

# The Yellow Bus

ACTIVITY KIT



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# HOST A STORYTIME

## EVENT SUGGESTIONS

- Put out snacks
- Hide a drawing of the Yellow Bus and ask the kids to find it for the chance to win a special prize!
- Set up a craft table with construction paper, glue, crayons, and markers for the kids to make their own yellow buses. You can find craft ideas later in this kit!
- Make copies of the activities in this kit for the kids to enjoy.

## READ-ALoud TIPS

- Encourage the kids to say “they filled her with joy” together as the phrase repeats throughout the story.
- At the beginning of the book , the Yellow Bus is carrying children to school and she ends up traveling to the most unexpected places. Ask the kids about their favorite places that they’ve traveled to and how they got there.
- After you finish reading, talk to the group about how the bus changes throughout the story, helps all sorts of people, and plays different roles in others lives. Ask the kids about the different ways they help their family, friends, and neighbors.

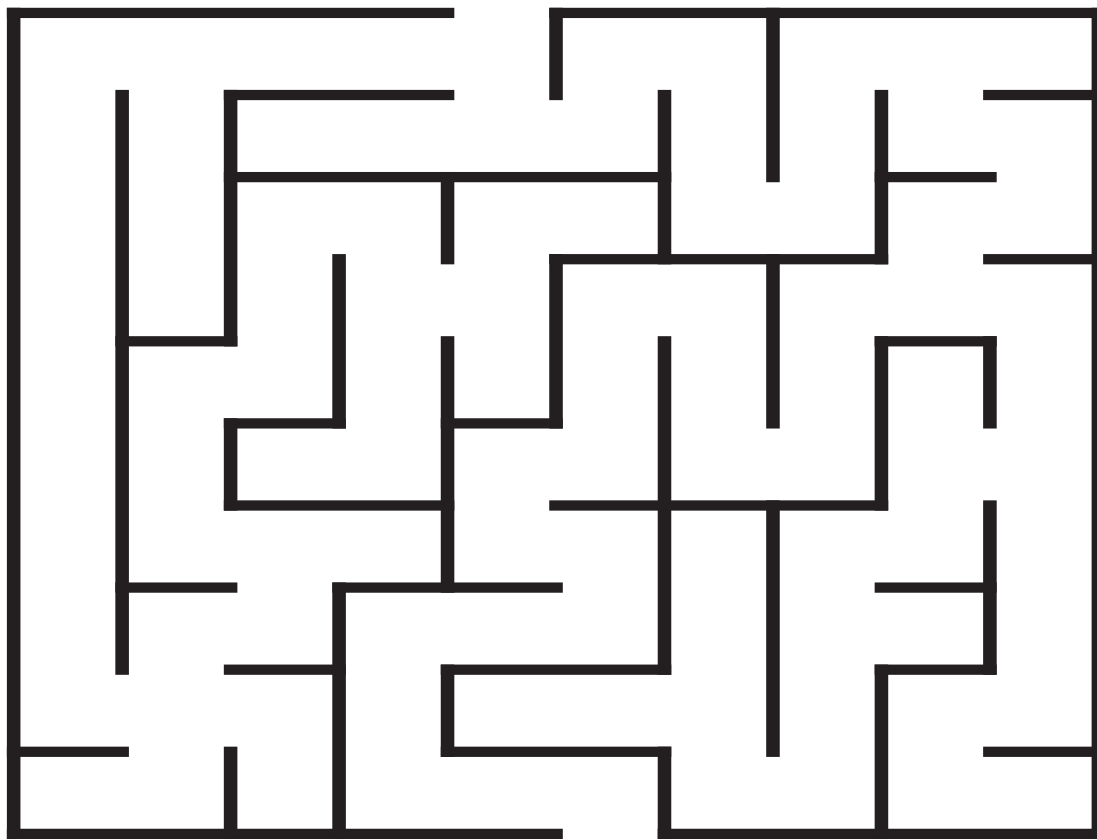
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# HELP *The Yellow Bus* THROUGH THE MAZE

The Yellow Bus is on the road and needs your help.  
Can you find a way through the maze and get her to her destination?



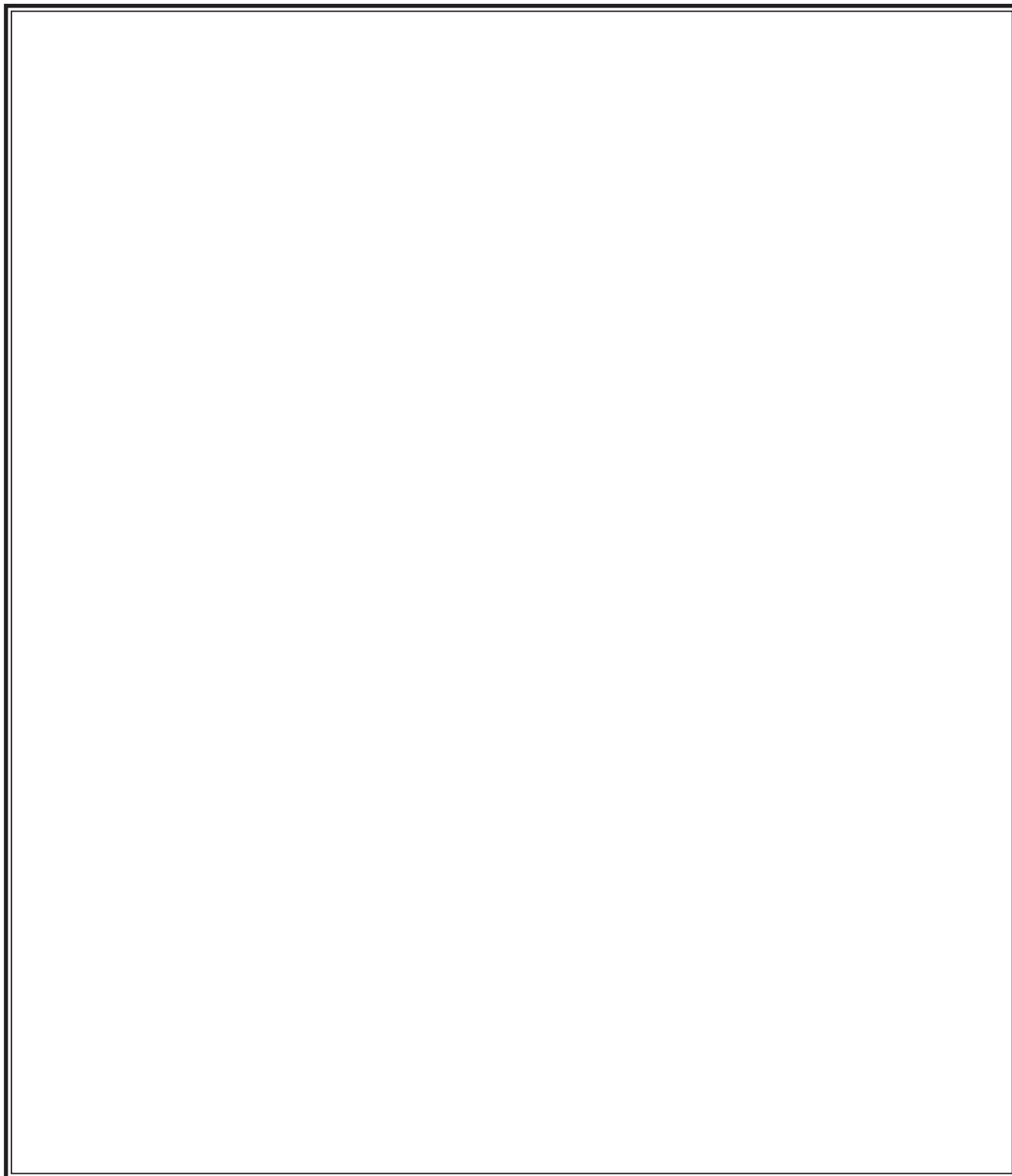
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# WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?

The Yellow Bus finds joy in many ways.  
Can you draw something that makes you happy?



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# COUNT THE GOATS

The Yellow Bus is filled with goats! How many do you see?



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# MATCHING GAME

Can you find the matching cards?

To play, have a grown-up help cut out all of the cards, mix them up, and lay them facedown. Have the first player flip over two cards. If the cards match, they have made a pair! Keep those cards.

If they don't match, turn them back over and the next player gets a turn.

When all the pairs have been found, the player with the most cards wins!



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# MAKE YOUR OWN Yellow Bus

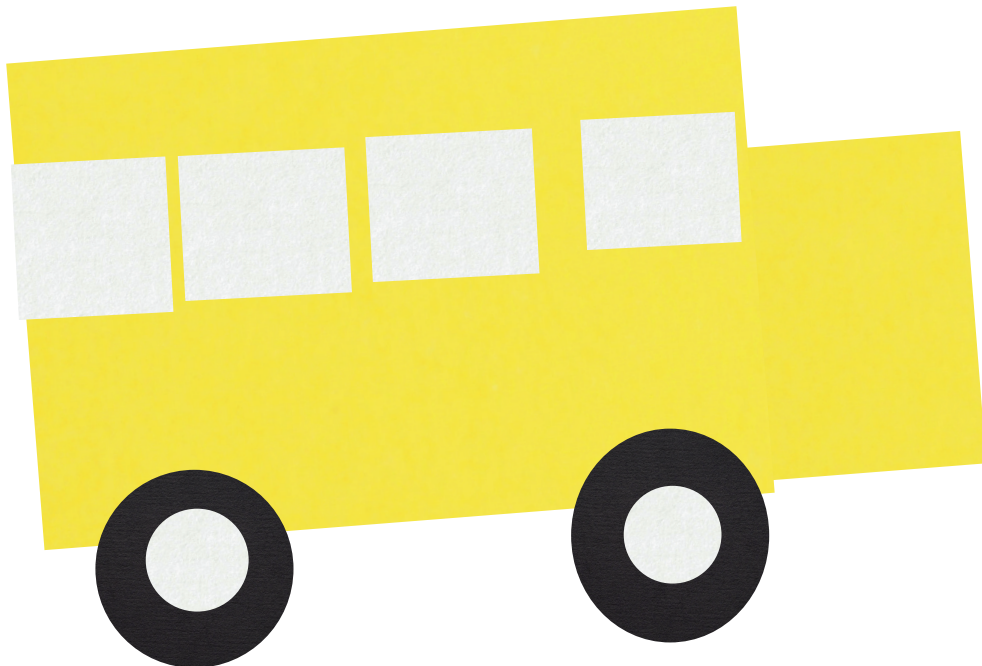
## SUPPLIES

- Yellow, black, white, and other colors of construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Set up a craft table with the construction paper, scissors, and glue.
- Make sure there are plenty of scissors and grown-ups available to help cut out the shapes.
- Cut out the following shapes from the construction paper:
  - two small circles from black paper
  - one large and one small rectangle from yellow paper
  - three (or more) small white squares
- On a separate sheet on paper (any color!), move around the shapes to make them look like a bus.
- When the shapes are where you want them, glue everything in place!



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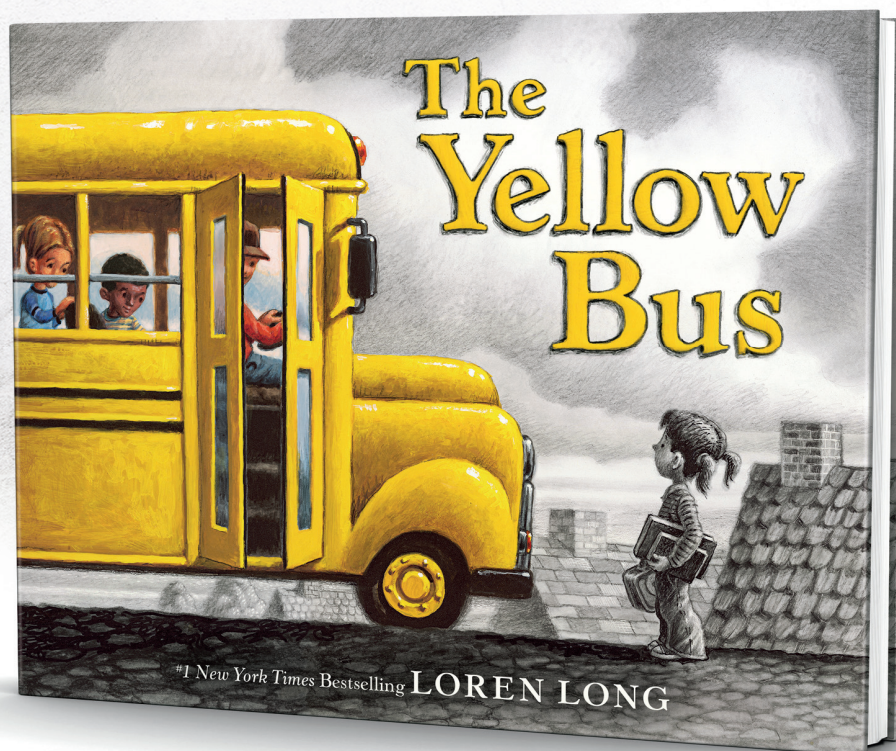
# ABOUT THE BOOK & CREATOR

There is a bright yellow bus who spends her days driving. She loves carrying children from one important place to another. Every morning they climb in . . .

*Pitter-patter, pitter-patter, giggle, giggle-patter.* And they fill her with joy.

As time passes, things change. The Yellow Bus gets a new driver, a new route, and new passengers, young and old. Until one day the driving stops for good, and the Yellow Bus is left on her own. Yet, no matter where she is, the Yellow Bus still finds joy and discovery in the world around her.

With stirring black-and-white artwork and powerful pops of color, *The Yellow Bus* is a poignant reflection on the many new beginnings life has to offer.



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