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A Story-Hour Kit

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Poor little gray bunny. He's the only one that does any work around the barn. From weaving the baskets to baking the cupcakes to caring for the flowers, the little gray bunny does it all. He gets no help from the turtle, who likes to hide all day long. The duck won't leave the tub, pool, or wherever there is water. And forget about the lamb—all she wants to do is eat hay!

Before reading *The Little Gray Bunny*:

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?
- What is duck doing?
- What do you notice about the eggs in the basket?



During the reading:

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

- **Baa** like a lamb after lamb speaks
- **Move their heads up and down** after turtle speaks
- **Quack** after duck speaks

After the reading:

Ask the children the following questions:

- Why did Little Gray Bunny give the other animals special eggs?
- Do you think it's fair that Little Gray Bunny did all the chores by himself?
- Do you think it's fair that Little Gray Bunny ate the treats all by himself?
- What kinds of chores do you do around your house?

Throw a Little Gray Bunny Party!



The Menu

Cupcakes and Jellybeans!



The Craft

Make Bunny Ears!

What you'll need:

- White poster board
- Pink construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue Sticks
- Stapler
- Easter stickers
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils



Do Ahead:

1. Cut strips of poster board about 2" wide by about 24" long.
2. Cut ears out of poster board each about 8 1/2" long x 3 1/2" wide.
3. Cut 2 smaller ears out of pink construction paper.

With the Children:

1. Have the children glue the pink ears inside the white ears.
2. Have the children glue the ears inside the band, positioning to fit **behind** the child's head.
3. Let the child decorate the head band with stickers, markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
4. Tape or staple the band to fit

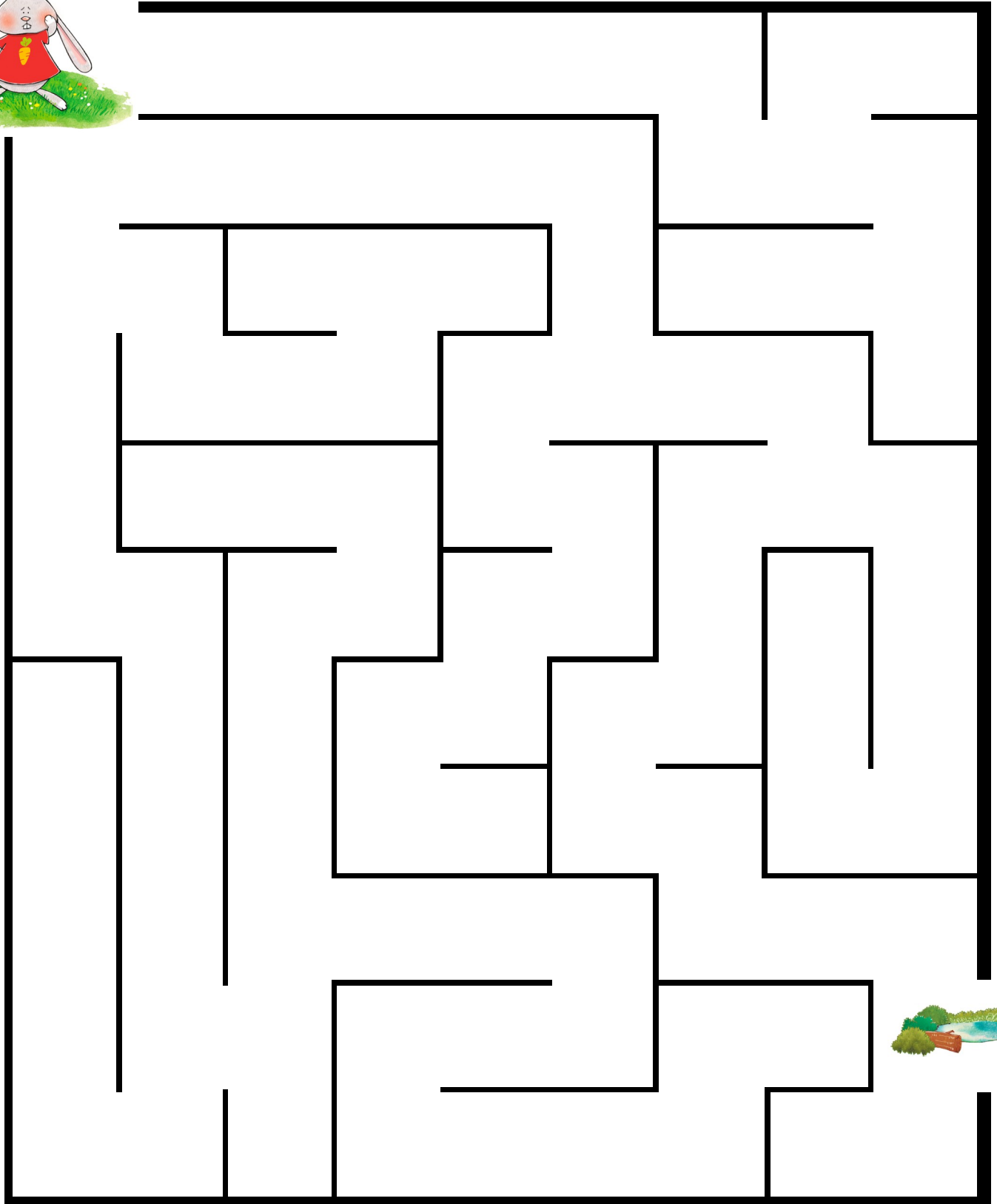


The Game

Play Bunny, Bunny, Rabbit!

Have children sit in a circle. One child is "it" and hops around the circle tapping each child on the head and saying, "bunny, bunny, bunny..." until he/she finally says, "RABBIT." Both children hop around the circle trying to reach the vacated spot first.

Help Little Gray Bunny find his way to the pond!



Little Gray Bunny's Word Search

U J L A M B N S
Z S T P Z B H W
E I E G G U Q N
V T B A R N M B
T W A G O N A Q
U M Y U P Y P D
R D H U V Z O R
T U K Z Q S N Z
L C C S W H D J
E K D C Y M M N



LAMB
DUCK
TURTLE
BUNNY

POND
EGG
BARN
WAGON

