# DEEP DOWN DESTECTIVES

70 Bible Truths for Inquisitive 4-7's

Unit 4 Core Curriculum, ESV
The God Like None Other



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### **Psalm 100**

the psalm behind the name

(v.1) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
(v.2) Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
(v.3) Know that the LORD, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
(v.4) Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
And His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
(v.5) For the LORD is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And His faithfulness to all generations.

May this curriculum help you to be manufacturers of noisy joy unto the LORD (v.1). To sing (v.2), to know (v.3), and to worship Him with thanksgiving and praise (v.4), that the witness of His great faithfulness might continue through all generations (v.5).

The LORD is amazing! He's not like anyone else!

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Getting to Know the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum

### **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 in 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

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards 36" x 48" in size.

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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:

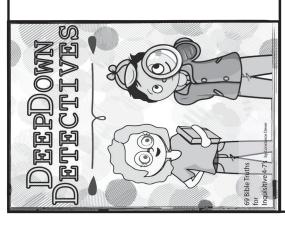
- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

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.

Getting to Know the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum

This (and the Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version book) is great to give to church leaders or other prospective teachers who want to know more.



often used with ages 3-7 designed for ages 4-6,

the second of 3 curriculums in the Praise Factory family downloads and hard-copies www.praisefactory.org available through

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES... AT A GLANCE

- Teaches the 16 Biblical (theological) themes used in all three Praise Factory curriculums, but in greater depth than in Hide 'n' Seek Kids. Each of these themes is presented as a "Big Question and Answer."
- Each theme is taught as a series of Bible truths that develop the theme. There are 69 Bible truths in all.
- There is one Bible story and one Bible verse for each of the 69 Bible truths. All of the Bible verses are set to music, which can be a great aid in learning and remembering them.
- There are three sessions of curriculum per Bible truth. Use as few or as many as you want. Each is jam-packed with activities.
- The multiple sessions give children the time they need to really learn each truth. The new activities keep the learning fresh each session.
- plan, beautiful storyboard pictures, games, crafts, take-home sheets, The curriculum for each Bible truth comes with a fully-scripted lesson and lots of music.
- The curriculum is flexible and is easily adaptable to many different teaching settings.
- Both downloads and hard copies available.

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES SESSION OVERVIEW

# Session Format: Circle Times, Free Play and Your Choice of Activities

Each session is structured around Circle Time and Free Play Time. Circle Times are related to the Bible truth they are learning.) Free play is not only enjoyable, but also helps to replenish attention spans and prepare the children for more group used to introduce and review the concept, Bible verse, Bible story, and the ACTS prayer. (A prayer including <u>A</u>doration, <u>C</u>onfession, <u>T</u>hanksgiving, and <u>S</u>upplication listening later in the session. Every session also includes lots of repsonse activities that you may choose to use during free play time to add as much reinforcement as best suits your children. Each Deep Down Detectives session follows the same four-part format, as described here:

# **PART 1: Getting Started**

A time to welcome the children to the class, enjoy free play, music, and/or play Bible verse game.

# PART 2: Opening Circle Time

The children are gathered together for their primary teaching time. The Big Question and Bible Truth (and related songs) are introduced. A listening assignment assignment\* is given, the Bible story told, then the listening answered at the end of story time.

# PART 3: Free Play/Activity Time

The children participate in free play and/or response activities.

# **PART 4: Closing Circle Time**

The children gather together for a brief review of what they have learned and a closing prayer. Teachers give out take home sheets as children are dismissed.

contains the key concept visual aids and the Bible storyboard pictures that the teacher uses as he teachers. And (2), Each story is called "The Case of the ...." and comes with "Detective Dan's Listening Assignements." These are listening \*As with the other two Praise Factory curriculums, Deep Down Detectives has a few detective-ish elements to it. (1) There is the "Big Question Briefcase" that assignments to be solved as the children listen to the story. There are 3 different listening assignments--one for each of the 3 sessions of curriculum included with each Deep Down Detectives Bible Truth. These questions are especially good for use with three-year-olds or older preschoolers.

# **Session Length**

The resources for each Deep Down Detectives session--as described in the lesson plan--are designed for a 60 to 90 minutes session. However, they can be easily tailored to fit a shorter or longer session. Note: \*If desired, you can start out each of the 16 units of Deep Down Detectives with one session (or more) from Hide 'n' Seek Kids curriculum. This creates a nice introduction to the over-arching theme for each unit. It would also add 16 or more sessions to the curriculum.

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Unit 1:	The God Who Reveals Himself Q: How Can I Know What God Is Like? A: He Shows Me What He's Like!	1. By the Heart He Gave Me to Know and Love Him 2. In Everything I See All Around Me 3. In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God 4. Through His Very Own Son, Jesus Christ	Unit 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us Q: What Did Jesus Come to Do? A: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!	1. He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us 2. He Never, Ever Disobeyed God 3. He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things 4. He Died on the Cross for His People's Sins 5. He Rose from the Dead 6. He Went Up to Rule in Heaven
Unit 2:	God's Wonderful Word, the Bible Q: What's So Special about the Bible? A: It Alone Is God's Word!	1. God Made Sure It Was Written Down Just Right 2. It Tells Us about God and His Plans 3. God Uses It to Save His People	Unit 10: The Holy Spirit: The Indwelling God Q: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? A: He Changes Their Hearts!	The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People     The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage     The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom     The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church
		4. God Uses It to Change His People	Unit 11: The God Who Saves	1. When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savi
Unit 3:	The Good News of God, the Gospel Q: What Is the Gospel?	God Made Us and We Should Obey Him     We Have All Disobeyed God and		When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them     When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts
	A: Salvation though Faith in Jesus Christ!	Deserve His Punishment 3. God Sent Jesus to Pay for God's People's Sins 4. God Saves All Who Repent of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus	Unit 12: God's People Live for Him Q: How Should God's People Live? A: They Should Live Like Jesus!	By Asking God for His Help     By Loving Him Most of All     By Loving Other People as God Has Loved     Thom:
Unit 4:	The God Like None Other Q: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? A: He's Not Like Anyone Else!	1. He Is a Glorious Spirit 2. He Is the One, True God 3. He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons 4. He Is Everywhere, All the Time 5. He Knows Everything There Is to Know		4. By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants 5. By Learning God's Word and Obeying It 6. By Saying "No" to Disobeying God 7. By Telling the Good News of Jesus 8. By Making Much of God
		<ol> <li>He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good</li> <li>He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do</li> <li>He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through</li> </ol>	Unit 13: The Sustaining God Q: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?	God Alone Sustains His People     God the Father Promises to Help His People     J. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything     They Need to Live for Him
Unit 5:	<b>God, the Good Creator</b> Q: Can You Tell Me What God Made? A: God Made All Things Good!	1. He Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth 2. He Made People in a Special Way	A: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!	The Holy Spirit Works in His People     The Word of God Grows God's People     God Uses His People to Strengthen and     Comfort Each Other
Unit 6:	Unit 6: God, the Just and Merciful Q: How Did Bad Things Come into God's Good World? A: Bad Things Came Through Sin!	When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God     When It Spread to the Whole World	Unit 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers Q: How Does God Want Us to Pray? A: Every Night and Day!	1. He Wants Us to Praise Him 2. He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him 3. He Wants Us to Thank Him 4. He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things
Unit 11		When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them     When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior     When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts	Unit 15: God's People Gather Together Q: Why Do God's People Go to Church? A: To Worship God and Love One	By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death     By Learning from God's Word, the Bible     By Claring for Each Other's Needs     By Claring What God Has Done and Praying     By Poststian Books Win Teach of the Code of t
Unit 8:	Unit 8: The God Who Loves Q: What Is God's Love for His People Like?	1. He Gave His Son, Jesus to Save Them	Anotheri	Jesus  6. By Remembering Jesus Died to Save Them
	A: It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!	3. He Will Never Stop Loving His People  4. He Will Never Stop Loving His People	Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King Q: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? A: God Will Make Everything New!	Lesus Will Judge All People Fairly     God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever

### **Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)**

### Pray!



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

### Review



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

### Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

### **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

### **Let There Be Music**



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

### **Put the Props in Place**



1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.

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

### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

### **Prepare Any Activities**



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

### **Let Them Take It with Them**



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

### Store It



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

### Learning More about Deep Down Detectives Curriculum, by Resource

The extra-depth information starts here! This section will describe important features of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. Look at each resource in the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and Visual Aid books as you read below. **This first section takes a look at the major resources used in presenting the curriculum.** 

# Scripted Lesson Plan



Found in the Core Curriculum books

There are **three lessons of curriculum** provided for each Bible Truth. Since much of the text is the same for all three lessons, **only one lesson plan is needed**. The different activities for each lesson are noted where they occur. The lesson plans are fully-scripted. This helps even the most inexperienced teacher to know what to say and do. They train your teachers in what to say and do, every step of the way. Notice **the green squares with numbers** found in the left side bar of the lesson plan. These are references to the visual aids the teacher can use with the children as she teaches.

### **Visual Aids**



Resources found in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books

Visual aids are very important in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. They help the children learn, and keep them focused and interested. Visual aids also help even the newest teacher teach with greater ease. All of the visual aids are used with the **Big Question Box/Briefcase and are revealed as the lesson progresses.** They include the Big Question and Answer sign, the Unit Bible Truths sign, the Bible Truth sign, the Bible Verse sign, the Listening Asssignments (used as the children listen to the Bible story), and the storyboard pictures used with the Bible story.

### Big Question Box/ Briefcase



Directions for making this are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books

**The Big Question Box/Briefcase** is a simple box with a lid that you buy or make; or, you can use a briefcase with a combination lock (kids love this!). Inside the Big Question Box/Briefcase are the props for key teaching concepts (Big Question and Answer; Unit Bible Truths, the Bible Truth concept, the Bible verse and Bible story. While not absolutely necessary, the Big Question Box adds a lot of interest to the lesson.

### Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder



Directions for making this are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and Visual Aids books The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder is a large, homemade folder **made from a 22" x 28" piece of poster board.** Images for the front and back of this mock Bible can be glued in place. 8.5" x 11" front and back cover images are included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids in the back. Larger versions of the front and back covers are found online for download with the resources for each unit.

Inside this over-sized folder, the teacher places the Bible Verse, the Listening Assignment for the Bible story, the text to the Bible story and the storyboard pictures. The point of this Bible folder is for children to begin to grasp that the truths they are learning come from the Bible.

### Simple Story Scenes, Storyboard & Storyboard Pictures



Directions for making these are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives

Beautiful **storyboard pictures** have been created for you to put up on a feltboard to bring the story alive. (These figures are also used in the **Bible Story Review Game**.) The storyboard pictures are found in the **Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids Book** for each unit. **See Core Curriculum Appendix E for preparation instructions.** 

**Simple Story Scenes** are the easiest way to use the pictures. Each story is simply told with book-like illustrations and story text along the bottom.

If you want a more traditional flannelgraph approach, choose the **Storyboard Pictures.** These are individual figures that let you build your own scene and allow kids to help put up the pictures. Fun, but they are more work. There are **two, different sizes of storyboard pictures** you can choose from. Small Format for the smaller class or home setting. Large Format, for a larger class.

### Learning More about Deep Down Detectives Curriculum, by Resource

Beautiful **pictures** have been created to help you bring the story alive.

Two, Colorful **Ways to Present** the Story: **Story Scenes** OR Storyboard (Flannelgraph) **Pictures** 

The Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids and Story Scenes Book for each unit is the easiest way to access these pictures. Ten, colorful, 11'x 17" scenes with text on back can be held up as you tell the story. Each comes as two, 8.5" x 11" sheets which are taped together to create each 11" x 17" scene. Quick to prepare. Easy to use.



Or, you can use the **Storyboard Pictures**, which are individual, flannelgraph pieces that you put up on a felt storyboard as you tell the story. There are two, different sizes of storyboard pictures you can choose from. The pictures in the Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids books fit on 24" x 36" to 36" x 48" storyboards. Plenty for a smaller class or home setting. Or, for larger classroom settings, choose The pictures in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids (Large Format Storyboard pictures) books work best on a storyboard that is AT LEAST 36" x 48".

Directions for making these are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and in the Visual Aids books

Those with less prep time or with less experience teaching may feel more at ease with the Storybook Scenes. The storyboard pictures do take time to cut out and laminate. You do need to take time to learn to tell the story with them. But, the children love watching the story unfold as you put up the storyboard pictures. And, they can take an active role in helping put them up, which is of great, educational benefit. We (CHBC) actually use both. We love to tell the story with the Story Scenes; then, we have the children review the story by reconstructing it with the Storyboard Pictures. They are like a big puzzle that kids love to put together. Either or both are all great options.

# **Deep Down**





Songs for each unit found in the back of the Core Curriculum book

Lyrics and sheet music for the songs used with each unit are actually included within the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books in Appendix A.

### **Deep Down Detectives** Audio mp3's



Resources found online only with the resources for each unit

The audio music for each unit is **included in a zip file** found on the Praise Factory website with the resources for each Deep Down Detectives unit.

Download the zip file from the website to a desired location on your computer. Open the zip file by choosing the "extract" option (often shows up when you right click your mouse over the file.) Once they are extracted, you can access them.

You also can play the songs right off of the website from the Deep Down Detectives "Just Music" section.

Or, you can download the QR code sheet of songs used with each Bible Truth.

### **Learning More about Deep Down Detectives Curriculum, by Activity**

This section describes the activities offered in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum, in order of use. Look at them in the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and Visual Aids books as you read below.

### Intake Activities

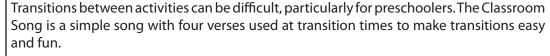


These are activities that help the children settle in their class and get ready for learning. They are open-ended so that any child can join in as they are checked into class. **Younger children** typically do a free time activity.

**Older children** typically play a Bible Verse Memory Game or take part in the Sing-along Music Time. Adding the Music, Movement & Memory Activity to the singing can be especially enjoyable for these children.

Both the **Bible Verse Memory Game** and the **Music, Movement & Memory Activity** are some of the games included in the Response Activities section of the lesson plan. There are three sets of these games suggested, enough for a new set of game for each of the three lessons included with each Bible Truth. **Game directions are found in Appendix B of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.** 

# The Classroom Song





**Verse 1: The Gathering Vers**e invites the children to gather together to worship God.

Verse 2: The Go and Play Verse dismisses the children to play time.

**Verse 3: Time to Go & Tell Verse** transitions the children to Closing Circle Time,. It is used not only to help them remember what they have learned in class, but also to go and tell others what they've learned

**Verse 4: What's Our Big News Verse** asks the children to think about what they will go and tell others as they are dismissed.

The lyrics to the Classroom Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. An audio version of each verse is included in the unit music.

# The Deep Down Detectives Theme Song



Circle Time opens with the curriculum theme song. It reminds the children what their learning time is about. The lyrics to the Classroom Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The song audio included with the rest of the unit songs.

# The Classroom Rules Song



A major challenge and important goal with preschoolers is teaching them how to act in a more formal, group teaching setting. Remember this and do not let yourself become frustrated. Your work with the children now will make way for easier teaching as they get older. Reviewing simple and clear classroom rules, then praying for God's help with the children is a great way to start every session During the rest of the session, you may want to refer back to the rules, praising the children when they are keeping them well or reminding them of the rules when addressing problems.

The Classroom Rules Song provides a simple, fun to sing/say chant of class rules. It helps remind children of the behavior expected of them in class.

The lyrics to the Classroom Rules Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is included in the unit music.

### **Prayers**



Two prayers are used in each session: an Opening Prayer and an Unit ACTS prayer.

**The Opening Prayer** stays the same for every session of Deep Down Detectives. It is a prayer asking for God's help to keep the class rules and to learn about Him.

The Opening Prayer can be introduced with the "Let's Pray!" Song/rhyme.

**The ACTS Prayer** changes with each Bible Truth. It is called an ACTS prayer because it incorporates four elements of prayer: Adoration (praising God for who He is); Confession (asking forgiveness for our sins); Thanksgiving (thanking God for what He's done, especially through Jesus); and, Supplication (asking God to do great things). It centers around the Bible Truth the children are learning. The ACTS prayer for each Bible Truth can be introduced by the **ACTS Prayer Song**, which helps familiarize the children with the four elements of prayer represented by A,C,T, and S.

The lyrics to "Let's Pray" and the "ACTS Prayer Song" are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for these songs is in the unit music.

# The Big Question & Answer



The Big Question Box Song



The Big Question and Answer is introduced by the use of a 8 ½"x 11" two-sided **Big Question** and **Answer sign.** This sign is hidden in **The Big Question Box/Briefcase**, a simple box with a lid you can buy or make; or, a briefcase. (Suggestions for making or buying one included in the Core Curriculum books in Appendix E).

The children sing/say the **Big Question Box/Briefcase Song**, then the teacher or a designated child opens the box/briefcase and gives it to the teacher to hold up and read to the children. The teacher and children then sing the **Big Q & A Song**: the Big Question and Answer set to the tune of a familiar nursery rhyme.

The words to the Big Question Box Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is included the unit music.

### Big Question Action Rhyme and Song



The meaning of the Big Question and Answer is explained by use of an action rhyme. The action rhyme includes actions that you can do as you say it. Use as few or as many of the actions as you deem appropriate for your children.

Or, you can sing the **Big Question Song**, which incorporates the same concepts into a song.

The lyrics to the Big Question Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

### **Unit Bible Truths**



Having learned the Big Question and Answer for the unit, now it's time to introduce the Bible Truths about this Big Question that the children will be learning. The teacher holds up the **Unit Bible Truths sign** that show all the Bible Truths in the unit. (There are anywhere from two to eight truths in a unit). He tells the class that these are the truths they will be learning about the Big Question, one by one. This helps the children to group the truths together and review what they are as they progress through the unit.

### The Bible Truth **Clue Sign**



Having shown the children all the Bible Truths, the teacher is now ready to focus in on the one of the Bible Truths. The teacher/designated child will take the Bible Truth Clue sign out of the Big Question Box/Briefcase and show it to the class. At first, he only shows them the words on the top of the sign (use one hand to cover up the answer along the sign's bottom). He reads the words along the top, emphasizing the word that is missing. The class listens to the clue hint and works together to come up with the missing word. The teacher reveals the answer, then reads the meaning of the Bible Truth off of the back of the sign (or from the lesson plan.) There are three lessons for each Bible Truth, allowing the children to learn and master the concept before moving onto the next one.

### **The Bible Chant**



The kids prepare to hear teaching from the Bible by singing/saying the Bible Chant Song. This is a simple jingle that reminds the kids that the Bible is very special because it alone is God's Word.

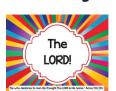
The lyrics to the Bible Chant are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

### The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder



After singing the Bible Chant song, the teacher/designated child pulls out the Deep Down Detectives"Bible" Folder from the Big Question Box/Briefcase. As explained previously, the point of this Bible folder is for children to begin to grasp that the truths they are learning come from the Bible. The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder is a large, homemade folder made from a 22" x 28" piece of poster board. Images for the front and back of this mock Bible can be glued in place. Inside this over-sized folder, the teacher places the Bible Verse, the Listening Assignment for the Bible story, the text to the Bible story and the storyboard pictures.

### The Bible Verse and Song



The first thing that the teachers pulls out of the "Bible" folder in the Bible verse.

Only one Bible verse is taught with each Bible truth. This gives the children three lessons to really learn the verse and its meaning--not just hear it and forget it. The Bible verse is reinforced even more through the Bible Verse Song. This song is used as part of the regular teaching time in Circle Time, as well as in the Music, Movement and Memory activities, described next. These activities provide even more opportunities for learning the verse.

The lyrics to the Bible Verse Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

### The Bible Story and Resources



Only one Bible story is used in each Bible truth. Instead of tiring of hearing the same story for three lessons, the children are delighted to have a chance to master it.



Optional actions/questions are woven into the story text. Beautiful storyboard pictures have been created for you to put up on a feltboard to bring the story alive. (These figures are also used in the Bible Story Review Game.) The storyboard pictures are found in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books. Or, use Simple Story Scenes.



Directions for making a homemade storyboard board and for making durable storyboard pictures are found in the Core Curriculum books.



While the same Bible story is used for all three lessons, there is a different "listening assignment" for each lesson. These are called "Detective Dan's Listening Assignments." (These listening assignments will probably be too much for two year olds; can be useful in developing a three year olds listening skills; and, and are great for children older than this.

Finish your story time by answering the listening assignment; sharing the gospel, and praying the ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) prayer; and, two response songs.

# Story Response Songs



There is a hymn and a praise song that you may choose to close Opening Circle Time with. Each unit features a different pair of response songs, related to the unit Big Question and Answer. This gives the children many lessons to learn these songs. A short unit tie-in description is included with each song.

The words to these two songs are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

### Response Activities: Games and Crafts



After Opening Circle Time, the children can either enjoy free play (see Core Curriculum Appendix D for suggestions) or one of the many game or craft activities. The games and crafts are all created to help reinforce the truths the children have just learned in Circle Time. These are all created to help reinforce the truths the children have just learned in Circle Time.

There are three, different games suggested for each lesson: the Bible Verse Game, the Bible Story Game, and the Music, Movement & Memory Activity. And, there is a simple coloring craft/take home sheet for each of the three lessons, as well as three extra crafts that can be used at any time.

Because there are so many response activities, some teachers like to incorporate some of them as Intake Activities at the beginning of a session.

Let's look at each of these activities, starting on the next page.

Response Activities: Games



The Bible Verse Game



The Bible Story
Review Game



Music, Movement & Memory Activity



Response Activities: Crafts

Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets



When Opening Circle Time ends, the children can either enjoy free play or one of the many game or craft activities. The games are referenced in the lesson plans, but are listed in Appendix B at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Curriculum book. The crafts are referenced in the lesson plan, but instructions and any pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Curriculum book.

Let's look at the games, then the crafts.

The Bible Verse Game helps the children learn the Bible verse and think about what it means. The Bible verse games are referenced in the curriculum, but listed in Appendix B in each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

The **Bible Story Review Game** helps the children think about what they learned in the story. It uses the **Storyboard Pictures** from the Bible story. **The Bible Story games are referenced in the curriculum, but listed in Appendix B in each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.** 

The Music, Movement & Memory Activities have the children do certain movement or use simple homemade (or store bought) musical instruments, as they sing songs or say the Bible verse. A simple hymn and praise song as well as the Bible Verse Songs and Big Question Song are suggested for use. A short blurb describing how each song ties in with the Bible Truth concept is given. The Music, Movement & Memory Activities are referenced in the curriculum, but listed in Appendix B in each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

The lyrics and sheet music to these songs are included in the Core Curriculum books. The audio for these songs is found with each unit's music.

All three of these activities are part of a **collection of games that can be assembled ahead of time, then stored** for use throughout the curriculum on a rotation basis. This makes it easy to keep each lesson active and fun, but with less prep work. **A complete list of supplies need to make the games is included in later in this chapter and in Appendix B of each Core Curriculum book.** 

There are both coloring pages/take home sheets as well as a few extra crafts available with each Bible Truth. The crafts are referenced in the lesson plan, but instructions and any pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

A coloring page is provided for each of a Bible Truth's three lessons. On the back of each page are the key concepts, a few questions; an ACTS prayer; and, a song/s for parents to use with their children that act as a take home sheet. There is a different emphasis for each lesson's coloring sheet that corresponds with the listening assignment for the lesson:

Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The Bible Truth

Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The Bible Verse

Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The ACTS Prayer

While these are simple, coloring sheets, they can be easily turned into something more. Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc. for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc.

### Response Activities: Crafts

**Extra Crafts** 



With each Bible Truth, there are three extra crafts included for use at any time.

These are a **Go-and-Tell Craft**; a **Bible Story Coloring Picture and a Bible Story Puzzle** (which is the Storyboard Picture Placement page from the story, which you can cut out into the appropriate number of puzzle pieces for your children, then re-assembled by them).

Like the other crafts in the curriculum, these extra crafts are referenced in the lesson plan, but instructions and any pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

### Response Activities: Discussion Sheet

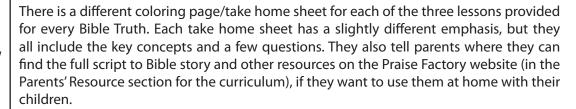
The discussion sheet contains questions about the key concepts used in the Bible Truth. These can be used to spark good conversation as the children are coloring. They can also be used as part of the games and other activities to add even more depth.



They are most appropriate for use with children ages 3 and up.

### Take Home Resources

Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets





The front side is the coloring page and the back side is the take home sheet. The coloring pages/take home sheets are referenced in the lesson plan, but the pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

### Take Home Version of the Bible Story

There is also a **take home version of the story** that you can give out along with the take home sheets. This is also available online in the Deep Down Detectives parents' resources section.



This version of the Bible story is referenced in the lesson plan, but is included in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. It is also available online in the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resource section, as parents are reminded on each take home sheet along the bottom.

### **Music Resources**

Lyrics and Sheet Music



songs

Lyrics and sheet music for the songs used with each Bible Truth are included within the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books.

Each leson plan includes the lyrics to the core songs used with each Bible Truth. Large format lyrics and sheet music for the songs is included in Appendix A of each Core Curriculum book.

audio mp3's of the Frequently, the lesson plan references extra songs. The lyrics and sheet music to these extra songs are only found in Appendix A with the other unit songs.

The songs can be downloaded from the praisefactory.org website. There are 16 zip files of mp3s of songs, one for each of the 16 Deep Down Detectives units. Or, you can download the QR code sheets of links to the songs.

### **Customizing the Curriculum: Know Yourself to Know What You Need**

A good, curriculum custom-fit starts with thinking carefully about those involved. Here are six, key factors to consider. (The Children's Ministry Questionnaire will guide you through these issues in much greater depth.)



**Your Children's Abilities** 

- + readers/pre-readers?
- + age groupings in the same class
- + attention span
- + exposure to the gospel?
- + etc.



Your Teachers' Agility

- + teaching experience
- + experience with children
- + classroom experience
- + their own spiritual maturity
- + etc.



### **Your Time Capacity**

- + Thirty minutes or one hour?
- + Once a week/five days a week?
- + A camp session/a V.B.S
- + School year/a full year?
- + etc.



Who are we?

What do we need?







What can we do?

What should we do?









### **Your Teaching Locality**

- + Home, church or school?
- + Urban, suburban or rural?
- + Storage space available?
- + Classroom size?
- + etc.



**Your Ministry Priorities** 

- + Who gives you spiritual oversight?
- + What do they want you to teach?
- + Are they willing to look over the curriculum/help find and screen teachers?

+ etc.



**Your Practicalities** 

- + What is your budget?
- + Who will prepare the curriculum?
- + How much time do they have?
- + Is there anyone willing/able to oversee the start up and implementation of a new curriculum?

### **Customizing the Curriculum: Build-Your-Own-Curriculum Sandwich**



You've thought about who you are, what you need, what you can do, and what you can should do. Now it's time to customize your own curriculum version. We like to think of this process as similar to creating your favorite sandwich. Start with what you know has to be there, then add in extras until you get just what you want. You might be a "meat-only" sandwich, needing only the very basics of the curriculum. Or, you want "the works"--the whole curriculum, just as it is written. Many people use something in between. The important thing is to keep in mind the specifics of your teachers; your children; your time constraints; and, your ministry situation. Then build your own version of Deep Down Detectives that works best for you. Bon appetit!

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1. Start with the Meat: Core Curriculum	Resources:     Big Question and Answer     Bible Truth     Bible Verse     Bible Story	These are the backbone of biblical truth for the curriculum. You really only have to have these. Everything else is extra!
2. Choose Your Cheese: Response Activities	Resources:     Bible Memory Game     Bible Story Review Game     Music, Movement & Memory     Crafts	Response activities are second in importance only to the "meat." They are enjoyable, handson activities that help the children learn and retain the "meat" of biblical truths.
3. Add the Lettuce: Intake Activities	Resources:     Free Play     Activity Centers     Unit Songs     Bible Memory Game	Intake Activities are a nice addition to your curriculum "sandwich", but you don't have to have them. They often help the children settle better in class and prepare them for learning.
4. Throw on Extra Veggies: Zesty Extras	Resources:     Deep Down Detectives Song     Classroom Rules Chant     The Big Question Box Song     The Bible Song     Let's Pray Song     ACTS Prayer Song	These are few extras that add zest to the curriculum. The Classroom Rules Song is especially helpful for reminding the children of expected classroom behavior in a fun way.
5. Spread on Condiments: Transitions	Resources: • The Classroom Song (4 verses)	Harnessing the transition points in your curriculum can make teaching much easier for your teachers and actually fun for your kids. The Deep Down Detectives curriculum uses music to structure and teach the children through every transition.
6. Choose Your Bread: Curriculum Presentation Features	Resources:     Big Question Box/Briefcase     Storyboard Pictures	These are resources that are used to present the curriculum to the children. They help keep the children focus and make the learning more visual and interactive.
7. Prepare It for Carry Out Take Home Resources	Resources:     Coloring Sheet/Take Home     Sheet for each lesson     Take Home version of each     story	Take home resources are a great way for parents to know what their children are learning and to provide them with a tool for further discussion.

### **Common Customizations: Age Groups**

Having considered these questions, put this information to work to build your version of the curriculum.

Here are some ways we have customized the curriculum or seen it customized by others:

CUSTOMIZE BY: Age Group	
2 year olds	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: You are doing well just to get these children to begin to sit as a group. Build up to this, as they get adjusted to a classroom setting. Set your expectations LOW! Helping the children learn how to be a group prepares them for learning more later and even more being able to join in the church service better. This, by itself, is a job well-done.

### NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

All three lessons for sure! Repetition is great for these kids!

But, if you go at this rate, you will not get very far through the 69 Bible Truths in a year. Consider using Hide 'n' Seek Kids instead.

# SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM: Opening Activity Time:

- Free play time as they come to class
- · You can have unit music playing in the background
- Use the Classroom Songs to begin to teach them about transitions

### **Opening Circle Time:**

- Use the Big Question Box/Briefcase
- Teach them the Big Question
- Sing the Big Question Song (short, nursery rhyme version)
- Teach them the Bible Truth
- Tell them the Bible Verse (maybe sing the song)
- Tell the Bible story, using the storyboard
- Do not expect these children to be able to do the listening assignment.
- End with the ACTS prayer or an even shorter prayer, if attention is lagging.

### **Response Activity Time:**

- Dismiss to free play time.
- You can have unit music playing in the background.
- Offer the coloring sheet/take home sheet craft after they have played for a while.
- You MIGHT be able to weave a few of the discussion questions into your conversations
  with the children as they play or do their coloring sheet... but don't count on it. It's just
  fine if they don't! They are only two years old!

### **Closing Circle Time:**

- Use the Classroom Songs to gather them back together.
- Ask them the Big Question and Answer, tell them the Bible Truth, and sing the short Big Question Song again.
- End with the ACTS prayer or an even shorter prayer, if attention is lagging.

### Dismissal:

- Give out the take home version of the Bible Story, the day you start a new Bible Truth.
- Give out coloring sheet/take home sheet for the lesson.

### **Common Customizations: Age Groups**

# CUSTOMIZE BY: Age Group

### 3 year olds

### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:**

This age group can enjoy much of this curriculum.

### NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

All three lessons for sure! Repetition is great for these kids!

But, if you go at this rate, you will not get very far through the 69 Bible Truths in a year. Consider using Hide 'n' Seek Kids instead.

### **HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:**

As written, except...

the listening questions will be a new concept to this children of this age. This is the new skill you will be working on to give the children. It may take a while to get them used to holding on to a question or two as they listen. You might even want to remind them of the questions as you read the story. (This is another way we help these children prepare to gather with the congregation and be ready to learn from a sermon. And, be careful not to overwhelm them with too many discussion questions. Choose a few and repeat them when playing the games. Add in more as they master the answers to your initial ones.

### 4-5 year olds OR

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: 4-5 year olds:

### 2-5 year olds as one class

The concepts of the curriculum were especially created with this age group in mind.

**2-5 year olds as one class:** You are combining children with fairly different developmental abilities. While one teacher is teaching, the other teacher may need to be quietly tending to the 2 year olds as their attention span fades.

### NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

These children will do best with 2-3 lessons of the three included with each Bible Truth. We do two concepts per month of Sundays. That 2 lessons from Bible Truth, then 2 lessons from the next Bible Truth. Or, in months with five Sundays, you would choose to do 2 lessons from one Bible Truth and 3 lessons from the next. **You will complete the curriculum in about 2 1/2 years at this rate.** 

### **HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:**

As written. You can introduce the longer, full Big Question Songs, not just the short nursery songs with children.

And, for those who have combined 2-5 year olds, having the children do the suggested actions that go with the full, Big Question Songs can be a great chance for the little 2-year-olds to get some wiggles out.

### **Common Customizations: Age Groups**

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### pre-K & K

### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:**

The concepts of the curriculum were especially created with this age group in mind.

### NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

These children will do best with 2 lessons of the three included with each Bible Truth. We do two concepts per month of Sundays. That 2 lessons from Bible Truth, then 2 lessons from the next Bible Truth. Or, in months with five Sundays, you would choose to do 2 lessons from one Bible Truth and 3 lessons from the next. You will complete the curriculum in about 2 1/2 years at this rate.

### **HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:**

As written. You can introduce the longer, full Big Question Songs, not just the short nursery songs with children.

### K-2nd grade

### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:**

The concepts of the curriculum can still very good for this age group, but you are bumping up against its outer limits. I would move on to Praise Factory Investigators, if I was using Deep Down Detectives with the preschoolers. However, if this curriculum is being introduced with this age group, it will be great for them.

### NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

These older children will do best with 1 to 2 lessons of the three included with each Bible Truth. You will probably bore them if you repeat beyond this point.

### **HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:**

Definitely introduce the longer, full Big Question Songs, not just the short nursery songs with this group.

I would either do:

two, full lessons per Bible Truth;

OR,

I would do one full lesson per Bible Truth, then use the Opening Activity time of the next session to review the previous session's concepts by playing the Bible Story game/Bible Verse Review Game/singing the songs). I would then introduce the next Bible Truth concepts in Opening Circle Time.

### **Common Customizations: Teaching Situations**

# **CUSTOMIZE BY:** Teaching Situation

### **How to Structure the Curriculum**

### **Single Session**

One, 60-90 minute session on a lesson, in one day, once a week examples: Sunday School, Church Hour, Mid-week programs As written. If you do not really have 60 minutes of actual teaching time, you will need to choose what not to use. Choose what you think is most important to have in your session, then continue to add in elements until you have filled up your time budget.

### **Double Session**

Two 60-90 minute sessions, on the same lesson, in one day, once a week examples: Sunday School PLUS Church Hour OR, Sunday Morning PLUS Sunday Evening OR, Sunday Morning PLUS Wednesday Evening (This is how we use the curriculum here at CHBC)

### First session of the Double:

- Use Opening Activity
- Opening Circle Time
- And choose an activity
- Fill in extra time with free play activities

snack and potty break

### Second session of the Double:

- Review Opening Circle Time
- Choose another activity
- Fill in extra time with free play activities

### Daycare/Schools Bible Class

Schools vary in how many days they teach Bible. Some will have a daily Bible class. Others, will have it only certain days.

Here's a suggestion for one Bible Truth a week, 5 days a week Bible class for preschoolers:

Typically, each session you will be:

- Reminding the children of the Big Question and Bible verse;
- Telling them the Bible story (or asking them questions to review it);
- Singing the songs; and,
- Following up with a response activity.

There are three lessons in each Bible Truth, with a listening assignment for each lesson. each with a coloring page, and three games; plus, three extra crafts.

- That makes 12 activities, plus the three extra crafts. Plenty for a week of Bible classes for little preschoolers.
- You could read the story on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, using a different listening activity each time. Use the coloring sheet corresponds to the listening activity on those days.
- Then, the other two days of the week, use the games to review what they have learned.

With 16 units of 67 Bible truths, this gives you about two academic years of curriculum.

### Camps, VBS and Short-term Missions Trips

Since camps, VBS and mission trips usually involve both preschoolers and elementary school children, you will do best use two or three of the Praise Factory family of curriculum to meet everyone's needs. At the end of this introduction section, we provide suggested schedules for these ministry situations. We also have included how the Bible Truths across all three curriculums line up so you can coordinate the truths you are teaching across all of the age groups/curriculums.

### **Maiden Voyage: Testing Out the Curriculum**

### Making a Test Run

At last it's time to try out the curriculum on your kids. As mentioned before, our favorite way to try out a new curriculum is with a smaller group of children (of the more-likely-to be-well-behaved variety), when there is an opportunity to do so. This gives the curriculum its best test-run. Ideally, you want to give any curriculum a few sessions trial period. New curriculum is new curriculum. Teachers will be getting used to it as will the kids.

You may choose to dive in the deep end and introduce the whole curriculum to the children at once. As you introduce the curriculum to your children, also remember that everything will be new to them at first. New ideas and structures use up a lot more attention and energy than when they are familiar and routine...and it takes time for them to become routine. Be patient! Expect this!

Or, you may take the gradual approach, deciding on lesson elements to introduce gradually, then adding more in as you go. Think about the routine the children are used to in your classroom already. What works? What doesn't work? Slot Deep Down Detectives resources into the parts of your current framework that work best with your children, then gradually build from there.

For example, you might want to start with just the Bible story and Bible verse the first lesson, adding other elements the second lesson, and so on. Also, realize that the children will be doing a lot more watching and a lot less direct participation at first as they are learning the routine.

Give yourself and the children a few lessons to settle into the routine before deciding what is the right amount of activities to include each week. As the children get used to the lesson routine, you will find the children have more attention and energy to devote to the learning activities.

### Evaluate and Adjust It

As you test-run the curriculum, you will probably want to evaluate and make changes. Reflect on how the teaching session goes, after each of your test runs and make any necessary changes. As you get closer to a good fit, add in more conditions like the typical classroom--such as your crazier kids, etc.. See how the curriculum works with these new elements. Make more changes until you feel good about your fit.

### The Real Launch: Implementing the Curriculum in Your Situation

### Sign Post It

Once you have figured out what works best for your children and those teaching the curriculum, put sign posts in place in the classroom. If you found that certain activities work better in a certain part of the room (such as games or craft time), put up a sign on the wall near that area indicating that. Or, put down a rug where you want to have Circle Time.

### Choose and Train Your Load-Bearers

If the curriculum follows a set time schedule, display the schedule on the wall in large print so a teacher can with just a glance know what he/she should be doing.

Signpost where you store your curriculum resources (games, curriculum, music, craft supplies, etc), too, so that even the newest teacher can easily find what he/she needs.

Once you feel that you have adjusted the curriculum to a good fit for teacher and children, begin to train others in how to teach it, too. Ideally, this starts as a mentoring experience between you and another teacher (preferably two). You are looking for people who are willing to learn the curriculum inside-out until they can teach it well themselves and can later train others in it, too. I call these teachers, "load-bearers," because they will share the weight of implementing the new curriculum.

First, have your load-bearers come observe you as you teach the curriculum. Have them read the introductory materials and the curriculum lesson plan before they observe. After class, de-brief with them about the session. Have them continue to come for a number of session, gradually handing over the teaching responsibilities until they are comfortable and confident.

### Bring the Parents Up to Speed

Make sure to include parents in your launch! Communicate with them about the change in curriculum that is happening. Hold a meeting. Send out an email. Hand out the Deep Down Detectives flyer (pgs. 7-8, Core Curriculum books). Ask them to parents. Invite their feedback. Make them your partners, after all, it is them and their kids you hope to help.

### **Add Others**

With your load-bearers in place and confident in the curriculum, you can now begin to look for more potential teachers to be trained. The load-bearers will then follow the same steps as you took with them: having them observe, then gradually take teaching responsibilities, de-briefing after each session. Continue until they are confident.

### Want to See More?

Three times a year (the third Saturday/Sunday of March, May and September), we hold a free lunch, learn-and-look workshop and observation time here at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, we gather for lunch and talk philosophy; child protection policy; encouraging parents; recruiting teachers; dealing with discipline issues; etc; and, of course, curriculum. After finishing up our group session, we are happy to talk to individual churches about their particular situations.

Then on Sunday, we offer an opportunity to see Deep Down Detectives and the other Praise Factory curriculum in action in our classes. This can be a great way to help others understand and get excited about the curriculum.

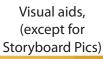
The registration form for these workshops can be found on the Praise Factory website.

### **Protect Your Investment: Tips on Storing the Curriculum for Future Use**

This is a curriculum that keeps on giving year after year. Everything is re-used. If you do a good job storing the curriculum, it will serve your church well and at little cost for many years.

Here are two ideas to help you:

Idea #1: If you are teaching only a small group of children:





Lesson plan, story, and other paper resources you can re-use



CDs, Song Track Lists, Lyrics & Sheet Music

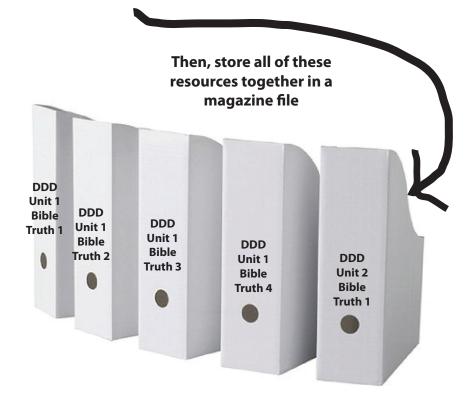


Bible Storyboard Pictures, Pictures Key, & Placement Guide



Crafts and Take Home Sheets (paper resources you will have to photo copy again)





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Idea #2: If you are teaching a large group of children (like we do at CHBC), you may want to have a separate envelope for each resource type.

Copies of Unit Lesson Plan, and Story with Listening Assignments



CDs, Song Track Lists, Lyrics & Sheet Music



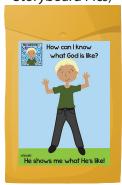
Bible Story storyboard Pictures, Pictures Key and Placement Guide



**Discussion Sheet** 



Visual aids, (except for Bible Storyboard Pics)



Craft/Take Home Sheet 1



Craft/Take Home Sheet 2



Craft/Take Home Sheet 3



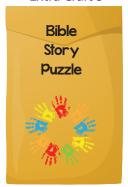
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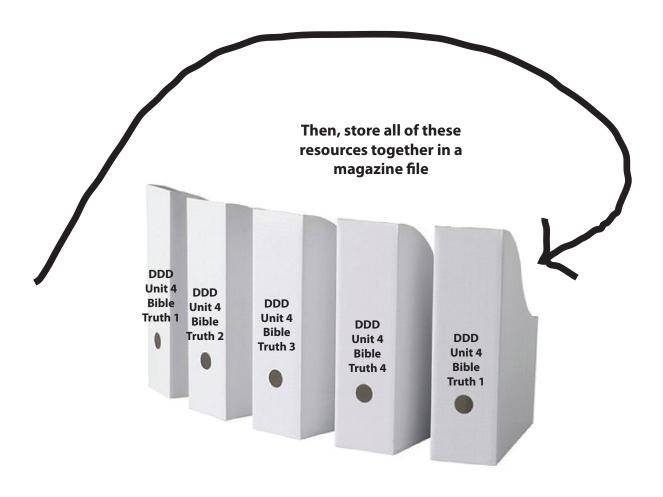


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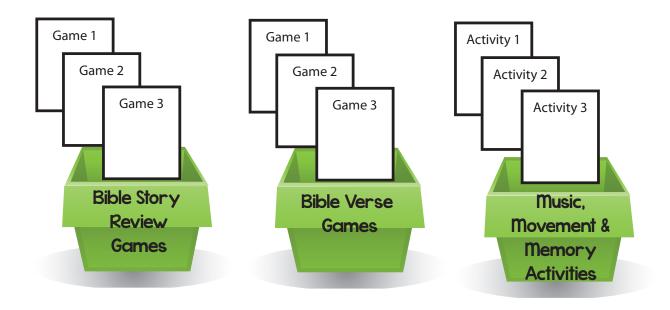
Extra Craft 3





### **Protect Your Investment: Tips on Storing the Curriculum for Future Use**

Store your games in separate ziploc bags and put them in bins.:



### **Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games**

Deep Down Detectives uses many games. The good news is, they are simply made and they are re-used throughout the whole curriculum. Make sure you save the games you make and it will save you a lot of time later.

This is the full list of the games and the supplies needed in the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum. While you only need to make whatever games you choose to use with each lesson, **I strongly recommend that you make** all the games before you start using the curriculum. Get the prep work over with at the beginning and coast your way through years of enjoyment! Store them in ziploc bags or baskets and pull them out when needed. So simple!

### THIS LIST IS ALSO INCLUDED IN APPENDIX B: GAMES

### **Bible Verse Games**

### **Lily Pad Jump**

- Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- paper,
- glue,
- marker

### **Animal Cube**

- Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- · paper,
- glue,
- marker

### **Simon Says How**

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker

### **Bean Bag Catch**

- 1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

### Slap, Clap and Stack

10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

### Freeze 'n' Say

Music and CD/Tape player

### Fill 'er Up

- 1 bean bag per child
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.
- Cardboard box or laundry basket
- Carpet squares, 1 per child

### Loud and Soft, Big and Little

none

### **Bible Verse Games**

### Roll'n' Toss

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker
- 1 bouncy ball per 2 children

### **Duck, Duck, Goose**

none

### **Deep Down Detective Mission Madness Practice**

 Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

### **Block Clapping**

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

### Meet, Greet, and Keep It Up

- 16 oz cups, 1 per child (with some extras)
- 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children
- Masking tape

### Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

### **Music, Movement & Memory**

### **Thumping Drums**

- 1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum
- Tape
- Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.
- Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

### Say, Spring Up and Shout

Bean bags, one per child

### **Freeze Frame**

 Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

### **Egg Shakers**

- Empty Easter eggs
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

### **Jingle Bell Hands**

- 16" piece of sturdy string
- 4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops

### Sing, Dance, and Fall Down

Optional: Bean bags, one per child

### **Big Voice, Little Voice**

none

### **Bottle Shakers**

- 1 empty 16 oz. soda bottle per shaker
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

### March 'n' Say

• Optional: A fun hat for the leader of the march, or for everyone in the march

### Clap, Tap and Say

none

### **Lullabies, Bells and Lions**

Bell

### **Music, Movement & Memory**

### **Musical Squares**

Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)

### **Block Clappers**

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

### Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

### **Story Review Games**

### **Going Fishing**

- One long wooden dowel, yardstick, etc. per fishing pole
- Yarn
- Paper clip per fishing pole
- Rope
- Two chairs
- Blanket
- Box/bucket/container
- Bucket

### **Pony Express**

- Small manila envelopes, one per flannel graph figure
- Kid's small backpack or a tote bag with a strap
- Basket
- Cowboy hat
- Stick horse or a broom

### Fix Up the Mix Up

None

### Can You Remember?

Index cards

### **Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt**

- Variety of interesting items that have one or more places to hide a storyboard picture
- Detective Hat
- 4 False Clues (included on the next page)
- CD Player and Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

### **Clothespin Line Up and Drop**

- Rope
- Clothespins, the hinged type
- Shoe box
- Tape

### Who's in the Basket?

- Blanket
- Basket

### **Run to the Grocery Store**

- Grocery bag or kid's grocery cart
- Empty food cartons

### **Story Review Games**

### **Treasure Hunt**

- 10 small lidded plastic containers or boxes (like from a jewelry store) or wooden, hinged boxes from a craft store
- Various decorating supplies, such as fake craft jewels, glitter, glitter glue, foil paper, gold spray paint
- glue

### **Take Me Through the Tunnel**

- Chairs or Table
- Sheet or blanket
- Box

### **Missing in Action**

None

### Who's Inside?

10 different containers with lids

### **Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks**

- Two shoe boxes
- 6' or so of rope
- Optional: Engineer's hat

#### **VBS, Camps and other Programs**

Programs like camps, VBS and short-term missions Children's Ministry usually involve such a wide, age-range of children that it's best to use two or three curriculums, instead of just one, to meet everyone's learning level. This is easy to do with the Praise Factory family of curriculum, since you are using the same, sixteen Big Question Units in all three curriculums.

There are so many ways to do these programs. Here are the most common ones I've heard of:

- One, half day
- One, full day
- One evening
- Friday Night-Saturday
- Five, half days
- Five, full days
- Five evenings in a row
- Five one-day evenings (such as five Wednesday nights in a row)
- Two, five-day weeks in a row

Although these programs take place at many different times, they typically run one of three, standard lengths of time:

- 1 1/2 hour programs
- 2 1/2 hour programs
- 6 hour programs

Here are session suggestions for each of these three lengths of programs:

NOTE: I have put some place holder times in schedules. You change them to your actual times.

#### 1 1/2 Hour Multi- Age Programs

1 1/2 Hour Program (for 2 year olds):

- 9:00 Free Play/Activity Centers
- 9:15 Opening Circle Time (Singing, Big Question, Bible Verse and Bible Story)
- 9:30 Free Play/Activity Centers
- 9:45 Activities: Game, Craft and/or Music
- 10:20 Closing Circle Time
- 10:30 Dismissal

1 1/2 Hour Program (for ages 3-5):

Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives Session, as written

1 1/2 Hour Program (for elementary age kids):

Praise Factory Investigators Session, as written

#### VBS, Camps and other Programs: 1 1/2 Hour Schedule

#### 1 1/2 Hour Program (for 2 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (9:15 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:30 Activity Centers
- 9:40 Clean Up Toys
- 9:45 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 10:05 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 10:15 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break
- 10:25 Clean Up Toys
- 10:30 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 10:40 Snack Time
- 10:50 Closing Time/Take Home Sheet/Coloring Time (Ask them the Closing Time questions as they are coloring at the tables)
- 11:00 Parents come

#### 1 1/2 Hour Program (for 3-preK 5 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (9:15 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:30 Activity Centers
- 9:40 Clean Up Toys
- 9:45 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 10:05 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 10:15 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break
- 10:25 Clean Up Toys
- 10:30 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 10:40 Snack Time
- 10:50 Closing Time/Take Home Sheet/Coloring Time (Ask them the Closing Time questions as they are coloring at the tables)
- 11:00 Parents come

#### 1 1/2 Hour Program--elementary school (Praise Factory Investigators)

- 9:00 Opening Large Group Time: Welcome, Singing
- 9:15 Opening Large Group Time: Big Question, Bible Truth, Bible Verse and Bible Story
- 9:45 Small Group Activities (Discussion and Games/Music/Craft Activities) If desired, each small group can prepare their activity for Small Group Presentations in Closing Large Group.
- 10:15 Closing Large Group Time: Small Group Presentations and/or Singing
- 10:30 Dismissal

### VBS, Camps and other Programs: 2 1/2 Hour Schedule

#### 2 1/2 Hour Program (for 2 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (8:45 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:00 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:10 Clean Up Toys
- 9:15 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 9:25 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:35 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 9:45 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break 2
- 9:55 Clean Up Toys
- 10:00 Snack Time
- 10:10 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 10:20 Activity Centers (second set)
- 10:30 Clean Up Toys
- 10:45 Craft Time (one of the extra crafts)
- 10:55 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break 2
- 11:00 Clean up Toys
- 11:05 Active Indoor/Outdoor Play
- 11:25 Closing Time Circle Time
- 11: 15 Coloring Time/Take Home Sheet
- 11:30 Parents come

#### 2 1/2 Hour Program (for 3-preK 5 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (8:45 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:00 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:15 Clean Up Toys
- 9:20 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 9:40 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 9:55 Activity Centers (first set)
- 10:10 Clean Up Toys
- 10:15 Potty Break/Wash Hands
- 10:25 Snack Time
- 10:35 Active Indoor/Outdoor Play OR Activity Centers (second set)
- 10:50 Clean Up Toys
- 10:55 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 11:10 Closing Time Circle Time
- 11:20 Coloring Time/Take Home Sheet
- 11:30 Parents come

#### **2 1/2 Hour Program--elementary school (**Praise Factory Investigators)

- 9:00 Opening Large Group Time: Welcome, Singing
- 9:15 Opening Large Group Time: Big Question, Bible Truth, Bible Verse and Bible Story
- 9:45 Small Group Activity 1: Discussion and Craft Activity
- 10:15 Active Outdoor/Indoor Play
- 10:30 Snack (Story-related snack) ACTS and Discussion Time (related to activity they are about to do 10:45 Small Group Activity 2: (Prepare this one for presentation to the rest of the children during Closing Large Group Time, if desired)
- 11:15: Closing Large Group Time: Small Group Presentations and/or Singing
- 11:30 Dismissal

#### **VBS, Camps and other Programs: 6 Hour Schedule**

6 Hour (Full Day) Program (for 3-preK 5 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

Use one Bible Truth and Bible story for the whole day's session. Afternoon provides an opportunity for reinforcement.

#### **Morning Schedule**

- 8:45 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:00 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:15 Clean Up Toys
- 9:20 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 9:50 Active Indoor/Outdoor Play (Playground or organized games)
- 10:30 Potty Break/Wash Hands/Snack Time
- 10:45 Music, Movement & Memory Game and Singing
- 11:00 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 11:30 Activity Centers (second set)
- 12:00 1:00 Lunch and Play Time/Rest Time

#### **Afternoon Schedule**

- 1:00 Bible Story Review & Bible Verse Review (repeat story and storyboard or use games to review)
- 1: 20 Craft Time (Use one of the take home sheet coloring activities of the Extra Crafts)
- 1:40 Activity Centers (second set)
- 2:00 Snack and Potty Break
- 2:30 Closing Circle Time Review/Singing
- 2:40 Free play, games, possibility outdoors
- 3:00 Dismissal

# 6 Hour (Full Day) Program--elementary school (Praise Factory Investigators) Use two stories from same Bible Truth: one in the morning, one in the afternoon.

#### • 8:45 Greet children and parents as they arrive

- 9:00 Small Group Time: Introduce Big Question, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, etc.
- 9:15 Large Group Singing and Bible Story
- 9:45 Small Group Activity 1: Bible Truth Game
- 10:15 Small Group Activity 2: Craft
- 10:45 Snack and ACTS Prayer Time
- 11:00 Outdoor Fun Active Game 1
- 12:00 Lunch and Free Play Time

#### **Afternoon Schedule**

- 1:00 Large Group Singing and Second Story (Other Bible Story or Story of the Saints)
- 1:30 Small Group Activity 1: Presentation Activity (Choose a different activity for each small group to work on during this time. They will present it to the rest of the children at the end of the session, if desired.)
- 2:15 Snack Time
- 2:30 Closing Large Group Time: Small Group Presentations and/or Singing
- 3:00 Dismissal

#### VBS, Camps and other Programs: Choosing Curriculum

You've figured out how many sessions your program will run and how long each session will last. Next, you need to figure out which curriculum you want to use. We suggest using Hide 'n' Seek Kids and/or Deep Down Detectives with your pre-schoolers and Praise Factory Investigators for your elementary school kids.

Find a unit you want to become the theme of your VBS. Choose the Bible Truths you want to teach. The charts of the following pages should help you see how the Bible Truths match up in the three curriculums. You've got tons of resources within each concept to fill up your schedule.

#### Here's a reminder of what you have in each:

#### Each Hide 'n' Seek Kids unit has:

- There is just one Bible Story and one Bible verse per unit.
- There are 5 lessons of curriculum in each unit.
- There is tons of music.
- The activities in each of the 5 lessons include:
  - 1 Bible Story Review Game
  - 1 Bible Verse Game
  - 1 Music, Movement & Memory Activity (especially good for Bible Memory)
  - 1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home Sheet
  - There are also 3 extra crafts

#### **Each Deep Down Detective unit has:**

- There are multiple Bible truths within each unit.
- There are three lessons of curriculum, per Bible Truth, within each unit.
- There is one Bible story for each Bible Truth.
- There are 3 lessons of curriculum for each Bible Truth.
- There is tons of music
- The activities in each of the 3 lessons include:
  - 1 Bible Story Review Game
  - 1 Bible Verse Game
  - 1 Music, Movement & Memory Activity (especially good for Bible Memory)
  - 1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home Sheet
  - There are also 3 extra crafts

#### **Each Praise Factory Investigators unit has:**

- Multiple Bible truths within it.
- There are three lessons of curriculum, per Bible Truth
- There are 3 stories for each Bible Truth: 1 Old Testament, 1 New Testament, and one Church History/missions.
- There are 3 lessons of curriculum for each Bible Truth--one for each of the three stories.
- There is tons of music.
- Each of the 3 lessons includes:
  - 1 Bible Story Review Game with Discussion Questions
  - 1 Bible Verse Game with Discussion Ouestions
  - 1 Bible Truth Game with Discussion Ouestions
  - 1 Craft with Discussion Questions
  - 1 Bible Verse Game with Discussion Questions
  - 1 Bible Verse Song with Discussion Questions, Sign Language and Song Game
  - 1 Hymn with Discussion Questions, Sign Language and Song Game
  - 1 Story-related Snack
  - 1 Take home sheet with the key concepts, the story and some discussion questions

Bible Truths that Match Up Across the Curriculums					
Hide 'n' Seek Kids	Deep Down Detectives	Praise Factory Investigators			
Unit 1: The God Who Reveals Himself O: How Can I Know What God Is Like?	By the Heart He Gave Me to Know and Love Him	1. God Made Our Hearts to Know and Love Him			
A: He Shows Me What He's Like!	2. In Everything I See All Around Me	2. God's Creations Tell Us about Him			
	included in DDD Unit 1 Bible Truth 3, below	3. God Spoke to His People through Prophets Long Ago			
	3. In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God	4. God Speaks through His Word, the Bible			
	4. Through His Very Own Son, Jesus Christ	5. God Reveals Himself Most Completely through His Son, Jesus			
Unit 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible Q: What's So Special about the Bible? A: It Alone Is God's Word!	God Made Sure It Was Written Down     Just Right	God Inspired Many People to Write Down His Word     Perfectly			
	2. It Tells Us about God and His Plans	God's Word Tells God's Way and Plans for     His People, Past, Present and Future			
	3. God Uses It to Save His People	3. God Uses His Word to Save His People			
	4. God Uses It to Change His People	4. God Uses His Word to Change His People			
Unit 2. The Cood News of Cod	1. God Made Us and We Should Obey Him	1. God Is the Good Creator and King of the World			
Unit 3: The Good News of God, the Gospel Q: What Is the Gospel?	2. We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His Punishment	All Have Rejected God and Deserve His     Eternal Punishment			
A: Salvation though Faith in Jesus Christ!	3. God Sent Jesus to Pay for God's People's Sins	3. God Sent Jesus to Bear the Punishment for Sin			
	God Saves All Who Repent of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus as Their Savior	4. God Saves Those Who Repent and Trust in Jesus			
	1. He Is a Glorious Spirit	1. The LORD is a Glorious Spirit			
<b>Unit 4: The God Like None Other</b> Q: Can Anybody Tell Me What the	2. He Is the One, True God	2. The LORD is the Only True God			
LORD Is Like? A: He's Not Like Anyone Else!	3. He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons	3. The LORD Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons			
	4. He Is Everywhere, All the Time	4. The LORD Is Everywhere, All the Time			
	5. He Knows Everything There Is to Know	5. The LORD Knows Everything There Is to Know			
	6. He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good	6. The LORD is Holy			
	7. He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do	7. The LORD is Omnipotent			
	8. He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through	8. The LORD is Faithful			
	included in DDD Unit 4 Bible Truth 2, above	9. The LORD's Names Tell Us About Him			
Unit 5: God, the Good Creator	He Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth	1. God Created All Things Good in the Beginning			
Q: Can You Tell Me What God Made? A: God Made All Things Good!	2. God Made People in a Special Way	2. God Created People Good in the Beginning			
	included in DDD Unit 5 Bible Truth 1, above	3. God Created the World to Praise and Glorify Him			
	included in DDD Unit 5 Bible Truth 1, above	4. God's Plans For His Creation Are Good and Unfailing			
Unit 6: God, the Just and Merciful	1. When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God	Angels and People Rebelled against God in the     Beginning			
Q: How Did Bad Things Come into God's Good World? A: Bad Things Came Through Sin!	included in DDD Unit 6 Bible Truth 1, above	2. God Treated the First Sinners with Justice and Mercy			
	2. When It Spread to the Whole World	3. All People Are Born Sinful, All People Need God's Mercy			
Unit 7: The Law-Giving God Q; What Are God's Laws Like? A: God's Laws Are Perfect!	1. They are Written in the Bible, God's Word	1. God's Laws Are Written in the Bible			
	included in DDD Unit 7 Bible Truth 2, below	God Created Us Perfect Law Keepers, But We     Are All Lawbreakers			
	included in DDD Unit 7 Bible Truth 2, below	3. God Gave Us His Laws to Convict Us of Our Sin that We Might Be Saved			
	2. They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us	Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly to Save God's     People by His Grace			
	3. They Tell Us How to Love God and Others	5. The Heart of God's Law is Love			

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Unit 8: The God Who Loves Q: What Is God's Love for His People Like? A: It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!	included in DDD Unit 8, Bible Truth 1, below	1. God Blesses All People with Many Good Gifts
	included in DDD Unit 8, Bible Truth 4, below	2. God Loved His People Before They Loved Him
	1. He Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them	3. God Showed the Depths of His Love by Giving His Son to Save His People
	2. He Always Takes Care of Them	4. God Loves His People by Caring for Their Needs
	3. He Uses Their Sadnesses for Good	5. God Uses Everything in His People's Lives for Their Good and His Glory
	4. He Will Never Stop Loving His People	6. God Will Never Stop Loving His People
Unit 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel,	1. He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us	1. Jesus, the Servant King
God with Us Q: What Did Jesus Come to Do?	2. He Never, Ever Disobeyed God	2. Jesus, the Obedient Son
A: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!	3. He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things	3. Jesus, the Amazing Teacher
	included in DDD Unit Bible Truth 3, above	4. Jesus, the Ruler of All Creation
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, above	5. Jesus, the Lord over Life and Death
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 4, below	6. Jesus, the Forgiver of Sins
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 2, above	7. Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 1	8. Jesus, the Glory of God
	4. He Died on the Cross for God's People's Sins	9. Jesus, the Ransom for Sinners
	5. He Rose from the Dead	10. Jesus, the Conqueror of Death
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, above	11. Jesus, the Firstborn of the Resurrection
	6. He Went Up to Rule in Heaven	12. Jesus, the Reigning Son in Heaven
Unit 10: The Holy Spirit:	1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People	1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People
The Indwelling God Q: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?	2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage	2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage
A: He Changes Their Hearts!	3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom	3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom
	4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church	4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church
Unit 11: The God Who Saves Q: How Can We Be Saved?	When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them	1. God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins
A: It Is God's Free Gift!	included in DDD Unit 11, Bible Truth 2,below	2. Jesus Is the Only Way to Be Saved
	2. When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior	3. We Must Trust in Jesus as Our Savior
	3. When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts	4. The Holy Spirit Changes Our Hearts so We Can Be Saved
Unit 12: God's People Live for Him	1. By Asking God for His Help	1. God's People Grow to Be More Like Jesus
Q: How Should God's People Live? A: They Should Live Like Jesus!	2. By Loving Him Most of All	2. God's People Love Him with All of Themselves
	3. By Loving Other People As God Has Loved Them	3. God's People Love Others
	4. By Trusting God and Being Happy With What He Wants	4. God's People Trust Him
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 8, below	5. God's People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 5, below	6. God's People Obey Him
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 5, below	7. God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them
	5. By Learning God's Word and Obeying It	8. God's People Read His Word, the Bible
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 2, above	9. God's People Think about Him
	By Saying "No" to Disobeying God     By Telling the Good News of Jesus	10. God's People Say "No" to Temptation
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 4, above	11. God's People Tell Others about Him 12. God's People Suffer According to His Plan
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 4, above	13. God's People Know Heaven Is Their Home
	8. By Making Much of God	14. God's People Delight in His Glory
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Bible Truths that Match Up Across the Curriculums				
Hide 'n' Seek Kids	Deep Down Detectives	Praise Factory Investigators		
Unit 13: The Sustaining God Q: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? A: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!	1. God, Alone, Sustains God's People	1. God, Alone, Sustains God's People		
	2. God the Father Promises to Help His People	2. God the Father Promises to Help His People		
	3. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need	3. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need		
	4. The Holy Spirit Works in God's People	4. The Holy Spirit Works in God's People		
	5. The Word of God Grows God's People	5. The Word of God Grows God's People		
	6. God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other	6. God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Eac Other		
Jnit 14: The God Who Delights in Our	1. God Wants Us to Praise Him	1. God Delights in Our Adoration of Him		
Prayers	2. God Wants Us to Confess Our Sins	2. God Delights in Our Humble Confession of Sin		
Q: How Does God Want Us to Pray? A: Every Night and Day!	3. God Wants Us to Thank Him	3. God Delights in Our Thanksgiving to Him		
	4. God Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things	4. God Delights in Our Supplications to Him		
	included in DDD Unit 14 Bible Truth 4, above	5. God Always Answers Prayers		
	included in DDD Unit 14 Bible Truth 4, above	6. Jesus Is Why God Answers God's People's Prayers		
Jnit 15: God's People Gather Together Q: Why Do God's People Go to Church?	1. By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death	God's People Gather Together for a Special, Weekly     Worship Day		
A: To Worship God and Love One Another!	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 2, below	2. God's People Are Led by Godly Leaders		
Another!	2. By Learning from God's Word, the Bible	3. God's People Gather to Hear God's Word		
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 3, below	4. God's People Are Called the Body of Christ		
	3. By Caring for Each Other's Needs	5. God's People Love One Another with a Covenant Lov		
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 3, above	6. God's People Gather to Give		
	4. By Telling What God Has Done and Praying	7. God's People Gather for Fellowship		
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 4, above	8. God's People Invite Others to Gather with Them		
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 4, above	9. God's People Gather to Pray		
	5. By Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for Jesus	10. God's People Proclaim Their New Life in Christ through Baptism		
	6. By Remembering Jesus Died to Save Them	11. God's People Celebrate Christ's Redeeming Sacrific for Them		
Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King Q: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? A: God Will Make Everything New!	1. Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly	1. King Jesus Will Return to End the World		
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	2. King Jesus Will Return When God's Work on Earth is Done		
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	Like Him		
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	4. King Jesus Will Return to Bring the Wicked to Just an Final Punishment		
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	5. King Jesus Will Return to Judge God's People, Too		
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 2, below	6. King Jesus Will Be United with His Bride, God's Peopl Forever		
	2. God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever	7. King Jesus Will Reign Forever		

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 1:

Can Anybody Tell Me
What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like Anyone Else...
He Is a Glorious Spirit!

#### **Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)**

#### Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

#### Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

#### **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

#### **Let There Be Music**



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

#### **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

#### **Prepare Any Activities**



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

#### Let Them Take It with Them



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

#### Store It



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

## Unit 4: The God Like None Other

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

#### **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

#### **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

#### BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

#### **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

#### **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

#### Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

#### Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

- 35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Incline Your Ear Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV (other version)
- 37 Bible Verse: Faithful, He Is Faithful Psalm145:13,18,19, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Proclaim the Name Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Proclaim Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV

#### 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.

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

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 1 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is a Glorious Spirit

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory—the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him. Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!

But most of amazing of all will be the day when God's people see Jesus in heaven. There He will be shining brightly with the beautiful glory of God's Spirit. How wonderful that will be to see Him like that!

#### Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: John 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

**Learn a Little:** "God is spirit."

#### Meaning

Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will worship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

#### **Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- **C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- **S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 1 Story**

#### The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness

1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

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Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

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1. GETTING STAR	TED = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan	
Intake		
Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children	as they join the class:
Free Play Time		
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activitie	es suggested in Appendix C
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:	
<b>Music Time</b>	Big Q & A 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12
	Big Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
lyrics and sheet music,	Extra Unit Song:	
Appendix A	Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
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for free at https://	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
praisefactory.	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
org: Deep Down	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
Detectives	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
Music page	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Big Question 4 Praise Song:	
	God Is So Good	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song:	
	God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse Song:	
	The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe	
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Freeze 'n' Say	
<b>Memory Game</b>	Lesson 2 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice	
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Act	ivities.
2. OPENING CIRCL	 LE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle	e Time.
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Come gather here with me!	
Welcome to	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joine	ed us! Detectives are peop
Deep Down	who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives,	we look for answers to bi
Detectives	questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's \	Nord to find them."

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### Deep Down Detectives

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

## Theme Song

#### Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

#### Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand, if you have something to say,

Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,
Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

#### Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

--,

Fold your hands, Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

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#### **Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Reveal the Big Question

# Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

#### The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question &
Answer Sign, front side
\*found in the DDD Unit 4
Visual Aids. ESV Book

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

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

#### **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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**Learning about** the Big Question (use one or both) Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

#### **Big Question Action Rhyme**

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

#### (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else. He's not like you or me.

He is a glorious spirit I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be.

Shake your head side to side in a "no" point out to someone else, then to self

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head

Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

#### **Big Question** (Action Rhyme) Song

#### **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

lyrics and sheet music,

Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

And purely Righteous!

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Point out to others in a arc movement

Point up to God

Shake head "no"

Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!) He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

extend out arms to each side

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### Learning the **Bible Truth**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID All the Bible Truths Sign lacksquare "He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

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

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is a Glorious ???? !"

#### Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What does God glory shine out from? It starts with an "s" and it rhymes with "hear it."

Can you guess? It's "spirit."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is a Glorious SPIRIT!"

#### **Bible Truth** Meaning



And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory-the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him.

Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 9

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1**

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Learning the Bible Verse**

### The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

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

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

#### The Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible, Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible,

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.1 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL AID

Place verse in take out









of BOB

DDD Bible Folder

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

Let's get out the Bible. God's given us the Bible. It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

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

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

John 4:24 tells us:

#### John 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Learn a Little: "God is spirit."

#### **Bible Verse** Meaning



#### What does that mean?

Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will worship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### Bible Verse Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

The Hour Is Coming: John 4:24, ESV DDD ESV Songs 4, track 23 We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

God Is Spirit: John 4:24

God is spirit, God is spirit, And those who worship him Worship in spirit and truth. God is spirit, God is spirit, And those who worship him Worship in spirit and truth. John Four, twenty-four. DDD ESV Songs 4, track 22

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2. OPENING CIRCLE		ĺ			
Getting into the Case	"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"				
Listening Assignments	NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.				
Place in take out  Place in take out	"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today.  Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:				
VISUAL AID  #5  DDD Unit 4  Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to find out: 1. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness? 2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean?				
#6	Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is John 4:24, ESV "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."				
DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV	I need to find out:  1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed the people He had come to meet with them in the new, worship house?  2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth?				
*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures*  DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:  I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.  Our six clues were: gold; popcorn; a special box; a trumpet; a man named Hiram, and a ball.  Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.  I need to figure out:  1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?  2. Who praised the LORD on the Day of Blazing Brightness? What did they ask Him to do?				
Place story & pics in take out	Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."				
of BQB  DDD Unit 4  Visual Aids, ESV  Story text included in this book right after	Bible Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness  1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7  Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this.				
this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book	*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*				

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

#### Hymn

#### Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy).

**Tie-in:** "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

#### **Praise Song**

#### Praise Song: God Is So Good

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

# Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here Bible Verse **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Freeze 'n' Say aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice Appendix B activity for even Lesson 3 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Activity: Block Clappers Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Lullabies, Bells and Lions activity for even 서 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: Musical Squares deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions **Bible Story** A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Review Game** Lesson 1 Game: Pony Express Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Who's Inside? activity for even game directions, Lesson 3 Game: Fix Up the Mix Up deeper learning Appendix B Discussion Questions **Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Use the Discussio Sheet with this Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion Questions **Extra Crafts:** These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Big Question** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes Use the Discussio Craft Sheet with these the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for activities for even in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning Discussion craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. **Bible Verse Craft Ouestions** in Appendix C The **Bible Story Coloring Sheet** provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Free Play Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.

**Activities** *ideas in Appendix D* 

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#### **Transition to Closing Circle**

= short & simple lesson plan

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

#### Classroom Song, verse 3

#### Classroom Song, verse 3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

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

#### **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and...it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell,

Can you tell me now?

#### **Big News to Tell**

"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

#### **Big Question 4**

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AID #1

First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What **the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13

#### Big Question 4, **Bible Truth 1**

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AID

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

#### He is a Glorious Spirit!

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me?

#### **Big Question 4 Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse**

VISUAL AID



Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

We learned: John 4:24, ESV

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Learn a Little: "God is spirit."

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

This verse tells us that God is spirit. It also tells us that if we want to be true followers, true worshippers of God, that we will worship Him with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 22

#### 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Closing ACTS Prayer Time**

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant**

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

#### lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 10,11

A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- **A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- C God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- **S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

#### Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

#### **Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets**

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.

in Appendix C



(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

#### **Bible Story to** Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons

#### The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness

1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7





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#### **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

#### INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness?
- 2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

Our Bible Verse is John 4:24, ESV

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

I need to find out:

- 1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed the people He had come to meet with them in the new, worship house?
- 2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

Our six clues were: gold; popcorn; a special box; a trumpet; a man named Hiram, and a ball. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who praised the LORD on the Day of Blazing Brightness? What did they ask Him to do?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

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The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

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

King David lived in a big, beautiful house made of the finest wood, but the Ark of the Covenant (the special, golden box where God would meet with His people) lived in a tent.

"Why should I live in a palace and God meet with us in just a tent! I want to build a fine, worship house for the LORD," he told Nathan, God's messenger.

But Nathan told King David, "The LORD says, "No, I don't want you to build the Worship House for Me. I want your son, Solomon to build it. He will build it when he becomes king, after you die."

David obeyed the LORD. He did not build the Worship House; BUT, he did do something to get ready for it.

Can you guess what he did?

King David saved up lots of golden money. He would make sure that Solomon could buy everything needed to build the beautiful Worship House when he became king.

At last, David died and Solomon became king. Solomon didn't forget that he was to build the Worship House for the LORD. He went right to work!

Solomon hired thousands of workers. He sent some of them to Lebanon, a nearby country where there were the best building supplies. "Go to the forests of Lebanon and cut down lots of the tall, cedar trees. Float them down the sea and bring them here to Jerusalem," the king told the workers.

Other workers he sent deep down to the stone quarries. "Go down to the (SB8) quarries and cut huge blocks of the beautiful, white, limestone. Drag them up here," Solomon told others. "This Worship House will be made from the best wood and the most beautiful stone!" he exclaimed.

The men worked hard. They brought all the wood and the stone to Jerusalem. Now it was time to build!

King Solomon searched for the best builder he could find. He chose a man named Hiram. "Hiram, take all of this wood and limestone. Build the best Worship House you can. My workers will help you. Carve it with beautiful designs. Decorate it will fine cloth. Cover it with gold, too. Nothing is too good for the LORD's Worship House. It will be His Temple," Solomon told him.

Hiram and the workers worked for a long, long time. They used the wood and the stones, the fine cloth, and the gold to make the Temple. The LORD helped Hiram make it just right.

Hiram used the white limestone on the outside of the Worship House. It glistened in the sun. It reminded the people of the LORD's glory--the beautiful shiny, brightness that shines out from His Spirit.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1

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

Hiram used the wood inside the Temple to make walls. He covered the floors and walls in gold. He carved in angels, trees, fruits and flowers. He added beautiful, sparkly jewels. The Temple would remind the people of the beautiful Garden that God gave people at the beginning of the world. There, Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect closeness with God before they disobeyed Him.

Best of all, was the little room where the Ark of the Covenant would be. God would meet with His people there. It was hidden behind curtains decorated with angels and trees. Everything in this room was covered in gold! When Hiram finished everything, it was time to gather the people.

At last the Worship House was done. Can you guess what it was time for now?

Can you guess?

It was time for everyone to worship the LORD!

King Solomon sent messages to the people, far and wide: "The Worship House is done. It's time to get ready to worship the LORD!"

"People, bring your worship gifts of sheep and goats and cows. Come and gather with me at the great altar outside the Worship House," the king told them. "Come, priests and Levites! You are the only ones allowed to carry the Ark and other special, worship things into the new, Worship House. It's time to put them in," the king ordered. "Come, worship leaders, get ready to lead us! Wash yourselves and put on your special, white, worship clothes. Get your musical instruments ready to play," Solomon told them. "You're going to lead us all in worshipping the LORD."

Everyone did what King Solomon told them to do. "Maa, maa, baa, baa, moo, moo!" The people came with thousands and thousands of worship gifts of sheep and goats and cows. They gathered together with the King by the altar outside of the Temple, the new Worship House.

"Wash, wash, scrub, scrub," the worship leaders washed themselves and put on their special, white clothes. They got out their musical instruments and tuned them up. There were trumpets and cymbals and harps and lyres. Everyone waited by the altar. What were they waiting for?

Can you guess?

It was the Ark and all of the other special worship things! And here they came: the priests and Levites carrying them all from the tent and to the new Worship House. And as they came, King Solomon and the people began to offer their worship gifts to the LORD.

Everyone watched as the Levites and priests set all the golden, worship things in place in the big room. Then last of all, they put the Ark beneath the cherubim in its special, little room. As the priests and Levites came out of the Temple, the musicians picked up their instruments and began to play and sing, "Praise to the LORD, for He is good, for His love goes on and on and on." How happy they were that the Ark of the Covenant had come home to the new Worship House!

King Solomon and the people kept offering thieir worship gifts. Higher and higher and higher the worship gifts piled up. Oh, how everyone wanted to honor the LORD!

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

Then, shhhh! Everyone got very quiet as King Solomon led them in a prayer to the LORD.

Solomon spread out his hands before God and prayed: "LORD, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth. You are too great to live in this Worship House. The whole world isn't even big enough to hold You," the king prayed. "But please, LORD, make this a special, Worship House where all people can come and pray to You, and praise You, and bring their worship gifts to You. Please have Your special presence dwell here. Accept our prayers," he prayed.

The LORD heard King Solomon's prayer. He WOULD have His special presence dwell there at the Worship House. He WOULD listen to their prayers and receive their praises and worship gifts!

But how would King Solomon and the people know that the LORD answered their prayer? After all, the LORD is a Spirit. They could not see Him with their eyes. They could not touch Him with their hands. How would they know if His special presence had really come to dwell in the new Worship House?

Can you guess what the LORD would do?

King Solomon and the people did not have to wait long to find out. Suddenly, there was a bright flash of light and a big wave of heat as the LORD sent a great fire down from heaven that whooshed down and burned up that huge pile of worship gifts on the altar. That was one, amazing "yes" answer to their prayers!

But that was not all. Next, the LORD did something even more amazing than that great fire from heaven. Something that would show the people FOR SURE that He can chosen the special, Worship House as His meeting place with them.

Can you guess what He did?

God showed the people some of His beautiful, shiny glory--the wonderful, shiny brightness that shines out from His Spirit.

Yes! King Solomon, the priests, Levites, worship leaders, and all the people watched as God's beautiful glory came down from heaven like a great, sparkly cloud. It covered up the top of the whole Worship House. And inside, it filled so full that none of the worship leaders could even go in!

Now everyone really knew that the LORD had said "yes" to all of their prayers!

He had accepted all their worship gifts and showed them some of His glory. His presence would dwell in the worship house. He would meet with the people there.

Then, everyone including the great, King Solomon, himself, fell down flat on his face and worshiped the LORD. They gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "Praise to the LORD, for He is good, for His love goes on and on and on."

And they stayed right there next to the Worship House for seven, whole days, worshipping and celebrating with a big party.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1

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

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- **1.** What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness? The new Worship House was finished and ready to be used for worship.
- 2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean? The blazing brightness was the glory of the LORD that came down from heaven and filled the special worship house. It was how the LORD showed the people that He would meet with them in the new Worship House.

#### For You and Me:

How wonderful it must have been to see the beautiful glory of the LORD's Spirit that day! But how more amazing it is that God's own Son, Jesus would come to earth to live among us, and to suffer and die for our sins! He can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, He will send the Holy Spirit to live inside our very hearts and meet with us, His dearly-loved people, there!

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is John 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

- 1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed He had come to meet with the people in the new Worship House? He let them see the blazing brightness from the glory of His Spirit as it came down and filled the new Worship House.
- 2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth? They brought their worship gifts to the LORD. They sang praises to Him. They prayed to Him and bowed before Him.

#### For You and Me:

God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth, too. How can we do that? We can sing praises to Him and pray to Him, like those people did long ago. Most of all, we can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can help us do this. Ask Him!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: gold; popcorn; a special box; a trumpet; a man named Hiram, and a ball.

#### 1. Which four belong in our story?

The gold; the special box; the trumpet; and, Hiram.

2. Who praised the LORD on the Day of Blazing Brightness? What did they ask Him to do? The King, the worship leaders and all the people praised the LORD. King Solomon asked the LORD to make the special, worship house the place where He would meet with them.

#### For You and Me:

Long ago, the people needed the special, worship house to meet with God, but no more! Jesus came and He made the way for us to meet with God and be His people without the special, worship house. Jesus paid for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead on the third day, showing He had done it! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, can be saved. They can know special closeness with God in their hearts by His Holy Spirit. And one day, they will go to live with Him in all His glory forever! God can help us become His people. Ask Him!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### **Our Bible Truth is:**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is a Glorious Spirit!

God is a glorious Spirit who we cannot see. But God sent Jesus, His Son to earth to be our Savior. He was still God, but now He was human, too. How amazing!

And what did Jesus have to do to be our Savior? He lived a perfect life, then He gave it up as He suffered and died on the cross. He took the punishment for sin that we deserve so we could be God's people. He was our special worship gift. The last one we would ever need. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for us. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven. They will enjoy wonderful special closeness with God as His people, now. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. God can help you become one of His people, too. Ask Him! He loves to do this!

Close in prayer.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1

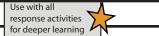
#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- **C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- T Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- **S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

#### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons



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

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

#### **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

# **Discussion Questions**

#### choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is a Glorious Spirit!

#### Meaning

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory--the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him. Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing! But most of amazing of all will be the day when God's people see Jesus in heaven. There He will be shining brightly with the beautiful glory of God's Spirit. How wonderful that will be to see Him like that!

# Discussion **Questions**

#### choose a few

- 1. Who is a glorious spirit? God.
- 2. Can we see or touch spirit? No.
- 3. How can we know God if we can't see or touch spirit? We can know Him through the spirit He put inside each of us. We can read what the Bible tells us about Him. Jesus, God's Son came to earth and showed us what God was like because He is God.
- 4. What is the name of the shiny brightness of God's pure goodness and greatness? *God's glory*.
- Who will God's people see in heaven with God's glory shining out from Him? Jesus.

#### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

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

#### **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! And what did Jesus have to do to be our Savior? He lived a perfect life, then He gave it up as He suffered and died on the cross. He took the punishment for sin that we deserve so we could be God's people. He was our special worship gift. The last one we would ever need. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for us. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven. They will enjoy wonderful special closeness with God as His people, now. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. God can help you become one of His people, too. Ask Him! He loves to do this!

# BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." -- John 4:24, ESV

Learn a Little: "God is spirit."

#### Meaning

choose a few

Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will worship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Who is spirit? God is.
- 2. What did God give us so we can worship Him? A spirit.
- 3. How do we worship God in spirit and in truth? By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.
- 4. Who does God put inside us when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? His Holy Spirit.
- 5. What does God's Holy Spirit do inside the hearts of believers? *He helps them live out their faith in God. He helps them know God more and love Him more.*

#### **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness

# Discussion Questions

choose a few

- 1. What did David want to build for the LORD? A worship house.
- 2. Who did the LORD want to build the worship house? Solomon, David's son.
- 3. Why did Solomon use only the best things to build the worship house? *Nothing was too good for the LORD.*
- 4. How long did Hiram work on the worship house? A long time.
- 5. What did Solomon tell the people to come to the worship house to do when it was finished? *To bring worship gifts and come to worship the LORD.*
- 6. How many worship gifts did the people bring? Thousands and thousands.
- 7. What did the worship leaders do? They sang songs and played music. They wore special white clothes. They helped with the worship gifts.
- 8. Where did they put the Special Golden Box? In the small room called the Holy of Holies.
- 9. What did Solomon ask God to do in his prayer? *Make the worship house the place of His special presence; hear their prayers when they pray.*
- 10. How did the LORD show Solomon and all the people that He would do what they asked for? He sent fire down from heaven to burn up all the worship gifts. His glory came down from heaven. It filled the small room where the Special Golden Box (the Ark of the Covenant) was and it settled over the worship house for all to see.
- 11. What did the people do when they saw the LORD's glory? They fell down and praised the LORD. They worshipped Him for seven days.
- 12. Will we ever get to see God's glory, if we trust in Jesus as our Savior? Where? Yes, we will. When we die and go to live with God we will get to see all His glory.

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 2:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He is the One, True God!

#### Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

#### Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

#### Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

#### **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

#### **Let There Be Music**



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

#### **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

#### **Prepare Any Activities**



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

#### Let Them Take It with Them



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

#### Store It



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

#### Unit 4: The God Like None Other

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

#### **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

#### **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:8,10

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

#### BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

#### **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

#### **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

#### Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

#### Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

- 35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Incline Your Ear Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV (other version)
- 37 Bible Verse: Faithful, He Is Faithful Psalm145:13,18,19, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Proclaim the Name Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Proclaim Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV

#### 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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#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 2 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is the One, True God!

People look for a god to worship: someone or something that they honor as best; who is most important to them; who they will love most of all; and, serve. And, someone or thing they can depend on to take care of them.

Sometimes, people make their own gods. They cut them out of wood or stone and worship them. Sometimes, people make things their god. They make having many nice things most important. They trust in their money to take care of them. They never seem to have enough of it. Sometimes people worship other people or even themselves! People are most important to them. They change what they say and do to please them, even if it's wrong. What others think of them matters to them too much.

Money, people, and even wood and stone are all good things, but they were not meant to be worshipped. There is really only one SOMEONE we are made to worship: it is the LORD, the one, true God. The LORD made heaven and earth and everything in it... even us! He is all-loving and all-good. He knows everything there is to know and He can do whatever He wants to do. He's the one who can we can depend on to take care of us. He is the only one who is really worthy of our worship. There is no one like Him.

Seek after the LORD! Live for Him! He promises that all who seek Him will find Him. How wonderful it is to know and live for the LORD, the one, true God!

#### Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 86:8,10, ESV

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

Learn a Little: "O LORD ... you alone are God."

#### Meaning:

This verse tells us that there is no one like the LORD. If we compare anyone else's deeds to the LORD's, it is easy to see just how great He is. He alone is God and worthy of our worship.

#### **Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You!
- **C** LORD, we should love and worship You alone, but many times we choose to worship other gods. We don't live for You. We don't honor You as best and most important. We don't depend on You to take care of us. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, LORD, making us to know and worship You. Thank You for making the way for us to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus. Thank You that now we can know and worship You because of Him.
- **S** Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 2 Story**

**The Case of the Fight with Fire** 1 Kings 18

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

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1. GETTING STAR	FED = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan	
Intake Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children	as they join the class:
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Free Play Time		
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities	es suggested in Appendix D
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:	
Music Time	Big Q & A 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12
	Big Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1.
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Extra Unit Song:	
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	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 18
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD FCV Com on 4 two de 1
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 19
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	DDD ESV Sonas A track 2
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children Big Question 4 Praise Song:	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20
	God Is So Good	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21
	Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:	LOD LOV Sorigs 4, track 21
	Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 24
	Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song:	Lov Songs 4, track 2-
	O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 25
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory	Activity. These activities are listed
00 011 1	on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe	naix B.
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack	
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How	
instructions found in Appendix B	Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss	
2. OPENING CIRCL	E TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	
Gathering the	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle Time.	
Children		DDD 561/6
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather here with me!	
	Come gamer nere with me:	
Welcome to	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joine	
Deep Down	who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives,	-
Detectives	questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's \	Nord to find them"

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2**

use with all THREE lessons

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### Deep Down **Detectives** Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

#### **Deep Down Detectives Theme Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

#### Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand, if you have something to say,

Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you, Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules.

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

#### **Opening Prayer Time**

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lvrics and sheet music. Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands,

Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

#### **Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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## Reveal the Big Question

# Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

#### The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question &
Answer Sign, front side
\*found in the DDD Unit 4
Visual Aids. ESV Book

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

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

#### **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

## **Big Question Action Rhyme**

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

#### (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else.

He's not like you or me. He is a glorious spirit I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be. Shake your head side to side in a "no" point out to someone else, then to self

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head

Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

#### Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song

#### **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like?

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Point out to others in a arc movement

Point up to God

Shake head "no"

You might also enjoy:

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!)
He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

extend out arms to each side

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2**

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### Learning the Bible Truth

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VISUAL AID All the Bible Truths Sign "He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

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Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned one truth about what the LORD is like. It's this one: "He is a Glorious Spirit" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

#### "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is the ???? True God!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "How many true Gods are there? It starts with an "o" and it rhymes with "done."

Hint

Can you guess? It's "One."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

#### "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

He Is the ONE, True God!"

#### Bible Truth Meaning

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

People look for a god to worship: someone or something that they honor as best; who is most important to them; who they will love most of all; and, serve. And, someone or thing they can depend on to take care of them.

Sometimes, people make their own gods. They cut them out of wood or stone and worship them. Sometimes, people make things their god. They make having many nice things most important. They trust in their money to take care of them. They never seem to have enough of it. Sometimes people worship other people or even themselves! People are most important to them. They change what they say and do to please them, even if it's wrong. What others think of them matters to them too much.

Money, people, and even wood and stone are all good things, but they were not meant to be worshipped. There is really only one SOMEONE we are made to worship: it is the LORD, the one, true God. The LORD made heaven and earth and everything in it... even us! He is all-loving and all-good. He knows everything there is to know and He can do whatever He wants to do. He's the one who can we can depend on to take care of us. He is the only one who is really worthy of our worship. There is no one like Him.

Seek after the LORD! Live for Him! He promises that all who seek Him will find Him. How wonderful it is to know and live for the LORD, the one, true God!

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DDD ESV Songs 4, track 9

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2** use with all THREE lessons

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### **Learning the Bible Verse**

## The Bible Chant

Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

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

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

#### **The Bible Chant Song**

The Bible, the Bible,

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.2 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL Place verse in take out AID







DDD Bible Folder

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

Let's get out the Bible. Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible, God's given us the Bible.

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

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

Psalm 86:8,10 tells us:

#### Psalm 86:8,10

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

**Learn a Little:** "O LORD ... you alone are God."

#### **Bible Verse** Meaning

#### What does that mean?

This verse tells us that there is no one like the LORD. If we compare anyone else's deeds to the LORD's, it is easy to see just how great He is. He alone is God and worthy of our worship.

**Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2** 

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### Bible Verse Song

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

#### Among the Gods: Psalm 86:8-10

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 24

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

O Lord of Hosts: Isaiah 37:16, ESV DDD ESV Songs 4, track 25 Among the gods, there is none like you, O LORD; Nor are there works like yours.

For you are great

and do wondrous things, O Lord,

You alone are God.

Psalm Eighty-six, eight and ten.

#### DDD Unit 4. Bible Truth 2 Lesson Plan--Use All Three Lessons **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2** use with all THREE lessons 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan **Getting into**

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

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## **Assignments**

NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.

Place in take out "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today.

Bible of BQB

Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:

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DDD Unit 4

I need to know:

**Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** 

- 1. What was the fight about?
- 2. Who won the fight? How did He use fire to show He had won?

Visual Aids, ESV VISUAL AID



DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** 

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:8,10:

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours... For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

I need to know:

- 1. What wondrous thing did the LORD do with fire?
- 2. Who had to agree that there is no god like the LORD?

VISUAL AID



**Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:** 

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a bull; a god named Baal; a bush; dancing men; a pan; and, fire. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

- I need to know: 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who praised the Lord for being the one, true God?

\*Listening Assignment #3 *includes the Assignment* Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures\*

> DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV

**Tell the Bible Story** 

**Then say,** "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."



Place story



of BQB

DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV

Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book

#### Bible Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire

1 Kings 18

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this.

\*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\*

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

#### Hymn

#### Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children,

**Tie-in:** "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

#### **Praise Song**

#### Praise Song: God Is So Good

God is love (powerful, holy).

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

## Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Bible Verse Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How activity for even Appendix B Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Activity: Thumping Drums Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Say, Spring Up and Shout activity for even 서 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: Freeze Frame deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Bible Story** Lesson 1 Game: Take Me through the Tunnel **Review Game** Use the Discussion Lesson 2 Game: Missing in Action Sheet with this Lesson 3 Game: Treasure Hunt activity for even game directions, deeper learning Appendix B Discussion **Ouestions Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Sheet with this activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion **Ouestions** These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Extra Crafts:** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes **Big Question** Use the Discussion the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for Craft Sheet with these activities for even in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. Discussion **Bible Verse Craft** in Appendix C The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D. Free Play

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**Activities** *ideas in Appendix D* 

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



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**Transition to Closing Circle** 

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

#### Classroom Song, verse 3

#### Classroom Song, verse 3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

#### **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell,

Can you tell me now?

#### **Big News to Tell**

#### **Big Question 4**

VISUAL AID



\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

#### Big Question 4, **Bible Truth 2**

VISUAL AID



"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What **the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture.* 

#### He Is the One, True God!

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

#### Big Question 4, **Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse**

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\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### We learned: Psalm 86:8,10:

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

Learn a Little: "O LORD ... you alone are God."

#### What does that mean?

This verse tells us that there is no one like the LORD. If we compare anyone else's deeds to the LORD's, it is easy to see just how great He is. He alone is God and worthy of our worship.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 24

#### 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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## Closing ACTS Prayer Time

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

#### ACTS Prayer Chant

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

#### lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 10,11

A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins.

C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus, S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him. That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

#### Closing ACTS Prayer

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- A We praise You, LORD, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You!
- **C** LORD, we should love and worship You alone, but many times we choose to worship other gods. We don't live for You. We don't honor You as best and most important. We don't depend on You to take care of us. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank You, LORD, making us to know and worship You. Thank You for making the way for us to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus. Thank You that now we can know and worship You because of Him.
- **S** Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

## Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up." Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

#### Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.



(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

#### Bible Story to Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons

Place story in take out

of BQB

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#### The Case of the Fight with Fire

1 Kings 18

#### **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

#### INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Fight with Fire. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to know:

- 1. What was the fight about?
- 2. Who won the fight? How did He use fire to show He had won?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:8,10:

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

I need to know:

- 1. What wondrous thing did the LORD do with fire?
- 2. Who had to agree that there is no god like the LORD?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a bull; a god named Baal; a bush; dancing men; a pan; and, fire.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who praised the Lord for being the one, true God?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

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

The LORD and the people of Israel made big promises to each other.

The LORD promised that He would always love them and take care of them. He would keep them safe and give them everything they needed to be happy. Best of all, He would give them Himself to know and enjoy forever.

The people of Israel promised the LORD something in return, too. Can you guess what that might be?

Can you guess?

They promised to love the LORD.

Now, that might sound very simple at first. But the love the LORD wanted His people to have for Him was not a little, tiny love—like a love that wakes up in the morning and says "Good morning, LORD! I love you," but then forgets Him the rest of the day.

No, the kind of love the LORD asked for was a love that loved Him with their whole lives, through the whole day, in everything they did and said and even thought. It meant obeying all of His good laws and worshipping Him as the One, True God.It meant obeying His good laws about loving others, too. So you see, this was a very BIG love that the LORD asked the people to promise Him... and they happily promised Him they would.

But it is one thing to make promises and it's another thing to keep them, especially big promises like the ones the LORD and the people of Israel made to each other. And while the LORD kept His promises to the people of Israel. the people did NOT.

They forgot Him as they lived each day. They broke His good laws. They stopped worshipping Him as the One, True God and turned to worship other, fake gods instead....especially the fake god that their neighbors worshipped: a fake god named Baal. And their king--King Ahab--led the way.

Baal was supposed to be the god who gave people rain, good crops, and big families. Those were the three, big things that the people especially cared about then. Can you guess what the three things might be?

Can you guess?

They were rain, good crops, and big families!

Now you might think of three OTHER things you especially care about, but back in those days there were no grocery stores or hospitals. You needed rain to grow your food and keep you and your animals alive. And since there weren't really doctors back then, getting sick was very scary. Rain, big families, and good crops meant LIFE to these people! Rain, big families and good food meant LIFE to these people! Who could want to worship Baal if he could give them that!

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

But what about the people of Israel? Didn't they need rain, big families, and good food to live, too? Yes, they did! But they SHOULDN'T have turned to Baal for them. Who SHOULD they have turned to instead?

Can you tell me?

They SHOULD have turned to the LORD. He had already made big promises to always love them and take care of them. Hadn't He always provided them with rain, big families, and good food in the past? Wouldn't He keep on giving these good gifts to them? Of course, He would! The LORD never breaks His promises!

But, the people of Israel chose to forget all of this. They chose to worship the fake god, Baal, instead. Their king,

This was sad news! This was BAD news! The people of Israel had turned away from the LORD. They had broken their promises to Him. What would the LORD do? Would He turn away from them and stop caring for them, as they deserved?

What do you think the LORD did?

The LORD COULD have done that, but He did not. He chose to go on loving them. He would bring them back to Him. He would show them in a mighty way that Baal was just a fake, and that He, the LORD, was the one, true God. And He would do it by stopping the very thing that Baal was supposed to be in charge of: the rain.

The LORD sent His special messenger, Elijah, to tell King Ahab and the people what He was going to do.

"The LORD says: 'You have broken your promise to love Me," Elijah told them. ""You have chosen to worship Baal as giver of rain, big families, and good food, but he isn't. He is just a fake god. He is not the One True God. I am, as I am going to show you!" the LORD told the people.

"I am going to take away all the rain. I am going to take away all the good food from you...the food you need so you can have big families. And no matter how much anyone prays to Baal, there will be no more rain or good food until I say so. Then you will see that I, not Baal, am the One True God," the LORD warned the people through Elijah.

Those were big words. Could the LORD really do this? Could He really stop Baal's power? Everyone waited and watched.

What do you think happened?

Sure enough, day after day after day went by and there was no rain.

The water in the streams dried up. The good food that should have grown in the fields, died. The big families and their animals grew hungry and thirsty. They took their worship gifts to Baal and prayed, "Oh, Baal, send us the rain we need to grow good food and feed our big families."

But for one, two, THREE whole years, no matter how much anyone prayed to Baal, there was no rain or good food. Oh, how sad the neighbors were! Oh, how sad the people of Israel were!

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

At last, the LORD knew the people had learned enough from their suffering. They were ready for the great showdown. The big fight with fire that would make it clear to them and their neighbors who the one, true God really was.

Elijah went back to King Ahab with a new message: "The LORD says: 'For three years I've taken away your rain and good food. It has been hard to feed your big families. I did this because the people and you chose to stop worshipping Me and obeying My good laws. I wanted you to see that I am the one, true God, not Baal," the LORD said.

"I'm not done yet. There's more thing I want to do. Gather all of the people and all of the messengers of Baal on top of Mount Carmel. There, you will see who really is the One, True God," the LORD promised.

King Ahab obeyed. Up, up, up to the top of dry Mount Carmel went Elijah, with King Ahab, the people of Israel, and the messengers of Baal. It was time for the big showdown.

Elijah gathered them all together and said, "The time has come to see who is the One, True God. If it is Baal, follow him. If it is the LORD, follow Him."

"I am the only messenger of the LORD here, but Baal has many messengers," Elijah told them. "We will each give a worship gift of a bull to our god. Baal's messengers will give Baal their worship gift; and I will give my worship gift to the LORD," Elijah explained.

"But we're going to make this a fight with fire between the LORD and Baal," Elijah said. "We won't light the wood under the worship gifts, like we usually do. We will leave that to the One, True God. We will ask Him to send down fire from heaven to burn up the worship offering," Elijah told them.

"This shouldn't be hard for Baal. He's the rain god. He can throw down one of his lightning bolts and set the worship gift on fire," Elijah said. "I will even let the messengers of Baal go first."

Everyone agreed. The messengers of Baal took a bull and set it on top of some stones and firewood. Their worship offering was ready. They began shouting their prayers to Baal: "O great Baal, show that you are the One, True God! Accept our worship gift! Send fire to burn it up!" they prayed.

What do you think happened?

Nothing happened at all. But Baal's messengers didn't give up. Next, they tried shouting louder and dancing a worship dance to Baal. But still, nothing happened. On and on, all day, Baal's messengers tried many things; but still no fire came down.

At last they gave up. it was Elijah's turn. With twelve, big stones, Elijah rebuilt the altar to the LORD. He put lots of wood. on it, and the bull on top of the wood. He had men pour lots and lots of water on the everything to make it even harder to burn up.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons

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

Then Elijah prayed to the LORD: "O LORD, let it be known today that You are the God of Israel and I am Your servant. Answer me that the people may know that You, O LORD, are the One, True God, and that You have turned their hearts back to loving and obeying You."

What do you think happened? Would the LORD send down fire?

What do you think?

Yes, He would! All of a sudden, a huge, hot, blaze of fire down from heaven. WHOOSH! It burned up the bull, the wood, the water, the stones and even the soil. Can you imagine! Fire so hot that it could burn up stones!!!

When all the people saw this, they fell down on their faces and said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is the One True God!"

Then they turned on the messengers of Baal and got rid of them all. At last, the people of Israel had turned back to obeying and worship the LORD! And at last, it was time for rain.

Elijah bowed down low to the ground, with his face between his knees, and prayed to the LORD. The skies soon grew black with clouds and a great rain began to fall. All the people rejoiced in the rain and the good food that would grow again now. And which God did they thank?

Can you tell me?

They thanked the LORD! For now it was very, very clear: Baal was only a fake god; and the LORD was the One, True God. There was no other God, and there never will be.

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#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2

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

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

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to know:

- **1. What was the fight about?** Who was the real One, True God.
- **2. Who won the fight?** How did He use fire to show He had won? The LORD won. He sent down fire from heaven and burned up the worship gifts.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD was the one, true God long ago when this story took place. He is STILL the one, true God today! He wants us to know Him and obey Him, just like He wanted the people of Israel to, long ago. How can we do this? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer these prayers!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:8,10:

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

#### I need to know:

- **1. What wondrous thing did the LORD do with fire?** He sent down fire from heaven and burned up the worship gifts.
- 2. Who had to agree that there is no god like the LORD? Everyone!

#### For You and Me:

Everyone was amazed when the LORD sent fire down to burn up the worship gifts and even the rocks around the altar! The people had to agree that there was no god like the LORD. He was the one, true God, then and He is still, today! And the LORD is still doing amazing deeds. The most amazing of all is His offer to be our Savior. Yes! Even though we have all disobeyed Him and deserve His punishment, He offers us His forgiveness and to make us His people. How? When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: a bull; a god named Baal; a bush; dancing men; a pan; and, fire.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

#### I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The bull, the god named Baal, the dancing men and the fire belong. The bush and the pan do not.
- **2.** Who praised the LORD for being the one, true **God?** Elijah and all the people of Israel.

#### For You and Me:

The people of Israel turned away from worshipping Baal and returned to praise the LORD after they saw Him sent fire down from heaven. He was the one, true God. There was no other god they should ever worship besides Him! There is no god we should worship other than the LORD, too. We can start to worship Him by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer these prayers!

#### **The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### **Our Bible Truth is:**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is the One, True God!

The people of Israel are not the only people who disobey the LORD and choose to worship other things. We have all chosen to disobey Him. We have all chosen to worship other things besides Him. How we deserve His punishment!

But how kind is the LORD! He offers us forgiveness through His Son, Jesus! Jesus suffered and died on the cross as the perfect payment for our sins. He rose from the dead on the third day, showing He had really beaten sin and death for us. How can Jesus be OUR Savior? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we become God's people. We will know special closeness with Him in our hearts now. And one day, we will go to live with Him forever. God loves to help us trust in Jesus! Ask Him!

Close in prayer.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- **A** We praise You, LORD, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You!
- C LORD, we should love and worship You alone, but many times we choose to worship other gods. We don't live for You. We don't honor You as best and most important. We don't depend on You to take care of us. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank You, LORD, making us to know and worship You. Thank You for making the way for us to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus. Thank You that now we can know and worship You because of Him.
- **S** Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

#### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

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

#### **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

## Discussion **Questions**

choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else..He Is the One, True God!

#### Meaning

People look for a god to worship: someone or something that they honor as best; who is most important to them; who they will love most of all; and, serve. And, someone or thing they can depend on to take care of them.

Sometimes, people make their own gods. They cut them out of wood or stone and worship them. Sometimes, people make things their god. They make having many nice things most important. They trust in their money to take care of them. They never seem to have enough of it. Sometimes people worship other people or even themselves! People are most important to them. They change what they say and do to please them, even if it's wrong. What others think of them matters to them too much.

Money, people, and even wood and stone are all good things, but they were not meant to be worshipped. There is really only one SOMEONE we are made to worship: it is the LORD, the one, true God. The LORD made heaven and earth and everything in it... even us! He is all-loving and all-good. He knows everything there is to know and He can do whatever He wants to do. He's the one who can we can depend on to take care of us. He is the only one who is really worthy of our worship. There is no one like Him.

Seek after the LORD! Live for Him! He promises that all who seek Him will find Him. How wonderful it is to know and live for the LORD, the one, true God!

## Discussion Questions

choose a few

- 1. What do all people look for to worship? Someone or something that they honor as best, love the most, and depend on to take care of them.
- 2. What kinds of things do people worship? Fake gods of wood and stone; money; even, people.
- 3. Who is the only one we should worship? The LORD.
- 4. Who is the only one who we can really depend on to take care of us? The LORD.
- 5. How do we seek after the LORD and find Him? By talking to the LORD. By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this and find Him!

#### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

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

#### **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! The LORD is the one, true God. We should all obey Him. But, we all say "no" to God and we deserve God's punishment! How sad! But, oh, how kind is the LORD! He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us! Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, He offered it up as the full payment for our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus didn't stay dead. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for God's people. We can be God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we will get to know God in our hearts, now. And one day, we will go to live with God forever. Ask God to help you trust in Jesus. He loves to answer this prayer.

## BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God." --Psalm 86:8,10, ESV

Learn a Little: "O LORD ... you alone are God."

#### Meaning

This verse tells us that there is no one like the LORD. If we compare anyone else's deeds to the LORD's, it is easy to see just how great He is. He alone is God and worthy of our worship!

## Discussion Questions

- 1. What other god is like the Lord? None.
- 2. Who else does works as great as the Lord's? No one.
- 3. What are some of the Lord's great and wondrous works? He created the whole world and keeps it going. He takes care of His people every day of their lives. He saved them from their sins through Jesus. He raised Jesus from the dead.
- 4. What great and wondrous work can God do in us? He can help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can make us His people!

#### **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Fight with Fire

choose a few

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What was the name of the idol the Israelites worshipped? Baal.
- 2. What did the people of Israel want Baal to give them? Rain, big families and good food.
- 3. Who did God keep loving even when they broke their promises to love and obey Him? *The people of Israel.*
- 4. What did the LORD show the people by taking away the rain? *That He (not Baal) was not the one, true God.*
- 5. Why didn't Baal send fire to burn up the worship gift? He was just a fake god.
- 6. What did the fire from the LORD burn up? The bull, the water, the wood and even the stones.
- 7. Who did the people of Israel see was the one, true God? *The LORD*.
- 8. What did the people of Israel do when they saw the LORD was the one, true God? *They turned away from worshiping Baal and began to worship the LORD again*.
- 9. How are we like the people who worshipped Baal? We often choose to trust in things other than God. We often do not worship the LORD and obey His good ways as we should.
- 10. What does the LORD want us to turn away from? Who does He want us to worship and put our trust in? He wants us to turn away from our sins and worship Him instead. He wants us to trust in Jesus as our Savior.

# DEEP DOWN DESTECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 3:

Can Anybody Tell Me
What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons!

#### **Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)**

#### Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

#### Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

#### **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

#### **Let There Be Music**



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

#### **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

#### **Prepare Any Activities**



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

#### Let Them Take It with Them



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

#### Store It



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

#### Unit 4: The God Like None Other

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

#### **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

#### **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

#### BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

#### **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

#### **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

#### Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

#### Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

- 35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Incline Your Ear Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV (other version)
- 37 Bible Verse: Faithful, He Is Faithful Psalm145:13,18,19, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Proclaim the Name Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Proclaim Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV

#### 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.

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

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

## Bible Truth 3 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

God is just one God, but He is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always enjoyed perfect love and happiness within Himself. He has never needed anyone else to be happy.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do wonderful and mighty things. God the Father has plans for the world. Jesus is God's Son. He does what the Father plans. He came to earth to save God's people. The Holy Spirit is God, too. He also does what the Father plans. He works in God's people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him. One God, but three Persons! Who has ever heard of that?! God is not like anyone else, is He?

#### Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

**Learn a Little:** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

#### Meaning

What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

#### **Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!
- **C** God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing You.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know Your wonderful love. Give us what we need to live for You, through Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and change us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 3 Story**

#### The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One

Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34

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#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 3

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Song May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

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Free Play Time suggestions in Appendix D	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children  Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities  Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:  Big Q & A 4 Song  Big Question 4 Song	es suggested in Appendix D	
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	Rig Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1.	
	big Question 1 song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1	
lyrics and sheet music,	Extra Unit Song:		
Appendix A	Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1-	
	Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
listen to or	O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1	
download songs for free at https://	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
praisefactory.	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1	
org: Deep Down	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	<b>3</b> ,	
Detectives	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1	
Music page	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	<b>3</b>	
	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1	
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	5	
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1	
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	3 ,	
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2	
	Big Question 4 Praise Song:	3 .	
	God Is So Good	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 27	
	Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:	3	
	May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20	
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appendix B.		
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Block Clapping		
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up		
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Bean Bag Catch		
	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities.		
2. OPENING CIRCLE	TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)		
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle	Time.	
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track	
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'''	Let's gather together to worship God,		
•	Let's gather together to worship God,		
	Come gather here with me!		
Deep Down	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joine who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's N	we look for answers to bi	

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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## Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

#### Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

#### Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,

Raise your hand, if you have something to say,

Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,

Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules,

These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

#### Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

Fold your hands,

Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

#### Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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## Reveal the Big Question

# Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

#### The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question & Answer Sign, front side \*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids. ESV Book Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

#### **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like. use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Learning about** the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

#### **Big Question Action Rhyme**

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

#### (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else. He's not like you or me. He is a glorious spirit

I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be.

Shake your head side to side in a "no" point out to someone else, then to self

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head

Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

#### **Big Question** (Action Rhyme) Song

#### **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Inspector Graff's Rap:

The ABC's of God

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

Refrain:

Point out to others in a arc movement Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like? Point up to God Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like? You might also enjoy:

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

Shake head "no"

lyrics and sheet music, Verse 1 Appendix A

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

extend out arms to each side

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

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use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Learning the Bible Truth

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VISUAL AID All the Bible Truths Sign "He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned two truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit" and "He Is the One, True God." (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

# "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: ???? Persons, But Just ???? God!"

Hint

We're missing two words. Here are the hints for the missing words. It says: "Count "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: how many persons is that? And: How many true Gods are there?

Can you guess? The answers are: "THREE" persons and "ONE" true God.

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

# "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: <u>Three</u> Persons, but just <u>one</u> God!"

# Bible Truth Meaning

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

God is just one God, but He is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always enjoyed perfect love and happiness within Himself. He has never needed anyone else to be happy.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do wonderful and mighty things. God the Father has plans for the world. Jesus is God's Son. He does what the Father plans. He came to earth to save God's people. The Holy Spirit is God, too. He also does what the Father plans. He works in God's people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him. One God, but three Persons! Who has ever heard of that?! God is not like anyone else, is He?

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3** use with all THREE lessons

# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove

the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then

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

# **Learning the Bible Verse**

# The Bible Chant Song

# Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 9

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

The Bible, the Bible, Let's get out the Bible.

**The Bible Chant Song** 

Let's hear what God has to say.

The Bible, the Bible, God's given us the Bible.

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.3 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

Place VISUAL verse in take out AID







DDD Bible

Folder

2 Corinthians 13:14

2 Corinthians 13:14 tells us:

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

**Learn a Little:** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

# Bible Verse Meaning

say:

# What does that mean?

What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

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# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Bible Verse Song

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

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A May the Grace: 2 Corinthians 13:14

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 26

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all. May the grace of Lord (Jesus Christ), And the love of God (God the Father) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all. Second Corinthians Thirteen, fourteen.

	sson PlanUse All Three Lessons		
2. OPENING CIRCLE	uestion 4, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons p.8		
Getting into the Case	"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"		
Listening Assignments	NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.		
Place in take out  DDD Bible Folder  of BQB	"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today.		
	Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:		
VISUAL AID  Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to know:			
#5	1. Who was the Three-in-One?		
DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV	2. When was His plan?		
#6  DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."  I need to know:  1. How did God the Father show His love to people?  2. What wonderful gift of grace did Jesus give us? How did He make it possible for us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our hearts?		
#7A,B,C	Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:  I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story.  They are: a guitar, a hammer, a tomato, a soldier, a dove, and a man named John.  Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.		
*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures* DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV	I need to know:  1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?  2. What did God give John to help people repent of their sins and get ready for Jesus?		
Place story & pics in take out  DDD Bible Folder  of BQB	Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."  Bible Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One		





DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV

Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book

Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this.

<sup>\*</sup>Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\*

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# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

# Hymn

# Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

**Tie-in:** "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

# **Praise Song**

# Praise Song: God Is So Good

God is love (powerful, holy).

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

# Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

# Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here Bible Verse **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Block Clapping aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up Appendix B activity for even Lesson 3 Game: Bean Bag Catch deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Activity: Egg Shakers Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Jingle Bell Hands activity for even 서 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: Big Voice, Little Voice deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Bible Story** Lesson 1 Game: Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks **Review Game** Jse the Discussi Lesson 2 Game: Can You Remember? Sheet with this Lesson 3 Game: Clothespin Line Up and Drop activity for even game directions, deeper learning Appendix B Discussion Questions **Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Sheet with this Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion Questions These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Extra Crafts: Big Question** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes Use the Discussion Craft the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for Sheet with these activities for even in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning Discussion craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. **Bible Verse Craft** in Appendix C The **Bible Story Coloring Sheet** provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Free Play Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.

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**Activities** *ideas in Appendix D* 

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# **Transition to Closing Circle**

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

# Classroom Song, verse 3

# Classroom Song, verse 3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

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

# **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

# Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and...it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

# Classroom Song, verse 4

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

# **Big News to Tell**

"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

# **Big Question 4**

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First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What **the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

# Big Question 4, **Bible Truth 3**

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# He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons!

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

# **Big Question 4 Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse**

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We learned: 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

**Learn a Little:** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

# \*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

#### What does that mean?

What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 26

# 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Closing ACTS Prayer Time

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

# ACTS Prayer Chant

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

# lyrics and sheet music,

# **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 10,11

lyrics and sheet music Appendix A

A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

# Closing ACTS Prayer

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!
- **C** God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing You.
- **5** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know Your wonderful love. Give us what we need to live for You, through Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and change us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

# Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

# Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.

in Appendix C

(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

# Bible Story to Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons

Place story in take out

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# The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish

Genesis, The Gospels

# **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

# INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to know:

- 1. Who was the Three-in-One?
- 2. When was His plan?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

# Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

## I need to know:

- 1. How did God the Father show His love to people?
- 2. What wonderful gift of grace did Jesus give us? How did He make it possible for us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our hearts?

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a guitar, a hammer, a tomato, a soldier, a dove, and a man named John.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

# I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What did God give John to help people repent of their sins and get ready for Jesus?

# Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3

use with all THREE lessons

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# The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One

Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34

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

Long, long ago, there was a time before this world was made.

There were no mountains, no stars, no oceans, no plants. There were no birds, no animals, no fish, and no people. There was just the LORD, the one, true God.

Now that might sound very lonely, but actually it was Perfect Wonderfulness—the most wonderful thing anyone can ever know. Why? Because while the LORD IS just one, true God, He is something else that is very, very special. He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God. Three-in-One. And the friendship—the fellowship—that He enjoyed in Himself was better than anything we can ever imagine. And that's why I call it "Perfect Wonderfulness."

The LORD did not need this world or anything in it to be happy. He was perfectly happy in Himself. But nonetheless, He wanted to make this world. He had a plan for it. A plan to create a people for Himself. A people to share in His Perfect Wonderfulness with Him forever.

So way back in the beginning, God began His plan for the world and for His people. He created it all beautifully and perfectly--both the heavens and the earth. And last of all, He made the first people who would share in that Perfect Wonderfulness with Him.

Do you know the names of those first people who God created?

What are their names?

#### They were named Adam and Eve.

How wonderful life was for Adam and Eve! God placed them in a beautiful garden with everything they needed. Best of all, He gave them Himself. He gave them a spirit--a special heart. And through this spirit, Adam and Eve knew and loved God. They enjoyed His Perfect Wonderfulness. They obeyed Him and trusted Him. They loved their beautiful home. Yes, life was very wonderful with nothing wrong in it at all!

But then God's enemy came. He tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God. They thought they would be happier doing things their own way; but, oh, they were not! They lost their beautiful home and the perfect love they had for each other. Now, their bodies would get sick and one day would die. Now, they and all their children after them would live in world broken with sin. Worst of all, they lost the bit of God's Perfect Wonderfulness they had in their hearts... and they deserved to stay separated from God forever. Oh, what a very, very sad day!

But God is so kind. He knew what people would do even before He even created them. And back then, before the beginning, He had already woven their RESCUE into His plans for the world. And what an amazing rescue it would be! Can you guess who He would send?

Can you guess?

He planned to send Jesus, the Son of God. Yes, Jesus would choose to leave heaven and the full, close fellowship of Perfect Wonderfulness with God, His Father and the Holy Spirit. Down, down, down to earth He would go. He would make the way to save God's people. He would rescue them, so they could share in God's Perfect Wonderfulness once more.

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

So, at just the right time, Jesus was born a baby in Bethlehem. He was still the Son of God, but now He was a human, too.

Life on earth was not like the Perfect Wonderfulness Jesus fully enjoyed in heaven. Can you imagine what it would be like to leave behind all that Perfect Wonderfulness and live in this broken world? Oh, how God must love us, that He would choose to do this to save us!

Every day, Jesus prayed to His Father and was helped by the Holy Spirit. But He looked forward to the day when He would once more enjoy that full, Perfect Wonderfulness with God, His Father and the Holy Spirit in heaven. And Jesus knew that because of what He was doing for God's people on earth, that they would get to be in heaven with Him, knowing and enjoying God fully. That was worth it all!

So....for thirty, long years, Jesus lived here on earth. He grew up, up, up until He was a man. He slept and he played. He did His chores and learned a job. And all the while, Jesus never, ever did anything wrong. He was preparing to be our perfect Savior.

Then one day, Jesus was done playing. He stopped doing His chores and put down His tools. He left His home in Galilee and He headed to the River Jordan, far away in the wilderness.

Why did Jesus leave His home and go to the River Jordan? Was He hot and wanted to cool off? Did He want to go fishing? Was He going on vacation?

Why do you think Jesus went to the River Jordan?

No, Jesus wasn't going there for any of those reasons. Jesus was going down to the River Jordan because it was time to complete God's amazing rescue plan. And, it would start out there, at the River Jordan, with His funny-looking, funny-living cousin who lived there.

Do you know his name?

It was a man named John.

Yes, John certainly looked funny! He never cut his hair or his beard. And he wore camel's hair for clothes!

John certainly lived funny, too...out there in the desert-y wilderness, eating nothing but wild honey and hoppy, bumpy, crunchy locusts for food. Yum! Yum!

But John looked this way and lived this way for a very good reason: God had told him, too. God was preparing John for a special job. God would use him to get the people ready for Jesus.

At just the right time, John started preaching the message God gave him: "It's time! The LORD is sending His Savior! Repent! Stop disobeying God and turn back to Him! Be baptized! Show that you want to live for God! Make sure you are ready for the Savior when He comes!" John told all who came out to the River Jordan to listen to him.

All kinds of people came. Strong, army soldiers. Bad, cheating men like tax collectors. Other people came to listen, too. What do you think happened as they listened to this funny-looking, funny-living man?

What do you think happened?

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

God used John's words to work in the hearts of many and help them repent of their sins. Down into the water they waded with John and were baptized. They wanted to be ready for the Savior!

At last came the day everyone was waiting for--the day when Jesus left his home and went down to the Jordan River.

"He's here! The Savior I told you about," John exclaimed to the crowd down at the river that day. "He's come to take away God's punishment for your sins!"

"I've come for you to baptize Me," Jesus told John.

"Why should I baptize you, Jesus? You don't need to be baptized. You never disobey God," John told Jesus.

"Yes, but this is something I must do to be the Savior." Jesus replied. At last, John agreed.

Into the water John and Jesus waded. John lowered Jesus down under the water, then brought Him back up again.

Jesus came out of the water, and prayed to God. And as He prayed, something amazing happened. The heavens opened up and Someone came down. Can you guess who?

The Holy Spirit came down like a dove and rested upon Jesus. Then from heaven, God the Father spoke: "This is my dear Son whom I love so much! I am so very pleased with Him," He said. Together, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit--the great God who was Three-in-One-- would carry out God's amazing plan to save His people!

Now it was time for Jesus' work to begin. Now He would begin to tell people how they could be saved. Soon He would suffer and die for their sins. It would be so very hard to complete God's good plan, but Jesus was willing to do it. From start to finish He would be the Savior! He would make the way for us to share in the Perfect Wonderfulness of God once more.

Over the next, three years, everything worked out just exactly as it was supposed to. Jesus taught the people about God, His Father. He did amazing things, showing them that He was the Son of God, come to save them. And He promised to one day send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts as their Helper.

Then came the saddest and hardest and most amazing part of God's plan: the day when Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Yes, for all who would every turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior, Jesus took their punishment that day so that they could be FORGIVEN once and for all!

Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for them.

Jesus' work was done. It was time to go back home-- back up to heaven to enjoy all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of fellowship with God, the Father and Holy Spirit again. What a wonderful day that was!

And what special helper did Jesus remember to send to God's people?

Can you remember who it is?

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of God's people. Now, they could share in a little bit of the Perfect Wonderful of fellowship with God, right here on earth! But this was only a beautiful, tiny taste of the life they would have with God forever in heaven. There, at last, they will get to enjoy all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God that they possibly can! Oh, how wonderful!

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3

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

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

# **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- **1. Who was the Three-in-One?** The LORD, the one, true God, is the Three-in-One. He is one God, but three persons—God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- **2. When was His plan?** It was a plan to love a people for Himself and save them through Jesus.

#### For You and Me:

We can be some of those people who God loves and saves when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to do this!

# Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 13:14

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

#### I need to find out:

- **1.** How did God the Father show His love to people? God the Father showed His love by always planning to save them through His Son, Jesus.
- 2. What wonderful gift of grace did Jesus give us? How did He make it possible for us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our hearts? Jesus gave us the gift of paying for our sins by He suffering and dying on the cross. When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and give us a new heart. The Holy Spirit comes to live in this brand-new heart. Without Jesus, no one would never get to know God, have the Holy Spirit in their hearts, or go to live God in heaven.

#### For You and Me:

Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will come and live in our hearts and we will get to enjoy a little of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God now. And one day, when we go to live with God, we will get to enjoy as much of God's Perfect Wonderfulness that we can possibly know.

# **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a guitar, a hammer, a tomato, a soldier, a dove, and a man named John.

# 1. Which four belong in our story?

The hammer, soldier, dove and John belong. The guitar and the tomato do not.

2. What did God give John to help people repent of their sins and get ready for Jesus?

God used the message He gave John.

#### For You and Me:

God still uses His messages to help us, today. His messages are written down in His Word, the Bible. He loves to work in our hearts as we hear His Word. He can help us to repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

# Our Bible Truth is: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

One God, but Three Persons!

What an amazing plan the LORD, the great Three-in-One, had to save us! How wonderful that Jesus would come to earth to be our Savior! And He will most certainly be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him to save us. And if we do, God will not only forgive us and make us His special, dearly-loved people, but He will send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. He will help us enjoy a little of the Perfect Wonderfulness of fellowship with God. He will help us know God and live for Him. But the Holy Spirit inside our hearts is only a little of what it will be like when God's people go to live with God. There, they will know all of His Perfect Wonderfulness that they can possibly know. Ask God to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior and become one of His people! He loves to answer this prayer!

Close in prayer.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons

# **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!
- God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing You.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know Your wonderful love. Give us what we need to live for You, through Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and change us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

# **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

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

# **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

#### choose a few

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons!

#### Meaning

God is just one God, but He is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always enjoyed perfect love and happiness within Himself. He has never needed anyone else to be happy.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do wonderful and mighty things. God the Father has plans for the world. Jesus is God's Son. He does what the Father plans. He came to earth to save God's people. The Holy Spirit is God, too. He also does what the Father plans. He works in God's people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him. One God, but three Persons! Who has ever heard of that?! God is not like anyone else, is He?

# Discussion **Questions**

#### choose a few

- 1. How many gods are there? Just one, true God.
- 2. What are the three persons of God? God, the Father; God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.
- 3. What do God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit enjoy together? Perfect love and happiness.
- 4. What do God The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do? *Wonderful and mighty things*.
- 5. Who has plans for the world? God the Father.
- 6. Who does what God the Father has planned? God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.
- 7. What is the name of God, the Son? Jesus.
- 8. Who came to earth to save us? Jesus, God, the Son.
- 9. Who works in people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him? God, the Holy Spirit.
- 10. Is anyone else like God: three person but just one God? No. No one else is like Him.

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

#### **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! The LORD is not like anyone else...He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God! God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit always work together to carry out God's plans. The most amazing of all God's plans has been to save sinful people like you and me. God the Father chose to send His Son, Jesus to earth. He came to save us from the punishment we deserved for our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death. Now all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven their sins and adopted by God as His dearly-loved people. God sends His Holy Spirit to live in their hearts so they can know special closeness with Him now. And when they die, they will go to live with God and enjoy all of His Perfect Wonderfulness forever. God can help you become one of His people, too! Ask Him to help you!

# BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." -- 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Meaning

**Learn a Little:** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

# Discussion Questions

choose a few

What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

- 1. What wonderful gift does Jesus give God's people? Grace--the free gift of being forgiven of their sins and adopted as God's people. The free gift of everything they need to keep on living for God the rest of their lives.
- 2. What wonderful gift from God (the Father) to His people does this verse tell us about? *His love for them--that He would chose to send His one and only Son to save us.*
- 3. Whose fellowship (special closeness) do God's people enjoy in their hearts? The fellowship of the Holy Spirit. He lives in their hearts and helps them love God and obey Him more and more.
- 4. How can we enjoy these wonderful gifts? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

#### **BIBLE STORY**

# The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One

# Discussion Questions

- 1. What was life for the LORD like before He created the world? It was Perfect Wonderfulness-the most enjoyable life anyone could ever imagine.
- 2. What made God perfectly happy even before there was anything else? *The fellowship He had as God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

choose a few

- 3. Who made a plan to love and save His people, before the world was created? The LORD did.
- 4. What did people do that broke their friendship they with God? They chose to disobey Him.
- 5. What had God already woven into His plan, before He created the world? How He would rescue His people from their sins so they could know His love forever.
- 6. Why did Jesus come to John? To be baptized and to get ready to tell people about God and how they could be saved.
- 7. Why did John not want to baptize Jesus? *Because Jesus never sinned. Baptism was for people who sinned.*
- 8. What did God the Father say to Jesus when Jesus was being baptized? "This is My Son. With Him I am well pleased."
- 9. What did the Holy Spirit do when Jesus was being baptized? *Came down and landed upon Jesus as a dove would.*
- 10. Why would Jesus leave somewhere as wonderful as heaven to come to earth with all its brokenness to save us? *Because God loved us so much and because it was God's good plan*.
- 11. How can we be saved? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me
What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

# Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

# Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

# Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

# **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

## **Let There Be Music**



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

## **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

# **Prepare Any Activities**



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

# **Let Them Take It with Them**



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

# Store It



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

# Unit 4: The God Like None Other

# **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

# **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

# **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

## **BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

# BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

# BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

# **BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

# **BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

# **BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

# BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

# **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

#### **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

# Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

# Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

# Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

- 35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Incline Your Ear Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV (other version)
- 37 Bible Verse: Faithful, He Is Faithful Psalm145:13,18,19, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Proclaim the Name Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Proclaim Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV

# 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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# Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts

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# **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

# Bible Truth 4 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

How many places can you be at once? Can you be here with us and out on the playground at the same time? Can you hear what your parents are saying in the kitchen and what the king in a faraway country is saying at the same time? No, you can't and neither can!!

But God is very different from us. He is everywhere, all the time. He is with you and me right here. He is with your friends and family in their homes and at work. He is even with all the people who live far away in other parts of the world.... and all at the same time! There is nowhere we can go, where God will not be, too. He sees everything everyone is doing, all the time. He is always there to comfort us, to help us, and to save us, when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

#### Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10, ESV

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

Learn a Little: "O LORD...You are acquainted with all my ways."

# Meaning

These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans. Ask Him to help you put your trust in Him!

# **Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer**

- **A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- **C** God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **S** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 4 Story**

The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

# Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts

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# Songs Used in Bible Truth 4

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

Extra Bible Verse Song: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

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1. GETTING START	FED = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan	
Intake		
<b>Activity Ideas</b>	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children as they join the class:	
Free Play Time		
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activitie	es suggested in Appendix [
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:	
Music Time	Big Q & A 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1.
	Big Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
lyrics and sheet music,	Extra Unit Song:	
Appendix A	Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
P	Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
listen to or download songs	O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
for free at https://	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
praisefactory.	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
org: Deep Down	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
Detectives	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
Music page	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	_
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Big Question 4 Praise Song:	
	God Is So Good	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:	<b>3</b> ,
	Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse Song:	3 ,
	O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse Song:	3 ,
	The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed	
	on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe	ndix B.
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Animal Cube	
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Fill 'er Up	
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Lily Pad Jump	
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities.	
2. OPENING CIRCL	E TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	
Gathering the	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle Time.	
Children		
	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track
lyrics and sheet music,	Let's gather together to worship God,	222 201 001.igo 1, 11 01011
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Come gather here with me!	
Welcome to		ed us! Detectives are peop
Deep Down	who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives,	
Detectives	questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's \	
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# Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 use with all THREE lessons

# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

# Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

# Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,

Raise your hand, if you have something to say,

Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,

Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules,

These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

# Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

1-2-3!

Fold your hands,

Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"



Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Reveal the Big Question

# Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

# The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question & Answer Sign, front side \*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids. ESV Book Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

# **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

# Big Q & A 4 Song

## Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.

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# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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**Learning about** the Big Question (use one or both) Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

# **Big Question Action Rhyme**

# **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else.

He's not like you or me. He is a glorious spirit I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be.

point out to someone else, then to self

Shake your head side to side in a "no"

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

# **Big Question** (Action Rhyme) Song

# **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

Point out to others in a arc movement

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Point up to God

Shake head "no"

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!) He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!) And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

extend out arms to each side

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

## **Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned three truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," and "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

# "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is ????, All the Time!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "It's a word that means all places? It rhymes with "teddy bear."

Can you guess? It's "Everywhere."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is <u>EVERYWHERE</u>, All the Time!"

# Bible Truth Meaning

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

How many places can you be at once? Can you be here with us and out on the playground at the same time? Can you hear what your parents are saying in the kitchen and what the king in a faraway country is saying at the same time? No, you can't and neither can I!

But God is very different from us. He is everywhere, all the same time. He is with you and me right here. He is with your friends and family in their homes or at work. He is with the people who live far away in other parts of the world.... and all at the same time! There is nowhere we can go, where God will not be, too. He sees everything everyone is doing. He is always there to comfort us, to help us, and to save us, when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 9

# **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4**

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# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# **Learning the Bible Verse**

# The Bible Chant

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Song

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

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

# The Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible, Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible, God's given us the Bible.

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.4 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

Place VISUAL verse in take out AID





Visual Aids, ESV Book



of BOB

DDD Bible

Folder \*found in the DDD Unit 4

Let's get out the Bible.

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

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

Psalm 139:1-3,7-10 tells us:

# Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

**Learn a Little:** "O LORD...You are acquainted with all my ways."

# **Bible Verse** Meaning

# What does that mean?

These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans. Ask Him to help you trust in Him!

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# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Bible Verse Song

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

lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

O LORD, You Have Searched Me: Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, ESV DDD ESV Songs 4, track 28; The LORD Looks Down from Heaven: Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

DDD ESV Songs 4,

track 29

#### Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 27

Where shall I go from your Spirit? (Nowhere!)
Where shall I flee from your presence? (Nowhere!)
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morn,
Dwell in the utmost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me,
Your right hand shall hold me.
Where shall I go from your Spirit? (Nowhere!)
Where shall I flee from your presence? (Nowhere!)

Psalm One-thirty-nine, seven through ten.

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4** use with all THREE lessons **p.8** 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan "Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan **Getting into** wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?" the Case NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Listening Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds. **Assignments** "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out Place in take out today. Bible Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. of BQB The listening assignments are summarized below: **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID I need to find out: #5 1. Who ran away from home? Why? 2. Who was the God who didn't leave him? Why was it so amazing that He didn't DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV leave him? **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID Our Bible Verse is Psalm 139:1-3,7-10: #6 "O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... DDD Unit 4 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to Visual Aids, ESV heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." I need to find out: 1. Who went far away from his home? 2. How did the LORD show him that He was still with him, guiding him and helping him? VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:** I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. #7A,B,C They are: a brother named Esau, a ladder, a pair of glasses, an angel, a snake, and a rock. \*Listening Assignment #3 Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures\* I need to figure out: 1. Which four belong in our story? DDD Unit 4 2. Who praised the LORD for taking care of him, everywhere he went? Visual Aids, ESV

#### Tell the Bible Story

Place story & pics in take out







DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV

Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book

(Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

#### Bible Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave

Genesis 27-28

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this.

<sup>\*</sup>Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\*

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# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

# Hymn

# Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

## **Praise Song**

# Praise Song: God Is So Good

God is love (powerful, holy).

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

# Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

# Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Bible Verse Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Animal Cube aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Fill 'er Up Appendix B activity for even Lesson 3 Game: Lily Pad Jump deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Activity: Sing, Dance and Fall Down Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Bottle Shakers activity for even 📈 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: March 'n' Say deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Bible Story** Lesson 1 Game: Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt **Review Game** Use the Discussi Lesson 2 Game: Run to the Grocery Store Sheet with this Lesson 3 Game: Who's in the Basket? activity for even game directions, deeper learning Appendix B Discussion Questions **Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Sheet with this activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion Questions These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Extra Crafts:** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes **Big Question** Use the Discussion the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for Craft Sheet with these activities for ever in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. Discussion **Bible Verse Craft** in Appendix C The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D. Free Play

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**Activities** *ideas in Appendix D* 

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= short & simple lesson plan

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**Transition to Closing Circle** 

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

# Classroom Song, verse 3

Classroom Song, verse 3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

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

# **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

# Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

# Classroom Song, verse 4

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

#### **Big News to Tell**

"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

# **Big Question 4**

VISUAL



First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What **the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

# Big Question 4, **Bible Truth 4**

VISUAL



"He is everywhere, all the time!"

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

# **Big Question 4 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse**

VISUAL AID



We learned: **Psalm 139:1-3,7-10, ESV:** 

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

**Learn a Little:** "O LORD...You are acquainted with all my ways."

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

## What does that mean?

These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans. Ask Him to help you trust in Him!

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 27

# 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

# **Closing ACTS Prayer Time**

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

# **ACTS Prayer Chant**

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

# lyrics and sheet music,

# **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 10,11

Appendix A

A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

# **Closing ACTS Prayer**

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- **A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- C God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **S** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

# Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

# **Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets**

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.

in Appendix C

(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

# **Bible Story to** Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 use with all THREE lessons

Place story in take out

of BQB

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# The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave

Genesis 27-28

# **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

# INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave. Here is your listening assignment."

Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who ran away from home? Why?
- 2. Who was the God who didn't leave him? Why was it so amazing that He didn't leave him?

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

Our Bible Verse is Psalm 139:1-3,7-10:

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

I need to find out:

- 1. Who went far away from his home?
- 2. How did the LORD show him that He was still with him, guiding him and helping him?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a brother named Esau, a ladder, a pair of glasses, an angel, a snake, and a rock. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?
- 2. Who praised the LORD for taking care of him, everywhere he went?

# Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

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

Jacob was about to be in big trouble! He was up to his tricky tricks again and what big tricky tricks they were! Jacob had already tricked his big brother, Esau out of the special, firstborn gift he was supposed to get from their father, Isaac. And now Jacob was going to try to trick Esau out of the special, firstborn blessing he was supposed to get from their father, too.

Jacob and Esau's father, Isaac, was a very old man who lay in bed. Before he died, he would give each of his sons a special blessing.

Isaac called for Esau first. Esau was the oldest son in the family. Isaac would give him the best blessing—the special, firstborn blessing. That's what fathers did back then. "Esau, come here. I want to give you my special, firstborn blessing, " Isaac told him. "But first, go hunting and bring me back some meat and make it into my favorite stew," Isaac said.

Esau happily obeyed. He picked up his bow and arrows and set off into the fields. He hoped God would help him find good food for his father quickly. How he was looking forward to getting that special, firstborn blessing!

Rebekah, their mother, hurried to Jacob with the news. She wanted Jacob to have that best blessing. It would take tricky tricks to get it. Could Rebekah and Jacob trick Isaac into giving Jacob the firstborn blessing instead?

This wasn't going to be easy. You see, Esau and Jacob might have been brothers (they were even twins!), but they were very, very different, as their father, Isaac, knew.

Esau loved to work and hunt outdoors. He smelled of the fresh air and the fields. But Jacob loved to stay near the family tent and help his mother, Rebekah cook and do other chores. He smelled more like smoke from the fire and food. Esau had very hairy arms and legs, but Jacob had silky smooth skin. Jacob and Esau's voices were very different, too.

So, yes, indeed, it was going to take a particularly good tricky trick to fool Isaac into thinking Jacob was really Esau.

Before long, Jacob had come up with just the trick...and it all depended on his father's bad eyes.

What do you think Jacob did?

Here's what Jacob did: First, he dressed up in Esau's best clothes. Now he would smell like Esau. Then, he put goat's fur on his neck and hands. Now he would feel hairy, like Esau. Would this be enough to fool their father? Jacob hoped so.

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

While Esau was still hunting far from the tents, Jacob put his tricky trick into action. He filled up a bowl with his mother's yummy goat stew and went to his father pretending to be his brother: "Here I am father. It's your son, Esau," Jacob lied.

Jacob thought this was odd. "Hmmmm...Esau has come back from hunting very quickly! Too quickly. And this voice. It doesn't sound like Esau. It sounds like Jacob! Could this be Jacob up to another of his tricky tricks?" Isaac wondered.

"Are you really my son, Esau?" Isaac asked the son standing before him.

"Yes, Father, it is I. The LORD helped me get some meat quickly. Eat your delicious stew and bless me. "Please bless me!" Jacob lied again.

Something still didn't seem right to Isaac. Since his old eyes didn't work very well, Isaac decided to use his nose and hands to make sure this son standing before him was really Esau.

What do you think Isaac used his hands and his nose to do?

Isaac stretched out his arm and placed it on his son. He felt lots of hair. Yes, this felt like Esau all right!

Then Isaac leaned over to kiss his son and smell his son's clothes. They smelled like the outdoors. Yes, this smelled like Esau smelled all right. Now Isaac was sure. Yes, this really was Esau! So he stretched out his arm, put his hand on his son's head and gave him the special, firstborn blessing.

Ha! Jacob's tricky trick had worked! His father had given him the best blessing! How pleased Jacob was as he hurried away from his tent!

Yes, Jacob was very happy...but there was someone else who soon wouldn't be happy at all. Someone who came back from hunting and went into his father with his favorite stew, only to find out that his brother had been there before him with his tricky trick. Can you guess who it was?

Can you guess?

It was Esau..the REAL Esau! And he was furious! Jacob had tricked him out of his father's firstborn gift to him and now he had tricked him out of his father's special, firstborn blessing to him, too! BOTH of his father's best gifts that should have been his were both GONE!

So, now it was Esau's turn for a tricky trick. As soon as old, father Isaac died, Esau would get rid of Jacob and take back those best gifts for himself! That would take care of him once and for all!

*Uh, oh! What should Jacob do?* 

There was only one thing Jacob could do: run away. But to where? Rebekah had an idea: "Run away to the far away country where my family lives. They will take care of you and you can find a wife there," she told Jacob. So that's just what Jacob did. With the blessing of his father and mother, he packed up his little bundle of things and set off at once.

The trip to Rebekah's family was long and hard. They lived faraway. Jacob would have to walk many days through the lonely, dry wilderness to get there. Each day, the hot sun would beat down on him. He would have to find his own water and food. He could easily get lost.

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

The nights could be as hard as the days, out in that deep, deep darkness, all alone. The desert-y wilderness could be windy and cold at night. The ground was bumpy and hard. Jacob had only a rock for a pillow and his coat for a blanket. Ooh...ouch... brrrr...Cover up, Jacob!

The desert-y wilderness was home to lots of creepy crawly bugs. Spiders and scorpions and other little wiggling, biting creatures could wriggle their way inside his clothes as he lay on the ground. Wriggle... wriggle...nip...snap...snap...Watch out, Jacob!

There were lions and bears and other creatures around. They had hungry tummies and sharp teeth. They prowled around in the dark, looking for food to eat. Roar....growl...chomp, chomp.... Hide, Jacob!

Why, there might even be bad guys who would sneak up on him and take his bundle of things. Whoo, whoo...ha, ha! Beware, Jacob!

Jacob had never been away from home like this before, so very all alone, in the middle of nowhere. Who would be with him, as he traveled so far from home? Could anyone help him?

Can you think of anyone?

Yes, there was who someone could. The LORD could help Jacob! He is the God who is everywhere, all the time. He had been there when Jacob tricked his father and took his brother's special firstborn blessing. He had been there when Esau wanted to kill him and he had to run away. And He was right there, in the middle of that nowhere in the deep darkness where Jacob camped that night.

Now, Jacob's tricky tricks were very bad things and he deserved nothing but the LORD's punishment for them. After all, the LORD is good. He hates wrong-doing... and Jacob had most certainly done wrong!

But the LORD is also so very kind and merciful to sinners, even sinners like Jacob. And many times, the LORD takes very bad things and does very good things, things that we could never, ever deserve. And so it was that the LORD chose to be very kind and merciful to Jacob. The LORD chose to use the bad things that Jacob did to do some very good things. Things that would one day bring good to all people, everywhere... even to people like you and me.

So right there, in the middle of nowhere, in that deep darkness, on that cold ground, with that hard, rock pillow. Right there, with those bugs wriggling, those wild animals prowling, (and maybe even bad guys lurking), the LORD helped Jacob fall asleep. And as he slept, the LORD gave Jacob a special dream about the good things He would do through Jacob and his family.

In his dream, Jacob saw a VERY tall ladder. It was so tall that it stretched from the ground all the way up to heaven.

And who did Jacob see climbing up and down that amazing ladder? Lots and lots of God's angels! Amazing! But even more amazing than all those angels on the ladder was who he saw at the very top of the ladder in heaven.

Who do you think Jacob saw?

It was the LORD, Himself!

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

The LORD spoke to Jacob and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father, Isaac, and your grandfather, Abraham. I made big promises to them and now I'm making them to you. The land you are sleeping on I will give to you and all your family after you. Your family is going to grow and grow and grow until it's so big, you can't even count everyone. And one day, I will bless the whole world through your family when the Savior, Jesus, is born into your family. He will be the greatest blessing of all," the LORD said.

"Jacob, you may be far away from your family, all alone, in the dark, but I am with you. I will take care of you wherever you go. I will bring you back to this land one day. I will do everything I've promised you," the LORD told him.

Jacob woke up from the dream. He was excited and a little scared. "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it. How awesome it is! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven," he exclaimed.

Jacob never wanted to forget what had happened that night. So the next morning, he took the stone that had been his pillow and he stood it up on end like a tower. Then he poured oil on the stone as a sign that God had done something special.

He named the place, "Bethel," which means "House of God." Then Jacob made a big promise to the LORD:

"If You will be with me and will keep me as I go far away from home; if You will give me food to eat and clothes to wear, so that I come home one day to my father's house safely, and with no one mad at me, then You shall be my God. And this stone, which I have set up as a tower, shall be a special place where people come to worship You and meet with You. And I will give You worship gifts from everything You give me," Jacob promised. The LORD was pleased with Jacob's promise and accepted it.

Then Jacob picked up his bundle and went on his way. Day after day, he traveled on through the desert-y wilderness--under the hot sun, looking for food and water, and trusting that he wasn't lost. Night after night, he lay down in the deep darkness, on the cold ground, with the creepy, crawlies wriggling, the growling, animals prowling, and maybe even the bad guys lurking near by. Jacob went farther and farther away from home and everything he had known, but now everything was better. Now he knew who was with him.

Who was with him?

The LORD, the God who was everywhere, all the time. HE was always with Jacob. He would make sure Jacob had everything he needed. He would keep all of his promises to him.

And so He did! The LORD helped Jacob get all the way to his mother's family in the faraway country. He blessed Jacob with a big family and many good things. He worked inside Jacob, too. He changed Jacob into a man who loved Him and trusted in Him. And many years later, the LORD led Jacob safely back home to his family... where everyone was happy to see him—even his brother, Esau!

Jacob praised God for taking care of him. He truly was the God who is everywhere, all the time.

God also kept His promise to bless all peoples through Jacob's family. At just the right time, Jesus, God's Son, was born--Jacob's great, great, etc. grandson. He was called Emmanuel, God with us. He came to give us the greatest blessing of all: forgiveness of our sins, when we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. If we do, the LORD will be OUR God who is with US, everywhere, all the time, bringing good to us. No matter where we go or what we do, He will be right there with us: loving us, taking care of us, and working inside of our hearts, helping us to love Him and trust in Him. How kind the LORD has been to us through Jacob and his family!

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4

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

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

# **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- **1. Who ran away from home? Why?** Jacob ran away from home because he cheated his brother out of their father's special blessing.
- 2. Who was the God who didn't leave him? Why was it so amazing that He didn't leave him? The LORD was the God who didn't leave Jacob. It was amazing that the LORD didn't leave Jacob because the LORD hates wrong-doing (sin) and Jacob had done a very bad thing by tricking his father to get the special, firstborn blessing

#### For You and Me:

Isn't the LORD amazing! He is good and He hates wrongdoing (sin); but, He is so merciful, too. The LORD stayed with Jacob and promised to bless him. He changed Jacob into a man who loved Him and lived for Him. The LORD even used Jacob to bless us, too. How? By sending Jesus through Jacob's family to be the Savior for our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, the LORD will forgive our sins, too. He will make us His special people who He will bless every day of our lives. And one day, He will take us to live with Him forever. That will be the greatest blessing of all!

# Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Psalm 139:1-3,7-10:

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

#### **1. Who went far away from his home?** Jacob did.

2. How did the LORD show him that He was still with him, guiding him and helping him? The LORD helped Jacob find the way to the country where his mother used to live. He took care of Jacob while he lived there and then He brought Jacob back home. He worked inside of Jacob, changing him into a man who loved and trusted in Him. He helped Esau forgive Jacob and He blessed Jacob with all of the good things He promised him. Best of all, He kept His promise came to

save us from our sins. He can be our Savior when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then we will be the LORD's special people who have Him to care for everywhere we go, every day of our lives now. And one day, will live with Him forever in heaven.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD knew Jacob's thoughts. He was familiar with all of his ways. He knew Jacob was a sinner and did not deserve His loving-kindness. But the LORD treated Jacob better than he deserved. The LORD loved Jacob and helped him. He took care of his needs and changed his life into one that wanted to love and obey Him. Like Jacob, we are sinners, too. The LORD offers His loving- kindness to us, too. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can be the God who is taking care of us as His special people, everywhere, all the time, too. Ask Him to help you!

# **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a brother named Esau, a ladder, a pair of glasses, an angel, a snake, and a rock.

# 1. Which four belong in our story?

The brother named Esau, the ladder, the angel, and the rock belong.

2. Who praised the LORD for taking care of him, everywhere he went? Jacob did.

## For You and Me:

The LORD was not just with Jacob, long ago when this story took place. He is still the God who is everywhere, all the time. He is with us, too. He knows everything we think and do and say. And, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, not only will He be with us, He will make us His special people. We will get to know Him in our hearts now. And one day, we will get to go and live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 use with all THREE lessons

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

How good the LORD was to Jacob! He took care of him everywhere he went. He kept all of the promises He made to Jacob...even the promise to bless all peoples through his family one day. How did the LORD bless all people through Jacob's family? By sending Jesus to save us through Jacob's family. At just the right time, Jesus came to die on the cross and be the perfect payment for our sins. On the third day, He rose from the dead, showing He had beaten sin and death for us. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be saved! They become God's special people. He will be with them, helping them and caring for all of their needs, everywhere they go. And, He will prepare them for the great day when they will go to live with Him forever.

Close in prayer.

# **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- **C** God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- T Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **S** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

# **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

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

# **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

# Discussion **Questions**

#### choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

# **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

#### Meaning

How many places can you be at once? Can you be here with us and out on the playground at the same time? Can you hear what your parents are saying in the kitchen and what the king in a faraway country is saying at the same time? No, you can't and neither can !!

But God is very different from us. He is everywhere, all the same time. He is with you and me right here. He is with your friends and family in their homes or at work. He is with the people who live far away in other parts of the world.... and all at the same time! There is nowhere we can go, where God will not be, too. He sees everything everyone is doing. He is always there to comfort us, to help us, and to save us, when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

# Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. How many places can we be at the same time? *Only one*.
- 2. How many places can God be at the same time? He can be everywhere, all the time!
- 3. Is God with you and me right here? Yes.
- 4. He is also with your friends and family right now? And people who live far, far away? Yes, He is. All at the same time.
- 5. Is there anywhere we can go to get away from God? No.
- 6. Does God see what we are doing? Yes.
- 7. What can God do for us, no matter where we are? Help us, comfort us, save us (when we trust in Jesus as our Savior).

# **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

**P.2** 

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

#### **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else...He is everywhere, all the time! What does God see, as He sees everything, all the time? He sees all people choosing to disobey Him and His good ways. He sees that we all deserve His punishment. How sad! But God is so rich in mercy! He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to pay for all the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to do this.

# BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." --Psalm 139:1-3,7-10, ESV

**Learn a Little:** "O LORD...You are acquainted with all my ways."

# Meaning

These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans. Ask Him to help you trust in Him!

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Who is with us when we sit down and rise up? The LORD is.
- 2. Who is with us as we think our thoughts? The LORD is.
- 3. Where can we go from God's presence? *Nowhere!*

choose a few

- 4. Where do we have to be for God to hear our prayers? We can be anywhere!
- 5. What does God always do for His people, everywhere they go and whatever they do? *He will help and protect them. He will quide them and love them.*
- 6. How can we become God's people? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

# **BIBLE STORY**

## The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Why was Jacob sleeping in the middle of nowhere? He ran away from home so his brother wouldn't kill him.
- 2. Have you ever camped outside in the middle of nowhere? Were you scared?

choose a few

- 3. What bad thing did Jacob do? He tricked his father into giving him the special blessing his brother was supposed to get.
- 4. What did God plan to do even through the bad thing Jacob did? Do good things for many people, even us (He would send Jesus to us through Jacob's family.)
- 5. What did Jacob see in his dream? Angels going up and down a ladder between heaven and earth...and even the LORD, Himself!
- 6. What did God promise Jacob in his dream? That He would be with him wherever he went. That He would bless him and all people through him. He would give the land he was sleeping on to his family one day. His family would grow to be very, very big.
- 7. What did Jacob do when he woke up? Took the stone he used as a pillow and made it into a tower to remember what God had said to him that night. He made promises to God to worship Him. He would come back and build a worship house to God when he came back.
- 8. Why could God promise Jacob to be with him always? Because He is everywhere, all the time.
- 9. Who was Jacob's great, great, etc. grandson who was the blessing to all people? Jesus.
- 10. Who is always with us and can always help us? God is. Talk to Him. He will help you.
- 11. What is the greatest way God can help us? Forgiving our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 5:

Can Anybody Tell Me
What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like Anyone Else...
He Knows Everything
There Is to Know!

# Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

## Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

# Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

# **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

#### **Let There Be Music**



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

# **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

# **Prepare Any Activities**



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

## Let Them Take It with Them



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

#### Store It



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

# Unit 4: The God Like None Other

## **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

# **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

# **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

# BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

# BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

# BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

# **BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

## **BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

# **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

#### **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

#### Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

#### Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV

#### 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.

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

# Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 Overview: Key Concepts

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# **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

# Bible Truth 5 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad.

God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins, turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

#### Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

Learn a Little: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever."

#### Meaning

God is the good king and creator of us all. God's people love to praise Him and tell Him how great He is. These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

## **Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# **Bible Truth 5 Story**

**The Case of the Missing Donkeys** 1 Samuel 9

# Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 Overview: Key Concepts

# Songs Used in Bible Truth 5

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)

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Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

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1. GETTING STAR	TED = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan	
Intake		
Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children	as they join the class:
Free Play Time		
suggestions in	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activitie	es suggested in Appendix [
Appendix D	oner your own or some or the easy to make, nee play detimate	s saggested in Appendix E
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:	
Music Time	Big Q & A 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Big Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Extra Unit Song:	
	Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	_
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	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD 551/5 4 to 1 1
	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Big Question 4 Praise Song:	
	God Is So Good	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2
	Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song:	_
	Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3
	Bible Truth 5 Extra Bible Verse Song:	3
	May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed	
	on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe	
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Loud and Soft, Big and Little	
<b>Memory Game</b>	Lesson 2 Game: Freeze 'n' Say	
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice	
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Act	ivities
	ETIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	TVITIES.
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle	e Time.
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Come gather here with me!	
Welcome to		ad usl Detectives are need
Deep Down	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joine	
- ,	<b>Deep Down</b> who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."	
Detectives	i questions about God. We did deep down in the truths of God's \	word to find them."

# Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 use with all THREE lessons

# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

# Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

# Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,

Raise your hand, if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,

Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

# Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands, Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

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## **Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Reveal the Big Question

# Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

# The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question &
Answer Sign, front side
\*found in the DDD Unit 4
Visual Aids, ESV Book

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

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

## **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

# Big Q & A 4 Song

## Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.

# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# **Learning about** the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

# **Big Question Action Rhyme**

# **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

# (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else. He's not like you or me.

He is a glorious spirit I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be.

Shake your head side to side in a "no" point out to someone else, then to self

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head

Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

# **Big Question** (Action Rhyme) Song

# **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Refrain:

Point out to others in a arc movement

You might also enjoy:

Inspector Graff's Rap:

The ABC's of God

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like?

Point up to God

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

He's not like anyone else,

Shake head "no"

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!) He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

extend out arms to each side

And purely Righteous! (He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

# Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned four truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God," and, "He Is Everywhere, All the Time" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

He Knows ???? There Is to Know!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "It's a word that means the opposite of "nothing." It starts with the letter "E."

Can you guess? It's "Everything."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Knows EVERYTHING There Is to Know!"

# Bible Truth Meaning

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

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad.

God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

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DDD ESV Songs 4, track 9

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5** use with all THREE lessons

# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# **Learning the Bible Verse**

# The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

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

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

The Bible, the Bible,

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.5 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL Place verse in take out AID







DDD Bible

Folder \*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

# **The Bible Chant Song**

Let's get out the Bible. Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible, God's given us the Bible.

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

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

Daniel 2:20 tells us:

#### Daniel 2:20

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

Learn a Little: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever."

# **Bible Verse** Meaning



## What does that mean?

God is the good king and creator of us all. God's people love to praise Him and tell Him how great He is. These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

# Bible Verse Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

May the Name of God Be Praised: Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB DDD ESV Songs 4, track 31 We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

#### Blessed Be the Name of God: Daniel 2:20-22

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 30

Refrain

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, To whom belong wisdom and might, To whom belong wisdom and might.

He changes times and seasons; He gives wisdom to the wise, He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what in the darkness lies, And the light dwells with him, And the light dwells with him.

To you, O God of my fathers, To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, I give thanks and praise. Refrain

Daniel Chapter Two, verses twenty through twenty-three.

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4. Bible Truth 5** use with all THREE lessons **p.8** 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan "Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan **Getting into** the Case wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?" NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Listening Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds. **Assignments** "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out Place in take out today. Bible Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it of BQB to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below: VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to find out: #5 1. Who lost their donkeys? DDD Unit 4 2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about? Visual Aids, ESV VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20, ESV #6 "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might." DDD Unit 4 I need to find out: Visual Aids, ESV 1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for? 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town? **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. #7A,B,C They are: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. \*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment I need to figure out: Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures\* 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? DDD Unit 4 2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything? Visual Aids, ESV Tell the Bible Story **Then say,** "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can Place story hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see & pics in take out if we can answer all the questions." olde **Bible Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys** 1 Samuel 9 of BQB

DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV

Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this.

<sup>\*</sup>Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\*

# **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5**

use with all THREE lessons

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# 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

# Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

# Hymn

# Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy).

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

## **Praise Song**

# Praise Song: God Is So Good

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

# Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

# Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Bible Verse Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Loud and Soft, Big and Little aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Freeze 'n' Say activity for even Appendix B Lesson 3 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Activity: Clap, Tap and Say Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Block Clappers activity for even 서 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: Lullabies, Bells and Lions deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Bible Story** Lesson 1 Game: Going Fishing **Review Game** Use the Discussi Lesson 2 Game: Pony Express Sheet with this Lesson 3 Game: Who's Inside? activity for even game directions, deeper learning Appendix B Discussion Questions **Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Sheet with this activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion Questions These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Extra Crafts:** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes **Big Question** Use the Discussion the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for Craft Sheet with these activities for ever in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. Discussion **Bible Verse Craft** in Appendix C The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D. Free Play

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**Activities** *ideas in Appendix D* 

**Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5** use with all THREE lessons p.11 **4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME** (End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time) = short & simple lesson plan

**Transition to Closing Circle**  Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

# Classroom Song, verse 3

Classroom Song, verse 3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

# **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

# Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and...it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

# Classroom Song, verse 4

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

#### **Big News to Tell**

"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

# **Big Question 4**

VISUAL



First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What

Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

**the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

# Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5

VISUAL



"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me?

Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

# **Big Question 4 Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse**

VISUAL



We learned: Daniel 2:20, ESV

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

Learn a Little: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever."

These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 30

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

# 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

# **Closing ACTS Prayer Time**

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

# **ACTS Prayer Chant**

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

# lyrics and sheet music,

# **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 10,11

Appendix A

A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

# **Closing ACTS Prayer**

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- **C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- **S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

# Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

# **Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets**

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.



(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

# **Bible Story to** Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 use with all THREE lessons

Place take out

of BQB

# The Case of the Missing Donkeys

1 Samuel 9

# **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

# During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

## INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Missing Donkeys. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who lost their donkeys?
- 2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20, ESV

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

## I need to find out:

- 1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?
- 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town?

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

## I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything?

# Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

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The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

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

Kish had a big problem. Some of his animals were missing. Animals that were worth a lot! It wasn't his chickens. It wasn't his sheep or goats. It was another kind of animal--the kind that he used to pull his wagon and ride on, like we would use a truck or car. Can you guess what kind of animals were missing?

Can you guess?

It was his donkeys! Kish looked everywhere for them. He looked all over his farm....but no donkeys. He looked in the stable... but no donkeys. He looked in the fields...no donkeys. He looked faraway to the hills... but still no donkeys!

Kish's donkeys were lost, there was no doubt about that. And Kish just had to find them! So Kish made a plan. He would send his son, Saul to go look for them.

"Saul, take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys," Kish told Saul.

Saul obeyed and soon he and the servant were on their way in search of the lost donkeys. Where could they be?

For three, long days Saul and the servant walked and looked. They climbed up hills and searched there... but there were no donkeys. They walked down into valleys of green grass and searched there...but there were no donkeys. They looked by sparkling streams of cool water, too--all the kinds of places donkeys like to go. But still there were no donkeys!

Where WERE those donkeys? Kish didn't know. Saul and the servant didn't know. Did anyone know? Yes, someone did know.

Who DID know? Can you guess?

That someone was the LORD. He is the God who knows everything there is to know. And He knew exactly where those donkeys had gone off to.

And not only did the LORD know exactly where the donkeys were, He even planned something very good to happen to Saul as he looked for them. The LORD had planned to use this little journey looking for donkeys to put Saul in just the right place, with just the right person to make Saul the first king of Israel. And the LORD was going to do all of this without Saul knowing even one little bit of His good, big plan!

Saul didn't know about God's plans, but a man named Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet--a special messenger for the LORD. The LORD had told Samuel about Saul and His plans to make him king.

"Samuel, tomorrow the man I've chosen to be king over Israel is coming to your town. He will lead the people in fighting off their enemies, the Philistines. I want you to pour the special anointing oil on his head and make him king over Israel," the LORD told him.

This was big news! The LORD had chosen a man to lead the people against their enemies. And, this man was coming to Samuel's town to be anointed king...the very next day! Samuel decided to have a worship feast when Saul came to town. Up in the hills, they would offer worship gifts to the LORD, and would honor Saul with a fine dinner. There was so much to do in so little time! There were guests to invite. There were worship gifts to buy. There was the table to set for the feast, and all of the good food to prepare.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5

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

There was so much to do in so little time! There were guests to invite. There were worship gifts to buy. There was the table to be set for the feast, and good food to prepare and cook.

By the end of the day, everything was ready. The worship gifts were offered and the guests gathered in the dining hall up at the worship place. Everyone was ready to eat the delicious food. It looked like it was time for the feast to begin, but it couldn't. Something--really, someONE was missing.

Can you guess who?

It was Saul. the special guest, himself! After all, no one had told HIM about the worship feast. No one had told HIM he was going to be anointed king of Israel! He was just out looking for lost donkeys. The whole thing seemed rather silly to think that Saul would show up at the party that night, don't you think?

I guess it WOULD be silly, but for one thing: this was the LORD's plan and He is the God who knows everything there is to know. If He said that Saul would be there, then Saul would be there. Samuel was sure of that!

Samuel left the guests and went back down to the town and who should be looking for him at the city gates, but Saul and his servant! "This is the man I told you about," the LORD told Samuel. "The man I've chosen to be king."

Saul went up to Samuel and said, "My servant says you are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father's donkeys are?"

"Don't worry about your father's donkeys," Samuel told Saul. "They've been found. They are back at home. Come up here with me to the worship feast. Sit here at the most important place. Eat the best food. We've been waiting for you to come," Samuel said.

Saul didn't understand why Samuel and the people were waiting for him, but he didn't complain. He went with Saul up to the worship place and took the place of honor next to Samuel. He enjoyed the good food and the worship feast. And what a feast it was! Why, Samuel had even saved the very best piece of meat for HIM! Yum!

After dinner, Samuel took Saul and his servant to his house for the night. He made them a bed on the roof, and there they slept out under the stars.

At sunrise, Samuel woke Saul and his servant. "Get up so I may send you on your way," Samuel told them. Samuel walked with them out of town. "Send your servant on ahead, Saul. I have something important from God to tell you alone," Samuel said. Saul and his servant obeyed.

When the servant had passed ahead of them, Samuel took out his jar of special oil and poured it on Saul's head. He kissed Saul, then said, "I have poured this oil on your head as a sign that you are to be king of Israel. The LORD has chosen you of all men. You will rule over them and you will rescue them from the enemies who live in the lands around them. In a few days, we will tell all the people. But for now keep this a secret."

What a lot Saul had to think about as he went home with his servant! The LORD had planned to use those lost donkeys to make him king over Israel! And, the LORD had told Samuel what he would do and where he would go, even before he did it!

How could the LORD do this? Because He is the God who knows everything there is to know! He is like no one else. How amazing is the LORD!

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 use with all THREE lessons

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

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

# **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- 1. Who lost their donkeys? Kish did.
- **2.** What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about? His plan to make Saul king over the people.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans.

# Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20, ESV:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

- 1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for? Saul.
- 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town? Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And so he did!

#### For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out.

# **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food.

- **1. Which four belong in our story?** The jar of oil, the man named Kish, the crown and the good food.
- 2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything? Samuel and Saul did.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even

when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out. How much more than us He knows! How wise He is!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### Our Bible Truth is:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

Sometimes it is scary to know that God knows everything about us. We can hide some of the bad things we think or say or do from others, but we can't hide anything from God. We know that He hates sin and He will punish sin. We know that we all choose to do things our own way, not God's good way.

Isn't God so kind to us, though? He knows every bad thing about us, yet He promises to forgive every single one of them, when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, He will not ONLY forgive our sins, but He will give us a new heart to know and love Him. We will get to have special closeness in our hearts with Him for the rest of our lives. Then, one day when we die, we will go to live with Him and enjoy Him forever— as happy as anyone can ever be! How amazing is the LORD! How good and loving He is to us! There is no one like Him! *Close in prayer*.

## **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- **C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- **S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

# **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

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

# **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

# Discussion **Questions**

#### choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

#### Meaning

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad. God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

# Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. What does God know? Everything.
- 2. What does God know about the world? Everything that has happened and will happen. Everything that is happening right now.
- 3. What does God know about us? Everything we do and say. Everything we are thinking in our hearts.
- 4. Can we hide anything good or bad that we've done from God? No.
- 5. Does God know all of our sins? Yes.
- 6. Why did God send Jesus? To save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to make us God's people!
- 7. What will God do when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? Forgive us for all our sins and makes us His people.
- 8. What does God want us for us? For us to know and love Him in the wonderful, special closeness that He made us to enjoy.

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# Deep Down Discussion Sheet

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

## **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else...He knows everything there is to know! What does God know, as He looks into the hearts of all people? He sees that we all have sinful hearts that have chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. He sees that we all deserve His punishment. How sad! But God is so rich in mercy! He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to pay for all the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to do this.

# **BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE**

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might." --Daniel 2:20, ESV

Learn a Little: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever."

## Meaning

These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

# Discussion **Questions**

choose a few

- 1. Whose name should we bless forever and ever? God's name.
- 2. What does it mean to bless God's name? It means to tell God how good and great He is and to thank Him for all He has done for us!
- 3. Who do wisdom and might belong to? What does that mean? They belong to God. That means that He knows everything there is to know and can do whatever He wants to do. And, whatever He does choose to do is always good and wise.
- 4. What is hidden from God? What is something that He doesn't know? There is nothing hidden from God. There is nothing He does not know.
- 5. Who can we trust to take care of us and give us what is best for us? We can trust God to take care of us and give us what is best. He is wise--so He always knows what is best. And He is mighty-so He always can do what is best.
- 6. How do we begin to trust in God and His wisdom and might? We can ask Him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to quide us and take care of us. He loves to answer these prayers!

#### **BIBLE STORY**

**Questions** 

# The Case of the Missing Donkeys

# Discussion

choose a few

- 1. What was Kish missing? His donkeys.
- 2. Who did he send to look for the donkeys? His son, Saul, and a servant.
- What good thing did God have planned for Saul? He would be made King of Israel.
- 4. Why did Samuel trust God when He told him to get a big party ready for Saul when he hadn't even seen Saul before and hadn't told him about the party? He knew that God knows everything there is to know. He knew God already knew exactly what Saul would do. He even planned it.
- 5. How did Samuel know what had happened to Kish's donkeys? God told him.
- 6. How did God know what had happened to Kish's donkeys? He knows everything there is to know. He always knew exactly where those donkeys were the whole time.
- 7. What is the greatest way that we can accept God's wisdom and trust in Him to guide us? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 6:

Can Anybody Tell Me
What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

# Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

## Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

# Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

# **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

#### **Let There Be Music**



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

# **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

# **Prepare Any Activities**



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

## Let Them Take It with Them



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

#### Store It



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

# Unit 4: The God Like None Other

## **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

# **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

# **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

# OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

# BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

# BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

# BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

## **BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

# **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

## **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

#### Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

#### Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV

#### 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.

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

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! **Unit Bible Verse:** "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 6 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us?

Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

#### Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Learn a Little: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

#### Meaning

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

#### **Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You are perfectly good and oh so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.
- **C** LORD, we are not holy like You are. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and be with You, the good and great, one, true God.
- **S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 6 Story**

The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8 Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 Overview: Key Concepts

#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 6

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

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

Lesson Plan: Big	Question 4, Bible Truth 6 use with all THREE lessons	p.1
1. GETTING START	= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan	
Intake		
Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children	as they join the class:
Free Play Time		
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activitie	es suggested in Appendix D
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:	
<b>Music Time</b>	Big Q & A 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12
	Big Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13
lyrics and sheet music,	Extra Unit Song:	
Appendix A	Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14
listen to or	Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
download songs	O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 15
for free at https://	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
praisefactory.	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 10
org: Deep Down	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
Detectives	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 17
Music page	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 18
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20
	Big Question 4 Praise Song:	
	God Is So Good	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21
	Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song:	
	I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 32
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe	
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	
<b>Memory Game</b>	Lesson 2 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack	
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Simon Says How	
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Act	ivities.
2. OPENING CIRCL	ETIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle Time.	
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	<b>3</b> ,
77	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Come gather here with me!	
Welcome to Deep Down Detectives	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joine who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's \	we look for answers to big

use with all THREE lessons

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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#### Deep Down Detectives

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

#### Theme Song

#### Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

#### Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand, if you have something to say,

Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you, Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

#### Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands, Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

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#### **Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 use with all THREE lessons

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Reveal the Big Question

# Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

#### The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question & Answer Sign, front side \*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids. ESV Book Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

#### **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Learning about** the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

#### **Big Question Action Rhyme**

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

#### (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else. He's not like you or me.

He is a glorious spirit I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be.

Shake your head side to side in a "no" point out to someone else, then to self

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head

Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

#### **Big Question** (Action Rhyme) Song

#### **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Refrain:

Point out to others in a arc movement Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, Point up to God Shake head "no"

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

You might also enjoy: Inspector Graff's Rap:

The ABC's of God DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

extend out arms to each side

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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## Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID

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

"Ok, we've learned five truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God, "He Is Everywhere, All the Time," and "He Knows Everything There Is to Know" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely ????!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "It's a word that means the opposite of bad? It rhymes with "hood."

Can you guess? It's "good."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely GOOD!"

#### Bible Truth Meaning

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

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us?

Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

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#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6** use with all THREE lessons

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove

the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then

#### **Learning the Bible Verse**

#### The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

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

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

#### **The Bible Chant Song**

The Bible, the Bible, Let's get out the Bible. Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible,

God's given us the Bible.

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.6 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

Place VISUAL verse in take out AID







DDD Bible

Isaiah 6:1-3

Isaiah 6:1-3 tells us:

say:

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Learn a Little: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

Folder

#### **Bible Verse** Meaning

#### What does that mean?

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Bible Verse Song

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

I Saw the LORD: Isaiah 6:1-3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 32

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

I saw the LORD,
Sitting a throne,
High and exalted,
Sitting a throne,
Above Him stood the seraphim,
Each had six wings,
And they called to one another,
"Holy is the LORD,
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts,
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.
Isaiah Six, one through three.

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6** use with all THREE lessons **p.8** 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan "Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan **Getting into** the Case wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?" NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Listenina Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds. Assignments "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out Place in take out today. Bible Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it of BQB to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below: VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to know: #5 1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it? DDD Unit 4 2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said? Visual Aids, ESV VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** #6 Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 6:1-3: "I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. DDD Unit 4 Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Visual Aids, ESV hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" I need to know: 1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people? 2. Could anyone go to meet with the LORD? Why or why not? **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:** I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. VISUAL AID They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God's big rules, an altar, and a camel. #7A.B.C Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. I need to know: \*Listening Assignment #3 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? includes the Assignment 2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures\* sins, once and for all? DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV **Then say,** "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can Tell the Bible Story hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see Place story if we can answer all the questions." & pics in take out Bible Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8 of BQB DDD Unit 4 Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the Visual Aids, ESV children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the Story text included Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this. in this book right after this lesson plan and in \*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\*

Visual Aids book

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

#### Hymn

#### Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him,

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy).

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

#### **Praise Song**

#### Praise Song: God Is So Good

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

## Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Bible Verse Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack activity for even Appendix B Lesson 3 Game: Simon Says How deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Activity: Musical Squares Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Thumping Drums activity for even 서 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: Say, Spring Up and Shout deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Bible Story** Lesson 1 Game: Fix Up the Mix Up **Review Game** Use the Discussion Lesson 2 Game: Take Me through the Tunnel Sheet with this activity for even Lesson 3 Game: Missing in Action game directions, deeper learning Appendix B Discussion **Ouestions Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Sheet with this activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion **Ouestions** These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Extra Crafts:** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes **Big Question** Use the Discussion Craft the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for Sheet with these activities for ever in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. Discussion **Bible Verse Craft** in Appendix C The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D. Free Play **Activities**

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ideas in Appendix D

use with all THREE lessons

= short & simple lesson plan

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## Transition to Closing Circle

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

## Classroom Song, verse 3

Classroom Song, verse 3

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lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

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

#### **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

## Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A "It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

ean you tell me now

#### Big News to Tell

#### Big Question 4

VISUAL AID



\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A "Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

First of all, can you tell me the answer to our **Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? Point to the picture.

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6

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#### He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse

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We learned: Isaiah 6:1-3:

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

**Learn a Little:** "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

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(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 32

#### 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Closing ACTS Prayer Time**

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant**

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

## lyrics and sheet music,

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

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A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

#### Closing ACTS **Prayer**

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You are perfectly good and oh so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.
- C LORD, we are not holy like You are. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and be with You, the good and great, one, true God.
- **S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

#### Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

#### **Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets**

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.



(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

#### **Bible Story to** Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 use with all THREE lessons

Place story in take out

of BQB

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#### The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So

Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

#### **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

#### During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

#### INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to know:

- 1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?
- 2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 6:1-3:

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

I need to know:

- 1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?
- 2. Could anyone go to meet with the LORD? Why or why not?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God's big rules, an altar, and a camel.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their sins, once and for all?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Long ago, the people of Israel were in big trouble. The king of Egypt had made them his slaves. He hurt them and made them work very, very hard for him, doing whatever he wanted them to do.

But the LORD their God saw what the king was doing and He stopped him. Do you know what the LORD did to stop the king?

Can you remember what He did?

The LORD sent stinging gnats and biting flies. He sent bouncy frogs and ouchy, itchy boils... and all sorts of other sad things to trouble the king of Egypt and his people until at last they had had enough. "Go away! Go worship your God," the king said at last.

"Yay, praise the LORD! He's saved us! We're free!" the people shouted. They were so happy!

Tromp, tromp, Moses led the people of Israel across the dry, deserty wilderness to a special mountain called Sinai. There, the LORD told them His wonderful plans.

"I am the LORD. I am a holy God. I am good and powerful. I hate sin and I punish it. I have rescued you from the king of Egypt, with my great power," the LORD told them. "I am choosing YOU to be My special people. And through YOU, I'm going to bless everyone else on earth."

"I am giving you good rules so you can know how I want you to live. If you keep them, I will bless you. The world will look at you and how you live, and they will understand what I am like--good and powerful... HOLY!" the LORD said to them.

"I want you to build Me a worship house, too," the LORD told them. "I want to be near you and have special fellowship with you. But you can't build it any way you please. You have to build it just so—EXACTLY as I tell you to.

A worship house just so....EXACTLY as He told them to make it. That sounds very picky, don't you think so? But the LORD wasn't just being picky. He was LOVING His people. If everything wasn't just so, then there would be BIG trouble. And the LORD told them why. It was something about the way He was.

Can you guess? What about the LORD meant that worship house had to be made exactly right?

"I am holy, but you are not," the LORD told the people. "I hate sin. I punish sin, but I don't want to punish you. I want to LOVE you and be close to you. Only if you make this worship place just right can we have fellowship together," the LORD told them through Moses.

"I'm putting Bezalel and Oholiab in charge of building it. I will help them build it just right. They will build it with gifts from the people," the LORD told them.

Everyone was happy to obey. The people brought their gifts of silver, gold and bronze, fine fabric and beautiful jewels, and everything else that was needed. Piles and piles of them. Then Bezalel and Oholiab set to work, always following the LORD's "just so" instructions.

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

"Build it like a big tent so it can move place to place with you. You are a traveling people. I want to travel with you," the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab built a big tent just like He said.

"Outside of the tent, put a big. bronze altar to burn worship gifts on. The people will bring their worship gifts here to offer up to Me," the LORD told them. "Put a big, bronze container filled with water outside the tent, too. This basin will only be used for washing and getting ready for going inside the worship tent," the LORD instructed. So Bezalel and Oholiab built a bronze altar for the worship gifts and a bronze basin with water for washing.

"Make two rooms inside the tent, one big one and one small one. In the big one, put a big, golden lamp lit with twelve, bright, shining flames. Put a big, golden table with twelve, little loaves of bread. Put a golden container filled with wonderful-smelling incense. This big room is called the Holy Place," the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the big room and the little room in the tent. They made the lampstand, the table, and the container filled with incense, just as the LORD told them to.

"Not just anyone can go into the Holy Place. Only men called priests can go in there...and ONLY if they keep My special rules for them," the LORD warned. "The priests must keep my good rules. They must wash with water from the basin and dress in special clothes of pure white. Each day they will come into the tent to offer the people's worship gifts and pray for them. I will have fellowship with the people, but only through the priests. It has to be this way because I am holy and you are sinners." the LORD said. So Bezalel and Oholiab made the pure, white clothes for the priests.

"The big room of the tent is special, but it is not as special as the little room of the tent. The little room is called the Holy of Holies because it is the holiest place of all. It is the place where I will be with you in a special way," the LORD explained.

"Make a golden box with beautiful angels on it. Put the big rules I gave you inside of it. This box is called the Ark of the Covenant. Put the Ark in the small room. "Make a big curtain using white, red, blue and purple yarn. Weave angels into it. Hang up the curtain between the big room and the little room, so the little room is shut off from the big room," the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the curtain and hung it in place.

"Not even the priests can go in the little room whenever they want," the LORD said. "It is too holy even for them. Only the leader of the priests (the high priest) can go into the small room; and only on only one, special day every year, wearing very special clothes. On that one day, he will bring a special worship gift and sprinkle it on the golden box. That gift will keep the golden box holy so I can be near you in the small room for another year," the LORD told them. "Make the high priest's special clothes." So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the high priest's special clothes.

"Make sure you do all these things so I can live with you in this special way and so you can be My people," the LORD urged them. "I am the holy God, but you are sinners. This is the way I've made for you to have fellowship with Me."

The LORD helped Bezalel and Oholiab make everything just so until the worship house tent was all ready. Now it was time to USE the worship house!

The priests washed themselves and put on their pure, white clothes. They put in place all of the beautiful things that the LORD helped Bezalel and Oholiab make: the golden box; the golden candlestick, the incense stand and table with the twelve loaves of bread, and the special curtain between the two rooms. The candles were lit, and the incense began to send out its wonderful smell. And outside, on the altar, the priests placed the first worship gifts to the LORD.

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

What would happen next? Had they really done everything just as the LORD said? Would He come down to the tent to have fellowship with them in a special way?

What do you think?

Yes, He would!

The LORD sent fire down to accept the worship gifts on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted aloud and fell down and worshipped. Then the LORD had a special cloud covered the outside of the tent and filled up the inside with His beautiful, sparkly bright glory. What a wonderful day this was! The LORD's special presence had come to be with them!

From that day, the priests went into the Holy Place each day and served the LORD as He told them to. And once a year, the high priest would take the special worship gift into the Holy of Holies, so the LORD could be there with His people another year.

The Worship Tent was replaced with a Worship House--the Temple--but still nothing changed in how the LORD met with His people. Until at last, there came a very special day when EVERYTHING changed! The curtain between the big and small room was torn in two by God, Himself, because it wasn't needed anymore.

What happened? Did the LORD stop being holy? No, He did not. Did the people stop being sinners? No, sadly, they did not.

But something DID change that day. Jesus did something that satisfied the punishment God's people deserved for their sins. Something that made them look as perfectly good and holy before God, as Jesus, Himself. Wow!

Do you know what He did?

Jesus suffered and died on the cross. He took all of the punishment for the sins of God's people and gave them His perfect record before God. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the grave in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. There was no need for a curtain anymore, or for the priests with their white, clothes. There was no need for more worship gifts for our sin anymore. Jesus had made the way. He was the final payment for sins. And now the LORD could be with His people in a far better, much nearer place than a worship tent. Do you know where that nearer place was?

Can you guess?

It was right in their hearts. Yes, His Holy Spirit would now come and live right there inside of them. Amazing!

And it was through Jesus that the LORD kept His promise to the people of Israel to bless us all. The LORD wasn't just forgiving THEIR sins through Jesus. He was offering to forgive our sins, if we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.

And if we do, His Holy Spirit will come and live inside our hearts, giving us close fellowship with God...no special tent or clothes or priest needed, thanks to Jesus!

And that will be just the beginning. Better yet will be when God's people die. They get to live with the LORD in heaven—the special place where God can be known and enjoyed in all His glory. And they will live there with Him, perfectly happy forever. Life with a holy God --so good and so great-- is Perfect Wonderfulness! Ask God to help you become one of His people! He loves to answer this prayer!

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#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6

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

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

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to know:

- 1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it? It was made for the LORD and He told them how to make it.
- **2.** Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said? It had to be made just right because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 6:1-3:

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

I need to know:

- 1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people? In the special worship tent.
- 2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not? No, only the priests could come into the tent, and only if they followed all of the LORD's rules. This was because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. Only by keeping the LORD's rules could they come near to Him.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship house so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God's big rules, an altar, and a camel.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The cross, the Ark, God's big rules, and the altar belong. The wagon and the camel do not.
- 2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their sins, once and for all? All of the people of Israel needed to confess their sins to the LORD. He sent Jesus to be the final payment for the sins of all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By confessing our sins to God, by turning away from them, and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### **Our Bible Truth is:**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

What a lot the people of Israel had to remember to do to keep fellowship with the LORD! How wonderful was the day when Jesus gave up His life as the perfect and final payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross! On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death. Now all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be saved. God forgives their sins and makes them His people. They can have the fellowship of God's Holy Spirit right in their hearts! And one day, they will go to live with God forever. Jesus can be your Savior, too. Through Him, you can have this special closeness with God, too. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to answer these prayers!

Close in prayer.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- **A** We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You are perfectly good and oh so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.
- **C** LORD, we are not holy like You are. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and be with You, the good and great, one, true God.
- **S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

#### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

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

#### **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

## Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

#### Meaning

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us? Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

## Discussion **Questions**

#### choose a few

- 1. Who is holy? Who is good, through and through? *The LORD is.*
- 2. Who does what is right all the time? The LORD.
- 3. What does the LORD hate? Sin.
- 4. What is sin? Sin is everything that isn't part of the God's good ways. We sin when we disobey the good ways God has told us to love and to live.
- 5. Are we holy and good like God? No, we are not.
- 6. What do we deserve because we are not all holy and good like God? His punishment.
- 7. Who took the punishment for everyone who turns from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior? *Jesus did*.
- 8. When people trust in Jesus, how does God treat them? As if they were as holy and good as He is. Their sins are forgiven through Jesus.

use with all THREE lessons

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

#### THE GOSPEL

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else...He is perfectly holy, purely good! But, uh oh! That's not anything like the way people are! We all have sinful hearts that have chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. We all deserve His punishment. How sad! But God is so rich in mercy! He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to pay for all the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to do this.

## BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" --Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

Learn a Little: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

#### Meaning

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

## Discussion Questions

- 1. Who surrounds the LORD in heaven? Seraphs--angels with six wings!
- 2. What are the seraphs saying to each other? "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty."
- 3. Who is holy like the LORD? No one is.
- 4. Why do the seraphs worship the LORD and why should we? Because He alone is so holy.
- 5. Are we holy? No, we aren't.
- 6. Who made the way for God to see us as holy? Jesus did, when He suffered and died on the cross.
- 7. How can we be forgiven our sins and become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

#### **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. How did the people of Israel get away from the mean King of Egypt? *The LORD rescued them with His mighty power through Moses.*
- 2. What did the LORD want to make the people of Israel? His special people.
- 3. Who did the LORD want to bless (do something good and special) through them? *Everyone*.
- choose a few
- 4. What did the LORD want the people of Israel to build? A worship house where He could be near them in a special way.
- 5. Why did they have to make the worship house just like He told them to? He was the holy God. They were sinful people. His right anger against their sins would destroy them if they got too close in the wrong way. He didn't want that to happen. He loved them and wanted them to be His people.
- 6. What were they to put outside the worship house? A container for washing and a container for giving God their worship gifts by burning them up.
- 7. What was in the big room of the worship house, the Holy Place? A golden lamp with 12 flames; a golden table with 12 loaves of bread; a container for burning special, good-smelling stuff.
- 8. Who got to go into the Holy Place? *Only the priests after they had washed and done other things just right.*
- 9. What did the priests do in the Holy Place? They offered worship gifts to God and prayed for the people.
- 10. What was in the Holy of Holies, the little room of the worship house? *The golden box (the Ark of the Covenant) with God's Big Rules in it.*
- 11. Who was in the Holy of Holies in a special way? *The LORD*.
- 12. Who only got to go into the Holy of Holies? *The head priest, only once a year.*
- 13. What did the LORD do after the people built the worship house and made their first worship gifts to the LORD? He sent down fire to burn up the worship gifts and His glory came to be in the worship house in a special way.
- 14. Why do we not have to worship the LORD through a worship place and priests anymore? Who made the final payment for sins? Jesus gave up His perfect life as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior are forgiven. Jesus has made the way for us to come to God!

# DEEP DOWN DESTRECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 7:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

#### Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

#### Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

#### Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

#### **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

#### **Let There Be Music**



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

#### **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

#### **Prepare Any Activities**



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

#### Let Them Take It with Them



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

#### Store It



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

#### Unit 4: The God Like None Other

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

#### **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

#### **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

#### BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

#### BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

#### **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

#### **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

#### Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

#### Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV

#### 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.

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

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 7 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

The LORD is all-powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop the LORD from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop the LORD from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is.

#### Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

Learn a Little: "Whatever the LORD pleases, he does."

#### Meaning

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

#### **Bible Truth 7 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- C God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- **S** Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 7 Story**

**The Case of the Man with the Big Name** 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

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#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 Overview: Key Concepts

#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 7

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)

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Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

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1. GETTING START	= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan	
Intake		as they is in the class.
Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children	as tney join the class:
Free Play Time		
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities	es suggested in Appendix D
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:	
<b>Music Time</b>	Big Q & A 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12
	Big Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Extra Unit Song:	
Аррении А	Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14
listen to or	Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	
download songs	O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 15
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	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 18
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD FCV C - 11 - 2 4 + 11 - 2 1 1 1
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 19
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	DDD ESV Sange 4 track 20
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20
	Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good	DDD FCV Comes 4 track 21
		DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21
	Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 33
	Extra Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song:	Lov Songs 4, track 55
	For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 34
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	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe	
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Roll 'n' Toss	
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Block Clapping	
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up	
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Act	ivities.
2. OPENING CIRCL	E TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	
Gathering the	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle	: Time.
Children		
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Come gather here with me!	
Welcome to Deep Down	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joine who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives,	
Detectives	questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's \	

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 use with all THREE lessons

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

# Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

#### Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

#### Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,

Raise your hand, if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,

Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

#### Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands,

Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

#### **Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Reveal the Big Question

## Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

#### **The Big Question Box Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question & Answer Sign, front side \*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids. ESV Book Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

#### **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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**Learning about** the Big Question (use one or both) Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

#### **Big Question Action Rhyme**

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

#### (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else. He's not like you or me.

He is a glorious spirit I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be.

Shake your head side to side in a "no" point out to someone else, then to self

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head

Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

#### **Big Question** (Action Rhyme) Song

#### **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

lyrics and sheet music,

Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Point out to others in a arc movement

Point up to God

Shake head "no"

Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!) He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous! (He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

extend out arms to each side

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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## Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID

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

"Ok, we've learned six truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God, "He Is Everywhere, All the Time," "He Knows Everything There Is to Know," and, "He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Can Do ???? He Wants to Do!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What can you do if you are all-powerful? That's what God can do. It rhymes with "twenty rings."

Can you guess? It's "anything."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Can Do <u>ANYTHING</u> He Wants to Do!"

#### Bible Truth Meaning

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

The LORD is all-powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop the LORD from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop the LORD from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is.

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 9

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Learning the Bible Verse**

## The Bible Chant

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Song

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

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

#### **The Bible Chant Song**

The Bible, the Bible, The Bible, the Bible,

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.7 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL Place verse in take out AID







DDD Bible Folder

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

Let's get out the Bible. Let's hear what God has to say. God's given us the Bible.

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

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

Psalm 135:5-6 tells us:

#### Psalm 135:5-6

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

Learn a Little: "Whatever the LORD pleases, he does."

#### **Bible Verse** Meaning



#### What does that mean?

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Bible Verse Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

For I Know the Plans: Jeremiah 29:11, ESV DDD ESV Songs 4, track 34 We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

#### I Know that the LORD Is Great: Psalm 135:5-6

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 33

I know that the LORD is great,
That our Lord is greater than all gods.
The LORD does whatever pleases him.
In the heavens and on the earth,
In the seas and all their depths,
In the heavens and on the earth,
In the seas and all their depths.
The LORD does whatever pleases Him.
Psalm One-thirty-five, five and six.

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7** use with all THREE lessons **p.8** 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan "Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan **Getting into** the Case wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?" NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Listening Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds. **Assignments** "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out Place in take out today. Bible Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it of BQB to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below: VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to know: #5 1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do? 2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him? DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6, ESV #6 "For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps." DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV I need to know: 1. Who did not believe the LORD was great? 2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him? **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment: VISUAL AID** I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. #7A,B,C They are: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. \*Listening Assignment #3 I need to know: includes the Assignment 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures\* 2. Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them? DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV **Then say,** "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can **Tell the Bible Story** hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see Place story if we can answer all the questions." & pics in take out DDD Bible Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name of BQB 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32 DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV

Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in

Visual Aids book

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this.

<sup>\*</sup>Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\*

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7**

use with all THREE lessons

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

#### Hymn

#### Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy).

**Tie-in:** "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

#### **Praise Song**

#### Praise Song: God Is So Good

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

# Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 use with all THREE lessons p.10**3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here **Bible Verse Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Roll 'n' Toss aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Block Clapping Appendix B activity for even Lesson 3 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Freeze Frame Use the Discussion Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Egg Shakers activity for even 서 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: Jingle Bell Hands deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Bible Story** Lesson 1 Game: Treasure Hunt **Review Game** Jse the Discussion Lesson 2 Game: Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks Sheet with this Lesson 3 Game: Can You Remember? activity for even game directions, deeper learning Appendix B Discussion Questions **Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Sheet with this Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion Questions These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Extra Crafts: Big Question** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes Use the Discussion Craft the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for Sheet with these activities for even in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning Discussion craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. **Bible Verse Craft Ouestions** in Appendix C The **Bible Story Coloring Sheet** provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Free Play Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.

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**Activities** *ideas in Appendix D* 

#### DDD Unit 4, Bible Truth 7 Lesson Plan--Use All Three Lessons **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7** use with all THREE lessons **p.11 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME** (End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time) = short & simple lesson plan **Transition to** Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and **Closing Circle** ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time. Classroom Song, Classroom Song, verse 3 DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3 verse 3 It's time to get ready to go and tell, lyrics and sheet music, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Appendix A Come gather here with me. **Closing Circle Time** When children are settled in the circle, say: "It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? Classroom Song, It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to verse 4 go home and...it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!" lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Classroom Song, verse 4 DDD ESV Songs 4, track 4 So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now? "Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned! **Big News to Tell** First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What **Big Question 4 the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture. VISUAL AID Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!" #1 (If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13 \*found in the DDD Unit 4

Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### Big Question 4, **Bible Truth 7**

VISUAL AID



He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

#### **Big Question 4 Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse**

VISUAL AID



\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

#### We learned: Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

Learn a Little: "Whatever the LORD pleases, he does."

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 33

#### 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Closing ACTS Prayer Time**

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant**

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

## lyrics and sheet music,

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 10,11

Appendix A

A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus, S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

#### Closing ACTS **Prayer**

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- C God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- **S** Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

#### Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up." Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

#### **Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets**

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.



(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

#### **Bible Story to** Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

Place story in take out

of BQB

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#### The Case of the Man with the Big Name

2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

#### **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

#### INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Man with the Big Name. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to know:

- 1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do?
- 2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6, ESV:

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

#### I need to know:

- 1. Who did not believe the LORD was great?
- 2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story.

They are: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

#### I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

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The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

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

Long ago, there was a king with a very big name. His name was Sennacherib. He lived in a beautiful palace in a city called Nineveh.

Can you say that name? Let's try: "Sennacherib."

Now not only did this king have a very big name; but he also had a very big army with thousands and thousands of brave, fighting men.

And what did King Sennacherib do with his big army of brave fighting men? Well, he did just what you think he would do. He sent his soldiers to fight the soldiers of other kings in other lands. And most every time his soldiers fought, they won. Oh, how very powerful were King Sennacherib and his soldiers!

Now, the king didn't send his soldiers to fight for fun. He sent them to fight to TAKE. And take, they did! They took the other kings' lands and the other kings' stuff. They even took the other kings' people! If King Sennacherib wanted something, he got it: lands, riches, and people. But no matter how much Sennacherib took, he was never satisified. He always wanted to take more. Really, he wanted to take EVERYTHING and be MOST POWERFUL. He wanted to be king over everyone, in every land.

One day, King Sennacherib sent his army to the land of Judah--the land the LORD had given to His people. Sennacherib's army swooped down across the countryside and gobbled up little cities along the way. Sennacherib was happy to have these little cities, but his eyes were on one, biggest, best and most beautiful city in Judah. Do you have any idea what that city is called?

Can you tell me it's name?

It was the city of Jerusalem. Sennacherib wanted to own Jerusalem's lovely Temple with its beautiful golden things. He wanted all the riches of the people and their king, King Hezekiah, too.

So march, march, march went Sennacherib's soldiers towards Jerusalem. Soon they would shake its thick walls and break its big, city gates. And if this city was like the others they had attacked, the people would soon surrender and Jerusalem would belong to Sennacherib.

Up in his palace, news of Sennacherib's soldiers reached Hezekiah, king of Judah. Hezekiah was a good king. He loved the LORD and obeyed his laws. He helped the people love and obey the LORD, too. Hezekiah believed the LORD was the one, true God. He knew the LORD was powerful. He had read the amazing stories of how the LORD rescued His people in Egypt.

But when Hezekiah heard about those thousands and thousands of soldiers coming to shake the walls of Jerusalem and break its big, city gates, he panicked. He had no army big enough to fight off all those soldiers, and he couldn't imagine how the LORD could rescue Jerusalem from this powerful enemy.

And, because Hezekiah knew that HE didn't have what he needed to fight the enemy....and he couldn't imagine how the LORD could, he stopped trusting the LORD as he should have. He decided to take matters into his own hands: he would make a deal with King Sennacherib.

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use with all THREE lessons

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7

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

So Hezekiah sent a message to King Sennacherib saying: "I'll pay you as much money as you want if you will send your soldiers away and leave us alone."

King Sennacherib loved money, so he sent a message back to King Hezekiah with his deal. "Pay me eleven tons of gold and one ton of silver, then I will leave you alone," Sennacherib promised.

King Hezekiah was horrified! Eleven tons of gold! One ton of silver! Why that would be wagons and wagons and wagons of gold and silver! Why, that would be all the gold and silver in Jerusalem! They would even have to strip the gold off of the Temple to have enough! Should Hezekiah give King Sennacherib all their riches? Should he take the gold off of the Temple to pay off this wicked king? Was that really the only way to get rid of this powerful enemy? Hezekiah thought it was. So he gathered all the silver and gold he had, then he stripped it off the Temple and sent it away to King Sennacherib. Would that be enough to make him happy?

What do you think?

No, it was not! King Sennacherib wanted more than money. He wanted King Hezekiah's lands and King Hezekiah's people, too. So, (move SB10 close to BG5 Jerusalem) march, march, march, went King Sennacherib's soldiers again, through the hills of Judah, and right up to the very walls of Jerusalem, itself.

The leader of the army shouted mean words at Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah, King Hezekiah's helpers: "Give this message to your king," he ordered them. "Tell him: 'If you think you can beat King Sennacherib's army you are wrong. If you think the LORD your God can take care of you, you are wrong. No other king's army could beat us. No other god took care of the other peoples when we attacked them. You will be no different. We have come to destroy your land and take over everything," the army leader boasted.

King Hezekiah was very upset when his helpers brought him this message. He knew he didn't have enough soldiers to fight this strong enemy. He knew they could shake Jerusalem's strong walls and break their city gates. But this time, he put his trust in the only one who had been powerful enough to rescue them in the past. The one who was even more powerful than Sennacherib.

Who did King Hezekiah decide to trust in?

This time, Hezekiah trusted in the LORD! He and his special helpers put on special clothes for times of sadness. Hezekiah went to the Temple to pray to the LORD and he sent Eliakim, Shebna and Joah to ask the prophet Isaiah, the LORD's special messenger, for help. "This is a terrible day! This is terrible news!" was Hezekiah's message to Isaiah. "But let's pray to the LORD. Perhaps He will help us."

The LORD did indeed hear their prayer. He sent Isaiah with a message for King Hezekiah: "The LORD says: 'Do not be afraid of what King Sennacherib or his men say to you. I will take care of him and his army," Isaiah told Hezekiah.

But back outside of Jerusalem, King Sennacherib's army leader kept shouting out more mean words: "Don't trust in the LORD your God. He can't help you!"

This time King Hezekiah didn't listen. He just went and prayed more to the LORD: "O LORD, You rule over every king on earth. You are stronger than King Sennacherib. You can do anything you want to do. Please, LORD, rescue us. Show King Sennacherib and his soldiers that You alone are the true God. Show them that You are more powerful than they are."

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7

use with all THREE lessons

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

Once more, Isaiah brought God's answer: "Don't worry. I've heard your prayer. I will take care of Jerusalem and Judah. King Sennacherib's soldiers won't come into this city. They won't even shoot an arrow at it or attack it. I will get rid of them without you doing any fighting at all. I will turn them back on My own."

And so that night, many of King Sennacherib's soldiers were struck down dead. And in the morning, the rest of Sennacherib's soldiers went home, never to return again.

Inside the city, King Hezekiah and all the people praised the LORD. He had done just what He said He would do. He had beaten the huge, mighty army of King Sennacherib all by Himself so that everyone would know that He is the one true God. He is all powerful. He can do anything He wants to do.

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7

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

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- 1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do? Sennacherib. He thought he could defeat any people, any army, any god, with his great army.
- **2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?** The LORD did. Sennacherib was no match for Him! Not in the least!

#### For You and Me:

There will never be any enemy who is more powerful than the LORD. The LORD and His good plans will always win. He will always do what is best for His people, and will always show that He is the one, true God. And who knows this most of all? God's people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

#### I need to find out:

- **1. Who did not believe the LORD was great?** King Sennacherib and his army leaders.
- **2.** How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him? The LORD defeated King Sennacherib's army without King Hezekiah or any of the people of Jerusalem having to fight at all.

#### For You and Me:

Isn't it amazing to think that the LORD is always great enough to do whatever pleases Him. And, what pleases Him is to love sinners like you and me, and to show the world how great and good He is! And who knows this most of all? God's people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold.

#### 1. Which four belong in our story?

The man named Hezekiah, the soldier, the wall and the gold belong. The donut and the tree do not.

**2.** Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them? King Hezekiah cried out to the LORD to do great things and He did them! He saved them from Sennacherib's great army.

#### For You and Me:

Perhaps there will not be a great army trying to beat down our door and defeat us, but there are plenty of difficulties we face that are too big for us to handle on our own. But when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can know that the LORD will always be with us. He will use His great power to take care of us and make sure that everything we go through is always for our good as well as His glory (to show others how great and good He is). How wonderful it is to know that nothing can ever stop the LORD from doing good for His people! How wonderful it is to be one of those people! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### Our Bible Truth is: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

Our story today was about how the LORD was even mightier than great King Sennacherib and his big army. The LORD showed everyone that He was much more powerful than even this mighty king and his mighty army. Why? Because the LORD can do anything He wants to do. He is all powerful. But the LORD has done something that took a lot more power than it took to beat Sennacherib and his army. He has even beaten sin and death for us through Jesus. Yes, Jesus, God's Son came to live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of all who put their trust in Him. He rose from the dead on the third day showing He had really beaten sin and death for them! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior can know God's forgiveness and become His people. They will get to know Him in their hearts now, and one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. God can help you put your trust in Jesus. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer!

Close in prayer.

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

#### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

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

#### **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

# Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Can Do Whatever He Wants to Do!

#### Meaning

The LORD is all powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop Him from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop Him from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is.

# Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. Who is all powerful? *The LORD*.
- 2. What is the LORD in control of? Everything in the whole world.
- 3. What are the LORD's plans for the world like? *Nothing but perfectly wise*.
- 4. How do we know God's perfectly wise plans will always happen? Because He is all powerful.
- 5. Who can stop God from doing the good He has planned for His people? No one!
- 6. What can stop God from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is? *Nothing*.
- 7. What is the greatest way God has shown His power? In Jesus' suffering and dying on the cross and taking upon Himself all of the punishment God's people deserved for their sins. Then, raising Him up from the dead in victory on the third day.
- 8. How can we become God's people? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

DDD Unit 4, Bible Trutl	n 7 Discussion Questions			
Deep Down Discussion Sheet		use with all THREE lessons	P.2	
Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games				
THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like			

He's not like anyone else...He can do anything He wants to do! One of the most amazing things that God has chosen to do is to save sinful people, like you and me. You see, we all have sinful hearts that have chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. We all deserve His punishment. How sad! But God is so rich in mercy! He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to pay for all the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to do this.

#### **BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE**

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps." -- Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

#### Meaning

**Learn a Little: "**Whatever the LORD pleases, he does."

#### Discussion **Questions**

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

choose a few

- 1. Who is greater than all gods? The LORD is.
- 2. What does the LORD do? Whatever pleases Him.
- 3. Does it ever please the LORD to do bad things? No, He only does what is good and wise!
- 4. Where does the LORD do what pleases Him? In the heavens, on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.
- 5. What does "omnipotent" mean? It means all-powerful.
- 6. Who is omnipotent? The LORD is.
- 7. What is the most amazing way that the LORD showed His mighty power for sinners like us He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross in the place of sinners like you and me. He came to be our Savior!
- 8. How can Jesus be our Savior? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God loves to help us do this! Ask Him!

#### **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Man with the Big Name

#### Discussion **Questions**

- 1. What was the big name of the mighty king in the story? Sennacherib.
- 2. What was Sennacherib's army like? It was big. It beat all the other armies.
- 3. What did Sennacherib want to take from the other kings? Their land, their things, their people.
- 4. What was King Hezekiah of Judah like? He was a good king. He loved God and he helped the people love God, too.

#### choose a few

- 5. What did King Hezekiah do when Sennacherib's army attacked some cities in Judah? He got scared and told Sennacherib he would give him lots of money if he left them alone.
- 6. Was Sennacherib happy with just money from King Hezekiah? No. He wanted all his land, his things, his people.
- 7. What did King Hezekiah do when Sennacherib's army came to Jerusalem? He trusted God this time. He went and prayed to Him for help.
- 8. What did the LORD say He would do? He would take care of Sennacherib's army without King Hezekiah and the people having to do anything at all.
- 9. Why did Sennacherib's army leader tell King Hezekiah not to trust in the LORD? He said the LORD was not powerful enough to take care of them.
- 10. Was the LORD powerful enough to take care of them? Yes, He was. He sent an angel to get rid of the army during the night. The rest of the army ran away in the morning.
- 11. How has the LORD used His mighty power to do something for sinners like you and me? He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross to save us from our sins. He raised Him from the dead showing He had really beaten sin and death for us.
- 12. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

# DEEP DOWN DESCRIPTIONS

Curriculum Resources for Unit 4, Bible Truth 8:

Can Anybody Tell Me
What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through!

#### Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

#### Pray!



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

#### **Review**



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

#### Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

#### **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**



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

#### **Let There Be Music**



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

#### **Put the Props in Place**



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

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



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

#### **Prepare Any Activities**



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

#### Let Them Take It with Them



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

#### Store It



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

#### Unit 4: The God Like None Other

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

In this unit we will learn eight, amazing ways that the LORD is not like anyone else!

#### **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Kings 8:23

"O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath."

#### **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**ANSWER:** He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 4 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 4 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Showdown Exodus 1-12

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 1: He is a Glorious Spirit** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Bible Verse: John 4:24

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Is the One, True God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11;

Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

#### BIBLE TRUTH 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16

#### **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4 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, so 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)

#### **UNIT 4: THE GOD LIKE NONE OTHER**

- 12 Big Q & A 4 Song
- 13 Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
- 14 Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God
- 15 Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)
- 18 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)
- 19 Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV
- 20 Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
- 21 Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

#### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

#### Bible Truth 1: He Is a Glorious Spirit

22 Bible Verse: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

23 Extra Bible Verse: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

#### Bible Truth 2: He Is the One, True God

24 Bible Verse: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

25 Extra Bible Verse: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons

26 Bible Verse: May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: He Is Everywhere, All the Time

27 Bible Verse: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

28 Extra Bible Verse: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

29 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

#### Bible Truth 5: He Knows Everything There Is to Know

30 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

31 Extra Bible Verse: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

#### Bible Truth 6: He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

32 Bible Verse: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

#### Bible Truth 7: He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

33 Bible Verse: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

34 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

#### Bible Truth 8: He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

35 Bible Verse: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV

#### 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.

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

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 8 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through!

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

#### Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse: Psalm 145:13

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made."

Learn a Little: "You... are a God... abounding faithfulness."

#### Meaning

This verse reminds us that the LORD is always faithful to His people. He is merciful and gracious to them. He is slow to anger and abounding in love that never ends. Even when they are unfaithful to Him and deserving of punishment rather than kindness, the LORD goes on being faithful to them. How amazing is the LORD!

#### **Bible Truth 8 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- **C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- **S** Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

#### **Bible Truth 8 Story**

#### The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food

Exodus 16

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#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8 Overview: Key Concepts

#### **Songs Used in Bible Truth 8**

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song: But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV

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1. GETTING STAR	<b>TED</b> = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan			
Intake				
Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children as they join the class:			
Free Play Time				
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activitie	es suggested in Appendix D.		
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 4:			
Music Time	Big Q & A 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12		
	Big Question 4 Song	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13		
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Extra Unit Song:			
<i>Аррениіх А</i>	Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14		
listen to or	Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:			
download songs	O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 15		
for free at https://	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:			
praisefactory.	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 16		
org: Deep Down	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:			
Detectives Music page	In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 17		
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	In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (version 3)	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 18		
	Extra Big Question 4 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD 501/6 4 4 1 10		
	I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 19		
	Big Question 4 Hymn:	DDD 50V 5 4 + 1 - 20		
	Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20		
	Big Question 4 Praise Song:	DDD FCV Conce 4 track 21		
	God Is So Good	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21		
	Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song:  But You, O LORD Psalm 86:1,15 ESV	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 35		
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory	-		
	on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe			
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Bean Bag Catch			
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Animal Cube			
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Fill 'er Up			
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Act.	ivitios		
2. OPENING CIRCL	These activities are also included on p. 10 of this lesson plan with the Response Acti .E TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	ivities.		
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle Time.			
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 1		
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	-		
	Let's gather together to worship God,			
	Let's gather together to worship God,			
	Come gather here with me!			
Welcome to Deep Down	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joine			
Detectives	who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."			
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#### Deep Down **Detectives** Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

#### **Deep Down Detectives Theme Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

#### Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 7

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,

Raise your hand, if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,

Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules.

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

#### **Opening Prayer Time**

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lvrics and sheet music. Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands, Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

# Dear Lord,

**Opening Prayer** 

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Reveal the Big Question

# Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

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

#### The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 8

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

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

# The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question &
Answer Sign, front side
\*found in the DDD Unit 4
Visual Aids. ESV Book

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

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Big Question Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

#### **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

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

# **Big Question Action Rhyme**

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme**

#### (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

The LORD is not like anyone else. He's not like you or me.

He is a glorious spirit I cannot touch or see.

He's very, very, VERY strong. He knows everything, He never does any wrong! And He is with us all the time. No matter where we may be. Shake your head side to side in a "no" point out to someone else, then to self

close eyes flex arm muscle Touch head

Shake your head side to side in a "no" Stretch your hands out wide

#### Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song

#### **Big Question 4 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Point out to others in a arc movement

Point up to God

Shake head "no"

You might also enjoy: Inspector Graff's Rap:

The ABC's of God DDD ESV Songs 4, track 14

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

Touch head

Point out to others in a arc movement

hold up flexed arm

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

fold arms over chest and shake head "no"

extend out arms to each side

hand gesture for tiny, by place index and thumb of same hand a little space apart

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# Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **EIGHT** Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID

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

"Ok, we've learned seven truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God, "He Is Everywhere, All the Time," "He Knows Everything There Is to Know," "He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good," and "He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

#### "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is Always ????, Through and Through!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "This word means someone who does what they promise they will do? It rhymes with "bathe pool." (That's a silly rhyme, isn't it?)

Can you guess? It's "faithful."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He Is Always <u>FAITHFUL</u>, Through and Through!"

#### Bible Truth Meaning

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

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 9

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8** use with all THREE lessons

#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove

the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then

#### **Learning the Bible Verse**

#### The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

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

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

#### **The Bible Chant Song**

The Bible, the Bible, Let's get out the Bible. Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible, God's given us the Bible.

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

#### Bible Verse

DDD 4.8 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

Place VISUAL verse in take out AID







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Folder

DDD Bible

Psalm 86:1,15,16

Psalm 86:1,15,16 tells us:

are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant."

Learn a Little: "You... are a God... abounding faithfulness."

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

#### **Bible Verse** Meaning

#### What does that mean?

This verse reminds us that the LORD is always faithful to His people. He is merciful and gracious to them. He is slow to anger and abounding in love that never ends. Even when they are unfaithful to Him and deserving of punishment rather than kindness, the LORD goes on being faithful to them. How amazing is the LORD!

say:

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord,

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#### Bible Verse Song

lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

Incline Your Ear, ESV DDD ESV Songs 4, track 36; Faithful, He Is Faithful: Psalm 145:13,18,19, ESV DDD ESV Songs 4, track 37; Proclaim the Name: Deuteronomy 32:4, ESV DDD ESV Songs 4, track 38 We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

#### But You, O LORD: Psalm 86:15

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 35

But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness. Yes, you are a merciful God, Gracious, slow to anger, Abounding in steadfast love, in faithfulness. Psalm Eighty-six, fifteen.

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 4. Bible Truth 8** use with all THREE lessons **p.8** 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan "Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan **Getting into** the Case wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?" NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Listening Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds. Assignments "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out Place in take out today. Bible Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it of BQB to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below: VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to find out: #5 1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it? 2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it? DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV: #6 "Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant." DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV I need to find out: 1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for 2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel? **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. #7A,B,C They are: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. \*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment I need to figure out: Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures\* 1. Which four belong in our story? DDD Unit 4 2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt? Visual Aids, ESV Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions." Tell the Bible Story Tell the Bible Story: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16 Place story & pics in take out DDD Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer. Or, use the of BOB Simple Story Scenes resource to do all of this. DDD Unit 4 \*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\* Visual Aids, ESV Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in

Visual Aids book

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

#### Hymn

#### Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 20

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

#### **Praise Song**

#### Praise Song: God Is So Good

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 21

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Tie-in: "Children God is so good, so powerful and so holy! Let's praise Him!"

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



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

# Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. Bible Verse Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Bean Bag Catch aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Animal Cube Appendix B activity for even Lesson 3 Game: Fill 'er Up deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Activity: Big Voice, Little Voice Activity Sheet with this Lesson 2 Activity: Sing, Dance and Fall Down activity for even 📈 game directions, Lesson 3 Activity: March 'n' Say deeper learning Discussion Appendix B Questions A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Bible Story** Lesson 1 Game: Clothespin Line Up and Drop **Review Game** Use the Discussi Lesson 2 Game: Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt Sheet with this Lesson 3 Game: Run to the Grocery Store activity for even game directions, deeper learning Appendix B Discussion Questions **Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children. in Appendix C NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Sheet with this activity for even Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse deeper learning Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Discussion Questions These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Extra Crafts:** The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes **Big Question** Use the Discussion the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for Craft Sheet with these activities for ever in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. Discussion **Bible Verse Craft** in Appendix C The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The **Storyboard Picture Placement Page** has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story. Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D. Free Play

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**Activities** *ideas in Appendix D* 

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#### **Transition to Closing Circle**

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

#### Classroom Song, verse 3

Classroom Song, verse 3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

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

#### **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and...it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell,

Can you tell me now?

#### **Big News to Tell**

"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

#### **Big Question 4**

VISUAL



First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "Can Anybody Tell Me What **the LORD Is Like?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

Say the answer with me: "He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 12,13

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

#### Big Question 4, **Bible Truth 8**

VISUAL



"He is always faithful, through and through!"

#### **Big Question 4 Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse**

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"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

#### We learned: **Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV:**

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant."

**Learn a Little:** "You... are a God... abounding faithfulness."

\*found in the DDD Unit 4 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### What does that mean?

This verse reminds us that the LORD is always faithful to His people. He is merciful and gracious to them. He is slow to anger and abounding in love that never ends. Even when they are unfaithful to Him and deserving of punishment rather than kindness, the LORD goes on being faithful to them. How amazing is the LORD!

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 35

#### 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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#### **Closing ACTS Prayer Time**

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant**

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

## lyrics and sheet music,

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 4, tracks 10,11

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A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- **A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- C God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.

S

Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

#### Clean up and **Dismissal**

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

#### **Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets**

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.

in Appendix C

(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

#### **Bible Story to** Take-Home

in Appendix C

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

Place story in take out

of BQB

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#### The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food

Exodus 16

#### **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

#### INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?
- 2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV:

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant."

I need to find out:

- 1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them?
- 2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?
- 2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

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

Rocks and weeds. Weeds and rocks. That's all that the people of Israel could see around them. No water. No food. They were out in the dry, deserty wilderness.

They USED to live in Egypt. The king had forced them to work very, very hard for him. He had been very mean to them. He didn't care if they were hurt. He just wanted them to work and work and work.

But the LORD cared. He sent a man to rescue them and take them away from Egypt and that mean king. Do you know what the man's name was?

Do you know?

It was Moses! Yes, the LORD would use Moses and his brother, Aaron, to show His mighty power to the king and all his people. He would use him to free them from all that hard work, and take them to a wonderful homeland.

At first the king refused to let Moses take the people of Israel away. But as the LORD used His mighty power to send sad thing after sad thing upon the king and his people, the king finally said yes.

The people gathered up their things and Moses led them out of Egypt and into the wilderness. They were off to the wonderful homeland the LORD promised them! Yay!

How happy the people were as they left Egypt! They had so much to thank the LORD for!

Can you think of what they could thank the LORD for doing for them?

No longer did they have to work for that mean king! No longer did they have to live as his slaves. The LORD was caring for them and He would lead them home.

They shouted their thanksgiving to the LORD: "O LORD, there is no God like You! You fight for your people! You rescue them! You beat the king and lead us away! Your love never fails!"

How happy the people of Israel were that all their troubles were over. But were their troubles really over? Yes, they were far away from that mean king... but now they were in the wilderness, surrounded by all these rocks and weeds! Where would they get food?

Now the people weren't so happy anymore. Now they were... well, how would YOU feel if you were out in the hot, dry wilderness with no food in sight?

How would you feel?

The people were scared and upset...VERY UPSET! They didn't know what to do and they forgot about the ONE who was with them and COULD take care of them, even out in that wilderness--the LORD!

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

They forgot how good the LORD had been to them already. They forgot that the LORD always keeps His promises. And, they forgot how mighty the LORD is. He could always take care of their needs!

And because they forgot, they began to grumble to Moses and his brother, Aaron. "It would have been better for the LORD to let us die working for the mean king in Egypt! At least in Egypt we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread!! Now we're going to die out here in this wilderness surrounded by nothing but these rocks and weeds!" they exclaimed.

Were they right? Had the LORD brought them out into the wilderness to die?

What do you think?

Of course, not! The LORD had brought them out there in that dry wilderness to grow their trust in Him. He had brought them out there to show how great He was. He had brought them out there to lead them home.

The LORD is always faithful to His people, through and through. They could trust Him to take care of them. He wouldn't let them die! He knew exactly what they needed, and He would give it to them.

The LORD told Moses: "Gather the people together and tell them that I am about to rain bread from heaven...enough to feed EVERYONE! Tell the people to go out every day and gather what they need for the day. On the day before Sabbath worship day, have them gather extra bread. Then they can rest and worship Me on the worship day, instead of gathering food," the LORD said.

So, Moses got all the people together, and told them: "The LORD has heard you grumble to us about food. He wants you to know that you're really grumbling against Him. You are acting like He isn't faithful to you. Now He's going to show you yet again how faithful He is. He's going to give you meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. He freed you from Egypt, and He will keep on taking care of you," Moses told them.

But weren't there just weeds and rocks around? How could the LORD provide meat and bread for all those thousands and thousands of people with hungry, grumbling tummies for even just one meal, let alone every morning and every night over and over and over again?! How would He do it?

Soon the people saw. That evening the air was suddenly filled with a loud, flapping noise. What could it be?

What do you think made that noise?

The people looked up and saw the sky filled with more quail birds than you could count! Thousands and thousands of them!

That great flock of birds landed all over the camp until it was covered in them. Here was the meat the LORD promised to give them!

The people gladly took the birds and roasted them. How they enjoyed that tasty meat that night! The LORD had been faithful to His promises that evening. Everyone went to bed with a full belly that night!

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

The morning brought an even bigger surprise! The people came out of their tents to find thin little flakes of something all over the ground. "What is it?" everyone wondered. No one had ever seen anything like it.

"This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat," Moses told them. "Gather up as much as you need for your families today. God will give you more tomorrow."

What funny-looking bread! But when they tasted it, it tasted so good! It was sweet like honey. The people called it "What is it?" – or manna, as they say in their language. They gathered it up and cooked with it. Yum, yum, yummy! Bread from heaven!

Day after day, the people of Israel traveled for forty, long years. Every day, they walked through the rocks and weeds of the wilderness until, at last, they made it to the beautiful homeland the LORD had promised them. And was there ever a day when HE let them go hungry, those whole, forty years?

What do you think?

No, there was not! The LORD, Himself, fed them with manna from heaven, every single day. How good the LORD was to the His people! He was always faithful, through and through... and He still is, even today!

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8

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

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

#### 1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?

The people of Israel needed bread in the wilderness. It was so hard to get because the wilderness was dry and there were only weeds and rocks! No food!

2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it? The LORD never forgot to give them bread. He gave them "manna"--special bread from heaven that they collected from the ground every morning.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. The LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV:

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant."

- 1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them? Food out in the wilderness.
- 2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?

He rescued them from Egypt and working for the mean king. He provided food for them in the wilderness every day until they reached the homeland He promised to give them.

#### For You and Me:

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. Then one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.

#### 1. Which four belong in our story?

The rock, the weed, Moses and the manna.

# 2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?

The people of Israel.

#### For You and Me:

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. Then one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through!

The LORD showed Himself faithful to the people of Israel when they were hungry out in the wilderness. He promised to take care of them and He did!

The LORD was so faithful to the people of Israel, but do you know what the greatest way He has been faithful not just to them, but to all of us?

He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins! You see, we all have disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people!

God gives them a brand new heart to know and love God. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with God and enjoy Him, as happy as anyone can ever be, forever! Jesus can be our Savior, too. Ask Him! He loves to help us! How faithful the LORD is to us!

Close in prayer.

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

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- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- **C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.

Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

#### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

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

#### **BIG QUESTION**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

#### Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

# Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Is Always Faithful, through and through!

#### Meaning

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

# Discussion **Questions**

#### choose a few

- 1. Who is faithful through and through? God.
- 2. What can we count on Him to do? Just what He says He will do.
- 3. What should we do when we are scared or worried? We should remember God is faithful. We can always trust Him and His good plans.
- 4. What book has God's promises written in it? The Bible.
- 5. What is God's promise to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior? He will forgive our sins and save us. He will make us His people.
- 6. Does God always keep His promises? Yes, He does. He is faithful, through and through.

use with all THREE lessons

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

#### **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel!

Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else...He is faithful, through and through. One of most amazing ways God has been faithful is in saving His sinful people. You see, we all have sinful hearts that have chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. We all deserve His punishment. How sad! But God is so rich in mercy! He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to pay for all the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to do this.

## BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant." -- Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV

#### Meaning

Learn a Little: "You... are a God... abounding faithfulness."

This verse reminds us that the LORD is always faithful to His people. He is merciful and gracious to them. He is slow to anger and abounding in love that never ends. Even when they are unfaithful to Him and deserving of punishment rather than kindness, the LORD goes on being faithful to them. How amazing is the LORD!

# Discussion Questions

- 1. To whom is the LORD always faithful? His people; His promises.
- 2. Who should we cry out to when we are in need? The LORD.

#### choose a few

- 3. What is the LORD like? *Merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*
- 4. What does it mean that the LORD is merciful and gracious? He treats us better than we deserve.
- 5. What does it mean that the LORD is slow to anger? He is patient with us, even when we disobey Him. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Him and live for Him.
- 6. What does it mean that the LORD is abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness? He will always love His people and take care of them.
- 7. What can God's people ask Him for when they are struggling? *His strength to keep on living for Him and trusting in Him.*
- 8. How can we become God's people? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

#### **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Why didn't the people of Israel find food? They were out in the wilderness where there wasn't any food, only weeds and rocks.
- 2. What happens if you don't eat for a long time? You die.
- 3. What did the people of Israel do when they couldn't find food? They complained to Moses.
- 4. What did the people of Israel want? *Meat pots and bread like they had in Egypt*.
- 5. How did the people get meat? The LORD brought in quail every evening for them to eat.
- 6. How did the people get bread? *The LORD gave them bread that appeared on the ground every morning.*
- 7. Why was it wrong fro the people of Israel to complain? They knew how faithful God was to them. They should have trusted He would give them food.
- 8. God provided the food the people of Israel needed so they wouldn't starve out in the desert. He saved their lives. God has done something even greater to save our lives. What is it that He has done? He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross for our sins. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead showing He had beaten sin and death for all of God's people.
- 9. How can we become God's people? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us do this! Ask Him!

#### choose a few

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- 37 Bible Verse: Faithful, He Is Faithful Psalm145:13,18,19, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Proclaim the Name Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV

#### 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.

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

**Curriculum Resources** 

General Classroom Songs
(used every lesson
of the curriculum)

Appendix A: Music Resources: General Classroom Songs (Used Every Lesson throughout the Curriculum	)

## **The Classroom Song**

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Tracks 1-4

#### Verse 1

Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather now with me!

#### Verse 2

We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God, And now it's time to play.

#### Verse 3

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

#### Verse 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

### **Deep Down Detectives Theme Song**

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 5

We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives! Come on! Let's start!

Words and Music: Constance Dever @2015

# **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 6

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,
Raise your hand, if you have something to say,
Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,
Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.
These are our classroom rules,
These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God and love one another,
These are our classroom rules.

Words and Music: Constance Dever ©2015

Unit & Lyrics

# **Let's Pray**

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 7

1-2-3!
Fold your hands,
Bow your head,
Close your eyes.
Let's pray! (repeat)

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## **Big Question Box Song**

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 8

### **The Big Question Box Song**

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

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

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# The Bible Chant Song

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 9

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

Words and Music: Constance Dever @2015

# The ACTS Prayer Song

DDD ESV Songs, Tracks 10,11

A: Adoration, God, we praise You,

C: Confession, Forgive us our sins,

T: Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

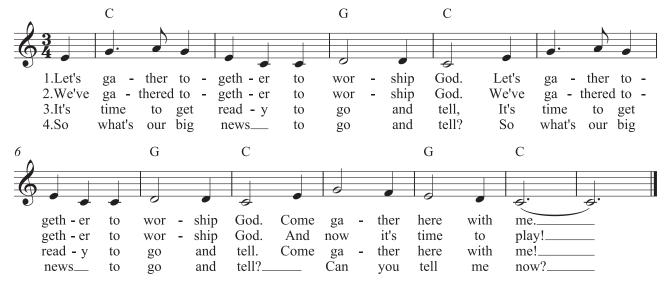
S: Supplication, Help us live like Him. (repeat)

That's the A-C-T-S prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin!

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#### The Classroom Song

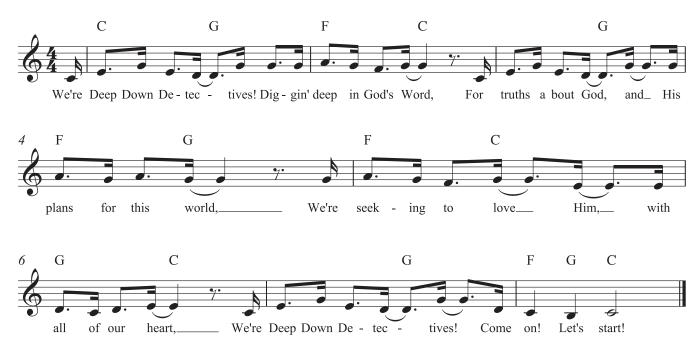
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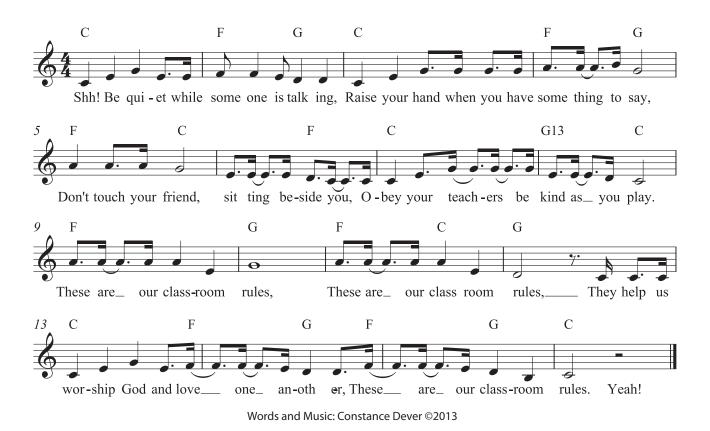
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#### **Deep Down Detectives Theme Song**

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 5



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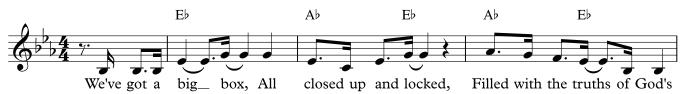


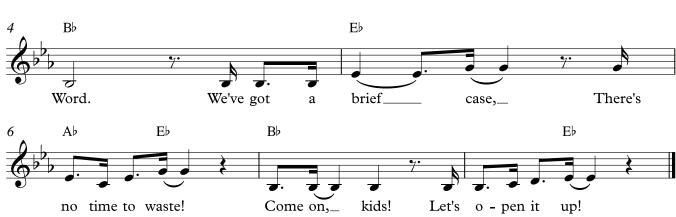


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#### The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 8





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#### **The Bible Chant Song**

DDD ESV Unit 4 Songs, Track 9



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A: A-do-ra tion, "God, we praise You," C: Con-fes-sion, "For-give us our sins,"



T: Thanks-giv ing, "Thank You for Je-sus, S: Sup-pli-ca-tion,"Help us live like Him."

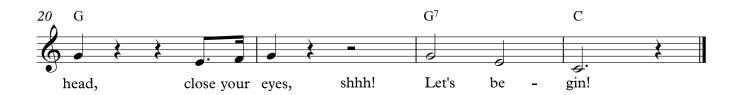


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# DEEP DOWN DESCRIPTION

**Curriculum Resources** 

Unit 4 Songs (used with all 8 Bible Truths)

Appendix A: Music Resources: Unit 4 Songs (Used with all Unit 4 Bible Truths)

Unit **E Lyrics** 

# Big Q & A 4 Song

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 12

Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
Anyone else, anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
That's what the LORD is like.

Words: Constance Dever Music: Adapted Nursery Rhyme ©2012

Unit & Lyrics

# Big Question 4 Song: DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 13 Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

#### Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)
Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be)
Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)
and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

He's Immutable! (He never changes!)
He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)
He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)
And purely Righteous!
(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

Unit **E Lyrics** 

# Unit 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O LORD

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 15

O, O, LORD,
There is no, no God like You,
O, O, LORD,
There is no God like You.
O, O, LORD,
There is no, no God like You,
First Kings Eight, twenty-three.

# Unit 4 Extra Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above

DDD ESV Songs 4, Tracks 16,17

O LORD, there is no God like you.
In heaven above or on earth beneath,
O LORD, there is no God like you.
In heaven above or on earth beneath. (repeat)

In heaven above,
Or earth beneath,
There is no God like you.
In heaven above,
Or earth beneath,
There is no God like you. (repeat)

First Kings Eight, twenty-three.

# Unit 4 Extra Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 18

In heaven above or earth beneath,
There is no God like you.
In heaven above or earth beneath,
There is no God like you.
O LORD, there is no God like you.
O LORD, there is no God like you.
In heaven above or earth beneath,
There is no God like you.
In heaven above or earth beneath,
There is no God like you.
O LORD, there is no God like you.
First Kings Chapter Eight, twenty-three.

Unit **£** Lyrics

# Unit 4 Extra Bible Verse Song: I Am God

DDD ESV Songs 4, Tracks 19

I am God, and there is no other,
I am God, and there's none like me,
Declaring the end from the beginning,
From ancient times, things not yet done.

I am God, and there is no other,
I am God, and there's none like me,
I have spoken and I will bring it to pass,
I have purposed and I'll do it.
Isaiah Forty-six, nine and eleven.

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**Tie-in:** The LORD is the one, true God. There is no one like Him. He knows all things. Everything that has happened...and even everything that will happen. And He is so powerful that He will make sure everything happened only according to His good plans!

## **Inspector Graff's Rap**

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 14

So you say that the Lord's not like anyone else, That He's in a category all by Himself, Well, that's cool, y'all, 'cuz I agree, Come praise the Lord with me! Come 'on!

#### Refrain:

Come, little children, Gonna say my ABC's of God, Yes, come draw near, little children, Gonna say 'em for all to hear. (Repeat)

The Lord is ABLE, He is BLESSED,
He is full of COMPASSION, is COMPLETE DELIGHTFULNESS,
He sits ENTHRONED above the cherubim,
There's no one, I mean no one who's EXALTED like Him!
The Lord is FORGIVING, FULL of GLORY He shines,
He's His people's HELPER, INTERCEDES all the time,
He's also our JUDGE and our KING supreme,
He's the LORD, the LIVING ONE, robed in MAJESTY.

So we've just described some of who the Lord is, Using words from A to M. And it's clear there's no one like Him. Now let's go from N to Z, Come, praise the Lord with me. (Refrain)

# Inspector Graff's Rap, continued

The Lord NEEDS NOTHING, NOT even sleep;
He's the ONE, true God and PROVIDER of true PEACE;
He QUIETS His people with His love;
He REDEEMED them from hell
By the power of His blood—Jesus;
The Lord is SOVEREIGN, He is TRUTHFUL and UPRIGHT,
Over death He's VICTORIOUS and He's WONDERF'LY WISE;
He's our eXCELLENT God, He's real name is YAHWEH,
He is full of ZEAL, and His good plans win always!

Now I've said my ABC's, Come and praise the Lord with me! Now I've said my ABC's, Won't you come and praise the Lord with me, Come on! (Refrain)

Now we know our ABC's, And you'll have to agree, He's not like anyone else, He's in a category all by Himself, He's in a category all by Himself.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G, H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P, Q,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y and Zzz. Unit & Lyrics

# Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 20

Praise Him, praise Him,
All ye little children,
God is love (powerful, holy),
God is love (powerful, holy),
Praise Him, praise Him,
All ye little children,
God is love (powerful, holy),
Praise Him, praise Him,
All ye little children,
God is love (powerful, holy).

Words: Carey Bonner, Constance Dever Music Anonymous

Unit & Lyrics

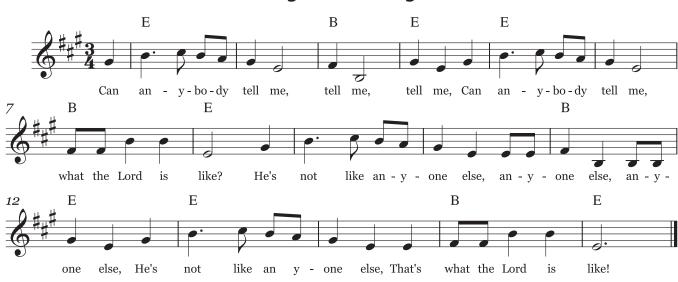
# Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 21

God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Words and Music: Anonymous

#### Big Q & A 4 Song

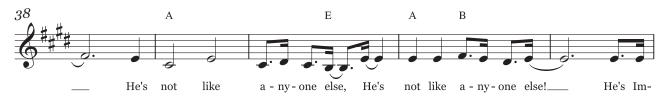


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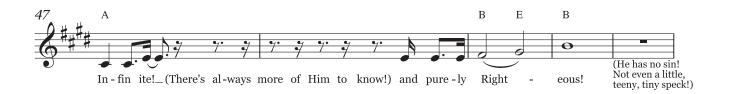
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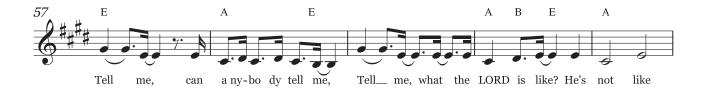




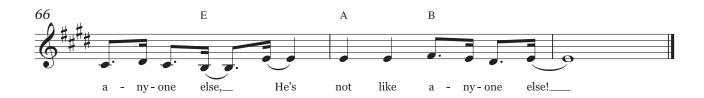






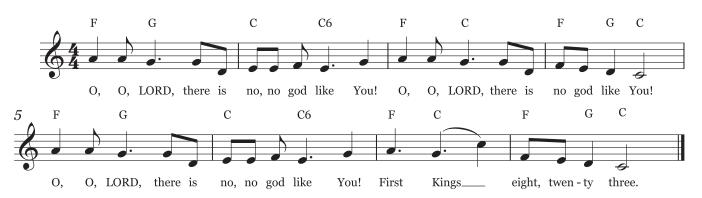






#### O, O LORD

#### **Unit 4 Bible Verse**



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# 1 Kings 8:23 In Heaven Above Big Question 4 Bible Verse



#### 1 Kings 8:23 In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath

#### **Big Question 4 Bible Verse**

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 18



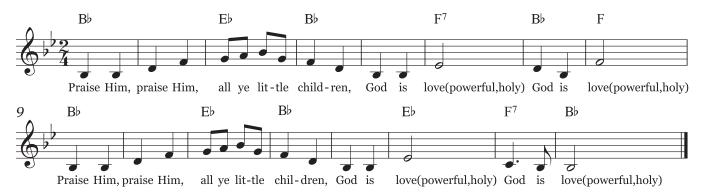
#### I Am God

#### **Unit 4 Extra Bible Verse**



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### Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 21 Big Question 4 Hymn



Words: Carey Bonner, Constance Dever Music: Anonymous



Words and Music: Anonymous

# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

**Curriculum Resources** 

Unit 4 Bible Truth
Bible Verse Songs

### Bible Verse Song: God Is Spirit

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 22

God is spirit, God is spirit,
And those who worship him
Worship in spirit and truth.
God is spirit, God is spirit,
And those who worship him
Worship in spirit and truth.
John Four, twenty-four.

about this Bible verse:

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This verse tells us that God is spirit. It also tells us that if we want to be true followers, true worshippers of God, that we will worship Him with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

# Extra Bible Verse Song: The Hour Is Coming

The hour is coming, and is now here,
The true worshipers will worship the Father,
Will worship in spirit and truth,
The hour is coming, and is now here,
The true worshipers will worship the Father,
Will worship in spirit and truth.

For the Father is seeking, Such people to worship him, For the Father is seeking, Such people to worship him.

For God is spirit, God is spirit, God is spirit, God is spirit. God is spirit. God is spirit. God is spirit, God is spirit, God is spirit, God is spirit. God is spirit, God is spirit.

And those who worship him, And those who worship him, Must worship in spirit and truth.
And those who worship him, And those who worship him, Must worship in spirit and truth.
John Four, twenty-three and four.

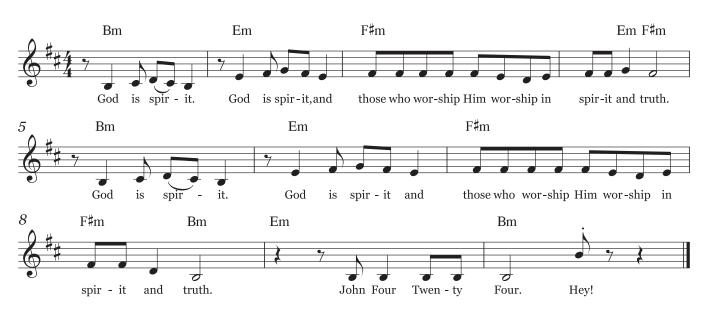
about this Bible verse:

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DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 23

Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will worship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

### **God Is Spirit**

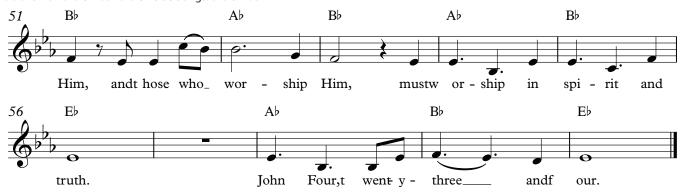


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#### The Hour Is Coming







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## Bible Verse Song: Among the Gods

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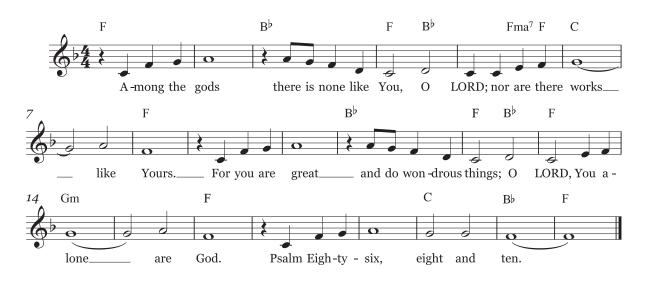
Among the gods, there is none like you, O Lord; Nor are there works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things, O Lord, You alone are God. Psalm Eighty-six, eight and ten.

### Extra Bible Verse Song: O LORD of Hosts

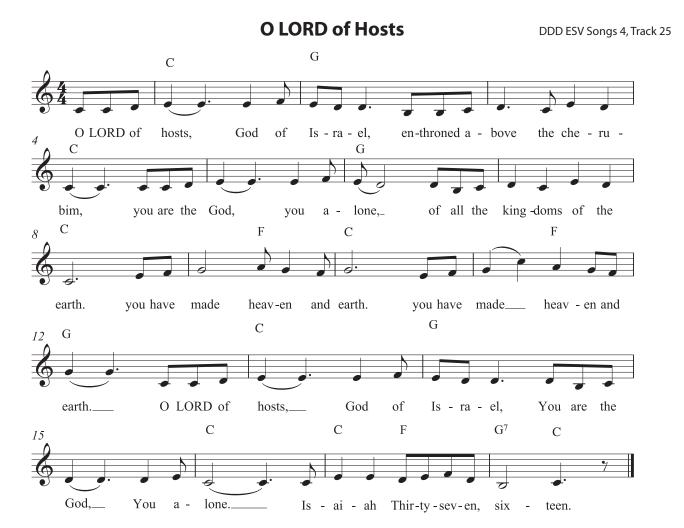
DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 25

O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, Enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, you alone, Of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth, You have made heaven and earth. O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, You are the God, you alone, Isaiah Thirty-seven, sixteen.

### **Among the Gods**



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## Bible Verse Song: May the Grace

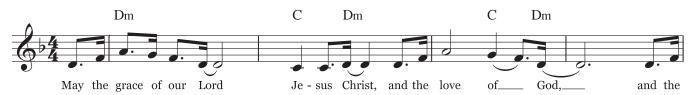
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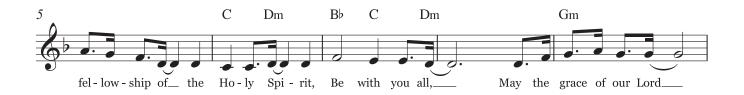
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all. May the grace of Lord (Jesus Christ), And the love of God (God the Father) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all. Second Corinthians Thirteen, fourteen.

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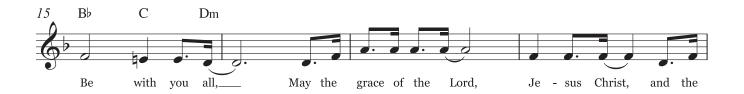
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What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

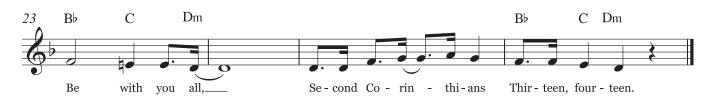












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### Bible Verse Song: Where Shall I Go?

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 27

Where shall I go from your Spirit? (Nowhere!)
Where shall I flee from your presence? (Nowhere!)
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morn,
Dwell in the utmost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me,
Your right hand shall hold me.
Where shall I go from your Spirit? (Nowhere!)
Where shall I flee from your presence? (Nowhere!)
Psalm One-thirty-nine, seven through ten.

about this Bible verse:

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These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans. Ask Him to help you put your trust in Him!

### Extra Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 28 O LORD, You Have Searched Me

#### Verse 1

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts, My thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

### **Refrain:**

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

### Verse 2:

If I take the wings of the morning
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me,
Your right hand shall hold me. Refrain
You are there!
Psalm One-thirty-nine, verses one through three,
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### Extra Bible Verse Song:

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 29

### The LORD Looks Down from Heaven

The LORD looks down from heaven;

The LORD looks down from heaven;

The LORD looks down from heaven;

He observes everyone.

He gazes on all the inhabitants of the earth,

From His dwelling place.

The LORD looks down from heaven;

The LORD looks down from heaven;

The LORD looks down from heaven;

He observes everyone.

Psalm Thirty-three, thirteen and fourteen.

about this Bible verse:

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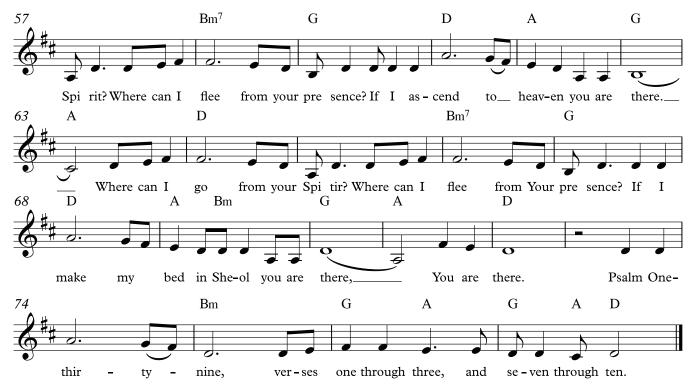
The LORD's special dwelling place may be heaven, but that does not mean that He does not know what is happening here on earth. The LORD can see all things. He is everywhere, all the time. He gazes on all the inhabitants (all the people) who live on earth...even you and me. Every single person who lives on the earth is watched by God. There is nothing that is hidden from Him.



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### O LORD, You Have Searched Me





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### The LORD Looks Down from Heaven

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 29



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### Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 30 Blessed Be the Name of God

Refrain

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, To whom belong wisdom and might, To whom belong wisdom and might.

He changes times and seasons;
He gives wisdom to the wise,
He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what in the darkness lies,
And the light dwells with him,
And the light dwells with him.

To you, O God of my fathers,
To you, O God of my fathers,
I give thanks and praise,
I give thanks and praise. *Refrain* 

Daniel Chapter Two, verses twenty through twenty-three.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Daniel 2:20-23, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

# Extra Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 31 May the Name of God Be Praised

May the name of God be praised, Forever and ever. Wisdom and power belong to Him Forever and ever.

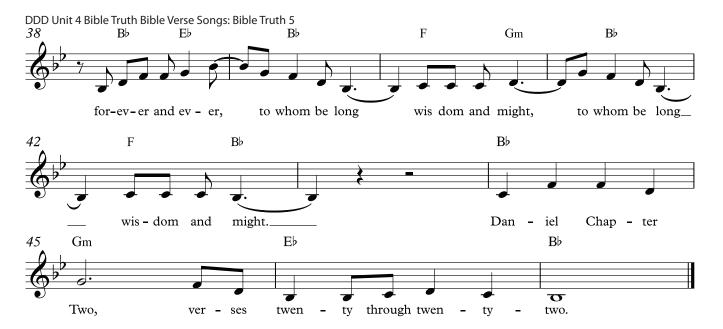
He gives wisdom to the wise, Knowledge to those who have understanding, He reveals deep and hidden things, He knows what lies in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.

May the name of God be praised,
Forever and ever.
Wisdom and power belong to Him
Forever and ever.
Daniel Chapter Two, verses twenty and twenty-two.

#### DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 30

#### **Blessed Be the Name of God**





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### May the Name of God Be Praised

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 31



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### Bible Verse Song: I Saw the LORD

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 32

I saw the LORD,
Sitting a throne,
High and exalted,
Sitting a throne,
Above Him stood the seraphim,
Each had six wings,
And they called to one another,
"Holy is the LORD,
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts,
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.
Isaiah Six, one through three.

about this Bible verse:

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### I Saw the LORD

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 32



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### Bible Verse Song: I Know that the LORD Is Great

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 33

I know that the LORD is great,
That our Lord is greater than all gods.
The LORD does whatever pleases him.
In the heavens and on the earth,
In the seas and all their depths,
In the heavens and on the earth,
In the seas and all their depths.
The LORD does whatever pleases Him.
Psalm One-thirty-five, five and six.

### Extra Bible Verse Song: For I Know the Plans

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 34

### Refrain:

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD.

Plans for welfare, not for evil,

Give you a future and a hope.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
Then you will call on me and I will hear you.
You will seek me and find me,
When you seek me with all your heart. *Refrain* 

Jeremiah Chapter Twenty-nine, Verses eleven through thirteen.

about this Bible verse:

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God knows the plans He has for His people and He will bring them about. He alone can truly know and make plans that will always come about, just as He wants them to. That is because He is all-powerful. And, because He is completely good and loving, and oh, so merciful, He makes only plans for His people that are good for them. Yes, they are sinners. Yes, many times they do not obey or even trust Him as they should, but still He continues on with His plans for their welfare and a good future. Many times they do not understand His plans, but still He reassures them that they can trust Him and that His plans are good. This gives them hope. How wonderful that God wants us to seek Him and find Him! How wonderful it is that He wants us to be His people. Let's seek Him with all our heart today!

#### I Know that the LORD Is Great

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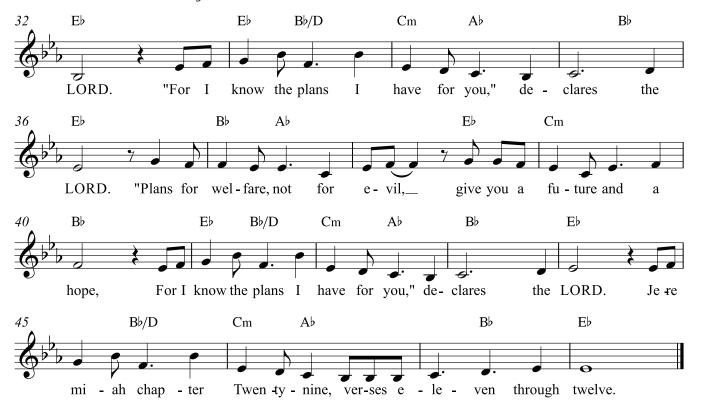
### For I Know the Plans I Have for You

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### Bible Verse Song: But You, O LORD

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But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness.

Yes, you are a merciful God, Gracious, slow to anger, Abounding in steadfast love, in faithfulness.

Psalm Eighty-six, fifteen.

about this Bible verse:

Words: adapted from Psalm 86:15, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

This verse reminds us that the LORD is always faithful to His people. He is merciful and gracious to them. He is slow to anger and abounding in love that never ends. Even when they are unfaithful to Him and deserving of punishment rather than kindness, the LORD goes on being faithful to them. How amazing is the LORD!!

### Extra Bible Verse Song: Incline Your Ear

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 36

Incline your ear, O LORD, And answer me, For I am poor and needy.
Turn to me and be gracious to me;
Give your strength to your servant.

### Refrain:

You, O Lord, are a God, merciful, Merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in love, Steadfast love and faithfulness. You're a God, merciful.

Merciful, Gracious, Slow to anger,
Abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Refrain* 

Psalm Eighty-six, one, fifteen and sixteen.

about this Bible verse:

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### Extra Bible Verse Song: Faithful, He Is Faithful

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 37

Faithful, He is faithful,
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
Kind, He is kind,
The LORD is kind in all of his works.

The LORD is near to all,

To all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
He hears their cry and saves them.

Faithful, He is faithful,

The LORD is faithful in all his words,

Kind, He is kind,

The LORD is kind in all of his works.

Psalm One-forty-five, thirteen through nineteen.

about this Bible verse:

Words: adapted from Psalm 145:13,18-19, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

God's people are the people who fear Him. That is, those who know He is God and desire to love and obey Him with their whole lives. They know He promises to fulfill their desires with good things, that He hears their cries and will always save them. This is because they know that the LORD is always, completely faithful to all His promises.

# Unit Bible Truth Bible Verse Song Lyrics

# Extra Bible Verse Song: Proclaim the Name

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 38

Proclaim the name,
I will proclaim,
I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
Ascribe to God,
Greatness to God,
Ascribe greatness to our God!
The Rock, the Rock,
His work is perfect, (was: His works are perfect)
The Rock, the Rock,
His ways are justice.
A God, a God, of faithfulness,
Without iniquity, just and upright is He.
Deuteronomy Thirty-two, three and four.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Deuteronomy 32:3-4, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

Each day the LORD displays His wonderful ways and perfect care of His people. He is the LORD—the I Am Who I Am, who is eternal, like no one else, and the source and sustainer of life. He is like a Rock they can always depend on. They have nothing but praise for His name.

# **Unit** Bible Truth Bible Verse Song Lyrics

# Extra Bible Verse Song: I Will Proclaim

DDD ESV Songs 4, Track 39

I will proclaim the LORD's name; Oh, praise the greatness of our God! I will proclaim the LORD's name; Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

The Rock (He's the Rock!)
His works are perfect, (His works are perfect)
His ways are just, (His ways are just!)
A faithful God, without prejudice,
A faithful God, without prejudice,
He is righteous and true,
He is righteous and true.
Deuteronomy Thirty-two, three and four.

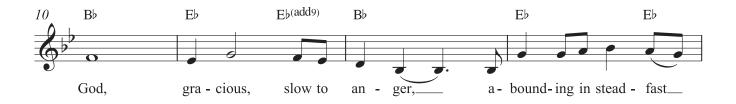
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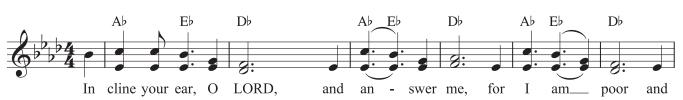




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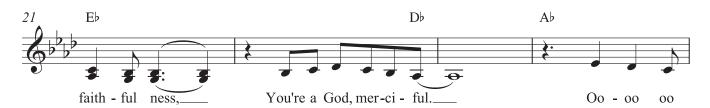
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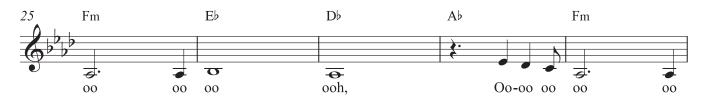




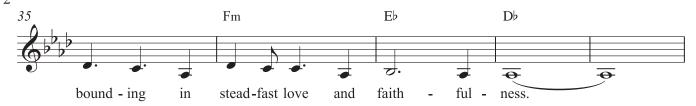




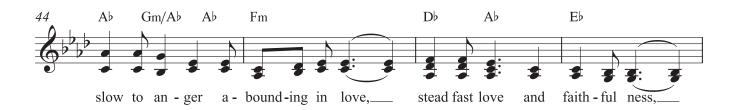




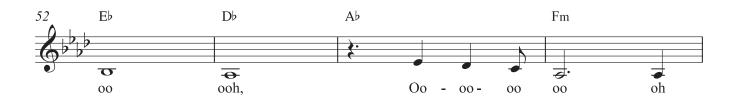














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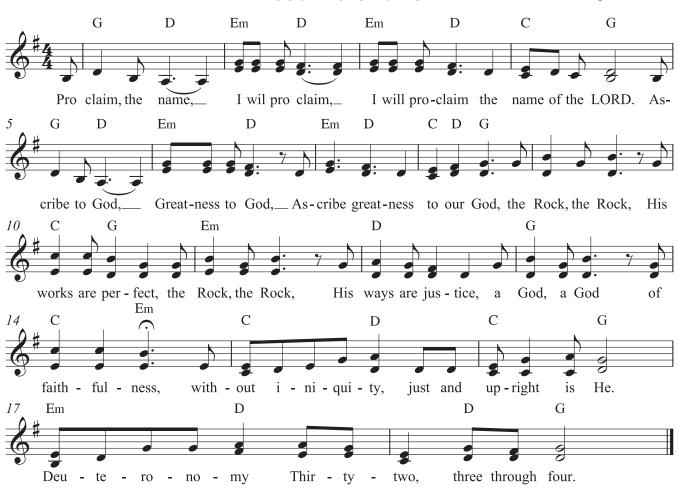
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# **Proclaim the Name**



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# **I Will Proclaim**

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# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

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# **Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games**

Deep Down Detectives uses many games. The good news is, they are simply made and they are re-used throughout the whole curriculum. Make sure you save the games you make and it will save you a lot of time later.

This is the full list of the games and the supplies needed in the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum. I **would highly suggest you do this!** Get the prep work over with at the beginning and coast your way through years of enjoyment! Store them in ziploc bags or baskets and pull them out when needed. So simple!

#### THIS LIST IS ALSO INCLUDED IN INTRODUCTION

#### **Bible Verse Games**

#### **Lily Pad Jump**

- Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- paper,
- glue,
- marker

#### **Animal Cube**

- Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- paper,
- glue,
- marker

#### **Simon Says How**

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker

#### **Bean Bag Catch**

- 1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

#### Slap, Clap and Stack

10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

#### Freeze 'n' Say

Music and CD/Tape player

#### Fill 'er Up

- 1 bean bag per child
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.
- Cardboard box or laundry basket
- Carpet squares, 1 per child

#### Loud and Soft, Big and Little

none

#### **Bible Verse Games**

#### Roll'n' Toss

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker
- 1 bouncy ball per 2 children

#### **Duck, Duck, Goose**

none

#### **Deep Down Detective Mission Madness Practice**

 Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

#### **Block Clapping**

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

#### Meet, Greet, and Keep It Up

- 16 oz cups, 1 per child (with some extras)
- 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children
- Masking tape

# Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

#### **Music, Movement & Memory**

#### **Thumping Drums**

- 1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.
- Tape
- Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.
- Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

#### Say, Spring Up and Shout

Bean bags, one per child

#### **Freeze Frame**

 Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

#### **Egg Shakers**

- Empty Easter eggs
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

#### **Jingle Bell Hands**

- 1 6" piece of sturdy string
- 4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops

#### Sing, Dance, and Fall Down

Optional: Bean bags, one per child

#### **Big Voice, Little Voice**

none

#### **Bottle Shakers**

- 1 empty 16 oz. soda bottle per shaker
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

#### March 'n' Say

 Optional: A fun hat for the leader of the march, or for everyone in the march

#### Clap, Tap and Say

none

#### **Lullabies, Bells and Lions**

Bell

#### **Music, Movement & Memory**

#### **Musical Squares**

Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)

#### **Block Clappers**

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

# Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

#### **Story Review Games**

#### **Going Fishing**

- One long wooden dowel, yardstick, etc. per fishing pole
- Yarn
- Paper clip per fishing pole
- Rope
- Two chairs
- Blanket
- Box/bucket/container
- Bucket

#### **Pony Express**

- Small manila envelopes, one per flannel graph figure
- Kid's small backpack or a tote bag with a strap
- Basket
- Cowboy hat
- Stick horse or a broom

#### Fix Up the Mix Up

None

#### Can You Remember?

Index cards

#### **Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt**

- Variety of interesting items that have one or more places to hide a storyboard picture
- Detective Hat
- 4 False Clues (included on the next page)
- CD Player and Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

#### **Clothespin Line Up and Drop**

- Rope
- · Clothespins, the hinged type
- Shoe box
- Tape

#### Who's in the Basket?

- Blanket
- Basket

#### **Run to the Grocery Store**

- Grocery bag or kid's grocery cart
- Empty food cartons

#### **Story Review Games**

#### **Treasure Hunt**

- 10 small lidded plastic containers or boxes (like from a jewelry store) or wooden, hinged boxes from a craft store
- Various decorating supplies, such as fake craft jewels, glitter, glitter glue, foil paper, gold spray paint
- glue

#### **Take Me Through the Tunnel**

- Chairs or Table
- Sheet or blanket
- Box

#### **Missing in Action**

None

#### Who's Inside?

10 different containers with lids

#### **Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks**

- Two shoe boxes
- 6' or so of rope
- Optional: Engineer's hat

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## **Duck, Duck, Goose**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Have the children sit in a circle, cross-legged on the floor.
- 2. Choose a child to be "It". "It" will walk around behind the seated children, tapping each one on the head, the whole group recites the verse, saying one word for each head tap.
- 3. The child whose head is the last one to be tapped must get up and chase "It", hoping to tag "It" before "It" can get around the circle and sit down in the open spot in the circle.
- 4. If the child does tag "It" then he may take his place in the circle. If not, then the new child is "It." If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
- 5. Repeat as frequently as desired.

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# Slap, Clap and Stack

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Tell the children that they are going to learn the verse while working together to make the largest stack of blocks/objects they can. After each time they say the verse, a child gets to pick out an object to put on the tower. Teacher will help them balance it in place.
- 2. Have everyone sit down in a circle around the stacking area. Say the verse together. If desired, you can add a motion the children do each time they say the verse, such as clap, stomp feet, etc. This will add movement to this game. Choose a child to pick out an object. Help the child put it in place.
- 3. Continue adding objects/blocks until all objects are used up or the tower falls down.
- 4. Repeat as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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## **Simon Says How**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

**Cube-shaped Cardboard box** 

Paper, glue, and a marker

Die Number and Action Chart (see below)

#### **Preparation**

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

- 1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube)
- 2. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
- 3. Write the numbers 1-6 on the each side of the cube like a die.
- 4. Make a sign as follows:

1 = Head 2 = Feet

3 = Hands 4 = Hands and Feet 5 = Laying Down 6 = Eyes Closed

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

- 1. Have the children spread out facing the leader.
- 2. Tell the children that they are going to play "Simon Says How", a game in which everyone will take turns making up different actions that they will do while saying the verse.
- 3. Explain that "Simon" will roll the die and make up actions that use the parts of the body that correspond to the number on the chart. Everyone else will then recite the verse while standing still. Then challenge them to recite it again while doing the actions "Simon" made up at the same time.
- 4. Simon will then choose another person to be Simon in his place. Repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet for possible

questions.

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#### Roll'n' Toss

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
Cube-shaped Cardboard box
Paper, glue, and a marker
1 bouncy ball per 2 children

#### **Preparation**

- 1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube)
- 2. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
- 3. Write different actions on each side of the cube: Roll, Bounce, Overhand Toss, Close Eyes and Roll, Backwards Roll (through legs), Underhand Toss.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children spread out facing the leader.

- 1. Tell the children they will be throwing a ball to a partner in the different ways you have written on the cube (show them the cube).
- 2. Have the children stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other about 9-12' apart (whatever seems to be a good tossing/rolling distance for your children).
- 3. Give out the ball to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.)
- 4. Practice each of the different ball actions, then begin the game.
- 5. Have everyone say the verse together. Toss the cube and tell everyone what the motion will be. At your signal, have one partner roll, toss, etc. the ball to the other. After all the partners have received the balls and everyone is back in line. Have everyone say the verse together, then toss the cube again. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few rolls. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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# **Block Clapping**

#### Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x 2", as found in many children's block sets

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Show the children the clapping blocks and tell them: "We are going to use our Bible verse to play a game. But first, we need to practice saying the verse." (Practice saying it a couple of times).
- 2. Hand out the clapping blocks and let the children clap them a while (without saying the verse), then quiet them.
- 3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try saying our verse and block clapping at the same time!" Lead the children in reciting the verse and clapping with each word. Or, you can have the children clap the blocks together a certain number of times, then say the verse after the last clap. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
- 4. Repeat as frequently as desired.

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# Meet, Greet and Keep It Up

#### Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) 16 oz. cups, 1 per child (with some extras) 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children Masking tape

#### **Preparation**

- 1. Line up the 2 pieces of rope about 6' apart.
- 2. Put down a piece of masking tape the same length as the ropes, running parallel to the ropes midway between the 2 ropes.

#### Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Split the children into partners. Have them stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other about 6' apart.
- 2. Tell the children they will be meeting and greeting their partners with a handshake at the masking tape in the middle, then turning around and going back to their place along the rope. Have them practice this.
- 3. Now tell them, that they will also be balancing a cup on their head while they do this.
- 4. Give out a cup to everyone. Have them practice balancing the cup on their heads.
- 5. Now play the game. Have everyone say the verse together. Then have them put the cups on their heads. At your signal, have them walk to the middle, greet their partner with a handshake, turn around and go back—trying to keep the cup balanced on their head the whole time. (There is no penalty for cups falling off.)
- 6. Have everyone settle back in place in the line, with the cups off their heads. Say the verse together again, put the cups back on their heads, then walk to greet partner again, etc.
- 7. You can move the ropes back gradually so the children can try to do it from further and further apart.
- 8. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few turns. See the Deep Down Detective Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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# **Bean Bag Catch**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)

NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Pair the children with a partner.
- 2. Have the children stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other at arm's length apart.
- 3. Give out a bean bag to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.) Have everyone say the verse together, then throw the bean bag to their partners, trying to catch the bean bag. (NOTE: no one is "out" if they don't catch it.)
- 4. Have both lines of children take a step back.
- 5. Say the verse altogether again, then throw the bean bags again.
- 6. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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#### **Animal Cube**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) Cube-shaped cardboard box Paper, glue, and a marker

#### **Preparation**

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube) Draw a simple animal picture on each piece of paper. Possibilities would be: rabbit, monkey, elephant, bird, fish, and a horse. Glue each picture onto each side of the cube.

#### Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

- 1. Tell the children they will be playing a game in which they must move like six different animals. Have them practice the movements for each of the animals on your cube. (Rabbit: leaping; monkey: scratching under arms and saying "ooh-ooh, ahh-ahh"; Elephant: swinging arms like a trunk and making trumpet sound; Bird: flapping arms like wings; Fish: palms together, weaving them in a serpentine action, saying "blub-blub"; horse: galloping/prancing and neighing).
- 2. Show the children the cube with the animal pictures on it, just like the ones they've practiced. Tell them that you will roll the dice and everyone (at your signal) will begin making the movement for that animal. Tell them that they must stop in place and be very quiet when they hear a certain noise (such as a whistle, a bell ring, clap, etc.). Tell them that you will be watching them. And that children who are very good at listening and stopping when you say so will get a chance to toss the cube for everyone. Practice tossing the cube, making the movements and stopping with the children.
- 3. Now it's time to play the whole game. Choose a child to roll the cube and say which animal is picked and what action they will do for the animal. Have everyone say the verse, then at your cue, let the children act out the animal until you tell them to stop (a bell or whistle can be used to give the start and stop signals).
- 4. Choose another child and repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

**Other Option:** If children get really good at this, you can challenge them by saying the verse while they make the movement.

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# Fill 'er Up

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

1 Bean bag per child

NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

Cardboard box or laundry basket

Carpet squares, 1 per child

#### Preparation

- 1. Put box/basket in a central location.
- 2. Place carpet squares equidistant about 2' from center box/basket. These will be for the children to sit on.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Have the children stand on a carpet square.
- 2. Tell them that they will be saying the verse, then—on your signal—they will trying to throw as many of their bean bags as they can into the box/basket target in the middle.
- 3. As they get good at throwing their bean bags in, have the children move back their carpet squares.
- 4. Repeat verse before toss. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few tosses. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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# **Lily Pad Jump**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) Cube-shaped cardboard box, paper, glue, marker

#### Preparation

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

- 1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube.
- 2. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube).
- 3. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
- 4. Write the numbers 1-6 on the each side of the cube like a die.

#### Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Tell children that they will be froggies, leaping from lily pad to lily pad. Everyone will say the verse together, then you (or a very good, well-behaved listening "froggie") will roll the die and see how many leaps all the froggies will make before them stop.
- 2. Have them practice leaping. Warn them to watch out for their other froggie friends so that no one gets hurt. Practice stopping.
- 3. Have everyone get in froggie position. Roll die and tell them how many leaps they will leap. Say the verse together. At your signal, everyone leaps as you (or you and they) count out the number of leaps together: "1, 2, 3, stop!" etc. Repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

# Loud and Soft, Big and Little

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

- 1. Tell the children: "Let's practice our Bible verse with a game."
- 2. "First let's say our verse together," (say it a couple times).
- 3. "Now let's see how quietly we can whisper it! Can you say it quietly like I am?" Have everyone follow your voice as it gets quiet, then loud, then medium, etc. Quiet them, then repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after they repeat the verse a few times. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

**NOTE:** You may find it easier for the children to follow getting louder and softer by lowering your hands when you are getting quieter and then raising your hands when you are getting louder.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

## Freeze 'n' Say

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) Music and CD/Tape player

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Play some of the music for the children. Tell them that they will move around the room as you tell them (marching, leaping, clapping, etc.) while they hear the music. They will stop and freeze in whatever position they are in when the music stops. Practice this with them.
- 2. When they have the concept down, add saying the verse when the music stops and they are in their frozen position.
- 3. After they say the verse, then tell them how you want them to move when the music starts again. You can take their suggestions for movement ideas, too.
- 4. Start the music up again and continue. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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# **Deep Down Detectives Mission Madness Practice**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song and/or Bible verse song

Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Tell the children that sometimes detectives have to do all sorts of things to get answers to their questions and solve the case they are working on. In this game, they will practice some detective moves.
- 2. Put on the detective costume, telling the children that you will start out the game as the Chief Detective.
- 3. As you play the Deep Down Detectives theme song, you will lead the children in practicing one of their moves, such as swimming across a deep river. . (Other possible actions would be crawling, hand over eye looking around left and right; walking backwards, shuffling, stooping, and crawling..)
- 4. When the song finishes, the children will sit down and everyone will say the verse together. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
- 5. Choose a child to take your place as Chief Detective. Repeat activity, choosing another detective move. Play continues as time and attention span allow.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

# **Thumping Drums**

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.

Tape

Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.

Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

#### **How to Make**

- 1. Tape the lid of empty oatmeal or coffee cans in place. (If want to make a snare drum, add popcorn, rice, etc. in the empty container before taping shut.)
- 2. Children can either tap drum with hands or you can give them 2 wooden spoons, wooden dowels or unsharpened pencils with wooden spools glue gunned to an end as mallets.

#### What to Do

- 1. Show the children the thumping drums. Tell them. "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him with these thumping drums. Come and join me!
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!" Hand out the drums (and mallets) and let the children beat them awhile. Quiet them, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then thump. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND thump at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

# Say, Spring Up and Shout

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional) Optional: Bean bags, one per child

#### What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "We're going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God, crouching down like this (Crouch down). Then at the end,we're going to spring up and shout, "Amen, I agree!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's jump up and say, "AMEN! I agree!" After everyone springs up and says "Amen," quiet them, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, when the children get the crouching and jumping down, you might give them a bean bag to toss in the air as they spring up. Practicing tossing up in the air rather than AT others.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

#### **Freeze Frame**

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet Questions (optional)

Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

#### What to Do

- 1. Tell the children. "I'm going to sing God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him...but I'm going to freeze in place in between songs. Come and join me!
- 2. Choose one child to be the leader. Help them put on the leader hat/clothing.
- 3. Have the kids march around behind the leader, singing the song of your choice.
- 4. Have the children freeze in place when you stop the song at a random point.
- 5. When everyone is frozen, have the children tell you what the next word/phrase to the song.
- 6. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the words or another question from the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you freeze the song.
- 7. Choose another leader and play the song again, stopping on a different word from the song to highlight.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

# **Egg Shakers**

#### Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet (optional)

**Empty Easter eggs** 

Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.

Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

#### **How to Make**

1. Fill empty Easter eggs with different small objects such as rice, beans, pennies, buttons, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc., then seal lid shut with glue gun or with packing tape. Different objects make different sounds. Different amounts of the same object make different sounds, too. The children will enjoy the variety.

#### What to Do

- 1. Show the children the egg shakers and tell them. "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God with these egg shakers. Come and join me!
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. Hand out the egg shakers and let the children shake them a while (without singing), then guiet them.
- 4. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and shaking our eggs at the same time!" Lead the children in song and shaking.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then shake. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND shake at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

# **Jingle Bell Hands**

#### Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

16" piece of sturdy string

4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops (OR three Ball jar lid outer rings per instrument)

#### **How to Make**

- 1. Cut a piece of string about 6" long.
- 2. Thread 4 or 5 jingle bells onto string, securely tying each in place with a knot before adding the next one. Tie the ends together. Children can either wear these like a bracelet or can hold them in their hands. If using Ball jar lid rings, string three of these together with the same piece of string and fasten.

#### What to Do

- 1. Show the children the bottle shakers and tell them,"I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to God with these bottle shakers. Come and join me! First, let's sing the Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song together on our own (sing the song a couple of times.) Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!"
- 2. Hand out the jingle hand bells and let the children jingle them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
- 3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and jingling at the same time!" Lead the children in singing and jingling.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then jingle. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND jingle at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

# **Big Voice, Little Voice**

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to Him quietly and loudly! Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's see how quietly we can whisper it! Can you sing it quietly like I am?" Have everyone follow your voice as it gets quiet, then loud, then medium, etc. Quiet them, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** You may find it easier for the children to follow getting louder and softer by lowering your hands when you are getting quieter and then raising your hands when you are getting louder.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

# Sing, Dance and Fall Down

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

1 oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.

Tape

Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.

Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

#### **How to Make**

- 1. Tape the lid of empty oatmeal or coffee cans in place. (If want to make a snare drum, add popcorn, rice, etc. in the empty container before taping shut.)
- 2. Children can either tap drum with hands or you can give them 2 wooden spoons, wooden dowels or unsharpened pencils with wooden spools glue gunned to an end as mallets.

#### What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song and make a joyful noise to Him with my body by dancing to some music...then falling down when it stops. Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's dance as we sing our song. Then fall down when we finish. Let's dance." Have everyone dance and sing the song. When you finish, say, "Everyone fall down!" Quiet the children, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

#### **Bottle Shakers**

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

1 empty 16 oz. soda bottle per shaker

Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.

Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

#### **How to Make**

- 1. Fill empty 16 oz.. soda bottles with different small objects such as rice, beans, pennies, buttons, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- 2. Seal lid shut with glue gun or with packing tape. Different objects make different sounds. Different amounts of the same object make different sounds, too. The children will enjoy the variety.

#### What to Do

- 1. Show the children the bottle shakers and tell them. "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to God with these bottle shakers. Come and join me! First, let's sing the Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song together on our own (sing the song a couple of times.) Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!"
- 2. Hand out the bottle shakers and let the children shake them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
- 3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and shaking at the same time!" Lead the children in song and shaking.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then shake. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND shake at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

# March 'n' Say

#### Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

Optional: A fun hat for the leader of the march, or for everyone in the march

#### What to Do

- 1. Tell them, "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him by marching. Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's march around as we sing!"
- 4. If desired, let the leader of the march (you the first time, then pick different children), wear a fun hat as he/she leads. Or, have hats for everyone to wear.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then thump. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND thump at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

## Clap, Tap and Say

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song and make a joyful noise to Him with my body by clapping and tapping. Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's clap and tap! Can you do what I'm doing?" Have everyone follow your motions as you clap your hands, tap your head, hit your knees together, rub your belly, etc. for a while. Quiet them, then repeat. If desired, have different children think up different motions.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then clap, tap, etc. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND do the motions at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

## **Block Clappers**

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x 2", as found in many children's block sets

#### What to Do

- 1. Show the children the clapping blocks . Tell them, "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him with these clapping blocks. Come and join me!
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!" Hand out the clapping blocks and let the children clap them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
- 4. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and block clapping at the same time!" Lead the children in song and clapping.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then clap. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND clap at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

## **Lullabies, Bells and Lions**

#### **Materials**

CD of unit music
Bell
Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "We're going to pretend to go to sleep as children, but wake up like an animal. Everyone sit down and let's sing our lullaby before we go to bed. When you hear the morning bell ring, you can pretend to be the animal I say until you hear the bedtime bell ring and you have to sit back down.
- 2. Ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!" Have all the children sit down in place. Then say, "Before we go to sleep, we have to sing our bedtime lullaby. Let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn." Have the children sing the song with you, then tell them, "Shhh. Lay down! It's time for bed!"
- 3. Have all the children lay down and be very still and quiet like they are sleeping for a few minutes. Then say, "Sleeping, sleeping, look at all the sleeping children. But when the morning bell rang, they all woke up, and were lions (or whatever animal you choose) all day!"
- 3. All the children will get up and pretend to be the animal. After a few moments, ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!"
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions after each time (or every few times) you sing the lullaby song.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

## **Musical Squares**

## **Materials**

CD of unit music

Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### What to Do

- 1. Set out the squares/chairs in a circle. Ask the children to sit down on their square/chair.
- 2. Tell the children they will march around behind the squares/chairs as you play the Big Question Song/Bible verse song/Hymn/Praise Song/etc. When the music stops, they are to sit down on the nearest square/chair island.
- 3. Play the music, sing the song as the children make swimming motion with their arms to it. Stop the music and have the children sit down on the nearest square/chair.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs (or the lesson concepts) they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions, after each time (or every few times) they sit down.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Take Me Through the Tunnel**

## Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures and Storyboard Deep Down Discussion Questions Chairs or Table Sheet or blanket Box

## **Preparation**

- 1. Construct a tunnel using the sheet draped over a table/chairs.
- 2. Put the flannelgraph figures in a box in the "tunnel."

- 1. Have the children take turns crawling through the tunnel, retrieving one of the pictures.
- 2. When the child comes out of the tunnel, he shows the figure to the other children from them to name.
- 3. Have the children name the character; and, if desired, answer a question (see Deep Down Discussion Sheet) about what they did in the story.
- 4. Have the child stick the picture on the storyboard, gradually recreating the scene as the game progresses.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Missing in Action**

#### Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures and Storyboard Deep Down Discussion Questions

## **Preparation**

1. Put all the story pictures up on the storyboard, recreating the scene from the story. .

- 1. Review the story briefly, pointing to the figures on the story board background as you go. Have the children help you, if desired.
- 2. Tell the children that someone from the story is about to go "Missing in Action" and they have to guess who it is. Have the children cover their eyes and take one figure off the board.
- 3. Have the children open their eyes and figure out who is missing.
- 4. Put the picture back on the board. Take another picture off the board, having a child choose who will go missing in action this time.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to story each time/every few times a picture is put up, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

#### **Treasure Hunt**

#### **Materials**

Bible Truth storyboard pictures

**Deep Down Discussion Questions** 

10 small lidded plastic containers or boxes (like from a jewelry store) or wooden, hinged boxes from a craft store Various decorating supplies, such as fake craft jewels, glitter, glitter glue, foil paper, gold spray paint glue

## **Preparation**

Before playing the game, you will need to make your treasure boxes:

- 1. Collect 10 small lidded plastic containers or lidded boxes (like from a jewelry story), just large enough to put the Bible story pictures in. Alternatively, you can also purchase 10 hinged wooden boxes from a craft store. These make marvelous treasure boxes.
- 2. Decorate each container/box with the jewels, glitter, paper, gold paint, etc to give them a "treasure-y" look.

## Right before Class:

- 1. Put a Bible story picture in each container and hide them around the room.
- 2. You may want to review the story and the pictures before class.

- 1. Tell the children that you are going on a treasure hunt and need their help finding all the treasure hidden around the room.
- 2. Have the children take turns finding the treasure boxes and bringing them to you.
- 3. Remove each picture as the box is found and ask the children review questions about the character from the Bible story. If desired, you can simply put each picture on the floor, table, or storyboard as it is found, then ask questions about the Bible story when you have collected them all. (See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.)
- 4. Remember to store your boxes after the game, keeping them for the next time you play.
- 5. Game continues as time allows or until you have retrieved and reviewed all the pictures and the story.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks**

## Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions Two shoe boxes 6' or so of rope Optional: Engineer's hat

## **Preparation**

- 1. Make a "train" with two cars made with the two shoe boxes strung together with rope.
- 2. Poke a hole through the front short side of the shoe box that will be the back "car."
- 3. Poke a hole through the front and back short sides of the shoe box that will be the front "car."
- 4. Thread the rope through these holes, tying knots near the inside and outside of each to keep the car securely in place.

## **Playing the Game**

- 1. Put a picture in each "car" of the train (out of the sight of the children). Say, "Look who's coming down the track!"
- 2. Hand the end of the rope to a child and have them pull it around to where the other participating children are saying "Choo! Choo! Choo!" (you can have all the children say this, just the child pulling, you and the child, etc.)
- 3. After the child pulls it to where the children are say, "Train, stop!"
- 4. Pull out the pictures, show them to the children and ask, "Who's on our train?"
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the picture/story, from the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet.

**Tip:** For more fun, have a train engineer's hat for the child pulling the train to wear.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Can You Remember?**

#### **Materials**

2 sets of Bible Truth storyboard pictures (Simply photo copy a second black & white set from the originals) Deep Down Discussion Questions Index Cards

## **Preparation**

- 1. Attach the storyboard pictures to index cards, making sure that the pictures are completely covered by the cards.
- 2. Scramble the order of pictures and set face down on the floor or table.

- 1. Have the children take turns trying to make matches by choosing and turning over two pictures at a time.
- 2. If the pictures match, they are removed from the floor and one is placed on the storyboard. Have the children identify the pictures as they are added to the board. If they do not match, they are turned over face down again and someone else gets to try.
- 3. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as a match is made, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 4. Continue until all the matches are made and all pictures are up on the storyboard, recreating the story picture.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Clothespin Line Up and Drop**

#### **Materials**

Bible Truth storyboard pictures
Deep Down Discussion Questions
Rope
Clothespins, the hinged type
Shoe box
Tape

## **Preparation**

- 1. Attach a spring-type clothespin to some of the laminated storyboard pictures and put them in a shoe box with the lid taped on one side like a hinge and with a hole in the top.
- 2. Hang up a short rope (in an out-of-traffic-flow location) between two chairs.

- 1. Open the shoe box and say, "It's time to say hello to our story friends!"
- 2. Pull the pictures out one at a time, saying "Hello, so-and-so, each time you pick up a picture and clip them to the rope.
- 3. When all are pinned up say, "It's time to say goodbye to so-and-so." Can you find so-and-so?" Then have the child point out the right figure on the clothesline, take it off the rope, reattaching the clothespin and handing it to the child. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 4. Have a container/bucket/shoe box and say, "Say, goodbye!" letting the child drop the clothespin in the bucket and put the picture through the slot in the shoe box.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt**

#### **Materials**

Bible Truth storyboard pictures
Deep Down Discussion Questions
Variety of interesting items that have one or more places to hide a storyboard picture
Detective Hat
4 False Clues (included on the next page)
CD Player and Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

## **Preparation**

- 1. Collect a variety of interesting items, that some way to hide a picture, such as an old box with a lid, wallet, purse, clothing with pockets, a book, etc. If your items have MORE than one place to hide things, that is even better.
- 2. Cut out/Print out the false clue pictures included with the game.
- 3. Hide each story picture inside one of the items.
- 4. Set out the items for the children to see, telling them that each of them have an important clue in them. Most of them are from the story, but a few are not. Tell them that it is the job of the Deep Down Detectives to find the hidden clues and decide if they belong in the story or not.

- 1. Have the children line up. Play the Deep Down Detectives Theme Song and lead the children in marching around the room and then back to their places to sit down as it ends. (This is merely an energy-release tactic). Have the children take turns choosing an item, finding the clue you have hidden within it. Have the child/the class decide if the clue belongs in the story or not. If it belongs in the story, have them tell how, or, you could ask the children a question about the picture, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 2. Continue until all the clues have been found.
- 3. If desired, you can have the child who will choose the next clue to lead the class in marching to the theme song before they choose their clue.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

# **Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt, continued**

False Clues (use as many as you want)













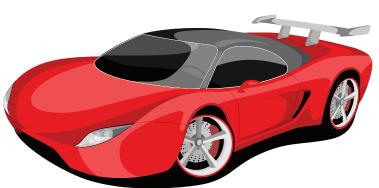












Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Run to the Grocery Store**

## Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions Grocery bag or kid's grocery cart Empty food cartons

## **Preparation**

- 1. Put a clue inside each food container.
- 2. Set out the containers on a table or shelf at one end of the room.
- 3. Set up the story board at the other end, with the shopping cart or bag.

- 1. Have the children assemble near the storyboard.
- 2. Have them take turns pushing the grocery cart/carrying the grocery bag to the other end of the room and choosing a food item. If desired, tell the children which food item you want them to pick out each time.
- 3. When the child returns with the food, have them open the container and pull out the picture. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 4. Ask the class what the picture is, then add it to the story board, gradually reproducing the story.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## Who's in the Basket?

## Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions Blanket Basket

## **Preparation**

None.

- 1. Hide one of the pictures in the basket and cover it up with the blanket.
- 2. Ask the children: "Who's in the basket? Would you like to look?" Have chose a child to take off the blanket and pull out the picture to show the rest of the children. Say: "Look! It's -----" The children or you or you and the children can answer with who it is. For more fun, have a little song like "Pop! Goes the Weasel" you hum each time before the child pulls the blanket off Or, just count "1, 2, 3, GO!" and pull the blanket off quickly. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 3. Repeat as frequently as desired.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Going Fishing**

## **Materials**

Bible Truth storyboard pictures

**Deep Down Discussion Questions** 

One long wooden dowel, yardstick, etc. per fishing pole

Yarn

Paper clip per fishing pole

Rope

Two chairs

**Blanket** 

Box/bucket/container

**Bucket** 

## **Preparation**

- 1. Make fishing poles out of long wooden dowels, yardsticks, etc with a piece of yarn for fishing line and a paper clip for a hook.
- 2. Attach a picture to the end of each pole.
- 3. Tie a rope between two chairs and drape a piece of cloth or a blanket over the rope. Lay the poles against the blanket so that the tips and the fishing line drape over the other side and drop down into a bucket/box on the other side.
- 4. Place other bucket on the side the children and the ends of the fishing rods are. This will be the "holding tank" for the fish when they are caught.

- 1. Ask the children, "Would you like to go fishing in my pond today?"
- 2. "Let's see what you'll catch." The child chooses one of the poles, pulls it up and see what's on the end.
- 3. Say "Looks like you've caught a big one! Pull it out!"
- 4. As the child pulls up the fishing rod and reveals what is on the end, ask the children, "Who did you catch?" If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each "fish" is caught, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 5. Have the child put the "fish" in the holding tank.
- 6. If desired, when all the fish are caught, take them out of the holding tank and review the "catch of the day."

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## **Pony Express**

## Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures
Deep Down Discussion Questions
Small manila envelopes, one per flannel graph figure
Kid's small backpack or a tote bag with a strap
Basket
Cowboy hat
Stick horse or a broom

## **Preparation**

1. Tell the children that long ago cowboys used to pick up the mail, put it in their bags and ride it fast from town to town on their horses. This was called the Pony Express. Today, they will practice riding for the Pony Express and bring the mail back to the class.

- 1. Show the children how to ride the stick horse down to the other end, pick up a piece of mail from the basket, put it in their bag, then ride it back to the class. Take the envelope out of the bag and open it, showing them the picture inside. Ask the children who/what the picture is and then put it on the storyboard. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 2. Have the children take turns riding the Pony Express, each time adding the new figure to the storyboard until the story is recreated on it.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## Who's Inside?

#### **Materials**

Bible Truth storyboard pictures (and/or other objects that remind you of things from the story)
Deep Down Discussion Questions
10 different containers with lids

## **Preparation**

- 1. Put in various pictures/objects in each container and shut.
- 2. Line up all the containers or put them in a big bag, such as a trash bag.

- 1. Have 10 different sized/colored lidded containers with shaded sides, all big enough to fit the laminated pictures or other objects from the story or concept. Have the children take turns choosing a container (from the bag) and opening it. Each time ask: "Who's inside?" Child/children/you/you and children can answer together. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each picture/object is identified using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 2. Repeat.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

## Fix Up the Mix Up

## **Materials**

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions

## **Preparation**

None.

- 1. Take all the Storyboard pictures and mix them up in a pile in front of the children.
- 2. Tell them that the story pictures are all mixed up and you need help fixing them up again.
- 3. Let the children take turns picking a picture out of the pile and re-constructing the story on the storyboard. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each picture/object is identified using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.

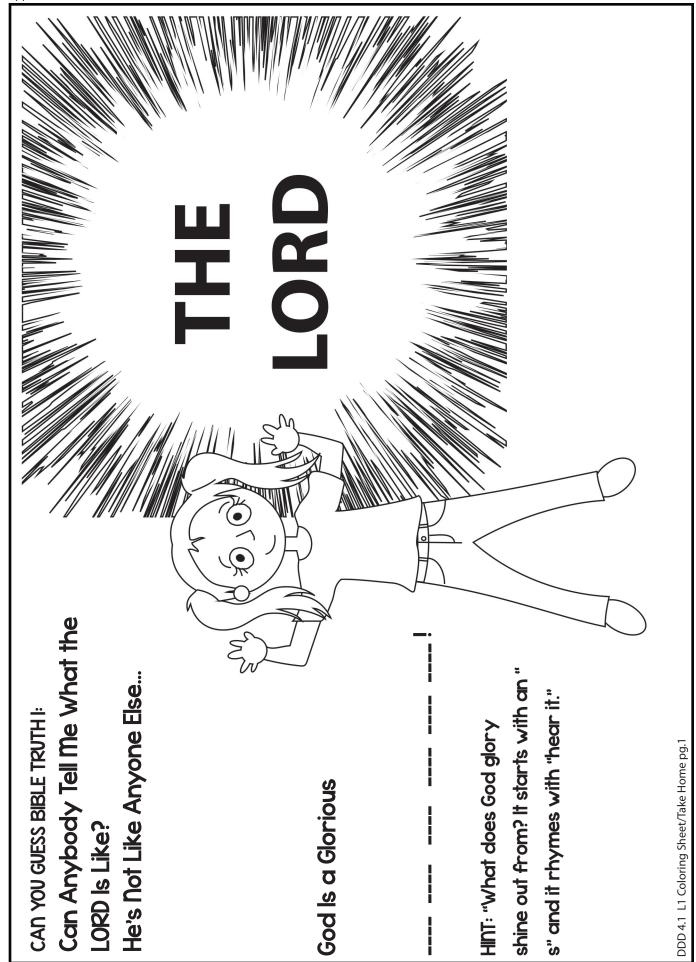
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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1

**Big Question 4:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is a Glorious Spirit!



Touch head

Flex arm

Shake head "no"

#### **Bible Truth 1 Meaning**

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory--the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him. Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!

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

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." --- John 4:24, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who is a glorious spirit? God.
- 2. Can we see or touch spirit? No.
- 3. How can we know God if we can't see or touch spirit? We can know Him through the spirit He put inside each of us. We can read what the Bible tells us about Him. Jesus, God's Son came to earth and showed us what God was like because He is God.
- 4. What is the name of the shiny brightness of God's pure goodness and greatness? God's glory.
- 5. Who will God's people see in heaven with God's glory shining out from Him? Jesus.
- 6. How can we become God's people? 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!

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 4 Song** from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

Can anybody tell me,

Tell me, tell me,

Can anybody tell me,

What the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else,

Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

That's what the LORD is like.

#### Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 13

Verse 1 Refrain: He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Tell me, can anybody tell me, Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Tell me, what the LORD is like?

Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else. Shake head "no"

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!)

Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

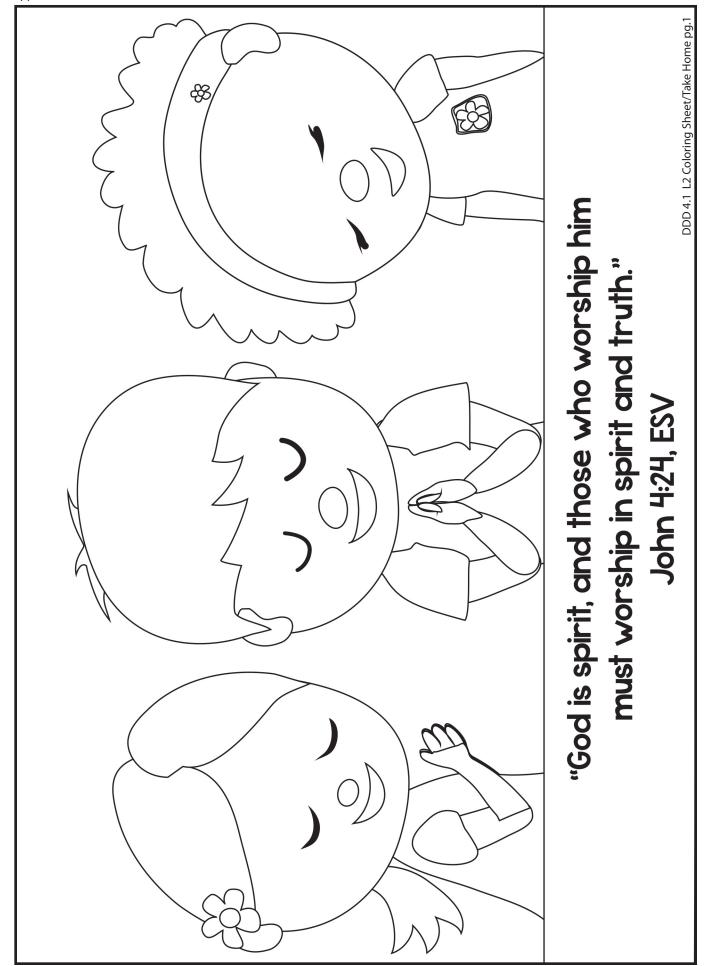
He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

And purely Righteous!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org DDD BQ 4 BT 1 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2 382



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2

**Big Question 4:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? **Answer:** He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is a Glorious Spirit!



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

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." --- John 4:24, ESV

Learn a Little: "God is spirit."

#### Meaning

Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will worship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

#### Some Questions for You

- 1. Who is spirit? God is.
- 2. What did God give us so we can worship Him? A spirit.
- 3. How do we worship God in spirit and in truth? By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.
- 4. Who does God put inside us when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? His Holy Spirit.
- 5. What does God's Holy Spirit do inside the hearts of believers? He helps them live out their faith in God. He helps them know God more and love Him more.

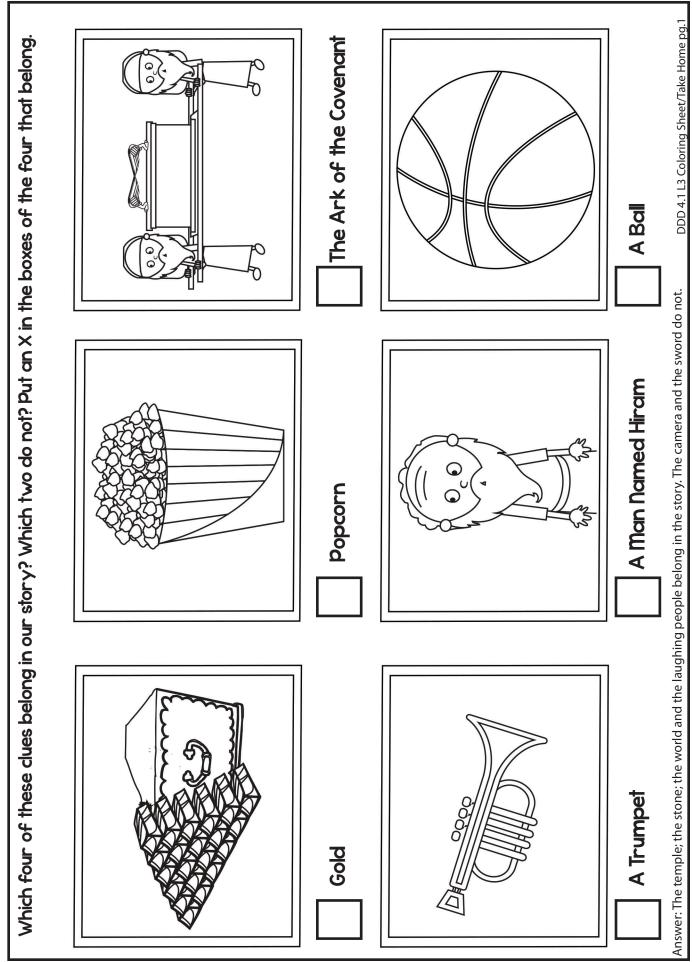
#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- **C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- **T** Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- **S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

God Is Spirit: John 4:24 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 22

God is spirit, God is spirit, And those who worship him Worship in spirit and truth. God is spirit, God is spirit, And those who worship him Worship in spirit and truth. John Four, twenty-four.



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3

**Big Question 4:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? **Answer:** He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is a Glorious Spirit!



## **Bible Truth 1 Meaning**

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory--the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him. Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!

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

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." --- John 4:24, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What did David want to build for the LORD? A worship house.
- 2. Who did the LORD want to build the worship house? Solomon, David's son.
- 3. Why did Solomon use only the best things to build the worship house? Nothing was too good for the LORD.
- 4. What did Solomon tell the people to come to the worship house to do when it was finished? *To bring worship gifts and come to worship the LORD.*
- 5. How many worship gifts did the people bring? *Thousands and thousands!*
- 6. What did the worship leaders do? They sang songs and played music. They wore special white clothes. They helped with the worship gifts.
- 7. Where did they put the Special Golden Box? In the small room called the Holy of Holies.
- 8. What did Solomon ask God to do in his prayer? *Make the worship house the place of His special presence; hear their prayers when they pray.*
- 9. How did the LORD show Solomon and all the people that He would do what they asked for? He sent fire down from heaven to burn up all the worship gifts. His glory came down from heaven. It filled the small room where the Special Golden Box (the Ark of the Covenant) was and it settled over the worship house for all to see.
- 10. What did the people do when they saw the LORD's glory? They fell down and praised the LORD. They worshipped Him for seven days.
- 11. Will we ever get to see God's glory, if we trust in Jesus as our Savior? Where? Yes, we will. When we die and go to live with God we will get to see all His glory.

#### Let's Prav!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- **C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
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- **S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 20
Praise Him, praise Him,
All ye little children,
God is love (powerful, holy),
God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, God is love (powerful, holy).

#### Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

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1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7



Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is a Glorious Spirit."

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

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

## **Listening Assignments**

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

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness?
- 2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean?

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

Our Bible Verse is John 4:24, ESV

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

#### I need to find out:

- 1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed the people He had come to meet with them in the new, worship house?
- 2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

Our six clues were: gold; popcorn; a special box; a trumpet; a man named Hiram, and a ball. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who praised the LORD on the Day of Blazing Brightness? What did they ask Him to do?

## Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

## Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

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

King David lived in a big, beautiful house made of the finest wood, but the Ark of the Covenant (the special, golden box where God would meet with His people) lived in a tent.

"Why should I live in a palace and God meet with us in just a tent! I want to build a fine, worship house for the LORD," he told Nathan, God's messenger.

But Nathan told King David, "The LORD says, "No, I don't want you to build the Worship House for Me. I want your son, Solomon to build it. He will build it when he becomes king, after you die."

David obeyed the LORD. He did not build the Worship House; BUT, he did do something to get ready for it.

Can you guess what he did?

King David saved up lots of golden money. He would make sure that Solomon could buy everything needed to build the beautiful Worship House when he became king.

At last, David died and Solomon became king. Solomon didn't forget that he was to build the Worship House for the LORD. He went right to work!

Solomon hired thousands of workers. He sent some of them to Lebanon, a nearby country where there were the best building supplies. "Go to the forests of Lebanon and cut down lots of the tall, cedar trees. Float them down the sea and bring them here to Jerusalem," the king told the workers.

Other workers he sent deep down to the stone quarries. "Go down to the (SB8) quarries and cut huge blocks of the beautiful, white, limestone. Drag them up here," Solomon told others. "This Worship House will be made from the best wood and the most beautiful stone!" he exclaimed.

The men worked hard. They brought all the wood and the stone to Jerusalem. Now it was time to build!

King Solomon searched for the best builder he could find. He chose a man named Hiram. "Hiram, take all of this wood and limestone. Build the best Worship House you can. My workers will help you. Carve it with beautiful designs. Decorate it will fine cloth. Cover it with gold, too. Nothing is too good for the LORD's Worship House. It will be His Temple," Solomon told him.

Hiram and the workers worked for a long, long time. They used the wood and the stones, the fine cloth, and the gold to make the Temple. The LORD helped Hiram make it just right.

Hiram used the white limestone on the outside of the Worship House. It glistened in the sun. It reminded the people of the LORD's glory--the beautiful shiny, brightness that shines out from His Spirit.

#### P3

use with all THREE lessons

## Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1

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

Hiram used the wood inside the Temple to make walls. He covered the floors and walls in gold. He carved in angels, trees, fruits and flowers. He added beautiful, sparkly jewels. The Temple would remind the people of the beautiful Garden that God gave people at the beginning of the world. There, Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect closeness with God before they disobeyed Him.

Best of all, was the little room where the Ark of the Covenant would be. God would meet with His people there. It was hidden behind curtains decorated with angels and trees. Everything in this room was covered in gold! When Hiram finished everything, it was time to gather the people.

At last the Worship House was done. Can you guess what it was time for now?

Can you guess?

It was time for everyone to worship the LORD!

King Solomon sent messages to the people, far and wide: "The Worship House is done. It's time to get ready to worship the LORD!"

"People, bring your worship gifts of sheep and goats and cows. Come and gather with me at the great altar outside the Worship House," the king told them. "Come, priests and Levites! You are the only ones allowed to carry the Ark and other special, worship things into the new, Worship House. It's time to put them in," the king ordered. "Come, worship leaders, get ready to lead us! Wash yourselves and put on your special, white, worship clothes. Get your musical instruments ready to play," Solomon told them. "You're going to lead us all in worshipping the LORD."

Everyone did what King Solomon told them to do. "Maa, maa, baa, baa, moo, moo!" The people came with thousands and thousands of worship gifts of sheep and goats and cows. They gathered together with the King by the altar outside of the Temple, the new Worship House.

"Wash, wash, scrub, scrub," the worship leaders washed themselves and put on their special, white clothes. They got out their musical instruments and tuned them up. There were trumpets and cymbals and harps and lyres. Everyone waited by the altar. What were they waiting for?

Can you guess?

It was the Ark and all of the other special worship things! And here they came: the priests and Levites carrying them all from the tent and to the new Worship House. And as they came, King Solomon and the people began to offer their worship gifts to the LORD.

Everyone watched as the Levites and priests set all the golden, worship things in place in the big room. Then last of all, they put the Ark beneath the cherubim in its special, little room. As the priests and Levites came out of the Temple, the musicians picked up their instruments and began to play and sing, "Praise to the LORD, for He is good, for His love goes on and on and on." How happy they were that the Ark of the Covenant had come home to the new Worship House!

King Solomon and the people kept offering thieir worship gifts. Higher and higher and higher the worship gifts piled up. Oh, how everyone wanted to honor the LORD!

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

Then, shhhh! Everyone got very quiet as King Solomon led them in a prayer to the LORD.

Solomon spread out his hands before God and prayed: "LORD, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth. You are too great to live in this Worship House. The whole world isn't even big enough to hold You," the king prayed. "But please, LORD, make this a special, Worship House where all people can come and pray to You, and praise You, and bring their worship gifts to You. Please have Your special presence dwell here. Accept our prayers," he prayed.

The LORD heard King Solomon's prayer. He WOULD have His special presence dwell there at the Worship House. He WOULD listen to their prayers and receive their praises and worship gifts!

But how would King Solomon and the people know that the LORD answered their prayer? After all, the LORD is a Spirit. They could not see Him with their eyes. They could not touch Him with their hands. How would they know if His special presence had really come to dwell in the new Worship House?

Can you guess what the LORD would do?

King Solomon and the people did not have to wait long to find out. Suddenly, there was a bright flash of light and a big wave of heat as the LORD sent a great fire down from heaven that whooshed down and burned up that huge pile of worship gifts on the altar. That was one, amazing "yes" answer to their prayers!

But that was not all. Next, the LORD did something even more amazing than that great fire from heaven. Something that would show the people FOR SURE that He can chosen the special, Worship House as His meeting place with them.

Can you guess what He did?

God showed the people some of His beautiful, shiny glory--the wonderful, shiny brightness that shines out from His Spirit.

Yes! King Solomon, the priests, Levites, worship leaders, and all the people watched as God's beautiful glory came down from heaven like a great, sparkly cloud. It covered up the top of the whole Worship House. And inside, it filled so full that none of the worship leaders could even go in!

Now everyone really knew that the LORD had said "yes" to all of their prayers!

He had accepted all their worship gifts and showed them some of His glory. His presence would dwell in the worship house. He would meet with the people there.

Then, everyone including the great, King Solomon, himself, fell down flat on his face and worshiped the LORD. They gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "Praise to the LORD, for He is good, for His love goes on and on and on."

And they stayed right there next to the Worship House for seven, whole days, worshipping and celebrating with a big party.

## Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1

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

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

## **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- **1.** What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness? The new Worship House was finished and ready to be used for worship.
- 2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean? The blazing brightness was the glory of the LORD that came down from heaven and filled the special worship house. It was how the LORD showed the people that He would meet with them in the new Worship House.

#### For You and Me:

How wonderful it must have been to see the beautiful glory of the LORD's Spirit that day! But how more amazing it is that God's own Son, Jesus would come to earth to live among us, and to suffer and die for our sins! He can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, He will send the Holy Spirit to live inside our very hearts and meet with us, His dearly-loved people, there!

## Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is John 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

- 1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed He had come to meet with the people in the new Worship House? He let them see the blazing brightness from the glory of His Spirit as it came down and filled the new Worship House.
- 2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth? They brought their worship gifts to the LORD. They sang praises to Him. They prayed to Him and bowed before Him.

#### For You and Me:

God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth, too. How can we do that? We can sing praises to Him and pray to Him, like those people did long ago. Most of all, we can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can help us do this. Ask Him!

## **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: gold; popcorn; a special box; a trumpet; a man named Hiram, and a ball.

## 1. Which four belong in our story?

The gold; the special box; the trumpet; and, Hiram.

2. Who praised the LORD on the Day of Blazing Brightness? What did they ask Him to do? The King, the worship leaders and all the people praised the LORD. King Solomon asked the LORD to make the special, worship house the place where He would meet with them.

#### For You and Me:

Long ago, the people needed the special, worship house to meet with God, but no more! Jesus came and He made the way for us to meet with God and be His people without the special, worship house. Jesus paid for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead on the third day, showing He had done it! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, can be saved. They can know special closeness with God in their hearts by His Holy Spirit. And one day, they will go to live with Him in all His glory forever! God can help us become His people. Ask Him!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

## Our Bible Truth is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is a Glorious Spirit!

God is a glorious Spirit who we cannot see. But God sent Jesus, His Son to earth to be our Savior. He was still God, but now He was human, too. How amazing!

And what did Jesus have to do to be our Savior? He lived a perfect life, then He gave it up as He suffered and died on the cross. He took the punishment for sin that we deserve so we could be God's people. He was our special worship gift. The last one we would ever need. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for us. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven. They will enjoy wonderful special closeness with God as His people, now. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. God can help you become one of His people, too. Ask Him! He loves to do this!

Close in prayer.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1

## **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- **A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- **C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- T Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- **S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 Key Concepts

## **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

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Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

### Bible Truth 1 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is a Glorious Spirit

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory—the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him. Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!

But most of amazing of all will be the day when God's people see Jesus in heaven. There He will be shining brightly with the beautiful glory of God's Spirit. How wonderful that will be to see Him like that!

## Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: John 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

**Learn a Little:** "God is spirit."

#### Meaning

Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will worship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

## **Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- **C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
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## **Bible Truth 1 Story**

## The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness

1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

## Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

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## Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: God Is Spirit John 4:24, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: The Hour Is Coming John 4:24, ESV (other version)

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

# Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

# **God Is a Glorious Spirit**

## **Craft Description**

The children will make a card that teaches them about God's glorious Spirit.

#### **Materials**

White cardstock or paper Card Template to photocopy 1 Jesus figure per child Gold glitter glue OR gold glitter Markers or crayons Glue

## **Preparations**

- 1. Make 2-sided copies of card on cardstock or plain paper, one card per child. Also, make copies of the Jesus picture. You will only need one picture per craft.
- 2. Cut out copies of the Jesus picture, man's body, 1 per child.
- 3. Set out glue and glitter

## Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is a Glorious Spirit!" That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like... (Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

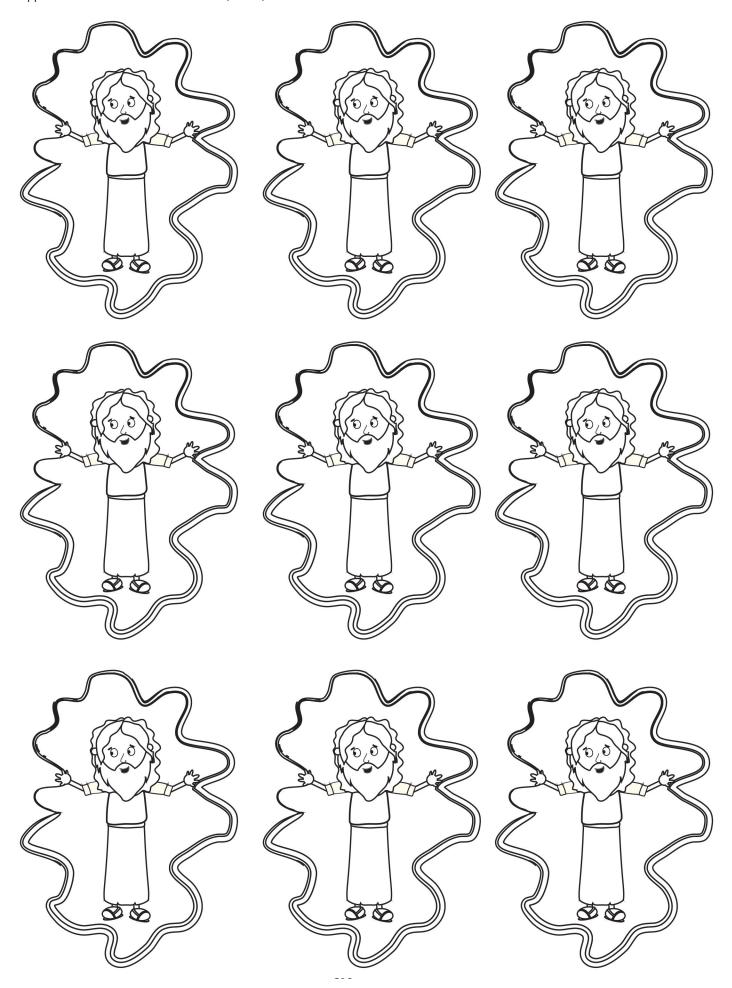
- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Let the children color pictures on both sides of the card as well as the Jesus picture.
- 3. Spread glue on "glory" shapes sprinkle gold glitter on top. Then, glue Jesus on top on the second one.
- 4. Allow glue to dry before shutting card for the first time.
- 5. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

#### **Discussion**

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

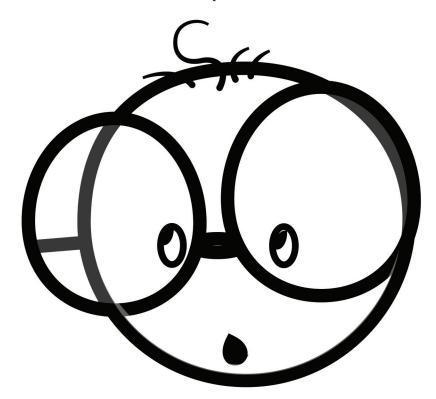
#### **Craft Wrap-Up:**

At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today. Practice holding up the card and saying the words/showing the picture on the front side, then the back side.

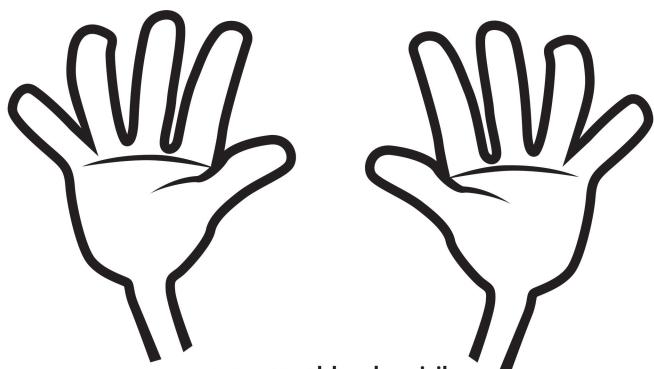


# The LORD Is NOT Like Anyone Else... He Is Spirit!

"God is spirit" John 4:24

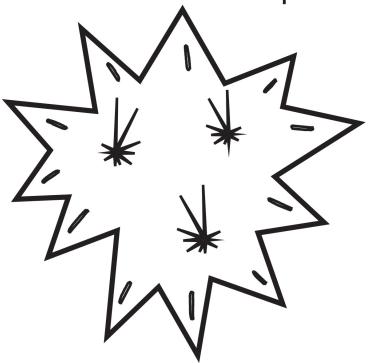


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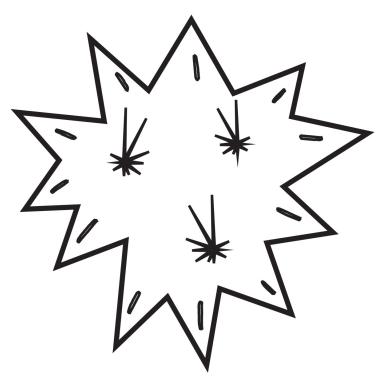


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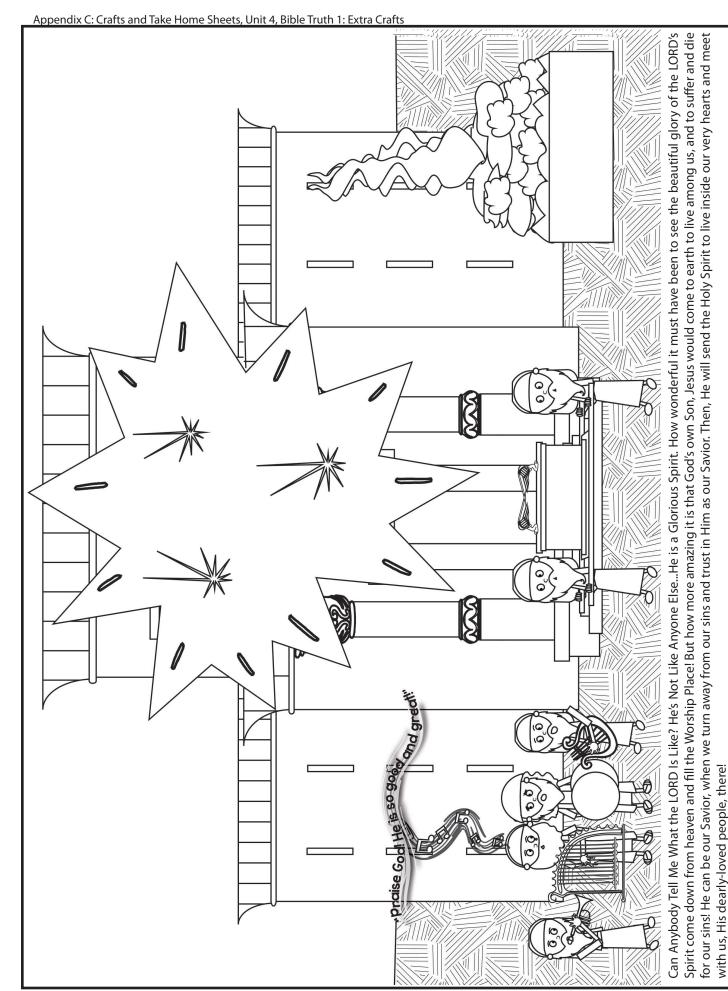
The GLORY of His Pure Goodness and Love SHINES OUT from His Spirit....



And in heaven, God's people will see Jesus, God's Son, shining brightly with God's glory!



The LORD Is Not Like Anyone Else!

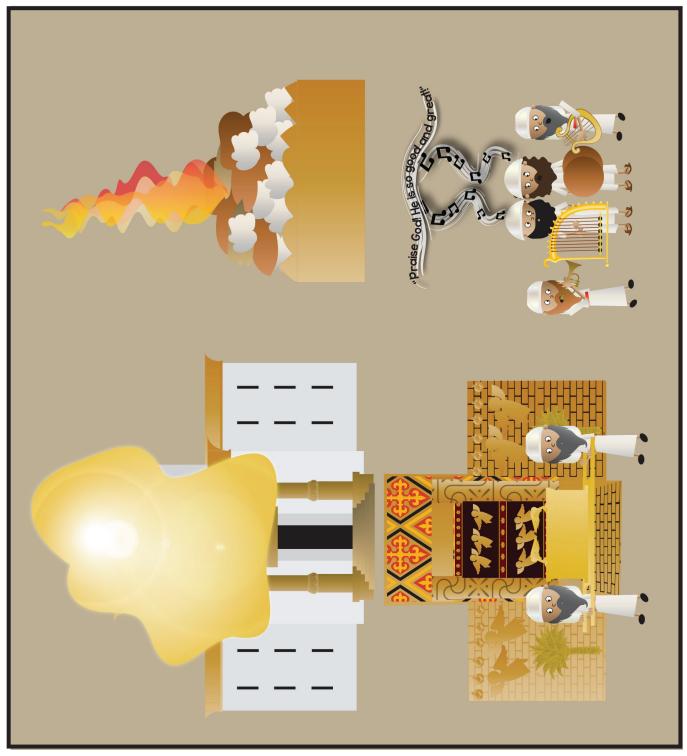


# The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness Jigsaw Puzzle Page

1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is a Glorious Spirit! How wonderful it must have been to see the beautiful glory of the LORD's Spirit come down from heaven and fill the Worship Place! But how more amazing it is that God's own Son, Jesus would come to earth to live among us, and to suffer and die for our sins! He can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, He will send the Holy Spirit to live inside our very hearts and meet with us, His dearly-loved people, there!



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1

Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is the One, True God!



#### **Bible Truth 2 Meaning**

People look for a god to worship: someone or something that they honor as best; who is most important to them; who they will love most of all; and, serve. And, someone or thing they can depend on to take care of them. Sometimes, people make their own gods. They cut them out of wood or stone and worship them. Sometimes, people make things their god. They make having many nice things most important. They trust in their money to take care of them. They never seem to have enough of it. Sometimes people worship other people or even themselves! People are most important to them. They change what they say and do to please them, even if it's wrong. What others think of them matters to them too much. Money, people, and even wood and stone are all good things, but they were not meant to be worshipped. There is really only one SOMEONE we are made to worship: it is the LORD, the one, true God. The LORD made heaven and earth and everything in it... even us! He is all-loving and all-good. He knows everything there is to know and He can do whatever He wants to do. He's the one who can we can depend on to take care of us. He is the only one who is really worthy of our worship. There is no one like Him. Seek after the LORD! Live for Him! He promises that all who seek Him will find Him. How wonderful it is to know and live for the LORD, the one, true God!

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

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God." --- Psalm 86:8,10, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What do all people look for to worship? Someone or something that they honor as best, love the most, and depend on to take care of them.
- 2. What kinds of things do people worship? Fake gods of wood and stone; money; even, people.
- 3. Who is the only one we should worship? *The LORD*.
- 4. Who is the only one who we can really depend on to take care of us? The LORD.
- 5. How do we seek after the LORD and find Him? By talking to the LORD. By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this and find Him!

#### Let's Pray!

- We praise You, LORD, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You!
- LORD, we should love and worship You alone, but many times we choose to worship other gods. We don't live for You. We don't honor You as best and most important. We don't depend on You to take care of us. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank You, LORD, making us to know and worship You. Thank You for making the way for us to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus. Thank You that now we can know and worship You because of Him.
- Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 4 Song** from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else, Tell me, tell me, Anyone else, anyone else, Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else, What the LORD is like? That's what the LORD is like.

## **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song**

He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

Verse 1 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 13 He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Refrain: Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Tell me, can anybody tell me, Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) Tell me, what the LORD is like? and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) Shake head "no" He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!) He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

Touch head

Flex arm

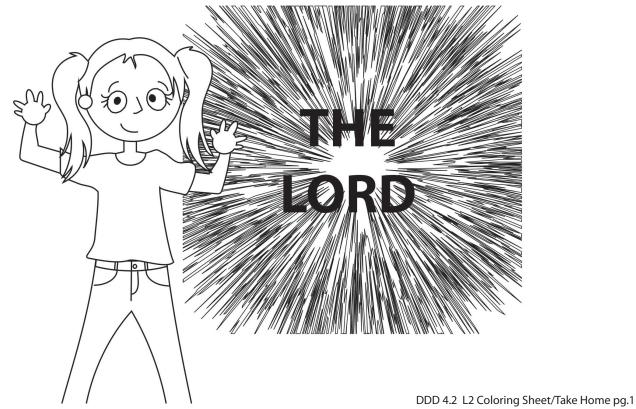
He's not like anyone else, And purely Righteous!

Shake head "no"

"There is none like you among the gods, 0 Lord, nor are there any works like yours...



For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God." Psalm 86:8,10, ESV



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

Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is the One, True God!



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

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God." --- Psalm 86:8,10, ESV

Learn a Little: "O LORD ... you alone are God."

# **Meaning:**

This verse tells us that there is no one like the LORD. If we compare anyone else's deeds to the LORD's, it is easy to see just how great He is. He alone is God and worthy of our worship.

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What other god is like the Lord? None.
- 2. Who else does works as great as the Lord's? No one.
- 3. What are some of the Lord's great and wondrous works? He created the whole world and keeps it going. He takes care of His people every day of their lives. He saved them from their sins through Jesus. He raised Jesus from the dead.
- 4. What great and wondrous work can God do in us? He can help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can make us His people!

#### Let's Pray!

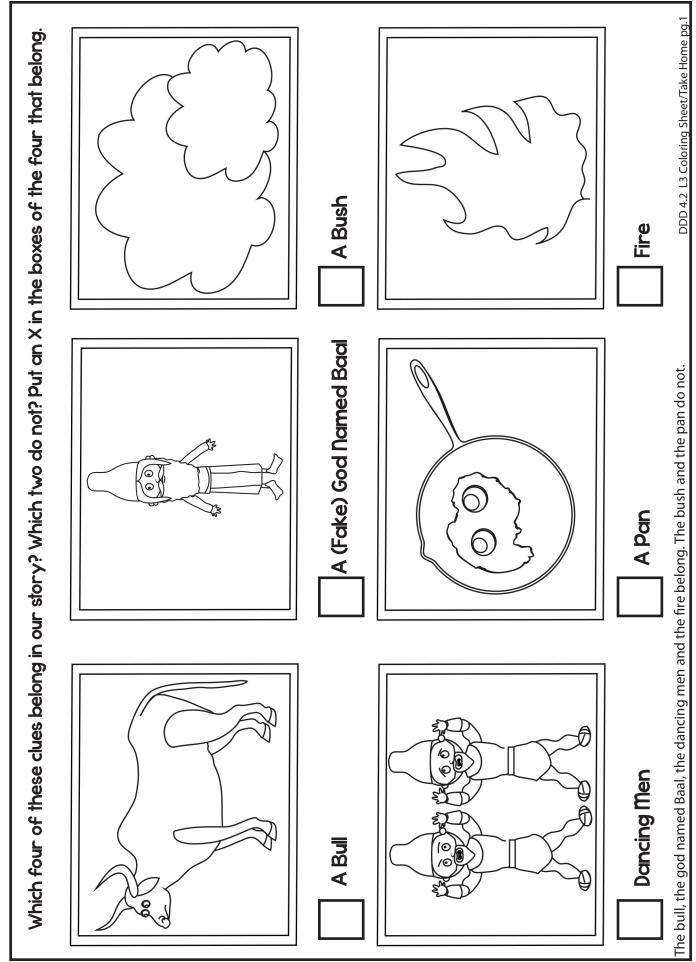
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- Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Among the Gods: Psalm 86:8,10 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 24

Among the gods, there is none like you, O LORD; Nor are there works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things, O Lord, You alone are God. Psalm Eighty-six, eight and ten.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3

**Big Question 4:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is the One, True God!



#### **Bible Truth 2 Meaning**

People look for a god to worship: someone or something that they honor as best; who is most important to them; who they will love most of all; and, serve. And, someone or thing they can depend on to take care of them. Sometimes, people make their own gods. They cut them out of wood or stone and worship them. Sometimes, people make things their god. They make having many nice things most important. They trust in their money to take care of them. They never seem to have enough of it. Sometimes people worship other people or even themselves! People are most important to them. They change what they say and do to please them, even if it's wrong. What others think of them matters to them too much. Money, people, and even wood and stone are all good things, but they were not meant to be worshipped. There is really only one SOMEONE we are made to worship: it is the LORD, the one, true God. The LORD made heaven and earth and everything in it... even us! He is all-loving and all-good. He knows everything there is to know and He can do whatever He wants to do. He's the one who can we can depend on to take care of us. He is the only one who is really worthy of our worship. There is no one like Him. Seek after the LORD! Live for Him! He promises that all who seek Him will find Him. How wonderful it is to know and live for the LORD, the one, true God!

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

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God." --- Psalm 86:8,10, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

Our six case clues were: a bull; a god named Baal; a bush; dancing men; a pan; and, fire.

- 1. Which four belong in our story? The bull, the god named Baal, the dancing men and the fire.
- 2. What was the name of the idol the Israelites worshipped? Baal.
- 3. What did the people of Israel want Baal to give them? Rain, big families and good food.
- 3. Who did God keep loving even when they broke their promises to love and obey Him? The people of Israel.
- 4. What did the LORD show the people by taking away the rain? That He (not Baal) was not the one, true God.
- 5. Why didn't Baal send fire to burn up the worship gift? He was just a fake god.
- 6. What did the fire from the LORD burn up? The bull, the water, the wood and even the stones.
- 7. Who did the people of Israel see was the one, true God? The LORD.
- 8. What did the people of Israel do when they saw the LORD was the one, true God? *They turned away from worshiping Baal and began to worship the LORD again.*
- 9. How are we like the people who worshipped Baal? We often choose to trust in things other than God. We often do not worship the LORD and obey His good ways as we should.
- 10. What does the LORD want us to turn away from? Who does He want us to worship and put our trust in? He wants us to turn away from our sins and worship Him instead. He wants us to trust in Jesus as our Savior.

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, LORD, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You!
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- **S** Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 20

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

#### **Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good**

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21 God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org DDD BQ4 BT2 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2

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# Deep Down Devotions: Unit 4, Bible Truth 2 Story Concepts

# The Case of the Fight with Fire

1 Kings 18

# Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is the One, True God."

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

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

# **Listening Assignments**

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

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to know:

- 1. What was the fight about?
- 2. Who won the fight? How did He use fire to show He had won?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:8,10:

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

I need to know:

- 1. What wondrous thing did the LORD do with fire?
- 2. Who had to agree that there is no god like the LORD?

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a bull; a god named Baal; a bush; dancing men; a pan; and, fire.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who praised the Lord for being the one, true God?

## Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.



# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons

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The Case of the Fight with Fire 1 Kings 18

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

The LORD and the people of Israel made big promises to each other.

The LORD promised that He would always love them and take care of them. He would keep them safe and give them everything they needed to be happy. Best of all, He would give them Himself to know and enjoy forever.

The people of Israel promised the LORD something in return, too. Can you guess what that might be?

Can you guess?

They promised to love the LORD.

Now, that might sound very simple at first. But the love the LORD wanted His people to have for Him was not a little, tiny love—like a love that wakes up in the morning and says "Good morning, LORD! I love you," but then forgets Him the rest of the day.

No, the kind of love the LORD asked for was a love that loved Him with their whole lives, through the whole day, in everything they did and said and even thought. It meant obeying all of His good laws and worshipping Him as the One, True God.It meant obeying His good laws about loving others, too. So you see, this was a very BIG love that the LORD asked the people to promise Him... and they happily promised Him they would.

But it is one thing to make promises and it's another thing to keep them, especially big promises like the ones the LORD and the people of Israel made to each other. And while the LORD kept His promises to the people of Israel. the people did NOT.

They forgot Him as they lived each day. They broke His good laws. They stopped worshipping Him as the One, True God and turned to worship other, fake gods instead....especially the fake god that their neighbors worshipped: a fake god named Baal. And their king--King Ahab--led the way.

Baal was supposed to be the god who gave people rain, good crops, and big families. Those were the three, big things that the people especially cared about then. Can you guess what the three things might be?

Can you guess?

They were rain, good crops, and big families!

Now you might think of three OTHER things you especially care about, but back in those days there were no grocery stores or hospitals. You needed rain to grow your food and keep you and your animals alive. And since there weren't really doctors back then, getting sick was very scary. Rain, big families, and good crops meant LIFE to these people! Rain, big families and good food meant LIFE to these people! Who could want to worship Baal if he could give them that!

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

But what about the people of Israel? Didn't they need rain, big families, and good food to live, too? Yes, they did! But they SHOULDN'T have turned to Baal for them. Who SHOULD they have turned to instead?

Can you tell me?

They SHOULD have turned to the LORD. He had already made big promises to always love them and take care of them. Hadn't He always provided them with rain, big families, and good food in the past? Wouldn't He keep on giving these good gifts to them? Of course, He would! The LORD never breaks His promises!

But, the people of Israel chose to forget all of this. They chose to worship the fake god, Baal, instead. Their king,

This was sad news! This was BAD news! The people of Israel had turned away from the LORD. They had broken their promises to Him. What would the LORD do? Would He turn away from them and stop caring for them, as they deserved?

What do you think the LORD did?

The LORD COULD have done that, but He did not. He chose to go on loving them. He would bring them back to Him. He would show them in a mighty way that Baal was just a fake, and that He, the LORD, was the one, true God. And He would do it by stopping the very thing that Baal was supposed to be in charge of: the rain.

The LORD sent His special messenger, Elijah, to tell King Ahab and the people what He was going to do.

"The LORD says: 'You have broken your promise to love Me," Elijah told them. ""You have chosen to worship Baal as giver of rain, big families, and good food, but he isn't. He is just a fake god. He is not the One True God. I am, as I am going to show you!" the LORD told the people.

"I am going to take away all the rain. I am going to take away all the good food from you...the food you need so you can have big families. And no matter how much anyone prays to Baal, there will be no more rain or good food until I say so. Then you will see that I, not Baal, am the One True God," the LORD warned the people through Elijah.

Those were big words. Could the LORD really do this? Could He really stop Baal's power? Everyone waited and watched.

What do you think happened?

Sure enough, day after day after day went by and there was no rain.

The water in the streams dried up. The good food that should have grown in the fields, died. The big families and their animals grew hungry and thirsty. They took their worship gifts to Baal and prayed, "Oh, Baal, send us the rain we need to grow good food and feed our big families."

But for one, two, THREE whole years, no matter how much anyone prayed to Baal, there was no rain or good food. Oh, how sad the neighbors were! Oh, how sad the people of Israel were!

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons

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

At last, the LORD knew the people had learned enough from their suffering. They were ready for the great showdown. The big fight with fire that would make it clear to them and their neighbors who the one, true God really was.

Elijah went back to King Ahab with a new message: "The LORD says: 'For three years I've taken away your rain and good food. It has been hard to feed your big families. I did this because the people and you chose to stop worshipping Me and obeying My good laws. I wanted you to see that I am the one, true God, not Baal," the LORD said.

"I'm not done yet. There's more thing I want to do. Gather all of the people and all of the messengers of Baal on top of Mount Carmel. There, you will see who really is the One, True God," the LORD promised.

King Ahab obeyed. Up, up, up to the top of dry Mount Carmel went Elijah, with King Ahab, the people of Israel, and the messengers of Baal. It was time for the big showdown.

Elijah gathered them all together and said, "The time has come to see who is the One, True God. If it is Baal, follow him. If it is the LORD, follow Him."

"I am the only messenger of the LORD here, but Baal has many messengers," Elijah told them. "We will each give a worship gift of a bull to our god. Baal's messengers will give Baal their worship gift; and I will give my worship gift to the LORD," Elijah explained.

"But we're going to make this a fight with fire between the LORD and Baal," Elijah said. "We won't light the wood under the worship gifts, like we usually do. We will leave that to the One, True God. We will ask Him to send down fire from heaven to burn up the worship offering," Elijah told them.

"This shouldn't be hard for Baal. He's the rain god. He can throw down one of his lightning bolts and set the worship gift on fire," Elijah said. "I will even let the messengers of Baal go first."

Everyone agreed. The messengers of Baal took a bull and set it on top of some stones and firewood. Their worship offering was ready. They began shouting their prayers to Baal: "O great Baal, show that you are the One, True God! Accept our worship gift! Send fire to burn it up!" they prayed.

What do you think happened?

Nothing happened at all. But Baal's messengers didn't give up. Next, they tried shouting louder and dancing a worship dance to Baal. But still, nothing happened. On and on, all day, Baal's messengers tried many things; but still no fire came down.

At last they gave up. it was Elijah's turn. With twelve, big stones, Elijah rebuilt the altar to the LORD. He put wood. on it, and the bull on top of the wood. He had men pour lots and lots of water on the everything to make it even harder to burn up.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons

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

Then Elijah prayed to the LORD: "O LORD, let it be known today that You are the God of Israel and I am Your servant. Answer me that the people may know that You, O LORD, are the One, True God, and that You have turned their hearts back to loving and obeying You."

What do you think happened? Would the LORD send down fire?

What do you think?

Yes, He would! All of a sudden, a huge, hot, blaze of fire down from heaven. WHOOSH! It burned up the bull, the wood, the water, the stones and even the soil. Can you imagine! Fire so hot that it could burn up stones!!!

When all the people saw this, they fell down on their faces and said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is the One True God!"

Then they turned on the messengers of Baal and got rid of them all. At last, the people of Israel had turned back to obeying and worshipping the LORD! And at last, it was time for rain.

Elijah bowed down low to the ground, with his face between his knees, and prayed to the LORD. The skies soon grew black with clouds and a great rain began to fall. All the people rejoiced in the rain and the good food that would grow again now. And which God did they thank?

Can you tell me?

They thanked the LORD! For now it was very, very clear: Baal was only a fake god; and the LORD was the One, True God. There was no other God, and there never will be.

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# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2

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

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

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to know:

- **1. What was the fight about?** Who was the real One, True God.
- **2. Who won the fight?** How did He use fire to show He had won? The LORD won. He sent down fire from heaven and burned up the worship gifts.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD was the one, true God long ago when this story took place. He is STILL the one, true God today! He wants us to know Him and obey Him, just like He wanted the people of Israel to, long ago. How can we do this? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer these prayers!

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:8,10:

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

#### I need to know:

- **1. What wondrous thing did the LORD do with fire?** He sent down fire from heaven and burned up the worship gifts.
- 2. Who had to agree that there is no god like the LORD? Everyone!

#### For You and Me:

Everyone was amazed when the LORD sent fire down to burn up the worship gifts and even the rocks around the altar! The people had to agree that there was no god like the LORD. He was the one, true God, then and He is still, today! And the LORD is still doing amazing deeds. The most amazing of all is His offer to be our Savior. Yes! Even though we have all disobeyed Him and deserve His punishment, He offers us His forgiveness and to make us His people. How? When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: a bull; a god named Baal; a bush; dancing men; a pan; and, fire.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

#### I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The bull, the god named Baal, the dancing men and the fire belong. The bush and the pan do not.
- **2.** Who praised the LORD for being the one, true **God?** Elijah and all the people of Israel.

#### For You and Me:

The people of Israel turned away from worshipping Baal and returned to praise the LORD after they saw Him sent fire down from heaven. He was the one, true God. There was no other god they should ever worship besides Him! There is no god we should worship other than the LORD, too. We can start to worship Him by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer these prayers!

## **The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### **Our Bible Truth is:**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is the One, True God!

The people of Israel are not the only people who disobey the LORD and choose to worship other things. We have all chosen to disobey Him. We have all chosen to worship other things besides Him. How we deserve His punishment!

But how kind is the LORD! He offers us forgiveness through His Son, Jesus! Jesus suffered and died on the cross as the perfect payment for our sins. He rose from the dead on the third day, showing He had really beaten sin and death for us. How can Jesus be OUR Savior? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we become God's people. We will know special closeness with Him in our hearts now. And one day, we will go to live with Him forever. God loves to help us trust in Jesus! Ask Him!

Close in prayer.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 2

# **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- **A** We praise You, LORD, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You!
- C LORD, we should love and worship You alone, but many times we choose to worship other gods. We don't live for You. We don't honor You as best and most important. We don't depend on You to take care of us. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, LORD, making us to know and worship You. Thank You for making the way for us to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus. Thank You that now we can know and worship You because of Him.
- **S** Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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# **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

## Bible Truth 2 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is the One, True God!

People look for a god to worship: someone or something that they honor as best; who is most important to them; who they will love most of all; and, serve. And, someone or thing they can depend on to take care of them.

Sometimes, people make their own gods. They cut them out of wood or stone and worship them. Sometimes, people make things their god. They make having many nice things most important. They trust in their money to take care of them. They never seem to have enough of it. Sometimes people worship other people or even themselves! People are most important to them. They change what they say and do to please them, even if it's wrong. What others think of them matters to them too much.

Money, people, and even wood and stone are all good things, but they were not meant to be worshipped. There is really only one SOMEONE we are made to worship: it is the LORD, the one, true God. The LORD made heaven and earth and everything in it... even us! He is all-loving and all-good. He knows everything there is to know and He can do whatever He wants to do. He's the one who can we can depend on to take care of us. He is the only one who is really worthy of our worship. There is no one like Him.

Seek after the LORD! Live for Him! He promises that all who seek Him will find Him. How wonderful it is to know and live for the LORD, the one, true God!

## Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 86:8,10, ESV

"There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours...For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

Learn a Little: "O LORD ... you alone are God."

## **Meaning:**

This verse tells us that there is no one like the LORD. If we compare anyone else's deeds to the LORD's, it is easy to see just how great He is. He alone is God and worthy of our worship.

# **Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You!
- **C** LORD, we should love and worship You alone, but many times we choose to worship other gods. We don't live for You. We don't honor You as best and most important. We don't depend on You to take care of us. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, LORD, making us to know and worship You. Thank You for making the way for us to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus. Thank You that now we can know and worship You because of Him.
- **S** Work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from other things we are tempted to worship. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship only You! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 2 Story**

**The Case of the Fight with Fire** 1 Kings 18

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Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Among the Gods Psalm 86:8-10, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: O Lord of Hosts Isaiah 37:16, ESV

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# Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

# The LORD Is the One, True God

# **Craft Description**

The children will decorate a "Number One" to remind them that the LORD is the one, true God.

#### **Materials**

White Paper, preferably cardstock Coloring supplies Various decorating items such as pom-poms, sequins, glitter glue, or dots Glue

## **Preparations**

- 1. Choose the simpler or more complex version of the Number One, whichever suits your children best.
- 2. Set out decorating supplies.

# **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is the One, True God." That's what our pictures are about today! They remind us that there is only one, true God and He is the LORD. That's something very good to know, but many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can go and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like...(Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have the children use the coloring supplies to color in the Number One.
- 3. Glue on extra details using the special decorating items.
- 4. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

## Discussion

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

## **Craft Wrap-Up:**

At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today. Hold up the cards and say the words together.

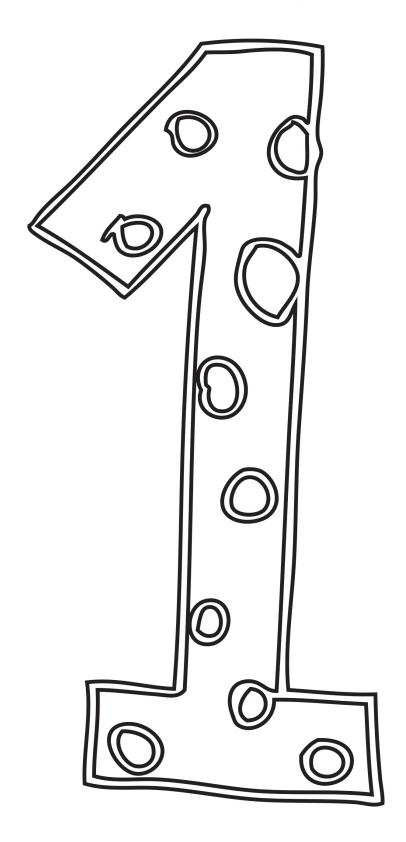
Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 4, Bible Truth 2: Extra Crafts

# The LORD Is Not Like Anyone Else...



He Is the One, True God!

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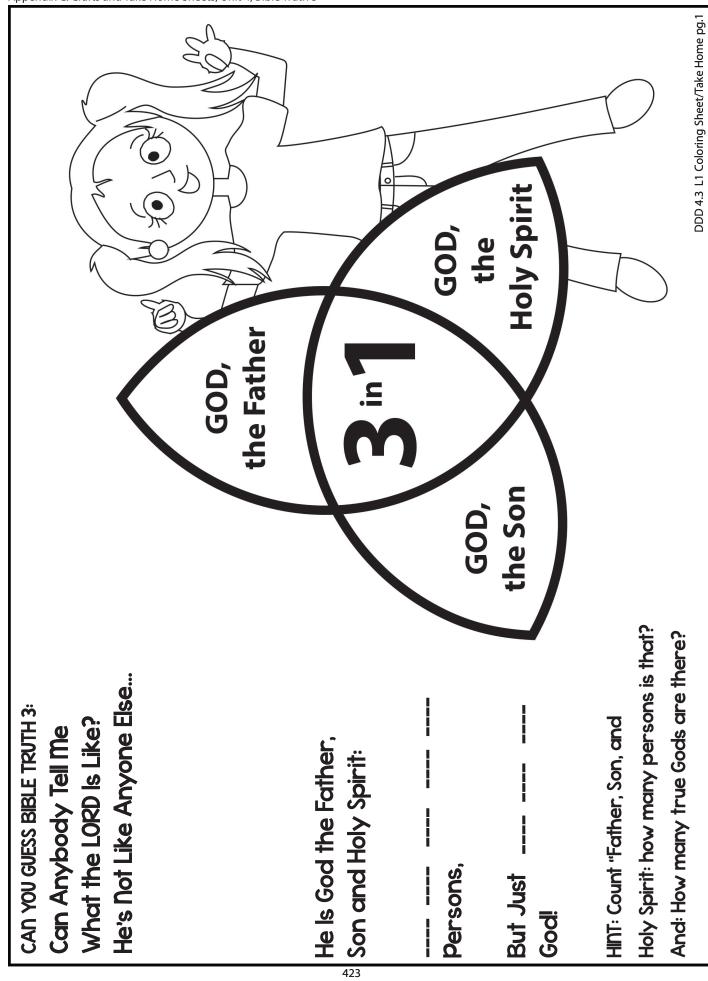
# The Case of the Fight with Fire Jigsaw Puzzle Page

1 Kings 18

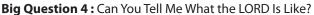
Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

The people of Israel turned away from worshipping Baal and returned to praise the LORD after they saw Him sent fire down from heaven. He was the one, true God. There was no other god they should ever worship besides Him! There is no god we should worship other than the LORD, too. We can start to worship Him by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer these prayers!





# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1







God is just one God, but He is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always enjoyed perfect love and happiness within Himself. He has never needed anyone else to be happy.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do wonderful and mighty things. God the Father has plans for the world. Jesus is God's Son. He does what the Father plans. He came to earth to save God's people. The Holy Spirit is God, too. He also does what the Father plans. He works in God's people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him. One God, but three Persons! Who has ever heard of that?! God is not like anyone else, is He?

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

- "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
- --- 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. How many gods are there? Just one, true God.
- 2. What are the three persons of God? God, the Father; God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.
- 3. What do God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit enjoy together? Perfect love and happiness.
- 4. What do God The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do? Wonderful and mighty things.
- 5. Who has plans for the world? God the Father.
- 6. Who does what God the Father has planned? God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.
- 7. What is the name of God, the Son? Jesus.
- 8. Who came to earth to save us? Jesus, God, the Son.
- 9. Who works in people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him? God, the Holy Spirit.
- 10. Is anyone else like God: three person but just one God? No. No one else is like Him.
- 11. How can Jesus be our Savior? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!
- C God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing You.
- God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know Your wonderful love. Give us what we need to live for You, through Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and change us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 4 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

He's not like anyone else, Can anybody tell me, Anyone else, anyone else, Tell me, tell me, He's not like anyone else, Can anybody tell me, That's what the LORD is like. What the LORD is like?

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song**

Verse 1 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 13

Touch head He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Refrain:

Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Tell me, can anybody tell me, Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) Tell me, what the LORD is like?

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain Flex arm Tell me, can anybody tell me,

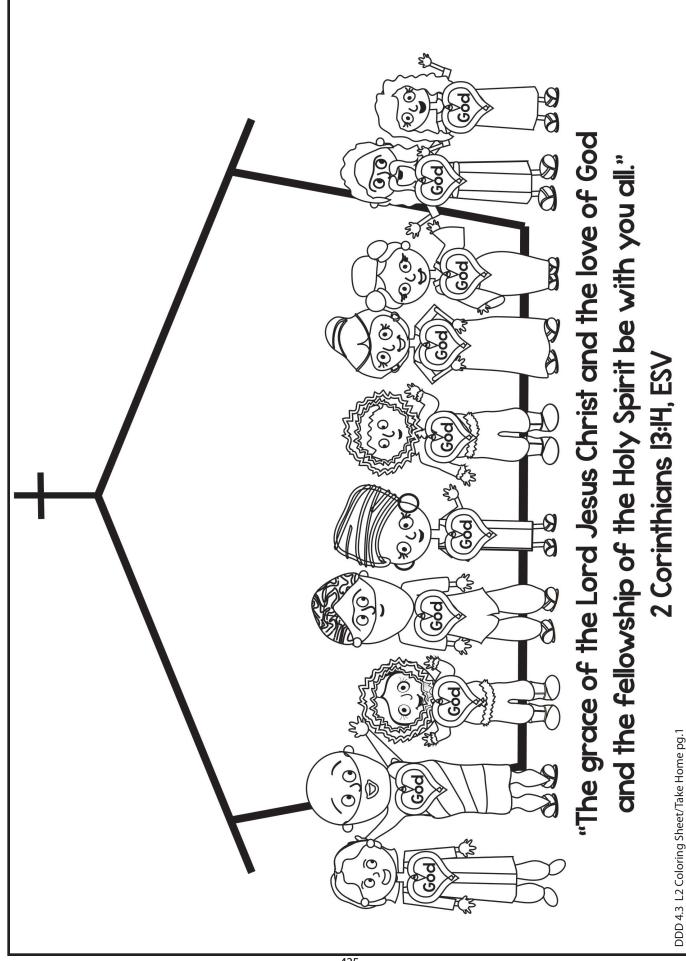
Tell me, what the LORD is like? Verse 2

He's not like anyone else, He's Immutable! (He never changes!) Shake head "no" Shake head "no" He's not like anyone else, He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's not like anyone else, He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

He's not like anyone else, And purely Righteous!

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



**Big Question 4:** Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God!

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

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." --- 2 Corinthians 13:14. ESV

#### Meaning

What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

#### **Some Questions for You**

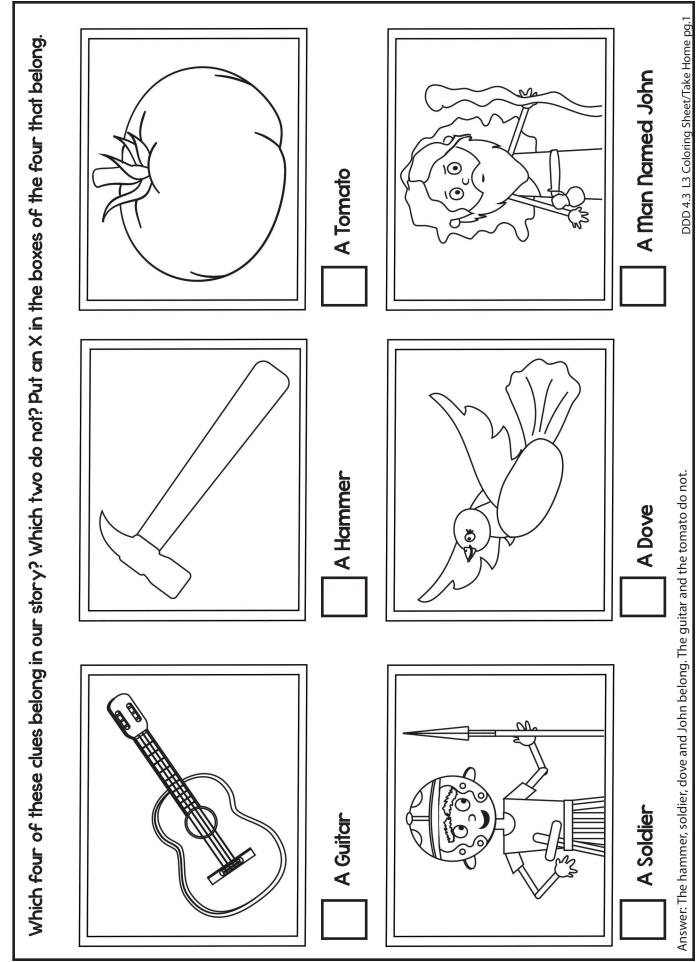
- 1. What wonderful gift does Jesus give God's people? Grace--the free gift of being forgiven of their sins and adopted as God's people. The free gift of everything they need to keep on living for God the rest of their lives.
- 2. What wonderful gift from God (the Father) to His people does this verse tell us about? His love for them--that He would chose to send His one and only Son to save us.
- 3. Whose fellowship (special closeness) do God's people enjoy in their hearts? The fellowship of the Holy Spirit. He lives in their hearts and helps them love God and obey Him more and more.
- 4. How can we enjoy these wonderful gifts? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!
- **c** God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing You.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know Your wonderful love. Give us what we need to live for You, through Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and change us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

May the Grace\_from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 26
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.
May the grace of Lord (Jesus Christ),
And the love of God (God the Father)
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.
Second Corinthians Thirteen, fourteen.



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



**Big Question 4:** Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but just one God!

#### **Bible Truth 3 Meaning**

God is just one God, but He is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always enjoyed perfect love and happiness within Himself. He has never needed anyone else to be happy.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do wonderful and mighty things. God the Father has plans for the world. Jesus is God's Son. He does what the Father plans. He came to earth to save God's people. The Holy Spirit is God, too. He also does what the Father plans. He works in God's people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him. One God, but three Persons! Who has ever heard of that?! God is not like anyone else, is He?

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

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#### Some Questions for You

- 1. What was life for the LORD like before He created the world? It was Perfect Wonderfulness--the most enjoyable life anyone could ever imagine.
- 2. What made God perfectly happy even before there was anything else? The fellowship He had as God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3. Who made a plan to love and save His people, before the world was created? The LORD did.
- 4. What did people do that broke their friendship they with God? They chose to disobey Him.
- 5. What had God already woven into His plan, before He created the world? How He would rescue His people from their sins so they could know His love forever.
- 6. Why did Jesus come to John? To be baptized and to get ready to tell people about God and how they could be saved.
- 7. Why did John not want to baptize Jesus? Because Jesus never sinned. Baptism was for people who sinned.
- 8. What did God the Father say to Jesus when Jesus was being baptized? "This is My Son. With Him I am well pleased."
- 9. What did the Holy Spirit do when Jesus was being baptized? Came down and landed upon Jesus as a dove would.
- 10. Why would Jesus leave somewhere as wonderful as heaven to come to earth with all its brokenness to save us? *Because God loved us so much and because it was God's good plan.*
- 11. How can we be saved? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

#### Let's Pray!

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#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 20

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

#### Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

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# Deep Down Devotions: Unit 4, Bible Truth 3 Story Concepts

# The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One

Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34



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## Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons!"

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

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

# **Listening Assignments**

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

# **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

#### I need to know:

- 1. Who was the Three-in-One?
- 2. When was His plan?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 13:14:

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

## I need to know:

- 1. How did God the Father show His love to people?
- 2. What wonderful gift of grace did Jesus give us? How did He make it possible for us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our hearts?

## **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story.

They are: a guitar, a hammer, a tomato, a soldier, a dove, and a man named John.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

# I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What did God give John to help people repent of their sins and get ready for Jesus?

# Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3

use with all THREE lessons

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The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One

Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34

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

Long, long ago, there was a time before this world was made.

There were no mountains, no stars, no oceans, no plants. There were no birds, no animals, no fish, and no people. There was just the LORD, the one, true God.

Now that might sound very lonely, but actually it was Perfect Wonderfulness—the most wonderful thing anyone can ever know. Why? Because while the LORD IS just one, true God, He is something else that is very, very special. He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God. Three-in-One. And the friendship—the fellowship—that He enjoyed in Himself was better than anything we can ever imagine. And that's why I call it "Perfect Wonderfulness."

The LORD did not need this world or anything in it to be happy. He was perfectly happy in Himself. But nonetheless, He wanted to make this world. He had a plan for it. A plan to create a people for Himself. A people to share in His Perfect Wonderfulness with Him forever.

So way back in the beginning, God began His plan for the world and for His people. He created it all beautifully and perfectly--both the heavens and the earth. And last of all, He made the first people who would share in that Perfect Wonderfulness with Him.

Do you know the names of those first people who God created?

What are their names?

They were named Adam and Eve.

How wonderful life was for Adam and Eve! God placed them in a beautiful garden with everything they needed. Best of all, He gave them Himself. He gave them a spirit--a special heart. And through this spirit, Adam and Eve knew and loved God. They enjoyed His Perfect Wonderfulness. They obeyed Him and trusted Him. They loved their beautiful home. Yes, life was very wonderful with nothing wrong in it at all!

But then God's enemy came. He tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God. They thought they would be happier doing things their own way; but, oh, they were not! They lost their beautiful home and the perfect love they had for each other. Now, their bodies would get sick and one day would die. Now, they and all their children after them would live in world broken with sin. Worst of all, they lost the bit of God's Perfect Wonderfulness they had in their hearts... and they deserved to stay separated from God forever. Oh, what a very, very sad day!

But God is so kind. He knew what people would do even before He even created them. And back then, before the beginning, He had already woven their RESCUE into His plans for the world. And what an amazing rescue it would be! Can you guess who He would send?

Can you guess?

He planned to send Jesus, the Son of God. Yes, Jesus would choose to leave heaven and the full, close fellowship of Perfect Wonderfulness with God, His Father and the Holy Spirit. Down, down, down to earth He would go. He would make the way to save God's people. He would rescue them, so they could share in God's Perfect Wonderfulness once more.

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

So, at just the right time, Jesus was born a baby in Bethlehem. He was still the Son of God, but now He was a human, too.

Life on earth was not like the Perfect Wonderfulness Jesus fully enjoyed in heaven. Can you imagine what it would be like to leave behind all that Perfect Wonderfulness and live in this broken world? Oh, how God must love us, that He would choose to do this to save us!

Every day, Jesus prayed to His Father and was helped by the Holy Spirit. But He looked forward to the day when He would once more enjoy that full, Perfect Wonderfulness with God, His Father and the Holy Spirit in heaven. And Jesus knew that because of what He was doing for God's people on earth, that they would get to be in heaven with Him, knowing and enjoying God fully. That was worth it all!

So....for thirty, long years, Jesus lived here on earth. He grew up, up, up until He was a man. He slept and he played. He did His chores and learned a job. And all the while, Jesus never, ever did anything wrong. He was preparing to be our perfect Savior.

Then one day, Jesus was done playing. He stopped doing His chores and put down His tools. He left His home in Galilee and He headed to the River Jordan, far away in the wilderness.

Why did Jesus leave His home and go to the River Jordan? Was He hot and wanted to cool off? Did He want to go fishing? Was He going on vacation?

Why do you think Jesus went to the River Jordan?

No, Jesus wasn't going there for any of those reasons. Jesus was going down to the River Jordan because it was time to complete God's amazing rescue plan. And, it would start out there, at the River Jordan, with His funny-looking, funny-living cousin who lived there.

Do you know his name?

It was a man named John.

Yes, John certainly looked funny! He never cut his hair or his beard. And he wore camel's hair for clothes!

John certainly lived funny, too...out there in the desert-y wilderness, eating nothing but wild honey and hoppy, bumpy, crunchy locusts for food. Yum! Yum!

But John looked this way and lived this way for a very good reason: God had told him, too. God was preparing John for a special job. God would use him to get the people ready for Jesus.

At just the right time, John started preaching the message God gave him: "It's time! The LORD is sending His Savior! Repent! Stop disobeying God and turn back to Him! Be baptized! Show that you want to live for God! Make sure you are ready for the Savior when He comes!" John told all who came out to the River Jordan to listen to him.

All kinds of people came. Strong, army soldiers. Bad, cheating men like tax collectors. Other people came to listen, too. What do you think happened as they listened to this funny-looking, funny-living man?

What do you think happened?

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

God used John's words to work in the hearts of many and help them repent of their sins. Down into the water they waded with John and were baptized. They wanted to be ready for the Savior!

At last came the day everyone was waiting for--the day when Jesus left his home and went down to the Jordan River.

"He's here! The Savior I told you about," John exclaimed to the crowd down at the river that day. "He's come to take away God's punishment for your sins!"

"I've come for you to baptize Me," Jesus told John.

"Why should I baptize you, Jesus? You don't need to be baptized. You never disobey God," John told Jesus.

"Yes, but this is something I must do to be the Savior." Jesus replied. At last, John agreed.

Into the water John and Jesus waded. John lowered Jesus down under the water, then brought Him back up again.

Jesus came out of the water, and prayed to God. And as He prayed, something amazing happened. The heavens opened up and Someone came down. Can you guess who?

The Holy Spirit came down like a dove and rested upon Jesus. Then from heaven, God the Father spoke: "This is my dear Son whom I love so much! I am so very pleased with Him," He said. Together, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit--the great God who was Three-in-One-- would carry out God's amazing plan to save His people!

Now it was time for Jesus' work to begin. Now He would begin to tell people how they could be saved. Soon He would suffer and die for their sins. It would be so very hard to complete God's good plan, but Jesus was willing to do it. From start to finish He would be the Savior! He would make the way for us to share in the Perfect Wonderfulness of God once more.

Over the next, three years, everything worked out just exactly as it was supposed to. Jesus taught the people about God, His Father. He did amazing things, showing them that He was the Son of God, come to save them. And He promised to one day send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts as their Helper.

Then came the saddest and hardest and most amazing part of God's plan: the day when Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Yes, for all who would every turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior, Jesus took their punishment that day so that they could be FORGIVEN once and for all!

Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for them.

Jesus' work was done. It was time to go back home-- back up to heaven to enjoy all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of fellowship with God, the Father and Holy Spirit again. What a wonderful day that was!

And what special helper did Jesus remember to send to God's people?

Can you remember who it is?

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of God's people. Now, they could share in a little bit of the Perfect Wonderful of fellowship with God, right here on earth! But this was only a beautiful, tiny taste of the life they would have with God forever in heaven. There, at last, they will get to enjoy all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God that they possibly can! Oh, how wonderful!

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# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3

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

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- **1. Who was the Three-in-One?** The LORD, the one, true God, is the Three-in-One. He is one God, but three persons—God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- **2. When was His plan?** It was a plan to love a people for Himself and save them through Jesus.

#### For You and Me:

We can be some of those people who God loves and saves when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to do this!

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 13:14

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

#### I need to find out:

- **1.** How did God the Father show His love to people? God the Father showed His love by always planning to save them through His Son, Jesus.
- 2. What wonderful gift of grace did Jesus give us? How did He make it possible for us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our hearts? Jesus gave us the gift of paying for our sins by He suffering and dying on the cross. When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and give us a new heart. The Holy Spirit comes to live in this brand-new heart. Without Jesus, no one would never get to know God, have the Holy Spirit in their hearts, or go to live God in heaven.

#### For You and Me:

Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will come and live in our hearts and we will get to enjoy a little of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God now. And one day, when we go to live with God, we will get to enjoy as much of God's Perfect Wonderfulness that we can possibly know.

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a guitar, a hammer, a tomato, a soldier, a dove, and a man named John.

#### 1. Which four belong in our story?

The hammer, soldier, dove and John belong. The guitar and the tomato do not.

2. What did God give John to help people repent of their sins and get ready for Jesus?

God used the message He gave John.

#### For You and Me:

God still uses His messages to help us, today. His messages are written down in His Word, the Bible. He loves to work in our hearts as we hear His Word. He can help us to repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### Our Bible Truth is: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

One God, but Three Persons!

What an amazing plan the LORD, the great Three-in-One, had to save us! How wonderful that Jesus would come to earth to be our Savior! And He will most certainly be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him to save us. And if we do, God will not only forgive us and make us His special, dearly-loved people, but He will send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. He will help us enjoy a little of the Perfect Wonderfulness of fellowship with God. He will help us know God and live for Him. But the Holy Spirit inside our hearts is only a little of what it will be like when God's people go to live with God. There, they will know all of His Perfect Wonderfulness that they can possibly know. Ask God to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior and become one of His people! He loves to answer this prayer!

Close in prayer.

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#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!
- God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing You.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know Your wonderful love. Give us what we need to live for You, through Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and change us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# Big Question 4, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

# Bible Truth 3 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons

God is just one God, but He is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always enjoyed perfect love and happiness within Himself. He has never needed anyone else to be happy.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do wonderful and mighty things. God the Father has plans for the world. Jesus is God's Son. He does what the Father plans. He came to earth to save God's people. The Holy Spirit is God, too. He also does what the Father plans. He works in God's people's hearts so they can know God and live for Him. One God, but three Persons! Who has ever heard of that?! God is not like anyone else, is He?

#### Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

**Learn a Little:** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

#### Meaning

What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

#### **Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!
- **C** God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing You.
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#### **Bible Truth 3 Story**

#### The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One

Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34

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#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 3

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Song May the Grace 2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

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

# Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

# God Is Three Persons, But One God

#### **Craft Description**

The children will make a 3-D flip-sign that reminds them that the LORD is three Persons, but just one God.

#### **Materials**

White Paper, preferably cardstock Coloring supplies Glue (Rubber Cement works great!) Tape/Stapler Scissors

1 long, wooden craft stick per craft (like a long popsicle stick; available at craft and office supply stores) Packing tape or other sturdy tape

#### **Preparations**

- 1. Make copies of the two sides of the sign onto separate pieces of paper, preferably cardstock.
- 2. Make 2 copies of hand for each child onto cardstock.
- 3. Set out decorating supplies.

#### Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons." That's what our pictures are about today! They remind us about this amazing truth about God. He really isn't like anyone else, is He? That's something very good to know, but many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can go and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like...(Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

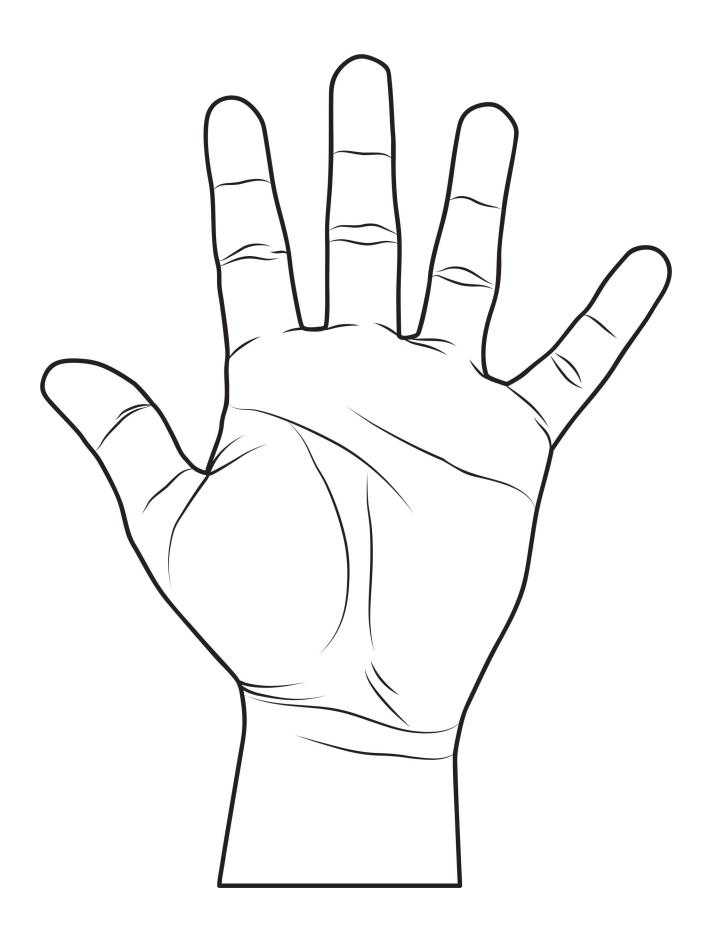
- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have the children color in the hands. They can add fun details like colored finger nails and rings.
- 3. Have children (or you) cut out the hand after they are finished decorating it.
- 4. The "One" Hand: have the children (or you) fold down all fingers and the thumb EXCEPT THE INDEX FINGER so that they meet. Tape/staple together the folded down fingers/thumb.
- 5. The "Three" Hand: have the children (or you) fold down the index finger and the thumb so that they meet. Tape/ staple together the folded down fingers.
- 6. Tape down craft stick to the BACK side of one of the signs, letting enough of the stick to hang down from the sign to make a nice sized handle.
- 7. Glue the back side of the PALMS ONLY to the center of each sign. (The Three Hand goes on the Three Persons sign; the One Hand goes on the One God sign.)
- 8. Place the back sides of the signs together and secure them together, using tape/staple around edges.
- 9. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

#### **Discussion**

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

#### **Craft Wrap-Up:**

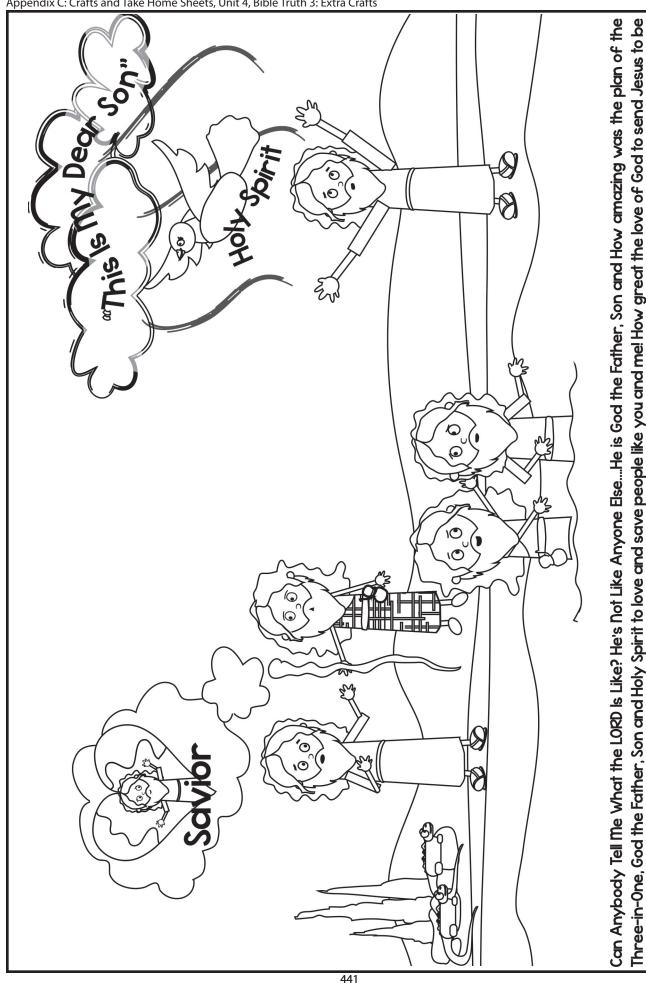
At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today. Hold up the signs and say the words together, flipping them around from the front to back side as you say the corresponding words.



# The LORD Is Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

# Just One God!





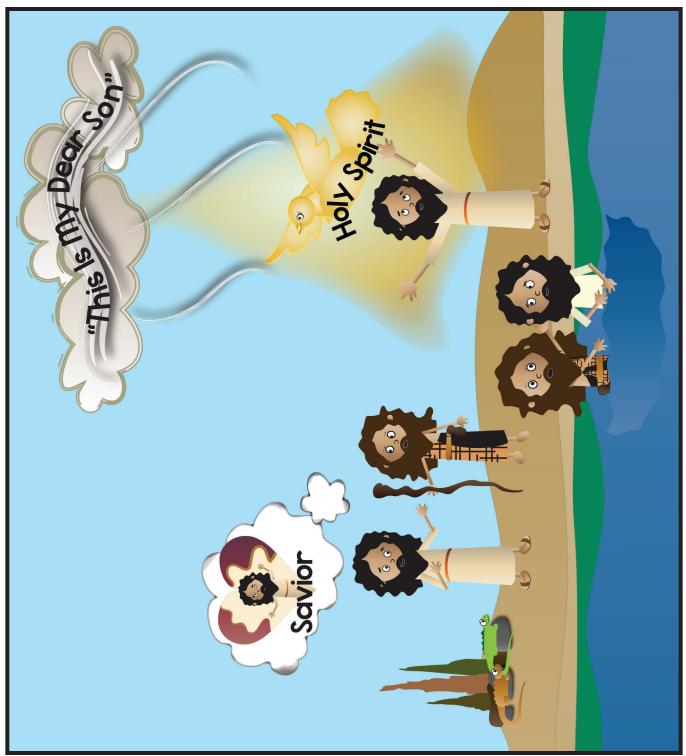
our Savior! How wonderful is the free gift of salvation that can be ours when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior! And, how wonderful it is to have the special closeness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts when we do become God's people through Jesus!

Thank You, LORD!

#### The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Matthew 3:11-17; Mark 1:7-11; Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else....He is God the Father, Son and How amazing was the plan of the Three-in-One, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to love and save people like you and me! How great the love of God to send Jesus to be our Savior! How wonderful is the free gift of salvation that can be ours when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior! And, how wonderful it is to have the special closeness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts when we do become God's people through Jesus! Thank You, LORD!



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

**Big Question 4:** Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

#### **Bible Truth 4 Meaning**

How many places can you be at once? Can you be here with us and out on the playground at the same time? Can you hear what your parents are saying in the kitchen and what the king in a faraway country is saying at the same time? No, you can't and neither can I!

But God is very different from us. He is everywhere, all the time. He is with you and me right here. He is with your friends and family in their homes and at work. He is even with all the people who live far away in other parts of the world.... and all at the same time! There is nowhere we can go, where God will not be, too. He sees everything everyone is doing, all the time. He is always there to comfort us, to help us, and to save us, when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

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

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

--- Psalm 139:1-3,7-10, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. How many places can we be at the same time? Only one.
- 2. How many places can God be at the same time? He can be everywhere, all the time!
- 3. Is God with you and me right here? Yes.
- 4. He is also with your friends and family right now? And people who live far, far away? Yes, He is. All at the same time.
- 5. Is there anywhere we can go to get away from God? No.
- 6. Does God see what we are doing? Yes.
- 7. What can God do for us, no matter where we are? Help us, comfort us, save us (when we trust in Jesus as our Savior).

#### Let's Pray!

- We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 4 Song** from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else, Tell me, tell me, Anyone else, anyone else, Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else, What the LORD is like? That's what the LORD is like.

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song**

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 4, track 13

Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, Shake head "no"

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else,

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

Touch head

Flex arm

Shake head "no"

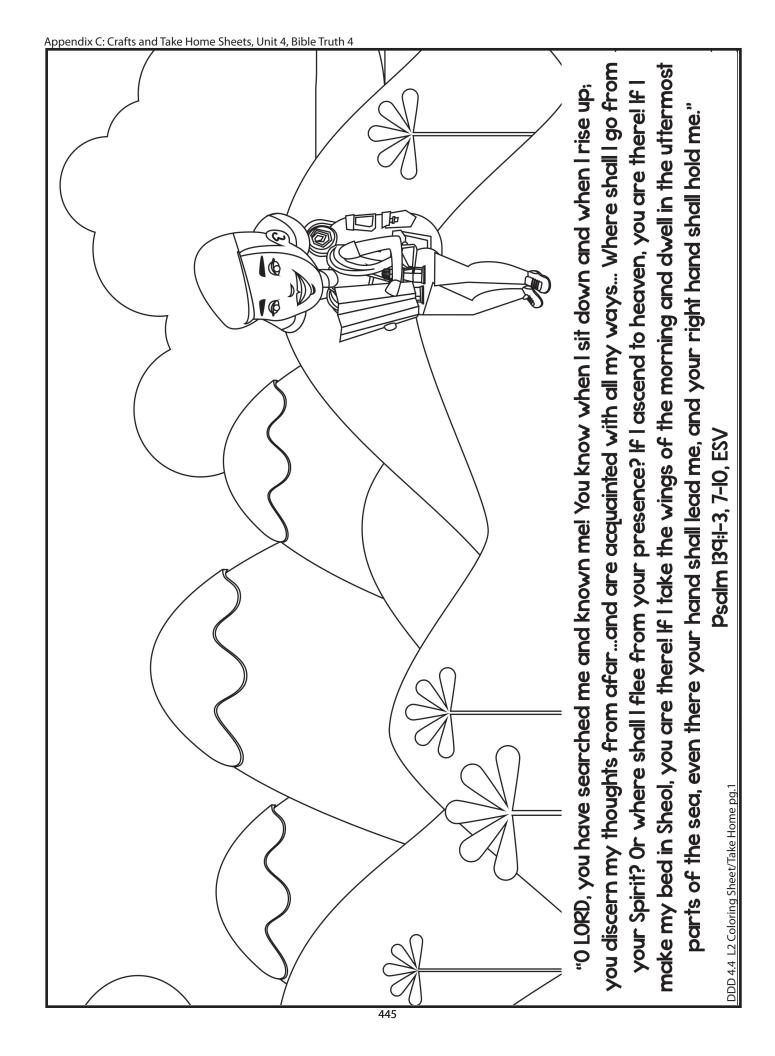
Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org. 444

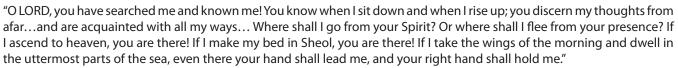


# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2

Big Question 4: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

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



--- Psalm 139:1-3,7-10, ESV

Learn a Little: "O LORD...You are acquainted with all my ways."

#### Meaning

These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans. Ask Him to help you trust in Him!

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who is with us when we sit down and rise up? The LORD is.
- 2. Who is with us as we think our thoughts? The LORD is.
- 3. Where can we go from God's presence? *Nowhere!*
- 4. Where do we have to be for God to hear our prayers? We can be anywhere!
- 5. What does God always do for His people, everywhere they go and whatever they do? He will help and protect them. He will guide them and love them.
- 6. How can we become God's people? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

#### Let's Pray!

- **A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- **C** God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **S** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Where Shall I Go, from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 27

Where shall I go from your Spirit? (Nowhere!)

Where shall I flee from your presence? (Nowhere!)

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morn,

Dwell in the utmost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead me,

Your right hand shall hold me.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? (Nowhere!)

Where shall I flee from your presence? (Nowhere!)

Psalm One-thirty-nine, seven through ten.

DDD 4.4 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1 Answer: The brother named Esau, the ladder, the angel, and the rock belong in the story. The glasses and the snake do not.

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

Big Question 4: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!



#### **Bible Truth 4 Meaning**

How many places can you be at once? Can you be here with us and out on the playground at the same time? Can you hear what your parents are saying in the kitchen and what the king in a faraway country is saying at the same time? No, you can't and neither can !!

But God is very different from us. He is everywhere, all the time. He is with you and me right here. He is with your friends and family in their homes and at work. He is even with all the people who live far away in other parts of the world.... and all at the same time! There is nowhere we can go, where God will not be, too. He sees everything everyone is doing, all the time. He is always there to comfort us, to help us, and to save us, when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

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

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

--- Psalm 139:1-3,7-10, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Why was Jacob sleeping in the middle of nowhere? He ran away from home so his brother wouldn't kill him.
- 2. Have you ever camped outside in the middle of nowhere? Were you scared?
- 3. What bad thing did Jacob do? He tricked his father into giving him the special blessing his brother was supposed to get.
- 4. What did God plan to do even through the bad thing Jacob did? Do good things for many people, even us (He would send Jesus to us through Jacob's family.)
- 5. What did Jacob see in his dream? Angels going up and down a ladder between heaven and earth.
- 6. What did God promise Jacob in his dream? That He would be with him wherever he went. That He would bless him and all people through him. He would give the land he was sleeping on to his family one day. His family would grow to be very, very big.
- 7. What did Jacob do when he woke up? Took the stone he used as a pillow and made it into a tower to remember what God had said to him that night. He made promises to God to worship Him. He would come back and build a worship house to God when he came back.
- 8. Why could God promise Jacob to be with him always? Because He is everywhere, all the time.
- 9. Who was Jacob's great, great, etc. grandson who was the blessing to all people? Jesus.
- 10. Who is always with us and can always help us? God is. Talk to Him. He will help you.
- 11. What is the greatest way God can help us? Forgiving our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- **C** God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **S** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 20

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

#### Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21 God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org
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### Deep Down Devotions: Unit 4, Bible Truth 4 Story Concepts

#### The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave

Genesis 27-28



#### Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Is Everywhere, All the Time!"

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

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

#### **Listening Assignments**

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who ran away from home? Why?
- 2. Who was the God who didn't leave him? Why was it so amazing that He didn't leave him?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 139:1-3,7-10:

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

#### I need to find out:

- 1. Who went far away from his home?
- 2. How did the LORD show him that He was still with him, guiding him and helping him?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a brother named Esau, a ladder, a pair of glasses, an angel, a snake, and a rock. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

#### I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?
- 2. Who praised the LORD for taking care of him, everywhere he went?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

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

Jacob was about to be in big trouble! He was up to his tricky tricks again and what big tricky tricks they were! Jacob had already tricked his big brother, Esau out of the special, firstborn gift he was supposed to get from their father, Isaac. And now Jacob was going to try to trick Esau out of the special, firstborn blessing he was supposed to get from their father, too.

Jacob and Esau's father, Isaac, was a very old man who lay in bed. Before he died, he would give each of his sons a special blessing.

Isaac called for Esau first. Esau was the oldest son in the family. Isaac would give him the best blessing—the special, firstborn blessing. That's what fathers did back then. "Esau, come here. I want to give you my special, firstborn blessing, " Isaac told him. "But first, go hunting and bring me back some meat and make it into my favorite stew," Isaac said.

Esau happily obeyed. He picked up his bow and arrows and set off into the fields. He hoped God would help him find good food for his father quickly. How he was looking forward to getting that special, firstborn blessing!

Rebekah, their mother, hurried to Jacob with the news. She wanted Jacob to have that best blessing. It would take tricky tricks to get it. Could Rebekah and Jacob trick Isaac into giving Jacob the firstborn blessing instead?

This wasn't going to be easy. You see, Esau and Jacob might have been brothers (they were even twins!), but they were very, very different, as their father, Isaac, knew.

Esau loved to work and hunt outdoors. He smelled of the fresh air and the fields. But Jacob loved to stay near the family tent and help his mother, Rebekah cook and do other chores. He smelled more like smoke from the fire and food. Esau had very hairy arms and legs, but Jacob had silky smooth skin. Jacob and Esau's voices were very different, too.

So, yes, indeed, it was going to take a particularly good tricky trick to fool Isaac into thinking Jacob was really Esau.

Before long, Jacob had come up with just the trick...and it all depended on his father's bad eyes.

What do you think Jacob did?

Here's what Jacob did: First, he dressed up in Esau's best clothes. Now he would smell like Esau. Then, he put goat's fur on his neck and hands. Now he would feel hairy, like Esau. Would this be enough to fool their father? Jacob hoped so.

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

While Esau was still hunting far from the tents, Jacob put his tricky trick into action. He filled up a bowl with his mother's yummy goat stew and went to his father pretending to be his brother: "Here I am father. It's your son, Esau," Jacob lied.

Jacob thought this was odd. "Hmmmm...Esau has come back from hunting very quickly! Too quickly. And this voice. It doesn't sound like Esau. It sounds like Jacob! Could this be Jacob up to another of his tricky tricks?" Isaac wondered.

"Are you really my son, Esau?" Isaac asked the son standing before him.

"Yes, Father, it is I. The LORD helped me get some meat quickly. Eat your delicious stew and bless me. "Please bless me!" Jacob lied again.

Something still didn't seem right to Isaac. Since his old eyes didn't work very well, Isaac decided to use his nose and hands to make sure this son standing before him was really Esau.

What do you think Isaac used his hands and his nose to do?

Isaac stretched out his arm and placed it on his son. He felt lots of hair. Yes, this felt like Esau all right!

Then Isaac leaned over to kiss his son and smell his son's clothes. They smelled like the outdoors. Yes, this smelled like Esau smelled all right. Now Isaac was sure. Yes, this really was Esau! So he stretched out his arm, put his hand on his son's head and gave him the special, firstborn blessing.

Ha! Jacob's tricky trick had worked! His father had given him the best blessing! How pleased Jacob was as he hurried away from his tent!

Yes, Jacob was very happy...but there was someone else who soon wouldn't be happy at all. Someone who came back from hunting and went into his father with his favorite stew, only to find out that his brother had been there before him with his tricky trick. Can you guess who it was?

Can you guess?

It was Esau..the REAL Esau! And he was furious! Jacob had tricked him out of his father's firstborn gift to him and now he had tricked him out of his father's special, firstborn blessing to him, too! BOTH of his father's best gifts that should have been his were both GONE!

So, now it was Esau's turn for a tricky trick. As soon as old, father Isaac died, Esau would get rid of Jacob and take back those best gifts for himself! That would take care of him once and for all!

*Uh, oh! What should Jacob do?* 

There was only one thing Jacob could do: run away. But to where? Rebekah had an idea: "Run away to the far away country where my family lives. They will take care of you and you can find a wife there," she told Jacob. So that's just what Jacob did. With the blessing of his father and mother, he packed up his little bundle of things and set off at once.

The trip to Rebekah's family was long and hard. They lived faraway. Jacob would have to walk many days through the lonely, dry wilderness to get there. Each day, the hot sun would beat down on him. He would have to find his own water and food. He could easily get lost.

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

The nights could be as hard as the days, out in that deep, deep darkness, all alone. The desert-y wilderness could be windy and cold at night. The ground was bumpy and hard. Jacob had only a rock for a pillow and his coat for a blanket. Ooh...ouch... brrrr...Cover up, Jacob!

The desert-y wilderness was home to lots of creepy crawly bugs. Spiders and scorpions and other little wiggling, biting creatures could wriggle their way inside his clothes as he lay on the ground. Wriggle... wriggle...nip...snap...snap...Watch out, Jacob!

There were lions and bears and other creatures around. They had hungry tummies and sharp teeth. They prowled around in the dark, looking for food to eat. Roar....growl...chomp, chomp.... Hide, Jacob!

Why, there might even be bad guys who would sneak up on him and take his bundle of things. Whoo, whoo...ha, ha! Beware, Jacob!

Jacob had never been away from home like this before, so very all alone, in the middle of nowhere. Who would be with him, as he traveled so far from home? Could anyone help him?

Can you think of anyone?

Yes, there was who someone could. The LORD could help Jacob! He is the God who is everywhere, all the time. He had been there when Jacob tricked his father and took his brother's special firstborn blessing. He had been there when Esau wanted to kill him and he had to run away. And He was right there, in the middle of that nowhere in the deep darkness where Jacob camped that night.

Now, Jacob's tricky tricks were very bad things and he deserved nothing but the LORD's punishment for them. After all, the LORD is good. He hates wrong-doing... and Jacob had most certainly done wrong!

But the LORD is also so very kind and merciful to sinners, even sinners like Jacob. And many times, the LORD takes very bad things and does very good things, things that we could never, ever deserve. And so it was that the LORD chose to be very kind and merciful to Jacob. The LORD chose to use the bad things that Jacob did to do some very good things. Things that would one day bring good to all people, everywhere... even to people like you and me.

So right there, in the middle of nowhere, in that deep darkness, on that cold ground, with that hard, rock pillow. Right there, with those bugs wriggling, those wild animals prowling, (and maybe even bad guys lurking), the LORD helped Jacob fall asleep. And as he slept, the LORD gave Jacob a special dream about the good things He would do through Jacob and his family.

In his dream, Jacob saw a VERY tall ladder. It was so tall that it stretched from the ground all the way up to heaven.

And who did Jacob see climbing up and down that amazing ladder? Lots and lots of God's angels! Amazing! But even more amazing than all those angels on the ladder was who he saw at the very top of the ladder in heaven.

Who do you think Jacob saw?

It was the LORD, Himself!

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

The LORD spoke to Jacob and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father, Isaac, and your grandfather, Abraham. I made big promises to them and now I'm making them to you. The land you are sleeping on I will give to you and all your family after you. Your family is going to grow and grow and grow until it's so big, you can't even count everyone. And one day, I will bless the whole world through your family when the Savior, Jesus, is born into your family. He will be the greatest blessing of all," the LORD said.

"Jacob, you may be far away from your family, all alone, in the dark, but I am with you. I will take care of you wherever you go. I will bring you back to this land one day. I will do everything I've promised you," the LORD told him.

Jacob woke up from the dream. He was excited and a little scared. "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it. How awesome it is! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven," he exclaimed.

Jacob never wanted to forget what had happened that night. So the next morning, he took the stone that had been his pillow and he stood it up on end like a tower. Then he poured oil on the stone as a sign that God had done something special.

He named the place, "Bethel," which means "House of God." Then Jacob made a big promise to the LORD:

"If You will be with me and will keep me as I go far away from home; if You will give me food to eat and clothes to wear, so that I come home one day to my father's house safely, and with no one mad at me, then You shall be my God. And this stone, which I have set up as a tower, shall be a special place where people come to worship You and meet with You. And I will give You worship gifts from everything You give me," Jacob promised. The LORD was pleased with Jacob's promise and accepted it.

Then Jacob picked up his bundle and went on his way. Day after day, he traveled on through the desert-y wilderness--under the hot sun, looking for food and water, and trusting that he wasn't lost. Night after night, he lay down in the deep darkness, on the cold ground, with the creepy, crawlies wriggling, the growling, animals prowling, and maybe even the bad guys lurking near by. Jacob went farther and farther away from home and everything he had known, but now everything was better. Now he knew who was with him.

Who was with him?

The LORD, the God who was everywhere, all the time. HE was always with Jacob. He would make sure Jacob had everything he needed. He would keep all of his promises to him.

And so He did! The LORD helped Jacob get all the way to his mother's family in the faraway country. He blessed Jacob with a big family and many good things. He worked inside Jacob, too. He changed Jacob into a man who loved Him and trusted in Him. And many years later, the LORD led Jacob safely back home to his family... where everyone was happy to see him—even his brother, Esau!

Jacob praised God for taking care of him. He truly was the God who is everywhere, all the time.

God also kept His promise to bless all peoples through Jacob's family. At just the right time, Jesus, God's Son, was born--Jacob's great, great, etc. grandson. He was called Emmanuel, God with us. He came to give us the greatest blessing of all: forgiveness of our sins, when we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. If we do, the LORD will be OUR God who is with US, everywhere, all the time, bringing good to us. No matter where we go or what we do, He will be right there with us: loving us, taking care of us, and working inside of our hearts, helping us to love Him and trust in Him. How kind the LORD has been to us through Jacob and his family!

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4

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

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- **1. Who ran away from home? Why?** Jacob ran away from home because he cheated his brother out of their father's special blessing.
- 2. Who was the God who didn't leave him? Why was it so amazing that He didn't leave him? The LORD was the God who didn't leave Jacob. It was amazing that the LORD didn't leave Jacob because the LORD hates wrong-doing (sin) and Jacob had done a very bad thing by tricking his father to get the special, firstborn blessing

#### For You and Me:

Isn't the LORD amazing! He is good and He hates wrongdoing (sin); but, He is so merciful, too. The LORD stayed with Jacob and promised to bless him. He changed Jacob into a man who loved Him and lived for Him. The LORD even used Jacob to bless us, too. How? By sending Jesus through Jacob's family to be the Savior for our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, the LORD will forgive our sins, too. He will make us His special people who He will bless every day of our lives. And one day, He will take us to live with Him forever. That will be the greatest blessing of all!

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Psalm 139:1-3,7-10:

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

#### **1. Who went far away from his home?** Jacob did.

2. How did the LORD show him that He was still with him, guiding him and helping him? The LORD helped Jacob find the way to the country where his mother used to live. He took care of Jacob while he lived there and then He brought Jacob back home. He worked inside of Jacob, changing him into a man who loved and trusted in Him. He helped Esau forgive Jacob and He blessed Jacob with all of the good things He promised him. Best of all, He kept His promise came to

save us from our sins. He can be our Savior when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then we will be the LORD's special people who have Him to care for everywhere we go, every day of our lives now. And one day, will live with Him forever in heaven.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD knew Jacob's thoughts. He was familiar with all of his ways. He knew Jacob was a sinner and did not deserve His loving-kindness. But the LORD treated Jacob better than he deserved. The LORD loved Jacob and helped him. He took care of his needs and changed his life into one that wanted to love and obey Him. Like Jacob, we are sinners, too. The LORD offers His loving- kindness to us, too. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can be the God who is taking care of us as His special people, everywhere, all the time, too. Ask Him to help you!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a brother named Esau, a ladder, a pair of glasses, an angel, a snake, and a rock.

#### 1. Which four belong in our story?

The brother named Esau, the ladder, the angel, and the rock belong.

2. Who praised the LORD for taking care of him, everywhere he went? Jacob did.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD was not just with Jacob, long ago when this story took place. He is still the God who is everywhere, all the time. He is with us, too. He knows everything we think and do and say. And, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, not only will He be with us, He will make us His special people. We will get to know Him in our hearts now. And one day, we will get to go and live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 use with all THREE lessons

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

How good the LORD was to Jacob! He took care of him everywhere he went. He kept all of the promises He made to Jacob...even the promise to bless all peoples through his family one day. How did the LORD bless all people through Jacob's family? By sending Jesus to save us through Jacob's family. At just the right time, Jesus came to die on the cross and be the perfect payment for our sins. On the third day, He rose from the dead, showing He had beaten sin and death for us. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be saved! They become God's special people. He will be with them, helping them and caring for all of their needs, everywhere they go. And, He will prepare them for the great day when they will go to live with Him forever.

Close in prayer.

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- **C** God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- T Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **S** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 Key Concepts p.8

#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 4 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Everywhere, All the Time!

How many places can you be at once? Can you be here with us and out on the playground at the same time? Can you hear what your parents are saying in the kitchen and what the king in a faraway country is saying at the same time? No, you can't and neither can!!

But God is very different from us. He is everywhere, all the time. He is with you and me right here. He is with your friends and family in their homes and at work. He is even with all the people who live far away in other parts of the world.... and all at the same time! There is nowhere we can go, where God will not be, too. He sees everything everyone is doing, all the time. He is always there to comfort us, to help us, and to save us, when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

#### Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10, ESV

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar...and are acquainted with all my ways... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

Learn a Little: "O LORD...You are acquainted with all my ways."

#### Meaning

These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans. Ask Him to help you put your trust in Him!

#### **Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.

Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 4 Story**

The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Genesis 27-28

# Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 4 Key Concepts

#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 4

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: Where Shall I Go? Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: O LORD, You Have Searched Me Psalm 139:7-10, ESV (other version)

Extra Bible Verse Song: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB

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# Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

# God Is Everywhere, All the Time

#### **Craft Description**

The children will create a pair of binoculars that remind them that there is no place, no matter how near or how far, where the LORd will not be, too.

#### **Materials**

Cardstock/Paper

Crayons/Markers

Sturdy yarn or string

2 pieces of cardstock per craft (or two toilet paper rolls per craft)

Clear packing tape

Glue

Hole puncher

#### **Preparations**

- 1. If making cardstock rolls, (instead of using toilet paper rolls): Cut cardstock for binoculars down to a width of 4". Then roll each sheet or cardstock into a roll, about 1.5" in diameter. Secure roll in place by taping the seam.
- 2. Make copies of the binoculars coloring sheet onto the paper/cardstock.
- 3. Tape the two rolls together securely.
- 4. Punch a hole into the top side of each roll. (This is where you will tie on the straps.)
- 5. Set out crayons/markers, paper.
- 6. Make a sample copy of the craft.

#### **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: 'Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?' We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else.... He Is Everywhere, All the Time." That's something very good to know. But many people don't know it! So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. Today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

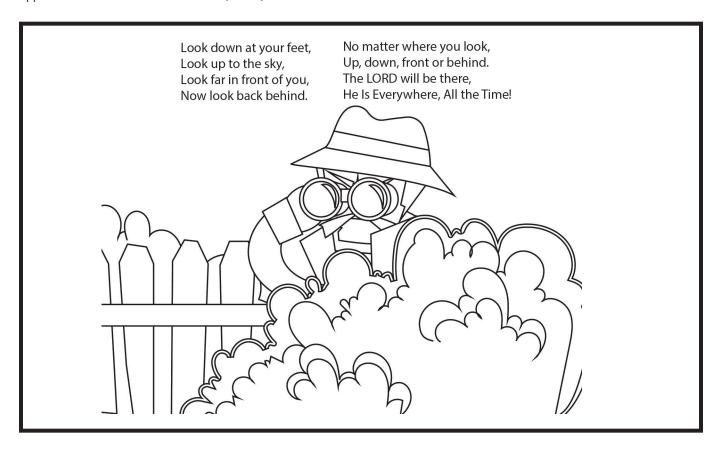
- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have children color in the picture.
- 3. Center the picture on the top side of the rolls. Curl sides of paper down each side of the rolls. Tape down securely.
- 4. Measure out a length of string for each child's binocular strap. Needs to be able to fit over their head and rest on their chest. Insert each end of the string into the hole on each side of the cardboard rolls of the binoculars and secure with a know.
- 5. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

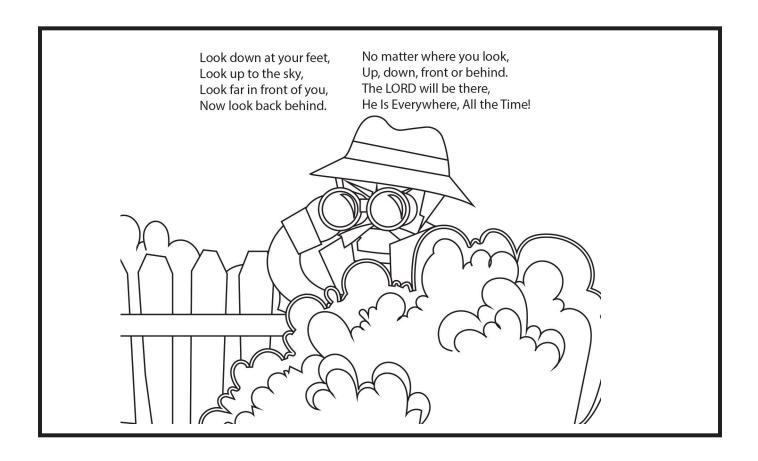
#### **Discussion**

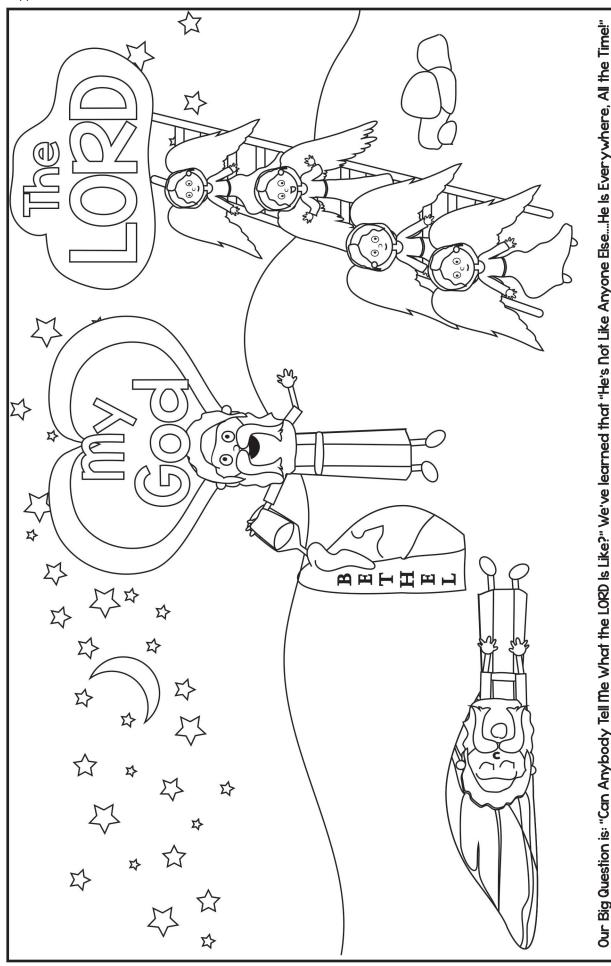
This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

#### **Craft Wrap Up:**

"At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today." Practice saying the words written on their binoculars as they look up and down and around.







the LORD treated Jacob better than he deserved. The LORD loved Jacob and helped him. He took care of his needs and changed his life into one that wanted to love and obey Him. Like Jacob, we are sinners, too. The LORD offers His loving-kindness to us, too. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can be the God who is taking care of us as His special people, everywhere, all the time, too. Ask Him

to help you!

The LORD knew Jacob's thoughts. He was familiar with all of his ways. He knew Jacob was a sinner and did not deserve His loving-kindness. But

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#### The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave Jigsaw Puzzle Page Genesis 27-28

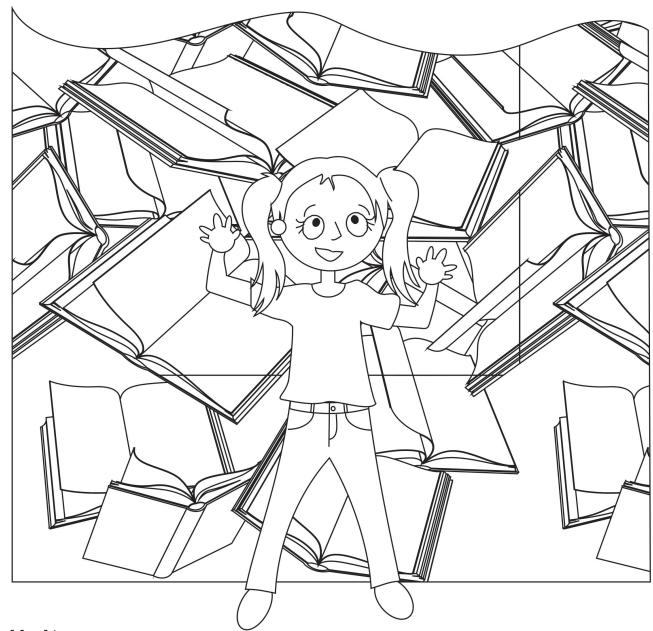
Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else....He Is Everywhere, All the Time!" The LORD knew Jacob's thoughts. He was familiar with all of his ways. He knew Jacob was a sinner and did not deserve His loving-kindness. But the LORD treated Jacob better than he deserved. The LORD loved Jacob and helped him. He took care of his needs and changed his life into one that wanted to love and obey Him. Like Jacob, we are sinners, too. The LORD offers His loving-kindness to us, too. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can be the God who is taking care of us as His special people, everywhere, all the time, too. Ask Him to help you!



### CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 5:

# Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...



He Knows

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# There is to Know!

HINT: "It's a word that means the opposite of "nothing."

It starts with the letter "E."

DDD 4.5 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 1

**Big Question 4:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**Answer:** He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

#### **Bible Truth 5 Meaning**



God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad. God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

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

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might." --- Daniel 2:20, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What does God know? Everything.
- 2. What does God know about the world? Everything that has happened and will happen. Everything that is happening right now.
- 3. What does God know about us? Everything we do and say. Everything we are thinking in our hearts.
- 4. Can we hide anything good or bad that we've done from God? No.
- 5. Does God know all of our sins? Yes.
- 6. Why did God send Jesus? To save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to make us God's people!
- 7. What will God do when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? Forgive us for all our sins and makes us His people.
- 8. What does God want us for us? For us to know and love Him in the wonderful, special closeness that He made us to enjoy.

#### Let's Pray!

- **A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- **C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 4 Song** from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
Anyone else, anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
That's what the LORD is like.

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song**

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 13
Refrain:

Verse 1
He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)
Touch head

Tell me, can anybody tell me,

Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be)
Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

Tell me, what the LORD is like?

Tell me, can anybody tell me,

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

Flex arm

Tell me, what the LORD is like? Verse 2

He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
He's Immutable! (He never changes!)
He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

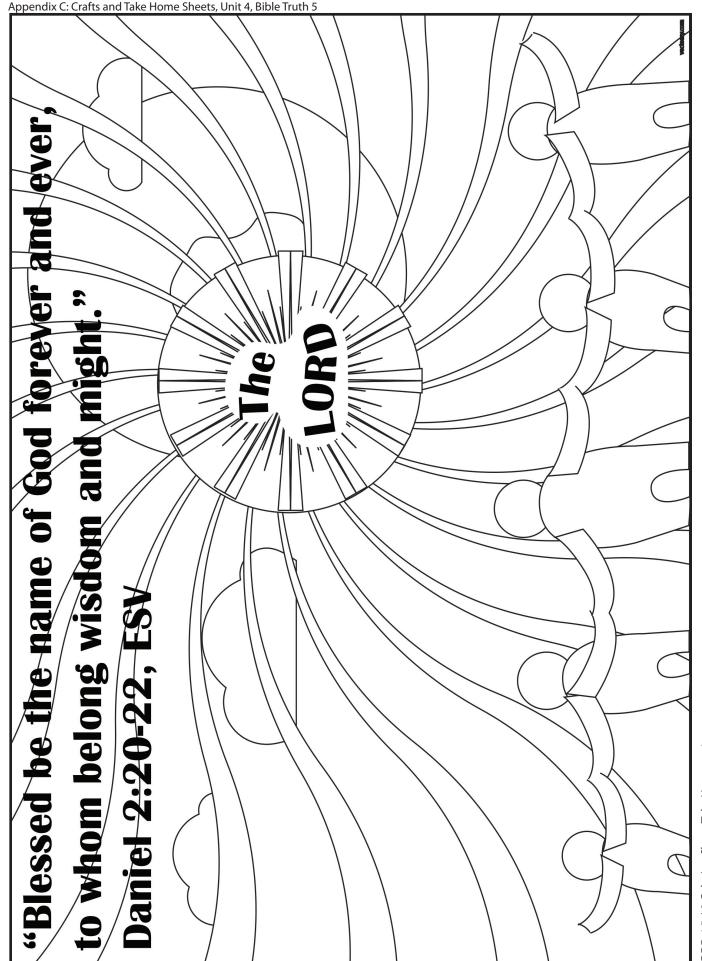
Shake head "no"

He's not like anyone else, He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

He's not like anyone else,

And purely Righteous!

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 2

Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!



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

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might." --- Daniel 2:20, ESV

Learn a Little: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever."

#### Meaning

These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Whose name should we bless forever and ever? God's name.
- 2. What does it mean to bless God's name? It means to tell God how good and great He is and to thank Him for all He has done for us!
- 3. Who do wisdom and might belong to? What does that mean? They belong to God. That means that He knows everything there is to know and can do whatever He wants to do. And, whatever He does choose to do is always good and wise.
- 4. What is hidden from God? What is something that He doesn't know? There is nothing hidden from God. There is nothing He does not know.
- 5. Who can we trust to take care of us and give us what is best for us? We can trust God to take care of us and give us what is best. He is wise--so He always knows what is best. And He is mighty--so He always can do what is best.
- 6. How do we begin to trust in God and His wisdom and might? We can ask Him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to quide us and take care of us. He loves to answer these prayers!

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- **C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Blessed Be the Name of God: Daniel 2:20-22 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 30

Refrain

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, To whom belong wisdom and might, To whom belong wisdom and might. To you, O God of my fathers, To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, I give thanks and praise. *Refrain* 

Daniel Chapter Two, verses twenty through twenty-three.

He changes times and seasons; He gives wisdom to the wise, He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what in the darkness lies, And the light dwells with him, And the light dwells with him.

DDD 4.5 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1 Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong. A Man Named Kish Good Food Answer: The jar of oil, the man named Kish, the crown and the good food belong in the story. The ice cream cone and the piano do not. A Jar of Oil A Crown An Ice Cream Cone A Piano

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 3

Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!



#### **Bible Truth 5 Meaning**

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad. God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

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

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might." --- Daniel 2:20, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What was Kish missing? His donkeys.
- 2. Who did he send to look for the donkeys? His son, Saul, and a servant.
- 3. What good thing did God have planned for Saul? He would be made King of Israel.
- 4. Why did Samuel trust God when He told him to get a big party ready for Saul when he hadn't even seen Saul before and hadn't told him about the party? He knew that God knows everything there is to know. He knew God already knew exactly what Saul would do. He even planned it.
- 5. How did Samuel know what had happened to Kish's donkeys? *God told him*.
- 6. How did God know what had happened to Kish's donkeys? He knows everything there is to know. He always knew exactly where those donkeys were the whole time.
- 7. What is the greatest way that we can accept God's wisdom and trust in Him to guide us? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- **c** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- **S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 20

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

#### Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21
God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

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Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Knows Everything There Is to Know."

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

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

### **Listening Assignments**

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

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who lost their donkeys?
- 2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

### I need to find out:

- 1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?
- 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town?

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

### I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything?

Answers found at end of the story.

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The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

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

Kish had a big problem. Some of his animals were missing. Animals that were worth a lot! It wasn't his chickens. It wasn't his sheep or goats. It was another kind of animal--the kind that he used to pull his wagon and ride on, like we would use a truck or car. Can you guess what kind of animals were missing?

Can you guess?

It was his donkeys! Kish looked everywhere for them. He looked all over his farm....but no donkeys. He looked in the stable... but no donkeys. He looked in the fields...no donkeys. He looked faraway to the hills... but still no donkeys!

Kish's donkeys were lost, there was no doubt about that. And Kish just had to find them! So Kish made a plan. He would send his son, Saul to go look for them.

"Saul, take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys," Kish told Saul.

Saul obeyed and soon he and the servant were on their way in search of the lost donkeys. Where could they be?

For three, long days Saul and the servant walked and looked. They climbed up hills and searched there... but there were no donkeys. They walked down into valleys of green grass and searched there...but there were no donkeys. They looked by sparkling streams of cool water, too--all the kinds of places donkeys like to go. But still there were no donkeys!

Where WERE those donkeys? Kish didn't know. Saul and the servant didn't know. Did anyone know? Yes, someone did know.

Who DID know? Can you guess?

That someone was the LORD. He is the God who knows everything there is to know. And He knew exactly where those donkeys had gone off to.

And not only did the LORD know exactly where the donkeys were, He even planned something very good to happen to Saul as he looked for them. The LORD had planned to use this little journey looking for donkeys to put Saul in just the right place, with just the right person to make Saul the first king of Israel. And the LORD was going to do all of this without Saul knowing even one little bit of His good, big plan!

Saul didn't know about God's plans, but a man named Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet--a special messenger for the LORD. The LORD had told Samuel about Saul and His plans to make him king.

"Samuel, tomorrow the man I've chosen to be king over Israel is coming to your town. He will lead the people in fighting off their enemies, the Philistines. I want you to pour the special anointing oil on his head and make him king over Israel," the LORD told him.

This was big news! The LORD had chosen a man to lead the people against their enemies. And, this man was coming to Samuel's town to be anointed king...the very next day! Samuel decided to have a worship feast when Saul came to town. Up in the hills, they would offer worship gifts to the LORD, and would honor Saul with a fine dinner. There was so much to do in so little time! There were guests to invite. There were worship gifts to buy. There was the table to set for the feast, and all of the good food to prepare.

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5

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

There was so much to do in so little time! There were guests to invite. There were worship gifts to buy. There was the table to be set for the feast, and good food to prepare and cook.

By the end of the day, everything was ready. The worship gifts were offered and the guests gathered in the dining hall up at the worship place. Everyone was ready to eat the delicious food. It looked like it was time for the feast to begin, but it couldn't. Something-really, someONE was missing.

Can you guess who?

It was Saul. the special guest, himself! After all, no one had told HIM about the worship feast. No one had told HIM he was going to be anointed king of Israel! He was just out looking for lost donkeys. The whole thing seemed rather silly to think that Saul would show up at the party that night, don't you think?

I guess it WOULD be silly, but for one thing: this was the LORD's plan and He is the God who knows everything there is to know. If He said that Saul would be there, then Saul would be there. Samuel was sure of that!

Samuel left the guests and went back down to the town and who should be looking for him at the city gates, but Saul and his servant! "This is the man I told you about," the LORD told Samuel. "The man I've chosen to be king."

Saul went up to Samuel and said, "My servant says you are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father's donkeys are?"

"Don't worry about your father's donkeys," Samuel told Saul. "They've been found. They are back at home. Come up here with me to the worship feast. Sit here at the most important place. Eat the best food. We've been waiting for you to come," Samuel said.

Saul didn't understand why Samuel and the people were waiting for him, but he didn't complain. He went with Saul up to the worship place and took the place of honor next to Samuel. He enjoyed the good food and the worship feast. And what a feast it was! Why, Samuel had even saved the very best piece of meat for HIM! Yum!

After dinner, Samuel took Saul and his servant to his house for the night. He made them a bed on the roof, and there they slept out under the stars.

At sunrise, Samuel woke Saul and his servant. "Get up so I may send you on your way," Samuel told them. Samuel walked with them out of town. "Send your servant on ahead, Saul. I have something important from God to tell you alone," Samuel said. Saul and his servant obeyed.

When the servant had passed ahead of them, Samuel took out his jar of special oil and poured it on Saul's head. He kissed Saul, then said, "I have poured this oil on your head as a sign that you are to be king of Israel. The LORD has chosen you of all men. You will rule over them and you will rescue them from the enemies who live in the lands around them. In a few days, we will tell all the people. But for now keep this a secret."

What a lot Saul had to think about as he went home with his servant! The LORD had planned to use those lost donkeys to make him king over Israel! And, the LORD had told Samuel what he would do and where he would go, even before he did it!

How could the LORD do this? Because He is the God who knows everything there is to know! He is like no one else. How amazing is the LORD!

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 use with all THREE lessons

### **Cracking the Case:**

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

### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- 1. Who lost their donkeys? Kish did.
- **2.** What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about? His plan to make Saul king over the people.

### For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans.

### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

- 1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for? Saul.
- 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town? Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And so he did!

### For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out.

### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food.

- **1. Which four belong in our story?** The jar of oil, the man named Kish, the crown and the good food.
- 2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything? Samuel and Saul did.

### For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even

when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out. How much more than us He knows! How wise He is!

### **The Gospel**

### Our Bible Truth is:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

Sometimes it is scary to know that God knows everything about us. We can hide some of the bad things we think or say or do from others, but we can't hide anything from God. We know that He hates sin and He will punish sin. We know that we all choose to do things our own way, not God's good way.

Isn't God so kind to us, though? He knows every bad thing about us, yet He promises to forgive every single one of them, when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, He will not ONLY forgive our sins, but He will give us a new heart to know and love Him. We will get to have special closeness in our hearts with Him for the rest of our lives. Then, one day when we die, we will go to live with Him and enjoy Him forever— as happy as anyone can ever be! How amazing is the LORD! How good and loving He is to us! There is no one like Him! *Close in prayer*.

### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- **C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
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### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

### Bible Truth 5 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad.

God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins, turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

### **Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20**

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

Learn a Little: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever."

### Meaning

God is the good king and creator of us all. God's people love to praise Him and tell Him how great He is. These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

### **Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Bible Truth 5 Story**

**The Case of the Missing Donkeys** 1 Samuel 9

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### Songs Used in Bible Truth 5

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: Blessed Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: May the Name of God Be Praised Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB (other version)

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

### Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

### The LORD Knows More Booklet

### **Craft Description**

The children will create a booklet that reminds them that the LORD knows everything there is to know.

### **Materials**

White Paper

Markers or Crayons

Sequins, Yarn, Jiggly eyes, Glitter glue, Paper scraps, assorted decorating supplies, as desired (optional Glue

### **Preparations**

- 1. Make copies of booklet pages onto double sided paper.
- 2. Set out glue, yarn, jiggly eyes, and any other decorating supplies you choose to use.

### **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!" That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

### **Directions**

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have them color in and/or decorate the pages with the coloring and decorating supplies you provide.
- 3. When pages have dried, staple them together down middle and fold to create book.

### **Discussion**

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

### **Craft Wrap-Up:**

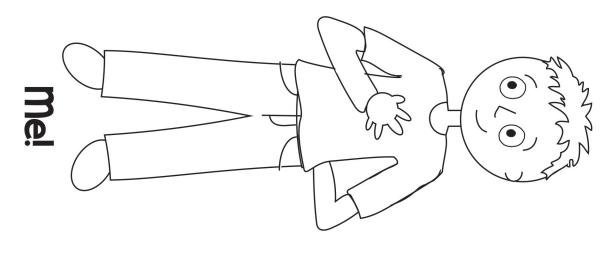
At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today (read through book as you turn to each page.)"

Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 4, Bible Truth 5: Extra Crafts

### The LORD Is NOT Like Anyone Else...

### He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

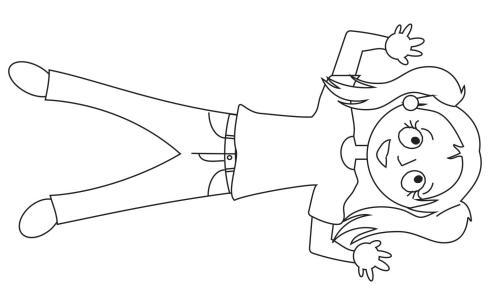
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## The LORD Knows More than...

### He Knows

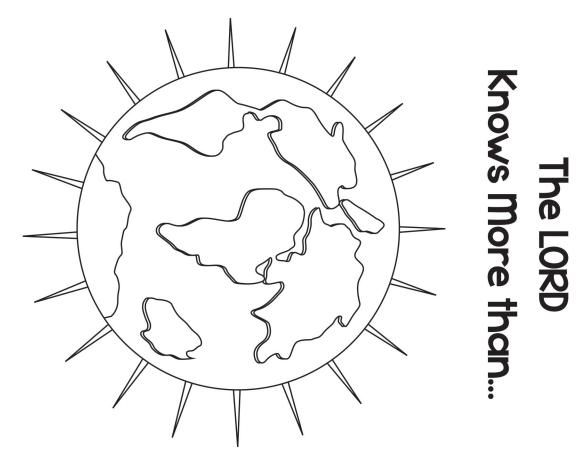
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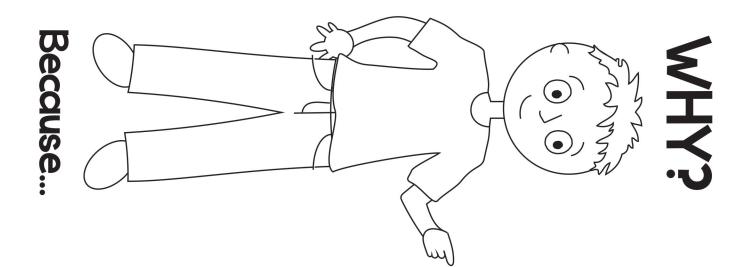


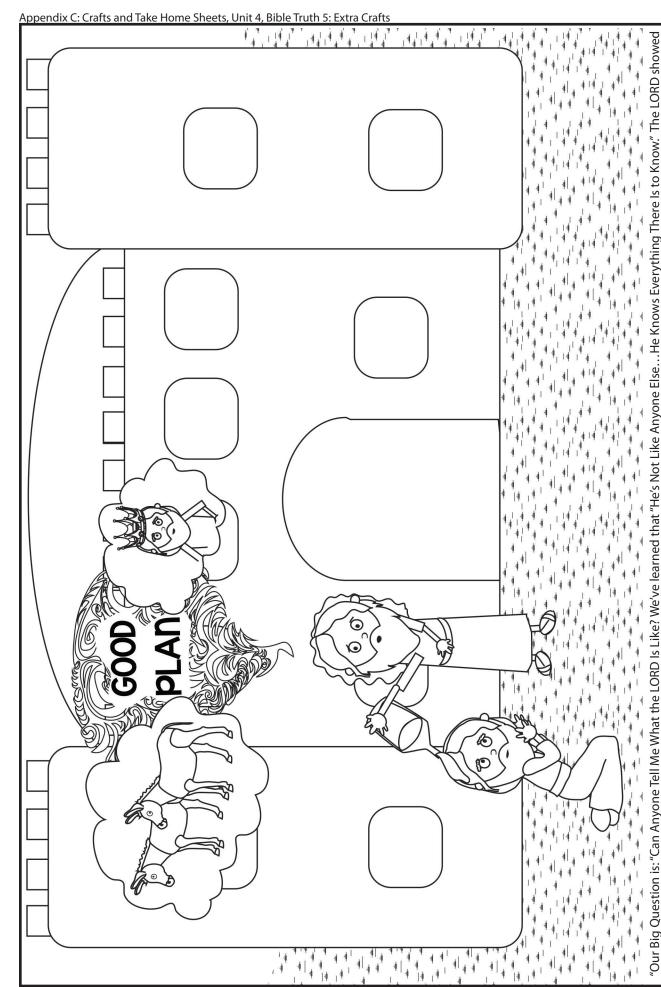
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The LORD
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# Everyone in the World!







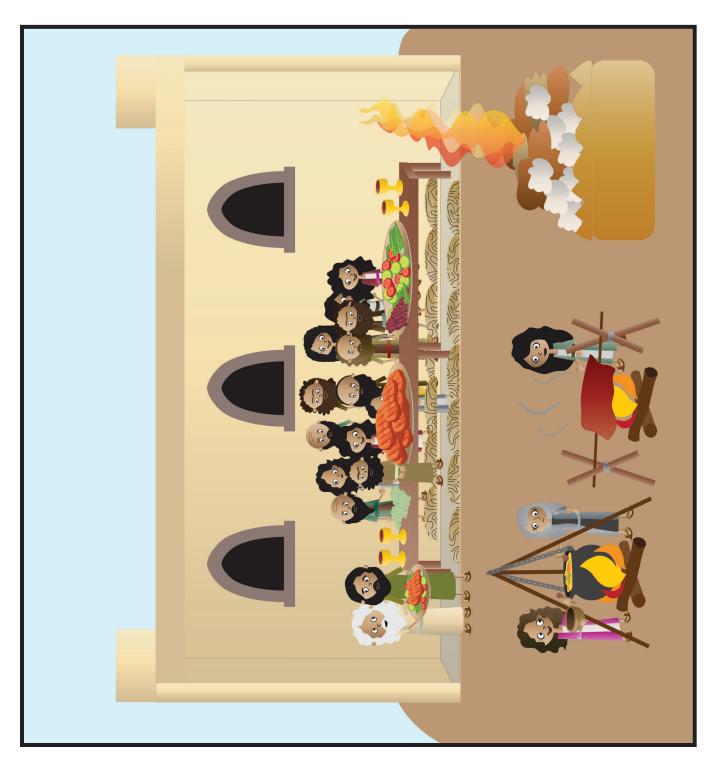
Saul that He is the God who knows everything there is to know. He knew where the lost donkeys were, He knew the big plans He had for Saul to be king. He could tell Samuel to get the big party ready for Saul and just exactly when Saul would get there. God still knows everything there is to know! He knows everything about us, too. Talk to Him! Ask Him to help you become one of His people! Ask Him to help you to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer this prayer.

### The Case of the Missing Donkeys Jigsaw Puzzle Page

1 Samuel 1:9

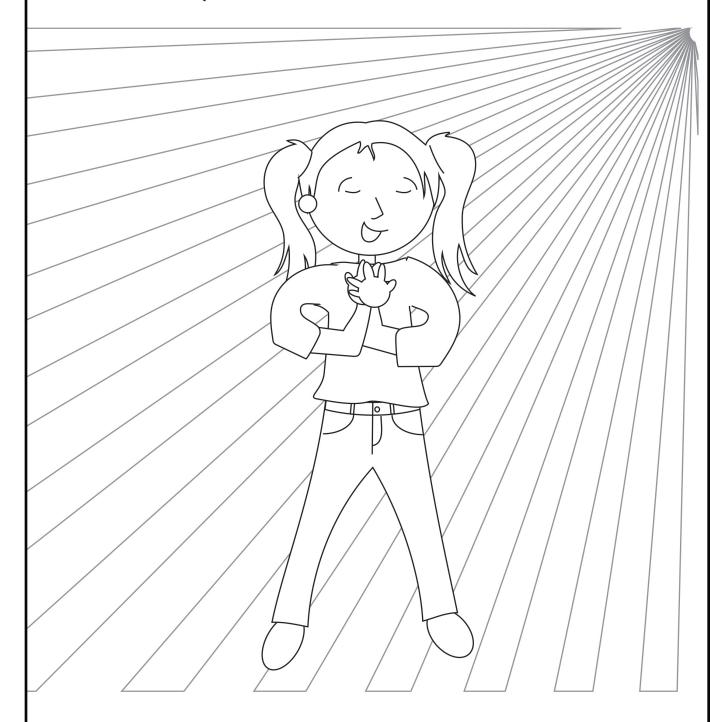
Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anyone Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Knows Everything There Is to Know." The LORD showed Saul that He is the God who knows everything there is to know. He knew where the lost donkeys were, He knew the big plans He had for Saul to be king. He could tell Samuel to get the big party ready for Saul and just exactly when Saul would get there. God still knows everything there is to know! He knows everything about us, too. Talk to Him! Ask Him to help you become one of His people! Ask Him to help you to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer this prayer.



### CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 6:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...



He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely \_\_\_\_!

HINT: "It's a word that means the opposite of bad. It rhymes with "hood."

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### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 1

Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: Hes Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!



### **Bible Truth 6 Meaning**

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us? Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

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

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"--- Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

### Some Questions for You

- 1. Who is holy? Who is good, through and through? *The LORD is.*
- 2. Who does what is right all the time? The LORD.
- 3. What is sin? Sin is everything that isn't part of the God's good ways. We sin when we disobey the good ways God has told us to love and to live.
- 4. Are we holy and good like God? *No, we are not*.
- 5. What do we deserve because we are not all holy and good like God? His punishment.
- 6. Who took the punishment for everyone who turns from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior? Jesus did.
- 7. When people trust in Jesus, how does God treat them? As if they were as holy and good as He is. Their sins are forgiven through Jesus.
- 8. How can we receive God's forgiveness for our sins? We need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to forgive our sins and make us His people when we do.

### Let's Pray!

- God, we praise You for being the good God who hates sin.
- We confess that we have all rebelled against You and Your good ways. We have all chosen to live life our own way instead. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for not just being good, but for being merciful, too. Thank You for taking the punishment we deserve on Yourself that we might be saved. Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as
- God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from living against You and Your good ways. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and know You. Help us to obey Your good laws. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 4 Song** from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

Can anybody tell me. He's not like anyone else, Tell me, tell me, Anyone else, anyone else, Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else, What the LORD is like? That's what the LORD is like.

### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song**

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 13 Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else,

Shake head "no" He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things) Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

Touch head

Flex arm

Shake head "no"

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org.

DDD 4.6 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.2

### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 2

**Big Question 4:** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**Answer:** Hes Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

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

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"--- Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

Learn a Little: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

### **Meaning:**

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who surrounds the LORD in heaven? Seraphs--angels with six wings!
- 2. What are the seraphs saying to each other? "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty."
- 3. Who is holy like the LORD? No one is.
- 4. Why do the seraphs worship the LORD and why should we? Because He alone is so holy.
- 5. Are we holy? *No, we aren't*.
- 6. Who made the way for God to see us as holy? Jesus did, when He suffered and died on the cross.
- 7. How can we be forgiven our sins and become one of 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 good God who hates sin.
- We confess that we have all rebelled against You and Your good ways. We have all chosen to live life our own way instead. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for not just being good, but for being merciful, too. Thank You for taking the punishment we deserve on Yourself that we might be saved. Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.
- God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from living against You and Your good ways. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and know You. Help us to obey Your good laws. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Saw the LORD: Isaiah 6:1-3 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 32

I saw the LORD,

Sitting a throne,

High and exalted,

Sitting a throne,

Above Him stood the seraphim,

Each had six wings,

And they called to one another,

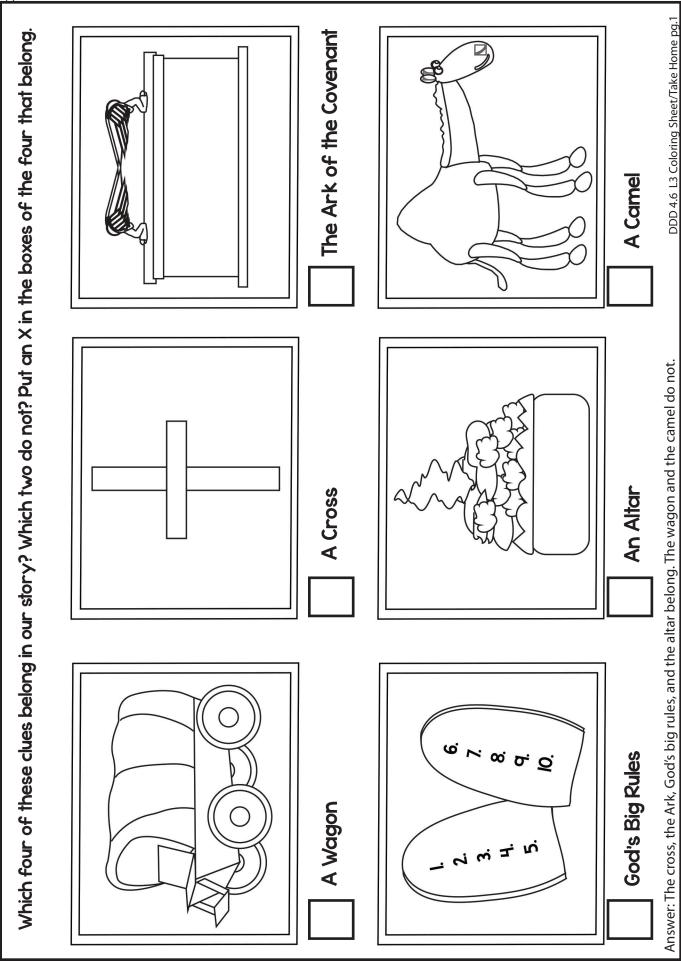
"Holy is the LORD,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah Six, one through three.

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### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 3

Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: Hes Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!



### **Bible Truth 6 Meaning**

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us? Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

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

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"--- Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What did the LORD want to make the people of Israel? His special people.
- 2. Who did the LORD want to bless (do something good and special) through them? Everyone.
- 3. What did the LORD want the people of Israel to build? A worship house where He could be near them in a special way.
- 4. Why did they have to make the worship house just like He told them to? He was the holy God. They were sinful people.
- 5. Who got to go into the Holy Place? Only the priests after they had washed and done other things just right.
- 6. What did the priests do in the Holy Place? They offered worship gifts to God and prayed for the people.
- 7. What was in the Holy of Holies, the little room of the worship house? The golden box (the Ark of the Covenant) with God's Big Rules in it.
- 8. Who was in the Holy of Holies in a special way? The LORD.
- 9. Who only got to go into the Holy of Holies? The head (high) priest, only once a year.
- 10. What did the LORD do after the people built the worship house and made their first worship gifts to the LORD? He sent down fire to burn up the worship gifts and His glory came to be in the worship house in a special way.
- 11. Why do we not have to worship the LORD through a worship place and priests anymore? Who made the final payment for sins? Jesus gave up His perfect life as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior are forgiven. Jesus has made the way for us to come to God!

### Let's Pray!

- **A** God, we praise You for being the good God who hates sin.
- **C** We confess that we have all rebelled against You and Your good ways. We have all chosen to live life our own way instead. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for not just being good, but for being merciful, too. Thank You for taking the punishment we deserve on Yourself that we might be saved. Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from living against You and Your good ways. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and know You. Help us to obey Your good laws. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

### Big Q & A 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 20

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

### Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

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### Deep Down Devotions: Unit 4, Bible Truth 6 Story Concepts

The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8



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Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good."

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

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

### **Listening Assignments**

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

### Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to know:

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- 1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?
- 2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

We learned: Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV:

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

I need to know:

- 1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?
- 2. Could anyone go to meet with the LORD? Why or why not?

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God's big rules, an altar, and a camel.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their sins, once and for all?

### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

Long ago, the people of Israel were in big trouble. The king of Egypt had made them his slaves. He hurt them and made them work very, very hard for him, doing whatever he wanted them to do.

But the LORD their God saw what the king was doing and He stopped him. Do you know what the LORD did to stop the king?

Can you remember what He did?

The LORD sent stinging gnats and biting flies. He sent bouncy frogs and ouchy, itchy boils... and all sorts of other sad things to trouble the king of Egypt and his people until at last they had had enough. "Go away! Go worship your God," the king said at last.

"Yay, praise the LORD! He's saved us! We're free!" the people shouted. They were so happy!

Tromp, tromp, Moses led the people of Israel across the dry, deserty wilderness to a special mountain called Sinai. There, the LORD told them His wonderful plans.

"I am the LORD. I am a holy God. I am good and powerful. I hate sin and I punish it. I have rescued you from the king of Egypt, with my great power," the LORD told them. "I am choosing YOU to be My special people. And through YOU, I'm going to bless everyone else on earth."

"I am giving you good rules so you can know how I want you to live. If you keep them, I will bless you. The world will look at you and how you live, and they will understand what I am like--good and powerful... HOLY!" the LORD said to them.

"I want you to build Me a worship house, too," the LORD told them. "I want to be near you and have special fellowship with you. But you can't build it any way you please. You have to build it just so—EXACTLY as I tell you to.

A worship house just so....EXACTLY as He told them to make it. That sounds very picky, don't you think so? But the LORD wasn't just being picky. He was LOVING His people. If everything wasn't just so, then there would be BIG trouble. And the LORD told them why. It was something about the way He was.

Can you guess? What about the LORD meant that worship house had to be made exactly right?

"I am holy, but you are not," the LORD told the people. "I hate sin. I punish sin, but I don't want to punish you. I want to LOVE you and be close to you. Only if you make this worship place just right can we have fellowship together," the LORD told them through Moses.

"I'm putting Bezalel and Oholiab in charge of building it. I will help them build it just right. They will build it with gifts from the people," the LORD told them.

Everyone was happy to obey. The people brought their gifts of silver, gold and bronze, fine fabric and beautiful jewels, and everything else that was needed. Piles and piles of them. Then Bezalel and Oholiab set to work, always following the LORD's "just so" instructions.

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 use with all THREE lessons

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

"Build it like a big tent so it can move place to place with you. You are a traveling people. I want to travel with you," the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab built a big tent just like He said.

"Outside of the tent, put a big. bronze altar to burn worship gifts on. The people will bring their worship gifts here to offer up to Me," the LORD told them. "Put a big, bronze container filled with water outside the tent, too. This basin will only be used for washing and getting ready for going inside the worship tent," the LORD instructed. So Bezalel and Oholiab built a bronze altar for the worship gifts and a bronze basin with water for washing.

"Make two rooms inside the tent, one big one and one small one. In the big one, put a big, golden lamp lit with twelve, bright, shining flames. Put a big, golden table with twelve, little loaves of bread. Put a golden container filled with wonderful-smelling incense. This big room is called the Holy Place," the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the big room and the little room in the tent. They made the lampstand, the table, and the container filled with incense, just as the LORD told them to.

"Not just anyone can go into the Holy Place. Only men called priests can go in there...and ONLY if they keep My special rules for them," the LORD warned. "The priests must keep my good rules. They must wash with water from the basin and dress in special clothes of pure white. Each day they will come into the tent to offer the people's worship gifts and pray for them. I will have fellowship with the people, but only through the priests. It has to be this way because I am holy and you are sinners." the LORD said. So Bezalel and Oholiab made the pure, white clothes for the priests.

"The big room of the tent is special, but it is not as special as the little room of the tent. The little room is called the Holy of Holies because it is the holiest place of all. It is the place where I will be with you in a special way," the LORD explained.

"Make a golden box with beautiful angels on it. Put the big rules I gave you inside of it. This box is called the Ark of the Covenant. Put the Ark in the small room. "Make a big curtain using white, red, blue and purple yarn. Weave angels into it. Hang up the curtain between the big room and the little room, so the little room is shut off from the big room," the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the curtain and hung it in place.

"Not even the priests can go in the little room whenever they want," the LORD said. "It is too holy even for them. Only the leader of the priests (the high priest) can go into the small room; and only on only one, special day every year, wearing very special clothes. On that one day, he will bring a special worship gift and sprinkle it on the golden box. That gift will keep the golden box holy so I can be near you in the small room for another year," the LORD told them. "Make the high priest's special clothes." So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the high priest's special clothes.

"Make sure you do all these things so I can live with you in this special way and so you can be My people," the LORD urged them. "I am the holy God, but you are sinners. This is the way I've made for you to have fellowship with Me."

The LORD helped Bezalel and Oholiab make everything just so until the worship house tent was all ready. Now it was time to USE the worship house!

The priests washed themselves and put on their pure, white clothes. They put in place all of the beautiful things that the LORD helped Bezalel and Oholiab make: the golden box; the golden candlestick, the incense stand and table with the twelve loaves of bread, and the special curtain between the two rooms. The candles were lit, and the incense began to send out its wonderful smell. And outside, on the altar, the priests placed the first worship gifts to the LORD.

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

What would happen next? Had they really done everything just as the LORD said? Would He come down to the tent to have fellowship with them in a special way?

What do you think?

Yes, He would!

The LORD sent fire down to accept the worship gifts on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted aloud and fell down and worshipped. Then the LORD had a special cloud covered the outside of the tent and filled up the inside with His beautiful, sparkly bright glory. What a wonderful day this was! The LORD's special presence had come to be with them!

From that day, the priests went into the Holy Place each day and served the LORD as He told them to. And once a year, the high priest would take the special worship gift into the Holy of Holies, so the LORD could be there with His people another year.

The Worship Tent was replaced with a Worship House--the Temple--but still nothing changed in how the LORD met with His people. Until at last, there came a very special day when EVERYTHING changed! The curtain between the big and small room was torn in two by God, Himself, because it wasn't needed anymore.

What happened? Did the LORD stop being holy? No, He did not. Did the people stop being sinners? No, sadly, they did not.

But something DID change that day. Jesus did something that satisfied the punishment God's people deserved for their sins. Something that made them look as perfectly good and holy before God, as Jesus, Himself. Wow!

Do you know what He did?

Jesus suffered and died on the cross. He took all of the punishment for the sins of God's people and gave them His perfect record before God. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the grave in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. There was no need for a curtain anymore, or for the priests with their white, clothes. There was no need for more worship gifts for our sin anymore. Jesus had made the way. He was the final payment for sins. And now the LORD could be with His people in a far better, much nearer place than a worship tent. Do you know where that nearer place was?

Can you guess?

It was right in their hearts. Yes, His Holy Spirit would now come and live right there inside of them. Amazing!

And it was through Jesus that the LORD kept His promise to the people of Israel to bless us all. The LORD wasn't just forgiving THEIR sins through Jesus. He was offering to forgive our sins, if we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.

And if we do, His Holy Spirit will come and live inside our hearts, giving us close fellowship with God...no special tent or clothes or priest needed, thanks to Jesus!

And that will be just the beginning. Better yet will be when God's people die. They get to live with the LORD in heaven—the special place where God can be known and enjoyed in all His glory. And they will live there with Him, perfectly happy forever. Life with a holy God --so good and so great-- is Perfect Wonderfulness! Ask God to help you become one of His people! He loves to answer this prayer!

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6

**Cracking the Case:** (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments) It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to know:

- 1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it? It was made for the LORD and He told them how to make it
- **2.** Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said? It had to be made just right because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners.

### For You and Me:

The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

### Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 6:1-3:

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

I need to know:

- 1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people? In the special worship tent.
- 2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not? No, only the priests could come into the tent, and only if they followed all of the LORD's rules. This was because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. Only by keeping the LORD's rules could they come near to Him.

### For You and Me:

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship house so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God's big rules, an altar, and a camel.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- **1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?** The cross, the Ark, God's big rules, and the altar belong. The wagon and the camel do not.
- 2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their sins, once and for all? All of the people of Israel needed to confess their sins to the LORD. He sent Jesus to be the final payment for the sins of all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.

### For You and Me:

The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By confessing our sins to God, by turning away from them, and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

### **Our Bible Truth is:**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

What a lot the people of Israel had to remember to do to keep fellowship with the LORD! How wonderful was the day when Jesus gave up His life as the perfect and final payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross! On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death. Now all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be saved. God forgives their sins and makes them His people. They can have the fellowship of God's Holy Spirit right in their hearts! And one day, they will go to live with God forever. Jesus can be your Savior, too. Through Him, you can have this special closeness with God, too. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to answer these prayers!

Close in prayer.

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6

### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You are perfectly good and oh so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.
- **C** LORD, we are not holy like You are. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and be with You, the good and great, one, true God.
- **S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 Key Concepts

### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else! **Unit Bible Verse:** "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

### Bible Truth 6 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us?

Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

### Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

**Learn a Little:** "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

### Meaning

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

### **Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You are perfectly good and oh so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.
- **C** LORD, we are not holy like You are. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and be with You, the good and great, one, true God.
- **S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Bible Truth 6 Story**

The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8 Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 6 Overview: Key Concepts

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### Songs Used in Bible Truth 6

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

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

### Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

### There Is No Sin in God: He is Perfectly Holy Purely Good Sign

### **Craft Description**

The children will decorate a two-sided sign that reminds them that God is holy and has no sin.

### **Materials**

White Cardstock Yellow crayons/markers...enough for every child to use them at the same time Any other color crayons, markers Golden glitter and glue/glitter glue

### **Preparations**

- 1. Print out the two sides of the sign as a double-sided sign. Cut out sign. Cut out two cross pieces of the "X."
- 2. Set out glue sticks and crayons/markers and glitter glue.

### **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anyone Tell Me What the LORD is Like? We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good." That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like... (Hold up example of craft)

### **Directions**

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have the children color in the two signs.
- 3. Have the children glue the cross pieces of the "X" over the word "sin."
- 4. Have the children add glitter on the "God is Holy" side of the sign.
- 5. The children can twirl the sign to show them what both sides say about the LORD.

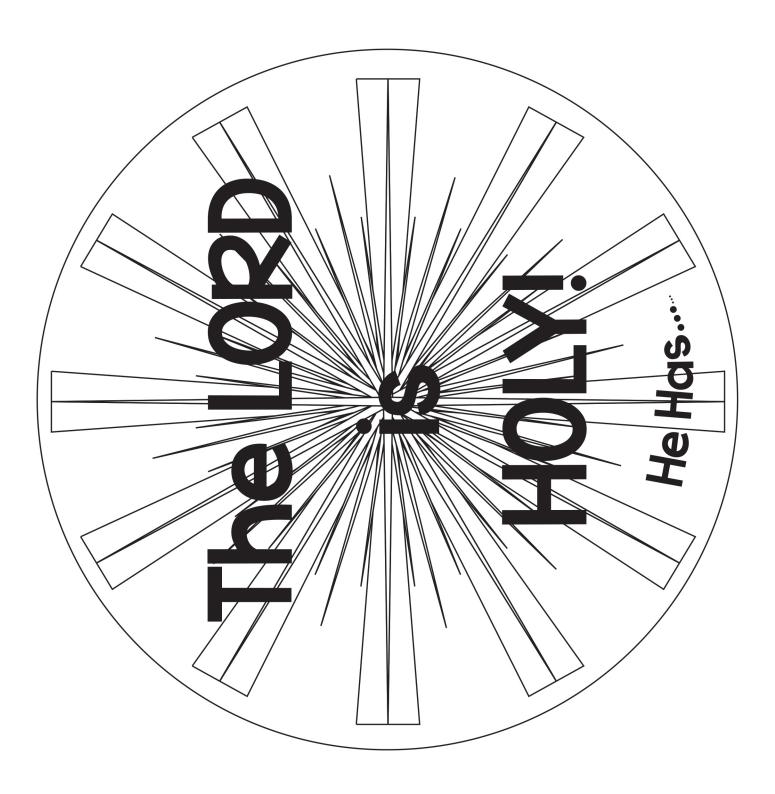
### Discussion

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

### **Craft Wrap-Up:**

At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Go and tell someone the important news you've learned today: "The LORD is holy. He has no sin!"

Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 4, Bible Truth 6: Extra Crafts





Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

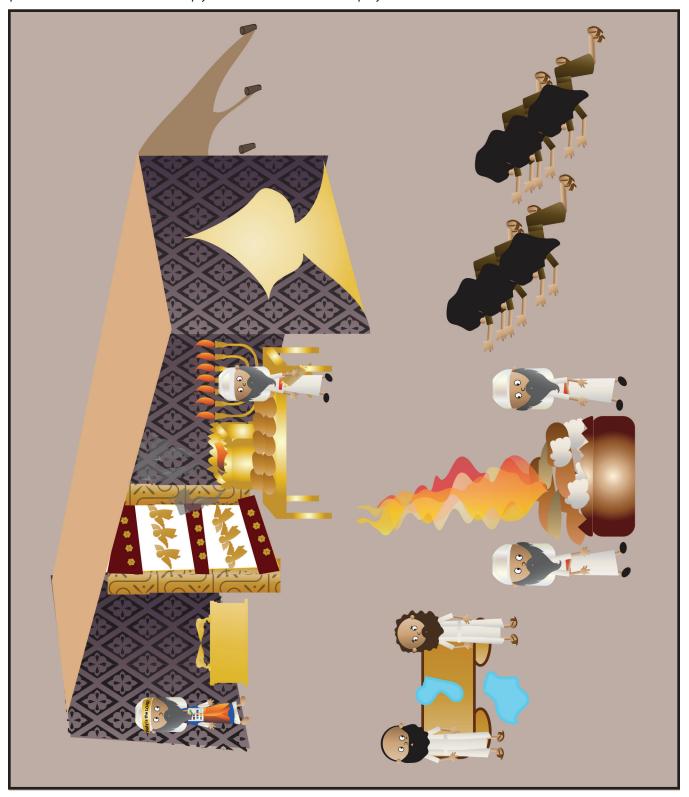
The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship house so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

### The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

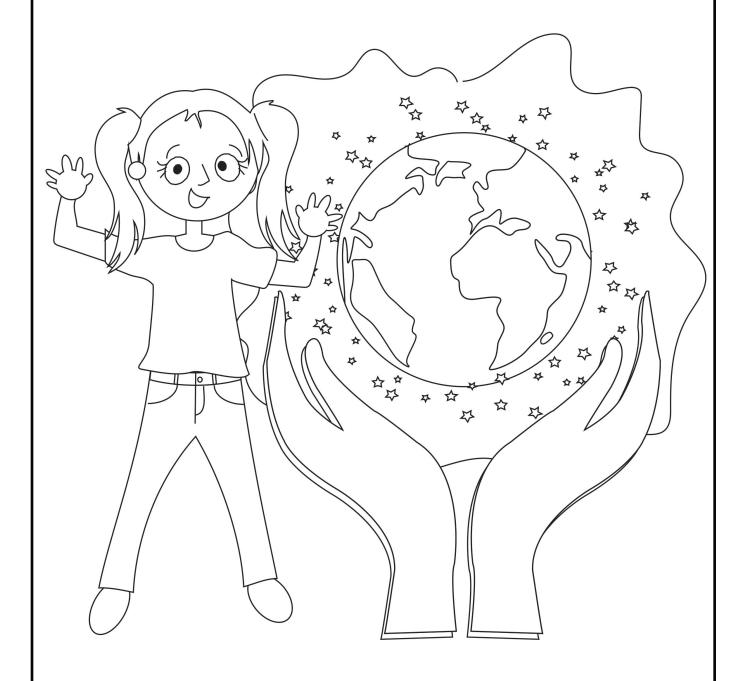
Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship house so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



### CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 7:

### Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...



He Can Do \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

### He Wants to Do!

HINT: What can you do if you are all-powerful? That's what God can do.

It rhymes with "twenty rings.

DDD 4.7 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 7, Lesson 1

**Big Question 4:** Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!



### **Bible Truth 7 Meaning**

The LORD is all-powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop the LORD from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop the LORD from doing the wonderful things that show how great He is.

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

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."--Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who is all powerful? The LORD.
- 2. What is the LORD in control of? Everything in the whole world.
- 3. What are the LORD's plans for the world like? Nothing but perfectly wise.
- 4. How do we know God's perfectly wise plans will always happen? Because He is all powerful.
- 5. Who can stop God from doing the good He has planned for His people? *No one!*
- 6. What can stop God from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is? Nothing.
- 7. What is the greatest way God has shown His power? In Jesus' suffering and dying on the cross and taking upon Himself all of the punishment God's people deserved for their sins. Then, raising Him up from the dead in victory on the third day.
- 8. How can we become God's people? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 4 Song** from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
Anyone else, anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
That's what the LORD is like.

### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song**

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 13 Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)
Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be)

Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

Touch head

Flex arm

Shake head "no"

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 7, Lesson 2

Big Question 4: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**Answer:** He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

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

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."--Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

Learn a Little: "Whatever the LORD pleases, he does."

#### Meaning

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who is greater than all gods? The LORD is.
- 2. What does the LORD do? Whatever pleases Him.
- 3. Does it ever please the LORD to do bad things? No, He only does what is good and wise!
- 4. Where does the LORD do what pleases Him? In the heavens, on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.
- 5. What does "omnipotent" mean? It means all-powerful.
- 6. Who is omnipotent? The LORD is.
- 7. What is the most amazing way that the LORD showed His mighty power for sinners like us He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross in the place of sinners like you and me. He came to be our Savior!
- 8. How can Jesus be our Savior? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God loves to help us do this! Ask Him!

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Know that the LORD Is Great from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 33

I know that the LORD is great, That our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases him. In the heavens and on the earth, In the seas and all their depths, In the heavens and on the earth, In the seas and all their depths. The LORD does whatever pleases Him. Psalm One-thirty-five, five and six.

DDD 4.7 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1 Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong. 0 A Soldier Gold Answer: The man named Hezekiah, the soldier, the wall and the gold belong. The donut and the tree do not. A Donut A Wall A Man Named Hezekiah

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 7, Lesson 3

Big Question 4: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

#### **Bible Truth 7 Meaning**

The LORD is all-powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop the LORD from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop the LORD from doing the wonderful things that show how great He is.

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

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."--Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What was the big name of the mighty king in the story? Sennacherib.
- 2. What was Sennacherib's army like? It was big. It beat all the other armies.
- 3. What did Sennacherib want to take from the other kings? Their land, their things, their people.
- 4. What was King Hezekiah of Judah like? He was a good king. He loved God and he helped the people love God, too.
- 5. What did King Hezekiah do when Sennacherib's army attacked some cities in Judah? *He got scared and told Sennacherib he would give him lots of money if he left them alone.*
- 6. Was Sennacherib happy with just money from King Hezekiah? No. He wanted all his land, his things, his people.
- 7. What did King Hezekiah do when Sennacherib's army came to Jerusalem? *He trusted God this time. He went and prayed to Him for help.*
- 8. What did the LORD say He would do? He would take care of Sennacherib's army without King Hezekiah and the people having to do anything at all.
- 9. Why did Sennacherib's army leader tell King Hezekiah not to trust in the LORD? He said the LORD was not powerful enough to take care of them.
- 10. Was the LORD powerful enough to take care of them? Yes, He was. He sent an angel to get rid of the army during the night. The rest of the army ran away in the morning.
- 11. How has the LORD used His mighty power to do something for sinners like you and me? He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross to save us from our sins. He raised Him from the dead showing He had really beaten sin and death for us.
- 12. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 4 Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 22

Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

#### Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

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# Deep Down Devotions: Unit 4, Bible Truth 7 Story Concepts

#### The Case of the Man with the Big Name

2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

#### Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!"

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

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

#### **Listening Assignments**

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

#### I need to know:

- 1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do?
- 2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6, ESV:

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

#### I need to know:

- 1. Who did not believe the LORD was great?
- 2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story.

They are: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

#### I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.



# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 use with all THREE lessons

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The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

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

Long ago, there was a king with a very big name. His name was Sennacherib. He lived in a beautiful palace in a city called Nineveh.

Can you say that name? Let's try: "Sennacherib."

Now not only did this king have a very big name; but he also had a very big army with thousands and thousands of brave, fighting men.

And what did King Sennacherib do with his big army of brave fighting men? Well, he did just what you think he would do. He sent his soldiers to fight the soldiers of other kings in other lands. And most every time his soldiers fought, they won. Oh, how very powerful were King Sennacherib and his soldiers!

Now, the king didn't send his soldiers to fight for fun. He sent them to fight to TAKE. And take, they did! They took the other kings' lands and the other kings' stuff. They even took the other kings' people! If King Sennacherib wanted something, he got it: lands, riches, and people. But no matter how much Sennacherib took, he was never satisified. He always wanted to take more. Really, he wanted to take EVERYTHING and be MOST POWERFUL. He wanted to be king over everyone, in every land.

One day, King Sennacherib sent his army to the land of Judah--the land the LORD had given to His people. Sennacherib's army swooped down across the countryside and gobbled up little cities along the way. Sennacherib was happy to have these little cities, but his eyes were on one, biggest, best and most beautiful city in Judah. Do you have any idea what that city is called?

Can you tell me it's name?

It was the city of Jerusalem. Sennacherib wanted to own Jerusalem's lovely Temple with its beautiful golden things. He wanted all the riches of the people and their king, King Hezekiah, too.

So march, march, march went Sennacherib's soldiers towards Jerusalem. Soon they would shake its thick walls and break its big, city gates. And if this city was like the others they had attacked, the people would soon surrender and Jerusalem would belong to Sennacherib.

Up in his palace, news of Sennacherib's soldiers reached Hezekiah, king of Judah. Hezekiah was a good king. He loved the LORD and obeyed his laws. He helped the people love and obey the LORD, too. Hezekiah believed the LORD was the one, true God. He knew the LORD was powerful. He had read the amazing stories of how the LORD rescued His people in Egypt.

But when Hezekiah heard about those thousands and thousands of soldiers coming to shake the walls of Jerusalem and break its big, city gates, he panicked. He had no army big enough to fight off all those soldiers, and he couldn't imagine how the LORD could rescue Jerusalem from this powerful enemy.

And, because Hezekiah knew that HE didn't have what he needed to fight the enemy....and he couldn't imagine how the LORD could, he stopped trusting the LORD as he should have. He decided to take matters into his own hands: he would make a deal with King Sennacherib.

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

So Hezekiah sent a message to King Sennacherib saying: "I'll pay you as much money as you want if you will send your soldiers away and leave us alone."

King Sennacherib loved money, so he sent a message back to King Hezekiah with his deal. "Pay me eleven tons of gold and one ton of silver, then I will leave you alone," Sennacherib promised.

King Hezekiah was horrified! Eleven tons of gold! One ton of silver! Why that would be wagons and wagons and wagons of gold and silver! Why, that would be all the gold and silver in Jerusalem! They would even have to strip the gold off of the Temple to have enough! Should Hezekiah give King Sennacherib all their riches? Should he take the gold off of the Temple to pay off this wicked king? Was that really the only way to get rid of this powerful enemy? Hezekiah thought it was. So he gathered all the silver and gold he had, then he stripped it off the Temple and sent it away to King Sennacherib. Would that be enough to make him happy?

What do you think?

No, it was not! King Sennacherib wanted more than money. He wanted King Hezekiah's lands and King Hezekiah's people, too. So, march, march, went King Sennacherib's soldiers again, through the hills of Judah, and right up to the very walls of Jerusalem, itself.

The leader of the army shouted mean words at Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah, King Hezekiah's helpers: "Give this message to your king," he ordered them. "Tell him: 'If you think you can beat King Sennacherib's army you are wrong. If you think the LORD your God can take care of you, you are wrong. No other king's army could beat us. No other god took care of the other peoples when we attacked them. You will be no different. We have come to destroy your land and take over everything," the army leader boasted.

King Hezekiah was very upset when his helpers brought him this message. He knew he didn't have enough soldiers to fight this strong enemy. He knew they could shake Jerusalem's strong walls and break their city gates. But this time, he put his trust in the only one who had been powerful enough to rescue them in the past. The one who was even more powerful than Sennacherib.

Who did King Hezekiah decide to trust in?

This time, Hezekiah trusted in the LORD! He and his special helpers put on special clothes for times of sadness. Hezekiah went to the Temple to pray to the LORD and he sent Eliakim, Shebna and Joah to ask the prophet Isaiah, the LORD's special messenger, for help. "This is a terrible day! This is terrible news!" was Hezekiah's message to Isaiah. "But let's pray to the LORD. Perhaps He will help us."

The LORD did indeed hear their prayer. He sent Isaiah with a message for King Hezekiah: "The LORD says: 'Do not be afraid of what King Sennacherib or his men say to you. I will take care of him and his army," Isaiah told Hezekiah.

But back outside of Jerusalem, King Sennacherib's army leader kept shouting out more mean words: "Don't trust in the LORD your God. He can't help you!"

This time King Hezekiah didn't listen. He just went and prayed more to the LORD: "O LORD, You rule over every king on earth. You are stronger than King Sennacherib. You can do anything you want to do. Please, LORD, rescue us. Show King Sennacherib and his soldiers that You alone are the true God. Show them that You are more powerful than they are."

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7

use with all THREE lessons

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

Once more, Isaiah brought God's answer: "Don't worry. I've heard your prayer. I will take care of Jerusalem and Judah. King Sennacherib's soldiers won't come into this city. They won't even shoot an arrow at it or attack it. I will get rid of them without you doing any fighting at all. I will turn them back on My own."

And so that night, many of King Sennacherib's soldiers were struck down dead. And in the morning, the rest of Sennacherib's soldiers went home, never to return again.

Inside the city, King Hezekiah and all the people praised the LORD. He had done just what He said He would do. He had beaten the huge, mighty army of King Sennacherib all by Himself so that everyone would know that He is the one true God. He is all powerful. He can do anything He wants to do.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7

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

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

- 1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do? Sennacherib. He thought he could defeat any people, any army, any god, with his great army.
- **2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?** The LORD did. Sennacherib was no match for Him! Not in the least!

#### For You and Me:

There will never be any enemy who is more powerful than the LORD. The LORD and His good plans will always win. He will always do what is best for His people, and will always show that He is the one, true God. And who knows this most of all? God's people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

#### I need to find out:

- **1. Who did not believe the LORD was great?** King Sennacherib and his army leaders.
- **2.** How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him? The LORD defeated King Sennacherib's army without King Hezekiah or any of the people of Jerusalem having to fight at all.

#### For You and Me:

Isn't it amazing to think that the LORD is always great enough to do whatever pleases Him. And, what pleases Him is to love sinners like you and me, and to show the world how great and good He is! And who knows this most of all? God's people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold.

#### 1. Which four belong in our story?

The man named Hezekiah, the soldier, the wall and the gold belong. The donut and the tree do not.

**2.** Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them? King Hezekiah cried out to the LORD to do great things and He did them! He saved them from Sennacherib's great army.

#### For You and Me:

Perhaps there will not be a great army trying to beat down our door and defeat us, but there are plenty of difficulties we face that are too big for us to handle on our own. But when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can know that the LORD will always be with us. He will use His great power to take care of us and make sure that everything we go through is always for our good as well as His glory (to show others how great and good He is). How wonderful it is to know that nothing can ever stop the LORD from doing good for His people! How wonderful it is to be one of those people! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

#### Our Bible Truth is: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

Our story today was about how the LORD was even mightier than great King Sennacherib and his big army. The LORD showed everyone that He was much more powerful than even this mighty king and his mighty army. Why? Because the LORD can do anything He wants to do. He is all powerful. But the LORD has done something that took a lot more power than it took to beat Sennacherib and his army. He has even beaten sin and death for us through Jesus. Yes, Jesus, God's Son came to live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of all who put their trust in Him. He rose from the dead on the third day showing He had really beaten sin and death for them! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior can know God's forgiveness and become His people. They will get to know Him in their hearts now, and one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. God can help you put your trust in Jesus. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer!

Close in prayer.

# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 use with all THREE lessons

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 7 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

The LORD is all-powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop the LORD from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop the LORD from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is.

#### Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

Learn a Little: "Whatever the LORD pleases, he does."

#### Meaning

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

#### **Bible Truth 7 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- **C** God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- **S** Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 7 Story**

**The Case of the Man with the Big Name** 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

#### Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### Songs Used in Bible Truth 7

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

Extra Bible Verse Song: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11,13 ESV

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# Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

# A Poem about the Mighty LORD

#### **Craft Description**

The children will decorate a poem that tells them about how mighty the LORD is. There are two options for this craft: a glue and stick option or a coloring sheet option.

#### **Materials**

1 Copy of the poem White paper, cardstock preferred Markers

Extra Decorating Supplies (stickers, glitter glue, jiggly eyes, etc.) and glue sticks (if needed) Stapler

#### **Preparations**

- 1. Copy the 2 sides of the poem onto the back and front of one piece of paper, making a 2-sided document.
- 2. Set out markers, glue on paper plates (or glue sticks) for whichever version of the craft you are doing.
- 3. Set out any extra decorating supplies.

#### **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anyone Tell Me What the LORD is Like? We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Can Do Whatever He Wants to Do." That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like... (Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

- 1. Show the children your finished craft, reading the poem and pointing to the pictures as you read it.
- 2. Have the children decorate with markers/crayons the pictures.
- 3. Allow them to add any extra decorating elements you have for them.
- 4. Let pictures dry (if needed).
- 5. Fold cards down middle.
- 6. Make sure child's name is written on craft.

#### **Discussion**

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

#### **Wrapping Up:**

"Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!" Let's use our pictures to tell others about how mighty the LORD is." Practice saying the poem as you point to the pictures.

Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 4, Bible Truth 7: Extra Crafts

# I Will Truth the LORD to Help Me,

# For He Is the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

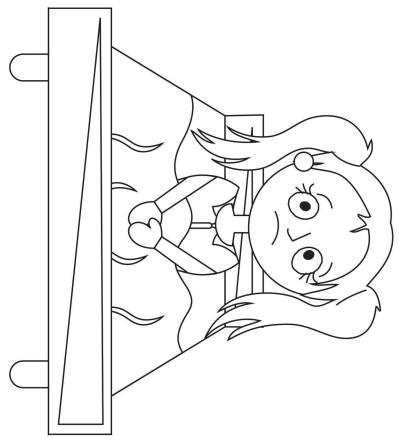
OR; See Trouble Ahead;

When I'm Scared

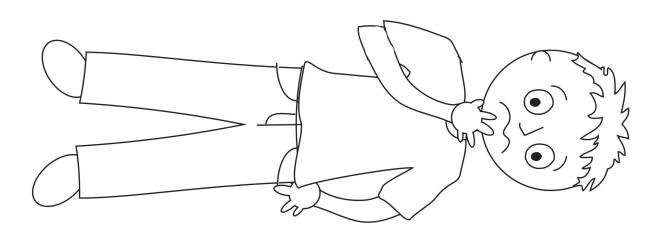
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He Can Do ANYTHING He Wants to Do! The LORD Is Not Like Anyone Else...

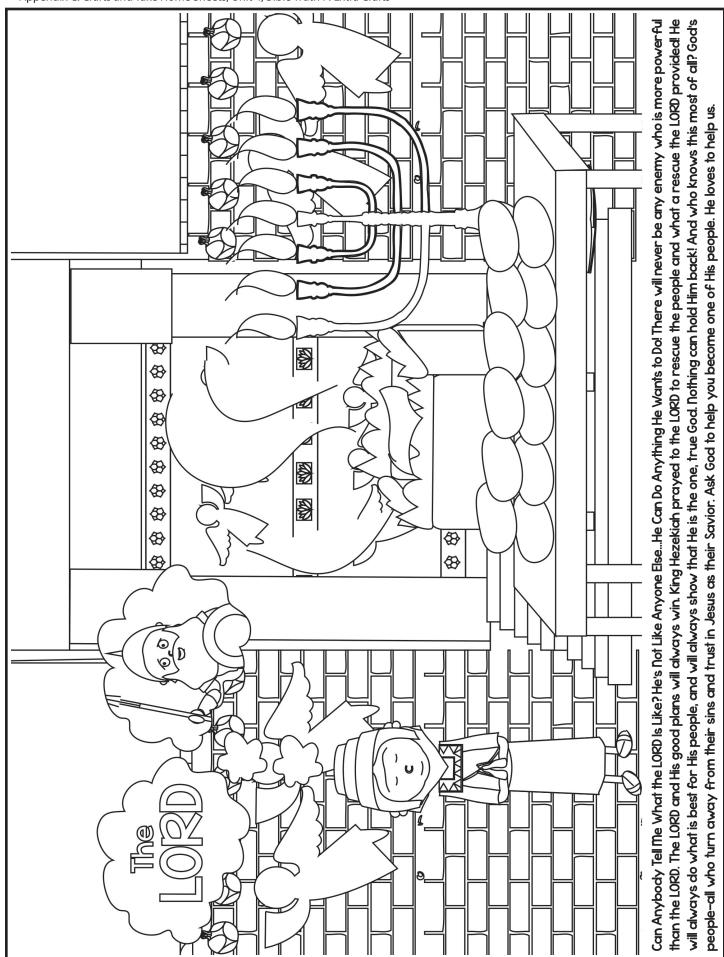
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# When I'm Sick OR, Alone in My Bed,



# I Don't Have to Worry or Have a Frighty,



#### The Case of the Man with the Big Name Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

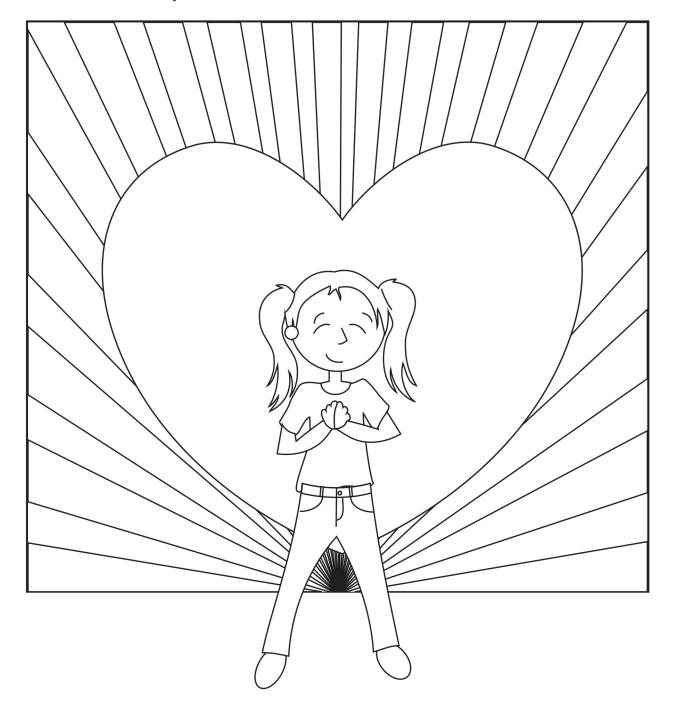
Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do! There will never be any enemy who is more powerful than the LORD. The LORD and His good plans will always win. King Hezekiah prayed to the LORD to rescue the people and what a rescue the LORD provided! He will always do what is best for His people, and will always show that He is the one, true God. Nothing can hold Him back! And who knows this most of all? God's people-all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.



# CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 8:

# Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else...



He is Always \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_, through and through!

HINT: This word means someone who does what they promise they will do? It rhymes with "bathe pool." (That's a silly rhyme, isn't it?)

DDD 4.8 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 8, Lesson 1

**Big Question 4:** Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

**Answer:** He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through!



Touch head

Flex arm

Shake head "no"

#### **Bible Truth 8 Meaning**

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

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

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant." --- Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who is faithful through and through? The LORD is.
- 2. What can we count on Him to do? Just what He says He will do.
- 3. What should we do when we are scared or worried? We should remember God is faithful. We can always trust Him and His good plans.
- 4. What book has God's promises written in it? *The Bible*.
- 5. What is God's promise to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior? He will forgive our sins and save us. He will make us His people.
- 6. Does God always keep His promises? Yes, He does. He is faithful, through and through.

#### Let's Pray!

- We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

#### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 4 Song** from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie"))

Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else, Tell me, tell me, Anyone else, anyone else, Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else, What the LORD is like? That's what the LORD is like.

#### **Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song**

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 13 Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? Tell me, can anybody tell me, Tell me, what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else,

He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else, He's not like anyone else,

Shake head "no"

Verse 2

Verse 1

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)

Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)

Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be)

and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

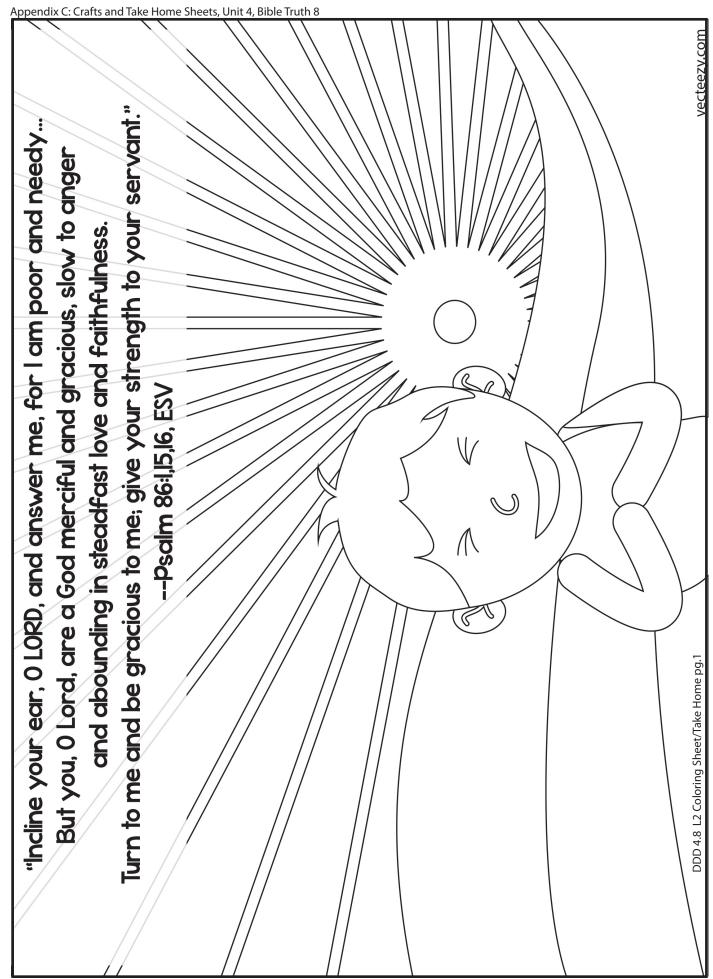
He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous!

(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 8, Lesson 2

**Big Question 4 :** Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through!



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

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant." --- Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV

Learn a Little: "You... are a God... abounding faithfulness."

#### Meaning

This verse reminds us that the LORD is always faithful to His people. He is merciful and gracious to them. He is slow to anger and abounding in love that never ends. Even when they are unfaithful to Him and deserving of punishment rather than kindness, the LORD goes on being faithful to them. How amazing is the LORD!

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. To whom is the LORD always faithful? His people; His promises.
- 2. Who should we cry out to when we are in need? The LORD.
- 3. What is the LORD like? Merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- 4. What does it mean that the LORD is merciful and gracious? He treats us better than we deserve.
- 5. What does it mean that the LORD is slow to anger? He is patient with us, even when we disobey Him. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Him and live for Him.
- 6. What does it mean that the LORD is abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness? He will always love His people and take care of them
- 7. What can God's people ask Him for when they are struggling? His strength to keep on living for Him and trusting in Him.
- 8. How can we become God's people? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- **C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- **S** Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

#### But You, O LORD: Psalm 86:15,

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 35

But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness. Yes, you are a merciful God, Gracious, slow to anger, Abounding in steadfast love, in faithfulness. Psalm Eighty-six, fifteen.

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DDD 4.8 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1 Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong. Manna A Hippo A Man Named Moses Answer: The rock, the weed, Moses and manna belong in the story. The pie and the hippo do not. (O A Rock A Pie

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 8, Lesson 3

Big Question 4: Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through!



#### **Bible Truth 8 Meaning**

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

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

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant." --- Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV

#### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Why didn't the people of Israel find food? They were out in the wilderness where there wasn't any food, only weeds and rocks.
- 2. What happens if you don't eat for a long time? You die.
- 3. What did the people of Israel do when they couldn't find food? They complained to Moses.
- 4. What did the people of Israel want? *Meat pots and bread like they had in Egypt*.
- 5. How did the people get meat? The LORD brought in quail every evening for them to eat.
- 6. How did the people get bread? The LORD gave them bread that appeared on the ground every morning.
- 7. Why was it wrong fro the people of Israel to complain? They knew how faithful God was to them. They should have trusted He would give them food.
- 8. God provided the food the people of Israel needed so they wouldn't starve out in the desert. He saved their lives. God has done something even greater to save our lives. What is it that He has done? He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross for our sins. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead showing He had beaten sin and death for all of God's people.
- 9. How can we become God's people? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us do this! Ask Him!

#### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- **C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- **S** Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 4 Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 22

Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy),

Praise Him, praise Him,

All ye little children,

God is love (powerful, holy).

#### Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 4, track 21

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is so good (powerful, holy),

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org
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# Deep Down Devotions: Unit 4, Bible Truth 8 Story Concepts

#### The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food

Exodus 16



#### Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through!"

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

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

#### **Listening Assignments**

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?
- 2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

#### Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV:

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant."

#### I need to find out:

- 1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them?
- 2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

#### I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?
- 2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?

#### Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

#### Answers found at end of the story.

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8 use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

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

Rocks and weeds. Weeds and rocks. That's all that the people of Israel could see around them. No water. No food. They were out in the dry, deserty wilderness.

They USED to live in Egypt. The king had forced them to work very, very hard for him. He had been very mean to them. He didn't care if they were hurt. He just wanted them to work and work and work.

But the LORD cared. He sent a man to rescue them and take them away from Egypt and that mean king. Do you know what the man's name was?

Do you know?

It was Moses! Yes, the LORD would use Moses and his brother, Aaron, to show His mighty power to the king and all his people. He would use him to free them from all that hard work, and take them to a wonderful homeland.

At first the king refused to let Moses take the people of Israel away. But as the LORD used His mighty power to send sad thing after sad thing upon the king and his people, the king finally said yes.

The people gathered up their things and Moses led them out of Egypt and into the wilderness. They were off to the wonderful homeland the LORD promised them! Yay!

How happy the people were as they left Egypt! They had so much to thank the LORD for!

Can you think of what they could thank the LORD for doing for them?

No longer did they have to work for that mean king! No longer did they have to live as his slaves. The LORD was caring for them and He would lead them home.

They shouted their thanksgiving to the LORD: "O LORD, there is no God like You! You fight for your people! You rescue them! You beat the king and lead us away! Your love never fails!"

How happy the people of Israel were that all their troubles were over. But were their troubles really over? Yes, they were far away from that mean king... but now they were in the wilderness, surrounded by all these rocks and weeds! Where would they get food?

Now the people weren't so happy anymore. Now they were... well, how would YOU feel if you were out in the hot, dry wilderness with no food in sight?

How would you feel?

The people were scared and upset...VERY UPSET! They didn't know what to do and they forgot about the ONE who was with them and COULD take care of them, even out in that wilderness--the LORD!

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

They forgot how good the LORD had been to them already. They forgot that the LORD always keeps His promises. And, they forgot how mighty the LORD is. He could always take care of their needs!

And because they forgot, they began to grumble to Moses and his brother, Aaron. "It would have been better for the LORD to let us die working for the mean king in Egypt! At least in Egypt we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread!! Now we're going to die out here in this wilderness surrounded by nothing but these rocks and weeds!" they exclaimed.

Were they right? Had the LORD brought them out into the wilderness to die?

What do you think?

Of course, not! The LORD had brought them out there in that dry wilderness to grow their trust in Him. He had brought them out there to show how great He was. He had brought them out there to lead them home.

The LORD is always faithful to His people, through and through. They could trust Him to take care of them. He wouldn't let them die! He knew exactly what they needed, and He would give it to them.

The LORD told Moses: "Gather the people together and tell them that I am about to rain bread from heaven...enough to feed EVERYONE! Tell the people to go out every day and gather what they need for the day. On the day before Sabbath worship day, have them gather extra bread. Then they can rest and worship Me on the worship day, instead of gathering food," the LORD said.

So, Moses got all the people together, and told them: "The LORD has heard you grumble to us about food. He wants you to know that you're really grumbling against Him. You are acting like He isn't faithful to you. Now He's going to show you yet again how faithful He is. He's going to give you meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. He freed you from Egypt, and He will keep on taking care of you," Moses promised them.

But weren't there just weeds and rocks around? How could the LORD provide meat and bread for all those thousands and thousands of people with hungry, grumbling tummies for even just one meal, let alone every morning and every night over and over and over again?! How would He do it?

Soon the people saw. That evening the air was suddenly filled with a loud, flapping noise. What could it be?

What do you think made that noise?

The people looked up and saw the sky filled with more quail birds than you could count! Thousands and thousands of them!

That great flock of birds landed all over the camp until it was covered in them. Here was the meat the LORD promised to give them!

The people gladly took the birds and roasted them. How they enjoyed that tasty meat that night! The LORD had been faithful to His promises that evening. Everyone went to bed with a full belly that night!

#### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8 use with all THREE lessons

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

The morning brought an even bigger surprise! The people came out of their tents to find thin little flakes of something all over the ground. "What is it?" everyone wondered. No one had ever seen anything like it.

"This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat," Moses told them. "Gather up as much as you need for your families today. God will give you more tomorrow."

What funny-looking bread! But when they tasted it, it tasted so good! It was sweet like honey. The people called it "What is it?" – or manna, as they say in their language. They gathered it up and cooked with it. Yum, yum, yummy! Bread from heaven!

Day after day, the people of Israel traveled for forty, long years. Every day, they walked through the rocks and weeds of the wilderness until, at last, they made it to the beautiful homeland the LORD had promised them. And was there ever a day when HE let them go hungry, those whole, forty years?

What do you think?

No, there was not! The LORD, Himself, fed them with manna from heaven, every single day. How good the LORD was to the His people! He was always faithful, through and through... and He still is, even today!

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# Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8

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

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

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

#### 1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?

The people of Israel needed bread in the wilderness. It was so hard to get because the wilderness was dry and there were only weeds and rocks! No food!

2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it? The LORD never forgot to give them bread. He gave them "manna"--special bread from heaven that they collected from the ground every morning.

#### For You and Me:

The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. The LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Psalm 86:1,15,16 ESV:

"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy... But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant."

- 1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them? Food out in the wilderness.
- 2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?

He rescued them from Egypt and working for the mean king. He provided food for them in the wilderness every day until they reached the homeland He promised to give them.

#### For You and Me:

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. Then one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.

#### 1. Which four belong in our story?

The rock, the weed, Moses and the manna.

# 2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?

The people of Israel.

#### For You and Me:

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. Then one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

### Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8 use with all THREE lessons

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through!

The LORD showed Himself faithful to the people of Israel when they were hungry out in the wilderness. He promised to take care of them and He did!

The LORD was so faithful to the people of Israel, but do you know what the greatest way He has been faithful not just to them, but to all of us?

He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins! You see, we all have disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people!

God gives them a brand new heart to know and love God. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with God and enjoy Him, as happy as anyone can ever be, forever! Jesus can be our Savior, too. Ask Him! He loves to help us! How faithful the LORD is to us!

Close in prayer.

#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

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- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- **C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.

Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

# Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 8 Key Concepts

#### **Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

#### Bible Truth 8 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through!

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

#### Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse: Psalm 145:13

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made."

Learn a Little: "You... are a God... abounding faithfulness."

#### Meaning

This verse reminds us that the LORD is always faithful to His people. He is merciful and gracious to them. He is slow to anger and abounding in love that never ends. Even when they are unfaithful to Him and deserving of punishment rather than kindness, the LORD goes on being faithful to them. How amazing is the LORD!

#### **Bible Truth 8 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- **C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- **S** Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

#### **Bible Truth 8 Story**

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#### **Songs Used in Bible Truth 8**

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

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

# Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

# God Is Always Faithful to His People, Day and Night

#### **Craft Description**

The children will create a card with a flap that flips up to remind them that God is always faithful, all day and all night.

#### **Materials**

Cardstock/Paper

Crayons/Markers

Clear, strong tape (such as packing tape)

Optional: Sticky stars, glitter glue or other fun decorating supplies

#### **Preparations**

- 1. Make copies of the card and of the flap portion.
- 2. Cut out the flap portion.
- 3. Set out crayons/markers, paper.
- 4. Make a sample copy of the craft.

#### Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: 'Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?' We've learned that He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through." That's something very good to know. But many people don't know it! So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. Today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have children color in the sun on the flap piece and the moon and stars on the main card.
- 3. If desired, add sticky stars, glitter glue or other decorating supplies to the pictures.
- 4. Tape the flap piece with the sun on it along the line right above the moon and stars on the main card so that the moon and stars (and words) are hidden.
- 5. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

#### **Discussion**

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them as the children work on their craft. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

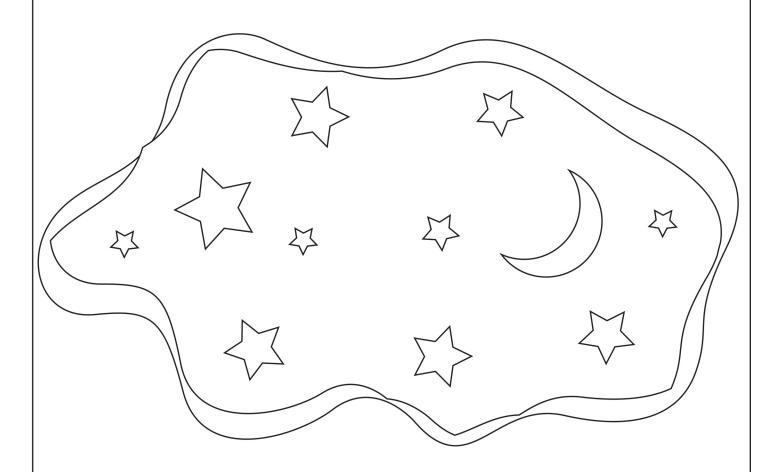
#### **Craft Wrap Up:**

"At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today."

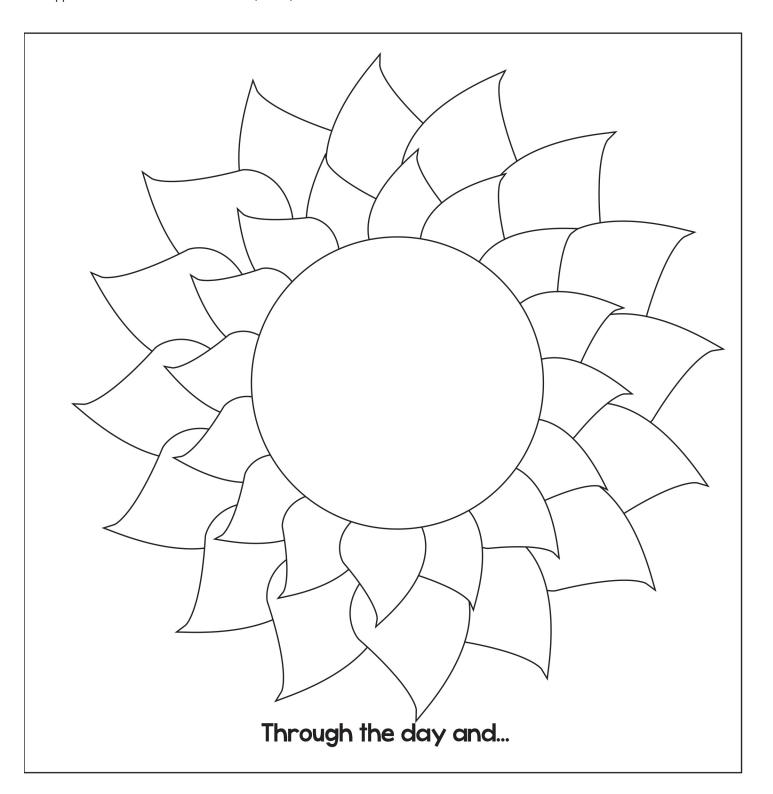
Practice saying the words on the card, lifting the flap, as you say the "through the night" portion.

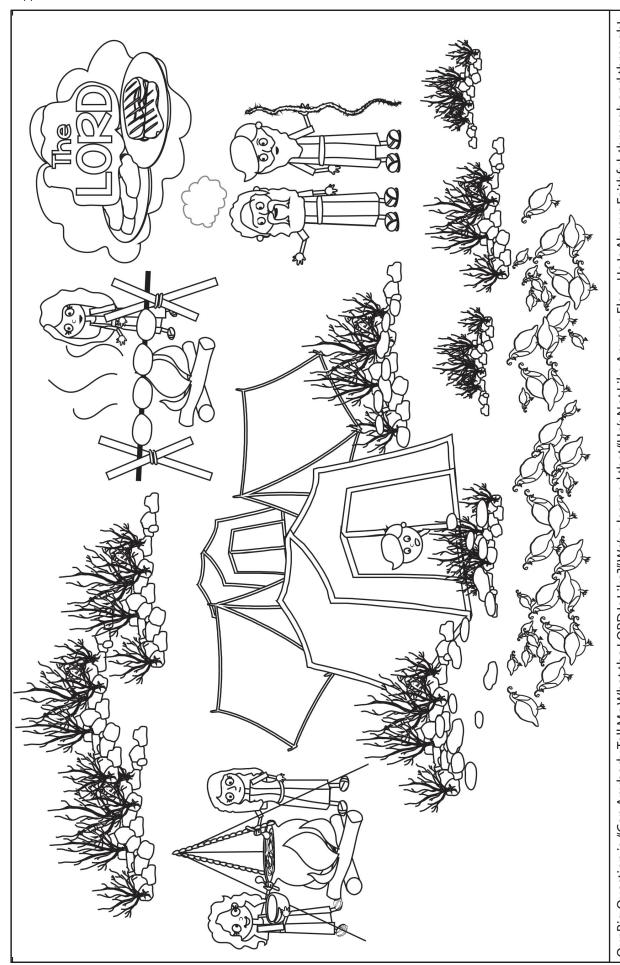
Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 4, Bible Truth 8: Extra Crafts

# God is Faithful to His People



through the night!
Put your trust in Him!



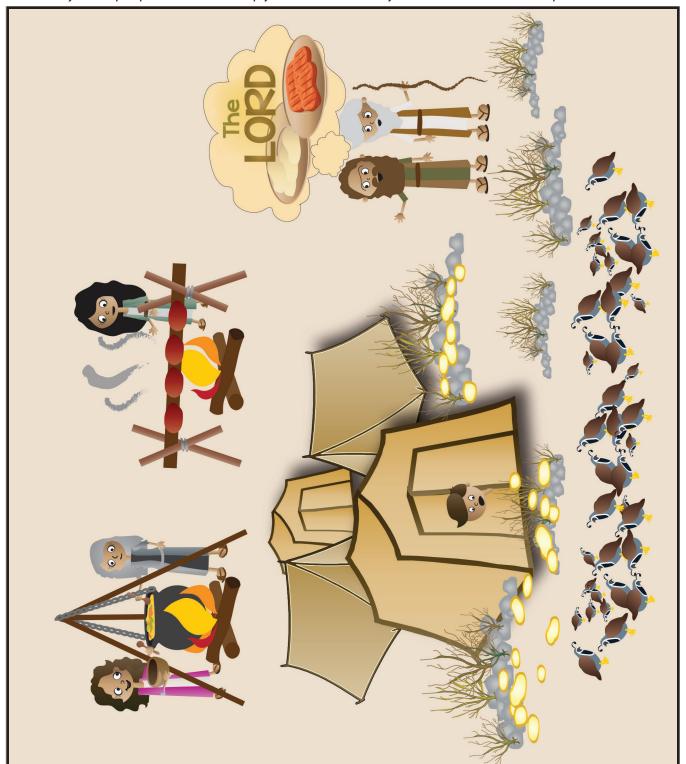


The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. The LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else…He Is Always Faithful, through and through! and become God's dearly loved people! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!

## The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Jigsaw Puzzle Page Exodus 16

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

Our Big Question is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" We've learned that "He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always Faithful, through and through! The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. The LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!



# DEEP DOWN DESTECTIVES

**Curriculum Resources** 

Appendix D:

Just for Fun

Activities

## **Just-For-Fun Activities**

The following are activities that you can incorporate into your free play time. While the activities, themselves, are just-for-fun, you can make them rich times of relationship building, and even use it as an opportunity to discuss what is being taught during Circle Time. Don't over do it, but you can use the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet for question ideas.

# **Gluing and Sticking**

**Just for Fun Arts and Crafts** 

#### **Directions**

Teacher cuts out or draws a basic shape or shapes related to concept or story on cardstock or construction paper for children to stick stickers on or glue fabric or paper scraps (tissue, gift wrap paper, construction paper, etc), beans, popcorn, buttons, cotton balls, foam shapes etc. onto. Use glue sticks rather than craft glue for these crafts. Cut fabric/paper scraps fairly large—about 1" or so.

# **Print-Making**

**Just for Fun Arts and Crafts** 

#### **Directions**

Children will make designs on a plain piece of construction paper or one with a simple shape drawn on it, using tempera paint (with a little dish soap added to it to make clean up easier) and any number of objects. Objects suggested in this curriculum: marbles, duplos, sponge shapes, empty thread spools, blocks with rick-rack gluegunned to the bottom of them, cars and trucks, bubble wrap and cork.

### **Necklaces**

**Just for Fun Arts and Crafts** 

#### **Directions**

These are made with hollow pasta shapes and hole-punched shapes related to the story/concept. Children can string these onto a piece of yarn or string and have you tie the ends together when they are done.

# **Coloring (Really Scribbling)**

**Just for Fun Arts and Crafts** 

#### **Directions**

Children will use crayons or washable markers to draw on construction paper. If desired, the teacher can draw a picture or shapes related to the story on the paper for children to scribble on.

#### **Puzzles**

**Just for Fun Arts and Crafts** 

#### **Directions**

A simple picture related to the story or concept is printed out onto cardstock and cut into a puzzle of 4 to 10 pieces. This can be done by enlarging one or a number of the people/objects from the story, in a Word, Power-point or other program to the desired size, then printing out onto cardstock. Children can "color" in the picture, then you can cut it out for them into as many pieces as is fitting for the child.

# **Craft Dough**

#### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

Provide purchased or homemade play dough (recipe provided) along with various "tools" such as plastic knives (without teeth), small jar lids, keys, garlic presses, little rolling pins, plastic cookie cutters, etc.

## **Homemade Play Dough Recipe**

2 cups flour

1 cup salt

4 tsp cream of tartar

2 tbsp oil

2 cups water

Combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix well. In a large pot, combine the oil and the water. Add food coloring, if desired. Add flour mixture to the pot, stirring as you add. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue to stir until mixture forms ball and pulls away from the sides of the pot. Remove ball and knead on plain surface (not floured) until the texture becomes like play-dough. Store dough in an airtight plastic container. Keeps about 3 months. Makes about 5 cups. Allow at least a ½ cup per child.

# **Sandpaper Shapes and Patterns**

**Just for Fun Arts and Crafts** 

#### **Directions**

Use a glue gun to glue full 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 11" sheets of sandpaper to foam board or sturdy cardboard cut the same size. Give the children yarn pieces of various lengths, 4" to 12" long. Let them stick the yarn onto the sandpaper and make designs and pictures with them.

### **Dance Ribbons**

**Just for Fun Games** 

### **Supplies**

3 4' ribbons per child1 plastic shower curtain ring per childCD playerCD of music

### **Preparing the Activity**

1. Tie three 4' ribbons to a plastic shower curtain ring.

## **Directions**

1. Give them to the children to run around with. Have music for them to dance to as they twirl their ribbons. If desired, you could have them sing the Big Question/Bible verse song.

# **Match the Shape with Objects**

#### **Just for Fun Games**

## **Supplies**

Common objects such as keys, cookie cutters, spoons, unsharpened pencils, etc.

Cardstock

Permanent marker

Shoe box

## **Preparing the Activity**

- 1. Trace around common objects such as keys, cookie cutters, spoons, unsharpened pencils, etc., each on a separate piece of cardstock.
- 2. Put these and the objects in a shoe box.

#### **Directions**

Have the children take out the cardstock outlines and the shapes and match them up.

## **Match the Shape with Blocks**

**Just for Fun Games** 

### **Supplies**

Shoe box

Different shape blocks

Duct tape

## **Preparing the Game**

- 1. Cut the outline of different blocks from a child's building block set in the top of a sturdy shoe box.
- 2. Use duct tape to tape down one long side, making a hinge for the lid.

#### **Directions**

1. Have the children put the right shape block into the box through the hole of the same shape.

## Ball 'n' Tube

**Just for Fun Games** 

#### **Supplies**

Have the children match the block shapes and insert them into the shoe box.

#### **Materials**

4-6' length of PVC pipe with a 2"-3" diameter opening, found very inexpensively at home improvement stores

Various sizes of balls that will fit through the diameter of the PVC pipe

## **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children take turns putting the ball down one end and watching it roll out the other.

## **Bowling**

**Just for Fun Games** 

## **Supplies**

6 or so empty 2-liter soda bottles

A soft, foam ball

Optional: sand or beans, packing/duct tape

## **Preparing the Game**

If desired, put sand or beans in all/some of the bottles. Seal with tape.

### **Directions**

Line up empty 2 liter soda bottles and have the children try to knock them down by rolling a ball into them.

## **Color Sort**

**Just for Fun Games** 

## **Supplies**

Various single colored objects, such as pom-poms, foam shapes, beads, etc. (Be careful to choose objects of a non-swallowable size)

1 Large container that fits all the objects in it at once

Smaller containers, one per color

Construction paper or markers

# **Preparing the Activity**

- 1. Put all the objects in the large container. Mix up.
- 2. Put a piece of construction paper/paper colored with marker on the outside of each of the small containers that matches the color object to go in it.

#### **Directions**

Have the children separate out all the colored items into their proper container.

### **Pattern Post Office**

**Just for Fun Games** 

#### **Supplies**

Various scraps of gift wrap paper or other colorful paper

Glue stick

Cardstock or cereal box

Shoe Box

## **Preparing the Activity**

- 1. Cut out envelope-sized pieces of gift wrap paper (or scrap booking paper) and glue them onto cardstock of the same size.
- 2. Have a shoe box with a letter slit cut in the top for each of the different paper types.
- 3. Glue a piece of the designated gift wrap paper for each particular box on top of the box.

#### **Directions**

Have the children sort through the "mail" and put them in their right mail slot.

# **More Ideas for Activity Centers**

**Dress-up Clothes** 

Hats and Crowns

Simple Wooden Puzzles

**Duplos** 

Blocks and Cardboard bricks

Peg Sets\*

Magnet Sets (especially "Tall Stacks")\*

(Large) Beads and Threading Laces

Small plastic people, animals, and vehicles\*

Lacing cards

Housekeeping sets

Doctor's and nurse's sets

Tool sets

Simple Matching games

Dolls

Train sets

Sand or Rice Center with containers

Magnifying glasses and objects\*

**Shape and Color Sorters** 

Ring Stackers

Pull toys

Hammer and Peg sets

Tap a Tune pianos

Balls, everything from nerf balls to beach balls\*

## **Great Idea Books**

### for homemade activity centers

The Wiggle & Giggle Busy Book: 365 Fun, Physical Activities for Your Toddler and Preschooler,

Trish Kuffner and Megan McGinnis

The Toddler's Busy Book, Trish Kuffner

Arts and Crafts Busy Book

The First Three Years of Life, Burton L. White

Creative Resources for Infants and Toddlers, Judy Herr and Terri Swim

### **Websites**

Just for Fun Games for ordering activity centers activities and materials

christianbook.com amazon.com toysrus.com growingtreetoys.com orientaltrading.com

# DEEP DOWN DESCRIPTIONS

**Curriculum Resources** 

Appendix E:
Curriculum Resources
to Make or Buy

# **Big Question Box/Briefcase**

#### **What You Want**

The Big Question Briefcase is a briefcase or other container with these characteristics:

- Ideally, this should be around 17" x 12", but needs to be at least big enough to fit a 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper inside it.
- Have various pockets to put these sheets in
- Is attractive or curious looking to preschoolers
- · Not necessary, but extremely fun, if is has a combination lock

### Finding a Briefcase:

You can certainly buy one new, but you always may find a used one at a thrift shop. Or, someone may have one they want to donate. We use one that stores valuables in it and is the 17" x12" size. Very durable and has the lock feature that the kids love.

You also can move away from the briefcase idea and use a little trunk or other box for your substitute briefcase. Just change the name to the Big Question Box, if you use a box instead. A boot box or the cardboard box that 10 reams of copy paper comes in is a great size, if you are using a box.

If you use a box, but want a lock-like feature, that's easy to do. Simply cut "straps" out of felt or vinyl and glue in place to the top and bottom sides of the box on one side, with the top strap overlapping the bottom straps. Add velcro to the top and bottom pieces so that they meet and fasten. Make back "hinges" for the box with the felt/ vinyl straps, too. Or, you can simply add a belt around the box that has to be unfastened before the box can be opened.

Here are some suggestions for decorating a box or even the outside of your briefcase to make it appealing.

### **Supplies**

Your box/briefcase
Plain white contact paper or white cardstock
Colorful wrapping paper
Glitter glue
Markers
Sequins, fake jewels, buttons, rick rack, etc.
Other decorating supplies
Stickers
Glue
Clear packing tape

#### **Directions**

- 1. If you are using a box that has wording on it, you will first need to make plain surfaces for decorating and a hinge for the lid. Stick the white contact paper or white cardstock to each side of the box. On the other hand, you can also use colorful wrapping paper. Then, make a lid by sticking the clear packing tape along one long side of the box, attaching the lid to the box.
- 2. Use the craft decorating supplies to decorate the box. If desired, you can put a big question mark on top of the box, but remember that you are working with two and three year olds: the question mark symbol is not very meaningful to them yet.

# **Making a Flannelgraph Storyboard**

for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games

While you may decide to use sticky tac and stick your storyboard pictures to a white board, it is very easy to make a flannelgraph board. The advantage to the flannelgraph board is that the pictures stick very easily and there is no messing with the sticky-tac.

#### **Supplies**

Large Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a  $36" \times 48"$  foamboard or corkboard (We actually use a far bigger canvas and attach it to the wall) A science project board with the two sides that fold out makes a good  $36" \times 48"$  board. OR, Small Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a  $24" \times 36"$  (to  $36" \times 48)"$  board

Large piece of neutral-colored felt to cover your board with extra to overlap over to the back, if desired. Glue gun and glue sticks

#### **Directions**

1. Center felt on front side of board. Turn over. Secure in place with glue.

# **Making Durable Storyboard Pictures or Story Scenes**

for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games

Whether you purchase the Deep Down Detectives storyboard pictures from Amazon or print them off the website (included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book), you will want to find some way to make them more durable. They are used not only as a part of telling the story, but are integral in the story review games. Here's how we make ours durable enough to be used over and over again. **See note below for other simpler options for using these pictures.** 

## **Supplies**

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book (purchased or downloaded)

White cardstock or printer paper (if downloading pictures)

Sticky-back velcro, circles or cut pieces; or sticky tac putty

Laminator or Self-laminating sheets

Sturdy Sheet Protectors, preferably the "Secure Top" kind, like offered by Avery

Flannelgraph pictures for the Bible stories found at www.praisefactory.org with each unit's resources.

#### Directions

- 1. Purchase from Amazon or download and print out the storyboard figures.
- 2. Cut out flannelgraph figures.
- 3. Laminate the figures.

**Special tip:** When laminating the big background pictures that are two (and sometimes even three or four) pieces put together, leave a small gap between the two pieces before laminating together. This small space acts like a hinge and allows you to fold up pictures without hurting them into a manilla envelope that fits 8.5" x 11" sheets of paper along with all of the smaller, regular-sized storyboard pictures.

4. If using a flannelgraph board: Stick a piece of sticky backed velcro (ROUGH SIDE) onto the back of each figure. If using sticky tack and whiteboard: simply stick a small amount of sticky tack on the back of a picture when using it. Remove and store sticky tack in airtight container.

**Note:** Instead of using all of the pictures as separate flannelgraph pieces, you can choose to use only a few (helpful to have 10 for the story review game); you can clump them onto posterboard and make them into picture scenes; or, you can simply use the Storyboard Picture Guide as a single picture. At praisefactory.org, go to DDD Bits and Pieces for a 22" x 28" poster size jpg of this picture guide if you want to create a large version.

# The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder

This is a homemade folder that looks (kinda) like the cover of a Bible. You will use this to put the Bible verse, the Bible Story and storyboard pictures to help make the point that the truths you are teaching them come from the Bible.

## **Supplies**

1 piece of 22" x 28" posterboard (white is fine. Green or brown is nice)

Glue

Stapler and staples or packing tape

The Bible Cover pictures (see online with resources for this unit or from the back of each Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book.)

NOTE: The Bible Cover pictures included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books cannot be created larger than 8.5" x 11". That means that they will be under-sized for a Bible Folder of the dimensions you are making. However, you can go online to the Deep Down Detectives curriculum and there is a pdf of a bigger version of these covers that will actually fit the size of this Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder.

#### **Directions**

- 1. Lay out poster board with long side along the bottom.
- 2. Fold in 2" on each side.
- 3. Take packing tape and tape the folded in 2" flaps to the main section of the posterboard, all the way down.
- 3. Fold up 8 1/2" on the bottom of the poster board.
- 4. Use packing tape to tape this flap in place, all the way down.
- 5. Take scissors and snip through the tape where the flap is attached to the folder. This will give you a bit more room in the folder.
- 6. Fold the poster board in the middle to make the center fold.
- 7. Cut out the Bible Cover Pictures. If possible, laminate these. They will last longer.
- 8.. Glue the two cover pieces to the outside of the folder.

