



Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

VISUAL
AID

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take out
Big
Question
Briefcase
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 ESV 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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Visual Aid #2
take out ? Big Question Briefcase ? 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."

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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 five 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," "He Is Everywhere, All the Time," and "He Knows Everything There Is to Know" (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 6?

Can Anybody Tell Me What
the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like
Anyone Else...

He Is Perfectly Holy,
Purely ????!

HINT: "It's a word that
means the opposite
of bad. It rhymes
with "hood."

ANSWER:

He Is Perfectly Holy,
Purely GOOD!"



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 Perfectly Holy, Purely ????!”**

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 bad? It rhymes with “hood.”

Can you guess? It’s “good.”

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 Perfectly Holy, Purely GOOD!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:
(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

What do you think of when you hear the word, “holy?” Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? “Holy” may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it.

God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It’s good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us?

Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That’s why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God’s punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God’s people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD!

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...
Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings...
And one called to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!" Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse

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

Isaiah 61-3 tells us:

Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV:

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Learn a Little: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

What does that mean?

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

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

I Saw the LORD:

Isaiah 6:1-3

DDD ESV Songs 4, track 32

I saw the LORD,
Sitting a throne,
High and exalted,
Sitting a throne,
Above Him stood the seraphim,
Each had six wings,
And they called to one another,
"Holy is the LORD,
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts,
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.
Isaiah Six, one through three.

"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 Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?
2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.'"

1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?
2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not?

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



I. The people of Israel were in big trouble. The king of Egypt had made them his slaves. He hurt them and made them work very, very hard for him, doing whatever he wanted them to do.



2. But the LORD their God saw what the king was doing and He stopped him. Do you know what the LORD did to stop the king? He sent stinging gnats and biting flies. He sent bouncy frogs, and ouchy, itchy boils, and all sorts of other sad things to trouble the king of Egypt and his people. At last, they had had enough.



3. "Go away! Go worship your God," the king ordered. The people of Egypt were happy for the Israelites to leave. They didn't want any more trouble. They sent them on their way with riches. "Yay, praise the LORD! He's saved us! We're free!" the people of Israel shouted.



4. Tromp, tromp, tromp. Moses led the people of Israel away from Egypt, across the dry, deserty wilderness to a special mountain called Sinai. There, the LORD told the people His wonderful plans.

THE LORD

10 Big Rules

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Your
God

People



5. "I am the LORD. I am a holy God. I am good and powerful. I hate sin and I punish it. I have rescued you from the king of Egypt by My great power," the LORD told them. "I am choosing YOU to be My special people. I'm giving you My good rules to live by. Obey them, and be blessed by Me. Obey them, and the world will look at you and they will understand what I am like--good and powerful... HOLY!" the LORD told them.



6. "I want you to build Me a worship house, too," the LORD told them. "I want to be near you and have special fellowship with you. But you can't build it any way you please. You have to build it just so --EXACTLY as I tell you to."



7. A worship house just so --EXACTLY as He told them to make it? That sounds very picky, doesn't it? But the LORD wasn't being picky. He was being LOVING to His people. If everything wasn't just so, then there would be BIG trouble. It had to do with what the LORD is like. "I am holy, but you are not," the LORD told the people. "I hate sin. I punish sin, but I don't want to punish you. I want to LOVE you and be close to you. Only if you make this worship place just right, can I dwell with you and can we have fellowship together," the LORD told them through Moses.

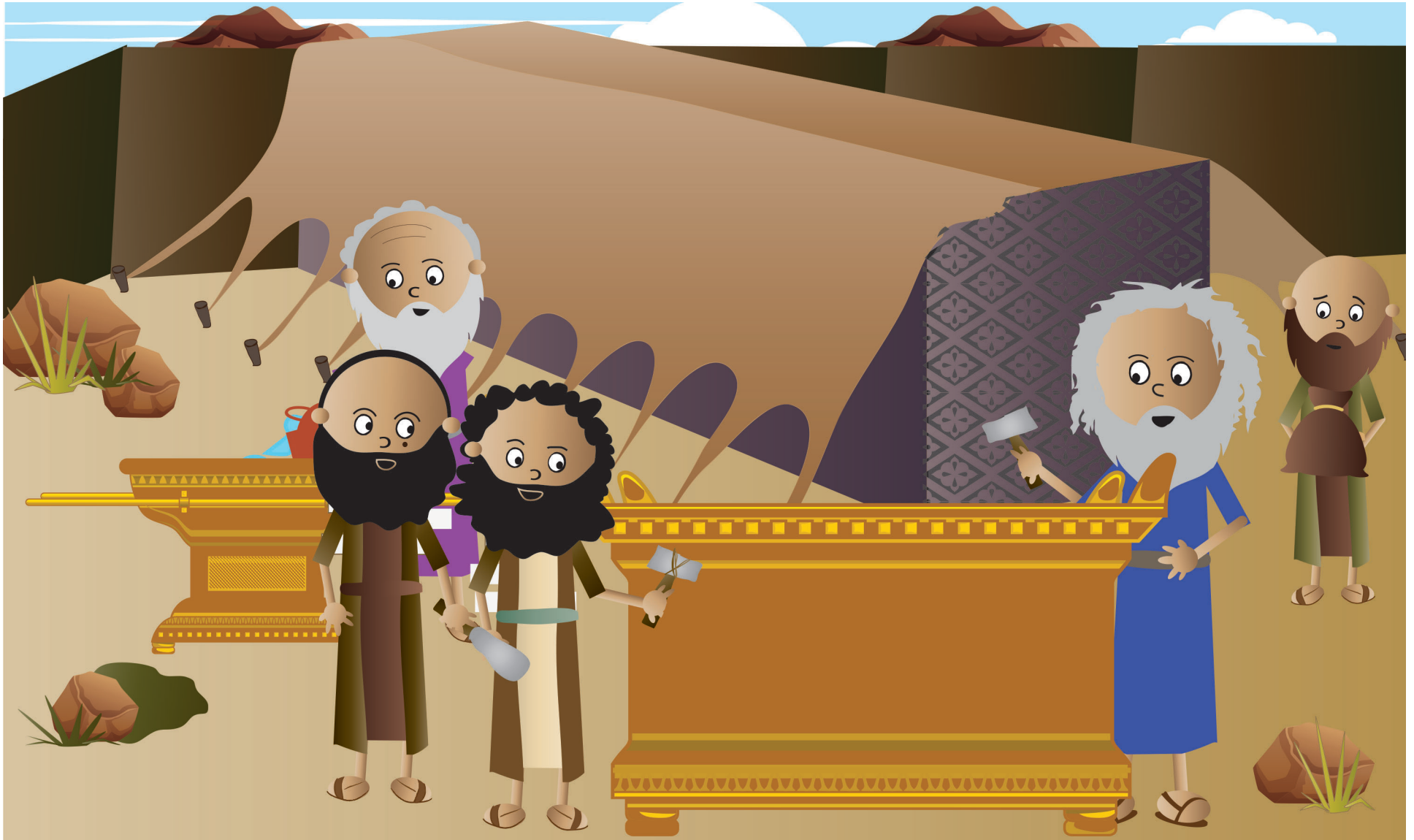


8. "I will help you build the worship place just right. I'm putting Bezalel and Oholiab in charge. I've given them the skills to build it. They will build it with gifts from the people," the LORD said.

The people were happy to give. They piled up their gifts of silver, gold, bronze, fine fabric, beautiful jewels, and much more. They gave so much that they had to be told to stop giving! Then, Bezalel and Oholiab set to work, always following the LORD's "just so" instructions.



9. "The worship place will be a big tent, so it can move with you. You are a traveling people. I want to travel with you," the LORD told Bezalel and Oholiab. So, they built a big tent, just like He said.



10. "Outside of the tent, put a big, bronze altar to burn worship gifts on. The people will offer up their worship gifts to Me on it," the LORD told them. "Put a big, bronze container filled with water outside the tent, too. This basin will only be used for the priests to wash and get ready for going inside the worship tent," the LORD instructed. So, Bezalel, Oholiab and their helpers built a bronze altar for the worship gifts, and a bronze basin with water for washing.



II. "Make two rooms inside the worship tent: one big one and one small one. For the big one, make a big, golden lampstand to be lit with twelve, bright, shining flames. Make a big, golden table where the priests will set out twelve, little loaves of bread each day. Make a golden container to be filled with wonderful-smelling incense for this room, too. This big room is called The Holy Place," the LORD told them. So, Bezalel, Oholiab made the big room and the little room in the tent. They made the lampstand, table, and container to be filled with incense, just as the LORD told them to.



12. "Not just anyone can go into the Holy Place. Only men called priests can go in there, and ONLY if they do exactly as I tell them," the LORD warned. "The priests must keep My good laws. They must wash with water from the basin and dress in special clothes of pure white. Each day, they will come into the tent to offer the people's worship gifts and to pray for them. I will have fellowship with the people, but only through the priests. It has to be this way because I am holy and you are sinners," the LORD said. So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the pure, white clothes for the priests.



13. “The big room of the worship tent is special, but the little room is even more special. It will be called The Holy of Holies. It is the holiest place of all. It is the place where I will be with you in a special way,” the LORD explained through Moses. “Make a golden box with beautiful angels on it. This box is called the Ark of the Covenant. The Ten, Big Rules I gave you will go inside the Ark, and the Ark will go in the small room.” So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the Ark of the Covenant just right.

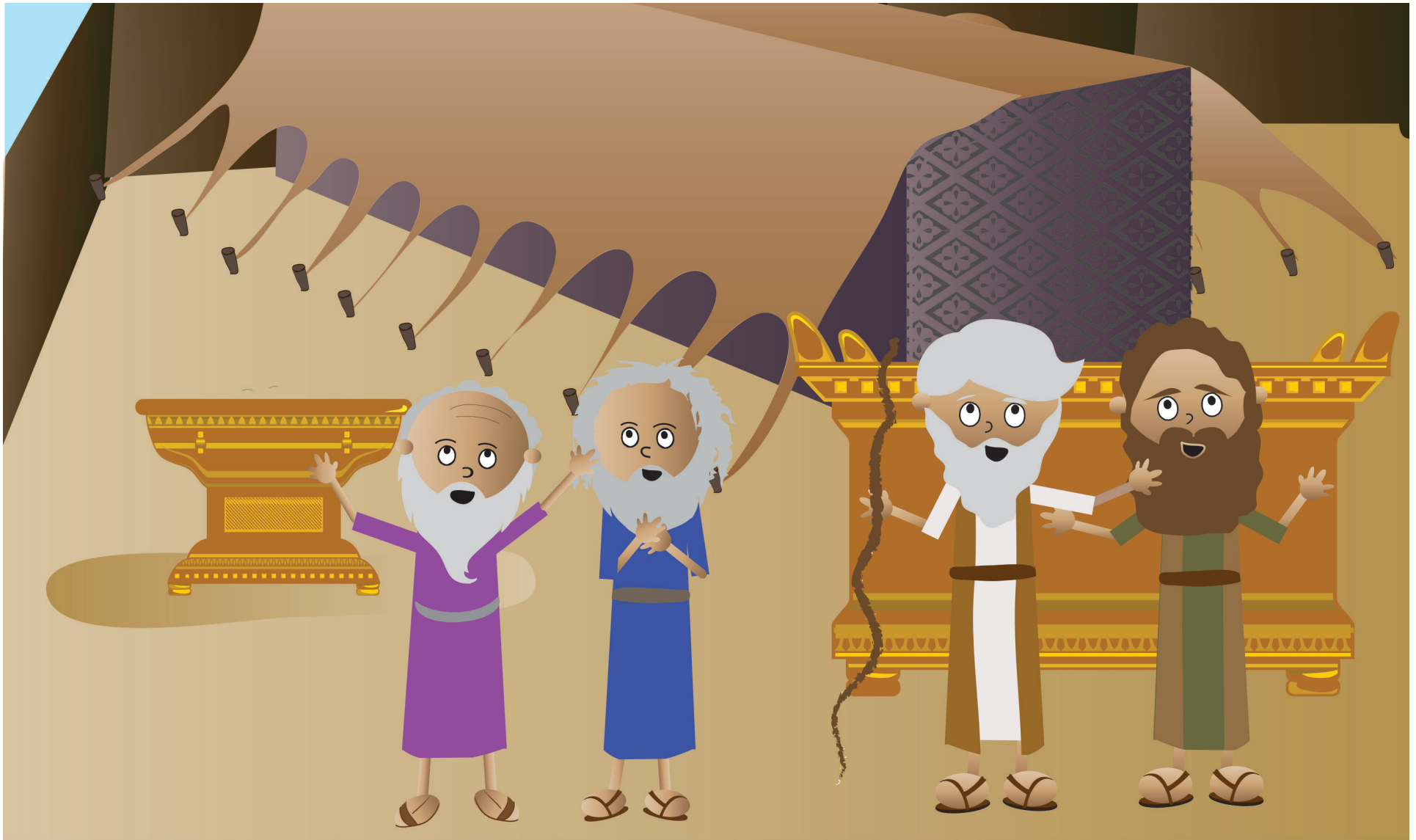


14. "Make a big curtain using white, red, blue, and purple yarn," the LORD told them. "Weave angels into it. Hang the curtain between the big room and the little room, so the little room is shut off from the big room," the LORD said. So, Bezael and Oholiab made the curtain and hung it in place.

Once a year



15. "Not even the priests can go in the little room whenever they want," the LORD warned. "It is too holy even for them. Only the leader of the priests (the high priest) can go into the small room, and he can go in only on one, special day a year, and only wearing very special clothes. On that one day, he will bring a special worship gift and sprinkle it on the Ark. That gift will keep the Ark holy, so I can be near you in the small room for another year," the LORD told them. "Make the high priest's special clothes." So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the high priest's special clothes.

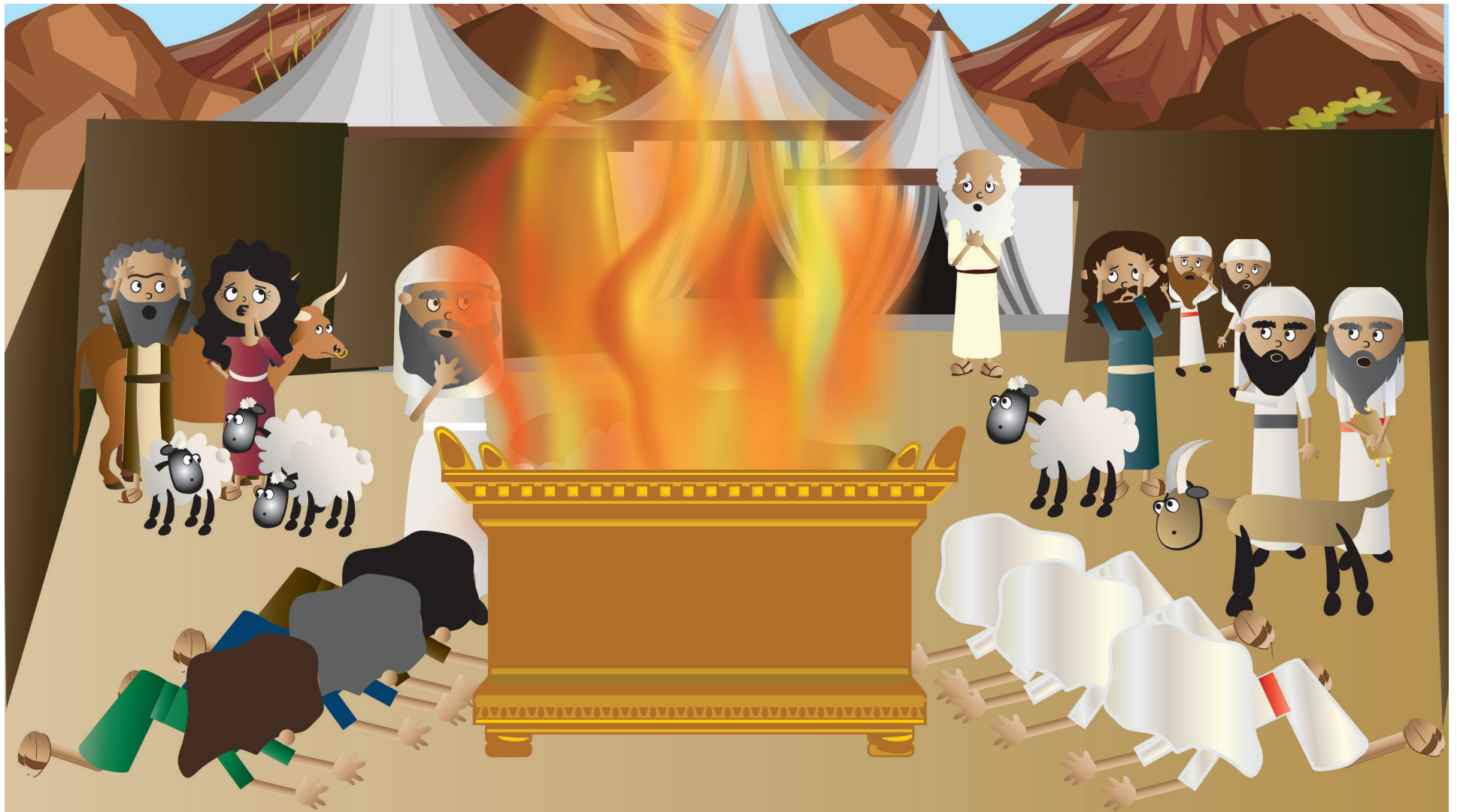


16. "Make sure you do all these things, so I can live with you in this special way, and so you can be My people," the LORD urged them. "I am the holy God, but you are sinners. This is the way I've made for you to have fellowship with Me," the LORD said.

The LORD helped Bezalel and Oholiab make everything just so. At last, the worship tent was all ready. Now it was time to USE it!



17. The priests got ready. They washed themselves and put on their pure, white clothes. They put all of the beautiful things that Bezalel and Oholiab made inside the tent: the Ark, the candlestick, the incense stand, the table with the twelve loaves of bread, and the special curtain between the two rooms. The candles were lit and the incense began to send up its wonderful smell. Outside the tent, the priests placed the first worship gifts to the LORD on the altar.



18. What would happen next? Had they really done everything, just as the LORD told them to? Would He come down to the tent to have fellowship with them in a special way? Yes, He would! The LORD sent fire down to accept the worship gifts on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted aloud, fell down, and worshipped the LORD. Then, the LORD sent down a special cloud that covered the outside of the tent and filled up the inside with His beautiful, sparkly bright glory. What a wonderful day this was! The LORD's presence had come to be with His people!



19. From that day, the priests knew they needed to go into the Holy Place and serve the LORD, as He told them to. And once a year, the high priest needed to take the special worship gift into the Holy of Holies, so the LORD could be there with His people another year. Later, the Worship Tent was replaced with a Worship House (the Temple), but still nothing changed in how the LORD met with His people. Until at last, there came the day when EVERYTHING changed! The curtain between the big and small room was torn in two by God, Himself, because it wasn't needed anymore.



HOLY LORD

sin

HOLY

20. Why wasn't the curtain needed anymore? What happened? Did the LORD stop being holy? No, He did not. Did the people stop being sinners? No, sadly they did not. But something DID change that day. Jesus did something that satisfied the punishment God's people deserved for their sins. Something that made them look as perfectly good and holy before God, as Jesus, Himself. Wow! What could Jesus possibly do to make sinners like you and me look purely good and holy as Him?



21. Jesus suffered and died on the cross that day. He took the punishment for all of the sins of God's people, and He gave them His perfect record before God. Then, on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. There was no need for a curtain anymore, or for the priests with their white, clothes. There was no need for more worship gifts for the sins of God's, either. Jesus' life was the final payment for their sins.

HOLY LORD



22. Jesus had made the way for the LORD to be with His people in a far better, far closer place to them than the worship tent or the Temple. Do you know where that closer place is? It is right in their hearts. Yes, God's Holy Spirit could now come and live right inside of them. Amazing!



23. And it was through Jesus that the LORD kept His promise to the people of Israel to bless us all. The LORD wasn't just forgiving THEIR sins through Jesus. He made the way to forgive our sins, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God's Holy Spirit will come and live inside our hearts, too. We can have close fellowship with God, no special tent or clothes or priest needed, all thanks to Jesus!



Perfect Wonderfulness

GOD

24. And best yet, God's people get to live with the LORD forever in heaven. It's the one place where God can be known and enjoyed in all His glory. Life with God, who is so good and so great, will be Perfect Wonderfulness! Ask God to help you become one of His people! He loves to help us!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?
It was made for the LORD to be near His people. The LORD told them how to make it.

2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?
It had to be made just right because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. This was the only way He could dwell among them.

For You and Me:
The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.'"

1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?
In the special worship tent.

2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not? No, only the priests could come into the tent, and only if they followed all of the LORD's rules. This was because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. Only by keeping all of the LORD's rules could they come near to Him.

For You and Me:

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship place, so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
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The Gospel



The people of Israel had to do so much to keep fellowship with the LORD! That's because they were sinners who chose to rebel against God. We, too, are sinners.

We need God to make a way for us to have fellowship with Him. God did this, not through priests and rules. Not through a worship tent, either, but through Jesus, His Son.

Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up to God as full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven and become God's people. They know God in their hearts now, and will go to live with Him forever. Ask Him to help you become one of His people!



A Prayer

A We praise You, LORD. There is no God like you. You are perfectly good and oh, so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.

C LORD, we are not holy like You. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We are sinners. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and to be with You, the good and great, one, true God.

S Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live and to love Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

