

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 1 Simple Story Scenes, NIV
The God Who Reveals Himself



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Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

There are five companion resources for each of the sixteen units of Deep Down Detectives. Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Deep Down Detectives resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

Make sure to check out the “Bits and Pieces” section of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum online. It has all of the resources separated out making it easy for you simply to pick, choose and print out whatever you want.

Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, easy-to-use, colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene is printed on the bottom of each scene.

Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource includes only 2-page overview for Bible Truth, the story scenes, and take home sheets. This is a great, basic resource for use at home and in many classroom teaching situations.

Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

Deep Down Detectives Large Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards 36" x 48" in size.

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

Unit 1: The God Who Reveals Himself

UNIT OVERVIEW

"God made us. He wants us to know what He is like so we can know Him, love Him, and praise Him.

God shows us what He is like by the heart He gave us to know and love Him; through all of His creations we see around us; through His Word, the Bible; and most of all, through His very own Son, Jesus Christ."

In this unit we will learn four ways God does this.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Amos 4:13

"He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man...the LORD God Almighty is his name."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: How Do I Know What God Is Like?

ANSWER: He Shows Me What He's Like...

OPTIONAL BIG QUESTION 1 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 1 Material)

Story: The Case of the Old Man Who Looked for God *Luke 2:25-32*

Bible Verse: Amos 4:13

BIBLE TRUTH 1: By the Heart He Gave Us to Know and Love Him (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

Bible Verse: Psalm 42:1-2

BIBLE TRUTH 2: In Everything I See All Around Me (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Whispering World *Acts 14*

Bible Verse: Psalm 19:1-4

BIBLE TRUTH 3: In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Word on Wheels *Acts 8*

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:18,72-73

BIBLE TRUTH 4: In His Very Own Son, Jesus Christ (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man *Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25*

Bible Verse: John 14:9

Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a playlist of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the playlist onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, so teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized playlist.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

UNIT 1: THE GOD WHO REVEALS HIMSELF

- 12 Big Q & A 1 Song
- 13 Big Question 1 Song: How Can I Know What God Is Like?
- 14 Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Reveals His Thoughts Amos 4:13
- 15 Big Question 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- 16 Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh, Oh, Oh, How Good Is the Lord!

How Do I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like...

Bible Truth 1: By the Heart He Gave Me to Know and Love Him

- 17 Bible Verse: As the Deer Psalm 42:1-2

Bible Truth 2: In Everything I See All Around Me

- 18 Bible Verse: The Heavens Declare Psalm 19:1-4

Bible Truth 3: In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God

- 19 Bible Verse: Open My Eyes Psalm 119:18,72-73

Bible Truth 4: In His Very Own Son, Jesus Christ

- 20 Bible Verse: Anyone Who's Seen Me John 14:9
- 21 *Extra Bible Verse: The Son is the Radiance Hebrews 1:3*

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Simple Story Scenes

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Bible Truth 1

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Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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Give the Case Assignment

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Show & Tell the Story

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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

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UNIT 1: The God Who Reveals Himself

Unit Big Question (and Answer): “How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He’s Like!”

Unit Bible Verse: “He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man...the LORD God Almighty is his name.” Amos 4:13

Bible Truth 1 Concept: God Shows Me What He’s Like...by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

God made people with a special heart, so they could know and love Him. This isn’t the heart that pumps blood through our body. This is something very different. We can’t feel this heart inside of us like we can feel the heart that beats in our chest. This heart is even more amazing! THIS heart will never die--it lives forever! The Bible also calls this heart a spirit or a soul. And it’s with this very special heart that God shows us what He’s like.

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Psalm 42:1-2

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”

Learn a Little: “My soul thirsts for God.”

Meaning:

A thirsty deer searches for a stream of water to satisfy his thirst. He must have it if he is to live. That’s how God made his body.

In the same way, our heart (or soul) longs for God because He made us to need Him. We may try to satisfy ourselves with other things, but until we know God, we will still long for something more. That’s how He made us. He is the living God and there’s nothing in the whole world that we need or want more than Him.

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!
- C** In our hearts, we know that You are God and we should obey You, but many times we don’t want to. We like to do things our own way. Please forgive us. Please change our hearts so that we want to know and obey You.
- T** Thank You for helping us to learn more about You. Thank You for wanting us to know You.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Put in our hearts the special kind of happy that only You can give. Help us to go and tell others what we’ve learned. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story**The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside**

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 1 Song

Big Question 1 Song

Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song: "The LORD Reveals His Thoughts to Man" Amos 4:13

Big Question 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh! Oh! Oh! How Good is the Lord

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: "As the Deer" Psalm 42:1-2

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The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside

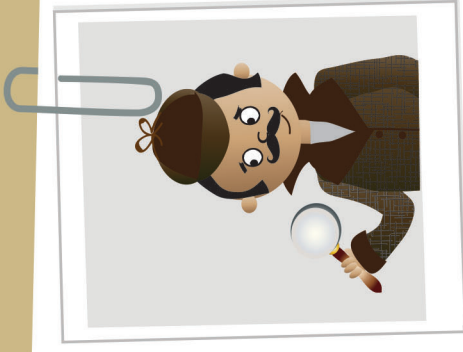
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the young man?

2. What was the something special he had inside?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 42:1-2, NIV

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God?

2. How did God satisfy his heart?

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

I. David was a shepherd boy who knew and loved God. God knew and loved David, too.

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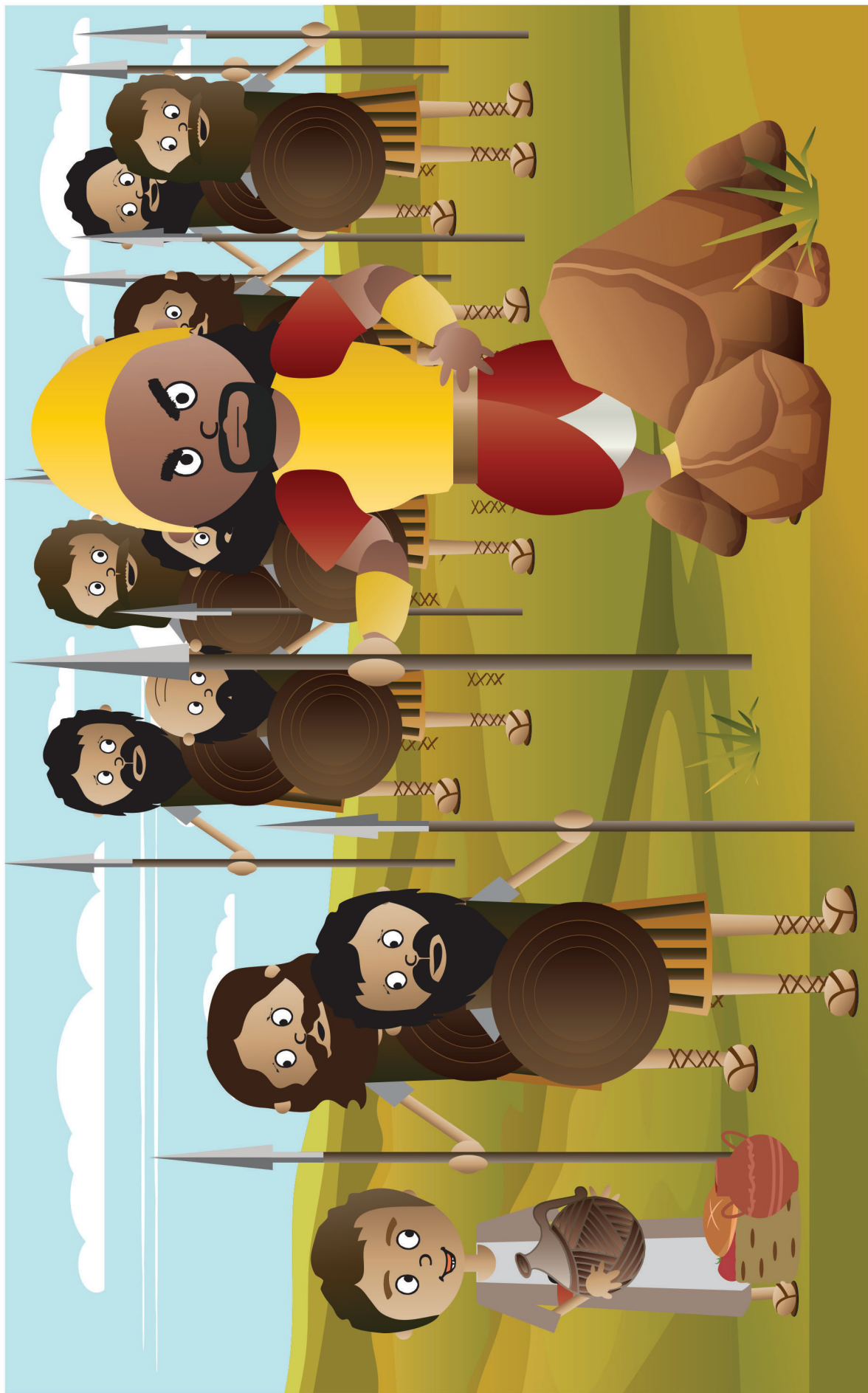
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5. Goliath said bad things about God and His people. “Send one of your men to fight me,” Goliath shouted. “If he beats me, then you win the whole battle.”

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"Let me fight!" David told King Saul. "God will help me beat Goliath!"

6. “You can’t beat Goliath!” King Saul told David. “You are too small.”

“The LORD helped me fight lions and bears. Goliath is no different,” David told the king.

“You can’t beat me!” Goliath laughed at David. “You are too small.”

“I come in the name of the living God,” David told Goliath. “He will help me strike you down.”



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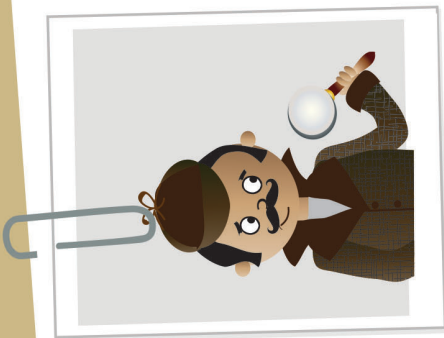
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DDD 1.1 Story

SOLVED



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1. Who was the young man? David.
2. What was the something special he had inside?
A heart to know and love God, given to him by God. A heart filled with the special happiness that only God can give.

For You and Me:
Just like David, God has given us a heart to know and love Him. We can ask God to show us what He's like and help us to know and love Him. We can ask God to give us His special kind of happy like He gave David.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 42:1-2, 11V

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God? David did.
2. How did God satisfy his heart? David spent time learning about God, thinking about God, talking to God, and living for God. As he did, God worked in David's heart, satisfying him, giving him the special kind of happy that comes only from God.

For You and Me:

Just like David, God wants us to learn about Him, think about Him, talk with Him and live for Him. He wants to satisfy our hearts with Himself and His special kind of happy like He gave to David. We can ask Him to help us.

DDD 1.1 Story

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
By the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

The Gospel

God gave each of us a heart to know and love Him, too. But sadly, we all have chosen to turn away from God and live life our own way. This sin separates us from God.

Only with God's help, we can know Him or be His people.

But God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for people to know and love God once more. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people!

God invites us to become His people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, His Holy Spirit will come live in our hearts, so we can know and love God now.

And one day, go to live with God in heaven forever. That

will be best of all!



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A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!

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Unit Bible Verse: “He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man...the LORD God Almighty is his name.” Amos 4:13

Bible Truth 2 Concept: God Shows Me What He’s Like...in everything I see all around me!

God made everything. When we look at all the wonderful things He’s made, God shows us what He is like. I look at the mountains that God made, and I can see that God must be very powerful. I look at the big sky full of stars twinkling far away, and I know God must be very great. I look at the beautiful flowers He made, and I know God must love beautiful things. I look at a mother gently taking care of her children, and I see a little bit of God’s love and tenderness. Everything that God made tells me about Him.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 19:1-4

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”

Learn a Little: “The heavens declare the glory of God.”

Meaning:

We look up at the heavens (the sky) and what do we see? Millions of stars twinkling softly above us at night; and, the glorious sun shining down on us all day long.

God made these great stars! God made this wonderful sun! They are the work of His hands; that is, He created them. Their brightness reminds us of how great and wonderful God is to make such great and wonderful things.

Every day and night, the sun, moon and stars tell us about God. They don’t speak to us with a voice with words like you and I use. God didn’t give them that gift. But they do tell us about Him. God made them so great and beautiful that everyone in the whole world can look up and be reminded of Him--the great and beautiful God who made them, and us, and all of the good things in the world around us.

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We look all around us at the wonderful things You have made and we see how wonderful You are!
- C** God, when we look at all the things You have made, we know that You are the great, One, True God. We know that we should obey You, but many times we don’t. Please forgive us through Jesus.
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- S** Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to think about You and know what You are like as we look at everything You’ve made. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 2 Story**The Case of the Whispering World**

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

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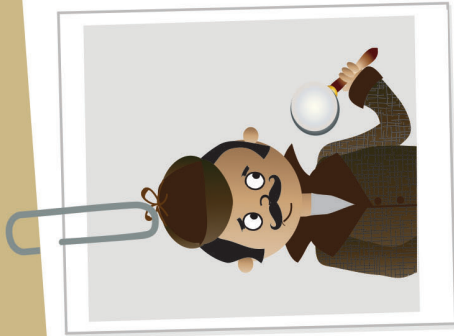
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The Case of the Whispering World Acts 14



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about?
2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 19:1-4, NIV:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

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

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

I. Paul and Barnabas walked from town to town, telling everyone the good news of Jesus.

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2. One man who listened to Paul and Barnabas lay on a mat. He was born with legs that didn't work (he was lame).

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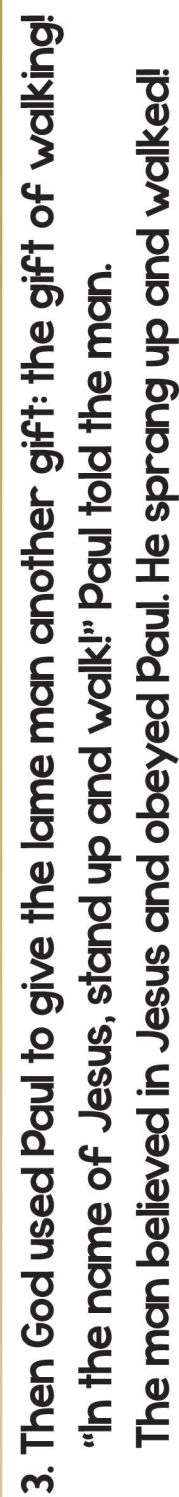


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3. Then God used Paul to give the lame man another gift: the gift of walking!

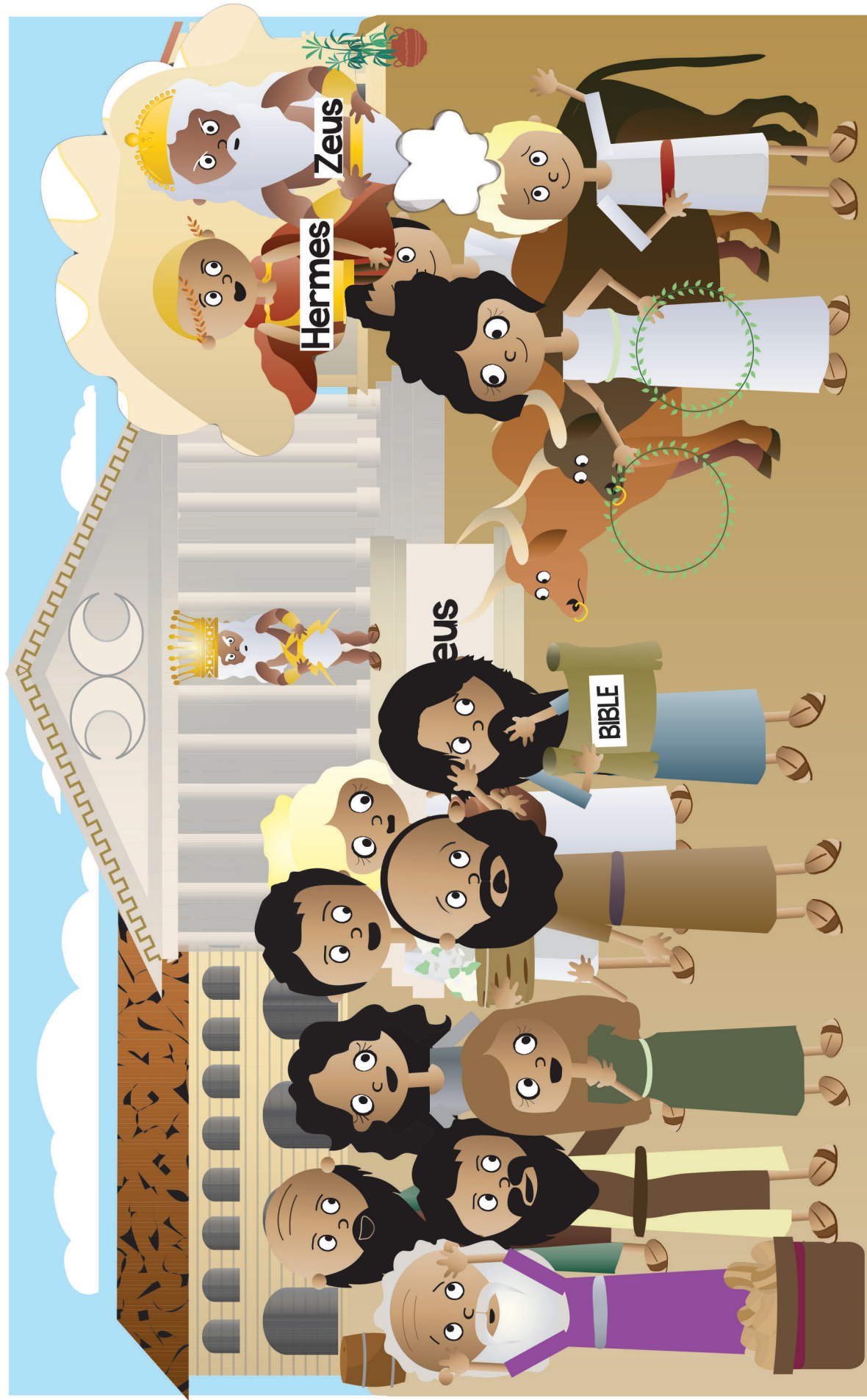
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The man believed in Jesus and obeyed Paul. He sprang up and walked!



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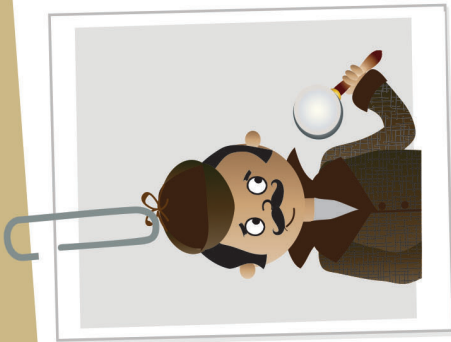
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DDD 1.2 Story



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1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about?
The LORD, the one, true God.
2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do?
Paul told the people of Lystra about Him. He hoped that they would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:
Like the people of Lystra, we can look around us and learn about the LORD, the one, true God who made everything. We can see how good and great He is.

And, like the people of Lystra, the best thing we can do to know God is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people. This is how we can know God and His wonderful love for us!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 19:1-4, NIV:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else that God had made? The people of Lystra.
2. What did he want those people to know and do?
Paul wanted them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, so they could be saved and could be God's dearly-loved people forever.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Lystra, we can look around us and see what God is like. How good He has been to us! How many ways He has cared for us and given us good things to enjoy. Best of all, God has told us the good news of Jesus. Like the people of Lystra, He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can be His people who know Him and His wonderful love for us.

DDD 1.2 Story

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
in everything I see all around me!

The Gospel



All around us, we see the good things God made. They tell us about Him. They remind us that He is our Maker and the King of the whole world. We should worship and obey Him. Sadly, we have each chosen to live life our own way, instead. We deserve His punishment because of this. How terrible!

But God is so kind to us! He has made a way for us to be saved from our sins and to become His people! How? By sending Jesus to live a perfect life, then give it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus did this as He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus died, but He didn't stay that way. On Day Three, He rose from the grave. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people.

We can become God's people, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, God will forgive our sins, and we can enjoy wonderful, special closeness with Him in our hearts, now. And one day, we will get to live with Him forever. How wonderful that will be! Ask God to help you trust in Jesus. He loves to answer this prayer!



DDD 1.2 Story

A Prayer

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We look all around us at the wonderful things You have made and we see how wonderful You are!

C God, when we look at all the things You have made, we know that You are the great, One, True God. We know that we should obey You, but many times we don't. Please forgive us through Jesus. We need a Savior!

T Thank you for wanting us to know You. Thank You for all the beautiful things that You have made and all they tell us about You!

S Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to think about You and know what You are like, as we look at everything You have made. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



DDD 1.2 Story

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



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Bible Truth 3 Concept: God Shows Me What He’s Like...in the Bible, the perfect Word of God!

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Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Psalm 119:18,72-73

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law... The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.”

Learn a Little: “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”

Meaning:

These Bible verses are a prayer for God to work in our hearts and minds when we hear His Word, the Bible. We need God’s help to understand His Word and to obey it. God loves to answer prayers like these. Ask Him! He can help you, too!

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

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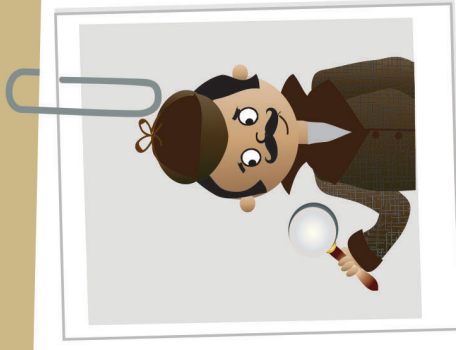
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The Case of the Word on Wheels Acts 8



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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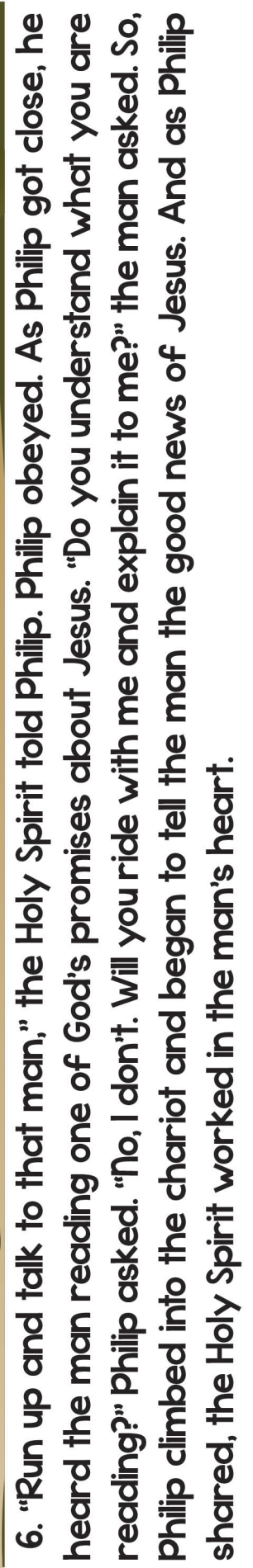
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6. “Run up and talk to that man,” the Holy Spirit told Philip. Philip obeyed. As Philip got close, he heard the man reading one of God’s promises about Jesus.

“Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“No, I don’t. Will you ride with me and explain it to me?” the man asked.

So, Philip climbed into the chariot and began to tell the man the good news of Jesus. And as Philip shared, the Holy Spirit worked in the man’s heart.



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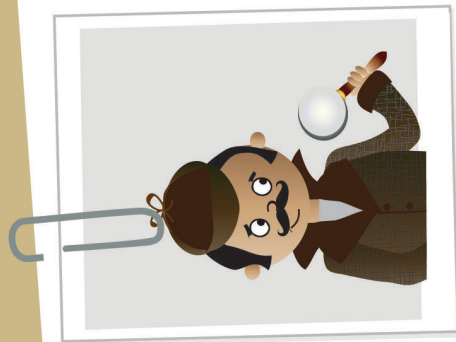


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The Case of the Word on Wheels Acts 8

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When Jesus came to earth, He showed us what God is like. Jesus never, ever disobeyed God. He showed that God is perfectly good. Jesus always told people what was true and right. He showed that God is perfectly wise. He could heal people and calm big storms with just His word. He showed us that God is all-powerful. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God’s people. He showed that God hates sin, but is full of love and mercy. Jesus shows us what God is like more than anything else because Jesus is God.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: John 14:9

“Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

Learn a Little: “Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

Meaning:

When Jesus lived on earth, people were amazed at everything He said and did. Jesus explained why: it was because He was God’s Son who had come down from heaven to save us and bring us to God. When people listened to Jesus teach, they were listening to God teach. When they watched Jesus do amazing things, they were watching God do these amazing things. Jesus was showing them what God, His Father in heaven, was like. When we hear the stories of Jesus in the Bible, we can know more of what God is like, too!

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
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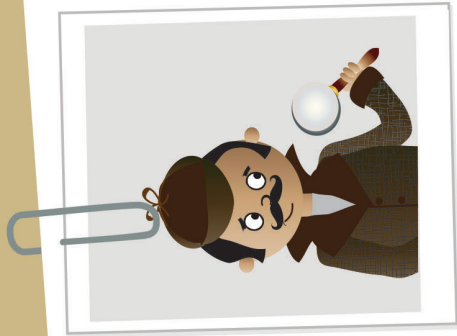
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2. What made Him so different from everyone else?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 14:9, NIV

"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like?
2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?

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

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When you were with Jesus, you knew what God was like.

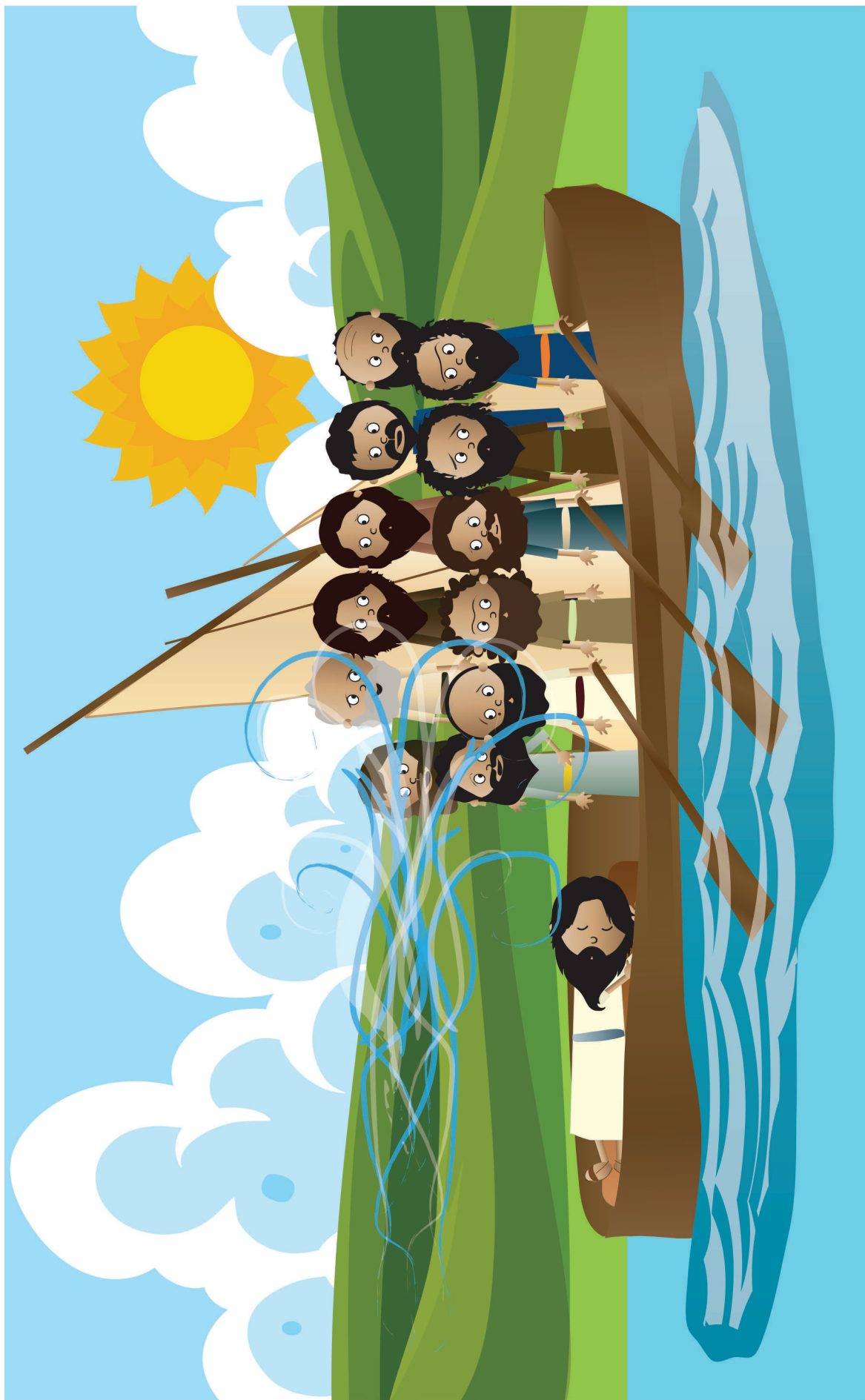


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DDD 1.4 Story

The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the One-of-a-Kind man?

Jesus.

2. What made Him so different from everyone else? Jesus was the only man who never disobeyed God. And Jesus was not just a man. He was the Son of God, too.

For You and Me:

Jesus shows us what God is like most of all because He is God's Son. There is no one like Him! And what did Jesus come to do? He came to save sinners from their sins and bring them to God. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can become God's people!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 14:9, NIV

"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like? Jesus.

2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?

Because Jesus is God! Yes, Jesus is God's Only Son.

For You and Me:

How amazing that God would send His only Son to show us what He's like... and to do even more than that! God sent Jesus to bring us to God--that is, to save us from our sins. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can become God's people!

DDD 1.4 Story

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

The Gospel

Jesus showed God's mighty power when He calmed the storm with just His words! But Jesus did something that showed **EVEN MORE** of God's mighty power! Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as our Savior to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death. Now that's mighty power!

If we turn away from our sins (repent) and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can receive this wonderful of salvation from God.

This is how we become God's people. We can know special closeness with God in our hearts now. And one day, we will get to live with Him in heaven forever.

That will be best of all!



DDD 1.4 Story

A Prayer

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!

C God, when we think about Jesus, we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus, so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.

S Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to know what You are like when we read about Jesus in the Bible. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



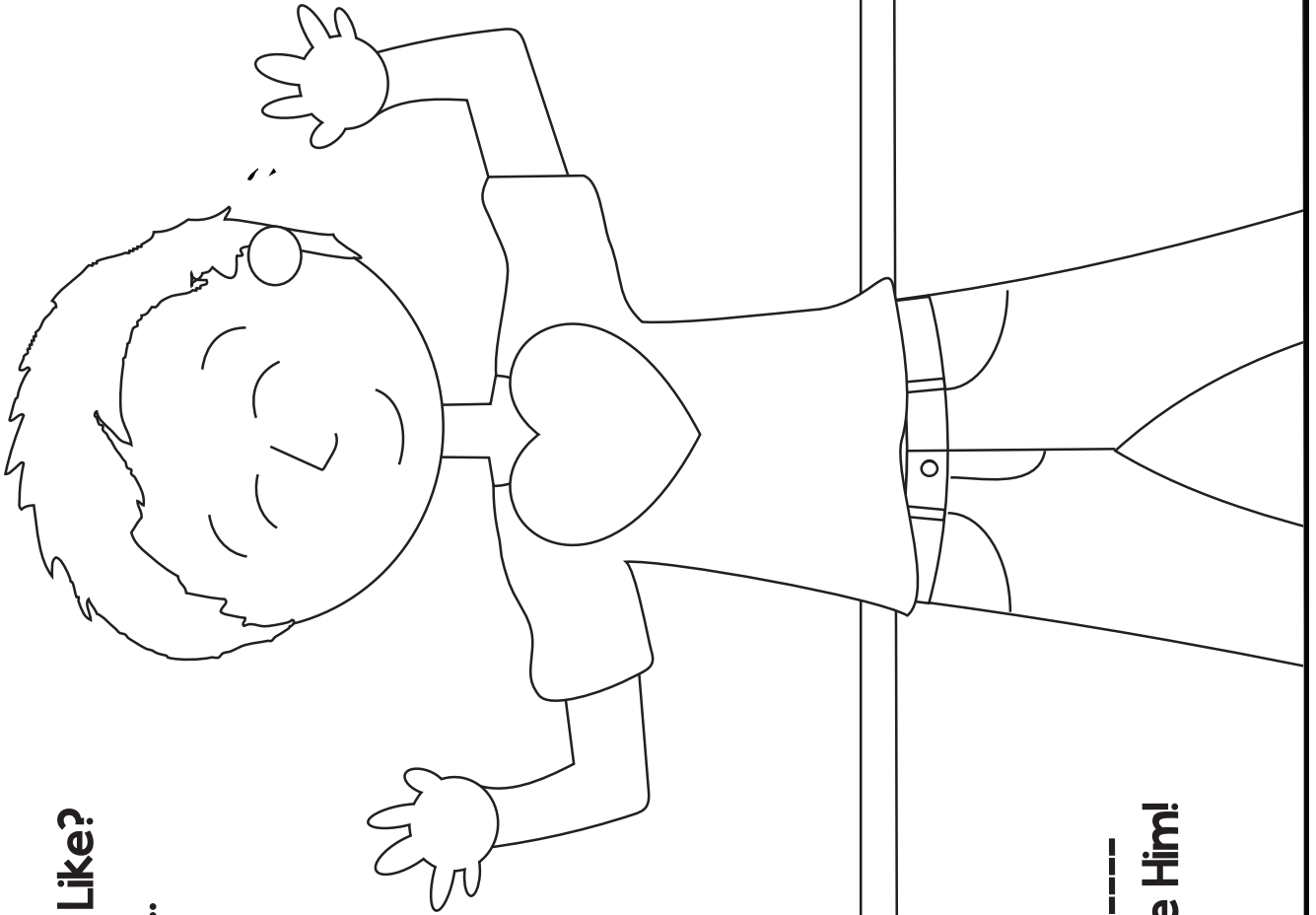
DDD 1.4 Story

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Take-Home Sheets

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...



By the -----
He gave me to know and love Him!
HINT: What do we love with?

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God made people with a special heart to know and love Him. This isn't the heart that pumps blood through our body. This is something very different. We can't feel this heart inside of us like we can feel the heart that beats in our chest. This heart is even more amazing! THIS heart will never die--it lives forever! The Bible also calls this heart a spirit or a soul. And it's with this very special heart that God shows us what He's like.

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" --- Psalm 42:1,2

Some Questions for You

1. What special thing did God make people with? *A heart to know and love Him.*
2. Is this heart the same as the one that we feel beat in our chest? *No.*
3. What is this special heart like? *It never dies. It lives forever!*
4. What is the other name for this heart? *A soul or a spirit.*
5. Who can we come to know by this special heart? *God.*
6. Who will help us to know God with our heart? *God will. He delights for us to ask Him to do this.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!
- C** In our hearts we know that You are God and we should obey You, but many times we don't want to. We need a Savior to save us from our sins! We need Jesus!
- T** Thank You for sending us Your Son, Jesus to save sinners like us! Thank You for giving us hearts that want to know You.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know and obey You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 1 Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 12

(sung to the tune of "This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

How can I know what God is like?
God is like? God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!

Big Question 1 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 13

I have a very big question,
A big question 'bout God,
I have a very big question,
It's Big Question Number One, *hold up 1 finger*
I wanna know...

Refrain:

How can I know what God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!

Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God,
He made everything I see.
Big tall mountain, galloping horses,
Every little bird and bee. *Refrain*

*place hand over heart
cup hand over eye & look around
gallop in place*

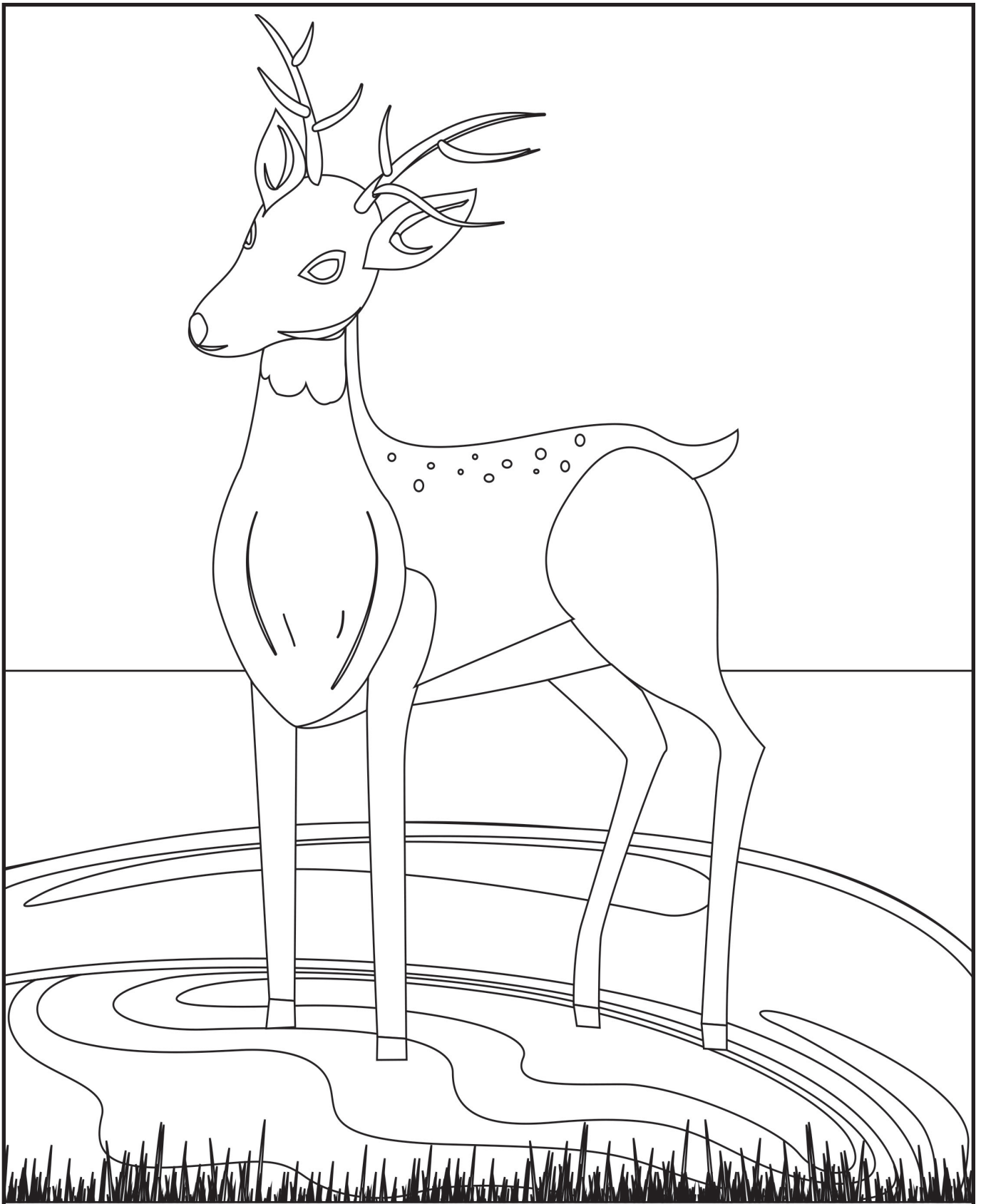
Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,
To learn of His might deeds,
But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,
God shows Himself to me. *Refrain*

*make open book with flat hands
hold up flexed arm
point to self*

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DDD BQ 1 BT 1 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" Psalm 42:1-2

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

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"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" --Psalm 42:1-2

Learn a Little: "My soul thirsts for God."

Meaning

A thirsty deer searches for a stream of water to satisfy his thirst. He must have it if he is to live. That's how God made his body.

In the same way, our heart (or soul) longs for God because He made us to need Him. We may try to satisfy ourselves with other things, but until we know God, we will still long for something more. That's how He made us. He is the living God and there's nothing in the whole world that we need or want more than Him.

Some Questions for You

1. What does a deer look for when he is thirsty? *Streams of water to drink.*
2. What satisfies our bodies when we are thirsty? *Water.*
3. What does our heart long to satisfied with? *With knowing the living God!*
4. Who is the living God? *The LORD is the living God. He is the only, true God.*
5. When can we go to meet with God? *Anytime! God is always with us, ready to help us and ready to hear our prayers. He loves for us to meet with Him!*
6. How can we come to know the living God? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer these prayers!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!
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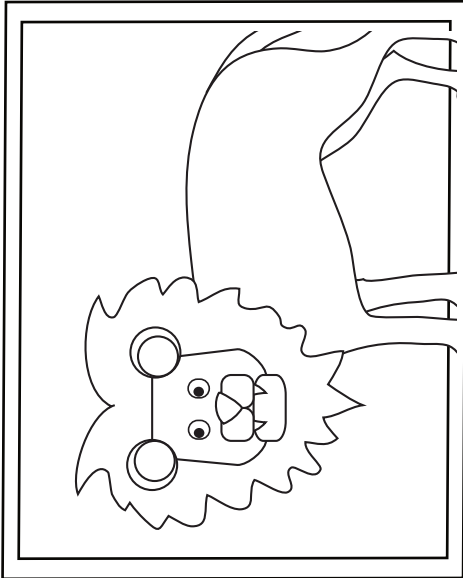
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

As the Deer *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 17*

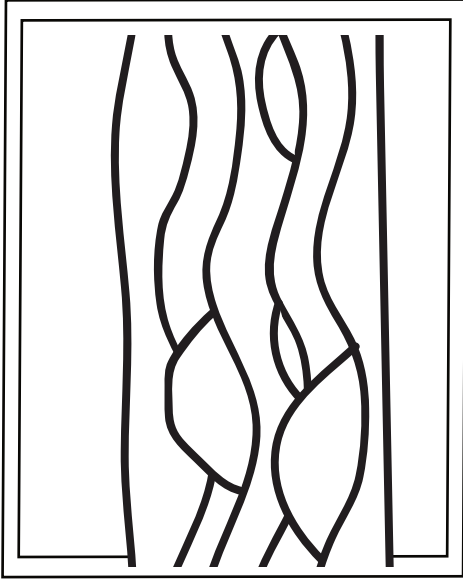
As the deer pants for streams of water,
So my soul pants for you, O God!
As the deer pants for streams of water,
So my soul pants for you, O God!
My soul thirsts for God,
My soul thirsts for the living God.
When can I come and appear before God?
Psalm Forty-two, one and two.

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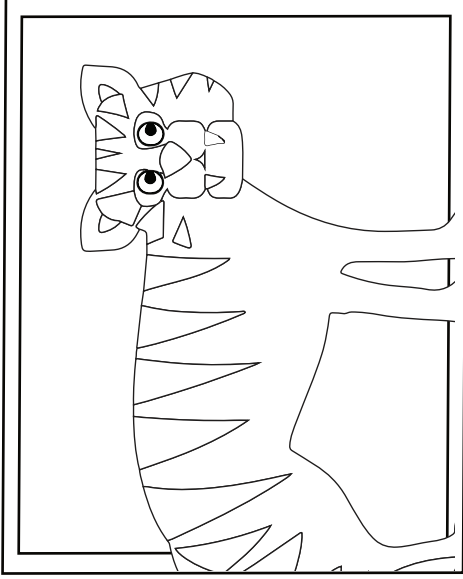
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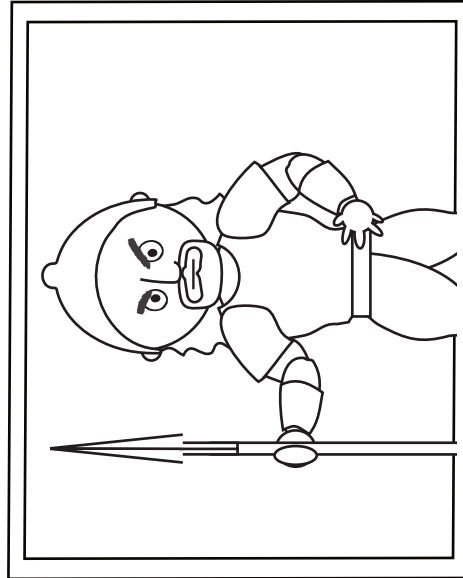
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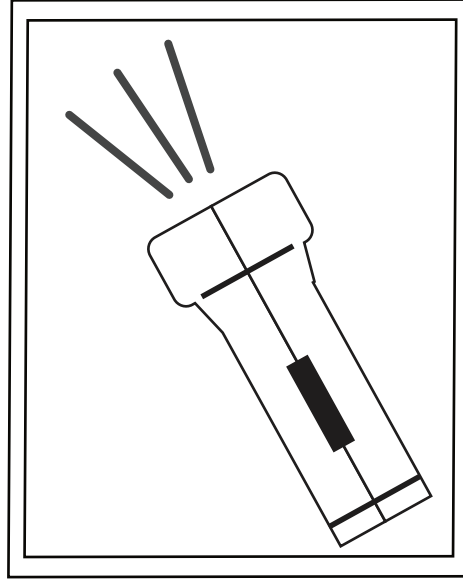
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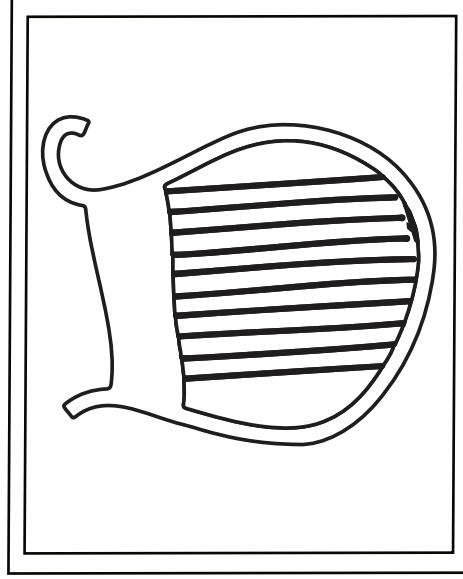
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☐ Giant



☐ Flashlight



☐ Harp

Answer: The lion, the stream, the giant and the harp.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a lion, a stream, a tiger, a giant, a flashlight and a harp.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The harp, sling shot, giant and lion.

2. Which one did David use to praise God? How?

David used the harp to praise God. He thought about God and sang songs of praise from his heart as he played his harp.

3. What did God do as David thought about Him and sang praises to Him?

God worked in David's heart, helping him to know and love Him.

4. What can God do in our heart as we think about Him and sing praises to Him? *God can work in our heart, helping us know and love Him, too.*

5. What is the best first step we can ask God to do in our heart? *We can ask Him to work in our heart that we would turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He delights to do this!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 15*

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of heaven, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Verse 2

All Thy works in joy surround Thee,
Heaven and earth reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing before Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Words: Henry van Dyke Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

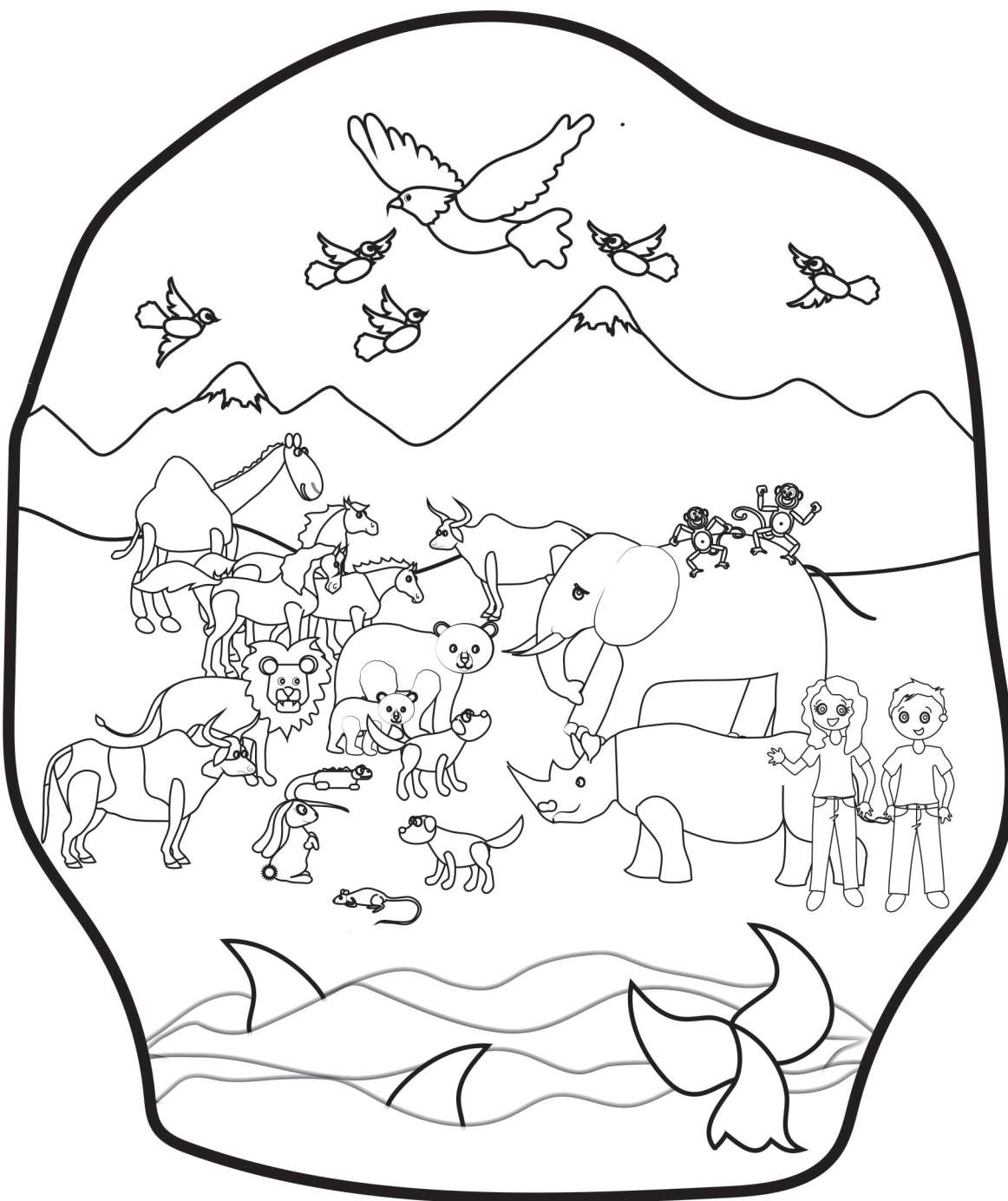
Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh, Oh, Oh How Good Is the Lord! from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 16*

Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
I never will forget what He has done for me!

He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
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He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...



In _____

I see all around me!

HINT: What did God make that we see around us?

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...in everything I see all around me!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God made everything. When we look at all the wonderful things He's made, God shows us what He is like. I look at the mountains that God made, and I can see that God must be very powerful. I look at the big sky full of stars twinkling far away, and I know God must be very great. I look at the beautiful flowers He made, and I know God must love beautiful things. I look at a mother gently taking care of her children, and I see a little bit of God's love and tenderness. Everything that God made tells me about Him.

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." --- Psalm 19:1-4

Some Questions for You

1. What did God make? *Everything.*
2. What does God show us when we look at all the wonderful things He's made? *What He's like.*
3. What can I see God is like when I look at the mountains? *How powerful God must be.*
4. What can I see God is like when I look at the big sky full of stars twinkling far away? *God must be very great.*
5. What can I see God is like when I look at a beautiful flower? *God loves beautiful things.*
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7. What shows me what God is like? *Everything He made that I see all around me.*

Let's Pray!

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gallop in place*

Refrain:

How can I know what God is like?
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How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!

Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,
To learn of His mighty deeds,
But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,
God shows Himself to me. *Refrain*

*make open book with flat hands
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DDD BQ 1 BT 1 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Psalm 19:1-4

DDD 1.2 L2 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...in everything I see all around me!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so:

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Learn a Little: "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Meaning:

We look up at the heavens (the sky) and what do we see? Millions of stars twinkling softly above us at night; and, the glorious sun shining down on us all day long. God made these great stars! God made this wonderful sun! They are the work of His hands; that is, He created them. Their brightness reminds us of how great and wonderful God is to make such great and wonderful things.

Every day and night, the sun, moon and stars tell us about God. They don't speak to us with a voice with words like you and I use. God didn't give them that gift. But they do tell us about Him. God made them so great and beautiful that everyone in the whole world can look up and be reminded of Him--the great and beautiful God who made them, and us, and all of the good things in the world around us.

Some Questions for You

1. What do the heavens and skies proclaim every day? *The glory of God. That is, how good and great God is.*
2. Who do the heavens and skies proclaim God's glory to? *Everyone in the whole world.*
3. What in the sky displays God's glory to us during the day? *The sun and the beautiful sky.*
4. What in the sky displays God's glory to us at night? *The moon and the stars.*
5. The heavens and the skies tell us that God is good and great. How can we know this even more? *By reading God's Word, the Bible, and hearing what great things He had done for us, especially through Jesus.*
6. How can we know God most of all? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. That is how we become God's people.*

Let's Pray!

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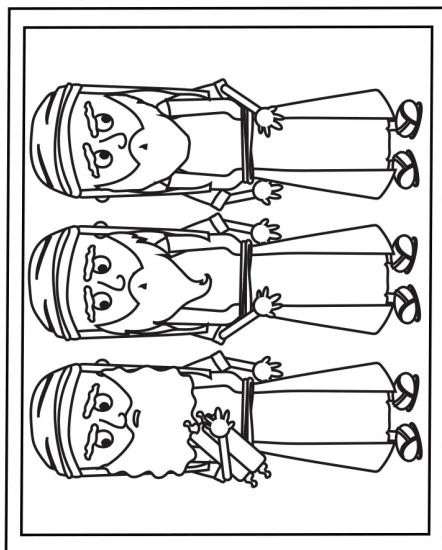
The Heavens Declare from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 18*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
The sky proclaims the works of His hands
Day after day, they pour out speech,
Night after night, they display knowledge,
There is no language, where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God,
The sky proclaims the works of His hands
Psalm Nineteen: one through four.

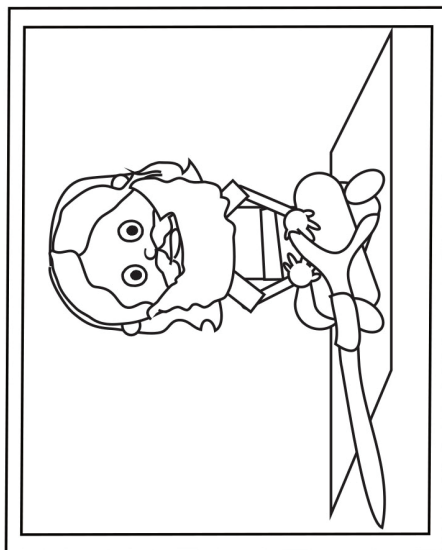
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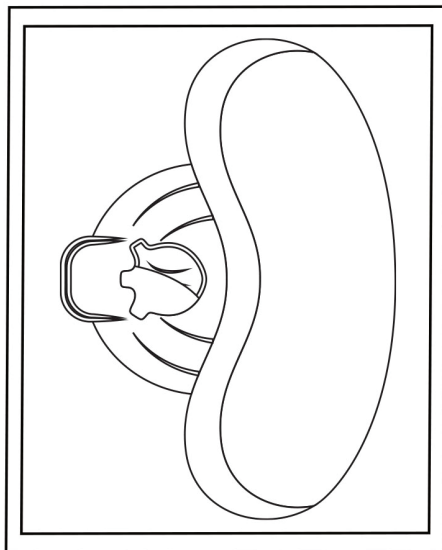
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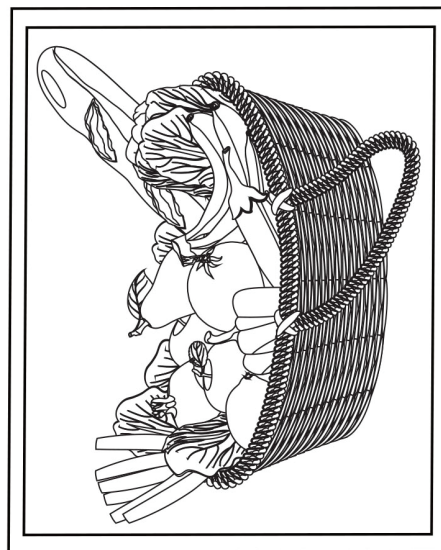
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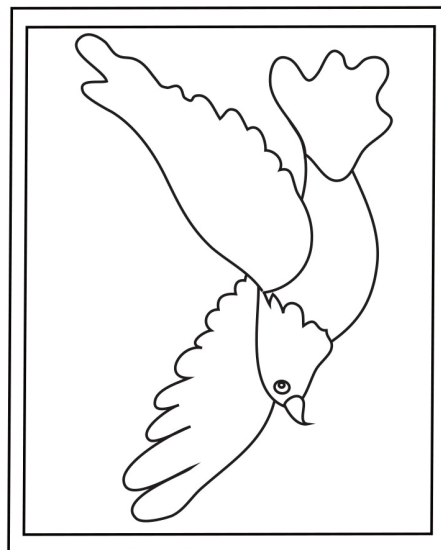
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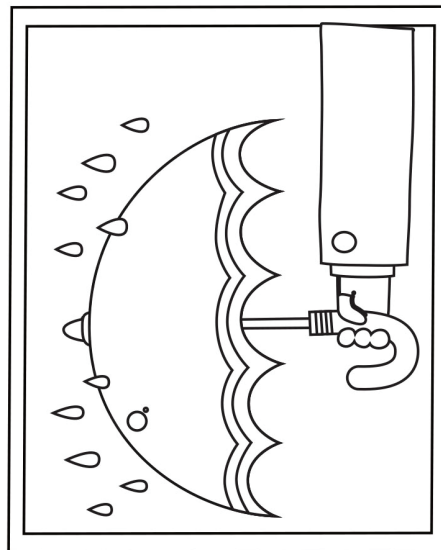
☐ A Hat



☐ Food



☐ Birds



☐ An Umbrella

Answer: The enemies, the lame man, the food and the birds were in the story.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...in everything I see all around me!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: some enemies; a lame man; a hat; food; birds; and an umbrella.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The enemies; the lame man; the food and the birds.

2. Who confessed their sins to God? What happened?

The lame man and others in Lystra confessed their sins to God and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. God forgave their sins and made them His special people forever. How happy they were to get to know and love God!

3. How does God want us to be like that lame man? *God wants us to look around us and see how good and great He is as we see what He has made and given to us. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He delights to help us do this! Ask Him!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We look all around us at the wonderful things You have made and we see how wonderful You are!
- C** God, when we look at all the things You have made, we know that You are the great, One, True God. We know that we should obey You, but many times we don't. Please forgive us through Jesus.
- T** Thank you for wanting us to know You. Thank You for all the beautiful things that You have made and all that they tell us about You!
- S** Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to think about You and know what You are like as we look at everything You've made. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 15*

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of heaven, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Words: Henry van Dyke Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Verse 2

All Thy works in joy surround Thee,
Heaven and earth reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing before Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

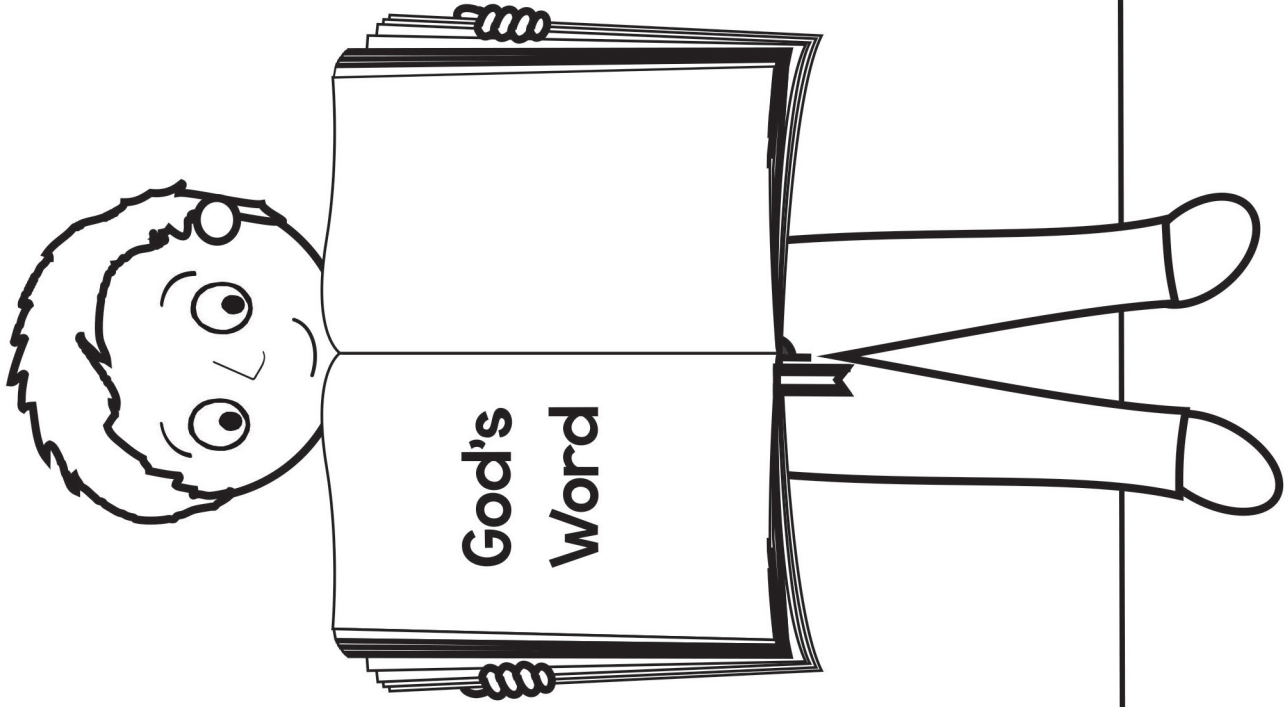
Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh, Oh, Oh How Good Is the Lord! *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 16*

Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
I never will forget what He has done for me!

He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
I never will forget what He has done for me!

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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...



In the -----
the perfect Word of God!
HINT: What is name of the book that is
God's Word?

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...in the Bible, the perfect Word of God!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

The Bible is God's Word. God used many people to write down His Word just right. The Bible is filled with stories about God, His plans, and the wonderful things He has done for us. When we read the Bible, God shows us what He is like and fills our hearts with truth about Him. We see how great God is, how good God is, and how wonderful is His love for people like you and me!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law... The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands." --- Psalm 119:18,72-73

Some Questions for You

1. What is the name we give for God's Word written down? *The Bible.*
2. Who did God use to write down His Word, the Bible? *Many people.*
3. How did they write it down? *The Holy Spirit helped them to write it down perfectly.*
4. Who are the stories in the Bible about? *God and what He has done/is doing for His people.*
5. What does God show us when we read the Bible? *He shows us what He is like. He is great. He is good. His wonderful love for His people.*
6. What does God fill our hearts with when we read/listen to the Bible being read? *With truth.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise you for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** God, You show us in the Bible who You are and how You want us to live, but many times we don't act like we want to know You. Many times we don't obey Your good ways. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us the Bible to know You and Your good ways better.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to know what You are like when we hear Your Word, the Bible. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 1 Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 12

(sung to the tune of "This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

How can I know what God is like?
God is like? God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!

Big Question 1 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 13

I have a very big question,
A big question 'bout God,
I have a very big question,
It's Big Question Number One, *hold up 1 finger*
I wanna know...

Refrain:

How can I know what God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!

Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God,
He made everything I see.
Big tall mountain, galloping horses,
Every little bird and bee. *Refrain*

place hand over heart
cup hand over eye & look around
gallop in place

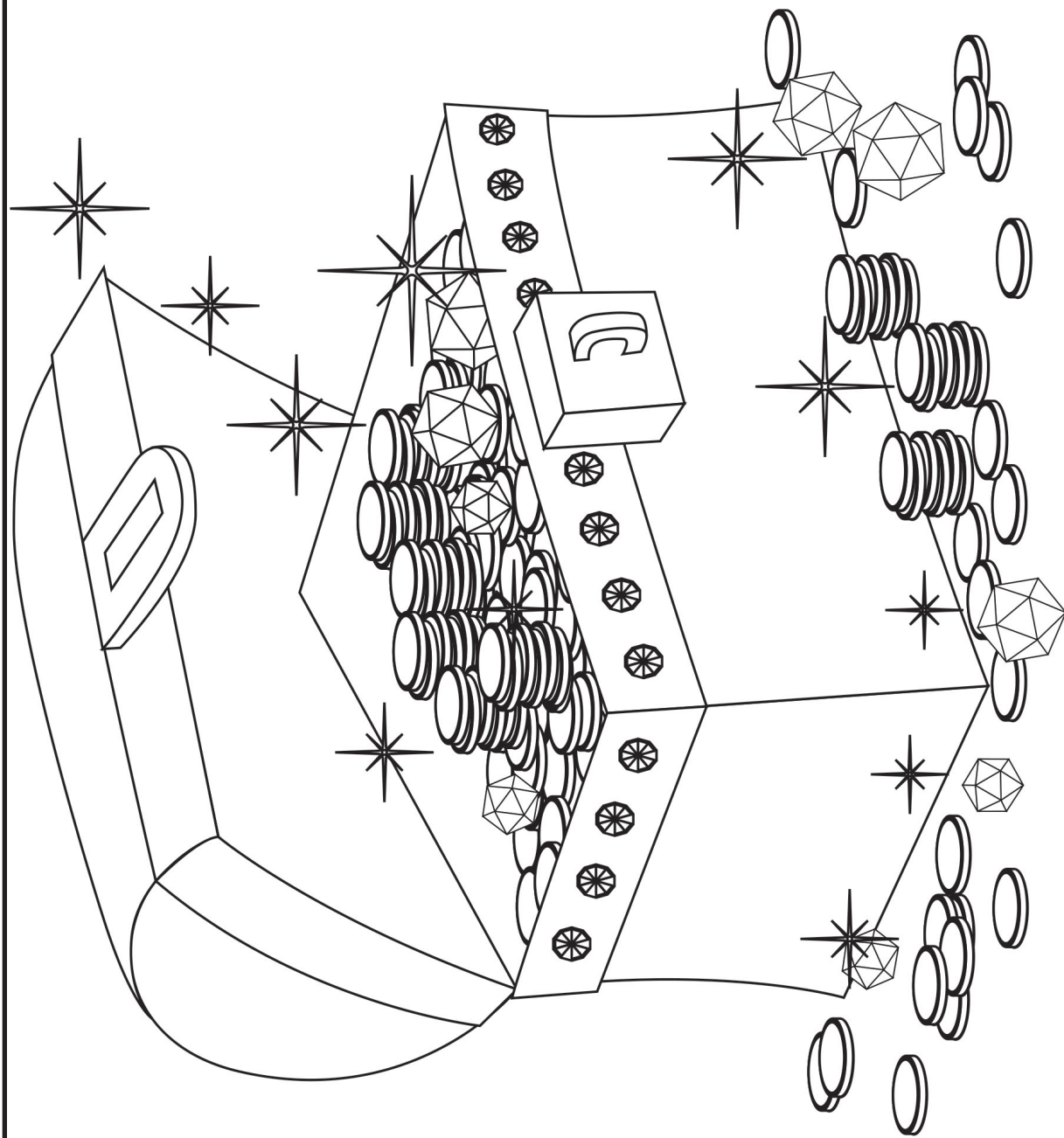
Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,
To learn of His might deeds,
But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,
God shows Himself to me. *Refrain*

make open book with flat hands
hold up flexed arm
point to self

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DDD BQ 1 BT 3 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law... The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands." Psalm 119:18,72-73

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law... The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands."

--- Psalm 119:18,72-73

Learn a Little: "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."

Meaning

These Bible verses are a prayer for God to work in our hearts and minds when we hear His Word, the Bible. We need God's help to understand His Word and to obey it. God loves to answer prayers like these. Ask Him! He can help you, too!

Some Questions for You

1. What kind of eyes do we need God to open for us to see wonderful things in God's law? *Not our actual eyeballs, but the "eyes" of our spirit, our heart. Our spirit—or heart—doesn't really have eyes, like the ones we look around the room with. No! It's just a way of saying, help us to understand God's Word.*
2. Why do we need God's help to "see" wonderful things in God's law? *Because we are sinners, our hearts do not understand God's Word without God's help. God sends His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us to understand His law.*
3. What is God's law? *Is it just a bunch of rules? God's law is another way of saying the whole Bible. (Unless you are reading a part of the Bible that is talking just about laws God gave—then it is talking about God's actual laws).*
4. What kind of wonderful things are in God's law? *God shows us what He's like; His plans for this world and His people; the way to be saved; how He wants His people to live; and so much more.*
5. How is the Bible God's Word from His mouth? *God gave His words to godly people to write down just right. Sometimes He did speak aloud to men, like Moses. Many times, He spoke to them by His Holy Spirit whispering it into their hearts.*
6. What makes God's law worth more than a thousand pieces of silver or gold? *It alone is the perfect Word of God. Without it, we would not know so many things about God. Without it, we would not have the stories of Jesus and how to be saved.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise you for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.
- C** God, You show us in the Bible who You are and how You want us to live, but many times we don't act like we want to know You. Many times we don't obey Your good ways. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us the Bible to know You and Your good ways better.
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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Open My Eyes *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 19*

Refrain:

Open my eyes that I may see,
Wonderful things in your law.
Open my eyes that I may see,
Wonderful things in your law.

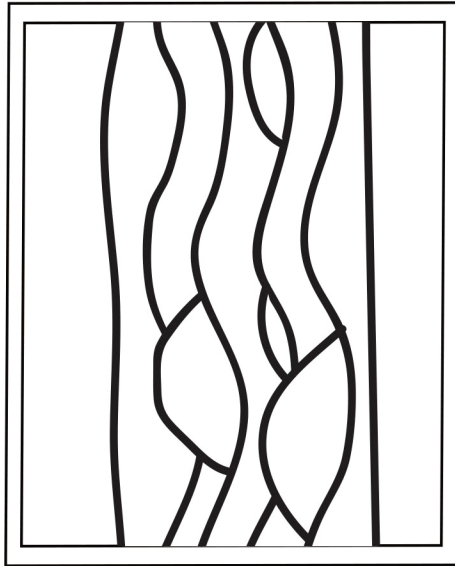
Verse

The law from your mouth is more precious to me
Than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.
Your hands, they made-me and formed me;
Give me understanding to learn your commands. *Refrain*

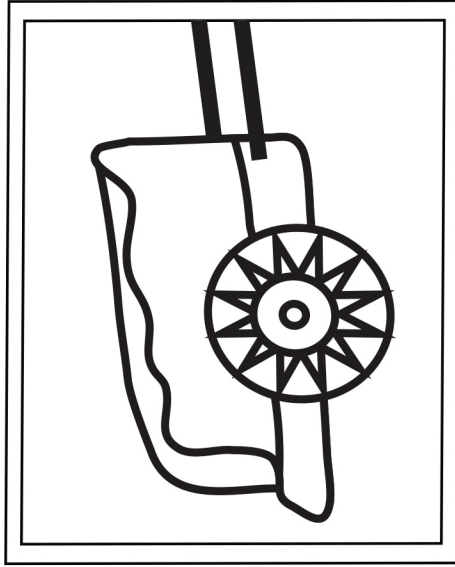
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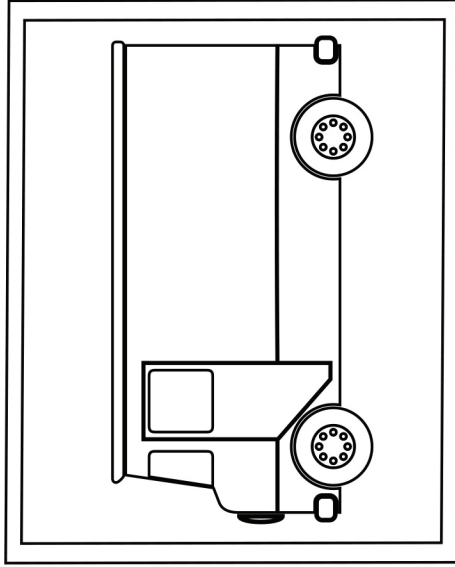
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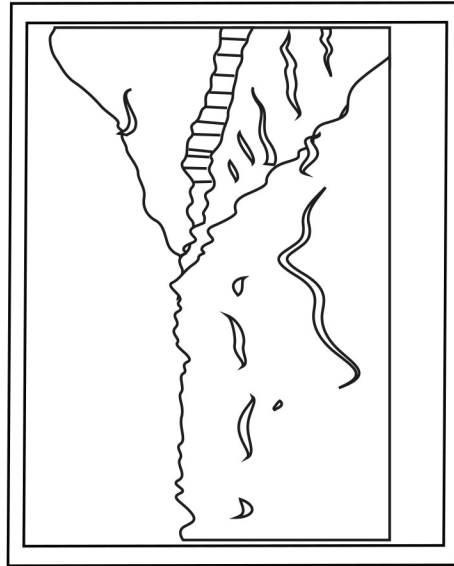
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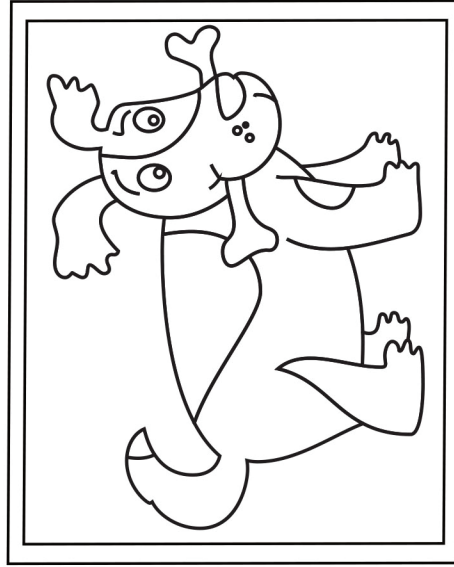
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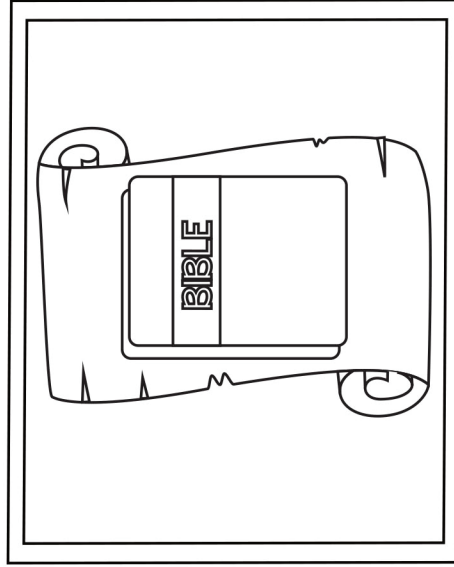
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☐ A Dog



☐ A Scroll (Bible)

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...in the Bible, the perfect Word of God!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a stream; a chariot; a truck; a dusty road; a dog; and a scroll of God's Word.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The stream; the chariot; the dusty road; and the scroll.

2. Who confessed his sins and asked Jesus to be his Savior? How did God answer his prayers? *The African man confessed his sins and asked Jesus to be his Savior. God forgave his sins and made him one of His dearly loved people!*

3. Where did the African man learn about God's promises to send a Savior? *In the Bible, God's Word.*

4. Where can we read about God's promises to send a Savior? *In the Bible, God's Word.*

5. Who can help us understand and believe these promises? *Our teachers, parents and pastors can help you. And, we can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in our heart that we might understand and believe. He loves to answer these prayers!*

Let's Pray!

A We praise You, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise you for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.

C God, You show us in the Bible who You are and how You want us to live, but many times we don't act like we want to know You. Many times we don't obey Your good ways. We need a Savior!

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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 1 Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 15*

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of heaven, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Verse 2

All Thy works in joy surround Thee,
Heaven and earth reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing before Thee,
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Big Question 1 Praise Song: Oh, Oh, Oh How Good Is the Lord! from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 16*

Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord!
I never will forget what He has done for me!

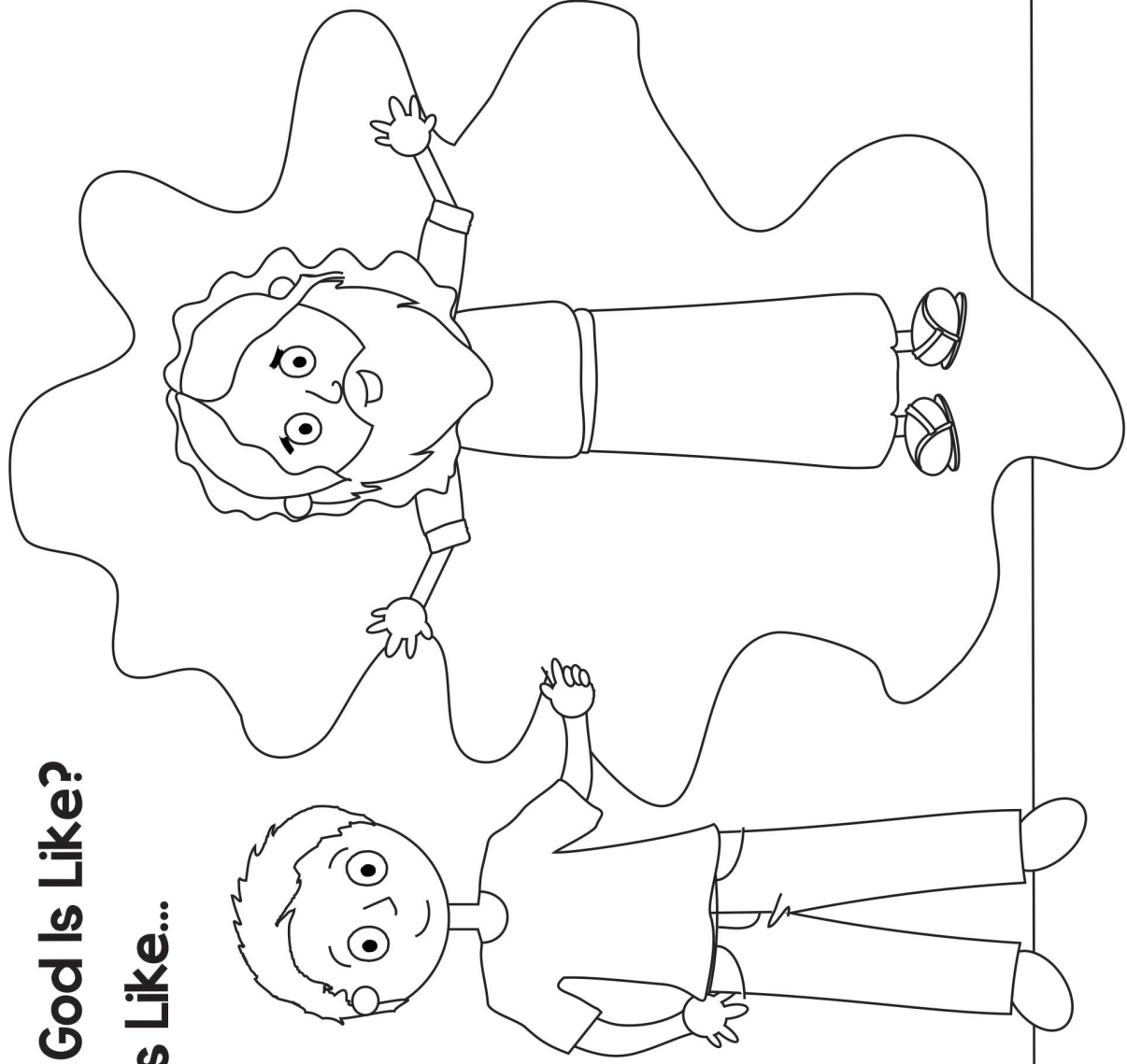
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
He's shown Himself to me, How good is the Lord
I never will forget what He has done for me!

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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4?

**How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
through His very own
Son, Jesus!**

HINT: It starts with a "J"!



ANSWER:

through His very own Son, Jesus!

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

When Jesus came to earth, He showed us what God is like. Jesus never, ever disobeyed God. He showed that God is perfectly good. Jesus always told people what was true and right. He showed that God is perfectly wise. He could heal people and calm big storms with just His word. He showed us that God is all-powerful. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people. He showed that God hates sin, but is full of love and mercy. Jesus shows us what God is like more than anything else because Jesus is God.

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father." --- John 14:9

Some Questions for You

1. Who did Jesus show us when He came to earth to live? *God.*
2. Does God ever do bad things? *No. Did Jesus? No. Jesus is God. He is completely good.*
3. Does God ever tell someone the wrong thing to do? *No. Does Jesus? No. He is God. He is completely wise.*
4. How did Jesus show He was all powerful just like God His Father? *He healed people and calmed storms with just His words. He took the punishment for all who trust in Him to be their Savior when He died on the cross.*
5. Who shows us better than anyone else what God is like? *Jesus does, because He is God.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
- C** God, when we think about Jesus we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us through Jesus.
- T** Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to know what You are like when we read about Jesus in the Bible. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 1 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 12*
(sung to the tune of "This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

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How can I know what God is like?
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Refrain:

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Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God,
He made everything I see.
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Every little bird and bee. *Refrain*

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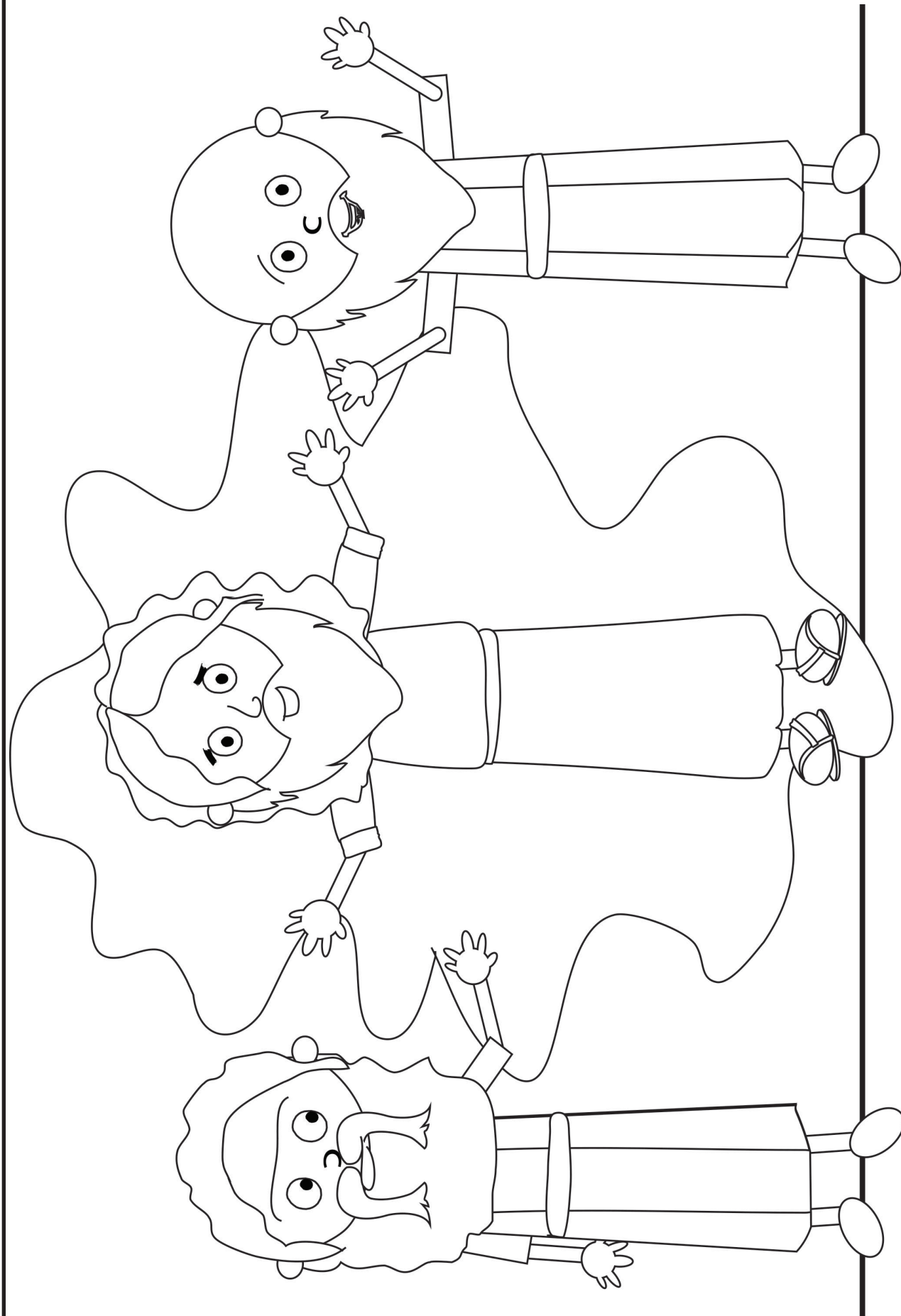
Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,
To learn of His mighty deeds,
But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,
God shows Himself to me. *Refrain*

make open book with flat hands
hold up flexed arm
point to self

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DDD BQ 1 BT 4 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” John 14:9

DDD 1.4 L2 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father." --- John 14:9

Learn a Little: "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

Meaning

When Jesus lived on earth, people were amazed at everything He said and did. Jesus explained why: it was because He was God's Son who had come down from heaven to save us and bring us to God. When people listened to Jesus teach, they were listening to God teach. When they watched Jesus do amazing things, they were watching God do these amazing things. Jesus was showing them what God, His Father in heaven, was like. When we hear the stories of Jesus in the Bible, we can know more of what God is like, too!

Some Questions for You

1. Who did Jesus show us when He came to earth to live? *God.*
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Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!
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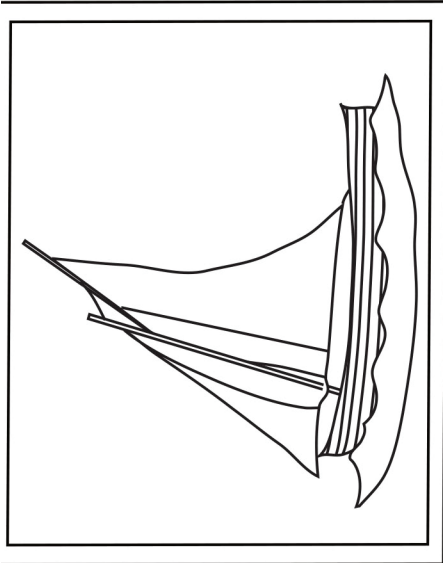
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Anyone Who's Seen Me, from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 1, track 20*

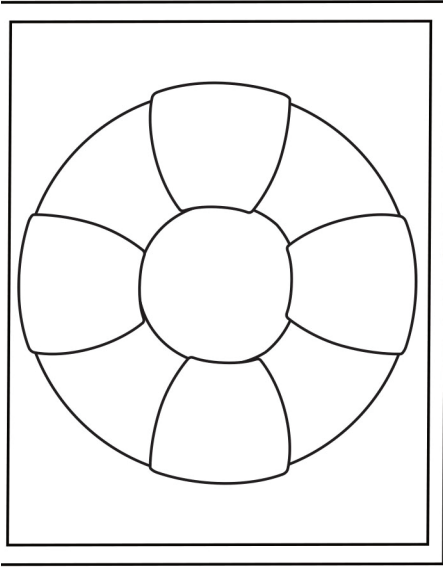
Anyone who's seen me has seen the Father.
Anyone who's seen me has seen the Father.
Anyone (anyone),
Who's seen me, (Who's seen me),
Anyone who's seen me has seen the Father.
John Fourteen, verse nine.

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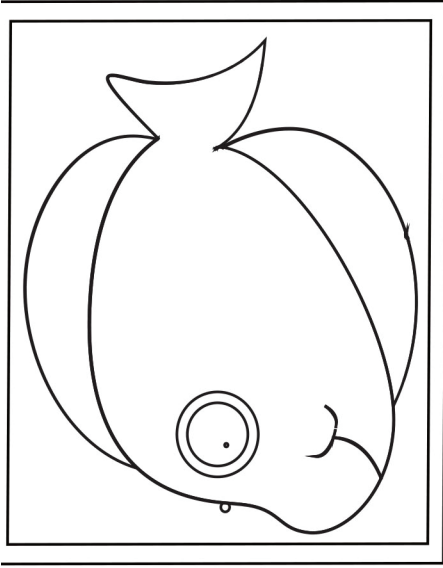
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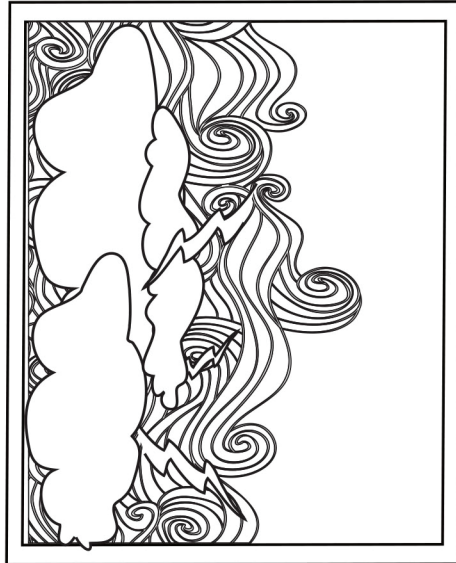
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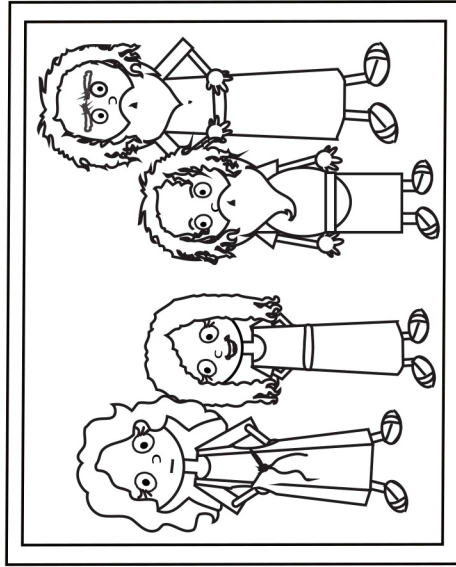
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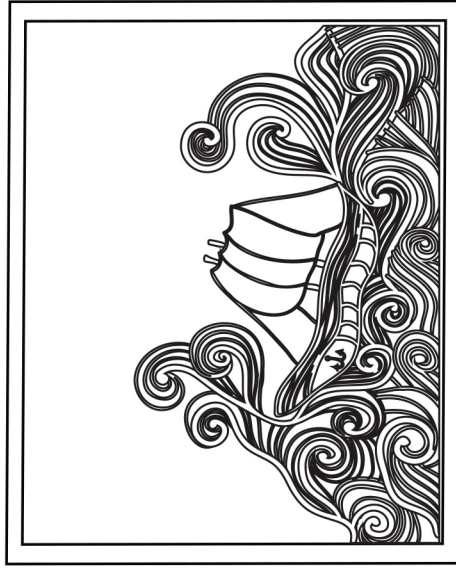
☐ A Fish



☐ The Wind



☐ Some People



☐ Waves

Answer: The boat, the wind, some people and the waves.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 1, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3



Big Question 1 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: He Shows Me What He's Like...through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

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How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a boat; a lifesaver; a fish; the wind; some people; and, some waves.

1. Which four belong in our story?

A boat; the wind; some people and some waves.

2. What amazing thing did Jesus do to the waves and the winds with just His words? Who is the only Person who can do things like this? *He calmed them with just His word. Only God can!*

3. Jesus wanted His disciples to put their trust in Him. Who did He want them to know He was?

He was God's Son, the Savior, sent to save them from their sins so that they could be God's dearly loved people forever.

4. What did the disciples and what do we need to do, if we are to be saved from our sins and become God's dearly loved people? *Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!

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