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The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Comprehension Worksheet

Chapter 3-4

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Using your book, answer the following questions with complete sentences.

1. Describe Mrs. Armstrong.

2. What does "there are no small parts, only small actors" mean?

3. Why was Imogene the only girl to volunteer to be Mary in the pageant?

4. In order to stop the complaints of the Herdmans being in the main roles in the Christmas Pageant, what did Reverend Hopkins say?

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5. Why did Mother say the Christmas Pageant was going to be the best pageant ever?

6. Describe the first rehearsal.

7. Why did Mother have to tell the Christmas story to the Herdmans?

8. How did the Herdmans react to the Christmas story of Jesus' birth?

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Chapter 5-6

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Directions: Using your book, answer the following questions with complete sentences.

1. What did Mother say the Herdmans chief instinct was when they heard the Christmas story?

2. What did the Herdmans do that surprised the narrator of our story?

3. Why did the librarian, Miss Graebner, tell Mother that she might as well retire?

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4. What did the Herdmans find out about King Herod that made them angry?

5. What was Alice Wendleken doing?

6. Why does Mother have to use a baby doll for the Baby Jesus in the Christmas Pageant?

7. Describe what happened during the last rehearsal. Give details (more than one sentence) to describe what happened in Chapter 6.

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Chapter 7

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Directions: Using your book, answer the following questions with complete sentences.

1. Why didn't Mother fix supper the night of the pageant?

2. Was Father upset about missing supper? Why or why not? What was Father's suggestion about what they should do about supper?

3. Why does Mother want to go someplace and hide after the Christmas Pageant?

4. Describe the Christmas Pageant. Give details (more than one sentence).

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5. Describe how Imogene was acting at the end of the story.

6 . How did the Herdmans change from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?

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Vocabulary Words

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Study these words for your vocabulary test. You may also use these words to help you on your vocabulary worksheets.

Chapter 1-2

1. vain: having no success
2. volunteer: to offer or give without being asked or paid
3. tame: not wild
4. ordinary: the conditions or events that are usual or normal
5. pageant: an entertainment made up of scenes based on history or legend
6. standard: regularly and widely used
7. sentiment: a thought or attitude influenced by feeling
8. muttered: spoke under the breath

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9. interrupt: to stop or hinder by breaking in

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10.rehearsals: practice session to prepare for a public performance

11. absolutely: free from doubt

12.rowdy: coarse or rough in behavior

13.manger: an open box in which food for farm animals is placed

14.satisfied: to meet the needs of

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15.disgraceful: bringing or deserving disgrace

16.instincts: a natural behavior

17.instance: a certain point in an action or process

18.withdrew: to take away

19.congregation: a gathering of people for religious worship

20. recess: a brief period for relaxing between work periods

21.uproar: a state of excitement or disturbance

Chapter 7

22. cockeyed: tilted to one side

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23. offering: to present an act of worship

24. charitable: freely giving money or help to needy people

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Comprehension Test

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Directions: Using your book, match the characters to the correct descriptions.

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| 1. ____ The Herdmans | A. directed the Christmas pageant |
| 2. ____ Charlie | B. told the Herdmans there was food at the church |
| 3. ____ Mother | C. caused a lot of trouble |
| 4. ____ Alice Wendleken | D. kept a notebook |
| 5. ____ the Narrator | E. told the story |
| 6. ____ Mrs. Armstrong | F. gave up on supper |
| 7. ____ Imogene | G. very bossy |
| 8. ____ Father | H. played Mary |

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Directions: Using your books, find the answers to the following questions. Use complete sentences.

1. Describe the Herdmans.

2. How did Mother become the director of the Christmas pageant?

3. Why was Imogene the only girl to volunteer to be Mary in the pageant?

4. In order to stop the complaints of the Herdmans being in the main roles in the Christmas Pageant, what did Reverend Hopkins say?

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5. Why did Mother have to tell the Christmas story to the Herdmans?

6. What was Alice Wendleken doing?

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8. ____ Charlie lied to the Herdmans about the church having food.
9. ____ Reverend Hopkins was a great reverend.
10. ____ Imogene was crying at the end of the story.

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