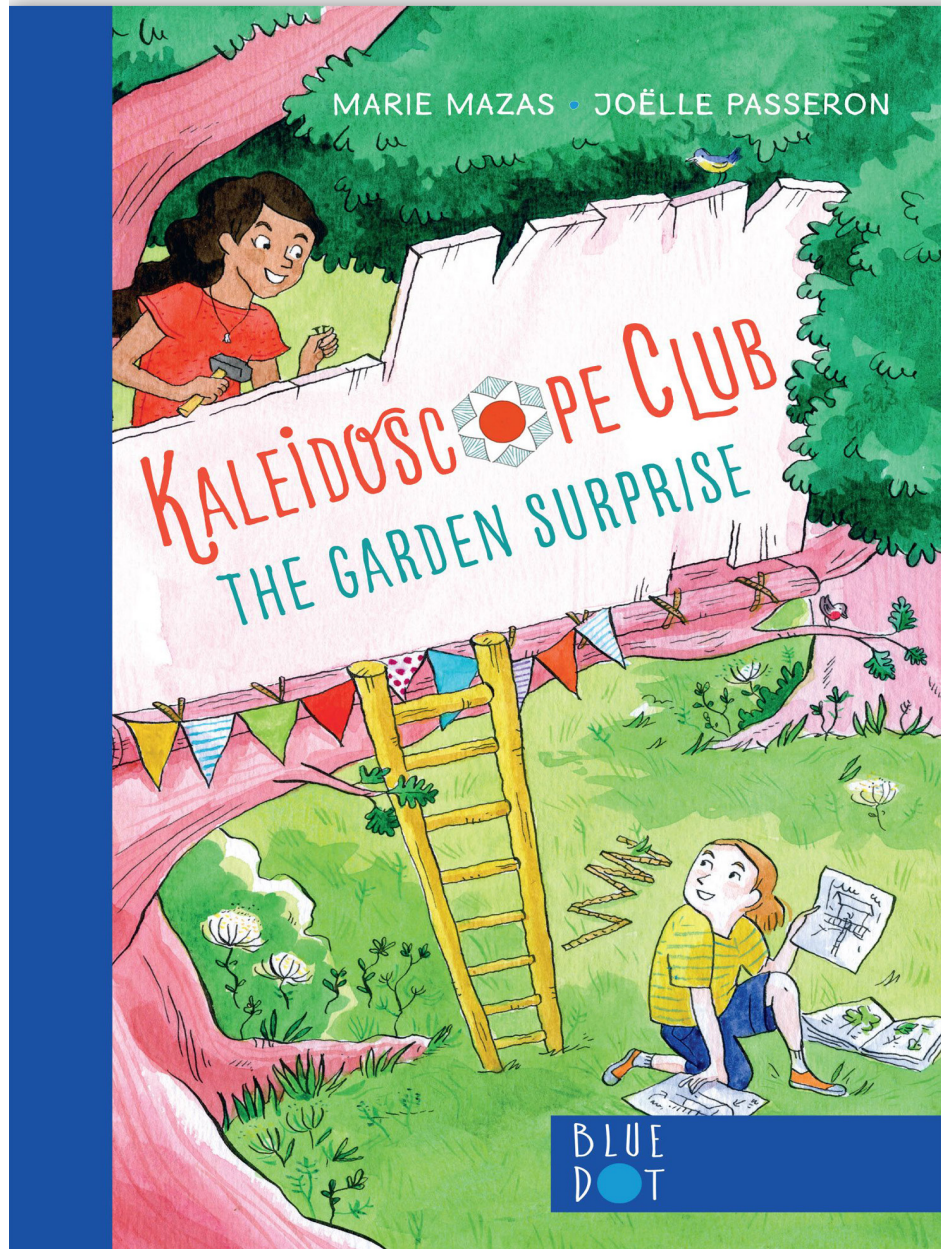


Kaleidoscope Club: The Garden Surprise

Tying Knots Activity Guide

Grades 2-5



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Tie a Bowline & Other Knots!

A STEAM Activity

Nour and her family make a raft for a fun day by the river. In order to hold the logs together, they use bowline knots. Can you make your own mini raft for World Knot Tying Day, which is every December 18 (or whenever you want to celebrate it!)?

Supplies

- Rope, yarn, or string
- Clean popsicle sticks, twigs gathered from outside, or pens and pencils

Instructions

The bowline—which is pronounced like “bowlin”—is considered a great foundational knot for water crafts because they are easy to make and secure yet they untie easily when needed.

Nour uses a rhyme to help her remember how make the knot, or a mnemonic, a song or phrase that helps you remember how to do something or the name of something.

Nour sings, “Up through the rabbit hole, round the big tree; down through the rabbit hole, and off goes he.” This helps her form a bowline knot.

The guide at <https://www.wikihow.com/Tie-a-Bowline-Knot> offers three different ways to tie a bowline, including using a mnemonic like Nour’s.

Practice tying this knot, and then make your own mini rafts with sticks or pencils!

