
**HOME Story Time Reader:** Jennifer Hron, Milwaukee Public Library

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**Book description:**
When the relief workers are handing out clothing in Lina’s refugee camp, she is excited when she spots a sandal! Unfortunately, the other shoe already belongs to another girl, Feroza. Lina and Feroza work out a deal to share the shoes. This agreement turns out to be the beginning of a deep and important friendship.

“People who flee their country because of fear of persecution are called refugees. At the time we were writing this story, there were more than 20 million refugees worldwide. The majority of refugees are children. Although the story is based on a camp in Peshawar, the experiences of Lina and Feroza are shared by refugees around the world”. Author’s note

**Enduring Understandings:**
- Sometimes being a good friend means giving up something that is important to you.
- Sharing does not always mean sharing a “thing”, we can share our stories, ideas, our friendship.
- Refugee children face many losses, like loss of home, country, and family members.

**Activity 1: Let’s Share & Reflect!** Questions for further discussion. Highlighted words will be defined in the vocabulary section of the worksheets.

1. Feroza and Lina find themselves in an interesting situation! Lina finds out that Feroza - a young girl like herself living in the **refugee camp** - has the matching sandal. How does Feroza react when she finds that Lina has the other shoe? How does Lina propose to share the sandals with Feroza?
2. How does Lina’s and Feroza’s friendship build throughout the story? How do they show they care for one another? Provide examples about different scenes in the story, describing the events and conversations that bring them closer together.

3. Flip through the illustrations and describe the place where the story happens. How do the illustrations help you understand the story? What kinds of homes does Lina and Feroza live in? How are people dressed?

4. When Lina is leaving to America, Feroza runs to her friend and gives her one sandal. She says to Lina: “It is good to remember...Four feet, two sandals.” Why do you think the sandals are so important to the girls? What do they represent?

5. Think of a time when someone shared something special with you. What do you have that you can share with others? Lina and Feroza share their sandals. What else do they share with each other?

6. Read the Author’s Note in the last page to learn more about where the story occurs. Using the story as a guide, discuss what are some of the reasons that someone becomes a refugee? In what ways can you help refugees feel welcome in their new home?