



Meet Charlie
Discussion Questions

1. What is Charlie like at the beginning of the story? How would you describe her? Does she change by the end of the story? If so, in what ways does she change? In what ways does she stay the same?
2. How would you describe Harold? Sarah? Rudy?
3. Why doesn't Charlie like Rudy? There is more than one reason. Discuss them all.
4. How does knowing the entire story help Charlie and you understand Rudy better?
5. How does Mud Monday relate to our sinful nature and God's love, forgiveness, and saving grace?
6. The first friendship badge deals with selflessness. How does the story of the Good Samaritan relate to selflessness? Why should and how can friends show selflessness?
7. The three-legged race demonstrated the second characteristic of a friend—support. How did all three involved in the race demonstrate support? What Bible story was used to demonstrate friends supporting each other? Talk about how the friends supported each other.
8. The third activity was the mattress relay and this was to demonstrate serving. What Bible story went along with this activity and how did the friends show a servant's heart?
9. The fourth friendship characteristic is steadfastness. What does steadfastness mean? What Vacation Bible School activity was used to show steadfastness? How does the Bible story of David and Jonathan demonstrate steadfastness?
10. The final friendship badge was for sacrifice. How did Charlie learn about sacrifice from the softball game? What Bible story showed the extreme sacrifice a friend can make?
11. When Charlie is afraid she is losing Harold as a best friend, her parents talk to her about it. What do they say Charlie needs to do? Why is this difficult?
12. As the book progresses, Charlie learns about prejudice, misunderstanding, friendship, and sacrifice. Discuss what she learns about each one and how she learned about it.
13. Finally, what does Charlie learn about what being a Christian is and what it is not? What decision does Charlie make?