

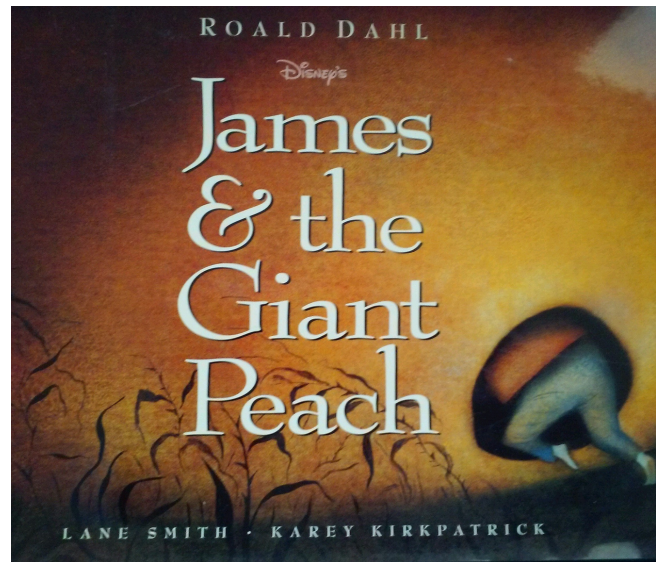


# JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH

ROALD DAHL

## SUMMARY

James lost his parents and grew up with his two aunts who made him work all day long. One day he meets a mysterious old man who gives him magic green things. When James drops them, a giant peach grows. What will happen when he takes a bite and climbs inside?



## Questions:

1. Does everybody live with their mom and dad? What would it feel like to lose your mom and dad? What would it be like to never have had parents?
2. Should you do some chores to help around the house? Should kids be expected to do ALL the work?
3. When bad things happen every day, do you think it's easy to keep dreaming of good things? Is it hard to keeping hoping?
4. How do you think James felt when he met the old man and got the gift? Should we usually take gifts from strangers? How do you think he felt when he dropped it?
5. How do you think James felt when he saw the giant peach? How do you think he would feel if he saw it and he didn't always have enough food to eat?
6. How would you feel if you saw six giant, talking bugs? How do you think James feels? Do you think he wants to go with the bugs? Would you want to go?
7. How do you think James and the insects felt when the peach started rolling away? How would you have felt?
8. How do you think his aunts felt when the peach ruined their car?
9. How do you think they felt when the peach landed? Would you have been scared to go outside?
10. How would you have felt to find yourself in the middle of the ocean inside a giant peach with a bunch of insects? How does James feel? Is he scared or excited about his adventure?
11. How would you feel when you saw a shark behind you? Was it brave of James to come up with the seagull idea? Were all the insects brave, too? Does being brave mean being unafraid?
12. What does it feel like to be hungry? Should anyone have to feel that way for more than a few hours?



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14. Are the insects kind to James? Is it more important that they are kind or that bugs are kind of gross? His aunts are people like him, but are they better for him or are the insects better?
15. Do the insects and James work well together as a team? If they didn't use teamwork, would they be able to do the things they need to do to survive?
16. Have you ever had a nightmare? How does it feel? Does the scared feeling stay in the dream, or does it spread a little bit into waking time?
17. Have you ever been lost before? How does it feel?
18. Why did the Centipede jump in the water? Why did James and the Spider go after him? Were they doing it for themselves or for the group?
19. Is it more important to worry only about yourself or should you think about everyone in the group and what's best for the most people?
20. If they had let the Centipede go alone, would he have been okay? Is it important to make sure your friends are safe, especially if they're in a dangerous situation? Do you have to go with them yourself, or is it okay to ask an adult for help?
21. Are the insects really his family? Can you choose people to become your family? Can good friends feel like they'll be there for you forever, like family?
22. How do you think they all felt when they saw New York? How do you think they felt when the cloud men appeared to stop them?
23. James' biggest fear is the rhino, and he sees it in the sky? How do you think he felt? What's your biggest fear? Have you ever had to face it? How did you feel? When we are afraid, is that the best time to be brave? Can you be brave without also feeling some fear? Was James brave? Have you ever been brave?
24. How do you think James felt when the insect and the seagulls were all gone and he was alone? How does it feel to be all alone?
25. How do you think James felt when the people cheered? How did he feel when he saw his aunts? Are his aunts good people?
26. How do you think he felt when his friends reappeared? Have you ever felt like you were being rescued?
27. How do you think James felt to see the peach get eaten? How about when he got to keep living with his friends, his family, the insects? With family, is your relationship or kindness and understanding the most important?

