DEEP DOWN DESTECTIVES

Simple Story Scenes
Unit 8,
Bible Truth 3

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 8: The God Who Loves

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Is God's Love for His People Like?

It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

Unit Bible Verse: "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" --1 Chronicles 16:34, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: God Uses Their Sadnesses for Good

Everyone has troubles. We all have times when we are sad or scared. Sometimes people are mean to us. Sometimes bad things happen to us or to the people we love.

When bad things happen to God's people, they keep on trusting in Him. They know God loves them and that He is in control. They know that He promises to use every trouble they have for their good and to show how good and powerful He is. And, while sometimes it may be hard to see what good God could possibly bring through their troubles, God's people know that one day they will understand His good plans. And on that day, they will have nothing but praise for God, when they see how He truly did work all things for good in their lives.

And that's why God's people can praise and thank God now for those good things, even before they know what they are, and even while they are still in the middle of their sadnesses. God is that good! They can trust Him that much, even with what they don't yet understand. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Romands 8:28, ESV

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Learn a Little: "For those who love God, all things work together for good."

Meaning

These verses remind us that God's people are those who love Him. In His great love, He has called them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. This is what it means to be justified.

But being justified is just the beginning of God's good plans for His people. He also planned for all things in their lives—both enjoyable things and hard things— to be for the good purpose of making them more like Jesus. Yes, God planned to use all of these things to prepare His people for life with Him in heaven. What will life in heaven be like for them? There, they will be glorified! They will be freed from sin forever! God will make them a pure reflection of His glory. This is God's wonderful plan for making everything in His people's lives for their good and His glory. We can become God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A We praise You, God, for being so good and so powerful! You even use all of Your people's sadnesses for their good. You show how good and great You are!
- **C** God, You promise to use all things for the good in the lives of Your people, but many times we don't trust that You will. We act like Your plans aren't good or that You aren't really in control. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- Thank You for Your amazing promises to work good even in all of our sadnesses, when we trust in You as our Savior. Thank You that You can work good things in even the biggest sadnesses and the scariest things that happen to us. Thank You for the good You will do that we do not yet see.
- **S** God, work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and trust You. Do many good things even through our sadnesses --good things that show others how good and great You are. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 3 Story

The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good *John 8-10*

Songs Used in Bible Truth 3

Big Q & A 8 Song

Big Question 8 Song: What Is God's Love for His People Like?

Big Question 8 Bible Verse Song: O, Give Thanks 1 Chronicles 16:34 ESV

Extra Big Question 8 Bible Verse Song: Give Thanks 1 Chronicles 16:34 ESV

Extra Big Question 8 Bible Verse Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord Lamentation 3:22,23, ESV

Big Question 8 Hymn: And Can It Be, v.1 refrain Big Question 8 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: Bible Verse: And We Know Romans 8:28-29, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse: All Things Romans 8:28-29, ESV

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



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 8:

What Is God's Love for His People Like? and the Answer is:

It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

Meaning:

God has a special people He loves. They come from all over the world. They've lived in every time --from long ago, all the way up to today. And there are millions and millions of them!

There is nothing better than being one of God's special people! God has adopted them as His children. He promises to love and care for them always. He gives them special closeness with Him in their heart; and one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever.

God's people know His love for them is more than they could ever deserve. They know God didn't make them His special people because they were so good. They are sinners who have disobeyed His good laws, just like everyone else. God just loves them just because He loves them.

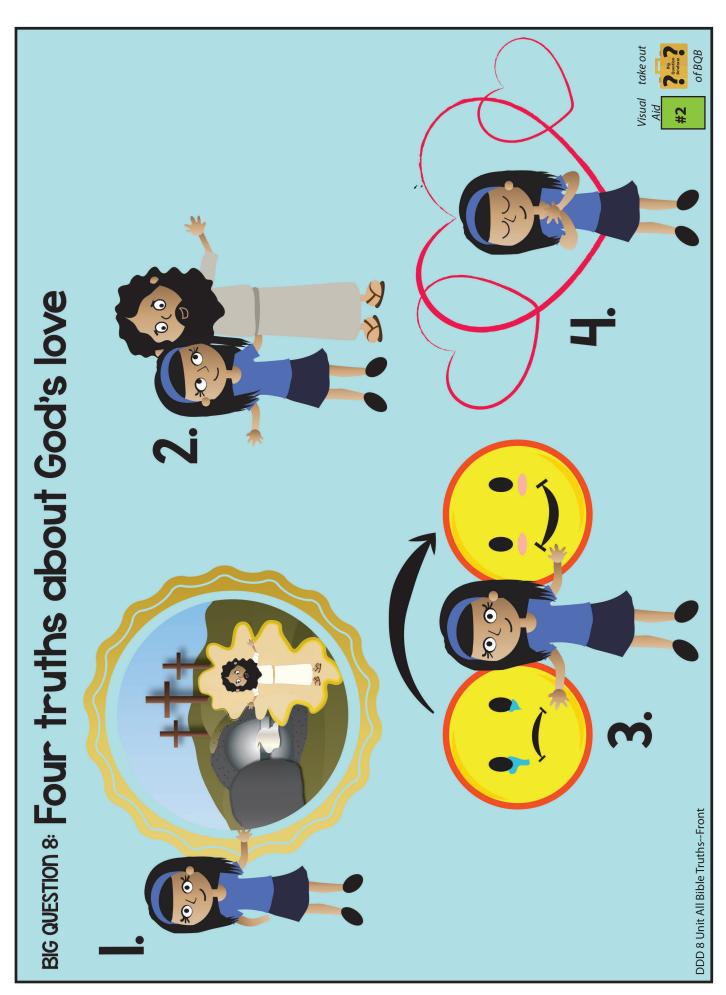
God's love for His people is the biggest love there will ever be. It's so big that God sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to pay for their sins. That was the only way they could become His people. You and I can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 8 Song

DDD ESV Songs 8, track 12 (Adapted version of "Baa. Baa. Black Sheep")

What is God's love for His people like? More than they could ever deserve! What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? More than they could ever deserve!



This Unit's Bible Truths

"It's More than They Could Ever Deserve" 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 FOUR Bible truths that all tell us more about God's love for His people.

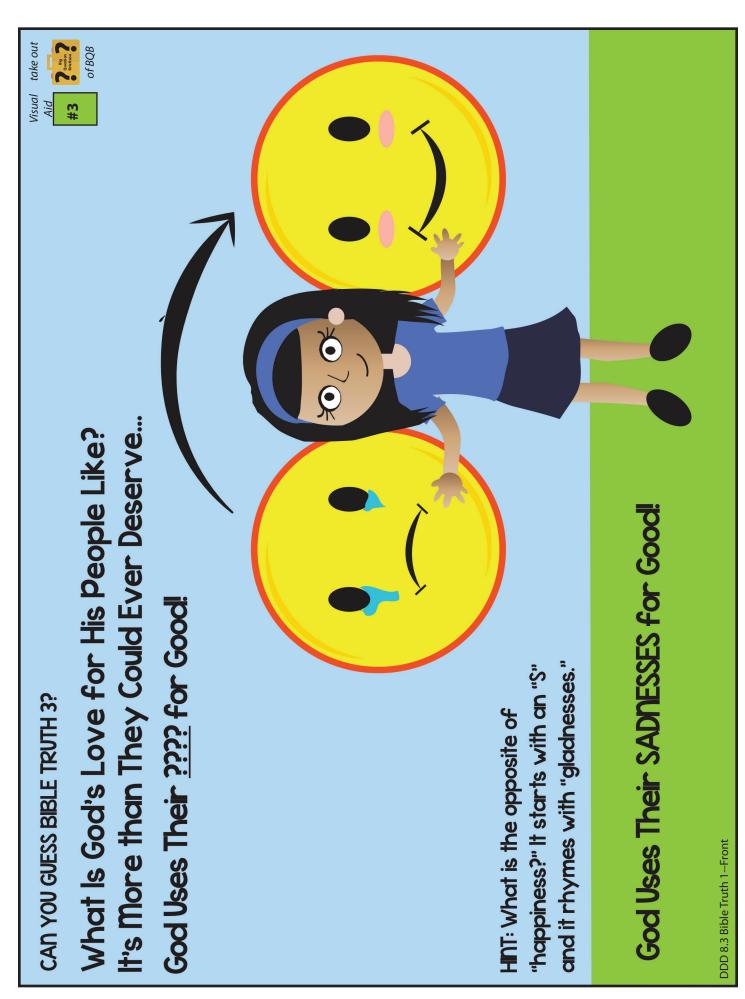
Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

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 two truths about God's love for His people. They are: "God Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them" and, "God Always Takes Care of Them" (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.



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 Is God's Love for His People Like?
It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...
God Uses Their ???? for Good!

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What is the opposite of "happiness?" It starts with an "S" and rhymes with "gladnesses."

Can you guess? It's "sadnesses."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

"What Is God's Love for His People Like?
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And here is what this Bible Truth means:

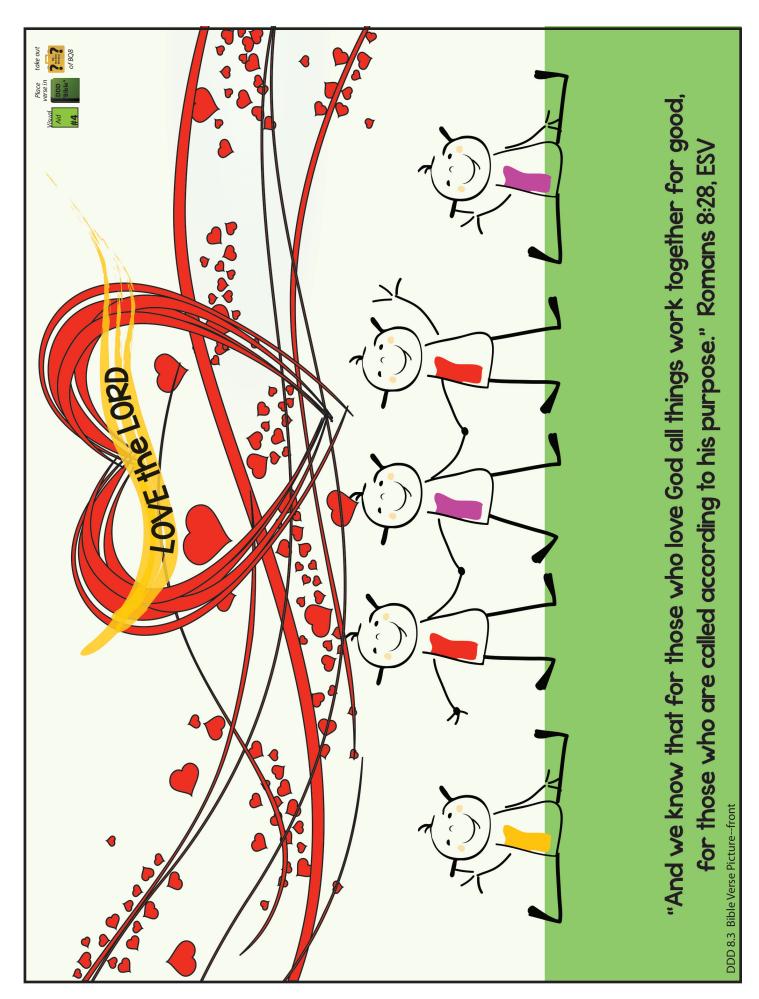
(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

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Bible Truth 3 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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Romans 8:28, ESV

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And We Know: Romans 9:28-29, ESV

DDD ESV Songs 8, track 27

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All things work together for good,
For those who are called, according to his purpose,
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Refrain:

All things work together for good,
All things work together for good,
All things, all things, all things, Work together for good.

For those he foreknew, he also predestined, For those he foreknew, he also predestined, To be conformed to the image of his Son, That he might be the firstborn among many. To be conformed to the image of his Son, That he might be the firstborn among many. *Refrain* Romans Eight, twenty-eight and nine.

"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 Sad Thing that Did Good" John 8-10



Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening



Listening

Romans 8:28, ESV

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose." I. What did many people say about the baby's blind eyes?

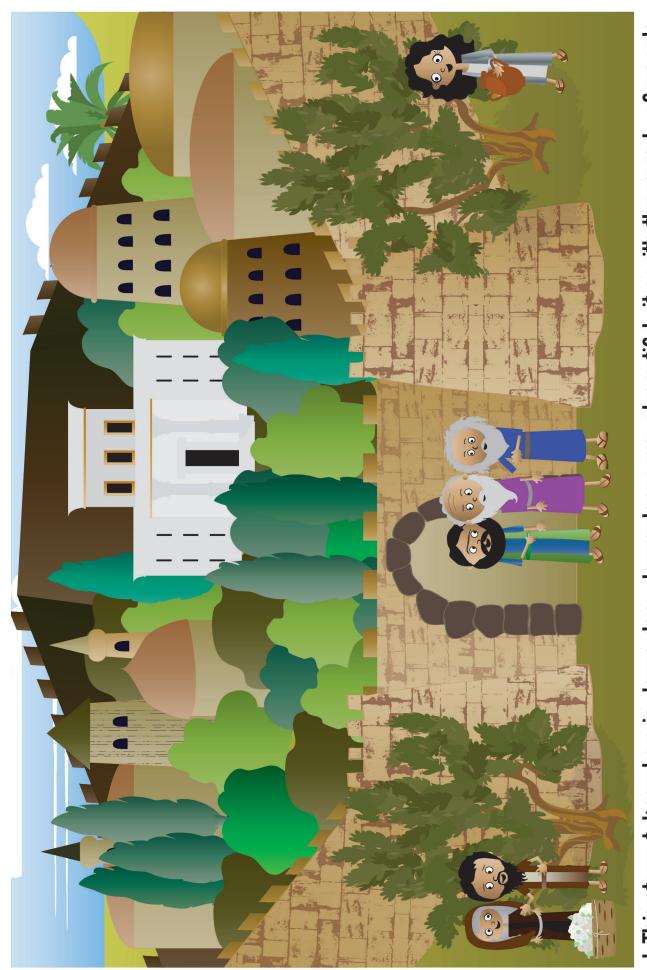
2. What good purpose did God have for the baby's blind eyes

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

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4. Not too far from the Temple lived a man and his wife.

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money to take care of our family, as sons always do." "Yay! Yay!" the man and his wife thought. "We have a boy! We will help to our family, too. He will grow up strong and will help us make love him and care for him. What a joy that will be! He will be a great

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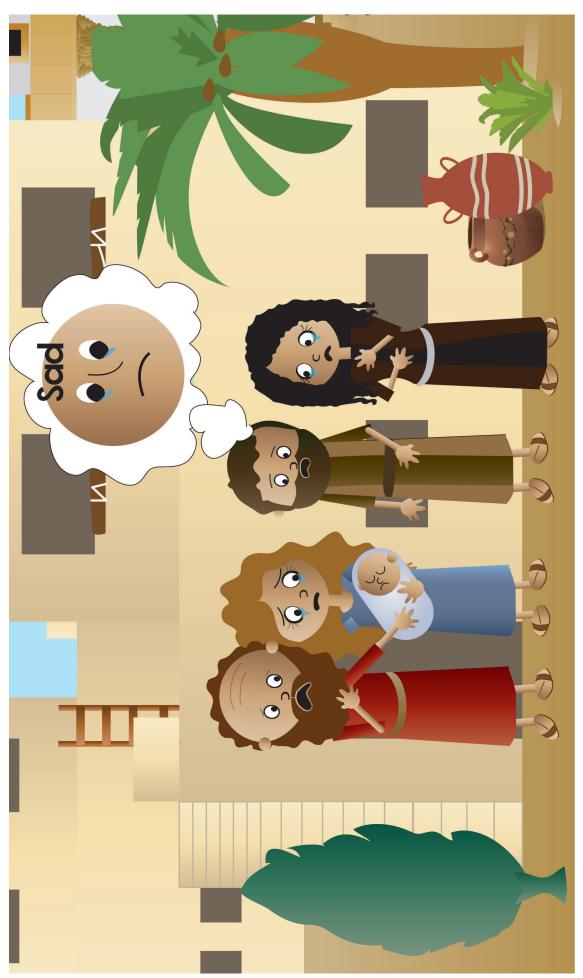


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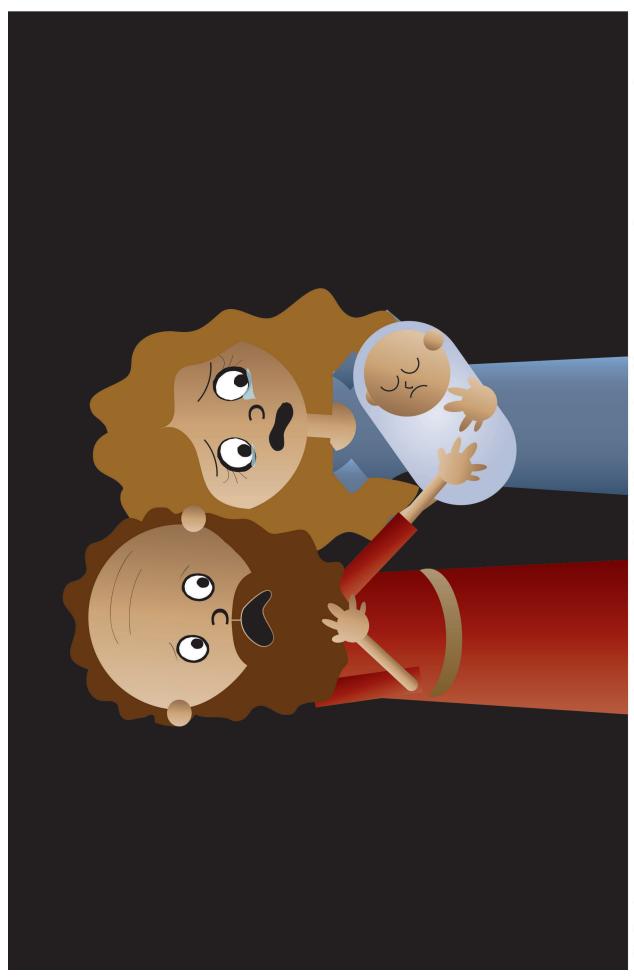
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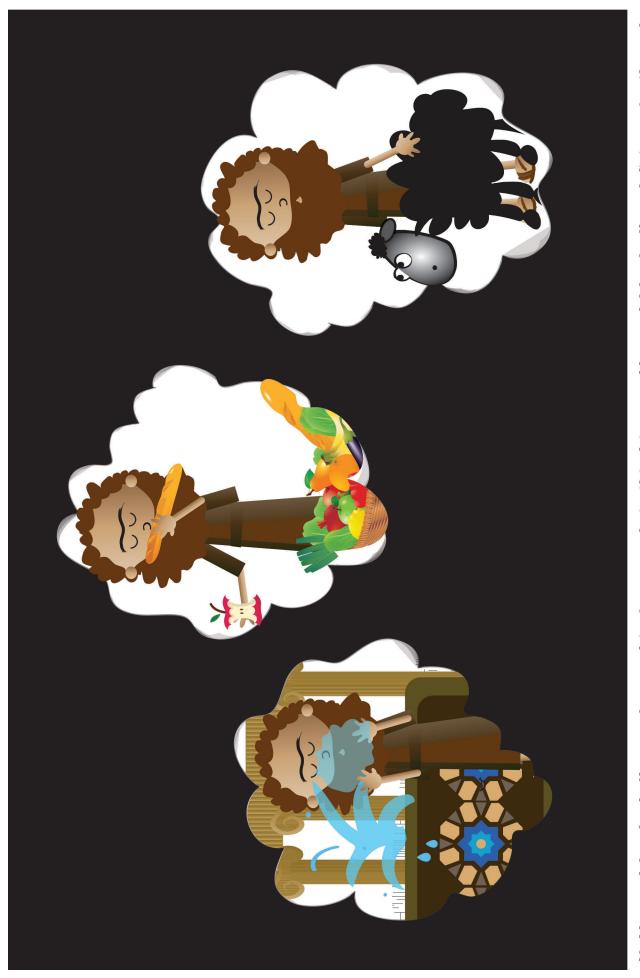
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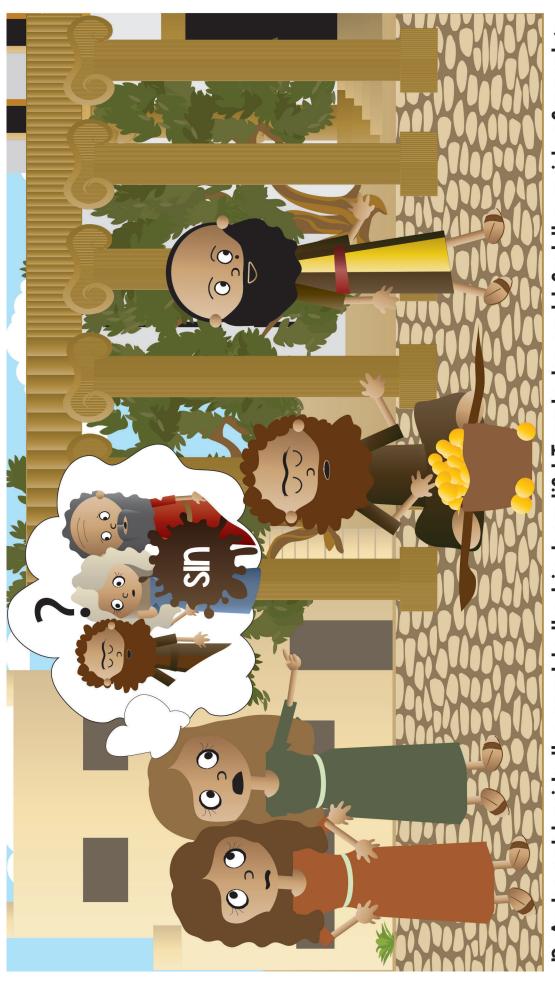


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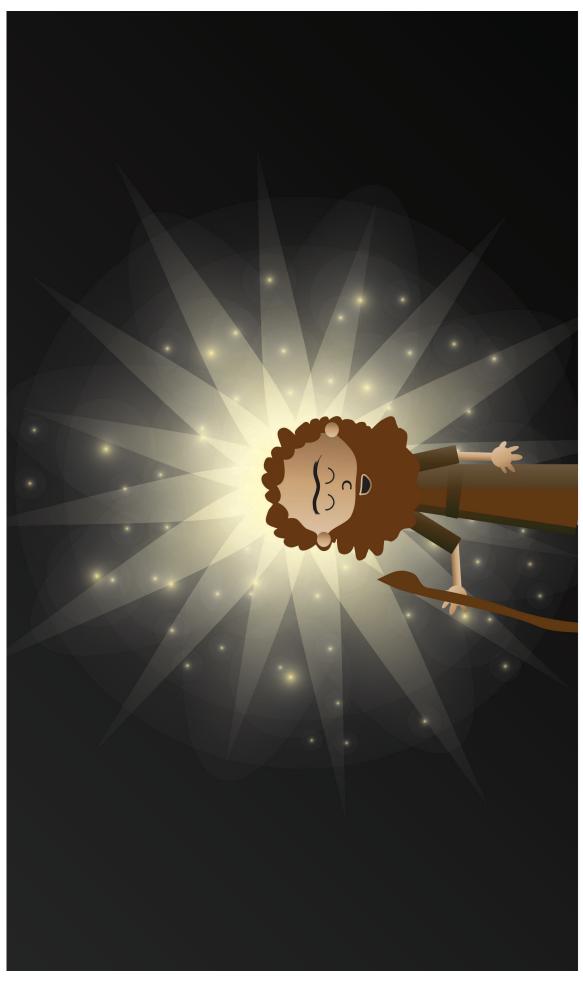


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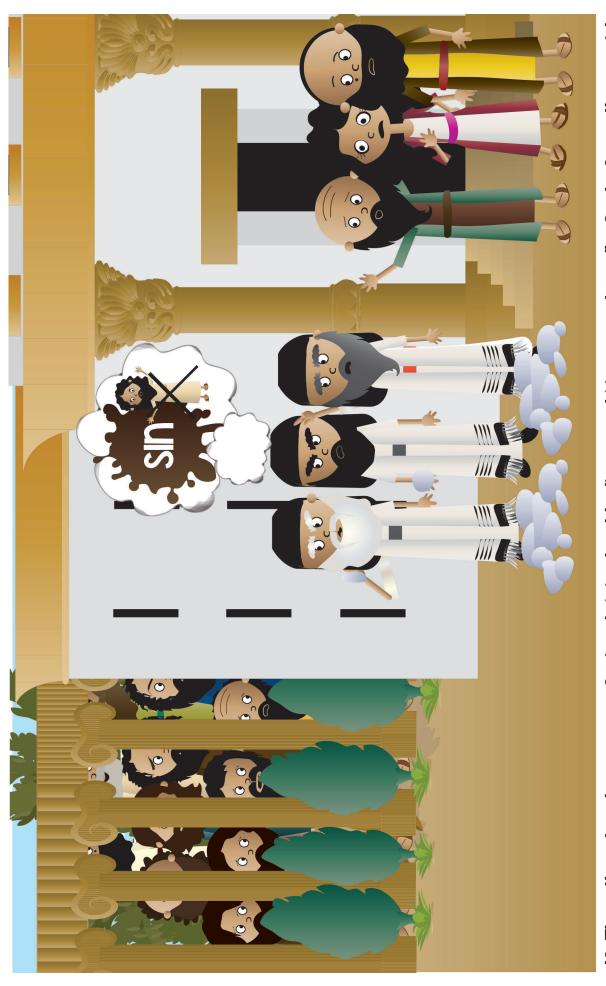
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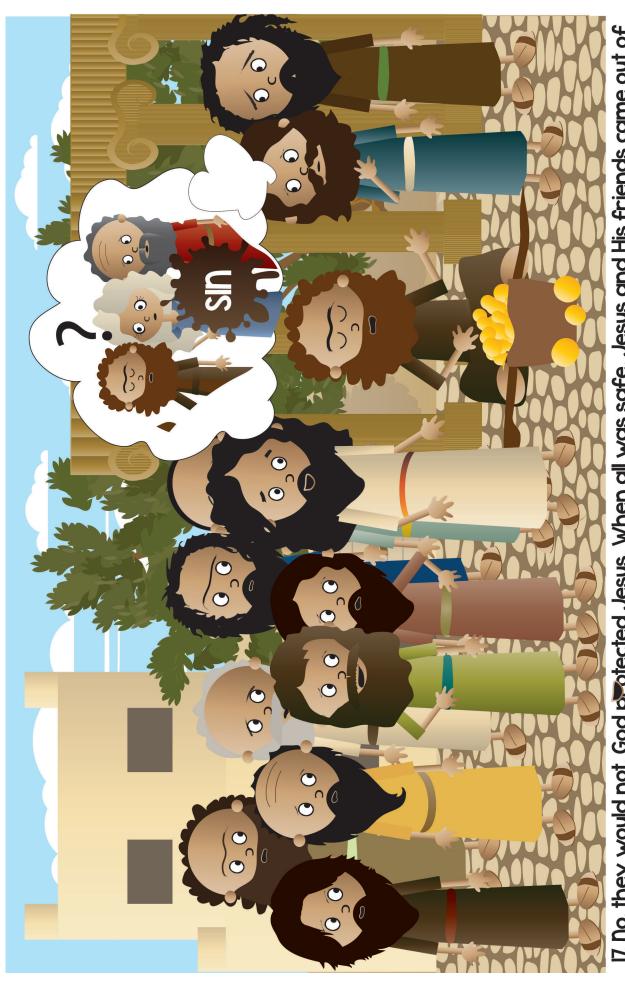


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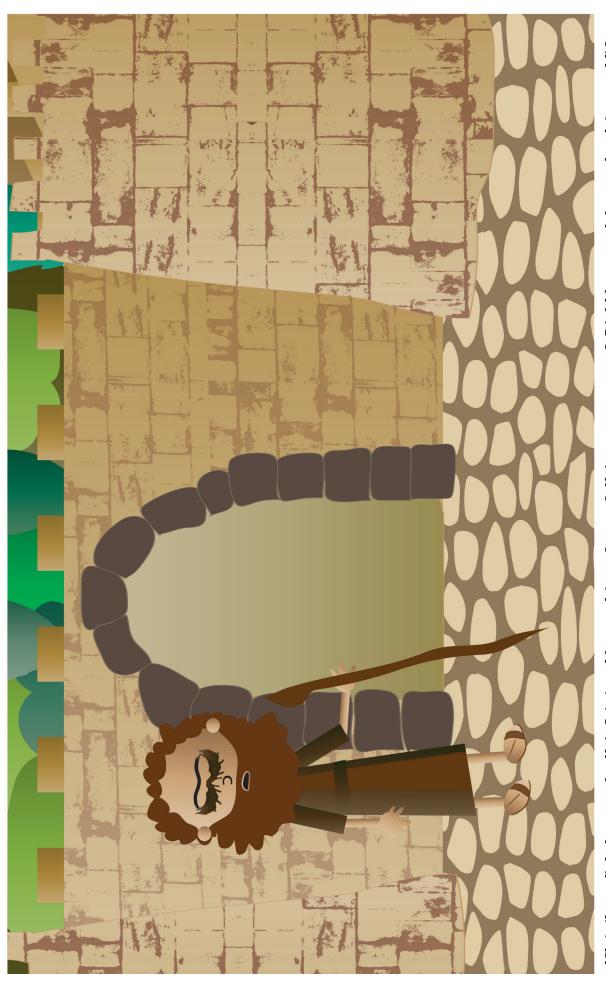
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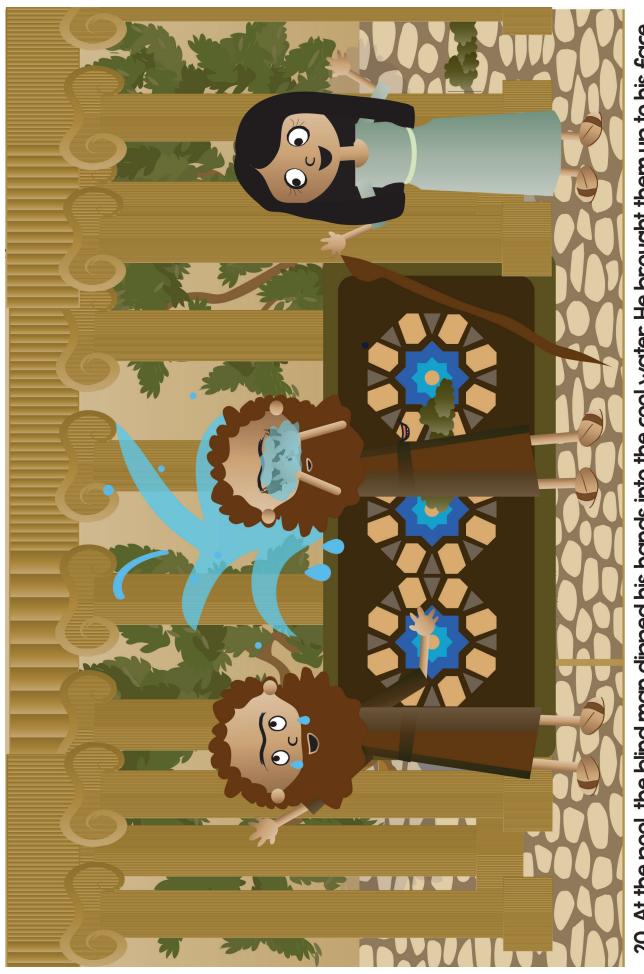


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"The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good" John 8-10



Assignment #1 Detective Dan's Listening



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Romans 8:28, ESV

Assignment #2

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose."

- I. What did many people say about the baby's blind eyes? Many people thought God was punishing the baby or his parents for something bad they had done.
- 2. What good purpose did God have for the baby's blind eyes? To show God's great power and to help many people trust in Jesus as God's Son, the Savior, including the blind man, himself.

For You and Me:

God always planned to use that baby's blindness for good. He wasn't punishing the baby or his parents! Isn't it wonderful to God still uses His people's sadnesses for good, even today. And we can know that He will use all of our sadnesses for the know that God uses all of His people's sadnesses for good! good, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. It is His promise to all who do.

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trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and trust You. Do many good S God, work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and things even through our sadnesses-- good things that show others how good and great You are.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

