

Name:

Day One

Wednesday's Child

Part 1: Silent read

➔ How can a TV show help kids find families? Read silently.

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Brothers Victor and Brandon live in separate foster homes. Victor is 13 and plays chess. Brandon is 10 and draws his own comics. When they are together, they tell jokes and get silly. The boys dream of being adopted together into the same family.

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is “Wednesday’s Child”?

Why is it harder for older children to be adopted?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.