

**5th Grade Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**Book Title: *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***

**Author:** Based on a book by C.S. Lewis; directed by: Andrew Adamson

**Main characters:** Peter, Susan, Edmond, Lucy, The White Witch, Aslan, Thomas

**Executive summary:** Four siblings discover a magical land that they enter through the back of a wardrobe. There they help return peace to the land which has been taken over by the evil White Witch, who calls herself the Queen of Narnia.

**Detailed summary:** Peter, Susan, Edmond and Lucy are four siblings who live in the city during wartime. Their father is fighting in the war and Peter, the oldest is in charge. That makes Edmond angry. When bombs are dropped over the city, the children must take a train to the countryside to live in a large country home that belongs to a professor.

While playing hide and seek inside the home one day, the youngest girl, Lucy, hides in a large wooden wardrobe that sits at the back of a spare room. When she closes the door behind her, she discovers another world on the other side of the wardrobe. It is a magical world, white and snow-covered. She is fascinated.   
  
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Then she meets a faun named Thomas, who tells her that she is in Narnia. Thomas invites Lucy back to his home for tea and sardines. There he tells her that the evil White Witch, who calls herself the Queen, has made it forever winter in Narnia. He says that Narnia has not even celebrated Christmas in years. Thomas plays music that makes Lucy fall asleep. When she awakes he is crying. He tells Lucy that the evil witch has ordered that any humans found in Narnia are to be brought to her, but he can’t do it. He likes his new friend. Instead he helps Lucy find her way back to the wardrobe.

Lucy goes back through the wardrobe and rushes off to tell Peter, Susan and Edmond about her adventure. They don’t believe her. That night she sneaks back to the wardrobe, but she doesn’t know that Edmond has followed her there. He too goes through the wardrobe and stumbles into the white world of Narnia. Like Lucy he is fascinated by the magical world. Then he sees a carriage pulling a woman dressed in white. He finds out that she is the Queen of Narnia. She asks him how he got there. He tells her about Lucy and the faun Thomas. The Queen uses magic to produce cocoa and cookies to give to Edmond. Then the evil queen, who is really the White Witch, convinces Edmond to come back to her with his three siblings. Edmond isn’t happy about that and tells her that they are nothing special. She tells Edmond that he might one day be prince, even king. That makes him feel good, because he feels that his siblings, especially his older brother, treat him like a child and are always criticizing him.

Edmond returns to the house with Lucy. He tells no one about his encounter with the Queen. He even denies that Narnia is real when Lucy tells Peter and Susan that Edmond was there, too.

Susan and Peter tell the professor about Lucy’s story of Narnia. The Professor makes them consider that maybe Lucy is telling the truth. One day when the children are playing cricket in the yard, Edmond hits a ball through the window. They run into the house to hide, so they won’t get into trouble. They hide in the wardrobe. This time all four of them end up in Narnia. Peter is angry at Edmond for lying about having been there, and tells him to apologize to Lucy.

The children decide to explore Narnia, wearing coats from the wardrobe. Lucy takes them to Thomas’s home, but it has been destroyed. There is a note left behind that says Thomas has been charged with treason for associating with a human. Edmond still doesn’t tell the others about his encounter with the white witch or that he told her about Thomas.

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Outside a beaver tells the children what happened to Thomas. He takes the children back to his home, where his wife feeds them and he tells them that Aslan, the real king of Narnia, has gathered an army and is waiting for them. He tells them about the prophecy that states that two sons of Adam and two daughters of Eve will defeat the White Witch and bring peace back to Narnia.

While the children listen to the beaver’s story, Edmond sneaks away to go to the Queen, the White Witch. Edmond still hasn’t realized that it is her real intention to kill the children to stop the prophesy from coming true. Peter and the others want to go to the castle to save Edmond, but Beaver warns them not to go. Peter asks beaver to take him to Aslan.

Meanwhile Edmond is escorted into the White Witches castle by a wolf. She is angry that he has come alone. Edmond tells her the others are at beaver’s home. The Queen sends the wolves to kill them, but the children and Mr. and Mrs. Beaver escape through a back tunnel. A fox, who says he works for Aslan, helps them escape by sending the wolves in the wrong direction.

The Queen locks Edmond up with Thomas, who asks if Lucy is safe. The witch again threatens to kill Edmond, so he tells her that he heard beaver mention Aslan. That upsets the Queen very much. She tells Thomas that Edmond is the one who turned him in. Then she turns Thomas to stone. She sets off to get the other children.

Beaver and the children make the long journey to Aslan’s camp. Soon the Queen catches up to them. The hide in a cave, but someone else finds them. It is St. Nicholas, Father Christmas. He has gifts for the children. To Lucy he gives a potion that will heal injuries. To Susan he gives a bow and arrow along with a horn that she can blow whenever she needs help. To Peter he gives a mighty sword.

The children continue on their journey. They cross the river just in time before it melts. They have brought hope to Narnia and soon winter will be over. The Queen tricks Edmund into telling her that Aslan has set up camp with his army. Now the Queen prepares her evil army for war.

Aslan’s camp is filled with all types of creatures, talking animals, fauns and centaurs. Then they meet Aslan, an enormous lion. Aslan hears of Edmonds betrayal. Peter laments that they have all been toohard on Edmond. Aslan tells Peter that he will one day be King. He also promises to help rescue Edmond.

Aslan’s soldiers free Edmond from the witch. They are all happy to see their brother and hug him. Peter thinks the other children should return to the wardrobe, but they decide together to stay and fight. Continued on Back

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The Queen requests a meeting with Aslan. She says, “You have a traitor in your midst and every traitor belongs to me.” She demands that they return Edmond to her, so he can be slain upon the stone tablet.

Aslan offers up himself in Edmond’s place and the Queen releases her claim on Edmond’s blood. Aslan goes to her and is publically humiliated and persecuted. They cut his mane and stab him with spears. He does not fight back. Before killing him, the Queen tells him that he has given his life to her and saved no one. She says she will also kill Edmond.

Susan and Lucy watch the queen run a sword through Aslan’s heart. They go to him after everyone leaves. They must tell the others what has happened and to let them know the Queen and her army are coming. They send a message through the trees.

Peter leads the creatures into battle against the Queen’s evil army. A bloody war breaks out.

Susan and Lucy are still with Aslan’s body. They leave to go back to the others, when they hear a loud noise. When they return, Aslan’s body is gone. Then he appears. He is alive! Aslan has been revived because the true magic of the stone says that when a willing party who has done nothing wrong is killed upon the stone tablet, the tablet will break and his life will return to him.

The girls and Aslan head back to help the others. They stop at the Queens realm and find Thomas, who has been turned to stone. Aslan breaths on him and brings him back to life. They also revive the other stone creatures.

On the battlefield the Queen has stabbed Edmond and is about to kill Peter when she hears the roar of Aslan. He lunges through the air and kills the witch. “It is finished,” he says.

Lucy gave Edmond the healing potion that she received from St. Nicholas. Peace returns to Narnia.

Peter, Susan, Edmond and Lucy are taken to a castle where there are four thrones. Aslan presents to the kingdom, Queen Lucy the Valliant who rules the east, King Edmond the Just who rules the west, Queen Susan the Gentle who rules the south, and King Peter the Magnificent, ruler of the north. “Once a King or Queen of Narnia, always a King or Queen of Narnia,” says Aslan.

The children spend happy days in Narnia and become adults. One day while riding along, they discover the entrance to the wardrobe. They walk through and on the other side they are children again, as if not a moment of time has passed. The professor sees them laying on the floor in front of the wardrobe and wants to hear all about their adventure.