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## **Luana's Hawaiian Teriyaki Burgers**

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| 1½ pounds ground beef  | 2 cloves garlic, minced         |
| 1 small onion, chopped | ½ teaspoon fresh ginger, minced |
| 1 egg                  | 2 stalks green onion, chopped   |
| ¼ cup soy sauce        | 1 tablespoon sesame oil         |

Combine all ingredients in large bowl; mix well. Form into patties. Fry, grill, or broil. For additional taste, serve with a slice of pineapple on top of each burger.

## **Mandy's Organic Chicken Chowder**

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| 2 tablespoons butter          | 1 teaspoon salt     |
| ¼ cup onion, chopped          | ⅛ teaspoon pepper   |
| 1½ cups cooked chicken, cubed | 2 cups water        |
| 1½ cups carrots, diced        | 3 tablespoons flour |
| 1½ cups raw potatoes, diced   | 1½ cups milk        |
| 2 chicken bouillon cubes      |                     |

Melt butter in a 3-quart saucepan. Add onions and sauté until tender. Add chicken, carrots, potatoes, bouillon cubes, salt, pepper, and water. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender. Combine flour and ½ cup milk in a jar. Shake until blended. Add to vegetables along with remaining milk. Cook on medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Yields 1¾ quarts.

# Discussion Questions

1. For some time, Mandy had a desire to visit Hawaii. Her boyfriend, Gideon, wanted her to stay but gave his blessing so she could pursue her dream. Have you ever wanted to do something so badly you didn't consider another person's feelings? Like Gideon, have you ever given someone your blessing, even though you felt what they were doing was wrong?
2. On the cruise ship, someone mistook Mandy and her Amish friends for nuns. Have you ever assumed something about a person based on their outer appearance?
3. Mandy was afraid of water and was unable to swim, yet she set her fears aside to go on the cruise to Hawaii. Have you ever wanted to do something so much you were able to set your fears aside in order to pursue your goal? Or have you ever held someone back from doing what they wanted, because of your own fears?
4. When Mandy and Ellen became stranded on Kauai, a caring Hawaiian couple took them in. Would you be willing to take in strangers at a moment's notice and make them feel welcome? If you have entertained strangers, how did it all work out?
5. Since Mandy's and Ellen's luggage was left on the ship, they only had the dresses they were wearing when they became stranded. Luana suggested they go shopping for a modest-looking Hawaiian dress. Mandy was content to accept the style of clothing on Kauai, but dressing that way made Ellen feel uncomfortable. How do you feel when you're subjected to uncomfortable situations? Do you conform or stay with what you believe is appropriate for you? Why?

6. When Makaio was injured, should Mandy and Ellen have agreed to stay on Kauai longer to help at the B&B, or would it have been better if they'd returned home right away?
7. After Barbara and Sadie returned to Indiana without their two Amish friends, Barbara found herself drawn to Mandy's boyfriend, Gideon. She did not act upon her feelings and kept them to herself. What would have happened if she had let him know how she felt? Have you ever been in a similar situation? If so, how did you respond?
8. Ellen realized Mandy was captivated by Hawaii and a certain young English man, so she intervened without Mandy's knowledge. Is there ever a time we should intervene if we feel someone we know is about to make a wrong decision that could change the course of their life? Should Ellen have gone to Mandy and discussed her feelings instead of going behind her back and attempting to manipulate the situation?
9. Even though Luana had lost a sentimental quilt, she didn't let it consume her. She moved on with a positive attitude. Have you ever lost something that had either monetary or sentimental value? What was the item, and how did you cope with the loss?
10. When Mandy returned home from Hawaii, Gideon saw a change in her. It was almost as though they were strangers, and he didn't know how to get back what they'd once had. Life is full of changes, some good and some bad. How do you deal with a friend or loved one who has changed?
11. Gideon's mother, Peggy, was unsure of him choosing Mandy for a wife. However, instead of meddling, she prayed about it, allowing God to work things out for her son. What happens when we allow God to work in our lives, rather than taking matters into our own hands?

12. Mandy's desire to live a different life from the one she'd always known was hard for her family and friends to accept. If you had a child who wanted to serve God in a different church than the one in which they were raised, how would you respond?
13. Did you learn anything new about the Amish by reading this story? If so, what was it?
14. Were there any Bible verses mentioned in this story that spoke to your heart? If so, what were they, and how did they bolster your faith?