

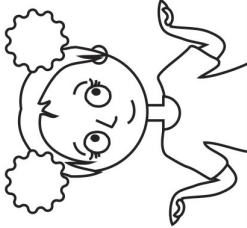
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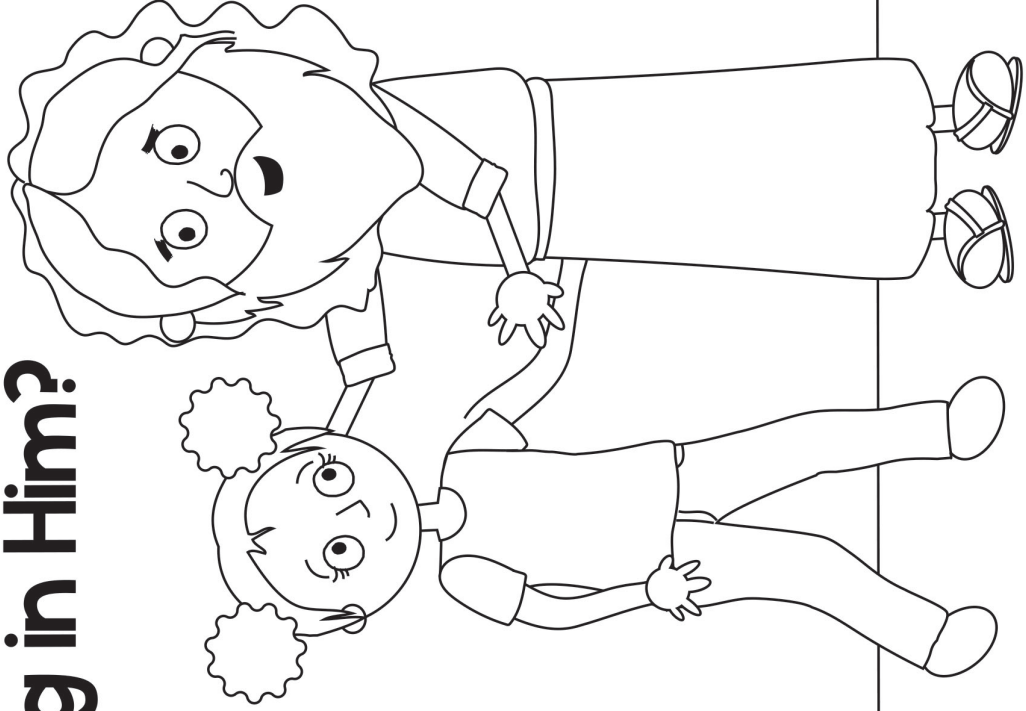
The God
Who Sustains



BIG QUESTION 13



What Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?



ANSWER:

It Is God's Sustaining Grace!



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Big Question 13, Lesson 1 Take Home Sheet

Big Question 13: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Answer: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

Meaning:

Everyone enjoys good times and goes through bad times in their lives. Sometimes, people choose to turn away from God as they enjoy the good times or go through bad times. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good times they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad times.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, God's gifts of strength to help God's people keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him, and He loves for them to ask for His help. God will never fail them. He will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to do this!

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

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."
Psalm 55:22

Some Questions for You

1. Can You Fix the Big Question and Answer?

Why do God's people keep believing in Him? It is God's sustaining grace.

Answer: No, that's silly! It is God's sustaining grace!

2. What is God's sustaining grace? His free gift of strength to keep on believing in Him and living for Him.

3. How can we receive God's gift of sustaining grace? God gives this to all who turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He loves for us to ask Him for this gift, every single day!

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, all the way home to live with You forever.
- C** God, You promise to sustain us, but too many times we complain and whine when we have to go through something hard. We don't trust You to take care of us. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You for promising to always take care of Your people. Thank You that they never have to worry. You love them so much.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us Your people. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us everything we need to live for You and love You, every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing Our Big Question and Answer!

Big Q & A 13 Song from *Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 13, track 12*

Why do God's people keep believing in God?
And why do God's people keep living for Him?
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

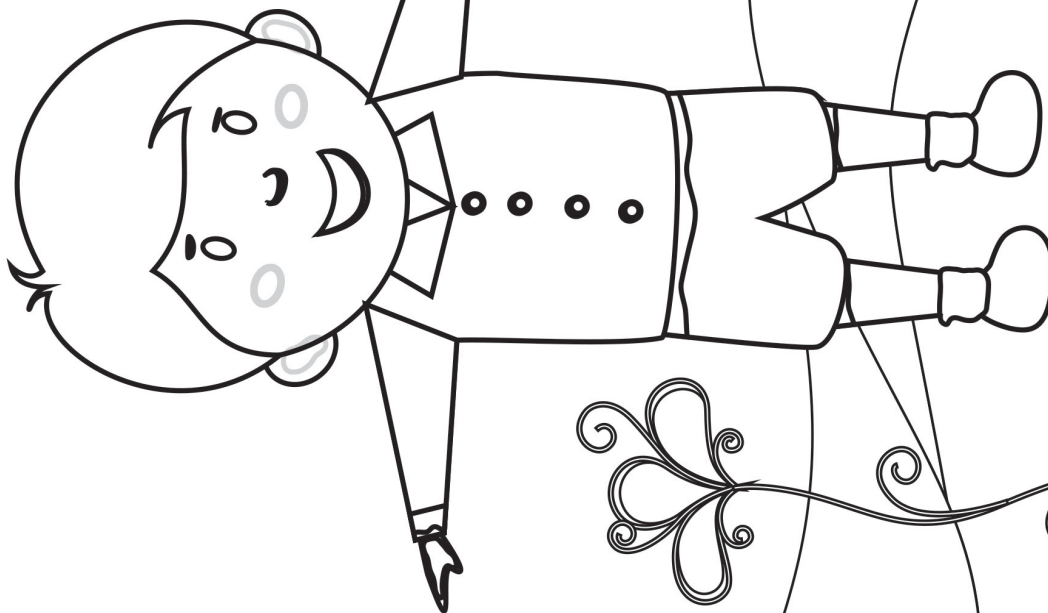
Song Question: Why do God's people keep believing in Him?

Answer: *It's His sustaining grace!*

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**“Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.”**

Psalm 55:22, ESV





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Big Question 13, Lesson 2 Take Home Sheet

Big Question 13: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Answer: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

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

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

Psalm 55:22

Meaning:

Sometimes we have to go through very scary things. Sometimes we have to go through very sad things. But, never do we have to go through them alone, if we put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God promises to always help the righteous--all who have had their sins forgiven through Jesus. They tell Him their troubles and He is with them, helping them through them. He promises to always sustain them--always give them everything they need to keep on believing in Him and living in Him. We, too, can be His people when we put our trust in Jesus. He will always care for us, too! How wonderful!

Some Questions for You

1. What's the missing word to the Bible verse?

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will ____ you; he will never let the righteous fall."

Answer: sustain.

2. Can God sustain us? Can He help us to keep believing in Him and living for Him as we go through hard things?

Yes, He can; and yes, He will, when we become His people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, all the way home to live with You forever.
- C** God, You promise to sustain us, but too many times we complain and whine when we have to go through something hard. We don't trust You to take care of us. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You for promising to always take care of Your people. Thank You that they never have to worry. You love them so much.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us Your people. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us everything we need to live for You and love You, every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song from *Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 13, track 14*

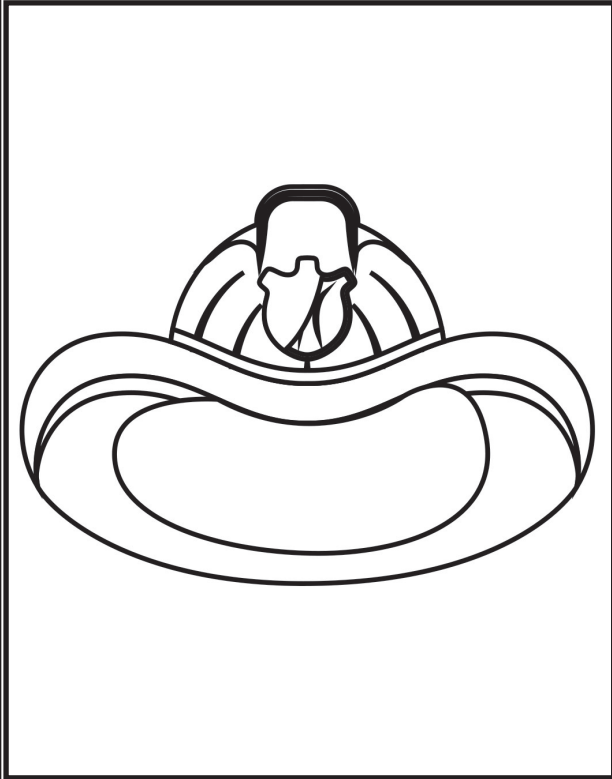
Cast Your Cares on the LORD: Psalm 55:22

Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you,
He will never let the righteous fall,
Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you,
He will never, never, never let the righteous fall.
Psalm Fifty-five, twenty-two.

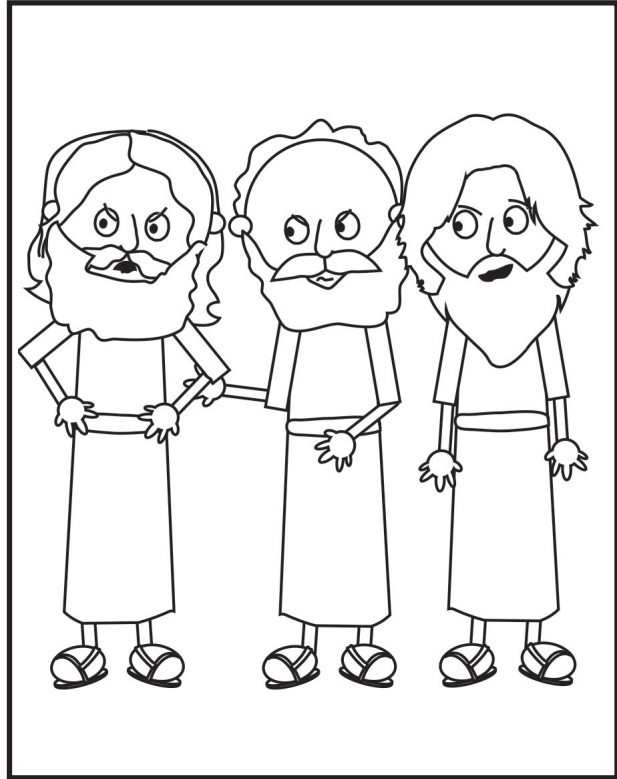
Song Question: Casting your burden on the LORD means asking Him to take care of you and help you to keep on living for Him, even when it is very hard. What does God promise to do for all those who trust in Jesus as their Savior and who cast their burden on Him? *God promises to sustain--to help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him, every day of their life!*

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Which three things were in our story? Put an "X" in the box next to each of these.
How were the other three things important in our story today?



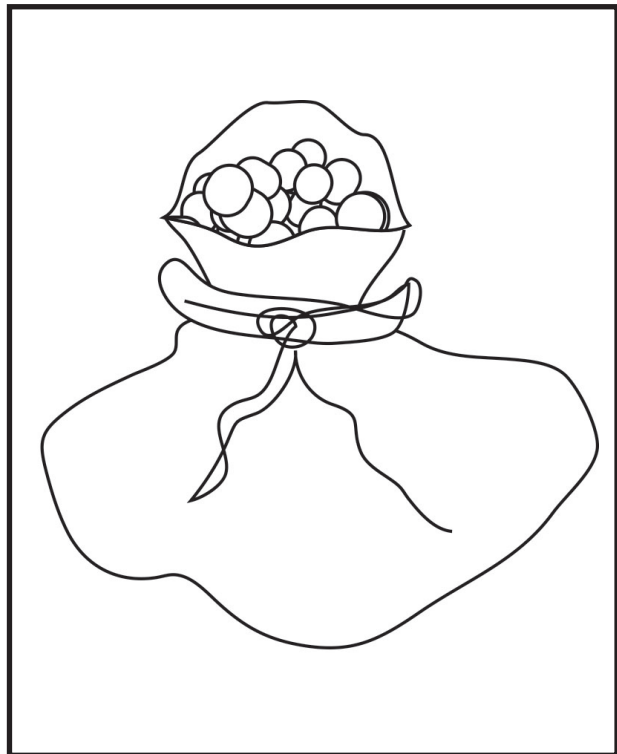
☐ Hat



☐ Angry People



☐ Jason



☐ A Bag of Money

Answers: 1. The hat was not in the story. 2. Many people in Thessalonica heard the good news of Jesus and put their trust in Him. This made some people very angry. They went to Jason's house to get Paul in trouble. When they couldn't find Paul, they took Jason and some others to get them in trouble. Jason and his friends had to pay a lot of money to be free to go home. Even through all these terrible troubles, God helped Jason and the other believers to keep on believing in Him and living for Him.



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Big Question 13, Lesson 3 Take Home Sheet

Big Question 13: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Answer: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

Meaning:

Everyone enjoys good times and goes through bad times in their lives. Sometimes, people choose to turn away from God as they enjoy the good times or go through bad times. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good times they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad times.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, God's gifts of strength to help God's people keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him, and He loves for them to ask for His help. God will never fail them. He will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to do this!

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

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

Psalm 55:22

Some Questions for You

1. What does God give His people to help them keep believing in and living for Him? *His sustaining grace.*
2. What is sustaining grace? *Grace is a big, Bible word that means a gift we get that we don't deserve. Sustaining means to keep on going. Sustaining grace is God giving us the amazing gift of strength to keep on believing and living for Him.*
3. Who does God want us to depend upon? *Himself.*
4. What does God love us to ask Him for? *His help.*
5. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, all the way home to live with You forever.
- C** God, You promise to sustain us, but too many times we complain and whine when we have to go through something hard. We don't trust You to take care of us. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You for promising to always take care of Your people. Thank You that they never have to worry. You love them so much.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us Your people. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us everything we need to live for You and love You, every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about Our Big Question and Answer!

Big Question 13 (Action Rhyme) Song from *Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 13, track 13*

Why do God's people keep
believing in Him?
What keeps them going?
Why do they persevere?
There's just one reason
for their lasting faith,
It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

Refrain

That's why God's people say:
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,
His Spirit works inside them
As they read His Word and pray,
He gives them faith
to keep in trusting in Him,
To keep on living for Him
to the very end. *Refrain*

Song Question: What are two things God's people do that God uses to sustain them? *They read God's Word, the Bible, and pray.*

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Help Us, God!



Paul had to leave Thessalonica, but he never forgot the new believers who lived there. He wondered how they were doing. Did they still have terrible trouble from angry people? But Paul didn't just think about them. He prayed for them, too. He asked God to sustain them by His grace. He asked God to help them keep on believing in Him and keep on living for Him. God answered Paul's prayers and helped the new believers. God will help us, too, when we ask Him to help us and others to keep on believing in Him and living for Him! He loves to answer these prayers!



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Big Question 13, Lesson 4 Take Home Sheet

Big Question 13: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Answer: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

Meaning:

Everyone enjoys good times and goes through bad times in their lives. Sometimes, people choose to turn away from God as they enjoy the good times or go through bad times. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good times they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad times.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, God's gifts of strength to help God's people keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him, and He loves for them to ask for His help. God will never fail them. He will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to do this!

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

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."
Psalm 55:22

Some Questions for You

- 1. What did Paul ask God to do for the new believers in Thessalonica?** *To help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him.*
- 2. How did God answer his prayers?** *God helped the believers keep on believing in Him and living for Him, even though they had enemies that made them such terrible trouble for them.*
- 3. What can we ask God to do for us or for others?** *We can ask God to help us turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, like those new believers did. We can ask Him to help us (and others) keep on believing in Him and living for Him, like Paul prayed.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, all the way home to live with You forever.
- C** God, You promise to sustain us, but too many times we complain and whine when we have to go through something hard. We don't trust You to take care of us. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You for promising to always take care of Your people. Thank You that they never have to worry. You love them so much.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us Your people. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us everything we need to live for You and love You, every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

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Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All *from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 13, track 17*

Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

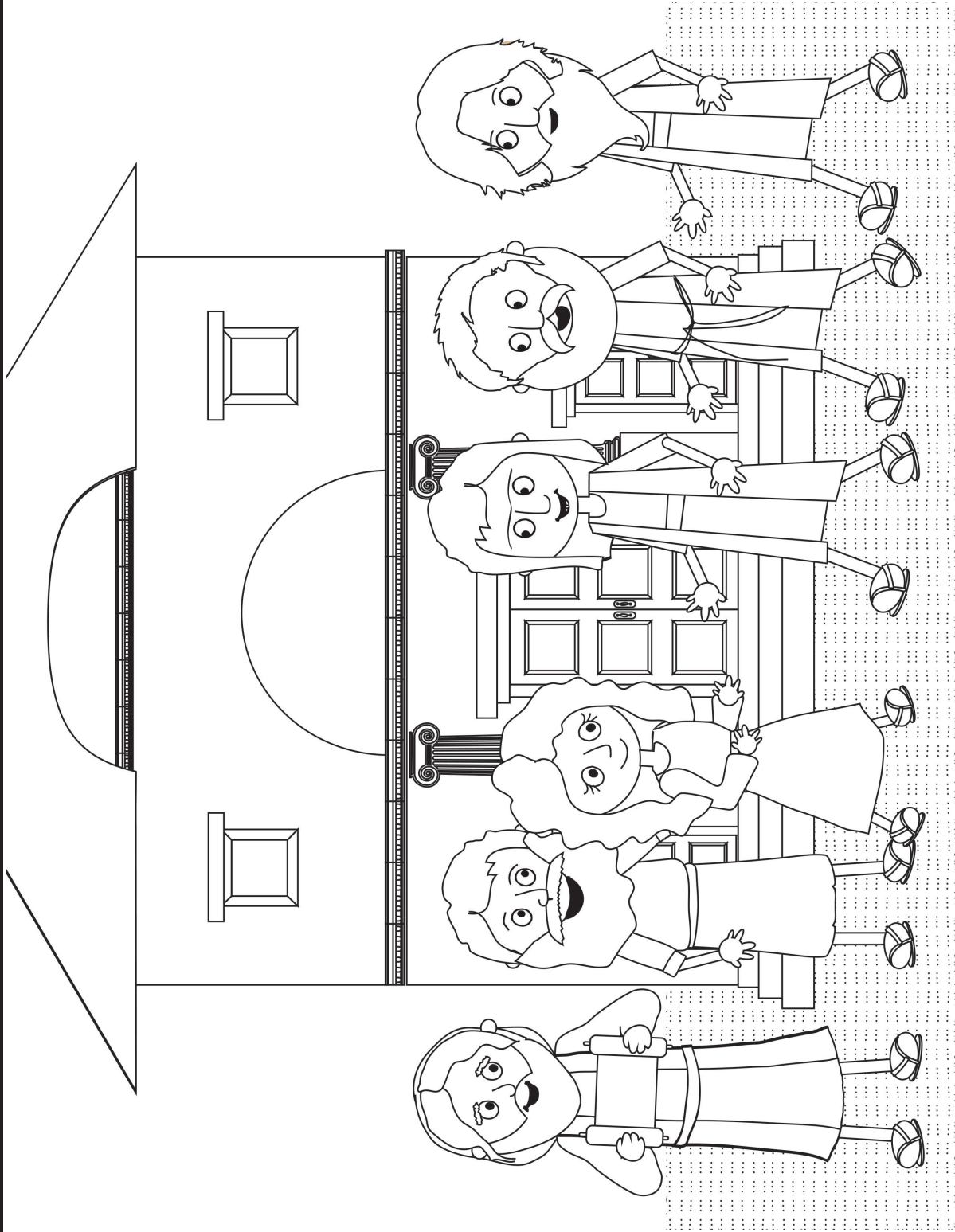
Refrain

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape

Song Question: What's something we can thank God for offering to give us? *We can thank God for offering to save us from our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can thank Him for offering to give us the strength we need to do whatever He wants us to do.*

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Paul wanted the people of Thessalonica to hear and believe the good news of Jesus. He depended upon God to give him everything he needed to face his enemies who wanted to hurt him and to keep on telling others about Jesus. Why did Paul choose to go through all of this trouble? Because only by turning from their sins and trusting in Jesus could these people be saved from their sins. This good news was worth suffering for! This is the same good news that we can believe today and be saved. God loves to help us to do this. Ask Him! And, if we do, God promises to keep on helping us believe and live for Him our whole lives, just like He did for those believers long ago.



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Big Question 13, Lesson 5 Take Home Sheet

Big Question 13: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Answer: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

Meaning:

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But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good times they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad times.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, God's gifts of strength to help God's people keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him, and He loves for them to ask for His help. God will never fail them. He will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to do this!

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

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

Psalm 55:22

Some Questions for You

1. What good news did Paul go to Thessalonica to tell? What happened when he did? *He told them the good news of Jesus. That if they would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, God would forgive their sins and make them His dearly loved people forever. Many people repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Some were angry and caused trouble for Paul and the new believers.*

2. Was that good news just for them? Who else is that good news for? *That good news was not just for them. It is for everyone. It is for you and me!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, all the way home to live with You forever.
- C** God, You promise to sustain us, but too many times we complain and whine when we have to go through something hard. We don't trust You to take care of us. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You for promising to always take care of Your people. Thank You that they never have to worry. You love them so much.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us Your people. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us everything we need to live for You and love You, every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies *from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 13, track 18*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

Words: Adapted from Psalm 89:1 Music: Anonymous

Song Question: Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness they don't deserve. God offers us so much mercy. Can you tell me how? *He offers to take away all our sins through His Son Jesus. He promises to be faithful to all who do, every day of their lives, always giving them what they need. He promises to sustain them through their whole lives and bring them home to live with Him forever. No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!*

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Big Question 13 BIBLE STORY & KEY CONCEPTS

Dear Parents,

Big Question #5 is: "Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good!"

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 further "HIDE God's Word in your heart and SEEK to know God, Himself!" Happy hiding and seeking!

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

Listening Assignments for Big Question 13 Bible Story:

"The Case of the Terrible Trouble"

Acts 17; 1 & 2 Thessalonians

(Note: These questions are most appropriate for older preschoolers and up)

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who had to go through terrible trouble?
2. Who helped them through it?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible verse is Psalm 55:22: "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

To cast your cares on the LORD means to pray to Him and ask Him to help you and take care of you through whatever trouble you are going through.

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who cast their cares on the LORD?
2. How did the LORD sustain them through their troubles?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story.

They are: a hat; some angry people; a man named Jason; and, a bag of money.

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

I need to know:

1. Which picture was not in the story?
2. How were the other three pictures important?

Detective Dan's Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who asked God to help the believers in Thessalonica?
2. How did God answer his prayers?

Detective Dan's Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. What good news did Paul go to Thessalonica to tell?
2. What happened when Paul told his good news?

Read the questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Hide 'n' Seekers! 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."

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<p>"The Case of the Big Trouble" Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians</p> <p><i>Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics) The numbers refer to storyboard pictures and aid picture placement on storyboard.</i></p>		
<p>Trouble! Big, big trouble! That's what life was like if you lived in the big city of Thessalonica and you were a follower of Jesus.</p> <p><i>Can you say, Thessalonica? It's a big word for a big city, isn't it?</i></p>		
<p>The trouble started when a man named Paul came to Thessalonica. He started sharing the good news of Jesus with the people at the worship house there. "Jesus is God's Son," Paul told them. "He died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior! Enjoy life with God forever!" Paul urged them.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many as Paul spoke. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. How happy they were! How they loved the good news of Jesus!</p>		
<p>But not everyone at the worship house was happy. Not everyone liked what Paul had to say. Some were very angry. "Shhh! Be quiet, Paul!" they said. "The Bible doesn't say these things about Jesus. You've got it all wrong! Stop talking Him or you're going to be in big trouble!" they warned.</p> <p>Uh, oh! Here's comes the big trouble! Those enemies were really angry. They could do very mean things to Paul, if he didn't stop talking about Jesus. Would Paul be quiet? Would he run away? Or, would he stay and keep on telling people about Jesus?</p> <p><i>What would you want to do if angry enemies were thinking about doing mean things to you?</i></p>		
<p>Well, maybe Paul WOULD have run away, if he had faced his enemies on his own. But, Paul did not have to face them alone! Paul knew that God was with him. God's Holy Spirit was at work in his heart, making him brave and helping him trust God. God would always help Paul to keep on loving Him and living for Him. God would help Paul do all the good things that He wanted Paul to do. Yes, there was big trouble for Paul in Thessalonica, but there was no trouble too big for God. Paul would not stop. Paul would not run away. With God's help, Paul would keep on telling others about Jesus.</p>		
<p>Maybe Paul didn't stop, but neither did Paul's enemies. Grrr... they were so very, very mad! What would they do now?!</p> <p><i>Can you make an angry face?</i></p> <p>Now, Paul's enemies decided to make big, BIG TROUBLE for Paul in Thessalonica. They went to the marketplace and found some bad men. "We'll pay you lots of money, if you will tell lies about Paul," they offered. "Stir up trouble in Thessalonica for him. Get lots of people angry. Get them to shout, 'Get rid of Paul! He says we should disobey the king,'" they told the bad men.</p>		
<p>The bad men agreed. They liked money a lot. So, all around Thessalonica they began to tell lies about Paul. Many people believed the bad men's terrible lies. Soon, there was a HUGE CROWD of people and they were all yelling, "Find Paul and get rid of him! He says we should disobey the king."</p> <p>Before long, the whole city of Thessalonica was upset, and they were all after PAUL! Oh, what big trouble those enemies had stirred up for Paul!</p>		

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p.3*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)***Up and down the streets the crowd went, looking for Paul.***Can you stomp your feet and make the sound of a big crowd walking down the street?***"Maybe Paul is hiding at Jason's house," the angry people thought. Jason was one of the new believers and a friend of Paul's. Perhaps Paul was staying with him.****"Bang, bang, bang," the crowd beat on Jason's door. "Give us Paul! He's bad. He needs to be punished," they demanded.****"Paul's not here," Jason replied. (The believers had already hidden Paul and his friends, Timothy and Silas, from the angry crowd. They were safely hidden in another part of the city.)****But grrr... that wasn't good enough for these angry people. They couldn't have Paul, so they took Jason and some others. They took them to the city leaders and tried to get them in trouble.***Can you make an angry face?***Jason and the others had to pay a lot of money to the city leaders before they were allowed to go home. Oh, what big trouble there was for Paul and the new believers in Thessalonica that day!****Late that night, when all was quiet and dark, some of the believers sneaked Paul, Timothy, and Silas out of the city. "Leave Thessalonica! Go on to other cities and tell the people there about Jesus," they urged Paul and his friends. "We will stay here and keep on telling others here about Jesus. God will help us."****Paul and his friends left Thessalonica that night. The trouble in Thessalonica was over for Paul. And hadn't God been faithful to help him, every single day? Yes, He had! God's Holy Spirit had been at work in Paul's heart, making him brave and helping him trust God. Yes, there had been big trouble for Paul in Thessalonica. There would probably be big trouble in city after city where Paul would travel. Trouble usually came when Paul shared the good news of Jesus. But Paul knew that there would never be trouble too big for God. God would always be with him and would help him do all of the good things He planned for Paul to do.****Maybe Paul and his friends had left the troubles in Thessalonica behind, but Paul couldn't stop thinking about the new believers who still lived there. Paul loved them so much! How were they doing? Were their enemies still making trouble for them? Were Jason and the others getting hurt? Were they too scared to tell others the good news of Jesus? Were they still believing in Jesus and living for Him? How were they doing with the trouble in Thessalonica? Paul just had to find out!***How do you think Jason and the others believers were doing with the big trouble?***"Timothy, would you go back to Thessalonica? Would you go back and check up on the new believers, then come back and tell me?" Paul asked his friend. "I just have to know how they are!" Paul exclaimed.****"Yes, Paul, I'll go," Timothy said, and off he went, all the way back to Thessalonica. What did Timothy find when he got there? Well, there still WAS trouble in Thessalonica! Enemies were still trying to stop the believers from telling the good news of Jesus, but God was helping them! They were doing well! They were reading God's Word. The Holy Spirit was working in their hearts. He was making them brave. They were praying and encouraging each other to not give up. They were telling others about Jesus. God was giving them His sustaining grace! He was helping them to keep on believing in Him and living for Him!****Timothy took this good news back to Paul. How Paul rejoiced! No trouble was too much for God! Not even trouble in Thessalonica! He would always help His people to keep on believing in him and living for him!***Let's clap and praise God for helping His people keep on trusting in Him and living for Him!*

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<p>Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)</p> <p>It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.</p> <p>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>1. Who asked God to help the believers in Thessalonica? Paul.</p> <p>2. How did God answer his prayers? God helped the believers keep on believing in Him and living for Him, even though they had enemies that gave them such terrible trouble.</p> <p>For You and Me: Whatever troubles we face, we know that God can help us to keep on believing in Him and living for Him, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>	<p>believing in Him and living for Him.</p> <p>For You and Me: God helped Paul and Jason, even when angry enemies were after them. He helped all the other believers, even when Paul left. God is always able to help His people, no matter what troubles they face. He will help us like He helped those believers long ago, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>Our Bible Verse is: Psalm 55:22: "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall." Casting your burden on the LORD means asking Him to take care of you and help you to keep on living for Him, even when it is very hard. As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:</p> <p>1. Who cast their cares on the LORD? Paul and the new believers in Thessalonica.</p> <p>2. How did the LORD sustain them through their troubles? The LORD helped them to keep on believing in Him and to keep on living for Him through all their troubles.</p> <p>For You and Me: Isn't it wonderful that God offers to carry all the cares of His people so that they don't have to carry them alone? We can become God's people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>1. Who asked God to help the believers in Thessalonica? Paul.</p> <p>2. How did God answer his prayers? God helped the believers keep on believing in Him and living for Him, even though they had enemies that gave them such terrible trouble.</p> <p>For You and Me: Like Paul and those new believers long ago, God wants us to ask Him to help us to keep on believing and living for Him. He will always help us, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment: I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story. They are: a hat; some angry people; a man named Jason; and, a I need to know:</p> <p>1. Which picture was not in the story? The hat.</p> <p>2. How were the other three pictures important? Many people in Thessalonica heard the good news of Jesus and put their trust in Him. This made some people very angry. They went to Jason's house to get Paul in trouble. When they couldn't find Paul, they took Jason and some others to get them in trouble. Jason and his friends had to pay a lot of money to be freed and go home. Even through all these terrible troubles, God helped Jason and the other believers to keep on</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>1. What good news did Paul go to Thessalonica to tell? He told them the good news of Jesus. That if they would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, God would forgive their sins and make them His dearly loved people forever.</p> <p>2. What happened when Paul told his good news? Many people repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Others were angry and caused trouble for Paul and the new believers.</p> <p>For You and Me: Paul was willing to suffer trouble in Thessalonica so he could tell people how they could be saved through Jesus. There was no message more important than this! Paul chose to suffer so they could hear it and hopefully believe it. This good news is just as important for us to hear and believe today. We need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, too! Ask God to help you! He loves to!</p>

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The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?****It Is God's Sustaining Grace!**

Paul wanted the people of Thessalonica to hear and believe the good news of Jesus. Paul depended upon God to give him everything he needed to face the enemies who wanted to harm him and to keep on telling people about Jesus. There was so much trouble in Thessalonica for him!

Why would Paul go through all of this trouble? Because only by turning from their sins and trusting in Jesus, could the people of Thessalonica be saved from their sins and become God's people. Oh, how Paul wanted them to believe this good news! and be saved!

This is the same good news that we can believe today. God loves to help us trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him! And for those who do trust in Jesus, that's just the beginning. God promises to help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him their whole lives, just like He did for those believers in Thessalonica, long ago. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever.

Close in prayer.

Closing Unit 13 ACTS Prayer

A=Adoration C=Confession T=Thanksgiving S=Supplication

- A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, all the way home to live with You forever.
- C** God, You promise to sustain us, but too many times we complain and whine when we have to go through something hard. We don't trust You to take care of us. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You for promising to always take care of Your people. Thank You that they never have to worry. You love them so much.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us Your people. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us everything we need to live for You and love You, every day of our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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HSK Sneaky Seekers: Big Question 13 Key Concepts**p.6****UNIT 13: The God Who Sustains****Unit Big Question (and Answer):** "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!"**Meaning:**

Everyone enjoys good times and goes through bad times in their lives. Sometimes, people choose to turn away from God as they enjoy the good times or go through bad times. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good times they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans--even as they go through bad or sad times.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, God's gifts of strength to help God's people keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him, and He loves for them to ask for His help. God will never fail them. He will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to do this!

Unit 13 Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

Meaning:

Sometimes we have to go through very scary things. Sometimes we have to go through very sad things. But, never do we have to go through them alone, if we put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God promises to always help the righteous--all who have had their sins forgiven through Jesus. They tell Him their troubles and He is with them, helping them through them. He promises to always sustain them--always give them everything they need to keep on believing in Him and living in Him. We, too, can be His people when we put our trust in Jesus. He will always care for us, too! How wonderful!

Unit 13 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, all the way home to live with You forever.
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- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us Your people. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us everything we need to live for You and love You, every day of our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Unit 13 Story**The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop**

Acts 17; 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Songs Used in Unit 13 *listen to or download songs for free at <https://praisefactory.org>: Hide n Seek Kids Music page*

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Unit 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Cares on the LORD Psalm 55:22, NIV 1984

Unit 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984

Unit 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Unit 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies