

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 9,

Bible Truth 6

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 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

Unit Bible Verse: “Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Bible Truth 6 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Went Up to Rule in Heaven!

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers many times. He showed them from the Bible why He had to suffer and die on the cross. He showed them how He had completed all of God’s plans to save God’s people. Jesus also told them God’s plans for them. They were to go to into the whole world, urging everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God would use them to save His people from every part of the world.

After Jesus finished teaching His followers all these things, He went home to heaven. At last, once more, Jesus shone with the bright shininess of God’s glorious goodness. At last, once more, He delighted in all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God—that closest, most wonderful love that He had fully enjoyed with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, before He had gone to earth to be our Savior.

Jesus’ work on earth was done, but not His work in heaven. Jesus now reigns as king over the whole universe --the King of kings and Lord of lords. He prays and cares for God’s people as God’s plan for them keeps being worked out here on earth. Jesus is there ruling and caring for God’s people even now! And one day, He will come back to earth. He will put an end to sin and death forever. And in the new heaven and earth God will make, He will live face-to-face with God’s people forever. That will be best of all! We can be God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:21-22

“Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.”

Learn a Little: “Jesus Christ ... has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God.”

Meaning

The Bible tells us that after Jesus rose from the dead, He taught His disciples many things from the Bible. But at last, when Jesus finished teaching them, He went up to heaven and began His rule as king, just as God promised He would in the Bible.

That’s what being at the right hand of God means. That’s a Bible way of saying that Jesus is ruling as the promised, great King who would beat sin and death and save God’s people--all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. (That can even be you and me!).

And that what Jesus is still doing even now. He is ruling over everything—not just all people, but all of the angels and other heavenly powers. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. You died and rose again. You went up to heaven. We praise You for being our great King of Kings who rules over everything.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross and for rising from the dead in victory! Thank You for ruling over all things from heaven. Thank You for the promise that You will come back one day and bring an end to sin and death forever.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. We want to become God’s people. Jesus, come back soon! We long for the day when You will bring sin and death to an end forever, and will rule as the great forever king over God’s kingdom. Help us to be ready for that day! In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 6 Story

The Case of the Fluffy Farewell *Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 23-24; John 19-20; Acts 1*

Songs Used in Bible Truth 6

Big Q & A 9 Song

Big Question 9 Song: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: Christ Once Suffered for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Suffered Once for Sin

Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16, ESV

Big Question 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: Gone into Heaven 1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV

Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse: Jesus Christ Has Gone into Heaven 1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse Therefore God Exalted Him Philippians 2:9-11, NIV 1984

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

"The Case of the Fluffy Farewell"

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1. How did Jesus go up to heaven to rule?
2. What does He rule over from heaven? When will He come back?

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

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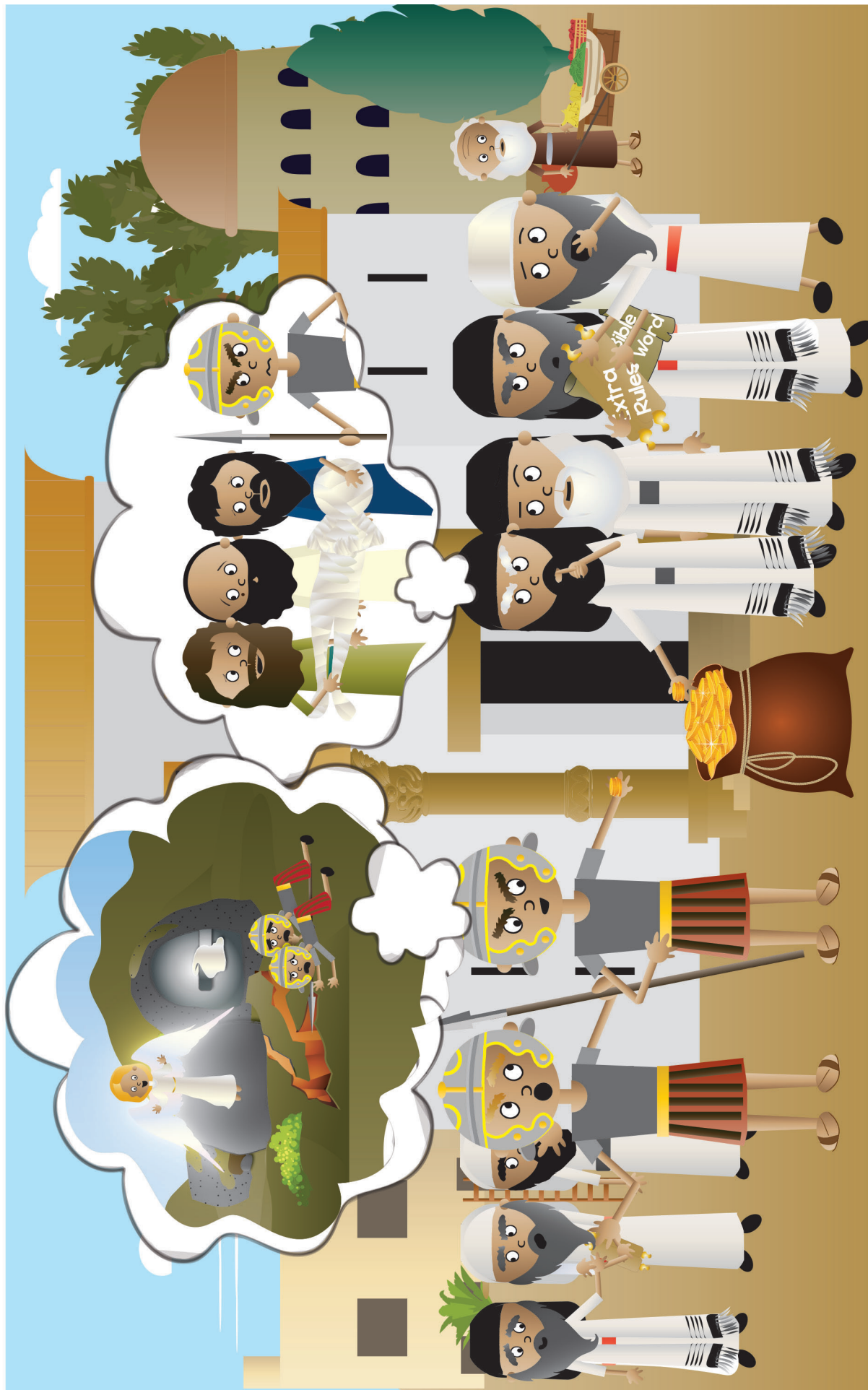
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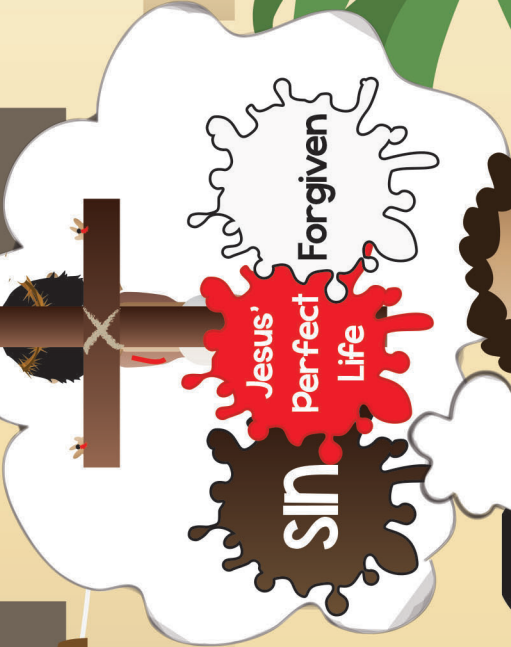
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9. Soon, all Jerusalem was buzzing with the news. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead! And while some people, like Jesus' enemies did not believe, many put their trust in Jesus and were saved.



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17. “Would Jesus come back? When? How?” Jesus’ friends wondered, as they looked up into the sky.

God sent two angels in sparkling, white robes to them with the answers: “Why do you stand here looking into heaven?” the angels asked Jesus’ friends. “This Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will come back one day, in the same way you saw him go up to heaven,” they promised.



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19. How loudly the thousands and thousands of angels must have sung, as Jesus entered heaven! He had beaten sin and death for God's people! Now, He was back home! Yay!

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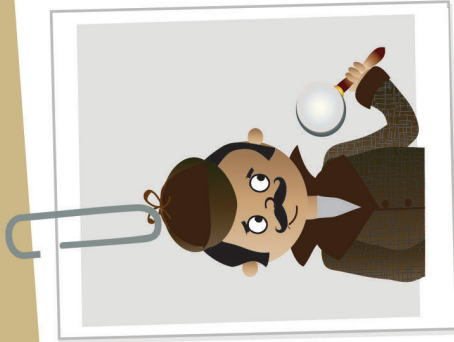


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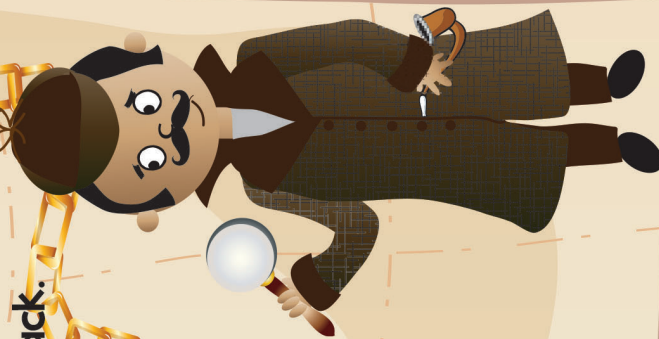
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The Gospel

Jesus left His home in heaven to be the Savior we needed. You see, we all are sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. We deserve His punishment for our sins, a punishment too great for us to pay, ourselves.

So, Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He offered it up to God as full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them. Then, He went back home to heaven, and there, He rules over all things. One day, He will come back.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven and become God's people. They know God in their hearts now, and will go to live with Him forever. Ask Him to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.



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