HOLLY STREET MYSTERIES

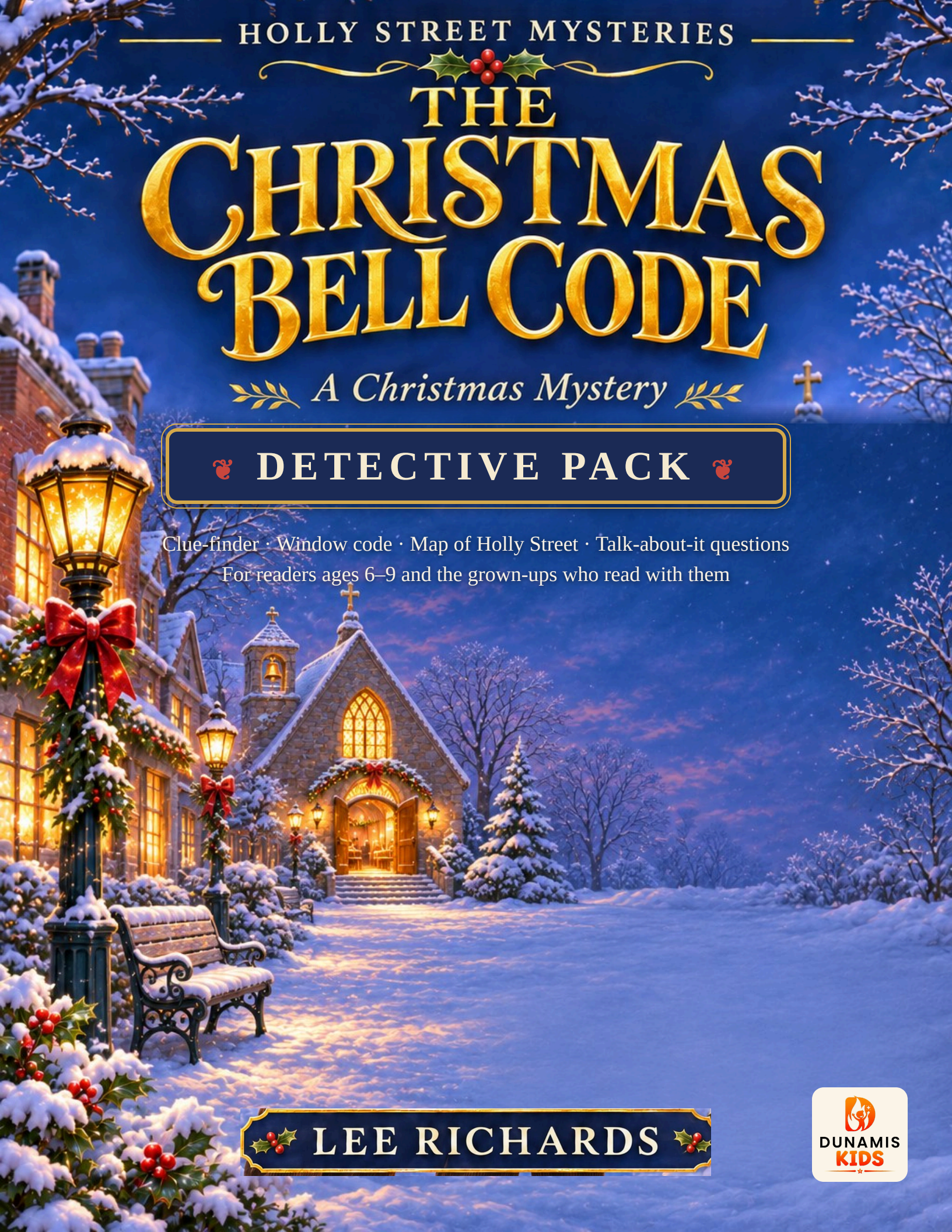
THE CHRISTMAS BELL CODE

A Christmas Mystery

DETECTIVE PACK

Clue-finder · Window code · Map of Holly Street · Talk-about-it questions

For readers ages 6–9 and the grown-ups who read with them



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CLUE-FINDER

Where did they find it?

Eli and Marisol followed a trail of clues all over Holly Street. Write the letter of the place next to each clue.

1	A brass key with a ribbon that says *Welcome*	☐
2	A photograph of five children holding lanterns	☐
3	A folded note: *When the bell is quiet, follow the light*	☐
4	A map of Holly Street with a rhyme	☐
5	A tin box with paper stars and a list of names	☐
6	A short blue thread	☐
7	The other half of the postcard	☐
8	A brass lantern beside a small tin box	☐

A In the snow beneath the chapel's rain channel

B Under a painted star in the old school auditorium

C In the library's Holly Street History box

D On the doorframe of the community hall

E In the floor beneath the chapel's star window

F In a drawer at Vale's Clock and Key

G Under a loose board on the community hall stage

H Slipped out of an old church bulletin

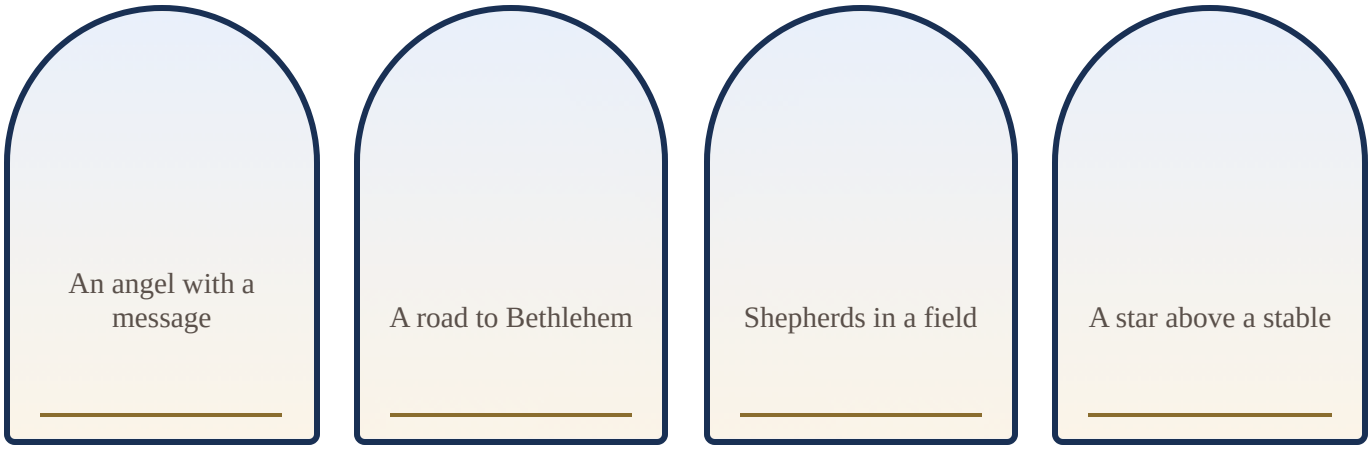
Answers: 1-A · 2-C · 3-H · 4-E · 5-G · 6-D · 7-F · 8-B

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CRACK THE WINDOW CODE

Four windows, four words

Each stained-glass window in St. Alden's Chapel had a brass plaque underneath. Can you remember the word on each one? Write it on the line.



MY WELCOME LANTERN

The Welcome Walk children carried lanterns so new families could find their way. Draw your own lantern. Then write the name of someone who might feel new or left out, and one kind thing you could do for them tomorrow.

Draw your lantern here

Someone I can make room for:

One kind thing I can do tomorrow:

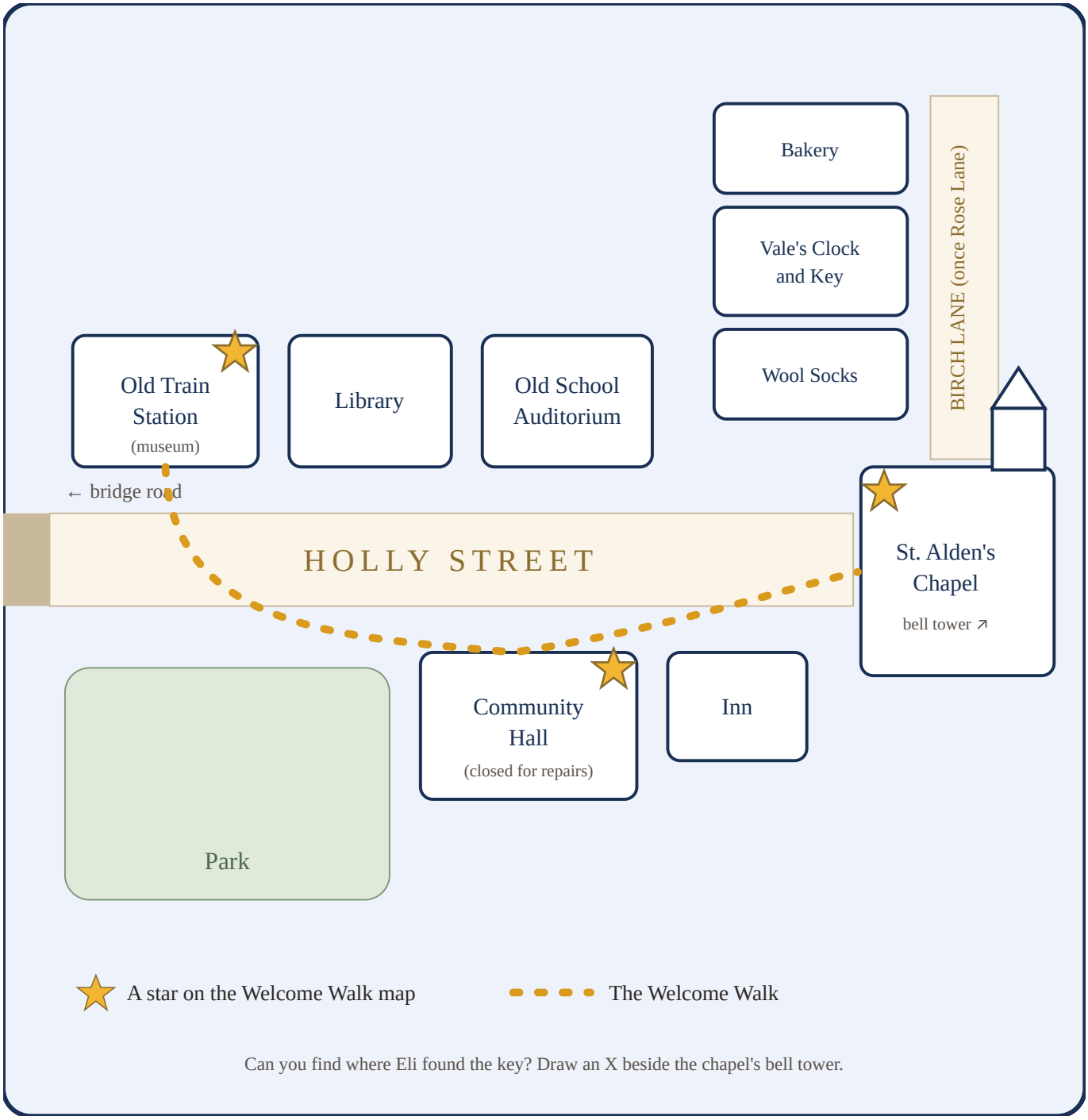
Window words: First light · Make room · Listen · Lead the way

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MAP OF HOLLY STREET

Follow the Welcome Walk

The stars mark the places on the Welcome Walk map. The dotted line is the walk families took, from the train station to the chapel.



Can you find where Eli found the key? Draw an X beside the chapel's bell tower.

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FOR GROWN-UPS AND KIDS TOGETHER

Talk about it



1. When Eli first found the key, he said, "Just a bottle cap." Why do you think he didn't show it right away? What did he do later?
2. Which clue would you have noticed first? Why?
3. Mrs. Vale was sad she never came back to finish the Welcome Walk. How did Eli and Marisol help her?
4. "There is room there," Mrs. Naomi said. Who made room for Mara's family? What did each person bring?
5. Eli wanted to keep the lantern, but he gave it to Mrs. Vale to carry. Why do you think he did that?
6. Mrs. Naomi said Christmas began because God came near to us in Jesus. How can making room for someone else remind us of how God welcomes us?
7. Who might feel new at your school, church or on your street? What could you do tomorrow?

> Read one chapter a night and ask one question. Let your child guess what happens next before you turn the page. Watch for Eli and Marisol's next case — coming soon.

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