

## *LET'S THINK ABOUT IT*

Good questions help us learn.

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1. In Chapter 1, Toby pretends to be a chariot driver while the gang pulls the cooked fish to the home zone. How do you make your work or chores more fun? Do you have a funny friend like Toby?
2. The gang decides to talk about different lessons Pops has taught them for their speech at the celebration (page 9). What important lessons has God taught you?
3. How does a young man or woman become an adult (page 19-22)? What are some ways you currently act mature like an adult?
4. What would your parents or teachers say you could improve on? How can you become better in those areas?
5. In Chapter 2, three Gorilla youngsters get into a fight. Who do you tend to get in fights with? What are some better ways to express how you feel? How could you handle a disagreement so it doesn't turn into a fight?
6. After their fight, Obadiah has the youngsters take some time alone to think about their choices (page 26). What consequences do you receive when you

don't do what's right? How can consequences help you learn from your mistakes?

7. In Chapter 3, Kerry is in such a hurry to get to Obadiah that he almost runs into poison snakes! How has going too fast gotten you in trouble before? How can listening to God help you slow down and focus?
8. Have you ever swung on vines before, like Kerry (page 39)? What are some of your favorite activities?
9. Sometimes a task feels impossible, like the gang trying to find all the gnawed trees (page 52). How do you tackle difficult tasks? How can making a plan first help the task seem easier?
10. The gang quickly realizes their plan will go faster if they work together (page 56). Have you ever been a part of a group project or a team? How was working together better than trying to do it alone?
11. The Gorillas talk about how having good character helps us get along well with others (page 61). How good are you at getting along with others? What can you improve in yourself to help strengthen your friendships?
12. Do you know any Marines like the old miner, or anyone else whose served in the military (page 64)? What do you think that experience was like for them?

13. Think about the JJ DID TIE BUCKLE character traits the Gorillas explain in Chapter 5. Which of them are you good at? Which need some work?
14. Who in your life demonstrates JJ DID TIE BUCKLE well? How can you learn from them how to practice those traits yourself?
15. Do you like playing in the mud? What would you do if you got stuck in Death Dirt like Kerry and Sammy (page 84)?
16. Kerry and Sammy get up to their chests in mud before calling to Pops for help (page 87). How easy or hard is it for you to ask for help? What do you need to ask Pops for help with?
17. Think about a current or recent problem you've had. What important life lessons could you learn from it?
18. Malachi remembers to stay calm when he's in a tough situation (page 111). How do you calm yourself down when you feel worried or afraid? What could you say to yourself to make you feel better?
19. Have you ever played a game like the blindfolded obstacle course at John's party (page 122)? How hard would it be to focus on another person's instructions when there are so many other distractions? How can you get better at not being distracted from what God wants you to do?

20. Wind explains how Pops can talk to us in many different ways (page 126). Where do you hear Pops's voice? How can you learn to tune in to him better?
21. Do you hoot more like the gang or the Gorillas in Chapter 9? Do you hoot better with your hips moving or being still? Give it a try!
22. What's something you're really good at? Have you ever learned to get better at something by watching someone else do it?
23. What's one verse the rock said that you want to remember? Write it down here:

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