

Discussion Questions for *Dixie Randolph and the Secret of Seabury Beach* by MaryAnn Diorio

1. Dixie Randolph was adopted in a family of three biological children. Although her parents and two brothers did their best to make her feel welcome and part of the family, her sister Heather was jealous of her and treated her unkindly. Have you ever felt rejected? Perhaps by your own family? Describe your feelings and thoughts and how you managed them.
2. The Bible teaches in Galatians 4: 5 that God sent Jesus to free us from the legal restraints of the Law in order to adopt us as His children under grace. What does adoption mean to you?
3. Perhaps you yourself were adopted. What feelings did you experience as you joined your new family? Gratitude? Anger? Fear? Helplessness? All feelings are valid and neither right nor wrong. It is how we act in the face of those feelings that matters to God.
4. Dixie and Ruby Jo were best of friends or BFFs. Do you have a BFF? Why did you choose that person to be your BFF?
5. How would you describe the qualities that make a good and faithful friend? Read Proverbs 17: 17 and John 15: 13.