READ-ALOUD MATERIAL · VOLUME 02

When Bread Becomes Precious

A short introductory text for group work with Volume 02.

Read aloud

Carl knows bread. Of course he knows bread. But in these months bread is not simply there. The adults look at the sky, the fields and their stores. Too much rain, snow at the wrong time and poor harvests have made grain scarce. When there is less grain, less flour can be milled. And when flour is scarce, bread becomes precious.

Carl cannot change the weather. He cannot make grain grow either. But he can notice when someone needs help. And he can think about what he can do himself. Sometimes sticking together begins with something very small.

Ask straight afterwards

- What do you need to bake bread?
- What might happen to a field if the weather stays bad for a long time?
- What does “precious” mean?
- What can Carl do even though he cannot solve the big problem?

Historical core for adults

The years of rising prices and hunger around 1770–1772 are historically documented. Sources report poor harvests, sharply rising grain and bread prices and severe hardship. The read-aloud text above is a teaching-oriented artistic approximation, not a historical quotation.

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