



KNOCK ON WOOD

– CONVERSATION STARTERS –

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The questions on the next page are designed to encourage deep thinking, reflection and open-ended discussions about “Knock on Wood” themes.

Feelings and Looking at Problems from a New Perspective:

- How did Jonathan feel when everything was going wrong at the beginning of the story?
- Can you think of a time when you felt frustrated because nothing seemed to go right? What did you do to feel better?
- Jonathan's day started with lots of bad luck, but he learned to see his problems differently after meeting the wood nymphs. How did his perspective change?
- Can you think of a time when looking at a problem in a new way helped you solve it?
- What does the phrase "knock on wood" mean in the story? How did Jonathan and Redge's understanding of the saying change?
- Have you ever had a belief that changed when you learned more about it?

Staying Curious and Open to New Solutions:

- When Jonathan and Redge realized something strange was happening, they didn't give up and they decided to explore and figure it out. Why is it important to stay curious when things go wrong?
- Can you share a time when staying curious helped you find a solution to a problem?
- How do you think Jonathan felt when he discovered the wood nymphs and their role in his bad luck?
- Have you ever learned something surprising that helped you understand a situation better?

Building Strong Relationships by Helping Each Other:

- Jonathan and Redge worked together to solve the mystery of his bad luck and understand what was really happening. How do you think helping each other made them better friends?
- How can you help a friend going through a tough time?
- The wood nymphs were also a part of the solution in the story. How did working together with others—like the wood nymphs—make a difference?
- Can you think of a time when you and a friend solved a problem as a team?

Exploring Self-Awareness and Problem-Solving:

- At first, Jonathan was upset and frustrated with his bad day. What did he do to stay calm and manage his feelings?
- Have you ever had a day when everything seemed to go wrong? How did you deal with it and what did you learn from the experience?
- How can you learn to look at bad days differently, just like Jonathan did at the end of the story?