

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Visual Aids**

**Unit 9,**

**Bible Truth 1**

## About the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids

### How Are They Used?



The Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book is a companion resource to be used alongside the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book for each unit. These colorful pictures are used in presenting the key concepts; telling the Bible stories; and, in playing the Bible Story Review games.

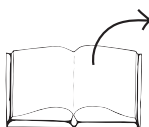
### What Do They Include?



**There are four different resources included in this book:**

- 1. Key Concept Visual Aids**-- colorful signs of the Big Question and Answer, the Bible Truth, the Bible verse, and the Listening Assignments to use with the 3 lessons for each Bible Truth.
- 2. The Story Scenes** Notice that each scene is numbered and that there is a brief summary of the story that corresponds to the picture. You can actually just tell the story in a simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.
- 3. Directions** for making the Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder and the **back/front images** to paste in place when making it. (Larger back/front images are found online with the curriculum.)
- 4. Directions** for how to make a homemade flannelgraph storyboard and sturdy Story Scene pictures are found in the back of this book.

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



This book is meant to be ripped up and made into your visual aids. The key concept signs can be cut out and laminated or slipped into sheet protectors. The Story Scenes can be put in sheet protectors or laminated, too.

### Store It!



Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum that can be used over and over. Store your visual aids and storyboard pictures after using them and they will serve you for many years. We store ours in manilla envelopes and then put them (along with all the rest of the curriculum) in magazine files, labelled by Bible Truth. If you have multiple classes using the curriculum, store each set of resources in separate manilla envelopes. This will make prep much simpler, second time around.

### Replacement Story Scene Pictures



You can always purchase this book again or simply go online and print out any scenes that go missing.

### Other Options



You can also choose to tell the story in a more traditional flannelgraph way by using your own flannelgraph figures or by purchasing/free downloading the Storyboard Pictures (large and small format size available). This is more complex and requires more preparation, but some love it. And, it does allow for kids to interact more by helping to place pictures up on the board as you tell the story.

**Unit 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

1 Peter 3:18

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us**

Jesus is God's Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright, shininess of the glory of God. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels.

But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but, now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn't anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven.

So why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus' perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted fulfill His Father's amazing plan. So He came, and suffered, and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. He had saved God's people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God's love for His people. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: John 6:38**

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but to do the will of him who sent me."

**Learn a Little:** "I have come from heaven... to do the will of him who sent me."

**Meaning**

Jesus left His wonderful home in heaven to live on earth. Why? To carry out God's amazing plan. What's that plan? To save His sinful people from their sins so they could know Him and enjoy Him forever! What an amazing plan! What a wonderful God! Let's praise Him right now!

**Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being willing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
- C** You came to bring us to God because we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. How we need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind**

*Luke 1-2; John 1,6*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

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Big Q & A 9 Song

Big Question 9 Song: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: Christ Died 1 Peter 3:18

Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Died for Sin 1 Peter 3:18

Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16

Big Question 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Down, Down, Down John 6:38

*Extra Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: The Word Became Flesh John 1:14*

*Extra Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Your Attitude Should Be Philippians 2:5-8*

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



**The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind***Luke 1-2; John 1,6***Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

**"Our story is called: The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind. Here is your listening assignment."** Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

**Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to find out:

- 1. Who was the lover? Who did He love?**
- 2. What did He leave behind, and why?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

**Our Bible Verse is John 6:38:** "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but to do the will of him who sent me."

I need to find out:

- 1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do?**
- 2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

Our six clues were: a tulip, a fish, a crown, a book, a woman named Mary, and a sailboat.

*Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?**
- 2. What did the people ask Jesus to give them? What did He give them instead?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.**Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*

**The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind** *Luke 1-2; John 1,6*

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*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

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**On one, special night, baby Jesus was born to Mary. Jesus cried like other babies. He was hungry like other babies. He needed his mother to care for him like other babies, too. Yes, in many ways Jesus was just like us.**

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**But there were some things that were very different about baby Jesus, too. Jesus wasn't ONLY human like we are. He didn't have a man for a father like we do. Jesus was GOD's Son! And what had God's Son come to do? The angel told the shepherds on the night Jesus was born. Do you remember what he said?**

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*Do you know?*

**"A Savior has been born to you; the Messiah, the Lord," the angel said. This was God's Son, the Messiah, come to save God's people!**

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**And what's more, Jesus didn't just begin His life as a baby, like you and I did. No! Jesus had always been alive. He had always been enjoying the Perfect Wonderfulness of love and fellowship with God, His Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. And oh, how perfect and wonderful that life was! It was the kind of life no one would ever want to leave.**

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**But Jesus DID leave that Perfect Wonderfulness. Not because He was bored or didn't like it anymore. Jesus left it because He was going to carry out God's great plan. Can you remember what that plan was?**

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*Can you remember?*

**It was to save people from their sins so they could be God's dearly-loved people and enjoy Him forever. Yes, it was for love of God, His Father... and for love of us, that Jesus left His home in heaven to come to earth and be born a baby.**

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**Jesus was born a baby, but He didn't stay that way. Up, up, up, He grew, just like we do.**

**And when Jesus had grown up to be a full-grown man, it was time for Him to TEACH people about God and to TELL them why God had sent Him. It was time to SHOW them by God's amazing power that He really was God's Son, sent to save them.**

**So, off went Jesus and His disciples. Up to the fish town of Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. Down to the big city of Jerusalem. And even out, over, and away, to some of the cities of Israel's enemies. And everywhere Jesus went, He TAUGHT the people about God and TOLD them why God had sent Him. He SHOWED them by God's amazing power that He was God's Son, sent to save them.**

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**As Jesus spoke about God, people wanted to hear more that He had to say. And as Jesus did amazing things by God's power, people wanted to see Him do even more. No one had ever heard someone teach about God like Jesus did, or ever seen someone do the amazing things He did by God's power.**

*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

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**News about Jesus spread quickly. Soon big crowds followed Him. One day, a huge crowd sailed with Jesus to a mountain on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. They docked the boats and climbed with Jesus and His disciples to the top of the mountain. More and more people gathered until there was over five thousand people. What a crowd! They listened to Jesus tell about God from God's Word. They brought their sick to Him to be healed by God's power.**

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**The people stayed up on that mountain with Jesus all day. They stayed so long that they had to spend the night there, too. They stayed so long that they ran out of food and were hungry. "Grumble! Grumble!" went those thousands of hungry stomachs. "We need food," said those thousands of hungry mouths, but no one had any food with them in that faraway place.**

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**No one, that is, except a boy with two fish and five, little loaves of bread. But that little bit of fish and bread could never feed thousands of grumbly stomachs...or could it?**

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*What do you think?*

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**Jesus took the fish and bread, gave thanks to God, His Father, and gave it to the crowds to eat. God's power was at work through Jesus once more. Wonders of wonders, that little bit of fish and bread spread further and further and further until everyone there had bellies full of food! Why, there were even twelve baskets of fish and bread scraps left over after they had all finished eating!**

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**How excited the crowd was when they saw what Jesus had done! "Surely Jesus is the special leader Moses promised God would send us one day," the people told each other. "Let's grab him and make him our king," they decided. "Just think: if Jesus is our king, he could use his amazing powers to give us everything we want. It could be like the days of Moses when God gave our people manna--the yummy food, straight from heaven," they thought. "Why, he could give us more than that! He could give us ALL the good things we want and he could give them to us RIGHT NOW. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a king like that?" they exclaimed.**

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**But Jesus knew just what those people were thinking. They had it all wrong! Yes, He WAS the special leader God had promised to send one day. And yes, He was a king—their king. But He wasn't the kind of king they thought He was. Jesus hadn't come just to fill their bellies with good food from heaven or to give them other good things they wanted right then. He had come to do God's will and give them something they needed much more. Do you remember what Jesus came to do?**

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*Do you remember?*

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**Jesus had come to save them from sin and death so they could be God's dearly-loved people forever.**

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**Now, the people might LIKE their bellies filled with bread. They might LIKE to get whatever good things they wanted. But what they really NEEDED was what Jesus had come to do: to save them from their sins. So Jesus refused to do things the way these people wanted Him to. He would do things God's way. He would be their Savior!**

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**So Jesus went further into the mountains, away from the crowd so they couldn't find Him. Then late that night, Jesus and His disciples sailed back across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, without the crowds knowing where He had gone.**

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**The next day, the people realized Jesus was missing. They went looking everywhere for Him. They couldn't stop thinking about how He had given them all that yummy fish and bread by God's power. They wanted Jesus to give them more food and other good things like that. They looked and looked for Him.**

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*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

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**"Jesus, where are you? Are you up on the mountain where you gave us the food yesterday?" they wondered. No, Jesus was not there.**

**"Are you way up on the mountain by yourself somewhere?" they wondered. No, Jesus was not there.**

**So, at last, they went down to their boats and sailed back to Capernaum. "Jesus, are you here in Capernaum?" they wondered. Yes, there He was!**

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**"Teacher, when did you come here?" the crowd asked. They were so excited to be with Him again!**

**But Jesus knew they weren't happy to see Him for the right reasons. They had grumbly stomachs they wanted Him to fill. They had good things they wanted Him to give them by God's power. They wanted Him to be their king and give them these things. Would Jesus give in to them this time?**

*What do you think?*

**No, Jesus would not. "God gave His people heavenly bread to eat, long ago in Moses' day," Jesus told the people. "But now He's giving you something from heaven that's even better than food. This time He's given ME to you. The Savior!" Jesus explained.**

**"Prove You are the Messiah, the Savior!" the crowd replied. "Use God's power to give us food from heaven like Moses did," they demanded.**

**But Jesus would not!**

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**"I've come down from heaven to do God's will, NOT just to give you bread that fills your grumbly stomachs for just a while, then leaves you hungry; or, to give you good things that will only make you happy for a little while in this life. No! God's will is for Me to give you something far better than these things. His will is for Me to save you from your sins, so you can have wonderful life with God FOREVER," Jesus explained.**

**"How can Jesus say He came from heaven?" the people grumbled. "Isn't He just the son of Joseph and Mary? We know them! Come on, let's leave. Jesus is just a fake!" they decided, and they left Him.**

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**Soon, it was just Jesus and His disciples. Everyone else had gone. "Will you leave Me, too?" Jesus asked His disciples.**

*What do you think?*

**No, they would not! They had heard Jesus' amazing words about God. They had seen God's power working in Him. The Holy Spirit had been working in their hearts, giving them faith. Yes, Jesus was Mary's son. The crowds had that right. But Jesus mostly certain was NOT Joseph's son. No! Jesus was God's Son, the Savior!**

**"How can we leave You?" they said to Jesus. "Where else would we go? We know and believe that God has sent You to save His people from their sins," they told Him.**

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**Jesus' disciples were right, weren't they? For on just the right day, Jesus suffered and died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of all God's people—all who would ever turn away from disobeying God and would trust in Jesus as their Savior. Then on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! He had come down from heaven to do God's will and He had done it!**

**Cracking the Case:** (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

**1. Who was the lover? Who did He love?** Jesus was the lover. He loved God and He loved sinners, like you and me.

**2. What did He leave behind, and why?** Jesus left behind the Perfect Wonderfulness of life with God the Father and Holy Spirit in heaven. He left it behind, so He could be our Savior.

**For You and Me:**

Jesus didn't just come to earth to save people who lived long ago. He came to save people from every time and place...He even came to save us! How can we be saved? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is John 6:38**

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but to do the will of him who sent me."

**1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do?** God's plan.

**2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it?** God's plan was for Jesus to be our Savior. Yes, He did!

**For You and Me:**

How amazing that Jesus would chose to leave His home in heaven to come to be our Savior! How amazing that He would suffer and die on the cross in the place of God's sinful people! But that's exactly what He did. And He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He had really done it! We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a tulip, a fish, a crown, a book, a woman named Mary, and a sailboat.

**1. Which four belong in our story?**

The fish, the crown, Mary, and the sailboat.

**2. What did the people ask Jesus to give them? What did He give them instead?** The people wanted Jesus to be their king who would use God's power to give them more bread and other good things to enjoy now.

**For You and Me:**

It's easy to understand why the people wanted Jesus to use God's power to give them good things. We all love for God to give us the good things that we enjoy. But

how good it is that Jesus chose to do God's will and be our Savior! He gave us what we needed most: forgiveness from our sins. You and I can know God's forgiveness and become His people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****What Did Jesus Come to Do?****Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...****He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!**

How great is God's love for sinful people, like you and me! That He would send His own Son to live a perfect life and offer it as the full payment for our sins. That He would suffer the punishment we deserved as He suffered and died on the cross! It sounds too good to be true, but it IS true! How do we know? Because on the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave to live forevermore. He had come down from heaven to do God's will and He had done it! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven their sins. They get to be God's dearly-loved people forever. Ask God to help you to do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being willing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
- C** You came to bring us to God because we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. How we need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.**

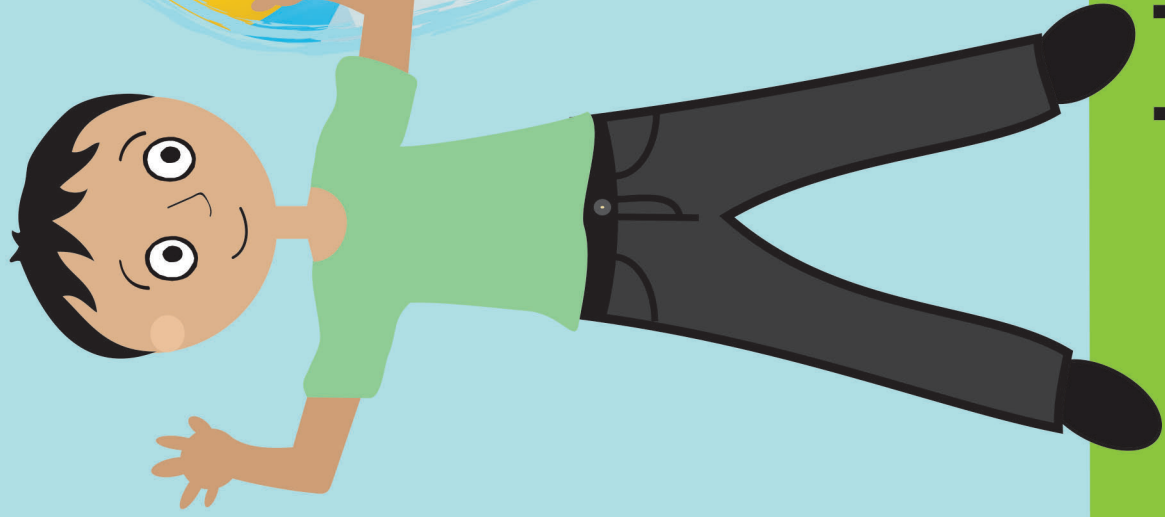




BIG QUESTION 9



# What did Jesus come to do?



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BIG  
QUESTION  
SIGN

of BQB

ANSWER: **Jesus came to bring us to God!**

DDD 9 Big Question and Answer Sign

## 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 9:

**What Did Jesus Come to Do?**  
and the Answer is:  
**Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!**

### Meaning:

In the beginning, God created the world perfect. What a wonderful, special closeness people enjoyed with Him! Yes, it was "Perfect Wonderfulness" knowing God and living in His world. It could have stayed that way forever... but it did not. All of this perfection was broken when people disobeyed God. The big Bible word for disobeying God is "sin."

When we look around us we can see the sadness that sin brought into God's good world. So much in this world is not perfect or wonderful anymore! We've lost the special closeness with God, too. Yes, when sin came into the world, it spoiled so many things.

But would all this sin and sadness last forever? People certainly deserved for it to. After all, they had turned away from God. Now people deserved His punishment, not His love.

But God treats us so much better than we deserve! From the beginning, He had an amazing plan to bring sinful people like us back to Himself. How? He promised to send a Savior. That Savior was Jesus, God's own Son. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He gave it up as the full payment for sins as He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really done it--He had beaten sin and death for God's people! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will get to know God in our hearts; and one day, we will get to go live with God and enjoy all of His Perfect Wonderfulness forever!

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

## Big Q & A q Song

*DDD NIV Songs 9, track 12  
(adapted version of "This Old Man")*

What did Jesus come to do?  
What did Jesus come to do?  
Jesus came to bring us to God.  
That's what Jesus came to do!

# BIG QUESTION 9: Six truths about Jesus



## **This Unit's Bible Truths**

"Jesus Came to Bring Us to God" 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 SIX Bible truths that all tell us more about Jesus.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our six 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 six 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 six 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 did Jesus come to do?

Jesus came to  
bring us to God...

He left His home in  
???? to save us!



HINT: "Jesus' home is where  
the angels live.  
It starts with an "h" and  
it rhymes with "seven."

ANSWER:

He left His home in HEAVEN to save us!

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# 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 Did Jesus Come to Do?  
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!  
He Left His Home in ???? to Save Us!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “Jesus’ home is where the angels live. It starts with an “h” and it rhymes with “seven.””

Can you guess? It’s “heaven.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“What Did Jesus Come to Do?  
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!  
He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!”**

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

Jesus is God’s Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright, shininess of the glory of God. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels.

But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but, now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn’t anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven.

So why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus’ perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God’s dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted fulfill His Father’s amazing plan. So He came, and suffered, and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. He had saved God’s people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God’s love for His people. We, too, can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.





**"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will  
but to do the will of him who sent me." John 6:38**

Visual Aid

Place  
verse in

take out

DDD  
"Bible"

#4

Big  
Question  
Answers  
of BOB

DDD 9.1 Bible Verse Picture--front

## 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:*

John 6:38 tells us:

### **John 6:38**

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but to do the will of him who sent me."

**Learn a Little:** "I have come from heaven... to do the will of him who sent me."

### **What does that mean?**

Jesus left His wonderful home in heaven to live on earth. Why? To carry out God's amazing plan. What's that plan? To save His sinful people from their sins so they could know Him and enjoy Him forever! What an amazing plan! What a wonderful God! Let's praise Him right now!

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

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

## Down, Down, Down:

### John 6:38

*DDD NIV Songs 9, track 19*

Down, down, down,  
I have come down,  
Down, down, down,  
I have come down.  
I've come down from heaven,  
Not to do my own will,  
But the will of him,  
Of him, who sent me. (Repeat)  
John Six, thirty-eight.

"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?"



of BQB

Place in  
DDD  
Bible"

Aid #5A

#5A



Big Question Briefcase  
of BQB



# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm working on a brand-new case called:

"The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind."

I need to find out:

1. Who was the lover? Who did He love?
- AND
2. What did He leave behind, and why?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

**Then say,** "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all of his questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.*

*At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

\*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.\*

Answers:

1. **Who was the lover? Who did He love?** Jesus was the lover. He loved God and He loved sinners, like you and me.
2. **What did He leave behind, and why?** Jesus left behind the Perfect Wonderfulness of life with God the Father and Holy Spirit in heaven. He left it behind, so He could be our Savior.

**For You and Me:**

Jesus didn't just come to earth to save people who lived long ago. He came to save people from every time and place...He even came to save us! How can we be saved? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.





# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind."

Our Bible verse is John 6:38

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but to do the will of him who sent me."

I need to find out:

1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do?

AND

2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

**Then say,** "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all of his questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

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Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is John 6:38**

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but to do the will of him who sent me."

**1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do?** God's plan.  
**2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it?** God's plan was for Jesus to be our Savior. Yes, He did!

**For You and Me:**

How amazing that Jesus would chose to leave His home in heaven to come to be our Savior! How amazing that He would suffer and die on the cross in the place of God's sinful people! But that's exactly what He did. And He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He had really done it! We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3



# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a tulip, a fish, a crown, a book, a woman named Mary, and a sailboat.

*Hold up each of the six pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.*

I need to know:

1. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
2. What did the people ask Jesus to give them? What did He give them instead?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

***Then say,*** "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all of his questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

\*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.\*

Answers:

**1. Which four pictures belong in the story and which two do not?**

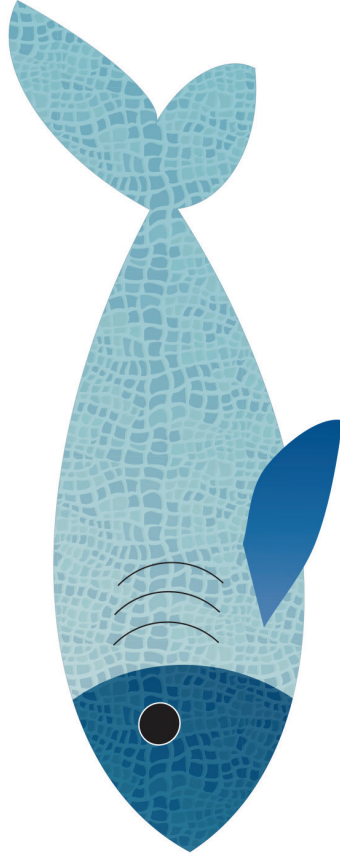
The fish, the crown, Mary, and the sailboat belong. The tulip and the book do not.

**2. What did the people ask Jesus to give them? What did He give them instead?** The people wanted Jesus to be their king who would use God's power to give them more bread and other good things to enjoy now.

**For You and Me:**

It's easy to understand why the people wanted Jesus to use God's power to give them good things. We all love for God to give us the good things that we enjoy. But how good it is that Jesus chose to do God's will and be our Savior! He gave us what we needed most: forgiveness from our sins. You and I can know God's forgiveness and become His people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

A Fish



A Tulip





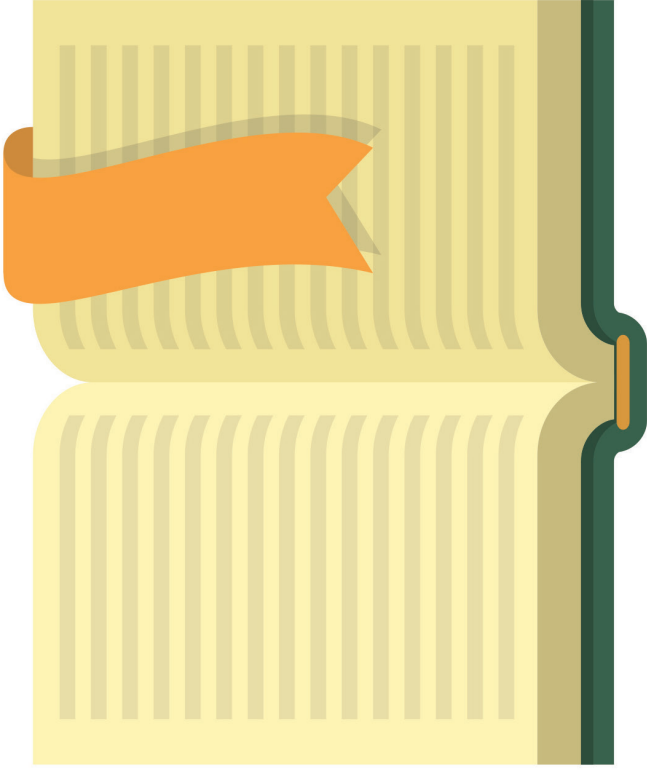
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A Book



A Crown





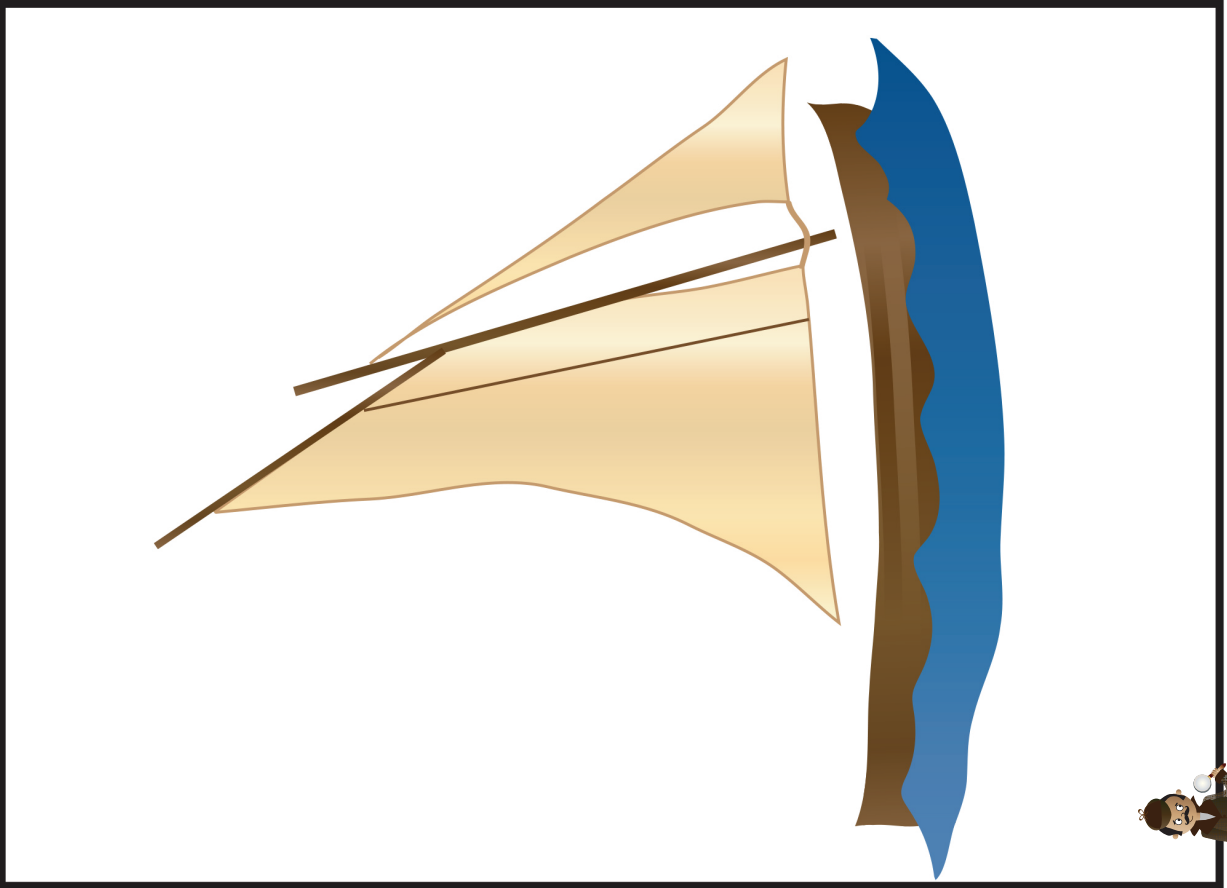
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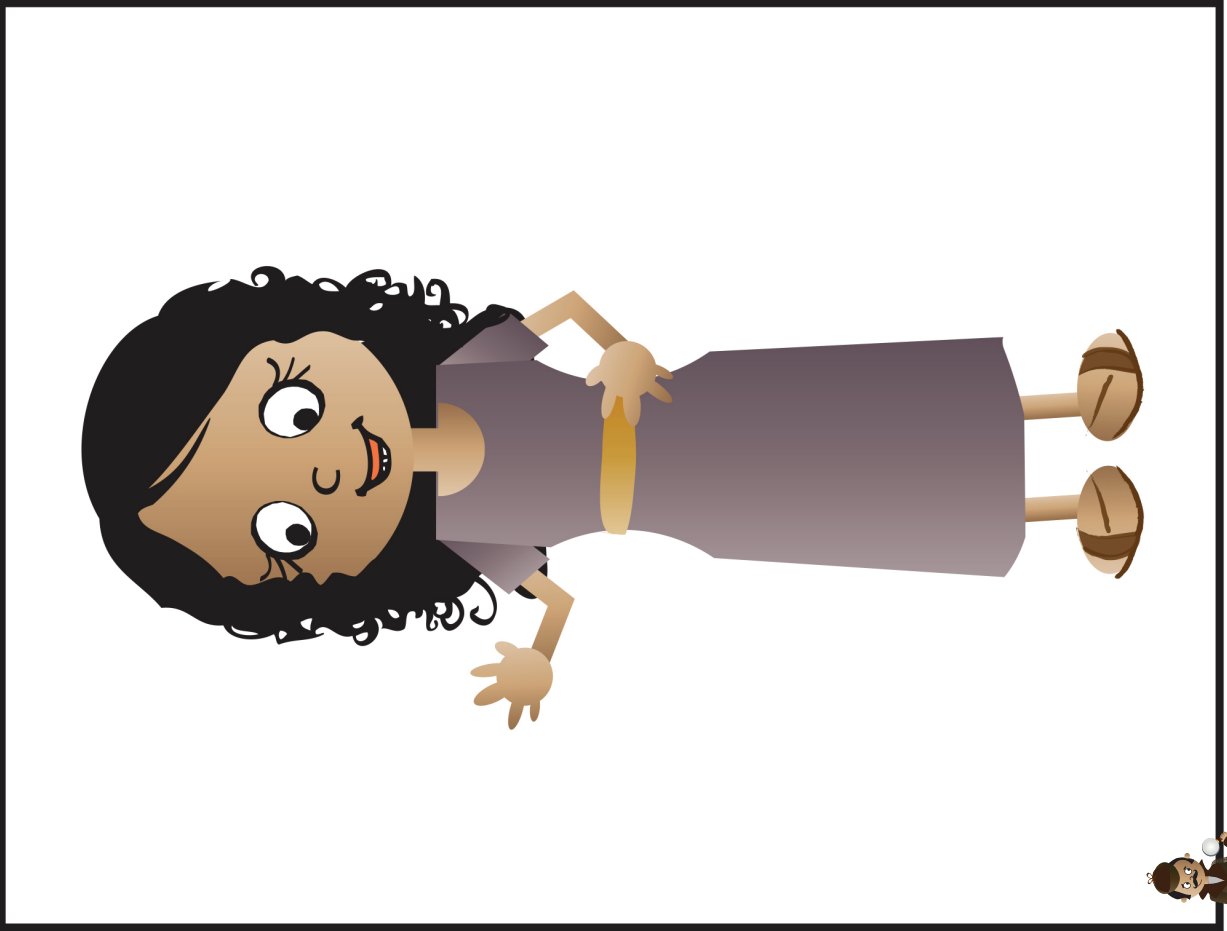
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## A Sailboat



## A Woman Named Mary





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