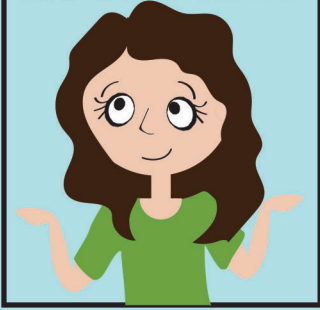


BIG QUESTION 10



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



ANSWER:

# He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

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## 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 ESV 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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## 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, we've learned one truth about the Holy Spirit's work inside of God's people. It's this one: "The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People." (point to picture as you identify the Bible Truth). 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 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 ????!

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

ANSWER:

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People COURAGE!

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# 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 Gives God’s People ????!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s another word for “Brave”? This word starts with the letter “C.”

Can you guess? It’s “Courage.”

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 Gives God’s People COURAGE!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

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.



“...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

## Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

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

**2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV** tells us:

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

**Learn a Little:** "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

### What does that mean?

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives.

But there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially when life is hard, and their faith feels weak. God gives His people His Holy Spirit. He can work inside them. He can help them turn away from fear and give them God's power, love, and self-control for everything they face. The Holy Spirit is the One who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

"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!"

## Fan into Flame:

### Acts 4:1-6, ESV

*DDD ESV Songs 10, track 24*

Fan into flame your faith,  
The gift of God,  
Fan into flame your faith,  
The gift of God,  
For God gave us a spirit not of fear  
But of power and love and self-control.  
Second Timothy One, six and seven.

"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?"



# “The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat”

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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 Listening Assignment #2

### 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

“...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

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?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))





I. 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."



2. 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.





3. 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.



4. 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.



# Holy Spirit



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



6. 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.





7. "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.





8. "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.



9. "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?





10. 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!



II. "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!





12. Now, Peter's "fight" quickly turned to "fear"! Now, Peter 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.



13. Back to Jerusalem, through the city gates, up its dark streets, and to the high priest's house, the crowd took Jesus. 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.





14. But Peter was cold. At last, when he thought it safe, he 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?





15. "No, I wasn't! I swear I never knew Him!" Peter lied to the servant girl and the others. He lied not just one time 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 he loved Jesus, but now Peter could see he didn't have the courage to suffer and die with Him.



16. 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.



17. 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 scaredy cats. It certainly looked like the end.





18. 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? 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!



19. 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!"



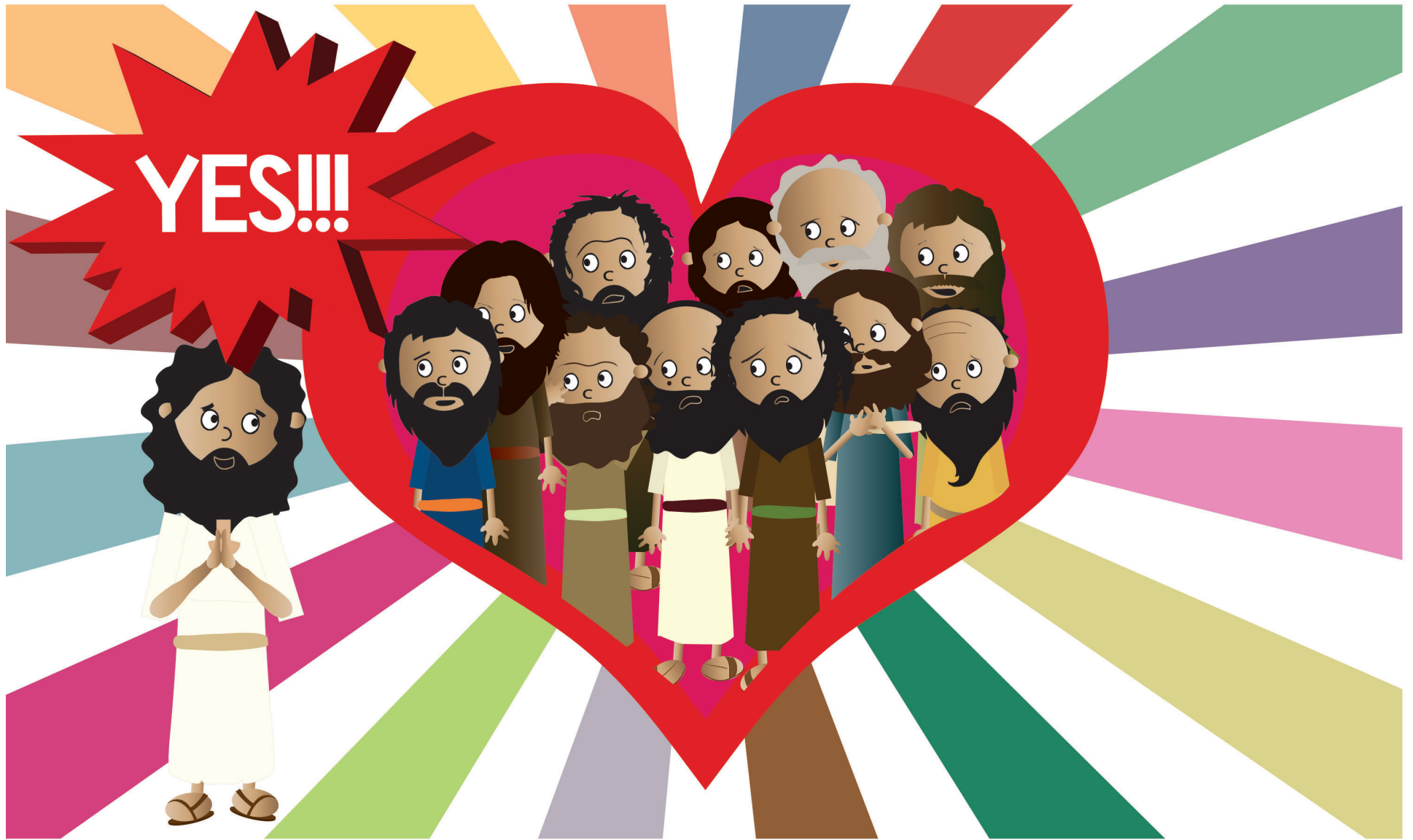
20. When Peter and John heard the women's story, they ran to the cave-grave to see for themselves. Yes, there were the strips of cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' dead body, now lying in a pile by themselves. And there was the cloth that had been on Jesus' face, now nicely folded up by itself. Could the women's story really be true? John believed Jesus had risen from the dead, but Peter still could not.



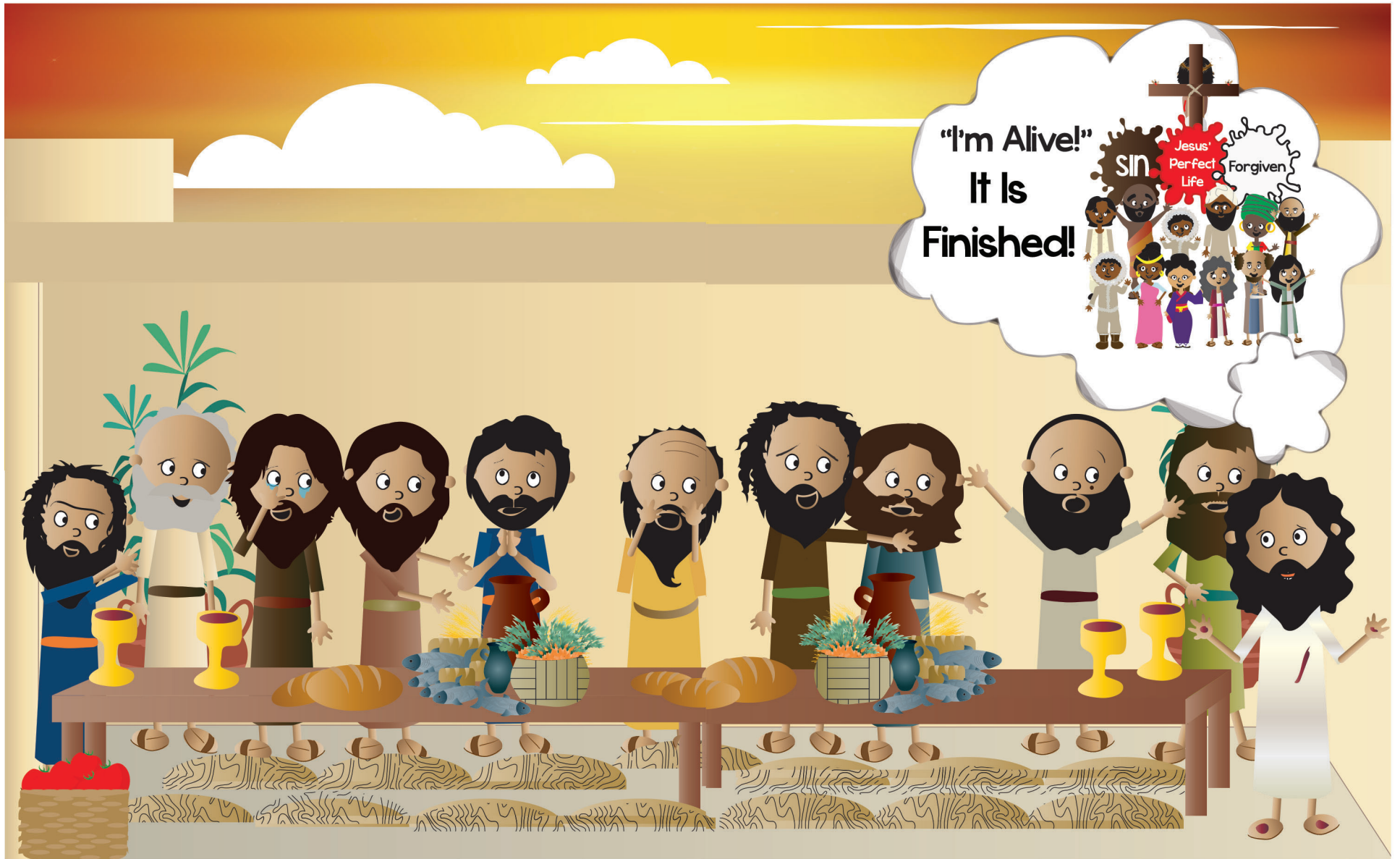


21. Together, Peter and John went back to the house where the other disciples were. They locked the door and hid. How scared they were of Jesus' enemies! Maybe Jesus WAS alive, but His disciples were still just scaredy cats.





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



23. 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.





24. 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!



25. 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? It was God's Holy Spirit!





26. "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.



27. 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!





28. 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 the crowd. 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.

# Holy Spirit



29. 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.



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## SOLVED



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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!



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Timothy 1:6,7 ESV

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?  
Peter and the other disciples were. They were afraid the soldiers would arrest them and kill them.
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!



**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!**

# The Gospel



**What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit was to Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples! He gave them courage to live boldy live for God and to tell others the good news of Jesus.**

**Like the disciples, we need Jesus to be our Savior, and for the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. You see, we all disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins. But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment for God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and His Holy Spirit will come live inside of us. And one day, we will get to live with God forever. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to answer this prayer!**



# A 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.

