

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 2,

Bible Truth 1

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 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

Unit Big Question (and Answer): "What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word!"

Unit Bible Verse: "As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless... The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!" Psalm 18:30,46

Bible Truth 1 Concept: God Made Sure It Was Written Down Just Right

The Bible looks like one, big, thick book; but, it's really sixty-six books, all put together. Many people, over many years, wrote down these books. Some wrote down songs to God. Others wrote down His laws. Some wrote down God's promises and warnings. Others wrote down stories of the great things that God has done for His people; and, how He sent Jesus to save them.

But why do we call the Bible "God's Word", if all these people really wrote down the words? Because God did something very special inside each of those people as they wrote down those words. God's Holy Spirit worked inside of them so that their words weren't just their own words; they were God's perfect words, too. Isn't that amazing? There really is no other book like the Bible, is there?

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Learn a Little: "All Scripture is God-breathed."

Meaning

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Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise you, God, for giving us Your Word, the Bible. We praise You for how Your Holy Spirit worked inside of so many people to write it down just right.
- C** God, You have given us Your Word, but often we don't want to listen to it or obey it. Please forgive us.
- T** Thank You for making sure Your Word was written down just right. Thank You that we can trust it to be true. And thank You for giving it to us, so we can better know You and how You want us to live.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to understand Your Word and want to obey it. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story**The Case of the Words that Were Always Right**

Exodus 24; Deuteronomy 5,31; 2 Timothy 3:16

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 2 Song

Big Question 2 Song

Big Question 2 Bible Verse Song: As For God, His Way Is Perfect: Psalm 18:30

Big Question 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1

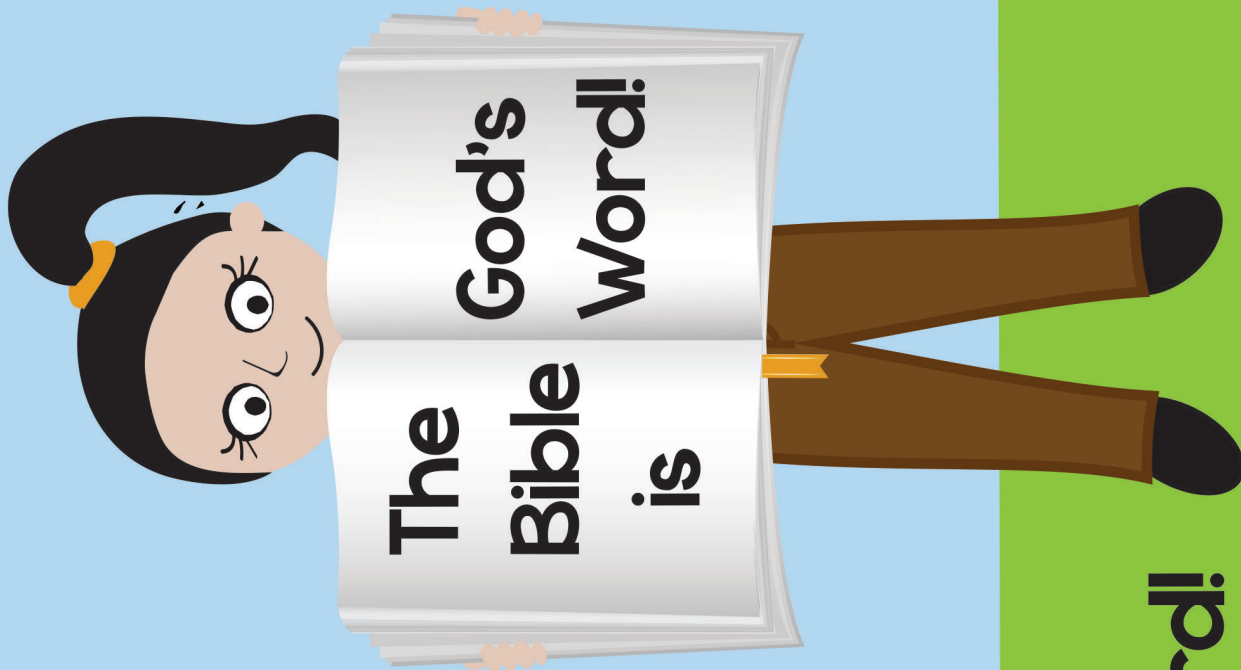
Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: All Scripture Is Breathed Out by God 2 Timothy 3:16-17

BIG QUESTION 2



What's so special about the Bible?



ANSWER:

It alone is God's Word!

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#1

take out



DDD 2 Big Question and Answer Sign

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 2:

What's So Special about the Bible?

and the Answer is:

It Alone Is God's Word!

Meaning:

There are millions of books in the world, but none is like the Bible. It alone is God's perfect Word! God made sure it was written down just right. It tells us everything we need to know God and to live for Him. It is powerful to do everything God wants it to do. Everything else in this world may come and go, but God's Word will last forever. It will always prove true.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A 2 Song

DDD NIV Songs 2, track 12

(adapted version of "Three, Blind Mice")

What's so special about the Bible?

It alone is God's Word!

It alone is God's Word!

It's always true,

It can make you wise,

It can work pow'r'f'ly in your life.

It alone is God's Word!

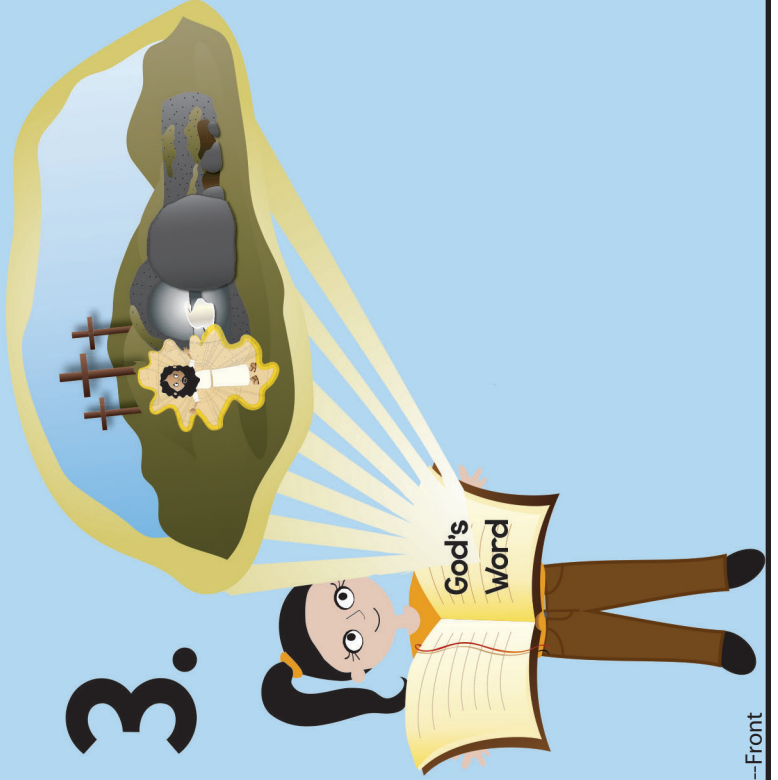
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BIG QUESTION 2: Four ways God's Word Is Special

1. Holy Spirit



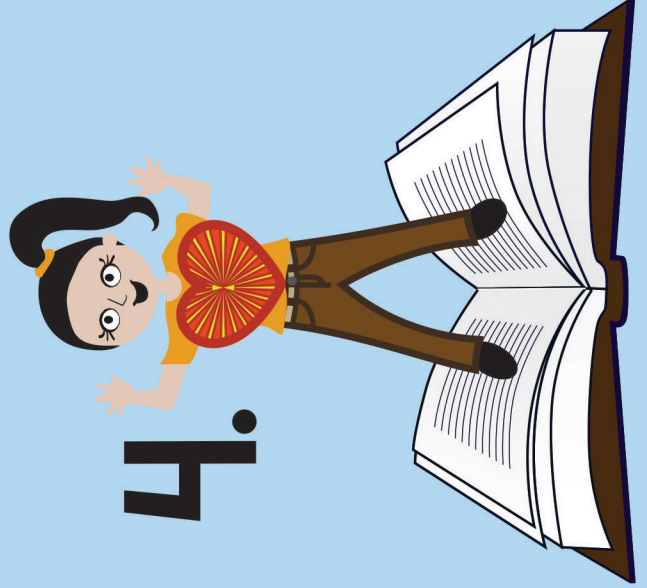
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of BOB

This Unit's Bible Truths

"Knowing that the Bible alone is God's Word 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 **FOUR** Bible truths that all tell us more about what makes the Bible so special.

Let's look at our Bible Truth Clue and 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 get it out and hand it to you. Then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue 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 and hand it to you.

What's So Special about the Bible?

It Alone Is God's Word...

**God made sure it was
written down just ???!**

**HINT: What's the opposite of
something being wrong?
It rhymes with "light."**

Holy Spirit



ANSWER:

God made sure it was written down just RIGHT!

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:

**“What’s So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God’s Word...
God made sure it was written down just ???? !**

We are missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s the opposite of something being wrong? It rhymes with the word “light.”

Can you guess? It’s “right”.

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“What’s So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God’s Word...
God made sure it was written down just RIGHT !**

And here what this Bible Truth means:

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

The Bible looks like one, big, thick book; but, it’s really sixty-six books, all put together. Many people, over many years, wrote down these books. Some wrote down songs to God. Others wrote down His laws. Some wrote down God’s promises and warnings. Others wrote down stories of the great things that God has done for His people; and, how He sent Jesus to save them.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17



DDD 2.1 Bible Verse Picture--front

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:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us:

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

All Scripture Is God-breathed: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

DDD NIV Songs 2, track 17

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For rebuking, correcting,
For training in righteousness,
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Second Timothy Three, sixteen and seventeen.

"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's read what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"

The Case of the Words that Were Always Right

Exodus 24; Deuteronomy 5, 31; 2 Timothy 3:16



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Whose words were always right?
2. What's the name of the big book where these words were written down?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Timothy 3:16, NIV

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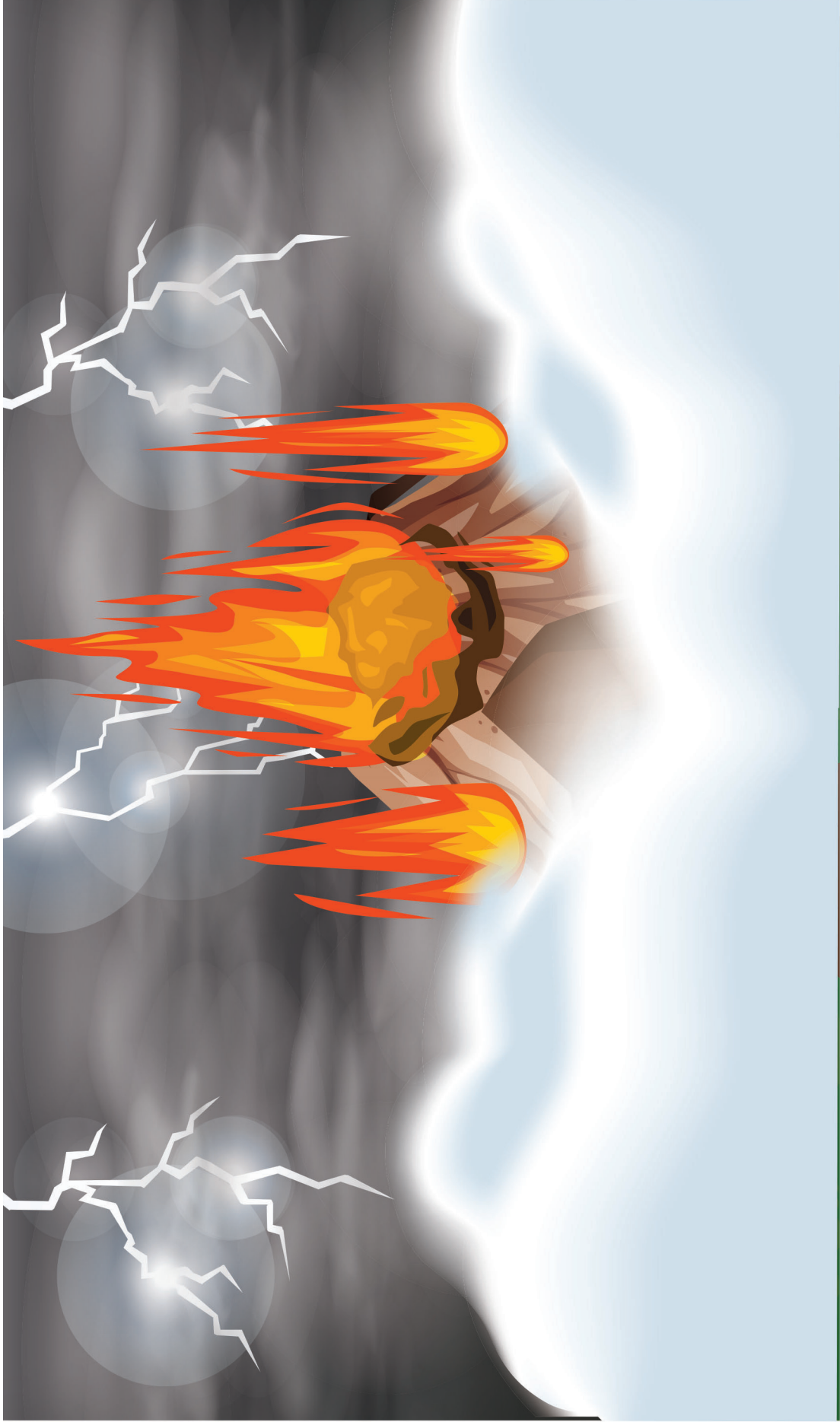
1. Scripture is another word for God's Word, the Bible. "God-breathed" means God made sure what people wrote down were His words. Who did God send to help people write down His words just right?
2. What kinds of things did God have people write down to help us live for Him?

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

I. High up on a smoky, fiery mountaintop, SOMETHING was being written down by SOMEONE.

“Well, what’s so special about that?,” you might ask. People write down things every day. Why, even YOU may have written down something today.

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2. God's Word was the special SOMETHING being written down.

And can you guess WHO the SOMEONE special was who was writing down God's Word? Was it a man? Was it a woman?

No, it wasn't a man or a woman. It was the LORD God, Himself! He was writing down His Ten, Big Laws, called the 10 Commandments. And He was NOT writing them down on paper like we do, but INTO two, big pieces of stone. Isn't that amazing!



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3. Now, when you or I write down something, we use a pencil with an eraser. That's because we make mistakes, or decide to change what we want to say.

But not the LORD. He never needs an eraser. And He always knows just what He wants to say. He NEVER, EVER makes mistakes.

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No, it was not! That was just the beginning. There was so much more that God planned to put down in writing.

How much more? Can you count to sixty-six? That's how much more! The Bible would be big, and thick, and made up of sixty-six books, when it was all finished.

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God knew the answer. He wouldn't have people write down His Word alone. He would give them a Helper-- His very own Holy Spirit-- to work powerfully in their hearts and minds. He would make the words they wrote down just right.

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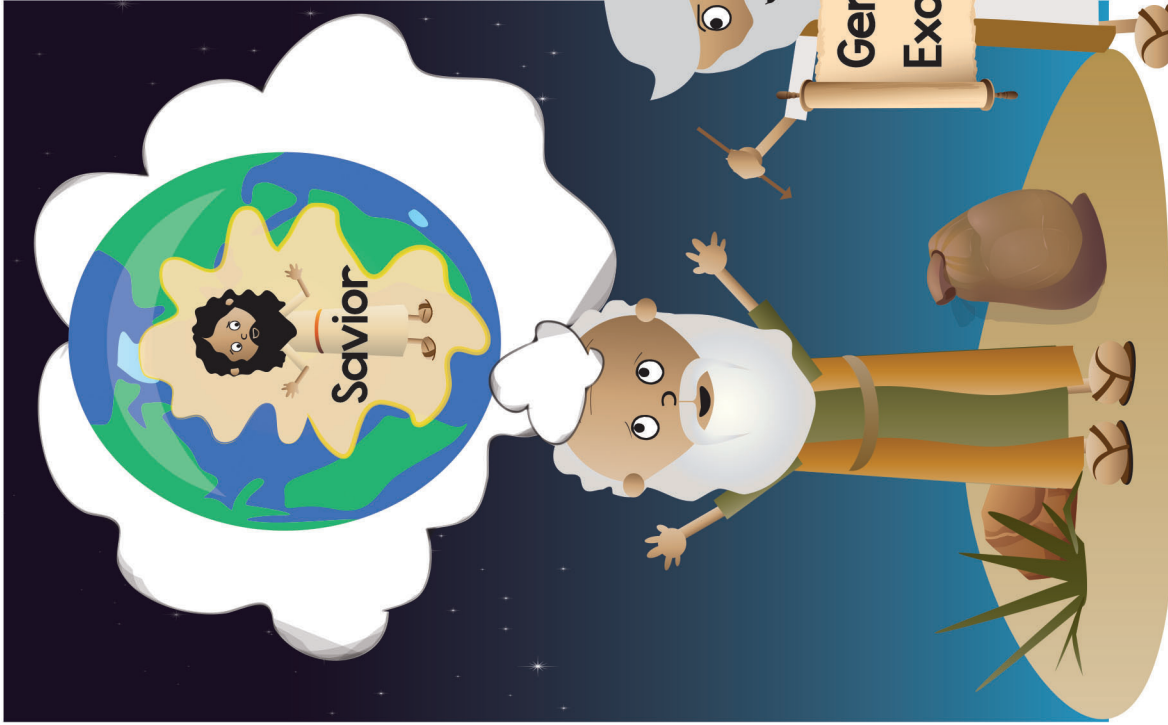
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That's so many books! That's so many words! And every one was God's Word, written down just right. God's Holy Spirit at work inside of Moses made sure of that.

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God's people were very sad. God gave them His words of comfort through a man named Ezekiel.

The Holy Spirit helped Ezekiel write down God's promises. God would rescue His people from their enemies, and would bring them back home, one day. He would send a special, new king who would save them. This king would be a man, but He would be God, too. (It's Jesus!)

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Jesus, God's Son, was born in Bethlehem. He lived a perfect life, then gave it up on the cross, as He suffered and died for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing that He had really beaten sin and death for them.

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16. A doctor named Luke heard the good news of Jesus. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.

Dr. Luke put down his medicine and picked up his pen! First, he wrote down the amazing things that Jesus did and taught. Then, he wrote down what Jesus' followers (the Church) did, after Jesus rose from the dead and went to heaven.

God's Holy Spirit helped Dr. Luke write down all of the stories just right. We can read what Luke wrote down in the two books of the Bible we call Luke and Acts.

17. A man named Paul hated Jesus. He put God's people in jail. But God changed Paul's heart and Paul believed in Jesus, too.

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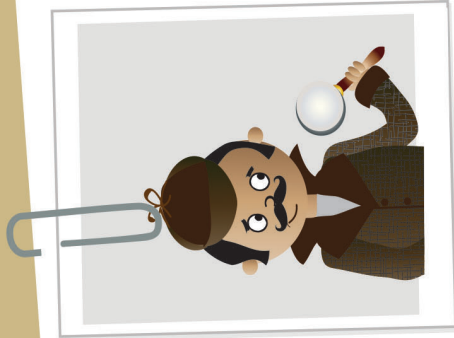
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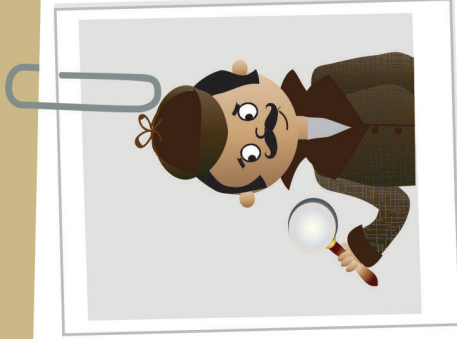


Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Whose words were always right? God's words.
2. What's the name of the big book where these words were written down? The Bible.

For You and Me:

How good of God to give us His words, written down just right! We can learn about Him, His good plans, and how He wants us to live, when we read them in the Bible. And that's just what God wants us to do!



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"All Scripture is God-breathed."

1. Scripture is another word for God's Word, the Bible. "God-breathed" means God made sure what people wrote down were His words. Who did God send to help people write down His words just right? God's Holy Spirit helped people write them down just right.
2. What kinds of things did God have people write down to help us live for Him? His good rules; words of wisdom; songs to praise Him with; stories about how God always helps His people; and, the good news of salvation through Jesus.

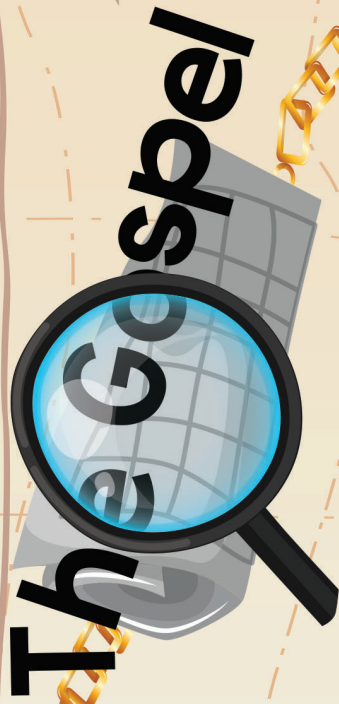
For You and Me:

We can trust that the Bible really is God's Word. He made sure it was written down just right. God gave it to us, so that we can know more about Him and how He wants us to live. Through it, He gives us everything we need to know. His Holy Spirit can help us understand it and obey it.

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What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...
God made sure it was written down just right!

The Gospel



The Bible tells us so many good and important things. But the very best thing the Bible tells us, is how we can be saved from our sins.

The Bible tells us that, even though we are sinners who deserve God's punishment for our sins, God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us. Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, He offered it up to God as full payment for the sins of God's people, as He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose up from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from disobeying God (repent) and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!



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A Prayer

A We praise you, God, for giving us Your Word, the Bible. We praise You for how Your Holy Spirit worked inside so many people, helping them to write it down just right.

C God, You have given us Your Word, but often we don't want to listen to it or obey it. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for making sure Your Word was written down just right. Thank You that we can trust it to be true. And thank You for giving it to us, so we can better know You and how You want us to live.

S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to understand Your Word and want to obey it. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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