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**The Wish Tree**

 A family went on a trip. They went to Mr. Green’s farm near Springfield. There is a very old oak tree on the farm. It is called “The Wish Tree.”

The tree’s branches twist tightly together. Its tall trunk towers high in the sky. Its leaves shine in the summer sun.

You sit next to the tree, close your eyes, and make a wish. Then you throw a dime near the tree. Mr. Green says your wish will come true.

 Manuel and his sister Rosa sat next to the tree. They closed their eyes and threw their dimes next to the tree.

 Manuel wished for a baseball bat. Rosa wanted a pair of Rollerblades. Manuel didn’t get a bat for his birthday. Instead he got a book and new shoes. He said he thought the tree was deaf and couldn’t hear him. He wanted his dime back. But Rosa smiled when she saw her gift. She got a new pair of fast Rollerblades.

1. Underline two groups of words in the poem that show alliteration.

1. How does this alliteration help you picture the tree?

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