

The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide
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Chapter 10: A Warm Welcome

Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

alluding _____

attribute _____

ominous _____

bogs _____

receded _____

promontory _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

carted, drought, tarnished, floundering, solemnities, vagabond, molesting, waylaid, yore, clamour, obscurest, contented, frauds, revenge, circuitous

Bonus Vocabulary

fortnight

Comprehension Questions Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1) How had the land and peoples changed since the dwarves had last dwelt there? _____

2) What was Gandalf's reaction to Thorin & Company's experiences? _____

3) Describe Lake-town. _____

4) How did the men of Lake-town view the legend of Thrór, Thráin, Durin, and the return of the dwarves? Did it impact their daily business?

5) Who rescued the dwarves from the barrels? _____

6) Who developed and what was the plan after the dwarves got out of the barrels? _____

7) Describe the character of the Master of Lake-town. _____

8) How did the men of Lake-town help Thorin & Company? _____

9) Why was the Master of Lake-town both surprised and frightened? _____

10) What was the reaction of the Master of Lake-town to the dwarves leaving? _____

Christian Worldview

1) Non-watchful guards at Lake-town is not as uncommon as one may think at first. Throughout the book, it would appear that J.R.R. Tolkien is reminding the reader to be watchful, careful, and cautious. In light of the following scripture verses and others, how does the Bible view the role of a watchman?

His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber ... Isaiah 56:10

Ezekiel 33:1-9

Matthew 25:1-13 ... The parable of the ten virgins

2) The wood-elf king is described by J.R.R. Tolkien as being wise since he is cautious and wakeful determining if Thorin & Company are what they appear. In life, things are not always what they appear. Do you think it is wise for Christians to be wary? Is it necessary to have trust oppose cautiousness? When should Christians trust?

Optional Activities

1) Draw, paint or sketch your version of what Lake-town looks like.

2) The newest best seller in Lake-town is a book by Bard detailing how the dwarves and the citizens of Dale were let down by their watchmen. The title of the book is *The Town of Dale at Risk: Could Lake-town Be Next?* Mr. Bilbo Baggins has lent you his ring to determine if the allegations of the book is correct. You discover that Bard was accurate in his reporting. Your job is to develop WAP otherwise known as the Watchful Awareness Program. What four things would you emphasize in being watchful?

3) Create your own song about the return of the dwarves and the fulfillment of the prophecies based on the tune *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*.

4) Current Events. Scour newspapers and current events magazines or journals looking for articles that deal with being watchful and not being at risk. Present to your family.

5) Uncle Bard Needs You! Develop a poster/billboard campaign around watchfulness complete with slogans. (You may want to review old World War II posters and revamp old slogans like "Loose lips sink ships.")