



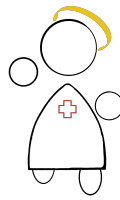
Book Discussion Group

Here are some questions to help get you started with your discussion.

The Magician's Nephew Chapter 1:

- ❖ Digory is introduced to us (and Polly) as being “grubby” and wet from crying. How does his physical condition speak to our human condition?
- ❖ Digory’s first statements about having to leave the country for London seem, at first, rude and a little spoiled. Then we learn that his father is away and his mother is dying. What secret pain might be hidden in others around us? How can we work to sympathize with that pain?
- ❖ After Polly apologizes to Digory, she transitions to ‘chit chat’ about his family. How does chit chat help us to diffuse situations? How does it help us reconcile with others?
- ❖ Digory says, “Grown-ups are always thinking of uninteresting explanations.” Why is that? Do adults just look for the realistic explanation, or is it something else?
- ❖ Uncle Andrew uses flattery to get Polly to do what he wants her to do. How do we see others (or even the evil one) do the same in our lives?





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