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Early Childhood

Teacher Notes and Activities

The Lion in our Living Room

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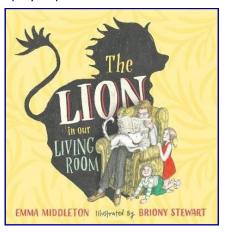
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Tom and Tilly wish and wonder, will the lion come? Will he come and visit them for lots of lion fun?

Here is a rrrrip-roaring story about dads, the kings of the living room, and the special moments families share.

Perfect for reading aloud with a playful parent or lion.



Themes:

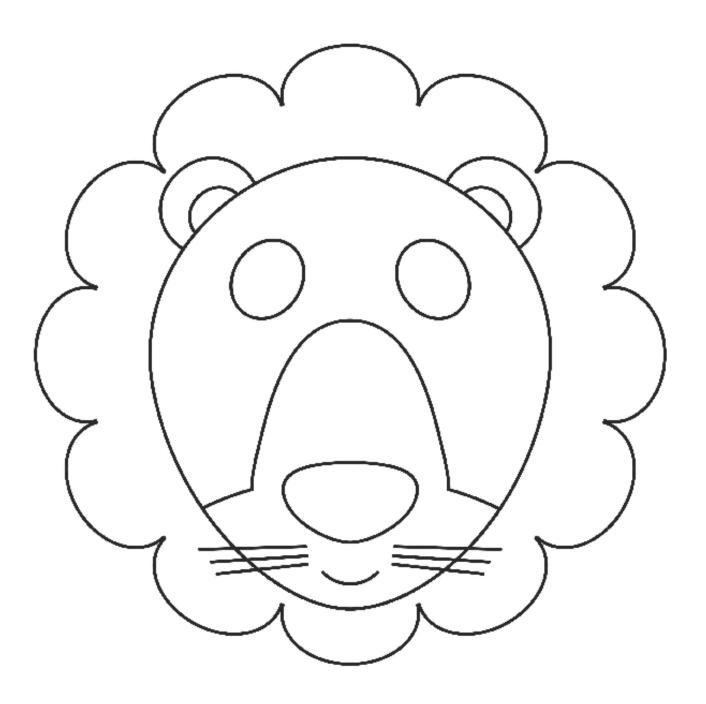
- Imagination
- Playing Games and having fun
- Family
- Anticipation
- Lions

Discussion Questions

- What clues are there on the opening spread about what might happen in this story?
- Why do you think Tom and Tilly want the lion to come and play?
- Discuss situations where we wait and anticipate things that might happen. (They might be both good things and things that are not so good). How do you feel when you are waiting?
- What games do you like to play with your family? Do you think they are unique to your family? Who do you play them with?
- Do you think the Dad in this story was having as much fun with this game as Tom and Tilly were?
- Why do you think the family like lions so much? What do you know about them? As a class, find out ten interesting facts about them.
- Have you ever seen a lion up close? If so, what is the most striking feature about it that you remember?
- Can you recall all the toys that are in and around Tom and Tilly's toy box? Do you have some of the same ones?

Activities:

- Using the endpapers as a guide to the craft materials that you will need, have fun colouring and decorating the attached lion mask. You may also like to draw your own unique mask design. The students may like to write a small play about lions where they can wear their lion masks.
- Lion images are scattered all throughout the book. Look closely at every page. How many can you see? Compare your answers with someone else.



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