

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")*

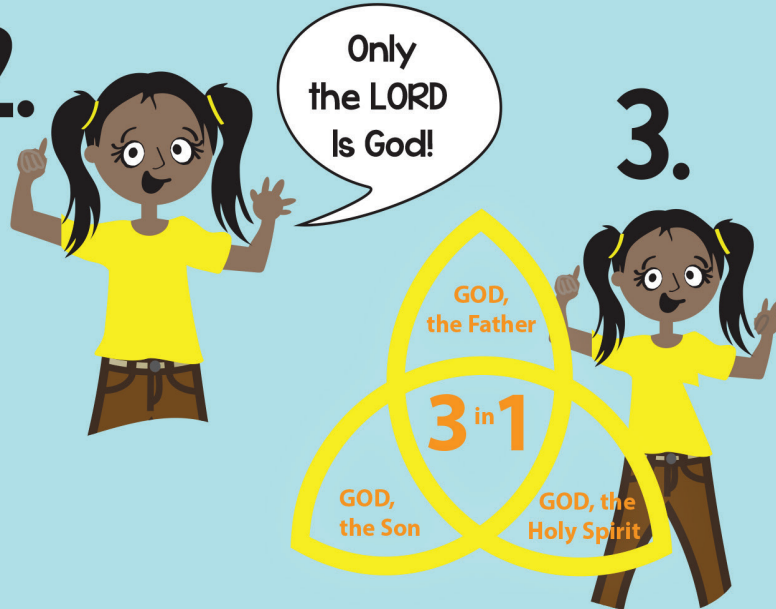
Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
Anyone else, anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
That's what the LORD is like.

BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

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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 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 seven 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," "He Knows Everything There Is to Know," "He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good," and "He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do" (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 8?

Can Anybody Tell Me
What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like
Anyone Else...

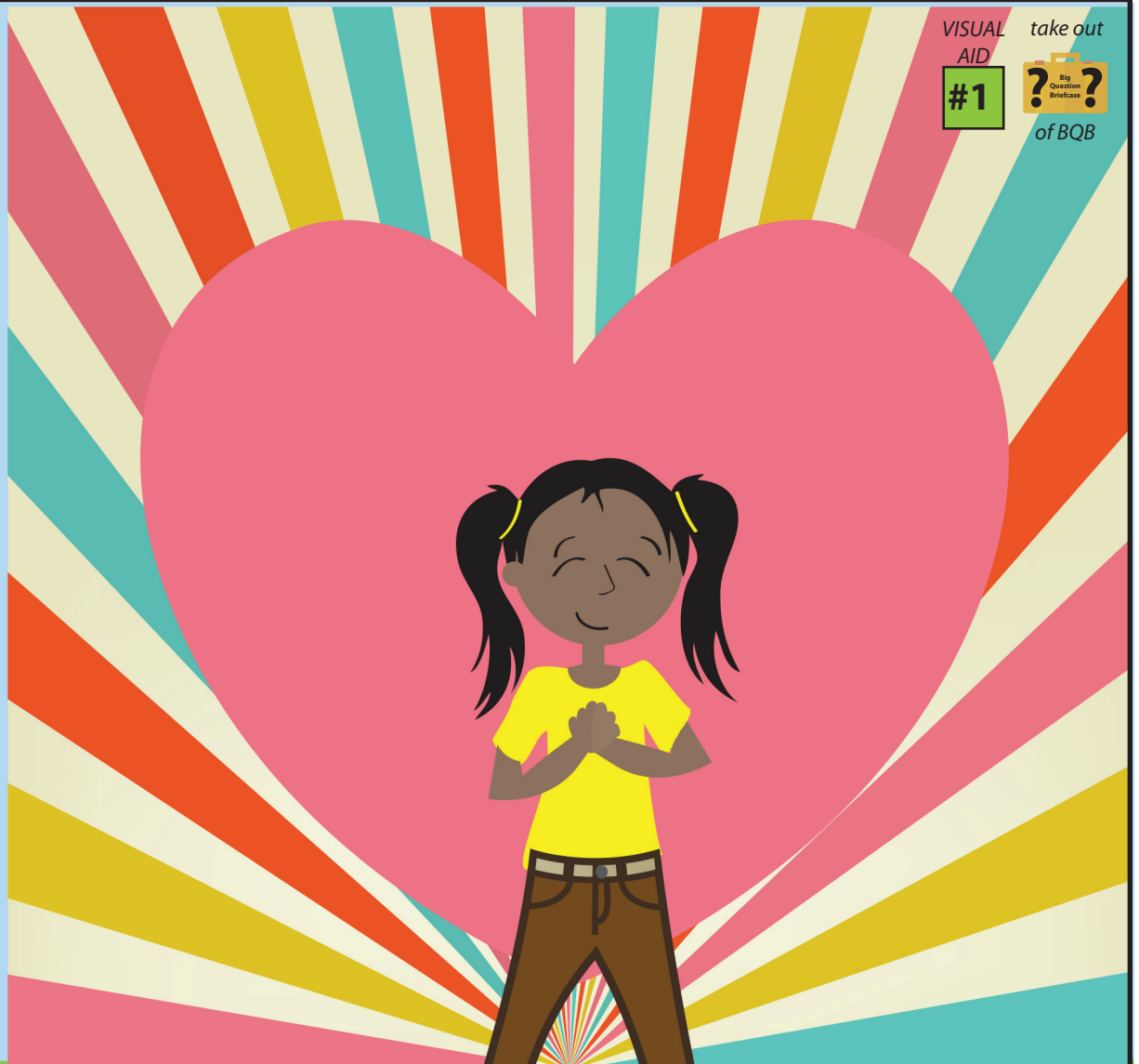
He Is Always ????
through and through!

HINT: "This word means someone
who does what they promise
they will do? It rhymes with
"bathe pool." (That's a silly
rhyme, isn't it?)

ANSWER:

He Is Always Faithful, through and through!

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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 Always ????, Through and Through!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “This word means someone who does what they promise they will do? It rhymes with “bathe pool.” (That’s a silly rhyme, isn’t it?)

Can you guess? It’s “faithful.”

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 Always FAITHFUL, Through and Through!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

“The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.”

--Psalm 145:13,18-19



Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse

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

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Learn a Little: "The LORD is faithful to all his promises."

What does that mean?

God's people are the people who fear Him. That is, those who know He is God and desire to love and obey Him with their whole lives. They know He promises to fulfill their desires with good things, that He hears their cries and will always save them. This is because they know that the LORD is always, completely faithful to all His promises.

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

Faithful, He Is Faithful

Psalm 145:13,18,19

DDD NIV Songs 4, track 27

Faithful! He is faithful!

The LORD is faithful to all His promises.

Loving! He is loving!

The LORD is loving toward all He has made.

The LORD is near to all,

To all who call on Him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him,

He hears their cries and saves them.

Faithful! He is faithful!

The LORD is faithful to all His promises.

Loving! He is loving!

The LORD is loving toward all He has made.

Psalm One-forty-five, verses thirteen, eighteen, and nineteen.

"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 Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?
2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 145:13, NIV

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made."

1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them?
2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?

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

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3. But the LORD cared. He sent Moses to rescue them. He would take them away from Egypt and that mean king. Yes, the LORD would use Moses to show His mighty power to the king and his people. He would use Moses to free the people of Israel from all that hard work, and to take them to a wonderful homeland.



4. At first, the king refused. "Who is the LORD that I should obey Him!" he said to Moses. "I won't free the people!" So, the LORD sent to send many sadnesses upon the king and his people. He showed them He was the one, true God, and the king should free His people!



5. Then, at last, the king let them go. The people packed up their things. Moses led them out of Egypt and into the wilderness. They were off to the wonderful homeland the LORD promised them. How happy the people were as they left Egypt! They had so much to thank the LORD for. No longer did they have to work for that mean king. No longer did they have to live as his slaves.



6. The people were so excited! The LORD promised to lead them home to a land “flowing with milk and honey.” That was His way of saying that it would be a beautiful land where they could raise their children, grow good food, and have long, happy lives. The people of Israel praised the LORD saying, “O LORD, there is no God like You! You fight for your people! You rescue them! You beat the mean king and are leading us home! Your love never fails!” How happy the people of Israel were that all their troubles were over!



7. But were their troubles really over? Yes, they were far away from that mean king of Egypt. That was good. But now, they were in the wilderness, surrounded by all these rocks and weeds! Where would they get food? Now the people weren't so happy anymore. Now, they were... well, how would YOU feel if you were out in the hot, dry wilderness, with no food in sight? The people were scared and upset, **VERY UPSET!** They didn't know what to do, and they forgot about the **ONE** who was with them and **COULD** take care of them, even out in that wilderness--the **LORD!**



8. They forgot how good the LORD had been to them already. They forgot that the LORD always keeps His promises. They forgot how mighty the LORD is. He could always take care of their needs! And because they forgot, they began to grumble to Moses and his brother, Aaron: "It would have been better for the LORD to let us die, working for the mean king in Egypt! At least in Egypt we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread! Now we're going to die out here in this wilderness, surrounded by nothing but these rocks and weeds!" they exclaimed.



9. Were they right? Had the LORD brought them out into the wilderness to die? Of course, not! The LORD loved His people. He had brought them out there in that dry, desert-y wilderness to grow their trust in Him. He had brought them there to show them how great He was. And, He had brought them out there to lead them home to the beautiful Promised Land. The LORD is always faithful to His people, through and through. They could trust Him to take care of them. He wouldn't let them die! He knew exactly what they needed, and He would give it to them.

The LORD



10. The LORD told Moses: "Gather the people together. Tell them I am about to rain bread from heaven, enough to feed EVERYONE! Tell the people to go out every day and gather what they need for the day. On the day before the Sabbath worship day, have them gather extra bread. Then, they can rest and worship Me on the Sabbath, instead of gathering food," the LORD said.



11. So, Moses called the people together, and told them: “The LORD has heard you grumble to us about food. He wants you to know that you’re really grumbling against Him. You’re acting like He isn’t faithful to you. He’s going to show you just how faithful He is, yet again. He’s going to give you meat to eat at night, and bread to eat in the morning. The LORD freed you from Egypt. You can trust that He will keep on taking care of you out here in the wilderness,” Moses told them.



12. But wait! Weren't there only weeds and rocks all around out in that wilderness? How could the LORD provide meat and bread for thousands of people with hungry, grumbling tummies for one meal, let alone every morning and night, over and over again? How would the LORD do it? That evening, the people saw how. Suddenly, there was a loud, flapping noise. The people looked up and saw the sky filled with birds! The LORD had sent thousands and thousands of quail for dinner!



13. That great, flock of birds landed all over the camp until it was covered in them. Here was the meat the LORD promised to give them! The people gladly took the birds and roasted them. How they enjoyed the delicious meat that night! The LORD had been faithful to His promises. Everyone went to bed with a full belly, even out there in the middle of the dry, desert-y wilderness.



14. The morning brought an even bigger surprise. The people came out of their tents to find thin, little flakes of something, all over the ground. "What is it?" everyone wondered. No one had ever seen anything like it. "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat," Moses told them. "Gather up as much as you need for your families today. God will give you more tomorrow."



15. What funny-looking bread! But when they tasted it, it was so good! It was sweet like honey. The people called it "What is it?" - or manna, as they say in their language. They gathered it up and cooked with it. Yum, yum, yummy! Bread from heaven!



16. The people of Israel lived forty years in that dry wilderness before settling in the LORD's beautiful homeland. That's a lot of years of living among rocks and weeds! And was there ever even a day when the LORD let His people go hungry? No, there was not! The LORD, Himself, fed them with manna from heaven, every single day until they made it safely home. How good the LORD was to His people! He was always faithful, through and through... and He still is, even today!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?
The people of Israel needed bread in the wilderness. It was so hard to get because the wilderness was dry and there were only weeds and rocks! No food!
2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it? The LORD never forgot to give them bread. He gave them "manna"--special bread from heaven that they collected from the ground every morning.

For You and Me:

The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. But the LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had done it. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly-loved people! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 145:13, NIV

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made."

1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them? Food out in the wilderness.
2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel? He rescued them from Egypt and having to work for the mean king. He provided food for them in the wilderness every day until they reached the homeland He promised to give them.

For You and Me:

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. And one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

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The Gospel



The LORD showed Himself faithful to the people of Israel when they were hungry, out in the wilderness. He promised to take care of them, and He did!

But the greatest way the LORD has been faithful is not just to them, but to us all.

You see, we have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it up as the full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly-loved people forever! He can be your Savior, too!

Ask Him! He loves to help us. How faithful the LORD is to people like us!



A Prayer

A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!

C God, You are always faithful, but we are often unfaithful. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

T God, thank You for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who can be so unfaithful. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.

S Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You. Help us to tell others about You, so they can know how great and awesome You are.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

