Discussion Questions for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson

Chapter 1

1. What is blackmail? What are some things you could do if another kid tries to blackmail you like Imogene blackmailed her classmates?
2. Do the Herdman’s deserve Hell because of the bad things they did? Do we deserve Heaven because of the good things we do?
3. What does the Bible teach about how a person gets into Heaven or Hell?

Chapter 2

1. The Christmas pageant was the same every year to the point that it became predictable. What are some other good things in our lives can become predictable and boring if we’re not careful?
2. When the father hears about Charlie not wanting the Herdmans in church he says, “Not a very Christian sentiment.” What does he mean by that?

Chapter 3

1. The mother was criticized for doing the right thing. Have you ever been criticized for trying to do the right thing?
2. In Matthew 19:14 Jesus says, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” What does Jesus mean in this verse?

Chapter 4

1. Imogene took the Lord’s name in vain twice in this chapter. Why is this wrong? Look up Exodus 20:7.
2. Are there topics that should not be discussed at church? What sort of conversations should be avoided in public versus with your family or close friends?

Chapter 5

1. The Herdmans did identify the right villain and the heroes of the story. Why is this important, to know the good from the evil?
2. Sometimes the bad guys seem to get away with anything and don’t get punished. The Bible has a lot to say about this. Who makes sure that justice is served even if it’s not here on earth?

Chapter 6

1. Why is it important who named baby Jesus?
2. How did what actually happened differ from the story the Pastor eventually heard?

Chapter 7

1. The Herdmans sacrificed their Christmas ham so that baby Jesus would have, in their minds, a decent gift given. What kind of gift(s) can you give Jesus that would require personal sacrifice?
2. Why did Imogene cry?
3. What can you do this Christmas season to spread the word, “Unto you a child is born.”