

Lesson Four

This lesson coincides with Chapter Four of the book, *A Gifted Child in Foster Care: A Story of Resilience*
Chapter Four – “Left by Father”

Character Trait – “Dependable”

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

- _____ Grandmother did not come to help after Father left.
- _____ Grace’s two brothers slept in shift in front of the front door.
- X Daddy left Grace and her siblings in a house alone and went to Florida for work. (p. 25)

Place an “X” on the line beside the “supporting details” that are true.

- X Aunt Mattie brought some home-cooked food and quilts over. (p. 26)
- _____ Rose came over ten times to check on the children.
- X It appears Daddy sent money as he had promised. (p. 26)
- _____ The money stopped but the lights, gas, water, and phone remained on.

Sequencing

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

Place a “2” on the line beside the event that happened second in Chapter Four

Place a “3” on the line beside the event that happened third in Chapter Four

- 3 Grace and her brothers and sisters were afraid. (p. 27)
- 1 Daddy left the children in a house alone. (p. 25)
- 2 The house the children were left in had no utilities and no phone. (p. 26)

Identifying Cause and Effect

Complete the sentence below with the correct answer.

Grace’s father took her oldest brother with him when he left because...

Her oldest brother had been getting into trouble with children in the neighborhood. Daddy
knew that if he left him, he could end up hurt, dead or in jail. (p. 25)

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

Review Grace’s Timeline on page 93 of *A Gifted Child in Foster Care: A Story of Resilience and* answer the following two questions.

- 1. What year did Grace’s father leave the children in the house alone?

1973

- 2. Was it was right for him to leave? Why or why not?

Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.

Comparing and Contrasting

What is the difference between why Mother left and why Father left?

Why did Mother leave? (p. 15)	Why did Father leave? (p. 25)
Physical abuse / Mental illness	To look for work

Did one parent leave the children in a safer situation than the other parent? Why or why not?

Yes, Mother left the children in a safer situation than Father. Mother left the children with
Father. But, Father left the children in a house alone.

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Four is “Dependable”

Dependable means being the type of person that others can count on. Being responsible. Keeping promises.

Answer the two questions below. Write your answers in the spaces provided then discuss them with your group.

1. Was Grace’s father dependable? Why or why not?

Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.

2. Name three(3) ways that you can be dependable.

1. Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.
2. Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.
3. Answers will vary. No right or wrong answer.

