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Teacher Notes and Activities

Lighty Faust The Lion

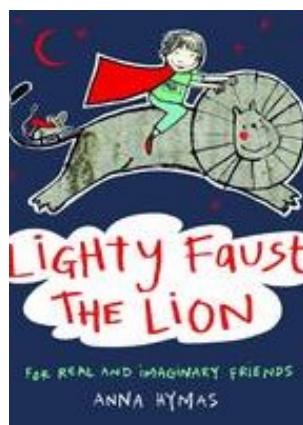
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Imagine you had a lion who could fly right up to the moon and the stars in the sky.

Join Ru and his Lion, his friend Lighty Faust and don't forget to look out for the mouse.....



Themes:

- Imagination
- Growing up
- Imaginary friends

Discussion Points:

- Have you ever had or do you currently have an imaginary friend?
- Why do children often have an imaginary friend? What do they bring to their life?
- What makes an imaginary friend different to a real friend?
- What would be your favourite games to play with your imaginary friends?
- Are they the same games that you like to play with your real friends? Why or why not?
- What did Ru and Lighty Faust eat when they were on the moon? If you were sitting on the moon with your imaginary friend, what would you eat?
- Of all the things that Ru did with Lighty Faust and Mouse, which one sounded like the most fun to you? Why?
- Does having a good imagination and making up fun games with an imaginary friend help you when it comes to making real friends? Explain.
- What is the hardest thing about making new friends? What things can you do to make it easier?
- What are some of the signs that Ru is growing up?
- What are some of the signs that YOU are growing up? What can you do now that you couldn't do one year ago?

Activities:

- Create your own 'lion mane'. You might like to use wool or other materials to give it texture.
- Spot how many times you can see Mouse in the story. Compare your answers to others in the class.