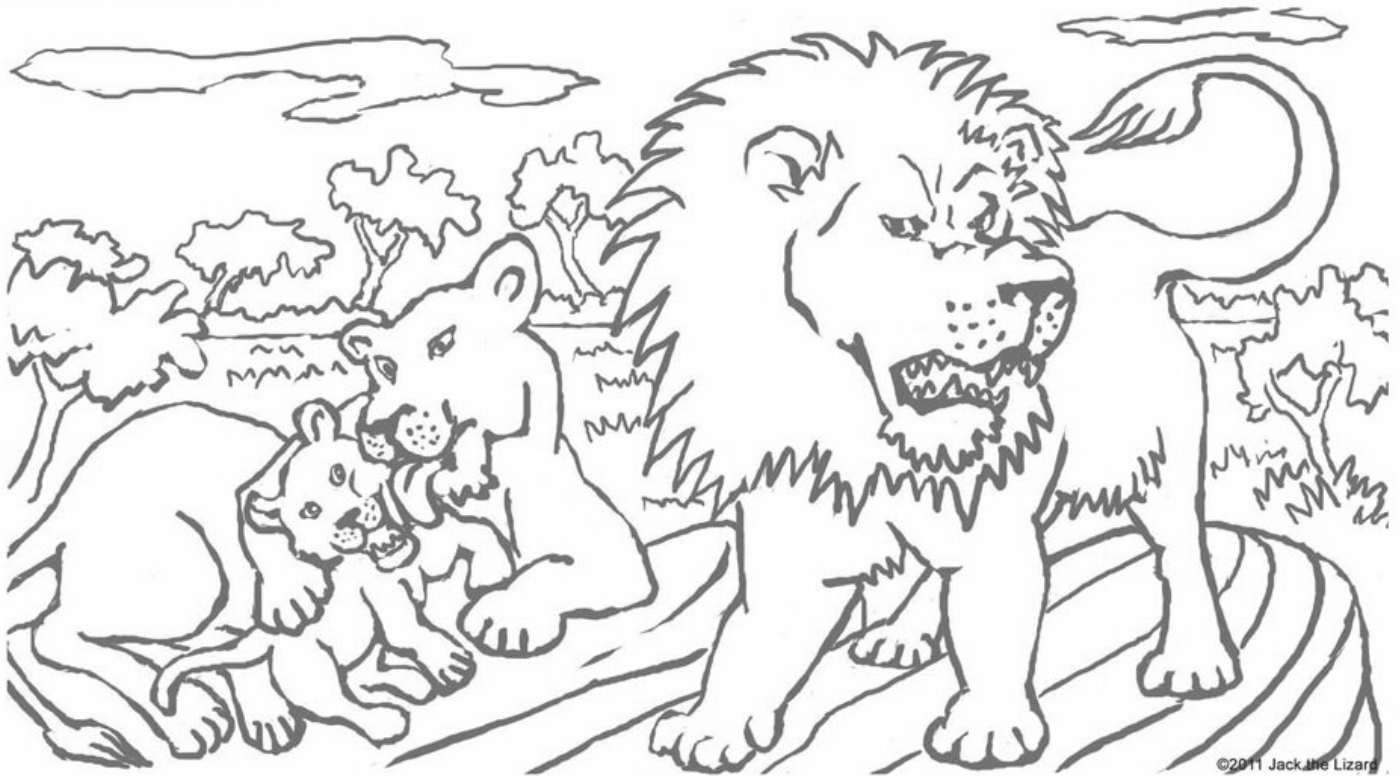


Lion Cubs

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African Lion cubs are born blind. Female lions give the birth a litter of 1 to 6 cubs. They weigh less than 5 pounds (2.3kg) and about 1 foot (30 cm) long. Their eyes open in about 2 to 3 weeks. After several weeks female and her cubs join their pride.

Although all pride members take care new born cubs, most cubs, about 80 %, cannot reach the age of 2. In addition to disease and starvation, other predators such as hyenas, leopards and snakes kill cubs. Not only predator kill cubs, buffaloes also stamp cubs dead in order to clear future threats. When a new male lion takes over the pride, he also kills cubs to have his own offspring. The life of king of Africa is hard indeed.