

**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:**

**What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?  
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...**



**The Holy Spirit Gives God's People**

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**HINT: What's another word for "Brave"? This word starts with the letter "C."**

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



**Big Question 10** : What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

**Answer:** He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!

## Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do. God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And that one day, God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever. God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness... After they prayed... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."-- Acts 4:29,31

## Some Questions for You

1. What kinds of things does God give His people? *Many good things.*
2. What does God call His people to do? *He calls them to do many things, even very difficult things.*
3. What did God promise to do to help His people? *He promised to send them the Holy Spirit to live in them and to help them.*
4. Who does the Holy Spirit live in? *He lives in every believer.*
5. What does the Holy Spirit help believers do? *Everything He calls them to do, even very difficult things that they would never have the courage to do on their own.*
6. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they go through hard things? *To keep trusting in God and joyfully endure the hard things.*
7. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they face enemies who want to harm them? *To boldly face them and do what is right.*
8. What are some of God's promises that the Holy Spirit encourages believers with? *That God will use everything that happens to them for their good and His glory. That one day, God will bring them home to live with Him forever.*
9. Can God's Holy Spirit give us courage to live for God, too? How? *Yes! When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

## Let's Pray!

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- S** God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 10 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 10, track 12*  
(sung to the tune of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

What does the Holy Spirit do inside of God's people?  
What does the Holy Spirit do?  
He changes their hearts!

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## Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song

from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 10, track 13*

### Refrain

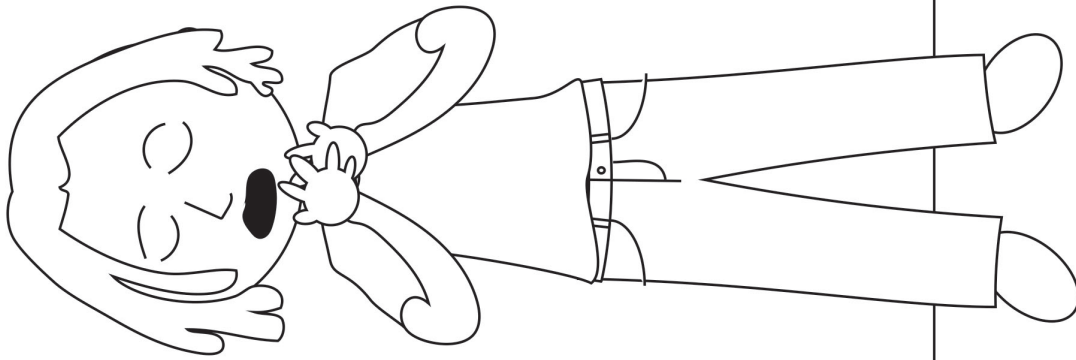
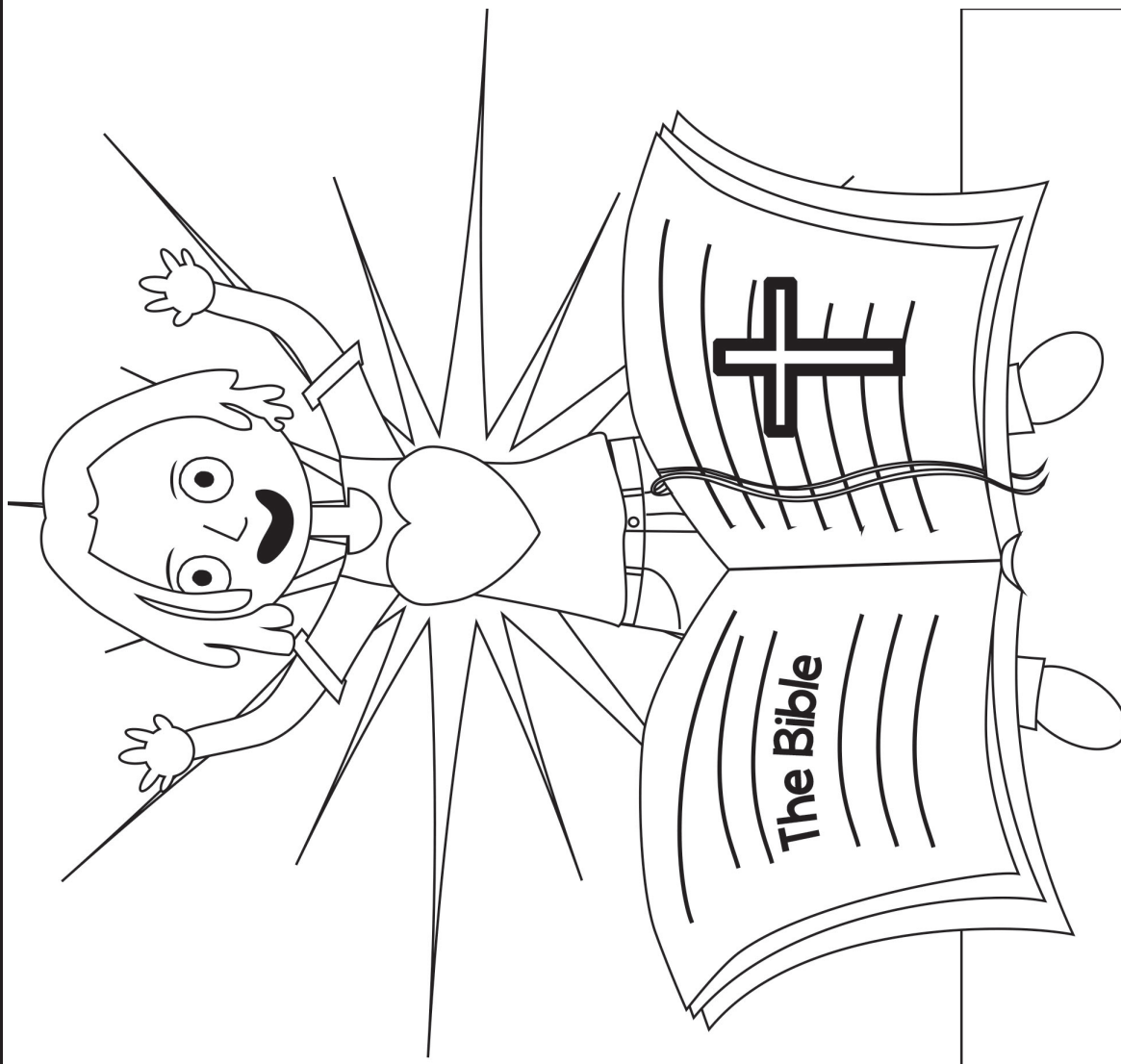
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?  
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?  
He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts,  
He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

### Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts  
of God's people,  
He gives them the  
gifts of repentance and faith,  
He puts love in the hearts  
of God's people,  
He helps them love God  
and others always. *Refrain*  
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### Verse 2:

God gives power to the hearts  
of God's people,  
He gives them the courage  
to live boldly for Him,  
He gives wisdom to the hearts  
of God's people.  
He reveals His Holy Word  
to them. *Refrain*



**“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness... After they prayed... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”---Acts 4: 29,31**

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



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**Learn a Little:** "After they prayed...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

**Meaning:**

These verses are a prayer that God's people prayed long ago when they were in trouble. The enemies they faced were too powerful for them on their own, but they knew whom they could ask to help them and give them courage and strength. The Lord! They knew they never had to face anything on their own. God has given them His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them be bold to do whatever He wanted them to do. He delighted to answer their prayer! How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He will put His Holy Spirit in our hearts and help us have courage and strength to do whatever He wants us to do, too!

**Some Questions for You**

1. Who was threatening whom? *The leaders (who were enemies of Jesus) were threatening Jesus's followers.*
2. What did the leaders not want them to do? *To tell others about Jesus.*
3. What did the disciples ask God to give them because of the leaders' threats? *Courage to tell about Jesus boldly.*
4. Why didn't the believers ask to be rescued from danger? *Because the Holy Spirit gave them courage to trust God with their safety and to help them care more about sharing about Jesus than even their lives.*
5. How did God answer the believers' prayers? *Filled them with the Holy Spirit and gave them courage to keep on telling others about Jesus.*
6. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

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

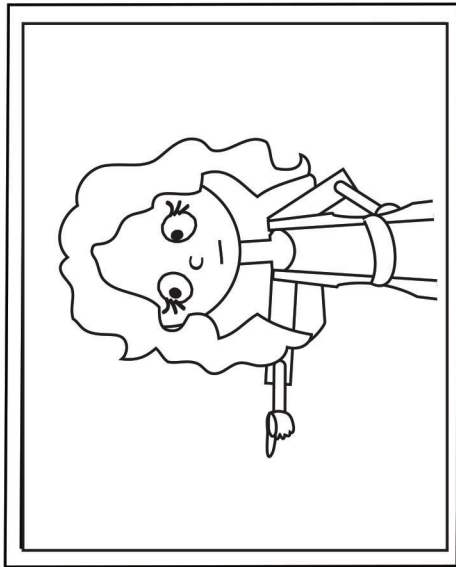
**Now, Lord, Consider Their Threats: Acts 4:29,31** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 10, track 21*

Now, Lord, consider their threats,  
Enable your servants to speak Your word,  
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Enable your servants to speak Your word,  
With great boldness,  
With great boldness.

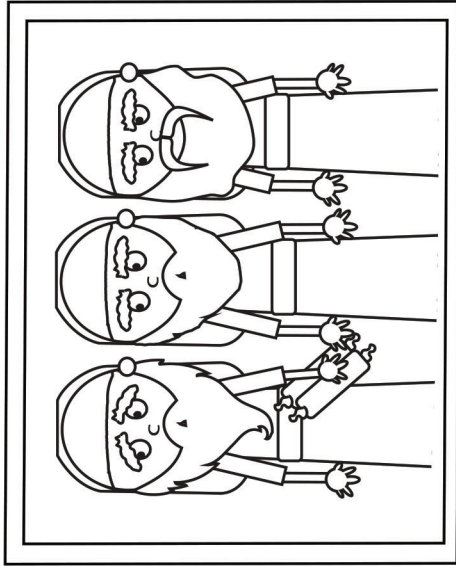
After they prayed,  
The place where they were meeting  
was shaken,  
And they were all filled,  
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,  
And they spoke boldly,  
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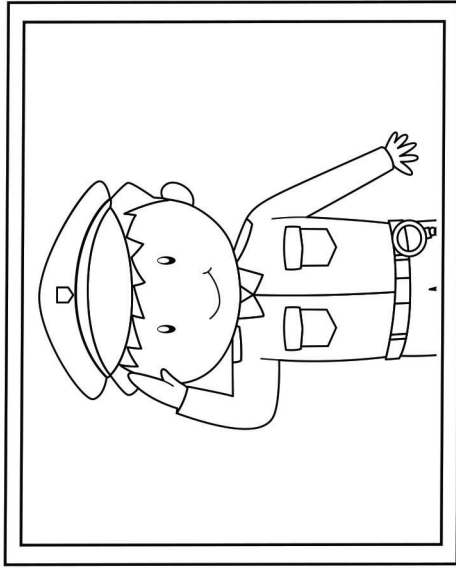
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



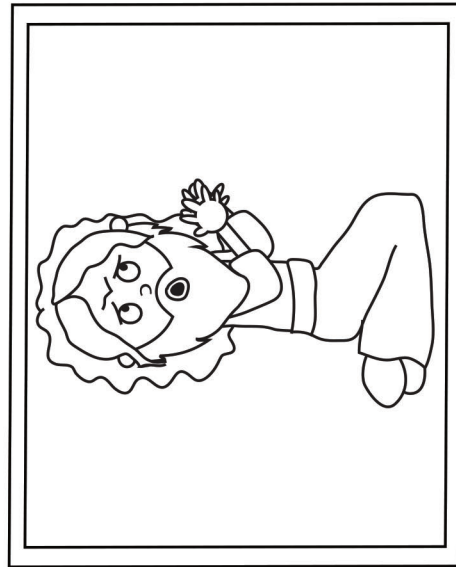
A Servant Girl



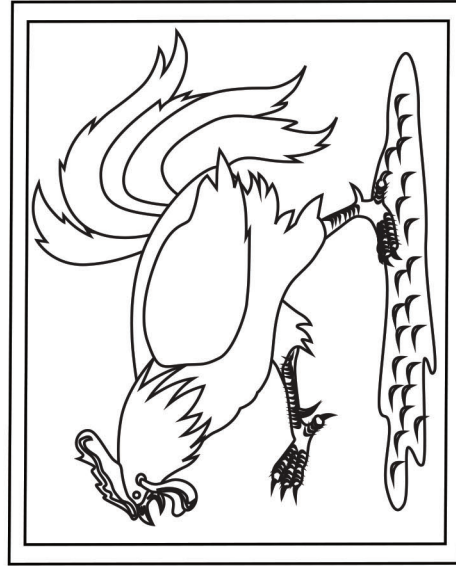
Jesus' Enemies



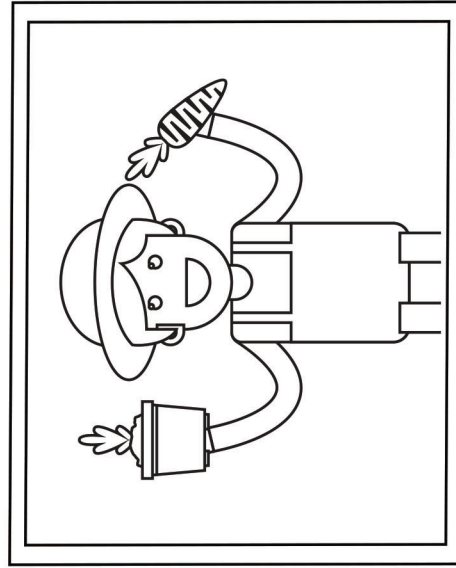
A Policeman



Jesus Praying



A Rooster



A Farmer

Answer: The servant girl, Jesus' enemies, Jesus praying, and the rooster belong. The policeman and the farmer do not. DDD 10.2 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



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### Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen when His enemies came to arrest Him? *They would all leave Him.*
2. What happened when Jesus' enemies came to arrest Him? *His disciples did leave Him.*
3. What happened when a servant girl recognized Peter after Jesus had been arrested? *Peter lied and said he didn't know Jesus three times.*
4. What did Jesus' disciples do after Jesus died on the cross and was buried? *They hid from Jesus' enemies, hoping they would not come and kill them, too.*
5. Who did Jesus appear to after He rose from the dead? *To some women and to His disciples.*
6. What did Jesus tell His disciples was God's plan for them after He went home to heaven? *To tell the whole world how they could be saved through Him (Jesus).*
7. Who did Jesus promise to send to help them obey God's plan for them? *God's Holy Spirit.*
8. How did God's Holy Spirit change the disciples when He came to live inside of them? *He gave them peace and joy and boldness.*
9. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, the Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us live for God, too.*

### Let's Pray!

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### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 10, track 16*

##### Verse 1

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation,  
By Spirit and the Word;  
From heav'n He came a sought her,  
To be His holy bride,  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

#### Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 10, track 17*

##### Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
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And renew a right spirit within me.

**Deep Down Devotions: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2 Story Concepts****P.1****Bible Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat***Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2*

Dear Parents,

**Big Question #10 is:** "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? Your child is learning that He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage."

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 sheet 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 came be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://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: A "scaredy cat" is a funny way to say someone is very scared. To "scat" means to run away.

- 1. Who was very afraid, like a scaredy cat?**
- 2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed them?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Acts 4:29,31:**

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I need to know:

- 1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?**
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciples? What did these men become bold 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 servant girl, Jesus' enemies, a policeman, Jesus praying, a rooster, and a farmer.

*Hold each of them up 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. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter?**

**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.*

**The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat** *Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2*

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

**One evening, Peter, John, and Jesus' other disciples walked with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. Under the olive trees, Jesus shared what was about to happen. "My enemies are coming to arrest Me and kill Me. You will all run away and leave Me," He told them. "But after I rise from the dead, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."**

**Peter heard Jesus' words, but he refused to believe them. "No! Even if everyone else runs away and leaves You, I won't," he told Jesus. Peter was sure he would never do something as terrible as leaving Jesus!**

**But Jesus knew the truth. "Peter, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you'll say you never knew Me THREE times! God's enemy, Satan, wants to crush you, Peter, but I have prayed that your faith won't fail. When you turn back, encourage the others," Jesus told him.**

**Peter heard Jesus' words again, but he still refused to believe. "It's not true!" Peter insisted. "I won't leave You, even if they put me in jail and kill me along with You!" The other disciples agreed with Peter. "We will never leave You, Jesus. We will stay with You no matter what!" they promised.**

**Jesus' words made the disciples sad. They hated to think that Jesus would be killed by His enemies. They hated to think that they might all leave Him!**

**Jesus knew this and comforted them. "Don't be worried," Jesus told them. "I'm going to heaven to make a place for you to live with Me forever! I'm going to ask God, My Father, to send Someone very special to help You. I won't leave you alone!" Jesus promised them.**

**Who was this special Someone who would help them? Do you know?**

Can you tell me who?

**It was God, the Holy Spirit. How amazing! God, Himself, coming to live inside of them!**

**"Yes, the Holy Spirit will come live inside of you and He will help you," Jesus told His disciples. "It's better for you that I go, so that He can come and live inside of you," Jesus comforted them.**

**Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, had gone to Jesus' enemies and offered to help them get rid of Jesus. Judas loved money, and when they promised him thirty, silver coins to help them catch Jesus, Judas agreed. Now, the time came for him to earn his money and lead them to Jesus.**

**"March, march, march," Jesus and the other disciples heard men coming. The light of their blazing torches and lanterns lit up the darkness, revealing a Big crowd of men, armed with swords and clubs.**

**"Rabbi, teacher," Judas exclaimed, going up to Jesus and giving Him the usual, brotherly kiss. This was the sign the crowd of soldiers was waiting for. Now, they knew who Jesus was. They seized and arrested Him.**

**"Judas, will you really turn Me over to My enemies with a kiss?" Jesus said to him. "If you are looking for Me, then let My disciples go free," Jesus told the crowd.**

**Peter and the other disciples could see what was happening. What would they do? Would they run like Jesus said they would, or would they be arrested with Him, and maybe die, too?**

What do you think they would do?



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

**Peter had another idea. He would fight! He took his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, the servant of Jesus' most powerful and most important enemy --the high priest. Peter wouldn't let this crowd wouldn't take away Jesus without a struggle!**

**"No, put your sword away, Peter," Jesus exclaimed. "Will I run away from what God, My Father, has planned? No, I will not! I will do it, even though it will be very hard!" Then, Jesus reached out and healed the very ear Peter had just cut off! Amazing!**

**Now Peter's "fight" quickly turned to "fear"! Now he understood. Jesus would not fight! Jesus was choosing to die!**

**"Oh, no, we don't want to be arrested! Oh, no, we don't want to be hurt! Oh, no, we don't want to die!" Peter and the other disciples thought. They had to act quickly before it was too late! So, off they ran, away through the olive trees and into the darkness, leaving Jesus all alone.**

**From the safety of the darkness, they heard the crowd leave with Jesus. Back to Jerusalem, through the city gates, up its dark streets, and to the high priest's house, the crowd took Him. Jesus' enemies gathered there to take Jesus and set up His death.**

**Peter and John snuck along after the crowd, sticking to the shadows. They wanted to know what happened to Jesus, but they didn't want to be noticed. But Peter was cold. So, at last, when he thought it safe, Peter went up the fire to warm himself.**

**Then, Peter WAS noticed! "You, there! YOU were with Jesus. YOU are one of His followers," a servant girl exclaimed when she saw him. Peter panicked. Oh, no! now the soldiers might come for him and kill him, he feared. What would Peter say? Would he tell the truth or lie to protect himself?**

*What do you think Peter would do?*

**"No, I wasn't! I swear I never knew Him!" Peter lied to the servant girl and the others, not just one or two times, but THREE times!**

**"Cock-a-doodle-doo!" Peter heard the rooster crow, then he ran away and cried. It all happened just as Jesus had said it would. Maybe Peter loved Jesus, but he didn't have the courage to suffer and die with Him.**

**Later that day, Jesus was nailed to a cross at Golgotha. There, He suffered and died. Friends took his body and buried it in a cave-grave. How very, very sad Peter and the other disciples were! Sad, that their teacher was gone! Sad, that it seemed Jesus wasn't really the Messiah, the promised Savior sent from God. And sad, that they had not even stood by Him, but had run away. Now they huddled in fear in a house in Jerusalem. They didn't want Jesus' enemies to find them. They didn't want to be next to die! Was this the end of the story for Jesus, and for Peter and the other disciples? Jesus was dead and all His disciples had run away like scaredly cats. It certainly looked like the end.**

**But it wasn't the end, was it? For while on Day One and Two, Jesus' body lay dead in that cave-grave, everything changed on Day Three. Can you remember what happened?**

*Do you remember?*

**Jesus rose up from the dead! He had suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people, and He had WON! Jesus rose up to life in VICTORY! Yay!**

**Jesus appeared to the women who came to the cave-grave that Sunday morning! "I'm alive," He told them. "Go, tell Peter and the other disciples!"**

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

When Peter and John heard the women's story, they ran to the cave-grave to see for themselves. Yes, there were the strips of cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' dead body, now lying in a pile by themselves. And there was the cloth that had been on Jesus' face, now nicely folded up by itself. Could the women's story really be true?

John believed Jesus had risen from the dead, but Peter still could not. Together, they went back to the house where the other disciples were. They locked the door and hid. How scared they were of Jesus' enemies! Maybe Jesus WAS alive, but His disciples were still just scaredy cats.

Yet, this would NOT be the sad end of Jesus' disciples! Jesus had prayed for them and promised them something. Do you remember what?

*Do you remember?*

Jesus had prayed for His disciples' faith (especially Peter's) to not fail, and it didn't! Jesus' prayers for us are always answered with a "yes"! Peter may have sinned against Jesus, and they may have all been very scared, but they were still loved by God. He would help them to keep on believing.

That evening, Jesus suddenly appeared to His scared disciples in their locked-up house. He knew right where they were, and no locks could keep Him out!

"I'm alive!" Jesus exclaimed, showing them the scars on His hands and feet. It was Jesus! He really was alive! He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. They were so happy.

Over the next 40 days, Jesus taught Peter and the other disciples from the Bible. Jesus showed them how God's promises all came true through His life and death. He told them about God's Big Plan for them: they were to tell everyone how they could become God's people. There was so much to learn and to tell!

But Peter and the others needed more than teaching to be able to obey God's plan for them. The same enemies who killed Jesus would try to hurt them when they spread the good news of Jesus. Once more, they would run away like scaredy cats, if they tried to live for God on their own. They needed that powerful gift that Jesus had promised them. The gift that would come and live inside of them. Can you remember what the powerful gift was?

*Can you remember?*

It was God's Holy Spirit! "Go back to Jerusalem and wait," Jesus told them, as He went up to heaven. "There, you receive the Holy Spirit," Jesus said. "He will give you the courage to do all of God's plans," Jesus promised.

So, back to Jerusalem they went, and prayed, and waited. Then, at last, the Holy Spirit came! God sent Him to live inside the hearts of Peter and the other believers. The Holy Spirit gave them peace and joy in God. And, He gave them POWER and COURAGE! Peter and the others were changed people. No longer were they scared to speak up for Jesus in front of Jesus' enemies or anyone else. Here was the Helper they needed to live boldly for Jesus for the rest of their lives!

And even right then and there, The Holy Spirit gave Peter the courage to boldly preach God's Word to a crowd of thousands of people "Turn away from your sins! Trust in Jesus as your Savior!" Peter urged them. "Then you, too, will receive this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit that God has given us," he told them. And that's what three thousand people did that day. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Then, God's wonderful gift of His Holy Spirit came to live in the hearts of these new believers, too.

Oh, what changes the Holy Spirit had made in Peter and the others! No longer were they scaredy cats. Now, they were brave followers of Jesus, thanks to the Holy Spirit. And He would help them boldly live for God for the rest of their lives.

**Cracking the Case:** (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

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**1. Who was very afraid, like a scaredy cat?** Peter and Jesus' other disciples.

**2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed them?** Jesus prayed for Peter and the others. The Holy Spirit came to live inside of them all. He changed their hearts and gave them boldness to tell others about Jesus.

**For You and Me**

Like Jesus' disciples, we need Jesus to help us. We need Him to pray for us. We need the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, and help us to boldly live for God. How can the Holy Spirit come to live in our hearts? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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**2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciples)? What did these men become bold to do?** The gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to be bold to live for God and to tell others about God, even if enemies threatened to hurt them. That's boldness!

**For You and Me**

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. We may, too. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. And He will come to live inside us and help us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

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

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I need to know:

**1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?** The servant girl, Jesus' enemies, Jesus praying, and the rooster belong. The policeman and the farmer do not.

**2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter?** Jesus prayed for Peter to be kept safe and to keep on believing in Jesus, even when God's enemy, Satan, would tempt him to be act like he didn't know Jesus and run away.

**For You and Me**

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. We may, too. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. And He will come to live inside us and help us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

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

**What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?**

**He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...**

**The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!**

What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit was to Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples! He helped them have courage to live their lives for God. He helped them boldly tell others the good news of Jesus.

Peter and Jesus' other disciples needed Jesus to be their Savior. They needed the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts, and so do we! You see, we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins. God would have been perfectly fair to His punish us for breaking His laws and leave it at that. But He is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment in our place. Yes, for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior, God will forgive their sins. He makes them His and they will enjoy special closeness with Him now as His special people. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! It is His promise! Ask Him to help you!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of courage to Your people through the Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by Your Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You want them to do.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?  
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "I will give you a new heart and a new spirit I will put in you." -- Ezekiel 36:26

**Bible Truth 2 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage**

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do.

God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And that one day, God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever.

God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Acts 4:29,31**

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness... And when they had prayed... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."

**Learn a Little:** "After they prayed...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

**Meaning**

These verses are a prayer that God's people prayed long ago when they were in trouble. The enemies they faced were too powerful for them on their own, but they knew whom they could ask to help them and give them courage and strength. The Lord! They knew they never had to face anything on their own. God has given them His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them be bold to do whatever He wanted them to do. He delighted to answer their prayer!

How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He will put His Holy Spirit in our hearts and help us have courage and strength to do whatever He wants us to do, too!

**Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

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**Bible Truth 2 Story**

**The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat** *Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26

*Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26 (other version)*

Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Consider Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, NIV 1984

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