

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the P	Key Concept and Bible Verse
	Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.
Give the Case Assignment	
	Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided. You can add a third using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.
Show & Tell the Story	
	Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).
Solve the Case	
	Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.
Share the Gospel	
	Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.
Close in ACTS Prayer	
	Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.
Review Time	
	Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.
Looking for more?	
	Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

Unit 4: The God Like None Other

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23

Bible Truth 1 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is a Glorious Spirit

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory--the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him. Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!

But most of amazing of all will be the day when God's people see Jesus in heaven. There He will be shining brightly with the beautiful glory of God's Spirit. How wonderful that will be to see Him like that!

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: John 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Learn a Little: "God is spirit."

Meaning

Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will worship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our spirit. He works powerfully inside us, helping us to live out our faith in Him by seeking to know Him more and more, and to love Him in everything we do in our lives.

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- **C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- **T** Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- **S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story

The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness *1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7*

Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

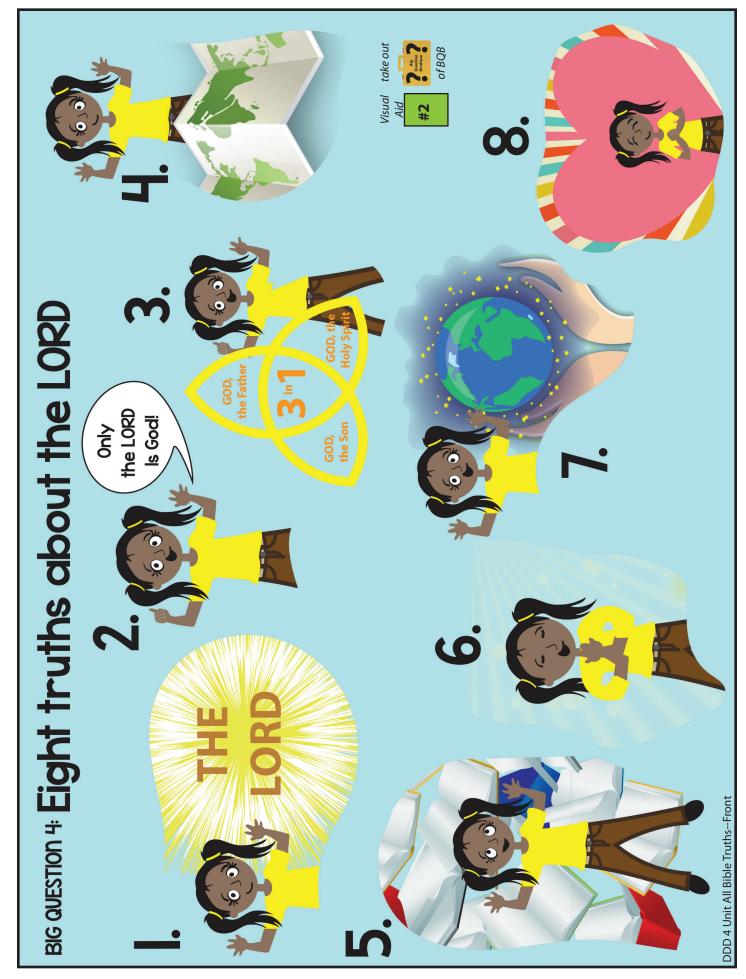
Big Q & A 4 Song Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: O, O, Lord 1 Kings 8:23, ESV Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (short version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above Kings 8:23, ESV (full version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: In Heaven Above or Earth Beneath Kings 8:23, ESV (other version) Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, ESV Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: God Is SpiritJohn 4:24, ESVExtra Bible Verse Song: The Hour Is ComingJohn 4:24, ESV (other version)

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



Let's sing our Big Question Song:" Big Q & A 4 Song DDESV Songs 4, track 12 (adapted version of Have You Ever Seen a Lassier) Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me, What the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.		Meaning: There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been aliveand He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.	Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? and the Answer is: He's Not Like Anyone Else!	The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 4:	The Big Question Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:
18	DDD 4 Big Question Picture-Back	se, Ise, se, s like.	Can anybody tell me, Tell me, tell me, Can anybody tell me,	DDD ESV Songs 4, track 12 (adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")	Let's sing our Big Question Song:" Big Q & A 4 Song



DDD 4 Unit All Bible TruthsBack	
	Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.
	"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign 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?"
	After everyone has had a good look say
	Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.
	Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."
	"He's not like anyone else" 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 EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about what God is like.
	This Unit's Bible Truths

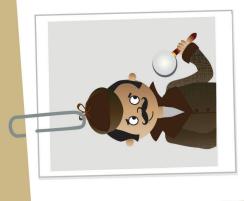


So the Bible Truth we are learning today is: (<i>uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:</i>) "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?



DDD 4.1 Bible Verse PictureBack	
	"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"
	"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?"
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And those who worship him Worship in spirit and truth. John Four, twenty-four.	What does that mean? Jesus tells us in these verses that God is spirit. He tells us that anyone who wants to be a true follower, a true worshipper of God, will wor- ship God with the spirit He put inside of us. How do we do this? By turning from our sins, believing in Jesus, the Son of God, and trusting in Him as our Savior. When we do, God puts His Holy Spirit inside our
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DDD ESV Songs 4, track 22	John 4:24 tells us:
John 4:24	Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:
"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"	Bible Truth I Bible Verse

The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness I Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l l. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness?

2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:24, ESV

I. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed the people He had come to meet with them in the Temple, the new worship house? What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth? (more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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2. But Nathan told King David, "The LORD says, "No, I don't want you to build the Worship House for Me. I want your son, Solomon, to build it. He will build it when he becomes king, after you die."



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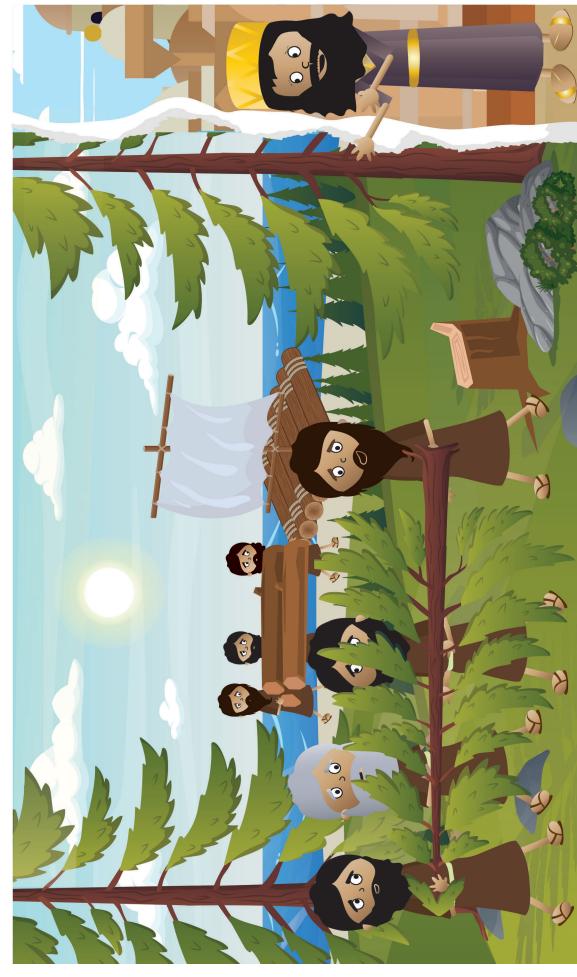
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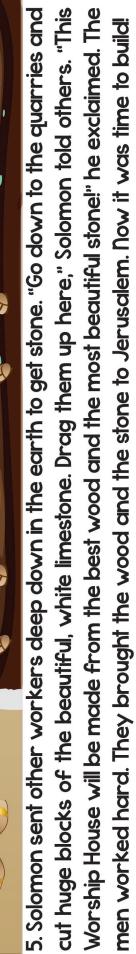
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5. Solomon sent other workers deep down in the earth to get stone.

stone!" he exclaimed. House will be made from the best wood and the most beautiful limestone. Drag them up here," Solomon told others. "This Worship "Go down to the quarries and cut huge blocks of the beautiful, white

Jerusalem. Now it was time to build! The men worked hard. They brought the wood and the stone to





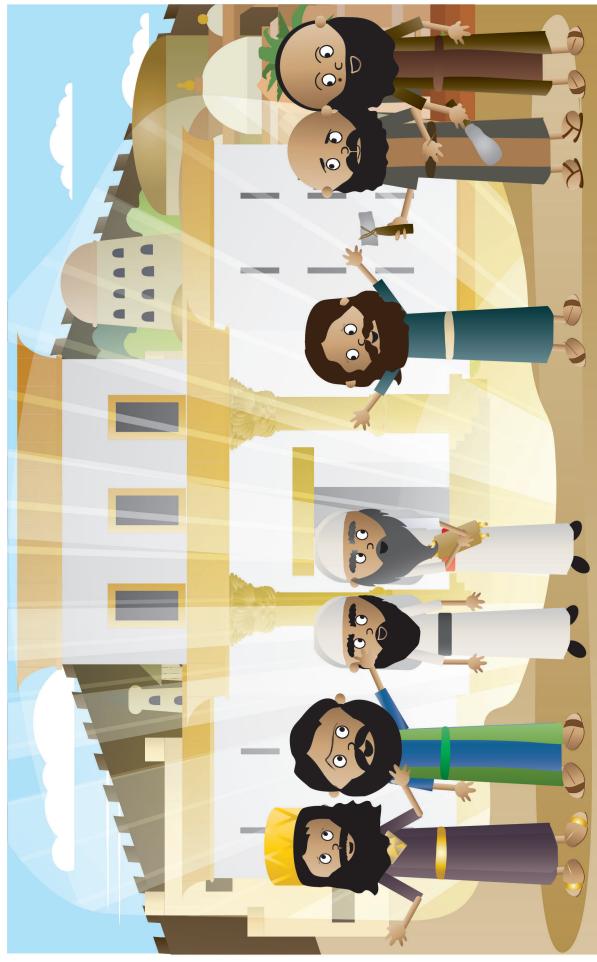
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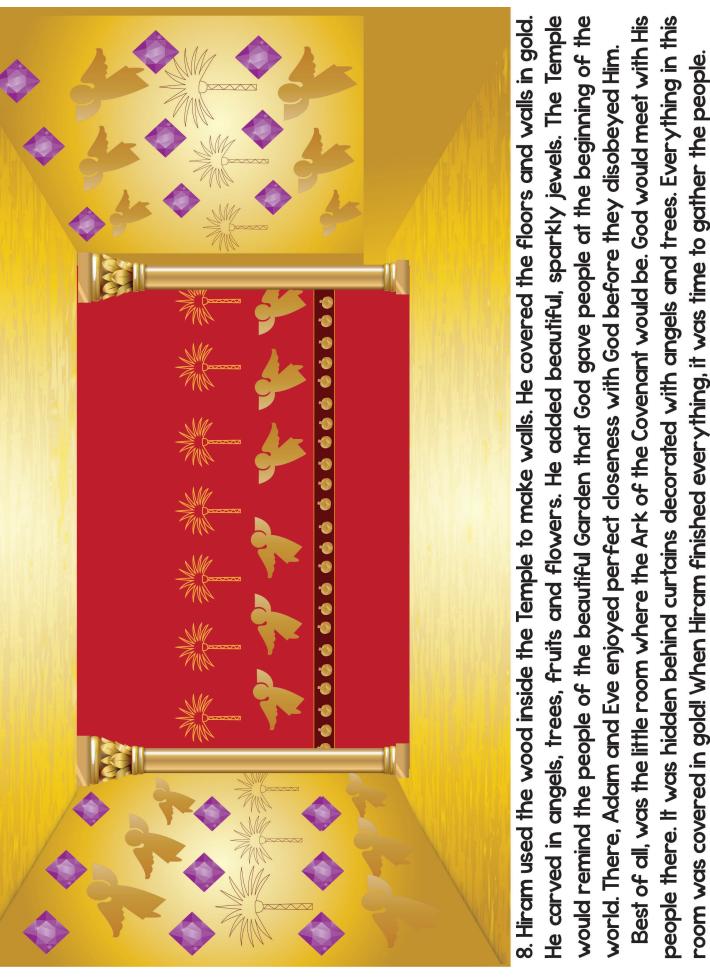
shines out from His Spirit. 7. Hiram and the workers worked for a long, long time. They used white limestone on the outside. It glistened in the sun. It reminded the wood and the stones, the fine cloth, and the gold to make the the people of the LORD's glory--the beautiful shiny, brightness that Temple. The LORD helped Hiram make it just right. Hiram used the



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8. Hiram used the wood inside the Temple to make walls. He covered closeness with God before they disobeyed Him. the beginning of the world. There, Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect flowers. He added beautiful, sparkly jewels. The Temple would remind the people of the beautiful Garden that God gave people at the floors and walls in gold. He carved in angels, trees, fruits and

be. God would meet with His people there. It was hidden behind Best of all, was the little room where the Ark of the Covenant would to gather the people. was covered in gold! When Hiram finished everything, it was time curtains decorated with angels and trees. Everything in this room



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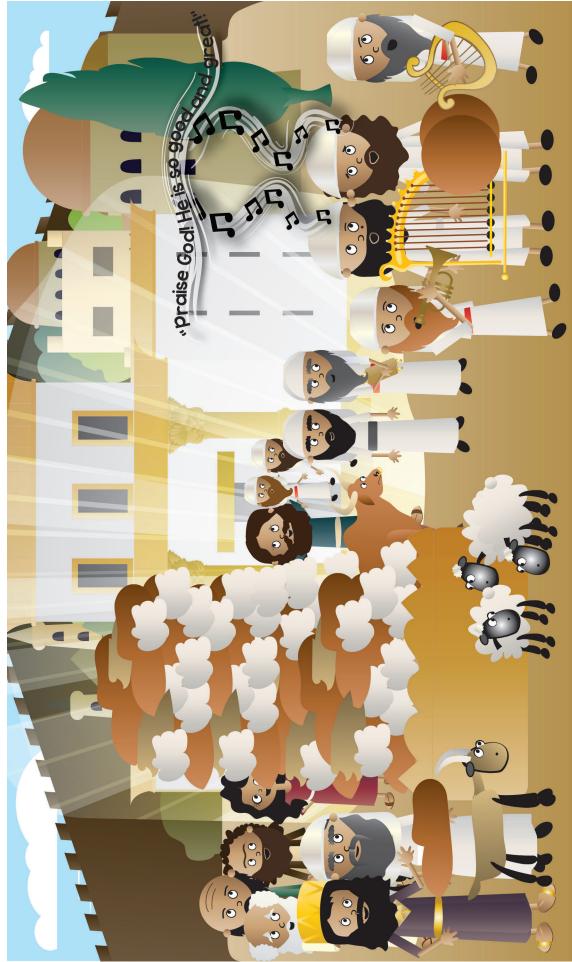
beneath the cherubim in the little room (The Holy of Holies). 13. The worship leaders set all the golden worship things in place in the big room. Then, last of all, they put the Ark of the Covenant



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H. As the priests and Levites came out of the Temple, the musicians picked up their instruments and began to play and sing, "Praise to the LORD, for He is good, for His love goes on and on and on." How happy they were that the Ark of the Covenant had come home to the new Worship House! King Solomon and the people kept offering their worship gifts. Higher and higher and higher the worship gifts piled up. Oh, how everyone wanted to honor the LORD!

15. Then, shhhh! Everyone got very quiet as King Solomon spread prayed. House. The whole world isn't even big enough to hold You," the king you, in heaven or on earth. You are too great to live in this Worship out his hands before God and prayed: "LORD, there is no God like

pray to You, praise You, and bring their worship gifts to You. Please "But please, LORD, make this a special place where all people can have Your presence dwell here. Accept our prayers," he prayed.

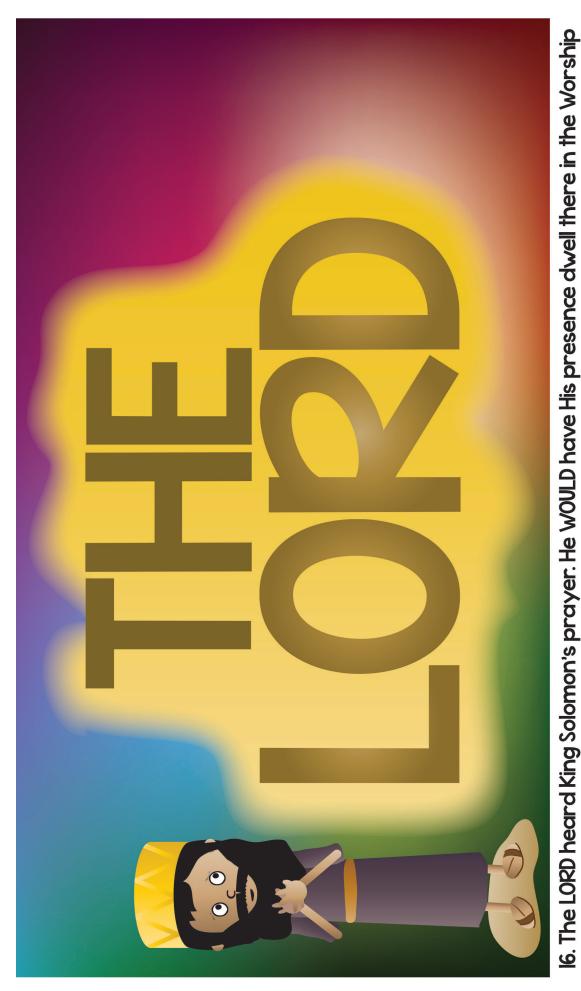


prayers and receive their praises and worship gifts! presence dwell there in the Worship House. He WOULD listen to their 16. The LORD heard King Solomon's prayer. He WOULD have His

But HOW would King Solomon and the people KNOW that the LORD to dwell in the Temple, the new Worship House? could not see Him with their eyes. They could not touch Him with answered their prayers? After all, the LORD is a glorious Spirit. They their hands. How would they know if His presence had really come



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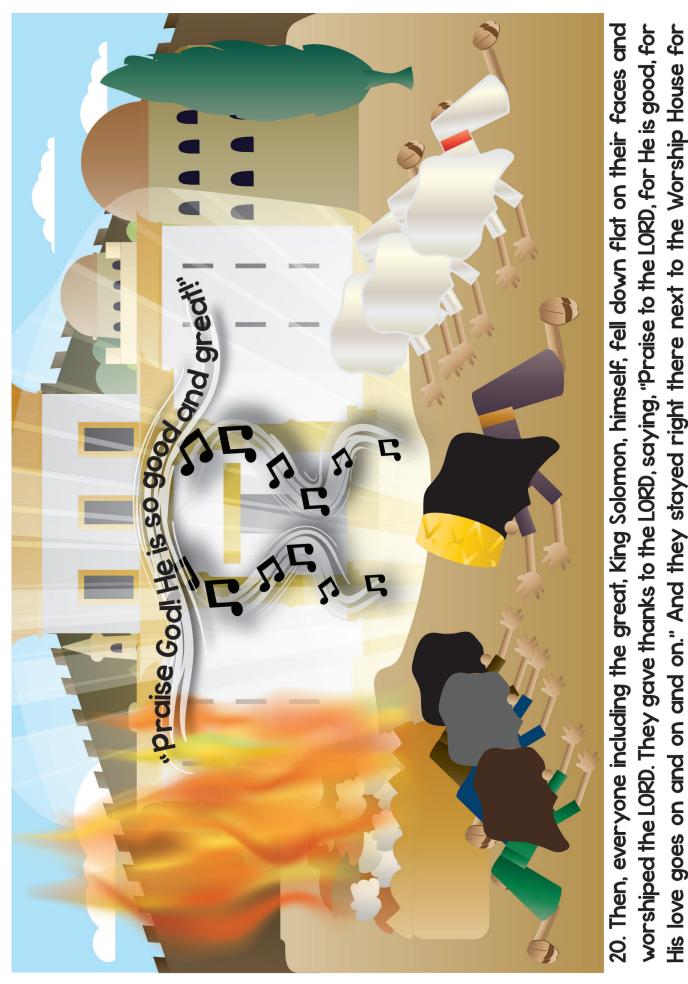
Temple. He WOULD meet with the people there.

19. Yes! King Solomon, the priests, Levites, worship leaders, and all the people watched as God's beautiful glory came down from heaven like a great, sparkly cloud. It covered up the top of the Worship House. And inside, it filled it so full of God's glory that none of the priests or Levites could even go in! Now everyone really knew that the LORD had said "yes" to all of their prayers! He had accepted their worship gifts and showed them some of His glory. His presence WOULD dwell in the



goes on and on and on." 20. Then, everyone including the great, King Solomon, himself, fell to the LORD, saying, "Praise to the LORD, for He is good, for His love down flat on their faces and worshiped the LORD. They gave thanks

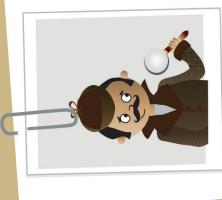
And they stayed right there next to the Worship House for seven, whole days, worshipping and celebrating with a big party.



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DDD 4.1 Simple Story Scenes

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l l. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing

Brightness? The Temple, the new Worship House, was finished and ready to be used for worship.

2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean? The blazing brightness was the glory of the LORD that came down from heaven and filled the Temple. It was how the LORD showed the people that He would meet with them in the new Worship House. For You and Me: How wonderful it must have been to see the beautiful How wonderful it must have been to see the beautiful glory of the LORD's Spirit that day! But how more amazing it is that God's own Son, Jesus would come to earth to live it is that God's own Son, Jesus would come to earth to live among us, and to suffer and die for our sins! Jesus can be among us, and to suffer and die for our sins! Jesus can be our Savior. When we turn away from our sins and trust in our Savior. When we turn away from our sins and trust in inside our very hearts and meet with us, His dearly-loved inside our very hearts and meet with us, His dearly-loved

people, there!

Detective Dan's Listening



John 4:24, ESV

Assignment #2

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

I. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed He had come to meet with the people in the Temple, the new Worship House?

He let them see the blazing brightness from the glory of His Spirit as it came down and filled the new Worship House. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth?

They brought their worship gifts to the LORD. They sang praises to Him. They prayed to Him and bowed down before Him.

For You and Me:

God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth, too. How can we do that? We can sing praises to Him and pray to Him, like those people did long ago. Most of all, we can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can help us do this. Ask Him! DDD 4.1 Simple Story Scenes

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He is a Glorious Spirit! What a day it was, when God showed Solomon and all the people some of His glory as His earth to be our Savior. He was still God, but now He was human, too. When people presence filled the Temple! But it's even more amazing that God sent His Son, Jesus, to saw Jesus, they were seeing God!

gave his life to pay for all of the sins of God's people. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose to What did Jesus have to do to be our Savior? He lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He life. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever, Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their God can help you become one of His people, too. Ask Him! He loves to do this! DDD 4.1 Simple Story Scenes

A Prayer

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You. You are a glorious spirit!
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- Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit so we can know and love You.
- S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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