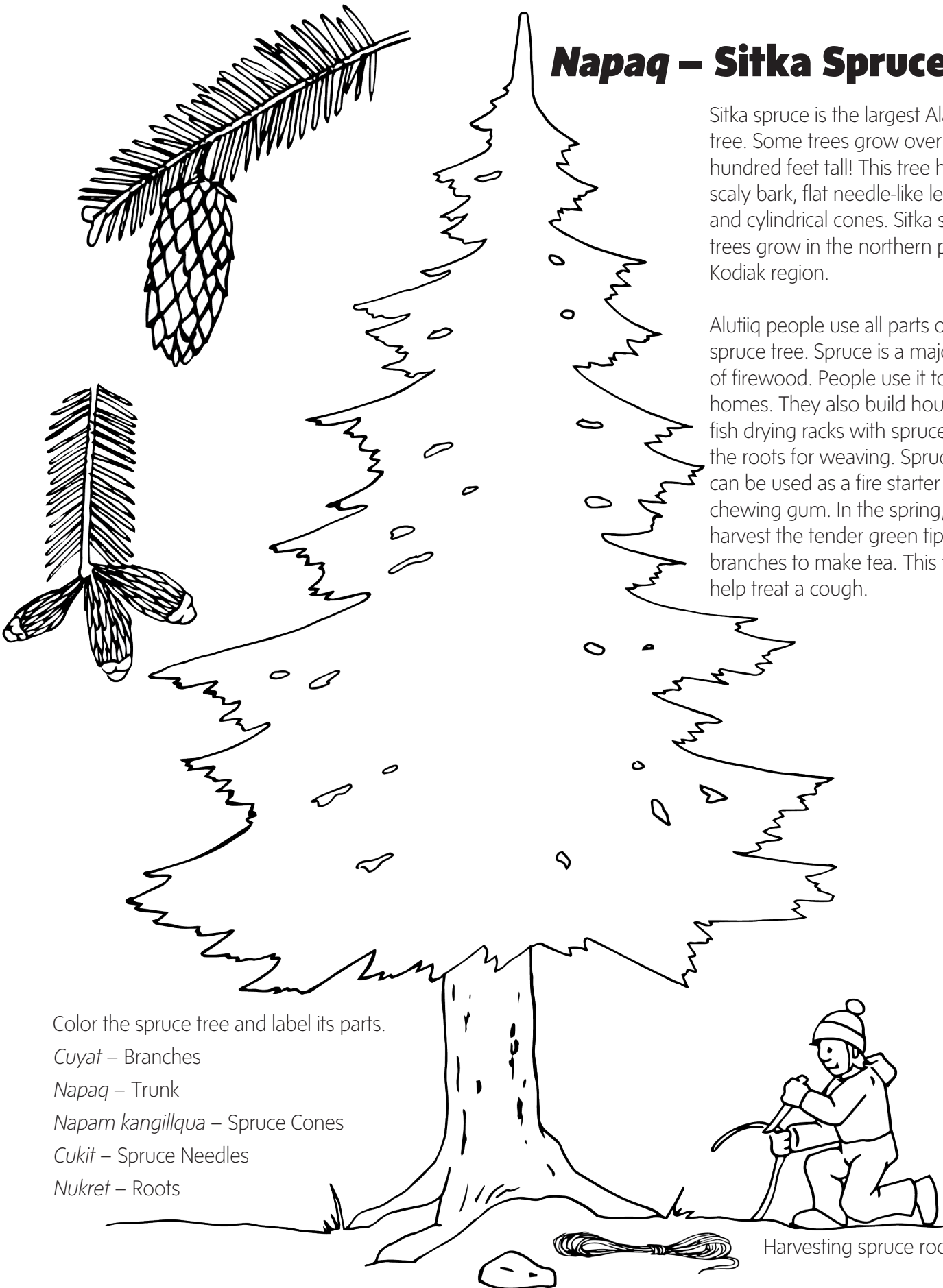


Napaq – Sitka Spruce Tree

Sitka spruce is the largest Alaskan tree. Some trees grow over two hundred feet tall! This tree has brown scaly bark, flat needle-like leaves, and cylindrical cones. Sitka spruce trees grow in the northern part of the Kodiak region.

Alutiiq people use all parts of the spruce tree. Spruce is a major source of firewood. People use it to heat their homes. They also build houses and fish drying racks with spruce and use the roots for weaving. Spruce pitch can be used as a fire starter and as chewing gum. In the spring, people harvest the tender green tip of spruce branches to make tea. This tea can help treat a cough.



Color the spruce tree and label its parts.

Cuyat – Branches

Napaq – Trunk

Napam kangillqua – Spruce Cones

Cukit – Spruce Needles

Nukret – Roots

Harvesting spruce roots.