

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 5,

Bible Truth 2

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 5: God, the Good Creator

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good!

Unit Bible Verse: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:1,31

Bible Truth 2 Concept: God Made All Things Good... God Made People in a Special Way

When God made people, He made them good, just like everything else that He made. But God made them good in a special way—in a way that was DIFFERENT from everything else He created. God gave people a living spirit, a bit like His.

It is with this special spirit that all people—even you and I—can enjoy God in a way no other creature can. With our spirit we can look at what God made and see how wonderful He is. With our spirit we can know and love God, and go on knowing and loving Him forever and ever, because this spirit will never die. Everyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior, gets to have special closeness with God in their spirit right now. And one day, they will go to live with Him, loving and knowing Him forever. What an amazing gift God gave us when He made us with a spirit!

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Genesis 1:26,27

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image’... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

Learn a Little: God created man in his own image... male and female he created them.”

Meaning

Man, male and female: those are all words for men and women, boys and girls. The Bible tells us that God made people in the beginning. He made them in His image. That means that they reflect Him in a very special way. Of all the earthly creatures, they alone were created with a spirit, like God’s Spirit, that can know and love God. God created people to be able to see God’s glory in everything He made. And, He created them to care for the world He created as caretakers under Him.

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for being our Good Creator. You made people, in the beginning.
- C** God, You made people to know and love You with the spirit You gave them. But we all have disobeyed You. We have all chosen to not love You. We have lost the gift of knowing You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, and people. Thank You most of all, for making us in Your image so we can know You and see how wonderful You are in everything we see around us.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Help us to know You and love You with the spirit You put inside us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we might live for You and enjoy You forever. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the Clay Creation *Genesis 1,2*

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 5 Song

Big Question 5 Song: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Big Question 5 Bible Verse Song: God Saw All He Had Made Genesis 1:31, NIV 1984

Big Question 5 Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful, vs.1,2

Big Question 5 Praise Song: Days of Creation

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Then God Said Genesis 1:26,27, NIV 1984

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

Can you tell me what God made?



VISUAL
AID

take out

#1



of BQB

ANSWER: God made all things good!

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 5:

Can You Tell Me What God Made?
and the Answer is:
God Made All Things Good!

Meaning:

Did you ever wonder where everything in this world came from? All of the plants, animals and insects...the fish and birds...the sun, moon, stars and planets...the tall mountains and the beautiful oceans...the people here around us and the angels up in heaven? Did they just get here on their own? No, they did not! God made them. And when God made them, He made them good—perfect and without sin. He made them just right for His good plan for the world.

What was God's good plan for the world? He planned for everything He made to show us what He's like so we could know delight in how wonderful He is.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A 5 Song

DDD NIV Songs 5, track 12

(adapted version of "London Bridge Is Falling Down")

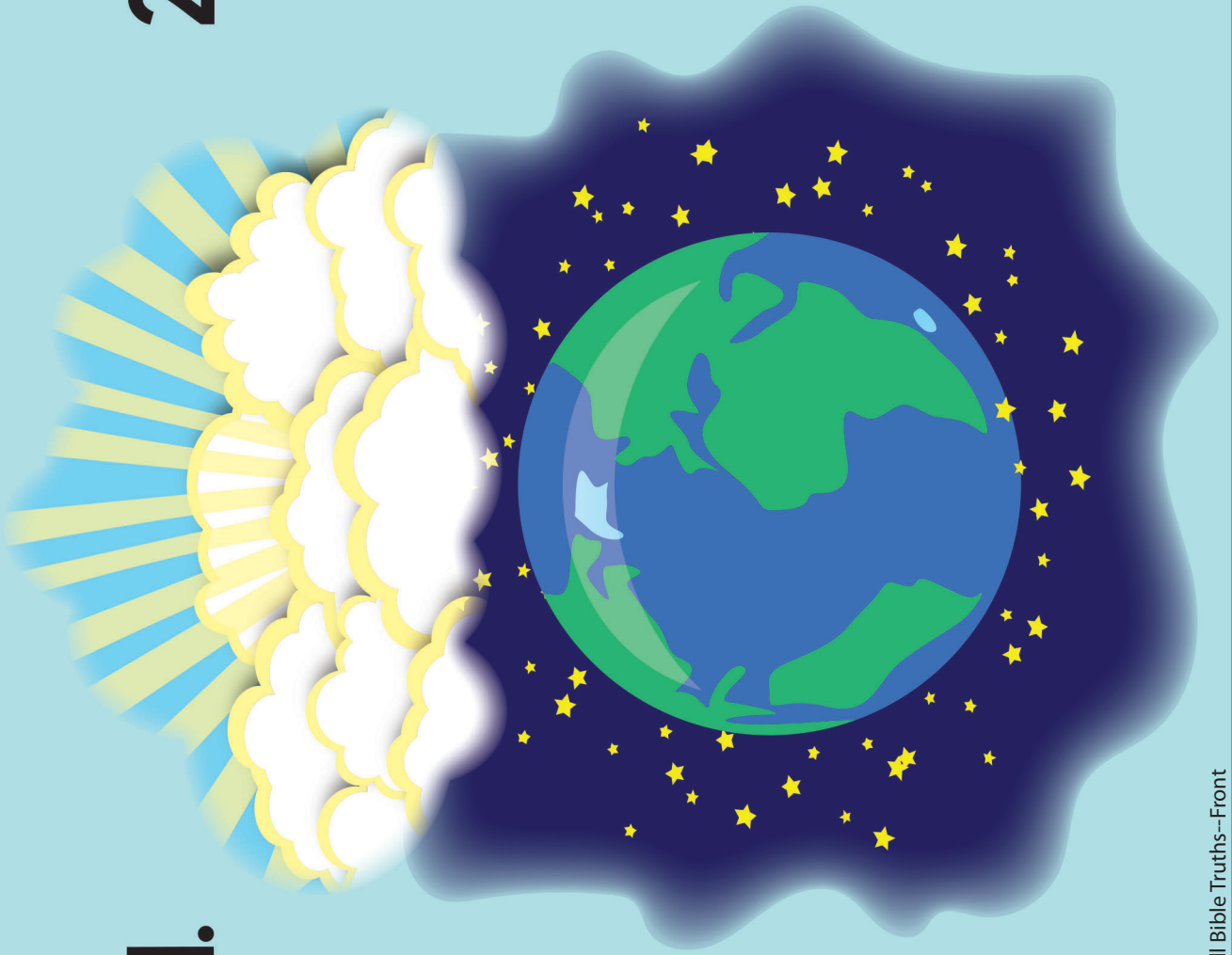
Can you tell me what God made?
What God made, what God made?
Can you tell me what God made?
God made all things good!

BIG QUESTION 5: Two truths about what the LORD made

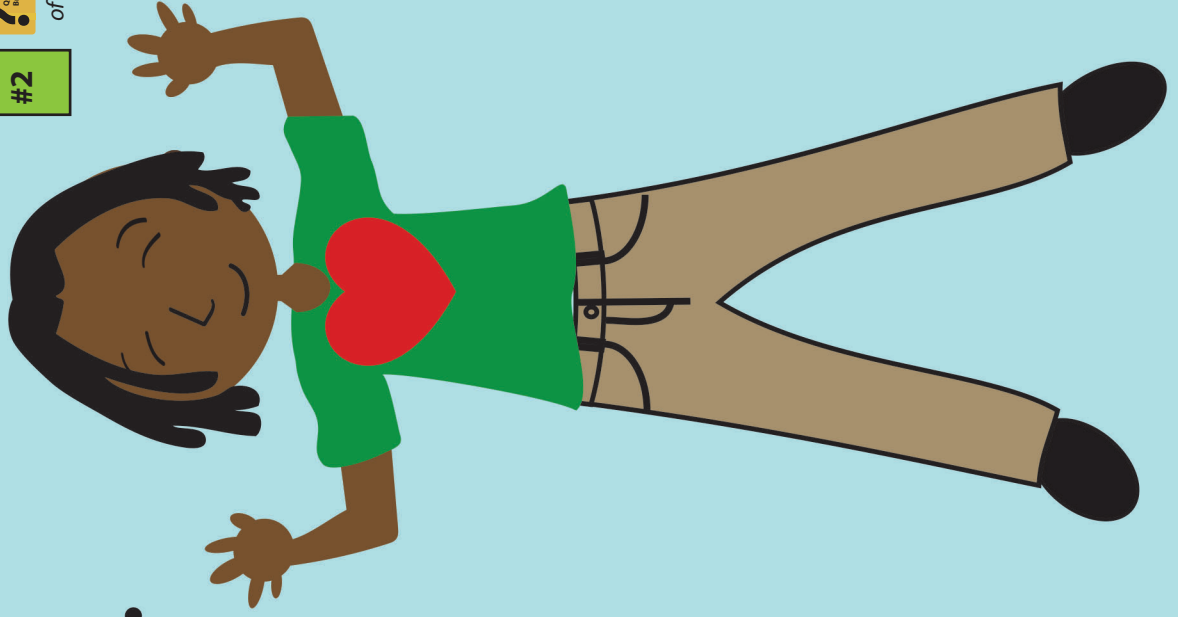
Visual Aid #2

take out
Big Question
Directions

1.



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This Unit's Bible Truths

"God made all things good" 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 TWO Bible truths that all tell us more about the good things that God made.

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

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, we've learned one truth about the LORD. It's this one: "He Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth" (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?"

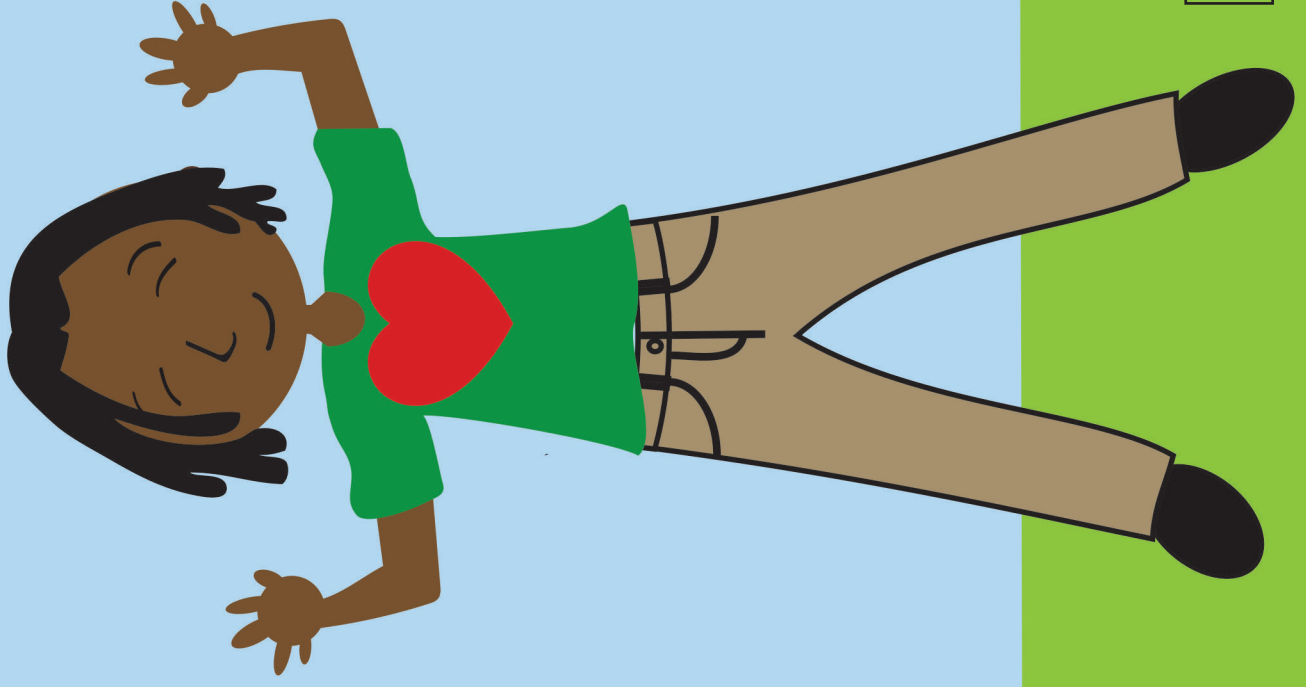
Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2?

Can You Tell Me What
God Made?
God Made All Things
Good...

He made ???
in a special way!

HINT: "What are we called?
It starts with an "p"
and it rhymes with "steeple."



ANSWER:
He made PEOPLE in a special way!

Visual
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take out
Big
Question
Bible.com
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 You Tell Me What God Made?
God Made All Things Good!
He Made ???? in a Special Way!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What are we called? It starts with an “p” and it rhymes with “steeple.”

Can you guess? It’s “People.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

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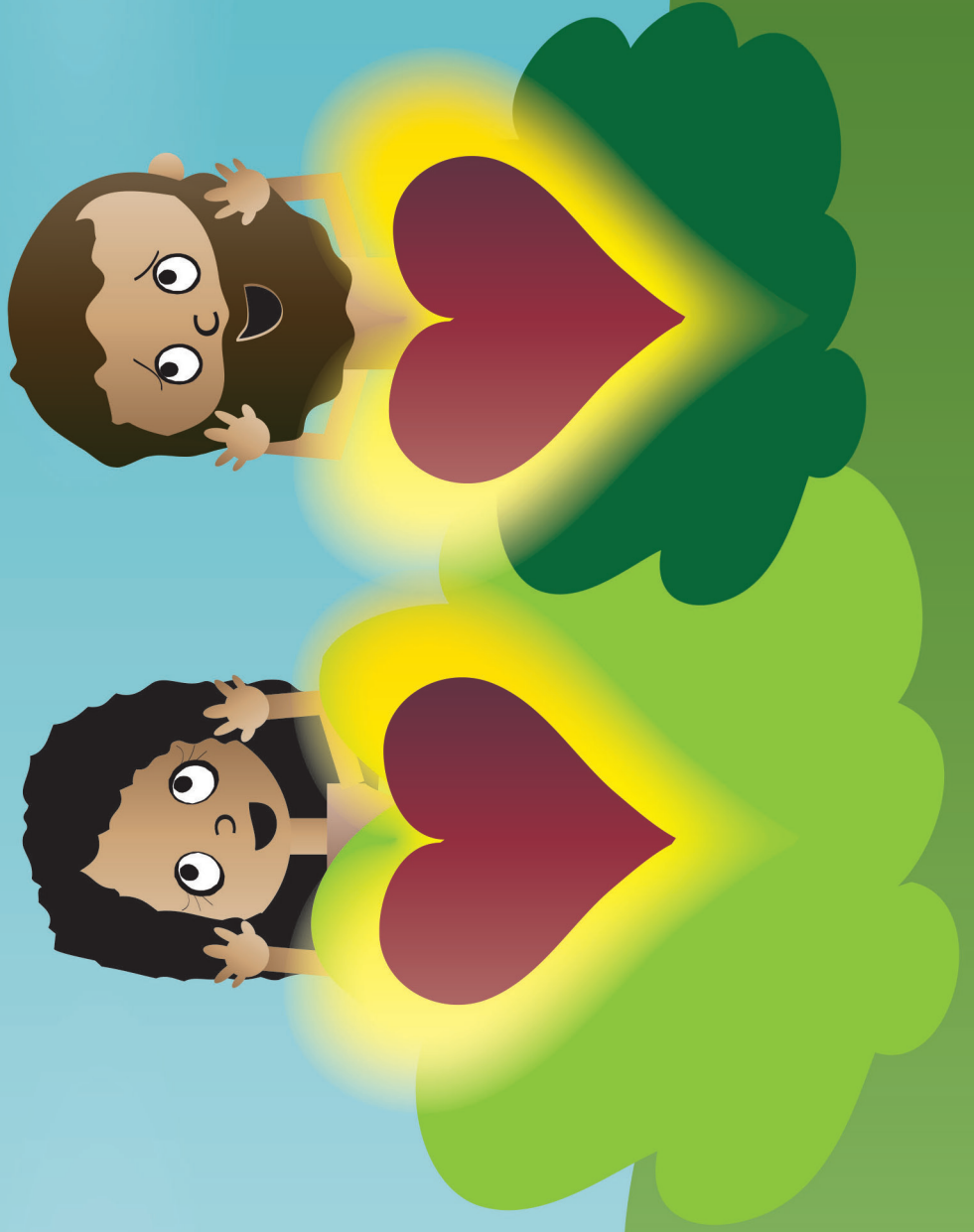
And here is what this Bible Truth means:
(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

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“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image.’...

**So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:26,27**



Visual Aid #4
Place verse in DDD Bible™
take out ? of BQB

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

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

Genesis 1:26,27, tells us:

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"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.'"

What does that mean?

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Then God Said:

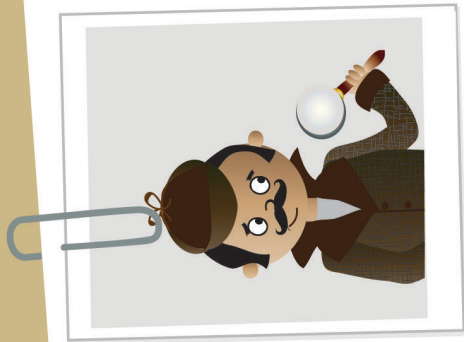
Genesis 1:26,27

DDD NV Songs 5, track 21

Then God said, "Let us make man,
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“The Case of the Clay Creation” Genesis 1,2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was made out of clay?
2. How did he come to life?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Genesis 1:26,27, NIV:

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1. How did God make man (people) in His own image?
2. How did God make people in a way that was different from all the other earthly creatures?

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

I. What a lot happened in the first, six days of the world! God made the heavens and the earth.

He made light and darkness, sun, moon, and stars. He made the seas filled with fish, the skies filled with soaring birds, and the land filled with every animal you can think of.

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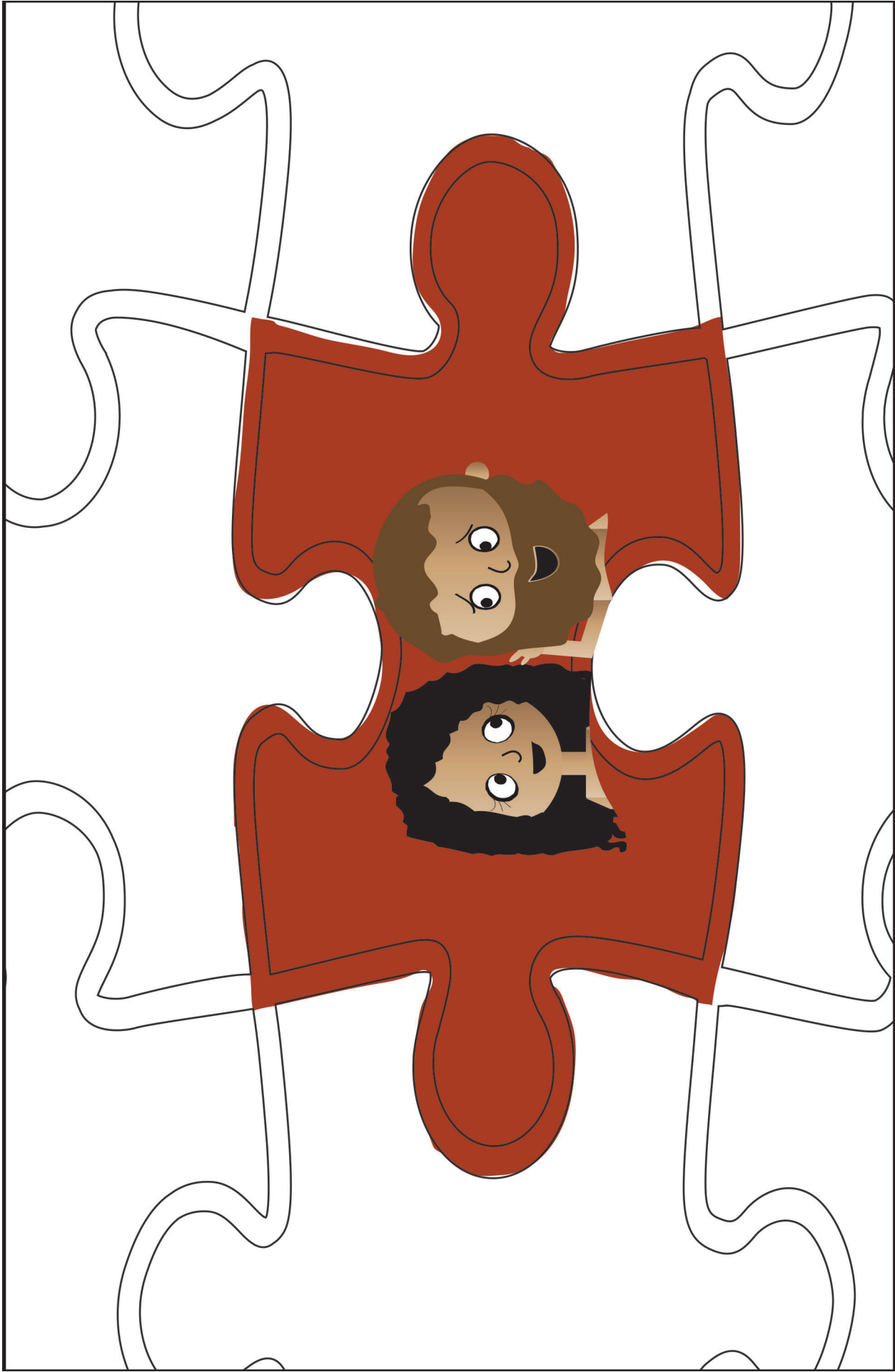
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5. Now, God made cats, and dogs, and kangaroos, and all the other animals, living creatures with bodies. He made all the birds, fish, and creepy-crawly bugs, living creatures with bodies, too. That's how they could meow and woof, leap and fly, swim and crawl, right?

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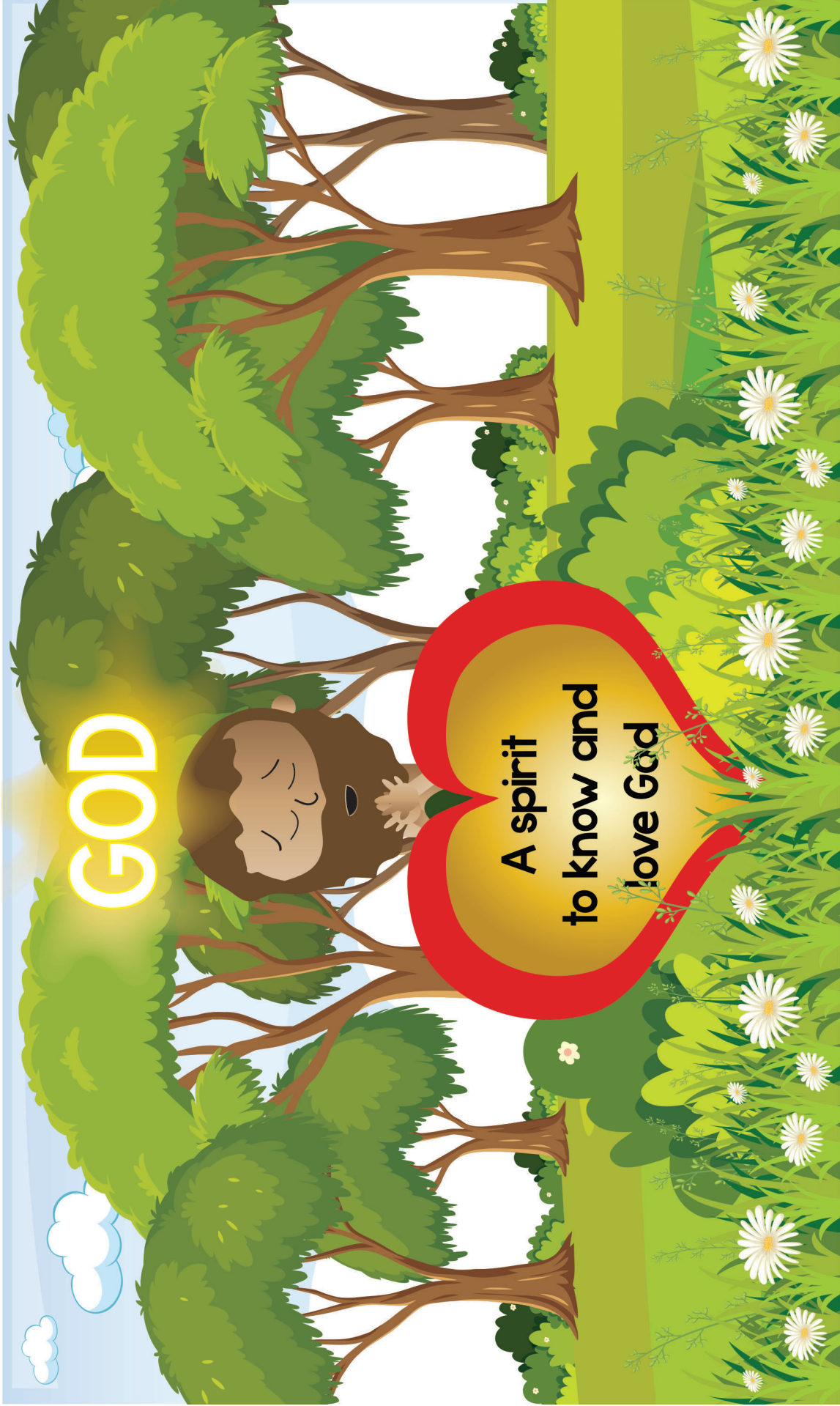


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6. But, God put something INSIDE Adam's body that made him alive in another, very special way. Alive in a way unlike any other creature. Alive in a way that made people (and only people) a bit like God, Himself.

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7. Forever and ever!

Yes, that's right! This spirit would never die, no matter what! This spirit God gave people was very special, indeed. It's how God made people in His image. God is spirit, and He gave people a spirit, too.

This is what makes us a one-of-a-kind picture of God. And, it's why we can know and love God in a way no other creature on earth can.



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8. So, when God made Adam, Adam opened his eyes and he saw the beautiful things God had made, and he was AMAZED! Amazed at all the furry animals, the chirping birds, the buzzing insects, and the flopping fish. Amazed at the lovely, green trees with delicious fruit, and the wonderful smell of the colorful flowers. Amazed at the warm sun that shone brightly at day; and, the soft light of the moon and twinkling stars at night.

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9. Adam was happy, but something wasn't quite right. He was all alone. He wanted another creature to live with him.

So, God brought all the creatures to Adam to name them and let him see if one of these creatures was what he wanted. Animals like lions, dogs, monkeys, lizards, horses, and cats; bears, chickens, kangaroos, ladybugs, and many more, paraded in front of Adam. They all came to him, and he named them all.



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10. But one after one, Adam looked at them and shook his head. None of them was right to be a special someone for him.

Did God forget something? Had He made a mistake? No, God didn't forget anything. He hadn't made a mistake. God knew Adam would long for someone else. God had even made Adam this way. God knew just exactly whom Adam needed, and He was about to give him that special creature.



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Adam was so pleased! Here was just the right helper and friend for him! She was like him, yet different, too. They could love each other and love God together. They could talk together and share all the wonderful things God had created.



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14. Then, the LORD put Adam and Eve in a beautiful, garden home, filled with good fruit to eat.

“Obey Me and love Me,” God told them. “If you do, you will always have wonderful, special closeness together, with Me and with each other; and, you shall live happily in this beautiful place forever,” He told them.



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15. How wonderful that first day together must have been for Adam and his wife, Eve! They could enjoy everything together: God's creation around them; the love they had for each other; and best of all, that wonderful, special closeness with God, deep in their hearts.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was made out of clay?
Man was.
 2. How did he come to life?
God breathed breath into him. God also gave him a living spirit that would never die.
- For You and Me:
People are God's most special creation. God created us with a spirit, so we can know Him, love Him, and enjoy Him. And, so we see and enjoy His goodness, as we enjoy and explore all of His creations.
- Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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1. How did God make man (people) in His own image?
He gave them a living spirit to know and love Him and each other. He made them able to see His goodness and beauty in all of His creations.
 2. How did God make people in a way that was different from all the other earthly creatures?
None of the other creatures could know and love Him the same way because they did not have this special spirit.
- For You and Me:
God made us in His image to know and love Him; but sadly, we have all chosen to disobey Him and to not love Him. We have broken the beautiful friendship God made us to have with Him. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

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Can You Tell Me What God Made?
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The Gospel



God made people with a spirit so they could know and love Him, and could see how wonderful He is, as they look at all He has made. But how sad it is, that we all have chosen to turn away from God, disobeying Him and His good ways! This is how we lost our special friendship with God. Now, we all deserve God's punishment for our sins.

But God's plans were not broken, even by our sin! Even from before the beginning, God planned to save His sinful people. He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for their sins with His perfect life, as He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. God gives them new hearts to know and love Him. They are His people. And one day, they will go to live with Him in a place even more wonderful than the beautiful heaven and earth God made in the beginning. We can be God's people, too. Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!



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A Prayer

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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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