

The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide
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Chapter 9: Barrels Out of Bond

Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

hewn _____

surly _____

pursue _____

clamour _____

remotest _____

nimble _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

low-spirited, ransom, depended, portcullis, lurking, throve, flagons, potent, wearisome, blundering, downcast, adjoining, stowed, stifling, sleeping-draught, turnkey, muddled, mere, kine, eddying, jutting, pier, obliged, larder, snivel

Bonus Vocabulary

ransom

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

1) Who took the dwarves prisoner and why?

2) What did Mr. Bilbo Baggins do while the dwarves were being taken prisoner?

3) What did Mr. Bilbo Baggins do for the weeks that Thorin & Company were prisoners?

4) Describe Thorin's plan before Mr. Bilbo Baggins happened upon him?

5) The great gates were not the only entrance into the caves. What was the other entrance and what was it used for?

6) What did the elves do with the empty barrels?

7) Who did Mr. Bilbo Baggins overhear talking?

8) How did the dwarves respond to Mr. Bilbo Baggins' plan of escape?

9) How did Mr. Bilbo Baggins escape?

10) Where did the barrels go after they left the underground cavern stream?

Christian Worldview

1) Thorin became very low-spirited and had begun to think about bargaining with the wood elf king. Then, Mr. Bilbo Baggins begins his rescue operations. How does this remind you of how our Lord sends help when we are low?

2) What do you think? Was it greed that the dwarves agreed to not tell the wood elves about the real reason for their mission or was it proper guardianship and obedience to Thorin?

3) Mr. Bilbo Baggins talked about how he did not care to have others depending upon him. How is this a good illustration between leadership versus a tyrant?

4) Mr. Bilbo Baggins unlocks and gathers the dwarves together in the hidden cells deep under the mountain. Discuss, from a Christian worldview, how one can be both physically and mentally a prisoner of others.

5) ***Ponder:*** Grumbling and complaining again comes into play as Mr. Bilbo Baggins tells the dwarves and Thorin his plans for escape. Interestingly, Mr. Bilbo Baggins thinks of how to have his friends escape, but forgets about himself.

Optional Activities

1) Mr. Bilbo Baggins is indeed fortunate for the invisibility of the magic ring. Design your own magic ring out of whatever you wish. Whenever your magic ring is on, your family must ignore you. (*Note: Be careful. Your family members will have the same opportunity of being "invisible"*)

2) You are headmaster of the *Elvinking's School for Young Elves*. It is expected that elves be good warriors, huntsmen, fishermen, scholars, artisans, and spies. Your job is design a program complete with book titles and film names for the various courses for your students.

3) The elvinking's chef is very frustrated. The elves flit all around the forest having their feasts here and there which make it tough on him. The chef has asked you to design a banqueting hall so the elves will no longer make his job so difficult.

4) It is a good thing that Mr. Bilbo Baggins attended the *Hobbit School of Swimming* while a young hobbit in Bag End, Bagginsville! This school has contacted you to do a brochure on why learning how to swim is not only good to keep physically and mentally fit, but you never know when swimming will come in handy!

5) Gather popsicle sticks, cans, cardboard and other items to make a 3 dimensional diorama of a dwarf going inside the barrel with Mr. Bilbo Baggins' help.

What does Scripture say?

Murmuring --- sullen dissatisfaction

A. Murmuring caused by

Thirst ... Exodus 15:24

Hunger ... Exodus 16:2,3,8

Fear ... Numbers 14:1-4

B. Christians and murmuring

Provoked ... Acts 6:1

Forbidden ... John 6:43

Excluded ... Phil. 2:14

Faultfinder --- carping critic

A. Motives behind a faultfinder

Supposed injustice ... Matthew 20:9-12

Supposed defilement ... Luke 5:29,30

Greed and avarice ... John 12:3-6

Hypocrisy ... Luke 7:34-50

B. Against God's

Choice ... Numbers 12:1,2

Leading ... Numbers 14:1-4

Mercy ... Jonah 4:1-11

Government ... Romans 9:19-23

C. Guilt of faultfinders

Punishable ... Numbers 12:2,8-13

Productive of evil ... 3 John 10