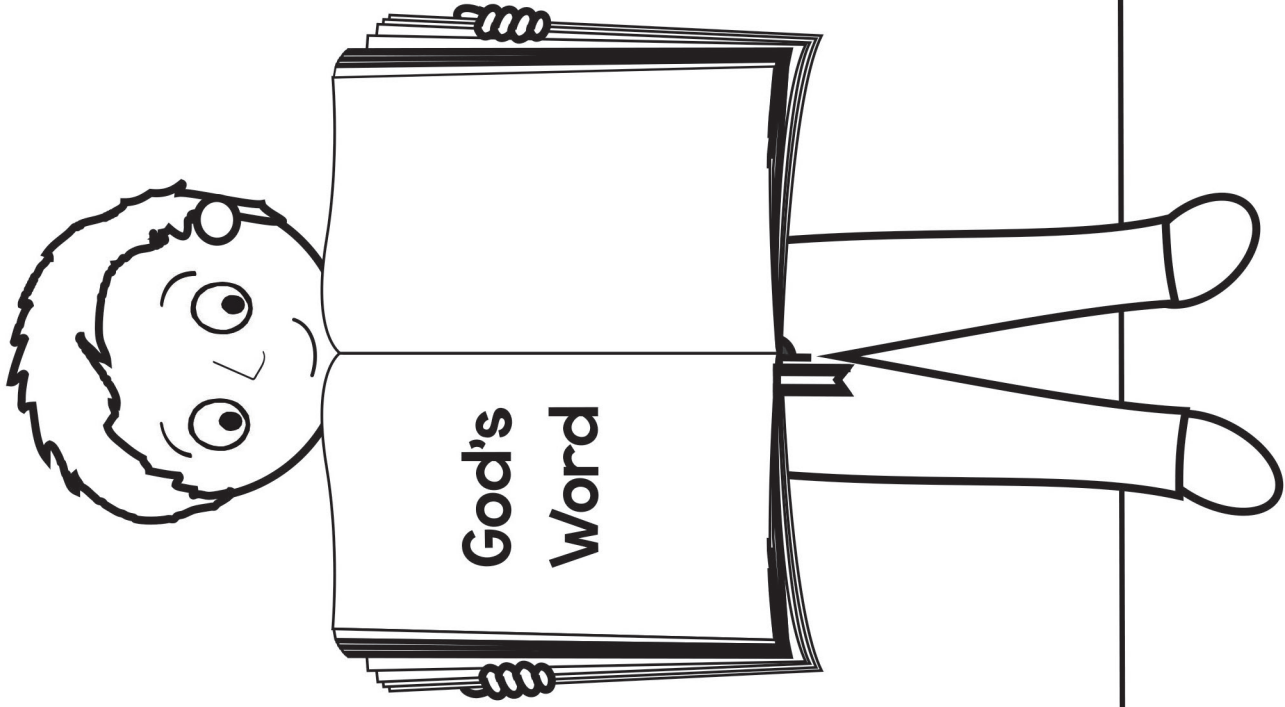


CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...



In the ----- the perfect Word of God!
HINT: What is name of the book that is God's Word?

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



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

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...in the Bible, the perfect Word of God!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

The Bible is God's Word. God used many people to write down His Word just right. The Bible is filled with stories about God, His plans, and the wonderful things He has done for us. When we read the Bible, God shows us what He is like and fills our hearts with truth about Him. We see how great God is, how good God is, and how wonderful is His love for people like you and me!

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

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law...The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands." --- Psalm 119:18,72-73

Some Questions for You

1. What is the name we give for God's Word written down? *The Bible.*
2. Who did God use to write down His Word, the Bible? *Many people.*
3. How did they write it down? *The Holy Spirit helped them to write it down perfectly.*
4. Who are the stories in the Bible about? *God and what He has done/is doing for His people.*
5. What does God show us when we read the Bible? *He shows us what He is like. He is great. He is good. His wonderful love for His people.*
6. What does God fill our hearts with when we read/listen to the Bible being read? *With truth.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise you for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** God, You show us in the Bible who You are and how You want us to live, but many times we don't act like we want to know You. Many times we don't obey Your good ways. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us the Bible to know You and Your good ways better.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to know what You are like when we hear Your Word, the Bible. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. 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

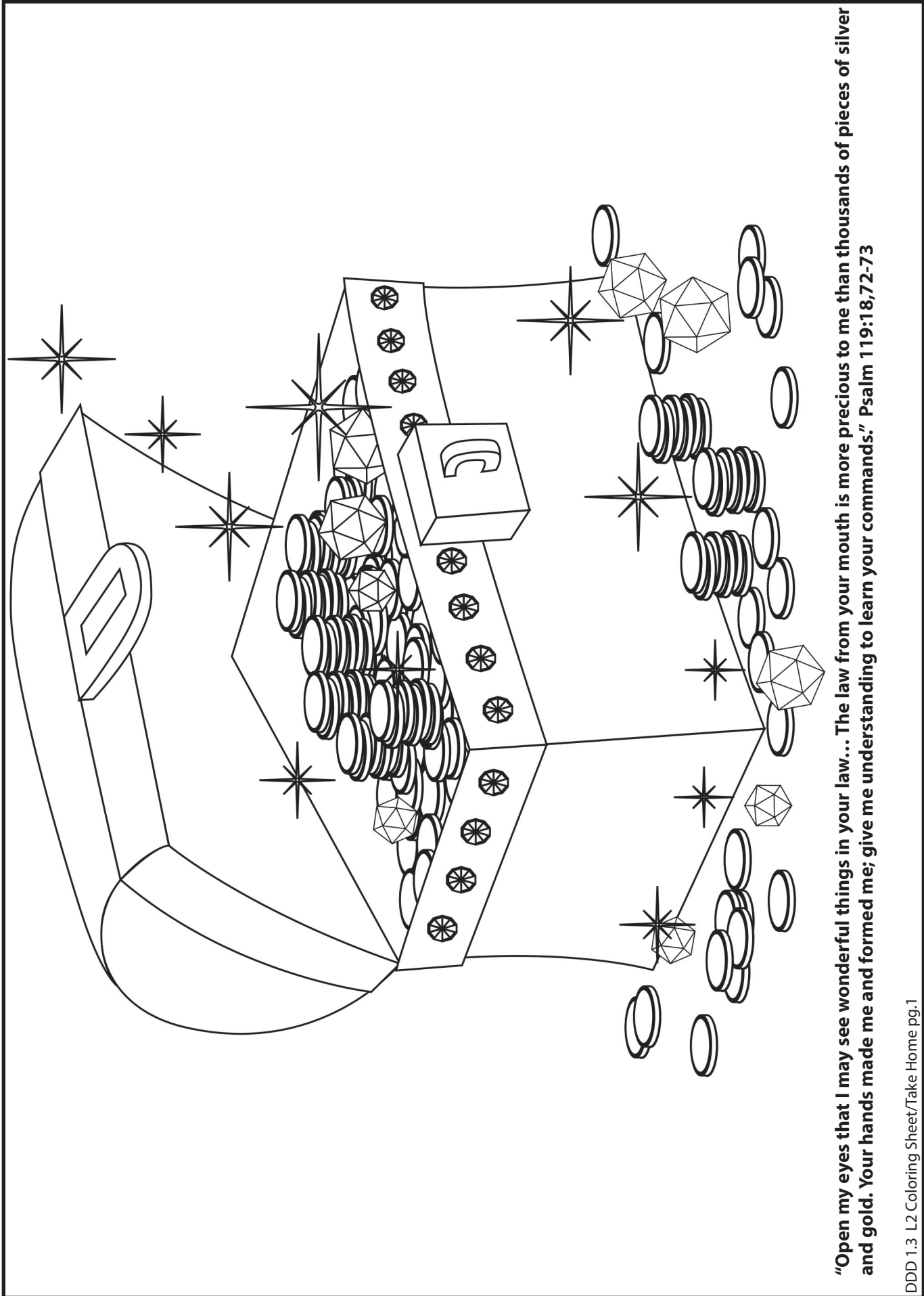
Verse 2:

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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DDD BQ 1 BT 3 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law... The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.” Psalm 119:18,72-73

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 3, 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!

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law... The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands."
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Learn a Little: "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."

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Some Questions for You

1. What kind of eyes do we need God to open for us to see wonderful things in God's law? *Not our actual eyeballs, but the "eyes" of our spirit, our heart. Our spirit—or heart—doesn't really have eyes, like the ones we look around the room with. No! It's just a way of saying, help us to understand God's Word.*
2. Why do we need God's help to "see" wonderful things in God's law? *Because we are sinners, our hearts do not understand God's Word without God's help. God sends His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us to understand His law.*
3. What is God's law? *Is it just a bunch of rules? God's law is another way of saying the whole Bible. (Unless you are reading a part of the Bible that is talking just about laws God gave—then it is talking about God's actual laws).*
4. What kind of wonderful things are in God's law? *God shows us what He's like; His plans for this world and His people; the way to be saved; how He wants His people to live; and so much more.*
5. How is the Bible God's Word from His mouth? *God gave His words to godly people to write down just right. Sometimes He did speak aloud to men, like Moses. Many times, He spoke to them by His Holy Spirit whispering it into their hearts.*
6. What makes God's law worth more than a thousand pieces of silver or gold? *It alone is the perfect Word of God. Without it, we would not know so many things about God. Without it, we would not have the stories of Jesus and how to be saved.*

Let's Pray!

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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Open My Eyes from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 19*

Refrain:

Open my eyes that I may see,
Wonderful things in your law.
Open my eyes that I may see,
Wonderful things in your law.

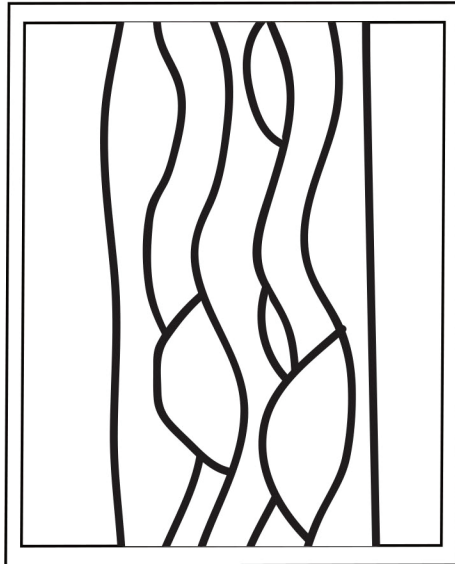
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Give me understanding to learn your commands. *Refrain*

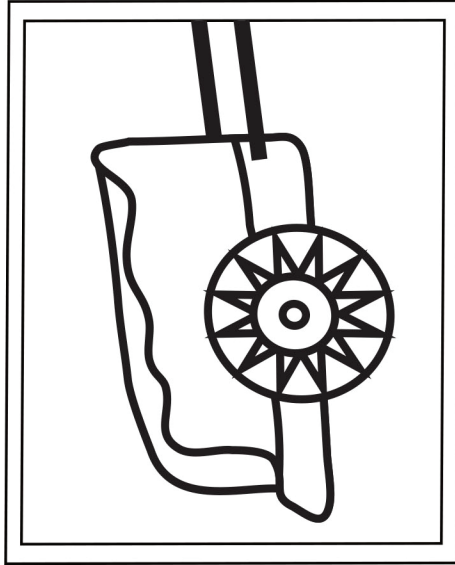
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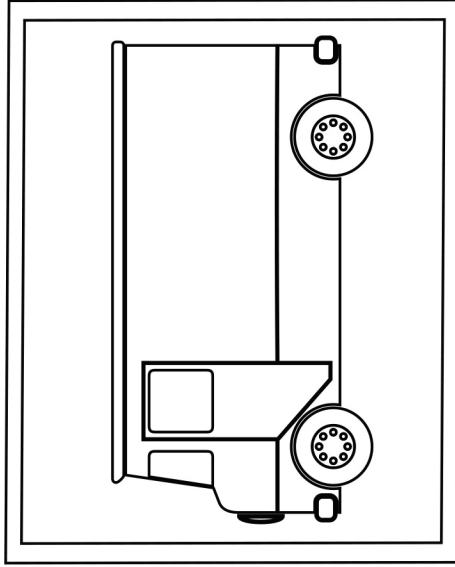
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the ones that belong.



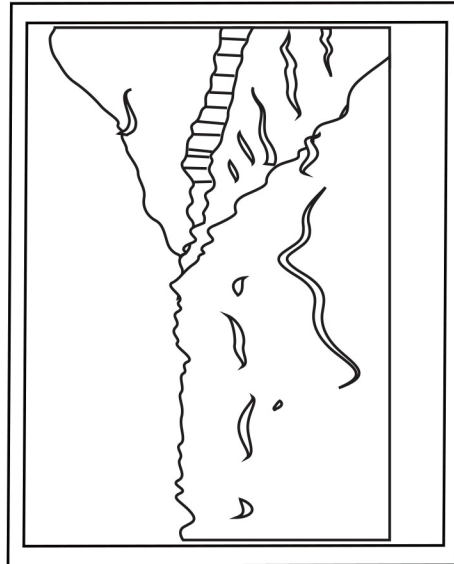
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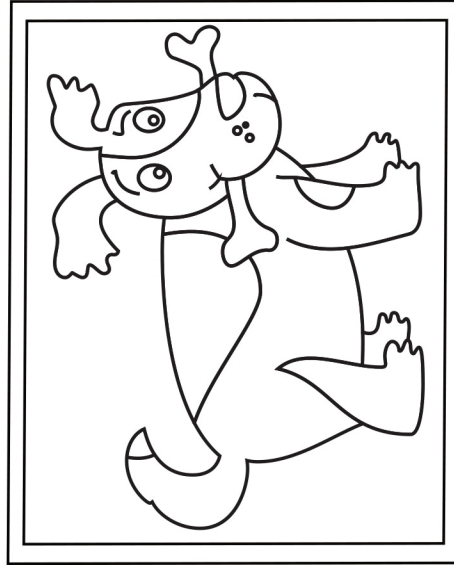
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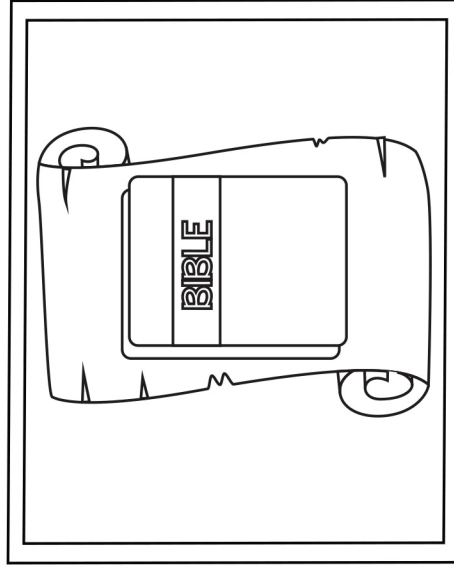
A Truck



A Dusty Road



A Dog



A Scroll (Bible)

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



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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a stream; a chariot; a truck; a dusty road; a dog; and a scroll of God's Word.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The stream; the chariot; the dusty road; and the scroll.

2. Who confessed his sins and asked Jesus to be his Savior? How did God answer his prayers? *The African man confessed his sins and asked Jesus to be his Savior. God forgave his sins and made him one of His dearly loved people!*

3. Where did the African man learn about God's promises to send a Savior? *In the Bible, God's Word.*

4. Where can we read about God's promises to send a Savior? *In the Bible, God's Word.*

5. Who can help us understand and believe these promises? *Our teachers, parents and pastors can help you. And, we can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in our heart that we might understand and believe. He loves to answer these prayers!*

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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.

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.

Words: Henry van Dyke Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

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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Deep Down Devotions: Unit 1, Bible Truth 3 Story Concepts**P.1****The Case of the Word on Wheels***Acts 8*

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... in the Bible, the perfect Word of God."

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•

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 on wheels?**
- 2. Whose word was he reading? What happened when he read it?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 119:18,72-73**

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law... The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands."

I need to find out:

- 1. This Bible verse is a prayer for God to help us understand His Word. Who wanted to understand God's Word in our story?**
- 2. Who helped him understand God's Word? What happened?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

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

They are: a stream; a chariot; a truck; a dusty road; a dog; and a scroll of God's Word.

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. Who confessed his sins and asked Jesus to be his Savior? How did God answer his prayers?**

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Listening Assignments answers; the gospel; and, an ACTS prayer are included with the story text at the end.

The Case of the Word on Wheels *Acts 8**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

God used many godly people to write down His words in the Bible.

He had them write down prayers to Him and songs to Him. He had them write down stories of the great things He's done in this world; and, His plans and promises yet to come. But the very best thing God gave godly people to write down in the Bible was how He loved much He loved the sinful people of this world and promised to send His very own Son to be their Savior.

Can you tell me the name of God's Son? It's Jesus!

Yes, God promised to send His Son, Jesus to save us from our sins. He would do for us what we could never do for ourselves! Jesus would come to earth. He would live a perfect life--one that never, ever disobeyed God. Then Jesus would give up that beautiful, perfect life as He suffered and died on the cross. His life would be the complete payment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and put their trust in Him as their Savior. Then on the third day, Jesus would rise up from the dead, showing that He had really beaten sin and death!

This would be how we could become God's dearly loved people. This would be how we could know special closeness with God in our hearts. And this would be how, after we die, we could get to live with God forever. These were the amazing promises that God made to ALL who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

What great news this was! And it was news that everyone needed to hear. And that's why God had godly people write it down in His Word, the Bible. So that people, in every place and from every time, might be able to hear it, and read it, and believe it. God wanted them to become His people!

Philip was a man who heard and read God's promises in the Bible. He believed that Jesus was the Savior God had promised to send.

Philip had been one of Jesus' closest friends--one of His twelve disciples. For three years Philip had listened to Jesus teach and had watched the amazing things Jesus did. Philip had been there on that sad, sad day when Jesus suffered and died on the cross. And he had been there on that happy, happy, third day, when Jesus rose from the dead in victory over sin and death!

Jesus showed Philip and the other disciples how God had answered all His promises to send a Savior through His life and death. They called this "the gospel"--a Bible word meaning good news...because of course that is exactly what this was--- the best "good news" ever! Jesus had made the way to bring us to God!

But Jesus coming was just the first part of God's plan. There was much more to come, and God would use Philip and the other disciples to carry it out.

What do you think God might have planned for Philip and the others do next?

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

There was only one thing to do with this good news--tell it! Now it was time to spread it, far and wide! "Go into all the world and tell them the gospel! Teach them about Me! Show them how to live for Me!" Jesus told the disciples. So that's just what they did.

Some of the disciples stayed right there in Jerusalem and kept telling the gospel to the people who lived there. But many others went to faraway places to share the good news of Jesus. Philip was one of these. He went to a faraway place called Samaria.

One day, God sent an angel to give Philip a special job: "Philip," the angel said, "The Lord wants you to walk down the old road that goes to Gaza."

Hmmm... this was a bit odd. Almost no one took that old road anymore. They take the new road to Gaza instead. Philip didn't know why God wanted him to go down that road, but he did it anyway. He got up and started walking down that hot, dusty, lonely, old road.

Can you pretend to walk down a long, hot, dusty road?

It didn't take long for Philip to know why God sent him there. Up in the distance, Philip saw a cloud of dust. A chariot pulled by beautiful horses was rumbling down that old Gaza road.

What do beautiful, prancing horses look like?

And who should be riding in that chariot? It was none other than the Treasurer of Ethiopia (a country in Africa). This man had the job of taking care of Queen Candace's money. I bet that was a lot of money!

What a very important man this Treasurer was! He had been travelled all the way to Jerusalem to worship at God's worship house, the Temple. Now he was headed back home to Africa.

As his servant drove the chariot and horses, the Treasurer sat reading from a big, fat scroll of rolled up paper. It was a book. (That's how long books were written back then.) It was part of God's Word, the Bible. And I bet you can guess what God wanted Philip to do next? Can you?

What do you think God wanted Philip to do?

The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip and said, "Run up to that chariot." So Philip did.

When Philip got right next to the chariot, he could hear what the man was reading.

Can you guess who Philip heard that man reading about?

It was some of those promises God had godly people write down in the Bible about Jesus! Now Philip knew why God had sent him down that lonely road. It was to tell this man about Jesus!

"Sir, do you understand what you are reading from the Bible?" Philip asked him.

"No, I don't! Do you? Will you sit up here with me in my chariot and help me?" the Treasurer asked Philip. "Yes, of course," Philip happily agreed.

So Philip climbed up into the chariot and sat down next to the man and away they rode.

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

Philip explained many of the promises about Jesus in God’s Word, starting with the very one he had been reading. And what do you think happened as that man listened to Philip?

Who do you think started working in that man’s heart as he listened?

The Holy Spirit worked in the man’s heart as he listened to Philip!

He heard the good news about Jesus and he believed. “I believe in Jesus. I want to turn away from my sins. I want Him to be my Savior. I want Him to take away the punishment for my sins;” he told Philip.

Right then and there, God changed that man’s life. His sins were forgiven and the Holy Spirit filled his heart with special closeness with God. Philip and the man were both very happy.

The chariot bumped along as Philip and the man talked. Past dry, scruffy bushes. Past hot rocks and wriggly lizards. Past little hills with brown grasses until at last they came to some water.

Suddenly, the Treasurer yelled out! “Stop this chariot! NOW!!!!!!” The servant obeyed, but what was going on?

Why do you think the Treasurer wanted to stop by the river?

The servant stopped the chariot. Perhaps he thought his master wanted a drink of water for his dry mouth; or, to cool off his hot face in the refreshing water. But no! There was something else this man wanted to do with that water.

Can you guess what he wanted to do?

The Treasurer wanted to be baptized!

That’s what people were supposed to do to show that they were choosing to live a new life of trusting in Jesus and living for Him. So that’s exactly what this man wanted to do!

Turning to Philip, the man asked, “Here is water. Is there any reason why I can’t be baptized? I believe in Jesus. I want to love God and obey His Word the rest of my life!”

Philip agreed. They both climbed down from the chariot and waded into the water.

Philip baptized the man by dipping him down into the water, then raising him back up again.

The man got back in the chariot and went rejoicing on his way down that bumpy, dusty road towards his home in Africa. And why shouldn’t he be rejoicing? He knew the promises of God’s Word and understood what they meant. He believed in Jesus and had become one of God’s people. He would always be God’s forever.

He could go back to Africa and tell others about God’s promises, too. Now that is a lot to be happy about!

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 on wheels? The African man.
2. Whose word was he reading? What happened when he read it? He was reading God's Word, the Bible. He didn't understand who the promises were about until God sent Philip to help him understand. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart and he was saved.

For You and Me:

Like the African man, God has given us His Word, the Bible. We can read it and learn about God's promises about Jesus in it. We can ask our teachers and our parents to help us understand what we hear. We can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:
Our Bible Verse is Psalm 119:18,72-73**

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I need to find out:

1. This Bible verse is a prayer for God to help us understand His Word. Who wanted to understand God's Word in our story? The African man.
2. Who helped him understand God's Word? What happened? Philip and God's Holy Spirit. Philip helped the man understand that these promises were about Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart and helped him trust in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:

God wants us to understand His Word, too. He wants us to see how Jesus came and made all these promises come true. We can ask God to help us to understand His Word; and, help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior, too.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a stream; a chariot; a truck; a dusty road; a dog; and a scroll of God's Word.

1. Which four belong in our story?

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The African man confessed his sins and asked Jesus to be his Savior. God forgave his sins and made him one of His dearly loved people!

For You and Me:

Like the African man, we can confess our sins to God. We can trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can be one of God's dearly loved people. God loves to help us do this! Ask Him!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:**

How Can I Know What God Is Like?

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in the Bible, the perfect Word of God!

The man from Africa was so excited to hear about Jesus from God's Word, the Bible! He rejoiced to hear that God promises to save all who say "no" to disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The man from Africa did this. We can do this, too! When we do, God will forgive our sins and we can enjoy wonderful, special closeness with God now and forever.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

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Big Question 1, Bible Truth 3 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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Bible Truth 3 Story**The Case of the Word on Wheels**

Acts 8

Songs Used in Bible Truth 3

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 3 Bible Verse Song: Open My Eyes Psalm 119:18,72-73

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