

# Kingdom Keys

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Grace watched the pianist slide his fingers across the keys of the piano. The music filled the auditorium where the concert was taking place, and it stirred Grace's spirit. She loved music!

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Grace nodded eagerly. "I will practice and prepare. I'm not afraid of hard work!"

Grandma agreed to help Grace learn to play the piano. She would begin receiving lessons each week.

Grace met her music teacher, Mr. Willis. He taught her about the keys on the piano as well as about chords, harmonies, and melodies. Grace practiced every day.

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She had to work hard if she wanted to master her piano skills; at least, that was what Mr. Willis said.

One day, Mr. Willis asked Grace if she would like to play at a recital. Grace had never thought about this option before. It would be like a concert! Could she play in front of others? Had she learned enough to perform at a recital?

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Finally, the day of the recital arrived. Grace could hardly believe she had learned enough music to play in front of others! When her turn came, she nervously sat on the piano bench. Taking a deep breath, she began to play.

Her fingers shook slightly, but she only missed one or two notes. At the end of her song, the audience clapped. Grace beamed. She had done exactly what

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Grandma suggested by imagining she played for a king.

Grace loved music. In fact, she never wanted to stop playing!

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1) What is the story about?

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2) Write details from the text to support Grace's passion for music.

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5) What did Grace's experience at the recital make her realize about her love for music?

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- 6) Infer from the text why Grace's grandma suggested imagining she was playing for a king to help her overcome her nervousness.
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