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Redemption or Desperation Answer Key

(Sample Responses)

YES - She is redeemed

- *Evidence:* She reaches out to The Misfit, calling him her child.
- *Explanation:* This act shows compassion beyond herself, symbolizing a moment of grace and connection. O'Connor often emphasizes sudden, unexpected grace at the point of death.

NO - She is not redeemed

- *Evidence:* She spends most of the story selfish, manipulative, and judgmental.
- *Explanation:* Her final gesture may be seen as fear or desperation rather than true grace. Some argue redemption requires a lifetime of faith, not a last-second change.