

# Hide 'n' Seek Kids

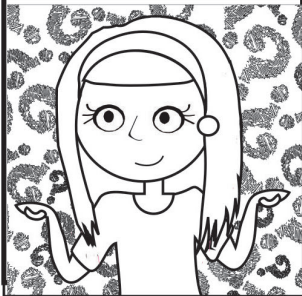
Unit 8 Take Home  
Resources

The God Who  
Loves

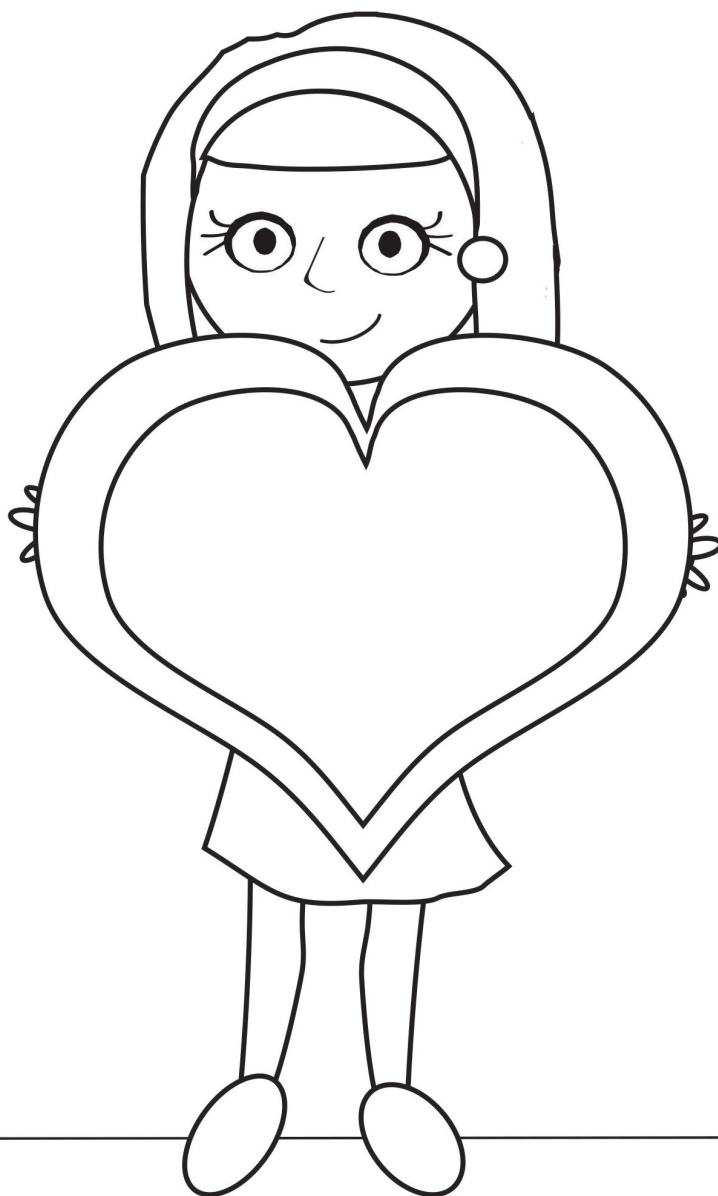




**BIG QUESTION 8**



**What is God's love  
for His people like?**



**ANSWER: It's more than they could  
ever deserve!**



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## Big Question 8, Lesson 1 Take Home Sheet

**Big Question 8:** What Is God's Love for His People Like?

**Answer:** It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

### Meaning:

God has a special people He loves. They come from all over the world. They've lived in every time --from long ago, all the way up to today. And there's millions and millions of them!

There is nothing better than being one of God's special people! God has adopted them as His children. He promises to love and care for them always. They have special closeness with Him in their hearts; and one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever.

God's people know His love for them is more than they could ever deserve. They know God didn't make them His special people because they were so good. They are sinners who have disobeyed His good laws, just like everyone else. They know that God loves them just because He loves them.

God's love for His people is the biggest love there will ever be. It's so big that God sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to pay for their sins. That was the only way they could become His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

### Some Questions for You

#### 1. Can You Fix the Big Question and Answer?

What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's No More than They Deserve!

*No. That's not right! Answer: What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's MORE than They COULD EVER Deserve!*

#### 2. How can we enjoy God's wonderful love? By becoming one of God's people.

**3. How can we become one of God's people?** *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. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve.
- C** God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Let's Sing Our Big Question and Answer!

**Big Q & A 8 Song** from *Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 8, track 12*

What is God's love for His people like?  
More than they could ever deserve!  
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More than they could ever deserve!

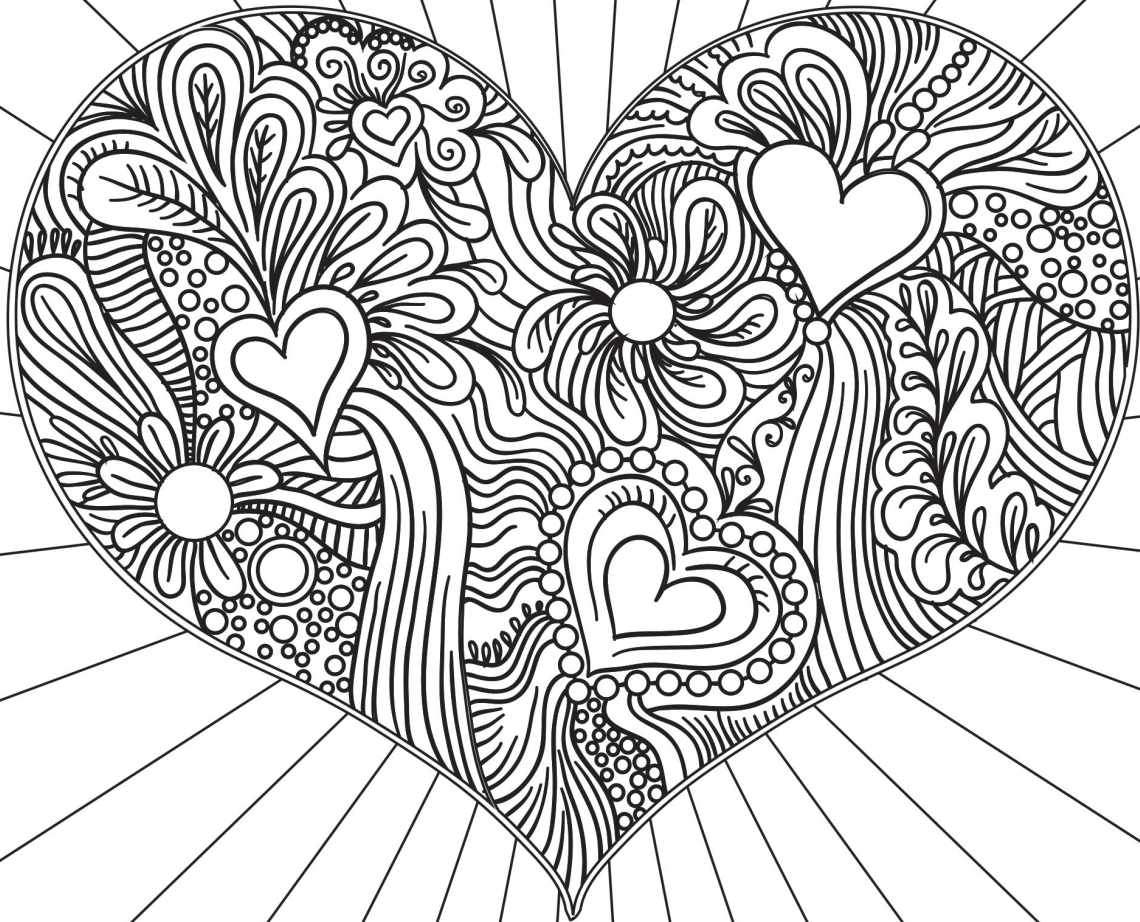
#### Song Question:

**What Is God's Love for His People Like?**

**Answer:** *It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!*

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**"Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good;**



**his love endures forever!"  
I Chronicles 16:34**





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## Big Question 8, Lesson 2 Take Home Sheet

**Big Question 8:** What Is God's Love for His People Like?

**Answer:** It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

**Meaning:**

The LORD is God's name. The LORD loves His people with a love that will never end. How wonderful to know a love like that! And we all can, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Don't we have so much to thank the LORD for!

**Some Questions for You**

**1. What's the missing word to the Bible verse?**

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures \_\_\_\_!"

*Answer: Forever.*

**2. Why do God's people want to thank Him?** *Because His love for them goes on forever and ever. It never ends!*

**Let's Pray!**

- A** We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve.
- C** God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!**

**Big Question 8 Bible Verse Song** *from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 8, track 14*

**Forever and Ever: 1 Chronicles 16:34**

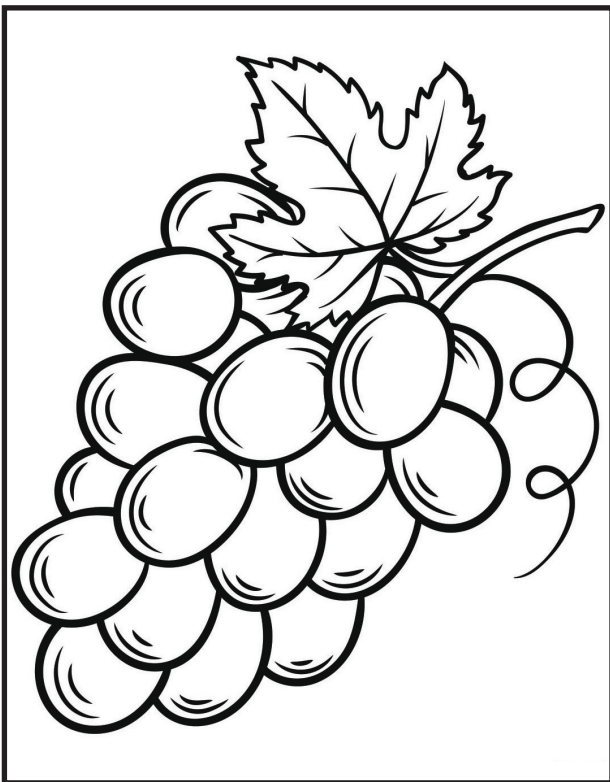
Forever and ever,  
The LORD's love endures forever.  
Forever and ever,  
The LORD's love endures forever.  
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**Song Question: How have you seen God's goodness? What can you thank Him for? Who do God's people thank Him for most of all?** *For Jesus, His Son, who He sent to suffer and die on the cross to save them from their sins. We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

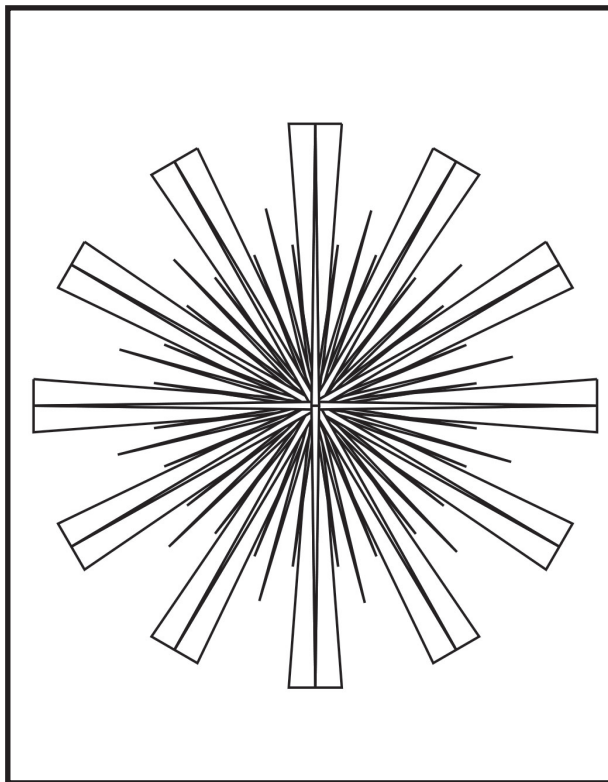
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Which of these three things were in the story? How were they important?

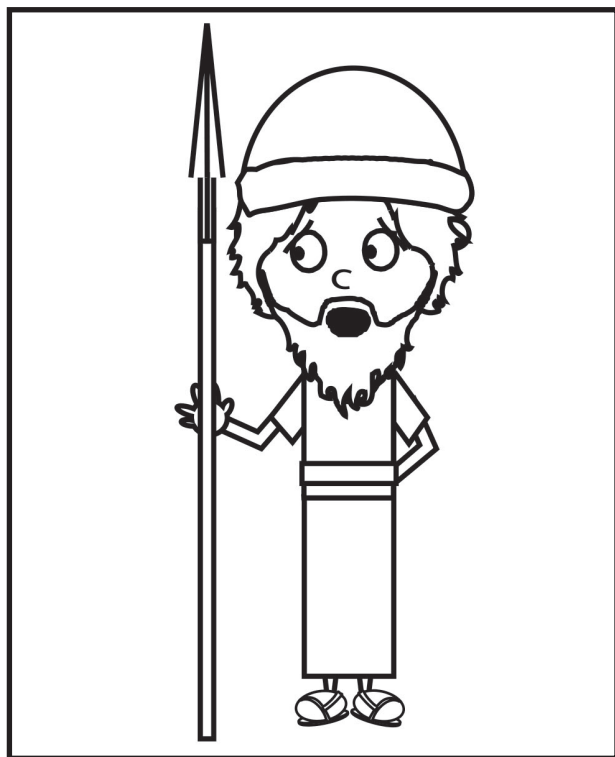
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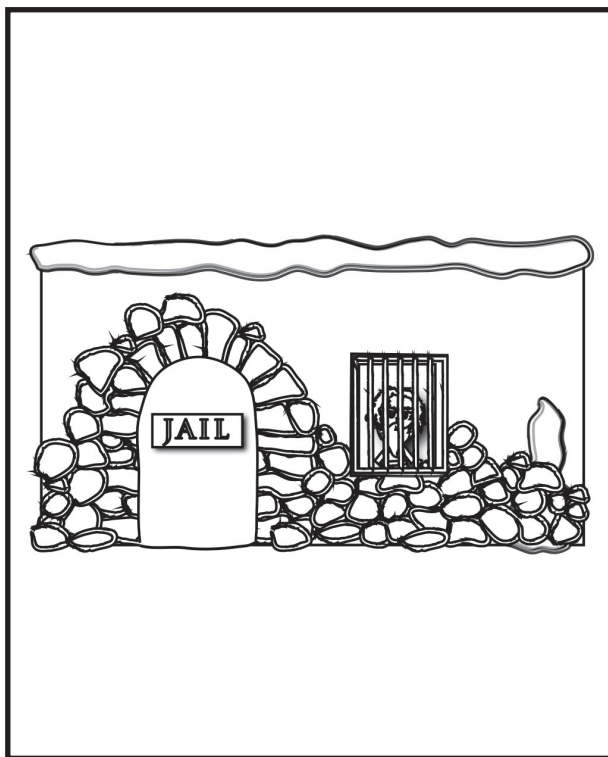
☐ Grapes



☐ Bright Light



☐ Soldier



☐ Jail

Answers: 1. All but the grapes. 2. Saul hated Jesus and his followers and was putting them in jail. He took soldiers with him to get more Christians and put them in jail. But Jesus appeared to Saul in a bright light and Saul believed that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior.



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## Big Question 8, Lesson 3 Take Home Sheet

**Big Question 8:** What Is God's Love for His People Like?

**Answer:** It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

### Meaning:

God has a special people He loves. They come from all over the world. They've lived in every time --from long ago, all the way up to today. And there's millions and millions of them! There is nothing better than being one of God's special people! God has adopted them as His children. He promises to love and care for them always. They have special closeness with Him in their hearts; and one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. God's people know His love for them is more than they could ever deserve. They know God didn't make them His special people because they were so good. They are sinners who have disobeyed His good laws, just like everyone else. They know that God loves them just because He loves them. God's love for His people is the biggest love there will ever be. It's so big that God sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to pay for their sins. That was the only way they could become His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

### Some Questions for You

- 1. Who did Saul hate and want to put in jail?** *The Christians--the people who put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. He took the soldiers with him to help get them and put them in jail.*
- 2. Who appeared to Saul in a bright light?** *Jesus did.*
- 3. What did Saul do after he saw Jesus?** *He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.*
- 4. How was God's love for Saul more than he could ever deserve?** *God forgave all of Saul's sins--even hurting His people. And, He made Saul one of His very own people, too!*
- 5. How can we become one of God's people like Saul?** *We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve.
- C** God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Let's Sing about Our Big Question and Answer!

#### Big Question 8 (Action Rhyme) Song *from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 8, track 13*

What is God's love for His people like?  
What is God's love for His people like?  
What is God's love for His people like?  
It's more than they could ever deserve.

*Place hand over  
your heart*

#### Verse 1

God loves His people from all places,  
from all times, with ev'ry kind of faces.  
God loves His people from ev'ry nation,  
And He loves them all through Jesus Christ.

*Touch your face*

#### Refrain

*God's love for His people is more than they could ever deserve.  
God's love for His people is more than they could ever deserve.*

#### Verse 2

God loved His people before the beginning,  
Even before they were repenting and  
believing,  
God loved His people from ev'ry nation,  
And He loved them all through Jesus Christ.

*Stretch your  
hands out wide  
to include people  
from every nation*

#### Verse 3

God loved His people, He sent Jesus,  
To save them, so forever they would be His,  
God loves His people from ev'ry nation,  
And He always will through Jesus Christ.

*Make cross with  
your index fingers*

**Song Question:** Where do God's people come from? *Answer: All places, every nation. God's people include people from everywhere on earth.*

HSK BQ8 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.2

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# Thank You, God!



Saul gave thanks to the LORD for His amazing love. Saul had hated Jesus and Jesus' followers, the Christians. He did mean things to them and put them in jail. But when Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior, God forgave him and made him one of His people. God's love for Saul was truly more than he could ever deserve! Saul spent the rest of his life telling others how they could know the wonderful love of God through Jesus.

HSK BQ 8 L4 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1



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### Big Question 8 Lesson 4 Take Home Sheet

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God's love for His people is the biggest love there will ever be. It's so big that God sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to pay for their sins. That was the only way they could become His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

#### Some Questions for You

- 1. What's something we can thank God for?** *For offering to love us far more than we can ever deserve! For sending Jesus to save us from our sins so that we can be forgiven and become God's people.*
- 2. What do we need to do for God to forgive us our sins? How can we become one of God's people?** *We can talk to God and tell Him our sins. We can ask Him to forgive us. And, we can ask Him to work in our heart and help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer prayers like these!*

#### Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve.
- C** God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

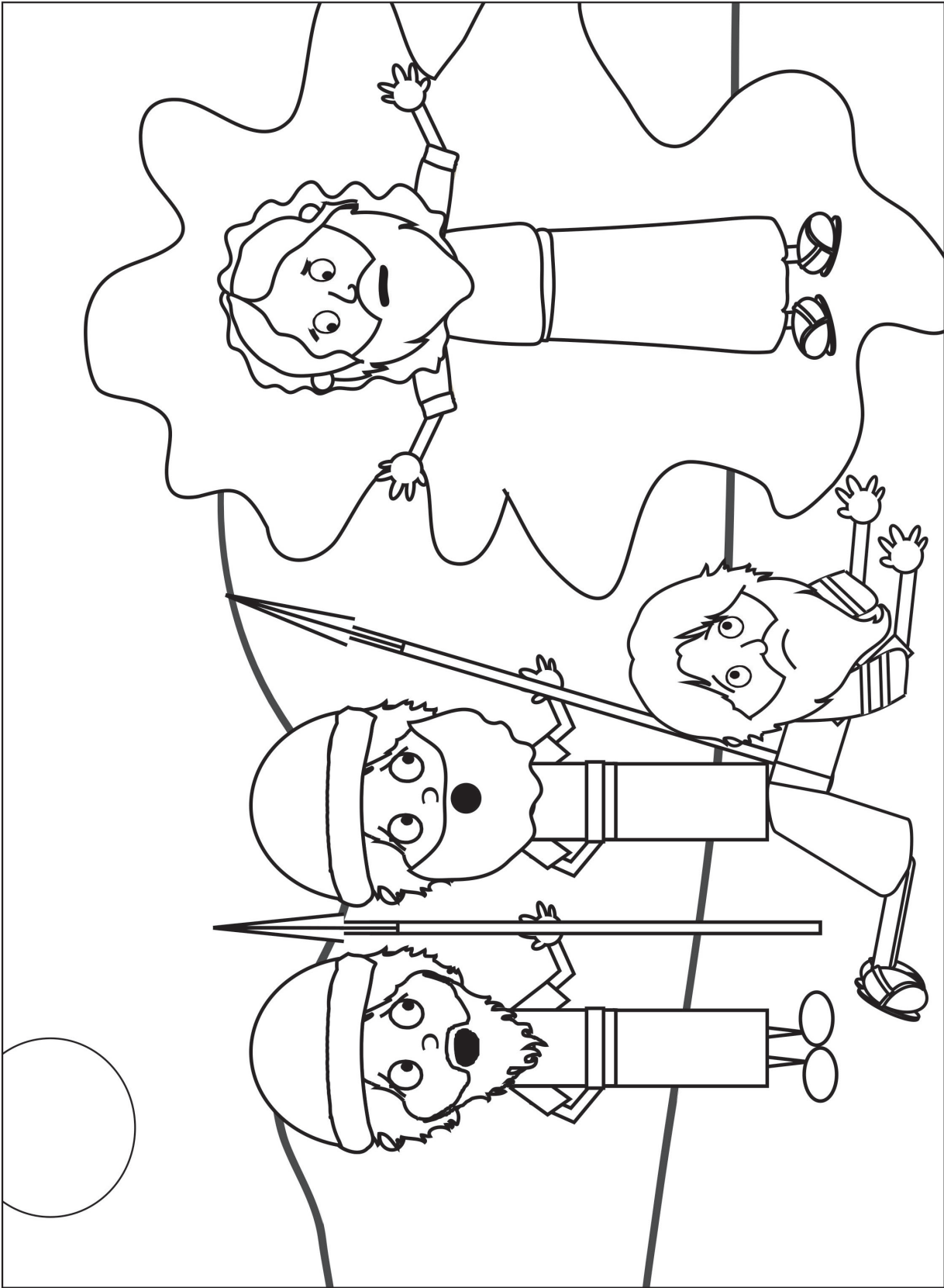
**Big Question 8 Hymn: And Can It Be** *from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 8, track 15*

Amazing love!  
How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
Amazing love!  
How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Thomas Campbell

**Song Question:** What did God do for His people that showed just how amazing His love for them is? *Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross to save them from their sins. We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

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How great is God's love that He would love and forgive someone like Saul, who disobeyed Him and did such bad things! And how great is God's love that He would love and forgive people like US who disobey Him and do bad things, too!



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### Big Question 8, Lesson 5 Take Home Sheet

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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

#### Some Questions for You

**1. Who hated the good news of Jesus in our story?** *Saul.*

**2. Why did he end up loving the gospel and thanking God for it?** *When Jesus appeared to Saul and spoke to him, Saul knew that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior. Saul knew he especially deserved to be punished for being so mean to Jesus' followers. But instead, God chose to love him and save him.*

**3. Can Jesus be our Savior? How?** *Yes! Jesus came to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. If we do this, Jesus will save us, too. We can know the happiness of knowing God in our heart even today. And one day, God will take us to live with Him forever in heaven. That will be happiest of all!*

#### Let's Pray!

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#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

**Big Question 8 Praise Song: God Is So Good** from *Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 8, track 16*

God is so good (powerful, holy),  
 God is so good (powerful, holy),  
 God is so good (powerful, holy),  
 He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

**Song Question: What are three things about God can God's people trust that He will be?** *That He is good, powerful and holy. And what is the greatest way He has used His goodness, power and holiness to care for us? He sent Jesus to be the Savior for all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. He and His love is so much more than they could ever deserve! Jesus can be our Savior, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.*

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### BIG QUESTION 8 BIBLE STORY & KEY CONCEPTS

Dear Parents,

**Big Question #8: What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!**

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 further "Hide God's Word in your heart and SEEK to know God, Himself!" Happy hiding and seeking!

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

### Listening Assignments for Big Question 8 Bible Story:

#### "The Case of the Eager Enemy's End"

Acts 7-9

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

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who was the Eager Enemy and what was he eager to do?
2. What happened to the Eager Enemy that changed what he wanted to do?

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

Our Bible verse is 1 Chronicles 16:34: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. How did the LORD love and change the Eager Enemy?
2. Why was it so amazing that the LORD would love him?

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

I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story.

They are: grapes; a bright light; a soldier; and a jail.

Hold up each of the four pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.

I need to know:

1. Which three pictures belong in the story and which one does not?
2. How are the other three pictures important in the story?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:**

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who gave thanks to the LORD for His love?
2. What did the LORD forgive him for doing?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:**

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who hated the good news of Jesus in our story?
2. Why did he love it and thank God for it, in the end?

#### **Read the questions, THEN SAY,**

"Ok, Hide 'n' Seekers! 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."



**Big Question 8 Bible Story**

use with all FIVE lessons

**p.2****"The Case of the Eager Enemy's End" Acts 7-9***Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

Saul worked hard to keep rules. Not just God's rule, but lots of extra rules that weren't in the Bible. He thought keeping all those extra rules was how to please God. Rule-keepers like Saul were called Pharisees.

Saul tried to please God, but...he HATED Jesus! Saul didn't think Jesus was God's Son. He thought Jesus was just a fake!

And Saul didn't just hate Jesus, he also hated the people who believed in Jesus. (People who believed in Jesus were--and still are--called Christians.)

Saul would do ANYTHING to get the Christians to stop saying one thing: "Jesus is God's Son, the Savior!"

"Shh! Be quiet!" Saul ordered the Christians. "Jesus ISN'T God's Son, the Savior!" Saul told them.

*Show me your shhh! Saul was doing all sorts of terrible things to get the Christians to be quiet about Jesus!*

"I will hurt you and put you in jail, if you say Jesus is God's Son, the Savior," Saul warned the Christians... and many times he DID just that! Saul hated Christians in Jerusalem so much that hurting them and putting them in jail wasn't enough for him. Saul even wanted them dead! Oh, Saul!

*Can you make a really mad, hateful face? That's how Saul felt about Jesus and the Christians!*

And Saul didn't even stop there. He didn't want to just get rid of the Christians in his city, Jerusalem. He wanted to get rid of them EVERYWHERE. So one day, Saul went to talk to the leaders at the Temple. They also wanted to get rid of the Christians. Saul asked them for a special job.

"Send me to the big city of Damascus," Saul asked them. "There are lots of Christians there who are telling people about Jesus. We have to stop them. Give me some soldiers and I will go and find those Christians. We will arrest them and put them in jail," Saul told the leaders.

The leaders agreed. Saul and the soldiers set off for Damascus. Saul was going to stop those Christians who said Jesus was God's Son. Yes, he was! Jesus was just a fake! Saul was sure of that. He would make those believers be quiet, once and for all!

*Was Saul right? Was Jesus just a fake?*

But Saul was wrong! Jesus really WAS God's Son, the Savior! Jesus saw everything Saul was doing. He knew Saul hated Him. He knew Saul hated the people who believed in Him, too. He saw Saul hurting them. But soon all of this would change. Who would change things? Why Jesus, Himself!

Saul and the soldiers were almost to Damascus when suddenly a bright light shone around Saul. Saul fell down to the ground when he saw the light.

This was no regular light. It was coming from SOMEBODY in HEAVEN! Can you guess who it was? It was JESUS, all bright and shiny with God's wonderful glory! Wow!

**Big Question 8 Bible Story**

use with all FIVE lessons

**p.3***Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**Then out of that bright light, Saul and the soldiers heard Jesus speak, "Saul! Saul! Stop hating Me! Stop hurting My people!"**

**"Who are you?" Saul asked, shaking with fear.**

*Can you make a scared face?*

**"I am Jesus, God's Son, the Savior!" Jesus told him.**

**Uh oh! Saul was in big trouble! He had been WRONG! Jesus really WAS God's Son! The Christians had been right.. and he had been hurting them--God's dearly loved people! What would Jesus do? Would Jesus hate Saul? Would Jesus hurt Saul, just like Saul had hurt the Christians?**

**No, Jesus would not! Jesus loved Saul. Jesus chose to forgive Saul, even though Saul had done all those bad things! Jesus wasn't going to hurt or hate Saul. He was going to SAVE Saul. He had a wonderful plan to use Saul to tell others how they could be saved, too.**

**Saul thought about Jesus. And as he thought about Jesus, God's Holy Spirit started working in his heart. He helped Saul see that he was a sinner. Saul couldn't please God by being good enough on his own. He helped Saul see that only Jesus' perfect life could please God. Only Jesus' perfect life could pay for his sins against God and bring God's forgiveness.**

**The Holy Spirit helped Saul want to stop disobeying God (the Bible calls that "repenting"). He helped Saul trust in Jesus as his Savior. Isn't God so kind even to His enemies, even terrible enemies like Saul?**

**Saul joyfully accepted these gifts of repentance and faith from God. Now Saul knew Jesus was God's Son, the Savior of God's people! Saul was forgiven! He had become one of God's dearly loved people!**

**Saul was a changed man! Now he wanted to love Jesus and live his life for Him! He was such a changed man, that God even gave him a new name: Paul!**

*Let's cheer and praise God for being so kind to sinners, like Saul and even like us! Yay!*

**"I'm sorry for hating You, Jesus," Paul prayed. "I'm sorry for hurting the people who believed in You. Now I believe in You, too. Thank You for not hating me. Thank You for forgiving me and making me one of God's people!" Paul said.**

**How happy Paul was that Jesus forgave people like him--people who had done very bad things. Paul was so happy that he couldn't keep this good news to himself! So, what do you know Paul did next?**

*Can you remember what Jesus had planned for Saul to do?*

**Paul started telling others the good news of Jesus: "Hey, everybody! I was wrong! Jesus IS God's Son, the Savior! Believe in Him! And oh, how WONDERFUL is His love! It is more than I could ever deserve... that He would love and forgive even me!" Paul told them. "You can know God's love, too! Yes! God will forgive you, when you turn away from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as your Savior! Come, repent and believe in Jesus!" he exclaimed.**

**God's Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many as Saul spoke. They put their trust in Jesus and were saved, just as God had planned! Isn't that amazing! God would use Saul to tell others about Jesus!**

**Big Question 8 Bible Story**

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**p.4****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 Eager Enemy and what was he eager to do?** Saul was the eager enemy of the Christians--the people who believed in Jesus.

**2. What happened to the Eager Enemy that changed what he wanted to do?** Jesus appeared to Saul. Saul realized that Jesus was no fake. He was God's Son. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. Then Saul became an eager FRIEND, instead of an eager enemy of Jesus and His followers.

**For You and Me:**

God is amazing! That He would love and forgive even His biggest enemies, even people like Saul! God loved Saul and saved him through Jesus. God can change us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us do this!

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

Our Bible verse is **1 Chronicles 16:34**: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

**1. How did the LORD love and change the Eager Enemy?** The LORD could have punished Saul for hating Him and being so mean to the Christians. Instead, He showed Saul that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior. He worked in Saul's heart and helped him trust in Jesus as his Savior.

**2. Why was it so amazing that the LORD would love him?** Saul deserved God's punishment for how he had hated Jesus and God's people. But instead of punishment, God loved Saul and forgave his sins through Jesus.

**For You and Me:**

There is no one so bad that God cannot forgive or change them. God can even work in the hearts of people who do not love Him at all. He can work in our hearts, too. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story. They are: grapes; a bright light; a soldier; and a jail.

**1. Which three pictures belong in the story and which one does not?** The grapes do not.

**2. How are the other three pictures important in the story?** Saul hated Jesus and his followers. He hurt them and put them in jail. He took soldiers with him to arrest more Christians and put them in jail, too. But Jesus appeared to Saul in a bright light and Saul believed that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior.

**For You and Me:**

Jesus doesn't have to appear to us in a bright light for us to believe in Him. He tells us who He is in the Bible. The Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and help us know Him and trust in Him as our Savior, even today. Just ask Him to help you!

**Detective Dan's Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:**

**1. Who gave thanks to the LORD for His love?** Saul did.

**2. What did the LORD forgive him for doing?** For hating Jesus and Jesus' followers, the Christians. For doing mean things to them and putting them in jail.

**For You and Me:**

Just like Saul, you and I disobey God. We all have done things that are wrong. We all need God's forgiveness for our sins. God offered that forgiveness to Saul long ago. He offers it to us, today, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:**

**1. Who hated the good news of Jesus in our story?** Saul did.

**2. Why did he end up loving the gospel and thanking God for it?** When Jesus appeared to Saul and spoke to him, Saul knew that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior. Saul knew he especially deserved to be punished for being so mean to Jesus' followers. But instead, God chose to love him and save him.

**For You and Me:**

Saul went from hating Jesus to loving Him. He spent the rest of his life telling people the gospel. And that's the good news we need to hear and believe, too: that God will forgive our sins when we turn away from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Big Question 8 Bible Story**

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**p.5****The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****What Is God's Love for His People Like?****It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!**

How great is God's love, that He would love and forgive someone like Saul! Someone who had disobeyed Him and done such bad things!

How great is God's love, that He offers to love and forgive us, too! Yes, God offers to make us dearly loved His people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing Unit 8 ACTS Prayer**

A=Adoration C=Confession T=Thanksgiving S=Supplication

- A** We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve.
- C** God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**HSK Sneaky Seekers: Big Question 8 Key Concepts****p.6****UNIT 8: The God Who Loves**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** "What Is God's Love for His People Like?  
It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!"

**Meaning:**

God has a special people whom He loves. They are people from all over the world and from every time people have lived. God's love for His people is very, very wonderful. He promises to love them as His dear children forever. There is nothing better than being one of God's special people! There is nothing so wonderful as the special closeness they have with Him in their hearts!

God's people know His love for them is more than they could ever deserve. They know God didn't make them His special people because they were so good...He just loves them because He loves them.

How big is God's love for His people? It's so big that He sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die to pay for their sins. That's as big of a love as there will ever be. You and I can be God's people, too. We can know His wonderful love when we say sorry to God for our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Unit 8 Bible Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:34**

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

**Meaning:**

The LORD is God's name. The LORD loves His people with a love that will never end. How wonderful to know a love like that! And we all can, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Don't we have so much to thank the LORD for!

**Unit 8 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's so much more than we could ever deserve.
- C** God, in our heart we know that You are God and that we should obey You, but many times we don't. We choose not to love You when we do. Please forgive us for not loving You or obeying You as we should.
- T** Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.
- 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. Make us Your dearly loved people.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Unit 8 Story****The Case of the Eager Enemy's End**

*Acts 7-9*

**Songs Used in Unit 8** *listen to or download songs for free at <https://praisefactory.org>: Hide n Seek Kids Music page*

Big Q & A 8 Song

Big Question 8 Song: What Is God's Love for His People Like?

Unit 8 Bible Verse Song: Forever and Ever 1 Chronicles 16:34

Unit 8 Hymn: And Can It Be, v.1 refrain

Unit 8 Praise Song: God Is So Good