

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**70 Bible Truths  
for Inquisitive 4-7's**



**Unit 13**

**Core Curriculum, ESV  
The God Who Sustains**



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# **Psalm 100**

**the psalm behind the name**



**(v.1) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

**(v.2) Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into His presence with singing!**

**(v.3) Know that the LORD, He is God!**

**It is He who made us, and we are His;**

**We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

**(v.4) Enter His gates with thanksgiving,**

**And His courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

**(v.5) For the LORD is good;**

**His steadfast love endures forever,**

**And His faithfulness to all generations.**

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

The LORD is amazing! It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

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## Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

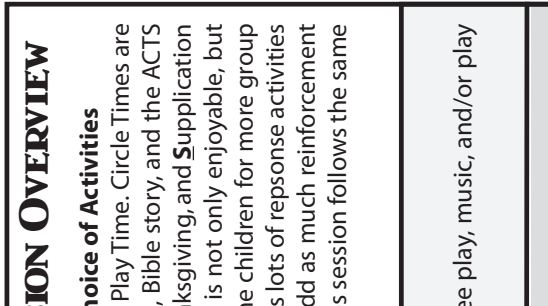
Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

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

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

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org).



 <h2 style="text-align: center;">DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">designed for ages 4-6, often used with ages 3-7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">the second of 3 curriculums in the Praise Factory family</p> <p style="text-align: center;">downloads and hard-copies available through <a href="http://www.praisefactory.org">www.praisefactory.org</a></p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES SESSION OVERVIEW</h3> <p><b>Session Format: Circle Times, Free Play and Your Choice of Activities</b> Each session is structured around Circle Time and Free Play Time. Circle Times are used to introduce and review the concept, Bible verse, Bible story, and the ACTS prayer. (A prayer including <u>A</u>doration, <u>C</u>onfession, <u>T</u>hanksgiving, and <u>S</u>upplication related to the Bible truth they are learning.) Free play is not only enjoyable, but also helps to replenish attention spans and prepare the children for more group listening later in the session. Every session also includes lots of response activities that you may choose to use during free play time to add as much reinforcement as best suits your children. Each Deep Down Detectives session follows the same four-part format, as described here:</p> <p><b>PART 1: Getting Started</b> A time to welcome the children to the class, enjoy free play, music, and/or play a Bible verse game.</p> <p><b>PART 2: Opening Circle Time</b> The children are gathered together for their primary teaching time. The Big Question and Bible Truth (and related songs) are introduced. A listening assignment* is given, the Bible story told, then the listening assignment answered at the end of story time.</p> <p><b>PART 3: Free Play/Activity Time</b> The children participate in free play and/or response activities.</p> <p><b>PART 4: Closing Circle Time</b> The children gather together for a brief review of what they have learned and a closing prayer. Teachers give out take home sheets as children are dismissed.</p> <p>*As with the other two Praise Factory curriculums, Deep Down Detectives has a few detective-ish elements to it. (1) There is the "Big Question Briefcase" that contains the key concept visual aids and the Bible storyboard pictures that the teacher uses as he teaches. And (2), Each story is called "The Case of the ...." and comes with "Detective Dan's Listening Assignments." These are listening assignments to be solved as the children listen to the story. There are 3 different listening assignments--one for each of the 3 sessions of curriculum included with each Deep Down Detectives Bible Truth. These questions are especially good for use with three-year-olds or older preschoolers.</p> <p><b>Session Length</b> The resources for each Deep Down Detectives session--as described in the lesson plan--are designed for a 60 to 90 minutes session. However, they can be easily tailored to fit a shorter or longer session.</p>
<h3 style="text-align: center;">DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES... AT A GLANCE</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaches the 16 Biblical (theological) themes used in all three Praise Factory curriculums, but in greater depth than in Hide 'n' Seek Kids. Each of these themes is presented as a "Big Question and Answer."</li> <li>Each theme is taught as a series of Bible truths that develop the theme. There are 69 Bible truths in all.</li> <li>There is one Bible story and one Bible verse for each of the 69 Bible truths. All of the Bible verses are set to music, which can be a great aid in learning and remembering them.</li> <li>There are three sessions of curriculum per Bible truth. Use as few or as many as you want. Each is jam-packed with activities.</li> <li>The multiple sessions give children the time they need to really learn each truth. The new activities keep the learning fresh each session.</li> <li>The curriculum for each Bible truth comes with a fully-scripted lesson plan, beautiful storyboard pictures, games, crafts, take-home sheets, and lots of music.</li> <li>The curriculum is flexible and is easily adaptable to many different teaching settings.</li> <li>Both downloads and hard copies available.</li> </ul>	

Note: \*If desired, you can start out each of the 16 units of Deep Down Detectives with one session (or more) from Hide 'n' Seek Kids curriculum. This creates a nice introduction to the over-arching theme for each unit. It would also add 16 or more sessions to the curriculum.

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

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

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

<p><b>Scripted Lesson Plan</b></p>  <p><i>Found in the Core Curriculum books</i></p>	<p>There are <b>three lessons of curriculum</b> provided for each Bible Truth. Since much of the text is the same for all three lessons, <b>only one lesson plan is needed</b>. The different activities for each lesson are noted where they occur. The lesson plans are fully-scripted. This helps even the most inexperienced teacher to know what to say and do. They train your teachers in what to say and do, every step of the way. Notice <b>the green squares with numbers</b> found in the left side bar of the lesson plan. These are references to the visual aids the teacher can use with the children as she teaches.</p>
<p><b>Visual Aids</b></p>  <p><i>Resources found in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books</i></p>	<p>Visual aids are very important in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. They help the children learn, and keep them focused and interested. Visual aids also help even the newest teacher teach with greater ease. All of the visual aids are used with the <b>Big Question Box/Briefcase and are revealed as the lesson progresses</b>. They include the Big Question and Answer sign, the Unit Bible Truths sign, the Bible Truth sign, the Bible Verse sign, the Listening Assignments (used as the children listen to the Bible story), and the storyboard pictures used with the Bible story.</p>
<p><b>Big Question Box/Briefcase</b></p>  <p><i>Directions for making this are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books</i></p>	<p><b>The Big Question Box/Briefcase</b> is a simple box with a lid that you buy or make; or, you can use a briefcase with a combination lock (kids love this!). Inside the Big Question Box/Briefcase are the props for key teaching concepts (Big Question and Answer; Unit Bible Truths, the Bible Truth concept, the Bible verse and Bible story. While not absolutely necessary, the Big Question Box adds a lot of interest to the lesson.</p>
<p><b>Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder</b></p>  <p><i>Directions for making this are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and Visual Aids books</i></p>	<p>The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder is a large, homemade folder <b>made from a 22" x 28" piece of poster board</b>. Images for the front and back of this mock Bible can be glued in place. 8.5" x 11" front and back cover images are included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids in the back. Larger versions of the front and back covers are found online for download with the resources for each unit.</p> <p>Inside this over-sized folder, the teacher places the Bible Verse, the Listening Assignment for the Bible story, the text to the Bible story and the storyboard pictures. The point of this Bible folder is for children to begin to grasp that the truths they are learning come from the Bible.</p>
<p><b>Simple Story Scenes, Storyboard &amp; Storyboard Pictures</b></p>  <p><i>Directions for making these are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives</i></p>	<p>Beautiful <b>storyboard pictures</b> have been created for you to put up on a feltboard to bring the story alive. (These figures are also used in the <b>Bible Story Review Game</b>.) The storyboard pictures are found in the <b>Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids Book</b> for each unit. <b>See Core Curriculum Appendix E for preparation instructions.</b></p> <p><b>Simple Story Scenes</b> are the easiest way to use the pictures. Each story is simply told with book-like illustrations and story text along the bottom.</p> <p>If you want a more traditional flannelgraph approach, choose the <b>Storyboard Pictures</b>. These are individual figures that let you build your own scene and allow kids to help put up the pictures. Fun, but they are more work. There are <b>two, different sizes of storyboard pictures</b> you can choose from. Small Format for the smaller class or home setting. Large Format, for a larger class.</p>

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

### Deep Down Detectives Music



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

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

### Deep Down Detectives Audio mp3's



*Resources found online only with the resources for each unit*

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

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

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

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

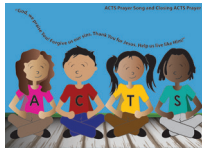
## Learning More about Deep Down Detectives Curriculum, by Activity

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

<p><b>Intake Activities</b></p> 	<p>These are activities that help the children settle in their class and get ready for learning. They are open-ended so that any child can join in as they are checked into class. <b>Younger children</b> typically do a free time activity.</p> <p><b>Older children</b> typically play a Bible Verse Memory Game or take part in the Sing-along Music Time. Adding the Music, Movement &amp; Memory Activity to the singing can be especially enjoyable for these children.</p> <p>Both the <b>Bible Verse Memory Game</b> and the <b>Music, Movement &amp; Memory Activity</b> are some of the games included in the Response Activities section of the lesson plan. There are three sets of these games suggested, enough for a new set of game for each of the three lessons included with each Bible Truth. <b>Game directions are found in Appendix B of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.</b></p>
<p><b>The Classroom Song</b></p> 	<p>Transitions between activities can be difficult, particularly for preschoolers. The Classroom Song is a simple song with four verses used at transition times to make transitions easy and fun.</p> <p><b>Verse 1: The Gathering Verse</b> invites the children to gather together to worship God.  <b>Verse 2: The Go and Play Verse</b> dismisses the children to play time.  <b>Verse 3: Time to Go &amp; Tell Verse</b> transitions the children to Closing Circle Time. It is used not only to help them remember what they have learned in class, but also to go and tell others what they've learned  <b>Verse 4: What's Our Big News Verse</b> asks the children to think about what they will go and tell others as they are dismissed.</p> <p><b>The lyrics to the Classroom Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. An audio version of each verse is included in the unit music.</b></p>
<p><b>The Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</b></p> 	<p>Circle Time opens with the curriculum theme song. It reminds the children what their learning time is about. <b>The lyrics to the Classroom Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The song audio included with the rest of the unit songs.</b></p>
<p><b>The Classroom Rules Song</b></p> 	<p>A major challenge and important goal with preschoolers is teaching them how to act in a more formal, group teaching setting. Remember this and do not let yourself become frustrated. Your work with the children now will make way for easier teaching as they get older. Reviewing simple and clear classroom rules, then praying for God's help with the children is a great way to start every session. During the rest of the session, you may want to refer back to the rules, praising the children when they are keeping them well or reminding them of the rules when addressing problems.</p> <p>The Classroom Rules Song provides a simple, fun to sing/say chant of class rules. It helps remind children of the behavior expected of them in class.</p> <p><b>The lyrics to the Classroom Rules Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is included in the unit music.</b></p>



**Prayers**



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

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

The Opening Prayer can be introduced with the **“Let’s Pray!” Song/rhyme**.

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

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

**The Big Question & Answer**



**The Big Question Box Song**



The Big Question and Answer is introduced by the use of a 8½”x 11” two-sided **Big Question and Answer sign**. This sign is hidden in **The Big Question Box/Briefcase**, a simple box with a lid you can buy or make; or, a briefcase. (Suggestions for making or buying one included in the Core Curriculum books in Appendix E).

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

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

**Big Question Action Rhyme and Song**



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

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

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

**Unit Bible Truths**



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

## The Bible Truth Clue Sign



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

## The Bible Chant



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

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

## The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder



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

## The Bible Verse and Song



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

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

## The Bible Story and Resources



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

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

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

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

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

## Story Response Songs



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

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

## Response Activities: Games and Crafts



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

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

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

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

**Response  
Activities:  
Games**



**The Bible Verse  
Game**



**The Bible Story  
Review Game**



**Music,  
Movement &  
Memory  
Activity**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Response  
Activities:  
Crafts**

**Coloring Pages/  
Take Home  
Sheets**








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

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

- Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The Bible Truth
- Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The Bible Verse
- Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The ACTS Prayer

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

<p><b>Response Activities: Crafts</b></p> <p><b>Extra Crafts</b></p> 	<p>With each Bible Truth, there are three extra crafts included for use at any time.</p> <p>These are a <b>Go-and-Tell Craft</b>; a <b>Bible Story Coloring Picture</b> and a <b>Bible Story Puzzle</b> (which is the Storyboard Picture Placement page from the story, which you can cut out into the appropriate number of puzzle pieces for your children, then re-assembled by them).</p> <p><b>Like the other crafts in the curriculum, these extra crafts are referenced in the lesson plan, but instructions and any pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.</b></p>
<p><b>Response Activities: Discussion Sheet</b></p> 	<p>The discussion sheet contains questions about the key concepts used in the Bible Truth. These can be used to spark good conversation as the children are coloring. They can also be used as part of the games and other activities to add even more depth.</p> <p>They are most appropriate for use with children ages 3 and up.</p>
<p><b>Take Home Resources</b></p> <p><b>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets</b></p>  <p><b>Take Home Version of the Bible Story</b></p> 	<p>There is a different coloring page/take home sheet for each of the three lessons provided for every Bible Truth. Each take home sheet has a slightly different emphasis, but they all include the key concepts and a few questions. They also tell parents where they can find the full script to Bible story and other resources on the Praise Factory website (in the Parents' Resource section for the curriculum), if they want to use them at home with their children.</p> <p>The <b>front side is the coloring page and the back side is the take home sheet. The coloring pages/take home sheets are referenced in the lesson plan, but the pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.</b></p> <p>There is also a <b>take home version of the story</b> that you can give out along with the take home sheets. This is also available online in the Deep Down Detectives parents' resources section.</p> <p><b>This version of the Bible story is referenced in the lesson plan, but is included in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.</b> It is also available online in the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resource section, as parents are reminded on each take home sheet along the bottom.</p>
<p><b>Music Resources</b></p> <p><b>Lyrics and Sheet Music</b></p>  <p><b>audio mp3's of the songs</b></p>	<p><b>Lyrics and sheet music for the songs used with each Bible Truth are included within the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books.</b></p> <p>Each lesson plan includes the lyrics to the core songs used with each Bible Truth. Large format lyrics and sheet music for the songs is included in Appendix A of each Core Curriculum book.</p> <p>Frequently, the lesson plan references extra songs. The lyrics and sheet music to these extra songs are only found in Appendix A with the other unit songs.</p> <p>The songs can be downloaded from the <a href="http://praisefactory.org">praisefactory.org</a> website. There are 16 zip files of mp3s of songs, one for each of the 16 Deep Down Detectives units. Or, you can download the QR code sheets of links to the songs.</p>

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

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



### Your Children's Abilities

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



### Your Teachers' Agility

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



### Your Time Capacity

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



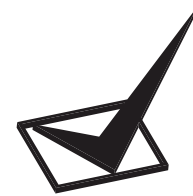
### Your Teaching Locality

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



### Your Ministry Priorities







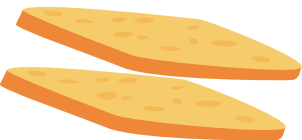

- + Who gives you spiritual oversight?
- + What do they want you to teach?
- + Are they willing to look over the curriculum/help find and screen teachers?
- + etc.



### Your Practicalities

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

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

 <p>You've thought about who you are, what you need, what you can do, and what you can should do. Now it's time to customize your own curriculum version. We like to think of this process as similar to creating your favorite sandwich. Start with what you know has to be there, then add in extras until you get just what you want. You might be a "meat-only" sandwich, needing only the very basics of the curriculum. Or, you want "the works"--the whole curriculum, just as it is written. Many people use something in between. The important thing is to keep in mind the specifics of your teachers; your children; your time constraints; and, your ministry situation. Then build your own version of Deep Down Detectives that works best for you. Bon appetit!</p>		
<p><b>1. Start with the Meat:</b> Core Curriculum</p> 	<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Question and Answer</li> <li>• Bible Truth</li> <li>• Bible Verse</li> <li>• Bible Story</li> </ul>	<p>These are the backbone of biblical truth for the curriculum. You really only have to have these. Everything else is extra!</p>
<p><b>2. Choose Your Cheese:</b> Response Activities</p> 	<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Memory Game</li> <li>• Bible Story Review Game</li> <li>• Music, Movement &amp; Memory</li> <li>• Crafts</li> </ul>	<p>Response activities are second in importance only to the "meat." They are enjoyable, hands-on activities that help the children learn and retain the "meat" of biblical truths.</p>
<p><b>3. Add the Lettuce:</b> Intake Activities</p> 	<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Play</li> <li>• Activity Centers</li> <li>• Unit Songs</li> <li>• Bible Memory Game</li> </ul>	<p>Intake Activities are a nice addition to your curriculum "sandwich", but you don't have to have them. They often help the children settle better in class and prepare them for learning.</p>
<p><b>4. Throw on Extra Veggies:</b> Zesty Extras</p> 	<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deep Down Detectives Song</li> <li>• Classroom Rules Chant</li> <li>• The Big Question Box Song</li> <li>• The Bible Song</li> <li>• Let's Pray Song</li> <li>• ACTS Prayer Song</li> </ul>	<p>These are few extras that add zest to the curriculum. The Classroom Rules Song is especially helpful for reminding the children of expected classroom behavior in a fun way.</p>
<p><b>5. Spread on Condiments:</b> Transitions</p> 	<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Classroom Song (4 verses)</li> </ul>	<p>Harnessing the transition points in your curriculum can make teaching much easier for your teachers and actually fun for your kids. The Deep Down Detectives curriculum uses music to structure and teach the children through every transition.</p>
<p><b>6. Choose Your Bread:</b> Curriculum Presentation Features</p> 	<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Question Box/Briefcase</li> <li>• Storyboard Flannelgraph Pictures or Story Scenes</li> </ul>	<p>These are resources that are used to present the curriculum to the children. They help keep the children focus and make the learning more visual and interactive.</p>
<p><b>7. Prepare It for Carry Out</b> Take Home Resources</p> 	<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coloring Sheet/Take Home Sheet for each lesson</li> <li>• Take Home version of each story</li> </ul>	<p>Take home resources are a great way for parents to know what their children are learning and to provide them with a tool for further discussion.</p>

## Common Customizations: Age Groups

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

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

<b>CUSTOMIZE BY: Age Group</b>	
<b>2 year olds</b>	<p><b>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:</b> You are doing well just to get these children to begin to sit as a group. Build up to this, as they get adjusted to a classroom setting. Set your expectations LOW! Helping the children learn how to be a group prepares them for learning more later and even more being able to join in the church service better. This, by itself, is a job well-done.</p> <p><b>NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:</b> All three lessons for sure! Repetition is great for these kids! <b>But, if you go at this rate, you will not get very far through the 70 Bible Truths in a year. Consider using Hide 'n' Seek Kids instead.</b></p> <p><b>SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:</b></p> <p><b>Opening Activity Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free play time as they come to class</li> <li>• You can have unit music playing in the background</li> <li>• Use the Classroom Songs to begin to teach them about transitions</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Circle Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Big Question Box/Briefcase</li> <li>• Teach them the Big Question</li> <li>• Sing the Big Question Song (short, nursery rhyme version)</li> <li>• Teach them the Bible Truth</li> <li>• Tell them the Bible Verse (maybe sing the song)</li> <li>• Tell the Bible story, using the storyboard</li> <li>• Do not expect these children to be able to do the listening assignment.</li> <li>• End with the ACTS prayer or an even shorter prayer, if attention is lagging.</li> </ul> <p><b>Response Activity Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dismiss to free play time.</li> <li>• You can have unit music playing in the background.</li> <li>• Offer the coloring sheet/take home sheet craft after they have played for a while.</li> <li>• You MIGHT be able to weave a few of the discussion questions into your conversations with the children as they play or do their coloring sheet... but don't count on it. It's just fine if they don't! They are only two years old!</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing Circle Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Classroom Songs to gather them back together.</li> <li>• Ask them the Big Question and Answer, tell them the Bible Truth, and sing the short Big Question Song again.</li> <li>• End with the ACTS prayer or an even shorter prayer, if attention is lagging.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dismissal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give out the take home version of the Bible Story, the day you start a new Bible Truth.</li> <li>• Give out coloring sheet/take home sheet for the lesson.</li> </ul>



## Common Customizations: Age Groups

CUSTOMIZE BY: Age Group	
3 year olds	<p><b>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:</b> This age group can enjoy much of this curriculum.</p> <p><b>NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:</b> All three lessons for sure! Repetition is great for these kids! <b>But, if you go at this rate, you will not get very far through the 70 Bible Truths in a year. Consider using Hide 'n' Seek Kids instead.</b></p> <p><b>HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:</b> As written, except... the listening questions will be a new concept to this children of this age. This is the new skill you will be working on to give the children. It may take a while to get them used to holding on to a question or two as they listen. You might even want to remind them of the questions as you read the story. (This is another way we help these children prepare to gather with the congregation and be ready to learn from a sermon. And, be careful not to overwhelm them with too many discussion questions. Choose a few and repeat them when playing the games. Add in more as they master the answers to your initial ones.</p>
4-5 year olds OR 2-5 year olds as one class	<p><b>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:</b> <b>4-5 year olds:</b> The concepts of the curriculum were especially created with this age group in mind.</p> <p><b>2-5 year olds as one class:</b> You are combining children with fairly different developmental abilities. While one teacher is teaching, the other teacher may need to be quietly tending to the 2 year olds as their attention span fades.</p> <p><b>NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:</b> These children will do best with 2-3 lessons of the three included with each Bible Truth. We do two concepts per month of Sundays. That 2 lessons from Bible Truth, then 2 lessons from the next Bible Truth. Or, in months with five Sundays, you would choose to do 2 lessons from one Bible Truth and 3 lessons from the next. <b>You will complete the curriculum in about 2 1/2 years at this rate.</b></p> <p><b>HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:</b> As written. You can introduce the longer, full Big Question Songs, not just the short nursery songs with children.</p> <p>And, for those who have combined 2-5 year olds, having the children do the suggested actions that go with the full, Big Question Songs can be a great chance for the little 2-year-olds to get some wiggles out.</p>

## Common Customizations: Age Groups

### CUSTOMIZE BY: Age Group

#### pre-K & K

##### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:**

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

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

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

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

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

#### K-2nd grade

##### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:**

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

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

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

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

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

I would either do:

two, full lessons per Bible Truth;

OR,

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

## Common Customizations: Teaching Situations

<b>CUSTOMIZE BY: Teaching Situation</b>	<b>How to Structure the Curriculum</b>
<p><b>Single Session</b> One, 60-90 minute session on a lesson, in one day, once a week examples: Sunday School, Church Hour, Mid-week programs</p>	<p>As written. If you do not really have 60 minutes of actual teaching time, you will need to choose what not to use. Choose what you think is most important to have in your session, then continue to add in elements until you have filled up your time budget.</p>
<p><b>Double Session</b> Two 60-90 minute sessions, on the same lesson, in one day, once a week examples: Sunday School PLUS Church Hour OR, Sunday Morning PLUS Sunday Evening OR, Sunday Morning PLUS Wednesday Evening</p>	<p><i>(This is how we use the curriculum here at CHBC)</i></p> <p><b>First session of the Double:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Opening Activity</li> <li>• Opening Circle Time</li> <li>• And choose an activity</li> <li>• Fill in extra time with free play activities</li> </ul> <p>snack and potty break</p> <p><b>Second session of the Double:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Opening Circle Time</li> <li>• Choose another activity</li> <li>• Fill in extra time with free play activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Daycare/Schools Bible Class</b></p>	<p>Schools vary in how many days they teach Bible. Some will have a daily Bible class. Others, will have it only certain days.</p> <p>Here's a suggestion for one Bible Truth a week, 5 days a week Bible class for preschoolers:</p> <p>Typically, each session you will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminding the children of the Big Question and Bible verse;</li> <li>• Telling them the Bible story (or asking them questions to review it);</li> <li>• Singing the songs; and,</li> <li>• Following up with a response activity.</li> </ul> <p>There are three lessons in each Bible Truth, with a listening assignment for each lesson. each with a coloring page, and three games; plus, three extra crafts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That makes 12 activities, plus the three extra crafts. Plenty for a week of Bible classes for little preschoolers.</li> <li>• You could read the story on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, using a different listening activity each time. Use the coloring sheet corresponds to the listening activity on those days.</li> <li>• Then, the other two days of the week, use the games to review what they have learned.</li> </ul> <p>With 16 units of 67 Bible truths, this gives you about two academic years of curriculum.</p>
<p><b>Camps, VBS and Short-term Missions Trips</b></p>	<p>Since camps, VBS and mission trips usually involve both preschoolers and elementary school children, you will do best use two or three of the Praise Factory family of curriculum to meet everyone's needs. At the end of this introduction section, we provide suggested schedules for these ministry situations. We also have included how the Bible Truths across all three curriculums line up so you can coordinate the truths you are teaching across all of the age groups/curriculums.</p>

## Maiden Voyage: Testing Out the Curriculum

### Making a Test Run

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

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

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

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

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

### Evaluate and Adjust It

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

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

<b>Sign Post It</b>	Once you have figured out what works best for your children and those teaching the curriculum, put sign posts in place in the classroom. If you found that certain activities work better in a certain part of the room (such as games or craft time), put up a sign on the wall near that area indicating that. Or, put down a rug where you want to have Circle Time.
<b>Choose and Train Your Load-Bearers</b>	<p>If the curriculum follows a set time schedule, display the schedule on the wall in large print so a teacher can with just a glance know what he/she should be doing.</p> <p>Signpost where you store your curriculum resources (games, curriculum, music, craft supplies, etc), too, so that even the newest teacher can easily find what he/she needs.</p> <p>Once you feel that you have adjusted the curriculum to a good fit for teacher and children, begin to train others in how to teach it, too. Ideally, this starts as a mentoring experience between you and another teacher (preferably two). You are looking for people who are willing to learn the curriculum inside-out until they can teach it well themselves and can later train others in it, too. I call these teachers, "load-bearers," because they will share the weight of implementing the new curriculum.</p> <p>First, have your load-bearers come observe you as you teach the curriculum. Have them read the introductory materials and the curriculum lesson plan before they observe. After class, de-brief with them about the session. Have them continue to come for a number of session, gradually handing over the teaching responsibilities until they are comfortable and confident.</p>
<b>Bring the Parents Up to Speed</b>	Make sure to include parents in your launch! Communicate with them about the change in curriculum that is happening. Hold a meeting. Send out an email. Hand out the Deep Down Detectives flyer (pgs. 7-8, Core Curriculum books). Ask them to parents. Invite their feedback. Make them your partners, after all, it is them and their kids you hope to help.
<b>Add Others</b>	With your load-bearers in place and confident in the curriculum, you can now begin to look for more potential teachers to be trained. The load-bearers will then follow the same steps as you took with them: having them observe, then gradually take teaching responsibilities, de-briefing after each session. Continue until they are confident.
<b>Want to See More?</b>	<p>Three times a year (the third Saturday/Sunday of March, May and September), we hold a free lunch, learn-and-look workshop and observation time here at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>On Saturday, we gather for lunch and talk philosophy; child protection policy; encouraging parents; recruiting teachers; dealing with discipline issues; etc; and, of course, curriculum. After finishing up our group session, we are happy to talk to individual churches about their particular situations.</p> <p>Then on Sunday, we offer an opportunity to see Deep Down Detectives and the other Praise Factory curriculum in action in our classes. This can be a great way to help others understand and get excited about the curriculum.</p> <p>The registration form for these workshops can be found on the Praise Factory website.</p>

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

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

Here are two ideas to help you:

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



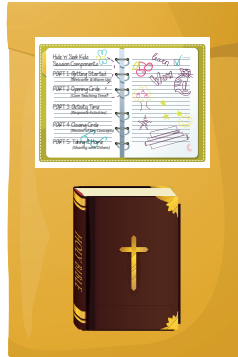
Then, store all of these resources together in a magazine file



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

Copies of  
Unit Lesson Plan,  
and Story  
with Listening  
Assignments



CDs,  
Song Track Lists,  
Lyrics &  
Sheet Music



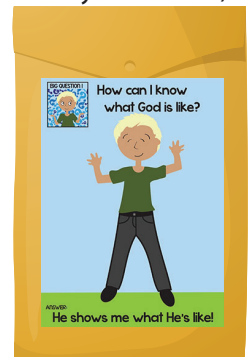
Bible Story  
storyboard  
Pictures,  
Pictures Key and  
Placement Guide



Discussion Sheet



Visual aids,  
(except for Bible  
Storyboard Pics)



Craft/Take Home  
Sheet 1



Craft/Take Home  
Sheet 2



Craft/Take Home  
Sheet 3



Extra Craft 1



Extra Craft 2



Extra Craft 3



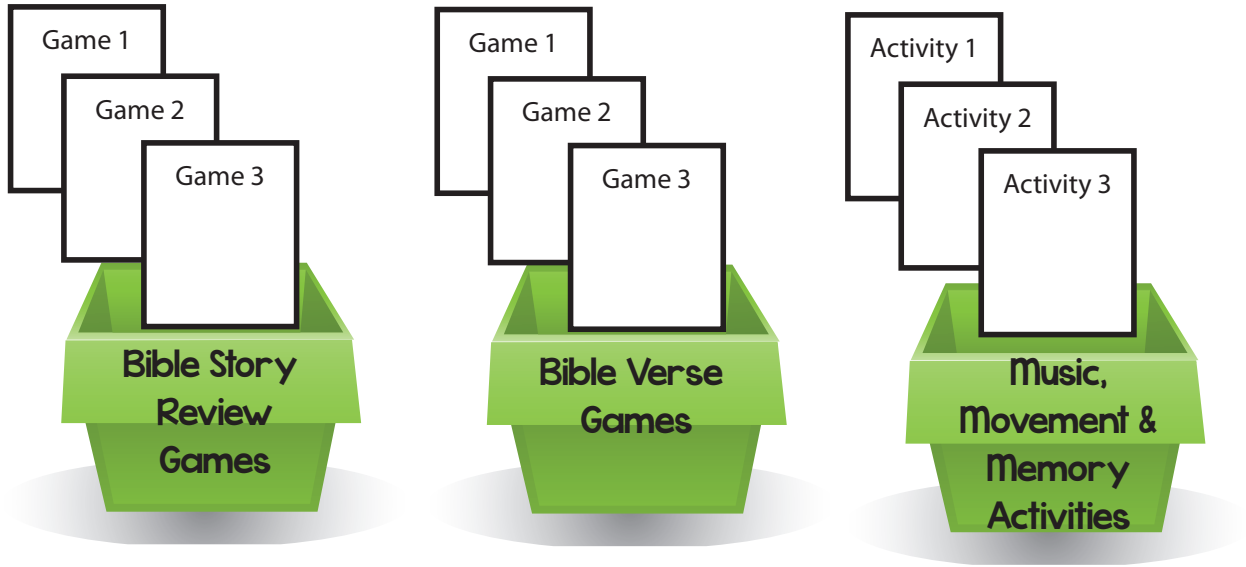
Then, store all of these resources together in a magazine file





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



## Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games

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

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

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

#### **Bible Verse Games**

##### **Lily Pad Jump**

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

##### **Animal Cube**

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

##### **Simon Says How**

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

##### **Bean Bag Catch**

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

##### **Slap, Clap and Stack**

- 10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

##### **Freeze 'n' Say**

- Music and CD/Tape player

##### **Fill 'er Up**

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

##### **Loud and Soft, Big and Little**

- none

#### **Bible Verse Games**

##### **Roll 'n' Toss**

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

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

- none

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

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

##### **Block Clapping**

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

##### **Meet, Greet, and Keep It Up**

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

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

### Music, Movement & Memory

#### **Thumping Drums**

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

#### **Say, Spring Up and Shout**

- Bean bags, one per child

#### **Freeze Frame**

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

#### **Egg Shakers**

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

#### **Jingle Bell Hands**

- 1 6" piece of sturdy string
- 4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops

#### **Sing, Dance, and Fall Down**

- Optional: Bean bags, one per child

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

- none

#### **Bottle Shakers**

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

#### **March 'n' Say**

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

#### **Clap, Tap and Say**

- none

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

- Bell

### Music, Movement & Memory

#### **Musical Squares**

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

#### **Block Clappers**

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

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

### Story Review Games

#### **Going Fishing**

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

#### **Pony Express**

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

#### **Fix Up the Mix Up**

- None

#### **Can You Remember?**

- Index cards

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

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

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

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

#### **Who's in the Basket?**

- Blanket
- Basket

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

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

### Story Review Games

#### **Treasure Hunt**

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

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

- Chairs or Table
- Sheet or blanket
- Box

#### **Missing in Action**

- None

#### **Who's Inside?**

- 10 different containers with lids

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

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

## VBS, Camps and other Programs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Praise Factory Investigators Session, as written

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Morning Schedule**

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

#### **Afternoon Schedule**

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

### **6 Hour (Full Day) Program--elementary school** (Praise Factory Investigators)

**Use two stories from same Bible Truth: one in the morning, one in the afternoon.**

- 8:45 Greet children and parents as they arrive
- 9:00 Small Group Time: Introduce Big Question, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, etc.
- 9:15 Large Group Singing and Bible Story
- 9:45 Small Group Activity 1: Bible Truth Game
- 10:15 Small Group Activity 2: Craft
- 10:45 Snack and ACTS Prayer Time
- 11:00 Outdoor Fun - Active Game 1
- 12:00 Lunch and Free Play Time

#### **Afternoon Schedule**

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



## VBS, Camps and other Programs: Choosing Curriculum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Bible Truths that Match Up Across the Curriculums

Hide 'n' Seek Kids	Deep Down Detectives	Praise Factory Investigators
<b>Unit 8: The God Who Loves</b> Q: What Is God's Love for His People Like? A: It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!	<i>included in DDD Unit 8, Bible Truth 1, below</i>	1. God Blesses All People with Many Good Gifts
	<i>included in DDD Unit 8, Bible Truth 4, below</i>	2. God Loved His People Before They Loved Him
	1. He Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them	3. God Showed the Depths of His Love by Giving His Son to Save His People
	2. He Always Takes Care of Them	4. God Loves His People by Caring for Their Needs
	3. He Uses Their Sadnesses for Good	5. God Uses Everything in His People's Lives for Their Good and His Glory
	4. He Will Never Stop Loving His People	6. God Will Never Stop Loving His People
<b>Unit 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us</b> Q: What Did Jesus Come to Do? A: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!	1. He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us	1. Jesus, the Servant King
	2. He Never, Ever Disobeyed God	2. Jesus, the Obedient Son
	3. He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things	3. Jesus, the Amazing Teacher
	<i>included in DDD Unit Bible Truth 3, above</i>	4. Jesus, the Ruler of All Creation
	<i>included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, above</i>	5. Jesus, the Lord over Life and Death
	<i>included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 4, below</i>	6. Jesus, the Forgiver of Sins
	<i>included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 2, above</i>	7. Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God
	<i>included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 1</i>	8. Jesus, the Glory of God
	4. He Died on the Cross for God's People's Sins	9. Jesus, the Ransom for Sinners
	5. He Rose from the Dead	10. Jesus, the Conqueror of Death
	<i>included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, above</i>	11. Jesus, the Firstborn of the Resurrection
	6. He Went Up to Rule in Heaven	12. Jesus, the Reigning Son in Heaven
<b>Unit 10: The Holy Spirit: The Indwelling God</b> Q: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? A: He Changes Their Hearts!	1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People	1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People
	2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage	2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage
	3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom	3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom
	4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church	4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church
<b>Unit 11: The God Who Saves</b> Q: How Can We Be Saved? A: It Is God's Free Gift!	1. When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them	1. God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins
	<i>included in DDD Unit 11, Bible Truth 2, below</i>	2. Jesus Is the Only Way to Be Saved
	2. When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior	3. We Must Trust Jesus as Our Savior
3. When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts	4. The Holy Spirit Changes Our Hearts so We Can Be Saved	
<b>Unit 12: God's People Live for Him</b> Q: How Should God's People Live? A: They Should Live Like Jesus!	1. By Asking God for His Help	1. God's People Grow to Be More Like Jesus
	2. By Loving Him Most of All	2. God's People Love Him with All Themselves
	3. By Loving Other People As God Has Loved Them	3. God's People Love Others
	4. By Trusting God and Being Happy With What He Wants	4. God's People Trust Him
	<i>included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 8, below</i>	5. God's People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts
	<i>included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 5, below</i>	6. God's People Obey Him
	<i>included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 5, below</i>	7. God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them
	5. By Learning God's Word and Obeying It	8. God's People Read His Word, the Bible
	<i>included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 2, above</i>	9. God's People Think about Him
	6. By Saying "No" to Disobeying God	10. God's People Say "No" to Temptation
	7. By Telling the Good News of Jesus	11. God's People Tell Others about Him
	<i>included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 4, above</i>	12. God's People Suffer According to His Plan
	<i>included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 4, above</i>	13. God's People Know Heaven Is Their Home
	8. By Making Much of God	14. God's People Delight in His Glory

<b>Bible Truths that Match Up Across the Curriculums</b>		
<b>Hide 'n' Seek Kids</b>	<b>Deep Down Detectives</b>	<b>Praise Factory Investigators</b>
<b>Unit 13: The Sustaining God</b> Q: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? A: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!	1. God, Alone, Sustains God's People	1. God, Alone, Sustains God's People
	2. God, the Father, Promises to Help His People	2. God, the Father, Promises to Help His People
	3. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need	3. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need
	4. The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People	4. The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People
	5. The Word of God Feeds God's People	5. The Word of God Feeds God's People
	6. God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other	6. God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other
<b>Unit 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers</b> Q: How Does God Want Us to Pray? A: Every Night and Day!	1. God Wants Us to Praise Him	1. God Delights in Our Adoration of Him
	2. God Wants Us to Confess Our Sins	2. God Delights in Our Humble Confession of Sin
	3. God Wants Us to Thank Him	3. God Delights in Our Thanksgiving to Him
	4. God Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things	4. God Delights in Our Supplications to Him
	<i>included in DDD Unit 14 Bible Truth 4, above</i>	5. God Always Answers Prayers
	<i>included in DDD Unit 14 Bible Truth 4, above</i>	6. Jesus Is Why God Answers God's People's Prayers
<b>Unit 15: God's People Gather Together</b> Q: Why Do God's People Go to Church? A: To Worship God and Love One Another!	1. By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death	1. God's People Gather Together for a Special, Weekly Worship Day
	<i>included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 2, below</i>	2. God's People Are Led by Godly Leaders
	2. By Learning from God's Word, the Bible	3. God's People Gather to Hear God's Word
	<i>included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 3, below</i>	4. God's People Are Called the Body of Christ
	3. By Caring for Each Other's Needs	5. God's People Love One Another with a Covenant Love
	<i>included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 3, above</i>	6. God's People Gather to Give
	4. By Telling What God Has Done and Praying	7. God's People Gather for Fellowship
	<i>included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 4, above</i>	8. God's People Invite Others to Gather with Them
	<i>included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 4, above</i>	9. God's People Gather to Pray
	5. By Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for Jesus	10. God's People Proclaim Their New Life in Christ through Baptism
	6. By Remembering Jesus Died to Save Them	11. God's People Celebrate Christ's Redeeming Sacrifice for Them
<b>Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King</b> Q: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? A: God Will Make Everything New!	1. Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly	1. King Jesus Will Return to End the World
	<i>included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above</i>	2. King Jesus Will Return When God's Work on Earth is Done
	<i>included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above</i>	3. When King Jesus Returns, God's People Will Be Made Like Him
	<i>included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above</i>	4. King Jesus Will Return to Bring the Wicked to Just and Final Punishment
	<i>included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above</i>	5. King Jesus Will Return to Judge God's People, Too
	<i>included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 2, below</i>	6. King Jesus Will Be United with His Bride, God's People, Forever
	2. God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever	7. King Jesus Will Reign Forever

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources  
for Unit 13, Bible Truth 1:**



**Why Do God's People Keep  
Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God Alone Sustains His People!**

## 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 13: The God Who Sustains

### UNIT OVERVIEW

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

In this unit we will learn six ways God sustains His people.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**ANSWER:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 13 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 13 Material)

Story: The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop *Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22, ESV

#### ➔ BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Alone Sustains His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God

(3 Lessons Available)

The Case of the Man in the Middle *Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Foolish Forgetters *Galatians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Confused Christians *Colossians*

Bible Verse: Romans 15:4, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner *Philippians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-1, ESV1

## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum. You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

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

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

#### 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 13: THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS

- 12 Big Q & A 13 Song
- 13 Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
- 14 Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 15 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984
- 17 Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1
- 18 Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

### Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace...

#### Bible Truth 1: God Alone Sustains His People

- 19 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 20 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, NIV1984

#### Bible Truth 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People

- 22 Bible Verse: Behold, God is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need

- 25 Bible Verse: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV

#### Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People

- 27 Bible Verse: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 30 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 32 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
- 33 Extra Bible Verse: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

#### Bible Truth 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People

- 34 Bible Verse: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV
- 35 Extra Bible Verse: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV

#### Bible Truth 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other

- 37 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Praise be to the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13, NIV 1984
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us 2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV (other version)
- 40 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Hold Fast the Confession Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV
- 41 Extra Bible Verse: Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV
- 42 Extra Bible Verse: Build One Another Up 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV



## Big Question 13, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

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### Unit 13: The God Who Sustains

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22, ESV

### Bible Truth 1 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People

God is the Creator of all things, but He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He's the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes. That includes the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals, and people. Absolutely everything!

God created people with something special inside their bodies: a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain both our bodies and our spirits. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face.

Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

**Learn a Little** "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."

### Meaning

We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble.

God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.
- S** God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Give us what we need each day to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story**

**The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News**

*Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies


Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV


*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV*

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, NIV1984*


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**1. GETTING STARTED**

 = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

<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>																				
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**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)**

<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 ESV Songs 13, 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> <b>Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13 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 13:  
**Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?**  
and the Answer is:  
**It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!**

**Big Question Meaning**

★ All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that’s not what happens with God’s people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It’s God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

**Big Question Songs** ★ “Let’s sing our Big Question Song:

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

*(adapted version of “On Top of Old Smoky”)*

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12*

Why do God’s people keep believing in God?  
And why do God’s people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That’s why God’s people keep believing in God.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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**Learning about the Big Question**



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him? It is God’s Sustaining Grace!”**

Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme (or sing our song) that explains it.”

Then sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

**Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song**



lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

**Big Question 13 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13

**(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**

Why do God’s people keep believing in Him?  
 What keeps them going?  
 Why do they persevere?  
 There’s just one reason for their lasting faith,  
 It is grace, God’s sustaining grace,

*Hold up one finger  
 Point up to God in heaven*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

God sustains His people in many ways,  
 His Spirit works inside them  
 As they read His Word and pray,  
 He gives them faith to keep in trusting in Him,  
 To keep on living for Him to the very end.

*Touch heart  
 Make open Bible with open palms,  
 Make prayer hands*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
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 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

*Raise hands up in praise*

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**Learning the Bible Truth**

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VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "It Is God's Sustaining Grace" 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 **SIX** Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

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

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

**Bible Truth Clue**

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Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side  
VISUAL AID

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these six 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:*

**"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
God ???? Sustains His People!"**

**Hint**

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "This word means God only sustains His people. It starts with an "A" and it rhymes with "bone."

Can you guess? It's "alone."

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

★ **"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
God ALONE Sustains His People!"**

**Bible Truth Meaning**

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

God is the Creator of all things, but He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He's the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes. That includes the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals, and people. Absolutely everything!

God created people with something special inside their bodies: a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain both our bodies and our spirits. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face.

Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13.1 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 13 Visual Aids, ESV 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:

Jude 1:24-25 tells us:

**Jude 1:24-25, ESV**

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

**Learn a Little:** "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."

**Bible Verse Meaning**


**What does that mean?**

We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble.

God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. 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:*

*To Him, to Him  
Jude 1:24-25, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 20*

*Jude Doxology  
Jude 1:24-25, NIV1984  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 21*

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

**To Him Who Is Able: Jude 1:24-25**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 19*


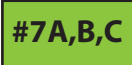

To him who is able to keep you, (keep you)  
To keep you from stumbling, (stumbling)  
To present you blameless, (blameless)  
Before the presence of his glory with great joy,  
(with great joy)

To the only God, our Savior, (Savior)  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, (Lord)  
Be glory, majesty, dominion,  
And authority, before all time, now and forever.  
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)  
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)  
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)  
Jude One, twenty-four and five.

**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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?</b></li> <li><b>2. Who turned this bad news into amazing, good news each time?</b></li> </ol>
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<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures*</p> <p>DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 were: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants. <i>Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.</i></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 praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News</b> <i>Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*</p>

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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>Jesus Paid It All</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 1</b> I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."</p> <p><b>Refrain</b> Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "What a mighty, loving Savior is Jesus to those who trust in Him! He paid for all their sins on the cross. He cleans their hearts of sin. He saves them so they can be God's people. But that's not all! He gives them the strength to do everything God wants them to do. Yes, they may be weak, but Jesus is so strong! They pray to Him for help, and He will always give them the help they need. God's people praise their wonderful Savior! They owe everything to Him!"</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: I Will Sing of the Mercies</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i></span></p> <p>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.</p> <p>With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness, With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness that they do not deserve. God's people love to sing of the Lord's mercy to them! He has taken away all their sins through His Son, Jesus! He has been faithful to them every day of their lives. He always gives them what they need. God's people know that God will go on being faithful to them forever and ever. No wonder they want to praise Him! No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!"</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 ESV Songs 13, 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: Fill'er Up</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Lily Pad Jump</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Loud and Soft, Big and Little</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: Jingle Bell Hands</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Activity: Big Voice, Little Voice</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Activity: Sing, Dance and Fall Down</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: Run to the Grocery Store</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Who's in the Basket?</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Going Fishing</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)*

 = short & simple lesson plan

<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 ESV Songs 13, track 3</i></span></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><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 ESV Songs 13, 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 Big Question 13</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p><b>#1</b></p> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Big Question 13, Bible Truth 1</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p><b>#3</b></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: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"</b> <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: <b>"It Is God's Sustaining Grace!"</b> <i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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>God Alone Sustains His People!</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 13 Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p><b>#4</b></p> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: <b>Jude 1:24-25, ESV</b> "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "Now to [God} who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."</p> <p>We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble. God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. <i>(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 19</i></span></p>

**4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

<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>DDDESV Songs 13, 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>
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<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> God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.</p> <p><b>C</b> We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!</p> <p><b>T</b> God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.</p> <p><b>S</b> God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Give us what we need each day to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
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**5. TAKING IT HOME** *(Take Home Sheet)*

<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>

**Bible Story for Big Question 13, Bible 1**

use with all THREE lessons

Place  
story in

take out

**P.1****The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News***Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

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**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 Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News. Here is your listening assignment.”***Read from Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:***Detective Dan’s Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?**
- 2. Who turned this bad news into amazing, good news each time?**

**Detective Dan’s Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Jude 1:24-25:** “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

I need to find out:

- 1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?**
- 2. How did He help them?**

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

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

Our six clues were: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants. *Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don’t?**
- 2. Who praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?**

**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 Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News** *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

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

**Bad news, bad news! There was bad news in Canaan for Jacob's family! No rain fell from the sky. The rivers dried up. Their animals and crops were dying. If they didn't find food and water soon, they would die, too. What could they do? Where could they go? They needed help. Big help!**

*Wow! Do you think anyone could help them?*

**This may have been impossible, big, bad, SCARY news, but Jacob's family didn't need to be afraid. They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. The LORD was their God. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it's to take care of them. He will always save and sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it. The LORD can even take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news, and sure enough, that's just what He was about to do!**

**Good news! Good news! There was food in nearby Egypt! And WHO had been put in charge of giving out the food? Joseph, one of Jacob's sons! God had planned for Joseph to be in Egypt ahead of time, so everything would be ready for Jacob's family when the food and water ran out in Canaan.**

**So, Jacob gathered up his family, packed his things, and went to live in Egypt. Joseph picked a beautiful place near the River Nile for Jacob's family to live. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, himself, welcomed Jacob to his land and made sure Jacob and his family had everything they needed.**

**Jacob praised God for taking care of them. How good it was to be with Joseph again! How good it was to have plenty of food and water! How good it was to have a beautiful place to live! God had taken their impossible, bad news and turned it into amazing, good news. He always sustains His people. He gave them faith for their hearts and food for their bodies. God, alone, had provided.**

**Life was happy in Egypt for quite some time. Instead of going home to Canaan when the drought was over, Jacob's family decided to stay in Egypt. Many years passed. And as the years passed, Jacob's family grew and grew and grew. They had come from Canaan as just a little family. Now, there were hundreds and thousands of them! No one called them Jacob's "family" anymore. Now, they were called a "people": the people of Israel. (Israel was a special name God gave Jacob).**

**The people of Egypt saw how big Jacob's family had grown and they were worried. Joseph and Jacob were long gone and forgotten. So was the Pharaoh who was good to his family. A new Pharaoh was king now. He had big plans to make big buildings. It would take a lot of people to build them, and he knew just who to use—the people of Israel.**



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

**Bad news, bad news!** The new king didn't ASK the people of Israel to help build his new buildings. He MADE them do it! He took over their lives. He said he owned them and could make them do whatever he wanted them to do. He FORCED them to build his buildings. He made them work so hard and without any pay at all. He treated them so badly! Life in Egypt wasn't good for the people of Israel anymore. Oh, how they wanted to go home to Canaan, but how could they? The king would never let them go. This was bad news! Impossible, big, bad, SCARY news!

But the people of Israel didn't need to be afraid. They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. The LORD was their God. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it's to take care of them. He will always save and sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it. The LORD can even take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news, and sure enough, that's just what He was about to do!

Good news! Good news! The LORD sent Moses and Aaron to speak to Pharaoh. "The LORD says, 'Let My people go!'" they demanded. What would the king do? Would he let the people of Israel go free? "No, the people can't go," the king said, at first. But the LORD wasn't finished.

*What do you think?*

The LORD sent frogs and gnats and hail and sicknesses and many other sadnesses upon the king and his people. And then, he changed his mind. "Go away! Leave us alone," Pharaoh ordered. "The people of Israel are free to go. Make your God stop sending sadnesses upon us!" he told Moses.

"Hooray, hooray! Praise the LORD!" Moses and the people shouted. They packed their things, gathered their families, and marched out of Egypt. Across the desert, Moses led the people, "Tromp, tromp, tromp." They camped along the shores of the Red Sea. How good it was to be free! How good it was to be going home! The LORD had taken their impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and made it into amazing, good news. He always sustains His people. He, alone!

But what was that noise in the middle of the night? It was the sound of hundreds of rolling wheels, hundreds of horses neighing, and hundreds of soldiers shouting. Oh, no! It was Pharaoh's army! The king had changed his mind. He wanted his slaves back. He ordered an army of soldiers on chariots to capture them and bring them back to Egypt!

Bad news bad news! The word spread through the camp. "The Pharaoh's soldiers are coming!" "Oh no! Where could they go? How could they escape? The Red Sea was on one side and the soldiers were on the other! They were stuck!

But the people of Israel didn't need to be afraid! They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. The LORD was their God. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it's to take care of them. He will always save and sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it. The LORD can even take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news, and sure enough, that's just what He was about to do!

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

**“Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the LORD rescue you,” Moses told the people. “The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still and watch.”**

**Then, at the LORD’s command, Moses raised up his shepherd’s staff and stretched it out towards the Red Sea. “Whoosh,” the LORD sent a strong, east wind. It blew and blew and blew on the water of the Red Sea. And as it blew, something amazing happened to the water. Can you guess what it was?**

*Can you guess?*

**Good news! Good news! The people watched the wind split apart the waters of the sea, making two, huge, watery walls. Taller and taller the walls grew, and in between them, the seabed dried up into a sandy path. The LORD had made a way of escape for His people, and they took it. How amazing it must have been to cross through the Red Sea between those big walls of water!**

**Pharaoh’s soldiers saw what the LORD had done. They watched the people of Israel escape through the middle of the sea on dry land. What would they do now? Would they fear the mighty God who had done this amazing thing and stop chasing His people? Or, would they reject Him and keep going after them?**

*What do you think they did?*

**The soldiers did NOT fear the LORD; and, they most certainly DID follow! Across the sandy beach and onto the dry path between those great, watery walls, those soldiers rode their chariots. But it was no use! The LORD had made that path for His people, not for their enemies. As the sun rose in the east, and the last of God’s people had crossed safely to the far side of the sea, the LORD ordered the waves back in place. Pharaoh’s soldiers on their chariots were all swept away.**

**On the banks of the Red Sea that morning, Moses and Miriam and all the people of Israel sang their praises to the LORD:**

**“I will sing to the LORD! He is my strength and my Savior. He is my God and I will praise him! He has gotten rid of our enemies. He swept them away in the sea. His love for His people will never fail. He rules over everything forever and ever.”**

**And they were right! The LORD was the one, true God. He would always be with His people and always help them. He would take care of their needs. They could always trust Him.**

**It would be many more years before the people of Israel were to make it all the way back home to Canaan. They were to face many more “bad news” days. But no matter what the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news was, can you guess what the LORD always did for His people?**

*Can you guess?*

**The LORD always took care of them and gave them amazing, good news. He always saved them and sustained them. He took care of their needs and grew their trust in Him. He helped them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn’t even need anyone’s help to do it! Yes, the LORD always sustained them and got them all the way home! The LORD, and the LORD alone.**

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

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

**Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:****1. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?**

Jacob and the people of Israel faced many problems that were too big for them: no food to eat because there was no rain; then, no way to get free from the mighty Pharaoh and his soldiers.

**2. Who turned this bad news into amazing, good news each time?** The LORD did! He always helped His people and took care of their needs. They could always trust in Him.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Jude 1:24-25**

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

**1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?** The LORD did!

**2. How did He help them?** He took care of their needs and rescued them. He gave them faith to trust Him and obey Him, even though they were afraid.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. We may want to stumble in fear, like the people of Israel did. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can know that the LORD will always

sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him, even when we feel like stumbling in fear. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

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

Our six clues were: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants.

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

The wall of water, the chariot; Moses; and, the dead plants belong. The watermelon and the feather do not belong.

**2. Who praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?** The people of Israel did.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?****It Is God's Sustaining Grace...****God Alone Sustains His People!**

The people of Israel saw the LORD save them from their enemies over and over. He took care of their needs and grew their trust in Him. But the biggest enemy the people of Israel faced was not the mean king of Egypt or his army of soldiers. Their biggest enemy was in their hearts. It was choosing to not trust in the LORD or obey His good laws. It was sin! The sin in their hearts deserved God's punishment. It meant they deserved to not be God's people at all. Now this really was impossible, big, bad, SCARY news! But the LORD provided a rescue from their sin, too. How? By sending His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Through Jesus, God provided the way for them to be saved... and 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! *Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.
- S** God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Give us what we need each day to love You and live for You.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

# Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning



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

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

## BIG QUESTION

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

### Meaning

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen. But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things. What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

### Discussion Questions

choose a few

1. Why do God's people keep on believing in Him? *It is God's sustaining grace.*
2. Who enjoys many good things in this world? *Everyone.*
3. Who suffers through bad or sad things in this world? *Everyone.*
4. Who do God's people love more than the good things they enjoy? *God.*
5. Who do they keep trusting in, even as they go through bad or sad things? *God.*
6. Who helps God's people keep believing in God? *God does.*
7. What does God give His people to help them keep on believing in and living for Him? *His sustaining grace.*
8. What is sustaining grace? *Grace is a big, Bible word that means a gift we get that we don't deserve. Sustaining means to keep on going. Sustaining grace is God giving us the amazing gift of strength to keep on believing and living for Him.*
9. Who does God want us to depend upon? *Himself.*
10. What does God love us to ask Him for? *His help.*
11. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

## BIBLE TRUTH

### Meaning

It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!

God is the Creator of all things, but He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He's the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes. That includes the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals, and people. Absolutely everything!

God created people with something special inside their bodies: a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain both our bodies and our spirits. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face.

Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Discussion Questions

choose a few

1. Who is the Creator and Sustainer of everything in our world? *God is.*
2. Who keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes? *God does.*
3. What did God create people with, so they could know and love Him? *A spirit.*
4. Who do we depend on to sustain our bodies—give us what we need to live? *God*
5. Who sustains our spirits, too? Who must we depend on to help us to work in our hearts and help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior? *God.*
6. Who does God give to His people to live inside of their hearts and help them to keep on loving God and living for Him? *His Holy Spirit.*
7. Who helps God's people to keep on fighting sin in their hearts and to keep on trusting in Him, even when it is very hard? *God does.*
8. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!*

**Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

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

<p><b>THE GOSPEL</b></p>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People. Oh, how we need God to help us to keep believing in Him! We are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God. The beautiful heart that God put inside of us to know and love Him is broken. That's why God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up when He died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead on the third day in victory, showing He had really beaten sin and death for them. For those who do become God's people, they are always God's people! He will keep on helping them love Him and live for Him the rest of their lives. Thank You, LORD! We can become God's people, too, 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!</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>"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." -- Jude 1:24-25, ESV</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "Now to [God} who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen.</p> <p>We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble. God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p>1. Who keeps God's people from "stumbling" in loving God and living for Him? <i>God does.</i>                  2. Who did God send to save His people? <i>Jesus.</i>                  3. Why will God's people stand before God blameless (that is, not deserving His punishment for their sins)? Who paid for their sins already? <i>Jesus paid for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross for them.</i>                  4. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<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 Impossible, big, bad, SCARY news</b></p> <p>1. What bad thing happened to Jacob's family when there was no rain? <i>Their crops died. The water dried up. They had no food.</i>                  2. How did the LORD help Jacob's family get food? <i>He sent Jacob's son, Joseph, ahead of them to Egypt. Joseph was a very important worker for Pharaoh. He could give Jacob everything he needed.</i>                  3. What happened to Jacob's family while they lived in Egypt? <i>It grew and grew into a whole people--the people of Israel.</i>                  4. What did the new Pharaoh make Jacob's family do for him? <i>He made them his slaves. He forced them to build his big, new buildings.</i>                  5. Who did the people of Israel need to rescue them from Pharaoh and their hard life in Egypt? <i>The LORD.</i>                  6. Who did the LORD send to rescue the people of Israel? <i>Moses.</i>                  7. What did the LORD do to free the people of Israel from Egypt? <i>He sent frogs, flies, and many other sadnesses upon Pharaoh and his people until at last Pharaoh let them go.</i>                  8. Who did Pharaoh send after Moses and the people of Israel after they left Egypt? <i>His soldiers on chariots to bring the people back to be his slaves again.</i>                  9. How did the LORD keep the people of Israel from being caught by Pharaoh's soldiers? <i>He parted the Red Sea so they could go through on dry land. He let the soldiers be swept away in the waters after they had passed through.</i>                  9. What did the people of Israel sing to the LORD when He rescued them? <i>They praised Him for rescuing them. They praised Him for His unflinching love.</i>                  10. The LORD promised to sustain the people of Israel long ago and He still promises to sustain His people today. How can we become His people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources  
for Unit 13, Bible Truth 2:**



**Why Do God's People Keep  
Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God, the Father, Promises to  
Help His People!**

## 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 13: The God Who Sustains

### UNIT OVERVIEW

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

In this unit we will learn six ways God sustains His people.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**ANSWER:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 13 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 13 Material)

Story: The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop *Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Alone Sustains His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV

#### ➔ BIBLE TRUTH 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God

(3 Lessons Available)

The Case of the Man in the Middle *Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Foolish Forgetters *Galatians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Confused Christians *Colossians*

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner *Philippians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-1, ESV1

## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum. You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

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

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#### 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 13: THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS

- 12 Big Q & A 13 Song
- 13 Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
- 14 Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 15 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984
- 17 Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1
- 18 Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

#### Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace...

##### Bible Truth 1: God Alone Sustains His People

- 19 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 20 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, NIV1984

##### Bible Truth 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People

- 22 Bible Verse: Behold, God is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV

##### Bible Truth 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need

- 25 Bible Verse: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV

##### Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People

- 27 Bible Verse: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 30 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 32 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
- 33 Extra Bible Verse: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

##### Bible Truth 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People

- 34 Bible Verse: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV
- 35 Extra Bible Verse: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV

##### Bible Truth 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other

- 37 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Praise be to the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13, NIV 1984
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us 2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV (other version)
- 40 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Hold Fast the Confession Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV
- 41 Extra Bible Verse: Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV
- 42 Extra Bible Verse: Build One Another Up 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV

**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts**

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**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 2 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People**

God is a good Father to His people --to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He knows that they can't love Him or live for Him by themselves. He knows they need His help, and He promises to give it to them.

He promises to take care of all their needs. He promises to comfort them when they are scared. He promises to help them fight against sin in their lives and rescue them in times of trouble. He promises to make everything in their lives work for their good and His glory. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins on the cross to break the strong hold that sin and death had on them. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. There is nothing that God's people need that their Heavenly Father will not provide. He will help them do everything He wants them to do, every day of their lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,6-7, ESV**

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life... I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."

**Learn a Little** "The Lord is the upholder of my life."

**Meaning**

God promises to help His people. He promises to uphold their life, so that they keep on loving Him and living for Him. God has a good plan for each one of His people. He may call them to do some things that are very hard, but He will deliver them out of all their troubles. He promises to give them the strength they need to go through them. He promises to use every trouble for their good. And at just the right time, He will bring their troubles to an end. God's people know they can depend on Him to help them whenever they need help, and to go on helping them for the rest of their lives. He is their sustainer! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful to help Your people live for You.
- C** We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for sending Jesus to break the power of sin and death. Thank You for Your promises to always help Your people.
- S** Please work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to ask You for help and depend upon You. Help us to love You and live for You every day of our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 2 Story**

**The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers**

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Behold, God is My Helper Psalm 54:4,7, ESV



*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV*

*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV*

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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">https://praisefactory.org</a>: Deep Down Detectives Music page</i></p>	<p>Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 13:                  Big Q &amp; A 13 Song                  Big Question 13 Song                  Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:                      Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV                  Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:                      Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV                  Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:                      The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984                  Big Question 13 Hymn:                      Jesus Paid It All, v.1                  Big Question 13 Praise Song:                      I Will Sing of the Mercies                  Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:                      Behold, God is My Helper Psalm 54:4,7, ESV                  Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song:                      Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV                  Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song:                      Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV</p>	<p><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13</i>   <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 14</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 15</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 16</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 22</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 23</i>  <i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 24</i></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: Freeze 'n' Say                  Lesson 2 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice                  Lesson 3 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose   <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 (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)</b></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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13 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 13:

**Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?**

and the Answer is:

**It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!**

**Big Question Meaning**

★ All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that’s not what happens with God’s people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It’s God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

**Big Question Songs**

★ “Let’s sing our Big Question Song:

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12*

*(adapted version of “On Top of Old Smoky”)*

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

Why do God’s people keep believing in God?  
And why do God’s people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That’s why God’s people keep believing in God.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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**Learning about the Big Question**



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him? It is God’s Sustaining Grace!”**

Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme (or sing our song) that explains it.”

Then sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

**Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song**



lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

**Big Question 13 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13

**(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**

Why do God’s people keep believing in Him?  
 What keeps them going?  
 Why do they persevere?  
 There’s just one reason for their lasting faith,  
 It is grace, God’s sustaining grace,

*Hold up one finger  
 Point up to God in heaven*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

God sustains His people in many ways,  
 His Spirit works inside them  
 As they read His Word and pray,  
 He gives them faith to keep in trusting in Him,  
 To keep on living for Him to the very end.

*Touch heart  
 Make open Bible with open palms,  
 Make prayer hands*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

*Raise hands up in praise*



**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**

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**Learning the Bible Truth**

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of BQB

VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "It Is God's Sustaining Grace" 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 **SIX** Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

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

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

**Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL take out AID



of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID

"Ok, we've learned one truth about how God sustains His people. It's this one: "God Alone Sustains His People." (point to picture as you identify the Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these six 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:*

**"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
God, the ????, Promises to Help His People!"**

**Hint**

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "Another word for Dad. It starts with an "F" and it rhymes with "bother."

Can you guess? It's "Father."

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

★ **"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
God, the FATHER, Promises to Help His People!"**

**Bible Truth Meaning**

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

God is a good Father to His people --to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He knows that they can't love Him or live for Him by themselves. He knows they need His help, and He promises to give it to them.

He promises to take care of all their needs. He promises to comfort them when they are scared. He promises to help them fight against sin in their lives and rescue them in times of trouble. He promises to make everything in their lives work for their good and His glory. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins on the cross to break the strong hold that sin and death had on them. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. There is nothing that God's people need that their Heavenly Father will not provide. He will help them do everything He wants them to do, every day of their lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13.1 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 13 Visual Aids, ESV 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:

Psalm 54:4,6-7 tells us:

★ **Psalm 54:4,6-7, ESV**

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life... I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."


**Learn a Little:** "The Lord is the upholder of my life."

**Bible Verse Meaning**

★ **What does that mean?**

God promises to help His people. He promises to uphold their life, so that they keep on loving Him and living for Him. God has a good plan for each one of His people. He may call them to do some things that are very hard, but He will deliver them out of all their troubles. He promises to give them the strength they need to go through them. He promises to use every trouble for their good. And at just the right time, He will bring their troubles to an end. God's people know they can depend on Him to help them whenever they need help, and to go on helping them for the rest of their lives. He is their sustainer! We can become God's people, too, when 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:*

*Even to Your Old Age  
Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13,  
track 23*

*Though the Earth Give Way  
Psalm 46:1,2, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13,  
track 24*

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

**God is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 22*

Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
The upholder of my life,  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper.

Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
He's delivered me from every trouble,  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;








Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
My eyes have looked in triumph on my enemies.  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;

Psalm Fifty-four, four and seven.

**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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 were the really bad remember-ers? What did they refuse to remember about God?</b></li> <li><b>2. What happened when they did remember God as they should?</b></li> </ol>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p><b>Our Bible Verse is Psalm 54:4,6-7:</b> "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."</p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. What troubles did the people of Israel face?</b></li> <li><b>2. What did the LORD promise to do for them in their troubles?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 were: grapes; a rocket; a giant enemy; Joshua, the Ark of the Covenant; and an elephant.</p> <p>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 thanked the LORD for keeping His promise to help them? How did He help them?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 Really Bad Remember-ers</b> Exodus 5-15,19-20,24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5</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>

**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>Jesus Paid It All</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 1</b> I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."</p> <p><b>Refrain</b> Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "What a mighty, loving Savior is Jesus to those who trust in Him! He paid for all their sins on the cross. He cleans their hearts of sin. He saves them so they can be God's people. But that's not all! He gives them the strength to do everything God wants them to do. Yes, they may be weak, but Jesus is so strong! They pray to Him for help, and He will always give them the help they need. God's people praise their wonderful Savior! They owe everything to Him!"</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: I Will Sing of the Mercies</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i></span></p> <p>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.</p> <p>With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness, With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness that they do not deserve. God's people love to sing of the Lord's mercy to them! He has taken away all their sins through His Son, Jesus! He has been faithful to them every day of their lives. He always gives them what they need. God's people know that God will go on being faithful to them forever and ever. No wonder they want to praise Him! No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!"</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 ESV Songs 13, 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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**Lesson Plan: Big Question 13, Bible Truth 2**

use with all THREE lessons

**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: Freeze 'n' Say</li> <li>Lesson 2 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice</li> <li>Lesson 3 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose</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: Bottle Shakers</li> <li>Lesson 2 Activity: March 'n' Say</li> <li>Lesson 3 Activity: Clap, Tap and Say</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: Pony Express</li> <li>Lesson 2 Game: Who's Inside?</li> <li>Lesson 3 Game: Fix Up the Mix Up</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)*



<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 ESV Songs 13, track 3</i></span></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><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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>#1</b></div> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Big Question 13, Bible Truth 1</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>#3</b></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 <b>Big Question: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"</b> <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: <b>"It Is God's Sustaining Grace!"</b></p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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>God, the Father, Promises to Help His People!</b></p> <p>"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me?"</p> <p>Say it with me: <b>"The Bible tells me so!"</b> That's right!</p>
<p><b>Big Question 13 Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>#4</b></div> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: <b>Psalm 54:4,7</b></p> <p>"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "The Lord is the upholder of my life."</p> <p><b>What does that mean?</b></p> <p>God promises to help His people. He promises to uphold their life, so that they keep on loving Him and living for Him. God has a good plan for each one of His people. He may call them to do some things that are very hard, but He will deliver them out of all their troubles. He promises to give them the strength they need to go through them. He promises to use every trouble for their good. And at just the right time, He will bring their troubles to an end. God's people know they can depend on Him to help them whenever they need help, and to go on helping them for the rest of their lives. He is their sustainer! We can become God's people, too, 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> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 22</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>DDDESV Songs 13, 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>
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<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> God, we praise You for being faithful to help Your people live for You.</p> <p><b>C</b> We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!</p> <p><b>T</b> God, thank You for sending Jesus to break the power of sin and death. Thank You for Your promises to always help Your people.</p> <p><b>S</b> Please work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to ask You for help and depend upon You. Help us to love You and live for You every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
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**5. TAKING IT HOME** *(Take Home Sheet)*

<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>
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**The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers***Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5***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 Really Bad Remember-ers. 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 were the really bad remember-ers? What did they refuse to remember about God?**
2. **What happened when they did remember God as they should?**

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

**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 54:4,6-7:** "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."

I need to find out:

1. **What troubles did the people of Israel face?**
2. **What did the LORD promise to do for them in their troubles?**

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

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

Our six clues were: grapes; a rocket; a giant enemy; Joshua, the Ark of the Covenant; and an elephant. 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 thanked the LORD for keeping His promise to help them? How did He help them?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers***Exodus 5-15,19-20,24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**“It’s time to go into Canaan, the land the LORD promised you!”** Moses told the people of Israel. This was the moment they had been waiting for! The LORD had rescued them from their enemies in Egypt. He had given them His laws and made them His people at Mt. Sinai. And now, He had led them to Kadesh Barnea, an oasis right next to Canaan. **“Canaan is filled with good things for you. Go in and take it, just as the LORD told you to,”** Moses told the people. **“Don’t be afraid. Don’t be discouraged. The LORD is with you!”** Moses urged them.

**But the people weren’t so sure. Maybe the LORD knew Canaan, but they didn’t. Maybe there were some very good places to live and some very good food to eat in this land the LORD promised them. Perhaps it did flow with milk and honey (a nickname for a land filled with the best things). But, there might be some very big enemies living there, too. Maybe enemies as big and bad as the armies of Egypt. Hmmm... “Let’s send some men ahead of us to check out the land. Let them spy it out, then come back and report what they find,”** they said to Moses.

**Did the people of Israel really need to send out spies? Did they really need to know how big their enemies were? No, they didn’t! WHO promised to be with them and was more powerful than any enemy they might face? Who would always help them carry out His plans? Can you tell me His name?**

*Can you tell me?*

**It was the LORD! The LORD was with them. No enemy would ever be too powerful for Him. It was His plan for them to have this land and no one can ever stop His plans. The LORD would give them all the help they needed, no matter what enemy they faced. All they had to do was think back and remember. They had been helpless to free themselves from Pharaoh, but the LORD had helped them with His mighty power. He sent gnats, frogs, and other sadnesses...and they were free! They had been helpless against Pharaoh’s chariots, trapped by the Red Sea. But the LORD had helped them with His mighty power. He had parted the Red Sea and made a way for them to escape. He washed away Pharaoh’s men. Remember! Remember! The LORD would always help them. He would always rescue them. He would always take care of them. But the people weren’t remembering as they should, so the LORD allowed them to send out spies.**

**Twelve men were chosen: Joshua, Caleb, and ten other leaders. They would be best to see what the land was like for the people. “Go through the Negev mountains, then into the grassy, hill country,”** Moses ordered the men. **“Look at the people. Are there lots of them? Are they weak or strong? Do they live in tents or cities surrounded by strong walls? See what the land is like. Does it have trees? Is it good for farming?”** Moses told them. **“Be brave and bring us back some fruit!”** he said.

**So, sneaky sneak, sneak went the twelve men into the Promised Land of Canaan. First, they went through the tall, dry, Negev mountains. No one lived there and no food would grow there either. Would ALL the land God promised them be like this?**

*What do you think?*

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

**No, it wasn't! At last, the spies came to the grassy, hill country. Now this was MUCH better! What beautiful views from the hills! What good farming in the valleys! Lots of fish and fresh water in the lakes and rivers. Lots of trees with red, juicy pomegranate and delicious, sweet figs, too. Yum! And the grapes. Oh, how good were the grapes! The men cut off a huge branch covered in them and slung it over a pole to carry back to Moses and the people. It took two of them to carry just that one branch it was so big! Oh, yes! The land the LORD was giving them very good!**

**But, there wasn't just plenty of food in this Promised Land. There were plenty of people, too! And not just any kind of people! These were fierce, giant people who lived in strong, tall cities and worshipped bad, fake gods. They wouldn't welcome the people of Israel to Canaan. They would fight hard to keep their beautiful land, and they certainly seemed strong enough to beat the people of Israel and keep them out!**

**With fruit in hand, Joshua, Caleb, and the other, ten men started back to Kadesh Barnea. Back through the hill country, back through the Negev mountains they went, sneak, sneak, sneaking and walk, walk, walking. Back to Moses and the people. And as their legs were busy sneaking and walking, their minds must have been busy thinking. What do you think they were thinking about?**

*Can you guess?*

**I bet they were thinking about what to tell the people when they got back to camp. Big fruit; big enemies; big cities. Would the people be in big trouble if they went into the Promised Land; or, could they trust in big help from the LORD?**

**How excited the people were when at last the twelve men returned! "Look at that fruit! Those delicious pomegranates and figs! That huge branch of juicy grapes!" the people exclaimed. They eagerly gathered around the twelve spies to hear more about the wonderful land of Canaan.**

**Ten of the spies (all except Joshua and Caleb) stood up and gave their report. "The land is beautiful and good, just as the LORD said," they told the people, "But, the land is full of fierce giants who live in great cities with strong walls. We can't do it. We are helpless to fight them and take the land," they exclaimed. "We shouldn't even try. If we do, we will all die, we and our children!"**

**How sad! These ten leaders had refused to remember the LORD or trust that He would keep His promise to help them. Now, it was the people's turn. What would they do with the spies' report? Would they remember the LORD and trust in His promise to help them; or, would they choose to forget Him, just as these ten leaders had?**

*What do you think?*

**The people chose to forget the LORD. "WAAAAA!" the people wailed when they heard what the ten spies said. They cried and cried and cried all the rest of the day and all night long.**

**By the morning, their tears had dried and their cries had stopped. Their "WAAAAA!" changed to "GRRRRR!" They were FURIOUS at the LORD and Moses and Aaron. "Why did you bring us out here to be killed by these enemies?" they grumbled. "Let's get a new leader and go back to Egypt! We were better off there!" they said.**

**This was terrible! Moses and Aaron bowed down and prayed to the LORD for the people. They deserved the LORD's punishment for doubting His goodness and His help. Moses and Aaron begged for His mercy.**

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

Then, Joshua and Caleb, the last of the twelve spies, stood up with something very different to say. "The land we spied out is so very good. Don't rebel against the LORD! Don't fear the people of the land! They are nothing. The LORD is with us. He's able to help us and give it to us," they exclaimed. These two leaders remembered the LORD. They trusted in His promise to help them. Would their report help the people remember and trust, too?

*What do you think?*

**It did NOT! The people STILL refused to remember the LORD. They STILL refused to go into the beautiful Promised Land. They even picked up stones to throw at Moses and Aaron! Grrr! They were so angry!**

Then suddenly, the bright, shiny glory of the LORD appeared. Everyone stopped in amazement. Their God was the living God! They had forgotten who He was yet again.

You see, this wasn't the first time the people had forgotten the LORD since He had rescued them from Egypt. This wasn't even the second, third, or fourth time. It was the TENTH time, and the LORD's patience had run out. "How long will the people not believe in Me? When will they remember all the amazing things I've done for them and trust Me to help them?" the LORD said to Moses.

"Because you didn't believe that I would take care of you and defeat your enemies, you will NOT get to go into the Promised Land. You will wander out here in the dry desert for forty years until you grow old and die. Instead, I will take your children to live in the beautiful land when they grow up," the LORD told them.

How sad the people were! They hadn't remembered the LORD. They hadn't trusted He would help them. And now, they would never get to live in the good land He had promised them.

"The people, the spies, Aaron, and Moses headed out into the wilderness, leaving Canaan behind. For the next forty years, they wandered just within reach of the Promised Land but never went in. And as the years passed, the adults grew old and died. At last, only Joshua and Caleb, the two faithful spies, remained. But, the children grew up and became adults; and, the LORD made Joshua their new leader.

Now, it was time to go into the Promised Land. Once more, the people of Israel camped right outside of Canaan, this time by the Jordan River. Once more, spies were sent to spy out the land. (SB24) And once more, they came back with news of good fruit and powerful enemies living in strong, walled cities. There was STILL no way for the people of Israel to beat these enemies on their own.

But that was not ALL the two spies had seen. "The people are mighty and their cities are strong, but they have heard of the LORD and are scared," they reported. "The LORD has surely given us this land!"

The LORD encouraged the people, too. "I will go before you and fight your enemies," the LORD promised Joshua and the people. "Many years earlier, I parted the Red Sea to help you escape Pharaoh's armies. Now, I will part the rushing, roaring waters of the Jordan River for you. I will dry up the riverbed so you can cross to the Promised Land on dry land," He said. "Be strong and courageous as you lead the people!" the LORD urged Joshua. "I will be with you wherever you go!" He promised.

What would the people do this time? Would they remember all the LORD had done for them? Would they trust His promises to help them?

*What do you think?*

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

**This time, the people did NOT fear! This time they DID remember, and they DID trust! The priests carrying the golden Ark of God’s Presence, led the people toward the rushing waters of the Jordan River. If the LORD did not stop the waters, they would surely drown. But as the first priest put out his foot to step into the swirling water, the LORD did just what He promised. He held back the river as the priests with the Ark, then all the people of Israel crossed into the Promised Land for the first time!**

When everyone had crossed safely, the LORD told Joshua, “Choose men to pick up twelve, large stones from the Jordan River. Place them together next to the riverbank. These Remembering Stones will help you remember this day I brought you into Canaan on dry ground. They will help everyone in the world remember that I am the one, true, mighty God and I should be worshipped and obeyed,” the LORD said.

The people obeyed. They set up the Remembering Stones and they worshipped the LORD that day. News spread to the enemies of what the LORD had done, and they were filled with even more fear. They might be tall like fierce giants. Their cities might be strong and have tall walls, but who could stand against the one, true, mighty God?

The people of Israel praised the LORD. Already He was going before them. Maybe they DID have a country full of fierce, giant enemies to face, but they knew they would not have to face them alone. They would remember the LORD and trust in Him. Surely, He would help them all the days of their lives, until every enemy was defeated, and the beautiful, Promised Land was all theirs. And the LORD did just that, just as He promised.

**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 were the really bad remember-ers? What did they refuse to remember about God?** The people of Israel were the bad remember-ers. They chose not to remember the LORD's promises to take care of them. They chose not to remember all the ways the LORD had rescued them from their strong enemies already. Because they did not remember, they refused to trust that the LORD could really defeat the people in Canaan and give them the land as their home.

**2. What happened when they remembered the promises?** They had courage to go into Canaan. And when they did, the LORD helped them defeat their enemies and made the land their own.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Israel, the LORD wants us to remember who He is and what He is able to do. He wants us to turn to Him and trust Him to take care of us, no matter what we face in life. And what's the most important thing He's done that He wants us to remember? That He sent Jesus to save us from our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will make us His people. As His people, we can know that God will always sustain us—He will help us to love Him and live for Him, the rest of our lives.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Psalm 54:4,6-7:**

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."

**1. What troubles did the people of Israel face?** They faced fierce enemies who lived in strong cities in the land the LORD promised them. These enemies were too strong for them and would kill them, if they fought them on their own.

**2. What did the LORD promise to do for them in their troubles?** The LORD promised to always be with them. He would help them beat their enemies. He would help them win the land He promised them. He would even go before them.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Israel, God holds out His promises to us. Promises to forgive our sins and make us His people. Promises to help us to live for Him, all the days of our lives. How can these promises from God become promises for us? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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

Our six clues were: grapes; a rocket; a giant enemy; Joshua, the Ark of the Covenant; and an elephant.

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

The grapes; the giant enemy; Joshua, and the Ark of the Covenant belong. The rocket and the elephant do not.

**2. Who thanked the LORD for keeping His promise to help them? How did He help them?** The people of Israel did. He held back the waters of the River Jordan, so they could cross on dry land. He helped them fight all of their enemies and win, so they could settle the land He promised them.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Israel, God holds out His promises to us. Promises to forgive our sins and make us His people. Promises to help us to live for Him, all the days of our lives. How can these promises from God become promises for us? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, then we, too, will have so very, very much to thank the LORD for!

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

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God, the Father, Promises to Help His People!**

The LORD helped the people of Israel over and over again. There was no enemy too strong, no problem too big for the LORD. He promised to always help them, and He always kept those promises! And yet, the people kept choosing to forget the LORD. They kept choosing to not trust Him. They were sinners who did not deserve to be His people or His help. Like the people of Israel, we are sinners, too. We may hear about the LORD and His promises, but too many times we choose to forget those promises and not trust in Him. But the good news is, the LORD has still promised to help us, even though we don't deserve it. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven and become God's people. He will be their God forever. He will send His Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and help them from the inside. Help them love Him, trust Him, and remember His good promises. And one day, bring them home to live with Him in heaven forever. We can be God's people and receive God's forgiveness for our sins 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.

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer****Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful to help Your people live for You.
  
- C** We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!
  
- T** God, thank You for sending Jesus to break the power of sin and death. Thank You for Your promises to always help Your people.
  
- S** Please work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to ask You for help and depend upon You. Help us to love You and live for You every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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





# Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning



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

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

<b>BIG QUESTION</b>	<p>Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!</p> <p>All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen. But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things. What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.</p>
<b>Meaning</b>	
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do God's people keep on believing in Him? <i>It is God's sustaining grace.</i></li> <li>2. Who enjoys many good things in this world? <i>Everyone.</i></li> <li>3. Who suffers through bad or sad things in this world? <i>Everyone.</i></li> </ol>
<i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Who do God's people love more than the good things they enjoy? <i>God.</i></li> <li>5. Who do they keep trusting in, even as they go through bad or sad things? <i>God.</i></li> <li>6. Who helps God's people keep believing in God? <i>God does.</i></li> <li>7. What does God give His people to help them keep on believing in and living for Him? <i>His sustaining grace.</i></li> <li>8. What is sustaining grace? <i>Grace is a big, Bible word that means a gift we get that we don't deserve. Sustaining means to keep on going. Sustaining grace is God giving us the amazing gift of strength to keep on believing and living for Him.</i></li> <li>9. Who does God want us to depend upon? <i>Himself.</i></li> <li>10. What does God love us to ask Him for? <i>His help.</i></li> <li>11. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>

<b>BIBLE TRUTH</b>	<p>It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People!</p> <p>God is a good Father to His people --to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He knows that they can't love Him or live for Him by themselves. He knows they need His help, and He promises to give it to them. He promises to take care of all their needs. He promises to comfort them when they are scared. He promises to help them fight against sin in their lives and rescue them in times of trouble. He promises to make everything in their lives work for their good and His glory. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins on the cross to break the strong hold that sin and death had on them. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. There is nothing that God's people need that their Heavenly Father will not provide. He will help them do everything He wants them to do, every day of their lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<b>Meaning</b>	
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What kind of father is God to His people? <i>God is the best kind of father to His people. He always loves them and does what is best for them. He always cares for them.</i></li> <li>2. Who needs God's help to live for Him? <i>We all do!</i></li> </ol>
<i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Who does God promise to help love Him and live for Him? <i>All who ask, but especially His people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.</i></li> <li>4. What kinds of things does God promise to do for His people? <i>Provide them with that they need; comfort them; help them fight against sin.</i></li> <li>5. How does God help His people? <i>He strengthens them by His Word; He saves them through Jesus; and, He lives inside of them by His Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>6. What will God help His people do? <i>Everything He wants them to do.</i></li> <li>7. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>

## Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

P.2

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

<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People. The Bible is full of God's promises to help His people. But the greatest way that God has helped His people is sending His Son, Jesus, to save them from their sins. How God the Father loved His Son, yet He send Him to suffer and die on the cross for their sins. This was the only way to save them. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!</i></p>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b>	<p>Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." -- Psalm 54:4,6-7, ESV</p>
<b>Meaning</b>	<p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "The Lord is the upholder of my life."</p> <p>God promises to help His people. He promises to uphold their life, so that they keep on loving Him and living for Him. God has a good plan for each one of His people. He may call them to do some things that are very hard, but He will deliver them out of all their troubles. He promises to give them the strength they need to go through them. He promises to use every trouble for their good. And at just the right time, He will bring their troubles to an end. God's people know they can depend on Him to help them whenever they need help, and to go on helping them for the rest of their lives. He is their sustainer! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<p>1. How does God sustain His people? <i>He helps them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. He provides for their needs.</i></p> <p>2. What is God's name? <i>The LORD.</i></p> <p>3. What is the LORD like? <i>He is good.</i></p> <p>4. What does God promise to deliver His people from? <i>Their troubles.</i></p> <p>5. How does God deliver His people from their troubles? <i>He gives them the strength they need to keep going through times of trouble; He uses them for their good; and, He takes away the troubles at just the right time. Best of all, one day they will go to live with Him and never have any troubles again!</i></p> <p>6. What kinds of enemies does God help His people triumph (win) over? <i>Anything that keeps them from loving Him and living for Him. Anything enemy that harms them and is against God's good plans for them, especially sin and death.</i></p> <p>7. How does God help His people triumph over these enemies? <i>He gives them the strength they need to stand against these enemies; He uses even these enemies for good in their lives; and, He takes away the enemies at just the right time. Best of all, one day they will go to live with Him and never have any enemies again!</i></p> <p>8. How can we become God's people and enjoy His promise to save us from our sins and help us keep on loving Him and living Him our whole lives? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<b>BIBLE STORY</b>  <b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<p><b>The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers</b></p> <p>1. How did the LORD rescue the people of Israel from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt? <i>He sent frogs, gnats and many other sadnesses upon him and his people until he freed them at last.</i></p> <p>2. How did the LORD rescue the people of Israel when they were trapped by the Rea Sea and Pharaoh's soldiers were after them? <i>He parted the Red Sea and let them cross to the other side on dry land.</i></p> <p>3. What good and scary things did the twelve spies find when they went to look over the land of Canaan? <i>Good: beautiful, big fruit; good land for farming. Scary: fierce, giant enemies who lived in big cities with strong, tall walls and worshipped bad, fake gods.</i></p> <p>4. What did the people think when they heard the ten spies tell about the enemies in the land? <i>They chose to forget the LORD. They did not trust He could help them beat their enemies. They cried, then they got very angry at the LORD, Moses and Aaron. They wanted to go back to Egypt.</i></p> <p>5. What two spies urged the people to trust in the LORD and take the land He promised them? <i>Caleb and Joshua.</i></p> <p>6. What punishment did the LORD give the people for not trusting in Him? <i>Forty years of walking in the desert. The parents would never get to go into the Promised Land, only their children would.</i></p> <p>7. What did the people choose to do when the LORD told them to cross the Jordan River and take the land? <i>They chose to remember and trust this time.</i></p> <p>8. Did the LORD keep His promise to help His people take the land? <i>Yes, He did! He was with them and helped them defeat their enemies until the land was all theirs.</i></p> <p>9. What has the LORD done to help us defeat our biggest enemy--sin and death? <i>He sent Jesus to die on the cross and pay for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. We can ask God to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer this prayer!</i></p>

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources  
for Unit 13, Bible Truth 3:**



**Why Do God's People Keep  
Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**Jesus Provides God's People  
with Everything They Need  
to Live for God!**

## Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

### Pray!



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

### Review



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

### Look through and Learn the Lesson



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

### Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



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

### Let There Be Music



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

### Put the Props in Place



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

### Set Out Free Play Activities



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

### Prepare Any Activities



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

### Let Them Take It with Them



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

### Store It



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

## Unit 13: The God Who Sustains

### UNIT OVERVIEW

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

In this unit we will learn six ways God sustains His people.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**ANSWER:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 13 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 13 Material)

Story: The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop *Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Alone Sustains His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV

#### ➔ BIBLE TRUTH 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God

(3 Lessons Available)

The Case of the Man in the Middle *Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Foolish Forgetters *Galatians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Confused Christians *Colossians*

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner *Philippians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-1, ESV1

## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum. You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

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

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#### 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 13: THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS

- 12 Big Q & A 13 Song
- 13 Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
- 14 Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 15 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984
- 17 Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1
- 18 Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

#### Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace...

##### Bible Truth 1: God Alone Sustains His People

- 19 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 20 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, NIV1984

##### Bible Truth 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People

- 22 Bible Verse: Behold, God is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV

##### Bible Truth 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need

- 25 Bible Verse: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV

##### Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People

- 27 Bible Verse: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 30 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 32 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
- 33 Extra Bible Verse: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

##### Bible Truth 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People

- 34 Bible Verse: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV
- 35 Extra Bible Verse: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV

##### Bible Truth 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other

- 37 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Praise be to the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13, NIV 1984
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us 2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV (other version)
- 40 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Hold Fast the Confession Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV
- 41 Extra Bible Verse: Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV
- 42 Extra Bible Verse: Build One Another Up 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV

**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts**

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**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 3 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God**

God wants His people to love Him and live for Him. He wants them to love Him with all their heart, mind, and strength. He wants them to love others as themselves. He wants them to be holy, like He is holy.

God's people want to love God and live for Him. They know that they bring glory to God when they do, and they want to bring Him glory that more than anything else. But God's people are sinners with sinful hearts. They are often afraid, weak, and tempted to disobey God. How can they ever live the lives God wants them to live?

Jesus is how! God not only saved His people through Jesus, but He also promises to give them everything they need to live the lives He wants them to live through Jesus. The Bible tells us that right now in heaven, Jesus is always praying for God's people that they would glorify God and fulfill God's plans for their lives. Jesus' prayers for God's people are always answered with a yes! Jesus will always give them everything they need for life and godliness. It is His promise. What a wonderful Savior Jesus is! We can become God's people and receive all that we need to love and serve God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

**Learn a Little** "Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need."

**Meaning**

Jesus reigns in heaven as the king over all creation and as the high priest for God's people. What does Jesus do for God's people as their high priest? He listens to their prayers and understands how hard it can be to say "no" to disobeying God. He prays for them, and He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and do all He wants them to do.

God's people know they can always pray and ask Jesus to help them. They know He loves to help them in their weakness. He loves to give them the strength they need to love God and live for Him. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will always help them! We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.
- S** Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God God and live for Him, every day of our lives.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 3 Story**

**The Case of the Man in the Middle**

*Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 3**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, 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) ESV Songs 13:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Big Q &amp; A 13 Song</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 Song</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 26</td> </tr> </table> <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>	Big Q & A 13 Song	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12	Big Question 13 Song	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13	Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 14	Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 15	Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 16	Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17	Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18	Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 25	Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 26
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<p><b>Gathering the Children</b> <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><b>The Classroom Song, verse 1</b> <span style="float: right;">DDD ESV Songs 13, track 1</span></p> <p>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;">DDD ESV Songs 13, track 5</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;">DDD ESV Songs 13, track 6</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;">DDD ESV Songs 13, track 7</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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13 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 13:

**Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?**

and the Answer is:

**It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!**

**Big Question Meaning**

★ All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that’s not what happens with God’s people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

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**Big Question Songs**

★ “Let’s sing our Big Question Song:

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12*

*(adapted version of “On Top of Old Smoky”)*

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

Why do God’s people keep believing in God?  
And why do God’s people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That’s why God’s people keep believing in God.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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**Learning about the Big Question**



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him? It is God’s Sustaining Grace!”**

Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme (or sing our song) that explains it.”

Then sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

**Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song**



lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

**Big Question 13 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13

**(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**

Why do God’s people keep believing in Him?  
 What keeps them going?  
 Why do they persevere?  
 There’s just one reason for their lasting faith,  
 It is grace, God’s sustaining grace,

*Hold up one finger  
 Point up to God in heaven*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

God sustains His people in many ways,  
 His Spirit works inside them  
 As they read His Word and pray,  
 He gives them faith to keep in trusting in Him,  
 To keep on living for Him to the very end.

*Touch heart  
 Make open Bible with open palms,  
 Make prayer hands*

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*Point up to God in heaven*

*Raise hands up in praise*

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**Learning the Bible Truth**

VISUAL take out  
AID



of BQB

VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "It Is God's Sustaining Grace" 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 **SIX** Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our six 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 six 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 two truths about how God sustains His people. They are: "God Alone Sustains His People" and, "God, the Father, Promises to Help His People." (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 six 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:*

**"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to ???? for God!"**

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "This word means to try to please God with your whole life. It starts with an "L" and it rhymes with "give."

**Hint**

Can you guess? It's "LIVE."

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

★ **"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to LIVE for God!"**

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

**Bible Truth Meaning**

★ God wants His people to love Him and live for Him. He wants them to love Him with all their heart, mind, and strength. He wants them to love others as themselves. He wants them to be holy, like He is holy.

God's people want to love God and live for Him. They know that they bring glory to God when they do, and they want to bring Him glory that more than anything else. But God's people are sinners with sinful hearts. They are often afraid, weak, and tempted to disobey God. How can they ever live the lives God wants them to live?

Jesus is how! God not only saved His people through Jesus, but He also promises to give them everything they need to live the lives He wants them to live through Jesus. The Bible tells us that right now in heaven, Jesus is always praying for God's people that they would glorify God and fulfill God's plans for their lives. Jesus' prayers for God's people are always answered with a yes! Jesus will always give them everything they need for life and godliness. It is His promise. What a wonderful Savior Jesus is! We can become God's people and receive all that we need to love and serve God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13.2 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL AID Place verse in take out



\*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV 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:

Hebrews 4:15-16 tells us:

**Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

**Learn a Little:** "Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need."

**Bible Verse Meaning**


**What does that mean?**

Jesus reigns in heaven as the king over all creation and as the high priest for God's people. What does Jesus do for God's people as their high priest? He listens to their prayers and understands how hard it can be to say "no" to disobeying God. He prays for them, and He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and do all He wants them to do.

God's people know they can always pray and ask Jesus to help them. They know He loves to help them in their weakness. He loves to give them the strength they need to love God and live for Him. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will help them. He will always help them!

We can be God's people, too, when 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:*

*Let Us Then Draw Near  
Hebrews 4:16, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 26*

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

**Let Us with Confidence: Hebrews 4:16**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 25*

Let us then with confidence draw near,  
With confidence draw near the throne of grace,  
So that we may receive mercy and find grace,  
In our time of need,  
Hebrews Four, sixteen.

**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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. What one Man stood in the middle between God and people, so they could become God's people? What worship gift did He offer up to God to make this happen?</b></li> <li><b>2. What is that Man doing even now for God's people?</b></li> </ol>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p><b>Our Bible Verse is Hebrews 4:15-16:</b></p> <p>"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who is the great high priest who offered the final worship gift for God's people?</b></li> <li><b>2. What is He doing for God's people now?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p>I found six clues, but two of them are <b>NOT</b> in the story. They are: white clothes, rug, ladybug, sinful heart, worship gift, and a cross. 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"> <li><b>1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?</b></li> <li><b>2. Who is always asking God to help God's people?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 Man in the Middle</b></p> <p>Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18</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>



**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>Jesus Paid It All</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 1</b> I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."</p> <p><b>Refrain</b> Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "What a mighty, loving Savior is Jesus to those who trust in Him! He paid for all their sins on the cross. He cleans their hearts of sin. He saves them so they can be God's people. But that's not all! He gives them the strength to do everything God wants them to do. Yes, they may be weak, but Jesus is so strong! They pray to Him for help, and He will always give them the help they need. God's people praise their wonderful Savior! They owe everything to Him!"</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: I Will Sing of the Mercies</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i></span></p> <p>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.</p> <p>With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness, With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness that they do not deserve. God's people love to sing of the Lord's mercy to them! He has taken away all their sins through His Son, Jesus! He has been faithful to them every day of their lives. He always gives them what they need. God's people know that God will go on being faithful to them forever and ever. No wonder they want to praise Him! No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!"</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 ESV Songs 13, 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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**Lesson Plan: Big Question 13, Bible Truth 3**

use with all THREE lessons

**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: Slap, Clap and Stack</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss</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: Block Clappers</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Activity: Lullabies, Bells and Lions</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Activity: Musical Squares</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: Take Me through the Tunnel</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Missing in Action</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Treasure Hunt</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></p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p><b>Bible Verse Craft</b></p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p><b>Bible Story Puzzle</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>ideas in Appendix D</i></p> <p>★</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 ESV Songs 13, track 3</i></span></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><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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p><b>#1</b></p> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Big Question 13, Bible Truth 2</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p><b>#3</b></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: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"</b> <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: <b>"It Is God's Sustaining Grace!"</b></p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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 Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God!</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 13, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p><b>#4</b></p> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: <b>Hebrews 4:15-16</b></p> <p>"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need."</p> <p>Jesus reigns in heaven as the king over all creation and as the high priest for God's people. What does Jesus do for God's people as their high priest? He listens to their prayers and understands how hard it can be to say "no" to disobeying God. He prays for them, and He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and do all He wants them to do. God's people know they can always pray and ask Jesus to help them. They know He loves to help them in their weakness. He loves to give them the strength they need to love God and live for Him. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will always help them! We can be God's people, too, 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> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 25</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>DDDESV Songs 13, 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> Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.</p> <p><b>C</b> We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!</p> <p><b>T</b> Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.</p> <p><b>S</b></p> <p>Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God God and live for Him, every day of our lives. 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 Man in the Middle***Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

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**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 Man in the Middle. 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 one Man stood in the middle between God and people, so they could become God’s people? What worship gift did He offer up to God to make this happen?**
2. **What is that Man doing even now for God’s people?**

**Detective Dan’s Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Hebrews 4:15-16:**

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

I need to know:

1. **Who is the great high priest who offered the final worship gift for God’s people?**
2. **What is He doing for God’s people now?**

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

They are: white clothes, rug, ladybug, sinful heart, worship gift, and a cross.

*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 always asking God to help God’s people?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Man in the Middle***Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**Do you know what a holiday is? It's a day when people stop their work and get together to celebrate something special. What holidays can you think of? New Year's Day or 4th of July? Christmas or Easter?**

*Can you name any holidays?*

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**Well, God's people in the Bible celebrated holidays, too. Perhaps you have heard of some of them. There was the Passover, when they celebrated how the LORD rescued His people from being slaves in Egypt. the Feast of the Tabernacles, when they celebrated God taking care of His people as they crossed the dry wilderness and brought them to live in the Promised Land. These holidays were days to look back and celebrate what good things God had done for them. There was so much to celebrate! God had been so good to them!**

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**But, the Day of Atonement was the most important holiday that God's people celebrated. "Atonement" is a big, Bible word that means "paying for sins so we can be God's people." Without atonement, the people could not stay God's people. And that made the Day of Atonement the most important day of the whole year.**

**You see, God is all good. He is holy. But God's people, long ago, were sinners, just like you and me. They had all disobeyed God. They had all broken their friendship with Him. None of them deserved to be God's people. Do you know what they deserved instead?**

*Can you tell me?*

**They deserved to be forgotten by God, not loved, or helped by Him. They deserved His punishment.**

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**How could such people become God's people? Only through atonement. Only a special worship gift given to God could pay for their sins and allow them to be His people. And this wasn't even a worship gift the people could take to God, themselves! They had to have a special PERSON to take it for them to a special MEETING PLACE, in a very special WAY. The special meeting place was called the Tabernacle. It was the place of God's special presence here on earth. And the special person was called the High Priest. This was the only way they could stay near God as His people.**

**Here's the special way the high priest had to present the worship gift:**

**The high priest had to prepare himself very carefully. God was holy. He was not. He must do everything just right if he were to meet with God and his worship gift be accepted. First, he washed himself from top to bottom. Scrub, scrub, scrub!**

**Then, he went inside the Tabernacle and put on his special Atonement Day clothes, clothes that he only wore this one day of the year. He had a special, white shirt, robe, and pants. Around his waist, he wrapped a special, white belt; and, on his head, he put a special, white hat. These clothes were so special that they were always kept in the Tabernacle.**

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

After the high priest had washed and dressed like this, it was time for him to intercede (pray) for the people. The people gathered outside the Tabernacle and watched as the high priest went in and out of the Tabernacle two times. Each time, he prepared a special worship gift and took it to present to the LORD.

The first gift was for the high priest's own sin. He took it into the Tabernacle and went behind the beautiful curtain covered in cherubim at the back. This tiny room was called the Most Holy Place. In it was the Ark of the Covenant, a golden box with two, cherubim angels bending over its cover. Inside the Ark were the Ten Commandments, the 10 Big, Laws God had given through Moses for His people to obey. The Most Holy Place was where God promised to receive the high priest's worship gifts and hear him intercede for (pray) the people.

Standing in front of the Ark was like standing before God in heaven. The high priest sprinkled some of the worship gift onto the Ark, then prayed, "Forgive me, LORD, so I can come before You and pray for the people," as he offered his worship gift.

Next, the high priest went back out and prepared the worship gift for the people. Then, once more, he went into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled some of this worship gift onto the Ark. This time, he prayed for the people. "Forgive Your people's sins. Be near us. Keep us close to You, so we can be Your people another year. LORD, help Your people," he prayed, as he offered the worship gift for them.

When he finished offering these gifts, the high priest took off his white clothes and put his regular, high priest clothes back on. Then, he went outside the Tabernacle and the people watched as he offered two more worship upon the big, fiery, bronze altar that stood near the Tabernacle. These were burnt offerings, one for the high priest and one for the people. Once more, he prayed for the LORD to receive these offerings and keep them as His people.

And then it was all done... at least until the next year. The LORD had accepted the worship gifts. He had made the way for His sinful people to stay near Him as His dearly-loved people for another year. How grateful the people were for this plan that the LORD had set up! How they needed that high priest, that man in the middle! He was the only way they could stay near the LORD as His people!

For hundreds of years, God's people saw one high priest after another come and go into that Most Holy Place. Each offered the special gifts. Each prayed the special prayers asking God to be near His people, to provide for them, and to forgive their sins for another year.

Why did those high priests have to go back, year after year? Why couldn't they just go in once and make one, big worship gift for the people for all time? Well, it was because there was something wrong with every single one of those high priests and every single one of the worship gifts they offered. They weren't good enough to forgive the sins of God's people!

You see, all those men may have scrubbed their skin until it was shiny clean. They all may have worn special, white clothes. And, they all may have gone into the Most Holy Place on the right day, in just the right way. But the problem was that underneath it all, every one of those high priests had something bad in their hearts, just like everyone else. Do you know what it was?

*Can you tell me?*

It was sin! And by God's law, only a PERFECT high priest, with NO SIN, bringing a PERFECT worship gift would be good enough for God to forgive sins. Only this kind of high priest could truly intercede for the people and have God answer his prayers for the people. That's why all these high priests and their worship gifts were just tie-overs until the perfect, REAL high priest with the perfect, FINAL worship gift came. THIS high priest would put an end to the worship gifts forever. He would pray for God's people and His prayers would last forever.

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

**But WHERE would the people ever find a perfect high priest with a perfect worship gift? Was there no hope for God's people?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, there was hope! There would never be a perfect high priest or a perfect worship gift among the people, but God would send them one from heaven: His perfect Son, Jesus!**

**Yes, Jesus came from heaven to be born a baby. He was God's Son, but now he was a human, too, the son of Mary. Jesus didn't stay a baby. He grew up, up, up to be a man. And with every day of His life, Jesus always loved God and kept all of God's laws. Jesus was perfect! And because He was perfect, He could be the perfect high priest God planned Him to be. Here, at last, was the One who could be the final Middle Man. He could present a worship gift for the sins of God's people that would last forever. But where would Jesus get the needed worship gift? It had to be just as perfect as He was.**

*Do you know where Jesus would find the perfect worship gift needed?*

**There was only One who could be that perfect, worship gift. It was Jesus, Himself. Yes, Jesus would be not just the perfect high priest, but the perfect worship gift for sin, too.**

**And that's just what Jesus did, though it was so very hard. Jesus went to the cross to suffer and die. He gave His own life as the perfect worship gift, the perfect payment, for the sins of God's people, once and for all time! And, while the other high priests took their worship gifts into the Tabernacle, behind the cherubim curtain, to sprinkle on the Ark of God's presence here on earth, Jesus took His worship to a very different place. When Jesus died, He went up to heaven and stood before the real cherubim and God, His Father. And there, Jesus presented His very life as the one, final, perfect worship gift for all of God's people. And do you think God accepted it? He certainly did! Now, God's people will always be near to God as His dearly-loved people.**

**Rippppp! That beautiful curtain in front of the Most Holy Place split in two when Jesus died. The true high priest had come and made atonement. God and His people could be together now. And on the third day, Jesus proved it, when He rose from dead. God had accepted Jesus' perfect worship gift. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.**

**Then, Jesus rose up to heaven to rule. He's there, even now. And He STILL continues to be the Man in the Middle, the great high priest, for all of God's people. All day, all night, all the time, not just once a year, Jesus is interceding (praying) for them. And guess what God's answer to all of Jesus' prayers for them is?**

*Can you guess?*

**It's always "Yes and Amen!" Yes, your sins are forgiven, FOREVER! Yes, everything you need to live for God will be given, FOREVER! Yes, you will always be close to God and He will be close to you! Jesus makes sure that God's people keep on believing in and living for God their whole lives. He gives them everything they need to live for God!**

**What a wonderful high priest God's people have in Jesus! Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be the Man in the Middle that we need!**



**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 one Man stood in the middle between God and people, so they could become God's people?**

**What worship gift did He offer up to God to make this happen?** Jesus was the man in the middle. Jesus was the final, high priest who offered up His own perfect life as the worship gift to pay for the sins of God's people.

**2. What is that Man doing even now for God's people?** He is ruling in heaven. He is carrying out His Father's good plans. He is listening to the prayers of God's people and praying for them. He is making sure they have everything they need for life and godliness.

**For You and Me:**

God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him 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 Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV:**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

I need to know:

**1. Who is the great high priest who offered the final worship gift for God's people?** Jesus was.

**2. What is He doing for God's people now?** He is ruling in heaven. He is carrying out His Father's good plans. He is listening to the prayers of God's people and praying for them. He is making sure they have everything they need for life and godliness.

**For You and Me:**

God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And, if you do, you, too, can know that He is ever praying for you. He will help you keep on believing in God and living for Him.

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

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They were: white clothes, rug, ladybug, sinful heart, worship gift, and a cross. *Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to know:

**1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?** The white clothes, sinful heart, worship gift and cross belong. The rug and the ladybug do not.

**2. Who is always asking God to help God's people?** Jesus is.

**For You and Me:**

God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And, if you do, you, too, can know that He is ever praying for you. He will help you keep on believing in God and living for Him.

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

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God!**

We need Jesus to provide us for everything we need to live for God. Why? Because we have all chosen to turn away from God. We can never please God or love Him or live for Him by ourselves. Oh, how we need a Savior!

And that's why God, in His great mercy, sent Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He gave His life to be the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Even now, He is ever listening to their prayers and praying for them from heaven. Jesus is making sure God's people have everything they need to love God and live for Him. These can be God's gifts to us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. How good God has been to us by sending Jesus!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.
- S** Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God God and live for Him, every day of our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

# Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all  
response activities  
for deeper learning



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

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

<p><b>BIG QUESTION</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p>     <p><b>Discussion Questions</b> <i>choose a few</i></p>	<p><b>Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!</b></p> <p>All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen. But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things. What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do God's people keep on believing in Him? <i>It is God's sustaining grace.</i></li> <li>2. Who enjoys many good things in this world? <i>Everyone.</i></li> <li>3. Who suffers through bad or sad things in this world? <i>Everyone.</i></li> <li>4. Who do God's people love more than the good things they enjoy? <i>God.</i></li> <li>5. Who do they keep trusting in, even as they go through bad or sad things? <i>God.</i></li> <li>6. Who helps God's people keep believing in God? <i>God does.</i></li> <li>7. What does God give His people so they keep on believing and living for Him? <i>His sustaining grace.</i></li> <li>8. What is sustaining grace? <i>Grace is a big, Bible word that means a gift we get that we don't deserve. Sustaining means to keep on going. Sustaining grace is God giving us the amazing gift of strength to keep on believing and living for Him.</i></li> <li>9. Who does God want us to depend upon? <i>Himself.</i></li> <li>10. What does God love us to ask Him for? <i>His help.</i></li> <li>11. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p>     <p><b>Discussion Questions</b> <i>choose a few</i></p>	<p><b>It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God!</b></p> <p>God wants His people to love Him and live for Him. He wants them to love Him with all their heart, mind, and strength. He wants them to love others as themselves. He wants them to be holy, like He is holy. God's people want to love God and live for Him. They know that they bring glory to God when they do, and they want to bring Him glory that more than anything else. But God's people are sinners with sinful hearts. They are often afraid, weak, and tempted to disobey God. How can they ever live the lives God wants them to live? Jesus is how! God not only saved His people through Jesus, but He also promises to give them everything they need to live the lives He wants them to live through Jesus. The Bible tells us that right now in heaven, Jesus is always praying for God's people that they would glorify God and fulfill God's plans for their lives. Jesus' prayers for God's people are always answered with a yes! Jesus will always give them everything they need for life and godliness. It is His promise. What a wonderful Savior Jesus is! We can become God's people and receive all that we need to love and serve God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who does God want His people to love with all their heart, mind, and strength? <i>Himself!</i></li> <li>2. Who does God want His people to love as much as they love themselves? <i>Other people.</i></li> <li>3. Who does God want to be holy, like He is holy? <i>His people.</i></li> <li>4. Do God's people want to love Him and others, the way God wants them to do? <i>Yes, they do.</i></li> <li>5. What do God's people have in their hearts that keeps them from loving God and living the way He wants them to live? <i>Sin.</i></li> <li>6. Who helps God's people live the way God wants them to live? <i>God does.</i></li> <li>7. Who is praying for God's people in heaven, asking if they would glorify God and fulfill His plans for their lives? <i>Jesus is.</i></li> <li>8. Who will give God's people everything they need for life and godliness? <i>Jesus does.</i></li> <li>9. How can we become God's people and receive all that we need to love and live for God? <i>By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>

**Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

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

<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	<p>What is God’s good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! We need Jesus to provide us for everything we need to live for God. Why? Because we have all chosen to turn away from God. We can never please God or love Him or live for Him by ourselves. Oh, how we need a Savior! And that’s why God, in His great mercy, sent Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He gave His life to be the full payment for the sins of God’s people when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Even now, He is ever listening to their prayers and praying for them from heaven. Jesus is making sure God’s people have everything they need to love God and live for Him. These can be God’s gifts to us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God’s people. How good God has been to us by sending Jesus!</i></p>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b>	<p>“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” --Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> “Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need.”</p>
<b>Meaning</b>	<p>Jesus reigns in heaven as the king over all creation and as the high priest for God’s people. What does Jesus do for God’s people as their high priest? He listens to their prayers and understands how hard it can be to say “no” to disobeying God. He prays for them, and He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and do all He wants them to do. God’s people know they can always pray and ask Jesus to help them. They know He loves to help them in their weakness. He loves to give them the strength they need to love God and live for Him. That’s why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will always help them! We can be God’s people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who rules in heaven as the high king over all of God’s creation? <i>Jesus does.</i></li> <li>2. Who listens to the prayers of God’s people and understands their weakness? <i>Jesus does.</i></li> <li>3. Who prays for God’s people, Himself, as their great high priest? <i>Jesus does.</i></li> <li>4. Who do God’s people know they can always ask for help if their time of need? <i>Jesus.</i></li> <li>5. What kind of help does Jesus promised to give God’s people? <i>He will give them all of the strength they need to keep on loving God and living for Him. He will take care of their needs.</i></li> <li>6. How can we become God’s people? <i>By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>
<b>BIBLE STORY</b>	<p><b>The Case of the Man in the Middle</b></p>
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the most important holiday that God’s people celebrated long ago? <i>The Day of Atonement.</i></li> <li>2. What does the big, Bible word “atonement mean? <i>Paying for sins so we can be God’s people.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Who could be God’s people without atonement—without their sins being paid for? Why? No one. None of us. Because we are all sinners. We all deserve God’s punishment, not to be His people.</i></li> <li>4. What special worship gift did the high priest take to the LORD on the Day of Atonement? <i>A special worship gift for the sins of God’s people. This gift made it possible for the people to stay close to God for another year.</i></li> <li>5. What was wrong with the high priests and all the special worship gifts they gave to God? <i>The high priests were sinners, themselves. And the special worship gifts were not the right kind to take away the sins of God’s people. They could only keep the people close to God for another year.</i></li> <li>6. Who was the only high priest who was perfect? <i>Jesus was.</i></li> <li>7. What special worship gift did Jesus give to God that was enough to pay for the sins of God’s people? <i>He took his own, perfect life to pay for their sins.</i></li> <li>8. How did Jesus give to God the special worship gift of his own life? <i>He died on the cross for the sins of God’s people.</i></li> <li>9. How do we know that God accepted Jesus’ worship gift? How do we know he really paid for the sins of God’s people? <i>Because Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. This showed that He had been beaten sin and death for God’s people.</i></li> <li>10. What did God have torn into on the day that Jesus gave his life as the final, perfect warship gift for the sins of God’s people? <i>The curtain in the Most Holy Place that stood for God being separated from his people because of their sins. Jesus had made the way for God’s people to be close to Him forever. No curtain was ever needed again!</i></li> <li>11. Where is Jesus now? What is He doing? <i>Jesus went up to heaven to rule. He is there now, still ruling, and still listening to God’s people pray, and praying for them, Himself. He is still making sure they have everything they need to love God and live for Him.</i></li> <li>12. How can we become God’s people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus is our Savior.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources  
for Unit 13, Bible Truth 4:**



**Why Do God's People Keep  
Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**The Holy Spirit Works in  
God's People!**

## 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 13: The God Who Sustains

### UNIT OVERVIEW

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

In this unit we will learn six ways God sustains His people.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**ANSWER:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 13 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 13 Material)

Story: The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop *Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Alone Sustains His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God

(3 Lessons Available)

The Case of the Man in the Middle *Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

#### ➔ BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Foolish Forgetters *Galatians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Confused Christians *Colossians*

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner *Philippians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-1, ESV1

## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum. You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

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

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#### 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 13: THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS

- 12 Big Q & A 13 Song
- 13 Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
- 14 Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 15 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984
- 17 Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1
- 18 Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

#### Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace...

##### Bible Truth 1: God Alone Sustains His People

- 19 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 20 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, Niv1984

##### Bible Truth 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People

- 22 Bible Verse: Behold, God is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV

##### Bible Truth 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need

- 25 Bible Verse: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV

##### Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People

- 27 Bible Verse: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
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- 33 Extra Bible Verse: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

##### Bible Truth 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People

- 34 Bible Verse: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV
- 35 Extra Bible Verse: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV

##### Bible Truth 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other

- 37 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Praise be to the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13, NIV 1984
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us 2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV (other version)
- 40 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Hold Fast the Confession Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV
- 41 Extra Bible Verse: Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV
- 42 Extra Bible Verse: Build One Another Up 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV



**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts**

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**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 4 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!**

God created all people with a special heart, deep inside of them. It's different from the heart in your body that pumps blood and you feel beating. This special heart is invisible, but it's the part of you that lives forever and can know God. In the Bible, this special heart is also called our spirit.

The sad news is that the beautiful, special heart that God gave us is broken with sin. Yes, we have all chosen to turn away from God and disobey Him. We deserve His punishment, not His friendship.

But there's good news, too! God's Holy Spirit can work in our heart and change it. He does this when we listen to God's Word and when we pray. He can help us see our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And when we do, He makes our heart clean and new, able to know God and want to love and serve Him.

And that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does inside us when we become God's people. He goes on working in our hearts, making the most amazing changes. He helps us know God and want to live for Him more and more. He gives us wisdom to understand God's Word and boldness to tell others about Him. He helps us turn away from anger, jealousy, hatred, and pride. He grows love, peace, patience, kindness, joy, goodness, and self-control in their place. What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit is! God's people would never be able to keep on loving God and living for Him, if the Holy Spirit didn't live inside them. The Holy Spirit can come and live in our hearts, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**Learn a Little** "God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts."

**Meaning**

God's people keep on believing in God because God, Himself, establishes them. That means He makes sure they keep on standing firm in their trust in Him. Jesus is the Christ. He's the special one sent by God to save sinners and make them God's people forever. It's because of Jesus that God's people stand firm in their faith. Jesus bought them with His blood. He paid for them and owns them. They will always stand firm in the faith because no one can ever take them away from Him. They will be God's dearly-loved people forever. And as His people, forgiven through Jesus, God gives them another, most wonderful gift: He puts His Holy Spirit in their hearts.

The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. He reminds them that they belong to God and one day will go to live with Him forever.

God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts****p.2****Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer**

- A** Holy Spirit, we praise You for the way You can powerfully work in our hearts, changing us from the inside out.
- C** God, we confess that many times we are proud, jealous, envious, and hateful. We need Jesus to save us. We need Your Holy Spirit to replace with humility and love. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, Holy Spirit, for being stronger than any of our sins. Thank You for being able to work powerfully in our hearts and truly change us.
- S** Holy Spirit, work in our hearts, help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill our heart with Your good ways. Make us joyful, peaceful, kind, patient, self-controlled, joyful, loving, and good. Give us wisdom and make us bold and strong to do God's will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 4 Story****The Case of the Foolish Forgetters***Galatians***Songs Used in Bible Truth 4**

Big Q &amp; A 13 Song

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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) ESV Songs 13:</p> <p>Big Q &amp; A 13 Song <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12</i></span></p> <p>Big Question 13 Song <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13</i></span></p> <p>Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 14</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:</i> Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 15</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:</i> The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984 <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 16</i></span></p> <p>Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1 <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i></span></p> <p>Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i></span></p> <p>Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 27</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song</i> And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 28</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:</i> The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 29</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:</i> The Fruit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 30</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:</i> I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 31</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:</i> I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 32</i></span></p> <p><i>Extra Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:</i> You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 33</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>

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)**

<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 ESV Songs 13, track 1</i></span></p> <p>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>
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<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>
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**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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13 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 13:

**Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?**

and the Answer is:

**It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!**

**Big Question Meaning**

★ All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that’s not what happens with God’s people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It’s God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

**Big Question Songs**

★ “Let’s sing our Big Question Song:

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12*

*(adapted version of “On Top of Old Smoky”)*

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

Why do God’s people keep believing in God?  
And why do God’s people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That’s why God’s people keep believing in God.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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**Learning about the Big Question**



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him? It is God’s Sustaining Grace!”**

Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme (or sing our song) that explains it.”

Then sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

**Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song**



lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

**Big Question 13 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13

**(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**

Why do God’s people keep believing in Him?  
 What keeps them going?  
 Why do they persevere?  
 There’s just one reason for their lasting faith,  
 It is grace, God’s sustaining grace,

*Hold up one finger  
 Point up to God in heaven*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

God sustains His people in many ways,  
 His Spirit works inside them  
 As they read His Word and pray,  
 He gives them faith to keep in trusting in Him,  
 To keep on living for Him to the very end.

*Touch heart  
 Make open Bible with open palms,  
 Make prayer hands*

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*Point up to God in heaven*

*Raise hands up in praise*

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**

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**Learning the Bible Truth**

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VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "It Is God's Sustaining Grace" 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 **SIX** Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our six 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 six 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 three truths about how God sustains His people. They are: "God Alone Sustains His People," God, the Father, Promises to Help His People," and, "Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God." (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these six 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:*

**"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace!**

**The Holy Spirit Works ???? of God's People!"**

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "This word is the opposite of "outside." It starts with an "I" and it rhymes with "thin slide."

**Hint**

Can you guess? It's "INSIDE." So, the Bible Truth we are learning today is: *(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)*

★ **"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace!**

**The Holy Spirit Works INSIDE of God's People!"**

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

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**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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13.3 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL AID Place verse in take out



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:

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 tells us:

**★ 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**Learn a Little:** "God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts."

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**Bible Verse Meaning**



**What does that mean?**

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**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**

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**Bible Verse  
Song***lyrics and sheet music,  
Appendix A**You might also enjoy:**And It Is God  
2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 28**The Fruit of the Spirit  
Galatians 5:22,25, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 29**The Fruit  
Galatians 5:22,25, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 30**I Will Ask the Father  
John 14:16-17, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 31**I Will Give You a New Heart  
Ezekiel 36:26, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 32**You Shall Be Clean  
Ezekiel 36:25-27  
1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 33*

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

**It Is God Who Establishes Us with You: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22***DDD ESV Songs 13, track 27*





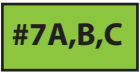


It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
 It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
 Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,  
 And given us, given us,  
 His Spirit in our hearts. (Sing it again! Faster!)

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
 It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
 Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,  
 And given us, given us,  
 His Spirit in our hearts.

Second Corinthians One, twenty-one and two.

**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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p> <p>VISUAL AID</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p>I need to know:</p> <p><b>Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well... and something bad happens.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?</b></li> <li><b>2. What did they forget?</b></li> </ol>
<p></p> <p>DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p><b>Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV:</b></p> <p>"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."</p> <p>I need to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?</b></li> <li><b>2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p>I found six clues, but two of them are <b>NOT</b> in the story. They are: God's laws, a beach ball, a Jew, a Gentile, a hot dog, and the Holy Spirit in a heart. 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"> <li><b>1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?</b></li> <li><b>2. What did the Galatian believers need to confess to God? Who did they need to turn back to depending upon?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 Foolish Forgetters</b></p> <p><i>Galatians</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>


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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>Jesus Paid It All</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 1</b> I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."</p> <p><b>Refrain</b> Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "What a mighty, loving Savior is Jesus to those who trust in Him! He paid for all their sins on the cross. He cleans their hearts of sin. He saves them so they can be God's people. But that's not all! He gives them the strength to do everything God wants them to do. Yes, they may be weak, but Jesus is so strong! They pray to Him for help, and He will always give them the help they need. God's people praise their wonderful Savior! They owe everything to Him!"</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: I Will Sing of the Mercies</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i></span></p> <p>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.</p> <p>With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness, With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness that they do not deserve. God's people love to sing of the Lord's mercy to them! He has taken away all their sins through His Son, Jesus! He has been faithful to them every day of their lives. He always gives them what they need. God's people know that God will go on being faithful to them forever and ever. No wonder they want to praise Him! No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!"</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 ESV Songs 13, 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: Thumping Drums</li> <li>Lesson 2 Activity: Say, Spring Up and Shout</li> <li>Lesson 3 Activity: Freeze Frame</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></p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p><b>Bible Verse Craft</b></p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p> <p><b>Bible Story Puzzle</b></p> <p><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> ★</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><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 ESV Songs 13, track 3</i></span></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><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 ESV Songs 13, 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 Big Question 13</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>#1</b></div> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Big Question 13, Bible Truth 3</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>#3</b></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 <b>Big Question: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"</b> <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: <b>"It Is God's Sustaining Grace!"</b></p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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>The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!</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></p> <p>That's right!</p>
<p><b>Big Question 13 Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>#4</b></div> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: <b>2 Corinthians 1:21-22</b> "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts."</p> <p>God's people keep on believing in God because God, Himself, establishes them. That means He makes sure they keep on standing firm in their trust in Him. Jesus is the Christ. He's the special one sent by God to save sinners and make them God's people forever. It's because of Jesus that God's people stand firm in their faith. Jesus bought them with His blood. He paid for them and owns them. They will always stand firm in the faith because no one can ever take them away from Him. They will be God's dearly-loved people forever. And as His people, forgiven through Jesus, God gives them another, most wonderful gift: He puts His Holy Spirit in their hearts. The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. He reminds them that they belong to God and one day will go to live with Him forever. God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives. We can become God's people, too, 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> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 27</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>DDDESV Songs 13, 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> Holy Spirit, we praise You for the way You can powerfully work in our hearts, changing us from the inside out.</p> <p><b>C</b> God, we confess that many times we are proud, jealous, envious, and hateful. We need Jesus to save us. We need Your Holy Spirit to replace with humility and love. We need a Savior!</p> <p><b>T</b> Thank You, Holy Spirit, for being stronger than any of our sins. Thank You for being able to work powerfully in our hearts and truly change us.</p> <p><b>S</b> Holy Spirit, work in our hearts, help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill our heart with Your good ways. Make us joyful, peaceful, kind, patience, self-controlled, joyful, loving, and good. Give us wisdom and make us bold and strong to do God's will. 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 Foolish Forgetters***Galatians***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 Foolish Forgetters. 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:

**Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well... and something bad happens.**

1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?
2. What did they forget?

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

**Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV:**

“And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

I need to know:

1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?
2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God?

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They are: God’s laws, a beach ball, a Jew, a Gentile, a hot dog, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.

*Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to know:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don’t?
2. What did the Galatian believers need to confess to God? Who did they need to turn back to depending upon?

**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.*

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

**I'm sorry to say that it was BAD news! Things had started out well in the little churches of Galatia, but they had not stayed that way. Bad teachers had come in. "Paul has it wrong," they told the believers. "Gentiles have to trust in Jesus AND live by the Jews' old laws, if they are to be God's people," they taught. The believers in the little churches were so confused. Some started believing these bad teachers and began to leave Paul and the good news of Jesus behind! Oh, no!**

**Paul was worried and angry when he heard what was going on. Would everyone in Galatia forget the good news of Jesus? He wanted to protect the little churches from these bad teachers! But what could he do?**

*Can you guess?*

**Something must be done, and Paul wasted no time in doing it. He sat down and wrote a letter to remind them of the truths he had taught them. Paul gave the letter to a messenger, and said, "Quick, take this letter to the churches in Galatia!"**

**Then, up mountains, down valleys. Through forests, along winding rivers, the messenger went with Paul's letter to the Galatians.**

**"You foolish Galatians! Don't listen to those bad teachers!" Paul told them. "Don't go back to your old way of living! It didn't make you happy. It didn't make you right with God, or help you live for Him. No, the fruit of your old life was unhappiness and all kinds of sin!" Paul exclaimed.**

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**Paul**

**Would the little churches forget the gospel and fall apart, or would God sustain them? Would the Holy Spirit use Paul's words to help these believers?**

*What do you think?*

**Paul learned the answer a few years later he travelled with Timothy and Silas back up the mountains, down the valleys, through the forests, and along the winding rivers to Galatia once more. He rejoiced to find believers gathering together still. He preached God's Word to them, and the Holy Spirit strengthened their hearts! God had been faithful to sustain His people and He always will be!**



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

**But Paul's good news wasn't just for the Jews in Galatia. It was for the Gentiles who lived there, too. The Gentiles who didn't know God's Word or His laws. they had grown up worshipping fake gods, like Hermes and Zeus. They gave their worship gifts to these fake gods and honored them with wild, worship parties and other bad things. How far from the LORD were these Gentiles! Oh, how would they ever please Him, the one, true God, if they kept worshipping these fake gods and doing these bad things?**

*Do you know how?*

**It was through Jesus!**

**So, Paul told the good news of Jesus to all the Gentiles who would listen, "Your gods are fake gods. I've come to tell you about the LORD, one, true God!" Paul told them. "HE is the One who created this whole world. He created you. He's the One who gives you food to eat and all the other things that you enjoy," Paul explained. "And now, He's sent His Son, Jesus, to save you from your sins and give you eternal life. Come, know the living God! Turn away from your fake gods and your sins! Put your trust in Jesus and be saved!" Paul exclaimed.**

**Hmmm.... This was very, VERY different from anything these Gentiles had heard before. Could the LORD be the one, true God? Could Jesus really be His Son, sent to save them? Could they really be forgiven their sins and have eternal life with God? This was a lot to think about. Would they believe this good news Paul preached this day?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, they would! The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many Gentiles that day. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He filled their hearts with joy and gave them power to live a new life for God, just He had in the Jewish believers. How happy these Gentiles were that Jesus had saved them! How much better it was to have the Holy Spirit working inside them, helping them know God and live for Him! How glad they were to be free from worshipping fake gods and trying to find happiness in their old, hopeless way of living. Yay!**

**These new believers began to gather together to hear God's Word and encourage each other in the wonderful, good news they had come to believe. Once they had been Jews and Gentiles. Now, they were believers in Jesus, brothers and sisters together in God's family. Soon there were little churches: in Lystra, Derbe, Iconium and other cities-- all over Galatia. How Paul happy was!**

**Up mountain, down valley. Through forests, along winding rivers, went Paul with Silas again. They were leaving Galatia to tell other people, in other places, the good news of Jesus. But even though Paul left the land of Galatia far behind, he never forgot the little churches of believers gathering together there. He prayed for them and longed to hear news about them. Oh, how he hoped they were doing well and growing in the Lord!**

**One day, the news Paul was waiting for came. Would it be good news or bad news?**

*What do you think?*

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**"Go back to the real gospel! Keep trusting in Jesus," Paul urged the believers. "And keep in step with the Holy Spirit whom God has put in your hearts! He's the One who changes you from the inside," Paul explained. "The fruit of the Holy Spirit is so different from the fruit of your old way of living. His fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control. There will never be a law against the good things that the Holy Spirit gives us! He helps us to keep on living for God."**

**Paul**

**Would the little churches forget the gospel and fall apart, or would God sustain them? Would the Holy Spirit use Paul's words to help these believers?**

*What do you think?*

**Paul learned the answer a few years later he travelled with Timothy and Silas back up the mountains, down the valleys, through the forests, and along the winding rivers to Galatia once more. He rejoiced to find believers gathering together still. He preached God's Word to them, and the Holy Spirit strengthened their hearts! God had been faithful to sustain His people and He always will be!**

**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:**

**Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well... and something bad happens.**

**1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?** The new believers in the church in Galatia. They were obeying new, bad teachers who weren't teaching them the good news of Jesus.

**2. What did they forget?** They forgot that only by trusting in Jesus could they please God. They forgot that only by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts did they love God and live for Him.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Galatia, we need God's help if we are to live for Him. We can never do this on our own. But the good news is that we don't have to! God promises to forgive all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He promises to give the Holy Spirit to them. He will live in their hearts and help them live for God. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV:**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**I need to find out:**

**1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?** They forgot to depend on God and the good gifts of salvation and life that He gives them through Jesus.

**2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God? The Holy Spirit.**

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Galatia, we need God's help if we are to live for Him. We can never do this on our own. But the good news is that we don't have to! God promises to forgive all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He promises to give the Holy Spirit to them. He will live in their hearts and help them live for God. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

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

Our six clues were: God's laws, a beach ball, a Jew, a Gentile, a hot dog, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.

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

God's laws, the Jew, the Gentile, and the Holy Spirit in a heart belong. The beach ball and the hot dog do not.

**2. What did the Galatian believers need to confess to God? Who did they need to turn back to depending upon?**

That they had turned away from trusting in Jesus to make them right with God, and in the Holy Spirit to help them love God and live for Him. Instead, they were depending on themselves and trying to obey God's laws. They needed to turn back to depending upon Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

**For You and Me:**

Like the believers in Galatia, we, too, need to put our trust in Jesus. He alone can save us. And His Holy Spirit living in our hearts is the only One who can help us truly live for God. We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to put His Holy Spirit in our hearts and help us live for God.

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

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace!**

**The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!**

Both Jews and Gentiles needed Jesus to be their Savior. They were all sinners who deserved God's punishment we can never please Him by their own goodness. Both Jews and Gentiles needed the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. They needed Jesus to die on the cross for their sins. They needed Him to rise from the dead on the third day in victory over sin and death for them. And, they both needed Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them love God and live for Him. This was the only way that they could be God's people and live as God's people. And, it's the only way we can be God's people too: by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** Holy Spirit, we praise You for the way You can powerfully work in our hearts, changing us from the inside out.
- C** God, God, we confess that many times we are proud, jealous, envious, and hateful. We need Jesus to save us. We need Your Holy Spirit to replace with humility and love. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, Holy Spirit, for being stronger than any of our sins. Thank You for being able to work powerfully in our hearts and truly change us.
- S** Holy Spirit, work in our hearts, help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill our heart with Your good ways. Make us joyful, peaceful, kind, patience, self-controlled, joyful, loving, and good. Give us wisdom and make us bold and strong to do God's will.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

# Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning



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

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

**BIG QUESTION**

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Meaning**

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen. But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things. What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

1. Why do God's people keep on believing in Him? *It is God's sustaining grace.*
2. Who enjoys many good things in this world? *Everyone.*
3. Who suffers through bad or sad things in this world? *Everyone.*
4. Who do God's people love more than the good things they enjoy? *God.*
5. Who do they keep trusting in, even as they go through bad or sad things? *God.*
6. Who helps God's people keep believing in God? *God does.*
7. What does God give His people to help them keep on believing in and living for Him? *His sustaining grace.*
8. What is sustaining grace? *Grace is a big, Bible word that means a gift we get that we don't deserve. Sustaining means to keep on going. Sustaining grace is God giving us the amazing gift of strength to keep on believing and living for Him.*
9. Who does God want us to depend upon? *Himself.*
10. What does God love us to ask Him for? *His help.*
11. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

**BIBLE TRUTH**

It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!

**Meaning**

God created all people with a special heart, deep inside of them. It's different from the heart in your body that pumps blood and you feel beating. This special heart is invisible, but it's the part of you that lives forever and can know God. In the Bible, this special heart is also called our spirit.

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

The sad news is that the beautiful, special heart that God gave us is broken with sin. Yes, we have all chosen to turn away from God and disobey Him. We deserve His punishment, not His friendship. But there's good news, too! God's Holy Spirit can work in our heart and change it. He does this when we listen to God's Word and when we pray. He can help us see our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And when we do, He makes our heart clean and new, able to know God and want to love and serve Him.

And that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does inside us when we become God's people. He goes on working in our hearts, making the most amazing changes. He helps us know God and want to live for Him more and more. He gives us wisdom to understand God's Word and boldness to tell others about Him. He helps us turn away from anger, jealousy, hatred, and pride. He grows love, peace, patience, kindness, joy, goodness, and self-control in their place. What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit is! God's people would never be able to keep on loving God and living for Him, if the Holy Spirit didn't live inside them. The Holy Spirit can come and live in our hearts, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

1. What is the name of the special heart that God created all people with? *A spirit.*
2. What does this special heart do? *This special heart is the part of us that lives forever and can know God.*
3. What is in the special heart God gave us that caused it to be broken? *Sin.*
4. Who can work in our broken heart and change it? *God's Holy Spirit.*
5. How does the Holy Spirit working in our hearts and change it? *He works in our hearts when we listen to God's word and when we pray. He can help us see our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*
6. What kind of changes does the Holy Spirit make in our heart when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? *He makes our hearts clean and new, able to know God and wanting to know and serve Him.*
7. How else does the Holy Spirit go on working in the hearts of God's people? *He gives us wisdom to know God's word and boldness to tell others about them. He helps them to turn away from sin and fills them with love, peace, patience, and many other good things.*
8. How can we become God's people who have the Holy Spirit live inside of us? *When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

**Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

**P.2**

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

<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? <i>It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People. Both Jews and Gentiles needed Jesus to be their Savior. They were all sinners who deserved God's punishment we can never please Him by their own goodness. Both Jews and Gentiles needed the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. They needed Jesus to die on the cross for their sins. They needed Him to rise from the dead on the third day in victory over sin and death for them. And, they both needed Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them love God and live for Him. This was the only way that they could be God's people and live as God's people. And, it's the only way we can be God's people too: by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!</i></p>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b>	<p>"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." --2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV</p>
<b>Meaning</b>	<p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts."</p> <p>God's people keep on believing in God because God, Himself, establishes them. That means He makes sure they keep on standing firm in their trust in Him. Jesus is the Christ. He's the special one sent by God to save sinners and make them God's people forever. It's because of Jesus that God's people stand firm in their faith. Jesus bought them with His blood. He paid for them and owns them. They will always stand firm in the faith because no one can ever take them away from Him. They will be God's dearly-loved people forever. And as His people, forgiven through Jesus, God gives them another, most wonderful gift: He puts His Holy Spirit in their hearts. The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. He reminds them that they belong to God and one day will go to live with Him forever. God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does Christ mean? Who is He? <i>Christ means special sent one from God. Jesus is the Christ, God's special Sent One who would be the Savior of God's people.</i></li> <li>2. What does establish mean? <i>To establish something means to make something happen so that it stays that way.</i></li> <li>3. Who did God send to make people like you and me His dearly-loved people and keep us this way forever? <i>Jesus, the Christ, the special Savior God sent to save us from our sins.</i></li> <li>4. Who do God's people belong to? Who owns them? <i>God does! How wonderful!</i></li> <li>5. Who does God send to live in the hearts of His people, helping them to keep on believing in Him, loving Him, and living for Him forever? <i>His Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>6. How can we become God's people? How can we be His forever and enjoy His Holy Spirit living in our hearts? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>
<b>BIBLE STORY</b>  <b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<p><b>The Case of the Foolish Forgetters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who traveled throughout the country land of Galatea, telling everyone the good news of Jesus? <i>Paul.</i></li> <li>2. Who were Jews and what did they grow up doing? <i>People who grew up hearing and obeying God's Word.</i></li> <li>3. What did the Jews tried to do to please God? <i>They tried to please Him by keeping all of His good laws.</i></li> <li>4. Could the Jews really please God by keeping all of his good laws? <i>No, they could not! None of them could keep God's laws perfectly, which is the only way we can please God by keeping His laws.</i></li> <li>5. Who kept all of God's good laws perfectly? Who did the Jews need to put their trust in? <i>Jesus kept God's laws perfectly. The Jews needed to put their trust in Him as their Savior.</i></li> <li>6. What did the Jews think when they heard the good news of Jesus? <i>Many trusted in Jesus as their Savior.</i></li> <li>7. Who came to live inside these Jews to help them love God and live for Him? <i>God's Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>8. What is a Gentile? What did they grow up doing? <i>Gentiles were people who didn't grow up knowing God's Word or obeying his laws. They worshipped fake gods and did what pleased them.</i></li> <li>9. What did Paul urge the Gentiles to do? <i>To turn away from their fake gods and trust in Jesus as their Savior.</i></li> <li>10. What did the Holy Spirit do in the hearts of the Gentiles who trusted and Jesus? <i>He filled their hearts and gave them power to live a new life for God.</i></li> <li>11. What happened when the new believers who had been Gentiles and Jews started gathering together as a church? <i>They started to go back to their old ways of living. The Gentiles started doing some of the bad things they used to do when they worshipped fake gods. The Jews started to think everyone needed to live like a Jew. Everyone was forgetting the good news of Jesus that saved them.</i></li> <li>12. What did Paul remind the Galatians to do? What did Paul remind the Galatians when he wrote them? <i>Only by believing in Jesus could they be saved. Only by the Holy Spirit in their hearts could they know and live for God.</i></li> <li>13. How can we know God and live for Him? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources  
for Unit 13, Bible Truth 5:**



**Why Do God's People Keep  
Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**The Word of God Feeds  
God's People!**

## 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 13: The God Who Sustains

### UNIT OVERVIEW

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

In this unit we will learn six ways God sustains His people.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**ANSWER:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 13 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 13 Material)

Story: The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop *Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Alone Sustains His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God

(3 Lessons Available)

The Case of the Man in the Middle *Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Foolish Forgetters *Galatians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

#### ➔ BIBLE TRUTH 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Confused Christians *Colossians*

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner *Philippians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-1, ESV1

## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum. You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

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

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

#### 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 13: THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS

- 12 Big Q & A 13 Song
- 13 Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
- 14 Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 15 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984
- 17 Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1
- 18 Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

#### Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace...

##### Bible Truth 1: God Alone Sustains His People

- 19 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 20 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, Niv1984

##### Bible Truth 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People

- 22 Bible Verse: Behold, God is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV

##### Bible Truth 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need

- 25 Bible Verse: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV

##### Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People

- 27 Bible Verse: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 30 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 32 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
- 33 Extra Bible Verse: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

##### Bible Truth 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People

- 34 Bible Verse: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV
- 35 Extra Bible Verse: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV

##### Bible Truth 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other

- 37 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Praise be to the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13, NIV 1984
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us 2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV (other version)
- 40 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Hold Fast the Confession Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV
- 41 Extra Bible Verse: Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV
- 42 Extra Bible Verse: Build One Another Up 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV

**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 5 Overview: Key Concepts**

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**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 5 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People!**

When your body is hungry you feed it food. The food makes your body strong to do what you need it to do. But did you know that the spirit God put inside our bodies needs to be fed, too? Not hamburgers or hot dogs, but a spiritual kind of food.

What is this spiritual food? It's the Word of God, the Bible. When God's people read God's Word, the Holy Spirit uses it to feed their spirits. He uses it to help them know God better, to guide them in God's will, and to give them strength to do whatever God wants them to do.

And just like our bodies work best if we feed them each day, God's people know that it is best for their spirits if they read and think about God's Word every day. They know that God uses His Word to sustain them, even through the most difficult times. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will use His Word to help us to keep on loving and living for Him, too.

**Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Romans 15:4, ESV**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

**Learn a Little** "Through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope."

**Meaning**

God's Word, the Bible, was written long ago. God made sure everything was written down just right. He wanted His people to be able to trust every promise, and have hope that He would always take care of them and always be working for their good and His glory. He wanted them to read His Word and be instructed--that is, learn--how He wants them to love Him and live for Him.

God's Word may have been written long, long ago, but it still is just as true as ever. God still uses it to give God's people hope. He uses it to help them keep on loving Him and living for Him. He uses it to help them keep looking forward to the day when they will live with Him forever. Read God's Word! He can use it to help you to trust in Him and live for Him, too! He can give you hope!

**Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.
- S** God, use Your Word to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and love You better as we read it. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to understand Your Word and live it out. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 5 Story**

**The Case of the Confused Christians**

*Colossians*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 5**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies


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

**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">https://praisefactory.org</a>: Deep Down Detectives Music page</i></p>	<p>Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 13:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Big Q &amp; A 13 Song</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 Song</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 5 Extra Bible Verse Song: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible Truth 5 Extra Bible Verse Song: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV</td> <td>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 36</td> </tr> </table> <p>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.</p>	Big Q & A 13 Song	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12	Big Question 13 Song	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13	Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 14	Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 15	Extra Big Question 13 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 16	Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17	Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18	Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 34	Bible Truth 5 Extra Bible Verse Song: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 35	Bible Truth 5 Extra Bible Verse Song: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 13, track 36
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<p><b>Gathering the Children</b> <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><b>The Classroom Song, verse 1</b> <span style="float: right;">DDD ESV Songs 13, track 1</span></p> <p>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> <b>Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13 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 13:  
**Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?**  
and the Answer is:  
**It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!**

**Big Question Meaning**

★ All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that’s not what happens with God’s people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It’s God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

**Big Question Songs**

★ “Let’s sing our Big Question Song:

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12*

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

*(adapted version of “On Top of Old Smoky”)*

Why do God’s people keep believing in God?  
And why do God’s people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That’s why God’s people keep believing in God.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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**Learning about the Big Question**



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him? It is God’s Sustaining Grace!”**

Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme (or sing our song) that explains it.”

Then sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

**Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song**



lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

**Big Question 13 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13

**(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**

Why do God’s people keep believing in Him?  
 What keeps them going?  
 Why do they persevere?  
 There’s just one reason for their lasting faith,  
 It is grace, God’s sustaining grace,

*Hold up one finger  
 Point up to God in heaven*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

God sustains His people in many ways,  
 His Spirit works inside them  
 As they read His Word and pray,  
 He gives them faith to keep in trusting in Him,  
 To keep on living for Him to the very end.

*Touch heart  
 Make open Bible with open palms,  
 Make prayer hands*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

*Raise hands up in praise*



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**Learning the Bible Truth**

VISUAL AID take out



of BQB

VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "It Is God's Sustaining Grace" 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 **SIX** Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

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

**Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL AID take out



of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side  
VISUAL AID

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

"Ok, we've learned four truths about how God sustains His people. They are: "God Alone Sustains His People," "God, the Father, Promises to Help His People," "Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God," and, "The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People." (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 six 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:*

**"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
The ???? of God Feeds God's People!"**

**Hint**

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "The Bible is called "God's \_\_\_?" It starts with a "W" and it rhymes with "heard."

Can you guess? It's "WORD."

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

★ **"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
The WORD of God Feeds God's People!"**

**Bible Truth Meaning**

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

When your body is hungry you feed it food. The food makes your body strong to do what you need it to do. But did you know that the spirit God put inside our bodies needs to be fed, too? Not hamburgers or hot dogs, but a spiritual kind of food.

What is this spiritual food? It's the Word of God, the Bible. When God's people read God's Word, the Holy Spirit uses it to feed their spirits. He uses it to help them know God better, to guide them in God's will, and to give them strength to do whatever God wants them to do.

And just like our bodies work best if we feed them each day, God's people know that it is best for their spirits if they read and think about God's Word every day. They know that God uses His Word to sustain them, even through the most difficult times. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will use His Word to help us to keep on loving and living for Him, too.

**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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13.4 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 13 Visual Aids, ESV 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:

Romans 15:4 tells us:

**Romans 15:4, ESV**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

**Learn a Little:** "Through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope."


**Bible Verse Meaning**

**What does that mean?**

God's Word, the Bible, was written long ago. God made sure everything was written down just right. He wanted His people to be able to trust every promise, and have hope that He would always take care of them and always be working for their good and His glory. He wanted them to read His Word and be instructed--that is, learn--how He wants them to love Him and live for Him.

God's Word may have been written long, long ago, but it still is just as true as ever. God still uses it to give God's people hope. He uses it to help them keep on loving Him and living for Him. He uses it to help them keep looking forward to the day when they will live with Him forever. Read God's Word! He can use it to help you to trust in Him and live for Him, too! He can give you hope!

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**Bible Verse  
Song**

*lyrics and sheet music,  
Appendix A*

*You might also enjoy:*

*He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13,  
track 35*

*Take Up the Whole Armor  
Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13,  
track 36*

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

**For Whatever Was Written: Romans 15:4**






*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 34*

For whatever was written in former days  
Was written for our instruction,  
For whatever was written in former days  
Was written for our instruction.  
That through endurance and encouragement,  
Of the Scriptures, we might have hope.  
That through endurance and encouragement,  
Of the Scriptures, we might have hope.  
Romans Chapter Fifteen, verse four.

**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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b><u>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</u></b></p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Where were teachers teaching bad things to believers? What were they confused about?</b></li> <li><b>2. What book could help them know the truth?</b></li> </ol>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b><u>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</u></b></p> <p><b>Our Bible Verse is Romans 15:4, ESV:</b></p> <p>"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."</p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. What was bad about the teachers in Colossae?</b></li> <li><b>2. What book could the believers read to help them know how to know how to live for God?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b><u>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:</u></b></p> <p>I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. They are: a rabbit, a bad teacher, God's Word, a magic stone, a "bad" food, and a tree. 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 our story?</b></li> <li><b>2. Who asked God to help the believers in Colossae? What did he ask God to do?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 Confused Christians</b> <i>Colossians</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>

**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>Jesus Paid It All</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 1</b> I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."</p> <p><b>Refrain</b> Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "What a mighty, loving Savior is Jesus to those who trust in Him! He paid for all their sins on the cross. He cleans their hearts of sin. He saves them so they can be God's people. But that's not all! He gives them the strength to do everything God wants them to do. Yes, they may be weak, but Jesus is so strong! They pray to Him for help, and He will always give them the help they need. God's people praise their wonderful Savior! They owe everything to Him!"</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: I Will Sing of the Mercies</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i></span></p> <p>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.</p> <p>With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness, With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness that they do not deserve. God's people love to sing of the Lord's mercy to them! He has taken away all their sins through His Son, Jesus! He has been faithful to them every day of their lives. He always gives them what they need. God's people know that God will go on being faithful to them forever and ever. No wonder they want to praise Him! No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!"</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 ESV Songs 13, 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>  <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: Loud and Soft, Big and Little</li> <li>Lesson 2 Game: Freeze 'n' Say</li> <li>Lesson 3 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice</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>  <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>  <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: Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt</li> <li>Lesson 2 Game: Run to the Grocery Store</li> <li>Lesson 3 Game: Who's in the Basket?</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>  <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)*

★ = short & simple lesson plan

<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 ESV Songs 13, track 3</i></span></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><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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13</b></p> <p><small>VISUAL AID</small></p> <p><b>#1</b></p> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Big Question 13, Bible Truth 4</b></p> <p><small>VISUAL AID</small></p> <p><b>#3</b></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: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"</b> <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: <b>"It Is God's Sustaining Grace!"</b></p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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>"The Word of God Feeds God's People!"</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></p> <p>That's right!</p>
<p><b>Big Question 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse</b></p> <p><small>VISUAL AID</small></p> <p><b>#4</b></p> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: <b>Romans 15:4, ESV</b></p> <p>"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "Through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope."</p> <p><b>What does that mean?</b></p> <p>God's Word, the Bible, was written long ago. God made sure everything was written down just right. He wanted His people to be able to trust every promise, and have hope that He would always take care of them and always be working for their good and His glory. He wanted them to read His Word and be instructed--that is, learn--how He wants them to love Him and live for Him. God's Word may have been written long, long ago, but it still is just as true as ever. God still uses it to give God's people hope. He uses it to help them keep on loving Him and living for Him. He uses it to help them keep looking forward to the day when they will live with Him forever. Read God's Word! He can use it to help you to trust in Him and live for Him, too! He can give you hope!</p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 34</i></span></p>

**4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



= follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

<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>DDDESV Songs 13, 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>
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<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> God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.</p> <p><b>C</b> We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!</p> <p><b>T</b> Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.</p> <p><b>S</b> God, use Your Word to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and love You better as we read it. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to understand Your Word and live it out.</p> <p>In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
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**5. TAKING IT HOME** *(Take Home Sheet)*

<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 Confused Christians***Colossians***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 Confused Christians. 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. **Where were teachers teaching bad things to believers? What were they confused about?**
2. **What book could help them know the truth?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Romans 15:4, ESV:**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

I need to find out:

1. **What was bad about the teachers in Colossae?**
2. **What book could the believers read to help them know how to know how to live for God?**

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

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

They are: a rabbit, a bad teacher, God's Word, a magic stone, a "bad" food, and a tree.

*Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to figure out:

1. **Which four belong in our story?**
2. **Who asked God to help the believers in Colossae? What did he ask God to do?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Confused Christians** *Colossians**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**Epaphras packed his things, and away he went. Soon, he would be far from his hometown of Colossae. Why was he leaving home? We don't know exactly. But, we DO know that when Epaphras came back, he was a changed man with a changed life.**

**Where did these changes happen? Most people think it was in the city of Ephesus.**

**Ephesus was one of the biggest, most beautiful, most important cities in the world back then. Epaphras would have thought Ephesus was amazing! There, Epaphras could see ships harbored on the sparkling sea. He could walk among great crowds of people. He could see the huge marketplace filled delicious food to eat. He could "oohh and ahh" over the beautiful things for sale that sellers from around the world brought in by ship, by donkey and camel. And most amazing of all, he could see the magnificent, golden worship place of Artemis, the great goddess of the Ephesians. Her temple towered over the city and shone out like a glittering jewel. It was one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. Big city! Good food! Rich things! Glorious worship place! What an exciting trip Epaphras was making! What could be better than this?**

*Do you think there could be anything better than this?*

**Now, perhaps Epaphras couldn't think of finding anything better than these wonderful things in Ephesus, but there WAS something far better coming. You see, someone ELSE was also on his way to Ephesus, just like Epaphras. And this someONE was bringing someTHING that Epaphras would want more than Ephesus' best-tasting food... SOMETHING he would find worth more than any of the beautiful things for sale... SOMETHING even far more glorious than the glittery golden worship place of Artemis!**

**Paul was the SOMEONE making his way to Ephesus. And the very special SOMETHING he was bringing with him was the Bible, God's Word. Yes, God was about to use His Word and Paul to change Epaphras' life completely!**

**In the mornings, Paul joined the other buyers and sellers in the marketplace. Some people sold cloth. Some sold food. Others sold little statues of the goddess Artemis. Paul made and sold tents.**

**Selling tents was how Paul made his living, but it was ALSO a great way to talk to people about God's Word and the Savior Jesus. Some were only interested in Paul's tents, but others were interested in Paul's good news.**

**So every afternoon, after lunch, while many Ephesians took naps, Paul preached from God's Word in a nearby schoolroom called the Hall of Tyrannus.**

**Epaphras, along with others, must have found his way into Paul's classes on one of these lazy afternoons. "God promised in the His Word to send a Savior to save His people from their sins," Paul taught. "That Savior is Jesus. He died on the cross, suffering for their sins in their place. He rose from the grave on the third day, showing that He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior and you will be saved. God will make you His dearly-loved people, too!" Paul urged everyone.**

**As Epaphras listened, God's Holy Spirit worked powerfully in his heart. Epaphras believed God's Word. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. Epaphras' life was completely changed!**

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

**Epaphras didn't just listen to Paul preach God's Word once. He learned from him over and over again. Epaphras wanted to learn everything he could from God's Word. He was learning for himself, AND for someone else, too. Can you guess who?**

*Can you guess?*

**For the people back home in Colossae! Oh, how they needed to hear about God's Word! How they needed Jesus to be their Savior!**

**The Jews in Colossae needed to hear what Epaphras was learning. They had God's Word already, but they didn't understand the promises about Jesus. They kept trying to please God by keeping His laws. That would never work! They could never save themselves! How these Jews needed to hear about God's free gift of salvation through Jesus!**

**The Gentiles in Colossae needed to hear what Epaphras was learning, too. Epaphras was a Gentile like them. He knew all about the fake gods they worshipped and feared. He knew about the necklaces of stones the Gentiles believed had magical powers to protect them from bad things. Oh, how these Gentiles needed to hear about the LORD, the one, true God. Oh, how they needed to hear about Jesus, God's mighty Son, who broke the power of sin and death! How Epaphras wanted to see them free of their fear and these fake gods! So, Epaphras said goodbye to Paul and headed back home with his exciting message. Away from the sea, back up through the mountains to Colossae, he went.**

**Epaphras spread his good news to all who would listen, both Jew and Gentile. "God promised in His Word to send a Savior to save His people from their sins. That Savior is Jesus," Epaphras told them. "Jesus died on the cross, suffering for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave, showing that He had really beaten sin and death for God's people," Epaphras exclaimed. "Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior, and you will be saved! This is how you can become God's people!" Epaphras urged them all.**

**What would the Jews think? What would the Gentiles think? Would they believe Epaphras' good news from God's Word?**

*What do you think?*

**The Holy Spirit worked in many hearts as Epaphras preached from God's Word. He helped the Jews believe that Jesus was the Savior God had promised to send. They stopped trusting in how well they could obey God's laws, and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the Gentiles, too. They stopped worshipping their fake gods. They stopped trusting in their magical necklaces. They stopped fearing what bad things might happen to them. They turned away from their sins and trusted in God's mighty Son, Jesus, as their Savior. How happy was Epaphras!**

**Now there were believers in Colossae—a whole, little church! How Epaphras loved these new believers in Colossae! He spent long hours in prayer for them. And each week, as they gathered together, Epaphras taught them from the Bible. Epaphras knew these believers needed to keep on learning God's Word if they were to keep on loving God and living for Him. He knew the Holy Spirit would use God's Word to help these new believers to fight sin and grow stronger in their faith, just like He was helping him.**

**And oh, how they needed all the help they could get! Sometimes, the Jewish believers were tempted to go back to trusting in keeping God's laws again! And sometimes, the Gentiles believers were tempted to go back to trusting in fake magical stones to keep them safe!**

**Then, bad teachers came to the little church and made things much worse. "Jesus isn't enough," they taught the believers. "You need to keep those old laws, too. 'Don't eat this food,' 'Don't touch that bad thing!' and other laws like that," they insisted. "Jesus isn't enough to protect you from bad things, either. Put that magical stone back on your neck. Call on angels to help you," they urged the believers.**

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

**"No! No! No!"** exclaimed Epaphras. **"Jesus IS enough!"** he told them. **The believers were confused and so scared. Heeeelp!!!!**

**What should they do? Who could help them? Epaphras knew! The same man who had taught him from God's Word in the first place.**

*Can you tell me?*

**It was Paul! Epaphras would get help from Paul. Maybe the believers would listen to this godly leader.**

**But uh, oh.... Paul wasn't in Ephesus anymore. He was over a thousand miles away in prison in Rome. Paul had gotten in trouble for telling people about Jesus and been thrown in jail as punishment.**

**Now, a thousand miles away may not seem like a big deal to you, but it was back then. There were no phones, computers, cars, airplanes, or any other quick way to talk to someone who lived faraway like there is today. No, if Epaphras wanted Paul's help, he would have to go to him to get it. It would take Epaphras weeks to get to Rome. What a long, hard trip! But Epaphras loved the Lord, and he loved these new believers in Colossae. He would do whatever it took to help them.**

**So, all the way to Rome, Epaphras went and found Paul. Epaphras found Paul in his little prison house in Rome, and he shared everything that had happened in Colossae. There was so much good news: many Jews and Gentiles had become believers and were growing under the preaching of God's Word. But there was bad news, too. Epaphras told Paul about the bad teachers who had come and were confusing the believers. What would happen to the little church in Colossae if these bad teachers kept on causing trouble? What could be done?**

**How helpful Paul was! He shared his wisdom with Epaphras, and he prayed for the church in Colossae. But best of all, Paul sat down and wrote a letter for Epaphras to take back to the believers in Colossae.**

**How happy Epaphras was to have Paul's letter! He hoped it would be just the encouragement the believers needed. Letter in hand, he headed home to Colossae.**

**When he got home, When he got home, Epaphras gathered the believers together and read them Paul's words:**

**Dear Believers in Colossae,**

**I've not met you, but I've been praying for you! Epaphras told me how you heard the Word of truth about Jesus and believed. I'm praying that you will go on growing in the truths you've learned. This is how God will help you know Him better and give you strength to keep on living for God, like He wants you to," Paul wrote.**

**"You don't need to go back to the old laws you used to keep. You don't need wear magical stones to be safe! Jesus kept the God's laws perfectly for you. He broke the power of sin and death when He died on the cross," Paul told them.**

**Keeping on thinking about what you've learned about Jesus from God's Word. Let it soak deep down in your hearts and minds. Help each other remember these things by teaching them to each other and singing them in your worship songs. And in everything you do, do it all to honor Jesus, giving thanks to God.**

**May God's power be at work in you, Paul.**

**Some of the believers in Colossae kept struggling with what the bad teachers said, but, many heard Paul's words and were helped. They would depend on what God's Word told them about Jesus and everything else to give them what they needed to keep on loving God and living for Him. And God would be faithful to help them! He always is!**

**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. Where were teachers teaching bad things to believers? What were they confused about?** To go back to the old, bad ways of living, like keeping special rules and using magic stones.

**2. What book could help them know the truth?** God's Word, the Bible.

**For You and Me:**

Like the believers in Colossae, we can turn to God's Word, the Bible, to know what is true. There, we can read about Jesus. There, we can learn how to turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And there, God can continue to teach us more of His truth and make us strong to live for Him.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Romans 15:4, ESV:**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

**1. What was bad about the teachers in Colossae?**

They were teaching the believers to go back to the old, bad ways of living, like keeping special rules and using magic stones.

**2. What book could the believers read to help them know how to know how to live for God?** God's Word, the Bible.

**For You and Me:**

Like the believers in Colossae, we can turn to God's Word, the Bible, to know what is true. There, we can read about Jesus. There, we can learn how to turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And there, God can continue to teach us more of His truth and make us strong to live for Him.

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

Our six clues were: a rabbit, a bad teacher, God's Word, a magic stone, a "bad" food, and a tree.

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

The bad teacher, God's Word, a magic stone, and the "bad" food belong. The rabbit and the tree do not.

**2. Who asked God to help the believers in Colossae?**

What did he ask God to do? Epaphras did. To help them remember God's Word and use it to work in their hearts.

**For You and Me**

Like the believers in Colossae, we need to remember God's Word and ask God to use it to work in our hearts. We can ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. And, we can ask Him to help us to love Him and live for Him. 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:****Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?****It Is God's Sustaining Grace...****The Word of God Feeds God's People!**

What was the good news that Paul preached from God's Word that changed Epaphras ... and can change us, too? That Jesus is the Savior God sent to save us from our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and make us His people forever. God can help us do this, too. Ask him! He loves to help us do this!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.
- S** God, use Your Word to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and love You better as we read it. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to understand Your Word and live it out.

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's to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

**BIG QUESTION**

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Meaning**

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things. What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

1. Why do God's people keep on believing in Him? *It is God's sustaining grace.*
2. Who enjoys many good things in this world? *Everyone.*
3. Who suffers through bad or sad things in this world? *Everyone.*
4. Who do God's people love more than the good things they enjoy? *God.*
5. Who do they keep trusting in, even as they go through bad or sad things? *God.*
6. Who helps God's people keep believing in God? *God does.*
7. What does God give His people to help them keep on believing in and living for Him? *His sustaining grace.*
8. What is sustaining grace? *Grace is a big, Bible word that means a gift we get that we don't deserve. Sustaining means to keep on going. Sustaining grace is God giving us the amazing gift of strength to keep on believing and living for Him.*
9. Who does God want us to depend upon? *Himself.*
10. What does God love us to ask Him for? *His help.*
11. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

**BIBLE TRUTH**

It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People!

**Meaning**

When your body is hungry you feed it food. The food makes your body strong to do what you need it to do. But did you know that the spirit God put inside our bodies needs to be fed, too? Not hamburgers or hot dogs, but a spiritual kind of food.

What is this spiritual food? It's the Word of God, the Bible. When God's people read God's Word, the Holy Spirit uses it to feed their spirits. He uses it to help them know God better, to guide them in God's will, and to give them strength to do whatever God wants them to do.

And just like our bodies work best if we feed them each day, God's people know that it is best for their spirits if they read and think about God's Word every day. They know that God uses His Word to sustain them, even through the most difficult times. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will use His Word to help us to keep on loving and living for Him, too.

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

1. What does our body need to grow strong? *Food.*
2. What does our spirit need to grow strong? *God's Word, the Bible.*
3. Who helps God's people grow strong as they read the Bible? *The Holy Spirit.*
4. How does the Holy Spirit use God's Word to make His people strong? *He uses it to help them know God better, to guide them in God's will, and to give them strength to do whatever God wants them to do.*
5. Why is it good for God's people to take time to read the Bible each day? *Every day, God's people need His help to live for them. They know God uses His Word to help them do this. He helps them be ready for whatever each day brings.*
6. 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

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

<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	<p>What is God’s good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God’s Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God’s People.</i> God’s Word worked powerfully in Epaphras and the believers in Colossae when they heard the good news of Jesus. They could see that they were sinners who deserved God’s punishment, not His friendship. They knew they needed a Savior. They believed that Jesus died on the cross as the perfect payment for their sins. They rejoiced that He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that He had really beaten sin and death for them. The Holy Spirit used God’s Word to help Epaphras and the people in Colossae to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Then, He used it to help Epaphras and the believers in Colossae love God and live for Him the rest of their lives. God’s Word can work in us powerfully, too. God’s Holy Spirit can work in our hearts as we listen to God’s Word. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to love God and live for Him the rest of our lives. Ask God to use His Word to work in your heart. He loves to answer this prayer.</p>
<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH</b> <b>BIBLE VERSE</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” --Romans 15:4, ESV</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> “Through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope.”</p> <p>God’s Word, the Bible, was written long ago. God made sure everything was written down just right. He wanted His people to be able to trust every promise, and have hope that He would always take care of them and always be working for their good and His glory. He wanted them to read His Word and be instructed--that is, learn--how He wants them to love Him and live for Him. God’s Word may have been written long, long ago, but it still is just as true as ever. God still uses it to give God’s people hope. He uses it to help them keep on loving Him and living for Him. He uses it to help them keep looking forward to the day when they will live with Him forever. Read God’s Word! He can use it to help you to trust in Him and live for Him, too! He can give you hope!</p> <p>1. What is the name of God’s Word that was written down long ago? <i>The Bible.</i></p> <p>2. Why did God give us His Word? Why did He write it down? <i>To instruct us; that is, to teach us.</i></p> <p>3. What did God want to teach us through His Word? <i>How to love Him and live for Him. He wanted us to hope in His good promises.</i></p> <p>4. What is the biggest and best promise God has given us? <i>The promise that tells us how we can become God’s people? He promises to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<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 Confused Christians</b></p> <p>1. What happened when Epaphras listened to Paul preach God’s Word? <i>The Holy Spirit worked powerfully in his heart. He believed God’s Word, turned away from his sins, and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.</i></p> <p>2. Where did Epaphras go after he went to Ephesus? <i>Epaphras went back home to Colossae.</i></p> <p>3. What did the people in Colossae think when they heard the good news of Jesus? <i>Many believed it. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.</i></p> <p>4. What did the new believers in Colossae start? Why? <i>A little church. They did that to worship God and love one another. They wanted to hear God’s Word so they could know God and live for Him more.</i></p> <p>5. What did Epaphras hope and pray that God’s Word would do inside of the believers in Colossae? <i>He hoped that it would change them from their old way of life. He hoped it would help them love God and live for Him.</i></p> <p>6. Why did some people in the little church in Colossae want everyone to keep the old rules and the old ways that had nothing to do with God’s Word or Jesus? <i>They were still scared the Jesus might not be enough to protect them from bad things they were afraid of.</i></p> <p>7. Who did Epaphras go see to help him know how to care for these new believers and stop the bad teachers from the wrong things they were doing? <i>Epaphras travelled to Rome to see Paul.</i></p> <p>8. What did Paul write in the letter he sent with Epaphras back to the believers of Colossae? <i>He told them that they did not need to keep the old special rules or wear magic stones to keep safe from the evil things they feared. Jesus had beaten all those bad things when He died on the cross. Paul told them to keep on learning God’s Word and let it work in their hearts. They should remind each other of the good things written in God’s Word and even sing them in their songs.</i></p> <p>9. What happened to the believers in Colossae after they read Paul’s letter to them? <i>Some continued to have a hard time with what the bad teachers taught, but many heard Paul’s words and were helped. They depended on what God’s Word told them about Jesus, not on the old special rules or old, magic stones.</i></p> <p>10. What was the good news that Paul preached from God’s Word and changed Epaphras ... and can change ask, too? <i>That Jesus is the Savior God sent to save us from our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God forgives us our sins and makes it His people forever. God can help us do this, too.</i></p>



# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources  
for Unit 13, Bible Truth 6:**



**Why Do God's People Keep  
Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God Uses His People to  
Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!**

## 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 13: The God Who Sustains

### UNIT OVERVIEW

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

In this unit we will learn six ways God sustains His people.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**ANSWER:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 13 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 13 Material)

Story: The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop *Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*

Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Alone Sustains His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5:22*

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God

(3 Lessons Available)

The Case of the Man in the Middle *Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Foolish Forgetters *Galatians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

#### BIBLE TRUTH 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Confused Christians *Colossians*

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV

#### ➔ BIBLE TRUTH 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner *Philippians*

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV1

## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum. You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

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

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#### 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 13: THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS

- 12 Big Q & A 13 Song
- 13 Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
- 14 Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 15 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV
- 16 Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984
- 17 Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1
- 18 Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

#### Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace...

##### Bible Truth 1: God Alone Sustains His People

- 19 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 20 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, Niv1984

##### Bible Truth 2: God, the Father, Promises to Help His People

- 22 Bible Verse: Behold, God is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV

##### Bible Truth 3: Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need

- 25 Bible Verse: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV

##### Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People

- 27 Bible Verse: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 30 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 32 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
- 33 Extra Bible Verse: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

##### Bible Truth 5: The Word of God Feeds God's People

- 34 Bible Verse: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV
- 35 Extra Bible Verse: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV

##### Bible Truth 6: God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other

- 37 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV
- 38 Extra Bible Verse: Praise be to the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13, NIV 1984
- 39 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us 2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV (other version)
- 40 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Hold Fast the Confession Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV
- 41 Extra Bible Verse: Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV
- 42 Extra Bible Verse: Build One Another Up 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV

**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 6 Overview: Key Concepts**

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**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 6 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!**

No matter who we are, we all go through times of need. Sometimes, we are learning something new, and we need help learning how to do it. Sometimes, we are going through something that is very sad or very hard, and we need comfort and strength. God loves to help His people all the time, especially in their times of need. He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their heart. But God also helps His people through their prayers and comfort for each other.

God's people comfort each other by reminding one another that God is always with them and how great and good He is. They read the Bible to each other and hold on to His wonderful promises to take care of them. They pray for each other, asking God to give them wisdom, strength, and joy; and, to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use their hard and sad times for their good and to bring glory to His name.

God loves to sustain His people through their comfort and prayers for one another. It is a wonderful display of His love both to His people and to others who watch how God's people love and care for one another. We, too, can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He can use us to comfort others in this special way, too.

**Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

**Learn a Little:** "We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."

**Meaning**

God loves His people so much! He is full of mercy and compassion. He cares about their sadnesses and troubles, and He comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other! He uses them to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in Him their whole lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Comforter and Strength of Your People. You help them comfort and strengthen each other.
- C** We confess that many times we forget to pray for others who are struggling with hard or sad times. Many times, we don't take time to comfort and strengthen others who are struggling. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.
- S** Work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to comfort others with Your Word and by praying for them. Use us to help others in their times of need. Help others to see Your love and kindness as we comfort and pray for each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 6 Story****The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner***Philippians***Songs Used in Bible Truth 6**

Big Q &amp; A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Christ Once Suffered for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Suffered Once for Sin**Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16, ESV*

Big Question 13 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1



Big Question 13 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

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**1. GETTING STARTED**

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<p><b>OR Bible Verse Memory Game</b> <i>instructions found in Appendix B</i></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>Lesson 1 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose Lesson 2 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack Lesson 3 Game: Simon Says How</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 (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)</b></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;">DDD ESV Songs 13, track 1</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>																										

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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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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 ESV Songs 13, 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>



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**Reveal the Big Question**  
**Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase**

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

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

**The Big Question Box Song**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, 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 AID



*of BQB*

*Big Question & Answer Sign, front side*

*\*found in the DDD Unit 13 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 13:  
**Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?**  
and the Answer is:  
**It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!**

**Big Question Meaning**

★ All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that’s not what happens with God’s people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It’s God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

**Big Question Songs**

★ “Let’s sing our Big Question Song:

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

**Big Q & A 13 Song**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12*

*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

*(adapted version of “On Top of Old Smoky”)*

Why do God’s people keep believing in God?  
And why do God’s people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That’s why God’s people keep believing in God.

**2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**



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**Learning about the Big Question**



Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him? It is God’s Sustaining Grace!”**

Say: “Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let’s do our action rhyme (or sing our song) that explains it.”

Then sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

**Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song**



lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

**Big Question 13 (Action Rhyme) Song**

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 13

**(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**

Why do God’s people keep believing in Him?  
 What keeps them going?  
 Why do they persevere?  
 There’s just one reason for their lasting faith,  
 It is grace, God’s sustaining grace,

*Hold up one finger  
 Point up to God in heaven*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

God sustains His people in many ways,  
 His Spirit works inside them  
 As they read His Word and pray,  
 He gives them faith to keep in trusting in Him,  
 To keep on living for Him to the very end.

*Touch heart  
 Make open Bible with open palms,  
 Make prayer hands*

That’s why God’s people say:  
 “I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I’m gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I’m gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It’s all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

*Point up to God in heaven*

*Raise hands up in praise*

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**Learning the Bible Truth**

VISUAL AID take out



of BQB

VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "It Is God's Sustaining Grace" 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 **SIX** Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

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

**Bible Truth Clue**

VISUAL AID take out



of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side  
VISUAL AID

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

"Ok, we've learned five truths about how God sustains His people. They are: "God Alone Sustains His People," "God, the Father, Promises to Help His People," "Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God," "The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People," and, "God's Word Feeds God's People." (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 six 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:*

**"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
God Uses His ???? to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!"**

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "This word is another word for lots of men, women, boys and girls. It starts with a "P" and it rhymes with "Steeple." Can you guess? It's "PEOPLE."

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

★ **"Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
God Uses His PEOPLE to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!"**

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

**Bible Truth Meaning**

★ No matter who we are, we all go through times of need. Sometimes, we are learning something new, and we need help learning how to do it. Sometimes, we are going through something that is very sad or very hard, and we need comfort and strength. God loves to help His people all the time, especially in their times of need. He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their heart. But God also helps His people through their prayers and comfort for each other.

God's people comfort each other by reminding one another that God is always with them and how great and good He is. They read the Bible to each other and hold on to His wonderful promises to take care of them. They pray for each other, asking God to give them wisdom, strength, and joy; and, to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use their hard and sad times for their good and to bring glory to His name.

God loves to sustain His people through their comfort and prayers for one another. It is a wonderful display of His love both to His people and to others who watch how God's people love and care for one another. We, too, can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He can use us to comfort others in this special way, too.

**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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13.5 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL AID Place verse in take out



\*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV 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:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11 tells us:



**2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

**Learn a Little:** "We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."


**Bible Verse Meaning**



**What does that mean?**

God loves His people so much! He is full of mercy and compassion. He cares about their sadnesses and troubles, and He comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other! He uses them to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in Him their whole lives. 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:*

*Praise be to the God and  
Father  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13,  
NIV 1984  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 38*

*Help Us  
2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 39*

*Let Us Hold Fast the  
Confession  
Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 40*

*Encourage One Another  
1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 41*

*Build One Another Up  
1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV  
DDD ESV Songs 13, track 42*

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

**Blessed Be the God and Father: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV** *DDD ESV Songs 13, track 37*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Comforts us in all our affliction,  
That we may comfort those,  
In any affliction, In any affliction,  
With the comfort with which we're comforted by God.

The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Second Corinthians Chapter One, verses three and four.

**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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 was the prisoner? Why was he in jail?</b></li> <li><b>2. Who prayed for him?</b></li> </ol>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <p></p> <p>DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><b>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</b></p> <p><b>Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV</b></p> <p>"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."</p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who did God use to comfort Paul?</b></li> <li><b>2. What did they do that was comforting?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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. They are: a letter, a mouse, some money, Epaphroditus, a soldier, and some medicine. 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 did Paul thank God for using to comfort him?</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 13 Visual Aids, ESV</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 Prayed-for Prisoner</b> <i>Philippians</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>

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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>Jesus Paid It All</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 17</i></span></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Verse 1</b></p> <p>I hear the Savior say,                      "Thy strength indeed is small,                      Child of weakness, watch and pray,                      Find in Me thine all in all."</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Refrain</b></p> <p>Jesus paid it all,                      All to Him I owe;                      Sin had left a crimson stain,                      He washed it white as snow.</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "What a mighty, loving Savior is Jesus to those who trust in Him! He paid for all their sins on the cross. He cleans their hearts of sin. He saves them so they can be God's people. But that's not all! He gives them the strength to do everything God wants them to do. Yes, they may be weak, but Jesus is so strong! They pray to Him for help, and He will always give them the help they need. God's people praise their wonderful Savior! They owe everything to Him!"</p>	<p><b>Verse 1</b></p> <p>I hear the Savior say,                      "Thy strength indeed is small,                      Child of weakness, watch and pray,                      Find in Me thine all in all."</p>	<p><b>Refrain</b></p> <p>Jesus paid it all,                      All to Him I owe;                      Sin had left a crimson stain,                      He washed it white as snow.</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: I Will Sing of the Mercies</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 18</i></span></p> <p>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,                      I will sing, I will sing,                      I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,                      I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.</p> <p>With my mouth will I make known                      Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,                      With my mouth will I make known                      Thy faithfulness to all generations.</p> <p><b>Tie-in:</b> "Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness that they do not deserve. God's people love to sing of the Lord's mercy to them! He has taken away all their sins through His Son, Jesus! He has been faithful to them every day of their lives. He always gives them what they need. God's people know that God will go on being faithful to them forever and ever. No wonder they want to praise Him! No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!"</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 ESV Songs 13, 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: Duck, Duck, Goose</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Simon Says How</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: Sing, Dance and Fall Down</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Activity: Bottle Shakers</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Activity: March 'n' Say</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: Going Fishing</li> <li>• Lesson 2 Game: Pony Express</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Game: Who's Inside?</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><b>The 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 ESV Songs 13, track 3</i></span></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><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 ESV Songs 13, 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 13</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; width: 30px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;"><b>#1</b></div> <p><i>*found in DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Big Question 13, Bible Truth 5</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; width: 30px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;"><b>#3</b></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 <b>Big Question: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"</b> <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: <b>"It Is God's Sustaining Grace!"</b></p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, 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>God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!</b></p> <p>"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me?"</p> <p>Say it with me: <b>"The Bible tells me so!"</b> That's right!</p>
<p><b>Big Question 13 Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse</b></p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; width: 30px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;"><b>#4</b></div> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 13 Visual Aids, ESV Book</i></p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: <b>2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11</b></p> <p>"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."</p> <p>God loves His people so much! He is full of mercy and compassion. He cares about their sadnesses and troubles, and He comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other! He uses them to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in Him their whole lives. 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> <span style="float: right;"><i>DDD ESV Songs 13, track 37</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>DDDESV Songs 13, 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>
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<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> God, we praise You for being the Comforter and Strength of Your People. You help them comfort and strengthen each other.</p> <p><b>C</b> We confess that many times we forget to pray for others who are struggling with hard or sad times. Many times, we don't take time to comfort and strengthen others who are struggling. We need a Savior!</p> <p><b>T</b> Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.</p> <p><b>S</b> Work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to comfort others with Your Word and by praying for them. Use us to help others in their times of need. Help others to see Your love and kindness as we comfort and pray for each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
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**5. TAKING IT HOME** *(Take Home Sheet)*

<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 Prayed-for Prisoner***Philippians*

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**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 Prayed-for Prisoner. 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 was the prisoner? Why was he in jail?
2. Who prayed for him?

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

I need to find out:

1. Who did God use to comfort Paul?
2. What did they do that was comforting?

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

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

They are: a letter, a mouse, some money, Epaphroditus, a soldier, and some medicine.

*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 did Paul thank God for using to comfort him?

**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 Prayed-for Prisoner***Philippians**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**“Oh no! Paul is in prison again for telling people about Jesus!” the believers in Philippi exclaimed. Prisoners weren’t taken care of very well. They depended on friends on the outside to give them what they needed. Paul might be cold or hungry. He could be sick or lonely. He could be discouraged and scared. Who was there to help Paul, the believers in Philippi wondered.**

**God uses His people to help each other keep on living for Him and believing in Him. He uses them to comfort them and take care of their needs, too. These Philippians wanted to be part of God helping Paul. “WE must help Paul!” the believers in Philippi decided. But what could THEY do for him? How could THEY help him? They were in Philippi, and he was hundreds of miles away in Rome. How could God use THEM, to help PAUL, from so far away?**

*Can you guess what they could do?*

**The Philippians knew what they could do. They could pray for Paul. Perhaps they were far away from Paul, but God wasn’t. He was with Paul all the time and He could do ANYTHING! They could ask God to work in the heart of Nero, the Roman leader, that he would free Paul. They could ask God to keep Paul from getting sick. They could ask the Holy Spirit to comfort Paul with God’s Word and help him stay strong in his faith. Yes, there was so much the Philippians could do for Paul simply by praying for him, right there in Philippi.**

**But there was something ELSE the Philippians could do for Paul. What could that be?**

*Can you think of what else they could do to care for Paul?*

**They could send a gift of money to him. The believers in Philippi weren’t rich, but they loved Paul! He was the one who first came to their city shared the gospel with them. Down by the river, Paul had told them the good news of Jesus for the first time. Many, like Lydia, heard and believed. But others were so angry that they had soldiers grab Paul, hurt him and threw him into jail in chains!**

**Paul suffered like this, so the Philippians might hear about Jesus. He risked his life that God might save theirs! Now it was their turn to do something for Paul, even if it was very hard.**

**So, the believers worked together to save money to send to Paul. Many chose to do without things they needed. “No, thank you, just one loaf of bread. No, thank you, only three fish, today,” was heard around the marketplace, as some may have chosen to have a little less food on their tables, so they could give more to Paul. “Sheep for sale, goats for sale,” others yelled out at the marketplace. These chose to sell some of their own things to get money to give Paul.**

**At last, enough money was collected. Who would take the money all the way to Paul in Rome? “I’ll take it,” a godly man named Epaphroditus offered. “I’ll take the money and stay and help Paul,” he said. The Philippians prayed for Epaphroditus and sent him on his way with their gift.**

**Walk! Walk! Walk! Epaphroditus made the long trip from Philippi to Rome. There were no cars, trains, or planes back then. It would have taken weeks for Epaphroditus to get there, but he was happy to do it. Paul had done so much for them. Epaphroditus was eager to see Paul and help him.**

**At last, Epaphroditus made it to the big city of Rome. Past the temples of the fake, Roman gods. Through the busy marketplace. Down the winding streets, went Epaphroditus. Finally, he found the house where Paul was being held prisoner. “Knock, knock, knock,” Epaphroditus knocked on the door of the little, prison house. “Creak,” the door opened. Epaphroditus looked in and what did he see?**

*What do you think he saw?*

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

**There was Paul, chained to a soldier. He was an old man, now. His body was sick and hurting. But even so, Paul was joyful. He was still living for God and telling people about Jesus. He had even shared the gospel with the soldiers who guarded him. Some were becoming Christians! What good news this was!**

**Epaphroditus stayed and cared for Paul a long time. He used the Philippian's money gift to buy Paul food and the other things he needed. He shared with Paul about the Philippians and how they still cared for him and were praying for God to help him. Oh, how wonderful it was to have a friend to comfort and care for him! Paul loved hearing how the believers in Philippi were doing. The Lord strengthened him as he and Epaphroditus talked about the Lord and prayed together. What comfort God brought Paul through this one man! Paul was so happy!**

**At last, it was time for Epaphroditus to go. Paul gave Epaphroditus something to take back to the believers in Philippi. He wanted to thank and encourage them. What could a poor, old man in jail give them that would do that?**

*Can you guess?*

**A letter! That's what! So, Paul got out a piece of paper and started writing. When he finished, he rolled it up and gave it to Epaphroditus. Then, off went Epaphroditus, back home. How sad Paul must have been to see him go. Yet, how happy Paul would be for the Philippians to read his letter!**

**Walk, walk, walk. Week after week, Epaphroditus traveled. At last, he made it home to Philippi. The believers gathered together and Epaphroditus read Paul's letter to them. This is what Paul wrote:**

**Dear Philippians,**

**"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for you, I pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," Paul said. "I want you to know that it's been good for the gospel for me to be in prison. I've been able to tell many people about Jesus, including all the soldiers who stand guard over me. It makes me happy that so many people are hearing about Jesus," Paul told them.**

**"Even though life in prison is hard, I am full of joy. God is helping me by your prayers and by His Holy Spirit living in me. God will help me to keep on living for Him and telling others about Jesus," Paul wrote. "And one day, God will take me home to be with Him in heaven forever. That will be best of all."**

**"Until then, I will be praying for you. I will pray that God strengthen you by His Holy Spirit, just as He is strengthening me. I will pray that He would give you joy; and, that you will keep on living for Him and telling others the good news of Jesus. One day, I hope to be freed from prison and come visit you again."**

**May Jesus give you strength,  
Paul**

**What happened to Paul after Epaphroditus left? The Lord had promised that one day Paul would stand before Caesar Nero, the great, Roman king, himself. And so he was! Nero heard his case and no doubt Paul would have even tried to share the good news of Jesus with him, too. And while Nero did NOT become a Christian, he did free Paul from prison. The LORD had answered the Philippian's prayers!**

**And, though Paul probably never got to see his dear friends in Philippi again, he would never forget them. God had used them to give him strength and comfort when he needed it the most. But oh, how sweet would be the meeting of these dear friends in heaven, one day! They had loved each other so well on earth, and now, they would get to go on loving each other forever and ever! And that's what they are doing, even now!**

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

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

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

**1. Who was the prisoner? Why was he in jail?** Paul was. He was in jail for telling others about Jesus.

**2. Who prayed for him?** The believers in the city of Philippi.

**For You and Me:**

Can you imagine going to jail for something you believe in? Paul did, because he knew the good news of Jesus was true, and that people needed to hear it if they were to be saved from their sins. Paul rejoiced to tell others about Jesus and watch them become God's people. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**  
**Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

**1. Who did God use to comfort Paul?** The believers in Philippi.

**2. What did they do that was comforting?** They prayed for him, sent him money and Epaphroditus to help him.

**For You and Me:**

Paul was comforted by the help and prayers of the believers in Philippi. He was comforted by their love and by knowing that God was loving him, too, through them. We, too, can know the comfort of God and of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's how we become God's people.

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

Our six clues were: a letter, a mouse, some money, Epaphroditus, a soldier, and some medicine.

**1. Which four belong in our story?** The letter, the money, Epaphroditus and the soldier belong. The mouse and the medicine do not.

**2. Who did Paul thank God for using to comfort him?** The believers in Philippi.

**For You and Me:**

Paul was comforted by the help and prayers of the believers in Philippi. He was comforted by their love and by knowing that God was loving him, too, through them. We, too, can know the comfort of God and of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's how we become God's people.

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

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!**

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other. God helped Paul and the believers in Philippi comfort and strengthen each other by the good news of Jesus. They remembered that though they were sinners deserving God's punishment, that God had chosen to save them. He sent His Son, Jesus, to give up His life on the cross as the full payment for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He lives and reigns in heaven, caring and praying for God's people, and carrying out God's good plans.

One day, Jesus will come back and put an end to sin and death once and for all; and, God's people will live happy with Him forever. As God's people, Paul and the other believers knew that God would always help them love Him and live for Him... And it was all thanks to what Jesus did! This good news can save us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, as God's people, we can know that God will always help us love Him and live for Him all of our lives... And it will all be thanks to what Jesus did for us.

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Comforter and Strength of Your People. You help them comfort and strengthen each other.
- C** We confess that many times we forget to pray for others who are struggling with hard or sad times. Many times, we don't take time to comfort and strengthen others who are struggling. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.
- S** Work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to comfort others with Your Word and by praying for them. Use us to help others in their times of need. Help others to see Your love and kindness as we comfort and pray for each other.  
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's to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

**BIG QUESTION**

**Meaning**

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!  
All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things.

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

1. Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? *It Is God's Sustaining Grace!*
2. Who did people have a wonderful closeness with in the beginning? *With God.*
3. What did people do that caused the wonderful closeness with God to end? *They disobeyed Him.*
4. What did all people deserve for disobeying God? *God's punishment that keeps them separated from Him and all His goodness forever. How sad!*
5. Who did God send to bring His people to Him? *Jesus.*
6. What did Jesus take for God's people on the cross? *The punishment for their sins.*
7. What happens to us when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior? *God forgives our sins. He makes us His people. We have special closeness with God now. Then, when our bodies die, we will go on living happily with God forever.*

**BIBLE TRUTH**

**Meaning**

It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!  
No matter who we are, we all go through times of need. Sometimes, we are learning something new, and we need help learning how to do it. Sometimes, we are going through something that is very sad or very hard, and we need comfort and strength. God loves to help His people all the time, especially in their times of need. He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their heart. But God also helps His people through their prayers and comfort for each other.

God's people comfort each other by reminding one another that God is always with them and how great and good He is. They read the Bible to each other and hold on to His wonderful promises to take care of them. They pray for each other, asking God to give them wisdom, strength, and joy; and, to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use their hard and sad times for their good and to bring glory to His name.

**Discussion Questions**

choose a few

God loves to sustain His people through their comfort and prayers for one another. It is a wonderful display of His love both to His people and to others who watch how God's people love and care for one another. We, too, can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He can use us to comfort others in this special way, too.

1. Who goes through sad and hard times? *We all do!*
2. Who needs comfort and strength in those times? *We all do.*
3. How does God help His people in these sad and hard times? *He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their hearts.*
4. How does God use His people to help each other in sad and hard times? *He uses them to comfort and pray for each other.*
5. How do God's people use the Bible to strengthen and comfort each other? *They read the Bible to each other and remind each other of God's wonderful promises to take care of them.*
6. How do God's people pray for each other when they are going through sad and hard times? *They ask God to give them strength and joy. They ask God to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use the hard and sad times to make them more like Jesus and to show everybody what a great God He is.*
7. What do others say about God when God's people comfort each other? *They tell what God's love for His people is like. It helps them want to know God, too.*
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

<p><b>THE GOSPEL</b></p>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other! God helped Paul and the believers in Philippi comfort and strengthen each other by the good news of Jesus. They remembered that though they were sinners deserving God's punishment, that God had chosen to save them. He sent His Son, Jesus, to give up His life on the cross as the full payment for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He lives and reigns in heaven, caring and praying for God's people, and carrying out God's good plans. One day, He will come back and put an end to sin and death once and for all; and, God's people will live happy with Him forever. As God's people, Paul and the other believers knew that God would always help them love Him and live for Him... And it was all thanks to what Jesus did! This good news can save us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, as God's people, we can know that God will always help us love Him and live for Him all of our lives... And it will all be thanks to what Jesus did for us.</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>"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God... On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." --2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV</p> <p><b>Learn a Little</b> "We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."</p> <p>God loves His people so much! He is full of mercy and compassion. He cares about their sadnesses and troubles, and He comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other! He uses them to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in Him their whole lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p>1. Who comforts God's people in all of their afflictions (sad and hard times)? Why? <i>God does. God comforts His people in sad and hard times because he cares for them; but also, because He wants them to use the comfort He gives them to comfort others when they need it.</i></p> <p>2. Who does God want His people to comfort? <i>He wants them to comfort other people, especially God's people.</i></p> <p>3. Who do God's people hope in when they need help? <i>They hope in God to help them and deliver them.</i></p> <p>4. Who do God's people comfort by praying for them? <i>They pray for other people, especially God's people.</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><b>BIBLE STORY</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p><b>The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner</b></p> <p>1. Who was in prison for telling people about Jesus? <i>Paul was.</i></p> <p>2. Who wanted to do something to help Paul while he was in prison? <i>The believers in Philippi.</i></p> <p>3. How did the believers in Philippi help Paul, even though he was so very far away? <i>They prayed for him, they gave money to him, and they sent someone to go to help him.</i></p> <p>4. Who did the people the believers in Philippi send to Paul in Rome? <i>A man named Epaphroditus.</i></p> <p>5. How was Paul when Epaphroditus visited him? <i>Paul was chained to a soldier. He was an old man and his body was sick and hurting. Life was hard, but Paul was still joyfully living for God and telling everyone the good news of Jesus.</i></p> <p>6. How did Epaphroditus comfort Paul? <i>He took care of his needs. He talked and prayed with him. He told Paul about how the believers in Philippi were doing.</i></p> <p>7. What did Paul write to the believers in Philippi after Epaphroditus visited him? <i>He thanked God for them and the comfort they gave him through Epaphroditus and their gift of money. He told them he would pray for them. He told them that though life was hard in prison, God was giving him joy. God was helping him to keep on loving God and living for Him, thanks to their prayers and to the Holy Spirit, working in his heart.</i></p> <p>8. What good news did Paul and the believers of Philippi believe in? How did that good news help them? How can it help us? <i>God helped Paul and the believers in Philippi comfort and strengthen each other by the good news of Jesus. They remembered how God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. As God's people, Paul and the other believers knew that God would always help them love Him and live for Him... And it was all thanks to what Jesus did! This good news can save us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, as God's people, we can know that God will always help us love Him and live for Him all of our lives... And it will all be thanks to what Jesus did for us.</i></p>

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## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13 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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- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
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#### Why the Extra Songs?

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

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**Curriculum Resources**



**General Classroom Songs**

**(used every lesson  
of the curriculum)**





## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# The Classroom Song

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Tracks 1-4

### Verse 1

Let's gather together to worship God,  
Let's gather together to worship God,  
Come gather now with me!

### Verse 2

We've gathered together to worship God,  
We've gathered together to worship God,  
And now it's time to play.

### Verse 3

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

### Verse 4

So what's our big news to go and tell,  
So what's our big news to go and tell,  
Can you tell me now?

## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track 5

We're Deep Down Detectives,  
diggin' deep in God's Word,  
For truths about God and His plans for this world,  
We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart,  
We're Deep Down Detectives!  
Come on! Let's start!

Words and Music: Constance Dever ©2015

# Classroom Rules Song

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track 6

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,  
Raise your hand, if you have something to say,  
Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,  
Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.  
These are our classroom rules,  
These are our classroom rules,  
They help us worship God and love one another,  
These are our classroom rules.

Words and Music: Constance Dever ©2015

## Unit 13 Lyrics

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### Let's Pray

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track 7

1-2-3!

Fold your hands,

Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (*repeat*)

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### Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track 8

#### The Big Question Box Song

We've got a big box,

All closed up and locked,

Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case,

There's no time to waste,

Come on, kids, let's open it up!

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## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# The Bible Chant Song

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track  
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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!

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# The ACTS Prayer Song

DDD ESV Songs, Tracks 10,11

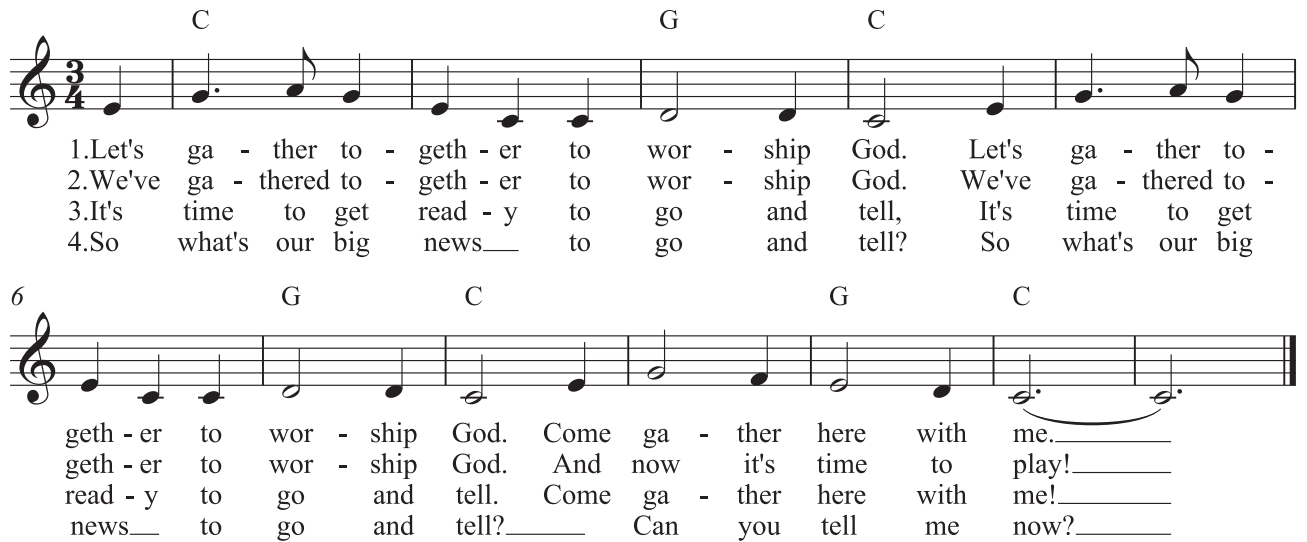
A: Adoration, God, we praise You,  
C: Confession, Forgive us our sins,  
T: Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,  
S: Supplication, Help us live like Him. (repeat)

That's the A-C-T-S prayer, my friend,  
Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh,  
Let's begin!

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# The Classroom Song

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Tracks 1-4



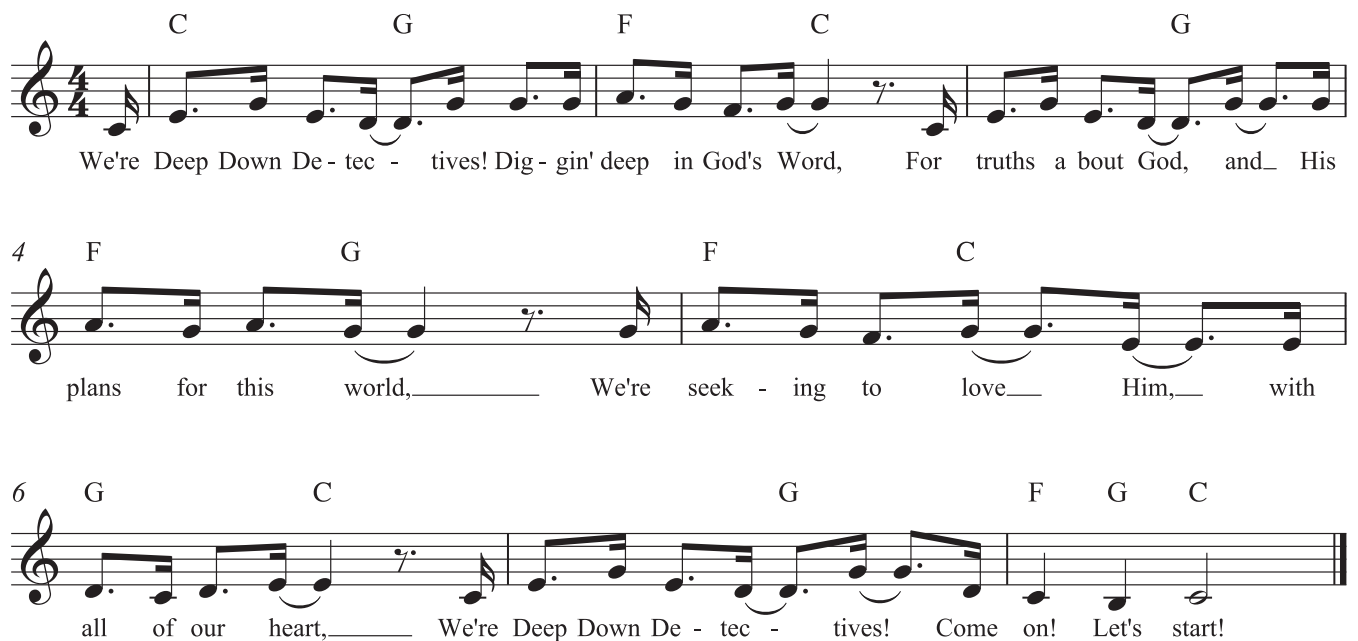
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 2. We've ga - thered to - geth - er to wor - ship God. We've ga - thered to -  
 3. It's time to get read - y to go and tell, It's time to get  
 4. So what's our big news\_\_\_ to go and tell? So what's our big

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 geth - er to wor - ship God. Come ga - ther here with me.\_\_\_\_\_  
 geth - er to wor - ship God. And now it's time to play!\_\_\_\_\_  
 read - y to go and tell. Come ga - ther here with me!\_\_\_\_\_  
 news\_\_\_ to go and tell?\_\_\_ Can you tell me now?\_\_\_\_\_

Words and Music: Constance Dever ©2013

# Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track 5



We're Deep Down De - tec - tives! Dig - gin' deep in God's Word, For truths a bout God, and\_ His  
 plans for this world,\_\_\_ We're seek - ing to love\_\_\_ Him,\_\_\_ with  
 all of our heart,\_\_\_ We're Deep Down De - tec - tives! Come on! Let's start!

Words and Music: Constance Dever ©2014

**The Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track

C F G C F G

Shh! Be qui - et while some one is talk ing, Raise your hand when you have some thing to say,

5 F C F C G13 C

Don't touch your friend, sit ting be-side you, O -bey your teach -ers be kind as\_ you play.

9 F G F C G

These are\_ our class-room rules, These are\_ our class room rules,\_\_\_\_\_ They help us

13 C F G F G C

wor-ship God and love\_\_\_ one\_ an-oth er, These\_\_\_ are\_ our class-room rules. Yeah!

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**Let's Pray**

DDD ESV Unit 13 Songs, Track 7

A C#m D A E A

One, two, three, Fold your hands, Bow your head, close your eyes, Let's pray!

5 C#m D A E

One, two, three, Fold\_\_\_ your hands, Bow your head, close your eyes, Let's pray!

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### The Big Question Box Song

We've got a big\_ box, All closed up and locked, Filled with the truths of God's  
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 no time to waste! Come on,\_\_\_\_\_ kids! Let's o - pen it up!

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### The Bible Chant Song

The Bi-ble, the Bi ble, Let's get out the Bi-ble, Let's hear what God has to say.\_\_\_\_\_ The  
 Bi ble, the Bi-ble, God's gi-ven us the Bi ble, It's His Word for us to learn and o bey!\_ Yay!

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**The ACTS Prayer Song**

A: A-do-ra tion, "God,we praise You," C: Con-fes-sion,"For-give us our sins,"

T: Thanks-giv ing, "Thank You for Je-sus, S: Sup-pli-ca-tion,"Help us live like Him."

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head, close your eyes, shhh! Let's be - gin!



# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources**



**Unit 13 Songs**

**(used with all 6 Bible Truths)**

## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# Big Q & A 13 Song

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 12

Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

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## Unit 13 Lyrics

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### Big Question 13 Song:

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 13

## Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
What keeps them going?  
Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace,

That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them as they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith to keep in trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him to the very end.

That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

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## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# Unit 13 Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 14

## Cast Your Burden on the LORD

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He will sustain you.  
He will never permit the righteous to be moved.  
Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He will sustain you.  
He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

He'll never permit, He'll never permit,  
He will never permit the righteous to be moved,  
He'll never permit, He'll never permit,  
He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm Fifty-five, twenty-two.

Words: adapted from Psalm 55:22, ESV    Music: Constance Dever ©2016

**Tie-in:** Sometimes we have to go through very scary things. Sometimes we have to go through very sad things. But, never do we have to go through them alone, if we put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God promises to always help the righteous--all who have had their sins forgiven through Jesus. They tell Him their troubles and He is with them, helping them through them. He promises to always sustain them--always give them everything they need to keep on believing in Him and living in Him. We, too, can be His people when we put our trust in Jesus. He will always care for us, too! How wonderful!

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## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# Unit 13 Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 15

## Cast Your Burden

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He will sustain you.  
Cast your burden on the LORD,  
Cast your burden on the LORD,  
He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

He will never permit the righteous to be moved,  
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## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# Unit 13 Extra Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 16

The LORD your God is with you,  
He is mighty to save, mighty to save,  
The LORD your God is with you,  
He is mighty to save, mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you,  
He will take great delight in you.  
He will quiet you with His love,  
He will rejoice over you with singing. *(repeat)*

Zephaniah Chapter Three, verse seventeen.

Words: adapted from Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984    Music: Constance Dever ©2015

**Tie-in:** How the LORD loves His people! He takes GREAT delight in them. He sings over them, like a loving parent sings over the children He loves and wants to comfort. He calms them with His love when they are sad or scared. He promises to always be with them, helping them. He is mighty to save them. God's people can rest in Him, knowing how wonderful is His love and care for them, every day of their life.

## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 17

## Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape

**Tie-in:** What a mighty, loving Savior Jesus is to those who trust in Him! He saves them from all their sins so they can be God’s people. He paid for all their sins on the cross. He cleans their hearts of sin. But that’s not all! He gives them strength to do everything God wants them to do. Yes, they may be weak, but Jesus is so strong! They pray to Him for help and He will always give them the help they need. God’s people praise their wonderful Savior! They owe everything to Him!

## Unit 13 Lyrics

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# Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 18

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Words: Adapted from Psalm 89:1 Music: Anonymous

**Tie-in:** Mercy is treating someone with love and kindness that they do not deserve. God's people love to sing of the Lord's mercy to them! He has taken away all their sins through His Son Jesus! He has been faithful to them every day of their lives, always giving them what they need. And they know He will go on being faithful to them forever and ever. No wonder they want to praise Him! No wonder they want to use their mouths to tell others about Him!



# Big Q & A 13 Song

C F C  
 Why do God's peo - ple keep be - liev - ing in God?

8 G G7 C  
 And why do God's peo - ple keep on liv - ing for Him?

16 C F C  
 Be - cause God sus - tains them, yes, God a - lone.

24 G  
 That's why God's peo - ple keep be -

29 G7 C  
 liev - ing in God.

Words: Constance Dever Music: Adapted Nursery Rhyme ©2012

**Big Question 13 Song**

E A

Why do God's peo-ple keep be - liev-ing in Him?— What keeps them go- ing? Why

7 B E

do they per- se vere? There's just one rea-son for their last-ing faith,—

13 A B E B

It is grace,— God's sus - tain - ing grace,— That's why God's peo-ple say:

19 E B A E B

"I'm gon-na keep on be - liev-ing in God,— I'm gon-na keep on liv-ing for Him,——

26 E A E A

— Yes, I'm gon-na keep on be - liev-ing in God,— And it's all thanks to

32 B E A B E A

Him, thanks to Him!— God sus - tains His peo - ple in ma - ny ways,— His

39 E B E B E

Spi-rit works in - side them as they read His Word and pray. He gives them faith to keep


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45 A B E



trust-ing in Him, To keep on liv-ing for Him to the ve - ry end.

51 B E B A E




That's why God's peo-ple say: "I'm gon-na keep on be - liev-ing in God, I'm gon-na

57 B E A E




keep on liv-ing for Him, Yes, I'm gon-na keep on be - liev-ing in God,

64 A B E



And it's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him!

68 A B E



and it's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him!

Words and Music: Constance Dever ©2012

# Psalm 55:22 Cast Your Burden on the LORD

## Big Question 13 Bible Verse

D A G D A D A D D A G

Cast your bur - den on the Lord and he will sus tain you. He will ne

6 D A D A D D A G A D

- ver per mit the righ-teous to be moved. Cast your bur - den on the Lord and

11 A D A D D A G A D

he will sus tain you. He will ne - ver per mit the

15 A D A D A D

righ-teous to be moved. He'll ne-ver per- mit, He'll ne-ver per- mit, He'll

19 A D A A

ne-ver per mit, the righ-teous to be moved. He'll ne-ver per- mit, He'll

22 D A D A G

never per mit, He'll ne-ver per-mit, the righ teous to be moved! Cast your bur

27 D A D D D A G A D

- den on the Lord and he will sus tain you. He will ne - ver per mit the

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32      A          D A      D                  D A G                  A D          A          D      D

right-teous to be moved.          Cast your bur - den on the Lord and he will sus tain you.

37                          D      A      G                  A D          A          D A      D

—                  He      will      ne -      ver per mit —      the righ-teous to      be moved.

41                          A                  G      A          D

—                  Psalm      Fif - ty - five,      twen - ty - two.

Words: adapted from Psalm 55:22, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2016

# Psalm 55:22 Cast Your Burden

## Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse

1 Bm F# Bm F# Bm Em

Cast your bur-den on the Lord, Cast your bur-den on the Lord, And he will sus- tain\_\_\_

4 F# Bm F# Bm F# Bm Bm Em F#

you. Cast your bur-den on the Lord, Cast your bur-den on the Lord, He will ne-ver per - mit, the

8 Bm Em

righ-teous to be moved. He will ne - ver per - mit the righ-teous to be moved, He will

11 A7 F# Bm Em

ne-ver per-mit the righ-teous to be moved, He will ne-ver per-mit the righ-teous to be moved, He will

15 Em Am B7 trill

ne-ver per-mit the righ-teous to be moved. Cast your

20 Bm F# Bm F# Bm Em F#

bur-den on the Lord, Cast your bur-den on the Lord, And he will sus- tain\_\_\_ you. Cast your

24 Bm F# Bm F# Bm Bm Em F# Bm

bur-den on the Lord, Cast your bur-den on the Lord, He will ne-ver per - mit, the righ-teous to be moved.

28 F# G Bm F# Bm

Psalm Fif - ty - five, twen-ty - two. Psalm Fif - ty - five, twen-ty - two.

# Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD Your God Is with You

Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 16

1 D A G

The LORD, your God is with you, He is mighty to save,

5 D A G

mighty to save, The LORD, your God is with you, He is mighty to save,

9 C Em D C Em

mighty to save, He will take great delight in you, He will take great delight in

13 D Am Em D C Em

you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with

17 D D A G

sing - ing. Ze - pha - ni - ah Chapter Three, verse sev - en - teen,

Words: adapted from Zephaniah 3:17 NIV 1984 Music: Constance Dever ©2012

## Jesus Paid It All

### Big Question 13 Hymn

B $\flat$                       F      F $\text{sus}^4$       B $\flat$

1. I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength in-deed is small, Child of weak-ness, watch and pray, Find in

7      F $^6$                       B $\flat$

Me thine all in all."      Je - sus paid it all,      All to Him I

12      F              B $\flat$                       E $\flat$  Edim      B $\flat$       F $^7$               B $\flat$

owe;      Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Words: Elvina M. Hall      Music: John T. Grape<sup>8</sup>

## I Will Sing of the Mercies

### Big Question 13 Praise Song

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 18

B $\flat$     F                      B $\flat$

I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing,      I will sing.      I will

5    F                      B $\flat$

sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er. I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord.      With my

9      E $\flat$                       B $\flat$                       F                      E $\flat$       B $\flat$                       E $\flat$

mouth\_\_\_ will I make known Thy faith-ful-ness, Thy faith-ful-ness, With my mouth\_\_\_ will I make

14      B $\flat$                       F                      C $^7$       F                      B $\flat$

known Thy faith-ful-ness to all gen-er - a - tions. I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will

19      F    B $\flat$

sing,      I will sing.      I will sing of the mer - cies of the

22    F                      B $\flat$

Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.

Words: Adapted from Psalm 89:1      Music: Anonymous



# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth**

**Bible Verse Songs**



## **Bible Verse Song: To Him Who Is Able**

To him who is able to keep you, *(keep you)*  
To keep you from stumbling, *(stumbling)*  
To present you blameless, *(blameless)*  
Before the presence of his glory with great joy,  
*(with great joy)*

To the only God, our Savior, *(Savior)*  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, *(Lord)*  
Be glory, majesty, dominion,  
And authority, before all time, now and forever.  
Amen, Amen, Amen. *(Amen)*  
Amen, Amen, Amen. *(Amen)*  
Amen, Amen, Amen. *(Amen)*  
Jude One, twenty-four and five.

about this Bible verse:

Words adapted from Jude 1:24-25, ESV Constance Dever © 2012

God's people love to praise their Savior and God, Jesus Christ. He saved them when He died for their sins on the cross. He uses His people to strengthen and comfort each other, showing that He had beaten sin and death for them. And in heaven now, He is alive and prays for them to have all the help and strength they need to do all that God wants them to do. No wonder they love to praise Jesus! He makes sure they do not need to fear. He makes sure they have everything they need! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever.

## **Extra Bible Verse Song: To Him, To Him**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 20

To him, to him,  
Who is able to keep you,  
From stumbling, and present you,  
Blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,  
To him, who is able to keep you.

To him, to him, the only God, (was our)  
To him, to him, our Savior, through Christ,  
Be glory, and majesty, dominion and authority,  
Before all time, now and forever. Amen.

To him, to him,  
Who is able to keep you,  
From stumbling, and present you,  
Blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,  
To him, who is able to keep you.

Jude Chapter One, twenty-four and five.

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## **Extra Bible Verse Song: Jude Doxology**

Now to Him who is able to keep you,  
Who is able to keep you from stumbling,  
And to make you stand in the presence,  
Of His glory, blameless, with great joy.

To the only God, our Savior,  
And to Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Be glory, majesty, dominion, all pow'r,  
Before all time, now and forever.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen,  
Amen and amen and amen. *(repeat)*

Jude Chapter One, verses twenty four and five.

about this Bible verse:

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# To Him Who Is Able

4 Eb Ab Eb

To him who is a - ble to keep you,(keep you) to keep you from stum-bl-ing,

4 Bb Eb Ab

(stum-bl-ing), to pre-sent you blame-less, (blame-less), be-fore the

7 Eb Bb Eb Eb

pre-sence of his glo-ry with great joy (with great joy)! to the on ly - God, our

10 Ab Eb Bb Eb

Sav-ior,(Sav-ior), thru Je-sus Christ our Lord (Lord), be glo-ry, ma-jes-ty, do-

14 Ab Eb Bb Eb

min-ion, and au-tho-ri-ty, be-fore all time, now, and for-ev-er. A -

18 Eb Ab Eb Bb

men, A - men. A - men. (A - men.) A-men, A - men, A - men, (A - men.) A

22 Eb Ab Eb Bb Eb

men, A - men, A - men, (A - men.) Jude One, twen-ty-four and five.

Words: adapted from Jude 1:24-25 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

### To Him, To Him

D A G A D A G A

To Him, to Him, who is a-ble to keep you, from stum-bl-ing and pre-sent you.

5 D G D A

blame-less be-fore the pre-sence of His glo-ry with great joy. To Him who is a-ble to keep

9 D G A Bm G A Bm

— you. To Him, to Him, our on-ly God, to Him, to Him, our Sav-ior through Christ, to

14 G D G A F#

Him, to Him, be glo-ry, ma-jes-ty, do-min-ion, and au-tho-ri-ty.

19 D A G A

"Before all time, now and forever! Amen!" To Him, to Him, who is a-ble to keep you, from

23 D A G A D G

stum-bl-ing and pre-sent you. blame less be-fore the pre-sence of His glo-ry with great

27 Bm A D D A G A D

joy. To Him who is a-ble to keep you. Jude Chap-ter One, twen-ty-four and five.

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# Jude Doxology

E Bm E

Now to Him who is a - ble to keep you, Who is a - ble to keep you from

7 Bm A E Bm D

stum-bl ing, And to make you stand in the pre sence, of His glo - ry,

14 A E E Bm

blame-less with great joy, To the on - ly God our Sa vior, And to

21 E Bm A E Bm

Je - sus Christ our Lord, Be glo - ry, ma-jest-y do - min-ion, all

28 D A E

pow'r, be-fore all time, now and for - ev - er, A - men, A -

35 Bm E Bm A E

men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A -

43 Bm D A E

men, A - men and A - men, and A - men, A - men, A -

51 Bm E Bm A E

men, A - men, A - men, A -

58 Bm D A E

men, A - men, A - men and A - men, and A - men,

Words: adapted from Jude 1:24-25 NIV 1984 Music: Unknown



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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Bible Verse Song:**  
**Behold, God Is My Helper**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 22

Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
The upholder of my life,  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper.

Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
He's delivered me from every trouble,  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;

Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
My eyes have looked in triumph on my enemies.  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;

Psalm Fifty-four, four and seven.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Psalm 54:4,7 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

God has a good plan for each one of His people. He may call them to do some things that are very hard, but He promises to always give them the strength they need to do them. God's people know they can depend on Him to help them whenever they need help...and go on helping them for the rest of their lives. He is their sustainer!

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Extra Bible Verse Song:  
Even to Your Old Age**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 23

Even to your old age, I am he, I am he,  
Even to your old age, I am he.

And to gray hairs I will carry you,  
I will carry you.

And to gray hairs I will carry you,  
I will carry you.

I have made, I will bear;  
I will carry and save.

I am God, I have spoken,  
I will bring it to pass.

I have made, I will bear;  
I will carry and save.

I am God, I have purposed,  
And I will do it.

Even to your old age I am he, I am he,  
Even to your old age, I am he.

And I will carry, I will carry, I will carry you.

Isaiah Chapter Forty-six, verses four, nine and eleven.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Isaiah 46:4,9,11 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

God's love will last for His people their whole lives and through all eternity. Whether they are young or old, He will take care of them and love them. Sometimes old people worry that there won't be anyone to take care of them. Maybe their bodies are too sick to work. Maybe their husband or wife has died and they live alone. It can feel very scary to not know how you will be taken care of. But God promises that He will always take care of His people.... even through old age....even when they don't know how He will do it. God never breaks a promise. He is their loving Creator. He is their Savior. He has spoken His promises to take care of His people always and He will do it. Even if they don't know how He will do it, He will carry them all the way through life and bring them to heaven to live with Him forever. Oh, how wonderful is God's love for His people!

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Extra Bible Verse Song:  
Though the Earth Give Way**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 24

Though the earth gives way,  
Though the mountains be moved,  
Moved into the heart of the sea,  
Though the earth gives way,  
Though the mountains be moved,  
Moved into the heart of the sea,  
We will not fear.

God is our refuge and our strength,  
A very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, not fear,  
Though the earth gives way,  
Though the mountains be moved,  
Moved into the heart of the sea.  
We will not fear, we will not fear, we will not fear.  
Psalm Forty-six, verses one and two.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Psalm 46:1,2, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

God's people know that they never need to fear. God can always help them, no matter what they go through. Why, even if the very earth or mountains shake and move...even into the sea, they still do not need to worry. Their God loves them and is in control of everything. He will always be close to them and help them when they are troubled. God will keep them safe and give them strength. They can count on that!

# Behold, God Is My Helper

Dm G Dm G Dm G Gm C<sup>7</sup>



Be - hold, God is my help - er, Be - hold, God is my help - er, the up-

6 Gm F Dm C Dm G C



hol - der of my life, Be - hold, God is my help - er, Be - hold, God is my

11 Dm G Dm G Dm G Dm G Dm G



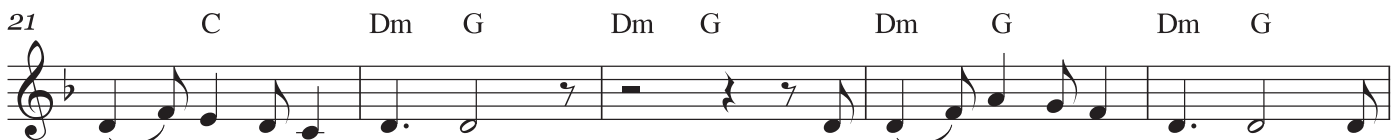
help - er, Be - hold, God is my help - er, Be - hold, God is my

16 Gm C<sup>7</sup> Gm C Dm C Dm G



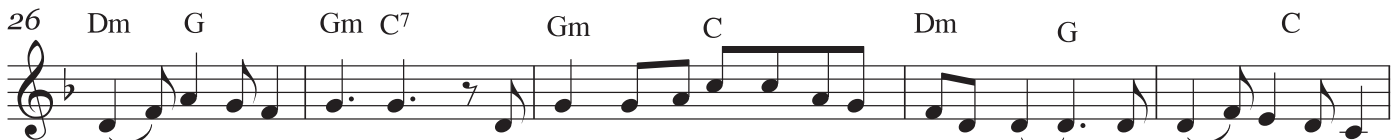
help - er, He's de - li - vered me from ev' - ry trou - ble. Be - hold, God is my help - er, Be -

21 C Dm G Dm G Dm G Dm G



hold, God is my help - er, Be - hold, God is my help - er, Be -

26 Dm G Gm C<sup>7</sup> Gm C Dm G C



hold, God is my help - er, My eye's looked in tri - umph on my e - ne - mies, Be hold, God is my

31 Dm G Dm C Dm G Dm G C Dm




help - er, Be - hold, God is my help - er. Psalm Fif - ty - four, four and se - ven.

Words: adapted from Psalm 54:4,7 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012


# Even to Your Old Age

D A(sus4)/C# D Bm D/A A(sus2)/G D6 A(sus2)/G D6 A D



E - ven to your old age, I am He, I am He. E - ven

10 A(sus4)/C# D Bm D/A G(sus2) A D Bm A




to your old age. I am He. And to gray hairs I will

19 G D A G A D A Bm A G




car - ry you. I will car - ry you. And to gray hairs I will car - ry

28 D G(sus2) A(sus4) D G A(sus2) Bm A




you. I will car - ry you. I havemade, I will bear, I will car - ry and

36 Bm G Bm G A(sus4) A G A(sus4)




save. I am God. I have spo ken. I willbring it to pass. I havemade, I will bear I will

44 Bm A Bm G Bm G A(sus4) A D



car - ry and save. I am God. I have pur posed and I will do it. E - ven

52 A(sus4)/C# Bm D/A A(sus2)/G D/F# A(sus2)/G A D A(sus4)/C# D Bm



to your old age, I am He. I am He. E - ven to your old

62 D/A G(sus2) A Bm G(sus2) A(sus2) Bm A(sus2)

age. I am He. And I will car-ry, I will car-ry.

71 G(sus2) A(sus2) D A(sus4)

I will car - ry you. I - sai - ah Chap - ter

77 Bm D/A G(sus4) A(sus4) A G(sus4) D

For - ty - six, ver - ses four, nine and e - le - ven.

Words: Isaiah 46:4,9,11 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

# Though the Earth Give Way

D
G(sus2)
Bm

Though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved, moved in - to the

4 A(sus4) D G Bm

heart of the sea. Though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved, moved in-to the

8 A(sus4) D G A D

heart of the sea. — we will not fear. God is our re- fuge — and our

15 Bm G A G D G A

strength. A ve - ry pre - sent help in trou - ble. There fore, — we will not

22 D A Bm D A G A D A G A

fear, not fear. Though the earth give way. though the mountains be moved,

28 Bm D A D G

moved in-to the heart of the sea. We will not fear. We will not

33 Bm A D D A D

fear. We will not fear. Psalm For - ty six, ver - ses one and two.

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Bible Verse Song:**  
**Let Us with Confidence**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 25

Let us then with confidence draw near,  
With confidence draw near the throne of grace,  
So that we may receive mercy and find grace,  
In our time of need,  
Hebrews Four, sixteen.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Hebrews 4:16, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

Jesus reigns in heaven as the High King over all creation. How He loves God's people! How He listens to their prayers and even prays for them, Himself! He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and do all He wants them to do.

God's people know they can always pray and ask Jesus to help them. They know His answer is always "yes" when they ask Him to help them in their weakness and to give them the strength they need to do all God wants them to do. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will help them. He will always help them!

We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Extra Bible Verse Song:  
Let Us Then Draw Near**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 26

Let us then draw near,  
Draw near the throne of grace,  
Draw near with confidence,  
The throne with confidence.  
That we may receive mercy  
And find grace to help,  
Help us in time of need, in time of need. *(repeat)*

Hebrews Four, sixteen.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Hebrews 4:16, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

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We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

# Let Us Then With Confidence

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 25

D D7 Bm A D D13

Let us then with con-fi dence draw near.\_\_\_\_\_ With con-fi dence draw near the throne of

7 Bm A Bm A G Bb Bm

grace.\_\_\_\_\_ So that we may re-ceive mer - cy and find grace, in our

14 Bb D D D7 Bm A

time of need. Let us then with con-fi dence draw near.\_\_\_\_\_ With

21 D D13 Bm A Bm A

con-fi dence draw near the throne of grace.\_\_\_\_\_ So that we may re-ceive mer - cy

27 G Bb Bm Bb

and find grace, in our time of

31 D Bm Bb D

need. He - brews Four, six - teen.

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# Let Us Then Draw Near

Fm Cm Fm

Let us then draw near, draw near the throne of grace, draw near with con-fi-dence, the

4 C Fm Cm

throne, with con - fi dence, that we may re-ceive mer - cy and find\_ grace to help,

7 Fm C Fm Fm

help us in\_\_\_ time of need, in time of need. Let us then draw near, draw

10 Cm Fm Fm C

near the throne of grace, draw near with con-fi-dence, the throne, with con - fi-dence, that

13 Fm Bb Cm Ab

we may re-ceive mer - cy and find\_ grace to help, help us in\_\_\_ time of need,

16 Fm C Fm C Fm C Fm

time of need. He-brews chap - ter four, \_\_\_\_\_ verse six - teen.

Words: adapted from Hebrews 4:16 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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# **Bible Verse Song: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 27

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,  
And given us, given us,  
His Spirit in our hearts. *(Sing it again! Faster!)*

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,  
And given us, given us,  
His Spirit in our hearts.

Second Corinthians One, twenty-one and two.

about this Bible verse:

Words: adapted from Hebrews 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

Why do God's people keep on believing in God and living in Him? It is because of God's grace, His sustaining grace. God gives His people everything they need to keep on believing in Him and living for Him their whole lives. One of the most amazing ways He helps them is by putting His very own Holy Spirit in their heart.

The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives.

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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## **Extra Bible Verse Song:**

### **And It Is God**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 28

And it is God who establishes us in Christ,  
And it is God who establishes us,  
With you in Christ, with you in Christ.  
And it is God who establishes us in Christ,  
And it is God who establishes us,  
With you in Christ, with you in Christ.

And has anointed us,  
And put his seal on us,  
And given us his Spirit, in our hearts as a guarantee. (repeat)  
Second Corinthians Chapter One,  
verses twenty-one and two.

about this Bible verse:

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The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives.

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Extra Bible Verse Song:  
The Fruit of the Spirit**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 29

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, and peace,  
Patience, kindness, and goodness,  
Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control;  
Against such things there is no law.  
If we live by the Spirit,  
Let's keep in step with the Spirit,  
If we live by the Spirit,  
Let's keep in step with the Spirit,

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, and peace,  
Patience, kindness, and goodness,  
Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control;  
Against such things there is no law,  
Against such things there is no law.  
Galatians Five, twenty-two and twenty-three and five.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Galatians 5:22,23,25 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

God's Holy Spirit lives inside of God's people, helping them keep on believing in God and living for Him. Oh, what wonderful things He does inside their heart! He helps them to love others. He helps them have joy, peace, patience and kindness. He makes them more like Jesus by giving them His goodness. He grows their faithfulness towards God and others. He helps them be gentle, even when others might be mean to them. He helps them have self-control to say "no" to temptation to sin. God's people want to keep in step with the Holy Spirit's work in them. That is, they want to keep on learning and growing in the ways the Holy Spirit is helping them.

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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# **Extra Bible Verse Song: The Fruit**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 30

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
Patience, kindness, goodness,  
Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;  
These are the fruit of the Spirit.

If we live by the Spirit,  
Let us also keep in step,  
Keep in step with the Spirit,  
If we live by the Spirit,  
Let us also keep in step,  
Keep in step with the Spirit.  
Galatians Chapter Five, verses twenty-two and five.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Galatians 5:22,25 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

God's Holy Spirit lives inside of God's people, helping them keep on believing in God and living for Him. Oh, what wonderful things He does inside their heart! He helps them to love others. He helps them have joy, peace, patience and kindness. He makes them more like Jesus by giving them His goodness. He grows their faithfulness towards God and others. He helps them be gentle, even when others might be mean to them. He helps them have self-control to say "no" to temptation to sin. God's people want to keep in step with the Holy Spirit's work in them. That is, they want to keep on learning and growing in the ways the Holy Spirit is helping them.

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Extra Bible Verse Song:** DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 31  
**I Will Ask the Father**

I will ask the Father,  
And He will give you,  
Another Helper to be with you forever,  
A helper to be with you forever,  
Even the Spirit of truth,  
Even the Spirit of truth.

You know Him, for He dwells with you,  
And will be in you.  
Another Helper to be with you forever,  
A helper to be with you forever,  
Even the Spirit of truth,  
Even the Spirit of truth.

John Fourteen, sixteen and seventeen.

about this Bible verse:

Words: John 14:16-17, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

On the night before Jesus died on the cross, He told his disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to live inside them. Yes, He would be leaving them. After He died and rose from the dead, He would go to reign in heaven. But they would not be left alone. The Holy Spirit would help them in powerful ways. He is the Spirit of truth. He would help them know God's truth and understand what it means. He would give them the strength to do everything God wanted them to do. And He would never leave them. He would be their helper forever.



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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Extra Bible Verse Song:  
I Will Give You a New Heart**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 32

I will give you a new heart,  
And a new spirit I will put within you.  
I will give you a new heart,  
And a new spirit I will put within you.  
Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-six.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Galatians 5:22,25 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

God's Holy Spirit lives inside of God's people, helping them keep on believing in God and living for Him. Oh, what wonderful things He does inside their heart! He helps them to love others. He helps them have joy, peace, patience and kindness. He makes them more like Jesus by giving them His goodness. He grows their faithfulness towards God and others. He helps them be gentle, even when others might be mean to them. He helps them have self-control to say "no" to temptation to sin. God's people want to keep in step with the Holy Spirit's work in them. That is, they want to keep on learning and growing in the ways the Holy Spirit is helping them.

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**Unit 13 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song Lyrics**

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**Extra Bible Verse Song:** DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 33  
**You Shall Be Clean**

You shall be clean, You shall be clean,  
You shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,  
You shall be clean, You shall be clean,  
You shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.  
And from all your idols I will cleanse you,  
And from all your idols I will cleanse you,

Refrain:

And I will give you a new heart,  
And a new spirit I will put within you.  
And I will give you a new heart,  
And a new spirit I will put within you.

I'll put my Spirit, I'll put my Spirit,  
I'll put my Spirit within you.  
I'll put my Spirit, I'll put my Spirit,  
I'll put my Spirit within you.  
And cause you to walk in my statutes,  
And cause you to walk in my statutes. *Refrain*

Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-five through seven.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

God's Holy Spirit lives inside of God's people, helping them keep on believing in God and living for Him. Oh, what wonderful things He does inside their heart! He makes it clean of their old way of living for themselves. He helps them love God's statutes (big rules) and helps them obey them. The Holy Spirit is God's powerful gift to help God's people every day of their lives.

# It Is God Who Establishes Us with You

D A G D G D Bm

It is God who es-ta-bli-shes us with you. (In Christ!) It is God who es-ta-bli-shes us with

4 A G Bm A G Bm G D

you (In Christ!), has a- noin ted us, al-so put his seal on us and gi-ven us, gi-ven us, his

8 A D Let's sing it again faster! A G D G D

Spir-it in our hearts. It is God who es-ta-bli-shes us with you. (In Christ!) It is

12 Bm A G Bm

God who es-ta - bli-shes us with you (In Christ!), has a noin - ted us, al - so

15 A G Bm G D A D

put his seal on us and gi-ven us, gi-ven us, his Spir - it in our hearts.

18 F#m D A D

Se - cond Co - rin - thi - ans One, twen - ty - one and two.

Words: adapted from 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

# And It Is God

B $\flat$  E $\flat$ (sus2) F E $\flat$ (sus2) B $\flat$  E $\flat$ (sus2) F B $\flat$

And it is God who es - ta-bli shes us in Christ, And it is God who es - ta-bli shes us, with

5 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F B $\flat$  E $\flat$ (sus2)

you in Christ, with you in Christ.\_\_\_\_\_ And it is God who es -

10 F E $\flat$ (sus2) B $\flat$  E $\flat$ (sus2) F B $\flat$  E $\flat$

ta-bli shes us in Christ, And it is God who es - ta-bli shes us, with you in Christ, with

14 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

you in Christ.\_\_\_\_\_ And has a - noin - ted us,\_\_\_ and put his seal on us,

20 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

\_\_\_ and gi-ven us his Spi-rit\_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts as a guar-an - tee.

25 B $\flat$  F E $\flat$ (sus2) B $\flat$  F(sus4) B $\flat$

Se-cond Co-rin-thi-ans Chap - ter Two, ver-ses twen - ty - one and two.

Words: adapted from 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

# The Fruit of the Spirit

E C#m7 A(add2) A E C#m7 A7

The fruit of the Spi-rit is love, joy and peace, pa-tience, kind-ness and good -

8 B A E/G# A B A B(sus4)

ness, faith-ful-ness, gen-tle-ness and self - con-trol, a-gainst such things there is no

15 E A E B(sus4) B A E B(sus4) B A E

law. If we live by the Spi-rit, let's al-so walk by the Spi-rit, If we live by the

22 B(sus4) B A E B

Spi-rit, let's al-so walk by the Spi-rit. Ga -

26 E C#m7 A7 B E

la - tians Five, twen - ty - two, twen - ty - three and five.

Words: adapted from Galatians 5:22,25, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

## The Fruit

The fruit of the Spir-it is love, joy, peace, pa-tience, kind-ness, good - ness, faith -ful- ness, gen-tle- ness,

self-con-trol. These are the fruit of the Spir - it. Since we live by the Spir-it let us keep in step,

keep in step with the Spir - it. Since we live by the Spir it, let us keep in step.

Keep in step with the Spir - it. Ga - la-tians Chap-ter Five, ver -ses twenty - two and five.

Words: adapted from Galatians 5:22,25 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

# I Will Ask the Father

B♭<sup>6/9</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> B♭<sup>6/9</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> B♭(add9) Dm B♭maj<sup>7</sup> B♭

I will ask the Fa-ther and\_ He will give You, a - no - ther Help - er to be with you for

5 C(sus2) C Dm B♭maj<sup>7</sup> B♭ C(sus2) C B♭ C(sus2) B♭(sus2) C

ev - er, Help - er to be with you for ev - er, E - ven the Spi - rit of truth,

10 B♭ C(sus2) B♭(sus2) C B♭ C B♭<sup>6/9</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> B♭<sup>6/9</sup> Am<sup>7</sup>

E - ven the Spi - rit of truth, You know Him, for\_ He dwells with you,

15 B♭maj<sup>9</sup> B♭(add9) B♭ C B♭(add9) Dm B♭maj<sup>7</sup> B♭ C(sus2) C

and will be with you, a - no - ther Help - er to be with you for ev - er,

19 Dm B♭maj7 B♭ C(sus2) C B♭ C(sus2) B♭(sus2) C<sup>5</sup>

Help-er to be with you for ev - er, E-ven the Spi - rit of truth,

23 B♭ C(sus2) B♭(sus2) C B♭ C B♭<sup>9</sup> Am<sup>7</sup>

E-ven the Spi - rit of truth, I will ask the Fa - ther and

27 B♭<sup>9</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> B♭(add9) Dm B♭maj7 B♭ C(sus2) C

He will give You, a - no - ther Help-er to be with you for ev - er,

31 Dm B♭maj7 B♭ C(sus2) C B♭ C(sus2) B♭(sus2) C

Help-er to be with you for ev - er, E-ven the Spi - rit of truth,

35 B♭ C(sus2) F B♭<sup>9</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> B♭<sup>9</sup> B♭maj9

E-ven the Spi - rit of truth, John Four-teen, six - teen and se - ven teen.



# I Will Give You a New Heart

F C C(add4) Bb Bb C Bbmaj7 1. C F

I will give you a new heart, and a new spi-rit I will put with - in you.

5 2. C F Bb F C F

I will in\_\_ you. E - ze - ki - el Thir - ty - six, twen - ty - six.

Words: adapted from Ezekiel 36:26, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

# You Shall Be Clean

C F Am F

You shall be clean, You shall be clean, You shall be clean from all your

7 Am G C F

un - clean-nes - ses. You shall be clean, You shall be clean,

14 Am F Am G Am G

You shall be clean from all your un - clean-nes - ses. And from all your

20 Am F C G(sus4) G Am G Am F C G(sus4) G

i - dols, I will cleanse you, and from all your i - dols, I will cleanse you.

27 C Am F Am

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spi - rit

33 F C G C Am F Am

Words: adapted from Galatians 5:22,25, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

I will put with - in you. And I will give you a new heart and a new

40 F C G F(sus2) C

spi - rit I will put with - in you. I'll put my Spi - rit,

47 F Am F Am G

I'll put my Spi - rit, I'll put my Spi - rit with - in you.

54 C F Am F Am

I'll put my Spi- rit, I'll put my Spi- rit, I'll put my Spi- rit with - in

61 G Am G Am F C G(sus4) G Am G

you. And cause you to walk in my sta - tutes, and cause you to

68 Am F C G(sus4) F C Am F

walk in my sta - tutes. And I will give you a new heart,

75 Am F C G C

and a new spi - rit I will put with - in you. And I will give you

81 Am F Am F C G

a new heart, and a new spi - rit I will put with - in

87 F(sus2) C F C Am F G F(add9) C

you. E - ze - ki - el Thir - ty - six, twen - ty - five through sev - en.

# **Bible Verse Song: For Whatever Was Written**

For whatever was written in former days  
Was written for our instruction,  
For whatever was written in former days  
Was written for our instruction.  
That through endurance and encouragement,  
Of the Scriptures, we might have hope.  
That through endurance and encouragement,  
Of the Scriptures, we might have hope.  
Romans Chapter Fifteen, verse four.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Romans 15:4, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

God's Word, the Bible, was written long ago. God made sure everything was written down just right. He wanted His people to be able to trust every promise, and have hope that He would always take care of them and always be working for their good and His glory. He wanted them to read His Word and be instructed--that is, learn--how He wants them to love Him and live for Him. God's Word may have been written long, long ago, but it still is just as true as ever. God still uses it to help God's people to keep on living for Him and look forward to the day when they will live with Him forever. Read God's Word! He can use it to help you to trust in Him and live for Him, too!

# **Extra Bible Verse Song: He Humbled You**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 35

He humbled you,  
Let you hunger and fed you with manna,  
Which you nor your fathers did know,  
That he might make you know,  
Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.  
Deuteronomy Eight, three.

about this Bible verse:

Words adapted from Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV Constance Dever © 2011

When your body is hungry, you know you need to feed it food. But we need much more than food to live the way God wants us to live. He made us to need His Word, the Bible. God uses His Word to help us know Him and to help us to live for Him. God wants us to depend upon Him and His every word.

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## Unit 13 Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song Lyrics

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# Extra Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 36

## Take Up the Whole Armor

### Refrain

Take up the whole armor, the whole armor of God,  
Take up the whole armor, the whole armor of God,  
That you may be able to withstand in the evil day,  
And having done all, stand firm, stand firm.

In all circumstances, take up the shield of faith,  
Take up the helmet of salvation,  
In all circumstances, take up the Spirit's sword,  
Which is the Word of God. *Refrain*

In all circumstances, praying at all times,  
Praying in the Spirit,  
In all circumstances, praying at all times,  
With prayer and supplication. *Refrain*

Ephesians Six, thirteen, and sixteen through eighteen.

about this Bible verse:

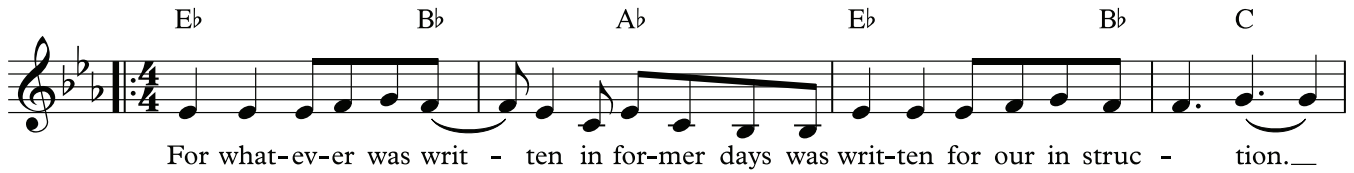
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It is so good to be one of God's people and live God's way; but, sometimes it can be very hard. God tells us not to worry or be afraid; He will take care of us...but still we do. God tells us to keep on believing in Him...but sometimes it is hard. God wants us to live for Him...but sometimes we would rather do things our own way, not God's.

Sometimes God's people call this struggle to live God's way a fight. They think about all of the good things God gives them to help them. He has saved them through Jesus. He has given them prayer to ask Him for help. He has given them His Word to make them strong and comfort them. And, He's given them His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them remember God's truth. God's people may fight to keep on believing in God and living for Him, but God gives them all they need to win! Thank You, God!

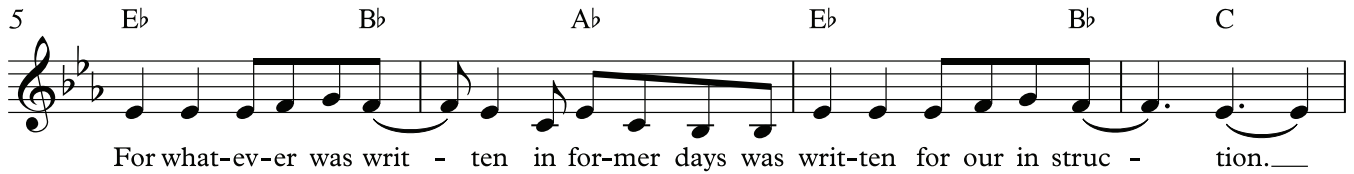
# For Whatever Was Written

E $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  C



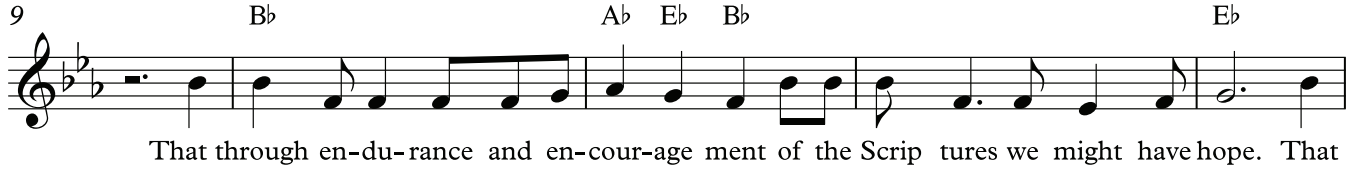
For what-ev-er was writ - ten in for-mer days was writ-ten for our in struc - tion. —

5 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  C



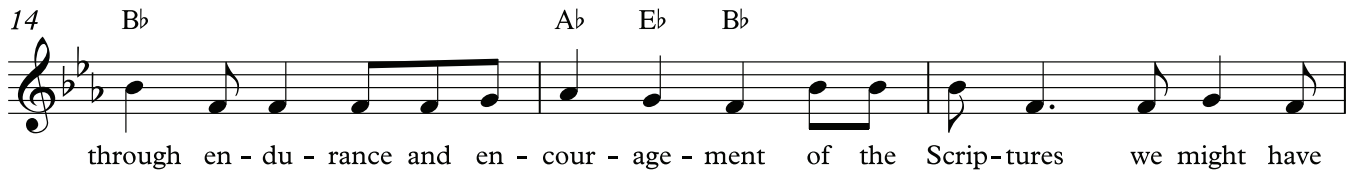
For what-ev-er was writ - ten in for-mer days was writ-ten for our in struc - tion. —

9 B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$



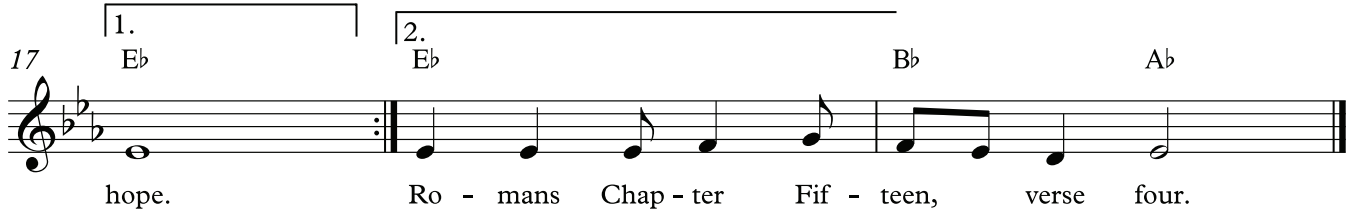
That through en-du-rance and en-cour-age ment of the Scrip tures we might have hope. That

14 B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$



through en - du - rance and en - cour - age - ment of the Scrip-tures we might have

17 1. E $\flat$  2. E $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$



hope. Ro - mans Chap - ter Fif - teen, verse four.

Words: adapted from Romans 15:4 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

# He Humbled You

Cm                      Bb                      Cm<sup>9</sup>                      Bb                      Cm<sup>9</sup>  
 He hum-bled you, let you hun-ger, and fed you with man-na, which\_

4                      Eb                      Bb                      G                      Cm                      Bb                      Cm<sup>9</sup>  
 you nor your fa-thers did know,\_\_\_\_\_ that he might make you know, man does not live\_ by

8                      Bb                      Cm<sup>9</sup>                      Eb                      G  
 bread a - lone,\_\_\_\_\_ but by ev' - ry word, that comes

10                      Cm                      Bb                      Cm  
 from the mouth of God. Deu - te - ro - no - my Eight, three.

Words: adapted from Deuteronomy 8:3 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012



# Take Up the Whole Armor

G D C G D

Take up the whole ar - mor, the whole ar-mor of God, take up the whole ar - mor, the whole

4 G D G D C D G D

ar-mor of God, that you may be a - ble to with- stand in the e - vil day, and hav-ing done all, stand

8 C G D G Em D C Em

firm, stand firm. In all cir-cum-stan-ces take up the shield of faith, take

12 C G Em D

up the hel-met of sal - va - tion, in all cir - cum - stan - ces take

15 C Em C D G D

up the Spi-rit's sword,which is the Word of God. Take up the whole ar-mor, the whole

19 C G D G D G D

ar-mor of God, take up the whole ar-mor, the whole ar-mor of God, that you may be a-ble to with

23 C D G D C G D G

stand in the e - vil day, and hav - ing done all, stand firm, stand firm. In

27 Em D C Em C G



all cir-cum-stan-ces, pray-ing at all times, pray - ing in the Spi - rit, in

31 Em D C Em C D



all cir-cum-stan-ces, pray-ing at all times, with prayer and sup- pli - ca - tion, Take up the

35 G D C G D



whole ar - mor, the whole ar - mor of God, take up the whole ar - mor, the whole

38 G D G D C D G D



ar-mor of God, that you may be a - ble to with- stand in the e - vil day, and hav-ing done all, stand

42 C G D G



firm, stand firm. — E - phe-sians Six, thir-teen, six-teen through eigh-teen.

Words: adapted from Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

## **Bible Verse Song:**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 37

# **Blessed Be the God and Father**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Comforts us in all our affliction,  
That we may comfort those,  
In any affliction, In any affliction,  
With the comfort with which we've comforted by God.  
The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Second Corinthians Chapter One, verses three and four.

about this Bible verse:

Words adapted from 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV Constance Dever © 2011

God uses His people to help each other love Him more and live for Him. They listen to each other and care. They encourage each other and pray for each other. They speak the truth to each other and help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other. He uses them to show His love to each other and keep on believing in Him their whole lives.

## **Extra Bible Verse Song:**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 38

# **Praise Be to the God and Father**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who comforts us in all our troubles,  
So that we can comfort those,  
Comfort those in any trouble,  
With the comfort we receive from God.  
Praise, praise, the Father of compassion (*Compassion!*)  
Praise, praise, the God of comfort, (*Comfort!*)

On him we have set our hope,  
That he will deliver us,  
As you help us by your prayers,  
Help us by your prayers.  
Praise, praise, the Father of compassion (*Compassion!*)  
Praise, praise, the God of comfort, (*Comfort!*)  
Second Corinthians Chapter One, three through eleven.

about this Bible verse:

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God uses His people to help each other love Him more and live for Him. They listen to each other and care. They encourage each other and pray for each other. They speak the truth to each other and help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other. He uses them to show His love to each other and keep on believing in Him their whole lives.

## **Extra Bible Verse Song: Help Us**

Help us, you must help us, help us by prayer,  
Help us, you must help us, help us by prayer.  
So that many will give thanks,  
So that many will give thanks,  
So that many will give thanks,  
Give thanks for the blessing,  
Granted us through the prayers of many.

Help us, you must help us, help us by prayer,  
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So that many will give thanks,  
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Second Corinthians Chapter One, verse eleven.

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## **Extra Bible Verse Song:**

DDD ESV Songs 13, Track 40

# **Let Us Hold Fast the Confession**

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope,  
Hold fast without wavering to our hope, our hope,  
For He who promised is faithful,  
He who promised is faithful.

And let's consider how to stir, stir up one another,  
Stir up to love and good works,  
Yes, love and good works.

Not neglecting to meet together,  
But encouraging one another,  
Hebrews Ten, verses twenty-three through twenty-five.

about this Bible verse:

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God uses His people to help each other love Him more and live for Him. They gather together each week to worship God and love one another. They remind each other to hold onto their confession that Jesus is their Lord and Savior and they want to live for Him. They listen to each other and care. They encourage each other to keep on loving others and keep on doing good to others. They pray for each other. They speak the truth to each other and help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other. He uses them to show His love to each other and keep on believing in Him their whole lives.

# **Extra Bible Verse Song: Encourage One Another**

## **Refrain:**

Encourage one another and build one another up,  
Just as you are doing,  
Build one another up.

Be at peace among yourselves,  
Admonish the idle,  
Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak,  
Be patient with them all. Refrain

See that no one repays anyone,  
Evil for evil,  
But always seek to do good,  
To one another, and to everyone. Refrain  
First Thessalonians Five, eleven, thirteen through fifteen.

about this Bible verse:

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God uses His people to help each other love Him more and live for Him. They listen to each other and care. They comfort each other when they are afraid. They encourage each other and pray for each other. They speak the truth to each other and help each other turn away from disobeying God. They are kind and forgiving to each other, even when they are mistreated. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other. He uses them to show His love to each other and keep on believing in Him their whole lives.

# **Extra Bible Verse Song: Build One Another Up**

## **Refrain**

Encourage one another and build one another up,  
Just as you are doing,  
As you are doing.

Encourage one another and build one another up,  
Just as you are doing,  
As you are doing.

Be at peace among yourselves, admonish the idle,  
Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak,  
Be patient with them all. *Refrain*

See that no one repays evil for evil,  
But always seek to do good to one another,  
And to everyone. *Refrain*

**First Thessalonians Five, eleven through fifteen.**

about this Bible verse:

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God uses His people to help each other love Him more and live for Him. They listen to each other and care. They comfort each other when they are afraid. They encourage each other and pray for each other. They speak the truth to each other and help each other turn away from disobeying God. They are kind and forgiving to each other, even when they are mistreated. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other. He uses them to show His love to each other and keep on believing in Him their whole lives.



# Blessed Be the God and Father

D A/C# Bm7 G/B A/C# D D

Bles-sed be the God and Fa-ther of our Lord Je sus Christ. Bles-sed be the

6 A/C# Bm7 Gmaj9/B A/C# D

God and Fa-ther of our Lord Je - sus Christ, The Fa-ther of mer- cies, and God of all

11 Bm A/C# Bm7 G Bm

com- fort, Bles-sed be the God, Bles-sed be the God,

16 A D A/C# Bm7 G D A/C# G A

Bles-sed be the God and Fa-ther, of our Lord Je - sus Christ.

22 D A/C# Bm7 G/B A/C# D D

Bles-sed be the God and Fa-ther of our Lord Je - sus Christ, who com-forts us in

27 A/C# Bm7 Gmaj9/B A/C# D

all our af-flic-tions that we may com-fort those, in a-ny af - flic- tion, in a-ny af-

32 Bm A/C# Bm7 G Bm

flic- tion, With the com-fort which we're com-for-ted by God,

37 A D Bm

the Fa-ther of mer- cies, and God of all com- fort, Bles-sed

42 A/C# Bm7 G Bm A D A/C# Bm7

47 G D A/C# G A D

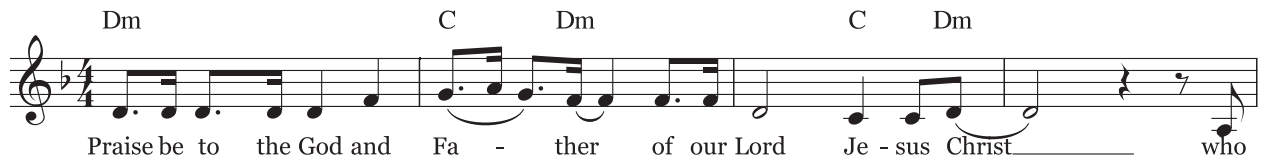
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be the God, Bles-sed be the God, Bles-sed be the God and  
Fa-ther, of our Lord Je - sus Christ. Se - cond Co -  
rin - thi - ans Chap - ter One, ver - ses three and four.

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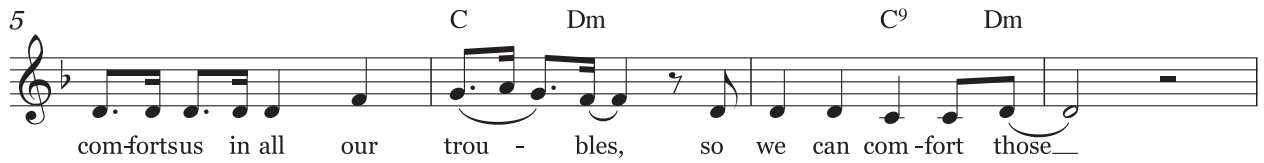
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Dm C Dm C Dm



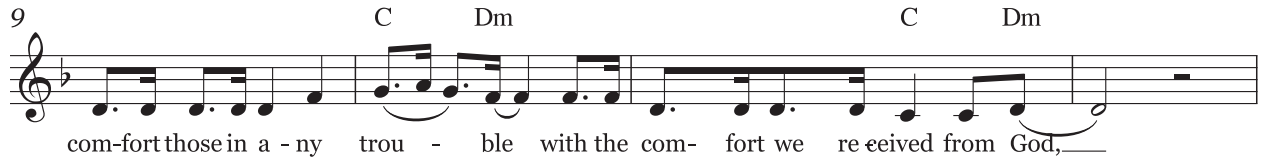
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5 C Dm C<sup>9</sup> Dm



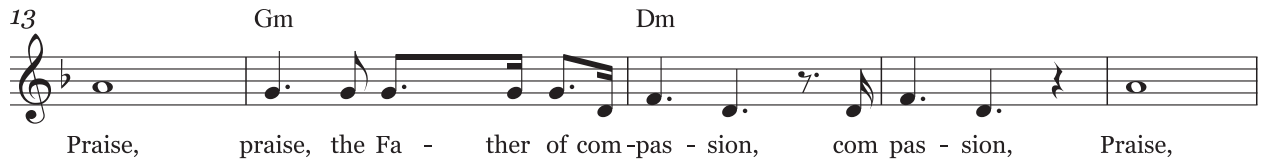
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9 C Dm C Dm



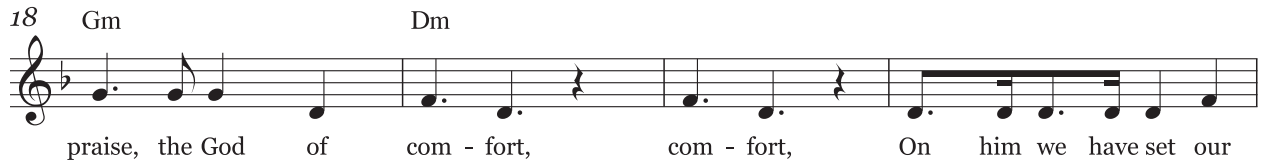
com-fort those in a - ny trou - ble with the com- fort we re eived from God,

13 Gm Dm



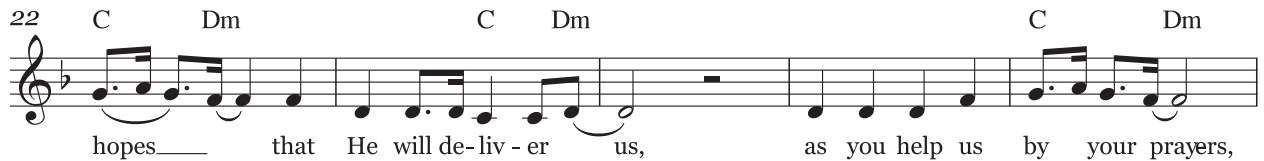
Praise, praise, the Fa - ther of com-pas - sion, com pas - sion, Praise,

18 Gm Dm




praise, the God of com - fort, com - fort, On him we have set our

22 C Dm C Dm C Dm



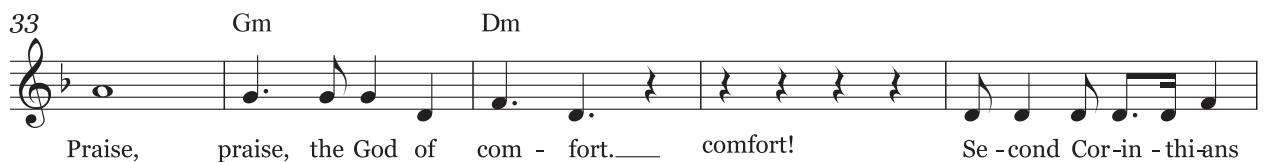
hopes that He will de-liv - er us, as you help us by your prayers,

27 C Dm Gm Dm



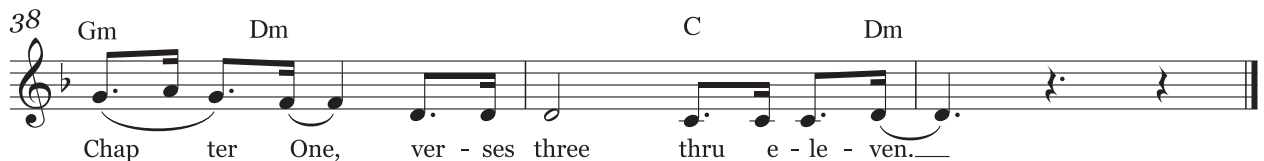
help us by your prayers Praise, praise, the Father of com-pas - sion, compassion!

33 Gm Dm



Praise, praise, the God of com - fort. comfort! Se - cond Cor-in - thians

38 Gm Dm C Dm



Chap - ter One, ver - ses three thru e - le - ven.

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# Help Us

D Bm<sup>7</sup> A G D Bm<sup>7</sup>

Help us, you must help\_ us,\_\_\_ Help us by prayer. Help us, you must help\_ us,\_\_\_

7 A G A G Bm A G D

Help us by prayer. So that ma-ny will give thanks. So that ma-ny will givethanks. So that

13 A G Bm G D A G G<sup>6</sup>

ma-ny will givethanks, givethanks for the bless-ings, gran-ted through the prayers of

19 A D 1. 2. D Bm<sup>7</sup> A G

ma - ny. \_\_\_ Se- cond Co - rin- thi ans One, \_\_\_ thir- teen.

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# Let Us Hold Fast the Confession

C# F#6 C# G# C# F#6

Let us hold fast the con-fes sion to our hope, Hold fast with out\_wav-er-ing, to our

4 G# C# F# C# G# C# F# C#

hope, our hope. For\_ He who pro-mised is faith - ful, For\_ He who pro-mised is

8 G# C# F#6 C# G#

faith - ful. And let's con - si - der how to stir, stir up one an - oth er,

11 C# F#6 G# C# F# C#

Stir up toward love and good works, yes, love and good works, Not ne glect-ing to meet to

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14 G# C# F# C# G# C#

geth - er, but en - cou - ra - ging one an - oth - er.

17 F#6 G# C#

He-brews Ten ver-ses twen-ty - two through twen - ty - five.

# Encourage One Another

E B/D# C#m B A B E B/D# C#m B

En - cour - age one a - noth - er and build one a - noth - er up. Just as you are do - ing,

7 A B E B/D# C#m E/B A B

Build one a - noth - er up. Be at peace a - mong your selves. Ad - mon - ish the

12 E B/D# C#m B A B

i - dle. En - cour - age the faint heart - ed, help the weak, be pa - tient with them all.

18 B/D# C#m B A B E B/D#

En - cour - age one a - noth - er and build one a - noth - er up. Just as you are

24 C#m B A B E B/D# C#m E/B A B

do - ing, Build one a - noth - er up. See that no one re - pays e - vil. E - vil for

30 E B/D# C#m B A B

e - vil. But al - ways seek to do good. to one a - noth - er, and to ev' - ry - one.

36 B/D# C#m B A B E B/D#

En - cour - age one a - noth - er and build one a - noth - er up. Just as you are

42 C#m B A B E B/D#

do - ing, Build one a - noth - er up. First The - sa -

46 C#m E/B A B E

lo - ni - ans Five, e - lev - en, thir - teen through fif - teen.

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# Build One Another Up

Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb Eb

En - cour-age one an oth - er, and build one an-oth-er up, just as you are do - ing,

4 Eb Bb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb

as you are do-ing, En - cour-age one an-oth - er and build one an-oth - er up,

7 Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Eb

just as you are do - ing, as you are do - ing. Be at peace a-mong your-selves, ad -

10 Ab Eb Bb Ab Eb Ab

mon-ish the i - dle, en - cour-age the faint-heart-ed, help the weak, be pa-tient with them

13 Bb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb Eb

all. En cour-age one an oth - er, and build one an-oth-er up, just as you are do-ing,

17 Eb Bb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb

as you are do-ing, En - cour-age one an-oth - er and build one an-oth - er up,

20 Ab Bb Eb Bb Ab Eb Ab Eb Bb

just as you are do-ing, as you are do - ing. See that no one re - pays, e - vil, for e - vil, but

24 Ab Eb Ab Eb Bb

al-ways seek to do\_\_ good to one a-noth-er, and to ev -'ry one. En

27      A $\flat$                       E $\flat$                       A $\flat$                       B $\flat$  E $\flat$                       A $\flat$                       B $\flat$  E $\flat$

cour-age one an oth - er, and build one an-oth - er up, just as you are do - ing,

30      A $\flat$                       B $\flat$                       A $\flat$                       E $\flat$                       A $\flat$                       B $\flat$  E $\flat$

as you are do-ing, En - cour-age one an-oth - er and build one an-oth - er up,

33      A $\flat$                                       B $\flat$                       E $\flat$                       A $\flat$                       B $\flat$                       E $\flat$

just as you are do - ing, as you are do - ing.

35      A $\flat$                                       E $\flat$                       A $\flat$                       B $\flat$                       E $\flat$

First Thes - sa - lon - i - ans Five: e - lev - en, through fif - teen.

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# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources**



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Games**

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## Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games

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

This is the full list of the games and the supplies needed in the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum. I **would highly suggest you do this!** Get the prep work over with at the beginning and coast your way through years of enjoyment! Store them in ziploc bags or baskets and pull them out when needed. So simple!

### THIS LIST IS ALSO INCLUDED IN INTRODUCTION

#### **Bible Verse Games**

##### **Lily Pad Jump**

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

##### **Animal Cube**

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

##### **Simon Says How**

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

##### **Bean Bag Catch**

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

##### **Slap, Clap and Stack**

- 10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

##### **Freeze 'n' Say**

- Music and CD/Tape player

##### **Fill'er Up**

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

##### **Loud and Soft, Big and Little**

- none

#### **Bible Verse Games**

##### **Roll 'n' Toss**

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

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

- none

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

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

##### **Block Clapping**

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

##### **Meet, Greet, and Keep It Up**

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

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

### Music, Movement & Memory

#### **Thumping Drums**

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

#### **Say, Spring Up and Shout**

- Bean bags, one per child

#### **Freeze Frame**

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

#### **Egg Shakers**

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

#### **Jingle Bell Hands**

- 1 6" piece of sturdy string
- 4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops

#### **Sing, Dance, and Fall Down**

- Optional: Bean bags, one per child

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

- none

#### **Bottle Shakers**

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

#### **March 'n' Say**

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

#### **Clap, Tap and Say**

- none

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

- Bell

### Music, Movement & Memory

#### **Musical Squares**

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

#### **Block Clappers**

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

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

### Story Review Games

#### **Going Fishing**

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

#### **Pony Express**

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

#### **Fix Up the Mix Up**

- None

#### **Can You Remember?**

- Index cards

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

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

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

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

#### **Who's in the Basket?**

- Blanket
- Basket

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

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

### Story Review Games

#### **Treasure Hunt**

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

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

- Chairs or Table
- Sheet or blanket
- Box

#### **Missing in Action**

- None

#### **Who's Inside?**

- 10 different containers with lids

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

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



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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

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

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children sit in a circle, cross-legged on the floor.
2. Choose a child to be "It". "It" will walk around behind the seated children, tapping each one on the head, the whole group recites the verse, saying one word for each head tap.
3. The child whose head is the last one to be tapped must get up and chase "It", hoping to tag "It" before "It" can get around the circle and sit down in the open spot in the circle.
4. If the child does tag "It" then he may take his place in the circle. If not, then the new child is "It." If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
5. Repeat as frequently as desired.

## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Slap, Clap and Stack**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- 10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Tell the children that they are going to learn the verse while working together to make the largest stack of blocks/objects they can. After each time they say the verse, a child gets to pick out an object to put on the tower. Teacher will help them balance it in place.
2. Have everyone sit down in a circle around the stacking area. Say the verse together. If desired, you can add a motion the children do each time they say the verse, such as clap, stomp feet, etc. This will add movement to this game. Choose a child to pick out an object. Help the child put it in place.
3. Continue adding objects/blocks until all objects are used up or the tower falls down.
4. Repeat as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.



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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Simon Says How**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker
- Die Number and Action Chart (see below)

#### **Preparation**

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube)
2. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
3. Write the numbers 1-6 on the each side of the cube like a die.
4. Make a sign as follows:

1 = Head	2 = Feet
3 = Hands	4 = Hands and Feet
5 = Laying Down	6 = Eyes Closed

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children spread out facing the leader.
2. Tell the children that they are going to play "Simon Says How", a game in which everyone will take turns making up different actions that they will do while saying the verse.
3. Explain that "Simon" will roll the die and make up actions that use the parts of the body that correspond to the number on the chart. Everyone else will then recite the verse while standing still. Then challenge them to recite it again while doing the actions "Simon" made up at the same time.
4. Simon will then choose another person to be Simon in his place. Repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Roll 'n' Toss**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker
- 1 bouncy ball per 2 children

#### **Preparation**

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube)
2. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
3. Write different actions on each side of the cube: Roll, Bounce, Overhand Toss, Close Eyes and Roll, Backwards Roll (through legs), Underhand Toss.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children spread out facing the leader.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Tell the children they will be throwing a ball to a partner in the different ways you have written on the cube (show them the cube).
2. Have the children stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other about 9-12' apart (whatever seems to be a good tossing/rolling distance for your children).
3. Give out the ball to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.)
4. Practice each of the different ball actions, then begin the game.
5. Have everyone say the verse together. Toss the cube and tell everyone what the motion will be. At your signal, have one partner roll, toss, etc. the ball to the other. After all the partners have received the balls and everyone is back in line. Have everyone say the verse together, then toss the cube again. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few rolls. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Block Clapping**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- 2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x 2", as found in many children's block sets

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Show the children the clapping blocks and tell them: "We are going to use our Bible verse to play a game. But first, we need to practice saying the verse." (Practice saying it a couple of times).
2. Hand out the clapping blocks and let the children clap them a while (without saying the verse), then quiet them.
3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try saying our verse and block clapping at the same time!" Lead the children in reciting the verse and clapping with each word. Or, you can have the children clap the blocks together a certain number of times, then say the verse after the last clap. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
4. Repeat as frequently as desired.

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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Meet, Greet and Keep It Up**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- 16 oz. cups, 1 per child (with some extras)
- 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children
- Masking tape

#### **Preparation**

1. Line up the 2 pieces of rope about 6' apart.
2. Put down a piece of masking tape the same length as the ropes, running parallel to the ropes midway between the 2 ropes.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Split the children into partners. Have them stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other about 6' apart.
2. Tell the children they will be meeting and greeting their partners with a handshake at the masking tape in the middle, then turning around and going back to their place along the rope. Have them practice this.
3. Now tell them, that they will also be balancing a cup on their head while they do this.
4. Give out a cup to everyone. Have them practice balancing the cup on their heads.
5. Now play the game. Have everyone say the verse together. Then have them put the cups on their heads. At your signal, have them walk to the middle, greet their partner with a handshake, turn around and go back—trying to keep the cup balanced on their head the whole time. (There is no penalty for cups falling off.)
6. Have everyone settle back in place in the line, with the cups off their heads. Say the verse together again, put the cups back on their heads, then walk to greet partner again, etc.
7. You can move the ropes back gradually so the children can try to do it from further and further apart.
8. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few turns. See the Deep Down Detective Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Bean Bag Catch**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
  - Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
  - 1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Pair the children with a partner.
2. Have the children stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other at arm's length apart.
3. Give out a bean bag to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.) Have everyone say the verse together, then throw the bean bag to their partners, trying to catch the bean bag. (NOTE: no one is "out" if they don't catch it.)
4. Have both lines of children take a step back.
5. Say the verse altogether again, then throw the bean bags again.
6. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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## Bible Verse Game

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### Animal Cube

#### Materials

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- Cube-shaped cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker

#### Preparation

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube) Draw a simple animal picture on each piece of paper. Possibilities would be: rabbit, monkey, elephant, bird, fish, and a horse. Glue each picture onto each side of the cube.

#### Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### Playing the Game

1. Tell the children they will be playing a game in which they must move like six different animals. Have them practice the movements for each of the animals on your cube. (Rabbit: leaping; monkey: scratching under arms and saying "ooh-ooh, ahh-ahh"; Elephant: swinging arms like a trunk and making trumpet sound; Bird: flapping arms like wings; Fish: palms together, weaving them in a serpentine action, saying "blub-blub"; horse: galloping/prancing and neighing).
2. Show the children the cube with the animal pictures on it, just like the ones they've practiced. Tell them that you will roll the dice and everyone (at your signal) will begin making the movement for that animal. Tell them that they must stop in place and be very quiet when they hear a certain noise (such as a whistle, a bell ring, clap, etc.). Tell them that you will be watching them. And that children who are very good at listening and stopping when you say so will get a chance to toss the cube for everyone. Practice tossing the cube, making the movements and stopping with the children.
3. Now it's time to play the whole game. Choose a child to roll the cube and say which animal is picked and what action they will do for the animal. Have everyone say the verse, then at your cue, let the children act out the animal until you tell them to stop (a bell or whistle can be used to give the start and stop signals).
4. Choose another child and repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

**Other Option:** If children get really good at this, you can challenge them by saying the verse while they make the movement.

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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Fill 'er Up**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- 1 Bean bag per child
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.
- Cardboard box or laundry basket
- Carpet squares, 1 per child

#### **Preparation**

1. Put box/basket in a central location.
2. Place carpet squares equidistant about 2' from center box/basket. These will be for the children to sit on.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children stand on a carpet square.
2. Tell them that they will be saying the verse, then—on your signal—they will try to throw as many of their bean bags as they can into the box/basket target in the middle.
3. As they get good at throwing their bean bags in, have the children move back their carpet squares.
4. Repeat verse before toss. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few tosses. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Lily Pad Jump**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- Cube-shaped cardboard box, paper, glue, marker

#### **Preparation**

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube.
2. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube).
3. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
4. Write the numbers 1-6 on the each side of the cube like a die.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Tell children that they will be froggies, leaping from lily pad to lily pad. Everyone will say the verse together, then you (or a very good, well-behaved listening "froggie" ) will roll the die and see how many leaps all the froggies will make before them stop.
2. Have them practice leaping. Warn them to watch out for their other froggie friends so that no one gets hurt. Practice stopping.
3. Have everyone get in froggie position. Roll die and tell them how many leaps they will leap. Say the verse together. At your signal, everyone leaps as you (or you and they) count out the number of leaps together: "1, 2, 3, stop!" etc. Repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.



## **Bible Verse Game**

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Loud and Soft, Big and Little**

#### **Materials**

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum  
Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Tell the children: "Let's practice our Bible verse with a game."
2. "First let's say our verse together," (say it a couple times).
3. "Now let's see how quietly we can whisper it! Can you say it quietly like I am?" Have everyone follow your voice as it gets quiet, then loud, then medium, etc. Quiet them, then repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after they repeat the verse a few times. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

**NOTE:** You may find it easier for the children to follow getting louder and softer by lowering your hands when you are getting quieter and then raising your hands when you are getting louder.

## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Freeze 'n' Say**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- Music and CD/Tape player

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Play some of the music for the children. Tell them that they will move around the room as you tell them (marching, leaping, clapping, etc.) while they hear the music. They will stop and freeze in whatever position they are in when the music stops. Practice this with them.
2. When they have the concept down, add saying the verse when the music stops and they are in their frozen position.
3. After they say the verse, then tell them how you want them to move when the music starts again. You can take their suggestions for movement ideas, too.
4. Start the music up again and continue. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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## **Bible Verse Game**

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*intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse*

### **Deep Down Detectives Mission Madness Practice**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
- Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
- Deep Down Detectives Theme Song and/or Bible verse song
- Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Learning the Verse**

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Tell the children that sometimes detectives have to do all sorts of things to get answers to their questions and solve the case they are working on. In this game, they will practice some detective moves.
2. Put on the detective costume, telling the children that you will start out the game as the Chief Detective.
3. As you play the Deep Down Detectives theme song, you will lead the children in practicing one of their moves, such as swimming across a deep river. . (Other possible actions would be crawling, hand over eye looking around left and right; walking backwards, shuffling, stooping, and crawling..)
4. When the song finishes, the children will sit down and everyone will say the verse together. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
5. Choose a child to take your place as Chief Detective. Repeat activity, choosing another detective move. Play continues as time and attention span allow.

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## Music, Movement & Memory Activity

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### Thumping Drums

#### Materials

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- 1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.
- Tape
- Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.
- Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

#### How to Make

1. Tape the lid of empty oatmeal or coffee cans in place. (If want to make a snare drum, add popcorn, rice, etc. in the empty container before taping shut.)
2. Children can either tap drum with hands or you can give them 2 wooden spoons, wooden dowels or unsharpened pencils with wooden spoons glue gunned to an end as mallets.

#### What to Do

1. Show the children the thumping drums. Tell them. "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him with these thumping drums. Come and join me!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. "Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!" Hand out the drums (and mallets) and let the children beat them awhile. Quiet them, then repeat.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then thump. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND thump at the same time.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Say, Spring Up and Shout**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- Optional: Bean bags, one per child

#### **What to Do**

1. Tell the children: "We're going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God, crouching down like this (Crouch down). Then at the end, we're going to spring up and shout, "Amen, I agree!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. "Now let's jump up and say, "AMEN! I agree!" After everyone springs up and says "Amen," quiet them, then repeat.
4. If desired, when the children get the crouching and jumping down, you might give them a bean bag to toss in the air as they spring up. Practicing tossing up in the air rather than AT others.
5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Freeze Frame**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet Questions (optional)
- Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

#### **What to Do**

1. Tell the children. "I'm going to sing God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him...but I'm going to freeze in place in between songs. Come and join me!"
2. Choose one child to be the leader. Help them put on the leader hat/clothing.
3. Have the kids march around behind the leader, singing the song of your choice.
4. Have the children freeze in place when you stop the song at a random point.
5. When everyone is frozen, have the children tell you what the next word/phrase to the song.
6. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the words or another question from the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you freeze the song.
7. Choose another leader and play the song again, stopping on a different word from the song to highlight.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Egg Shakers**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet (optional)
- Empty Easter eggs
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

#### **How to Make**

1. Fill empty Easter eggs with different small objects such as rice, beans, pennies, buttons, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc., then seal lid shut with glue gun or with packing tape. Different objects make different sounds. Different amounts of the same object make different sounds, too. The children will enjoy the variety.

#### **What to Do**

1. Show the children the egg shakers and tell them, "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God with these egg shakers. Come and join me!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. Hand out the egg shakers and let the children shake them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
4. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and shaking our eggs at the same time!" Lead the children in song and shaking.
5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then shake. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND shake at the same time.

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## Music, Movement & Memory Activity

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### Jingle Bell Hands

#### Materials

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- 1 6" piece of sturdy string
- 4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops (OR three Ball jar lid outer rings per instrument)

#### How to Make

1. Cut a piece of string about 6" long.
2. Thread 4 or 5 jingle bells onto string, securely tying each in place with a knot before adding the next one. Tie the ends together. Children can either wear these like a bracelet or can hold them in their hands. If using Ball jar lid rings, string three of these together with the same piece of string and fasten.

#### What to Do

1. Show the children the bottle shakers and tell them, "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to God with these bottle shakers. Come and join me! First, let's sing the Bible verse/ Big Question/etc. song together on our own (sing the song a couple of times.) Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!"
2. Hand out the jingle hand bells and let the children jingle them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and jingling at the same time!" Lead the children in singing and jingling.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then jingle. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND jingle at the same time.



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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

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

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **What to Do**

1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to Him quietly and loudly! Come and join me!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. "Now let's see how quietly we can whisper it! Can you sing it quietly like I am?" Have everyone follow your voice as it gets quiet, then loud, then medium, etc. Quiet them, then repeat.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** You may find it easier for the children to follow getting louder and softer by lowering your hands when you are getting quieter and then raising your hands when you are getting louder.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Sing, Dance and Fall Down**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- 1 oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.
- Tape
- Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.
- Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

#### **How to Make**

1. Tape the lid of empty oatmeal or coffee cans in place. (If want to make a snare drum, add popcorn, rice, etc. in the empty container before taping shut.)
2. Children can either tap drum with hands or you can give them 2 wooden spoons, wooden dowels or unsharpened pencils with wooden spools glue gunned to an end as mallets.

#### **What to Do**

1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song and make a joyful noise to Him with my body by dancing to some music...then falling down when it stops. Come and join me!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. "Now let's dance as we sing our song. Then fall down when we finish. Let's dance." Have everyone dance and sing the song. When you finish, say, "Everyone fall down!" Quiet the children, then repeat.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Bottle Shakers**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- 1 empty 16 oz. soda bottle per shaker
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

#### **How to Make**

1. Fill empty 16 oz.. soda bottles with different small objects such as rice, beans, pennies, buttons, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
2. Seal lid shut with glue gun or with packing tape. Different objects make different sounds. Different amounts of the same object make different sounds, too. The children will enjoy the variety.

#### **What to Do**

1. Show the children the bottle shakers and tell them. "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to God with these bottle shakers. Come and join me! First, let's sing the Bible verse/ Big Question/etc. song together on our own (sing the song a couple of times.) Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!"
2. Hand out the bottle shakers and let the children shake them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and shaking at the same time!" Lead the children in song and shaking.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then shake. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND shake at the same time.

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## Music, Movement & Memory Activity

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### March 'n' Say

#### Materials

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- Optional: A fun hat for the leader of the march, or for everyone in the march

#### What to Do

1. Tell them, "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him by marching. Come and join me!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. "Now let's march around as we sing!"
4. If desired, let the leader of the march (you the first time, then pick different children), wear a fun hat as he/she leads. Or, have hats for everyone to wear.
5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then thump. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND thump at the same time.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Clap, Tap and Say**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **What to Do**

1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song and make a joyful noise to Him with my body by clapping and tapping. Come and join me!"
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. "Now let's clap and tap! Can you do what I'm doing?" Have everyone follow your motions as you clap your hands, tap your head, hit your knees together, rub your belly, etc. for a while. Quiet them, then repeat. If desired, have different children think up different motions.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then clap, tap, etc. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND do the motions at the same time.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Block Clappers**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)
- 2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x 2", as found in many children's block sets

#### **What to Do**

1. Show the children the clapping blocks . Tell them, "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him with these clapping blocks. Come and join me!
2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
3. Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!" Hand out the clapping blocks and let the children clap them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
4. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and block clapping at the same time!" Lead the children in song and clapping.
5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

**NOTE:** Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then clap. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND clap at the same time.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

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

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Bell
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **What to Do**

1. Tell the children: "We're going to pretend to go to sleep as children, but wake up like an animal. Everyone sit down and let's sing our lullaby before we go to bed. When you hear the morning bell ring, you can pretend to be the animal I say until you hear the bedtime bell ring and you have to sit back down."
2. Ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!" Have all the children sit down in place. Then say, "Before we go to sleep, we have to sing our bedtime lullaby. Let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn." Have the children sing the song with you, then tell them, "Shhh. Lay down! It's time for bed!"
3. Have all the children lay down and be very still and quiet like they are sleeping for a few minutes. Then say, "Sleeping, sleeping, look at all the sleeping children. But when the morning bell rang, they all woke up, and were lions (or whatever animal you choose) all day!"
3. All the children will get up and pretend to be the animal. After a few moments, ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!"
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions after each time (or every few times) you sing the lullaby song.

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

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*Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music*

### **Musical Squares**

#### **Materials**

- CD of unit music
- Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)
- Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

#### **What to Do**

1. Set out the squares/chairs in a circle. Ask the children to sit down on their square/chair.
2. Tell the children they will march around behind the squares/chairs as you play the Big Question Song/Bible verse song/Hymn/Praise Song/etc. When the music stops, they are to sit down on the nearest square/chair island.
3. Play the music, sing the song as the children make swimming motion with their arms to it. Stop the music and have the children sit down on the nearest square/chair.
4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs (or the lesson concepts) they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions, after each time (or every few times) they sit down.



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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

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

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures and Storyboard
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- Chairs or Table
- Sheet or blanket
- Box

#### **Preparation**

1. Construct a tunnel using the sheet draped over a table/chairs.
2. Put the flannelgraph figures in a box in the "tunnel."

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children take turns crawling through the tunnel, retrieving one of the pictures.
2. When the child comes out of the tunnel, he shows the figure to the other children from them to name.
3. Have the children name the character; and, if desired, answer a question (see Deep Down Discussion Sheet) about what they did in the story.
4. Have the child stick the picture on the storyboard, gradually recreating the scene as the game progresses.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Missing in Action**

#### **Materials**

Bible Truth storyboard pictures and Storyboard  
Deep Down Discussion Questions

#### **Preparation**

1. Put all the story pictures up on the storyboard, recreating the scene from the story. .

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Review the story briefly, pointing to the figures on the story board background as you go. Have the children help you, if desired.
2. Tell the children that someone from the story is about to go "Missing in Action" and they have to guess who it is. Have the children cover their eyes and take one figure off the board.
3. Have the children open their eyes and figure out who is missing.
4. Put the picture back on the board. Take another picture off the board, having a child choose who will go missing in action this time.
5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to story each time/every few times a picture is put up, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Treasure Hunt**

#### **Materials**

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

#### **Preparation**

*Before playing the game, you will need to make your treasure boxes:*

1. Collect 10 small lidded plastic containers or lidded boxes (like from a jewelry store), just large enough to put the Bible story pictures in. Alternatively, you can also purchase 10 hinged wooden boxes from a craft store. These make marvelous treasure boxes.
2. Decorate each container/box with the jewels, glitter, paper, gold paint, etc to give them a “treasure-y” look.

*Right before Class:*

1. Put a Bible story picture in each container and hide them around the room.
2. You may want to review the story and the pictures before class.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Tell the children that you are going on a treasure hunt and need their help finding all the treasure hidden around the room.
2. Have the children take turns finding the treasure boxes and bringing them to you.
3. Remove each picture as the box is found and ask the children review questions about the character from the Bible story. If desired, you can simply put each picture on the floor, table, or storyboard as it is found, then ask questions about the Bible story when you have collected them all. (See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.)
4. Remember to store your boxes after the game, keeping them for the next time you play.
5. Game continues as time allows or until you have retrieved and reviewed all the pictures and the story.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

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

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- Two shoe boxes
- 6' or so of rope
- Optional: Engineer's hat

#### **Preparation**

1. Make a "train" with two cars made with the two shoe boxes strung together with rope.
2. Poke a hole through the front short side of the shoe box that will be the back "car."
3. Poke a hole through the front and back short sides of the shoe box that will be the front "car."
4. Thread the rope through these holes, tying knots near the inside and outside of each to keep the car securely in place.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Put a picture in each "car" of the train (out of the sight of the children). Say, "Look who's coming down the track!"
2. Hand the end of the rope to a child and have them pull it around to where the other participating children are saying "Choo! Choo! Choo! Choo!" (you can have all the children say this, just the child pulling, you and the child, etc.)
3. After the child pulls it to where the children are say, "Train, stop!"
4. Pull out the pictures, show them to the children and ask, "Who's on our train?"
5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the picture/story, from the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet.

**Tip:** For more fun, have a train engineer's hat for the child pulling the train to wear.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Can You Remember?**

#### **Materials**

- 2 sets of Bible Truth storyboard pictures (Simply photo copy a second black & white set from the originals)
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- Index Cards

#### **Preparation**

1. Attach the storyboard pictures to index cards, making sure that the pictures are completely covered by the cards.
2. Scramble the order of pictures and set face down on the floor or table.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children take turns trying to make matches by choosing and turning over two pictures at a time.
2. If the pictures match, they are removed from the floor and one is placed on the storyboard. Have the children identify the pictures as they are added to the board. If they do not match, they are turned over face down again and someone else gets to try.
3. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as a match is made, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
4. Continue until all the matches are made and all pictures are up on the storyboard, recreating the story picture.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

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

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- Rope
- Clothespins, the hinged type
- Shoe box
- Tape

#### **Preparation**

1. Attach a spring-type clothespin to some of the laminated storyboard pictures and put them in a shoe box with the lid taped on one side like a hinge and with a hole in the top.
2. Hang up a short rope (in an out-of-traffic-flow location) between two chairs.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Open the shoe box and say, "It's time to say hello to our story friends!"
2. Pull the pictures out one at a time, saying "Hello, so-and-so, each time you pick up a picture and clip them to the rope.
3. When all are pinned up say, "It's time to say goodbye to so-and-so." Can you find so-and-so?" Then have the child point out the right figure on the clothesline, take it off the rope, reattaching the clothespin and handing it to the child. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
4. Have a container/bucket/shoe box and say, "Say, goodbye!" letting the child drop the clothespin in the bucket and put the picture through the slot in the shoe box.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

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

#### **Materials**

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

#### **Preparation**

1. Collect a variety of interesting items, that some way to hide a picture, such as an old box with a lid, wallet, purse, clothing with pockets, a book, etc. If your items have MORE than one place to hide things, that is even better.
2. Cut out/Print out the false clue pictures included with the game.
3. Hide each story picture inside one of the items.
4. Set out the items for the children to see, telling them that each of them have an important clue in them. Most of them are from the story, but a few are not. Tell them that it is the job of the Deep Down Detectives to find the hidden clues and decide if they belong in the story or not.

#### **Playing the Game**

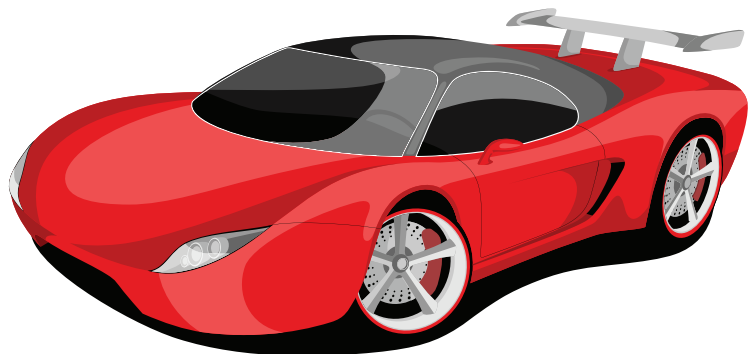
1. Have the children line up. Play the Deep Down Detectives Theme Song and lead the children in marching around the room and then back to their places to sit down as it ends. (This is merely an energy-release tactic). Have the children take turns choosing an item, finding the clue you have hidden within it. Have the child/the class decide if the clue belongs in the story or not. If it belongs in the story, have them tell how, or, you could ask the children a question about the picture, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
2. Continue until all the clues have been found.
3. If desired, you can have the child who will choose the next clue to lead the class in marching to the theme song before they choose their clue.

## Bible Story Review Game

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

### Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt, continued

False Clues (use as many as you want)





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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

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

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- Grocery bag or kid's grocery cart
- Empty food cartons

#### **Preparation**

1. Put a clue inside each food container.
2. Set out the containers on a table or shelf at one end of the room.
3. Set up the story board at the other end, with the shopping cart or bag.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have the children assemble near the storyboard.
2. Have them take turns pushing the grocery cart/carrying the grocery bag to the other end of the room and choosing a food item. If desired, tell the children which food item you want them to pick out each time.
3. When the child returns with the food, have them open the container and pull out the picture. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
4. Ask the class what the picture is, then add it to the story board, gradually reproducing the story.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Who's in the Basket?**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- Blanket
- Basket

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Hide one of the pictures in the basket and cover it up with the blanket.
  
2. Ask the children: "Who's in the basket? Would you like to look?" Have chose a child to take off the blanket and pull out the picture to show the rest of the children. Say: "Look! It's -----" The children or you or you and the children can answer with who it is. For more fun, have a little song like "Pop! Goes the Weasel" you hum each time before the child pulls the blanket off Or, just count "1, 2, 3, GO!" and pull the blanket off quickly. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
  
3. Repeat as frequently as desired.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Going Fishing**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- One long wooden dowel, yardstick, etc. per fishing pole
- Yarn
- Paper clip per fishing pole
- Rope
- Two chairs
- Blanket
- Box/bucket/container
- Bucket

#### **Preparation**

1. Make fishing poles out of long wooden dowels, yardsticks, etc with a piece of yarn for fishing line and a paper clip for a hook.
2. Attach a picture to the end of each pole.
3. Tie a rope between two chairs and drape a piece of cloth or a blanket over the rope. Lay the poles against the blanket so that the tips and the fishing line drape over the other side and drop down into a bucket/box on the other side.
4. Place other bucket on the side the children and the ends of the fishing rods are. This will be the "holding tank" for the fish when they are caught.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Ask the children, "Would you like to go fishing in my pond today?"
2. "Let's see what you'll catch." The child chooses one of the poles, pulls it up and see what's on the end.
3. Say "Looks like you've caught a big one! Pull it out!"
4. As the child pulls up the fishing rod and reveals what is on the end, ask the children, "Who did you catch?" If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each "fish" is caught, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
5. Have the child put the "fish" in the holding tank.
6. If desired, when all the fish are caught, take them out of the holding tank and review the "catch of the day."

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Pony Express**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- Small manila envelopes, one per flannel graph figure
- Kid's small backpack or a tote bag with a strap
- Basket
- Cowboy hat
- Stick horse or a broom

#### **Preparation**

1. Tell the children that long ago cowboys used to pick up the mail, put it in their bags and ride it fast from town to town on their horses. This was called the Pony Express. Today, they will practice riding for the Pony Express and bring the mail back to the class.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Show the children how to ride the stick horse down to the other end, pick up a piece of mail from the basket, put it in their bag, then ride it back to the class. Take the envelope out of the bag and open it, showing them the picture inside. Ask the children who/what the picture is and then put it on the storyboard. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
2. Have the children take turns riding the Pony Express, each time adding the new figure to the storyboard until the story is recreated on it.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Who's Inside?**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures (and/or other objects that remind you of things from the story)
- Deep Down Discussion Questions
- 10 different containers with lids

#### **Preparation**

1. Put in various pictures/objects in each container and shut.
2. Line up all the containers or put them in a big bag, such as a trash bag.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Have 10 different sized/colored lidded containers with shaded sides, all big enough to fit the laminated pictures or other objects from the story or concept. Have the children take turns choosing a container (from the bag) and opening it. Each time ask: "Who's inside?" Child/children/you/you and children can answer together. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each picture/object is identified using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
2. Repeat.

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## **Bible Story Review Game**

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*Response Activity to review the story and key concepts*

### **Fix Up the Mix Up**

#### **Materials**

- Bible Truth storyboard pictures
- Deep Down Discussion Questions

#### **Preparation**

None.

#### **Playing the Game**

1. Take all the Storyboard pictures and mix them up in a pile in front of the children.
2. Tell them that the story pictures are all mixed up and you need help fixing them up again.
3. Let the children take turns picking a picture out of the pile and re-constructing the story on the storyboard. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each picture/object is identified using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

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**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I:**

**Why Do God's People  
Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God -----  
Sustains His People!":**

**HINT: This word means God only  
sustains His people. It starts with  
an "A" and it rhymes with "bone."**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!

### Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God is the Creator of all things, but He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He's the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes. That includes the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals, and people. Absolutely everything! God created people with something special inside their bodies: a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain both our bodies and our spirits. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face. Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." -- Jude 1:24-25, ESV

### Some Questions for You

1. Who is the Creator and Sustainer of everything in our world? *God is.*
2. Who keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes? *God does.*
3. What did God create people with, so they could know and love Him? *A spirit.*
4. Who do we depend on to sustain our bodies—give us what we need to live? *God*
5. Who sustains our spirits, too? Who must we depend on to help us to work in our hearts and help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior? *God.*
6. Who does God give to His people to live inside of their hearts and help them to keep on loving God and living for Him? *His Holy Spirit.*
7. Who helps God's people to keep on fighting sin in their hearts and to keep on trusting in Him, even when it is very hard? *God does.*
8. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.
- S** God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Give us what we need each day to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 13 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 12* (adapted version of "On Top of Old Smoky")

Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

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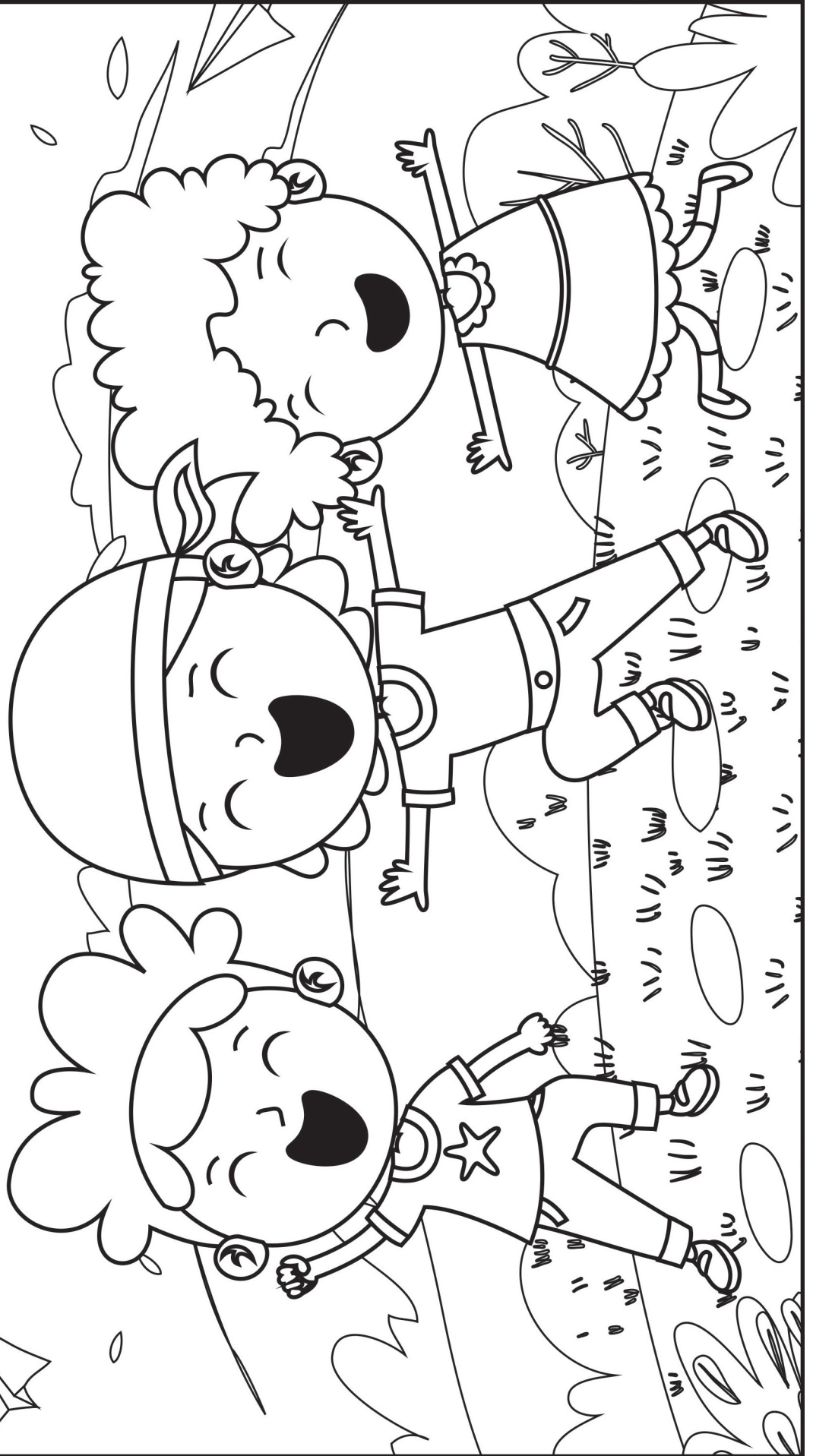
**Big Question 13 Action Rhyme Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 13*

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
What keeps them going? Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

**Refrain**  
That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them  
As they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith  
to keep in trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him  
to the very end. *Refrain*

**"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling  
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,  
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."  
-- Jude 1:24-25, ESV**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!

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

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." -- Jude 1:24-25, ESV

**Learn a Little:** "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."

### Meaning

We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble.

God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Some Questions for You

1. Who keeps God's people from "stumbling" in loving God and living for Him? *God does.*
2. Who did God send to save His people? *Jesus.*
3. Why will God's people stand before God blameless (that is, not deserving His punishment for their sins)? Who paid for their sins already? *Jesus paid for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross for them.*
4. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
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- S** God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Give us what we need each day to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

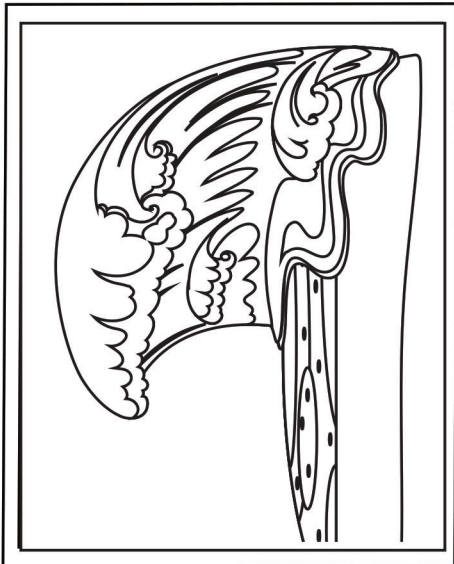
**To Him Who Is Able: Jude 1:24-25** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 19*

To him who is able to keep you, (keep you)  
 To keep you from stumbling, (stumbling)  
 To present you blameless, (blameless)  
 Before the presence of his glory with great joy,  
 (with great joy)

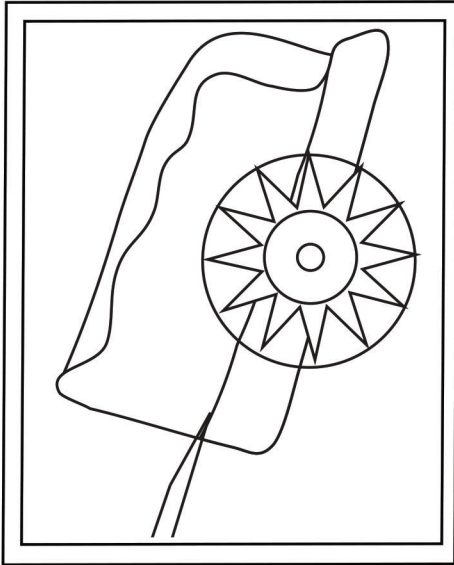
To the only God, our Savior, (Savior)  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord, (Lord)  
 Be glory, majesty, dominion,  
 And authority, before all time, now and forever.  
 Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)  
 Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)  
 Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)  
 Jude One, twenty-four and five.

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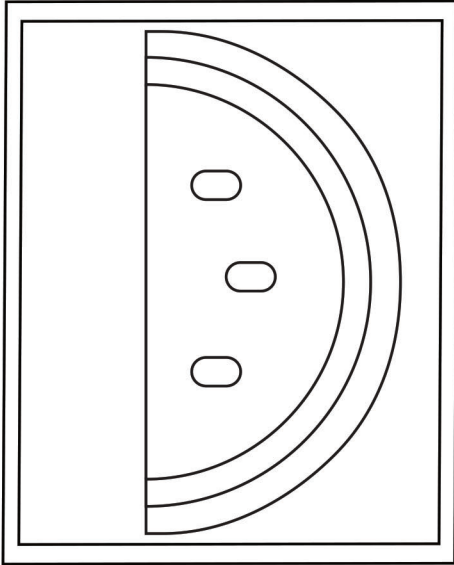
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



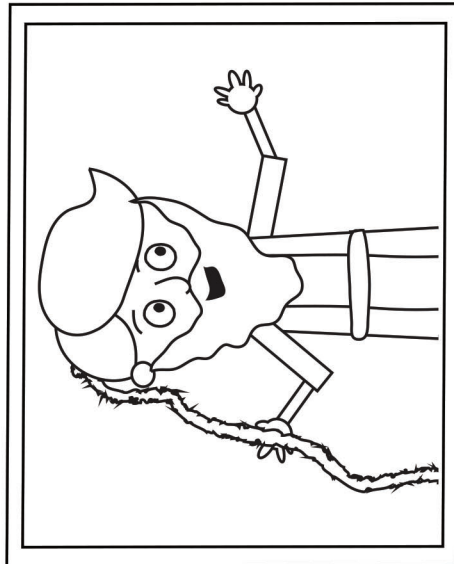
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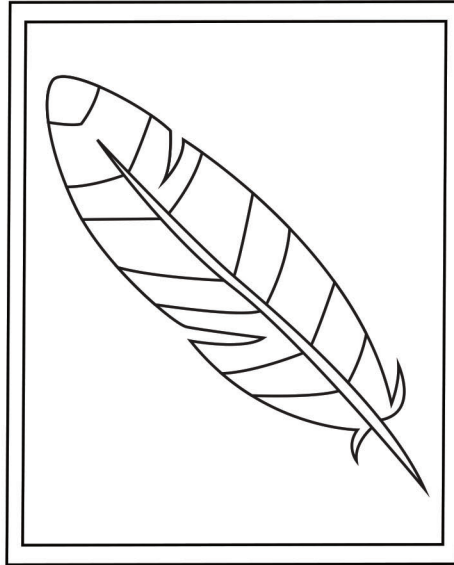
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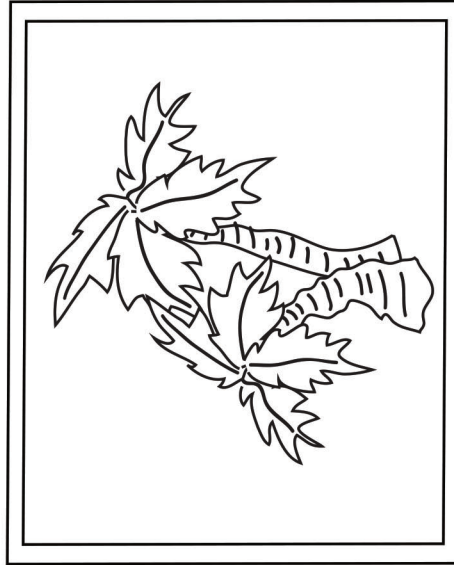
A Watermelon



Moses



A Feather



A Dead Plant

Answer: The wall of water, the chariot; Moses; and, the dead plants belong. The watermelon and the feather do not.

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!

### Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God is the Creator of all things, but He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He's the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes. That includes the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals, and people. Absolutely everything! God created people with something special inside their bodies: a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain both our bodies and our spirits. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face. Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." -- Jude 1:24-25, ESV

### Some Questions for You

1. What bad thing happened to Jacob's family when there was no rain? *Their crops died. The water dried up. They had no food.*
2. How did the LORD help Jacob's family get food? *He sent Jacob's son, Joseph, ahead of them to Egypt. Joseph was a very important worker for Pharaoh. He could give Jacob everything he needed.*
3. What happened to Jacob's family while they lived in Egypt? *It grew and grew into a whole people--the people of Israel.*
4. What did the new Pharaoh make Jacob's family do for him? *He made them his slaves. He forced them to build his big, new buildings.*
5. Who did the people of Israel need to rescue them from Pharaoh and their hard life in Egypt? *The LORD.*
6. Who did the LORD send to rescue the people of Israel? *Moses.*
7. What did the LORD do to free the people of Israel from Egypt? *He sent frogs, flies, and many other sadnesses upon Pharaoh and his people until at last Pharaoh let them go.*
8. Who did Pharaoh send after Moses and the people of Israel after they left Egypt? *His soldiers on chariots to bring the people back to be his slaves again.*
9. How did the LORD keep the people of Israel from being caught by Pharaoh's soldiers? *He parted the Red Sea so they could go through on dry land. He let the soldiers be swept away in the waters after they had passed through.*
9. What did the people of Israel sing to the LORD when He rescued them? *They praised Him for rescuing them. They praised Him for His unfailing love.*
10. The LORD promised to sustain the people of Israel long ago and He still promises to sustain His people today. How can we become His people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.
- S** God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Give us what we need each day to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 13 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org)

#### Big Q & A 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 17

##### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all!"

##### Refrain

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape

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#### Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

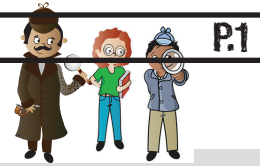
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I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

## Bible Story for Big Question 13, Bible 1

### The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News

*Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*



Dear Parents,

Big Question #13 is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" Your child is learning that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question can be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org)•

### Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

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

I need to find out:

1. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?
2. Who turned this bad news into amazing, good news each time?

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

**Our Bible Verse is Jude 1:24-25:** "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

I need to find out:

1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?
2. How did He help them?

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

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

Our six clues were: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants. *Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to figure out:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?

#### **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 Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News** *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

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

**Bad news, bad news! There was bad news in Canaan for Jacob's family! No rain fell from the sky. The rivers dried up. Their animals and crops were dying. If they didn't find food and water soon, they would die, too. What could they do? Where could they go? They needed help. Big help!**

*Wow! Do you think anyone could help them?*

**This may have been impossible, big, bad, SCARY news, but Jacob's family didn't need to be afraid. They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. The LORD was their God. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it's to take care of them. He will always save and sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it. The LORD can even take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news, and sure enough, that's just what He was about to do!**

**Good news! Good news! There was food in nearby Egypt! And WHO had been put in charge of giving out the food? Joseph, one of Jacob's sons! God had planned for Joseph to be in Egypt ahead of time, so everything would be ready for Jacob's family when the food and water ran out in Canaan.**

**So, Jacob gathered up his family, packed his things, and went to live in Egypt. Joseph picked a beautiful place near the River Nile for Jacob's family to live. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, himself, welcomed Jacob to his land and made sure Jacob and his family had everything they needed.**

**Jacob praised God for taking care of them. How good it was to be with Joseph again! How good it was to have plenty of food and water! How good it was to have a beautiful place to live! God had taken their impossible, bad news and turned it into amazing, good news. He always sustains His people. He gave them faith for their hearts and food for their bodies. God, alone, had provided.**

**Life was happy in Egypt for quite some time. Instead of going home to Canaan when the drought was over, Jacob's family decided to stay in Egypt. Many years passed. And as the years passed, Jacob's family grew and grew and grew. They had come from Canaan as just a little family. Now, there were hundreds and thousands of them! No one called them Jacob's "family" anymore. Now, they were called a "people": the people of Israel. (Israel was a special name God gave Jacob).**

**The people of Egypt saw how big Jacob's family had grown and they were worried. Joseph and Jacob were long gone and forgotten. So was the Pharaoh who was good to his family. A new Pharaoh was king now. He had big plans to make big buildings. It would take a lot of people to build them, and he knew just who to use—the people of Israel.**



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

**Bad news, bad news!** The new king didn't ASK the people of Israel to help build his new buildings. He MADE them do it! He took over their lives. He said he owned them and could make them do whatever he wanted them to do. He FORCED them to build his buildings. He made them work so hard and without any pay at all. He treated them so badly! Life in Egypt wasn't good for the people of Israel anymore. Oh, how they wanted to go home to Canaan, but how could they? The king would never let them go. This was bad news! Impossible, big, bad, SCARY news!

But the people of Israel didn't need to be afraid. They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. The LORD was their God. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it's to take care of them. He will always save and sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it. The LORD can even take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news, and sure enough, that's just what He was about to do!

Good news! Good news! The LORD sent Moses and Aaron to speak to Pharaoh. "The LORD says, 'Let My people go!'" they demanded. What would the king do? Would he let the people of Israel go free? "No, the people can't go," the king said, at first. But the LORD wasn't finished.

*What do you think?*

The LORD sent frogs and gnats and hail and sicknesses and many other sadnesses upon the king and his people. And then, he changed his mind. "Go away! Leave us alone," Pharaoh ordered. "The people of Israel are free to go. Make your God stop sending sadnesses upon us!" he told Moses.

"Hooray, hooray! Praise the LORD!" Moses and the people shouted. They packed their things, gathered their families, and marched out of Egypt. Across the desert, Moses led the people, "Tromp, tromp, tromp." They camped along the shores of the Red Sea. How good it was to be free! How good it was to be going home! The LORD had taken their impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and made it into amazing, good news. He always sustains His people. He, alone!

But what was that noise in the middle of the night? It was the sound of hundreds of rolling wheels, hundreds of horses neighing, and hundreds of soldiers shouting. Oh, no! It was Pharaoh's army! The king had changed his mind. He wanted his slaves back. He ordered an army of soldiers on chariots to capture them and bring them back to Egypt!

Bad news bad news! The word spread through the camp. "The Pharaoh's soldiers are coming!" "Oh no! Where could they go? How could they escape? The Red Sea was on one side and the soldiers were on the other! They were stuck!

But the people of Israel didn't need to be afraid! They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. The LORD was their God. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it's to take care of them. He will always save and sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it. The LORD can even take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news, and sure enough, that's just what He was about to do!

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

**“Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the LORD rescue you,” Moses told the people. “The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still and watch.”**

**Then, at the LORD’s command, Moses raised up his shepherd’s staff and stretched it out towards the Red Sea. “Whoosh,” the LORD sent a strong, east wind. It blew and blew and blew on the water of the Red Sea. And as it blew, something amazing happened to the water. Can you guess what it was?**

*Can you guess?*

**Good news! Good news! The people watched the wind split apart the waters of the sea, making two, huge, watery walls. Taller and taller the walls grew, and in between them, the seabed dried up into a sandy path. The LORD had made a way of escape for His people, and they took it. How amazing it must have been to cross through the Red Sea between those big walls of water!**

**Pharaoh’s soldiers saw what the LORD had done. They watched the people of Israel escape through the middle of the sea on dry land. What would they do now? Would they fear the mighty God who had done this amazing thing and stop chasing His people? Or, would they reject Him and keep going after them?**

*What do you think they did?*

**The soldiers did NOT fear the LORD; and, they most certainly DID follow! Across the sandy beach and onto the dry path between those great, watery walls, those soldiers rode their chariots. But it was no use! The LORD had made that path for His people, not for their enemies. As the sun rose in the east, and the last of God’s people had crossed safely to the far side of the sea, the LORD ordered the waves back in place. Pharaoh’s soldiers on their chariots were all swept away.**

**On the banks of the Red Sea that morning, Moses and Miriam and all the people of Israel sang their praises to the LORD:**

**“I will sing to the LORD! He is my strength and my Savior. He is my God and I will praise him! He has gotten rid of our enemies. He swept them away in the sea. His love for His people will never fail. He rules over everything forever and ever.”**

**And they were right! The LORD was the one, true God. He would always be with His people and always help them. He would take care of their needs. They could always trust Him.**

**It would be many more years before the people of Israel were to make it all the way back home to Canaan. They were to face many more “bad news” days. But no matter what the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news was, can you guess what the LORD always did for His people?**

*Can you guess?*

**The LORD always took care of them and gave them amazing, good news. He always saved them and sustained them. He took care of their needs and grew their trust in Him. He helped them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn’t even need anyone’s help to do it! Yes, the LORD always sustained them and got them all the way home! The LORD, and the LORD alone.**

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

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

**Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:****1. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?**

Jacob and the people of Israel faced many problems that were too big for them: no food to eat because there was no rain; then, no way to get free from the mighty Pharaoh and his soldiers.

**2. Who turned this bad news into amazing, good news each time?** The LORD did! He always helped His people and took care of their needs. They could always trust in Him.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:  
Our Bible Verse is Jude 1:24-25**

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

**1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?** The LORD did!

**2. How did He help them?** He took care of their needs and rescued them. He gave them faith to trust Him and obey Him, even though they were afraid.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. We may want to stumble in fear, like the people of Israel did. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can know that the LORD will always

sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him, even when we feel like stumbling in fear. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

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

Our six clues were: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants.

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

The wall of water, the chariot; Moses; and, the dead plants belong. The watermelon and the feather do not belong.

**2. Who praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?** The people of Israel did.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?****It Is God's Sustaining Grace...****God Alone Sustains His People!**

The people of Israel saw the LORD save them from their enemies over and over. He took care of their needs and grew their trust in Him. But the biggest enemy the people of Israel faced was not the mean king of Egypt or his army of soldiers. Their biggest enemy was in their hearts. It was choosing to not trust in the LORD or obey His good laws. It was sin! The sin in their hearts deserved God's punishment. It meant they deserved to not be God's people at all. Now this really was impossible, big, bad, SCARY news! But the LORD provided a rescue from their sin, too. How? By sending His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Through Jesus, God provided the way for them to be saved... and 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! *Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.
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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 13, Bible Truth 1 Key Concepts** p.7**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22, ESV

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People**

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God created people with something special inside their bodies: a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain both our bodies and our spirits. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face.

Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25, ESV**

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

**Learn a Little** "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."

**Meaning**

We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble.

God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
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**Bible Truth 1 Story**

**The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News**

*Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, ESV

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: To Him, to Him Jude 1:24-25, ESV*

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, NIV1984*

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## **Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft**

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### **God Alone Sustains His People**

#### **Craft Description**

The children will make a card that reminds them that God is the one who sustains their faith.

#### **Materials**

White paper or card stock

Markers or crayons

Glitter and glue/glitter glue, if desired

#### **Preparations**

1. Print out the craft pages and make 1 copy per child of them on white paper or card stock. Note that the two sides of the card are printed out as front and back. Use double sided format!
2. Set out markers/crayons, glue and glitter, if using.

#### **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" We've learned that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!" That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So, today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
2. Have the children color in the pictures on both sides.
3. If desired, have the children can add "fingernail polish" to the nails. Allow craft to dry.
4. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.
5. If you have time, you can practice saying the words on the card and opening it up and showing the answer.

#### **Discussion**

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

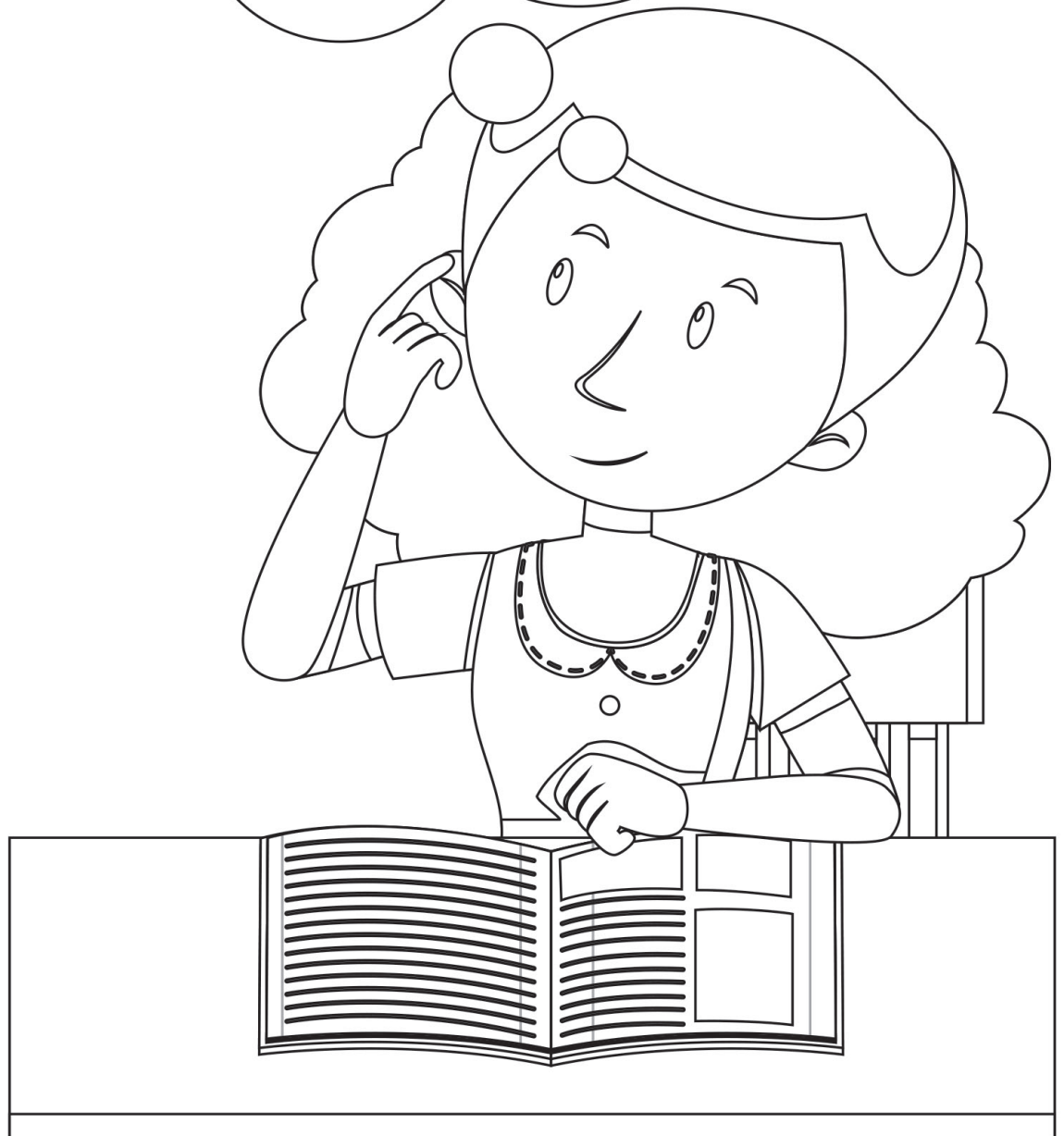
#### **Craft Wrap-Up:**

"At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!". Practice holding up the card and saying the words/showing the picture on the front side, then the back side. Remind them that we become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.





**Why do God's people  
keep believing in Him?**

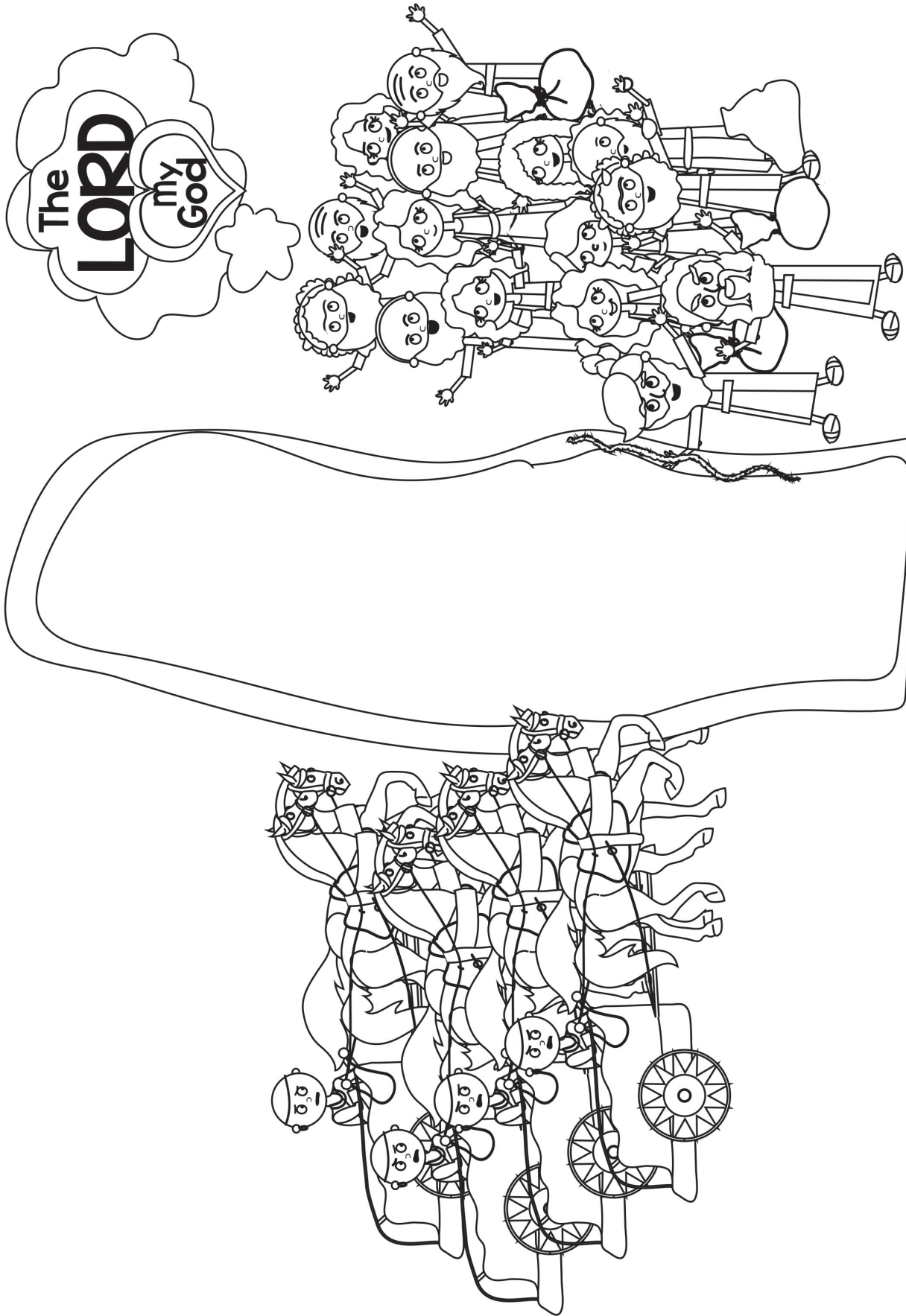


**God ALONE  
sustains them,  
by His grace!**



**“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” -- Jude 1:24-25, ESV**

**We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!**



Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People. The people of Israel saw the LORD save them from their enemies over and over. He took care of their needs and grew their trust in Him. But the biggest enemy the people of Israel faced was not the mean king of Egypt or his army of soldiers. Their biggest enemy was in their hearts. It was choosing to not trust in the LORD or obey His good laws. It was sin! The sin in their hearts deserved God's punishment. It meant they deserved to not be God's people at all. Now this really was impossible, big, bad, SCARY news! But the LORD provided a rescue from their sin, too. How? By sending His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Through Jesus, God provided the way for them to be saved... and 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 Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Genesis 41-47,50, Exodus 1,6-15

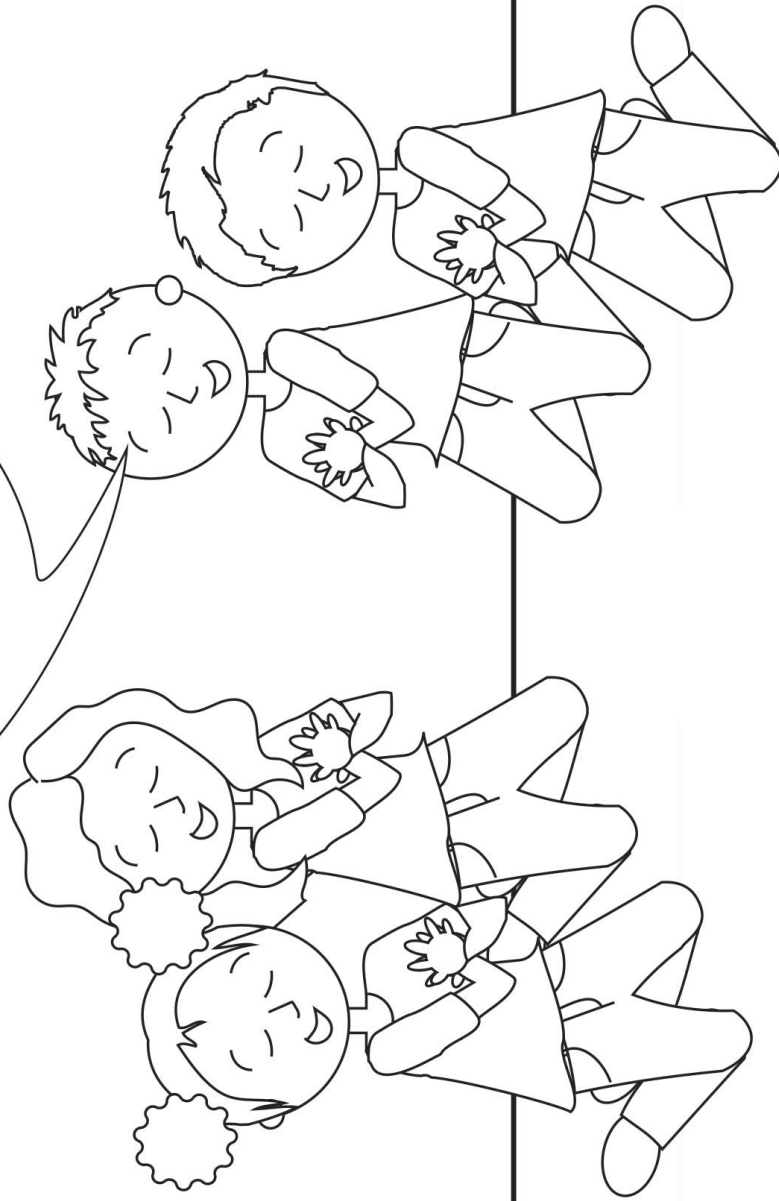
Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children.  
Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org).

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**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:**  
**Why Do God's People Keep**  
**Believing in Him?**  
**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**Please God,  
HELP!**



**God, the \_\_\_\_\_, Promises to Help His People!**

**HINT: Another word for Dad. It starts with an "F" and it rhymes with "bother."**

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People!

### Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God is a good Father to His people --to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He knows that they can't love Him or live for Him by themselves. He knows they need His help, and He promises to give it to them. He promises to take care of all their needs. He promises to comfort them when they are scared. He promises to help them fight against sin in their lives and rescue them in times of trouble. He promises to make everything in their lives work for their good and His glory. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins on the cross to break the strong hold that sin and death had on them. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. There is nothing that God's people need that their Heavenly Father will not provide. He will help them do everything He wants them to do, every day of their lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." --- Psalm 54:4,6-7, ESV

### Some Questions for You

1. What kind of father is God to His people? *God is the best kind of father to His people. He always loves them and does what is best for them. He always cares for them.*
2. Who needs God's help to live for Him? *We all do!*
3. Who does God promise to help love Him and live for Him? *All who ask, but especially His people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
4. What kinds of things does God promise to do for His people? *Provide them with that they need; comfort them; help them fight against sin.*
5. How does God help His people? *He strengthens them by His Word; He saves them through Jesus; and, He lives inside of them by His Holy Spirit.*
6. What will God help His people do? *Everything He wants them to do.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful to help Your people live for You.
- C** We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for sending Jesus to break the power of sin and death. Thank You for Your promises to always help Your people.
- S** Please work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to ask You for help and depend upon You. Help us to love You and live for You every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 13 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 12* (adapted version of "On Top of Old Smoky")

Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

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

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
What keeps them going? Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

**Refrain**  
That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

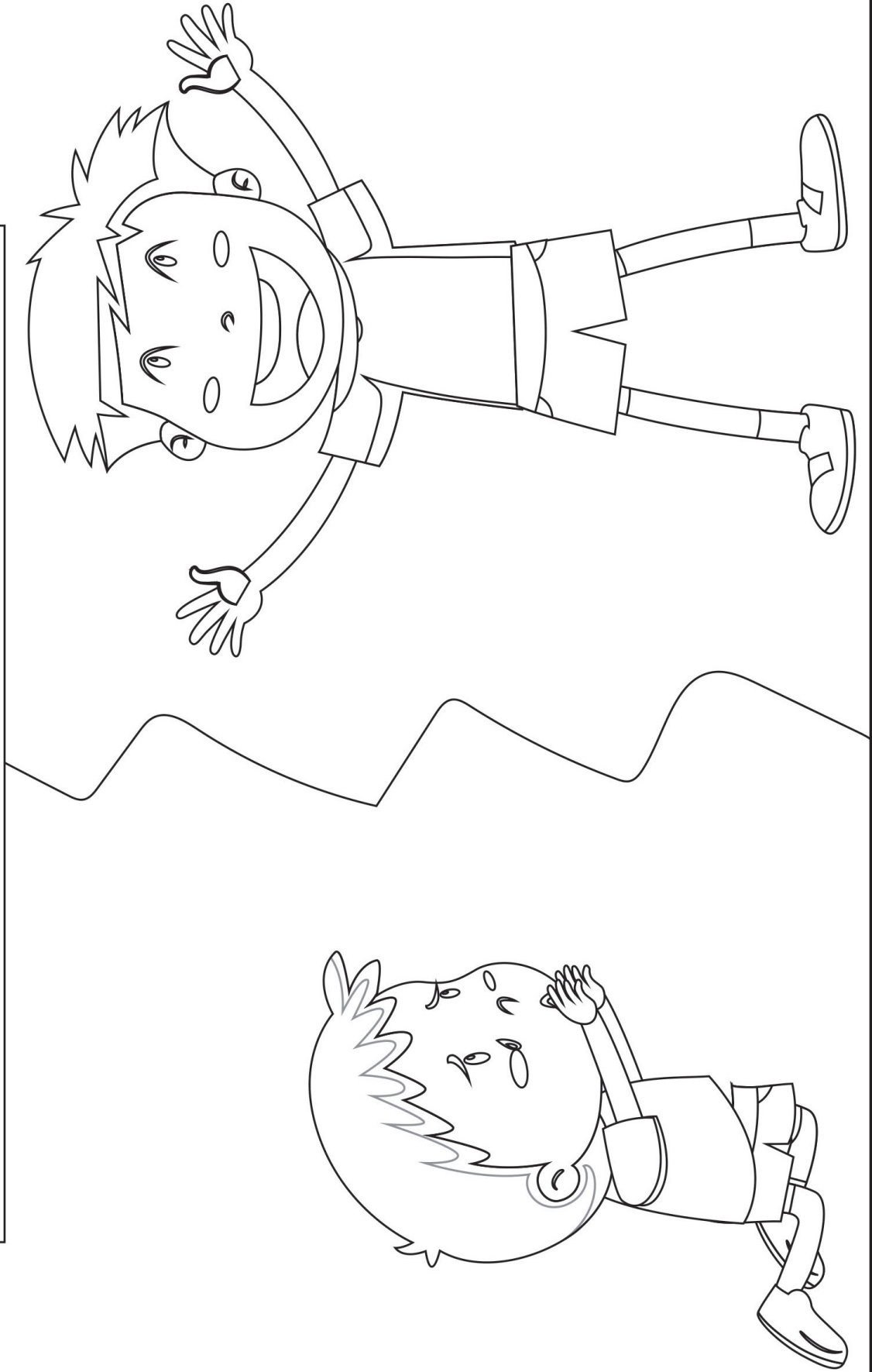
God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them  
As they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith  
to keep in trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him  
to the very end. *Refrain*

**"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...**

**I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**For he has delivered me from every trouble,**

**and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." -- Psalm 54:4,6-7, ESV**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People!

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

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life... I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." --- Psalm 54:4,6-7, ESV

**Learn a Little:** "The Lord is the upholder of my life."

### Meaning:

God promises to help His people. He promises to uphold their life, so that they keep on loving Him and living for Him. God has a good plan for each one of His people. He may call them to do some things that are very hard, but He will deliver them out of all their troubles. He promises to give them the strength they need to go through them. He promises to use every trouble for their good. And at just the right time, He will bring their troubles to an end. God's people know they can depend on Him to help them whenever they need help, and to go on helping them for the rest of their lives. He is their sustainer! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Some Questions for You

1. How does God sustain His people? *He helps them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. He provides for their needs.*
2. What is God's name? *The LORD.*
3. What is the LORD like? *He is good.*
4. What does God promise to deliver His people from? *Their troubles.*
5. How does God deliver His people from their troubles? *He gives them the strength they need to keep going through times of trouble; He uses them for their good; and, He takes away the troubles at just the right time. Best of all, one day they will go to live with Him and never have any troubles again!*
6. What kinds of enemies does God help His people triumph (win) over? *Anything that keeps them from loving Him and living for Him. Anything enemy that harms them and is against God's good plans for them, especially sin and death.*
7. How does God help His people triumph over these enemies? *He gives them the strength they need to stand against these enemies; He uses even these enemies for good in their lives; and, He takes away the enemies at just the right time. Best of all, one day they will go to live with Him and never have any enemies again!*
8. How can we become God's people and enjoy His promise to save us from our sins and help us keep on loving Him and living Him our whole lives? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful to help Your people live for You.
- C** We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for sending Jesus to break the power of sin and death. Thank You for Your promises to always help Your people.
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### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

#### Behold God Is My Helper: Psalm 54:4,7

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 13, track 22

Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
The upholder of my life,  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper.

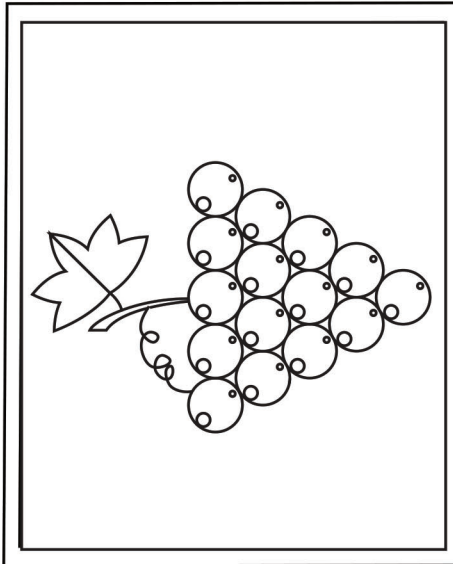
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
He's delivered me from every trouble,  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;

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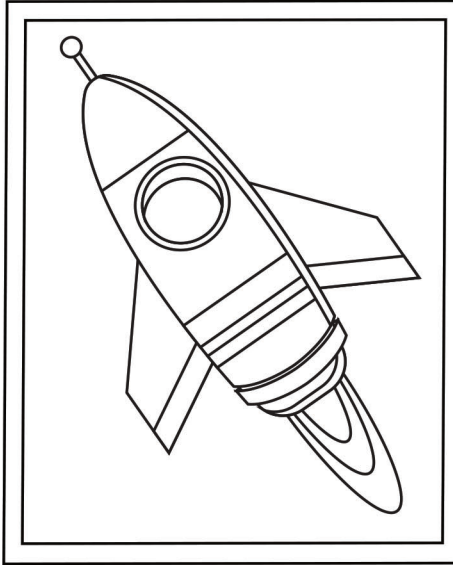
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
My eyes have looked in triumph on my enemies.  
Behold, God is my helper; Behold, God is my helper;  
Psalm Fifty-four, four and seven.



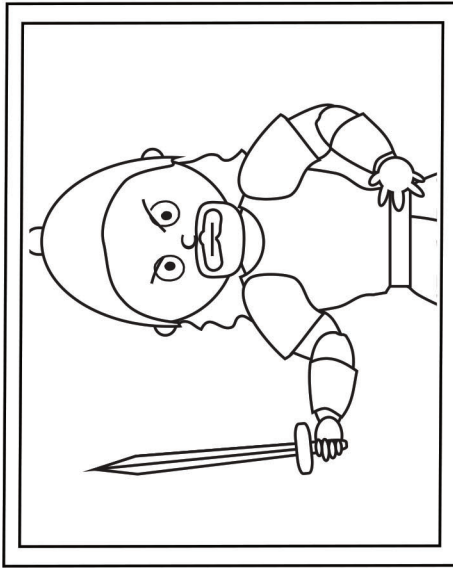
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



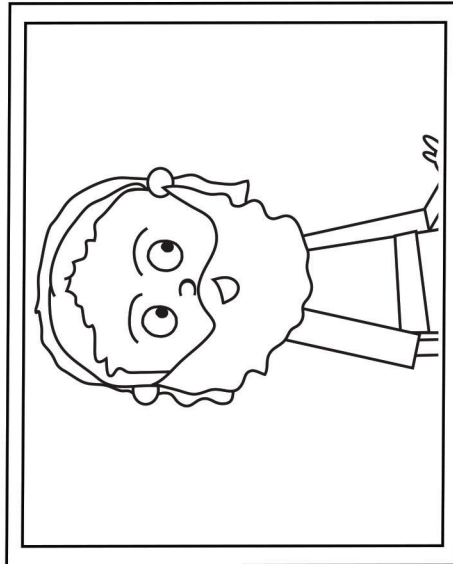
Some Grapes



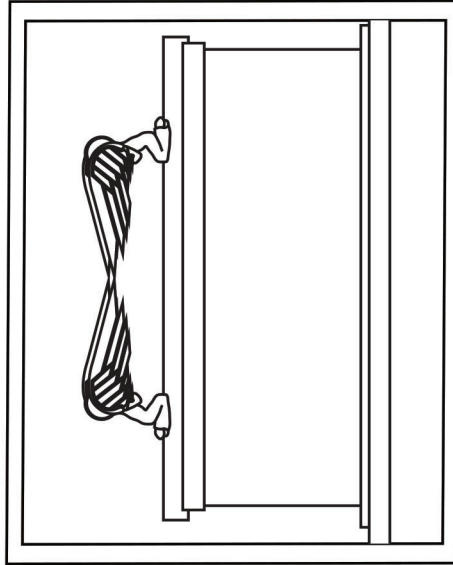
A Rocket



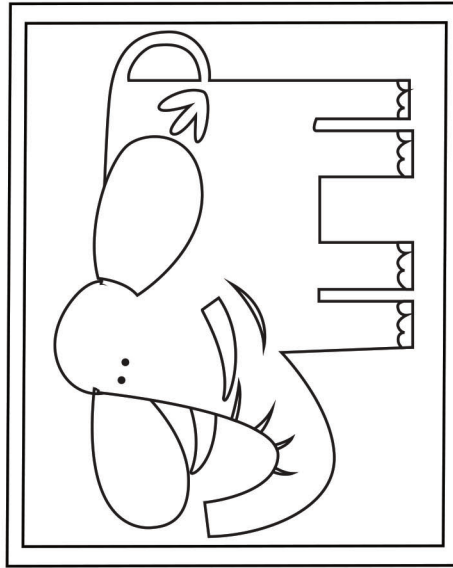
A Giant Enemy



Joshua



The Ark of the Covenant



An Elephant

Answers: The grapes; the giant enemy; Joshua, and the Ark of the Covenant belong. The rocket and the elephant do not. DDD 13.2 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People!

### Bible Truth 2 Meaning

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### Some Questions for You

1. How did the LORD rescue the people of Israel from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt? *He sent frogs, gnats and many other sadnesses upon him and his people until he freed them at last.*
2. How did the LORD rescue the people of Israel when they were trapped by the Red Sea and Pharaoh's soldiers were after them? *He parted the Red Sea and let them cross to the other side on dry land.*
3. What good and scary things did the twelve spies find when they went to look over the land of Canaan? *Good: beautiful, big fruit; good land for farming. Scary: fierce, giant enemies who lived in big cities with strong, tall walls and worshipped bad, fake gods.*
4. What did the people think when they heard the ten spies tell about the enemies in the land? *They chose to forget the LORD. They did not trust He could help them beat their enemies. They cried, then they got very angry at the LORD, Moses and Aaron. They wanted to go back to Egypt.*
5. What two spies urged the people to trust in the LORD and take the land He promised them? *Caleb and Joshua.*
6. What punishment did the LORD give the people for not trusting in Him? *Forty years of walking in the desert. The parents would never get to go into the Promised Land, only their children would.*
7. What did the people choose to do when the LORD told them to cross the Jordan River and take the land? *They chose to remember and trust this time.*
8. Did the LORD keep His promise to help His people take the land? *Yes, He did! He was with them and helped them defeat their enemies until the land was all theirs.*
9. What has the LORD done to help us defeat our biggest enemy--sin and death? *He sent Jesus to die on the cross and pay for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. We can ask God to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer this prayer!*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful to help Your people live for You.
- C** We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!
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- S** Please work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to ask You for help and depend upon You. Help us to love You and live for You every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 17

##### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape

##### Refrain

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 13 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org)

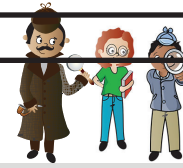
#### Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 18

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

**Bible Story for Big Question 13, Bible 2**

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**The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers***Exodus 5-15,19-20,24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #13 is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" Your child is learning that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question can be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org)•

**Listening Assignments**

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

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

I need to find out:

- 1. Who were the really bad remember-ers? What did they refuse to remember about God?**
- 2. What happened when they did remember God as they should?**

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

**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 54:4,6-7:** "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."

I need to find out:

- 1. What troubles did the people of Israel face?**
- 2. What did the LORD promise to do for them in their troubles?**

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

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

Our six clues were: grapes; a rocket; a giant enemy; Joshua, the Ark of the Covenant; and an elephant.  
*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 thanked the LORD for keeping His promise to help them? How did He help them?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers***Exodus 5-15,19-20,24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**"It's time to go into Canaan, the land the LORD promised you!"** Moses told the people of Israel. This was the moment they had been waiting for! The LORD had rescued them from their enemies in Egypt. He had given them His laws and made them His people at Mt. Sinai. And now, He had led them to Kadesh Barnea, an oasis right next to Canaan. **"Canaan is filled with good things for you. Go in and take it, just as the LORD told you to,"** Moses told the people. **"Don't be afraid. Don't be discouraged. The LORD is with you!"** Moses urged them.

**But the people weren't so sure. Maybe the LORD knew Canaan, but they didn't. Maybe there were some very good places to live and some very good food to eat in this land the LORD promised them. Perhaps it did flow with milk and honey (a nickname for a land filled with the best things). But, there might be some very big enemies living there, too. Maybe enemies as big and bad as the armies of Egypt. Hmmm... "Let's send some men ahead of us to check out the land. Let them spy it out, then come back and report what they find,"** they said to Moses.

**Did the people of Israel really need to send out spies? Did they really need to know how big their enemies were? No, they didn't! WHO promised to be with them and was more powerful than any enemy they might face? Who would always help them carry out His plans? Can you tell me His name?**

*Can you tell me?*

**It was the LORD! The LORD was with them. No enemy would ever be too powerful for Him. It was His plan for them to have this land and no one can ever stop His plans. The LORD would give them all the help they needed, no matter what enemy they faced. All they had to do was think back and remember. They had been helpless to free themselves from Pharaoh, but the LORD had helped them with His mighty power. He sent gnats, frogs, and other sadnesses...and they were free! They had been helpless against Pharaoh's chariots, trapped by the Red Sea. But the LORD had helped them with His mighty power. He had parted the Red Sea and made a way for them to escape. He washed away Pharaoh's men. Remember! Remember! The LORD would always help them. He would always rescue them. He would always take care of them. But the people weren't remembering as they should, so the LORD allowed them to send out spies.**

**Twelve men were chosen: Joshua, Caleb, and ten other leaders. They would be best to see what the land was like for the people. "Go through the Negev mountains, then into the grassy, hill country,"** Moses ordered the men. **"Look at the people. Are there lots of them? Are they weak or strong? Do they live in tents or cities surrounded by strong walls? See what the land is like. Does it have trees? Is it good for farming?"** Moses told them. **"Be brave and bring us back some fruit!"** he said.

**So, sneaky sneak, sneak went the twelve men into the Promised Land of Canaan. First, they went through the tall, dry, Negev mountains. No one lived there and no food would grow there either. Would ALL the land God promised them be like this?**

*What do you think?*

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

**No, it wasn't! At last, the spies came to the grassy, hill country. Now this was MUCH better! What beautiful views from the hills! What good farming in the valleys! Lots of fish and fresh water in the lakes and rivers. Lots of trees with red, juicy pomegranate and delicious, sweet figs, too. Yum! And the grapes. Oh, how good were the grapes! The men cut off a huge branch covered in them and slung it over a pole to carry back to Moses and the people. It took two of them to carry just that one branch it was so big! Oh, yes! The land the LORD was giving them very good!**

**But, there wasn't just plenty of food in this Promised Land. There were plenty of people, too! And not just any kind of people! These were fierce, giant people who lived in strong, tall cities and worshipped bad, fake gods. They wouldn't welcome the people of Israel to Canaan. They would fight hard to keep their beautiful land, and they certainly seemed strong enough to beat the people of Israel and keep them out!**

**With fruit in hand, Joshua, Caleb, and the other, ten men started back to Kadesh Barnea. Back through the hill country, back through the Negev mountains they went, sneak, sneak, sneaking and walk, walk, walking. Back to Moses and the people. And as their legs were busy sneaking and walking, their minds must have been busy thinking. What do you think they were thinking about?**

*Can you guess?*

**I bet they were thinking about what to tell the people when they got back to camp. Big fruit; big enemies; big cities. Would the people be in big trouble if they went into the Promised Land; or, could they trust in big help from the LORD?**

**How excited the people were when at last the twelve men returned! "Look at that fruit! Those delicious pomegranates and figs! That huge branch of juicy grapes!" the people exclaimed. They eagerly gathered around the twelve spies to hear more about the wonderful land of Canaan.**

**Ten of the spies (all except Joshua and Caleb) stood up and gave their report. "The land is beautiful and good, just as the LORD said," they told the people, "But, the land is full of fierce giants who live in great cities with strong walls. We can't do it. We are helpless to fight them and take the land," they exclaimed. "We shouldn't even try. If we do, we will all die, we and our children!"**

**How sad! These ten leaders had refused to remember the LORD or trust that He would keep His promise to help them. Now, it was the people's turn. What would they do with the spies' report? Would they remember the LORD and trust in His promise to help them; or, would they choose to forget Him, just as these ten leaders had?**

*What do you think?*

**The people chose to forget the LORD. "WAAAAA!" the people wailed when they heard what the ten spies said. They cried and cried and cried all the rest of the day and all night long.**

**By the morning, their tears had dried and their cries had stopped. Their "WAAAAA!" changed to "GRRRRR!" They were FURIOUS at the LORD and Moses and Aaron. "Why did you bring us out here to be killed by these enemies?" they grumbled. "Let's get a new leader and go back to Egypt! We were better off there!" they said.**

**This was terrible! Moses and Aaron bowed down and prayed to the LORD for the people. They deserved the LORD's punishment for doubting His goodness and His help. Moses and Aaron begged for His mercy.**

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

Then, Joshua and Caleb, the last of the twelve spies, stood up with something very different to say. "The land we spied out is so very good. Don't rebel against the LORD! Don't fear the people of the land! They are nothing. The LORD is with us. He's able to help us and give it to us," they exclaimed. These two leaders remembered the LORD. They trusted in His promise to help them. Would their report help the people remember and trust, too?

*What do you think?*

It did NOT! The people STILL refused to remember the LORD. They STILL refused to go into the beautiful Promised Land. They even picked up stones to throw at Moses and Aaron! Grrr! They were so angry!

Then suddenly, the bright, shiny glory of the LORD appeared. Everyone stopped in amazement. Their God was the living God! They had forgotten who He was yet again.

You see, this wasn't the first time the people had forgotten the LORD since He had rescued them from Egypt. This wasn't even the second, third, or fourth time. It was the TENTH time, and the LORD's patience had run out. "How long will the people not believe in Me? When will they remember all the amazing things I've done for them and trust Me to help them?" the LORD said to Moses.

"Because you didn't believe that I would take care of you and defeat your enemies, you will NOT get to go into the Promised Land. You will wander out here in the dry desert for forty years until you grow old and die. Instead, I will take your children to live in the beautiful land when they grow up," the LORD told them.

How sad the people were! They hadn't remembered the LORD. They hadn't trusted He would help them. And now, they would never get to live in the good land He had promised them.

"The people, the spies, Aaron, and Moses headed out into the wilderness, leaving Canaan behind. For the next forty years, they wandered just within reach of the Promised Land but never went in. And as the years passed, the adults grew old and died. At last, only Joshua and Caleb, the two faithful spies, remained. But, the children grew up and became adults; and, the LORD made Joshua their new leader.

Now, it was time to go into the Promised Land. Once more, the people of Israel camped right outside of Canaan, this time by the Jordan River. Once more, spies were sent to spy out the land. (SB24) And once more, they came back with news of good fruit and powerful enemies living in strong, walled cities. There was STILL no way for the people of Israel to beat these enemies on their own.

But that was not ALL the two spies had seen. "The people are mighty and their cities are strong, but they have heard of the LORD and are scared," they reported. "The LORD has surely given us this land!"

The LORD encouraged the people, too. "I will go before you and fight your enemies," the LORD promised Joshua and the people. "Many years earlier, I parted the Red Sea to help you escape Pharaoh's armies. Now, I will part the rushing, roaring waters of the Jordan River for you. I will dry up the riverbed so you can cross to the Promised Land on dry land," He said. "Be strong and courageous as you lead the people!" the LORD urged Joshua. "I will be with you wherever you go!" He promised.

What would the people do this time? Would they remember all the LORD had done for them? Would they trust His promises to help them?

*What do you think?*

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

**This time, the people did NOT fear! This time they DID remember, and they DID trust! The priests carrying the golden Ark of God’s Presence, led the people toward the rushing waters of the Jordan River. If the LORD did not stop the waters, they would surely drown. But as the first priest put out his foot to step into the swirling water, the LORD did just what He promised. He held back the river as the priests with the Ark, then all the people of Israel crossed into the Promised Land for the first time!**

When everyone had crossed safely, the LORD told Joshua, *“Choose men to pick up twelve, large stones from the Jordan River. Place them together next to the riverbank. These Remembering Stones will help you remember this day I brought you into Canaan on dry ground. They will help everyone in the world remember that I am the one, true, mighty God and I should be worshipped and obeyed,”* the LORD said.

The people obeyed. They set up the Remembering Stones and they worshipped the LORD that day. News spread to the enemies of what the LORD had done, and they were filled with even more fear. They might be tall like fierce giants. Their cities might be strong and have tall walls, but who could stand against the one, true, mighty God?

The people of Israel praised the LORD. Already He was going before them. Maybe they DID have a country full of fierce, giant enemies to face, but they knew they would not have to face them alone. They would remember the LORD and trust in Him. Surely, He would help them all the days of their lives, until every enemy was defeated, and the beautiful, Promised Land was all theirs. And the LORD did just that, just as He promised.

**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 were the really bad remember-ers? What did they refuse to remember about God?** The people of Israel were the bad remember-ers. They chose not to remember the LORD's promises to take care of them. They chose not to remember all the ways the LORD had rescued them from their strong enemies already. Because they did not remember, they refused to trust that the LORD could really defeat the people in Canaan and give them the land as their home.

**2. What happened when they remembered the promises?** They had courage to go into Canaan. And when they did, the LORD helped them defeat their enemies and made the land their own.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Israel, the LORD wants us to remember who He is and what He is able to do. He wants us to turn to Him and trust Him to take care of us, no matter what we face in life. And what's the most important thing He's done that He wants us to remember? That He sent Jesus to save us from our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will make us His people. As His people, we can know that God will always sustain us—He will help us to love Him and live for Him, the rest of our lives.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Psalm 54:4,6-7:**

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life...I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."

**1. What troubles did the people of Israel face?** They faced fierce enemies who lived in strong cities in the land the LORD promised them. These enemies were too strong for them and would kill them, if they fought them on their own.

**2. What did the LORD promise to do for them in their troubles?** The LORD promised to always be with them. He would help them beat their enemies. He would help them win the land He promised them. He would even go before them.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Israel, God holds out His promises to us. Promises to forgive our sins and make us His people. Promises to help us to live for Him, all the days of our lives. How can these promises from God become promises for us? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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

Our six clues were: grapes; a rocket; a giant enemy; Joshua, the Ark of the Covenant; and an elephant.

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

The grapes; the giant enemy; Joshua, and the Ark of the Covenant belong. The rocket and the elephant do not.

**2. Who thanked the LORD for keeping His promise to help them? How did He help them?** The people of Israel did. He held back the waters of the River Jordan, so they could cross on dry land. He helped them fight all of their enemies and win, so they could settle the land He promised them.

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**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?****It Is God's Sustaining Grace...****God, the Father, Promises to Help His People!**

The LORD helped the people of Israel over and over again. There was no enemy too strong, no problem too big for the LORD. He promised to always help them, and He always kept those promises! And yet, the people kept choosing to forget the LORD. They kept choosing to not trust Him. They were sinners who did not deserve to be His people or His help. Like the people of Israel, we are sinners, too. We may hear about the LORD and His promises, but too many times we choose to forget those promises and not trust in Him. But the good news is, the LORD has still promised to help us, even though we don't deserve it. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven and become God's people. He will be their God forever. He will send His Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and help them from the inside. Help them love Him, trust Him, and remember His good promises. And one day, bring them home to live with Him in heaven forever. We can be God's people and receive God's forgiveness for our sins 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.

*Close in prayer.*



**Closing ACTS Prayer****Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful to help Your people live for You.
  
- C** We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!
  
- T** God, thank You for sending Jesus to break the power of sin and death. Thank You for Your promises to always help Your people.
  
- S** Please work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to ask You for help and depend upon You. Help us to love You and live for You every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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



**Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 13, Bible Truth 2 Key Concepts p.9****Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 2 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People**

God is a good Father to His people --to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He knows that they can't love Him or live for Him by themselves. He knows they need His help, and He promises to give it to them.

He promises to take care of all their needs. He promises to comfort them when they are scared. He promises to help them fight against sin in their lives and rescue them in times of trouble. He promises to make everything in their lives work for their good and His glory. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins on the cross to break the strong hold that sin and death had on them. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. There is nothing that God's people need that their Heavenly Father will not provide. He will help them do everything He wants them to do, every day of their lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,6-7, ESV**

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life... I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies."

**Learn a Little** "The Lord is the upholder of my life."

**Meaning**

God promises to help His people. He promises to uphold their life, so that they keep on loving Him and living for Him. God has a good plan for each one of His people. He may call them to do some things that are very hard, but He will deliver them out of all their troubles. He promises to give them the strength they need to go through them. He promises to use every trouble for their good. And at just the right time, He will bring their troubles to an end. God's people know they can depend on Him to help them whenever they need help, and to go on helping them for the rest of their lives. He is their sustainer! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

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- C** We confess that many times we choose not to trust Your promises to help us. We would rather do things our own way or just depend on ourselves. We need a Savior!
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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 2 Story**

**The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers**

*Exodus 5-15, 19-20, 24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Behold, God is My Helper Psalm 54:4,7, ESV

*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: Even to Your Old Age Isaiah 46:4,9,11, ESV*

*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV*

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## Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

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### The Good Promises of God, the Father

#### Craft Description

The children will decorate a card with flaps that reveal promises that God gives His people.

#### Materials

White paper or cardstock, two pieces per craft

Markers or crayons

Glue

Scissors (teacher use)

#### Preparations

1. Print out the two pages as two separate pieces of paper.
2. Set out markers/crayons.

#### Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" We've learned that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People." That's what our pictures are about today! They tell us about some of the MANY promises that God, the Father, has given to help His people in the Bible. We can become God's people and these promises can be His promises to us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. But these promises and this good news of a Savior is for everyone, so do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can remember these promises for ourselves; and, so we can go and tell them to others, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### Directions

1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
2. Have the children color in the pictures on top card.
3. Teacher then cuts out on three sides of each box to make window flaps.
4. Glue top page to bottom page, lining up the promises with the windows. Only glue around edges so the flaps don't get glued shut.
5. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.
6. If you have time, you can practice saying the words on the card.

#### Discussion

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

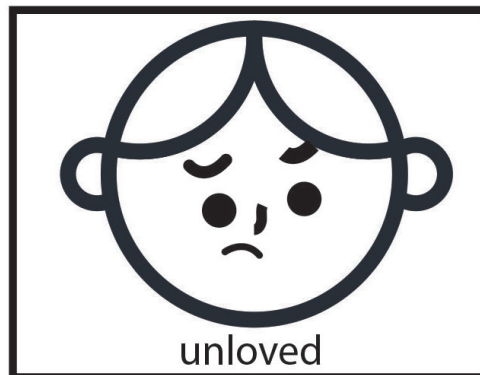
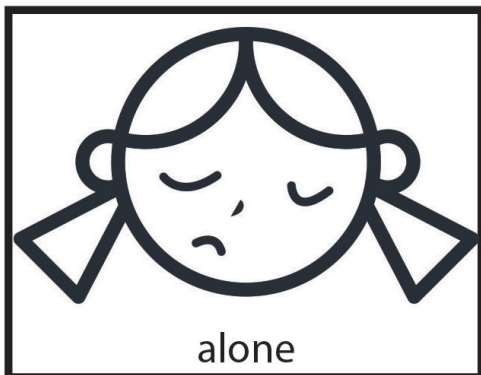
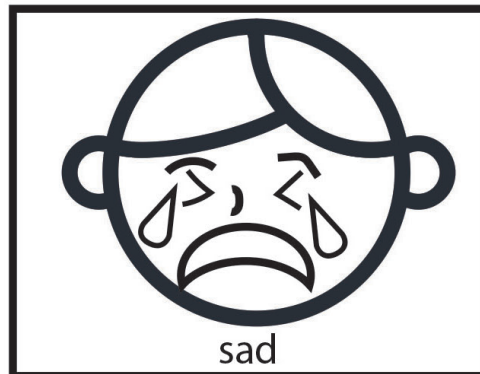
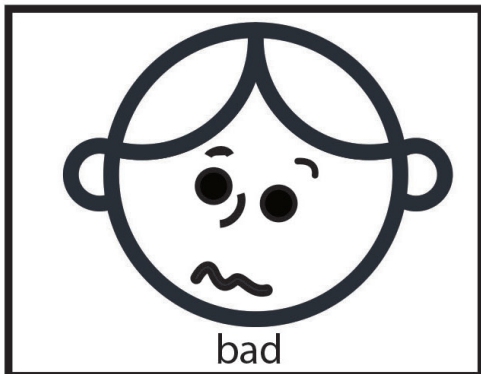
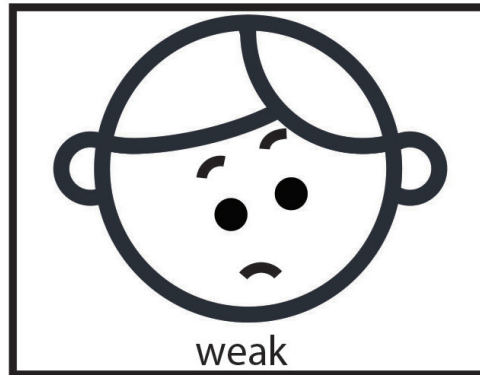
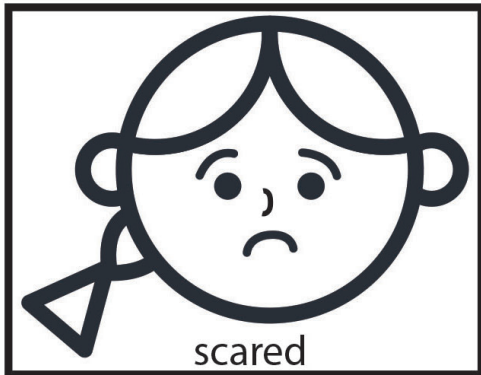
#### Craft Wrap-Up:

At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today. Hold up the cards and say the words together.



# Why do God's people keep believing in Him?

God, the Father, promises to help them when they feel..



**We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!**

“So do not fear,  
for I am  
with you.”  
Isaiah 41:10

“I will  
strengthen you  
and help you.”  
Isaiah 41:10

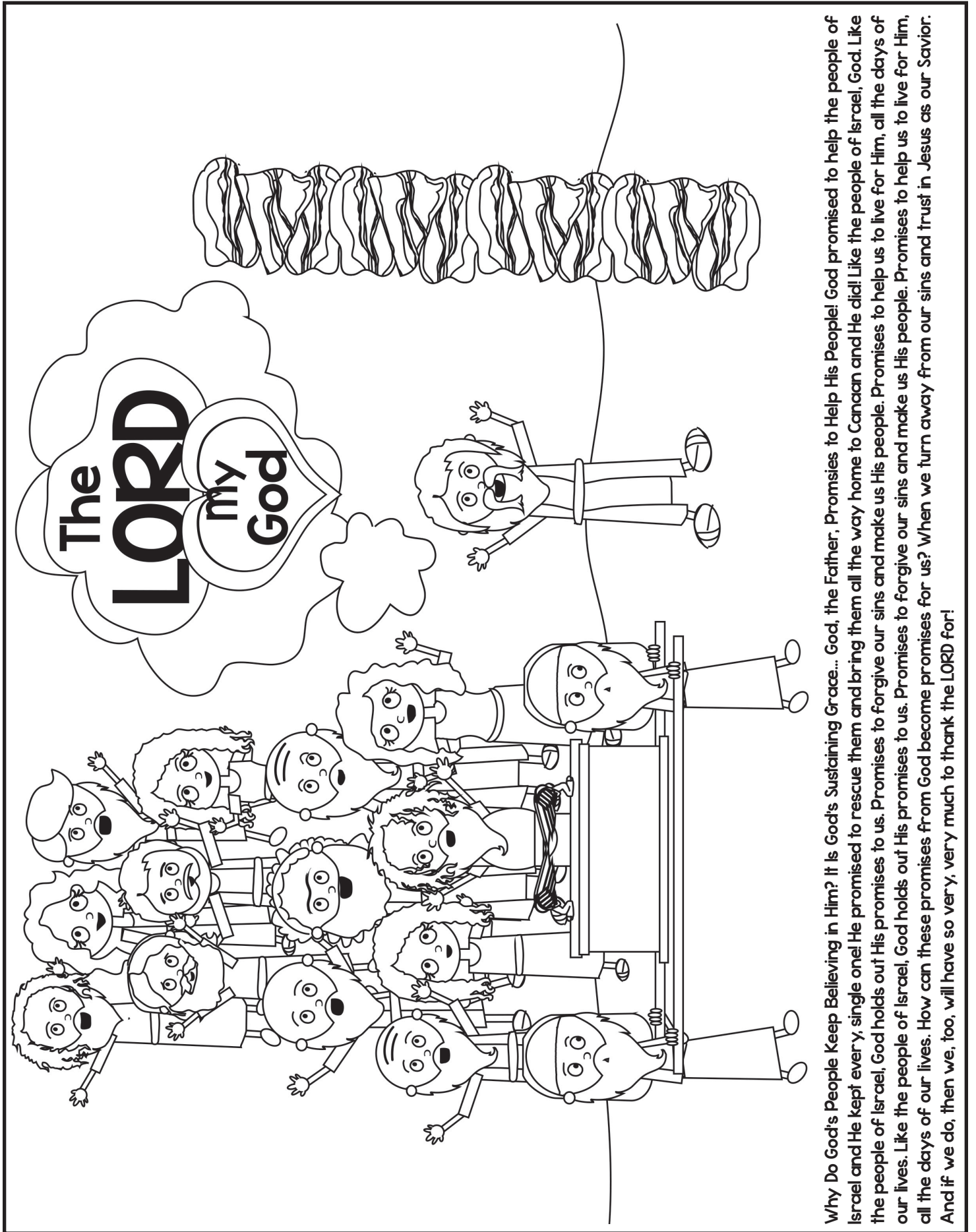
“God forgives  
all your sins.”  
Psalm 103:3

“The Lord will  
comfort  
His people.”  
Isaiah 49:13

“I will never  
leave you.”  
Hebrews 13:5

“God’s love  
endures  
forever.”  
Psalm 136:1





Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace... God, the Father, Promises to Help His People! God promised to help the people of Israel and He kept every single one! He promised to rescue them and bring them all the way home to Canaan and He did! Like the people of Israel, God. Like the people of Israel, God holds out His promises to us. Promises to forgive our sins and make us His people. Promises to help us to live for Him, all the days of our lives. Like the people of Israel, God holds out His promises to us. Promises to forgive our sins and make us His people. Promises to help us to live for Him, all the days of our lives. How can these promises from God become promises for us? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, then we, too, will have so very, very much to thank the LORD for!

## The Case of the Really Bad Remember-ers Jigsaw Puzzle Page

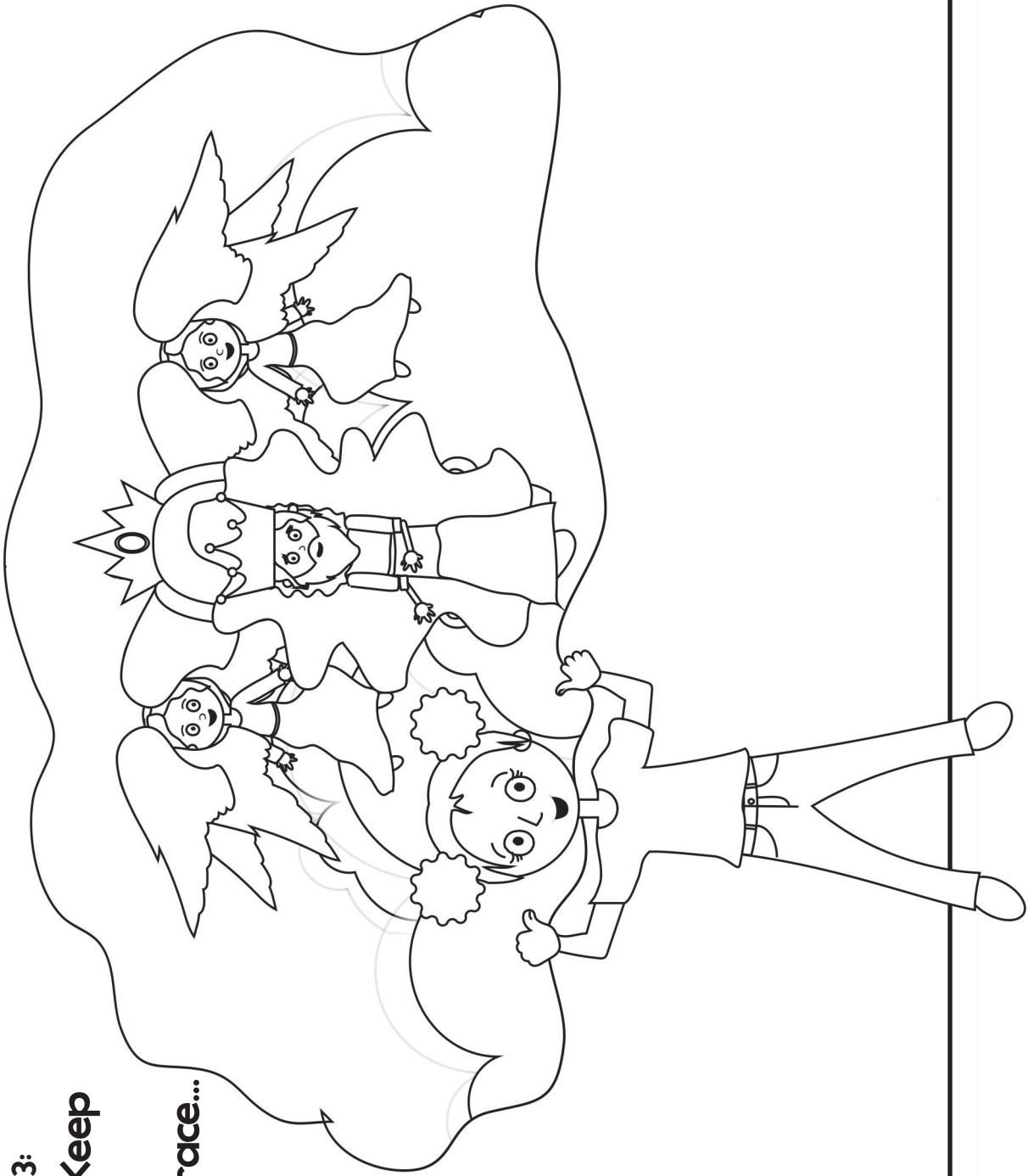
Exodus 5-15,19-20,24; Numbers 13-14; Joshua 1-5

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children.  
Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org).

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**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:**  
**Why Do God's People Keep**  
**Believing in Him?**  
**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**



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**Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to -----  
for God!**

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God!

### Bible Truth 3 Meaning

God wants His people to love Him and live for Him. He wants them to love Him with all their heart, mind, and strength. He wants them to love others as themselves. He wants them to be holy, like He is holy. God's people want to love God and live for Him. They know that they bring glory to God when they do, and they want to bring Him glory that more than anything else. But God's people are sinners with sinful hearts. They are often afraid, weak, and tempted to disobey God. How can they ever live the lives God wants them to live? Jesus is how! God not only saved His people through Jesus, but He also promises to give them everything they need to live the lives He wants them to live through Jesus. The Bible tells us that right now in heaven, Jesus is always praying for God's people that they would glorify God and fulfill God's plans for their lives. Jesus' prayers for God's people are always answered with a yes! Jesus will always give them everything they need for life and godliness. It is His promise. What a wonderful Savior Jesus is! We can become God's people and receive all that we need to love and serve God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." -- Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

### Some Questions for You

1. Who does God want His people to love with all their heart, mind, and strength? *Himself!*
2. Who does God want His people to love as much as they love themselves? *Other people.*
3. Who does God want to be holy, like He is holy? *His people.*
4. Do God's people want to love Him and others, the way God wants them to do? *Yes, they do.*
5. What do God's people have in their hearts that keeps them from loving God and living the way He wants them to live? *Sin.*
6. Who helps God's people live the way God wants them to live? *God does.*
7. Who is praying for God's people in heaven, asking if they would glorify God and fulfill His plans for their lives? *Jesus is.*
8. Who will give God's people everything they need for life and godliness? *Jesus does.*
9. How can we become God's people and receive all that we need to love and live for God? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.
- S** Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God and live for Him, every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 13 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 12* (adapted version of "On Top of Old Smoky")

Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
 And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
 Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
 That's why God's people keep believing in God.

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

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
 Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
 What keeps them going? Why do they persevere?  
 There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
 It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

#### Refrain

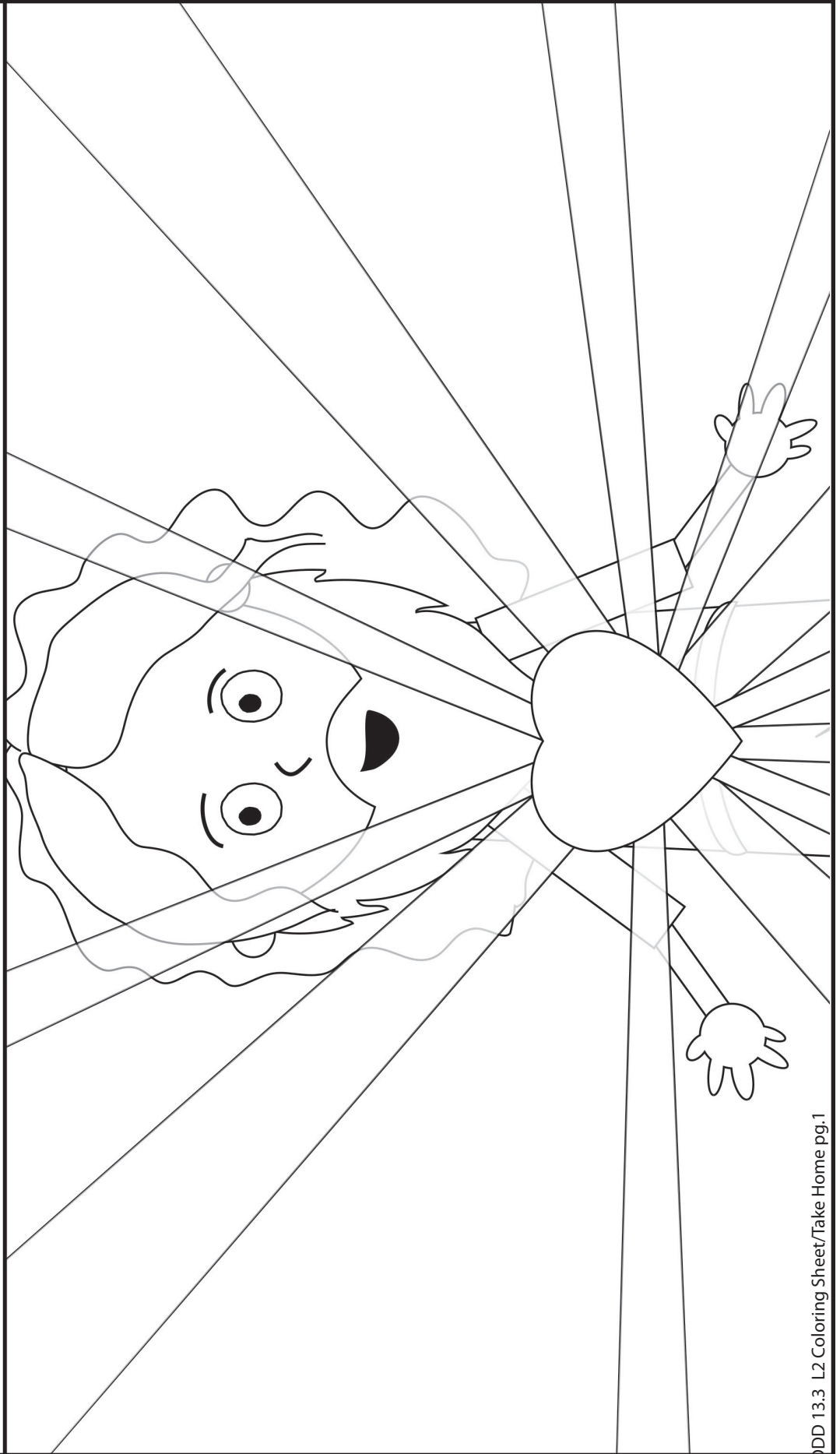
That's why God's people say:  
 "I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
 I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
 Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
 And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
 His Spirit works inside them  
 As they read His Word and pray,  
 He gives them faith  
 to keep in trusting in Him,  
 To keep on living for Him  
 to the very end. *Refrain*

**"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

**Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,  
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**-- Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God!

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

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**Learn a Little:** "Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need."

**Meaning**

Jesus reigns in heaven as the king over all creation and as the high priest for God's people. What does Jesus do for God's people as their high priest? He listens to their prayers and understands how hard it can be to say "no" to disobeying God. He prays for them, and He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and do all He wants them to do. God's people know they can always pray and ask Jesus to help them. They know He loves to help them in their weakness. He loves to give them the strength they need to love God and live for Him. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will always help them! We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Some Questions for You**

1. Who rules in heaven as the high king over all of God's creation? *Jesus does.*
2. Who listens to the prayers of God's people and understands their weakness? *Jesus does.*
3. Who prays for God's people, Himself, as their great high priest? *Jesus does.*
4. Who do God's people know they can always ask for help if their time of need? *Jesus.*
5. What kind of help does Jesus promised to give God's people? *He will give them all of the strength they need to keep on loving God and living for Him. He will take care of their needs.*
6. How can we become God's people? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

**Let's Pray!**

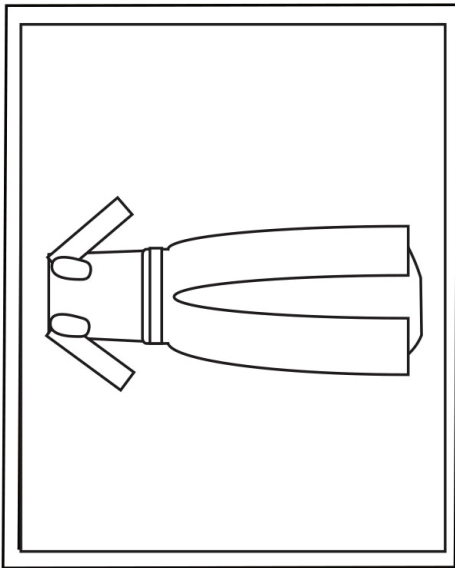
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**Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!**

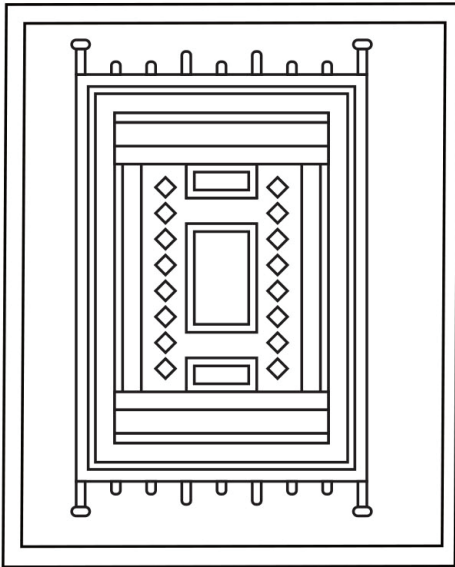
**Let Us with Confidence: Hebrews 4:16** \_ from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 13, track 25

Let us then with confidence draw near,  
With confidence draw near the throne of grace,  
So that we may receive mercy and find grace,  
In our time of need,  
Hebrews Four, sixteen.

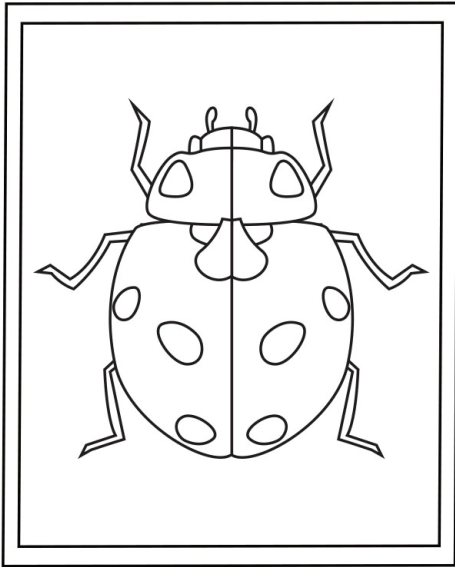
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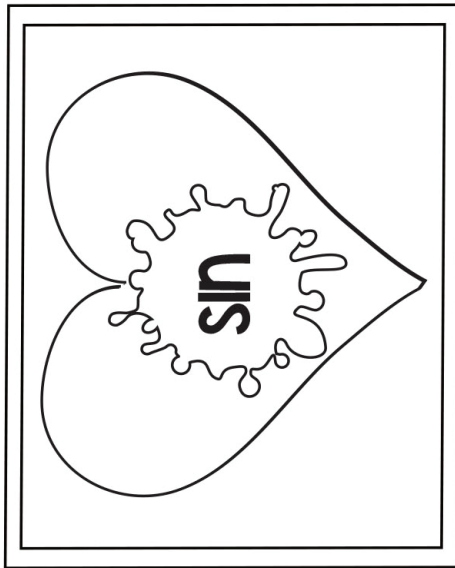
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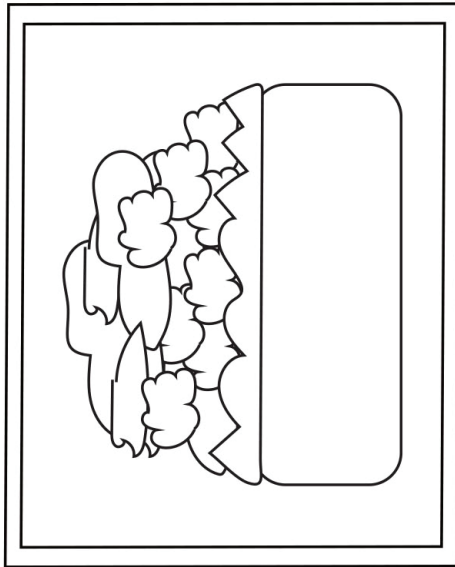
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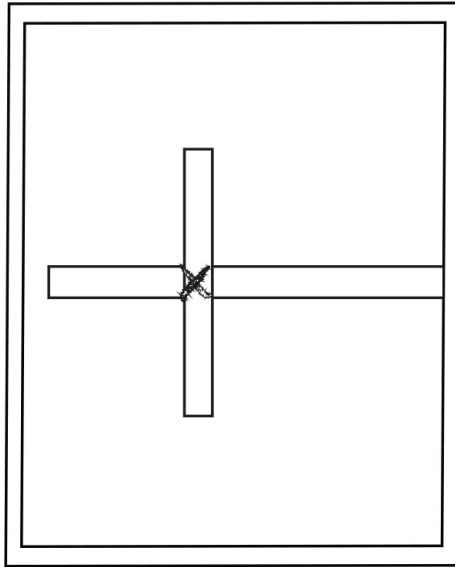
A Ladybug



A Sinful Heart



A Worship Gift



The Cross

Answer: The white clothes, the sinful heart, the worship gift and the cross belong. The rug and ladybug do not.

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God!

### Bible Truth 3 Meaning

God wants His people to love Him and live for Him. He wants them to love Him with all their heart, mind, and strength. He wants them to love others as themselves. He wants them to be holy, like He is holy. God's people want to love God and live for Him. They know that they bring glory to God when they do, and they want to bring Him glory that more than anything else. But God's people are sinners with sinful hearts. They are often afraid, weak, and tempted to disobey God. How can they ever live the lives God wants them to live? Jesus is how! God not only saved His people through Jesus, but He also promises to give them everything they need to live the lives He wants them to live through Jesus. The Bible tells us that right now in heaven, Jesus is always praying for God's people that they would glorify God and fulfill God's plans for their lives. Jesus' prayers for God's people are always answered with a yes! Jesus will always give them everything they need for life and godliness. It is His promise. What a wonderful Savior Jesus is! We can become God's people and receive all that we need to love and serve God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." -- Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

### Some Questions for You

1. What was the most important holiday that God's people celebrated long ago? *The Day of Atonement.*
2. What does the big, Bible word "atonement" mean? *Paying for sins so we can be God's people.*
3. Who could be God's people without atonement—without their sins being paid for? Why? *No one. None of us. Because we are all sinners. We all deserve God's punishment, not to be His people.*
4. What was wrong with the high priests and all the special worship gifts they gave to God? *The high priests were sinners, themselves. And the special worship gifts were not the right kind to take away the sins of God's people. They could only keep the people close to God for another year.*
5. Who was the only high priest who was perfect? *Jesus was.*
6. What special worship gift did Jesus give to God that was enough to pay for the sins of God's people? *He took his own, perfect life to pay for their sins, when He suffered and died on the cross.*
7. How do we know that God accepted Jesus' worship gift? How do we know he really paid for the sins of God's people? *Because Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. This showed that He had been beaten sin and death for God's people.*
8. Where is Jesus now? What is He doing? *Jesus went up to heaven to rule. He is there now, still ruling, and still listening to God's people pray, and praying for them, Himself. He is still making sure they have everything they need to love God and live for Him.*
9. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus is our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.
- S** Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God and live for Him, every day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 13 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org)

#### Big Q & A 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 17*

##### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all!"

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape

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##### Refrain

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

#### Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 18*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.



**Bible Story for Big Question 13, Bible Truth 3**

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**The Case of the Man in the Middle**

*Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

Dear Parents,

**Big Question #13 is:** "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" Your child is learning that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Gives God's People Everything They Need to Live for God!"

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org)•

**Listening Assignments**

**"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:**

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

I need to know:

- 1. What one Man stood in the middle between God and people, so they could become God's people? What worship gift did He offer up to God to make this happen?**
- 2. What is that Man doing even now for God's people?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Hebrews 4:15-16:**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

I need to know:

- 1. Who is the great high priest who offered the final worship gift for God's people?**
- 2. What is He doing for God's people now?**

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

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

They are: white clothes, rug, ladybug, sinful heart, worship gift, and a cross.

*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 always asking God to help God's people?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Man in the Middle***Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**Do you know what a holiday is? It's a day when people stop their work and get together to celebrate something special. What holidays can you think of? New Year's Day or 4th of July? Christmas or Easter?**

*Can you name any holidays?*

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**Well, God's people in the Bible celebrated holidays, too. Perhaps you have heard of some of them. There was the Passover, when they celebrated how the LORD rescued His people from being slaves in Egypt. the Feast of the Tabernacles, when they celebrated God taking care of His people as they crossed the dry wilderness and brought them to live in the Promised Land. These holidays were days to look back and celebrate what good things God had done for them. There was so much to celebrate! God had been so good to them!**

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**But, the Day of Atonement was the most important holiday that God's people celebrated. "Atonement" is a big, Bible word that means "paying for sins so we can be God's people." Without atonement, the people could not stay God's people. And that made the Day of Atonement the most important day of the whole year.**

**You see, God is all good. He is holy. But God's people, long ago, were sinners, just like you and me. They had all disobeyed God. They had all broken their friendship with Him. None of them deserved to be God's people. Do you know what they deserved instead?**

*Can you tell me?*

**They deserved to be forgotten by God, not loved, or helped by Him. They deserved His punishment.**

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**How could such people become God's people? Only through atonement. Only a special worship gift given to God could pay for their sins and allow them to be His people. And this wasn't even a worship gift the people could take to God, themselves! They had to have a special PERSON to take it for them to a special MEETING PLACE, in a very special WAY. The special meeting place was called the Tabernacle. It was the place of God's special presence here on earth. And the special person was called the High Priest. This was the only way they could stay near God as His people.**

**Here's the special way the high priest had to present the worship gift:**

**The high priest had to prepare himself very carefully. God was holy. He was not. He must do everything just right if he were to meet with God and his worship gift be accepted. First, he washed himself from top to bottom. Scrub, scrub, scrub!**

**Then, he went inside the Tabernacle and put on his special Atonement Day clothes, clothes that he only wore this one day of the year. He had a special, white shirt, robe, and pants. Around his waist, he wrapped a special, white belt; and, on his head, he put a special, white hat. These clothes were so special that they were always kept in the Tabernacle.**

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

After the high priest had washed and dressed like this, it was time for him to intercede (pray) for the people. The people gathered outside the Tabernacle and watched as the high priest went in and out of the Tabernacle two times. Each time, he prepared a special worship gift and took it to present to the LORD.

The first gift was for the high priest's own sin. He took it into the Tabernacle and went behind the beautiful curtain covered in cherubim at the back. This tiny room was called the Most Holy Place. In it was the Ark of the Covenant, a golden box with two, cherubim angels bending over its cover. Inside the Ark were the Ten Commandments, the 10 Big, Laws God had given through Moses for His people to obey. The Most Holy Place was where God promised to receive the high priest's worship gifts and hear him intercede for (pray) the people.

Standing in front of the Ark was like standing before God in heaven. The high priest sprinkled some of the worship gift onto the Ark, then prayed, "Forgive me, LORD, so I can come before You and pray for the people," as he offered his worship gift.

Next, the high priest went back out and prepared the worship gift for the people. Then, once more, he went into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled some of this worship gift onto the Ark. This time, he prayed for the people. "Forgive Your people's sins. Be near us. Keep us close to You, so we can be Your people another year. LORD, help Your people," he prayed, as he offered the worship gift for them.

When he finished offering these gifts, the high priest took off his white clothes and put his regular, high priest clothes back on. Then, he went outside the Tabernacle and the people watched as he offered two more worship upon the big, fiery, bronze altar that stood near the Tabernacle. These were burnt offerings, one for the high priest and one for the people. Once more, he prayed for the LORD to receive these offerings and keep them as His people.

And then it was all done... at least until the next year. The LORD had accepted the worship gifts. He had made the way for His sinful people to stay near Him as His dearly-loved people for another year. How grateful the people were for this plan that the LORD had set up! How they needed that high priest, that man in the middle! He was the only way they could stay near the LORD as His people!

For hundreds of years, God's people saw one high priest after another come and go into that Most Holy Place. Each offered the special gifts. Each prayed the special prayers asking God to be near His people, to provide for them, and to forgive their sins for another year.

Why did those high priests have to go back, year after year? Why couldn't they just go in once and make one, big worship gift for the people for all time? Well, it was because there was something wrong with every single one of those high priests and every single one of the worship gifts they offered. They weren't good enough to forgive the sins of God's people!

You see, all those men may have scrubbed their skin until it was shiny clean. They all may have worn special, white clothes. And, they all may have gone into the Most Holy Place on the right day, in just the right way. But the problem was that underneath it all, every one of those high priests had something bad in their hearts, just like everyone else. Do you know what it was?

*Can you tell me?*

It was sin! And by God's law, only a PERFECT high priest, with NO SIN, bringing a PERFECT worship gift would be good enough for God to forgive sins. Only this kind of high priest could truly intercede for the people and have God answer his prayers for the people. That's why all these high priests and their worship gifts were just tie-overs until the perfect, REAL high priest with the perfect, FINAL worship gift came. THIS high priest would put an end to the worship gifts forever. He would pray for God's people and His prayers would last forever.

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

**But WHERE would the people ever find a perfect high priest with a perfect worship gift? Was there no hope for God's people?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, there was hope! There would never be a perfect high priest or a perfect worship gift among the people, but God would send them one from heaven: His perfect Son, Jesus!**

**Yes, Jesus came from heaven to be born a baby. He was God's Son, but now he was a human, too, the son of Mary. Jesus didn't stay a baby. He grew up, up, up to be a man. And with every day of His life, Jesus always loved God and kept all of God's laws. Jesus was perfect! And because He was perfect, He could be the perfect high priest God planned Him to be. Here, at last, was the One who could be the final Middle Man. He could present a worship gift for the sins of God's people that would last forever. But where would Jesus get the needed worship gift? It had to be just as perfect as He was.**

*Do you know where Jesus would find the perfect worship gift needed?*

**There was only One who could be that perfect, worship gift. It was Jesus, Himself. Yes, Jesus would be not just the perfect high priest, but the perfect worship gift for sin, too.**

**And that's just what Jesus did, though it was so very hard. Jesus went to the cross to suffer and die. He gave His own life as the perfect worship gift, the perfect payment, for the sins of God's people, once and for all time! And, while the other high priests took their worship gifts into the Tabernacle, behind the cherubim curtain, to sprinkle on the Ark of God's presence here on earth, Jesus took His worship to a very different place. When Jesus died, He went up to heaven and stood before the real cherubim and God, His Father. And there, Jesus presented His very life as the one, final, perfect worship gift for all of God's people. And do you think God accepted it? He certainly did! Now, God's people will always be near to God as His dearly-loved people.**

**Rippppp! That beautiful curtain in front of the Most Holy Place split in two when Jesus died. The true high priest had come and made atonement. God and His people could be together now. And on the third day, Jesus proved it, when He rose from dead. God had accepted Jesus' perfect worship gift. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.**

**Then, Jesus rose up to heaven to rule. He's there, even now. And He STILL continues to be the Man in the Middle, the great high priest, for all of God's people. All day, all night, all the time, not just once a year, Jesus is interceding (praying) for them. And guess what God's answer to all of Jesus' prayers for them is?**

*Can you guess?*

**It's always "Yes and Amen!" Yes, your sins are forgiven, FOREVER! Yes, everything you need to live for God will be given, FOREVER! Yes, you will always be close to God and He will be close to you! Jesus makes sure that God's people keep on believing in and living for God their whole lives. He gives them everything they need to live for God!**

**What a wonderful high priest God's people have in Jesus! Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be the Man in the Middle that we need!**

**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 one Man stood in the middle between God and people, so they could become God's people? What worship gift did He offer up to God to make this happen?** Jesus was the man in the middle. Jesus was the final, high priest who offered up His own perfect life as the worship gift to pay for the sins of God's people.

**2. What is that Man doing even now for God's people?** He is ruling in heaven. He is carrying out His Father's good plans. He is listening to the prayers of God's people and praying for them. He is making sure they have everything they need for life and godliness.

**For You and Me:**

God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him 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 Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV:**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

I need to know:

**1. Who is the great high priest who offered the final worship gift for God's people?** Jesus was.

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**For You and Me:**

God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And, if you do, you, too, can know that He is ever praying for you. He will help you keep on believing in God and living for Him.

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

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They were: white clothes, rug, ladybug, sinful heart, worship gift, and a cross. *Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to know:

**1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?** The white clothes, sinful heart, worship gift and cross belong. The rug and the ladybug do not.

**2. Who is always asking God to help God's people?** Jesus is.

**For You and Me:**

God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And, if you do, you, too, can know that He is ever praying for you. He will help you keep on believing in God and living for Him.

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

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God!**

We need Jesus to provide us for everything we need to live for God. Why? Because we have all chosen to turn away from God. We can never please God or love Him or live for Him by ourselves. Oh, how we need a Savior!

And that's why God, in His great mercy, sent Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He gave His life to be the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Even now, He is ever listening to their prayers and praying for them from heaven. Jesus is making sure God's people have everything they need to love God and live for Him. These can be God's gifts to us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. How good God has been to us by sending Jesus!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.
- S** Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God God and live for Him, every day of our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts****P.7****Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 3 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God**

God wants His people to love Him and live for Him. He wants them to love Him with all their heart, mind, and strength. He wants them to love others as themselves. He wants them to be holy, like He is holy.

God's people want to love God and live for Him. They know that they bring glory to God when they do, and they want to bring Him glory that more than anything else. But God's people are sinners with sinful hearts. They are often afraid, weak, and tempted to disobey God. How can they ever live the lives God wants them to live?

Jesus is how! God not only saved His people through Jesus, but He also promises to give them everything they need to live the lives He wants them to live through Jesus. The Bible tells us that right now in heaven, Jesus is always praying for God's people that they would glorify God and fulfill God's plans for their lives. Jesus' prayers for God's people are always answered with a yes! Jesus will always give them everything they need for life and godliness. It is His promise. What a wonderful Savior Jesus is! We can become God's people and receive all that we need to love and serve God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

**Learn a Little** "Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need."

**Meaning**

Jesus reigns in heaven as the king over all creation and as the high priest for God's people. What does Jesus do for God's people as their high priest? He listens to their prayers and understands how hard it can be to say "no" to disobeying God. He prays for them, and He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and do all He wants them to do.

God's people know they can always pray and ask Jesus to help them. They know He loves to help them in their weakness. He loves to give them the strength they need to love God and live for Him. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will always help them! We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.
- S** Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God God and live for Him, every day of our lives.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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## Big Question 13, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

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### Bible Truth 3 Story

#### **The Case of the Man in the Middle**

*Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18*

### Songs Used in Bible Truth 3

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Let Us with Confidence Hebrews 4:16, ESV

*Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Then Draw Near Hebrews 4:16, ESV*

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## **Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft**

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### **Jesus Gives God's People Everything They Need to Live for God**

#### **Craft Description**

The children will decorate a card that God's people always have what they need to live for God, thanks to Jesus.

#### **Materials**

White paper or cardstock  
Markers or crayons  
Glitter glue/glitter and glue

#### **Preparations**

1. Print out the craft pages. The two pages print out as a two-sided card on the cardstock.
2. Fold paper along the long side.
3. Set out markers/crayons, glitter and glue.

#### **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" We've learned that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Gives God's People Everything They Need to Live for God." That's what our pictures are about today! That's something very good to know, but many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can go and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
2. Have the children color in the pictures on the front and the inside of the card.
3. Children can add glitter around the word "God" on the inside of the card and around Jesus praying (interceding from heaven) on the front of the card.
4. Let cards dry.
5. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.
6. If you have time, you can practice saying the words on the card and opening it up and showing the answer.

#### **Discussion**

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about. Make sure to tell the children that we become God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

#### **Craft Wrap-Up:**

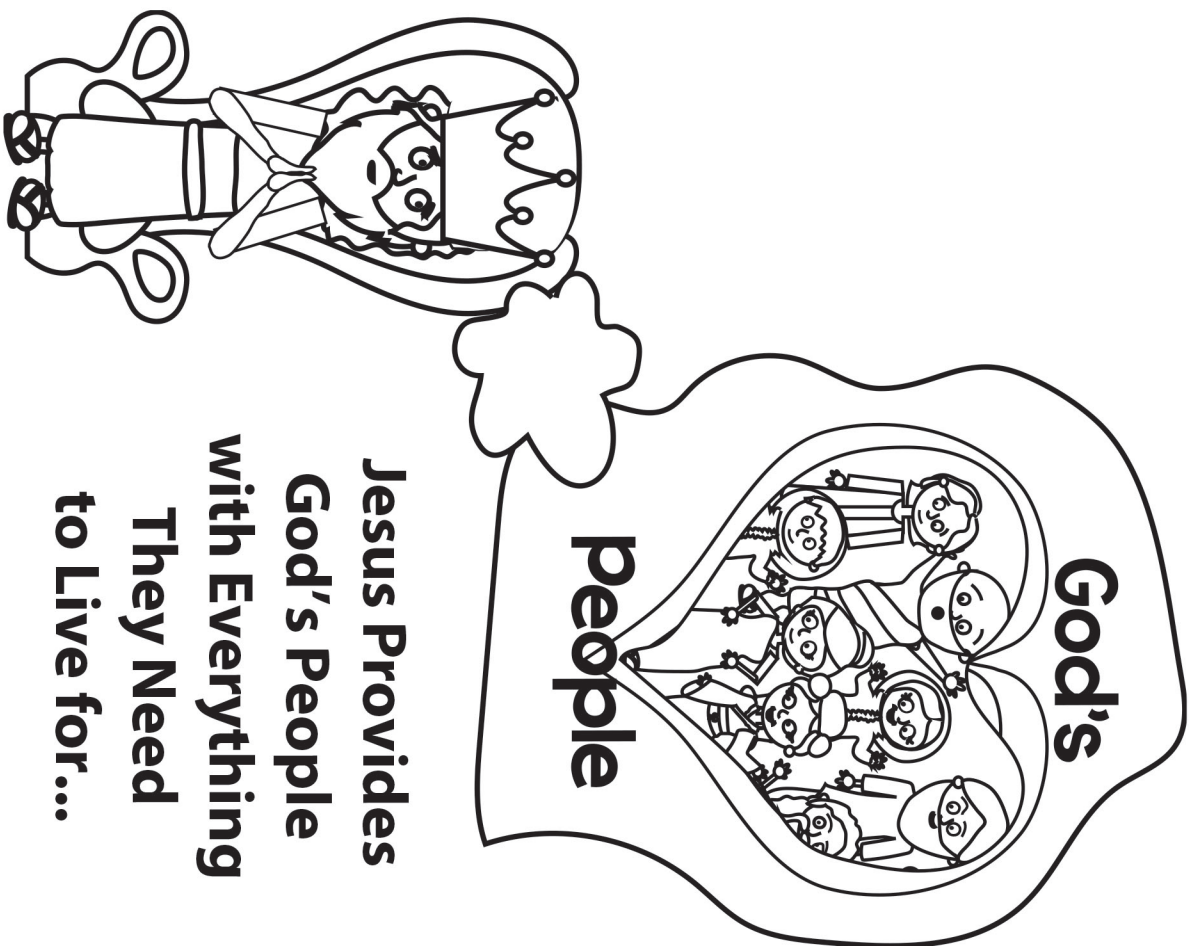
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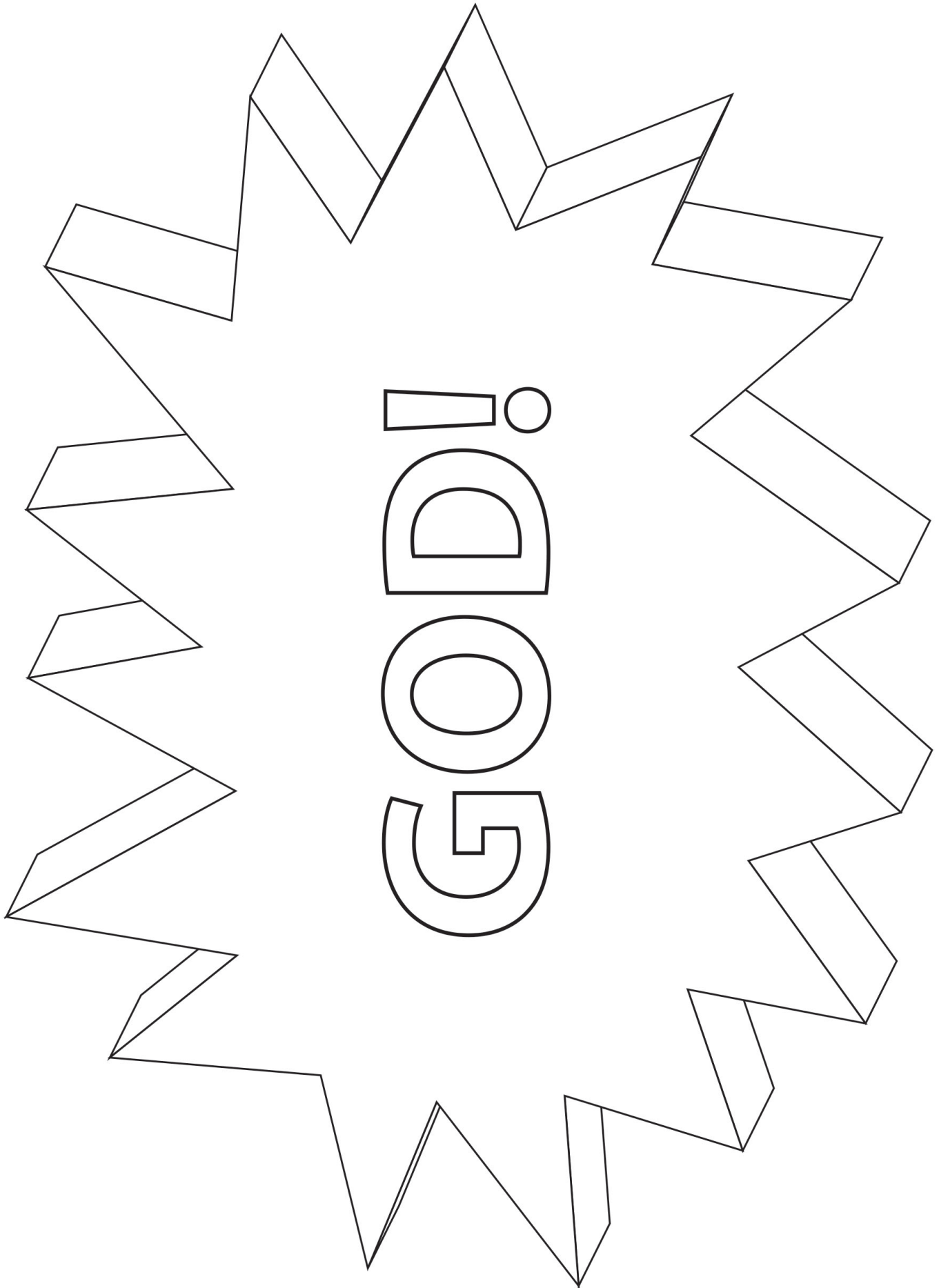


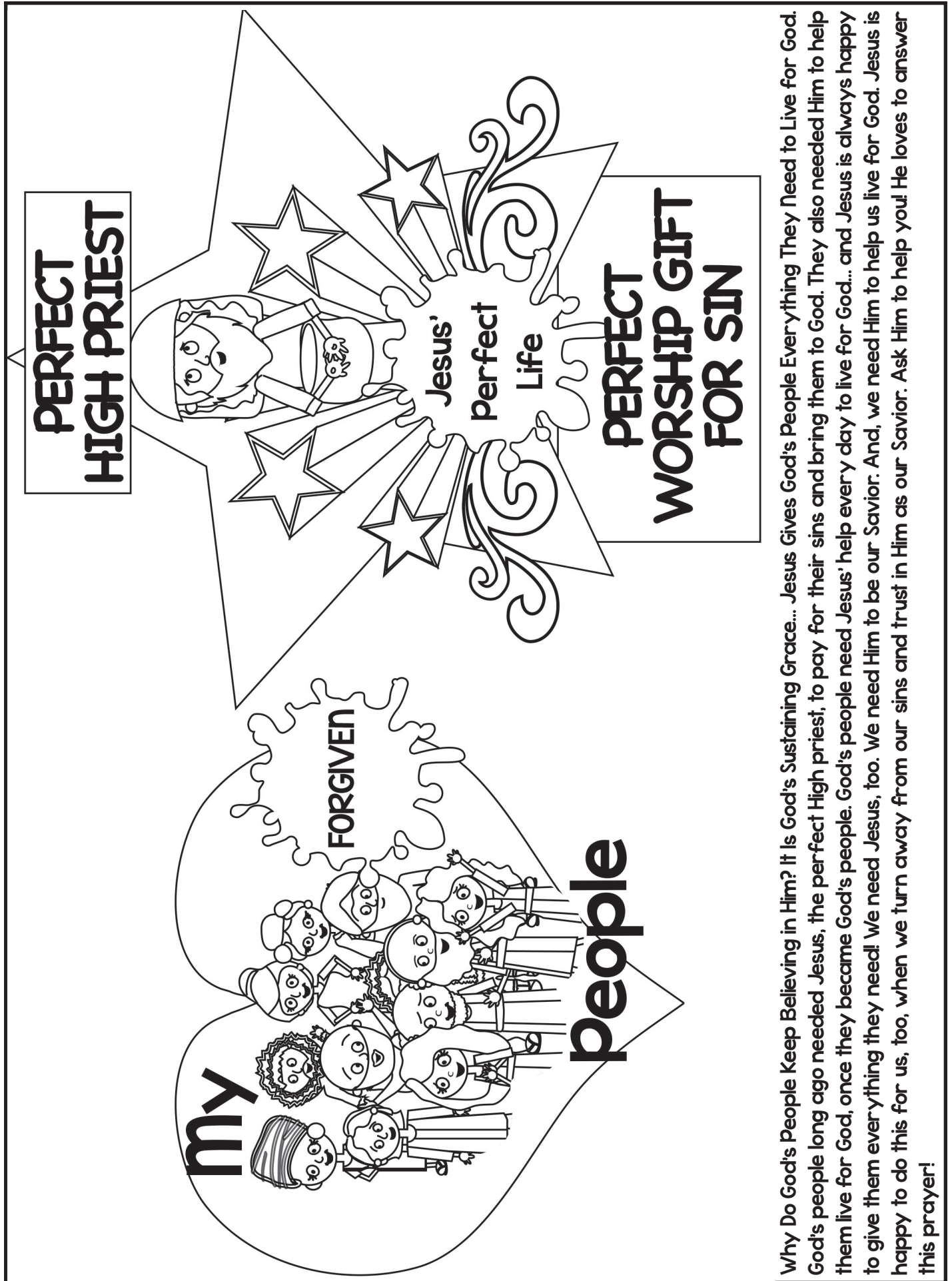
## Why do God's people keep believing in Him?

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."  
-- Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!  
He loves to answer this prayer!







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### The Case of the Man in the Middle Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children.  
Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org).

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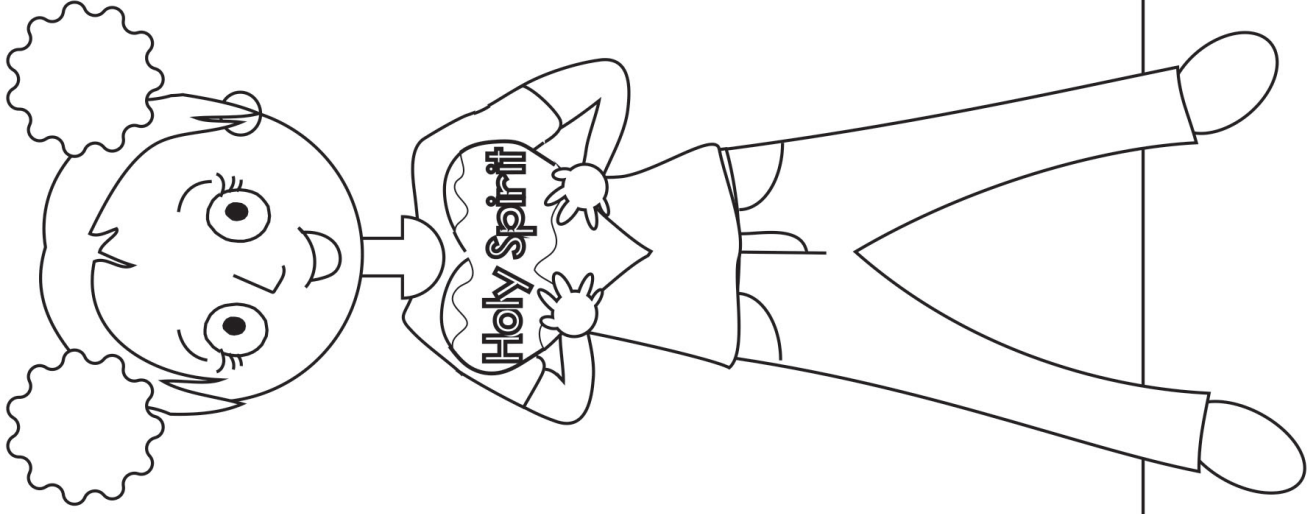
**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4:**  
**Why Do God's People Keep**  
**Believing in Him?**  
**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**The Holy Spirit Works**

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**of God's People!**

**HINT: This word is the opposite of "outside." It starts with an "l" and it rhymes with "thin slide."**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1



**Big Question 13** : Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!

### Bible Truth 4 Meaning

God created all people with a special heart, deep inside of them. It's different from the heart in your body that pumps blood and you feel beating. This special heart is invisible, but it's the part of you that lives forever and can know God. In the Bible, this special heart is also called our spirit. The sad news is that the beautiful, special heart that God gave us is broken with sin. Yes, we have all chosen to turn away from God and disobey Him. We deserve His punishment, not His friendship. But there's good news, too! God's Holy Spirit can work in our heart and change it. He does this when we listen to God's Word and when we pray. He can help us see our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And when we do, He makes our heart clean and new, able to know God and want to love and serve Him. And that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does inside us when we become God's people. He goes on working in our hearts, making the most amazing changes. He helps us know God and want to live for Him more and more. He gives us wisdom to understand God's Word and boldness to tell others about Him. He helps us turn away from anger, jealousy, hatred, and pride. He grows love, peace, patience, kindness, joy, goodness, and self-control in their place. What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit is! God's people would never be able to keep on loving God and living for Him, if the Holy Spirit didn't live inside them. The Holy Spirit can come and live in our hearts, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." --2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

### Some Questions for You

1. What is the name of the special heart that God created all people with? *A spirit.*
2. What does this special heart do? *This special heart is the part of us that lives forever and can know God.*
3. What is in the special heart God gave us that caused it to be broken? *Sin.*
4. Who can work in our broken heart and change it? *God's Holy Spirit.*
5. How does the Holy Spirit working in our hearts and change it? *He works in our hearts when we listen to God's word and when we pray. He can help us see our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*
6. What kind of changes does the Holy Spirit make in our heart when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? *He makes our hearts clean and new, able to know God and wanting to know and serve Him.*
7. How else does the Holy Spirit go on working in the hearts of God's people? *He gives us wisdom to know God's word and boldness to tell others about them. He helps them to turn away from sin and fills them with love, peace, patience, and many other good things.*
8. How can we become God's people who have the Holy Spirit live inside of us? *When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** Holy Spirit, we praise You for the way You can powerfully work in our hearts, changing us from the inside out.
- C** God, we confess that many times we are proud, jealous, envious, and hateful. We need Jesus to save us. We need Your Holy Spirit to replace with humility and love. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, Holy Spirit, for being stronger than any of our sins. Thank You for being able to work powerfully in our hearts and truly change us.
- S** Holy Spirit, work in our hearts, help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill our heart with Your good ways. Make us joyful, peaceful, kind, patience, self-controlled, joyful, loving, and good. Give us wisdom and make us bold and strong to do God's will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

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**Big Q & A 13 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 12* (adapted version of "On Top of Old Smoky")

Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

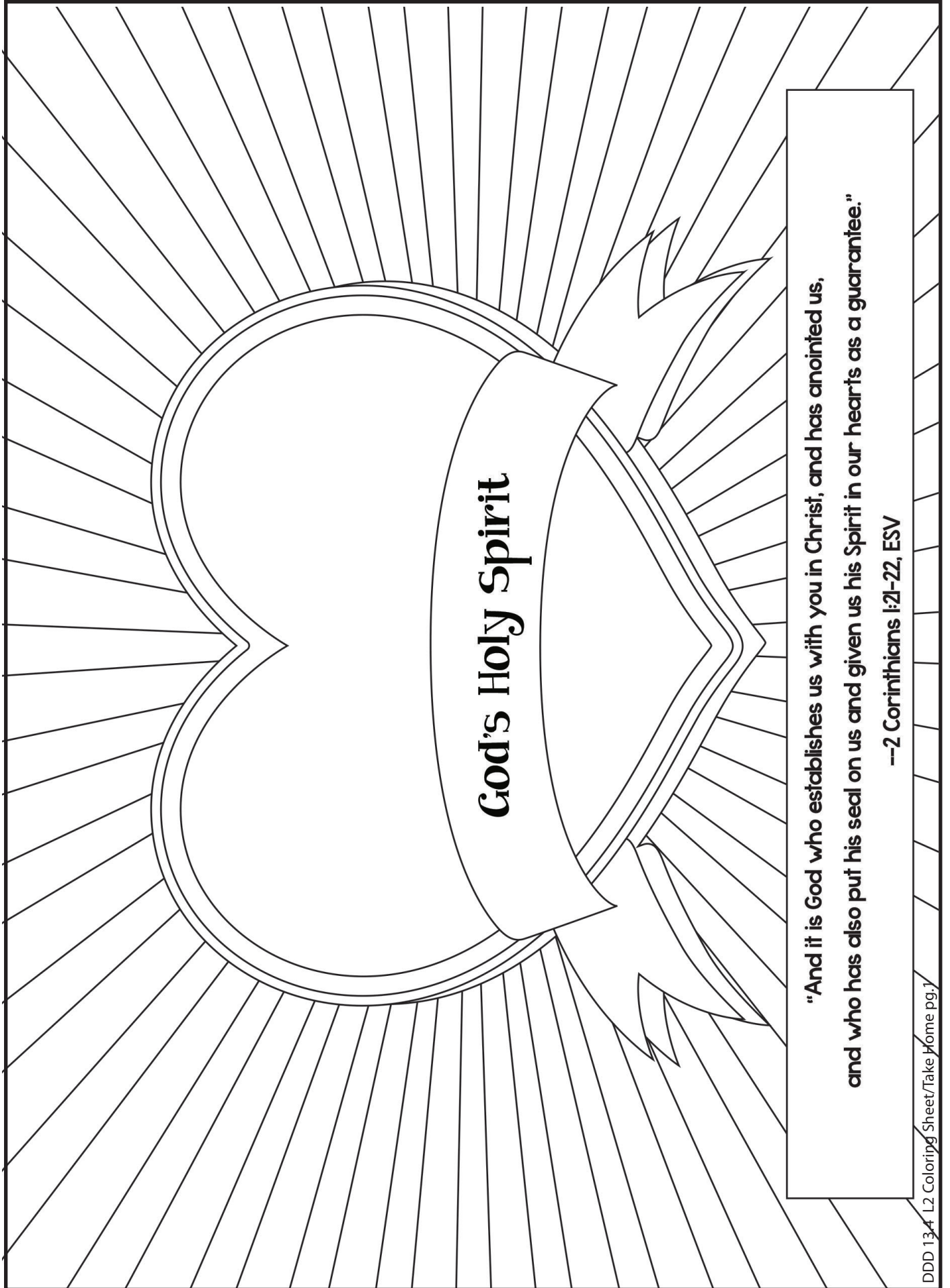
**Big Question 13 Action Rhyme Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 13*

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
What keeps them going? Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

**Refrain**  
That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them  
As they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith  
to keep in trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him  
to the very end. *Refrain*





**God's Holy Spirit**

**"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."  
--2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV**

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2



**Big Question 13** : Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!

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

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." --2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

**Learn a Little:** "God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts."

### Meaning

God's people keep on believing in God because God, Himself, establishes them. That means He makes sure they keep on standing firm in their trust in Him. Jesus is the Christ. He's the special one sent by God to save sinners and make them God's people forever. It's because of Jesus that God's people stand firm in their faith. Jesus bought them with His blood. He paid for them and owns them. They will always stand firm in the faith because no one can ever take them away from Him. They will be God's dearly-loved people forever. And as His people, forgiven through Jesus, God gives them another, most wonderful gift: He puts His Holy Spirit in their hearts. The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. He reminds them that they belong to God and one day will go to live with Him forever. God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Some Questions for You

1. What does Christ mean? Who is He? *Christ means special sent one from God. Jesus is the Christ, God's special Sent One who would be the Savior of God's people.*
2. What does establish mean? *To establish something means to make something happen so that it stays that way.*
3. Who did God send to make people like you and me His dearly-loved people and keep us this way forever? *Jesus, the Christ, the special Savior God sent to save us from our sins.*
4. Who do God's people belong to? Who owns them? *God does! How wonderful!*
5. Who does God send to live in the hearts of His people, helping them to keep on believing in Him, loving Him, and living for Him forever? *His Holy Spirit.*
6. How can we become God's people? How can we be His forever and enjoy His Holy Spirit living in our hearts? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

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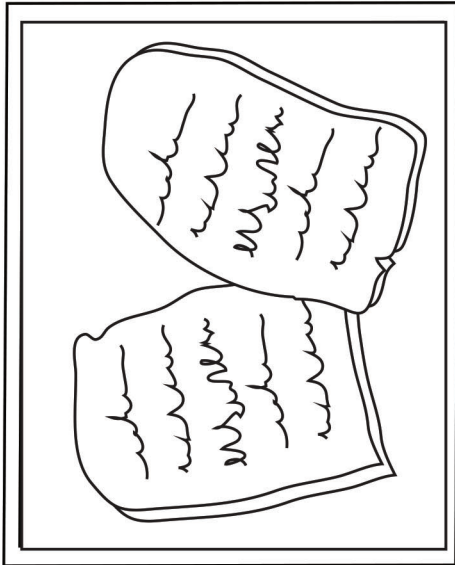
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**It Is God Who Establishes Us with You: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 27**

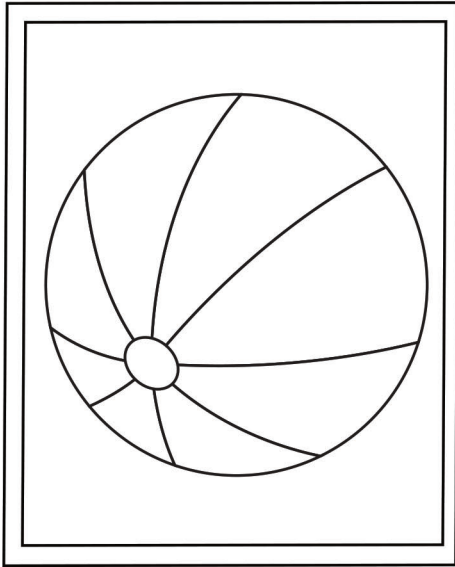
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,  
And given us, given us,  
His Spirit in our hearts. (Sing it again! Faster!)

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
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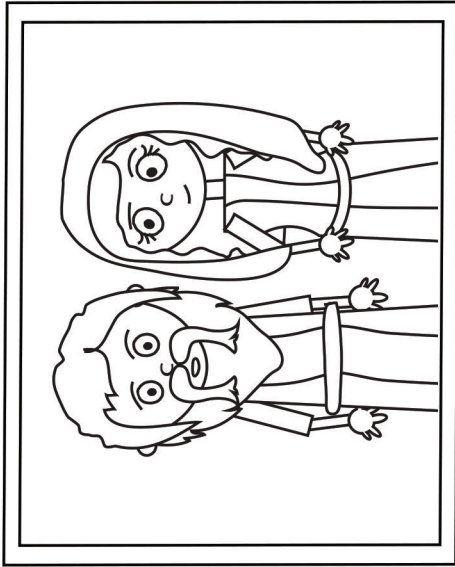
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



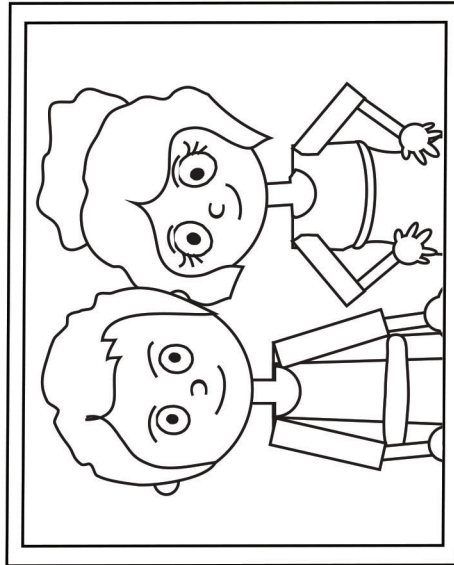
God's Word



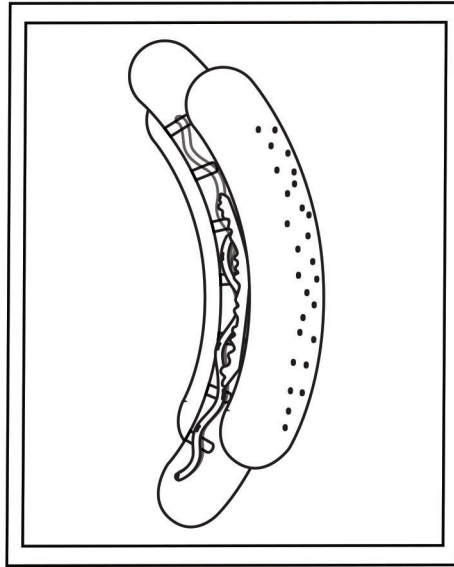
A Beach Ball



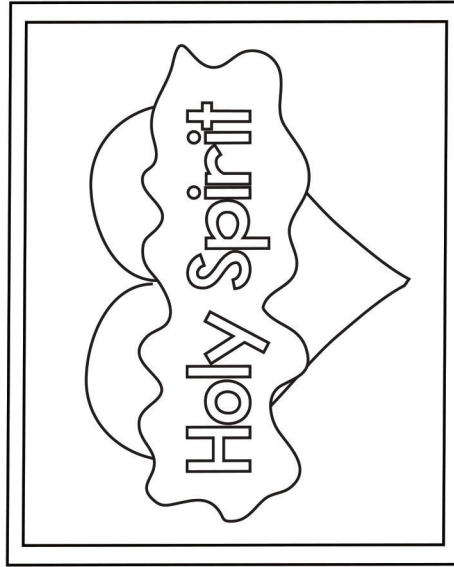
Jews



Gentiles



A Hot dog



The Holy Spirit in a Heart

Answer: God's laws, the Jew, the Gentile, and the Holy Spirit in a heart belong. The beach ball and the hot dog do not.

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3



**Big Question 13** : Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!

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### Some Questions for You

1. Who were Jews and what did they grow up doing? *People who grew up hearing and obeying God's Word.*
2. What did the Jews tried to do to please God? *They tried to please Him by keeping all of His good laws.*
3. Could the Jews really please God by keeping all of his good laws? *No, they could not! None of them could keep God's laws perfectly, which is the only way we can please God by keeping His laws.*
4. *Who kept all of God's good laws perfectly? Who did the Jews need to put their trust in? Jesus kept God's laws perfectly. The Jews needed to put their trust in Him as their Savior.*
5. What is a Gentile? What did they grow up doing? *Gentiles were people who didn't grow up knowing God's Word or obeying his laws. They worshipped fake gods and did what pleased them.*
6. *Who came to live inside these Jews and Gentiles to help them love God and live for Him? God's Holy Spirit.*
7. What happened when the new believers who had been Gentiles and Jews started gathering together as a church? *They started to go back to their old ways of living. The Gentiles started doing some of the bad things they used to do when they worshipped fake gods. The Jews started to think everyone needed to live like a Jew. Everyone was forgetting the good news of Jesus that saved them.*
8. *What did Paul remind the Galatians to do? What did Paul remind the Galatians when he wrote them? Only by believing in Jesus could they be saved. Only by the Holy Spirit in their hearts could they know and live for God.*
9. *How can we know God and live for Him? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

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### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 17*

##### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

##### Refrain

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape  
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#### Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 18*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

**The Case of the Foolish Forgetters***Galatians*

Dear Parents,

**Big Question #13 is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"** Your child is learning that It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question can be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org)•

**Listening Assignments**

**"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:**

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

I need to know:

**Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well... and something bad happens.**

- 1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?**
- 2. What did they forget?**

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

**Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV:**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

I need to know:

- 1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?**
- 2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God?**

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

They are: God's laws, a beach ball, a Jew, a Gentile, a hot dog, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.

*Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?**
- 2. What did the Galatian believers need to confess to God? Who did they need to turn back to depending upon?**

**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.*

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

**I'm sorry to say that it was BAD news! Things had started out well in the little churches of Galatia, but they had not stayed that way. Bad teachers had come in. "Paul has it wrong," they told the believers. "Gentiles have to trust in Jesus AND live by the Jews' old laws, if they are to be God's people," they taught. The believers in the little churches were so confused. Some started believing these bad teachers and began to leave Paul and the good news of Jesus behind! Oh, no!**

**Paul was worried and angry when he heard what was going on. Would everyone in Galatia forget the good news of Jesus? He wanted to protect the little churches from these bad teachers! But what could he do?**

*Can you guess?*

**Something must be done, and Paul wasted no time in doing it. He sat down and wrote a letter to remind them of the truths he had taught them. Paul gave the letter to a messenger, and said, "Quick, take this letter to the churches in Galatia!"**

**Then, up mountains, down valleys. Through forests, along winding rivers, the messenger went with Paul's letter to the Galatians.**

**"You foolish Galatians! Don't listen to those bad teachers!" Paul told them. "Don't go back to your old way of living! It didn't make you happy. It didn't make you right with God, or help you live for Him. No, the fruit of your old life was unhappiness and all kinds of sin!" Paul exclaimed.**

**"Only faith in Jesus can make you right with God. And, only the Holy Spirit living in your heart can help you know God and live for Him," Paul reminded them.**

**"Go back to the real gospel! Keep trusting in Jesus," Paul urged the believers. "And keep in step with the Holy Spirit whom God has put in your hearts! He's the One who changes you from the inside," Paul explained. "The fruit of the Holy Spirit is so different from the fruit of your old way of living. His fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control. There will never be a law against the good things that the Holy Spirit gives us! He helps us to keep on living for God."**

**Paul**

**Would the little churches forget the gospel and fall apart, or would God sustain them? Would the Holy Spirit use Paul's words to help these believers?**

*What do you think?*

**Paul learned the answer a few years later he travelled with Timothy and Silas back up the mountains, down the valleys, through the forests, and along the winding rivers to Galatia once more. He rejoiced to find believers gathering together still. He preached God's Word to them, and the Holy Spirit strengthened their hearts! God had been faithful to sustain His people and He always will be!**

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

**But Paul's good news wasn't just for the Jews in Galatia. It was for the Gentiles who lived there, too. The Gentiles who didn't know God's Word or His laws. they had grown up worshipping fake gods, like Hermes and Zeus. They gave their worship gifts to these fake gods and honored them with wild, worship parties and other bad things. How far from the LORD were these Gentiles! Oh, how would they ever please Him, the one, true God, if they kept worshipping these fake gods and doing these bad things?**

*Do you know how?*

**It was through Jesus!**

**So, Paul told the good news of Jesus to all the Gentiles who would listen, "Your gods are fake gods. I've come to tell you about the LORD, one, true God!" Paul told them. "HE is the One who created this whole world. He created you. He's the One who gives you food to eat and all the other things that you enjoy," Paul explained. "And now, He's sent His Son, Jesus, to save you from your sins and give you eternal life. Come, know the living God! Turn away from your fake gods and your sins! Put your trust in Jesus and be saved!" Paul exclaimed.**

**Hmmm.... This was very, VERY different from anything these Gentiles had heard before. Could the LORD be the one, true God? Could Jesus really be His Son, sent to save them? Could they really be forgiven their sins and have eternal life with God? This was a lot to think about. Would they believe this good news Paul preached this day?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, they would! The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many Gentiles that day. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He filled their hearts with joy and gave them power to live a new life for God, just He had in the Jewish believers. How happy these Gentiles were that Jesus had saved them! How much better it was to have the Holy Spirit working inside them, helping them know God and live for Him! How glad they were to be free from worshipping fake gods and trying to find happiness in their old, hopeless way of living. Yay!**

**These new believers began to gather together to hear God's Word and encourage each other in the wonderful, good news they had come to believe. Once they had been Jews and Gentiles. Now, they were believers in Jesus, brothers and sisters together in God's family. Soon there were little churches: in Lystra, Derbe, Iconium and other cities-- all over Galatia. How Paul happy was!**

**Up mountain, down valley. Through forests, along winding rivers, went Paul with Silas again. They were leaving Galatia to tell other people, in other places, the good news of Jesus. But even though Paul left the land of Galatia far behind, he never forgot the little churches of believers gathering together there. He prayed for them and longed to hear news about them. Oh, how he hoped they were doing well and growing in the Lord!**

**One day, the news Paul was waiting for came. Would it be good news or bad news?**

*What do you think?*

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"You foolish Galatians! Don't listen to those bad teachers!" Paul told them. "Don't go back to your old way of living! It didn't make you happy. It didn't make you right with God, or help you live for Him. No, the fruit of your old life was unhappiness and all kinds of sin!" Paul exclaimed.

"Only faith in Jesus can make you right with God. And, only the Holy Spirit living in your heart can help you know God and live for Him," Paul reminded them.

"Go back to the real gospel! Keep trusting in Jesus," Paul urged the believers. "And keep in step with the Holy Spirit whom God has put in your hearts! He's the One who changes you from the inside," Paul explained. "The fruit of the Holy Spirit is so different from the fruit of your old way of living. His fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control. There will never be a law against the good things that the Holy Spirit gives us! He helps us to keep on living for God."

**Paul**

Would the little churches forget the gospel and fall apart, or would God sustain them? Would the Holy Spirit use Paul's words to help these believers?

*What do you think?*

Paul learned the answer a few years later he travelled with Timothy and Silas back up the mountains, down the valleys, through the forests, and along the winding rivers to Galatia once more. He rejoiced to find believers gathering together still. He preached God's Word to them, and the Holy Spirit strengthened their hearts! God had been faithful to sustain His people and He always will be!



**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:**

**Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well... and something bad happens.**

**1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?** The new believers in the church in Galatia. They were obeying new, bad teachers who weren't teaching them the good news of Jesus.

**2. What did they forget?** They forgot that only by trusting in Jesus could they please God. They forgot that only by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts did they love God and live for Him.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Galatia, we need God's help if we are to live for Him. We can never do this on our own. But the good news is that we don't have to! God promises to forgive all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He promises to give the Holy Spirit to them. He will live in their hearts and help them live for God. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV:**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**I need to find out:**

**1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?** They forgot to depend on God and the good gifts of salvation and life that He gives them through Jesus.

**2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God? The Holy Spirit.**

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Galatia, we need God's help if we are to live for Him. We can never do this on our own. But the good news is that we don't have to! God promises to forgive all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He promises to give the Holy Spirit to them. He will live in their hearts and help them live for God. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

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

Our six clues were: God's laws, a beach ball, a Jew, a Gentile, a hot dog, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.

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

God's laws, the Jew, the Gentile, and the Holy Spirit in a heart belong. The beach ball and the hot dog do not.

**2. What did the Galatian believers need to confess to God? Who did they need to turn back to depending upon?**

That they had turned away from trusting in Jesus to make them right with God, and in the Holy Spirit to help them love God and live for Him. Instead, they were depending on themselves and trying to obey God's laws. They needed to turn back to depending upon Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

**For You and Me:**

Like the believers in Galatia, we, too, need to put our trust in Jesus. He alone can save us. And His Holy Spirit living in our hearts is the only One who can help us truly live for God. We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to put His Holy Spirit in our hearts and help us live for God.

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

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace!**

**The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!**

Both Jews and Gentiles needed Jesus to be their Savior. They were all sinners who deserved God's punishment we can never please Him by their own goodness. Both Jews and Gentiles needed the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. They needed Jesus to die on the cross for their sins. They needed Him to rise from the dead on the third day in victory over sin and death for them. And, they both needed Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them love God and live for Him. This was the only way that they could be God's people and live as God's people. And, it's the only way we can be God's people too: by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** Holy Spirit, we praise You for the way You can powerfully work in our hearts, changing us from the inside out.
- C** God, we confess that many times we are proud, jealous, envious, and hateful. We need Jesus to save us. We need Your Holy Spirit to replace with humility and love. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, Holy Spirit, for being stronger than any of our sins. Thank You for being able to work powerfully in our hearts and truly change us.
- S** Holy Spirit, work in our hearts, help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill our heart with Your good ways. Make us joyful, peaceful, kind, patience, self-controlled, joyful, loving, and good. Give us wisdom and make us bold and strong to do God's will.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 4 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!**

God created all people with a special heart, deep inside of them. It's different from the heart in your body that pumps blood and you feel beating. This special heart is invisible, but it's the part of you that lives forever and can know God. In the Bible, this special heart is also called our spirit.

The sad news is that the beautiful, special heart that God gave us is broken with sin. Yes, we have all chosen to turn away from God and disobey Him. We deserve His punishment, not His friendship.

But there's good news, too! God's Holy Spirit can work in our heart and change it. He does this when we listen to God's Word and when we pray. He can help us see our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And when we do, He makes our heart clean and new, able to know God and want to love and serve Him.

And that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does inside us when we become God's people. He goes on working in our hearts, making the most amazing changes. He helps us know God and want to live for Him more and more. He gives us wisdom to understand God's Word and boldness to tell others about Him. He helps us turn away from anger, jealousy, hatred, and pride. He grows love, peace, patience, kindness, joy, goodness, and self-control in their place. What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit is! God's people would never be able to keep on loving God and living for Him, if the Holy Spirit didn't live inside them. The Holy Spirit can come and live in our hearts, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**Learn a Little** "God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts."

**Meaning**

God's people keep on believing in God because God, Himself, establishes them. That means He makes sure they keep on standing firm in their trust in Him. Jesus is the Christ. He's the special one sent by God to save sinners and make them God's people forever. It's because of Jesus that God's people stand firm in their faith. Jesus bought them with His blood. He paid for them and owns them. They will always stand firm in the faith because no one can ever take them away from Him. They will be God's dearly-loved people forever. And as His people, forgiven through Jesus, God gives them another, most wonderful gift: He puts His Holy Spirit in their hearts.

The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. He reminds them that they belong to God and one day will go to live with Him forever.

God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Big Question 13, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts****p.8****Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer**

- A** Holy Spirit, we praise You for the way You can powerfully work in our hearts, changing us from the inside out.
- C** God, we confess that many times we are proud, jealous, envious, and hateful. We need Jesus to save us. We need Your Holy Spirit to replace with humility and love. We need a Savior!
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**Bible Truth 4 Story****The Case of the Foolish Forgetters***Galatians***Songs Used in Bible Truth 4**

Big Q &amp; A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)**Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: It Is God Who Establishes Us with You 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

*Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: And It Is God 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV**Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV**Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: The Fruit Galatians 5:22,25, ESV**Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV**Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV**Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV*listen to or download songs for free at <https://praisefactory.org>: Deep Down Detectives Music page

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## **Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft**

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### **The Holy Spirit Helps God's People on the Inside**

#### **Craft Description**

The children will create a flip book reminding them that the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of God's people.

#### **Materials**

White paper or cardstock (Cardstock STRONGLY recommended)

Markers or crayons

Stapler and staples

Glue

#### **Preparations**

1. Print out the craft pages onto two white pieces of paper/cardstock.
2. Set out coloring supplies.

#### **Introducing the Craft:**

"Our Big Question is: 'Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?' We've learned that 'It Is God's Sustaining Grace....The Holy Spirit Lives Inside of God's People.' That's something very good to know. But many people don't know it! So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. Today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### **Directions**

1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them and showing them how to open the three flaps to reveal the changed person on the inside.
2. Have the children color in the pictures on both sides of the paper.
3. Staple the pages together dashed lines as indicated on front. **MAKE SURE TO LINE UP LINES BEFORE SECURING!**
4. Cut along horizontal lines to separate the three sections.
5. Fold along to enhance the opening of each flap.
6. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

#### **Discussion**

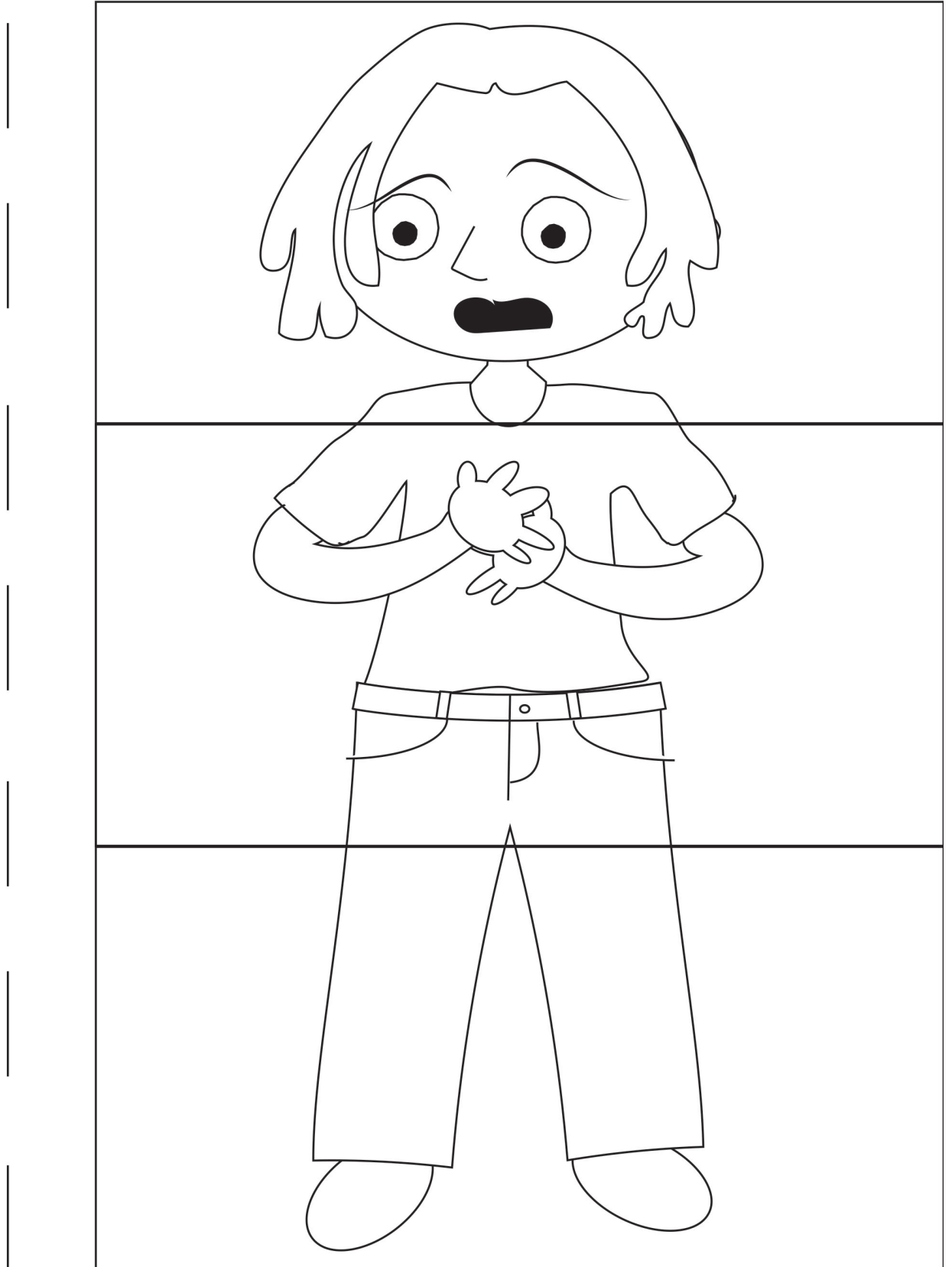
This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

#### **Craft Wrap-Up:**

"At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today: The Holy Spirit lives inside of God's people! We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."

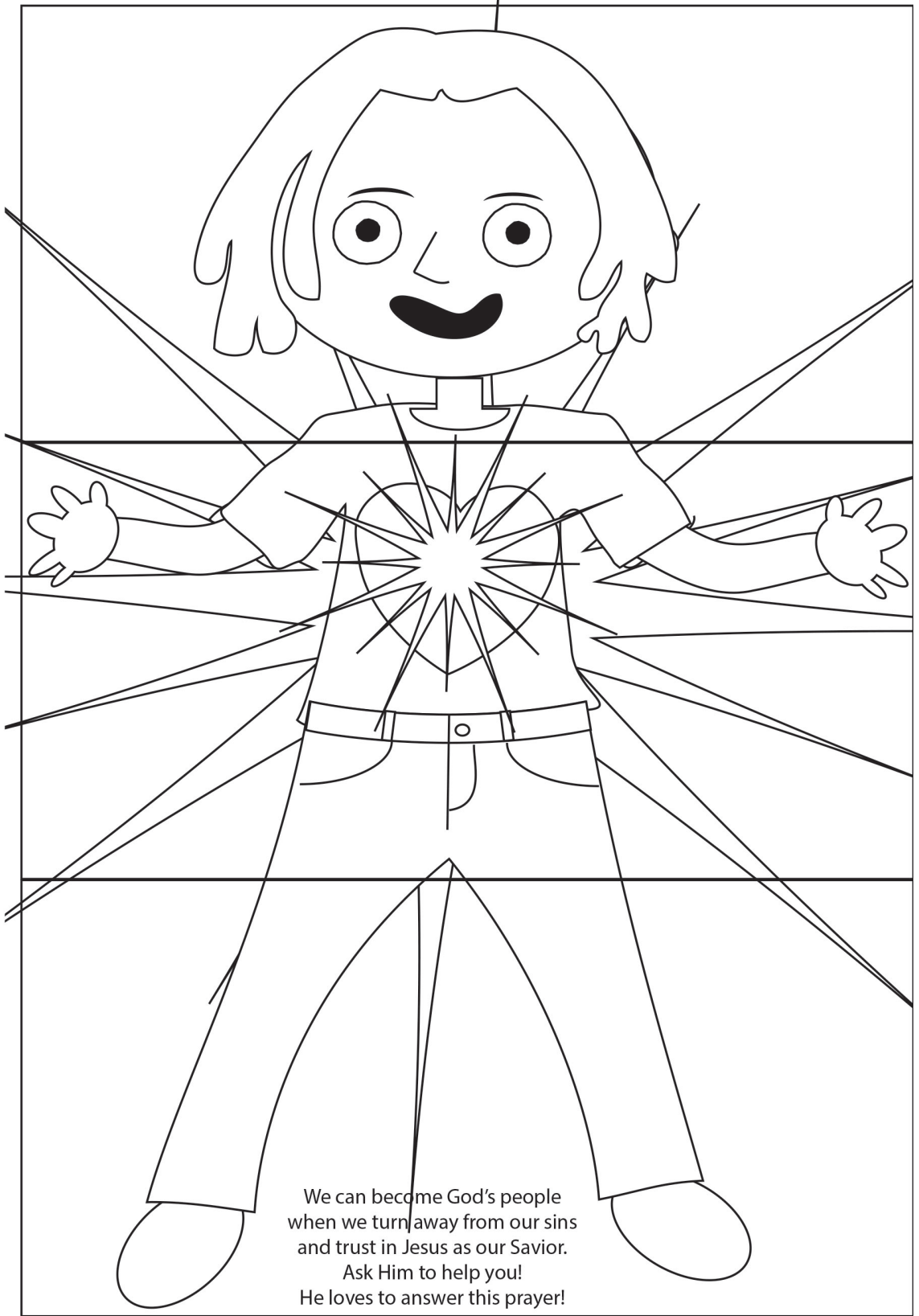


**The Holy Spirit works INSIDE of God's people, helping them believe in God!!  
He changes them from scared to brave! From weak to strong!**



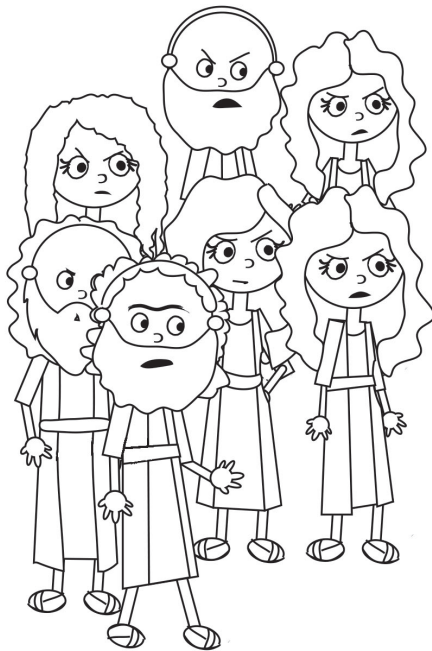
**“And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,  
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**--2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV**

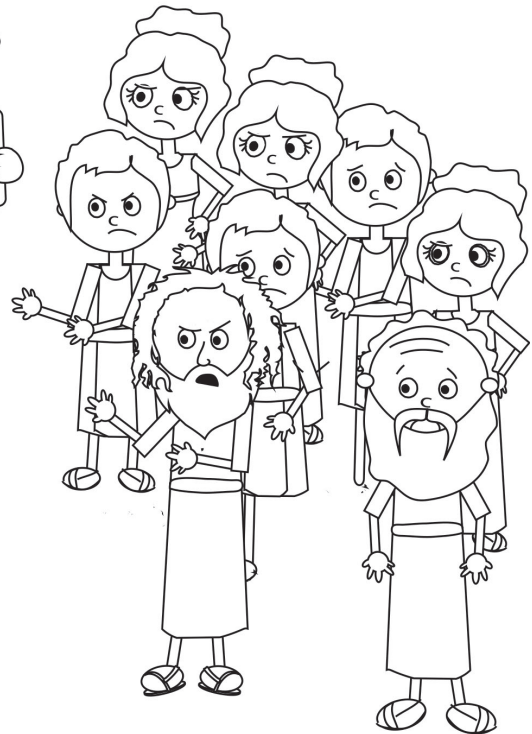
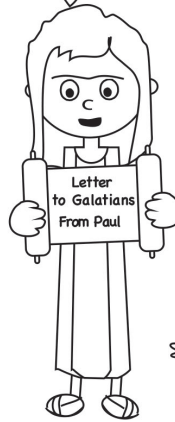


We can become God's people  
when we turn away from our sins  
and trust in Jesus as our Savior.  
Ask Him to help you!  
He loves to answer this prayer!





## Upset Jewish Christians



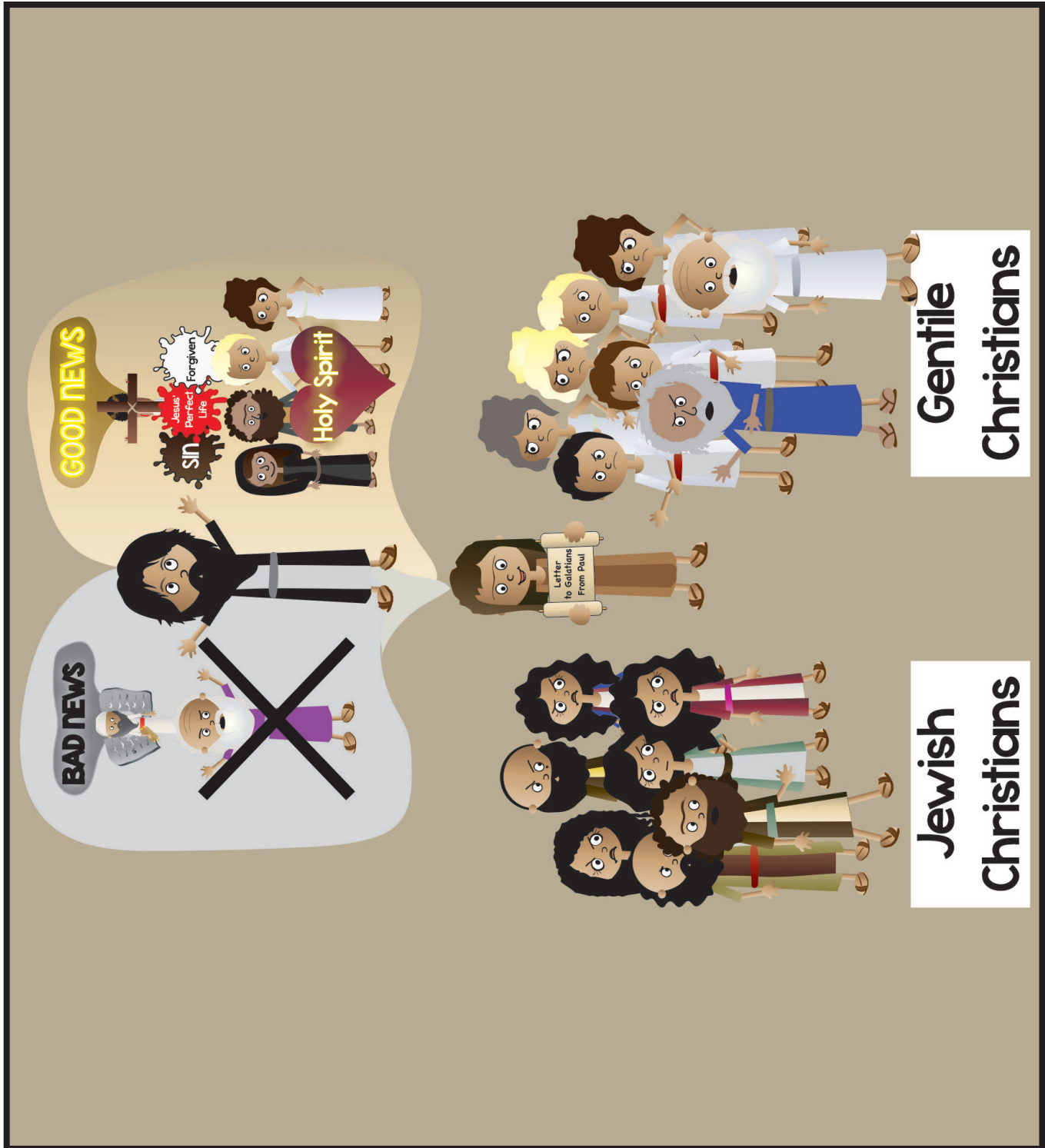
## Upset Gentile Christians

Our Big Question is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" We've learned that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!" Bad teachers had come in and confused the Jewish and Gentile believers in Galatia. They were forgetting the gospel. They weren't loving each other. Paul sent them a letter urging them to turn away from these bad teachers. He wanted them to remember the good news of Jesus that saved them. And the good work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts to change them and help them live for God. Like the believers in Galatia, we, too, need to put our trust in Jesus. He alone can save us. And His Holy Spirit living in our hearts is the only One who can help us truly live for God. We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to put His Holy Spirit in our hearts and help us live for God.

### The Case of the Foolish Forgetters Jigsaw Puzzle Page Galatians

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children.  
Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org).

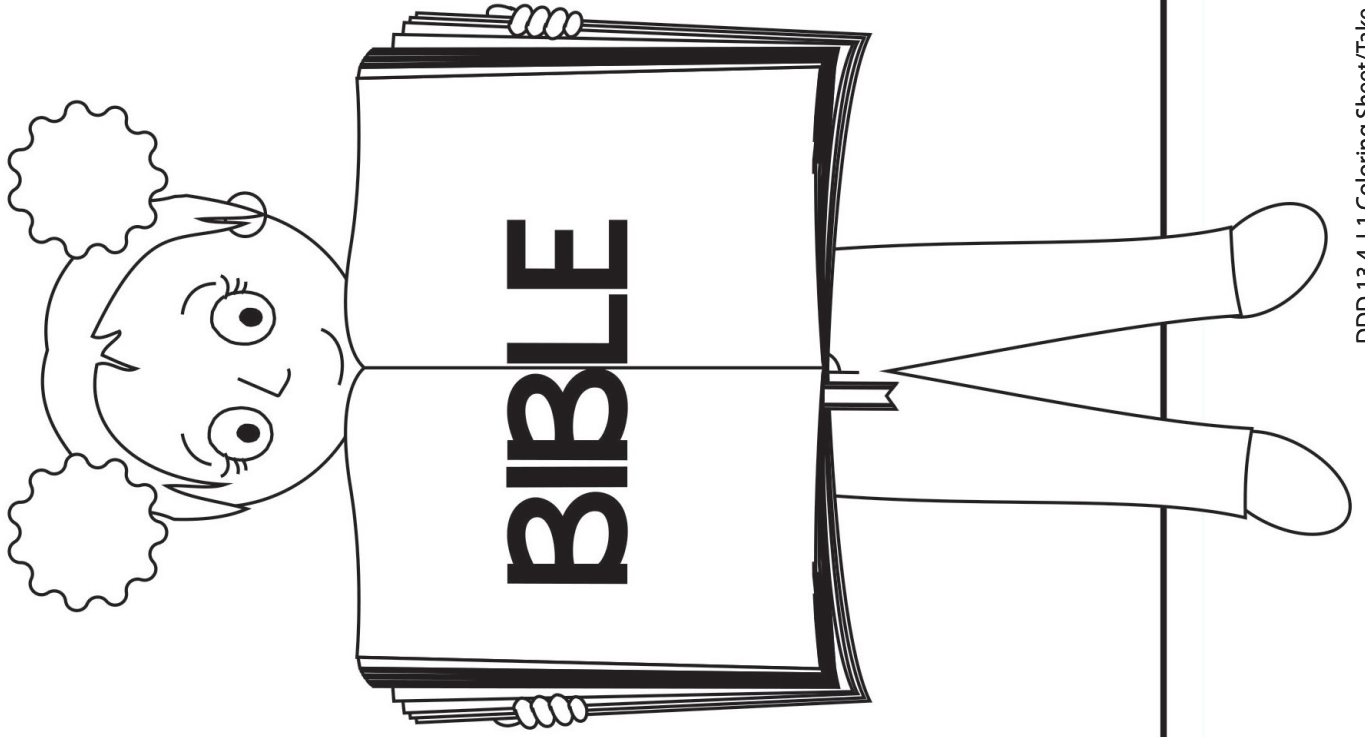
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**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 5:**  
**Why Do God's People Keep**  
**Believing in Him?**  
**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**The ----- of God Feeds God's People!'**

**HINT: The Bible is called "God's ----?"**  
**It starts with a "w" and it rhymes**  
**with "heard."**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 1



**Big Question 13** : Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People!

### Bible Truth 5 Meaning

When your body is hungry you feed it food. The food makes your body strong to do what you need it to do. But did you know that the spirit God put inside our bodies needs to be fed, too? Not hamburgers or hot dogs, but a spiritual kind of food. What is this spiritual food? It's the Word of God, the Bible. When God's people read God's Word, the Holy Spirit uses it to feed their spirits. He uses it to help them know God better, to guide them in God's will, and to give them strength to do whatever God wants them to do. And just like our bodies work best if we feed them each day, God's people know that it is best for their spirits if they read and think about God's Word every day. They know that God uses His Word to sustain them, even through the most difficult times. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will use His Word to help us to keep on loving and living for Him, too.

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

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." --Romans 15:4, ESV

### Some Questions for You

1. What does our body need to grow strong? *Food.*
2. What does our spirit need to grow strong? *God's Word, the Bible.*
3. Who helps God's people grow strong as they read the Bible? *The Holy Spirit.*
4. How does the Holy Spirit use God's Word to make His people strong? *He uses it to help them know God better, to guide them in God's will, and to give them strength to do whatever God wants them to do.*
5. Why is it good for God's people to take time to read the Bible each day? *Every day, God's people need His help to live for them. They know God uses His Word to help them do this. He helps them be ready for whatever each day brings.*
6. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.
- S** God, use Your Word to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and love You better as we read it. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to understand Your Word and live it out.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 13 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 12* (adapted version of "On Top of Old Smoky")

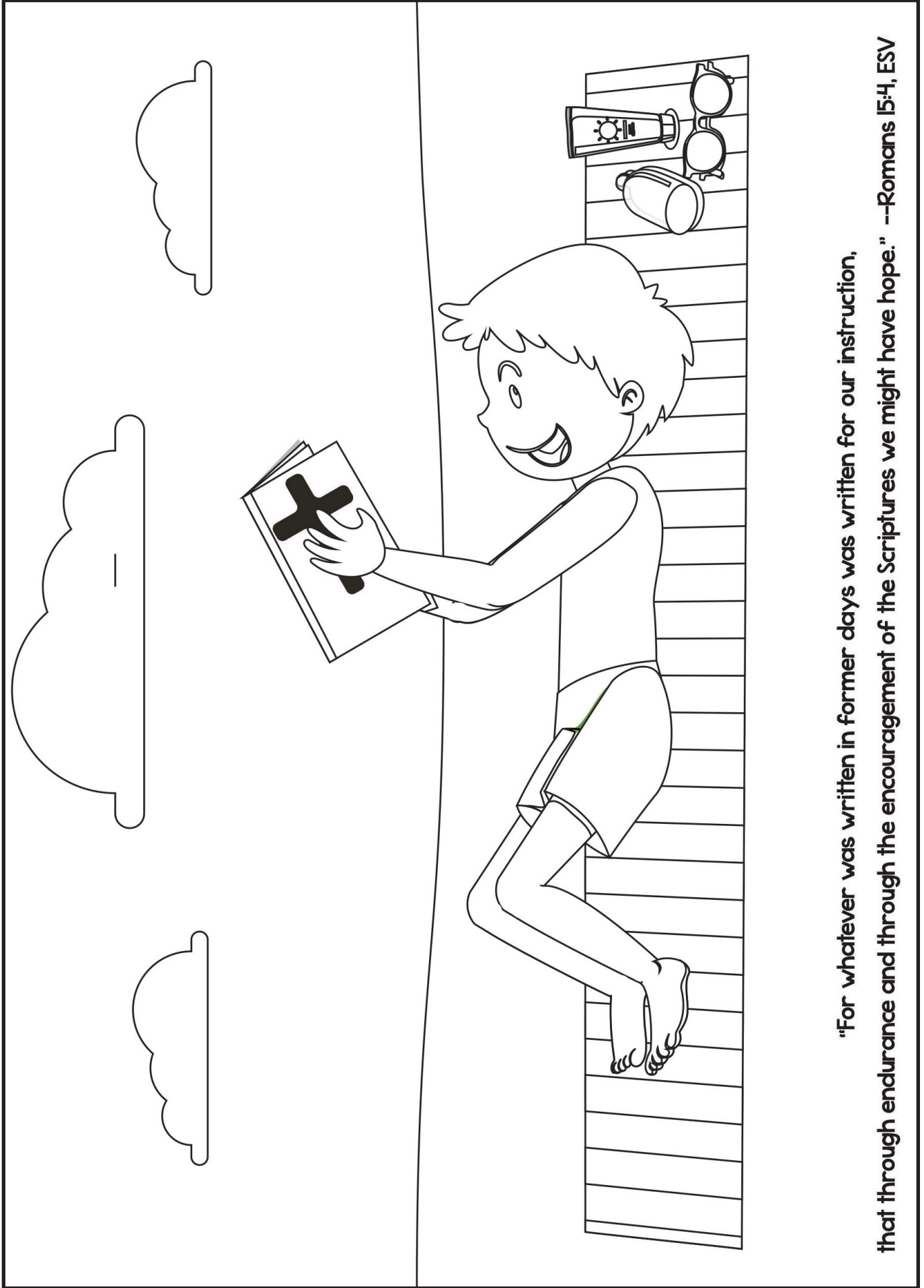
Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

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

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
What keeps them going? Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

**Refrain**  
That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them  
As they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith  
to keep in trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him  
to the very end. *Refrain*



**“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” --Romans 15:4, ESV**

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 2



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!

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

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." --Romans 15:4, ESV

**Learn a Little:** "Through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope."

### Meaning

God's Word, the Bible, was written long ago. God made sure everything was written down just right. He wanted His people to be able to trust every promise, and have hope that He would always take care of them and always be working for their good and His glory. He wanted them to read His Word and be instructed--that is, learn--how He wants them to love Him and live for Him.

God's Word may have been written long, long ago, but it still is just as true as ever. God still uses it to give God's people hope. He uses it to help them keep on loving Him and living for Him. He uses it to help them keep looking forward to the day when they will live with Him forever. Read God's Word! He can use it to help you to trust in Him and live for Him, too! He can give you hope!

### Some Questions for You

1. What is the name of God's Word that was written down long ago? *The Bible.*
2. Why did God give us His Word? Why did He write it down? *To instruct us; that is, to teach us.*
3. What did God want to teach us through His Word? *How to love Him and live for Him. He wanted us to hope in His good promises.*
4. What is the biggest and best promise God has given us? *The promise that tells us how we can become God's people? He promises to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!
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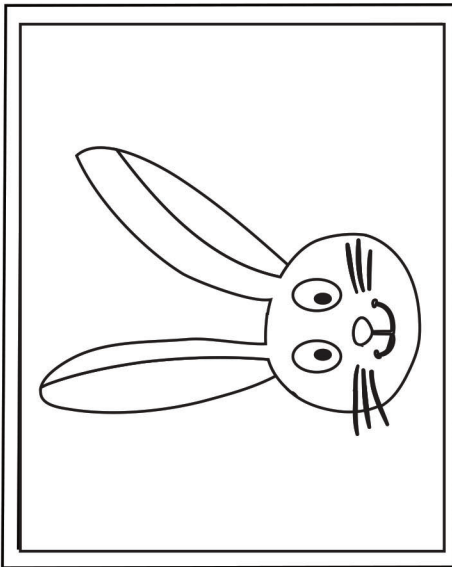
### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

**For Whatever Was Written: Romans 15:4** from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 13, track 34

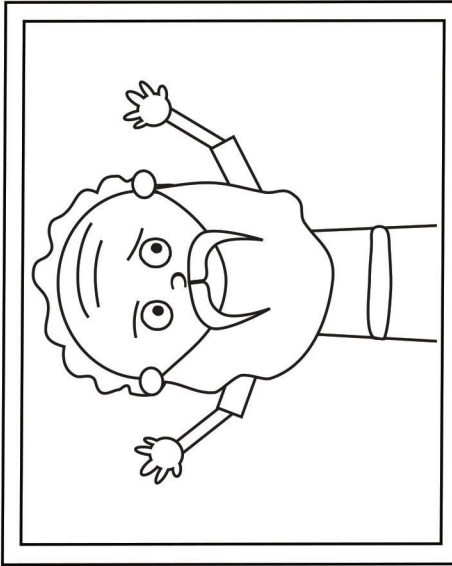
For whatever was written in former days  
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That through endurance and encouragement,  
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Romans Chapter Fifteen, verse four.

Go to the *Deep Down Detectives* Parent Resources for Unit 13 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org)

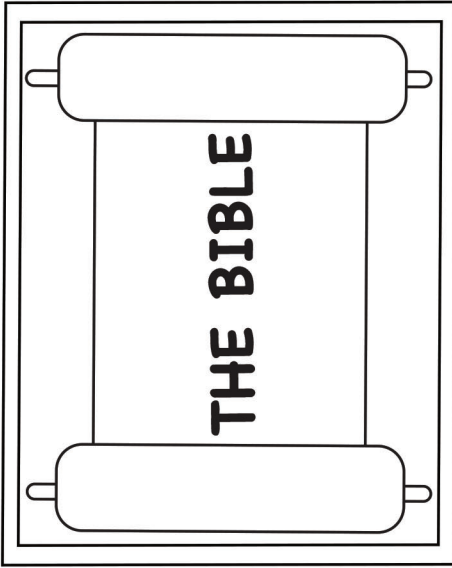
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



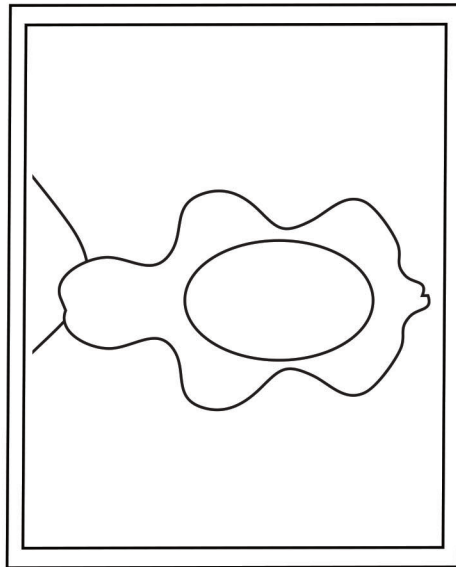
A Rabbit



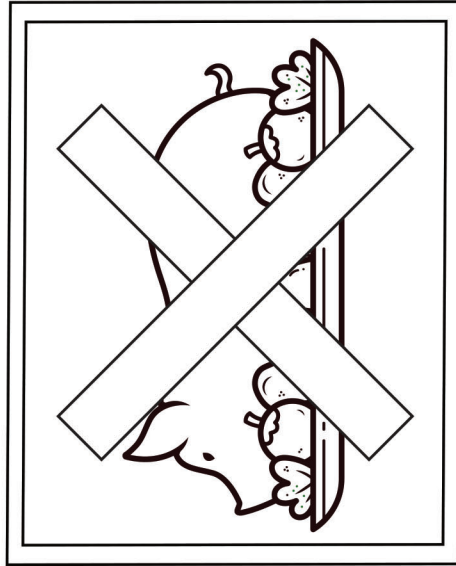
A Bad Teacher



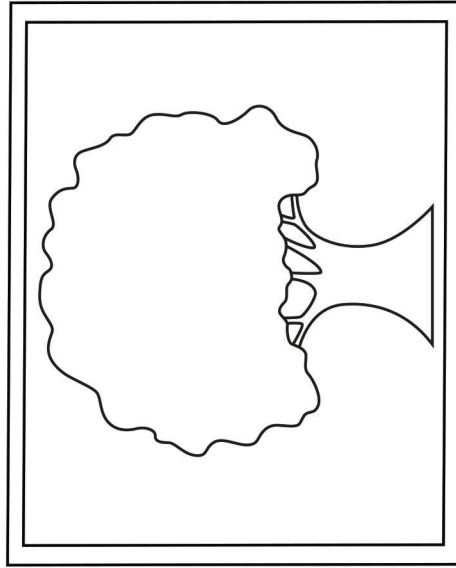
God's Word



A Magic Stone



Bad Food



A Tree

Answer: The bad teacher, God's Word, and the "bad" food belong. The rabbit and the tree do not.

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 3



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!

### Bible Truth 5 Meaning

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### Some Questions for You

1. What happened when Epaphras listened to Paul preach God's Word? *The Holy Spirit worked powerfully in his heart. He believed God's Word, turned away from his sins, and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.*
2. Where did Epaphras go after he went to Ephesus? *Epaphras went back home to Colossae.*
3. What did the people in Colossae think when they heard the good news of Jesus? *Many believed it. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.*
4. What did the new believers in Colossae start? Why? *A little church. They did that to worship God and love one another. They wanted to hear God's Word so they could know God and live for Him more.*
5. What did Epaphras hope and pray that God's Word would do inside of the believers in Colossae? *He hoped that it would change them from their old way of life. He hoped it would help them love God and live for Him.*
6. Why did some people in the little church in Colossae want everyone to keep the old rules and the old ways that had nothing to do with God's Word or Jesus? *They were still scared the Jesus might not be enough to protect them from bad things they were afraid of.*
7. Who did Epaphras go see to help him know how to care for these new believers and stop the bad teachers from the wrong things they were doing? *Epaphras travelled to Rome to see Paul.*
8. What did Paul write in the letter he sent with Epaphras back to the believers of Colossae? *He told them that they did not need to keep the old special rules or wear magic stones to keep safe from the evil things they feared. Jesus had beaten all those bad things when He died on the cross. Paul told them to keep on learning God's Word and let it work in their hearts. They should remind each other of the good things written in God's Word and even sing them in their songs.*
9. What happened to the believers in Colossae after they read Paul's letter to them? *Some continued to have a hard time with what the bad teachers taught, but many heard Paul's words and were helped. They depended on what God's Word told them about Jesus, not on the old special rules or old, magic stones.*
10. What was the good news that Paul preached from God's Word and changed Epaphras ... and can change ask, too? *That Jesus is the Savior God sent to save us from our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God forgives us our sins and makes it His people forever. God can help us do this, too.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.
- S** God, use Your Word to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and love You better as we read it. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to understand Your Word and live it out.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 17*

##### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all!"

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape

##### Refrain

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Go to the *Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 13* to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org)

#### Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

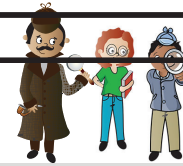
from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 18*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.



**Bible Story for Big Question 13, Bible Truth 5**

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**The Case of the Confused Christians***Colossians*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #13 is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" Your child is learning that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question can be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org)•

**Listening Assignments**

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

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

I need to find out:

- 1. Where were teachers teaching bad things to believers? What were they confused about?**
- 2. What book could help them know the truth?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Romans 15:4, ESV:**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

I need to find out:

- 1. What was bad about the teachers in Colossae?**
- 2. What book could the believers read to help them know how to know how to live for God?**

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

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

They are: a rabbit, a bad teacher, God's Word, a "bad" food, and a tree.

*Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?**
- 2. Who asked God to help the believers in Colossae? What did he ask God to do?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Confused Christians** *Colossians**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**Epaphras packed his things, and away he went. Soon, he would be far from his hometown of Colossae. Why was he leaving home? We don't know exactly. But, we DO know that when Epaphras came back, he was a changed man with a changed life.**

**Where did these changes happen? Most people think it was in the city of Ephesus.**

**Ephesus was one of the biggest, most beautiful, most important cities in the world back then. Epaphras would have thought Ephesus was amazing! There, Epaphras could see ships harbored on the sparkling sea. He could walk among great crowds of people. He could see the huge marketplace filled delicious food to eat. He could "oohh and ahh" over the beautiful things for sale that sellers from around the world brought in by ship, by donkey and camel. And most amazing of all, he could see the magnificent, golden worship place of Artemis, the great goddess of the Ephesians. Her temple towered over the city and shone out like a glittering jewel. It was one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. Big city! Good food! Rich things! Glorious worship place! What an exciting trip Epaphras was making! What could be better than this?**

*Do you think there could be anything better than this?*

**Now, perhaps Epaphras couldn't think of finding anything better than these wonderful things in Ephesus, but there WAS something far better coming. You see, someone ELSE was also on his way to Ephesus, just like Epaphras. And this someONE was bringing someTHING that Epaphras would want more than Ephesus' best-tasting food... SOMETHING he would find worth more than any of the beautiful things for sale... SOMETHING even far more glorious than the glittery golden worship place of Artemis!**

**Paul was the SOMEONE making his way to Ephesus. And the very special SOMETHING he was bringing with him was the Bible, God's Word. Yes, God was about to use His Word and Paul to change Epaphras' life completely!**

**In the mornings, Paul joined the other buyers and sellers in the marketplace. Some people sold cloth. Some sold food. Others sold little statues of the goddess Artemis. Paul made and sold tents.**

**Selling tents was how Paul made his living, but it was ALSO a great way to talk to people about God's Word and the Savior Jesus. Some were only interested in Paul's tents, but others were interested in Paul's good news.**

**So every afternoon, after lunch, while many Ephesians took naps, Paul preached from God's Word in a nearby schoolroom called the Hall of Tyrannus.**

**Epaphras, along with others, must have found his way into Paul's classes on one of these lazy afternoons. "God promised in the His Word to send a Savior to save His people from their sins," Paul taught. "That Savior is Jesus. He died on the cross, suffering for their sins in their place. He rose from the grave on the third day, showing that He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior and you will be saved. God will make you His dearly-loved people, too!" Paul urged everyone.**

**As Epaphras listened, God's Holy Spirit worked powerfully in his heart. Epaphras believed God's Word. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. Epaphras' life was completely changed!**

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

**Epaphras didn't just listen to Paul preach God's Word once. He learned from him over and over again. Epaphras wanted to learn everything he could from God's Word. He was learning for himself, AND for someone else, too. Can you guess who?**

*Can you guess?*

**For the people back home in Colossae! Oh, how they needed to hear about God's Word! How they needed Jesus to be their Savior!**

**The Jews in Colossae needed to hear what Epaphras was learning. They had God's Word already, but they didn't understand the promises about Jesus. They kept trying to please God by keeping His laws. That would never work! They could never save themselves! How these Jews needed to hear about God's free gift of salvation through Jesus!**

**The Gentiles in Colossae needed to hear what Epaphras was learning, too. Epaphras was a Gentile like them. He knew all about the fake gods they worshipped and feared. He knew about the necklaces of stones the Gentiles believed had magical powers to protect them from bad things. Oh, how these Gentiles needed to hear about the LORD, the one, true God. Oh, how they needed to hear about Jesus, God's mighty Son, who broke the power of sin and death! How Epaphras wanted to see them free of their fear and these fake gods! So, Epaphras said goodbye to Paul and headed back home with his exciting message. Away from the sea, back up through the mountains to Colossae, he went.**

**Epaphras spread his good news to all who would listen, both Jew and Gentile. "God promised in His Word to send a Savior to save His people from their sins. That Savior is Jesus," Epaphras told them. "Jesus died on the cross, suffering for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave, showing that He had really beaten sin and death for God's people," Epaphras exclaimed. "Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior, and you will be saved! This is how you can become God's people!" Epaphras urged them all.**

**What would the Jews think? What would the Gentiles think? Would they believe Epaphras' good news from God's Word?**

*What do you think?*

**The Holy Spirit worked in many hearts as Epaphras preached from God's Word. He helped the Jews believe that Jesus was the Savior God had promised to send. They stopped trusting in how well they could obey God's laws, and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the Gentiles, too. They stopped worshipping their fake gods. They stopped trusting in their magical necklaces. They stopped fearing what bad things might happen to them. They turned away from their sins and trusted in God's mighty Son, Jesus, as their Savior. How happy was Epaphras!**

**Now there were believers in Colossae—a whole, little church! How Epaphras loved these new believers in Colossae! He spent long hours in prayer for them. And each week, as they gathered together, Epaphras taught them from the Bible. Epaphras knew these believers needed to keep on learning God's Word if they were to keep on loving God and living for Him. He knew the Holy Spirit would use God's Word to help these new believers to fight sin and grow stronger in their faith, just like He was helping him.**

**And oh, how they needed all the help they could get! Sometimes, the Jewish believers were tempted to go back to trusting in keeping God's laws again! And sometimes, the Gentiles believers were tempted to go back to trusting in fake magical stones to keep them safe!**

**Then, bad teachers came to the little church and made things much worse. "Jesus isn't enough," they taught the believers. "You need to keep those old laws, too. 'Don't eat this food,' 'Don't touch that bad thing!' and other laws like that," they insisted. "Jesus isn't enough to protect you from bad things, either. Put that magical stone back on your neck. Call on angels to help you," they urged the believers.**

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

**"No! No! No!"** exclaimed Epaphras. **"Jesus IS enough!"** he told them. **The believers were confused and so scared. Heeeelp!!!!**

**What should they do? Who could help them? Epaphras knew! The same man who had taught him from God's Word in the first place.**

*Can you tell me?*

**It was Paul! Epaphras would get help from Paul. Maybe the believers would listen to this godly leader.**

**But uh, oh.... Paul wasn't in Ephesus anymore. He was over a thousand miles away in prison in Rome. Paul had gotten in trouble for telling people about Jesus and been thrown in jail as punishment.**

**Now, a thousand miles away may not seem like a big deal to you, but it was back then. There were no phones, computers, cars, airplanes, or any other quick way to talk to someone who lived faraway like there is today. No, if Epaphras wanted Paul's help, he would have to go to him to get it. It would take Epaphras weeks to get to Rome. What a long, hard trip! But Epaphras loved the Lord, and he loved these new believers in Colossae. He would do whatever it took to help them.**

**So, all the way to Rome, Epaphras went and found Paul. Epaphras found Paul in his little prison house in Rome, and he shared everything that had happened in Colossae. There was so much good news: many Jews and Gentiles had become believers and were growing under the preaching of God's Word. But there was bad news, too. Epaphras told Paul about the bad teachers who had come and were confusing the believers. What would happen to the little church in Colossae if these bad teachers kept on causing trouble? What could be done?**

**How helpful Paul was! He shared his wisdom with Epaphras, and he prayed for the church in Colossae. But best of all, Paul sat down and wrote a letter for Epaphras to take back to the believers in Colossae.**

**How happy Epaphras was to have Paul's letter! He hoped it would be just the encouragement the believers needed. Letter in hand, he headed home to Colossae.**

**When he got home, When he got home, Epaphras gathered the believers together and read them Paul's words:**

**Dear Believers in Colossae,**

**I've not met you, but I've been praying for you! Epaphras told me how you heard the Word of truth about Jesus and believed. I'm praying that you will go on growing in the truths you've learned. This is how God will help you know Him better and give you strength to keep on living for God, like He wants you to," Paul wrote.**

**"You don't need to go back to the old laws you used to keep. You don't need wear magical stones to be safe! Jesus kept the God's laws perfectly for you. He broke the power of sin and death when He died on the cross," Paul told them.**

**Keeping on thinking about what you've learned about Jesus from God's Word. Let it soak deep down in your hearts and minds. Help each other remember these things by teaching them to each other and singing them in your worship songs. And in everything you do, do it all to honor Jesus, giving thanks to God.**

**May God's power be at work in you, Paul.**

**Some of the believers in Colossae kept struggling with what the bad teachers said, but, many heard Paul's words and were helped. They would depend on what God's Word told them about Jesus and everything else to give them what they needed to keep on loving God and living for Him. And God would be faithful to help them! He always is!**

**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. Where were teachers teaching bad things to believers? What were they confused about?** To go back to the old, bad ways of living, like keeping special rules and using magic stones.

**2. What book could help them know the truth?** God's Word, the Bible.

**For You and Me:**

Like the believers in Colossae, we can turn to God's Word, the Bible, to know what is true. There, we can read about Jesus. There, we can learn how to turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And there, God can continue to teach us more of His truth and make us strong to live for Him.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Romans 15:4, ESV:**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

**1. What was bad about the teachers in Colossae?**

They were teaching the believers to go back to the old, bad ways of living, like keeping special rules and using magic stones.

**2. What book could the believers read to help them know how to know how to live for God?** God's Word, the Bible.

**For You and Me:**

Like the believers in Colossae, we can turn to God's Word, the Bible, to know what is true. There, we can read about Jesus. There, we can learn how to turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And there, God can continue to teach us more of His truth and make us strong to live for Him.

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

Our six clues were: a rabbit, a bad teacher, God's Word, a magic stone, a "bad" food, and a tree.

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

The bad teacher, God's Word, a magic stone, and the "bad" food belong. The rabbit and the tree do not.

**2. Who asked God to help the believers in Colossae?**

What did he ask God to do? Epaphras did. To help them remember God's Word and use it to work in their hearts.

**For You and Me**

Like the believers in Colossae, we need to remember God's Word and ask God to use it to work in our hearts. We can ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. And, we can ask Him to help us to love Him and live for Him. 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:****Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?****It Is God's Sustaining Grace...****The Word of God Feeds God's People!**

What was the good news that Paul preached from God's Word that changed Epaphras ... and can change us, too? That Jesus is the Savior God sent to save us from our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and make us His people forever. God can help us do this, too. Ask him! He loves to help us do this!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.
- S** God, use Your Word to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and love You better as we read it. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to understand Your Word and live it out.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



**Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 13, Bible Truth 5 Key Concepts p.7****Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 5 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People!**

When your body is hungry you feed it food. The food makes your body strong to do what you need it to do. But did you know that the spirit God put inside our bodies needs to be fed, too? Not hamburgers or hot dogs, but a spiritual kind of food.

What is this spiritual food? It's the Word of God, the Bible. When God's people read God's Word, the Holy Spirit uses it to feed their spirits. He uses it to help them know God better, to guide them in God's will, and to give them strength to do whatever God wants them to do.

And just like our bodies work best if we feed them each day, God's people know that it is best for their spirits if they read and think about God's Word every day. They know that God uses His Word to sustain them, even through the most difficult times. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will use His Word to help us to keep on loving and living for Him, too.

**Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Romans 15:4, ESV**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

**Learn a Little** "Through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope."

**Meaning**

God's Word, the Bible, was written long ago. God made sure everything was written down just right. He wanted His people to be able to trust every promise, and have hope that He would always take care of them and always be working for their good and His glory. He wanted them to read His Word and be instructed--that is, learn--how He wants them to love Him and live for Him.

God's Word may have been written long, long ago, but it still is just as true as ever. God still uses it to give God's people hope. He uses it to help them keep on loving Him and living for Him. He uses it to help them keep looking forward to the day when they will live with Him forever. Read God's Word! He can use it to help you to trust in Him and live for Him, too! He can give you hope!

**Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.
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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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## Big Question 13, Bible Truth 5 Overview: Key Concepts

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### Bible Truth 5 Story

#### The Case of the Confused Christians

*Colossians*

### Songs Used in Bible Truth 5

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden on the LORD Psalm 55:22, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:22, ESV (other version)*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: For Whatever Was Written Romans 15:4, ESV

*Bible Truth 5 Extra Bible Verse: He Humbled You Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV*

*Bible Truth 5 Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13, 16-18, ESV*

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



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## Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

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### God's Word Feeds God's People

#### Craft Description

The children will create a card reminding that our hearts are fed by God's Word, just like our bodies are fed by food.

#### Materials

White paper or cardstock

Markers or crayons

Glue

#### Preparations

1. Print out the craft pages and make 1 copy per child of them on white paper or cardstock (double-sided).
2. Fold paper along middle of long side forming a card.
3. Set out markers/crayons, and glue.

#### Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" We've learned that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People!" That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### Directions

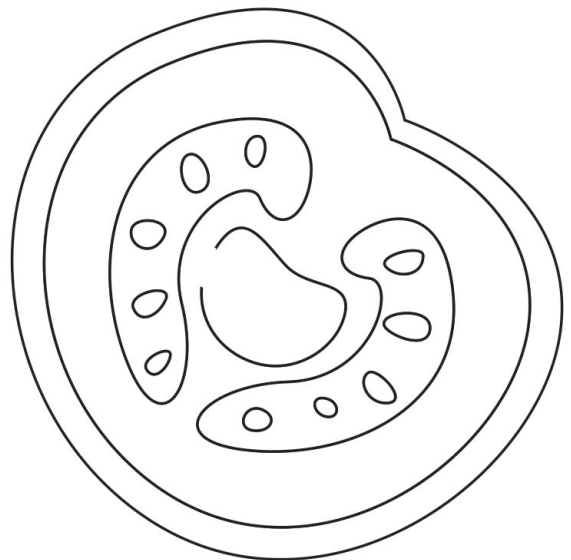
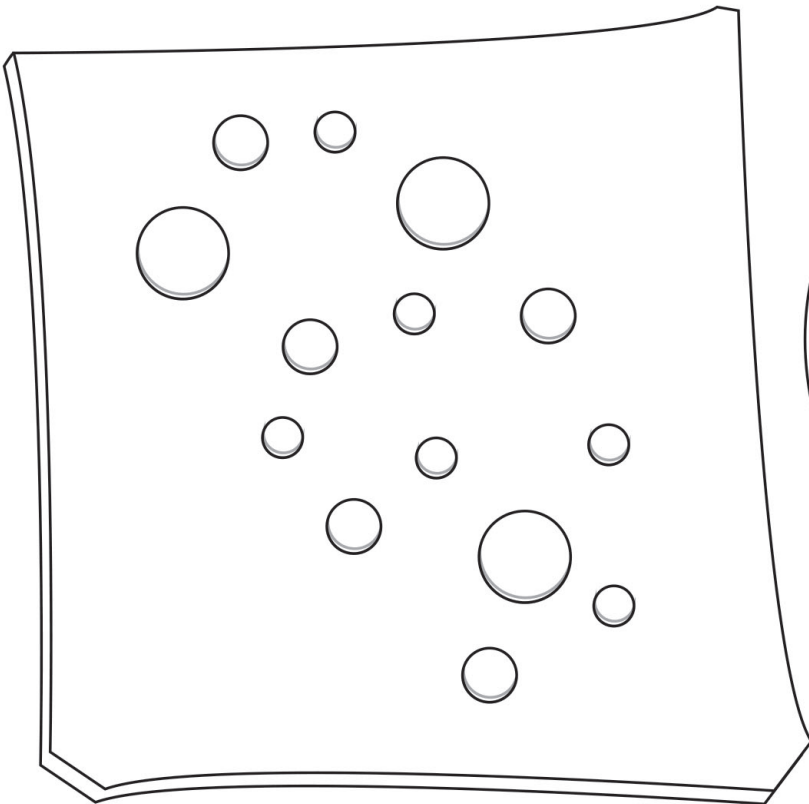
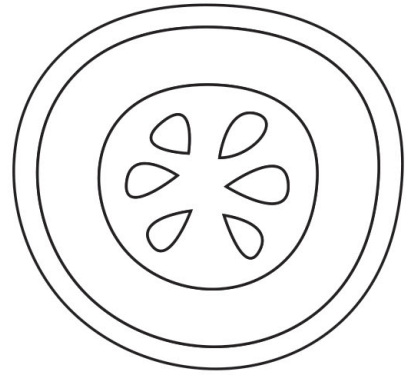
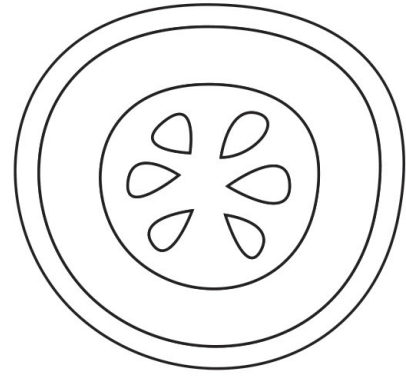
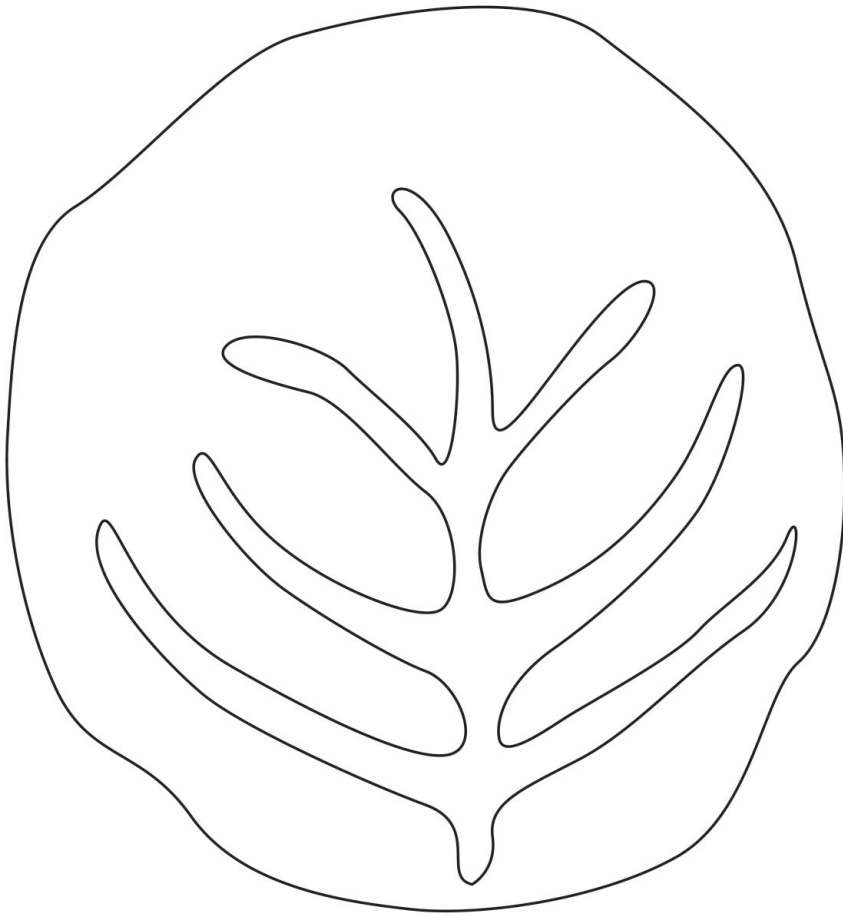
1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
2. Have the children color in the inside and outside of the card. Then, have them color in their sandwich pieces.
3. Glue the sandwich pieces onto the sandwich in whatever order the children want.
4. Allow crafts to dry.
5. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.
6. If you have time, practice saying the words and showing the front and the inside of the card.

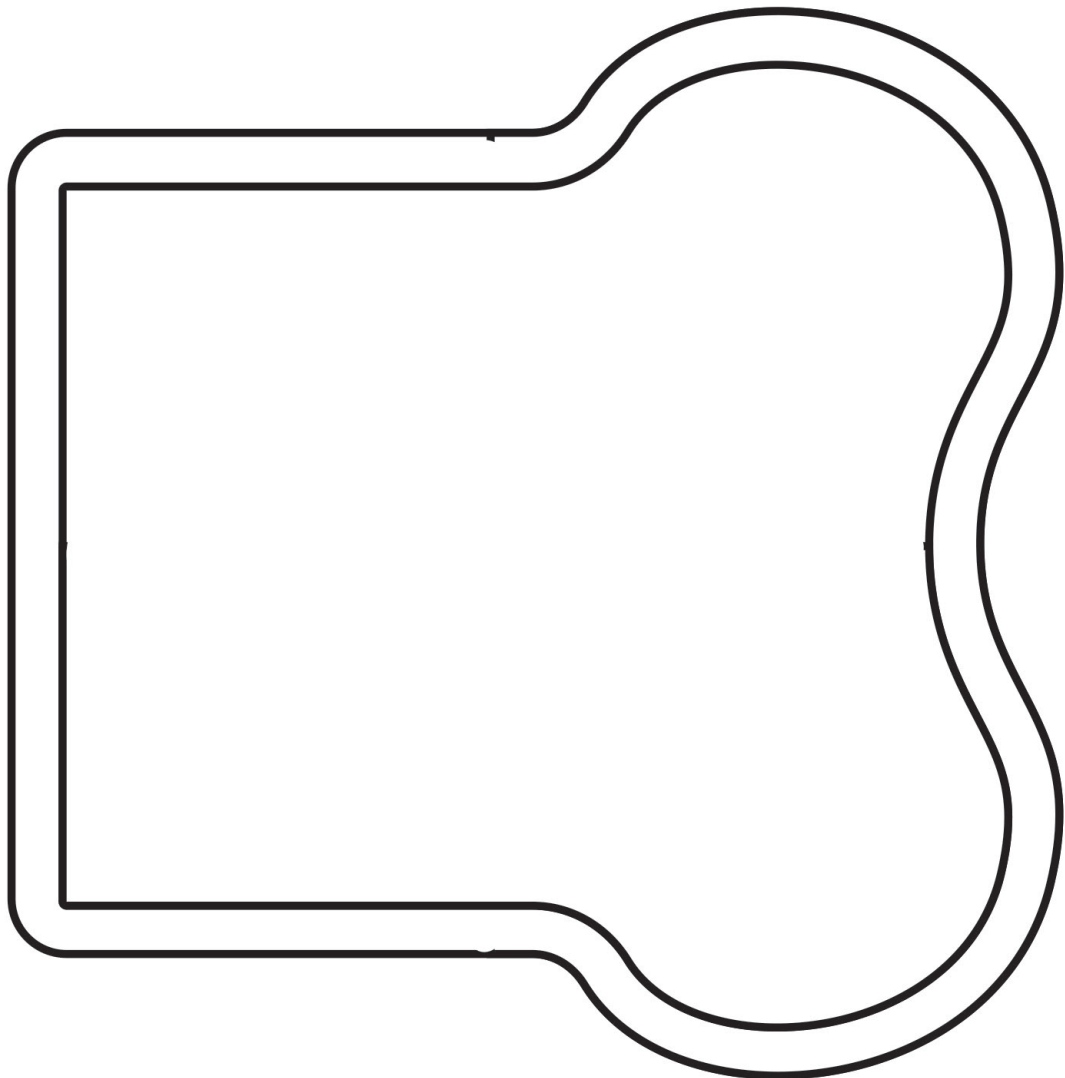
#### Discussion

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

#### Craft Wrap-Up:

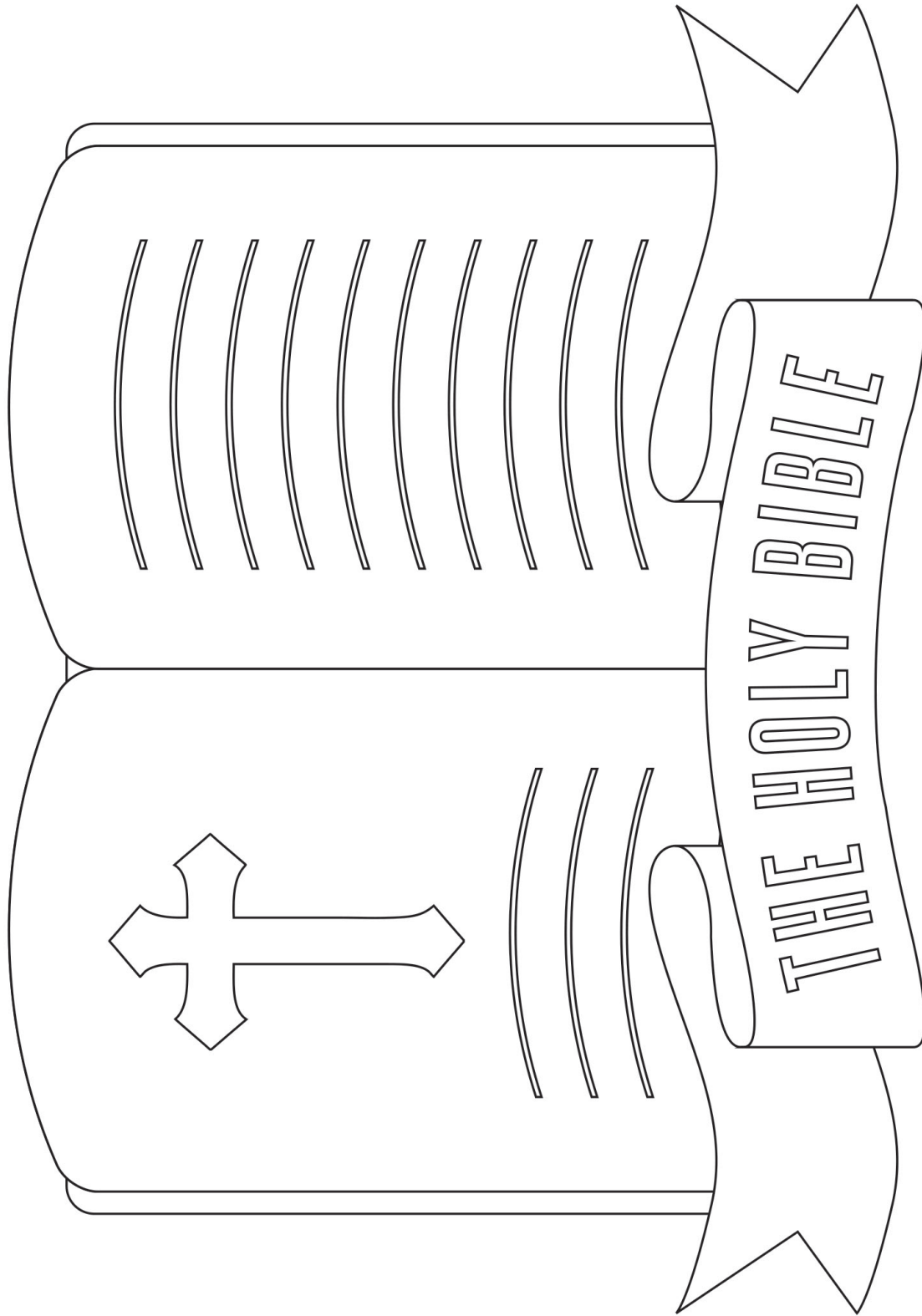
At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People! Make sure to tell the children how they can become one of God's people by turning away from their sins and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.





**Bread feeds our bodies, but...**

## God's Word Feeds Our Hearts!



**"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." --Romans 15:4, ESV**



Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People.

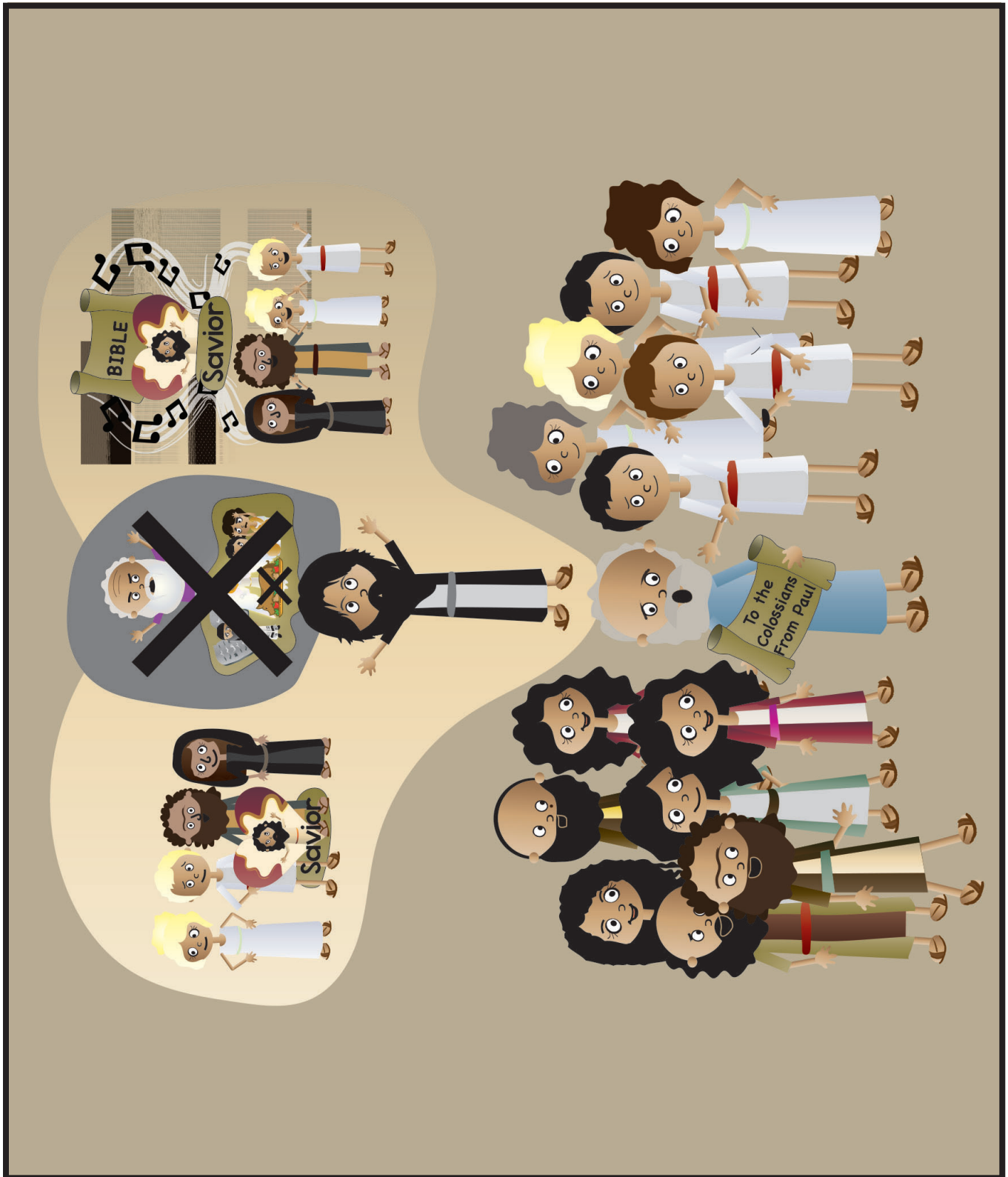
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### The Case of the Confused Christians Jigsaw Puzzle Page Colossians

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children.

Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org).

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Word of God Feeds God's People. Like the believers in Colossae, we can turn to God's Word, the Bible, to know what is true. There, we can read about Jesus. There, we can learn how to turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And there, God can continue to teach us more of His truth and make us strong to live for Him. This is how we become God's people who live for Him.



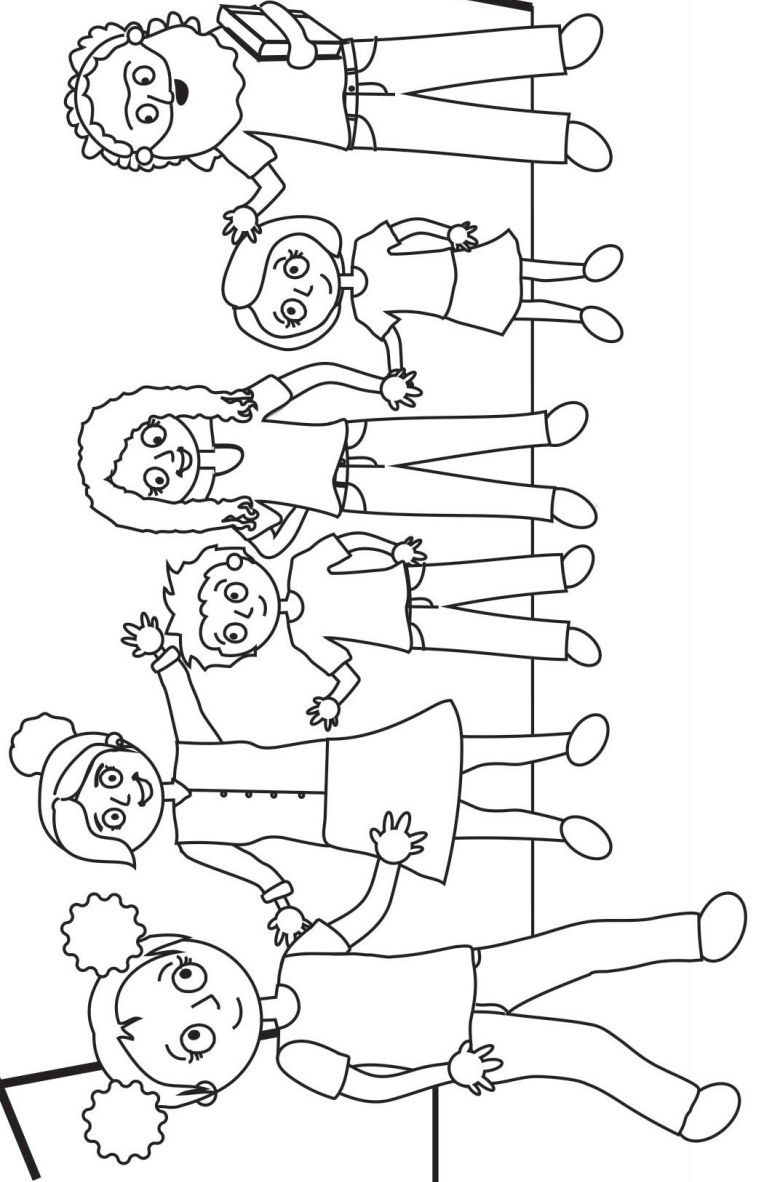
**CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 6:**

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God Uses His ----- to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!**



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



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 1



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!

## Bible Truth 6 Meaning

No matter who we are, we all go through times of need. Sometimes, we are learning something new, and we need help learning how to do it. Sometimes, we are going through something that is very sad or very hard, and we need comfort and strength. God loves to help His people all the time, especially in their times of need. He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their heart. But God also helps His people through their prayers and comfort for each other. God's people comfort each other by reminding one another that God is always with them and how great and good He is. They read the Bible to each other and hold on to His wonderful promises to take care of them. They pray for each other, asking God to give them wisdom, strength, and joy; and, to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use their hard and sad times for their good and to bring glory to His name. God loves to sustain His people through their comfort and prayers for one another. It is a wonderful display of His love both to His people and to others who watch how God's people love and care for one another. We, too, can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He can use us to comfort others in this special way, too.

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

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God... On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." --2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV

## Some Questions for You

1. Who goes through sad and hard times? *We all do!*
2. Who needs comfort and strength in those times? *We all do.*
3. How does God help His people in these sad and hard times? *He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their hearts.*
4. How does God use His people to help each other in sad and hard times? *He uses them to comfort and pray for each other.*
5. How do God's people use the Bible to strengthen and comfort each other? *They read the Bible to each other and remind each other of God's wonderful promises to take care of them.*
6. How do God's people pray for each other when they are going through sad and hard times? *They ask God to give them strength and joy. They ask God to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use the hard and sad times to make them more like Jesus and to show everybody what a great God He is.*
7. What do others say about God when God's people comfort each other? *They tell what God's love for His people is like. It helps them want to know God, too.*
8. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

## Let's Pray

- A** God, we praise You for being the Comforter and Strength of Your People. You help them comfort and strengthen each other.
- C** We confess that many times we forget to pray for others who are struggling with hard or sad times. Many times, we don't take time to comfort and strengthen others who are struggling. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.
- S** Work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to comfort others with Your Word and by praying for them. Use us to help others in their times of need. Help others to see Your love and kindness as we comfort and pray for each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 13 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org).

**Big Q & A 13 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 13, track 12* (adapted version of "On Top of Old Smoky")

Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

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

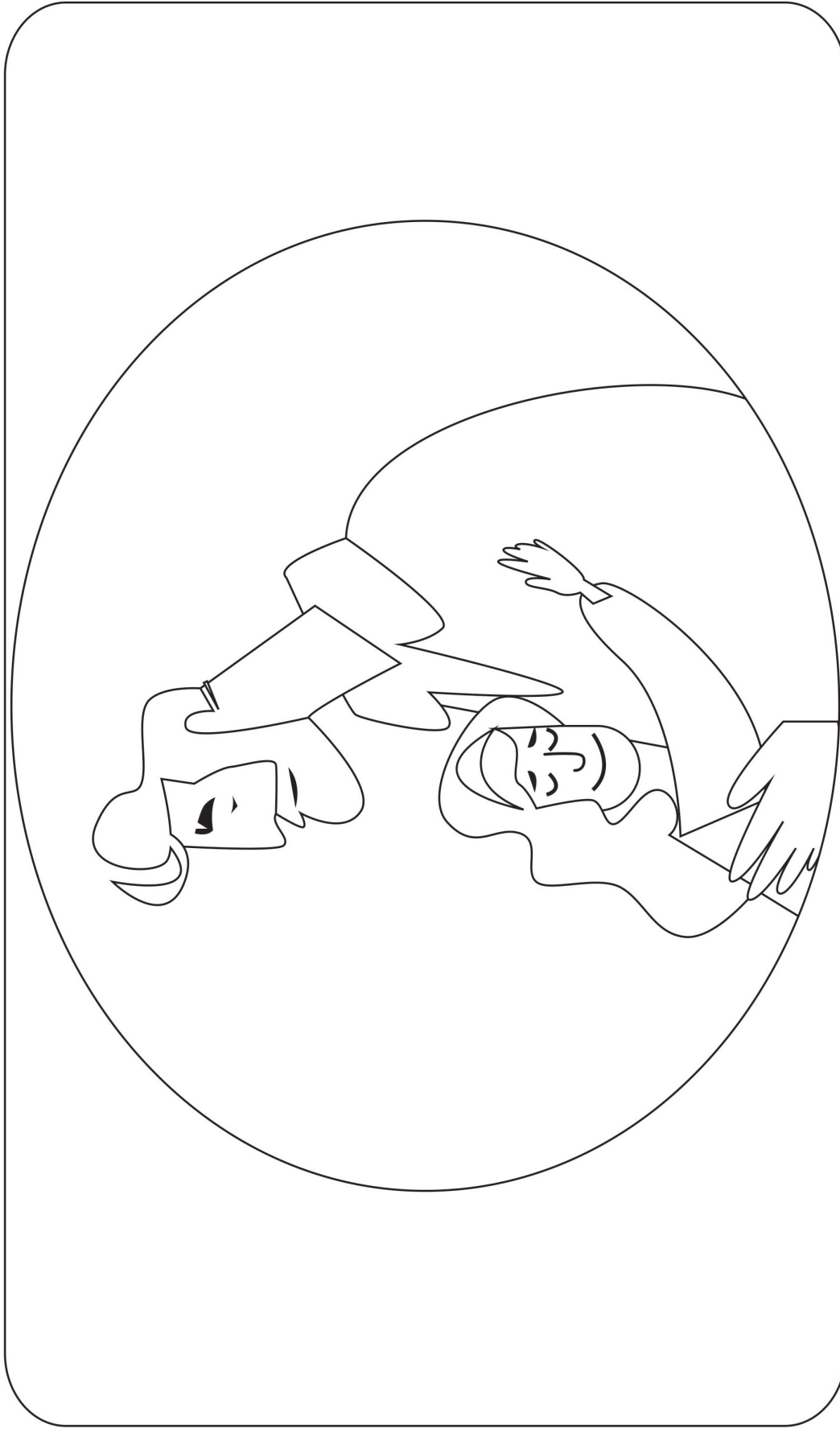
Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
What keeps them going? Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

### Refrain

That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them  
As they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith  
to keep in trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him  
to the very end. *Refrain*





**"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God..."**

**On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.**

**You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." --2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 2



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!

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

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God... On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

--2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV

**Learn a Little:** "We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."

### Meaning:

God loves His people so much! He is full of mercy and compassion. He cares about their sadnesses and troubles, and He comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other! He uses them to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in Him their whole lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Some Questions for You

1. Who comforts God's people in all of their afflictions (sad and hard times)? Why? *God does. God comforts His people in sad and hard times because he cares for them; but also, because He wants them to use the comfort He gives them to comfort others when they need it.*
  2. Who does God want His people to comfort? *He wants them to comfort other people, especially God's people.*
  3. Who do God's people hope in when they need help? *They hope in God to help them and deliver them.*
  4. Who do God's people comfort by praying for them? *They pray for other people, especially God's people.*
- How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

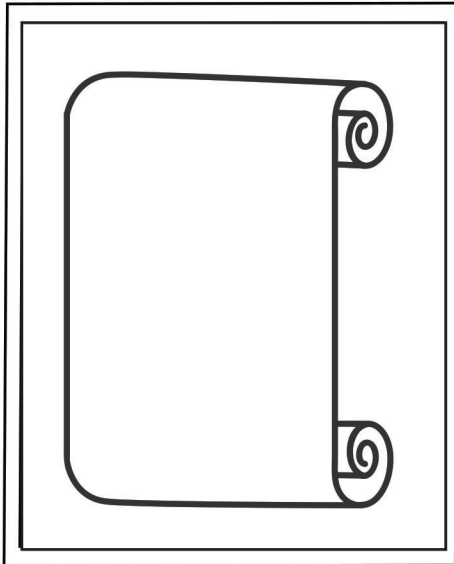
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- T** Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.
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### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

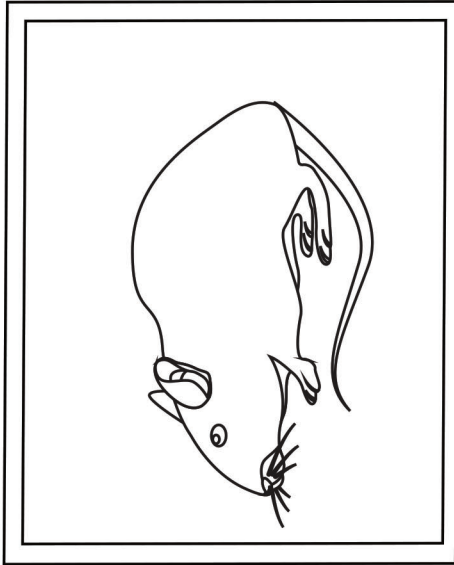
**Blessed Be the God and Father: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV** from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 13, track 37

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
 Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,  
 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

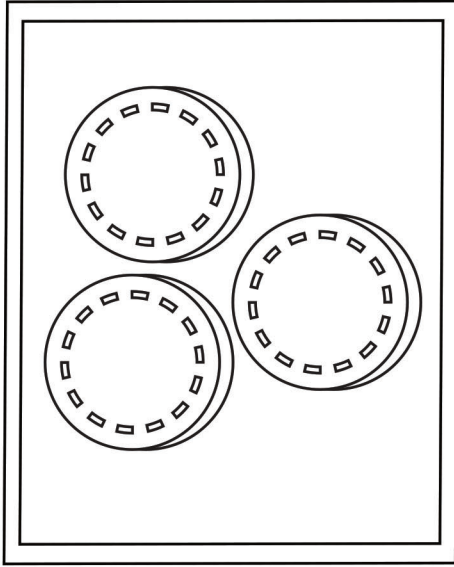
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



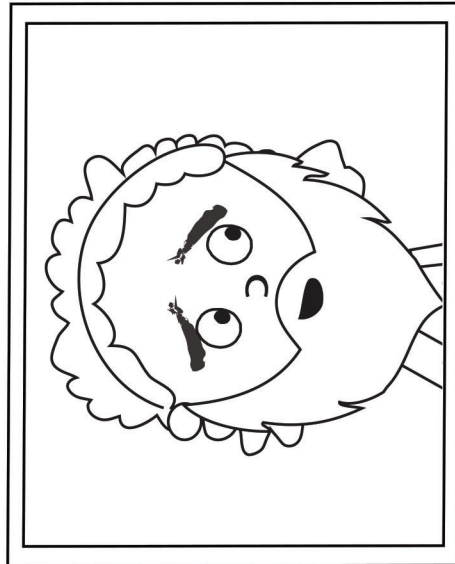
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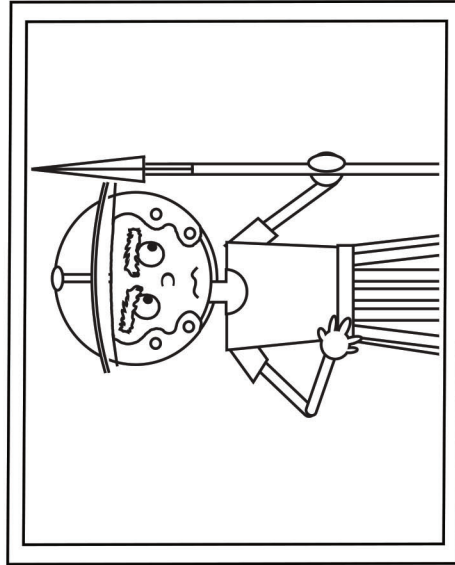
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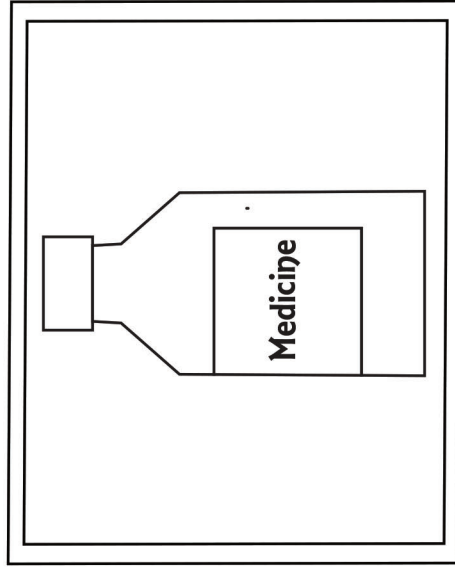
Some Money



Epaphroditus



A Soldier



Some Medicine

Answer: The bad teacher, God's Word, a magic stone, and the "bad" food belong. The rabbit and the tree do not.

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 3



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!

### Bible Truth 6 Meaning

No matter who we are, we all go through times of need. Sometimes, we are learning something new, and we need help learning how to do it. Sometimes, we are going through something that is very sad or very hard, and we need comfort and strength. God loves to help His people all the time, especially in their times of need. He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their heart. But God also helps His people through their prayers and comfort for each other. God's people comfort each other by reminding one another that God is always with them and how great and good He is. They read the Bible to each other and hold on to His wonderful promises to take care of them. They pray for each other, asking God to give them wisdom, strength, and joy; and, to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use their hard and sad times for their good and to bring glory to His name. God loves to sustain His people through their comfort and prayers for one another. It is a wonderful display of His love both to His people and to others who watch how God's people love and care for one another. We, too, can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He can use us to comfort others in this special way, too.

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### Some Questions for You

1. What was the exciting news that everyone was talking about in Jerusalem? *That Jesus had rose from the dead.*
2. Who did Jesus appear to after God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other? *His friends... one time even 500 of them at once!*
3. What did Jesus do with His friends after God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other? *He ate and drank with them. He showed them everything the Bible had to say about Him. He taught them more of God's plans for the world.*
4. Where did Jesus tell His friends He was going? *Back home to heaven to be with God His Father and the Holy Spirit. And, to be the great King of Kings and rule over everything.*
5. Who did Jesus promise to send His friends? *The Holy Spirit, to teach them more about God, to comfort them in their hearts and to give them power to do everything God wanted them to do.*
6. What did Jesus want His friends to do? *Tell the whole world how they could be saved by turning away from disobeying God and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.*
7. How did Jesus go to heaven? *He rose up in the sky.*
8. How will Jesus come back one day? *He will come back in the same way He left.*
9. What is Jesus doing in heaven even now? *He is ruling as the great King of Kings, praying and caring for God's people. And, bringing about all of God's good plans for this world.*

### Let's Pray

- A** God, we praise You for being the Comforter and Strength of Your People. You help them comfort and strengthen each other.
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### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 13, track 17

##### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

##### Refrain

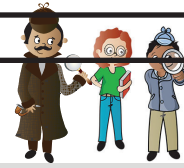
Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

#### Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 13, track 18

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

**Bible Story for Big Question 13, Bible Truth 6****P.1**

Dear Parents,

**Big Question #13 is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?"** Your child is learning that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org)•

**Listening Assignments**

**"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:**

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

I need to find out:

- 1. Who was the prisoner? Why was he in jail?**
- 2. Who prayed for him?**

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

**Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

I need to find out:

- 1. Who did God use to comfort Paul?**
- 2. What did they do that was comforting?**

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

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

They are: a letter, a mouse, some money, Epaphroditus, a soldier, and some medicine.

*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 did Paul thank God for using to comfort him?**

**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 Prayed-for Prisoner***Philippians**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

**“Oh no! Paul is in prison again for telling people about Jesus!” the believers in Philippi exclaimed. Prisoners weren’t taken care of very well. They depended on friends on the outside to give them what they needed. Paul might be cold or hungry. He could be sick or lonely. He could be discouraged and scared. Who was there to help Paul, the believers in Philippi wondered.**

**God uses His people to help each other keep on living for Him and believing in Him. He uses them to comfort them and take care of their needs, too. These Philippians wanted to be part of God helping Paul. “WE must help Paul!” the believers in Philippi decided. But what could THEY do for him? How could THEY help him? They were in Philippi, and he was hundreds of miles away in Rome. How could God use THEM, to help PAUL, from so far away?**

*Can you guess what they could do?*

**The Philippians knew what they could do. They could pray for Paul. Perhaps they were far away from Paul, but God wasn’t. He was with Paul all the time and He could do ANYTHING! They could ask God to work in the heart of Nero, the Roman leader, that he would free Paul. They could ask God to keep Paul from getting sick. They could ask the Holy Spirit to comfort Paul with God’s Word and help him stay strong in his faith. Yes, there was so much the Philippians could do for Paul simply by praying for him, right there in Philippi.**

**But there was something ELSE the Philippians could do for Paul. What could that be?**

*Can you think of what else they could do to care for Paul?*

**They could send a gift of money to him. The believers in Philippi weren’t rich, but they loved Paul! He was the one who first came to their city shared the gospel with them. Down by the river, Paul had told them the good news of Jesus for the first time. Many, like Lydia, heard and believed. But others were so angry that they had soldiers grab Paul, hurt him and threw him into jail in chains!**

**Paul suffered like this, so the Philippians might hear about Jesus. He risked his life that God might save theirs! Now it was their turn to do something for Paul, even if it was very hard.**

**So, the believers worked together to save money to send to Paul. Many chose to do without things they needed. “No, thank you, just one loaf of bread. No, thank you, only three fish, today,” was heard around the marketplace, as some may have chosen to have a little less food on their tables, so they could give more to Paul. “Sheep for sale, goats for sale,” others yelled out at the marketplace. These chose to sell some of their own things to get money to give Paul.**

**At last, enough money was collected. Who would take the money all the way to Paul in Rome? “I’ll take it,” a godly man named Epaphroditus offered. “I’ll take the money and stay and help Paul,” he said. The Philippians prayed for Epaphroditus and sent him on his way with their gift.**

**Walk! Walk! Walk! Epaphroditus made the long trip from Philippi to Rome. There were no cars, trains, or planes back then. It would have taken weeks for Epaphroditus to get there, but he was happy to do it. Paul had done so much for them. Epaphroditus was eager to see Paul and help him.**

**At last, Epaphroditus made it to the big city of Rome. Past the temples of the fake, Roman gods. Through the busy marketplace. Down the winding streets, went Epaphroditus. Finally, he found the house where Paul was being held prisoner. “Knock, knock, knock,” Epaphroditus knocked on the door of the little, prison house. “Creak,” the door opened. Epaphroditus looked in and what did he see?**

*What do you think he saw?*

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

**There was Paul, chained to a soldier. He was an old man, now. His body was sick and hurting. But even so, Paul was joyful. He was still living for God and telling people about Jesus. He had even shared the gospel with the soldiers who guarded him. Some were becoming Christians! What good news this was!**

**Epaphroditus stayed and cared for Paul a long time. He used the Philippian's money gift to buy Paul food and the other things he needed. He shared with Paul about the Philippians and how they still cared for him and were praying for God to help him. Oh, how wonderful it was to have a friend to comfort and care for him! Paul loved hearing how the believers in Philippi were doing. The Lord strengthened him as he and Epaphroditus talked about the Lord and prayed together. What comfort God brought Paul through this one man! Paul was so happy!**

**At last, it was time for Epaphroditus to go. Paul gave Epaphroditus something to take back to the believers in Philippi. He wanted to thank and encourage them. What could a poor, old man in jail give them that would do that?**

*Can you guess?*

**A letter! That's what! So, Paul got out a piece of paper and started writing. When he finished, he rolled it up and gave it to Epaphroditus. Then, off went Epaphroditus, back home. How sad Paul must have been to see him go. Yet, how happy Paul would be for the Philippians to read his letter!**

**Walk, walk, walk. Week after week, Epaphroditus traveled. At last, he made it home to Philippi. The believers gathered together and Epaphroditus read Paul's letter to them. This is what Paul wrote:**

**Dear Philippians,**

**"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for you, I pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," Paul said. "I want you to know that it's been good for the gospel for me to be in prison. I've been able to tell many people about Jesus, including all the soldiers who stand guard over me. It makes me happy that so many people are hearing about Jesus," Paul told them.**

**"Even though life in prison is hard, I am full of joy. God is helping me by your prayers and by His Holy Spirit living in me. God will help me to keep on living for Him and telling others about Jesus," Paul wrote. "And one day, God will take me home to be with Him in heaven forever. That will be best of all."**

**"Until then, I will be praying for you. I will pray that God strengthen you by His Holy Spirit, just as He is strengthening me. I will pray that He would give you joy; and, that you will keep on living for Him and telling others the good news of Jesus. One day, I hope to be freed from prison and come visit you again."**

**May Jesus give you strength,  
Paul**

**What happened to Paul after Epaphroditus left? The Lord had promised that one day Paul would stand before Caesar Nero, the great, Roman king, himself. And so he was! Nero heard his case and no doubt Paul would have even tried to share the good news of Jesus with him, too. And while Nero did NOT become a Christian, he did free Paul from prison. The LORD had answered the Philippian's prayers!**

**And, though Paul probably never got to see his dear friends in Philippi again, he would never forget them. God had used them to give him strength and comfort when he needed it the most. But oh, how sweet would be the meeting of these dear friends in heaven, one day! They had loved each other so well on earth, and now, they would get to go on loving each other forever and ever! And that's what they are doing, even now!**

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

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

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

**1. Who was the prisoner? Why was he in jail?** Paul was. He was in jail for telling others about Jesus.

**2. Who prayed for him?** The believers in the city of Philippi.

**For You and Me:**

Can you imagine going to jail for something you believe in? Paul did, because he knew the good news of Jesus was true, and that people needed to hear it if they were to be saved from their sins. Paul rejoiced to tell others about Jesus and watch them become God's people. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**  
**Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

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**1. Who did God use to comfort Paul?** The believers in Philippi.

**2. What did they do that was comforting?** They prayed for him, sent him money and Epaphroditus to help him.

**For You and Me:**

Paul was comforted by the help and prayers of the believers in Philippi. He was comforted by their love and by knowing that God was loving him, too, through them. We, too, can know the comfort of God and of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's how we become God's people.

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

Our six clues were: a letter, a mouse, some money, Epaphroditus, a soldier, and some medicine.

**1. Which four belong in our story?** The letter, the money, Epaphroditus and the soldier belong. The mouse and the medicine do not.

**2. Who did Paul thank God for using to comfort him?** The believers in Philippi.

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

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!**

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other. God helped Paul and the believers in Philippi comfort and strengthen each other by the good news of Jesus. They remembered that though they were sinners deserving God's punishment, that God had chosen to save them. He sent His Son, Jesus, to give up His life on the cross as the full payment for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He lives and reigns in heaven, caring and praying for God's people, and carrying out God's good plans.

One day, Jesus will come back and put an end to sin and death once and for all; and, God's people will live happy with Him forever. As God's people, Paul and the other believers knew that God would always help them love Him and live for Him... And it was all thanks to what Jesus did! This good news can save us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, as God's people, we can know that God will always help us love Him and live for Him all of our lives... And it will all be thanks to what Jesus did for us.

*Close in prayer.*



**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Comforter and Strength of Your People. You help them comfort and strengthen each other.
- C** We confess that many times we forget to pray for others who are struggling with hard or sad times. Many times, we don't take time to comfort and strengthen others who are struggling. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.
- S** Work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to comfort others with Your Word and by praying for them. Use us to help others in their times of need. Help others to see Your love and kindness as we comfort and pray for each other.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." --Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 6 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!**

No matter who we are, we all go through times of need. Sometimes, we are learning something new, and we need help learning how to do it. Sometimes, we are going through something that is very sad or very hard, and we need comfort and strength. God loves to help His people all the time, especially in their times of need. He uses His Word, the Bible, to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their heart. But God also helps His people through their prayers and comfort for each other.

God's people comfort each other by reminding one another that God is always with them and how great and good He is. They read the Bible to each other and hold on to His wonderful promises to take care of them. They pray for each other, asking God to give them wisdom, strength, and joy; and, to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use their hard and sad times for their good and to bring glory to His name.

God loves to sustain His people through their comfort and prayers for one another. It is a wonderful display of His love both to His people and to others who watch how God's people love and care for one another. We, too, can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, He can use us to comfort others in this special way, too.

**Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

**Learn a Little:** "We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."

**Meaning**

God loves His people so much! He is full of mercy and compassion. He cares about their sadnesses and troubles, and He comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other! He uses them to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in Him their whole lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer**

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- C** We confess that many times we forget to pray for others who are struggling with hard or sad times. Many times, we don't take time to comfort and strengthen others who are struggling. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.
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**Bible Truth 6 Story**

**The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner**

*Philippians*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 6**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Christ Once Suffered for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Suffered Once for Sin*

*Extra Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16, ESV*

Big Question 13 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: Blessed Be the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, ESV

*Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse: Praise be to the God and Father 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-13, NIV 1984*

*Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us 2 Corinthians 1:13, ESV*

*Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse: Let Us Hold Fast the Confession Hebrews 10:23-25*

*Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse: Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV*

*Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse: Build One Another Up 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15, ESV*

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

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## Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

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### God's People Comfort and Strengthen Each Other

#### Craft Description

The children will decorate a paper plate with hands around it to remind them of how God's people strengthen and comfort each other, by helping each other, by praying for each other, and by reading God's Word to each other.

#### Materials

White paper or cardstock  
Construction paper of different colors (if desired)  
Paper Plate  
Markers or crayons  
Glue

#### Preparations

1. Print out the craft pages on white paper or cardstock.
- 2A. If making hands out of construction paper, use the hands as patterns to cut out hands. You will need about 6-8 hands per craft.  
OR,
- 2B. If coloring in hands, make copies of the hands and cut out 6-8 hands per craft.
3. If desired, you can write words on the hands, such as "Pray", "Care", "Love", "Help", "Read God's Word" to show the children ways that God's people strengthen and comfort each other.
4. Print out a copy of the middle circle piece, one per craft.
5. Set out markers/crayons and glue.

#### Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? We've learned that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace...God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other." That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

#### Directions

1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
2. Have the children color in and glue in place the hands around the outside of the plate.
3. Glue the middle circle in place on the plate.
4. Let crafts dry.
5. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.
6. If you have time, you can practice saying the words on the card and talking about ways God's people comfort and strengthen each other.

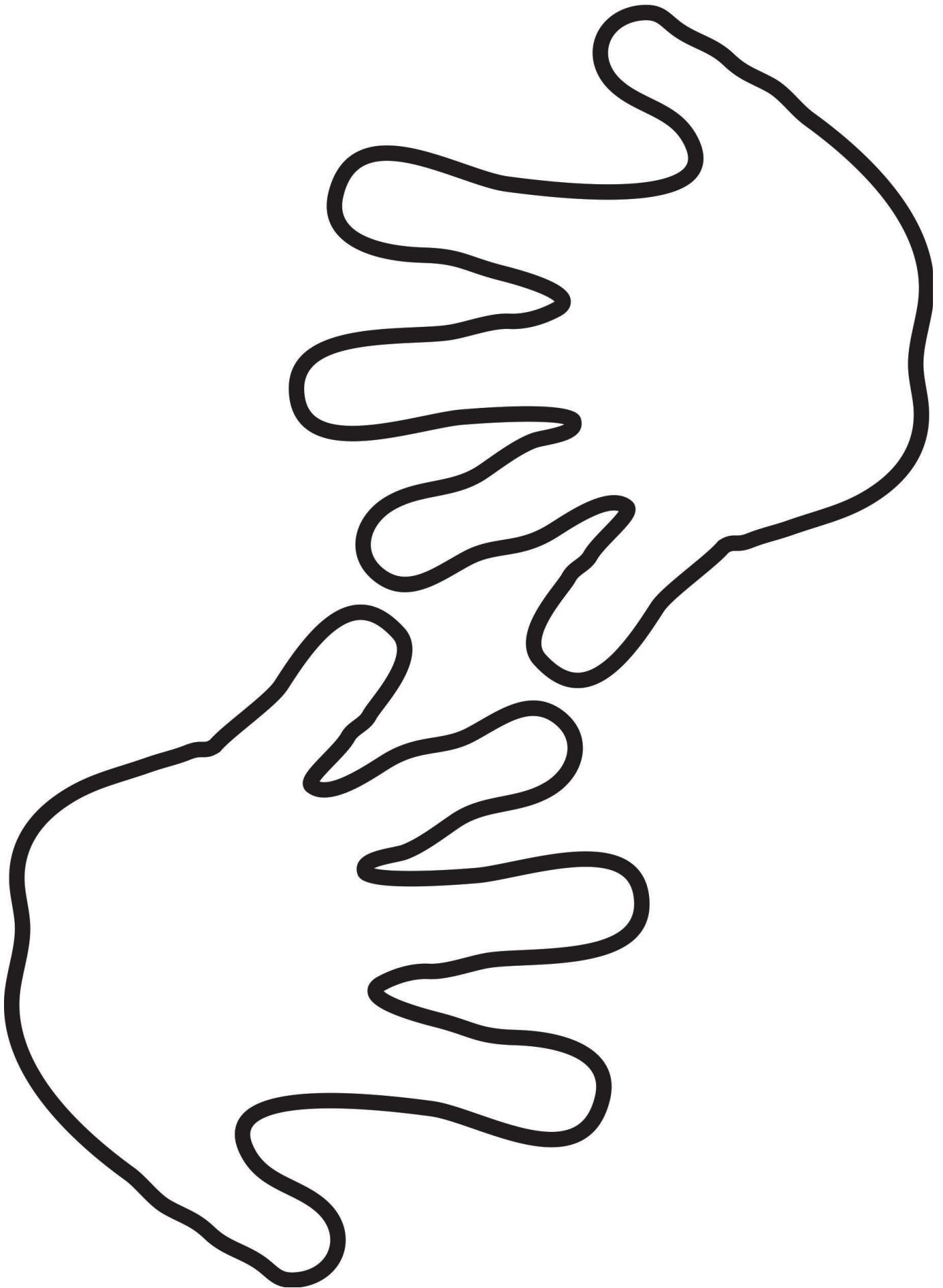
#### Discussion

This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about. Make sure you tell the children how they can become God's people by turning away from their sins and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.

#### Craft Wrap-Up:

At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Go and tell someone the important news you've learned today!"





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God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other!**

**"We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."  
2 Corinthians 1:4, ESV**

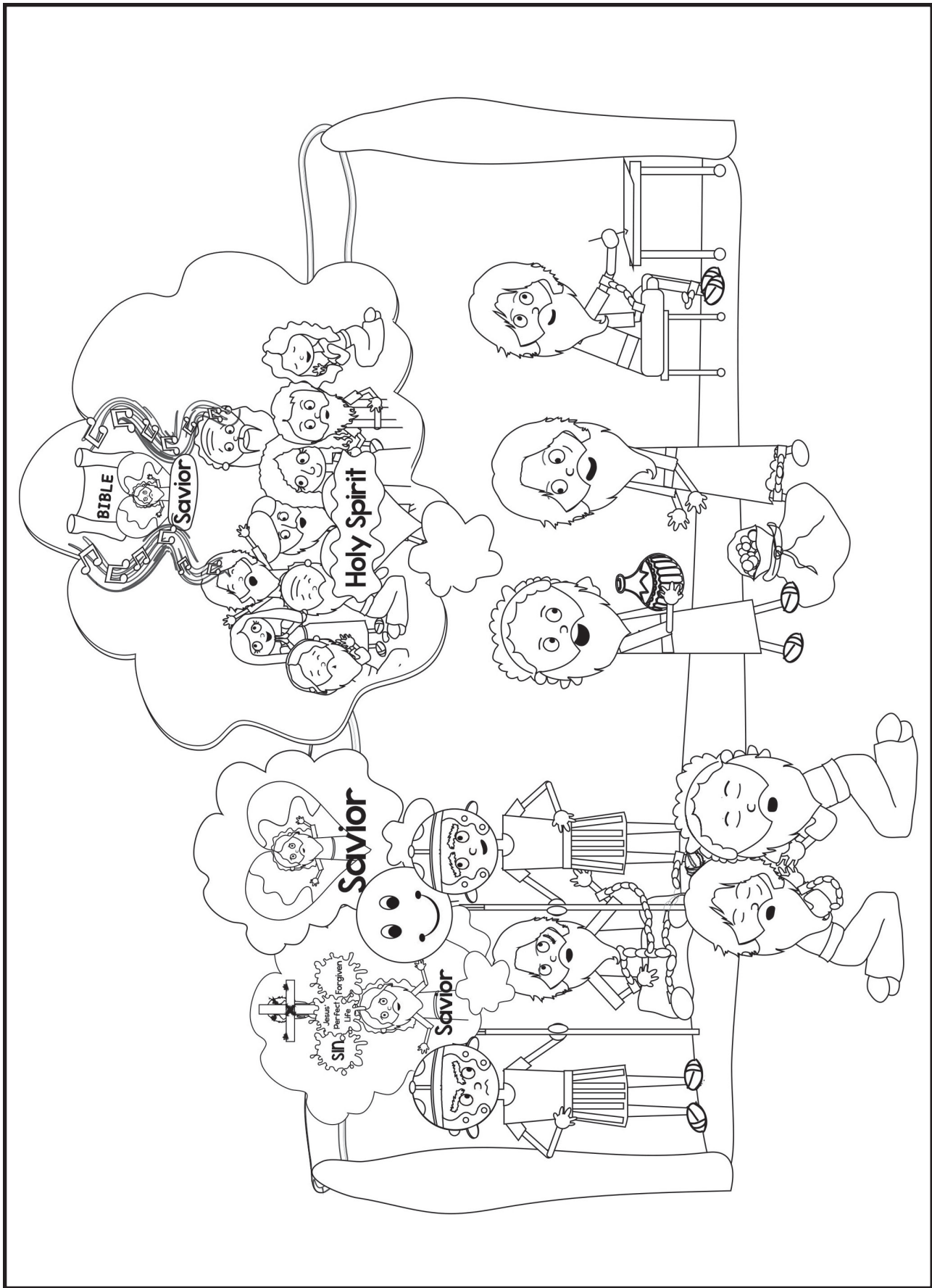
We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!  
He loves to answer this prayer!

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## The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner Jigsaw Puzzle Page

### Philippians

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children.  
Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org).

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**Appendix D:  
Just for Fun  
Activities**

## **Just-For-Fun Activities**

The following are activities that you can incorporate into your free play time. While the activities, themselves, are just-for-fun, you can make them rich times of relationship building, and even use it as an opportunity to discuss what is being taught during Circle Time. Don't over do it, but you can use the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet for question ideas.

### **Gluing and Sticking**

#### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

Teacher cuts out or draws a basic shape or shapes related to concept or story on cardstock or construction paper for children to stick stickers on or glue fabric or paper scraps (tissue, gift wrap paper, construction paper, etc), beans, popcorn, buttons, cotton balls, foam shapes etc. onto. Use glue sticks rather than craft glue for these crafts. Cut fabric/paper scraps fairly large—about 1" or so.

### **Print-Making**

#### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

Children will make designs on a plain piece of construction paper or one with a simple shape drawn on it, using tempera paint (with a little dish soap added to it to make clean up easier) and any number of objects. Objects suggested in this curriculum: marbles, duplos, sponge shapes, empty thread spools, blocks with rick-rack glue-gunned to the bottom of them, cars and trucks, bubble wrap and cork.

### **Necklaces**

#### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

These are made with hollow pasta shapes and hole-punched shapes related to the story/concept. Children can string these onto a piece of yarn or string and have you tie the ends together when they are done.

### **Coloring (Really Scribbling)**

#### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

Children will use crayons or washable markers to draw on construction paper. If desired, the teacher can draw a picture or shapes related to the story on the paper for children to scribble on.

### **Puzzles**

#### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

A simple picture related to the story or concept is printed out onto cardstock and cut into a puzzle of 4 to 10 pieces. This can be done by enlarging one or a number of the people/objects from the story, in a Word, Power-point or other program to the desired size, then printing out onto cardstock. Children can "color" in the picture, then you can cut it out for them into as many pieces as is fitting for the child.

## **Craft Dough**

### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

Provide purchased or homemade play dough (recipe provided) along with various “tools” such as plastic knives (without teeth), small jar lids, keys, garlic presses, little rolling pins, plastic cookie cutters, etc.

#### **Homemade Play Dough Recipe**

2 cups flour  
1 cup salt  
4 tsp cream of tartar  
2 tbsp oil  
2 cups water

Combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix well. In a large pot, combine the oil and the water. Add food coloring, if desired. Add flour mixture to the pot, stirring as you add. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue to stir until mixture forms ball and pulls away from the sides of the pot. Remove ball and knead on plain surface (not floured) until the texture becomes like play-dough. Store dough in an airtight plastic container. Keeps about 3 months. Makes about 5 cups. Allow at least a ½ cup per child.

## **Sandpaper Shapes and Patterns**

### **Just for Fun Arts and Crafts**

#### **Directions**

Use a glue gun to glue full 8 ½” by 11” sheets of sandpaper to foam board or sturdy cardboard cut the same size. Give the children yarn pieces of various lengths, 4” to 12” long. Let them stick the yarn onto the sandpaper and make designs and pictures with them.

## **Dance Ribbons**

### **Just for Fun Games**

#### **Supplies**

3 4’ ribbons per child  
1 plastic shower curtain ring per child  
CD player  
CD of music

#### **Preparing the Activity**

1. Tie three 4’ ribbons to a plastic shower curtain ring.

#### **Directions**

1. Give them to the children to run around with. Have music for them to dance to as they twirl their ribbons. If desired, you could have them sing the Big Question/Bible verse song.

## Match the Shape with Objects

### Just for Fun Games

#### Supplies

Common objects such as keys, cookie cutters, spoons, unsharpened pencils, etc.

Cardstock

Permanent marker

Shoe box

#### Preparing the Activity

1. Trace around common objects such as keys, cookie cutters, spoons, unsharpened pencils, etc., each on a separate piece of cardstock.

2. Put these and the objects in a shoe box.

#### Directions

Have the children take out the cardstock outlines and the shapes and match them up.

## Match the Shape with Blocks

### Just for Fun Games

#### Supplies

Shoe box

Different shape blocks

Duct tape

#### Preparing the Game

1. Cut the outline of different blocks from a child's building block set in the top of a sturdy shoe box.

2. Use duct tape to tape down one long side, making a hinge for the lid.

#### Directions

1. Have the children put the right shape block into the box through the hole of the same shape.

## Ball 'n' Tube

### Just for Fun Games

#### Supplies

Have the children match the block shapes and insert them into the shoe box.

#### Materials

4-6' length of PVC pipe with a 2"-3" diameter opening, found very inexpensively at home improvement stores

Various sizes of balls that will fit through the diameter of the PVC pipe

#### Playing the Game

1. Have the children take turns putting the ball down one end and watching it roll out the other.

## **Bowling**

### **Just for Fun Games**

#### **Supplies**

6 or so empty 2-liter soda bottles  
A soft, foam ball  
Optional: sand or beans, packing/duct tape

#### **Preparing the Game**

If desired, put sand or beans in all/some of the bottles. Seal with tape.

#### **Directions**

Line up empty 2 liter soda bottles and have the children try to knock them down by rolling a ball into them.

## **Color Sort**

### **Just for Fun Games**

#### **Supplies**

Various single colored objects, such as pom-poms, foam shapes, beads, etc. (Be careful to choose objects of a non-swallowable size)  
1 Large container that fits all the objects in it at once  
Smaller containers, one per color  
Construction paper or markers

#### **Preparing the Activity**

1. Put all the objects in the large container. Mix up.
2. Put a piece of construction paper/paper colored with marker on the outside of each of the small containers that matches the color object to go in it.

#### **Directions**

Have the children separate out all the colored items into their proper container.

## **Pattern Post Office**

### **Just for Fun Games**

#### **Supplies**

Various scraps of gift wrap paper or other colorful paper  
Glue stick  
Cardstock or cereal box  
Shoe Box

#### **Preparing the Activity**

1. Cut out envelope-sized pieces of gift wrap paper (or scrap booking paper) and glue them onto cardstock of the same size.
2. Have a shoe box with a letter slit cut in the top for each of the different paper types.
3. Glue a piece of the designated gift wrap paper for each particular box on top of the box.

#### **Directions**

Have the children sort through the "mail" and put them in their right mail slot.

## More Ideas for Activity Centers

Dress-up Clothes  
Hats and Crowns  
Simple Wooden Puzzles  
Duplos  
Blocks and Cardboard bricks  
Peg Sets\*  
Magnet Sets (especially “Tall Stacks”)\*  
(Large) Beads and Threading Laces  
Small plastic people, animals, and vehicles\*  
Lacing cards  
Housekeeping sets  
Doctor’s and nurse’s sets  
Tool sets  
Simple Matching games  
Dolls  
Train sets  
Sand or Rice Center with containers  
Magnifying glasses and objects\*  
Shape and Color Sorters  
Ring Stackers  
Pull toys  
Hammer and Peg sets  
Tap a Tune pianos  
Balls, everything from nerf balls to beach balls\*

## Great Idea Books

### for homemade activity centers

The Wiggle & Giggle Busy Book: 365 Fun, Physical Activities for Your Toddler and Preschooler,  
Trish Kuffner and Megan McGinnis  
The Toddler’s Busy Book, Trish Kuffner  
Arts and Crafts Busy Book  
The First Three Years of Life, Burton L. White  
Creative Resources for Infants and Toddlers, Judy Herr and Terri Swim

## Websites

### Just for Fun Games for ordering activity centers activities and materials

christianbook.com  
amazon.com  
toysrus.com  
growingtreetoys.com  
orientaltrading.com



# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Curriculum Resources**



**Appendix E:  
Curriculum Resources  
to Make or Buy**

## Big Question Box/Briefcase

### What You Want

The Big Question Briefcase is a briefcase or other container with these characteristics:

- Ideally, this should be around 17" x 12", but needs to be at least big enough to fit a 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper inside it.
- Have various pockets to put these sheets in
- Is attractive or curious looking to preschoolers
- Not necessary, but extremely fun, if it has a combination lock

### Finding a Briefcase:

You can certainly buy one new, but you always may find a used one at a thrift shop. Or, someone may have one they want to donate. We use one that stores valuables in it and is the 17" x 12" size. Very durable and has the lock feature that the kids love.

You also can move away from the briefcase idea and use a little trunk or other box for your substitute briefcase. Just change the name to the Big Question Box, if you use a box instead. A boot box or the cardboard box that 10 reams of copy paper comes in is a great size, if you are using a box.

If you use a box, but want a lock-like feature, that's easy to do. Simply cut "straps" out of felt or vinyl and glue in place to the top and bottom sides of the box on one side, with the top strap overlapping the bottom straps. Add velcro to the top and bottom pieces so that they meet and fasten. Make back "hinges" for the box with the felt/vinyl straps, too. Or, you can simply add a belt around the box that has to be unfastened before the box can be opened.

Here are some suggestions for decorating a box or even the outside of your briefcase to make it appealing.

### Supplies

Your box/briefcase  
Plain white contact paper or white cardstock  
Colorful wrapping paper  
Glitter glue  
Markers  
Sequins, fake jewels, buttons, rick rack, etc.  
Other decorating supplies  
Stickers  
Glue  
Clear packing tape

### Directions

1. If you are using a box that has wording on it, you will first need to make plain surfaces for decorating and a hinge for the lid. Stick the white contact paper or white cardstock to each side of the box. On the other hand, you can also use colorful wrapping paper. Then, make a lid by sticking the clear packing tape along one long side of the box, attaching the lid to the box.

2. Use the craft decorating supplies to decorate the box. If desired, you can put a big question mark on top of the box, but remember that you are working with two and three year olds: the question mark symbol is not very meaningful to them yet.

## **Making a Flannelgraph Storyboard** **for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games**

While you may decide to use sticky tac and stick your storyboard pictures to a white board, it is very easy to make a flannelgraph board. The advantage to the flannelgraph board is that the pictures stick very easily and there is no messing with the sticky-tac.

### **Supplies**

Large Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a 36" x 48" foamboard or corkboard (We actually use a far bigger canvas and attach it to the wall) A science project board with the two sides that fold out makes a good 36" x 48" board.  
OR, Small Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a 24" x 36" (to 36" x 48)" board  
Large piece of neutral-colored felt to cover your board with extra to overlap over to the back, if desired.  
Glue gun and glue sticks

### **Directions**

1. Center felt on front side of board. Turn over. Secure in place with glue.

## **Making Durable Storyboard Pictures or Story Scenes** **for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games**

Whether you purchase the Deep Down Detectives storyboard pictures from Amazon or print them off the website (included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book), you will want to find some way to make them more durable. They are used not only as a part of telling the story, but are integral in the story review games. Here's how we make ours durable enough to be used over and over again. **See note below for other simpler options for using these pictures.**

### **Supplies**

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book (purchased or downloaded)  
White cardstock or printer paper (if downloading pictures)  
Sticky-back velcro, circles or cut pieces; or sticky tac putty  
Laminator or Self-laminating sheets  
Sturdy Sheet Protectors, preferably the "Secure Top" kind, like offered by Avery  
Flannelgraph pictures for the Bible stories found at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org) with each unit's resources.

### **Directions**

1. Purchase from Amazon or download and print out the storyboard figures.
2. Cut out flannelgraph figures.
3. Laminate the figures.

**Special tip:** When laminating the big background pictures that are two (and sometimes even three or four) pieces put together, leave a small gap between the two pieces before laminating together. This small space acts like a hinge and allows you to fold up pictures without hurting them into a manilla envelope that fits 8.5" x 11" sheets of paper along with all of the smaller, regular-sized storyboard pictures.

4. If using a flannelgraph board: Stick a piece of sticky backed velcro (ROUGH SIDE) onto the back of each figure. If using sticky tack and whiteboard: simply stick a small amount of sticky tack on the back of a picture when using it. Remove and store sticky tack in airtight container.

**Note:** Instead of using all of the pictures as separate flannelgraph pieces, you can choose to use only a few (helpful to have 10 for the story review game); you can clump them onto posterboard and make them into picture scenes; or, you can simply use the Storyboard Picture Guide as a single picture. At [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org), go to DDD Bits and Pieces for a 22" x 28" poster size jpg of this picture guide if you want to create a large version.

## The Deep Down Detectives “Bible” Folder

This is a homemade folder that looks (kinda) like the cover of a Bible. You will use this to put the Bible verse, the Bible Story and storyboard pictures to help make the point that the truths you are teaching them come from the Bible.

### Supplies

1 piece of 22" x 28" posterboard (white is fine. Green or brown is nice)

Glue

Stapler and staples or packing tape

The Bible Cover pictures (see online with resources for this unit or from the back of each Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book.)

NOTE: The Bible Cover pictures included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books cannot be created larger than 8.5" x 11". That means that they will be under-sized for a Bible Folder of the dimensions you are making. However, you can go online to the Deep Down Detectives curriculum and there is a pdf of a bigger version of these covers that will actually fit the size of this Deep Down Detectives “Bible” Folder.

### Directions

1. Lay out poster board with long side along the bottom.
2. Fold in 2" on each side.
3. Take packing tape and tape the folded in 2" flaps to the main section of the posterboard, all the way down.
3. Fold up 8 1/2" on the bottom of the poster board.
4. Use packing tape to tape this flap in place, all the way down.
5. Take scissors and snip through the tape where the flap is attached to the folder. This will give you a bit more room in the folder.
6. Fold the poster board in the middle to make the center fold.
7. Cut out the Bible Cover Pictures. If possible, laminate these. They will last longer.
- 8.. Glue the two cover pieces to the outside of the folder.

