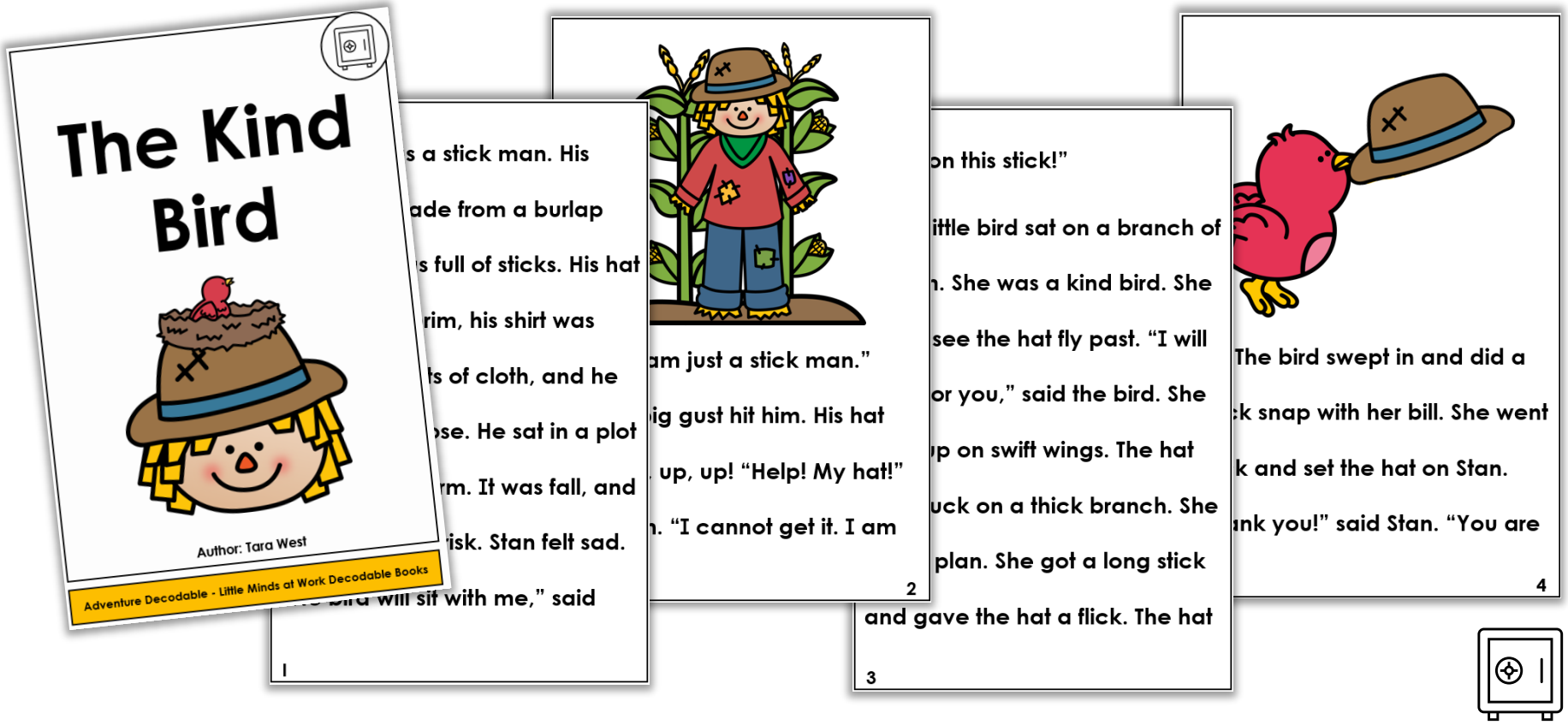
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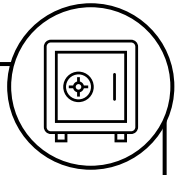
BEYOND THE BASICS

FREE DECODABLE BOOK



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DECODABLES VAULT ▮ **Seasonal Beyond the Basics Decodables - *Informational Overview***



Welcome to the **Beyond the Basics** decodable books collection, a comprehensive resource designed to build strong foundational reading skills through the science of reading (SOR) principles. These books are part of the **Lifetime Decodable Vault**, ensuring timeless access to effective literacy instruction.

Get Started Here

Watch First: Instructional Video: Before diving into the materials, you are encouraged to begin with the included instructional video. This video provides an overview of how to implement the **Beyond the Basics** decodable books and instructional routines effectively in your learning environment.

Aligned with Science of Reading Research: The **Beyond the Basics** series is rooted in the latest findings in the science of reading, supporting evidence-based practices to develop phonemic awareness, phonics skills, fluency, and vocabulary. This resource integrates seamlessly with **Guided Phonics + Beyond by Tara West**, offering a structured, explicit approach to literacy instruction.

- **Decodable text** ensures that students are reading material aligned with their current phonics knowledge.
- **Explicit and systematic instruction** supports progressive mastery of phonemes and graphemes.
- **Repetition and fluency-building activities** help students gain confidence and automaticity

Instructional Flexibility: These books are designed to meet diverse instructional needs and can be used in many settings:

- **Whole-Group Phonics**: Reinforce key phonics concepts with all students, using the books as shared reading resources.
- **Small-Group Phonics Instruction**: Provide targeted support to students at similar learning stages.
- **Intervention**: Address gaps in phonics knowledge for students needing additional practice.
- **Take-Home Practice**: Empower families to support their child's reading development at home.

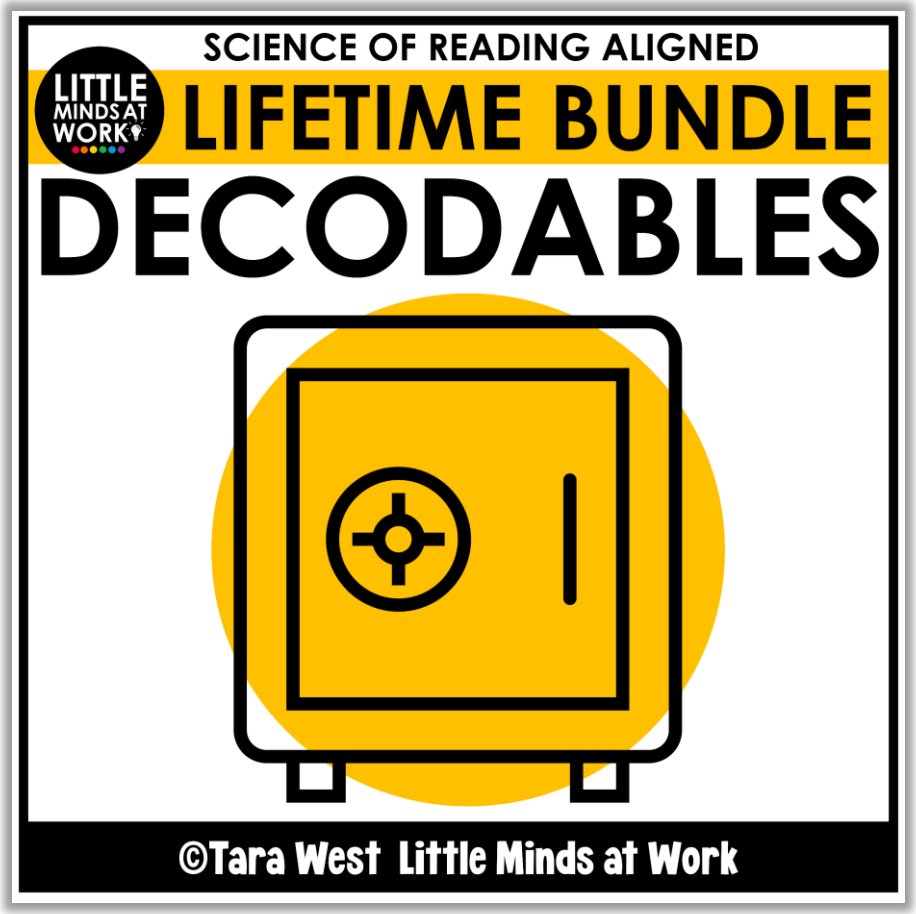
Comprehensive Formats To maximize ease of use, the **Beyond the Basics** decodable books are offered in four formats: color fold and staple, ink-saving fold and staple, ink-saving mini books, and color 1-page books.

•**Included Lesson Plan Sheet and Instructional Routines:** This resource is accompanied by a detailed lesson plan sheet with routines, ensuring structured implementation. These instructional routines include:

1. **Fluency and Accuracy**: Students build fluency and accuracy by practicing readings of passages.
2. **Text Reading Practice**: Students read their decodables, applying decoding strategies and discussing vocabulary.
3. **Comprehension Question Review**: Students read the decodables, then answer comprehension questions included at the back of the book.

This free sampler follows the same formatting as the full Beyond the Basics Decodables.





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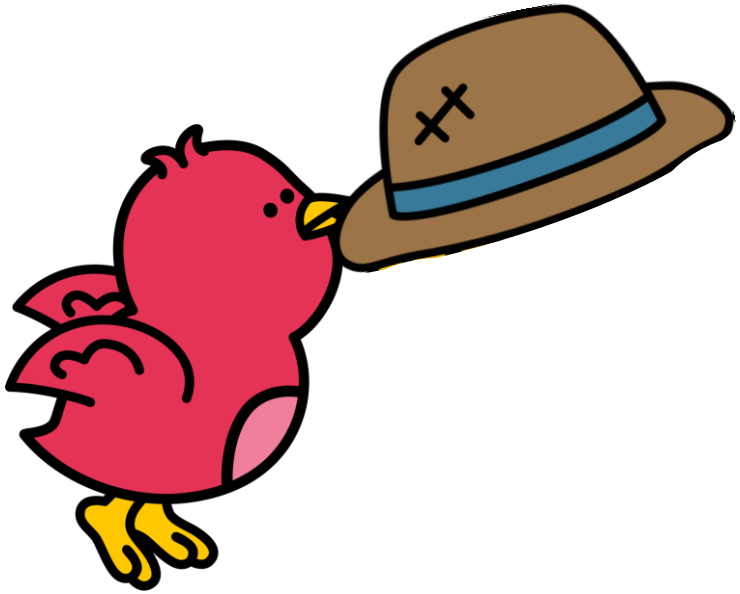
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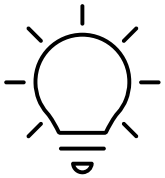


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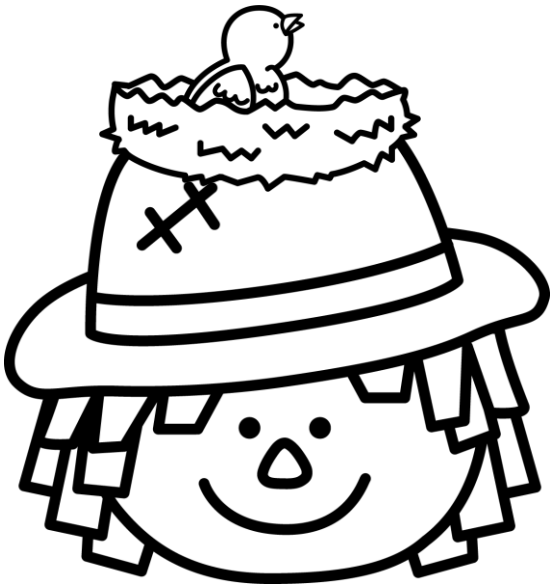
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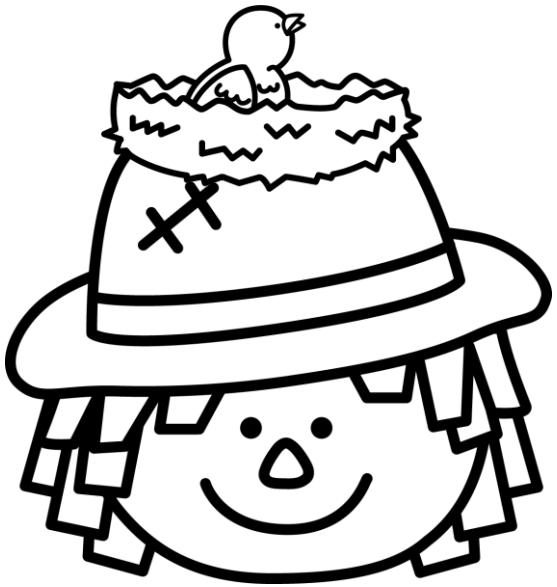
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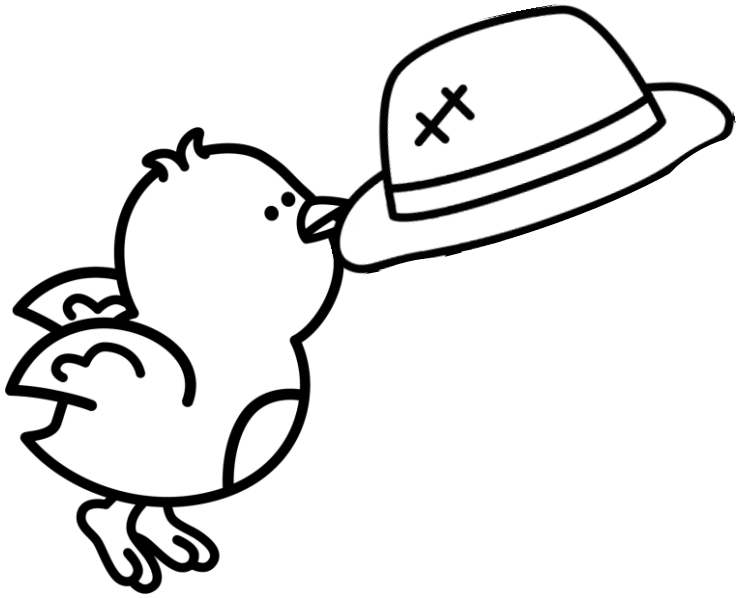
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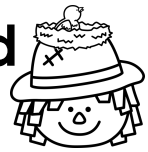
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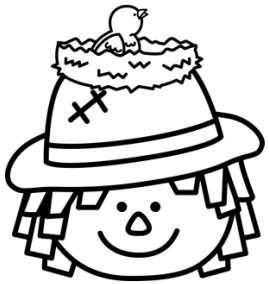
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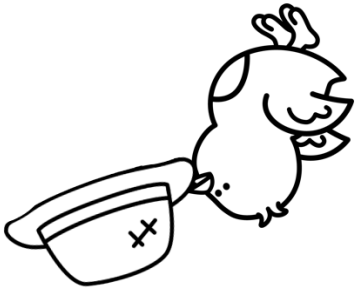


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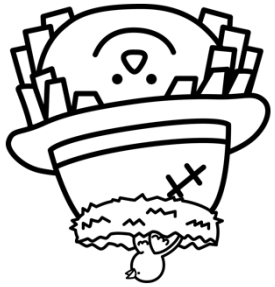
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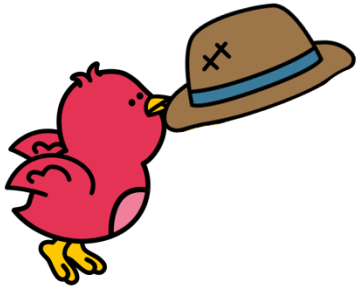
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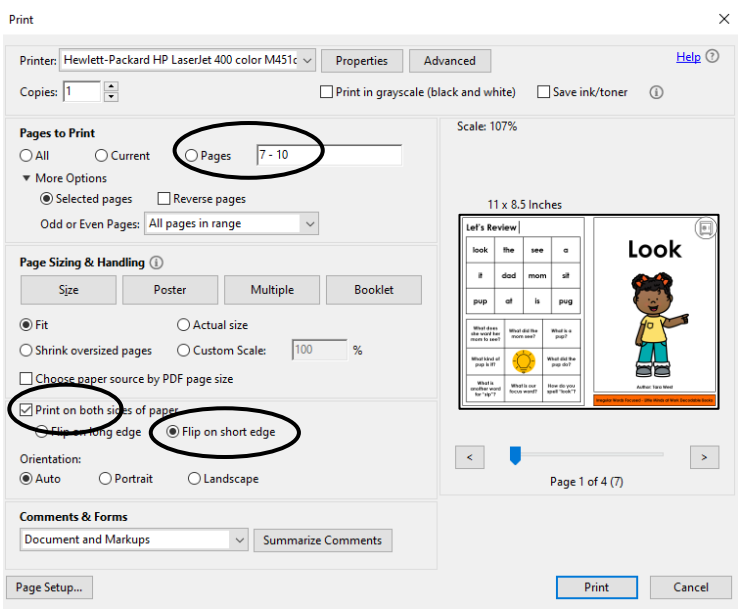
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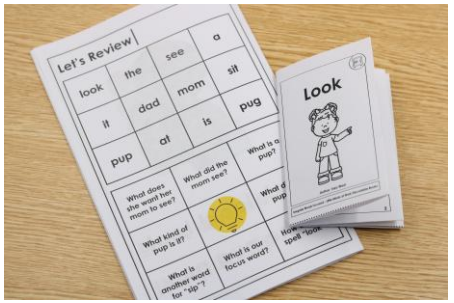
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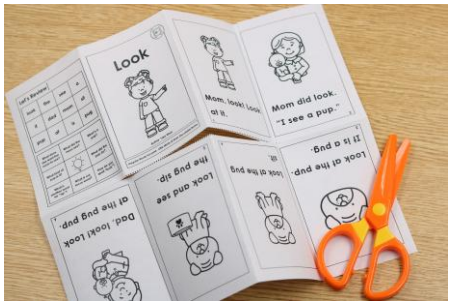
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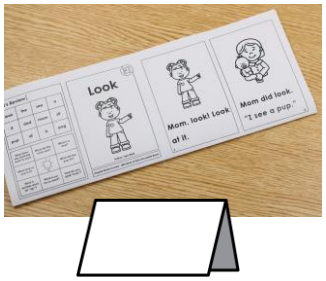




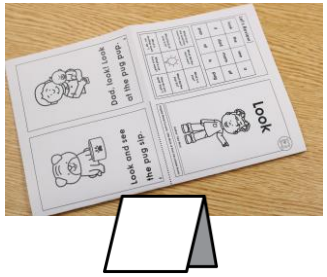


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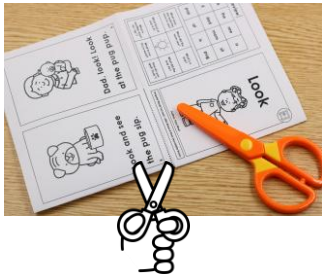
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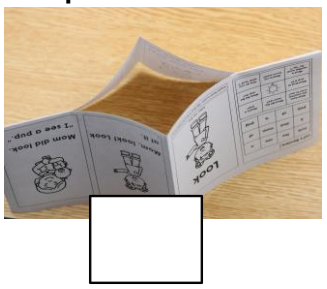
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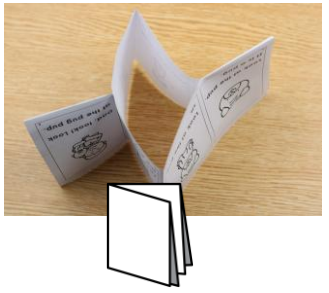
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