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## Mom from Outer Space

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Zara's unique qualities as an alien might have influenced her parenting style by giving her a deeper understanding of emotions and a natural ability to comfort children. This likely strengthened her bond with Emily as they navigated the challenges of life on Earth together.
2. A specific moment when Zara's secret identity was at risk was when she was at the park with other moms discussing their backgrounds. She managed to keep it hidden by inventing a creative and fictional story about her circus upbringing, impressing the other moms with her imaginative background.
3. Zara's longing for her home planet evolved from a deep sense of homesickness to an understanding that her mission on Earth, caring for Emily, was her new purpose and family. This longing influenced her decisions to stay on Earth and prioritize her role as a mom.
4. The story emphasizes the theme of family and love as Zara's role as a mom to Emily transcends her origins as an alien. Zara's love for Emily and her willingness to navigate the challenges of motherhood reflect the universal values of family and the power of love to overcome differences.

