



Jane Goodall's  
**Roots & Shoots**  
USA

Roots & Shoots supports, connects and celebrates young people taking action in their communities to help people, other animals and the environment.



## ACTIVITY: TREE OF HOPE

### Visualizing the support structure that holds up your hopes and dreams.

In this activity, you will draw a tree to show the root structures that support you, such as the people, things, and experiences that provide a foundation in your life. The tree limbs (or “shoots”) will represent the hopes and dreams you in your life. Start imagining your tree now...and keep it in mind as you read on.

#### Time Requirement:

Approximately 40 minutes

#### Materials:

- Paper
- Pen or pencil
- Optional: colored pencils, markers, or crayons

### 1. What's in a name?

Have you ever wondered where the name **Roots & Shoots** comes from?



#### R&S VIDEO

Dr. Jane explains the [origins of the name "Roots & Shoots."](#)

“Roots creep underground to make a firm foundation. Shoots seem new and small, but to reach the light they can break through brick walls.”

—DR. JANE GOODALL



### 2. Meet Dr. Jane and her Tree of Hope

Even as a baby, Jane Goodall loved animals. She was determined to study them in the wild and write books about them. She worked hard, saved up money and at age 26, thanks to her mentor Dr. Louis Leakey, she arrived in Tanzania to study wild chimpanzees. Jane was the first person to discover that chimpanzees, our closest living relatives, have personalities, compassion, intelligence, and can make and use tools like humans!

Over time, Jane realized there were many problems facing chimpanzees, humans, and the natural world. She decided to leave the forest and become an activist. She often traveled 300 days a year, inspiring others to do take action.

