The Miller’s Prologue/Tale Reading Guide

*Please answer in complete sentences unless otherwise stated*

Prologue

1. Who or what is to blame if the miller offends someone with his tale? Why is this the case?
2. Why is the reeve offended when the miller gives a summary of his upcoming tale?

Tale

1. Describe the carpenter’s feelings towards his wife.
2. Describe, in detail, the carpenter’s wife’s dress and appearance.
3. Why does the carpenter’s wife fall in love with Nicholas?
4. How does Absalom demonstrate his affection towards the carpenter’s wife?
5. Describe the plan devised by Nicholas and the carpenter’s wife so they can sleep together.
6. Read the included excerpt from the story of Noah’s ark. How are these two stories similar?
7. What happens the first time Absalom demands a kiss at the carpenter’s wife’s window?
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9. Why do Nicholas’ cries of “water, water” cause the carpenter to cut the ropes keeping his barrel in the tree?
10. What do the towns’ people think of the carpenter at the end of the story?
11. What is the moral of the miller’s tale?

The Story of Noah

Genesis 6:9-6:21

[**9**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-9.htm)This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. [**10**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-10.htm)Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[**11**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-11.htm)Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. [**12**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-12.htm)God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt. [**13**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-13.htm)So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

[**14**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-14.htm)“Build a large boat[***c***](http://nlt.scripturetext.com/genesis/6.htm#footnotesc) from cypress wood[***d***](http://nlt.scripturetext.com/genesis/6.htm#footnotesd) and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. [**15**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-15.htm)Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.[***e***](http://nlt.scripturetext.com/genesis/6.htm#footnotese) [**16**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-16.htm)Leave an 18-inch opening[***f***](http://nlt.scripturetext.com/genesis/6.htm#footnotesf) below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

[**17**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-17.htm)“Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. [**18**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-18.htm)But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives. [**19**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-19.htm)Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. [**20**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-20.htm)Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. [**21**](http://bible.cc/genesis/6-21.htm)And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.”