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## Day One

# Sanctuary: When Church is Home

### Part 1: Silent read

→ For now, Christine's home is a church. Read silently.

Can you picture living with your family in a church? For Christine, a church in Philadelphia is her temporary home. The teenager and her siblings have permission to live in the U.S. Her parents, Clive and Oneita Thompson, don't. If they step out of the church, they could be deported.

Years ago, Clive and Oneita witnessed gang violence back in Jamaica. They feared for their lives. They came to the U.S. and lived in New Jersey. They had children. After a long court battle, Clive and Oneita were denied asylum. Officials ordered Clive and Oneita to leave the country. They were told not to come back for ten years.

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On weekday mornings, Christine wakes up early. The room she sleeps in is also used by the church's theater troupe. It has blue lockers filled with costumes. Christine gets dressed. Her parents walk her downstairs to a side door. Then they stop.

"I can't even go with her to the bus stop." Christine's mother says these words with sadness. But Christine understands that if her mom goes outside, she could be arrested. She could be sent back to a country where she isn't safe.

Source: "Fugitives From ICE, A Family Finds Sanctuary In A Pennsylvania Church," *NPR*, March 7, 2019.



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// one minute

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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why do Christine and her parents live in a church?

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Why did Christine's parents leave Jamaica?

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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.