

Six Quests for Young Questers

Quest 1. Build a Castle!



King Herbert II is sending his forces to your kingdom to pillage and plunder.

You must quickly build a castle to protect your citizens. Use the materials in the bag*. You have 25 minutes!

Build it fast.
Build it strong.
Or you won't
Be around long!

*See page. 189-191 of the Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds manual for ideas for materials to use. For example, marshmallows, toothpicks, aluminum foil, construction paper, along with a base upon which to build the castle.

Quest 2. Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like



Queen Trish is sending her best knight, Sir George, on a quest to capture a dragon. But Sir George has confided in you that NO IDEA what a dragon looks like. As royal artists, you must show him what to look for before he leaves the castle...in 25

minutes.

Use the materials provided (and anything else you can find) to create a dragon mural so Sir George can accomplish his quest.

(Materials may include paper for mural, aluminum foil, ribbon, colorful tissue paper, fabric scraps, ribbons, plastic container lids, markers, crayons, scissors, glue, stapler, tape to affix to wall and any other items you can think of.)

Quest 3. I Have a Song to Sing, Oh!



Queen Trish has invited you to the royal ball this evening to sing and play music for the court. But your lovely hennin* was ruined when it fell off your head and into the mud yesterday. Do you have time to make and trim a new one? Use the materials provided (or beg, borrow or steal anything else you can find) to make a hennin fit to wear for the Queen. You have 25 minutes.

(Materials may include: precut cone-shaped paper, ribbons, fabric, colored construction and/or tissue paper, sequins, glitter, glue, stapler, tape, markers)

* hennin. A pointy cone-shaped hat worn by medieval ladies.

Quest 4. Hurry, Hurry, Little Dragon



Jay O'Callahan* tells a story about a little dragon who could not breathe fire. He is mocked by the king and other members of the court. But it's not funny. The sun is losing its fire and it without the breath of a dragon to fire it up again the world is getting colder and colder. The little dragon is the only one who can do it. Can you help the little

dragon find his fire and breathe the sun back to life?

You have 25 minutes to make these "Dragon's Breath" blowers.

What you need

Cardboard tube from toilet paper roll
Flame colored (red, orange, yellow) tissue paper

*O'Callahan's story about the little dragon is on *The Little Dragon and Orange Cheeks* available on cassette or CD at www.ocallahan.com/store/.

(See p. 101 of the manual.)

What you do

1. Cut narrow strips of tissue paper in flame colors
 2. Tape or staple them to the inside end of the tube
 3. Push the strips inside the tube.
 4. Blow hard through the other end of the tube and help the little dragon breathe fire.
- Optional: Decorate the tube with markers or cover with

Quest 5. Storm the Castle



King Cornelius of Castle Coyne has stolen the crown jewels from King Rupert the Brave and Queen Starlight. Your quest is to storm the castle and retrieve the jewels. You must build a catapult & successfully catapult (hurl or launch) a marshmallow, cotton ball or other object into the castle. Follow the directions below. All the parts necessary to build the catapult have been provided. You have 25 minutes to storm the castle!

(See page 187-180 in the manual)

What you need

Cardboard toilet paper tubes, 2 per catapult

Cardboard (from cereal boxes is fine)

Toothpick or metal skewer

Rubber band. A thicker rubber band provides more tension.

6" craft stick or plastic spoon

Masking tape

Scissors

Objects to catapult: marshmallows, cotton balls, etc.

What you do

1. Cut three pieces of cardboard from the cereal box in the following approximate sizes:
 - 5" x 6" (this is the base)
 - 2" x 3" (this is the lever)
 - 1" x 1" (this is where you place the object to catapult)
2. Fold the 2" X 3" piece of cardboard in half. This is the lever.
4. Pierce holes (use the toothpick or metal skewer) in the center of each side of the lever.
5. Pierce another small hole in the middle of the 5" X 6" cardboard base.
6. Cut the rubber band and knot one end.
7. Pull the rubber band up through the cardboard base & through both holes in the folded cardboard lever. The knotted end of the rubber band will be under the cardboard base.
8. Tape one side of the folded cardboard lever to the base.
9. Knot the other end of the rubber band tightly. The shorter the length of rubber band between the knots, the more tension you create in the folded cardboard lever.
10. Tape the toilet paper tubes to the bottom of the cardboard base to form the wheels of the catapult.
11. Tape the craft stick or the plastic spoon to the upper side of the cardboard.
12. If you are using a craft stick, tape the small 1" X 1" piece of cardboard to the free end of the stick.
13. Optional: Have children paint their catapults with poster paint.
14. Put the object to fling on the holder at the top of the craft stick, pull it back and try catapulting marshmallows, cotton balls, popcorn, etc. over a castle wall.

Quest 6. Every Knight Needs a Shield

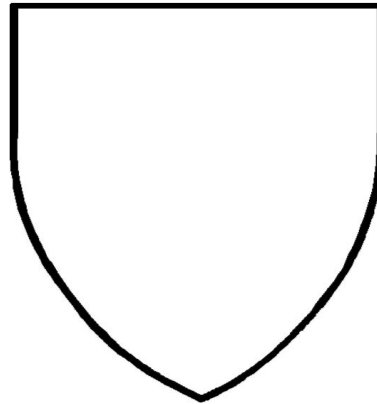
The Huns are coming! The Huns are coming!

Attila to Attack Tomorrow!

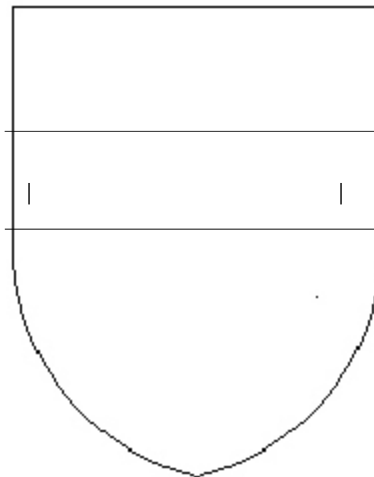
Not to worry. Sir Roland is confident that you will create a sturdy shield to protect him as he defends the castle. Use the materials provided to make Sir Roland proud of you. You have 25 minutes.



Front



Make shields cut from posterboard or cardstock. Enlarge and print the shields from the manual clip art on cardstock, then color with markers, crayons, etc. Decorate with gold braid, beads, buttons, stickers if desired. Or, provide a plain shield as in the example above and have children create their own designs.



Back

Staple a strip of posterboard to the back of your shield so your hand can slip into it.