

**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:
What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...**



It tells us about God and His _____!

HINT: "All the things God will do, but hasn't done yet. It starts with a "p" and it rhymes with the word "man"?"

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...it tells us about God and His plans!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

Do you know what a plan is? It's thinking about WHAT you want to do before you do it. We make plans most every day. Sometimes our plans work out. Sometimes they don't. That's because our plans are only hopes and guesses. God makes plans, too, but His plans are different. They always happen. They always work out just like He wants them to. They are all good and perfect, just like He is. Some of God's plans are secrets, but some He has shared with us. Can you guess where they are written down? In the Bible! There in His Word, we can read of wonderful God's plan to love and save people through His Son, Jesus. He would make them His special people. Every day of their lives He planned out to be for their good and His glory—to show how good and great He is. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever, just as He planned. God shares His wonderful plans with us because He wants us to turn to Him and be His special people, too.

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

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose...I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.'" --- Isaiah 46:9-11, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. What is a plan? *It's thinking about what you want to do before you do it.*
2. Do our plans always happen? *No.*
3. Do God's plans always happen? *Yes!*
4. Where has God written down His plans for us to know? *In His Word, the Bible.*
5. Who did God plan to save through Jesus? *All who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God for being so good and perfect. We praise You for making good and perfect plans.
- C** God, You've told us that Your plans are good and perfect, but sometimes we don't trust You. Please forgive us.
- T** Thank You for sharing some of Your good and perfect plans with us. Thank You for making sure that all Your plans happen. Thank You for planning to save people through Jesus.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, that we might be Your special people, too. Help us to trust Your good and perfect plans, even when we don't understand them completely. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 2, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

What's so special about the Bible?
It alone is God's Word!
It alone is God's Word!
It's always true, It can make you wise,
It can work pow'rf'ly in your life.
It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word!

Big Question 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 2, track 13

Refrain:

What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word,
What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word.
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

Verse 1:

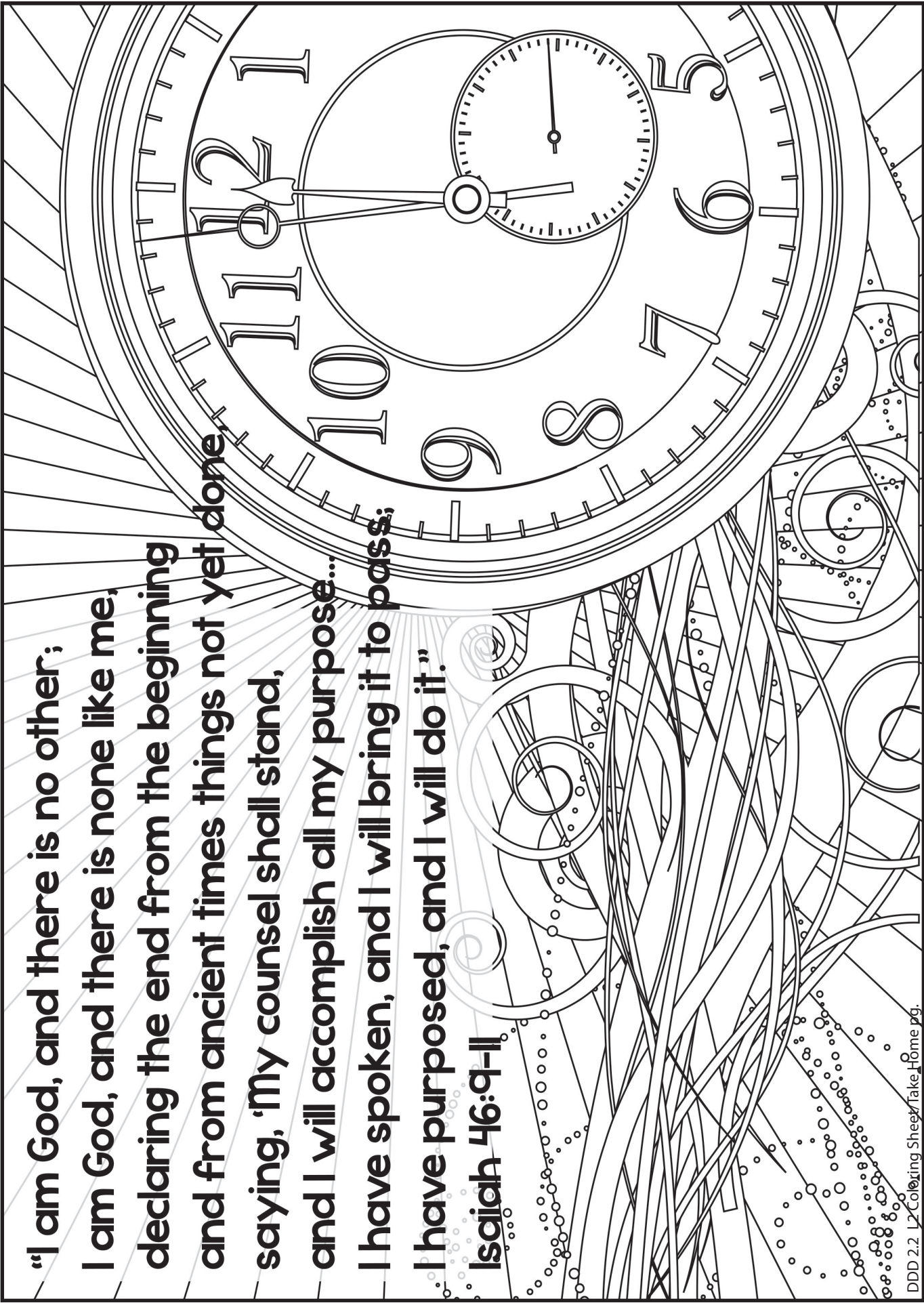
God's Word was written down perfectly, By godly men long ago,
The Holy Spirit worked through them,
Inspiring every word they wrote. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God's Word is powerful and living, It changes us, deep inside,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

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**“I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose...
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
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Isaiah 46:9-11

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



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

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Learn a Little: "I am God, and there is no other... I have purposed, and I will do it."

Meaning:

People worship many things, but only the LORD is the one, true God. There is no one like Him! Everything God plans to happen, will happen. Everything God tells us will happen, will happen. Where has God written down many of His plans? In the same book where His many other words are written: in the Bible! It alone is God's Word. God helped godly people write it down just right. We can trust its every word!

Some Questions for You

1. Who is God? What is His name? *The LORD.*
2. How many other gods are there besides the LORD? *There are no other gods!*
3. What happens when God plans something? *It always happens.*
4. When does God know how everything will turn out? *He knew it from long ago. He even knows it before the world began!*
5. Where has God written down His plans for us to read about? *In the Bible.*
6. Who did God have write down His plans? *Godly people--people who know and love Him.*
7. Can we trust the Bible? *Yes, we can! Every single word.*
8. Why can we trust the Bible? *Because God made sure it was written down just right.*

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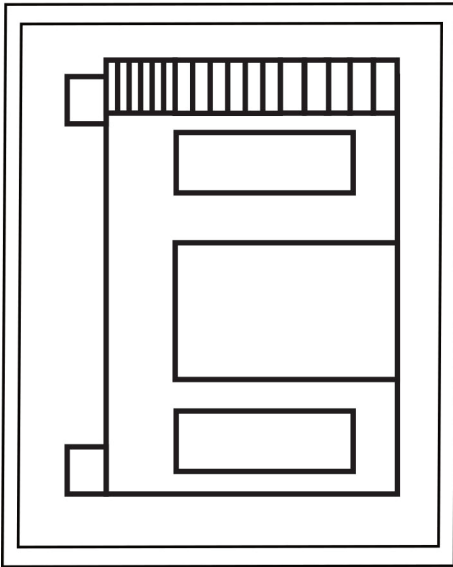
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Am God and There Is No Other: Isaiah 46:9,11 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 2, track 21*

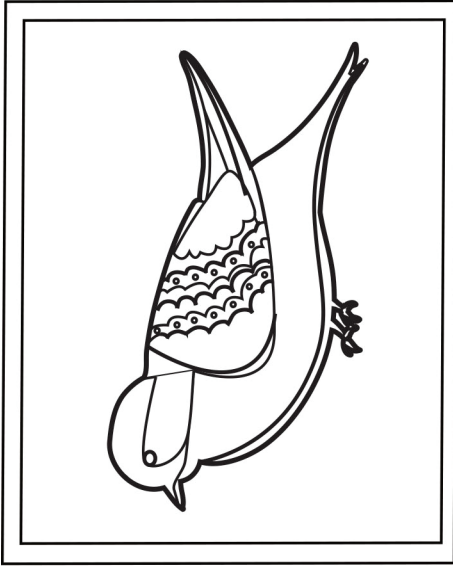
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there's none like me,
Declaring the end from the beginning,
From ancient times, things not yet done.
I am God, and there is no other;
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Isaiah Forty-six, nine and eleven.

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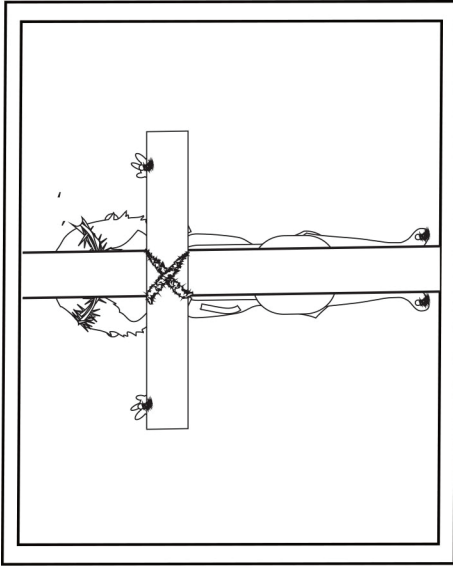
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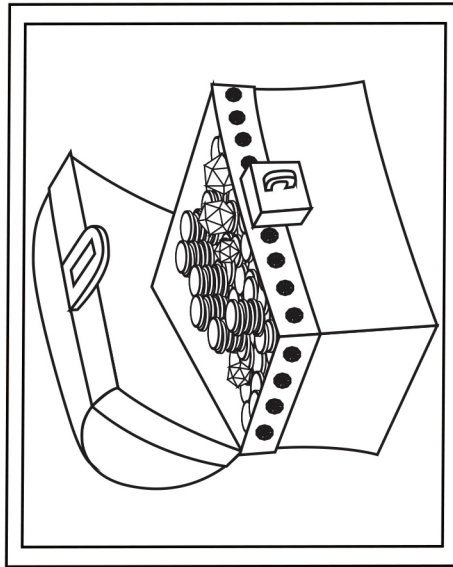
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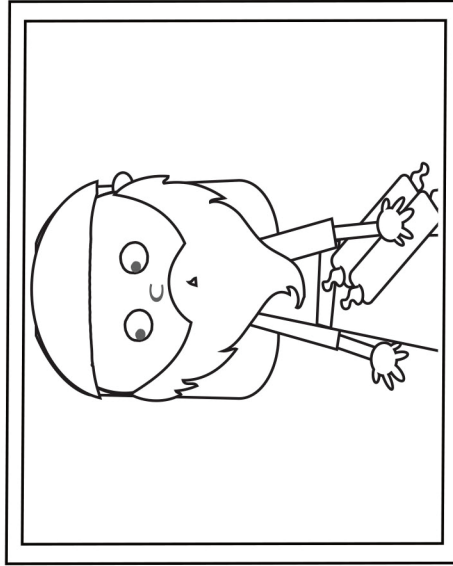
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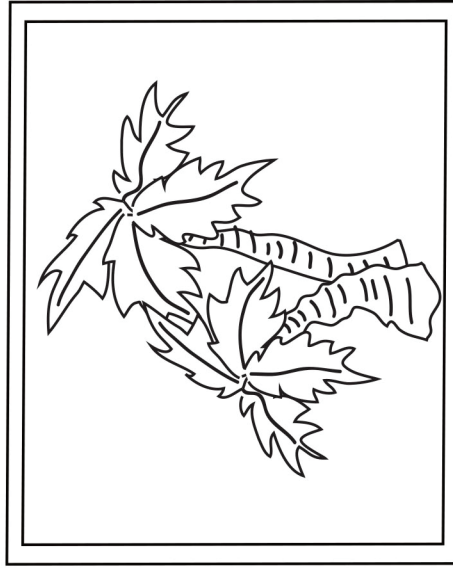
A Cross



Gold



A Teacher



A Palm Tree

Answer: The little house, cross, gold and teacher are in the story.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 2, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a little house; a bird; a cross; gold; a teacher; and a palm tree.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The little house, the cross, the gold and the teacher belong in the story.

2. Who worshipped the new king?

The Magi worshipped Jesus, the new king.

3, What did Jesus grow up to do that gives us even more reason to worship Him than the Magi? *Jesus grew up to tell us about God and to give up His life as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. He was the Savior-King God promised to send.*

4. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He delights to help us do this! Ask Him!*

Let's Pray!

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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 2, track 18*

Verse 1

How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

Words: William Gardiner Music: Constance Dever

Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 2, track 19*

Verse 1

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

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**The Case of the New King***Matthew 2*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #2 is: "What's So Special about the Bible?" Your child is learning that "It Alone Is God's Word...it tells us about God and His plans."

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 know:

- 1. Who was the new king and who was looking for him?**
- 2. How did they find him?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 46:9-11:**

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose...I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."

I need to know:

- 1. Where did God plan for the new king to be born?**
- 2. What did God plan for the new king to do?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a little house; a bird; a cross; gold; a teacher; and a palm tree.

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

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?**
- 2. Who worshipped the new king?**

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."

Answers found at end of story.

The Case of the New King *Matthew 2**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

“Have you heard the exciting news? Have you seen who has come to town?” the people of Jerusalem asked each other. **“Magi! Important men from a faraway land are here! And they’re asking the most amazing question: ‘Where is your new king? We saw a bright, new star in the sky. It tells us that he’s been born and must be very great. Take us to him so we can worship him,’ they say! Can you iMagine that! A great, new king of the Jews has been born! Where is he? What could this mean!?”** everyone in Jerusalem wondered.

Who do you think this new king is? Do you know his name? It’s Jesus!

Now it made perfect sense for the Magi to come to Jerusalem. This was where the kings of the Jews had been born and had lived for years, and years, and years! And there most certainly was a king living there right now, up in his magnificent palace. His name was King Herod the Great.

Why was Herod called “the Great?” Well, he certainly lived a great, rich life in his great, rich palace. He even did some great things. So, yes, perhaps in a way he was a great king.

But Herod was not THE great king of the Jews, the one the Magi were trying to find. For you see, King Herod only ruled as king OVER the Jews. He was not the real king of the Jews. He was really just an enemy who had been put in place to rule over the Jews as king. And oh, how Herod loved having big, kingly power to rule over them however he wanted!

What is something that you might enjoy about being king, if you were one?

So, when Herod heard the news about the important Magi coming to worship the new, baby king of the Jews, he was not happy at all! Not one...little...bit! He was UPSET...and very worried!

“What if there really isa new king?” thought Herod. **“What if he really is great...greater than ME? What if he is the Christ, the great King the Jews believe God will send one day to save them?”** he worried. **“This new king might get rid of me and take away my magnificent palace! Then HE would be king of the Jews. I cannot let that happen! I want to be king. I must get rid of this baby,”** thought the king. **“I must find out more and make a plan! There will be no new king! I will see to that!”** Herod decided.

Do you think it would be hard to stop being a king and let someone else be king instead?

But if King Herod was to get rid of this new king, he would first have to find him first. But, how? HE didn’t know where the child was. The PEOPLE didn’t know where he was. Not even the Magi and their star knew where he was. How could this baby ever be found?!!

Where do you think he should look?

There was just one place to look. In a book. A very old, very special book. God’s Book. What was it called? The Bible! Long ago, God had godly men write down many of His plans for this world, including His promise to send the Christ, the great Savior-King. Perhaps God had told where this king would be born in God’s Word, the Bible, Herod hoped.

“Get the teachers of God’s Word, and bring them to me!” Herod demanded. **“I must speak to them at once.”**

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

So, Herod gathered together all the teachers of God’s Word. “Where is the Christ, God’s great Savior-King, supposed to be born?” he asked them.

Do you know where the Christ, God’s great Savior-King was to be born? In Bethlehem!

The teachers knew just where to look. They knew God’s promises well. They had been waiting and waiting for this special Savior-King to come. “Bethlehem. That’s where the Savior-King is to be born,” they replied. “That’s what God promised in His Word many years ago,” the teachers told Herod.

“Ah, ha! Bethlehem! That’s not far from here at all! I will find this child and get rid of him before he grows up and gets rid of ME!” King Herod thought. “But I must be sneaky about this. I’ll use these Magi to help me, without them even knowing it,” he decided.

Herod called for the Magi, and said, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the young child. When you find him, come back and report to me. I want to go worship him, too,” he lied. What a terrible, tricky plan Herod had made! How he hoped it would work!

The Magi obeyed Herod. They set out across the hills of Judah for the village of Bethlehem. What would they find? Would the promise God made through so many years ago really come true? Could God’s Word really be trusted?

What do you think? Would God’s Word be true?

The beautiful star of the king, itself, seemed to sparkle out a big, bright, beautiful “yes” from the night sky! The star went before the Magi all the way to Bethlehem and shone down upon a little house. Who would they find there? Was this really the home of THE great king? Could it be? The door opened and who did they see...

Can you guess?

They saw Mary, Joseph and little Jesus. God’s Word had been true! It could be trusted! Here was the great king!

The Magi fell down on their knees and worshipped Jesus. They gave him their expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. How happy they were to have found the special Savior-King at last!

But what about King Herod and his evil plans? Would he really get rid of the Christ, the Savior-King? No, he would not! No, he COULD not! Herod could make all the plans he wanted; but, he was just a man. God’s Word was filled with God’s plans for Jesus, the Savior-King, and it would always prove true! God warned the Magi and they never went back to King Herod in Jerusalem. They went back home another way.

God sent an angel to warn Jesus, Mary and Joseph in a dream, too. They left Bethlehem before Herod could find them. Herod’s plans failed. God’s plans came true. They always will! God always wins!

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

Just as God had planned, Jesus would grow up to be a man. He would show everyone what God is like. He would teach them about God. He would show God's great power in the wonderful things He did. Jesus would live a perfect life; and then, He would do the most amazing thing of all. He would choose to give it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people, as He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He would rise from the dead in victory and go back to heaven to rule. All, just exactly as God promised in His Word.

And that's the way it always will be with all of God's plans, written down in the Bible. They will always come true, just as God tells us they will. You can always count on that!

Let's cheer for God and His Word, the Bible! His plans always come true!

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:

I need to know:

1. Who was the new king and who was looking for him?

Jesus was the new king. The Magi (and King Herod) were looking for him.

2. How did they find him? The Bible, God's Word, told them where He would be born.

For You and Me:

The Magi found God's Word to be true. It told them of God's plans to send a Savior; and, it told them where He would be found. But the most wonderful of God's plans written down in the Bible was what God had planned for that Savior to do. This Savior-- Jesus-- would choose to suffer and die on the cross to save all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. That's a plan that God wants you and me to be a part of. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Bethlehem.

2. What did God plan for the new king to do? He planned for the new king to save God's people from their sins.

For You and Me:

From before the beginning, God planned to send Jesus to save His people from their sins. And nothing would ever get in the way of that plan! God's wonderful plan can be for us, too. How? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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For You and Me:

The Magi worshipped Jesus when he was just a little child. They only saw a little part of God's great, big plan for Jesus. We know so much more of God's plan and have so much more to worship Him for. We know that Jesus would give up His life as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. He would be their Savior. He can be our Savior, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

What's So Special about the Bible?

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How good it is that God's plans always come true! How good it is that no one can stop them! God promised us in His Word, the Bible, that He would send a Savior-King to save us and He did! Because of Jesus, we can have our sins forgiven and become some of God's people! Ask God to help you to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer these prayers.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

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Big Question 2, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts**P.7****Unit 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): "What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word!"

Unit Bible Verse: "This God--His ways are perfect. The word of the LORD proves true. The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation." Psalm 18:30,46, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Concept: It Tells Us about God and His Plans

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Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 2 Song

Big Question 2 Song

Big Question 2 Bible Verse Song: As For God, His Way Is Perfect: Psalm 18:30

Big Question 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1

Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: I Am God and There Is No Other Isaiah 46:9,11

Extra Bible Verse: As the Rain Isaiah 55:10,11 ESV

Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,12 ESV

Extra Bible Verse: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,10,11 ESV

Extra Song: God's One, Big Plan