

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 4,

Bible Truth 5

Story Scene Pictures

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the 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.

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 below." 1 Kings 8:23

Bible Truth 5 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad.

God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

Learn a Little: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever."

Meaning

God is the good king and creator of us all. God's people love to praise Him and tell Him how great He is. These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 5 Story

The Case of the Missing Donkeys *1 Samuel 9*

Songs Used in Bible Truth 5

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: There Is No God Like You 1 Kings 8:23, NIV 1984

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

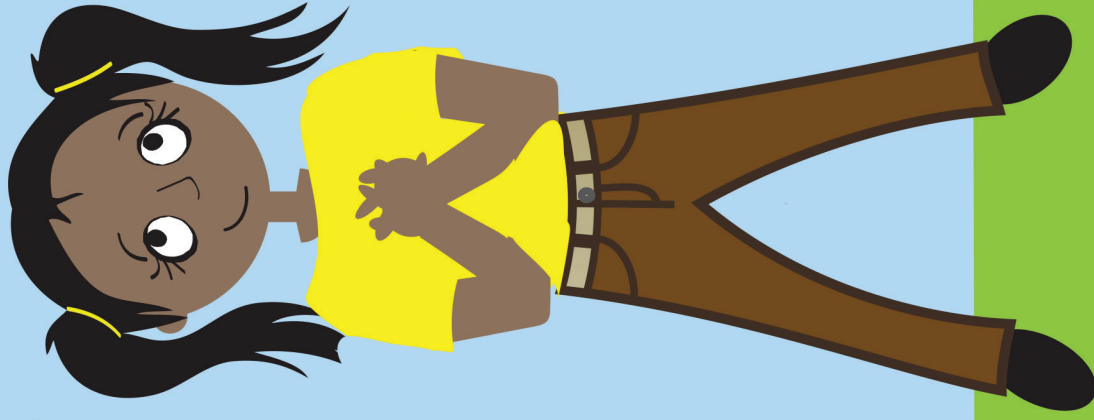
Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: Praise Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, NIV 1984

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

BIG QUESTION 4



Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

VISUAL
AID

#1

take out



of BQB

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,

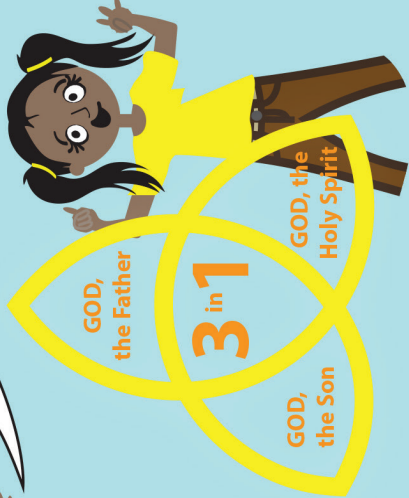
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That's what the LORD is like.

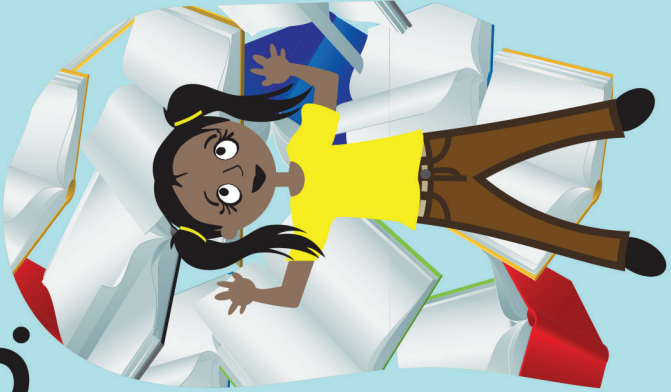
BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

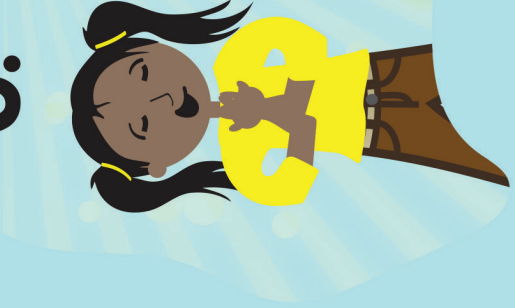
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1. **THE LORD**
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2. Only the LORD is God!
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3. GOD, the Father
GOD, the Son
GOD, the Holy Spirit
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Visual Aid #2 of BQB

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 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 four truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but Just One God," and, "He Is Everywhere, All the Time" (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 eight 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 5?

Can Anybody Tell Me What

the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like

Anyone Else...

He Knows ???

There Is to Know!

HINT: "It's the opposite
of nothing. It starts with
the letter "E."

ANSWER:

He Knows **EVERYTHING**

There Is to Know!



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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 Knows ???? There Is to Know!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “It’s a word that means the opposite of “nothing.” It starts with the letter “E.”

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:)

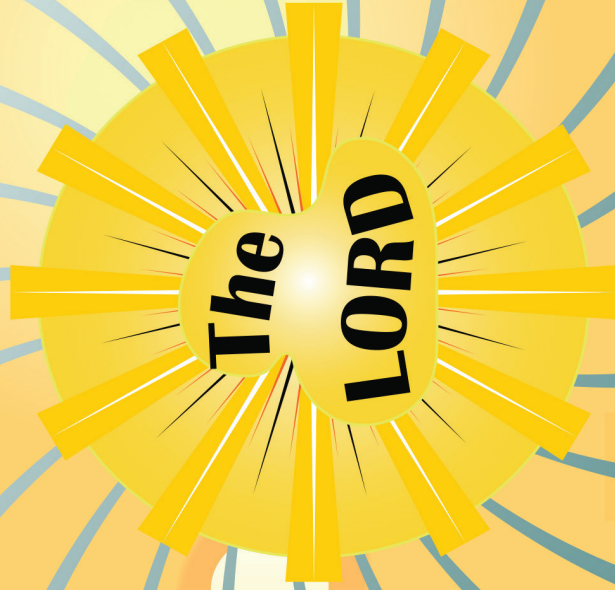
**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!
He Knows EVERYTHING There Is to Know!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad. God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

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wisdom and power are his.”
Daniel 2:20-22**



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Big
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DDD Bible V

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse

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

Daniel 2:20 tells us:

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"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

Learn a Little: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever."

What does that mean?

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Praise Be to the Name of God:

Daniel 2:20-22

DDD NIV Songs 4, track 24

Praise be to the name of God
forever and ever,
Wisdom and power are His forever and ever.
He gives wisdom to the wise,
and knowledge to the discerning.
He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what lies in darkness,
and light dwells with Him.
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Daniel Chapter Two,
verses twenty through twenty-two.

"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 Lost Donkeys | Samuel 9



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who lost their donkeys?
2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare the for?
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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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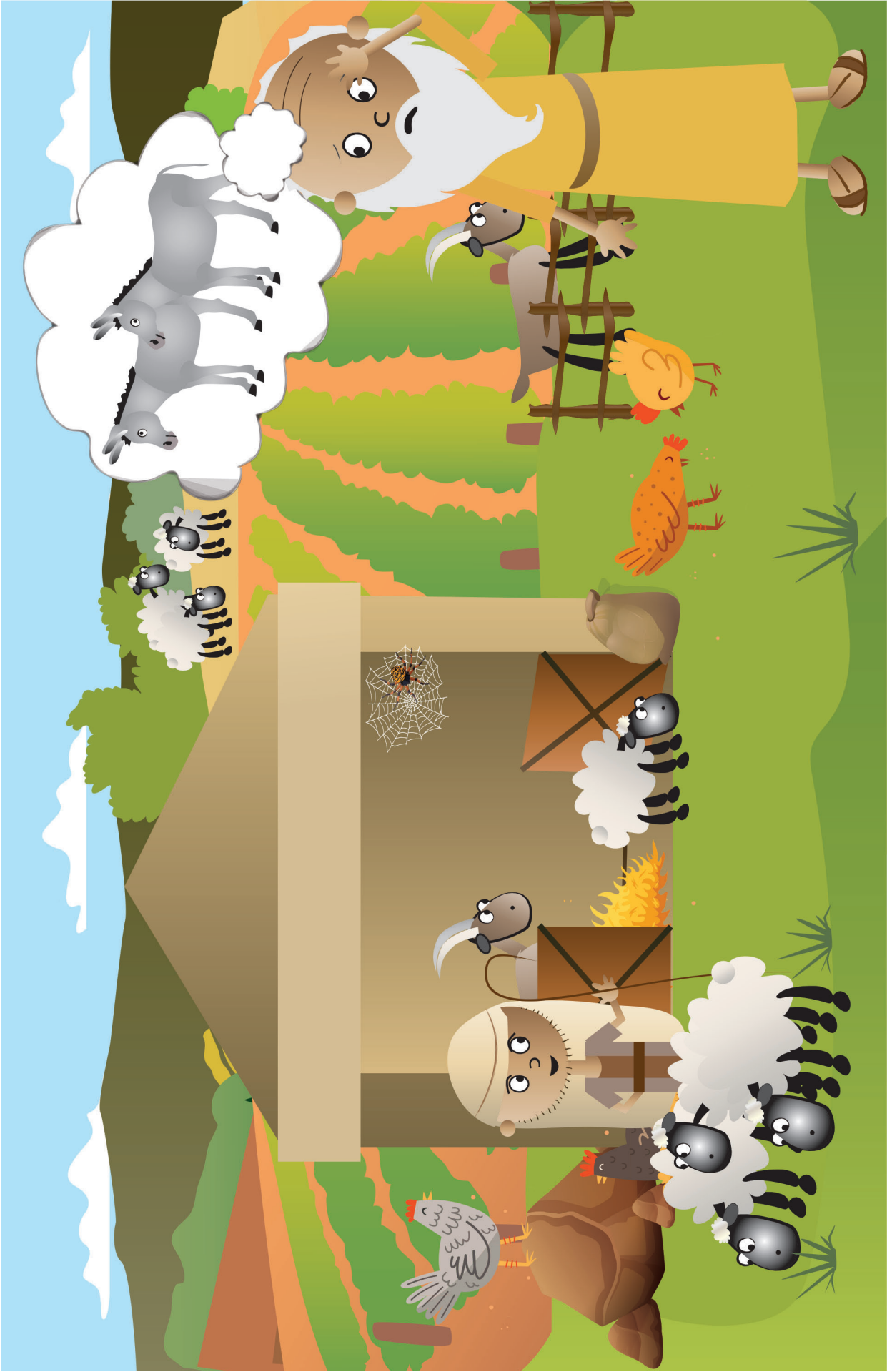
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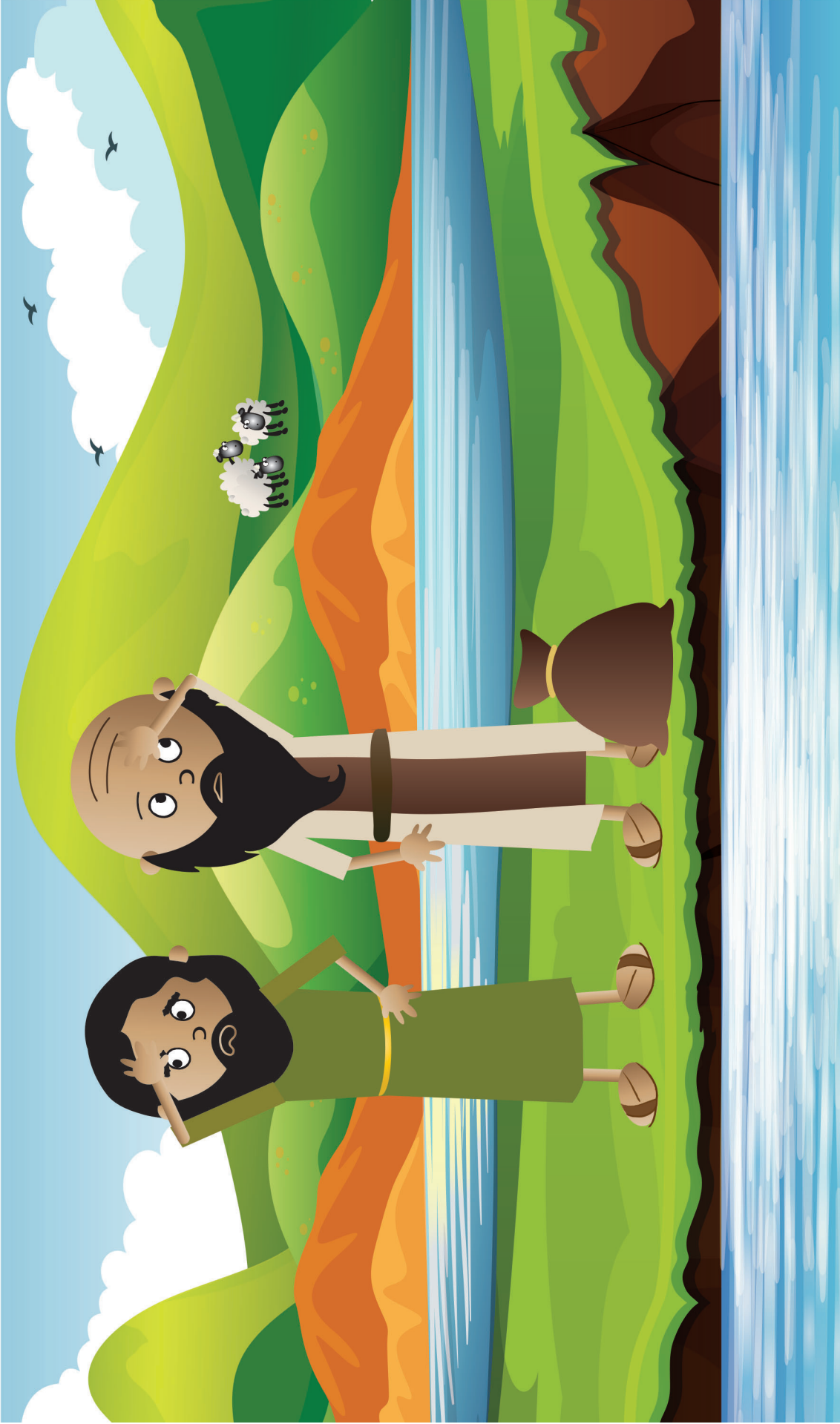


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5. Yes, someone DID know-- the LORD! He is the God who knows everything there is to know. He knew exactly where those donkeys had gone off to. And not only did the LORD know exactly where the donkeys were, He even planned for something very good to happen to Saul as he looked for them.

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6. Saul didn't know about God's plans yet, but a man named Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet--one of the LORD's special messengers. The LORD had told Samuel about Saul and His plans to make him king.

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8. At last, everything was ready. The worship gifts were offered, and the guests gathered in the dining hall up at the worship place. The delicious food was set out on plates.

It looked like it was time for the feast to begin, but it couldn't. Something --really, someONE-- was missing. It was Saul, the special guest, himself! After all, no one had told HIM about the worship feast. No one had told HIM he was going to be anointed king of Israel. He was just out looking for lost donkeys.



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guess it WOULD be silly, except that this was the LORD's plan, and He is the God who knows everything there is to know. If HE said that Saul would be there, then Saul would be there. Samuel was sure of that.

And sure enough, just as Samuel was on his way up to join the guests at the feast, who should be looking for him at the city gates? You guessed it! Saul and his servant!

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10. Saul went up to Samuel and said, “My servant says you are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father’s donkeys are?”

“Don’t worry about your father’s donkeys,” Samuel told Saul.

“They’ve been found. They are back at home. Go with me to the worship feast up in the hills. Sit at the most important place. Eat the best food. I’ve been waiting for you to come,” Samuel said.



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14. When the servant had passed ahead of them, Samuel took out his jar of anointing oil and poured it on Saul's head. He kissed Saul, then said, "I have poured this oil on your head as a sign that you are to be king of Israel. The LORD has chosen you of all men. You will rule over them and you will rescue them from the enemies who live in the lands around them. In a few days, we will tell all the people. But for now, keep this a secret."



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15. What a lot Saul had to think about as he went home with his servant! The LORD had planned to use those lost donkeys to make him king over Israel! And, the LORD had told Samuel what he would do and where he would go, even before he did it!

How could the LORD do this? Because He is the God who knows everything there is to know! He is like no one else. How amazing is the LORD!



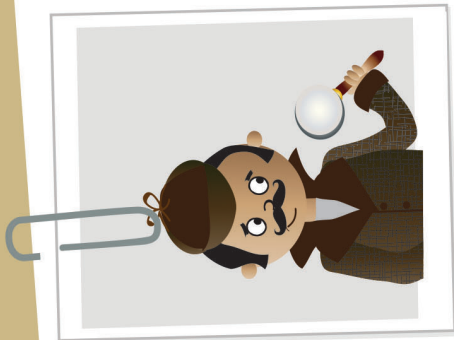
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who lost their donkeys?
Kish did.
2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?
His plan to make Saul king over the people.

For You and Me:
The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Daniel 2:20, NIV

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?
Saul.
2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town? Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And so, he did!

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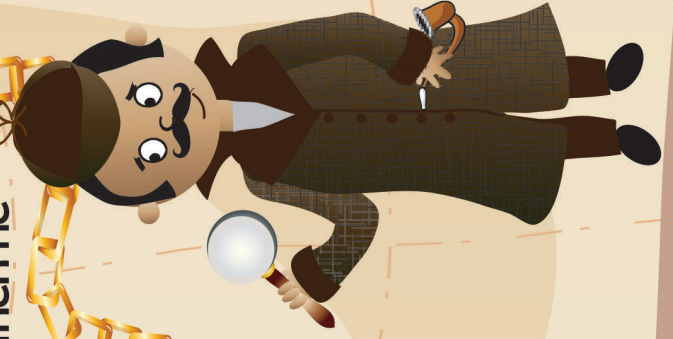
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The Gospel

Sometimes it is scary that God knows everything about us. We can hide some of the bad things we think or say or do from others, but we can't hide anything from God. We know that He hates sin and He will punish sin. We know that we all deserve His punishment because we have all chosen to sin.

But God is so kind to us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it as full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus died on the cross, then He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them.

We can be God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this! Ask Him to help you!



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A Prayer

A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!

C God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.

S Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You more every day. Help us to be happy with Your plans, since You know everything and always do what's best.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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