

*The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide*  
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**Chapter 6: Out of the Frying-Pan into the Fire**

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

debating \_\_\_\_\_

abominable \_\_\_\_\_

helter-skelter \_\_\_\_\_

confusticate \_\_\_\_\_

reputation \_\_\_\_\_

benighted \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

sorrel, thyme, sages, marjoram, bracken, fronds, infested, proverb, intervals, porter, clambered, commotion, pinnacle, keen, afoot, summoned, reek, cinders, talons, smote, tumult, giddy, precipice, yew, obliged, famished

**Bonus Vocabulary**

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

1) Compare and contrast the reaction between Gandalf, Mr. Bilbo Baggins and the dwarves at the prospect of going back into the mountains to rescue the missing party.

*Gandalf* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mr. Bilbo Baggins* \_\_\_\_\_

*dwarves* \_\_\_\_\_

2) Describe how Mr. Bilbo Baggins rejoined Thorin & Company. \_\_\_\_\_

3) Why did the dwarves develop a new respect for Mr. Bilbo Baggins? \_\_\_\_\_

4) What did Gandalf do when he heard Mr. Bilbo Baggins' warning cry? \_\_\_\_\_

5) What did Mr. Bilbo Baggins find to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

6) What saved Thorin & Company from the landslide? \_\_\_\_\_

7) Where did Thorin & Company seek refuge from the Wargs? \_\_\_\_\_

8) Which dwarf aides Mr. Bilbo Baggins? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this say about this dwarf's character? \_\_\_\_\_

9) How does J.R.R. Tolkien describe eagles? \_\_\_\_\_

10) Why do you think the goblins made a song about catching the dwarves? \_\_\_\_\_

11) How did the Lord of the Eagles know Gandalf? \_\_\_\_\_

12) *Comic relief* is an important literary tool. It is frequently employed when situations of high tension have occurred in order to relieve the reader. Describe the comic relief J.R.R. Tolkien provides us with Dori and Mr. Bilbo Baggins' reaction when they were rescued by the eagles.

13) Why would the Lord of the Eagles not take Thorin & Company anywhere near where men lived? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Christian Worldview***

1) Loyalty & duty. In the opening paragraphs of this chapter, Bilbo decides it is his duty to turn back to help his friends. Is this a Christian virtue? How?

2) Gandalf argues with the dwarves to go back and help Bilbo. Yet, the dwarves are not desirous to do so. It would seem that the friendship is not yet reciprocal. Use this in context with the following scriptures.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends ... John 15:13

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets ... Matthew 7:12

3) We need a guide. "*As a matter of fact it was well known to anybody who was acquainted with this part of the mountains; but it took a wizard to keep his head in the tunnels and guide them in the right direction.*" The Christian has two guides. What are they and why do we need them. (Hint: God's Law-Word is one).

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen ... Matthew 28:20

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee ... Hebrew 13:5

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee ... Joshua 1:5

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee ... Deuteronomy 31:6

Fear thou not: For I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness ... Isaiah 41:10

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them ... Isaiah 41:17

4) **Ponder:** Trees. A Tree was in the Garden of Eden. Christ was sacrificed on a Tree. It was on a Tree that Judas Iscariot hung himself. Isn't it interesting that trees rescued the heroes again?

5) Wolves, or in this case Wargs, are frequently used in literature to represent evil that is sly and cunning (See: Aesop's Fables). How does J.R.R. Tolkien use this literary device as a foreboding of evil?

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves ... Matthew 7:15

6) Dori and Nori argue amongst themselves about which one will rescue Mr. Bilbo Baggins. ("*I can't be always carrying burglars on my back,*" said Dori, "*down tunnels and up trees! What do you think I am? A porter?*") Compare and contrast this with the following scripture verse.

And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ... Genesis 4:9

7) God prepares a way of escape even if it is NOT comfortable as Bilbo and Dori found out (*comic relief*). How does J.R.R. Tolkien illustrate this with the eagles?

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint ... Isaiah 41:31

8) How are the goblins' taunting the heroes in the trees similar to humanists taunting and mocking God's people? The following scripture verses may be of help.

But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, they there was no remedy ... 2 Chronicles 36:16

And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate ... And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the king of the Jews, save Thyself ... Luke 13:11, 36,37

Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine ... Acts 2:13

See Matthew 4:1-11

## ***Optional Activities***

- 1) With either construction paper, cardboard, clay, etc., make the Misty Mountains.
- 2) Gandalf's recording studio, *Great Awakening Productions*, has hired you to develop an anti-goblin song with catchy lyrics for his next television special *Adventures in the Misty Mountains*.
- 3) Middle Earth Geology Zone Corporation wants rock samples from the uncharted Misty Mountains and Goblin's cave so they can produce an educational rock sample kit for young children. Your job, should you choose to accept this highly paid commission, is to choose several rocks in your area and make them look like stones you would find in the Misty Mountains and Goblin's cave. (*Hint: You may want to paint the stones various colors, glue moss unto them, use clay to make unusual designs, use chisels to sculpt, etc.*)
- 4) The Lord of the Eagles is frustrated that folks do not give his kingdom due credit, honor, and respect. Therefore, he has come to you to make a banner for his kingdom to instill the proper regard for his domain with others.
- 5) Mr. Bilbo Baggins, understandably, is appalled with the lack of loyalty and duty in some quarters in Middle Earth. He has approached you to introduce a quick television and/or radio commercial, complete with jingles, promoting loyalty and duty.

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

Loyalty --- being true to a person or cause

A. Kinds of Loyalty

People ... Acts 25:7-11

Relatives ... Esther 2:21-23

King ... 1 Samuel 24:6-10

Cause ... 2 Samuel 11:9-11

Oath ... 2 Samuel 21:7

B. Signs of Loyalty

General obedience ... Romans 13:1,2

Prayer for rulers ... Ezra 6:10

Hatred of disloyalty ... Joshua 22:9-20

Duty --- obligation

A. Between men

Husband to wife ... Ephesians 5:25-33

Wife to husband ... Ephesians 5:22-24

Parents to children ... Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6

Children to parents ... Ephesians 6:1-3

Subjects to rulers ... 1 Peter 2:12-20

Men to men ... 1 Peter 3:8-16

The weak ... 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

B. Toward God

Love ... Deuteronomy 11:1

Obey ... Matthew 12:50

Serve ... 1 Thessalonians 1:9

Worship ... John 4:23