

CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL
WORKSHEET 3 Revision Answer key

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Topic: How Much Land Does a Man Need?/ Peter's Coal Mine

I. Give the meanings of:

1. Ambitious. – having a strong wish to be successful or rich.
2. Bellows – a device with an air bag used for blowing air into a fire.
3. Coal - miner – a person who works in a coal mine.
4. Spying – keeping an eye on someone secretly.

II. Complete the following:

1. ‘The only reason I won’t tell you my idea is because it may be wrong and I don’t want to drag you both into it,’ said Peter
2. But one dreadful night, the station master was hiding in the shadow of a brake van. He waited till Peter had finished putting coal in his bag. Then he raised his arm and seized Peter’s collar.
3. After placing his thousand rubles on top, Pakhom began walking, digging holes along the way to mark his land.

III. Reference to Context:

1. “So I’ve caught you at last, haven’t I, you young thief?

1. Who said these words?

Ans The station master said these words

2. Who was the young thief?

Ans: The young thief was Peter.

3. What did he steal?

Ans: Peter stole coal from a coal mine.

4. Why did they have to steal?

Ans: He stole coal from the coal mine because it was the month of June and it was starting to get very cold. They were very poor and didn't have enough money to buy coal to light a fire.

2. “Oh well done! That’s a lot of land you’ve earned yourself”

1. Who said these words?

Ans: The village elder said these words.

2. Who earned a lot of land?

Ans: Pakhom earned a lot of land.

3. How did he earn this land?

Ans: He took up a challenge that how much he could walk in a day, that much land would be his. But the condition was that he had to return to the starting point by sunset.

4. At the end of the day, how much land did he actually earn?

Ans: Six feet from head to heel, exactly the amount of land a man needs.

IV: Answer the following:

1. Why do you think Pakhom did not gain any land?

Ans: He wasn’t able to gain any land because he was too greedy and wanted more land than he could cover in a day. Overjoyed at the prospects of gaining a lot of land, Pakhom kept on walking even though he feared death. He wanted to stop, but heard the Bashkirs still cheering him on. He took a deep breath and rushed up the hill. His legs gave away and he fell forward gasping the cap. Pakhom’s servant ran up and tried to lift him but Pakhom was dead.

V. Make sentences:

VI. Value Based Question:

1. Why do you think it is bad to steal?

Ans: It is bad to steal because **stolen goods greatly reduce in value: they have to be hidden, they are always a threat to freedom itself.**

(ANY OTHER REASONABLE ANSWER IS ACCEPTABLE)

VII. Application Based Question

1. Why did the station master not take any action against Peter?

Ans: Peter explained to the station master that their mother said they were too poor to have a fire although they always had a fire at their other house when it was cold. Hearing this the station master felt very sorry for Peter. He decided not to take any action against him. However, explained to him that stealing is stealing and that he must not do it again.