE COLLAGE

Encourage students to draw pictures that represent their favorite family activities, meals, or gatherings from the story and their own life. They can create a colorful collage on the table provided below. They can add food and friends and family engaged in different activities. This collage can then serve as a reminder of the joy of family traditions, helping students connect Zainab's feelings with their own experiences of home and togetherness.



MEMORY BOX

Prompt students to draw pictures of the things that they would take if they were moving or write notes about their favorite memories from their “old home”—like special places, friends, or family traditions. Encourage them to write and draw about what they are excited to discover in their “new home” and what traditions they may want to keep in the space provided below.

