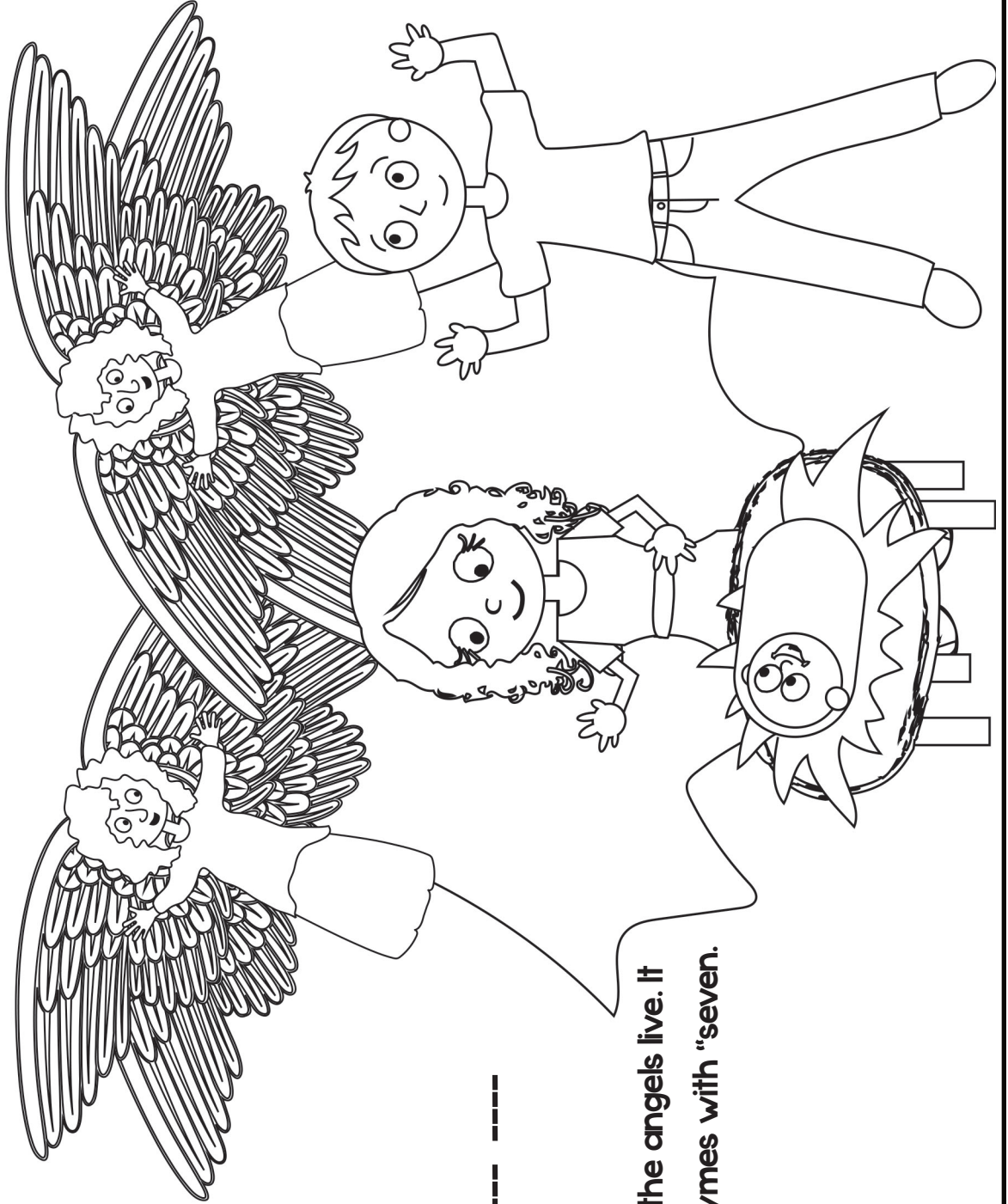


**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I:
What Did Jesus Come to Do?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...**

He Left His Home in

**-----
to Save Us!**

**HINT: Jesus' home is where the angels live. It
starts with an "h" and it rhymes with "seven."**



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

Jesus is God's Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels. But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn't anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven. So, why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus' perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted to fulfill His Father's amazing plan. So, Jesus came. He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God's love for His people. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.

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

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." --- John 6:38, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Who is God's Son? *Jesus.*
2. Where has Jesus always lived? *In heaven.*
3. What did Jesus enjoy in heaven before He came to earth? *The bright shininess of God's glorious goodness; the riches of heaven; and the wonderful closeness with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.*
4. Where did Jesus leave heaven to go? *To earth to be born as a baby.*
5. What was Jesus like when He came to earth? *Still completely God, but now completely a man, too.*
6. Why would Jesus leave behind the wonderfulness of heaven to come to earth? *Because only by dying on the cross could God's people be saved. God loved His people so much that He would do that for them!*
7. Who did Jesus delight to obey when He came to earth? *God, His Father.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for choosing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. We could never be God's people on our own. Only You could bring us to God.
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 9 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 12 (sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

What did Jesus come to do?
 What did Jesus come to do?
 Jesus came to bring us to God.
 That's what Jesus came to do!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 9 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

Big Question 9 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 13

Refrain

What did Jesus come to do?
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Verse 1

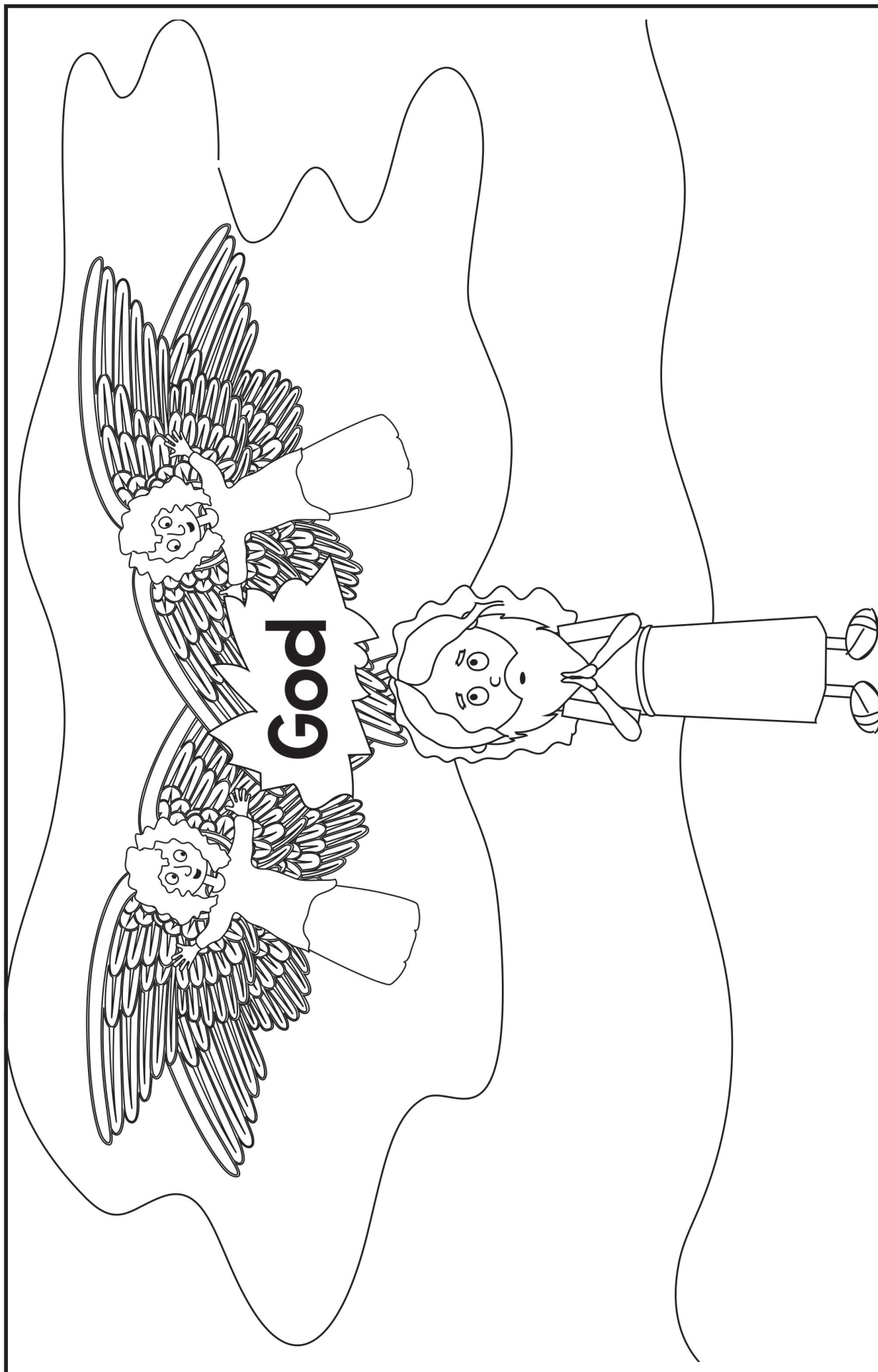
In the beginning, people enjoyed
 Perfect fellowship with God.
 But they disobeyed,
 their fellowship lost.
 Would things always
 stay this way? *Refrain*

Verse 2

At just the right time,
 God sent His Son
 to pay for His people's sins,
 He offered His life, the perfect sacrifice,
 Gave them fellowship
 with God again. *Refrain*

Verse 3

On the third day,
 Jesus rose from the grave,
 Then He went back home to heav'n.
 Now all who repent
 and believe in Him,
 Can know God forever. *Refrain*



**"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will,
but the will of him who sent me." John 6:38, ESV**

DDD 9.1 L2 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

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

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." --- John 6:38, ESV

Learn a Little: "I have come from heaven... to do the will of him who sent me."

Meaning

Jesus left His wonderful home in heaven to live on earth. Why? To carry out God's amazing plan. What was that plan? To save His sinful people from their sins so they could know Him and enjoy Him forever! What an amazing plan! What a wonderful God! Let's praise Him right now!

Some Questions for You

1. Who came down from heaven? *Jesus did.*
2. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come to do? *God's will (plan).*
3. Who did Jesus choose to always obey? *Not His own will, but God, His Father's will. He would obey Him no matter how hard it was.*
4. What did God send Jesus to do? *To save God's people from their sins.*
5. How did Jesus fulfill God's plans? *Jesus lived a perfect life and He offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them!*
6. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

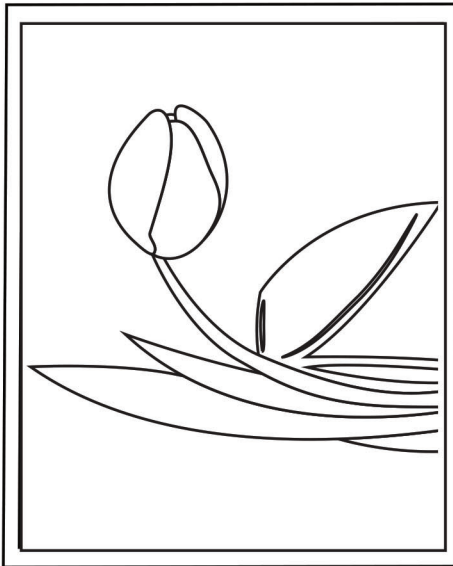
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- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. We could never be God's people on our own. Only You could bring us to God.
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

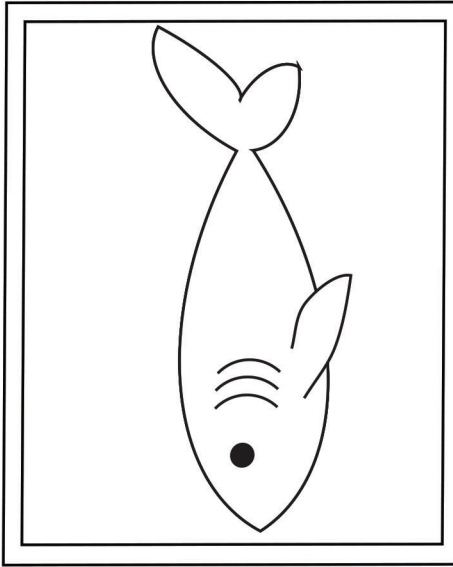
Down, Down, Down: John 6:38 from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 9, track 20

Down, down, down,
I have come down,
Down, down, down,
I have come down.
I've come down from heaven,
Not to do my own will,
But the will of him,
Of him, who sent me. (Repeat)
John Six, thirty-eight.

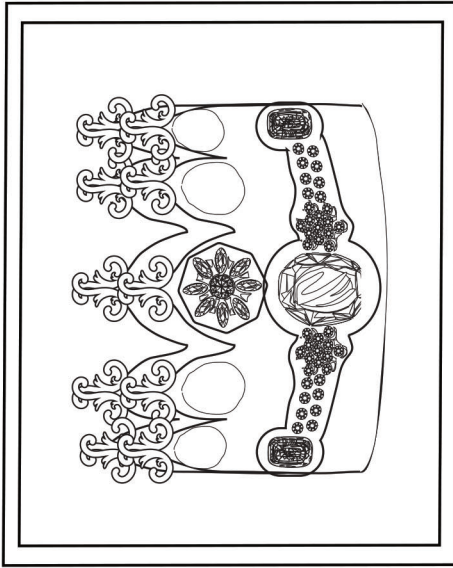
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.


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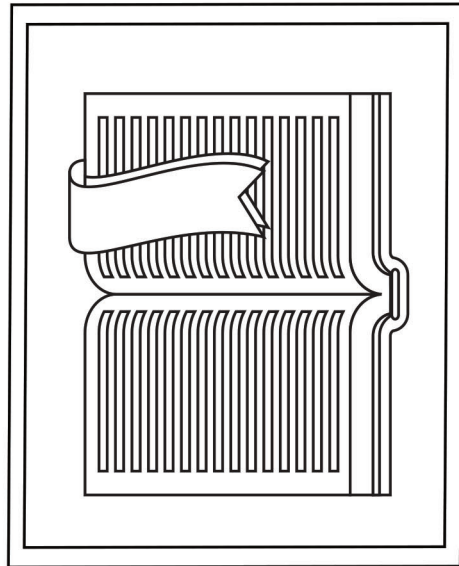
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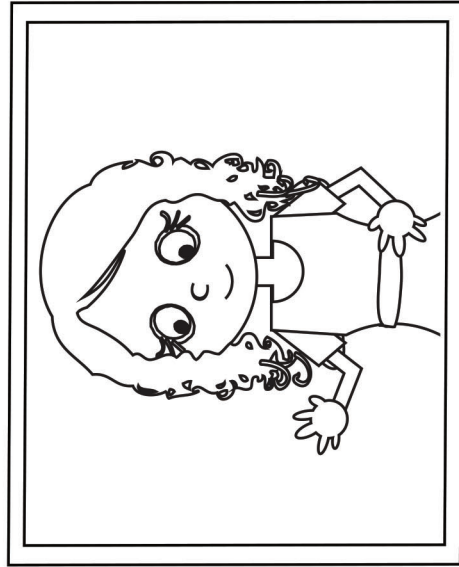
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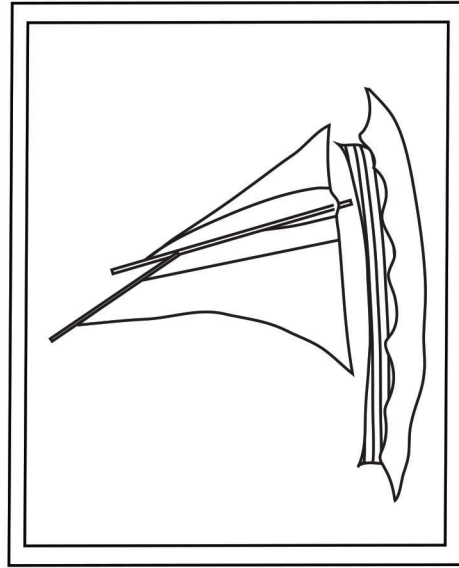
A Crown


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A Book


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A Woman Named Mary


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A Sailboat

Answer: The fish, the crown, Mary, and the sailboat belong. The tulip and the book do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

Jesus is God's Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels. But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn't anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven. So, why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus' perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted to fulfill His Father's amazing plan. So, Jesus came. He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God's love for His people. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.

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

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." --- John 6:38, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Who was Jesus' mother and father? *Mary and God.*
2. Did Jesus start being alive when He was born? *No! Jesus had always been alive in heaven, with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit.*
3. Why did Jesus leave heaven and come to earth? *To save God's people from their sins.*
4. What did Jesus do when He grew up? *He began to teach people about God and do amazing things.*
5. What did Jesus do for a hungry crowd of people far from home? *By God's great power, He fed the whole crowd with just two fish and five, little loaves of bread.*
6. What did the people want Jesus to do for them when Jesus fed them in this amazing way? *They wanted Him to be their king who would use God's power to give them more of the good things they wanted.*
7. Why didn't Jesus want to be this kind of king for the people? *Because those good things would not last. He wanted to save them from their sins and give them life forever with God. This was the best, good thing of all.*
8. Why did so many people decide to not believe in Jesus? *Because He wouldn't give them the good things they wanted (but He knew weren't what they really needed.)*
9. Why did Jesus' disciples stay with Him? *Because they knew that Jesus was God's Son, sent to save God's people. There was no one else like Him.*
10. How did Jesus complete God's plan to save us? *He lived a perfect life and He offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them!*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for choosing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 18

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 19

Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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Deep Down Devotions: Unit 9, Bible Truth 1 Story Concepts**P.1****The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind***Luke 1-2; John 1,6*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #9 is: "What Did Jesus Come to Do?" Your child is learning that "Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us."

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 lover? Whom did He love?**
- 2. What did He leave behind, and why?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is John 6:38: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

I need to find out:

- 1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do?**
- 2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

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

Our six clues were: a tulip, a fish, a crown, a book, a woman named Mary, and a sailboat.

Hold each of them up 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. What did the people ask Jesus to give them? What did He give them instead?**

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.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

Bible Story for Big Question 9, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons**P.2****The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind** *Luke 1-2; John 1,6**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

On one, special night, baby Jesus was born to Mary. Jesus cried like other babies. He was hungry like other babies. He needed his mother to care for him like other babies, too. Yes, in many ways Jesus was just like us.

But there were some things that were very different about baby Jesus, too. Jesus wasn't **ONLY** human like we are. He didn't have a man for a father like we do. Jesus was **GOD's Son!** And what had God's Son come to do? The angel told the shepherds on the night Jesus was born. Do you remember what he said?

Do you know?

"A Savior has been born to you; the Messiah, the Lord," the angel said. This was God's Son, the Messiah, come to save God's people!

And what's more, Jesus didn't just begin His life as a baby, like you and I did. No! Jesus had always been alive. He had always been enjoying the Perfect Wonderfulness of love and fellowship with God, His Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. And oh, how perfect and wonderful that life was! It was the kind of life no one would ever want to leave.

But Jesus **DID** leave that Perfect Wonderfulness. Not because He was bored or didn't like it anymore. Jesus left it because He was going to carry out God's great plan. Can you remember what that plan was?

Can you remember?

It was to save people from their sins so they could be God's dearly-loved people and enjoy Him forever. Yes, it was for love of God, His Father... and for love of us, that Jesus left His home in heaven to come to earth and be born a baby.

Jesus was born a baby, but He didn't stay that way. Up, up, up, He grew, just like we do.

And when Jesus had grown up to be a full-grown man, it was time for Him to **TEACH** people about God and to **TELL** them why God had sent Him. It was time to **SHOW** them by God's amazing power that He really was God's Son, sent to save them.

So, off went Jesus and His disciples. Up to the fish town of Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. Down to the big city of Jerusalem. And even out, over, and away, to some of the cities of Israel's enemies. And everywhere Jesus went, He **TAUGHT** the people about God and **TOLD** them why God had sent Him. He **SHOWED** them by God's amazing power that He was God's Son, sent to save them.

As Jesus spoke about God, people wanted to hear more that He had to say. And as Jesus did amazing things by God's power, people wanted to see Him do even more. No one had ever heard someone teach about God like Jesus did, or ever seen someone do the amazing things He did by God's power.

Bible Story for Big Question 9, Bible Truth 1

use with all THREE lessons

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

News about Jesus spread quickly. Soon big crowds followed Him. One day, a huge crowd sailed with Jesus to a mountain on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. They docked the boats and climbed with Jesus and His disciples to the top of the mountain. More and more people gathered until there was over five thousand people. What a crowd! They listened to Jesus tell about God from God's Word. They brought their sick to Him to be healed by God's power.

The people stayed up on that mountain with Jesus all day. They stayed so long that they had to spend the night there, too. They stayed so long that they ran out of food and were hungry. "Grumble! Grumble!" went those thousands of hungry stomachs. "We need food," said those thousands of hungry mouths, but no one had any food with them in that faraway place.

No one, that is, except a boy with two fish and five, little loaves of bread. But that little bit of fish and bread could never feed thousands of grumbly stomachs...or could it?

What do you think?

Jesus took the fish and bread, gave thanks to God, His Father, and gave it to the crowds to eat. God's power was at work through Jesus once more. Wonders of wonders, that little bit of fish and bread spread further and further and further until everyone there had bellies full of food! Why, there were even twelve baskets of fish and bread scraps left over after they had all finished eating!

How excited the crowd was when they saw what Jesus had done! "Surely Jesus is the special leader Moses promised God would send us one day," the people told each other. "Let's grab him and make him our king," they decided. "Just think: if Jesus is our king, he could use his amazing powers to give us everything we want. It could be like the days of Moses when God gave our people manna--the yummy food, straight from heaven," they thought. "Why, he could give us more than that! He could give us ALL the good things we want and he could give them to us RIGHT NOW. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a king like that?" they exclaimed.

But Jesus knew just what those people were thinking. They had it all wrong! Yes, He WAS the special leader God had promised to send one day. And yes, He was a king—their king. But He wasn't the kind of king they thought He was. Jesus hadn't come just to fill their bellies with good food from heaven or to give them other good things they wanted right then. He had come to do God's will and give them something they needed much more. Do you remember what Jesus came to do?

Do you remember?

Jesus had come to save them from sin and death so they could be God's dearly-loved people forever.

Now, the people might LIKE their bellies filled with bread. They might LIKE to get whatever good things they wanted. But what they really NEEDED was what Jesus had come to do: to save them from their sins. So Jesus refused to do things the way these people wanted Him to. He would do things God's way. He would be their Savior!

So Jesus went further into the mountains, away from the crowd so they couldn't find Him. Then late that night, Jesus and His disciples sailed back across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, without the crowds knowing where He had gone.

The next day, the people realized Jesus was missing. They went looking everywhere for Him. They couldn't stop thinking about how He had given them all that yummy fish and bread by God's power. They wanted Jesus to give them more food and other good things like that. They looked and looked for Him.

Bible Story for Big Question 9, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons**P.4***Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

"Jesus, where are you? Are you up on the mountain where you gave us the food yesterday?" they wondered. No, Jesus was not there.

"Are you way up on the mountain by yourself somewhere?" they wondered. No, Jesus was not there.

So, at last, they went down to their boats and sailed back to Capernaum. "Jesus, are you here in Capernaum?" they wondered. Yes, there He was!

"Teacher, when did you come here?" the crowd asked. They were so excited to be with Him again!

But Jesus knew they weren't happy to see Him for the right reasons. They had grumbly stomachs they wanted Him to fill. They had good things they wanted Him to give them by God's power. They wanted Him to be their king and give them these things. Would Jesus give in to them this time?

What do you think?

No, Jesus would not. "God gave His people heavenly bread to eat, long ago in Moses' day," Jesus told the people. "But now He's giving you something from heaven that's even better than food. This time He's given ME to you. The Savior!" Jesus explained.

"Prove You are the Messiah, the Savior!" the crowd replied. "Use God's power to give us food from heaven as Moses did," they demanded.

But Jesus would not!

"I've come down from heaven to do God's will, NOT just to give you bread that fills your grumbly stomachs for just a while, then leaves you hungry; or, to give you good things that will only make you happy for a little while in this life. No! God's will is for Me to give you something far better than these things. His will is for Me to save you from your sins, so you can have wonderful life with God FOREVER," Jesus explained.

"How can Jesus say He came from heaven?" the people grumbled. "Isn't He just the son of Joseph and Mary? We know them! Come on, let's leave. Jesus is just a fake!" they decided, and they left Him.

Soon, it was just Jesus and His disciples. Everyone else had gone. "Will you leave Me, too?" Jesus asked His disciples.

What do you think?

No, they would not! They had heard Jesus' amazing words about God. They had seen God's power working in Him. The Holy Spirit had been working in their hearts, giving them faith. Yes, Jesus was Mary's son. The crowds had that right. But Jesus most certainly was NOT Joseph's son. No! Jesus was God's Son, the Savior!

"How can we leave You?" they said to Jesus. "Where else would we go? We know and believe that God has sent You to save His people from their sins," they told Him.

Jesus' disciples were right, weren't they? For on just the right day, Jesus suffered and died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of all God's people—all who would ever turn away from disobeying God and would trust in Jesus as their Savior. Then on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! Jesus had come down from heaven to do God's will, and He had done it! Now, we, too, can become God's people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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 lover? Whom did He love? Jesus was the lover. He loved God and He loved sinners, like you and me.

2. What did He leave behind, and why? Jesus left behind the Perfect Wonderfulness of life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, in heaven. He left it behind, so He could be our Savior.

For You and Me:

Jesus didn't just come to earth to save people who lived long ago. He came to save people from every time and place...He even came to save us! How can we be saved? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is John 6:38**

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do? God's plan.

2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it? God's plan was for Jesus to be our Savior. Yes, He did!

For You and Me:

How amazing that Jesus would choose to leave His home in heaven to come to be our Savior! How amazing that He would suffer and die on the cross in the place of God's sinful people! But that's exactly what He did. And He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He had really done it! We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a tulip, a fish, a crown, a book, a woman named Mary, and a sailboat.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The fish, the crown, Mary, and the sailboat.

2. What did the people ask Jesus to give them? What did He give them instead? The people wanted Jesus to be their king who would use God's power to give them more bread and other good things to enjoy now.

For You and Me:

It's easy to understand why the people wanted Jesus to use God's power to give them good things. We all love for God to give us the good things that we enjoy. But

how good it is that Jesus chose to do God's will and be our Savior! He gave us what we needed most: forgiveness for our sins. You and I can know God's forgiveness and become His people when 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 Did Jesus Come to Do?****Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...****He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!**

How great is God's love for His sinful people! He sent Jesus, His own Son, to live a perfect life and offer it as the full payment for their sins. He suffered the punishment they deserved as He suffered and died on the cross! It sounds too good to be true, but it IS true! How do we know? Because on the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. He had come down from heaven to do God's will and He had done it! Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven their sins. They get to be God's dearly-loved people forever. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask God to help you

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** Jesus, we praise You for choosing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. We could never be God's people on our own. Only You could bring us to God.
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 9, Bible Truth 1 Key Concepts**p.5****Unit 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us****Unit Big Question (and Answer):** What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!**Unit Bible Verse:** "Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18, ESV**Bible Truth 1 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us**

Jesus is God's Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels.

But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn't anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven.

So, why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus' perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted to fulfill His Father's amazing plan. So, Jesus came. He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God's love for His people. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: John 6:38, ESV

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

Learn a Little: "I have come from heaven... to do the will of him who sent me."

Meaning

Jesus left His wonderful home in heaven to live on earth. Why? To carry out God's amazing plan. What was that plan? To save His sinful people from their sins so they could know Him and enjoy Him forever! What an amazing plan! What a wonderful God! Let's praise Him right now!

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** Jesus, we praise You for choosing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. We could never be God's people on our own. Only You could bring us to God.
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story**The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind**

Luke 1-2; John 1,6

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Big Q & A 9 Song

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Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Suffered Once for Sin

Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16, ESV

Big Question 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Down, Down, Down John 6:38, ESV

Extra Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: The Word Became Flesh John 1:14 NIV 1984

Extra Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Your Attitude Should Be Philippians 2:5-8, NIV 1984

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