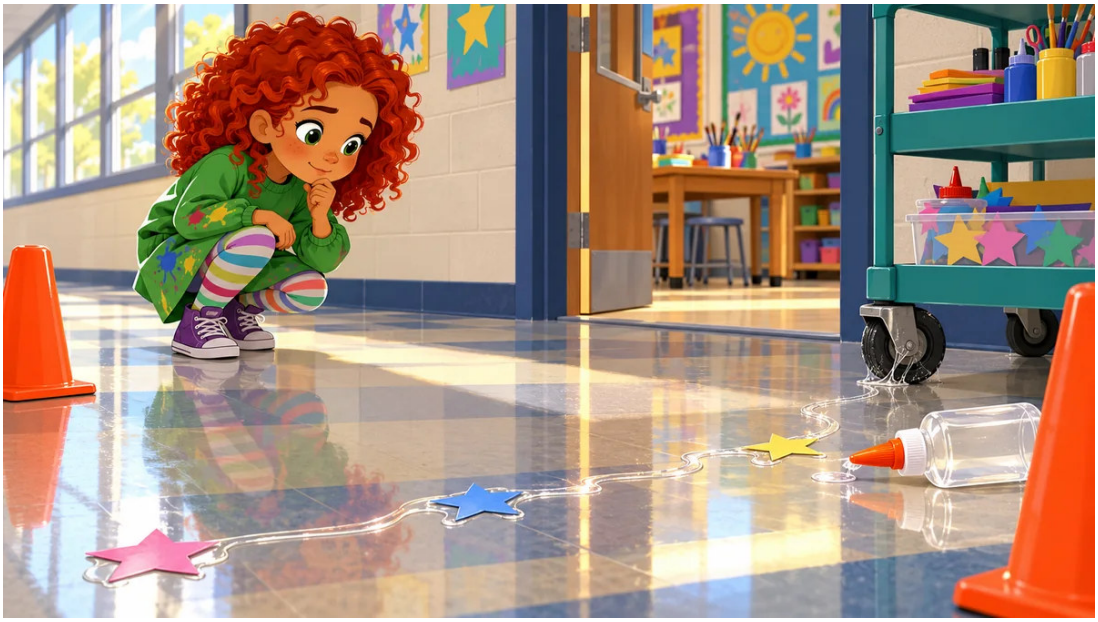
COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Ivy and the Invisible Paint Trail

Ivy and the Invisible Paint Trail | Suggested ages 5-6



Ivy uses angled light to reveal a clear drying glue trail left during preparation for an art show.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Before the art show, Ivy found three paper stars stuck to the hallway floor. A shiny trail connected them, but it had no color.

Part 2

She touched nothing and placed warning cones nearby. From straight above, the floor looked clean except for the paper stars.

Part 3

Ivy crouched at the side and saw the trail shine under the window light. It curved from the craft room toward the display wall.

Part 4

She first thought it was water, but the trail felt tacky when the teacher tested its edge with a wooden stick.

Part 5

In the craft room, a clear glue bottle had leaked beside the supply cart. The teacher safely tested the sticky spill and confirmed it was clear glue.

Part 6

The cart's sticky wheel had rolled through the glue and down the hallway. On scrap paper, that wheel printed the same repeating curved marks leading to the stars.

Part 7

They cleaned the floor safely and tightened every bottle cap. Ivy placed the rescued paper stars on the display where they belonged.

Part 8

Ivy learned that clear materials can still reflect light. Changing her viewing angle revealed a trail that looked invisible from above.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. What was stuck to the hallway floor?

A. Three paper stars	B. Two paintbrushes	C. A red scarf

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. How did Ivy make the clear trail easier to see?

A. She painted it	B. She looked from the side	C. She turned off every light

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What made the shiny hallway trail?

A. Rainwater	B. Clear glue carried by a cart wheel	C. Cooking oil

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. What made the repeating curved marks?

A. Ivy's shoe	B. A rolling ball	C. A sticky cart wheel

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. What helped reveal the invisible-looking trail?

A. Reflected light at a new angle	B. A loud sound	C. A strong smell

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. A - Three paper stars

Three paper stars

2. B - She looked from the side

She looked from the side

3. B - Clear glue carried by a cart wheel

Clear glue carried by a cart wheel

4. C - A sticky cart wheel

A sticky cart wheel

5. A - Reflected light at a new angle

Reflected light at a new angle

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.