



## Daily Schedule for Book 3: Andrea Carter and the Family Secret

\*Indicates an optional activity found in the Circle C Adventures lapbook.

(Lapbook activities can be skipped or purchased at [www.CircleCAdventures.com](http://www.CircleCAdventures.com))

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<i>Family Secret</i>	Chapters 1-2	Chapters 3-4	— — — — —	— — — — —
Literature Guide	Page 57 #1-6	Page 57 #7-14	* Lapbook activity chapters 1-3 (+ cover)	Pages 58-59
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<i>Family Secret</i>	— — — — —	Chapter 5	Chapters 6-7	— — — — —
Literature Guide	Pages 60-61	Page 62	Page 63 #1-5	* 1st lapbook activity for chapters 4-6
	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12
<i>Family Secret</i>	— — — — —	Chapters 8-9	— — — — —	— — — — —
Literature Guide	* 2nd lapbook activity for chapters 4-6	Page 63 #6-13	* Lapbook activities (2) for chapters 7-9	Pages 64-65
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<i>Family Secret</i>	— — — — —	Chapters 10-11	Chapter 12	— — — — —
Literature Guide	Pages 66-67	— — — — —	Page 69 #1-9	* Lapbook activity for chapters 10-12
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<i>Family Secret</i>	Chapters 13-14	— — — — —	— — — — —	Chapter 15
Literature Guide	Page 69 #10-17	Pages 70-71	Pages 72-73	Page 74
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<i>Family Secret</i>	— — — — —	Chapter 16	Chapters 17-18	Chapter 19
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<i>Family Secret</i>	— — — — —	— — — — —	— — — — —	
Literature Guide	* Lapbook activity for chapters 16-19	Pages 76-77	Pages 78-79	

## Family Secret Chapters 1-4

Show how well you understand the story by answering the questions below.

### **Chapters 1-2**

1. Finding a dead man is not a situation Andi usually finds herself in. Circle the kinds of trouble Andi is better acquainted with.  
roping calves without permission • breaking a window playing baseball  
trying to gentle an unbroken stallion • running her schoolmaster down  
getting lost up in the foothills • interrupting her brother during important meetings
2. The “dead” man is actually alive. What is his name? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whom does Cory think Andi should tell about this stranger? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When Andi insists she might be entertaining “an angel unawares,” what verse is she referring to? (Look up all three references to find the answer.)  
A. Hebrews 11:1                      B. Hebrews 12:6                      C. Hebrews 13:2
5. Who is the Circle C ranch’s longtime foreman? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Andi is worried that \_\_\_\_\_ has come for a surprise visit.

### **Chapters 3-4**

7. Before Andi reaches her room, three of her siblings take her by surprise. Each one acts out of character. Match the character with his or her strange behavior toward Andi.  
Chad                      • This sibling bosses her.  
Mitch                     • This sibling apologizes to her.  
Melinda                  • This sibling spins her around then runs down the stairs.
8. What is the mysterious visitor’s name? \_\_\_\_\_
9. True or false? Katherine resembles Melinda, who is blond and blue-eyed.
10. Why does Andi feel betrayed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Andi desperately wants to find out what is going on, but everybody is too busy. Who is the one brother who always takes time to listen to her? \_\_\_\_\_
12. True or false? Andi asks permission to ride Taffy into town.
13. What is the name of Justin’s grumpy clerical assistant? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What does he say Andi needs in order to see her brother? \_\_\_\_\_



## Digging Deeper

Andi and her friends find an injured man while out riding. Cory and Rosa think Andi should tell her family, but Andi decides to keep the stranger's presence a secret—just until he's well. How might the story have turned out differently if Andi had heeded Proverbs 12:15 and listened to counsel? Discuss orally and write your answer.

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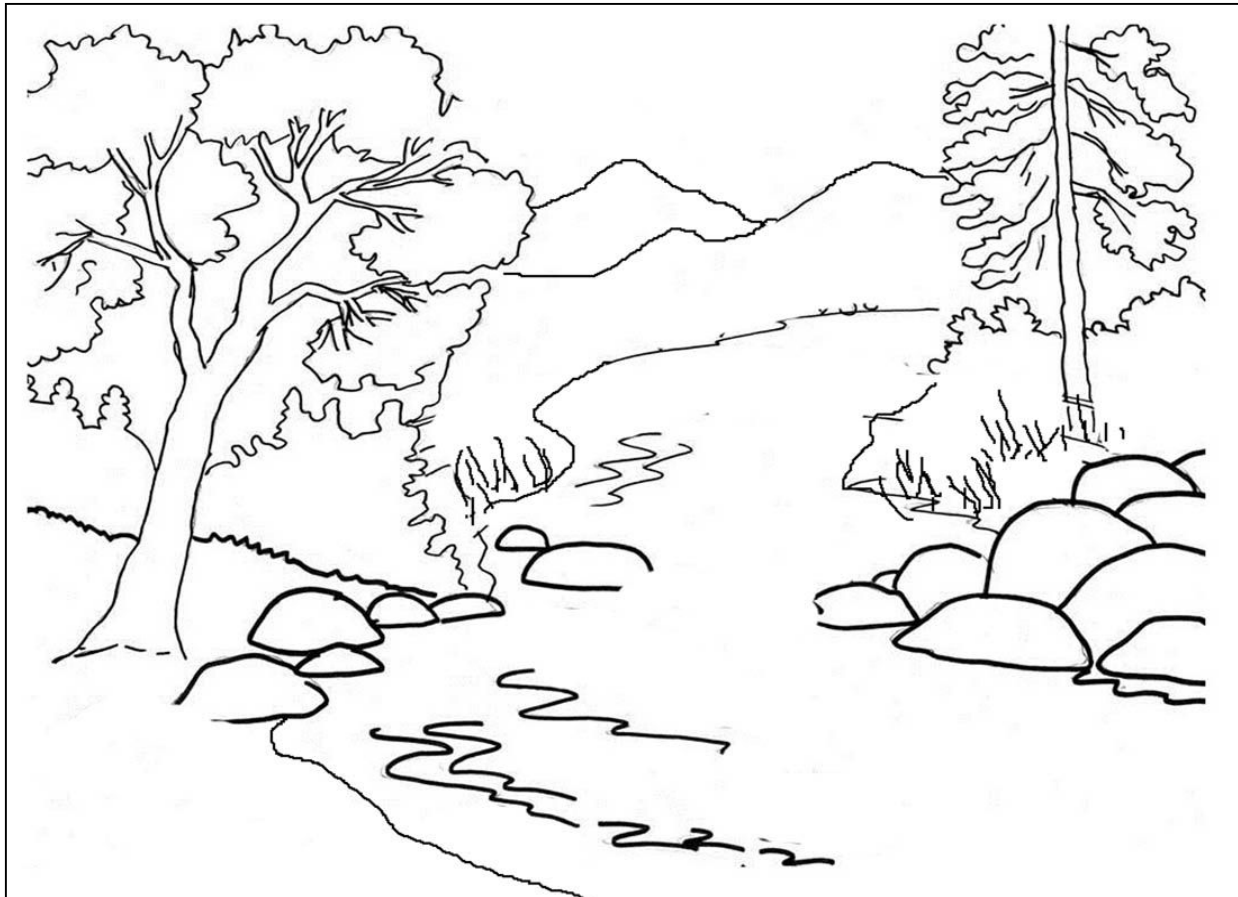
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## Just for Fun

Here is Andi's special spot. Draw the man lying in the muddy trickle of the creek. Add Andi, Cory, and Rosa if you would like to and then color the scene.



## Family Secret: Vocabulary Chapters 1–4

Match the underlined words with their meanings. Page numbers are given where the word is first used.

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|---|--|
| _____ 1. to <u>clamber</u> (p.10)         | A. to be in a very upset condition             |
| _____ 2. <u>grub</u> (p.14)               | B. a commotion; an uproar                      |
| _____ 3. a <u>gelding</u> (p.14)          | C. excited; flighty                            |
| _____ 4. to create a <u>ruckus</u> (p.15) | D. to scramble; to climb                       |
| _____ 5. to <u>mimic</u> (p.20)           | E. a close friend who listens and gives advice |
| _____ 6. all in a <u>dither</u> (p.25)    | F. food  |
| _____ 7. to be <u>giddy</u> (p.26)        | G. to be deceived                              |
| _____ 8. to feel <u>betrayed</u> (p.29)   | H. to imitate or copy                          |
| _____ 9. her <u>confidant</u> (p.31)      | I. a male horse who cannot father a foal       |
| _____ 10. a <u>reflection</u> (p.32)      | J. a thought; a musing                         |

## Characters: Friends Old and New

The first four chapters of *Family Secret* are chock-full of characters—old friends (if you’ve read the other books) and new. Can you sort them all out? Write the names of as many characters you can remember under the correct labels. (You may look in the book.)

Andi’s mother	Andi’s brothers	Andi’s sisters	Andi’s nieces & nephew	Andi’s friends (& others)
Andi’s horse				

## Family Secret: The History of Canning

When Andi bursts into the house, she finds the kitchen filled with apples, sugar, and canning jars. Mother, Nila, and Luisa have been busy canning (preserving) the sweet applesauce that is made from the apples.



During the time Andi lived (1880s), families were beginning to benefit from new inventions like the telegraph and the harvester. However, there were many things we take for granted today that Andi did not have. The refrigerator had not yet been invented. Instead, her family used an ice box to store foods that spoil, like milk and meat. A large block of ice was kept in an insulated cabinet. A spring house or a cool cellar stored butter, cheese, and vegetables. Food was also stored by either drying (like beef jerky) or salting the meat to keep it from spoiling. In cold climates (not California), meat could be hung frozen in an outdoor building during the winter.

People knew how to preserve foods to keep themselves from getting sick, but they did not understand *why* it worked. No one knew much about bacteria—the microscopic organisms that spoil food and make people ill.

In 1860, John Mason invented a glass jar with a seal and a reusable metal lid. It became known as the Mason jar. In 1873, a lady named Amanda Jones thought more about the canning process. She wanted to find a way to remove the air that sometimes got trapped in the jars, which caused the food to spoil. She filled the extra spaces with juice. This added more flavor, kept the nutrition intact, and kept bacteria from growing from lack of oxygen (no air).

People had to boil things for a long time in order to kill the germs and keep the food inside the jar from spoiling. Imagine doing that on a wood cookstove in August in California. Hot does not even begin to describe an 1800s kitchen during a busy canning season.

Think about the canning process. Can you put the steps for canning applesauce in order (1 to 8) from start to finish? The first step and the last step have been done for you.

8 Carefully lift the hot jars from the boiling water bath and set aside to cool.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cap the jars with hot, clean lids and rings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Squish the apples and add sugar to taste.

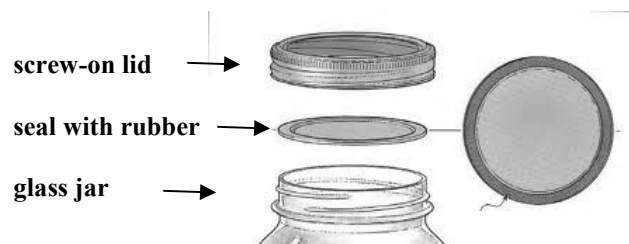
\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure the jars are clean and hot.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ladle the applesauce into the hot jars.

1 Peel, core, and quarter the apples. Add a little water and cook until soft.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gently lower the filled jars into a big canner of hot water that covers the tops.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bring the water to a boil, and then boil for thirty minutes.



## Just for Fun: Make Applesauce

Andi happens upon an afternoon of applesauce making, and she probably wishes she'd never come home from the creek. Apples in California are harvested from mid-August through October depending on the variety, so Andi had already had her hand in helping with some of the earlier apple harvesting that summer.



Applesauce is an easy treat to make at home. Applesauce you make yourself tastes a lot better than applesauce you buy in a jar at the supermarket. You will need parental supervision for this activity, however, because it involves the stove and boiling apples.



### Homemade Applesauce

**Warning:** *Boiling apples are hot and sometimes “pop” out at you, so be on your guard while making this recipe.*

This recipe makes chunky applesauce, the kind you can make without a fancy food mill (which turns the apples into the consistency of baby food).

- 3 to 4 pounds of peeled, cored, and quartered apples. Choose a good cooking apple like Gravenstein, Granny Smith, Jonathan, or McIntosh.
- 1 small cinnamon stick
- 1 tablespoon of lemon juice (It helps bring out the flavor of the apples.)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons to 1/4 cup white sugar to taste
- 1 cup water

Put all the ingredients together in a large, heavy pot. Bring to a boil, stirring when necessary to keep from burning. Reduce heat and cover. Simmer 15 to 20 minutes or until apples are soft. Stir often. Remove from heat, take out the cinnamon stick, and mash everything with a potato masher.

Serve warm or chilled. Homemade applesauce keeps up to a week in the refrigerator and up to a year in the freezer.



## Family Secret: Angels Unawares

In chapter 2, Cory doubts that T.J. Silver can be trusted. He shares his concerns with Andi, who doesn't agree. She believes the man is a poor drifter down on his luck. She even goes so far as to say, "The Bible says we're supposed to help strangers in need 'cause we might be entertaining an angel unawares."

1. Look up Hebrews 13:2 and write out the verse to which Andi is referring. \_\_\_\_\_

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It's not certain, but it's possible the writer of Hebrews is referring to the account in Genesis 18, when Abraham invited three travelers into his tent. He washed their feet, served them food, and showed hospitality. It is likely that Abraham did not recognize these visitors as angels until the Lord started having a heart-to-heart talk with him about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Clearly, angels can be given human form if God so chooses.

So, what sort of beings are angels? Are they flesh and blood like people? Do they really have wings and fly around in the clouds? Are they spirits? Let's see what the Bible says.

2. Find Hebrews 1:14. Circle the correct answer. Angels are *physical* • *spirit* beings.

3. Revelation 5:11 gives you an idea of how many angels there might be. Write it here.

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4. Angels have names. Look up Jude 1:9 to find one name. \_\_\_\_\_

Read Luke 1:26 to find the name of another angel. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Angels are mighty warriors. They stood ready to rescue Jesus when He was about to be crucified. I bet their swords were up, and they were itching to save their King. Find Matthew 26:53. How many legions of angels does Jesus refer to? \_\_\_\_\_

A legion was about 6,000 men. How many angels stood ready? (Multiply the number in a legion by how many legions Jesus referred to.) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Angels glorify and praise God day and night. It is their reason for being. However, God has also given them another job. Find Hebrews 1:14 again. According to this verse, what other purpose do angels serve? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Family Secret Chapters 5-9

Show how well you understand the story by answering the questions below.

### **Chapters 5-7**

1. What does Andi say that shocks Justin? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Andi asks Justin why he thinks Katherine has returned to the Circle C, but he doesn't know. The family finds out at supper that night. Why has she returned?
  - A. to stir up trouble for the family
  - B. to find a safe place for her children
  - C. to find a job in Fresno and start a new life
3. At the end of chapter 6, when Justin says, "Bring the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry," he is quoting from . . .
  - A. the story of the Good Samaritan.
  - B. the story of the Lost Sheep.
  - C. the story of the Prodigal Son.
4. What is the name of the horse Mitch gave Levi? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Andi and Levi don't get along very well. But there is something they both like to do. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapters 8-9**

6. Who wins the horse race?
  - A. Andi
  - B. Levi
  - C. They tie
7. What does Betsy do that irritates Andi and nearly gets her injured? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. How does Chad show that he cares for Andi and feels badly for her? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Name some ways Hannah wrecks Andi's room. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What keeps Andi and Cory from getting into a big argument? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Andi and Cory break up a fight between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
12. What is the fight about (circle one)?   marbles   •   a stolen lunch   •   name-calling
13. True or false? Andi is worried that she will get in trouble because of Levi's fight.





## Digging Deeper

Andi is shocked to learn that she has an older sister. She feels betrayed because her family never told her, and she's embarrassed that her sister's past actions have given her family a bad name. Have any of your brothers or sisters ever done things that embarrassed you or your family? What happened? Were you able to get over it and move on? How? Discuss orally and write your answer.

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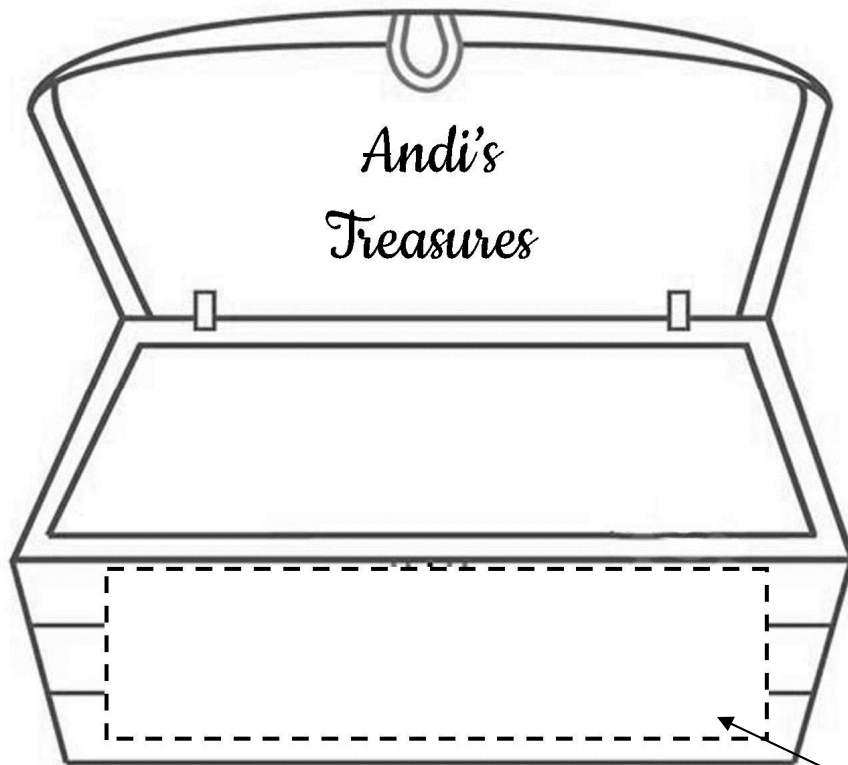
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## Just for Fun

Andi's treasure box is full of special mementoes. Look on page 65 of *Family Secret* to see what they are. Draw them in and around Andi's treasure box. Then color the picture. List a few of your own special treasures on the lines next to Andi's treasure box.



*My Treasures*

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Draw more treasures inside!

## Family Secret: Vocabulary Chapters 5–9

Circle the correct meaning of the underlined words in the sentences below.

1. Katherine's heart yearned for the excitement of the city.

*Yearned* means . . .      A. waited                      B. desired                      C. missed

2. Kate was too young to go gallivanting off to the city.

*Gallivanting* means . . .      A. wandering                      B. running away                      C. sneaking

3. Father didn't realize until too late that Kate's new attitude was a sham.

*Sham* means . . .      A. a cry for help                      B. a deception                      C. a mistake

4. Matthew Powers was an attorney in town and Justin's colleague.

*Colleague* means . . .      A. a partner                      B. a troublemaker                      C. an associate

5. "You can go with me another time," Andi relented.

*Relented* means . . .      A. promised                      B. gave in                      C. scolded

6. Andi suddenly felt like a scoundrel for making Hannah so unhappy.

*Scoundrel* means . . .      A. a sweetheart                      B. an adult                      C. a good-for-nothing

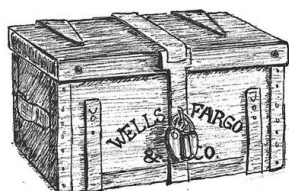
## Setting: Time and Place

*Family Secret* is set in a lot of different places: in the barn, around the dinner table, at school, at the creek, etc. Looking back at chapters 1-9, place as many characters as you can remember into the different settings below. (Some spaces will not be used.)

<b>The creek (Chapter 1)</b>	<b>The parlor (Chapter 3)</b>	<b>Justin's office (Chapter 4)</b>	<b>The barn (Chapter 8)</b>	<b>The schoolyard (Chapter 9)</b>

## Family Secret: Stagecoach Robbers

Andi is not excited to learn that her new brother-in-law is a stagecoach robber. What is a stagecoach, and why would someone rob it? The picture to the right shows a typical stagecoach of the 1800s. They were the main means of traveling from place to place, especially before the railroads crisscrossed the country. Stagecoaches traveled specific routes, much like busses today, and followed timetables.



Stagecoach robbers (also known as highwaymen or road agents) were after the Wells Fargo strongbox each stage carried. This box contained gold and money and weighed 150 pounds or more. The bandits were also happy to relieve passengers of their valuables.

One of the places where stagecoaches were often robbed was along the route to the Yosemite Valley in the Sierra Nevada range. Yosemite National Park is in east-central California and is our nation's first national park. But in 1880, Yosemite was not a national park. It was a rugged, beautiful mountain region. It didn't take long for word to get around about the area's wild charm. The Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove (where the largest trees in the world—the giant sequoias—grow) became destinations for tourists.

In 1877, the new Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company began offering trips to Yosemite for \$45 round trip. This was an expensive trip if you consider the average person earned about a dollar a day. Only rich folks could afford these early trips. They boarded the stagecoach in Madera (twenty miles north of Fresno) and braved the narrow, steep, mountainous roads. Because the wealthy were on these stages, it didn't take robbers long to figure out they were easy targets.

The robbers held up the stage in the middle of nowhere and demanded the strongbox. They also took watches, rings, money, and even buttons.

You would think these reports about robberies would scare visitors away, but in an odd way they were looked on as romantic, especially by the ladies. While the male passengers were on the alert, prepared for some kind of terrible confrontation, the women took it differently. One lady asked, "Do you think they will rob us this trip?" "Oh, no, madam," came the stationmaster's reply. "There is no danger at all." "Oh," the lady said, downcast. "I do wish they would!"

The idea of a romantic encounter with a real live robber in the dark forests of a mountain road added excitement to the women's otherwise monotonous daily lives.

## Create a WANTED Poster

Troy may not be as famous a stagecoach robber as others were during his day, but he is still wanted by the law. Create a wanted poster for Troy. Include a drawing or photograph of Troy. Add his name, the amount of the reward, and what crime he has committed. Decide if he is wanted dead or alive. Peel a light-brown crayon and lightly color the poster. Cut it out, wrinkle it up, and then smooth it out. Now it looks old and authentic!





## Family Secret Chapters 10-14

Show how well you understand the story by answering the questions.

### **Chapters 10-12**

1. Why are Andi, Levi, and Betsy eavesdropping? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What does Andi do that surprises Mr. Powers? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where is Katherine planning to go?  
A. San Francisco      B. Fresno      C. Sacramento
4. Who does Levi splatter with his mud ball? \_\_\_\_\_
5. True or false? Andi has outgrown her fear of thunderstorms.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ crawls into bed with Andi at night and asks for a story.
7. Andi feels she has the right to know about T.J.'s past. He (circle one) agrees • disagrees.
8. What is the name of the pony that all of the Carter children rode? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What good news does Levi bring home from town? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapters 13-14**

10. List the characters who go on the afternoon ride up to the creek.  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Who is in charge? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Name the horses the kids ride:  
Andi and \_\_\_\_\_ ride \_\_\_\_\_  
Levi rides \_\_\_\_\_ Betsy rides \_\_\_\_\_
13. Circle the activities the children are involved in when they arrive at the creek.  
building little boats out of twigs to float down the creek • throwing rocks in the creek  
fishing • horse racing • building a campfire to stay warm
14. What is T.J.'s real name? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who is he? \_\_\_\_\_
16. True or false? Troy forces Andi to go along with him and the children.
17. What does Andi decide to do? \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Chapters 10–14

Match the underlined words with their meanings. Page numbers are given where the word is first used.

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| _____ 1. <u>employment</u> (p.83)                   | A. fastened on; staring                 |
| _____ 2. <u>scudded</u> across the sky (p.85)       | B. to be unaware of what is going on    |
| _____ 3. a <u>mellow</u> attitude (p.87)            | C. speeded; zoomed                      |
| _____ 4. <u>prattled</u> on and on (p.93)           | D. calm; laid-back                      |
| _____ 5. to be <u>oblivious</u> (p.94)              | E. went along with it                   |
| _____ 6. <u>complied</u> (p.95)                     | F. the part of the leg below the knee   |
| _____ 7. a gaze <u>riveted</u> on the water (p.101) | G. to talk unceasingly; to go on and on |
| _____ 8. the <u>shin</u> (p.104)                    | H. work; a job                          |

### Story Problems: Trouble for the Main Character

1. Trouble is what stories are all about. When you write a story, you first create a character readers like. Then you give that character plenty of trouble and a problem to solve. Andi has plenty of troubles in *Family Secret*, but can you figure out the one overshadowing problem Andi must face and solve?
  - A. She must figure out how to help the stranger she rescued from the creek.
  - B. She must learn how to deal with the new, unexpected sister who has showed up.
  - C. She must learn how to help Levi overcome his bad behavior.
2. The main problem covers the entire story, but there are a lot of smaller problems the character must deal with. List as many troubles you can think of that Andi must work on during this story as she solves her main problem.

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# Family Secret: Geography—Stagecoach Routes

On page 112 of *Family Secret*, Andi knows right where she is. “This road had once been part of an old stage line that stretched from **Stockton**, through **Millerton**, and down to **Visalia**, hugging the Sierra foothills for miles.” With a red pen or pencil, trace this stagecoach route on the map. Using the mileage key at the bottom of the map, determine how many miles this route was. Then find the number of miles for some other routes.

1. From Stockton to Visalia: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Visalia to Fort Tejon: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fresno to Fort Yuma (far south): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mariposa to Sacramento: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Yreka to Redding (far north): \_\_\_\_\_

If a stagecoach can travel 25 miles a day, determine how many days it will take to go between the following towns or forts. Use your miles from #1-5 above and divide by 25. You may use a calculator for this activity.

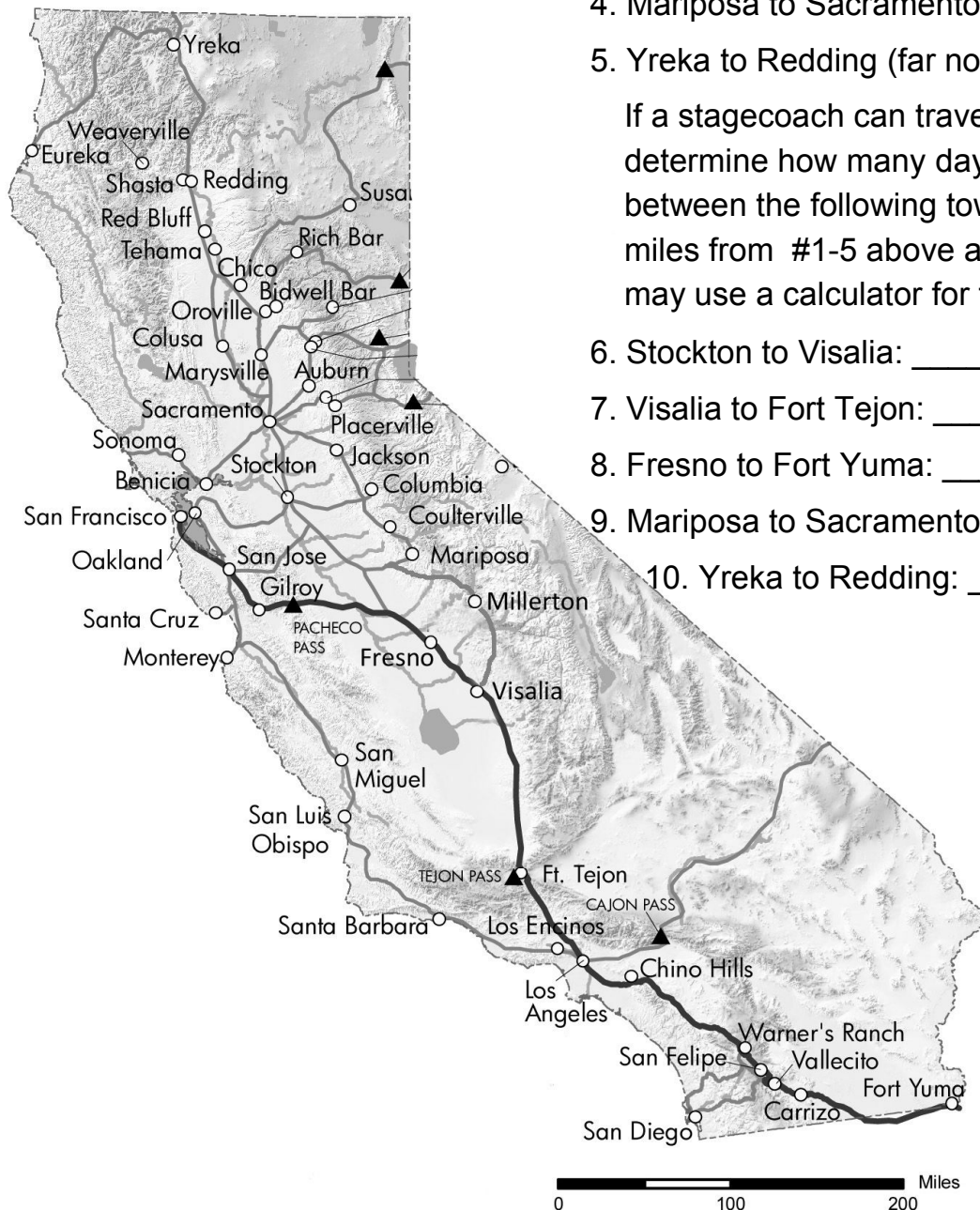
6. Stockton to Visalia: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Visalia to Fort Tejon: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Fresno to Fort Yuma: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Mariposa to Sacramento: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Yreka to Redding: \_\_\_\_\_





## Travel in the 1880s: Stagecoaches

Traveling by stagecoach was not a pleasant experience. The song below sounds funny, but it's a good description of the hardships involved when riding the stage. The coaches were sturdily built. They had to be in order to survive the different terrains. The most famous type of stagecoach was the Concord. It was built in Concord, New Hampshire, and came in three sizes for six, nine, or twelve passengers. In a pinch, the driver might squeeze twenty passengers inside. Six more passengers could be loaded on the roof. The brightly painted coach was pulled by a team of four or six perfectly matched horses.

What a sight they were! The stage usually roared into town at a mad gallop, the driver cracking his whip over his horses' heads. These drivers were looked up to. They reminded folks of Roman chariot drivers. Not many men could handle the six-horse team in the dark, through a blizzard, along narrow trails over the mountains, beside the edge of a ravine, or through a sandy desert.

California saw its share of famous, gutsy stagecoach drivers, but none was more famous than Charley Parkhurst. Charley was a capable driver and good with a gun if the need arose. The most amazing thing about this driver, however, was the discovery that was made after Charley's death. *He* was a *she*, Mary Parkhurst, who had run away from an orphanage at age twelve disguised as a boy and kept up her deception until she died. She drove stagecoaches during the gold rush, retired, ranched some, and then died in 1879.

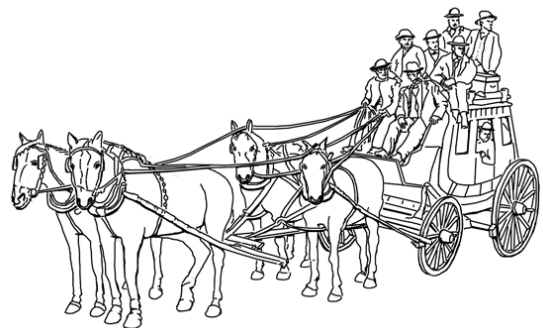
### Sung to the tune of "Goober Peas" (*without the chorus*)

Listen to the tune by copying this link: [www.susankmarlow.com/goober\\_peas.ogg](http://www.susankmarlow.com/goober_peas.ogg)

Creeping through the valley, crawling o'er the hill,  
Splashing through the branches, rumbling o'er the mill;  
Putting nervous gentlemen in a towering rage.  
What is so provoking as riding in a stage?

Spinsters fair and forty, maids in youthful charms,  
Suddenly are cast into their neighbors' arms;  
Children shoot like squirrels darting through a cage—  
Isn't it delightful, riding in a stage?

Feet are interlacing, heads severely bumped,  
Friend and foe together get their noses thumped;  
Dresses act as carpets—listen to the sage:  
"Life is but a journey taken in a stage."



Words to the song from *Six Horses* by  
Captain William Banning & George  
Hugh Banning, The Century Company,  
New York-London, 1928.

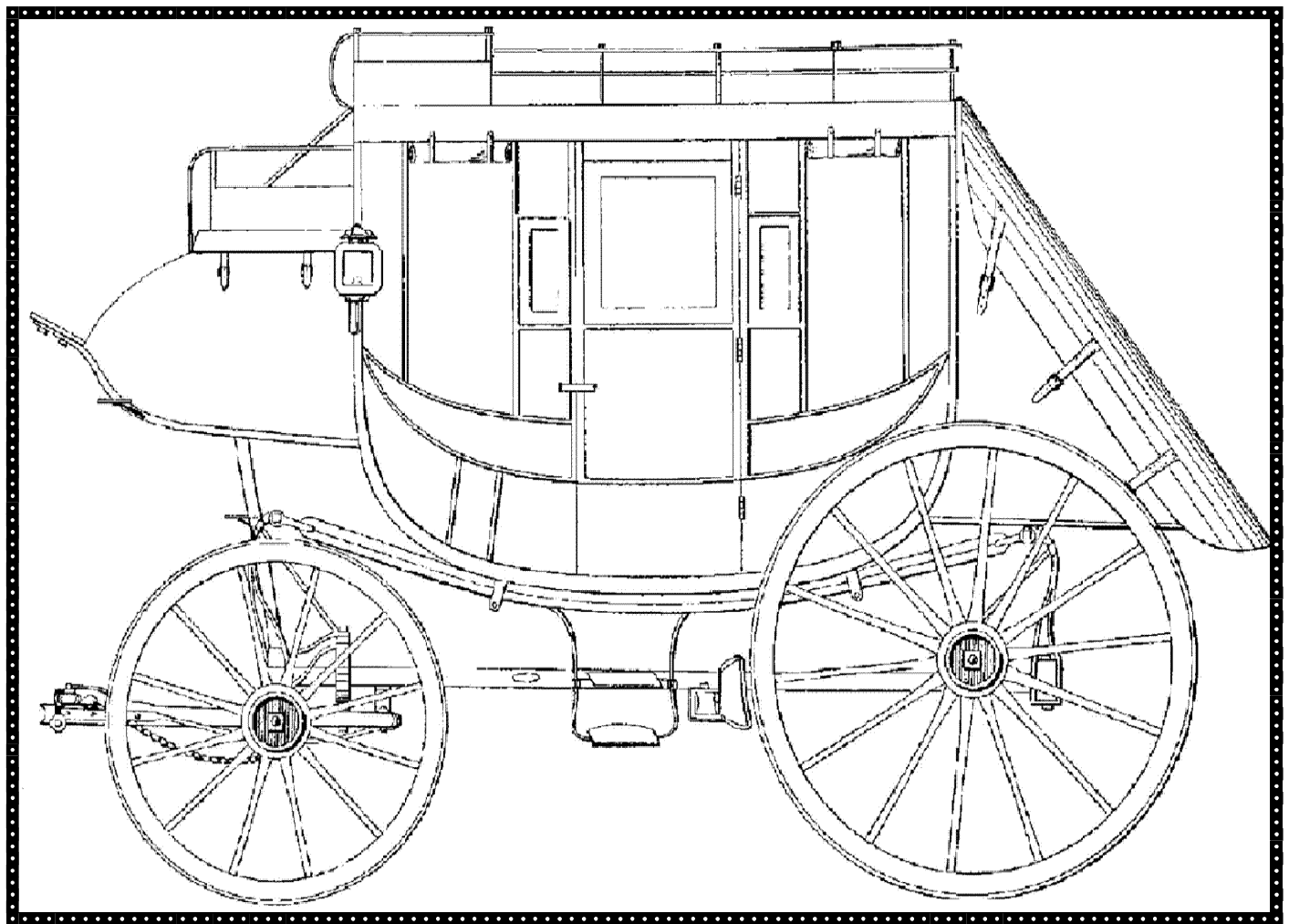
## Family Secret: Design a Stagecoach

The Concord was a custom-made stagecoach. Each one was made to order for the customer, who was paying between \$1,000 and \$1,500 for the brightly painted vehicle. Favorite customer colors included red, green, or yellow for the body, with yellow or red wheels, spokes, and running gear. The doors were painted with special nature scenes, and stripes and scroll designs were also applied. Wells Fargo was the Concord's biggest customer, although hotels bought stages to carry guests back and forth from the railroad station.

A Concord coach was tall and wide and individually numbered. Each weighed about 2,500 pounds. The big wheels had spokes long enough to get the stagecoach through muddy, rutted roads. Leather flaps could be lowered over the windows to keep out the dust, rain, or cold.

Use your imagination to color and design your own custom Concord stagecoach. If you would like to see full-color pictures Concord coaches, copy the link into your browser.

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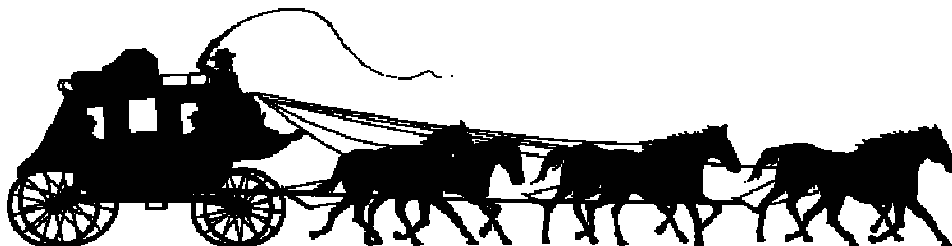
## Travel in the 1880s: Stagecoaches

Gather 'round, travelers! Next time you climb aboard a stagecoach, these travel tips might come in handy. Read the following instructions. Then circle the tips you found the most surprising, that made you say, "You've got to be kidding! They really did this?"

### Tips for the Stagecoach Traveler

("Making the Trip Bearable" from the *Omaha Herald* newspaper, 1877)

- The best seat inside the coach is the one next to the driver. You will get less than half the bumps and jars than on any other seat. If some "nice" gent offers you the middle or back seat, don't take it!
- When the driver asks you to get out and walk . . . do it. If the team runs away, sit tight and take your chances. If you jump out, you will get hurt.
- Don't growl at the food stations. The stage company provides the best they can get.
- Don't keep the stage waiting.
- Don't smoke a strong pipe inside, especially early in the morning. Spit on the leeward side (the side protected from the wind) of the stage. If you have anything in a bottle to take, pass it around.
- Don't swear.
- Don't lean over your neighbor when sleeping.
- Don't ask how far it is to the next station until you get there.
- *Never* attempt to fire a gun or pistol while on the road. It may frighten the horses. Also, the careless handling and cocking of the weapon make your fellow travelers nervous.
- Don't discuss religion or politics.
- Don't point out places on the road where horrible murders have been committed.
- Don't grease your hair before setting out. Dust will stick to it enough to make it look like a potato patch.
- Don't imagine for a moment that you are on a picnic. Expect annoyance, discomfort, and hardships.



## Family Secret Chapters 15-19

Show how well you understand the story by answering the questions below.

### **Chapters 15-16**

1. Talking out loud to Taffy always helps Andi to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why is Andi afraid that Troy may try to cross the San Joaquin River with the children?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What does Taffy do that shocks and dismays Andi? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. True or false? Troy is relieved that Andi is safe and sound and out of the weather.
5. Andi believes she has a job to do, and she is going to do it, come what may. What is it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why does Andi cut Troy's horse free? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapters 17-19**

7. Circle the problems Andi, Levi, Betsy, and Hannah face after they leave the shack.  
the moon goes behind a cloud • thunder and lightning • everybody is cold and wet  
the horse stumbles • Troy comes after them • coyotes start trailing the children  
they get stranded in the woods • they're tired • they're lost • they wake up sick
8. What does Levi hear in the distance? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How does Troy find the children's hiding place? \_\_\_\_\_
10. True or false? Troy shoves Andi into the flooding creek on purpose.
11. Why do you think Troy rescues Andi from drowning? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. The story doesn't say what happens to Troy after he left. The ending is open-ended.  
What do *you* think happens to Troy? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Digging Deeper

At the end of the book, Andi is sad when her sister Kate and the children leave for San Francisco. She decides it might not be so bad to visit the city after all—a real change from how she felt earlier. Can you think of a time when you felt one way about something and then changed your mind? What happened that made you change your mind? Were you glad you did? Discuss orally and write your answer.

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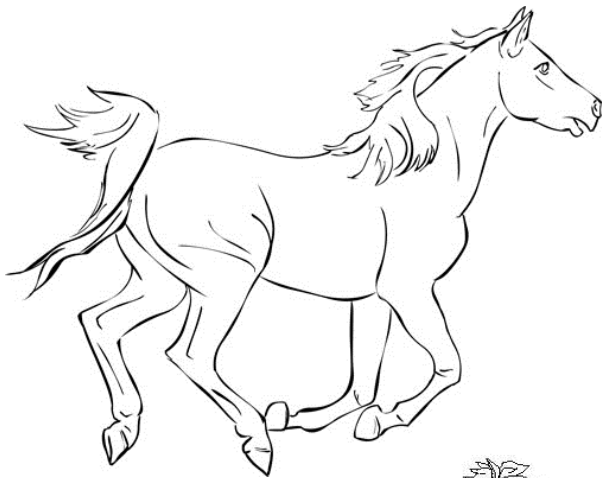
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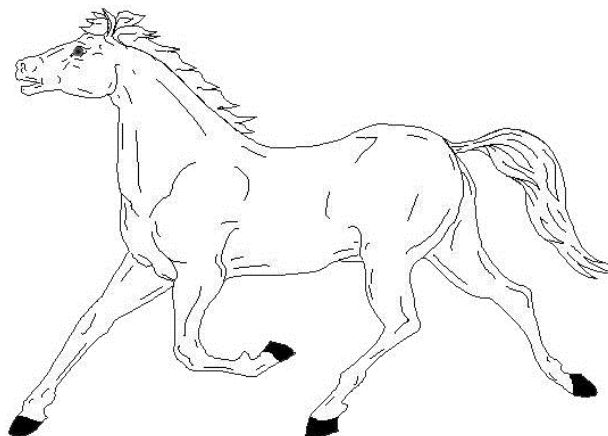
## Just for Fun

Color the three horses that star in this book: Taffy, Patches, and Coco. Don't forget to draw the pinto (paint) markings on Patches.



Taffy  
(palomino)

Coco  
(pony)



Patches  
(pinto/paint)

## Vocabulary Review: Double Puzzle

Use the clues to unscramble each of the vocabulary words from the previous sections. Then copy the letters in the numbered boxes into the boxes at the bottom of the page to find out the name of a character from *Family Secret*. (Use the word box for help.)

swindle	relent	clamber	giddy	yearn
grub	sham	ruckus	spinster	confidant

1. to scramble; to climb

**RELBAMC**

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2. food

**RUGB**

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3. a commotion

**RUSCUK**

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4. excited; flighty

**IYDGD**

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5. someone to ask advice from **FIACONDNT**

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6. to want very badly

**RYENA**

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15      12      16      2

7. an unmarried woman

**PIESNTRS**

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9      14

8. something fake

**HAMS**

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9. to cheat someone

**LEWDINS**

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3

10. to give in

**NELRET**

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Who Am I?

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7      8      9      10

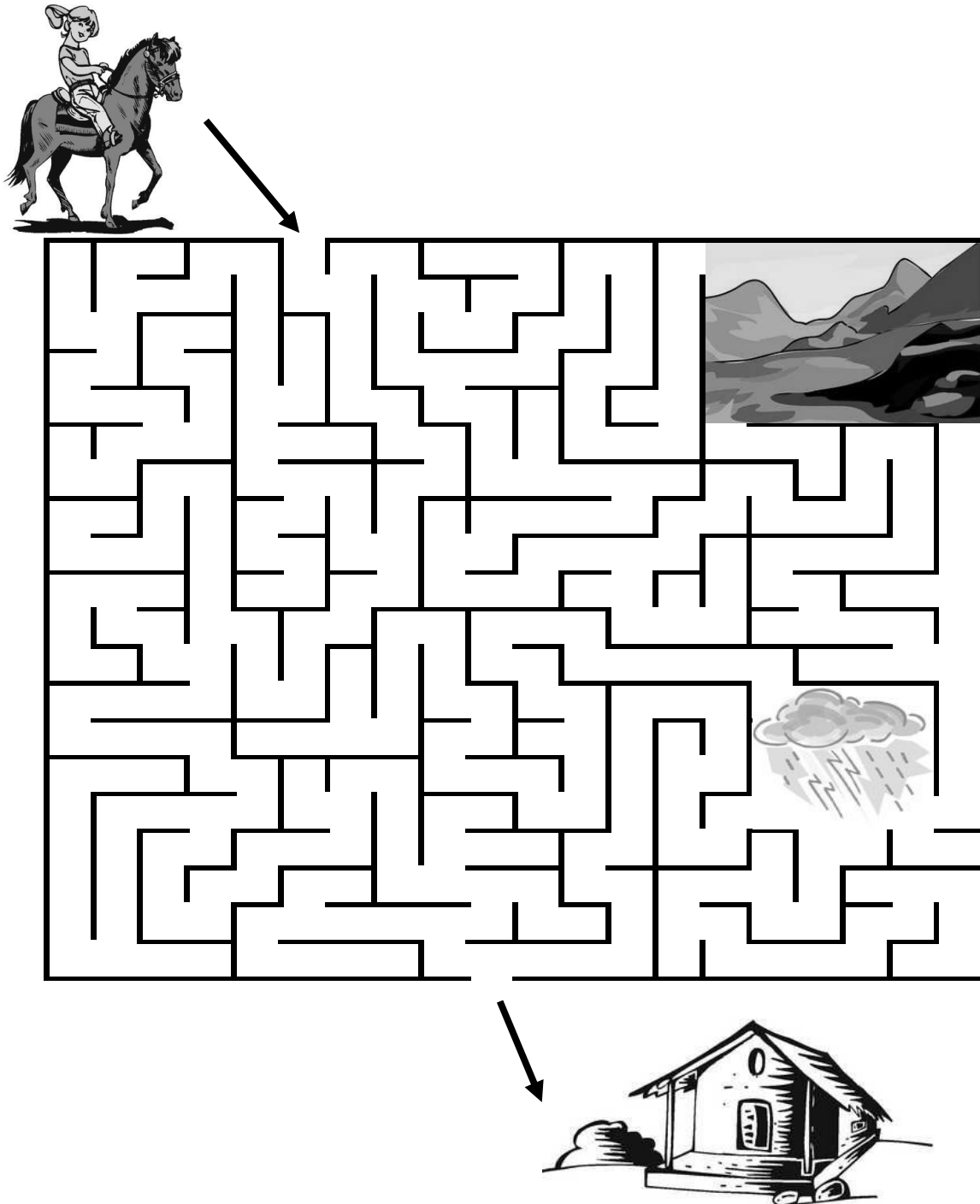
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11      12      13      14      15      16

## Help Andi Find Levi, Betsy, and Hannah

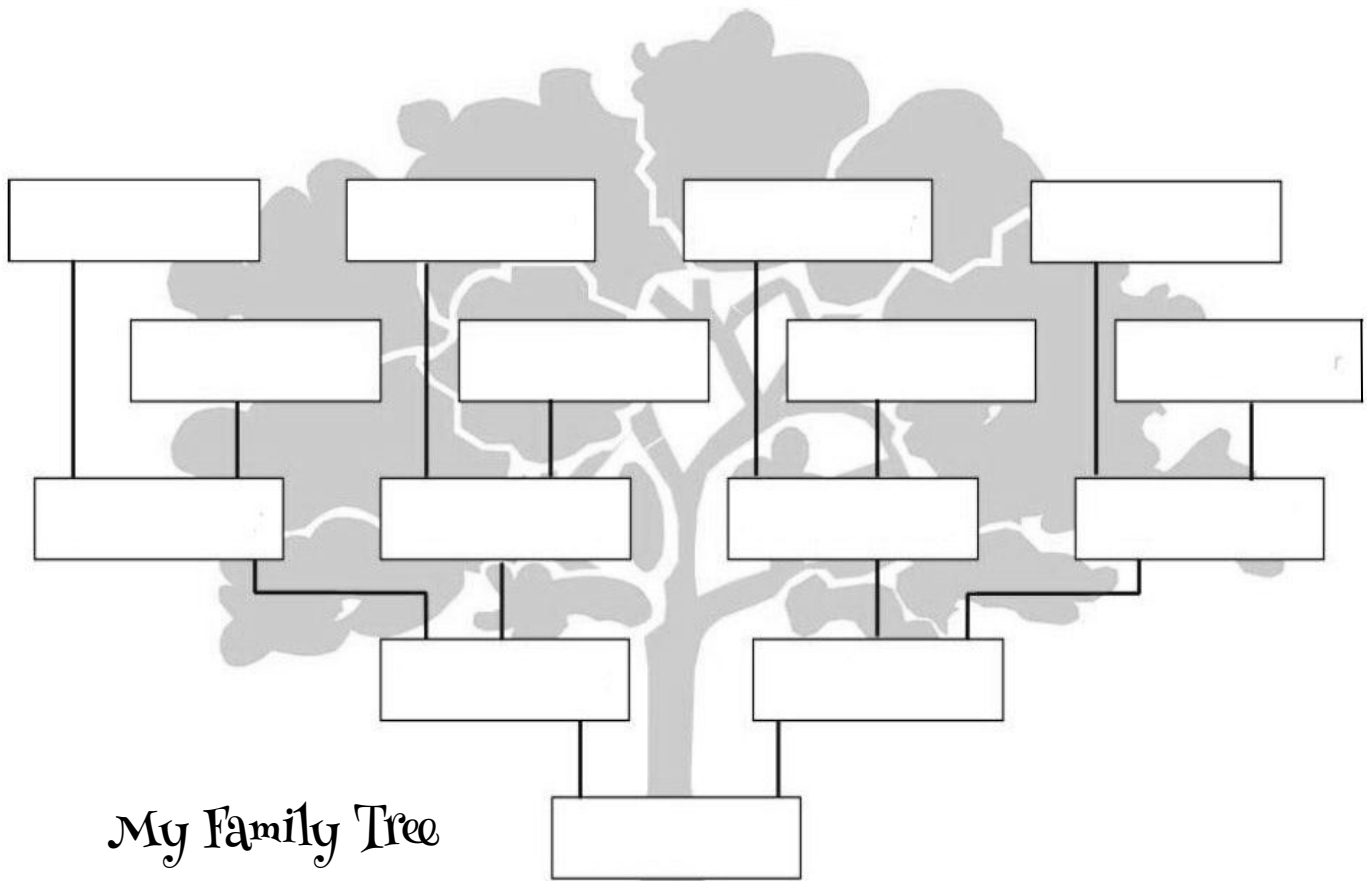
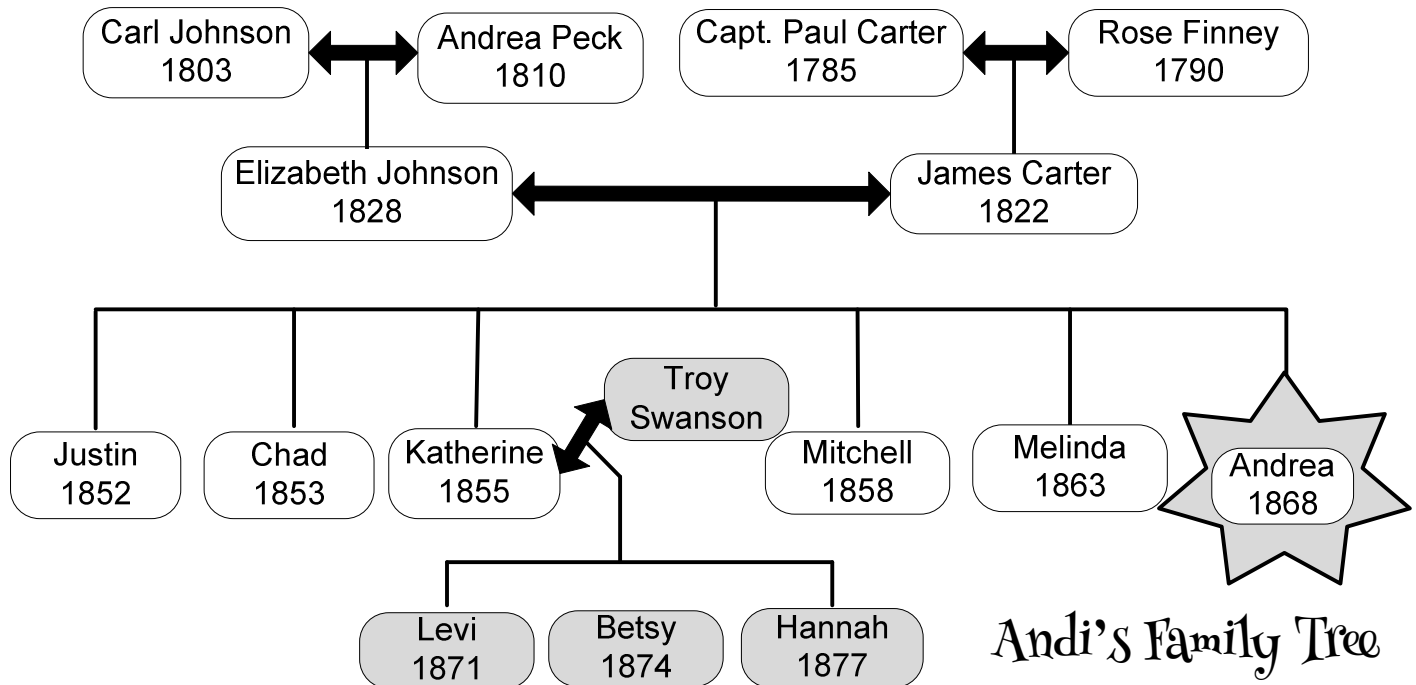
Troy took off with the kids and warned Andi not to follow him. But Justin put Andi in charge of looking after the three young children, and she knows she must do everything she can to make sure they are safe. So she decides to go after them, even though it looks like a storm is coming.

Help Andi track the kids through the maze of ground covering the Sierra foothills. Don't lose your way in the hills or get caught in a storm!



## Family Secret: Create a Family Tree

Family is important, as Andi discovers. She comes to love and accept her older sister and her children. Below is a portion of Andrea Carter's family tree. Below that is a simple family tree for you to fill out. Your name goes at the bottom, but it will not show your brothers and sisters like Andi's does. Have fun discovering your family's names!





# Answer Key: Family Secret – 1

## **Page 57: Chapters 1–4**

### **Chapters 1-2**

1. Breaking a window playing baseball; trying to gentle an unbroken stallion; running her schoolmaster down; interrupting her brother during important meetings
2. T.J. Silver
3. Chad
4. C
5. Sid McCoy
6. Aunt Rebecca

### **Chapters 3-4**

7. Chad apologizes to her; Mitch spins her around and then runs down the stairs; Melinda bosses her.
8. Katherine (Swanson)
9. False
10. Because nobody ever thought to tell her about this unknown older sister.
11. Justin
12. False
13. Tim O’Neil
14. an appointment

## **Page 62: Angels Unawares**

1. Hebrew 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (KJV)
2. spirit
3. thousands upon thousands, and ten thousands time ten thousand
4. Michael; Gabriel
5. Twelve or more; 72,000 or more
6. They are sent to serve those who will inherit salvation. (Christians)

## **Page 59: Chapters 1-4**

### **Vocabulary**

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|------|-------|
| 1. D | 6. A  |
| 2. F | 7. C  |
| 3. I | 8. G  |
| 4. B | 9. E  |
| 5. H | 10. J |
| 6. A |       |

### **Characters:**

Mother: Elizabeth

Horse: Taffy

Brothers: Justin, Chad, Mitch

Sisters: Melinda, Katherine

Nephew and nieces: Levi, Betsy, Hannah

Friends/others: Cory, Rosa, T.J. Silver, Sid.

## **Page 60:** **History of** **Canning**

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## **Page 63: Chapters 5-9**

### **Chapters 5-7**

1. Katherine is out at the ranch.
2. B
3. C
4. Patches
5. Racing their horses

### **Chapters 8-9**

6. C.
7. She keeps messing with Taffy, braiding her tail, brushing her belly, and not obeying Andi.
8. He offers to find her something to do—chore-wise—away from the house and the kids.
9. footprints on her quilt; dumped out her treasure box; books knocked down; bed rumpled
10. the school bell rings
11. Levi, Jacob
12. marbles
13. true

## **Page 65: Chapters 5-9**

### **Vocabulary**

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. C

### **Setting:**

Answers will vary.:

**Creek:** Andi, Rosa, Cory, TJ

**Parlor:** Mother, Elizabeth, Andi, Levi, Betsy, Melinda, Katherine

**Justin’s Office:** Andi, Tim, Justin

**Schoolyard:** Andi, Cory, Toby, Levi, Jacob, Mr. Foster, Miss Hall, etc.

**Barn:** Andi, Taffy, Chad, Betsy, Levi

# Answer Key: Family Secret –2

## **Page 69: Chapters 10-14**

### **Chapters 10-12**

1. They want to find out what will happen to Levi for fighting.
2. She offers to take Levi's punishment.
3. A
4. Mr. Powers
5. False
6. Betsy
7. Disagrees
8. Coco
9. Andi's mother and Katherine are coming home.

### **Chapters 13-14**

10. Andi, Levi, Betsy, Hannah
11. Andi
12. Hannah; Taffy; Patches; Coco
13. Throwing rocks in the creek; a horse race
14. Troy Swanson
15. Katherine's husband; the father of Levi, Betsy, and Hannah
16. False
17. She decides to go after the children.

## **Page 70: Chapters 10-14**

### **Vocabulary**

1. H
2. C
3. D
4. G
5. B
6. E
7. A
8. F

### **Story Problems**

1. B
2. Answers will vary.

## **Page 71: Stagecoach Routes**

A red line should follow the route from Stockton through Millerton and stop at Visalia. It can go east through the towns of Columbia, Coulterville, and Mariposa, or it can go south and skip those towns. Either route will work.

(Mileage and days are approximate. Anything close will work.)

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|--------------|------------|
| 1. 200 miles | 6. 8 days  |
| 2. 100 miles | 7. 4 days  |
| 3. 450 miles | 8. 18 days |
| 4. 100 miles | 9. 4 days  |
| 5. 75 miles  | 10. 3 days |

## **Page 75: Chapters 15-19**

### **Chapters 15-16**

1. think things through
2. because it is flooded and very dangerous
3. Taffy runs away.
4. False
5. Andi plans to take the children home to their mother.
6. Because it's making too much noise (also, it's a good way to keep Troy from following them)

### **Chapters 17-19**

7. the moon goes behind a cloud; everybody is cold and wet; the horse stumbles; Troy comes after them; they're tired; they're lost; they wake up sick.
8. the creek
9. Andi sneezes.
10. False
11. Answers will vary: Andi looks like Kate, and he can't let her drown; he feels rescuing her pays her back for Andi rescuing him in the beginning; deep down, he is not a murderer and can't let her drown (other answers possible).
12. Answers will vary.

## **Page 77:**

### **Double Puzzle Vocabulary Review**

1. clamber
2. grub
3. ruckus
4. giddy
5. confidant
6. yearn
7. spinster
8. sham
9. swindler
10. relent

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## **Page 78: Maze**

