



Boone: The Forgotten

Lauren H. Brandenburg

What does it mean to be forgotten? Do you ever feel forgotten? How would you know if someone close to you is feeling forgotten? What could you do to help them not feel this way? **ACTIVITY:** Make cards or crafts for an orphanage, nursing home or veteran's hospital.

Instead of telling the little observer how to pick the squash, Boone shows her how to do it. Why do you think it was better to show her? Is there a time when telling is a better option than showing? How can you apply this to your faith? **ACTIVITY:** Teach someone in your family how to do something new. First try telling them, then try showing them. Which way worked the best for you? (Be creative! Allow your children to teach you how to play a video game, build a Lego set, or create a craft).

Boone begins to feel a strange attachment to the melted beeswax candle. Why do you think he feels this way? Why does he get angry when he thinks someone else has it? What kind of things do people hold on to? Is this good or bad? **ACTIVITY:** Learn how candles are made and then make your own.

The lost are collectors of "stuff", which they proudly wear around their necks. Discuss what you consider unnecessary "stuff" in your life. You may also want to discuss the word "burden" and how it pertains to the burdens we carry. How can you "lighten" your load? **ACTIVITY:** Collect items around your home that can be donated to a charity or non-profit group of your choosing.

What does it mean to be "lost" (physically and/or spiritually)? Who do you think the lost are in our world? Do you think you are more like the lost, or the people of the garden? Why? What could you do to help others who are lost? **ACTIVITY:** Map the Mishpachah – draw a map of the Mishpachah (if you did this after the first book you may want to add to it by labeling the Binders and the Cavern of the Lost.)

Cora tries to wear her fork bracelet out of the cave. Was this wrong, or no big deal? Why or why not? What happened as a result of her decision? Would the ending have changed had she left it behind? **ACTIVITY:** Research how to make a bracelet using an old fork.

Additional Topics of Research: Book Binding, Sailing, Underground Rivers, Natural Medicine (chamomile, Echinacea, honey, etc.), Gardening.

Thank you for choosing *Boone: The Forgotten*! For more information on *The Books of the Gardener*, visit www.LaurenHBrandenburg.com
or www.facebook.com/LHBrandenburg