

# St. Michael the Archangel

2024-2025

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading



To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, to find the will of God is the greatest discovery, and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement.

John 12:26

Dear Parents,

As in the past, we will continue our reading project for the school year 2024-2025. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to read one book during the summer vacation. Parents play an important role in their child's educational development; therefore, we are providing our students with the opportunity to engage in daily reading to improve their literacy skills. This reading project will enhance your child's success in school and throughout life. We count on your support in this ongoing project by buying books and encouraging them to read.

Your child will be required to complete the attached novel study packet. The novel study packet will be due on the first Friday upon returning to school. Your child will also be assessed on this assignment. All work must be neatly handwritten in a legible form.

**Summer Reading: *Because of Winn-Dixie***

***By Kate DiCamillo's Novel***

We look forward to another successful year at St. Michael the Archangel and wish you and your family a safe and blessed summer.

Blessings,

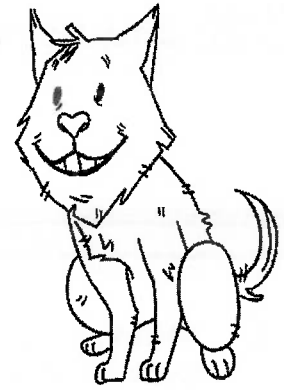
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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 1 - 5



1. What did Opal's father send her to the store for? What did she come back with?

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2. What was Winn-Dixie named after?

- a. a candy bar                      b. a weather condition  
c. a town                              d. a grocery store

3. Why did Opal's father agree to keep Winn-Dixie?

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4. How did Opal feel that she and Winn-Dixie were similar?

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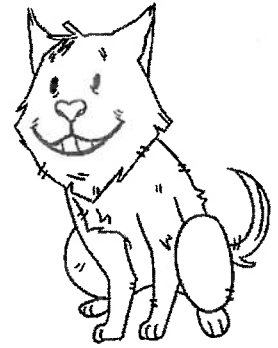
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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 1 - 5



5. Based on the ten things Opal's father told her about her mother, why do you think Opal's mother left them?

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6. Why did Winn-Dixie have to go with Opal and her father to the Open Arms Baptist Church?

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| a. to be introduced | b. didn't like being alone       |
| c. to sleep there   | c. to hear the preacher's sermon |

7. What did Winn-Dixie do in front of the congregation at Open Arms Baptist Church that made everyone cheer?

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| a. rolled over         | b. caught a mouse         |
| c. howled at the music | d. stood on his back legs |

8. At the end of Chapter Five, what did Opal pray about?

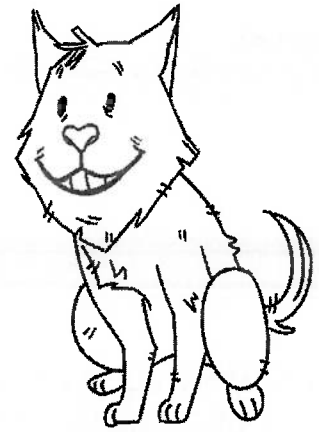
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Vocabulary  
**BECAUSE OF  
WINN-DIXIE**  
Chapters 1 - 5



Match each vocabulary word from the story, *Because of Winn-Dixie* to the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line.

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1.  | skidded       | a. | a feeling of pain caused by injury, illness or loss           |
| _____ | 2.  | constellation | b. | people who regularly attend religious services                |
| _____ | 3.  | missionary    | c. | a meal where every person invited brings food to share        |
| _____ | 4.  | suffering     | d. | to have said or done something that is offensive to someone   |
| _____ | 5.  | fortunate     | e. | a person who is sent to another country to do religious work  |
| _____ | 6.  | insulted      | f. | speaking quietly and unclear                                  |
| _____ | 7.  | muttering     | g. | unable to stop moving across a surface                        |
| _____ | 8.  | congregation  | h. | a group of stars that form a particular shape and have a name |
| _____ | 9.  | potluck       | i. | to touch or push someone gently                               |
| _____ | 10. | nudge         | j. | having good luck  |

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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 6 - 10



1. What did Miss Franny Block mistake Winn-Dixie for when she first saw him?

- a. a horse
- b. a monkey
- c. a bear
- d. a wolf

2. Why did Opal tell Miss Franny she had to let Winn-Dixie into the library?

- a. it was raining
- b. so she can watch him
- c. he was hungry
- d. he gets lonely without her

3. How did the Herman W. Block Library come into existence?

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4. How did Opal pay for Winn-Dixie's new collar and leash?

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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 6 - 10



5. At the end of Chapter 8, Opal started feeling less alone, why?

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6. How did Winn-Dixie introduce Opal to Gloria Dump?

- a. by running in her yard
- b. by barking outside her window
- c. by eating her garden
- c. by bumping into her on the street

7. What did Gloria Dump suggest that she and Opal do together?

- a. meet her father
- b. plant a tree
- c. go grocery shopping
- c. take a walk

8. At the end of Chapter 10, what was Opal amazed by?

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Vocabulary  
**Because of Winn-Dixie**

Chapters 6 - 10



Choose the correct definition for each underlined vocabulary word.

1. After leaving the haunted house I was trembling with fear.  
a. overcome                      b. crying  
c. running                        d. shaking
2. Our dog started acting quite peculiar before the thunderstorm.  
a. strange                        b. excited  
c. mean                            d. upset
3. The sound of the woodpecker on the tree was very irritating.  
a. loud                            b. unusual  
c. annoying                      d. rhythmic
4. Some people say I have a green thumb because my garden always looks beautiful.  
a. secret                        b. larger than normal thumb  
c. discolored thumb          d. ability to make plants grow
5. My neighbor asked me to watch their dog because I am very trustworthy.  
a. kind                            b. reliable  
c. punctual                      d. good with animals



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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 6 - 10

This picture shows a scene from Chapter 8 of the book, *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Write a few sentences that tell who is in the picture, and describe what is happening.



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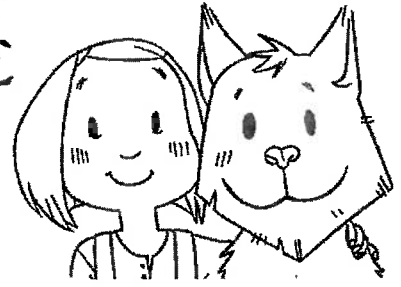
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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 11 - 15



1. How did Winn-Dixie act during the thunderstorm?

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2. What did the preacher believe Winn-Dixie's reaction was called? What did that mean, and how would they keep him safe?

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3. What happened to the animals when Otis played the guitar?

- a. they got excited
- b. they became still
- c. they rolled over
- d. they started making noise

4. In what way could Otis relate to the animals?

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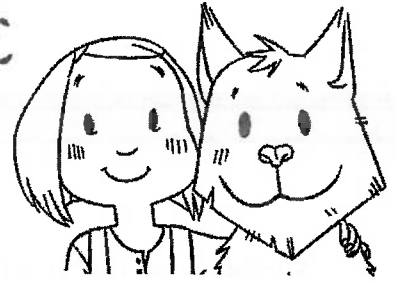
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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 11 - 15



5. Describe Opal and Winn-Dixie's daily routine.

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6. Gloria Dump tied bottles to her tree to keep away what kind of ghost?

- a. that haunt her house
- b. of things she's done wrong
- c. of Old Man Boone
- c. of her late husband

7. What similarity did Gloria Dump and Opal's mother share?

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8. What does Gloria Dump tell Opal about judging others?

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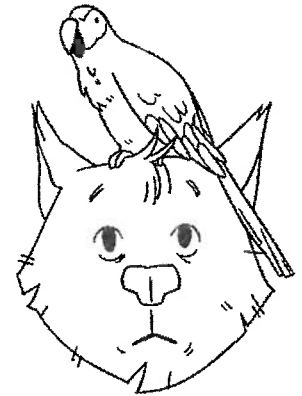
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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 16 - 20



1. Explain how the war affected Miss Franny's great-grandfather and his family?

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2. After the war what did Miss Franny's great-grandfather manufacture?

- a. Litmus Lozenge      b. Block's Candy Bark  
c. Franny's Favorites      d. Post War Peanuts

3. What was the secret ingredient in the candy?

- a. root beer      b. memories  
c. sorrow      d. strawberry

4. Who was Carson, and what happened to him?

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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 16 - 20



5. Why did Otis go to jail?

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6. As Opal was reading *Gone with the Wind*, she had an idea, what was it?

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7. What did Opal have to promise Gloria in order for her to agree to her idea?

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8. What did Opal say to convince Otis into accepting her invitation?

- a. He could bring a date.
- b. It was an all-you-can-eat buffet.
- c. He could bring Gertrude.
- d. She'd work for free for a week.

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Vocabulary  
**BECAUSE OF  
WINN-DIXIE**

Chapters 16 - 20



Read each sentence. Look up the definition of the underlined words in the dictionary. Write each definition on the lines below.

1. The cold rain on my skin sent a shivering sensation through my body. (sensation)

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2. When school lets out for the summer I have a lot of idle time. (idle)

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3. Our house was filled with sorrow after the loss of our family dog. (sorrow)

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4. I want to invent a robot that can do my homework for me at night. (invent)

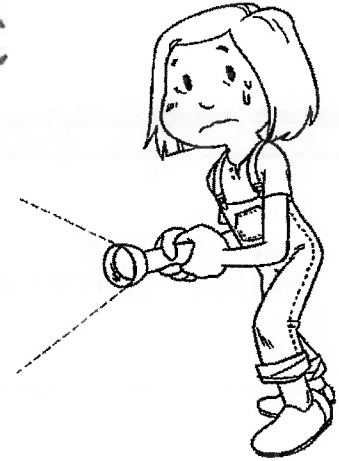
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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 21 - 26



1. What did Opal and Gloria make for the party?
- a. scones and tea
  - b. egg-salad and punch
  - c. chips and salsa
  - d. hamburgers and hotdogs

2. At the party, why do you think Opal felt surprisingly happy to see Amanda?

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3. Why was Otis a bit afraid to walk into the party?

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4. What caused Opal to forget about Winn-Dixie?

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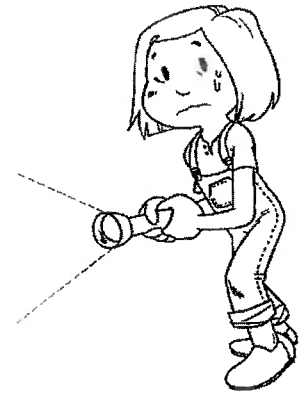
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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 21 - 26



5. What does Gloria Dump tell Opal about loving something?  
What do you think that means?

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6. The real reason Opal was so upset when her father said they would have to stop looking for Winn-Dixie was because she...

a. knew he'd be gone forever.      b. thought her father gave up on her mom.  
c. wanted to find him.              d. didn't want to go back to the party.

7. Where was Winn-Dixie, and how did they find him?

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8. Why do you think Opal said in the future, she probably won't think about her mother as much as she did this summer? What changed?

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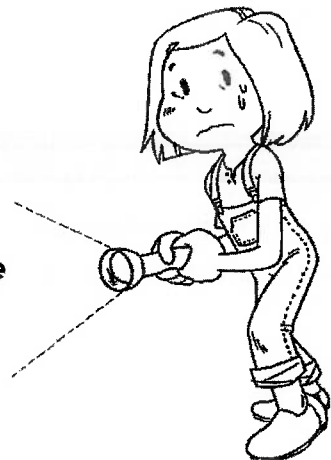
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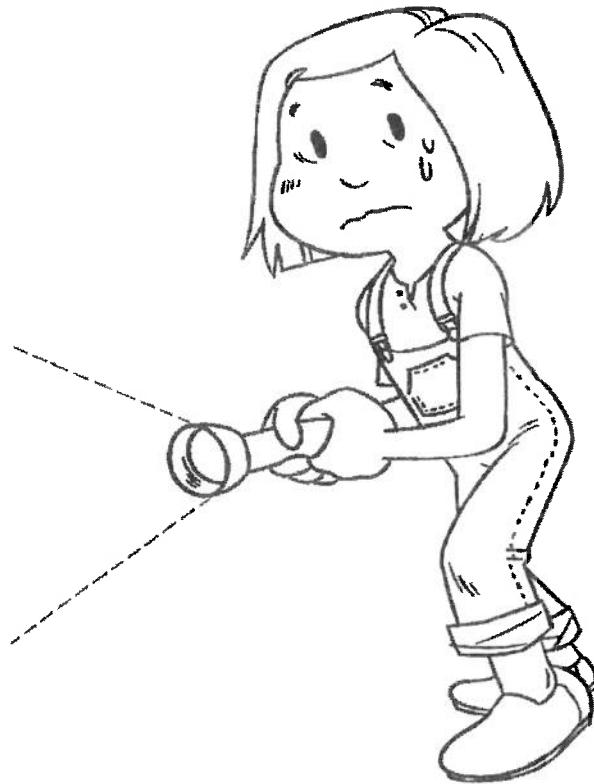
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| _____ | 1.  | complicated | a. | not rough  |
| _____ | 2.  | appreciate  | b. | having wavy edges                                  |
| _____ | 3.  | strummed    | c. | putting things in a particular spot                |
| _____ | 4.  | gentle      | d. | to become larger in size                           |
| _____ | 5.  | myths       | e. | to move back and forth slowly                      |
| _____ | 6.  | frilly      | f. | hard to understand or explain                      |
| _____ | 7.  | swollen     | g. | played music by moving your fingers across strings |
| _____ | 8.  | swayed      | h. | showing good manners or respect for others         |
| _____ | 9.  | arranging   | i. | stories that are believed by many but is not true  |
| _____ | 10. | polite      | j. | to be grateful for something                       |

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# BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Chapters 21 - 26

This picture shows a scene from Chapter 24 of the book, *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Write a few sentences that tell who is in the picture, and describe what is happening.



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