



## ***Magician's Nephew Discussion Questions***

### Chp. 1

Digory and Polly's adventure starts because they are trying to get into an empty house.

Q. Was their decision to do this good, bad or neither? Why?

Q. Have you ever imagined that you were on an adventure? What was it like?

### Chp. 2

Uncle Andrew tells Digory “You mean that little boys ought to keep their promises. Very true: most right and proper, I'm sure, and I'm very glad you have been taught to do it. But of course you must understand that rules of that sort, however excellent they may be for little boys – and servants – and women – and even people in general, can't possibly be expected to apply to profound students and great thinkers and sages.”

Q. What sin is Uncle Andrew committing by such an assumption?

Q. Other people in history have declared themselves to be beyond morality. What problems does this cause?

Digory is a very different person from his uncle.

Q. What are some things that Digory does and says that actually prove he is a better person than his uncle? What virtues does Digory exhibit?

### Chp. 3

Q. Why do Polly and Digory leave the guinea pig in the woods?

### Chp. 4

When Digory reads the words on the pillar he says “I expect anyone who's come as far as this is bound to go on wondering till it sends him dotty. That's the Magic of it, you see, I can feel it beginning to work on me already.”

Q. Was Digory telling the truth?

Q. Do we ever make excuses to give in to temptation?

### Chp. 5

As Queen Jadis describes her use of the Deplorable Word she says “You must learn, child, that what would be wrong for you or for any of the common people is not wrong in a great Queen such as I. The weight of the world is on our shoulders. We must be freed from all rules.”

Q. What other character has said things like this?

Q. Does the queen's argument make sense? Why or why not?

Chp. 6

Q. Seeing Uncle Andrew with Queen Jadis, what do they have in common? How are they different?

Chp. 7

Q. What does Digory want more than anything else?

Chp. 8

Q. How does the creation of Narnia compare to the story of creation in the Bible?

Chp. 9

Q. What things can a lion symbolize?

Q. What event in the chapter is described like one of the seven sacraments?

Chp. 10

Q. Why did Uncle Andrew and Queen Jadis hate Aslan and Narnia?

Chp. 11

Q. According to Aslan, what are the qualities that make a good King and Queen? Would those qualities be good for everyone?

Chp. 12

Q. Aslan tells Digory that only they know about grief in Narnia. What grief does Aslan have? Who is Aslan?

Chp. 13

Q. If you could have planted something in Narnia when it was new, what would you have planted and what would it grow in to?

Q. What does Queen Jadis try to tempt Digory with?

Q. Where have you heard another story about a tempting apple? How are the stories similar?

Chp. 14

Q. Why won't Queen Jadis come near the tree that Digory plants?

Chp. 15

Q. What virtue does Digory exhibit that gives the book a happy ending?

Q. Originally the Magician's Nephew wasn't the first book in the Chronicles of Naria. Is it better to read this book first or to learn about the history of Naria after you have read some of the other books?

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