

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 10,

Bible Truth 1

Simple Story Scenes

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided. You can add a third using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

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 1 Concept: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

God is one God, but three Persons: God, the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand.

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts, so that they would love God and live for Him, more and more.

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people --to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom, and helps them love Him and live for Him, too. God can do this in our hearts, also!

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love Him. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple --a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have, when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- C** God, we confess that we rebel against You in our hearts. We do not love or serve You as we should. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of Your people. Thank You for how He helps them to love You and live for You.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story**The Case of the Eager Waiters**

Acts 1-2

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

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 1 Bible Verse: The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19

Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19 (other version)

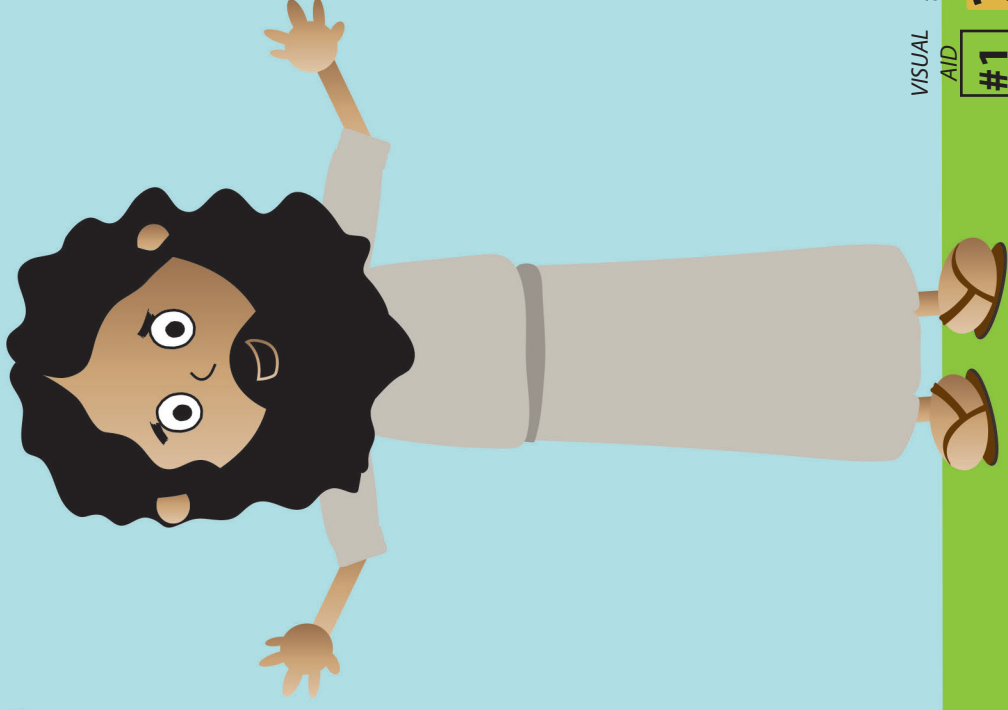
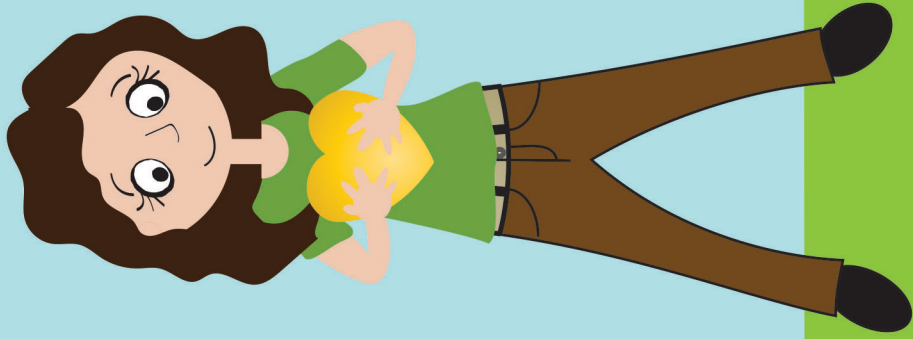
Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Which of You Fathers? Luke 11:11-13

listen to or download songs for free at <https://praisefactory.org>: Deep Down Detectives Music page

BIG QUESTION 10



What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?



VISUAL
AID

take out

#1



The
Question
Bank

of BQB

ANSWER:

He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

The Big Question

Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is

Big Question Number 10:

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

and the Answer is:

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

Meaning:

God's Holy Spirit works in our hearts as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them, and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others as Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A 10 Song

DDD NIV Songs 10, track 12

(adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

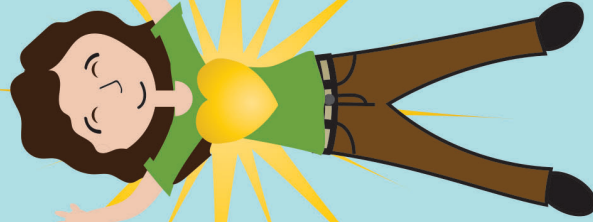
What does the Holy Spirit do,
Inside of God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
He changes their heart!

BIG QUESTION 10: Four truths about the Holy Spirit

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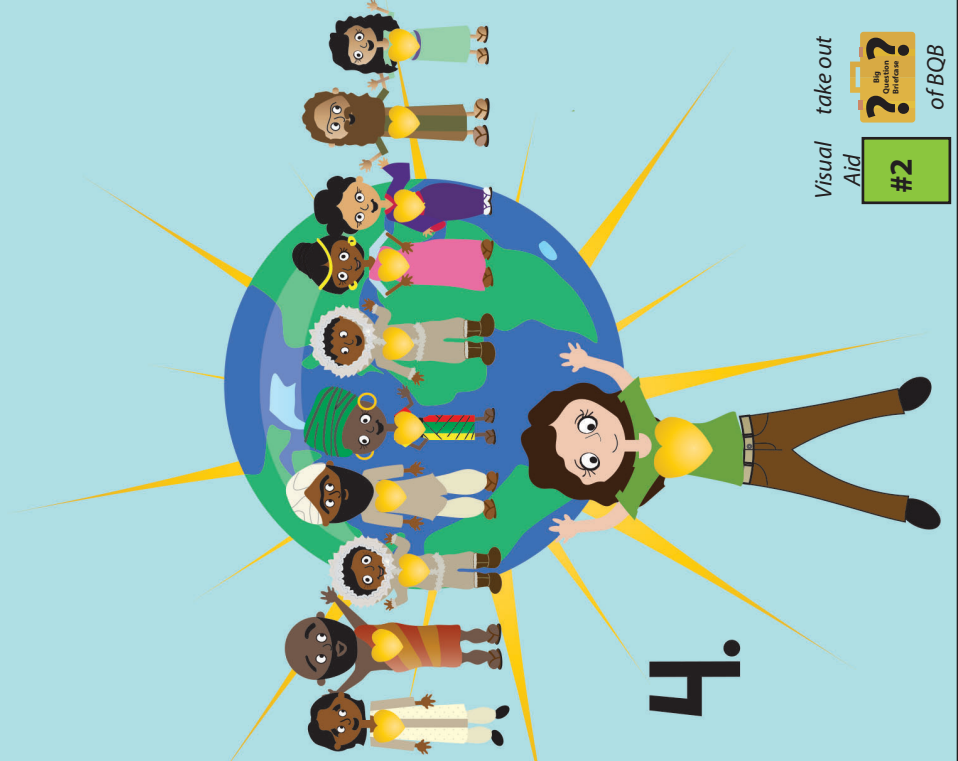
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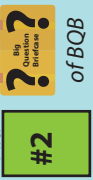
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Visual take out
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This Unit's Bible Truths

"He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning FOUR Bible truths that all tell us more about the Holy Spirit.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

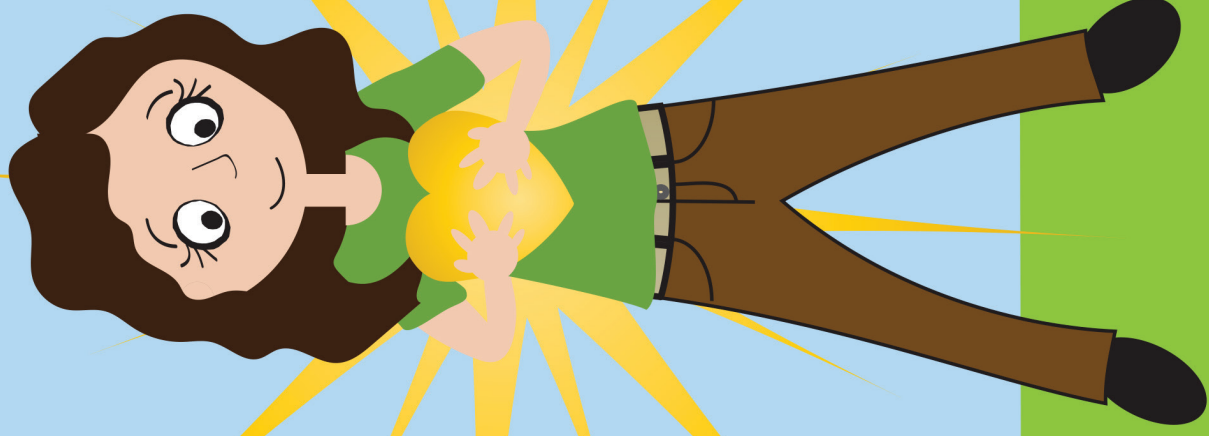
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!

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

The Holy Spirit ????
in God's People!

HINT: What's the opposite of
being dead? This word starts
with the letter "L" and it rhymes
with "gives."

ANSWER:
The Holy Spirit LIVES in God's People!



Visual Aid

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Big
Question
Bibles

of BQB

take out

Revealing the Bible Truth We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God’s People?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit ???? in God’s People!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s the opposite of being dead? This word starts with the letter “L” and it rhymes with “gives.”

Can you guess? It’s “Lives!”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

**“What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God’s People?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit LIVES in God’s People!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

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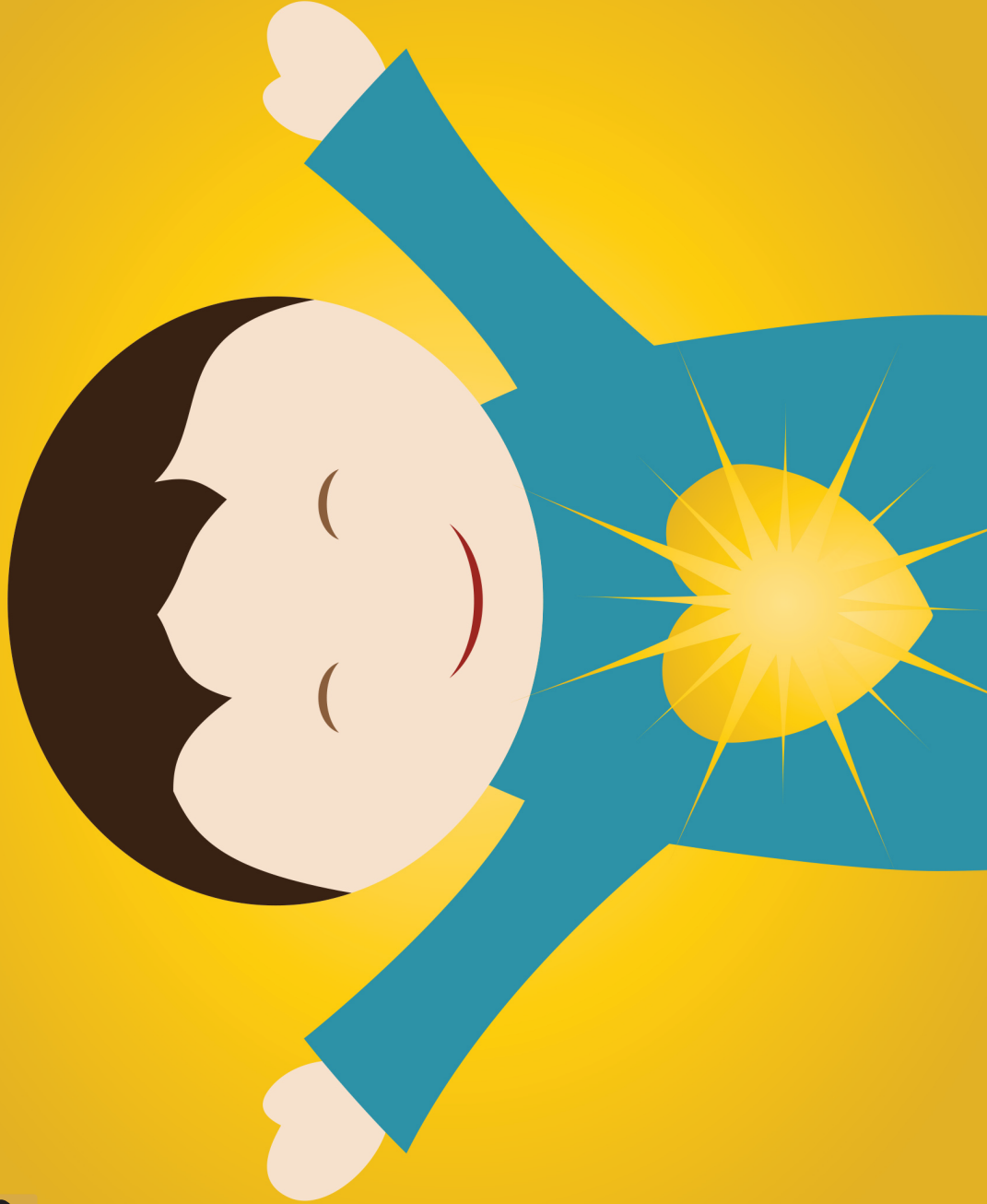
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Place
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**“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit,
who is in you, whom you have received from God?” 1 Corinthians 6:19**

Bible Truth | Bible Verse

Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

1 Corinthians 6:19 tells us:

1 Corinthians 6:19

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

What does that mean?

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love Him. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have, when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"

"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

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A Temple of the Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 6:19

DDD NIV Songs 10, track 18

Do you not know?

Do you not know?

Do you not know,

That your body is a temple?

Do you not know?

Do you not know?

Do you not know,

That your body is a temple?

A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

Whom you have from God,

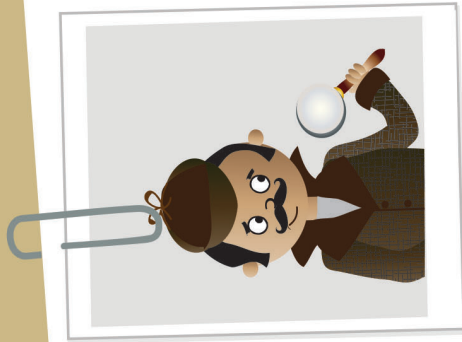
Whom you have from God.

First Corinthians Chapter Six,

verse nineteen.

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“The Case of the Eager Waiters” Acts 1-2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to happen?
2. What happened inside of them when what they waited for came?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 6:19, NIV

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”

A temple is a special place where we worship God.

1. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live?
2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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1. "Go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift," Jesus told His disciples, after He died on the cross and rose from the dead. "I'm going home to heaven now, but I won't leave you alone," He said. "I will ask the Father and He will send you a gift. It's good that I'm going away, so you can have this gift," Jesus told them.

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2. What kind of gift would Jesus ask His Father to send His disciples? Could there really be a gift better than having Jesus right BESIDE them each day? Yes, there was. It was God, the Holy Spirit, coming to live INSIDE them their whole lives! Wow! What a gift!

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3. "The Holy Spirit will come and live inside you," Jesus explained. "He will give you power to be my witnesses to the whole world. He will help you, comfort you, guide you, and give you courage," He promised them.

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4. Up, up, up, went Jesus. Through the clouds, and up to heaven to rule as king.

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5. And where did the disciples go? They headed to Jerusalem, just as Jesus told them to. And as they went, they spread the news to the other believers, “Wait in Jerusalem with us for the gift of the Holy Spirit,” they told everyone.

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1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Days



6. So, all the believers gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. They prayed and waited; and, waited and prayed. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine days passed, but still no Holy Spirit!

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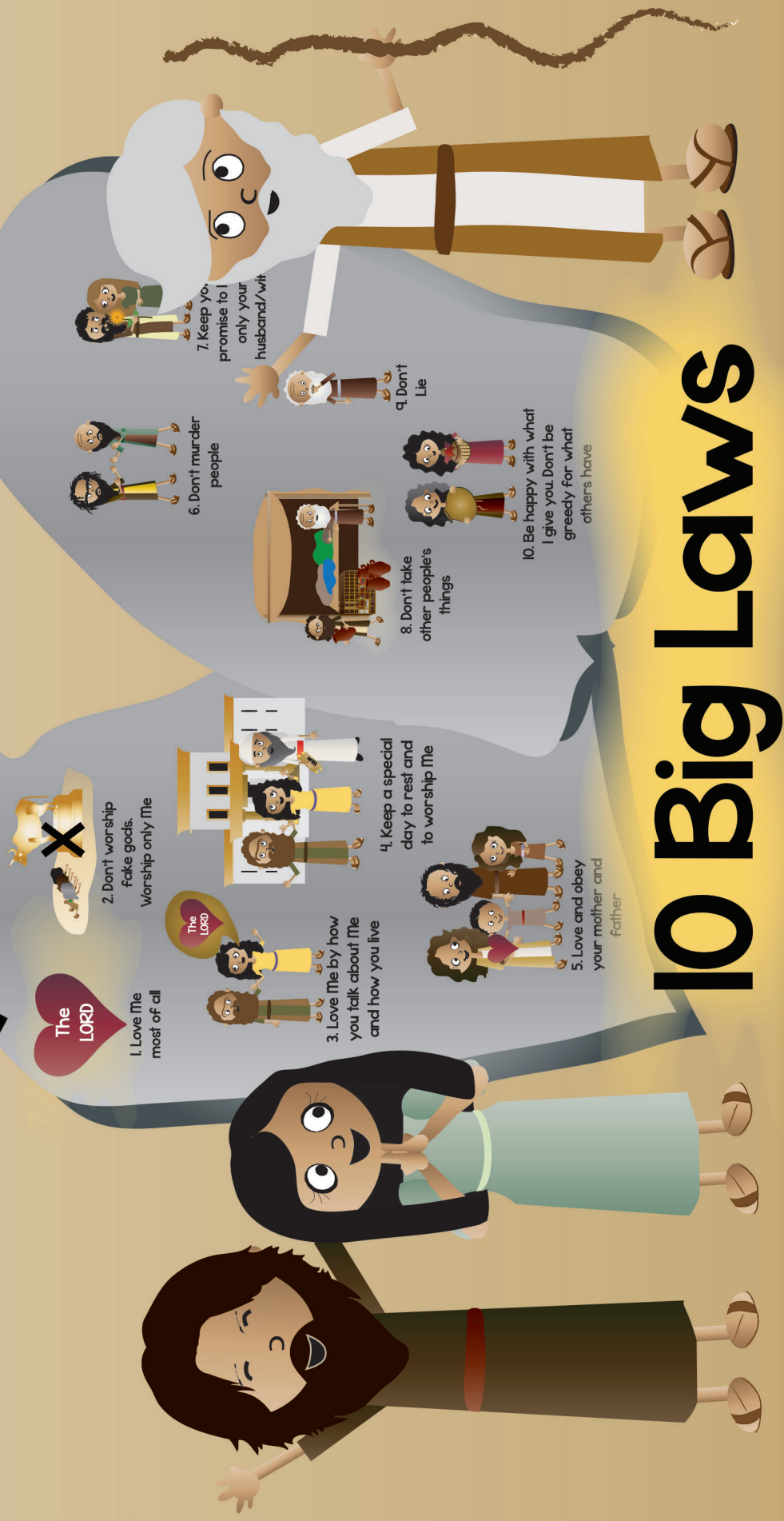


DAY 10

7. Had God forgotten? Had He changed His mind? 7. NO! God NEVER forgets or changes His mind. His promises always come true. His plans always happen right on time. God was waiting for Day Ten to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people. It was all part of His perfect plan to tell the world about Jesus.

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Day of Pentecost



10 Big Laws

8. Why Day Ten? Because Day Ten was a very special celebration day in Jerusalem, called the Day of Pentecost. Every Pentecost, thousands of Jews from all over the world came to Jerusalem to thank God for giving them His Ten, Big Rules, the Ten Commandments.

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9. When Day Ten came, Jerusalem was bursting full of people celebrating Pentecost. Everything was exactly how God wanted it to be when He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people. He wanted everyone to know what was happening!

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10. So, at nine o'clock that Pentecost morning, the gift came. At last, God sent His Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers who had been praying and waiting in that house --all one hundred and twenty of them! "Whoosh," a sound like a mighty wind came from heaven and filled the whole house. "Crackle, Sparkle," something came down that looked like fire and rested on each of them. Then quietly and powerfully, the Holy Spirit came to live in the hearts of them all. He filled them with God's joy, peace, and power!

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II. Jesus' followers were so happy! They burst out of that house and ran into the streets in joy!

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12. But that's not all the Holy Spirit did in those first disciples. He also made them able to speak in other languages that they had never learned before! Why would God do that? So that Jesus' disciples could go out and begin telling the people of the world the good news of Jesus, starting with Jews from around the world in Jerusalem that very morning. Now, not just Israelites, but Romans and Greeks, Egyptians and Arabs, Africans and Asians suddenly could hear the good news of Jesus in their very own language. Everyone was amazed!

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13. "What's going on? How can these people speak in all of these languages? What gift is this?" many wondered. Others laughed and made fun of the disciples.

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14. The Holy Spirit worked in Peter's heart, making him bold and giving him wise words from God's Word to speak. "These people are speaking your languages by God's Holy Spirit," Peter explained. "God has sent Him to live inside of all who follow Jesus. Come, turn away from your sin, trust in Jesus as your Savior, and be baptized. God will send the Holy Spirit to live inside you, too." Peter promised them. What would these people do? Would they believe Peter's words? Would they keep laughing and walk away?

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15. Many DIDN'T walk away but BELIEVED! Over three thousand people turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that very day. And guess WHO came to live inside the hearts of those three thousand new believers that day? I bet you know. God's Holy Spirit, just as Peter had promised. The Holy Spirit filled these new believers with God's joy, peace, and power. They were so happy! Now, they could know God in their hearts, too.

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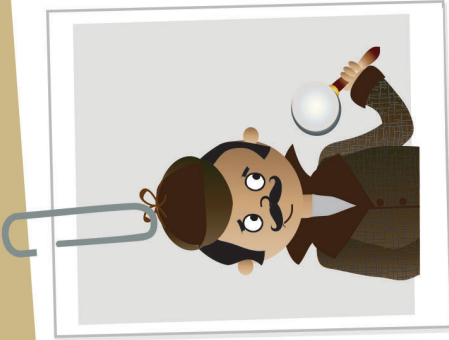


16. Already, God's Holy Spirit had begun to do amazing things in God's people. God's plan to tell the world the good news of Jesus was happening. And this was only the beginning. How many more wonderful things would God's Holy Spirit do!

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“The Case of the Eager Waiters” Acts 1-2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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What happened inside of them when what they waited for came? The Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and gave them boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:
The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others and tell them about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us the boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus, so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, as He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly into our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 6:19, NIV

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”

A temple is a special place where we worship God.

1. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live? God's Holy Spirit.
2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God?

He came to live in their hearts. He helped them know and love God, and love others, too. This is how we worship God, by living this way.

For You and Me

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us the boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, as He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly into our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

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

The Gospel



In the beginning, people rebelled against God. Sin came into their hearts. They deserved God's punishment and lost the special closeness they knew with God. Since then, we all have sinful hearts and all have chosen to rebel against God.

But even though we all deserve God's punishment, God is so merciful that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to become a man and to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

Jesus died and was buried, but on the third day, He rose up from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And who will come to live in our hearts, if we do? You guessed it! God's Holy Spirit. He will live in us and help us our whole lives, to love God and live for Him. Then one day, we will go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



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A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.

C God, we confess that we rebel against You in our hearts. We do not love or serve You as we should. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!

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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 Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know You and love You more and more.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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