

Frijocuento No. 1
Bean Blessing Friday

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Golden Leaf Reflection

Every story leaves something behind for us to carry. Take a moment to think about Chispa's first days in Villa Frijolera and what her journey might mean to you.

1. When Chispa first arrived in Villa Frijolera, everything was new to her. How did the Frijoleros help her feel that she belonged?

2. Chispa did not yet know what her purpose would be. What did she begin to discover about herself during her first week?

3. Which Frijolero showed Chispa kindness, encouragement, or friendship in a way that stood out to you? Why?

4. Sometimes something new can feel exciting and a little uncertain at the same time. Have you ever felt the way Chispa did when beginning something new? What helped you?

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Golden Leaf Reflection *continued*

5. The Frijoleros each have different gifts, abilities, and ways of helping their community. What is something special that you can offer to the people around you?

6. What do you think it means to belong somewhere—not just to be present, but to know that you are welcomed, valued, and cared for?

7. At Bean Blessing Friday, Chispa learns more about where she came from, and the community she now belongs to. Why do you think remembering our beginnings can be important?

8. If you could sit beneath the Friendship Tree with Chispa after her first week, what would you want to tell her—or ask her?

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Dig a Little Deeper



Retell Chispa's first week. In your own words, tell what happened when Chispa arrived, what helped her settle in, and what she began to discover by Bean Blessing Friday. Include one detail from the story that you think is important.



Find a moment that feels familiar. Choose a moment when a character felt or acted in a way you understand. What happened in the story? What did it remind you of? Describe one thing you learned from that moment that you could use in your own life.

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Frijolingo: Words That Stayed With You

Villa Frijolera is full of words in English, Spanish, and Frijolingo. Choose two words or expressions from the story that stayed with you. Maybe one made you laugh, sounded like another word you know, made sense as soon as you read it, or felt like a word you'd want to say yourself.

My word or expression _____

- **Where I found it.** Tell what was happening in the story or copy a short phrase that uses it.

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- **What I think it means.** Explain it in your own words. What helped you figure it out? You can check the Frijolingo Dictionary at the back of the book.

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- **Why it stayed with me.** Tell what made you remember it. If it's a word you'd like to use, write a sentence you might actually say.

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Beneath the Friendship Tree

Match each action to what it shows. Write the letter beside the action.

	Actions	What they show
_____	1. You invite someone new to sit beside you.	A. Sharing your gifts
_____	2. You use something you're good at to help the group.	B. Remembering your beginnings
_____	3. You listen to a story about where you came from.	C. Making someone feel welcome
_____	4. You tell a friend, "You can try again. I'll help."	D. Giving encouragement

Make room beneath the Friendship Tree. Color the scene. Then draw someone you would invite to sit beside you. In a speech bubble, write what you would say to welcome them.

