



DISCOVERING JUSTICE CHILDREN DISCOVERING JUSTICE

Morning Girl by Michael Dorris

Supplemental Resource

Grades 3 and Up

Chapter 1

- Why does Morning Girl's family call her Morning Girl?
- What does Morning Girl's happy fantasy toward the end of the chapter tell you about her?

Chapter 2

- Who gives Star Boy his name and why does he call him "Star Boy?"
- What was Star Boy's old name and how do you think he feels about the name change?

Chapter 3

- What do you think Morning Girl means when she says, "In our house, Star Boy was the footprints?" (page 14)
- What can you infer happened to the baby Mother was carrying?
- What makes Morning Girl feel better at the end of chapter 3?

Chapter 4

- Why was Star Boy hiding among the rocks?
- Who took the blame for his mistake and what does this tell you about Star Boy's relationship with his family?

Chapter 5

- What does Morning Girl want to discover about herself?
- How does her father help her?
- What does this tell you about Morning Girl's relationship with her father?

Chapter 6

- What experience does Star Boy have during the hurricane?
- In what ways was this a spiritual experience?

Chapter 7

- What does Star Boy do to embarrass himself and his family?
- How does Morning Girl rescue him from this embarrassment?
- How do you know that he is grateful to her?

Chapter 8

- a. Which three people made Star Boy angry?
- b. What did Star Boy learn from being by himself outside during the night?

Chapter 9

- a. Why did Morning Girl think a conch shell would be a good gift for Star Boy?
- b. Describe the strangers Morning Girl meets.

Epilogue

- a. What did Christopher Columbus think of the people on the island?
- b. How do you think life on the island might change after Columbus and his men spend some time there?
- c. Columbus describes Morning Girl's people as poor. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your thinking.

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