

THIS SMALL KING



There once lived a small king who ruled over a little land. This king had everything he ever wanted until one day an accident occurred and his way of ruling changed forever.

This Small King by **Lauren Streifer** is a charming and innovative story that teaches children about the power of kindness and kind leadership.

Curriculum Links: HASS, Visual Arts, English, Media Literacy
Age Range: Year 5/6

ACTIVITY: LEADING WITH KINDNESS

Power, status and special titles don't define being a leader, a leader can be anyone!

Leading with kindness means acknowledging, respecting and showing care for others. This activity will explore the important elements that make up a good leader and asks:

How can we *lead with kindness*?

1. **Discuss** with the class: *What makes a great leader?* Record students' ideas visually in a central location.



2. **Explore leadership** through the **lens of kindness**. Ask:

- What does it mean to lead with kindness?
- How can **you** lead with kindness?
- What does this look like, sound like and feel like?

3. **In small groups**, invite students to think about someone they know who leads with kindness. They can then **create a mini infographic** highlighting pictures, drawings, quotes and information about how this person leads with kindness.

➤ *This could be someone well known, or from their local community!*

4. As a whole class, **create a pledge** that states ways to lead with kindness everyday.

➤ *The pledge could be a poster to display in the classroom, or each student can create one of their own.*