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This week's *Kidzone* is on a mission!

We check out *Zac Power*, in cinemas 7 January. Izzy catches up on the latest *Zac Power* book titles and Oliver makes a secret message magnifying glass. Make super-cute sponge roll daschunds with Cheffy and find out how Oliver keeps the party powered in this week's awesome comic! Plus, BitBoy plays some *Toy Story* games, CK replies to your letters and, as always, there's the colouring comp and loads of puzzles! Happy reading!



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CREATURE FEATURE



DACHSHUNDS

STATS:

Scientific name: Canis lupus familiaris
Size: 20 to 23 cm tall, 55 to 64 cm long
Weight: 9 to 12 kg
Lifespan: 12 to 16 years
Diet: omnivore
Conservation status: not evaluated

- Dachshunds — also known as sausage dogs — originated in Germany in the 15th century.
- Their name means 'badger dogs' as they were originally bred to hunt badgers.
- They are scent hounds that have long bodies, short legs, loose skin and big chests. They come in standard and miniature sizes.
- There are three varieties — smooth-coated, wire-coated and long-coated. The colour of their coats can vary including black, chocolate, tan, cream, red and fawn combinations.
- Depending on the colour of their coat, dachshunds can have green, light brown, amber or blue eyes. They can even have eyes of two different colours.
- Despite their small size, dachshunds have surprisingly deep barks due to their deep chest cavity.
- As pets, dachshunds are loyal companions and good watchdogs, but can be a bit difficult to train.
- Dachshunds are very intelligent and very good at digging. This makes them naturals at 'earthdog' — a sport where dogs run through manmade holes, following a scent. They are one of the most common breeds used in competitions.



Zac Power: Mission Files #4, #5 & #6

written by H.I. Larry; illustrated by Craig Phillips

📖 **What it's about:** Join 12-year-old secret agent Zac Power in some of his most dangerous missions yet! Armed with the latest high-tech gadgets and his wits, Zac Power can take on anything the world throws at him. Whether he's foiling Dr. Drastic's latest evil scheme or taking out the trash, Zac can do it all with time to spare.

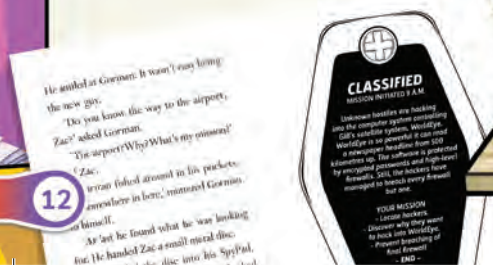
Each of the *Mission Files* books contains two action-packed stories from the smash-hit series.

- Volume 4 contains *Mind Game* and *Tomb of Doom*.
- Volume 5 contains *Close Shave* and *Volcanic Panic*.
- Volume 6 contains *Sky High* and *Horror House*.

❤️ **What we like:** Zac Power has entertained kids worldwide for almost 20 years and early next year will star in his very own major motion picture! (Check out our feature on *Zac Power* the movie on pages 8 and 9!)

For Kidzoners 7 and up.





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POWER DOWN

by Rod Allen







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Be strengthened with all power.

Colossians Chapter 1 verse 11

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

SAT 21
James George (13),
Jasper Townsend (10)

SUN 22
Macalah Ko (14),
Oakley Fairbairn (9),
Violet Allen (7),
Henry Bennett (2),
Koobra Wright (10)

MON 23
Jasher (14),
Xavier Armstrong (6),
Salem King (3)

TUE 24
Mali Townsend (4),
Victoria Fellows (11),
Indiana Philp (10)

WED 25
Modesire Adeoye (9)

THU 26
Kaiden Porter (14)

FRI 27
Alhue Welsh (12),
Tori Rainey

Please put my name on the **BIRTHDAY LIST**

Full Name .....

Age Now ..... Birth Date ...../...../.....

Parent's signature .....

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Include a letter in your own handwriting and permission (signature) from your parent to have it printed.



CK'S TREEHOUSE

Dear Kidzoners, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

–Cousin Koala (CK)

Send your letters to:
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Message: kidzonemag.com.au/cktreehouse

EMAIL

Dear CK,

My name's Rosabelle but you can call me Rosie! I'm 10 turning 11. This is first time writing to you BTW. I really enjoy the colouring comps! What's favourite? I play the drums even though I struggle all the time. I want to you if you could do a *Forgotten Island* mag? It's a really good movie ever though I didn't see it. I really enjoyed making Faith's ocean zone jar but post it to you sadly. I want to tell some questions. Here they are:

1. Has the 28-Kay collector card been produced yet?

2. What's your favourite mag from this year (AKA 2026)?

3. If you were a dog what breed would you be? Mine would be a Chow Chow.

Bear hugs, Rosabelle (AKA Rosie)

PS. How does it feel to answer all of the Kidzoners' letters for 27 years?

G'day Rosie,

Thanks for writing to me and I hope you'll write again. I'm so gl you enjoy the colouring comps. They're such fun to do, aren't t I like doing them, too. Learning to play the drums is so cool! I do matter if you find it a bit hard to do, because everything is t when we first start learning. We put lots of movies in our magaz but usually when they first come out into the cinemas, so we p bly won't do an issue on *Forgotten Island* now. I'm glad you enjo A good movie with some yummy popcorn is such a fun way to spe with friends. Look out for our 26 December issue of *Kidzone* whe look at all the new holiday movies! Now, to answer your question

1. Yes, the 28-Kay collector card has been produced. It appea the 11 April issue about manga.

2. I don't have a favourite mag – they're all my faves!

3. This is tricky question! I don't actually think I can choose th of dog breed I would be, because they are all so cute. But if I to choose it would be between a Jack Russell or Kelpie becaus have lots of energy or a Dalmatian because they are so cool!

4. It feels awesome that I have been able to answer all the zoner's letters for so many years! It really is my fave thing to

Have a great week! Bear hugs, CK.

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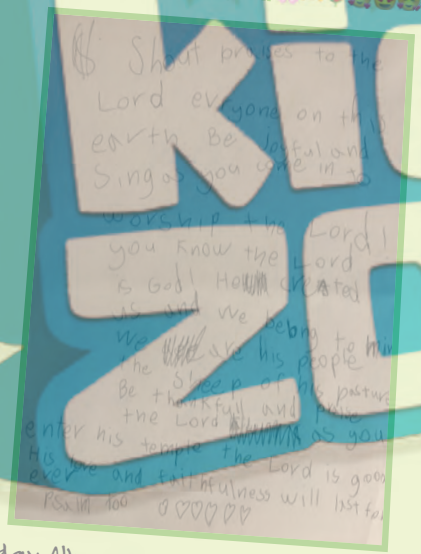
EMAIL

Hello Cousin Koala. My name is Alba. My birthday is on the 1st of August.



G'day Alba,

I hope you had a lovely birthday in August. How old did you turn? Thanks also for writing out the verse in Psalm 100, verses one to five. That's a lot of writing and you did a great job. Is that one of your favourite passages from the Bible? It's one of mine. I love the part where it says, "His love and faithfulness will last forever". That's a great promise, isn't it? Thanks for the sweet emojis you put in your email!

Bear hugs, Ck.

I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?



Dear CK,

Don't mind my spelling, um, I just hope the next magazine is about dogs please because my brother likes them. I know he would be happy!!!

From Krishnanjali

G'day Krishnanjali!

Thanks so much for writing to me! Guess what? Your brother will be happy because there are dogs in this issue! Our Creature Feature on page 2 is about dachshunds (they're so cool!) and Agent Frankfurter, Zac Power's pet dog, is in our feature story on pages 8 and 9. Please email me again soon and say hi to your brother for me!

Bear hugs, CK

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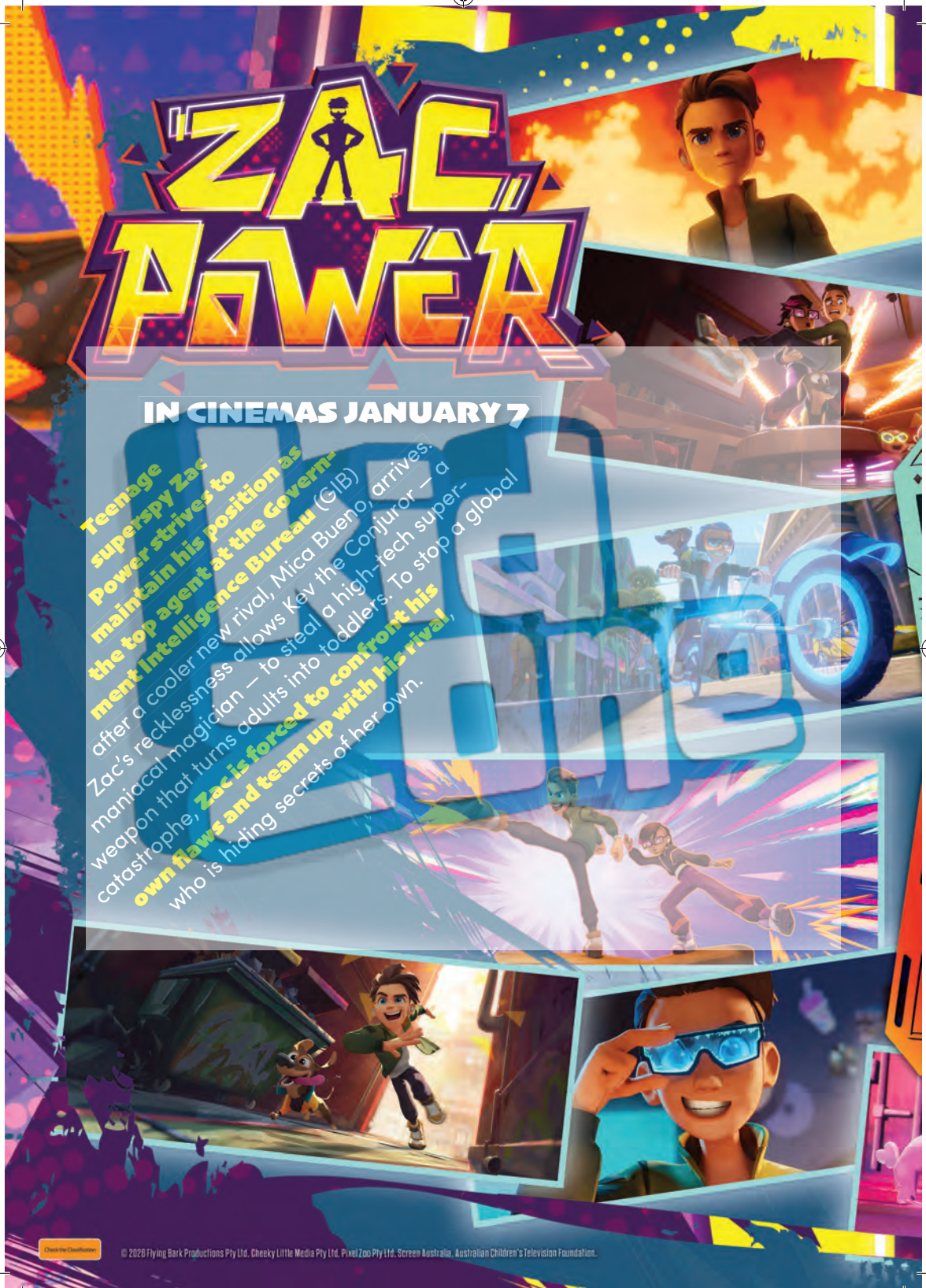

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MEET THE CREW



Zac Power (12 years old) is the GIB's most dazzling super-spy. He is fearless, instinctive and always ready with a quip. He thrives on gadgets, improv and charm, and flying by the seat of his pants to escape the trickiest of situations.



Mica Bueno (12 years old) is the top spy in the Americas, known for her sharp skills, cool wit and spotless record. She's climbed the ranks quickly by doing everything by the book, always prepared and always precise.



Agent Frankfurter (Frankie for short) is Zac's loyal family pet and sharp-witted GIB agent who never leaves his side.



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SPONGE ROLL DOGS EATS

WITH CHEFFY!

what you need:

an adult's help, 200g chocolate melts, 60g golden syrup, 1 pkt mini chocolate sponge rolls, chocolate icing, lolly eyes, lollies for nose (I used black cachous)

directions:

1. Start by making the modelling chocolate. Ask an adult to help you melt the chocolate melts in a microwave-proof bowl in the microwave at 20 to 30 second intervals until nearly melted. Stir any remaining lumps with a metal spoon until smooth.
2. In a small microwave-proof bowl, warm the golden syrup in the microwave for about 30 seconds. Drizzle heated syrup over the melted chocolate and gently fold into the chocolate just until there are no more streaks. Don't overmix, it should still look shiny.
3. Transfer to a sheet of plastic wrap then wrap mixture and flatten gently with your hands. Let this sit on the bench or in the fridge for few hours until it firms. (If the mixture hardens, you can soften it again in the microwave in 10-second bursts.)
4. Remove the chocolate from the plastic wrap and knead it until smooth and pliable.
5. From the modelling chocolate, make one large oval ball for the head, four small balls for feet, two flat ears and one small tail.
6. Use chocolate icing to add lolly eyes, a lolly nose and the ears to the large oval ball.
7. If your sponge rolls are chocolate-coated, cut a thin slice off each end of the sponge roll to expose the cream inside.
8. Attach the tail and feet to the sponge roll with icing. Lastly, use icing to attach the head.

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THE LAB: with Faith

SECRET MESSAGE MAGNIFYING GLASS

WHAT YOU NEED: cardboard (I used a cereal box), two round things (one bigger than the other) to trace around, red cellophane, scissors, glue, a red marker, pencil, white paper

DIRECTIONS:

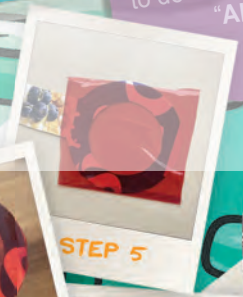
1. With the pencil, draw a circle on the cardboard. I used a mug for this circle. Inside that circle, trace another, smaller circle. I used a glass for this.
2. Draw a handle at the bottom of the circles to make a magnifying glass shape.
3. Cut out the magnifying glass. Ask an adult to help you cut out the centre circle.
4. Using this as a template, trace around it on the cardboard to make a second magnifying glass and cut it out.
5. Cut out a piece of red cellophane slightly bigger than the circle in the magnifying glass and glue it on one of the magnifying glass pieces. Trim the red cellophane so that it doesn't stick out past the cardboard.
6. Glue the two magnifying glass pieces together. Let it dry.
7. Write your secret message with a pencil onto a piece of paper and scribble over it with a red marker or red pen. Hold the magnifying glass over it to reveal your message!





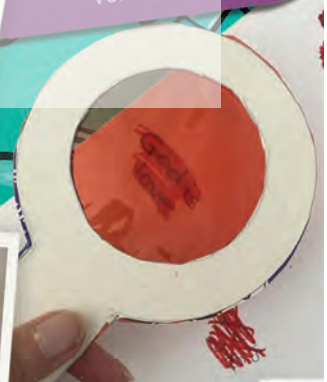












How it works!

The red cellophane blocks out light waves from the red spectrum. This means the red scribbles on the page (the same colour as the red cellophane in the magnifying glass) blend into the background and become almost invisible, letting any non-red colours (the pencil) to stand out. Coooool!



BIBLE MESSAGE

Want to find out more about God? You can find out all about him in the Bible and you don't need anything fancy like a special magnifying glass to do it! All you need to do is read it. "**All God's words are tried and true**," (Psalm 30, verse five*).

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RELIVE THE CLASSIC GAMES

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of Disney and Pixar's *Toy Story* franchise, gamers can now get all the toys in the toy chest in a double pack, featuring both 'Toy Story: Retro Roundup!' and 'Toy Story 3 Complete Edition'.



PLATFORM: PS5, SWITCH, SWITCH 2

+ 'TOY STORY: RETRO ROUNDUP!'

- Play five classic games, including four *Toy Story* games and 'A Bug's Life'. Includes 11 versions of the games across console and handheld.
- Enhancements and quality-of-life improvements make the games easier to learn and understand for gamers of all ages.
- Use Rewind to fix your mistakes. Messed up a jump? Took too many hits? Simply hold a button and scrub back to before you made that mistake and try again.
- Includes a behind-the-scenes experience featuring new interviews with the games' creators.
- Explore the virtual museum filled with rare design documents, vintage development photos and archival content.







+ 'TOY STORY 3 COMPLETE EDITION'

- Brings back a fan-favourite game for modern systems.
- Relive key moments from the movie in Story Mode from Andy's room to Sunnyside Daycare.
- Swap between Woody, Buzz Lightyear and Jessie, each with different abilities you'll need to complete each level.
- Dive into the sandbox in Toy Box Mode. Take on missions for your fellow toys, dress up the townsfolk, decorate buildings, and much more.







BIBLE MESSAGE

It's good to celebrate special anniversaries and take time to remember special events or — best of all — favourite people! Thank you, God, for all the things in life worth celebrating. "**The Lord has done great things for us, and we are very glad**" (Psalm 126, verse three>).

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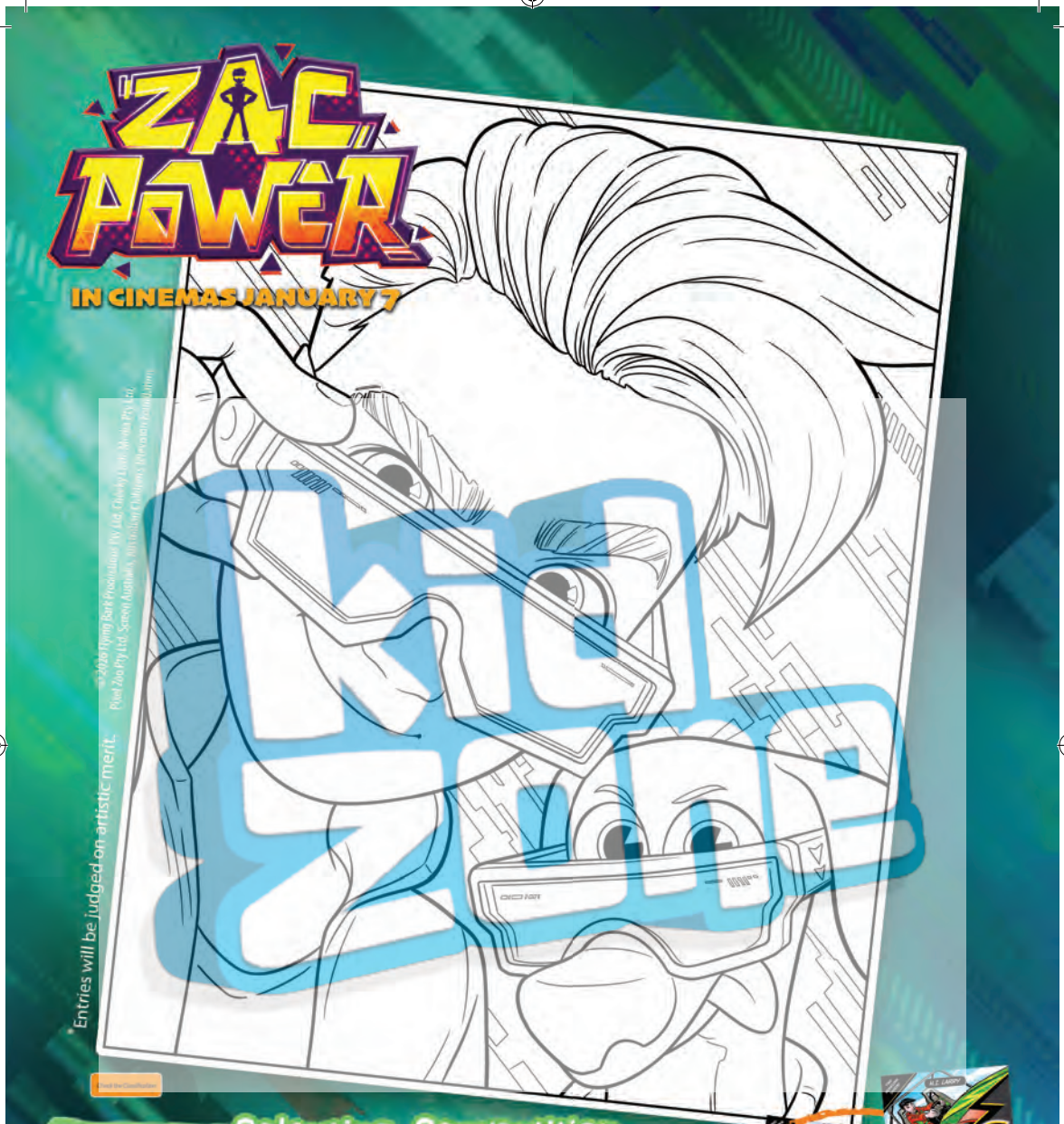

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*Entries will be judged on artistic merit.

Colouring Competition

Kidzone has three sets of *Zac Power: Mission Files #4, #5 & #6* to give away!



SEND YOUR ENTRY (BY FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026) TO:
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SAMUEL'S MEGA BIBLE PUZZLE!

Jesus came to Earth on a mega-mission!

His mission was to teach everyone about God's love. While he was here, Jesus gathered together a team – his disciples – to be part of his mission and travel with him while he spoke to crowds of people about God. He told them how much God loved them and taught them the best way to live is by showing kindness, love and forgiveness to others. Later, Jesus died and came back to life so that everyone who follows him can have everlasting life with God. (We celebrate this every Easter.) We can be part of his mission today by telling others about Jesus and showing God's love.

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(Matthew chapter five, verse 16*).

JESUS LOVES YOU! & wants to be your friend!

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ANSWERS CK: page 8.
Grid it: a:d1, b:d6, c:c4, d:d3, e:e5, f:b3. Word square: dachshund.
Pages: 1-9, 2-5, 3-10, 4-3, 5-11, 6-12.
Maze:



Sam's Mega Puzzle: Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven

Competition winners

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(11 - NSW)

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(8 - VIC.)

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(7 - NSW)

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1. Carefully cut along the dotted line to remove your card from the magazine.
2. Fold in half.
3. Now stick together and you're done!



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Answers on page 14

word square

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the square?

C	D	U
S	A	H
N	H	D

Each letter may be used only once per word and each word must contain the middle letter.
There is one nine-letter word.
Clue: Agent Frankfurter is a ....

grid it

Can you work out the coordinates of the small squares which are taken from the big picture?



Note: some squares may be rotated.

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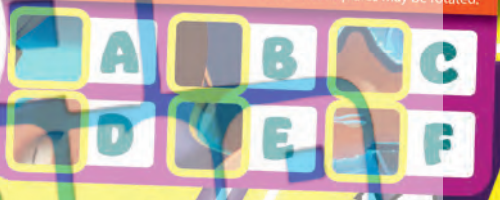
Can you find where each of these pictures came from in this week's *Kidzone*?





maze

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