

Discussion Questions for Lost on the Trail

These questions are designed to enhance your group's discussion of *Lost on the Trail* by Isabella Alden.

1. When Weewona finally left the cabin and went down the mountain into town, she discovered many new and frightening things. Even a ride on Mr. Best's milk cart was astonishing to her because she had never seen a horse before. If you were in the same position and suddenly found yourself in the middle of one of today's modern towns, what would surprise you most? What modern marvel do you think might frighten you?
2. Weewona sought direction in her life by trying to discover the meaning behind the words of a hymn about "the sunset gate." Do you have any songs or Bible verses that are special in your life? Which ones? Why are they meaningful to you?
3. When Kendall Fletcher saw Weewona's gold coins, he took advantage of her innocence and convinced her to lend him money. At the time, he knew it was the wrong thing to do, but he did it anyway. What does that tell you about Kendall's character?
4. Despite the fact that Weewona longed to learn about Christ and the Bible, the people in her life—including those who professed to be Christians—failed to tell her about God's plan for salvation. When considering the people in your life, do you think it's possible someone you know wants to learn about Jesus, but doesn't know how to start the conversation? What do you think is the best way to open a conversation with someone to find out if he or she has questions about Jesus, the Bible, or Christian faith?
5. During the course of the story, different men showed an interest in Weewona: Jack Leeson, the most stylish boy in town; Mr. Selling, who taught Bible literature at the college; and Lance Averill, who tried to kiss Weewona on the porch when she was locked out of the house. How would you characterize each man? How were they different? How were they the same? Which man, if any, was deserving of Weewona's affection?
6. Which character did you like the most? Explain why you liked the character.

7. What character did you like least? What actions did that character take to make him or her so unlikable?

8. What message do you think the author was trying to convey with this story? Explain how that message impacted you and what you think it means for your life.

Add your own questions here:

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