

## Parent/Teacher Guide: Secrets of the Magic Pillars

- Chapter 1 – Orphina/Orphino’s Dream
  - Share a dream that you think may have been from the King. How did it make you feel?
  - What do you think it feels like to be an orphan?
  - Would you be able to trust a stranger who offered to help? Why or why not?
  - How would it feel to have to live on the street?
  - Have you asked the King for his help? Would you like to do that?
- Chapter 2 – Nightmare Tunnel
  - What nightmares do you have over and over? Why do you think that happens?
  - How do the bad things people say about you make you feel? Are they true?
  - What are some of the negative things you say about yourself? How do they make you feel? Are they true?
  - Have you had or do you have someone who is helping you deal with your nightmares and negative self-talk? How do they help you?
- Chapter 3 – Cemetery of Dreams
  - What dreams do you have about what you’d like to be and do?
  - What dreams have died or have you have given up on?
  - Why does holding onto negative things said about us slow us down or even make us stop going on?
  - Why is Hopey all alone, dirty and hungry?
  - What emotion does Hopey’s name remind you of? Why do you think our hope grows dimmer or is gone completely?
- Chapter 4 – Playback Court
  - Do you have trouble admitting you are wrong or did something bad? Why do you think that is?
  - How do you feel when someone accuses you of things that you didn’t do? What about things you did do?
  - When someone accuses you of something and you realize what they are saying is true, how do you feel? What do you do?
  - Has anyone paid for something you did or owed? How did that make you feel?
  - Have you ever paid for something someone else did or owed? How did that make you feel?
- Chapter 5 – Land of the Magic Pillars
  - Have you ever gone to a special place that was as exciting and different, like the kids coming into the King’s land? Tell us about that – how you felt, what you saw, smelled, heard.
  - If you haven’t asked for Joshua/Jesus’ help, do you want to do that now? Without His help, the four pillars won’t be as helpful.
  - Asking for Joshua/Jesus’ help brings you into the family and friends, just like the kids experienced as they entered the Land of the Magic Pillars. Tell us about how that makes you feel.
- Chapter 6 – Pillar of Who
  - What are some of the things you feel and think about yourself? Are they positive or negative?

- In the story, the kids go into a spa for cleaning up. In Jesus' kingdom, a ritual called baptism cleanses us. If you haven't been baptized, would you like to be? Let's talk more about that.
- The Heart and Mind Renewal Tunnel is where we look at all the things we think and say about ourselves and what others say about us. We take each one and ask Jesus if it is true, and if not, how to leave it behind and what is true. Shall we take some time together, like Prof did with the kids?
- Let's explore some of the things the King says are true about all of his kids. Tell me what each of these means to you.
  - Child of the King
  - Friend of Jesus
  - Ambassador
  - Citizen of the King's land (kingdom)
- Chapter 7 – Pillar of What
  - Remembering some of what we talked about in the Cemetery of Dreams, what are those dreams?
  - As you've thought about them, which ones would you like to see cleaned off and brought back to life?
  - Let's ask Jesus which ones are from Him.
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- Chapter 8 – Pillar of How
  - As you've thought about who you are, your identity, and the dreams you have for yourself, what are some of the things you can do to prepare?
  - Are there any mistakes or wrong things you've done that can slow down or hinder how you can serve? What steps have you taken to repair them? Do you want help in doing that?
  - What things are scaring you about your dreams and how you might serve?
- Chapter 9 – Pillar of Where
  - Which of the spheres, sometimes call "mountains," are you most interested in serving now?
  - What are some of the ways you can start doing that now?
  - What are some things you'll need to do to prepare for that for now and in the future?
  - What are some things you've done and for who did you serve?
- Chapter 10 – The King's Court
  - What about the King's court most excited you?
  - Do you make friends easily or is it hard? How do you choose who to be friends with?
  - Do you have a close friend you can join with as you learn and grow? Tell me about them. How are some ways you can help them?
  - When we accept Jesus' invitation to join His family, He will connect us with others in His family. This way we can learn more about Jesus and how He wants us to live and serve others.
- Additional Questions
  - What is magic?
    - What are the different kinds of magic?

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- What are some of the magic things in the book? How would you describe them?
- Have you asked the King/Jesus to belong to his family? Describe how you did this and how you felt?
- Have you asked Jesus to take you through the four pillars? Share your experiences that you'd like to.