

The Wonder Bowl

Important Questions and Answers

C1. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each:

1. Which sentence in the first paragraph shows that Philemon and Baucis were poor?

Answer: This sentence shows they were poor “Get as much food as they needed”.

2. Would any stranger who came to their house go without food?

Answer: No. nobody will go without eating food from their house.

3. Why did the dogs bark?

Answer: The dogs barked at the strangers.

4. What made Philemon say that the boys were bad?

Answer: Philemon saw the boys ill-treating the poor strangers.

Check your understanding:

1. Why did Baucis feel that the strangers should have come earlier?

Answer: Baucis and Philemon had already finished their meal. If the strangers had come earlier, they would have shared it with them.

2. What were the strangers pleased with?

Answer: The strangers were pleased with the kindness of the couple. They are also pleased with their hospitality.

3. What made Baucis astonished?

Answer: Baucis was astonished when the stranger filled two cups with milk from an almost empty bowl.

4. Together, the couple decided that the strangers were _____. (fill in the blank with the right word)

Answer: Good angels

C2. Some questions are given below. Discuss the answers and write them.

1. Describe the hospitality of the old couple picking out at least two examples.

Answer: a) Philemon drove back the dogs and welcomed the strangers.

b) How I wish you had come a little earlier! We would have shared our supper with you.

2. What makes Baucis think that the strangers were not ordinary people?

Answer: When Baucis said there was no milk left, one stranger filled both their glasses from the empty bowl. This made her think they were not ordinary.

3. What did the strangers tell Philemon and his wife before going away?

Answer: The strangers told that they were God's messengers. They were pleased with the old couple's kindness. So the old couple could ask anything they like and they shall have it.

C3. Discuss the answers to the following questions with your teacher.

1. Would Philemon and Baucis treat any other strangers in the same way?

Answer: Yes, they would have treated all strangers in the same way as they treated these two poor strangers.

2. Why did God's messengers come to the village?

Answer: God's messengers came to the village to bless the old couple. Their visit to Baucis and Philemon's home showed their kind intentions.

C4. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

1. "Don't worry, good lady"

a. Which lesson is this line taken from?

Answer: "The wonder Bowl"

b. Who is the "lady"?

Answer: The lady is Baucis.

c. When did the speaker say so?

Answer: The speaker said this when she wished the strangers had come earlier to share their supper.

2. "May your bowl be full of milk always"

a. Who said this?

Answer: The guests

b. Who did he say this to?

Answer: To Baucis

c. Why did the speaker say so?

Answer: Because Baucis offered them milk and they are pleased with their hospitality.

3. "Good angels, we wish to die together"

a. Who does the word 'we' stand for?

Answer: Philemon & Baucis.

b. Who was it said to?

Answer: To the God's messengers.

c. Why did the speaker say so?

Answer: The messengers were pleased with their kindness and offered to grant them anything they wished for.