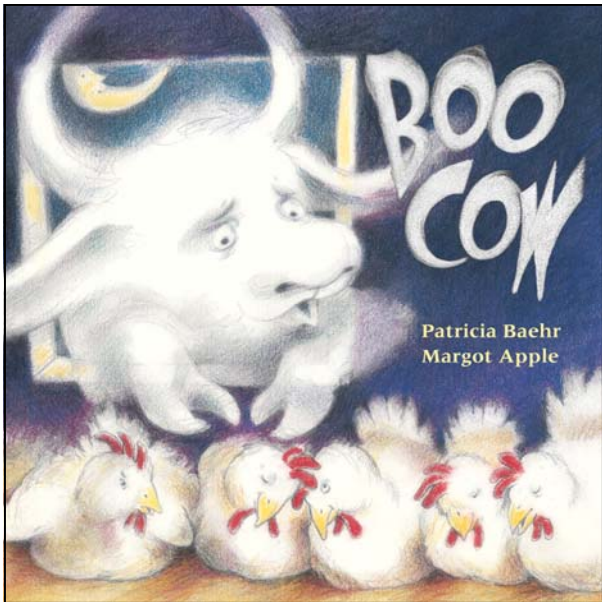


# BOO COW



## A Story-Hour Kit

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Every night at midnight Mr. and Mrs. Noodleman hear mysterious *Mooooooooos* on their farm. The eerie sound echoes through the chicken coop, and the hens don't lay any eggs. The novice farmers are at a loss; how can they banish the ghostly bovine visitor so their hens will lay eggs? Unexpected twists and turns keep readers guessing as they attempt to solve the mystery on the Noodlemans' farm.

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Ages 4-7

### Before reading *Boo Cow*:

Show the children the cover of the book. Ask them the following questions:

- What do you think this book is about?
- What kinds of animals are on the cover?
- Do you think the cow is scary?
- What does it look like the cow is doing?

### During the reading:

Have the children help out by asking them to make sound effects throughout.

They can . . .

- **Cluck** like a chicken
- **Thump** their feet slowly when Boo Cow enters the barn
- **Creak** when the chicken-yard gate opens
- **Clink-clunk!, ting-ting!** like the cow bell! (You might even bring along an actual bell to ring during the reading.)
- **Moooooooooooo!** like Boo Cow!
- **Ahhh!!!** Scream like Mr. and Mrs. Noodleman!

### After the reading:

Ask the children the following questions:

- Why didn't Mr. and Mrs. Noodleman like Boo Cow at first?
- What did Mr. and Mrs. Noodleman learn about Boo Cow?
- Have you ever been afraid of something or someone that you didn't know? What happened when you got to know them better?
- What lesson do the Noodlemans learn at the end of the story?

Throw a *Boo Cow* party! Read the rest of this story-hour guide to get great ideas and activities to share with your young readers.



# Ideas for a *Boo Cow* Party

## The Menu:

### Brown Cow Juice

Chocolate Milk! Add some marshmallows to make it a **Spotted Brown Cow**

### Chicken Feed

Start with crushed up granola and add raisins, small pretzels, maybe even some chocolate chips to whip up a quick and easy snack for those little chickens!

### Mooooooo Cream (Ice cream)

No party is complete without dessert. Have the children ask for it by giving their biggest, loudest “Mooooooo” possible!

## Make Your Own Scarecrow

The Noodlemans certainly needed some help scaring away Farmer Hackett. Make your own scarecrow to help guard the chickens on the Noodlemans’ farm.

### What You’ll Need:

4 popsicle sticks  
Scraps of fabric or felt  
Yarn  
Markers

Craft glue  
Scissors  
String  
Straw (optional)  
Magnet (optional)

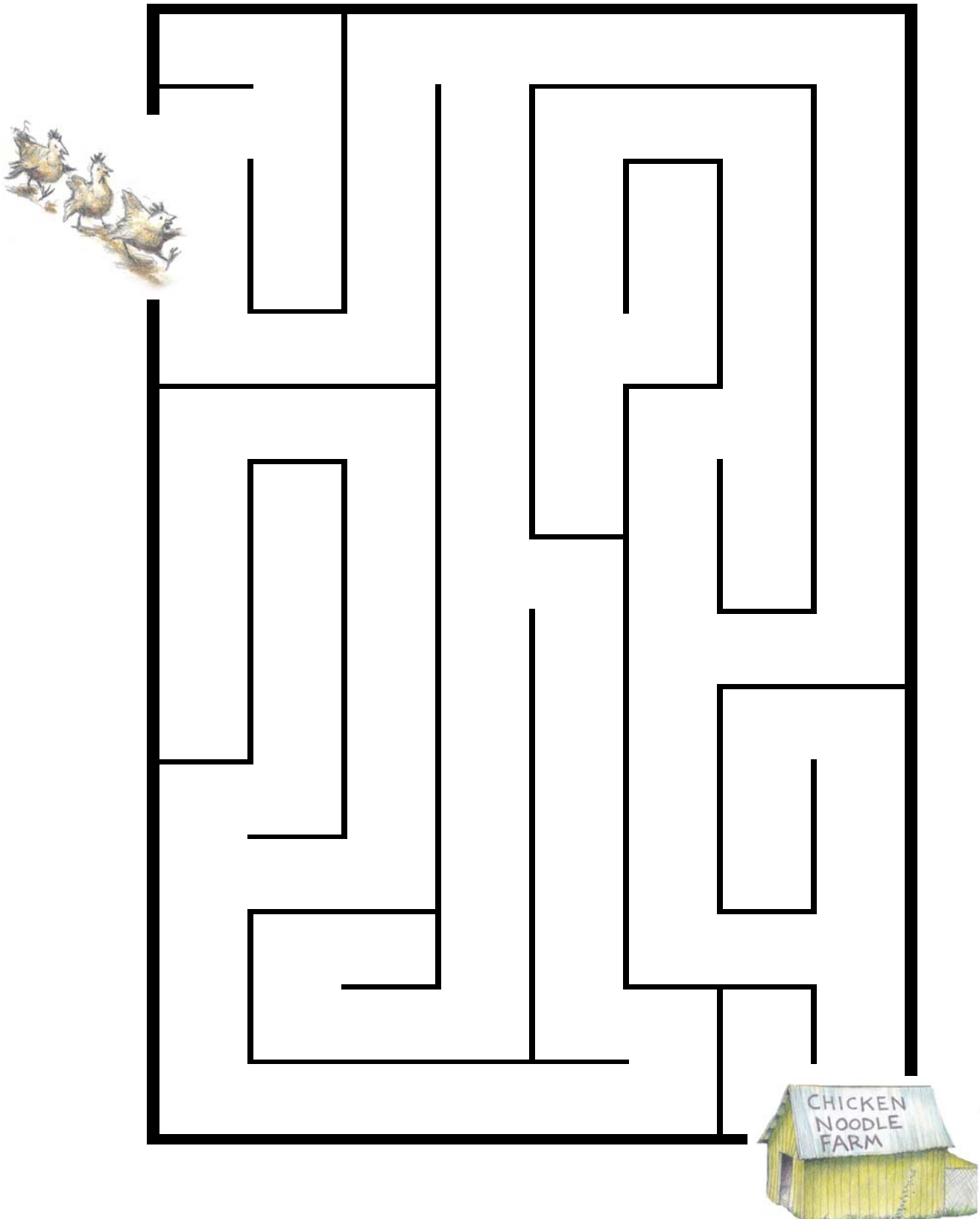
### Instructions:

- 1) Glue two popsicle sticks together to form a cross, or t-shape.
- 2) Cut the third popsicle stick in half and glue each half at an angle onto the bottom of the “T,” creating the scarecrow’s legs.
- 3) Cut some strips of yarn, approximately 1–2 inches long, and glue them onto the popsicle sticks where the hands and feet would be. You can also use straw for the hands and feet: attach small bunches of straw by tying them to the popsicle sticks with string.
- 4) Now it’s time to create an outfit for your scarecrow! Using your fabric scraps and/or pieces of felt, glue on a shirt and pants—and don’t forget the scarecrow’s hat! You can also add hair by gluing strips of yarn in place on the scarecrow’s head.
- 5) Using your markers, draw in the eyes, a nose, and a mouth. Glue another popsicle stick to the back of your scarecrow so that it can stand in your yard. Or make it into a decoration for your fridge by gluing a magnet on the back.



# Chickens on the Run!

Uh-oh! These chickens are lost! Can you help them find their way back to Chicken Noodle Farm?



# Farmer's Word Search

D M J I P H O Q  
O R E Z E G G S  
O A C F L C H H  
H R G R O F O E  
M E S O O R S W  
N P N B F I T N  
A B T A M E H I  
G N J R C N L G  
T P A N Q D I H  
X F I S P Q Q T

cow  
farm  
hen  
eggs

barn  
ghost  
friend  
night

