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Have you ever harvested walnuts?



Do you have a first aid kit at home at the ready should someone have an accident...



What does: *Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they shall be like wool' mean to you?*



Was Agatha at fault?



Is Wilfie a Saviour

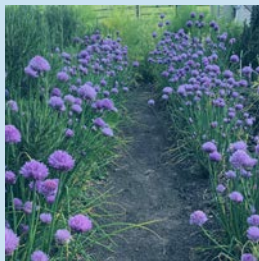


Can you name the planets in our Solar System?

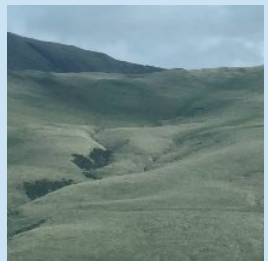
In order?



Literary links: Where are the *sunless seas and caverns measureless to man*? Who wrote about the *venerable hardness of damson cheese*? Who wrote about the *homeless, starving wretch*?



There are no bad characters in *Precious Matter* - just bad situations. Discuss.



Could you deal with being in Reconstruction?



If a child has a unique gift that is misunderstood how would you deal with it?



Were patients healed by miracles?  
Was it Dorcas?  
Or Peter?



Would you let your child go into space?



Do you think Weston and Miriam will make it?



Can you imagine Grey Cottage?  
The vegetable garden?  
The moorland?



In both Precious Matter and today's world there has been a natural disaster. Which government has dealt better with the aftermath?



Is it true, every school used to have a Mrs McDuff?



How do you make damson cheese?



Many characters in Precious Matter share their name with a biblical character. Who are they? And what characteristics do they share with their namesake?

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