

LET'S THINK ABOUT IT

Good questions help us learn.

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1. Have you ever climbed a mountain or a rock wall, like BB does in Chapter 1? Was it scary or fun? Why?
2. Up on the mountain, BB sets a goal to appreciate his life and family more when he gets home (page 7-8). What are three goals you can make that will help you grow?
3. The constant Bat Bird attacks trap BB on the mountain. Have you ever faced a challenge that you couldn't control? What did you do?
4. In his diary, the miner writes that joining the silver rush changed his life forever (page 15). What job do you want to have when you're older? What will you have to do to prepare for it?
5. The miner describes how the evil scientists destroyed the land with their experiments (page 17). Why is it important to take care of the environment? How do you play your part in respecting and managing your environment?
6. BB learns a lot about the underground worlds by reading the miner's diary. Do you like learning about history in school? Who has taught you about what

happened before you were born? What have you learned from this?

7. In Chapter 2, Sammy heads off to find Pete and John but ends up in the Lost Canyon. Have you ever gotten lost before? How did the experience make you feel?
8. The Lizlards find BB at the bottom of the mountain, but they're not sure what to do (page 25-26). Have you ever tried to help someone who was hurt? What happened? What do you know about giving someone first aid?
9. In Chapter 3, Sammy has to think creatively to get himself out of a drill hole. When you're facing a difficult challenge, how easy or hard is it to come up with a solution you've never tried before?
10. Sammy has a great time pretending to talk to the skeletons in the drill hole. What do you like to do for fun?
11. While Sammy finds the skeletons creepy at first, Toby doesn't seem to mind them (page 42, 52). How would you feel about falling in a hole with skeletons?
12. What would you think about if you were stuck in a drill hole? Would you be able to sleep?

13. At the end of Chapter 4, Thundershell and BB have a unique problem—everyone wants to fart! Do you ever get excited about something just because everyone else does? How long does that excitement last?
14. When BB and Thundershell go over BB's plan to cross the river, they discuss everything that could go wrong. How detailed are the plans you make? Have you ever had something go wrong that you could've planned for?
15. In Chapter 5, BB prepared the Lizlards to deal with a Bat Bird attack while they were floating. What can you do to prepare for a future challenge?
16. Do you consider yourself a farting expert? How would you teach a class how to fart?
17. In Chapter 6, BB and Sammy discuss how drill holes show up in our world. Is there anyone in your life who's stuck in these types of holes? What are some problems you struggle with?
18. The gang makes sure to cover the drill holes to protect other travelers in the future. How do you try to show other people you care about them?
19. BB and Sammy find Cliff covered in bruises and several deep cuts (page 103). Have you ever been physically injured? How did it happen? How did you heal?

20. In Chapter 8, the gang feels helpless watching Kerry struggle to live. To keep busy, Sammy, Pete and John go talk to Thundershell. Cliff and Toby cover drill holes. And BB and Spencer stay with Kerry. Which group would you go with? How do you react when someone you care about is hurt and you can't help?
21. Have you ever known someone who died, like Sammy's grandmother or Pete's mom? How did you feel when they were gone?
22. What's one verse the rock said that you want to remember? Write it down here:
