

BIG QUESTION 15



Why do God's people go to church?

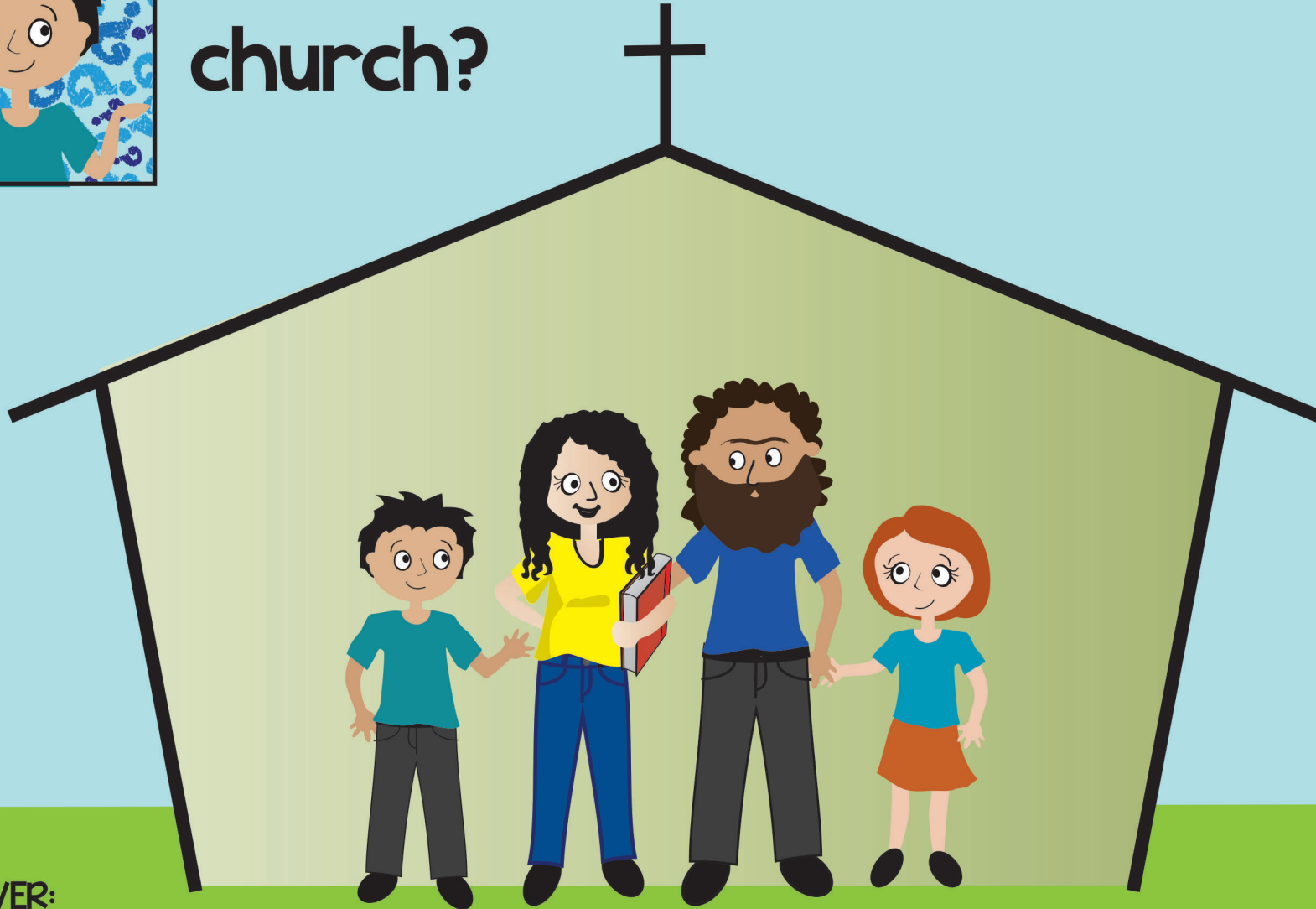
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ANSWER:

To worship God and love one another!

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:

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.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 15 Song

HSK ESV 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



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verse in
HSK Bible
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Folder
take out
Big
Question
Briefcase
of BQB

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together."

Hebrews 10:24-25

Unit 15 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:

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet 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!"

Stir Up: Hebrews 10:24-25

HSK ESV Songs 15, track 14, 14T

Stir up, stir up,
Let's consider how to stir up,
Stir up one another
To love and good works.
Stir up, stir up,
Let's consider how to stir up,
Stir up one another
To love and good works.
Not neglecting to meet together,
Not neglecting to meet together.

Stir up, stir up,
Let's consider how to stir up,
Stir up one another
To love and good works.
Stir up, stir up,
Let's consider how to stir up,
Stir up one another
To love and good works.
Hebrews Ten, twenty-four and 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?"

HSK 15 Bible Verse Picture--Back

The Case of the People Who Loved A Lot Acts 2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who were the people who loved a lot? Who was it that they loved this way?
2. How did they show their love?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together."

1. 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?
2. On what day did they meet together?
What good things did they help each other do?

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



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. 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!" 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. They are remembering Jesus died to save them. "Praise God for Jesus! Praise God for Jesus!" they say. "He has saved us. He is bringing us to God." That's what God's people do when they gather together. They worship God.



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



Holy Spirit Holy Spirit

5. And Who is working inside their hearts, helping them to worship God and love one another like this? God's Holy Spirit! He is doing these beautiful things inside of God's people. He is changing them to be more like Jesus.



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



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, worship God with us! Come, 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 God's people, too!" they exclaim. God's people want everyone to become God's people, too!

The Case of the People Who Loved A Lot Acts 2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. 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 each other.

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 Me:
We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He will make us His people. 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 help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together:"

1. 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!

Our Bible Truth is:

Why Do God's People Go to Church?

To Worship God and Love One Another!

The Gospel



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.

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

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

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

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 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!

T 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.

S 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.

