

THE SMALL ONES AND THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT

CHAPTER QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 1 – THE CHOICE

1. List all the things lucifer did to tempt Eve to talk to him.
2. Why do you think the snake waited until Eve was alone to attempt to get her attention?
3. Make a list of ways lucifer tempts people to think, say, and do wrong things. How do you know when he is trying to tempt *you* to do something wrong?
4. What should Eve have done when she first saw the snake? There can be several different answers to this question. What should you do when you know lucifer is trying to tempt you?
5. How do you think the Holy Three felt when They watched Eve give in to temptation? How do you think they felt when Eve made her choice?
6. Read paragraph 3 on page 5. The angels were probably so sad when Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit that they just wanted to sit and cry. How does practice, like the way the angels had practiced getting ready for battle, help us do the right thing even when we don't feel like it?

CHAPTER 2 – HIDING OUT

1. Read the last paragraph on page 7, which continues onto page 8. List all the things the angels had done that messed up the Special Place.

Now look at the illustration on page 16 and find examples of those things in the illustration.

Do you think Mary Coons did a good job illustrating the Small Ones' hideout? Why or why not?

What do you think should be added to the mess?

2. Read the last two sentences of paragraph 2 on page 10. Why do you think some of the angels didn't believe the Small Ones, even after they graduated from Training School, would have a "proper sense of duty" and start following all the rules?
3. How can you have fun like the One and Two but still follow the rules in your home, school, or other places?
4. If you were one of the Small Ones, what inventions would you like to make?

5. Name some of the emotions One and Two might have felt when they realized they had just missed “the choice that would determine the course of the rest of eternity” (paragraph 4 on page 15). What do you imagine they were thinking when they realized they missed it because they had been messing around instead of doing what they were supposed to do?

CHAPTER 3 – CAUGHT!

1. Michael is the highest angel in Heaven. If you were Michael and had just discovered that two of your angels had missed the most important event in all of eternity, what would you say to them?
2. Name everything mentioned in this chapter that contributed to the Small Ones being completely unprepared for this event.
3. If One and Two had been able to get to their places quickly, with their armor and weapons in good shape, should they have been allowed to join the battle? Why or why not?
4. How do you think the other angels in their division felt about the Small Ones when they found out they were not ready to do their part in the battle?
5. Do you have an important event coming up in the future? What steps do you need to take to make sure you are ready for it?

CHAPTER 4 – PROBATION

1. Read the last paragraph on Page 30. Why do you think the Smalls fell back into their old habits instead of continuing to be responsible and disciplined after their graduation?
2. Have you ever made a commitment or set a goal that required you to form new habits, but then fell back into your old ones? What helps you stay disciplined and move forward into new ways of doing things?
3. What do you think the Small Ones were thinking and feeling while waiting in the conference room to hear what would happen to them?
4. On page 33 (paragraph 1, line 10) it says, “When they (Adam and Eve) choose those bad things, it will hurt the hearts of the Holy Three who just want to love and be close to them.” How does it make you feel to know that when we choose to think, feel, say, and do bad things, it hurts Father God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? How do *you* feel when you have made one of those wrong choices?
5. On page 36 (paragraph 1, line 1) it says, “He longs to be as close to them, and to all humans who will ever be on the Earth, as they will allow Him to be.” How does it make you feel to know that the Holy Three, the highest beings in all the universe, want a close and loving relationship with *you*? Do you feel close to Them? Why or why not?

6. James 4:8 says, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” What do you do that helps you “draw near to God?”

CHAPTER 5 - THE SUPERVISORS

1.
The Small Ones were NOT happy Stern and Strict had been assigned to be their supervisors. If you made a mistake and had to be put on probation, what characteristics would you want the supervisors in charge of you to have? How would those qualities motivate you to make changes?
2.
Stern and Strict had to give up leading their division in this first phase of the battle because of the mistakes One and Two made. People who are put in charge of us, like teachers and coaches, often have to give up things so they have time to help us. How can you show appreciation to them for everything they do for you?
3.
Stern and Strict had to be strong leaders for their division. What qualities should a good leader have? What qualities can you develop to become a leader in your school, neighborhood, or church?
4. If you were an angel and could take any assignment you wanted, what would you like to do? Your answer can be anything in the heavens or on the Earth. Why does that assignment interest you? What qualities have you been given by the Holy Three that would help you be successful in this assignment?
5.
I invented the ETP's because I knew they would be something my sons would like when they were younger. If there were ETP's on the Earth, where would you like to go? It can be anywhere on the Earth or in the whole universe. Why would you go to that place? What would you do there? Would you take others with you, or would you go by yourself?

CHAPTER 6 - EVE

1. What are the ways Eve's life changed after she had to leave Eden?
2. Have you ever done something, like Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit, and then immediately wished you hadn't done it? What things can you do to avoid making impulsive decisions that have long-term consequences?
3. What feelings do you experience immediately after you do something you know you shouldn't have done? Do you feel like you can talk to Father God about it? Why or why not?
4. How do you think Father God felt when He had to remove Adam and Eve from Eden? Why did He feel that way?

5. Eve had so many responsibilities that sometimes she felt like she didn't even have time to take care of Sun and Star. Have you ever been so overwhelmed that you felt like you were neglecting other important things? What can you do during times in your life when you feel weighed down with lots of hard things?

CHAPTER 7 – LIONS

1. When One and Two saw Eve through the portal, that was the first time they saw the effects sin had on her and her surroundings. What do you think their thoughts and feelings were when they saw her and the place where she was living?
2. Sun wanted to see the baby lions, but his plan for visiting them involved deceiving his mother. What are other ways he might have been able to get to see them without lying?
3. What should Star have done when Sun told her about his plan?
4. The Small's failure to do the required work of memorizing the facts about the land creatures created problems for them. Has there been a time when you were unprepared because you didn't do the required work beforehand? What were the results?
5. What subject in school is the most boring to you? Can you think of circumstances in the future where this knowledge might be needed? What can you do to help yourself stick with the work right now even though it's boring?

CHAPTER 8 - WHOOSH!

1. Sun and Star both knew they should not go to look at the baby lions, but they chose to do it anyway. Is it easier for you to do something wrong when you are by yourself or in a group? How can you avoid situations where you are tempted to do something you shouldn't do?
2. Is it ever too late to change your mind when you have chosen to break a rule? Why or why not?
3. Describe a situation when you resisted the temptation to do something you knew you shouldn't do. How did you resist it? How did you feel about yourself when you were successful?
4. Think about the actions of One and Two in this chapter and the last one. What could they have done differently that might have prevented this whole situation from happening?
5. What character qualities do you see in One and Two in this chapter? List both positive and negative ones.

CHAPTER 9 - THE LECTURE

1. One and Two didn't mean to get sucked into the ETP. They were just concerned for the twins. But they got into trouble anyway. Describe a situation when something like that happened to you. How did you feel when it happened?
2. On page 79 (paragraph 5, line 5) it says, "If this war between lucifer and his demons is to be won, it must be fought with the pure strategies of Heaven." When you do the right thing, you are helping to win this war! What examples can you share from your life when you chose to do what was right?
3. On page 80 (paragraph 2, line 2) it says, "Demons are immediately attracted to any kind of disobedience, such as telling lies." How can knowing this help you when you're tempted to make a wrong choice?
4. Do you think Michael and Gabriel made the right decision when they permitted the Smalls to attempt Mission Two? Why or why not?
5. On page 83 (paragraph 3, line 7) it says, "Their actions, even though they were not within proper protocol, demonstrated they care deeply about these two children. Because caring is valued greatly here in heaven, they are to be commended for this." What does this statement tell you about the Holy Three? How does it make you feel about Them?

CHAPTER 10 – WEEDS

1. What emotions do you think Eve felt after Sun and Star told her what they had done?
2. Do you think Eve's discipline for the children was fair? Why or why not? If you said no, what discipline would you have assigned?
3. On page 90 (paragraph 2), it describes how Adam and Eve told the children there were no weeds in Eden. What other things do you think they told Sun and Star about Eden?
4. If you were Sun, what would you have done when Star told you she wanted to get some water?
5. What do you want to do that would be fun, but also dangerous? List some steps that would help you prepare to do that activity sometime in the future.

CHAPTER 11 - THE RIVER

1. The Small Ones know they must do everything right for this assignment if they want to be released from supervision. If you were one of them, what thoughts and feelings would you have about doing this task properly?

2. Adam and Eve's choice to eat the forbidden fruit meant they could no longer live in Eden, a garden that didn't have any weeds. As a result, their current garden was filled with weeds that always needed pulling. How can the results of that choice help guide your decisions in the future?
3. Looking into the portal, the Smalls could see many dangers in the river that the twins could not see. When you want to do something, how do you feel when someone tells you it would be dangerous? What can you learn from this part of the story about why listening to that might be a good idea?
4. Stern and Strict let themselves get distracted by the reports they're reading and don't hear the Smalls asking for permission to jump into the ETP. This delayed the twins getting the help they needed. What can you learn from this which will help you when you're in a leadership position?
5. Which do you like best - being in a leadership position like Stern and Strict, or carrying out orders leaders make? Both positions are important. Are there skills you could develop that would help you also take the position you are least comfortable with?

CHAPTER 12 - DIVING IN

1. All through this mission, the Smalls know they must follow their orders even if they're afraid for Sun and Star. Have you ever been in a situation when you had to follow orders even if you felt like you knew how to do things in a better way? Which did you choose? What were the results?
2. One and Two had to make several quick decisions during this mission. Do you work best under pressure, or do you perform better in calm situations? Why is that the best situation for you?
3. On page 101 (paragraph 5, line 1) it says, "An eternity of making 'inventions' for their own amusement and for pranks on other angels helped them figure out what to do." Describe a situation in your life when past experience helped you develop a solution to a problem.
4. The Small Ones work together very well as a team. What qualities do people need to have to make them good team members?
5. One and Two, once the children were safe, felt compassion for them even though they had made a bad choice. How do you feel when people you care about make bad choices? What has your response to them been in the past? Are there ways you need to change your response in the future?

CHAPTER 13 - EVALUATION #1

1. What are your thoughts about how One and Two acted when they finished their mission and returned to Heaven? Would you have acted the same way or differently? Give reasons for your answer.
2. What do you think about Stern and Strict's evaluation of the Smalls' mission? Do you think they were fair? Describe anything you might have done differently.
3. How do you feel when your performance is evaluated? Do you wish you could change those feelings? If so, what could help you feel more comfortable during an evaluation?
4. Forgetting to switch into invisible mode was a serious violation of angelic procedures during missions on Earth. Have you ever forgotten an important part of something you have had to do? What things can you do to prepare yourself for your own "missions"?
5. Would you feel comfortable with two supervisors like Stern and Strict? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 14 – ADAM

1. Adam woke up early and went to the river for some time alone. Do you have a special place where you like to go when you want to be alone? What do you like to do there?
2. Even though he has been forgiven by Father God for his part in the sin that he and Eve committed in Eden, Adam continues to feel guilty about it. Is there a failure in your past that bothers you? What can you do to get help with those feelings?
3. What would you enjoy about taking a journey like the family did in this chapter?
4. Would you enjoy living when Adam and Eve did? Or do you like living in the time you do now? List things about the time you picked that you like.
5. Read Acts 17:26. How does it make you feel to understand that God chose this time in history for you to be alive? If you could do anything you wanted to, what would you do to make the world a better place right now?

CHAPTER 15 - THE BEST PROTECTION

1. Michael, Gabriel, and the Holy Three have decided the Smalls are ready to take on the next mission by themselves. Has there ever been a time when someone has trusted you to take on a project alone? How did you feel before you started it? How did you feel when you were finished?

2. One and Two enjoyed the training sessions in school where they practiced SID's. What subject do you enjoy most in school? What do you know about yourself that causes you to like this subject? Knowing the character qualities that Father God put in you can be a big help in choosing your future career!
3. Why do you think the Smalls were assigned to be the guardian angels of Sun and Star? What character qualities do they have that make this a good assignment for them?
4. Even though the Smalls were good at the SID's, they got dizzy making the force field because they had not practiced enough. What are some special skills you have that you need to keep practicing?
5. What do you think the purpose of the feather they were ordered to tuck into Sun's tunic will be? What do you think they have been given special permission to do in their orders?

CHAPTER 16 - THE SEARCH PARTY

1. Do you think it was the right decision for only the men to go and search for the children? Why or why not? How is this an example of men and women using the different skills God has given them?
2. Do you think One and Two chose the right actions to deal with the hippos and cape buffalos? Can you think of other things they might have tried? Use your imagination! Remember, the men should not be able to see anything the angels do!
3. It was very hard for the Smalls to remove the force field. Doing so left the children exposed to danger. How would you have felt if you had to do this?
4. Why was it the right thing to let Adam be the one to rescue Sun and Star? Why or why not?
5. Father God gave Eve a special sign with the angel feather that He was protecting her children. Has He ever given you a special message like this? How did it make you feel?

CHAPTER 17 - EVALUATION #2

1. How was the attitude of the Smalls different this time than before their first evaluation? What things did they learn from their experiences in their first and second mission?
2. Do you think the scores given by Stern and Strict for the three areas were fair? Why or why not? Would you have given different scores?
3. Read paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 156. Have you ever had to apologize to a leader? How did you feel before you did it? How did you feel afterward?

4. One and Two were surprised to learn that adults, as well as children, have to learn lessons too. Is this surprising to you? How does it feel to know that Father God has special learning times planned for you throughout your life?
5. Read paragraph 2 on page 159. Were you surprised at the reactions of Stern and Strict when the Smalls thanked them? What does this tell you about Stern and Strict? Does it change your opinion about them?

CHAPTER 18 - CELEBRATION!

1. Read the first paragraph on page 161. If you attended a celebration in Heaven, which activities would you like to do? Do you have suggestions for other things for the celebration?
2. If the Holy Three gave you an award for an accomplishment this year, what would it be for? It's OK to be happy about something you have done well! How does it feel to know the Holy Three are proud of you?
3.
The angels were quick to stop the celebration and jump into action when the announcement was made that Phase Two needed to start. List some things this fast action tells you about the angels.
4.
How do you think the rest of their battalion feels about One and Two being able to join them for Phase Two?
5. Read paragraph 4 on page 163. Why do you think the Smalls were surprised that Michael picked them to give the shout?

BONUS QUESTIONS

1. What was your favorite chapter in this book? List the things about it that you liked.
2. Who was your favorite character? Give reasons for your answer.
3. What is the most important thing you learned in this story?
4. What do you think the next book should be about?

I would love to read your answers to the questions! If you want to share them with me, send them to spiritstories7@gmail.com.

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