



Sir Niall the Loyal



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With Guest Artist

Stetson Henrie

This is Sir Niall the Loyal. He is a very brave knight, and he is very loyal to his king and village, but has become bored with doing the same thing every day. He has decided that now is as good a time as any to explore the neighboring villages and castles. He was ready for some excitement; it is time for a quest!



He bore a shield with his family crest. On that crest were symbols that were deeply important to Sir Niall. A sun to shine even on the darkest of days; a griffin to express his boldness and loyalty to his kingdom; a picture of the castle he faithfully protected; a fleur-de-lis to show that he was from a noble family.



As he rode his faithful steed Philip through the trees, Sir Niall saw a beautiful castle in the distance. They rode on until he saw a ferocious dragon flying high above them. Neither of them was in for that kind of excitement today, so they turned and headed east.



Standing in front of the next castle was a friendly looking dragon. But the castle itself looked dark and gloomy. Sir Niall dismounted and went to peek into one of the windows into the courtyard.



What he saw was not a pretty sight. They put their own court jester into the gallows! What would they do with a strange knight? The two backed away and continued on their journey.



Sir Niall and Philip rode on. Blocking the road was a giant dragon! It was purple, scaly, and had great big green eyes! I'm sure you wouldn't blame them for turning around, and heading out of there!



Finally they came across a beautiful castle in a meadow of flowers. The sun shone on the castle. He tied Philip up in the stables, and he went inside, encountering a hero's welcome with open arms.



Beautiful stained glass windows lined the halls.
Gorgeous colors so bright they shined on the
floor, and on Sir Niall's armor.

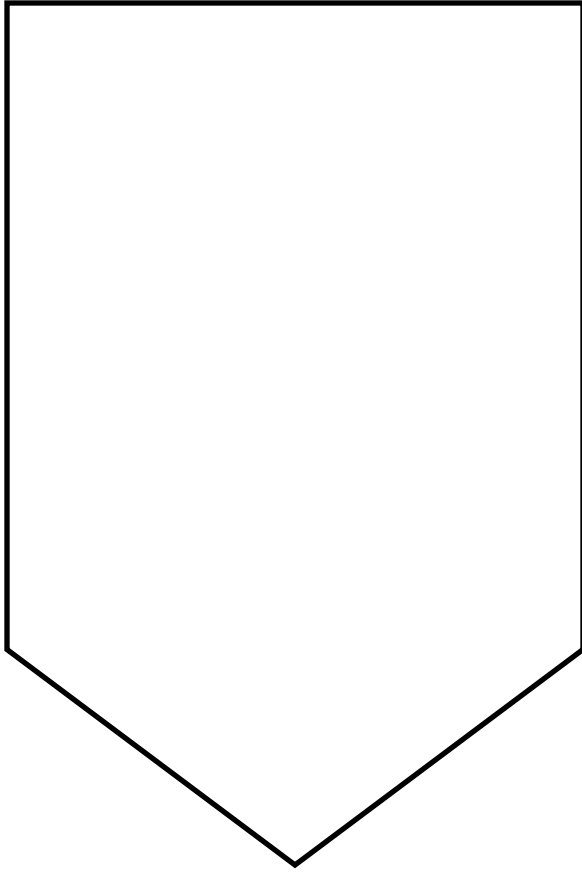


The King and the Queen welcomed Sir Niall to the kingdom of Westingham, and asked him to stay. Sir Niall explained that he was only embracing his curiosity, and he would have to return home after a long night's rest.

A little adventure goes a long ways, and Sir Niall and Philip set off on their journey home. I wonder how many dragons they will see?



Create a Family Crest



Questions to Ponder

If you went on a quest, where would you go and what would you look for?

If you drew a family crest, what symbols would you put on it?



The Guest Artist:

Stetson Henrie from Public Works made another appearance in this edition.



The Artists:

Jody, Sherri, Bridgette, Michelle & Rebecca work hard to make every-day an adventure. You never know what you'll see or what they will come up with next!



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