

How to Find the Valuable Life Lesson in Your Children's Story

For Writers and Storytellers

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOLLOW-ALONG HANDOUT

Fill in the blanks as you watch the presentation.

1. Step One - Look at What Happens in the Story

Don't worry about naming the life lesson yet. Simply look at what _____.

2. Step Two - Look at How the Characters Respond

Sometimes the lesson can be found in how the main character responds to a _____.

3. Step Three - Find the Moment That Carries the Most Meaning

Sometimes another character reveals the valuable life _____.

4. Step Four - Name the Valuable Life Lesson

If you can point to where the lesson is demonstrated, then the lesson is coming _____ from the story.

5. Step Five - Create Questions That Help Children Discover and Apply the Lesson

These questions move the valuable life lesson from the character's experience into the child's own _____.

6. Show the Lesson Instead of Preaching It

Let the story _____ it.

7. Show the Lesson Instead of Preaching It

Show the valuable life lesson through the _____.

8. Show the Lesson Instead of Preaching It

Explore the valuable life lesson through _____.

9. Let's Review the Five Steps

You may discover that the valuable life lesson was there all _____.

ONE IDEA TO REMEMBER