

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

**Curriculum Resources
for Unit 16, Bible Truth 2:**



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

God Will Make Everything New...

**God's People Will Live Happily
with God Forever!**

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



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

Review



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

Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



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

Let There Be Music



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

Put the Props in Place



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

Set Out Free Play Activities



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

Prepare Any Activities



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

Let Them Take It with Them



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

Store It



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

Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King

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, ESV

"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things 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, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth (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, ESV

➔ 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, ESV

Deep Down Detectives ESV 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.

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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: And He Who Was Seated Revelation 21:5-6, ESV
- 15 *Extra Big Question 16 Bible Verse Song: I Am Making All Things New Revelation 21:5, NIV 1984 (other version)*
- 16 Big Question 16 Hymn: At the Name of Jesus, v.1
- 17 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

- 18 Bible Verse: Behold, Behold Revelation 22:12-13, ESV
- 19 *Extra Bible Verse: Henceforth There Is 2 Timothy 4:8, ESV*
- 20 *Extra Bible Verse: The Day of the Lord 2 Peter 3:10-13, ESV*
- 21 *Extra Bible Verse: When You Hear of Wars Mark 13:7-10,26,27, ESV*
- 22 *Extra Bible Verse: God Is Just 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, NIV 1984*

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

- 23 Bible Verse: Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, ESV
- 24 *Extra Bible Verse: Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, ESV*
- 25 *Extra Bible Verse: We'll All Be Changed 1 Corinthians 15:51,52,54, ESV*
- 26 *Extra Bible Verse: Behold a Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV*
- 27 *Extra Bible Verse: No More Death Revelation 21:3-4;22:3-8, ESV*

Big Question 16, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

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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: “And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new...It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”--Revelation 21:5-6, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Concept: God Will Make Everything New... God’s People Will Live Happily with God Forever!

Have you ever been to a wedding? If you have, perhaps you’ve watched how happy the bride (woman) and groom (man) are to get married. They love each other so much and love being together. They are so happy on their wedding day! It’s the day they begin to live the rest of their lives together.

The Bible says that Jesus is like a groom waiting for the day of His wedding. Not because He’s going to get married to a woman, but because He is waiting to be joined forever with God’s people, whom He loves so much. They are like a bride to Him.

At the end of world, it will be like a wedding day for Jesus and God’s people. That will be the day when, at last, Jesus and God’s people start living together in the new heaven and earth, He’s creating for them. There will be a great celebration called the Wedding Feast of the Lamb (“the Lamb” is a nickname for Jesus that reminds God’s people that He died to save them). What a lot there will be to celebrate! Jesus will rule as king forever. All of God’s people will love Him and obey Him all the time. There will never be any sadness or hurting or dying anymore. Best of all, God’s people will be completely filled up with knowing and enjoying God and each other in a way that can only be described as Perfect Wonderfulness. And it will be like this forever and ever and ever. We can become God’s people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Revelation 19:6-7, ESV

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.”

Learn a Little: “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.”

Meaning

This song is full of Bible words! “Hallelujah” is a Bible word that means “Praise the Lord.” That’s exactly what God’s people will be doing when Jesus comes back to take them home to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever!

“The Lamb” is a nickname for Jesus, who died on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of God’s people. Jesus has given God’s people the nickname of “His Bride.” They are His special people who He loves so much and will be joined to them forever. How happy they will live together, forever and ever. They will rejoice with a big celebration! We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, Jesus! You are the great King who now rules over everything in heaven and will return one day. You will do away with sin, sadness, and death. You will be the great King over the new heaven and earth forever.
- C** Jesus, we know that we disobey You and all of God's good laws. We can never be good enough on our own to deserve to live with You when You return. We ask You to forgive us! Be our Savior, so we can be God's people and live with You forever.
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for coming to be our Savior! Thank You that we can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Thank You for promising to get rid of sin, sadness, and death when You come back again. Thank You that You will create a perfect, new world for God's people to enjoy with You forever.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You today. Help us to look forward to the day when You come back and make all things new. Come back soon, Jesus! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 2 Story**The Case of the Promise Keeper**

Isaiah 1,2,6,24,25,49,52-53,60,65,66; Daniel 3; Revelation 21

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 16 Song

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

Big Question 16 Bible Verse Song: And He Who Was Seated Revelation 21:5-6, ESV

Extra Big Question 16 Bible Verse Song: I Am Making All Things New Revelation 21:5, NIV 1984

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

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1. GETTING STARTED

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<p>Intake Activity Ideas</p>	<p>Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children as they join the class:</p>																						
<p>Free Play Time <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>OR Sing-along Music Time <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i> <i>listen to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org:Deep Down Detectives Music page</i></p>	<p>Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 16:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Big Q & A 16 Song</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 12</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 16 Song</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 13</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 16 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: And He Who Was Seated Revelation 21:5-6, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 14</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 16 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: I Am Making All Things New Revelation 21:5, NIV 1984</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 15</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 16 Hymn: At the Name of Jesus, v.1</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 16</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 16 Praise Song: He Is Lord</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 17</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 23</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 24</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: We'll All Be Changed 1 Corinthians 15:51,52,54, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 25</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Behold a Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 26</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: No More Death Revelation 21:3-4;22:3-8, ESV</td> <td><i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 27</i></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appendix B.</i></p>	Big Q & A 16 Song	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 12</i>	Big Question 16 Song	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 13</i>	Big Question 16 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: And He Who Was Seated Revelation 21:5-6, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 14</i>	Extra Big Question 16 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: I Am Making All Things New Revelation 21:5, NIV 1984	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 15</i>	Big Question 16 Hymn: At the Name of Jesus, v.1	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 16</i>	Big Question 16 Praise Song: He Is Lord	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 17</i>	Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 23</i>	Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 24</i>	Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: We'll All Be Changed 1 Corinthians 15:51,52,54, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 25</i>	Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Behold a Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 26</i>	Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: No More Death Revelation 21:3-4;22:3-8, ESV	<i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 27</i>
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<p>OR Bible Verse Memory Game <i>instructions found in Appendix B</i></p>	<p>Lesson 1 Game: Loud and Soft, Big and Little Lesson 2 Game: Freeze 'n' Say Lesson 3 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice</p> <p><i>These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities.</i></p>																						
<p>2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)</p>																							
<p>Gathering the Children <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>Sing verse 1 of <i>The Classroom Song</i> to gather the children for Circle Time.</p> <p>The Classroom Song, verse 1 <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 1</i> 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>Welcome to Deep Down Detectives</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>																						

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<p>Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."</p> <p>★ Deep Down Detectives Theme Song DDD ESV Songs 16, track 5</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>Classroom Rules Song</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>Classroom Rules Song DDD ESV Songs 16, track 6</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>Opening Prayer Time</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>Let's Pray DDD ESV Songs 16, track 7</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>★ Opening Prayer</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>

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<p>Reveal the Big Question</p> <p>Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>“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.</p> <p>The Big Question Box Song <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 8</i></p> <p>We’ve got a big box, All closed up and locked, Filled with the truths of God’s Word.</p> <p>We’ve got a brief case, There’s no time to waste, Come on, kids, let’s open it up!</p>
<p>The Big Question under Investigation</p> <p>VISUAL AID</p>  <p>#1 of BQB</p> <p><i>Big Question & Answer Sign, front side</i></p> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p>	<p>Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?”</p> <p><i>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:</i></p> <p>★ 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!</p>
<p>Big Question Meaning</p>	<p>★ 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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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!</p>
<p>Big Question Songs</p> <p>Big Q & A 16 Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>★ Let’s sing our Big Question Song:</p> <p>Big Q & A 16 Song <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 12</i></p> <p><i>(adapted version of “The Bear Went Over the Mountain”)</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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<p>Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)</p> <p>★</p>	<p>Repeat the Big Question and Answer again: "What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New!"</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>Big Question Action Rhyme</p>	<p>Big Question 16 Action Rhyme</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>(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)</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>Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song</p> <p>★</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>Big Question 16 (Action Rhyme) Song</p> <p>What will happen when Jesus comes back? God will make everything new.</p> <p>Refrain: 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>Verse 1 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>Verse 2 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 ESV Songs 16, track 13</i></p> <p>(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)</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

AID



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 all 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, we've learned one truth about what will happen when Jesus comes back. It's this one: "Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these 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!
God's People Will ???? Happily with God Forever!"**

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "Where someone makes their home? It starts with an "l" and it rhymes with "give"

Can you guess? It's "give."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:
(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

★ **"What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?
God Will Make Everything New!
God's People Will ???? Happily with God Forever!"**

Bible Truth Meaning

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

Have you ever been to a wedding? If you have, perhaps you've watched how happy the bride (woman) and groom (man) are to get married. They love each other so much and love being together. They are so happy on their wedding day! It's the day they begin to live the rest of their lives together.

The Bible says that Jesus is like a groom waiting for the day of His wedding. Not because He's going to get married to a woman, but because He is waiting to be joined forever with God's people, whom He loves so much. They are like a bride to Him.

At the end of world, it will be like a wedding day for Jesus and God's people. That will be the day when, at last, Jesus and God's people start living together in the new heaven and earth, He's creating for them. There will be a great celebration called the Wedding Feast of the Lamb ("the Lamb" is a nickname for Jesus that reminds God's people that He died to save them). What a lot there will be to celebrate! Jesus will rule as king forever. All of God's people will love Him and obey Him all the time. There will never be any sadness or hurting or dying anymore. Best of all, God's people will be completely filled up with knowing and enjoying God and each other in a way that can only be described as Perfect Wonderfulness. And it will be like this forever and ever and ever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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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 ESV 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 16.2 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL AID

Place verse in take out



#4 of BQB

DDD Bible Folder

"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 19:6-7 tells us:

★ **Revelation 19:6-7**

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."

Learn a Little: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."

*found in the DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, ESV Book


Bible Verse Meaning

★ **What does that mean?**

This song is full of Bible words! "Hallelujah" is a Bible word that means "Praise the Lord." That's exactly what God's people will be doing when Jesus comes back to take them home to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever!

"The Lamb" is a nickname for Jesus, who died on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus has given God's people the nickname of "His Bride." They are His special people who He loves so much and will be joined to them forever. How happy they will live together, forever and ever. They will rejoice with a big celebration! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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**Bible Verse
Song**

*lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A*

You might also enjoy:

*Hallelujah!
Revelation 19:6-7, ESV
DDD ESV Songs 16, track 24*

*We'll All Be Changed
1 Corinthians 15:51,52,54,
ESV
DDD ESV Songs 16, track 25*

*Behold a Great Multitude
Revelation 7:9-10, ESV
DDD ESV Songs 16, track 26*

*No More Death
Revelation 21:3-4;22:3-8,
ESV
DDD ESV Songs 16, track 27*

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

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Revelation 19:6-7, ESV

DDD ESV Songs 16, track 23

Hallelujah, hallelujah, the Lord, our God reigns,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult,
And give Him the glory,
For the marriage of the Lamb has come,
And his Bride has made herself ready.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, the Lord, our God reigns,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.
Revelation Chapter Nineteen, verses six and seven.

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<p>Getting into the Case</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>Listening Assignments</p> <p>Place in  take out  of BQB</p>	<p>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.</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, ESV</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What promises were the people of Israel waiting to come true? 2. Who has come and will come again, so that all these promises come true?
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>Our Bible Verse is Revelation 19:6-7, ESV</p> <p>"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who were the people of Israel looking forward to coming and being their Forever King? 2. What was the name of that king?
<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, ESV</p>	<p>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:</p> <p>I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story. They are: a man named Abraham, a crown, a mouse, a fake god, soldier, and a boat. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? 2. Who is the promised Forever King? Who will praise Him forever?
<p>Tell the Bible Story</p> <p>Place story & pics in  take out  of BQB</p> <p>DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, ESV</p> <p>Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book</p>	<p>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."</p> <p>Bible Story: The Case of the Promise Keeper</p> <p>Isaiah 1,2,6,24,25,49,52-53,60,65,66; Daniel 3; Revelation 21</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>

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<p>Story Response Song(s)</p> <p>Hymn</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>Hymn: At the Name of Jesus <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 16</i></p> <p>Verse 4 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>Tie-in: "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>
<p>Praise Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>Praise Song: He Is Lord <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 17</i></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>Tie-in: "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>

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

<p>Transition to Activities</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>
<p>Classroom Song, verse 2</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>Classroom Song, verse 2 <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 2</i></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>

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (choose from among these activities) ★ = short & simple lesson plan

<p>Response Activities</p>	<p>Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. ★</p>
<p>Bible Verse Memory Game</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"> Lesson 1 Game: Loud and Soft, Big and Little Lesson 2 Game: Freeze 'n' Say Lesson 3 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Music, Movement & Memory Activity</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"> DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Sing, Dance and Fall Down Lesson 2 Activity: Bottle Shakers Lesson 3 Activity: March 'n' Say <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Bible Story Review Game</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"> Lesson 1 Game: Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt Lesson 2 Game: Run to the Grocery Store Lesson 3 Game: Who's in the Basket? <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets</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"> Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Extra Crafts: Big Question Craft</p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p>Bible Verse Craft</p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p>Bible Story Puzzle</p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p>These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets:</p> <p>The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft 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 Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning.</p> <p>The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.</p> <p>Use the Discussion Sheet with these activities for even deeper learning ★</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
<p>Free Play Activities ★</p> <p><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>Transition to Closing Circle</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 3</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>Classroom Song, verse 3 <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 3</i></p> <p>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>Closing Circle Time</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 4</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>Classroom Song, verse 4 <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 4</i></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>Big News to Tell</p> <p>Big Question 16</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">#1</div> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p>Big Question 16, Bible Truth 2</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">#3</div>	<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 Big Question: "What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?" <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: "God Will Make Everything New!"</p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, tracks 12,13</i></p> <p>And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? <i>Point to the picture.</i></p> <p>God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever!</p> <p>"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!</p>
<p>Big Question 16, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">#4</div> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 16 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: Revelation 19:6-7:</p> <p>"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."</p> <p>Learn a Little: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."</p> <p>What does that mean?</p> <p>This song is full of Bible words! "Hallelujah" is a Bible word that means "Praise the Lord." That's exactly what God's people will be doing when Jesus comes back to take them home to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever!</p> <p>"The Lamb" is a nickname for Jesus, who died on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus has given God's people the nickname of "His Bride." They are His special people who He loves so much and will be joined to them forever. How happy they will live together, forever and ever. They will rejoice with a big celebration! We can become God's people when 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> <i>DDD ESV Songs 16, track 23</i></p>

4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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<p>Closing ACTS Prayer Time</p> <p>ACTS Prayer Chant</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>ACTS Prayer Chant Song <i>DDDESV Songs 16, tracks 10,11</i></p> <p>A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him. Let's begin.</p>
<p>Closing ACTS Prayer</p>	<p>"Let's pray!"</p> <p><i>Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.</i></p> <p>A We praise You, Jesus! You are the great King who now rules over everything in heaven and will return one day. You will do away with sin, sadness, and death. You will be the great King over the new heaven and earth forever.</p> <p>C Jesus, we know that we disobey You and all of God's good laws. We can never be good enough on our own to deserve to live with You when You return. We ask You to forgive us! Be our Savior, so we can be God's people and live with You forever.</p> <p>T Thank You, Jesus, for coming to be our Savior! Thank You that we can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Thank You for promising to get rid of sin, sadness, and death when You come back again. Thank You that You will create a perfect, new world for God's people to enjoy with You forever.</p> <p>S Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You today. Help us to look forward to the day when You come back and make all things new. Come back soon, Jesus! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
<p>5. TAKING IT HOME <i>(Take Home Sheet)</i></p>	
<p>Clean up and Dismissal </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>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets </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>Bible Story to Take-Home</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 Promise Keeper*Isaiah 1,2,6,24,25,49,52-53,60,65,66; Daniel 3; Revelation 21***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 Promise Keeper. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

1. What promises were the people of Israel waiting to come true?
2. Who has come and will come again, so that all these promises come true?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Revelation 19:6-7, ESV**

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."

I need to know:

1. Who were the people of Israel looking forward to coming and being their Forever King?
2. What was the name of that king?

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

They are: a man named Abraham, a crown, a mouse, a fake god, soldier, and a boat

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 is the promised Forever King? Who will praise Him forever?

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 Promise Keeper *Isaiah 1,2,6,24,25,49,52-53,60,65,66; Daniel 3: Revelation 21*

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

“Promises, promises! When will the LORD ever give us what He promised?” the people of Israel wanted to know.

Long ago, the LORD promised Abraham that a son from his family, the people of Israel, would bless all peoples in the world. But where was this special blessing? He **STILL** had not come!

Promises, promises! The LORD promised this son would also come from King David’s family. He would be the Forever King and would rule over God’s people for all eternity. How happy would life be with Him in charge!

No wonder the people longed for this special Son to come. Their lives were so unhappy, and it was their own fault. Instead of keeping God’s good laws, they had chosen to break them, again and again. Instead of worshiping the LORD, they had chosen to worship fake gods, again and again. And, instead of learning God’s Word, they had chosen to forget it, again and again. So, instead of pouring out His blessings upon them, the LORD had to discipline them, again and again.

“March, march, march!” came the mighty soldiers of Babylon into Judah and Jerusalem. **“Crash, smash, burn!”** down went their houses, and even the Temple, the LORD’s beautiful worship place. Then, **“Tromp, tromp, tromp,”** off went the people of Israel to Babylon, where they had to work hard for their enemies.

How sad the people of Israel were in the faraway land of their enemies! But they knew this was the LORD’s punishment, and they knew they deserved it. Now, they were so very, very sorry. They wanted to turn back to the LORD, but was it too late? Were God’s promises to them really gone?

What do you think? Was it too late?

The LORD gave them His answer through His prophets, Isaiah, and Daniel. It was good news. **“Though your sins are so many, I, Myself, will provide the way for you to be forgiven,”** the LORD told the people. **“I have not forgotten My promises. I will keep them all. I won’t punish you forever. When seventy years have passed, I will bring you back home,”** He promised them.

That was great news, but the LORD had more, even **BETTER** news for them: **“A son of Abraham will STILL come and bless all the peoples of the world. This son of David will STILL come and rule as the Forever King,”** the LORD promised. **“But He won’t be just a son of Abraham and a son of David,”** the LORD told them. **“He will be MY Son, the Son of God. He will die for the sins of all My people. Then, He will rise from the dead, in victory over sin and death,”** the LORD said through Isaiah.

“Then, at the end of time, My Son will return to earth,” the LORD promised. **“He will judge all people fairly. Those who have NOT turned to the LORD will be separated from God forever. The time to receive God’s forgiveness will be passed for them. It will be a very, very sad day for those people.”**

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

“But how wonderful it will be for God’s people, all who turned away from their sins and trusted in Him as their Savior. I will create a new heaven and earth for them to live in with Me. It will be a wonderful, new world of perfect happiness,” the LORD said through His prophets. “NEVER will there be sadness or death. NEVER will anyone disobey Me anymore. They will delight to worship Me,” the LORD told the people of Israel. “And the Forever King, will rule on and on, and God’s people will live in the bright light of His glory forever,” the LORD promised the people.

Oh, what wonderful promises these were for those people of Israel, far away in the land of their enemies! How good the LORD is to His people! His love is more than they could ever deserve. God WOULD forgive and save all who turned back to Him in faith and repentance.

Promises, promises. Did God keep His promises to the people of Israel?

What do you think?

Yes, He did!

At just the right time, the LORD rescued them from their enemies and led them back home to Jerusalem. There was so much to do, but oh, how good it was to be home!

And, at just the right time, God sent the special Son—Abraham’s son, David’s son, GOD’S SON! He came to bless all the peoples of the world, and to save God’s people from their sins. He was born in Bethlehem one night, and angels sang and rejoiced at His birth. Do you know His name? I bet you do!

Can you tell me?

It’s Jesus!

That little baby, Jesus, grew up to be a man, a perfect man --the ONLY person who never, ever disobeyed God. He taught about God and He did amazing things.

He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God’s people and was buried in a cave-grave. But on Day Three, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God’s people! For forty days, Jesus spent time with His disciples, teaching them many things. Then, up to heaven, Jesus went, and He is there now, ruling as the Forever King.

Promises, promises. One day, God will keep the last of His promises. On that wonderful day, Jesus will come back to this world again. Everyone will see Him as He comes through the clouds.

Then, Jesus will judge all people fairly. This old, broken world will be gone, and He will create a new, perfect world in its place.

And in this wonderful, new, home God’s people will live with God forever. At last, they will get to know and enjoy Him fully. At last, they will get to know and enjoy each other fully, too. Sickness, sadness, sin, and death will be gone forever. It will be Perfect Wonderfulness that will never end. Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen!

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

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

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

- 1. What promises were the people of Israel waiting to come true?** God's promise to send a Son who would bless all nations and who would be the Forever King.
- 2. Who has come and will come again, so that all these promises come true?** Jesus!

For You and Me:

Like the people of Israel, we have all chosen to disobey God we all deserve His punishment. But through Jesus, God offers forgiveness for our sins. And the same promises that the people of Israel were waiting to come true will be promises that we're waiting to come true, too. What a wonderful day it will be when Jesus comes back to reign as the great, Forever King! God's people live with Him forever. It can be a happy day for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Revelation 19:6-7**

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."

I need to know:

- 1. Who were the people of Israel looking forward to coming and being their Forever King?** A special son God would send.
- 2. What was the name of that king? And what will it be like when he comes back?** Jesus is the name of that Forever King. He will do away with sin and death. He will create a new heaven and earth to replace this broken one. Jesus will live together with God's people forever. How happy they will be!

For You and Me:

The day Jesus comes back will be a great day of celebration for God's people. They look forward to living with Him forever. They look forward to sin and death been gone forever. We can become God's people, too. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be able to look forward to celebrating on that day and living with Jesus forever, too.

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: a man named Abraham, a crown, a mouse, a fake god, soldier, and a boat. *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?** Abraham, the crown, the fake god and the soldier belong. The mouse and the boat do not.
- 2. Who is the promised Forever King?** Who will live with Him and praise Him forever? Jesus is the Forever King. God's people will live with Him and praise Him forever.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Israel, we have all chosen to disobey God we all deserve His punishment. But through Jesus, God offers forgiveness for our sins. And those same promises that the people of Israel were waiting to come true will be promises that we're waiting to come true, too! What a wonderful day it will be when Jesus comes back to reign as the great, Forever King. God's people will praise Him and live with Him forever! It can be a happy day for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. 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...

God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever!

What will happen when Jesus comes back? God will make everything new... God's people will live happily with God forever! After Jesus puts an end to sin, God's people will go to live with Him forever. When God's people lived on earth, they were so thankful for God sending Jesus to save them. But when they live with Him forever, they will be even happier. For then, they will be filled up as full as people can be with the happiness of knowing God. If we turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We will get to be there with God and His people, enjoying Him forever and ever!

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, Jesus! You are the great King who now rules over everything in heaven and will return one day. You will do away with sin, sadness, and death. You will be the great King over the new heaven and earth forever.
- C** Jesus, we know that we disobey You and all of God's good laws. We can never be good enough on our own to deserve to live with You when You return. We ask You to forgive us! Be our Savior, so we can be God's people and live with You forever.
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for coming to be our Savior! Thank You that we can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Thank You for promising to get rid of sin, sadness, and death when You come back again. Thank You that You will create a perfect, new world for God's people to enjoy with You forever.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You today. Help us to look forward to the day when You come back and make all things new. 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...God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever!

Meaning

Have you ever been to a wedding? If you have, perhaps you've watched how happy the bride (woman) and groom (man) are to get married. They love each other so much and love being together. They are so happy on their wedding day! It's the day they begin to live the rest of their lives together. The Bible says that Jesus is like a groom waiting for the day of His wedding. Not because He's going to get married to a woman, but because He is waiting to be joined forever with God's people, whom He loves so much. They are like a bride to Him. At the end of world, it will be like a wedding day for Jesus and God's people. That will be the day when, at last, Jesus and God's people start living together in the new heaven and earth, He's creating for them. There will be a great celebration called the Wedding Feast of the Lamb ("the Lamb" is a nickname for Jesus that reminds God's people that He died to save them). What a lot there will be to celebrate! Jesus will rule as king forever. All of God's people will love Him and obey Him all the time. There will never be any sadness or hurting or dying anymore. Best of all, God's people will be completely filled up with knowing and enjoying God and each other in a way that can only be described as Perfect Wonderfulness. And it will be like this forever and ever and ever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions

choose a few

1. Who is like a groom waiting for his wedding day? *Jesus is.*
2. Who is Jesus waiting to live with? *God's people, forever.*
3. Where will Jesus and God's people live together forever? *The new heaven and earth.*
4. What is the Wedding Feast of the Lamb? *The big celebration of God's people and Jesus living together forever.*
5. Who will rule as king forever? *God will.*
6. What will not be in the new heaven and earth? *Death, sadness, pain, anything evil.*
7. How long will God's people and Jesus live together happily? *Forever and ever.*
8. How can we become 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

THE GOSPEL	<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 punishment, He sent His Son, 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. 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>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready." -- Revelation 19:6-7, ESV</p> <p>Learn a Little: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."</p> <p>This song is full of Bible words! "Hallelujah" is a Bible word that means "Praise the Lord." That's exactly what God's people will be doing when Jesus comes back to take them home to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever! "The Lamb" is a nickname for Jesus, who died on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus has given God's people the nickname of "His Bride." They are His special people who He loves so much and will be joined to them forever. How happy they will live together, forever and ever. They will rejoice with a big celebration! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p>1. What does "hallelujah" mean? <i>It is a Bible word that means "Praise the LORD!"</i></p> <p>2. Why will God's people be praising the LORD at the end of time? <i>Because He will at last be their king and they will live with Him.</i></p> <p>3. What will life between Jesus and God's people like in heaven? <i>It will be happy like a bride and a groom who have just gotten married. They will be so happy to be living together at last! But it will be even better than that because Jesus will get rid of all sin and death. There will only be happiness and it will never, ever end.</i></p> <p>4. Who is "the Lamb" a nickname for? Why? <i>For Jesus. Lambs were used as a worship gift giving to God, long, long ago. Jesus gave up His life as the perfect worship gift and full payment for the sins of God's people. He was willing to die for their sins, so they could be God's people forever.</i></p> <p>5. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<p>BIBLE STORY</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>The Case of the Promise Keeper</p> <p>1. What did the LORD promise God's people through Abraham? <i>That one of his sons would be a blessing to all the people of the world.</i></p> <p>2. What did the LORD promise God's people through David? <i>That one of his sons would rule as the Forever King.</i></p> <p>3. Had the people of Israel been faithful to the LORD, as they had promised Him? <i>No, they had not. Most of the time, they and their kings disobeyed Him. They deserved God's punishment, not these wonderful promises to be answered.</i></p> <p>4. Would the LORD still answer these promises, even though the people of Israel had been so sinful? <i>Yes, He would.</i></p> <p>5. Who was the son of Abraham who would come and bless all people? <i>Jesus. He would come to be the Savior for all people, from all places, who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.</i></p> <p>6. Who was the Forever King, the son of David, who will come one day and bring God's Kingdom forever? <i>Jesus is. One day He will come back and get rid of all sin and death forever.</i></p> <p>7. What will the world be like when Jesus comes back? <i>God will make everything new. He will create a new heaven and earth. There will be no more sadness or death or disobeying God. He will live with His people forever and it will be so very, very wonderful.</i></p> <p>8. What can we do to be God's people and share life with God's great Forever King, Jesus? <i>We can turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>