

Book Club Kit: The Adventures of Billy Lionheart by Janice Wee

Welcome to the World of Billy Lionheart!

Thank you for considering *The Adventures of Billy Lionheart* for your book club. This two-book Christian fantasy series, set in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, follows young Billy and his friend Bluma as they embark on thrilling quests filled with faith, courage, and animal companions. Perfect for middle-grade readers, families, and faith-based groups, these stories offer rich themes for discussion and engaging activities to bring the adventures to life.

This free book club kit includes:

- Synopses of both books
- Discussion questions for each book
- Fun group activities
- Author bio and series inspiration
- Purchasing and borrowing information

About the Series

Series Overview: *The Adventures of Billy Lionheart* is a middle-grade Christian fantasy series set in a post-Tribulation world where immortal saints and mortal children coexist. With talking animals, divine interventions, and epic journeys, the series explores themes of faith, family, resilience, and friendship.

Book 1: Billy The Lion Boy

- **Synopsis:** Orphaned during the 7-Year Tribulation, Billy is raised by foster parents and Leonard, a lion nanny, in the Millennial Kingdom. Determined to find his immortal parents, Jake and Ella, Billy runs away with Leonard, landing in Kangaroo Land. There, he learns to speak animal languages and becomes part of a lion pride. His quest leads to Celestial City, where he faces misunderstandings, frees kidnapped lion cubs, and reunites with his parents for his 13th birthday and coming-of-age ceremony. After a year of learning human customs, Billy's parents enroll him

in boarding school, prompting him to run away again and meet his old friend Bluma.

- **Themes:** Family, identity, faith, courage, and human-animal bonds.
- **ISBNs:** eBook: 9798230757245 (\$2.99 USD); Paperback: 9798230215332 (\$12.00 USD)
- **Link:** <https://www.janicewee.com/Emunah/billy1.html>

Book 2: Billy & Bluma: Double Trouble

- **Synopsis:** Billy reunites with Bluma, his childhood friend, in this action-packed sequel. When a mischievous monkey hides Billy's indestructible orb in Bluma's bread dough, their lion guardian Leonard breaks a tooth, leading to a creative tooth-pulling adventure. A shattered porcelain box reveals a map and a coin linked to their resurrected nanny, Aunt Mathilda. Following the map, Billy and Bluma encounter Junta, a cult leader who drugs Leonard and traps the children. With divine strength, Billy frees the prisoners, and Bluma leads them to safety using the glowing orb. To rescue Leonard from a hunting ground, they borrow a plane, and Billy's super strength saves the day. Their journey ends with a reunion with Mathilda.
- **Themes:** Friendship, faith, leadership, trust, and divine intervention.
- **Release Date:** May 2, 2025
- **ISBNs:** eBook: 9798230168522 (\$2.99 USD); Paperback: 9798227061287 (\$12.99 USD)
- **Link:** <https://www.janicewee.com/Emunah/billy2.html>
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Discussion Questions

These questions are designed to spark thoughtful conversations for book clubs of all ages, from middle-grade readers to adults in faith-based or family groups. Each set includes questions for general discussion and deeper, faith-focused exploration.

Billy The Lion Boy

- **General Discussion:**
 - How does Billy’s ability to speak animal languages shape his relationships with Leonard and other animals?
 - What motivates Billy to keep searching for his parents despite setbacks, like getting lost in Kangaroo Land?
 - How does the misunderstanding at the Celestial City hotel reflect challenges of fitting into new environments?
 - What does Billy’s role as a “human cub” in the lion pride reveal about family and belonging?
- **Faith and Themes:**
 - How does the setting of the Millennial Kingdom influence Billy’s journey and choices?
 - In what ways does Billy demonstrate faith during his quest to find his parents?
 - How does the coming-of-age ceremony reflect the importance of tradition and community in the story?
 - What lessons about trust and perseverance can readers take from Billy’s experiences?
 - What does Billy learn in his time with his immortal parents.
- **Character Focus:**
 - How does Leonard’s role as a nanny evolve throughout the story, especially after meeting Lina?
 - Why do you think Billy struggles to adjust to boarding school at the end of the book?
 - How does Lydia’s intervention at the circus highlight the theme of justice?

Billy & Bluma: Double Trouble

- **General Discussion:**
 - How do Billy and Bluma's different skills (Billy's strength, Bluma's leadership) complement each other in their adventure?
 - How does the encounter with Junta illustrate the dangers of deception?
 - Why do you think Billy and Bluma are determined to save Leonard, even at great risk?
- **Faith and Themes:**
 - What can readers learn from Billy's readiness to forgive Bluma?
 - How does Billy's divine strength reflect the power of faith in overcoming obstacles?
 - What does Aunt Mathilda's resurrection as an immortal saint suggest about hope and redemption?
 - How does the story balance humor (e.g., the tooth-pulling scene) with serious themes like captivity and rescue?
- **Character Focus:**
 - How does Bluma's inability to understand animal speech affect her dynamic with Billy and Leonard?
 - What motivates Junta to lure children into his cult, and how does this contrast with Billy and Bluma's values?
 - How does the children's loyalty to Leonard shape the story's outcome?

Group Activities

These activities are designed to engage book club members creatively, making the discussion interactive and memorable. They cater to middle-grade readers, families, or mixed-age groups.

- **Map Your Adventure:**
 - **Description:** Inspired by the map in *Billy & Bluma: Double Trouble*, have group members draw their own map of Billy's journey from Kangaroo Land to Celestial City (*Billy The Lion Boy*) or from the school to Mathilda's island (*Billy & Bluma*).
 - **Instructions:**
 - Provide paper and markers or use a digital drawing tool.
 - Include key locations (e.g., Kangaroo Land, Celestial City, the farmer's market, the island).
 - Discuss: How do the settings influence the characters' choices?
 - **Time:** 20 minutes
 - **Discussion Tie-In:** Share maps and discuss how geography shapes the story's challenges.
- **Animal Language Game:**
 - **Description:** Based on Billy's ability to speak animal languages, create a game where members invent animal sounds and "translate" them.
 - **Instructions:**
 - Each member chooses an animal (e.g., lion, monkey, kangaroo) and makes a sound.
 - The group guesses what the sound means (e.g., "I'm hungry!" or "Follow me!").
 - Optionally, write a short dialogue between Billy and an animal.
 - **Time:** 15 minutes
 - **Discussion Tie-In:** Explore how communication builds trust in the story.

- **Faith and Courage Reflection:**
 - **Description:** Reflect on moments when Billy relies on faith, such as Billy’s divine strength.
 - **Instructions:**
 - Each member shares a personal story of overcoming a challenge with courage or faith.
 - Alternatively, write a short paragraph about how they’d face a story challenge (e.g., escaping Junta’s dungeon).
 - Share in pairs or with the group.
 - **Time:** 15-20 minutes
 - **Discussion Tie-In:** Discuss how faith shapes the characters’ actions and real-life applications.

- **Design a Coming-of-Age Ceremony:**
 - **Description:** Inspired by Billy’s 13th birthday ceremony in *Billy The Lion Boy*, design a modern or fictional coming-of-age ritual.
 - **Instructions:**
 - In small groups, brainstorm elements like location, activities, and symbols (e.g., a glowing orb or lion pendant).
 - Present the ceremony to the group.
 - **Time:** 25 minutes
 - **Discussion Tie-In:** Compare the story’s ceremony to real-world traditions.

About the Author

Janice Wee is a Singapore-based author passionate about weaving faith, adventure, and imagination into stories that inspire readers. Her series, *The Adventures of Billy Lionheart*, draws on Christian themes and a vibrant post-Tribulation world to explore the courage and heart of young heroes. Janice’s love for storytelling shines through in her engaging characters, from lion nannies to resilient children, making her books a favorite for readers seeking meaningful adventures.

Why I Wrote This Series: “I wanted to create a world where faith and friendship triumph over challenges, set in a hopeful future where God’s

promises are fulfilled. Billy and Bluma's journeys reflect the strength we find in trusting God and supporting each other, no matter the odds."

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Get the Books

Purchase Options:

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Borrowing Options:

- Both books are available on **Hoopla** (check with your local library for access).
- Available at the **National Library of Singapore** (<https://www.nlb.gov.sg>).

Sample Chapters: Download to preview the first chapters at:

- *Billy The Lion Boy:*
Mobi version : <https://www.janicewee.com/Emunah/billy-the-lion-boy.mobi>
EPub version : <https://www.janicewee.com/Emunah/billy-the-lion-boy-3.epub>
- *Billy & Bluma: Double Trouble:*
Mobi version : <https://www.janicewee.com/Emunah/billy-bluma-double-trouble-.mobi>
EPub version : <https://www.janicewee.com/Emunah/billy-bluma-double-trouble-.epub>

Tips for a Great Book Club Meeting

- **Set the Mood:** Decorate with lion-themed items or maps to evoke the story's adventurous spirit.
- **Snack Ideas:** Serve "Bluma's Bread" (homemade bread or rolls) or "Celestial City Feast" (fruit and cheese platters).
- **Discussion Format:**
 - Start with a brief summary (use the synopses above).
 - Use 3-5 discussion questions to guide the conversation.
 - End with an activity to wrap up.
- **Share Feedback:** After your meeting, share your thoughts with Janice via her website or tag her on social media (@janiceweety on X) to let her know how it went!