

Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand

Discussion Question (3rd – 5th Grade)

A note to teachers: “Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand” is based on the true story of Alexandra “Alex” Scott, who set out to raise money toward finding a cure for all kids who had cancer like she did. At age 4, she hosted her first lemonade stand in her front yard. Her efforts of holding a lemonade stand inspired others to do the same. This led to \$1 million being raised by the time she passed away at the age of 8. Since that time, Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation has continued to support Alex’s dream of raising money to find a cure for all childhood cancers.



**Alex Scott,
Our Founder**

Before Reading

- Connect: Can you think of a time when you helped someone? What did you do? How did it make you feel?
- Synthesize: Do you think that children are capable of making the same difference that adults can make?

During Reading

- Discuss: Why do you think Alex decided to have a lemonade stand rather than ask people to donate? (p.8)
- Define: What does it mean to be an “inspiration”? (p.13)
- Define: What is a “cure”? Why did Alex want to find one? (p.20)
- Discuss: Why do you think some of the children in the picture have no hair? (p.24)

After Reading

- Justify: On the first page, Alex’s parents describe her as being brave. Do you agree? Explain.
- Synthesize: What does the last line of the story mean when it says “When life gives you lemons, just make lemonade”? How did Alex apply this motto to her life?
- Connect: What can you do to help sick kids like Alex did?



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