

BIG QUESTION 6

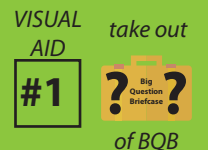


How did bad things come to God's good world?



ANSWER:

Bad things came through sin!



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 6:

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?
and the Answer is:
Bad Things Came through Sin!

Meaning:

When God created the world in the beginning, He created all things good; but, now there are many bad and sad things in God's good world. All these bad things came through sin when people disobeyed God. How good it is that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! He can forgive our sins and make us God's people!

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 6 Song

*DDD ESV Songs 6, track 12
(adapted version of "Frere Jacques")*

How did bad things,
How did bad things,
Come to God's good world?
Come to God's good world?
Bad things came through sin,
Bad things came through sin,
That's how bad things came,
That's how bad things came.

BIG QUESTION 6: Two truths about how bad things came

Visual Aid #2 take out of BQB

1.



2.



This Unit's Bible Truths

"Bad things Came through Sin" 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 about how sin came into the world and what happened when it did.

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

After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned one truth about how sin came into the world. It was: "Bad Things Came through Sin... When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God." (point to pictures as you identify the Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure the truth 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.

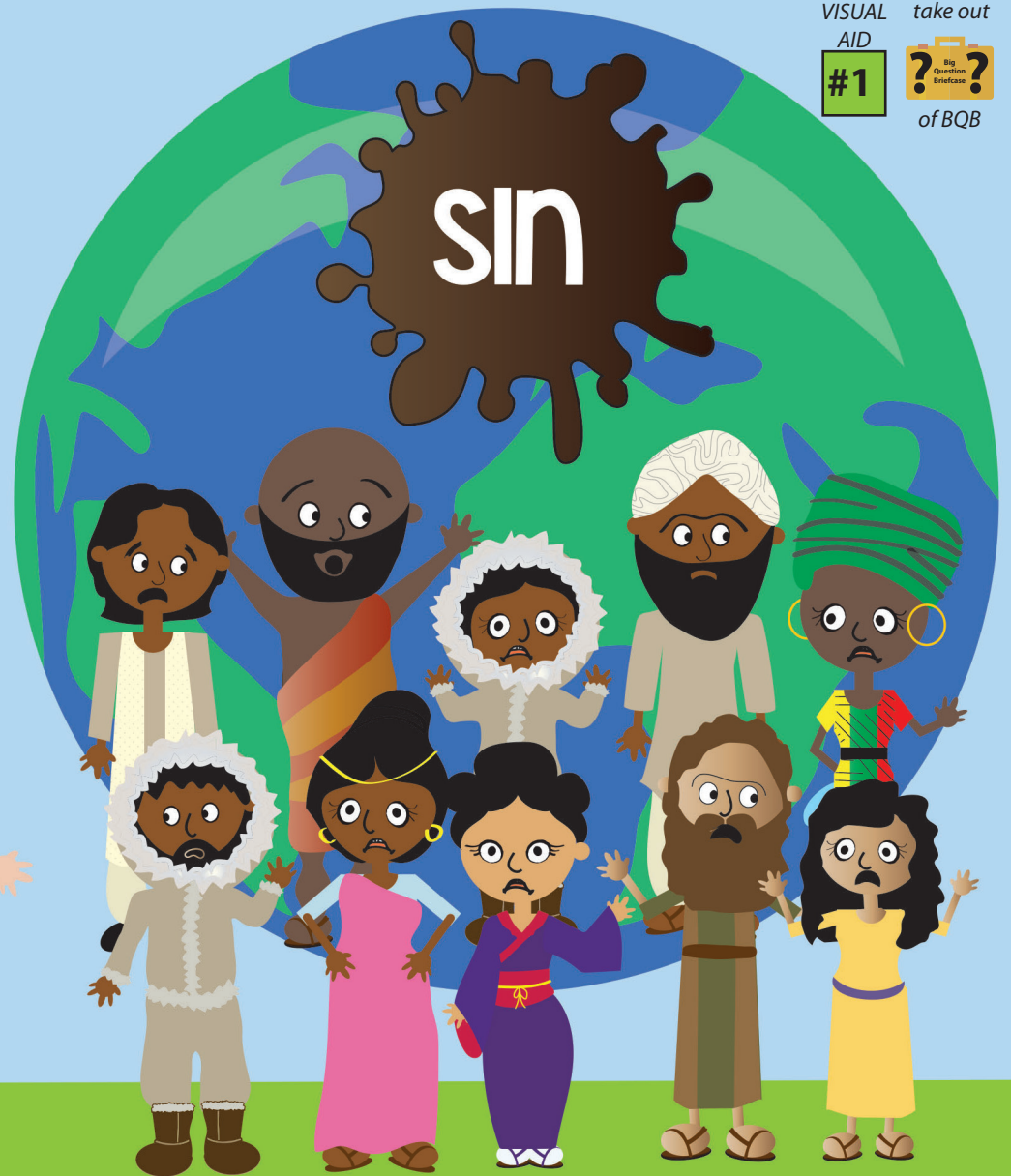
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2?

How Did Bad Things Come
to God's Good World?

Bad Things Came
through Sin...

When sin spread to
the whole ???? !

HINT: "What's another word
for "Earth"?
It rhymes with "curled."



VISUAL
AID
#1
take out
Big
Question
Briefcase
of BQB

ANSWER:

When sin spread to the whole WORLD!

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:

**“How Did Bad Things Come to God’s Good World?
Bad Things Came through Sin...
When Sin Spread to the Whole ???? !”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says:
“What’s another word for “Earth”? It rhymes with “curled.”

Can you guess? It’s “World.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“How Did Bad Things Come to God’s Good World?
Bad Things Came through Sin...
When Sin Spread to the Whole WORLD!”**

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

Everything God created was hurt by Adam and Eve’s sin. The plants did not grow such good fruit. The animals had sicknesses. Adam and Eve’s sin hurt all their children, too. They were born disobeyers with sinful hearts. They deserved God’s punishment for their sins, just like their parents. They would suffer sicknesses and one day they would all die. What sadness Adam and Eve passed down to their children through their sin!

Guess who else are children from Adam and Eve’s family? We are! That’s why we get sick and one day will die. That’s why we have sinful hearts that disobey God. And that’s why we deserve for Him to punish our sins, too.

But God is so kind and merciful to us! He sent Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God promises to forgive their sins and put His Holy Spirit in their hearts, so they can once more have closeness with God again, right here on earth.

That is good news, but the best is yet to come! Bible tells us that everything God had made looks forward to the day when Jesus will come back and get rid of sin and death forever. God’s people look forward to that day most of all. That’s when they will live face to face with God, enjoying all the wonderful, special closeness with God that people can have...and it will never, ever end.

**The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race
to see if there is one who is wise,
one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt.
There is no one who does good, not even one. Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB**



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:

Psalm 14:2-3-10 tells us:

Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."

Learn a Little: "All have turned away...There is no one who does good, not even one."

What does that mean?

The LORD is everywhere, all the time. He sees all people and knows what they are like, inside and out. And what does He see? It is very sad! God sees that not even one person seeks after Him. No one does good. Why? Because we are all children of Adam and Eve. We are born with sinful hearts that choose to disobey God. Thank God for sending Jesus! Thank God that He promises to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He can save us, too. Ask Him to help you!

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

The LORD Looks Down

Psalm 14:2-3

DDD ESV Songs 6, track 20

The LORD looks down from heaven,
On the human race
To see if there is one who is wise,
One who seeks God.

But all have turned away;
All alike have become corrupt.
There is no one who does good,
No, not even one.
Psalm Fourteen, two and 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 Sadness that Didn't Stop" Genesis 4,6-9



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Where did the sadness come from?
2. Who did it spread to? Who would come to stop it one day?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Psalm 14:2-3, ESV

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."

1. What did the LORD see in the hearts of people?
2. What did they deserve? How did the LORD show His mercy to them?

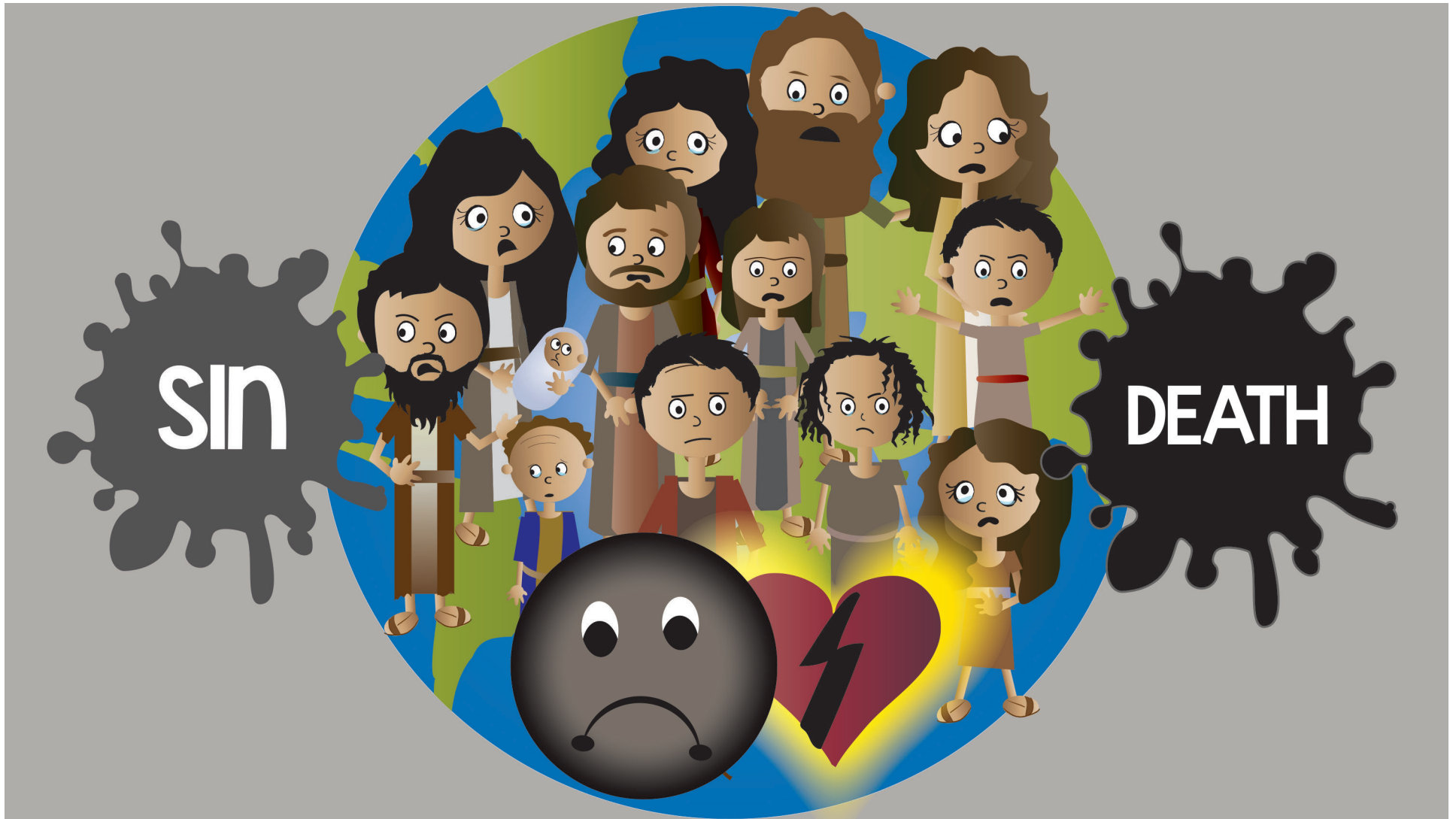
(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)



I. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, it was a very, very sad day for the whole world. **EVERYTHING** that God created was hurt by sin, in some way. Animals that used to live happily together, now fought each other. Plants that used to grow delicious fruit, now were spoiled with sickness and weeds.



2. But worst of all, was what happened to people. They no longer had the wonderful, special closeness with God they had before. They didn't always live happily together anymore. They became greedy and selfish. They didn't love others the way God made them to. And now, their bodies grew old, got sick, and died.

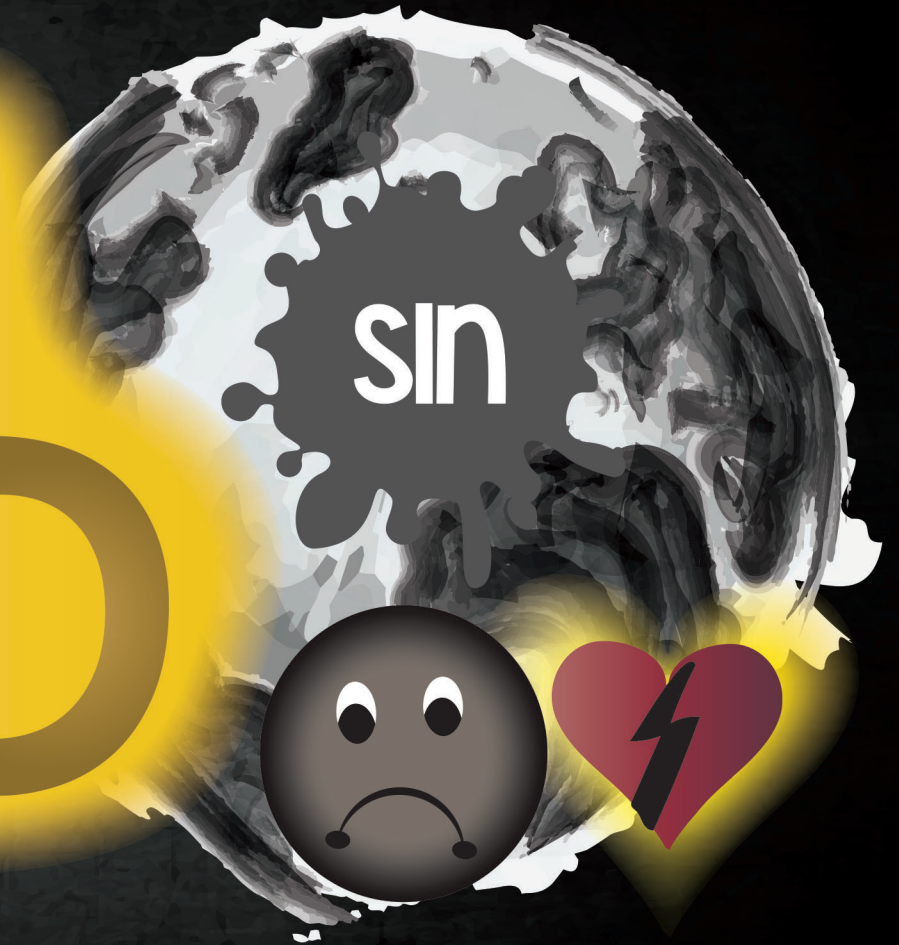


3. It would have been bad enough if Adam and Eve's sin had only hurt themselves and the world they lived in. But their sin didn't stop there. When sin came into the world, it would hurt everything for the rest of time. Now, **ALL** the animals, **ALL** the plants, and **ALL** the people who would ever live in God's good world would know the badness and brokenness of sin. (Even you and me, and our world!) The whole world, for **ALL** of time, would never be like it was in the beginning, when God made it so perfectly good.



4. Not only did sin stay in the world, but it spread and grew worse with time. There was more and more badness, and sadness, and brokenness, especially in people. And after a while, the whole world was filled with people disobeying God and hurting each other. It was terrible!

THE LORD



5. There was **SOMEONE** who knew how terribly sin had hurt the world, more than anyone else. Can you guess who? It was the **LORD**. God could see how sin hurt every part of His good world, inside and out. And what saddened Him the most, was what He could see deep inside each person's heart. There used to be beautiful love for God and people in their hearts. Now, that was broken. Now, there was sin and sadness in their hearts, instead.

The **LORD** is holy. He is purely good and oh, so great. He loves good and hates sin. He hurt to see all the terrible things that had happened to the beautiful world He had made.



6. God was so merciful and patient with people, giving them time to turn back to Him. Years and years, He waited, as sin grew and grew in His good world. But at last, it was time: God would judge the whole world. He would send a flood to do away with all who refused to turn away from disobeying Him. And with them, would go all the animals, birds, and creeping things on earth. Was this the end? Would there never be people or creatures to live in God's world again?



7. God would have been fair to do that. All people had chosen to disobey Him. All had sinful hearts and lives. It is right for God to punish sin. He would not be good, if He did not hate it.

But God isn't ONLY fair and good. He is oh, so MERCIFUL, too. Mercy is a part of love. It is treating someone better than they deserve. That is exactly how God chose to treat sinful people. And He even had woven this mercy into His good plans, BEFORE He created the world. Amazing!

GOD'S GOOD PLAN



8. Yes! God's good plan for His creation would go on as He planned. He would be just, but merciful, too. He would save some of all the creatures. He would save one man and his family, too. This was the only man who turned away from his sin and turned to God to love Him and obey Him. That one man was Noah.



9. God told Noah His plan: "I am sending a flood to wipe out everything that lives on earth, because of how sinful everyone has become. But you and your family, I will save. I will save some of every kind of creature, too," God promised. "After the flood, I will give the earth a new beginning for your family and all the creatures. You and your sons need to build a huge, wooden boat, "an ark," to fit everyone. Fill it with food for everyone to eat. Then, I will send the flood," God told Noah.



10. A huge flood? A big boat? Thousands of creatures to feed and care for? Could it really be? Who could **IMAGINE** such a thing! Who could **BUILD** such a thing! It would have been tempting to laugh and go on with life. It didn't look like rain. The sun came up in the morning and the moon and stars at night. A flood? Really? What would Noah do? Would he believe God and obey Him?



II. What would Noah do? He would take God at His word!

Noah lived by faith. He loved God and believed Him. Noah didn't have to be able to understand God's plans for them to be true. It was enough that GOD understood. God would help Noah do everything that needed to be done. Yes, Noah believed God and he would obey. Yes, he would build the huge boat. God was pleased with Noah's faith and accepted him.



12. Off to the forests, went Noah and his sons to get wood. Chop, chop, chop. Crash! So many trees were needed! Then, hammer, hammer, hammer, they worked, and worked, and worked until the whole boat was built. It was gigantic!



13. Last of all, Noah and his family mixed up big pots of black, sticky pitch. They slathered the hot goo all over the sides of the boat. This would keep the ark free of leaks.



14. People were curious about the big boat Noah was building. Noah warned them about the flood God was sending. "Stop disobeying God and living your own, sinful way! Turn back to God and His good ways! His punishment will soon come upon those who do not," Noah told them.

It took long time to build that big boat. Noah kept warning people to turn to God as he worked on it. God was giving these people more time to turn to Him. But in all that time, no one ever turned to God. No, not even one! How very sad!



15. At last, the boat was finished. Noah and his family loaded it with lots of supplies. There was food for them and for all the animals who would be coming. And come, those animals did! From the woods, and from the deserts. From the mountains, and the valleys. Out of their dens and nests, the animals came. A mother and father animal of every kind. And even more than two of some kinds. The LORD, in His wonderful, mysterious way, had these special creatures leave their homes and travel to the boat. They all settled in the boat. Then, last of all, Noah and his family went in the boat, too. When everyone was safe inside, the LORD, Himself, shut them in.



16. Dark storm clouds gathered overhead, then the rain came pouring down. Everything happened just as the LORD said it would. It rained for forty days and nights without stopping. And as it rained, the water rose higher and higher over the land. The birds, and land creatures, and all the people outside the ark were all swept away; but, inside, all were safe.



17. Then one day, the rain stopped. Noah and his family looked outside at the world, amazed. They had never seen anything like it! There were no trees, no animals, no people, no mountains, or land to be seen. Everywhere they looked there was only water. They were so thankful to be in the boat. They were so thankful that God had saved them!



18. God sent a big wind that swept down over the water to dry it up. “Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!” went the wind, day and night. Slowly but surely, the wind dried up the flood waters. At last, Noah and his family could see land sticking out of the water like little bumps. More and more water dried up and went away, uncovering the hills and valleys. At last, it was time to get off the boat.



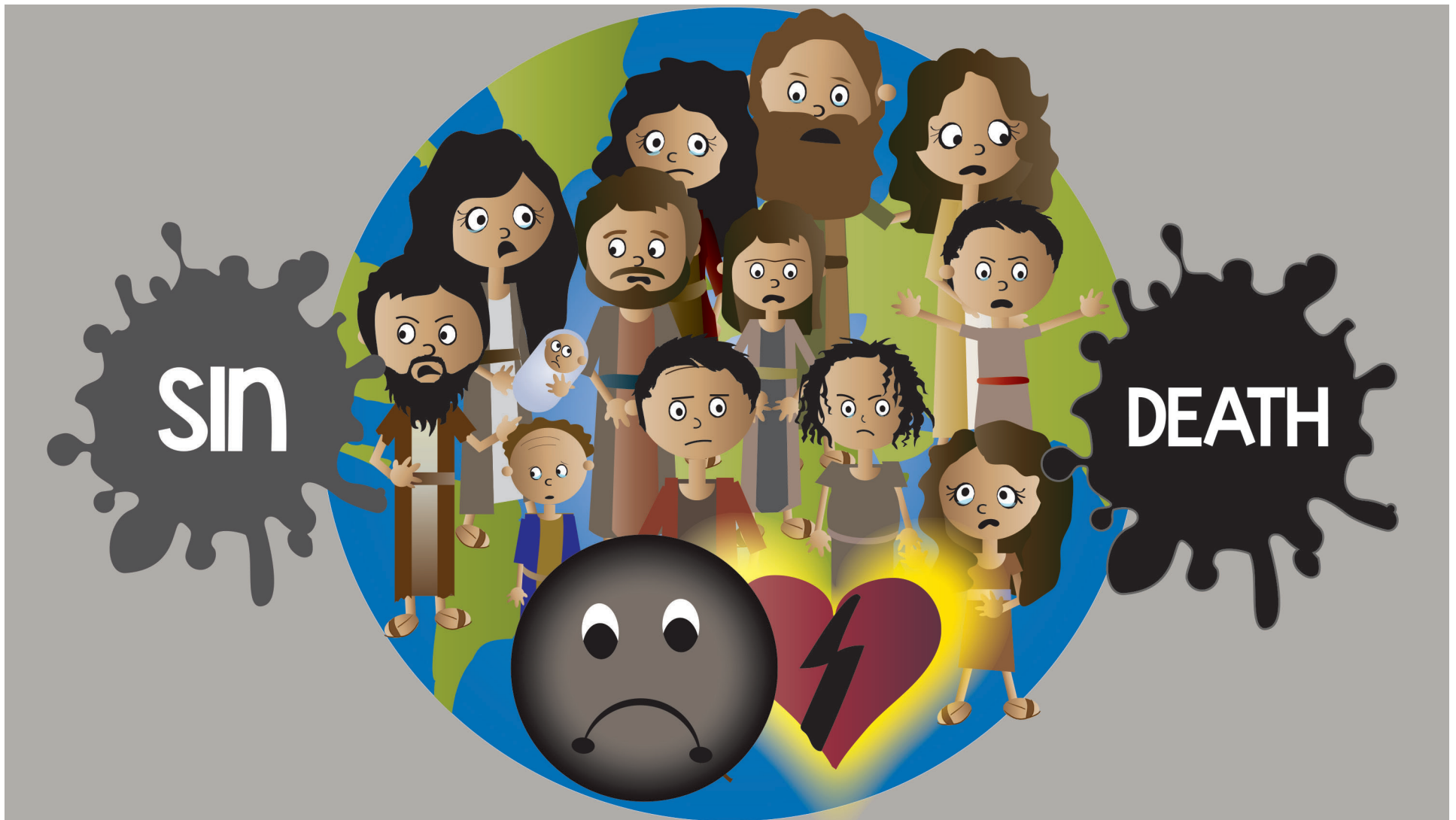
19. God said to Noah, "Take your family and all the animals off the boat. It's time to begin life on earth again. Have families and fill the earth, just like Adam and Eve and the animals did, long ago." Noah and his family obeyed God. How wonderful it was to get off that boat and stand on dry ground again!



20. What would Noah and his family do first? Run around and stretch their legs? Start building a new home? Go find some fresh food? Simply sit down and enjoy the sunshine and the freedom of the open air? There was so many things they wanted to do! But Noah didn't do any of those things just yet. He knew there was something else he needed to do first. Can you guess what it was? The first thing Noah did was to give a worship gift of thanks to God. Oh, how much he and his family had to thank Him for! God had saved their lives and given them a new start!



21. God made a promise to Noah and his family that day: "Never again will I destroy the whole earth with a giant flood. I'm putting a rainbow up in the sky as a reminder to you and all people of My promise."



22. Then, Noah and his family began the work God gave them. They had families and began to fill the earth again. Surely, this time everything would be right! Surely this time, people would obey God as they should. Right? **WRONG!** You see, though Noah was a good man who loved God, he and his family still had that same, terrible sin in their hearts, just like everyone else. It wouldn't be long before the world once more would become filled with people who would choose to disobey God and not turn from their sinfulness.



23. But, there wouldn't JUST be people who disobeyed God in the world. There would also be people, like Noah, who would fight against the sin in their hearts and put their trust in God. God would help them to turn away from sin and live for Him. God would help them to keep on trusting in the promised Savior to come. These were God's people, and He would save them.



24. The Savior did come. It was Jesus, God's Son. He lived a perfect life, without sin. Then, He offered up that perfect life to God, as He suffered and died on the cross. He gave His life to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. What an amazing plan! What amazing love! That God, in His mercy, would take the punishment for sin upon Himself to save His people. Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people.

"The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop" Genesis 4,6-9

SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Where did the sadness come from?
It came from sin that came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

2. Who did it spread to? Who would come to stop it one day? It spread to all people, all of Adam and Eve's children. God would send the Savior, Jesus, to stop it one day.

For You and Me:
We are all Adam and Eve's children, and that means that their sin has spread all the way down to us, and all the way into our hearts. We need a Savior, just like they did. Jesus can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 14:2-3, ESV

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."

1. What did the LORD see in the hearts of people? He saw that they were all sinners who had chosen to disobey Him.

2. What did they deserve? How did the LORD show His mercy to them? They all deserved His punishment. They all deserved to be separated from Him forever. God showed them mercy by warning them through Noah to turn away from disobeying Him. And in Noah's case, God forgave him and saved him, when he turned away from his sins and trusted in the LORD.

For You and Me:

We are all Adam and Eve's children, and that means that their sin has spread all the way down to us...and into our hearts. We need a Savior, just like they did. God has warned us of the punishment we deserve for our sins. But, He also offers us to save us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?
Bad Things Came through Sin...
when sin spread to the whole world!

The Gospel



Adam and Eve's sin spread to the whole world. None of us love God or each other as He tells us to. None of us deserve anything but God's punishment for our sins. God was kind to send Noah to warn about His coming punishment and to save Noah and his family. Noah was right to trust in God and to tell others to turn from their sins and trust in God, also.

Noah looked forward in faith to the Savior God promised to send --Jesus! Jesus lived a perfect life and took the punishment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven and become God's people. Ask God to help you become one of His people, too. He love to do this!



A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being holy and just. You hate sin. You are fair in Your punishments for our sins against You and Your good laws.

C God, we know that every one of us have sinful hearts. We are no different from those people who sinned against You, long ago. We have all chosen to disobey You. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us, when we should only get punishment for disobeying You. Thank You for promising to forgive all who turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.

S God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn way from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Help us to tell others the good news of Jesus that they might be saved, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

