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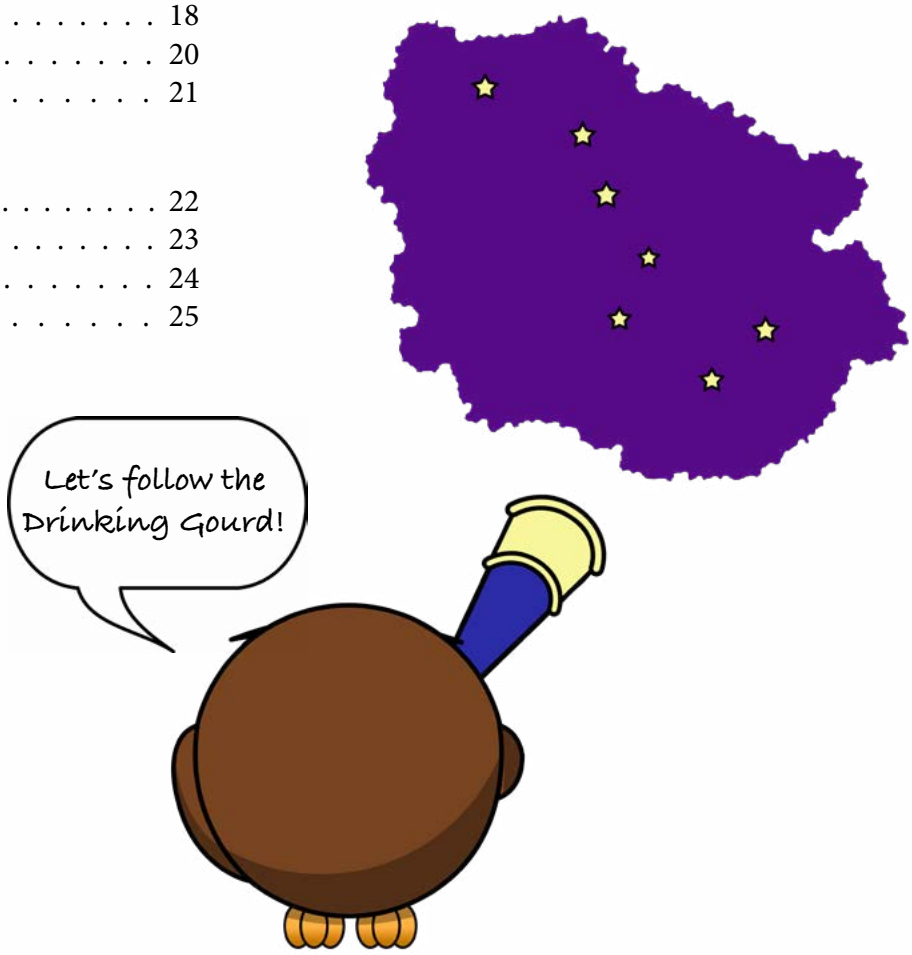
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How to Use This Study Guide



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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5 According to the poster, is it against the law to hide or help Jeff and his family or other runaway slaves? What on the poster told you this?

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_____

6 Compare a real railroad to the Underground Railroad by matching the terms in the two columns below.



_____ Stations

a. guide or helper



_____ Passengers

b. owner of the house or shelter



_____ Conductors

c. houses, barns, or shelters



_____ Stationmaster

d. escaped slaves

7 What did Tommy tell the Marshal in order to protect the runaways?

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Dig Deeper

5 points each ____ / 10



Read the following Bible verses:

Galatians 6:9–10

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

12 The verses above describe how God values life and people helping one another when someone is in need. Did Tommy and his father follow God's teaching in these verses? How?

13 What would you have done in Tommy's situation with the U.S. Marshal?

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