

**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...**



In _____

I see all around me!

HINT: What did God make that we see around us?

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...in everything I see all around me!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God made everything. When we look at all the wonderful things He's made, God shows us what He is like. I look at the mountains that God made, and I can see that God must be very powerful. I look at the big sky full of stars twinkling far away, and I know God must be very great. I look at the beautiful flowers He made, and I know God must love beautiful things. I look at a mother gently taking care of her children, and I see a little bit of God's love and tenderness. Everything that God made tells me about Him.

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." --- Psalm 19:1-4

Some Questions for You

1. What did God make? *Everything.*
2. What does God show us when we look at all the wonderful things He's made? *What He's like.*
3. What can I see God is like when I look at the mountains? *How powerful God must be.*
4. What can I see God is like when I look at the big sky full of stars twinkling far away? *God must be very great.*
5. What can I see God is like when I look at a beautiful flower? *God loves beautiful things.*
6. What can I see God is like when I see a mother gently taking care of her children? *A bit of His love and tenderness.*
7. What shows me what God is like? *Everything He made that I see all around me.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We look all around us at the wonderful things You have made and we see how wonderful You are!
- C** God, when we look at all the things You have made, we know that You are the great, One, True God. We know that we should obey You, but many times we don't. Please forgive us through Jesus.
- T** Thank you for wanting us to know You. Thank You for all the beautiful things that You have made and all that they tell us about You!
- S** Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to think about You and know what You are like as we look at everything You've made. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 1 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 1, track 12

(sung to the tune of "This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

How can I know what God is like?
 God is like? God is like?
 How can I know what God is like?
 He shows me what He's like!

Big Question 1 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 1, track 13

I have a very big question,
 A big question 'bout God,
 I have a very big question,
 It's Big Question Number One, *hold up 1 finger*
 I wanna know...

Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God,
 He made everything I see.
 Big tall mountain, galloping horses,
 Every little bird and bee. *Refrain*

*place hand over heart
 cup hand over eye & look around
 gallop in place*

Refrain:

How can I know what God is like?
 How can I know what God is like?
 How can I know what God is like?
 He shows me what He's like!

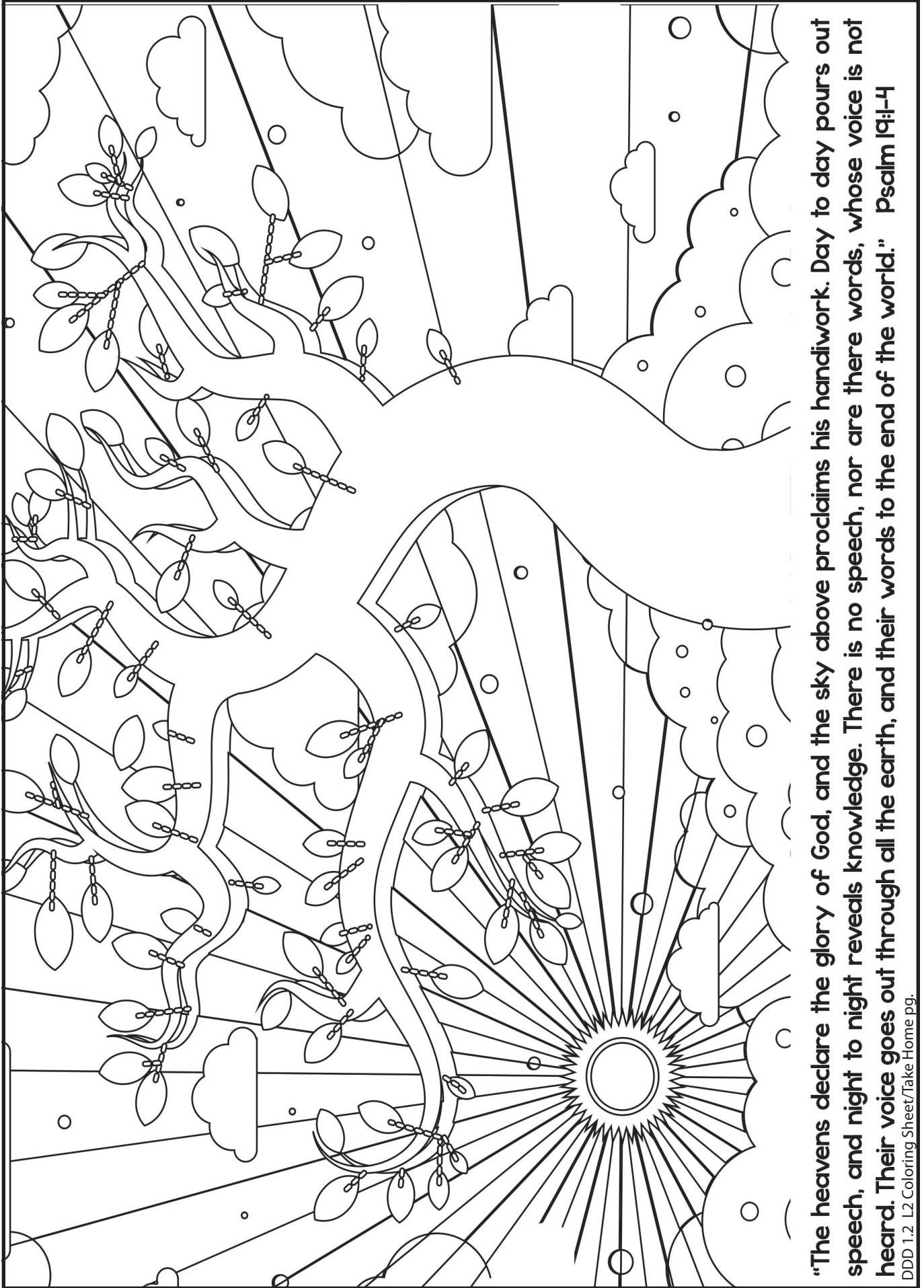
Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,
 To learn of His mighty deeds,
 But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,
 God shows Himself to me. *Refrain*

*make open book with flat hands
 hold up flexed arm
 point to self*

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 1 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

DDD BQ 1 BT 1 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.” Psalm 19:1-4

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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



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Learn a Little: "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Meaning:

We look up at the heavens (the sky) and what do we see? Millions of stars twinkling softly above us at night; and, the glorious sun shining down on us all day long. God made these great stars! God made this wonderful sun! They are the work of His hands; that is, He created them. Their brightness reminds us of how great and wonderful God is to make such great and wonderful things.

Every day and night, the sun, moon and stars tell us about God. They don't speak to us with a voice with words like you and I use. God didn't give them that gift. But they do tell us about Him. God made them so great and beautiful that everyone in the whole world can look up and be reminded of Him--the great and beautiful God who made them, and us, and all of the good things in the world around us.

Some Questions for You

1. What do the heavens and skies proclaim every day? *The glory of God. That is, how good and great God is.*
2. Who do the heavens and skies proclaim God's glory to? *Everyone in the whole world.*
3. What in the sky displays God's glory to us during the day? *The sun and the beautiful sky.*
4. What in the sky displays God's glory to us at night? *The moon and the stars.*
5. The heavens and the skies tell us that God is good and great. How can we know this even more? *By reading God's Word, the Bible, and hearing what great things He had done for us, especially through Jesus.*
6. How can we know God most of all? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. That is how we become God's people.*

Let's Pray!

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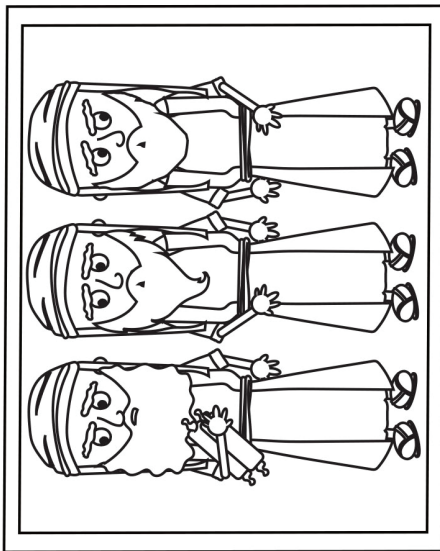
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

The Heavens Declare from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 1, track 24*

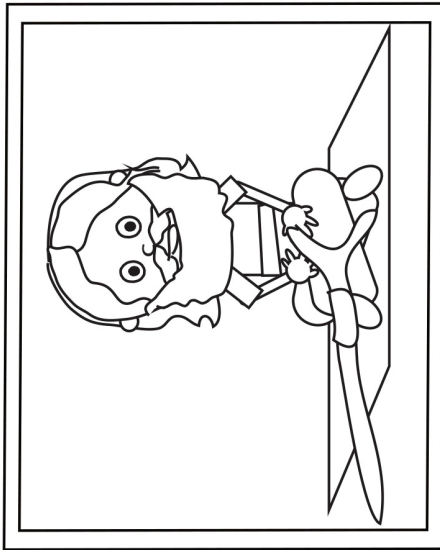
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Psalm Nineteen: one through four.

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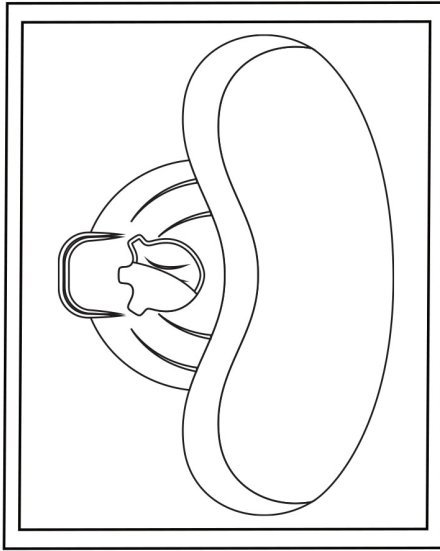
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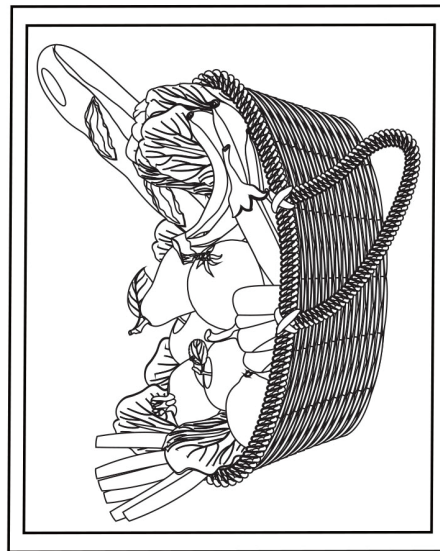
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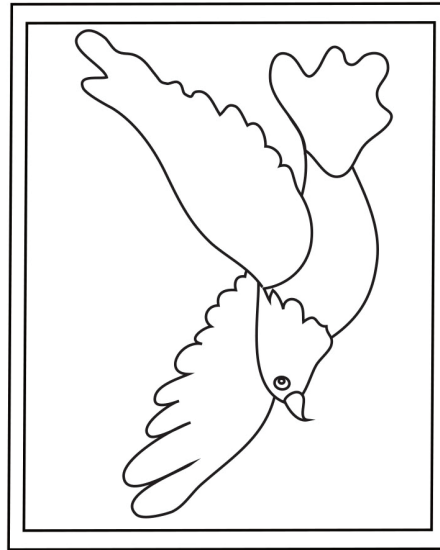
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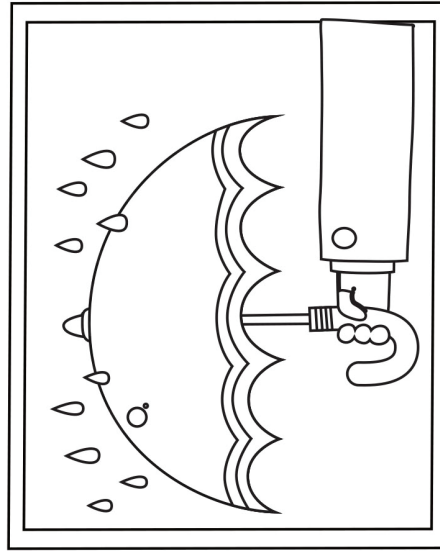
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Food



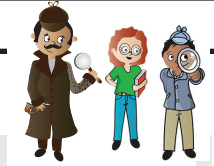
Birds



An Umbrella

Answer: The enemies, the lame man, the food and the birds were in the story.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: some enemies; a lame man; a hat; food; birds; and an umbrella.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The enemies; the lame man; the food and the birds.

2. Who confessed their sins to God? What happened?

The lame man and others in Lystra confessed their sins to God and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. God forgave their sins and made them His special people forever. How happy they were to get to know and love God!

3. How does God want us to be like that lame man? *God wants us to look around us and see how good and great He is as we see what He has made and given to us. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He delights to help us do this! Ask Him!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We look all around us at the wonderful things You have made and we see how wonderful You are!
- C** God, when we look at all the things You have made, we know that You are the great, One, True God. We know that we should obey You, but many times we don't. Please forgive us through Jesus.
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 1, track 18*

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of heaven, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Verse 2

All Thy works in joy surround Thee,
Heaven and earth reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing before Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Words: Henry van Dyke Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh, Oh, Oh How Good Is the Lord! *from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 1, track 19*

Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
I never will forget what He has done for me!

He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
I never will forget what He has done for me!

**The Case of the Whispering World***Acts 14*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #1 is: "How Can I Know What God Is Like?" Your child is learning that "God Shows Us What He's Like... in everything I see all around me."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question can be found online at www.praisefactory.org•

Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

- 1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about?**
- 2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 19:1-4:**

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

I need to know:

- 1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else that God had made?**
- 2. What did he want those people to know and do?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: some enemies; a lame man; a hat; food; birds; and an umbrella.

Hold up each of them 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. Who confessed their sins to God? What happened?**

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.

Listening Assignments answers; the gospel; and, an ACTS prayer are included with the story text at the end.

The Case of the Whispering World *Acts 14**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

Paul and Barnabas were two men who loved Jesus. They lived their lives to please Him. They trusted Him as their Savior.

Hold up two fingers for Paul and Barnabas.

Paul and Barnabas knew that all people were sinners who needed a Savior, so they set out walk, walk, walking to tell new people in new places how Jesus could be their Savior, too.

Walk in place.

One day, Paul and Barnabas came to the town of Lystra. Nobody in Lystra had ever heard of Jesus. They only believed in fake gods. So Paul and Barnabas began telling everyone the good news of Jesus. Many people were curious. Soon a crowd had (SB6) gathered around Paul and Barnabas, eager to hear what they had to say.

One man in the crowd lay on a mat. He wasn't lying down because he was tired. He was lying down because he was lame. He was born with legs that didn't work. He had never walked in his whole life! Can you imagine that?

Sit down on the ground and hold your legs very still as if your legs didn't work.

Now maybe that man's legs didn't work as he lay on his mat, but his ears certainly did! As he listened to Paul, the Holy Spirit began to work in his heart... and he began to believe in Jesus!

Paul looked at the man on the mat, and he could see what was happening. Paul was so excited!

Then God used Paul to give that lame man yet another gift: the gift of walking! Paul looked at the man and in a loud voice said, "In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk!"

The man believed in Jesus and obeyed Paul. He sprang up and began walking all around for the first time in his life! God had healed his legs! Yay!

Spring up to your feet and walk in place.

The crowd of people was amazed!

Can you make a surprised face?

Yes, the crowd was amazed, but they didn't understand that it was Jesus who healed the man's legs. They thought Paul and Barnabas had healed the man! They even thought Paul and Barnabas were two of their fake gods, Zeus and Hermes, come to visit them!

"Let's have a worship party for these two gods," the people of Lystra decided. "Make leafy, green crowns to put on their heads! Bring big, fat bulls to give them as worship gifts!" they shouted.

Can you make a crown shape on the top of your head with your hands? Can you make bull's horns on your head?

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

Oh, no! What would Paul and Barnabas do now? This wasn't at all what they wanted the people of Lystra to do! They wanted them to worship Jesus, not them!

"No! No!" Don't worship us!" Paul told them. "We aren't gods. We are only men."

"There is only one living God," Paul said. "Look at everything all around you! He's the one who made the earth and the sky, and the sea, and everything in them. Yes, He made it all! He's the good God who gives you the rain that makes your crops grow so you have food. He's the One who gives you joy in your heart, too. All these good gifts are from Him!

He shows you who He is and what He's like in all the things He has made and all that He has give you. Now He has done something even more marvelous than all of this! He has sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and die on the cross to save you from your sins. On the third day He rose from the dead in victory. He wants you to turn away from your fake gods and worship Him. He wants you to know Him and become His people!" Paul told them.

"So please, don't worship us!" Paul begged. "We only men, come to tell you about the Savior Jesus. Worship Him! Trust in Him! He is God, not us!"

Just then, some people from another town joined the crowd. These people hated Paul and what he said about Jesus. They said bad things about Paul and made the other people mad at Paul, too. Now the crowd didn't want to worship Paul. Now they wanted to kill him!

Make a mad face.

People picked up stones and threw them at Paul until he fell over! Oh, how the stones hurt his body!

Then they dragged Paul out of the city and left him for dead! They wanted nothing to do with Paul or his God!

Shake head "no."

This was terrible! Had no one heard and believed Paul's message about Jesus? Had everyone turned against Paul and Barnabas?

No, not everyone had gone along with Paul's enemies. There were some people in the crowd who had believed Paul's message about God--like the man with the healed legs.

Yes, these people could see this one, true God in all the things He had made and given them. They believed that Jesus was God's Son, sent to save them. They turned away from wanting to disobey God and trusted Jesus as their Savior...and God forgave them and saved them! Yay!

Let's jump up and down and shout "Yay" for these new believers God saved!

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

When the angry people had gone away, these new believers went up to Paul. Was he dead? He lay so very, very still.

But, no! Paul wasn't dead! He was still alive! The people helped up Paul and carried him home. There, they took care of Barnabas and him all night long.

How would you help someone who is badly hurt?

The next morning, Paul and Barnabas left Lystra to go walk, walk, walking to other places to tell more people in more places about Jesus.

How Paul must have hurt as he limped along the road! But how happy Barnabas and he were! For back in Lystra, they knew there was a new, little group of believers gathering together to worship the one, true God. They would keep on believing in Jesus. They would keep on telling others about Him--the great Creator who had made the whole world and had given them so many good gifts. And who now offered them the best gift of all-- forgiveness for their sins and closeness with Him forever. A gift for all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

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:

1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about? The LORD, the one, true God.

2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do? Paul told the people of Lystra about Him. He hoped that they would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Lystra, we can look around us and learn about The LORD, the one, true God who made everything. We can see how good and great He is. And, like the people of Lystra, the best thing we can do is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can be His people who know Him and His wonderful love for us!

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 19:1-4:**

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I need to know:

1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else that God had made?

The people of Lystra.

2. What did he want those people to know and do?

Paul wanted them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior so they could be saved and be God's dearly loved people forever.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Lystra, we can look around us and see what God is like. How good He has been to us! How many ways He has cared for us and given us good things to enjoy. Best of all, He's told us the good news of Jesus. Like the people of Lystra, He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can be His people who know Him and His wonderful love for us!

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For You and Me:

We, too, have sinned against God. There are many things we can confess to Him and ask for His forgiveness. We, too, can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to hear and answer prayers like these! He wants us to forgive us and make us His special people!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:**

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in everything I see all around me!

Yes, all around us, the things God made tell us about Him and that we should worship Him and obey His good ways. But we have each chosen to live life our own way, instead of obeying Him! We deserve His punishment because of this. How terrible!

But God is so kind to us! He has made a way for us to have the wonderful delight of knowing Him and being saved from our sins! How? By saying "no" to disobeying Him and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God will forgive our sins and we can enjoy wonderful, special closeness with Him now. And one day, we will get to live with Him forever. How wonderful that will be!

That's why Paul and Barnabas went to Lystra. They wanted the people of Lystra to hear the good news of Jesus and come to know God. And did you know, that's why I'm here teaching you today. I want YOU to know this good news and come to know God, too.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 1, Bible Truth 2 Key Concepts p.7**UNIT 1: The God Who Reveals Himself**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): “How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He’s Like!”

Unit Bible Verse: “For behold, He who formed the mountains, creates the winds, and declares to man what is His thought. The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name.” Amos 4:13 ESV

Bible Truth 2 Concept: God Shows Me What He’s Like...in everything I see all around me!

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Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

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Bible Truth 2 Story**The Case of the Whispering World**

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 1 Song

Big Question 1 Song

Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Declares Amos 4:13, ESV

Extra Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song: He Who Declares His Thought Amos 4:13, ESV

Extra Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song: He Who Forms the Mountain Amos 4:13, ESV

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