



Parent-Child Book Club

Reading for fun



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For the parent

Are you ready to start a new adventure with one or more of your children? Here's how:

1. Choose prizes for the board game. Decide what needs to be accomplished to move ahead one square on the game, such as one book or a specific number of chapters or pages. Set up the game board using the board game directions.
2. Find a selection of books. If you don't know where to start, read "[How to Find Great Books to Read to Your Kids](#)" or "[How to Find Great Books for Your Kids to Read](#)."
3. Then let your child choose from that selection.
4. Choose whether you'll read the book together, alternating chapters out loud or read the book on your own.
5. Choose three points in the selected book where you'll both stop reading to do an activity. The chapters ideally would be one-fourth, one-half and three-fourths of the way through the book.
6. At the first stop, talk about the "Character" and "Setting" questions (to the right).
7. At the second stop, do the book scavenger hunt found on the child's sheet.
8. At the third stop, have your child design the book's cover on the child's sheet. When done, your child can cut out the cover and attach it to the "Books Read" page.
9. When you're done with the book, talk about the "Conflict" and the "Stop and Think" questions (to the right). Then let your child ask you questions.

Parent-Child Talk

Discuss these questions with your child.



> Character

Name one of the main characters. How are you like this person? How are you different than this person? What character quality would you like to have that she or he has? Explain. What could you do to grow in this area? What character quality would this person need to survive in your world?

> Setting

Where and when did the story take place? What is different about this setting compared to where we live? What would you enjoy most about living there? Explain. What would you like least about it? Explain.

> Conflict

What was one of the main problems in the story? How did the main character find a solution? What might you have done differently? When have you faced a similar problem? How did you solve this problem? (Ask these same questions using another challenge faced by other characters in the story.)

> Stop and Think

What did you like the most about this story? The least? Explain. Why might your friends like or dislike this story? How did something in the story challenge your beliefs? How did it help you think more about God and His truths? Explain.

> Some books have customized discussion questions!

If this book has been reviewed at PluggedIn.com/book-reviews and has discussion questions, you can find them at FocusOnTheFamily.com/discuss-books.

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- pick any book

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title of book

- Read the book
(aloud with your parent or separately)

- talk about the book

- Have a scavenger hunt

- Design a book cover

- track your reading & win prizes!

Are you ready for an adventure?

BOOK scavenger hunt

Go on a book scavenger hunt. Together, choose five objects that are key elements in the story and can be found in your home, in your neighborhood or in a picture. Pick one object from the beginning, one from the end and three in the middle.

Find these items.

1.

2.

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5.

➤ **now** Tell the story using these items. ⚡

Get to know your parents better by thinking of your own questions about the story.

FOR KIDS
to ask
parents

In the story, _____ did _____.
Have you ever done something similar? Explain.

STOP when you get to the end of
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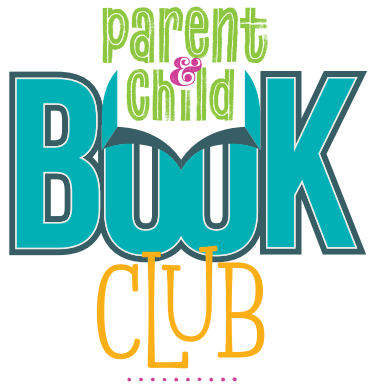
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BOOK COVER

Design your own cover for this book. What image would best represent this story? Cut out your picture and attach it to the Books Read page.



Books Read

Your custom covers can be cut out and attached here. Hang this sheet in a visible area. Watch the list grow with each book you read!

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Board game directions

Assemble one game board for each reader; the template is on the next three pages. Because you know your children's reading abilities best, you can tailor this game to match their needs. Use the start sheet and end sheet to make a board. Add as many middle sheets as each reader needs to stay challenged. (The example at right is set up for a board with one middle sheet.)

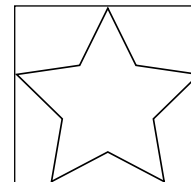
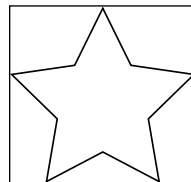
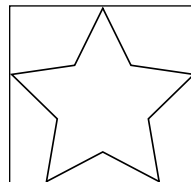
Assembling the game board. Tape the game board pages together. Cut out the stars and text blocks on this page and attach them to the game board. Place the stars as close together or as far apart as will motivate your kids to keep reading. Place the text on random squares. Hang up the game board.

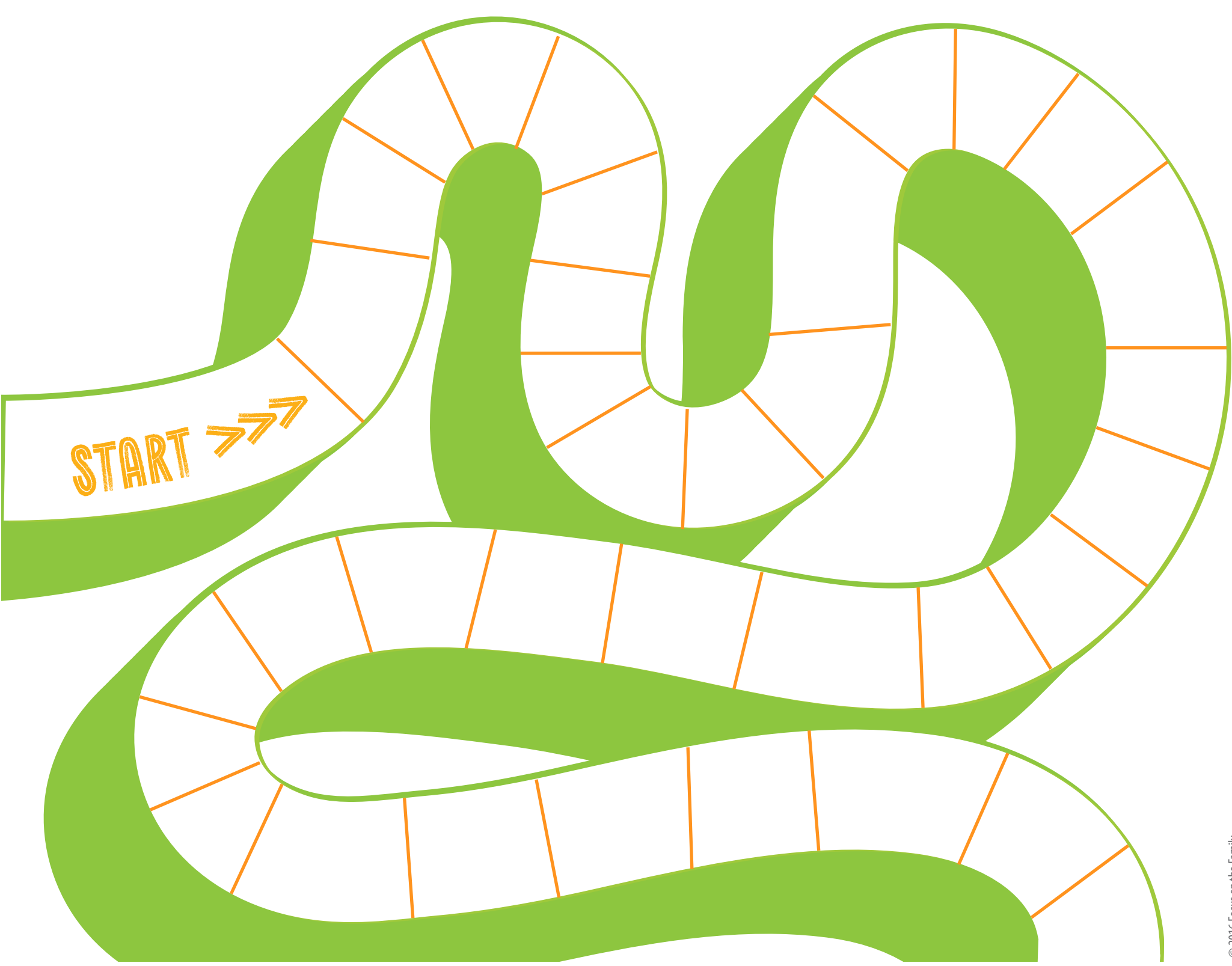
Setting up prizes. Write down eight prizes, using the prizes page. Prizes can range from a high-five to screen time to an ice-cream treat—you decide. Then list one grand prize and review the incentives with your children.

Playing. Roll one die to determine how many spaces your child moves for each book or for the number of pages read, depending on reading ability. If a reader lands on a square with text, he must do what the text says. If a reader lands on a prize or passes a prize, he receives that prize. Then it's back to more reading. Repeat until your child earns the grand prize.

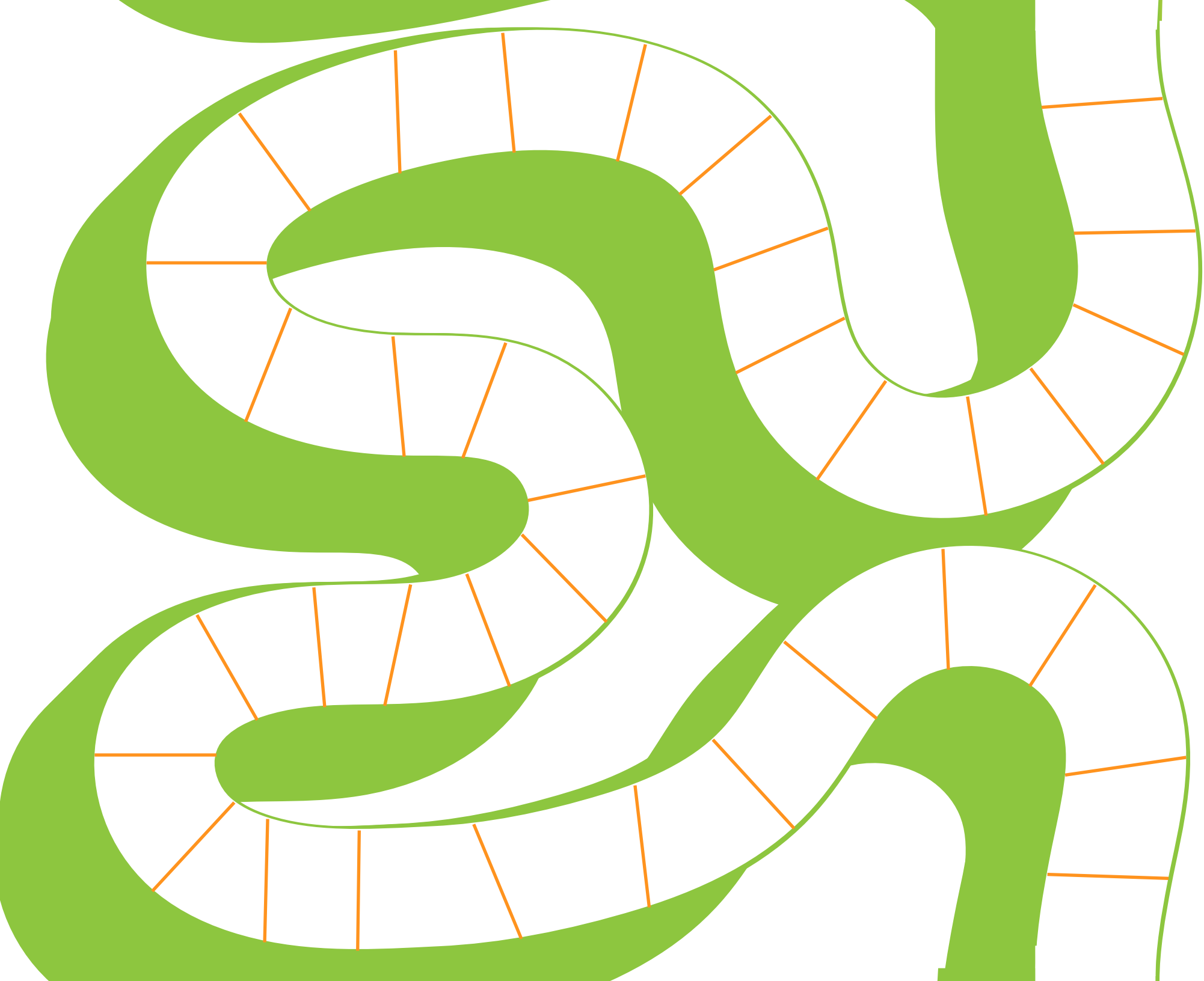
Tell about your book	Share your next prize	How long have you read today?
Go back one space	Describe the setting	Who else might like this book?
Go ahead two spaces	Move ahead to the next prize	Land here & double your next prize
What is the conflict?	What is the book's main point?	
What is one key detail?	Go back two spaces	
Move ahead one space	Come up with a new title for the book	
Roll again		
Describe the main character		

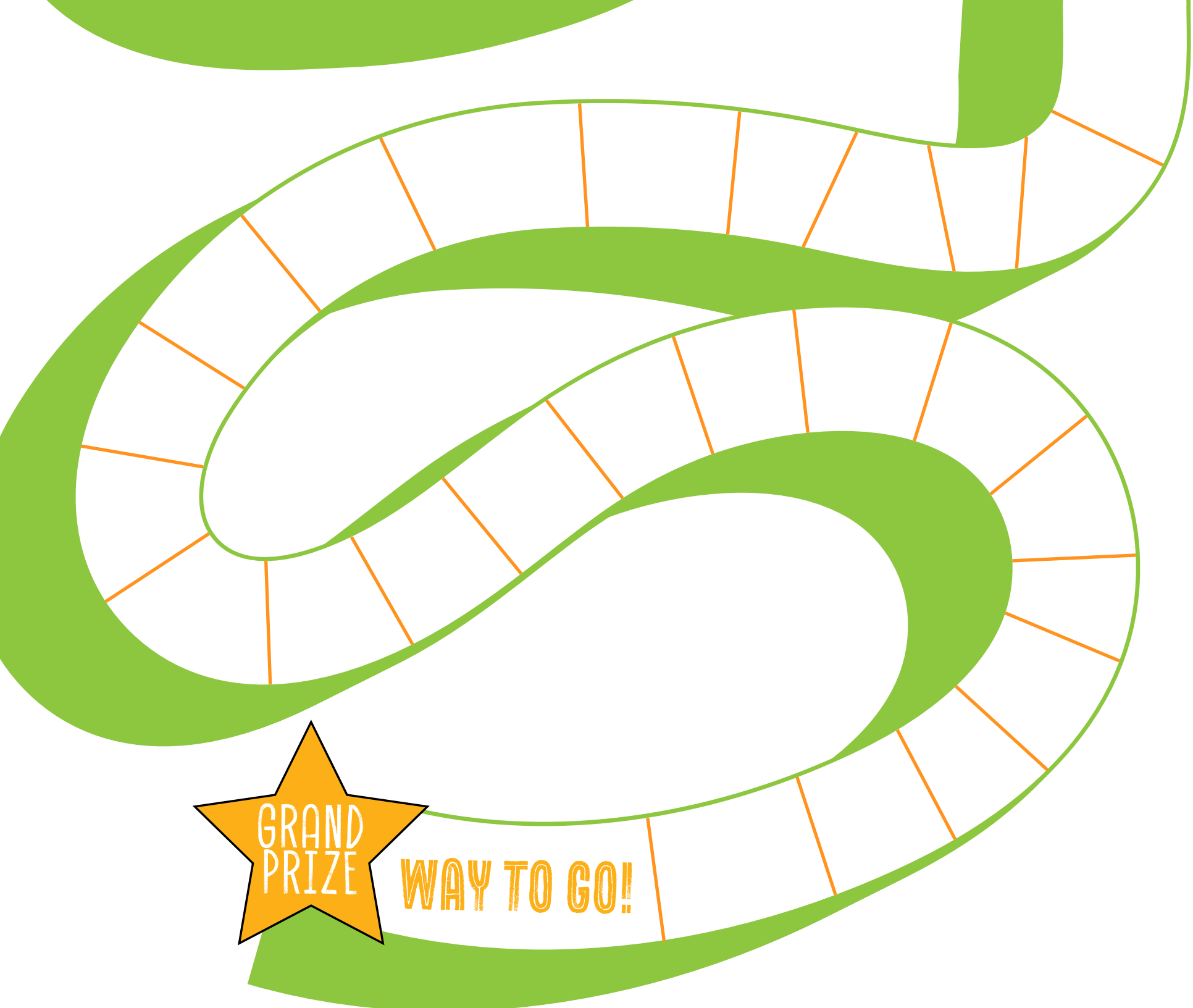
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