

BIG QUESTION 10



What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?



ANSWER:

He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

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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 10:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

and the Answer is:

He Changes Their Heart!

Meaning:

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to being to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people. But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others as Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is God's wonderful gift to us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

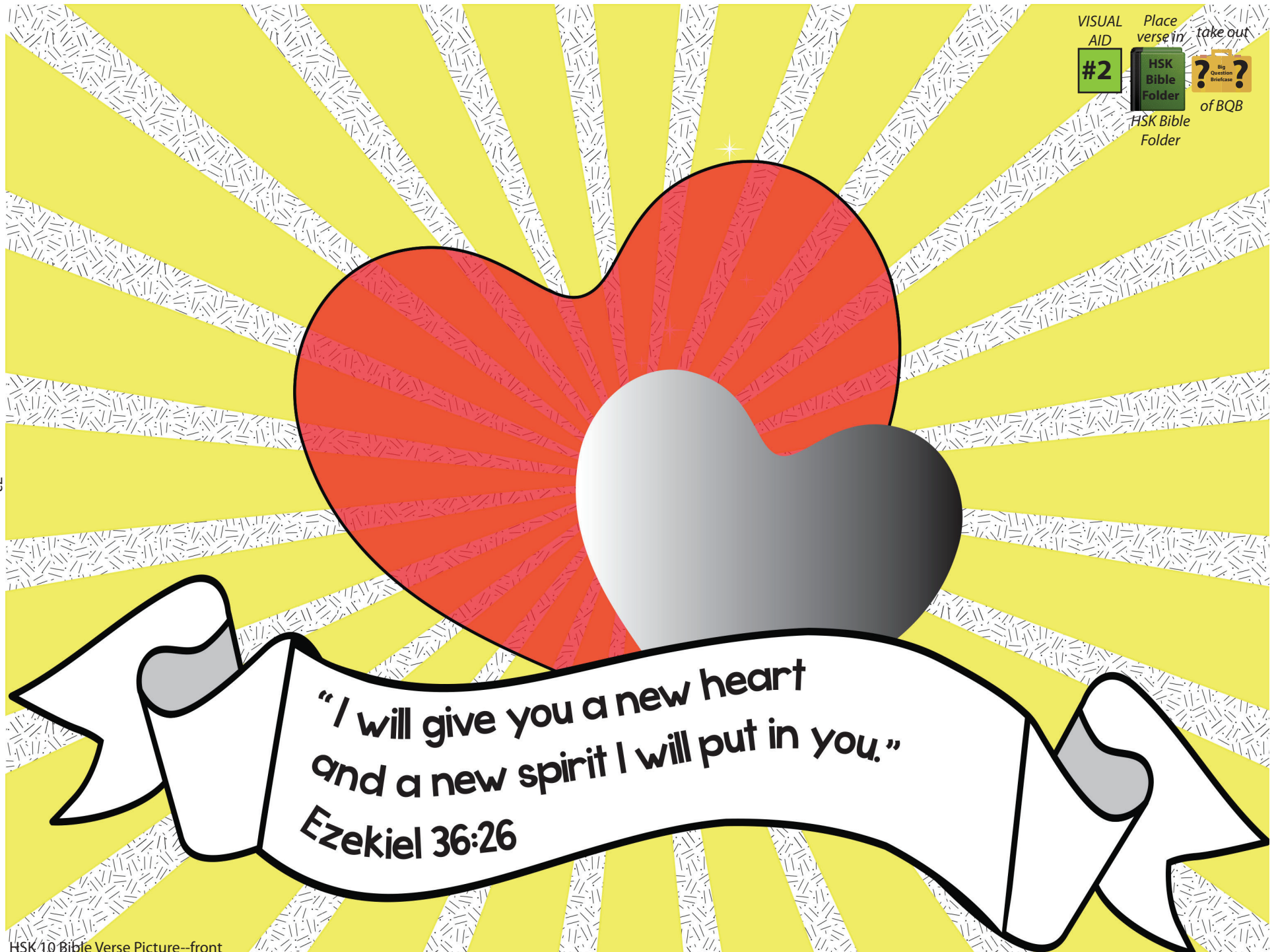
Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 10 Song

HSK NIV Songs 10, track 12

(adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

What does the Holy Spirit do,
Inside of God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
He changes their heart!



Unit 10 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:

Ezekiel 36:26

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put in you."

Meaning:

We like to have our own way, and sometimes we choose to go against God's good ways to do what we want. This is called sin, and it comes from deep inside us in our hearts. We need new hearts, alive with love for God if we are to be God's people. Only God can give us new hearts. His Holy Spirit lives inside us and changes our hearts when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

I Will Give You a New Heart:

Ezekiel 36:26

HSK NIV Songs 10, track 14

I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit I'll put within you.
I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit I'll put within you.
Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-six.

"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 Heart Helper Acts 1-2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the helper Jesus promised to send?
2. How would He help God's people?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ezekiel 36:26, NIV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put in you."

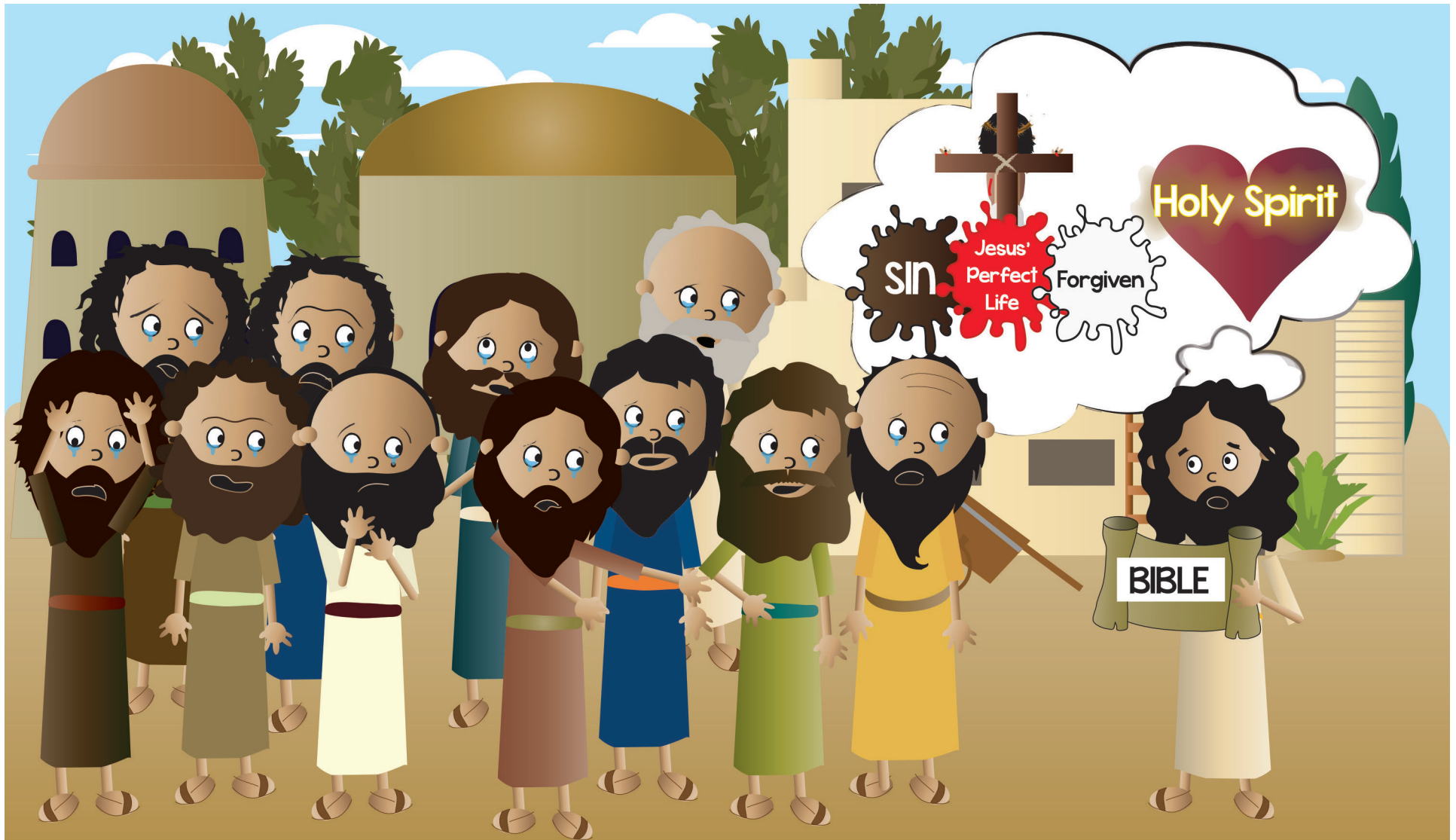
1. What did God promise to give to His people?
2. Who would this new spirit be?
What would He do?

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



I. Walk and talk; show and tell. For one, two, three years, Jesus walked around the land of Judah and talked to many people about God. He showed them what God was like. He showed them God's amazing power, too. He even brought dead people back to life!

Why did Jesus walk and talk, show and tell like this? So the people would know that He was the Messiah, the special one sent to save God's people from their sins.



2. But the three years were up. Now everything would change. "It's time for Me to leave you," Jesus told His disciples. "Enemies are coming for Me tonight." The disciples were sad and scared. They didn't want to live without Jesus. They didn't want enemies to kill Him. "Don't be upset," Jesus told them. "And My death will make the way for you to live with Me forever in heaven. And I'm going to send the Holy Spirit to live inside you. He will help you and comfort you." Jesus said.



3. Everything happened just as Jesus said it would. Enemies took Jesus away to suffer and die on the cross. How terribly Jesus hurt! His hurting was paying the sins of God's people. This is how He would save them. Jesus died that day and was buried. But on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead. He had really done it! Jesus had really beaten sin and death for God's people.



4. Jesus appeared to his friends, the disciples, on that wonderful, third day. "He's alive! He's risen!" the disciples shouted for joy. How happy they were! It was wonderful to be with Jesus again!

For the next forty days, Jesus walked and talked with them. Jesus showed them more of God's amazing power. He told them more about God and His good plans.



5. On Day Forty, Jesus said goodbye. "I'm going home to heaven, and I'm sending YOU to tell the whole world about Me," Jesus told them. "I'm going to send the Holy Spirit to help you. He will give you wisdom and courage," He promised. "Go to Jerusalem. That's where I will give you the Holy Spirit," Jesus said. Then up, up, up Jesus went, through the clouds and back to His home in heaven.



6. Jesus was gone. That was so sad! But the Holy Spirit was coming! That was so happy!

“Let’s go!” the disciples exclaimed. “Let’s get ready for the Holy Spirit!” So, off to Jerusalem the disciples went. They gathered all the believers together --over a hundred people-- waiting and praying. When would the Holy Spirit come? They hoped it would be soon.



7. At last, the day came! Something that sounded like a great wind began to blow inside their room. Something that looked like fire rested on each of them. Then came the gift: God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside them. They knew God in their hearts in a new way!



8. And on that extra special, amazing day, the Holy Spirit gave the believers an extra special, amazing gift. He helped them speak in languages they had never learned. The believers ran out of the house and began speaking in these languages. A huge, noisy crowd of people from around the world gathered and listened, "What in the world is going on?" they asked.



9. "God has begun to send His Holy Spirit to live inside His people in a special, new way!" Peter explained. "If you turn away from your sins and believe in Jesus, God will save you and send His Holy Spirit to live inside you, too," Peter said. Thousands turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus that day. And who did God send to live inside the hearts of these new believers? You guessed it! The Holy Spirit. He would change their hearts, helping them love God and live for Him each day.

The Case of the Heart Helper Acts 1-2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the helper Jesus promised to send?
The Holy Spirit.

2. How would He help God's people?
He would come to live in their heart, helping them to love God and live for Him.

For You and Me:
God sent the Holy Spirit to live inside God's people long ago. God still sends Him to live inside of them, even today. The Holy Spirit is God's wonderful gift to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. We can become God's people and have the Holy Spirit live in us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ezekiel 36:26, NIV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put in you."

1. What did God promise to give to His people?
He would put a new heart/new spirit within them.

2. Who would this new spirit be? What would He do? God's own Holy Spirit. He would change their heart and help them to love God and live for Him.

For You and Me:
God wants us to love Him and live for Him, but He knows we cannot do this on our own. We need His Holy Spirit to live within us and change our hearts. God gives His Holy Spirit to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will give His Holy Spirit to us, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Our Bible Truth is:
What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Heart!**

The Gospel



In the beginning, people rebelled against God. Sin came into their hearts. They deserved God's punishment and lost the special closeness they knew with God. Since then, we all have sinful hearts and all have chosen to rebel against God.

But even though we all deserve God's punishment, God is so merciful that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to become a man and to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

Jesus died and was buried, but on the third day, He rose up from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And who will come to live in our hearts, if we do? You guessed it! God's Holy Spirit. He will live in us and help us our whole lives, to love God and live for Him. Then one day, we will go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.

C God, we confess that we like our own way. Sometimes, we choose to disobey You to get what we want. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need new hearts.

T Thank You, God, for being able to change our hearts. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live inside Your people and change their hearts. Thank You for sending Jesus, so we can be Your people.

S God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might love You and live for You, more and more.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

