

Hi, Koo!

*A Year of Seasons
Event Planner*



Color with Koo

Finish coloring this picture of Koo and his friends doing handstands together!



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Event Planning Tips

Two to Three Weeks Ahead:

- Pick a date and time for your event. (Remember, young children have shorter attention spans and get tired more easily. We suggest your party last no more than an hour.)
- Advertise your event in your store newsletter and on your website.
- Make copies of the invitation (Reproducible A). Fold each sheet into quarters so that Koo appears on the front. Hand out the invitations, keep a stack of them next to the register, and/or send them to people on your mailing list.
- Create a window display to promote your event.



One Week Ahead:

- Post a sign announcing your event next to the register or in your window (Reproducible B).
- Photocopy a supply of the coloring and activity sheets (Reproducible C – E) included in this planner.
- Be sure to have plenty of pencils, crayons, and craft supplies on hand.

Event Day:

- Decorate your event space.
- Be sure necessary materials are in place.
- Have a supply of the activity sheets available for guests.



Set the Scene

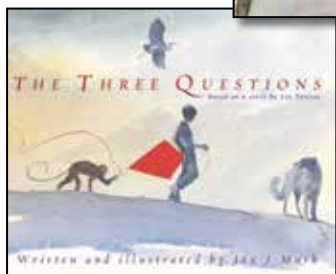
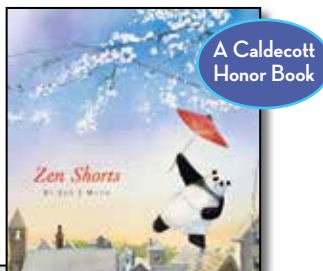
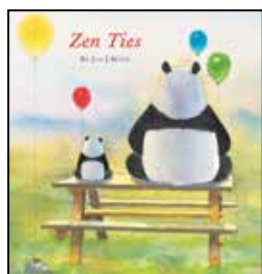
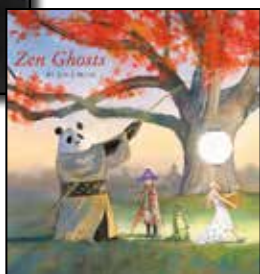
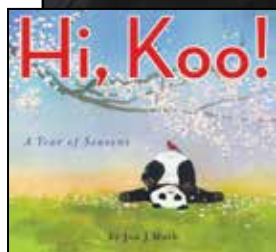
When decorating, find inspiration from the book and carry its themes of poetry, art, and the four seasons throughout your event space. Feature snowflakes for winter, flowers for spring, fireflies for summer, and colorful leaves for fall. For refreshments, consider some book-inspired treats like warm cookies and milk, along with more traditional snacks.

The Art of Storytelling

Choose a quiet, comfortable place in your store or library with enough room for kids to gather around. The beauty of *Hi, Koo!* lies in the story and the art. As you read, invite children to ask questions about the story, characters, pictures, and words. Engage kids in a discussion about the book afterwards. What did they think the story was about? Did they like it?



Jon J Muth has written and illustrated many picture books, including his Caldecott Honor book *Zen Shorts* and its sequel, the *New York Times* bestselling picture book *Zen Ties*. Other beloved titles from Jon include *Gershon's Monster* by Eric Kimmel and *The Christmas Magic* by Lauren Thompson. His book *The Three Questions* has been described as “quietly life-changing” by *The New York Times*. Muth lives in upstate New York with his wife and five children.



From Caldecott Honor artist Jon J Muth

Hi, Koo!: A Year of Seasons • 978-0-545-16668-3

Koo, the young panda from *Zen Ties*, returns for a poetic journey through the seasons.

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Stillwater returns to share some atmospheric Halloween ghost stories.

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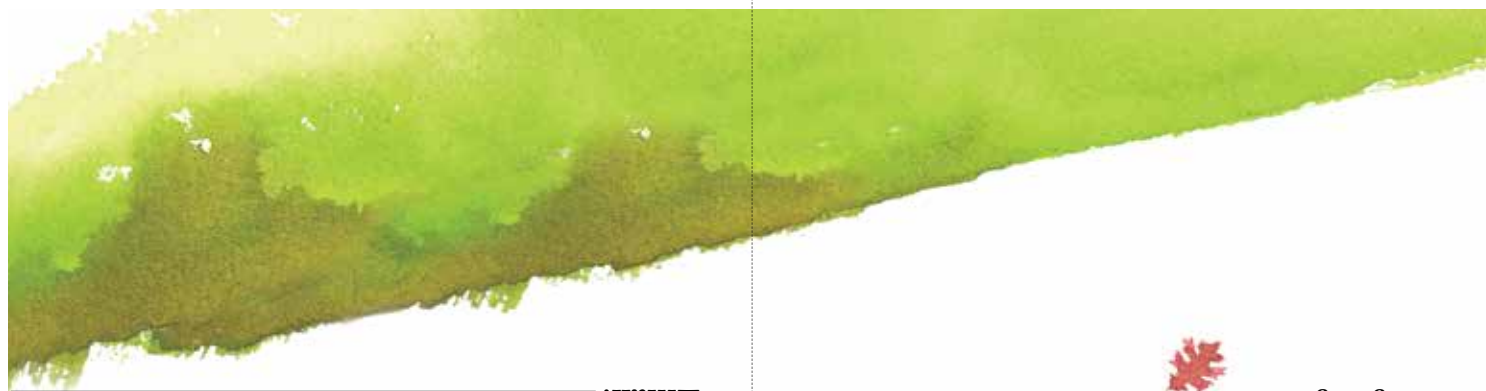
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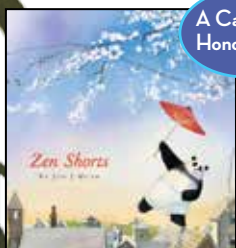
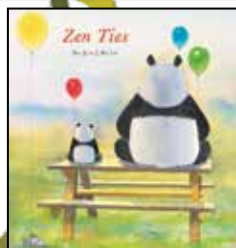
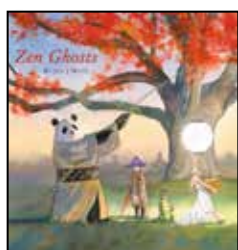
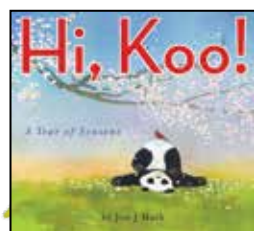
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Join us for a delightful journey
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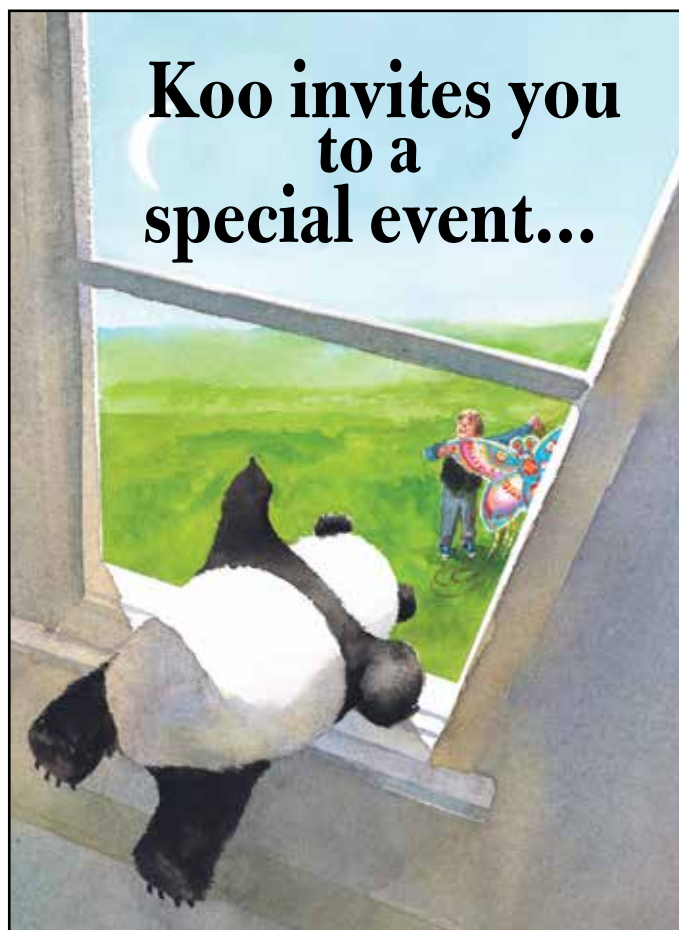
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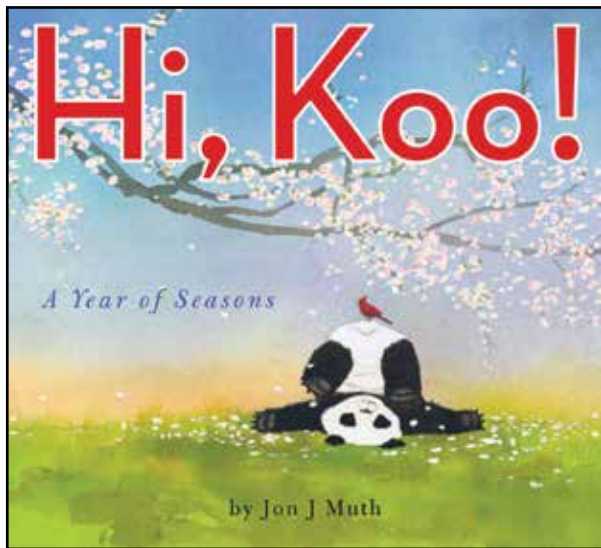
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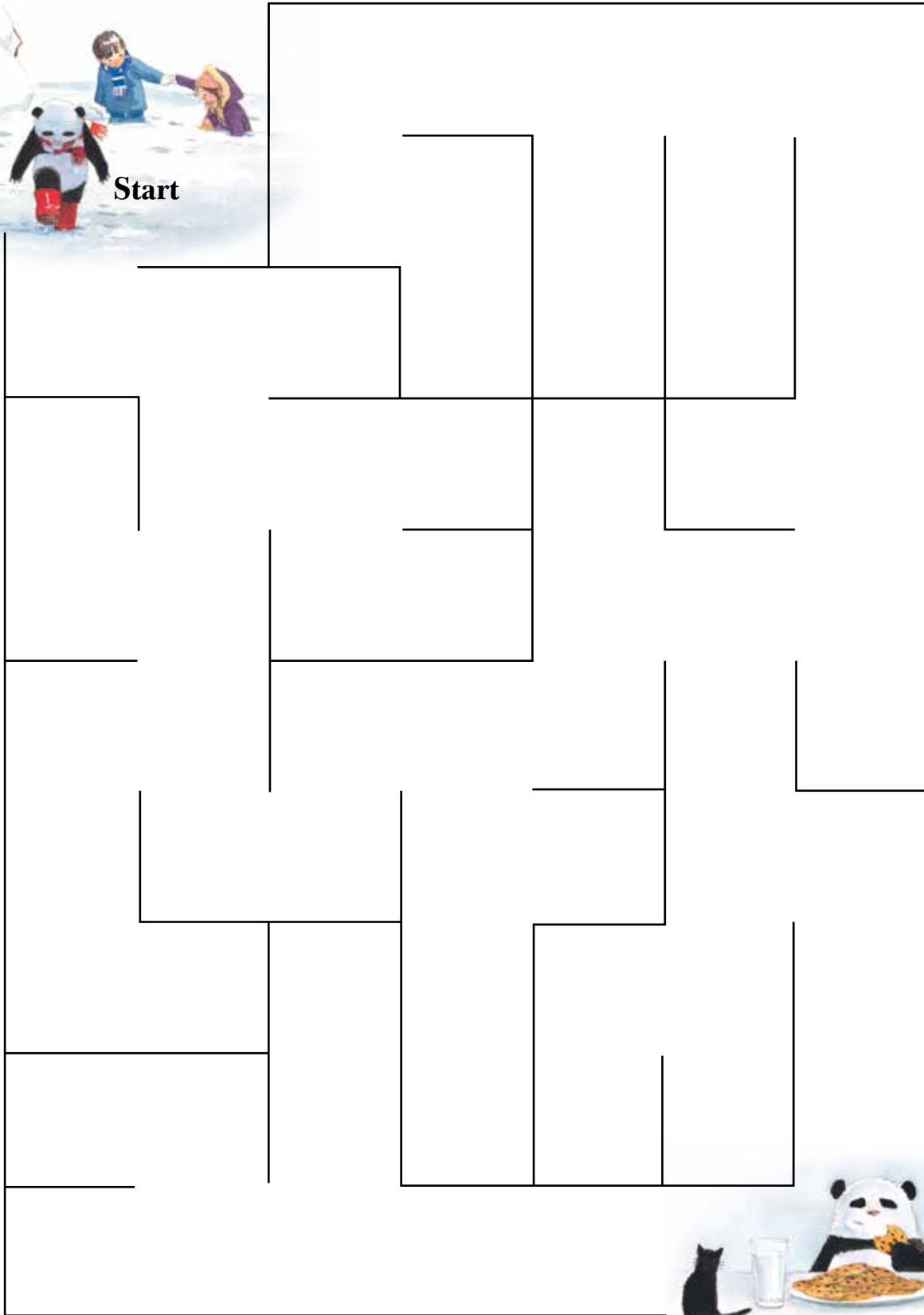
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A Winding Winter Maze

Koo and his friends are having fun in the snow, but now it's time to go. Can you help Koo find his way home?



End



Daydream with Koo

Koo is looking up at the sky, daydreaming. What does he see in the sky? Draw what you would like to see!



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