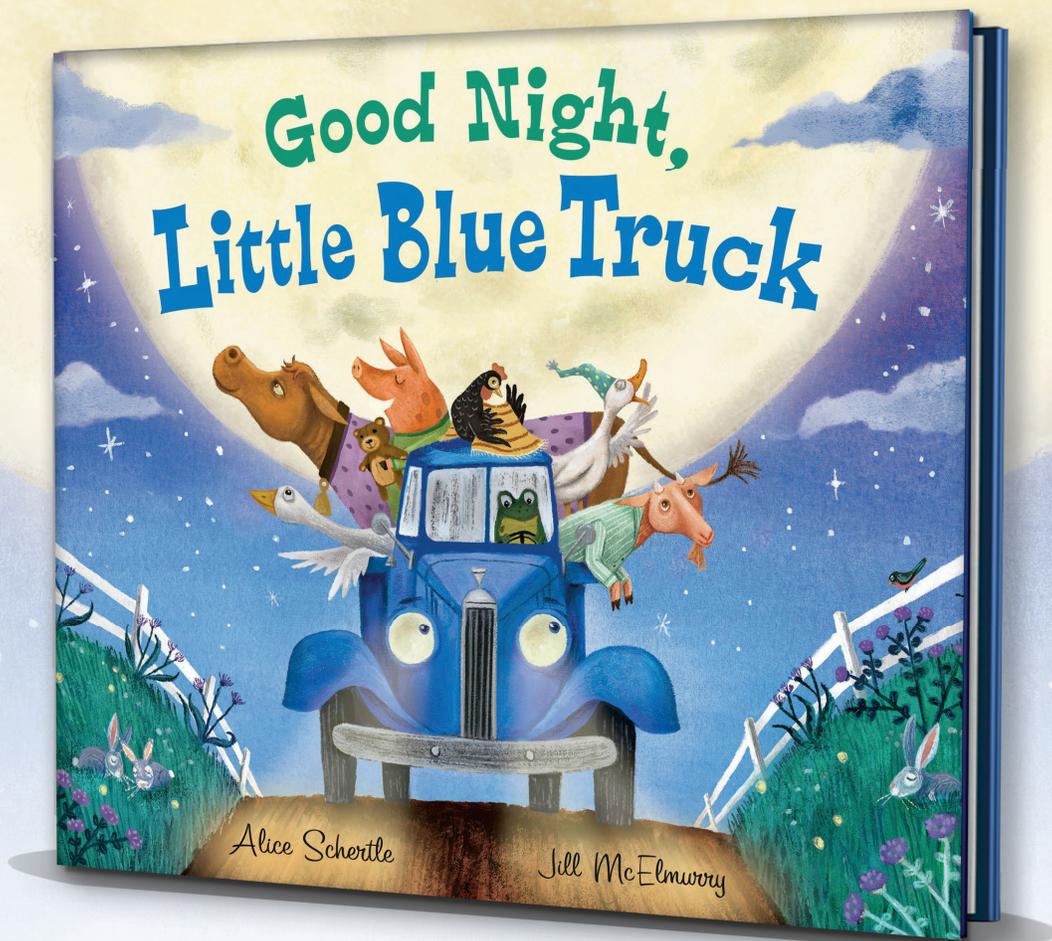


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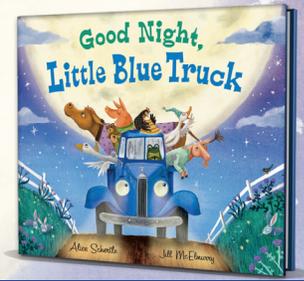
## Pajama Party Kit



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## Decorating Ideas

**Decorate in true blue fashion!** Use blue balloons, table covers, napkins, and streamers for hosting your Little Blue Truck pajama party. Switch it up with some blue gingham to really make the blues pop.

**Create moon and star decorations** with construction paper and place them around the event space.

**Pass out flashlights** to your guests to help enhance the nighttime fun. If your event space has a lot of windows, consider turning the lights off during the storytime event. Keep one flashlight on hand for circle time activities.

**Invite other adults** to join in and wear their own snazzy pajamas for the Little Blue Truck pajama party.

**It's not sleepy time without midnight snacks!** Provide a warm cookie and a glass of milk for every child. Remember to consider any food allergies that are present among the kids, too.

**Print out the Little Blue Truck masks** and distribute to your guests. Make sure to take a picture of your group dressed in Little Blue Truck masks!

**Stack a rectangular border** of pillows in your event space and cover it with a blue sheet. Gather the children into the back of Little Blue Truck for story time!



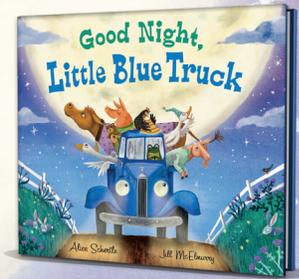
## Circle Time Activities

**Play a Little Blue Truck version of Duck, Duck, Goose.** Assemble the children in a circle on the floor. One child is Little Blue Truck and walks around the circle saying “Beep!” as he or she lightly taps each child’s head in passing. To one child, Little Blue Truck says “Vroom!” and runs around the circle while the “Vroom” child chases Little Blue Truck back to the vacated space. The “Vroom” child becomes Little Blue Truck for the next round.

**It's not a pajama party without dancing!** Host a dance party, with a twist! Play freeze dance. As a reminder, here are the rules: Cue up the music. Everyone should be dancing when the music is on. At random, turn off the music! Everyone dancing should freeze. Anyone caught dancing is out! Keep playing until there's a winner. Let the winner hold the books as you read.

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## Circle Time Activities



**Include an interactive reading of *Little Blue Truck and Good Night, Little Blue Truck* as part of your party.** Before you read the books, teach the children a hand signal: every time you touch your ear, the children shout out “Beep!” Practice this a few times so the children get the hang of it and can say “Beep! Beep! Beep!” in succession with three ear taps in a row.

**After reading *Good Night, Little Blue Truck*, talk about bedtime and fear with the children.** Describe the weather Blue and Toad are driving through. What does it look and sound like? Make the children pantomime the action while saying it aloud. What were some of the reasons why all the farm animals joined Blue and Toad in the barn? Who were the farm animals? As a reminder here are some answers: Hen (wet; barn is safe), Goat (afraid of thunder), Goose (storms are scary), Cow (feels safer inside); Duck (afraid of thunder); Pig (cold and wet). When you see someone is scared, what can you say to them? Then talk about sleeping. It’s important to have a routine to help you go to bed. Discuss what attendees do before bed. Here are some suggestions: take a bath, brush your teeth, say good night to everyone in your house, put on your pajamas, read a story, have a parent tuck you in. What are some things the children need for sleep? Is it their blanket or favorite toy?

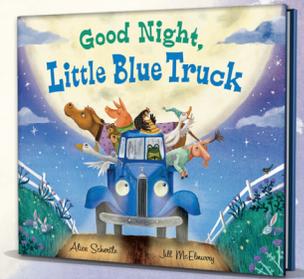
**Most people count sheep to go to bed.** Invite the children to count beeps as they practice going to bed. Play some relaxing music and (at a lower volume) play a honking noise. At the end of the song, ask how many beeps were there?

**Use a flashlight to make shadow puppets, a slumber party staple!** Make sure all the lights are off. Ask a child to point the flashlight at your hands and make some animals!

- **Dog howling:** Lay your hand flat with your fingers touching; your palm should face the floor. Move your thumb below your index finger. Then stagger your fingers so they sit one above another, so it’s pinky, ring finger, middle finger, index finger with your thumb still under the index. Using your ring finger, make a semicircle on your middle finger to make an eye socket; the pinky should then become the ear! Make some howling noises while moving your thumb.
- **Flying bird:** Hook your thumbs together and make your bird soar!
- **Moose:** Lay your left hand flat with your fingers touching; your palm should face your chest. Rest your thumb in the palm of your hand so it doesn’t show. With your right hand, tense your fingers into a bit of a claw to make the antlers. Combine your hands together, with the right one above the left.

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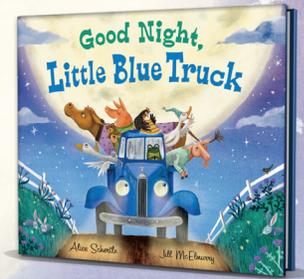
## All Aboard for a Bedtime Ride!

Blue and his friend Toad are heading home quickly to beat the storm.  
Color in the page below and don't forget to draw the upcoming storm!



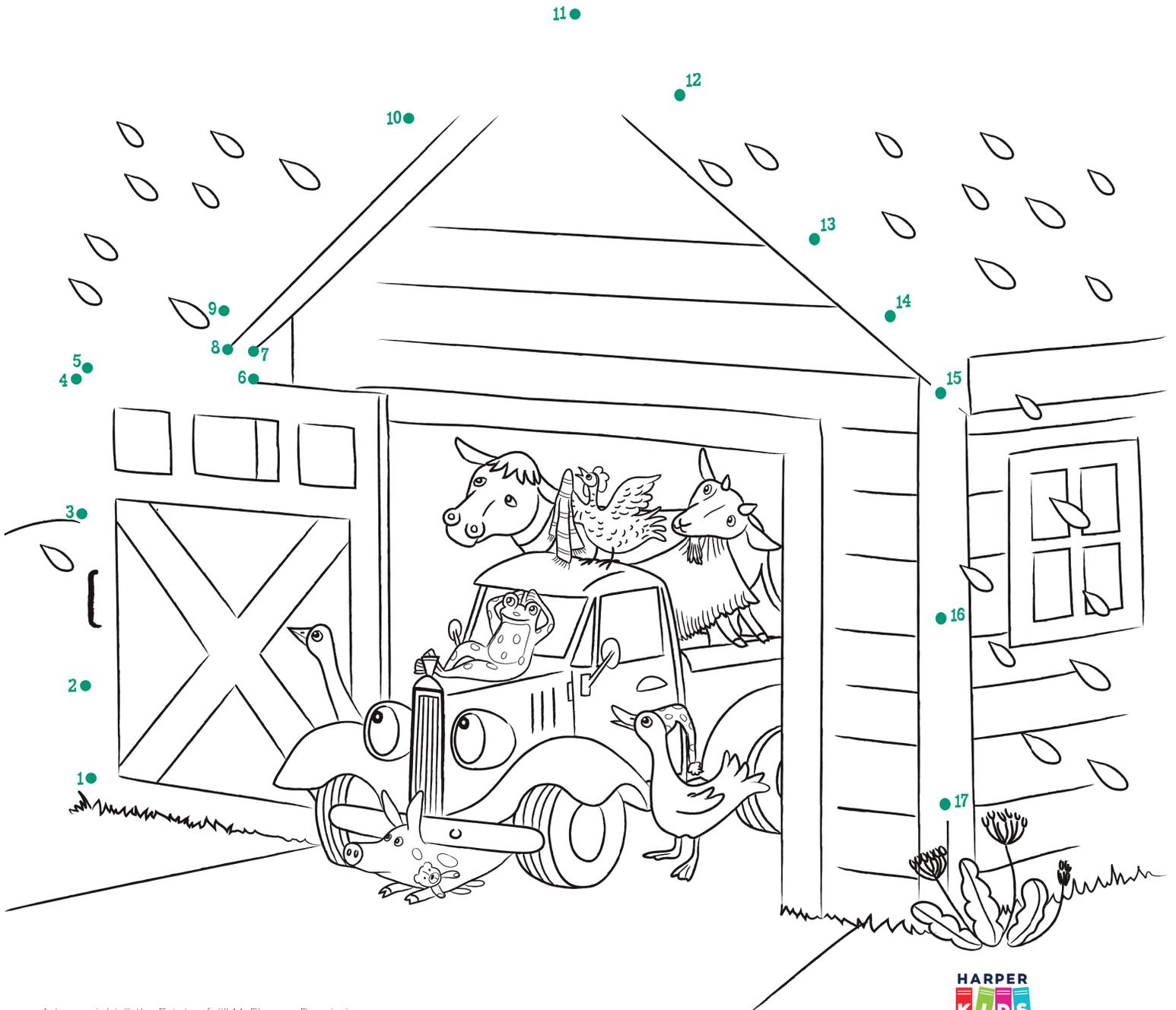
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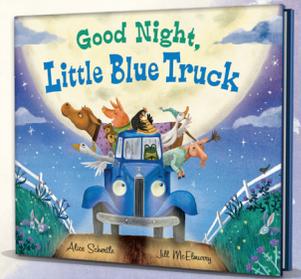
## Safe and Sound

It's stormy outside! Keep Blue, Toad, and the rest of the gang safe and sound by connecting the dots. Then color the scene.



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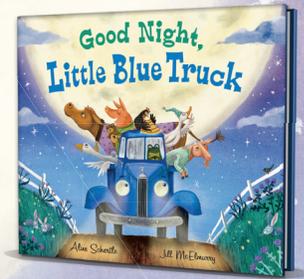
## It's nighttime for Blue and his friends!

Color the page in sleepy shades so everyone is ready for bedtime.



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## Little Blue Truck Mask

Print this page on card stock. Cut out the mask and eye holes on the dotted lines. Add a craft-stick handle to the bottom and hold the mask in front of your face.



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