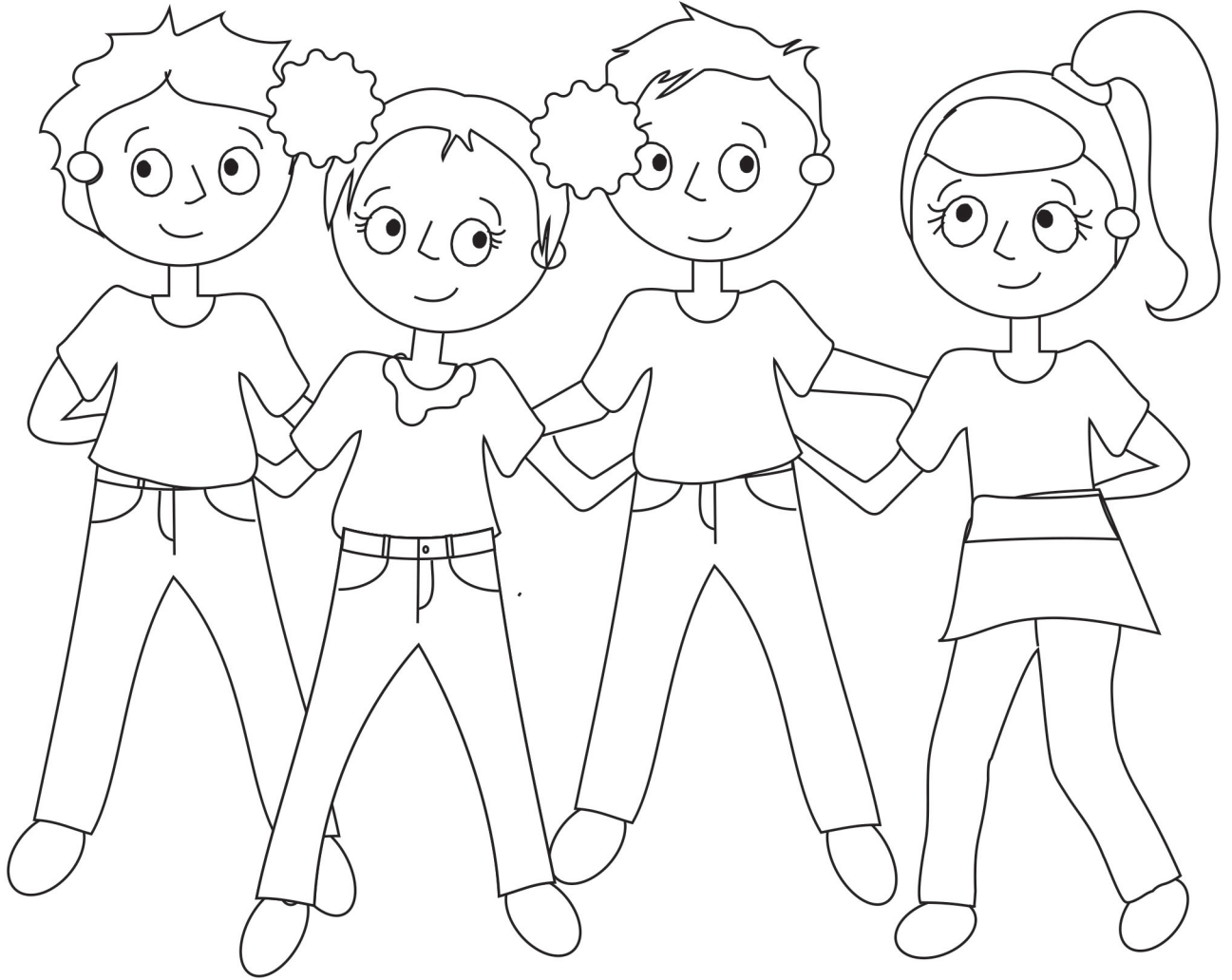


**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:
How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...**



DDD 12.3 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home

**By Loving Other _____
as God Has Loved Them!**

**HINT: This is another word for lots of men and women, boys and girls.
It starts with a "P" and it rhymes with "steeple."**

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



Big Question 12 : How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

Jesus always loved people with God's love. He loved them in everything He said and did. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they were so mean to Him. Most of all, Jesus loved people by being our Savior. On the cross, Jesus took God's punishment for the sins of God's people --all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could know God in their hearts, now. And, so they could go live with God forever when they die. There is no one who has ever loved us more than Jesus! Jesus wants God's people to love other people with God's love, too. He wants them to love others in everything they say and do. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God's people, too. He even wants them to love their enemies and do them good. God's people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.

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

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." --1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ESV

Some Questions for You

1. How did Jesus love others? *With God's love, in everything He said and did.*
2. How did Jesus treat His enemies? *He loved them and did good to them, even when they hurt Him.*
3. How did Jesus love His people, most of all? *By dying for them on the cross, taking the punishment they deserved from God for their sins.*
4. How does God want His people to love others? *Like Jesus did.*
5. How should God's people treat their enemies? *Love them and do them good.*
6. How should God's people treat people? *Love them in everything they say and do.*
7. Who will work in God's people's hearts to help them love others? *The Holy Spirit.*
8. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.
- C** God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.
- S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to love You and others as Jesus did. Help us to even love our enemies. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 12 Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 12, track 12*
(sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!
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How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 12, track 13*

Refrain:

How should God's people live? *Point up to God in*
How should God's people live? *heaven*
How should God's people live?
They should live like Jesus!

Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all, *Touch heart, then point*
He loved all people, too, *up to God in heaven*

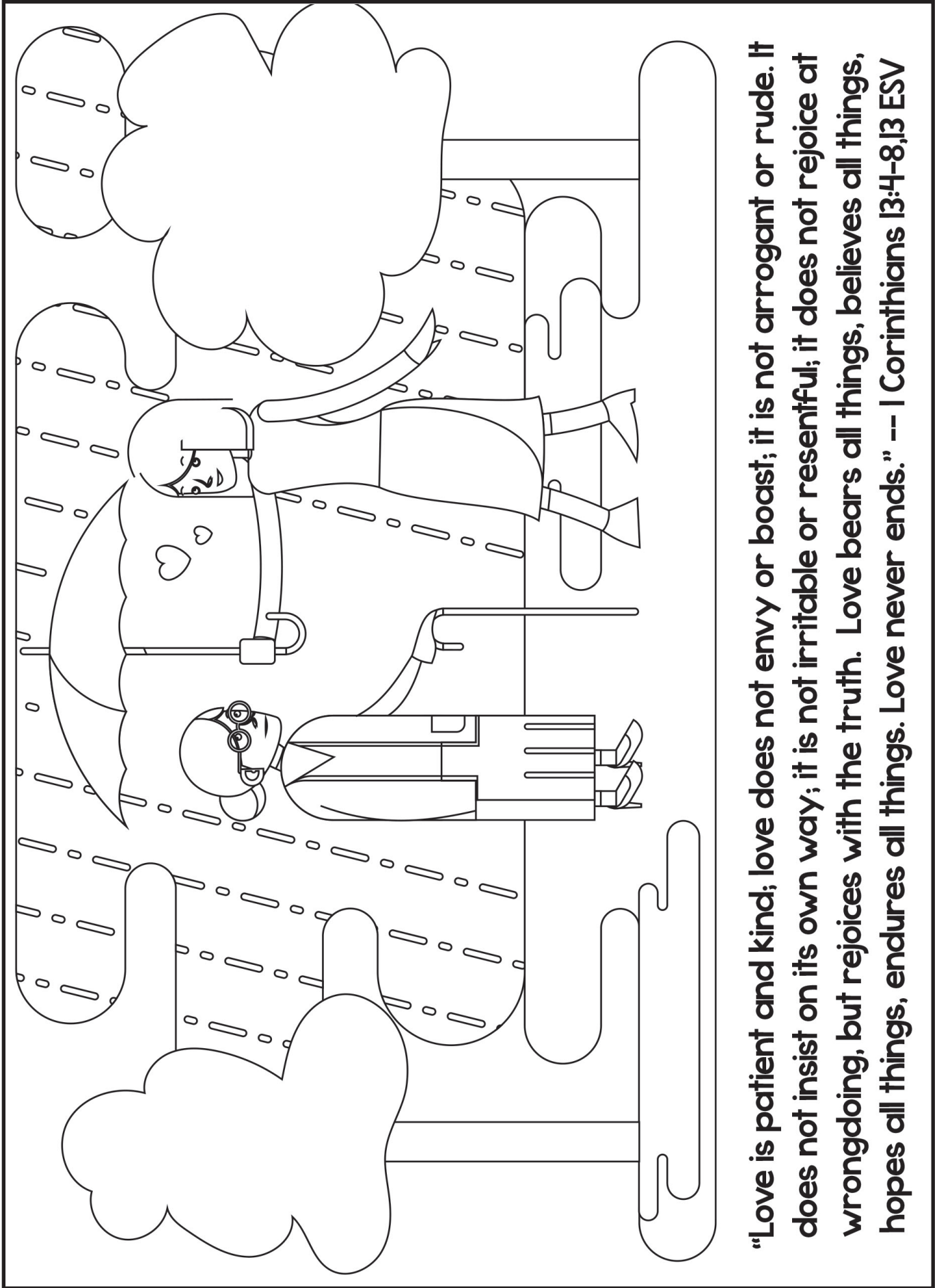
In all that He did *Point out to others*
and said and thought, *Touch heart*
He loved them thru and thru. *Refrain*

Verse 2

God's people should love God *Point up to God in*
most of all, *heaven*
They should love others, too, *Point out to others*

And God the Holy Spirit, *Touch heart*
Will help them in all they do. *Refrain*

Go to the *Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 12* to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org.



“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” -- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13 ESV

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



Big Question 12 : How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

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

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." --1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ESV

Learn a Little: "Love is patient and kind."

Meaning

These verses tell us how God wants His people to love others. This is how He has treated them through Jesus. He wants them to be like Him and love others this way, too. God's Holy Spirit helps His people love in these ways. He helps them love even when it is very hard. God's Holy Spirit can help us love this way, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

Some Questions for You

1. How does God want His people to treat others? *He wants them to love others.*
2. Who shows us how God wants us to love others? *Jesus does.*
3. What are some ways we can love others, as God wants us to? *We can be patient and kind. We can not insist on our own way.*
4. Does love ever end? *No, it does not!*
5. Who helps God's people love others? *God's Holy Spirit, living inside of them.*
6. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God's Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us to love others like Jesus did. Ask Him to help you!*
God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.
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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

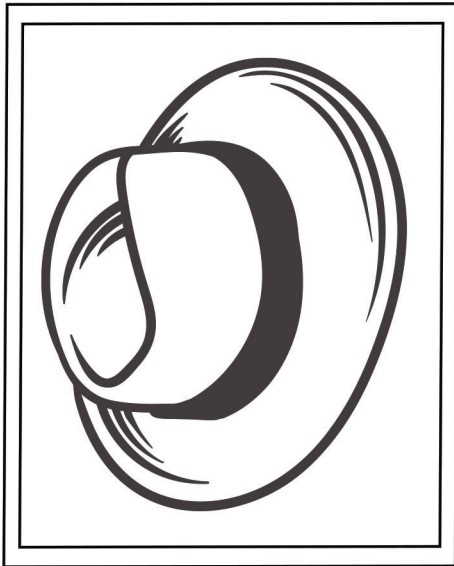
Love from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 12, track 24

Love is patient, love is kind,
love does not envy or boast,
It is not arrogant or rude,
Does not insist on its own way,
It is not irritable, or resentful,
Does not rejoice in wrong-doing,
but with the truth.

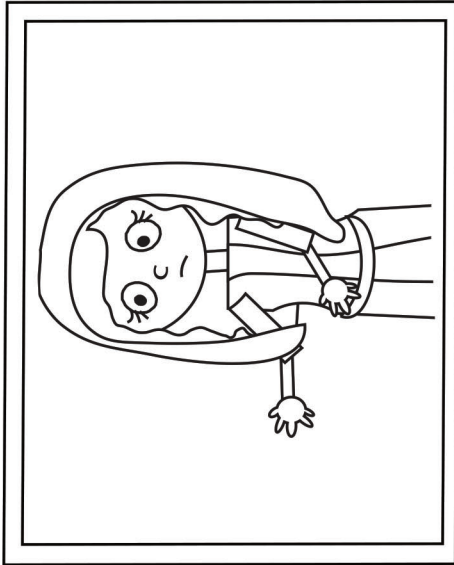
Love bears all things, believes all things,
Hopes and endures all things,
Faith, hope and love abide these three,
but the greatest is love.
Love never ends, love never ends,
love never ends.
Faith, hope and love abide these three,
but the greatest is love.

First Corinthians Thirteen,
four through eight, and thirteen.

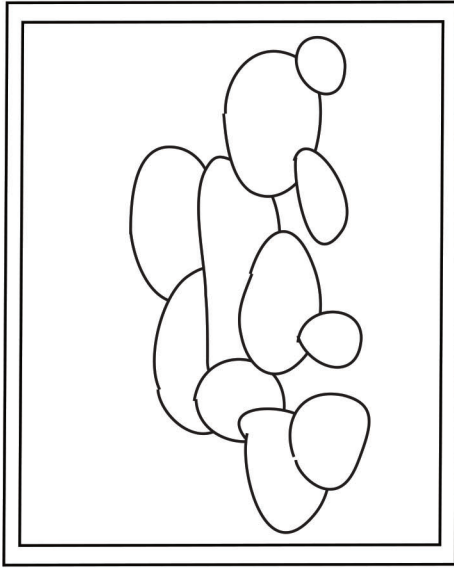
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



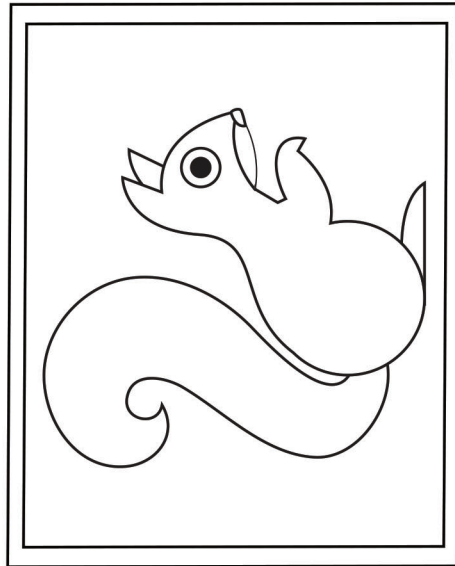
A Hat



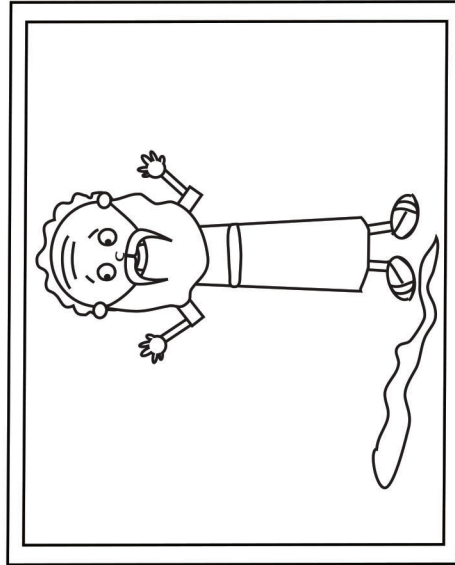
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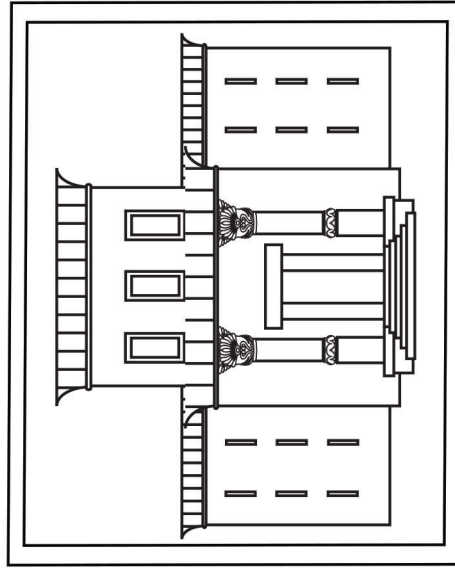
Some Rocks



A Squirrel



A Healed Person



The Temple

Answer: The widow, the rocks, the healed person and the Temple belong. The squirrel and the hat do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3



Big Question 12 : How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

Jesus always loved people with God's love. He loved them in everything He said and did. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they were so mean to Him. Jesus loved people most of all by dying on the cross to save us from our sins. He took God's punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could have special closeness with God now. And so that one day when they die, they could live happily with God forever. How great is Jesus' love for people! Jesus wants His people to love other people with God's great, amazing love, too. He wants them to help people in need. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God's people, too. He wants them to love each other with a love that puts others first. He even wants them to be kind to their enemies and pray for them. God's people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.

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Some Questions for You

1. What kind of man was Stephen? *He was a man who loved God and loved others. He tried to live out this love in everything he did. He learned God's Word, he prayed to God, he spoke to others about God and he cared for others' needs.*
2. What happened when Stephen told others the good news of Jesus? *Many people were healed of sicknesses, by God's great power. Many people believed in Jesus and trusted Him as their Savior.*
3. Who was not happy about all these people believing in Jesus? *Stephen's enemies.*
4. What did Stephen's enemies do to get him in trouble? *They told lies about him that would make other people really mad.*
5. What did Stephen do when his enemies said lots of lies about him? *He kept on loving them.*
6. What did Stephen do when his enemies were throwing stones at him to kill him? *He kept on loving them. He even asked God to forgive them.*
7. How can God help us love others like this? *By His Holy Spirit working in our hearts. When we turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. He can help us to love others, like Stephen and Jesus did.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 12, track 16*

Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will;
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Words: John H. Sammis Music: Daniel B. Towner

Refrain

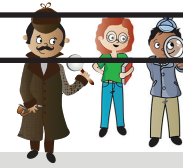
Trust and obey,
For there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Big Question 12 Praise Song:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 12, track 17*

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

Bible Story for Big Question 12, Bible Truth 3**P.1****The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving***Acts 6-7*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #12 is: "How Should God's People Live?" Your child is learning that **"They Should Live Like Jesus...By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!"**

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 who kept on loving?**
- 2. Who did he keep on loving?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, ESV**

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

I need to know:

- 1. Who lived for God by loving others like this?**
- 2. How did his life show this love?**

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

They are: a hat, a widow, some rocks, a squirrel, a healed person, and the Temple.

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 asked God to forgive his enemies for doing such mean things to him? Who gave him the love to do this?**

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 Man Who Kept on Loving*Acts 6-7**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

Stephen was a follower of Jesus. He heard the good news of Jesus and trusted in Him as his Savior. Stephen turned away from living life his own way. Now, he wanted to live God's good way. The Holy Spirit helped Stephen. He lived in Stephen's heart, filling him with love for God and for other people.

But it wasn't just Stephen's heart that was full of love for God and other people. Stephen's life was, too. In everything that Stephen did, he wanted to live out this love for God and for others.

So, Stephen learned God's Word, the Bible, and he prayed. He taught God's Word to others; and, he took care of the older widows in the church (women whose husbands had died and left them with no one to help them). Yes, in these ways and many more, Stephen lived a life of love for God and for other people.

But, there was something ELSE Stephen did that showed his love for God and for others: he told them the good news about Someone very special. Can you guess who that was?

Can you guess?

Stephen told them the good news of Jesus.

"Listen to the good news!" Stephen told them. "Jesus is the Son of God. He is the Savior God promised to send. He suffered and died on the cross to save us from our sins," Stephen told them. "Then on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead to show He had really beaten sin and death.

"Come, turn away from disobeying God! Trust in Jesus as your Savior," Stephen urged all. "God will forgive your sins. You will be His people. You will get to know and love Him now. And when you die, you will go to live with Him and enjoy Him forever!" he promised them.

Sometimes, God did amazing miracles as Stephen shared about Jesus. God did this so everyone would know that this good news was really true. Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior.

But the best miracle of all was what God's Holy Spirit did in the hearts of many who listened to Stephen.

Can you guess?

The Holy Spirit helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Now, they were God's people and the Holy Spirit lived in their hearts! Stephen and the other followers rejoiced to see God save so many people.

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

But while Stephen and the other believers rejoiced, others were very upset.

“Something must be done to stop Stephen from saying these things!” these enemies exclaimed. “Stephen is teaching lies to the people,” they said. “Jesus was a fake. He wasn’t really the Son of God. He didn’t save anyone from their sins when he died on the cross. He didn’t rise from the dead,” they said.

“We must stop Stephen, but how?” these enemies wondered. “What can be done?”

Yes, this was quite a problem. Everyone could see how God did amazing things through Stephen. They heard the great wisdom God gave Stephen as he preached. They saw God’s great power in the miracles Stephen did. And, they could see God’s love in Stephen’s care for others. “How can you stop a man like this?” his enemies exclaimed.

But Stephen’s enemies DID think of a way. A very tricky, bad way. Instead of telling the truth about Stephen, they decided to tell lies about Stephen. Big, bad lies that would get Stephen in trouble.

“Stephen is saying bad things about God’s laws,” they told others. “He’s saying bad things about God and the Temple, God’s special worship place,” they lied. Do you think these lies worked?

What do you think?

Yes, they did! People forgot about all the amazing things Stephen did by God’s power. They forgot his words spoken with God’s wisdom, and the loving things he did for others. And instead, they believed the lies of Stephen’s enemies, and they became very angry.

“Let’s get rid of Stephen!” they decided. “He’s saying bad things about God. He should be punished,” they exclaimed. “Let’s take him to the leaders of the Temple, God’s special worship place. They will decide what to do with him!” the people said. So, they grabbed Stephen and took him to the leaders of the Temple.

As Stephen stood before the leaders of the Temple, his enemies told their lies again: “Stephen says that Jesus will break down the Temple, our special worship place. Stephen says that we shouldn’t keep God’s laws the way God’s Word tells us to,” they said.

The leaders were very upset. What awful things these enemies were saying about Stephen! “What do you say about this, Stephen?” the leaders asked him.

Now it was Stephen’s turn. What would he say? These men had lied about him and about Jesus, yet he had done nothing wrong to them! They were hoping to get him in trouble and maybe even killed. Would he hate these men with his words? It would be easy to want to do that, wouldn’t it? They had treated him so badly.

What do you think Stephen would say? Was his heart filled with hate for these enemies?

Bible Story for Big Question 12, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons**P.4***Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

But no! Stephen's heart was NOT filled with hate. It was filled with love for God and other people, even these enemies! God's Holy Spirit was at work in Stephen, filling him with the courage to speak God's truth to these leaders; and, filling him with love to forgive them. Everyone could see it in Stephen's face which shone like an angel's, bright with God's goodness and glory.

Stephen answered the leaders, but he had no mean words for his enemies. He just warned them with stories from God's Word.

"There have always been those who hear God's Word and believe," Stephen told them. "And there have always been those who hear God's Word and refuse to believe," he said. "I am one who has heard God's Word and believed. Jesus IS the Savior God promised to send," he told them. "But YOU are the ones who have heard God's Word and have refused to believe. YOU put Jesus, the Savior God sent, on the cross to die!" Stephen exclaimed.

The leaders were furious! They ground their teeth! They plugged their ears! They shouted out loud! They didn't want to hear anything more from Stephen! They grabbed Stephen and dragged him down the street and outside the city. They wanted to kill him, just like the other enemies did! How could Stephen say that THEY refused to believe God's Word? They were the leaders of the Temple and the keepers of God's Word!

Some picked up stones and threw them at him. Oh, no!

What would Stephen say now? What would he do now? NOW, was his heart filled with hate?

What do you think?

Stephen's heart was STILL filled with love for God and for others—even these men who were his enemies!

Stephen looked up and saw Jesus in heaven. Stephen knew he would soon be home with Him. Stephen forgave his enemies and asked for God to forgive them, too: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," he pleaded.

Then, Stephen died and went to be with Jesus in heaven. Stephen had lived and died with a heart full of love for God and others. God's Holy Spirit had helped him love like this. He had even helped Stephen to love his enemies and forgive the mean things they did to him.

Now, in heaven, Stephen would go on living and loving, but in a way far better than he had ever enjoyed on earth. And there, he would be with His dear Savior, Jesus, face to face forever.

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 who kept on loving?** Stephen.
- 2. Who did he keep on loving?** He kept on loving everyone. He even kept on loving his enemies, even as they were hurting him.

For You and Me:

Stephen loved God and others his whole life. He even loved his enemies who were so mean to him! God wants all His people to love others as Stephen did AND as Jesus did! God knows no one can love others like this on their own, especially enemies. But He promises to give His Holy Spirit to help His people love others, even when it is very hard! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. His Holy Spirit can come live in us and help us love others like this, too.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:
Our Bible Verse is 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, ESV**

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

I need to find out:

- 1. Who lived for God by loving others like this?** Stephen.
- 2. How did his life show this love?** He tried to always love others. He even kept on loving his enemies as they were hurting him. He always tried to love God most of all, too. He kept on living for God, even when his enemies told him to stop talking about Jesus. He even chose to die, rather than stop living the way God wanted him to live.

For You and Me:

God wants His people to love Him most of all. He wants them to love others and live like Jesus. But God knows how weak His people are. He knows they can't love Him or others the way He wants them to by themselves. That's why He forgives their sins through Jesus. And that's why He sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them. He helps them love God and others in ways they could never love on their own. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a hat, a widow, some rocks, a squirrel, a healed person, and the Temple.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The widow, the rocks, the healed person and the Temple belong. The squirrel and the hat do not.

2. Who asked God to forgive his enemies for doing such mean things to him? Who gave him the love to do this? Stephen did. God did, through His Holy Spirit living inside of Stephen and helping him.

For You and Me:

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

How Should God's People Live?

They Should Live Like Jesus!

By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

God wants all of His people to love others the way He has loved them. He EVEN wants His people to love their enemies by forgiving them, like Stephen did. Why should they do this? Because of how much God has forgiven them! He has forgiven all their sins through Jesus! And HOW can God's people love others and forgive like this? The same way Stephen did: by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts, helping them.

Can WE ever love like this? Yes, we can! God can work in our hearts. He can help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, then God will make us His people and He will fill us with His Holy Spirit, giving us hearts full of love for Him and for others. He can even help us to love our enemies and forgive them, like Stephen did.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Big Question 12, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

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Unit 12: God's People Live for Him

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." --Ephesians 5:1-2, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them

Jesus always loved people with God's love. He loved them in everything He said and did. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they were so mean to Him.

Most of all, Jesus loved people by being our Savior. On the cross, Jesus took God's punishment for the sins of God's people --all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could know God in their hearts, now. And, so they could go live with God forever when they die. There is no one who has ever loved us more than Jesus!

Jesus wants God's people to love other people with God's love, too. He wants them to love others in everything they say and do. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God's people, too. He even wants them to love their enemies and do them good.

God's people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, ESV

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

Learn a Little: "Love is patient, love is kind."

Meaning:

These verses tell us how God wants His people to love others. This is how He has treated them through Jesus. He wants them to be like Him and love others this way, too. God's Holy Spirit helps His people love in these ways. He helps them love even when it is very hard. God's Holy Spirit can help us love this way, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.
- C** God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.
- S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to love You and others as Jesus did. Help us to even love our enemies.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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