

Book Club Guide

Gutsy Girls: Corrie and Betsie ten Boom

Guiding Questions for Book Club Discussion

- Discuss a time you felt brave.
- Have you ever acted bravely for God? What are some ways we could live gutsy for God?
- What heroes do you know from other books and movies?
- Can you think of any heroes from history or from the *Bible* who acted bravely for God?
- Corrie and Betsie ten Boom were in their fifties when they started helping people hide from Nazi soldiers. If you look at a photo of the Ten Boom Sisters, you might be surprised to discover they looked more like grandmothers than heroes. What do heroes look like? Do heroes share any of the same personal characteristics?
- In the **Historical Note on Corrie and Betsie** in the back of *Gutsy Girls*, it states Corrie was released from a concentration camp due to a clerical mistake. Discuss this as a group. Do you believe her release was a mistake or a part of something bigger? Explain your answer.

Illustrators and authors often hide numbers/words/pictures within stories. Here are a few items you may not have noticed while reading *Gutsy Girls*. Find these hidden objects and take a guess as to their meaning.

- There are two hidden notes in the newspaper. Read them. Do you think the notes have anything to do with the Ten Booms' story?
- On the phone, there are numbers.
- Turn to the illustration of Corrie in the watch shop. Look for hidden letters.
- How many times does the Ten Booms' cat appear in the book? Do you think the Ten Booms owned a cat?

Additional *Gutsy Girls* Activities

- Virtually visit to the Ten Booms' Home. Take the official 360 Degree Virtual Tour. [Corrie ten Boom Museum virtual website](#). Although completing the entire tour takes more than an hour, shorten the visit by allowing book club members to choose places in the home to click on and visit. Make sure to

- click stops 12, Corrie's bedroom and 13, the hiding place. If possible, project the tour on a smart TV to allow the group to interact together.
- Generate a list of questions to ask the author about *Gutsy Girls* and then set-up a time to chat via Skype.
 - Download the [Corrie and Betsie Enrichment Guide](#).
 - [Make Dutch Letters](#), a traditional Dutch pastry. Should you want to modify the recipe, consider using puff pastry instead of creating pastry from scratch. Yum-uh.
 - Grab your mom or other favorite adult in your life and read *The Hiding Place* together.
 - Depending on age of book club members, consider watching, Torchlighters movie, *The Corrie Ten Boom Story* (free on Right Now Media) or *Return to the Hiding Place* (Free on Amazon Prime). Parents, please preview movies to determine appropriateness for your child.

