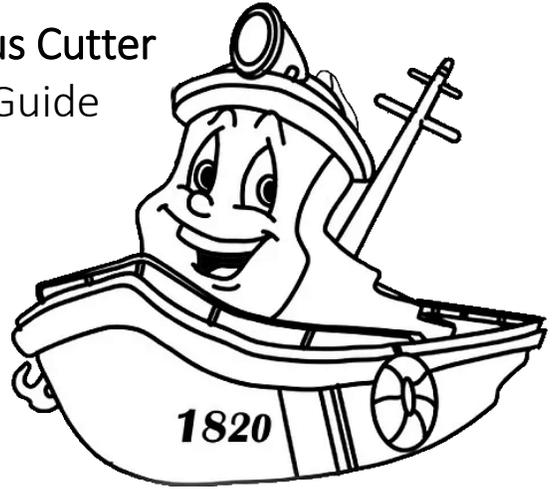


Connor the Courageous Cutter

Book 1 Discussion Guide



Book Information

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Character Development/Morality Topics

- Courage
 - Who showed courage in the story?
 - Faith the fireboat when she went to go save Sarah
 - Connor when he went to help Faith save Sarah
 - Who did not show courage?
 - Yardley the Yacht and Naomi the News Chopper, who stayed in the Sound

- Pride
 - Sarah was the pride of Serendipity Sound
 - Her pride got her in trouble when she ignored Anna and went out despite the warnings about the storm

- Acceptance of Others/Diversity
 - How is Faith a good example of accepting others?
 - She said hello to Connor when he was new, even though he was a different kind of boat than she was
 - Why was it a good thing that all the boats are different?
 - Different kinds of boats are really good at different things. For example, When you need something heavy carried somewhere, Barry the Barge can do it. If you need to be rescued in a storm, Connor the Cutter can do it!

- Friendship
 - Which characters were good friends to someone?
 - Faith was a good friend when she helped Connor learn about his new home in Serendipity Sound
 - Faith was a good friend when she went to help Sarah the Schooner when Sarah needed help
 - Connor was a good friend when he went to help Faith and Sarah

- Obeying the Rules
 - Anna the Lighthouse watched over the boats. It was her job to help them know when it was safe to go out into the open seas. Anna told Sarah there was a bad storm coming and suggested that she not go out into the open ocean. Sarah did not listen though. How would things have been better for Sarah if she had listened to what Anna said?
 - Sarah would not have gotten hurt in the storm

- What makes someone valuable?
 - Not what they look like (Sarah's two masts)
 - Willingness to help others
 - We are all valuable no matter what
 - The Harbor Master loves all his boats

- Discuss what the following quotes mean:
 - Anna says "Sometimes things happen we can't control. Sarah doesn't think she will ever be able to race again.

Religious Topics

Imagine this story was a parable. What do the following things represent? Suggested answers are in parenthesis.

- Journey (time here in mortality)
- Arrival (birth)
- Big Guy/Harbor Master (God)
- Harbor Master's radio (prayer and inspiration from God)
- Faith the Fireboat listening to the radio (person who listens to God)
- Sarah leaving the Sound (rebellion or ignoring God's warnings)
- Other boats/helicopter who don't help Sarah (Non-good Samaritans)
- Connor (teachable, obedient person who obeys the warning and then rescues when he can help others)
- Harbor Master's repair - Atonement of Jesus Christ
- Single mast for Sarah (God's different plan for us than we see for ourselves)

What other parallels to the gospel of Jesus Christ can you find in this book?

Discuss the following quotes:

- "Have you checked in with the big guy yet?" The big guy?" "The Harbor Master...He's the head honcho around here. You'll hear him through your radio. Is yours tuned to the right frequency?"

- “If there’s one thing I know, it’s that there’s nothing the Harbor Master loved more than a broken boat. The Harbor Master loves fixing boats. That’s why he’s the Harbor Master. He loves boats more than anything else, but he especially loves a broken boat.”
- “I bet Sarah’s new masts will be even better than the ones she lost when he’s done with her.”

There are “hidden Easter eggs” in this book. Read the following scriptures (King James Version provided) and see where you can find something related in the book:

Connor’s hull number is 1820.

- Scripture (Matt 18:20) “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst.”
- From the Author: Our prayer is that families feel God’s presence when they read these stories together.

Faith the Fireboat’s hull/hat number is 11

- Biblical definition of Faith (Hebrews Chapter 11:1) “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Teamwork between Faith and Connor

- Scripture (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12) “Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”
- Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.

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