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**STUDY QUESTIONS - Summer of the Swans**

Required Summer Reading for Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
*Due first day of school, August 19, 2009*

Chapters 1-7

Sara compares her feelings about the summer to a seesaw ride. What does she mean?

Why is Sara upset when Wanda talks to her classmate about Charlie?

How do you think Charlie feels about Sara?

How does the author show you that something is wrong with Charlie?

CONNECT:

Sara recalls that she got a D on her school paper about looks being the most important thing in the world. Why does Sara think that looks are so important? Do you agree or disagree with her? Give reasons and/or scripture to support your answer.

## Chapters 8-14

What does Charlie mistake for the swans?

How does Charlie get lost, and why is Aunt Willie so hard on herself because he got lost?

How does Sara misjudge Joe Melby?

Why is Sara so sure that something has happened to Charlie?

Who, if anyone, is to blame for Charlie's disappearance? Why do you think so?

CONNECT:

What do you learn about Sara's father in Chapter 13? Do you think that Sara is being fair about her father or is she just being realistic? Explain by giving reasons and or scripture to support your answer.

Chapters 15-23

How might Charlie's response to being lost differ from other people's?

What do you learn about Mary that might have contributed to Sara's discontent over the summer?

What comparison does Sara make between herself and her father?

CONNECT:

Have you ever misjudged anyone the way Sara misjudges Joe Melby?

How can you avoid misjudging someone? What should you do if you have ever misjudged someone? As a Christian, explain ways that you would go about handling that type of situation of misjudging.