

The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide
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Chapter 11: On the Doorstep

Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

disembarked _____

escort _____

desolation _____

waning _____

spur _____

exposed _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

foul reek, maurauding, joint, crevice, lintel, threshold, implored, fragments, crannies, brooded, enclosure, rent, trill

Bonus Vocabulary

ominous

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

1) Why did the Lake-town escort leave Thorin & Company? _____

2) Describe the Desolation of the Dragon. _____

3) Who motivated the dwarves to search the western slopes for the secret door? _____

4) Who guarded the ponies and supplies? _____

5) Where was the third camp and how did Thorin & Company supply it? _____

6) Why did Bombur decline to go to the camp? _____

7) What was the mood of Thorin & Company? Why? _____

8) What role did the thrush play? _____

9) What happened when hope was at its lowest? _____

10) Describe the door. _____

Christian Worldview

1) The description of the Desolation of the Dragon is not unlike what the Romans did to Jerusalem. The Romans salted the earth so that crops could not grow (see *For the Temple*). Isn't it interesting how sin leads to barrenness and death?

2) The dwarves have been very good at talking of evil dragons and heroic deeds throughout the whole adventure. Yet, it has been Mr. Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf that have demonstrated perseverance in continuing the quest. Frequently, we just want things to happen and we do not want to work for them. Yes, we realize it is a childish wish, but there it is! Anything worth having is worth striving for. Character is developed through hardships. Discuss.

Optional Activities

1) There are three different rope companies trying to sell Thorin rope to haul Bombur up the mountain. They are Misty Mountain Rope Company (who have a special sale on "real rope"), Lake-town Rope Inc. (who have a new product called "strong ropes"), and Elfvile Ropes (who have a best-seller rope called "magic rope"). Thorin has approached you to decide between the three, as he said that he has no head for business matters. You need to choose between magic, strong, and real rope. When you decide, you need to list your reasons why, and send letters of apology to the other two companies.

2) All three companies were impressed with your business acumen in selecting rope and have hired you to develop an ad campaign to sell their ropes. You may either do ad campaigns for all three companys or only one or two. It is up to you if the ads will air on television or radio or simply be in the print media.

3) Gandalf has decided to open up a barber shop / beauty salon for hobbits, dwarves, elves, men and the various other creatures of Middle Earth in the mountain as soon as Smaug has been driven out. The theme of the shoppe is "cleaniness is next to godliness." They need you to develop more slogans and a theme song to the tune of *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

4) The Raven Haven, a well-known hotel, has fallen on hard times. Not to manny folks want to visit this old establishment due to Smaug. The manager of this establishment wants you to develop an attraction for the Raven Haven to attract patrons back in the area. You need to decide what two new amazing things will be the attractions.

5) Draw your conception of the Front Gate.

What does Scripture say?

Perseverance -- steadfast persistence

Elements involved in perseverance and steadfast persistence

Spiritual growth ... Ephesians 4:15

Fruitfulness ... John 15:4-8

God's Armor ... Ephesians 6:11-18

Chastening ... Hebrews 12:5-13

Assurance ... 2 Timothy 1:12

Salvation ... Matthew 10:22
Reward ... Galatians 6:9
Having a goal ... Phil. 3:12-14
Discipline ... 1 Corinthians 9:25-27
Run the race ... Hebrews 12:1,2
Never give up ... Revelations 3:10,21