



Hide 'n' Seek Kids Sneaky Seekers hiding God's Word in our hearts, seeking to know God Himself

Big Question II, Lesson I Take Home Sheet



**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved? **Answer:** 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!

# How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

## Some Questions for You

**1. Can You Fix the Big Question and Answer?** How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Sneeze and Sniff! *Answer: No! That's silly! It Is God's Free Gift!* 

**2. Why do we need to be saved?** We all have disobeyed God and lost the special closeness with Him we were created to have.

**3.** How can enjoy special closeness with God forever? How can we be saved? By turning away from disobeying God and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God will forgive us and make us His special people as His free gift.

# Let's Pray!

- **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.
- 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.

#### Let's Sing Our Big Question and Answer!

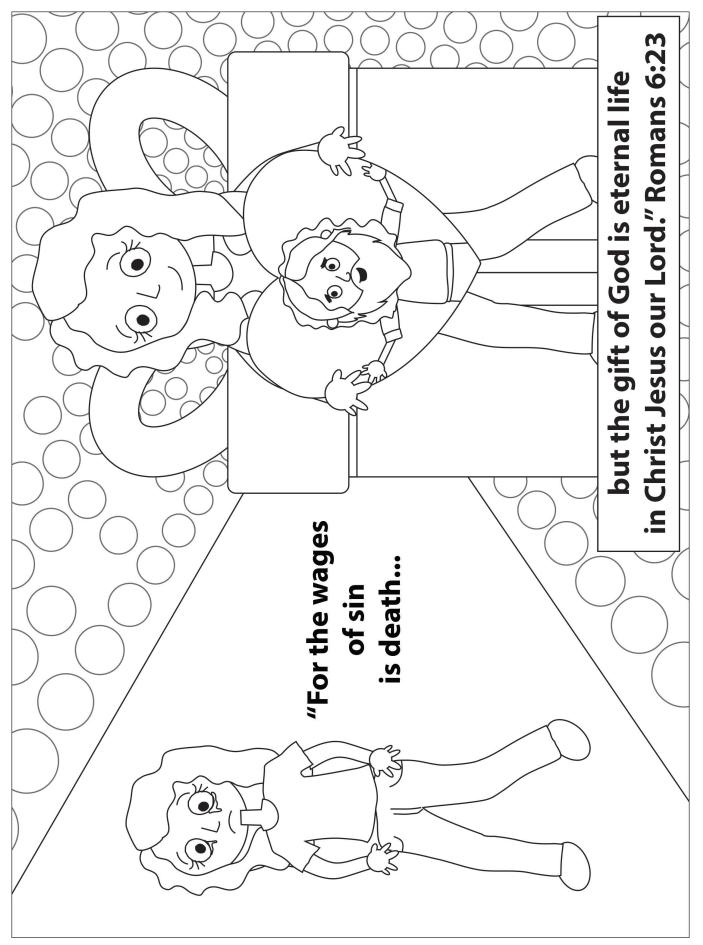
Big Q & A 11 Song from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 11, track 12

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

**Song Question:** How Can We Be Saved? **Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift!

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#### How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

#### 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 never have 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!

#### Some Questions for You

#### 1. What's the missing word to the Bible verse?

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

**2. What is eternal life and how what do I ask God for it?** Eternal life is living with God forever. It is enjoying God and all His love and it will never, ever end.. It is the most wonderful thing we can ever have. God tells us to turn away from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior. His free gift of eternal life is ours through Jesus. God loves to help us. Ask Him!

#### Let's Pray!

**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.
- 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.

#### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

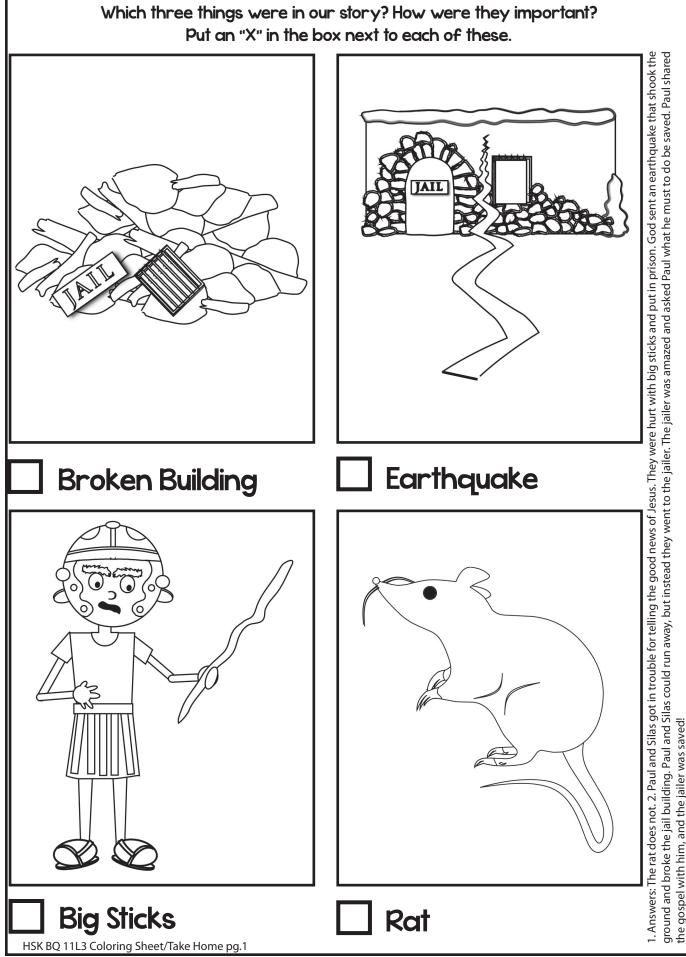
Big Question 11 Bible Verse Song from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 11, track 14

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

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.

**Song Question: What does God offer to give us through Jesus?** *Eternal life! The most wonderful gift of all! Knowing and enjoying God forever!* 

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#### Hide 'n' Seek Kids Sneaky Seekers hiding God's Word in our hearts, seeking to know God Himself

# Big Question II, Lesson 3 Take Home Sheet

**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved? **Answer:** 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!

## How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

## Some Questions for You

## **1. Which of the pictures on the coloring sheet does not belong in the story?** *The rat does not.*

**2. How were the other three things important in our story?** Paul and Silas got in trouble for telling the good news of Jesus. They were hurt with big sticks and put in prison. God sent an earthquake that shook the ground and broke the jail building. Paul and Silas could run away, but instead they went to the jailer. The jailer was amazed and asked Paul what he must to do be saved. Paul shared the gospel with him, and the jailer was saved!

**3. What did the jailer do when Paul told him how to be saved?** *He prayed to God right then and there. He turned away from disobeying God and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.* 

**4. What did God do when the jailer prayed to Him?** *He forgave the jailer's sins and made him one of His dearly loved people.* 

**5.Can we be saved, too, like the jailer?** Yes, we can. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will help us if we ask Him. He loves to do this!

#### Let's Pray!

- **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.
- 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.

# Let's Sing about Our Big Question and Answer!

| <b>Refrain</b> :<br>How can we be saved?<br>How can we be saved?<br>How can we be saved?                                     | point up to<br>God in heaven | Verse 1       Point to self         I disobey God, I need a Savior,       Point out to others         You disobey God, You need a Savior,       Point out to others         We all disobey God, We need a Savior.       To save us from our sins. |   |
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| It's God' free gift.<br>How can we be saved?<br>How can we be saved?<br>How can we be saved?<br>It's God's free gift through | Christ.                      | <b>Verse 2</b><br>Jesus, He paid the price, the perfect sacrifice,<br>On the cross, gave His life,<br>Bought us eternal life,<br>Takes away all our sin,  | make a cross with<br>your index fingers       |
| its dous nee girt through  | Child                        | Makes our hearts clean within,<br>When we repent and believe in Him <i>Refrain</i>  | Touch heart<br>Make prayer hands and bow head |

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The jailer was so happy to hear how he could be saved! He confessed his sins to God and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He chose to live for God, rather then go on living his own way. God heard the jailer's prayer and forgave his sins. He made the jailer one of His dearly loved people. How the jailer rejoiced! God wants us to confess our sins to Him, too. He wants us to trust in Jesus and live for Him. He wants us to be His dearly loved people. HSK BQ 11L4 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1



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# Big Question II, Lesson 4 Take Home Sheet



**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved? **Answer:** 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!

#### How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

#### Some Questions for You

**1. What does it mean to confess something to God?** It means to tell Him about how we have disobeyed Him. **2. Why does want us to confess our sins to Him ?** He wants to forgive us for doing them.

3. How can we know God's forgiveness for our sins? By confessing our sins to God, trusting in Jesus as our Savior and choosing to live for God. God promises to forgive all who do.

#### Let's Pray!

- 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.
- 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.

#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Question 11 Hymn: Grace that Is Greater than All Our Sin from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 11, track 15

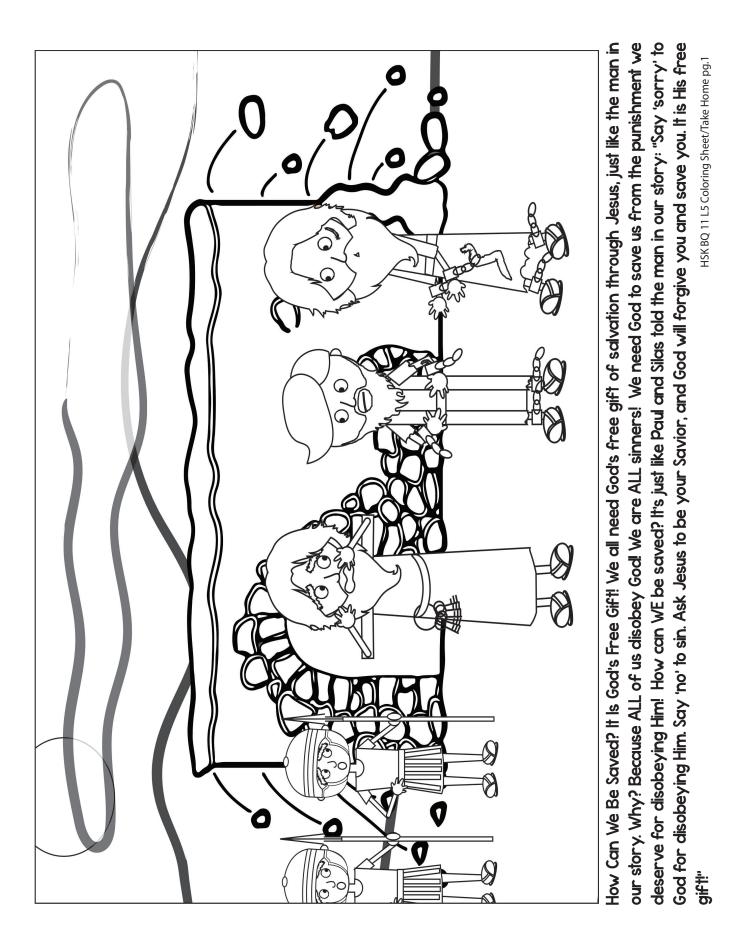
#### Verse 1

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Words: Julie H. Johnston Music: Daniel B. Towner

**Song Question:** Grace is a Bible word that means a free gift from God to us. What is the free gift that God offers to all who turn away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior? *Eternal life with God--the most wonderful thing we can ever know!* 

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# Big Question II, Lesson 5 Take Home Sheet



**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved? **Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift!

## Meaning:

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# How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

## Some Questions for You

**1. What did the people promise the LORD they would do with His perfect laws?** *Obey them.* 

**2.** Did they keep their promise? Who did the LORD need to send them? *No, they didn't. A Savior.* 

**3. Who is the Savior that God sent to save them?** It is Jesus, God's Son. He came to save all who tell God their sins and ask His forgiveness. He promises to save all who ask Him to be their Savior and live for Him. You can ask Him to be your Savior, too! He will help you. Just ask Him!

**4. Can Jesus be our Savior? How?** Yes! Jesus came to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. If we do this, Jesus will save us, too. We can know the happiness of knowing God in our heart even today. And one day, He will take us to live with Him forever in heaven. That will be happiest of all!

#### Let's Pray!

- 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.
- 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.

# Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Question 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name from Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 11, track 16

| All praise to Him who reigns above | Blessed be the name,             |
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| In majesty supreme.                | Blessed be the name,             |
| Who gave His Son for man to die,   | Blessed be the name of the Lord; |
| That He might man redeem!          | Blessed be the name,             |
|                                    | Blessed be the name,             |
|                                    | Blessed be the name of the Lord. |

#### Song Questions:

**1. Who is the great king who rules over everything?** *The Lord.* 

**2. What did He give us that make us want to praise Him so much?** The Lord gave His Son, Jesus, to save people like you and me from our sins. He offers us the gift of eternal life with Him!

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# Big Question II BIBLE STORY & KEY CONCEPTS

Dear Parents,

Big Question #II is: "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!"

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to further "HIDE God's Word in your heart and SEEK to know God, Himself!" Happy hiding and seeking!

-many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at www.praisefactory.org-

# Listening Assignments for Big Question II Bible Story: "The Case of the Most Important Question"

Acts I6

# Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out: 1. Who had one, important question? 2. What was the question?

# Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible verse is Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

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?

# Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story.

They are: a broken building; a earthquake; big sticks; and a rat.

Hold up each of the four pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.

I need to know:

1. Which picture was not in the story?

2. How were the other three things important in our story?

# Detective Dan's Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who confessed their sins to God--that is, who told God they were sorry for disobeying Him and asked for God's forgiveness?

2. What did God do for this man?

# Detective Dan's Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. What were Paul and Silas doing that got them into trouble?

2. Did they stop doing it, even after they got in trouble? Why or why not?

# Read the questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Hide 'n' Seekers! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

**Big Question II Bible Story** 

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

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

One night in Troas, as Paul was sleeping, Jesus spoke to him in a dream, "Go tell the Greek people about Me." Paul obeyed Jesus. So off went Paul and his friend, Silas. They sailed across the Mediterranean Sea and went up to the big city of Philippi.

Now, many people went to Philippi because of the goldmines in the mountains. These people wanted to be rich, rich, rich. But God wanted to give the people something even better than lots of gold. Do you know what He wanted to give them?

# Can you guess?

God wanted to give the people in Philippi eternal life through Jesus! We call this the gospel --the good news of God. The people of Philippi needed this good news very much. That's because they, like you and me and everyone else in the whole world, were sinners. They had all chosen to disobey God and deserved His punishment. But God chose to make a way to save them (and us), through Jesus! On the cross, Jesus paid for our sins with His perfect life, so we could be forgiven by God. And then, Jesus rose to life after being dead three days! He had beaten sin and death for God's people, and this proved it!

Now, God was sending Paul to tell the Philippian people this wonderful news, so they might turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus their Savior. Then God would forgive their sins and they would be His dearly loved people forever... and that is far, far, FAR better than gold!

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.

**But back in town, others were angry. They didn't this gospel was good news at all!** *Can you make an angry face? That's how those people felt about Paul and Silas.* 

They hit Paul and Silas with big sticks. They hurt all over. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch!

Can you say "ouch" like you are hurting all over your body?

They took Paul and Silas and put them in jail. They threw them in a dark room and tied up their feet.

Paul and Silas should have been crying. Boo, hoo! Boo, hoo! Their bodies hurt so much. Ouch, ouch, ouch!

Rub eyes as say, "Boo, hoo!" and hold body and say "Ouch!"

But Paul and Silas weren't crying! Do you know what they were doing? They were praying and singing to God. "Praise God! Praise God!" they sang.

Let's help Paul and Silas praise God: "Praise God! Praise God!"

Their bodies hurt. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! BUT, their hearts were happy! "We're happy we get to tell others about Jesus, even if we get hurt," Paul and Saul exclaimed. "We want people to hear how they can be saved. We know God will take care of us," they believed.

Do you think God would take care of them? Yes, He would. What do you think God did next?

Paul and Silas were right! God DID take care of them! Suddenly, the room shook and Paul and Silas' chains shook. Their bodies shook, too! Why, everything shook, shook, shook! And then, the ground split wide open! What was going on?!

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Big Question II Bible Story

#### use with all FIVE lessons

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

God had sent a HUGE earthquake!

The earthquake shook and shook and shook! It shook everything so much that the walls of Paul and Silas' room tumbled down.

Can you help me make the ground shake? Stomp your feet!

Their feet came loose from the chains... and THEY WERE FREE!

Can you make your feet move fast (in place) like you are running?

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 what's this? But Paul and Silas did NOT run away! Instead, they went right up to the jailer man. Wasn't he the one who had put them in that dark room and tied up their legs? What were Paul and Silas thinking!

What do you think they were going to do instead of run away?

Why weren't they running away? Because God had sent Paul and Silas to Philippi to give the people that gift that was better than gold and anything else. Can you remember what that gift was?

Can you remember? Eternal life!

God was about to use Paul and Silas to give that man that very wonderful gift of eternal life.

The jailer man fell down before Paul and Silas, trembling.

Can you make your body shake like you were trembling?

He had a big question for them. "Tell me, Paul. Tell me, Silas. What must I do to be saved?," the man asked them.

Paul and Silas were so happy! Here was someone else who wanted to hear about Jesus! "WE'D LOVE TO TELL YOU!" Paul and Silas said. They told the man the wonderful good news of Jesus--the gospel!

"Ask God to forgive your sins. Turn away from disobeying Him," Paul told the jailer man. "Ask Jesus to be your Savior. Yes, repent of your sins and believe in Jesus as your Savior, and God will save you. It is His free gift!" Paul exclaimed.

The Holy Spirit worked in that jailer man's heart as he listened to Paul and Silas. And do you know what that man did, right then and there? He asked God to forgive his sins. He turned away from disobeying God. He asked Jesus to be his Savior. Yes, right then and there, the Holy Spirit helped that man repent of his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior.

And do you know what GOD did, right then and there? God forgave that jailer man and saved him through Jesus! This man had been a sad, trembling man, but not any longer! Now he was a happy, happy man! God had saved him through Jesus that very night! Paul and Silas were very happy, too! They praised God for getting to tell about His wonderful free gift of forgiveness through Jesus, and for seeing this man receive it!

Let's cheer really loud!" Yay!

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| Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)  |   |  |
| It's time to see how we did with our Listening<br>Assignment.   | amazed and asked Paul what he must to do be saved.<br>Paul shared the gospel with him, and the jailer was   |  |
| Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:   | was saved!  |  |
| As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:<br>1. Who had the most important question? The jailer.<br>2. What was the question? Why was it so important?<br>"What must I do to be saved?" is the question, and it is<br>so important because we all need to be saved.<br>For You and Me:<br>The jailer was right. His question was a very big question<br>and it was a very good question. It's a question we<br>all need to know the answer to. What was the answer   | <b>For You and Me:</b><br>God is control over everything in this world. He<br>uses it all for His good planseven earthquakes and<br>enemies! Paul and Silas knew they could trust God.<br>So can we, when like the jailer, we turn away from our<br>sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, as God's<br>dearly loved people, we know He will use everything<br>in our lives for the good, too.   |  |
| Paul gave the man? He told him to turn away from<br>disobeying God and to ask God to for forgiveness. He<br>told him to trust in Jesus as his Savior. This is called<br>repenting and believing. The man did this and he was<br>saved! God will saved us, too, if we repent of our sins<br>and trust in Jesus as our Savior.  | <b>Detective Dan's Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:</b><br>As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:<br><b>1. Who confessed their sins to Godthat is, who</b><br><b>told God they were sorry for disobeying Him and</b><br><b>asked for God's forgiveness? Who turned away</b><br><b>from disobeying God and trusted in Jesus as his</b>  |  |
| Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:<br>Our Bible verse is Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is<br>death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus<br>our Lord."   | <ul> <li>Savior? The jailer did.</li> <li>2. What did God do for this man? God forgave the jailer and made him one of His dearly loved people.</li> <li>For You and Me:</li> </ul>  |  |
| As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:<br><b>1. Who was worried about his sins?</b> The jailer.<br><b>2. How did he find out about the gift of being saved</b><br><b>through Jesus? Did he receive it?</b> Paul told the jailer<br>when he asked him. Yes, he did! He receive it! repented<br>of his sins and trusted in Jesus that very night he heard<br>it!  | God delighted to hear that jailer's prayer! He was<br>happy to forgive his sins and make him one of His<br>people. The same can be true for us. God wants to<br>hear us tell Him how we have disobeyed Him and asl<br>for His forgiveness. He loves to help us to turn away<br>from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.  |  |
| For You and Me:<br>That jailer isn't the only one who has sins to think about.<br>We all have disobeyed God. We all need His forgiveness,<br>if we are to know God and enjoy eternal life with Him.<br>Just like the jailer, we can receive that wonderful gift of<br>eternal life, when we turn away from our sins and trust<br>in Jesus as our Savior.<br>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:<br>I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story.<br>They are: a broken building; a earthquake; big sticks; | <ul> <li>Detective Dan's Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:<br/>As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:</li> <li>1. What were Paul and Silas doing that got them<br/>into trouble? They were telling the good news of<br/>Jesus.</li> <li>2. Did they stop doing it, even after they got in<br/>trouble? Why or why not? They did not stop. They<br/>even told the jailer who hurt them with the sticks<br/>and had them put in jail! This was the most import-<br/>ant message that everyone needed to know. Nothing<br/>would stop Paul and Silas from telling it!</li> </ul> |  |
| <ul> <li>and a rat.</li> <li><b>1. Which of the three pictures belong in the story</b><br/>and which one does not? The rat does not.</li> <li><b>2. How were the other three things important in our</b><br/>story? Paul and Silas got in trouble for telling the good<br/>news of Jesus. They were hurt with big sticks and put in<br/>prison. God sent an earthquake that shook the ground<br/>and broke the jail building. Paul and Silas could run<br/>away, but instead they went to the jailer. The jailer was</li> </ul>   | <b>For You and Me:</b><br>The good news of Jesus is as important to us as it was<br>to the people back in Paul and Silas' time. We all still<br>need to hear it, believe it, and tell it! We all need to<br>turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus<br>as our Savior. God will help us. Ask Him! He loves to<br>answer this prayer!  |  |

| Big Question II Bible Story   | use with all FIVE lessons   | р. |
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| <b>The Gospel</b> (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Ass   | ssignments) Return to page 7 of the Lesson Plan<br>for the script of the rest of this lesson. |    |
| Our Bible Truth is:   |   |    |
| How Can We Be Saved?  |   |    |
| It Is God's Free Gift!  |   |    |
| We all need God's free gift of salvation throug<br>just like the man in our story. Why? Because A<br>disobey God! We are ALL sinners! We need God<br>us from the punishment we deserve for dis<br>Him!            | ALL of us<br>od to save   |    |
| How can WE be saved? It's just like Paul and S<br>the man in our story: "Say 'sorry' to God for dis<br>Him. Say 'no' to sin. Ask Jesus to be your Savior,<br>will forgive you and save you. It is His free gift!" | isobeying<br>; and God  |    |
| Yes! When we turn away from disobeying God a in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive us and  |   |    |
| What a wonderful beginning that will be! We w<br>know Him in our hearts now. Then one day, w<br>to live happily with God forever.   |   |    |
| Let's thank God and praise God right now for<br>Jesus to save us! Let's ask Him to help us to say<br>Him and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.  | -   |    |
| Close in prayer.  |   |    |
| Closing Unit 11 ACTS Prayer   |   |    |
| A=Adoration C=Confession T=Thanksgiv<br>S=Supplication  | ving  |    |
| A We praise You, God for being our Savior, w to rescue us from our sins as Your free gift.  |   |    |
| <b>C</b> God, we know we choose to disobey You a good laws. We need a Savior. Please forgiv help us to live for You.  |   |    |
| T Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Saneed. We could never save ourselves!  | Savior we   |    |
| <b>S</b> God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn av disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesu own Savior. We want Your free gift!   | •   |    |
| In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.   |   |    |
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# 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

"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!

#### 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.
- **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.

#### **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 Unit 11 Hymn: Grace Greater than All Our Sin, refrain Unit 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

# Unit II Big Question and Answer Extra Craft

# **Coloring, Gluing and Sticking Activity**

# **Craft Description**

Children will color and decorate the number associated with the Big Question they are learning.

# **Supplies**

White paper (cardstock is best)

Crayons, colored pencils, markers

Glue sticks

Small decorating items, such as glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), small fabric scraps, pom poms, sequins, small tissue or foil pieces, etc.

# Preparation

1. Print out copies of the Big Question and Answer and the Number onto separate sheets of paper.

- 2. Cut out the circle around the number.
- 3. Set out coloring and decorating supplies.
- 4. Make an example of each card to show the children.

# Directions

1. Show the children your example, telling them they are decorating and practicing the Big Question and Answer to go and tell their families and friends.

- 2. Have children first color their Big Question and Answer sheets,
- 3. Then have them use the additional decorating suppiles to fill in the space around their number.
- 4. Glue the number in place.
- 5. Write child's name on card.
- 6. Allow cards to dry.

# If you don't want to use the extra decorating supplies, just have the children coloring in their numbers and glue them in place on their Big Question and Answer sheet.

# **Practice Telling**

Have the children practice holding up the Big Question and saying it. You can have fun with this by having the children mimic when you raise it up, how you say it, etc. a sort of Simon Says element.