

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 14 Overview of Key Concepts

UNIT 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

Unit Big Question (and Answer): "How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day!"

Meaning:

Prayer is talking and listening to God. It's how God's people enjoy more of the special closeness they have with Him. It is a little bit like the forever happiness they will have with God when they live with Him in heaven.

God's people pray to God every night and day...and many times in between. There is so much to talk to Him about and God always wants to listen!

God's people tell God how wonderful He is. They say sorry for how they have disobeyed Him. They thank Him for all He's done for them and others. They ask Him to do great things. God's people want to stay close to God because He is the most wonderful person anyone can ever know. How happy they are that He is always there to listen and to help them! We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Unit 14 Bible Verse: Luke 18:1

"...always pray and do not give up."

Meaning:

God delights to hear our prayers! He loves to answer the prayers of His people—those who turn to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior! They can go to God with all their needs and requests. Sometimes they have to wait for God to answer their prayers, but God tells them to never give up and keep asking. He promises to answer them with what is best for them, at the time it's best for them. Ask God to help you become one of His people, too!

Unit 14 ACTS Prayer

- **A** We praise You, God, for being the One, True God who delights to hear our prayers.
- **C** God, we confess that like even though You love to hear our prayers, many times we do not take time to talk with You. We forget You or think we don't really need You. Please forgive us.
- **T** Thank You, God, for always hearing our prayers and never getting tired of listening. Thank You for caring about us so much. Thank You for answering so many prayers, every day.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus to save us from our sins. Help us to pray to You as we go through our day. Help us to know You are near and love to hear us when we talk to You. Help us to live our lives for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Unit 14 Story

The Case of the Man and the Big Teeth

Daniel 6

Songs Used in Unit 14 *Iisten to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org: Hide n Seek Kids Music page*

Big Q & A 14 Song

Big Question 14 Song: How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Unit 14 Bible Verse Song: Always, Always Pray Luke 18:1, NIV 1984

Unit 14 Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Unit 14 Praise Song: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs I4 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 14: THE GOD WHO DELIGHTS IN OUR PRAYERS

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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 14:

How Does God Want Us to Pray?
and the Answer is:
Every Night and Day!

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Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A IH Song

HSK NIV Songs 14, track 12 (adapted version of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm")

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!
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Ev'ry night and day!
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night and day!
How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!



"Always pray...



AND DO NOT GIVE UP!"

Luke 18:1

HSK 14 Bible Verse Picture--front

Unit I4 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:

Luke 18:1

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

Always, Always Pray: Luke 18:1

HSK NIV Songs 14, track 14

Always, always pray and do not give up, Always, always pray and do not give up, Always, always pray, Always, always pray, Always, always pray and do not give up.

"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?"

Daniel 6 "The Case of the Man with the Big Teeth"



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I I. Who had big teeth and who was the man who was with them?

2. Who did the man ask for help and did He help him?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Luke 18:1, DIV

"Always pray and do not give up."

I. Who ordered people to give up praying to the LORD?

2. Who kept on praying? How did the LORD answer his prayers?

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

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prayed to Him every night and day. Daniel prayed things like this: "Oh, LORD, You are the one, true God, to love You and live for You this day!" Yes, Daniel loved the LORD. He l praise You! You are so good to Your people! Thank You! Help me



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What would Daniel do? Would he stop worshipping the LORD, too?

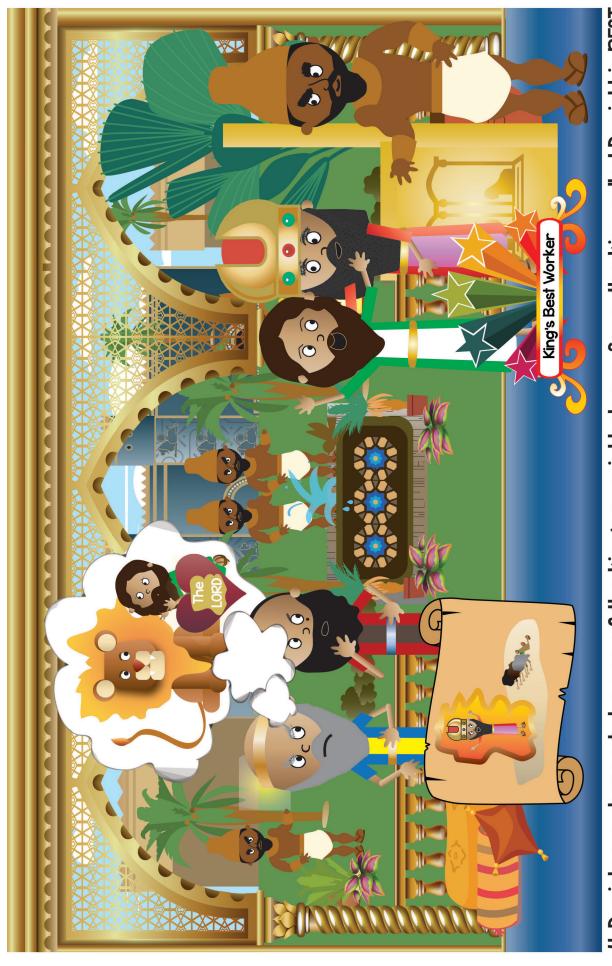
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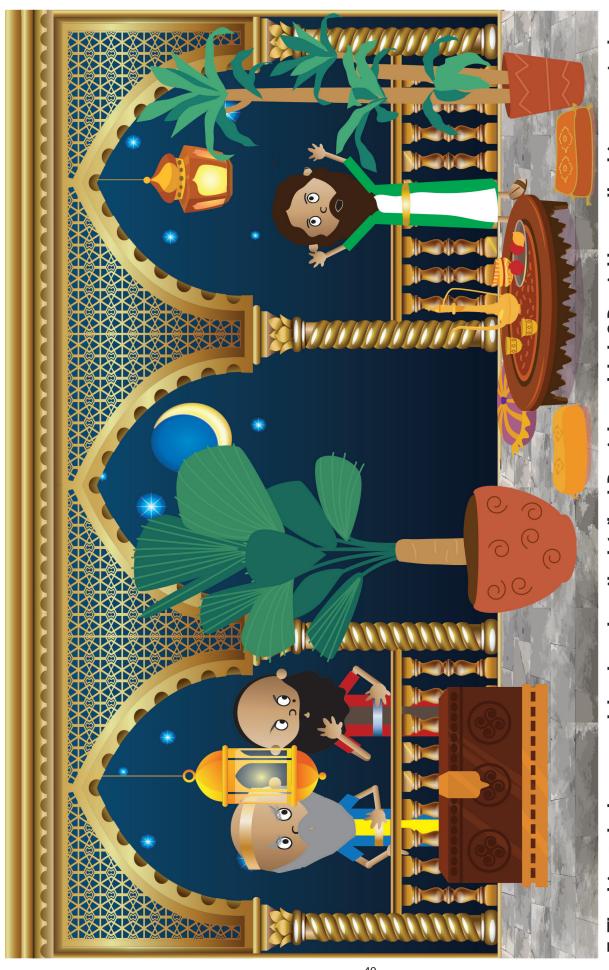


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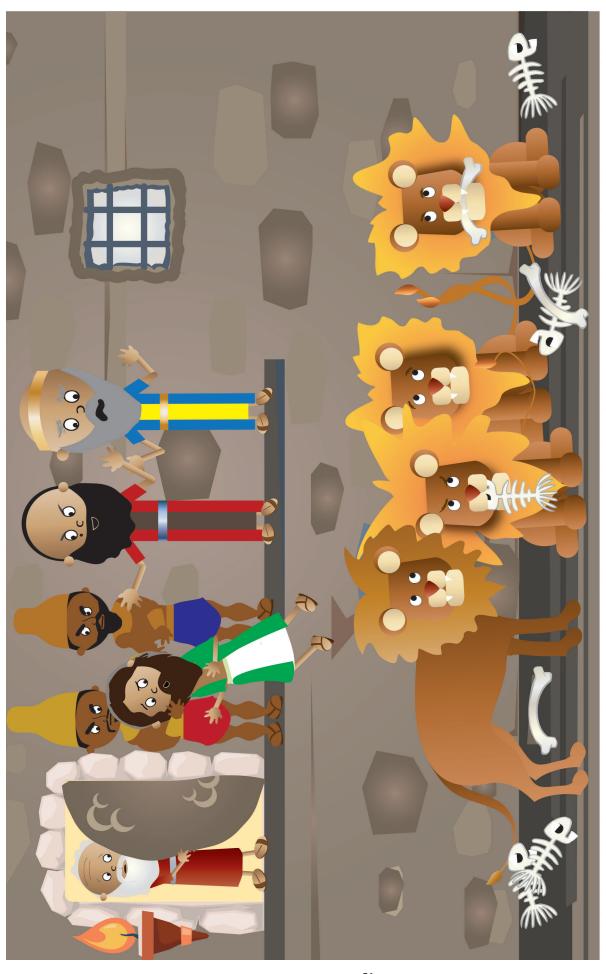


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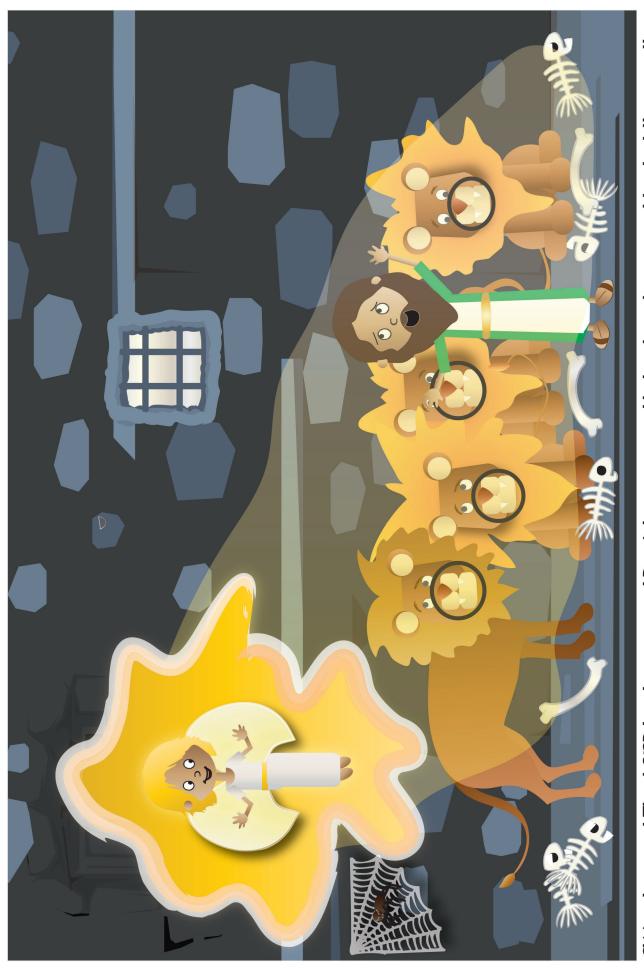
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9. Yes, he was! The LORD had answered Daniel's prayers.

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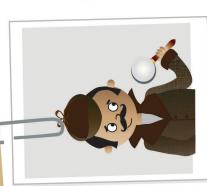
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Daniel 6 "The Case of the Man with the Big Teeth"



Detective Dan's Assignment #I Listening



Detective Dan's

Listening

Luke 18:1, NIV

Assignment #2

"Always pray and do not give up."

l. Who ordered people to give up praying to the LORD? The king (and his bad workers). 2. Who kept on praying? How did the LORD answer his prayers?

Daniel kept on praying. The LORD sent an angel to close the lions' mouths and kept Daniel safe. He showed everyone that He is the one, true God.

For You and Me:

Just like Daniel, we should never stop praying to the LORD. He is the one, true God. There is no other God, but Him. The LORD helped Daniel to keep on praying to Him, no matter what. He can help us to keep on praying to Him, too. He loves to help us. Just ask Him!

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How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every, Night and Day!

Daniel's prayers and answered him! God wants us to love Him and pray to Him, too. We can pray to God about everything, like Daniel did. But did you know, there is something God especially wants us to pray about? He wants us to ask Him to help us turn away from Daniel was a man who loved God and prayed to Him every night and day. God heard our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That is how we can become God's people!

hearts and have chosen to live our own way, instead of God's good way. And for this, we You see, all of us were created to love God and others, but none of us do. We all have sinfu deserve God's punishment.

people. Jesus died and was buried, but on the third day, He rose up from the dead. He a perfect life and offered it up on the cross, as the full payment for the sins of God's Yet God is so merciful that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived had beaten sin and death for God's people. This proved it!

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can know God in our hearts now. Then one day, we can go to live with God forever in heaven. That will be best of all!

A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being the One, True God who delights to hear our prayers.

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of listening. Thank You for caring about us so much. Every day, we see so Thank You, God, for always hearing our prayers and never getting tired many ways You answer prayers. God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus to save us from our sins. Help us to pray to You as we go through our day. Help us to know You are near and love to hear us when we talk to You. Help us to live out Your good rules for our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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