

### **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 8 Overview of Key Concepts

### **UNIT 8: The God Who Loves**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** "What Is God's Love for His People Like?

It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!"

### **Meaning:**

God has a special people He loves. They come from all over the world. They've lived in every time --from long ago, all the way up to today. And there's millions and millions of them!

There is nothing better than being one of God's special people! God has adopted them as His children. He promises to love and care for them always. They have special closeness with Him in their hearts; and one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever.

God's people know His love for them is more than they could ever deserve. They know God didn't make them His special people because they were so good. They are sinners who have disobeyed His good laws, just like everyone else. They know that God loves them just because He loves them.

God's love for His people is the biggest love there will ever be. It's so big that God sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to pay for their sins. That was the only way they could become His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### **Unit 8 Bible Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:34**

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

### **Meaning:**

The LORD is God's name. The LORD loves His people with a love that will never end. How wonderful to know a love like that! And we all can, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Don't we have so much to thank the LORD for!

### **Unit 8 ACTS Prayer**

- **A** We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve.
- **C** God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to save us!
- Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.
- **S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Unit 8 Story**

### The Case of the Eager Enemy's End

Acts 7-9

**Songs Used in Unit 8** listen to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org: Hide n Seek Kids Music page

Big Q & A 8 Song

Big Question 8 Song: What Is God's Love for His People Like? Unit 8 Bible Verse Song: Forever and Ever 1 Chronicles 16:34

Unit 8 Hymn: And Can It Be, v.1 refrain Unit 8 Praise Song: God Is So Good

### Hide 'n' Seek Kids NIV Songs 8 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)

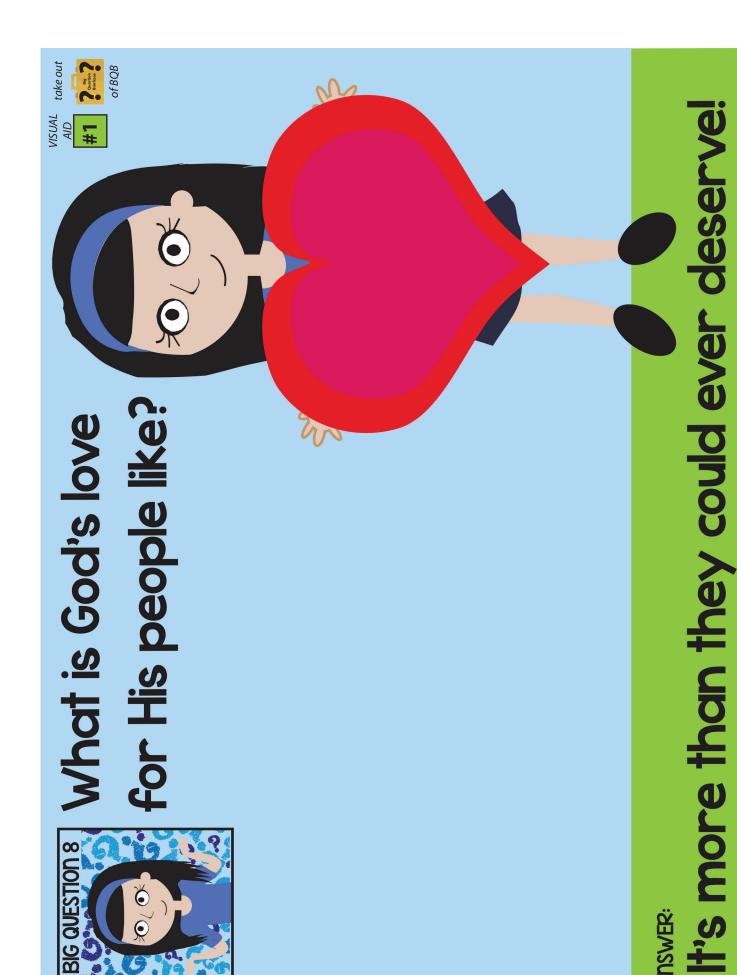
### Why the Extra Songs?

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 8: THE GOD WHO LOVES**

- 12 Big Q & A 8 Song
- 13 Big Question 8 Song: What Is God's Love for His People Like?
- 14 Unit 8 Bible Verse Song: Forever and Ever 1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV 1984
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**ANSWER**:

HSK 8 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 8:

What Is God's Love for His People Like? and the Answer is:

It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

### Meaning:

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Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

# Big Q & A 8 Song

HSK NIV Songs 8, track 12 (Adapted version of "Baa. Baa. Black Sheep")

What is God's love for His people like? More than they could ever deserve! What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? More than they could ever deserve!



### "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;



his love endures forever!"

I Chronicles 16:34

# Unit 8 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" and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

## 1 Chronicles 16:34

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!"

### Meaning:

The LORD is God's name. The LORD loves His people with a love that will never end. How wonderful to know a love like that! And we all can, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Don't we have so much to thank the LORD for!

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

# Forever and Ever: 1 Chronicles 16:34

HSK NIV Songs 8, track 14

Oh give thanks to the LORD, Oh give thanks, O give thanks to the LORD, Oh give thanks. For He is good, And His steadfast love, Endures forever. Repeat

Forever and ever and ever and ever,
Forever and ever and ever and ever and ever.
First Chronicles Chapter Sixteen, verse thirty-four.

"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 8 Bible Verse Picture--Back

# Acts 7-9 The Case of the Eager Enemy's End



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1 I. Who was the Eager Enemy and what was he eager to do?

2. What happened to the Eager Enemy that changed what he wanted to do?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



I Chronicles 16:34, NIV

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

I. How did the LORD love and change the Eager Enemy?

2. Why was it so amazing that the LORD would love him?

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

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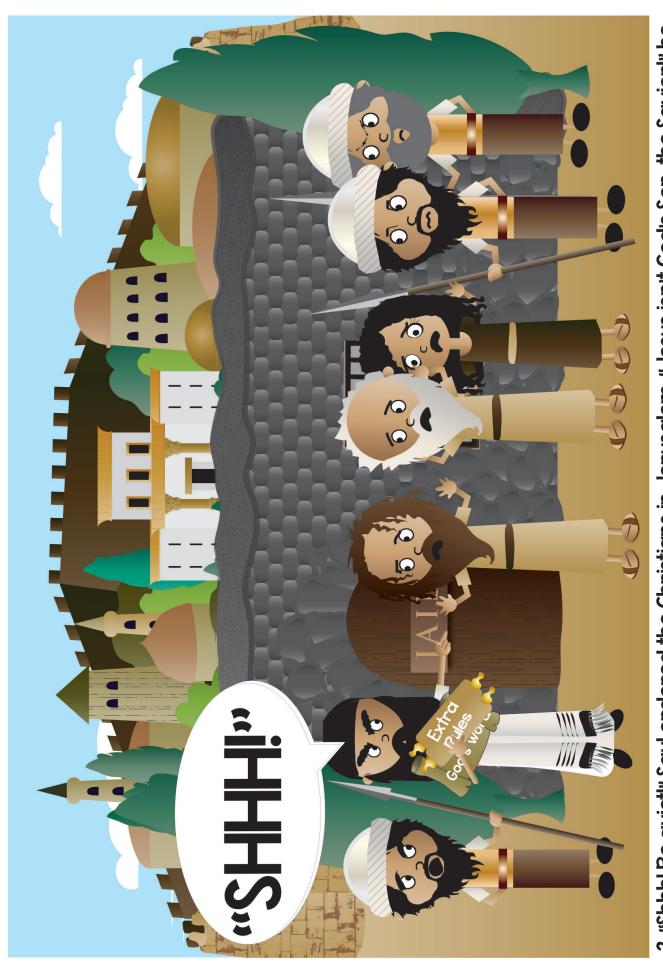


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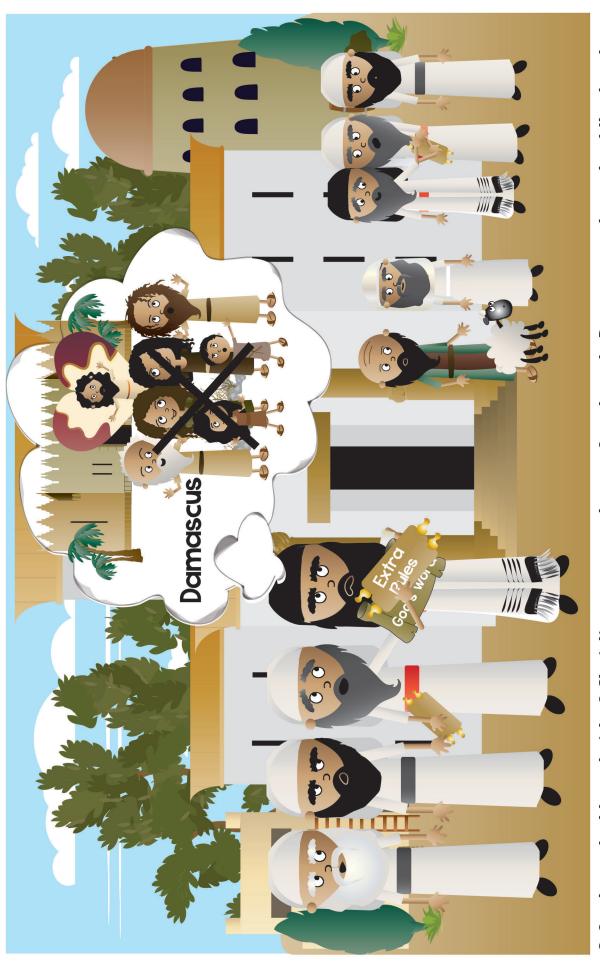
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# Acts 7-9 The Case of the Eager Enemy's End



# SOLVED

### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. Who was the Eager Enemy and what was he eager to do? Saul was the eager enemy of the Christians--the people who believed in Jesus.

2. What happened to the Eager Enemy that changed what he

wanted to do?
Jesus appeared to Saul. Now Saul knew that Jesus was no Jesus appeared to Saul. Now Spirit worked in Saul's heart. Fake. He was God's Son. The Holy Spirit worked in Jesus as his He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. Then Saul became an eager FRIEND, instead of an eager enemy of Jesus and His followers.

For You and ITIE:
God is amazing! That He would love and forgive even His
biggest enemies, even people like Saul! God loved Saul and
biggest enemies, even people like Saul! God loved Saul and
saved him through Jesus. God can change us, too, when we
turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God
turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God
loves to help us do this!

### Defective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Chronicles 16:34, NIV

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever:"

I. How did the LORD love and change the Eager Enemy?
The LORD could have punished Saul for hating Him and being so mean to the Christians. Instead, He showed Saul that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior. God's Holy Spirit worked in Saul's heart and helped him trust in Jesus as his Savior.

2. Why was it so amazing that the LORD would love him? Saul deserved God's punishment for how he had hated Jesus and God's people. But instead of punishment, God loved Saul and forgave his sins through Jesus.

### For You and Me:

There is no one so bad that God cannot forgive or change them. God can even work in the hearts of people who do not love Him at all. He can work in our hearts, too. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

It's More than They Could Ever Deserve What Is God's Love for His People Like?

Our Bible Truth is:

How great is God's love, that He would love and forgive someone like Saul! Someone who had disobeyed Him and done such bad things! We aren't that different from Saul. There is sin in our hearts, too. We choose to do things our own way. We do bad things and even have hateful thoughts. We need God to work in our hearts that we might know Him and live for Him. How great is God's love, that He offers to help us, love us, and forgive us, tool Yes, God offers to make us dearly loved His people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, who died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose up from the dead in victory on the third day.

like He did Saul. We will get to know God in our hearts now. And then one day, we And what a wonderful beginning that will be, if we do! God will make us new, just will go to live happily with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

## A Prayer

A We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve. C God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We have punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to chosen to do things our own way, not Your good way. We deserve Your save us!

T Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end. S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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