

# John Bunyan: A Life of Faith and Courage

## Student Worksheet

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 1: Vocabulary

Write a short definition for each word based on how it is used in the book.

1. Tinker \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Allegory \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Nonconformist \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Perseverance \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Imprisonment \_\_\_\_\_
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### Part 2: Short Answer

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. Where and when was John Bunyan born?
  2. What experiences in Bunyan's childhood and youth caused him to think deeply about faith?
  3. How did the English Civil War affect Bunyan's life?
  4. Why did Bunyan refuse to stop preaching, even when it meant going to prison?
  5. How did Bunyan use his time while imprisoned?
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### Part 3: Understanding the Story

1. Explain why Bunyan's lack of formal education did not prevent him from becoming a successful writer.
  2. How did Bunyan's personal struggles influence *The Pilgrim's Progress*?
  3. What does Bunyan's life teach about courage and faith?
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### Part 4: Literary Focus

1. What is an allegory?

2. Give one example of an allegory from *The Pilgrim's Progress* and explain what it represents.
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### Part 5: Reflection (Choose ONE)

Answer in a short paragraph.

- What part of John Bunyan's life did you find most inspiring? Why?

OR

- How do Bunyan's experiences show that hardship can lead to something meaningful?
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# Answer Key

## Part 1: Vocabulary (Sample Answers)

1. **Tinker** – A person who travels to repair metal household items like pots and pans.
  2. **Allegory** – A story in which characters and events represent deeper ideas or lessons.
  3. **Nonconformist** – Someone who does not follow the official church or established rules.
  4. **Perseverance** – Continuing to work or believe despite difficulty or hardship.
  5. **Imprisonment** – Being kept in jail or prison as punishment.
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## Part 2: Short Answer (Sample Answers)

1. John Bunyan was born in November 1628 in Elstow, England.
  2. Bunyan feared judgment and hell from a young age and later struggled deeply with guilt and doubt about his faith.
  3. Bunyan served briefly in the Parliamentary army, where he witnessed danger and believed God spared his life.
  4. Bunyan believed God called him to preach and felt he could not obey human laws that went against his faith.
  5. While imprisoned, Bunyan prayed, studied the Bible, made shoelaces to support his family, and wrote books.
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## Part 3: Understanding the Story (Sample Answers)

1. Bunyan's simple language and understanding of ordinary people made his writing clear and powerful.
  2. His fears, doubts, and struggles became the challenges faced by Christian in *The Pilgrim's Progress*.
  3. Bunyan's life shows that standing firm in one's beliefs requires courage and trust in God.
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## Part 4: Literary Focus (Sample Answers)

1. An allegory is a story that uses symbols to teach moral or spiritual lessons.
2. Christian's journey represents the life of a believer traveling toward salvation.

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## Part 5: Reflection

Answers will vary. Look for thoughtful responses supported by examples from the book.