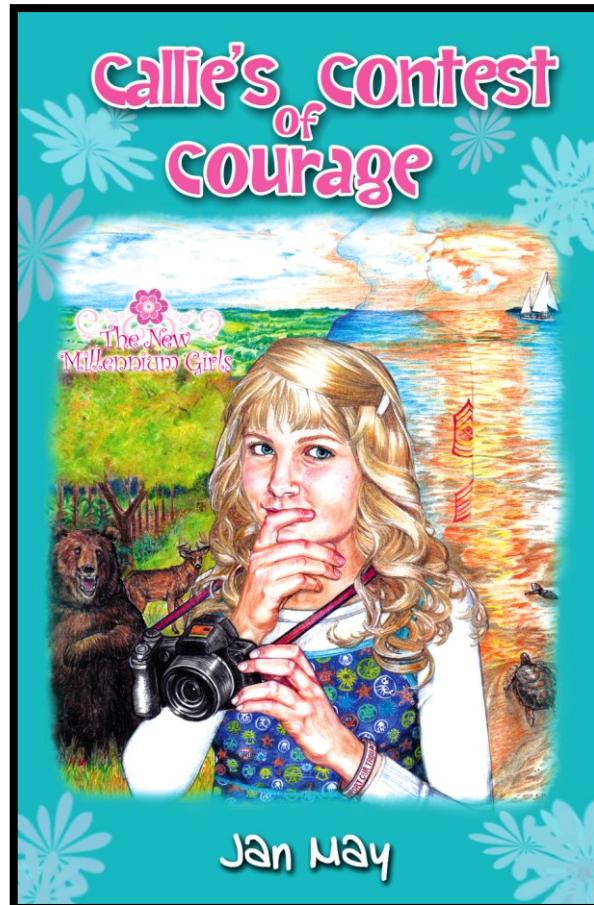


Literature Study Guide

Callie's Contest of Courage



Literature Focus, Vocabulary, Discussion Questions, and Activities

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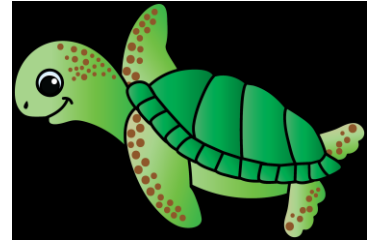
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Chapter 1

Team Fleming



Literature Focus

1. A theme is the main idea that runs throughout a story. In this story the theme is having courage and faith in God during difficult times. Where in chapter one does the author begin to develop this theme?

2. Have you ever had to do something difficult by yourself? What was it?

3. What story does the author use during Bible time to set up the theme of courage and faith?

Discussion Questions

1. What Bible verse does Callie's dad ask her to pray over him while he is gone overseas in the Marines? _____

2. Why do you think this Psalm is important in this situation?

3. Do you or your family have a favorite Bible verse you pray over each other like Callie's family did? If so, what is it?

4. Do you have siblings who annoy you? What are the some of the things they do that bother you?

5. Do you think that any of those things are just ways to get your attention because they want to be with you? Why or why not?

6. Callie loves animals. What is your favorite animal?

7. Have you ever wanted to win something so badly that you were unkind to others around you? _____ What happened?

Activity - With the fun, bordered paper provided, write out a family verse. Cut out your verse poster and hang it where you can see it. Memorize the verse this week or use it as a nightly prayer with your family.

Vocabulary Words - Context

Instructions: Place the correct vocabulary word or phrase in the blank space in the sentence that matches it best. Choose from the words listed below:

Word List:

horizon	super telephoto lens	sergeant
hover	Philistine	deployment
internal	coat of armor	responsible
Semper Fi	cower	
camouflage	reluctant	

1. Brad was _____ to go to the game on Tuesday night because he had to wake up early for work the next day.
2. King David and the Israelites often fought against the _____ army in the Bible.
3. A helicopter can _____ in the sky, while an airplane cannot.
4. The Knights of the Round Table wore a _____
_____ to protect them in battle.

5. The sunset is a beautiful orange and pink along the _____ this evening.
6. Katie was _____ for washing the dishes and cleaning the bathroom this week.
7. The teen camp summer team went on a _____ to Haiti in June to help rebuild the city.
8. Chloe would _____ every time she went near a snake or a spider.
9. One the camping trip Mika used her _____ to snag a great shot of a mother bird and her babies in a willow tree near the pond.
10. The _____ sent a command to his troops to move forward into enemy territory.
11. The change that Lilly felt was something _____, something that made her come alive.
12. The troops wore leaves, mud, and twigs as _____ to keep them from being seen by the enemy.
13. The motto of the US Marine Corps is _____, which is a Latin phrase that means "always faithful."

Chapter 2 For Daddy



Literature Focus

1. Symbolism in literature is when an author uses an object to help the reader understand something else. In this story the author uses a lion, a bear, and the giant, Goliath, to symbolize difficulties in Callie's life. What things happen in Callie's life that she thinks are like a lion, a bear, and Goliath?

Lion: _____

Bear: _____

Goliath: _____

Symbolism is also used when Callie looks out the window during a storm.

2. What does the American flag flapping in the wind symbolize?

Discussion Questions

1. What does Callie have to give up?

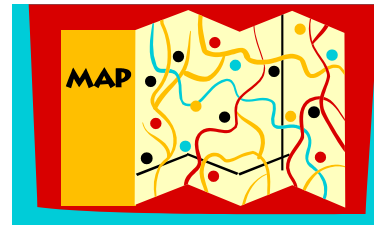
2. What is her attitude about it at first?

3. Have you ever had to give up something like Callie did? What helped you overcome the disappointment?

4. What helps Callie get over her disappointment?

5. Callie thinks about two tests she has overcome in the past. What are they?

Activity - Make a Map of Callie's Travels



Track Callie as she travels through the next several chapters. Draw a dotted line ----- on the map to indicate the route they travel. Draw a star in the places where the family stops. Also draw and label:

Sierra Nevada (mountains)

Pacific and Atlantic Oceans

Rocky Mountains

Colorado Springs

Mississippi River

bear country

Great Salt Lake

corn fields of Iowa

The five Great Lakes:

Sweetwater, Illinois

(Superior, Erie, Michigan, Huron, Ontario)



Chapter 5

Water Balloon Bombs

Literature Focus

A **simile** is a figure of speech that compares one thing to another using "like" or "as" to give a better picture of what something is like. The author uses many **similes** in this chapter. Below are nine of them.

What do the following similes mean?

1. The stars were like white sprinkles on a chocolate cake.

2. Her email was like a ghost town.

3. Callie ventured out into the cool summer morning like an eager reporter looking for a hot news tip.

4. The butterflies fanned their wings as if they were parading in the early morning light for all to see.

5. The kids looked like a band of starving pirates who had been out to sea too long.

6. Callie felt like a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis.

7. The twins were so startled by the loud noise that they popped up like pieces of toast in a toaster.

8. Water balloons pummeled the boys like bombs.

9. Hope in Callie's heart was growing like a weed.

Discussion Questions

1. Callie is tempted to do something but stops herself. What is it?

2. Why is this considered unwise for a military family?

3. What does Callie quote that helps her stay strong? _____

What does it mean? _____

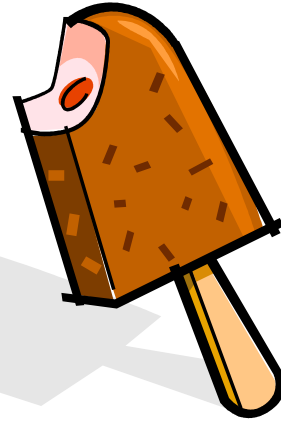
4. Why does Callie compare her life to the DNA "mush" in the butterfly chrysalis?

5. What does Callie remember Mrs. Peters saying in Sunday school about our lives?

6. The twins of mischief did something to Curt and Callie the last time they were visiting that makes Callie cautious. What was it?

7. What does Callie think might be a trick of the twins when they get into the tree house?

Activity-Callie's Yummy Ice Cream Cups



Makes eight 5-oz ice cream desserts

Supplies:

Eight 5-ounce paper cups

Eight popsicle sticks

Ingredients:

1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened but not runny

Oreo cookies, roughly chopped

6 ounces of warm, chocolate fudge topping (not hot)

6 ounces caramel topping

6 ounces mini-chocolate chips

1 cup chopped nuts

Chopped M&Ms

6 to 10 peanut butter cups, chopped

Directions: Have a variety of ingredients on hand so that each person can make their own special flavor. Then begin layering in the paper cups. Start with the nuts or other candy topping, then add a small softened scoop of ice cream followed by chocolate or caramel sauce, then cookies or candies. Repeat. Put a popsicle stick in the middle of each cup. Freeze for 2 hours or until ice cream hardens. Use a scissors to cut a slit in the top of the paper cup, then tear it off and enjoy! The twins of mischief love these with gummy worms!

Vocabulary Words - Word Search

Instructions: Circle the twelve vocabulary words in the puzzle below. (See word list that follows.) Words can be found vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. When you have finished, look up the definitions and write them next to the words. Happy searching!

N U F X N E I R N S E G V Y L
M O Q G L Q T U U Z V H L X E
Z P O B Z H E O G S I O M M M
R U A M A Q I B I H S S X E M
G N V K T C O T T O S T R O U
E T K W I N U B O B E T A L P
H T E P V A E Y O X R O Q Y P
B S S R T F E C G Q G W R N T
Y U I I R D Q R S Q G N O V S
S E O S E I Q U U E A A Y K L
E N C O U N T E R T R M U K C
U F K N O U Z O Y A N C Q H D
T H G I L Y K S R O Y E S U W
G G D G I T Q Y V Y P F V D Y
Q L T G F G Y E R S I B Z A A

***Note:** There are no spaces in the word search. Number 3, "crescent moon," can be found as one long word.