

Ryann Watters and the Shield of Faith JOURNAL

Note from the author: This journal is designed as a free supplement for parents, home school parents, church youth leaders, teachers, after school programs, and other youth organization leaders. My goal in writing the Annals of Aeliana is to provide a fantastical journey, which kids can relate to, while also incorporating biblical principles and moral values. As a Christian, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, a youth leader at our church, and an involved parent who has one child in private school and two others that are home schooled, I am a strong believer that it is the parent's responsibility to impart wisdom and character to their children. I also realize that this is a day and age, where that is not always possible, and other adults take on the role of teaching values.

Another resource available is the non-profit web site, www.character-4-kids.org which provides a 5-star rating on books which have strong character building traits and values woven through them. If you have a book which should be added to that list, please feel free to forward it to contact@character-4-kids.org.

This journal is broken down by groups of chapters and contains through provoking questions for kids to answer and review with their parents or leader. There is also a "Dream Big" question, which relates the story more directly to the reader and has them dream about themselves being one of the characters in the book as they answer.

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If you would like to schedule me to speak at your school, church group, home school group, library, etc. contact me at Eric@RyannWatters.com. Thanks.



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

CHAPTERS 1 - 3



Thought 1: Do you think it was okay for Ryann to be texting in church? Why or why not?

Thought 2: Terrell gets exasperated with his mother by breathing hard and shaking his head, while Liddy uses sarcasm with her mom when she yells for her to hurry up. What are other ways you can show disrespect to parents or teachers verbally or through your actions?

Thought 3: Ryann, Terrell and Liddy get together at The Sweet Shop to discuss the blue lights. What are some characteristics friends need to have to share secrets with them?

Dream Big: How would you have felt if you were Liddy, going up into the attic for the first time?

CHAPTERS 4 - 6



Thought 1: Do you think Mr. Watters’s advice to be “calm and pleasant” when confronted by a bully is good?

Thought 2: What do you think about Mr. Watters telling Ryann that “people who are unwilling to humble themselves and forgive others people are not willing to truly receive forgiveness from God?”

Thought 3: What do you think about Ryann’s comment that, “if you believe all these stars and planets including our own, are just some sort of cosmic accident that occurred without a God, then life eventually gets pretty meaningless?”

Dream Big: What would you do if you were Ryann and saw the blue light glowing in the window of the top room in Liddy’s house?

CHAPTERS 7 - 9



Thought 1: would you rather be first, second, or third to go through the portal in Liddy's attic?

Thought 2: The Annals of Aeliana talk about Ryann, Liddy, and Terell's first adventure in Aeliana. What are three words people would use to describe you if they were writing about you in a book?

Thought 3: Liddy broke Ryann's horn and was deeply sorry. Have you ever broken something of someone else? How did you feel? What did you do?

Dream Big: What water creature would you make with Ryann's staff?

CHAPTERS 10 - 12



Thought 1: Ryann, Liddy and Terell follow a rainbow. When was the first rainbow in the Bible and why did it occur?

Thought 2: Liddy finds five smooth stones in a pouch. Where in the Bible does it mention five smooth stones?

Thought 3: On page 105, Ireth describes “The Enlighteners.” Do you think there are any people like that in the world today?

Dream Big: How would it feel to encounter a Hugon?

CHAPTERS 13 – 15



Thought 1: On page 112, Ryann, Liddy and Terell discuss the changes in Aeliana. Do you like change or do you like things to stay the same? Why?

Thought 2: Narcissus calls “the teachings of the past” close-minded. What does he mean? Is it true?

Thought 3: Who does Eljon remind you of in the Bible? Why?

Dream Big: Liddy brings her cell phone to Aeliana. What item would you want to bring to show the creatures there?

CHAPTERS 16 – 18



Thought 1: What do the three moons represent?

Thought 2: Where is the third moon? What happens to the second moon?

Thought 3: Who do the Chosen remind you of in the Bible?

Thought 4: What does Carwyn mean on page 167 when he says, "...a good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bring forth good fruit?"

Dream Big: Who could you want to be if you were part of The Chosen?

CHAPTERS 19 – 21



Thought 1: On page 171, why do you think there is only one pink Quant remaining on the tree? What does it foretell?

Thought 2: At the beginning of Chapter 20, do you think Ireth is right to believe the way she does about Rowan? What is Carwyn's answer following his story?

Thought 3: Who is the Red Dragon? Why do you think that?

Dream Big: How would you feel if you were Terell and healed of your stuttering? Do you have anything that needs healing?

CHAPTERS 22 – 24



Thought 1: On page 205, what are the three answers to “one of us will sacrifice himself to save the others, one of us will save himself to sacrifice the others, and one of us will deny he is a part of us?”

Thought 2: Who do you think showed the most faith when Ryann, Terell and Liddy were planning to jump off the cliff into the blue mist?

Thought 3: The kids end up discussing everything about Aeliana with their parents. At first they were hesitant. How did they feel afterwards?

Thought 4: What does Mr. Watters mean on page 230 when he says people “create their own gods?”



Thought 1: How does Ryann feel when he finds out the secret about Don Korrel? How did you feel?

Thought 2: On page 244, why did everything change in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve sinned?

Thought 3: Do you think it was right for Liddy to not let her parents know where she was going?

Thought 4: What does Carwyn mean on page 262 when he says, “Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. You should be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body?”

CHAPTERS 28 – 30



Thought 1: What is Carwyn’s response to the phrase, “love your neighbor and hate your enemy?”

Thought 2: On page 279, Carwyn describes grace as unmerited favor. What does that mean?

Thought 3: What does Carwyn mean when he tells Ryann to “stay under the waterfall of the Word’s grace?”

Thought 4: Why is Carwyn happy when the Chosen admit it is impossible to “hit the target?”

CHAPTERS 31 – 33



Thought 1: What do Carwyn's words mean on page 292, "No longer will the feasts be held in a formal manner. The wall of separation will be broken through his emissary, the Prince of Peace?"

Thought 2: Why does Carwyn kick over the tables in the courtyard during the Feast of the Word?

Thought 3: What is the choice Garnock has to make?

Thought 4: Why doesn't Carwyn fight Narcissus and the Hugons?

CHAPTERS 34 – 35



Thought 1: Carwyn tells Ekron he “was a brilliant star in charge of a legion of Angels.” Who is Ekron from the Bible?

Thought 2: Who do the two wolves, on page 324, remind you of in the Bible?

Thought 3: Ryann cries out for help on page 336. Have you ever cried out to God for help?

Dream Big: Would you rather fly on the back of Sorcha or Adain as they made their escape? Why?

CHAPTERS 36 – 39



Thought 1: How would you feel hiding in the ship like Ryann did?

Thought 2: What happens to the skies when Carwyn is stabbed? Why?

Thought 3: What happens to Ekron in his battle with Gabriel? Where does he go?

Thought 4: What does the glow from the stone necklaces represent?

Thought 5: What happens to the time in Aeliana?

Thought 6: What do you think Gabriel means on page 378 when he says, “you will have a supernatural power that is enhanced beyond anyone else on earth?”