

The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide
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Chapter 4: Over Hill and Under Hill

Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

deceptions _____

infested _____

uncanny _____

thriven _____

guffawing _____

tongs _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

shirk, rummaged, ingenious, prosperous, alliances, warrant, inconveniencing, gnashed, dumbfounded, scurrying

Bonus Vocabulary

quaff

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

1) Explain, “*There were many paths that led up into those mountains, and many passes over them. But most of the paths were cheats and deceptions and led nowhere or to bad ends; and most of the passes were infested by evil things and dreadful dangers.*”

2) Why do you think it was necessary for Thorin & Company to have the wise advice of Elrond and the knowledge and memory of Gandalf?

3) Why do you think Gandalf knew something unexpected might happen? _____

4) Describe the difference between a thunderstorm and a thunder battle.

5) Foreshadowing, if you remember, is a literary device that suggests something is to come later by giving hints and clues. Frequently, the use of storms indicates that something of major import is about to happen. Mr. J.R.R. Tolkien takes a great deal of time to describe the difference between a thunderstorm and a thunder battle. Why?

6) Who was sent to inspect the cave to ascertain if it was safe? _____

7) Describe the cave in which Thorin & Company initially took shelter. _____

8) Physically describe the goblins. _____

9) Give the character traits of the goblins. _____

10) What was the general meaning of the goblins' song? _____

11) What do goblins manufacture? _____

12) What does the Great Goblin think Thorin & Company are up to? _____

13) How did the goblins react to Orcrist? _____

14) How did Gandalf rescue Thorin & Company? _____

15) Who was carrying Mr. Bilbo Baggins and what happened to him? _____

Christian Worldview

- 1) In the cave, there were twists and turns and secret paths meant to deceive. What does this remind you of and why?
- 2) The goblins are evil liars that are fat, cruel, heartless and always seeking whom they may devour. How is this a misuse of power?
- 3) J.R.R. Tolkien frequently deals with the misuse of authority or the stealing of authority unlawfully. How are the trolls' treasure and the goblins examples of this ill-gotten use of authority?

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword ... Matthew 26:52

- 4) The swords of Thorin & Company light up when the evil goblins are close as if getting ready for battle. How can this be related to ...

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart ... Hebrews 4:12

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ... Ephesians 6:17

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword ... Matthew 11:34

- 5) Gandalf rescues the heroes even though they did not thoroughly check the cave. How is this similar to how the Lord ignores our unthinking carelessness and rescues us?

Optional Activities

- 1) Develop or re-enact the conversation Fili and Kili might have had as they go to the cave. Remember, they are tired and hungry and want to get out of the rain as quickly as possible.
- 2) Draw a picture of Fili and Kili quickly exploring the cave.
- 3) The president of the United States has personally come to you asking you to spy out the goblins to learn their weaknesses and to develop battle plans. Your job, should decide to accept it, is to develop a top secret dossier entitled *The Goblins and their Weaknesses*.
- 4) Previously, you were approached by *The Shire Gazette*, acting on inside knowledge from Gandalf, to accompany Thorin & Company on this adventure. Develop a headline banner and lead story for *The Shire Gazette* about the Great Goblin and his demise.
- 5) Illustrate *Orcrist* and *Glamdring* fighting for truth and justice against the goblins in their evil lair for the above story.

What does Scripture say?

Justice is produced by

True wisdom ... Proverbs 8:15

Parental instruction ... Genesis 18:19

True faith ... Hebrews 10:38

Injustice is caused by violating another

A. Examples of injustice among men

Laban's treatment of Jacob ... Genesis 31:36-42

Saul's treatment of

 Priests ... 1 Samuel 22:15-23

 David ... 1 Samuel 24:8-22; 1 Samuel 26:14:25

David's treatment of Uriah ... 2 Samuel 12:1-12

Irijah's treatment of Jeremiah ... Jeremiah 37:11-21

B. Punishment upon injustice should be executed

Severely ... 1 Samuel 15:32,33

Swiftly ... Esther 7:9,10