## Guided Reading Lesson Plan (Levels M-Z)

**Title:** A Lion to Guard Us  
**Level:** P  
**ISBN:** 978-006440333-7  
**Publisher:** Harper & Row

### Before Reading: (5-7 min.)
- Summarize plot (M)
- Discuss pictures (M)
- Unfamiliar book language/character names (S)
- Draw upon students’ experiences (M)

Chapters 1-4. p. 1-24

Look at the front cover. What do you notice and/or wonder about? Read the back cover.

Amanda, Meggie and Jemmy are living with Mistress Trippett. Their mother is very ill. Amanda does many chores to earn their way. Their father has been in America for three years building houses in the new colony of Virginia. A strange man, a sailor, comes to the house to tell the family he has seen their father. He is well. Dr. Cruder comes to check on mother…she soon dies.

Oldest, Amanda, tells her younger siblings. She then tells them her plan of going to America.

### Words/Text Layout:
- New or important words (V). Pg. 3 voyage  
  Pg. 8 sickroom

Locate London and Virginia on a map.

### Suggested Teaching Point (Behaviors to Notice and Support) or focus on a Comprehension Strategy:
- connections, questions, inferences, visualizing, summarizing, synthesizing, determining importance

Good readers revise predictions as they learn new events in the text.

Good readers think about the plot, setting, characters, conflict, resolution.

### During Reading: (10-15 min.)

### After Reading: (8-10 min.)
- Discuss the story
  - clarify confusion, revisiting parts of the text that posed problems for readers
  - acknowledge partially correct responses, seeking to understand students’ perspectives
- Connect discussion to the teaching point and/or a comprehension strategy (see above)

What is… The Lion….to guard us? Why is it important?
Describe each main character and their role in the story.
What do you think Amanda is going to do next?
Do you have any thoughts about the man who had seen their father?
What is your opinion of Mistress Trippett? Will she help the children?

### Writing Connection (optional): 
What do you think will happen when Amanda visits the Virginia Company? How will they pay for it? How long would it take? Would they survive?