Roots Rise Restore Full Workbook

A low-pressure worksheet for rest, recovery, pacing, and nervous-system care.

Use this at your own pace. Skip, adapt, pause, or stop. You are allowed to choose what fits your body, culture, privacy, energy, safety, access needs, and real-life limits today.

This is a reflection tool, not a test. One honest sentence, one checked box, or one small next step can be enough.

A printable reflection and practice resource Your Guide to Building a Life

Beyond Survival

A Trauma-Informed Wellness Workbook for Self-Reflection, Emotional Growth, and Everyday Coping Skills
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Roots, Rise & Restore

Mission Statement

- My hope is that this workbook becomes a place you return to whenever life feels overwhelming - a space where you can slow down, reconnect with yourself, and remember that healing does not require

perfection. It _____ _____ begins with one small step, one compassionate choice, and one moment of believing that you deserve peace.

I wanted this workbook to feel less like homework and more like a steady place to land. A place to breathe. A place to notice what is true. A place where people who have spent too long in survival mode can begin again without shame. You do not have to arrive here already calm, already clear, or already healed. You are allowed to come exactly as you are.

- My hope is that these pages help you build a more compassionate relationship with your body, your thoughts, your limits, your needs, and your own inner voice. I hope they remind you that rest is not laziness, that grounding is a skill, that coping can be practiced, and that peace can be grown in small believable ways. You deserve support, steadiness, and moments of hope that feel real enough to carry into everyday life.
- Let these pages be something you return to gently. Highlight them. Print them. Circle one sentence. Skip what does not fit. Come back later. Healing often looks less like a dramatic breakthrough and more like a series of honest, compassionate repetitions.

Purpose

This workbook is designed to support people who are learning practical wellness skills, increasing self-awareness, and strengthening emotional resilience. It is intended to complement therapy, coaching, or personal growth - not replace professional care. Readers are encouraged to move through the workbook at their own pace, revisit sections as needed, and discuss any questions or concerns with a qualified healthcare Educational wellness workbook. Not a substitute for medical or mental health care. or mental health professional.

Audience

New psychotherapy clients, existing clients, community workshop participants, corporate wellness participants, college students, caregivers, healthcare professionals, helpers, people living with burnout, and anyone interested in personal growth may use this workbook.

Goals

(cid:127) How stress affects the brain (cid:127) How trauma affects the nervous system (cid:127) How to calm the body (cid:127) How to identify emotions (cid:127) How to challenge negative thoughts (cid:127) How to communicate effectively (cid:127) How to create healthy boundaries (cid:127) How to build habits (cid:127) How to increase self-worth (cid:127) How to regulate emotions (cid:127) How to reconnect with joy (cid:127) How to create a life aligned with personal values

Core Values

Compassion, curiosity, hope, safety, growth, connection, resilience, mindfulness, self-compassion, accountability, authenticity, and progress over perfection.

Clinical Foundation

This workbook draws on principles often used in person-centered therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, dialectical behavior therapy skills, mindfulness-based cognitive therapy, compassion-focused therapy, motivational interviewing, positive psychology, trauma-informed care, and nervous system regulation. It is educational and is not a treatment manual.

Legal and Clinical Disclaimer This workbook is for educational and wellness purposes. It is not a substitute for psychotherapy, medical care, diagnosis, legal advice, or emergency services. Readers should consult a licensed healthcare provider or mental health professional regarding concerns specific to their situation. If someone is experiencing a medical or mental health emergency, call 911. If someone is in emotional crisis or having thoughts of suicide, call or text 988.

How to Use This Workbook

Go slowly. Circle what fits. Leave what does not. You are allowed to skip, pause, return, repeat, and simplify.

A chapter does not need to be finished in one sitting. A worksheet is not a test. If you notice yourself becoming flooded, numb, highly activated, or unable to stay present, stop and choose a more supportive next step.

Each Chapter Includes

(cid:127) Michelle's reflections to keep the workbook grounded and human (cid:127) Plain-language education and nervous system context (cid:127) Guided reflection pages and coping-skill practice (cid:127) Therapist's Corner pages with why this matters, common mistakes, and when to slow down (cid:127) Questions you can discuss in therapy, coaching, supervision, or personal support Table of Contents

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Chapter 1

Beyond Survival

Theme: orientation, pacing, hope

Michelle's Reflection There are seasons when surviving is all a body can do. This chapter is not here to shame survival. It is here to help you notice that surviving and living are not exactly the same thing, and that it is possible to take one small step toward a life that feels more like yours.

What this chapter can help you do _____

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Notice what survival mode looks like in your body, thoughts, and choices. (cid:127) Separate urgency from importance.

(cid:127) Name one area of life where you want more steadiness instead of more pressure.

Educational Foundation

Many people know what it feels like to keep moving while disconnected from their own needs. Survival mode can look productive from the outside while feeling flat, urgent, restless, or numb on the inside. It can show up as always preparing for the next problem, struggling to relax, overexplaining, overgiving, shutting down, or feeling guilty any time rest appears.

This workbook begins by honoring that survival responses often developed for good reasons. The point is not to judge those responses. The point is to notice when they are no longer serving you, and to build enough steadiness that you can choose a different response when one is available.

Pause and Notice

Before moving on, pause for one full breath. Notice your jaw, shoulders, breath, hands, stomach, feet, and energy level. Ask yourself what this chapter is waking up in you: relief, resistance, curiosity, grief, hope, confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

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What do I do automatically when I feel unsafe, rushed, or overwhelmed? _____

Worksheet 2: Patterns and Triggers

What patterns do you notice, and what usually comes before them? _____

_____ **What situations, people, settings, or times of day tend to activate this theme for me?** _____

_____ What do I usually do next - in my body, thinking, behavior, or relationships?

_____ What would help me interrupt that pattern sooner?

Worksheet 3: Skill Practice

Turn the chapter into something usable in everyday life.

Which one of this chapter's skills feels most useful right now, and why?

_____ What would practicing it look like in a real moment this week?

_____ What support, reminder, object, person, or phrase would help me remember to use it?

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Worksheet 4: Morning and Evening Integration

Build a small routine instead of waiting for crisis.

What is one rooted thing I can do in the morning before the day rushes me? _____

_____ What is one rise practice I can use during stress or self-doubt?

_____ What is one restore practice that helps me come down gently at the end of the day?

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_____ Therapist's Corner Why this matters: Repetition changes what becomes available under stress. A practice that feels small on paper can become a steadying anchor in real life.

What is happening psychologically: Patterns often become automatic because they once made sense.

Naming them increases choice.

What is happening neurologically: The nervous system learns through repetition, context, and safety cues, not only through insight.

Common mistakes: Going too fast, judging your reactions, over-answering every question, or trying to do the chapter perfectly.

What to expect: Some relief, some resistance, and some repetition. Returning to a chapter does not mean you failed.

When to slow down: If you feel flooded, detached, dizzy, highly distressed, or unable to stay present, pause and choose support first.

When to seek help: If the material brings up intense symptoms, safety concerns, or functioning problems that feel bigger than a workbook can hold.

Michelle's gentle reminder You are not behind because a chapter takes time. You are practicing new ways of responding, and repetition matters. Small honest steps often create more lasting change than trying to force a perfect breakthrough all at once.

A small plan for this week What is one idea from this chapter I want to keep close this week?

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Notes, insights, and therapy questions What do I want to remember from this chapter?

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Chapter 2

How Stress Affects the Brain

Theme: stress, brain, reactivity

Michelle's Reflection Understanding the brain can soften shame. When a stressed brain narrows its focus, forgets details, or jumps to the worst-case scenario, that does not mean you are weak. It often means your system is trying to protect you.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Recognize common stress-brain patterns. (cid:127) Practice slowing down thought speed. (cid:127) Replace self-criticism with informed self-observation.

Educational Foundation

Stress changes attention, memory, patience, and the ability to think flexibly. When the brain detects threat, real or perceived, it often shifts away from curiosity and toward speed. That can help in a crisis. It can also make daily life feel harsher, smaller, and more exhausting when the alarm stays high.

A regulated brain can consider options. A stressed brain tends to scan for danger, simplify complex situations, and favor quick conclusions. Learning about this can help you pause before believing every urgent thought.

Pause and Notice

confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

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Chapter 3

Trauma and the Nervous System

Theme: nervous system, activation, shutdown

Michelle's Reflection One of the biggest lessons I have learned is that a nervous system can keep protecting us long after the danger has changed. If peace feels unfamiliar, that does not mean you are doing healing wrong. It may mean your body has had to stay ready for too long.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Name your common nervous system states without shame. (cid:127) Notice whether you move toward activation or shutdown. (cid:127) Build a menu of options for each state.

Educational Foundation

Trauma is not defined only by what happened. It is also shaped by what your body had to carry, what support was missing, and what meaning got attached to the experience. A nervous system that has had to stay prepared may move quickly into fight, flight, freeze, fawn, numbness, or collapse.

Trauma-informed wellness means not forcing calm, not demanding disclosure, and not assuming everyone responds to the same practice in the same way. The goal is choice, pacing, and enough safety to notice what helps.

Pause and Notice

confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

When I am activated, what do I notice first? _____

When I am shut down, what do I lose access to?

Worksheet 2: Patterns and Triggers

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Chapter 4

Root: Listening to the Body

Theme: body awareness, check-in, signals

Michelle's Reflection Body awareness is not about perfection or scanning for what is wrong. It is about rebuilding relationship. The body often speaks before the thinking mind has words, especially when stress has been around for a long time.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Use a short body scan without judgment. (cid:127) Track where tension gathers. (cid:127) Pair body awareness with choice rather than fear.

Educational Foundation

A body check-in can be simple: feet, jaw, shoulders, breathing, stomach, heart rate, hands, and energy level.

The purpose is not to fix what you notice on the spot. The purpose is to practice telling the truth about what is present.

Over time, body awareness can help you catch stress earlier, identify more accurately what you need, and notice that cues of safety may also live in the body instead of only cues of danger.

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Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

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Chapter 5

Root: Grounding and Orienting

Theme: grounding, sensory choice, present focus

Michelle's Reflection Grounding is not a command to instantly calm down. It is a way to re-enter the room, the moment, and the body with as much gentleness as possible.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Practice visual orientation. (cid:127) Create a personal grounding menu. (cid:127) Use contact points and sensory anchors in hard moments.

Educational Foundation

Grounding can involve sights, sounds, texture, temperature, movement, or language. It works best when it offers options. Some people prefer stillness. Others need motion, a cold drink, a patterned wall, or naming five things they can see. The point is not performing calm. The point is increasing contact with the present.

Orienting helps the nervous system recognize that this moment may be different from the one that created the alarm. It can be as simple as looking around and letting your eyes land on what is ordinary, stable, or familiar.

Pause and Notice

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Chapter 6

Rise: Naming Emotions

Theme: emotion identification, language, self-understanding

Michelle's Reflection Many people were taught to override feelings before they were taught to name them. Naming emotions can be an act of self-respect. It does not make you dramatic. It makes you more informed.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Expand emotional vocabulary. (cid:127) Differentiate between primary and secondary emotions. (cid:127) Connect feelings to needs and context.

Educational Foundation

Emotions carry information about needs, values, boundaries, grief, hope, and context. Naming them accurately can reduce confusion and help you choose a more fitting response. Sometimes what sounds like anger is fear. Sometimes what sounds like laziness is exhaustion. Sometimes what sounds like numbness is protection.

A fuller emotional vocabulary can also reduce shame. Instead of saying 'I am a mess,' you may discover 'I am overstimulated, disappointed, and needing space.' That shift can change what kind of care becomes possible.

Pause and Notice

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Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

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Chapter 7

Rise: Thoughts, Stories, and Inner Talk

Theme: negative thoughts, beliefs, cognitive flexibility

Michelle's Reflection Not every thought deserves the steering wheel. Some thoughts are old survival stories repeating themselves.

Some are protective guesses. Some are true. Part of healing is learning how to tell the difference.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Identify thought patterns and distortions. (cid:127) Practice reality-based reframes. (cid:127) Develop believable affirmations.

Educational Foundation

Thoughts can be useful, distorted, protective, urgent, kind, or cruel. The goal is not forced positivity. The goal is more flexibility and more truth. You can learn to pause, question the story, and ask what else may also be true.

Believable affirmations matter because they do not ask you to lie to yourself. A believable statement might

be:

'I can take one next step,' 'I am allowed to pause,' or 'I do not have to solve everything right now.'

Pause and Notice

confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

What thought returns when I am stressed?

What evidence supports or challenges it?

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Chapter 8

Rise: Boundaries and Communication

Theme: boundaries, voice, relationship safety

Michelle's Reflection Boundaries are not a punishment. They are one way of staying connected to what matters, what is possible, and what protects your dignity.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Name boundary categories: time, energy, emotional, physical, digital. (cid:127) Practice scripts for requests and limits. (cid:127) Notice guilt without making it the decision-maker.

Educational Foundation

A boundary might sound like a limit, a pause, a request for more time, a no, a not yet, a revised expectation, or a statement about what you can offer. People-pleasing, fear of conflict, or survival-based overaccommodation can make boundaries feel threatening even when they are healthy.

Communication becomes easier when you know your purpose. Are you informing, requesting, clarifying, declining, or protecting? Clear communication often begins inside, with permission to tell the truth about capacity.

Pause and Notice

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Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

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Chapter 9

Rise: Self-Worth and Self-Compassion

Theme: worth, shame, gentleness, identity

Michelle's Reflection Self-worth is often treated like a feeling you should simply have. In reality, it is something many people have to practice into their bodies and lives after years of being treated as if their value depended on productivity, pleasing, or perfection.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Notice shame-based patterns. (cid:127) Practice self-compassionate language. (cid:127) Build evidence of worth beyond performance.

Educational Foundation

Self-worth is not the same thing as confidence. Confidence can rise and fall by context. Worth is deeper.

Self-compassion helps create the conditions for worth to feel more believable. It sounds like less contempt, more curiosity, and more room for being human without collapsing into shame.

Compassion does not erase accountability. It makes accountability more usable. People learn and change more effectively when they are not being crushed by their own inner voice.

Pause and Notice

confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

What do I make my worth depend on?

How do I speak to myself when I struggle?

Worksheet 2: Patterns and Triggers

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Chapter 10

Restore: Rest and Regulation

Theme: rest, pacing, permission, nervous system repair

Michelle's Reflection Rest is not a reward you earn only after depletion. It is part of how human systems stay workable. Many people need to practice receiving rest before rest feels restful.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Differentiate collapse from restoration. (cid:127) Build a realistic rest menu. (cid:127) Create short regulation rituals for transitions.

Educational Foundation

Regulation can include breath, stillness, movement, sound, quiet, warm drinks, stretching, support, routine, and reduced demand. Rest may be physical, mental, emotional, social, or sensory. A person can be physically still and still not be resting if their system remains braced.

Learning to restore means noticing what actually helps rather than what sounds healthy in theory. It also means noticing when guilt, fear, or pressure try to interrupt repair before it begins.

Pause and Notice

confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

What kind of rest am I missing most? _____

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Chapter 11

Restore: Joy, Pleasure, and Safe Softness

Theme: joy, pleasure, receiving, hope

Michelle's Reflection For some people, joy does not feel easy. It can feel suspicious, temporary, or undeserved. Reconnecting with pleasure does not have to be dramatic. It can be quiet, ordinary, and still deeply healing.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Notice pleasure without rushing past it. (cid:127) Create a safe-softness list. (cid:127) Practice receiving small good moments.

Educational Foundation

Pleasure might include warmth, sunlight, creativity, music, a favorite mug, a good laugh, soft clothing, beautiful language, or a moment of relief. In a stressed system, positive experiences may pass by without registering. Gentle attention helps the body learn that some moments can be safe enough to receive.

Joy is not denial. It can coexist with grief, responsibility, and reality. In fact, allowing moments of joy may help increase capacity for hard things.

Pause and Notice

confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

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Chapter 12

Restore: Values and a Life That Fits

Theme: values, alignment, meaning, direction

Michelle's Reflection Healing is not only about reducing pain. It is also about building a life that fits your values more honestly.

Values can help when certainty is unavailable.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Identify personal values. (cid:127) Notice value conflicts and drift. (cid:127) Choose one aligned action step.

Educational Foundation

Values are not goals you either achieve or fail. They are directions you can move toward repeatedly. Knowing your values can help you decide where to place time, energy, boundaries, and courage.

When people have lived in survival mode for a long time, values can get buried under urgency.

Reconnecting

with meaning helps recovery become more than symptom management. It helps you ask what kind of life you want to keep tending.

Pause and Notice

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Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

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Chapter 13

Rooted at Work: Burnout Prevention

Theme: burnout, work stress, sustainability

Michelle's Reflection Burnout prevention is not just an individual task, and it is not solved by a single self-care list. Still, personal awareness and daily support practices can matter. This chapter is here to help you notice earlier, respond earlier, and stop waiting until you are already emptied out.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Identify early burnout signs. (cid:127) Create a before-work and after-work reset. (cid:127) Name one boundary or support request related to work.

Educational Foundation

Burnout may show up as dread, cynicism, overfunctioning, numbness, sleep changes, irritability, exhaustion, reduced concentration, loss of joy, or a feeling that every day begins with recovery already needed.

Sometimes people look competent while their inner world is collapsing under chronic demand.

A Root, Rise, and Restore approach to burnout asks: What are the signs? What supportive shift is possible?

What would real restoration require? It invites people to build a repeatable rhythm rather than only reacting after overload.

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- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

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Chapter 14

Sunday Scaries and the Week Ahead

Theme: anticipatory stress, transitions, week-start support

Michelle's Reflection The body can begin bracing long before Monday arrives. Sunday dread deserves care, not ridicule. It often points to a nervous system that has learned to associate the coming week with pressure, uncertainty, or exhaustion.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Create a Sunday reset ritual. (cid:127) Differentiate planning from spiraling. (cid:127) Choose one rooted start for Monday morning.

Educational Foundation

Anticipatory stress can show up as irritability, procrastination, checking out, doom scrolling, trouble sleeping, stomach tension, or racing thoughts about the week ahead. A supportive Sunday practice can reduce the shock of transition and help the week begin from a more human pace.

The goal is not to over-plan your way out of dread. The goal is to create enough orientation, support, and softness that Monday does not feel like a cliff edge.

Pause and Notice

confusion, or something else.

Worksheet 1: Personal Check-In

- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

What do I fear most about the coming week? _____

What is one thing I can prepare without overcontrolling? _____

Worksheet 2: Patterns and Triggers

What would help me interrupt that pattern sooner?

Worksheet 3: Skill Practice

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Chapter 15

- Keep Tending the Soil

Theme: integration, relapse prevention, sustainable practice

Michelle's Reflection Healing rarely moves in a straight line. Returning to the same lesson does not mean you failed. It often means you are human and life keeps changing. This last chapter is about creating ways to return without shame.

What this chapter can help you do (cid:127) Create a realistic maintenance plan. (cid:127) Know what to do on hard days instead of starting from zero. (cid:127) Reconnect with the framework without perfectionism.

Educational Foundation

Sustainable growth usually depends on repetition, flexibility, and self-respect. People often do not need more pressure; they need a structure that is kind enough to survive difficult weeks. A good practice plan should still make sense when energy is low, motivation disappears, or life gets loud again.

Integration means carrying a few things forward on purpose. It is choosing what belongs in your morning, your hard moments, your work life, your relationships, and your restoration. It is remembering that tending the soil matters even when you cannot force the season.

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- Use this page to tell the truth about the moment.

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Appendices

The pages in this section are meant to be copied, revisited, or printed as often as needed. Repetition can be part of healing.

Daily Root, Rise, Restore Tracker - Copy 1

Daily Root, Rise, Restore Tracker

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What one supportive action will I practice today? _____

Burnout Warning Signs Map - Copy 1

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What can I prepare without spiraling?

What would help Monday feel more rooted?

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_____ Coping Plan for Hard Days - Copy 1 Coping Plan for Hard Days

What helps me feel one percent safer or steadier on a hard day? _____

Who can I contact when I need support, grounding, or a reminder to slow down? _____

_____ What can I do before the day gets harder to carry?

Coping Plan for Hard Days - Copy 2 Coping Plan for Hard Days

What can I do before the day gets harder to carry?

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Coloring Page: Butterfly Garden

Printable therapeutic art page for calm coloring, grounding, and reflection.

Coloring Page: Butterfly Garden

Breathe in softness. Breathe out pressure.

Coloring Page: Dragonfly Pond

Coloring Page: Dragonfly Pond

Stillness and movement can both belong here.

Coloring Page: Rooted Tree

Coloring Page: Rooted Tree

- I can stay rooted and still keep growing.

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