

# SATURDAY

## STORYTIME KIT



## WELCOME

Today will be special. Today will be splendid. Because today we're reading Oge Mora's *Saturday!* The Caldecott Honor-winning creator of *Thank You, Omu!* returns with a warm and uplifting story that explores the joy and importance of spending time together.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVENT

In this kit you'll find games, a breathing exercise, and a maze activity to share with attendees. We hope that everyone will have the best Saturday ever!

## ABOUT SATURDAY



Today would be special. Today would be splendid. It was Saturday! But sometimes, the best plans don't work out exactly the way you expect.



In this heartfelt and universal story, a mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday, one thing after another goes wrong—ruining storytime, salon time, picnic time, and the puppet show they'd been looking forward to going to all week. Mom is nearing a meltdown...until her loving daughter reminds her that being together is the most important thing of all.

In this warm and tender story by the Caldecott Honor-winning creator of *Thank You, Omu!*, join a mother and daughter on an up-and-down journey that reminds them of what's best about Saturdays: precious time together.



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### GROUP ACTIVITY GUIDE

After storytime, spend more time together by doing some of these fun group activities!

#### INTERACTIVE BREATHING EXERCISE



Ava and Mommy want Saturday to be perfect, but sometimes things don't go as planned. So when they're feeling overwhelmed, they both take a deep breath to calm down. Teach this special breathing exercise to your storytime group. Gather attendees and encourage kids to either face or hold hands with their parents or guardians. As a group, take a deep breath in for three seconds, and exhale with a "whooshh" sound for three seconds. After exhaling, say together, "Today was special. Today was splendid. Today was special because I spent it with you!"

#### SATURDAY CHARADES

Ava and Mommy zoom around town with lots of things to do. Play a fun game of charades inspired by the things they do on their Saturday! Activities you could act out could include listening to storytime, getting a new hairdo, picnicking in the park, and performing a puppet show. Encourage participants to mimic things that they do on Saturdays with their loved ones.



#### WHAT MAKES SATURDAYS SPECIAL TO YOU?



There are so many things Ava and Mommy do to make Saturdays splendid—encourage your guests to share their favorite day of the week, what they do on that day, and why it's special to them. Ask them to share stories about the people they spend time with and why they love them.



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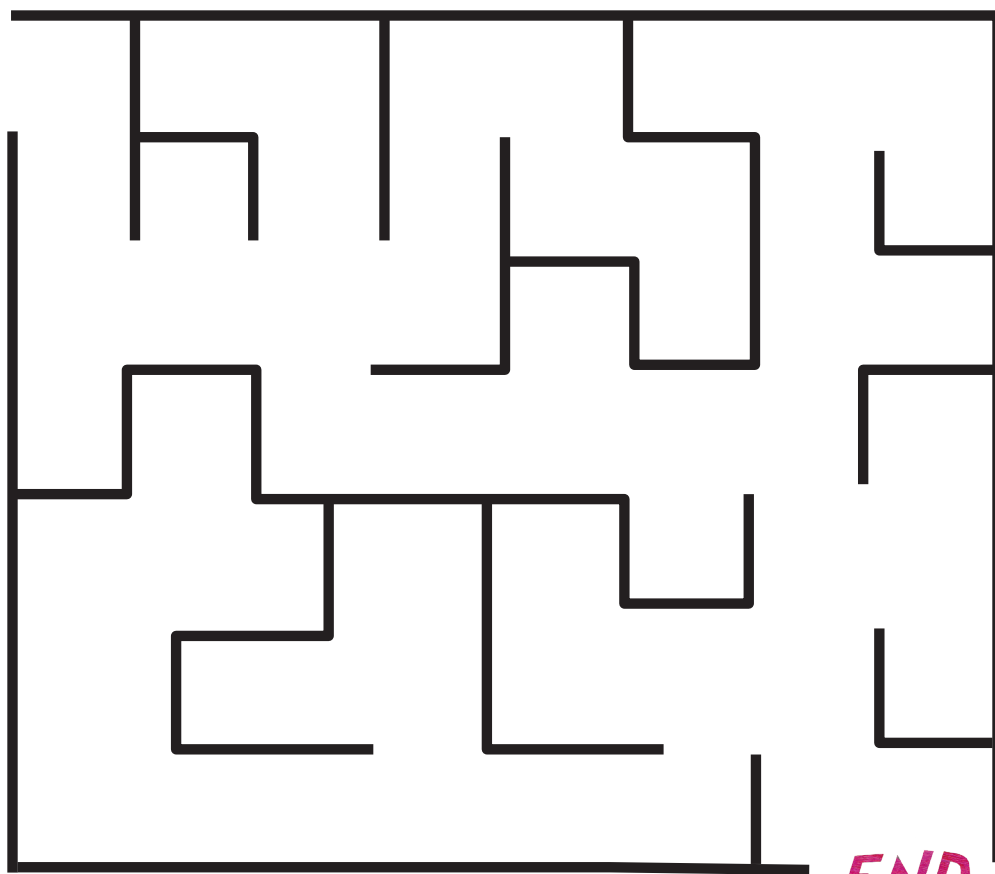
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## MAZE

Zoom! Ava and Mommy need to rush to the special one-night-only puppet show.  
Can you help them through the maze to get to the show on time?

START



END





# DRAWING ACTIVITY

Saturdays are special because we share them with loved ones!  
Draw a picture of you and someone you love spending a fun day together below.

