

DISCUSSION

LESSON 9

NAME _____



After reading chapters 1-3 of *Garden State Adventure*, discuss the following questions.



Chapter

1

- What does guilty mean?
- How does Joey Grapes use “guilt”?
- How does Nicky use “guilt”? Have you ever used guilt to get something?
- What advice does Joey Grapes give to Nicky? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Have you ever given advice to someone? What for? How did you feel?
- Nicky says that his mom gave him the “you don’t have a chance smile”. What does that mean?
- Can you think of some other kinds of “smiles” that people can give? Can you demonstrate?

Chapter

2

- What is a “runt meeting” and why does Joey say it is a good idea?
- What is a “talking-to-a-baby” voice? Can you imitate that kind of a voice?
- How does Nicky finally get all of his siblings to meet in his room?
- What does Nicky suggest that his siblings do to convince Mom and Dad that the family should go to Florida for a vacation this summer?
- Have you ever tried to convince or persuade someone of a place that you wanted to go to? Explain how you did that.
- What does the saying mean, “it was in the bag”?
- How does Nicky use that saying at the end of the chapter and what does he mean by that?

Chapter

3

- What do Timmy, Maggie, and Emma do to promote the trip to Florida?
- What is Mom and Dad’s reaction to the Florida vacation idea?
- Will the Abruzzi family go to Florida this summer?
- What are their plans instead?
- How does Nicky feel about his parents’ vacation plans?
- Have you ever had your hopes on one vacation but then find out that you are not going there? How did you feel?
- Where would you go on vacation if you could go anywhere in the world? Why?