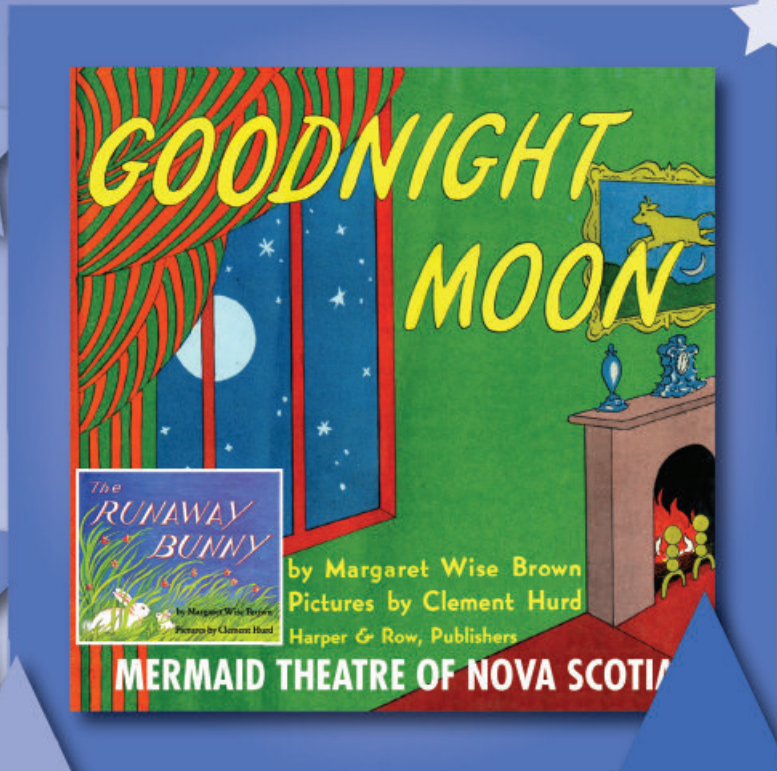


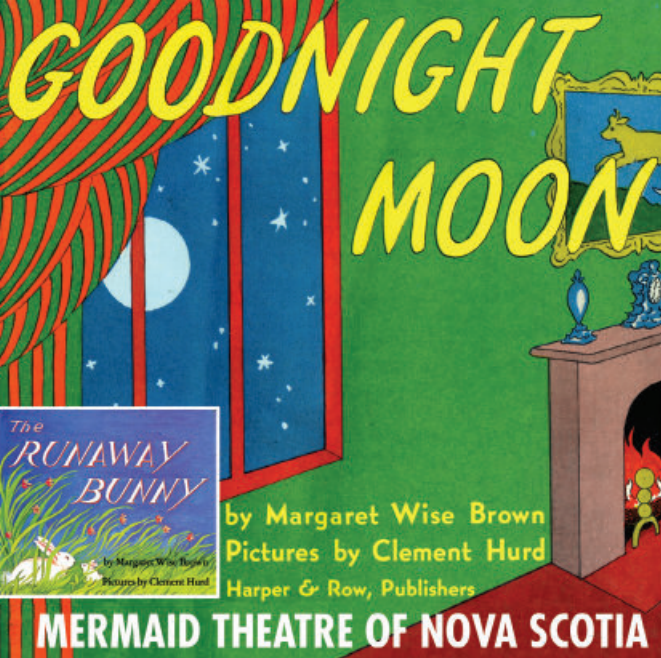
# ***GOODNIGHT MOON*** and ***THE RUNAWAY BUNNY***



## Activity Guide



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# Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny

Ohio Theatre

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Produced by the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia

**GOODNIGHT MOON** is the beloved, classic children's story by Margaret Wise Brown and illustrated by Clement Hurd. A young bunny says good night to everything in his room that he can see, and he sees everything! This timeless bedtime ritual brings the bunny pleasant dreams.

**THE RUNAWAY BUNNY** is the companion piece to *Goodnight Moon*. In this story, a young bunny tells his mother he is going to run away from home. But, in the true form of mothers, wherever he goes, she finds him in this game of hide and seek to catch him in her arms and hug him.

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia brings these stories to life with amazing puppetry and original music.

For more information on the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia go to: [www.mermaidtheatre.ns.ca](http://www.mermaidtheatre.ns.ca)  
For more information on the author of the classic books go to: [www.margaretwisebrown.com](http://www.margaretwisebrown.com)

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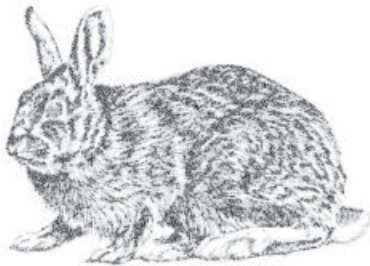
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# DID YOU KNOW RABBITS...

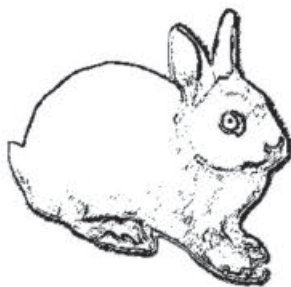
- are also called bunnies (or one bunny).
- are mammals with big ears, excellent hearing, whiskers, soft fur and a short tail.
- eat plants such as: grass, twigs, leaves and bark.
- are small animals that dig holes and tunnels that are called "burrows."
- live underground in burrows connected together to form a warren.
- thump to warn other rabbits of danger.
- take good care of themselves with grooming.
- can freeze in an instant and flatten their bodies so no one can see them.
- have very powerful hind legs for digging and can run 24 miles an hour.
- live in forests, deserts, grasslands and swamps all over the world, except Antarctica.

**There are at least 25 different species or kinds of bunnies. Here are three to color.**



I am an Eastern Cottontail Rabbit.  
I live in Ohio. Color me brownish gray  
with a rusty colored neck and a white  
cotton tail.

Give me a name\_\_\_\_\_



I am a Netherland Dwarf rabbit that  
came from Holland. I have short little  
ears that stand up. Color my eyes blue  
or red. Color my fur silver.

Give me a name\_\_\_\_\_



I am a Mini Lop rabbit. I came from  
Germany. I have floppy ears. Color my  
ears and spots black and the rest of me  
white.

Give me a name\_\_\_\_\_

# THE POWER OF WIND!

The RUNAWAY BUNNY tells his mom that he will become a sailboat to sail away from her, but she said she will become the wind and blow him to wherever she wants him to go!

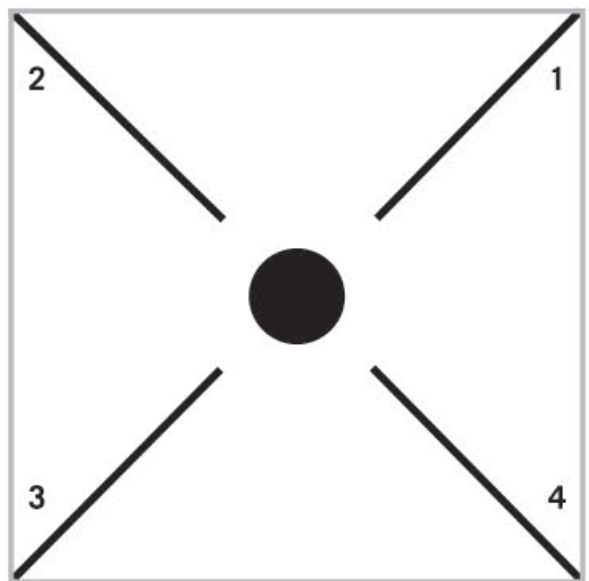
Wind, even if it is your breath, can be very powerful. Sailboats have a large piece of material that is blown by the wind to make the boat move. Try this experiment. Make a pinwheel, then use your breath to blow the wheels around.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED:


1. Paper, any color, size of square to the right.
2. Scissors.
3. Crayons or markers to decorate the paper.
4. Push Pin.
5. Pencil with an eraser.
6. Your breath.

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Trace the square to the right, on a piece of paper.
2. Be sure to put the lines, dot, and numbers in the **same** places, on *your* square.
3. Color both sides of the paper.
4. Cut along the 4 **DARK** diagonal lines.
5. Bend the 1st numbered corner to the center dot.
6. Bend the 2nd numbered corner on top of the first.
7. Bend the 3rd numbered corner on top of the second.
8. Bend the 4th numbered corner on top of the third.
9. Carefully insert a push pin through all the papers in the center, holding them together.
10. Insert the pinwheel and the push pins into the eraser on the top of the pencil.
11. Gently blow towards the push pin and watch the pinwheel go around, demonstrating the power of your wind (or breath)!



This is how Mother Bunny could blow her sailboat son to where she wants him to go!



***In the great green room  
there was a telephone  
and a red balloon  
and a picture of  
the cow jumping over the moon***

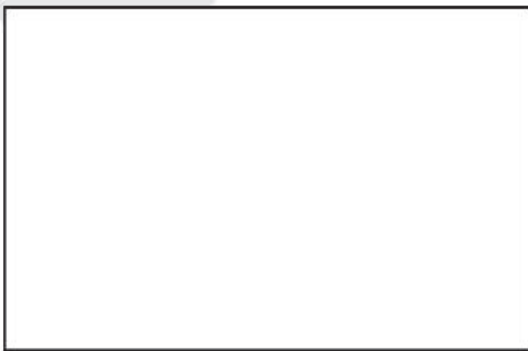
The last line above comes from a famous Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme, which is printed below. The rhyme has all sorts of funny images, like a cow jumping over the moon.

**Use your imagination and draw a picture of the funny phrases that are underlined below.**

Hey diddle, diddle, the cat and the fiddle →  
The cow jumped over the moon.



← The little dog laughed to see such sport



And the dish ran away with the spoon →

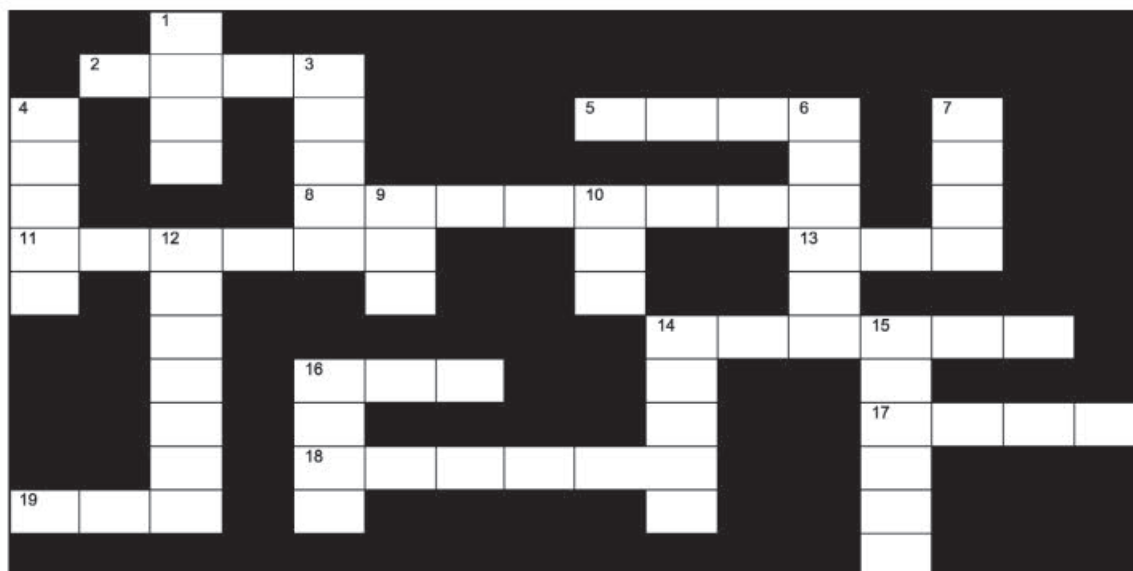


The RUNAWAY BUNNY isn't the  
only one to run away.  
Who runs away in the above rhyme? \_\_\_\_\_

Check your answer at [playhousesquare.org/discovery](http://playhousesquare.org/discovery).

# HIDE & SEEK CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Runaway Bunny hid from his mom. Find the many places he hid and some ways his mom found him in this puzzle.



## DOWN

1. What blows in the sky
3. Boy lives in this
4. Birds have these
6. Long word for mom
7. One of 4 down
9. Small insect
10. Small man
12. What the little bunny wants to do
14. How to get to the top of a mountain
15. Bunnies eat this
19. Same as 10 down

## ACROSS

2. What bunny becomes in the trout stream
5. Fish do this
8. This will sail away
11. Where flowers grow
13. Mothers give children this
14. Where the flying trapeze is
16. Use this to catch a fish
17. Mountain is made of
18. Where trout fish live

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# FIND AND COLOR RED THE SLEEPING BUNNY & THE MOON.

Make the other bunnies any color you want.



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