

# LAILA IN LOCKDOWN

multi-sensory story

#### Laila in Lockdown

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Shoulder

"Okay, I'm ready! Is the bus here?" shouted Laila, picking up her bag.

Baq

They put the bag handle over their head or shoulder

Two plastic "Laila, I keep TELLING you, the bus isn't coming today. We're in LOCKDOWN" said Shaun, putting the breakfast bowls away.

bowls

They stack the bowls together

Action

"Uuuuurgh..." said Laila, shaking her head.

They shake their head from side to side

"I don't GET it. Tell me again, what's a LOCKDOWN?"

Flannel/ Action

"Well," said Shaun patiently, "when a VIRUS, a bad germ, starts to make

lots of people ill..."

The storyteller places the flannel/palm onto the listener's forehead

"...you are NOT allowed to mix with other people."

Germ picture "Why not?" asked Laila.

"Because" said Shaun, "it is a PEOPLE germ. You can only STOP it by

staying away from other people. One person can pass it on to another

person, and then to another person."

Storyteller sticks the card onto the listener and back onto themselves three times

**Ticket** 

"Well, at LEAST I'm going out on Saturday" Laila cheered, waving her

ticket.

Merry waving of ticket

Bin

"I'm SO, SO sorry Laila, we have to throw the ticket away for that, too."

Throw ticket in a bin

Action

"NO! NO!" stamped Laila.

Listener stamps twice

Action

"Laila, we have to be SENSIBLE and RESPONSIBLE. We must keep

ourselves SAFE. The ONLY way to do that is to STAY IN and to wash our

hands LOTS."

Make thorough handwashing action

**Sound** Mobile phone sound

Laila ran to answer her phone.

"No Milo, we can't see you this weekend," she said, "we're in LOCKDOWN. I know it's hard – but we must be SENSIBLE and RESPONSIBLE and STAY IN. Bve!"

They put down the phone

Shopping Bag

"Shaun! They're leaving our shopping order outside the door!"

Lift and put down the shopping bag

Action

"Oh no, some items are missing! What does the note say?" said Laila. "It says: SORRY BUT MISSING ITEMS WILL BE IN STOCK SOON."

Read the words on the long card together

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**Action** 

"Everything is so DIFFERENT today" said Laila wistfully.

"I know," said Shaun, "but now that you CAN'T go out and I CAN'T into work – we can have the WHOLE DAY together and have some FUN!"

Cheers

#### Items needed for this story:

Shoulder bag

Two plastic bowls

Flannel

**Germ picture** 

**Ticket** 

Bin

Mobile phone and sound

Shopping bag

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