The Family Under the Bridge: Discussion Questions
Chapter 1

1. Who is Armand?

2. Where is the setting of the story?

3. Why wasn’t Armand upset that he had to move from one place to another?

4. Why are there plants (fir trees, mistletoe, holly) at the market?

5. What did Mireli, the gypsy fortune teller, promise Armand?

6. What is Armand tired of doing?

7. What is Armand ready for?

8. How does Armand describe children?

9. Why did the children quit calling Armand the “funny old tramp”? 
10. Who is Camille?

11. What might the children steal if Armand was nice?

12. How does Armand have dinner?

13. Where in Paris does Armand live?

14. Why did Armand jump back in surprise and horror when he looked under the bridge?
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Chapter 2

1. Who is Jojo?

2. Why does the girl tell the dog to stop barking?

3. Who are Suzy, Paul, and Evelyne?

4. Why are the three children hiding out under the bridge?

5. What does Suzy say when Armand tells them they are living in his home?

6. Why didn’t Armand leave his bridge home for another?

7. How did the homeless people or tramps get their food in the old days?

8. Why did the children watch Armand while he ate his food?

9. Why did Armand tell Paul he gave the children food if he hated them?
10. Why does the children’s mother say she won’t put them in a charity home?

11. Why can’t the children go to school?

12. Where is Armand taking the children?
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Chapter 3

1. Why did Armand wish he were a pigeon?

2. Why did Armand have to coax the children to move along the streets?

3. The children wanted to eat the Christmas log, but what did Armand say it tasted like?

4. What made the children feel as if they were in a fairyland?

5. Why was Armand disappointed?

6. How did Father Christmas greet Armand and the children?

7. What did Evenlyne confess to Father Christmas?

8. What do the children want Father Christmas to bring them?

9. Why can't Father Christmas bring the children what they want?
10. What else did Paul ask for? What else did Evelyne ask for?

11. What did Father Christmas offer Armand?

12. What is your impression of Father Christmas?
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Chapter 4

1. What was in the window that Armand wanted the children to see?

2. How did Armand get money for lunch for the three children, himself, and the dog?

3. What stopped the children singing?

4. What did the children and Armand eat?

5. Who is Titi? Why is he angry with Armand?

6. When the children’s mother returned, what did she receive?

7. Why was Madame Calcet upset with Armand?

8. What was Madame Calcet going to do?

9. How did Armand end the disagreement?
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Chapter 5

1. Why didn’t Armand set up his home under the first bridge he came to?

2. At the next bridge, what did Armand find?

3. Why didn’t Armand sleep well under his new bridge?

4. When Armand returned to his old bridge, he found the children crying. Why were they crying?

5. Where does Armand plan on taking the children?

6. How will their mother know where the children are?

7. Instead of taking them to Rivoli, where does Armand lead the children?

8. Why do they call the place Armand is taking them the Court of Miracles?

9. Why was Suzy so happy when she saw Tinka’s gypsy home on wheels?
The Family Under the Bridge: Discussion Questions
Chapter 6

1. What worried Armand?

2. Why didn’t Suzy want to move round in a house on wheels?

3. Why did Armand leave the gypsies’ homes?

4. Why did Madame Calcet tell Armand he was a good man?

5. Why did the children’s mother cry when she saw the gypsy camp?

6. Why does Madame Calcet decide to stay with the gypsies?

7. Why wouldn’t Mireli take money from the Calcets?

8. Why do the gypsy children have vacation all the time?

9. What did Suzy teach Tinka? What did Tinka teach Suzy?

10. What request does Suzy have for Armand?
The Family Under the Bridge: Discussion Questions
Chapter 7

1. The day before Christmas, what were the children excited about?

2. Why do the gypsies make a pilgrimage to Provence every May?

3. How did Armand get the children to forget about the house on wheels?

4. How did Armand, the children, and Madame Calcet get to the party?

5. At the party, what made Paul delighted? Why?

6. Why did Madame Calcet offer to help serve the food?

7. Why was Suzy anxious to leave the party?

8. What did Armand say that Father Christmas said about the house?

9. Why did Madame Calcet want to stay until after midnight?
10. Why did Armand feel trapped by the family?

11. What did the little packages on the tree contain?

12. What did Madame Calcet give to Armand?
The Family Under the Bridge: Discussion Questions
Chapter 8

1. What did Armand enjoy doing?

2. Why is Suzy worried about her brother?

3. What was Armand’s response to Suzy’s worry?

4. Why did Paul want to be a gypsy?

5. Why did the policeman come to the gypsy camp?

6. What happened after the policeman left?

7. What was the reason Armand told Paul he couldn’t go with the gypsies?

8. Why did Armand tell Suzy they wouldn’t be getting the new house?

9. What did Suzy notice when the gypsies left?
10. Why did everyone at Halle's market laugh at Paul when he tried to get a job?

11. Why did the policeman want Nikki?

12. What is Armand going to do in order to get the children a place to stay?
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Chapter 9

1. Why does Madame Calcet agree to let Armand work and help pay rent?

2. What does Madame Calcet tell Armand he must do in order to get a job?

3. Why kind of job does Armand say he was going to find?

4. Where did the floorwalker think he recognized Armand from? Where does the floorwalker really recognize Armand from?

5. What kind of job did Monsieur Brunot really have?

6. Why was the pay low for the job?

7. What did Armand say makes a home?

8. What was Armand now?