

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:"

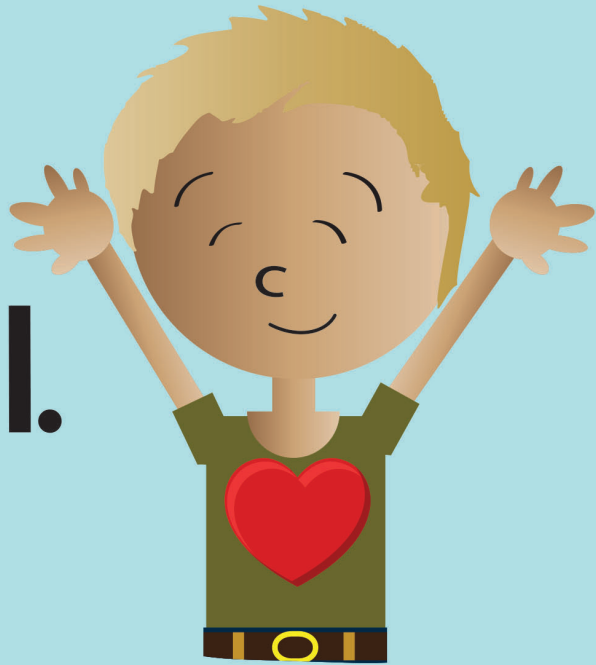
Big Q & A I Song

DDD ESV 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!

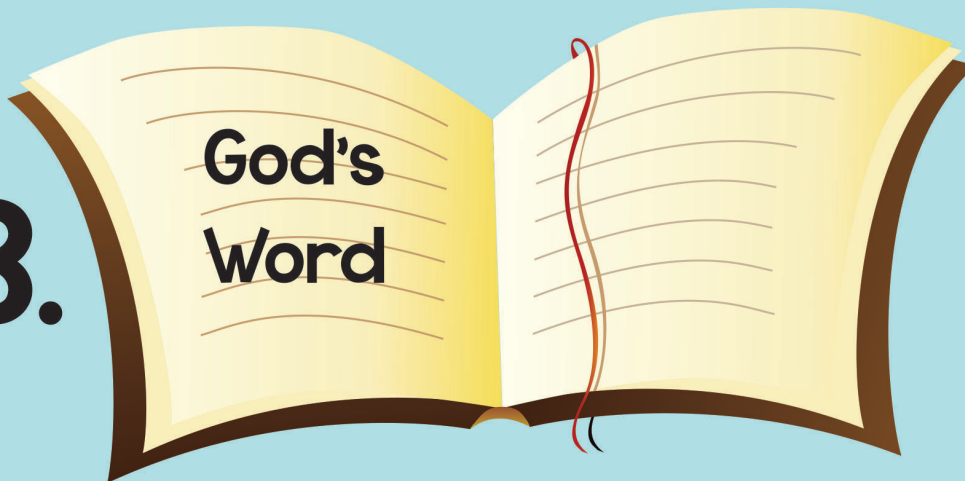
BIG QUESTION 1: Four ways God shows us what He's like



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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.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase?" *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, say...

"Ok, we've learned one way God shows us what He's like already. It's this one: God shows me what He's like through the heart He gave me to know and love Him (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth).. 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 2?

How Can I Know What God Is Like?

He Shows Me What He's Like...

in ???? I see all around me!

HINT: What did God make that we see around us?



ANSWER: in EVERYTHING I see all around me!

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...
in ???? everything I see all around me!**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What did God make that we see all around us?”

Can you guess? It’s everything!

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...
in EVERYTHING I see all around me!”**

And here what this Bible Truth means:

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

God made everything. When we look at all the wonderful things He’s made, God shows us what He is like. I look at the mountains that God made, and I can see that God must be very powerful. I look at the big sky full of stars twinkling far away, and I know God must be very great. I look at the beautiful flowers He made, and I know God must love beautiful things. I look at a mother gently taking care of her children, and I see a little bit of God’s love and tenderness. Everything that God made tells me about Him.



Visual Aid #4

Place verse in



take out



of BQB

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Psalm 19:1-4

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

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

Psalm 19:1-4 tells us:

Psalm 19:1-4

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

Learn a Little: "The heavens declare the glory of God."

What does that mean?

We look up at the heavens (the sky) and what do we see? Millions of stars twinkling softly above us at night; and, the glorious sun shining down on us all day long.

God made these great stars! God made this wonderful sun! They are the work of His hands; that is, He created them. Their brightness reminds us of how great and wonderful God is to make such great and wonderful things.

Every day and night, the sun, moon and stars tell us about God. They don't speak to us with a voice with words like you and I use. God didn't give them that gift. But they do tell us about Him. God made them so great and beautiful that everyone in the whole world can look up and be reminded of Him--the great and beautiful God who made them, and us, and all of the good things in the world around us.

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

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The Heavens Declare:

Psalm 19:1-4

DDD NIV Songs 1, track 18

The heavens declare the glory of God,
The sky proclaims the works of His hands
Day after day, they pour out speech,
Night after night, they display knowledge,
There is no language, where their voice is
not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God,
The sky proclaims the works of His hands
Psalm Nineteen: one through four.

"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 Whispering World Acts 14



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about?
2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 19:1-4, NIV:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else that God had made?
2. What did he want those people to know and do?

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



1. Paul and Barnabas walked from town to town, telling everyone the good news of Jesus. One day, they came to a town called Lystra. No one in Lystra knew about Jesus. They worshipped fake gods. Many people gathered as Paul and Barnabas told them about the Savior Jesus.



2. One man who listened to Paul and Barnabas lay on a mat. He was born with legs that didn't work (he was lame). His legs didn't work, but his ears did! As he heard the good news of Jesus, the Holy Spirit worked in his heart and he believed! Paul and Barnabas were so excited!



3. Then God used Paul to give the lame man another gift: the gift of walking!
“In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk!” Paul told the man.
The man believed in Jesus and obeyed Paul. He sprang up and walked!



4. The crowd was amazed, but they didn't understand. They thought Paul and Barnabas healed the man, not Jesus. They thought Paul and Barnabas were really Zeus and Hermes, two of their fake gods, dressed up as men. "Let's have a worship party for these two gods!" the people said. They made leafy crowns and brought fat bulls to give as worship gifts.



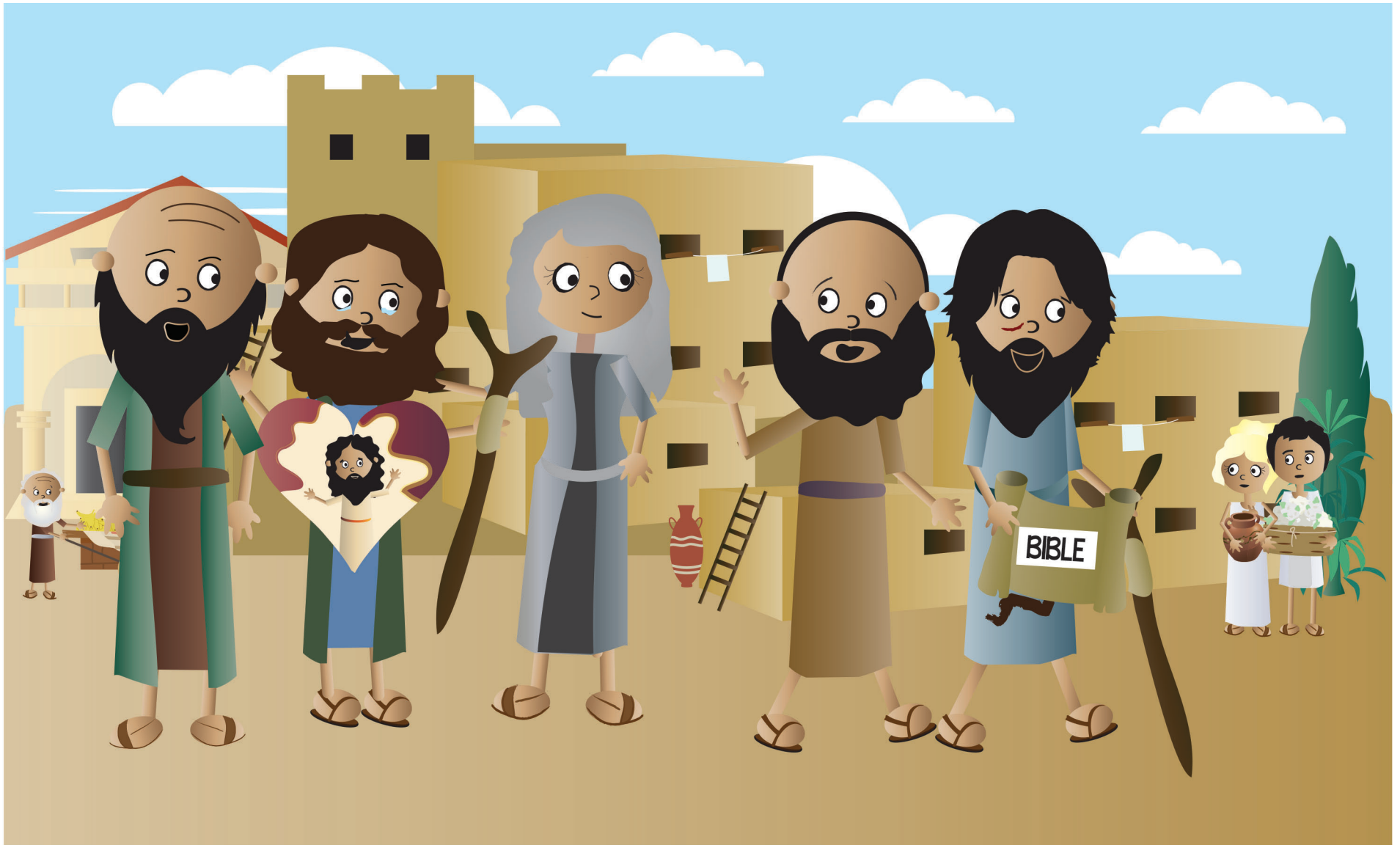
5. "Stop! Don't worship us!" Paul said. "Worship the one, true God. Look around you at all He's made: the earth and sky, the rain that grows your food, and even the joy in your hearts. We have come to tell you about His Son, Jesus. God sent Him to save you from your sins. Worship Him, not us!" Paul told them.



6. Just then, some enemies from another town joined the crowd. They hated Paul and Jesus. They made up lies about Paul and Jesus. Soon, the whole crowd was angry. They threw stones at Paul until he fell over. They dragged him out of the city. They thought he was dead.



7. Not everyone hated Paul and Jesus. Some, like the healed, lame man, believed God's message about Jesus. They cared about Paul. Paul's enemies thought he was dead, but he was not! Paul's friends carried him home.



8. These friends cared for Paul and Barnabas all night. In the morning, they said goodbye and sent them on their way. Paul and Barnabas were off to tell more people, in more places, about Jesus. How Paul must have hurt as he limped along! But Paul wasn't just hurting. He was happy, too. Now there was a new, little group of believers in Lystra who could tell others the good news of Jesus!

The Case of the Whispering World Acts 14

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about?
The LORD, the one, true God.

2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do?
Paul told the people of Lystra about Him. He hoped that they would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:
Like the people of Lystra, we can look around us and learn about the LORD, the one, true God who made everything. We can see how good and great He is.

And, like the people of Lystra, the best thing we can do to know God is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people. This is how we can know God and His wonderful love for us!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 19:1-4, NIV:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else that God had made? The people of Lystra.

2. What did he want those people to know and do?
Paul wanted them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, so they could be saved and could be God's dearly-loved people forever.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Lystra, we can look around us and see what God is like. How good He has been to us! How many ways He has cared for us and given us good things to enjoy. Best of all, God has told us the good news of Jesus. Like the people of Lystra, He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can be His people who know Him and His wonderful love for us.

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
in everything I see all around me!

The Gospel

All around us, we see the good things God made. They tell us about Him. They remind us that He is our Maker and the King of the whole world. We should worship and obey Him. Sadly, we have each chosen to live life our own way, instead. We deserve His punishment because of this. How terrible!

But God is so kind to us! He has made a way for us to be saved from our sins and to become His people! How? By sending Jesus to live a perfect life, then give it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus did this as He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus died, but He didn't stay that way. On Day Three, He rose from the grave. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people.

We can become God's people, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, God will forgive our sins, and we can enjoy wonderful, special closeness with Him in our hearts, now. And one day, we will get to live with Him forever. How wonderful that will be! Ask God to help you trust in Jesus. He loves to answer this prayer!



A Prayer

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We look all around us at the wonderful things You have made and we see how wonderful You are!

C God, when we look at all the things You have made, we know that You are the great, One, True God. We know that we should obey You, but many times we don't. Please forgive us through Jesus. We need a Savior!

T Thank you for wanting us to know You. Thank You for all the beautiful things that You have made and all they tell us about You!

S Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to think about You and know what You are like, as we look at everything You have made. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

