

# BE A WISHGRANTER!

## ACTIVITY PACK

Learn about wish children like Sophia and become a Wishgranter for the day!

Four wish stories are provided for children to design wishes for. There are three worksheets that can be completed together or individually.

You can then find out how the wishes were granted in real life!

You can find more wish stories at [www.make-a-wish.org.uk/stories](http://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/stories) but check that they're suitable for the age group you're working with.

**Sophia, 5**  
heart condition

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# Meet some of our wish children

Read the stories on this sheet and choose one to use for the activity.

## Say hello to **Scott!** .....

When Scott was born he was very poorly. He was taken to hospital where doctors found out that blood wasn't flowing through his heart properly. Scott has had three operations to try and fix his heart, which meant spending a lot of time in hospital near his home in Scotland. He loves people who fix things and help in emergencies, so when he's older, Scott wants to be a police officer. He often dresses up in a police uniform. That's why **his wish was to be a policeman for the day!** Scott also loves tractors, diggers and motorbikes, especially police motorbikes!



## ..... Meet **Bethany!**



Bethany lives in Northern Ireland with her family. When she was four, she started to find it hard to walk or to climb upstairs like other children her age. After a lot of tests, doctors found out she had a rare disease that affected her muscles. Now she has to take a lot of medicine and have injections to help her feel better. Bethany loves arts and crafts as she can create all kinds of different things, even if she isn't feeling well. She especially loves making her own cards using different pens and pencils, glitter and coloured card. **Bethany's wish was for a special desk where she could do all her artwork!**

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## Say hello to **Sophia!**

If you met Sophia in the playground, she'd tell you that she had a poorly heart when she was a baby. So doctors took it out, gave her a new one and then 'zipped her back up again!' Sophia, who lives in England's capital, London, with her family, still finds it hard to eat properly. That's because she was fed through a tube for a long time, and she still has some medicine this way. But one of the first things she got to taste was a pot of chocolate custard! Ever since then, chocolate has been her favourite thing to eat, so **her wish was to have lots and lots of it!**



## Meet **Joseph!**



Who likes diggers, trucks and trains? So does Joseph, from mid Wales. When he was four, he started getting wobbly on his feet and was really tired all the time. Sometimes, he even fell asleep in school. Doctors found out there was a lump inside his head that was growing bigger and it was making him ill. He had an operation to take out the lump and lots of medicine to stop it coming back. To help him feel better, Joseph got to choose a wish. He spent a long time deciding what to wish for, and because he loves cars and diggers, he decided **his wish was to drive big yellow builder's vehicles!**

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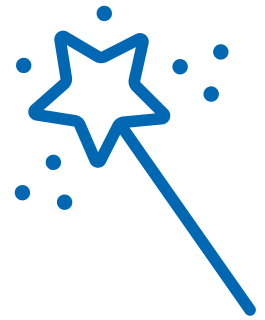
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## Today, you're the Wishgranter!

How would you grant a wish?

Remember:

- Think of all the information in the stories and what they like.
- Use your imagination.



What do you think are the five most important things to include to make a wish magical?

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## Planning the details...

**Who would be there?**

(Friends, family, celebrities... anyone else?)



**What would they be doing?**

(Activities, entertainment, games, food and drink?)



**Where would the wish take place?**

(Inside or outside, somewhere you've been, a city, a castle?)



**How would they get there?**



**What other extra details could you add to the wish?**

(Decorations, presents, costumes...)



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## Bringing it all together!

Use this page to describe or draw the magical wish you would grant...

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# What really happened?

Find out how Bethany, Joseph, Scott and Sophia's wishes were granted in real life! What do you think? Could they have been more magical?

## Sergeant Scott saves the day!

To start the day, Scott put on a special police uniform made just for him. He was sworn into the force and given a warrant badge showing his name and photo. He then met all the sergeants and got a call alerting them to a burglary, so he jumped straight on a police motorbike! Scott's day was packed with drama, blue lights and sirens. He took fingerprints and evidence, taped off the crime scene and saw the police dogs in action. Scott ended the day as a hero, catching Burglar Bill and arresting him using the little handcuffs from his costume!



## Bethany's brilliant art!

Bethany's Wishgranter researched all the items Bethany had asked for and arranged for a white desk and matching chair to be delivered to her home. Then, other packages arrived full of everything a would-be Blue Peter presenter might need! Before long, the floor was covered with lots of different types of paper and pots of glue. With her new desk and art supplies, Bethany has been busy making all kinds of things, from drawings to Christmas cards!



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## Sophia and the chocolate factory!

Sophia and her family were whisked away to Hotel Chocolat's School of Chocolate in London, which was decorated with lots of balloons and decorations with her name on. They were taken behind the scenes to see how all the different chocolate was made before sitting down to decorate their own chocolate bars. Sophia decorated her own chocolate bar with sprinkles and marshmallows and of course, more chocolate! Finally, a huge chocolate house was brought out for Sophia to decorate, take home and eat!



## Joseph's day of digging!

On the day of his wish, Joseph and his family were picked up by a humongous white stretch limousine! They were taken to the National Construction College where they teach people how to drive diggers and operate big cranes. Joseph had the biggest smile on his face the whole day as they were shown all the different vehicles at the college. The instructors showed him how to use a dumper truck to move around large mounds of soil as well as letting him and his family try out a big construction vehicle simulator!




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