

### **Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum**

### **Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse**

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

# Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided in this book. The full curriculum actually includes three more, with corresponding take-home sheets, if desired. using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

# Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

# Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

# Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

# Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

### Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

## Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read

### Unit 3 Overview of Key Concepts

### **UNIT 3: The Good News of God, the Gosepl**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): "What's the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!"

### **Meaning:**

Gospel means "good news." In the Bible, the gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus to save sinners like you and me from the punishment we deserve for our sins. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross, giving His perfect life as the full payment for our sins. This salvation is for all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. It is a gift God offers to us, too. Now that is good news, indeed!

### Unit 3 Bible Verse: John 3:16 ESV

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

### **Meaning:**

How great is God's love for sinners like you and me, that He would send His own, dear Son, Jesus to suffer and die for us! Now all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will not perish. They will not receive the punishment they deserve for their sins. Jesus has already paid for their sins when He died on the cross. Because of what Jesus has done for them, these people will enjoy eternal life with God. Here on earth, they will know God in their hearts and His care in their lives. And when they die, they will go to be with Him forever! God offers us eternal life, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### **Unit 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise you, God. You love us so much! You, Yourself, have chosen to send a Savior to save us!
- **C** God, in our heart we know that You are God and that we should obey You, but many times we don't. We are all sinners who deserve Your punishment for disobeying You. Oh, how we need a Savior!
- Thank You for sending Your dear Son, Jesus to be that Savior. Thank You for making the way for our sins to be forgiven.
- **S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and live for You. Help us to go and tell others the good news of the gospel, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Unit 3 Story**

### The Case of the Stranger's Very Good News

Acts 8:1-8

**Songs Used in Unit 3** *listen to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org: Hide n Seek Kids Music page* 

Big Q & A 3 Song

Big Question 3 Song: What's the Gospel?

Unit 3 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16 ESV

Extra Unit 3 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16 ESV (other version)

Extra Unit 3 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16 ESV (other version)

Unit 3 Hymn: And Can It Be, v.1 Refrain

Unit 3 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

### Hide 'n' Seek Kids ESV Songs 3 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, so teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Hide 'n' Seek Kids Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

### Why the Extra Songs?

Hide 'n' Seek Kids is a curriculum used by children of different ages. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

### **UNIT 3: GOD'S GOOD NEWS, THE GOSPEL**

- 12 Big Q & A 3 Song
- 13 Big Question 3 Song: What's the Gospel?
- 14,14T Unit 3 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16 ESV
- 15 Extra Unit 3 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16 ESV (other version)
- 16 Extra Unit 3 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16 ESV (other version)
- 17 Unit 3 Hymn: And Can It Be, v.1 Refrain
- 18 Unit 3 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

T\* Tidbit Shortened version of the Bible Verse Song

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# Acts 8:1-8 "The Case of the Stranger's Very Good News"



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



John 3:16, ESV:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

- I. Who did God use to tell the world the good news about His Son, Jesus?
- 2. What happened when they shared the good news?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

I. Who ran away from Jerusalem and went to Samaria?

2. What was the good news he brought with him and shared?



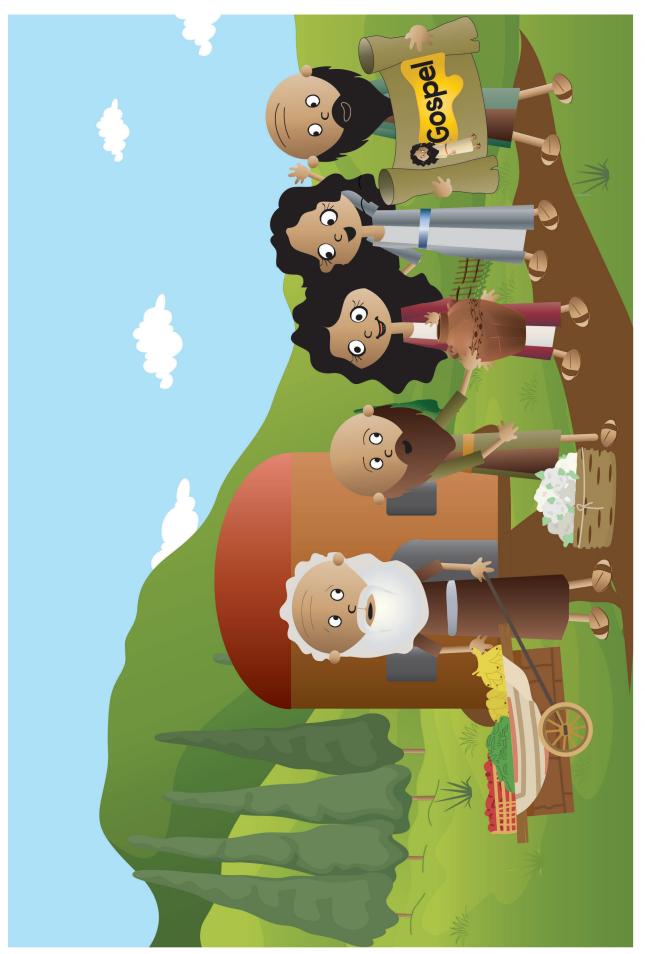
l. "Get out of town!" The leaders of the Christians told the other Christians. "Jerusalem isn't safe anymore! The enemies of Jesus are after you! They will hurt you and put you in jail," So, most of the Christians packed their bags and ran, ran, out of town!



2. Some of the Christians ran down towards the sea and made their home there. And what good news did they tell the people there? The gospel--the good news of Jesus!



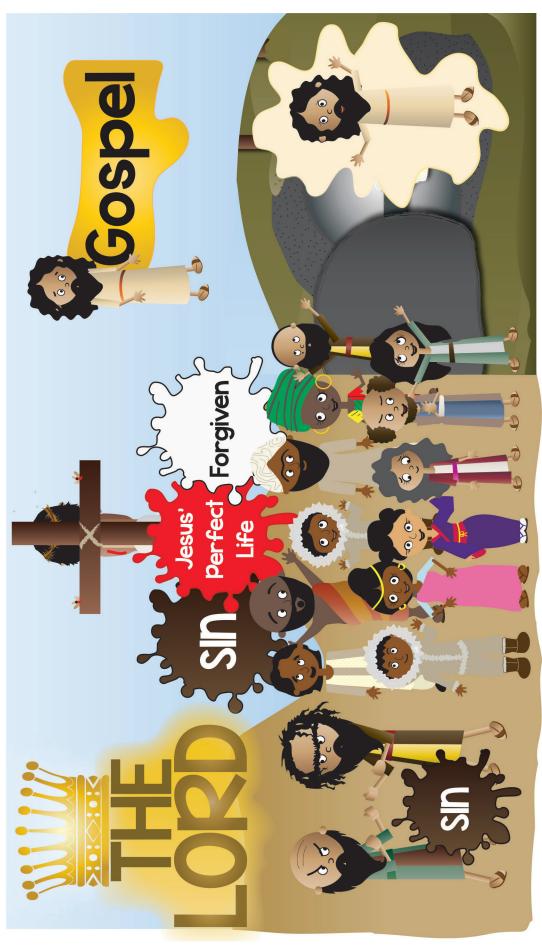
3. Some ran towards dry, deserty lands and made their home there. And what did they tell the people they met there? The gospel--the good news of Jesus!



4. Some ran towards the tall mountains and made their home there. And what did they tell the people they met there? The gospel--the good news of Jesus!



5. Some even ran so far away that they went to other countries. Philip went to Samaria and told the people there the gospel, the good news of Jesus.



created us and we should obey Him. But instead, we've all chosen to disobey Him. That's sin. We 6. This is the good news Philip shared: "God is the good King and Creator of the whole world. He all deserve His punishment for our sins against Him. We need a Savior!" Philip told them. "God ha sent Jesus to be that Savior. Jesus is God's perfect Son who came to earth to suffer and die or the cross to pay for our sins. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beater sin and death," Philip shared. "Come, ask Jesus to be your Savior!"



7. God did amazing things as Philip shared about Jesus. Many sick people were healed. Best of all, many people put their trust in Jesus as the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts. And that made Philip very happy!

# Acts 8:1-8 "The Case of the Stranger's Very Good News"



# Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening





John 3:16, ESV

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal I. Who did God use to tell the world the good news about His Son, Jesus? His people--Philip and the other Christians. 2. What happened when they shared the good news? God worked in the hearts of many. They turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:

God still uses His people today to tell others the good news about His Son, Jesus. God has even used them to tell us the hearts and help us to believe the good news of Jesus. We can ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and good news of Jesus today! We can ask God to work in our trust in Jesus as our Savior.

I. Who ran away from Jerusalem and went to Samaria?

shared? God forgives our sins and makes us His people 2. What was the good news he brought with him and when we trust in Jesus as our Savior and live for Him.

Samaria. It's for us, tool God will forgive our sins and make us His people when we trust in Jesus as our Savior and live for Him. God will help us do this, if we ask Him to. What The good news Philip shared wasn't just for the people of good news that is! For You and Me:



# A Prayer

- A We praise you, God. You love us so much! You, Yourself, have chosen to send a Savior to save us!
- C God, in our heart we know that You are God and that we should obey You, but many times we don't. We are all sinners who deserve Your punishment for disobeying You. Oh, how we need a Savior!
- T Thank You for sending Your dear Son, Jesus to be that Savior. Thank You for making the way for our sins to be forgiven.
- S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and live for You. Help us to go and tell others the good news of the gospel, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

