

Lesson Five

This lesson coincides with Chapter Five of the book, *A Gifted Child in Foster Care: A Story of Resilience*
Chapter Five – “Living in Foster Care”

Character Trait – “Secure”

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Place an “X” on the line beside the “main idea” of the story.

- X Foster care caused Grace to feel safe and secure. (p. 29)
- Grandmother took care of Grace and her sister for a brief period of time.
- Grace did not understand why she was chosen for the Gifted and Talented program.

Write three “supporting details” for the main idea.

1. Grace was chosen for the Gifted and Talented program (p. 33)
2. She experienced a stable home environment (p. 32)
3. She learned to cook, clean up and care for herself (p. 32)
4. She usually got what she wanted for Christmas (p. 32)
5. She saw her father again for the first time since he left her (p. 34)

Sequencing

Place a “1” on the line beside the event that happened first in Chapter Five

Place a “2” on the line beside the event that happened second in Chapter Five
and so on...

- 4 Grace lived with Big Mama. (p. 30)
- 5 Grace was placed in her school’s Gifted and Talented program. (p. 33)
- 6 Father visited Big Mama’s home. (p. 34)
- 2 The emergency foster lady cooked a large hot breakfast for the children. (p. 29)
- 1 The Sheriff took Grace and her brothers and sisters to an emergency foster home. (p. 29)
- 3 Grace lived with Grandmother. (p. 30)

Identifying Cause and Effect

What caused Grandmother to leave Grace and her sister sitting on the porch until the social worker came?

They nearly destroyed her nice, clean home. They broke the seat off of the toilet stool
and ripped a window shade in the bathroom they slept in. She could not deal with
energetic children with little home training. (p. 30)

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

Do you feel that it was right for Grandmother to leave Grace and her sister on the porch? Why or why not?

Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.

Comparing and Contrasting

Name one difference between the emergency foster home and the home Grace was left in.

The emergency foster home provided food for Grace, but the home she was left in had no
food. Grace felt safe at the emergency foster home, but she felt afraid in the home she was
left in. Other answers are possible.

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Five is “Secure”.

Secure means feeling safe; not feeling fearful.

Read the five questions below. Then answer one of the questions. Write your answer in the space provided then discuss it with your group.

1. Did Grace feel “secure” in the home her father left her in? Why or why not? (p. 27)
2. Did Grace feel “secure” at the emergency foster home? Why or why not? (p. 29)

- Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.

Bonus Discussion

Read the statement and answer the question below. Write your answer in the space provided then discuss it with your group.

Grace did not talk about how she felt about seeing her father after eighteen months. What feeling(s) do you think she felt? Why?

Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.

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