

THE SMALL ONES ON THE ARK CHAPTER QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 1 – WHO SHOULD WE SEND?

1. Have you ever talked to the Father when you were praying in a way you regretted later? Describe the situation.
2. Describe how the Holy Three respond to Michael and Gabriel when they're embarrassed about how they reacted to the Son and Holy Spirit's suggestions. Imagine them responding to you in the same way. Does that help you feel confident when you need to ask for forgiveness from Them?
3. How do you feel if you disagree with a decision made by another person? How do you respond when this happens?
4. Have you ever had to accept someone else's decision even though you disagreed? Describe the situation.
5. What is the best way to respond if their plan doesn't work?

CHAPTER 2 – THE DECISION

1. Read the last paragraph on page 5. How does it make you feel to know that our choices sometimes make the Holy Three very sad?
2. Read Acts 17:26 and Psalm 139:15-16. Then read the last paragraph on page 7. I (the author) made up the part about the Holy Three making a big chart just for fun. But what do these verses tell you about the plans They have made for every person?
3. Read the first two paragraphs on page 9. Why does lucifer like to tempt children and young people to make the wrong choices?
4. Make a list of actions you can take to help yourself or your friends avoid making wrong choices.
5. Many things are happening in our world that make the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit very sad. What are some of those things that make you sad? The Holy Three need our prayers to help make changes! Take some time to pray about the issues that are most important to you.

CHAPTER 3 – STICKY STUFF

1. Tell about a time you have been so tired of doing a job you just wanted to take a break, goof off, and have fun like Shem, Ham, and Japheth did.
2. Read Matthew 13:33. Then read the last paragraph on page 19 and the first one on page 20. How can wrong choices become like the yeast used to make bread rise?
3. Tell about a time you stood up for what was right and were either made fun of or rejected. What feelings did you have when you were confronting the people who were doing something wrong?
4. Have you ever lost a friend because you chose to do the right thing? Tell about that experience and how you felt when it happened.
5. What are the things you like the best about your closest friends?

CHAPTER 4 – THE PLAN

1. How do you think Noah felt when he kept begging everyone to change but they would not listen? Do you think he wanted to give up sometimes? Why or why not?
2. Read the last three paragraphs on page 26 and the first three on page 27. Make a list of all the good things the Father lists about Noah.
3. From the same paragraph you read in question # 3, what thoughts and feelings does the Father have toward Noah? How can this encourage you when you are trying to do what is right and others are making fun of you?
4. Father God had a detailed plan to save Noah and his family from the flood. What does that tell you about His care for people who need His help?
5. Read paragraph 2 on page 30. How did Father God feel toward the people who were sinning?

CHAPTER 5 – DIRTY STUFF

1. Tell about a time when you were goofing around and something bad happened.
2. If your goofing around caused problems for someone else, how did that person treat you?

3. What can you learn about the Father from how He handled the situation when One and Two hit him with the sock?
4. Imagine the Father treating you with the same kind of love when you mess up. How can that encourage you when you need to confess something to Him?
5. Read paragraph 2 on page 40. What is an area in your life that needs some changes? List steps you can take to work toward that goal.

CHAPTER 6 – THE REQUEST

1. The Smalls were ready to do what the Father wanted before He told them about the assignment. What does that tell you about their relationship with Him?
2. Read the last paragraph on page 44. What important facts are listed about the Holy Three?
3. On pages 45 and 46, Father God lists some abilities the angels chosen for this assignment must have. Are there others you would add?
4. Does this assignment sound like fun to you? Why or why not?
5. Were the Small Ones' reasons for wanting to do the assignment without assistance good ones? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 7 – A SPECIAL GIFT

1. The toolbox the Father gave One and Two was a perfect gift for them. Tell about a time you received something special. How did the gift show that the person who gave it knew you would like it?
2. Read Ephesians 2:10. The Father knows us so well that He has special tasks He knows we can do! Tell about a time when you used one of your abilities to do something good for someone else.
3. What other special abilities has He given you?
4. Let everyone in your group tell another group member about a special quality or ability they can see in them.
5. What do you think the “one thing” is?

CHAPTER 8 – THE PARADE

1. What feelings and thoughts do you think the family had when Noah pounded in the last nail?
2. On page 62, all the work the family had to do to prepare the ark for the flood is described. What parts would you enjoy helping with? What parts would you not want to do?
3. On pages 63-65, Noah pleads with the crowd to follow the ways of Father God. Why do you think all those people (for 120 years!) kept rejecting his attempts to persuade them?
4. What would you have thought and felt if you saw the amazing animal parade?
5. What do you think the people in the crowd thought when they saw the ramp close? What were they thinking and feeling when that first raindrop fell?

CHAPTER 9 – HUNGRY CREATURES

1. If you were standing in the Creature Camp on that first day on the ark, how would you feel when you realized how big the task of feeding all of them would be?
2. How did the family show that they could work together effectively?
3. Would you want to help the women with the feeding, or the men with the watering? What abilities do you have that would make you a good helper for that part?
4. Which creatures would you want to feed or water? Why did you choose them?
5. How would you feel when you finished feeding and watering hundreds of creatures? What would you want to do when you were done?

CHAPTER 10 – MUCK RAKES AND NOAH'S PRAYER

1. As leader of the family, Noah had to tell his tired family they needed to wake up and do the next part of the job. How do you think he felt when he had to do that?
2. Describe a time when you were a group leader and you had to tell the members to do something they did not want to do.

3. What did you do to motivate them to keep working? What are some effective ways to encourage people to keep going when they're tired and discouraged?
4. What are some methods that are not effective?
5. Have you guessed what the *one thing* is yet? If you know, what is it? How would you feel about scooping all of it for hundreds of creatures?

CHAPTER 11 – THE ANSWER TO NOAH’S PRAYER

1. How would you react if you landed on the ark and were greeted by warthogs? What would you do?
2. How do the angels show in this chapter that they can work hard when they want to?
3. Why do you think One and Two work together well as a team?
4. What qualities do people who are good team members have?
5. Describe a time when you were part of a team. What did you contribute?

CHAPTER 12 – STINKY STUFF

1. Why weren't the Smalls prepared for this part of the job?
2. Describe a time when you didn't listen to some instructions and, as a result, were not ready to do a task.
3. Do you think the way One jumped in and volunteered to help the women was fair? If not, how do you think they should have decided which part of the job each one would do?
4. How would you feel the first time you had to stick your muck rake into the rhino dung?
5. Do you think it would be fun to help round up the creatures and put them back in their enclosures? Which ones do you think would be the hardest to catch?

CHAPTER 13 – GREAT IDEAS

1. Even though they are exhausted, the Smalls start to work on the inventions. How do you encourage yourself to continue working on a task when you are tired?
2. What inventions would you create to make work on the ark easier?
3. The Smalls work together very effectively as a team of two. Do you find it easier to work with just one other person, or with a large team? Give reasons for your answer.
4. Which animals would you want to sleep with? Why did you pick them?
5. Do you feel as comfortable as the Small Ones when they had to tell the Father they were sorry for not letting other angels help them? Why or why not?
6. Is there something you need to tell Father God you are sorry about? Picture yourself doing it with His loving arms around you. Describe how that feels. Does it make apologizing to him easier?

CHAPTER 14 – GREAT IDEAS

1. What would you be thinking if you were watching the Smalls through the ETP?
2. Michael and Gabriel did not think Neat and Clean would be good leaders for helping on the ark. However, the Holy Spirit chose them to be in the helping position for One and Two. Why do you think they will be better assistants than leaders for this assignment?
3. Tell about a time you were picked to do something you did not want to do.
4. What did you do to encourage yourself while you were doing that task?
5. What new things did you learn while you were doing the job? How did you feel when you completed it?

CHAPTER 15 – TEAMWORK

1. Describe a time when you had to learn to do a job while performing the task, without any instruction beforehand.

2. Do you learn best by receiving training before you do a new task, or by learning as you perform it?
3. Did One and Two do a good job helping Neat and Clean learn how to help with feeding and watering? How did they show they were good leaders while they trained?
4. Describe a time when you taught someone to do something new. Do you enjoy teaching others? Why or why not?
5. Which of the disasters do you think is the funniest? What would you do if you were one of the angels and that happened to you?

CHAPTER 16 – NEAT AND CLEAN AND THE STINKY STUFF

1. Did you think Neat and Clean would be able to make themselves help with the dung? Why or why not?
2. If you were cleaning the enclosures, which ones would you start with? Give reasons for your answer.
3. If you were Neat or Clean, would you want to start helping with the bedding or cleaning the dung on the first day? Give reasons for your answer.
4. How do you think the four angels felt when they saw how happy the family was to be finished with the work for the day?
5. If you were part of Noah's family, what would you like to do for fun in the evening?

CHAPTER 17 – MORE GREAT IDEAS

1. How are Neat and Clean's inventions different than the Smalls inventions?
2. List things in this chapter that show the four angels are learning to work together as a team.
3. Neat and Clean were able to see things the Smalls missed. Describe a time you learned from someone who had abilities that were different than yours.
4. Why is it good for team members to have different abilities?

5. Why do you think Neat and Clean had the confidence to insist that the Smalls sit down and eat a healthy meal?

CHAPTER 18 – FUN!

1. Did you think Neat and Clean would be able to have fun? Why or why not?
2. Describe an activity you were afraid to do. Did you make yourself do it even though you were scared? How did you find the courage to participate even though you didn't want to?
3. Which of the activities on the list do you think would be the most fun? What would be the least fun?
4. What would you add to the angels' list of fun activities on the ark?
5. What did you think Neat and Clean were doing when they left to get the cats?

CHAPTER 19 – FLYING MESSENGERS

1. The wrong choices made by all the other people on Earth caused Noah and his family to make big changes. List some things they lost because of the actions of the others.
2. Tell about a time the choices or actions of others have made things hard or sad for you.
3. Read Romans 8:28. How can this verse help you when bad things happen to you?
4. What can you do to encourage yourself (or others) to keep believing God is good and that He will keep all His promises when you don't see it happening?
5. If you had been on the ark for as many days as the family, what would be hardest for you?

CHAPTER 20 – ANOTHER AMAZING GIFT

1. Can you picture the Holy Three watching you like They observed Noah's family in the first paragraph on page 185? How does it make you feel to imagine Them celebrating with you when you are happy?

2. Why do you think the Holy Three wanted to create something special for the family?
3. What did you learn in this chapter about how a rainbow is formed?
4. If you were messy and dirty when meeting with the Holy Three, would you greet them like the Smalls did or like Neat and Clean? Give reasons for your answer.
5. Who is the person (or people) you most like to give gifts to? What things do you know about them that help you select something that makes them happy?

CHAPTER 21 – SPECIAL DELIVERY

1. List the things that did not work in the Smalls' plan for delivering the rainbow to the Earth.
2. What should they have done differently?
3. Do you think Neat and Clean handled this situation well? Why or why not? Would you have done something different?
4. What do you think One and Two learned in this chapter?
5. Why do you think the Holy Three let the four angels figure out how to deliver the rainbow instead of giving them directions?

CHAPTER 22 – A VERY GOOD DAY

1. How would you feel if you had been in the ark for a year and were getting to leave? What parts would you be glad to be finished with? What parts would you miss?
2. What would you want to do first?
3. Which animals would you want to keep as pets?
4. Describe a time when you were so happy you felt like singing, dancing, and celebrating.
5. Noah built a memorial to remind the family how God saved them from the flood. What things remind you of His goodness?

CHAPTER 23 – FOREVER FRIENDS

1. What part of this heavenly celebration would be the most fun for you?
2. In what ways are you like One and Two?
3. In what ways are you like Neat and Clean?
4. Have you ever become friends with someone very different from you? What do you like about them?
5. What invention do you think they should make to prank Stern and Strict?

BONUS QUESTIONS

1. Who is your favorite character in this story?
2. What was your favorite chapter? What did you like about it?
3. What other things do you think this team of four angels should be assigned to do together? Why would that be a good assignment for them?
4. What is the most important thing you learned about the Holy Three in this story?
5. Read the very last page. What do you think the Smalls will be doing in the next book?

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

HAVE MORE FUN WITH ONE AND TWO! I HOPE TO PUBLISH THE NEXT BOOK IN THE SERIES IN 2025!