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WEEK 7 · A CHAPTER BOOK

a read-aloud with

Sideways Stories

from Wayside School

Companion activities for the book by Louis Sachar

Activities to go with *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar. Find it at your local library! This free kit is not affiliated with or endorsed by the author or the publisher.

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WHO'S WHO AT WAYSIDE?

Every kid in Mrs. Jewls's class has a story. Draw a line from each name to the thing that happened in their chapter.

1 SHARIE	Can only read words that are upside down
2 JOE	Sleeps through class in her big coat
3 TODD	Can't stop wanting to pull Leslie's pigtails
4 BEBE	Always gets sent home early on the kindergarten bus
5 CALVIN	Can't count, but still gets the right answer
6 JOHN	Wants to sell her toes to Louis
7 LESLIE	Draws pictures faster than anyone
8 PAUL	Has to deliver a note to the 19th floor

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MRS. JEWLS'S WORD SEARCH

Mrs. Jewls hid ten words from the story. Some go across and some go down (sideways, like Wayside!). Circle each one, then check it off.

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

- ☐ Wayside
- ☐ Sideways
- ☐ Louis
- ☐ Jewls
- ☐ Recess
- ☐ Apple
- ☐ Kickball
- ☐ Lunch
- ☐ School
- ☐ Teacher

READ IT LIKE JOHN

John could only read words that were upside down. Can you? Read each secret message below, then write it the right way up.

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2. .ᖷOᖷ ƎOᖷ TUO HƆTAW

3. .ᖷOOᖷ ᖷAƎT TSƎᗺ ƎHT SI SIUOꞀ

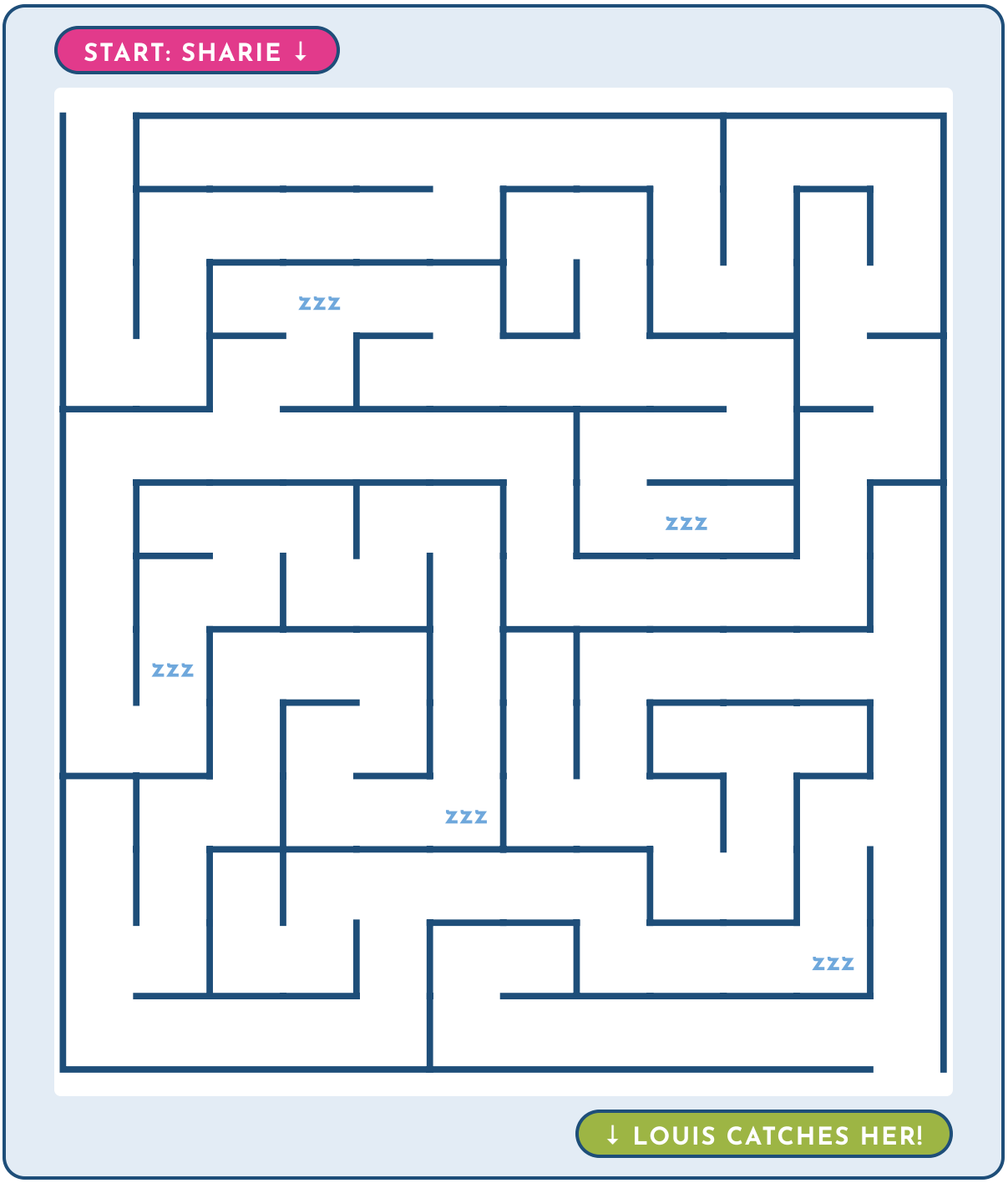
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

Turn this page upside down and write a secret message for someone in your family. Then hand it to them and see if they can read it like John!

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SHARIE'S SLEEPY MAZE

Sharie fell asleep in class and tumbled right out the window! Help her float all the way down to Louis without waking up.



Did Sharie stay asleep? ◯ Zzz... yes! ◯ Oops, she woke up

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LOUIS SACHAR: FACT OR FIB?

Some of these are true facts about the author of *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, and some are fibs. Read each one and check the box. Answers are on the next page. No peeking!

		FACT	FIB
1	Louis Sachar was born in New York.	☐	☐
2	Wayside School is a real school you can visit.	☐	☐
3	In college, he helped at an elementary school, and the kids called him Louis the Yard Teacher.	☐	☐
4	*Sideways Stories from Wayside School* was his very first book.	☐	☐
5	He wrote the whole book in one weekend.	☐	☐
6	He went to law school and worked as a lawyer.	☐	☐
7	The book has 31 chapters, one for every floor.	☐	☐
8	His book *Holes* won the Newbery Medal.	☐	☐
9	He has never eaten a school lunch.	☐	☐
10	There are four Wayside School books.	☐	☐

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FACT OR FIB: THE ANSWERS

How did you do? Read the answers together and learn a little more about the man who wrote Wayside School. Color a star for each one you got right.

1 FACT

He was born in 1954 in East Meadow, New York. When he was nine, his family moved to California.

2 FIB

We made this one up! Wayside School is only in the books. A real 30-story school would have a whole lot of stairs.

3 FACT

While he was in college in California, he worked as a teacher's aide. The kids called him Louis the Yard Teacher, so he put himself in the book!

4 FACT

It came out in 1978. Many of the kids in the book are named after students he met at that school.

5 FIB

We made this one up! Books take a long time to write, and authors usually rewrite them many times.

6 FACT

He became a lawyer but kept writing books. When his books got popular, he started writing full-time.

7 FIB

Fib! There are 30 chapters. But take another look at chapter 19. It's a little different!

8 FACT

Holes won the Newbery Medal in 1999. It's one of the biggest awards for children's books.

9 FIB

We made this one up! No one knows what he thinks of Miss Mush's cooking, though.

10 FACT

The newest one, *Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom*, came out in 2020.

I got _____ out of 10 right! If I could ask Louis Sachar one question, I'd ask _____

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SCHOOL DAY JOKES

Read each joke to someone in your family. Can they guess the punchline? Flip the page to find out!

1

Why did the student bring a ladder to school?

She wanted to go to high school!

2

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Her students were so bright!

3

What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet!

4

Why was the broom late for school?

It over-swept!

5

What is a snake's favorite subject?

Hiss-tory!

WRITE YOUR OWN SCHOOL JOKE

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ANSWER KEY FOR GROWN-UPS

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