



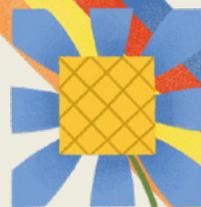
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Once upon a time, there was a Johnny, a bit of a stupid boy with a heart of gold. He couldn't read and he couldn't write, let alone count. His mum pushed him to go to the school, over and over, but Johnny wouldn't listen. Then one day he met this old man, and because he was a good soul he shared a snack with him. As a thank you, the old man gave him a book of magic



Johnny got a book? Oh my!

so that Johnny would be able to conjure up anything he could think of. Johnny thanked him, saying he would conjure up a big hay wagon for his mum; the one they had was falling apart. But because the silly boy couldn't make sense of the letters, he muddled something up about the spell, who knows what ... at any rate, the result wasn't exactly what he'd imagined. Take a look for yourselves, kids.



Wow, a book of magic! For me?

Yes, as a reward for your kindness.

“Oh silly me, I sure have done it now. Wheel wagons cannot have a heart shape! They must be round, just like the Sun, mum’s cakes, or a plate of soup (yummy).” Children, quick, look around and think

Oh no, Johnny, what have you done?



of something that’s round! Help Johnny! The old man helped Johnny with the letters—they read the spell together and whoosh, the wheels became wonderfully round.



Beautiful round wheels! That’s how I like it!



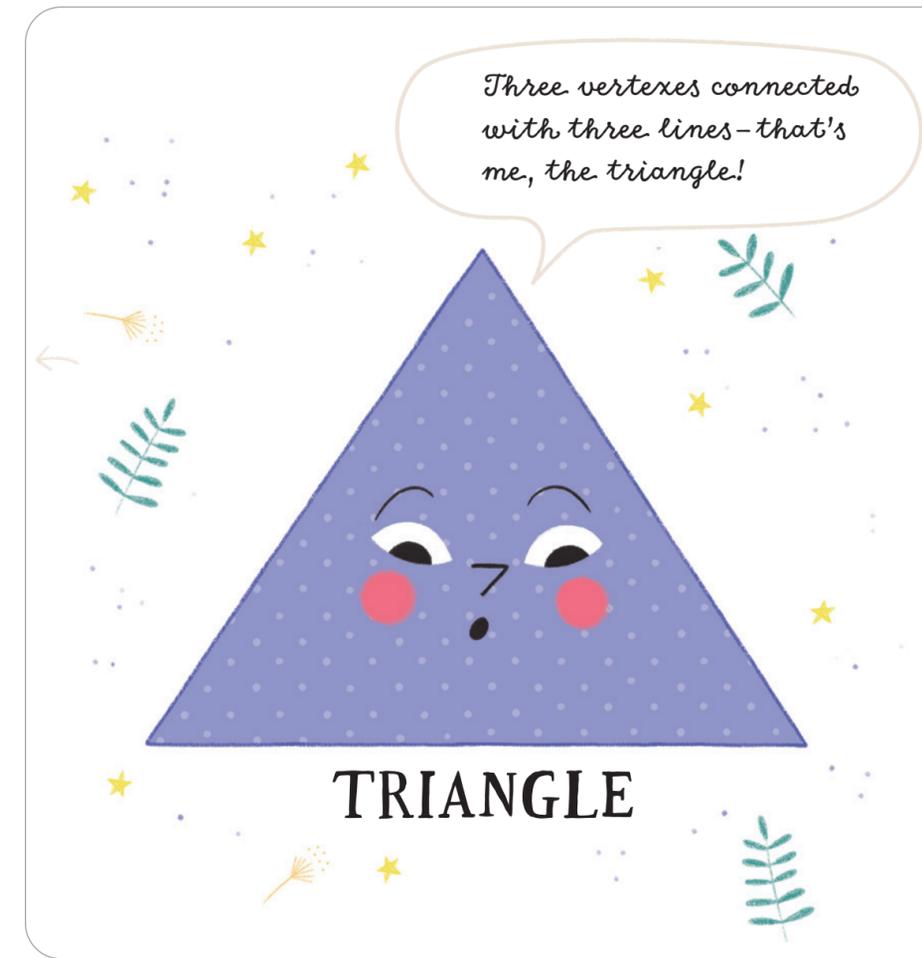


"Now that I know some letters I'll try to fix mum's roof. She's sad because it keeps raining into her pots." A new roof should look like a triangle ... But just so you know, children, whatever Johnny did he bungled up. Oh man, who ever saw a roof like this?



"You have to put in a little effort, boy! You've seen for yourself that one can't do much without knowing letters," reminded the wise old man. Together, they repaired the roof. And you, children, can now go find other things which look like a triangle.

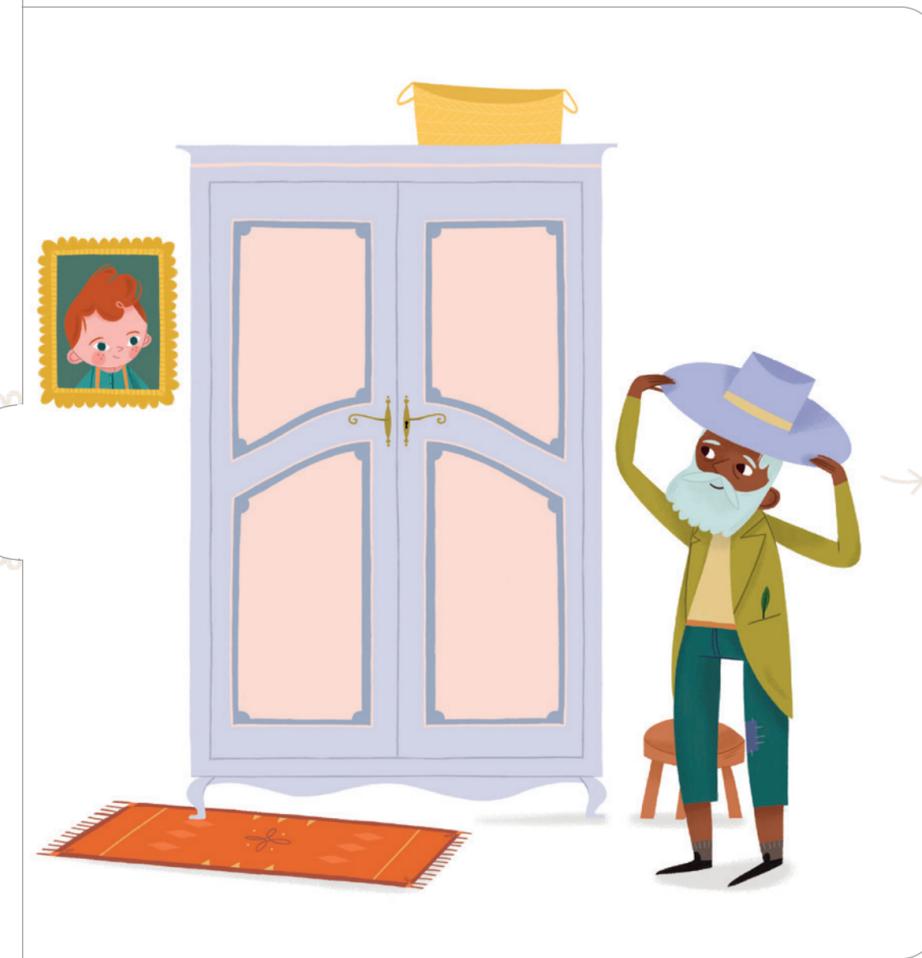




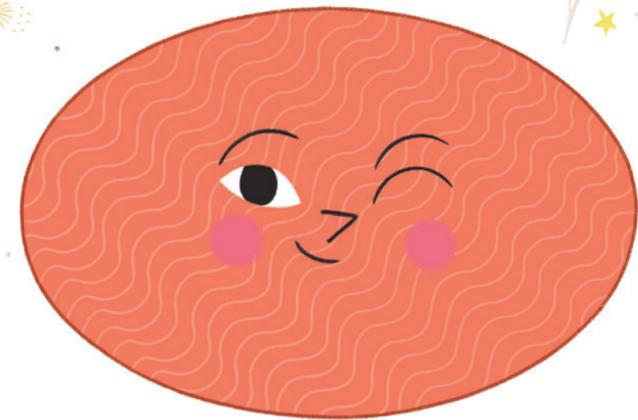
And because Johnny's poor mum spent her whole life wanting a beautiful modern wardrobe that could easily fit all her skirts as well as junior's shirts, dear Johnny decided to do a bit of the good old abracadabra and conjure up a beautiful painted wardrobe for her. That should be a piece of cake, no?



"Oh my dear dumb Johnny! Tell me, what's a good sturdy wardrobe supposed to be shaped like? And if you don't know, the kids surely will. I can hear them already! 'Rectangle,' they say. Like the bar of chocolate mum brings you from the town." What else, kids?



One arch up there, one arch down here, both putting together a perfect oval.



OVAL

Well, our story is coming to an end ... Oh, wait, there's still one shape for you to learn, the most important one of all. What was it that we said about Johnny in the beginning? That he was a dumb-dumb but had a heart of gold! Do you know what a heart looks like? Like an oval? Not at all ...

Oh, Johnny, Johnny. Reading is key if you're to become a proper magician!



Take a look for yourself, dear children! Look around in your own room and outside ... Can you find things that most resemble such a nice shape? Help our Johnny to conjure up the most beautiful gingerbread heart for his mum!



Really, mum, I can read now. See? This heart-shaped gingerbread is the proof. I didn't bungle it up.



*Heart is the most beautiful
shape in the world, I think.
After all, hearts stand for love.*



HEART

How important is it to be able to read? Johnny will discover the answer when an old wizard gives him a book of magic. A single mistake is all it takes for everything to assume an entirely wrong shape. What do you say, kids? Can a roof be round or a chicken's egg square? Will you help Johnny find the correct shapes?



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