



The Hog Prince Puzzle

A Fairy Tale Event Kit for Ages 4-8

This event kit allows you to throw a fairy tale themed event that features the book, **The Hog Prince** by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen (Dutton Children's Books) and your complete collection of fairy tale books.



What Will Happen:

The humorous misunderstanding in the book, **The Hog Prince**, is set off by a confused Fairy God Mother (FGM). The event will take young readers on a journey from being turned into a pig by the misguided FGM to being turned back into the prince or princess that they are. The event coordinator will play the role of the FGM.

After reading **The Hog Prince** to young readers, the FGM will wave her wand and accidentally turn all of the readers into pigs (presenting them with pig noses).

The FGM will promise to turn them all into children if they can solve **The Hog Prince Puzzle**. The readers will approach a series of posters that will ask them to guess the fairy tale. The answer to each question will be on a flap below the question.

After the readers had solved each poster, they will approach the FGM who will wave her wand and turn them into children again (by removing their noses). They will be given a certificate certifying them as princes and princesses of reading. They can then proceed to an optional craft to make crowns.

What You Might Do:

4 or more weeks before the event:

- ___ Order or pull out your copy of **The Hog Prince** by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen.
- ___ Choose your FGM--someone who likes to play act with kids is best.
- ___ Give your FGM the book, **The Hog Prince** and the script to look over in advance.
- ___ Your FGM may want to find a set of wings and construct her wand.
- ___ Choose an assistant the FGM, "FGM in Training" who becomes familiar with the event kit as well.
- ___ Print the event poster and list the event in your calendars and other marketing. You can download additional event images for websites and newsletters at **www.sudipta.com**.
- ___ Make a display of fairy tale books including **The Hog Prince** and an announcement about the event.

The Hog Prince Puzzle (cont.)

What You Might Do (cont):

Week of the event:

- ___ Cut out the pig noses.
- ___ Affix the Answer Posters to the back of the Question Posters.
- ___ Print out the crown pattern on heavy paper.
- ___ Gather stickers, markers, tape, crayons, stapler, and other art supplies for crown making.
- ___ Print out the certificates making a pile for princes and another for princesses.
- ___ Choose a staff person to help at the crown making table.
- ___ Print and cut out name tags.

Day of the Event:

- ___ Hang the posters.
- ___ Place a role of tape on the back of each nose and lay them upside down on a tray or other portable surface.
- ___ Lay out the crown craft table.

During the Event:

- ___ FGM gathers the readers.
- ___ FGM recites the script or a version of it.
- ___ FGM reads The Hog Prince.
- ___ FGM in Training affixes noses to readers.
- ___ FGM chooses readers to start solving the puzzles allowing them to approach the posters one at a time (also okay in groups).
- ___ FGM in Training entertains the waiting readers. Have them grunt like pigs, recite their favorite fairy tales, roll in the mud, check to see if your tail has grown yet, etc.
- ___ When the readers have gone through the posters, the FGM recites the script and turns the readers into children to by waving her wand.
- ___ FGM gives them their certificates declaring them princes and princesses of reading.
- ___ FGM sends them off to make crowns.



The Hog Prince

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**All Illustrations in this Event Kit
by Jason Wolff**

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The Hog Prince Puzzle: FGM Script

The Opening:

Hello, my dears. Welcome. Well, I am The Fairy God Mother. You can call me the FGM, if you like.

I am here to tell you the story of **The Hog Prince**. It is about, well, it is rather embarrassing. It is about a time that I got a little confused and caused a bit of a misunderstanding. I do get confused sometimes with all those fairy tales to keep straight. So many princesses and princes and stepsisters and hogs, I mean frogs. Well, let's read the story shall we? [Read **The Hog Prince**].

For being such good listeners, I am going to turn you all into princes and princesses. Would you like that? Okay? Count with me to 3. 1, 2, 3...Voila! [wave wand and then put on a 'oh-no' face].

Oh, no, I am sorry. [FGM in Training starts circulating with noses]. I seem to have turned you all into pigs! Oh, dear, oh, dear!! What can we do? No, I am afraid you are now pigs and you will have to put on those noses. Oh, no, the parents too!

[Tap wand on head]. I am thinking of a way out of this. Oh! If you can solve a puzzle, a mystery, a problem for me, I think I can turn you back to children (and maybe to princes and princesses.) Would you like to try? Do you know some fairy tales. Yes? Well, if you can help me figure out what character belongs in what fairy tale, I will turn you back into children.

[Choose children-a few at a time if it is a big group] Okay, you, you and you. I will leave my FGM in Training in charge. Maybe she can teach you how to roll in the mud or something.

Visiting the Posters:

Okay, come with me. Here is the first fairy tale I cannot figure out. Maybe this big pig [indicate the caregiver] can read it aloud to us. [Reader guesses and lifts the flap to see if they are right. If they are right they are much better readers than you. If they get it wrong offer empathy.]

Changing them Back:

You did such a good job that I think I can turn you back into a child now. Okay? Shall I change this big pig back as well? [Indicate caregiver] Yes? Okay. Count with me to 3. 1,2,3, Voila! [Wave wand]. It worked! You can remove that nose now, you are quite human again. And here, I will present to you a certificate for bring a Prince/Princess of reading and I hope you read MANY more books and fairy tales.

Now you can go make yourself into a true prince/princess by making your crown. Run along like good little piglets-I mean-good little children. [Repeat with next group].

Join us for...

The Hog Prince Puzzle

**And show off your
knowledge of fairy
tales and nursery
rhymes !**



Date:

Time:

Location:

**STARRING
The Fairy
God Mother!**

**For Ages
4 to 8**

**AND
A New Fairy
Tale Picture
Book!**



The Hog Prince Puzzle: Name Tags

**FAIRY
GOD
MOTHER**

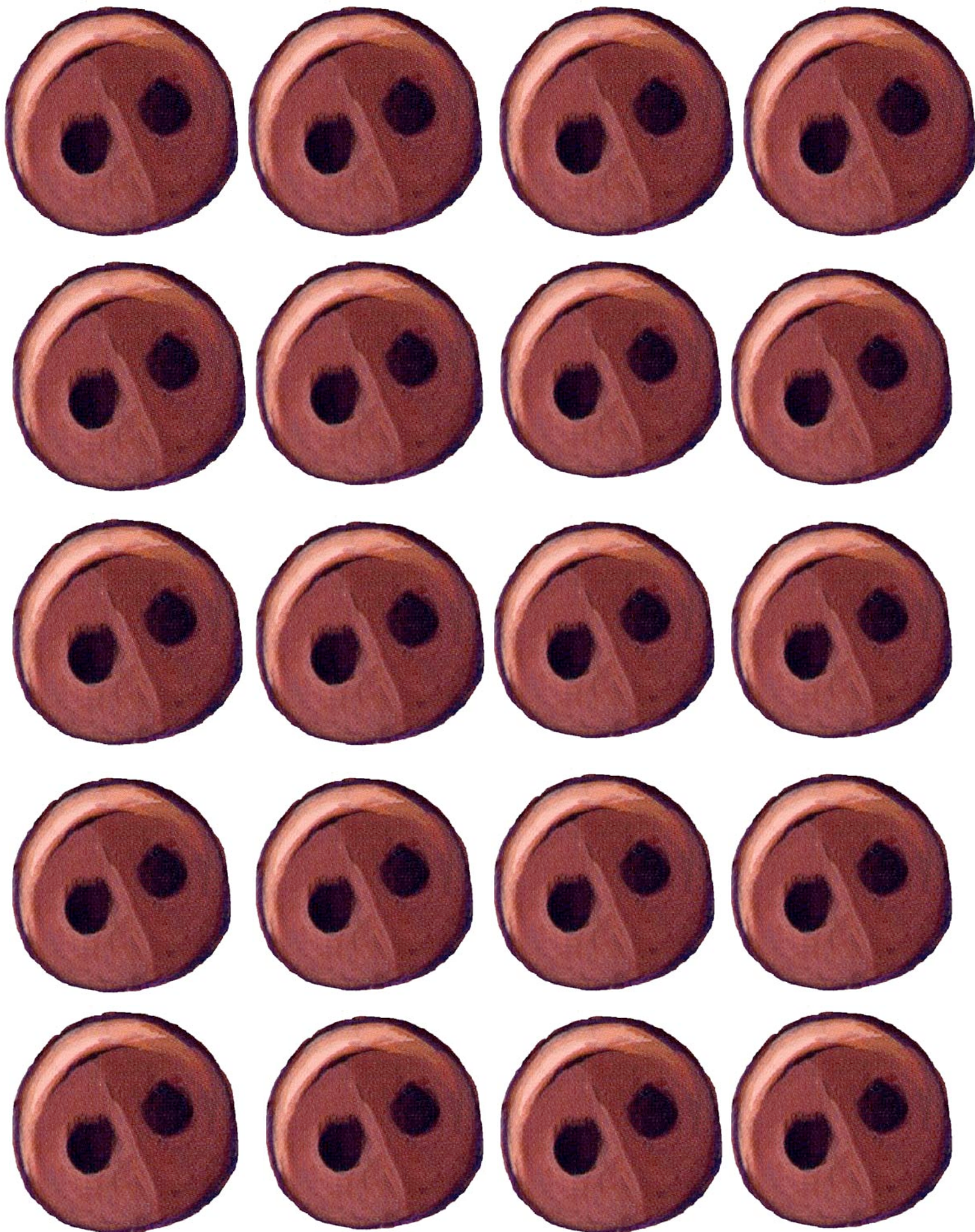


**FAIRY GOD
MOTHER
In Training**



**Fairy God
Mother's
Royal Crown
Maker**







**A cinder girl, whose name was Ella,
Danced beside a princely fella.**

**When this prince proposed a marriage,
She left in her pumpkin carriage.**

What fairy tale is Ella from?



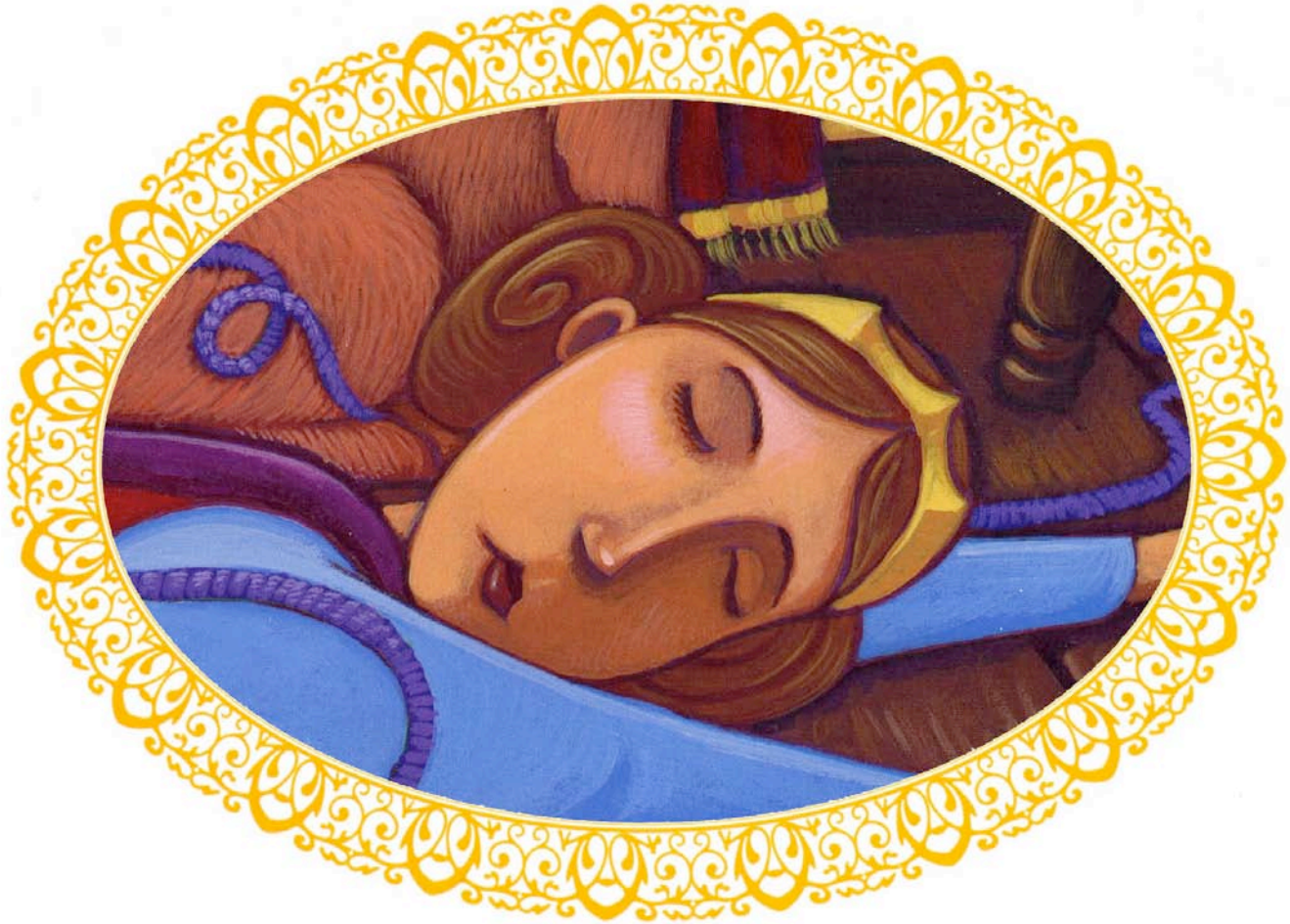
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ANSWER**

This is the Answer Poster.

Cover area above this line with glue and
attach to the back of the matching Question Poster.



Cinderella



**What could be worse
Than her birthday gift curse?**

**One prick on her hand
And she fainted, unplanned.**

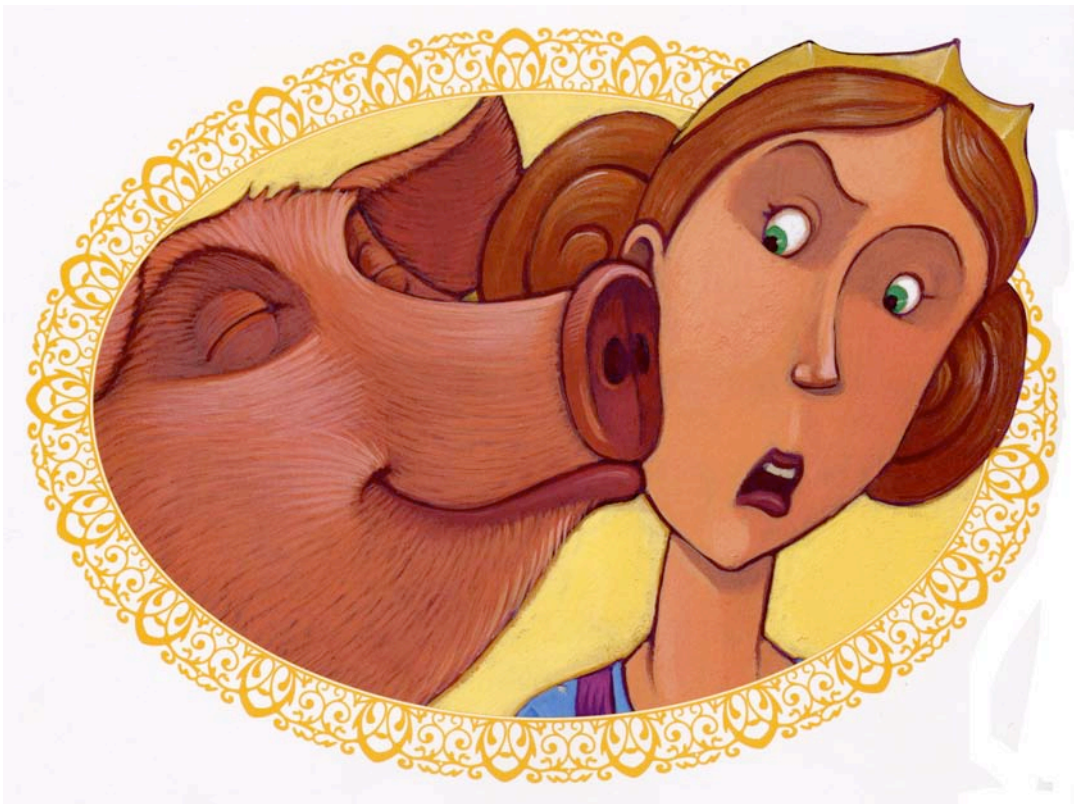
**No gifts in her lap,
No, instead -- one loooooooooong nap.**

What fairy tale is this cursed girl from?



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Sleeping Beauty



**With her at all times
Is her book of Nursery Rhymes**

**She begins with Jack and Jill,
Thirsty, trudging up a hill.**

**At the end, we meet Miss Muffet
(who is still sprawled on that tuffet).**

Who is this silly old goose?



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Mother Goose



**She was sent there in a carriage,
To the castle of her marriage.**

**But her future home was leased
To a scary, hairy beast.**

**She decided she'd be leaving,
But found looks can be deceiving.**

**LIFT FOR
ANSWER**

What is the name of this fairy tale?



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Beauty and the Beast



**As the Prince walked by the pond,
He was changed by someone's wand.**

**Now atop a lily pad,
He sits soggy, moist, and sad.**

**But he hopes that some young miss
Will arrive with true love's kiss.**

**What fairy tale does this amphibian
live in?**



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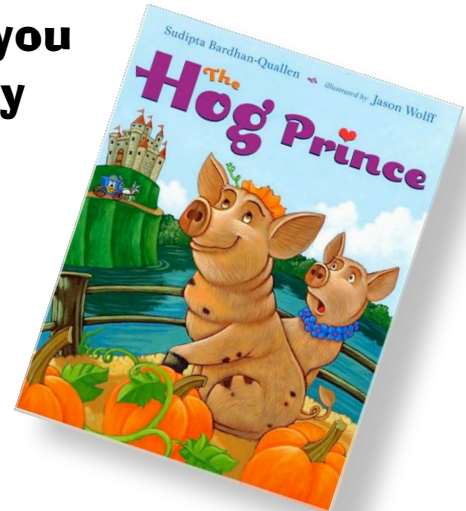
The Frog Prince



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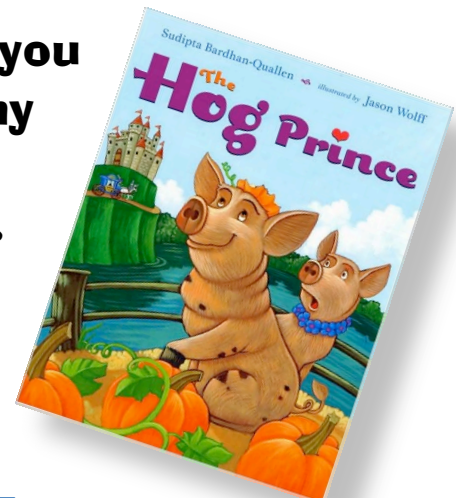
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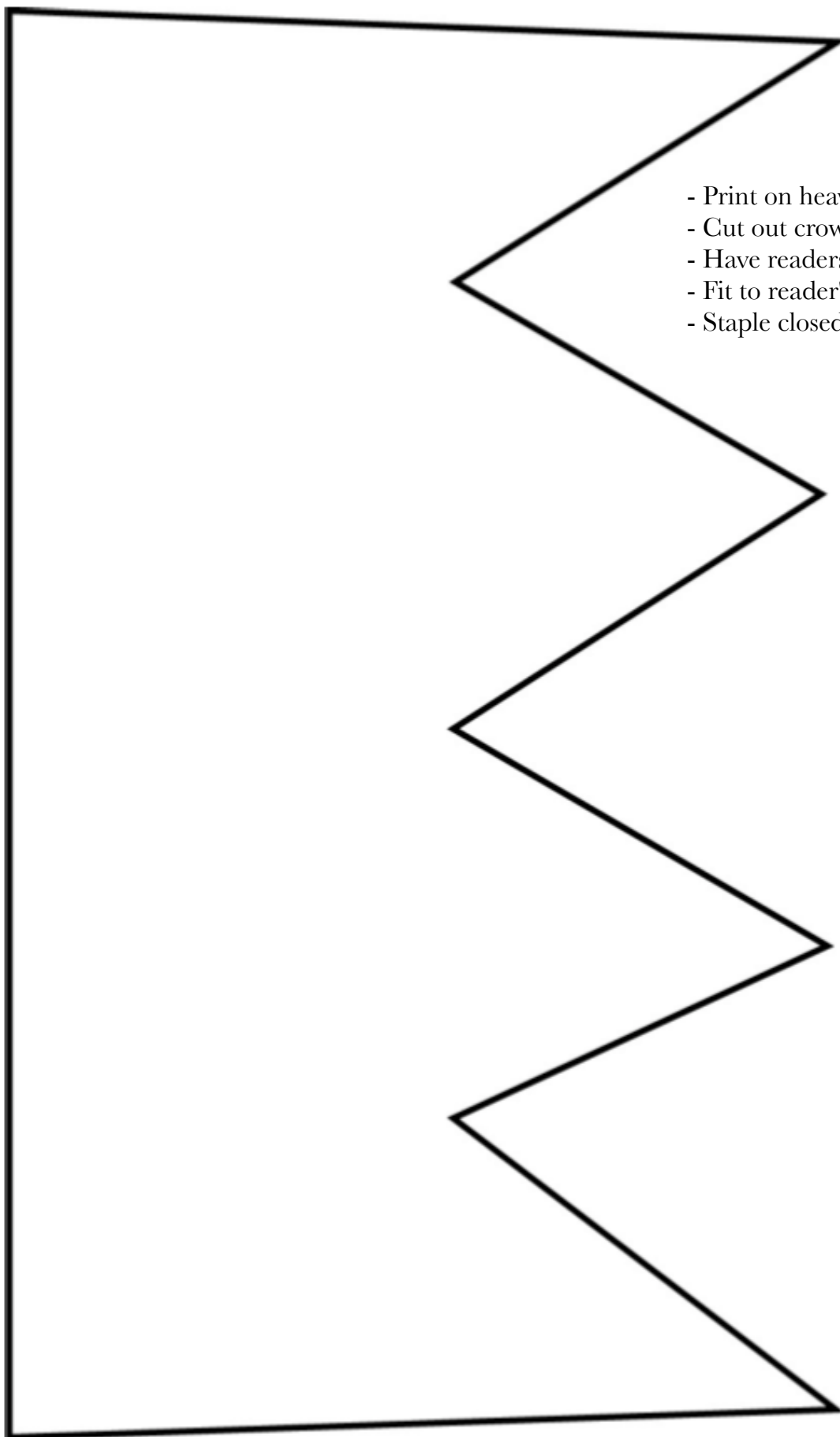
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The Hog Prince Puzzle: Crown Template



- Print on heavy paper
- Cut out crown shape
- Have readers decorate two shapes
- Fit to reader's head
- Staple closed