

BIG QUESTION I



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:"

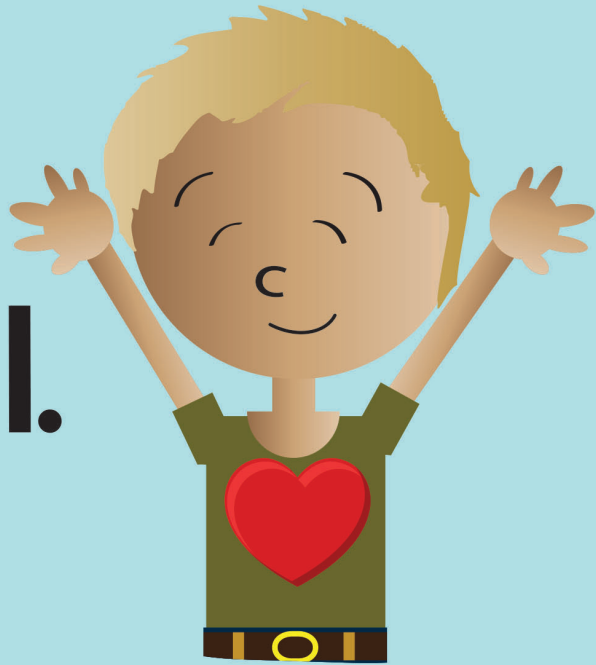
Big Q & A I Song

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



Visual Aid #2 take out of BQB

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 three ways God shows us what He's like already. They are: God shows me what He's like through the heart He gave me to know and love Him; God shows me what He's like in everything I see all around me; and, God shows me what He's like in the Bible, the perfect Word of God (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.

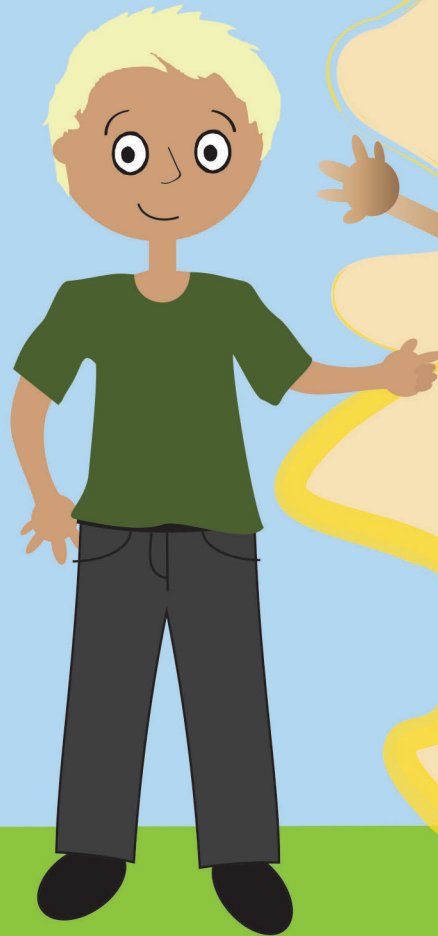
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4?

How Can I Know What God Is Like?

He Shows Me What He's Like...

through His very own
Son, ???? !

HINT: It starts with a "J"!



ANSWER:

through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

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Big
Question
Briefcase
of BQB

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...
through His very own Son, ????!”**

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...
through His very own Son, JESUS CHRIST!”**

And here what this Bible Truth means:

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

When Jesus came to earth, He showed us what God is like. Jesus never, ever disobeyed God. He showed that God is perfectly good. Jesus always told people what was true and right. He showed that God is perfectly wise. He could heal people and calm big storms with just His word. He showed us that God is all-powerful. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God’s people. He showed that God hates sin, but is full of love and mercy. Jesus shows us what God is like more than anything else because Jesus is God.

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“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” John 14:9

DDD 1.4 Bible Verse Picture--front

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

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

John 14: 9 tells us:

John 14:9, ESV

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

What does that mean?

When Jesus lived on earth, people were amazed at everything He said and did. Jesus explained why: it was because He was God's Son who had come down from heaven to save us and bring us to God. When people listened to Jesus teach, they were listening to God teach. When they watched Jesus do amazing things, they were watching God do these amazing things. Jesus was showing them what God, His Father in heaven, was like. When we hear the stories of Jesus in the Bible, we can know more of what God is like, too!

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

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

Whoever Has Seen Me:

John 14:9

DDD ESV Songs 1, track 27

Whoever has seen me,
Has seen the Father.
Whoever has seen me,
Has seen the Father.

Whoever, Whoever,
Has seen me,
Has seen me,

Whoever has seen me,
Has seen the Father.
John Fourteen, verse nine.

"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 One-of-a-Kind Man Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the One-of-a-Kind man?
2. What made Him so different from everyone else?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 14:9, ESV

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like?
2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?

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



1. Jesus' disciples and many others gathered by the Sea of Galilee to hear Jesus teach. Jesus sat out in a boat on the bouncy water, so everyone could see Him and hear Him. All day long, Jesus taught them.



2. All day was a time to listen, but Jesus was worth it! He was a One-of-a- Kind Man. No one had ever taught what He taught, or done what He did. Jesus healed the sick and brought the dead back to life! He even forgave sins. Jesus could do these things because He wasn't just a man. He was God's Son, perfect and powerful! When you were with Jesus, you knew what God was like.



3. At the end of that long day, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's sail to the other side of the lake." The disciples raised the sails and rowed the boat. A sweet wind was in the air and the water was calm. It must have felt good to move after standing and listening all day. But Jesus was very tired after all His work. He lay down in the back of the boat and soon fell asleep.



4. Suddenly everything changed! Down from the hills, a big, powerful wind began to blow. "Whoosh!" it went across the lake and tossed up the water. The little waves became bigger and bigger. "Crash!" went the strong waves on the side of the boat. "Whoosh!" went the strong wind in the sails. The waves weren't just hitting the boat, they were coming in the boat! Would it sink?



5. Everyone was so scared! Well, not EVERYONE! Jesus just kept sleeping right through the big storm. He wasn't worried. God, His Father, would take care of them. He planned to use this big storm to show the disciples that Jesus really was His Son. "Do something! or we will drown!" Jesus' disciples shouted to Jesus. Jesus did something. He stood up and said, "Peace, be still."



6. What happened next was simply amazing. The wind stopped its whooshing and the waves stopped their crashing. Everything was quiet and still as it could be. "Who is this Jesus, that the wind and waves obey His word?" asked the disciples. But even as they asked, they knew. Only God could do this. Jesus really was a One-of-a-Kind Man. He really was the Son of God.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the One-of-a-Kind man?
Jesus.

2. What made Him so different from everyone else?
Jesus was the only man who never disobeyed God. And
Jesus was not just a man. He was the Son of God, too.

For You and Me:

Jesus shows us what God is like most of all because He is
God's Son. There is no one like Him! And what did Jesus
come to do? He came to save sinners from their sins and
bring them to God. He saves all who turn away from
their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save
us, too. We, too, can become God's people!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 14:9, ESV

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people
see who showed them what God the Father is like?
Jesus.

2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much
about what God the Father is like?
Because Jesus is God! Yes, Jesus is God's Only Son.

For You and Me:

How amazing that God would send His only Son to show us
what He's like... and to do even more than that! God sent
Jesus to bring us to God--that is, to save us from our sins.
Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross. He
saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in
Jesus as as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can
become God's people!

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

The Gospel



Jesus showed God's mighty power when He calmed the storm with just His words! But Jesus did something that showed **EVEN MORE** of God's mighty power! Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as our Savior to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death. Now that's mighty power!

If we turn away from our sins (repent) and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can receive this wonderful of salvation from God. This is how we become God's people. We can know special closeness with God in our hearts now. And one day, we will get to live with Him in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



A Prayer

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!

C God, when we think about Jesus, we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus, so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.

S Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to know what You are like when we read about Jesus in the Bible. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

