

About the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids

How Are They Used?



The Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book is a companion resource to be used alongside the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book for each unit. These colorful pictures are used in presenting the key concepts; telling the Bible stories; and, in playing the Bible Story Review games.

What Do They Include?

There are four different resources included in this book:

simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.



Bible verse, and the Listening Assignments to use with the 3 lessons for each Bible Truth. **2. The Story Scenes, themselves.** Notice that each scene is numbered and that there is a brief summary of the story that corresponds to the picture. You can actually just tell the story in a

1. Key Concept Visual Aids-- colorful signs of the Big Question and Answer, the Bible Truth, the



3. Directions for making the Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder and the back/front images to paste in place when making it. (Larger back/front images are found online with the curriculum.)
4. Directions for how to make a homemade flannelgraph storyboard and sturdy Story Scene pictures are found in the back of this book.

Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



This book is meant to be ripped up and made into your visual aids. The key concept signs can be cut out and laminated or slipped into sheet protectors. The Story Scenes can be put in sheet protectors or laminated, too.

Store It!



Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum that can be used over and over. Store your visual aids and storyboard pictures after using them and they will serve you for many years. We store ours in manilla envelopes and then put them (along with all the rest of the curriculum) in magazine files, labelled by Bible Truth. If you have multiple classes using the curriculum, store each set of resources in separate manilla envelopes. This will make prep much simpler, second time around.

Replacement Story Scene Pictures



You can always purchase this book again or simply go online and print out any scenes that go missing.

Other Options



You can also choose to tell the story in a more traditional flannelgraph way by using your own flannelgraph figures or by purchasing/free downloading the Storyboard Pictures (large and small format size avaiable). This is more complex and requires more preparation, but some love it. And, it does allow for kids to interact more by helping to place pictures up on the board as you tell the story.

Big Question 2, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

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 2 Concept: It Tells Us about God and His Plans

Do you know what a plan is? It's thinking about WHAT you want to do before you do it. We make plans most every day. Sometimes our plans work out. Sometimes they don't. That's because our plans are only hopes and guesses.

God makes plans, too, but His plans are different. They always happen. They always work out just like He wants them to. They are all good and perfect, just like He is. Some of God's plans are secrets, but some He has shared with us. Can you guess where they are written down? In the Bible! There in His Word, we can read of wonderful God's plan to love and save people through His Son, Jesus. He would make them His special people. Every day of their lives He planned out to be for their good and His glory—to show how good and great He is. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever, just as He planned. God shares His wonderful plans with us because He wants us to turn to Him and be His special people, too.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Isaiah 46:9-11

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please...What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do."

Learn a Little: "I am God, and there is no other... What I have said, that will I bring about."

Meaning

People worship many things, but only the LORD is the one, true God. There is no one like Him! Everything God plans to happen, will happen. Everything God tells us will happen, will happen.

People worship many things as gods, but only the LORD is the one, true God. There is no one like Him! Everything He plans to happen, will happen. Everything He tells us will happen, will happen. Where has God written down many of His plans? Where He has written down the many other words He was spoken: in the Bible! It alone is God's Word. He helped godly people write it down just right. We can trust its every word!

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- **A** We praise you, God for being so good and perfect. We praise You for making good and perfect plans.
- **C** God, You've told us that Your plans are good and perfect, but sometimes we don't trust You. Please forgive us.
- **T** Thank You for sharing some of Your good and perfect plans with us. Thank You for making sure that all Your plans happen. Thank You for planning to save people through Jesus.
- **S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, that we might be Your special people, too. Help us to trust Your good and perfect plans, even when we don't understand them completely. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the New King *Matthew 2*

Big Question 2, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

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 2 Bible Verse Song: I Am God and There Is No Other Isaiah 46:9,11 *Extra Song: God's One, Big Plan*

The Case of the New King

Matthew 2

Place take out P.1 story in P.1 Bible of BQB

Story-telling Tips Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!

2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare Story Scenes, if using. (Included in the Visual Aids books)

3. Practice telling story with the Story Scenes, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.

2. Put up Story Scenes/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.

3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the New King. Here is your listening assignment... " Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

1. Who was the new king and who was looking for him?

2. How did they find him?.

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 46:9-11:

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please...What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do."

I need to know:

1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else God had made? 2. What did he want those people to know and do?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: a little house; a bird; a cross; gold; a teacher; and a palm tree. *Hold up each of them for the children to see as you identify them*.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. Who worshipped the new king?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Listening Assignments answers; the gospel; and, an ACTS prayer are included with the story text at the end.

The Case of the New King *Matthew 2*

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

"Have you heard the exciting news? Have you seen who has come to town?" the people of Jerusalem asked each other. "Magi! Important men from a faraway land are here! And they're asking the most amazing question: 'Where is your new king? We saw a bright, new star in the sky. It tells us that he's been born and must be very great. Take us to him so we can worship him,' they say! Can you iMagine that! A great, new king of the Jews has been born! Where is he? What could this mean!?" everyone in Jerusalem wondered.

Who do you think this new king is? Do you know his name? It's Jesus!

Now it made perfect sense for the Magi to come to Jerusalem. This was where the kings of the Jews had been born and had lived for years, and years, and years! And there most certainly was a king living there right now, up in his magnificent palace. His name was King Herod the Great.

Why was Herod called "the Great?" Well, he certainly lived a great, rich life in his great, rich palace. He even did some great things. So, yes, perhaps in a way he was a great king.

But Herod was not THE great king of the Jews, the one the Magi were trying to find. For you see, King Herod only ruled as king OVER the Jews. He was not the real king of the Jews. He was really just an enemy who had been put in place to rule over the Jews as king. And oh, how Herod loved having big, kingly power to rule over the Jews however he wanted!

What is something that you might enjoy about being king, if you were one?

So, when Herod heard the news about the important Magi coming to worship the new, baby king of the Jews, he was not happy at all! Not one...little...bit! He was UPSET...and very worried!

"What if there really is a new king?" thought Herod. "What if he really is great...greater than ME? What if he is the Christ, the great King the Jews believe God will send one day to save them?" he worried. "This new king might get rid of me and take away my magnificent palace! Then HE would be king of the Jews. I cannot let that happen! I want to be king. I must get rid of this baby," thought the king. "I must find out more and make a plan! There will be no new king! I will see to that!" Herod decided.

Do you think it would be hard to stop being a king and let someone else be king instead?

But if King Herod was to get rid of this new king, he would first have to find him first. But, how? HE didn't know where the child was. The PEOPLE didn't know where he was. Not even the Magi knew where he was. How could this baby ever be found?!!

Where do you think he should look?

There was just one place to look. In a book. A very old, very special book. God's Book. What was it called? The Bible! Long ago, God had godly men write down many of His plans for this world, including His promise to send the Christ, the great Savior-King. Perhaps God had told where this king would be born in God's Word, the Bible, Herod hoped.

"Get the teachers of God's Word, and bring them to me!" Herod demanded. "I must speak to them at once."

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Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

So, Herod gathered together all the teachers of God's Word. "Where is the Christ, God's great Savior-King, supposed to be born?" he asked them.

Do you know where the Christ, God's great Savior-King was to be born? In Bethlehem!

The teachers knew just where to look. They knew God's promises well. They had been waiting and waiting for this special Savior-King to come. "Bethlehem. That's where the Savior-King is to be born," they replied. "That's what God promised in His Word many years ago," the teachers told Herod.

"Ah, ha! Bethlehem! That's not far from here at all! I will find this child and get rid of him before he grows up and gets rid of ME!" King Herod thought. "But I must be sneaky about this. I'll use these Magi to help me, without them even knowing it," he decided.

Herod called for the Magi, and said, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the young child. When you find him, come back and report to me. I want to go worship him, too," he lied. What a terrible, tricky plan Herod had made! How he hoped it would work!

The Magi obeyed Herod. They set out across the hills of Judah for the village of Bethlehem. What would they find? Would the promise God made so many years ago really come true? Could God's Word really be trusted?

What do you think? Would God's Word be true?

The beautiful star of the king, itself, seemed to sparkle out a big, bright, beautiful "yes" from the night sky! The star went before the Magi all the way to Bethlehem and shone down upon a little house. Who would they find there? Was this really the home of THE great king? Could it be? The door opened and who did they see...

Can you guess?

They saw Mary, Joseph and little Jesus. God's Word had been true! It could be trusted! Here was the great king they had been looking for!

The Magi fell down on their knees and worshipped Jesus. They gave him their expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. How happy they were to have found the special Savior-King at last!

But what about King Herod and his evil plans? Would he really get rid of the Christ, the Savior-King? No, he would not! No, he COULD not! Herod could make all the plans he wanted; but, he was just a man. God's Word was filled with God's plans for Jesus, the Savior-King, and it would always prove true! God warned the Magi and they never went back to King Herod in Jerusalem. They went back home another way.

God sent an angel to warn Jesus, Mary and Joseph in a dream, too. They left Bethlehem before Herod could find them. Herod's plans failed. God's plans came true... and they always will! God always wins!

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

Just as God had planned, Jesus would grow up to be a man. He would show everyone what God is like. He would teach them about God. He would show God's great power in the wonderful things He did. Jesus would live a perfect life; and then, He would do the most amazing thing of all. He would choose to give it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people, as He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He would rise from the dead in victory and go back to heaven to rule. All, just exactly as God promised in His Word.

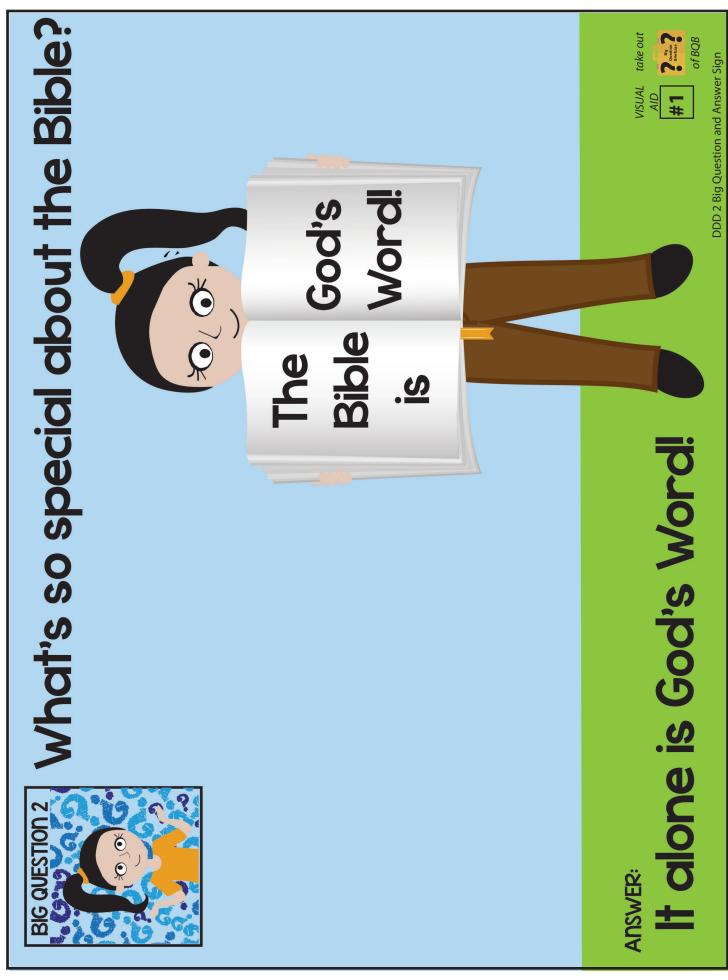
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And that's the way it always will be with all of God's plans, written down in the Bible. They will always come true, just as God tells us they will. You can always count on that!

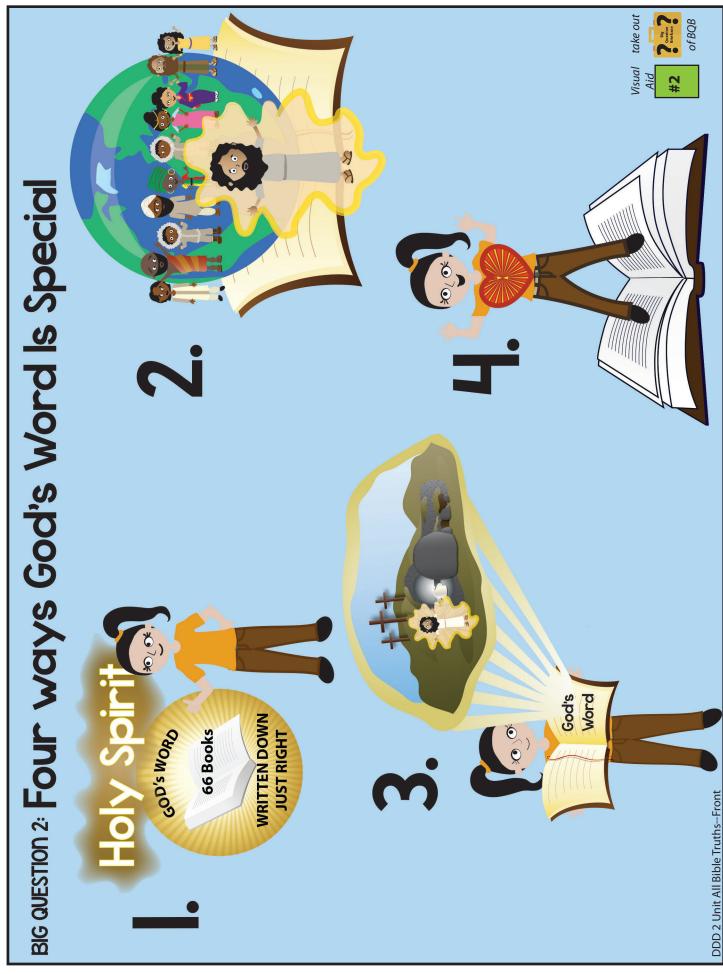
Let's cheer for God and His Word, the Bible! His plans always come true!

Bible Story for Big Question 2, Bible Truth 2	2 use with all THREE lessons P.
It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment. Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to know: 1. Who was the new king and who was looking for him? Jesus was the new king. The Magi (and King Herod) were looking for him. 2. How did they find him? The Bible, God's Word, told	 Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment: I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story. They are: a little house; a bird; a cross; gold; a teacher and a palm tree. Hold up each of them for the children to see as you identified them. I need to know: 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The little house, the cross, the gold and the teacher belong in the story. The bird and the palm tree do not. 2. Who worshipped the new king? The Magi worshipped Jesus, the new king.
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Clo	osing ACTS Prayer		
A	We praise you, God for being so good and perfect. We praise You for making good and perfect plans.		
c	God, You've told us that Your plans are good and perfect, but sometimes we don't trust You. Please forgive us.		
т	Thank You for sharing some of Your good and perfect plans with us. Thank You for making sure that all Your plans happen. Thank You for planning to save people through Jesus.		
S	Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, that we might be Your special people, too. Help us to trust Your good and perfect plans, even when we don't understand them completely.		



Let's sing our Big Question Song:" Big Q & A 2 Song DDNV Song 2, track 12 (adapted version of Three, Bind Mic? It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word! It can make you wise, It can work pow'rf'ly in your life. It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word! 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 every- thing God wants it to do. Everything else in this world may come and go, but God's Word will last forever. It will always proves true.	What's So Special about the Bible? and the Answer is: It Alone Is God's Word!	The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 2:	The Big Question Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:
	DDD 2.1 Big Question PictureBack	It's always true, It can make you wise, It can work pow'rf'ly in your life. It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word!	What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word!	DDD NIV Songs 2, track 12 (adapted version of "Three, Blind Mice")	Let's sing our Big Question Song:" Big Q & A 2 Song



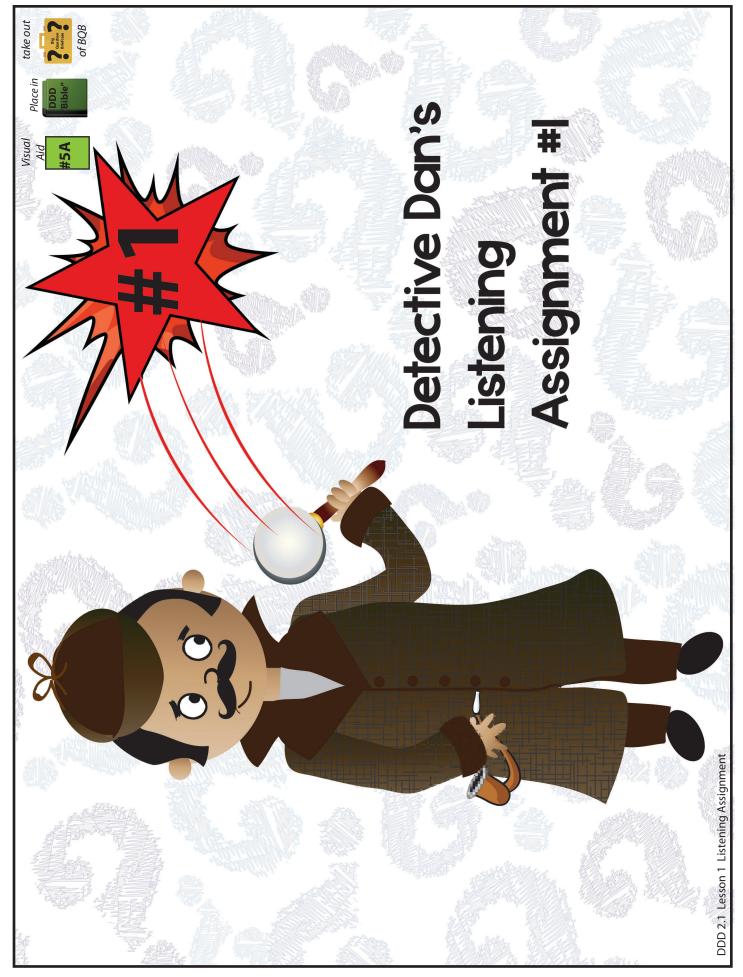
DDD 2 Unit All Bible TruthsBack	
	Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue and hand it to you.
	"Ok, we've learned one way the Bible is so special. It's this one: God made sure it was written down just right (Point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth.) Now let's look 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?"
	After everyone has had a good look, say
	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.
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	"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.
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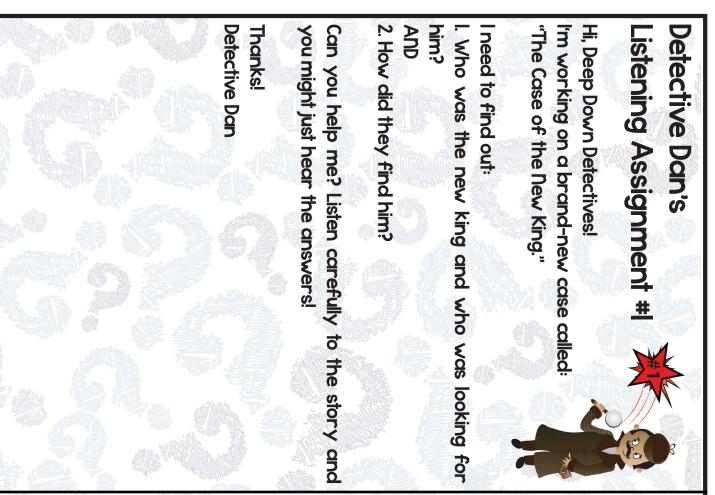


Revealing the Bible Truth	And here what this Bible Truth means:
We Are Learning	(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)
Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:	Do you know what a plan is? It's thinking about WHAT you want to do before you do it. We make plans most every day.
"What's So Special about the Bible?	because our plans are only hopes and guesses.
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It tells us about God and His <u>????</u> !	God makes plans, too, but His plans are different. They always happen. They always work out just like He wants them to.
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	DDD 2, Bible Truth 2Back

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DDD 2.2 Bible Verse PictureBack	
"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?"	Where has God written down many of His plans? In the same book where He has written down the other words He has spoken: in the Bible! It alone is God's Word. God helped godly people write it down just right. We can trust its every word! "We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"
What I have said, that will I bring about, What I have planned, that will I do, Isaiah Forty-six, nine and eleven.	What does that mean? People worship many things, but only the LORD is the one, true God. There is no one like Him! Everything God plans to happen, will happen. Everything God tells us will happen, will happen.
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DDD NIV Songs 2, track 18	Isaiah 46:9-11 tells us:
I Am God and There Is No Other:	Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:
"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"	Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse





Then say. "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all of his questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.

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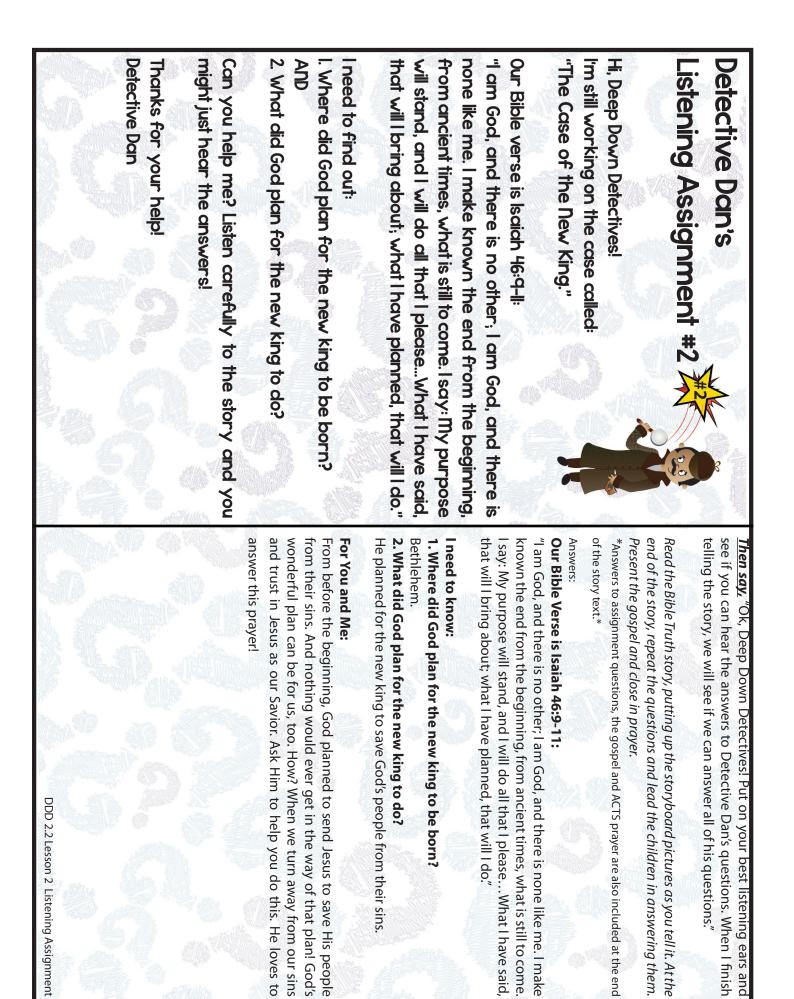
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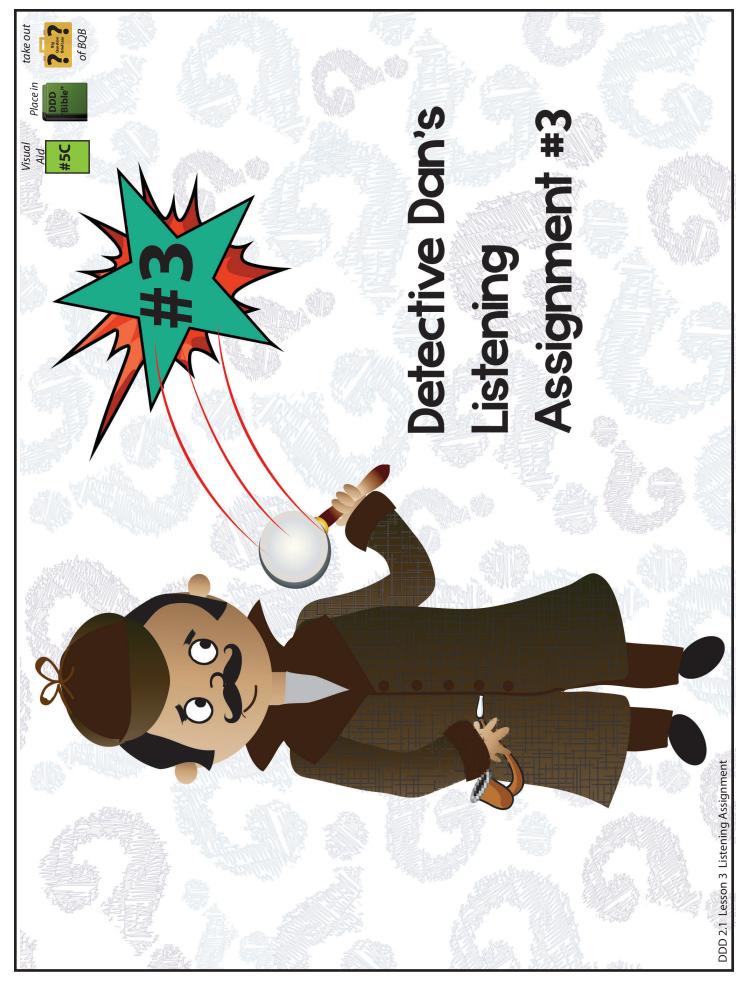
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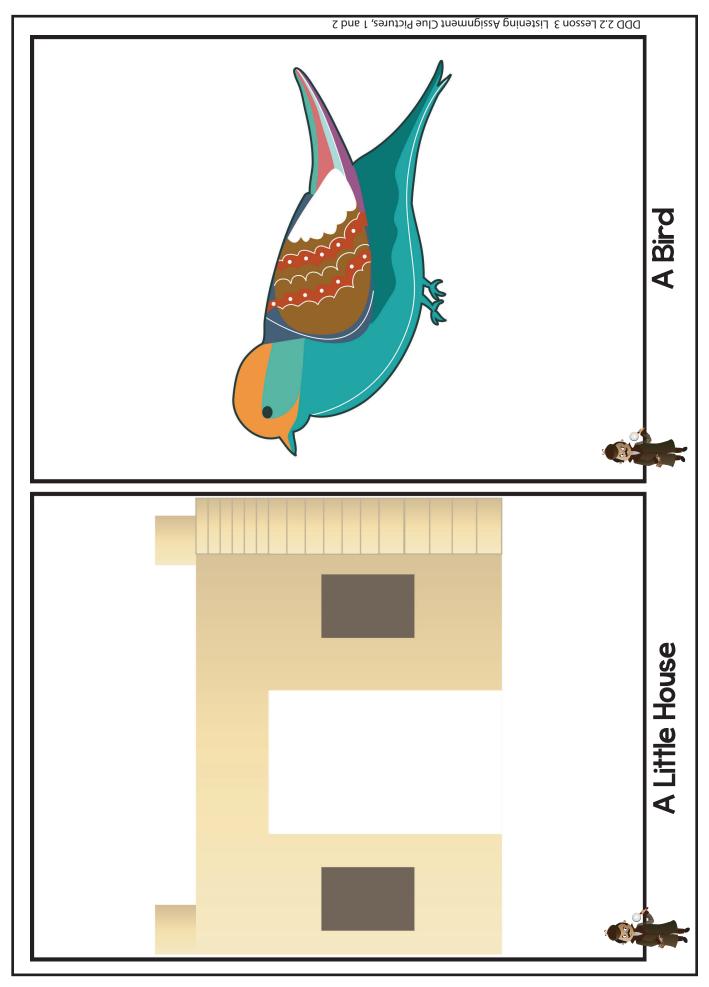
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DDD 2.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment			For You and Me: The Magi worshipped Jesus when he was just a little child. They only saw a little part of God's great, big plan for Jesus. We know so much more of God's plan and have so much more to worship Him for. We know that Jesus would give up His life as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. He would be their Savior. He can be our Savior, too if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior	Answers: 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The little house, the cross, the gold and the teacher belong in the story. The bird and the palm tree do not. 2. Who worshipped the new king? The Magi worshipped Jesus, the new king.	Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer. *Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.*	Then say. "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all of his questions."

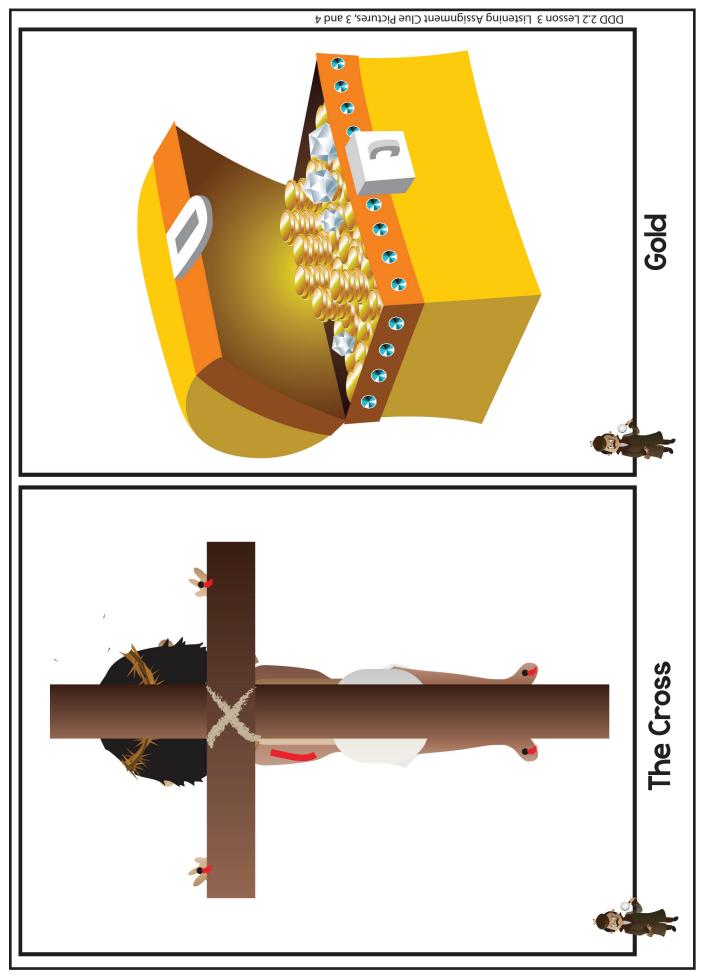




DDD 2.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 2 for kids



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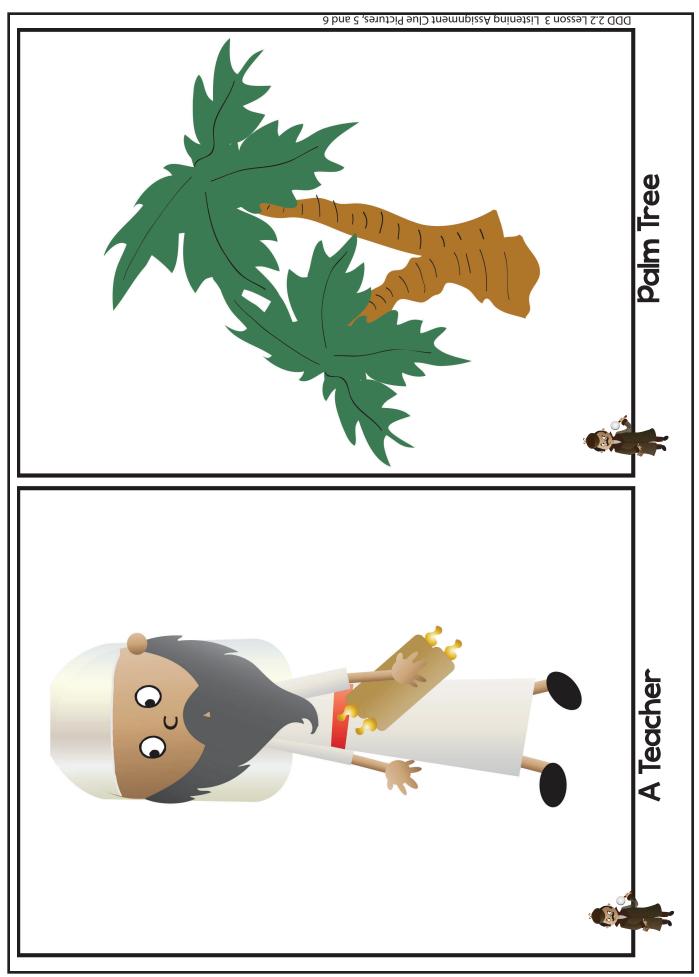




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DDD 2.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture3 for kids





DDD 2.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 6 for kids



DDD 2.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 5 for kids