

# Awaking Wonder

## The Pilgrim's Progress

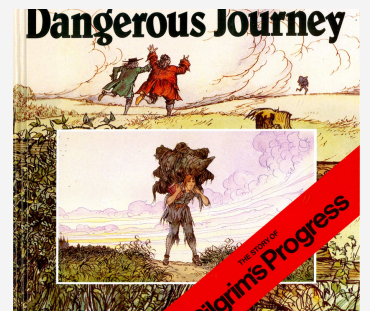


### CONTEXT:

Born in 1628 to a tinker in the county of Bedfordshire, England John Bunyan's life spanned a portion of the English Reformation. Imprisoned over 12 years for Nonconformist preaching, Bunyan wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress* in 1675 during his second imprisonment.

### DISCUSS:

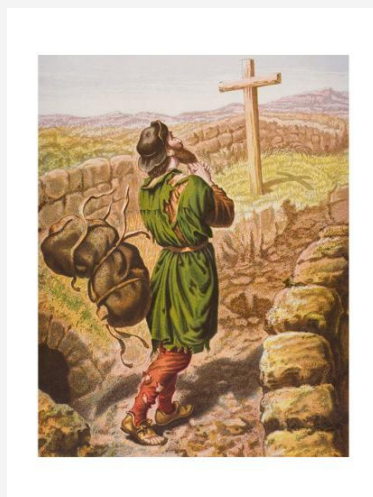
Read aloud a version of *The Pilgrim's Progress* best suited to the ages of your children. Stop to discuss the obstacles Christian faces. Though written in 1675, Bunyan's writing is still relevant today. What modern day circumstances can you connect to Christian's experiences? Share parts of your testimony as it relates to the situation.



### ALLEGORY:

Allegory is a literary device where the elements of a story, poem, or work of art are used to share a greater message. *The Pilgrim's Progress* uses the format of a journey within a dream to represent the Christian life.

### MEMORIZE:



Read and memorize Hebrews 12:1-2. These verses encourage Christians to focus on Jesus and live with enduring faith. What tools equipped Christian to stay faithful? How can you better equip yourself to fix your sight on Christ? Small steps of faithfulness in prayer, studying and memorizing scripture, and fellowship with believers help growth over time.