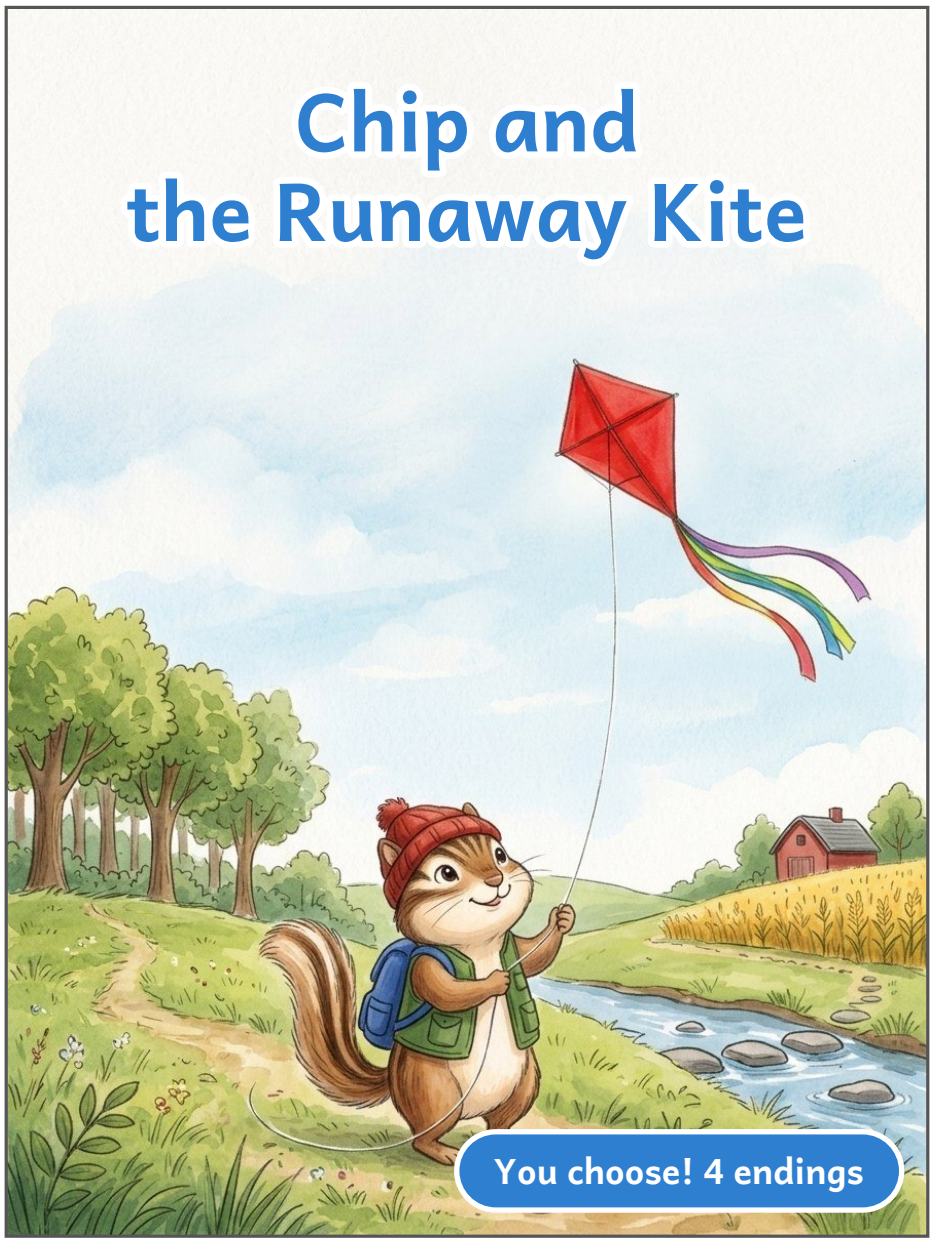
Chip and the Runaway Kite



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You Choose the Story!

1. Start on page 1 and read.
2. On some pages, you get to choose what happens next.
3. Pick one, then turn to the page it tells you.
4. There are 4 endings. When you get to THE END, go back to a choice and pick a new way.
5. Can you find all 4 endings?

A choice looks like this:

Turn to page 4 →

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1



It was a windy afternoon. Chip the chipmunk had a brand new kite with a long, bright tail. He ran up to the hilltop and let the string out. The kite went up and up. "Look at it go!" Chip yelled. It danced over the treetops like a bird.

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Then a big gust of wind came. Snap! The string broke near his hands. The kite sailed away over the hillside with a long piece of string trailing behind it. "Come back!" Chip cried. He grabbed his backpack and ran down the hill as fast as he could.

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At the bottom of the hill, Chip stopped. A footpath went into the woods, and the wind was blowing that way. But a creek with stepping stones led to a farm, and Chip had seen the kite dip down low over there. Which way did the kite go?

Follow the wind into the woods.

Turn to page 4 →



Hop across the stepping stones to the farm.

Turn to page 9 →



4



Chip ran down the footpath. There it was! The kite was stuck on a high branch of a huge oak tree. Under a pine tree next to the oak, Ned the bear cub was filling a basket with pinecones. "Is that your kite?" Ned asked. "I can't climb that high." The top branch looked very thin.

Chip climbs up the oak himself.

Turn to page 5 →



Chip asks Ned for help.

Turn to page 7 →



5



Chip dug in his claws and climbed. Up past the first branch. Up past the second branch. The thin branch wobbled when he stepped on it. Chip went slowly. He stretched out his arm as far as he could and unhooked the kite string.

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Chip climbed down with the kite. It had a small rip, but Chip had tape in his backpack. He fixed the rip, and Ned tied the string back together. They ran up to the hilltop and flew the kite until sunset. "You are the best climber in the woods!" said Ned.

THE END • The Big Climb

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You found Ending 1!

Go back to page 4 to try the other way, or page 3 for a new path.



"My granddad has a long rake in his woodshed," said Ned. He ran and got it. Ned was tall, and the rake was long. He held it up high and hooked the kite string. "Pull it slowly," said Chip. Ned tugged and tugged.



The kite came down, and something else came down with it. Plop, plop, plop! Lots of acorns fell all around them. "Acorns!" said Chip. "This is the best day!" Chip got his kite back, and he filled his backpack with acorns for the winter.

THE END • The Acorn Surprise

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You found Ending 2!

Go back to page 4 to try the other way, or page 3 for a new path.



Chip hopped across the wobbly stepping stones. Splash! His foot got wet, but he made it. In the cornfield, the kite was stuck on top of a scarecrow's hat. Max the moose calf came out of the farmhouse. "Is that your kite?" asked Max. "That scarecrow is very tall."

Chip climbs up the scarecrow.



Turn to page 10 →

Chip rides up on Max's shoulders.



Turn to page 12 →



Chip climbed up the scarecrow's pole. It was a bit wobbly, and the straw was itchy. He got up to the hat and unhooked the kite. Just then, a big crow landed in the cornfield and began to peck at the corn. "Shoo!" said Max. The crow did not go.



Chip had an idea. He tied the kite string to the scarecrow's arm. The wind picked the kite up, and it flapped and swooped over the corn. The crow flew off fast! "Now he can scare crows all day," said Chip. Max's mom was so glad, she gave Chip a bag of sunflower seeds.

THE END • The Scarecrow's Helper

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You found Ending 3!

Go back to page 9 to try the other way, or page 3 for a new path.



Max bent down, and Chip climbed up onto his shoulders. Then Max stood up tall. Chip reached up high and unhooked the kite from the scarecrow's hat. "Got it!" he yelled. "Hang on," said Max. "I have a fun idea. Hold the string tight."



Max ran across the big, flat field with Chip on his shoulders. The kite went up behind them, higher and higher. It was the fastest kite ride ever! "Faster, Max!" Chip yelled. They ran and ran until they flopped down in the grass, giggling.

THE END • The Moose Ride

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You found Ending 4!

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Endings I Found

- ☐ Ending 1: The Big Climb
- ☐ Ending 2: The Acorn Surprise
- ☐ Ending 3: The Scarecrow's Helper
- ☐ Ending 4: The Moose Ride

Compound Words in This Book

afternoon, hilltop, treetops, hillside, backpack, footpath, pinecones, granddad, woodshed, something, cornfield, scarecrow, farmhouse, sunflower, sunset

Talk About It

1. Which ending did you like best? Why?
2. Which choice was the hardest to make?
3. Make up a new ending. What would happen?

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