



AND OTHER FAIRY TALES

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

The Golden Key and Other Fairy Tales

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The Golden Key

1. What do Mossy and Tangle know about the place “from whence the shadows fell”? Why do you think they are longing to go there? What kind of world do we all long for and why does God place that longing in our hearts?
2. Who helps Mossy and Tangle begin their journey? What kind of help do they need to begin their adventure?
3. Mossy finds a golden key and knows that if there is a key, there must be a lock that it opens. How might this relate to Christian apologist C.S. Lewis’ claim, “If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world”?

The Light Princess

1. In *The Light Princess*, the king’s evil sister Makemnoit curses the baby princess to take away her gravity. What is the double meaning of this curse?
2. What remedies do the king and queen try to cure the princess? Why do you think they don’t work?
3. When the prince offers himself to fulfill the prophecy and save the kingdom, how does his sacrifice cure the princess? Were you expecting this turn of events?
4. How does this story reflect God’s sacrificial love for humanity?

Little Daylight

1. *Little Daylight* is the second story in this collection about an evil curse. Why do you think so many fairy tales begin this way?
2. What virtue does the prince demonstrate that ends up breaking the spell?