

## Week 2- A New Twist on an Old Tale

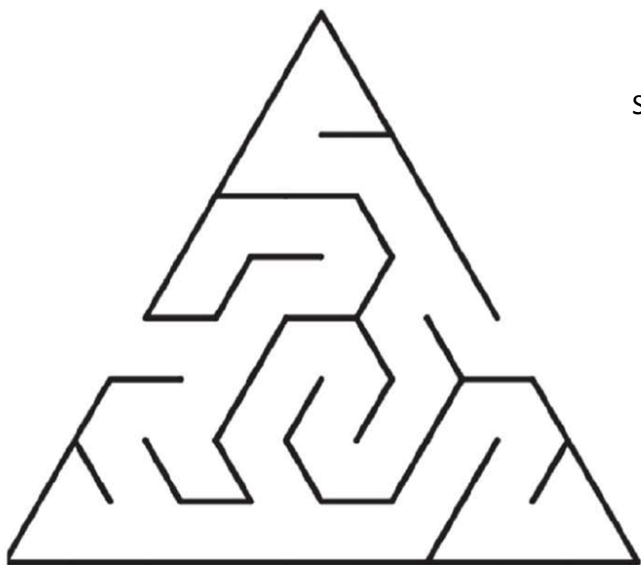
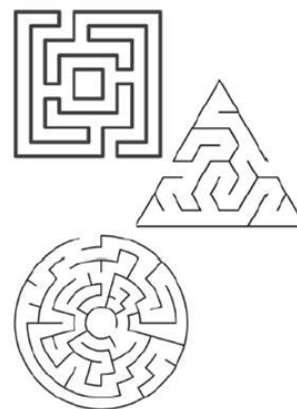
*This week we focus on two perennial favorites, Greek Mythology and Tall Tales. Use this packet to help your child develop a love of these two treasured categories of children's literature. Remember, if your child struggles with reading, anything you read to them will be beneficial to their brain development and to their ability to read.*

### **Build It: Labyrinth**

Prehistoric labyrinths were used to trap malevolent spirits or for religious rituals. In Greek mythology, Daedalus constructed an elaborate labyrinth for King Menos of Crete to hold the Minotaur, a half-man, half-bull. Daedalus almost got trapped in his own labyrinth (which was really more like a maze), but Ariadne provided him with thread that he used to wind his way back out again.

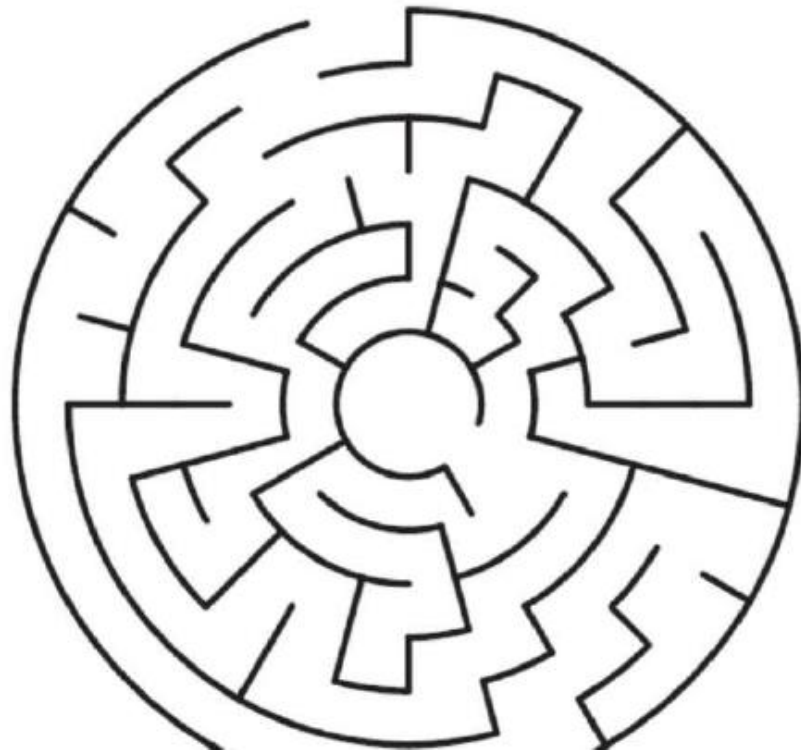
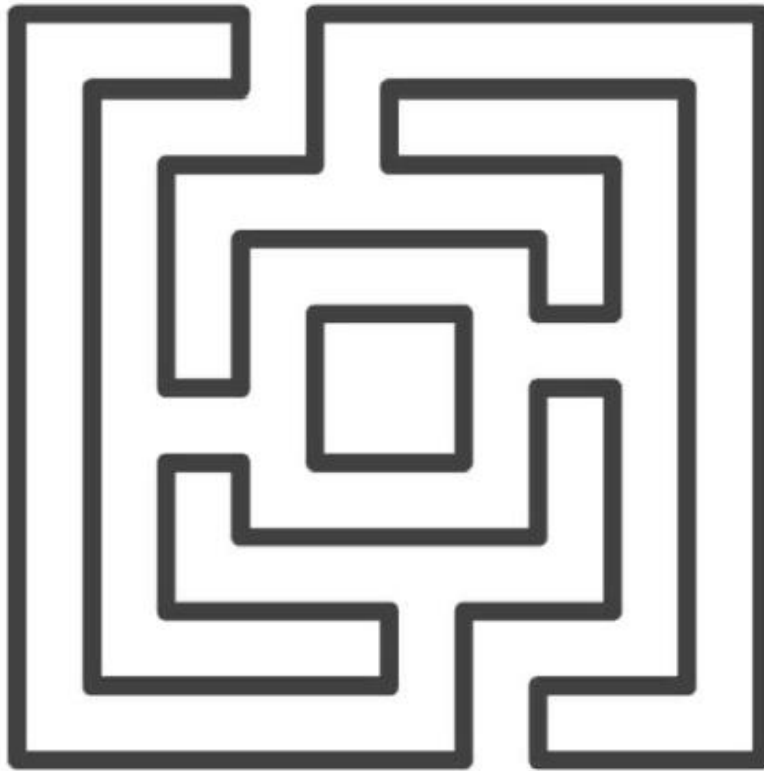
Do you know the difference between a maze and a labyrinth?  
A maze is a complex branching puzzle through which the solver must find a route. This is different from a labyrinth, which has a clear path and is not meant to be difficult to navigate. Labyrinths have only one exit and entry; mazes might have several.

Make your own labyrinth by gluing cut up straws to a paper plate. You could also use string or yarn instead of straws. You can design it like a maze, but remember that a labyrinth only has one exit. When your pieces are dry, try going through your labyrinth with a marble or small ball. If you're not sure what kind of a design you would like, there are samples attached.



Suggested Books available from the library:

- *The Battle of the Labyrinth* by Rick Riordan
- *5 Worlds: The Red Maze* by Mark Siegel
- *The Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan
- *Could You Escape the Paris Catacombs? An Interactive Survival Adventure* by Matt Doeden



(Hint: start from the middle and try to get out)

## Tall Tale Mad Lib

Once upon a time there was a \_\_\_\_\_ named \_\_\_\_\_  
*noun name*

who was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he could \_\_\_\_\_  
*adjective verb*

the \_\_\_\_\_. His favorite thing to do was \_\_\_\_\_  
*noun verb*

with the \_\_\_\_\_. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ named  
*noun animal*

\_\_\_\_\_ who was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it/he/she could  
*name adjective*

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
*favorite activity amount of time*

They liked to play together, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Whenever  
*game*

they played \_\_\_\_\_, the neighborhood  
*same game as before*

\_\_\_\_\_ would hide under their \_\_\_\_\_  
*profession piece of furniture*

One day while they were playing, they found a \_\_\_\_\_  
*mythical creature*

who was crying. Its \_\_\_\_\_ was stuck in a  
*body part*

\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't get loose.  
*noun same mythical creature as before*

So they and thought about what they could do to help. Finally, \_\_\_\_\_  
*same animal as before*

had an idea! "Let's \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_ onto its paw.  
*verb noun*

Book suggestions – these titles are available from the library:

- ✚ *Whoppers: Tall Tales and Other Lies* by Alvin Schwartz
- ✚ *American Tall Tales* by Mary Pope Osborne
- ✚ *The Whang Doodle: Folktales from the Carolinas* by Jean Cothran
- ✚ *John Henry* by Bill Balczak
- ✚ *Three Strong Women: A Tall Tale from Japan* by Claus Stamm
- ✚ *Grandfather Tales: American-English Folk Tales* by Richard Chase
- ✚ *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* by Virginia Hamilton

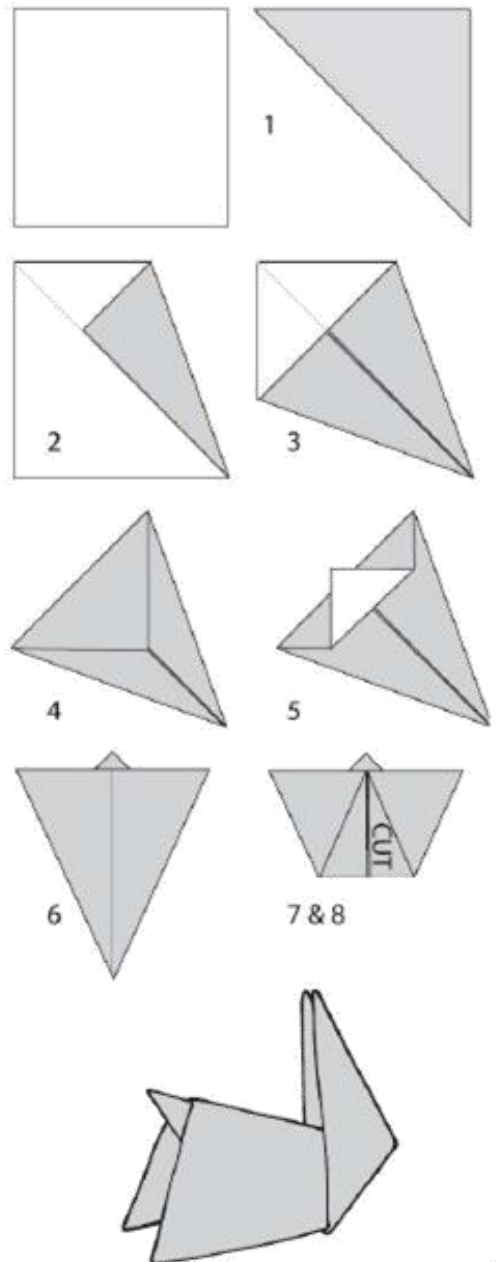
# Make an Origami Rabbit

## What you need:

- square piece of origami paper
- scissors

## What you do:

1. Start with a square of origami paper, pattern side facing down. Fold the paper on the diagonal as shown. Then unfold.
2. Take the right corner and fold it to the middle crease as shown.
3. Repeat on the left side, folding the left corner and fold it to the middle crease.
4. Take the top corner and fold it down.
5. Take the triangle-shaped flap and fold it partway back up. This makes the rabbit's tail.
6. Turn it over. The tail should be at the top.
7. Take the bottom corner and fold it part of the way back up as shown.
8. Cut the top flap from the tip to the fold. This makes the rabbit's ears.
9. Turn it to the side and fold it in half so that the ears are on the outside.
10. Refold the ears slightly so that the ears stick up.



Book suggestions - these titles are available from library:

- *Rabbit's Bad Habits* by Julian Gough
- *Zomo the Rabbit: A Trickster Tale from West Africa* by Gerald McDermott
- *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- *Flemish Giant Rabbit: The World's Biggest Bunny* by Leon Gray
- *Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present* by Charlotte Zolotow

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