

# Studying God's Word Book D

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Exploring the Truths

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of the Life of Christ for

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the Young Reader

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## How to Use This Book

If you are like most people, you may neglect to read the instructions or directions for something until you are half finished with it, and then discover you did something wrong. In order to understand this book and learn the most from it, **please read this section first!**

Each lesson will contain a few paragraphs in which the author teaches some principles from the text and applications for the student to make in his life. This is followed by a few questions or an exercise covering the background reading. The last two pages of the lesson will be a puzzle or project which ties in with the overall theme of the lesson.

Every lesson will have a memory verse for the child to study and learn. The student is not required to memorize this verse, but it is strongly encouraged. All memory verses, lessons, and questions have been taken from the King James Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

It is important to emphasize that, if the student is unable to read the lessons or write the answers to the questions, the parent or teacher is to read and/or write the answers for the child. The author recognizes that children of various ages and abilities will be using this book. An attempt has been made to maintain a balance between challenging the child, while not making the book overly burdensome or "busy." It is with this hope that in the areas where this book is either too easy or too difficult, that the instructor will fill the void with his own love, patience, and attention to the needs of the student.

As you work through these lessons with your child, you will not only discover the joy there is in studying God's Word, but also the difficulty of answering questions which this book does not address or that you are not prepared to answer. As time permits, consult commentaries, Bible dictionaries, Bible encyclopedias, and other kinds of reference material at your disposal. The information gained from these sources will be invaluable to you as you address the difficult questions which may arise.

Regrettably, time and space do not allow us to cover the whole Bible in



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this book. The Old Testament for the young reader is covered in *Studying God's Word Book C*. The Old Testament in a chronological format is presented in *Studying God's Word Book E* and *Studying God's Word Book F*. The Gospels and the life of Christ are reviewed in *Studying God's Word Book G*. The book of Acts is taught in *Studying God's Word Book H*. The rest of the New Testament will be covered in subsequent volumes of this series.

The goal and purpose of this book comes directly from Joshua 1:8: "This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." The sincere hope and prayer of the author is that God will use this book as a tool in the spiritual instruction and guidance of your child. May the Lord grant you wisdom and grace as you seek to raise your child in the truths and principles of His Word.

Remember, children need a steady and balanced dose of encouragement, discipline, and love. Do not expect young children to perform each and every exercise flawlessly. God is the only one who can perform each task perfectly. Your steady support and encouragement will permit your student to study in an atmosphere which will promote high standards of achievement.



Let us not forget that our greatest testimony is to our own children and family.

## Lesson #22

# The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

**A**s children, we do not always do the things our parents tell us. We sin when we disobey them and make them very sad. It hurts our parents when we are bad because they want us to obey God's Word. This is why our parents spank or discipline us, not because they do not love us, but because they love us so much that they want us to be good.

Christians often disobey God and sin against Him. When this happens, like our parents, God will discipline us because He wants us to be holy. Hebrews 12:7 says, "It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?" (NASV)

After we are disciplined and repent of our sin, the Lord Jesus restores us in fellowship with Him. Like the father of the prodigal son, God wants to welcome us back into His family. When a Christian sins against God, he does not lose his salvation, but he is out of fellowship with the Lord. So when the fellowship is restored, God is pleased and we are again united with our heavenly Father.

For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. Hebrews 12:6



## The Prodigal Son

Please indicate your answer with either True or False.

1. \_\_\_\_ The son went into a far country and invested his money wisely. (Luke 15:13)
2. \_\_\_\_ The son went into the fields to feed swine. (Luke 15:15)
3. \_\_\_\_ The son decided to go back to his father and ask to be made a servant. (Luke 15:19)
4. \_\_\_\_ When the father saw the son he was angry and yelled at him. (Luke 15:20)
5. \_\_\_\_ The father told his servants to put the best robe on his son. (Luke 15:22)
6. \_\_\_\_ When the elder son came to the house, he heard music and dancing. (Luke 15:25)
7. \_\_\_\_ When the son came home, the father killed the fatted bird. (Luke 15:27)
8. \_\_\_\_ The elder brother was happy that his brother had returned home. (Luke 15:28)
9. \_\_\_\_ The elder son told his father that he had never transgressed any of his commands. (Luke 15:29)
10. \_\_\_\_ The father said that his son was dead but now is alive again. (Luke 15:32)





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Explain in your own words what is being said in each picture.

What did the son say to his father?

What did the son say to himself?



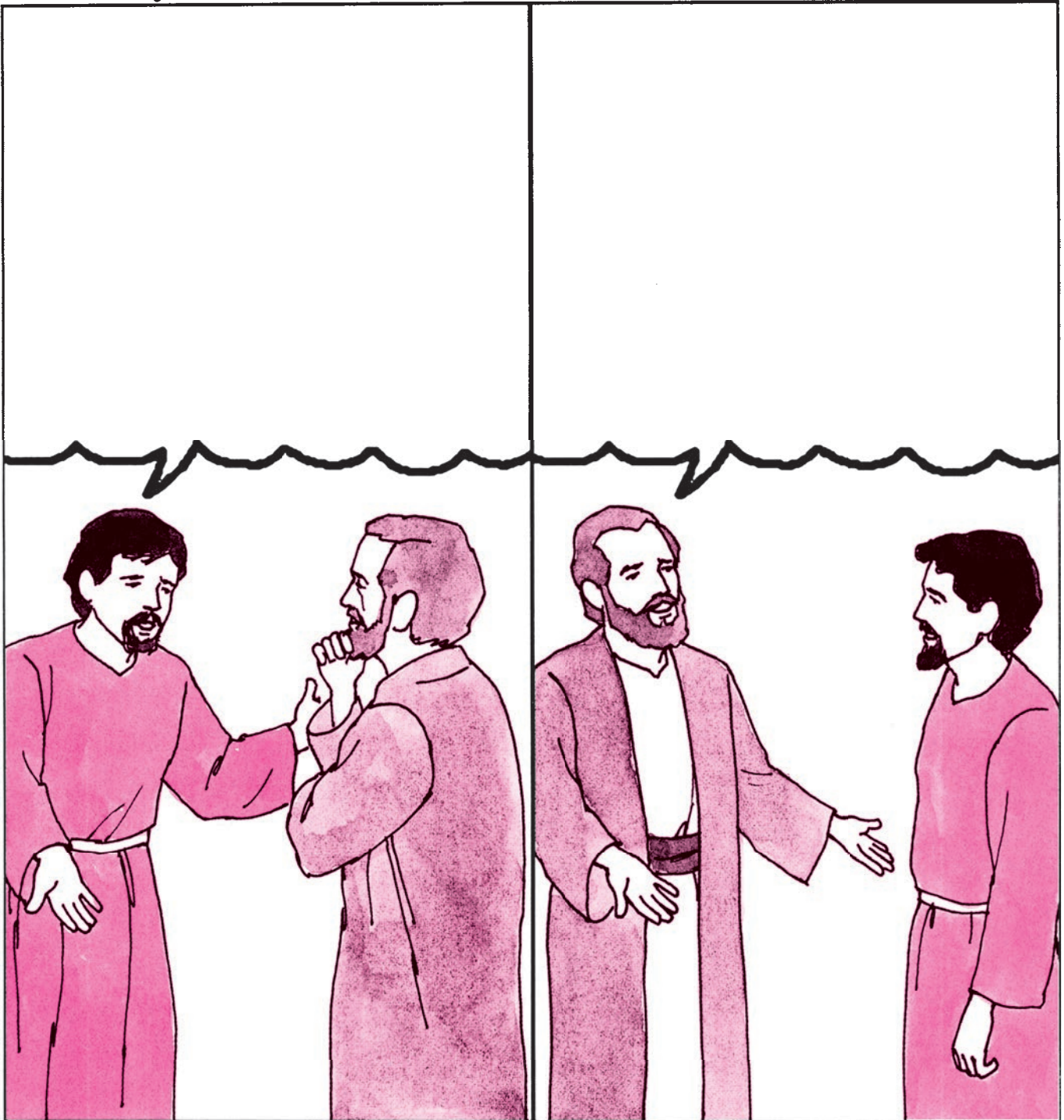
Luke 15:12

Luke 15:17-19

# The Prodigal Son

What did the elder brother say to his father?

What did the father say to the elder brother?



Luke 15:29-30

Luke 15:31-32



## Lesson #27

### Peter Denies Christ

Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-27

**A**s Christians, we need to be willing to stand up for our faith in the Lord Jesus no matter what may happen to us. Whether at home, school or just around the neighborhood, God wants us to tell other people about Him.

It is sometimes difficult to admit to people that we are Christians. We tend to act ashamed because we are afraid of what other people may think about us if we are different. Look at what happened to Peter. He had been with Christ for three years and had promised that he would never deny the Lord (Matt. 26:33-34). However, when his faith was put to the test, he told the people that he never even knew Jesus.



We need to realize that it is far more important what the Lord thinks about us, then it is what people think. Paul wrote in Romans 1:16, that he was not ashamed of the Gospel. The Apostle understood that people were only saved by believing in the Lord Jesus, and he was going to do everything he could to tell them about this. People may not agree with you or like the things you say, but that is no excuse not to talk about the Lord.

## *Peter Denies Christ*

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 10:32-33

Multiple choice -- circle the correct answer for each question.

1. Where was Peter when another maid spoke to him? (Matt. 26:71)
  - \*In the palace
  - \*By the temple
  - \*On the porch
  - \*In the garden
2. What did the people say betrayed Peter? (Matt. 26:73)
  - \*The other disciples
  - \*Jesus
  - \*The high priest
  - \*His speech
3. What did Peter remember? (Matt. 26:75)
  - \*The word of Jesus
  - \*The time of day
  - \*All the miracles which Jesus performed
  - \*Where the other disciples were
4. Who did the maid say was with Peter? (Mark 14:67)
  - \*The other disciples
  - \*Mary and Martha
  - \*Jesus of Nazareth
  - \*John the Baptist
5. What did the maid say Peter was? (Mark 14:70)
  - \*A Galilean
  - \*A fisherman
  - \*A disciples
  - \*A trouble maker



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6. What did the Lord turn and do? (Luke 22:61)
  - \*He spoke to the crowd
  - \*He looked at Peter
  - \*He spoke to Peter
  - \*He cried
  
7. What did Peter go out and do after he denied the Lord? (Luke 22:62)
  - \*Hung himself
  - \*Went fishing
  - \*He found the other disciples
  - \*Wept bitterly
  
8. By whom was the other disciple known? (John 18:15)
  - \*Barabbas
  - \*Pontius Pilate
  - \*The high priest
  - \*A young damsel
  
9. What did the high priest ask Jesus about? (John 18:19)
  - \*If he was the Son of God
  - \*If Peter was His disciple
  - \*How he could do so many wonderful miracles
  - \*His disciples and His doctrine
  
10. Who struck Jesus with the palm of his hand? (John 18:22)
  - \*Annas
  - \*Caiaphas
  - \*One of the officers
  - \*Peter



## *Peter Denies Christ*

A good way to learn a Bible verse is to take it apart and put it together. Cut out the puzzle pieces on page 139 and fit them into the correct spaces on the house. Practice saying the verse several times as you put it together. Try not to look at the verse in Romans until you have it all finished.

**Romans 1:16**



# Cut Out Supplement

These puzzle pieces are to be cut out and pasted onto page 109.

