

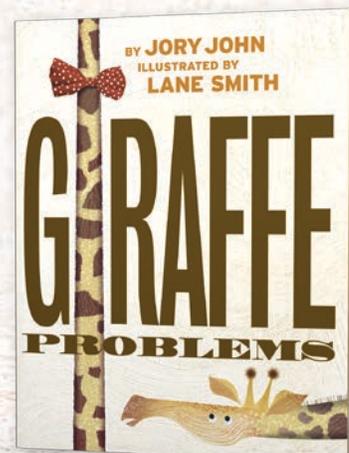


HOST A GIRAFFE PROBLEMS STORYTIME

THIS BROCHURE INCLUDES:

- Storytime read-aloud tips
- Think positive activity
- *Giraffe Problems* connect-the-dots activity

If you thought penguins
had problems ...



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GRAB A SNACK

Set the mood for the storytime with a jelly bean giraffe snack! You'll need yellow and brown jellybeans, small plastic bags, brown pipe cleaners, and googly eyes. Mix together the yellow and brown jellybeans and pour them into the small plastic bags. Twist the tops of the plastic bags closed tight, until there is no more air in the bags. Wrap the brown pipe cleaners around the top of the bags so they look like the giraffe's horns (technically called ossicones).

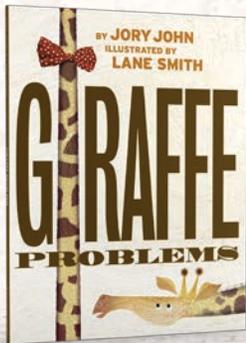
(Tip: If the pipe cleaners are too long, curl the long ends into two balls on either side of the bag so they look more like giraffe horns.) Stick the googly eyes on and presto—each kid has their own giraffe!

BEFORE STARTING THE STORY

Hold up your copy of *Giraffe Problems* and show the children at your storytime the cover. Tell them that the story is about a silly giraffe who thinks he has a lot of problems. Ask a few volunteers what they think the giraffe's problems may be!

END THE STORYTIME

Explain that even though everyone has problems sometimes, everyone also has things to be thankful for! Ask your audience if they have anything they're grateful for right now. Then invite them to complete the activities in this kit. You can also invite your storytime listeners to pose and snap a photo in front of the *Giraffe Problems* growth chart. Be sure to share your best shots online with #GiraffeProblems!

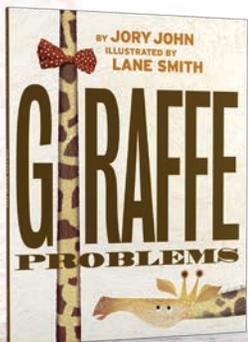


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THINK POSITIVE!

Edward the giraffe sure has a lot of problems, but his biggest problem is his mindset. When you only focus on your problems, it can be hard to get into a happy mood. Draw five things that will always make you happy!





PROBLEM SOLVED!

All Cyrus the turtle wants is a banana from high up in the tree, but he's too small to reach it. Connect the dots to show how Edward uses his long neck to help his friend!

BONUS ACTIVITY

For even more fun, color in Edward! Then draw some other animals that Edward might be able to help using his long neck.

