

BIG QUESTION 9



What did Jesus come to do?



ANSWER:

Jesus came to bring us to God!

VISUAL
AID

#1

take out

? Big
Question
Briefcase

of BQB

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!

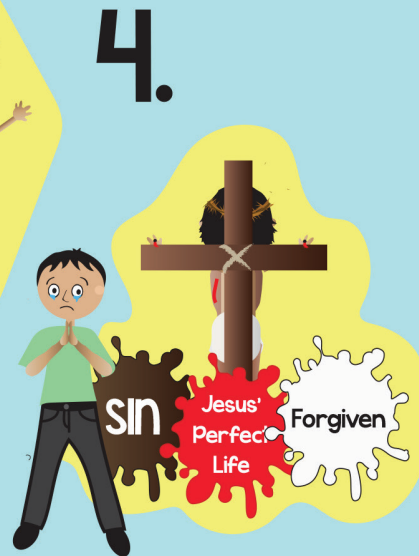
Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 9 Song

DDD ESV 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, we've learned two truths about Jesus. They are: "He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us" and "He Never, Ever Disobeyed God." (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.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:

What did Jesus come to do?

Jesus came to bring us to God...

He taught about ????

and did amazing things!

HINT: Who is the only
One we should
worship?
His name starts
with a "G" and
it rhymes with
"odd."



ANSWER:

He taught about GOD and did amazing things!

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 Taught about ???? and Did Amazing Things!”**

We’re missing a word. Here is the hint for the missing word. It says: “Who is the only One we should worship? His name starts with a “G” and it rhymes with “odd.”

Can you guess? The answer is: “God.”

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 Taught about GOD and Did Amazing Things!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

Before Jesus died on the cross, He taught about God for three years. Jesus taught from the Bible. He told the people what God is like. He taught them that He was God’s Son who had come to save them from their sins. He taught them how they could become God’s people and how God’s people should live.

The people who listened to Jesus teach were amazed. They had never heard someone tell them so much about God. Jesus talked as if He knew God, and of course He did, because Jesus wasn’t just a man like them, He was the Son of God, Himself.

Jesus didn’t just teach about God. He also did many amazing things by God’s power—miracles! Things so amazing that only God could do. He fed thousands of people with just a little bit of food. He stilled the wind and waves of a raging storm with just His word. He healed sick people and even brought dead people to life by God’s power.

And what did God use Jesus’ teaching and these miracles to do? To show the people that Jesus really was His Son, the Messiah, the Savior, come to save them. And by believing in Him, they would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. And that’s exactly what many people did!



"[Jesus] went... teaching...and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." Matthew 4:24, ESV

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:

Matthew 4:23 tells us:

Matthew 4:23, ESV

"[Jesus] went teaching and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people."

Learn a Little: "Jesus went teaching and healing among the people."

What does that mean?

Jesus taught the people the good news of the kingdom of God. Do you know what that is? That anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven and saved. They will get to love God and enjoy Him forever! And Jesus healed all sorts of sicknesses. Not the way doctors do, with medicines! No, Jesus is God. He could tell sickness to leave and it would. Just like that! Many people watched what Jesus said and did and believed in Him. That's the best news of all!

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

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

Jesus Went Proclaimin':

Matthew 4:23

DDD ESV Songs 9, track 25

Jesus went proclaimin'
the gospel of the kingdom,
Jesus went proclaimin'
the gospel of the kingdom,
Jesus went proclaimin'
the gospel of the kingdom,
Among the people.

And what else did Jesus do?

Jesus went a-healin'
every disease and every affliction,
Jesus went a-healin'
every disease and every affliction,
Jesus went a-healin'
every disease and every affliction,
Among the people.

Matthew Four, twenty-three.

"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"

DDD 9.3 Bible Verse Picture--Back

"The Case of the Eyewitness" Luke 4-6,11; John 2,6,11



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

An eyewitness is someone who knows something is true because he saw it happen.

1. Who was an eyewitness who saw what Jesus did?
2. What did this eyewitness see Jesus do that was most amazing of all?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

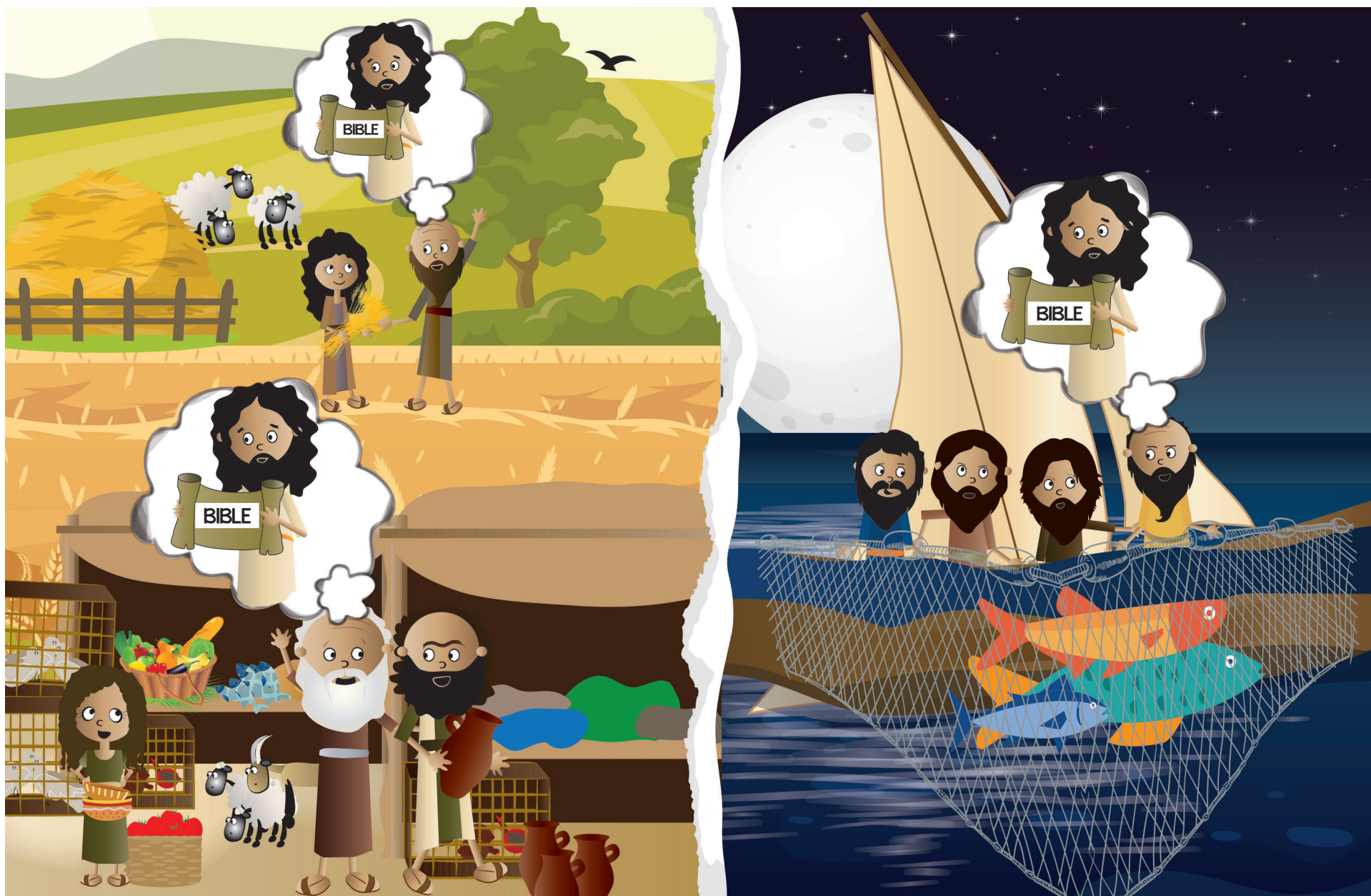


Matthew 4:23, ESV

"Jesus went... preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."

1. What did people think as they listened to Jesus teach?
2. What did people think as they watched Jesus heal their sicknesses?

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



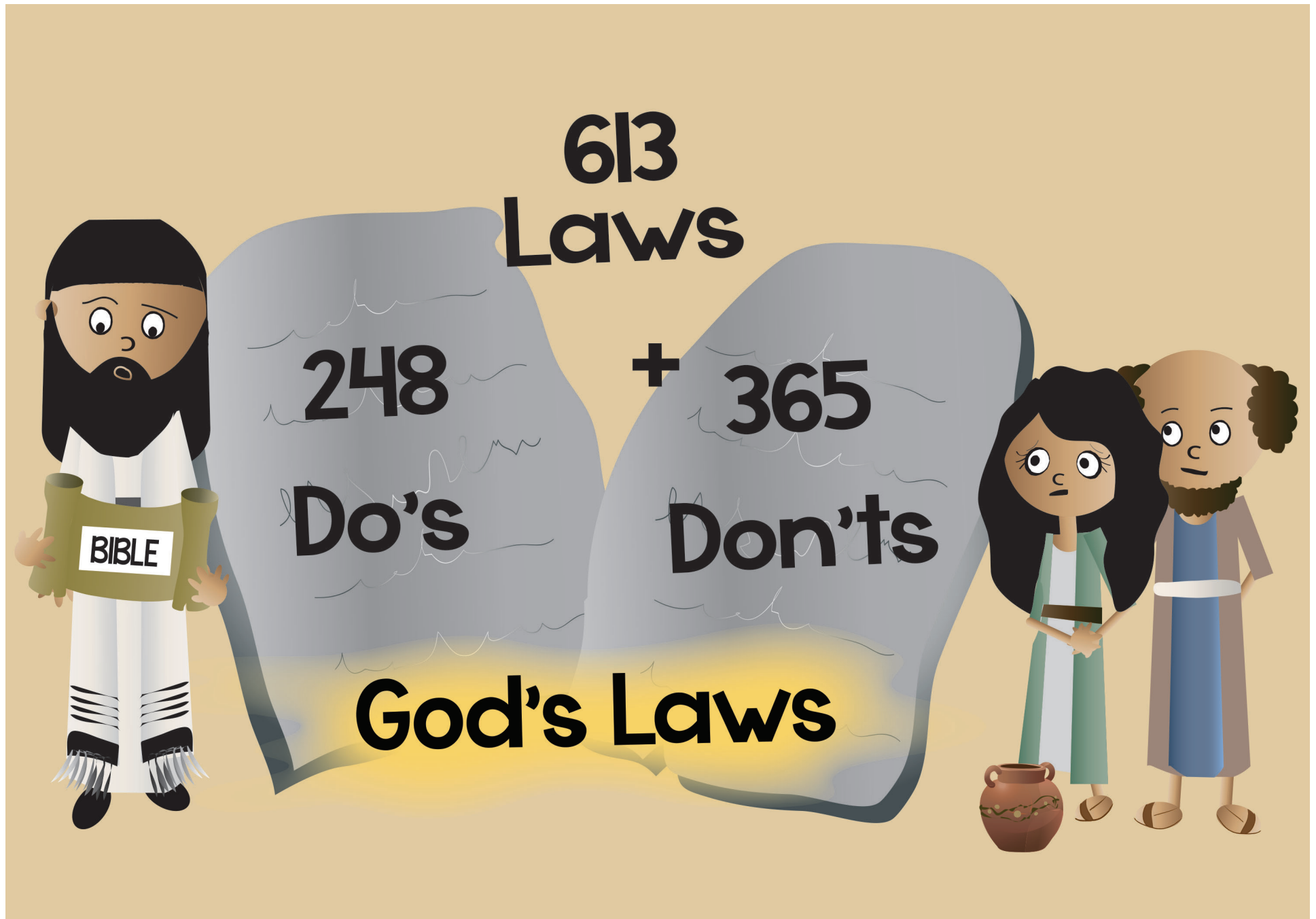
I. "Have you heard about Jesus?" everyone was asking. In the market, as they sold their sheep and bought their fruit and vegetables. In the fields, as they gathered in their wheat. In the boats, as they pulled in their nets full of flopping fish.



2. On the dusty road, as they walked along. In their beds, as they went to sleep. Everywhere people lived and worked and played, they were asking that same question: "Have you heard about Jesus?" And why **WOULDN'T** people want to talk about Jesus? He was saying and doing the most amazing things! No one had ever met anyone like Jesus.



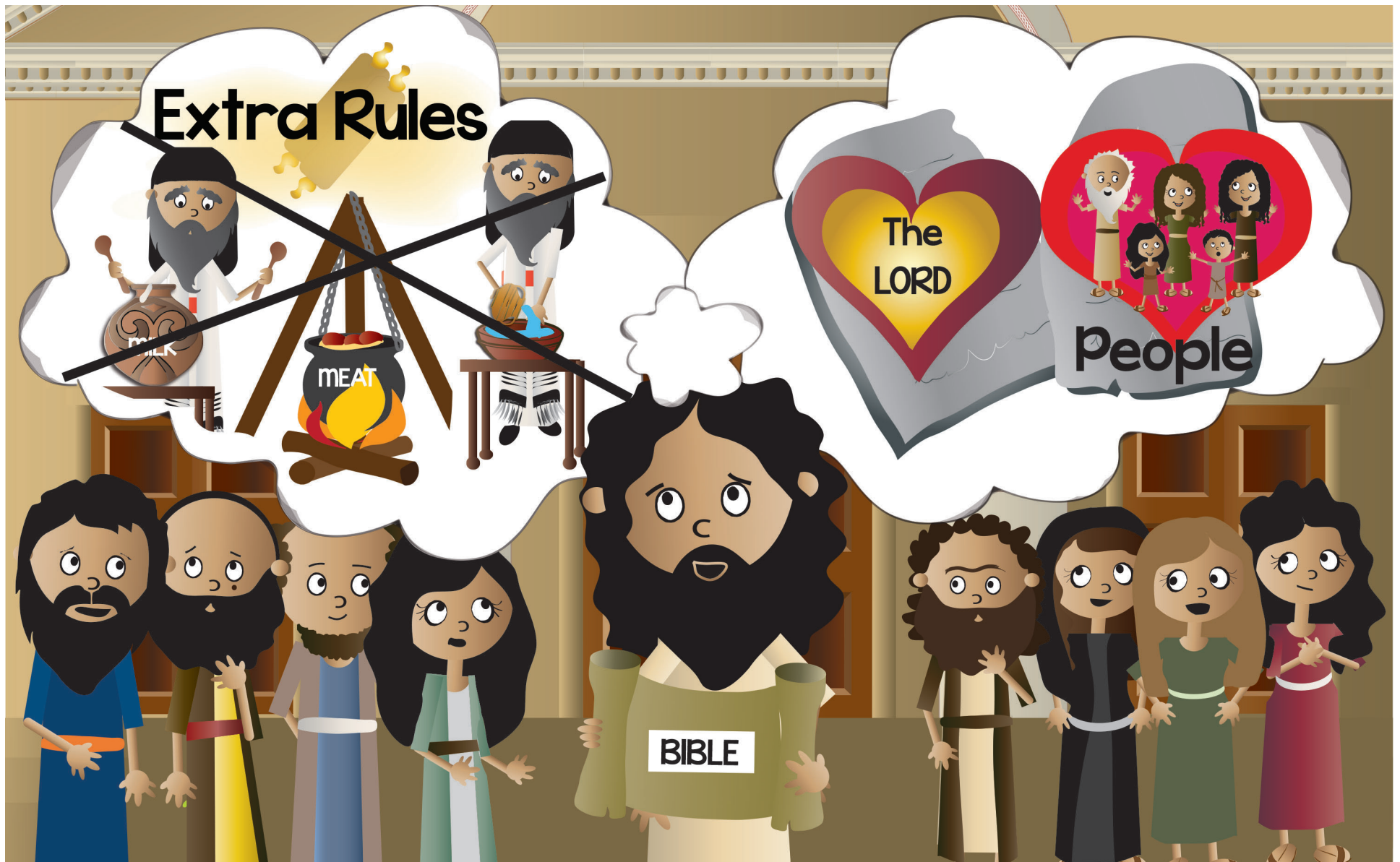
3. Perhaps no one knew this better than Peter. One Sabbath worship day, Peter joined the people gathering at the synagogue, the worship place in his town. And who was teaching there that day? It was Jesus! Peter and the others watched as Jesus took out a scroll of the Bible and read from it, just like the other teachers did. But what would this new teacher say? Would He teach just like the other teachers?



4. Now, the other teachers taught the people about God's 613 laws written down in the Bible.



5. And, they gave the people lots of extra, little DO's and DON'Ts rules that they thought would help everyone obey God's laws better. They taught "DO's" like: "Do say a special prayer as you wash your hands when you wake up in the morning, or you won't please God." And "DON'T's" like: "Don't use the same spoon to stir milk and cook meat, or you won't please God." And even though NONE of these little rules were in the Bible, those teachers were SURE that obeying them was the way to please God. But, oh, how all those extra, little rules weighed down on the people!



6. Would Jesus teach the people the same extra, little rules when He preached from God's Word? No, He would not! What Jesus taught from God's Word wasn't ANYTHING like what the other rabbis (teachers) taught. When Jesus preached, He told people what the Bible REALLY meant. He told them what God was like and how He wanted them to live.



7. How powerfully Jesus preached that morning! Peter and the others were amazed at what they heard. This Jesus was not like any other teacher. He was giving them words filled with life. Their hearts leaped with excitement to hear more. What would Jesus say next?



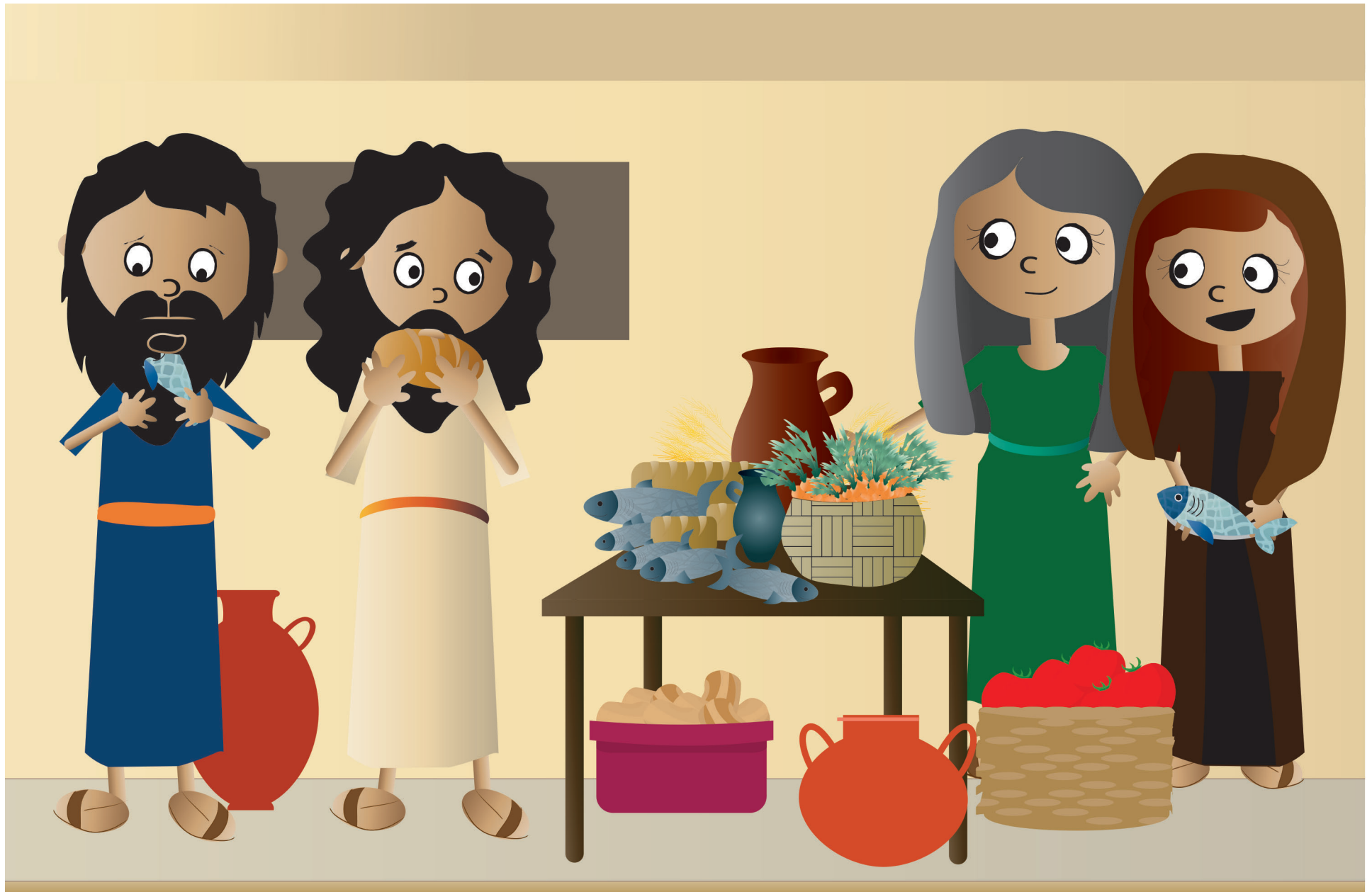
8. Suddenly, right in the middle of Jesus' preaching, a man stood up and started shouting at Jesus as loud as he could: "Go away! What do You want with us, Jesus? Have You come to get rid of us? I know who You are! You are God's Son!" he yelled. The man was right. Jesus WAS God's Son. He had come to save God's people and to break the power of sin and death.



9. But something was terribly wrong here. God's great enemy, Satan, was using this poor man to get in the way of Jesus telling people this good news, not to help anyone put their trust in Him as their Savior. "Go away! Leave this man alone!" Jesus ordered. Instantly, the man was freed. He became happy and calm. Peter and the others were shocked! Jesus had complete power over God's great enemy, Satan, with just His WORDS! Who had ever seen anything like this? Amazing!



10. But if Peter thought that was the only amazing thing he would see Jesus do that day, he was wrong. After the worship service, Jesus went home with Peter. Peter's mother-in-law was in bed with a hot, hot fever. Usually, she would be up, welcoming Peter and his important guest home, and serving them a delicious, homemade meal. But not this time. She was so sick that she couldn't even get out of bed.



II. But now, Jesus had come. He would help her. "Leave this woman," Jesus said to the fever, and it did. She was healed! She got up from her bed and helped serve the food. How happy and grateful she was for this amazing teacher!



12. News about Jesus spread around town quickly. Neither Peter's family nor the people in the synagogue could keep quiet. "Have you heard about Jesus? Have you heard about Jesus?" they exclaimed.



13. And when the sun set on that Sabbath worship day, crowds of sick people hurried to Peter's house. Blind people, deaf people, people with hurting legs, and many other sicknesses came. They were all there with one hope: maybe Jesus would heal them, too.

And sure enough, Peter watched Jesus place His hands on them, one by one. With God's great power, Jesus healed them all. Wow! What a worship day that had been! Peter had heard Jesus teach about God like no one else he had ever heard. Peter had seen Jesus do so many amazing things by God's great power. What a day, indeed!



14. That worship day was just the beginning. Peter left his home and followed Jesus everywhere He went. Peter became one of Jesus' disciples and one of His closest friends. Peter wanted to hear Jesus tell MORE about God, and see Him do MORE amazing things, by God's great power.

And so Peter did! He heard Jesus teach that He was God's Son, come to save sinners. He heard Jesus teach about how God wants His people to live.



15. Peter also watched Jesus do more amazing things, by God's power. He watched Jesus turn water into delicious wine at a wedding. He watched Jesus walk on top of the wavy waters of the Sea of Galilee, one night. Jesus even invited Peter to walk on the water with Him!



16. High up on a mountain, Peter saw Jesus shine with God's beautiful, bright glory.



17. And Peter even saw Jesus raise a man named Lazarus back to life, after he had been dead for **FOUR DAYS!**



18. But it wasn't until the very end of Jesus' life that Peter saw Jesus do the greatest thing He would ever do. Can you guess what that was? Peter watched Jesus suffer and die on a cross for the sins of God's people. Then on the third day, Peter saw Jesus, risen from the dead. Jesus had done it! He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.



19. As Peter heard Jesus teach all these things and watched Him do all these things, God gave Peter faith to believe. Yes! Jesus WAS God's Son, the Savior come down from heaven to save them from their sins! Peter turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.



20. The Holy Spirit came to live in Peter's heart, helping him love God and tell others the good news of Jesus, too. Peter spent the rest of his life telling others that good news. He praised God as many people heard and trusted in Jesus as their Savior, too.



21. But for Peter, the best day of all was when he died and went to heaven. Then, Peter could see for himself how everything Jesus had taught was true! All of Peter's sins HAD been forgiven! God HAD given him eternal life through Jesus. Now, Peter would live face to face with Jesus, once more. But this time, it would last forever and ever.

"The Case of the Eyewitness" Luke 4-6,11; John 2,6,11

SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

An eyewitness is someone who knows something is true because he saw it happen.
I need to know:

1. Who was an eyewitness who saw what Jesus did?
Peter.
2. What did this eyewitness see Jesus do that was most amazing of all?
Peter saw Jesus die on the cross for the sins of God's people, then rise from the dead, three days later.

For You and Me:

Peter turned from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He spent the rest of his life loving God and living for Him. That's exactly what God wants us to do, too. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer prayers like this!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Matthew 4:23, ESV

"Jesus went... preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."

1. What did people think as they listened to Jesus teach?
They had never heard anyone speak about God as He did.
2. What did people think as they watched Jesus heal their sicknesses?
They had never seen anyone do such amazing things by God's power as He did.

For You and Me:

Jesus taught amazing things and did amazing things, all by God's power. Why? Because He wanted people to put their trust in Him as their Savior. And that's exactly what Jesus wants us to do, as we hear about Him today. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. If we do, we will become God's dearly-loved people. We will get to know God now in our hearts. And one day, get to go live with Him forever.

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!
He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things!

The Gospel



What was the most amazing thing that Jesus taught about God? That God loved sinners so much that He sent Jesus to save them and make them His people! And what was the most amazing thing that Jesus did, by God's power? He lived a perfect life, and offered it to God, His Father, to pay for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them.

God used the amazing things Jesus taught and did to help Peter turn away from his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior. This is how Peter became one of God's people. And, this is how we can become one of His people, too. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!



A Prayer

A Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for all the wonderful things You taught us about God and all the amazing things You did, by God's great power. No one is like You!

C Jesus, when we read in the Bible what You taught, we see that we are all sinners who have disobeyed God. Oh, how we need You to be our Savior!

T Thank You, Jesus, for showing us what God is like in all that You taught and all the amazing things You did. Thank You for dying on the cross to save all who trust in You as their Savior.

S Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You more and live for You more, as we read in the Bible what You taught and all the amazing things You did.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

