

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 10,  
Bible Truth 2  
Visual Aids  
and  
Simple Story Scenes**

## About the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids

### How Are They Used?



The Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book is a companion resource to be used alongside the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book for each unit. These colorful pictures are used in presenting the key concepts; telling the Bible stories; and, in playing the Bible Story Review games.

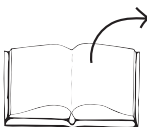
### What Do They Include?



**There are four different resources included in this book:**

- 1. Key Concept Visual Aids**-- colorful signs of the Big Question and Answer, the Bible Truth, the Bible verse, and the Listening Assignments to use with the 3 lessons for each Bible Truth.
- 2. The Story Scenes** Notice that each scene is numbered and that there is a brief summary of the story that corresponds to the picture. You can actually just tell the story in a simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.
- 3. Directions** for making the Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder and the **back/front images** to paste in place when making it. (Larger back/front images are found online with the curriculum.)
- 4. Directions** for how to make a homemade flannelgraph storyboard and sturdy Story Scene pictures are found in the back of this book.

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



This book is meant to be ripped up and made into your visual aids. The key concept signs can be cut out and laminated or slipped into sheet protectors. The Story Scenes can be put in sheet protectors or laminated, too.

### Store It!



Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum that can be used over and over. Store your visual aids and storyboard pictures after using them and they will serve you for many years. We store ours in manilla envelopes and then put them (along with all the rest of the curriculum) in magazine files, labelled by Bible Truth. If you have multiple classes using the curriculum, store each set of resources in separate manilla envelopes. This will make prep much simpler, second time around.

### Replacement Story Scene Pictures



You can always purchase this book again or simply go online and print out any scenes that go missing.

### Other Options



You can also choose to tell the story in a more traditional flannelgraph way by using your own flannelgraph figures or by purchasing/free downloading the Storyboard Pictures (large and small format size available). This is more complex and requires more preparation, but some love it. And, it does allow for kids to interact more by helping to place pictures up on the board as you tell the story.

**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**

- 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.

**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

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

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

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and prepare storyboard figures/story scenes, if using. (In Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues/hold up storybook scenes as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS (Optional)**

**“Our story is called: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scats. Here is your listening assignment... “** Read from Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

**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:**

“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.”--

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)*

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**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."**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.

**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?** 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 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?** 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!

**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?** 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**

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**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 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 when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. Our sins will be forgiven and God's Holy Spirit will come live inside of us. And one day, we will get to live with Him forever. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer! *Close in prayer.*

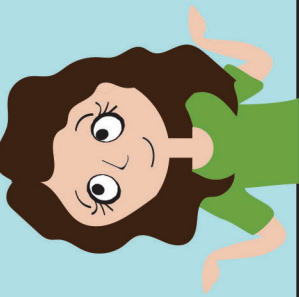
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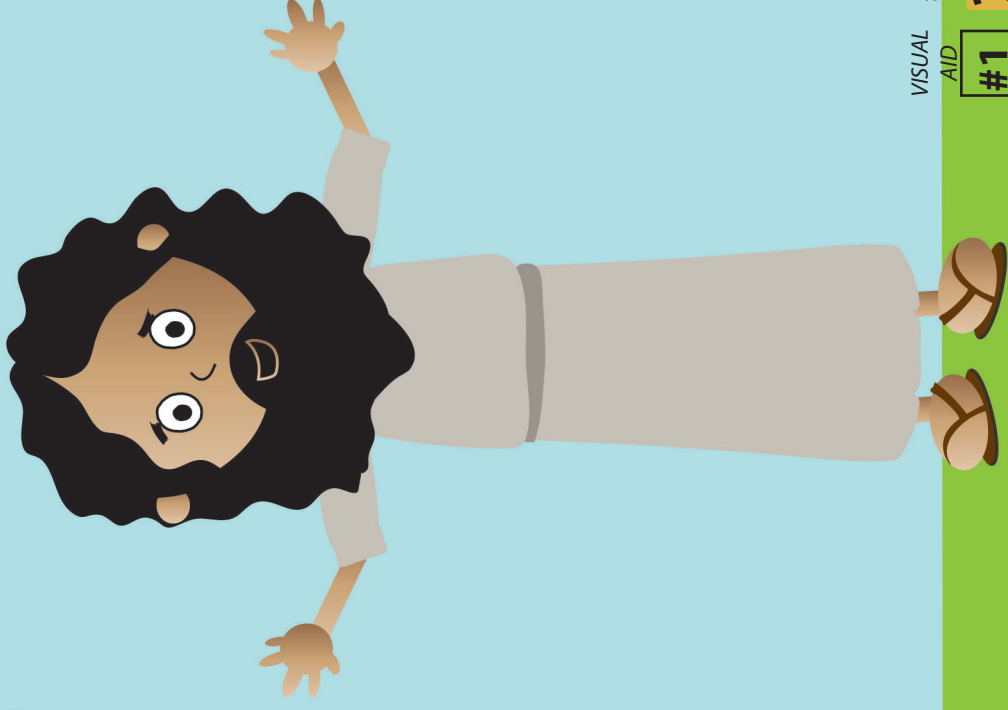
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.***

BIG QUESTION 10



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



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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

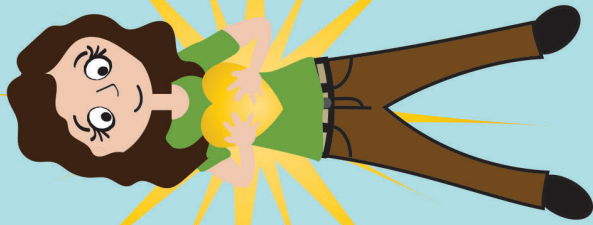
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*(adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")*

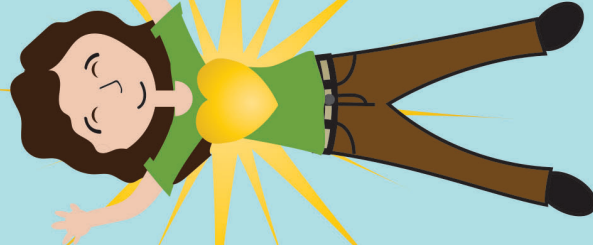
What does the Holy Spirit do,  
Inside of God's people?  
What does the Holy Spirit do?  
He changes their heart!

# BIG QUESTION 10: Four truths about the Holy Spirit

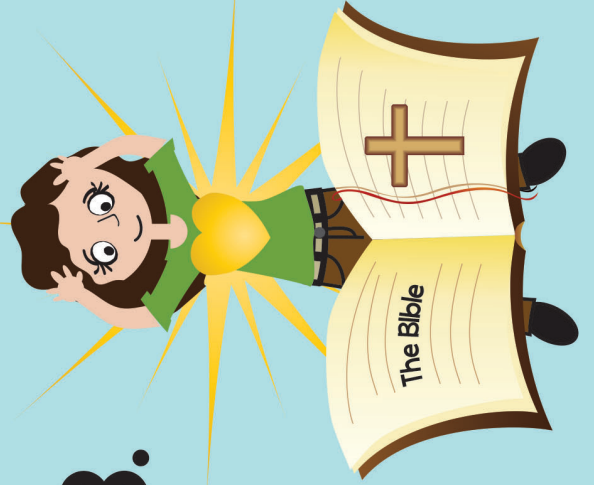
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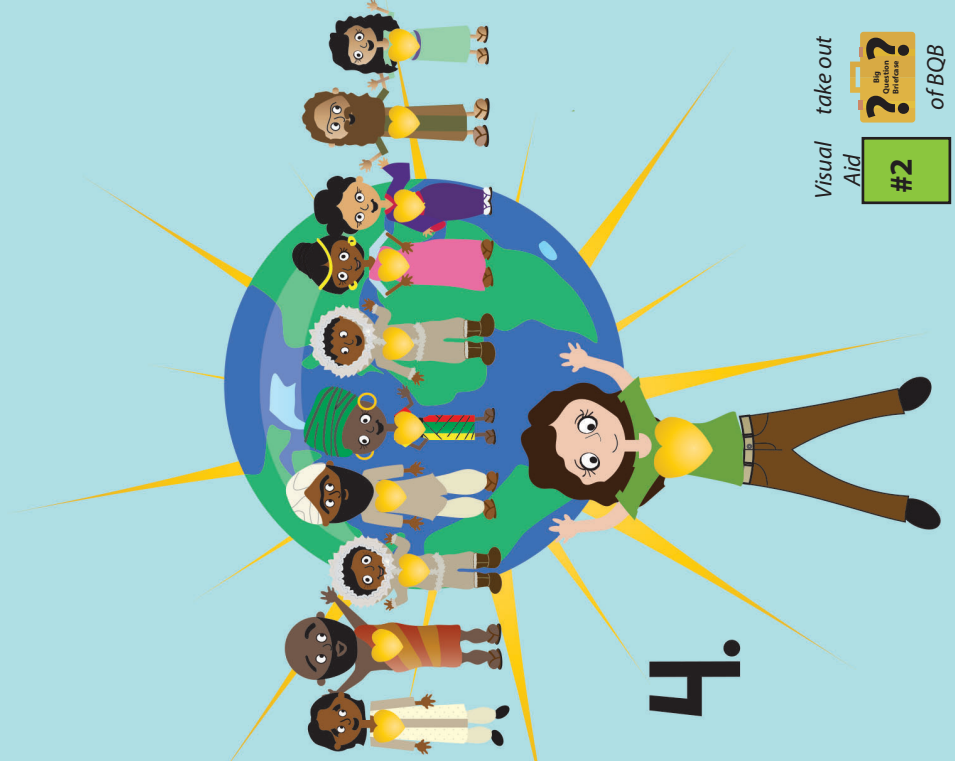
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## **This Unit's Bible Truths**

"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.*

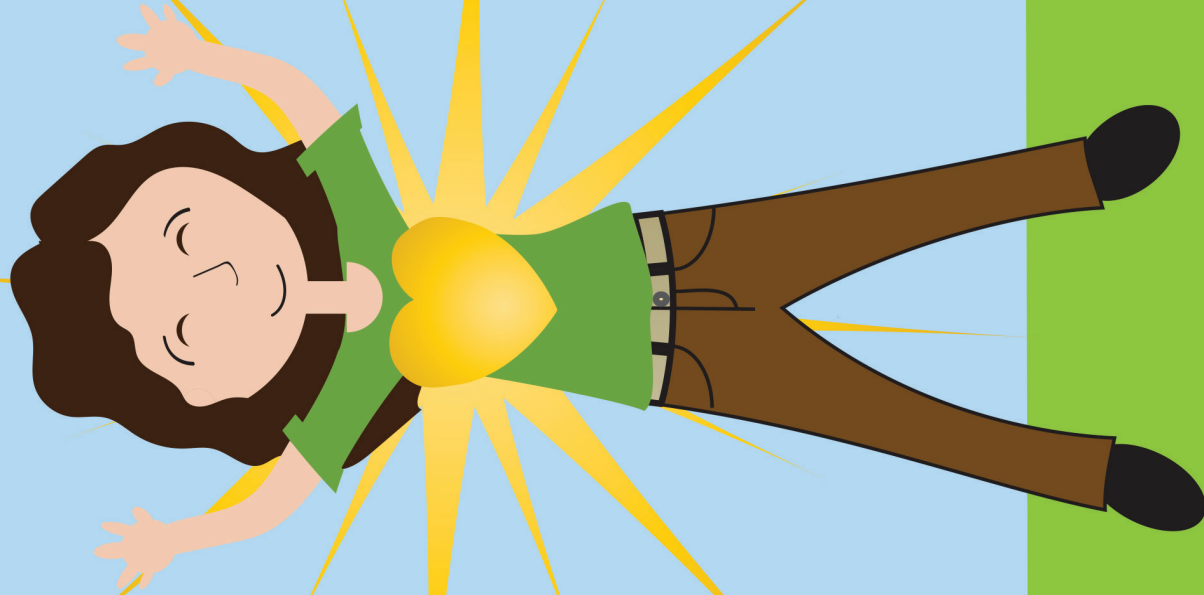
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2?

**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.





**“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**

## 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:*

Acts 4: 29,31 tells us:

### **Acts 4: 29,31**

"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!"

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

### **What does that mean?**

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!

"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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## Now, Lord, Consider Their Threats:

### **Acts 4:29,31**

*DDD NIV Songs 10, track 21*

Now, Lord, consider their threats,  
Enable your servants to speak Your word,  
Now, Lord, consider their threats,  
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,  
And they spoke boldly,  
And they were all filled,  
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

"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?"

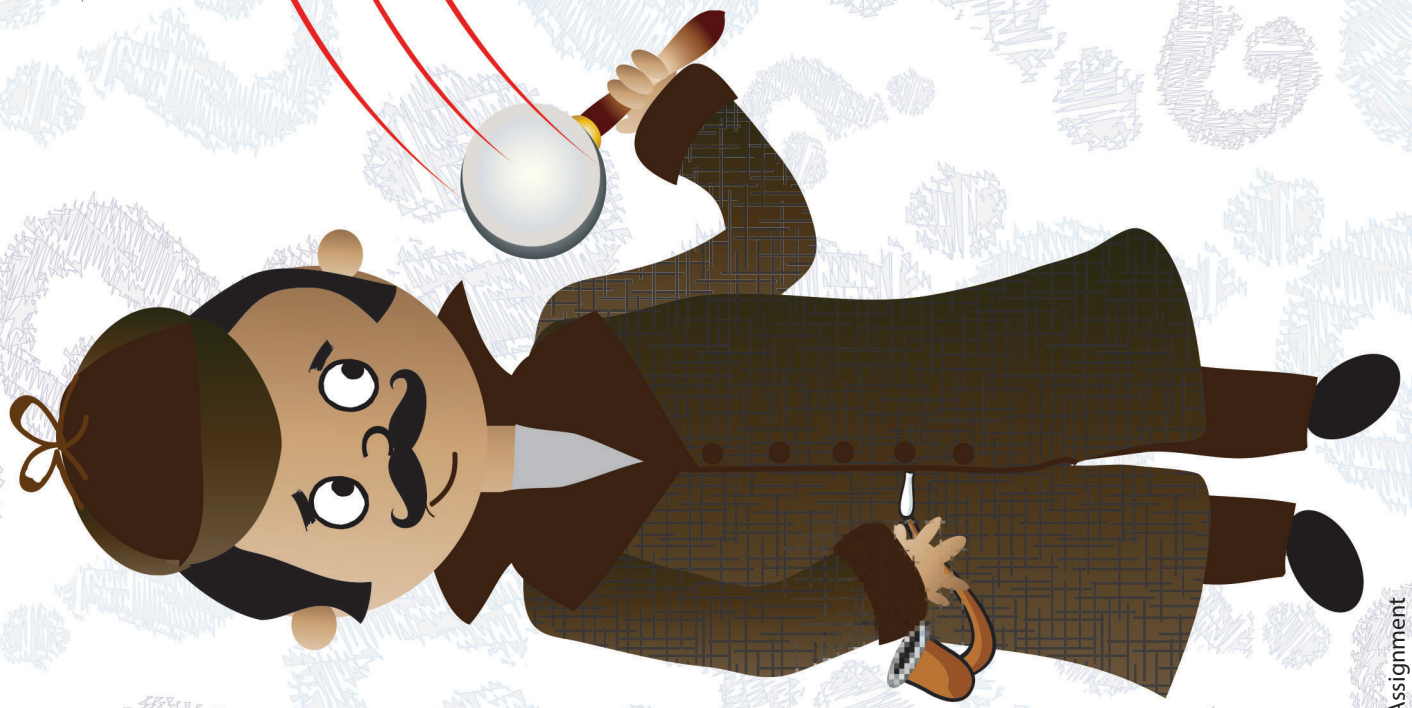
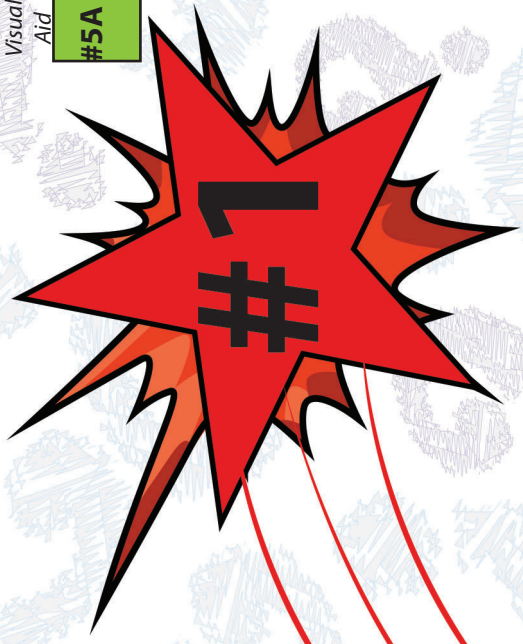
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm working on a brand-new case called:

"The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat."

A "scaredy cat" is a funny way to say someone is very scared. To "scat" means to run away.

I need to find out:

1. Who was very afraid, like a scaredy cat?

AND

2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed them?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

***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 of his questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.*

*At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

\*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.\*

Answers:

**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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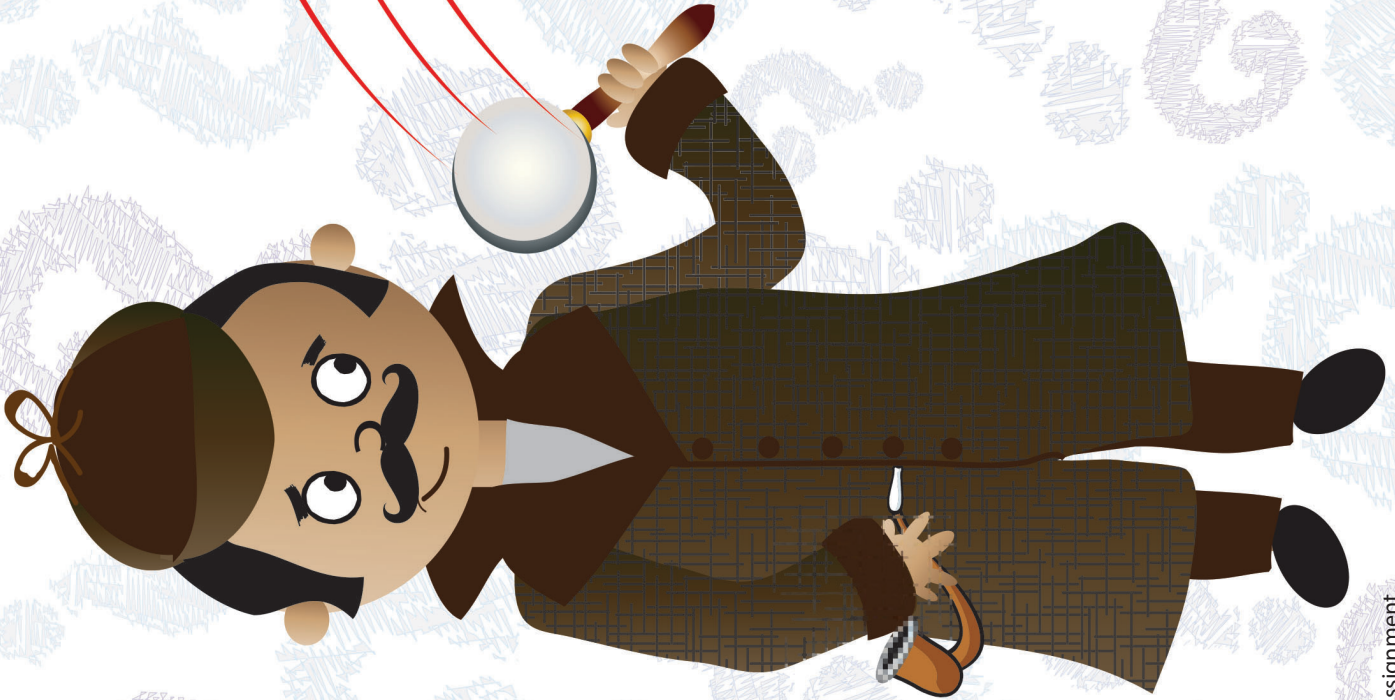


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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat."

Our Bible verse is Acts 4: 29,31:

"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."

I need to find out:

1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?

AND

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?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

**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 of his questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

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Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is: Acts 4: 29, 31**

"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"--

1. **Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?** Peter was. He was afraid the soldiers would arrest him and kill him.

2. **What wonderful gift did God give to him help him become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciples)? What did this man 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!

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat."

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 up each of the six pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.*

I need to know:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

**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 of his questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

\*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.\*

Answers:

**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.

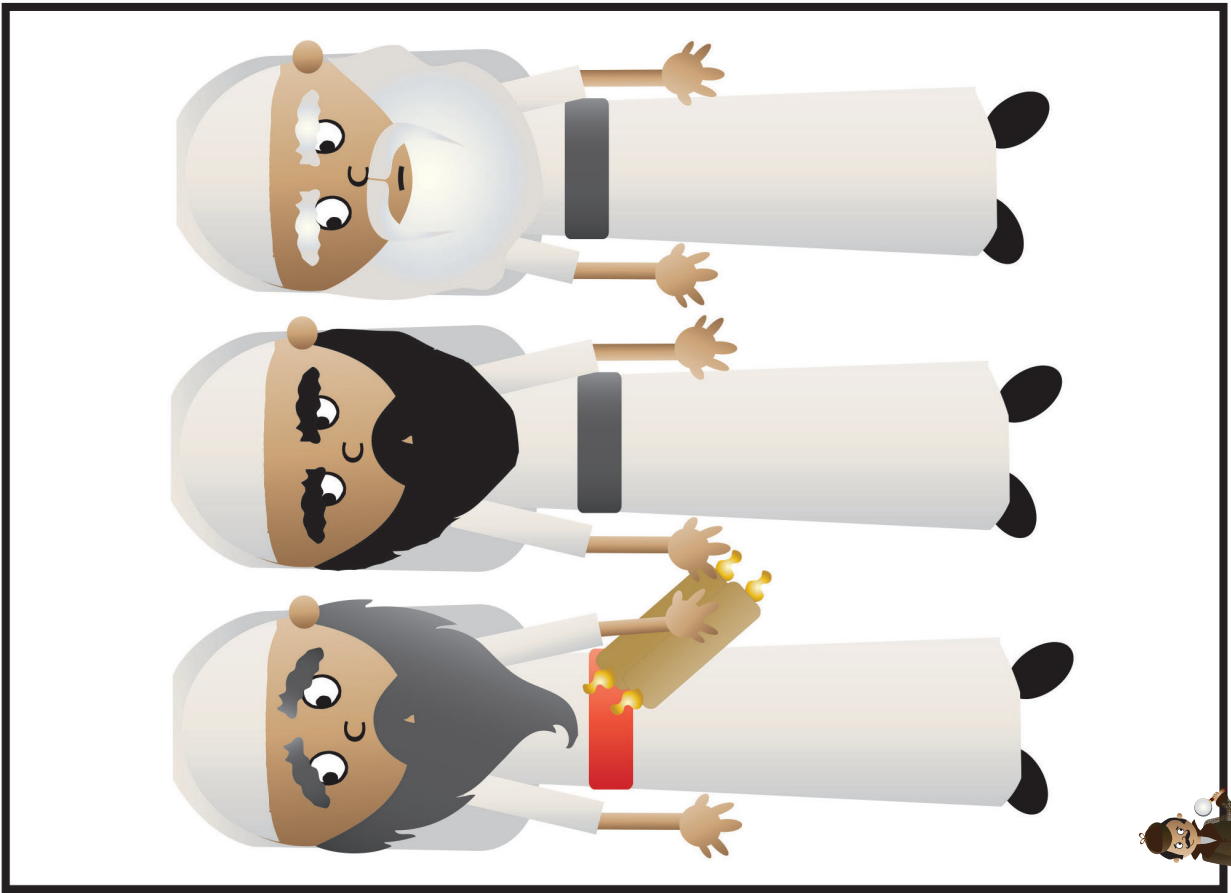
**2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter?**

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.

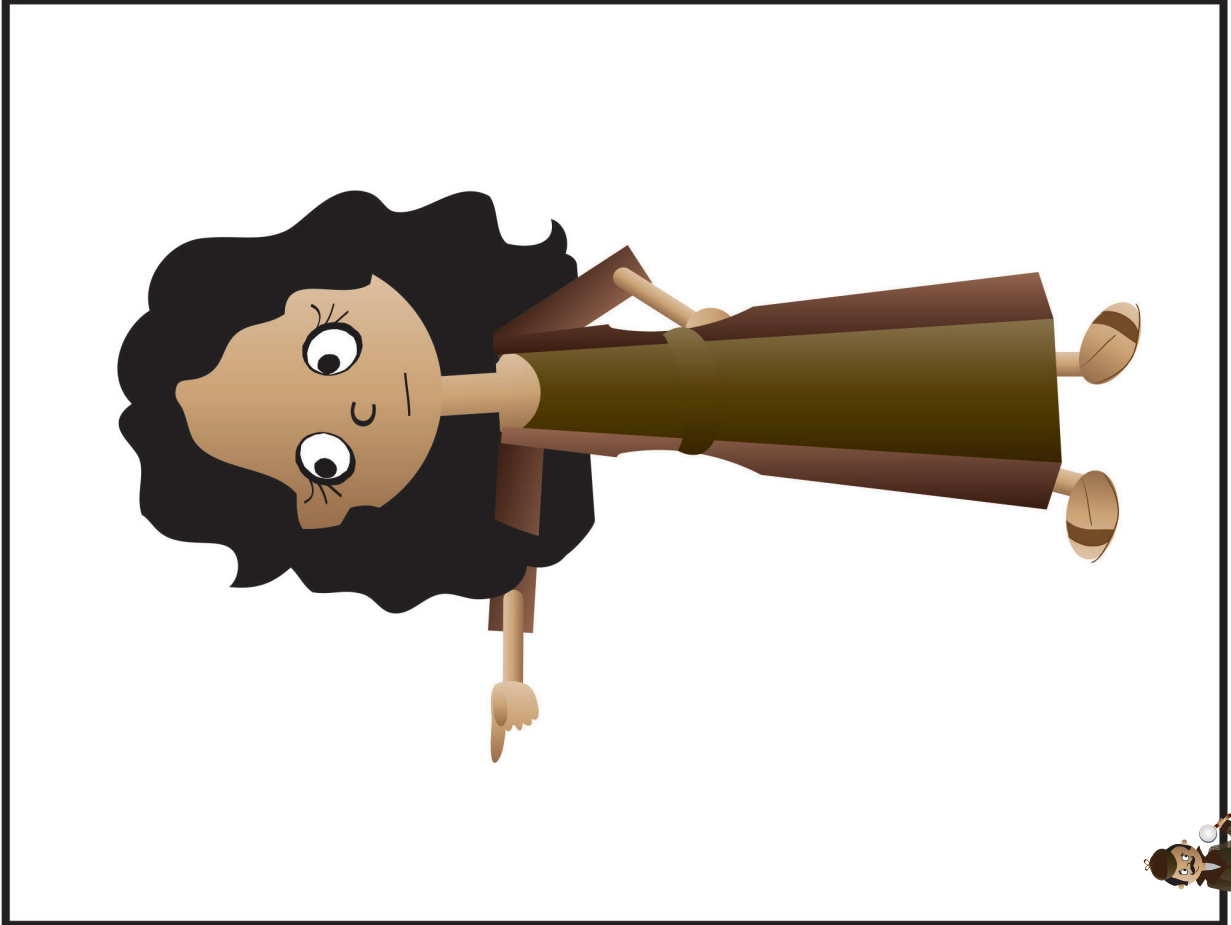
**For You and Me:**

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. 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. 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!





Jesus' Enemies



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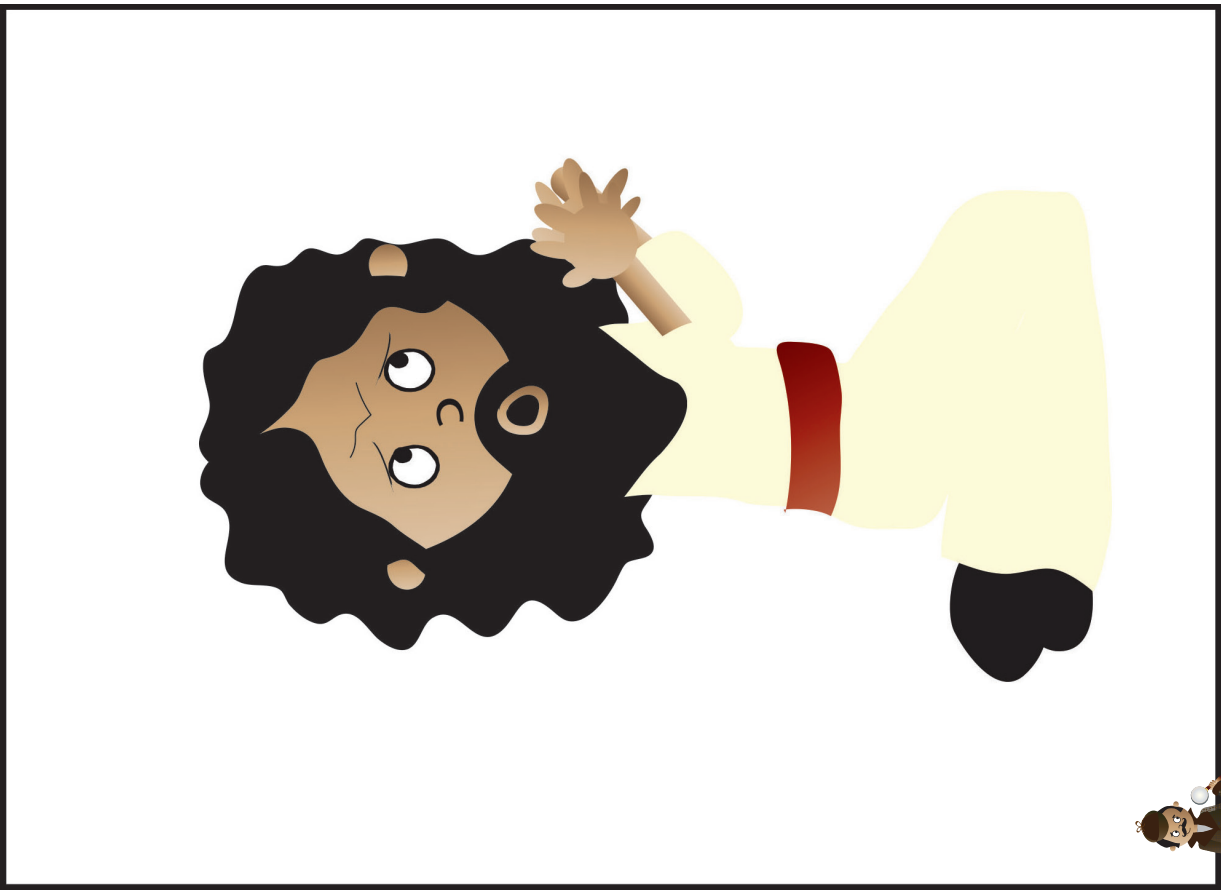
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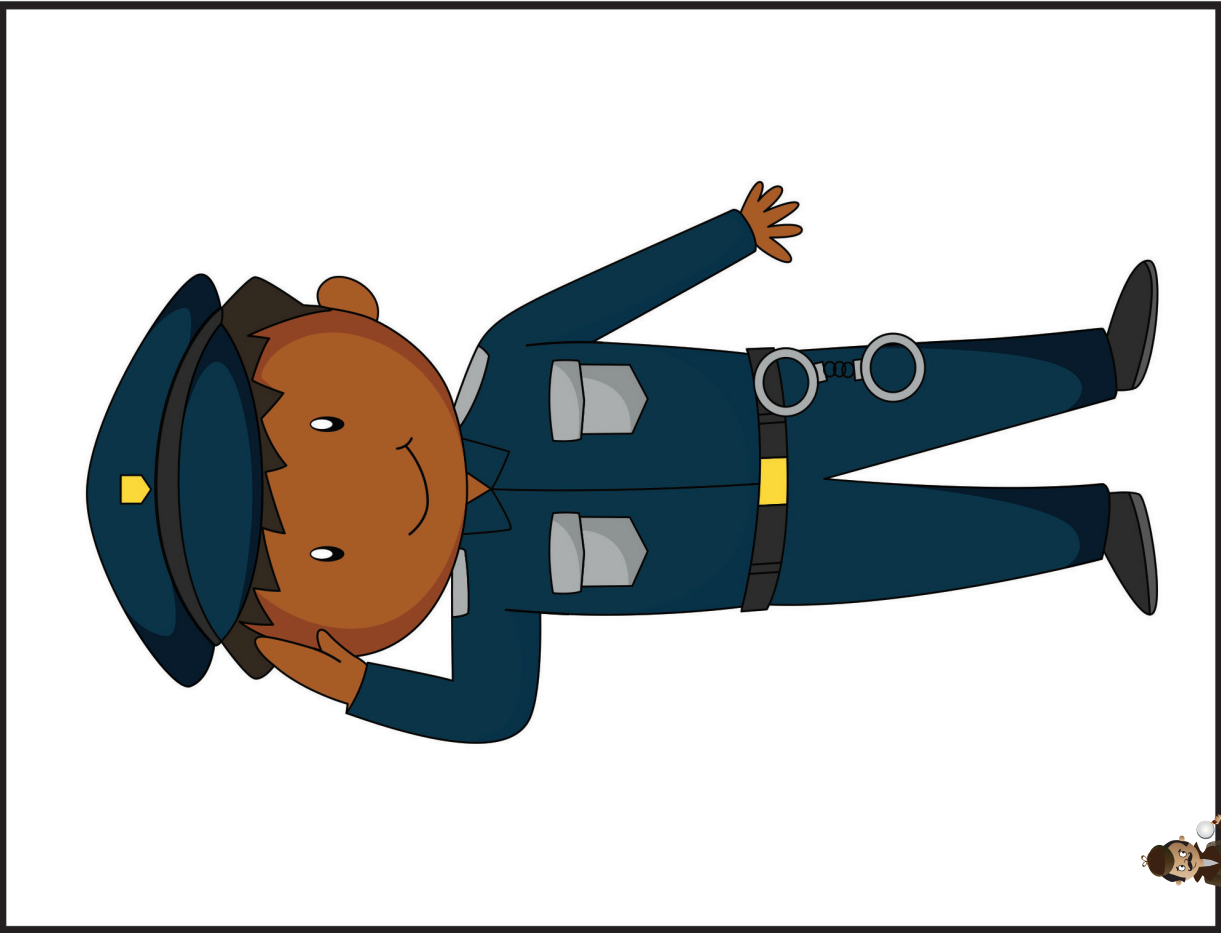
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Jesus Praying



A Policeman



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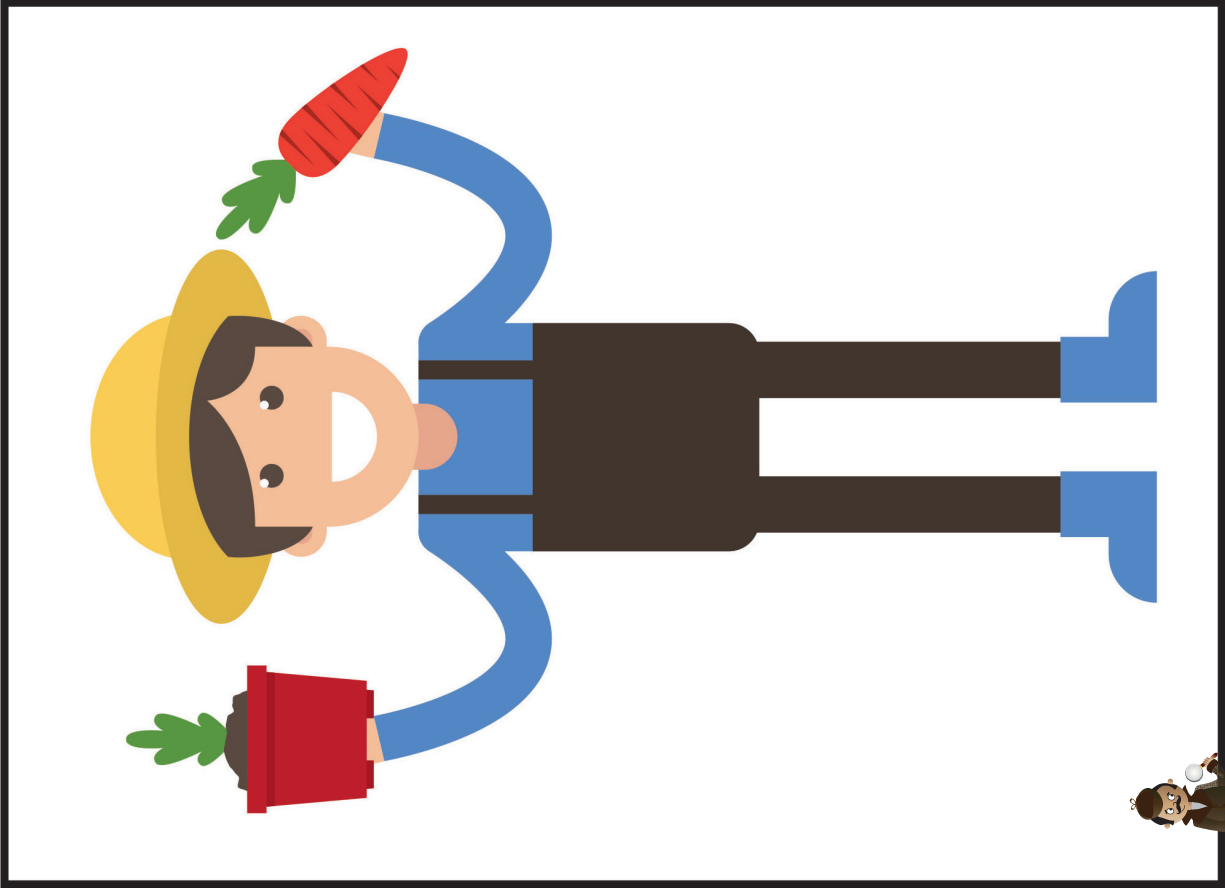
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A Farmer



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