

## **INTRO: The Adventures of Courage the Lion**

This is the story of a fantabulous lion named Courage. On the day he entered the world, he roared the bravest little roar his mother had ever heard, and she instantly knew to name him Courage. But do not let his name fool you. Courage does not always feel very brave and sometimes, he does not know what to do and he even makes the wrong choices. Courage's bravery shines when he takes time to learn from his mistakes and when he tries to do the right thing, even when others might tease him. Courage acts very brave when he helps the people around him. No one is perfect and no one will act brave all the time, but the more we try and the more we learn, the easier it becomes to be brave.

Courage lives in the city of Lyonville. For Courage, Lyonville is the perfect size city. It is not a big city with hundreds of people hustling along the sidewalks and tons of traffic in the streets. It is not a tiny city with nothing around for miles. Lyonville is just the right size. Courage knows most of his neighbors and there are plenty of places to go with his family and friends. Courage loves to walk or ride his bike to his best friend Lorenzo's house, Drug Free Park, and the King of Purrrsa Mall. He also loves spending summer days at his favorite place, Breathe Easy Beach. Courage lives in an apartment with his Mama, Auntie Maria, and baby cousin, Rashawn.

On most days, Courage enjoys his fun, adventurous life. But life can be stressful too. Courage worries sometimes about his grades, fitting in at middle school, and trying to avoid peer pressure. He hates it when his mom and auntie argue about not having enough money.

Over the next few weeks, you will hear stories about some of Courage's best adventures. Read along to discover the ways Courage keeps himself safe and helps his friends along the way. Let Courage bring out the bravery in you!