

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 10

Simple Story Scenes, ESV

The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God



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Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

There are five companion resources for each of the sixteen units of Deep Down Detectives. Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Deep Down Detectives resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

Make sure to check out the “Bits and Pieces” section of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum online. It has all of the resources separated out making it easy for you simply to pick, choose and print out whatever you want.

Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, easy-to-use, colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene is printed on the bottom of each scene.

Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource includes only 2-page overview for Bible Truth, the story scenes, and take home sheets. This is a great, basic resource for use at home and in many classroom teaching situations.

Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

Deep Down Detectives Large Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

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*

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Unit 10,

Bible Truth 1

Simple Story Scenes

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

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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 1 Concept: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

God is one God, but three Persons: God, the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand.

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts, so that they would love God and live for Him, more and more.

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people --to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom, and helps them love Him and live for Him, too. God can do this in our hearts, also!

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love Him. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple --a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have, when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- C** God, we confess that we rebel against You in our hearts. We do not love or serve You as we should. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of Your people. Thank You for how He helps them to love You and live for You.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know You and love You more and more.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story**The Case of the Eager Waiters**

Acts 1-2

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

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)

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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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“The Case of the Eager Waiters” Acts 1-2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to happen?
2. What happened inside of them when what they waited for came?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?”

A temple is a special place where we worship God.

1. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live?
2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God?

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

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1. "Go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift," Jesus told His disciples, after He died on the cross and rose from the dead. "I'm going home to heaven now, but I won't leave you alone," He said. "I will ask the Father and He will send you a gift. It's good that I'm going away, so you can have this gift," Jesus told them.

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



2. What kind of gift would Jesus ask His Father to send His disciples? Could there really be a gift better than having Jesus right BESIDE them each day? Yes, there was. It was God, the Holy Spirit, coming to live INSIDE them their whole lives! Wow! What a gift!

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



3. "The Holy Spirit will come and live inside you," Jesus explained. "He will give you power to be my witnesses to the whole world. He will help you, comfort you, guide you, and give you courage," He promised them.

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



4. Up, up, up, went Jesus. Through the clouds, and up to heaven to rule as king.

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



5. And where did the disciples go? They headed to Jerusalem, just as Jesus told them to. And as they went, they spread the news to the other believers, "Wait in Jerusalem with us for the gift of the Holy Spirit," they told everyone.

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Days



6. So, all the believers gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. They prayed and waited; and, waited and prayed. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine days passed, but still no Holy Spirit!

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes

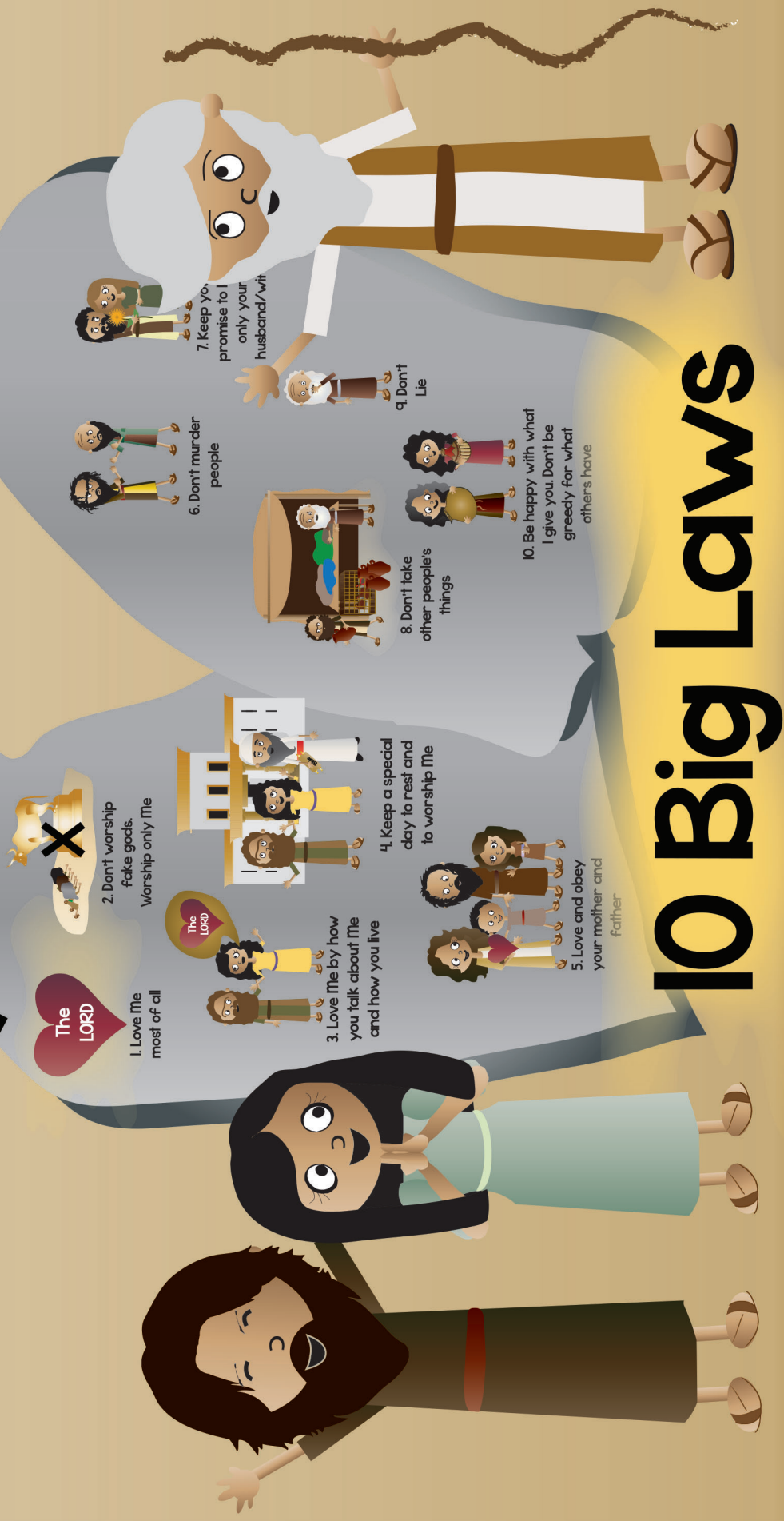


DAY 10

7. Had God forgotten? Had He changed His mind? 7. NO! God NEVER forgets or changes His mind. His promises always come true. His plans always happen right on time. God was waiting for Day Ten to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people. It was all part of His perfect plan to tell the world about Jesus.

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes

Day of Pentecost



10 Big Laws

8. Why Day Ten? Because Day Ten was a very special celebration day in Jerusalem, called the Day of Pentecost. Every Pentecost, thousands of Jews from all over the world came to Jerusalem to thank God for giving them His Ten, Big Rules, the Ten Commandments.

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



9. When Day Ten came, Jerusalem was bursting full of people celebrating Pentecost. Everything was exactly how God wanted it to be when He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people. He wanted everyone to know what was happening!

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



10. So, at nine o'clock that Pentecost morning, the gift came. At last, God sent His Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers who had been praying and waiting in that house --all one hundred and twenty of them! "Whoosh," a sound like a mighty wind came from heaven and filled the whole house. Then "Crackle, Sparkle," something came down that looked like fire and rested on each of them. Then quietly and powerfully, the Holy Spirit came to live in the hearts of them all. He filled them with God's joy, peace, and power!

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II. Jesus' followers were so happy! They burst out of that house and ran into the streets in joy!

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



12. But that's not all the Holy Spirit did in those first disciples. He also made them able to speak in other languages that they had never learned before! Why would God do that? So that Jesus' disciples could go out and begin telling the people of the world the good news of Jesus, starting with Jews from around the world in Jerusalem that very morning. Now, not just Israelites, but Romans and Greeks, Egyptians and Arabs, Africans and Asians suddenly could hear the good news of Jesus in their very own language. Everyone was amazed!

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



13. "What's going on? How can these people speak in all of these languages? What gift is this?" many wondered. Others laughed and made fun of the disciples.

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



14. The Holy Spirit worked in Peter's heart, making him bold and giving him wise words from God's Word to speak. "These people are speaking your languages by God's Holy Spirit," Peter explained. "God has sent Him to live inside of all who follow Jesus. Come, turn away from your sin, trust in Jesus as your Savior, and be baptized. God will send the Holy Spirit to live inside you, too." Peter promised them. What would these people do? Would they believe Peter's words? Would they keep laughing and walk away?

DDD 10.1 Simple Story Scenes



15. Many DIDN'T walk away but BELIEVED! Over three thousand people turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that very day. And guess WHO came to live inside the hearts of those three thousand new believers that day? I bet you know. God's Holy Spirit, just as Peter had promised. The Holy Spirit filled these new believers with God's joy, peace, and power. They were so happy! Now, they could know God in their hearts, too.

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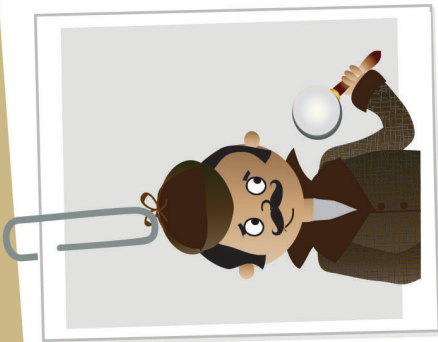


16. Already, God's Holy Spirit had begun to do amazing things in God's people. God's plan to tell the world the good news of Jesus was happening. And this was only the beginning. How many more wonderful things would God's Holy Spirit do!

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“The Case of the Eager Waiters” Acts 1-2

SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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What happened inside of them when what they waited for came?
The Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and gave them boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:
The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others and tell them about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us the boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus, so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, as He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly into our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?”

A temple is a special place where we worship God.

1. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live? God's Holy Spirit.
2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God? He came to live in their hearts. He helped them know and love God, and love others, too. This is how we worship God, by living this way.

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



In the beginning, people rebelled against God. Sin came into their hearts. They deserved God's punishment and lost the special closeness they knew with God. Since then, we all have sinful hearts and all have chosen to rebel against God.

But even though we all deserve God's punishment, God is so merciful that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to become a man and to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

Jesus died and was buried, but on the third day, He rose up from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And who will come to live in our hearts, if we do? You guessed it! God's Holy Spirit. He will live in us and help us our whole lives, to love God and live for Him. Then one day, we will go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



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A Prayer

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S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know You and love You more and more.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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**Unit 10,
Bible Truth 2
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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 2 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do.

God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And that one day, God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever.

God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control!"

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control!"

Meaning

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives.

But there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially when life is hard, and their faith feels weak. God gives His people His Holy Spirit. He can work inside them. He can help them turn away from fear and give them God's power, love, and self-control for everything they face. The Holy Spirit is the One who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of courage to Your people through the Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by Your Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You want them to do.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 2 Story**The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat**

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 10 Song

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Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: *Fan into the Flame* 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

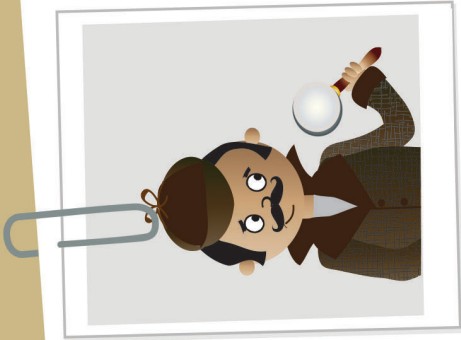
Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV

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1. Who was very afraid, like a scaredy cat?
2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed them?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

“...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?
2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid) to be known as Jesus' disciples? What did these men become bold to do?

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

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I. One evening, Peter, John, and Jesus' other disciples walked with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. Under the olive trees, Jesus shared what was about to happen. "My enemies are coming to arrest Me and kill Me. You will all run away and leave Me." He told them. "But after I rise from the dead, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

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2. Peter heard Jesus' words, but he refused to believe them. "No! Even if everyone else runs away and leaves You, I won't," he told Jesus. Peter was sure he would never do something as terrible as leaving Jesus!

But Jesus knew the truth. "Peter, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you'll say you never knew Me THREE times! God's enemy, Satan, wants to crush you, Peter, but I have prayed that your faith won't fail. When you turn back, encourage the others," Jesus told him.

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3. Peter heard Jesus' words again, but he still refused to believe. "It's not true!" Peter insisted. "I won't leave You, even if they put me in jail and kill me along with You!" The other disciples agreed with Peter. "We will never leave You, Jesus. We will stay with You no matter what!" they promised.

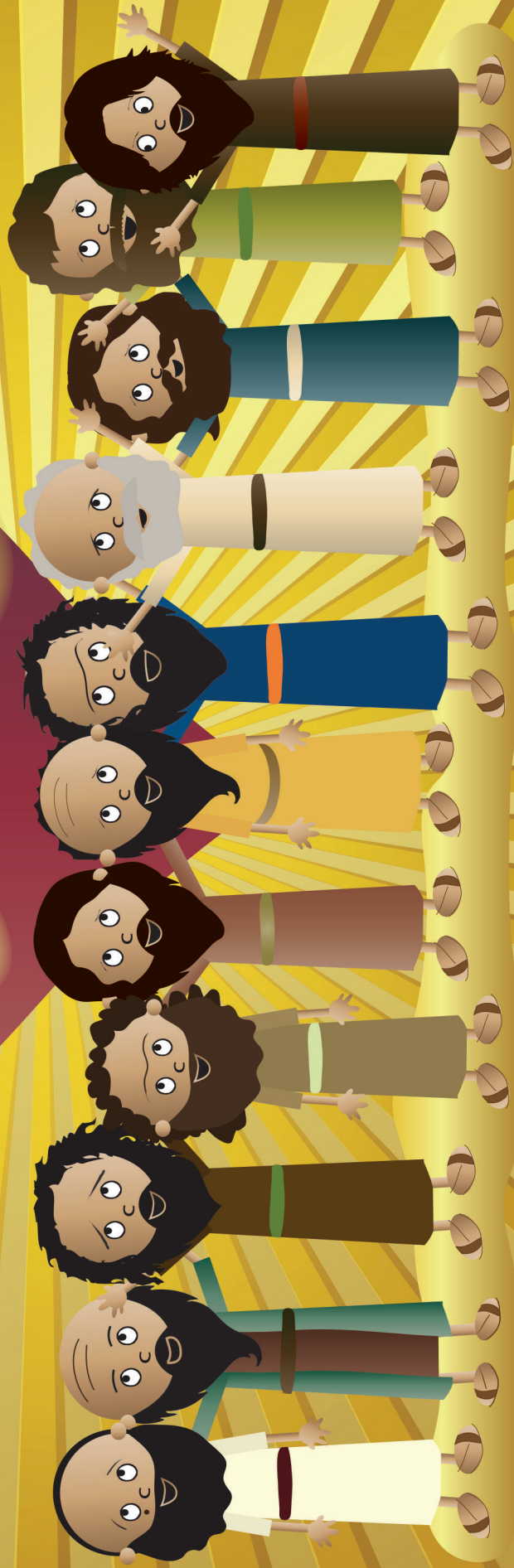
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4. Jesus' words made the disciples sad. They hated to think that Jesus would be killed by His enemies. They hated to think that they might all leave Him! Jesus knew this and comforted them. "Don't be worried," Jesus told them. "I'm going to heaven to make a place for you to live with Me forever! I'm going to ask God, My Father, to send Someone very special to help You. I won't leave you alone!" Jesus promised them.

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Holy Spirit



5. Who was this special Someone who would help them? Do you know? It was God, the Holy Spirit. How amazing! God, Himself, coming to live inside of them!

“Yes, the Holy Spirit will come live inside of you and He will help you,” Jesus told His disciples. “It’s better for you that I go, so that He can come and live inside of you,” Jesus comforted them.

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6. Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, had gone to Jesus' enemies and offered to help them get rid of Jesus. Judas loved money, and when they promised him thirty silver coins to help them catch Jesus, Judas agreed. Now, the time came for him to earn his money and lead them to Jesus.

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7. "March, march, march," Jesus and the other disciples heard men coming. The light of their blazing torches and lanterns lit up the darkness, revealing a big crowd of men, armed with swords and clubs.

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8. "Rabbi, teacher," Judas exclaimed, going up to Jesus and giving Him the usual, brotherly kiss. This was the sign the crowd of soldiers was waiting for. Now, they knew who Jesus was. They seized and arrested Him. "Judas, will you really turn Me over to My enemies with a kiss?" Jesus said to him.

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9. "If you are looking for Me, then let My disciples go free," Jesus told the crowd.

Peter and the other disciples could see what was happening. What would they do? Would they run like Jesus said they would, or would they be arrested with Him, and maybe die, too?

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10. Peter had another idea. He would fight! He took his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, the servant of Jesus' most powerful and most important enemy --the high priest. Peter wouldn't let this crowd wouldn't take away Jesus without a struggle!

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II. "No, put your sword away, Peter," Jesus exclaimed. "Will I run away from what God, My Father, has planned? No, I will not! I will do it, even though it will be very hard!" Then, Jesus reached out and healed the very ear Peter had just cut off! Amazing!

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12. Now, Peter's "fight" quickly turned to "fear"! Now, Peter understood. Jesus would not fight! Jesus was choosing to die! "Oh, no, we don't want to be arrested! Oh, no, we don't want to be hurt! Oh, no, we don't want to die!" Peter and the other disciples thought. They had to act quickly before it was too late! So, off they ran, away through the olive trees and into the darkness, leaving Jesus all alone. From the safety of the darkness, they heard the crowd leave with Jesus.

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14. But Peter was cold. At last, when he thought it safe, he went up the fire to warm himself. Then, Peter WAS noticed! “You, there! YOU were with Jesus. YOU are one of His followers,” a servant girl exclaimed when she saw him. Peter panicked. Oh, no! Now, the soldiers might come for him and kill him, he feared. What would Peter say? Would he tell the truth or lie to protect himself?

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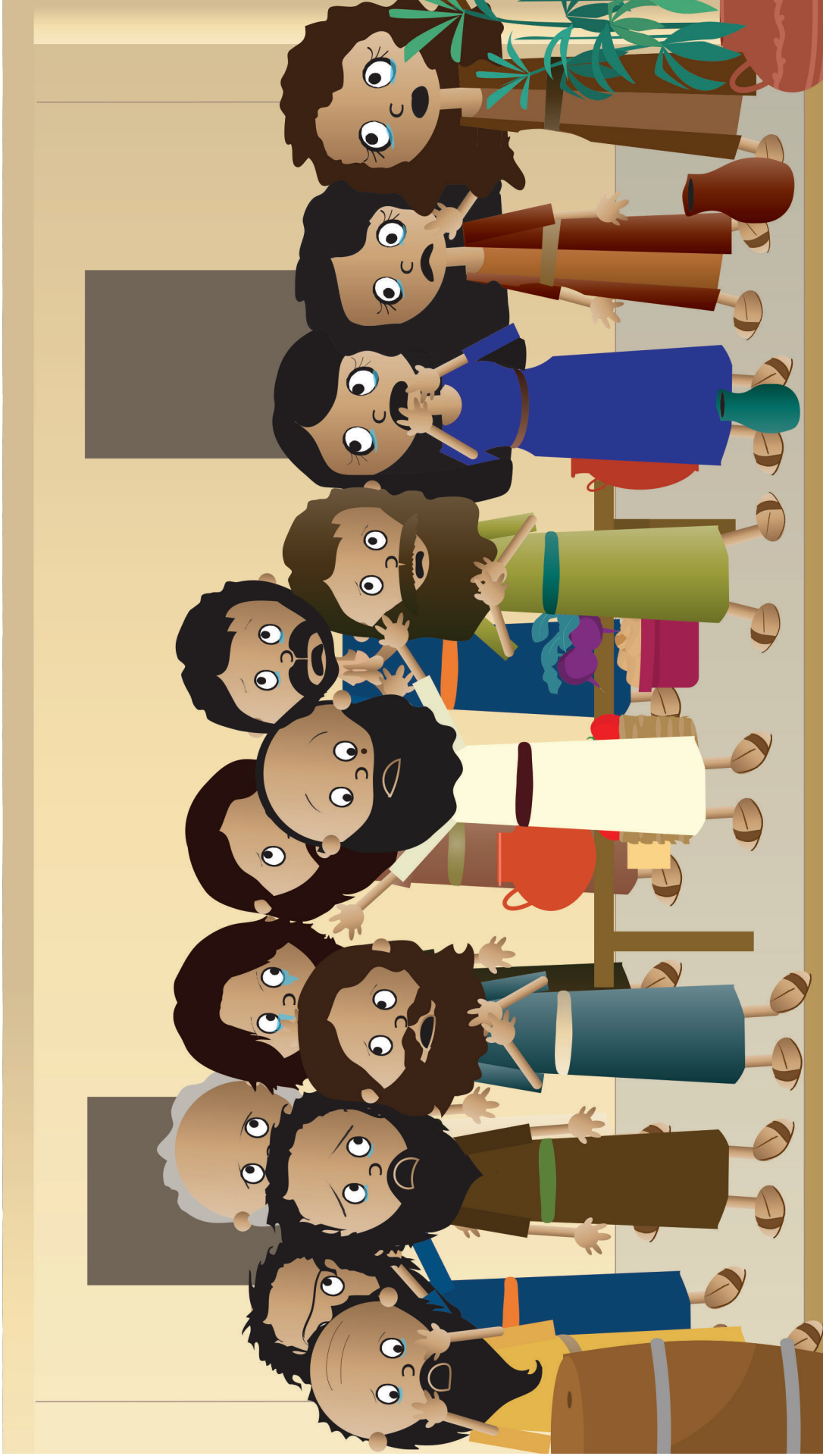
15. "No, I wasn't! I swear I never knew Him!" Peter lied to the servant girl and the others. He lied not just one time or two times, but THREE times! "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" Peter heard the rooster crow, then he ran away and cried. It all happened just as Jesus had said it would. Maybe he loved Jesus, but now Peter could see he didn't have the courage to suffer and die with Him.

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16. Later that day, Jesus was nailed to a cross at Golgotha. There, He suffered and died. Friends took his body and buried it in a cave-grave.

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17. How very, very sad Peter and the other disciples were! Sad, that their teacher was gone! Sad, that it seemed Jesus wasn't really the Messiah, the promised Savior sent from God. And sad, that they had not even stood by Him, but had run away. Now, they huddled in fear in a house in Jerusalem. They didn't want Jesus' enemies to find them. They didn't want to be next to die! Was this the end of the story for Jesus, and for Peter and the other disciples? Jesus was dead and all His disciples had run away like scaredy cats. It certainly looked like the end.

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18. But it wasn't the end, was it? For while on Day One and Two, Jesus' body lay dead in that cave-grave, everything changed on Day Three. Can you remember what happened? Jesus rose up from the dead! He had suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people, and He had **WON!** Jesus rose up to life in **VICTORY!** Yay!

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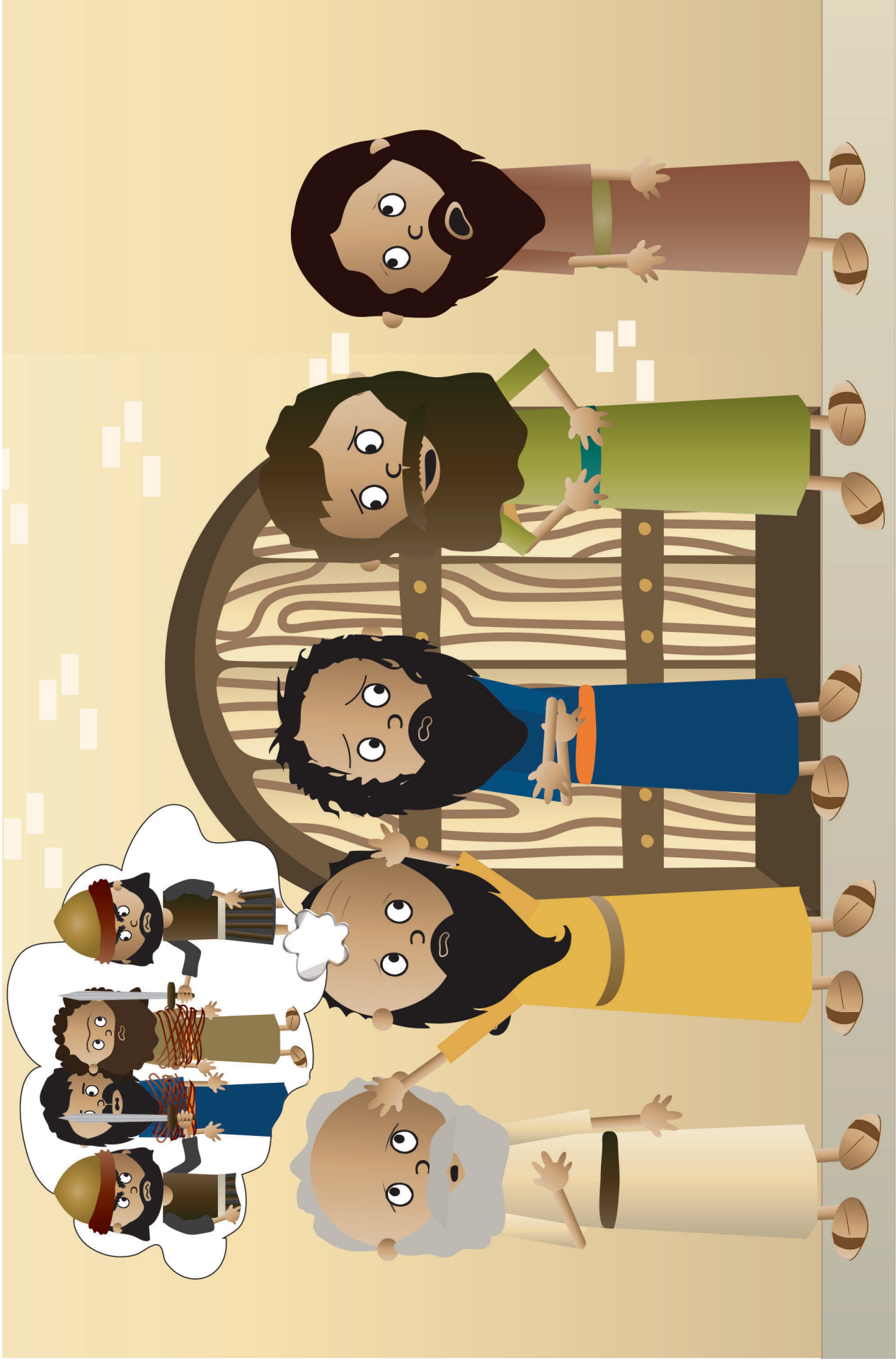
19. Jesus appeared to the women who came to the cave-grave that Sunday morning! "I'm alive," He told them. "Go, tell Peter and the other disciples!"

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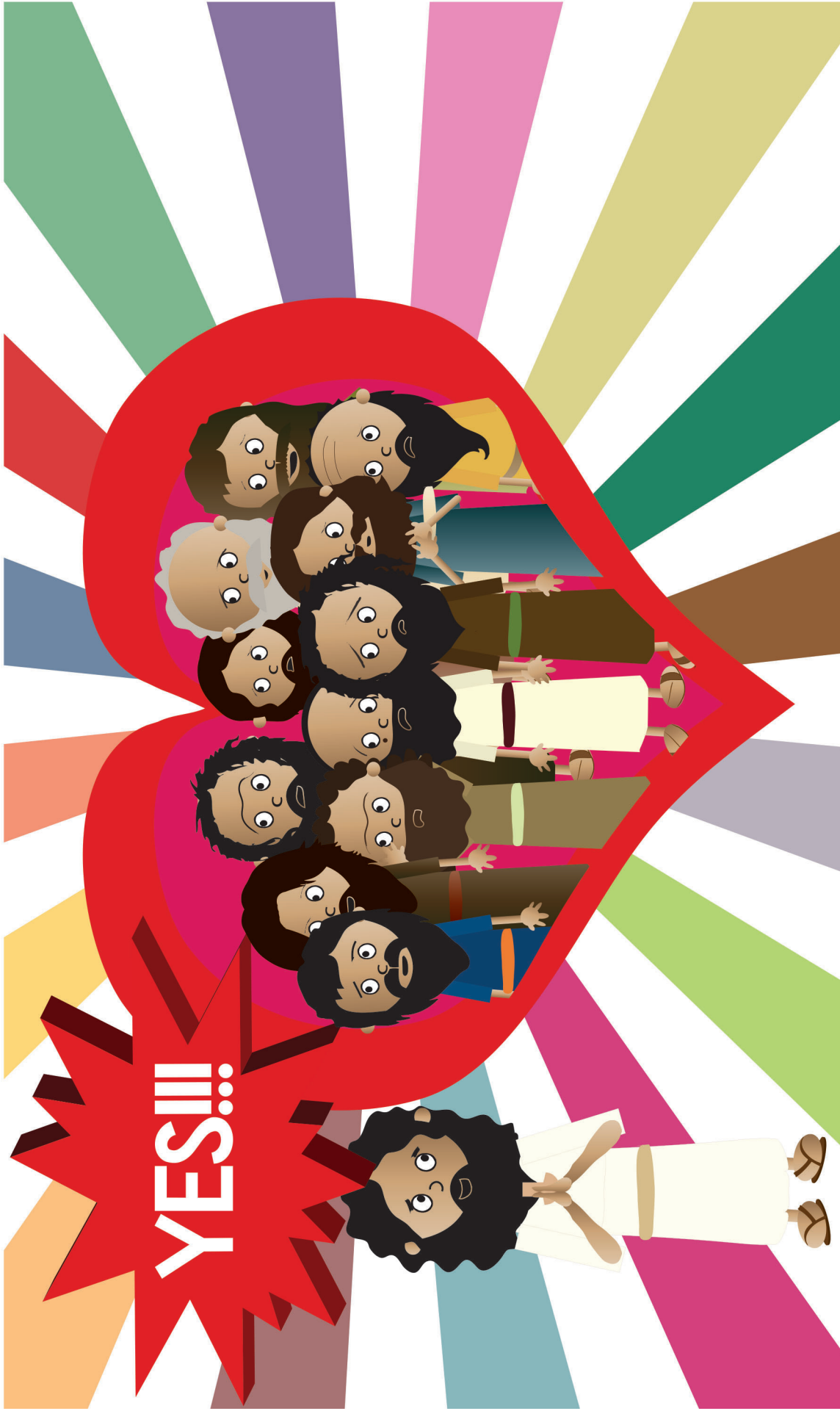
20. When Peter and John heard the women's story, they ran to the cave-grave to see for themselves. Yes, there were the strips of cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' dead body, now lying in a pile by themselves. And there was the cloth that had been on Jesus' face, now nicely folded up by itself. Could the women's story really be true? John believed Jesus had risen from the dead, but Peter still could not.

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21. Together, Peter and John went back to the house where the other disciples were. They locked the door and hid. How scared they were of Jesus' enemies! Maybe Jesus WAS alive, but His disciples were still just scaredy cats.

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22. Yet, this would NOT be the sad end of Jesus' disciples! Jesus had prayed for them and promised them something. Do you remember what? Jesus had prayed for His disciples' faith (especially Peter's) to not fail, and it didn't! Jesus' prayers for us are always answered with a "yes"! Peter may have sinned against Jesus, and they may have all been very scared, but they were still loved by God. He would help them to keep on believing.

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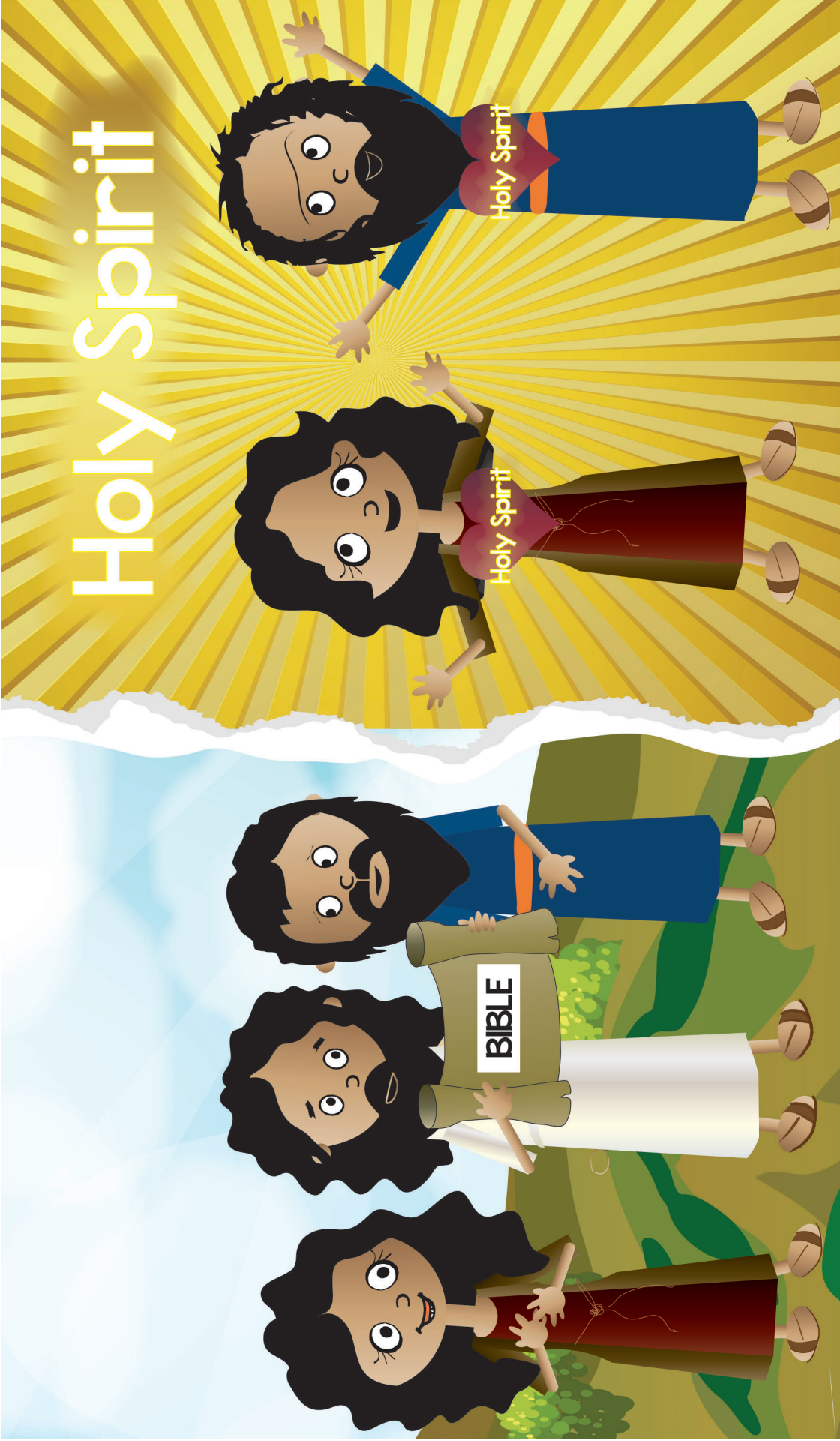
23. That evening, Jesus suddenly appeared to His scared disciples in their locked-up house. He knew right where they were, and no locks could keep Him out! "I'm alive!" Jesus exclaimed, showing them the scars on His hands and feet. It was Jesus! He really was alive! He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. They were so happy.

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24. Over the next 40 days, Jesus taught Peter and the other disciples from the Bible. Jesus showed them how God's promises all came true through His life and death. He told them about God's Big Plan for them: they were to tell everyone how they could become God's people. There was so much to learn and to tell!

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25. But Peter and the others needed more than teaching to be able to obey God's plan for them. The same enemies who killed Jesus would try to hurt them when they spread the good news of Jesus. Once more, they would run away like scaredy cats, if they tried to live for God on their own. They needed that powerful gift that Jesus had promised them. The gift that would come and live inside of them. Can you remember what the powerful gift was? It was God's Holy Spirit!

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26. "Go back to Jerusalem and wait," Jesus told them, as He went up to heaven. "There, you receive the Holy Spirit," Jesus said. "He will give you the courage to do all of God's plans," Jesus promised.

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27. So, back to Jerusalem they went, and prayed, and waited. Then, at last, the Holy Spirit came! God sent Him to live inside the hearts of Peter and the other believers. The Holy Spirit gave them peace and joy in God. And, He gave them **POWER** and **COURAGE!** Peter and the others were changed people. No longer were they scared to speak up for Jesus in front of Jesus' enemies or anyone else. Here was the Helper they needed to live boldly for Jesus for the rest of their lives!

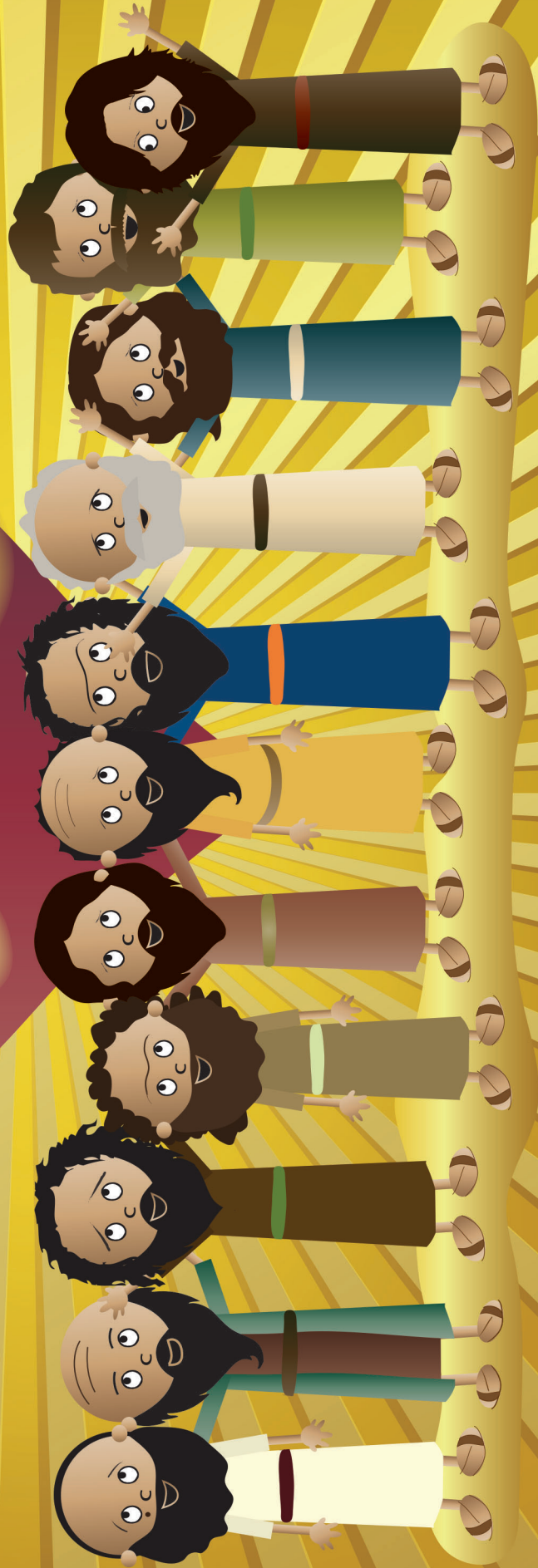
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28. And even right then and there, the Holy Spirit gave Peter the courage to boldly preach God's Word to a crowd of thousands of people! "Turn away from your sins! Trust in Jesus as your Savior!" Peter urged them. "Then you, too, will receive this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit that God has given us," he told the crowd. And that's what three thousand people did that day. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Then, God's wonderful gift of His Holy Spirit came to live in the hearts of these new believers, too.

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Holy Spirit



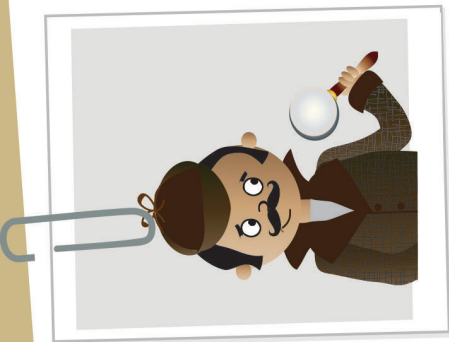
29. Oh, what changes the Holy Spirit had made in Peter and the others! No longer were they scaredy cats. Now, they were brave followers of Jesus, thanks to the Holy Spirit. And He would help them boldly live for God for the rest of their lives.

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“The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat”

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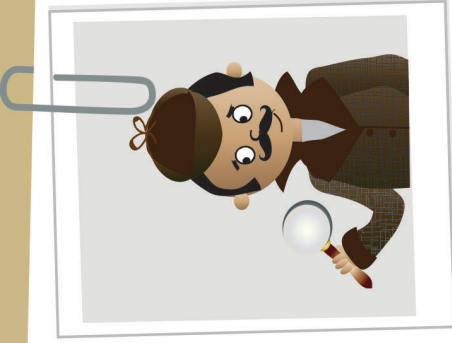


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2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed them? Jesus prayed for Peter and the others. The Holy Spirit came to live inside of them all. He changed their hearts and gave them boldness to tell others about Jesus.

For You and Me
Like Jesus' disciples, we need Jesus to help us. We need Him to pray for us. We need the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, and help us to boldly live for God. How can the Holy Spirit come to live in our hearts? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Timothy 1:6,7 ESV

“...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why? Peter and the other disciples were. They were afraid the soldiers would arrest them and kill them.
2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid) to be known as Jesus' disciples? What did these men become bold to do? The gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to be bold to live for God and to tell others about God, even if enemies threatened to hurt them. That's boldness!

For You and Me
Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. We may, too. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. And He will come to live inside us and help us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

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What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!

The Gospel



What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit was to Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples! He gave them courage to live boldly live for God and to tell others the good news of Jesus.

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!

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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



**Unit 10,
Bible Truth 3
Simple Story Scenes**

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided. You can add a third using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

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

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!

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

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“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

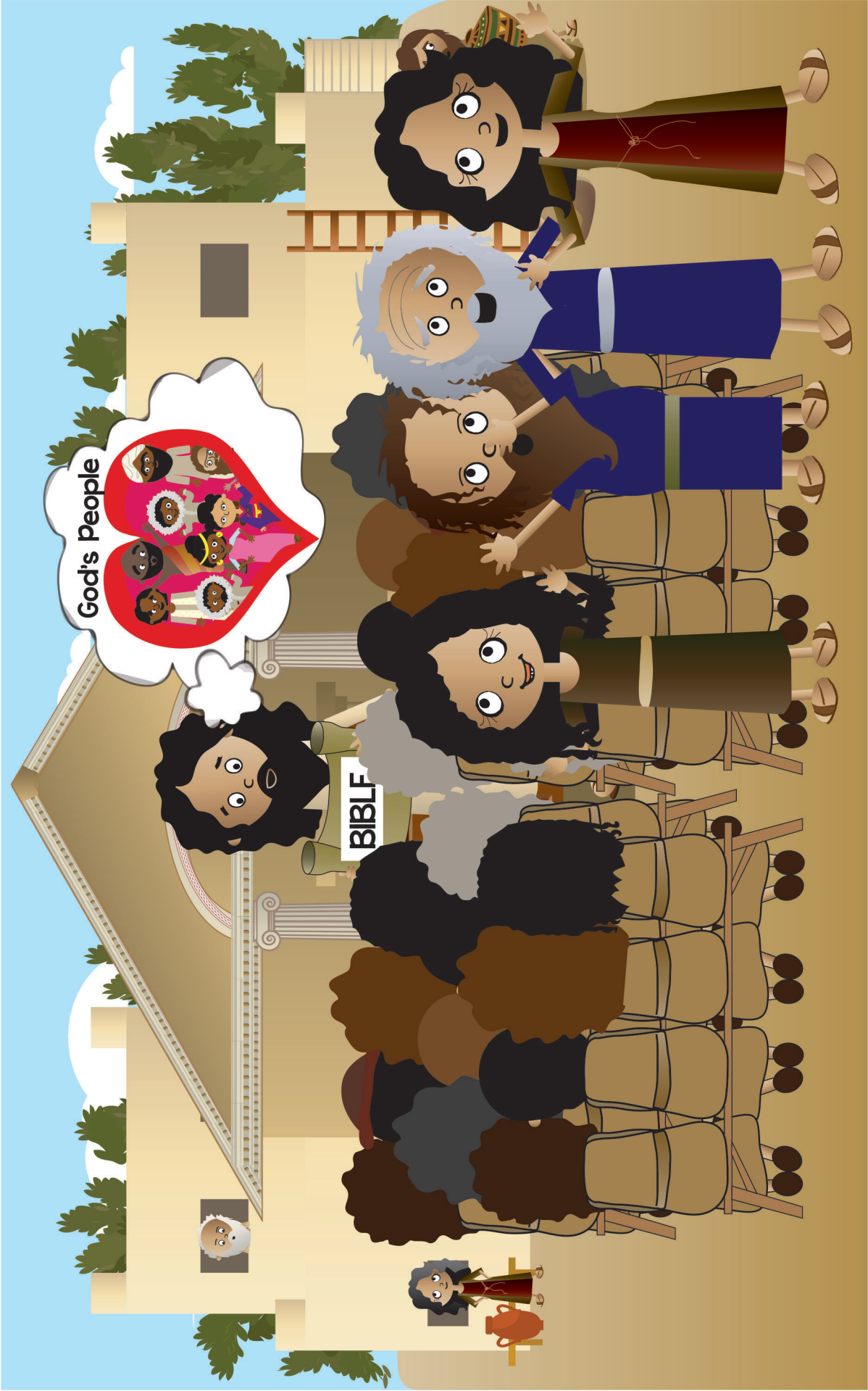
Ephesians 1:17, NIV

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

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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."

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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.

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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.

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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?

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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.

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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.

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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?

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Peace

Wisdom

Power

Holy Spirit

Love

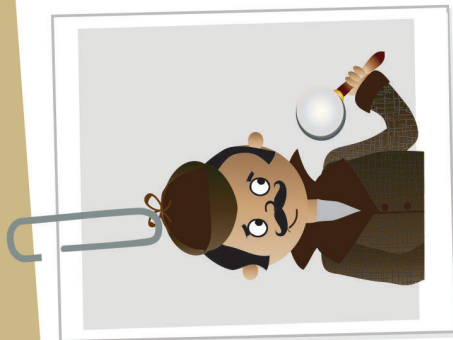
Joy

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.

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“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:
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!

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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!



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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.



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DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



**Unit 10,
Bible Truth 4
Simple Story Scenes**

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided. You can add a third using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

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 4 Concept: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people.

God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world.

Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church --all of God's people, from every place and every time-- will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church --God's people-- too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Acts 9:31

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

Meaning

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God and one another. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord --that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that we have sinful hearts. We need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- 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, so we might know and love You. Build Your Church, in us and in people throughout the whole world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 4 Story**The Case of the World's Biggest Building**

Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 4

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

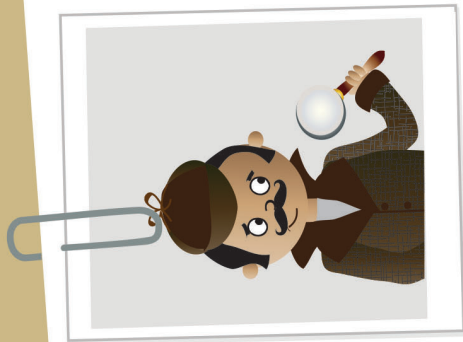
Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Extra Song: God's One Big Plan

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

“The Case of the World’s Biggest Building” Genesis; the Gospels; Acts



Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the builder?
2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished?



Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #2

Acts 9:31, NIV

“[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.”

1. Who helped Jesus’ disciples obey God’s plan to tell others about Jesus?
2. How did the Holy Spirit help the Church grow?

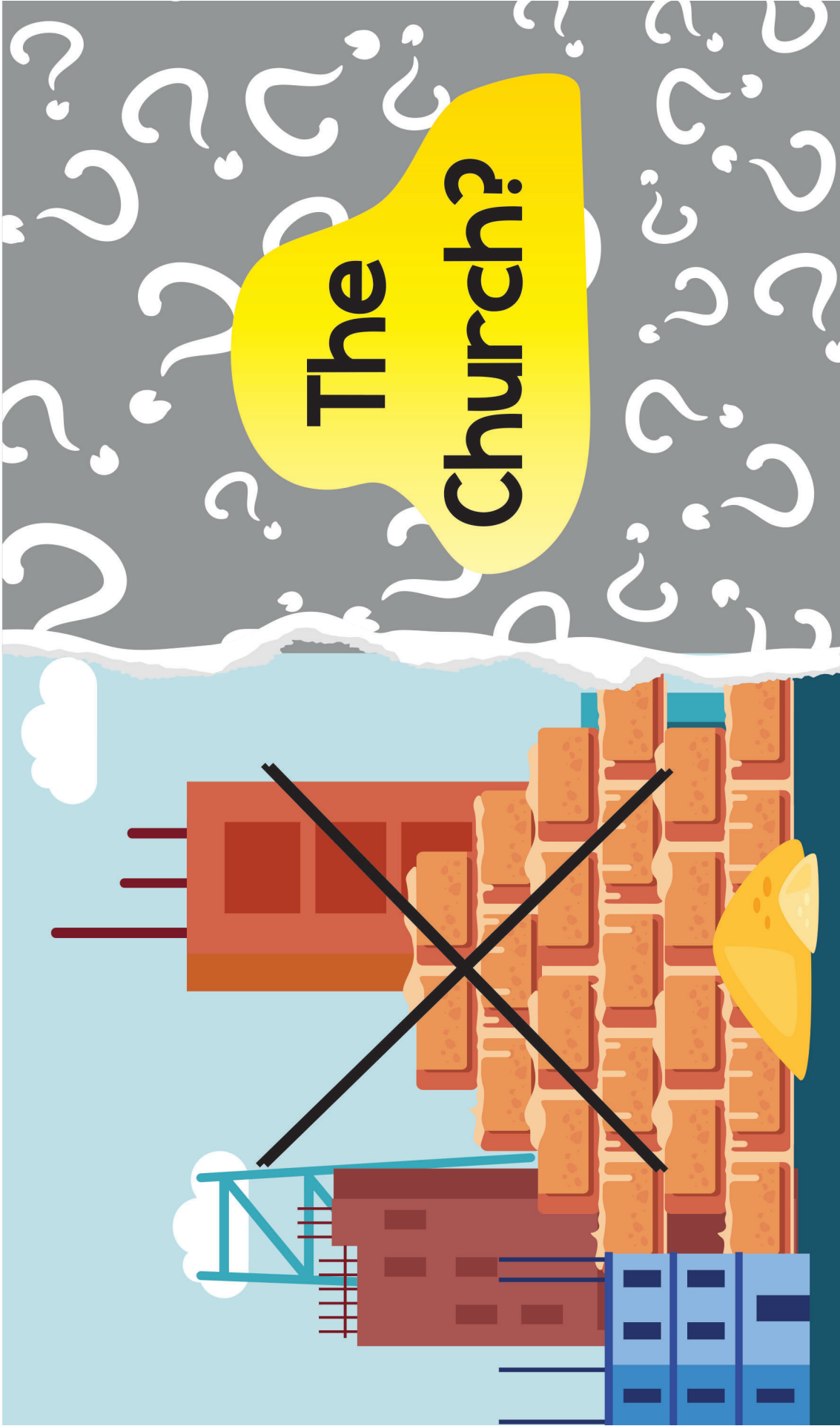
(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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I. Do you know what a skyscraper is? It's a really tall building that sticks high up into the sky. It takes many bricks to build a building like that. (The Empire State Building in New York City was built out of 10 million bricks. Now THAT is a BIG building!)

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2. This is the story of God's plan to build the biggest building in the world. Now, this building wouldn't be a skyscraper made out of bricks or even metal. This would be a very different kind of building. And it would be built not with millions, but with BILLIONS of something. What was the name of this big building God planned to build? It was called "the Church." And from what did He plan to build His Church? Do you have any idea?

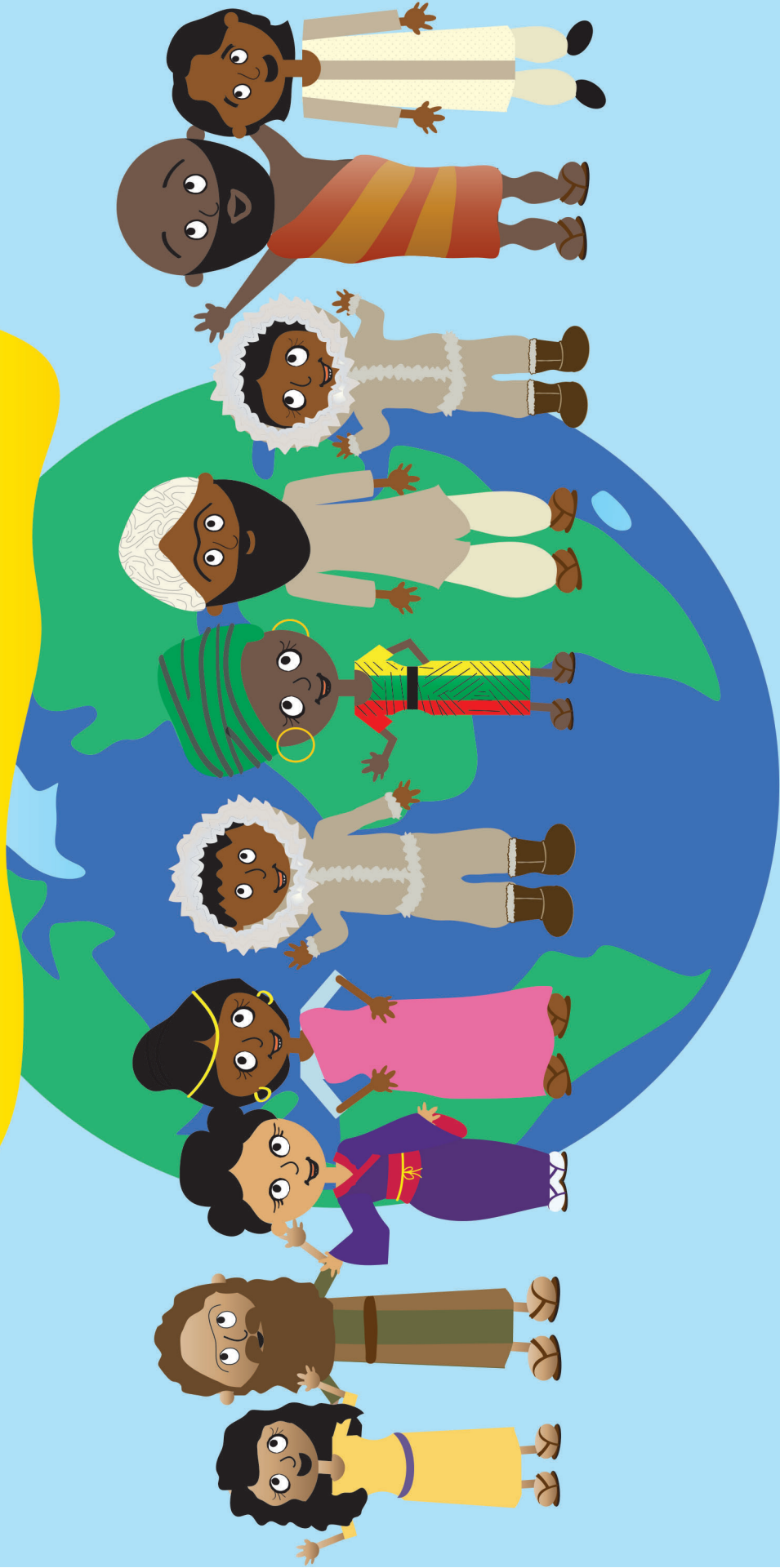
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3. Are you ready for this? God was planning to build His Church from lots and lots of one kind of creature. Yes, it would be a HUGE gathering of millions, even billions, of this LIVING, BREATHING creature, all brought together for God's One, Big Plan. What kind of creature do you think God planned to use? Hmmmm... would it be kangaroos? Or rabbits? Trees or birds or bugs?

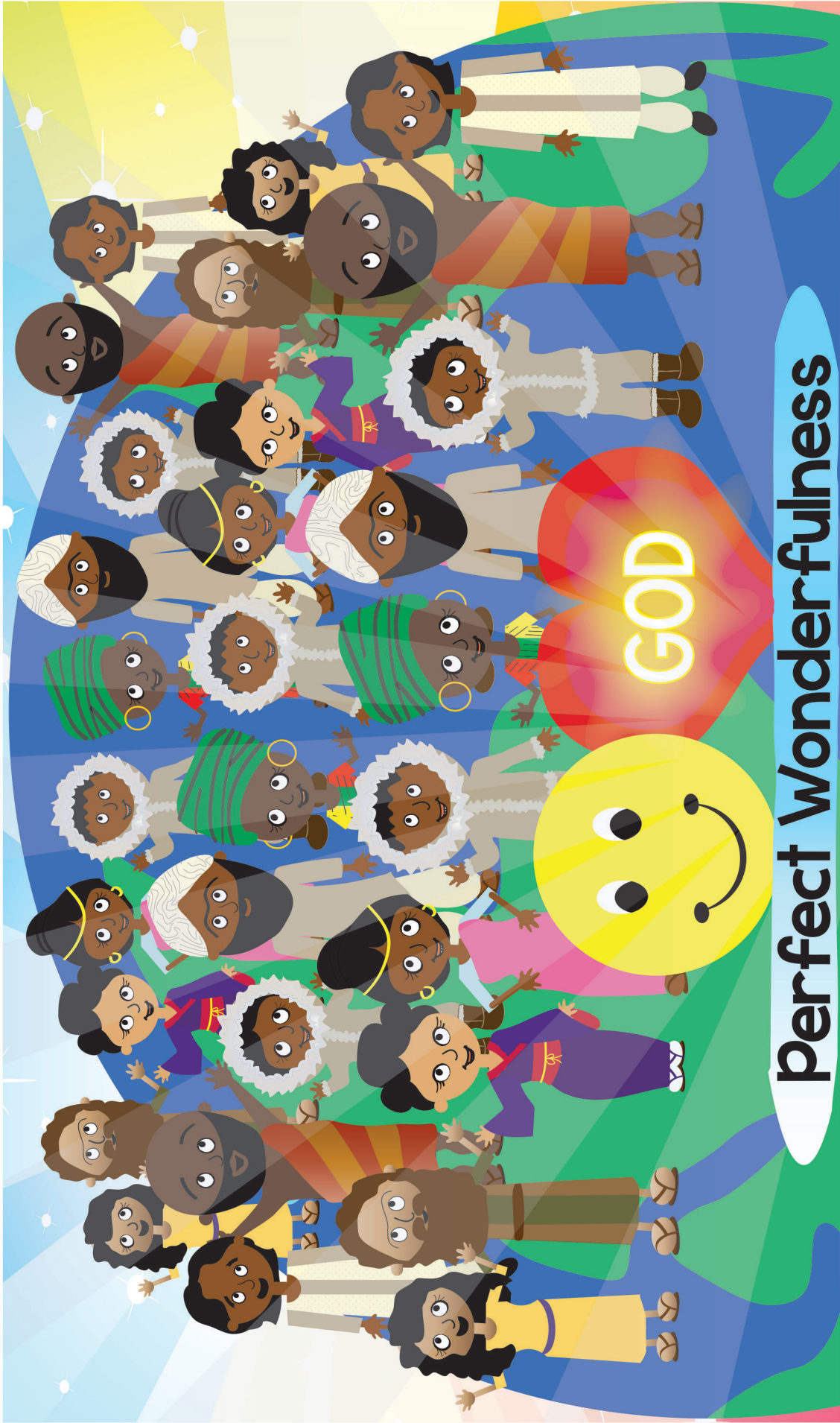
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The Church!



4. Nope. God didn't plan to make His Church from any of those creatures. God's Church would be made from a creature who looked a lot like... well... US! Matter a fact, it IS us! People!

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5. That's right! "The Church" is God's name for all of His people, from every time and every place in the world, gathered together and living with Him forever. All of their millions and billions of hearts would be full of His love, like one, happy heart. And all of their millions and billions of mouths would be full of His praise, like one, joyful song. Together, they would enjoy God's Perfect Wonderfulness. God's big building would be very, very special, wouldn't it?

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6. But there was something else that would make God's Church very special. It was **WHAT** --or really **WHO**-- God would use to join all those people together. Can you guess **Who**? It was God, Himself. God, the Father, would send His Son, Jesus, to save them and make them God's people. God, the Holy Spirit, would come live in their hearts, so they could know and love God, and enjoy Him forever, together. What an amazing plan God had!

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8. God is spirit, and if people were to know Him and be part of His big, beautiful Church, they would need a spirit, too. So, God put a special spirit inside of their bodies. Now they could know and love Him, in a way no other creature could. God named the first man, “Adam” and Adam named his wife, “Eve”.

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9. God told Adam and Eve to fill the whole earth with children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. And that's what they did. These children grew up and spread out across the whole world. Some made ships and sailed to faraway islands. Some climbed tall mountains and made their homes near snowy peaks. Others settled in thick jungles, forests, and many other places.

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10. Throughout the whole world, these children of Adam and Eve settled down and had families. They had different skin colors and spoke different languages. One day, God's Church would be a great gathering of God's people from all of these different places and languages. Together, they would lift up their praises to God in one, beautiful voice. Together, they would love God and each other perfectly. And it would go on like this forever.

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II. But that wonderful day was not yet. From Adam and Eve on down, all people have chosen to turn away from God and live life their own way. Their hearts --like ours-- have become ugly, broken, and even dead to God, all because of this terrible sin. Every one of them deserved to be shut out from God's presence and never get know Him or His love. Never, ever! How sad!

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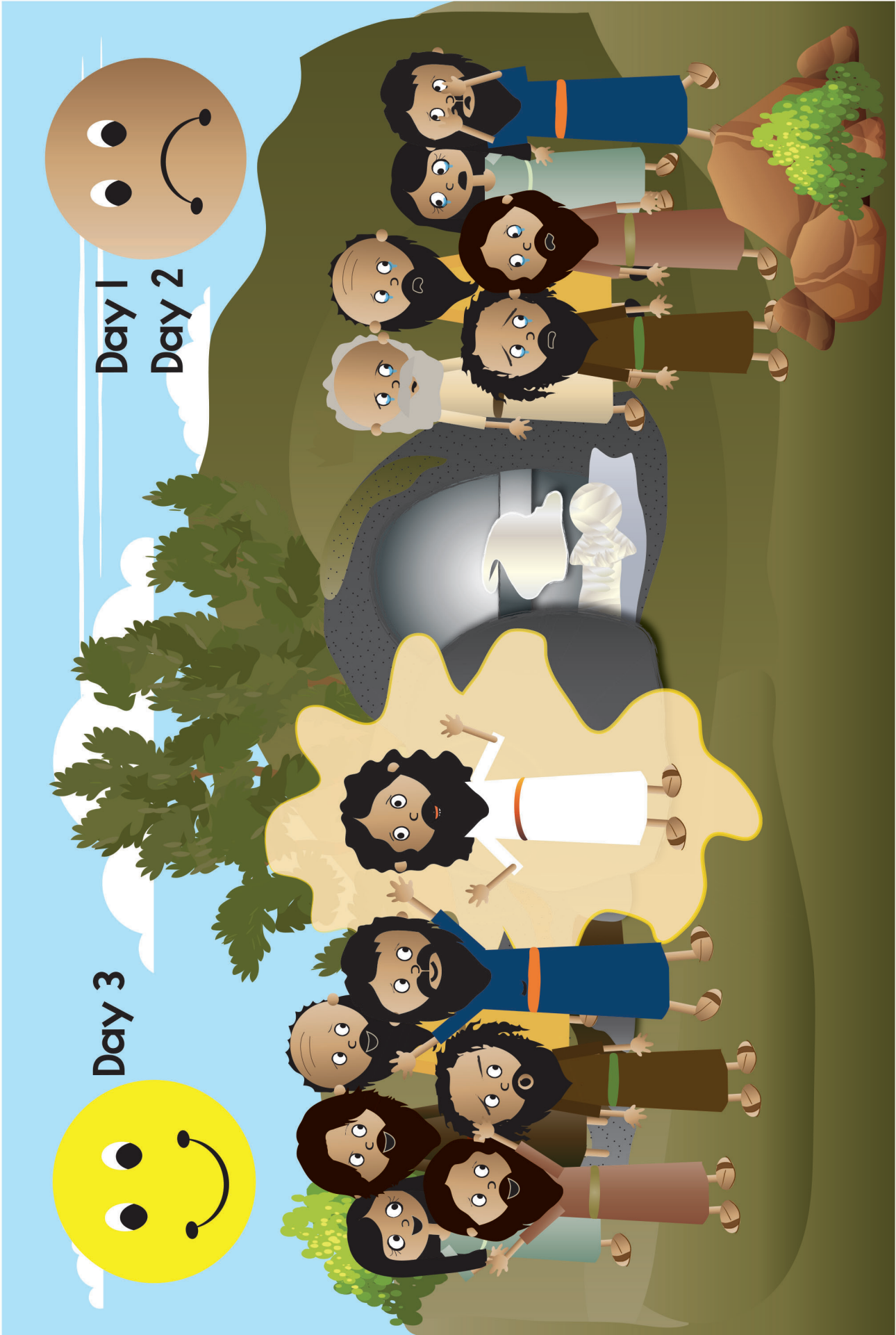
12. But sin wouldn't ruin God's plans to build His Church! God knew that people would rebel against Him. He had always made it part of His plan to rescue them and make them beautiful, Himself, through His Son, Jesus. So, at just the right time, Jesus came to redeem God's people. He would pay for their sins. He would make them beautiful for God.

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13. Jesus came and lived a perfect life here on earth. Then on the cross, He suffered and died. Jesus gave up His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, so they could be forgiven.

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14. On Day One and Two, Jesus' body lay dead in a cave-grave; but on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory! He had made the way for sinners to become God's people, the Church.

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15. Now it was time to take the good news of salvation to the world so that God's Church would be from every people, just as God had always planned. "Go to the whole world, tell them all about Me. Teach them how they can become God's people," Jesus told His disciples, after He rose from the dead. What? THOSE disciples do ALL THIS? How? They were so fearful, so weak. They didn't know what to say. There were so few of them. They could never do this big job!

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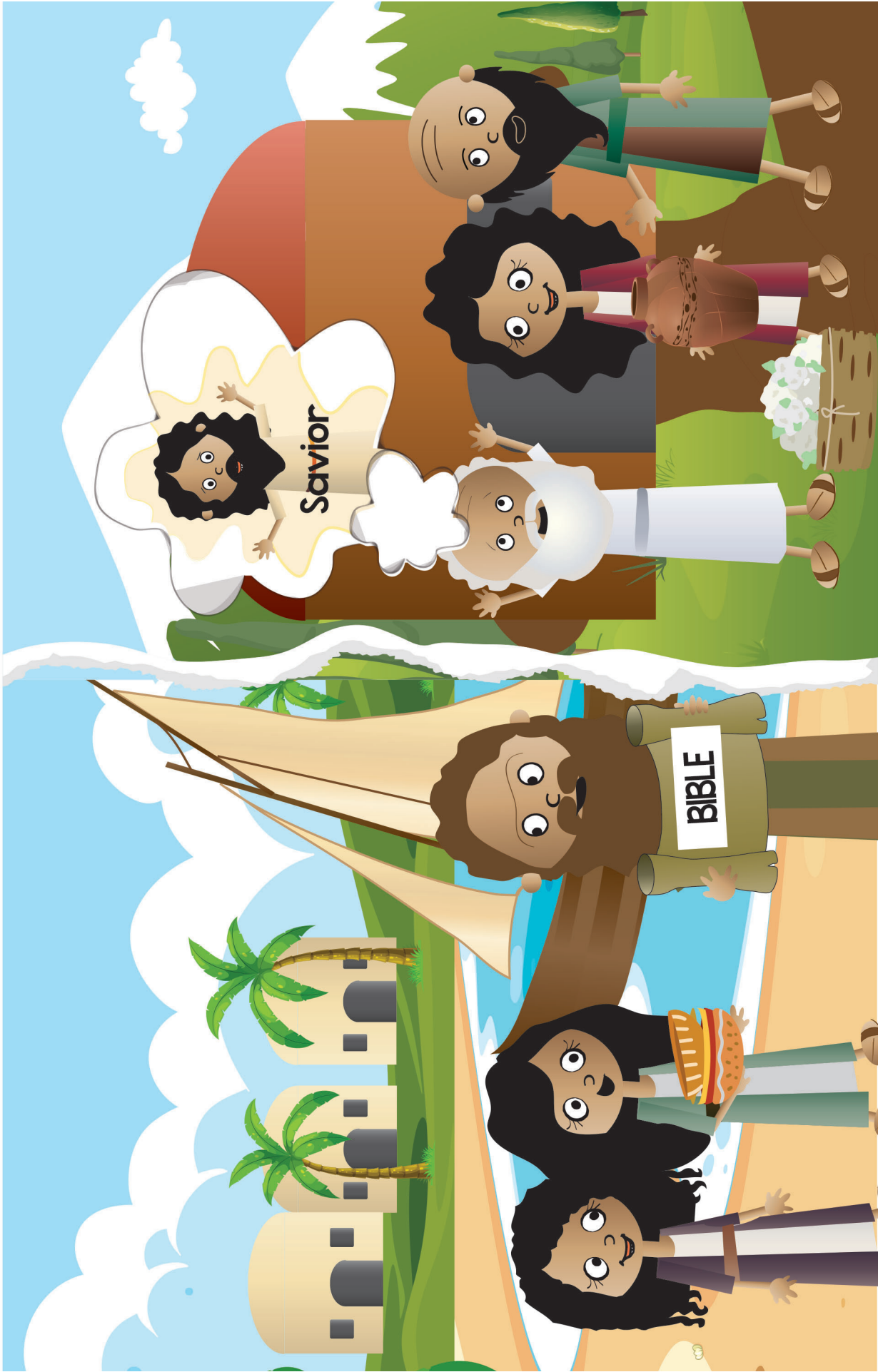
16. No! There was NO WAY they could do this job ALONE, but God never planned for them to. He would send His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them tell others about Jesus. He would send the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who listened, helping them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit would help them all grow to love God more and live for Him each day, full of boldness and full of wisdom.

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17. And that's just what happened. Filled with God's Holy Spirit, the disciples went out and told the good news of Jesus to everyone who would listen. And as the disciples spoke, the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the listeners. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He changed and filled their hearts. He turned their ugly, broken, sinful hearts into the new, beautiful, God-loving hearts of God's people. God's Church was becoming bigger and bigger and bigger! God's plan was coming true!

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18. Now these new believers joined the first disciples in sharing the good news of Jesus. Further and further away they went to new parts of the world. Some got in ships and sailed to faraway islands. Others climbed over the snowy mountains.

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19. Still others made their way through thick jungles, forests, and many other places. Everywhere they went, the Holy Spirit worked. People turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts. God was building His Church from people of every nation and language.

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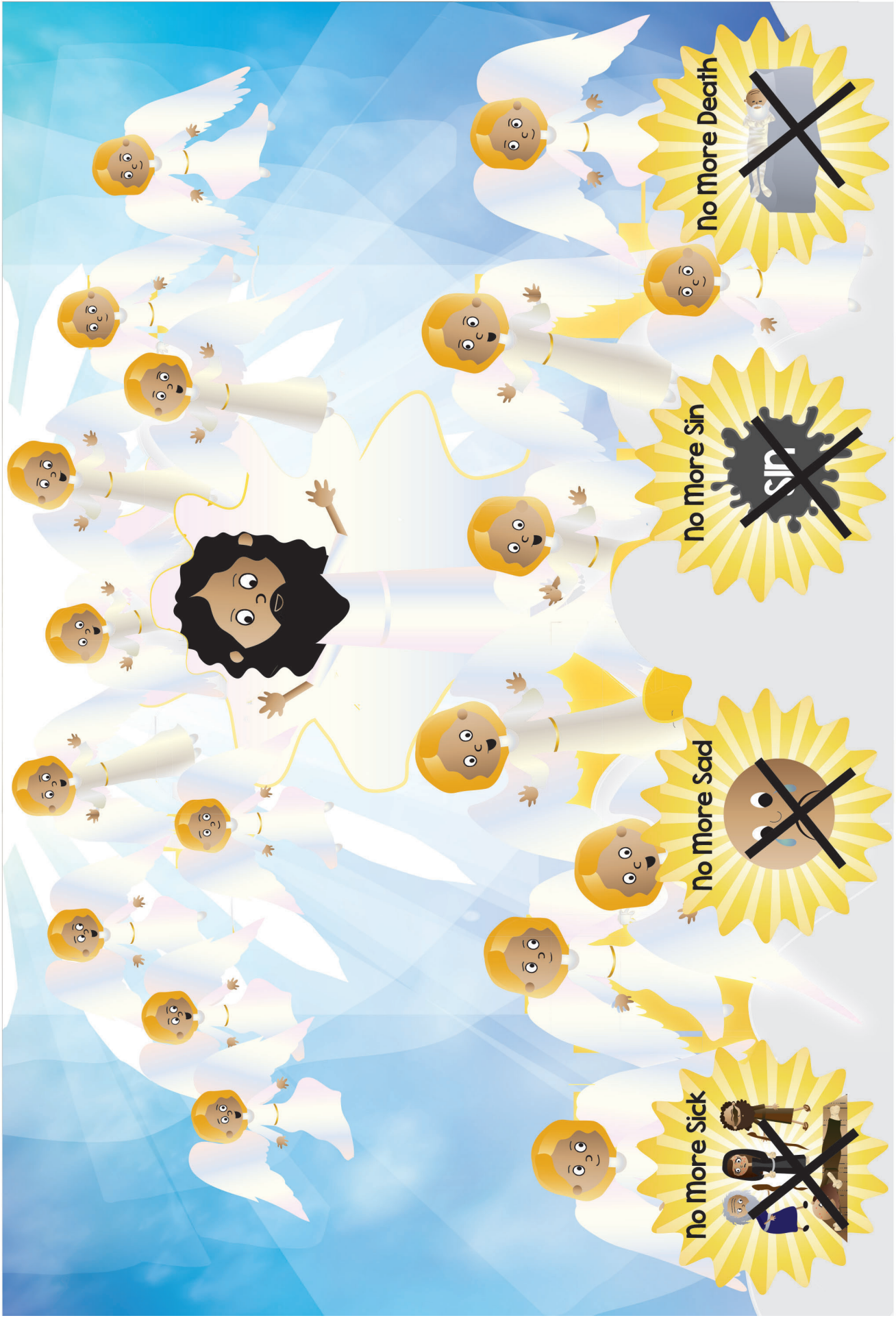
20. On and on, for thousands of years now, Jesus' followers have kept on telling the people of the world the good news of Jesus. On and on, the Holy Spirit has been working in the hearts of listeners, building God's Church as more and more people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

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21. One day, God will be finished building His Church. When will that be? When the good news of Jesus has gone out to the whole world; God's plans for building His Church are completed; and, all His people are saved and filled with His Holy Spirit.

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22. And on that day, Jesus will return here to earth. He will take away every last speck of sin in God's people. Sin and pain, sickness and death will be gone for good!

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23. Jesus will gather God's people all together to live with Him in the new heaven and earth He will make for them. What a beautiful, happy sight will be God's people, the Church, in that perfectly happy, new world! They will be the biggest, most beautiful building that has ever been built, made up of people from the whole world. Too many people to count! And they will enjoy God's Perfect Wonderfulness and praise Him FOREVER!

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“The Case of the World’s Biggest Building” Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

SOLVED



Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the builder?
The LORD.
 2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished?
His Church. It would be a huge gathering of all of God’s people, loving Him and praising Him forever.
- For You and Me:
Did you know that we can be a part of God’s people, the Church, too? How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy Spirit, and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now and forever.



Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #2

Acts 9:31, NIV

“[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.”

1. Who helped Jesus’ disciples obey God’s plan to tell others about Jesus?
God’s Holy Spirit.
2. How did the Holy Spirit help the Church grow?
He helped the believers be bold to tell others about Jesus and He gave them words to say. He worked in the hearts of those listening and helped them put their trust in Jesus, too.

For You and Me

God’s Holy Spirit can help us become a part of God’s people, the Church, too. We can ask Him to work in our hearts and help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to love God and live for Him.

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What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!

The Gospel



Isn't it amazing that God chose to build His Church out of people like us? He is our good God, yet we have all chosen to disobey Him. We deserve His punishment, but instead, He offers to make us His people through His Son, Jesus.

God sent Jesus to live the perfect life that we should have lived, but never do. Then on the cross, Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, so they could be forgiven. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people! And that's how

God makes sinful people into His dearly-loved people, the Church. You can become part of the Church, too. Ask God to help you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer this prayer!



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A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.

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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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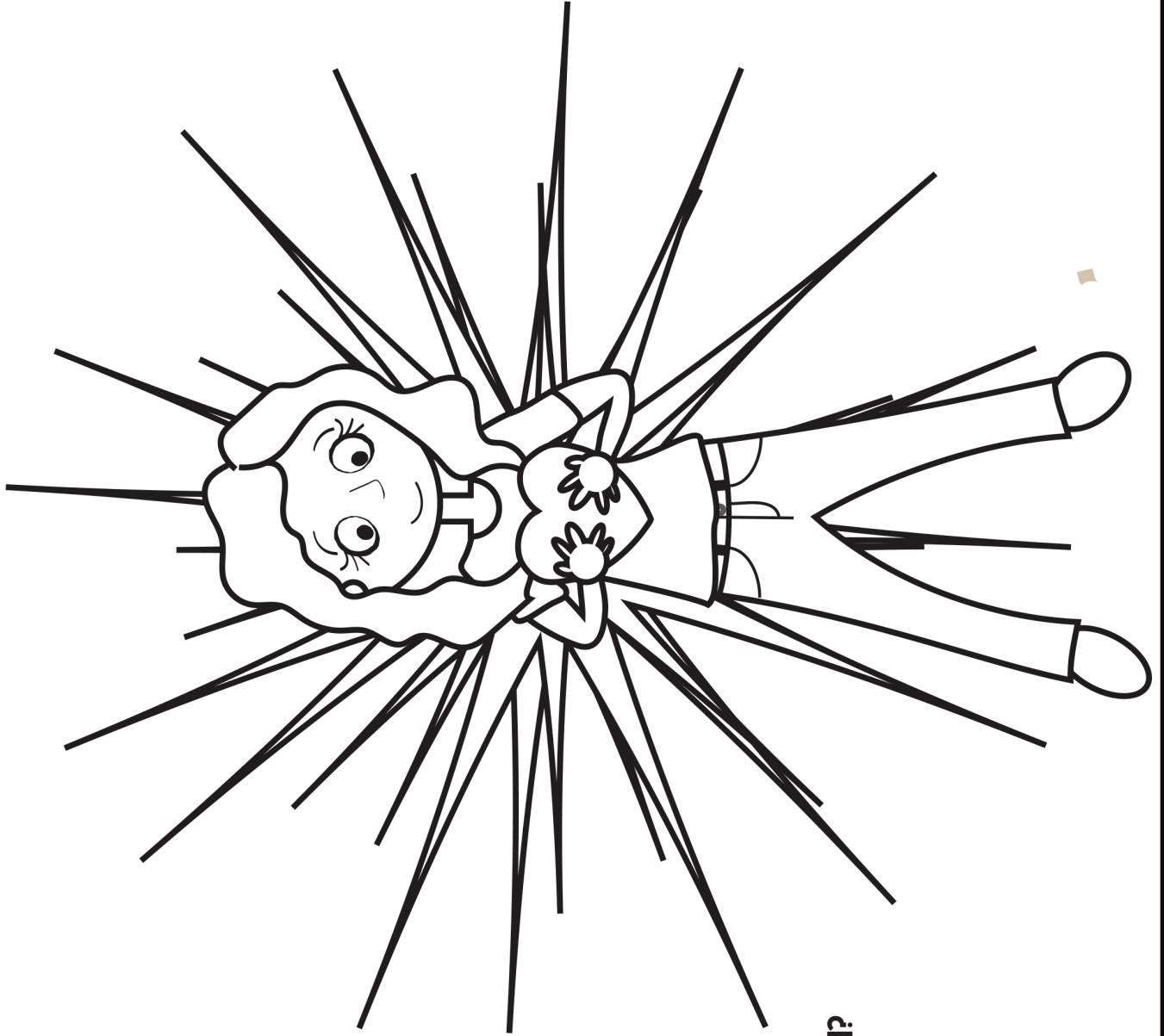
Take-Home Sheets

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!
What Does the Holy Spirit
Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts
to Be Like Jesus...

The Holy Spirit

in God's People!

HINT: What's the opposite of being dead?
This word starts with the letter "L"
and it rhymes with "gives."



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God is one God, but three Persons: God, the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts, so that they would love God and live for Him, more and more. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people --to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom, and helps them love Him and live for Him, too. God can do this in our hearts, also!

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

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. How many Gods are there? *Just one God.*
2. How many Persons are there in the one God and who are they? *Three: God, the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.*
3. What has God always delighted in? *The togetherness between Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
4. What did Jesus do after He died on the cross and rose from the dead? *He spent time with His disciples teaching them many things.*
5. What did Jesus promise His disciples before He went to heaven? *That He would not leave them all alone. He would send to them the Holy Spirit to live inside of them.*
6. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do? *Make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts, so that they would love and live for Him more and more.*
7. How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our heart? *God will give us His Holy Spirit to live in our heart when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- C** God, we confess that we rebel against You in our hearts. We do not love or serve You as we should. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of Your people.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 12

(sung to the tune 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 hearts!

Go to the *Deep Down Detectives* Parent Resources for Unit 10 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 13

Refrain

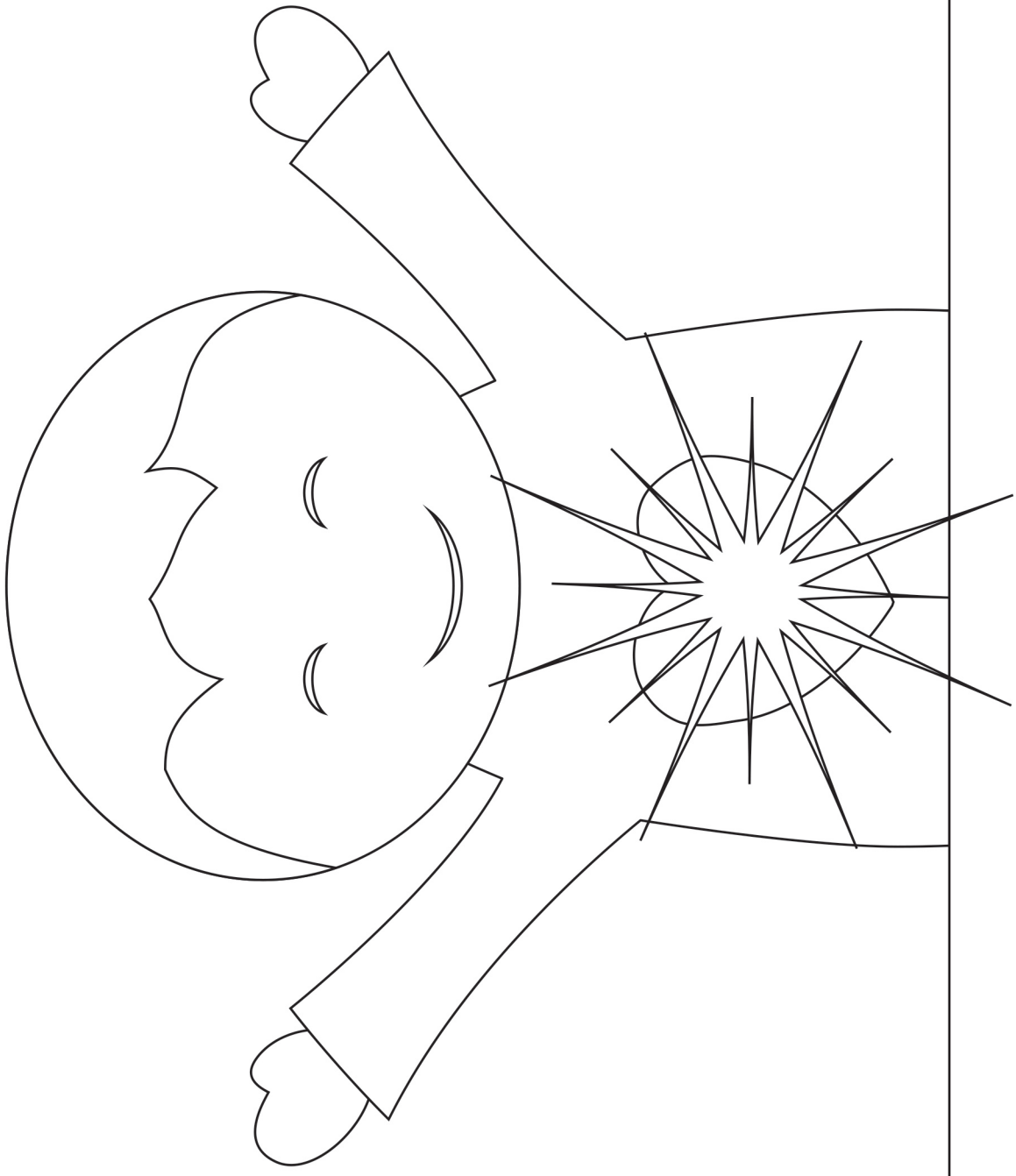
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?
He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts,
He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

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*

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*



**“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
whom you have from God?” | Corinthians 6:19, ESV**

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

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

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love Him. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple --a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have, when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Some Questions for You

1. What is a temple? *A special place where people worship God. A place that is supposed to be holy, set apart and devoted to God.*
2. What part of our bodies did God make to be the temple of His Holy Spirit? *Our hearts. Not the heart that pumps blood through our bodies. But heart that we cannot see, where our spirit is.*
3. What is so special about having the Holy Spirit dwell right inside us, rather than in some temple or place of worship that we might go to? *It means that God's people can always know close fellowship with God. He is always with them, right inside their hearts.*
4. Who is the "you" the verse is talking about? Is it everyone or just a certain group of people? *Paul is the person who wrote these words. He sent them to other believers. These words are written about the bodies of believers being a temple of the Holy Spirit.*
5. Why do believers in Jesus have the Holy Spirit in their bodies, but not other people? *Because the Holy Spirit is a gift received from God to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their own Savior. We must be saved by Jesus if we are to receive the Holy Spirit.*
6. Who do believers receive the Holy Spirit from? *From God.*
7. How can we receive God's Holy Spirit? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God gives His Holy Spirit to all who do.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- C** God, we confess that we rebel against You in our hearts. We do not love or serve You as we should. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of Your people.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

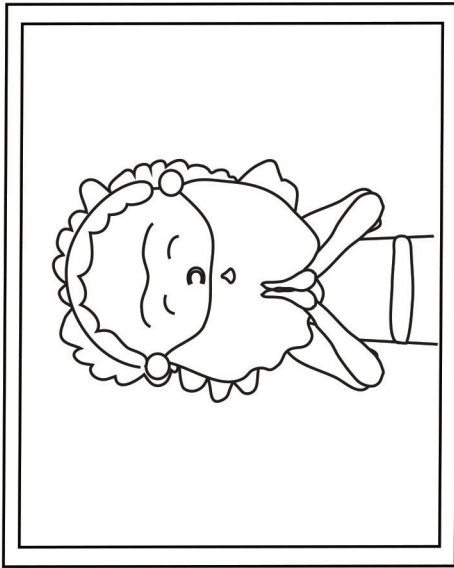
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

A Temple of the Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 6:19 *_from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 20*

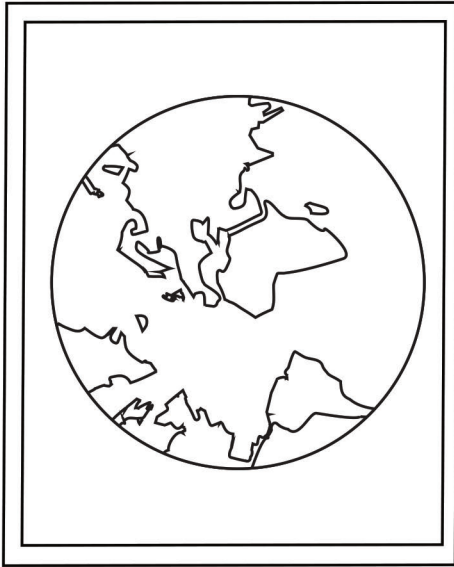
Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?
Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
Whom you have from God,
Whom you have from God.
First Corinthians Chapter Six, verse nineteen.

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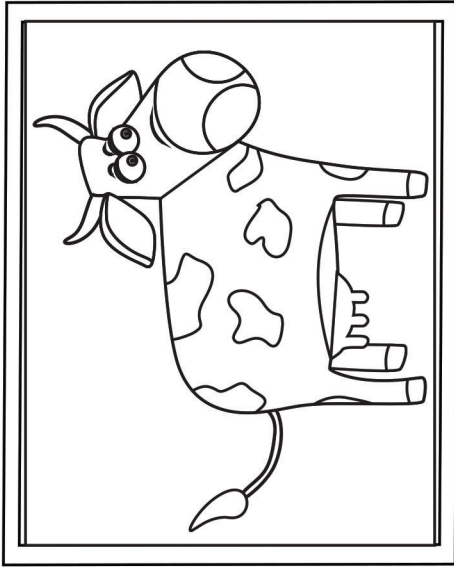
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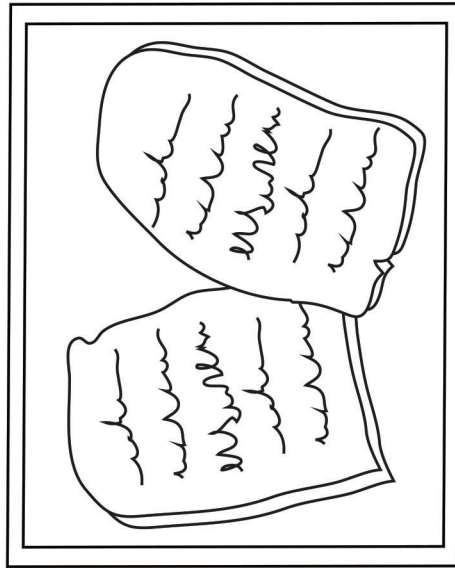
A Praying Disciple



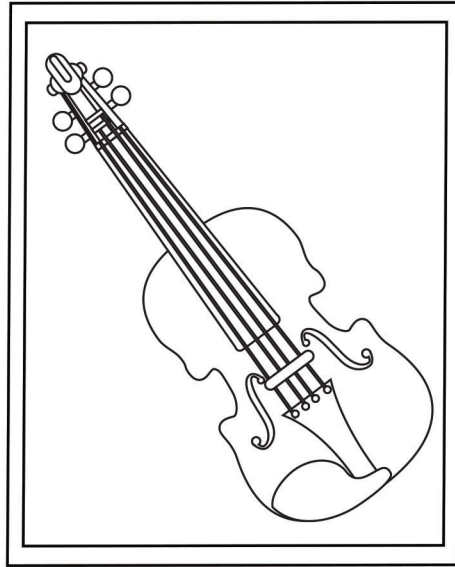
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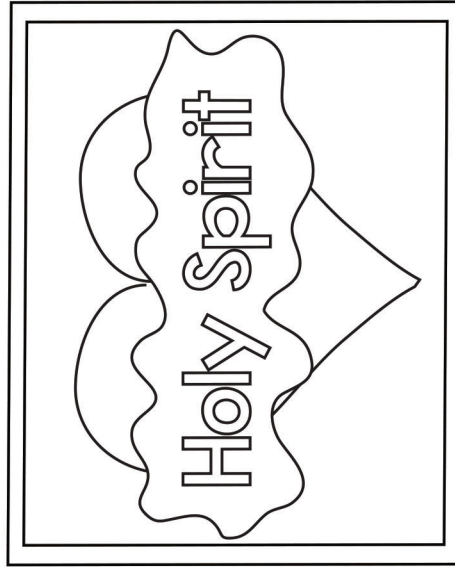
A Cow



The 10 Commandments



A Violin



The Holy Spirit in a Heart

Answer: The big promise, the man named Jeremiah, the soldiers and the cross belong. The sun and the boat do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God is one God, but three Persons: God, the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts, so that they would love God and live for Him, more and more. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people --to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom, and helps them love Him and live for Him, too. God can do this in our hearts, also!

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

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"
-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Who did Jesus promise would come and help them when He left? *God's Holy Spirit.*
2. Where would the Holy Spirit live? *Inside of them, in their hearts.*
3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do right before He went up to heaven? *To go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.*
4. What special things did God do when He sent them the Holy Spirit that first time? *He filled the room with a strong wind and had something that looked like fire appear over their heads! Wow!*
5. What good news did the disciples tell others after the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts? *They told others how they could have Jesus as their Savior and could also receive the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.*
6. How can we become one of God's people? How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our hearts? *We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- C** God, we confess that we rebel against You in our hearts. We do not love or serve You as we should. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of Your people.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 18

Verse 1

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.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

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

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 19

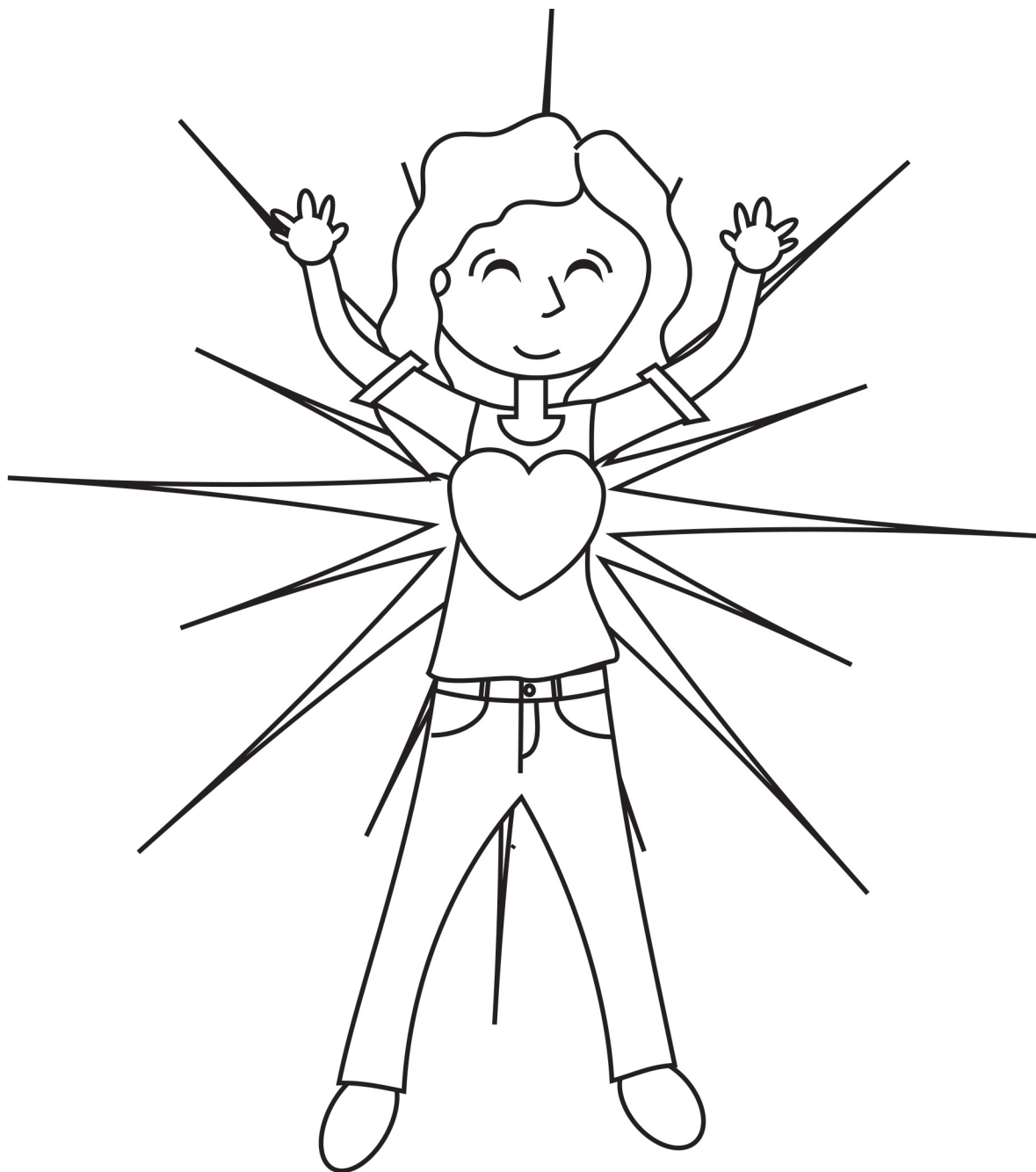
Refrain

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.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:

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

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...



The Holy Spirit Gives God's People

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HINT: What's another word for "Brave"? This word starts with the letter "C."

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

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

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do. God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And that one day, God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever. God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control!"
--2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. What kinds of things does God give His people? *Many good things.*
2. What does God call His people to do? *He calls them to do many things, even very difficult things.*
3. What did God promise to do to help His people? *He promised to send them the Holy Spirit to live in them and to help them.*
4. Who does the Holy Spirit live in? *He lives in every believer.*
5. What does the Holy Spirit help believers do? *Everything He calls them to do, even very difficult things that they would never have the courage to do on their own.*
6. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they go through hard things? *To keep trusting in God and joyfully endure the hard things.*
7. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they face enemies who want to harm them? *To boldly face them and do what is right.*
8. What are some of God's promises that the Holy Spirit encourages believers with? *That God will use everything that happens to them for their good and His glory. That one day, God will bring them home to live with Him forever.*
9. Can God's Holy Spirit give us courage to live for God, too? How? *Yes! When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of courage to Your people through the Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by Your Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You want them to do.
- S** God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 12*
(sung to the tune 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 hearts!

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 13*

Refrain

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What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?
He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts,
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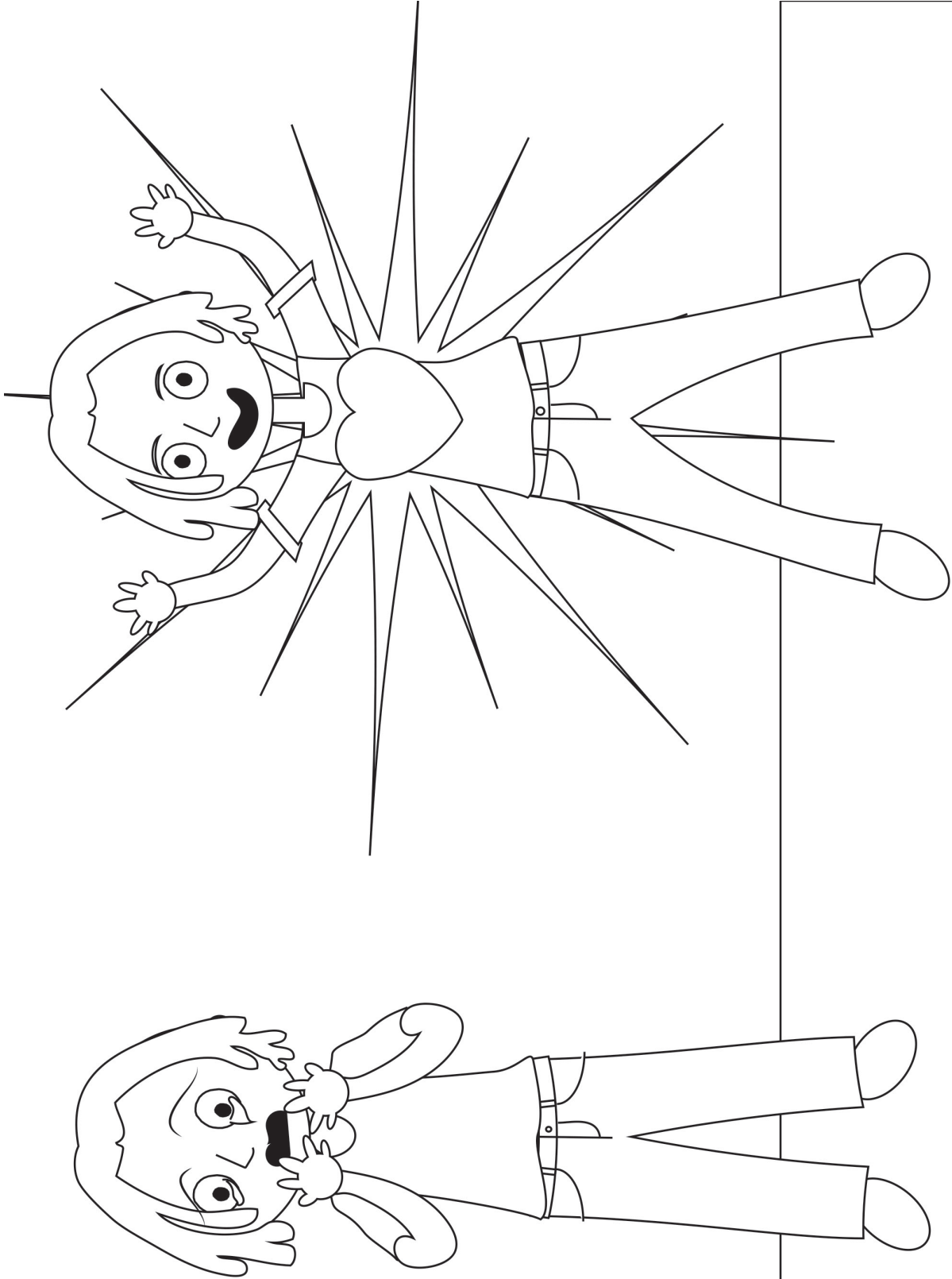
Verse 1

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“...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

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--2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Meaning:

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives. But there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially when life is hard, and their faith feels weak. God gives His people His Holy Spirit. He can work inside them. He can help them turn away from fear and give them God's power, love, and self-control for everything they face. The Holy Spirit is the One who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

Some Questions for You

1. Who does God give as a gift to live inside His people? *His Holy Spirit.*
2. What does the Holy Spirit help God's people do instead of fear? *He gives them power, love, and self-control.*
3. What can God's people do to grow in their love for God, especially when it is hard to keep on living for God? *They can ask God's Holy Spirit to help them and give them more power, love, and self-control.*
4. What does God's Holy Spirit give God's people power to do? *To keep on living for God.*
5. What is the self-control that God's Holy Spirit gives? *To say "no" to disobeying God, even when it is hard.*
6. Who do God's people depend on for more courage to live for God? *God's Holy Spirit.*
7. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

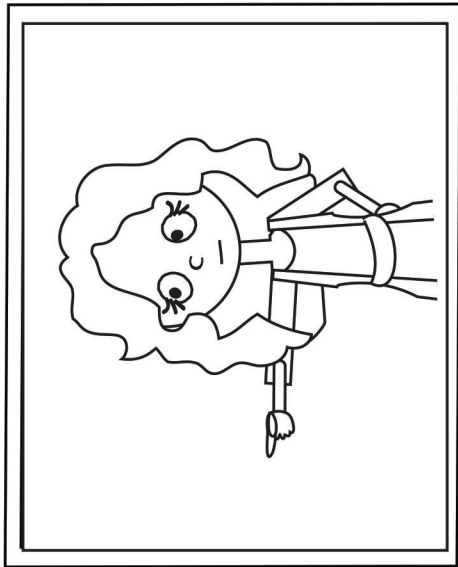
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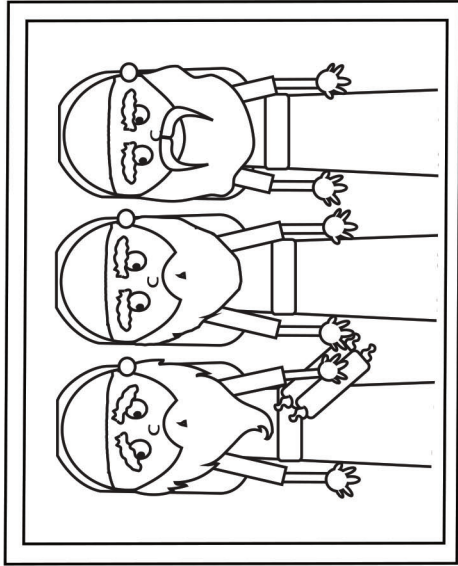
Fan into Flame: 2 Timothy 1:6,7 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 24*

Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
For God gave us a spirit not of fear
But of power and love and self-control.
Second Timothy One, six and seven.

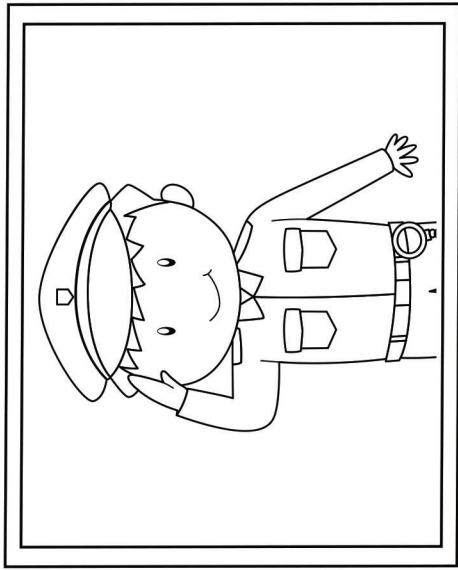
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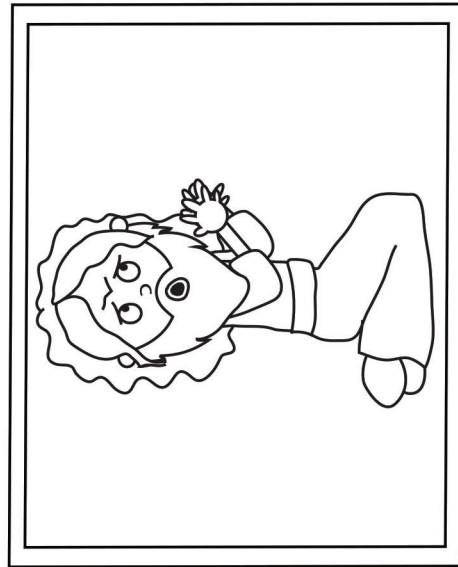
A Servant Girl



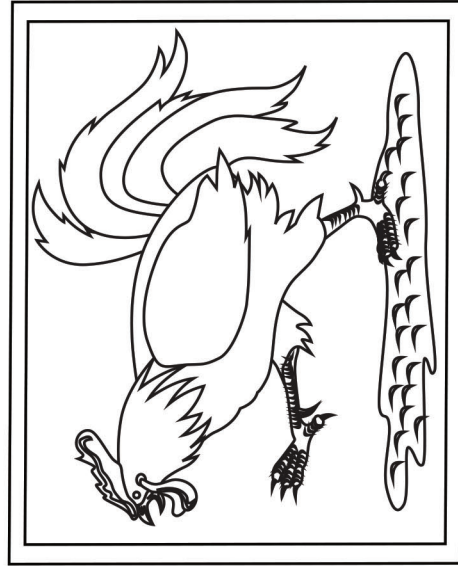
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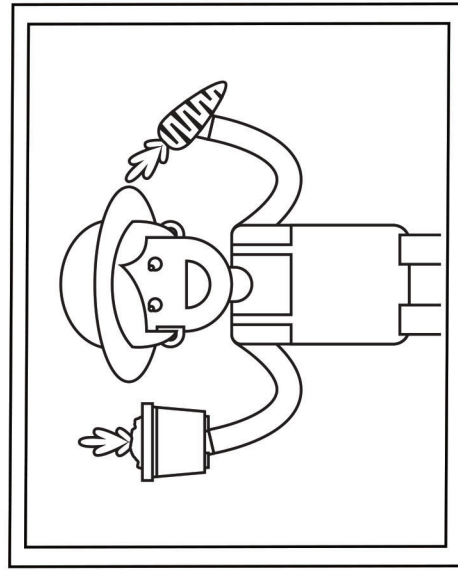
A Policeman



Jesus Praying



A Rooster



A Farmer

Answer: The servant girl, Jesus' enemies, Jesus praying, and the rooster belong. The policeman and the farmer do not. DDD 10.2 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



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Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do. God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And that one day, God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever. God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

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Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen when His enemies came to arrest Him? *They would all leave Him.*
2. What happened when Jesus' enemies came to arrest Him? *His disciples did leave Him.*
3. What happened when a servant girl recognized Peter after Jesus had been arrested? *Peter lied and said he didn't know Jesus three times.*
4. What did Jesus' disciples do after Jesus died on the cross and was buried? *They hid from Jesus' enemies, hoping they would not come and kill them, too.*
5. Who did Jesus appear to after He rose from the dead? *To some women and to His disciples.*
6. What did Jesus tell His disciples was God's plan for them after He went home to heaven? *To tell the whole world how they could be saved through Him (Jesus).*
7. Who did Jesus promise to send to help them obey God's plan for them? *God's Holy Spirit.*
8. How did God's Holy Spirit change the disciples when He came to live inside of them? *He gave them peace and joy and boldness.*
9. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, the Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us live for God, too.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of courage to Your people through the Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by Your Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 18

Verse 1

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.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

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

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 19

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
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And renew a right spirit within me.

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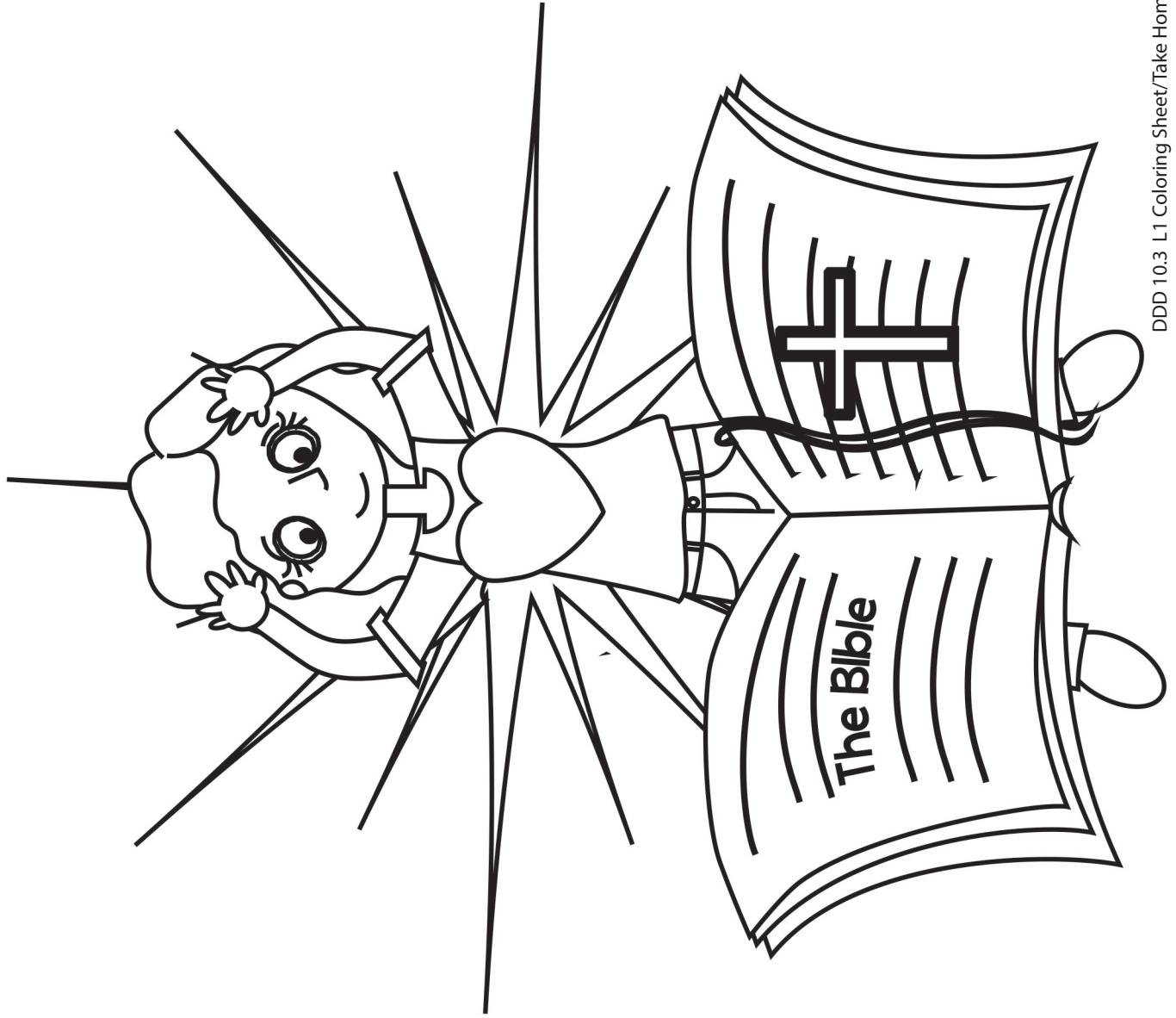
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:

**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**

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HINT: 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."



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



Big Question 10 : What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

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

Bible Truth 3 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!

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

"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

Some Questions for You

1. Who has troubles and times when they are sad or scared? *Everyone.*
2. Do God's people have bad things happen to them? *Yes, they do.*
3. Who do God's people keep trusting in when bad things happen to them? *In God.*
4. What do they remember about God? *That He loves them and He is in control.*
5. What does God promise to do with every one of the troubles God's people go through? *To use them for their good and use them to show how wonderful God is.*
6. What will God's people praise Him about those troubles they had? *They will praise Him for the good things He did through them.*
7. How can we become God's people? *When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- 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.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 12*
(sung to the tune of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

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Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 13*

Refrain

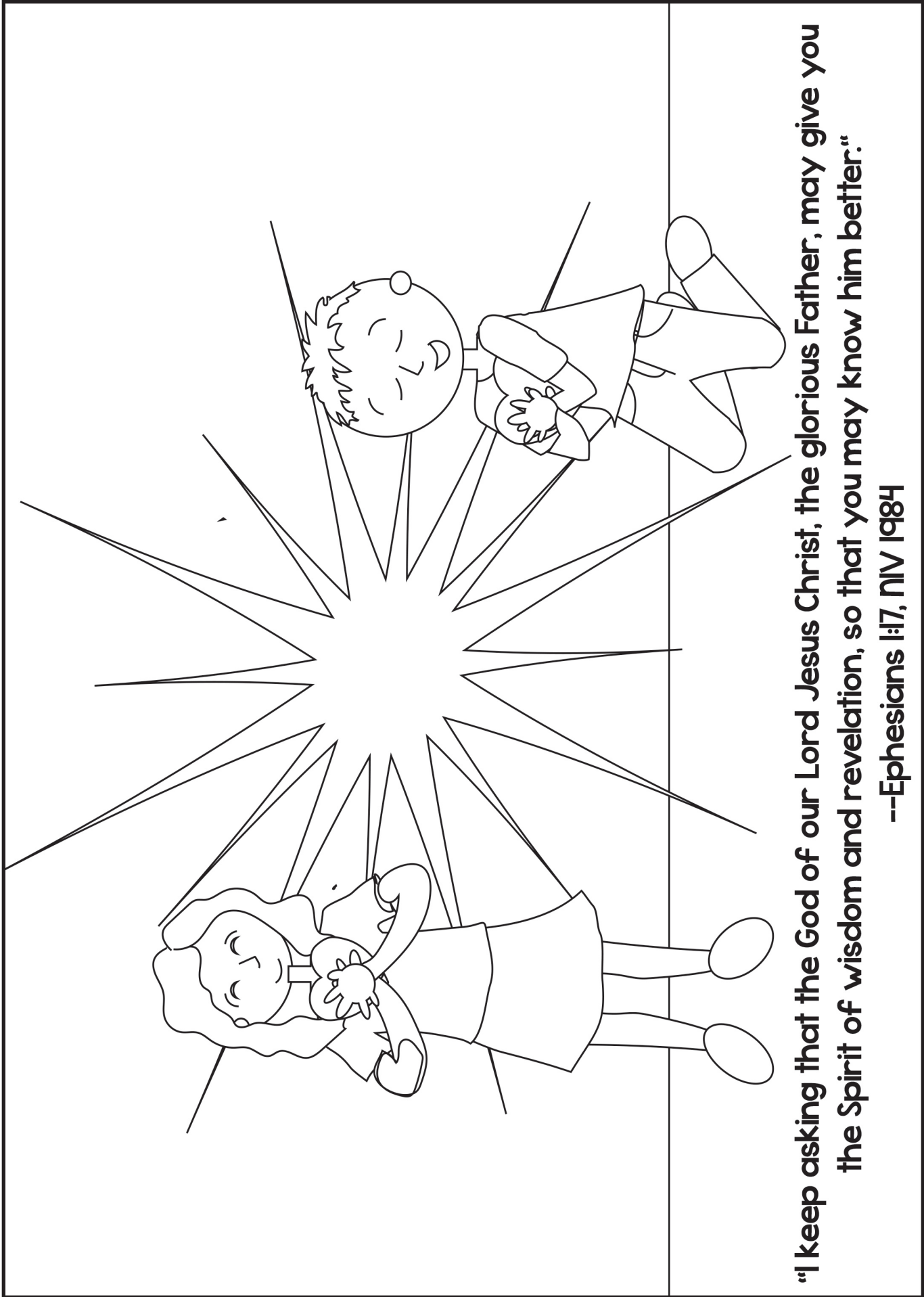
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?
He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts,
He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

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*

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*



“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

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



Big Question 10 : What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

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

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

"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

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.

Some Questions for You

1. What kind of person is the "I" who keeps asking for God to give others the Holy Spirit? How do you know? *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.*
2. Who does Paul keep asking? Why does he ask Him? *Paul keeps asking God, the Father. God the Father is the one who gives the Holy Spirit to His people.*
3. What does Paul want the Spirit to give God's people? Why? *Wisdom and revelation so that they may know God better.*
4. Why would Paul want God's people to know God better? *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.*

Let's Pray!

- 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.

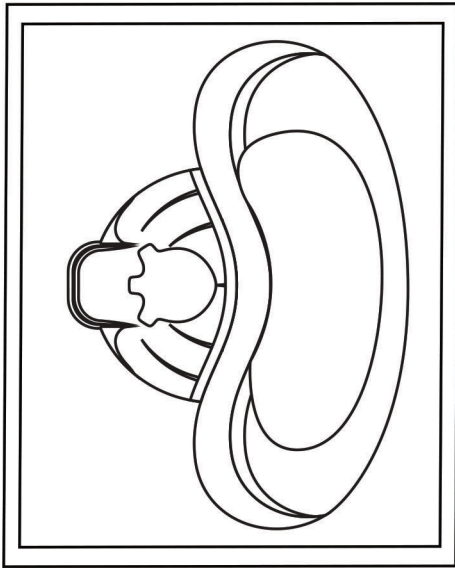
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Keep Asking: Ephesians 1:17 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 27*

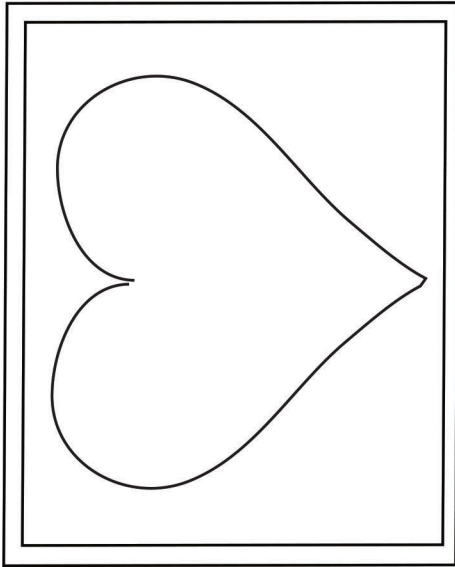
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom,
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.
So that you may know Him,
You may know Him,
That you may know Him, better.
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus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

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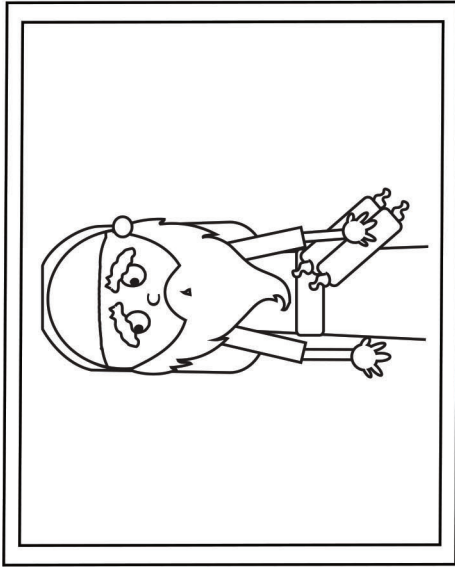
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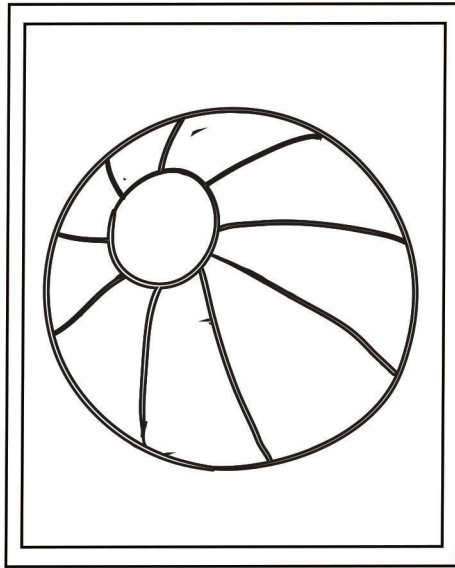
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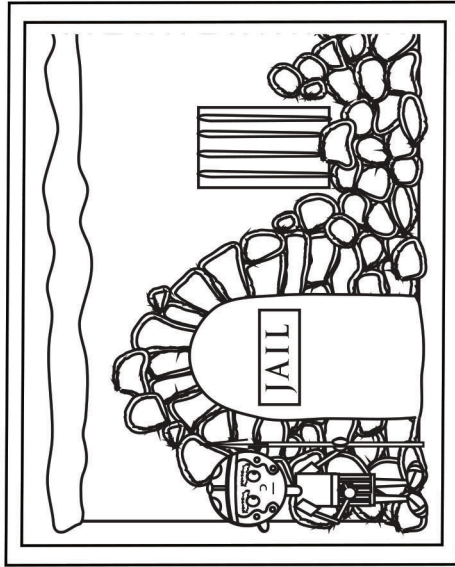
A Heart



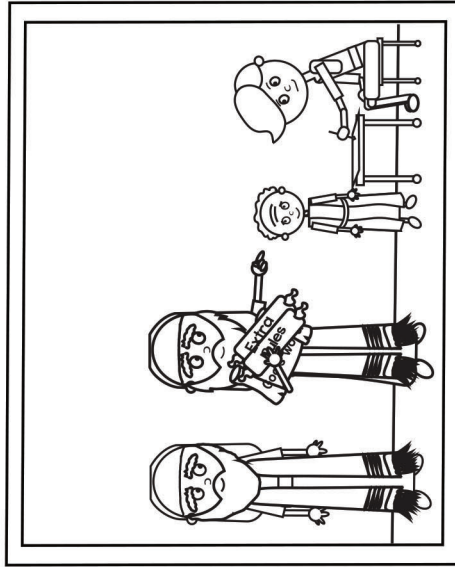
A Leader



A Ball



A Jail



A School

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

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3



Big Question 10 : What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

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

Bible Truth 3 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!

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

"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

Some Questions for You

1. What happy things did Jesus teach His disciples? *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.*
2. What hard things did Jesus teach His disciples would happen? *That Jesus' enemies would want to hurt them and stop them from telling others how Jesus could be their Savior.*
3. Who did Jesus promise to send to help His disciples? *God's Holy Spirit.*
4. Where would God's Holy Spirit live? *Inside their hearts.*
5. How would the Holy Spirit help them when they stood before their enemies? *He would give them boldness and the right words to speak.*
6. What did Jesus' enemies think when they heard the disciples speak? *They were amazed at their wise words. They couldn't believe men with so little schooling could speak so well.*
7. What secret weapon did Jesus' enemies not understand was helping Jesus' disciples speak well? *The Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.*
8. Who else did the Holy Spirit work in as Jesus' disciples shared the good news of Jesus? *In those who listened. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
9. How can we have the Holy Spirit come and live in our hearts? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- 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.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 18

Verse 1

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.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

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

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 19

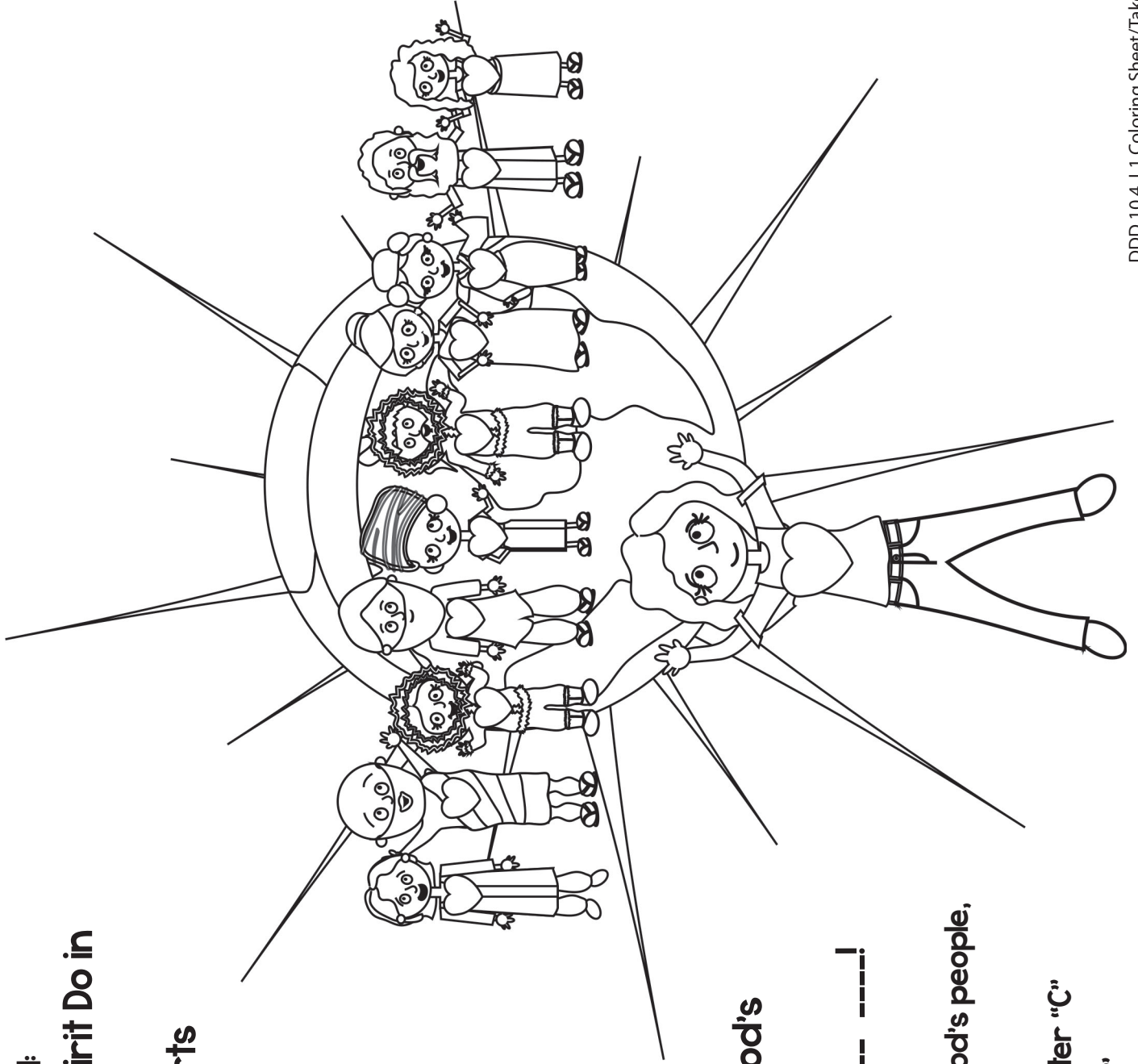
Refrain

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.

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DDD BQ 10 BT 3 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4:
What Does the Holy Spirit Do in
God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts
to Be Like Jesus...



The Holy Spirit Builds God's

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HINT: What's the name for God's people,
gathered together?

This word starts with the letter "C"
and it rhymes with "search."

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1



Big Question 10 : What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people. God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world. Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church --all of God's people, from every place and every time-- will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church --God's people-- too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."
--Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Some Questions for You

1. Is God's Church a building? *No. It's the name for all of God's people.*
2. Who builds God's Church? *The Holy Spirit, as He works in the hearts of people and gives them the gift of faith-- trusting in Jesus as their Savior.*
3. How does the Holy Spirit work inside someone's heart when they hear God's Word? *He helps him to believe what he hears, confess and turn away from his sins, and trust in Jesus as his Savior.*
4. What did God always plan for the Holy Spirit to do? *God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, His Church.*
5. What do we mean we say that we are going to church? *That we are going to gather together with some of God's people to worship God, learn from His Word, and love one another.*
6. What will it be like when God's people, the Church is in heaven together? *All of God's people will at last gather together to worship God and be together forever.*
7. How can we become part of God's Church--His dearly loved people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that we have sinful hearts. We need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- 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, so we might know and love You. Build Your Church, in us and in people throughout the whole world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 12*

(sung to the tune 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 hearts!

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives 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!

Verse 2:

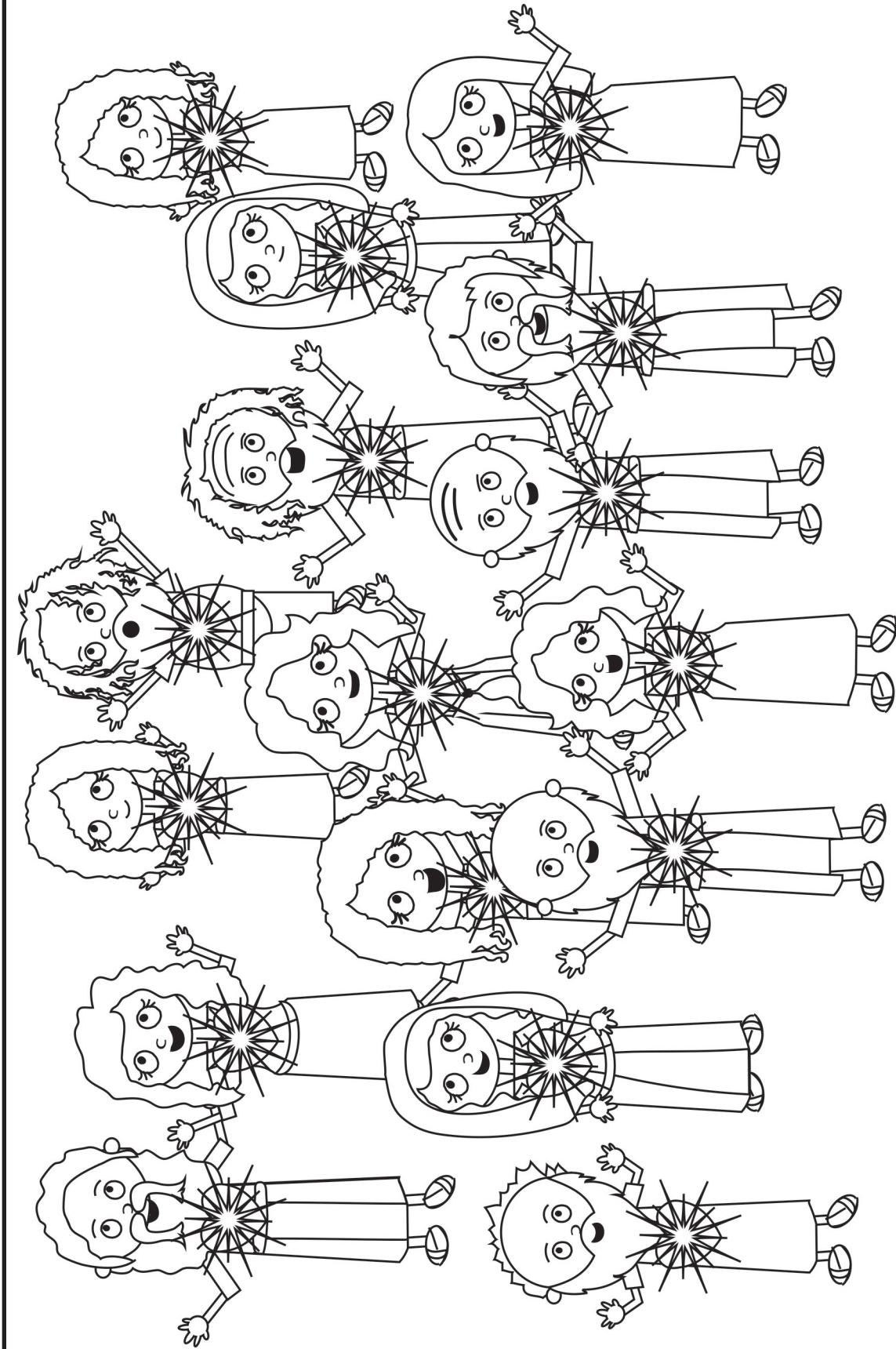
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DDD BQ 10 BT4 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2



Big Question 10 : What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

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

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."
--Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

Meaning

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God and one another. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord --that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Some Questions for You

1. What was being strengthened and who was strengthening it? *The church was strengthened by God's Holy Spirit.*
2. What is a church? *A group of Christians gathering together to worship God and love one another.*
3. What does it mean for a church to be strengthened? *Not that everyone has bigger muscles and can lift heavy things, but that their faith in God is growing stronger, they understand more of God and His Word; they are loving and knowing God more; they are becoming more obedient to His good ways; and more lovingly towards each other.*
4. How does the Holy Spirit encourage a church? *He is at work in the hearts of believers, helping them to keep saying "no" to sin; helping them to better understand God's Word; growing their faith in God; helping them become more loving and knowing God better; helping them become more obedient to God's good ways; and helping them to act more lovingly towards each other. He gives them wisdom and courage to live God's way, even when it is very hard.*
5. How were people in the church living? What does that mean? *In the fear of the Lord. It means to live to please God, in your heart, with your words and with all your life.*
6. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that we have sinful hearts. We need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- 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, so we might know and love You. Build Your Church, in us and in people throughout the whole world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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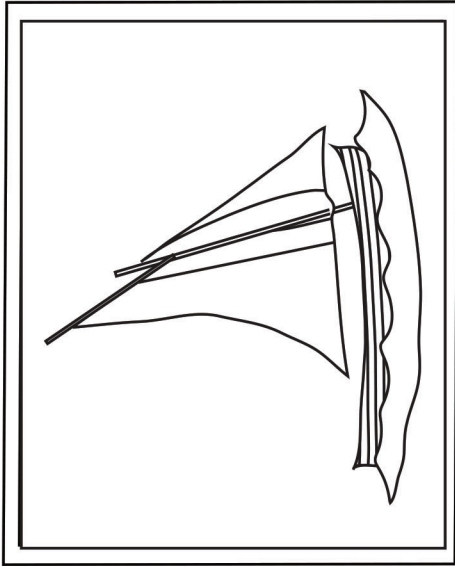
The Church Was Strengthened: Acts 9:31 from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 30

The church was strengthened,
and encouraged,
By the Holy Spirit,
by the Holy Spirit,
It grew in numbers,
it grew in numbers,
Living in the fear of, the fear of the Lord.
Acts Nine, thirty-one.

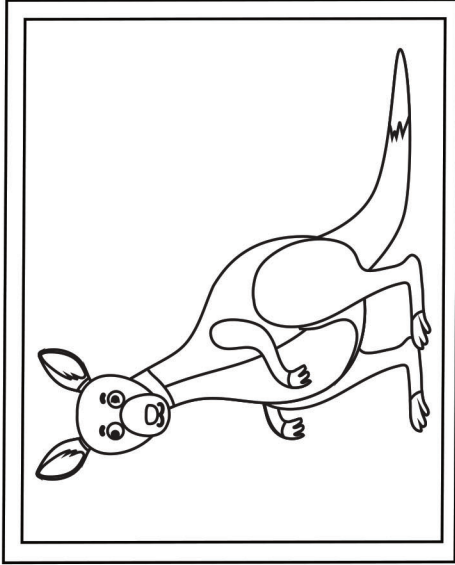
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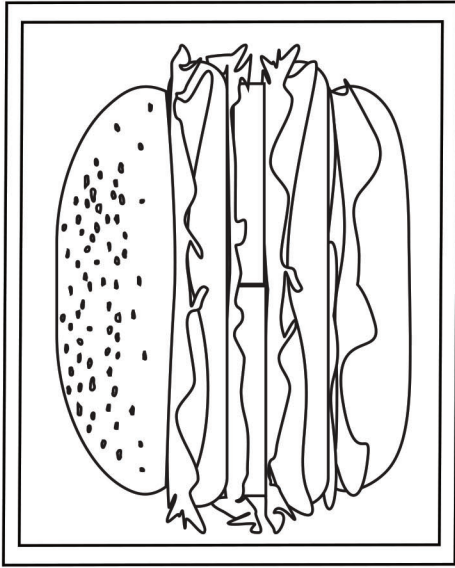
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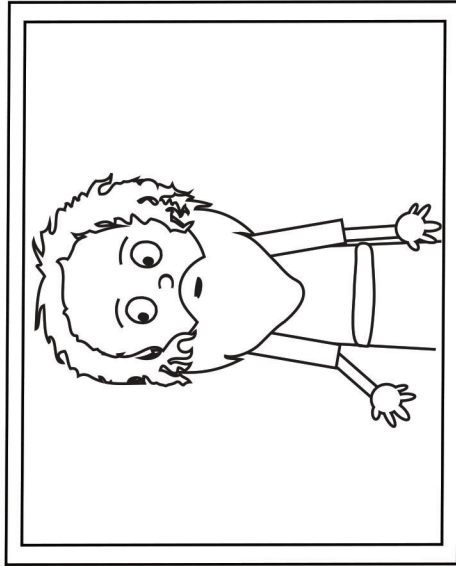
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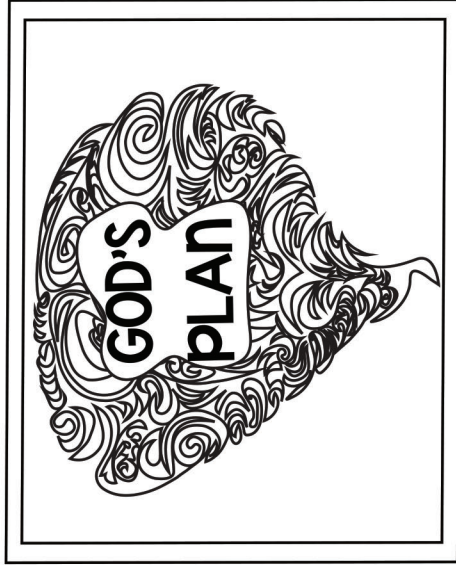
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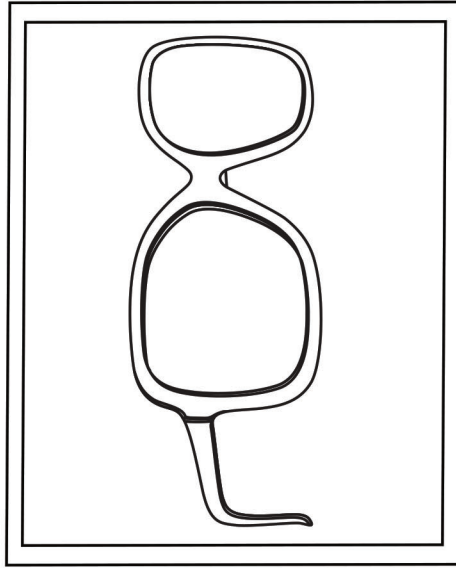
A Hamburger



A Listening Man



A Big Plan



Sunglasses

Answer: The boat, the kangaroo, the listening man and the big plan belong. The hamburger and the sunglasses do not. DDD 10.4 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3



Big Question 10 : What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

Our love for others changes. Sometimes we love others a lot. Sometimes we don't love them very much. But God's love for His people is not like that. God's love for His people never changes. God loved His people before they loved Him or even knew Him. He paid for their sins through Jesus' perfect life as He suffered and died on the cross. He adopts them as His people when they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Nothing will ever stop God from loving His people! They are bound in love to Him through Jesus, and that is a love that will never, ever end!

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

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Some Questions for You

1. Who was planning to build something very, very big? *God was.*
2. What was God planning to build? *His Church--a great gathering of people who love Him and know Him.*
3. What did God give people so that they could know Him and love Him? *A spirit.*
4. What did all people do that made their hearts ugly and full of sin? *They all chose to turn away from God and live life their own way.*
5. What did God plan to do to rescue His people so that they could become His people? *He sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay for their sins.*
6. Who did God send His Holy Spirit to live inside of? *Those who turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.*
7. What did the Holy Spirit help these new believers do? *To live for God and boldly tell others the good news of Jesus that they might trust in Jesus as their Savior, too.*
8. When will God's Church be finished? *When the whole world has heard the good news of Jesus and His plans for His people here on earth are done.*
9. How can we become God's dearly-loved people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that we have sinful hearts. We need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
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To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

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

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 19*

Refrain

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