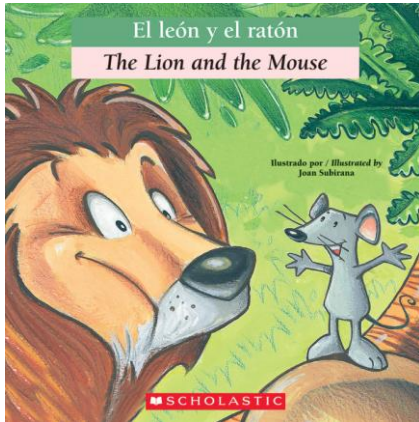


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Lion and the Mouse / El león y el ratón

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Themes: Kindness, Cleverness, Problem-Solving, Friendship, Helping Others

Book Brief: Can a tiny mouse outsmart a hungry lion? Follow along in English and Spanish as a clever mouse finds a way out of danger in this classic fable about kindness, problem-solving, and helping others.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What do you notice about the lion and the mouse? How are they different?”
- Talk about ways we can help others, even when we are small.

While Reading: Make Connections

As you read together, pause to talk about the characters and their actions.

- What does the lion want to do?
- How do you think the mouse feels? Why?
- What does the mouse do to solve the problem?
- Why do you think the mouse makes that choice?
- What can we learn from the lion and the mouse?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “How did the mouse solve the problem? What did the lion learn? What does this story teach us about helping others?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- **Act Out the Story:** Pretend to be the lion and the mouse. Take turns acting out what happens and talking about how each character feels.
- **Big and Small Helpers:** Talk about ways people of all sizes and ages can help others. Invite your child to think of one kind thing they can do for someone today.
- **Draw a Clever Solution:** Have your child draw the mouse solving a problem. Ask them to explain how the mouse's actions helped change the story.