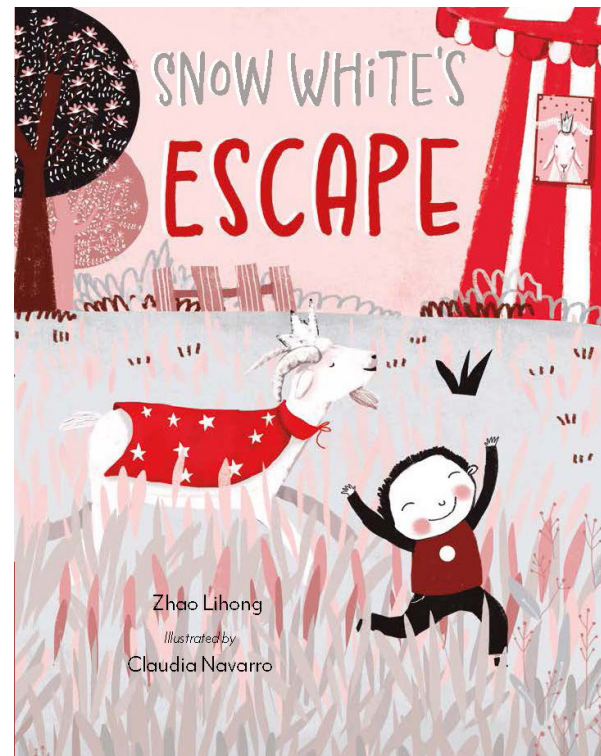


SNOW WHITE'S ESCAPE

TEACHING NOTES

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SYNOPSIS

When Liang goes to the local circus, he sees a goat called Snow White fall from the high wire. Imagine his surprise when the injured Snow White escapes and turns up at his grandmother's house. As Liang and his grandmother care for the goat, they slowly change its fate and even the circus manager and Liang's classmates realise what needs to be done.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

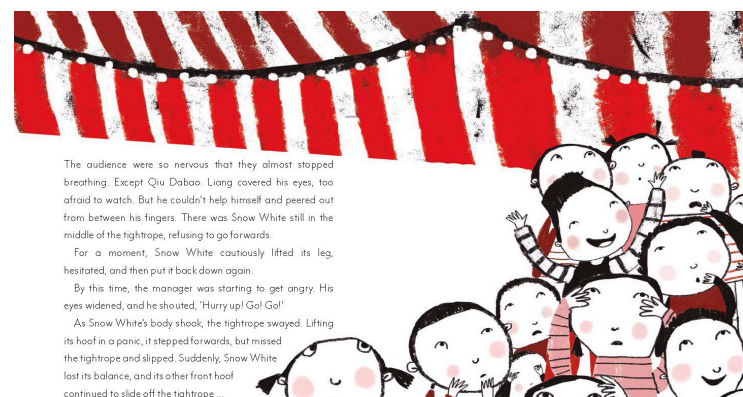
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EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Snow White's Escape is a magical story about a little boy and his devotion to a goat from the circus. With his grandmother, he cares for the goat and changes its life for the better. Key themes are kindness, friendship and determination.



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The audience were so nervous that they almost stopped breathing. Except Qiu Dabao. Liang covered his eyes, too afraid to watch. But he couldn't help himself and peered out from between his fingers. There was Snow White still in the middle of the tightrope, refusing to go forwards.

For a moment, Snow White cautiously lifted its leg, hesitated, and then put it back down again.

By this time, the manager was starting to get angry. His eyes widened, and he shouted, "Hurry up! Go! Go!"

As Snow White's body shook, the tightrope swayed. Lifting its hoof in a panic, it stepped forwards, but missed the tightrope and slipped. Suddenly, Snow White lost its balance, and its other front hoof continued to slide off the tightrope...

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Ask the children if they've ever been to a circus before? What did they see at the circus?
3. How does Liang feel about the goat in the circus? Is it being fairly treated?
4. How does the circus manager treat the goat, Snow White?
5. Discuss the relationship between Liang and Qiu Dabao.
6. How does Liang feel when Snow White turns up at his grandmother's house?
7. Liang is very protective of Snow White. How does his grandmother feel about it?
8. What happens in the end? What happens to the circus manager and to Qiu Dabao?
9. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



At this very moment, a truck pulled up next to the circus tent. From inside, came the sound of barking. Ah, the circus animals!

The children crowded around the back of the truck and spied several animals. Liang saw a red pony and a few brown poodles.

Immediately, the manager walked over and started directing the workers to bring the animals from the truck into the circus tent. Eventually, they got to the last animal – a white goat. The goat stood still, not moving a muscle. Liang noticed that it looked fierce with its curved horns. It had a long, white, wispy beard, and was covered in white fur.

'Oh, this is Snow White!' Qiu Dabao shouted. 'Look! Snow White has a white beard, just like Santa Claus!'

Leaving the circus, Qiu Dabao said to Liang, 'Tonight, let's come to the circus. We'll meet here, then go in together. What do you say?'

Liang turned away without responding. From behind him, he heard Qiu Dabao say, 'Hey, bunny goat, be there or be square!'

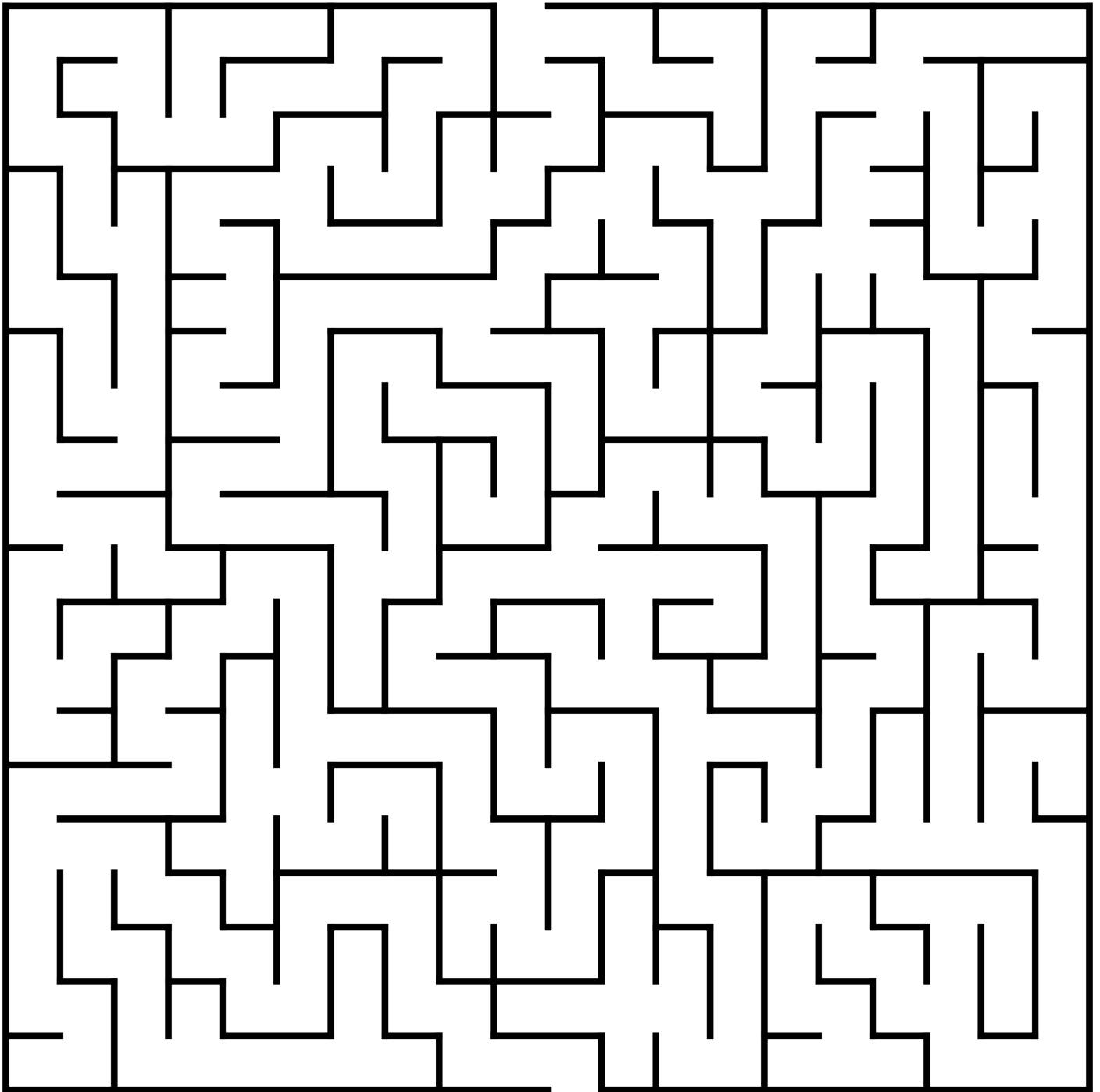


After breakfast, Grandma had to go and tend to the fields, so she asked Liang to put the goats out to pasture. But not Snow White, who needed to rest in the pen. As Liang led the mother goat and her two kids out of the courtyard, he heard a loud bleat. Looking back, he saw Snow White limping over towards him.

In the end, Liang took all four goats out to the field. The mother goat and her two kids ate the grass here every day so they knew what to do, but Snow White looked rather puzzled. After some time, it sat down.

A-MAZE-ING SNOW WHITE

Help Snow White find its way to Grandmother's house.



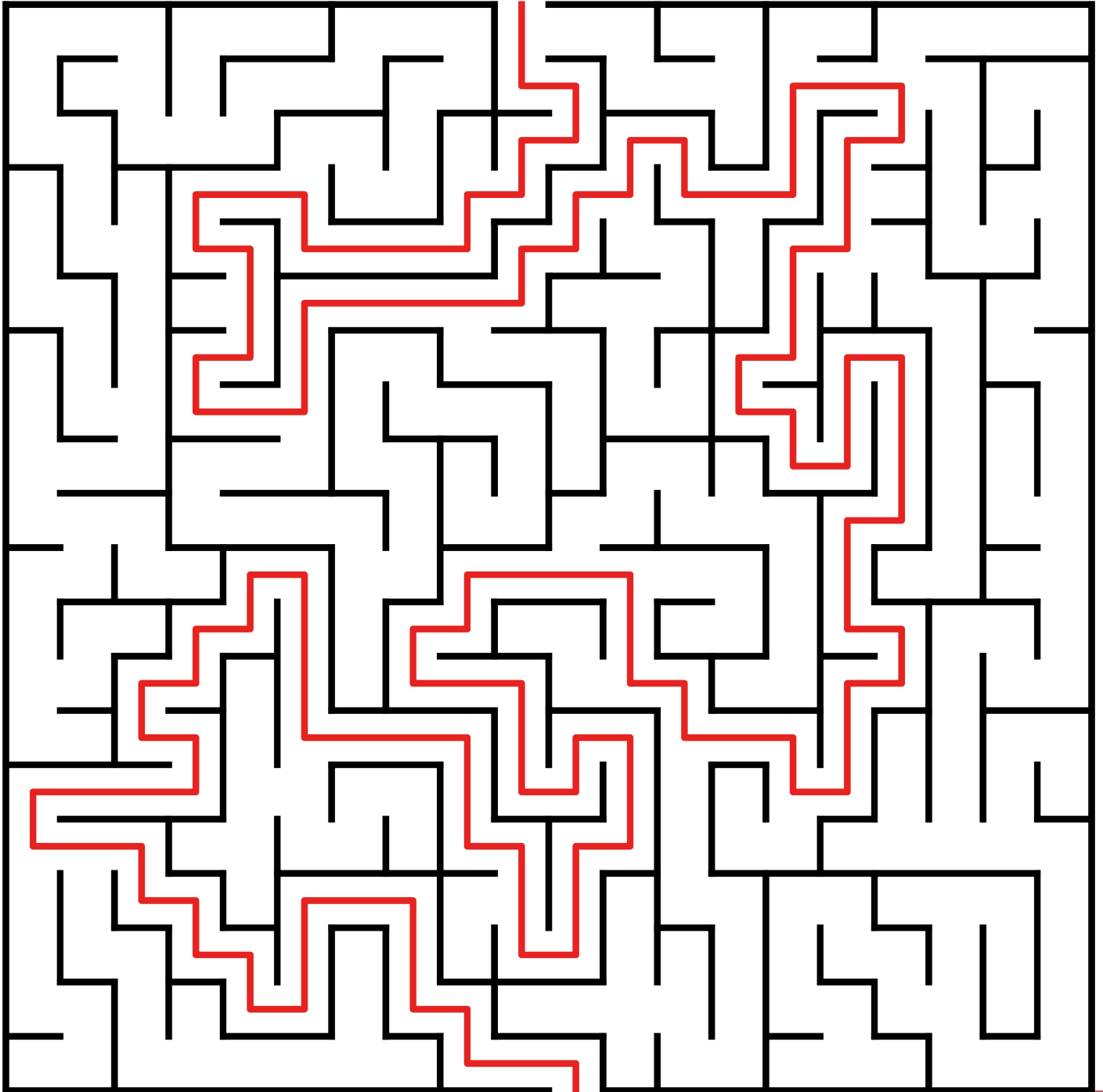
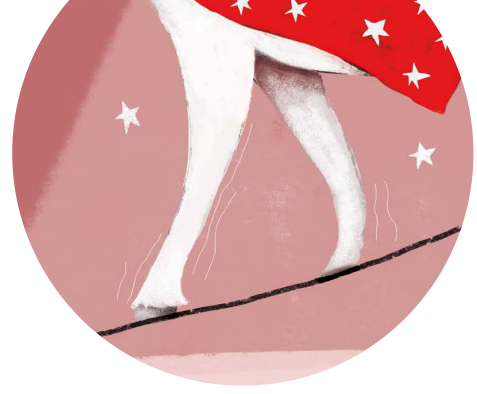
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The next morning, Liang woke up as soon as it was light. He walked to the goat pen, where he saw Grandma feeding the goats with fresh grass. Snow White was lying on a pile of hay, next to the mother goat and two kids. Liang thought they looked like a happy family.

A-MAZE-ING SNOW WHITE

Solution to the maze



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DRAW A PICTURE

Draw a picture of your favourite scene from the story.



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