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BORN TO
ROAR!

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INTRODUCTION TO THE READER

Hello, Friend!

Welcome to *Born to Roar*. Did you know that God's voice can sound like a roaring lion? The Bible says in Job 37:2 (NIV), *Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice; to the rumbling that comes from his mouth.* This Bible verse means that God's voice is bold and fearless in love. It's a voice speaking for what's right and true.

Some animals may run faster and hunt better than the lion, but what makes the lion fearless and a king among animals is its voice. The roar is one of the main things the lion is known for. Boldness makes the lion stand out among the other animals. Did you know that God wants you to have a bold roar too? He wants kids to have a powerful voice in this world.

What's the first thing you think of when you hear about or see a lion? Is it the lion's strength, power, boldness, or roar that captivates you? A lion is animal royalty. It is a grand, astonishing, outstanding, and wonderful animal in appearance. A lion is so special that it is called "King of the Jungle." It is considered brave and protective. What if you were like a lion when it came to the things of God in this world? What if you were brave in standing up for what's right with no fear? What if you knew how to protect your heart from evil—meaning you wouldn't let anyone or anything steal your heart away from God?

Being lion-like means roaring for God in every area of your life. It's looking daily for ways to be brave in your beliefs. It's being creative, inventive, and original—not going with the flow. Lions are willing to fight when they need to. They don't pick fights, but because they are protective of their food, mates, and territory, they fight when necessary. What is your heart willing to fight for?

Lions are also hunters. Do you know how to hunt through the Bible? Do you know how to seek after God without adult help? This book will teach you how to let your life roar for God and with God. It will help you to be confident in who you are. The world wants to make you conform to its ways. Instead, you can change the world and make it more like heaven. You can roar, letting the world know who Jesus is in you, holding nothing back. God looks forward to spending time with you every day through this book. Come and learn to roar!



PART ONE
GETTIN' READY
TO ROAR

A Lion's Terrific Traits

Hi, guys! We're getting ready to lift our heads and roar through life. Part one of this book is about a lion's terrific traits. *Gettin' Ready to Roar* is a place to help prepare you to walk in the traits of a lion. You'll find the *Chew on This* scripture reading is fun. *Under the Tree* is your devotional, and in part one you'll be learning about the traits of a lion. Then, it's on to *My Roar*. *My Roar* is always about doing something with what you discover *Under the Tree*. Last of all, *Pondering Paws* journaling launches you into a world of creative writing (or drawing). You'll love it all. **Let's go!**

LION OR LIONESSES?

CHEW ON THIS

So God did just that. He created humanity in His image, created them male and female. *Genesis 1:27* (VOICE)

UNDER THE TREE

If I say “lion,” what is the first thing that comes to your mind? If I say “lioness,” what do you think of? Which is the guy and which is the girl? A lion is a male and a lioness is a female. But, when we say the word “lion” in general, it can mean a male or female cat. The term lion is also the name for all ages, kinds, and types of cats.

In this book, we talk a lot about lions. Though a girl lion is called a lioness, girls can also be thought of as lions. All the lion talk in this book will include guys and girls. It’s like when the Bible talks about sons of God. Sons of God can be boys or girls. The “bride of Christ” can be a guy or a girl. When we use the word “police officer,” that can be a girl or guy. An actor can be a girl or guy. A mail carrier can be a girl or guy. So, we are going to let the lion in these lessons be a girl or guy.

Yet, the word “girl” doesn’t also mean boy, and the word “boy” doesn’t also mean girl. The Bible is very clear—God created boys to be boys and girls to be girls. You came into this world as either a guy or a girl. You are God’s guy if you are male. You are God’s girl if you are female. *Genesis 1:27* tells us that God made one person to be male and another to be female. Boys have their own special roar and so do girls. Each sound is different in how you talk and act, for each has been wonderfully made by our Creator God. So, get ready to roar!



MY ROAR

Read *Genesis 1:26–31*. Notice how God created guys and how He created girls. What did God say and think after He made us? Thank God for how He made you.

PONDERING PAWS

Talk to God about something you are struggling with.
Pray and ask for help and answers. Journal what you are hearing.



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LIONS HAVE A VOICE

CHEW ON THIS

The young lions roar after their prey.

Psalm 104:21 (KJV)

UNDER THE TREE

God loves for your voice to be heard. He loves to hear you share your heart when you spend time with Him. God has given you something to say. The things you speak are important to Him and others. What you say and do is part of your own roar. It makes you uniquely who you are!

The lion's roar is heard first and in every place the lion travels. So, what you speak is one of the first things people know about you. God made us to be a voice for Him. Our life and voice were created for roaring too, so we gain nothing by keeping quiet.

Whether you are shy or not, learn to roar in your own way (loving, writing, dancing, creating, inventing and serving). If you have a talent or gift, use it; that is part of your roar.

This book will teach you to be humble, but also brave, bold, and confident in who you are. You will learn to roar, making you a strong and powerful person for God. So, get ready to roar!



MY ROAR

In *Pondering Paws* on pg 11, what step did you write that you would take? Take that step and tell someone about it.

PONDERING PAWS

Think about how God might want to use your voice and roar.
What first imprint about yourself do you want to make on those you meet?

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LIONS PROTECT TERRITORY

CHEW ON THIS

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith. 1 Peter 5:8–9 (NIV1984)

UNDER THE TREE

Why should a lion roar? Lions roar to warn other lions how powerful they are. They roar to tell them to stay away from their pride family. They roar to keep mean lions out of their home territory. The Bible refers to Satan as a lion who is on the prowl. 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV1984) says, *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Where has the enemy marched into your territory? Has he tried to make you afraid in your bedroom at night? Has he made you feel anxious in your classroom at school? Has he caused you to feel like a failure on your sports team? Has the enemy invaded any of your territory? Then it is time to ROAR! Tell the enemy he cannot have any of the places where you hang out. Those places belong to you and God. The devil has no right to be there. Proverbs 28:1 (NIV) says, *The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.*

The devil is always pretending to be something powerful and good. He even wants to be a lion. But, true lions take their place and overcome evil with good. Your power over the devil comes from accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. His cross is where He fought and won over the devil. That's where we win too. Jesus came back to life in three days after He died on the cross. That's when He became like a lion. We can become lions too! Stand your ground and the enemy will flee. The lion with the loudest roar wins. Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah! His roar shuts the mouth of the enemy. When you know Him, the devil can't come into your space.

So, get ready to roar!

MY ROAR

Warn the enemy to stay out of the places where you go. Use your voice! Speak scripture, and roar the name of Jesus. Just tell the enemy that He must leave in Jesus' name.
Keep doing it until he flees.



PONDERING PAWS

Talk to God about your struggles and fears. Ask Him what He wants to say to you today. Listen and write what you hear!



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LIONS PICK THE RIGHT FRIENDS

CHEW ON THIS

Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NASB)

UNDER THE TREE

Lions love to be together and live in family groups called prides. A pride can include up to 40 lions, lionesses, and cubs. That’s a big family! Lions don’t like hanging out with giraffes, tigers, or other types of animals. They only like to be near other lions. The female lions especially like being around other females. They like having a lot of babysitters for their cubs while they are out hunting, since mama lions are the hunters in the family.



God has also made us to live in families and have friends to hang out with. He wants us to have those we can be with during happy and sad moments. Families and friends are given to help us grow and learn. After all, friends should help each other out. In order to make friends, we have to be a friend. God knows that when we team together, everyone accomplishes so much more.

God does care who you hang out with—friends who are good, helpful, and positive for you. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV), *Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”* This verse is saying that friends don’t need to be just like you, but they do need to be the type of friends that make you better. Friends who love Jesus are the best.

So, get ready to roar!

MY ROAR

Take a good look at your friends.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do they make me feel happy about who I am?
- Do they want to know God and grow closer to Him or do they just go with whatever?
- Think of your own questions and let your heart give you the answers.



PONDERING PAWS

The right kinds of friends can make you better. Share with God what you need most in a friend. Then, ask God to bring you those types of friends!



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LIONS LEAVE TIME FOR REST

CHEW ON THIS

Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

Psalm 116:7 (NIV)

UNDER THE TREE

Lions can spend up to 20 hours a day sleeping, yet they still have time to hunt and eat. The lion's instinct and impulse to hunt and eat are huge, yet they find time to rest—at times, for more than half a day! In spite of sleeping 20 hours a day, the lion never goes hungry.

Lions really enjoy their hunting outings! Hunting is like a sport to them. Part of being a responsible lion is feeding the family. The rhythm in the life of a lion is to hunt and rest, hunt and rest.

R-E-S-T equals **R**-elax, **E**-njoy (have fun), **S**-leep, and **T**-alk to God.

Making time for God and rest actually allows us to get more done during the day. Are you setting aside time in your day to rest? Are you so busy with sports, dance, and other activities that you have NO time for fun with friends and family? Does being busy all the time make you anxious and worried? Come and be lion-like!

Make time to play and rest! Finding your own quiet corner each day will make you strong as a lion.

Roar out of busy-ness and into life's joyfulness. Remember, you're gettin' ready to roar.



MY ROAR

After sticking with the schedule you made in *Pondering Paws* on pg 17 for one week, write again about your experience.

PONDERING PAWS

Create a schedule for your week. Include in that schedule a time to rest and also to enjoy family and friends.



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LIONS SERVE LIONS

CHEW ON THIS

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

John 12:26 (NIV)

UNDER THE TREE

What's on a lion's dinner menu? Antelope, hogs, zebra, rhinos, hippos, mice, birds, and rabbit. They will eat just about anything with meat. Did you know that after lions kill, they rarely eat the entire prey? Instead, they leave those yummy leftovers for other animals to finish off. Their ability to share is the mark of a strong and healthy lion.



Lions have big appetites and crave meat. A large male lion can eat as much as 75 pounds of meat at a single meal. How much is 75 pounds? It's the weight of an 11-year-old girl or boy. Lions, for sure, need a lot of food to keep them a strong and forceful presence in the jungle.

In spite of lions needing to eat a lot of food, they are selfless enough to leave leftovers for other lions. Wow! Little children learn how important it is to share. What about God's big children? What do you have in your time, talents, or allowance that you are willing to share with others? Everyone has something to give someone else. What do you have?

Stop before you eat everything! Stop before you eat the whole candy bar. Stop before you eat the full bag of popcorn, or lick the last bit in the peanut butter jar. Be like a lion and leave something for others. Share what you have and get ready to roar.



MY ROAR

In the middle of your rest, work, and play this week, share or give away something. God sees when we sacrifice for others.

PONDERING PAWS

Journal your thoughts on what it means to you
when you hear the words, "Serve God."



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LIONS LOVE TEAMWORK

CHEW ON THIS

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

UNDER THE TREE

Female felines fancy hunting! The female lions do most of the hunting, while the males guard the family pride. Wow! The female lions do all the grocery shopping! Others care for the young lions while their lioness moms are away from the pride. That is cooperation and teamwork, and it's fun!

God smiles when His kids work together with Jesus toward a common purpose. Together is better and easier. A group of friends can become a great team. One person can be like the lion's paw, fighting through prayer. Another person can be like the lion's legs, running to God's Word to solve problems. Still others are like the lion's eyes, ears, nose, and roar, doing what they see God doing.

We can do a lot for God and others, but we can't do everything alone. We weren't born to be solo Supermen and independent Wonderwomen. There are not enough hours in the day to do everything by ourselves that should be done. Some tasks can be given to others who want to help. The word "team" stands for "Together Everyone Achieves More." Just look for a place where you can jump into a good team, and get ready to roar.



MY ROAR

Follow through. Take a step to sharpen your part on a team. Then record how you felt. Some ideas are: sports teams, family projects, plays, school orchestra, family baking or movie night, art, or board games with friends. Work at helping others on your team feel wanted and needed.



PONDERING PAWS

Have you ever been hurt by being excluded from a team? Make a picture or write about it. Ask God to help your heart heal from that bad experience. Journal how you plan to step out again and be on a team.



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LIONS FIGHT RIGHT

CHEW ON THIS

I have fought the good fight. 2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)

UNDER THE TREE

Is fighting ever right? There are ways to fight without using fists or physically attacking others.

Lions fight when they need to protect food, territory, and family. Just as lions fight to defend their food, we must fight to defend our daily bread. Our daily bread is God's Word and all that is right and good in His sight.

So, what do you believe in that you are willing to fight for? Is it speaking up against bullying? What about fighting for prayer in your school? Children can fight for what's right, and they do. Here are stories of children who believed homeless children needed a nice home like them. They were too young to build a house, but they helped those who could build.

- Six-year-old Delilah gathered quarters all summer long, then donated \$150 to help build new houses for people in need. It made her so happy to be able to help.
- Eight-year-old Sarah built a butterfly box for a family who was moving into a new house.
- Wyatt and Owen, nine and eight-year-olds, raised "200 buckaroos" selling lemonade. They set up the stand after learning that their church had built 200 houses.
- For J.Z.'s tenth birthday party, he asked his friends to give a donation for building homes. Instead of bringing him a present, they gave money toward building a home for someone in need.¹

Is there something that feels wrong to you and makes your heart hurt when you hear about it? What can you do? Let's get ready to roar!



MY ROAR

What do you believe in? Ask God to give you something you can do to make a difference. Fight right with your voice or help someone in the area that is important to you.

PONDERING PAWS

What are you willing to fight for? Tell God about it in your journal through pictures or words. Journal what you did and how you did it. How did you feel?



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A LION'S ROAR IS CREATIVE

CHEW ON THIS

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. *Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)*

UNDER THE TREE

A lion's roar is like a paint palette of colorful, creative words used to communicate with other lions. Picture God in heaven with a giant paint brush and beautiful colors. What on earth would He paint? Did you know God used His roar to paint the heavens and earth?

In the Bible, Genesis 1:1 (NIV) says, *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* There was nothing to see until God spoke with His roar, *Let there be light* (Genesis 1:3, NIV). Then He spoke again and named the light day and the darkness night. He kept speaking until every detail of heaven and earth was created. Then God looked at what He had spoken and saw that it was good. Everything God spoke then and speaks now is good. A creative roar brings forth what is good.

Your roar can be creative too! Use your words to bring about something good, not bad. Speaking mean or hurtful things to someone or about someone isn't using your roar to create. It is using your roar to tear something down. Learn to use your roar to create joy, not sadness, in someone's life. Here is a positive/creative word bank lions use for building others up:

bravo, wow, super, terrific, cool, amazing, superb, brilliant, fantastic, fabulous, champion, tops, lovely, spot on, keep trying, well done, you rock, great job, tip top, good thinking, you can do it

Use your word bank and get ready to roar.

MY ROAR

Make your own creative word bank or add to this list. Begin using positive words around friends and family. Take one day and fast from negative, critical, harmful words. To fast means to stop doing something. So, for one day, don't let anything come out of your mouth except words from your word bank.



PONDERING PAWS

Talk to God about how you can be a lion and use creative words to build up others. Journal about your day without using negative words. How did it feel? Was it hard?



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LIONS LEAD

CHEW ON THIS

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice;
when the wicked rule, the people groan. *Proverbs 29:2 (NIV)*

UNDER THE TREE

The lion is the most majestic creature in God's animal kingdom. Everything about a lion screams royalty. Its powerful-looking body and mane stand out. Add to that a kingly style and you have leadership. A lion holds its head up high and moves about with a fierce leading.

A lion has a strong personality and power that bring respect. A lion leads the animal kingdom because of its confidence. Just like a lion, God wants you to be a leader among people. Leaders are those with great courage, not showing fear. Kindness with confidence attracts others. Leaders do not gossip or join others in complaining. They find solutions to problems. You are not too young to be a leader.

You can be among God's young lion leaders in the Bible: David, Josiah, Daniel, Joseph, and more.

Now, get ready to roar!



MY ROAR

Leaders don't complain; they solve problems. Ask God to show you something you have been complaining about. Then ask God for a solution to the problem. Do what He tells you to do.

PONDERING PAWS

Journal about the problem God showed you in *My Roar*.

Write out the problem and what you did about it.

Ask God to give you some traits of a leader. Write them down.

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LIONS LISTEN

CHEW ON THIS

Take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. *James 1:19 (NIV)*

UNDER THE TREE

Listen up! Lions have super good hearing for stalking their prey. They just know when a yummy catch is hidden in dense grass. Moving, rotating ears allow them to hear without adjusting their bodies. Lions' ears swivel and spin as they go to the place of a sound. Lions' ears are like a built-in alert system.

Being alert is keeping your eyes and ears wide awake. It's being aware and ready to hear. God wants us to have moving ears too. At times, He wants to talk about life. Other times, He wants to warn us not to do something that might harm us. God also speaks to us about people we need to help or pray for. Our ears need to be alert and swivel to the source of God's voice.

One night, a missionary who worked in a dangerous country decided to take the long way home along the beach. The beaches in this country were not safe to walk after dark. But, she thought she could take big strides and make it home before dark. The missionary didn't make it home. Instead, she watched as the sun gently disappeared, and the moon brightly appeared.

In the sand just ahead of her, she noticed several footprints. Someone had run just up ahead of her. A bandit had been watching her and had set a trap on the path ahead of her. He ran from the bushes above the beach, pointing a gun at her. "Give me your money," he demanded. Frozen in fear, but alert, the woman heard a voice say, "Just drop your bag. He won't hurt you." It was the sweet voice of the Holy Spirit. Peace came over her! She dropped her bag, backing slowly away. The bandit snatched up the bag and disappeared into the night.

This was a lesson in alertness! Practice being a good listener. Cell phones and iPads are fun, but they can keep us from listening to family and clearly hearing God. Be an alert lion that listens, and get ready to roar.

MY ROAR

Pick a friend or family member. Ask them a question: What is your favorite fun thing to do?

Why do you like to do it? Then listen!

Practice listening to others without talking until they have finished.



PONDERING PAWS

Practice Listening to God

- Find a quiet place inside or outside your house.
- Set a timer and be quiet for 10 minutes.
- If stray thoughts come to you, write them down on paper and get them out of your mind. *Example of stray thoughts might be: I want to play baseball right now; I have homework; I need to call a friend, etc.*
- Once your mind is clear from random thoughts, listen for God to speak to you. Write down in your journal what you are hearing.

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LIONS SIZE UP LIONS (PART 1)

CHEW ON THIS

Ears that hear and eyes that see—the LORD has made them both.

Proverbs 20:12 (NIV)



UNDER THE TREE

Size it up! At first, a lion's roar may sound like all other roars to human ears, but to lions they are not the same. Did you know lions can tell the size and kind of other lions by their roar? For example, mother lions sense the roar of a lion who might want to hurt their cubs. A roar can be a warning! Lions are good at sizing up kinds of lions by their roars.

What does this mean for me? We can size up and examine a person, place, or thing. It's important to investigate, separate, and study groups of kids, adults, and places. It's like when voters size up the candidates running for office. They are checking out honesty and character before voting. Sizing it up is observing someone or something to get information. It's watching situations and deciding how God wants us to move or act.

Hey, guys, don't be suspicious or afraid, but try to examine, judge, and size up situations. What do you sense if friends ask you to go to a "Haunted Hill House"? What do you sense, if at a friend's over-night, an R-rated movie is offered? What if an adult you don't know well takes an interest in you? Do you know how to size up what's happening in your space?

Pay attention to what you see, hear, and feel. Then you will be like a lion who sizes up other lions. Come along and get ready to roar.

MY ROAR

Size up a situation or group of friends in your life. Think ahead! Ask yourself, "What will I say or do if an R-rated movie is played at a friend's party?" Size it up!



PONDERING PAWS

Today, ask God if there is a situation or group of people He wants you to size up. Also, journal a situation when you made the mistake of not sizing things up. What was the effect?



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LIONS SIZE UP LIONS (PART 2)

CHEW ON THIS

I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. *Mark 1:8 (NIV)*

UNDER THE TREE

Last time, we talked about lions who size things up. Lions discern the size and kind of other lions by their roars. God wants to teach us to be lion-like discerners.

God wants us to use the Knower He has placed inside of us. That Knower is the Holy Spirit! The Knower is a comforter and helper. He helps us size up the world around us. The Knower helps us recognize with special eyes what's wrong or right. What's great is that in the center of the Knower is God's love. That love shows compassion toward something or someone. Love hates evil and clings to a good God.

When do you need the Knower to size up a person, place, or thing? Here are some ideas to think about:

- TV commercials or programs. Good and bad things happen so quickly as you watch!
- People and places that feel unsafe or wrong.
- News and gossip.
- What you hear or see against God and the Bible on the news or by people running for political office.

A lion leader sizes up people, places, and things with love and truth. God wants us to be able to sense what He is saying and doing. Ask the Holy Spirit, the Knower, to come close and help you. Then, get ready to roar!

MY ROAR

First, ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with God's love. Then, read Acts 2. Focus your heart on Acts 2:2 (KJV) that says there came a rushing mighty wind. That means "a roar of the Spirit came." The Knower wants to roar through you.



PONDERING PAWS

Write about people, places, or things where you remember feeling
“unsafe” or icky. How do you plan to react next time?
Write out your plan to let the Knower help you.



A large rectangular writing area with a colorful, multi-colored zigzag border. The interior is white with horizontal lines for writing. The background of the page features faint paw prints and circular patterns.

LIONS ARE BRAVE

CHEW ON THIS

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

UNDER THE TREE

Lions are one of our best symbols of bravery. They're one of the only creatures that will take on animals bigger than they are. Lions will hunt some of the most dangerous animals. They are our symbol of courage, boldness, and power. So, when someone says you have the heart of a lion, it means you're brave. Even a child can have the heart of a lion. Here is an example of a child with the heart of a lion. He is considered brave.

A 6-year-old boy named Tyler Moon went quad biking with his dad. Their day did not go as expected. Tyler and his father went off the path and found themselves in a bad accident. They crashed their bikes, and both suffered harmful injuries. The father was unconscious while Tyler remained awake, but injured with broken ribs. Like a lion's roar, something rose up inside Tyler when he saw his dad was hurt. The young boy knew he had to overcome fear and help his dad. Tyler began walking to where he could find help. He walked over a mile with his injuries.² This boy became brave and lion-like, filled with courage. You can too, so get ready to roar.



MY ROAR

Step out and do one brave thing this week. It might be as simple as reading a book report aloud in class. It could also be doing something that risks failure.



PONDERING PAWS

Talk to God about your fears and areas where you need to be lion-like.



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THE LION IN JESUS

CHEW ON THIS

So I [God] will be like a lion to them, like a leopard I will lurk by the path. *Hosea 13:7 (NIV)*

UNDER THE TREE

Who is Jesus to you? Jesus is often called “the lion of the tribe of Judah.” Jesus is like a lion in many ways. He is our strong, true, and ultimate King forever, and He is over everything. Jesus is strong, and the Bible tells us He is King over His Church. How is Jesus like a lion to us?

Lions have strong teeth and paws. Jesus’ words in Scripture are life-giving, timeless, and powerful. Lions are fearless! At times, they are frightening and protective of their families and lion friends. Jesus was kind, but we have to remember that His power is to be respected. He is protective of you! Just as we respect our parents’ authority over us, we honor Jesus’ authority over us.

Lion-like children will put their trust in Jesus and answer to Him. Jesus is described in the Bible with lion-like features—He is strong and fearless in protecting His own. Are you His own? An Old Testament scripture, Amos 3:8 (NIV), says, *The lion has roared—who will not fear?* The Lion, Jesus, makes God’s enemy run away and scatter. The devil is afraid of lion-likeness. A lion’s traits are worth chasing because they are also Jesus-like. Be a lion and get ready to roar.

MY ROAR

If you have not received the roaring Lion as your friend, Lord, and Savior, pray this prayer with a family member:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You took the pain of the cross. You died to give me new life. I ask You to come into my life and to give me Your peace and joy. I am sorry for doing what I want to do, when I want to do it. I have gone my own way and have done wrong. Please forgive me for doing wrong. I receive You now as my Lord and Savior. Please fill me with the love of God and Your Holy Spirit. Help me to follow You and to serve You all my life.

Thank You, Jesus. Amen.



PONDERING PAWS

Draw a picture of a lion. Write down those traits of the lion that already fit you. Then write those traits you want to grow in. How does a lion remind you of what you know about Jesus?





BORN TO ROAR! DEVOTIONS FOR KIDS

This is much more than a devotional! God wants you to be lion-like—courageous, strong, fearless, innovative, and creative. In this book, you will find 90 stirring devotionals to help you see your amazing uniqueness and find your roar. God wants to show you how you can change the world around you, bringing heaven to earth. This book will also help you learn to use some of the amazing gifts of the Holy Spirit. You do not have to wait until you're an adult to change the world around you. God has a plan and a purpose for you now!

ARE YOU READY TO ROAR?!

Chew on This—Learn a Bible Verse

Like a lion eats meat, we need to tear into God's Word and devour it. God's Word is like a lion's claw we can use to fight the battles around us.

Under the Tree—Read a Devotional Story

Lions rest and sleep under a tree. We, too, need to sit in the shade of God each day, read His truth, and learn from Him.

Pondering Paws—Write or Draw in Your Quiet Time

Lions' paws have soft pads to make their movements quiet. God wants us to learn how to be still, think about Him, and listen to His voice.

My Roar—Do an Activity and Watch Your Faith Grow!

Lions roar to let the world know they have something to say. God gives His kids a voice—a roar—to speak and act for Him.



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