

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources  
for Unit 16, Bible Truth 1:**



**What Will Happen When  
Jesus Comes Back?**

**God Will Make Everything New...**

**Jesus Will Give Out Last  
and Fair Punishments for Sin!**

## 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.

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## Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King

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### UNIT OVERVIEW

Jesus is coming back one day. What a day it will be! This old world and its ways will come to an end. God will destroy it and sin and death with it. He will create a new, perfect world for His people to live in with Him forever.

It will be a beautiful, happy place where there will never be anything sad or bad in it...ever! God's people will live there with Jesus as their king. Here on earth, they know God in their hearts; but there, they will see Him face-to-face. Think of your favorite thing to do. Life with Jesus will be better than this. Think of your favorite place to be. Life with Jesus in the new world will be better than that! Think of your favorite person to be with. Living with Jesus will be far better than that! There will never be anything better than living with God like this!

What a wonderful day that will be for God's people! What a wonderful day that will be for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

In this unit we will learn two truths about what will happen when Jesus comes back.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Revelation 21:5-6

"He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new! It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?

**ANSWER:** God Will Make Everything New!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 16 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 16 Material)

Story: The Case of the Wonderful Ending 2 Peter 3

Bible Verse: Revelation 21:5-6

#### ➔ BIBLE TRUTH 1: Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Two, Big Books Matthew 16; Mark 8:27-38, Revelation 20:11-15

Bible Verse: Revelation 22:12-13

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Promise Keeper Isaiah 1,2,6,24,25,49,52-53,60,65,66; Daniel 3; Revelation 21

Bible Verse: Revelation 19:6-7

## Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 16 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

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

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

#### Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

### UNIT 16: JESUS, THE RETURNING KING

- 12 Big Q & A 16 Song
- 13 Big Question 16 Song: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?
- 14 Big Question 16 Bible Verse Song: I Am Making Everything New Revelation 21:5
- 15 Big Question 16 Hymn: At the Name of Jesus, v.1
- 16 Big Question 16 Praise Song: He Is Lord

### What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New...

#### Bible Truth 1: Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly

- 17 Bible Verse: Behold, Behold Revelation 22:12-13
- 18 Extra Bible Verse: *The Day of the Lord* 2 Peter 3:10-13
- 19 Extra Bible Verse: *When You Hear of Wars* Mark 13:7-10,26,27
- 20 Extra Bible Verse: *God Is Just* 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

#### Bible Truth 2: God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever

- 21 Bible Verse: Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, NIV 1984
- 22 Extra Bible Verse: *We'll All Be Changed* 1 Corinthians 15:51,52,54
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: *There Was a Great Multitude* Revelation 7:9-10
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: *No More Death* Revelation 21:3-4;22:3-5

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**Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?  
God Will Make Everything New!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new! It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." --Revelation 21:5-6

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: God Will Make Everything New... Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly!**

When Jesus comes back, He will gather everyone who has ever lived before Him to be judged fairly. All the people who are alive when Jesus comes back, will stand before Him. All the people who were already dead will come out of the places they are buried and appeared before Him, too. Millions and millions, billions and billions of people.

There will be more people than WE can know or count standing before Jesus on that day. But they won't be too many for Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. He knows everyone completely. Nothing is hidden from Him. And on that day, Jesus will sit on His throne (king's chair) and will judge all of us. What does it mean to judge? It means that Jesus will think fairly about what each person did with the life God gave them. Did they love God and serve Him? Did they love others? How did they use the good gifts God gave them? And most importantly, did they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior... or, did they refuse Him?

It will be the saddest of days for all who refused to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The day for forgiveness and mercy will be over. Now, they will be separated from God and everything good forever. Satan and all the angels who rebelled against God will receive this final, terrible punishment, too. Oh, how I wish that everyone would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus instead of receiving God's punishment!

But what about God's people? How will Jesus fairly think about them? Didn't they disobey God, too? Shouldn't they be separated from God, too? Yes, they did disobey God, too. Yes, they deserve to be separated from God; but instead, they will receive wonderful, eternal life with God on that day! Why? Because they turned away from their sins and asked for God's forgiveness. They trusted in Jesus as their Savior, and He paid for their sins when He died on the cross. Because of Jesus, this will be a day of praise for them. Jesus will reward them for the good works they did in His name. And best of all, they will get to live happily with God in special closeness forever. We can be ready for that day, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Revelation 22:12-13**

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

**Learn a Little:** "I am coming soon! I will give to everyone according to what he has done."

**Meaning**

One day, Jesus will come back. He will bring an end to sin and death. He will fairly judge everyone. Oh, what an awful day it will be for those who did not turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus! There will be no good reward for them. Only God's punishment for their sins. How sad!

But the day Jesus comes back will be a wonderful day of celebration for God's people! He will reward the good things that God did through them. And because they did turn away from their sins and trusted in Him as their Savior, they will go to live with Him forever in the new heaven and earth He will create for them. We will be there on that day, too. It can be a day of celebration for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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**Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, Jesus, for being the good Judge who will give out fair rewards and punishments to all people at the end of time. We praise You for being the Savior who offers to forgive us and make us God's people, so we can live with You and celebrate on that day You judge us all.
- C** Jesus, we know that we are all sinners. We have all disobeyed God's laws. We can never deserve to be God's people on our own. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, that we do not have to depend on our own goodness on the day You judge us. Thank You for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior. Thank You that You will judge all who do according to Your perfect life, not their own. You have taken God's punishment in their place. They are forgiven. If we trust in You, we don't have to fear Your punishment on that day. We can look forward in excitement to life with You forever.
- S** Work in our hearts! Help us all to turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Help us to do good things with the gifts You have given us. Help us to love You and love others. Come back soon, Jesus!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Two, Big Books**

*Matthew 16; Mark 8:27-38, Revelation 20:11-15*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 16 Song

Big Question 16 Song: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?

Big Question 16 Bible Verse Song: I Am Making Everything New Revelation 21:5 NIV 1984

15 Big Question 16 Hymn: At the Name of Jesus, v.1

16 Big Question 16 Praise Song: He Is Lord

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: Behold, Behold Revelation 22:12-13, NIV 1984

*Extra Bible Verse: The Day of the Lord 2 Peter 3:10-13, ESV*



*Extra Bible Verse: When You Hear of Wars Mark 13:7-10,26,27, ESV*

*Extra Bible Verse: God Is Just 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, NIV 1984*

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**1. GETTING STARTED**

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<p><b>Intake Activity Ideas</b></p>	<p><b>Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children as they join the class:</b></p>
<p><b>Free Play Time</b> <i>suggestions in Appendix D</i></p>	<p> Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.</p>
<p><b>OR Sing-along Music Time</b> <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i>  <i>listen to or download songs for free at <a href="https://praisefactory.org/Deep Down Detectives Music page">https://praisefactory.org/Deep Down Detectives Music page</a></i></p>	<p>Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) NIV Songs 16:                  Big Q &amp; A 16 Song <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 12</i></span>                  Big Question 16 Song <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 13</i></span>                  Big Question 16 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:                  I Am Making Everything New Revelation 21:5 NIV 1984 <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 14</i></span>                  Big Question 16 Hymn:                  At the Name of Jesus, v.1 <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 15</i></span>                  Big Question 16 Praise Song:                  He Is Lord <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 16</i></span>                  Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song:                  Behold, Behold Revelation 22:12-13, NIV 1984 <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 17</i></span>                  Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse Song:                  The Day of the Lord 2 Peter 3:10-13, ESV <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 18</i></span>                  Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse Song:                  When You Hear of Wars Mark 13:7-10,26,27, ESV <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 19</i></span>                  Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse Song:                  God Is Just 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, NIV 1984 <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 20</i></span></p> <p><i>Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement &amp; Memory Activity. These activities are listed on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appendix B.</i></p>
<p><b>OR Bible Verse Memory Game</b> <i>instructions found in Appendix B</i></p>	<p>Lesson 1 Game: Animal Cube                  Lesson 2 Game: Fill'er Up                  Lesson 3 Game: Lily Pad Jump</p> <p><i>These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities.</i></p>
<p><b>2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME</b> (<i>introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story</i>)</p>	
<p><b>Gathering the Children</b> <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle Time.</i></p> <p><b>The Classroom Song, verse 1</b> <span style="float:right"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 1</i></span>                  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!</p>
<p><b>Welcome to Deep Down Detectives</b></p>	<p> "Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joined us! Detectives are people 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."</p>

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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<p><b>Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</b></p> <p><i>Lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."</p> <p><b>Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 5</i></span></p> <p>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!</p>
<p><b>Classroom Rules Song</b></p> <p><i>Lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>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."</p> <p><b>Classroom Rules Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 6</i></span></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Opening Prayer Time</b></p> <p><i>Lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"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."</p> <p><b>Let's Pray</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 7</i></span></p> <p>1-2-3!                  Fold your hands,                  Bow your head,                  Close your eyes.                  Let's pray! (<i>repeat</i>)</p> <p>"Let's pray:"</p> <p><b>Opening Prayer</b></p> <p>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.</p>



**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 NIV Songs 16, 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 AID



of BQB

*Big Question & Answer Sign, front side*

*\*found in the DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV 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 16:

**What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?**

and the Answer is:

**God Will Make Everything New!**

**Big Question Meaning**

★ Jesus is coming back one day. What a day it will be! This old world and its ways will come to an end. God will destroy it and sin and death with it. He will create a new, perfect world for His people to live in with Him forever.

It will be a beautiful, happy place where there will never be anything sad or bad in it... ever! God's people will live there with Jesus as their king. Here on earth, they know God in their hearts; but there, they will see Him face-to-face. Think of your favorite thing to do. Life with Jesus will be better than this. Think of your favorite place to be. Life with Jesus in the new world will be better than that! Think of your favorite person to be with. Living with Jesus will be far better than that! There will never be anything better than living with God like this!

What a wonderful day that will be for God's people! What a wonderful day that will be for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

**Big Question Songs** ★ "Let's sing our Big Question Song:

**Big Q & A 16 Song**

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

**Big Q & A 16 Song**

*DDD NIV Songs 16, track 12*

*(adapted version of "The Bear Went Over the Mountain")*

**Verse:**

What will happen when Jesus comes back?  
What will happen when Jesus comes back?  
What will happen when Jesus comes back?  
God will make everything new.

**Refrain:**

God will make everything new,  
God will make everything new.  
What will happen when Jesus comes back?  
What will happen when Jesus comes back?  
What will happen when Jesus comes back?  
God will make everything new.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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<p><b>Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)</b></p> <p>★</p>	<p>Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:  <b>“What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New!”</b></p> <p>Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it.”</p> <p>Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.</p>	
<p><b>Big Question Action Rhyme</b></p>	<p><b>Big Question 16 Action Rhyme</b></p> <p>Jesus died on the cross.                  He was buried in a grave.                  Then God brought Him back to life,                  And took Him to heaven to stay.</p> <p>But one, wonderful day,                  Only God knows when,                  Jesus will come back to this earth again.</p> <p>Goodbye, disobeying! Goodbye, hurting!                  Goodbye, crying! Goodbye, dying!</p> <p>Hello, new heaven! Hello, new earth!                  Hello, happy forever,                  With Jesus as King!</p> <p>COME, LORD JESUS, COME!</p>	<p><b>(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)</b></p> <p><i>Make a cross with your index fingers</i>  <i>Point to ground</i>  <i>Raise up hands from ground to up high</i>  <i>Point up to heaven</i></p> <p><i>Hold up 1 finger</i>  <i>Point to ground</i></p> <p><i>Wave goodbye</i></p> <p><i>Wave hello</i>  <i>Big, happy smile</i></p> <p><i>Praise hands in praise</i></p>
<p><b>Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song</b></p> <p>★</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><b>Big Question 16 (Action Rhyme) Song</b></p> <p>What will happen when Jesus comes back?                  God will make everything new.</p> <p><b>Refrain:</b>                  He’ll make ev’rything new,                  When He bursts through the blue.                  No more sin, sickness, dying,                  Only life, pure and good.                  That’s what will happen when Jesus comes back!                  Oh, Lord, come quickly, Lord Jesus, come back!</p> <p><b>Verse 1</b>                  What will happen when Jesus comes back?                  This heav’n and earth will end, that’s a fact!                  God will destroy it, A perfect, new one make.                  The home of God with His people always. Refrain</p> <p><b>Verse 2</b>                  What will happen when Jesus comes back?                  All God’s enemies will get the sack!                  Sin, sickness, death will all be defeated,                  On the throne forever, Jesus be seated. Refrain</p>	<p><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 13</i></p> <p><b>(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)</b></p> <p><i>Shake head “no”</i></p> <p><i>Praise hands in praise</i></p> <p><i>Wipe hands, like getting rid of something</i>  <i>Stretch out arms wide to each side</i></p> <p><i>Wipe hands, like getting rid of something</i>  <i>Make crown with hands on head and squat down slightly</i></p>

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**Learning the Bible Truth**

VISUAL take out

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of BQB

VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ “God will make everything new” 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 **TWO** Bible truths that tell us more about what will happen when Jesus comes back.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our two 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 two truths they will be learning.*

**Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out

AID



of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign,  
front side  
VISUAL AID

★ *After everyone has had a good look, say...* “Ok, now let’s look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these two 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:*

**“What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?**

**God Will Make Everything New!**

**Jesus Will Judge All People ???? !”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “This is another word for treating everyone right. It starts with an “F” and it rhymes with “barely” Can you guess? It’s “fairly.” So the Bible Truth we are learning today is: *(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)*

**Hint**

★ **“What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?**

**God Will Make Everything New!**

**Jesus Will Judge All People FAIRLY !”**

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

**Bible Truth Meaning**

★ When Jesus comes back, He will gather all the people who have ever lived in the world before Him as He sits on His throne (great king’s chair). All the people who were alive when He comes back will stand before Him. All the people who were already dead will come out of the places they are buried and appeared before Him. Millions and millions, billions and billions of people. There will be more people than WE can know or count standing before Jesus on that day. But they won’t be too many for Jesus. Jesus is God’s Son. He knows everyone completely. Nothing is hidden from Him. And on that day, Jesus will sit on His throne (king’s chair) and will judge all of us. What does it mean to judge? It means that Jesus will think fairly about what each person did with the life God gave them. Did they love God and serve Him? Did they love others? How did they use the good gifts God gave them? And most importantly, did they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior... or, did they refuse Him?

It will be the saddest of days for all who refused to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The day for forgiveness and mercy will be over. Now, they will be separated from God and everything good forever. Satan and all the angels who rebelled against God will receive this final, terrible punishment, too. Oh, how I wish that everyone would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus instead of receiving God’s punishment! But what about God’s people? How will Jesus fairly think about them? Didn’t they disobey God, too? Shouldn’t they be separated from God, too? Yes, they did disobey God, too. Yes, they deserve to be separated from God; but instead, they will receive wonderful, eternal life with God on that day! Why? Because they turned away from their sins and asked for God’s forgiveness. They trusted in Jesus as their Savior, and He paid for their sins when He died on the cross. Because of Jesus, this will be a day of praise for them. Jesus will reward them for the good works they did in His name. And best of all, they will get to live happily with God in special closeness forever. We can be ready for that day, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God’s people.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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**Learning the Bible Verse**

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

**The Bible Chant Song**

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

**The Bible Chant Song**

DDD NIV Songs 16, 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!

**Bible Verse**

DDD 16.1 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL AID Place verse in take out



of BQB  
DDD Bible Folder

\*found in the DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV Book

"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:

Revelation 22:12-13 tells us:

**Revelation 22:12-13**

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

**Learn a Little:** "I am coming soon! I will give to everyone according to what he has done."


**Bible Verse Meaning**

**What does that mean?**

One day, Jesus will come back. He will bring an end to sin and death. He will fairly judge everyone. Oh, what an awful day it will be for those who did not turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus! There will be no good reward for them. Only God's punishment for their sins. How sad!

But the day Jesus comes back will be a wonderful day of celebration for God's people! He will reward the good things that God did through them. And because they did turn away from their sins and trusted in Him as their Savior, they will go to live with Him forever in the new heaven and earth He will create for them. We will be there on that day, too. It can be a day of celebration for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**

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**Bible Verse  
Song**

*lyrics and sheet music,  
Appendix A*

*You might also enjoy:*

*The Day of the Lord  
2 Peter 3:10-13, ESV  
DDD NIV Songs 16, track 18*

*When You Hear of Wars  
Mark 13:7-10,26,27, ESV  
DDD NIV Songs 16, track 19*

*God Is Just  
2 Thessalonians 1:6-10,  
NIV 1984  
DDD NIV Songs 16, track 20*

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

**Behold, Behold Revelation 22:12-13**

*DDD NIV Songs 16, track 17*

Refrain:

Behold, behold!

I'm coming soon!

My reward is with me.

Behold, behold!

I'm coming soon!

My reward is with me.



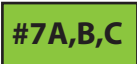

I will give to everyone,  
According to what he has done.

I will give to everyone,  
According to what he has done. Refrain

Revelation Twenty-two, twelve and thirteen.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**

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<p><b>Getting into the Case</b></p>	<p>"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?"</p>
<p><b>Listening Assignments</b></p> <p>Place in  take out  of BQB</p>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today.</p> <p>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:</p>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who will come back at the end of time? To do what?</b></li> <li><b>2. What are the two, big books? What will He do with the two big books?</b></li> </ol>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p><b>Our Bible Verse is Revelation 22:12-13:</b></p> <p>"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."</p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who is coming back?</b></li> <li><b>2. What will He do He comes back?</b></li> </ol>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures*</p> <p>DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p>I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. Our six clues are: two books, John, a bus, Jesus, the forever king, the cross, and a hot dog. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.</p> <p>I need to figure out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?</b></li> <li><b>2. Who will praise God on the day that Jesus comes back? What will Jesus have done for them already that will make them so happy?</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>Tell the Bible Story</b></p> <p>Place story &amp; pics in  take out  of BQB</p> <p>DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV</p> <p><b>Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book</b></p>	<p>★ <b>Then say,</b> "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."</p> <p>★ <b>Bible Story: The Case of the Two, Big Books</b> <i>Matthew 16; Mark 8:27-38, Revelation 20:11-15</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*</p>

**Lesson Plan: Big Question 16, Bible Truth 1**

use with all THREE lessons

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**

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<p><b>Story Response Song(s)</b></p> <p><b>Hymn</b></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Hymn: At the Name of Jesus</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 15</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 4</b>                  Watch! for this Lord Jesus will come again,                  With His Father's glory o'er the earth to reign,                  For the day is coming when each knee shall bow,                  So let hearts confess Him                  King of glory now, King of glory now.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "Jesus promises that He will return to be king over the world. He told us to watch and wait for that day. When Jesus comes back it will be an amazing sight. He will come down from heaven with the angels and He will be shiny bright with God's glory. The whole world will see Him and bow down before Him. They will confess (say) that He is King Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come!"</p>
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<p><b>Praise Song</b></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><b>Praise Song: He Is Lord</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 16</i></span></p> <p>He is Lord, He is Lord!                  He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!                  Ev'ry knee shall bow,                  Ev'ry tongue confess,                  That Jesus Christ is Lord.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "People obey God by doing what He wants them to do. But, they also show that they obey Jesus by bowing down --getting down--on their knees in front of Him. and saying (confessing) that He is Lord--the one everyone should obey. When Jesus comes back, the Bible tells us that EVERYONE will get down on their knees and say to Jesus that He is Lord, He is the one they must obey. Let's do that right now and sing to Jesus that He is Lord!"</p>
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**3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** *(choose from among these activities)*

<p><b>Transition to Activities</b></p>	<p>★ 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."</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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<p><b>Classroom Song, verse 2</b></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."</p> <p><b>Classroom Song, verse 2</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 2</i></span></p> <p>We've gathered together to worship God,                  We've gathered together to worship God,                  And now it's time to play.</p> <p><i>Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.</i></p>
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**3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) ★ = short & simple lesson plan

<p><b>Response Activities</b></p>	<p>Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and developmental needs. <b>Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning.</b> ★</p>
<p><b>Bible Verse Memory Game</b></p> <p><i>game directions, Appendix B</i></p>	<p>Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here instead (or as a repeat).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 1 Game: Animal Cube</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Fill'er Up</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Lily Pad Jump</li> </ul> <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p>  <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p><b>Music, Movement &amp; Memory Activity</b></p> <p><i>game directions, Appendix B</i></p>	<p>A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus:</li> <li>• Lesson 1 Activity: Egg Shakers</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Activity: Jingle Bell Hands</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Activity: Big Voice, Little Voice</li> </ul> <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p>  <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p><b>Bible Story Review Game</b></p> <p><i>game directions, Appendix B</i></p>	<p>A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 1 Game: Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Can You Remember?</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Clothespin Line Up and Drop</li> </ul> <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p>  <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p><b>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets</b></p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer</li> </ul> <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p>  <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p><b>Extra Crafts: Big Question Craft</b> <i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p><b>Bible Verse Craft</b> <i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p><b>Bible Story Puzzle</b> <i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p><b>These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets:</b></p> <p><b>The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft</b> is a craft that summarizes the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time.</p> <p>The <b>Bible Story Coloring Sheet</b> provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning.</p> <p>The <b>Storyboard Picture Placement Page</b> 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.</p> <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with these activities for even deeper learning ★</p>  <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p><b>Free Play Activities</b> ★ <i>ideas in Appendix D</i></p>	<p>Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.</p>



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

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<p><b>Transition to Closing Circle</b></p> <p><b>Classroom Song, verse 3</b></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Classroom Song, verse 3</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 3</i></span></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Closing Circle Time</b></p> <p><b>Classroom Song, verse 4</b></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>When children are settled in the circle, say:</i></p> <p>"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!"</p> <p><b>Classroom Song, verse 4</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 4</i></span></p> <p>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?</p>
<p><b>Big News to Tell</b></p> <p><b>Big Question 16</b> <i>VISUAL AID</i> </p> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Big Question 16, Bible Truth 1</b> <i>VISUAL AID</i> </p>	<p>"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!</p> <p>First of all, can you tell me the answer to our <b>Big Question: "What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?"</b> <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: <b>"God Will Make Everything New!"</b></p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, tracks 12,13</i></span></p> <p>And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? <i>Point to the picture.</i></p> <p><b>Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly!</b></p> <p>"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: <b>"The Bible tells me so!"</b> That's right!</p>
<p><b>Big Question 16 Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i> </p> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, NIV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: <b>Revelation 22:12-13:</b></p> <p>"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "I am coming soon! I will give to everyone according to what he has done."</p> <p>One day, Jesus will come back. He will bring an end to sin and death. He will fairly judge everyone. Oh, what an awful day it will be for those who did not turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus! There will be no good reward for them. Only God's punishment for their sins. How sad!</p> <p>But the day Jesus comes back will be a wonderful day of celebration for God's people! He will reward the good things that God did through them. And because they did turn away from their sins and trusted in Him as their Savior, they will go to live with Him forever in the new heaven and earth He will create for them. We will be there on that day, too. It can be a day of celebration for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, track 17</i></span></p>

**4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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<p><b>Closing ACTS Prayer Time</b></p> <p><b>ACTS Prayer Chant</b></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!</i></p> <p><b>ACTS Prayer Chant Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD NIV Songs 16, tracks 10,11</i></span></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,          Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh,          Let's begin.</p>
<p><b>Closing ACTS Prayer</b></p>	<p>"Let's pray!"</p> <p><i>Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.</i></p> <p><b>A</b> We praise You, Jesus, for being the good Judge who will give out fair rewards and punishments to all people at the end of time. We praise You for being the Savior who offers to forgive us and make us God's people, so we can live with You and celebrate on that day You judge us all.</p> <p><b>C</b> Jesus, we know that we are all sinners. We have all disobeyed God's laws. We can never deserve to be God's people on our own. We need You to be our Savior!</p> <p><b>T</b> Thank You that we do not have to depend on our own goodness on the day You judge us. Thank You for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior. Thank You that You will judge all who do according to Your perfect life, not their own. You have taken God's punishment in their place. They are forgiven. If we trust in You, we not have to fear Your punishment on that day. We can look forward in excitement to life with You forever.</p> <p><b>S</b> Work in our hearts! Help us all to turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Help us to do good things with the gifts You have given us. Help us to love You and love others. Come back soon, Jesus! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
<p><b>5. TAKING IT HOME</b> <i>(Take Home Sheet)</i></p>	
<p><b>Clean up and Dismissal</b> </p>	<p>"Now it's time to work together and clean up."  <i>Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.</i></p>
<p><b>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets</b> </p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p><i>Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.</i></p> <p><i>(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)</i></p>
<p><b>Bible Story to Take-Home</b></p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p>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.</p>

**The Case of the Two, Big Books***Matthew 16; Mark 8:27-38, Revelation 20:11-15***Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and prepare storyboard figures/Story Scenes, if using. (In Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard figures/Story Scenes, 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/hold up Story Scenes 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 The Case of the Two, Big Books. 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 will come back at the end of time? To do what?**
2. **What are the two, big books? What will He do with the two big books?**

**Detective Dan’s Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Revelation 22:12-13:**

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

I need to find out:

1. **Who is coming back?**
2. **What will He do He comes back?**

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

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

Our six clues are: two books, John, a bus, Jesus, the forever king, the cross, and a hot dog.

*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 will praise God on the day that Jesus comes back? What will Jesus have done for them already that will make them so happy?**

**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 Two, Big Books** *Matthew 16; Mark 8:27-38, Revelation 20:11-15*

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

**“Who is this Jesus?”** people wondered. **“He talks about God like no teacher we’ve ever heard! He heals sick people with just His word! He raises the dead people back to life! He prays, and little pieces of fish and bread become enough to feed huge crowds of people! We’ve never seen anyone do such amazing things by God’s power. Who is this Jesus?”** they asked.

**“He’s John the Baptist come back to life,”** thought some people. John the Baptist was a godly man who preached about God but had been captured and killed by King Herod. These people believed God had brought John back to life as Jesus. Was THAT who Jesus was?

*What do you think?*

**Jesus WAS a godly man. He DID preach about God. But, no. He wasn’t John come back to life. Jesus was His own person, and He was Someone far greater than John.**

**“Jesus is a great prophet, like Elijah, from the old days,”** other people said. Prophets were people God sent to tell the people of Israel how to obey Him. Was THAT who Jesus was?

*What do you think?*

**Jesus HAD been sent by God. And like the prophets, Jesus DID tell the people how to obey God. But, no! That’s not who Jesus was either. He was Someone far greater than just a prophet.**

**Well, if He wasn’t John come back to life, or a prophet, just like in the old days, then who WAS Jesus?**

**For three years, Jesus had been showing and telling them who He really was with everything He did and said. Now, it was almost time for Him to die. So, Jesus took His disciples up to Caesarea Philippi, the greatest worship place of fake gods in Israel, to a temple-cave called the “The Gates of Hell.” He had something very important to talk to them about.**

**As they neared that temple-cave, where God’s enemy, Satan, seemed so strong, Jesus used a question to make it clear to His disciples the REAL answer about Himself. And, He would help them understand what that answer meant for His life and theirs. So, Jesus turned to His disciples, and asked, “Who do YOU say that I am?”**

**Peter spoke up right away: “You are the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God, sent to save us.” Peter believed Jesus was the great Forever King God promised to send. This king was to rule the world God’s way and get rid of God’s enemies --those who do not want Him to be king and will not turn from disobeying Him. Was THAT who Jesus was? Did Peter have it right?**

*What do you think?*

**“You are right, Peter. I am the Messiah, the Christ, God’s Forever King,”** Jesus replied. **“God, My Father, has given you this faith to know who I am and believe in Me. And Your faith is just the beginning. God will give this faith to many, and they will become God’s people, the Church. And not even God’s enemy, Satan, or the “Gates of Hell” will defeat it,”** Jesus said. **Jesus was stronger than even the strongest enemy. He was why His Church would endure. He would beat sin and death AND Satan for them!**

**“But shhh, don’t tell anyone who I am just yet,”** Jesus told them. **“Before I rule as king, I must be taken by My enemies to suffer and die on the cross. And on the third day, I will be raised from the dead,”** Jesus explained.

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

**Peter didn't like what Jesus said. "No, Lord. This will not happen to You!" Peter scolded. Peter was sure Jesus had it wrong. Enemies weren't supposed to hurt God's Forever King! No! HE was supposed get rid of God's enemies! HE was supposed to bring an end to sin! HE was supposed to be worshiped by all! The great, Forever King shouldn't suffer and die! He should live Forever! Jesus had it WRONG!**

**"But it was Peter who was wrong. "Stop saying this, Peter!" Jesus replied. "You might think you are trying to protect Me, but you're talking like Satan, God's great enemy. You are tempting Me to disobey God's good plan," Jesus told Peter. "I MUST suffer and die on the cross to save God's people," Jesus insisted.**

**"If you're going to follow Me, you must choose to obey God's plan, too," Jesus told the listening crowd. "You must take up your cross and follow Me. Following Me will be hard. You will have to say "no" to sin, including some of the things the rest of the world enjoys. You may even lose your life to follow Me. But, you will gain something even better: life with God forever," Jesus told them.**

**"I've come to the world this time to suffer and die. But I'll come back again as the great, glorious Forever King over all. Everyone will see Me as I come down from heaven, shiny with the bright glory of God," Jesus said. "The angels of heaven will be with Me when I burst through the sky. Then, I will judge all people," Jesus told them. "I will give out last and fair punishments to all, according to what they have done," He explained.**

**What will the Great Day of Judgment be like? What are the last and fair punishments that Jesus will give out?**

**Years later, Jesus gave John —another of His disciples-- a look at what it would be like. John wrote down what he saw in the Bible book we call Revelation. "I saw a great, white throne with Jesus seated on it. Everyone who has ever lived stood before the throne," John wrote.**

**"Then I saw great books opened up. In one book was written what each person had done in his life. This was the Book of Deeds. Jesus judged each person fairly, according to what each had done," John wrote. "Those who had chosen to keep on disobeying God and did not trust in Jesus as their Savior were sent out of God's presence forever. How sad it will be for these people!" John said.**

**"But there was another book. It was called the Book of Life," John wrote. "In this book were written the names of all of God's people --all who had turned away from disobeying God and trusted in Jesus as their Savior," he explained. "These people were sinners, too, but there will be no punishment for their sins. Instead, they will be rewarded as if they had lived the perfect life that Jesus had lived. Why? Because Jesus paid for their sins already when He suffered and died on the cross."**

**"These people will never leave God's presence. They will live with Him, enjoying His Perfect Wonderfulness as His dearly-loved people forever," John wrote. "There will no more sickness, sadness, sin, or death for them. Only happiness forever."**

**Oh, what a day that will be, when Jesus comes back as the Forever King and judges all people fairly! Only God knows exactly when that day will come, but we can be ready for it, whenever it is. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Thank You, Jesus, for being merciful Savior now, so we can enjoy You as our good, Forever King on that day!**

**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 will come back at the end of time?** Jesus will.  
**2. What are the two, big books? What will He do with the two, big books?** One book, the Book of Deeds, is the book that tells about every person's life—everything they've done, both good and bad. The other book is called "The Book of Life." It has the names of everyone who turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Jesus will judge all people fairly with these books. He will give them their final reward or punishment, according to how they have lived and whether they have asked God to forgive their sins through Jesus.

**For You and Me:**

It can be scary thinking about the day that Jesus comes back and judges each of us for what we have done. But the good news is that all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can rejoice on that day! Yes, they have done many bad things, just like everyone else. But they asked God to forgive their sins through Jesus. They are forgiven. They will not be punished for their sins since Jesus paid for them already. Because of Jesus, they are God's people, and they will be forever and ever. God can help us be ready for that day. He can forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**  
**Our Bible Verse is Revelation 22:12-13**

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

**1. Who is coming back?** Jesus is.  
**2. What will He do He comes back?** Jesus will judge all people fairly.

**For You and Me:**

It can be scary thinking about the day that Jesus comes back and judges each of us for what we have done. But the good news is that all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can rejoice on that day! Yes, they have done many bad things, just like everyone else. But they asked God to forgive their sins through

Jesus. They are forgiven. They will not be punished for their sins, since Jesus paid for them already. Because of Jesus, they are God's people and they will be forever and ever. God can help us be ready for that day. He can forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer.

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

Our six clues were: two books, John, a bus, Jesus, the forever king, the cross, and a hot dog.

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

The two books, John, Jesus, the forever king and the cross belong. The bus and the hot dog do not.

**2. Who will praise God on the day that Jesus comes back? What will Jesus have done for them already that will make them so happy? God's people will praise God on that day. Because Jesus has already paid for their sins, they will not have to receive God's punishment. They will get to go to live with God forever.**

**For You and Me:**

It can be scary thinking about the day that Jesus comes back and judges each of us for what we have done. But the good news is that all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can rejoice on that day! Yes, they have done many bad things, just like everyone else. But they asked God to forgive their sins through Jesus. They are forgiven. They will not be punished for their sins since Jesus paid for them already. Because of Jesus, they are God's people, and they will be forever and ever. God can help us be ready for that day. He can forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn away from 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:**

**What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?  
 God Will Make Everything New...  
 Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly!**

It is scary to think about God's punishment for sin, isn't it? But we don't have to be scared. We can be ready for that Day. We can turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior and live our lives to please God. All who do, have their names written in that wonderful Book of Life. They are forgiven of their sins and become God's dearly-loved people. They will get to love, know, and enjoy God forever, and that will be truly the most wonderful thing that we will ever know!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, Jesus, for being the good Judge who will give out fair rewards and punishments to all people at the end of time. We praise You for being the Savior who offers to forgive us and make us God's people, so we can live with You and celebrate on that day You judge us all.
- C** Jesus, we know that we are all sinners. We have all disobeyed God's laws. We can never deserve to be God's people on our own. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, that we do not have to depend on our own goodness on the day You judge us. Thank You for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior. Thank You that You will judge all who do according to Your perfect life, not their own. You have taken God's punishment in their place. They are forgiven. If we trust in You, we don't have to fear Your punishment on that day. We can look forward in excitement to life with You forever.
- S** Work in our hearts! Help us all to turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Help us to do good things with the gifts You have given us. Help us to love You and love others. Come back soon, Jesus! 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



P.1

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**

What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New!

**Meaning**

Jesus is coming back one day. What a day it will be! This old world and its ways will come to an end. God will destroy it and sin and death with it. He will create a new, perfect world for His people to live in with Him forever. It will be a beautiful, happy place where there will never be anything sad or bad in it...ever! God's people will live there with Jesus as their king. Here on earth, they know God in their hearts; but there, they will see Him face-to-face. Think of your favorite thing to do. Life with Jesus will be better than this. Think of your favorite place to be. Life with Jesus in the new world will be better than that! Think of your favorite person to be with. Living with Jesus will be far better than that! There will never be anything better than living with God like this! What a wonderful day that will be for God's people! What a wonderful day that will be for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

1. Where did Jesus suffer and die to save God's people from their sins? *On the cross.*
2. Where did Jesus go after He was buried in a grave? *He rose from the dead and then went to heaven to rule in heaven as the great King of kings and Lord of lords.*
3. Where will Jesus come back to again one day? *To earth.*
4. What will Jesus get rid of when He comes? *Sin and death, once and for all.*
5. What will God make after Jesus comes back? *A new heaven and earth with no sin in it.*
6. Who will God take to live in the new heavens and earth? *God's people to live with Him, happy forever.*
7. How can we be God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

**BIBLE TRUTH**

God Will Make Everything New... Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly!

**Meaning**

When Jesus comes back, He will gather everyone who has ever lived before Him to be judged fairly. All the people who are alive when Jesus comes back, will stand before Him. All the people who were already dead will come out of the places they are buried and appeared before Him, too. Millions and millions, billions and billions of people. There will be more people than WE can know or count standing before Jesus on that day. But they won't be too many for Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. He knows everyone completely. Nothing is hidden from Him. And on that day, Jesus will sit on His throne (king's chair) and will judge all of us. What does it mean to judge? It means that Jesus will think fairly about what each person did with the life God gave them. Did they love God and serve Him? Did they love others? How did they use the good gifts God gave them? And most importantly, did they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior... or, did they refuse Him? It will be the saddest of days for all who refused to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The day for forgiveness and mercy will be over. Now, they will be separated from God and everything good forever. Satan and all the angels who rebelled against God will receive this final, terrible punishment, too. Oh, how I wish that everyone would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus instead of receiving God's punishment! But what about God's people? How will Jesus fairly think about them? Didn't they disobey God, too? Shouldn't they be separated from God, too? Yes, they did disobey God, too. Yes, they deserve to be separated from God; but instead, they will receive wonderful, eternal life with God on that day! Why? Because they turned away from their sins and asked for God's forgiveness. They trusted in Jesus as their Savior, and He paid for their sins when He died on the cross. Because of Jesus, this will be a day of praise for them. Jesus will reward them for the good works they did in His name. And best of all, they will get to live happily with God in special closeness forever. We can be ready for that day, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

1. Who will Jesus gather together when He comes back? *All people who have ever lived.*
2. What will Jesus do for each person? *Judge how they lived their life. Whether they turned away from their sins and trusted in Him (Jesus) as their Savior or not.*
3. What will happen to those who chose to keep on disobeying God and did not trust in Jesus as their Savior? *They will receive God's punishment and it will be very, very sad!*
4. What will happen to God's people, to those who did turn away from disobeying God and trusted in Jesus as their Savior? *They will go to live with God forever.*
5. On whose life does Jesus judge people who did not trust in Him as their Savior? *On their own life. They will receive God's fair punishment for their sins since they were not forgiven.*
6. Why won't God's people be punished for their sins when Jesus judges their lives? *Because Jesus already paid for their sins when He died on the cross.*
7. On whose life does Jesus judge people who did trust in Him as their Savior? *On Jesus' perfect life. They will receive the wonderful reward of Jesus, God's Son. Their sins are forgiven. They will go to live with God forever.*
8. How can we be God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting 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

<p><b>THE GOSPEL</b></p>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! How merciful God has been to us! Even though we have all disobeyed Him and all deserve His forever punishment, He sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it as full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven. They are God's people. On the day Jesus gives out punishment for sin, there will be no punishment for them. Jesus already took it for them on the cross. They will live forever with God in the wonderful, new world God will make. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." -- Revelation 22:12-13</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "I am coming soon! I will give to everyone according to what he has done."</p> <p>One day, Jesus will come back. He will bring an end to sin and death. He will fairly judge everyone. Oh, what an awful day it will be for those who did not turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus! There will be no good reward for them. Only God's punishment for their sins. How sad! But the day Jesus comes back will be a wonderful day of celebration for God's people! He will reward the good things that God did through them. And because they did turn away from their sins and trusted in Him as their Savior, they will go to live with Him forever in the new heaven and earth He will create for them. We will be there on that day, too. It can be a day of celebration for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who promises to come soon? <i>Jesus does.</i></li> <li>2. What does Jesus promise to give to everyone? <i>A reward based on what they have done.</i></li> <li>3. What will Jesus give to those who never asked for God's forgiveness for their sins and never trusted in Him as their Savior? <i>It will be a sad day. They will receive God's punishment for their sins.</i></li> <li>4. What will Jesus give to those who did ask for God's forgiveness for their sins and did trust in Jesus as their Savior? <i>He will reward them with life with Him forever.</i></li> <li>5. How is Jesus the Beginning and the End? <i>All things were created through Him in the beginning. He is the one who will come back to end this world and judge us all fairly.</i></li> <li>6. <i>How can we be ready for the day when Jesus judges all people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>BIBLE STORY</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p><b>The Case of the Two, Big Books</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What did people think about Jesus? <i>They were amazed at how He taught about God and the great things He did by God's power.</i></li> <li>2. Who did the people think Jesus was? <i>Maybe John the Baptist or maybe one of the prophets--the special messengers of God.</i></li> <li>3. Who did Peter say Jesus was? <i>The Son of God, the Christ. The Forever King God had promised to send.</i></li> <li>4. What did Jesus tell Peter and others that He must do before He would rule as the Forever King? <i>Suffer and die on the cross, then be raised from the dead.</i></li> <li>5. What did Peter say when Jesus told them this? <i>That it should not be this way! Jesus was the Forever King. He should be worshiped, not suffer and die.</i></li> <li>6. What did Jesus tell Peter? <i>To stop saying this! To stop tempting Him to not follow God's good plan.</i></li> <li>7. What did Jesus say would happen when he returned as the Forever King? <i>He would gather all people together and judge them fairly. He would give out final punishments to all.</i></li> <li>8. What will happen to those who do not stop disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior? <i>It will be a very sad day for them. They will face God's forever punishment for their sins.</i></li> <li>9. What will happen to those who DO turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior? <i>They will be forgiven for their sins because of Jesus. They will get to live with God forever.</i></li> <li>10. <i>How can we be ready for that great Day of Judgment? We can turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. This is how God forgives our sins and makes us His dearly-loved people, ready to stand before Him, because of what Jesus has done for us.</i></li> </ol>