



# Family Resiliency Reading Guide THE HIDING PLACE

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After reading *The Hiding Place* with your child, use this reading guide to continue the conversation around resiliency at home. In this guide, you will find a description of how this book relates to resiliency characteristics, literacy tips and sample conversation starters for you and your child.

## SYNOPSIS

*The Hiding Place* follows the life of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch watchmaker who became a hero during World War II (WWII). Corrie ten Boom and her family risked their lives to help Jewish people escape from the Nazis. Corrie ten Boom, her sister and her father were eventually captured. While in concentration camps, they all faced deplorable conditions and treatment. Corrie ten Boom was the only member of her family to survive. In this book, she shares her story of how faith ultimately wins over evil.

## LESSONS IN RESILIENCY

- ▶ During the Holocaust, Corrie ten Boom's family exhibited characteristics of **critical thinking** and **problem solving**. Corrie ten Boom's family understood the need to help Jewish people who were persecuted during WWII, so they decided to hide Jewish people in their home. The family also ran a secret underground organization to keep Jewish people safe. The family's resourcefulness enabled them to protect countless Jewish people from persecution.
- ▶ Corrie ten Boom was imprisoned and treated inhumanely. Throughout these hardships, she never lost sight of the goal – to keep her faith and protect as many Jewish people as possible. This determination gave her the strength to persevere through the worst situations imaginable. The story of her life is an example of true strength and determination in the face of adversity.

## RESILIENCY CHARACTERISTIC



### Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Gathering information to think through and determine the best solution.

## RESILIENCY CONVERSATION STARTERS:



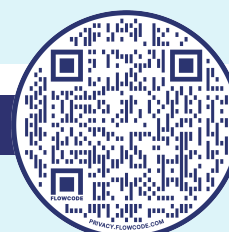
When Nazis raided Corrie ten Boom's family home and arrested her family for hiding Jewish people, Corrie faced the uncertainty of her future with unwavering faith. Even when the circumstances were dire, she was still able to **think critically** and survive. Ask your child to describe a time when he or she felt the odds were stacked against him or her. What was the challenge or problem? Discuss **critical thinking** and **problem solving** strategies, such as gathering information that can be used when determining the best solution.



Corrie ten Boom's family **thought critically** about the problems they were facing. Have your child use examples from the text that showcase **critical thinking** and **problem solving**. Discuss lessons that can be learned from the family's challenges and successes.

## LITERACY TIP

Create a quiet and comfortable space at home where your child can read without distractions. Take trips to libraries and bookstores together. Allow your child to explore a variety of books that you can read together. Many libraries also offer events, book clubs and resources for students of all ages.



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