

The Library Thief supplement
(printable)

Comprehension Questions

1. In which state of the United States do the Denny/Johnson families live?
2. Behind which book was the secret note?
3. Why did Grandma like the Farmer's Market?
4. Who drove Grandma to the airport?
5. Why did Amanda want to talk to Grandma one more time before Grandma left for the airport?
6. What "scent" did the girls joke should be made into a perfume?
7. What was Grandma's favorite meal?
8. What kind of cookies did Ella make for the boys' first visit?
9. Who laughed at Amanda for jumping when the school bell rang?
10. Which cousin is in Chess Club?
11. Which sister liked to "know in advance how to do something" rather than experiment with food?
12. What names did the girls suggest for the white kitten?
13. Name two things the girls ate at Mary's party.
14. Why did the kids decide to search the barn at nighttime?
15. Who came to help the kids with the painted board on the barn?
16. What did Ella ask the Dennys to do, even though the mystery was over?
17. Who came to Mary's party besides Amanda and Sierra?

18. Why couldn't Jane come to Mary's party?
19. What kind of bush did Ella have in her yard?
20. Who was the "Library Thief?"

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Ella "didn't have the courage" to seek out a pet?
2. What is your favorite subject in school? Why do you think adults like to ask that question?
3. Why do you think Mary tended to be "bossy?"
4. How would you try to help Mary if you were Amanda or Sierra?
5. What would you have done when Mary pulled out the scary movie?
6. How did Amanda show kindness to Mary when Amanda asked about having a different movie?
7. Why do you think God gives each of us different gifts (like how Amanda is good at details, Sierra is good at music, Christopher is good at science, etc.)?
8. What are some good reasons to put aside your own interests in favor of someone else's (like when the kids sat and talked with Ella, even though most of them would rather have been solving the mystery)?
9. Why is the Bible more Treasure than any other treasure anyone could ever find on earth?

Comprehension Questions--Answer Key

1. Missouri
2. a dictionary
3. She liked fruits and vegetables and plants.
4. Uncle Jake (Mr. Johnson)
5. Amanda wanted to find out where Grandma's Grandma had lived. She also wanted Grandma's opinion on whether or not the girls should attend Mary's party.
6. "Grandma's House"
7. spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad
8. chocolate chip
9. Peter
10. Christopher
11. Amanda
12. Sierra--Sugar, Amanda--Muffin, Jane--Lemonade
13. (two of these) pizza, cake, popcorn, and brownies
14. because owls fly at night (and sleep during the day)
15. Mr. Johnson (Uncle Jake)
16. come visit her again
17. Denise
18. Jane had to go to a choir event that night.
19. lilac
20. Mr. Johnson (Uncle Jake)

Discussion Questions--Food for Thought

(Some of your answers could very well be better than mine!)

1. Maybe Ella was afraid of the sorrow of when the pet would eventually die, like her husband. Maybe Ella was afraid she would be disappointed with the pet's personality.
2. (answers will vary) Who knows why we adults are asking kids questions like that? LOL. Actually, it is probably because we are interested to know what you like and dislike, so we can get to know you better.
3. Maybe Mary was angry at not being able to control getting her homework done, so she tried to control other kids. Maybe she was taking her unhappiness out on other girls. Maybe her loneliness made her think the other girls wouldn't like her.
4. Helping Mary might include encouraging her about her gifts, having patience with her, offering to help baby sit her brothers, inviting her to church functions where she could meet other Christian girls, or praying for her.
5. (answers will vary) It might be difficult to tell a friend that you don't want to watch a certain movie (or play a certain game or whatever). God can give you wisdom on what to say or do. You can also talk to a parent or grandparent, call someone you trust, or (if the situation is serious) immediately get away from the situation.
6. Amanda tried to nicely ask for something different without making Mary feel bad.
7. God giving people different gifts means that all of us can work together, each doing different things. Can you find a Scripture verse that talks about this?
8. God asks us to think of others' interests. Can you find a Scripture verse that tells us this? Showing others love in this way can bring friendship and blessing to our lives. Often, we will feel "good" when we show kindness to another. But even if we receive no immediate reward that we can see or feel, God sees and is pleased.
9. The Bible contains the way to heaven! It also contains words of hope, instruction, and encouragement. The Bible tells us how much God loves us! This is far more important than any gold, jewels, money, pleasure, or earthly thing. Heaven is more pleasure than all combined, and it is for eternity.