# Study Guide: Chapter 4 - Feast from the Reef

## Summary

In Chapter 4: Feast from the Reef, Emily, Jace, and Tyler battle hunger as they search the shoreline for food. They discover a massive clam shell and marvel at its size, then learn to collect edible shellfish and other reef life. Emily demonstrates bravery and resourcefulness in wading into the water to gather food. The children improvise tools, share what they find, and experience their first proper meal since the crash. This chapter highlights survival through teamwork, the wonder of nature’s abundance, and the importance of courage.

## Vocabulary

gnawed - bit or wore away at something persistently

stubborn - hard to move, change, or deal with

glittered - shined with small, bright flashes of reflected light

ridged - having a raised, narrow surface or line

amazed - filled with surprise and wonder

huge - very large in size

yelled - shouted loudly

buried - covered by or under something like sand or earth

bleached - lightened in color, often by the sun

improvise - to create or perform without preparation, using available materials

edible - safe to eat

reef - a ridge of rock or coral under the sea, near the surface

bravery - courage when facing danger or difficulty

resourcefulness - the ability to solve problems using available resources

wading - walking in water that is not very deep

abundance - a large quantity of something

persist - to continue firmly despite difficulty

gather - to collect together

meal - food eaten at one time

teamwork - working together as a group to achieve a goal

## Comprehension Questions

1. What was causing the children discomfort at the start of the chapter?

2. What did Emily discover on the beach that amazed everyone?

3. How did the children react to the giant clam shell?

4. What types of food did the children find along the reef?

5. Why was Emily’s bravery important in this chapter?

## Answer Key

1. They were very hungry, and hunger gnawed at them.

2. She found a massive clam shell, larger than any she had seen before.

3. They were amazed by its size and fascinated by it.

4. They found shellfish and other edible creatures from the reef.

5. Her courage allowed them to gather food from the water, helping them survive.

## Themes

- Survival through courage and resourcefulness

- The abundance of nature

- Teamwork and sharing in times of need