



## OWEN AND THE LOST SCROLL

### – SEL THEMES & CONVERSATION STARTERS –

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The lists and questions on the next pages are designed to encourage deep thinking, reflection and open-ended discussions about “Owen and the Lost Scroll” themes.

## Summary of Story Themes and Lessons:

1. Believe in Yourself – Even when things feel overwhelming, inner strength and self-worth can light the way.
2. Ask for Help – Facing challenges with friends can make even the biggest problems feel a little smaller.
3. Everyone Has Unique Strengths – Magic or not, everyone brings something valuable to a team.
4. Hope is a Powerful Force – Holding on to hope can guide us through fear and uncertainty.
5. Failure Isn't Final – Mistakes don't define us; they can lead to unexpected strengths and second chances.

## Summary of SEL Themes:

- Self-Awareness – Owen and Goedwig both reflect on what makes them special and how their strengths contribute to overcoming challenges—even when those strengths aren't traditionally “magical.”
- Self-Management – Both characters manage big emotions like fear and self-doubt, choosing to persevere rather than give up when things get hard.
- Social Awareness – Owen shows empathy and encouragement toward Goedwig, helping him realize that his non-magical skills are still deeply meaningful and impactful.
- Relationship Skills – The story emphasizes teamwork, trust, and the importance of honest communication between friends working toward a shared goal.
- Responsible Decision-Making – Owen takes responsibility for their accidental spell and makes thoughtful choices to fix the situation—even when the path forward is uncertain and risky.

### Self-Awareness and Confidence:

- What are some things that make you feel proud of who you are?
- Owen and Goedwig both had to remember what made them awesome. What would you say makes you awesome?
- Has there ever been a time when you weren't sure if you could do something—but then you surprised yourself? If yes, describe it.
- What do you think Goedwig learned about himself by the end of the story?

### Resilience and Problem-solving:

- Owen accidentally caused a big problem. What do you think helped them stay calm and keep trying?
- Have you ever made a mistake and then found a way to fix it or make it better? What did you do?
- How did Owen and Goedwig work through their feelings when they were scared or felt like giving up?
- What would you do if something didn't go the way you planned?

### Friendship and Teamwork:

- How did Owen and Goedwig help each other on their quest?
- What's something you've done with a friend or classmate that was easier because you worked together?
- Goedwig didn't think he could help at first—what did Owen say that changed his mind?
- Why do you think having Clamor on the team made their adventure more fun or successful?

### Hope and Inner Strength:

- Owen had to remember all the people, places, and things that gave them hope. What gives you hope when you feel worried or sad?
- How did thinking about the good things in their life help Owen and Goedwig find the scroll?
- What does “hope” mean to you, and how does it help you during hard moments?
- Why is it important to believe that things can get better?

### Making Personal Connections:

- If you could be part of the Order of the Ancient Cedar or the Knights of Enchantment, which one would you choose and why?
- Which character in the story do you relate to most—and what would you say to them if you met them?
- What kind of magic would you want to have if you lived in Owen's world?