

BIG QUESTION 3



What Is the Gospel?

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ANSWER:

It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!

HSK 3 Big Question and Answer Sign Front

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 3:

What Is the Gospel?

and the Answer is:

It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!

Meaning:

Gospel means "good news." In the Bible, the gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, to save sinners like you and me from the punishment we deserve for our sins. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross, giving His perfect life as the full payment for our sins. This salvation is for all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. It is a gift God offers to us, too. Now that is good news, indeed!

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 3 Song

HSK NIV Songs 3, track 12

(adapted version of "Oh, My Darlin' Clementine")

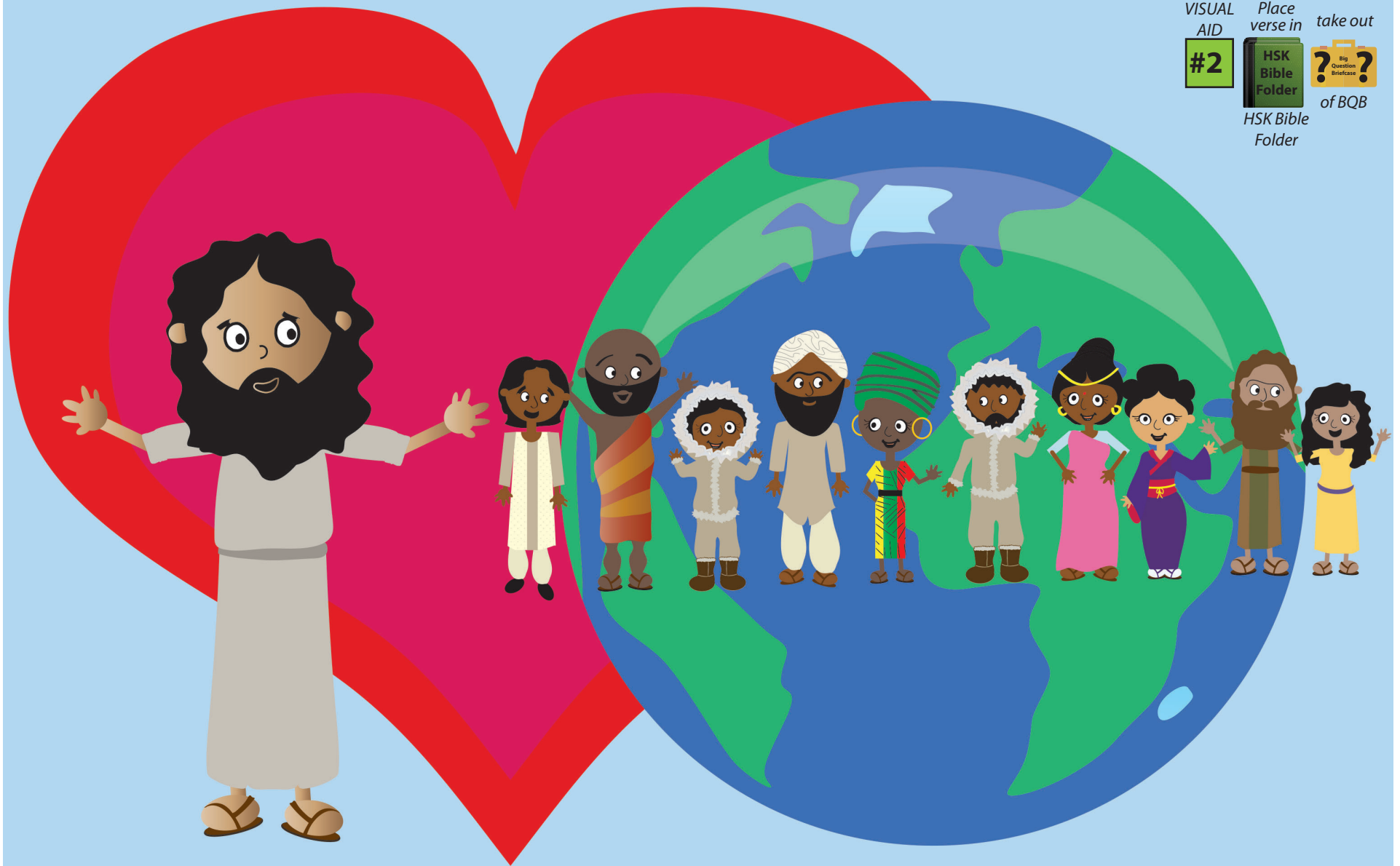
What's the gospel?

What's the gospel?

Can you tell me what it is?

It's salvation through faith in Jesus,

That's what the gospel is. (repeat)



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” JOHN 3:16

HSK 3 Bible Verse Picture--front

Unit 3 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:

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Meaning:

How great is God's love for sinners like you and me, that He would send His own Son, Jesus, to suffer and die for us! Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will not perish. They will not receive the punishment they deserve for their sins. Jesus has already paid for their sins when He died on the cross. Because of what Jesus has done for them, these people will enjoy eternal life with God. Here on earth, they will know God in their hearts and His care in their lives. And when they die, they will go to be with Him forever! God offers us eternal life, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

For God So Loved the World:

John 3:16

HSK NIV Songs 3, track 14

For God so loved the world,
That He gave His only Son,
That whoever believes in Him
Shouldn't perish,
But have eternal life. (refrain)
John Three, sixteen.

"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 Stranger's Very Good News" Acts 8:1-8



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who ran away from Jerusalem and went to Samaria?
2. What was the good news he brought with him and shared?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 3:16, NIV:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

1. Who did God use to tell the world the good news about His Son, Jesus?
2. What happened when they shared the good news?

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



I. "Run away! Jerusalem isn't safe anymore!" the church leaders told the believers. "The enemies of Jesus are after you! They will hurt you and put you in jail," they warned. So, most of the Christians packed their bags and ran, ran, ran out of town!



2. Some Christians went down the sea and made their home there. And what good news did they tell the people they met? The gospel--the good news of Jesus!



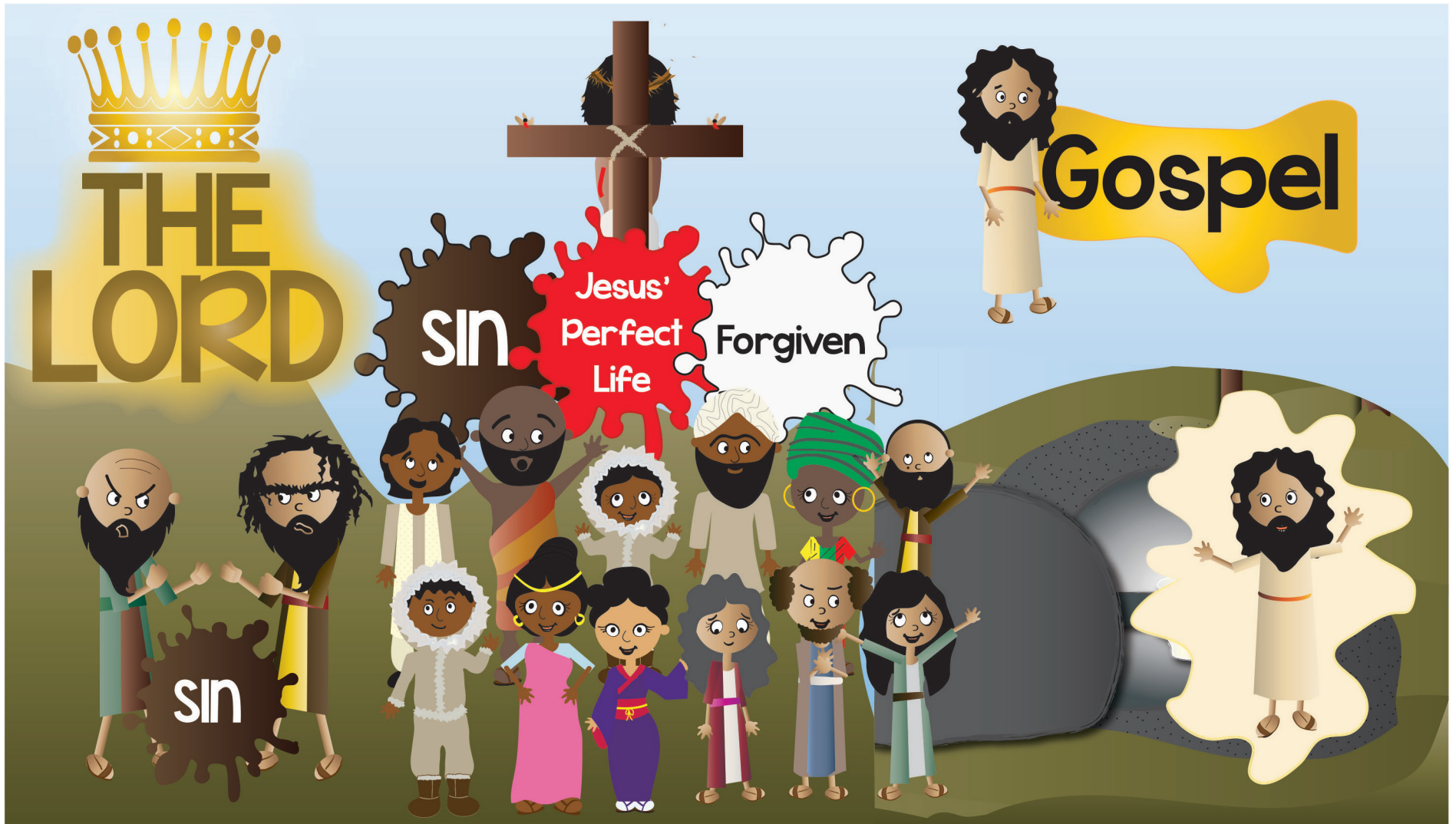
3. Some went out to dry, deserty lands and made their home there. And what did they tell the people they met there? The gospel--the good news of Jesus!



4. Some went up to the tall mountains and made their home there. And what did they tell the people they met there? The gospel--the good news of Jesus!



5. Some even went to live in other countries. Philip was one of these. He went to the land of Samaria. And what did he tell the people? You guessed it! The gospel, the good news of Jesus.



6. This is the good news Philip shared: "God is the good King and Creator of the whole world. He created us and we should obey Him. But instead, we've all chosen to disobey Him. That's sin. We all deserve His punishment for our sins against Him. We need a Savior!" Philip said. "God sent Jesus to be that Savior. Jesus is God's perfect Son who came to earth to suffer and die on the cross to pay for our sins. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death," Philip told. "Turn away from your sins! Ask Jesus to be your Savior!" He urged them.



7. God did amazing things as Philip shared about Jesus. Many sick people were healed by God's power. But best of all, the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many as they heard the gospel. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. What a happy day for Philip and these new believers! The gospel really was such good news!

"The Case of the Stranger's Very Good News" Acts 8:1-8

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who ran away from Jerusalem and went to Samaria?
Philip.

2. What was the good news he brought with him and shared?
That God forgives our sins and makes us His people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

For You and Me:

The good news Philip shared wasn't just for the people of Samaria. It's for us, too! God will forgive our sins and make us His people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will help us do this, if we ask Him to. What good news that is!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 3:16, NIV

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

1. Who did God use to tell the world the good news about His Son, Jesus?
His people--Philip and the other Christians.

2. What happened when they shared the good news?
God worked in the hearts of many. They turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:

God still uses His people today to tell others the good news about His Son, Jesus. God has even used them to tell us the good news of Jesus today! We can ask God to work in our hearts and help us to believe the good news of Jesus. We can ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to do this!

Our Bible Truth is:
What Is the Gospel?
It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!

The Gospel



Philip was so happy when the people of Samaria heard the good news of Jesus and believed. That good news can be for us, too!

You see, we have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment, but Jesus came to take the punishment for sins when He died on the cross. His perfect life paid for them all! He rose from the dead on Day Three, proving He had really beaten sin and death.

Jesus can be our Savior when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. When we do, God will forgive our sins and save us! He will live in our heart, helping us to know Him right now. And one day, we will go to live with Him in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



A Prayer

A We praise you, God. You love us so much! You, Yourself, have chosen to send a Savior to save us!

C God, in our heart we know that You are God and that we should obey You, but many times we don't. We are all sinners who deserve Your punishment for disobeying You. Oh, how we need a Savior!

T Thank You for sending Your dear Son, Jesus to be that Savior. Thank You for making the way for our sins to be forgiven.

S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and live for You. Help us to go and tell others the good news of the gospel, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

