

A Step from Heaven – by An Na (pages 1-81) to be discussed on March 20.

Sea Bubble:

1. On the first page of this book, what is Young Ju doing? Why do you think the author chose to include this scene?

All This Weight:

2. Who is Apa? Uhmma? Halmoni? What do we learn about this family?

Only God Can:

3. What did Young Ju pray for? Why?

Mi Gook:

4. Young Ju doesn't understand what it means to move to Mi Gook. What does she think it means?

Hair:

5. Young Ju and Uhmma get dressed up. Where are they going? How does Young Ju feel about this outing?

Waiting for Heaven:

6. What distressed Young Ju most about going to Mi Gook? What did her mother do to help her sleep on the airplane?

A Step from Heaven:

7. What does Young Ju notice in her uncle's house that tells her he is rich?
8. Who did she look for in her uncle's house? Why did she think he would be there?

My Future

9. How does Young Ju describe her teacher? What does she think is strange about the other children in her class?
10. What activity does Young Ju learn to do from the "Sea Shirt" girl? What did she draw?
11. How does the teacher try to explain "lunch" to Young Ju? What English words does Young Ju learn?

Not Forever

12. What do Young Ju's parents argue about?

Park Joon Ho

13. Describe Young Ju's shoes. Why doesn't she like them? Where did she get them?

14. Who joins the family?

15. What does Apa say that hurts Young Ju's feelings?

Burying Lies

16. What does Young Ju do that causes her teacher to do many nice things for her?

17. Why does Young Ju dig a hole outside?

Being Older

18. Where does the family go? Why is Young Ju sad?

19. How does Young Ju make Joon stop crying? Why was she afraid when she saw Mr. Owner pointing at Joon?

Disappearing Bubbles

20. What chore does the family do together? What annoys Young Ju during this task?

21. How does Joon make the bubbles disappear? Why is that confusing for Young Ju?

The Blob

22. Who is "the Blob"? How do Young Ju and Joon feel about this activity?

Rainy Day Surprises

23. Why are Young Ju and Joon waiting in the car?

24. What does Young Ju discover about her mother in the restaurant kitchen?

Strong Is a Man

25. Why is Joon punished? Was the punishment necessary to help Joon grow into a strong person? What lesson did Joon learn?

Harry

26. Who was Harry? What happened to him? Why did that make the children feel discouraged?

One Hundred Pennies

27. What does Young Ju spend \$1.00 to purchase? Was it worth it? When you see a penny on the ground, do you stop to pick it up?