

# LAWAND'S STORY

We're raising money this Red Nose Day to help children like Lawand have a safe place to live, as well as somewhere to play and go to school.



hello



My name is Lawand. I'm three years old and I come from a country called Syria.



journey

One day, we had to leave our home in Syria because it wasn't safe any more. We went on a long and difficult journey to find a new place to live.



cat



There are lots of animals in Lesvos. My big brother likes the cats.



sea

After school, I go fishing with my dad and my brother. Then we go home for dinner.



family

I have one sister and two brothers. We now live with our mum and dad on an island called Lesvos in Greece.



school



I like my new home and I go to school with my brother and sister. We walk through the forest to get there.



## HELLO GROWN-UP

Read this story to your little ones, looking out for the words to say and sign together as you go. Then turn over for more learning activities.



# RED NOSE DAY NURSERY ACTIVITIES

## ACTIVITY 1

### SHARING LAWAND'S STORY

Lawand, who is featured on the front of this poster, is a three-year-old refugee from Syria. Display the poster and share a simple version of Lawand's story with the children, to help them understand why they are raising money this Red Nose Day.

Some basic facts are given below – use these to explain Lawand's story to the children in a way they will be able to understand. Questions are also provided to get the children talking about Lawand and relating his life to their own.

#### Facts about Lawand

- Lawand is three years old and comes from Syria.
- He has two brothers and a sister.
- He enjoys going fishing and playing with animals.
- When war broke out, his family had to leave their home because it was no longer safe for them to stay there.
- They had a long, dangerous journey overland to Turkey.
- From there, a boat took them to the Greek island of Lesbos.
- With the help of Comic Relief cash, Help Refugees UK is providing homes for refugees like Lawand and his family on Lesbos.
- They are building a playground for the little ones and helping the children learn English and Greek.
- The refugee children are joining local schools.

#### Questions

- Look at the photos on the poster. Can you find Lawand?
- How old is Lawand? How old are you? Are you older? Younger? The same age?
- Who has brothers and sisters? Does anyone have two brothers and a sister, like Lawand?
- What do you enjoy doing? Does anyone enjoy fishing or playing with animals, like Lawand?
- What is the longest journey you have ever been on? How did you travel?
- Have you ever travelled by boat, like Lawand? What was it like?
- Have you ever moved house? What happened?

#### Early Years Foundation Stage links

- Communication and language – listen to stories; respond to what they hear with relevant comments and questions; answer 'how' and 'why' questions; express themselves effectively
- Self-confidence and self-awareness – confident to speak in a familiar group
- Understanding the world – talk about past and present events in their own lives; know that other children don't always enjoy the same things; know about similarities and differences between themselves and others.



## ACTIVITY 5

### MAKATON FUNDRAISERS

Why not build on the children's Makaton learning and make it part of your fundraising activities this Red Nose Day? You could:

- Hold a Makaton-a-thon, with children collecting sponsorship to learn Makaton signs.
- Learn to sign a song or nursery rhyme in Makaton and ask parents and carers to make donations to come and watch their children perform on Red Nose Day.
- Ask the children to pay to come to nursery in their pyjamas and watch the CBeebies Bedtime Story Ten in the Bed, signed in Makaton by Rob Delaney.



## HOW YOUR MONEY COULD HELP

£3

could cover the cost of crayons, pencils, paint and paper for children living in a Serbian refugee camp.

£50

could help to provide breakfast for a primary school class in the UK for two weeks so they all start the day on a full stomach.

£200

could provide a school in Tanzania with the materials for learning, drama and music so disabled and non-disabled children can share and play together.

## ACTIVITY 2

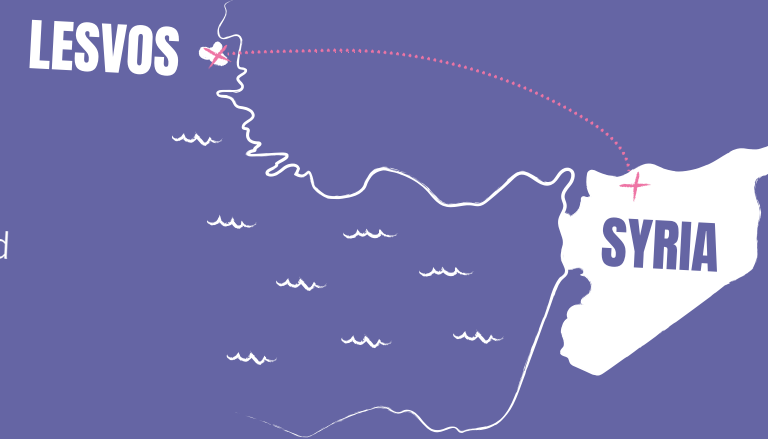
### GOING ON A JOURNEY

Foster the children's imagination and understanding of the world through a role-play activity linked to Lawand's story.

Remind the children of Lawand's long, difficult journey overland and by boat to reach the refugee camp where he is living at the moment. Talk with the children about journeys they have been on. Where did they go? How did they travel? Who did they travel with? Did they enjoy the journey?

Set up the room with objects and dressing-up clothes the children can use to recreate journeys by boat, bus, train and aeroplane. You'll find lots of ideas in our Going on a Journey activity card.

Download the activity card at [comicrelief.com/lawand](http://comicrelief.com/lawand)



## ACTIVITY 3

### LAWAND'S WORD CARDS

Help your children develop their reading, listening and art skills with our downloadable cards that link key words from the poster with simple art activities.

Give each child a card, tell them what their word says, and share the information on the poster with the group. When they hear 'their' word, ask the children to hold the card in the air.

Help them to use their drawing and colouring skills to complete the art activity on the card.

Get more information about this activity and download the word cards at [comicrelief.com/lawand](http://comicrelief.com/lawand)



## ACTIVITY 4

### MAKATON MATCH

Makaton is a language programme that uses signs and symbols to help people communicate and connect with other people and the world around them. The children may already have encountered Makaton through the CBeebies programme Something Special.

The poster shows the Makaton signs for six words from Lawand's story. Use this and our Makaton match activity to help your children understand the relationship between spoken words, written words and signs.

Our downloadable sheets feature the written words and Makaton signs from the poster. Display the Makaton signs around the room and use these as the focus for games involving the word cards and signing.

Get more information about this activity and download the resources at [comicrelief.com/lawand](http://comicrelief.com/lawand)

Find out more about Makaton and get free downloads at [makaton.org](http://makaton.org)

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