

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

**Curriculum Resources
for Unit 10, Bible Truth 3:**



**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 Wisdom!**

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

Review



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan.** Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the storyboard pictures. (If you have not previously laminated the story pictures, do that now.) Or, rehearse it from the Simple Story Scenes, if you are using those.

Let There Be Music



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

Put the Props in Place



1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.
2. Get out your storyboard. If using Simple Story Scenes, put these in your Bible Folder. Or, if using the individual storyboard figures, put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder.
3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

Set Out Free Play Activities



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

Prepare Any Activities



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

Let Them Take It with Them



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

UNIT OVERVIEW

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.

In this unit, we will learn four truths about God's Holy Spirit.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

ANSWER: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

OPTIONAL Big Question 10 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 10 Material)

Story: The Case of the Heart Helper *Acts 1-2*

Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26-27, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage (3 Lessons Available)

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

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

➔ BIBLE TRUTH 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within *Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4*

Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the World's Biggest Building *Genesis; the Gospels; Acts*

Bible Verse: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

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UNIT 10: THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE INDWELLING GOD

- 12 Big Q & A 10 Song
- 13 Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
- 14 Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
- 15 *Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)*
- 16 *Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)*
- 17 *Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV*
- 18 Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1
- 19 Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

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

Bible Truth 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

- 20 Bible Verse: The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV
- 21 Bible Verse: Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV (other version)
- 22 *Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV*
- 23 *Extra Bible Verse: What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV*

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

- 24 Bible Verse: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV
- 25 *Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV*
- 26 *Extra Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV (other version)*

Bible Truth 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

- 27 Bible Verse: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984
- 28 *Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV*
- 29 *Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV (other version)*

Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

- 30 Bible Verse: The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984
- 31 *Extra Bible Verse: Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV*
- 32 *Extra Song: God's One Big Plan*

Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

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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 within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

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This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together as a church: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help God's people understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out.

There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Meaning

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always Someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need: God! God promises to give them wisdom, and to give it generously! He will always give them all the wisdom they need! And, while some may get tired of us asking them for advice, God never gets tired of His people asking for His help. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does God give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses the Bible, prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we choose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead, we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior. We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts, so we might love You and live for You!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wisdom You offer us through Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for the wisdom You give us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to the hearts of Your people, as they pray.
- 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. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us!

Bible Truth 3 Story**The Case of the Secret Weapon Within**

Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts**Songs Used in Bible Truth 3**

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, ESV

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

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

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

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


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1. GETTING STARTED

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<p>Intake Activity Ideas</p>	<p>Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children as they join the class:</p>																						
<p>Free Play Time <i>suggestions in Appendix D</i></p>	<p> Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.</p>																						
<p>OR Sing-along Music Time <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i> <i>listen to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org:Deep Down Detectives Music page</i></p>	<p>Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 10:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Big Q & A 10 Song</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 12</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 10 Song</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 13</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 14</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 15</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 16</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 17</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 27</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 28</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 29</i></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appendix B.</i></p>	Big Q & A 10 Song	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 12</i>	Big Question 10 Song	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 13</i>	Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 14</i>	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 15</i>	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 16</i>	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 17</i>	Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18</i>	Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19</i>	Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 27</i>	Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 28</i>	Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 29</i>
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<p>OR Bible Verse Memory Game <i>instructions found in Appendix B</i></p>	<p>Lesson 1 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss</p> <p><i>These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities.</i></p>																						
<p>2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)</p>																							
<p>Gathering the Children <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>Sing verse 1 of <i>The Classroom Song</i> to gather the children for Circle Time.</p> <p>The Classroom Song, verse 1 <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1</i> Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather here with me!</p>																						
<p>Welcome to Deep Down Detectives</p>	<p> "Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joined us! Detectives are people who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."</p>																						

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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<p>Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."</p> <p>★ Deep Down Detectives Theme Song <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 5</i></p> <p>We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives! Come on! Let's start!</p>
<p>Classroom Rules Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."</p> <p>Classroom Rules Song <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 6</i></p> <p>Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand, if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you, Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play. These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules, They help us worship God and love one another, These are our classroom rules.</p>
<p>Opening Prayer Time</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."</p> <p>Let's Pray <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 7</i></p> <p>1-2-3! Fold your hands, Bow your head, Close your eyes. Let's pray! (<i>repeat</i>)</p> <p>"Let's pray:"</p> <p>★ Opening Prayer</p> <p>Dear Lord, We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You! Please help us keep the classroom rules. Please help us to love You and learn about You today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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Reveal the Big Question
Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

“Detectives INVESTIGATE things. That means they ask questions and look for answers. Deep Down Detectives investigate big questions about God. The Big Question we are investigating today is right inside our Big Question Box/Briefcase.

The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 8

We’ve got a big box,
All closed up and locked,
Filled with the truths of God’s Word.

We’ve got a brief case,
There’s no time to waste,
Come on, kids, let’s open it up!

The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out AID



of BQB

Big Question & Answer Sign, front side

**found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book*

Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?”

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then 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...

Big Question 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.

Big Question Songs

★ “Let’s sing our Big Question Song:

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Q & A 10 Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 12

(adapted version of “Pop! Goes the Weasel)

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

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

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:
“What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God’s People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!”

Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it.”

Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A



Big Question 10 Action Rhyme/ Song

DDD ESV 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!

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Place hand on heart

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*

make prayer hands and bow head

point up to heaven and out to others

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*

hold up your arms and flex your muscles

make an open Bible with your two palms

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Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out

AID



of BQB

VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "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.*

Bible Truth Clue

VISUAL take out

AID



of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign,
front side
VISUAL AID

After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned two truths about the Holy Spirit. They are: "The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People" and "The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage." (point to pictures as you identify each 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. 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 ????!"**

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: This is a word for knowing the right thing to do. This word starts with the letter "w" and it (sort of) rhymes with "system."

Can you guess? It's "wisdom."

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 WISDOM!"**

Bible Truth Meaning

★ And here is what this Bible Truth means: *(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)*

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Learning the Bible Verse

"And how do I know this is true? God tells me so in His special book, the Bible."

The Bible Chant Song

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

The Bible Chant Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 9

The Bible, the Bible,
Let's get out the Bible.
Let's hear what God has to say.
The Bible, the Bible,
God's given us the Bible.
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!


Bible Verse

DDD 10.3 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

"Who would like to get our Bible folder out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

VISUAL AID

Place verse in take out



of BQB

DDD Bible Folder

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Ephesians 1:17 tells us:

★ **Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984**

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book


Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Bible Verse Meaning

★ **What does that mean?**

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always Someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need: God! God promises to give them wisdom, and to give it generously! He will always give them all the wisdom they need! And, while some may get tired of us asking them for advice, God never gets tired of His people asking for His help. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does God give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses the Bible, prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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**Bible Verse
Song**

*lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A*

You might also enjoy:

*If Any of You
James 1:5, ESV
DDD ESV Songs 10,
track 28*

*If Any of You Lacks Wisdom
James 1:5, ESV
DDD ESV Songs 10,
track 28*

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

I Keep Asking: Ephesians 1:17

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 27

I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom,
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.
So that you may know Him,
You may know Him,
That you may know Him, better.
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom,
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.
Ephesians One, seventeen.


Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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<p>Getting into the Case</p>	<p>"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?"</p>
<p>Listening Assignments</p> <p>Place in  take out  of BQB</p>	<p>NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.</p> <p>"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today.</p> <p>Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:</p>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was the "secret weapon" and in where did God put Him? 2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984</p> <p>"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him? 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do?
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures*</p> <p>DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story. They are: a hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? 2. What kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit?
<p>Tell the Bible Story</p> <p>Place story & pics in  take out  of BQB</p> <p>DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV</p> <p>Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book</p>	<p>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."</p> <p>Bible Story: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4</p> <p>Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the Storyboard Pictures/holding up the Story Scenes as you tell it. Then have the children answer the listening assignment, present the gospel and lead in prayer.</p> <p>*Answers to questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*</p>

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<p>Story Response Song(s)</p> <p>Hymn</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).</i></p> <p>The Church's One Foundation <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18</i></p> <p>Verse 1</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tie-in: "Church is the Bible word for God's people. How did God's people become God's people? It's all because God sent Jesus. Jesus came from heaven to live a perfect life, then give it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. With His very own blood, He paid for all of their sins. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and went back up to heaven. He had beaten sin and death for them. Now they could be God's people! Jesus went up to heaven, but He leave God's people alone. He left His Word for them to read. And, He sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in their hearts so they might know God and love Him more and more. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. What a wonderful day that will be! They will be as happy as a groom with His bride, happily married at last. You and I can be part of God's Church, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."</p>
<p>Praise Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19</i></p> <p>Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.</p> <p>Tie-in: "We all have hearts that choose to disobey God. We have broken the special closeness with God that He created us to enjoy. But it does not have to stay that way. We can ask God to work in our hearts and give us a new heart--a clean heart--that knows and loves Him. God loves to answer these prayers by sending His Holy Spirit to change our heart and make it new. Yes! God's Holy Spirit does wonderful things in our heart that we could never do on our own!"</p>

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities *(choose from among these activities)*

<p>Transition to Activities</p>	<p>★ Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."</p> <p><i>Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.</i></p>
<p>Classroom Song, verse 2</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 2 <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2</i></p> <p>We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God, And now it's time to play.</p> <p><i>Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.</i></p>

Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

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3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (choose from among these activities) ★ = short & simple lesson plan

<p>Response Activities</p>	<p>Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. ★</p>
<p>Bible Verse Memory Game</p> <p><i>game directions, Appendix B</i></p>	<p>Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here instead (or as a repeat).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 1 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Music, Movement & Memory Activity</p> <p><i>game directions, Appendix B</i></p>	<p>A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Block Clappers Lesson 2 Activity: Lullabies, Bells and Lions Lesson 3 Activity: Musical Squares <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Bible Story Review Game</p> <p><i>game directions, Appendix B</i></p>	<p>A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 1 Game: Take Me through the Tunnel Lesson 2 Game: Missing in Action Lesson 3 Game: Treasure Hunt <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets</p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children.</p> <p>NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Extra Crafts: Big Question Craft <i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p>Bible Verse Craft <i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p>Bible Story Puzzle <i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p>These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets:</p> <p>The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time.</p> <p>The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning.</p> <p>The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.</p> <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with these activities for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Free Play Activities ★ <i>ideas in Appendix D</i></p>	<p>Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.</p>

4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME *(End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time)*

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<p>Transition to Closing Circle</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 3</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.</i></p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 3 <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 3</i></p> <p>It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.</p>
<p>Closing Circle Time</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 4</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>When children are settled in the circle, say:</i></p> <p>"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 4 <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 4</i></p> <p>So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?</p>
<p>Big News to Tell</p> <p>Big Question 10</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">#1</div> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p>Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">#3</div>	<p>"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!</p> <p>First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?" <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus..."</p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 12,13</i></p> <p>And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? <i>Point to the picture.</i></p> <p>The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!</p> <p>"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!</p>
<p>Big Question 10 Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">#4</div> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984</p> <p>"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."</p> <p>Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."</p> <p>What does that mean? There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always Someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need --God! God promises to give them wisdom, and to give it generously! He will always give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. <i>(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 10, track 27</i></p>

4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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<p>Closing ACTS Prayer Time</p> <p>ACTS Prayer Chant</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.</i></p> <p><i>And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!</i></p> <p>ACTS Prayer Chant Song <i>DDDESV Songs 10, tracks 10,11</i></p> <p>A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus, S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.</p>
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<p>Closing ACTS Prayer</p>	<p>"Let's pray!"</p> <p><i>Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.</i></p> <p>A God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.</p> <p>C God, we confess that many times we choose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead, we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior. We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts, so we might love You and live for You!</p> <p>T Thank You, God, for all the wisdom You offer us through Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for the wisdom You give us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to the hearts of Your people, as they pray.</p> <p>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. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>
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5. TAKING IT HOME *(Take Home Sheet)*

<p>Clean up and Dismissal </p>	<p>"Now it's time to work together and clean up." <i>Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.</i></p>
<p>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets </p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p><i>Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.</i></p> <p><i>(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)</i></p>

<p>Bible Story to Take-Home</p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p>You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.)</p>
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The Case of the Secret Weapon Within*Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4*

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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 figures/Story Scenes, 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 Story 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 Secret Weapon Within. Here is your listening assignment... ” *Read the assignment for your lesson using Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment sign or the text below:*

Detective Dan’s Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

1. Who was the “secret weapon” and in where did God put Him?
2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?

Detective Dan’s Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984**

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

I need to know:

1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him?
2. What did this Helper give Jesus’ disciples wisdom 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 hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school.

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 kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit?

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 Secret Weapon Within *Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4*

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

For one, two, three years, Jesus taught his followers about God and His plans.

Jesus taught His followers many things about God and His plans. Jesus taught them happy things like: “God loved the people of this world so much that He sent Me to be their Savior.” And, “Come to Me all you who are weary and I will give rest for your souls. I will save you from your sins. I will give you strength to live God’s way.”

Best of all, were Jesus’ promises about life with God in the world to come: “I am going home to heaven to prepare a place for all who trust in Me as their Savior,” Jesus told them. “All sin and sadness will be gone. We will live together in perfect happiness forever and ever,” He promised.

But other things Jesus taught were not happy to hear about at all. “I am going to suffer many things. The leaders will reject Me and kill Me,” Jesus told His followers. “You are going to be My witnesses after I die on the cross, rise from the dead, and go to heaven,” He said. “Sometimes people will hurt you like they are going to hurt Me. Sometimes you will be arrested, dragged before kings, and sent to jail because of Me,” He warned them. “But the one who keeps on believing in Me to the end will be saved.” He promised.

This was very hard to hear! How would they ever endure these terrible things, especially if Jesus was going to leave them?

Can you guess how?

Jesus told them how: “You won’t have to do these very hard things on your own,” He comforted them. “After I leave you and go to heaven, I will ask My Father to send the Holy Spirit to come and live inside of you. He will give you wisdom,” Jesus told them. “Even when you have to stand before mighty leaders and tell about Me, the Holy Spirit will give you just the right words to say. He will speak through you!” Jesus promised.

Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. The leaders did reject Jesus and kill Him. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a cave-grave. Then on the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus stayed with His disciples for forty days, teaching them many things; then, He went up to heaven to rule.

Jesus was gone. His followers missed Him. Would the Holy Spirit really come, as Jesus promised?

What do you think?

Yes, He would! Ten days later, He Holy Spirit came to live inside of them as their special Helper.

And oh, what wonderful gifts the Holy Spirit gave to Jesus’ believers!

The Holy Spirit gave them wisdom to understand God’s Word and how to love God and others. He gave them wisdom to teach others the good news of Jesus. And even when they were arrested and dragged before mighty leaders, the Holy Spirit was with them, working inside their hearts. They should have been scared, but the Holy Spirit gave them peace and joy. And, He gave them just the right words to say.

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

These enemies of Jesus were shocked! "Jesus' followers haven't been to school like us. They are just plain people. How is it that they stand before us so boldly? How is it that they have so much peace and joy? How can they speak such wise words about Jesus?" they wondered.

They didn't know the answer, but we do, don't we? It was that wonderful, secret weapon of God who had come to live inside those believers. Can you remember His name?

Can you tell me?

The Holy Spirit! He was the One who gave these followers of Jesus such peace and joy. He was the One who made these plain men so bold and wise! How Jesus' disciples praised God and thanked Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit living in their hearts! And with His help, they kept on living for God and kept on telling others the good news of Jesus.

But the Holy Spirit wasn't ONLY at work inside those first believers, as they spoke about Jesus and lived for Him. He was also at work in the people who watched them and listened to them.

Yes, tens of people, hundreds of people, even THOUSANDS of people, watched and listened to those first believers in Jesus! And as they watched and listened, the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. And when they did, He came to live in their hearts to stay. Now, they were God's people, too. Now, He would be their Helper, giving them wisdom and helping them live for God, too!

And that's way it has been for Jesus' followers ever since those first days, long ago. The Holy Spirit has helped more and more people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Not just tens, hundreds, or thousands of people; but now, millions and millions of people from all over the world. So many people that you can't even count them! And the Holy Spirit has come to live in the heart of every one of them.

The Holy Spirit is God's good gift to His people. He gives them peace and joy. He helps them know and love God. He gives them wisdom and strength to live for God and to tell others the good news of Jesus. And He will keep on helping them and giving to them their whole lives. Thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit to live inside Your people!

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

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

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

1. Who was the "secret weapon" and in where did God put Him? The Holy Spirit. He put it in the hearts of His people.

2. What did God use this secret weapon to do? God used His Holy Spirit to help His people from inside their hearts. The Holy Spirit gave them courage instead of fear, after Jesus went to heaven. He helped them to know God. He gave them wisdom to know how to live for God and to teach others the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' first disciples, long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know God, and to know what to tell others about Jesus. God promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17**

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him? The Holy Spirit.

2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do? To know God; to know how God wanted them to live; and, to know what to say, as they told others about Jesus.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' first disciples, long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know God, and to know what to tell others about Jesus. God promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The heart, the leader, the jail, and the school belong. The hat and the ball do not.

2. What kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit? For giving them peace and joy; giving them boldness and strength to tell others about Jesus and face their enemies; and, giving them wisdom to know what to say when they did.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' first disciples, long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know God, and to know what to tell others about Jesus. God promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****How Can I Know What God Is Like?****He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...****The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!**

What great changes the Holy Spirit made inside of Jesus' disciples long ago! Even the leaders were amazed at the wisdom God gave them through His Holy Spirit!

God can change our hearts, too, when we believe the gospel, the good news about Jesus. What is the gospel?

Well, it starts out with bad news about us. You see, we all choose to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins, and He would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment for breaking His laws and leave it at that. But what good news God has for us in Jesus! 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 in victory for them. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He will forgive our sins and give us special closeness with Himself. Who will bring that special closeness to our hearts? God's Holy Spirit! He will live inside us and make us new. He will give us peace and joy. He gives us wisdom and boldness to live for God. And best of all will be the day when God's people die and go to live with God forever. Isn't the gospel such good news!

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we choose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead, we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior. We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts, so we might love You and live for You!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wisdom You offer us through Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for the wisdom You give us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to the hearts of Your people, as they pray.
- 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. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning



P.1

Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

BIG QUESTION

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

Discussion Questions

1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? *He changes their heart!*
2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? *The Holy Spirit.*
3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? *Jesus.*
4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? *Their whole lives.*
5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? *God.*
6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? *God's laws.*
7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? *He comforts them and helps them to be brave.*
8. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

BIBLE TRUTH

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!

Meaning

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him. How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray. This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together as a church: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help them understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out. There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

Discussion Questions

choose a few

1. By whom does God give His people wisdom? *By His Holy Spirit, working in their hearts.*
2. What is wisdom? *Knowing what God wants us to do.*
3. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom to do? *To live their lives to please God.*
4. How does God give His people wisdom? *By the Holy Spirit, as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians and when they pray.*
5. What is one of the reasons why God's people gather together as a church? *So they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they can ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out.*
6. What does the Holy Spirit especially use to help God's people understand God's truths and how God wants them to live? *By regularly reading God's Word and praying. By gathering together as a church with other believers.*
7. What does God always promise to give His people? *The wisdom they need to live for Him.*
8. How can we become God's people? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

P.2

Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

THE GOSPEL	<p>God's Holy Spirit lives gives inside of God's people, giving them wisdom to live for Him. We can become God's people, too, by believing the gospel: <i>We have all chosen to 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, He rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior God will forgive their sins. They will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. How amazing is God's love for His people! We can be God's people, too! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! It is His promise to us!</i></p>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	<p>"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." -- Ephesians 1:17</p>
Learn a Little	<p>"I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."</p>
Meaning	<p>There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always Someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need: God! God promises to give them wisdom, and to give it generously! He will always give them all the wisdom they need! And, while some may get tired of us asking them for advice, God never gets tired of His people asking for His help. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does God give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses the Bible, prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What kind of person is the "I" who keeps asking for God to give others the Holy Spirit? How do you know? <i>It is a Christian, someone who has turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their own Savior. We know this because Paul is the one who wrote these words, as we know he was a Christian. We also know this because God gives Christians new hearts that desire to know Him better. Without a new heart, all people chose to rebel against God and do things their own way.</i> 2. Who does Paul keep asking? Why does he ask Him? <i>Paul keeps asking God, the Father. God the Father is the one who gives the Holy Spirit to His people.</i> 3. What does Paul want the Spirit to give God's people? Why? <i>Wisdom and revelation so that they may know God better.</i> 4. Why would Paul want God's people to know God better? <i>Because God is the most wonderful Person we can ever know. It is a delight to know Him better. He also knew that as God's people know God better, they will know how to better to please Him with their lives.</i> 5. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE STORY	<p>The Case of the Secret Weapon Within</p>
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What happy things did Jesus teach His disciples? <i>That Jesus was the Savior who would forgive their sins so that they could be God's people. That God's people would get to live with God in perfect happiness one day.</i> 2. What hard things did Jesus teach His disciples would happen? <i>That Jesus' enemies would want to hurt them and stop them from telling others how Jesus could be their Savior.</i> 3. Who did Jesus promise to send to help His disciples? <i>God's Holy Spirit.</i> 4. Where would God's Holy Spirit live? <i>Inside their hearts.</i> 5. How would the Holy Spirit help them when they stood before their enemies? <i>He would give them boldness and the right words to speak.</i> 6. What did Jesus' enemies think when they heard the disciples speak? <i>They were amazed at their wise words. They couldn't believe men with so little schooling could speak so well.</i> 7. What secret weapon did Jesus' enemies not understand was helping Jesus' disciples speak well? <i>The Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.</i> 8. Who else did the Holy Spirit work in as Jesus' disciples shared the good news of Jesus? <i>In those who listened. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.</i> 9. How can we have the Holy Spirit come and live in our hearts? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>