

BIG QUESTION 1



How can I know what God is like?



ANSWER:

He shows me what He's like!



The Big Question

*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 1:

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
and the Answer is:
He Shows Me What He's Like!

Meaning:

"God made us. He wants us to know what He is like so we can know Him, love Him, and praise Him.

God shows us what He is like by the heart He gave us to know and love Him; through all of His creations we see around us; through His Word, the Bible; and most of all, through His very own Son, Jesus Christ."

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

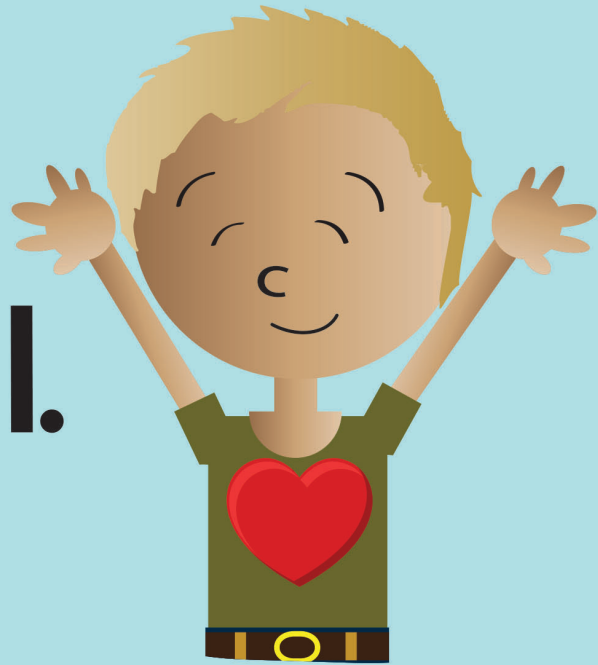
Big Q & A I Song

DDD NIV Songs 1, track 12

(adapted version of "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

How can I know what God is like,
God is like, God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!

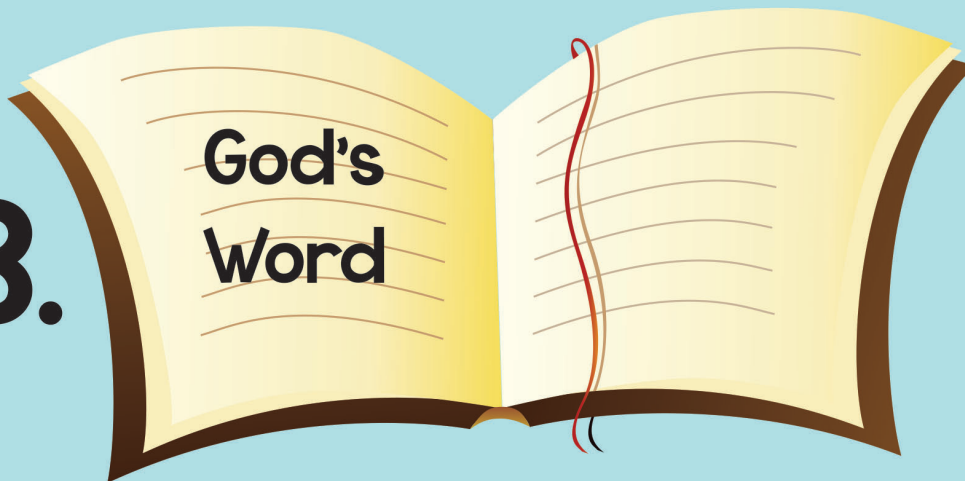
BIG QUESTION 1: Four ways God shows us what He's like



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Visual Aid

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This Unit's Bible Truths

"God shows me what He's like" 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 **FOUR** Bible truths that all tell us something about how God shows us what He's like.

Let's look at our Bible Truth Clue and figure out which of these four 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 get it out and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures with the four truths they will be learning.

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

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue and see if we can figure out which of these four 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 and hand it to you.

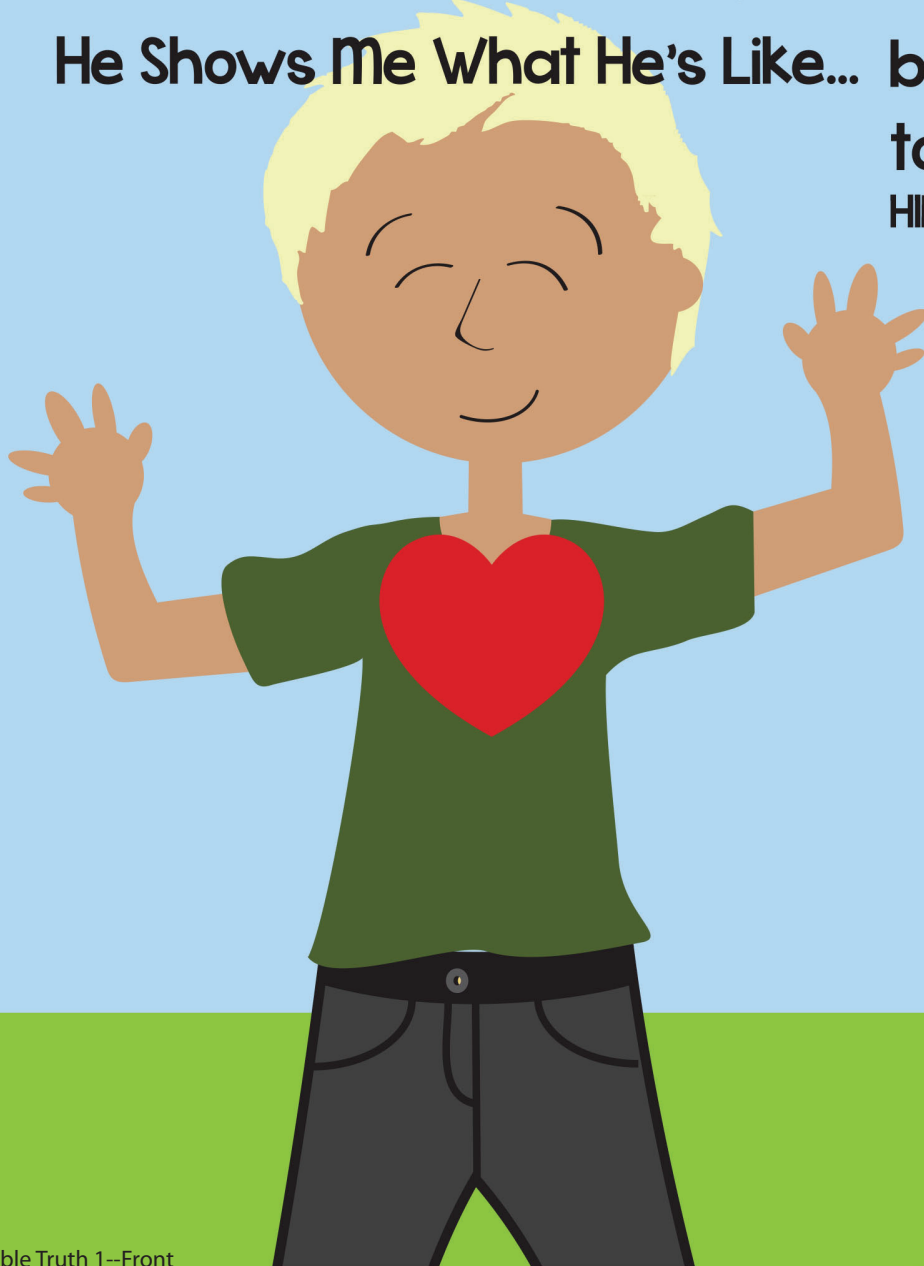
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I:

How Can I Know What God Is Like?

He Shows Me What He's Like... by the ???? He gave me

to know and love Him!

HINT: What do we love with?



By the HEART He gave me
to know and love Him!

Revealing the Bible Truth We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“How Do I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He’s Like...
by the ???? He gave me to know and love Him!**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What do we love with?”

Can you guess? It’s our heart.

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“How Do I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He’s Like...
by the HEART He gave me to know and love Him.”**

And here what this Bible Truth means:

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

God made people with a special heart, so they could know and love Him. This isn’t the heart that pumps blood through our body. This is something very different. We can’t feel this heart inside of us like we can feel the heart that beats in our chest. This heart is even more amazing! THIS heart will never die. It lives forever! The Bible also calls this heart a spirit or a soul. And it’s with this very special heart that God shows us what He’s like.

Visual
Aid

Place
verse in

take out

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Bible™

Big
Question
Briefcase

of BQB



“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Psalm 42:1-2

Bible Truth | Bible Verse

Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Psalm 42:1-2 tells us:

Psalm 42:1-2

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

Learn a Little: "My soul thirsts for God."

What does that mean?

A thirsty deer searches for a stream of water to satisfy his thirst. He must have it if he is to live. That's how God made his body.

In the same way, our heart (or soul) longs for God because He made us to need Him. We may try to satisfy ourselves with other things, but until we know God, we will still long for something more. That's how He made us. He is the living God and there's nothing in the whole world that we need or want more than Him.

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

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

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As the Deer:

Psalm 42:1-2

DDD NIV Songs 1, track 14

As the deer pants for streams of water,
So my soul pants for you, O God!
As the deer pants for streams of water,
So my soul pants for you, O God!
My soul thirsts for God,
My soul thirsts for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?
Psalm Forty-two, one and two.

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

The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside | Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalms 19,23



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the young man?
2. What was the something special he had inside?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 42:1-2, NIV

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God?
2. How did God satisfy his heart?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)



I. David was a shepherd boy who knew and loved God. God knew and loved David, too. David would sing songs to God. God spoke to David in his heart as David thought about God and His Word.



2. Sometimes a hungry lion or bear would come to take a sheep. God gave David courage in his heart. He helped David not run away. He helped David fight off the animal with his sling, and sometimes, with his bare hands!



3. David praised God for his help!



4. David's father gave David food to take to his brothers. They were with the other soldiers fighting their enemies, the Philistines. But when David got there, no one was fighting! Everyone was too scared of one, giant Philistine soldier named Goliath. He was nine feet tall and had a big, heavy sword. No one could beat him!



5. Goliath said bad things about God and His people. "Send one of your men to fight me," Goliath shouted. "If he beats me, then you win the whole battle." But WHO could beat a giant like Goliath with his big sword? David knew who: God could!

"Let me fight!" David told King Saul. "God will help me beat Goliath!"



6. "You can't beat Goliath!" King Saul told David. "You are too small."
"The LORD helped me fight lions and bears. Goliath is no different," David told the king.
"You can't beat me!" Goliath laughed at David. "You are too small."
"I come in the name of the living God," David told Goliath. "He will help me strike you down."



7. David went down to the stream and gathered stones for his sling.



8. David put a stone from the river in his sling. He swung it round and round, then let it go... THUD!
Down went Goliath!



9. Goliath was dead! The rest of the Philistine soldiers were chased home. David, King Saul, and all his soldiers praised God. David knew and loved God in his heart. He trusted God to help him, and God did. Now everyone could see that the LORD was the one, true living God, too.

The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside | Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalms 19,23

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the young man? David.
2. What was the something special he had inside?
A heart to know and love God, given to him by God. A heart filled with the special happiness that only God can give.

For You and Me:
Just like David, God has given us a heart to know and love Him. We can ask God to show us what He's like and help us to know and love Him. We can ask God to give us His special kind of happy like He gave David.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 42:1-2, NIV

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God? David did.
2. How did God satisfy his heart? David spent time learning about God, thinking about God, talking to God, and living for God. As he did, God worked in David's heart, satisfying him, giving him the special kind of happy that comes only from God.

For You and Me:
Just like David, God wants us to learn about Him, think about Him, talk with Him and live for Him. He wants to satisfy our hearts with Himself and His special kind of happy like He gave to David. We can ask Him to help us.

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
By the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

The Gospel



God gave each of us a heart to know and love Him, too. But sadly, we all have chosen to turn away from God and live life our own way. This sin separates us from God.

Only with God's help, we can know Him or be His people.

But God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for people to know and love God once more. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people!

God invites us to become His people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, His Holy Spirit will come live in our hearts, so we can know and love God now.

And one day, go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



A Prayer

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!

C In our hearts, we know that You are God and we should obey You, but many times we don't want to. Please forgive us. Please change our hearts so that we want to know and obey You.

T Thank You for helping us to learn more about You. Thank You for wanting us to know You.

S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Put in our hearts the special kind of happy that only You can give. Help us to go and tell others what we've learned.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

