

Give a short summary of what happens in this chapter.

A new lamb is born and young William names her Mercy. Grandfather explains to William what a “will” and a “yeoman” are.

NOTE: Read and discuss Psalm 23 with your student.

Chapter “Grandfather Bradford”

Who are the main characters in this chapter?

William, his mother, and his grandfather are the initial characters in this chapter. As the chapter progresses, other characters introduced are William’s sister (Alice), Mrs. Witherbee, Uncle Thomas, Uncle Robert, Aunt Alice, and cousins, Tom and Jane.

Where and when does this chapter take place?

This chapter opens in the middle of a summer night, three months after the first chapter. The chapter itself takes place over the course of a number of days, in several different homes.

Give a short summary of what happens in this chapter.

In the middle of a storm, William goes outside to check on Mercy. The next morning, Grandfather awakens with a cough, and eventually he dies. William moves to his mother’s house, but then she dies as well. William then moves back into Grandfather’s house, where Uncle Robert and Aunt Alice now live.

Chapter “Mercy Loses Her Coat”

Who are the main characters in this chapter?

Uncle Robert, Aunt Alice, William, Alice, Tom, Jane, and John Bidwell all play a role in this chapter.

Where and when does this chapter take place?

Most of this chapter’s events take place in the spring during lambing time at the farm.

Give a short summary of what happens in this chapter.

Your student may list one or more accounts of how William is treated unfairly by his aunt and uncle. Additionally, William and Tom play “Robin Hood.” Later, sheep are sheared, and William holds Mercy during her shearing.

NOTE: If you wish to review the story of Robin Hood, look at assignments from Weeks 6 and 7.

Chapter “The Fair at Doncaster”

Who are the main characters in this chapter?

Uncle Robert, Aunt Alice, William, Alice, Tom, and Jane are the main characters in this chapter. Minor characters include the thief, the officer, and various people working at the fair.

Where and when does this chapter take place?

This chapter takes place at Doncaster at the fair, which lasts for three days.

Give a short summary of what happens in this chapter.

The family travels to the fair. Once there, they need to have their wool weighed before it is sold. A thief steals the wool but is apprehended, and the wool is then sold. Because William shows responsibility, his uncle gives him a couple of pennies to spend. William takes in many of the interesting sights, but ends up spending his money on a doll for Alice.

Chapter “Lost Sheep”

Who are the main characters in this chapter?

The primary characters in this chapter are William and Uncle Robert. The schoolmaster, Mr. Johnson, is introduced.

Where and when does this chapter take place?

The story takes place when William is eight years old, although no specific date is given. About half of the chapter takes place in the moor, and the other half takes place in the school in Rossington.

Give a short summary of what happens in this chapter.

William is supposed to be watching the sheep in the moor, but he ends up focusing more on reading his grandfather’s Bible. After William gets pneumonia, Uncle Robert decides to let him attend school. While at school, William quickly learns the purpose of the stick that Mr. Johnson keeps under his arm. Walking three miles each way to school isn’t a deterrent to William because he is learning to read.