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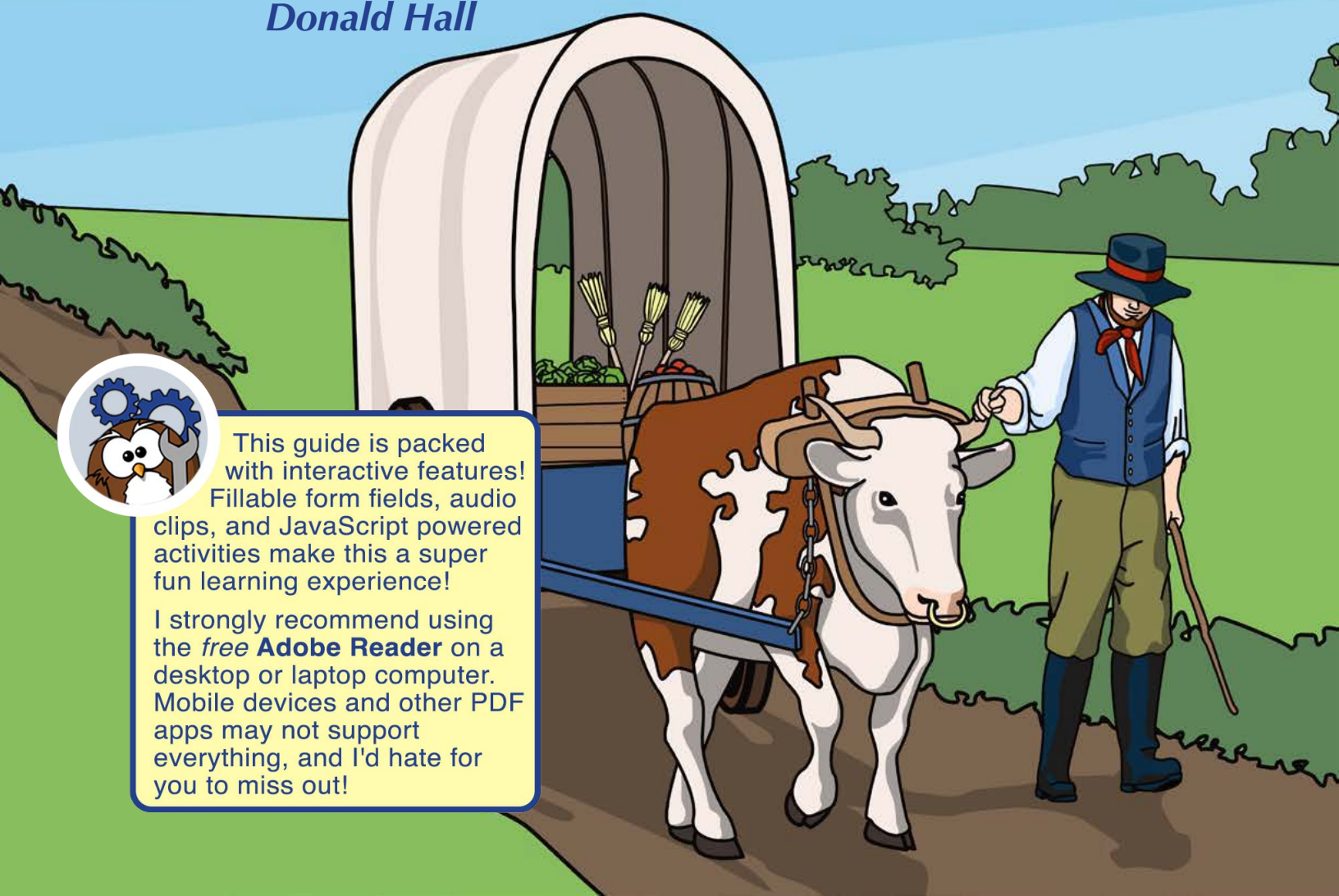
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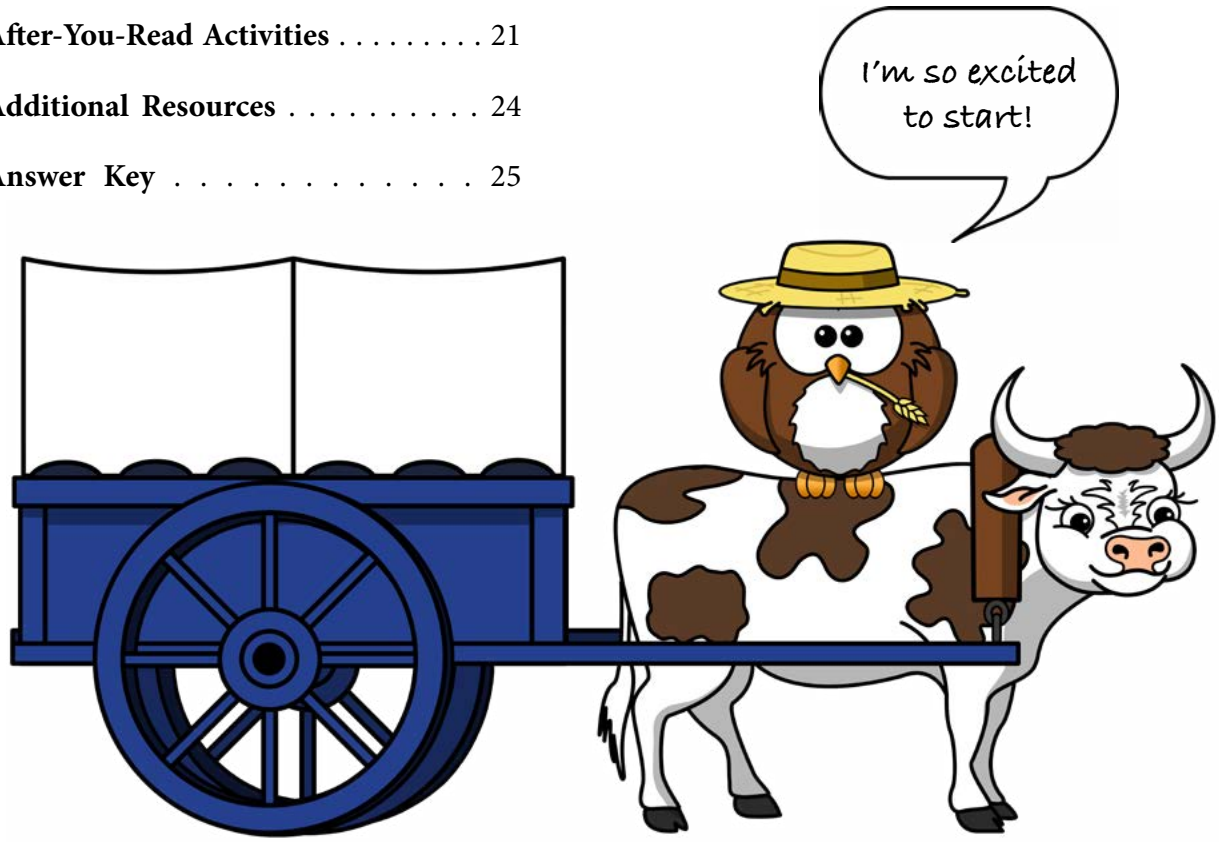
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How to Use This Study Guide



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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3 The book tells us that the father walked 6 to 12 miles each day and that he traveled for 10 days. 12 miles per day x 10 days = _____ miles altogether (equal to Father making the round-trip journey.)
Find out at home: How long does it take you and your family to travel as far as Father did?

4 When the ox-cart man arrived in Portsmouth, he began to sell his things at the open market. Explain what an open market is using descriptive language to create a picture of it.

5 The embroidery needle for his daughter came on a ship from very far away. Where was it from?

6 What do you have that was made far away in another country? List at least three things.

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Dig Deeper

5 points each ____ / 30



Read the following verses:

Colossians 3:23
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, . . .

Proverbs 6:6–8
Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

12 Did the ox-cart man and his family follow these verses and do their work with all their hearts? Why or why not?

13 A sluggard is someone who is lazy. The ant is the opposite. Describe what an ant is like.

14 In what ways is the farmer like the ant?

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