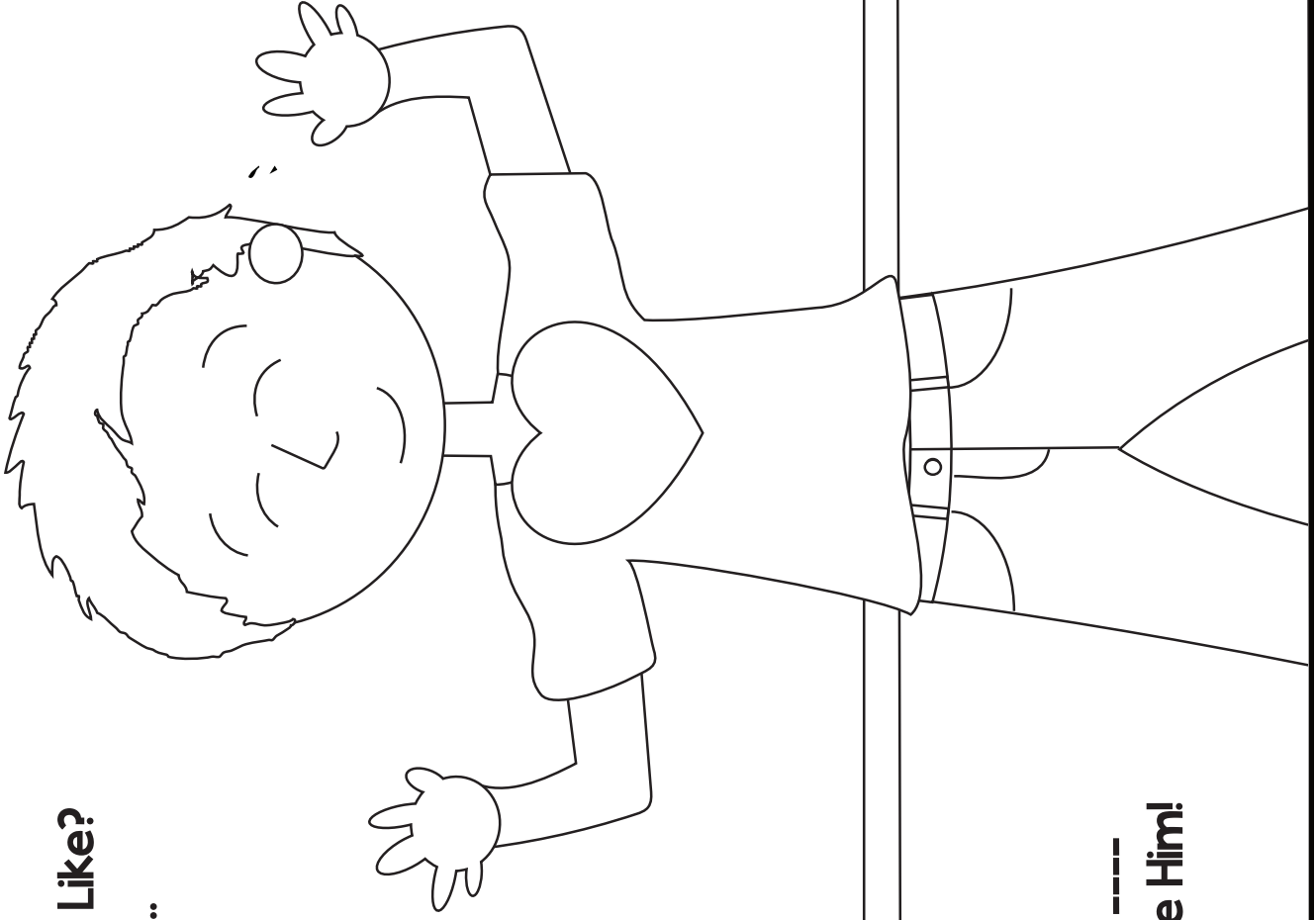


**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!**  
**How Can I Know What God Is Like?**  
**He Shows Me What He's Like...**



**By the -----**  
**He gave me to know and love Him!**  
**HINT: What do we love with?**

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



**Big Question 1 :** How Can I Know What God Is Like?

**Answer:** He Shows Me What He's Like...by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

### Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God made people with a special heart to know and love Him. This isn't the heart that pumps blood through our body. This is something very different. We can't feel this heart inside of us like we can feel the heart that beats in our chest. This heart is even more amazing! THIS heart will never die--it lives forever! The Bible also calls this heart a spirit or a soul. And it's with this very special heart that God shows us what He's like.

### How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" --- Psalm 42:1,2

### Some Questions for You

1. What special thing did God make people with? *A heart to know and love Him.*
2. Is this heart the same as the one that we feel beat in our chest? *No.*
3. What is this special heart like? *It never dies. It lives forever!*
4. What is the other name for this heart? *A soul or a spirit.*
5. Who can we come to know by this special heart? *God.*
6. Who will help us to know God with our heart? *God will. He delights for us to ask Him to do this.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!
- C** In our hearts we know that You are God and we should obey You, but many times we don't want to. We need a Savior to save us from our sins! We need Jesus!
- T** Thank You for sending us Your Son, Jesus to save sinners like us! Thank You for giving us hearts that want to know You.
- 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 and obey You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 1 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 12*

(sung to the tune of "This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

How can I know what God is like?  
 God is like? God is like?  
 How can I know what God is like?  
 He shows me what He's like!

**Big Question 1 Action Rhyme Song** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 13*

I have a very big question,  
 A big question 'bout God,  
 I have a very big question,  
 It's Big Question Number One, *hold up 1 finger*  
 I wanna know...

**Refrain:**

How can I know what God is like?  
 How can I know what God is like?  
 How can I know what God is like?  
 He shows me what He's like!

**Verse 1:**

My heart can know and love God,  
 He made everything I see.  
 Big tall mountain, galloping horses,  
 Every little bird and bee. *Refrain*

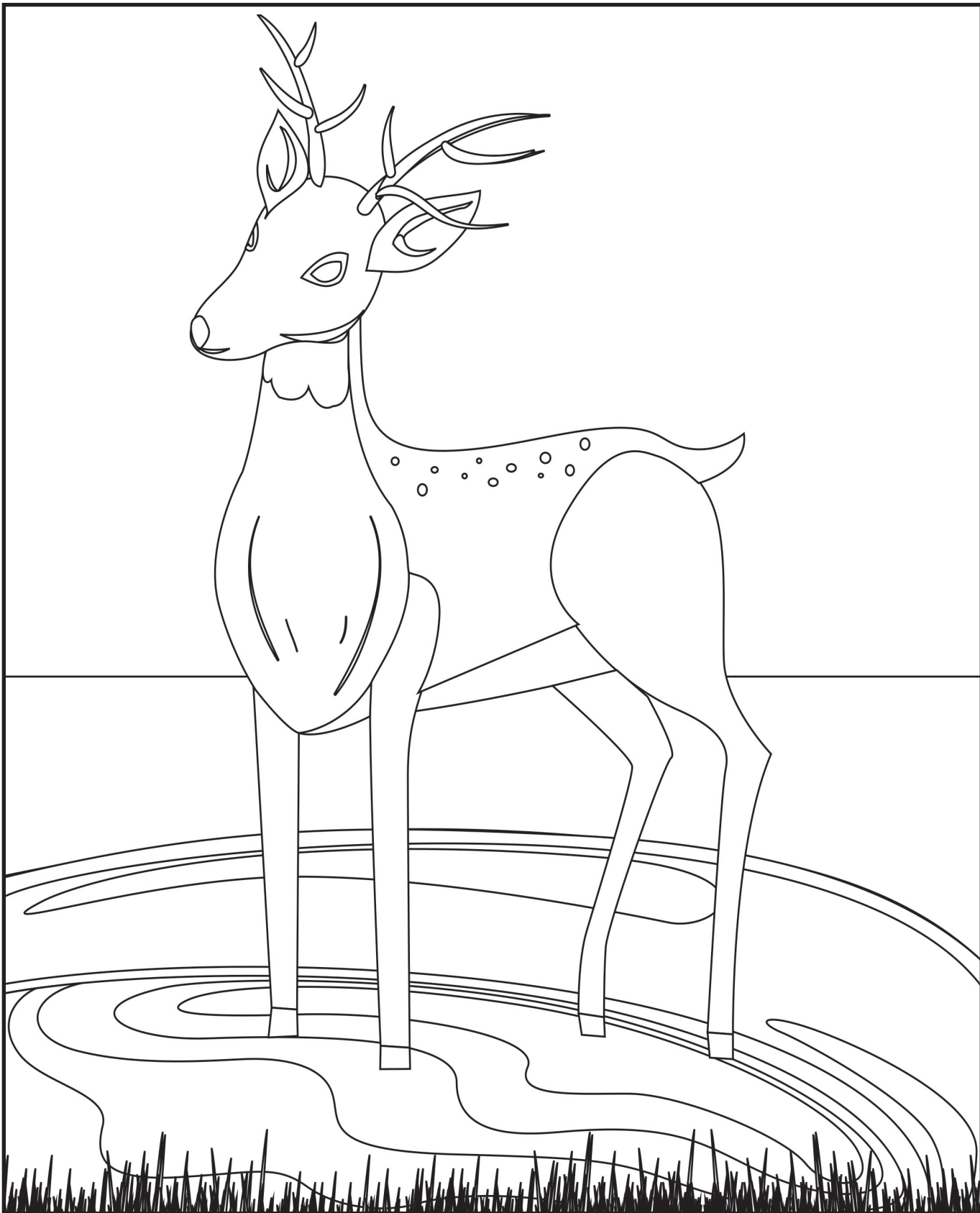
*place hand over heart  
 cup hand over eye & look around  
 gallop in place*

**Verse 2:**

He gave us the Bible, His Word,  
 To learn of His might deeds,  
 But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,  
 God shows Himself to me. *Refrain*

*make open book with flat hands  
 hold up flexed arm  
 point to self*

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“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Psalm 42:1-2

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



**Big Question 1 :** How Can I Know What God Is Like?

**Answer:** He Shows Me What He's Like...by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

**How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!**

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**Learn a Little:** "My soul thirsts for God."

### Meaning

A thirsty deer searches for a stream of water to satisfy his thirst. He must have it if he is to live. That's how God made his body.

In the same way, our heart (or soul) longs for God because He made us to need Him. We may try to satisfy ourselves with other things, but until we know God, we will still long for something more. That's how He made us. He is the living God and there's nothing in the whole world that we need or want more than Him.

### Some Questions for You

1. What does a deer look for when he is thirsty? *Streams of water to drink.*
2. What satisfies our bodies when we are thirsty? *Water.*
3. What does our heart long to satisfied with? *With knowing the living God!*
4. Who is the living God? *The LORD is the living God. He is the only, true God.*
5. When can we go to meet with God? *Anytime! God is always with us, ready to help us and ready to hear our prayers. He loves for us to meet with Him!*
6. How can we come to know the living God? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer these prayers!*

### Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!
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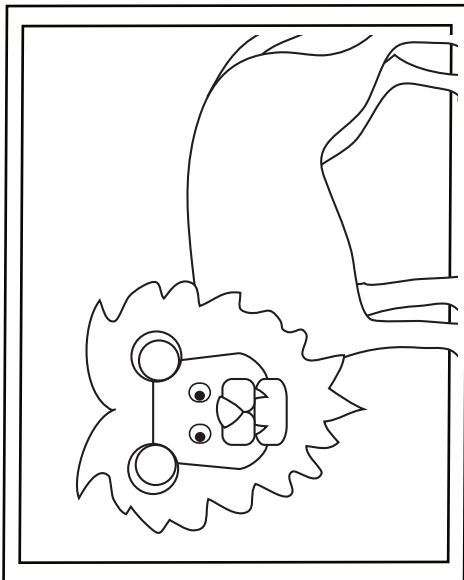
### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

**As the Deer**, from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 17*

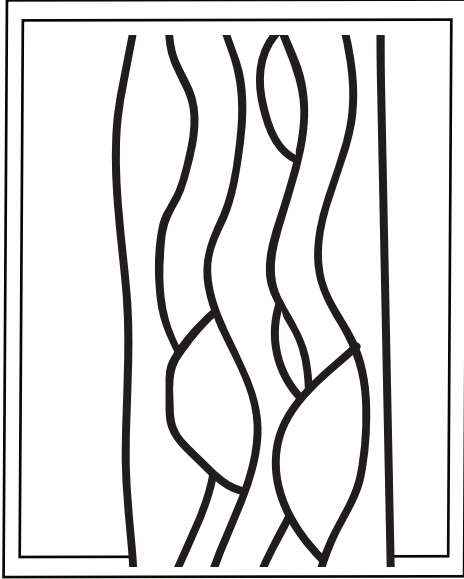
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So my soul pants for you, O God!  
As the deer pants for streams of water,  
So my soul pants for you, O God!  
My soul thirsts for God,  
My soul thirsts for the living God.  
When can I come and appear before God?  
Psalm Forty-two, one and two.

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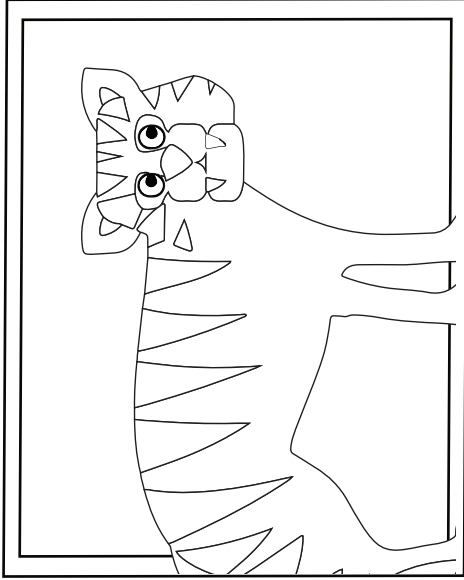
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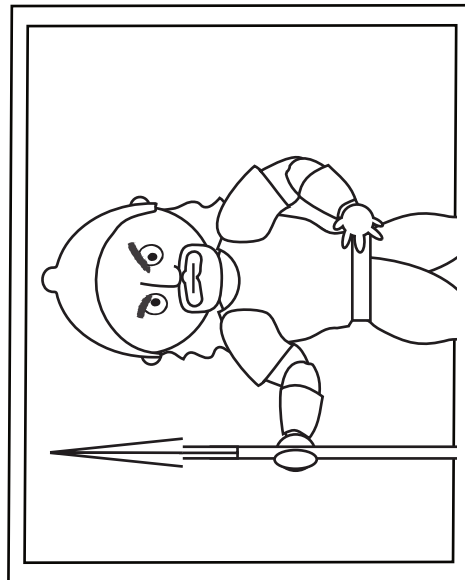
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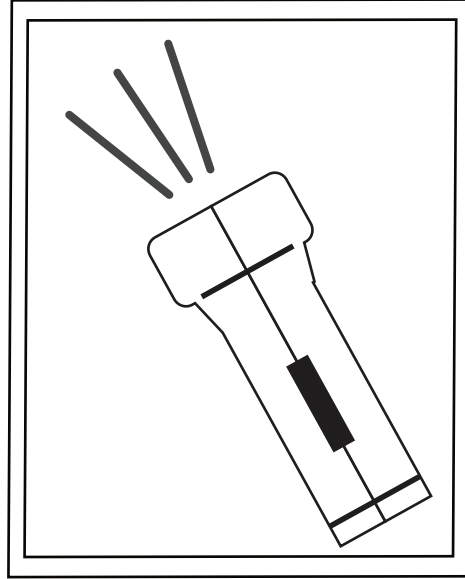
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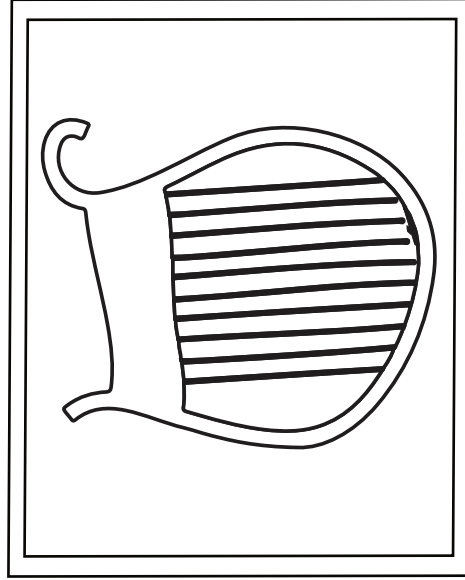
Tiger



Giant



Flashlight



Harp

Answer: The lion, the stream, the giant and the harp.

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



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### Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a lion, a stream, a tiger, a giant, a flashlight and a harp.

1. Which four belong in our story?

*The harp, sling shot, giant and lion.*

2. Which one did David use to praise God? How?

*David used the harp to praise God. He thought about God and sang songs of praise from his heart as he played his harp.*

3. What did God do as David thought about Him and sang praises to Him?

*God worked in David's heart, helping him to know and love Him.*

4. What can God do in our heart as we think about Him and sing praises to Him? *God can work in our heart, helping us know and love Him, too.*

5. What is the best first step we can ask God to do in our heart? *We can ask Him to work in our heart that we would turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He delights to do this!*

### Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!
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### Let's Praise God Right Now!

**Big Q & A 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 15*

#### Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of heaven, Lord of love,  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.

Words: Henry van Dyke Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

#### Verse 2

All Thy works in joy surround Thee,  
Heaven and earth reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing before Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.

**Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh, Oh, Oh How Good Is the Lord!** *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 16*

Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!  
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!  
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!  
I never will forget what He has done for me!

He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord  
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord  
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord  
I never will forget what He has done for me!

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**The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside**

*1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23*

Dear Parents,

**Big Question #1** is: "How Can I Know What God Is Like?" Your child is learning that "God Shows Us What He's Like... by the heart He gave us to know and love Him."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question can be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org)•

**Listening Assignments**

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

**Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who was the young man?**
- 2. What was the something special he had inside?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 63:1,5 ESV**

"O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water...My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips."

I need to find out:

- 1. Who had a soul thirsty for God?**
- 2. How did God satisfy his heart?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a tiger; a harp; a sling shot; a giant; a flashlight; and a lion.

*Hold up each of them for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?**
- 2. Which one did David use to praise God? How?**

***Answers found at end of the story.***

**The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside** 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**David was a shepherd boy. Day and night, he watched his father's sheep out in the hills to keep them safe.**

*Pretend like you are holding a shepherd's crook in one hand. Hold other hand over eyes and turn head as if you were looking around.*

**At night, David would sit out under the stars and think about God. God spoke to David in his heart as he thought about God and His Word, the Bible.**

**David knew God and loved Him. And David knew that God loved him, too. David played his harp and sang songs to God as he watched over the sheep.**

*Pretend to play harp.*

**Sometimes as David watched the sheep, a hungry lion or bear would come. They would sneak up and try to catch a sheep for their supper. Yum! Yum!**

*Can you roar like a lion or a bear?*

**A lion or bear could kill more than a sheep. They could kill David with their big, sharp teeth and claws. But David didn't run away. Why? Because David knew God in his heart. He believed God was with him and would help him to be the good shepherd He wanted David to be.**

**But was David right? WOULD God be with him? Would He help him...even against big, hungry lions and bears?**

*What do you think? Would God help David?*

**Yes, David WAS right! Yes, God WOULD help him! God gave David courage in his heart to stand up to those big, hungry animals.**

**But God gave David more than courage. He gave him a good shot with his sling, too! too! So, David went after those lions and bears instead of running away! He wasn't going to let them have a sheep supper! No!**

**He put a rock in his sling and swung it round and round his head. Then, at just the right moment, he let it go! Away the stone flew through the air towards the big, hungry bear. "Zingggggg!"**

**David's rock struck the fierce animal in just the right place! "Thump!" and down to the ground it went.**

**But sometimes even that wasn't enough! Sometimes the bear or lion would get back up and fight David. It wasn't going to give up its dinner that easily! Even then, God helped David. David would seize the fierce animal by the fur and kill it. Wow! Then at last, David would pull the poor, scared, woolly, wet bundle of sheepy fluff out of the animal's big, sloppy mouth and carry it off to safety.**

*Can you make a baa like a poor, scared sheep?*



*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**David praised God for helping him. "God, I am the shepherd that keeps my father's sheep safe, but You are the shepherd who takes care of me," David exclaimed. "I love You! Thank You for always being with me and helping me! You work in my heart. You help me do everything You want me to do," David prayed.**

**"Yes, because You are with me, I will not be afraid of anything...not even lions or bears...not even death! You will give me everything I need," David told God.**

**One day David's father had a special job for David. "Go and take food to your big brothers. They are away with the other men fighting our enemies, the Philistines. These enemies want to take over our land. They are strong and have big weapons that we don't have! It's going to be hard to beat them. Your brothers will need more food if they are going to fight well," he told David.**

**So David took the food and went walk, walk, walking off to where his brothers and the other men were fighting the Philistines.**

*Walk in place with David.*

**But when David got there, he was very surprised at what he saw. Yes, there were his big brothers and (20) the other men.**

**Yes, there were the strong enemies with all their weapons. But, NO ONE WAS FIGHTING!**

**Why was no one fighting? Because David's brothers and the other men were too busy looking and listening and trembling with fear at GOLIATH, the huge enemy who was yelling at them!**

**"One of you, come out here and fight me!" Goliath shouted at David's brothers and the other men. "If your man beats me, then your people win! But, if I beat your man, then our people win...and you have to give us YOUR land!" Goliath told them.**

**Yikes! No wonder no one was fighting! Who could beat Goliath?! He was nine feet tall (that's a lot taller than even your Daddy!) And oh, Goliath was so strong! And oh, Goliath had such big weapons...including a huge, heavy, sharp sword! Who would ever think they could fight this giant and win? Not David's brothers! Not the other men! Not even mighty King Saul, their king!**

**That's why David's brothers and the other men just stood there, trembling, as Goliath shouted at them again and again. And that's why when Goliath finished shouting, they all ran away in fear!**

*Make a scared face and run in place like you are running away!*

**No, there was not a single man who thought he was strong enough to fight Goliath and win!**

*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**When David reached his brothers, he listened to Goliath's shouting, too. He saw how tall Goliath was and how strong his weapons were. He knew Goliath was a lot stronger than him, too. But David wasn't scared by Goliath like David's brothers and the other men! No, David was not scared...he was MAD!**

*Make a mad face.*

**Goliath shouldn't say bad things about God! Goliath shouldn't say bad things about God's people! GOLIATH MUST BE STOPPED!**

**And David knew how...**

*What do you think David had in mind? How could Goliath be stopped?*

**David went to King Saul and told him, "Don't worry about big, tall Goliath! I'll fight him!"**

**King Saul was shocked. "David, you are not big like Goliath. You are not even as big as my men," King Saul told him. "You have no long, sharp sword or strong armor," he said.**

*Pretend to wave a big sword back and forth.*

**"Why aren't you scared to fight Goliath like the others? What hope do you have of beating him?" the king wanted to know. "How can you fight Goliath like this?"**

**David knew King Saul was right. He was younger and smaller than the rest of the men. He had no strong weapons. By himself, he knew he had NO CHANCE of beating Goliath. Yes, the king was right.**

**But David knew King Saul was wrong about something, too. King Saul was forgetting about their God! He was the one, true, living God. He could help His people beat their enemies...even mighty Goliath. David knew and loved God in his heart. David knew God would help him, just like He had before.**

*Put your hand over your heart.*

**"King Saul, I am a shepherd. God has protected me many times from lions and bears. He helped me fight them and win with just my sling," David told him. "Goliath is no different from a lion or bear. God will protect me. He will help me beat him, too," David told him. So David went out to fight Goliath.**

**"Ha, Ha, Ha!" Goliath laughed as he saw David come out to fight him. He called David bad names and made fun of him. What a joke! David was so young and small compared with the other soldiers. He didn't even wear any armor! Why, he didn't even carry a sword! He would get rid of puny, little kid in no time at all!**

*Make a loud, mocking laugh.*

**But David didn't care what Goliath said or thought. He knew God deep inside his heart. He trusted in Him. "I have come in the Name of the Living God! He will help me strike you down!" David shouted back to Goliath.**

**Then David went down to the stream and picked up five, smooth stones. He put one in his sling. He swung his sling round and round his head and then let the first stone go. "Zingggggg!"**

*Count from 1 to 5 as you stoop over and pretend to pick up five stones. Then make circular motion over head as if winding up the sling and letting it go.*

*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

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**The stone went whizzing fast through the air and hit Goliath, “Thump!”, right on the forehead.**

*Thump your head with the palm of your hand.*

**Down, down, down, Goliath fell. He hit the ground with a great, big thud. Then David took Goliath’s very own sword and killed him. When the rest of the enemies saw that the LORD had helped David beat big Goliath, they ran away scared... with King Saul, David’s big brothers and the other men chasing them all the way back home!**

*Run in place.*

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**How David’s brothers and the other men praised God when it was all over! How David praised God, too! David knew and loved God in his heart. He had believed God would give him victory...and God certainly did! And now everyone else—even all those enemies—could see that the LORD really was the one, true, living God, too.**

*Let’s raise our arms and praise God, too! Yay!*

**Cracking the Case:** (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

**1. Who was the young man?** David.

**2. What was the something special he had inside?**

A heart to know and love God, given to him by God. A heart filled with the special happiness that only God can give.

**For You and Me:**

Just like David, God has given us a heart to know and love Him. We can ask God to show us what He's like and help us to know and love Him. We can ask God to give us His special kind of happy like He gave David.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**

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**1. Who had a soul thirsty for God? David did.**

**2. How did God satisfy his heart?** David spent time learning about God, thinking about God, talking to God, and living for God. As he did, God worked in David's heart, satisfying him, giving him the special kind of happy that comes only from God.

**For You and Me:**

Just like David, God wants us to learn about Him, think about Him, talk with Him and live for Him. He wants to satisfy our hearts with Himself and His special kind of happy like He gave to David. We can ask Him to help us.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

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**1. Which four belong in our story?**

The harp, sling shot, giant and lion.

**2. Which one did David use to praise God? How?**

David used the harp to praise God. He thought about God and sang songs of praise from his heart as he played his harp.

**For You and Me:**

David thought about God and sang praises to Him. God worked in his heart, helping David know and love Him. God can help us know and love Him, too, as we think about Him and praise Him.

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

**Our Bible Truth is:**

**How Can I Know What God Is Like?**

**He Shows Me What He's Like...**

**by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!**

God gave each of us a heart to know and love Him, too. He wants us to say "no" to disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God will forgive our sins and save us! He will live in our hearts, helping us know Him now. He can satisfy our heart, giving us a special kind of happy only He can give. And one day, we will go to live with Him in heaven forever. That will be best of all!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

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**Big Question 1, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts****P.7****UNIT 1: The God Who Reveals Himself**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** “How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He’s Like!”

**Unit Bible Verse:** “He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man...the LORD God Almighty is his name.” Amos 4:13

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- C** In our hearts, we know that You are God and we should obey You, but many times we don’t want to. We like to do things our own way. Please forgive us. Please change our hearts so that we want to know and obey You.
- T** Thank You for helping us to learn more about You. Thank You for wanting us to know You.
- 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. Put in our hearts the special kind of happy that only You can give. Help us to go and tell others what we’ve learned. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside**

*1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 1 Song

Big Question 1 Song

Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song: "The LORD Reveals His Thoughts to Man" Amos 4:13

Big Question 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh! Oh! Oh! How Good is the Lord

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: "As the Deer" Psalm 42:1-2

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