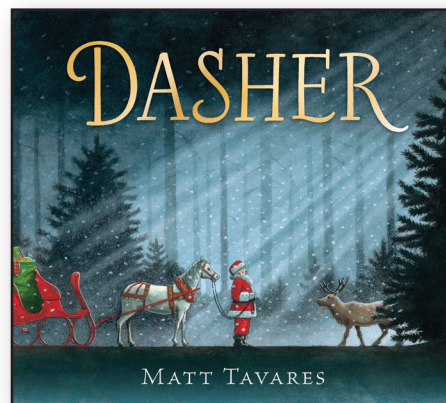


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At the beginning of the book, Mama tells Dasher about the magical place with air that is crisp and cold and ground that is always covered with a cool blanket of white snow. The story gives Dasher the bravery to follow the North Star — and her heart — to get to the North Pole.

What are some examples of times when you were brave and followed your heart?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DRAWING PAGE



Dasher helped to save Christmas when Santa and Silverbell were in trouble. Have you ever helped someone? Draw a picture of you helping someone.



# WORD SEARCH



Can you spot the words from *Dasher*?

G H K S M B L A R V  
R E I N D E E R Q F  
K C M O J W Z A B Y  
P D T W U H E E R L  
A U S R U C J D X K  
Y E W D A S H E R I  
L K T A M N S O F Q  
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SNOW

SANTA

SLEIGH

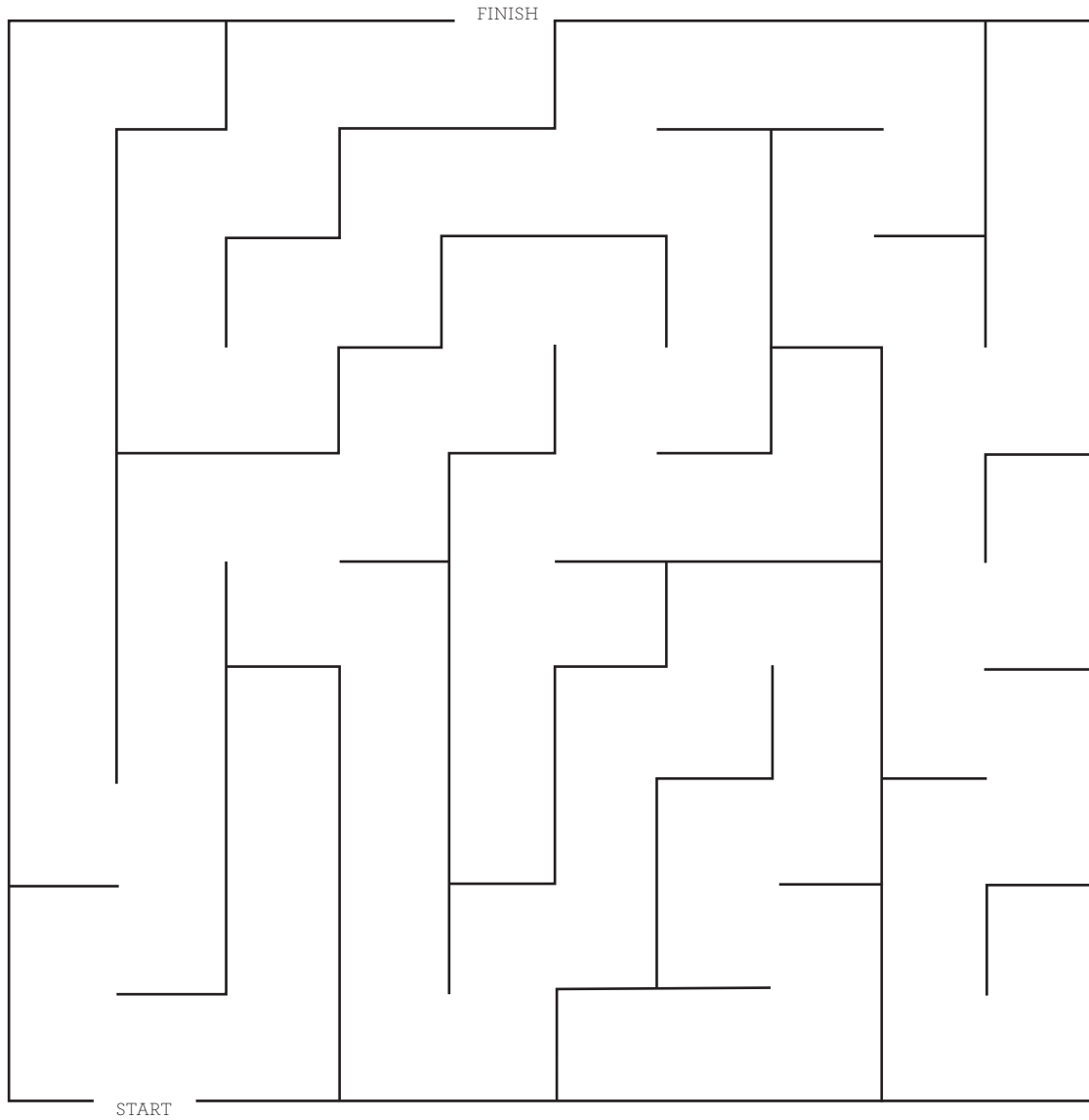
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# MAZE



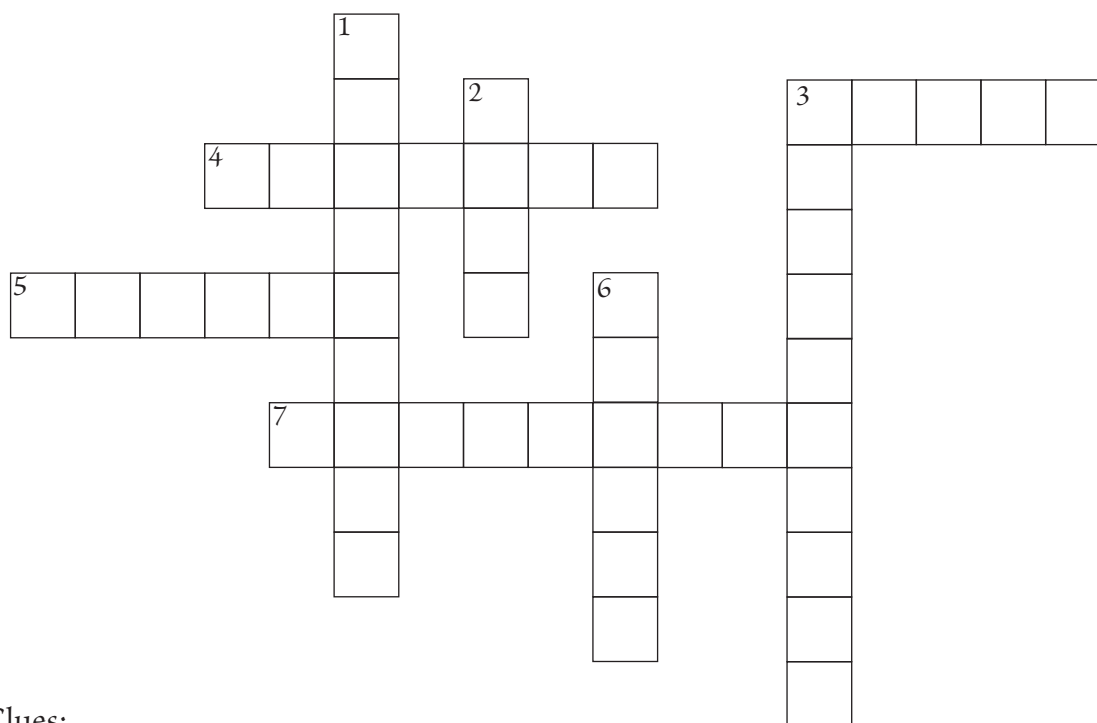
Help Dasher follow the North Star to find the North Pole.



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Use the clues to solve this Christmas crossword.



Clues:

## ACROSS

3. The jolly man dressed in red who delivers presents on Christmas
4. Dasher's favorite food
5. Dasher helps pull this on Christmas Eve
7. What star does Dasher's mother tell her about?

## DOWN

1. The name of Dasher's new home
2. What Dasher helps Santa deliver to the children in time for Christmas morning
3. Who pulled Santa's sleigh before the reindeer?
6. The brave little doe that changed Christmas forever

Answers: ACROSS: 3. SANTA; 4. CARROTS; 5. SLEIGH; 7. NORTHSTAR. DOWN: 1. NORTHPOLE; 2. TOYS; 3. SILVERBELL; 6. DASHER





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