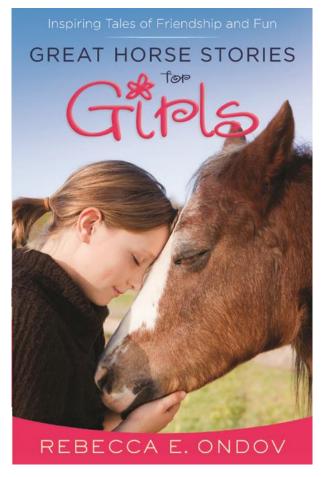
Great Horse Stories for Girls Study Guide

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For this study you'll need



Hi! I'm Rebecca Ondov, and I made this study guide especially for you. I'm excited that you're going to join me in these pages. We're going to have a terrific time. The first thing to do is to read the corresponding chapter in *Great Horse Stories for Girls* then you'll be ready to answer the questions.

Before we get started, I have one request. When you're all done, will you please go to my website and write or email me? I'd like to know what your favorite chapters were and why. I'd also like to know more about you.

Are you ready to get started? I am!

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SkySong and me. He got his name because I love to pray when I horseback ride. I think prayer is like a song in the sky to God.

Chapter 1: Chosen

- 1. When was the last time you were chosen for a team or something special?
- 2. How did you feel?
- 3. Was it important to you? Why or why not?
- 4. Do you know that God—the One who created the universe—chose to create you? He did! How will knowing this help you?

Through my special times with God, I've learned a major thing. I am to place more importance on *what God says* than on my feelings. I get to choose how I feel according to what *God says* is true. For instance, I can remind myself that I am chosen by God. What a powerful and empowering belief. And you are chosen too!

5. What is another Bible verse that says you were chosen by God? (*Hint:* If you don't have a Bible handy, a great way to look up

or find a Bible verse is to go to BibleGateway.com. Type "Chosen by God" in the search field. Now choose your favorite verse and write it down. Why not memorize it too?

6. When would be a good time to say this verse over and over? (*Hint:* How about the next time you're struggling with feeling of not being "good enough"?)

7. Using what you've learned, write a prayer that you'd like to say to God.

Chapter 2: What's in a Name?

1. What does your name mean to your friends?

To your teachers?

To your brothers and sisters?

To your parents?

What about to God?

- 2. What would you like them to think of when they hear your name?
- 3. Write a sentence that says who you would like to become. Be sure to include the items you just listed.
- 4. Do you need to change so that you will become the person of your dreams? If yes, what will you change?
- 5. Why not start working on it now? What are some small goals you could accomplish each day? (*Hint:* If you want to be more helpful, perhaps you could help a friend with homework. If you want to be more thankful, you could tell your mom and dad thanks for the things they do for you.)

Chapter 3: Brand Inspection

- 1. Have you asked Jesus into your heart as your Savior? If yes, have you thought of yourself as being branded by Him?
- 2. Do you know Jesus loves you so much that He doesn't want you stolen away from Him?
- 3. How does that change the way you think of yourself?
- 4. Write down a Bible verse that talks about how much God loves you. (*Hint:* If you want help, go to BibleGateway.com and type in John 3:16 or Psalm 91:14.)
- 5. Why not memorize that verse right now? By writing it down several times, you'll learn it faster.

Chapter 4: Bill of Sale

- 1. What is the most expensive thing you've ever bought for someone? How much did it cost?
- 2. How much did it cost Jesus to pay for your sins?
- 3. You are a priceless treasure to Jesus! How does knowing this change how you see yourself?
- 4. Using what you've learned, what would you like to say to God?
- 5. Have you filled out your personal Bill of Sale? Why not fill in the one at the end of this study? It might be fun to make a frame for it out of colorful construction paper and hang it on a wall in your bedroom.

Chapter 5: Home at Last

Have you ever thought of God as having a huge imagination? He loves to create new and unique things.

1. What Bible verse talks about God creating you? (*Hint:* Why not look up Jeremiah 29:11 and write it down.)

2. Think about two of your favorite people. Now, write down three things they have in common and three ways they are different.

Names:

Things in common:

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- 4

Ways they're different:

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- 4

- 3. List three things about you that make you unique.
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- 4. How can you use your uniqueness to share the love of God with other people? (*Hint:* If you're happy and you like to smile, why not share your beautiful smile?)

Chapter 6: The Fence

1. What boundaries or fences do people put around you?

5. When people give you boundaries to keep you safe, how do you think God wants you to respond?

2. How do those boundaries keep you safe?

6. Are you willing to do that? If yes, how can you show that?

I bet He'd like you to be grateful that people care about you

- 3. List three commands that God gave that act as boundaries for you. (*Hint:* Look up the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20.)
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that much.

- 4. Name three things God wants to protect you from.
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Chapter 7: My Surprise

When God gives us dreams, I believe He wants us to share them with others. I think He wants us to use our gifts and dreams to encourage the people around us. For example, my horses and mules are gifts from Him. That's why I share stories about them. They are my dreams-come-true.

1. What dream has God given you?

- 2. How can you share that gift with your friends and family to encourage them?
- 3. Using what you've learned, what would you like to say to God about your dream?

Chapter 8: Only One

- 1. Who are the leaders in your life?
- 2. In what ways do they lead you?
- 3. In what ways are you a follower?
- 4. In what ways are you a leader?
- 5. Do you let God be your leader? How do you do that?
- 6. How could you do better in letting God be your leader? (*Hint:* Why not choose to read a chapter in the Bible each day and figure out how to apply what you've learned to your life?)

Chapter 9: Gray Gloomies

1. Have you ever gotten a case of the "gray gloomies"?

When you do, have you thought of doing something to cheer up someone else? Although that may sound strange, that's exactly what God wants you to do.

- 2. Make a list of some things you can do to cheer someone else up the next time the gray gloomies knock on the door of your heart. These things don't have to be hard or complex. For instance, you could call a friend and tell her that you appreciate something she did..
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The next time the gray gloomies try to slip into your heart, pull out this list and start doing these things one-by-one. You'll be surprised how quickly you'll become happy!

Chapter 10: Better Than Best Friends

Have you read someone's love letters? If you have, you discovered a lot of things about the person who wrote them. You got to know her personality. Most of all, you probably discovered her likes and dislikes. You figured out what was important to her.

- 1. Did you know the Bible is a collection of God's love letters to you? He shares His likes and dislikes. He also gives you wonderful advice. Do you think you could get to know Jesus better by reading the Bible?
- 2. If Jesus is your best friend, what types of things do you talk with Him about? If He isn't your best friend yet, what could you talk to Him about?

Chapter 11: The Bully

- 1. Have you ever been bullied?
- 2. How did you respond?
- 3. Did you let the words hurt you long after they were said?

Nobody should be bullied. There may be times when you need to get help to ward off a bully. And that's okay.

(I hope that *you're* not bullying anyone.)

The most important thing to remember is that you have the *ability to choose* how those words will affect you. Will you let them continue to hurt you and change you into a bitter and angry person? If you choose that, the bully wins. Or will you choose to believe what God says about you? Then you win!

3. What does God say about you? How special are you? (*Hint:* Read Genesis 1:27. Why not memorize that verse by writing it several times? When you write the word "man," remember God is talking about you.

Chapter 12: Bubble Bath

Did you know that even before you were born God planned to do kind things for you? Wow! That's how amazing God is and how much He loves you!

- 1. List three kind things has God done for you.
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- 2. Look up 2 Timothy 1:9. (At Biblegateway.com, choose the Contemporary English Version of the Bible.) Why not memorize this verse by writing it down several times?

3. Write a thank-You note to God for some of the things He's done for you.

Chapter 13: Smoke!

- 1. Have you gotten discouraged when you didn't get what you wanted? If yes, how did you act?
- 2. What did God say about discouragement? (*Hint:* Look up Deuteronomy 1:21.)
- 3. Why do you think He said that?
- 4. Did you know that when you're discouraged, you usually focus on the problem so much that you don't see the solution? I like to say that God is in the solution business! He's got the correct answer to everything. So when you focus on the problem, you aren't seeing what God is doing to help you. The next time you get discouraged, what can you do?
- 5. Is there anything you'd like to ask God about right now?

Chapter 14: The Radio

- 1. Have you noticed that music can change the atmosphere? Look up 1 Samuel 16:23. What happened when David played music?
- 2. Have you ever flipped on music to cheer you up? Did it work?
- 3. Do you think music can influence you in a bad way? What if it's just playing in the background? Why or why not?

3. Have you ever gotten edgy or irritated when loud or creepy music was playing? Where were you? What was playing? How did you feel?

4. Do you think God wants you listening to music that makes you feel angry, irritated, or afraid?

5. Are you willing to listen to different music?	Chapter 15: Mud Works
6. Write down some Christian radio stations that broadcast in your area? (If you don't know any, ask Google. ©)	 Have you ever had pesky thoughts? If so, what were some of them?
7. Have you listened to the awesome music they play? If you haven't, why not tune in now?8. What are your favorite Christian songs?	3. How did they affect you?
8. What are your favorite Christian songs?	4. How did they change what you believed about yourself?
	5. Look up 2 Corinthians 10:5. What does God say to do with pesky thoughts?
	Write an example of how you could do that:
	Now, why not write down a prayer asking God to help you do that.

Chapter 16: A Grateful Heart

1. When was the last time you had a day when everything seemed to go wrong at home or at school? Write down what happened.

- 2. What was on your mind all day?
- 3. How did you act?

God showed me that you and I have the ability to choose how we respond to things that happen during the day. He said that instead of choosing to be grumpy and ungrateful, we can choose to remember how He blesses us. Then our whole day will turn around.

- 4. When you have a bad day, how would God like you to turn it around?
- 5. In what ways has He blessed you?

Chapter 17: Smile!

- 1. Have you ever noticed that it's always easier to tell someone else to be brave?
- 2. Was there a time when you wanted to be brave, but you weren't?
- 3. Have you stood up for what was right even though your choice wasn't popular?
- 4. Have you ever stood up for Christ? Why not write about that too?

I've discovered that no matter how old I am, there are times when I still feel fear. When I'm faced with standing up for what I believe in—especially when it's different than what the people around me believe. So what's the answer? Over and over again, Jesus encouraged people to stand up for what was right. He said, "Do not be afraid."

- 4. Go to BibleGateway.com, choose the New Testament, and type in "Do not be afraid." What verses come up?
- 5. When you're tempted to fear, will you remember to ask God to give you the courage to stand up for what is right? Why not ask God to help you do that now?

Chapter 18: Clop, Clop, Clop, Clump

Families are so important to God. Look at Matthew, chapter 1. What do you notice?

Did you see that the first part of the chapter is all about families? The most important family you could ever be a member of is God's family. You can do that by asking Jesus to be your Savior.

6. Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior? (If you don't know how, see page 29.)

If you've done that, you're the King's kid! Read 1 Timothy 6:15. Who does it say God is?

Now read 1 John 3:1. Who does it say you are?

Isn't that something to celebrate? Think—meditate—on that. It's powerful!

Have you ever thought of yourself as the child of the King? The child of the Creator of the universe? That shows you how much God loves you! Why not write a note to God about how much you love Him?

Chapter 19: The Lie

- 1. How did the lie that was told in this story hurt me?
- 2. How did it hurt the horse?
- 3. How many other people were affected by the lie?
- 4. Did the lie grow bigger and bigger?
- 5. Have you ever heard anyone tell a lie?
- 6. Have you ever told a lie?
- 7. Have you ever heard someone say, "Oh, it was just "a little white lie"? What did that mean?

God doesn't call any lies "little white lies." He says all lies are wrong.

8. What does Leviticus 19:11 say?

- 9. Look up John 14:6. Who does Jesus say He is?
 - 10. So if Jesus is truth, and lying is the opposite of truth, when we speak lies we're agreeing with the devil, who is the father of lies (John 8:44).
 - 11. If you've lied, have you asked God to forgive you? If not, why not do that right now by praying this prayer?

"God, please forgive me for lying. Give me the courage to always tell the truth. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

Chapter 20: X-Rays

1. Have you ever felt like you were broken? Perhaps brokenhearted? Broken from an injury? Broken from the loss of a person or possession?

Sometimes when things happen to me, I feel broken. And then slimy thoughts from the devil swirl through my head. You know, thoughts like "You're worthless" or "You're bad."

- 2. When was the last time you had thoughts like these?
- 3. Is that what Jesus says about you? Read Matthew 10:29-31. How valuable are you to God?
- 4. Write out Matthew 10:30-31, and put your name in the verses. For instance, I would write, "And even the very hairs of Rebecca's head are all numbered."

Now read them over and over and think about how important you are to God. He created you to do great and mighty things for Him! He loves you! Don't let the devil fool you with his lies. Choose to believe what God says about you.

You are priceless!

Chapter 21: Betrayed

1. Have you ever been betrayed? If so, how did you react?

When you feel betrayed, what should you do? How can you know how to respond? Should you forgive and move on or expose what's been done?

The first thing to do is pray. Ask God what He wants you to do. (If laws have been broken or something makes you or a friend uncomfortable, it's also important to talk with an adult you trust about the situation.)

2. What's the most important thing God wants you to remember if you're betrayed? It's *to forgive*. Write out Matthew 6:15.

Why would God command you to forgive? It's because He's God, and He's the *only* One who can judge righteously. When we refuse to forgive, we're acting like we're God by being the judge. Is there anyone you haven't forgiven? What do you need to do? Remember to ask God to forgive you too.

Chapter 22: I'm Sorry

- 1. Have you heard people blame God for something that happened?
- 2. What have you learned from this chapter about doing that?

Since I didn't ask God for direction before buying Dancer, I was wrong to blame God. It was my fault for not asking Him first.

Have you ever made a decision without asking God—and then what you did caused a big problem? Or maybe you're still in the problem?

The good news is that God will help you solve your problem. If you've done something wrong, chances are you'll still have to pay the consequences. But as soon as you say you're sorry to God, He is willing to help you turn your life around and make it better.

3. Is there anything you need to talk with God about? And maybe say you're sorry? And then ask Him for His solution? Why wait? Why not do that right now?

Chapter 23: Fingerprints of God

Do you know God wants to guide and direct you just like He did with me? Here are some Bible verses that share how much God wants to do that. Oftentimes when Jesus spoke, He called His followers "sheep." If Jesus is your Savior, you are one of His sheep!

1. Write out these verses.

John 10:3:

John 10:4:

John 10:27:

2. Isn't it awesome how much God wants to guide you? Why not write a note to Him about how much you want to follow Him?

Chapter 24: God's Clock

I have some exciting new for you! God planned for you to live right now, at this exact moment in time. How do I know and how can you know?

- 1. Look up and then write down Acts 17:26.
- 2. Why do you think God created you to live now instead of 100 years ago...or 100 years in the future?

I believe it's because God created special gifts and talents inside of you. When you use those talents, they are gifts to the rest of us in the world.

- 3. Can you think of anyone who changed history by the gifts God placed inside them? (*Hint:* Perhaps someone like Alexander Graham Bell. What did he invent that you use every day?)
- 4. Do you know what talents God has placed inside you? Write some of them down.

5. How do you think God wants you to use them?

6. Right now, why don't you ask God what else He's put inside of you? And then ask Him to show you how He wants you to use your gifts?

Chapter 25: The Challenge

- 1. What do you usually do when you face a problem or challenge that's too big for you to figure out by yourself?
- 2. What did I do in this chapter to discover the answer?

I've heard the word "wisdom" defined as "learning from someone else's experience." I've always thought that I'd rather learn from people who have already "been there and done that" because they have the wisdom and experience to give me good advice. Oftentimes, that means they've already made mistakes and learned how to avoid them. I'd rather learn from their mistakes than make them myself. How about you?

- 3. Have you noticed that wise people are usually older than you?
- 4. Does it bother you to ask someone older than you for advice? Why or why not?

Is there anything you need wisdom about right now? Why not ask God to lead you to people who will help you make the right decisions?

Chapter 26: Favor of God

1. What did you think about this—the vet clinic "all of a sudden" having a stall available and it's big enough for two horses?

I felt like the King's kid that day because God met my needs.

2. Look up and write out Philippians 4:19.

3. Have you had anything happen for you and you were sure God had been working behind the scenes? Describe what happened

4. Why not write a thank-You prayer to God for what He did for you?

Chapter 27: The Secret Weapon

- 1. Have you watched Olympic athletes compete? Who were your favorites? What were their sports?
- 2. Have you watched the special programs about them that share how many hours each day they spend training, and how many days a week, and for how many years?

I think the hardest thing for them to face would be if after all those hours, days, and years, they lost their contests. They're not guaranteed to win. Have you ever thought about that?

- 3. How would you feel if you had trained and trained, qualified for the Olympics, and then lost?
- 4. Did you know there is something you can do that will guarantee that you're a champion? Look up and write down Philippians 3:14.
- 5. How many people can win that prize? All of us who continue to pursue God. Isn't that awesome! Is it your goal to win?

Chapter 28: Horse Crazy

1. Are you as horse crazy as I am?

2. Some people think I'm peculiar. What does "peculiar" mean?

3. Do you see how God has used the horse craziness inside of me to lead people closer to Him?

4. Do you have any special gifts, talents, and interests that people might call peculiar? What are they?

5. How do you think God wants you to use them for Him?

6. What will you do today to use your peculiarities for Him?

Chapter 29: The Experiment

Before you were born, when you were still inside your mom, you could hear your mother's voice. Isn't that amazing? And you could hear the music she was playing...and the voices of the people around her.

I was shocked when I learned that because I thought an unborn baby was just a blob of tissue. The first time I realized that wasn't true was when one of my friends was pregnant. We spent a lot of time together. After the baby was born, I walked into the room and greeted the mom. The baby, which she held in her arms, heard my voice and snapped its head around, looking for me. The baby recognized my voice—even though it hadn't ever met me in person. Awesome!

- 1. Copy down the first part of Isaiah 44:24.
- 2. Did you know God personally formed you in your mother's womb?

Wow! How special you are!

Chapter 30: Wind Dancer

You are a one-of-a-kind creation made by God. You are a unique combination of your dad and mom. Your DNA determines if you're a boy or girl, if you have blue eyes or brown, and if you're going to be tall or short.

- 1. Does anything about you resemble either of your parents? How about your aunts, uncles, or grandparents? List three things about you that remind you of a relative. (*Hint:* Does your nose look like your mom's? Do you have a fat big toe like your dad's?)
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- 2. How would you like to thank God for how He created you?

Chapter 31: Eat Your Vitamins!

1. Copy down Hebrews 4:12.

- 2. Have you thought about God's Word being alive?
- 3. Because it's alive, do you see how it can nourish a person's soul?
- 4. Have you ever encouraged a friend with a Bible verse?
- 5. Do you have friends who need a word of encouragement today?

Why not find a verse to encourage them? You can write them down on paper and hand them out or text them. I bet that would mean the world to them—that you cared about them enough to do that. Often I use Biblegateway.com to search for verses on particular subjects.

6. Who would you write a verse for this week? And what verse would you use?

Chapter 32: Miracle of the Heart

1. Have you ever felt invisible? Explain.

6. When God was forming you in your mother's womb, what day did your heart start beating?

I find it amazing that even at three weeks old, babies in wombs are forming. That's before you can tell from looking on the outside of moms that miracles are growing on the inside.

- 2. By looking at Dancer, could I see the foal inside her? Of course not. She was invisible to me, yet she existed. Do you think God could see her?
- 7. Do you think that resembles your spiritual heart too? Explain.

- 3. In this story, the foal was 24 days old in the womb. What parts of her body had already developed?
- 8. Can anybody see inside you to know what's going on other than God?

4. How big was her heart?

How long has God been watching you? From the very first moment He created you inside your mom. Wow! You are never invisible to God!

5. Was it beating yet?

Chapter 33: Old Friends

1. Have you been so excited about a new adventure or a new friend that you forgot all about your old friends? You left them behind and ran off on your new path? Have you done this more than once?

I've had people do that to me, and it hurt my feelings. Worse yet, I've accidentally done that to other people. Why do we do that? Perhaps it's because we momentarily forget the value of the people who are around us all the time. We take them for granted. When I've done that and then, all of a sudden, run into a problem, do you know what happens? I want my old friends back because I know I can count on them. Most of all, I want God by my side.

- 2. How do you think God feels when you and I run off on our adventures and leave Him behind?
- 3. Do you think it hurts His feelings when we don't talk to Him?
- 4. What can you do to make sure you keep your old friends and God included in your everyday plans?

Chapter 34: So Discouraged

- 1. Have you ever prayed and prayed...and felt like God wasn't listening?
- 2. Write down 1 John 5:14 from the Contemporary English Version of the Bible.

3. How will you know if God hears your prayers? How can you know what God's will for you is?

I find that the more I read the Bible, the more I understand what God's will is because I'm getting to know Him better.

4.	So, when you don't think your prayers are being heard,
	what's the first thing you can do? (Hint: Check to make
	sure that what you're praying is God's will by reading the
	Bible and talking to God.)

The final thing to do is believe God heard you. He cares. He loves you very much. Now watch for His answer!

- 5. BTW, how big was Wind Dancer at 91 days?
- 6. How big were you when you were 91 days old and still inside your mother?

Chapter 35: The Best Gift

- 1. What discovery did I share in this chapter?
- 2. What was the best gift?
- 3. Why did I believe that?
- 4. What are the best gifts in your life?
- 5. Have you ever thought of being a gift to your friends and family?
- 6. What are seven ways you could be a gift?

7. How can you be a gift to God?

Chapter 36: Pimples!

- 1. Have you ever had a zit?
- 2. Did you know horses get zits too?
- 3. Why did Dazzle get them?
- 4. Why do you think you get them?
- 5. When you get zits, does it change who you are on the inside?

Throughout our lives, things change how we look on the outside—sunburn, zits, to maybe an accident, and so forth. We don't always have control over how we look on the outside, but we can shape who we are on the inside.

What does God think is most important? Read 1 Samuel 16:7.

6. Did reading that scripture change your mind on what you think is important? Why or why not?

Chapter 37: And, And, And?

- 1. Do you worry? Do you worry about whether someone likes you? Or if you're wearing the right clothes? Or if you're going to be invited to a friend's house with everyone else?
- 2. What does God say about worry (Matthew 6:34)?

- 3. What did I discover about worrying in this chapter?
- 4. How did I stop it from taking root in my mind?
- 5. Can you do the same thing when worry comes?
- 6. Write a note to God and ask Him to help you stop worrying.

Chapter 38: Doorknobs

Before reading this chapter, had you seen or heard of a foal pushing its hooves against its mom's flank so hard that people could see them on the outside? I hadn't ever imagined that could happen.

Did you know that baby humans still in the womb will push their feet against their mommy's bellies so hard that people can see the outline of their tiny feet? When I see that I think, "It's really a baby in there!"

Why do you think babies push against their mothers so hard? Have you considered that before it's born, a baby wants to communicate love and to be loved?

That's a natural desire that God puts in all of us from the moment He created us.

How do babies experience love? Some moms rub their bellies, touching the spot where the baby is. Others sing songs to them.

- 1. Why not ask your mother what she did for you?
- 2. Someday when you're grown up and pregnant, how will you communicate love to your baby?

From the moment you were created inside your mother's womb, you were a miracle!

Chapter 39: The Blimp

1. I was in awe as I watched Dancer get bigger and bigger. What were some of the changes I noticed in her body?

2. What did Dakota see?

3. Why did they happen?

- 4. Who chose when Dancer was going to have her baby?
- 5. Have you had any awkward changes happen to your body?

6. Did you feel embarrassed about them (or lack of them) like I did?

7. Who is in charge of the timing of these changes?

I'd like to challenge you to let God be God. Let Him decide the perfect time for everything in your life. And I encourage you not to let yourself be stressed or embarrassed. God knows what He's doing!

8. Is there anything you'd like to talk to God about while you're thinking on this subject? Why not chat with Him now?

Chapter 40: The Answer

- 1. What was the purpose of the experiment I did with Wind Dancer while she was in the womb?
- 2. What was the answer?
- 3. How did I know?
- 4. Did you think Wind Dancer would know my voice? Why or why not?
- 5. Were you surprised that even though I couldn't see her and she couldn't see me, she recognized my voice?
- 6. Would you ever do this experiment with a foal? Or with your own baby?

Chapter 41: Is She Okay?

1. Has anyone ever told you to be patient? Who and why?

2. How often were you told?

3. What does "be patient" mean?

4. Does it matter what the situation is as to how easy it is to be patient?

5. Have you ever let your thoughts go wild instead of patiently waiting for the outcome?

6. Was I impatient in the story I shared in this chapter?

7. How did I resolve that?

8. How can you be more patient in the future?

9. Why not ask God to help you be more patient every day?

Chapter 42: The Lake!

1. I had a big concern for Wind Dancer's safety in this story. What was it?

2. How did God help me out?

3. Have you ever heard of such a thing? I hadn't! A horse that acted like a guardian angel? Why do you think God did this for me?

4. Read Deuteronomy 28:3-6. Does that sound like what God did for me?

5. Has God done anything similar for you? What was it?

Chapter 43: Strong Arms

- 1. When you're facing a tough situation, do you try to figure out what to do by yourself or do you ask a friend for help?
- 2. What did I learn to do?

3. What does Isaiah 46:4 say? Why not write it out?.

4. Why is believing that the best way?

5. How will you tackle tough problems from now on?

Chapter 44: King of the Hill

- 1. In this story, what was my concern about the pasture?
- 2. What did I learn about boredom from Wind Dancer? What did she do?
- 3. Have you ever been bored? When was the last time? Why were you bored?

- 4. Read Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 in The Message Bible.
- 5. Does God want you to be bored? Why or why not?

6. How can you use what you've learned to change boredom into fun?

Want to Join God's Family?

Are you part of God's family? He loves you so much that He wants you to be in His family! No matter what you've done, God will forgive you. He doesn't want you to wait because you think you need to be good enough to join Him. He wants you to come to Him right now, just the way you are. All you need to do is read out loud the following prayer and believe it with all your heart.

God, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to die on the cross to pay for my sins. I've done some things that are wrong. I'm sorry. Please forgive me for all of them and wash my heart clean. I believe Jesus chose to die on the cross for my sins, rose from the dead, and now is living in heaven. Please come into my heart, Jesus, and change me. Help me trust You and follow You. You are my Lord forever. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

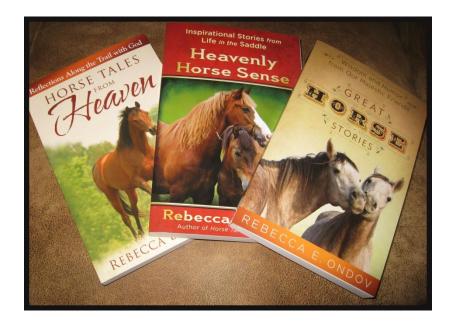
Wahoo! You're now God's child. You're part of His family. Be sure to tell people who believe in Jesus about your decision (and your prayer). Hang out with them so you'll learn more about God. Start going to a Bible-believing church and ask to be baptized.

My friend, I'm celebrating because now we're sisters in Christ! I invite you to go to my website and write me a note and find out how my animals and I are doing. I'd love to hear from you too. RebeccaOndov.com



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I've had so much fun with my horses and mules that I've written other books that share stories about them. I'd like to invite you to saddle up and ride with me, through the pages of these books, for an adventure of a lifetime.



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