

## **“The Velveteen Rabbit”**

1. **The Importance of Love**: The Velveteen Rabbit becomes real because of the Boy's love. What does the story say about the power of love?
2. **Childhood and Age**: How does the book make you feel about your own childhood? Are there toys or items you remember fondly?
3. **What Makes Something Real**: The book explores what it means to be "real." What do you think makes someone or something "real" in your eyes?
4. **Attachment to Objects**: Do you have any objects from your past that hold special meaning for you, much like the Velveteen Rabbit did for the Boy?
5. **The Role of the Skin Horse**: How is the Skin Horse different from the other toys? What wisdom does he share with the Velveteen Rabbit?
6. **Journey of Transformation**: The Velveteen Rabbit undergoes a significant transformation. Have there been times in your life when you've felt a meaningful change within yourself?
7. **Sacrifice for Love**: The Velveteen Rabbit risks becoming old and worn out by being loved. What sacrifices do you think are worth making for love?
8. **Feelings of Abandonment**: When the Boy falls ill, the Velveteen Rabbit is left alone. How does the story handle feelings of abandonment or loneliness?
9. **Illustrations**: If you have a version with pictures, discuss how the illustrations add to or take away from the story.
10. **Personal Relevance**: Is there a message in this story that resonates with you personally? Perhaps something about love, identity, or the passage of time?

These questions can be adapted to suit the cognitive abilities and emotional comfort levels of your residents, and the discussion can be made as interactive as suits your group.