

*The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide*  
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**Chapter 16: A Thief in the Night**

**Vocabulary** Define the following words with only 1-2 words

avenged \_\_\_\_\_

sentinels \_\_\_\_\_

deduct \_\_\_\_\_

escort \_\_\_\_\_

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

1) How did the dwarves pass the time? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) What was Thorin Oakenshield searching for? \_\_\_\_\_

3) How will winter effect the two sides?

Thorin & Company \_\_\_\_\_

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Bard & Elvenking \_\_\_\_\_

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4) Why does Mr. Bilbo Baggins go to Bard's encampment? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What did Mr. Bilbo Baggins keep in his jacket pocket from the unexpected tea party? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) Why does Mr. Bilbo Baggins give the Arkenstone of Thrain to Bard and the Elvenking? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) How does Mr. Bilbo Baggins justify his possession of the Arkenstone? \_\_\_\_\_

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8) What is Mr. Bilbo Baggins willing to forego for peace? \_\_\_\_\_

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9) Who unexpectedly appears in Bard's encampment? \_\_\_\_\_

10) Who did Mr. Bilbo Baggins wake up at midnight? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Christian Worldview***

1) What an interesting chapter title, *A Thief in the Night*. Bilbo has turned into a real thief of sorts. Compare and contrast the similarities between this and the prophecies of the Lord's return.

2) Compare and contrast the Arkenstone and the pearl of great price.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:  
Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and  
bought it ... Matthew 13:45,46

3) Bilbo was willing to give up his 1/14th share of the treasure in order to ensure peace and prosperity for all. Is selflessness a Christian virtue? Discuss.

### ***Optional Activities***

1) The *Shire Gazette* is quite annoyed that it has not received any news reports from you in a long time. Quickly sum up the adventure to please the *Shire Gazette* editor before you are fired! Make sure your report is short, quick, and to the point. (Note: This may be done via paper, video, tape recorder, computer)

2) Poor Bombur is cold on his watch. Your mission is to create three ideas of how to have portable fire or heat.

3) Make the Arkenstone of Thrain out of aluminum foil, tissue paper, styrofoam balls, etc.

4) Illustrate Mr. Bilbo Baggins falling in the stream.

5) To the tune of *Baa, Baa, Blacksheep* write lyrics about Mr. Bilbo Baggins giving the Arkenstone of Thrain to Bard.

### ***What does Scripture say?***

Avenge ... retaliate for an evil done

A. Kinds of avenge

Commanded by God ... Num 31:1,2

Given strength for ... Judg 16:28-30

Sought maliciously ... 1 Sam 18:25

Possible but not done ... 1 Sam 24:12

Attempted but hindered ... 1 Sam 25:26-33

Obtained in self-defense ... Esth 8:12,13

B. Sought because of

A murdered kinsman ... Num 35:12; Josh 20:3,5,9

A wife's mistreatment ... Judg 15:6,8

Judah's sins ... Jer 5:9

Mistreatment ... Acts 7:24, 25

Immortality ... 1 Thes 4:5,6

C. Performed by

God Himself ... Lev. 26:25; Luke 18:7,8

Wicked men ... 2 Sam 4:8-12

Impetuous General ... 2 Sam 18:18,19,31

Commissioned general ... 2 Ki 9:6,7

Judge ... Luke 18:3,5  
Jesus Christ ... Rev 19:2

D. Restrictions on avenge  
Personal, prohibited ... Lev. 19:17,18  
Christians prohibited ... Rev 12:9