

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 15 Overview of Key Concepts

UNIT 15: God's People Gather Together

Unit Big Question (and Answer): "Why Do God's People Go to Church? To Worship God and Love One Another!"

Meaning:

A church is God's people gathering together. Some churches meet in special buildings. Some churches meet in homes. Some meet outside. No matter where they meet, when God's people gather together, they are a church. When God's people gather together as a church, they worship God. They worship Him for being the one, true God, who is not like anyone else. They worship Him for saving them through Jesus. They sing songs and pray to God. They listen to the Bible and learn how to obey it. God's people also gather together to love one another. They talk with each other, take care of each other, and pray for each other. The Bible tells us that God's people are to meet together often. Usually, this is on Sundays, the day that Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus promised that when God's people gather together, He will be there with them in a special way.

Unit 15 Bible Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together."

Meaning:

Why do God's people go to church? To worship God and love one another. The Bible tells God's people to not neglect meeting together! They need to keep on meeting together, week after week. God's people need keep going to church. At church, they learn so much about God. At church, they sing Him praises all together. They help each other love each other more, and love God most of all. They do good works that take care of each other's needs and help everyone live like Jesus. That's why we're at church even today!

Unit 15 ACTS Prayer

- A We praise You, God, for being the mighty Savior of your people--the Church.
- **C** God, we confess that too many times we don't want to go to church to worship You or love others. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for all the people who help us to worship You and love one other when we gather together. Thank You for saving millions and millions of people and making them part of Your people, the Church.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us become Your people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship You and love others when we gather together. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Songs Used in Unit 15 *listen to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org: Hide n Seek Kids Music page*

Big Q & A 15 Song

Big Question 15 Song: Why Do God's People Go to Church?

Unit 15 Bible Verse Song: Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together Hebrews 10:25, NIV 1984

Unit 15 Hymn: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship, v.1

Unit 15 Praise Song: Praise the Lord Together

Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 15 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)

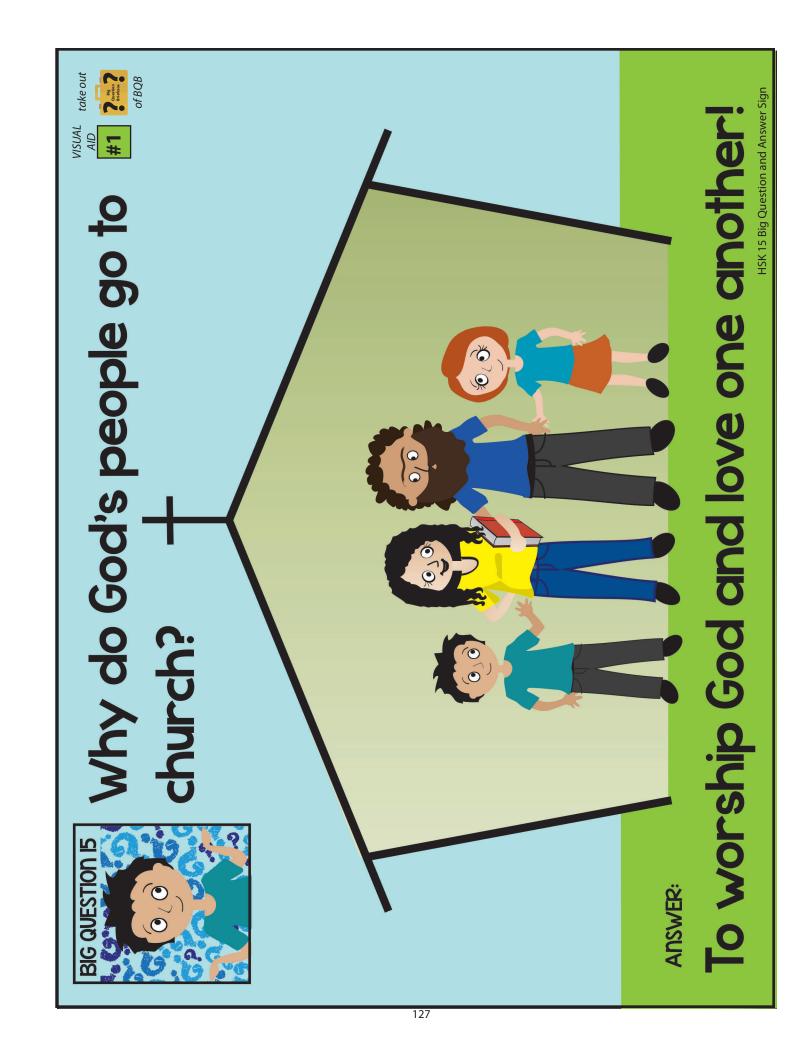
Why the Extra Songs?

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 15: GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

- 12 Big Q & A 15 Song
- 13 Big Question 15 Song: Why Do God's People Go to Church?
- 14 Unit 15 Bible Verse Song: Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together Hebrews 10:25, NIV 1984
- 15 Unit 15 Hymn: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship, v.1
- 16 Unit 15 Praise Song: Praise the Lord Together

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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 15:

Why Do God's People Go to Church? and the Answer is:

To Worship God and Love One Another!

Meaning:

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Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A I5 Song

HSK NIV Songs 15, track 12 (adapted version of "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

Why do God's people go to church? Go to church? Go to church? Why do God's people go to church? To worship God and to love one another!5



Unit I5 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:

Hebrews 10:24-25:

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together."

Meaning:

Why do God's people go to church? To worship God and love one another. The Bible tells God's people to not neglect meeting together! They need to keep on meeting together, week after week. At church, they learn about God from the Bible. At church, they sing songs of praise to God together. They pray to God and pray for each other. They help each other to love one another more and to love God, most of all. They do good works that take care of each other's needs and help everyone live like Jesus. That's why we're at church even today!

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

Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together: Hebrews 10:25

HSK NIV Songs 15, track 14

Let us not give us meeting together, Let us not give us meeting together, Let us not give up meeting together, Hebrews Ten, twenty-five.

"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?"

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Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening





Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together."

as you should. Who didn't neglect to meet together I. To neglect something means to not do it as much on the special worship day?

2. On what day did they meet together? What good things did they help each other

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

2. How did they show their love? it that they loved this way?

can count! four, five, six, seven, eight, and so many, many more. More than I l. Walk, walk, walk! Look at all the people walking! One, two, three,

people, the people who love Jesus. They are gathering together as a church. Who are all these people? Where are they going? These are God's



I. Walk, walk, walk! Look at all the people walking! One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and so many, many more. More than I can count! Who are all these people? Where are they going? These are God's people, the people who love Jesus. They are gathering together as a church.

2. Let's see what they are doing.

live like Him by loving You and loving others." so great! He loves us so much!" And together, they are praying to God: "God, forgive our sins. Thank you for sending Jesus. Help us they are singing to Him: "Praise God! Praise God! He is so good and They are gathering together to worship the LORD God. Together,

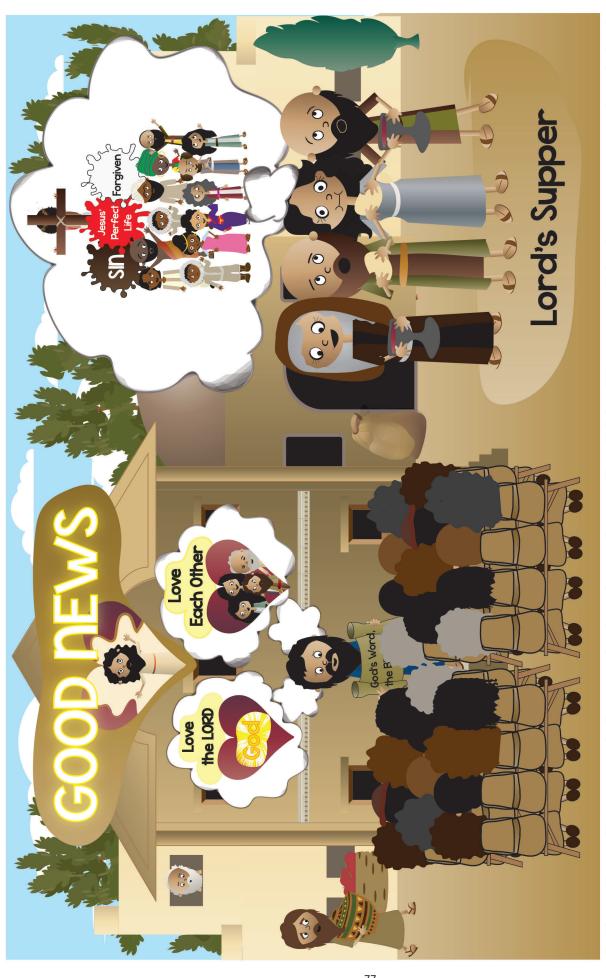


they are singing to Him: "Praise God! Praise God! He is so good and so great! He loves us so much!" 2. Let's see what they are doing. They are gathering together to worship the LORD God. Together, And together, they are praying to God: "God, forgive our sins. Thank you for sending Jesus. Help us live like Him by loving You and loving others."

3. Together, they are listening to teaching from the Bible. They want to know more about God. They want to learn to love people better, and to love God most of all.

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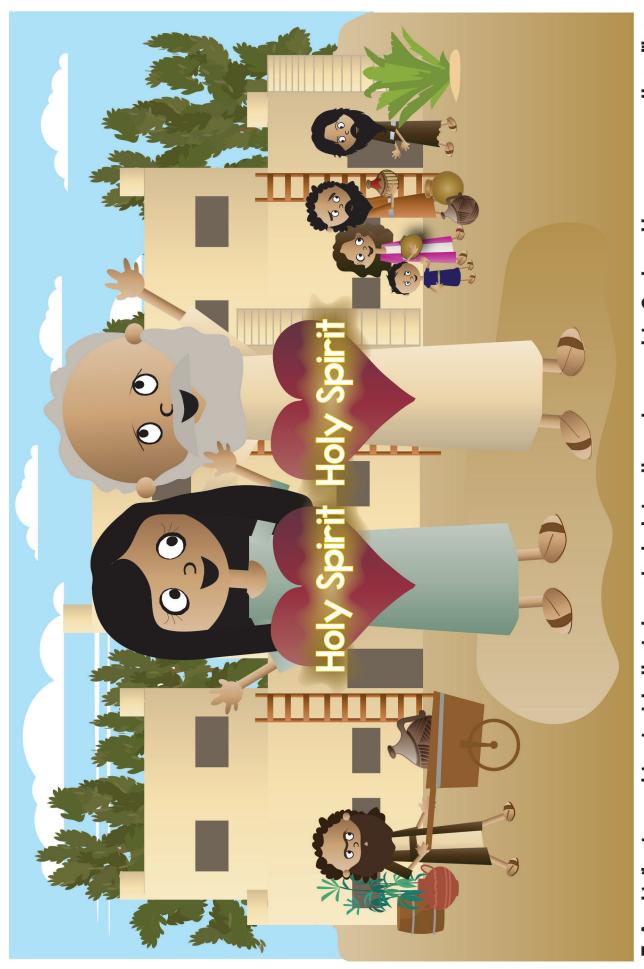
need. They share what they have with each other. They comfort and help each other learn God's Word and live it out. They help one other when they are sick or sad. They pray for one another each other love God and love one another. They care for each other and make sure everyone has what they



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5. And Who is working inside their hearts, helping them to worship God and love one another like this?

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Sunday to remember how Jesus beat sin and death for them. day Jesus rose from the dead. God's people gather together each 6. Sunday is a special worship day for God's people. That's the

special to gather together as a church. on working like it was any other day, God's people keep Sunday So, while some people sleep late on Sundays; and, while others keep



them. So, while some people sleep late on Sundays; and, while others keep on working like it was 6. Sunday is a special worship day for God's people. That's the day Jesus rose from the dead. God's people gather together each Sunday to remember how Jesus beat sin and death for any other day, God's people keep Sunday special to gather together as a church.

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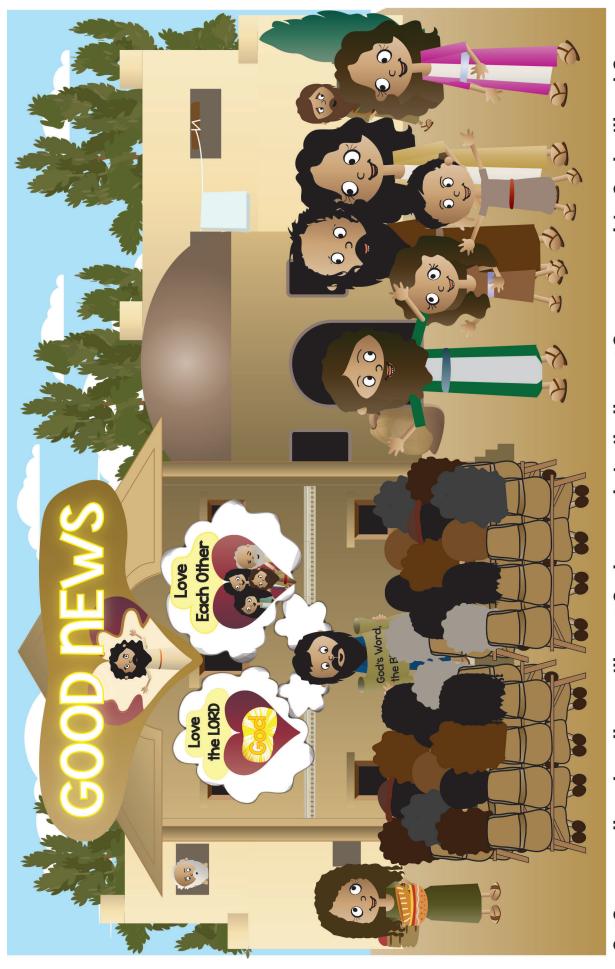
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7. Other people watch God's people. What do they think? What do they say? "Look at God's people as they gather together. See how much they love God. See how they worship Him. See how much they love each other. It's amazing how these people worship God and love one another. We want to know about Jesus, too!" they exclaim.

8. "Come, gather together with us," God's people invite them. "Come, to God. Turn from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior, You can become one of God's people, too!" they exclaim. the wonderful good news of Jesus, God's Son. He came to bring us worship God with us! Come, let us love you. Come, hear the gospel,

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let us love you. Come, hear the gospel, the wonderful good news of Jesus, God's Son. He came to bring us to God. Turn from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior, You can become one of 8. "Come, gather together with us," God's people invite them. "Come, worship God with us! Come, God's people, too!" they exclaim. God's people want everyone to become God's people, too!

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SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l





Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together."

I. To neglect something means to not do it as much as you should. Who didn't neglect to meet together on the special worship day?

God's people didn't neglect to meet together to worship God and love one another.

2. On what day did they meet together? What good things did they help each other do?

They met together each week on Sunday, their special worship day. They learned from God's Word and prayed to God. They cared for each others' needs.

For You and Me

God wants us to meet together with His people on the special worship day, too. He wants us to learn from His Word, the Bible, to pray to Him, and to care for others. God wants us to be His people; and we can be, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask HIm to help you!

I. Who were the people who loved a lot? Who was it that they

loved this way? God's people--the people who love Jesus-- were the people who loved a lot. They loved everyone, but especially God and who loved a lot. They loved everyone, but especially ead 2. How did they show their love? By gathering together to worship God and love one another. By praising God and learning to live His way. And, by caring For each other. For you and 1118:
We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our
We can be God's people, as our Savior. He will make us His
sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He will help us to gather together with God's people.
He will help us to worship Him and love each other. Ask Him to
He will help us to answer this prayer!

To Worship God and Love One Another!

Why Do God's People Go to Church?

Our Bible Truth is:

When God's people go to church, they praise God for Jesus. Why? Because Jesus died on the cross to save them from the punishment they deserved for

disobeying God.

for them. Oh, how wonderful it is, that Jesus would do all of this to be their Savior! But Jesus' death wasn't the end of Jesus! On Sunday, the third day, Jesus rose up God's people gather together every Sunday: to celebrate what Jesus has done from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. And that's why

You and me, we have disobeyed God, too. We deserve God's punishment, too! But from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as OUR Savior, He will forgive us and save we can praise God for Jesus, too. Do you know why? Because if we turn away

If we do, what a wonderful beginning that will be! We will get to know Him in our hearts now. Then one day, we will go to live with God in heaven forever.

A Prayer

We praise You, God, for being the mighty Savior of Your people -- the Church.

C God, we confess that too many times we don't want to gather together on Sundays to worship You or love others. Sometimes, we would rather stay at home or do something else. Please forgive us. We need a Savior! Thank You, God, for all the people who help us to worship You and love one other, when we gather together on Sundays. Thank You for saving millions and millions of people and making them part of Your people, the Church. God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to worship You and love others. Help us to gather together with Your people. Help us to become part of Your people, the Church.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)