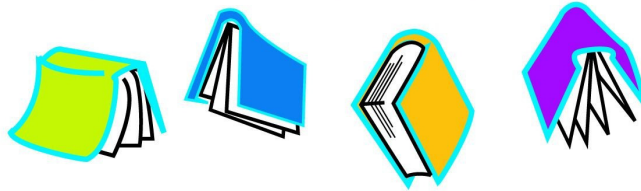


# Midday Book Club

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## **Velma Still Cooks in Leeway**

Questions for Midday Connection Book Club

By Vinita Wright

1. Which characters in this story intrigued you most, and why? Who did you like or dislike? Who did you trust, and who did you fear? If you could spend time with any one character, who would it be, and why?
2. When it comes to critical situations in the church family, such as domestic violence, child abuse, or addiction, how do you think the church should respond? Which responses, if any, were encouraging in this story? Which, if any, were disappointing or frustrating for you? Who should take responsibility for what? And how do we establish any sort of accountability—or at least some helpful process—in our faith communities when trouble comes to an individual or family?
3. Try to identify moments of conversion in the story. Who experienced transformation, and how? What kinds of decisions brought about real change for the characters?
4. As Velma’s family story unfolded, what did you learn about her personal spiritual journey and how it was shaped by family history and events? How much attention do you think we should give to a person’s larger story when we are walking alongside them through crisis or daily growth? Do you know of any spiritual practices that address this need to see the bigger picture?
5. Velma pays some particular attention to giftedness, prayer, and ways of being with people. Did any of these aspects of the story strike you and make you explore more on your own? Explain.