

## All-Of-A-Kind Family Snyder Tayler

### **Characters:**

Sarah- One of the five main children who lost her library book one week, slept with Ella every night and caught Scarlet Fever.

Ella- The oldest of the five main children who was very serious, caught Scarlet Fever because she slept with Sarah. Has a small crush on Charlie.

Henny- One of the five main children who never got sick and was not the ideal student. She didn't do her homework often and wanted to spend her money on candy instead of a birthday present for her papa.

Charlotte- One of the five main children who got Scarlet Fever and made up fanciful stories and games at night.

Gertie- The youngest of the sisters who shared a bed with Charlotte and played the games Charlotte made up. She caught Scarlet Fever from her sisters.

Chaim- (Charlie) Mama's new baby, the first boy to be born into the All- Of - A- Kind Family.

Mama- Sarah, Ella, Henny, Charlotte, Gertie, and Chaim's mother. Came up with games for the children to play to make them want to do their chores. Tall slim and held herself proudly.

Papa- Owned a shop, father to Sarah, Ella, Henny, Charlotte, Gertie, and Chaim. Before Chaim was born he desperately wanted a son. Charlie's best friend.

Charlie- A peddler that was different from the other peddlers, he had a secret past that nobody knew, not even Papa, who was his best friend. He often went away for long periods of time. He was handsome, blond, and blue-eyed, and younger than most of the other peddlers.

Tillie- Sarah's friend that took her library book and so Sarah had to pay for it.

Miss Allen- The Librarian at the New York Public Library. She was Charlie's girl a long time ago, but his parents didn't like her so she disappeared and he went away for a couple days a month to look for her. They found each other when they were visiting Papa's Succah.

Fanny- Henny's special chum outside of the family.

Picklenose- A man with a large nose in the middle of his face.

Polack- A Polish peasant. A peddler in Papa's shop.

Joe- A swarthy Italian. Always talked in a lively fashion. A peddler in Papa's shop.

Hyman- Mama's youngest brother who had neither wife nor children of his own, and came over to Mama's house a lot for dinner and to share in the life of the family.

Mr. Basch- owned a store right under Mama's front room. He had white hair and a beard and spoke only Yiddish.

Mr. Pincus- Owned a bargain store. Was a short man with no hair on his head, but plenty on his face and had a stomach that stuck out.

Uncle Chaim- One of Papa's brothers. Had Papa's way of joking with the youngsters.

Dr. Fuchs- The All-of-a-Kind families doctor.

### **Questions:**

What day do the children go to the library? Friday

Who lost her book one Friday? Sarah

Did Mama go with Sarah to explain what had happened? No

Was it *actually* Sarah who lost the book? No

Who did lose it? Tillie

Why did mama say that Tillie shouldn't have to pay for it? Because Sarah should not have let her borrow it

What did Sarah have to do to pay for the lost book? Give the Librarian her saved pennies every week

How much did the book cost? \$1.00

How much money did Sarah have saved? 17 cents

What did Sarah want to buy with her saved pennies? A doll with real hair

What did Sarah call the librarian? Library Lady

Why did Sarah think the Librarian was nice? She had dimples

Was Sarah Still allowed to check out books? Yes

What did mama hide in the front room? Buttons and the occasional copper penny

Why did she do this? To get her children to dust

What did the children do on the rainy day? Went to Papa's shop

What did Polack use in place of buttons on his jacket? Large safety pins

What does Yom Kippur mean? Day of Atonement

What must you do on Yom Kippur? Forgive each other

When Charlie was growing up, what kind of family did he live in? A wealthy family

What was Papa's surprise for the children? Books

What kind of book did Gertie look at? A magazine

What kind of book did Charlotte read? A book of fairy-tales

What book did Sarah read? *The Dolls That You Love*

What was special about the book, *The Dolls That You Love*? It had cutout dolls and the clothes that they wore

What books did Ella read? Volumes of Dickens

Did Papa let them keep the books that they wanted? Yes

What was the first thing the children did with these books? They played library

What was Uncle Hyman's face shaped like? The moon

Was Uncle Hyman's face shiny or dull? Shiny

What did Uncle Hyman give to the children? Pennies

What did Charlotte and Gertie do with their pennies? Bought candy and crackers

What kind of candy did they buy? Chocolate Babies

What kind of crackers did they buy? The broken kind

What did Mr. Basch give Gertie and Charlotte for free? Two pieces of moist salty smoked salmon (lox)

When did Charlotte and Gertie eat the candy and crackers they had bought? Bedtime

Was the girls bedtime early or late? Early

Did they enjoy bedtime? Yes

What did Ella and Sarah do at bedtime? Built an imaginary house and decorated the beautifully rich and colorful make-believe rooms

What did Charlotte do at bedtime? Made up fanciful stories to tell or thought up games to play with Gertie

What did Henny do at bedtime? Planned some special mischief she could carry on next day in school or at home

Did Mama let the girls talk in bed? Yes

What religion was The-All-Of-A-Kind Family? Jewish

What day did Mama meet the Library Lady? Thursday

Where was she going? To the market

What did Henny buy in the market? A pickle

What did Ella buy in the market? Half of a sweet potatoe

What did Charlotte buy in the market? Candied grapes on a stick

What did Gertie buy in the market? A candied tangerine on a stick

What did Sarah buy in the market? Chick Peas

What day couldn't you turn on a light? The Sabbath

When was Papa's birthday? January fifth

How much money did the children save for Papa's birthday present? 35 cents

What day is the Sabbath on for Jewish people? Saturday

Where did the children buy Papa's present? Mr. Pincus's bargain store

What did the children give Papa for his birthday? Acup and saucer

What did the cup say? Father

What did Papa do when he opened the cup and saucer? Stared at it and said not a word

What is Purim day? The day when a man named Haman tried to hang Jews long ago but didn't succeed and he ended up being hung instead

What do you do on Purim day? Laugh, feast, sing, masquerade, and play

What do you do with Purim baskets? Give them to people you care about

How did the Purim Chant go? Today is Purim

Tomorrow no more.

Give me a penny

And show me the door.

What did Mama do on Purim Day? Have a Purim Party

What day of the week did Purim occur on? Sunday

Who came to Mama's Purim Party? Tanta Rivka and Uncle Chaim with their five children; Uncle Schloimon and Tanta Leah with their three children; Uncle Hyman, Tanta Frieda, Tanta Minnie, Charlie, and many others

What did the children chant about Mama's rule? No soup, No meat. No meat, No Vegetables. No vegetables, No fruit. No fruit, No penny.

Who didn't want to eat her rice soup? Sarah

What kind of sickness did Sarah get? Scarlet Fever

Who else got scarlet fever? Ella, Charlotte, and Gertie

What holiday were they sick during? Passover

What did Charlie give the children for the Fourth of July? Fire Crackers

Why did Charlie leave his parents? They wanted him to marry a girl other than the one he wanted to marry

Where did the family go on one hot day? Coney Island

Where did the children go after the beach? Playland

Who got lost there? Henny

Where did they find her? The Police Station

What was she eating? A red lollipop, a chocolate ice cream cone, and a peanut candy bar

What did the children help Papa make? A Succah

What day did the Library Lady go to see the children's Succah? Succos Eve

Who was in charge of the Succos decorations? Ella

Why didn't Gertie want a younger sibling? Because she was the baby before so she was a bit spoiled, but if there was a new baby, that special treatment would pass on to the new child

### **In What Book...**

Did a girl call a librarian a library lady?

Did girls search for buttons while dusting?

Did the main characters look forward to bedtime?

Did someone give their father a cup for his birthday?

Was A holiday called Purim Day celebrated?

Did a girl refuse to eat rice soup?

Did a man find his girlfriend after years of looking?

Did a family build a little house *in their yard*?