

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Visual Aids**

**Unit 8,**

**Bible Truth 1**

## 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.

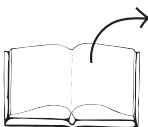
### What Do They Include?



**There are four different resources included in this book:**

- 1. Key Concept Visual Aids**-- colorful signs of the Big Question and Answer, the Bible Truth, the Bible verse, and the Listening Assignments to use with the 3 lessons for each Bible Truth.
- 2. The Story Scenes** 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 simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.
- 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 available). 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.

**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!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." -- 1 Chronicles 16:34

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: God Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them**

All people have rebelled against God and have broken His laws. All have chosen to do things their own way, instead of God's way. Their hearts should be full of love for God; but instead, their hearts are dead and empty of love for God and His good ways. That's why all people deserve God's punishment for their sins. They deserve to be separated from Him forever. How sad!

But God is so kind and merciful! He chose to save sinners, like you and me, even though we did not deserve it. Yes, God chose to love sinners, even though their hearts were so dead and empty of love for Him. And He didn't just love them a little bit. He loved them a lot! He loved them so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to live and perfect life and give it up as the full payment for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really done it! He had redeemed sinners, so that they could become God's special people—His, dearly-loved, adopted children forever! We can be God's special people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Hasn't God loved us so much through Jesus!

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: 1 John 4:10**

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

**Learn a Little:** "[God] sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

**Meaning**

We are all sinners who have rebelled against God, yet God chose to love us, and to love us in the deepest way possible! He sent Jesus to save us. Yes, God sent His dearly-loved Son to earth to be the propitiation for our sins. He was the atoning sacrifice that would pay for our sins and satisfy God's judgment against us. Jesus would live a perfect life, then offer it up as the full payment that would bring the forgiveness we needed. And He chose to do this while we still were rebelling against Him! How wonderful is this free gift of God! How deep is His love! This atoning sacrifice is for us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being so full of love for Your people. You were filled with love for them before they loved You or knew You!
- C** God, we should be filled with love for You and Your good ways, but so many times we are not. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for loving the world so much that You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for loving sinners, even before they loved You. Thank You for making the way for them to be saved through Jesus.
- S** God, work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us new hearts full of love for You. Help us to become Your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Costly Children**

*Exodus 24, Jeremiah 25, Isaiah 9,42,43,49, Ezekiel 37, Daniel 9, Zechariah 8-14*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 8 Song

Big Question 8 Song: What Is God's Love for His People Like?

Big Question 8 Bible Verse Song: Forever and Ever 1 Chronicles 16:34

Big Question 8 Hymn: And Can It Be, v.1 refrain

Big Question 8 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: This Is Love 1 John 4:10, NIV 1984

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Song: God's One, Big Plan*

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: The LORD Is Good to All Psalm 145:9,13,15-16, NIV 1984*

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: For God So Loved the World John 3:16, NIV 1984*

listen to or download songs for free at <https://praisefactory.org>: Deep Down Detectives Music page

**The Case of the Costly Children**

*Exodus 24, Jeremiah 25, Isaiah 9,42,43,49, Ezekiel 37, Daniel 9, Zechariah 8-14*



**Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, 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 storyboard figures/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.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

**“Our story is called: The Case of the Costly Children. 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 find out:

- 1. Whom did God adopt as His dearly-loved children?**
- 2. What made adopting them so costly to God?**

**Detective Dan’s Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

**Our Bible Verse is 1 John 4:10**

*“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”*

I need to find out:

- 1. Whom did God love before they loved Him?**
- 2. Whose sins were forgiven by Jesus’ sacrifice?**

**Detective Dan’s Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a big promise, the sun, a boat, a man named Jeremiah, soldiers, a cross.

*Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don’t?**
- 2. Who needed to confess their sins to God? Who needed to ask Him to be their Savior?**

**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.*

*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*

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**The Case of the Costly Children** *Exodus 24, Jeremiah 25, Isaiah 9,42,43,49, Ezekiel 37, Daniel 9, Zechariah 8-14*

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

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**"The LORD gathered the people of Israel near Mt. Sinai and spoke to them: "I have loved you and rescued you from your enemies. I want to be your God. I want you to be my dearly loved people," He told them. "I want us to make a covenant together. I want to make big, big promises with you, sealed with blood. Promises that must be kept. "Do or die" promises," the LORD explained.**

**"I want to give you My big promise to always take care of you and give you many good things," the LORD told the people through Moses. "I want to give you homes in your own, very special land. A place where you can worship Me and live happily. I will get rid of all your enemies, so you don't have to worry about them again," the LORD told the people.**

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**"But, I want you to make Me a big promise, too," the LORD told them. "A promise to love Me and keep all of My good laws," He said.**

**What would the people of Israel say? What would the people of Israel do? Did they want the LORD to be their God? Did they want Him to take care of them and give them all these good things? Did they want to be His dearly-loved people?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, they did! They wanted the LORD to make His covenant with them. And they wanted these promises to be "Do or die" promises, sealed in blood. They wanted to make sure the LORD really kept His word and gave them all these good things He promised. What a wonderful life He was offering them!**

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**Ahh, but there was also the OTHER question they had to ask themselves: did THEY want to make a covenant with the LORD? Did THEY want to promise to love Him and keep His good laws? Remember: their promises were covenant promises, too. They were also "Do or Die," sealed-with-blood promises which MUST be kept. Did they want to make that kind of promise to the LORD?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, they did! The LORD loved them. His laws were good. Why would they NOT want to make this covenant promise with Him?! So they said to the LORD, "Yes, yes, yes! We will be Your dearly loved people! We will keep all of Your good laws. We will make a covenant with You—our "Do or Die" promise. We want You to be our God!" they told the LORD.**

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**So, the LORD and the people made a covenant together. Moses built an altar at the base of the mountain and set up twelve, stone towers-- one for each of the twelve, family groups among the people. Twelve, young men brought twelve large, worship gifts to offer to the LORD. Everyone listened as Moses read the LORD's promises and laws to the people. Blood was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. "We will do everything the LORD has said. We will obey Him and keep the covenant... we will do or die," the people promised. The covenant was made. The LORD was their God, and they were His people.**

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**The LORD kept all of His covenant with His people--every one of His big, "Do or Die" promises. He gave them a special land to live in. He gave them their own homes. He gave them fields full of good food and lots of children. He told them how to build a special worship place so they could meet with Him. And, He protected them from their enemies.**

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

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**But what about the people of Israel? Did they keep the covenant promises they made to the LORD?**

*What do you think?*

**They did NOT! They did NOT love the LORD or keep His good laws as they promised. You see, it is one thing to MAKE a big promise to the LORD and another thing to KEEP it. The people WANTED to be God's dearly-loved people. They WANTED to love Him and obey Him. They WANTED Him to bless them with all the good things He promised to give them. But there was something that the people of Israel had in their hearts--that we have in our hearts, too—that was causing a big problem. Do you know what it was?**

*Can you guess?*

**It was sin. Yes, ever since Adam and Eve first disobeyed God in the Garden, there has been sin in everyone's heart. Sin that kept those people of Israel from obeying all of the LORD's good laws. Sin that kept them from worshipping and loving Him as they should. Sin that kept them from loving each other the way they should, too. And so, the people broke their covenant to the LORD –yes, that big "Do or Die" promise, over and over. And that meant the people no longer deserved to be the LORD's dearly-loved people and He should no longer be their God. What would the LORD do, now that the people had disobeyed?**

*What do you think He would do?*

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**What would the LORD do? He did plenty! First, He warned them over and over to turn away from their sin. He sent godly men like Jeremiah to them, saying, "Remember your big promise to the LORD! He wants to be your God. He wants you to be His dearly-loved people. Turn away from disobeying His good laws. Turn back to worshipping and loving Him! If you do, He will forgive you. If you do not, then He will send punishments to help you turn back to Him," Jeremiah warned them.**

**Did the people of Israel listen to the LORD's warnings? Did they turn back to worship and love Him? Not really. So at last, the LORD sent punishments. He let their enemies come into their land and destroy their homes and worship place. He let them take the people of Israel far away and made them work very, very hard for them.**

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**Boo, hoo! Boo, hoo! How sad the people of Israel were! They missed the good things that God had given them. They missed their homes. They missed the place where they worshipped the LORD. They did not like working for their enemies.**

**But most of all, they were sad that they had not kept their big promise to the LORD. They knew that they had not worshipped or loved Him as they promised they would. They knew that they had not loved others as they promised they would, either. They knew that they should not be His dearly-loved people anymore and He should not be their God. This is what they deserved for breaking their "Do or Die" promises with the LORD. They knew they had sin in their hearts; and at last, they began to turn away from their sins. But was it too late? Was this really the end of the LORD's love for His people?**

*What do you think?*

**No, it was not! Even though they should not be God's dearly loved people anymore, God kept on loving His sinful people.**

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

The LORD sent godly men like Daniel, Ezekiel and Zechariah to encourage the people with wonderful news: "You have broken your promises to the LORD, but He still loves you," they told the people. "Listen to the good plans He has for you: 'I have punished you so you would turn back to Me, but I won't keep on punishing you,' the LORD told them. 'On just the right day, your punishment will be over. I will free you from your enemies. You won't have to work for them anymore. You will get to go back to your homes in the special land. You can build a new place to worship Me. I will take care of you and give you good things," the LORD promised them.

"But I have even better plans for you than freeing you from your enemies and bringing you back home," the LORD told them. "I'm going to make a NEW covenant with you. A new "Do or Die" promise sealed with new blood. I'm going to beat your even bigger enemy: the sin in your hearts that keeps you from loving and obeying Me!" He promised.

"Yes, I'm going to send you a Messiah, a Savior. He will be My Son. He is going to come to earth. He is going to take the punishment that all My people deserve for disobeying Me. It will be gone for good. His blood will take away their sins. His blood will seal this new "Do or Die" covenant. Then I will give My people new hearts filled with My Holy Spirit. Then all My people, from every place in the whole world, will be saved to know Me and love Me and obey Me. And one day, they will even live with Me, forever happy," the LORD promised. "This covenant will last forever."

What wonderful news this was! The people of Israel were so happy! They believed God's big promise to free them from their enemies. They believed His promise to send them back home to their special land.

And, they believed that one day God would send a Messiah, a Savior, to beat their biggest enemy of all: the sin in their hearts that kept them from loving and obeying Him.

The people waited and waited. They looked for the day God promised. And, at last, it came! They left working for their enemies and went back home to their special land. They built new homes, and they built a new place to worship God. Then they waited and waited some more. They waited for the day the Savior would come. And while they had to wait a very long time, at last, that day came, too.

Who was the Messiah, the Savior, God's Son? I bet you know His name?

*Can you tell me?*

It's Jesus! That's right. Jesus was born a baby in Bethlehem. He grew up, up, up until He was a man. And what a man Jesus was! He kept all of God's laws His whole life. He was perfect! And what did Jesus do with that perfect life? He did just exactly what God promised He would do. He saved all God's people when He took the punishment for their sins on the cross. With His own blood, Jesus sealed the new covenant that God was making with His people. A covenant that couldn't be broken EVER, because it was the blood of God's perfect Son, Himself, that was keeping the promises for God's people.

Yes, Jesus suffered and died on the cross that day. He was buried in a cave grave and watched over by guards. But that was not the end of the story, was it? What would happen on the third day?

*Can you tell me?*

On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again. He had really done it! He had beaten sin and death for God's people, once and for all! How great is God's love for His people! Even though they do not love Him or obey Him as they should, He loved them more than they deserved. He loved them so much that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to save them from their sins, so they could know Him in their hearts now, and one day, go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



**Cracking the Case:** (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

**1. Whom did God adopt as His dearly-loved children?**

All who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. His promises began with the people of Israel, but have spread out to include people from the whole world.

**2. What made adopting them so costly to God?** God adopted them by paying for their sins, Himself, when Jesus suffered and died on the cross.

**For You and Me:**

We, too, can become God's dearly-loved, adopted children when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**

**Our Bible Verse is: 1 John 4:10**

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

**1. Whom did God love before they loved Him?** God loved all His people before they loved Him—the people of Israel, and all others who would turn to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

**2. Whose sins were forgiven by Jesus' sacrifice?** All of God's people—all who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

**For You and Me:**

We, too, are sinners who have broken God's laws. We, too, deserve His punishment for our sins. But the good news is that we, too, can be forgiven our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a big promise, the sun, a boat, a man named Jeremiah, soldiers, and a cross.

**1. Which four belong in our story?**

The big promise, the man named Jeremiah, the soldiers and the cross belong. The sun and the boat do not.

**2. Who needed to confess their sins to God? Who needed to ask Him to be their Savior?** The people of Israel.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Israel, we, too, are sinners who have broken God's laws. We, too, deserve His punishment for our sins. But the good news is that we, too, can be forgiven our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

**Our Bible Truth is:**

**What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's More than They Could Ever Deserve... God Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them!**

Just like God's people from long ago, we do not love God or obey Him as we should. We deserve God's punishment, too, don't we? But the good news is that when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! We will be His dearly-loved people—His adopted children. He will give us new hearts that want to love and obey Him. And one day, at just the right time, we will go to live with Him in heaven, forever happy!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being so full of love for Your people. You were filled with love for them before they loved You or knew You!
- C** God, we should be filled with love for You and Your good ways, but so many times we are not. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for loving the world so much that You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for loving sinners, even before they loved You. Thank You for making the way for them to be saved through Jesus.
- S** God, work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us new hearts full of love for You. Help us to become Your people.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.**

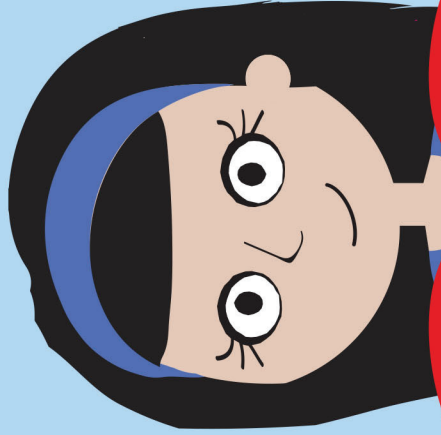


**BIG QUESTION 8**



**What is God's love  
for His people like?**

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**#1**



take out  
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Question  
Bubble  
of BQB

**ANSWER:**

**It's more than they could ever deserve!**

DDD 8 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 8:

**What Is God's Love for His People Like?**

and the Answer is:

**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 are 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. He gives them special closeness with Him in their heart; 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. God just 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. You and I can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

## Big Q & A 8 Song

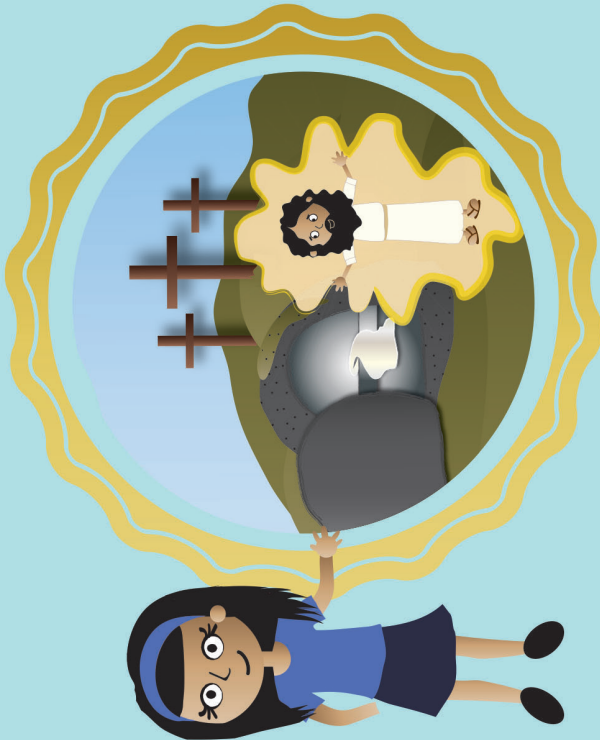
*DDD NIV Songs 8, track 12*

*(Adapted version of "Baa. Baa. Black Sheep")*

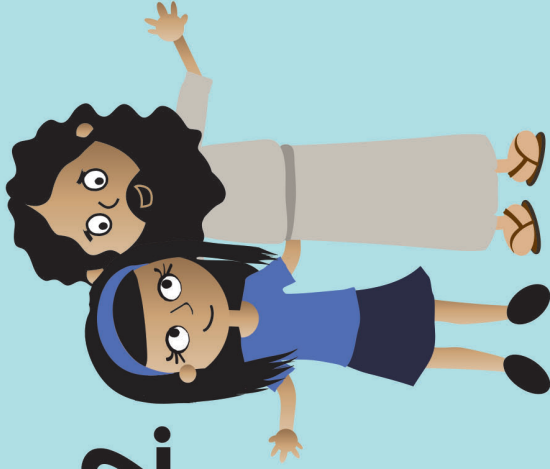
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# BIG QUESTION 8: Four truths about God's love

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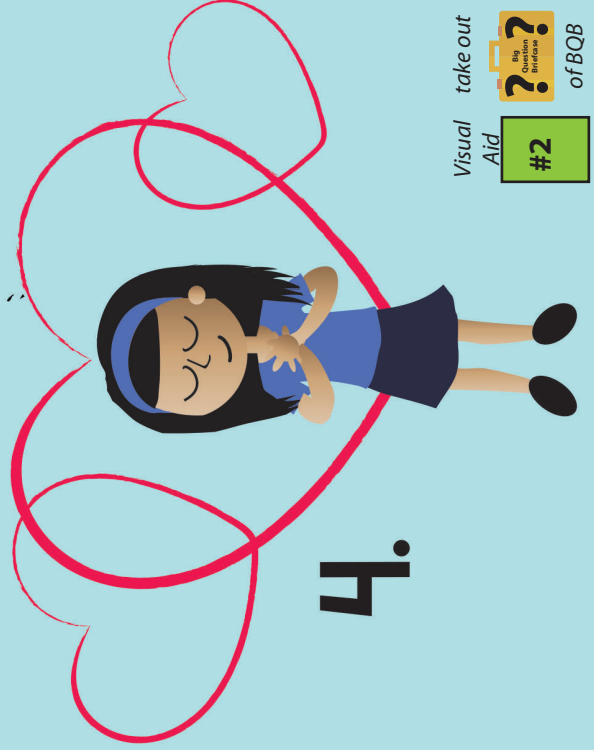
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## **This Unit's Bible Truths**

"It's More than They Could Ever Deserve" 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 God's love for His people.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four 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 four truths they will be learning.*

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

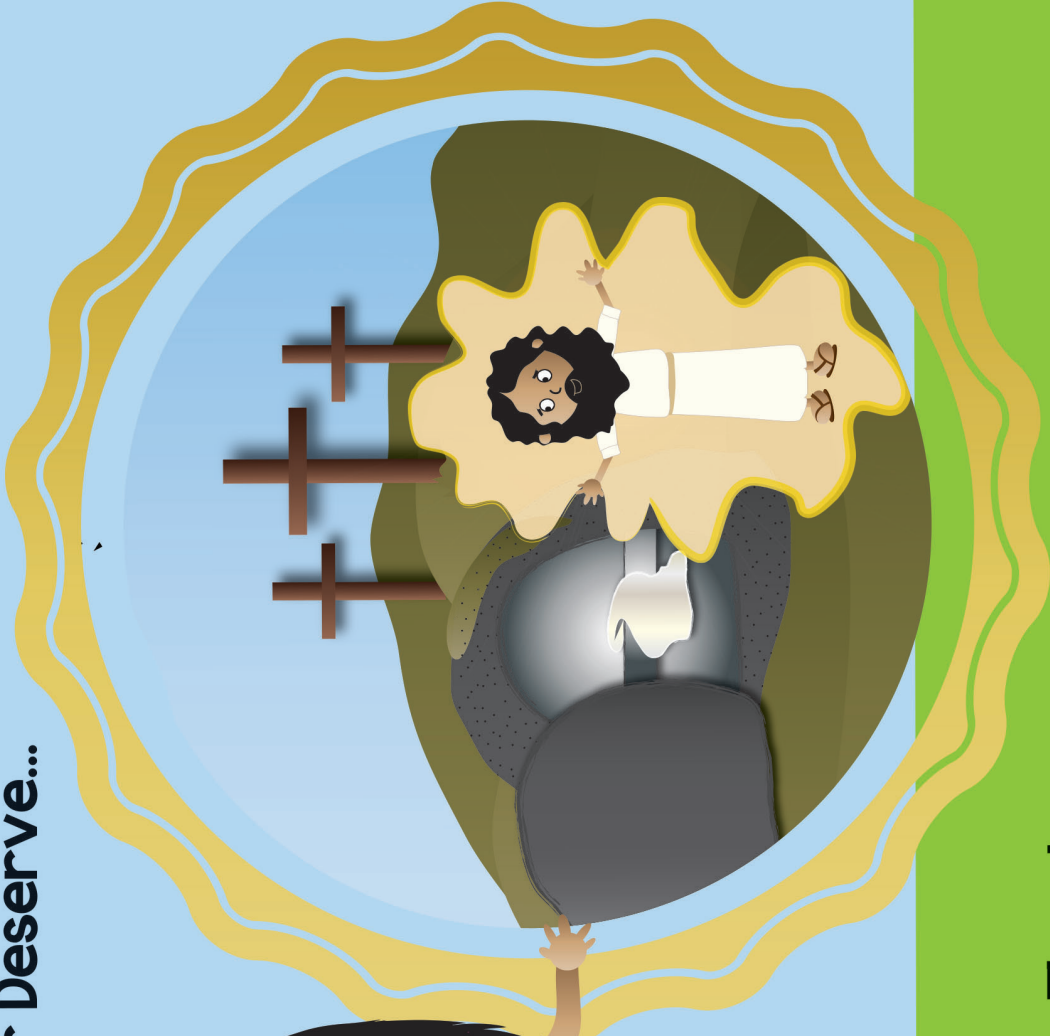
"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

*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?

**What Is God's Love for His People Like?  
It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...  
God Gave His Son, ????.,  
to Save Them!**

**HINT: What's the name  
of God's Son? It starts  
with the letter "J."**



**God Gave His Son, JESUS, to Save Them!**

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:*

**“What Is God’s Love for His People Like?  
It’s More than They Could Ever Deserve!  
God Gave His Son, ????, to Save Them!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s the name of God’s Son? It starts with the letter “J”

Can you guess? It’s “Jesus.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“What Is God’s Love for His People Like?  
It’s More than They Could Ever Deserve!  
God Gave His Son, JESUS, to Save Them!”**

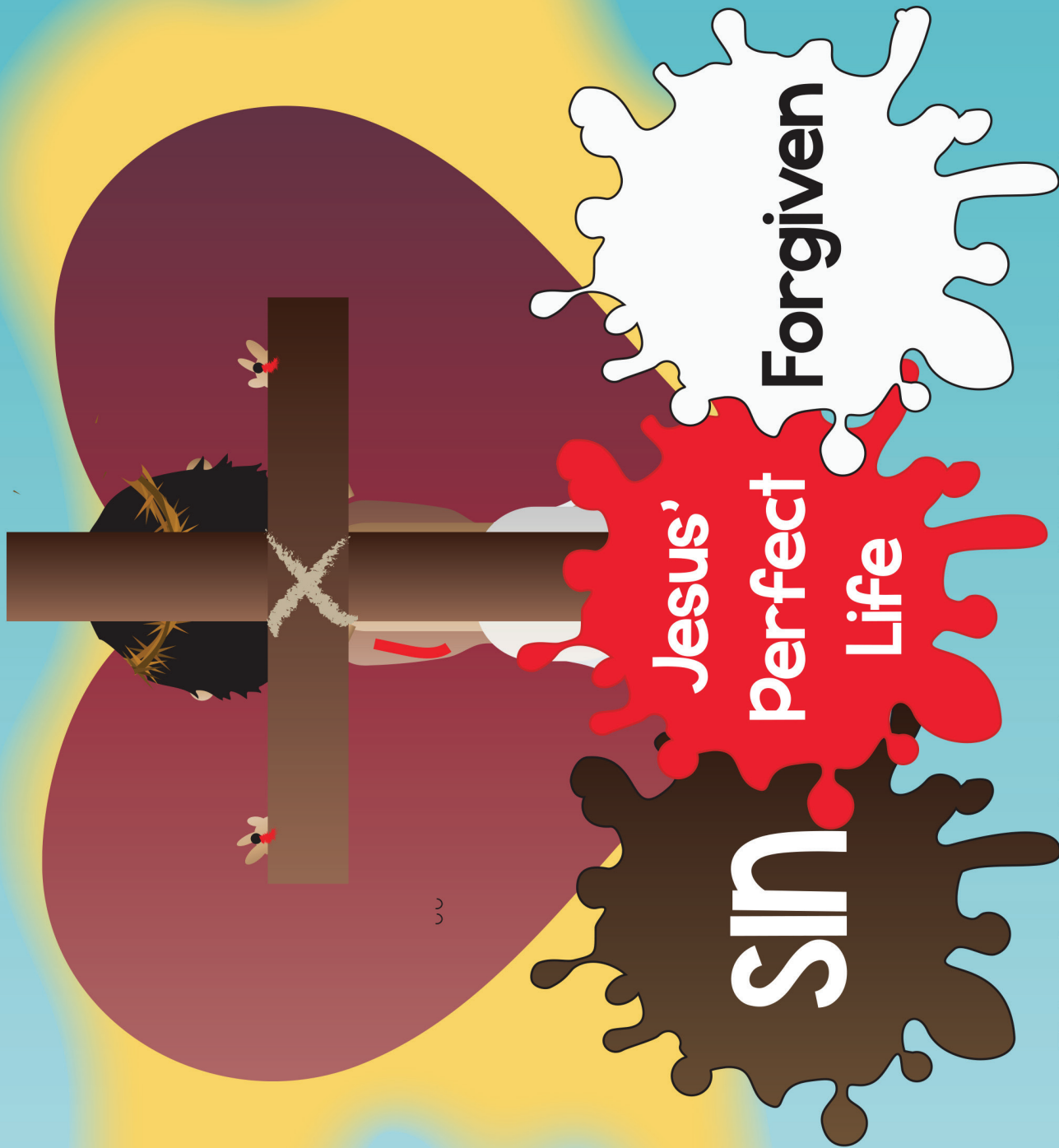
And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

All people have rebelled against God and have broken His laws. All have chosen to do things their own way, instead of God’s way. Their hearts should be full of love for God; but instead, their hearts are dead and empty of love for God and His good ways. That’s why all people deserve God’s punishment for their sins. They deserve to be separated from Him forever. How sad!

But God is so kind and merciful! He chose to save sinners, like you and me, even though we did not deserve it. Yes, God chose to love sinners, even though their hearts were so dead and empty of love for Him. And He didn’t just love them a little bit. He loved them a lot! He loved them so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to live and perfect life and give it up as the full payment for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really done it! He had redeemed sinners, so that they could become God’s special people—His, dearly-loved, adopted children forever! We can be God’s special people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Hasn’t God loved us so much through Jesus!





“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” | John 4:10

Visual Aid **#4**

Place verse in **DDD "Bible"**

take out **?** **?** of BQB

DDD 8.1 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:*

1 John 4:10 tells us:

### **1 John 4:10**

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

**Learn a Little:** "[God] sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

### **What does that mean?**

We are all sinners who have rebelled against God, yet God chose to love us, and to love us in the deepest way possible! He sent Jesus to save us. Yes, God sent His dearly-loved Son to earth to be the propitiation for our sins. He was the atoning sacrifice that would pay for our sins and satisfy God's judgment against us. Jesus would live a perfect life, then offer it up as the full payment that would bring the forgiveness we needed. And He chose to do this while we still were rebelling against Him! How wonderful is this free gift of God! How deep is His love! This atoning sacrifice is for us, 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!"

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## This Is Love:

### 1 John 4:10

*DDD NV Songs 8, track 17*

This is love,  
Not that we loved God,  
But that He, that he loved us,  
He sent his Son,  
And He sent His Son,  
An atoning sacrifice for sin.  
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And He sent His Son,  
An atoning sacrifice for sin.  
First John, Four, ten.

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

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm working on a brand-new case called:

"The Case of the Costly Children."

I need to find out:

1. Whom did God adopt as His dearly-loved children?
- AND
2. What made adopting them so costly to God?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

***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/Story Scenes 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.\*

Answers:

1. **Whom did God adopt as His dearly-loved children?**  
All who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. His promises began with the people of Israel, but have spread out to include people from the whole world.
2. **What made adopting them so costly to God?**  
God adopted them by paying for their sins, Himself, when Jesus suffered and died on the cross.

**For You and Me:**

We, too, can become God's dearly-loved, adopted children when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Costly Children."

Our Bible verse is 1 John 4:10:

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

I need to find out:

1. Whom did God love before they loved Him?

AND

2. Whose sins were forgiven by Jesus' sacrifice?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

***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/Story Scenes 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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Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is: 1 John 4:10**

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

**1. Whom did God love before they loved Him?**

God loved all His people before they loved Him—the people of Israel, and all others who would turn to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

**2. Whose sins were forgiven by Jesus' sacrifice?**

All of God's people—all who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

**For You and Me:**

We, too, are sinners who have broken God's laws. We, too, deserve His punishment for our sins. But the good news is that we, too, can be forgiven our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

“The Case of the Costly Children.”

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a big promise, the sun, a boat, a man named Jeremiah, soldiers, and a cross.

*Hold up each of the six pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.*

I need to know:

1. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
2. Who needed to confess their sins to God? Who needed to ask Him to be their Savior?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

***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/Story Scenes 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.\*

Answers:

1. Which four pictures belong in the story and which two do not?  
The big promise, the man named Jeremiah, the soldiers and the cross belong. The sun and the boat do not.
2. Who needed to confess their sins to God? Who needed to ask Him to be their Savior? The people of Israel.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Israel, we, too, are sinners who have broken God's laws. We, too, deserve His punishment for our sins. But the good news is that we, too, can be forgiven our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

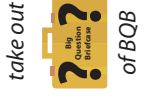




The Sun

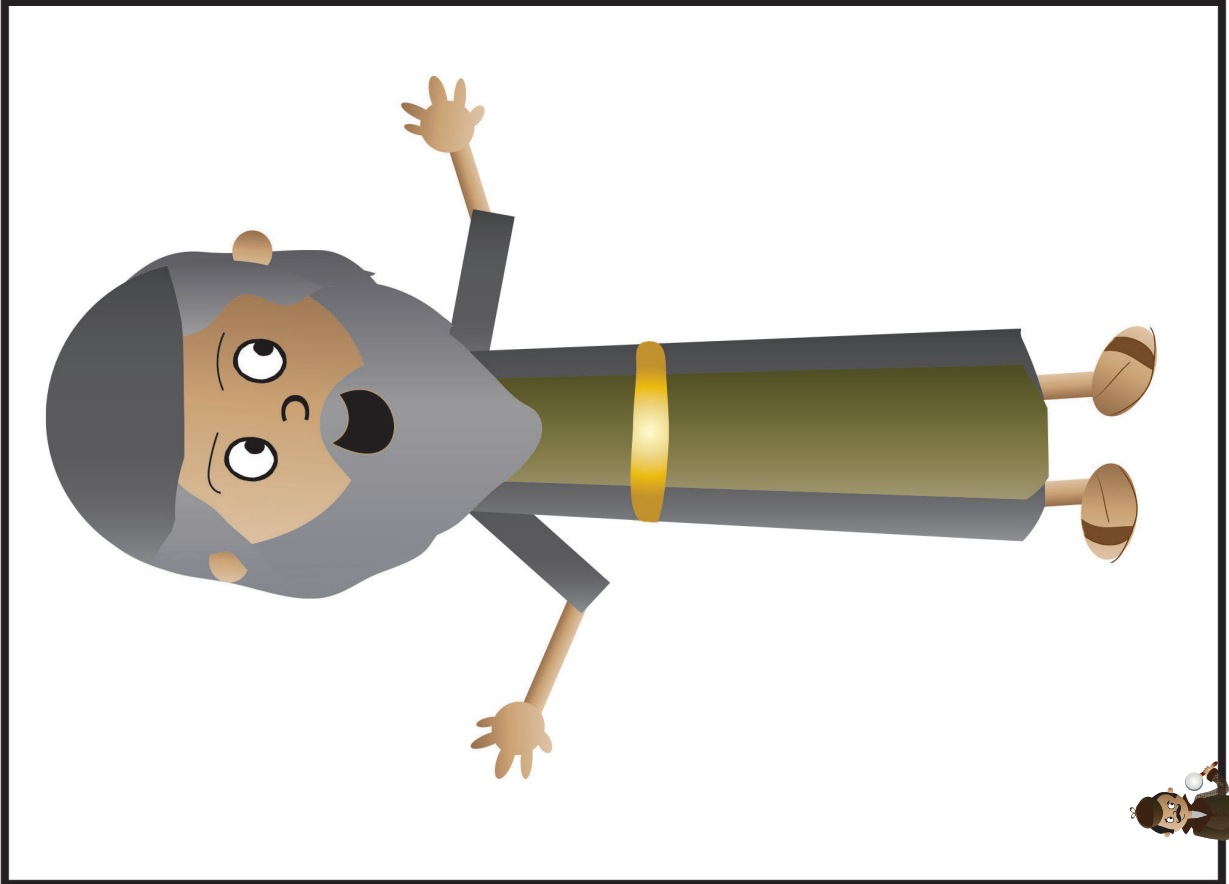


A Big Promise (Covenant)

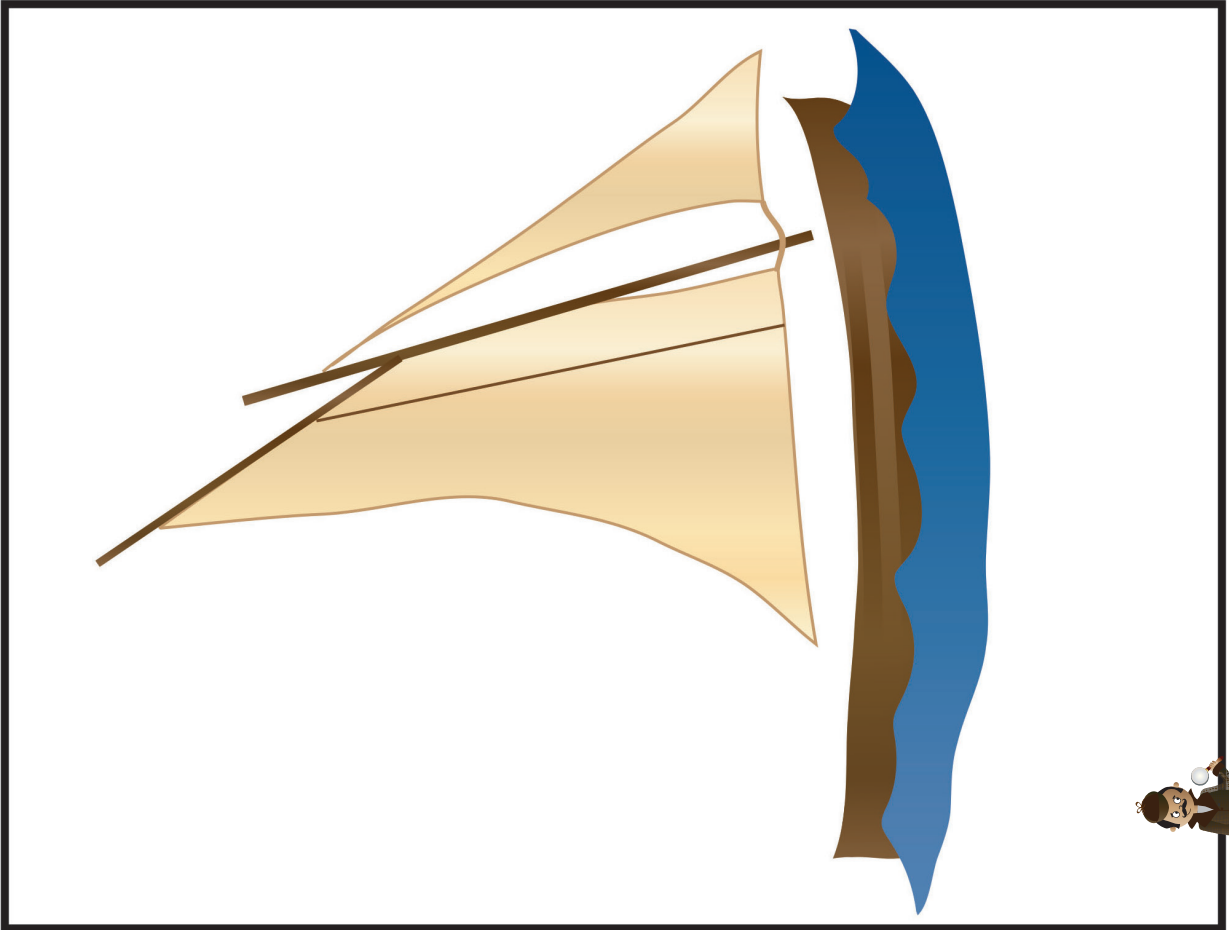


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A Man Named Jeremiah



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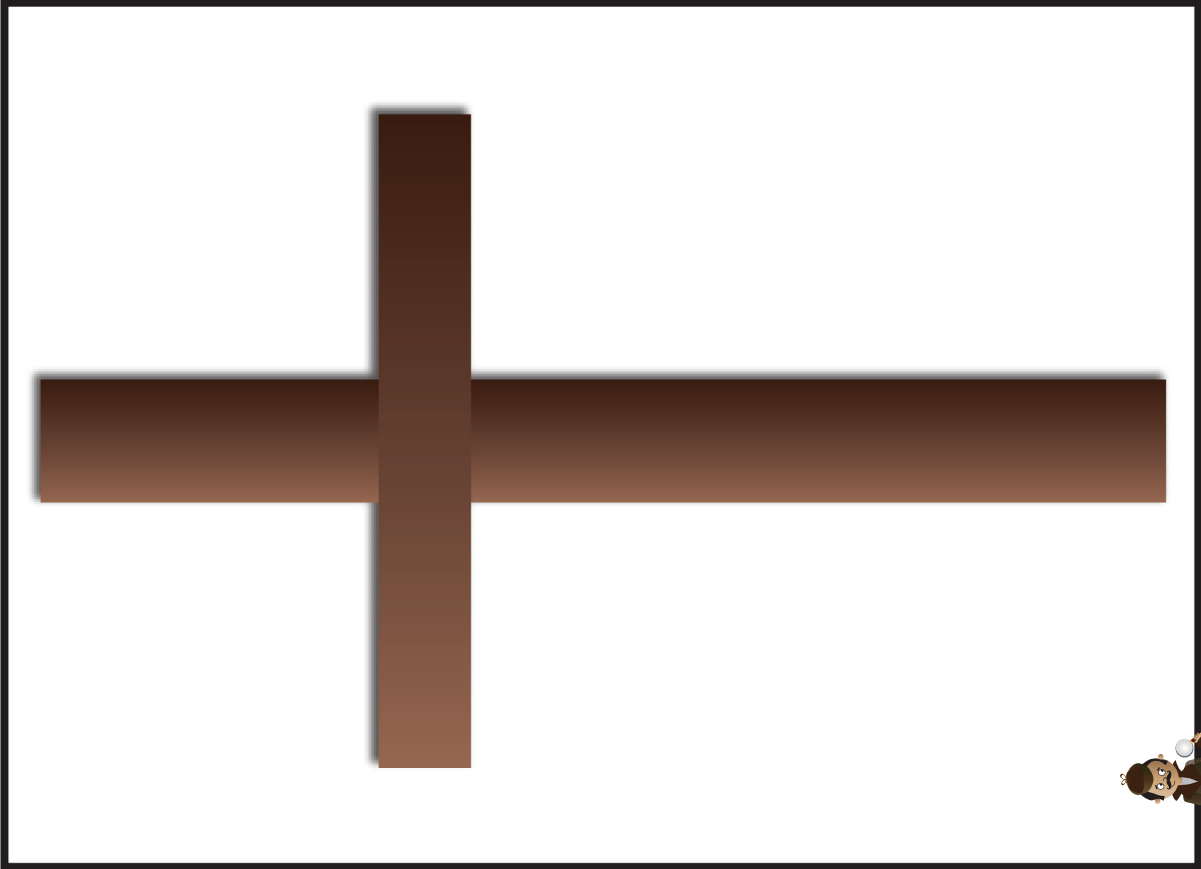


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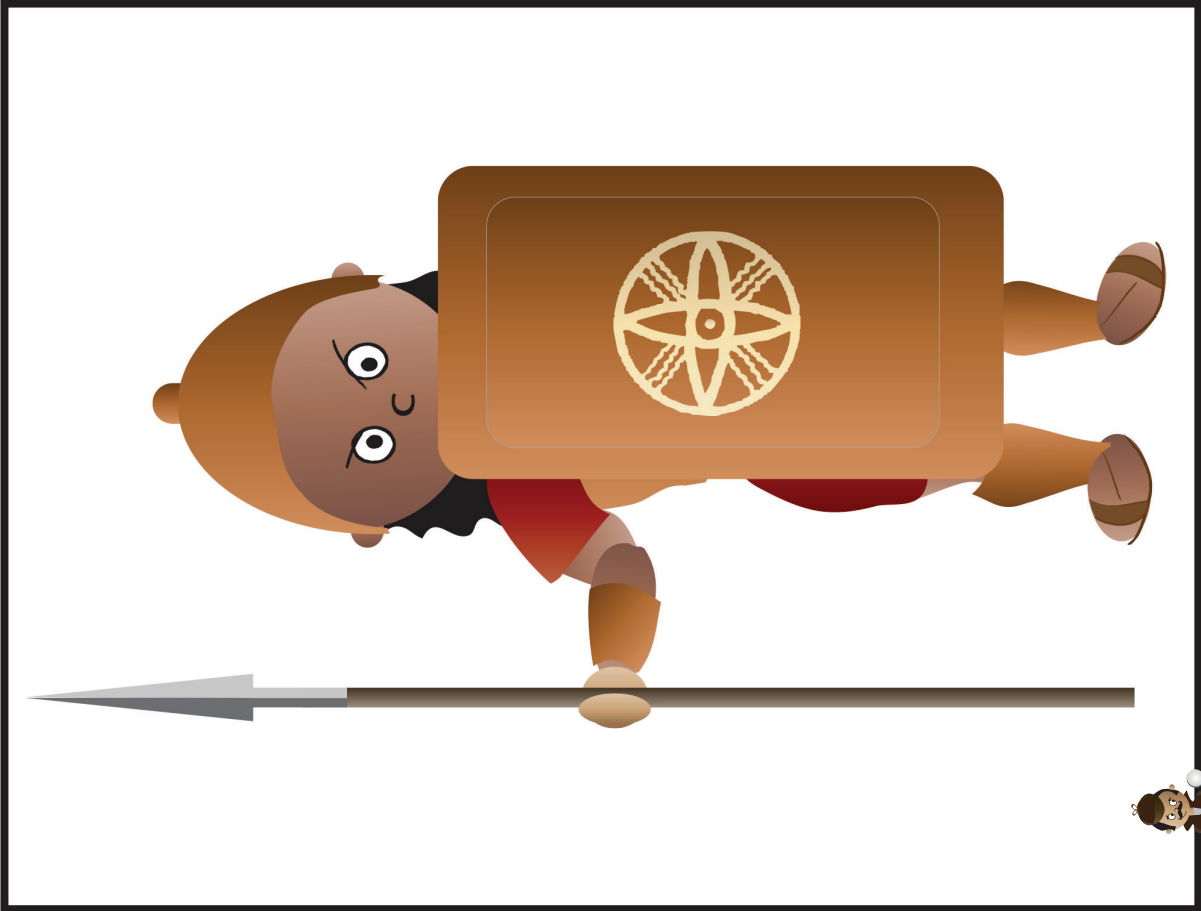


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