

# BABies

around the world

## Dancing

### Activity Kit

**S**amba, flamenco, step dance, and more. Let's dance together around the world. **P**arty away with an international lineup of babies who welcome you to their amazing countries.

**L**et's boogie with them all around this musical planet.



Are you ready to boogie? Party away with an international lineup of babies who welcome you to their amazing countries. Let's boogie with them all around the musical planet. Celebrate culture, geography, and language with these fun dancing babies. The activity kit along with the book will make any child want to get up and dance.

## Circle Time Activities

Gather the children around in a circle for a fun and exciting read of *Babies Around the World: Dancing*. These activities will help the students learn culture, geography, and language.

Ask the children if they like to dance. Do you know of any fancy dance moves? Can you tell me your favorite? Have the kids get up from their seat and show you their favorite dance moves.

### Culture

Talk about the different dances that certain countries perform from *Babies Around the World: Dancing*.

India- Bollywood

Morocco- Belly Dancing

China- Dragon Dance

South Africa- Tribal Dance

Brazil- Samba

Ireland- Step Dance

Spain- Flamenco

North America- Bison and Grass Dance

Show the children a video of compilation of the above dances from the book. Being interactive will hold the children's attention.



### Geography

Next, show the children a World map of the 7 continents. Have them help you identify the country to the continent. Have them place a cut-out dancer on the map to the country/continent they belong to.

### Language

Explain to the children that different countries speak different languages. Teach the children how to say the greetings from the book.

India- Namaste (Hindi)

Morocco- Marhabaan (Arabic)

China- Ni Hao (Mandarin)

South Africa- Hallo (Afrikaans)

Brazil- Óla (Portuguese)

Ireland- Día Duit (Irish)

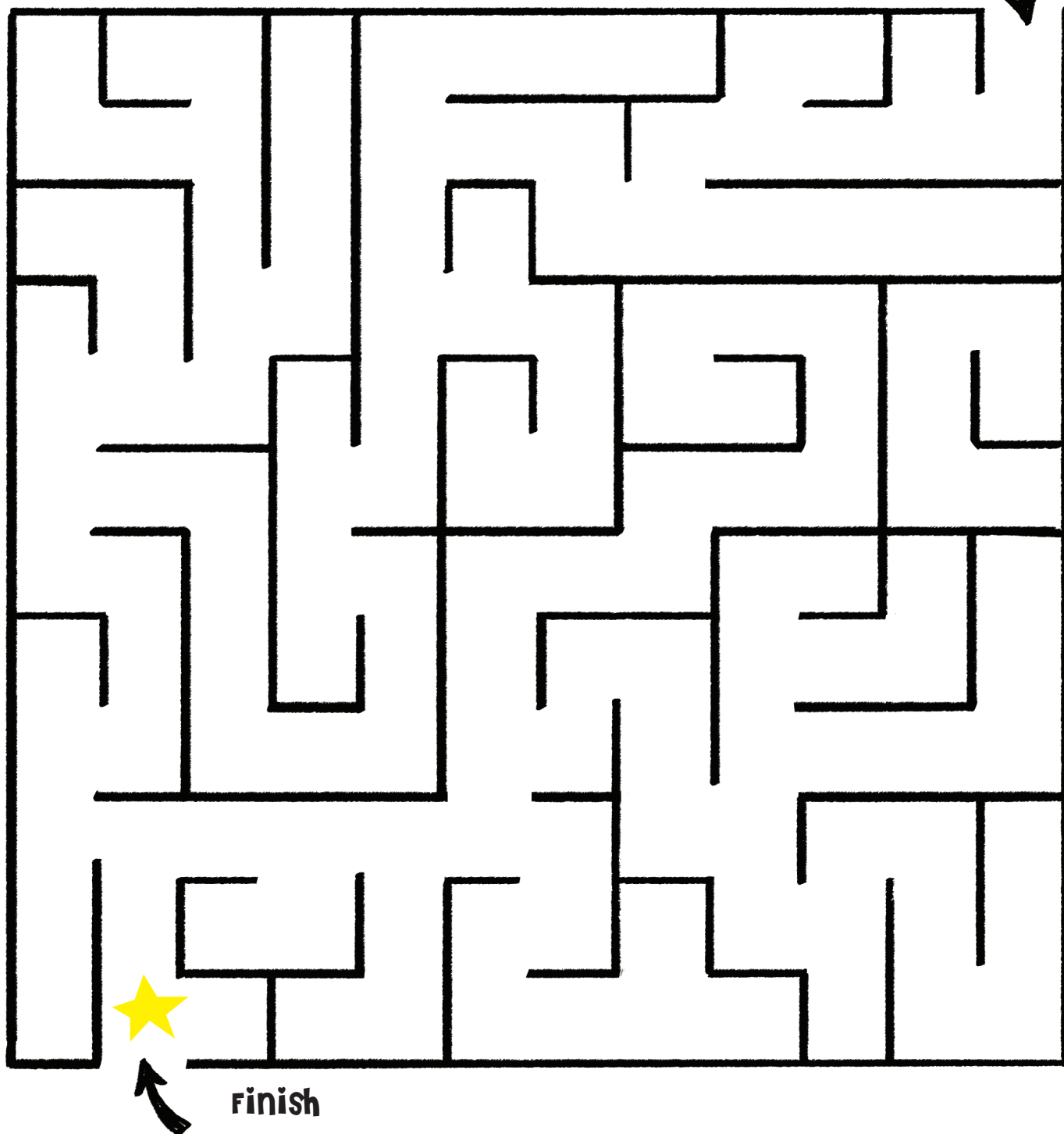
Spain- Hola (Spanish)

North America- Hello (English)

Play a telephone line game by having them practice a greeting from the above countries. Whomever can remember the most greetings gets a prize. After Circle time is over, pass out the activity sheets.

## Maze

The babies are all lined up ready to dance, but they need your help getting back home. Can you help the dancing babies find their way to their country?

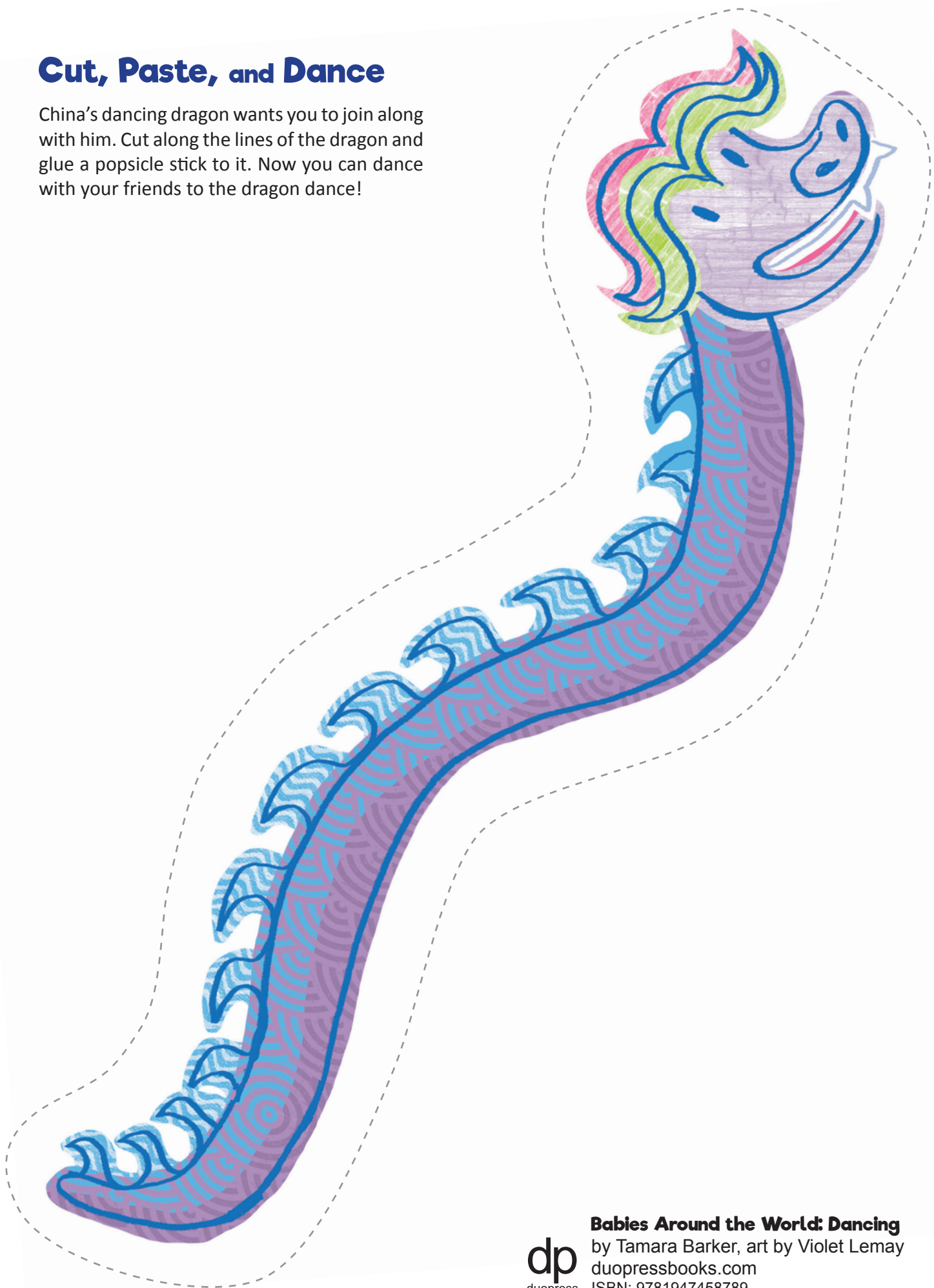


Color the dancing babies with your favorite colors.



## Cut, Paste, and Dance

China's dancing dragon wants you to join along with him. Cut along the lines of the dragon and glue a popsicle stick to it. Now you can dance with your friends to the dragon dance!





## Connect the Dots



Can you guess what baby is dancing in the picture? Connect the dots to see which baby is dancing. Color your picture in after all the dots are connected.

# Color and Match Me

The dancing babies all live on different continents. Can you match the color and the dancer to their continent?

## Legend

- North America: Green
- South America: Orange
- Europe: Yellow
- Africa: Red
- Asia: Purple
- Australia: Pink

