

BOO'S SHOES

A Rabbit and Fox Story



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Dear Parents, Teachers or Guardians

Tying shoelaces is a 2-handed task that helps improve manual dexterity in children because it involves using both sides of the body to perform a task. There are many fun activities that can help prepare a child for the trickier movements of tying shoelaces. Some include cutting out simple shapes with blunt scissors, stringing beads, folding paper into different shapes or tearing it into small pieces, as well as buttoning and unbuttoning large buttons.

Here are some ideas for making the learning experience easier for you and your child.

- Start with 2 thick flat shoelaces in 2 different colors. Cut each lace in half and tie the ends of 2 different colors together. Use 1 new 2-colored shoelace to lace up each shoe.

- Sit behind or right next to the child you are helping so that they can see exactly how to make the movements in the shoelace tying instructions. If your child is left-handed and you are right-handed or vice versa, sit facing them to make it easier to follow along.



- Tie a knot in each shoelace tip. It will help keep the tip from sliding all the way out if the loop is pulled too far. Fun Fact: Did you know the plastic tip is called an aglet?

- The promise of a reward can help encourage children to keep at a hard task. Offer something fun each time the child takes time to practice. Keep it simple—like extra play time or a gold star. Once they have mastered tying shoelaces, give them the badge at the back of this book to help celebrate the accomplishment. It can be kept as a reminder that they did not let anything stop them from learning this new skill.

The most important thing is for you and your child to have fun together!



Once there was a bunny named Boo.

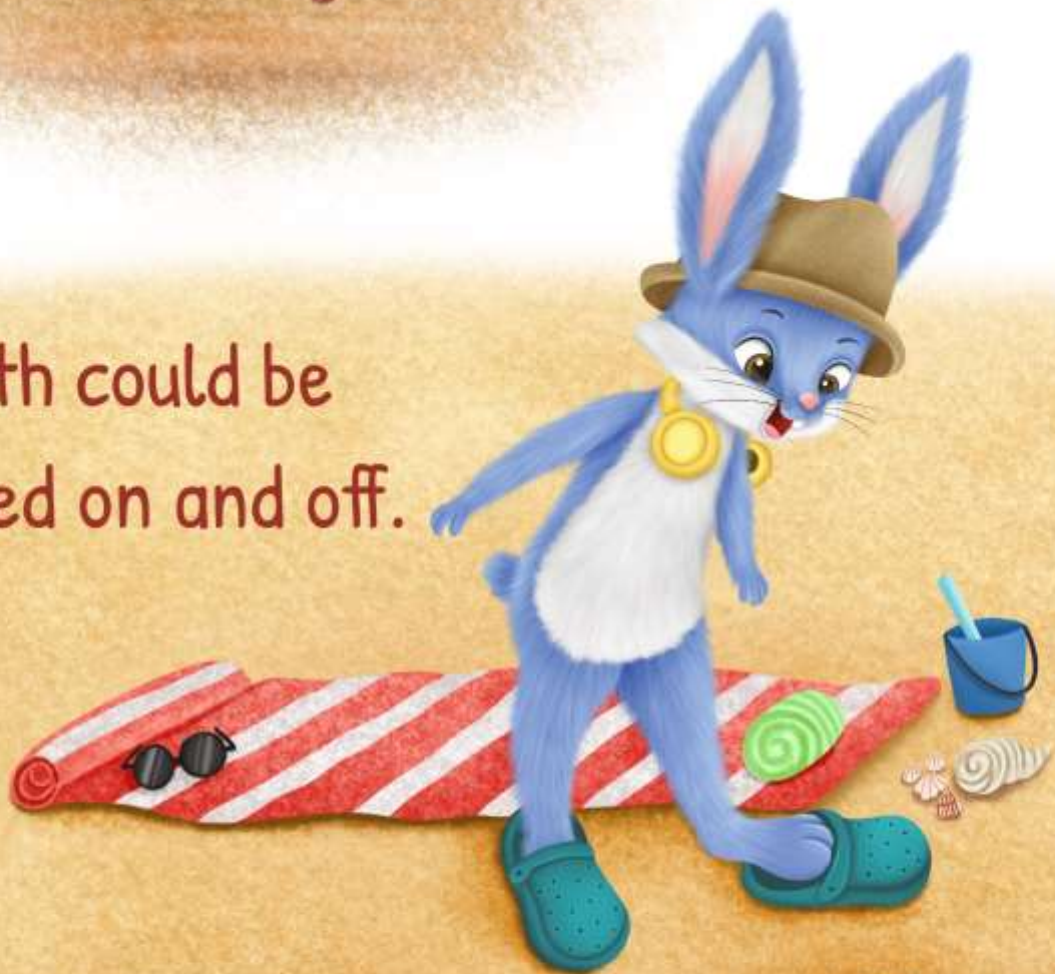


He had a LOT of shoes.



He had flip flops
and he had clogs.

Both could be
slipped on and off.



One pair had little
wheels that spun.



Rolling on them
was lots of fun.



If he stomped
his feet, one
pair would
light up.

His slippers
looked like
the feet
of a duck!



Some of Boo's favorite
shoes were boots.



He had rootin' tootin'
boot-scootin' cowboy boots.



He had
splishin' splashin'
in rain puddle
boots.

He had
scrunching
crunching
snow boots, too.



He even had boots to help him



hop,



hop,



hop!

He liked that pair of shoes a lot.

But with so many pairs from which to choose, none of his shoes had laces or strings.

No laces!



That little bunny simply refused to mess with those things.



One day Farah Fox
surprised Boo with a box.



Inside was a
brand new
pair of shoes.

Her plan was to teach him
something new.



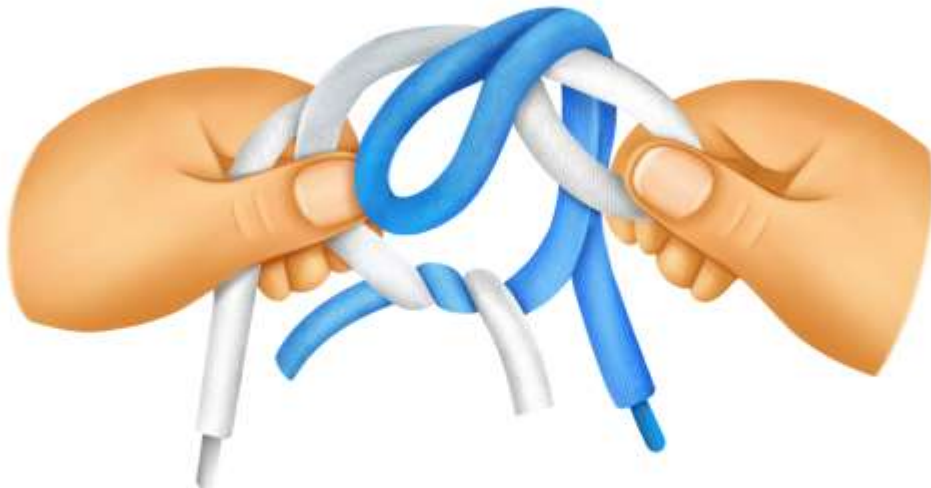
Boo thought the laces looked like snakes



rising up to make their escape!



Cross the middle of the blue bunny ear over the middle of the white bunny ear.



Fold the white loop towards the blue loop. Then, wrap the blue loop around (in front) of the white loop.

Sing along with the song

"No Laces"

Verse 1

I don't wanna tie them.
I don't even wanna try 'em.
Just get 'em away.
Get 'em away from me.
Get 'em away from me.



It gives me the blues to look at shoes
that have those stringy things.

Hey! You can choose to tie your shoes.
It's easier than you think.



Chorus

You can tie them,
Yes you can.
Just take those laces in both hands.
Loop and swoop and tie them off.
You can show them who's the boss.
You can do it.
You can do it.
Yes, you can.

No, I can't...

Yes, you can...

NO...I...can't...



Verse 2

I don't wanna tie 'em.
I don't even want to try again.



Oh...come on...
Try it again for me.
All you gotta do is
practice just a few more times.



Every move and every step, I'll be by
your side.



Repeat Chorus

I can tie them, Yes I can.
I'll take those laces in both hands
Loop and swoop and tie them off.
I will show them I'm the boss.

I can do it.
I can do it.
Yes, I can.

Yes, you can.

Yes, we can.



Listen to this song and see the accompanying video
(as well as lots of other "learn to tie" videos) at

<https://bit.ly/3BV0nSi>



" I Did It"

Badge Page

Your child tried hard to learn this new skill. Give them this little reward to help them celebrate their success.

Cut out the badge with scissors. Place it

in a frame for their wall or dresser. You can also get this design on buttons, hat clips and stickers at <https://bit.ly/3wqD560>



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No Laces! That's what Boo, the bunny, always says. He doesn't want to learn to tie them. He has plenty of shoes for every occasion and none of them have laces or strings. So, what's the point of learning to tie? His friend, Farah Fox, convinces him that it's a skill he can use. . . and one that might make him happier, too.

This book is meant to be a parent-child activity. Youngsters can read Boo's story and their parents can help with the how-to-tie instruction pages. A fun shoelace-themed "I Did It" badge is included at the back of the book to give in celebration of conquering this difficult task.

Exercises in manual dexterity build self-esteem in children. Knowing how to tie shoe-strings, scarves and more into a bow is a useful and rewarding skill.

"Teach a child a useful skill. Build confidence and self-esteem that lasts a lifetime."

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