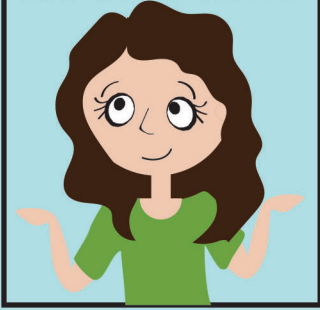


BIG QUESTION 10



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



ANSWER:

He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

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The Big Question

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

The Big Question we are investigating today is
Big Question Number 10:

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

Meaning:

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

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

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 10 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 10, track 12
(adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")*

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

BIG QUESTION 10: Four truths about the Holy Spirit

1.



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Visual Aid #2 take out of BQB

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 two truths about the Holy Spirit's work inside of God's people. 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.

CAN YOU GUESS 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 ????!

HINT: This word starts with the letter "w"
and it (sort of) rhymes with "system."

ANSWER:

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People WISDOM!

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take out
Big Question Briefcase
of BQB



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: 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!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

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 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!



"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, NIV 1984

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse

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."

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

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.

"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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I Keep Asking: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

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.

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

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



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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



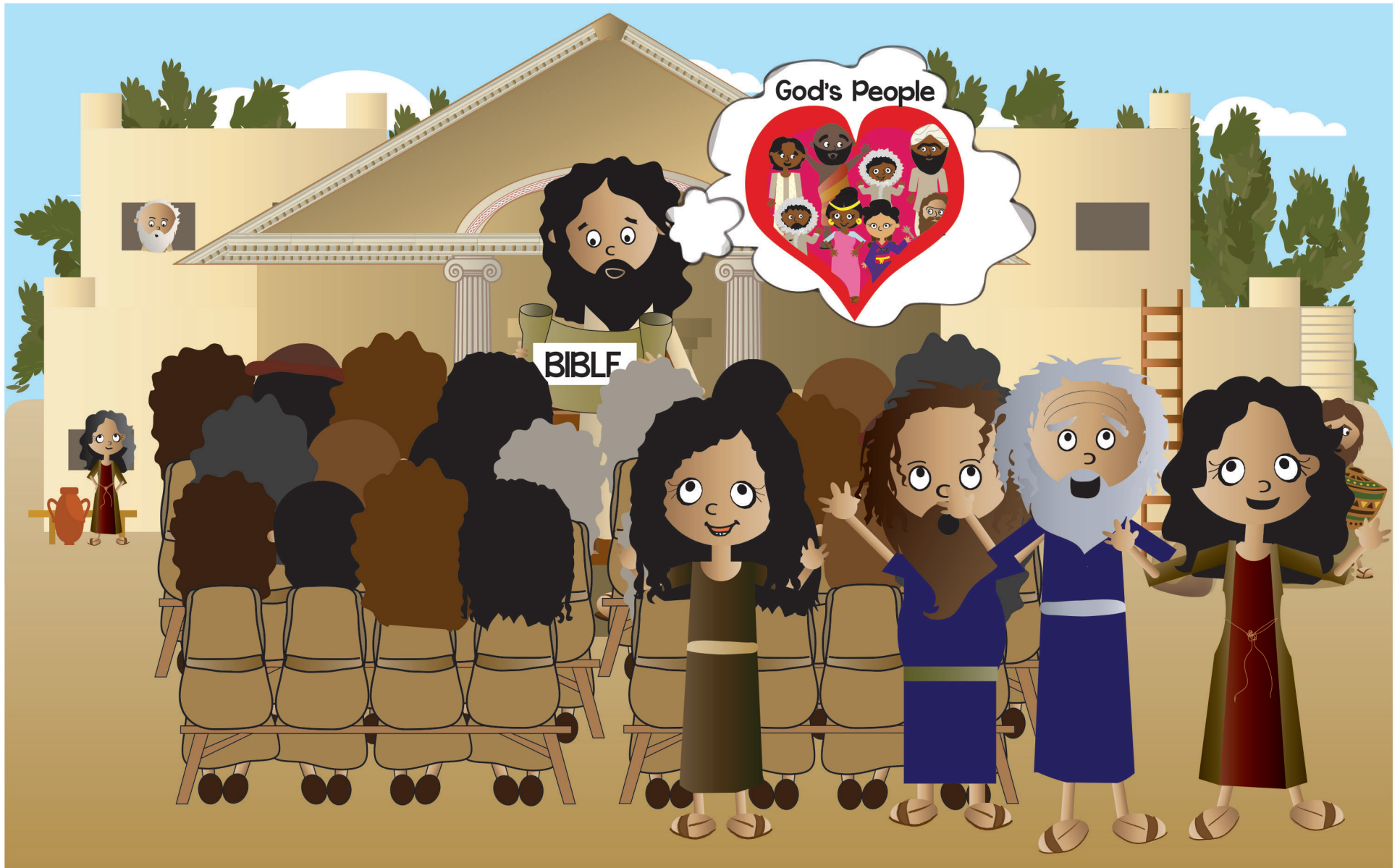
Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ephesians 1:7, NIV

"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?
2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do?

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



I. For one, two, three years, 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."



2. 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.



3. 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.

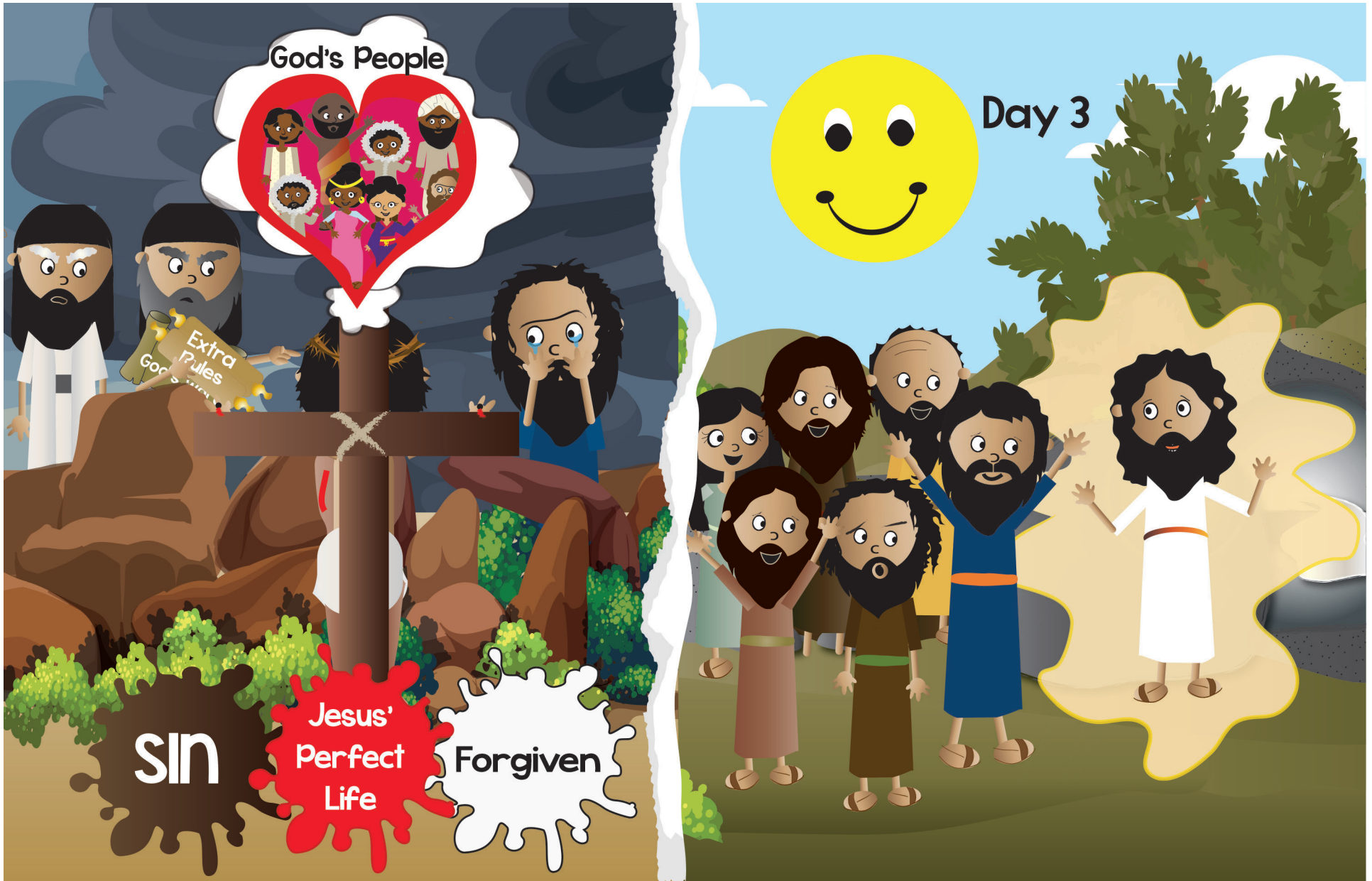


4. "You are going to be My witnesses after I die on the cross, rise from the dead, and go to heaven," Jesus said. "Sometimes people will hurt you like they are going to hurt Me. Sometimes you will be arrested, dragged before important leaders, and sent to jail because of Me," He warned them. "But the 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?



5. 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.



6. 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.



7. 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?



8. Yes, He would! Ten days later, the 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 to know how to love God and others. He gave them wisdom to teach others the good news of Jesus.



9. 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.

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.

Holy Spirit



10. 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? 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.



II. 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 people who watched them and listened to them.



12. 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.



13. And that's the 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.



14. 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 Your people.

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

SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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 Listening Assignment #2

Ephesians 1:17, NIV

"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:
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How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!

The Gospel



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.

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



A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Giver of 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.

