

The King of the Golden City Study Guide

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There once was a King who lived in a land where the most lovely flowers bloomed always. His Palace of ivory stood in the midst of a City through which flowed a river clear as crystal. The streets of the City were pure gold....

The King of the Golden City is a fascinating tale which breathes into the heart of the child a deep understanding of Holy Communion and an intimate love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Originally published in 1921, this classic tale has long been a favorite of young and old. This quality gift edition, featuring 8 full color paintings, is a *perfect book for preparing and celebrating a child's First Holy Communion.*

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This book was originally written for a young child who asked Mother Loyola what she must do to prepare for her First Holy Communion. The child asked for a story with hidden messages. fully 6tb told me about Effce morning

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Lesson Activities for Chapter I

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

exiles forgiveness ingratitude meek repaid rebel patient comfort

preparation diligent companion

Comprehension:

- 1. What is another name for the Golden City, and what is another name for the Land of Exile?
- 2. Who is the King?
- 3. Who is Malignus?
- 4. Why did Malignus always try to harm the poor people whom the King loved?
- 5. The King told the little maid that he would take her to the Beautiful Land where she would be with him always. But first she would have to learn to become like someone. Who?
- 6. Who really is the little maid, and what is her hut?
- 7. Why does the King want to visit us in Holy Communion, and what is the only thing that he wants from us in return?
- 8. The flowers that the little maid gathered for the King are like the love and virtues gathered in my heart to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Did gathering these flowers cost her something, and did she mind?
- 9. When the King came to the little maid's hut, he was dressed in a simple robe of white so that he would not frighten her. When Jesus Himself comes to us in Holy Communion, what does He look like?
- 10. When the King came to the maid, he gave gifts to her. When Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion, what gifts does He give to us?
- 11. When the King came one time, he found the hut so dirty and dusty that he could not lay his gifts down anywhere. Can Jesus give us His graces easily when our souls are cluttered with venial sins?

- 12. Another day, the little maid got up during the King's visit and wandered around outside. When she received Jesus in Holy Communion, did she make her thanks-giving? Why is a good thanksgiving so important after Communion?
- 13. When the little maid found the flowers easily, she is surprised. When we try to be good, God is pleased and increases His gifts (graces) to us. Why?
- 14. When the little maid told the King of her sorrow, he comforted and forgave her. When we are sorry for our sins, what does Jesus always do?
- 15. What does the King ask the little maid for to make up for her carelessness?
- 16. The King showed the little maid his great wounds. What wounds does Jesus have, and what caused them?
- 17. When we try to be good and fail, what should we do?

Projects:

1. <u>The King of the Golden City</u> is an allegory. Each part of the story stands for something else that is a teaching of our faith. For example,

The King stands for	Jesus
The little maid stands for	me

The hut stands for my heart

Make a table or chart, listing different parts of the story in one column, and what each part stands for in the other column.

- 2. Illustrate a scene from the story.
- 3. Write an essay on this question: why is it so necessary to make a good preparation before Holy Communion, and a good thanksgiving afterward?

Lesson Activities for Chapter II

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

improved	laws	obey
enchanted	courtier	trust
charge	encourage	

Comprehension:

- 1. What is the name of the little maid?
- 2. What does her name mean?
- 3. Flos needed a lot of improvement, but the King would not give up on her. What did Jesus do when she improved, when she tried to please Him, and when she had displeased Him?
- 4. The King gave Flos the new name of Dilecta. This name means "beloved". Why do you think Jesus named her this?
- 5. The King said that he had paid the price for Dilecta's place in the Golden City. What price did Jesus pay for our places in Heaven?
- 6. What four things did the Happy Ones do during their exile to get ready for Heaven?
- 7. The King gives Dilecta a prince of his court to be her Guardian always. Who does God give each of us as a guardian always?
- 8. To make it easy for Dilecta to know what the King wants, he gave her his ten chief laws or commands. What do we call the ten chief laws that God gives us?
- 9. The King gave Dilecta teachers who would speak in his name, and in obeying these teachers, Dilecta would really be obeying God. What teachers does Jesus give us to help and guide us on earth?
- 10. Dilecta will have to go to school, and sometimes the lessons will be hard. When we have to do things we don't like, should we struggle alone, or should we ask Jesus for help? Why?

- 1. In some countries, it is a custom to memorize and recite the Ten Commandments at the end of morning prayers, to always keep them in mind. Memorize the Ten Commandments, and recite them every morning for a week or two. See what a difference it makes in your life.
- 2. Jesus gives us His instructors and lieutenants, or popes and bishops, to teach and guide us in His name and give us His sacraments. Write an essay on what a blessing it is to be a child of the Church, include specifics on how the Church teaches and guides.

Lesson Activities for Chapter III

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

willful	advise	dissuade
shun	trying	signpost
hardship	apt	anarchy
parting	persuade	

Comprehension:

- 1. There was a great deal in Dilecta that the King could not love, but he saw something that no one else could see. What was it?
- 2. Where is the happiest country in the world today?
- 3. Where are the people the most miserable?
- 4. Malignus tried to get those who were traveling toward the Golden City to break the laws and be punished with him. Why does the devil try to keep us away from Heaven?
- 5. Why must we follow the signposts that God provides for us to get to Heaven?
- 6. Malignus tries to persuade the travelers to take the easy way instead of the right way; this is a great mistake. Why?
- 7. Finish this quote of Jesus: "If you love me, . . ."
- 8. Why were the good people happy on the hard road?
- 9. What short word did Dilecta often have to say to herself?
- 10. Dilecta began to ask herself, "What would my dear King like?" Then she would do the right thing bravely. Why is asking ourselves "What would Jesus like?" a good guideline for our lives?

Projects:

- 1. Write an essay or speech answering this question: Why are the Ten Commandments a good guideline for happy living?
- 2. Begin to please and serve others instead of yourself, as Jesus did. Write about the difference it makes in your life, and in the lives of those around you.

Lesson Activities for Chapter IV

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

subjects	duty	adopt
pilgrims	grace	enrolled

Comprehension:

- 1. What does the King wish for his subjects?
- 2. When the King adopted the exiles and made them his children, what did he give them, and where were their names written?
- 3. God adopts us as His children by which sacrament?
- 4. The only one who can keep us out of Heaven is ourself, by committing mortal sin. Who could take their robe away or blot their name out of the Book of Life?
- 5. The large House is the Catholic Church. What is stored there?
- 6. The Armory is the sacrament of Confirmation. What can the King's children see there?
- 7. The Infirmary is the sacrament of Penance. From what are we healed there?
- 8. The Banquet Hall is the sacrament of Holy Communion. Who is it for?
- 9. The Royal Audience Chamber is the Tabernacle, where Jesus Himself in Holy Communion lives. When can His friends come to Him for favors, advice, or help?
- 10. What is the meaning of the term "in Patria"?

- 1. Write an essay explaining the Sacrament of Confirmation and how it helps us to reach Heaven.
- 2. Make a chart of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, given in a special way in the sacrament of Confirmation. List each gift and describe, define, or illustrate it. You may do it in column form, or in any creative way you wish.

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3. Illustrate the Royal Audience Chamber, or the Tabernacle, or the Banquet Hall, as described in this chapter. You may wish to add to it ideas of your own. You may do it on regular paper, or on large posterboard.

Lesson Activities for Chapter V

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

comrade	airs	peace
self	inmates	reproof
upperhand	argue	resolutions
tyrant	discontented	discourage

Comprehension:

- 1. Each of the people in the Land of Exile had a comrade who was always with them. What was the name of this partner?
- 2. Was Self supposed to be the master or mistress of the hut, or was Self supposed to be the under-partner?
- 3. When the hut-owners gave in to Self, they all found out their mistake. What did Self show himself (or herself) to be?
- 4. What was the only way the hut-owners could secure any kind of peace?
- 5. Dilecta's Prince Guardian told her not to argue with Self. What was she to do first thing in the morning?
- 6. When Dilecta's Prince Guardian came to her hut, he found that her special lamp was out. What was its name?
- 7. What were the King's directions about the lamp?
- 8. Dilecta "gave in" to Self all day. Did this make her day a happy one?
- 9. How did Malignus try to make Dilecta sad and discouraged?
- 10. The Prince Guardians never discourage the children they have charge of. What do they do instead?
- 11. Complete this sentence: "So to see what is ugly in yourself is a sign ..."
- 12. What task must Dilecta work at during her time in the Land of Exile?

Projects:

1. Try an experiment! Get up quickly each morning for one week, and try to deny Self his or her way all day long each day. What difference in your life did doing

this experiment make? How hard or easy was it? What was helpful to you in doing this? Write an essay or speech answering these questions.

- 2. Make a short list of your faults. Next to each one, write one way that you can overcome it Pick one fault, and practice its solution. Work through your list in order to practice alternatives to your faults.
- 3. In our world today, there is a popular notion that the way to happiness is to give Self whatever it wants. Where and how do we hear this notion? What effects in the world and people around us does serving Self cause? What difference would it make in our world if people stopped serving Self and started to please God instead? Write an essay or speech answering one or more of these questions.

Lesson Activities for Chapter VI

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

generous	overmuch
abundance	wiseacre
nurseries	ante-chamber

pure earnest

Comprehension:

- 1. The banquet that the King offers us each day is Holy Mass. Whom does the King invite to it?
- 2. The "costly food" at the banquet is our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. Who sets this "costly food" before the guests?
- 3. At what age can children receive Holy Communion?
- 4. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, He makes us spiritually and physically strong, good, and happy. He strictly requires us to come with a "white robe." What do we do if there are spots on our robes?
- 5. The white robe is our soul in a state of grace. What are the spots?
- 6. How can we remove the spots?
- 7. How do we prove we are sorry for sin?
- 8. Why is the King pleased when his visitors ask him for good things?

Projects:

1. Write a prayer that would be a good one to say to prepare for Holy Communion. Tell Jesus you love Him and want to be with Him always. Be sure to ask Our Lord Jesus for many graces and blessings for yourself and for others. Memorize your prayer, or bring a copy to Mass, and pray this prayer before you welcome Jesus in the Eucharist.

Lesson Activities for Chapter VII

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

sulky	accustomed
horrid	trodden
vexed	industrious

docile hindrance

Comprehension:

- 1. What does Self do when Dilecta says "No" to her?
- 2. How did Self get Dilecta to do wrong, even when she didn't want to?
- 3. What did blind Bridget say to Self?
- 4. The Prince Guardian tells Dilecta to take the lead with Self. How must she treat Self?
- 5. Finish this sentence: "Do not wish you had a different Self, . . ."
- 6. What is a "Job's comforter"?

- 1. Write an essay on the importance of trust in God, especially when things go wrong.
- 2. Write about the shortness and passing of this life, and the glory and eternity of the life to come.

Lesson Activities for Chapter VIII

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

summoned
reverently
employ

victory mistrust hardships solemnly trifle

Comprehension:

- 1. Children of the King had to be well taught to fight Malignus. How well did they fight?
- 2. What five things did Dilecta see in the Armory, and what was written on each one?
- 3. When Dilecta was solemnly enrolled in the Army, she received the sacrament of Confirmation. What sign of Jesus did she receive as a mark on the forehead?
- 4. What were the three enemies that would be on the lookout for Dilecta?
- 5. The Triflers did not want to wait for the good things of the Golden City. When did they want their good things?
- 6. If the Triflers are doing the work of their master Malignus, where will they end up?

Projects:

- 1. Research and describe what happens during the ceremony of the sacrament of Confirmation. Give an oral or written report on this.
- 2. Research and learn something about the soldier-saints St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Joan of Arc.
- 3. Give an oral or written report on how you should be a soldier of Christ and what you should do to prepare for battle.

Lesson Activities for Chapter IX

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

infirmary	mortal	overthrown
restore	sully	remedy

Comprehension:

- 1. Dilecta's invisible equipment are the graces that God gives us. What does her Angel tell her about her shield, breastplate, and helmet?
- 2. When the soldiers of the King got a wound, this was a venial sin. What happened to their robe (or soul)?
- 3. If the wound was mortal, the robe was lost; if we commit a mortal sin, all the grace of our soul is lost. When this happens, whose fault is it?
- 4. The King's Infirmary is the sacrament of Confession. What happens here?
- 5. The King wants us to take daily food to be strong: this food is Holy Communion. Why should we ask the King for rich presents after Holy Communion?

- Memorize this short quotation of Jesus: "Ask and you shall receive."
- 2. When we are unable to attend daily Mass, it is a good practice to make a spiritual communion. We can make it at any time or place, and as often as we like. Memorize or compose a prayer to make a spiritual communion, and say it daily.

Prayer When Unable to Assist at Mass

Go my Angel Guardian, dear, To church for me, The Mass to hear. Go kneel devoutly at my place, And treasure for me every grace. At the Offertory time, Please offer me to God Divine All I have and all I am, Present it with the Precious Lamb At the Consecration. Adore for me the great oblation. Pray for all I hold most dear, Be they far or be they near, Remember, too, my own dear dead, For whom Christ's Precious Blood was shed. At the Communion, Bring to me Christ's true Self, My food to be, And Holy Grace a pledge To see Him face to face. And when the Holy Mass is done, then, With His blessings, Come back home, Amen.

Lesson Activities for Chapter X

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

privilege	idle	grief
struggle	debt	

Comprehension:

- 1. Malignus stays outside unless we ourselves let him in. Can the devil ever "make us" sin, or is it always up to us?
- 2. When Malignus put his foot inside her hut, Dilecta called for someone right away. Who was he and what did he do?
- 3. How can Dilecta pay her debt of punishment?
- 4. Complete this sentence: "Whenever you try to overcome Self, . . ."
- 5. Why does the King allow troubles to come to Dilecta in the Land of Exile?

- 1. Write an essay or speech on the importance of avoiding near occasions of sin.
- 2. Make a list of things you don't like that you could teach yourself to bear with patiently for the love of God. Pick one, and make a good effort to bear with it for at least a week.

Lesson Activities for Chapter XI

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

forbade	throng	thwart
cross	aloof	solemn
supplication	merrymaking	fleet

Comprehension:

- 1. The Prince Guardian would not hear of Dilecta attending the show. Why?
- 2. What made Dilecta finally change her mind and decide not to go?
- 3. Why would the children obey Daisy like slaves even when she was wrong?
- 4. How do some of the revelers look who come back from the Broad Road in the evening?
- 5. Daisy and her "set" argue with Flos about the show. What does she finally do to "win" the argument?

- 1. Illustrate some scenes from this chapter.
- 2. Write an essay or speech on the importance of avoiding bad companions.
- 3. List some ways the worldly try to trick you into "going along" with them.
- 4. List ways you can use God's grace to resist "going along."

Lesson Activities for Chapter XII

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

meddlesome	haze	perish
atmosphere	snare	fate

Comprehension:

- 1. Dilecta knew she was weak, and feared to give in to those who wanted her to go to the show. Who did she turn to, and what did she ask?
- 2. What is a sign that Malignus is near?
- 3. The sound of Whose name makes Malignus tremble?
- 4. Dilecta escaped from the show and returned home. What surprise did she find there?
- 5. Dilecta was grateful that the King delivered her from the terrible fire. Complete this sentence of His: "Believe that my commandments . . ."

Projects:

1. Memorize this quotation:

"He hath done all things well."

- 2. Write a poem on the subject of trust in God. You may wish to letter it on good paper, decorate it, and display it in a special place in your home or room.
- 3. Recite the Angel of God prayer.
- 4. Explain the four requests contained within this prayer (light, guard, rule, guide).

Lesson Activities for Chapter XIII

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

ungrateful obstinate trying reprove idle inclined

Comprehension:

- 1. What did Dilecta find out, which helped her to say "No" to Self?
- 2. What did Malignus say to her before she did wrong?
- 3. What did her Prince Guardian say to her before she did wrong?
- 4. After Dilecta did wrong, what did Malignus say to her?
- 5. After Dilecta did wrong, what did her Prince Guardian say to her?

Project:

1. Write out the Act of Contrition. In writing, explain each line and how you will live it.

Lesson Activities for Chapter XIV

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

frank	sums	straight
forward	dress	unruly

Comprehension:

- 1. What did the King love best in Dilecta?
- 2. What does the King want Dilecta to tell him about herself?
- 3. When Dilecta tried all day, and broke down at night, what did the King think of her?
- 4. Finish this sentence of the King: "It is to help you grow strong . . ."

Project:

1. Choose one or more of the quotations of the King below and memorize it:

"By yourself you are very weak, but you and I together are more than a match for the enemy."

"Trust in me and my help."

2. Write out an explanation of both of these quotations above.

Lesson Activities for Chapter XV

Vocabulary:Explain and define each word.grudgemischiefmakerenv

content

envy sacrifice

Comprehension:

unkind

- The King compared the love he had for all people and for Dilecta to something. What?
- 2. Dilecta asks the King how she may come to love him very dearly. He tells her to try to do two things. What does he tell her to try to do?
- 3. Describe at least three things about the people in the Golden City.
- 4. Complete this sentence: "To be like the King who was gentle and kind . . ."
- 5. List as many ways as you can think of to learn more about Jesus.

- 1. How can you resolve to be more like Jesus? Write a journal entry, essay, or speech describing this.
- 2. What can you do to be kinder to others? Outline a plan, and carry it out.

Lesson Activities for Chapter XVI

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

satisfy cockcrow neglect precious banish consider expectation

rejoice faith matchless

Comprehension:

- 1. What does the King tell Dilecta about all the delightful things that make up home here in the Land of Exile?
- 2. When the King sends for us, this is our death. Why must each one be found watching?
- 3. If people have been bad servants, and neglected the King's service, where do they go?
- 4. Dilecta is an orphan who longs to have a family. Who is waiting for her in the Golden City?
- 5. The King gave Dilecta a small telescope with the word "Faith" on it. What did he tell her about using it?
- 6. The gift of Faith helps us to see the reward that God has in store for us. What place does Dilecta see when using her gift of Faith?
- 7. Who is the Queen that Dilecta sees in the Golden City?
- 8. What is the greatest joy in Heaven?

Projects:

1. Choose one or more of the quotations below and memorize it:

"Your eyes have never seen, your ears have never heard what I have ready for those who love me."

"Let us be glad and rejoice. Give praise to our king all ye his servants, and you that fear him, little and great."

2. Make a drawing of the Golden City based on part or all of the description you read in this chapter. This description is taken from the last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation, written by the Apostle St. John. You may wish to look it up!

Lesson Activities for Chapter XVII

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

Purgatory	pity	wistful
measure	debtor	

Comprehension:

- 1. When Dilecta turned her telescope glass to the ground, she saw terrible things. What she saw was Hell. Why did seeing this help her?
- 2. The Land of Weary Waiting is Purgatory. How do the people there pay their debts to the King?
- 3. How can Dilecta help the souls in the Land of Weary Waiting?
- 4. How did the prisoners and the King feel toward Dilecta when she helped those in the Land of Weary Waiting?
- 5. What gift from the King must Dilecta prize above all others?

- 1. For one day, offer all your prayers, works, joys, and sufferings to God to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Repeat this often!
- 2. The Poor Souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves. How can they help others, and how can they repay us? Explain in writing.

Lesson Activities for Chapter XVIII

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

brave	shelter	suspected
shabby	content	

Comprehension:

- 1. Whatever we do for the King's friends, he takes as done to whom?
- 2. When the King came to Dilecta, she was cross and tired, but the King was not displeased. What was he trying to teach her?
- 3. According to the King, do feelings matter?
- 4. Dilecta never let the King miss a visit; what made her content?

Projects:

- 1. Memorize one or more of the following quotes:
 - "You did it unto me."

"She hath done what she could."

or

"He hath done what he could."

2. Write a prayer to pray after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, and pray it the next time you go to Mass.

Lesson Activities for Chapter XIX

Vocabulary: Explain and define each word.

haste
required
disguise

credit Jerusalem personage

majesty radiance

Comprehension:

- 1. Dilecta kept ready for the King to come and take her to the Golden City. The "work" she did each day to prepare for Heaven is her "vocation." Who was she trying to please?
- 2. Dilecta spent much time training Self, and she became a credit to Dilecta. What short word did Self have to understand the meaning of?
- 3. When the King came for Dilecta, this was death. Whom did she now see without his disguise in all his beauty?
- 4. In the end, what did Dilecta wish about her past in the Land of Exile?

Projects:

1. Memorize one or more of these quotes of Jesus:

"Watch! Be ready! For you know not the day nor the hour."

"Lift up your gates, ye Princes, and the King of Glory shall enter in!"

- 2. Write a prayer asking God for the grace of a happy death, and pray it.
- 3. Write a prayer asking God to bless all those who are to die this day, and pray it.
- 4. Learn who is the patron of a happy death and why.

Answer Key

Darling Mother M Loy da I have found out lots of things in, "The king and the little begge maid ?! The king is God. a The city is heaven 3 The clark wood is earth 4 The little begg ar maid come 5 Her hut is my heart 6 When the King came to see the beggar maid it was like our dord coming to see us in holy 6 mmunion. y when the people mocked the king it was like the Tews mocking Yesus 8 The flowers on the path are votues in my heart. g The white robe was a pure soul 10 The gipts the king gave her are the graces for gives us

in his prequent visits. 11. The littly hympshe same is the little hymn you taugh "Jesus Jesus come to me 12 when the flowers got less the beggar maid was getting to - monour Effice. 13 When the king found no room to lay down his gift her your wasfull of sin . 14: When she went out in the middle of the vesit she made no thanking. 18 when she found the flowers casily owhen the wanted to be good i God always makes things easy if we try. If when the said he had tuffered for her, he meant he had died on calvary 17 when the king jetched her to heaven she had died. Fam going to holy communion on the peast of Our Lady of mt. Carmel.

* Reference to a child who gave her toys to her father on his birthday and took them all back the next day.

If a reader answers a question in a different way than below, and can prove his/her answer from the text, the answer is also correct.

Chapter I

- 1. The Golden City is Heaven and the Land of Exile is Earth.
- 2. The King is Our Lord Jesus.
- Malignus is Satan "rebel lord" because Lucifer is who God created him to be.
- He hated the King. Through his own fault he threw away the gift of Heaven. He is jealous and tries to prevent others from the joys of Heaven.
- She would have to become like the King (Jesus) before she could live in the Golden City.
- 6. The little maid is me, and her hut is my heart.
- The King wants to visit us because he loves us and he wants only our love, or our heart, in return.
- Gathering the flowers (virtues) did cost her something, but she did not mind because she wanted to please the King.
- 9. Jesus comes to us under the appearance of a white Host.
- When He comes in Holy Communion, Jesus showers us with graces and blessings to make us more like Him.
- 11. He cannot give graces unless we are open to receiving them.
- 12. No, she didn't make her thanksgiving. Jesus wants our love and our thanks in return for his visits to us in Holy Communion.
- God is pleased when we try to be good, and so He helps us.
- 14. Jesus always forgives us when we are sorry for our sins.
- 15. The King asked for her heart and her love.
- 16. Jesus has wounds in His hands, feet, and side from

dying on the Cross for love of us. Our sin caused His death.

17. We should go to Jesus at once and ask Him to forgive us and help us.

Chapter II

- 1. Her name is Flos.
- 2. The name "Flos" means "flower."
- Jesus made much of every improvement, praised her when she tried to please him, and forgave her as soon as she was sorry for displeasing Him.
- He named her Dilecta to remind her how much he loved her.
- The price Jesus paid for our places in Heaven is His death on the cross.
- 6. They kept God's (the King's) laws and learned how to know and love and serve Him.
- 7. God gives each of us a Guardian Angel.
- 8. We call them the Ten Commandments.
- 9. Jesus gave us the Church, and His Pope and bishops, to guide and teach us.
- When we must do something difficult, we should ask Jesus for help because He knows what is best for us and always will help.

Chapter III

- The King saw something beautiful and lovable that she would become if she would fight against the ugly things he could not love.
- It is where there are laws to keep the good people safe and happy, and to punish the bad.
- People are miserable where there is anarchy, or no government, where cruel, selfish men do as they

like, and rob and kill without anyone being strong enough to prevent or punish them.

- He hates to think that we are on our way to the beautiful home he had thrown away. He is very jealous.
- Accept any reasonable answer. Some may include: If we don't follow God's signposts, we'll get lost. God will surely show us the best way to get to Heaven. God's way keeps us safe.
- The King told them that the easy way was not for their good. His commandments are for our own sake. He asks us for a little while to go against ourselves sometimes, for our own good.
- 7. "... keep my commandments."
- There were many things the King had placed all along the hard road to help the travelers.
- 9. "No."
- If we ask ourselves what pleases Jesus, then we will do the right thing joyfully no matter what the cost, to show our love for Him in return for His love.

Chapter IV

- The King wished his subjects to be happy in the Land of Exile, and afterwards to be happy in the Beautiful Land with a perfect happiness.
- The King gave his children a beautiful white robe called "grace" and their names were written in "The Book of Life."
- God adopts us as His children by the sacrament of Baptism.
- 4. No one but themselves could do these things.
- 5. All that the King's subjects needed on their way to their true Country is stored in the large House.
- In the Armory, they can see the sword and shield, the helmet and breastplate, and the strong shoes

- they would wear as the King's soldiers.
- 7. We are healed from sin.
- Holy Communion is for young and old, rich and poor alike.
- 9. His friends can come to Him at all hours.
- 10. "In Patria" means Heaven, or our dear Country and Home.

Chapter V

- 1. The name of this partner was Self.
- Self was supposed to be the sub-partner or underpartner.
- Self showed himself to be a cruel tyrant, and made the hut-owner into a miserable slave.
- The hut-owner had to keep Self in his place and put him down firmly whenever he gave himself first place.
- 5. Dilecta was to spring up at once and not to listen to Self.
- The name of the lamp was "Peace" (sanctifying grace).
- The lamp "Peace" must be kept burning at all costs, and it was never to be left near the window, lest Malignus would take it away, by leading her into mortal sin.
- 8. No; giving in to Self all day made her miserable.
- Malignus tries to make her break the King's laws, and when she does, he tries to tell her that it's no use trying to be good.
- The Prince Guardians always cheer them up and tell them to go on as before, to keep trying out of love.
- 11. " ... of better things coming."
- 12. She must work at correcting her faults, and becoming more like her King.

Chapter VI

- 1. The King invites his children, rich and poor, every day.
- The King himself sets before the guests the costly food he has provided.
- Children at the age of reason can receive Holy Communion - usually about seven years old.
- We must remove the spots as far as possible by being truly sorry and asking forgiveness. Confession is required for serious sin.
- 5. The spots are our sins.
- 6. We can be sorry for our sins, and go to Confession.
- Ask the King and our Guardian for help not to sin again. Trying with all our might and the help given not to sin again.
- 8. The King is even more pleased to give his children good things than his children are to receive them, because he knows that his gifts will make his visitors strong, and good, and happy. The visitors, his children, understand that all good things and only good things come from the King of Heaven.

Chapter VII

- Self gets cross and sulky and makes the whole hut miserable to live in.
- Dilecta got accustomed to saying "Yes" to Self in small things, so that it was much more difficult for her to say "No" to doing a big wrong.
- Bridget said that she had trusted the King always and trusted him still because she knew he loved her and would let nothing happen to her but what was for the best.
- She must treat Self quietly but firmly, and bear it patiently if she frets when she says "No" to her.

- 5. "... but train the one you have."
- A "Job's comforter" is a person who appears to be a friend yet does you harm and does not have your best interests at heart. (Read about Job in the Bible.)

Chapter VIII

- 1. They fought grandly, and their enemy was afraid of them.
- Sword "Faith"
 Shield "Trust in God"
 Helmet "Prayer"
 Breastplate "Mistrust of Self"
 Shoes "Patience and Perseverance"
- 3. She received the sign of the cross.
- 4. The three enemies are Malignus, Self, and the Triflers.
- 5. They wanted them now.
- 6. They will end up with Malignus, in eternal punishment.

Chapter IX

- 1. They must be <u>used</u>, and kept ready for any danger.
- 2. It was soiled.
- It is our fault, because we did not use our armor or call for help or fight bravely.
- The soldiers are healed, and their souls are restored.
- 5. We need all of his blessings to be healthy and strong.

Chapter X

- 1. It is always up to us.
- 2. She called for her angel, or Prince Guardian, and

he helped her shut the devil out.

- She can do things to please the King, and bear patiently things she doesn't like.
- 4. "... you are paying off your debt."
- 5. The King wants her to have all her debt paid before he takes her away from the Land of Exile, and troubles are the money he allows to pay the debt.

Chapter XI

- 1. The show would be harmful for her.
- 2. The Prince prayed for her.
- 3. Daisy gave them treats.
- 4. Their white robes are soiled and they are sad.
- 5. She runs away.

Chapter XII

- 1. She turned to her Angel, and asked him to help her.
- A poisoned atmosphere that causes confusion and trouble shows that he is near.
- The sound of the King's name Jesus makes him tremble.
- The lamp of Peace was very bright, and she found a happiness never felt before.
- 5. "... are meant to keep you from harm."

Chapter XIII

- She found that she was not happier when she was thinking only of pleasing herself.
- He said that it was only a little thing that didn't matter, and that the King wouldn't be angry.
- He told her that little things did matter, and not to offend the King.
- He called her an ungrateful wretch, and told her it was no use to be sorry again.

 He told her not to listen to Malignus; he encouraged her to tell the King she was sorry because he is so kind and forgiving.

Chapter XIV

- She was very truthful, and she would tell him all about herself.
- He wanted to know about her joys, troubles, struggles, efforts – everything!
- He thought that she was brave, and he was pleased with her efforts in resisting the devil.
- 4. "... that I come to you often."

Chapter XV

- His love is like the sunshine, available to all. It is especially for his own people, those who serve him. His love is poured out on Dilecta, full force, as if there were no others.
- He tells her to try to learn about him, and to try to be like him.
- 3. Choose from the following answers. All are like the King. There was no envy among them. They all love one another. They are glad the King loves everyone. All are content and happy. There is no selfishness there. They want only what the King wants.
- "... even to those who did not love him, she would be kind, too."
- 5. List may include prayer, parents' good example, reading and studying the Bible, the teachings of the Church and through the Sacraments, holy priests by their example and instruction, good devotional books, lives of the saints...

- All these things never quite satisfy those who have them.
- Because at what hour they think not, their Lord will come. Or — No one knows when he or she will die. We must always live as if this day were the day of our death and appearance before God to give an account of our lives.
- By choosing not to serve the King, they choose to give up all of his gifts of happiness forever and suffer terribly in Hell.
- A loving mother (Our Blessed Mother) is waiting for her, as well as brothers, sisters, and friends.
- He told her that the more she used it, the brighter (more powerful) it would become. The virtues grow the more we use them.
- 6. She sees the Golden City in all its beauty.
- 7. Our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven and earth.
- Being forever in the presence of God. Knowing He is ours forever and we are His.

Chapter XVII

- Malignus went away quickly, and her feet were set firmly on the King's side in the battle. Or — She saw the horror of sin and avoided it.
- 2. They pay their debts by dreadful pain.
- 3. She can do her lessons and work for the King, bear troubles to please him, and be kind to all; she saves "money" to pay her own debts. She can offer this also to help the poor prisoners.
- 4. The prisoners and the King were grateful to her.
- 5. The gift of faith is the most precious of his gifts.

Chapter XVII

- 1. He takes it as done to himself.
- The King was teaching her to love him for himself, not his gifts.
- 3. No, feelings do not matter.
- If only she could please the King, she was content.

Chapter XIX

- 1. She was trying to please the King.
- 2. She had to learn the meaning of "No."
- 3. She saw the King himself.
- She wished that she had known the King better and loved him more when she had lived in the Land of Exile.