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Heya! Life's better Together right. Let's Connect!



Welcome to Your Book Companions

These book companions are designed to help you connect with your child through rich, meaningful conversations. Each one provides ready-made tools to guide discussion and make story time more engaging.

Inside, you'll find questions and activities created to:

- Spark empathy and kindness
- Boost critical thinking and vocabulary
- Strengthen comprehension skills
- Support emotional growth

Each guide is based on Bloom's Taxonomy and SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) – trusted approaches used in schools today. The 'Create' level of the taxonomy has been tweaked to focus on hands-on activities that are imaginative and fun. You don't need to cover everything in one sitting.

Simply choose 2-3 questions (or more if you want) that suit your child's age, mood or curiosity.

You'll likely read the books more than once, so you can return to the questions and suggested activities again and again.

Reading together is powerful. With these companions, story time becomes a chance to nurture both your child's heart and mind.

FAQs

Are these books readily available? Where can I find them?

Yes! The books we've chosen are popular children's titles you can usually find at your local library. If you'd prefer to own a copy, they're also widely available online or in most bookstores.

Can I print these companions?

Absolutely. Each guide is a PDF, so you can print it out if that's easier for you. To save paper, just print the pages you need.

Can I use it on my phone or tablet instead?

Yes, definitely! Many parents prefer this. Just open the PDF on your device and switch between portrait or landscape mode so it's comfortable to read. **It is clickable too!**

How do I quickly find the book companion I want?

Easy – on the [contents page](#), just click the title of the book you're looking for. Each book has two pages, so remember to scroll down to see both. Do have a quick read of the information beforehand so you know what to focus on especially the '*Tips for Shared Reading*'.

Do I need to complete every activity?

Not at all. Each companion includes plenty of questions and activities, some more challenging than others. You know your child best – pick and choose what feels right for their age or mood. And remember, you can always come back to the book and activities later!

Book Companion

for

Luna Loves Gardening by Joseph Coelho

Age range: 4–8 years

Story snapshot:

Luna joins her dad, grandparents, and neighbours in a community garden. Together they plant seeds from around the world, each with its own story and history. Luna learns patience as she waits for shoots to grow, copes with disappointment when slugs eat some plants, and finally celebrates the joy of harvest and sharing. The book highlights community, resilience, and the wonder of nature.

Tips for shared reading:

This book is filled with rhythm and rich illustrations—use your voice and expression to bring it alive! Pause and let your child explore the pictures, especially when different seeds and bugs appear. Encourage them to join in with repeated phrases like “check!” or “Luna waters and waits.” Follow your child’s lead—if they notice a plant or animal, talk about it. Take turns: let your child turn pages or point to details. Show that you’re enjoying the book through your tone and enthusiasm.

Thinking & Talking Together:

-  **Remember:** Who is Luna with in the garden? What special seeds did Luna and Dad save for later?
-  **Understand:** Why does Luna enjoy gardening? Why do you think each seed had a story from a different country?
-  **Apply:** Can you think of a time when you had to wait for something special? How did you feel?
-  **Analyse:** At the end, the community garden is full of foods from many countries. How is this garden different from just planting seeds alone at home?
-  **Evaluate:** Do you think Luna and her family made a good choice to share their harvest with the community? Why or why not?
-  **Create:** Draw a picture of your own special garden. What plants would you put in it and why?



Book Companion *for* Luna Loves Gardening by Joseph Coelho

Feelings & Friendships

- How do you think Luna felt when she imagined flying over the desert or visiting other gardens?
- Why do you think Luna felt disappointed when the bugs ate her plants? What helped her keep going?
- How would you feel sharing food you grew with lots of people?

Words to learn:

- Pollinate - when insects like bees help plants make fruits and seeds
- Harvest - the time when we collect fruits and vegetables that have grown
- Community - a group of people working and sharing together

Word Play Challenge

Focus: Synonyms.

- 1) What's another word for 'happy' to describe Luna on harvest day?
- 2) Think of two synonyms for 'tiny' to describe the green shoots.
- 3) Match these pairs of synonyms: [big/large], [small/tiny], [story/tale].

