

Lily Loves BOOKS

CLASSROOM & FAMILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

Inspiring a Lifelong
Love of Reading
Through Imagination,
Kindness & Adventure

Activities

- Games
- Crafts
- Writing
- And More!

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WELCOME TO Lily's

READING ADVENTURE!

Dear Educators, Librarians, Parents & Caregivers,

Thank you for sharing Lily Loves Books with the special children in your life!

This guide is filled with engaging activities that make reading exciting, spark creativity, build confidence and encourage kindness. Whether you're in a classroom, library, at home or anywhere in between—we hope these ideas help you and your little readers have lots of fun together.

Happy Reading!

~ Catherine Gibson ~



Every great adventure begins
with opening a book.

ABOUT THE BOOK



Lily is a curious young girl who believes every book holds a brand-new adventure waiting to be discovered. As she turns each page, her imagination comes alive, showing readers that stories have the power to inspire, teach, and transport us to incredible places.

More than just a celebration of reading, Lily Loves Books encourages children to dream big, ask questions, embrace creativity, and develop confidence through the stories they explore.

PERFECT FOR:

- ♥ Classroom Read-Alouds
- ♥ Library Storytimes
- ♥ Family Reading
- ♥ Homeschool Lessons
- ♥ Literacy Nights
- ♥ Summer Reading Programs

THEMES

- Literacy
- Imagination
- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Self-Confidence
- Kindness
- Lifelong Learning
- Adventure





MEET CATHERINE!



Catherine Gibson believes every child deserves stories that inspire imagination, encourage kindness, and build confidence.

Her passion for children's literature comes from a lifelong love of storytelling and a desire to help young readers discover the magic found within books.

Through Lily's adventures, Catherine hopes children learn that reading isn't simply about words on a page—it's about exploring new worlds, solving problems, meeting unforgettable characters, and believing that anything is possible.



CATHERINE'S MISSION



"To inspire children to dream bigger, imagine freely, and discover the lifelong joy of reading."



Lily Loves Books is part of the growing Lily's World collection of books, songs, animations and resources that encourage literacy in fun and meaningful ways.



MEET LILY!

Hi Friends!

I'm Lily, and I **LOVE** books!

Whenever I open a new story, I never know where my imagination will take me. Sometimes I visit magical places. Sometimes I meet amazing new friends. Sometimes I learn something that changes the way I see the world.

Every book is an adventure waiting to happen— and I can't wait to share those adventures with **YOU!**

LILY'S FAVORITES

Favorite Hobby:

Reading, of course!

Favorite Color:

Pink & Purple

Favorite Snack:

Apple Slices

Favorite Place to Read:

Anywhere cozy with a great book!

My Superpower:

Using my imagination!



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is designed to make reading Lily Loves Books an engaging and meaningful experience for every child.

Use these activities before, during, and after reading to spark curiosity, encourage conversation, and inspire creativity in the classroom or at home.

You'll find:



Before Reading Activities that build excitement and background knowledge.



During Reading Questions that encourage thinking and discussion.



After Reading Activities that deepen understanding and connection.



Creative Projects that let kids express themselves through art, writing, and imaginative play.



Family Fun Extensions that encourage reading beyond the classroom.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS



Choose activities that fit your learners best.



Make reading a joyful experience!



Celebrate every effort and idea.

Let's have FUN!



Let's Get Ready TO READ!

Before we read, let's look, think, and wonder!

- 1 What do you notice on the cover?
- 2 What do you think this story will be about?
- 3 What do you think Lily loves?
- 4 What is your favorite book?

WHAT DO YOU
THINK THIS STORY
WILL BE ABOUT?

JOJO'S BOOK TIPS

Look at the pictures. Read the title. Make a guess! You're a super reader!

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO READ!



Let's Think While We Read

Good readers stop and think!

How do you
think Lily
feels?

What do you
think happens
next?

What would
you do?

What lesson is Lily
learning?

Good readers ask questions. That's how we
understand and enjoy the story!

Let's Talk ABOUT LILY!

Let's share our thoughts!

What was your
favorite part of
the story?

Which character
did you like best?
Why?

What made
you smile?

What
surprised
you?

If you met Lily,
what would you
ask her?



Draw your favorite scene from the story!

Talking about
stories helps our
ideas grow!

Lily's Kindness Garden

Every time you do something kind, color in a flower!

Kindness grows every day!

Kindness can be:

- ♥ Helping a friend
- ♥ Sharing
- ♥ Saying something nice
- ♥ Listening
- ♥ Including others
- ♥ Being patient
- ♥ Caring for the earth

Let's make our garden bloom with kindness!

JOJO'S BOOK TIP

Kindness is like a sunshine flower—it makes everyone feel happy!



"Kindness grows one flower at a time." — Lily ♥



Imagine YOU'RE LILY!

Create your own adventure!

Draw your adventure!



Where would your adventure begin?



Who would you meet?



What magical place would you visit?



What would happen?



JOJO'S BOOK TIP!

Use your imagination... anything is possible!



My Reading Passport

Read. Explore. Discover.

Every time you finish a book, color in a stamp!



An animal
book



A funny
book



A fairy tale



A nonfiction
book



A friendship
story



A book about
kindness



You did it! You're a Reading
Explorer!



If *YOU* wrote a book...

Design your own book cover!



BOOK'S TIP!

Every great book starts with one idea.



Become an Author!

Create your very own story.

My Main Character

Who is the star of your story?



My Setting

Where does your story take place?



My Problem

What is the problem your character faces?



My Adventure

What happens in your story?



My Ending

How does your story end?

BOOK'S TIP!

Great stories come from your imagination!



Book Bingo!

Complete the activities and
get 5 in a row!

 Read outside 	Read to a stuffed animal 	Read with an adult 	Read a funny book 	Visit the library 
Read before bed 	Read a nonfiction book 	FREE BOOK! 	Read to a sibling or friend 	Listen to an audiobook 
Read in a cozy spot 	Read a book about nature 	Read a story with rhyme 	Read a book that teaches you something 	Read on a rainy day

BOOK'S TIP!

Reading is more fun
when you try new things!



Library Adventure

SCAVENGER HUNT!

EXPLORE YOUR LIBRARY! CAN YOU FIND A BOOK ABOUT....?



ANIMALS

☐

SPACE

☐

DINOSAURS

☐

ANOTHER COUNTRY

☐

PRINCESSES

☐

SPORTS

☐

OCEAN

☐

KINDNESS

☐

BOOK'S TIP!
ASK A LIBRARIAN IF
YOU NEED HELP
FINDING THESE BOOKS!

Dear Lily...

Write a letter to Lily and tell her all about your reading adventure!

Dear Lily,

I liked _____

I learned _____

My favorite part _____

I hope _____

Love,

BOOK'S TIP!

Lily loves hearing
from her friends!
Maybe she'll write
back!



Reading Superstar!



This certifies that



is officially a

LILY LOVES BOOKS

Reading Superstar!

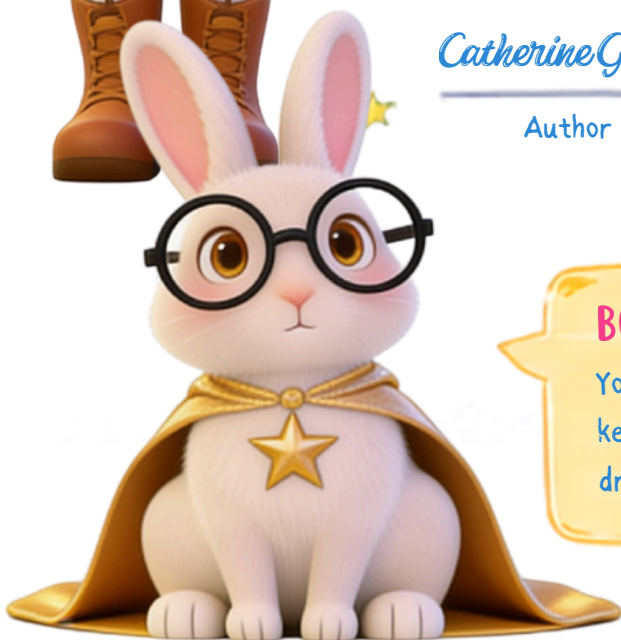
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Lily

Your Reading Friend

Date



BOOK'S TIP!

You are a superstar when you
keep reading, learning, and
dreaming big!

