

THE PLAN!

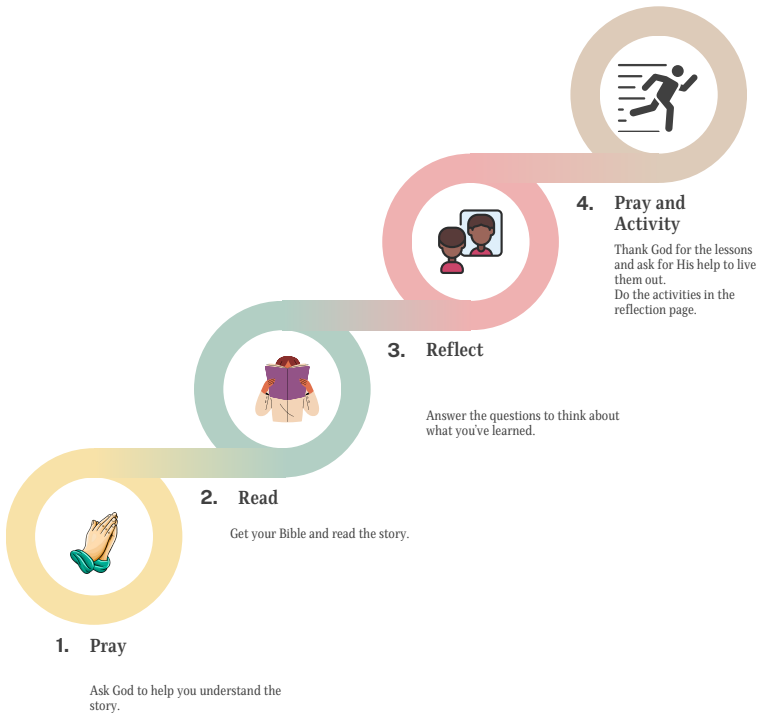


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How to use this study guide

Hey friend!

Studying God's word is a great way to spend time with Him. You know what's exciting? God loves it when we do this! Here's how to start:





01 *Intro Story*

Dami loved visiting his grandparents' house. One day, while playing in the backyard, he found a shiny gold ring half-buried in the dirt. "Mom, look at this! It looks like real gold!" he exclaimed, running to show his mom.

His mom smiled and took a closer look. "That's Grandma's ring! She must have accidentally dropped it when she was watering the plants."

Dami's grandma joined them and said, "Thank you for finding my ring, Dami! You know, this ring reminds me of something very special."

"What is it?" Dami asked, curious.

"The Bible says that the streets of heaven are made of pure gold, even more beautiful than this ring," his grandma explained. "Imagine walking on streets that sparkle and shine like this ring you found, but even more wonderful!"

Dami's eyes widened with excitement. "Wow, that sounds amazing! I wish I could see it."

"Dami," his mom said with a gentle smile, "Heaven is where God lives, and it's a perfect place. No one ever gets sick, and everyone is always happy."

She continued, "God created everything in the world, but of all His creations, you are the most special to Him. God loves you so much and wants you to be with Him in heaven someday. But there's something important we need to know—sin cannot go into heaven. God has never done or said anything wrong, and because of that, anything bad or wrong can't be in heaven."

Reflection

Read: Revelation 21:18-21

Key Point: Heaven is a beautiful place where God lives.

Activity: Please complete the puzzle on the next page.

Questions

- What do we learn about heaven?
- Why can't bad things go to heaven?

Puzzle Activity

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HEAVEN

SIN

PERFECT

GOD

GOLD



02 *Not Right!*

Dami loved playing with his toys, but sometimes he didn't like to share. One afternoon, his little sister, Lola, wanted to play with his favorite car. Dami shouted, "No, it's mine!" and grabbed the car away, making Lola cry.

Later, Dami's mom found him sitting alone, looking sad. "What's wrong, Dami?" she asked.

"I made Lola cry because I didn't share my toy," Dami said quietly.

His mom hugged him. "You know, Dami, we all make mistakes. When we do something wrong, like not sharing, being unkind, or lying, that's called sin. Sin is like a dark stain that makes us feel bad inside." Anything we do, say and think does not make God happy.

"Sin makes our hearts dark and separates us from God," his mom explained. "Heaven is a perfect place where God lives, and nothing bad, like sin, can enter heaven. But don't worry, there's a way to make our hearts clean again."

"Dami was curious. "How can we do that, Mom?"

"We'll talk about that tomorrow," she said with a smile. "But remember, even though we make mistakes, God loves us very much."

Reflection

Read: Romans 3:23

Key Point: Sin separates us from God and cannot enter heaven.

Activity: Make a list of your sins you can remember. Tell God of these sins and tell him you are sorry.

Questions

- What is sin?
- How does sin make us feel?
- Why can't sin be in heaven?



03 *The blood!*

One morning, Dami was having breakfast and accidentally spilled juice all over his favorite white shirt. He tried to wipe it off, but the stain just wouldn't go away. He felt sad because it was his favorite shirt. His mom saw him struggling and said, "Don't worry, Dami. We have a special cleaner that can get that stain out."

Later, as they watched the washing machine clean his shirt, Dami's mom said, "You know, this reminds me of how Jesus cleans our hearts." "How?" Dami asked, curious.

"Do you remember how we talked about sin yesterday and how it makes our hearts dirty?" his mom began. "Sin is like that juice stain on your shirt. No matter how hard we try, we can't clean it ourselves."

But God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to help us. Jesus lived a perfect life without sin. When He died on the cross, He took the punishment for our sins.

"Dami thought about this.

"So, Jesus' blood cleans our hearts like the cleaner took the stain out of my shirt?"

"Exactly," his mom replied.

"Because of Jesus, we can be close to God again and one day walk on those golden streets in heaven."

Dami nodded.

"So, when we believe in Jesus and ask for His forgiveness, He makes our hearts clean?"

"Yes, Dami," his mom said with a smile.

"That's why Jesus' sacrifice is so important. It's the way God shows His great love for us."

She paused and gently added,

"This, right here, is the true meaning of Easter – Jesus gave His life so we could be forgiven, made clean, and brought back to God forever."

Reflection

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Key Point: The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

Activity: Write a letter to Jesus, thanking him for his sacrifice on the cross

Questions

- How does Jesus make our hearts clean?
- Why did Jesus die on the cross?
- What happened after Jesus died?
- How can we be with God in heaven?



04 *Made Clean!*

The day after Dami learned about how Jesus cleans our hearts, he couldn't stop thinking about it. That evening, as he got ready for bed, he felt a mix of emotions. He thought about the times he hadn't shared his toys, the times he had been unkind, and how those things made his heart feel heavy.

As his mom tucked him in, Dami looked up and asked, "Mom, can I ask you something?"

"Of course, Dami. What's on your mind?" she replied.

"I've been thinking about what you said, about Jesus cleaning our hearts," Dami began. "I know I've done things that aren't right, and I don't want my heart to stay dirty. How do I make sure my heart is clean?"

His mom sat down beside him and took his hand. "Dami, the most wonderful thing about Jesus is that He loves you so much and is always ready to forgive you. All you need to do is admit that you've sinned, believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose again, and ask Him to come into your heart. When you do that, Jesus will make your heart clean, and you'll become God's child."

"Dami thought for a moment and then said, "I want to do that, Mom. I want to ask Jesus into my heart."

His mom smiled warmly. "That's the best decision you can make, Dami. Would you like me to help you pray?"

Dami nodded, and they both closed their eyes. Dami's mom gently guided him through the prayer.

"Dear Jesus," Dami repeated after his mom, "I know that I have sinned and done things that aren't right. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again. Please forgive me and come into my heart. I want to follow You and be Your child. Thank You for loving me. Amen."

When Dami finished the prayer, he opened his eyes and felt a sense of peace and joy that he had never felt before. He looked at his mom, who was smiling with tears in her eyes.

Reflection

Read: 1 John 1:9

Key Point: When we ask God for forgiveness, He makes our hearts clean.

Activity: If you want to pray like Dami did, talk to your mom or dad, and they can help you.

If you're not ready to pray yet, you can still thank God for giving us a way to have clean hearts.

Questions

- What happens when we ask God to forgive our sins?
- How does God make our hearts clean?
- Why is it important to have a clean heart?



05 *Grow!*

The next day, Dami and his mom walked in their garden again. Dami looked at the small tree he had noticed before and asked, "Mom, how can we keep our hearts clean after God forgives us?"

His mom pointed to the tree. "Do you see how this tree is growing strong and healthy? Just like this tree needs water, sunlight, and good soil to grow, we need to do certain things to keep our hearts clean and grow in our relationship with God."

"Like what?" Dami asked.

"Here are three important steps," his mom explained:

1. **Read the Bible:** Just like water helps a tree grow, reading the Bible helps us know God better and understand His ways.
2. **Pray:** Just like sunlight gives energy to a tree, praying keeps us connected to God and gives us strength.
3. **Be Obedient:** Just like good soil provides nutrients, being obedient to God's commands helps us grow strong in our faith.

"Dami thought about this. "So, if I read my Bible, pray, and be obedient, my heart will stay clean and I'll grow closer to God?"

"Exactly," his mom said. "And there's one more thing we can do. We can tell our friends about God and how much He loves us. Sharing our faith helps us grow even more."

And remember, if you find yourself doing something bad or sinning, you can pray and ask God to forgive you. The Bible says, 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

Dami smiled. "I can tell my friends about God and how Jesus cleans our hearts?"

"Yes, Dami," his mom replied. "When we share God's love with others, we help them grow too."

Reflection

Read: Psalm 1:2-3 (NIV)

Key Point: Staying close to God helps us grow and keep our hearts clean.

Activity: Activity: Get a small container, fill it with soil, and plant a bean seed. Place the container near a sunny windowsill indoors to ensure it gets light. Use room-temperature water to keep the soil moist, and watch your bean grow even in the winter

Questions

- What helps a tree grow strong and healthy?
- What helps us stay close to God and keep our hearts clean?
- Why is it important to read the Bible, pray, be obedient, and tell our friends about God?

Final Activity

Planting the Seed:

1. Ask your parent for a small pot, some soil, and a bean seed.
2. Plant the seed in the soil and water it lightly.
3. Understand that the seed needs water, sunlight, and good soil to grow strong and healthy, just like you need to read the Bible, pray, be obedient, and tell your friends about God to grow in your faith.

Watching It Grow:

1. Take care of your plant by watering it regularly and placing it near a sunny windowsill. Even in winter, your bean plant can thrive with the right care.
2. As you watch your bean plant grow, remember the steps you need to take to keep your heart clean and grow closer to God.

Growth Chart:

1. Draw or write about your plant's growth and how you are growing in your faith by reading the Bible, praying, being obedient, and sharing God's love with others.