

# Grandpa's Box

## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 1

1. In Psalm 35:1-3, 9-10, how does the psalmist describe his enemies? What does he ask the Lord to do about his enemies?
2. What war do you think Grandpa is talking about? Who is fighting whom in Grandpa's war?

### Chapter 2

#### **Bible Story Text: Genesis 3:1-19**

1. When God created people, what kind of relationship did he want them to have with him?
2. How did Satan try to keep this from happening?
3. How did God turn what seemed to be Satan's victory into God's victory?

### Chapter 3

#### **Bible Story Text: Genesis 4:1-7**

1. What sin in Cain's heart was Satan able to use?
2. Why did God speak with Cain about his sin?
3. According to Romans 2:4, what leads us to repentance?

### Chapter 4

#### **Bible Story Text: Genesis 4:8-10, 25-26; 6:1-9:17**

1. What was there about people in Noah's day that would have made Satan happy?
2. When God judged all of sinful mankind by sending a flood, what did he provide to save people from it?
3. How is Noah's ark like the Lord Jesus Christ?

### Chapter 5

#### **Bible Story Text: Genesis 12:1-9**

1. After the flood, what sinful mistake concerning God's wonderful creation did most of the people in the world make?
2. When God called Abraham to leave his country and his family, why did Abraham obey?
3. What would be the task of the Israelite nation that would come from Abraham?

## Chapter 6

**Bible Story Text: Genesis 17:15-21; 21:1-7; 22:1-19**

1. It was very difficult for Abraham to think of offering Isaac as a sacrifice, because he loved him so much. Besides that, what would have happened to God's promise to Abraham if Isaac were killed?
2. What did God provide for Isaac and how is that like what God provides for his people in Jesus?
3. Abraham thought he would have to give up his only beloved son. How is that a picture of God's love for the world?

## Chapter 7

**Bible Story Text: Genesis 25:19-34; 27-28**

1. Why did it seem to Marc that Jacob should not be the one to receive God's blessings?
2. Why is it important that God chooses people and continues to love them *in spite of their sinfulness*?
3. In Ephesians 2, how does verse 3 describe Christians before they're Christians? In verses 4-5, *when* does it say God shows love for us and makes us alive in Christ?

## Chapter 8

**Bible Story Text: Genesis 37; 39:1-46:7**

1. If Jacob's entire family had died in a famine, what would have happened to God's promise to send a baby who would grow up to destroy Satan and his work?
2. What did God do to make sure that Jacob's family (and God's promise) survived the famine?

## Chapter 9

**Bible Story Text: Exodus 1:1-2:10**

1. Grandpa says that we could think of the whole Bible as the story of the war between God and Satan. What does he say they are fighting about?
2. How did the pharaoh seem to be on Satan's side?
3. What would have happened to God's promise if the pharaoh had succeeded in killing all Israelite baby boys?

**Chapter 10**

**Bible Story Text: Exodus 3:1-15:21**

1. What words complete this sentence? When God promised to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, he said he would be their \_\_\_\_\_ and they would be his \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If you think of Pharaoh as the commander of Egypt's armies and of God as the commander Pharaoh fought against, what things did God command in this story that Pharaoh could not command?
3. What did the Israelites call God in their victory song?

**Chapter 11**

**Bible Story Text: Exodus 19:1-20:20; 31:18**

1. Even when an army has excellent soldiers, what do those soldiers need from their commander if they're going to fight well?
2. What did God give to his people as their "marching orders"?
3. What kinds of things do the Ten Commandments do for us?

**Chapter 12**

**Bible Story Text: Exodus 15:22-26; 16:1-21; 17; 32:1-33:17;  
Numbers 11; 13-14; 20:2-13; 21:4-9**

1. Name some of the ways God provided for the Israelites' physical needs on their way to the Promised Land. What does this show us about God?
2. What was an even greater danger for the Israelites than their enemies or their physical needs? How did God take care of this danger? (See Psalm 78:38 for help.)

**Chapter 13**

**Bible Story Text: Joshua 1:1-9; 5:13-15; 6:1-20**

1. Joshua was not the highest commander of the Lord's army. Who was?
2. What strange strategy did Joshua and the Israelites follow to take the city of Jericho?
3. What did this show them about God?

## Chapter 14

**Bible Story Text: Judges 6-7**

1. What was there about Gideon that made him seem to be a poor choice for a leader?
2. What was there about Gideon's army that made it seem impossible for them to defeat the Midianites?
3. What were the unusual weapons that Gideon's men used?
4. Why does God get all the glory for Gideon's defeat of the Midianites?

## Chapter 15

**Bible Story Text: Ruth 1-4**

1. What was God's purpose in telling the Israelites they must not marry people from other countries?
2. In spite of how everything seemed to go wrong for Naomi, how did God provide for her (and Ruth)?
3. What does this story show his people about God's attitude toward people from other nations?

## Chapter 16

**Bible Story Text: 1 Samuel 8:1-9 19-22; 10:17-27; 13:1-14; 16:1-13; 17**

1. What does the book of Judges show that God's people need?
2. What was the difference between King Saul and King David?
3. David was a picture of the better and eternal king God provides for his people. Who is that?

## Chapter 17

**Bible Story Text: 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25**

1. God had promised that someone from David's family would rule forever. What did David do that seemed to be evil enough to make God change his mind?
2. What did God do about David's sin?
3. What do we learn about God from this story?

## Chapter 18

### **Bible Story Text: 1 Kings 18:20-39**

1. What things did the prophets of Baal do to get an answer from their god?
2. What things did Elijah do to make it harder for God to answer?
3. In Isaiah 46, who carries whom in verses 3-4? Who carries whom in verses 6-7? What point does God make in verse 5?

## Chapter 19

### **Bible Story Text: 1 Kings 22:1-38**

1. Why is God able to tell what will happen in the future?
2. What did King Ahab do to try to keep himself safe when he went to battle?
3. How could it happen that an arrow shot by chance, aiming at nothing, found the only small chink in Ahab's armor and killed him?

## Chapter 20

### **Bible Story Text: 2 Kings 5:1-19**

1. Who were the enemies of God's people in this story?
2. Who was Naaman?
3. God could have defeated his enemy, Naaman, by killing him. How did he capture him instead?

## Chapter 21

### **Bible Story Text: 2 Kings 11**

1. If Queen Athaliah had succeeded in killing all her grandchildren, what would have happened to God's promise?
2. How did God preserve a descendant of David to keep on the throne?

## Chapter 22

**Bible Story Text: 2 Kings 18–19 with 2 Chronicles 32:21**

1. King Hezekiah did not go out to fight the great Assyrian army. What did he do instead?
2. What happened to the Assyrian army?
3. Sennacherib claimed that God could not protect his people. He was wrong. What happened to Sennacherib that showed his god could not protect him?

**Chapter 23**

**Bible Story Text: Jeremiah 36**

1. Why would God's enemies want to destroy God's Word?
2. Why is it so valuable for God's people to have God's Word written down?

**Chapter 24**

**Bible Story Text: Daniel 2–3**

1. In this story, why were the Jews in Babylon?
2. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, what did it mean when a rock knocked down the statue and grew to fill the whole earth?
3. What did God want his people, who had been conquered by a powerful, idol-worshipping nation, to know?

**Chapter 25**

**Bible Story Text: Ezra 1:1–4; 4; Haggai 1; Ezra 5–6**

1. How were the Israelites able to get away from the Persians and go back to their home after seventy years in captivity?
2. Why did the Israelites not mind too much when they had to stop rebuilding the temple?
3. God sent Haggai and Zechariah to tell the people to go back to work on the temple, but that would not have been enough by itself, because the people had a habit of ignoring the prophets. What else did God do so that the people would start building again?

**Chapter 26**

**Bible Story Text: Esther**

1. What does it mean that God ordains the details of everyday life?

2. What would have happened to God's purposes if Haman's plans had all worked out the way Haman wanted them to?
3. What are some of the details God ordained in the story of Esther to cause his purposes to work out in spite of Haman's wicked plans?

## Chapter 27

**Bible Story:** Luke 1:26–38; 2:1–7; Matthew 2

1. Why did King Herod want to destroy the baby Jesus?
2. Tell of some of the times in the Old Testament stories when the Israelites were in danger of being wiped out?
3. How were Jesus' birth and escape from Herod a victory for God?

## Chapter 28

**Bible Story Text:** Matthew 4:1–11; Luke 4:1–13

1. How was Adam a representative of the whole human race?
2. Jesus represented his people and died in their place, to pay for their sins. What else did Jesus do in the place of his people?
3. Why would Satan have especially liked to get Jesus to sin?

## Chapter 29

**Bible Story Text:** Mark 5:1–20

1. Describe how the demons had made a wreck of the man God had created in the image of God.
2. What did Jesus command the demons to do, and did they do it?
3. Read Colossians 1:13. How is what Jesus did for the demon-possessed man like what he does for all his people?

## Chapter 30

**Bible Story Text:** John 1–8

1. What were some of the signs (or miracles) that Jesus did that showed he really was the Son of God?
2. Why did so many people still not believe in him?
3. Tell some examples of times people wanted to kill Jesus, or even tried to kill him. Why were they not able to do it?

## Chapter 31

**Bible Story Text: John 11**

1. Why is death not really natural?
2. Why did Jesus wait until Lazarus had been dead four days before going to Mary and Martha?

**Chapter 32**

**Bible Story Text: Matthew 26:36–27:66; Mark 14:32–15:47; Luke 22:39–23:56; John 18–19**

1. Why was the battle in this story the most costly in the whole war?
2. Why was this battle the most important?
3. Why did Grandpa only have one figure, a cross, for both Satan's attack and God's victory?

**Chapter 33**

**Bible Story Text: John 20**

1. Why is it so important that Jesus rose from the dead?
2. What does Jesus rule over now?

**Chapter 34**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 2**

1. What orders did Jesus give his people before he went back up into heaven?
2. What did Jesus give to the church to make his people able to obey his orders?
3. God's people may faithfully tell the gospel, but they can't make others believe it. How is the Holy Spirit helpful for this?

**Chapter 35**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 3-4:33; 5:12-42**

1. What did the church's enemies use in this story to try to make the disciples too fearful to spread the gospel?
2. What did the Christians pray for in this story?
3. At the end of this story, who were coming to believe and obey the Lord Jesus, even though they had fought against him before?

**Chapter 36**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 6:1–8:4**

1. What began the same day Stephen was stoned to death?
2. What did the Christians do as a result?
3. How was that a good thing for God's purposes?

**Chapter 37**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 8:1–3; 9:1–31**

1. How did Saul show himself to be a very dangerous enemy to Christ and his church?
2. How did the Lord Jesus Christ conquer Saul?
3. What important mission did Jesus entrust to his former enemy, Saul?

**Chapter 38**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 10**

1. Why did the first Jewish Christians only share the gospel with other Jews?
2. To whom did God want the gospel to go?
3. What did God do to get the Jewish Christians to take the gospel to Gentiles?

**Chapter 39**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 12**

1. Why did King Herod plan to kill Peter?
2. Why did Herod die such a sudden and unpleasant death?
3. What happened to the word of the Lord, which Herod had tried to stop?

**Chapter 40**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 13–14; 16**

1. Who wrote about Paul's missionary journeys?
2. What kinds of opposition did Paul overcome as he took the gospel to other places?
3. Why did Grandpa use a figure of feet to stand for God's victory in this story?

**Chapter 41**

**Bible Story Text: Acts 21:15–28:31**

1. Why was Paul arrested in Jerusalem?
2. Why did Paul go to Rome for a trial instead of having a trial in Jerusalem?
3. At the end of Acts, it could seem that Paul and the gospel were defeated, since Paul was stuck in Rome as a prisoner. Why was this really another victory for God and the gospel?

**Chapter 42**

**Bible Story Text: Excerpts from Revelation, especially chapters 1; 12; 19:11–21; 20:10; 21–22**

1. What kinds of things were going on during the Apostle John's day that would have been discouraging to Christians?
2. Why was John on an island when he wrote Revelation?
3. Why did the Lord Jesus give John the vision of the book of Revelation?
4. How is the book of Revelation an encouragement to the church when evil seems to be victorious?