


# Make your next storytime a **BLAST** with Bob Logan's **ROCKET TOWN!**



What do boys like better than trucks, trains, or tractors? **ROCKETS!**

And Bob Logan's new board book is full of rockets of every shape, size, and color. Use this bright, new book to create a fun, activity-based storytime with a great take-home project.

*How much do little readers love it? Well let's see...\**

**Benjamin:** Mommy! Let's read **Rocket Town!**

**Alysa:** Okay.

**Benjamin:** Levi [the baby brother] wants to listen? You sit next to me, Mommy.

*Alysa snatches a pen and paper.*

**Benjamin:** I 'bout to read without you...Mommy you read this word.  
Big, big, big, big! Small, small. These are small like that one.  
These up top of them. Mommy what's up top of them?

**Alysa:** Parachutes.

**Benjamin:** Parachutes are kind of like an umbrella? A shark rocket! Rrrrar! Aaugh!  
That's a school bus rocket. Mom what's this rocket?

**Alysa:** The Claw.

**Benjamin:** It's like he's car! You read this words Mommy.

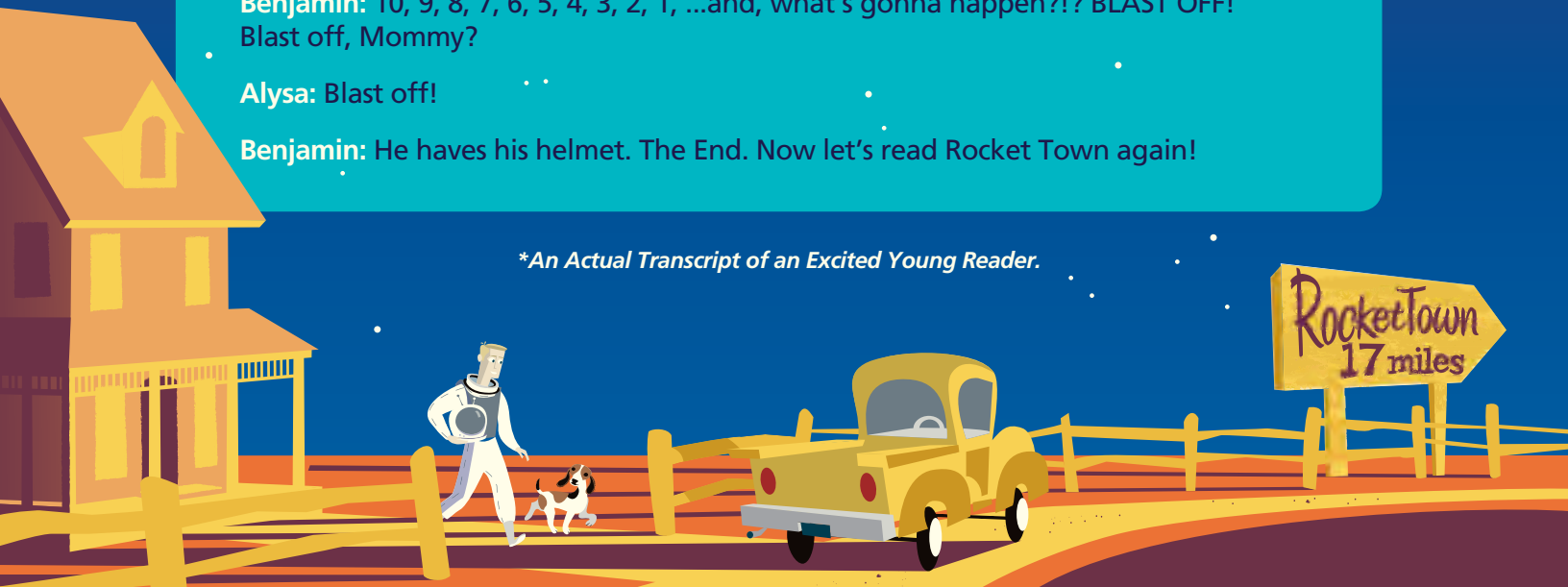
**Alysa:** You know those words.

**Benjamin:** 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ...and, what's gonna happen?!? **BLAST OFF!**  
Blast off, Mommy?

**Alysa:** Blast off!

**Benjamin:** He haves his helmet. The End. Now let's read Rocket Town again!

*\*An Actual Transcript of an Excited Young Reader.*



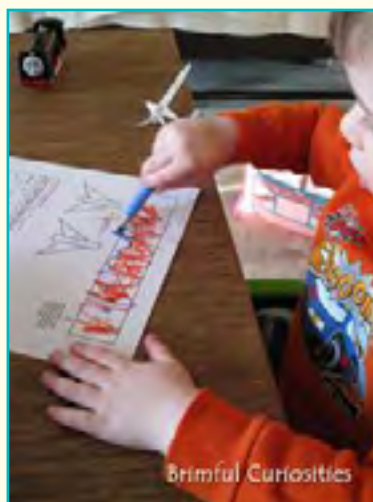
# Activities to put some extra ZOOM into a **ROCKET TOWN** storytime:

Read *Rocket Town* with your little patrons and their parents, with a big, fun countdown to BLAST OFF! With all the different rockets on each page, everyone will have a favorite and kids are sure to be checking it out all summer long to choose theirs.

## Make your own straw rockets and launch them.



This activity is fun, easy, and the rockets are safe to launch both indoors and out.



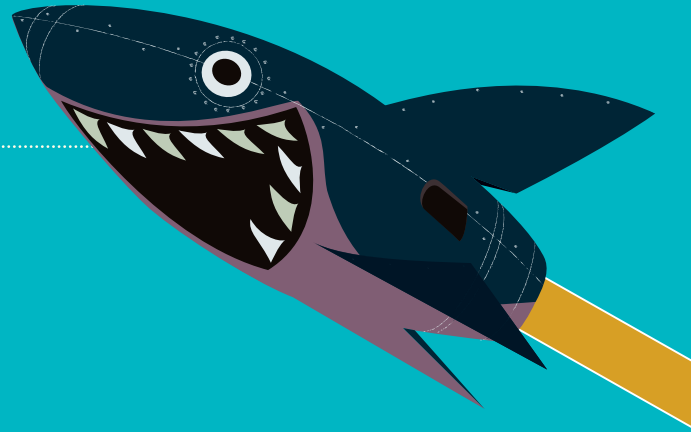
### What you'll need:

- Straw rocket patterns (see links below)
- Tape
- Scissors (regular for adults or safety scissors if the kids are old enough)
- Markers or crayons for decorating the rockets
- Straight drinking straws

1. Print out a straw rocket pattern (like the one at [http://www.kidsciencechallenge.com/pdfs/2009activities/KSC\\_Soda\\_Straw\\_Rocket-Mars\\_2009a.pdf](http://www.kidsciencechallenge.com/pdfs/2009activities/KSC_Soda_Straw_Rocket-Mars_2009a.pdf) or <http://www.auriga-astronomy.com/strawrocket.htm>)
2. After reading *Rocket Town* let the children color and design their own rockets with crayons or markers.
3. Once they are done decorating, help the younger ones cut out the pieces of their rockets and tape them together.
4. Hand out straws and get ready for BLAST OFF!

# Create rocket stick puppets for a dramatic reading of *Rocket Town*.

This activity is a great way to get the kids even more engaged in reading the story.



## What you'll need:

- *The rocket patterns from this packet*
- *Popsicle sticks*
- *Construction paper*
- *Scotch tape*
- *Scissors (regular for adults or safety scissors if the kids are old enough)*

1. Print out the rocket images in this packet
2. Either cut out the rockets ahead of time or have parents help their little ones choose and cut out a rocket
3. Cut out a piece of construction paper the same size and shape as the rocket
4. Glue or tape the rocket and the construction paper together
5. Tape the popsicle stick to the back of the reinforced rocket
6. Have all the children use their rockets to read along with you while you read *Rocket Town!* (The rockets can go up, down, fast and slow, and just wait until you get to blast off!)

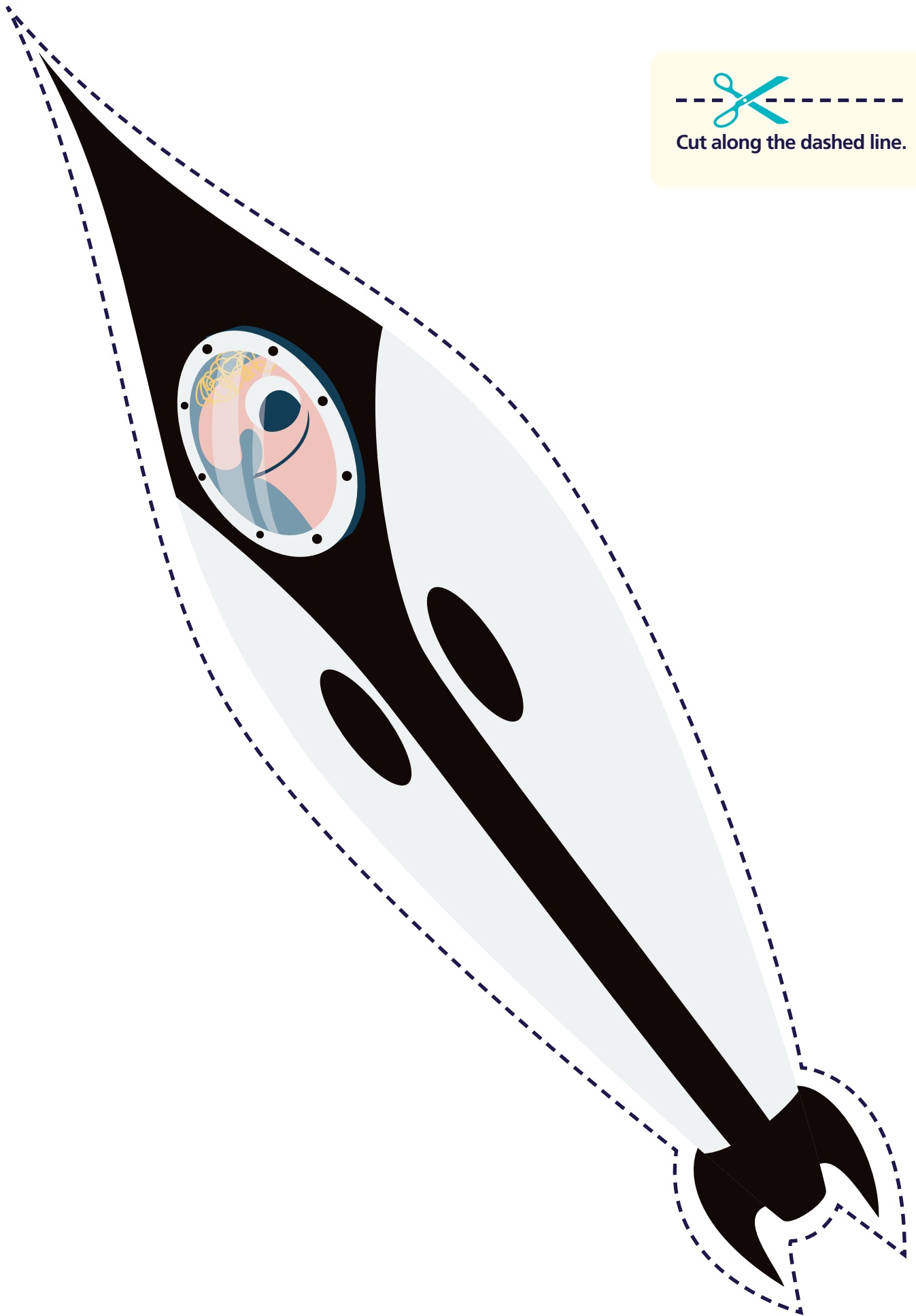


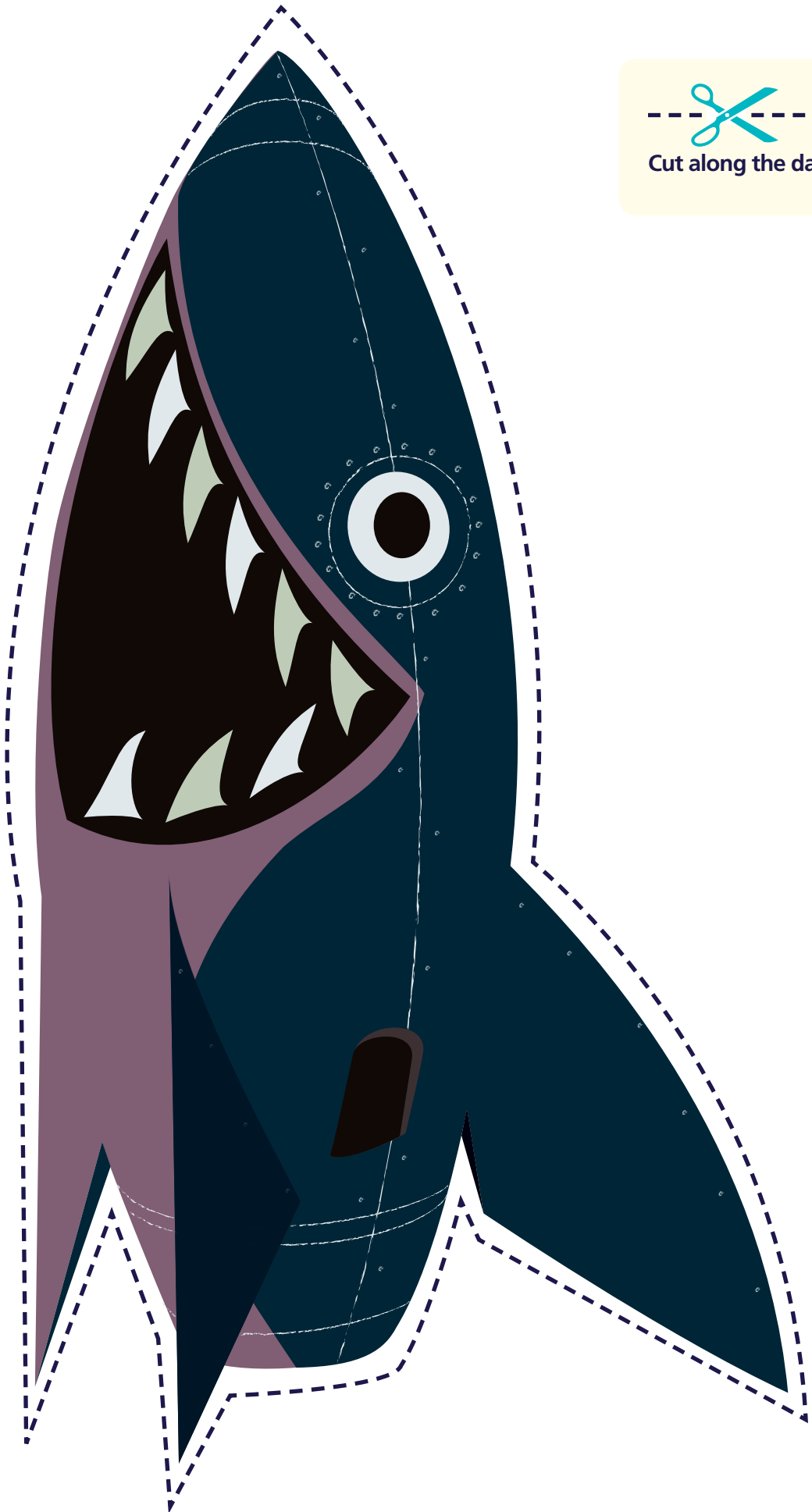
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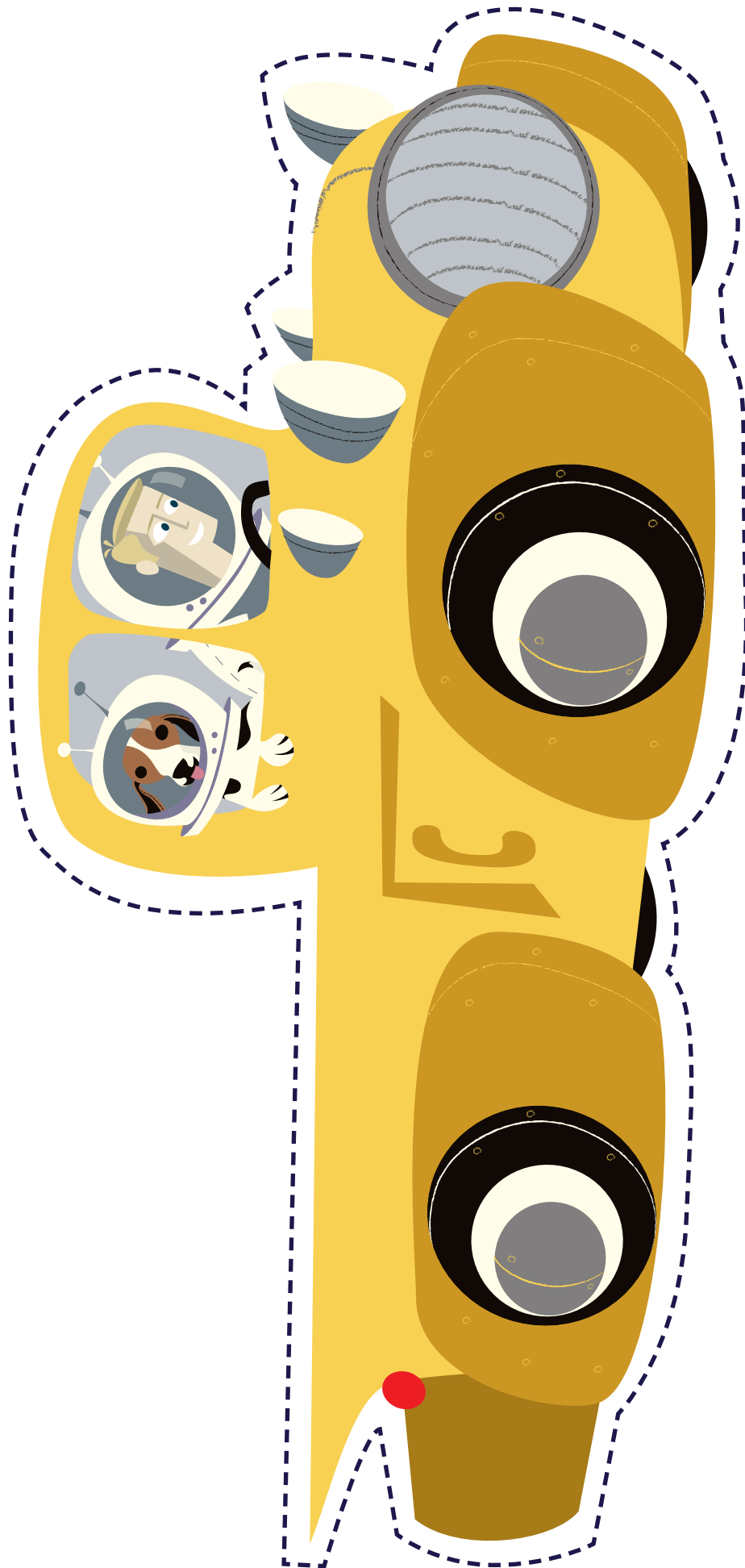


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