MAGIC MAZE

5 DAYS OF THEMED SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER CAMP LESSONS

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Get ready for a whirlwind of challenges! Design and navigate cardboard mazes, master trick shots with targets and creative throws, and conquer an obstacle course of skill and speed. We'll have an a-maze-ing time! Magic Maze is a robust school-age unit steeped in activities that enable students to challenge themselves, experiment, and transform information into meaningful content and skills. While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning areas of "Approaches to Learning through Play" and "Scientific Thinking and Technology." Specifically, students will engage in learning activities that meet the PA Standard Areas of Constructing, Organizing, and Applying Knowledge, and Technology and Engineering.

SCHEDULE

DAY 1

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY	180 MINUTES
READY, SET, LEARN	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – PRACTICE MAZES	30 MINUTES
BREAK/SNACK TIME	15 MINUTES
LET'S GET MOVING – RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT MAZES	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – FLOOR MAZE CHALLENGE	30 MINUTES
BREAK/LUNCHTIME	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – AIR MAZES	45 MINUTES
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING – MAZE OF FRUSTRATION	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – SLIDE THE CUP MAZE	45 MINUTES
WRAP UP/GOODBYES	15 MINUTES
LATE PICK-UP	10 MINUTES

DAY 2

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY	180 MINUTES
READY, SET, LEARN	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – MAZE BLUEPRINT	30 MINUTES
BREAK/SNACK TIME	15 MINUTES
LET'S GET MOVING – PLAYGROUND DODGEBALL	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – WOODEN MAZES	30 MINUTES
BREAK/LUNCHTIME	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – CARDBOARD MAZES	45 MINUTES
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING – PARTNER CARD GAMES	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – BUILDING BLOCK MAZE	45 MINUTES
WRAP UP/GOODBYES	15 MINUTES
LATE PICK-UP	10 MINUTES

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MATERIALS LIST

- Pictures of mazes and labyrinths
- Multimedia player
- Erasers
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Masking tape/painter's tape (various colors)
- Large open area
- Drinking straws
- Ping pong balls
- Plastic cups (red and one other color)
- Poster paper
- Markers
- Graph paper
- Rulers
- Soft playground balls
- Wooden blocks
- Tongue depressors
- Craft sticks
- Toy cars
- Liquid glue
- Cardboard boxes (various sizes)
- Cardboard sheets
- Packing tape
- Bouncy rubber balls
- Card games
- Build block base plates
- Building blocks
- Paperclips
- Playground equipment/outdoor toys
- Towels
- Water
- Muffin tins
- Empty water bottles
- Flying discs
- Paper planes
- Hula hoops
- Basketballs
- Basketball hoops
- A set of jacks
- Long bar or pole (similar to a broom handle)
- Plastic hangers
- Caution tape
- Yard stakes
- Balloons
- Yarn (red)
- Paper tubes
- Construction paper
- Cotton balls
- Chenille stems
- Cotton swabs
- Clear tape
- Lined paper
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bingo markers
- Small whiteboards
- Dry-erase markers
- Optional: Math flashcards

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ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY: SLIDE THE CUP MAZE

- **STEP 1:** On a table, tape off two 4" x 5" boxes a distance apart (see the picture below). There will be two game boards for a pair of opponents. Place a red cup in every square but two in the bottom row. In one of the two, place a different color cup and leave the last square blank. Make sure the different colored cup is in the same place on both "game boards."
- **STEP 2:** Scan the QR code below with your smart device camera to show the students a video of the game instructions.
- **STEP 3:** Then explain the instructions for auditory learners: they can move one cup at a time into an empty square, and the task is to get the other colored cup to the top left corner. You can move it up or down and side to side but not diagonally. The first one to get it into that corner wins the round. Then the next two students will play head-to-head.
- **STEP 4:** If there is enough time, the winners can then challenge each other.

"Slide the Cup Challenge"

DURATION/SCHEDULE

45 minutes – 2 to 2:45 p.m.

MATERIALS

- Plastic cups (red and one other color)
- Masking or painter's tape
- Multimedia player

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Accomplish challenging tasks independently
- Manipulate smaller objects
- Express feelings that are appropriate for the situation

STANDARDS

- AL.2 2.C
- 10.5 2.A
- 16.1 2.A

LEARNER MODIFICATIONS

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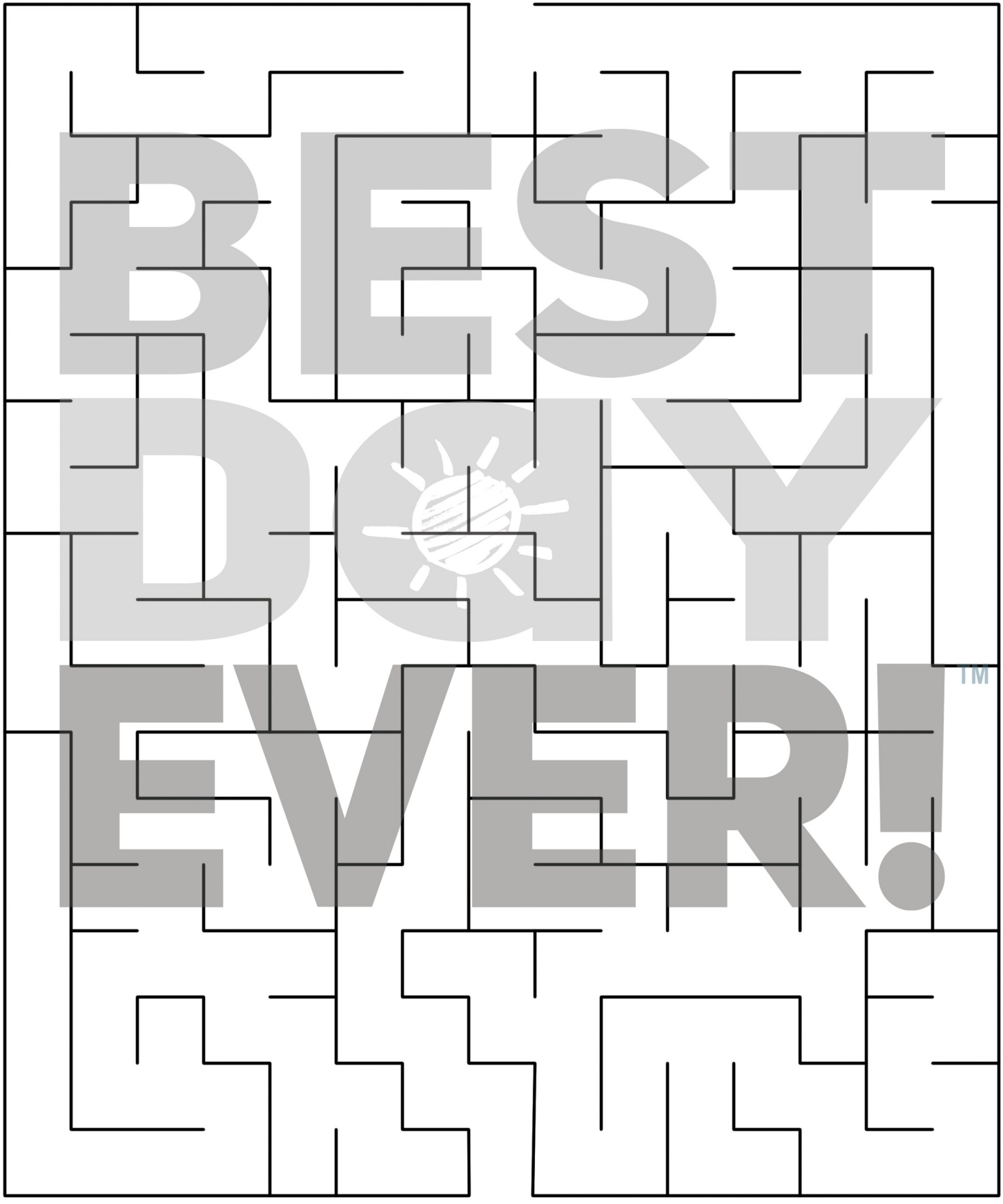
Practice Maze
(Hard)