Fiona Fawkes Conquers the Corona Ghost

A coloring book for kids and adults

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Fiona Fawkes is stuck at home and she doesn’t quite know why. She misses visiting with her friends and her Grandma Rosie, and just wants someone to play with. Follow along as Fiona figures out her feelings about her new world in the time of COVID-19 and learns a lesson about what community really means.

This coloring book is for kids and grown-ups who are stuck at home, just like Fiona. Add some color to Fiona’s world and you too may learn that by staying home, we can all conquer the Corona Ghost together.
Fiona Fawkes is stuck at home. Like, a stuck-in-the-mud kind of stuck. She can’t go to school, or see her best friend, or visit her Grandma Rosie. She is stuck at home with no one to play with and nothing to do.
Fiona Fawkes is stuck at home and misses going to school to see her teachers and friends. In Ms. Maple’s class, she was always the first to raise her hand to read out loud to the class. Now, she is stuck reading to her toy dinosaurs, but they don’t know the words!

Fiona Fawkes is stuck reading by herself and it makes her feel sad. She thinks, “I do not like that my school is closed. When can I go back to school?”
Fiona Fawkes is stuck at home and misses playing with Ava. Ava is her best friend who lives down the street. Ava and Fiona go on adventures together. They explore the neighborhood like pirates and cross the playground like it is made of lava! But Ava is stuck at her home too, and the playground is closed.

Fiona Fawkes is stuck playing adventures on her own and it makes her feel bored. She thinks, “I do not like that I cannot play with my friends. When can I see my friends again?”
Fiona Fawkes is stuck at home and misses cuddles with her Grandma Rosie. Grandma Rosie is Fiona's favorite person in the whole wide world! She is teeny tiny and has no teeth but has a big loud voice, which she uses to make Fiona laugh and laugh and laugh. But Grandma Rosie has to stay at her own house and they cannot see each other right now.

Fiona Fawkes is stuck without her grandma’s hugs and it makes her feel lonely. She thinks, "I do not like that I cannot visit my Grandma Rosie. When can I laugh with Grandma Rosie again?"
Fiona Fawkes is stuck at home and she doesn’t know what to do! She makes up a new game, but there is no one to play with. She builds a blanket fort, but there is no one to hide with. She creates a silly dance, but there is no one to dance with. She thinks, “How do you have fun when you are all alone and you can not even go outside?!”
Fiona Fawkes is stuck at home because outside there is a thing called Corona. Corona is like an invisible ghost making people cough and get very, very sick. At first, the Corona Ghost seems like a clumsy ghost, with weird, funny glasses and buck teeth. It leaves behind a smelly slime on anything it touches, so you don’t want to touch it either.

But the longer Fiona has to stay at home, the bigger and scarier the Corona Ghost grows.
After what seems like years and years of being stuck inside with no one to play with, Fiona’s mom tells her they are going for a walk. Fiona is so excited because she is very, very tired of being stuck at home. But then she stops!

She thinks, “What if the Corona Ghost gives us the cough?! How do we stay safe? How will people know we are not going to the playground and breaking the rules?”

Fiona Fawkes starts to cry.
Fiona cries and cries, so her mom scoops her up in a big hug and asks her,

"Why are you crying, Fifi?"

Fiona Fawkes tells her mom she is afraid. Her mom says, “It is okay to be afraid. But the Corona is not a big, scary monster with pointy teeth and a loud roar. It is just a tiny, invisible blob with an invisible slime that we have to try not to touch. We can still go outside for walks and family time. But we have to keep our hands snug in our pockets and not get too close to our friends.”
Less afraid, Fiona Fawkes walks with her mom around the neighborhood. They walk and walk and walk. They see the empty playground and Fiona’s quiet school, but they also see pretty flowers and shiny beetles! They walk by Ava’s house and see her in the window with Leo, her cat. Fiona is happy to see Ava and waves to her from the sidewalk.

Fiona Fawkes and her mom walk by Grandma Rosie’s house too! Fiona waves to Grandma Rosie standing on her front stoop and hears her big, toothless laugh. Grandma Rosie’s laugh wraps around Fiona’s heart like a warm, fuzzy blanket. It is then that she realizes she was never really stuck at home. And she is not alone!
Ms. Maple and her teachers, Ava and her friends, Grandma Rosie and her family - they are all at home, but they are at home together, keeping each other safe. And they can conquer the Corona Ghost, because together they are bigger and stronger than that silly ghost!

Fiona Fawkes does not feel sad or bored or lonely anymore. Now, she feels brave. She feels loved. So, Fiona waves one last time and turns to her mom and says, “I am ready to go home now.”
The End.