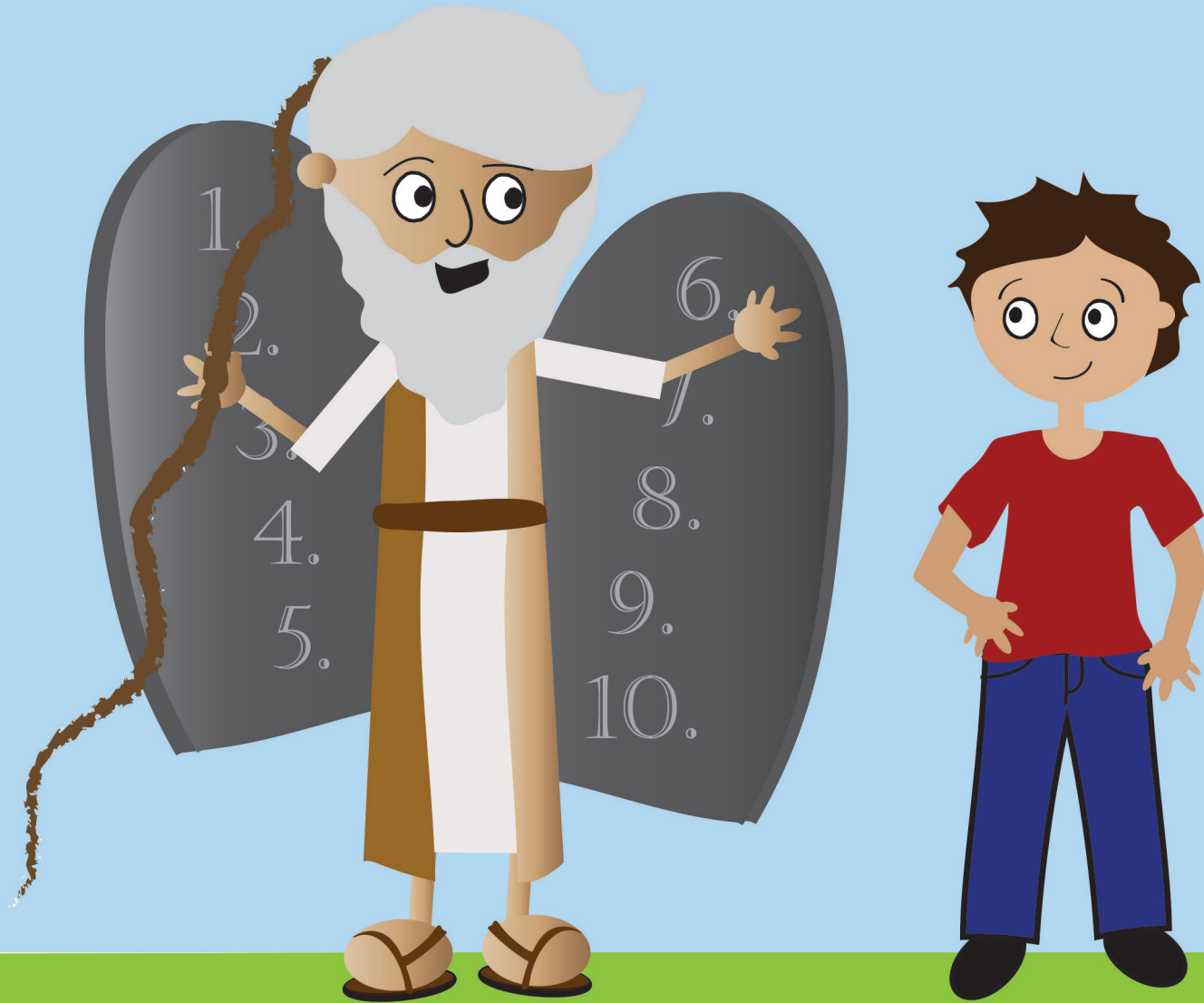


BIG QUESTION 7



What are God's laws like?



ANSWER:

God's laws are perfect!

VISUAL AID *take out*



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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 7:

What Are God's Laws Like?
and the Answer is:
God's Laws Are Perfect!

Meaning:

A law is a big rule made by someone in charge. God is our Maker. He is in charge of everyone in the whole world. He has given us His laws to live by.

God is good and loving, wise and fair. He is perfect! God's laws are just like Him. They are good and loving, wise and fair, too. They are perfect!

God's laws show us the very best way to live. They show us how to love God and love others. They are exactly what we need.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A 7 Song

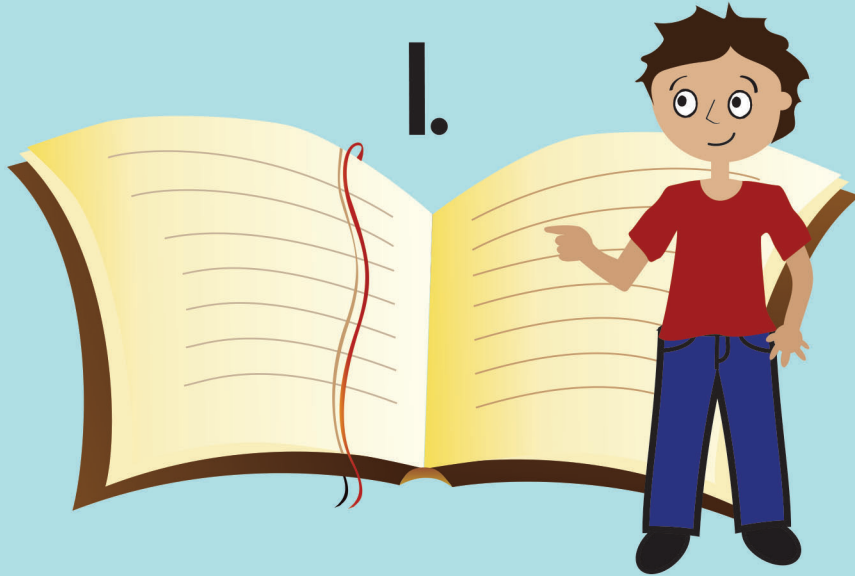
*DDD ESV Songs 7, track 12
(adapted version of "The Farmer in the Dell")*

What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
God's laws are perfect!

BIG QUESTION 7: Three truths about God's laws

Visual Aid #2 take out Big Question Briefcase of BQB

1.



2.



3.



This Unit's Bible Truths

"God's laws are perfect 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 THREE Bible truths that all tell us more about God's perfect laws.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our three 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 three truths they will be learning. After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these three 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.

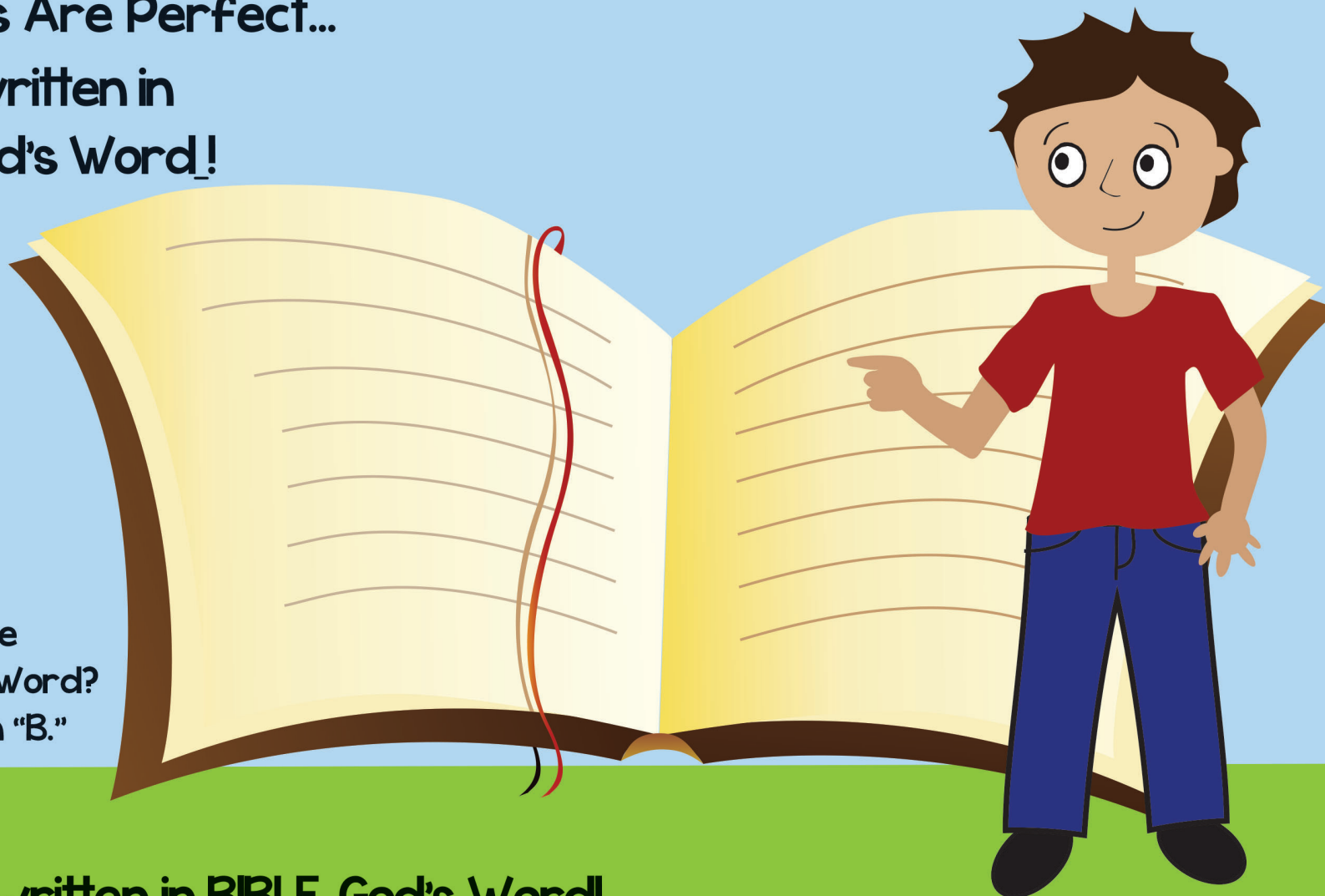
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I?

What Are God's Laws Like?

God's Laws Are Perfect...

**They are written in
the ????, God's Word!**

Visual Aid
#3
take out
Big Question Briefcase
of BQB



**HINT: "What is the
name of God's Word?
It starts with an "B."**

ANSWER:

They are written in BIBLE, God's Word!

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:

**“What Are God’s Laws Like?
God’s Laws Are Perfect!
They are Written in the ????, God’s Word!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s the name of God’s Word? It starts with a “B.”

Can you guess? It’s “Bible.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“What Are God’s Laws Like?
God’s Laws Are Perfect!
They are Written in the BIBLE, God’s Word!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

A law is big rule that we are supposed to obey. God told His laws to godly people long ago. These people wrote them down in the Bible, God’s Word, so everyone can know them. God’s Holy Spirit helped them write them down just right.

God’s laws are the most important laws of all. They are rules that God wants everyone to keep. That’s why God’s people take time to learn God’s laws and ask Him to help them obey them. They love God and want to please Him. They want to show the world what God is like by living the way He wants us to live.

I AM LORD



1. Love Me most of all



2. Don't worship fake gods. Worship only Me



6. Don't murder people



7. Keep your promise to love only your husband/wife



3. Love Me by how you talk about Me and how you live



4. Keep a special day to rest and to worship Me



8. Don't take other people's things



9. Don't Lie



5. Love and obey your mother and father



10. Be happy with what I give you. Don't be greedy for what others have

"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them...You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them... 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...Honor your father and your mother...You shall not murder. And you shall not commit adultery. And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness...And you shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor's." Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21 ESV

Bible Truth | Bible Verse

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

Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21 tells us:

Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21, ESV

"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them...You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them... 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. And you shall not commit adultery. And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness...And you shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor's."

Learn a Little: "Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

What does that mean?

Long ago, the LORD gave the 10 Commandments and many other good laws to the people of Israel. The Israelites promised to keep them. He would be their God; they would be His people. He would bless them and take care of them. These verses are the Ten Commandments (laws) that God gave them. But even though God gave these laws to the people of Israel that day, they are laws for all of us to keep. They tell us how God wants us all to live.

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

Hear, O Israel Deuteronomy 5:1,6-21

DDD ESV Songs 7, tracks 19,20

Refrain:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and rules I speak,
Learn them and be careful to do them,
Be careful to do them.

You shall have no gods before Me,
You shall not make a carved image,
You shall not bow down or serve them.
You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain,
Observe the Sabbath day,
Honor your father and mother. Refrain

You shall not murder,
You shall not commit adult'ry,
You shall not steal,
You shall not bear false witness
Against your neighbor,
You shall not covet anything. Refrain
Deuteronomy Five,
Verses one, six through twenty-one.

"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 Big Ten" Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What were the "Big Ten"? What made them so big?
2. To whom did God give the "Big Ten" to obey?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Deuteronomy 5:1, ESV

"Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

1. How did God tell the people of Israel these Ten, Big Rules?
2. Why did the people need to know these rules?

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



1. "Praise the LORD! He is the great, one, true God," the Israelites shouted. They had so much to celebrate! God had freed us from their enemies, the Egyptians. He was taking them to a new home, a very special place called the Promised Land. Moses would lead them there. How happy the Israelites were! Life would be good in God's Promised Land.



2. But before they could go to their beautiful, new home, the people of Israel had to go somewhere else first. They had to go to great Mt. Sinai, out in the hot, dry desert. It was there, the LORD would meet with them and they would make promises to each other. The LORD would promise to always take care of them and give them everything they needed. The people would promise to love and obey Him. This is how they would become God's people. This is how they could live happily with the LORD and each other in the Promised Land. First, must come the promises; then, the Promised Land.



3. So, tramp, tramp, tramp, they went, across the dry, dusty wilderness. How very hot the sun was, as it beat down on them! There was hardly a cloud in the sky, or a tree on the ground, to give them any shade.



4. Day after day they traveled. At last, they reached Mt. Sinai, the very mountain where Moses had first met with the LORD. And in the shadow of that mountain, they set up their camp. As they worked, Moses headed to the mountain. What was he going to do? Moses was climbing up to meet with the LORD.

THE LORD



5. "It's time to get the people ready to meet Me," the LORD told Moses. "I am holy, and the people are not. I can only meet with them if they are very, very careful. Tell them to set up fences around the bottom of this mountain, so that no animal or person will step foot on it. Have everyone take a bath and wash their clothes. Tell them to prepare their hearts for My coming," the LORD told Moses. "And tell them to do this in the next two days. On the third day, I will come to them."



6. Moses went down and told the people all the LORD had said. There was so much to do in two days! All the stone fence had to be put in place. All those people needed to take baths and wash their clothes. All those hearts must be made ready for the LORD. Day One passed, then Day Two. Everything was completed. How exciting it must have been as everyone went to bed that second night! The LORD would meet with them the very next day. What would it be like?



7. The next morning, they found out. Sinai was usually a land of bright sunshine and cloudless days, but not this day. The people awoke to the sound of loud rumbles of thunder and a blaring trumpet blast. They peered out of their tents to find Mt. Sinai covered in thick clouds with great flashes of lightning. Everyone trembled with fear.

THE LORD



8. Moses led the people out of the camp to the very foot of Mt. Sinai. They watched great, billowing clouds of smoke rise from it as the LORD descended on the top of the mountain in fire. They could feel the ground under their feet move as the whole mountain shook. The LORD, the one, true God, had come to meet with them! Moses went up the mountain to talk with the LORD.

**THE
LORD**

10 Big Laws

my

**Your
God**

People



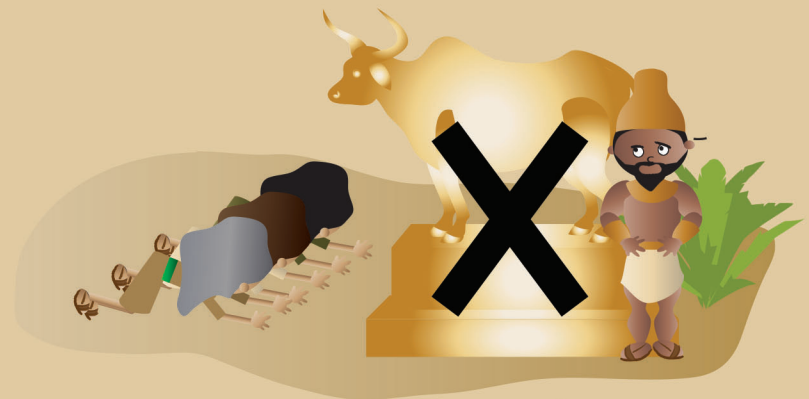
9. The trumpet blasted louder and louder, as the LORD and Moses spoke together on the mountain. Then, after making sure the people stayed off the mountain one last time, the LORD spoke in a loud voice for all the people to hear. This is what He said to them: "I am the LORD your God who rescued you from your enemies, the Egyptians. I want to make special promises to you. I will love you and take care of you. You will be My people. But you must make special promises to Me, too. You must keep My laws, if you are to be My people." Here are My Ten Commandments:



1. Love Me most of all.



3. Love Me by how you talk about Me and how you live.



2. Don't worship fake gods. Worship only Me.



4. Keep a special day to rest and to worship Me.

10. "Worship Me alone. Don't make gods out of anything you see, in the sky or on the earth around you. Worship Me alone. I am the LORD. Honor My name. Don't misuse it. Keep one day a week (the Sabbath day) a day of worship and rest," the LORD told them.



5. Love and obey your mother and father.



6. Don't murder people.



7. Keep your promise to love only your husband/wife.



8. Don't take other people's things.



9. Don't lie.



10. Don't be greedy for what others have.

11. "Honor your father and mother. Listen to them and obey them. Don't murder anyone. Don't treat someone else's husband or wife as if they are yours. Don't steal and don't lie. Don't covet. Don't keep longing after something someone else has that you want. Be happy with what I give you."

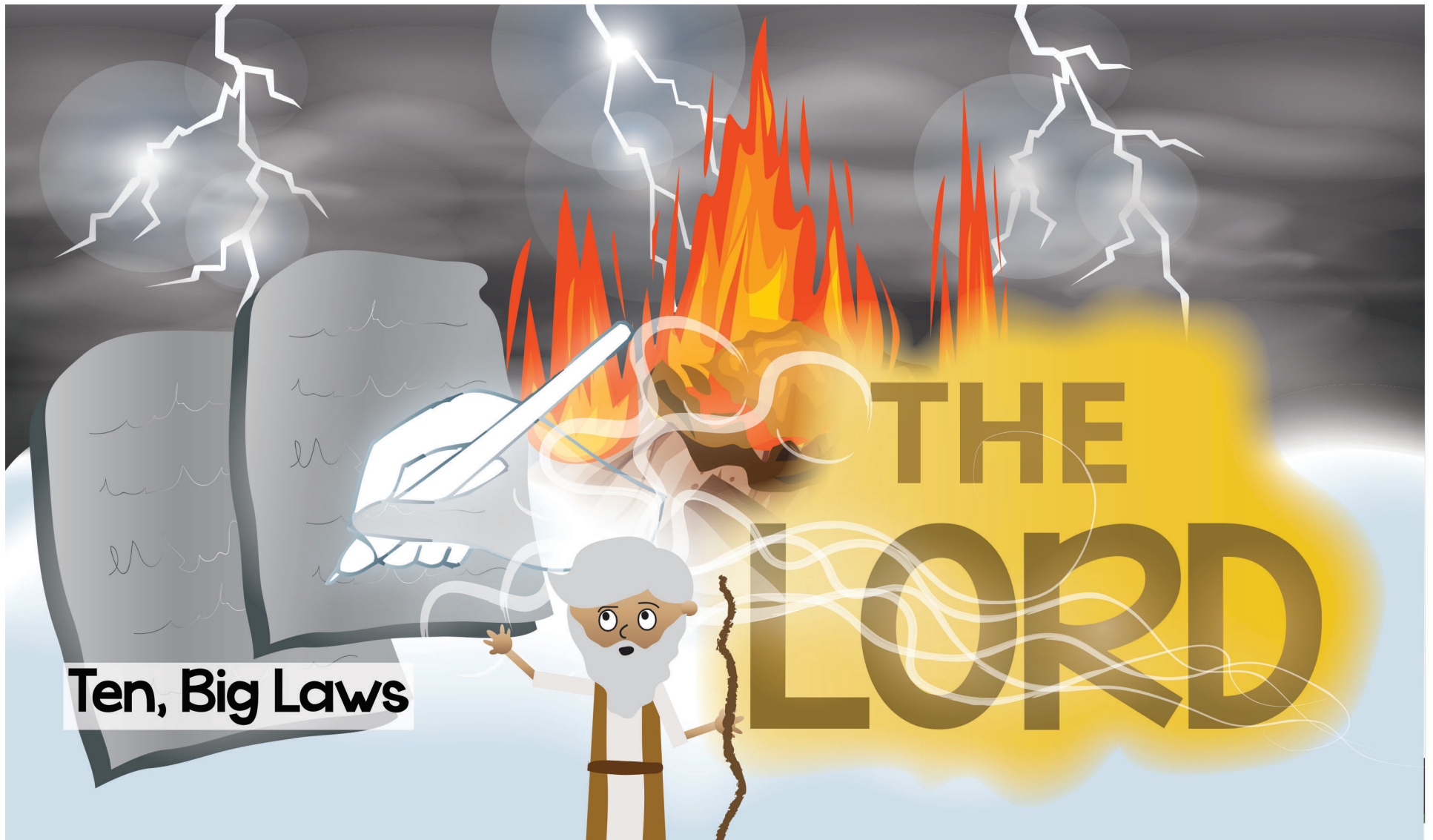


12. The people trembled with fear when they saw the crashing lightning and the fiery mountain, and heard the crashing thunder, the loud, heavenly trumpet, and the voice of God. They stayed away from the mountain, and said to Moses, "Speak to us, yourself, and we will listen. We will do whatever the LORD wants us to do. We want to be His people. But don't have Him speak to us. We're so scared by His mightiness and holiness. We're afraid we will die," they exclaimed.

THE LORD



13. "Don't be afraid," Moses told them. "The LORD hasn't come to hurt you. He has come in this mighty way to show you what He's like and to help you keep His good laws. You are making promises to the great, one true God to be His people. This is a big deal. He is warning you not to break your promises to Him," Moses said. "But because you are afraid, I will go and meet with God for you on the mountain, then I will come back down and tell you what He says."



14. Away went Moses. The people watched as again he climbed up Mt. Sinai and disappeared in the thick, dark cloud to meet with the LORD. Up on the mountain, the LORD, Himself, wrote His 10 Big, Laws into pieces of stone and gave them to Moses. Then, the LORD told Moses many other laws to teach the people, so they could know how to love Him and love each other. "Write down all these laws, so the people will always know how to love and obey Me," the LORD said.



15. And that was what Moses did. He wrote down all of those good laws in the Bible, so that not just those Israelites, long ago, could know them; but, so all peoples, in all times, could know God's laws and how God's people should live. Even you and me!



17. That Savior was Jesus, God's very own Son! Jesus came and lived a perfect life. Only He obeyed all of God's laws. He gave His life as the full payment for the sins of all who turn away from their sin and trust in Him as their Savior. He died on the cross for them and rose from the dead in victory! Through Jesus, we can become God's people. Ask Him to help you!

"The Case of the Big Ten" Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What were the "Big Ten"? What made them so big? The "Big Ten" were the Ten Commandments that the LORD gave the people of Israel at Mt. Sinai that day. We call them BIG because they are so important. They are the laws behind all of the other laws the LORD would give. They tell us how to love the LORD and love each other.

2. To whom did God give the "Big Ten" to obey? The LORD first gave them to the people of Israel, but they are laws for all of us to obey.

For You and Me:

The LORD wants all of us to obey His good laws. They are for us all to live by. But sadly, we all break them. That's why God sent Jesus to save us. He, alone, kept God's laws perfectly. Jesus gave His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He delights to do this!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Deuteronomy 5:1, ESV

"Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

1. How did God tell the people of Israel these Ten, Big Rules? He met with them at Mt. Sinai. He spoke to them, Himself, out of a dark, thick cloud from the mountain. He, Himself, wrote them down on stone tablets for them to have.

2. Why did the people need to know these rules?

They needed to know them, so they could obey them. This was part of making special promises with God to become His people.

For You and Me:

All of us need to know God's Ten Commandments. God wants us to keep them if we are to be His people. But the sad truth is that none of us can ever keep God's laws as He wants us to. That's why we need a Savior if we are to be God's people. That Savior is Jesus. Jesus, God's Son, lived a perfect life. He always kept all of God's laws. Jesus gave His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He delights to do this!

What Are God's Laws Like?

God's Laws Are Perfect...

they are written in the Bible, God's Word!



God gave us His laws, so we could know how to live lives that please Him. We can read them in the Bible. But even though we know God's laws, we all disobey them. That's why we all deserve God's punishment for our sins. How sad!

But God is so rich in mercy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life. Yes, Jesus kept every, single one of God's laws! Jesus offered up His perfect life to God as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people!

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



A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.

C God, we confess that we break Your good laws. Sometimes, we do not obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. You made us to be law keepers, but we are all lawbreakers. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for giving us Your good laws, so we know how to love and obey You. Thank You for making sure they were written down just right in Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for sending Jesus to keep Your laws perfectly and make the way for people like us to be forgiven.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them. Help us to love You by living for You and keeping Your good laws.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

