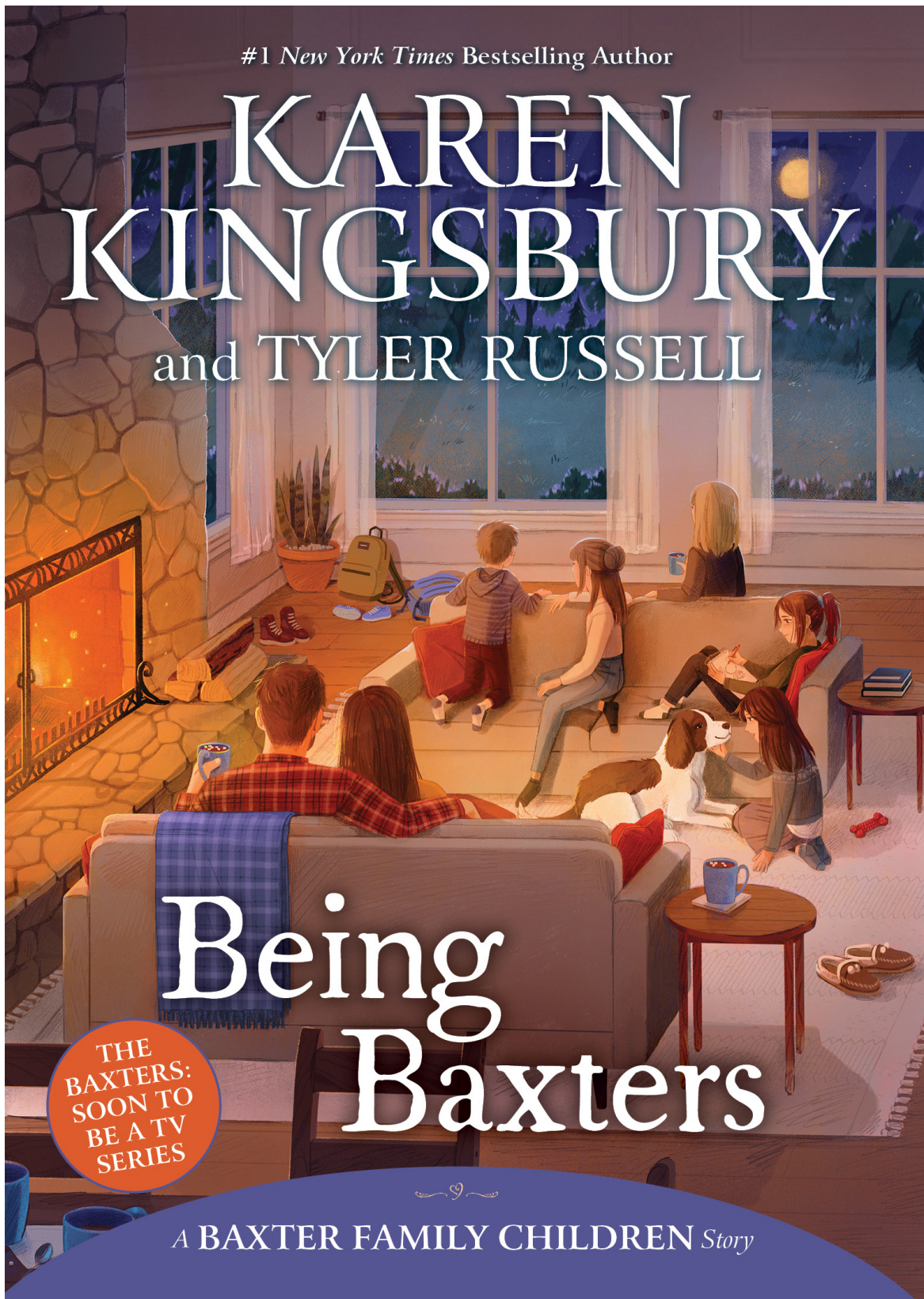


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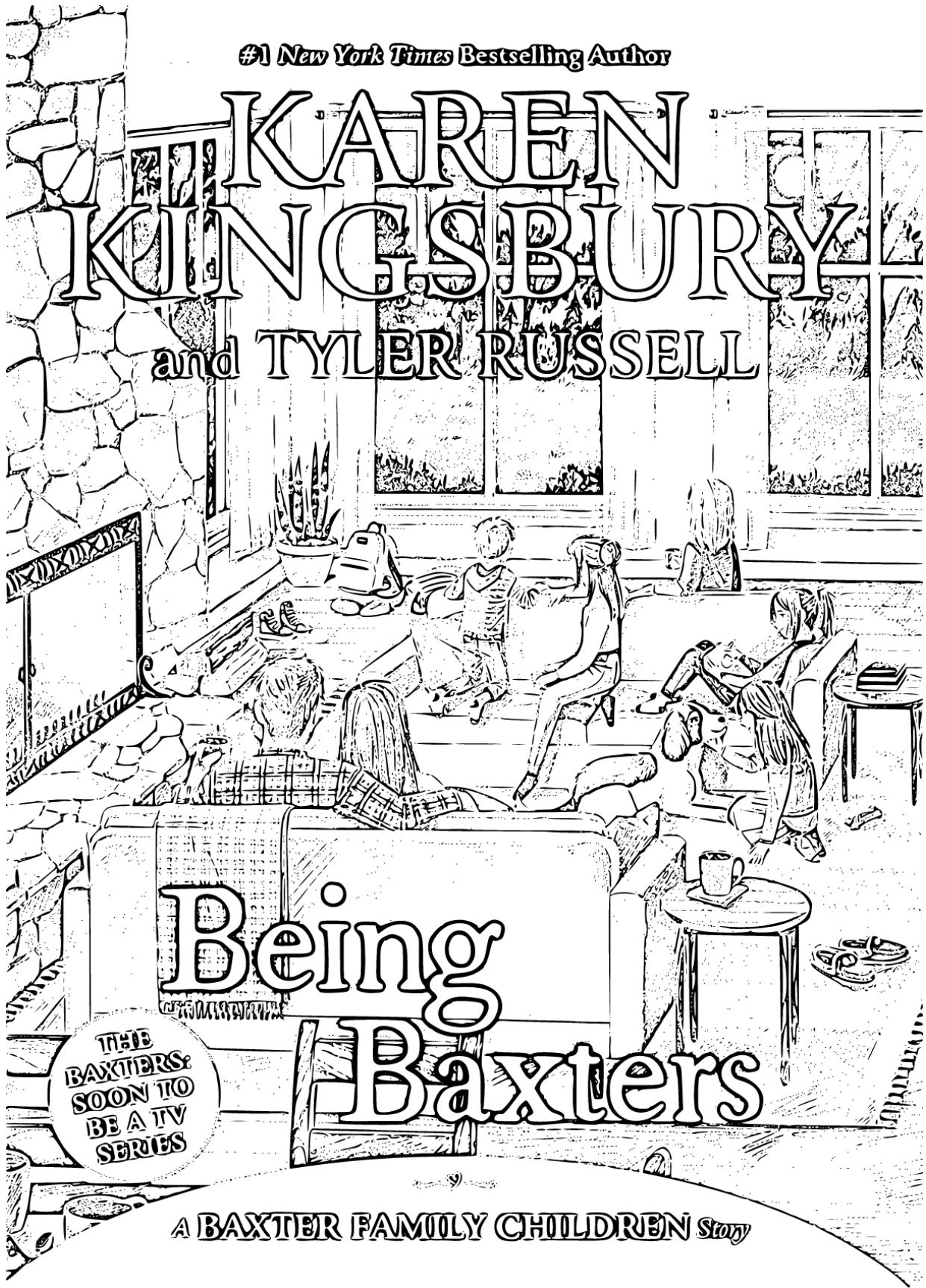


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BEING BAXTERS WORD SEARCH

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CHARACTER
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BASKETBALL
JOURNAL
ELEPHANT
SNOW
COACHING
QUEEN

BEING ME!

WHAT IS YOUR LAST NAME:

NOW, WRITE DOWN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE YOU. THINK OF POSTIVE TRAITS. WHAT WORDS BEST DESCRIBE YOU? WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR?

SKETCH LIKE ASHLEY:

TAKE A MOMENT THIS WEEK TO SKETCH ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE. GET CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!

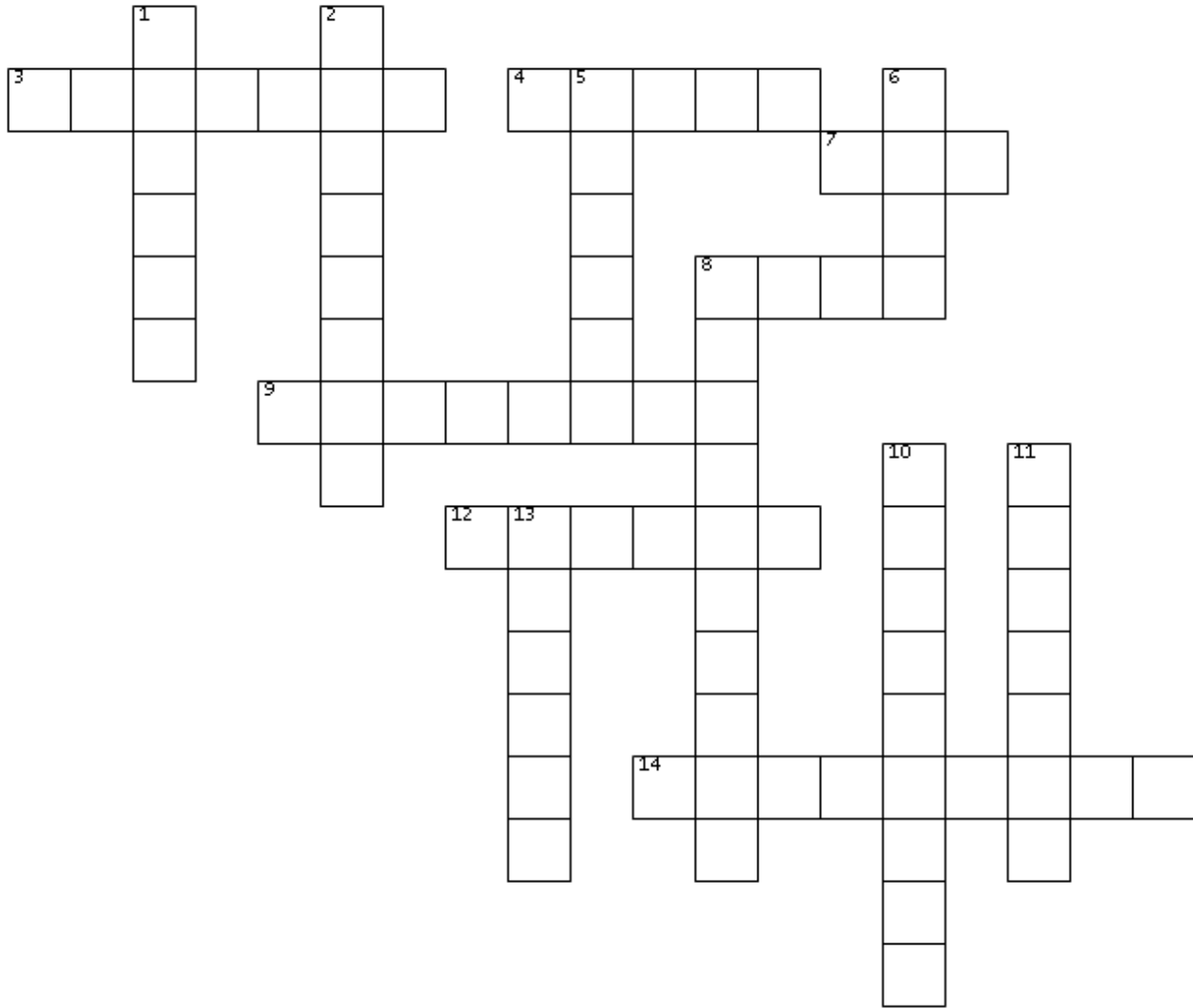


JOURNAL LIKE KARI

TAKE A MOMENT THIS WEEK TO WRITE OUT A JOURNAL ENTRY. IT CAN BE ABOUT SCHOOL, FAMILY, FRIENDS, YOUR DREAMS, YOUR FEARS. NOTHING IS OFF LIMITS.

BEING BAXTERS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(ANSWERS ON THE LAST PAGE)



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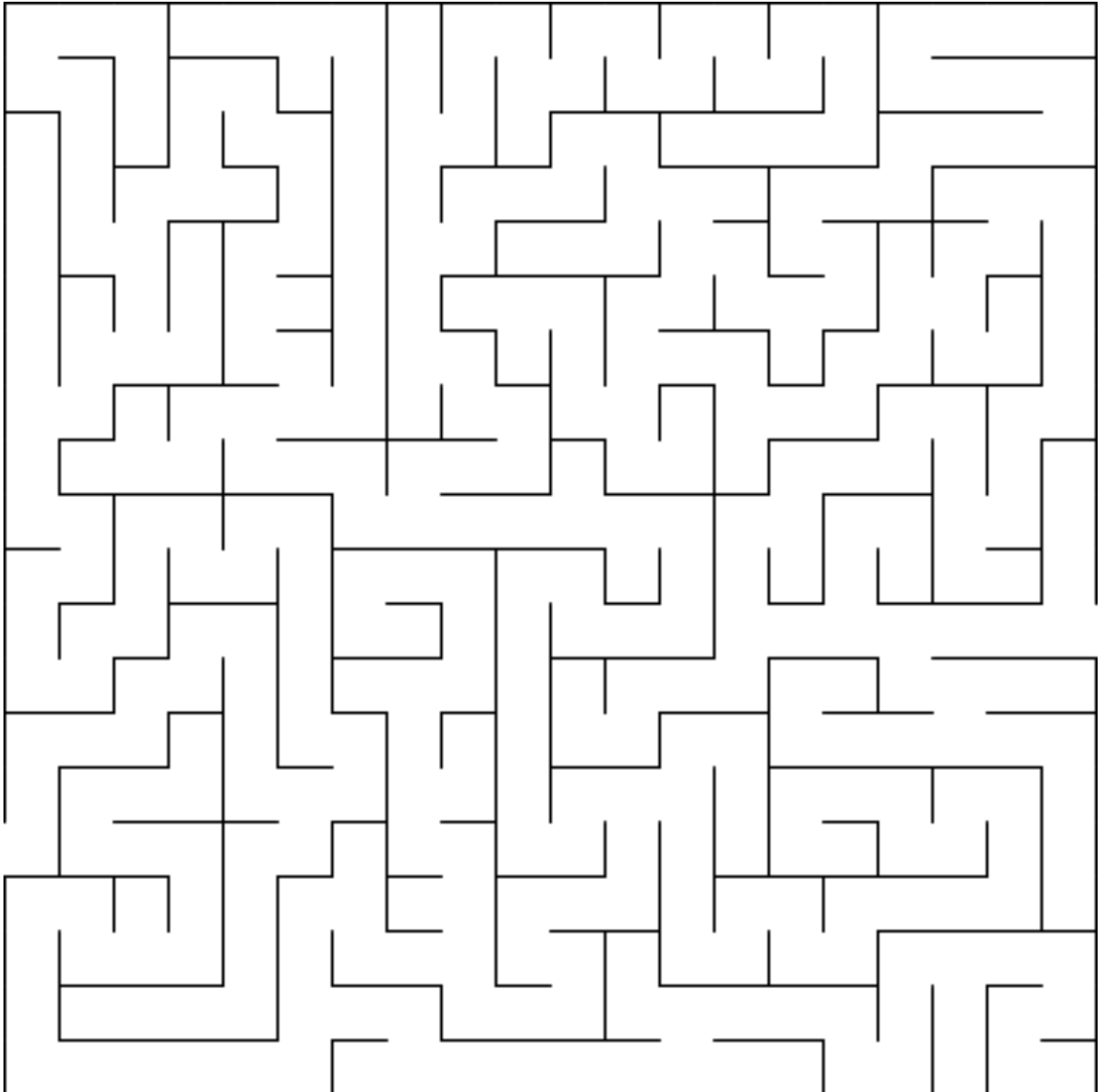
1. The song that Kari has a dance solo to is called "Ain't No Mountain High _____"
2. The characters in the book are counting down the days until the big what?
5. What kind of juice did Ashley pretend was "coffee"?
6. What is the last name of the Principal?
8. What was Ashley trying to play with Luke when she hurt her ankle?
10. What were Kari, Luke, and Ashley pretending to look at in the backyard?
11. What accessory did Erin have to get that made her upset?
13. What was the name of the Baxter's snowman?

ACROSS

3. What Italian dessert did Kari fall in love with?
4. What did Elliot think Ms. Stritch actually was?
7. Bo is the Baxter's what?
8. What animal outside the window did Ashley talk to during class?
9. What did Ashley's group want to bake for their Countries of the World presentation?
12. Last name of the main family in this book?
14. What is the name of the queen, and the Baxter Children's mother?

LUKE'S MAZE

Help Luke get through the maze and find his basketball!



DID YOU KNOW?

1. One of the biggest blizzards in American history was The Great Blizzard of 1888. It hit the northeast of the country and resulted in snowbanks anywhere from 30 to 40 feet tall. That's about as big as a school bus standing on its nose!
2. According to the Globetrotters Website, Abe Saperstein founded the team in 1926. The Globetrotters have entertained more than 148 million fans in 123 countries and territories worldwide. The team popularized the slam dunk, the fast break, and the forward and point guard positions. In 2010, the Globetrotters also introduced the first-ever 4-point shot, a shot located 30 feet from the basket - almost 7 feet beyond the NBA's three-point arc. They still tour to this day.
3. Restaurateur and Chef Jasper Mirabile Jr. has created the world's most decadent, exclusive, delicious, but also expensive cannoli ever made. The base is made of rich dark chocolate, a whipped ricotta cheese filling mixed with candied lemon, chocolate, and lemon peel. All wrapped in gold leaf. It costs \$26,010.
4. According to *The History of the Snowman*, building a snowman is a good workout. Building one for an hour burns approximately 238 calories. That's more than dancing and close to what you'd burn going for a bike ride.

QUESTIONS FOR AROUND THE TABLE

1. If you could see any animal in the backyard right now, what would it be?
2. What is one way you showed good character this week?
3. If you could travel to any country in the world, where would you go and why?
4. Would you rather be stuck in a blizzard or stuck at the beach?
5. Who is your favorite teacher? Why?
6. What does your last name mean to you?
7. Would you rather go sledding or build a snowman?
8. Who is your favorite character in *Being Baxters*? Why?
9. Do you prefer drawing or writing?

ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

1. Find a map and randomly select a country or have someone select one for you. Research what you can find about that country. Make a recipe, or make a fact sheet regarding that country, and do your own Countries of the World presentation for friends or family at home.
2. Make Character Awards for people in your life. Come up with words to describe them. Using art supplies, create a fun certificate and give it to them.
3. Go for an outdoor safari. Take a walk around your neighborhood and imagine you're surrounded by wild animals. Use your imagination and have fun with it.
4. Using a basketball hoop, create a series of fun drills and challenges to do. For example: dribble from one end of the court the other, make a free throw, get your rebound, and repeat on the other side.
5. Make a French toast breakfast and spend time with the people in your home. No electronics! Ask one another questions and talk about your week.
6. Do something nice for someone else and don't tell anyone. Write someone a note. Help clean up. Encourage a friend or teacher. Be kind and watch how it changes your day!