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CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?

Christiana: follower of Christ

Secret: something unknown

Mercy: kindness, compassion

Answer the questions below:

1. In Part 1 of *Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian tried to persuade his wife to join him on his journey. How did she respond?

 She was harsh toward him and would not go
 with him on his journey.

2. Who brought Christiana an invitation? Secret

3. How did Christiana respond to the invitation? She was glad
 and went on the journey.

4. Who joined Christiana on her journey? Her sons and Mercy

5. Why did Mercy weep? She was sad for those left behind.



SYMBOLISM

After Christian's death, Christiana begins to reflect on her harsh attitude toward him. She finally realizes that she is a sinner and that she needs salvation.

As she considers this, a messenger arrives with an invitation especially for her. She is invited to go to the Celestial City, just as Christian did. Christiana rejoices that God is ready to forgive her for rejecting the first offer. She sets out with her children and her friend Mercy.

As they travel toward the wicket gate, Mercy (who, as her name suggests, has a tender heart) weeps for those left behind. Christiana reminds her that Christian once wept for her, and now she has repented, and so perhaps in time, others who initially refuse to hear God's Word will repent.

John Bunyan begins the second part of *Pilgrim's Progress* with an encouraging reminder that God calls many people over time. Sometimes it may seem hopeless to imagine that a person will ever change, but God can soften hearts in many ways.

Christian did not live to see Christiana's change of heart, but his efforts still bore fruit in time. After he died, she remembered his words. Like Christian, we should never be discouraged about sharing the gospel. Even though we may never see the effect of our efforts during our lifetime, God may still use it in time to bring someone to repentance and faith in Christ.



BIBLE READING

Christiana comforted Mercy by reminding her of a particular Bible passage. Let's read it now:

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them. (Psalm 126:5-6)

Sowing (planting) is hard work. A farmer must go out carrying a heavy bag full of seeds to scatter. At first, it may seem as though nothing is happening. When the seeds are planted, the field still looks bare. However, under the ground, the seeds begin to sprout. In time, they grow and produce good food.



Our work for God's kingdom may be like planting seeds. The fruit may not appear immediately. We may work and work, and yet we may feel as though nothing is happening. We cannot see the changes taking place in a person's heart. In time, God may cause someone to remember our words or our kindness.

Eventually, He may call them to repentance.

CONCLUSION

Read Galatians 6:9 in your Bible. Copy it here:

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper

time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



REMEMBER! Never give up on sharing the gospel with others.

PART 2: AT THE GATE OF HOPE
READ PAGES 163-168.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Christiana was sorry that she had been harsh to Christian.

While she was thinking about this, a visitor named Secret arrived with an invitation to the Celestial City.

Christiana set out on the journey with her sons and her friend Mercy. Mercy wept to think of those people left behind, but Christiana reminded her that others may follow later.



CHARACTERS

What does this character's name mean?

Keeper: one who watches over

Answer the questions below:

1. What frightened Mercy and Christiana when they knocked at the gate?

The barking of a dog frightened them.

2. Why did Mercy faint? She thought she had been rejected

3. What did the Keeper show Mercy and Christiana from the top of the gatehouse?

He showed them the cross.

4. Was the Keeper angry with Mercy for pounding on the gate? No

5. Who owned the dangerous dog? Beelzebub (the castle)

6. What happened when Christiana's sons ate the stolen fruit?

They became sick.



SYMBOLISM

Christiana has good confidence that she will be accepted by God. Until his death, her husband Christian had served God devoutly, and he had pleaded with her many times to join him on the journey. Mercy, on the other

Wisdom comes from God, but we are commanded to search for it. The book of Proverbs instructs us to accept God's Word and to apply our hearts to understanding. Only then will we find the knowledge of God.

CONCLUSION

Suppose someone tells you, "I am a Christian. I once prayed and asked God to forgive my sins. I will go to heaven now, so I do not need to bother with praying anymore or reading my Bible or going to church."

How would you respond? _____ God commands us to seek Him

_____ with our whole heart.



REMEMBER! God provides everything we need for Christian faith and life, but we must use the things God provides. We must seek Him diligently.

PART 3: DELIVERANCE FROM ATTACK
READ PAGES 168-169

DO YOU REMEMBER?

When Christiana and Mercy knocked at the gate, they were frightened by the barking of a dog. Christiana was let into the gate by the Keeper. However, Mercy was left outside. Mercy knocked frantically on the gate, and the Keeper opened the gate to let her in.

The Keeper showed Mercy and Christiana the cross on the hill, and he sent them on their way. Christiana's sons ate some fruit which was hanging over the wall. It made them ill.



CHARACTERS

What does this character's name mean?

Reliever: one who brings help

Answer the questions below:

1. What happened to Mercy and Christiana as they traveled down the path?

They were attacked by two men.

2. Who came to rescue them? Reliever

3. Reliever told the women they should have asked the Keeper for something. What was it?

They should have asked for a guide.

4. How did Christiana believe this experience helped them?

They discovered their danger and learned

to ask for help.

Does God know what we need before we ask? Yes

Why should we pray for our daily bread when God knows what we need? (If you are not sure, think about Reliever's explanation to Christiana about the reason she should have asked for a guide.)

We realize how much we need God when we ask God to

give us what we need every day.



REMEMBER! God knows everything we need, but He tells us to ask Him in prayer for all things, including our daily bread.

CHAPTER 13: AT THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE

PART 1: OBJECT LESSONS SEEN (I)
READ PAGES 170-173.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

As Christiana, Mercy, and the children traveled along the path, they were attacked by two men. A man named Reliever came to their rescue. He told Christiana that she should have asked the Keeper for a guide to help her on her way.

CHARACTERS



What do these characters' names mean?

Innocent: not dangerous or harmful

Interpreter: one who gives an explanation

Answer the questions below:

1. How did Christiana and Mercy recognize the Interpreter's House?

From Christian's description

2. Who met them at the door? Innocent

3. Why was the man with the muckrake unable to see the crown offered to him?

He was only looking downward.

4. What did Mercy and Christiana find inside the finest room of the Interpreter's House?

A spider

5. What did the little chick do when it went to the trough to drink?

The chick lifted its eyes toward Heaven.



SYMBOLISM

The Interpreter's House represents the process in which a new believer begins to understand truths about God. Christiana and Mercy have just started on their new path, but, with the help of the Interpreter, they quickly learn important concepts about God and Christian life.

We must remember that Christ is the center of all things in our lives. We work, play, go to school, and visit with our friends, but we should never be so caught up in those things that we forget God.

The main purpose of our lives is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. We should do everything with this purpose in mind. Our old sinful self has been buried with Christ, and we are raised to a new life in Him. We should live as people who have been redeemed.

CONCLUSION

Paul tells us to set our hearts on things above, not on earthly things. Think about how you can do this every day.

When you are at school, how can you show that your heart is set on things above?

Answers may vary.

When you are doing your chores, how can you show that your heart is set on things above?

Answers may vary.

When you are at church, how can you show that your heart is set on things above?

Answers may vary.



REMEMBER! Always remember Christ in everything you do!

PART 2: OBJECT LESSONS SEEN (II)
READ PAGES 174-175.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Mercy, Christiana, and her sons arrived at the Interpreter's House. They were welcomed, and the Interpreter showed them many things. Among these was a man with a muckrake who could not see the crow offer to him. They also found a spider in a nice room, and they heard the way a hen calls to the chicks.

Answer the questions below:

1. How did the sheep react toward the men who were hurting him?

It was patient.

2. What grew in the garden? many different flowers

3. After the Interpreter had harvested the grain from his wheat field, what was left?

Only straw remained.

4. What did Christiana suggest should be done with the straw?

It should be plowed under or burned.

5. What was the robin eating? a spider



SYMBOLISM

The killing of the patient sheep is a symbol reminding us that we will suffer in our lives. We must bear the suffering quietly and patiently, just as Jesus did when He died on the cross. We should not complain or become bitter about difficulties. Rather, we should trust in God to help us endure.

The flower garden represents God's church. The church is full of all kinds of people—men, women, boys, and girls. They are old, young, rich, poor, tall, and short. Some of them are preachers, some are doctors, some are schoolteachers, some are soldiers, and so on. All of these people are important to God. Like flowers in a garden, they should live and work together, without boasting or quarrelling.



The wheat which has been harvested so that only straw is left in the field reminds us that fruit is important. If someone claims to love God but never obeys Him, then this person is like a plant with no fruit—it is no good at all.

honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

(I Corinthians 12:12-27)

Paul reminded the Corinthians that a body cannot function without all of its parts. Some parts may seem more important than others, but each part is necessary. With this illustration, Paul showed us that each person is important. Each person has a particular role to fill, and so everyone must be content with what God has given them.

CONCLUSION

Suppose someone says, "I am not a pastor, so I am not anyone important. I don't matter to God at all."

How would you respond? Everyone is important.

Suppose someone says, "I am the church librarian, so I am very important. I am in charge of all the books! I am much more important than the Sunday School teachers!"

How would you respond? Each person has their role in God's

kingdom, and all of them are important.

**PART 3: PROVERBS HEARD AND
TESTIMONIES GIVEN
READ PAGES 175-178.**

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The Interpreter showed his visitors the garden where flowers grew all together without quarrelling. He also showed them his wheat field where grain had been harvested. Only the straw remained, which was worthless. In the last lesson, they observed a robin with a spider in its beak, which represented the professing Christians secretly enjoying sin.

Finish each proverb.

1. The fatter the sow...

the more she loves to wallow in the mire.

2. One leak will sink a ship, and...

one sin will destroy a life.

3. He who lives in sin and looks for happiness is like...

the man who sows his field with thistle seed and

expects to fill his barn with wheat.

4. We seldom dine without leaving something on the table, so...

there is more merit and righteousness in Christ

than the whole world will ever use or need.



SYMBOLISM

A **proverb** is a short saying which expresses a basic common-sense truth. The Interpreter uses proverbs to help his guests learn concepts about God and Christian life. He especially warns them that they must take sin seriously. He tells them that a sin is like a leak in a ship—it may seem small, but it will have serious consequences. He also explains that it is impossible to be happy as a sinner. At the moment of temptation, someone may think that sin will bring happiness, but in the end, it is like planting weeds in your garden—you get nothing for all your effort.

the covenant. In fact, Ruth was the great-grandmother of King David, the greatest king in Israelite history.

CONCLUSION

Christiana and Mercy told their **testimonies** (their stories about how they became followers of Christ) to the Interpreter. The Bible tells the testimony of Ruth and many others.

What is your testimony? Did you hear about Jesus from your parents? Or perhaps from a friend? Or at Vacation Bible School? Describe how you first learned about God.

Answers may vary.



REMEMBER! God never turns people away who come to Him in faith and repentance.

CHAPTER 14: THE GUIDANCE OF GREATHEART

PART 1: THE CROSS READ PAGES 179-182.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The Interpreter taught his guests some proverbs. Then
Christiana and Mercy told how they had become pilgrims. The
Interpreter said that Mercy was like Ruth in the Bible. This made
Mercy very happy.

CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?



Greatheart: strong heart

Slowpace: walks slowly

Shortwind: gets tired easily

Noheart: no courage

Lingerlust: sin is staying

Mr. Sleepy: always half-asleep

Dull: not smart

Answer the questions below:

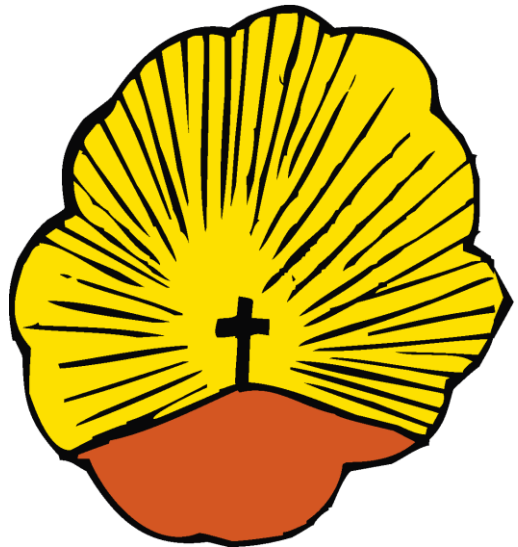
1. Who traveled with Christiana, Mercy, and the children to guide them?

 Greatheart

2. While they were looking at the cross, what did Christiana worry that she did not understand?

 She did not understand

 pardon by deed.



3. When Christiana wondered how Christ could have enough righteousness left for Himself, what did Greatheart say?

Christ has more righteousness than He and all the
world will ever need.

4. According to Greatheart, does everyone love Jesus?

No.

5. Why had Simple, Sloth, and Presumption been hanged?

They had persuaded other pilgrims to stop
following the right path.



SYMBOLISM

When the pilgrims reach the cross, Christiana confides to her guide that she does not yet fully understand salvation. Greatheart explains the concept which John Bunyan refers to as ‘pardon by deed.’ You may have heard of this before (perhaps in church) described as **atonement**. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life. His righteousness is given to us so that we are made righteous. He died to **atone** for our sins. This means that the sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross paid for our sins. He took the punishment for

However, this is not the end of the matter. Jesus also told His disciples, "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them." (Luke 17:3)

We are all sinners, and we all need to be rebuked sometimes. The question is whether we repent when we are rebuked. Simple, Sloth, and Presumption did not. Church discipline is not for people who repent. It is for those who refuse to repent even when they are warned. Forgiveness is always available for people who love God and repent of their sins. As Greatheart said, "Christ has more righteousness than He and all the world will ever need. Therefore, it is free to all who come by faith."

CONCLUSION

Think about this story and answer the questions:

Margaret attended a small church in Missouri. One Sunday morning, just before the worship service, Margaret took twenty dollars out of her purse. She was going to put it in the church offering basket. While she was talking to her friends, however, she set the money down on a table and forgot about it.

Margaret remembered the money and came back to get it. Just as she walked around the corner, she saw another church member, Carl, pick up the money from the table and put it into his pocket.

Margaret was shocked. She ran back to her friends and said, "Carl stole my twenty dollars!"

Did Margaret respond correctly?

No



What should Margaret have done? _____ She should have spoken

to Carl about the money.

It is possible that Carl stole the money, but it is also possible that he picked it up to take it to the lost-and-found box. This is one reason that it is so important to talk to someone before accusing that person in front of everyone.

Suppose Margaret talked to Carl, and he said, "You are right, Margaret. I did steal the money. I saw it sitting there, and thought it was lost. I thought no one would notice and it wouldn't matter. But I see now that I was wrong. I will pay your money back. Will you forgive me?"

What should Margaret do? _____ She should forgive him.



REMEMBER! When people sin against you, talk to them before you tell everyone. If they repent, forgive them.

**PART 2: THE HILL OF DIFFICULTY
AND THE GIANT
READ PAGES 182-187.**

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The travelers arrived at the cross. Christiana told Greatheart that she did not quite understand salvation.

Greatheart explained salvation, and Christiana and Mercy were amazed and happy. Later, they saw Simple, Sloth, and Presumption, who had been hanged for their wicked deeds.



CHARACTERS

What does this character's name mean?

Grim: Fierce

Answer the questions below:

1. Was Christiana tempted to go around the Hill of Difficulty?

No

2. What did Greatheart do when Christiana's son James began to cry?

Greatheart took his hand and helped him.

3. Why did Christiana forget the bottle of juice in the arbor?

She was tired.

4. Who killed the giant Grim? Greatheart



SYMBOLISM

Christiana is more confident in her faith than her husband Christian, and this is due in part to her recollections of his pilgrim journey. Christiana is not seriously tempted to try to go around the Hill of Difficulty. Greatheart reminds her of Christian's experience there with Formality and Hypocrisy, so Christiana is able to avoid trouble easily.

We may learn from the experiences of others to help us in our faith. The Bible has many stories about believers, including their temptations and mistakes. The Scriptures even tell us about some people who began to follow God but turned aside to destruction. We are warned of these things so that we can learn.

CONCLUSION

Saul later became known as **Paul**. He became an apostle and preached the gospel everywhere. He never forgot the words of Jesus, and he never again fought against God's people. In fact, we have read portions of Paul's letters to the churches in this book already. They are quotations from the Bible.

What are some of the letters Saul/Paul wrote? Romans ,

I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, etc.

Which book of the Bible tells us about Saul/Paul's missionary journeys?

Acts



REMEMBER! Righteousness is found only in obedience to the Word of God.

CHAPTER 15: AT THE PORTER'S LODGE

PART 1: THE CATECHISM READ PAGES 188-195.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The pilgrims arrived at the Hill of Difficulty. Christiana's son James needed the help of Greatheart to climb the hill. However, they managed to ascend to the arbor to rest.

When they came upon the chained lions, a giant named Grim appeared. He claimed that he was the owner of the grounds.

Greatheart killed the giant with his sword.



CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?

Humble: not proud

Prudence: careful

Piety: devoted to God

Charity: loving others

Answer the questions below:

1. Where did Greatheart take Christiana, Mercy, and the children?

To the Porter's Lodge

2. Where did Christiana and Mercy sleep? In the room

where Christian had stayed

3. What did Mercy dream? She dreamed that she had

been alone and sad, and an angel appeared and

brought her to heaven.

4. Who asked the children questions about God? Prudence

5. What advice did Prudence give the children?

She told them to listen to their mother and other

older pilgrims.



SYMBOLISM

Greatheart leaves the pilgrims at the Porter's Lodge. Perhaps because of her nervousness about being alone on her journey, Christiana asks if she may stay in the same room Christian stayed in. This symbolizes again her determination to learn from others, and especially her eagerness to remember everything Christian had told her about his journey.

Mercy stays in the same room, and she dreams about being welcomed into the Celestial City. Christiana and Mercy are both very encouraged by



He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.
(Psalm 78:1-7)

God commands each generation of His people to teach their children the Word of God.

CONCLUSION

Do you know your catechism? There are several catechisms, including the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* and the *Heidelberg Catechism*. For generations, parents have used these to teach their children about God.

Can you answer the questions? (If not, ask your parent or teacher to help you look up the answers):

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 1:

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him

forever.

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1:

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not

my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.



REMEMBER! Learn your catechism!

PART 2: MERCY'S SUITOR
READ PAGES 195-197.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The guide Greatheart left Christiana, Mercy, and the children at the Porter's Lodge. Christiana and Mercy stayed in the room in which Christian had slept during his stay at the Porter's Lodge. Mercy had a dream which encouraged her about the hope of heaven.

Later, Prudence questioned Christian's sons on their catechism. She was glad to find that they had learned it well.



CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?

Mr. Brisk quick and sharp

Bountiful: giving generously

Answer the questions below:

1. Why did Mr. Brisk want to marry Mercy?

He thought she would make a good housewife.

2. What was Mercy doing which caused Mr. Brisk to change his mind?

Mercy was making things for the poor.

3. What happened to Mercy's sister Bountiful?

She had married someone who was not a sincere

believer, and he treated her very badly.



SYMBOLISM

In the story of Mercy's suitor, John Bunyan warns his readers against marrying someone who is not a believer. He warns especially that Christians must be careful that the person they marry is a *true* believer, not just someone who claims to believe in God.

Life can be very hard for a Christian who marries a non-Christian. A non-Christian husband or wife may be set against going to church, teaching

This Bible passage forbids us to be yoked with unbelievers (in marriage, for example). If one wants to follow Jesus and the other will not agree, life can be very hard for the Christian. It may be nearly impossible to serve Christ as they should.

When a Christian marries another Christian, then they both have a common goal—serving Jesus. They can work together and encourage each other in faith.

CONCLUSION

Suppose someone says, "It doesn't matter if I marry a non-Christian. I can still go to church and serve God!"

How would you respond to this? A Christian should not marry

an unbeliever, or life will be very hard.



REMEMBER! God's Word declares that we should not be yoked together with unbelievers.

PART 3: OBJECT LESSONS
READ PAGES 197-201.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

A man named Mr. Brisk wanted to marry Mercy.

However, when he realized that she was helping the poor,

he changed his mind. Mercy spoke of her sister Bountiful

who had married a man who claimed to be a Christian but

was not sincere in obedience to God.

CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?



Prudence: careful

Piety: devoted to God

Answer the questions below:

1. According to Prudence, what was the lesson to be learned from sparks and sunbeams?

Prayers must ascend to God, and light and life

come down from God.

2. What did Prudence say should be remembered when we hear a rooster crow?

Peter denied Christ and repented, and the judgment

that is coming on the world.

3. What message did Christiana send to the Interpreter?

She asked that Greatheart would guide them.

4. What was the significance of the fruit that the people at the Porter's House showed to the pilgrims?

The sin of Eve and the fall of mankind into sin

5. What sang the song with the lyrics, "The Lord our God is good"?

The birds

CHAPTER 16: WITH GREATHEART ON THE WAY

PART 1: THE VALLEYS
READ PAGES 202-208.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Prudence _____ taught Matthew many lessons from nature which served to illustrate truths about _____ God _____. Christiana sent a message to the _____ Interpreter _____ asking that their guide _____ Greatheart _____ be returned to them.

CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?



Heedless: _____ careless _____

Takeheed: _____ paying attention _____

Answer the questions below:

1. According to Greatheart, why had Apollyon attacked Christian in the Valley of Humility?

He slipped coming down the hill.

2. Was everyone attacked in the Valley of Humility? No

3. What song did the barefoot boy sing? He that is low needs fear

no fall; he that is low no pride: he that is humble

ever shall have God to be his guide.

4. What happened when the pilgrims approached the imp of darkness?

It disappeared.

5. Who was lying dead at the end of the Valley of the Shadow of Death?

Mr. Heedless

would not travel with a guide. He tried to go through Christian life on his own, and he could not.



BIBLE READING

The verse quoted by Greatheart about humility is found in Peter's first epistle:

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." (I Peter 5:5)

This verse reminds us that we should listen to others and be guided by them, especially Christians who are older and wiser than ourselves. We should also be humble. Humility enables us to accept correction and guidance from wise people who instruct us about God's Word. God shows favor to those who are humble.

CONCLUSION

Look up Psalm 25: 8-9 in your Bible and copy it here:

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs

sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is

right and teaches them his way.



REMEMBER! God shows favor to the humble.

PART 2: GIANT MAUL
READ PAGES 208-210.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The pilgrims, led by their guide Greatheart, entered the Valley of Humility. They saw the place where Christian had fought Apollyon, but they were not attacked. For them, it was a Valley of Peace.

Next, they went into the Valley of the Shadow of Death. They saw an imp of darkness, but it disappeared as they approached it. At the end of the valley, they saw Mr. Heedless, who had died because of traveling without a guide.



CHARACTERS

What does this character's name mean?

Maul _____ injuring others

Answer the questions below:

1. Who came out of the cave of Pope and Pagan?

_____ The giant Maul

2. What did the giant accuse Greatheart of doing?

_____ kidnapping women and children

3. Where did the pilgrims sit down to rest?

_____ At the place where Christian first saw Faithful



SYMBOLISM

Giant Maul symbolizes an attack of Satan against someone who shepherds God's people. The giant takes no interest in fighting the women and children. He wants to take them as prisoners by killing their guide. At first, he makes false accusations against Greatheart, and then he attacks him with force.

Satan often seeks to destroy believers by attacking those who lead them. Pastors, elders, and other church leaders have many challenges and many responsibilities. We should always pray for our leaders and encourage them as we are able.



BIBLE READING

God used the ministry of the apostle Paul to establish many churches. However, Paul was often attacked for his preaching. He was sometimes beaten. Eventually, he was placed in prison. From prison, he wrote letters to instruct and encourage the churches. He also asked that they would pray for him and for other church leaders:



And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. (Colossians 4:3-4)

Even the great apostle Paul needed the prayers of the church, and our leaders also need our prayers.

CONCLUSION

Who are your leaders?

Who leads your family at home? _____ answers may vary

Who teaches you in school? _____ answers may vary

Who is your pastor? _____ answers may vary

Who are your elders? _____ answers may vary



REMEMBER! Pray for your leaders.

**PART 3: MR. HONESTY
READ PAGES 211-218.**

DO YOU REMEMBER?

As the pilgrims approached the cave of Pope and Pagan,
a giant named Maul came out and attacked Greatheart.

Greatheart fought and finally killed the giant.

The pilgrims set up a pillar and then sat to rest at
the place where Christian had first seen Faithful.

CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?



Mr. Honesty: tells the truth

Mr. Fearing: always frightened

Mr. Selfwill: wants to do whatever pleases him

Answer the questions below:

1. Whom did the pilgrims find sleeping under a tree?

Mr. Honesty

2. From which city had Mr. Honesty traveled? Stupidity

3. Why did Mr. Fearing take so long to knock at the wicket gate?

He thought he was not worthy.

4. Was Mr. Fearing afraid of people in Vanity Fair? No

5. Mr. Selfwill read about sins in the Bible, and then what did he think he could do?

He thought he could sin.



SYMBOLISM

In the stories told by Mr. Honesty, we learn of a man named Mr. Fearing. This man is a strange mixture of fear and courage. Sometimes he is incredibly timid, and other times he faces down enemies with great courage.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

(Psalm 103:13-18)

CONCLUSION

According to Psalm 103, God has compassion because He remembers that we are made from dust. What does this mean?

God remembers that we are weak.



REMEMBER! God is merciful to His children. Even when we are weak, He loves us and provides for us.

CHAPTER 17: AT THE HOMES OF GAIUS AND MNASON

PART 1: THE HOME OF GAIUS READ PAGES 219-222.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The pilgrims found an old man sleeping under a tree.

When they woke him, he said his name was Honesty and that he had left the town of Stupidity. As they all walked on together,

Honesty talked about Mr. Fearing who had a very difficult life.

He also mentioned Selfwill, who always thought up excuses to sin.



CHARACTERS

What does this character's name mean?

Slaygood: killing good

Answer the questions below:

1. Where did Greatheart take the pilgrims to stay when they were tired?

He took them to the home of Gaius.

2. Was Gaius kind to his guests? yes

3. What did Gaius ask the pilgrims to do? He asked them to

help him attack Slaygood.

4. Who was held captive by Slaygood? Mr. Weak



SYMBOLISM

Gaius is **hospitable** to pilgrims. This means that he welcomes them and treats them with kindness and generosity. The kindness of Gaius extends beyond those who are in his own house, however. He looks for ways to help everyone, including Mr. Weak. Gaius organizes a rescue team to kill the robber who is holding Mr. Weak captive.

There are many people held captive by the snares of Satan. Perhaps some are deceived by false teachings, fall into temptation, or other such things. The example of Gaius shows that it is a kindness to try to help others. We should not be cold to their difficulties. Some people may be weaker than us. They may fall into Satan's traps easily. We must try to protect them and rescue them when they are ensnared.

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)



In this Bible passage, Jesus tells us that God notices how we treat other people, especially those who are His elect. God loves His people. If we are kind to them, then we are kind to Him. If we are indifferent and uncaring toward God's people, then we are indifferent and uncaring toward God. We should always be generous to our brothers and sisters in Christ, remembering that God loves them and that He counts kindness toward them as kindness toward Himself.

CONCLUSION

Look up Romans 12:13 in your Bible and copy it here:

Share with the Lord's people who are in

need. Practice hospitality.



PART 2: MR. WEAK AND MR. HALTING
READ PAGES 222-225.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The pilgrims were tired, and so they went to the home of Gaius. He received them kindly and gave them food.

The next day, Gaius asked them to help him kill Slaygood,

the robber who was holding a captive. Greatheart fought

Slaygood and killed him, freeing Mr. Weak.



CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?

Mr. Weak not strong

Mr. Halting limping, lame

Notright _____
wrong

Answer the questions below:

1. How had Mr. Weak managed to get up Difficult Hill?

One of the King's servants carried him.

2. Did Mr. Notright try to help Mr. Weak escape from the robbers?

No, he ran away.

3. What happened to Mr. Notright after he ran away from Slaygood?

He was struck dead by lightning.

4. Who married Mercy? _____
Matthew

5. Who traveled with Mr. Weak as the pilgrims went on?

Mr. Halting



SYMBOLISM

In this portion of *Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan emphasizes God's care for those who are ill or disabled. Mr. Weak is unable to travel quickly.

CONCLUSION

Read the story below and answer the questions.

Brenda went to Sunday school class one morning to find a new student sitting at the table. The new boy was a little funny-looking. She smiled at him, but he did not look at her. He twisted his fingers and hummed to himself. Brenda thought he was odd.

“Good morning class,” said the Sunday school teacher. “We have a new student this morning. His name is Bobby.”

“Bobby,” said Bobby. That was all he said.

“Bobby has autism,” the teacher told the class. “He can’t talk very well, and he doesn’t always understand what we say. But I am sure you will all help him and make him feel welcome.”

The class felt a little uncomfortable with Bobby there. He just sat and twisted his fingers together when the teacher asked the class questions. He did not open his Bible to read with everyone else. During craft time, when the class cut and glued some pictures, the teacher had to help Bobby with the scissors. Bobby slowed everyone down.

Brenda’s friend Sara leaned over and whispered, “I don’t like having Bobby in our class. He is funny-looking, and he can’t even use scissors. Maybe if we make fun of him, he won’t come back anymore.”

How should Brenda respond to her friend Sara?

She should tell Sara to be kind to Bobby. God

wants us to be patient with everyone, especially

those who are weak or disabled.

In our last lesson, we learned that God wants us to be kind and hospitable to other people. Does this include people like Bobby?

Yes



REMEMBER! Be patient with everyone, especially those who are weak or disabled.

PART 3: THE HOME OF MNASON
READ PAGES 225–229.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Mr. Weak told the pilgrims that Notright

had run away and left him when they were attacked by Slaygood.

Mr. Weak worried that he traveled too slowly for the other

pilgrims, but they assured him he was welcome.

As they traveled, they met Mr. Halting, who joined

them and became a good friend to Mr. Weak.



CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?

Mr. Contrite: humble and repentant

Mr. Holy: _____ set apart for God _____

Mr. Lovesaint: _____ loves his fellow Christians _____

Mr. Truthful: _____ honest _____

Mr. Penitent: _____ repents of his sins _____

Answer the questions below:

1. When Christiana and her friends arrived in the town of Vanity, where did they stay?

At Mnason's home

2. How had Faithful's death affected the attitude of the town toward Christians?

They did not persecute Christians anymore.

3. Who visited the pilgrims at Mnason's home?

Contrite, Holy, Lovesaint, Truthful, and Penitent

4. Whom did Samuel and Joseph marry? _____ Mnason's daughters _____



BIBLE READING

The Bible tells us that God makes things beautiful, even when we do not understand His work:

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Sometimes, we have terrible experiences or go through great temptations and trials, but God is with us. No one can understand everything God does, but we can trust Him. We know that, in time, He works everything for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:8).

CONCLUSION

Can you think of a story in the Bible about a terrible thing that God used for a good purpose? Write it below:

Answers may vary.



REMEMBER! God makes everything beautiful in its time.

CHAPTER 18: CHRISTIANA AT THE DELECTABLE MOUNTAINS

PART 1: GIANT DESPAIR READ PAGES 230-233.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Christiana, Mercy, and the other pilgrims finally arrived in the town of Vanity, and they stayed at the home of Mnason. Contrite told them that the town had been safer since the death of Faithful.

During their stay in Vanity, Samuel married Grace, and Joseph married Martha.

CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?



Despondency: depressed, sad

Fearful: afraid

Answer the questions below:

1. Whose castle did Christiana and her friends encounter on the way to the Delectable Mountains?

Giant Despair

2. What did Greatheart think they should do?

Attack the castle

3. What was the name of Giant Despair's club? Terror

4. After Greatheart and his friends killed Giant Despair, who did they find imprisoned in the castle?

Mr. Despondency and Fearful



SYMBOLISM

In his story about Greatheart at Doubting Castle, John Bunyan continues his theme regarding the necessity of Christians helping each other. Greatheart is not a victim of Giant Despair, yet he decides to go out and fight him. Greatheart remembers that everything rightfully belongs to God. Instead of hanging back in safer places, he ventures out on the attack, claiming back the land for Christ.

Like Greatheart, we should remember that all things rightfully belong to God. There is no place where sin should be permitted to dwell. We should spread the good news of Jesus wherever we can. When we do so, we may

help them. Suppose your friend says to you, "I am very sad. I want to be a Christian and obey God, but I don't know whether God loves me at all."

What can you say to remind your friend of the promises in God's Word?

Answers may vary.



REMEMBER! When others are discouraged, it is good to remind them of the promises in God's Word.

PART 2: MR. VALIANT-FOR-TRUTH
READ PAGES 233-237.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

When the pilgrims came to Doubting Castle, Greatheart told them that they should go fight Giant Despair. The giant took his club called Terror and fought, but Greatheart and the others killed him. Inside the castle, they found Mr. Despondency and his daughter Fearful and set them free.



CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?

Envy jealous of others

Illwill unfriendly

Valiant-for-Truth courageous for truth

Wildhead _____ crazy

Inconsiderate _____ not thinking of others

Pragmatic _____ only concerned with practical matters

Answer the questions below:

1. How did Greatheart recognize the Lord's true shepherds?

They were kind to handicapped people.

2. What was Despondency's dream? _____ He dreamed about a man

with faith to move mountains

3. What happened when Envy and Illwill threw mud at Mr. Godly?

It slipped off him without leaving a mark.

4. According to the shepherd, why did the tailor not run out of cloth?

God ensures that someone who helps the poor

always has enough.

5. Who attacked Valiant-for-Truth? Wildhead, Inconsiderate,

and Pragmatic

6. How long did Valiant-for-Truth fight? more than 3 hours



SYMBOLISM

The shepherds show the pilgrims several lessons about rewards for obedience to God. In the first lesson, Envy and Illwill throw mud at Mr. Godly, but the mud slips off without any effect. There are many times that people who are jealous or disruptive will try to stir up trouble against a righteous person. However, the righteous do not even need to bother about trying to brush off the silly accusations and gossip. If they simply continue to do right, then the people attacking them will begin to look foolish in the eyes of others.

In the second lesson, the tailor makes clothes for the poor, but his cloth does not run out. When we are generous, God rewards us. Certainly, we should be wise steward of the good things God has given us, but we should also not be stingy. When we share, we often discover that we have more than we need.

The third lesson shows people trying to wash the darkness off a dark-skinned person. John



the Scriptures, speaking the truth, and acknowledging the truth in our own hearts, even if it means admitting when we are wrong about something.

CONCLUSION

Find John 4:24 in your Bible and copy it below:

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in

the Spirit and in truth.



REMEMBER! Love the truth!

CHAPTER 19: ON THE ENCHANTED GROUND

READ PAGES 238-245.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The shepherds showed the pilgrims some lessons at the Delectable Mountains. First, they saw two men flinging mud at Mr. Godly, but it did not stick to him. Second, they saw a tailor making clothes for the poor. Finally, they saw several people trying to change a man's heart by washing him. Later, they met Valiant-for-Truth, who had fought bravely.



CHARACTERS

What do these characters' names mean?

Heedless: not paying attention

Self-Confidence: confident only in himself

Standfast: steady and unchanging

Answer the questions below:

1. What were Heedless and Self-Confidence doing on the Enchanted Ground?

They were sleeping.

2. What happened when Greatheart shook Heedless and Self-Confidence?

They talked in their sleep but did not wake up.

3. What was Standfast doing on the Enchanted Ground?

He was praying.

4. Who tempted Standfast with money and fame?

Madam Bubble



SYMBOLISM

The Enchanted Ground symbolizes laziness which may descend upon believers when Christian life becomes routine. Sometimes people may stop

Listen to my words, LORD,
consider my lament.
Hear my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.
In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait expectantly.

(Psalm 5:1-3)

Especially when we are tempted, we must cry out to God. He hears our prayers and strengthens us against temptation.

CONCLUSION

Can you find another prayer in Psalms? You will not have to look very hard. The book of Psalms is full of prayers!

Write the references of two more prayers in the book of Psalms:

Answers may vary.



REMEMBER! Pray every day, even when you do not feel like praying. God will strengthen you.

CHAPTER 20: BEULAH LAND

READ PAGES 246-256.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The pilgrims found two men sleeping on the Enchanted
Ground. They tried to wake them, but the men only muttered
in their sleep. Later, they found Standfast praying. Standfast
told them that he had been tempted by Madame Bubble.

Answer the questions below:

1. Who was the first pilgrim from Christiana's group to cross the river?

Christiana

2. Why did Mr. Halting give away his crutches when he received the summons to the Celestial City?

He would not need them in heaven.

3. What were Mr. Honesty's last words?

"Grace reigns!"

4. In the story, which of the pilgrims crossed the river last?

Mr. Standfast

5. Where did the pilgrims go after they crossed the river?

They went through the gate of the Celestial City.



SYMBOLISM

The river symbolizes death. Each of the pilgrims in turn is called to cross it. Several of them mention that they have been afraid of crossing the river, because nearly everyone has sometimes feared death. However, when faced with the river, they realize that they are ready after all. Even Despondency and Fearful cross over confidently. God gives grace to His people to face death. They do not need to be afraid. He helps and supports them as they pass from this life into glory.

Each of the pilgrims talks to the others, and some of them leave gifts. Valiant-for-Truth leaves his sword,



This is our hope also. Even though life is difficult, and even though death is sad, we know that our Redeemer lives. Someday, we will see Him face to face.

CONCLUSION

Find John 11:25-26 in the Bible. Copy it here:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.

The one who believes in me will live, even though they

die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"



REMEMBER! Our Redeemer lives!