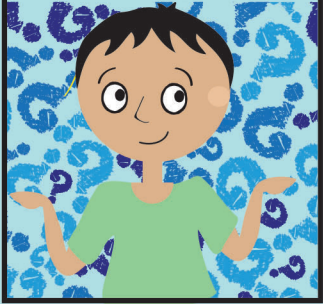


BIG QUESTION 9



# What did Jesus come to do?



ANSWER:

## Jesus came to bring us to God!

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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 9 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

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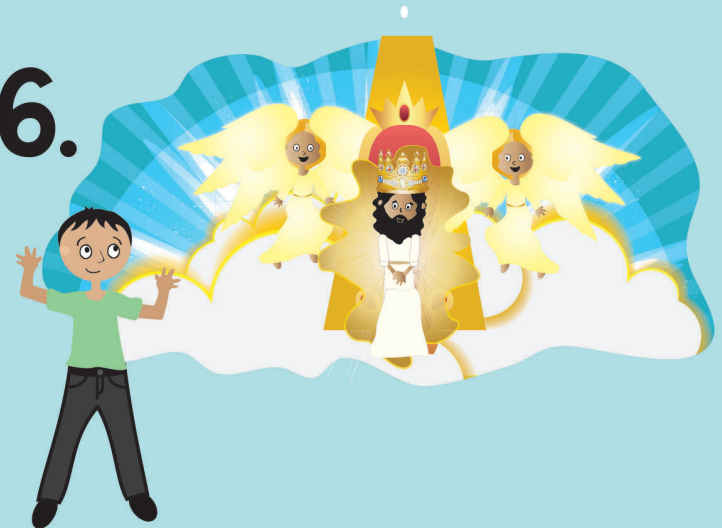
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## This Unit's Bible Truths

"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, we've learned one truth about what Jesus. It's this one: "He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us" (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 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. Hold up the front side for the children to see.*



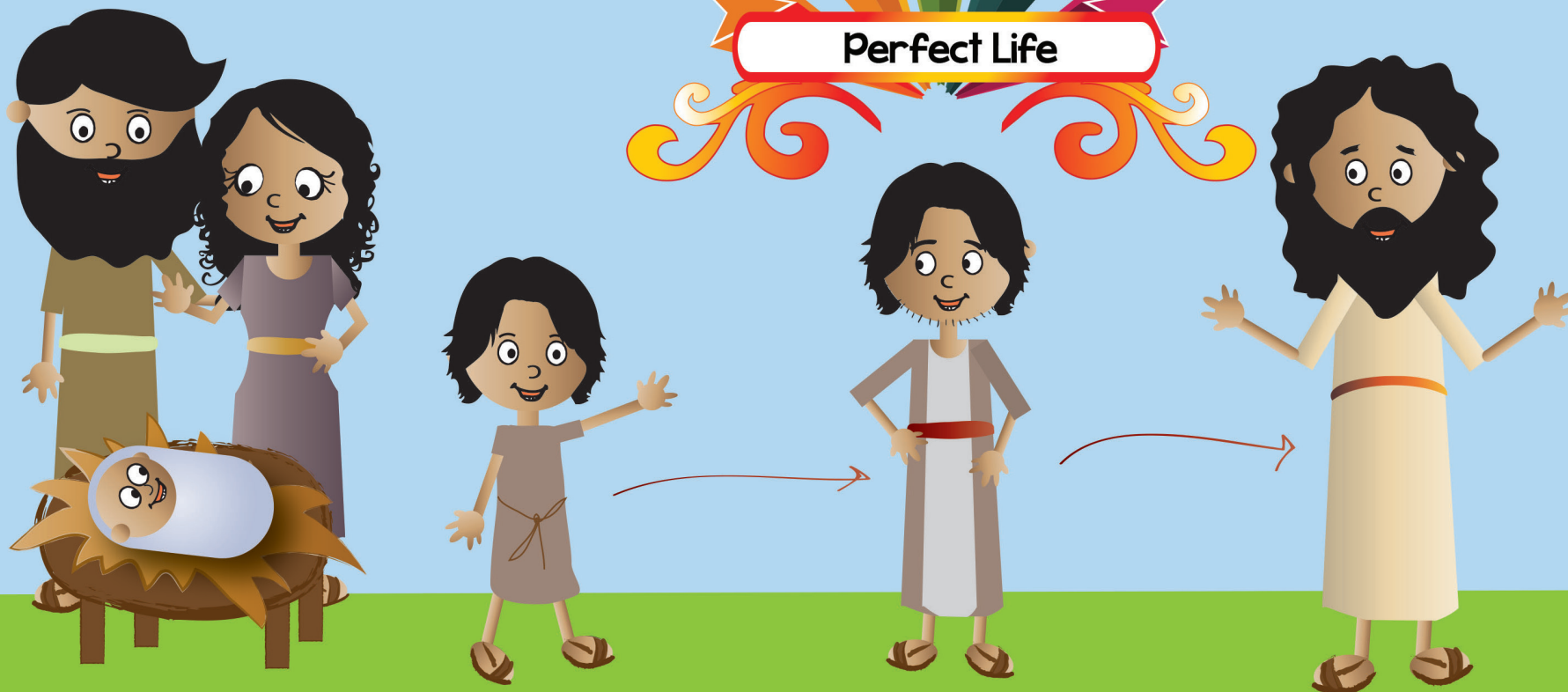
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:

What did Jesus come to do?

Jesus came to bring us to God...

He never, ever \_\_\_\_ God!

HINT: What's the opposite of "obey"?



ANSWER:

He never, ever **DISOBEYED** God!

# 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 Never, Ever, ???? God!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s the opposite of “obey”?”

Can you guess? It’s “Disobey.”

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 Never, Ever, Disobeyed God!”**

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

Jesus never, ever sinned. He always obeyed God, His Father. But even though Jesus always never disobeyed God, there were many times when He was tempted to. The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way just like us; but unlike us, Jesus never gave in and sinned. In everything He thought and said and did, Jesus always kept on obeying God. And He did this His whole life! Wow! Jesus was absolutely perfect!

Perhaps Jesus’ greatest temptation came the night before He died on the cross. Jesus knew that it would hurt so badly to suffer for the sins of God’s people. But Jesus loved God, His Father, and us so much! He would NOT turn away from His Father’s good plan. He would suffer and die in the place of God’s people so they could be forgiven.

And it is so very good for us that Jesus did not sin and He did choose to die for us. Only if He lived a perfect life could He give it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God’s people. He was the only hope for our sins to be forgiven by God. He was the only way we could become God’s people. You can be one of God’s people, too, if you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.



"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin." Hebrews 4:15

## 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:*

John 6:38 tells us:

### **Hebrews 4:15**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin."

**Learn a Little:** "[Jesus] has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin."

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

Do you know what tempted means? It means thinking about doing something that God says is wrong. Our Bible verse tells us Jesus was tempted in every way, just like we are! But what made Jesus different? He always said "no" to tempting things. He never disobeyed God! Jesus was perfect. He was without sin!

The Bible calls Jesus our great, high priest because He is the one who brought His own life as the perfect payment for our sins. He made the way for us to become God's people. I'm so glad Jesus never disobeyed God! That was the only way He could be our Savior!

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

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## Jesus Has Been Tempted:

### Hebrews 4:15

*DDD NIV Songs 9, track 22*

Jesus has been tempted  
in every way,  
Jesus has been tempted  
in every way,  
Just as we are, Just as we are,  
Yet Jesus was without sin.  
Hebrews Chapter Four, fifteen.

"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 Man Who Never Said 'No' " The Gospels; Hebrews 4



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Man? To whom did He never say "no"?
2. Why was it so important that He never said "no"?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



### Hebrews 4:15, NIV

"Jesus has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin."

1. Who was tempted in every way as we are but never sinned?
2. What could He do for us because He never sinned?

(more listening and discussion  
questions are included in the  
curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))





I. Long ago in Bethlehem, baby Jesus was born. Every baby is special, but there was something that made Jesus the most special baby of all. A whole host of angels came to tell about Jesus' specialness that night He was born. They lit up the sky with God's bright, shiny glory as they sang out their good news. This baby was God's Son. He was Christ, the Lord! He was coming to save God's people from their sins, just as God promised them He would.

# Perfect Law Keeper

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# Perfect Payment for Sins



2. Jesus had a very, very hard job ahead of Him. He would have to do something that no one else had ever done, if He were to save God's people. Jesus would have to never, ever disobey God. He would have to keep all of God's laws ALWAYS! For you see, only if Jesus was perfectly good could God accept His life to pay for the sins of God's people. Nothing less than perfect would do.



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3. Can you imagine what it would be like for Jesus to NEVER disobey God? It would mean ALWAYS loving God most of all. It would mean ALWAYS loving others as the Bible tells us to. In everything He said, and did, and even thought in His heart, Jesus would have to never, ever do anything wrong. NEVER!





4. What would Jesus have been like as a little boy who never, ever disobeyed God? Jesus would have loved spending time praying to God, His Father, and learning the Bible. And, if His mother, Mary, asked Him to help her sweep the floor, Jesus would have obeyed her, **RIGHT AWAY, ALWAYS!**

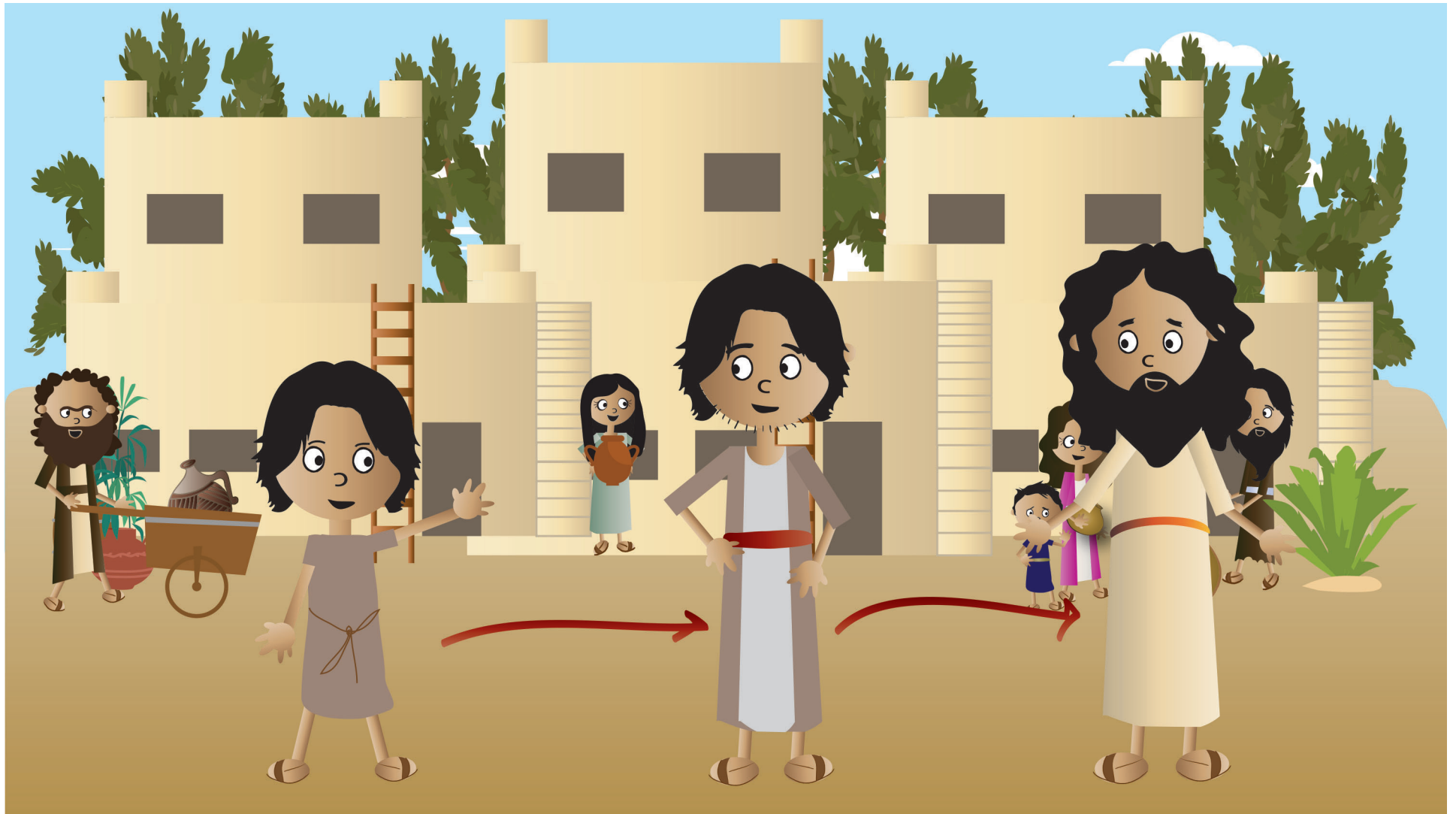


5. If Joseph asked Jesus to share His favorite toy with another child, Jesus would have always shared cheerfully. And what would Jesus do if someone did something mean to Him? Jesus would NOT do something mean to get back at them. He would have forgiven them, instead! Jesus would have done these things and a lot more when He was a little boy. Day after day, Jesus would have always obeyed God. He would have always done what was right.





6. Was it easy for Jesus to always obey God and do what was right when He was a little boy? No, it was not! The Bible tells us that even though Jesus was the perfect Son of God, He was tempted to disobey God in every way, just as we are. But while we give in to disobeying God, Jesus never did, not even once! This is what He needed to do if He was to complete His Father's plan and be our Savior.



7. Jesus didn't stay a little boy. He grew up and up to be a man. Then, it was time to tell others about God's plans. It was time to show them that He was God's Son, the Savior. And soon, it would be time to suffer and die for God's people. Jesus would have to do all this, and still, never, ever disobey God. He would have to obey all of God's laws perfectly. He would have to always love God most of all, and always love others, too. Jesus, the perfect little boy, now had to be Jesus, the perfect grown-up man! Could He do it?



8. God's great enemy, Satan, hoped that Jesus could not. Satan wanted to ruin all of God's plans. He wanted Jesus to fail. He didn't want us to have a Savior. Out in the wilderness, Satan came to Jesus with tempting offers. "Worship me instead of God, and I will give You the world and all of its riches. You will be king," Satan promised. "Everyone will worship You, if You bow down and worship me."





9. ALL the best things in the world? Everyone worship Him? Ooh, how tempting that sounded! All Jesus had to do was to bow down to Satan. Ooh, how easy that sounded! Would Jesus give in to Satan? No, Jesus would NOT! "Go away from Me, Satan! I'm only going to worship God, My Father!" Jesus told him. Jesus would be the perfect Savior! He would keep to God's good plan!



10. Satan wasn't the only one who tempted Jesus to sin and disobey God. Sometimes, people said hateful lies about Jesus. "You aren't God's Son! You are just like Satan, God's enemy! You do bad things and You should die," they told Him. How easy it would have been for Jesus to break God's plan and prove them wrong! How easy it would have been to hate them back! But, did He?





II. No, Jesus did not! He just kept on loving them. He taught them truths from God's Word, so they might turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why did Jesus do this? Because Jesus wanted to please God, and He wanted to be the perfect Savior for God's people.



12. Sometimes, Jesus was so tired from caring for the crowds of people. They came day after day after day to be healed and to hear from God's Word. "Heal us, Jesus! Teach us, Jesus!" they pleaded with Him. Jesus loved healing them and teaching them, but it was a lot of work. It would have been easy to get grumpy with them and tell them to go away. But, did He? No, Jesus never made a grumpy face or had a grumpy heart! He kept on loving and caring for the people. Jesus wanted to please God, and He wanted to be the perfect Savior for God's people.





13. Sometimes, people wanted to make Jesus their king. How nice that must have sounded! Jesus could have a big palace and lots of people to serve Him. That would be much easier than suffering and dying on the cross, as God planned. But Jesus said, "No." He kept to God's plan. Jesus wanted to please God most of all. He wanted to be the perfect Savior for God's people. Life in a fancy palace wouldn't save God's people. Only by suffering and dying on the cross could Jesus do that.



14. Even on the last day of His life, Jesus was tempted to disobey God, His Father. On the way to the cross, Jesus' enemies hit Him, spit on Him, and called Him bad names. As Jesus hung on the cross, suffering for the sins of God's people, they made fun of Him. "You say you are God's Son. Let Him save you! Come down from the cross, if that is who you really are!" they shouted at Him.





15. Could Jesus have come down from the cross? Yes, He could have. The Bible tells us that thousands of angels would have come to help Him if He had asked them to.





# THE LORD

## God's People

16. But Jesus did NOT ask the angels to help Him. He did NOT come down from the cross. Jesus stayed there and suffered and died. He loved His Father and He loved God's people. This was the way they could be saved from their sins. So, even there, on the cross, Jesus never, ever disobeyed God or His good plan.



17. Every day of His life, from the day He was born to the day He died, Jesus never, ever disobeyed God or His laws. In everything He thought, and said, and He did, Jesus always loved God most of all, and He always loved others as the Bible tells us to. Jesus lived a PERFECT LIFE!

**“IT IS FINISHED!”**



18. And so, when Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people, His PERFECT life could pay for the sins of God's people. He was the PERFECT sacrifice, the PERFECT payment needed for their sins. "It is finished," Jesus said, as He died on the cross.



# Jesus Kept God's Laws Perfectly



# Jesus Beat Sin & Death for God's People



19. What was finished? God's plan to save His people through Jesus! And that's why on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead! He had beaten sin and death for God's people, once and for all. Praise God for Jesus! Our perfect Savior who never, ever disobeyed God.

# "The Case of the Man Who Never Said 'No' " The Gospels; Hebrews 4

## SOLVED



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Man? To whom did He never say "no"?  
Jesus was the man. He never said "no" to God, His Father. Jesus always obeyed Him and His good laws.

2. Why was it so important that He never said "no"?  
Only by perfectly obeying God and His good laws could Jesus be the perfect Savior needed to save God's people from their sins.

For You and Me:  
Just like those people who lived in Jesus' day, we need a Savior to save us from our sins. Jesus came to be that Savior. He will be our Savior, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to do this!



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 4:15, NIV

"Jesus has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin."

1. Who was tempted in every way as we are but never sinned?  
Jesus.

2. What could He do for us because He never sinned?  
He could be our perfect Savior and save us from our sins.

For You and Me:  
Just like those people who lived in Jesus' day, we need a Savior to save us from our sins. Jesus came to be that Savior. He will be our Savior, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to do this!



**What Did Jesus Come to Do?**  
**Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...**  
**He Never, Ever Disobeyed God!**

# The Gospel



Unlike Jesus, we all have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. That's why we all deserve His punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to punish us all. But He is so full of love and mercy that He chose to save His people, a huge crowd too big to count, from every people on earth!

God sent Jesus, His own Son, to live a perfect life and offer it as the full payment for their sins. Jesus took the punishment they deserved as He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior get to be God's dearly-loved people forever. This is how we can become God's people, too.

Ask God to help you.  
He loves to do this!



# A Prayer

**A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for always saying 'no' to sin. You are the perfect One who never, ever sinned!

**C** Jesus, You never disobeyed God, Your Father, but we are not like You. We have all chosen to disobey God and His good ways. Oh, how we need You to be our Savior!

**T** Thank You, Jesus, for living a perfect life. Thank You for offering it up as the full payment for the sins of all who turn from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.

**S** Jesus, help us each to turn away from our sins and trust in You as our very own Savior. Help us to say 'no' to disobeying God. Help us to love You more and live for You more

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

