

Lesson One

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

Character Trait – “Appreciation”

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

_____ Mother left when Grace was two years old and never came back.

_____ Grandmother believed Grace was a strong and resilient child.

_____ Grace stayed home with her mother while her father worked.

The four statements below “support” the main idea. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

The words “your mother doesn’t want you” _____ Grace.

Grace was _____ for her friends at school to know about her mother leaving.

Grace remembers both _____ and _____ things her mother.

Grace has gained a greater _____ for life because of her mother.

Sequencing

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

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

_____ Grace often wonders what type of life her mother is living

_____ Grace’s school mates asked, “Where is your mother?”

_____ Grace feels a strong sense of love and loyalty towards her mother

_____ Grace was born

_____ Grace’s mother left

_____ Grace remembers a lot of things about her mother

Identifying Cause and Effect

“Mother went out into the backyard one evening and lay down to hid in the tall, uncut grass because she feared being picked up by the state to be locked up again in a mental institution.”

What is the cause? _____

What is the effect? _____

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

Circle all of the feelings Grace experienced after her mother left.

Devastation Joy Embarrassment Fear Guilt Insecurity Excitement Rejection

Comparing and Contrasting

Name three(3) things that are different about these two stories from Chapter One

<i>Mother made cookies</i>	<i>Mother popped popcorn</i>
<i>Example: Mother prepared cookies</i>	<i>Example: Mother prepared popcorn</i>

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson One is “Appreciation”.

Appreciation means to feel “thankful”.

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

Grace still loves and appreciates her mother even though she left her with her father and never came back.

1. Would you appreciate your mother if she left you and never came back? Why or why not?
2. Name a person who you appreciate. Why do you appreciate that person?
3. Why is it important to “appreciate” other people?

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