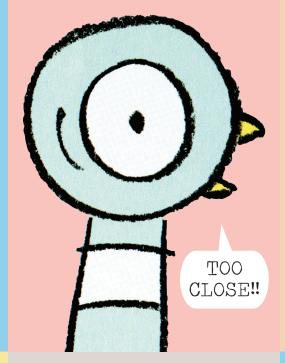


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Psst. Over here! Yeah... you! Why don't you come a little closer?





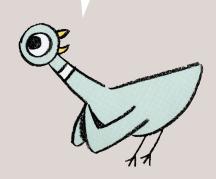
This is
a very special
activity guide based
on my show, <u>Don't Let the</u>
<u>Pigeon Drive the Bus!</u>
(The Musical!)



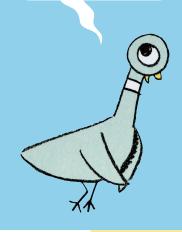
So... you are going to let me do the activity guide, right?



PLEASE?



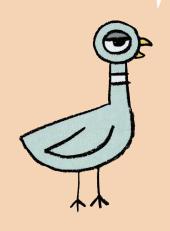
I'll be your best friend!



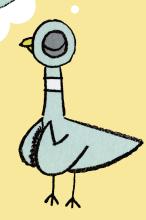
LET ME DO THE ACTIVITY GUIDE!!!!!



Fine. Who needs dreams anyway?





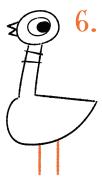


LEARN TO DRAW THE PIGEON!

- Near the top of the box, make a circle for the Pigeon's head.
- Make a smaller circle inside the first one for the Pigeon's eye. Place the eyeball inside the small circle this is the most important part of the drawing because it shows how the Pigeon is feeling!
- Make a sideways letter "M" for the Pigeon's beak. (If you'd rather make a sideways letter "W," that's fine with me.)
 - Draw two straight lines down for the Pigeon's neck, and two lines across for his collar. (This is always more fun with sound effects!)



Now comes the famous Mo Willems "circ-angle" for the Pigeon's body. A circ-angle is a circle that changes its mind halfway through and decides to become a triangle.



Draw two straight lines down from the body for the Pigeon's legs.



Make three letter "V"s. The first two are upside-down for the Pigeon's feet, and the third one is one its side for the wing. Great job! That's an awesome Pigeon!

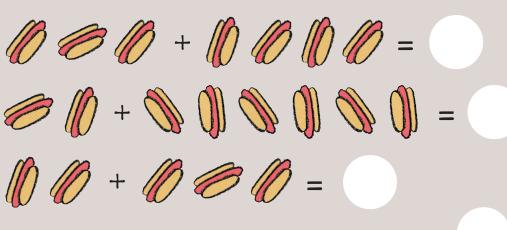
Practice drawing the Pigeon below:

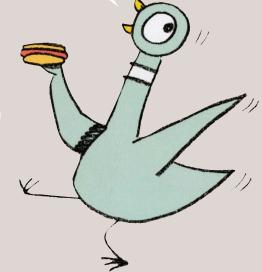


MATH PARTY!

A celebration of math in a bun!

The Pigeon is hungry for his favorite food: HOTDOGS! How many hotdogs does the Pigeon have?





How many TOTAL hotdogs does the Pigeon have?



The Duckling is hungry too! How many cookies does the Duckling have?

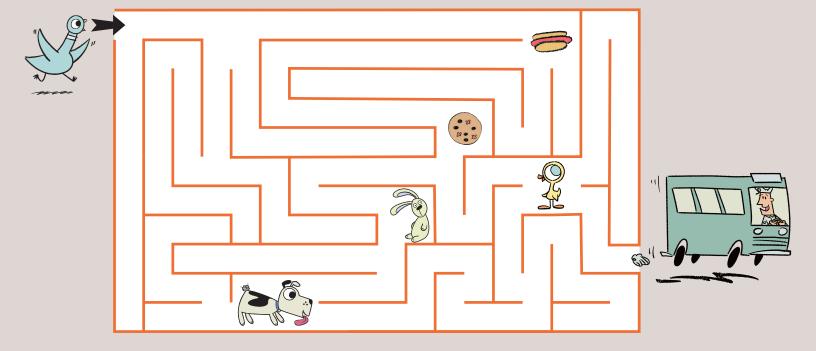


If the Duckling shares a cookie with the Pigeon, how many cookies will be left?



THE PIGEON WANTS A MAZE!

Help the Pigeon collect all of his food and friends on the way to the bus!



EMOTIONS

Draw lines connecting the images to the words that describe what the Pigeon is feeling. Can't decide? Write your own word!



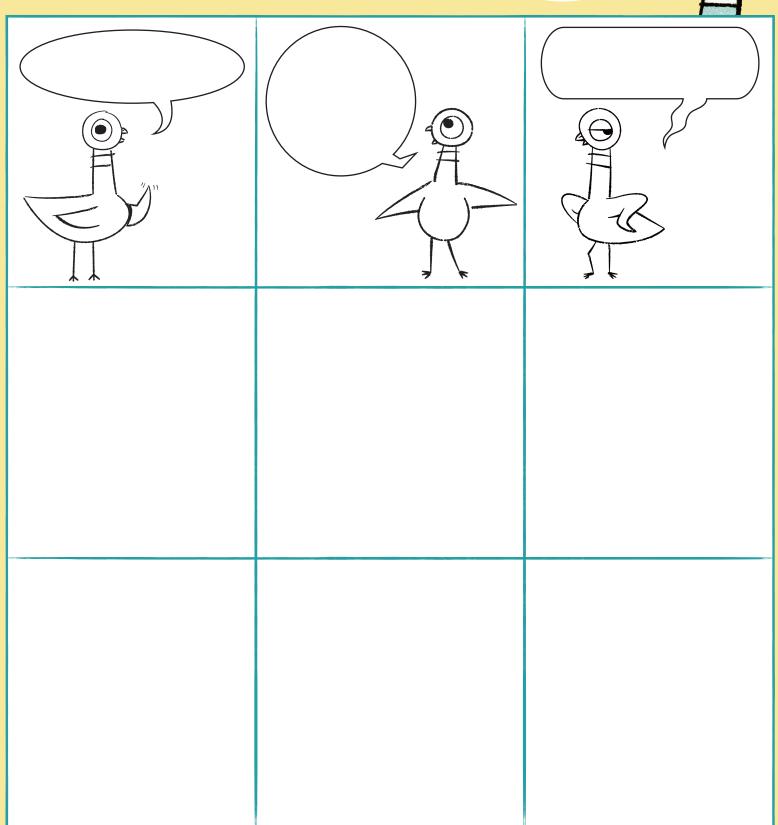


TELL A NEW PIGEON STORY

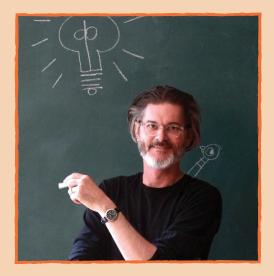
In the space below, come up with a new story of something the Pigeon wants to do. Have the Pigeon try to convince us with different reasons, showing different emotions in each box. To get you started, we've added some images of the Pigeon and some speech bubbles that need your words!

Don't worry,
I'm cute no
matter how you
draw me!





ABOUT THE SHOW



Mo Willems, Creator

The creative force behind this show and the Pigeon book series is author/illustrator Mo Willems. After starting out writing and animating on Sesame Street, he wrote his first book for children - Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! Since then he has written more than 50 books and won numerous awards. Mo draws all the time with his own family at home and encourages everyone - and that means grownups and children - to imagine and doodle. In 2019, Mo Willems was named the Kennedy Center's first-ever Education Artist-in-Residence. The show you saw today was developed during the residence.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

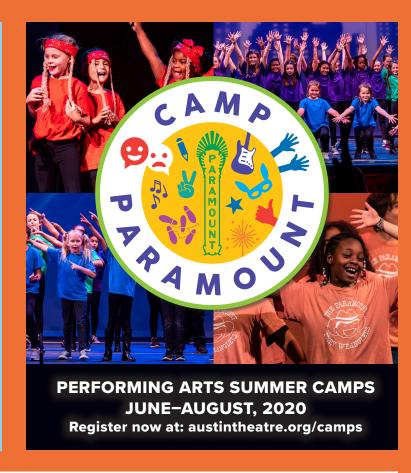
After you watch the show, talk about it with your friends and family!

- 1. It takes a lot of responsibility to drive a bus. What does it mean to be responsible? When was a time that you demonstrated responsibility? How did it make you feel?
- 2. Sometimes Pigeon has to do things he doesn't want to do, like go to sleep. Why is it important to get a good night's sleep? What happens to your body and your mood when you don't get enough sleep?
- 3. Pigeon gets frustrated when he isn't allowed to drive the bus. Can you think of a time when you were frustrated? How did you handle it?
- 4. What was each character's "thing?" What is your "thing"? Why?
- 5. How was the musical different from the book, and why do you think it was different?



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