

The Disappearing Snacks supplement

(printable)

Comprehension Questions

Chapter One

1. What is the name of Jane's and the Johnson cousins' church, and what is the name of Denise's church?
2. Why did Josh say they "just had to hold on through the next inning" while Denise said they had to score two more runs?
3. What was the first food to be stolen?

Chapter Two

4. What did Sierra spill all over Jane?
5. Who called the church people to ask them for interviews?
6. What is Nolan's nickname for Christopher?

Chapter Three

7. With what did Amanda and Jane help Mrs. Vine?
8. Where did the group go after the first set of interviews?

Chapter Four

9. What did Mr. Ellison notice the first time he came to drop off the fruit?
10. What did the youth notice about trash cans in both the kitchen and the youth room?
11. How do you think the scratches got there?

Chapter Five

12. Who noticed Mr. Galley's mop bucket in the picture that Amanda took of the kitchen?

Chapter Six

13. Who (or what) stole Aunt Melissa's tomatoes years before?

Chapter Seven

14. What phrase did Grandpa Johnson say often in the past?

Chapter Eight

15. What is the new organist's name?

16. What was the first clue that there was an animal inside the organ?

17. What did the Animal Control guys say to do before they let the raccoon out of the organ?

Chapter Nine

18. What did Sierra give Ragamuffin (Uncle Jake's cat)?

Chapter Ten

19. How do you think the papers in the storage room (ch. 4) got all messed up and ripped?

20. Where did Mr. Galley find another raccoon?

Comprehension Questions—answer key

Chapter One

1. St. Paul's Church; Community Church
2. Josh and Denise were cheering for opposite teams.
3. Mr. Ellison's fruit that was supposed to be for the youth group's last meeting before summer

Chapter Two

4. flour
5. Nolan
6. C H

Chapter Three

7. VBS preparations
8. Pizza Barn

Chapter Four

9. the church door was unlocked
10. There were scratches on the side of the trash cans.
11. (Answers will vary) (If asking this question in conjunction with reading the chapter, then ask this question again after finishing the book. ☺)

Chapter Five

12. Ella

Chapter Six

13. squirrels

Chapter Seven

14. “You betcha.”

Chapter Eight

15. Mr. Crake

16. a stiff, black hair on the keyboard (and the organ wouldn’t play)

17. block off the second exit from the balcony

Chapter Nine

18. a piece of her chicken salad sandwich

Chapter Ten

19. (Answers will vary, however, knowing the end of the story now: maybe one of the raccoons got into it and dug through it.)

20. in a pew in the sanctuary

Discussion Questions

(Chapter One—no questions)

Chapter Two

1. Why do you think Amanda called Nolan a good cousin?
2. Why is it good to tell others when we appreciate them or something they've done (or are going to do)? Can you find a Scripture about this?

Chapter Three

3. Why do you think Jane and Amanda helped Mrs. Vine with VBS preparations? What could you do to help someone else around the home or at church?
4. In the magazine Jane was reading in the church, why do you think the authors considered “dinosaurs being alive at the same time as man” as being anything of importance?

Chapter Four

5. Why did Nolan sweep the lobby, and why is it important to be responsible and respectful of property—whether at a church or somewhere else—leaving it clean and neat?

Chapter Five

6. Why do you think Grandma and Ella were interested in the mystery and the kids' analysis of it, even though it wasn't as “important” as someone stealing expensive jewelry?

(Chapter Six—no questions)

Chapter Seven

7. Christopher says, “Don't our lives mean more than fun?” Do you think he is right? Why?

8. If you answered “yes” to question 4, then what ARE our lives about? Can you find some Scriptures to back up your answer?

Chapter Eight

9. Why do you think Amanda, Jane, and Sierra wanted Mary to come to church with them?

Discussion Questions—Food for Thought

Chapter Two

1. Maybe Amanda didn't like making phone calls either. Maybe she was glad to not have to interrupt the fun of the sleep-over to do it herself. Maybe she thought Nolan was nice to be a part of the mystery.
2. People like to know when we appreciate them. This may be one way of showing kindness or love, especially when that person is particularly appreciative of words of encouragement. One way to try to find a Scripture about this is to look in a concordance or do a "search" on an electronic Bible for words such as "love," "kindness," "encouragement," "words," etc.

Chapter Three

3. Amanda and Jane liked crafts and helping out at church. Maybe their parents suggested they make good use of their free time during the summer. Some ideas for helping others could be: doing an extra chore at home, doing regular chores without complaining, helping prepare a meal by making sandwiches or something, and asking adults at church if there is anything you can do to help.
4. The Bible says that God created all land animals on Day 6 of the week of Creation. This stands in stark contrast to what much information in the world espouses about dinosaurs. Maybe you can have a discussion with your parents on what this could mean. (Christian companies with excellent resources on this subject include Answers in Genesis and The Institute for Creation Research.)

Chapter Four

5. Leaving trash or a mess behind means someone else will have to clean it up. If we have the ability, we should show kindness and caring for others by cleaning up our own messes.

Chapter Five

6. Probably Grandma and Ella are interested because they love the children and therefore care about what interests the children.

Chapter Seven

7. Yes, Christopher is correct, because “having fun” in and of itself is a selfish view of life, although God DOES like us to enjoy life and His good gifts. In other words, there is nothing wrong with having fun, but according to the Bible, it is not the focus of our lives. Also, our lives must include work in order to take care of ourselves and other people.

8. Some reasons for living are: to love and worship God, to love and care for one another, to share God’s love with those who do not know Him, to prepare for living with God in heaven forever. Again, you can use a concordance or a computer “search” to look for key words regarding this.

Chapter Eight

9. The girls care about her, and most importantly they want her to come to know God and believe in Jesus so that she can go to heaven and spend eternity with Him someday.