



# Dog In A Steel Trap

Psalm 29:2

## *Items Needed*

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Pencils/Crayons/Markers
- ✓ Any items you would like to use for roll-play game
- ✓ Copies of coloring sheet
- ✓ Copies of take home overview



## A Dog in a Steel Trap

### Objective of Lesson

Our verse today says all the glory, all the honor, and all the praise is due to God for what He has done for us. He is worthy of all praise and worship for what He has done for His poor dog sinners.

### Scripture Reference

*"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2).*

### Lesson Instructions

1. Several years ago I heard this story. I wanted to share it with you all. This is a great illustration of how the Lord deals with His people in grace and mercy.
2. A man named Charles (Pennington) was hunting deep in the woods when he came upon a dog caught in a large steel trap.
3. Charles took one look at that dog and he purposed to save that dog and set him free. He was going to release that dog from that horrible, painful situation it had gotten itself into.
4. When he approached him, the dog looked at him fiercely and growled a very deep and angry growl. Eventually he made his way near him; but when he

touched the trap (causing pain), the dog attacked and Charles barely escaped being bitten.

5. Not to be frustrated in his purpose of mercy, he found a forked stick and used it to hold the dog down while he removed the trap and set him free. The dog limped away in one direction while Charles went another.
6. Shortly, Charles became aware that the dog was following him! He stopped, and the dog came to him. Charles petted him, and the dog licked his hand. The dog followed Charles the rest of his life.
7. This story is a great illustration of how the Lord saves ALL His people from their sin. How? The Lord Jesus comes to us when we are trapped in sin and doomed to die. Just like that dog in the trap, God purposed to save us and set us free; but when He approaches us in the gospel, we rebel and fight and the Lord's purpose is met with fierce looks and harsh words. When the Lord touches us, it causes pain because it reveals our problem (sin), and we rebel all the more; but God will not be frustrated in His purpose of mercy. By divine power, He holds us in check as He removes our chains and sets us free.
8. Our verse today says all the glory, all the honor, and all the praise is due to God only for what He has done for us. He is worthy of all praise and worship for what He is done for His poor dog sinners.

## Lesson Activities

- Coloring Page
- Rollplay - This will be fun for the toddlers and younger ones. Act out the story. Point out only God saves. Our roll in this whole thing is we sin and need salvation.



## Take Home Lesson Overview

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The fact that God does it all for His poor dog sinners, reveals who gets the glory for the saving. Like our verse says, all the glory, all the honor, and all the praise is due to God for what He has done for us. He is worthy of all praise and worship for what He is done for His poor dog sinners.

