

BIG QUESTION 1



How can I know what God is like?



ANSWER:

He shows me what He's like!

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take out



of BQB

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 1:

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
and the Answer is:
He Shows Me What He's Like!

Meaning:

God made us. He wants us to know what He is like so we can know Him, love Him, and praise Him.

God shows us what He is like by the heart He gave us to know and love Him; through all of His creations we see around us; through His Word, the Bible; and most of all, through His very own Son, Jesus Christ.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A I Song

HSK ESV Songs 1, track 12

(adapted version of "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

How can I know what God is like,
God is like, God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!

The LORD!

"He who declares to man His thought. The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name." Amos 4:13, ESV

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Place
verse in

HSK
Bible
Folder

HSK Bible
Folder

take out

? Big
Question
Briefcase

of BQB

Unit 1 Bible Verse

"Who would like to get our Bible verse out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" with the Bible Verse in it and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" (held in place by velcro) and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Amos 4:13

"He who declares to man what is His thought...The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name."

Meaning:

God wants us to know what He is like so we can know Him, love Him, and praise Him. We don't have to figure out what God is like by ourselves. God show us what He's like--He declares His thoughts to us.

God shows us what He's like through the spirit He put in our hearts; through His creations we see around us; through His Word, the Bible; and most of all, through His very own Son, Jesus Christ.

And what's the name of the one and only true, living God? It's the LORD! Yes, the LORD is His name!

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

He Who Declares His Thought: Amos 4:13

HSK ESV Songs 1, track 14, 14T

He who declares His thought,
He who declares His thought to man.
He who declares His thought,
He who declares His thought to man.
The LORD, the LORD, is His name.
The LORD, the LORD, is His name.
Amos Four, thirteen.

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

"The Case of the Old Man Who Looked for God" Luke 2:25-32



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the old man who looked for God?
2. How did he find out what God was like?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Amos 4:13, ESV:

"He who declares to man what is His thought...The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name."

1. Who did the LORD declare His thoughts to?
2. What book did the LORD use to declare His thoughts?

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



I. Simeon was a very old man. He knew and loved God in his heart. But, oh, how he wanted to know more about God and what He is like.



2. Simeon knew God created the whole world. He could learn more about God as he looked at all that God had made. There was so much to see! The big, tall mountains, the galloping horses, the flying birds, the buzzing bees. Simeon could see how wonderful God was in all the things He had made. But oh, how Simeon wanted to know more about God and what He is like!



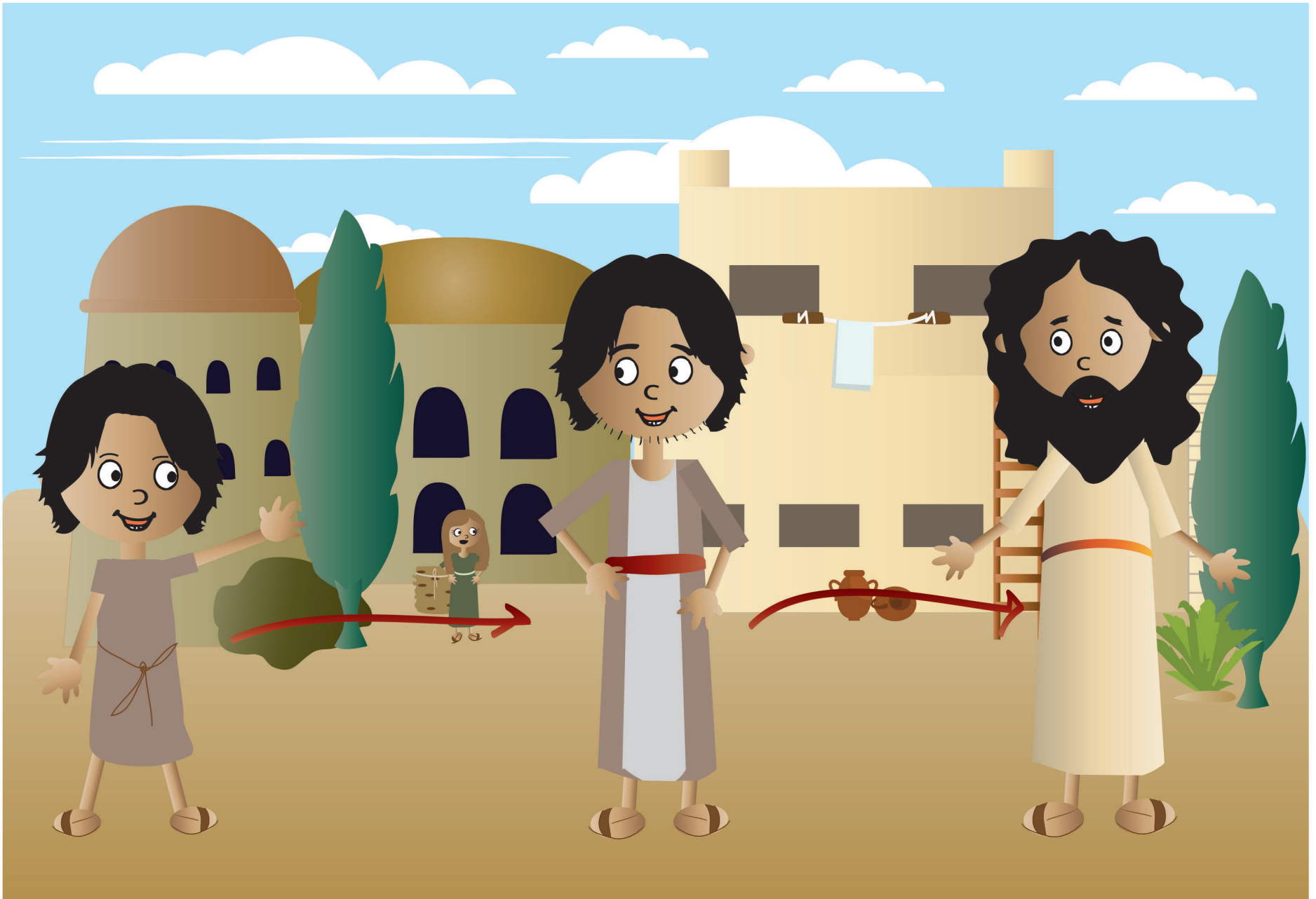
3. Simeon read the Bible, God's Word. He learned that God is good and great, loving and wise. But oh, how Simeon wanted to know more about God and what He is like!



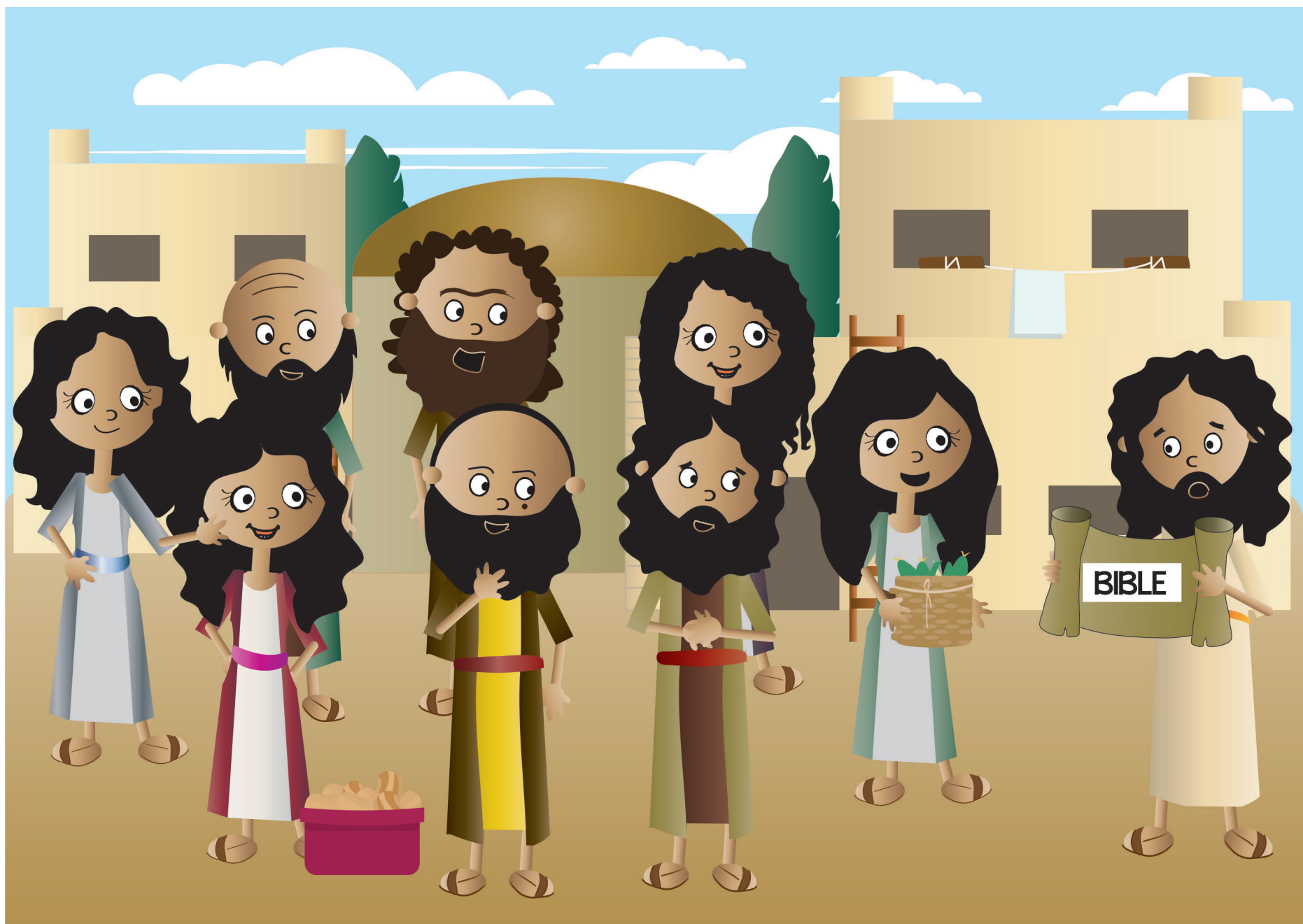
4. One day, God gave Simeon a wonderful promise: "The Savior is coming soon. He will show people what I am like. He will save all who put their trust in Him," God told Simeon. "Go to the Temple-Church. That's where I'll show Him to you before you die."



5. How excited Simeon was! He went to the Temple-Church, and who did he see? Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. Simeon was so happy. Here was God's Son, the promised Savior!



6. Yes, there was Jesus, just a little baby! But Jesus wouldn't stay a baby. He would grow up, up, up to be a man. And when He was all grown up, Jesus would fulfill God's amazing plan.



7. Jesus told everyone about God, and He showed them what God is like, in all He said and did.

Day 3



8. Then Jesus finished God's plan by suffering and dying on the cross. Jesus showed God's hate for sin but His love for His people, by paying for their sins, Himself. Jesus was buried that sad day, but He didn't stay there. On Day Three, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing God's mighty power! Jesus had really beaten sin and death for God's people! Yay!



9. One day, old Simeon died. Was that a sad day for Simeon? No, it was not! For that was the day when God brought Simeon home to live with Him in heaven forever. This was Simeon's happiest day of all. Now he would really get to know how wonderful God is... more and more, forever and ever!

"The Case of the Old Man Who Looked for God" Luke 2:25-32

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the old man who looked for God?
Simeon.

2. How did he find out what God was like?
Simeon knew God in his heart. He saw what God was like as he looked around him at the things God had made. He learned about God in the Bible, God's Word. And most of all, Simeon knew what God was like through His Son, Jesus.

For You and Me:

Like Simeon, we can know what God is like. God has given us a heart to know and love Him. We can look around us and see what He's like in the things He has made. We can learn about Him in the Bible; and, we can know what He's like most of all when we learn about Jesus. We can ask God to show us what He's like and help us to know and love Him. He delights to do this!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Amos 4:13, ESV:

"He who declares to man what is His thought...The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name."

1. Who did the LORD declare His thoughts to?
Simeon.

2. What book did the LORD use to declare His thoughts? The Bible, God's Word.

For You and Me:

The LORD can show us what He's like, as we look around us at the amazing things He's made. God can declare His thoughts to us, as we read the Bible, His Word, and learn about His Son, Jesus. God can help us know Him in our hearts. Ask God to show Himself to you! He delights to do this!

**Our Bible Truth is:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like!**

The Gospel



God gave each of us a heart to know and love Him, too. But sadly, we all have chosen to turn away from God and live life our own way. This sin separates us from God.

Only with God's help, we can know Him or be His people.

But God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for people to know and love God once more. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead.

He had beaten sin and death for God's people!

God invites us to become His people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, His Holy Spirit will come live in our hearts, so we can know and love God now. And one day, to go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



A Prayer

A We praise you, God. You show us what You are like!

C LORD, in our heart we know that You are God. We know we should obey You. but many times we don't want to. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us a heart to know You; and, for making this world that shows us what You are like. Thank You for what we learn about You in Your Word, the Bible. And most of all, thank You for showing us what You are like in Your Son, Jesus.

S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Put in our hearts the special kind of happy that comes only from knowing You. Help us to go and tell others what we've learned.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

