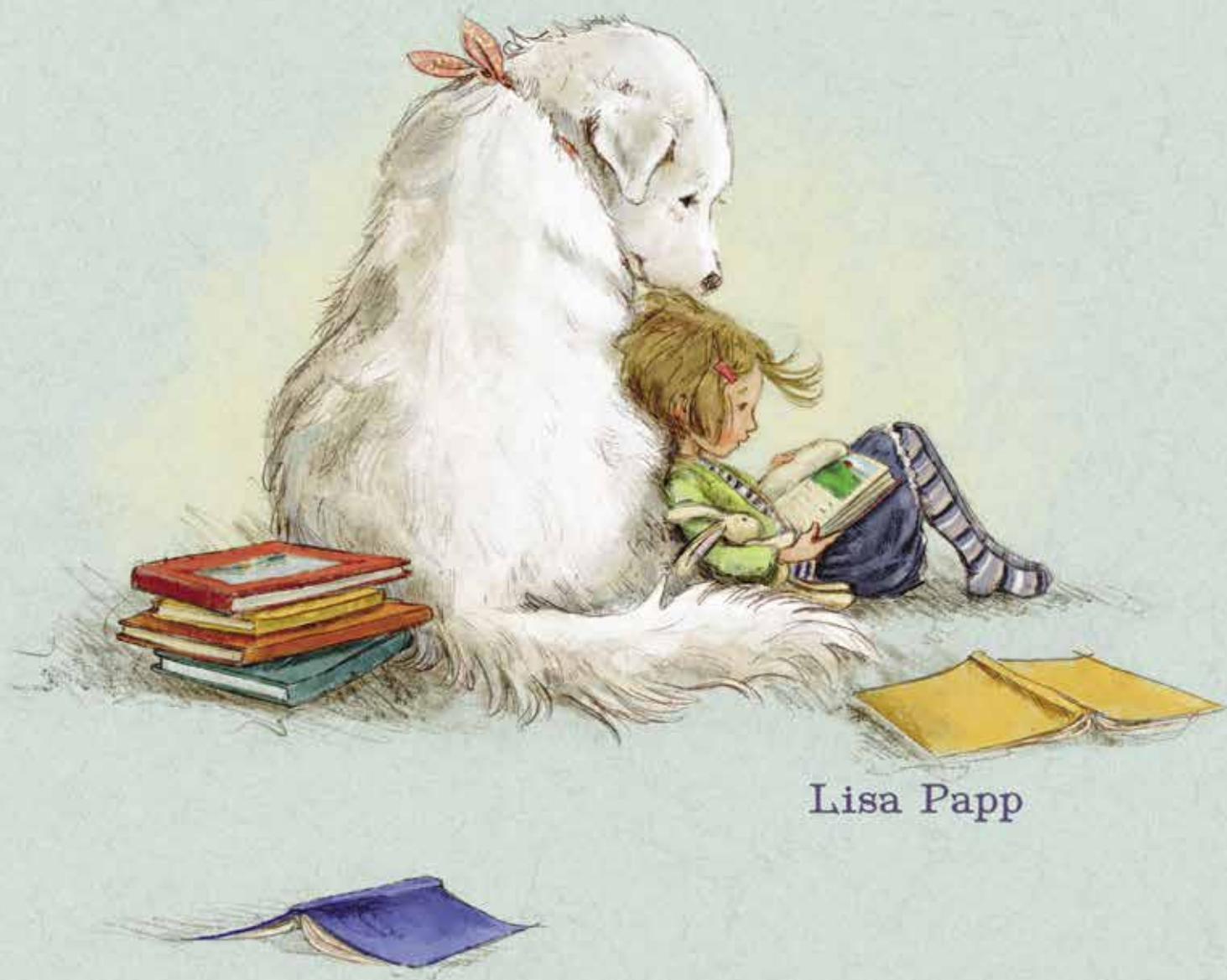


# Read On!

An activity kit for



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# Madeline Finn



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# Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

Young Madeline Finn is a struggling reader. No matter how hard she tries, she can't earn the gold star for a good day of reading aloud at school. But everything changes when she meets Bonnie, a big, fluffy dog at her library's "Read-to-Dogs" program. Bonnie is a good listener. She doesn't laugh when Madeline Finn reads slowly, or gets stuck on a word. Sometimes a good friend makes all the difference! And just maybe that gold star isn't out of reach after all.



# Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog

Madeline Finn wants a puppy all her own to love and care for. But when she visits the animal shelter, she sees that not all animals live the same way. "Do shelter animals get to play outside? Does anyone read to them? Does anyone tell them they love them?" Madeline Finn is determined to help the shelter dogs. But can she find a way to make each one feel special? With the help of some friends, and a few good books, she may discover that a small voice can make a big difference.

# Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog

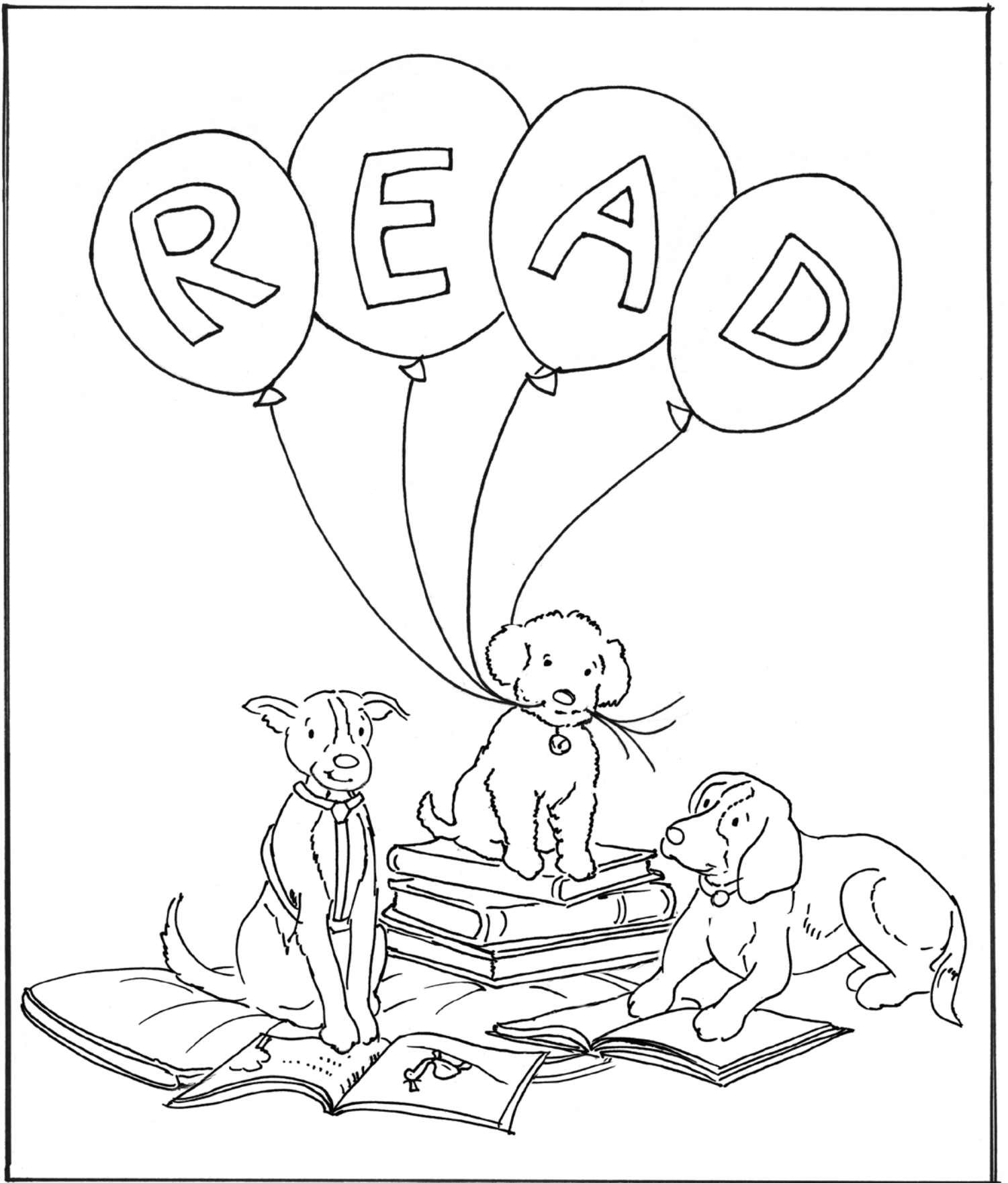
Madeline Finn's puppy, Star, is practicing to become a therapy dog, just like Bonnie. But when they visit the retirement home where Star will take his tests, Madeline Finn finds a new challenge - the man in the corner who never smiles. Madeline Finn must learn what the dogs already know . . . the magic of accepting someone exactly as they are. Just like Bonnie did for her.

## About Lisa Papp

Lisa Papp first discovered the "Read-to-Dogs" program at her local library and was inspired to create *Madeline Finn and the Library Dog*. When she learned that many of her library's therapy dogs were former shelter dogs, she shared their story in *Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog*, inspired by the real Mr. Chips, a former shelter dog who now spends his days helping children. And coming full circle, after Lisa joined her friend at a nursing home where his dog was being certified, she wrote *Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog*. Lisa lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, Robert, also an artist, and three wildly creative cats. To see more of her work visit, [www.lisapapp.com](http://www.lisapapp.com)



Color in the library dogs!







Madeline Finn loves to read  
to Bonnie and Star.



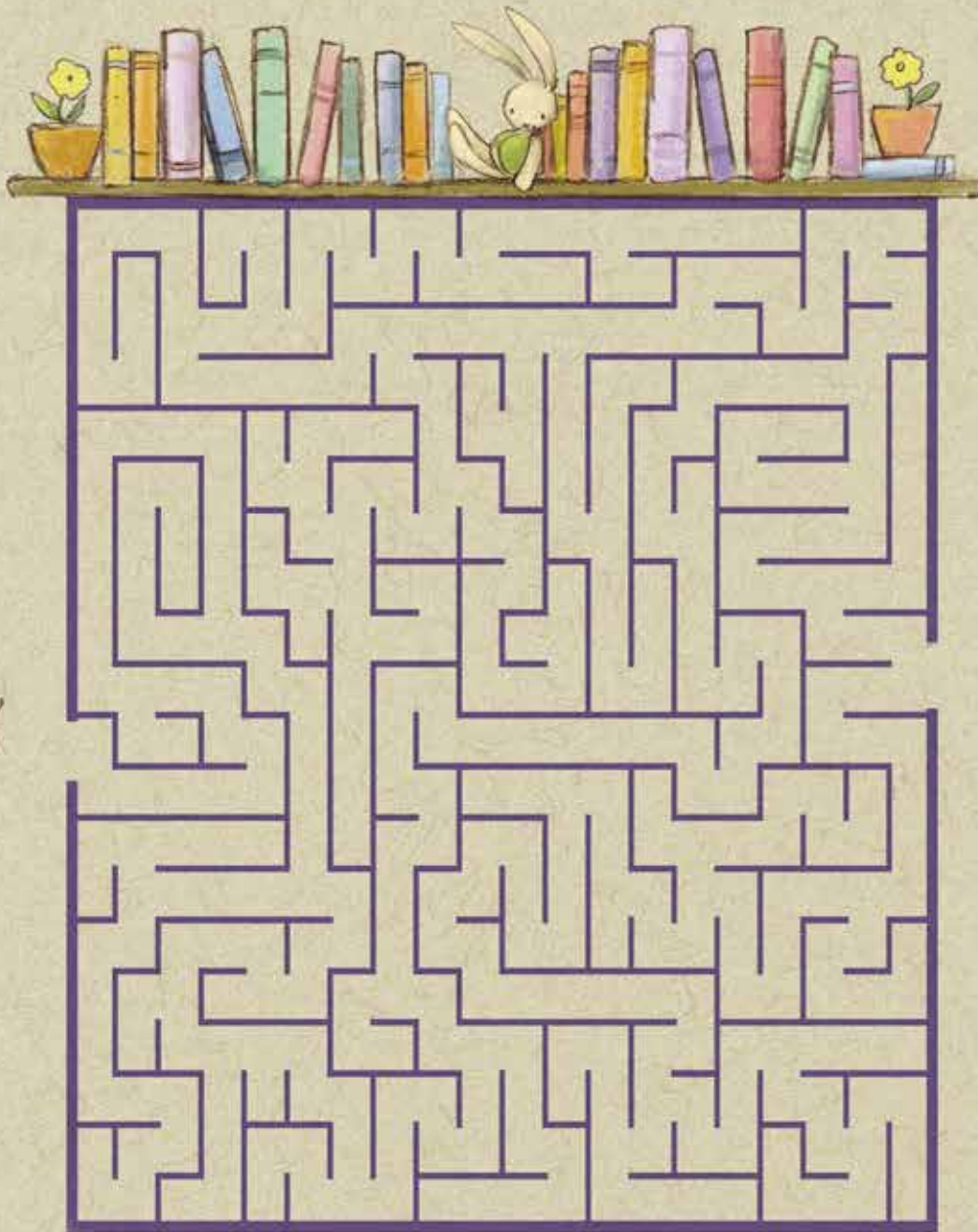
Draw a dog or other animal you would love to read a story to.



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Help Bonnie and  
Madeline Finn  
find each other.







## I love books

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## Word Scramble



Unscramble the secret letters  
to find out what Bonnie wants you to do!

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# Scavenger Hunt

Can you find these images in  
*Madeline Finn and the Library Dog?*

1. Fireflies
2. Squirrels
3. Ice Cream Cone
4. Dog in a Green Sweater
5. Umbrella
6. Bunny with a Carrot
7. Soccer Ball
8. Stuffed Koala Bear
9. A Real Bunny
10. Mushroom



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# Tell Bonnie and Star a story.



Once upon a time, there was a \_\_\_\_\_ .

More than anything else, he wanted \_\_\_\_\_ .

He tried \_\_\_\_\_ .

He tried \_\_\_\_\_ .

He even tried \_\_\_\_\_ .

But it never worked.

This made him feel \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .

Then, one day he (met) (found) \_\_\_\_\_ .

They worked together. They \_\_\_\_\_ ,

and they \_\_\_\_\_ . They even \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .

They were so happy! And from then on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .



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# About Therapy Dogs

Therapy dogs visit libraries, hospitals, and schools. They visit nursing homes, and court houses. Therapy dogs have even visited airports where they help passengers stay calm.

What is a therapy dog's job?

- to help people feel safe
- to let them know they're loved
- to remind them that they matter

To become a therapy dog, the dog and his handler must be certified. They must pass a series of tests. Good therapy dogs have a calm, gentle personality. They love to be petted. They are happy to lie down and hear a story. They must also be comfortable around other dogs since they are often working in groups.

Why not see if a therapy dog can visit your school or library? To learn more, visit [TherapyDogInfo.net](http://TherapyDogInfo.net).



## Reading to Shelter Dogs

Many humane societies and animal shelters give volunteers the opportunity to read to their shelter animals. Often, animals are afraid when they arrive at a shelter. But hearing a calm, gentle voice helps them relax. They learn that it's okay to come to the front of the cage and interact with people. This is very helpful on adoption day!

Benefits of reading to a shelter dog:

- the animals are soothed by kind, gentle voices
- the animals are learning to trust again
- they are more adoptable which means they find their "Forever Homes" sooner

Does your local animal shelter offer a "Read to the Animals" program? Why don't you find out?



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# What Can You Learn from a Therapy Dog?

## A Discussion Guide

\* How did Madeline Finn feel before reading to Bonnie?

\*How did she feel after?



\* How might this patient have felt before Bonnie's visit?

\*How do you think he feels now?

\* How might this woman have felt before Star's visit?

\*How do you think she feels now?



How can YOU make someone feel special?

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# What Kind of Dog Can Become a Therapy Dog?

## "Mr. Chips"

All kinds of dogs can make good therapy dogs—big dogs, small dogs, shelter dogs.

In *Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog*, you met Mr. Chips. He was adopted from a shelter by Peggy, a retired school librarian, and has been doing therapy work for 10 years! They make a wonderful team.



## "Boots"

You've seen Boots in all three books. She was abandoned outside of a shelter, but when Gloria adopted her, she knew right away that Boots was special. They have been doing therapy work together for 6 years.

**Fun Fact:** Boots gets a "munchkin" donut as a treat on her way home from the library!

## "Chloe"

This is Chloe. Chloe had three homes before finding her "Forever Home" when Bonnie adopted her. Chloe is 12 years old now and they have been doing therapy work together for almost 8 years.

**Fun Fact:** Chloe lives with two other therapy dogs, Frost and Mickey. Sometimes they come to the library all together to hear the kids read to them.



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Can you find these REAL therapy dogs in  
*Madeline Finn and the Library Dog?*



"Boots"



"Cookie"



"Chloe"



"Trevor"



"Bonnie"



"Rosie"



"Zowie"







# RECIPES

Ask an adult for help

## Doggie Treats (peanut butter doggie cookies)

- 2 cups flour (white or wheat, if your pup has no wheat allergies)
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 tbs. honey
- 1/2 tbs. fish oil
- 1-1/2 cups water



Mix the flour and oats in a large mixing bowl. Pour in 1 cup of water, and blend until smooth. Add in the peanut butter, honey, and fish oil. Mix until well blended.

Slowly add the remaining water until mixture has thick, doughy texture. Roll dough 1/4" thick on floured surface. Cut out with cookie cutters. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Cool completely before serving.

Recipe from Angela Colley as seen on [www.moneycrashers.com/homemade-dog-food-treat-recipes](http://www.moneycrashers.com/homemade-dog-food-treat-recipes)



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# RECIPES

Ask an adult for help

## Madeline Finn Star Cookies

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tbs. milk
- 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla



Sift first 4 ingredients together. In a separate bowl cream butter and sugar. Blend in egg, milk, and vanilla. Mix in dry ingredients. Chill in refrigerator for 2 hours. Roll dough 1/8" thick on floured board. Cut out with star-shaped cookie cutters. Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes. Decorate after the cookies are cool!

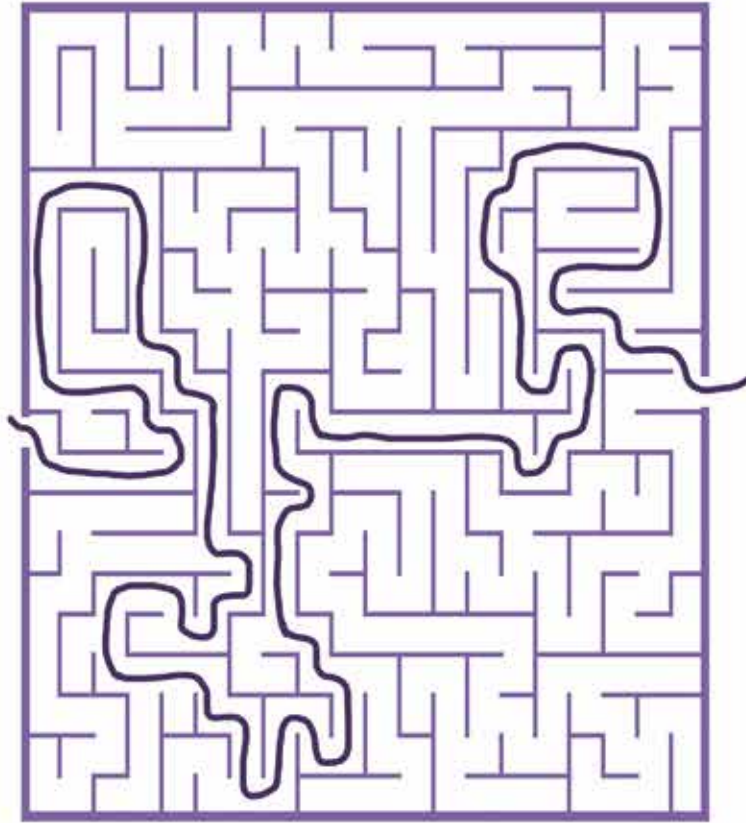


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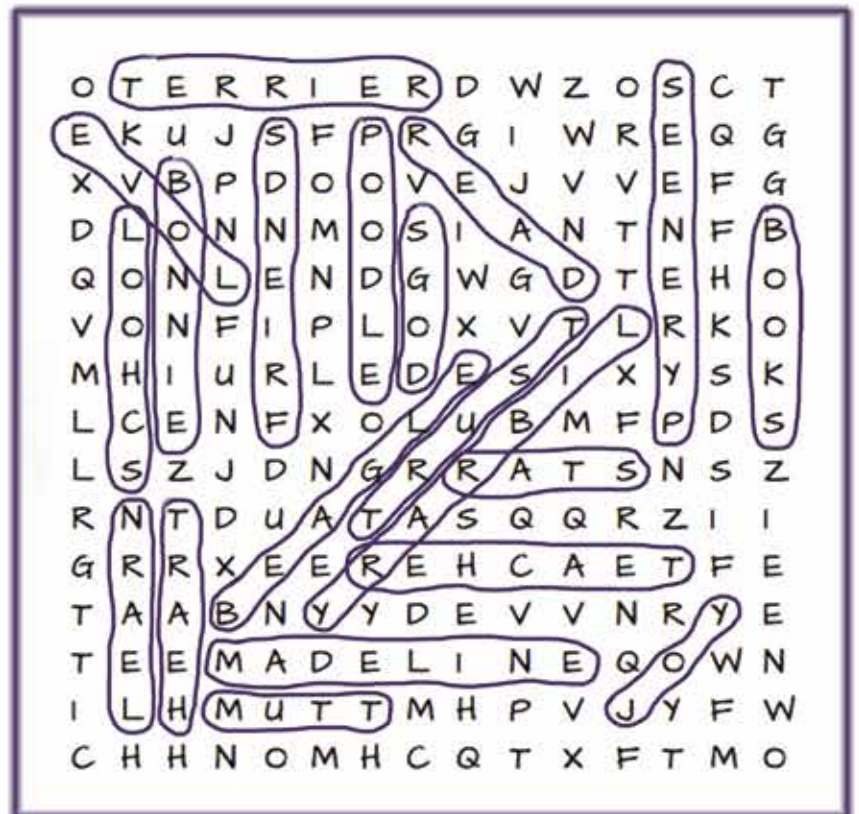
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## Maze



## Word Find



## Solutions

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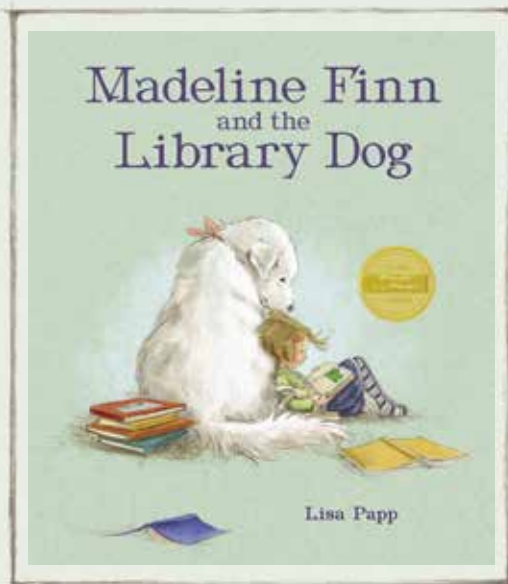
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## Solutions

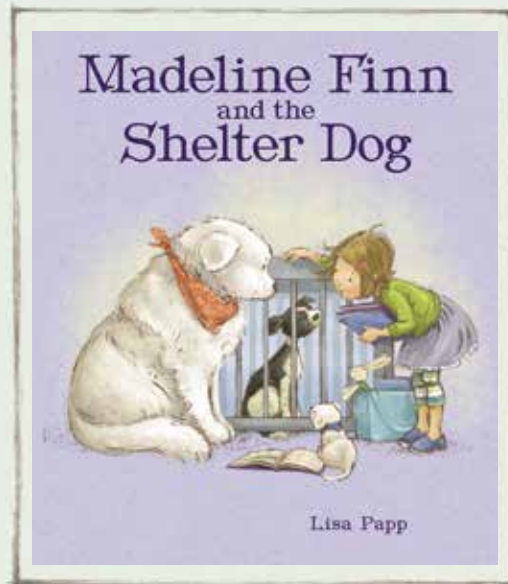




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