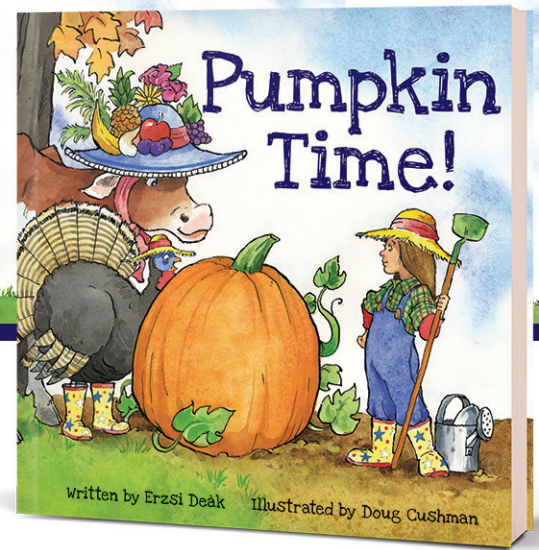




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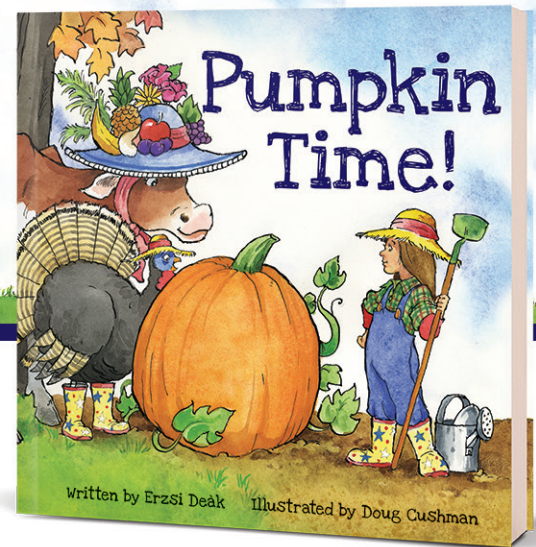
## Story Time Read-Aloud

1. Invite everyone to sit on the floor.
2. Read through the story once, uninterrupted.
3. After reading the story in its entirety, start again at the beginning and pause at the following pages for discussion.
4. On each page, Evy is busy doing something while all sorts of crazy things happen around her. Whenever the book asks, "What was Evy doing?" discuss as a group to figure it out! (Answers also provided in the back of the book.)
  - Pages 4-5: Carrying a bag of soil
  - Pages 6-7: Hoeing the dirt
  - Pages 8-9: Weeding
  - Pages 10-11: Tying up bean plants
  - Pages 12-13: Stuffing her scarecrow
  - Pages 14-15: Herding snails
  - Pages 16-17: Transferring a sack of mulch
  - Pages 18-19: Measuring her pumpkin
  - Pages 20-21: Hauling grape juice
  - Pages 22-23: Harvesting
  - Pages 24-25: Checking the oven
5. Before you turn to page 26, pause and ask the group if anyone can guess why Evy was doing all of those things. What was she making? For what purpose?
6. If anyone guesses correctly, give them a prize! We suggest a mini pumpkin, a packet of seeds, or a copy of *Pumpkin Time!*



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## Tasty Take-Home Recipes

Take these yummy recipes home to try with a parent or adult!

### Evy's Tasty Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

1. Clean the seeds: Remove seeds from the pumpkin pulp, removing all signs of pumpkin, and rinse seeds under cold water in a colander or strainer.
2. Boil the seeds: In a medium saucepan, bring the water to a boil. Add a bit of salt and simmer the seeds for 10 minutes.
3. Toast the seeds: Pat the seeds dry with a paper towel and spread the seeds evenly onto a baking sheet. Drizzle the seeds with extra virgin olive oil and liberally sprinkle with sea salt or other seasoning of your choosing. Roast in the oven at 325°F for 10–15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

### Pumpkin Pudding

(4 servings) [www.kidactivities.net/post/easy-pumpkin-recipes-and-snacks.aspx](http://www.kidactivities.net/post/easy-pumpkin-recipes-and-snacks.aspx)

#### what You'll Need:

- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 pkg. (4-serving size) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1¼ cups skim or 1% milk

1. Mix all ingredients together.
2. Place in individual bowls and chill until set.
3. Serve cold and enjoy!



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### Create a Garden Feast Together!

#### What You'll Need:

a large sheet of blank paper and coloring materials

**Step 1:** Explain to the group that they will be drawing their own imaginary garden for a feast.

**Step 2:** Begin the story: "Evy needs some help with her garden for next year's feast, and she's asked us to give her some ideas of what to plant."

**Step 3:** Pick a child to fill in the blank: "I think Evy should plant \_\_\_\_\_ in her garden!" Then have the child go up to the sheet of paper and draw that item.

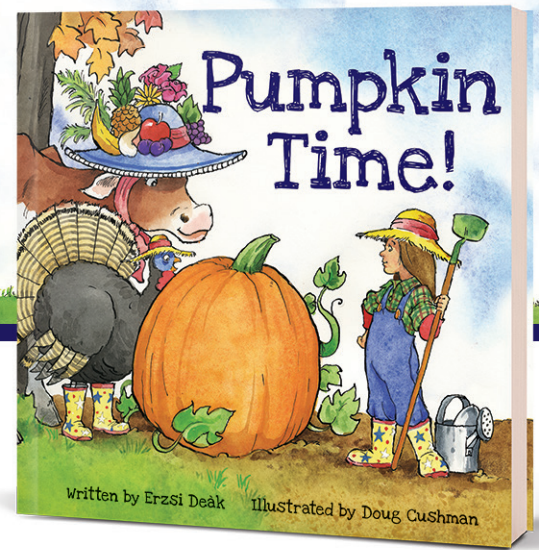
**Step 4:** Proceed to the next child and repeat until everyone has had a turn.

**Step 5:** Read off all of the things everyone has chosen to plant. As you're reading, encourage the children to brainstorm what dishes they could make with the plants they chose!



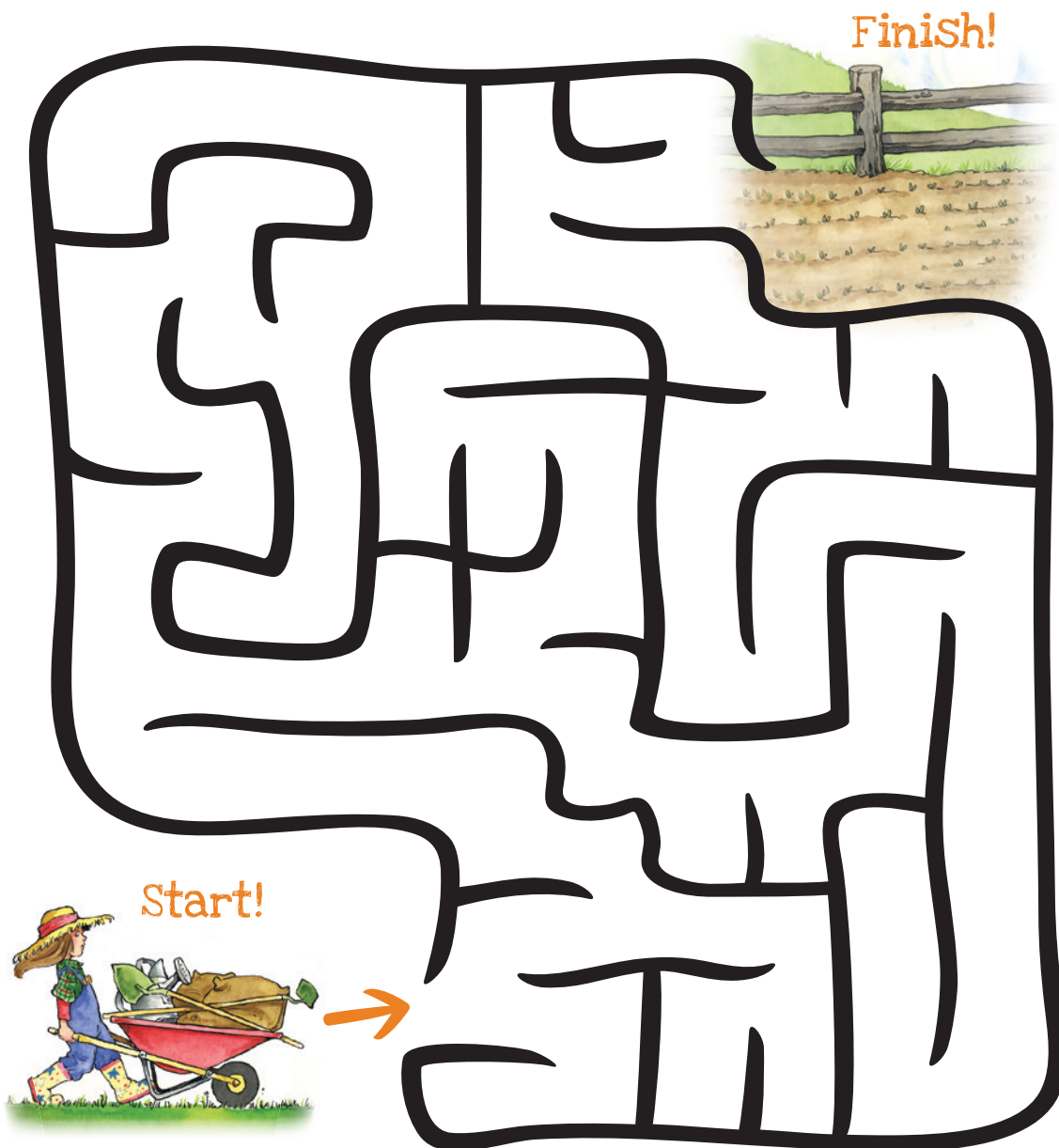
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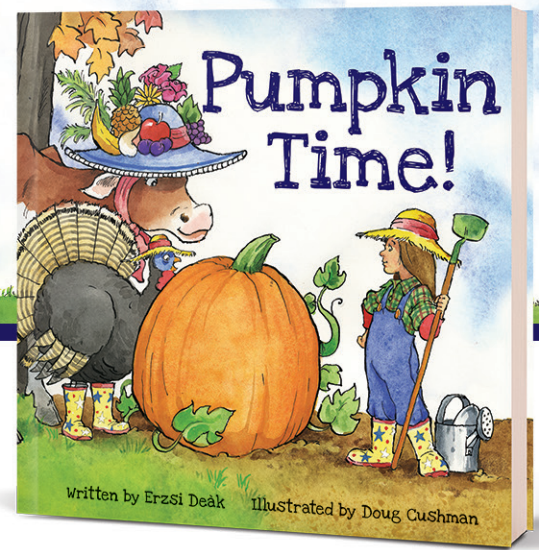
### Follow the Maze

Help Evy get her gardening tools to the garden!



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## Gardening Boot Design Contest

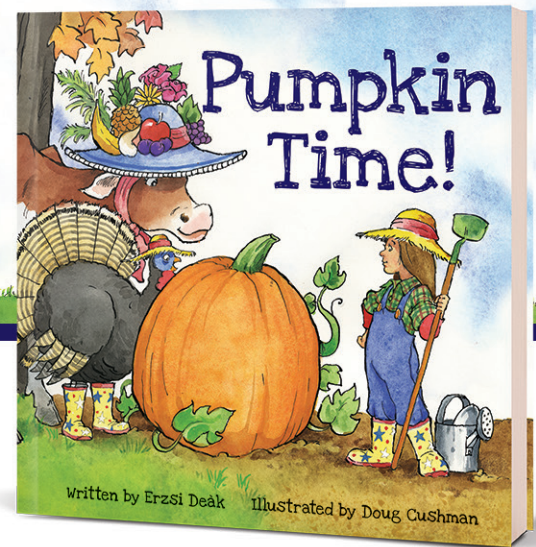
Evy wears very colorful boots while she's working in her garden. Imagine what you would want your gardening boots to look like, and show your design in the boot below!





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## Decorate Your Own Seed Packet!

### What You'll Need:

Jack Be Little pumpkin seeds (4–6 per child), copies of the seed packet template ([see next page](#)) for each child, scissors, glue, Scotch tape, and coloring/decorating materials

Print out and give a copy of the seed packet template to each child. Provide them with coloring/decorating materials, and encourage them to be as colorful and creative as they can be while decorating their packets!

Once all of the seed packets have been decorated, demonstrate how to cut out the seed packet and fold it together. Once the packets are cut out and folded, show the children how to glue the two sides together. Be sure to leave the top flap unglued so you can tape it to make it resealable later! Once the seed packets are assembled, give each child 4–6 Jack Be Little pumpkin seeds to fill them. Encourage them to take the seeds home and plant them by following the instructions below!

### Planting Instructions:

1. Choose a spot for your seeds. Jack Be Little pumpkins need full sun; rich, well-drained soil; and about 4 feet to grow. Be sure to only plant the seeds 2–3 weeks after the last frost! (Soil should be at least 70°F.)
2. Once you have chosen a suitable spot, plant 4–6 Jack Be Little seeds 1 inch deep in the middle of a small mound.
3. When the plants are 2–3 inches tall, remove all but 2–3 of the healthiest plants.
4. Keep the soil moist by watering moderately, but try to avoid getting the leaves wet.
5. Each plant will produce 8–10 miniature pumpkins, and will be ready to harvest around 95 days after planting!



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## Seed Packet Template

Do not glue this tab, use a strip of scotch tape to make re-sealable

Left panel is front of packet, right panel is back of packet.

Apply glue to the underside of these two tabs, fold and then adhere to the back of your packet.

