

Discussion Questions for Story One: Journey into the Enchanted Kingdom of Sugarwood

BEFORE READING:

1. Share the story summary with your child.
 - a. Princesse Pearl and her best friend Barlow embark on an adventure in the Enchanted Kingdom of Sugarwood, leaving her grandparents' castle for her parents' castle. With only a map and a few supplies, the two friends have to find their way home. However, not only is this the first time either of them are traveling without an adult, but walking through the kingdom, as well
2. Ask your child:
 - a. What do you think will happen in the story?
 - b. What characters do you think we will meet?
 - c. What other books does this one remind you of?

WHILE READING:

1. Where does the story take place?
2. Who is your favorite character? Why?
3. Who is your least favorite character? Why?
4. Why do you think Barlow was nervous about the adventure in the beginning?
5. What would you do or say to Barlow to make him feel better so that he would want to go on the trip?
6. With whom would you like to go on an adventure?
7. If you were going on an adventure, what would you pack in your bag? Why?
8. If you were going to make Fairy Cookies, how would you decorate them?
9. When the bird steals Princesse Pearl's map, she has to decide whether to return home or trust in herself to find a new way. Do you think that she made the right decision? Why or why not?
10. What would you do in that situation?
11. What did Pearl do to find their way to the Pinmill? What would you do?
12. How did Pearl encourage herself to believe in her own ability to find the way? (Answer: She remembered a time when she succeeded at riding a horse, something she'd never done.)
13. Have you ever been in a situation when you weren't sure if you could do something? What is something you could tell yourself next time?
14. Why did the magic pearl appear at the end of the story?



AFTER READING:

Check back to our blog for activities you can do with your child based on the theme of self-confidence.