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Ghostly Lessons

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Dickens uses Scrooge's memories to show that he was once kind and joyful, but life events and greed changed him. These memories help Scrooge see how far he has strayed and inspire him to change.
2. The Cratchit family is important because they show Scrooge the real effects of poverty and how love and gratitude can exist even in hardship. Tiny Tim's fate especially motivates Scrooge to help others.
3. If Scrooge had ignored the lessons from the ghosts, he would have continued living a lonely, selfish life and died without anyone caring about him. Tiny Tim and others might have suffered without his help.
4. Scrooge's story is still meaningful today because it reminds us of the importance of kindness, generosity, and thinking about how our actions affect others. It encourages us to make positive changes in our own lives.

