Will the Wolf

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

Tip: Underline the sentence in the passage that helps you answer each question.

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Deep in the Pine Hollow Forest lived a young wolf named Will. Will did not like to howl at the moon or chase deer. He liked to watch butterflies, sniff flowers and listen to the birds sing.

More than anything, Will wanted a friend. But whenever he trotted into the meadow, the rabbits dove into their holes, the squirrels raced up the trees and the deer leapt away. "A wolf!" they cried. "Run!"

"I'm not scary," Will said sadly, but nobody stayed to listen.

One cold winter evening, snow began to fall heavily. Will heard a tiny cry coming from a snowbank. Inside, he found a little rabbit shivering with fear. "I got lost looking for clover," the rabbit sniffled. "Now I can't find my way home."

Will knew the forest well. He gently picked up the rabbit by the scruff of her neck, the way wolf mothers carry their pups, and followed his nose through the snow. Soon he reached the rabbits' burrow. The whole family was outside, calling, "Clover! Clover!"

When they saw Will, they froze. Then Clover hopped forward. "He saved me!" she said. "He's not scary at all."

From that day on, the animals of Pine Hollow greeted Will with smiles instead of screams. And every spring, Clover and Will watched the butterflies together.

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Circle the best answer.

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(b) They thought wolves were scary.
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Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **How did Will feel when the animals ran away? Use a detail.**
   He felt sad and lonely. He said sadly, "I'm not scary," and more than anything he wanted a friend.
2. **How did Will help Clover?**
   He carried her gently through the snow and used his nose to find her family's burrow.
3. **Why do you think the animals changed how they treated Will?**
   Clover told them he saved her, so they learned he was kind and not scary.