

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Wisteria Jane

Do you think Wisteria Jane likes Ella? Why do you think that?

What does Wisteria Jane do in the story that upsets Ella? Why does Wisteria do it?

How does Ella feel in the story? Why do you think that?

Do people always share the same feelings as you?

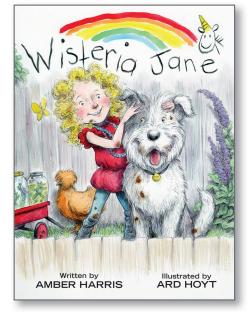
How would you feel if someone called you a name? What should you do?

Have you ever said something that hurt another person's feelings? What happened?

What do you say or do when you feel bad about something?

What do you think it means to "think twice"?

When are some times when you might practice thinking twice?





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Say hello to the mostly sweet, but sometimes sour, Wisteria Jane Hummell. Named after her mother's favorite flower, spunky Wisteria Jane sees the world in her own special way. She tells her friends that her favorite color is "rainbow." She loves jumping in mud puddles and she desperately wants a pet unicorn. Wisteria Jane's days are filled with adventures, giggles, bumps, bruises, and some important life lessons.

In her first adventure, Wisteria Jane learns how to be a thoughtful friend as she hones the skill of being honest without adding the "not-so-nice" truths she is so tempted to share. Through Wisteria Jane's experiences, children learn important lessons about honesty, friendship, and people's feelings.

Age focus: 3-8

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