

KABOTSVILLE · EPISODE 2 · BUILDER TEAM

The Great Sukkah Rescue

A read-along picture book for ages 3 to 8

Made with love by a Nana and her grandkids, with help from the bots of Botsville USA.



Remixa Look, crew! It's the big city sukkah, right in the town square. Sukkot starts tomorrow!

Planzo Sukkot is a seven-day holiday. People eat in a sukkah, a little hut, to remember the huts the Israelites lived in, in the desert, long ago.



Zipley Whoa. That wind is really picking up.

Narrator Then a big gust of wind came along... and the city sukkah tipped right over. Flop!



Binley Oh no! Is everyone okay?

Zipley Nobody was inside. Everyone's safe!

Remixa Then let's save the day. Builder Team, let's rebuild it!



Binley **First, we clean up. Sort it, spot it, snap it! Watch out for pointy sticks, and always ask a grown-up to help with the heavy lifting.**



Planzo **Now let's figure out why it fell. Look. These walls weren't braced, and nothing was tied tight.**



Reb Kabot **Shalom, Builder Team! Every question is a good question! First, a sukkah's walls have to be sturdy enough to stand in a normal wind, without blowing or swaying.**



Binley Good news: the walls can be made of almost anything. Wood, cloth tied tight, even toy bricks!

Reb Kabot A sukkah needs at least three walls. By the rules, two full walls and part of a third can be enough.



Remixa But lots of people build three or four whole walls, to be extra sure.

Zipley Then let's build four strong walls, with braces in every corner!



Reb Kabot Inside, a sukkah must be at least about three feet tall, and no higher than twenty cubits. That's about thirty feet.

Zipley Not too short, not too tall. Just right!



Zipley Walls are done! Quick, let's throw this plastic tarp on top for a roof!

Reb Kabot Wait, Zipley! The roof of a sukkah has a special name. It's called schach.



Binley Schach has to be plants that grew from the ground and were cut off, like branches, bamboo, or palm leaves.

Remixa So no plastic, no metal... and no bricks on top!

Reb Kabot And nothing may be above the schach. No tree, and no roof.



Reb Kabot How much schach? Enough to make more shade than sun inside.

Remixa But not too thick! It's best if you can still see the big stars peeking through at night.

Reb Kabot Our sages teach that the sukkah reminds us of the clouds of glory that protected the Israelites in the desert.



Zipley Walls tight. Nothing hanging over us. Branches on top. Check, check, check!

Planzo All checks done. The new city sukkah is ready, and it's strong!



Remixa Now let's remix it! Decorating the sukkah is a happy custom. Paper chains, hanging fruit, and drawings from the kids of Botsville!

Binley Decorations aren't a rule. They're a tradition that makes the sukkah feel special.



Zipley Dinner time! Our first meal in the new sukkah!

Reb Kabot During Sukkot, we eat our meals in the sukkah, like it's our home for the week.



Reb Kabot This is the lulav. It's a palm branch, bound together with myrtle, called hadassim, and willow, called aravot.

Binley And this is the etrog. It's a citron, a yellow fruit that smells amazing!



Reb Kabot **We say the blessing, al netilat lulav, then wave them in all six directions.**



Remixa **Stand facing east. Wave to the right, toward the south. Then left, toward the north. Then forward, toward the east. Then up, then down, and back over your right shoulder, to the west!**



Reb Kabot **Chag Sameach, Builder Team!**

Zipley **Chag Sameach, everyone! Happy holiday!**

Can you remember?

Point to the answer, or circle it!

Why did the city sukkah tip over?

- The walls weren't braced, and nothing was tied tight
- It had too many decorations
- It was too pretty

What is the special roof covering of a sukkah called?

- Schach
- Etrog
- Tarp

How much schach goes on top?

- None, so it's all sun
- So thick that no light gets in
- Enough for more shade than sun, with room to see the stars

Answers: The walls weren't braced, and nothing was tied tight · Schach · Enough for more shade than sun, with room to see the stars



You did it!

Binley **Today's sukkah tips: at least three walls, sturdy enough to stand in the wind.**

Planzo **Not too short, and not too tall.**

Zipley **Schach made from plants, more shade than sun, and nothing above it.**

Remixa **Then decorate, eat your meals inside, and enjoy!**

I am a **Sukkah Builder!**

Name: _____

For grown-ups: Next Sukkot, visit a sukkah with a grown-up and check: how many walls does it have, and can you see the stars through the schach?

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