

Before reading:

Looking at the front cover, who do you think the two people are?

What does "Queen" mean to you?

What sorts of colours are used on the front cover? What do they remind you of?

Thinking about the image, the title, and the colours, what do you think this book will be about?


After reading:

In this story, there is a young girl who realises that there is a woman who doesn't have a home. Together with her Ma, the young girl gives the woman some gifts to make her happy. There are lots of things that we sometimes forget to be thankful for. List 5 things that you feel you are lucky to have in your life.

The young girl believes that the woman is a Queen, a saviour, who has done things like fought dragons, and had many adventures, in her quest to look out for the neighbourhood. If you could do 3 heroic things for someone else, what would you do and why?



The woman saves the town from burning down, and the young girl wants to make sure she is thanked for it. What does the young girl do for the woman? Why is this the best thing for her?

In the end, there is a new friendship formed. What do you think everyone has learnt through this?



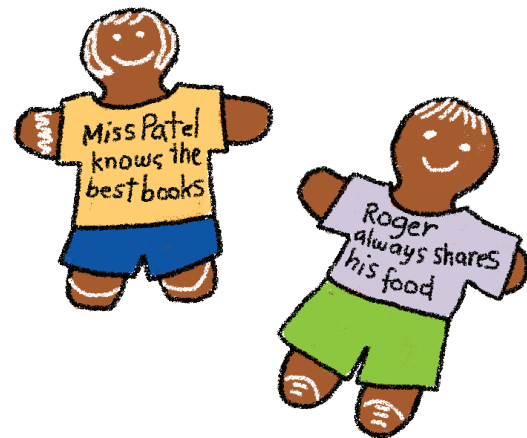
Activities:

Imagine you are the woman that sits on the corner day and night. Draw all the things you might see at night time when everyone has gone to sleep in their homes.

Are there any food banks or shelters in your neighbourhood? With the help of your parent/carer, get a shoebox and fill it with essential gifts, like the young girl does, and drop it off to one of the charities, where they will be able to help anyone who needs it.

We sometimes overlook the goodness in people, especially those around us. Create some gingerbread people, giving each one a name, and inside them, write or draw all the good things about that person. (e.g. MUM= gives me cuddles, makes me lunch, takes me to the park).

Now do the same, but about people that you don't see as often. So this could be a neighbour, a faraway cousin, the local librarian. This way, it shows us that there is goodness in everyone, not just those close to us.

**Art Activity:**

Get some card, and some colours, along with decorating bits and pieces. Make a thank you card for someone that has done kind things for you, where you might not have said thank you to them (e.g. a grandparent for looking after you, a neighbour for throwing your ball back in your garden, and so on).



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