

Inspired by an incident that happened on Vinalhaven, Maine, Chris Van Dusen tells a fun tale of resourcefulness and community.

Use *Big Truck, Little Island* in your classroom to discuss problem-solving.

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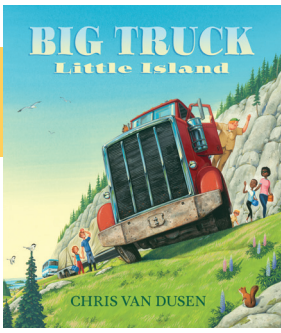
**BIG TRUCK**  
**Little Island**

- When their cars get stuck, the kids in the story are able to come up with a great solution to their problem. Have the students describe a time when they were able to solve a problem on their own.
- Ask students to explain why it's important to be resourceful and problem-solve.
- All of the families must rely on one another to get where they need to go. Ask your students to compile a list of ways to help their communities.
- As the author's note states, this book was inspired by a true story! Divide the class into groups and have them create their own rhyming text based on something that happened in their own lives, complete with illustrations.



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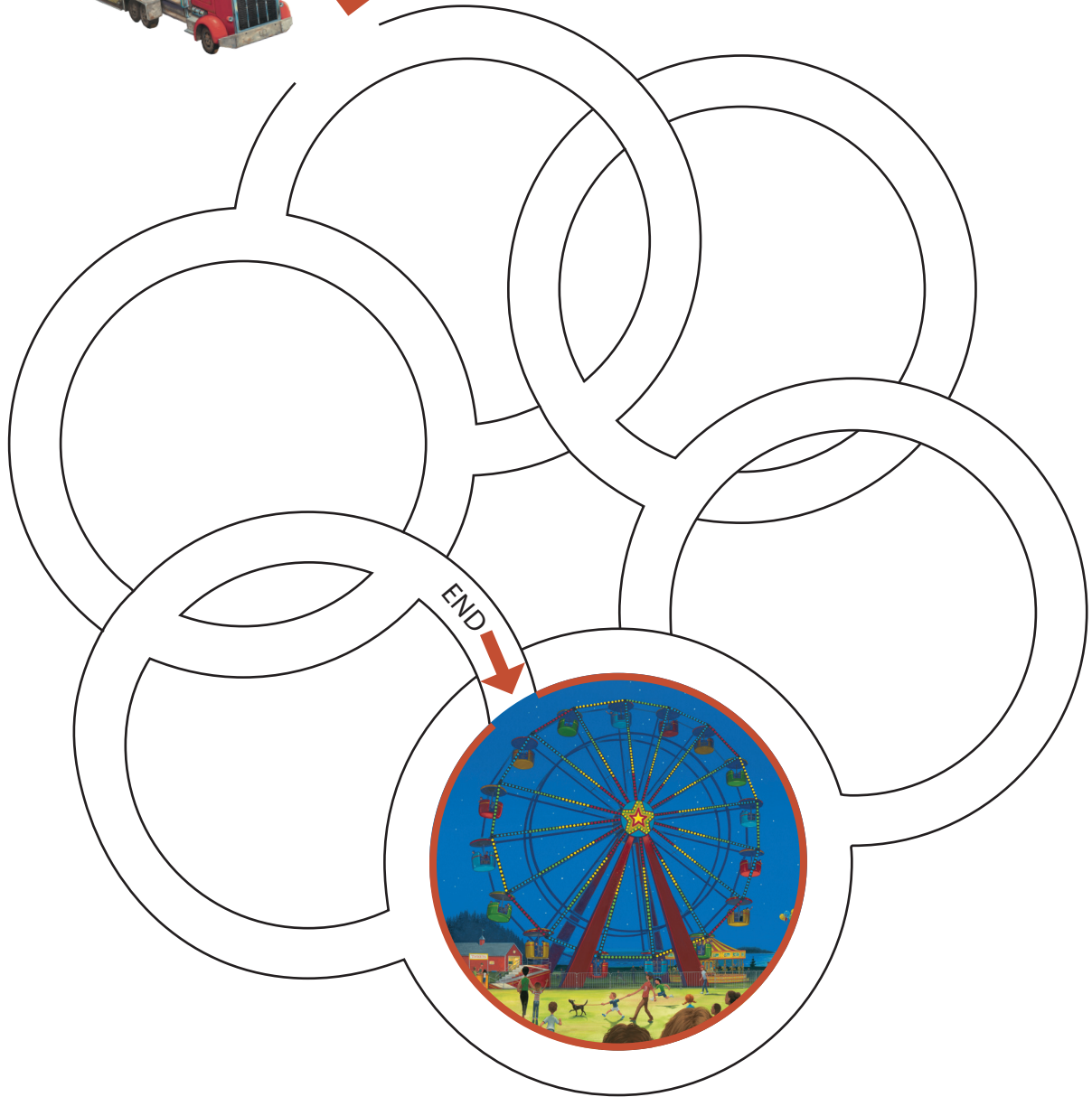


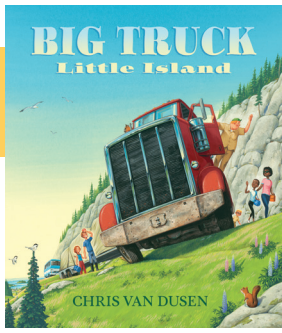
# Maze

Help the truck find its way across the island. Don't get stuck!



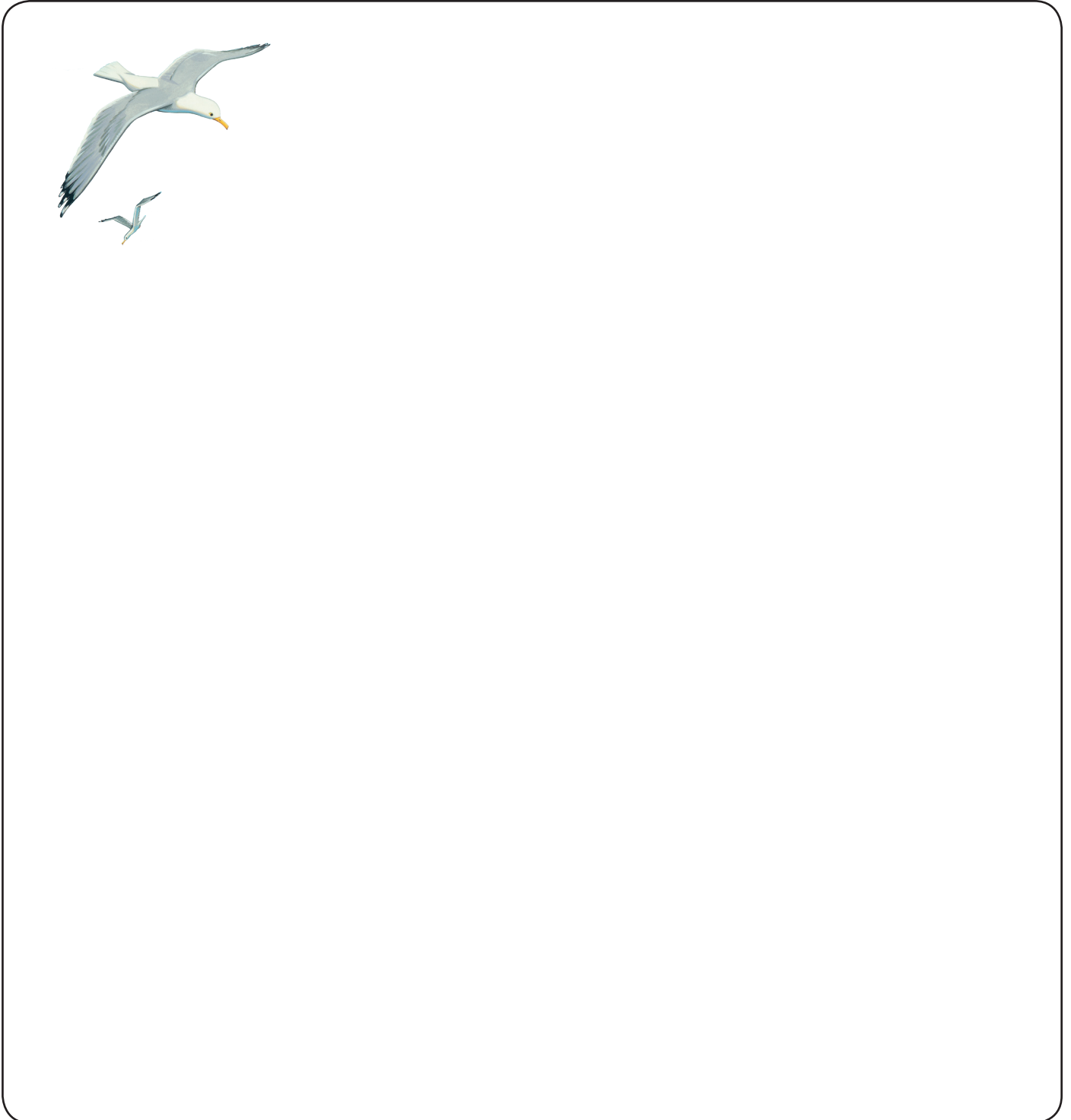
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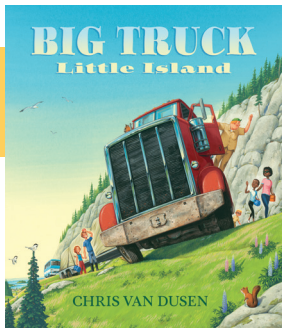




# Coloring Sheet

Draw a picture or map of your own little island. What kinds of things would you find there? Color it in when you're done.





# Word Scramble



**CURTK** \_\_\_\_\_

**DLISNA** \_\_\_\_\_

**YADORWA** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIVROESE** \_\_\_\_\_

**RIDVER** \_\_\_\_\_

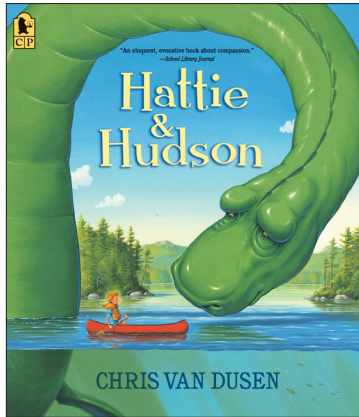
**LERITAR** \_\_\_\_\_

**RCA** \_\_\_\_\_

**EIMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

# Read them all!

Chris Van Dusen is an award-winning author-illustrator and boasts an amazing collection of picture books, perfect for reading and sharing.



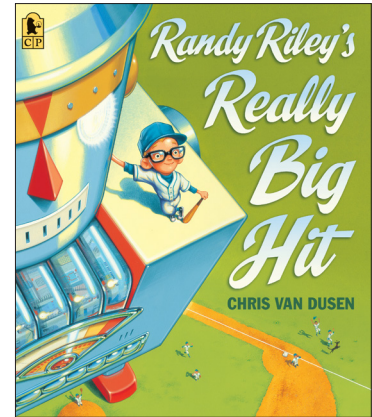
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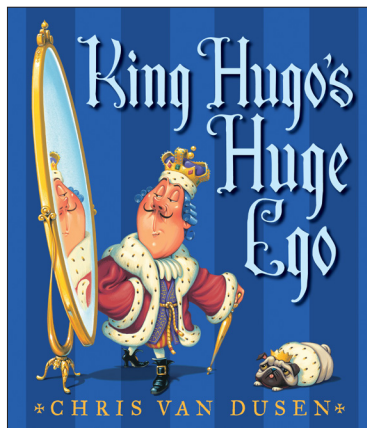
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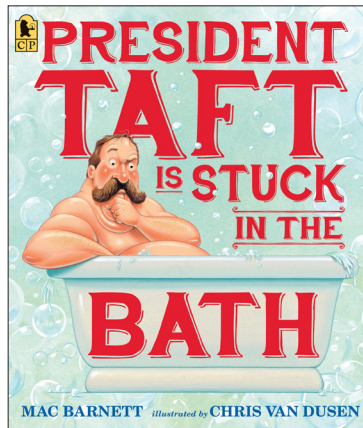
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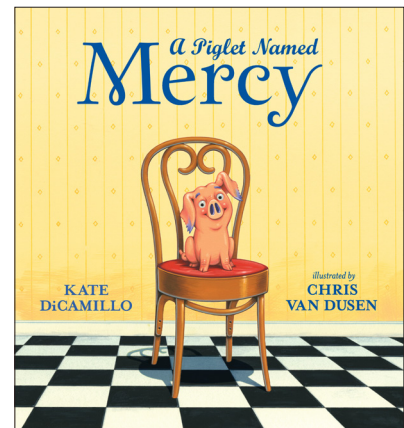
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