

### **Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum**

### **Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse**

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

### Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided in this book. The full curriculum actually includes three more, with corresponding take-home sheets, if desired. using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

### Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

### Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

### Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

### Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

### Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

### Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read

### Unit II Overview of Key Concepts

### **UNIT 11: The God Who Saves**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!"

### **Meaning:**

We have all disobeyed God. We have all lost the wonderful special closeness with God that He created us to have with Him. No matter how hard we try, we can never be good enough to win back special closeness with God. No, we can't save ourselves, but God can. That's why He sent Jesus: to save us as a free gift from Him. God promises to forgive the sins of all who turn away from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God will give them special closeness with Himself right now. Then one day, He will take them to live with Him forever. This is the free gift God offers to you and me, too. God is so kind to us!

### Unit 11 Bible Verse: Romans 6:23, ESV

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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### **Unit 11 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God for being our Savior, who came to rescue us from our sins as Your free gift.
- **C** God, we know we choose to disobey You and Your good laws. We need a Savior. Please forgive us and help us to live for You.
- Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need. We could never save ourselves!
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our own Savior. We want Your free gift!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Unit 11 Story**

### The Case of the Most Important Question

Acts 16

**Songs Used in Unit 11** *listen to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org: Hide n Seek Kids Music page* 

Big Q & A 11 Song

Big Question 11 Song: How Can I Be Saved?

Unit 11 Bible Verse Song: The Free Gift of God Is Eternal Life Romans 6:23, ESV

Unit 11 Hymn: Grace Greater than All Our Sin, refrain

Unit 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

### Hide 'n' Seek Kids ESV Songs II Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, so teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Hide 'n' Seek Kids Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

### Why the Extra Songs?

Hide 'n' Seek Kids is a curriculum used by children of different ages. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

### **UNIT 11: THE GOD WHO SAVES**

- 12 Big Q & A 11 Song
- 13 Big Question 11 Song: How Can I Be Saved?
- 14 Unit 11 Bible Verse Song: The Free Gift of God Is Eternal Life Romans 6:23, ESV
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<sup>\*</sup>T = Tidbit Shortest version of the Bible verse song



## 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 11:

How Can We Be Saved? and the Answer is: It Is God's Free Gift!

### Meaning:

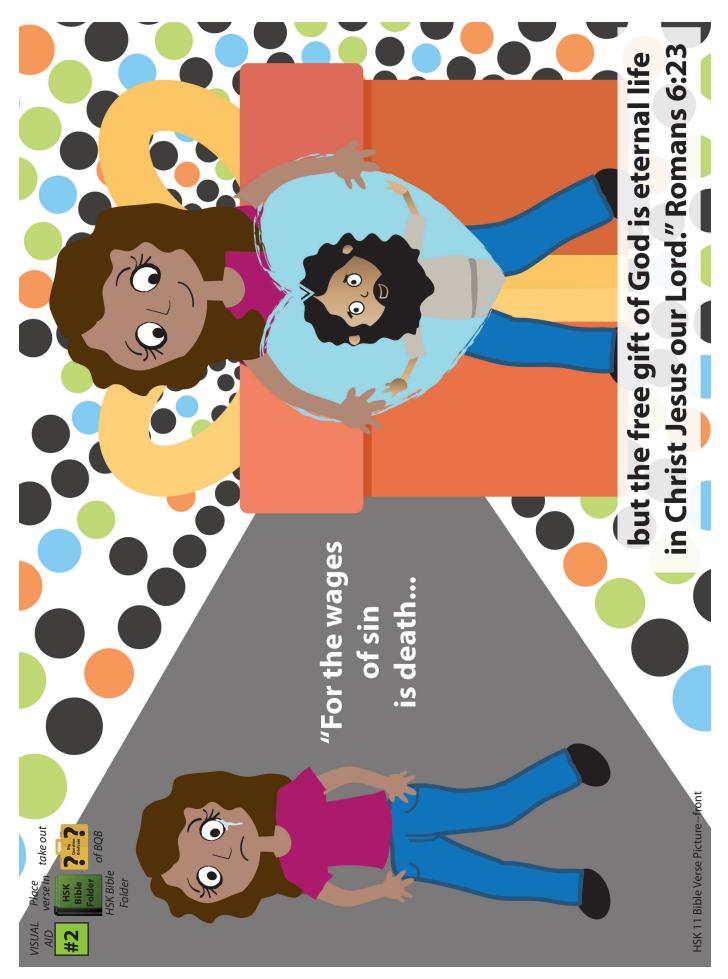
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Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

## Big Q & A II Song

HSK ESV Songs 11, track 12 (adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

How can we be saved?
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# Unit II 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:

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

### The Free Gift of God: Romans 6:23

HSK ESV Songs 11, track 14,14T

The free gift of God is,
The free gift of God is,
The free gift of God is....what?
The free gift of God is eternal life
Through Jesus, through Jesus,
The free gift of God is eternal life
Through Jesus. (repeat)

Romans Six, twenty-three.

"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?"

# Acts 16 "The Case of the Most Important Question"



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



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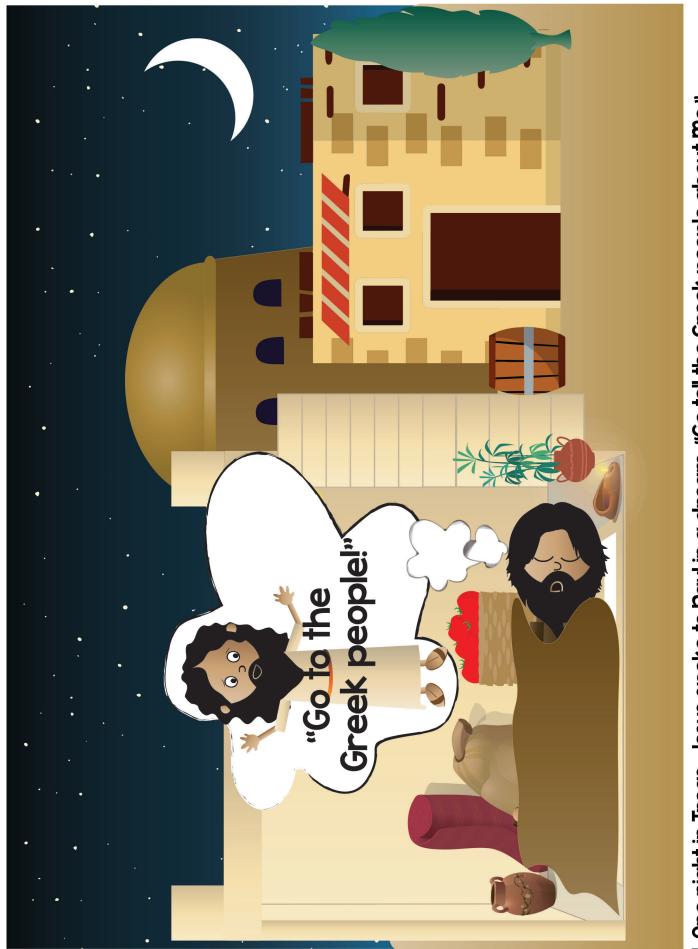
2. How did he find out about the gift of being saved through Jesus?
Did he receive it?

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

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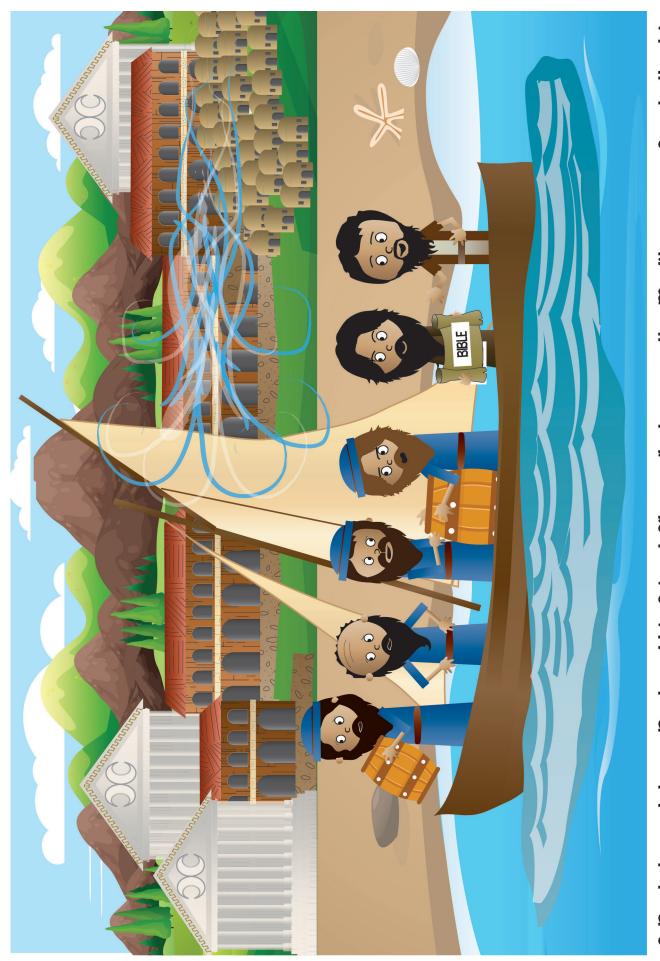
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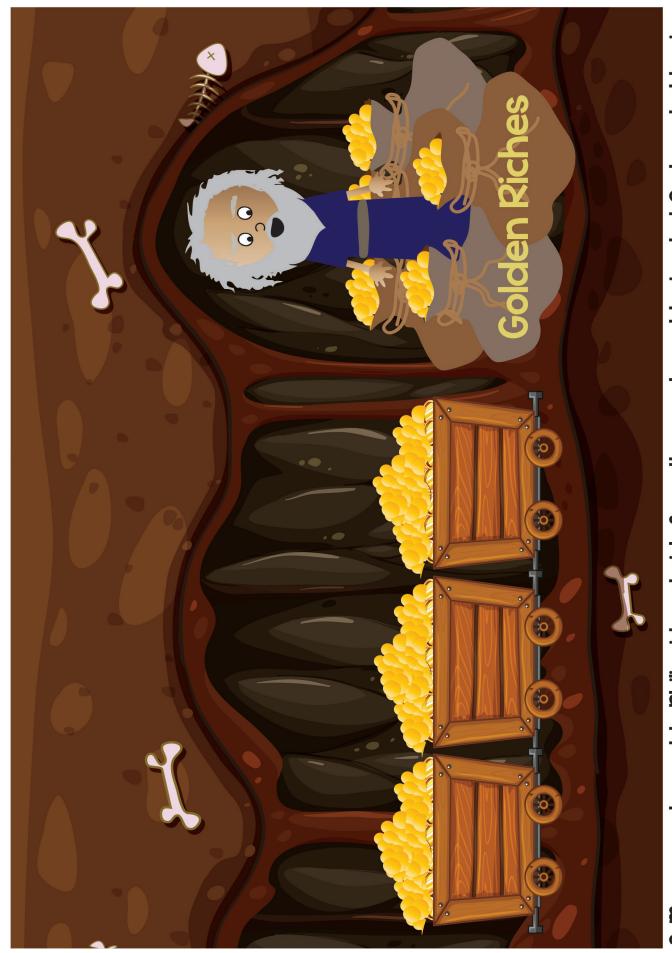
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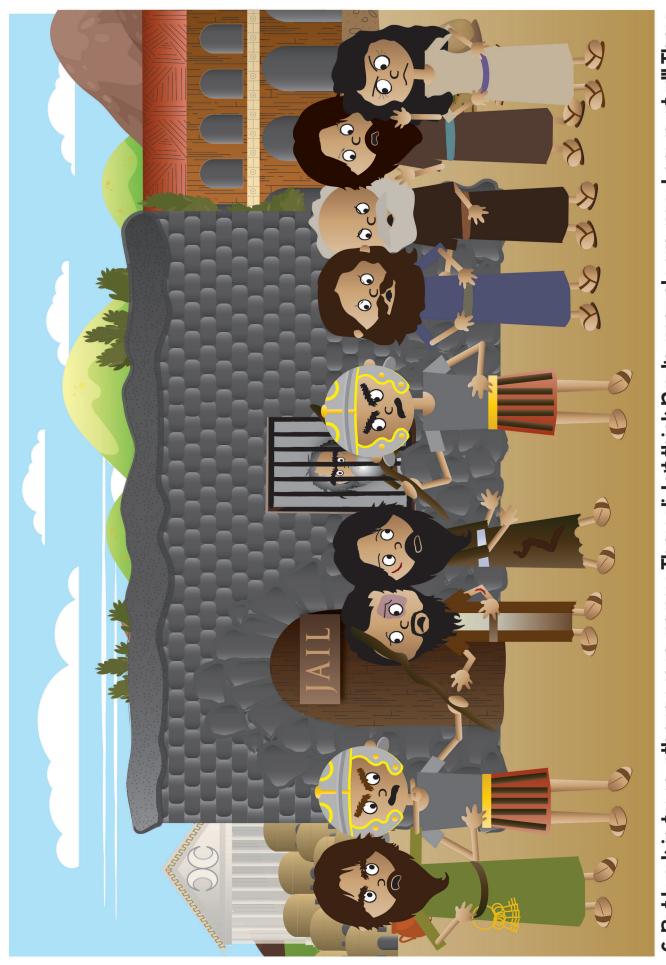
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## SOLVEL

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2. How did he find out about the gift of being saved through Jesus? Did he receive it?

Paul told the jailer how when he asked him. And that very night, the jailer repented of his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:

That jailer isn't the only one who has sins to think about. We all have disobeyed God. We all need His forgiveness, if we are to know God and enjoy eternal life with Him. Just like the jailer, we can receive that wonderful gift of eternal life, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

I. Who had the most important question?

The jailer.

2. What was the question? Why was it so important? "What must I do to be saved?" is the question, and It is so important because we all need to be saved. For You and Me:
The jailer's question is the most important question for us, too.
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We all need to know how we can be saved. What was the answer paul gave the jailer? Paul told him to turn away from answer paul gave the jailer? Paul told him to trust in Jesus as his Savior. This is called repenting and man to trust in Jesus as his, and he was saved! God will save believing. The man did this, and he was saved! God will save us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you.

Jesus. Why? Because we ALL disobey God! We ALL are sinners! That's why we Just like the man in our story, we all need God's free gift of salvation through ALL need God to save us from the punishment we deserve for our sins. How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift! Our Bible Truth is:

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

Jesus died and was buried that day. But then on the third day, He rose up from the dead. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people, and this proved it! Now, we can become God's people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can be saved.

And if we do this, God's Holy Spirit will come live inside us, helping us 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

We praise You, God for being so full of mercy! You are the Savior. You came to rescue us from our sins. It was Your free gift that we could never deserve. C God, we know we choose to disobey You and Your good laws. We need you to save us. Please forgive us and help us to live for You. Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need. We could never save ourselves! God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our own Savior. We want Your free gift! S

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

