

Is it possible to explain the existence of evil? Discuss this with your family.

Chapter 12

What was the last message Corrie received from the ants?

What did the pink forms mean?

Who was Jan Vogel? How did Corrie feel about him?

Why did Corrie look forward to September 1st?

How might friendships be different in prison?

Can you imagine Corrie and Betsie's disappointment when they realized they were not going to be freed? Do you think it was harder to go back to prison life after that taste of freedom?

Chapter 13

What had Corrie and Betsie heard about Ravensbruck?

How did Corrie and Betsie get the vitamins and Bible past the guards?

Why were the newcomers housed next to the punishment barracks?

What was the miracle of the Davitamon bottle?

Why did the adults in the German Village look at the prisoners? Were they ashamed?

Afraid? Explain.

Why do people describe the worst cruelty as 'detached'? What does "detached" mean?

What would it be like to have a number instead of a name? What does your name mean to you?

Chapter 14

How did Corrie get into the hospital?

How did Corrie escape from being transported?

How did Betsie look different the last time Corrie saw her/

What do you think people will look like in Heaven. Discuss this with your family?

Chapter 15

What prevented Corrie's release?

What was the most fatal disease of the concentration camp?

Why did Corrie think the hospital staff was having a party?

Is it ironic that the Nazis would only release healthy prisoners? What was the reason for this policy?

Would you find it hard to adjust to life after prison? What would be the hardest part

How could going back to a place of hurt (ie a concentration camp) result in healing?

General

What is your opinion of the book. Write two paragraphs about your opinion.

Why do you think Germany outlawed the Dutch national anthem? Why are anthems powerful?

Is it ever ethical to steal? Explain your answer. \

Do you think it was wise for the ten Booms to trust so many people with their secret?

Was there another way they could have handled the situation?

Chapter 7

Why was Peter not yet safe from the Germans?

Why did the soldiers not find Peter and Bob?

Why did Corrie give Mietje the corner of a bank note?

Why did the pastor refuse to hide the Jewish baby? What factors probably influenced his choice.

What is the meaning of kosher food. What is its purpose? \

Chapter 8

When was the most dangerous time of day in the Beje?

Why did old Katrien say that Nollie had gone mad?

Why did Otto return?

Do you think the window washer was a spy? Why or Why not.

What would it be like having to distrust everyone?

Chapter 9

What day did the raid happen?

What made Kapteyn stop hitting Corrie

Did the Germans find the secret room?

What message did Rolf bring to the prisoners/

Why did Corrie promise money to the stranger when she did not trust him?

Was there anything that Corrie or the ten Booms could have done to prevent the raid? Explain.

Chapter 10

Where were the ten Booms taken?

What was the last thing Corrie said to Father?

Who became Corrie's companion in solitary

Why were the Germans so particular about where the prisoners walked?

Do you think those people were doing the right thing by working for an evil system/

Have you ever been alone for a long period of time. What did you do? What did you think about?

Why did Corrie say that "thoughts were enemies"?

Chapter 11

Why did Corrie want to be taken to hut number 4 for her hearing?

What did Lieutenant Rahms call "a waste of time and energy"?

How had the Jews escaped from the Beje?

Why did Corrie describe herself as a professional? What kind of professional was she/

What kind of interrogation would be harder to resist, a forceful one or a kind one?

The Hiding Place

Corrie ten Boom

Questions from Words aptly spoken, classical Literature for Children, Volume B

Chapter 1

Why did Betsie and Corrie nickname Mr. Sluring Pickwick?

What did the people of the city call Father?

Who was Christoffels? Why was he late?

Corrie said; “memories are the key not to the past, but to the future”. Do you agree? Why?

Chapter 2

Why couldn't Betsie play with the other children?

Why did Corrie become afraid of death?

Does the description of Father's self-education surprise you? Why or Why not?

Chapter 3

What is the strongest force in the world, according to Father?

Is it possible to be cheerful even in bad circumstances? Have you ever had to do that?

Mama said, ‘Happiness is something we make inside ourselves? Do you agree?

Chapter 4

How did Corrie know something was wrong with Mama

How long was Mama in a coma?

What did Betsie's illness help Betsie and Corrie realize?

It is foolish to spend time watching and talking to someone who is in a coma?

Does it seem strange that Mama wore black at her daughter's wedding? Compare this with some other cultures and their wedding traditions.

Chapter 5

What event led Corrie to conclude that Holland was lost?

What were the hardest adjustments for the ten Booms under German occupation?

What happened to the Weil's Furrier?

Is it possible to be totally neutral in a widespread war?

Do you think Father was being realistic or pessimistic when he said Holland would fall? Explain.

Do you think you would have had the courage to stand up to the Germans? Why or Why not.

Why did Mr. de Vries describe himself as a completed Jew?

Chapter 6

What happened at the end of the church service to draw the congregation to its feet?

How did Mrs. Kleermaker hear about the ten Booms?

Why did Corrie's watchmaker hands come in handy?