

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 4,

Bible Truth 1

Story Scene Pictures

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. You can add a third 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 through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

Unit 4: The God Like None Other

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD... there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below." 1 Kings 8:23

Bible Truth 1 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He is a Glorious Spirit

God is a spirit, great and glorious. We cannot see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. So how can we know what God's Spirit is like? God's Word, the Bible tells us! The Bible tells us of times, long ago, when God let people see some of His glory--the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. And, it tells us that God made each of us with a spirit a bit like His great and glorious Spirit so that we can know and love Him. Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!

But most of amazing of all will be the day when God's people see Jesus in heaven. There He will be shining brightly with the beautiful glory of God's Spirit. How wonderful that will be to see Him like that!

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: John 4:24

"God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Learn a Little: "God is spirit."

Meaning

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Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are a glorious spirit!
- C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- T** Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit to know and love You.
- S** God, help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story**The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness**

1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: There Is No God Like You 1 Kings 8:23, NIV 1984

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

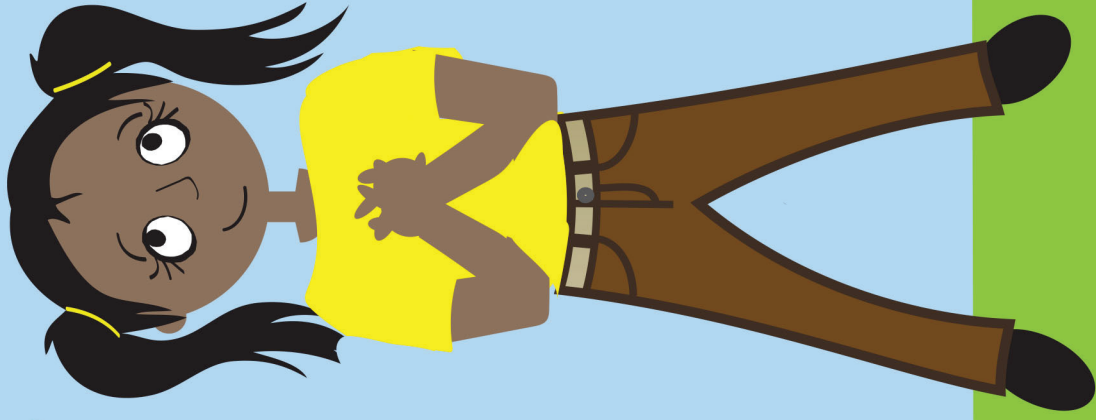
Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: God Is Spirit John 4:24, NIV 1984

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BIG QUESTION 4



Can Anybody Tell me what the LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

VISUAL
AID

#1

take out



of BQB

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 4:

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

and the Answer is:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Meaning:

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "


Big Q & A 4 Song


DDD NIV Songs 4, track 12

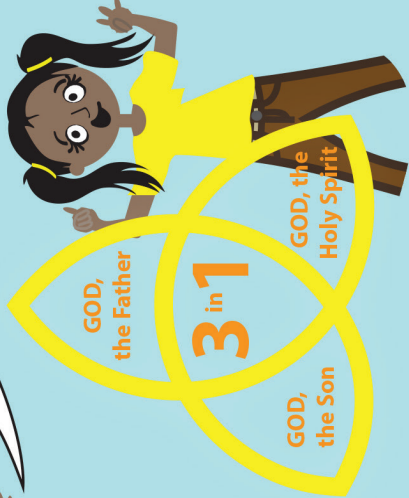
(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")


Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
Anyone else, anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
That's what the LORD is like.

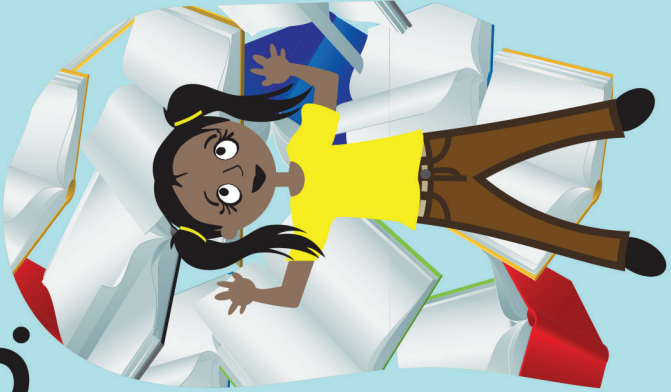
BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

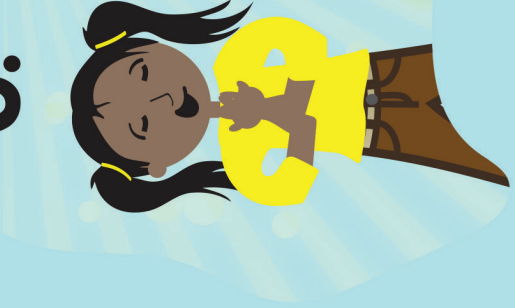
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1. **THE LORD**
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2. Only the LORD is God!
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3. GOD, the Father
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GOD, the Son
GOD, the Holy Spirit
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Visual Aid #2 of BQB

This Unit's Bible Truths

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about what God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

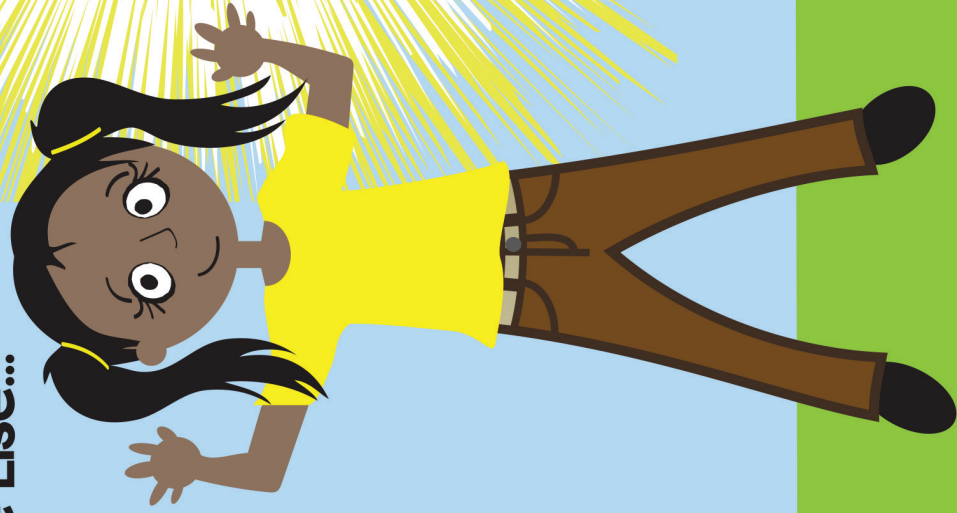
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I?

Can Anybody Tell Me What
the LORD Is Like?

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HINT: "What does God glory
shine out from?
It starts with an "s"
and it rhymes with "hear it."



THE
LORD

ANSWER:

He Is a Glorious **SPRIT!**

Visual take out
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of BQB

Revealing the Bible Truth

We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!
He Is a Glorious ????”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What does God glory shine out from? It starts with an “s” and it rhymes with “hear it.”

Can you guess? It’s “spirit!”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
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He Is a Glorious SPIRIT!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

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Best of all, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth, giving Him a body so He could be our Savior. Jesus showed us what God is like. He was fully God AND fully a man, all together in one! How amazing!



**“God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship
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John 4:24

Visual Aid

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Bible™

take out

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Bible Truth | Bible Verse

Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

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DDD NIV Songs 4, track 19

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John Four, twenty-four.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth?

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

1. King David lived in a big, beautiful house made of the finest stone and wood, but the Ark of the Covenant (the special, golden box where God would meet with His people) lived in a tent.

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“Come, priests and Levites! You are the only ones allowed to carry the Ark and other special, worship things into the new, Worship House. It’s time to put them in,” the king ordered.

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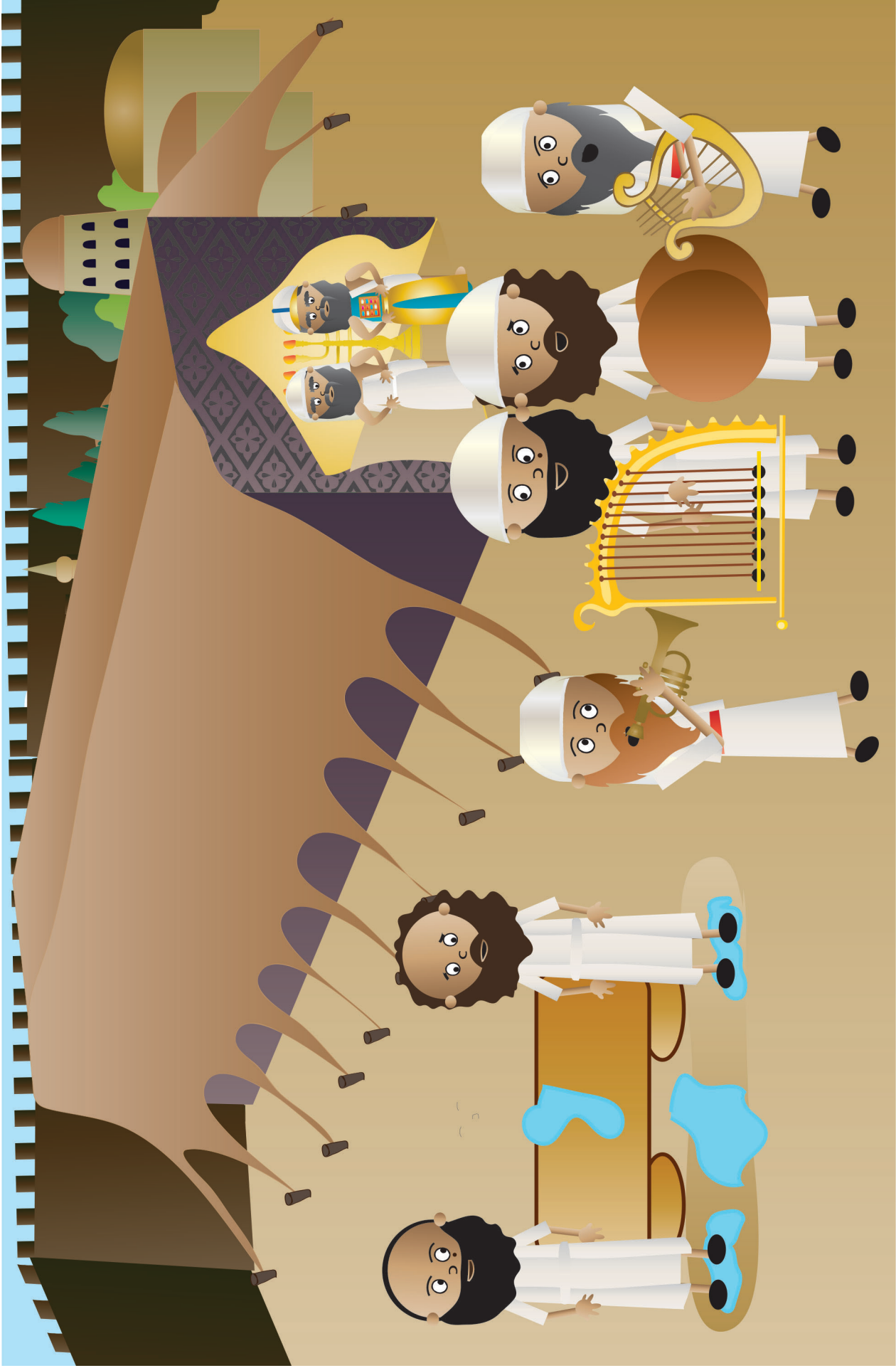
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And they stayed right there next to the Worship House for seven, whole days, worshipping and celebrating with a big party.

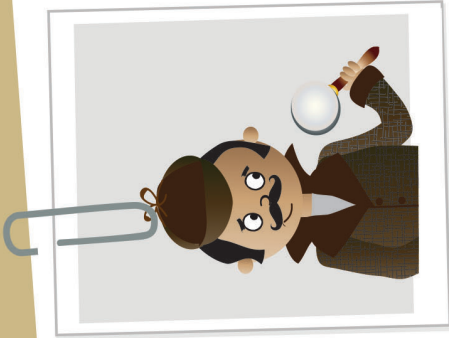


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DDD 4.1 Simple Story Scenes

The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness | Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness? The Temple, the new Worship House, was finished and ready to be used for worship.

2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean? The blazing brightness was the glory of the LORD that came down from heaven and filled the Temple. It was how the LORD showed the people that He would meet with them in the new Worship House.

For You and Me:
How wonderful it must have been to see the beautiful glory of the LORD's Spirit that day! But how more amazing it is that God's own Son, Jesus would come to earth to live among us, and to suffer and die for our sins! Jesus can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, He will send the Holy Spirit to live inside our very hearts and meet with us, His dearly-loved people, there!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 4:24, NIV

"God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed He had come to meet with the people in the Temple, the new Worship House?

He let them see the blazing brightness from the glory of His Spirit as it came down and filled the new Worship House.

2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth? They brought their worship gifts to the LORD. They sang praises to Him. They prayed to Him and bowed down before Him.

For You and Me:

God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth, too. How can we do that? We can sing praises to Him and pray to Him, like those people did long ago. Most of all, we can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can help us do this. Ask Him!

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Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
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The Gospel

What a day it was, when God showed Solomon and all the people some of His glory as His presence filled the Temple! But it's even more amazing that God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to be our Savior. He was still God, but now He was human, too. When people saw Jesus, they were seeing God!

What did Jesus have to do to be our Savior? He lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave his life to pay for all of the sins of God's people. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose to life. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now.

And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever.

God can help you become one of His people, too.

Ask Him! He loves to do this!



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A Prayer

A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like You. You are a glorious spirit!

C God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not really there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.

T Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit so we can know and love You.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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