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The Mystery of the Talking Trees

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Possible Answer: The Talking Trees became the kids' friends, guardians, and mentors, bringing magic and wisdom into their lives.
2. Possible Answer: The forest creatures might have hidden the treats in the candy castle as a playful prank or to challenge the kids and test their cleverness.
3. Possible Answer: At the beginning of the story, the kids faced a challenge in the form of the marshmallow dragon. With guidance from the Talking Trees, they devised a clever plan using giant leaves as shields. The Talking Trees played a crucial role by providing wisdom and encouragement, helping the kids grow as problem solvers.
4. Possible Answer: Being "pure of heart" likely means being kind, compassionate, honest, and having good intentions. These qualities allow someone to connect with and communicate with magical beings like the Talking Trees.

