

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ie (chief)

"This story focuses on the 'ie' sound as in 'priest.' Watch for words like 'priest,' 'relieve,' and 'grief' as you read!"



How a Priest Helps the Community

A priest is a leader who helps people in their community. Many people believe a priest brings comfort and peace during hard times.

Each week, a priest leads special events where people gather to learn and share. Some priests visit people who feel grief and help them find hope again.

Priests also help relieve sadness by bringing people together and sharing kind words. Their work makes the community stronger and full of care.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

priest

believe

grief

relieve

brief



Name: _____

How a Priest Helps the Community

1. What does a priest do each week?

- A. Lead special events and help people
- B. Work in a store
- C. Teach animals tricks
- D. Build houses

2. How does a priest help people who feel grief?

- A. By giving them gifts
- B. By sharing kind words and hope
- C. By reading them funny stories
- D. By telling them to stay home

3. Fill in the blank:

Some priests visit people who feel _____ and help them find hope again.

4. Why do you think people believe a priest brings comfort?

5. What is one way you can help someone who feels sad?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'ie' (as in "priest")

Genre: Nonfiction – Community Helpers

High-Frequency Words: the, and, who, their, help

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're reading to find words where 'ie' says the /ē/ sound, like in 'priest.'"
 2. Have you ever met someone who helps people feel better?
 3. Why do you think it's important for people to gather and share their feelings?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids to try the long /ē/ sound when they see 'ie.'
 2. Watch for 'ie' words and stretch the sounds carefully.
 3. What does a priest do to help people feel better?
 4. Try reading the part about bringing hope with a warm, caring voice.
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After Reading

1. Can you retell what a priest does for the community?
 2. Why is it important for people to have hope during sad times?
 3. What are some ways people can work together to make their community stronger?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'ie' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you are giving a peaceful and hopeful speech!
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Activity Idea

Draw a picture showing a community helper bringing people together. Write a short sentence using at least three 'ie' words to explain how that person brings comfort and care.

Coaching Tip

Encourage your reader to take their time with new words and remind them that helping others starts with kind words and actions!

