

Level 5-6
What Katy Did

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

Once there was a girl named Katy. She tried to be good, but she always ended up doing the wrong things.

One summer, her cousin Helen came to visit. Helen could not walk, but she was sweet and patient, and always kind.

When Helen left, Katy was sad. She went to ride on the swing. It broke, and Katy was hurt and could not walk again. After that, she stayed in bed all the time, and she became sad and mean to people.

Then Helen came to visit, and Katy wanted to know how she could be always sweet. Helen said that Katy had to go to the School of Pain to learn patience, hope, and being happy. Katy tried to do what Helen said. She began to be nice to others, and she became happier.

When her aunt died, Katy asked her father to let her run the house. Even though Katy couldn't walk, she ran the house well and took care of her brothers and sisters.

Then, one day, Katy stood up from her chair. Later, she began to walk around upstairs. Finally, the day came when Katy was going to go downstairs. When she got to the bottom, her cousin Helen was waiting for her. She said that Katy had become the Heart of the House.

2. Chapter Summary

► Chapter 1

Once there was a girl named Katy. She had three sisters and two brothers. Her father was a doctor, but she did not have a mother, so her Aunt Izzie came to live with them. However, the children did not like to listen to her. Since Katy was the oldest, she tried to be good and show the others how to act. However, she often showed them how not to act.

► Chapter 2

It was summer, and school would be out for eight weeks. When the children got home from school, there was a lot of noise in the house. They were getting ready for Cousin Helen's

visit. The children had never met her. They only knew that she was ill and couldn't walk. When the carriage came, their father lifted Helen out and took her inside. Helen hugged the children lovingly.

► Chapter 3

Cousin Helen brought the children presents and told them great stories. She was a lot of fun. Katy decided that she would be good like Helen, but she couldn't be. After Helen left, Katy went to ride on the swing although Aunt Izzie had told the children not to. The swing broke, and Katy landed on her back and was seriously hurt. She was in a lot of pain and could not move her legs.

► Chapter 4

It was difficult for Katy to lie in bed all day and not move. For a long time, she was in pain. She had hurt her spine, and her father told her that it would take time and patience before she could walk again. Katy became very sad, and she was not nice to anyone. Then Cousin Helen came for a visit. She saw that Katy was not well. Katy asked her why she was so sweet and patient when she couldn't walk. Helen said that Katy had to go to the School of Pain to learn.

► Chapter 5

Helen explained the lessons in the School of Pain. They were the lessons of patience, being happy, making the best of things, having hope, and being neat. Katy didn't know if she could be like Helen, but Helen told her she could if she tried. She said that first they had to clean Katy's room so that her siblings would want to visit her. If Katy could make them want to visit her, they would love her and she would be the heart of the house.

► Chapter 6

Cousin Helen only stayed for one day, but it did a lot of good for Katy. Katy did not become perfect right away, but she tried to learn from what Helen taught. The first great success was having Christmas in her room. She had Aunt Izzie buy presents for the others, and they put a beautiful tree in her room. Her father gave her a chair, and she would sit by the window and watch people go by or watch her brothers and sisters play. Katy became much happier. Then Aunt Izzie got sick and died.

► Chapter 7

After Aunt Izzie died, Katy asked her father if she could run the house. He didn't think she could, but he let her try. Surprisingly, she ran the house very well and took care of everyone,

despite not being able to walk. Katy got happier and happier. One day, she found that she could stand up.

► Chapter 8

At first, Katy could only stand up. Later, she began to take small steps. Soon, she was able to walk around upstairs. Finally, she was ready to go downstairs. When she did, there was a “present” waiting for her. It was Cousin Helen. She said that Katy had grown up and become the Heart of the House. Katy had become the person she had always wanted to be.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Patience:** This is the best thing that Katy learned. She had to wait a long time to be rewarded for her effort.

★ **Love:** Cousin Helen had a lot of love in her heart. With love, she was able to help Katy learn to overcome her difficulties.

★ **Adversity:** Adversity, together with the help of Helen, taught Katy precious lessons about life.

Answer Key

Part A Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. It was a book.
2. Sarah Woolsey wrote it under the name Susan Coolidge.
3. It took place in America.

► Characters

1. Katy: young, naughty
2. Papa: patient, loving
3. Aunt Izzie: older, kind
4. Cousin Helen: wise, fun

While You Read

(Answer may vary.)

► Chapter 1

A. Preview Questions

1. It is in the country.
2. They are the Carr children.
3. She is the oldest child, and I think she takes care of her siblings.

B. Review Questions

1. There were six children.
2. Katy was the oldest.
3. Aunt Izzie came to live with them.

► Chapter 2

A. Preview Questions

1. I think she can't walk.
2. They look excited.
3. I think they like the woman.

B. Review Questions

1. It was summer.
2. Cousin Helen was coming.
3. She could not walk.

► Chapter 3

A. Preview Questions

1. It is going to break.
2. I think she will get hurt.
3. I think she will feel terrible.

B. Review Questions

1. She cried a little.
2. The swing broke.
3. She could not walk and was in a lot of pain.

► **Chapter 4**

A. Preview Questions

1. She can't walk.
2. She feels sad.
3. I think a doctor came to see her.

B. Review Questions

1. It was difficult for her to lie in bed and not move.
2. She invited Helen.
3. She had to go to the School of Pain.

► **Chapter 5**

A. Preview Questions

1. She is reading a book to the girl.
2. She looks happy.
3. I would feel terrible.

B. Review Questions

1. It was the lesson of patience.
2. She wanted to be like Helen.
3. Katy would be the heart of the house.

► **Chapter 6**

A. Preview Questions

1. It is Christmas.
2. They are opening presents.
3. Everyone feels joyful.

B. Review Questions

1. She stayed for one day.
2. It was having Christmas in her room.
3. Aunt Izzie died.

► **Chapter 7**

A. Preview Questions

1. She is getting out of her chair.
2. I think it is the first time she could get up.

3. I think she will walk.

B. Review Questions

1. She asked if she could run the house.
2. She stood up from her chair.
3. He told her to be patient.

► Chapter 8

A. Preview Questions

1. She is walking down the stairs.
2. I think it is Cousin Helen.
3. I think she will get completely well.

B. Review Questions

1. She walked around upstairs.
2. Cousin Helen was there.
3. She said that Katy had become the Heart of the House.

Mini Quiz

- a. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
→ If we eat an apple every day, we will be healthier.
- b. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
→ A thing that is beautiful to one person might not be beautiful to another.
- c. A smooth sea never made a good sailor.
→ Just as a stormy sea improves the skills of a sailor, so a hard life makes us better people.

After you read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: I hope you don't end up failing this class.

B: Don't worry. I won't.

5. A: We ended up waiting for over an hour.

B: That's terrible!

► Challenge

1. Papa lifted Cousin Helen out of the carriage and took her inside.

2. Katy went to the swing and began going as high as she could!

3. The first great success was having Christmas in Katy's room.

4. "I stood up!" she said out of breath.

Part B Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

1. a, f, h

2. c, d, i

B.

1. siblings

2. rope

3. hurt

4. medicine

5. dinner

6. swing

7. vase

8. hug

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Chapters 1–3

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T

B.

1. She is Helen.
2. She is Katy's cousin.
3. She can't walk.
4. Katy cries after she leaves.

C.

1. c 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. c

► Middle: Chapters 4–5

A.

1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. F

B.

1. Katy
2. Katy
3. Helen
4. Helen

C.

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. d 6. b

► End: Chapters 6–8

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. F

B.

c → a → d → b

C.

1. d 2. c 3. b 4. c 5. b 6. d

Think and Write

Cause 1: Katy was angry.

Cause 2: Katy didn't listen to Aunt Izzie.

Event 1: The swing broke.

Consequence 1: Katy couldn't walk.

Cause 3: Helen visited Katy.

Cause 4: Katy wanted to be like Helen.

Event 2: Katy went through the School of Pain.

Consequence 2: Katy became the Heart of the House.

Extra: Helen lived far away.

Aunt Izzie died.

Vocabulary Review

1. We went to a restaurant last night **for** dinner.
2. Aunt Izzie **gave** orders to the servants in the house.
3. I woke up **late** this morning.
4. The accident happened because Katy **didn't** listen to Aunt Izzie.
5. Papa lifted Helen out of the carriage and **took** her inside the house.
6. Katy couldn't walk because **she** hurt her spine.
7. Because of the accident, Katy **learned** patience.
8. Helen **explained** that Katy would have to go to the School of Pain.
9. For a long time, Katy was alone and **sad** in her room.
10. After going through a lot of pain, Katy finally had **success**.

Summary

A.

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B.

(Answers may vary.)

1. Aunt Izzie did not tell them that the swing was broken.
2. The first great success was having Christmas in Katy's room.
3. She told her sisters that she stood up.
4. Katy had on a pretty dress and felt strong.

Book Report

Story 1. siblings 2. swing 3. Pain 4. person 5. Heart