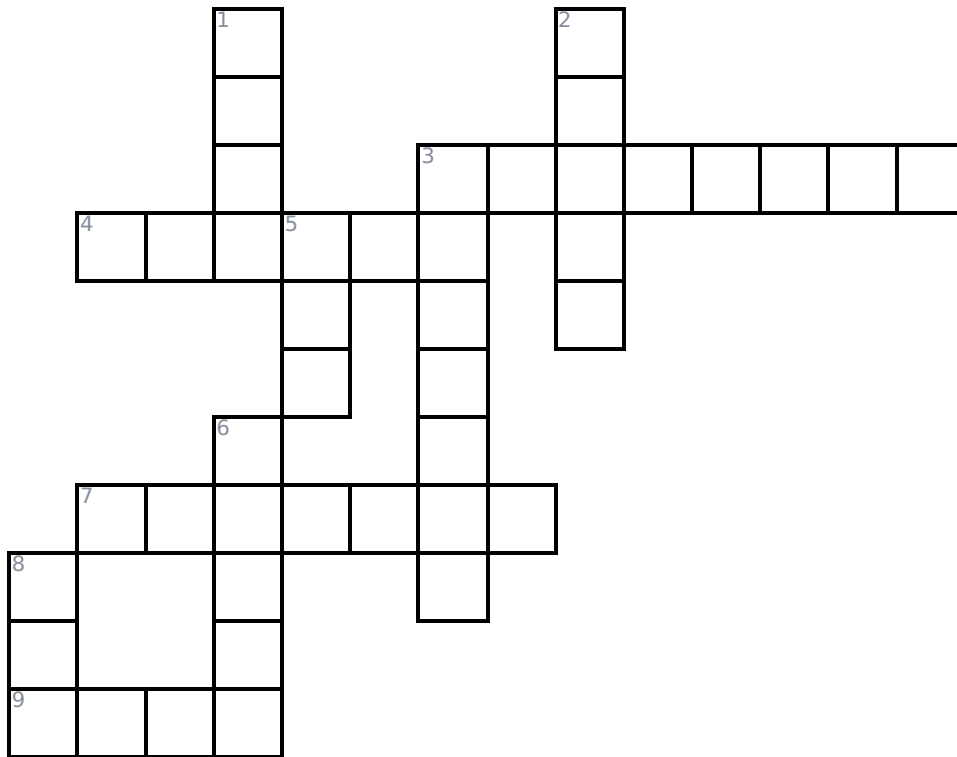


## It Could Always Be Worse: Criss Cross

After reading *It Could Always Be Worse* by Margot Zemach, use this printable and interactive Criss Cross puzzle. All clues relate to the content of the story.



### Across

3. The \_\_\_\_ got feathers in the family's soup.
4. The man lived in the hut with his children, his wife, and his \_\_\_\_.
7. The \_\_\_\_ was crowing loudly inside the house.
9. The man fought with his \_\_\_\_ because of all the noise.

### Down

- 1. The \_\_\_\_ went wild pushing and bucking everyone with its horns.
- 2. The man couldn't sleep because his kids were too \_\_\_\_.
- 3. His house had too many people in it. It was \_\_\_\_.
- 5. The man felt that his small \_\_\_\_ was too small for his family.
- 6. The man brought in chickens, a rooster, and a \_\_\_\_.
- 8. What was the last animal the poor man took into his hut?

### Word Bank

HUT  
ROOSTER  
MOTHER

CROWDED  
GOAT  
GOOSE

NOISY  
COW

CHICKENS  
WIFE

# Answer Key

