

Character Design Challenge

Draw, paint, or colour a character inspired by Lightning Piggy's origin story — his incredible journey to freedom down a rabbit hole.

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: 30–60 minutes

Audience: Kids (ages 5+)

Venue: Schools, community groups, conferences with kids' activities, and family fun.

Equipment: Paper, pencils, markers, and paints.

Instructions

Begin by reading the origin story aloud to the class — this sets up Lightning Piggy's origin story and introduces the characters.

Ask each child to choose their favourite character to draw, paint, or colour. If a child wants to invent a new character from scratch, encourage them to go for it!

Once finished, have each child add their name (or nickname) and age to their artwork.

Display all completed pieces somewhere visible for the group to enjoy.

Characters

LightningPiggy

Young, cuddly and jolly in a suite and tie | Inspiration: Agustín Carstens

Owl

Incredibly clever and caring | Inspiration: Satoshi

Black Panther

Smart, cool, and fit, shadowy super coder | Inspiration: Hal

Space Cat

Likes tacos | Inspiration: Hodlnaut

Rabbit

White and orange eyed | Inspiration: Alice in Wonderland

Two Pizzas

Delicious but expensive | Inspiration: Laszlo

Torogoz (A colourful bird)

Leading the way | Inspiration: The National bird of El Salvador

Honey Badger

Fearless defender of truth | Inspiration: Max Keiser

Purple Fluffy Ostrich

Speaks freely all of the time | Inspiration: The Nostr Ostrich

Golden Monkey, aka Schifty

Dishonest troublemaker | Inspiration: Peter Schifty

Rat

Claims to be everything he is not with an Aussie accent | Inspiration: Craig Wrong (Boo!)

Lightning Piggy's Origin Story

Born in an industrial pig farm, he and his family are kept in cramped suffering conditions.

While on the way to slaughter there's a massive thunderstorm, and the lorry he's travelling in gets struck by lightning. He runs free and the farmer chases him into a forest.

While on the run he dives down a rabbit hole. He hears voices outside and keeps on running, deep down the hole. It turns out the hole is very deep indeed.

He sees a floating figure ahead, it's a space cat called Hodlnaut. They meet and Hodlnaut gives him a headlight in the shape of a lightning bolt, so that he can find the way.

He then meets a golden monkey called Schifty who tries to trade his light for a dumb lump of rock, but the piggy politely declines and the monkey goes on his way, swinging from overhanging tree roots.

Lightning Piggy, lost, hungry and scared, meets a rat called Craig, who sends him the wrong way towards a killer ants nest.

Fortunately, an orange-eyed white rabbit — who knows the hole well — jumps to the rescue and gives the piggy a map with a route to the secret “Chamber of Answers”.

Following the map he finds the Chamber of Answers, deep down the rabbit hole, where two cypherpunks, Satoshi (an owl) and Hal (a black leopard), are busy writing code. They give Lightning Piggy a brightly coloured songbird called Torogoz, to lead him out to a new world, where everyone is free to live their lives and save for their family's futures.

The Beginning :)