



# RIISING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING



Required Reading – Wish by Barbara O'Connor

## Part 1: Write 3 Journals using the following prompts:

Write each journal on a piece of notebook paper. Be sure to put your name (first and last) at the top of each page. Answer the questions in complete sentences, in paragraph form, and in your best penmanship.

- Journal 1: Meet Charlie (Complete after Chapter 10)

Describe Charlie in your own words. What does she want more than anything? What does her wishing tell you about what she's really hoping for deep down? Have you ever wished hard for something? What was it, and why did it matter so much to you?

- Journal 2: Unexpected Family (Complete after Chapter 20)

Charlie didn't choose Aunt Bertha and Uncle Gus – but they turn out to be exactly what she needed. Write about someone in your life who showed up for you in an unexpected or surprising way. Read Romans 8:28 – “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.” How might this verse connect to Charlie's story so far?

- Journal 3: The Wish and What It Really Meant (Complete after finishing the book)

Charlie's wish comes true – but not exactly the way she imagined it would. Write about a time when something turned out differently than you hoped, but ended up being okay – or even better. What do you think the book is really saying about hope? How does that connect to your own faith?

## Part 2: Creative Project – “My Wish”

Just like Charlie wishes on the first star every night, you get to dream a little too.

Choose ONE of the following, and be as creative as you'd like!

- Write a letter

from Charlie to her parents at the end of the book – what would she want them to know about who she has become and what she has learned? OR

- Create a “Wish Journal” page

– beautifully decorated with drawings, colors, or cutouts – featuring your one biggest wish, why it matters to you, and a prayer or Bible verse that connects to it. OR

- Write a new short chapter

set one year later – where is Charlie now? What does her life look like? What happened to Wishbone?

Journals and Project are due 8:00AM on the first day of school

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