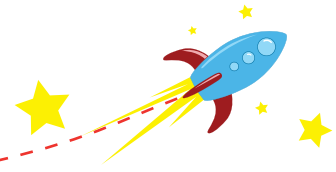




LUCIA AND LAWRENCE

Written and Illustrated by Joanna Francis
Published by New Frontier Publishing



SYNOPSIS

This beautiful picture book explores the friendship between two very different children: quiet, introspective Lawrence and bold, creative Lucia. Read about how the birthday party that could have ended their friendship helped them understand and appreciate each other all the more.

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND

Joanna Francis is an artist and art teacher from Sydney, now living on the NSW Central Coast. Twelve years ago, she founded Treehouse Art Studio, a creative space where she runs art classes and workshops.

Recently, she decided it was finally time to live her dream of writing and illustrating a picture book. *Lucia and Lawrence* is her first book.



EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Lucia and Lawrence sensitively handles a range of key topics such as friendship, inclusivity, creativity and additional needs.

The book highlights the importance of creating play opportunities so children take responsibility for their own health and well-being. Young children learn best through play and creative activities.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Before and during reading the book

1. Show the children the cover of the book and ask them about their first impressions of *Lucia and Lawrence*.
2. Ask them about the colours they see around Lawrence and Lucia and whether they seem different. Ask why they



LUCIA AND LAWRENCE

Written and Illustrated by Joanna Francis
Published by New Frontier Publishing



think this is.

3. Explain what body language is and ask them if they notice a difference in body language between Lucia and Lawrence. (Note from Joanna Francis, author and illustrator of *Lucia and Lawrence*: 'As an illustrator all the lines that went into drawing Lucia were curved and open, while Lawrence has straight lines that point downwards.')

After reading the book

Discuss the following questions with the children:

1. What did they like about the book?
2. Which character did they like more and why?
3. How do they make friends?
4. Why do they think Lawrence did not want to go outside to play with Lucia or go to her birthday party? This can lead on into a discussion about the importance of being able to say 'no', even to friends.
5. Lucia shares her imaginary worlds with Lawrence. Ask if any of the children create imaginary worlds and if their friends came to visit, what would they see?

ACTIVITIES

Fire-Breathing Dragon Craft

What you will need (to make one dragon):

- Paper roll (toilet paper roll, paper towel roll, wrapping paper roll)
- Green or red construction paper (or any other colours, a pink dragon like Lucia would be nice!)
- 2 medium pompoms
- 2 small pompoms
- 2 medium googly eyes
- Red, yellow and orange tissue paper
- Glue stick
- Glue dots

MAKING A DRAGON

1. If you are using a paper towel roll or a wrapping paper roll, cut it down to about the size of a toilet paper roll.
2. Cut the construction paper to the size of the paper roll so it would completely cover it and use a glue stick to attach it to the roll.
3. Choose two medium pompoms, two small pompoms, and a set of googly eyes.
4. Use the glue dots to attach the eyes to the pompoms.
5. Attach the pompoms to the paper tube, the eyes at the back and the smaller pompoms about an inch and a half from the front.
6. Cut the red, yellow and orange tissue paper into 9 or 10-inch-long pointy strips to make the fire.
7. Use a glue stick to attach these strips to the inside of the tube, on the end with the nostrils.



You should end up with something like this! Image by One Little Project. <https://onelittleproject.com/paper-roll-dragon-craft/>

Colour in Lucia and Lawrence

and draw what you think their **joint world** would look like!

Name:

Class:



From *Lucia and Lawrence* by Joanna Francis

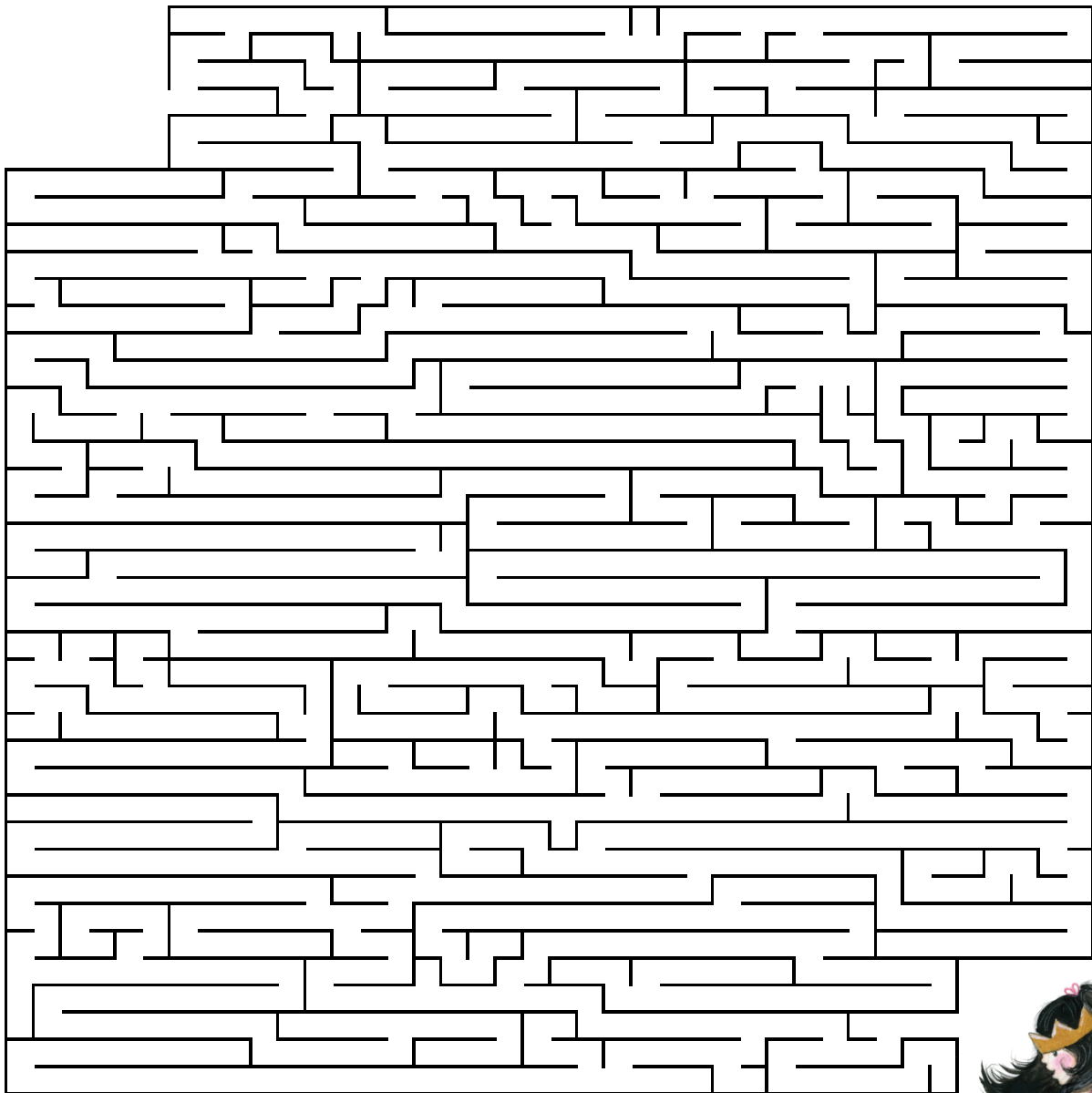
www.newfrontier.com.au

www.newfrontierpublishing.co.uk

Help Lawrence find Lucia!

Name: _____

Class: _____



From *Lucia and Lawrence* by Joanna Francis

www.newfrontier.com.au

www.newfrontierpublishing.co.uk