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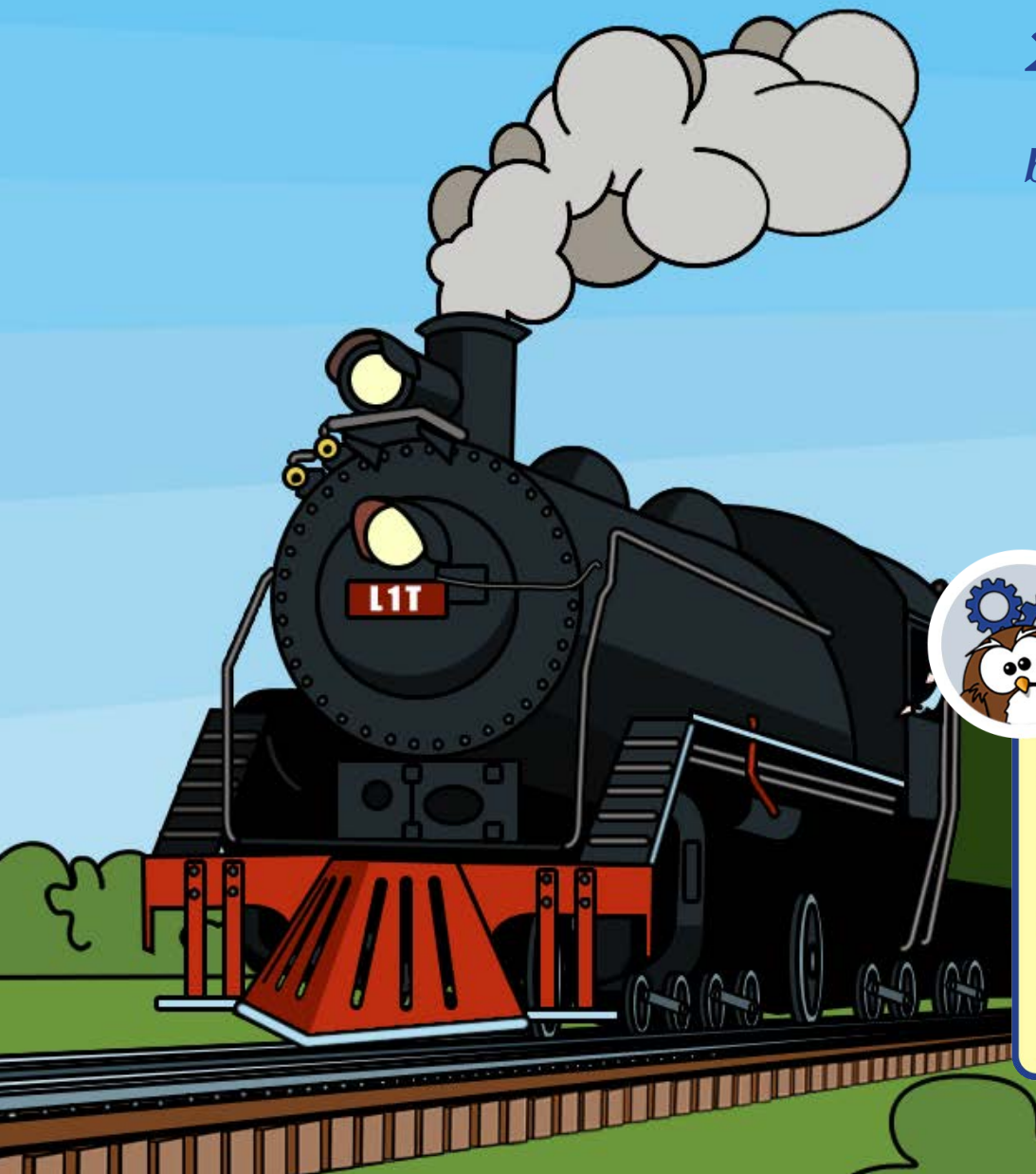
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How to Use This Study Guide



For Early Elementary Students

Progeny Press study guides help young students engage with literature while building foundational reading comprehension and critical thinking skills. Designed for grades K–3, these guides balance structured learning with interactive and hands-on activities.

Getting Started

To effectively use a Progeny Press study guide, ensure students have the following on hand:

- A Bible (we use the NIV translation, but any version is acceptable).
- A dictionary (digital or physical) for looking up unfamiliar words.
- Their copy of the book to reference as they complete activities.

Suggested Study Schedule

Each study guide typically takes 5 to 8 weeks, depending on the student's pace and ability. At this age, it's important to introduce critical analysis gently to avoid overwhelming young learners. A little focused work done well is more effective than a lot of work done poorly and quickly.

- Week 1: Read the entire book together, incorporating simple pre-reading activities.
- Weeks 2–8: Work through one section per week, using the study guide and the book to reinforce comprehension, vocabulary, and discussion. You may slow down and take longer if this becomes difficult for your student(s).

Engagement and Activities

Early elementary guides include a variety of hands-on activities to keep students engaged. These may involve:

- Drawing, art projects, cooking, and crafts related to the story.
- Acting out scenes to reinforce comprehension.
- Simple writing exercises to develop early literacy skills.
- Exploring nature, history, or moral themes found in the book.

Assessment and Review

Unlike upper-level guides, early elementary study guides do not include formal writing or essays. Instead, parents and teachers can assess comprehension through discussions, interactive activities, and simple projects.

Using Online Resources

While supervised internet access can be helpful (and resources may be recommended or shared in the guide), the primary focus is on discussion, hands-on activities, and direct engagement with the book. Progeny Press strongly recommends previewing and monitoring any and all online access.

By following these guidelines, parents and educators can use Progeny Press study guides to cultivate a love for reading and introduce early literary analysis in a way that is engaging and age-appropriate.

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Match each word in Column A with the correct definition in Column B, then use the words to complete the sentences below.

Column A	Column B
1. _____ paved	a. a thundering sound
2. _____ rumbled	b. soft, thick fabric
3. _____ calm	c. covered
4. _____ plush	d. peaceful, quiet

5. Mary Ann's sofa is covered in a _____ fabric.

6. The construction crew just _____ our street last week.

7. The lake was _____ as we swam.

8. The dark sky _____ just after the lightning flashed.



Literary Technique: Word Pictures or Idioms

"America—where the streets are paved with gold." This famous saying drew many immigrants to America. Jonas was disappointed and confused when he noticed that the streets weren't covered in gold. Carl Erik understood and tried to explain to Jonas that it was an expression or saying that meant, "America was a rich land." We call such sayings *idioms*. They don't mean exactly what they say, but express another thought or idea by using word pictures.

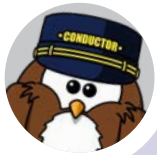
Some examples of idioms are:

"Turn over a new leaf" (starting over or making a change in your life for the better)
"Raining cats and dogs" (the rain is coming down hard)
"Keep your fingers crossed" (hope for the best)

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Dig Deeper

5 points each ____ / 10



Read the following Bible verses:

Matthew 25:35–40

"'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

1 Peter 4:9

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

2 Did Big Carlson do what the above Bible verses talk about? List several things that Big Carlson did for Carl Erik's family.

3 Have you ever had a stranger help you or show you kindness when you needed it? Tell about it here.

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