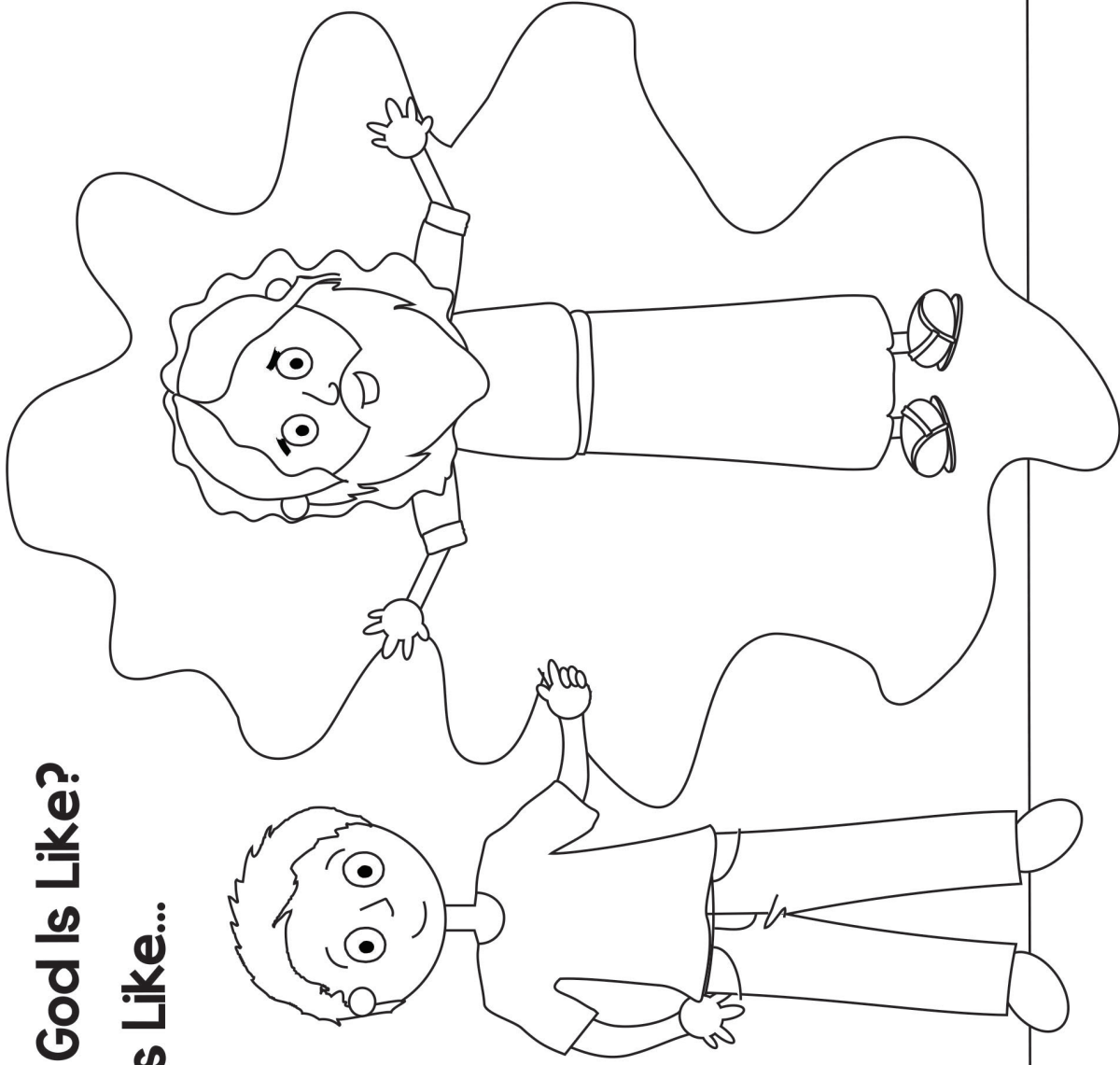


CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4?

**How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
through His very own
Son, ???!**

HINT: It starts with a "J"!



ANSWER:

through His very own Son, -----!

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1



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

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

When Jesus came to earth, He showed us what God is like. Jesus never, ever disobeyed God. He showed that God is perfectly good. Jesus always told people what was true and right. He showed that God is perfectly wise. He could heal people and calm big storms with just His word. He showed us that God is all-powerful. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people. He showed that God hates sin, but is full of love and mercy. Jesus shows us what God is like more than anything else because Jesus is God.

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

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." --- John 14:9

Some Questions for You

1. Who did Jesus show us when He came to earth to live? *God.*
2. Does God ever do bad things? *No. Did Jesus? No. Jesus is God. He is completely good.*
3. Does God ever tell someone the wrong thing to do? *No. Does Jesus? No. He is God. He is completely wise.*
4. How did Jesus show He was all powerful just like God His Father? *He healed people and calmed storms with just His words. He took the punishment for all who trust in Him to be their Savior when He died on the cross.*
5. Who shows us better than anyone else what God is like? *Jesus does, because He is God.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
- C** God, when we think about Jesus we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us through Jesus.
- T** Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.
- 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 read about Jesus in 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 ESV 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 ESV 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!

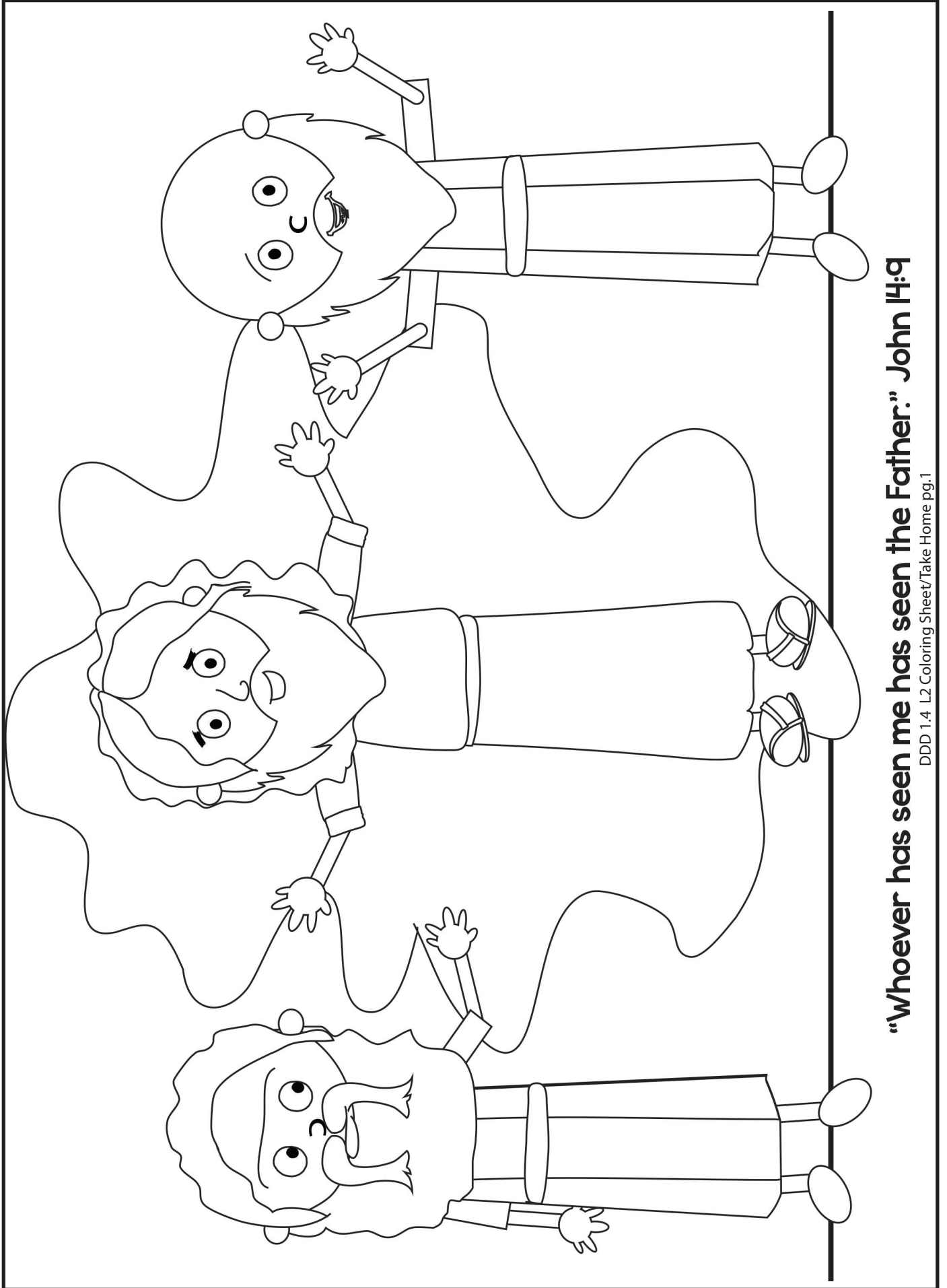
Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God, *place hand over heart*
 He made everything I see. *cup hand over eye & look around*
 Big tall mountain, galloping horses, *gallop in place*
 Every little bird and bee. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word, *make open book with flat hands*
 To learn of His might deeds, *hold up flexed arm*
 But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,
 God shows Himself to me. *Refrain point to self*

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“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” John 14:9

DDD 1.4 L2 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 4, 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!

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." --- John 14:9, ESV

Learn a Little: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

Meaning

When Jesus lived on earth, people were amazed at everything He said and did. Jesus explained why: it was because He was God's Son who had come down from heaven to save us and bring us to God. When people listened to Jesus teach, they were listening to God teach. When they watched Jesus do amazing things, they were watching God do these amazing things. Jesus was showing them what God, His Father in heaven, was like. When we hear the stories of Jesus in the Bible, we can know more of what God is like, too!

Some Questions for You

1. Who did Jesus say we can look at to know what God, the Father, is like? *We can look at Him.*
2. What are some things that Jesus shows us about God, the Father? *That He is good and great. He knows all things and is perfectly wise. He can do whatever He wants to do and He is always right in what He does.*
3. Why is Jesus able to show us so much about what God, the Father, is like? *Because Jesus is God!*
4. Where can we read more about Jesus? *In the Bible, God's Word.*
5. What can we do if we want to know God? *We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
- C** God, when we think about Jesus we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us through Jesus.
- T** Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.
- 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 read about Jesus in 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 Our Bible Verse!

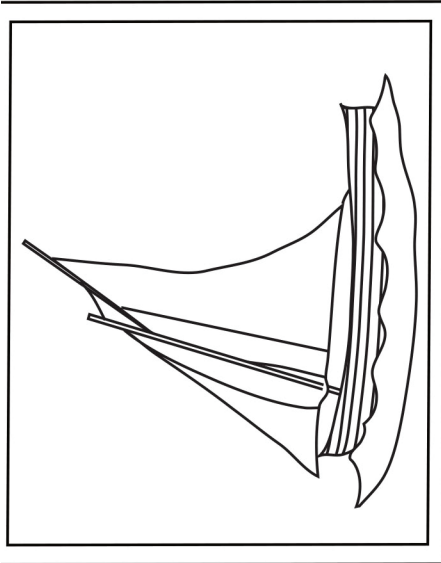
Whoever Has Seen Me, from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 1, track 27

Whoever has seen me,
Has seen the Father.
Whoever has seen me,
Has seen the Father.

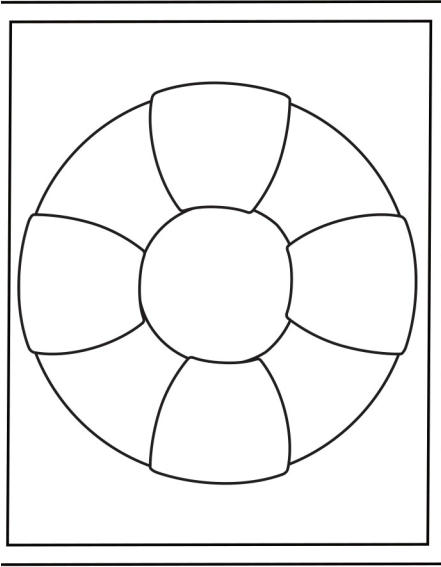
Whoever, Whoever,
Has seen me,
Has seen me,
Whoever has seen me,
Has seen the Father.
John Fourteen, verse nine.

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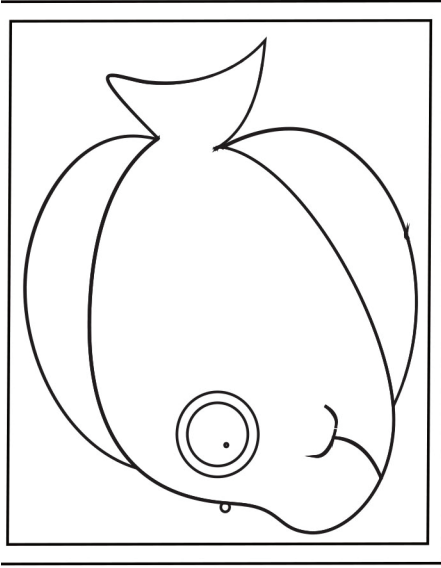
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the ones that belong.



A Boat



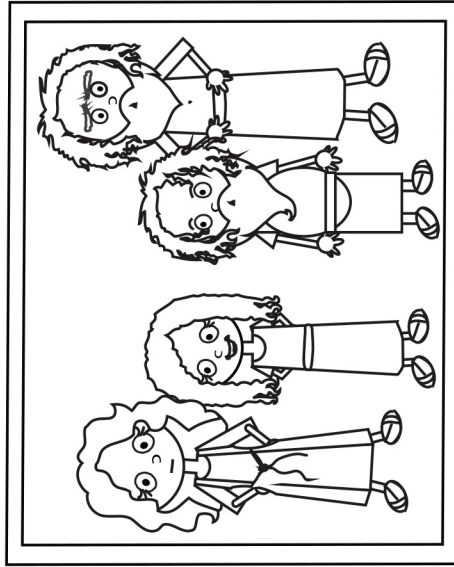
A Lifesaver



A Fish



The Wind



Some People



Waves

Answer: The boat, the wind, some people and the waves.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3



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

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

When Jesus came to earth, He showed us what God is like. Jesus never, ever disobeyed God. He showed that God is perfectly good. Jesus always told people what was true and right. He showed that God is perfectly wise. He could heal people and calm big storms with just His word. He showed us that God is all-powerful. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people. He showed that God hates sin, but is full of love and mercy. Jesus shows us what God is like more than anything else because Jesus is God.

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

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." --- John 14:9, ESV

Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a boat; a lifesaver; a fish; the wind; some people; and, some waves.

1. Which four belong in our story?

A boat; the wind; some people and some waves.

2. What amazing thing did Jesus do to the waves and the winds with just His words? Who is the only Person who can do things like this? *He calmed them with just His word. Only God can!*

3. Jesus wanted His disciples to put their trust in Him. Who did He want them to know He was?

He was God's Son, the Savior, sent to save them from their sins so that they could be God's dearly loved people forever.

4. What did the disciples and what do we need to do, if we are to be saved from our sins and become God's dearly loved people? *Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
- C** God, when we think about Jesus we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us through Jesus.
- T** Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.
- 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 read about Jesus in 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 Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 1, track 18

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.

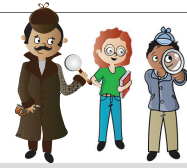
Words: Henry van Dyke Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh, Oh, Oh How Good Is the Lord! from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 1, track 19

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 One-of-the-Kind Man**

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

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... through His very own Son, Jesus Christ."

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 the One-of-a-Kind man?**
- 2. What made Him so different from everyone else?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is John 14:9:

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

I need to find out:

- 1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like?**
- 2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

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

They are: a boat; a lifesaver; a fish; the wind; some people; and, some waves.

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

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?**
- 2. What amazing thing did Jesus do to the waves and the winds with just His words? Who is the only Person who can do things like this?**

Answers found at end of the story.

The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man *Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25*

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

Jesus went to the big, beautiful Sea of Galilee. Jesus' disciples and many other people followed Him. They wanted to hear what Jesus had to tell them about God.

Step, step, into a bouncy boat Jesus went. He pushed it out from shore a little ways, then sat down. From the boat, Jesus would talk to everyone on the beach so they could see Him and hear Him.

All day long, the people listened to what Jesus had to say. They listened to Him as the sun started up in the sky in the morning. They listened to Him as the sun was hot and shone straight down on their heads. And they listened as the sun dipped down to the west at the end of the day.

Does all day seem like a very long time to be still and listen? Do you have a hard time being still and listening?

All day is a VERY long time to be still and listen; but, Jesus was worth it! Jesus was a One-of-a-Kind Man. Jesus was perfect! He never did anything wrong. And... He wasn't just a man. He was God's Son!

No one had ever talked about God the way Jesus did. And no one had ever done all the amazing things that Jesus did--like heal the sick, bring dead people back to life, and even forgive people's sins! Everything He did, and said, and even thought was good, and perfect, just like God, His Father. So when Jesus talked about God, the people couldn't wait to hear. They were happy to stay still on that beach all day, listening to Jesus. Oh, how they wanted to know God!

When evening came, Jesus said to His disciples: "Let's sail to the other side of the lake."

The disciples climbed in the boat with Jesus. They pulled on the ropes to raise the sails. Other people got in their own boats and went with them.

The sweet wind blew in the sails and the men took up the oars and rowed and rowed. Off the boats sailed over the gentle little waves of the Sea of Galilee.

I think those men were happy to row after being still and listening on that beach all day. I would be, wouldn't you? It would feel good to DO something.

What do you like to do after sitting still for a long time?

Yes, those men may have been happy for some work, but not Jesus. He was so tired! He couldn't keep His eyes open. He had been teaching all those people about God all day long. It was hard work!

So Jesus did what any of us would do if we had worked so hard and were so tired.

Can you guess what it was?

He slept!

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

Yes, Jesus lay down on a cushion in the back of the boat. The wind cooled his head, the waves rocked his body. Jesus closed his eyes and fell fast asleep. Ahhh!

But suddenly, that calm, peaceful evening changed--and changed very, very quickly. Down from the hills, a big, powerful wind began to blow. Whoosh it went across the lake and tossed up the water. The little waves which had been so gentle and soothing, grew bigger and bigger and stronger and stronger!

Crash, crash! The waves slapped the sides of the boats, tossing them up and down...and side to side. Whoosh! Whoosh! The wind grew even stronger! Crash! Crash! The waves grew even bigger. Now the waves weren't just hitting the sides of the boats...they were splashing INTO the boats. If this storm kept up, the boats would sink and everyone would drown! Everyone was so scared!

Have you ever been in a big storm? Were you scared?

Well, that's not quite right. Not EVERYONE was scared. There was one man in the boat with the disciples, in the middle of those big winds that went WHOOSH and those big waves that went CRASH... and He wasn't scared at all. It was that One-of-a-Kind Man, Jesus. What do you think He was doing?

Can you guess?

Jesus just kept on sleeping right through that big storm! He wasn't worried at all. He knew that God, His Father would take care of them. Jesus knew that even this storm was a part of His good and perfect plan to show His disciples and the others out in the storm that He was God's Son. Jesus kept right on sleeping, even as the storm kept right on raging.

And what did the disciples do? They kept right on panicking! Their boat was filling up with water. There was no way to dump it out fast enough. It was sinking lower and lower and lower into the water. Soon the boat would sink and they would drown out in those big waves! Help!!!!

What would you do, if you were in that storm?

The disciples scrambled their way to the back of that bouncing boat to where Jesus lay asleep and shouted, "Wake up! Wake up! Teacher, we're going to die in this storm! Don't You care?! Save us! Save us! (SB26) Do something!"

Jesus wasn't sleeping now. He woke up and came to their rescue. And what a rescue it would be! The kind of rescue that only the One-of-a-Kind Man could do.

Jesus stood up on His feet in that wobbly, bouncy boat and yelled out in a big voice. "Peace! Be still!" He said to the wild, whoshing wind. "Peace! Be still!" He said to the crushing, crashing waves.

And do you know what happened?

Can you guess?

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

The wind stopped its wild whooshing. And the waves stopped their crushing, crashing. And everything became as quiet and as still as they could be.

Jesus' disciples looked at each other, amazed at what they had seen Jesus do. They were afraid, too.

"Who is this Jesus that He can tell the wind and waves what to do and they obey Him!?" they asked each other. What makes Him such a One-of-a-Kind man?

But even as they asked the question, they knew the answer.

Do you know the answer?

Only God could tell the wind and waves what to do. Jesus wasn't just a man like them. He was a One-of-a-Kind Man. He was God's Son, sent to show the world what God is like and sent to be their Savior. God was using this windstorm to help Jesus' disciples begin to understand exactly who Jesus really was and put their trust in Him.

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 One-of-a-Kind man?** Jesus.
- 2. What made Him so different from everyone else?** Jesus was the only man who never disobeyed God. And Jesus was not just a man. He was the Son of God, too.

For You and Me:

Jesus shows us what God is like most of all because He is God's Son. There is no one like Him! And what did Jesus come to do? He came to save sinners from their sins and bring them to God. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can be God's people!

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is: John 14:9, ESV**

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

- 1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like?** Jesus.
- 2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?** Because Jesus is God! Yes, Jesus is God's Only Son.

For You and Me:

How amazing that God would send His only Son to show us what He's like... and to do even more than that! God sent Jesus to bring us to God--that is, to save us from our sins. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can be God's people!

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a boat; a lifesaver; a fish; the wind; some people; and, some waves.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The boat; the wind; some people; and some waves.

2. What amazing thing did Jesus do to the waves and the winds with just His words? Who is the only Person who can do things like this?

He calmed them with just His word. Only God can!

For You and Me:

Jesus showed the disciples that He was God's Son by calming the wind and waves with just His word. How powerful was Jesus! Why? Because Jesus is God! How even more powerful Jesus was when He beat sin and death. He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He rose from the dead on the third day! How powerful is the Son of God! We should praise Him and put our trust in Him as our mighty Savior!

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...****through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!**

Jesus showed God's mighty power when He calmed the storm with just His words! But Jesus did something that showed EVEN MORE of God's mighty power! Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as our Savior to pay for our sins. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead, showing that He had really beaten sin and death. Now that's mighty power!

If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can receive this wonderful of salvation from God. We can know special closeness with God in our hearts. And when we die, we can go to live with God forever.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
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Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 1, Bible Truth 4 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: “For behold, He who formed the mountains, creates the winds, and declares to man what is His thought. The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name.” Amos 4:13 ESV

Bible Truth 4 Concept: God Shows Me What He’s Like...through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

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Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: John 14:9

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

Learn a Little: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

Meaning:

When Jesus lived on earth, people were amazed at everything He said and did. Jesus explained why: it was because He was God’s Son who had come down from heaven to save us and bring us to God. When people listened to Jesus teach, they were listening to God teach. When they watched Jesus do amazing things, they were watching God do these amazing things. Jesus was showing them what God, His Father in heaven, was like. When we hear the stories of Jesus in the Bible, we can know more of what God is like, too!

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
- C** God, when we think about Jesus we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us through Jesus.
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Bible Truth 4 Story**The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man**

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Songs Used in Bible Truth 4

Big Q & A 1 Song

Big Question 1 Song

Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Declares Amos 4:13, ESV

Extra Big Question 1 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: He Who Declares His Thought Amos 4:13, ESV

Extra Big Question 1 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: He Who Forms the Mountain Amos 4:13, ESV

Extra Big Question 1 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Behold Amos 4:13, ESV

Extra Big Question 1 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: For Behold Amos 4:13, ESV

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

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

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: Anyone Who's Seen Me John 14:9, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse Song: The Son is the Radiance Hebrews 1:3, ESV

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