

ROOTS BENEATH THE STORIES

Camp Delaney Mae - Scripture Reference Guide for Parents & Grandparents

Each story stands on its own while reflecting values and truths with roots in Scripture. This guide is intended as a quiet companion for parents and grandparents, not as quoted Scripture within the stories.

The Beginning

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Stewardship, wonder, family legacy, and honoring what has been entrusted to us

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15; Psalm 24:1; Exodus 20:12

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

Camp Delaney Mae begins with a deep connection to the land, family memory, and the people who came before. The story reflects both caring for what has been entrusted to us and honoring the family legacy that helped shape the place and its meaning.

The First Watch

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Watchfulness, responsibility, and looking out for others

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:4

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

The First Watch shows that caring for a community means paying attention to more than our own needs. The Woodland begins learning to watch over one another and accept responsibility for the safety and well-being of others.

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One-Eyed Sam

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Anger, humility, forgiveness, and choosing how to respond when we are hurt

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:26-32; Colossians 3:13; Philippians 2:3-5

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

One-Eyed Sam shows how hurt and self-pity can turn into anger and cause us to lash out. Sam must learn humility and face the effect his actions have on others, while Ranger D learns what it means to forgive someone who has hurt her.

More Than a Stripe

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Looking beyond appearance, handling rejection with character, and refusing to retaliate

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Peter 2:23

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

More Than a Stripe challenges the Woodland's assumptions about Howard based on what they see. Howard's response to rejection contrasts with Sam's earlier reaction to hurt. Rather than retaliating, Howard shows restraint and character, helping set the foundation for the friendship that later develops between them.

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It's All Nuts!

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Abundance can feel overwhelming, but blessings are meant to be managed wisely and used for the good of others

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 41:47-49; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

It's All Nuts! begins with such an abundance that the blessing starts to feel like a burden. The Woodland learns that abundance requires wise stewardship. What seems overwhelming becomes valuable when it is organized, shared, and used to prepare and care for the community.

Adventures in Birdland

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Different gifts and roles working together for a common good

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:14-20

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

Adventures in Birdland shows that the Woodland works best when different characters contribute different strengths. They do not all do the same job, but their different roles become valuable when they work toward the same purpose.

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Babies, Babies Everywhere

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Children are a blessing, and caring for family is a responsibility shared through love and community

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 127:3; Galatians 6:2

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

Babies, Babies Everywhere celebrates new life while showing that caring for the young takes work. Parents, older siblings, and Woodland neighbors all contribute, reminding readers that blessings come with responsibility and that families and communities are strongest when they help carry one another's burdens.

The Hole Truth

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Don't rush to judgment; seek the truth before assigning blame. Humility, integrity, and serving one's family bring stability

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 18:13; Proverbs 18:17; Proverbs 20:7

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

The Hole Truth shows the danger of deciding who is at fault before all the facts are known. Francisco stands as a humble servant of his family - steady, responsible, and more concerned with doing what is right than proving himself right. His humility and integrity help bring both truth and stability to the Woodland.

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Celebrities Among Us

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Don't judge too quickly; take time to know the whole story

SCRIPTURE

John 7:24; Proverbs 18:13

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

The Woodland learns that first impressions and assumptions can be misleading. Winnie's story reminds readers to look beyond what they think they know and take time to understand someone before deciding who they are.

The Same Song

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Humility, unity, servanthood, and different people using different gifts for the good of one community

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

The Same Song shows that harmony does not come from everyone being the same. It comes when different people listen to one another, value one another, and use their gifts with humility and care. The Woodland learns that doing our own part is not enough if we stop noticing the needs of others. True community requires both individuality and servanthood.

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The Scarlet Tangle

SPIRITUAL THREAD

What is hidden eventually comes to light; courage means resisting pressure to follow others into a wrong choice

SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:17-18; Proverbs 1:10

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

The Scarlet Tangle shows how choices made where no one seems to be watching eventually come into the light. Travis and the other Starlings also face the pull to go along with the group, reminding readers that courage sometimes means refusing an enticing wrong choice even when others are making it.

Seeds of Change

SPIRITUAL THREAD

Truth is discovered by looking carefully; wisdom prepares for danger without giving way to fear

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 25:2; Proverbs 22:3

HOW THE STORY REFLECTS IT

Seeds of Change shows the value of looking carefully before reaching conclusions. Paw Paw and Ranger D gather evidence rather than guess, while Sam, Howard, Camryn, Brendan, and the Woodland prepare wisely for a danger they do not yet fully understand. The story reflects both the importance of seeking truth and the wisdom of taking precautions without giving way to fear.