

# ACTIVITY KIT



## GOODBYE BRINGS HELLO A Book of Firsts

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There are many ways of letting go.  
With each goodbye, a new hello.

**T**RYING NEW THINGS TAKES COURAGE—jumping into the deep end of the pool, riding a two-wheeler, heading off to the first day of school. Saying goodbye to comfortable, cherished things can be hard, but each goodbye brings an opportunity, a new hello.

Honest and uplifting, Dianne White and Daniel Wiseman's cheerful ode to change gently empowers young readers to brave and celebrate life's milestones, both large and small.

"This book will give courage to any child feeling a little nervous or scared to try something new."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"White and Wiseman have created an engaging set of vignettes that will appeal to young listeners in the process of learning new skills."—*Booklist*





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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before reading the book aloud to a group of children, talk about the ways we say “goodbye” to something we’re moving beyond, and “hello” to something new.





-  What are some things you’ve had to say goodbye to? Were you sad to leave them behind? Or did you feel happy that you were moving on to something new?
-  What new things have you said hello to? How do you feel when you’ve accomplished something new?

After reading the book aloud, open up the discussion with some or all of these questions:

-  Go back through the book slowly and pause after rereading each couplet. What did the child say goodbye to in each scene? What did he/she say hello to?
-  Which goodbye and hello in the book did you like the most?
-  On the back cover of the book it says, “Trying new things takes courage.” What do you think this means?
-  When you think about the goodbyes and hellos you’ve experienced, what goodbye and hello are you most proud of?
-  Can you think ahead to what things you’ll do in the future? What will you be saying goodbye to soon? What hellos are you looking forward to?
-  Once you’ve said goodbye to something, can you ever go back to it?
-  Do you think saying goodbye and hello to things only happens when you’re a kid? Do grown ups say goodbye and hello to things?



# ACTIVITIES

-  Create a fun hello/goodbye wave for the kids to use with each other.
-  Make a group/classroom book of goodbyes and hellos using the My Goodbye/Hello page in this kit.
-  Invite each child to write a poem or story about their proudest goodbye/hello accomplishment.
-  Poll the kids on each goodbye/hello scenario from the story. How many have accomplished each one? Graph the results.

# Hello Badges

Every time you say goodbye to something, you have the opportunity to say hello to something new! Which of these badges can you wear proudly? Cut out each applicable badge and tape or pin to a shirt or jacket. Fill in the blank badges with each new accomplishment.

I can  
tie my shoes!



I can ride  
a two-wheeler!



I can  
make my lunch!



I can

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I can write  
my ABCs!



I can  
read a book!



I can

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I can swim!



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# My Goodbye/Hello

I said goodbye to

\_\_\_\_\_.

Draw a picture.



And I said hello to

\_\_\_\_\_.

Draw a picture.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# Through the Seasons

What things do you say goodbye to each season, and what are each season's new hellos?



## FALL

Goodbyes: \_\_\_\_\_

Hellos: \_\_\_\_\_

## WINTER

Goodbyes: \_\_\_\_\_

Hellos: \_\_\_\_\_



## SPRING



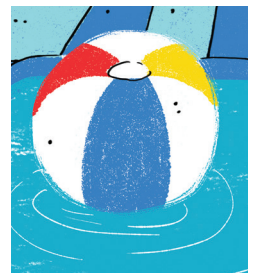
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## SUMMER

Goodbyes: \_\_\_\_\_

Hellos: \_\_\_\_\_



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# How to Make a Sandwich

Purple jelly.  
Slice of bread.  
By yourself.  
Spoon and spread.

Say goodbye to mom's lunch-packing duty, and hello to making your own sandwich! In the space below, write a detailed step-by-step description of how to make a sandwich. Remember to use time-order words: first, second, then, next, also, last, finally, etc.

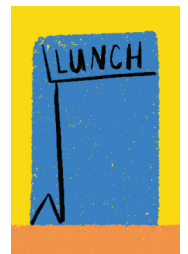


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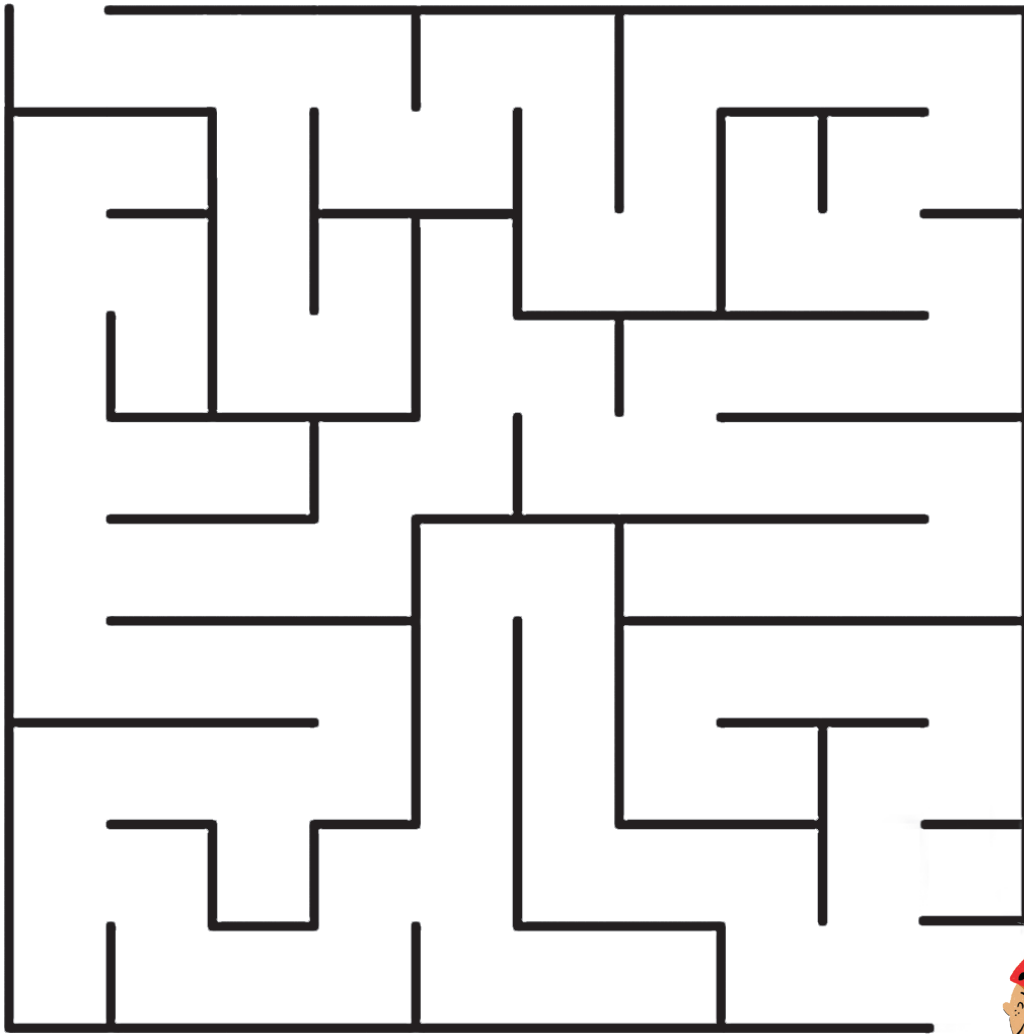
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# Maze

Ringin' bell.  
Preschool trike.  
Wind in your face.  
Big-kid bike.



Goodbye trike



Hello bike!

