



## A Lesson on Why Did Mamma Change Her Mind? by Jamie Miller

**Grade Level:** Grade 3

**Subject Area:** English Language Arts

**Lesson Length:** 1 hour 30 minutes

**Lesson Keywords:** Vocabulary, Essay, Questions on reading material.

**Lesson Description:** Essay writing

Who, what, where, and either/ or questions  
completing sentences

reading

describing

How and why questions

literary analysis

demonstrates comprehension in a variety of ways

Participates in reading and writing activities to acquire new information

### **Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson**

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.2: Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2c: Use linking words and phrases (e.g., also, another, and, more, but) to connect ideas within categories of information.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2d: Provide a concluding statement or section.

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## Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

**Instructions:** Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

### Why Did Mamma Change Her Mind?

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**Content:** Mamma Miller told Fay and Lonnie that they might have a party, so they tried to get ready for it. Mrs. Miller said they could invite ten children. You write to five girls, Fay, she said, and Lonnie will write to five boys.

Lonnie and Fay sat on the couch. They tried to think who they would like to come to their party. Make out your list first, said Lonnie. Fay did, and her brother agreed to all the girls.

As soon as Lonnie started writing his names, Fay began to find fault. I don't like boys, anyway, said Fay, only you, Lonnie. Let's have all girls at our party.

But it won't be my party too, said Lonnie, if you have all girls.

I don't care, all of those boys are horrid, Fay said, pointing to his paper.

You say that because you don't like boys, he said and then told his sister that every boy whose name he had written was just as good as gold. They were just as good as Lonnie Miller himself was, and everybody said he was one of the best boys that ever lived.

I won't play with him if he comes, Fay kept saying to every name Lonnie wrote.

You can have your party, said Lonnie, getting up out of the easy chair and sitting down in a smaller one, you and your girls. I'm going to play my video game.

I don't like boys, Fay kept saying, jumping down off the arm of the chair. But I like video games. Can we have your games at our party?

Lucia, their older sister, was passing the door just then, so she thought she would stop and see what all the noise was. I'm calling Mamma.

Mamma came hurrying in. When they told her about the invitations, she said, Your brother has been very good about this party. He was willing to let you have it with just girls. But I said it would be a party for both of you. So it will be a party for none of you. There will be no party.

But you said we could have a party for ten people.

I said that you could have a party for ten children, five boys and five girls. You took all ten. That is not fair. So there will be no party. When you learn to share, then you will have a party.

So there was no party. Months later, Mamma asked again, Shall we have a party? What do you think happened?

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**Task 1: Vocabulary**

**Instructions:** Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

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**Q: 1 WordPhrase:** You say that because you don't like boys, **WordPhraseTier: 2**

**Question:** What does good as gold mean in this sentence?

- A:** That people can be shiny like gold.
- B:** That if you are good enough you will turn into gold.
- C:** If you are good as gold you are genuine and reliable.
- D:** If you are good you will receive bags of gold.

**Question:** Which one of the sentence below uses the phrase \"good as gold\" correctly?

- A:** Good as gold is my dogs food.
  - B:** Good as gold in a tree
  - C:** Good as gold the sun is shining
  - D:** My mom and dad are good as gold
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**Q: 2 WordPhrase:** Started **WordPhraseTier: 2**

**Question:** It has started to rain outside.

- A:** My table started to run.
- B:** My car started to buy.
- C:** I started to walk to school.
- D:** Started she her school work.

**Question:** Which one of the sentence below uses the word "started" correctly?

- A:** I was started when my brother scared me.
  - B:** I started to sing when the music began.
  - C:** I had started for dinner last night.
  - D:** My dad bought a started from the car dealership.
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**Q: 3 WordPhrase:** Fair **WordPhraseTier: 2**

**Question:** What does the word \"fair\" mean in this sentence? We are playing fair.

- A:** to buy a ticket
- B:** to make a long distance phone call
- C:** to play nice without cheating
- D:** to ride in a taxi cab

**Question:** Which one of the sentence below uses the word \"fair\" correctly?

- A:** I need a cab fair.
  - B:** I took the fair boat over the ocean.
  - C:** The story is a fair tale.
  - D:** It is only fair that we share the book.
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## Task 2: Forum Discussion

**Instructions:** This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and two peer responses for each topic.

### 1 - Details of the Story

- 1) Who told Fay and Lonnie that they could have a party?
  - 2) How many people were Fay and Lonnie allowed to invite?
  - 3) Did Fay and Lonnie have their party?
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Task 3: Writing Activity

**Instructions:** You are to write and post here a 250 words essay on how Fay and Lonnie might have made better decisions on how to create their invitation list so they could have their party? Make sure to provide specific examples.

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