

# The Doorbell Rang – Reading Guide

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Themes: sharing, social skills, hospitality, empathy

Lesson/Notes: *It can be difficult to share when it is something you want. You don't have to share everything, but think about what you can share. It feels good to share. Kind friends share with others.*

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## Discussion Questions

- *How do Sam and Victoria feel about sharing the cookies? How do you know?*
- *How do you feel when someone shares with you?*
- *How did Sam and Victoria treat their visitors? (with kindness, welcoming)*
- *How do you think their visitors felt when they were welcomed and given cookies?*
- *What could they have done if the last person had not been Grandma arriving with more cookies? (offered their own cookies, cut cookies in half to split, etc.)*

## Activity: Share Something

- Make something to share or give to others. Some ideas:
  - bake cookies for neighbors
  - make a card for a friend or relative
  - practice taking turns with a preferred toy (set a timer)