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LION

STORY HOUR KIT

ABOUT THE KIT

Use this kit in an early childhood or elementary classroom, library, or bookstore or at a child's party or play date. Best for ages 3-8.

In the picture book **Lion, Lion**, a boy is looking for his kitten named Lion. He encounters a large lion who is looking for lunch. The boy and his animal friends start to suspect that the lion might have swallowed the kitten! Do not despair! The boy has a red flashlight and a plan...

With the activities in this Story Hour Kit, your readers can make their own trusty red flashlight and go looking for the lost kitten. Where will they find the kitten? Inside lions! Or better yet, inside lion books in your collection.



The kit contains:



- Kitten template to cut out
- List of lion picture books (to hide kittens inside)
- Flashlight paper craft
- Poster and copy to share your event
- Suggested preparation & dialogue

OTHER RESOURCES

Curious City also worked with the creators of **Lion, Lion** to make a free downloadable **Board Game** for children. The game invites players to race across the board to get to the kitten before the hungry lion does. The game board, pieces, and cards are all in one PDF and free to you and the kids you serve. Look for the **Lion, Lion Board Game** by searching for "lion lion" in the top right corner of CuriousCityDPW.com. That site also contains many more free tools to engage children more deeply with the literature created for them.

Visit the Teacher Resources page at miriambuschauthor.com for **Lion, Lion** Idea Starters and ideas to perform the book as a play.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Lion, Lion

By Miriam Busch

Illustrated by Larry Day

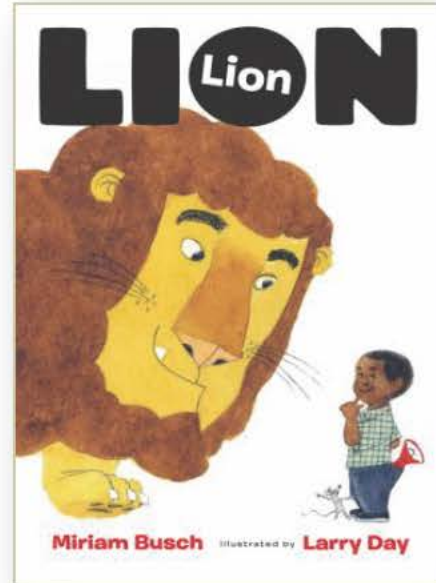
Published by Balzer + Bray

ISBN-13: 9780062271044

Age Range: 4 - 8 Years

For fans of Ezra Jack Keats, this perfect read-aloud is a timeless story featuring plenty of animals!

A little boy is looking for Lion. Lion is looking for lunch. And so our story begins. But look closely...



In this tale, nothing is quite as it seems!
Children will delight in this classic picture book with a mischievous twist.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

"Careful readers may guess what the boy is looking for, but the detailed pictures and simple story will entertain even those who aren't surprised by the twist ending. With plenty of chuckle-worthy illustrations and a simple but enjoyable story, this should work well in storytimes or for one-on-one reading."
—*School Library Journal*

"A killer combination of twisty wordplay, kid-perfect watercolors and characters that demand funny voices, *Lion, Lion* is a read aloud sure to leave your audience delighted and you just a little hoarse." —NPR

"Readers must pay careful attention to both the words and the pictures in this quirky, humorous book about a boy who is shouting out, "Lion!" and a lion who is hungry...the grand joke comes at the end, when the clever boy forces the lion to sneeze, and there is another play on the same theme on the very last page. Sly, dark humor for little ones—at its best." —*Kirkus Reviews*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Miriam Busch earned her MFA in writing for children and young adults from Hamline University. She loves pie and elephants and trees and whales and stories of all sorts. You can visit her at www.miriambuschauthor.com.

Larry Day is the illustrator of over twenty picture books, a painter of fine art, and a storyboard artist/art director for advertising agencies. He is the recipient of many state awards for his books, as well as three gold medals from the Society of Illustrators. Larry also won the Golden Kite Award for best illustrated picture book (**Not Afraid of Dogs**). Find him online at www.larrydayillustration.com.

Miriam and Larry Day collaborated on the picture book **Lion, Lion**, which was named an Illinois Reads selection, an NPR Best selection, an Indie Next Best selection, a Junior Library Guild selection, and a Bank Street College Best Book of the Year.

PREPARING FOR THE ACTIVITIES

You will, of course, create your own grand program or lesson plan! Following are simply suggested ways to prepare for an event or classroom experience.

___ Locate a copy of the picture book **Lion, Lion** by Miriam Busch and Larry Day (Balzer + Bray).

___ If you list your events in newsletters and online calendars, here is some text that may help with those listings:

The kitten named Lion is missing. No worries, the boy with his red flashlight has a plan! We'll be reading the picture book **Lion, Lion** by Miriam Busch and Larry Day (Balzer + Bray) and making red flashlights of our own. Together we'll make a plan to find the missing kitten! All welcome, but best for ages 3-8.

There is a wonderful book trailer on YouTube which could be part of your outreach for this event.

___ If this event is for the public, print out the event poster (page 9), add your date, time, and location, and duplicate it to advertise the event. If you prefer to adapt the poster on your computer, you can find a JPEG of the poster design on CuriousCityDPW.com. Simply search for "lion lion" and navigate to the Story Hour Kit listing. The font on the poster is Avenir Next.

PREPARING FOR THE ACTIVITIES (cont.)

NOTE: As the picture book **Lion, Lion** opens, a boy is looking for his kitten named Lion. He encounters a large lion who is looking for lunch. The boy and his animal friends start to suspect that the lion might have swallowed the kitten! Do not despair! The boy has a red flashlight and a plan to rescue the kitten and your readers can too.

___ Look over the **Lion, Lion Flashlight** instructions and templates (page 10-11). Print enough templates so that each kid attending your event has one. Regular paper is fine, but cardstock is sturdier. Decide if you want to pre-cut the templates or whether you will have kids do the cutting.

___ Make sure you have 3 x 5 index cards for all of your kids and scissors and tape for them to share.

___ Locate the **Lion, Lion Kitten** cut-out (page 12). Print and cut out enough kittens so that you have one for each of your readers.

NOTE: Again, the boy and his animal friends think that the kitten (named Lion) has been swallowed by the lion. The clever boy uses his flashlight to find his way into the lion's open mouth and into his throat where he finds the kitten unharmed. Your clever kids can also look for the kitten cut-outs *inside* a lion. When you hide the cut-out kittens inside lion books, you are mimicking the boy's adventure.

___ Look through your collection of picture books about lions and your lion non-fiction books. Set aside a collection of lion books for the event. Aim to have as many lion books as you have cut-out kittens. Here is a list of our favorite lion picture books:

A Lion in Paris	Alemagna, Beatrice
Chloe and the Lion	Barnett, Mac
How Loud Is a Lion?	Beaton, Clare
The Lion Inside	Bright, Rachel
Lion, Lion	Busch, Miriam
Lionheart	Collingridge, Richard
A Hungry Lion	Cummins, Lucy Ruth
The Lion and the Bird	Dubuc, Marianne
Roar!	Edwards, Pamela Duncan
The Lion and the Mice	Emberley, Rebecca
The Happy Lion	Fatio, Louise

PREPARING FOR THE ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Snuggle Up, Sleepy Ones	Freedman, Claire
The Animal Boogie	Harter, Debbie
Library Lion	Knudsen, Michelle
Lion Vs. Rabbit	Latimer, Alex
A Lion in the Meadow	Mahy, Margaret
Monty's Magnificent Mane	O'Neill, Gemma
The Lion & the Mouse	Pinkney, Jerry
The Cinder-Eyed Cats	Rohmann, Eric
The Lion's Paw	Tenggren, Gustaf
If I Were a Lion	Weeks, Sarah
You Are a Lion!	Yoo, Taeun

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___ If you think your readers would enjoy the free game, print out the **Lion, Lion Board Game** flyer (page 13). The flyers are designed with four notices to a page.

SETTING UP THE DAY OF THE EVENT

___ Tuck your cut-out kittens inside your collection of lion books.

___ Create a display of lion books where it can be easily accessed by your readers. Will you put them all together or spread them across the room for extra searching?

___ Set up your craft table with flashlight templates, index cards, scissors, and tape.

EVENT ACTIVITIES

___ Read **Lion, Lion** by Miriam Busch and Larry Day (Balzer + Bray) aloud. This is a book with a surprise ending, and it benefits from a second read-aloud. When creators Miriam Busch and Larry Day read it aloud with kids, they let the kids be the lion on the second read through. Because who does not want yell, "No, no, no!" and sneeze loudly?!

EVENT ACTIVITIES (cont.)

___ Discussion could include:

What was the name of the boy's kitten?

So when the boy says he is "looking for Lion," is he looking for a big yellow lion with a mane?

When do you think the boy knew that the lion had swallowed the kitten?

What did you think of the boy's rescue?

Who helped the boy?

Besides his animal friends, what other thing helped the boy?

How did the flashlight help?

___ Transition to the flashlight activity.

Can I tell you something? I was going to give each of you a kitten today. But something terrible happened. Lions came and gobbled them up!

Do you want to help me rescue the kittens?

Let's prepare ourselves for the search. What did the boy use?

Shall we make ourselves a red flashlight?

___ Transition to the search.

Now we have our flashlights, let's make a plan.

Have you seen any lions in the space today?

Where might we find lions? Are their lion on our shelves? In books?

Maybe the kittens are trapped not inside a lion, but...

EVENT ACTIVITIES (cont.)

___ Send readers home with their flashlight, their kitten, and a flyer that tells them they can download a free **Lion, Lion Board Game!**

___ Good work! Now, go looking for lunch. I don't recommend the kittens!





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STORY TIME

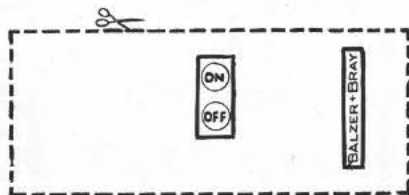
LION FLASHLIGHT

INSTRUCTIONS

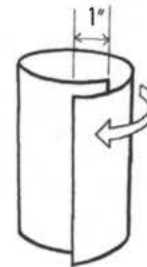
1) Gather:
3 x 5 Index Card
Scissors
Tape

2) Print the Lion, Lion Flashlight Cut-out Sheet on regular or cardstock paper.

3) Cut out the **Flashlight Cone** and **Flashlight Collar** of the the Lion, Lion Flashlight Cut-out Sheet.



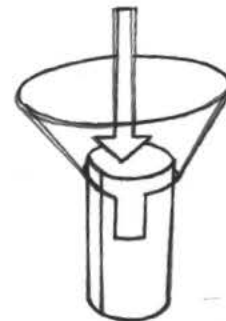
4) Roll index card to make a cylinder. Overlap 1 inch and secure with tape.



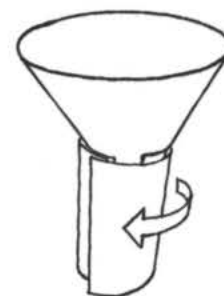
5) Tape cone **Edge A** along **Line B**.



6) Slide index card cylinder through the top of the cone. Stop when the bottom of the cone covers about 3/4 of the cylinder, tape the tabs to the cylinder.

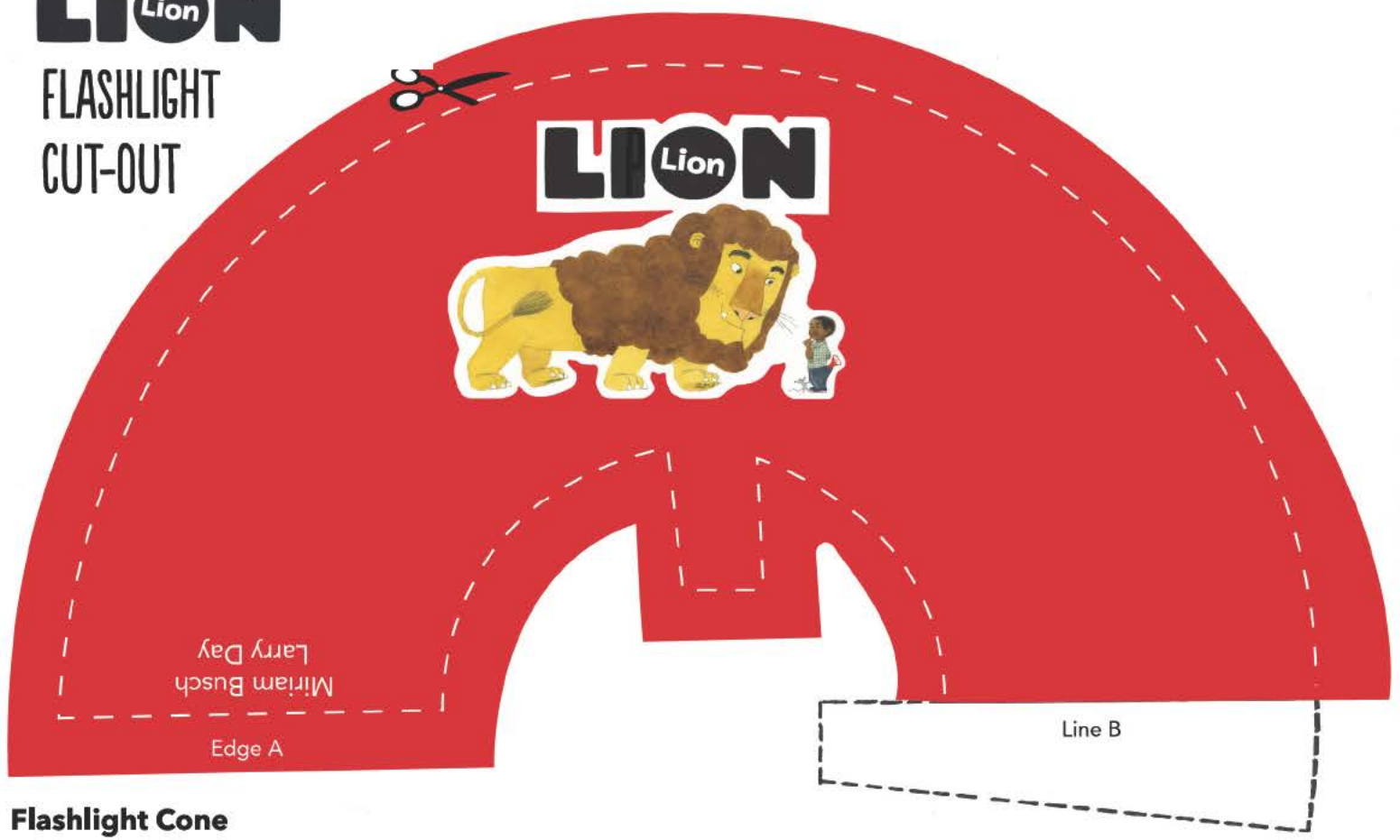


7) Wrap collar around cylinder. Tape closed.



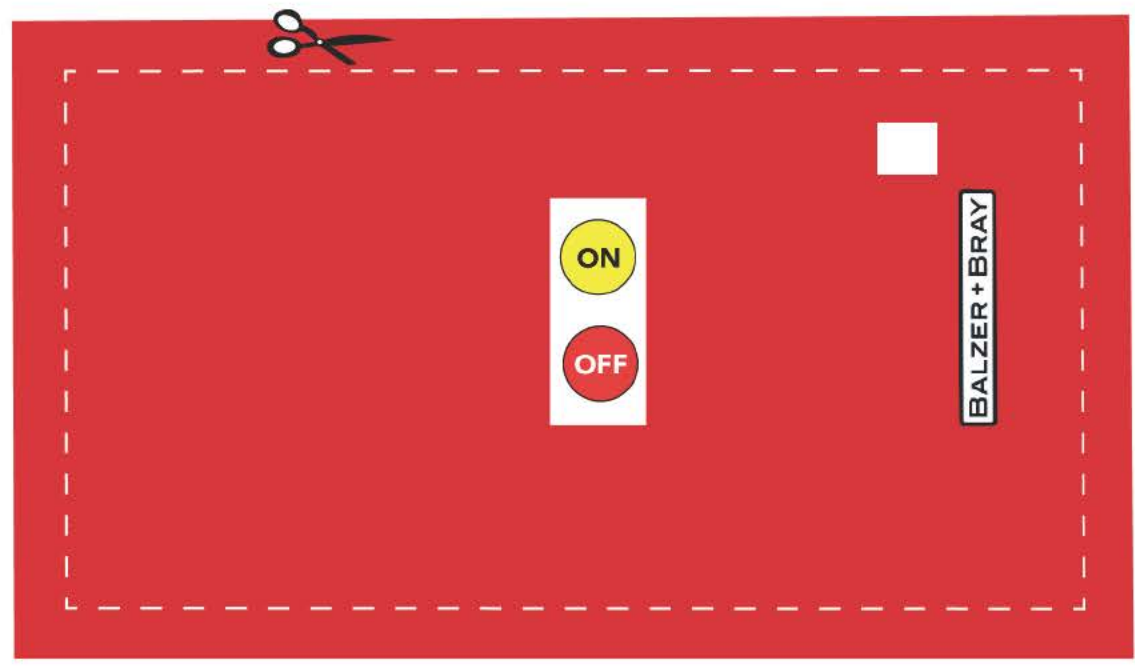
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FLASHLIGHT CUT-OUT



Flashlight Cone

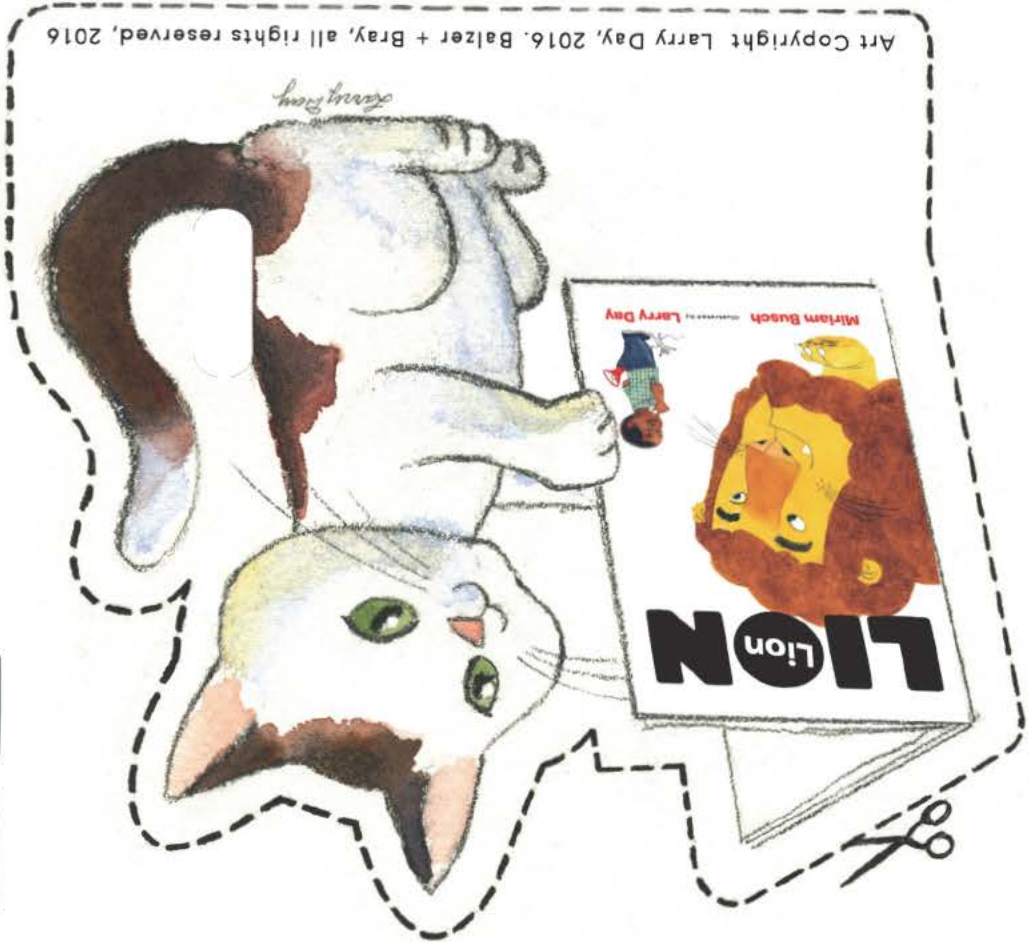
Flashlight Collar



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Lion KITTEN



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LION BOARD GAME

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The game is free. All you need is an internet-connected computer, printer, scissors, tape, and sense of adventure!

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