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

**Title:** A Lion to Guard Us  
**Level:** P  
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### Before Reading: (5-7 min.)
- Summarize plot (M)
- Discuss pictures (M)
- Unfamiliar book language/character names (S)
- Draw upon students’ experiences (M)

**Chapters 5-8. Pg. 25-40**

Amanda went to see about a voyage to the new world. She was told that they could not sail without a grown-up, someone to watch over them. That, Amanda thought, would cost money. She told Mistress Trippett of her plan. She was very angry. Ellie, the maid, said M. Trippett wanted to keep them there to do all the work. Then Amanda asked M. Trippett for the money her mother had from the sale of their house. She became extremely angry—then fainted! Then her son Randolph threw the children out of the house. They had nowhere to go. So, they went back to M. Trippett’s house.

### Words/Text Layout:
- New or important words (V)  
  - P. 28 nonsense  
  - P. 31 roly-poly  
  - P. 35 London Bridge

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

What can you infer about Mistress Trippett?  
What role do you think Dr. Cruder will play in the story?  
Describe Randolph. What inferences can you make about him?

### 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)

Who is Randolph?  
Describe what happened when Amanda asked for her money from M. Trippett.  
Do you think Amanda will get the money for her family to make the voyage to America?  
Who might they get to go with them on the voyage to America?

### Writing Connection (optional):
Write about how you think Amanda, the oldest, is feeling now.