The Quilt Story - Reading Guide

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Lesson/Notes: Change can be difficult. It can help to find something that stays the same in your life.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Abigail (and later, the little girl) felt sad at the new house when everyone else felt glad? (everything was new and different)
- Did Abigail (and/or the little girl) learn to feel at home again in a new place? (yes)
- The quilt stayed the same and was comforting to each of the girls. What's something that stays the same for you when feelings and situations change?

Activity: Make a Blanket

Supplies: 2 sections of fleece cut evenly (e.g. 1 yard x 1 yard), fabric scissors

- Overlay the sections of fleece so that the edges match. Adult can cut 4" x 4" squares out of each corner then cut along each edge to make fringe pieces about 1" x 4". Older children may help with adult supervision.
- Child can match the fringe pieces from each section and tie them together (double knot).
- For an example, watch *DIY How To Make A Fleece Tie Blanket* by Nathan Bailey on YouTube.

