



# How can we be saved?



ANSWER:

## It is God's free gift!

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take out  
? Big  
Question  
Briefcase  
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 11:

**How Can We Be Saved?**  
and the Answer is:  
**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!

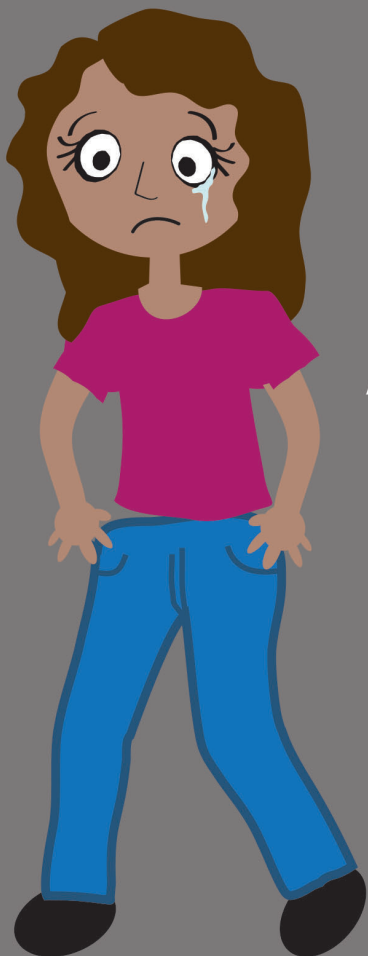
Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

## Big Q & A II Song

*HSK NIV Songs 11, track 12*

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

How can we be saved?  
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It is God's free gift!



**"For the wages  
of sin  
is death..."**



**but the gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23**

# 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:*

## **Romans 6:23**

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

### **Meaning:**

We all want to have eternal life. That is, we all want to know and enjoy God and all of His love forever. But the sad truth is that none of us deserve it. We have all turned away from God and His good ways. We all deserve God's punishment, not wonderful life with Him. But God, in His amazing mercy, sent His Son, Jesus, to live the perfect life we have never lived. He took the punishment we deserve for our sins. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He gives us the free gift of eternal life. How good is God to sinners, like you and me!

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

## **The Gift of God:**

### **Romans 6:23**

*HSK NIV Songs 11, track 14*

The gift of God is,  
The gift of God is,  
The gift of God is....what?  
The gift of God is eternal life  
Through Jesus, through Jesus,  
The 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?"



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



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who had the most important question?
2. What was the question? Why was it so important?



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 6:23, NIV

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

1. Who was worried about his sins?
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](http://praisefactory.org))



I. One night in Troas, Jesus spoke to Paul in a dream, "Go tell the Greek people about Me."

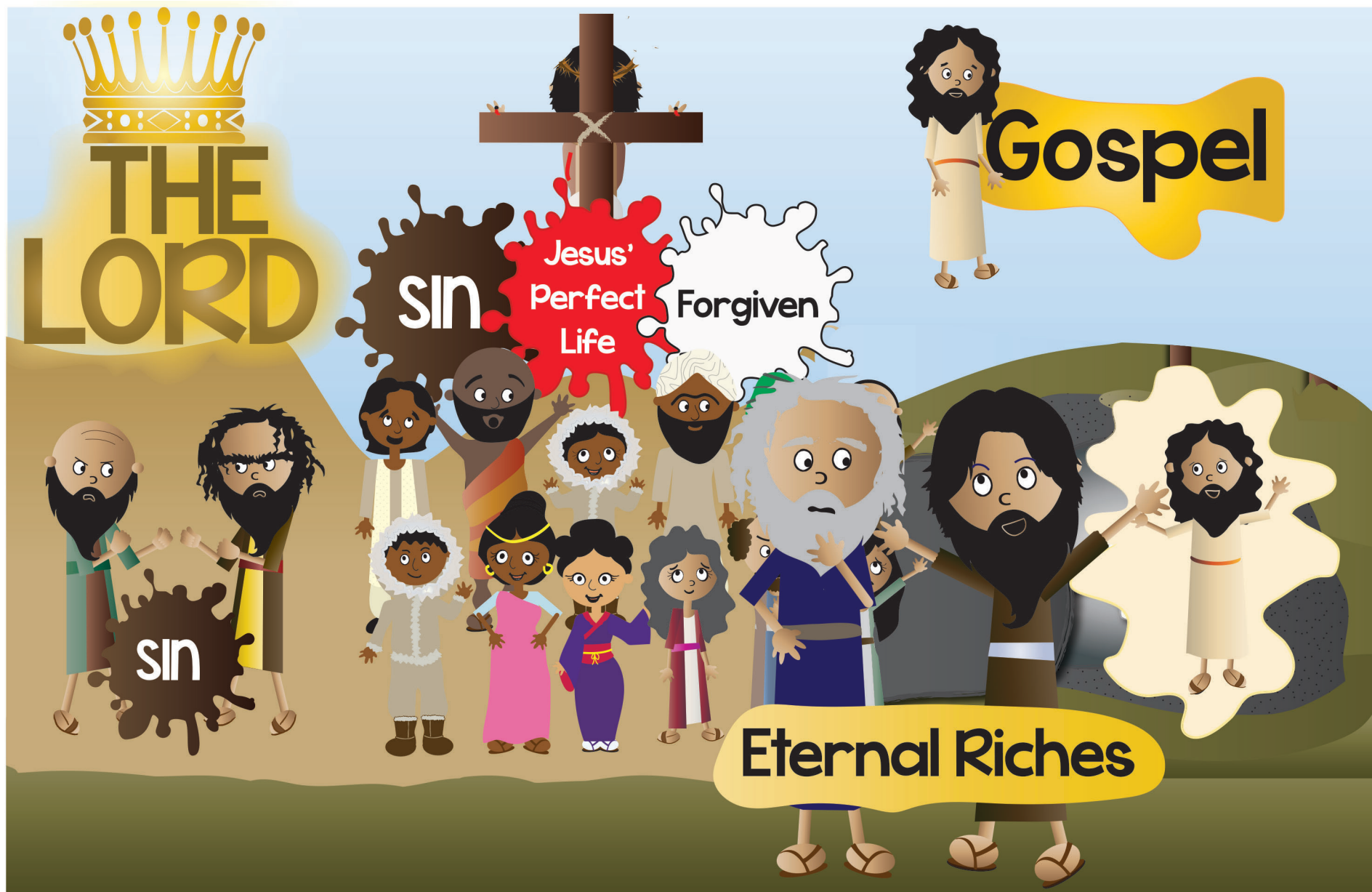


2. Paul obeyed Jesus. Paul and his friend, Silas, sailed across the Mediterranean Sea to the big city of Philippi.





3. Many people went to Philippi to get rich from the nearby gold mine, but God wanted to give them another kind of riches.



4. God wanted them to hear about His eternal riches --the good news of Jesus-- that they might turn from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus their Savior. Then, God would forgive their sins, and they would become His dearly loved people forever. Now THAT is far, far, FAR better than gold!





5. When Paul and Silas arrived in Philippi, they went down to the river. They shared the gospel with the people gathering there to worship God. Some, like Lydia, listened and believed.



6. But back in town, others were angry. They didn't think Paul's gospel was good news at all! They hit Paul and Silas with big sticks. Paul and Silas hurt all over. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch!





7. They put Paul and Silas in jail. Oh, how Paul and Silas hurt! They should have been crying, but they weren't. They were praying and singing to God. "Praise God! Praise God!" they sang. "We're happy we get to tell others about Jesus, even if we get hurt," Paul and Saul rejoiced. "We want people to hear how they can be saved. God will take care of us, even in jail."



8. Paul and Silas were right. God DID take care of them. Suddenly, everything began to shake. The ground split wide open. God had sent a HUGE earthquake. The earthquake shook everything so much that the walls of Paul and Silas' room tumbled down. Their feet came loose from the chains, and THEY WERE FREE!





9. Now Paul and Silas could get away from the angry people who hurt them! "Run away, Paul! Run away, Silas! You can be free!" But Paul and Silas did NOT run away! Instead, they went to the jailer-man. God was going to use Paul and Silas to do good to the very man who had hurt them! God was going to give this man the wonderful gift of eternal life.



10. The jailer-man fell down before Paul and Silas, trembling. "How can I be saved?," he asked them. "We'll tell you!" Paul and Silas replied. "Ask God to forgive your sins. Turn away from disobeying Him," they told him. "Ask Jesus to be your Savior. It is His free gift." Right then, the Holy Spirit worked in that man's heart. He helped him repent of his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior. Now Paul, Silas and the jailer-man were so happy. Together, they praised God for sending Jesus!



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

## SOLVED



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. 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. 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 disobeying God and to ask God to forgive his sins. He told the man to trust in Jesus as his Savior. This is called repenting and 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.



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 6:23, NIV

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

1. Who was worried about his sins?  
The jailer.

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.

Our Bible Truth is:  
How Can We Be Saved?  
It Is God's Free Gift!

# The Gospel



Just like the man in our story, we all need God's free gift of salvation through Jesus. Why? Because we ALL disobey God! We ALL are sinners! That's why we ALL need God to save us from the punishment we deserve for our sins.

But even though we all deserve God's punishment, God has been so merciful to us! 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

**A** 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.

**T** 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.

