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## Scrooge's New Connections

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Scrooge may have avoided relationships and kindness because he prioritized money over people and feared being vulnerable or dependent on others.
2. Dickens uses the Cratchit family to show Scrooge that love and kindness bring happiness, even in difficult times, and that helping others is a meaningful way to connect.
3. Scrooge learns that family provides joy, support, and purpose in life, and he decides to reconnect with Fred and care for the Cratchits as if they were his own family.
4. Scrooge's transformation can inspire readers to appreciate their own relationships and take steps to be more generous, forgiving, and connected with loved ones.

