

Song of the Trumpet

Study Guide

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Review Questions

Chapter 1 Akara Receives a Gift

1. How does Wenk the Wanderer describe his rescuer?
2. What does he give Akara for rescuing him?
3. According to Wenk, where does the gift come from? What is its purpose?

Chapter 2 At the Orphan Home

1. Describe Akara's attitude toward Dame Dessit.
2. What vision did Akara see the night she blew the trumpet in her secret hiding place?
3. What advice did Burkon the gardener give Akara about the trumpet? What did he show her in the tool shed?

Chapter 3 A Daring Escape

1. Who was coming to take Akara from the orphanage?
2. How did Akara come to be at the orphanage?
3. By what means did Akara make her escape?

Chapter 34 Toward the Summit

1. Describe the plan to rescue Akara from the miller.
2. How would Keila and Akara get to the opposite side of the gorge without going back down into the valley?

Chapter 35 A Running Battle

1. What tactic did the King's Soldiers use to safely retreat?
2. What happened when Lanus attacked the three evil ones on the summit? With Lanus injured, how did the King's Soldiers avoid their pursuers?

Chapter 36 Akara's Revelation

1. What decision did Akara reach during her time on watch?
2. Why was Keila hesitant to use the valley to return to Midra?
3. How did Keila respond to the news of Akara's conversion?

Spiritual Lessons & Discussion Starters

- By now you realize that the trumpet is a means of communicating with the King. Song of the Trumpet is an allegory about the importance of prayer in the believer's life.
- Blowing the trumpet is an appropriate image for the act of prayer. Military commanders used trumpets to communicate with their troops during physical warfare. The King's Soldiers used the same instrument in spiritual warfare as a means of communicating with their commander (the King).
- The characters in Song of the Trumpet blow their trumpets in all kinds of circumstances. List as many of these circumstances as you can remember. Relate how these circumstances mirror the kinds of situations we face in the twenty-first century.
- Blink offered Akara a used change of clothing before they set off on their journey. Although the garments were new to Akara, they were still the same course style of clothing worn by the people of the valley. She did not receive a new outfit (her suit of armor) until she made the decision to become a follower of the King.
- What do you learn about the Dark Power from the miller's trumpet?
- Although the Dark Power influences all the people in the Broad Valley, why is his influence particularly strong in Arn? Why do all the residents of Arn seem hopelessly lost with no chance for salvation while further north in the valley the King's Soldiers can more readily lead people to Christ?
- Is there any significance to the fact that the Hill Soldiers stopped using the silver trumpets and fashioned their own trumpets?
- Dame Dreng had lived among the Hill Soldiers as a young girl. She told Akara that they had knowledge but their beliefs were without power. Do you see a connection between Dame Dreng's despair and Garis' admission to Akara that the Good Carpenter never rose from the dead? Why did Dame Dreng turn her back on the Hill Soldiers' beliefs while Garis still clung to them in spite of his inherent doubts about Christ's resurrection?
- What religious elements/denominations might the Hill Soldiers represent?
- Akara's spiritual journey involved frequent use of the trumpet prior to her conversion. Is there a connection between her continued use of the trumpet and her gradual spiritual revelation?
- What factors contributed to Akara's "use it/put it aside/use it/put it aside" attitude toward the trumpet in the first half of the book? How does Akara's attitude toward the trumpet reflect our attitudes toward prayer?

The Song of the Trumpet Test

NAME _____ DATE _____

Score: ____/50

A. Matching: Characters in Song of the Trumpet

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|----------------|-----------------|
| A. Trask | F. Dame Prendil |
| B. Dame Dessit | G. Wenk |
| C. Keila | H. Lanus |
| D. Tazen | I. Zemla |
| E. Blink | J. Garis |

- _____ 1. Reeve of Midra that spoke in Akara's defense during the hearing
- _____ 2. Headmistress of the Palloweth orphanage
- _____ 3. Akara rescued him from drowning
- _____ 4. Hill Soldier knocked unconscious while dodging a flaming dart from the evil ones
- _____ 5. Akara's brother
- _____ 6. Peddler that assisted Akara in her escape from the orphanage
- _____ 7. King's soldier that taught Akara about the trumpet
- _____ 8. Known as the Tall Woman when traveling in the valley
- _____ 9. Leader of the Hill Soldiers
- _____ 10. Went with Akara to Midra in search of a relative

B. Short Answer

1. How did Akara come to be at the orphanage?
2. Why did Akara want to return the trumpet to Wenk?
3. What did Garis believe about the Good Carpenter's resurrection?