

Chapter 10: The Spell Begins to Break

Vocabulary:

crook	a thick pottery jar or pot
plaguey	bothersome
frowsty	messy
sluice gate	a gate to control the flow of a river
ramped	stood threateningly with raised forelegs
cordial	medicine

Expressions:

Get along with you all.	All of you calm down.
What a mercy...	It's a good thing...

Vocabulary enrichment activities:

A. Fill in the blanks with the words or expressions from the lists above that make the most sense based on the story.

1. Mrs. Beaver asked for someone to get several loaves of bread out of the _____ in the corner.
2. Everyone looked very _____ when they came out of the cave.
3. Father Christmas had fitted Mr. Beaver's dam with a new _____.

B. Correctly use each of these words in a sentence.

1. cordial
2. What a mercy

Comprehension – Answer the following questions based on Chapter 10.

1. What was Mrs. Beaver doing while the others were bundling up?

2. What hope did she say they had?

3. Why did Mr. Beaver say they should stay down in the valley?

4. What awakened everyone from their sleep in the cave?

5. Why did Mr. Beaver rush out when he heard the noise?

6. What was Father Christmas like, and how did he affect the children?

7. List the gifts he gave to each member of the party.

Critical Thinking

1. Do you think it was wise of Mrs. Beaver to take the time to pack up supplies? Why or why not?
2. How do you feel about Aslan's statement that battles are ugly when women fight?

Write, Discuss, Create

1. Write a journal entry for one of the children describing how it felt to be running from the Witch to meet Aslan.
3. Have you ever felt "that deep shiver of gladness which you only get if you are being solemn and still"? Tell about the experience.
4. Draw or paint a picture of Father Christmas as he is described in the chapter.