

Sometimes Grandpa Calls Me Herman by Michelle Olson

Read Aloud-Questions

Before reading the book, ask, "What do you notice about the cover? What do you think this book is about?"

Read pages 2-3:

Look at the pictures in Freddy and Norman's photo album. Can you identify some images from the other Norman books?

Read pages 4-11

How do you think Norman felt when Grandpa called him by the wrong name?

Have you ever forgotten someone's name or something important? How did you feel?

Read pages 12-25

What do the photographs and treasures tell Norman about Grandpa's life?

How do you think Grandpa feels when he is alone?

How do you think Norman feels when Grandpa says he misses his friend Herman?

Read pages 26-32

What does Norman do to make Grandpa feel more connected?

At the beginning of the story, Norman sees Grandpa one way. At the end, he sees him differently. What changed?

What do you think Norman would have missed if he had never taken the time to get to know Grandpa Henry?

Why is it important to be patient with someone who forgets things?

What is something you enjoy doing with a grandparent or older family member?

What can children teach adults? What can adults teach children?

What is one thing you could do this week to make a family member feel special?

Have the children interview a grandparent. Have them ask:

- What was your favorite toy when you were little?
- What games did you play?
- What was your favorite subject in school?
- What was your favorite food?
- What did you like to do for fun?
- What was your first job?
- What was your favorite family tradition?
- What is one thing you remember about your grandparents?
- What is a story from your childhood that you would like me to remember?

Print out copies of the *Grandparent BINGO* and *Photo Album Scavenger Hunt* activities for children to do with their grandparents.