

# Table of Contents

Discussion Questions .....2-4

## Lola at the Library

Maze..... 5

Library Bookplates ..... 6

## Lola Loves Stories

Tiger Mask ..... 7

## Lola Reads to Leo

Ad Lib..... 8

## Lola Plants a Garden

Garden Planning Grid ..... 9

Garden Plot Labels..... 10

Garden Word Search..... 11

## Lola Gets a Cat

Pet Care Checklist..... 12

Certificate of Adoption..... 13

## Lola Goes to School

First Day of School Packing List . 14

Make Your Own Reading Tent .... 15

## Lola Sleeps Over

How to Make a Pillow Fort ..... 16

Make a Sleepover Snack Mix..... 17

Design Your Pillowcase ..... 18

## Lola's Nana-Bibi Comes to Visit

Coloring Kanga ..... 19

Draw Your Visitor ..... 20

## Lola Meets the Bees

Plant a Wild Corner..... 21

Bee Maze ..... 22

## Lola's Moving Day

Connect the Dots..... 23

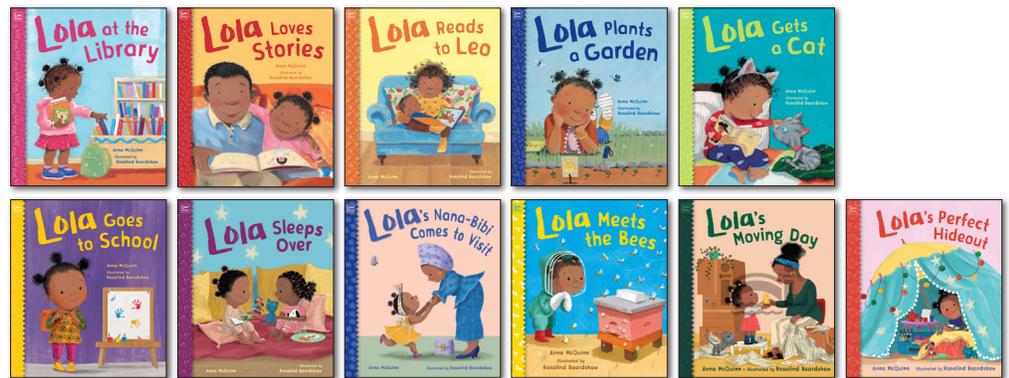
## Lola's Perfect Hideout

Plan Your Hideout ..... 24

Secret Password..... 25



# ACTIVITY KIT



Learn more at [www.charlesbridge.com/LolaReads!](http://www.charlesbridge.com/LolaReads!)

## About the Books

Lola loves reading! Join her as she explores her world through books with the help of her mom, her dad, her little brother, and her baby sister.

## About the Author



Anna McQuinn has worked in children's books for more than thirty years as an editor, publisher, and writer. She has written more than twenty books for children, including the Lola Reads series. Anna has extensive experience running groups for young children and their parents at her local library.

## About the Illustrator

Rosalind Beardshaw grew up in England. From a young age, she often spent rainy afternoons visiting art galleries. Rosalind has illustrated many books for children, including *Mole's Babies*, *Just Right for Christmas*, and *The Best Present*.





# Discussion Questions

Make new connections and share your thoughts about Lola's adventures with these handy discussion questions.

## Lola at the Library

- When do you go to the library?
- Who goes with you to the library?
- What is your favorite part of your trip to the library?
- Lola likes to visit the special children's section and sometimes there is singing or story time. What fun activities do you like to do at your library?
- Lola likes stories with bears or shoes. With so many choices, how do you like to pick your books?
- After the library, Lola and her mommy get a snack. What do you do after visiting the library?

## Lola Loves Stories

- Lola loves reading with her daddy. Who do you love reading with at home?
- What kind of stories do you like?
- After reading a story, Lola likes to do something the next day that matches the book, like acting like a tiger or having magical shoes. What do you like doing that happens in your favorite books?

## Lola Reads to Leo

- Who is Leo?
- Do you have a sibling? Are you older or younger than them?
- How do Lola's parents prepare her for Leo's arrival?
- What does Lola do on the day Leo arrives?

## Lola Plants a Garden

- What is your favorite outdoor place? Is it a garden or a different kind of place?
- What is your favorite kind of plant? Could you grow it in a garden?
- How does Lola learn about gardening?
- Where does Lola get the seeds for her garden?
- What makes Lola's garden special?



# Discussion Questions

Make new connections and share your thoughts about Lola's adventures with these handy discussion questions.

## Lola Gets a Cat

- How does Lola show Mommy she is ready for a cat?
- Why is it important for Lola to get her home ready for a cat?
- Lola has a daily plan to take care of Makeda. What does Lola do to take care of her?
- What game would you play with a pet?

## Lola Goes to School

- What is a school? Where is your nearest school?
- Why is the first day of school exciting?
- What does Lola pack for her first day of school?
- What activities does Lola do at school?

## Lola Sleeps Over

- What does Lola bring to her sleepover?
- Describe one fun activity Lola does at Hani's house.
- What does your ideal sleepover look like?
- What is the best sleepover snack?

## Lola's Nana-Bibi Comes to Visit

- Who often comes to visit you at your home?
- What do you look forward to when they visit?
- What kind of activities do you hope to do with them when they're visiting?
- Lola helps to prepare for Nana-Bibi's visit. In what ways do you help get ready for your visitor?
- Lola eats breakfast, goes shopping, gets her hair done, and dances with Nana-Bibi. While your visitor is with you, what kinds of things do you do with them?

## Lola Meets the Bees

- What is a beekeeper? How do they take care of their bees?
- Why are bees important?
- What does Lola need to wear in order to safely visit the bees?
- How can Lola (and you!) help the bees?



## Discussion Questions

Make new connections and share your thoughts about Lola's adventures with these handy discussion questions.

### Lola's Moving Day

- What did Lola and her family do to help each other with moving? Can you think of a time when you worked with your family to do something important?
- Why do you think Lola's family said goodbye to their neighbors? How do you feel when you say goodbye to someone?
- What are some ways to make new friends in a neighborhood?
- How do you think Lola felt spending her first night in her new bedroom? What helps you feel comfortable in a new place?

### Lola's Perfect Hideout

- How do Lola and Leo show love to their new baby sister?
- What does Lola use to make her hideout? What shape is the hideout?
- What are the rules for Lola's hideout? Why do you think Lola makes these rules?
- Who visits Lola in her hideout? What do they do together?

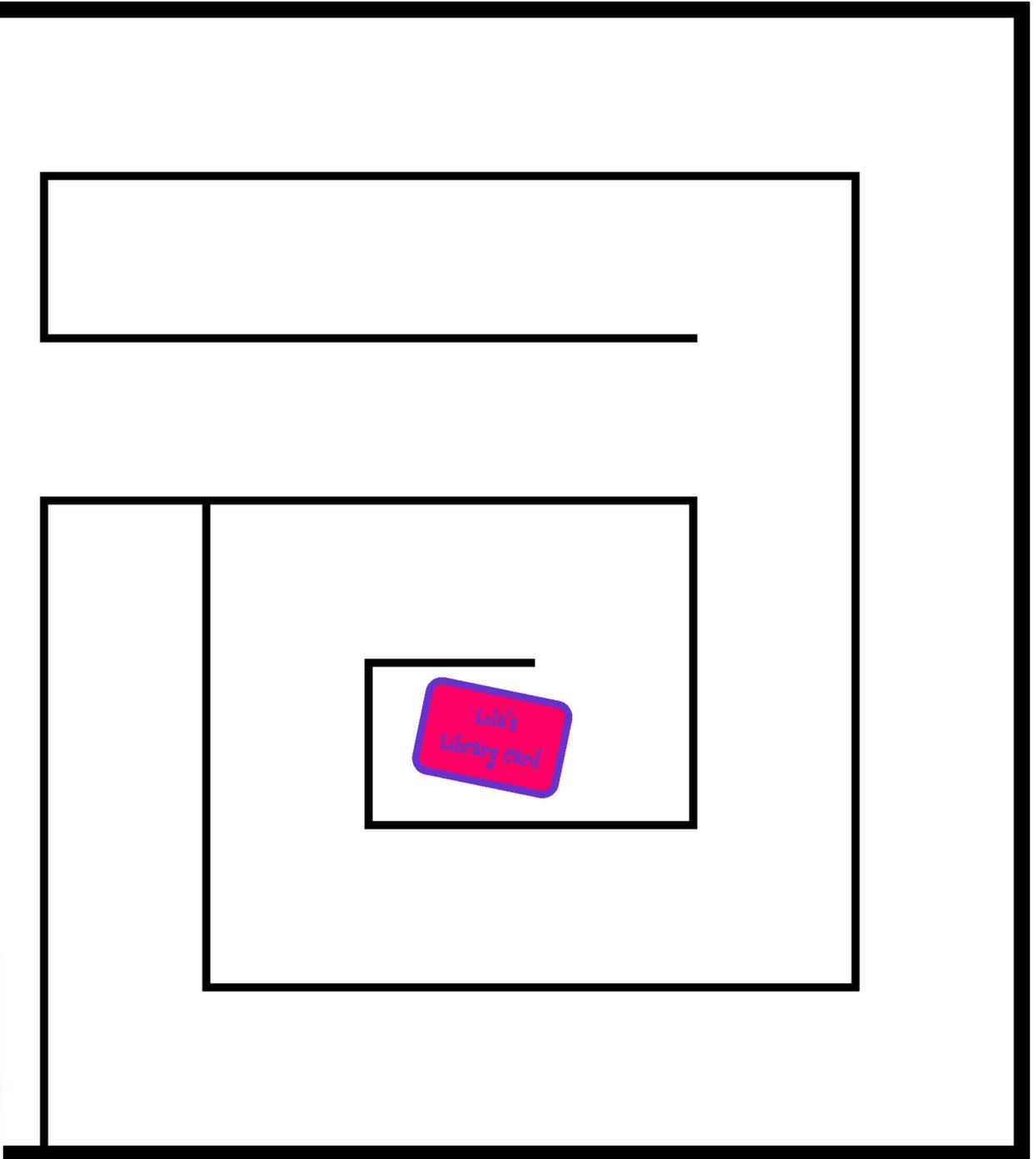




# Lola at the Library

## Maze

Lola can't find her library card! Help her reach the card at the center of the maze.





Lola at the Library

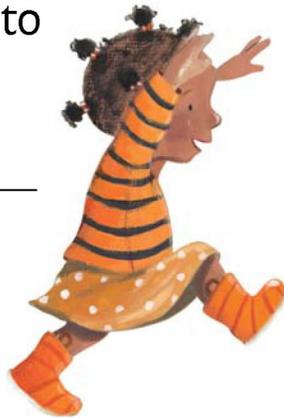
# Library Bookplates

Print these bookplates, write in your name, and ask an adult to help you cut them out and glue them into the books in your home library to personalize them!



This book belongs to

\_\_\_\_\_



This book belongs to

\_\_\_\_\_



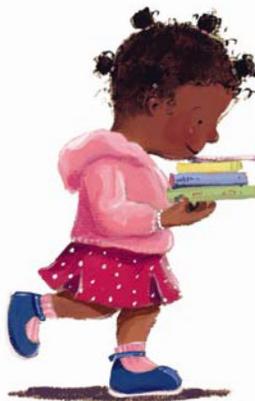
This book belongs to

\_\_\_\_\_



This book belongs to

\_\_\_\_\_





**Lola** Loves  
Stories

## Make a Tiger Mask

Lola loves to dress up like the characters in her favorite books! Follow these steps to make a tiger mask like Lola.

### You will need:

- 1 paper plate
- Crayons, markers, or paint
- A hole puncher
- 2 pieces of elastic or string or yarn
- 3 pipe cleaners
- Black and orange construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue or scotch tape

### To make your tiger mask:

1. First you'll need to color your plate orange. To do this, you can use markers, crayons, colored pencils, paint—whatever you'd like! Just remember that if you use paint, you'll need to give the mask time to completely dry before you move on.
2. Once your plate is colored and dry, ask an adult to help you cut out holes for the eyes of the tiger.
3. Your tiger needs stripes! You can make the stripes either by painting or coloring them on your plate, or by using strips of construction paper that you glue onto your tiger's face.
4. Then make whiskers by twisting together three pipe cleaners in the middle. Glue or tape them to the center of your mask, just under the eye holes.
5. Next have an adult help you cut out a triangle piece of black construction paper for the nose. Glue the triangle onto the plate over the pipe cleaners. Now your tiger has a nose and whiskers!
6. Now cut out two circles of orange construction paper for the ears. Glue them to the top of your mask.
7. Finally, ask an adult to punch a hole on either side of the mask. Then loop one piece of elastic, string, or yarn through each hole and tie. This will hold the mask on your face.

Voilà! You're a tiger!



Lola Reads to Leo

## Ad Lib

Lola loves reading to her little brother, Leo. Now it's your turn to do something nice for Leo in this ad lib. Fill in the blanks and read the story you create to your favorite person.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a big sibling now and wants to  
YOUR NAME  
share their love of \_\_\_\_\_ reading/jumping/singing \_\_\_\_\_ with  
CIRCLE ONE  
their new baby brother, Leo. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
YOUR NAME  
\_\_\_\_\_ like to \_\_\_\_\_ read/jump/sing  
YOUR GROWN-UP'S NAME CIRCLE ONE  
together a lot and \_\_\_\_\_ wants to share  
YOUR NAME  
that with Leo. When Leo cries because he needs a new diaper,  
\_\_\_\_\_ reads/jumps/sings \_\_\_\_\_ to  
YOUR NAME CIRCLE ONE  
make him laugh. Leo is a \_\_\_\_\_ little/cute/squishy baby and  
CIRCLE ONE  
\_\_\_\_\_ loves him a lot. Whenever he needs it,  
YOUR NAME  
they are there to \_\_\_\_\_ read/jump/sing \_\_\_\_\_ to make him  
CIRCLE ONE  
feel better because they are a great older sibling.



Lola Plants  
a Garden

## Garden Planning Grid

Use the dot grid below to plan your garden! (If you won't actually plant a garden, you can still imagine one.) Think about the plants you want to grow as well as special features like a bench, tool shed, or bird feeder.

•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•



Lola Plants  
a Garden

## Garden Plot Labels

Use the labels below to keep your garden organized!  
After you plant your seeds, write down what you planted  
on the label and glue it to one end of a popsicle stick.  
For protection from rain, cover both sides of the paper  
in tape. Then push the stick into the soil to label your plot.





Lola Plants  
a Garden

## Garden Word Search

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E O N H S D  
G A R D E N  
T W A T E R  
A I S R D L  
P L A N T U  
S P R O U T

GARDEN

SPROUT

SEED

WATER

PLANT



Lola Gets  
a Cat

## Pet Care Checklist

Having a pet is a big responsibility! Keep track of your pet's daily needs with this handy checklist.

### Food

Make sure to give your pet their food at the same time every day. Ask an adult to help with measuring the right amount!

### Water

Always check your pet's water bowl. Make sure they have clean water to drink every day!

### Exercise & Playtime

Spend time playing with your pet every day. Use toys, throw a ball, or just cuddle. If you have a dog, take them for a walk! It's a fun way to help them get exercise and explore outside together.

### Training Time

Help teach your dog or cat simple tricks, like "sit" or "high-five." Use treats to make it fun!

### Grooming

Help brush your pet's fur to keep it nice and clean. This feels good to them and helps reduce shedding!

### Clean the Space

Help keep your pet's area tidy. Pick up any toys, and if you have a small pet, help clean their cage with an adult.

### Watch for Signs

Keep an eye on your pet. If they seem sad, sick, or aren't eating, tell an adult. They can help!

### Be Gentle

Always be gentle when petting or holding your pet. Treat them with kindness and respect! They like to feel safe and happy with you.



# CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_  
has officially adopted \_\_\_\_\_.

By signing this certificate,  
I promise to love and take care of my new pet.

---

*Signature*

---

*Date*



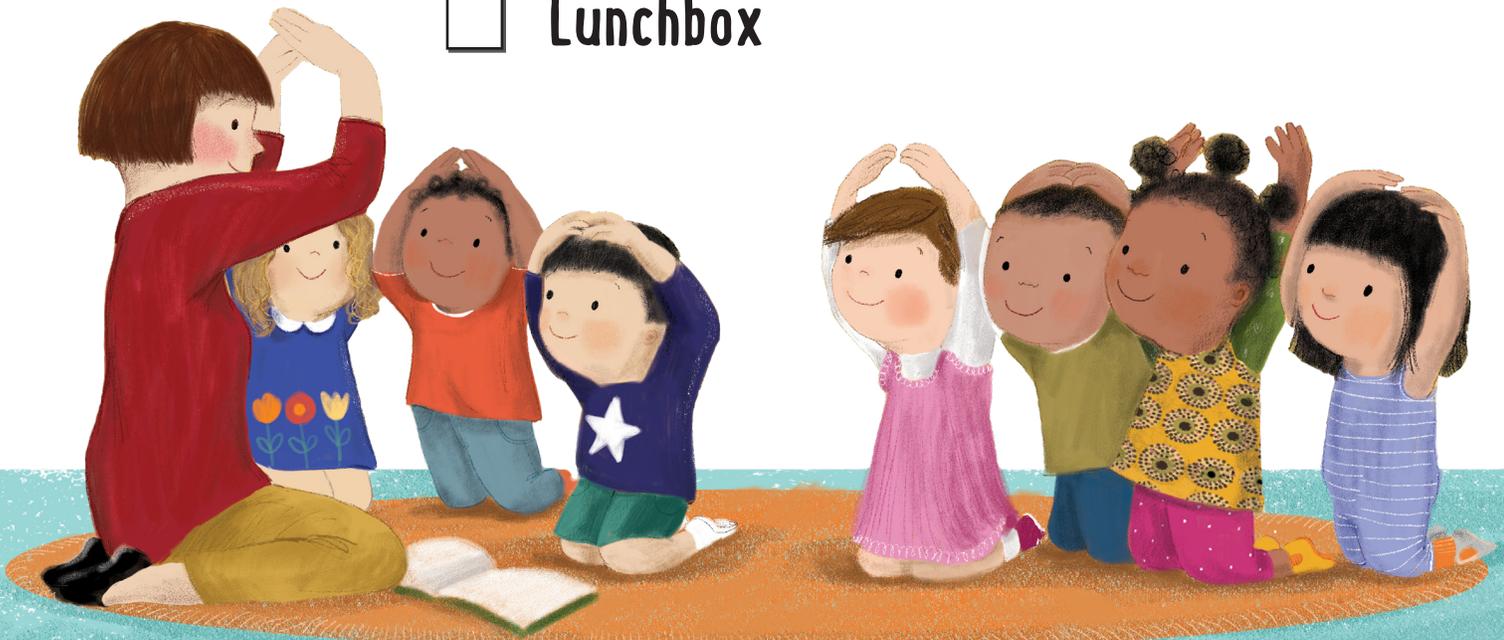


**Lola** Goes  
to School!

## First Day of School Packing List

Get ready for your first day of school with this checklist!  
You can use this in combination with your school's supply list or on its own.

- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Pencils or crayons
- Stuffedie or other comfort toy
- Extra clothes (just in case!)
- Lunchbox





Lola Goes  
to School!

# Make Your Own Reading Tent

Create a cozy nook for reading, just like the reading tent at Lola's school!

## You will need:

- A small camping tent, or a couple of bedsheets, three chairs, and some heavy books or other weights
- Cushions
- A blanket (optional)
- A reading light (optional)
- A good book

## To make your reading tent:

1. Choose a good location. Your reading tent should not block the way if someone else needs to use or walk through the room.
2. With a grown-up's help, set up your tent. If you have a small camping tent, set it up according to the instructions. If you are using chairs and bedsheets, begin by setting up two of your chairs back to back. Sit down between them and make sure there is enough space for you to sit and stretch out comfortably. Set up your third chair at a right angle to the other two, with its back also facing in. These three chairs will be the anchors for your tent. Toss one bedsheet over the chairs so it drapes down to the ground. Tip each chair back and tuck the sheet under the front legs, so when you set the chair down, the edge of the sheet is trapped. Underneath the sheet, pile heavy books or other weights on the seat of each chair so that the chairs don't slide and release the edge of the sheet. If desired, drape another sheet loosely on top without trapping the edge to serve as a "door" for the tent.
3. Bring cushions into your tent and make yourself comfortable with a good book. Your blanket and reading light may also help make the tent a cozy space to read. Enjoy!





**Lola** Sleeps  
Over

# How to Make a Pillow Fort

Make your sleepover extra special with a fun pillow fort!

## To make your pillow fort:

1. **Choose a good location.** Pick a spacious area like the living room or a playroom where there's enough room to spread out.
2. **Gather materials.** Collect pillows, blankets, cushions, and even some soft toys. Use sheets or blankets for walls and the roof!
3. **Get creative with structure.** Use furniture like couches and chairs as the base. Drape blankets over them to create a cozy ceiling.
4. **Make it cozy.** Add lots of pillows and cushions inside for comfort. A soft rug or carpet can also make it a nice spot to sit or lie down.
5. **Safety check.** Ensure the fort is stable and doesn't have any sharp edges. If you want to use string lights, ask an adult to help you plug them in.
6. **Decorate!** Use string lights (if safe) or flashlights to create a magical atmosphere. Add your favorite stuffed animals for extra fun.
4. **Create an entrance.** Make a fun entrance by using a smaller blanket or pillow as a door that can be opened and closed.
5. **Plan activities inside.** Have some books for reading, coloring supplies, or even a small tablet for watching a movie together.
6. **Include snacks.** Bring in some healthy snacks or popcorn in a bowl. Just be careful with crumbs!
5. **Set the mood for sleep.** Dim the lights and maybe play soft music or nature sounds to help everyone wind down when it's time to sleep.
6. **Have fun!** Enjoy the time spent together and make memories!



**Lola** Sleeps  
Over

# Make a Sleepover Snack Mix

Enjoy a special treat at your sleepover!

## You will need:

- 2 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 2 cups Corn Chex cereal
- 1 cup pretzel sticks
- 1 cup cheese crackers (like Goldfish or Cheez-It)
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 1 cup chocolate candies or chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup sugar (optional, for a sweeter mix)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract (optional)

## To make your snack mix:

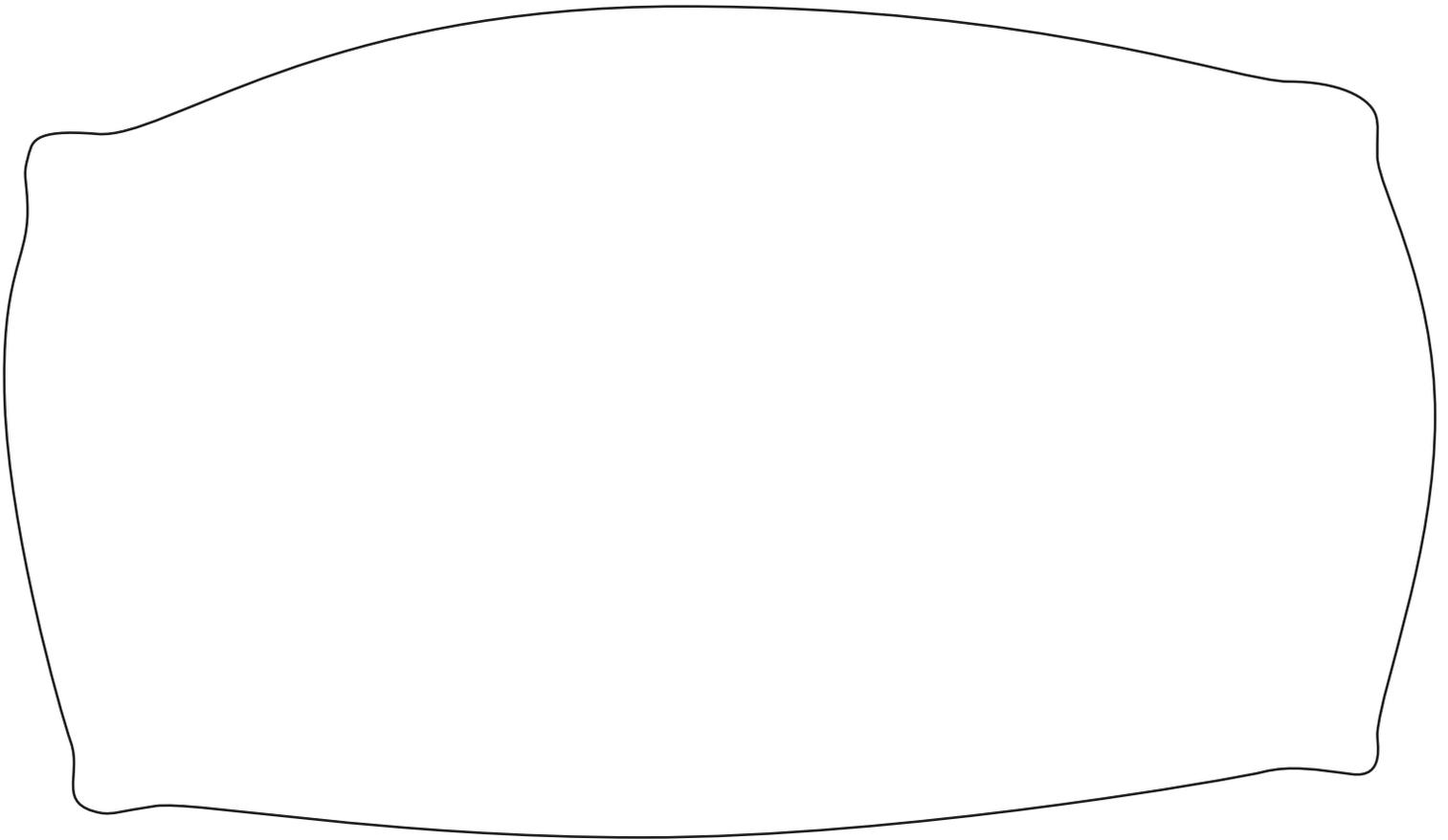
1. Grab an adult to help with the measurements and baking!
2. If you want a toasted version, have an adult preheat the oven to 250°F (120°C).
3. Mix the dry ingredients. In a large bowl, combine the Rice Chex, Corn Chex, pretzel sticks, cheese crackers, mini marshmallows, and chocolate candies or chips.
4. Make the sweet mixture (optional). In a small bowl, mix the melted butter, sugar, and vanilla extract. Stir until combined.
5. Pour the melted mixture over the snack mix and gently stir to coat everything evenly.
6. Bake (optional). Spread the snack mix on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake for about 20–30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes until golden. Let it cool completely.
7. Once cool, enjoy right away or store in an airtight container.



**Lola** Sleeps  
Over

## Design Your Pillowcase

Draw something below that makes you feel ready for a sleepover!





**Lola's** Nana-Bibi  
Comes to Visit

## Coloring Kanga

When she comes to visit, Nana-Bibi brings Lola's family clothes made of beautiful kanga cloth. Color in their new outfits!





**Lola's** Nana-Bibi  
Comes to Visit

## Draw Your Visitor

Lola's Nana-Bibi takes a plane to visit Lola's family.  
How does your visitor travel to visit you?



# Lola Meets the Bees

## Plant a Wild Corner

Bees need our help! Use this quick guide to plant a wild corner for bees in your neighborhood.



### You will need:

- A library or other source of information
- An outdoor location
- Seeds
- Potting soil (optional)
- A windowbox or plant pots (optional)
- An empty egg carton (optional)

### To plant your wild corner:

1. Choose your outdoor location for your wild corner. This can be a porch, balcony, part of your yard, community garden plot, or even a windowsill with hooks for an outdoor windowbox. Spend a day observing your wild corner. Does it get lots of sun, or is it mostly shady? If you are going to plant directly in the soil, is the soil wet or dry? Loose and sandy, or sticky and full of clay?
2. Use your library or other good source of information to look up native plants in your area that support bees and other pollinators. A librarian, teacher, or other grown-up can help you find what you're looking for. Choose 3 to 4 species that are well-suited to your wild corner location and ask your grown-up to help you find seeds for those species. A local garden supply store or botanical garden might sell them. Some libraries and community organizations also run seed libraries.
3. If you are planting on a porch or balcony, pick out your plant pots and choose potting soil that will be good for your plants.
4. Some plant seeds need to germinate in a warm place to get the best start. If that is the case for your plants, put a few spoonfuls of potting soil in each cup of an egg carton and sprinkle them with water. Push the seeds one knuckle deep into the soil and keep them in a warm, sunny place indoors, watering occasionally, until they sprout and grow big enough to transfer outside.
5. If your seeds do not need to germinate inside, simply plant them outdoors in your wild corner at the time indicated on the packet. Keep an eye on your wild corner and water as needed. In a few weeks, you should see sprouts!
6. Enjoy your wild corner (and your pollinator visitors)!

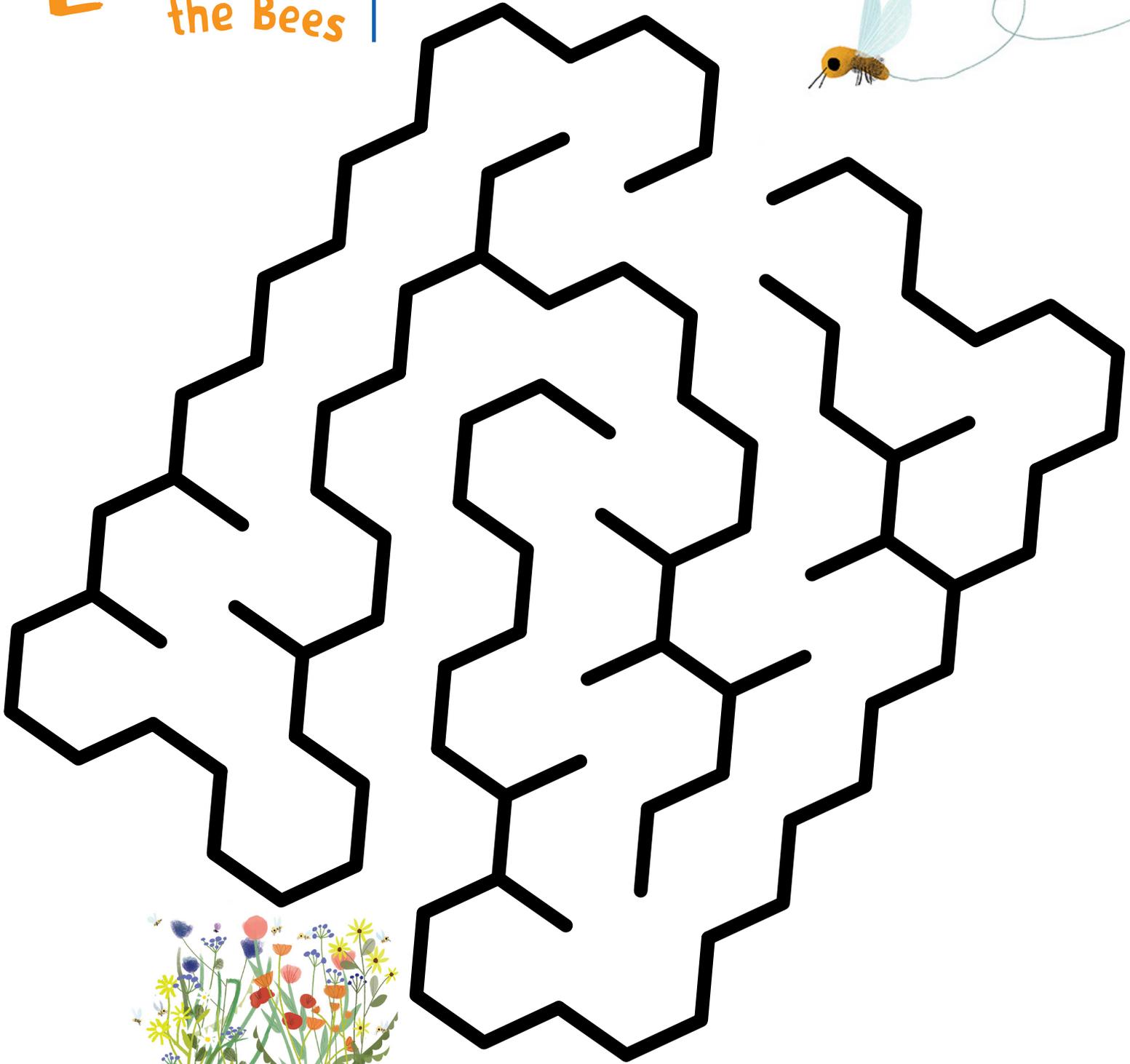




# Lola Meets the Bees

## Bee Maze

Help the bee find the flowers!

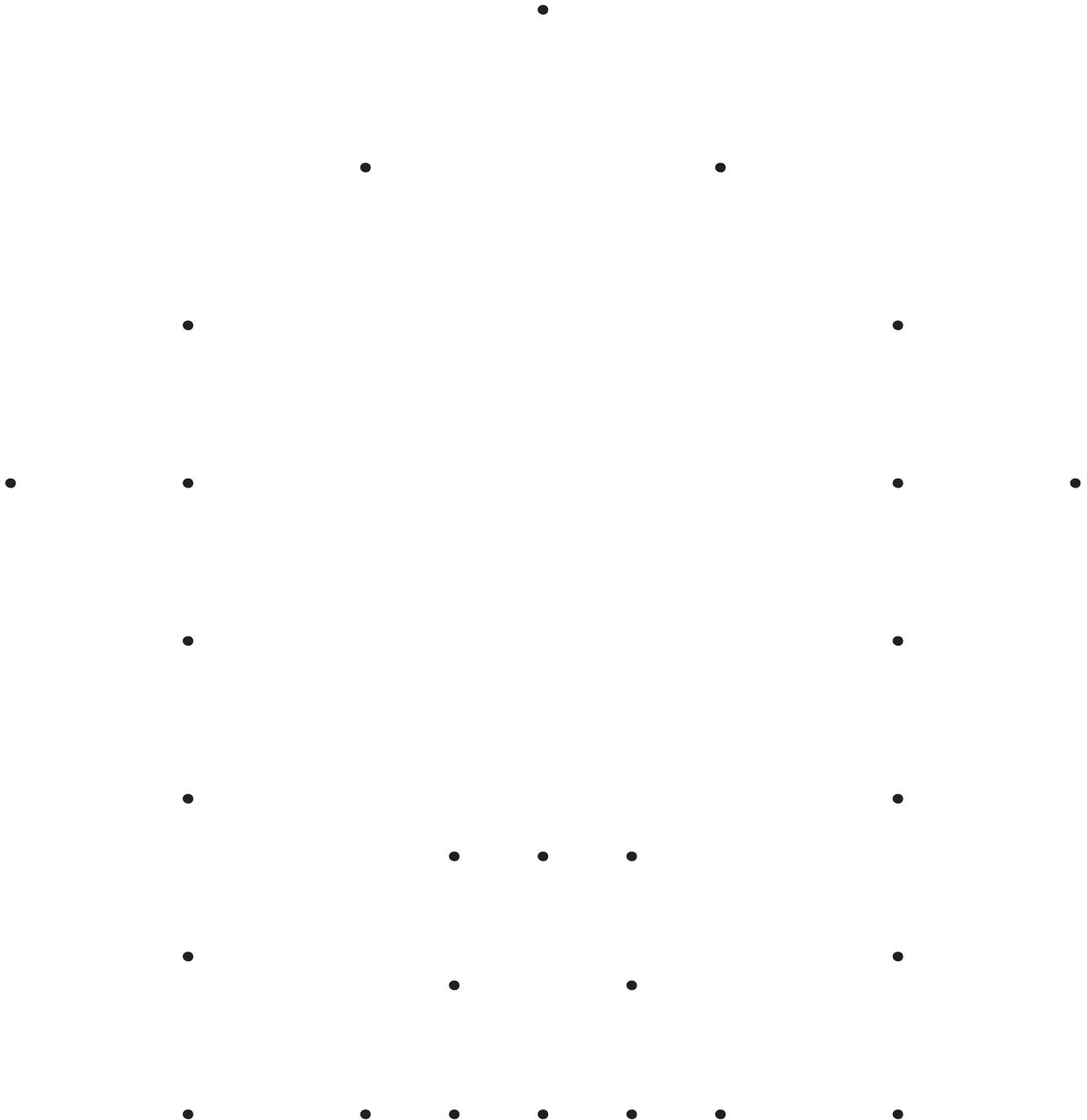




Lola's  
Moving Day

# Connect the Dots

Connect the dots to reveal Lola's new home!





**Lola's Perfect  
Hideout**

## Plan Your Hideout

Use the ideas below to start planning your perfect hideout!

**My hideout will be made of . . .**

**In my hideout, I will . . .**

**These people or pets will join me in my hideout:**



*Lola's Perfect  
Hideout*

## Secret Password

Use this page to help you remember your own secret password!

My secret password is for . . .

A hint that will help me remember my password: