

Questions:

GENERAL:

1. What was your favorite scene from the story *Lavish*?
2. Did you find any moments to be funny? Sad? Why?
3. Have you ever tasted prime rib? Would you consider it a great gift?
4. Have you ever played with a chihuahua? What was its name?
5. Why do you think Kimberly doesn't like the snow?

PLOT:

1. Can you summarize the plot of *Lavish* by telling it out loud?
2. What event near the beginning of the story changes life for Kimberly?
3. What is the main conflict in *Lavish*?
4. What is Kimberly's reaction to first seeing Peanut Butter? Why is she like this?

5. What kind of fiction is *Lavish*? Action-Adventure? A mystery? A tale of friendship? Other?
6. Does the character of Jesus ever enter into this story? How so?

THEME:

1. Can you name one theme of *Lavish*?
2. Can you relate to this theme? How so?
3. Does Kimberly learn anything in *Lavish*? What did she learn?

CHARACTER:

1. What is Kimberly's character at the beginning of the story?
2. Is Kimberly like any real cats that you know? Like any people you know?
3. Does Kimberly's character change by the end? How so?
4. What do you think of Peanut's tale about being abandoned? Is this true?
5. Which character do you most relate to? Why?



Activities:

DRAWING TIME:

1. Draw Kimberly hanging from the pull blind.
2. What do you think Peanut Butter looked like. Draw him eating the chicken leg.
3. Draw the Taylor's living room with the Christmas tree and the fireplace. How do you envision it?
4. Draw other stuffed animals that were in the attic box with Luna the cat. What do you imagine is there?

Writing:

PEN & PAPER:

Write your own scenes involving characters from *Lavish*. Here are some prompts:

1. Kimberly gets some of the expensive gifts on her wish list.
2. Fred steals Kimberly's bed at night.
3. Peanut finds the attic hole into the Taylor's house.

Try writing a scene with Stuart grabbing onto one of your pets. How would your pet respond?

Imagination:

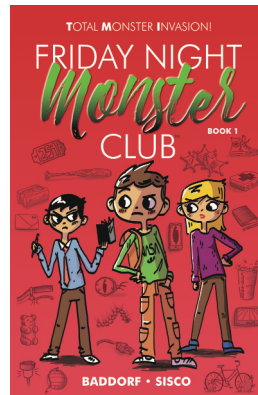
GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Why did Jesus leave behind his great riches just to come to earth and be born as a baby in an uncomfortable manger?
2. Would you ever give up a Christmas gift in order to help someone else? Describe the situation.
3. Which are better—cats or dogs? What about gold fish? Where do they fit it?
4. If you could have the longest-ever Christmas wish list, what are some things that would be on it?
5. Have you ever tasted caviar? What other expensive foods would you like to taste?



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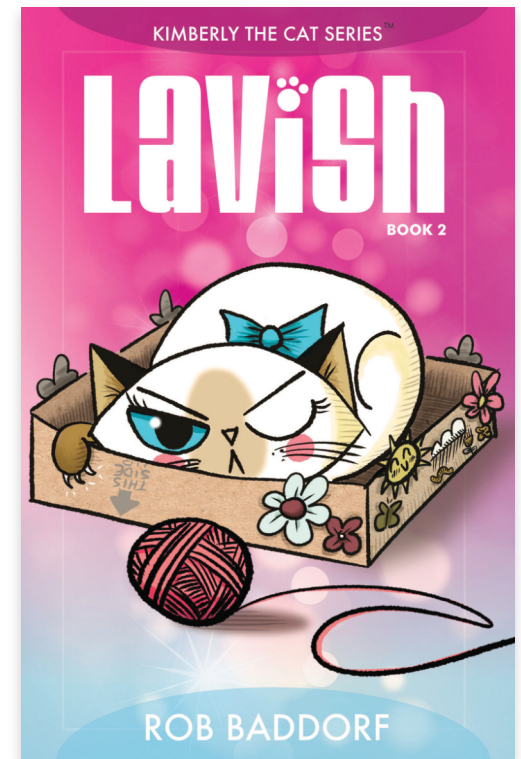
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