

BIG QUESTION 4



Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

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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 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
and the Answer is:
He's Not Like Anyone Else!

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 alive--and 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.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 4 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 4, track 12
(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")*

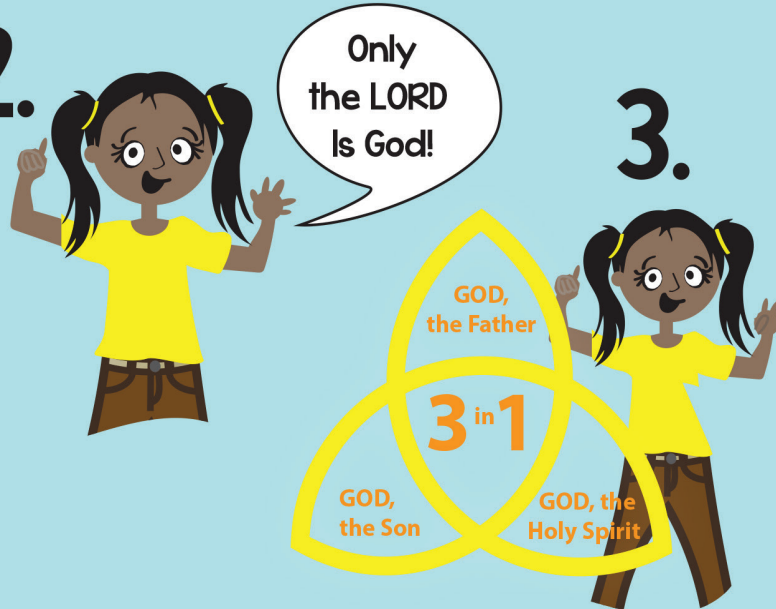
Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
Anyone else, anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
That's what the LORD is like.

BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

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This Unit's Bible Truths

"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 the God is like.

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

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, we've learned two truths about the what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit" and, "He Is the One, True 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 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 sign and hand it to you.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3?

Can Anybody Tell Me What
the LORD Is Like?

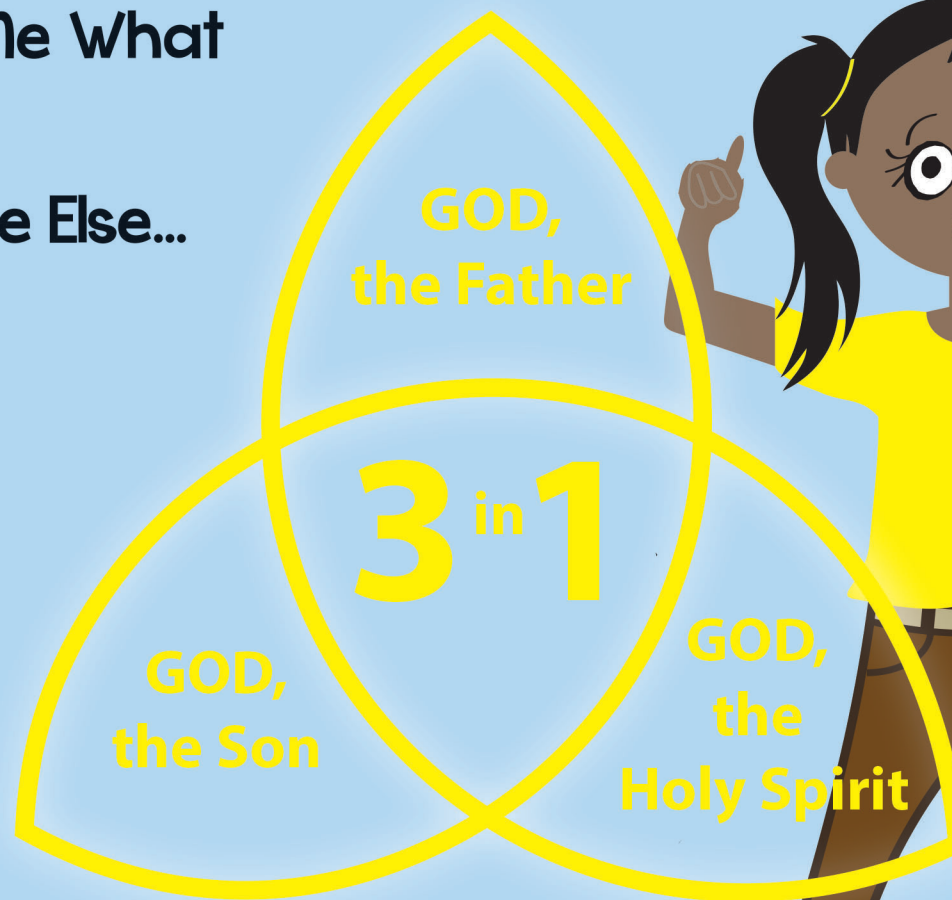
He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Is God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit:
???? Persons,
But Just ???? God!"

HINT: Count "Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit: how many
persons is that?
And: How many true
Gods are there?

ANSWER:

He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
THREE Persons, But Just ONE God!



Visual Aid
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take out
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:

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!
He Is the God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
???? Persons, But Just ???? God!”**

We’re missing two words. Here are the hints for the missing words. It says: “Count “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: how many persons is that? And: How many true Gods are there?

Can you guess? The answers are: “THREE” persons and “ONE” true God.

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!
He Is the God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Three Persons, but just one God!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God is just one God, but He is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always enjoyed perfect love and happiness within Himself. He has never needed anyone else to be happy.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to do wonderful and mighty things. God the Father has plans for the world. Jesus is God’s Son. He does what the Father plans. He came to earth to save God’s people. The Holy Spirit is God, too. He also does what the Father plans. He works in God’s people’s hearts so they can know God and live for Him. One God, but three Persons! Who has ever heard of that?! God is not like anyone else, is He?



**“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse

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

2 Corinthians 13:14 tells us:

2 Corinthians 13:14

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

What does that mean?

What wonderful gifts God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gift of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

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May the Grace: 2 Corinthians 13:14

DDD NIV Songs 4, track 21

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

May the grace of Lord (Jesus Christ),
And the love of God (God the Father)
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

Second Corinthians Thirteen, fourteen.

"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?"

The Case of the Amazing Plan of the Three-in-One mt 3:11-17; mk 1:7-11; Lk 3:15-18, 21-23; Jn 1:19-34



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Three-in-One?
2. What was His plan?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

1. How did God the Father show His love to people?
2. What wonderful gift of grace did Jesus give us? How did He make it possible for us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our hearts?

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

THE LORD

I. Long, long ago, there was a time before this world was made. There were no mountains, no stars, no oceans, no plants. There were no birds, no animals, no fish, and no people. There was just the LORD, the one, true God.

Perfect Wonderfulness



2. Now, that might sound very lonely, but actually it was Perfect Wonderfulness --the most wonderful thing anyone can ever know. Why? Because while the LORD IS just one, true God, He is something else that is very, very special. He is God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God. Three-in-One. And the friendship--the fellowship--that God enjoyed in Himself was better than anything we can ever imagine. And that's why I call it "Perfect Wonderfulness."

Perfect Wonderfulness



3. The LORD did not need this world or anything in it to be happy. He was perfectly happy in Himself. But nonetheless, He wanted to make this world. He had a plan for it. A plan to create a people for Himself. A people to share in His Perfect Wonderfulness with Him forever.



4. So, way back in the beginning, God began His plan for the world and for His people. He created it all beautifully and perfectly --both the heavens and the earth. And last of all, He made the first people who would share in that Perfect Wonderfulness with Him. They were named Adam and Eve.



5. How wonderful life was for Adam and Eve! God placed them in a beautiful garden with everything they needed. Best of all, He gave them Himself. He gave them a spirit--a special heart. And through this spirit, Adam and Eve knew and loved God. They enjoyed His Perfect Wonderfulness. They obeyed Him and trusted Him. They loved their beautiful home. Yes, life was very wonderful with nothing wrong in it at all!



6. But then, God's enemy came. He tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God. They thought they would be happier doing things their own way; but, oh, they were not! They lost their beautiful home and the perfect love they had for each other. Now, their bodies would get sick and one day would die. Now, they and all their children after them would live in a world broken with sin. Worst of all, they lost the bit of God's Perfect Wonderfulness they knew in their hearts, and they deserved to stay separated from God forever. Oh, what a very, very sad day!



7. But God is so kind. He knew what people would do, even before He even created them. And back then, before the beginning, He had already woven their RESCUE into His plans for the world. And what an amazing rescue it would be! Can you guess who He would send? He planned to send Jesus, the Son of God. Yes, Jesus would choose to leave heaven and the full, close fellowship of Perfect Wonderfulness with God, His Father and the Holy Spirit. And down, down, down to earth He would go. He would make the way to save God's people. He would rescue them, so they could share in God's Perfect Wonderfulness once more.



8. So, at just the right time, Jesus was born a baby in Bethlehem. He was still the Son of God, but now He was a human, too.



9. Life on earth was not like the Perfect Wonderfulness Jesus fully enjoyed in heaven. Can you imagine what it would be like to leave behind all that Perfect Wonderfulness and live in this broken world? God must love us so much, that He would choose to do this to save us! Every day, Jesus prayed to His Father and was helped by the Holy Spirit. But He looked forward to the day when He would enjoy that full, Perfect Wonderfulness with God, His Father and the Holy Spirit in heaven again. And Jesus knew that because of what He was doing for God's people on earth, that they would get to be in heaven with Him, knowing and enjoying God fully. That was worth it all!

30 years



10. So, for thirty, long years, Jesus lived here on earth. He grew up, up, up until He was a man. He slept and he played. He did His chores and learned a job. And all the while, Jesus never, ever did anything wrong. He was preparing to be our perfect Savior.



II. Then one day, Jesus was done playing. He stopped doing His chores, and He put down His tools. He left His home in Galilee and He headed to the River Jordan, far away in the wilderness.

Why did Jesus leave His home and go to the River Jordan? Was He hot and wanted to cool off? Did He want to go fishing? Was He going on vacation?



12. No, Jesus wasn't going there for any of those reasons. Jesus was going down to the River Jordan because it was time to complete God's amazing rescue plan... and it all needed to start right there out in the wilderness by that river, with His funny-looking, funny-living cousin who lived there. A man named John.



13. Yes, John certainly looked funny! He never cut his hair or his beard. He wore camel's hair for clothes! John certainly lived funny, too...out there in the desert-y wilderness, eating nothing but wild honey and hoppy, bumpy, crunchy locusts for food. Yum! Yum!

But John looked this way and lived this way for a very good reason: God had told him to. God was preparing John for a special job. God would use him to get the people ready for Jesus.



14. John started preaching the message God gave him: "It's time! The LORD is sending His Savior! Repent! Stop disobeying God and turn back to Him. Be baptized! Show that you want to live for God. Make sure you are ready for the Savior when He comes," John told all who came out to the River Jordan to listen to him. All kinds of people came. Strong, army soldiers. Bad, cheating men like tax collectors. Teachers of God's Word and other people came to listen, too.



15. What do you think happened as the people listened to this funny-looking, funny-living man? God used John's words to work in the hearts of many and help them repent of their sins. Down into the water they waded with John, to be baptized. They wanted to be ready for the Savior!



16. At last came the day everyone was waiting for: the day Jesus left his home and went down to the Jordan River. "He's here! The Savior I told you about," John exclaimed to the crowd down at the river that day. "He's come to take away God's punishment for your sins!"



17. "I've come for you to baptize Me," Jesus told John. "Why should I baptize you, Jesus? You don't need to be baptized. You never disobey God," John told Jesus. "Yes, but this is something I must do to be the Savior." Jesus replied. At last, John agreed. Into the water John and Jesus waded. John baptized Jesus, lowering Him down under the water, then bringing Him back up again.



18. Jesus came out of the water, and prayed to God. And as He prayed, something amazing happened. The heavens opened up, and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove and rested upon Jesus. Then from heaven, God the Father spoke: "This is my dear Son whom I love so much! I am so very pleased with Him," He said. Together, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit--the great God who was Three-in-One-- would carry out God's amazing plan to save His people!

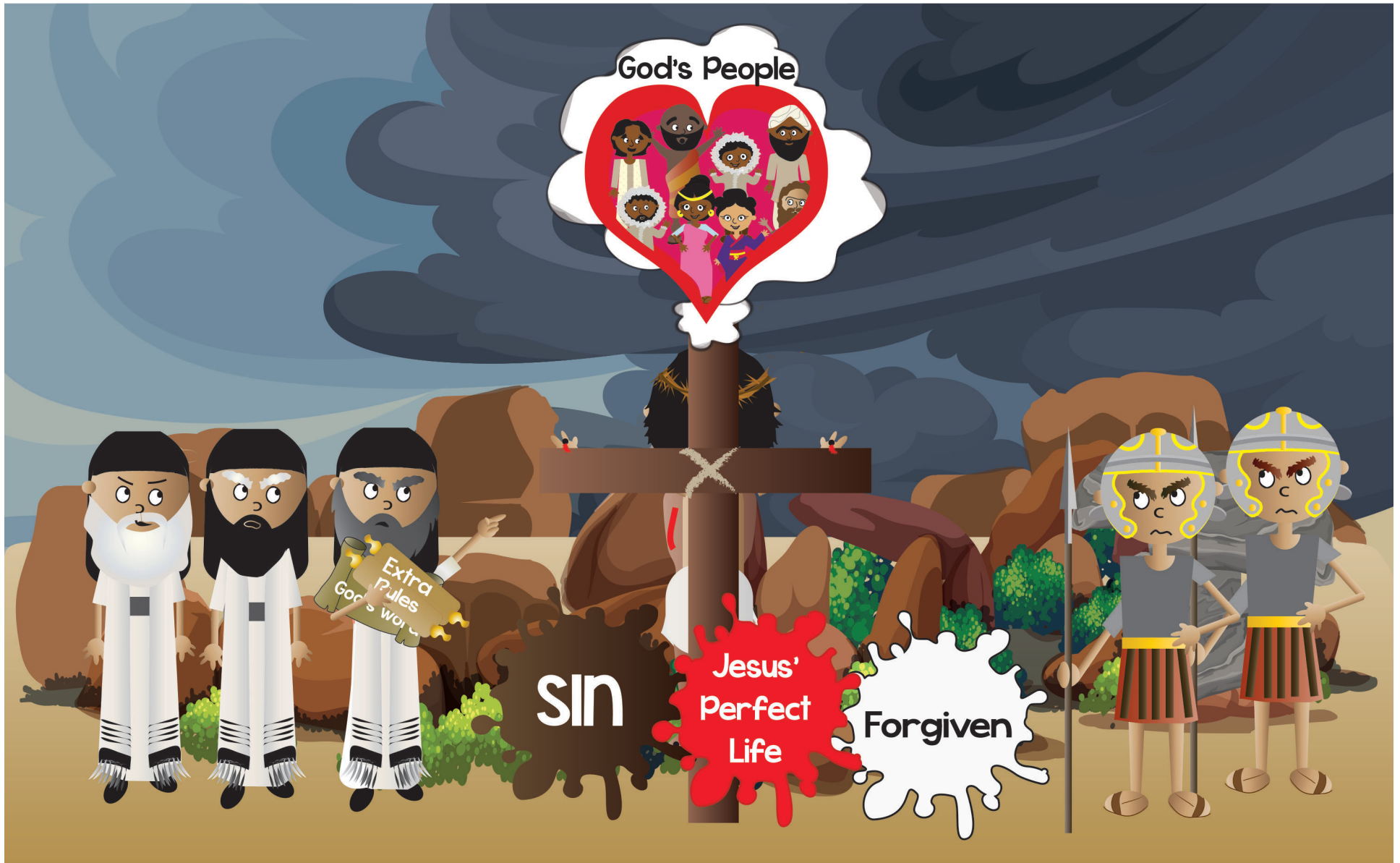
God's Son, Jesus, the Savior



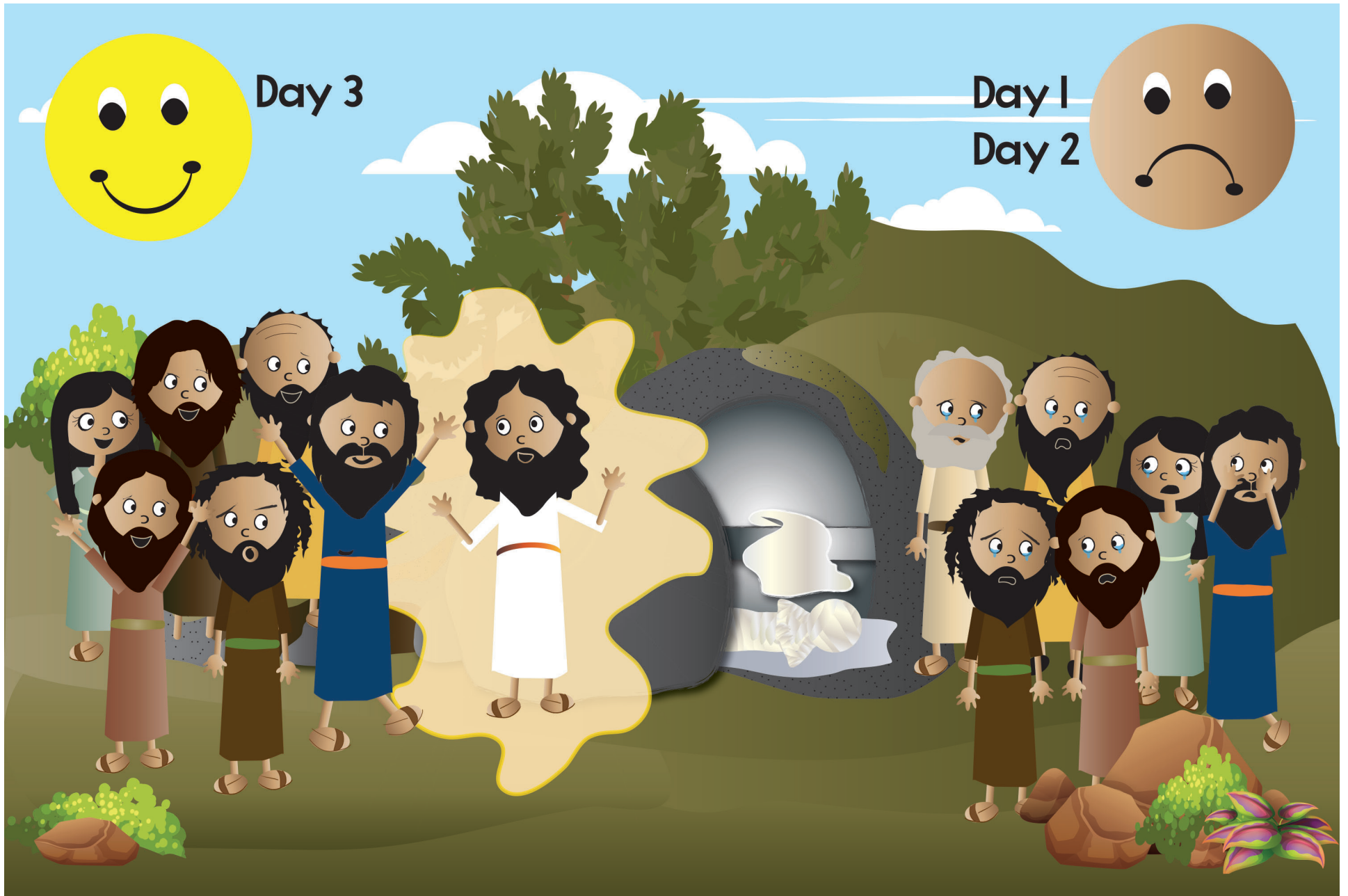
19. Now, it was time for Jesus' work to begin. Now, He would begin to tell people how they could be saved. Soon, He would suffer and die for their sins. It would be so very hard to complete God's good plan, but Jesus was willing to do it. From start to finish, He would be the Savior! He would make the way for people to share in the Perfect Wonderfulness of God once more.



20. Over the next, three years, everything worked out just as God had planned. Jesus taught the people about God, His Father. He did amazing things, showing them that He was the Son of God, sent to save them. And, He promised that God would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts as their Helper.



21. Then came the saddest and hardest and most amazing part of God's plan. It was the day when Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Yes, for all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior, Jesus took their punishment that day, so that they could be FORGIVEN once and for all!



22. Jesus was buried in a cave-grave that day. How sad were His friends! But then on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.



23. Jesus' work was done. It was time to go back home, back up to heaven to enjoy all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of fellowship with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit again. What a wonderful day that was! And what special helper did Jesus remember to send to God's people?



24. The Holy Spirit! God sent Him to live in the hearts of God's people. Now, they would share in a little bit of the Perfect Wonderful of fellowship with God, right here on earth! But this was only a beautiful, little bit of the life they would have with God, forever in heaven. There, at last, they will get to enjoy all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God that they possibly can! Oh, how wonderful!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Three-in-One?
The LORD, the one, true God, is the Three-in-One. He is one God, but three Persons—God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. What was His plan?
It was a plan to love a people for Himself and to save them through Jesus.

For You and Me:
We can be some of those people who God loves and saves, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to do this!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

1. How did God the Father show His love to people?
God the Father showed His love by always planning to save them through His Son, Jesus.

2. What wonderful gift of grace did Jesus give us? How did He make it possible for us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our hearts? Jesus gave us the gift of paying for our sins by His suffering and dying on the cross. When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and give us a new heart. The Holy Spirit comes to live in this brand-new heart. Without Jesus, no one would ever get to know God, have the Holy Spirit in their hearts, or go to live God in heaven.

For You and Me:
Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will come and live in our hearts and we will get to enjoy a little of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God. And one day, when we go to live with God, we will get to enjoy as much of God's Perfect Wonderfulness that we can possibly know.

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He is God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
One God, but Three Persons!

The Gospel



What an amazing plan the LORD, the great Three-in-One, had! Even though we have all disobeyed Him and deserve His punishment, He planned to send Jesus to save sinners.

Jesus died on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people.

Then on Day Three, He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them.

We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, God will not only forgive us and make us His special, dearly-loved people, but He will also send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. He will help us know God and live for Him. And we will enjoy a little of the Perfect Wonderfulness of fellowship with God now. And one day, we will go to live with God in heaven and enjoy all of His Perfect Wonderfulness that we can possibly know.

Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



A Prayer

A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like you. You are God, the Father, God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God!

C God, there is nothing as wonderful as knowing You and living for You, but too many times we choose to turn away from You. We choose to not trust You. We choose to do things our own way, instead of Your good way. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Thank You that because of Him, we can enjoy knowing 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 know Your wonderful love. Give us what we need to live for You, through Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and change us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

