

## Hamsters Are God's Ideas Too

Two boys, Tyler and Jason, would like you to hear about a really neat experience that they had with their hamsters. They had been given two baby hamsters. It was so much fun playing with them. The hamsters were given the names of Daisy and Tiny. As you know, hamsters look and act just like baby squirrels, except that they don't have long bushy tails. The boys' dad built a cage for the hamsters. But most of the time, Daisy and Tiny rode around in the boys' shirt pockets, poking their little heads out for a look at the world as the boys walked along.



The four of them were as happy together as good friends can be, until something happened that tried to destroy this happiness. One morning Tyler, Jason, and the hamsters Daisy and Tiny were playing a game of hide and seek on the porch. Just as Jason started to run, Daisy scooted out from under the porch chair and Jason stepped right on her back – very hard. Daisy gave out one little squeak and then lay very still. Jason started to cry, but Tyler, who was two years older than Jason, knew just what to do.

Right away he sat down next to Daisy, stroked her fur and said very comfortingly: “God is Love, little hamster. And God is loving you right now.” Mother heard the crying and she came outside. She carefully picked up Daisy and placed her in the corner of a shoebox. Hamsters love to cuddle in corners. She reminded Jason that in God's kingdom, there can be no accidents because God, who made everything, takes good care of everything He has made. Mother also said that, in reality, hamsters are God's ideas and no accident can interfere with God's plan for any one of them.

Jason stopped crying and said that, after all, one of God's ideas couldn't really step on another one of God's ideas. All that afternoon, the boys peeked in the box at their little friend. They would encourage her and help her by knowing the truth of her identity as an idea of God. Daisy got better and better until, by dinnertime, she was so frisky that she had to be returned to the cage where the lonely Tiny welcomed her with squeals and squeaks of joy. The family was so happy and thankful for proof of God's loving care for everyone, including hamsters.

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*Genesis 1:25 “And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”*

*S&H 550:5 “God is the Life, or intelligence, which forms and preserves the individuality and identity of animals, as well as of men.”*