

## FELICITY: AN AMERICAN GIRL ADVENTURE

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.) Felicity said she didn't want to learn to be a gentlewoman. Do you think you would want to be a gentlewoman? Give your reasons why or why not.
  - a. Here's a Scripture reference to consider. **I Peter 3:3-4 "Do not let your adornment be merely outward – arranging the hair, wearing gold, and putting on fine apparel –rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God."**
- 2.) When Felicity takes lessons to become a lady, there are many restrictions.
  - a. Which restrictions do you think would be the hardest?
  - b. What kind of expectations did your grandparents have growing up?
- 3.) When Felicity sees Jiggy Nye beating the beautiful, spirited horse, she names the horse Penny.
  - a. Why do you think she is so instantly invested in this horse's life?
  - b. Consider what this proverb says. **Proverbs 12:10 "A righteous man regards the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."**
- 4.) Grandfather says it is treason to speak against the King of England's taxes. Ben and Father are both Patriots. Mother says, "You must decide for yourself".
  - a. How would you decide where your loyalty stands?
  - b. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to decide which side you are on? Share about how you decided.
  - c. Consider what James said in **James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."**
- 5.) Felicity and Elizabeth become friends, but Elizabeth is told not to speak to those disloyal to the King.
  - a. How did this affect their friendship?
- 6.) Jiggy Nye is very cruel in the beginning of the movie but ends up helping to deliver Penny's foal.
  - a. What did Felicity do to change his attitude?
  - b. Why do you think Felicity did it?
  - c. Consider what Matthew said in **Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you."**
- 7.) Felicity's father stopped selling tea in his store. What was the symbolism when Felicity turned over her cup and said, "I shall take no tea." during her lessons?
  - a. What do you think helped her make up her mind?

- 8.) When Ben ran away to join the patriot militia, why do you think Felicity helped rescue him from the bounty hunters?
  - a. Did she do the right thing?
- 9.) Do you remember why Ben decided to return to his apprenticeship and ask for forgiveness?
  - a. Do you think it was the right thing to do? Why or why not?
  - b. Consider what Paul said in **Ephesians 6:5** **“Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling in sincerity of heart, as to Christ.”**
- 10.) After Grandfather dies unexpectedly from a heart attack, Felicity says, “Seems like summer has ended forever.”
  - a. Have you ever experienced an event that made you feel that way?
  - b. How did you cope with that major change?
  - c. Consider what Paul said in **I Thessalonians 4:13-14** **“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.”**
- 11.) When the family returns to Williamsburg to find Mr. Cole (Anna Belle and Elizabeth’s father) imprisoned for being a loyalist, what actions did they take to free him and why?
  - a. Consider what Matthew said. **Matthew 7:12** **“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”**
- 12.) How do you believe people can deal with friends, neighbors and family who have beliefs that are different?
  - a. How did Felicity and her family deal with these issues?
  - b. Consider what Paul said in **Romans 12:18** **“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”**
- 13.) How do you think Felicity and Elizabeth could maintain their true friendship as the Revolutionary War began?
  - a. Consider the wisdom found in **Proverbs 18:24** **“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”**
- 14.) On Christmas Day, many friends and family shared a dinner peacefully even though they held very different opinions of the political climate.
  - a. Tell about a time when you shared Christmas with others very different from you. How did that make you feel?