

## **Discussion Questions for *Penelope Pumpernickel: Mystery Maven* by MaryAnn Diorio**

*(Can be used with children)*

1. Penelope Pumpernickel and her best friend, Tilly Mendoza, love to solve mysteries. What about you? Do you like to solve mysteries? If so, what kind of mysteries do you like to solve?
2. Why do you think Grandy took the maps from the homeschool classroom? Why is stealing wrong?
3. Grandy's father had died shortly before Grandy joined the Homeschool Consortium. Have you ever lost a loved one through death? How did you feel? Do you think that God cares when we lose the people we love?
4. Although Grandy had a lot of faults, he already had a lot of good qualities. Penelope did her best to look at Grandy's good traits instead of his faults. Do you tend to focus on people's faults or their good qualities? What can all of us do to focus on the good qualities of those who annoy us?
5. Grandy wanted so much to be accepted and to belong, but he went about it in the wrong way. When he rescued Horace the Hamster, everyone cheered. What was the difference between stealing maps and rescuing Horace?