

Chapter 11:

1. How long has it been since Willie's birthday? **Two months**
2. What did Tom say Mrs Beech's letter said? **'Mostly about him being bad and me watching him' and that she couldn't pay the contribution yet.**
3. Write a definition for the word 'smarmily'. **Insincere, as if he is better than the others.**
4. Why do you think Willie expected 'to see the tips of two red horns' emerge out of Zach's head? Explain your answer. **Zach said that he wasn't a Christian, and Willie's mother has obviously told him that those that aren't Christian's are bad people.**
5. 'There was no need for the sheets to be washed that day. They were dry.' What does this tell us? Why is this such a milestone for Willie? **For the first time, Willie hasn't wet the bed. This is a milestone for Willie because it shows how he has grown and how comfortable he feels being with Mr Tom.**

Chapter 12:

6. What three things were the children doing in the lead up to Christmas? **Making presents, hanging up decorations and rehearsing.**
7. How did Willie discover that he was a good actor? What techniques did he use? **Willie discovered he was a good actor when he was asked to stand in for someone else. The technique he used was pretending he was an old tramp he had seen before, placing himself in that person's shoes. 'He made a picture inside his head and wormed his way inside'.**
8. Who was Rachel and what happened to her? **Rachel was Tom's wife, who died of scarlatina after giving birth.**

Chapter 13:

9. What happened when Tom started to play the organ? Why was this? **When Tom started to play the organ, no one began to sing. They were just listening to him play.**
10. What three carols did they sing? **Hark the Herald, Silent Night, O Come All Ye Faithful.**
11. Do you think Tom was shocked that he enjoyed playing the organ again? Why? **Answers will vary – an explanation needed.**

Chapter 14:

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Week 3

12. Why weren't some of the children at school? 3 children couldn't walk to school because of the snow, and 2 were helping out on their parent's farms.
13. What was Carrie discussion with Mrs Hartridge? Carrie was asking if she could take an exam for the high school.
14. Do you think Willie enjoyed his first day at school? Why? Use evidence from the text. Answers will vary – Evidence needed.
15. How do you think Willie and Tom felt hearing that Mrs Beech was ill and wanted Willie to come home? Use evidence from the text to explain your answers. Answer will vary – Evidence and explanation needed.