



# Family Guide

## Fairy Tales of Kindness & Courage: Volume I



### The Mermaid and the Bear:

#### **Topics:**

Kindness

Not listening

Being unkind

#### **Questions:**

In the story, the Mermaid and the Bear Dandi washes up on the shore after a storm. Chance the Bear finds her on the beach and takes care of her.

What are the kind things Chance does for Dandi?

Who do you know that you can be kind to?

At the beginning of the story, Dandi is turned into a mermaid by the old wizard. This leads Dandi to be washed down the river out to the sea, separating her from her family. This was very mean of the wizard.

Like the wizard who turned Dandi into a mermaid, sometimes we do unkind things to others.

If we've done something unkind to someone else, what do we need to do to help make it better?

If the wizard didn't like Dandi climbing on his fence, what should he have done instead?

When Dandi began to choose to forgive, who began to heal first? Her? Or the wizard who turned her into a mermaid?

Why is it important to realize that forgiving heals the person who was hurt?

## The Church Frog:

### **Topics:**

Being ungrateful

Learning Gratitude

### **Questions:**

At the beginning of The Church Frog, the frog is quite selfish, ungrateful, and always complaining.

How does complaining all the time make others feel around us?

What can we do instead?

Sometimes learning gratitude can be hard. But it doesn't have to be as difficult for us to learn as it was for the frog.

How can you practice being grateful?

## Journey to the Temple of the Serpent:

### **Topics:**

Remembering

Love

Distractions

### **Questions:**

One of the themes of Journey to the Temple of the Serpent is love. Rupert's father, who loves him, sends a reminder to his son to continue his journey and return home.

How is this like God?

Like Prince Rupert and Princess Dayla on their journey, why is it important to remember your purpose in life?

What is your purpose in life?

Like the fascinating city called Carnival, we are surrounded by both good and bad things that can distract us from what's most important in life.

What are some of your distractions? What helps us remember to do the most important things?

### The Silver Fruit:

#### **Topics:**

Kindness

Ego/Pride

Turning bad things into Good

#### **Questions:**

Being kind to others is always important. What did the old woman do to care for the injured fawn?

As his silver fruit grew, Varl began to think of himself as more beautiful, important, and better than the other animals.

How do we sometimes do the same thing?

It was wrong for the bearded man travelling through the woods to take Varl's fruit. We shouldn't take things that don't belong to us, even if its for someone else.

But how did Varl's stolen fruit help him, the old woman, and the bearded man?

Like the bearded man in the story, when we do something wrong we need to do our best to make up for it. But why do you suppose God sometimes makes our bad choices result in some good?

## The Tale of the Winged Lion's Paws:

### **Topics:**

Courage

Persistence

Help from Others

### **Questions:**

Like Madelyn, being brave can be hard at first.

What do you think can help you be brave?

Madelyn persisted in looking through the rocks to find ore and amber stone to save her family. She tried, and she tried again until at last she found help and a way to save them.

What does this teach you about trying?

Chase the chipmunk helped Madelyn find the old man who gave her the Lion's paws. Like Madelyn, we can't do everything ourselves. We need help from others.

Share a story of when you needed help from someone.

## The Mouse Bride:

### **Topics:**

Unexpected Difficulties

Love and Commitment

### **Questions:**

Sometimes in life, we expect everything to go well. But not everything will, and that's okay.

When something bad happens that isn't our fault, like an accident or an illness, how can we choose to act?

How do you think Katrina felt when Peter chose to stay with her even though she had been turned into a mouse?

How did Peter show his commitment and love for Katrina?

