

Ghosts on the Coast: A Visit to Savannah and the Low Country

Family Activities

Directions: Below are descriptions from some scenes from the book *Ghosts on the Coast: A Visit to Savannah and the Low Country* and some suggestions for discussions and activities parents and caregivers can share with their kids.

Cemeteries – In Chapter 1, Bobby tries to scare his brother in the cemetery in Savannah, Georgia.

1. Do you think it was funny or not-so-funny that Bobby tried to scare his brother? Have you ever tried to scare someone?
2. Why do you think people like to visit cemeteries?

Gullah Culture – In Chapter 18, the family sees the Gullah ladies weaving sweet grass baskets in the Old City Market in Charleston, South Carolina.

1. Do you think it's important to keep some of the old traditions and skills alive today? Why?
2. Do you know someone who makes art or crafts that were popular years ago, like quilting, knitting, making things with wood or other materials?

Different Cultures – In Chapter 23, Aunt Betty says that people from different cultures have many things in common.

1. Does your family have some family traditions? Name some of them.
2. What ways do you think families in other countries are similar to families in the United States?

Staying safe – In Chapter 26, Bobby and his friend Michael get in a dangerous situation on Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

1. Have you ever gotten into a dangerous situation? How did you escape?
2. Do you think Bobby and Michael should have been punished for disobeying their parents?