

**Focus Subject:** Health & Nutrition | Fine Motor Skills

## Overview

Ants and other insects (bugs) leave their homes to find food. Some insects like people food like fruit and vegetables. This activity uses fine motor skills and critical thinking to draw an ant trail through the maze to help Arty find his apple and his way home.

*We will learn:*

- Insects search for food to take back to their home and share with other insects.
- Some insects will eat people food if they find it lying around.
- Although insects need food too it is not good to have insect on the food we are going to eat. That is one reason why we keep our food covered when we are not eating it.

## Required Materials

Basic classroom supplies.

## Supplemental Materials

The following materials are not required for this activity but are listed to provide additional materials to supplement this activity. Easily order supplemental materials for use with this activity at [www.naturekidscurriculum.com/materials](http://www.naturekidscurriculum.com/materials)

Supplemental Materials - Description/ Title
Ant Cities (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2) (Paperback)
Acrylic Specimen & Bug Magnifier 1.5" Box
Bug Habitat
Fascinations Antworks

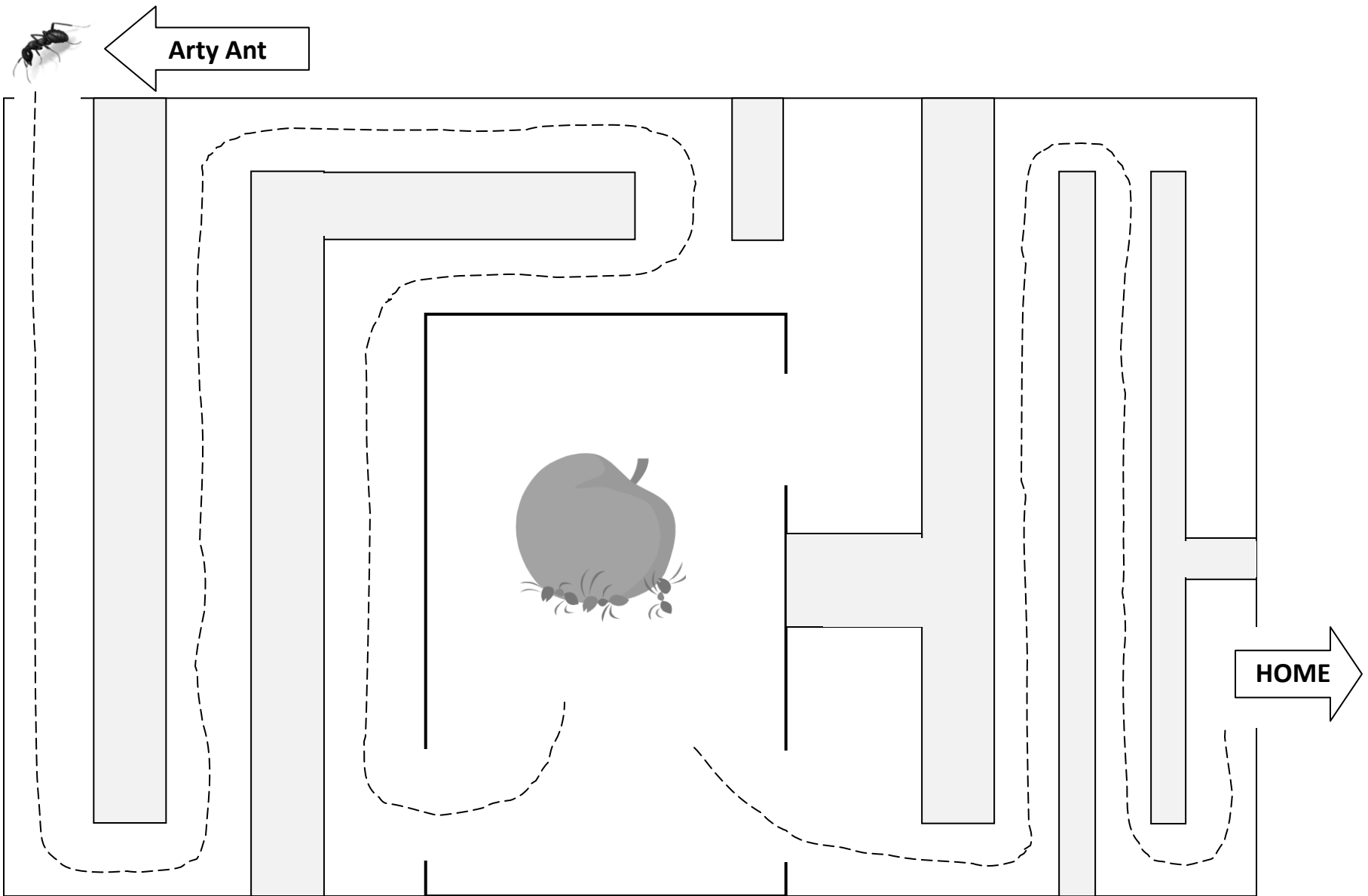
## Instructions

### Help Arty Ant Find Food and Home Maze

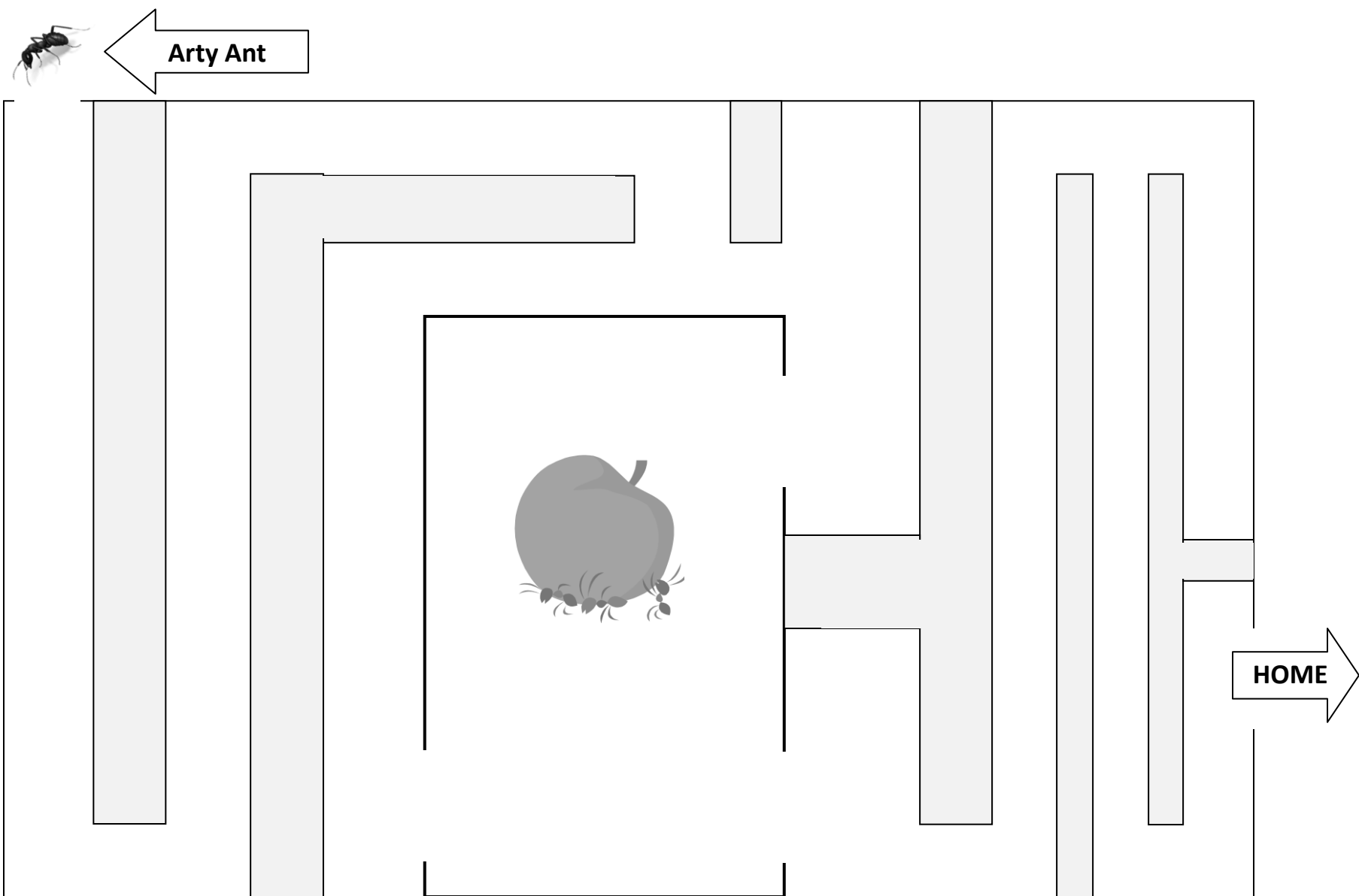
**Purpose:** (a) Illustrate insects will eat people food including apples, (b) develop fine motor skills by drawing an ant trail through a maze, and (c) develop critical thinking by moving successfully through a maze.

1. Select which page is appropriate for each child. The page with the successful trail is easier for younger children. Older children may use the maze without the dotted line trail.
2. **Show** the children the activity.
3. **Explain:**
  - Insect is another word for bug.
  - Insects eat food.
  - Insect find food to take home to share with other bugs! Yuck!
  - We store our food covered to keep insects out.
  - An ant is an insect.

- What are some other insects?
  - Ants like apples and other fruits and vegetables.
  - What else will insects eat? Have you seen insects' outdoors carrying food?
4. **Explain & Show** the children how to draw the ant trail through the maze.
  5. **Assist** the children but allow them to try.
  6. **Read** any supplemental books you pick out that are related to this activity.



Arty Ant is hungry. Please help him find  
the apple and his way home.



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