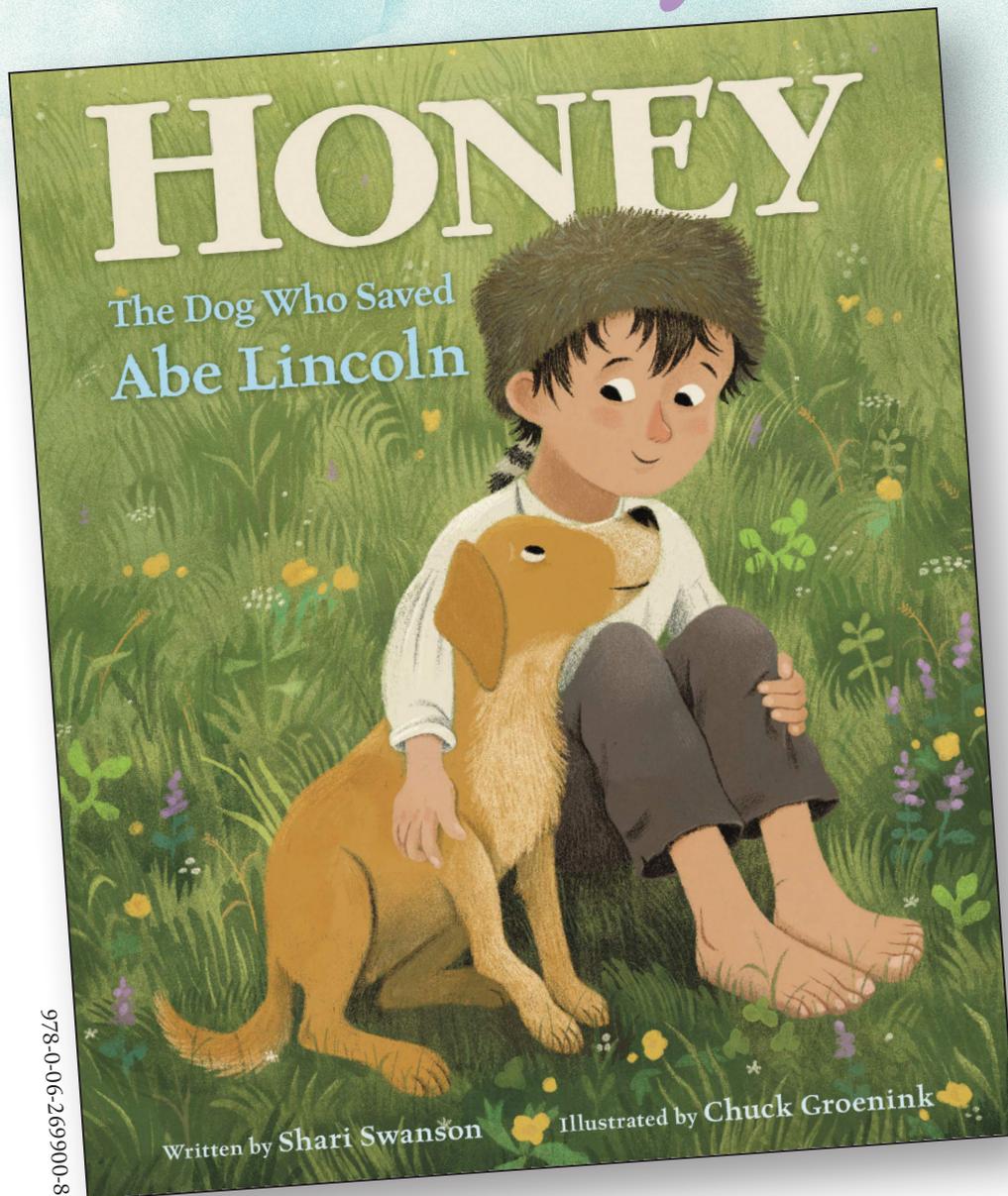


# Activity Kit



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**Based on a little-known tale from Abraham Lincoln’s childhood, this charming picture book tells a classic story of a boy, his dog, and a daring rescue.**

Long before Abraham Lincoln led the nation or signed the Emancipation Proclamation, he was just a barefoot kid running around Knob Creek, Kentucky, setting animals free from traps and snatching frogs out of the jaws of snakes. One day, young Abe found a stray dog with a broken leg and named her Honey. The scruffy pup became his best friend, and—one fateful day—saved his life.

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# Saving Abe

When young Abe Lincoln gets stuck deep in a dark cavern, his dog Honey runs to the mill to raise the alarm. Help Honey lead the rescuers through the dark woods to save Abe.



# Cornbread Recipe

Abe took the corn his family grew to the mill so Mr. John, the miller, could grind it into cornmeal. With an adult's help, make a batch of cornbread and eat like Abe!

## Cornbread

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 cup buttermilk or milk
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted



### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Combine the egg, buttermilk or milk, and honey in a bowl.

Combine all the dry ingredients in a second bowl.

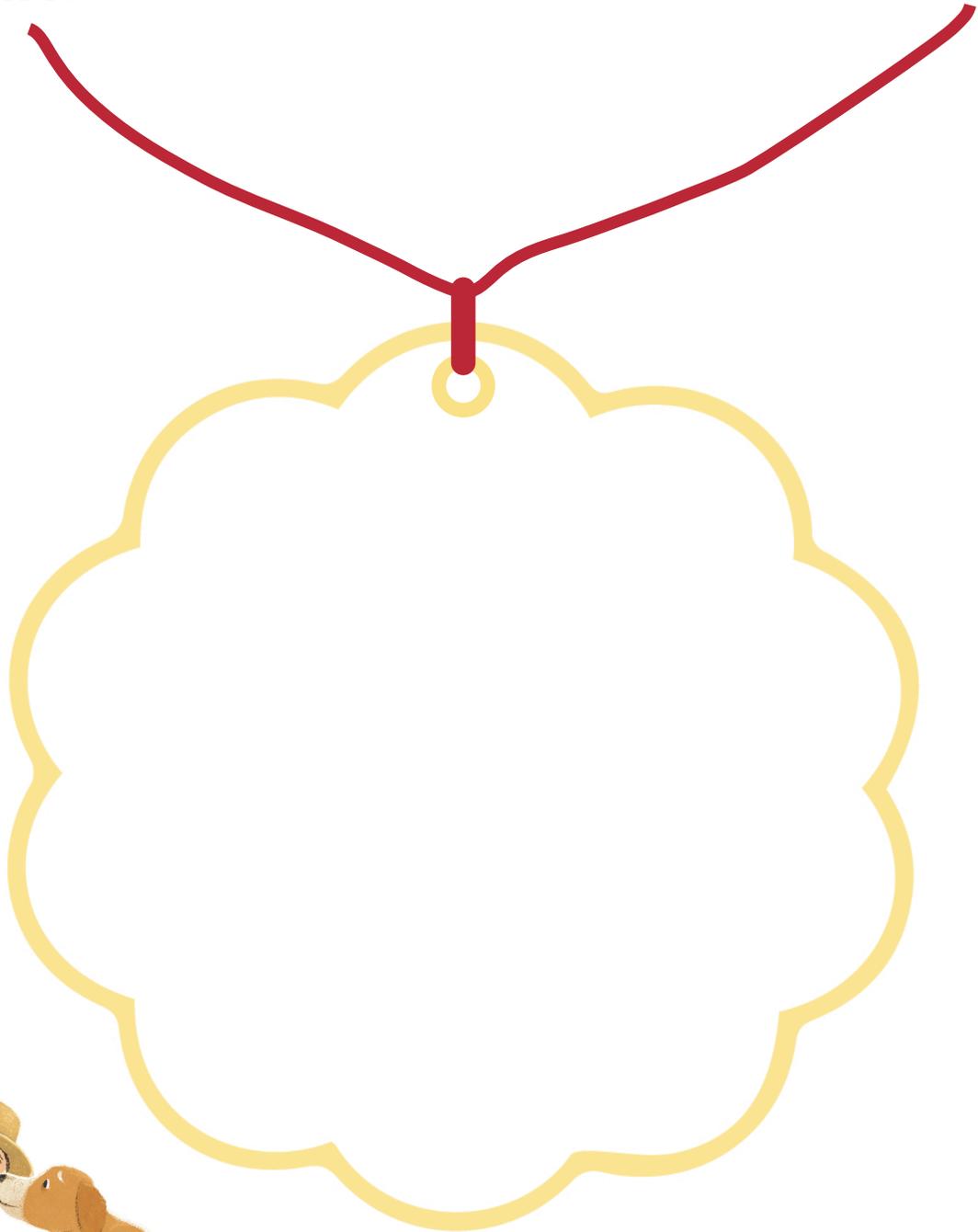
Add the dry ingredients to the egg mixture, along with the melted butter, and stir to combine.

Spread batter into a buttered square baking pan or cast-iron skillet and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve hot with butter and honey—of course!

# A Honey of a Dog

When Abe found Honey, his leg was broken. Abe mended it as best he could, but after it healed, "Honey's leg looked like a curve in the road." That didn't stop Honey from doing everything with Abe or from being a hero by saving Abe's life. Decorate a medal for Honey the Hero.



# Make a Log Cabin



Abe and his family lived in a simple one-room cabin made from logs. Make your own delicious log cabin using pretzels, frosting, and melted chocolate!

You will need a bag of thick pretzel rods, frosting, a sandwich baggie, and a few chocolate chips. Snap the pretzel rods in half. Put the frosting into the sandwich baggie and seal. Cut the tip off a bottom corner of the baggie and pipe the frosting (squeeze it out the corner hole) to make your cabin. Melt your chocolate chips in a small bowl in the microwave. Follow the steps below.

1

Lay the base of your cabin by piping frosting to adhere it to the plate and then the rods to each other. For stability, work clockwise; pipe icing onto the top of each base pretzel stick and add on another layer of sticks, alternating which ends stick out.



2

Stack your rods at least four rows high.



3

Make your roof pieces by spooning melted chocolate to join your rods at a 90° angle. Place in the freezer for 10-15 minutes to harden the chocolate.



4

Pipe frosting to stack your roof pieces on top of one another.



5

Pipe frosting along the two top side rods and attach your roof!



# Abe Loves Animals

As a boy, Abraham Lincoln rescued animals from traps and took very good care of Honey. He also had a tame crow, a goat, and a tame raccoon. At the time Lincoln was elected president, he had a dog named Fido and a horse named Old Bob, but they had to stay in Illinois when the Lincolns moved to the White House. Match the animal from Abe's life to that animal's footprint.

1. Porcupines were commonly found in the Kentucky woods near Abe's farm.



2. Abe's beloved dog, Honey, was an American hero.



3. As president, Abraham Lincoln was the first president to unofficially "pardon" a turkey. His son Tad had grown fond of the bird!



4. Abe and his friend Austin tried to teach a goat to pull a cart.



5. Bats still live in the Kentucky caverns near Abe's home.



6. Abe once saved a frog right from a snake's mouth!



Answer key: 1. b; 2. e; 3. a; 4. f; 5. d; 6. c

# HONEY

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Answer key: 1. honey; 2. raccoon; 3. grain; 4. forest; 5. mill; 6. cabin; 7. cavern

# Bookmark and Word Scramble

Cut out the bookmark and use it to keep your place as you read. Unscramble the letters to find key words from *Honey, the Dog Who Saved Abe Lincoln*.

## Word Scramble

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