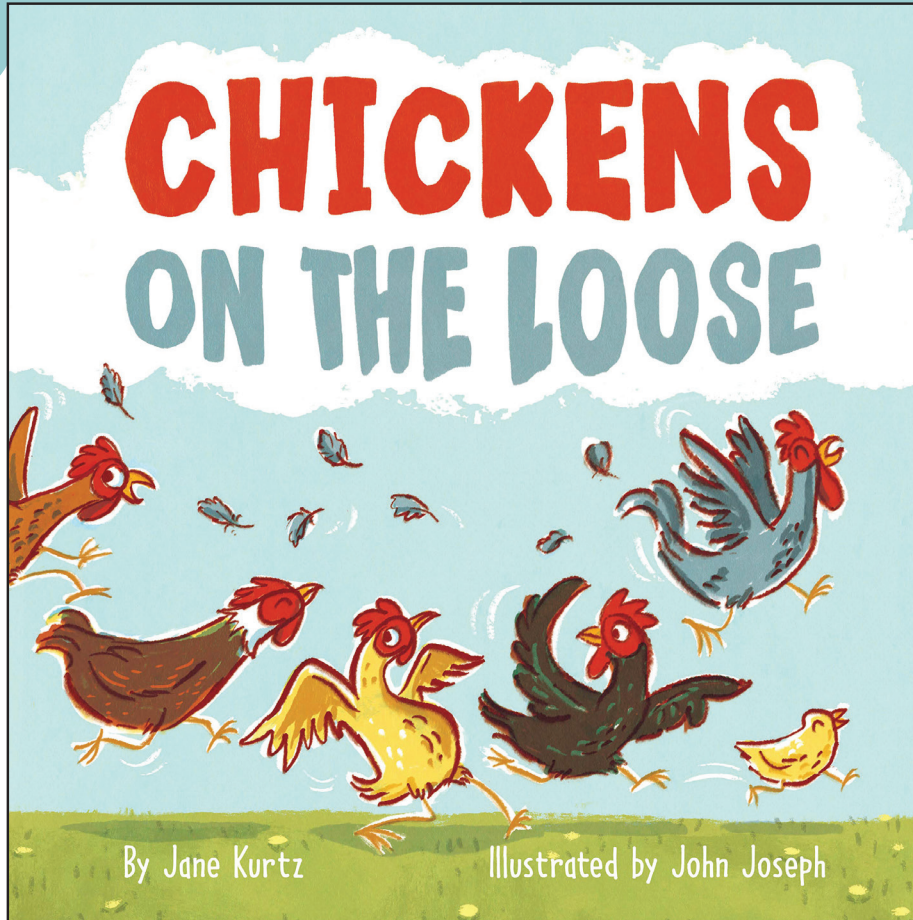


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## CHICKENS ON THE LOOSE

By Jane Kurtz

Illustrated by  
John Joseph

Chickens on the loose.  
Chickens on the lam.  
Zipping from the yard,  
As quickly as they can.

In this happy-go-clucky adventure, a flock of backyard chickens is tired of their cozy coop and want to see the world. They dash through town dipping into a thrift store, a yoga studio, a food truck plaza, and a pet shop. They hitch a ride on some skateboards and dabble in painting. The whole town is chasing them, but these chickens will not STOP! That is, until they're too tired to squawk and the rain starts to fall . . .

Jane Kurtz's rollicking rhyme and John Joseph's effervescent illustrations make this book a perfect choice for story time.

"It's chickens gone wild, y'all! Jump in and join the fun!"

—KATHI APPELT, *Newbery Honor Winner and  
two-time National Book Award Finalist*



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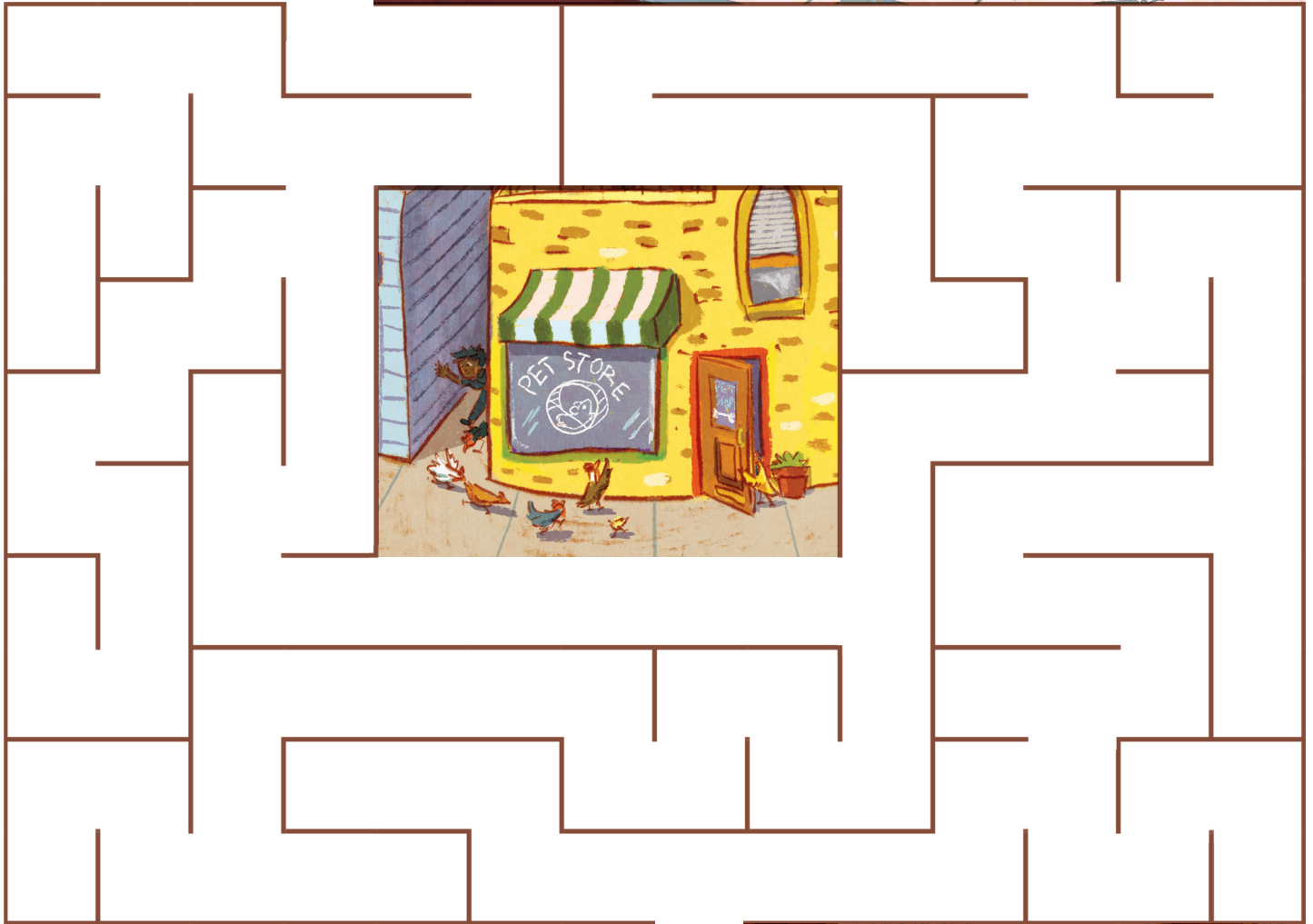


# MAZE

Chickens are on the loose! Can you follow their path through the town and back to the coop to rest at the end of their zany day?



START



FINISH



# CHICKEN YOGA

Chickens stop in for a calming yoga break when they're running through the town. Can you try these fun yoga poses?



## Extended Side Angle Pose

Bend one chicken leg to the side and straighten your back leg. Flatten your rear foot to the ground; reach your bottom wing to the ground and your other wing sky high.



## Balancing Stick Pose

Step into one foot, tip your body forward, and kick your opposite foot up and back. Align your wings at your sides. For more of a challenge, reach your wings forward and make your body into a capital T when viewed from the side.



## Tree Pose

Step firmly into one foot, lift the other foot to press against your standing leg. Stand strong in your posture and press your wingtips together at your chest.



## Downward Facing Dog (or Chicken!)

Place wings to the ground, lift your tailfeather high, and sink your heels closer to the ground.

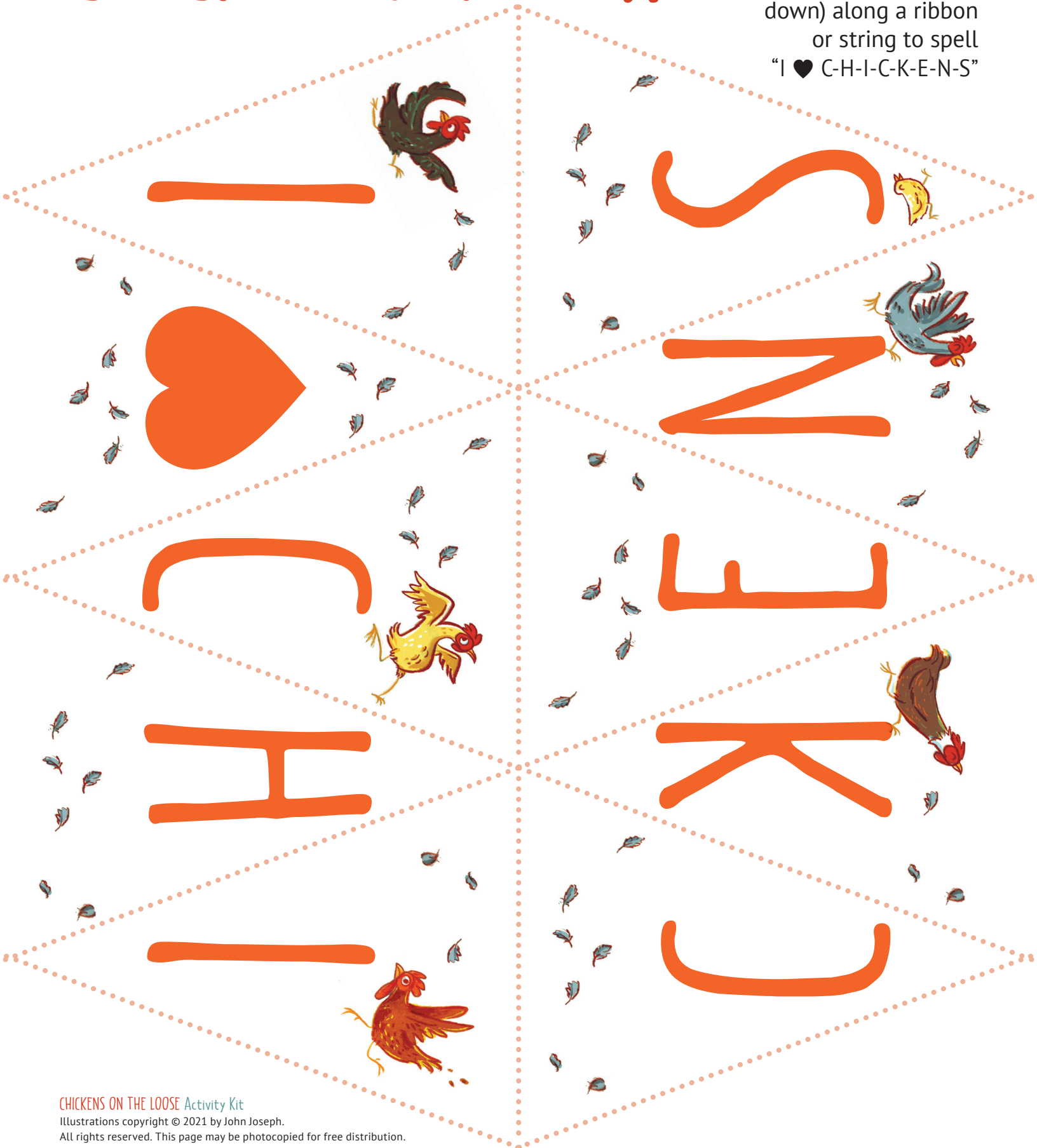
# CHICKEN PUPPETS

Cut out the chickens along the dotted lines and affix a craft stick to the back of each one. What mischief can your stick puppet chickens get into?



# CHICKEN BANNER

Three cheers for chickens!  
Cut out the triangles and  
tape them (points facing  
down) along a ribbon  
or string to spell  
"I ♥ C-H-I-C-K-E-N-S"



# CHICKEN FACTS



There are more chickens on earth than people. There are also more chickens than any other bird species.



A hen is a female chicken, a rooster is a male chicken, and a baby chicken is called a chick.



If hens are healthy and getting enough light (around 14 hours a day), they will usually lay 1 egg per day.



Chickens don't like hanging out alone. They are social birds.



Hens that are free to roam a yard and eat bugs and grass lay eggs with great flavor.



Chickens are very vocal. They make over 30 different sounds.



Chickens have prehistoric roots and are the closest living relative of the *Tyrannosaurus Rex*.



An egg develops for about 24 hours within a hen's body. The egg's color and pattern happen in the last few hours before it is laid.



Chickens have three eyelids.



Chickens are curious and like to explore (as we know from reading *Chickens on the Loose!*)

