Day Two Sanctuary: When Church is Home

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

 \rightarrow Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- have permission to live in the U.S.
- Clive and Oneita fled Jamaica
- Clive and Oneita were denied asylum
- They would seek sanctuary
- Immigration officials rarely make arrests

Philadelphia	fill uh DELL fee uh
Oneita	oh NEE duh
asylum	uh SY lum
sanctuary	SANK choo air ee
troupe	TROOP



We break words into syllables where we see two consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the middle two consonants.
- Draw a line between the two consonants.
- Put a short vowel sign over the first vowel.
- Say the word with your partner.

The first one is done for you.

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Bennion	c o s t u m e s	s a d n e s s

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Part 2: Last read	WPM	
Can you picture living with your family in a church? For Christine, a ch	nurch in	
Philadelphia is her temporary home. The teenager and her siblings have	e permission to live	
in the U.S. Her parents, Clive and Oneita Thompson, don't. If they step	out of the church,	46
they could be deported.		50
Years ago, Clive and Oneita witnessed gang violence back in Jamaica.	They feared for	64
their lives. They came to the U.S. and lived in New Jersey. They had ch	ildren. After a	81
long court battle, Clive and Oneita were denied asylum. Officials order	ed Clive and	94
Oneita to leave the country. They were told not to come back for ten ye	ars.	109
"By then, all their children would be grown," said David Bennion. He's	Clive and Oneita's	124
lawyer. The parents made the decision to move into the church. They w	ould seek	138
sanctuary. Immigration officials rarely make arrests in churches.		146
On weekday mornings, Christine wakes up early. The room she sleeps i	in is also used by	162
the church's theater troupe. It has blue lockers filled with costumes. Ch	ristine gets dressed.	176
Her parents walk her downstairs to a side door. Then they stop.		188
"I can't even go with her to the bus stop." Christine's mother says these	words with	204
sadness. But Christine understands that if her mom goes outside, she co	ould be arrested.	218
She could be sent back to a country where she isn't safe.		230

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think Christine's parents made the right decision by moving into a church? Why or why not?

Share ideas with your partner.

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🔲 We disagree about this

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