



After You've Seen Prince Caspian

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The second in the film series of the Chronicles of Narnia is now in theaters. While this movie has some Christian content, much of it is not as distinct as in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. These discussion questions might help draw out some of those ideas threaded through the film. Feel free to pick and choose which will work with your students and add your own questions to the list.

Keep in mind that a movie such as *Prince Caspian* charges by the viewer in a hurry. Kids (and adults) might miss key dialogue or the meaning of a scene if they were, for a moment, concentrating on the marvelous computer generated badger instead of listening to the interchange of speech.

- What do you think of the concept that time is different in Narnia than it is in our world? Do you think there is time in God's realm? Why or why not?
- C.S. Lewis felt that the world was harsh to people who believed in God. In what way does the film become illustrate this idea?
- Peter seems a little more "troubled" in this film than in the first movie. Did you expect this? While the film does not give the reasons behind his surly behavior, perhaps you might give a guess.
- Many critics have commented on the accent of the Telmarines. Think about the costumes, helmets, weapons, beards etc. of these people. What do they remind you of? (Conquistadors) Do you think this was done on purpose? What hint does Aslan give about the origin of the Telmarines in Narnia that gives a clue as to their appearance?
- What animal or mythical being did you think was best portrayed in the film?
- Lucy said that she saw Aslan – but the neither rest of the kids, nor the film's viewers saw him. Did you believe her at first?
- Why did the others doubt Lucy?
- What New Testament event is similar to Lucy seeing something that no one else sees?
- What was the result of the kids not listening to Lucy? How is this true in our lives?
- What was the dilemma for Lucy when Aslan signaled her to follow him and the others insisted on going the opposite way? How do we have, at times, the same problem?
- Why do you think only Lucy saw Aslan?
- Do you think Edmund believed Lucy? If so, why do you think he did not encourage her to follow Aslan?
- Why did Peter's attack on the castle fail?
- What about Peter's attitude kept Aslan away?
- The dwarfs seemed to consider Aslan in a mythical way. They were Narnians, but put little stock in the idea of Aslan. How is this similar to the religious life of some people?
- Prince Caspian comes in contact with evil through a werewolf, a hag, and the image of the White Witch in ice. What was the deal that those creatures were trying to make with him?
- Whose image did the Witch cover? (Aslan's) What is important about that?
- What was the significance of Edmund being the one to break through the Witch's Ice Image with his sword? (Think about the first movie.)
- Why do you think Aslan didn't immediately race to the rescue? Why did Aslan only get involved when Lucy came to him and asked for help?
- How are Christians like Reepicheep?
- Why did Aslan grant Reepicheep's request to heal his tail? What about the actions of his fellow soldiers is an important part of character for us to develop?
- How do some Christians act like Miraz's army?
- What character qualities do you think enabled Lucy to see Aslan? How does that translate into your ability to see what God is doing around you?
- Put yourself in Peter's place – unable to see Aslan, but not willing to distrust Lucy. How do YOU respond when others seem to be more aware of God's involvement than you are?
- What determines a godly leader, and what price do they have to pay?
- In the film, each character contributed – wholeheartedly – exactly what was needed in the final battle. What do you think God has given YOU to contribute?
- What message for YOU is there in the fact that Aslan says, "Things never happen the same way twice" two times in the movie? What have you expected God to do that He got done in a different way than you anticipated?
- How can you step in to a situation where someone close to you is being tempted to do something obviously wrong?
- Like Miraz's generals, your friends might sometimes tell you what they want you to hear, instead of what they really think. How can you encourage honesty between you and the people you trust?
- When have you experienced the kind of joy that Aslan and Lucy had as they played together? Now remember, a war was almost being lost while that was happening! When you're in middle of difficult times, what can you do to remind yourself that God really loves you?