

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 2

Simple Story Scenes, NIV

God's Wonderful Word, the Bible



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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 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

UNIT OVERVIEW

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

In this unit we will learn four truths about God's wonderful word, the Bible.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 18:30,46

"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless... The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!"

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What's So Special about the Bible?

ANSWER: It Alone Is God's Word...

OPTIONAL Big Question 2 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 2 Material)

Story: The Case of the Women's Best Gift *1 Timothy*

Bible Verse: Psalm 18:30,46

BIBLE TRUTH 1: God Made Sure It Was Written Down Just Right (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Words that Were Always Right

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

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

BIBLE TRUTH 2: It Tells Us about God and His Plans (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the New King *Matthew 2*

Bible Verse: Isaiah 46:9-11

BIBLE TRUTH 3: God Uses It to Save His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed

Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25

Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:23

BIBLE TRUTH 4: God Uses It to Change His People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Marvelous Mess *Acts 19; Ephesians*

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:97-98

Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2 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 play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list 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. Work deep into 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 play list.

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 2: GOD'S WONDERFUL WORD, THE BIBLE

- 12 Big Q & A 2 Song
- 13 Big Question 2 Song: What's So Special About God's Word?
- 14 Big Question 2 Bible Verse Song: As For God, His Way Is Perfect: Psalm 18:30, NIV 1984
- 15 Big Question 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1
- 16 Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word...

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

- 17 Bible Verse: All Scripture Is God-breathed 2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV 1984

Bible Truth 2: It Tells Us about God and His Plans

- 18 Bible Verse: I Am God and There Is No Other Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984
- 19 *Extra Song: God's One, Big Plan*

Bible Truth 3: God Uses It to Save His People

- 20 Bible Verse: For You Have Been Born Again 1 Peter 1:23, NIV 1984

Bible Truth 4: God Uses It to Change His People

- 21 Bible Verse: O, How I Love Your Law Psalm 119: 97-98, NIV 1984

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

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Simple Story Scenes

Unit 2,

Bible Truth 1

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided. You can add a third using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

Unit 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meaning

Scripture is another word for the Bible. What does it mean for the Bible to be God-breathed? It does NOT mean that God really breathed air out onto the pages of the Bible. It means that God's Holy Spirit was there, working inside of each person as they wrote it to down. He made sure that it was written exactly as He wanted it to be. Every single bit of the Bible is useful to anyone who wants to be a man (or woman/boy or girl) of God. God can use it to teach us about Himself and how He wants us to live. God can use it to change us and help us be who He wants us to be. Ask God to use His Word in your life. He loves to answer this prayer!

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

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

Bible Truth 1 Story

The Case of the Words that Were Always Right

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

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 2 Song

Big Question 2 Song

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

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

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

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The Case of the Words that Were Always Right

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



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Timothy 3:16, NIV

"All Scripture is God-breathed."

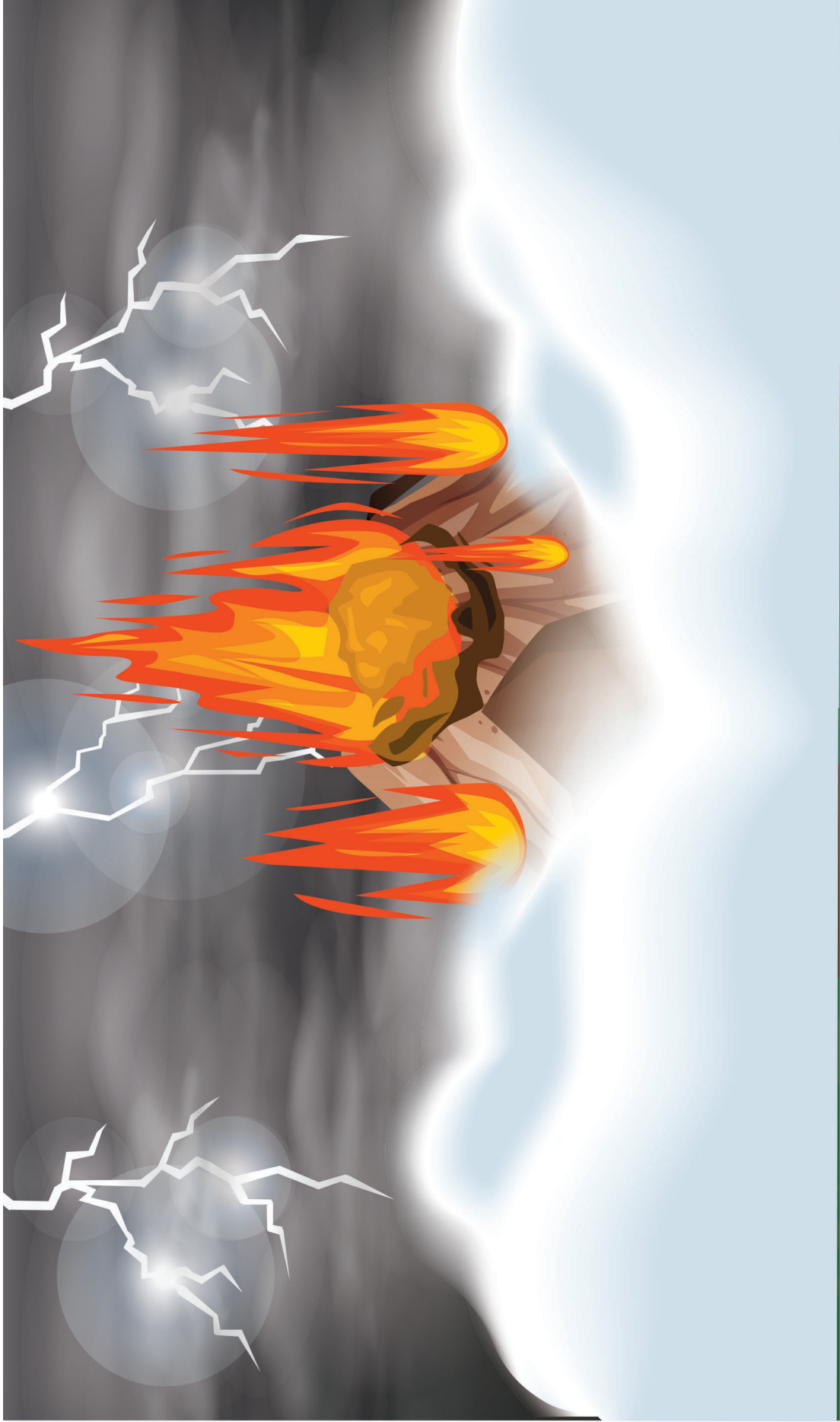
1. Scripture is another word for God's Word, the Bible. "God-breathed" means God made sure what people wrote down were His words. Who did God send to help people write down His words just right?
2. What kinds of things did God have people write down to help us live for Him?

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

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

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

Ahhh... but, THIS SOMETHING being written down by THIS SOMEONE was very special. Can you guess what the SOMETHING was that was being written down?



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

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

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



Ten, Big Laws

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

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

So, the LORD just carved His Ten, Big Laws into those pieces of stone, and that was that. It was perfect. Just as perfect as He is! He made sure that it was written down just right.



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4. When God finished writing His Ten, Big Laws into stone that day was that the end? Was that all there would be to His Word?

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

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

But, this WAS the only time that God wrote down His Word, Himself. All the rest of God's words written in the sixty-six books of the Bible would be written down by people.



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5. Uh-oh! PEOPLE writing down God's very special Words? That doesn't sound like a good idea.

People make mistakes. How could THEY ever write down God's Word on their own and get it just right?

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

He made each person's words to be not just their own words, but His perfect Word, too. Let's hear about some of these people.

Holy Spirit



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6. Out in the wilderness, God used an old man named Moses to write down His Word. And oh, what a lot of words God gave Moses to write down!

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7. God also had Moses write down the story of how God created the world so beautiful and perfect, way back in the beginning of time.

He told of the perfect closeness that the first people, Adam and Eve, had with God and with each other.

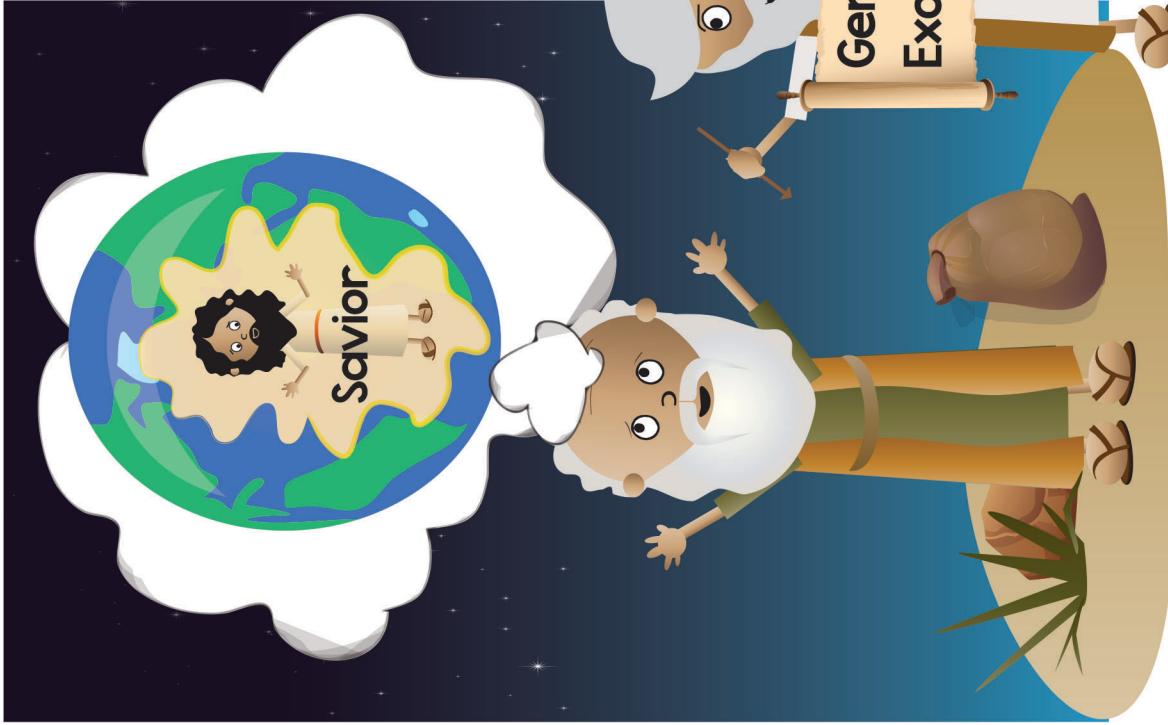
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8. Moses also wrote down the great promise God made to Abraham. It was His promise to use Abraham's family to bless the whole world with a Savior. The Savior, Jesus.

And, Moses wrote down God 's amazing rescue of the people of Israel from their enemies, the Egyptians, and how He made promises with them to be His special people, and He to be their God.



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q. All this and even more, Moses wrote down. These became the first five books in our Bibles: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

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

But Moses wasn't the only person God used to write down His Word. God used a lot more people, in a lot more places, to write down the rest of His Word. Let's hear about some more of them.

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10. David sang songs to God everywhere he went.

He sang songs to God as he watched his father's sheep at night under the stars. He sang songs to God as he gathered with God's people to worship God. He even sang songs as he hid from his enemies in a cave, sad and scared.

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II. God made David's son, Solomon, a very wise king. He lived in his rich, beautiful palace.

God's Holy Spirit helped him write down God's wise ways for us to live. We can read them in the parts of the Bible we call Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes.

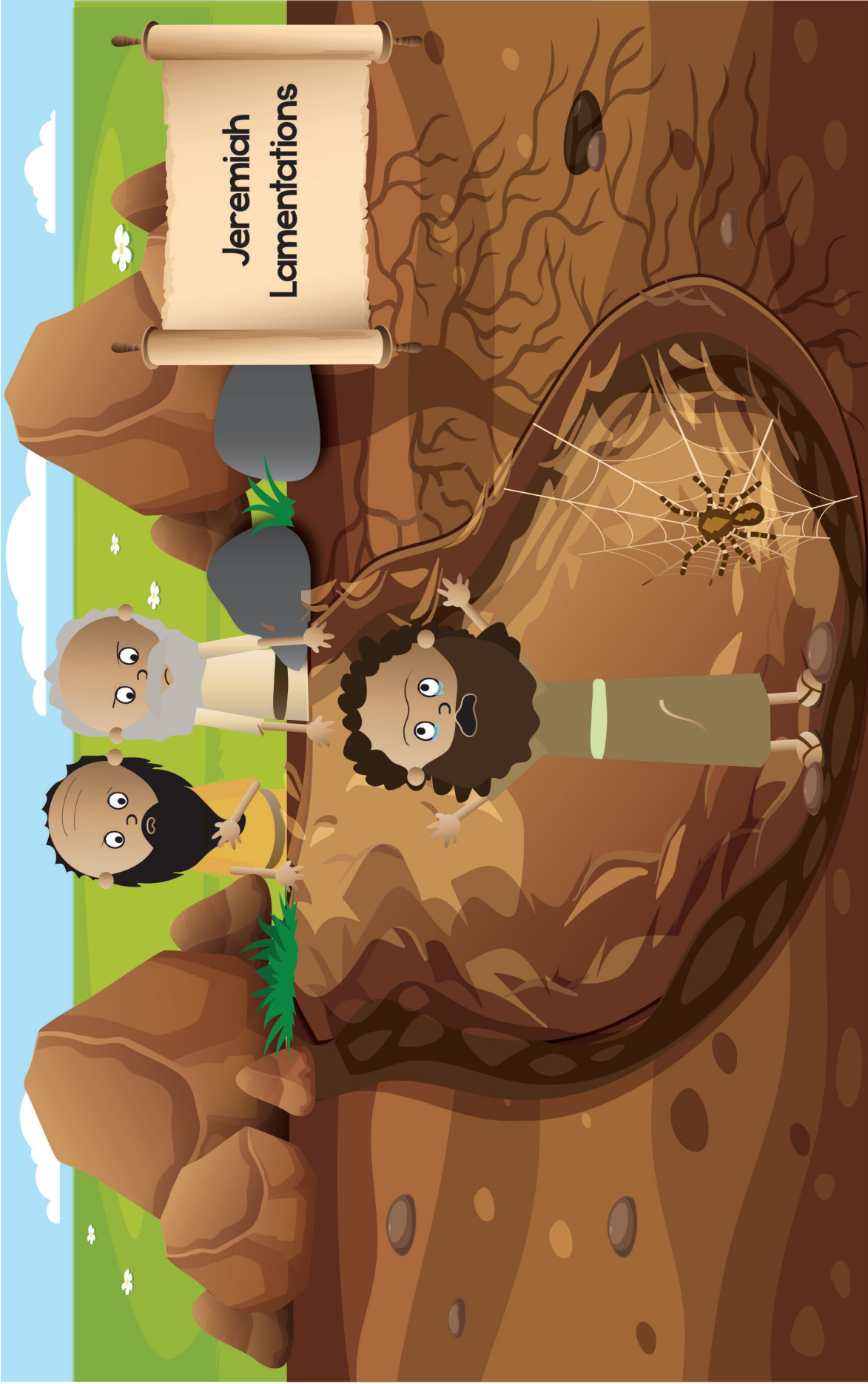


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12. A man named Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, dark, muddy pit by people who had stopped obeying God.

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We can read what Jeremiah wrote down in the books of the Bible we call Jeremiah and Lamentations.



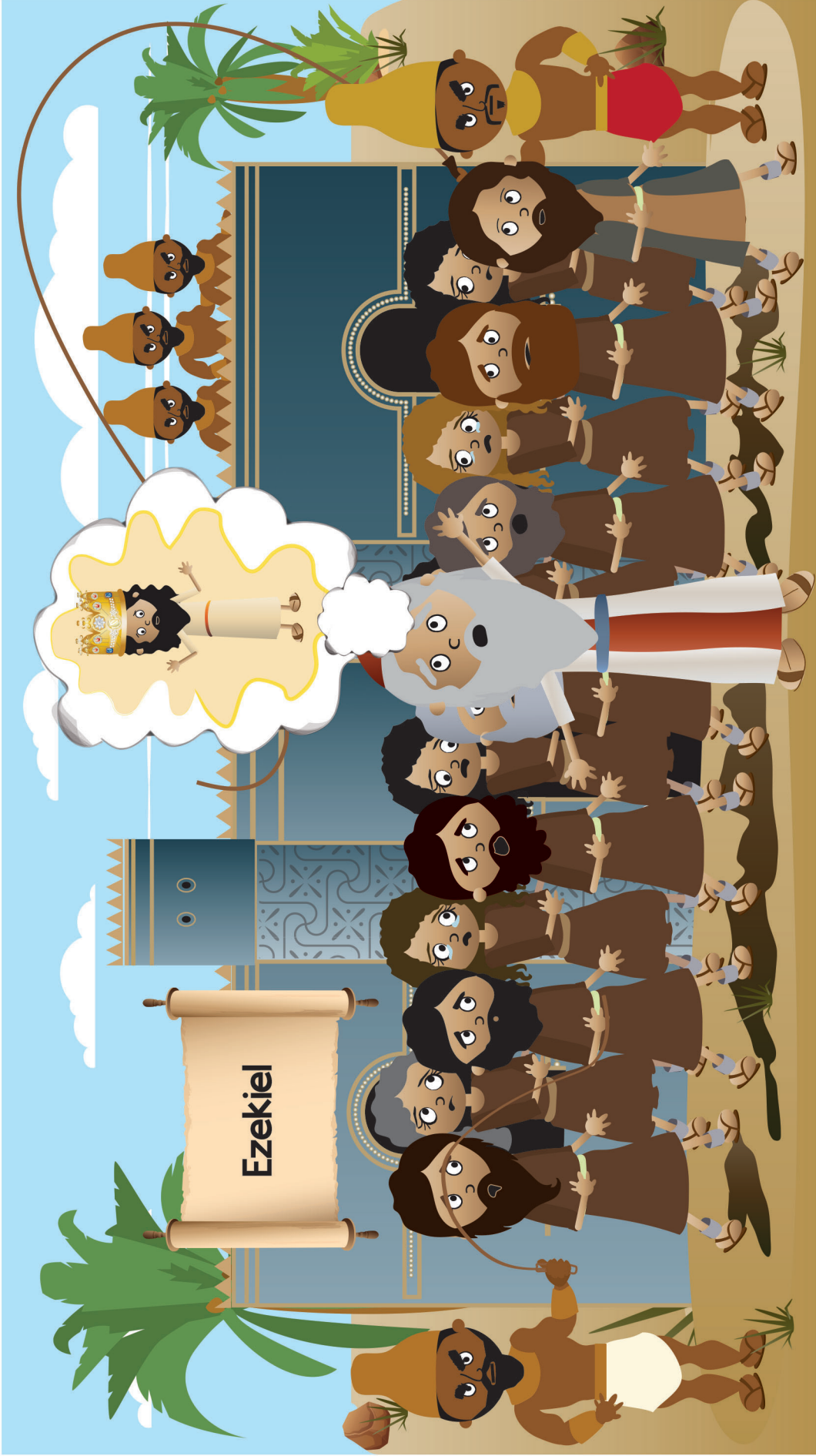
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13. The people didn't stop sinning. So, enemies took God's people away to Babylon. They forced them to be their workers.

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

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

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14. God made sure that Ezekiel wrote down all of His promises just right. Every one of them came true.

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15. And best of all, at just the right time, the promised Savior-King was born!

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

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

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

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Then, people put PAUL in jail for telling others about Jesus!

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18. John was one of Jesus' first disciples. He was another man who got in trouble for telling others about Jesus. Enemies sent him to live on an island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, so he would stop talking about Jesus.

But John didn't stop! The Holy Spirit helped John write to God's people. He even wrote about the wonderful things that will happen when Jesus comes back to earth, at the end of time.

We can read what John wrote down in the Bible books we call 1,2,3 John and Revelation.



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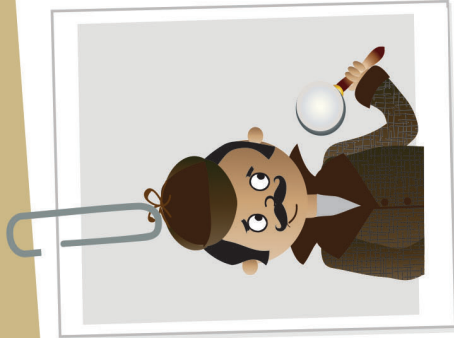
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The Case of the Words that Were Always Right

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

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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

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



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

"All Scripture is God-breathed."

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

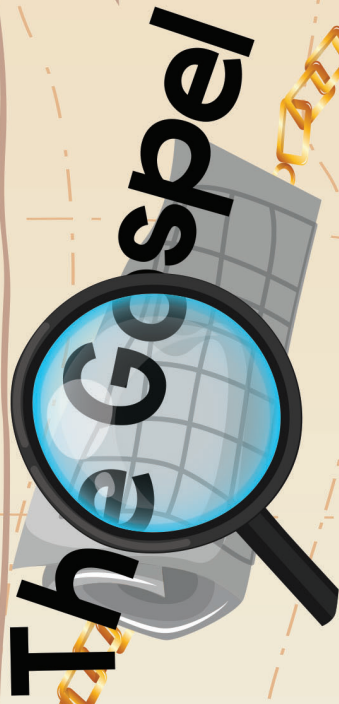
For You and Me:

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

DDD 2.1

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

The Gospel



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

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

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



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A Prayer

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

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

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

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



DDD 2.1

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 2,

Bible Truth 2

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided. You can add a third using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

Unit 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

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

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

Bible Truth 2 Concept: It Tells Us about God and His Plans

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

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

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

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

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

Meaning

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

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Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

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Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the New King *Matthew 2*

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 2 Song

Big Question 2 Song

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

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

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

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: I Am God and There Is No Other Isaiah 46:9,11

Extra Song: God's One, Big Plan

The Case of the New King Matthew 2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the new king and who was looking for him?
2. How did they find him?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 46:9, 11, NIV

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

1. Where did God plan for the new king to be born?
2. What did God plan for the new king to do?

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

I. “Have you heard the exciting news? Have you seen who has come to town?” the people of Jerusalem asked each other.

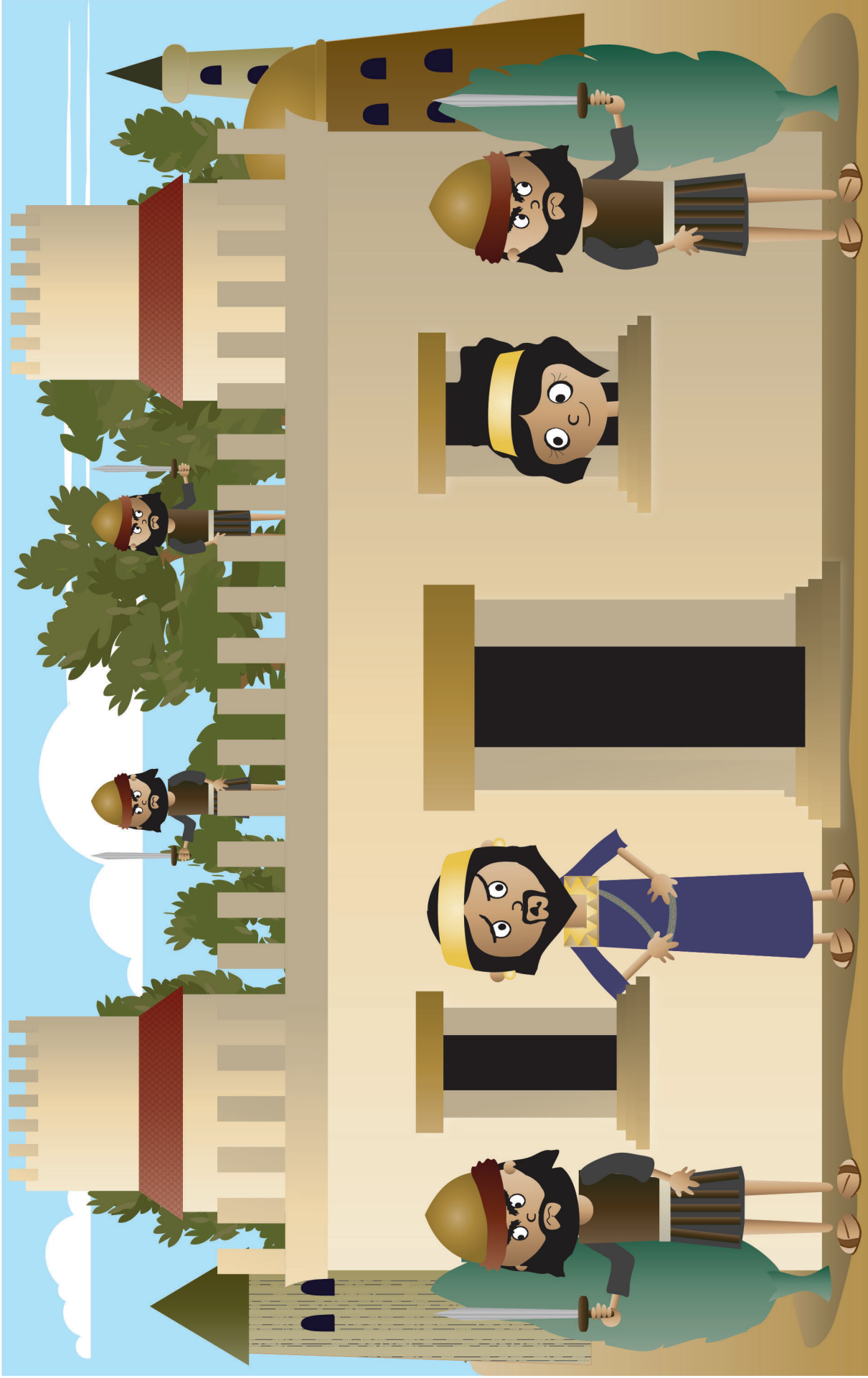
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“This new king might get rid of ME, and take away my magnificent palace! Then HE would be king of the Jews. I can’t let that happen. I want to be king! I must find out more and make a plan,” Herod decided. “There will be NO new king. I will see to that!”

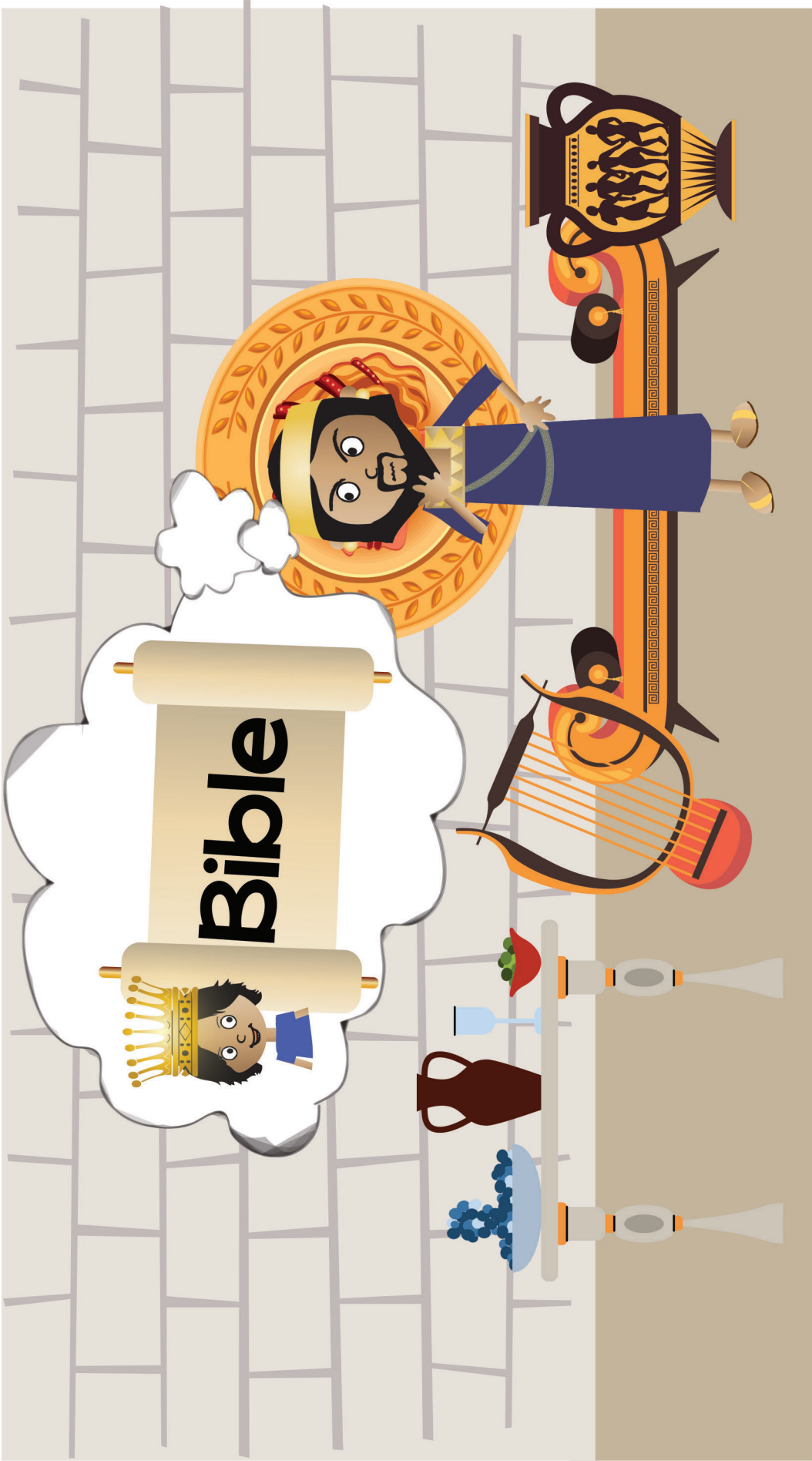


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6. “Get the teachers of God’s Word. Bring them to me!” Herod demanded. “I must speak to them at once.”

Soon, the teachers of God’s Word were gathered before him. “Where is the Christ, God’s great Savior-King, supposed to be born?” Herod asked them.

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



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Herod called for the Magi, and said, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the young child. When you find him, come back and report to me. I want to go worship him, too,” he lied.

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The beautiful star of the King, itself, seemed to sparkle out a big, bright, beautiful "yes" from the night sky! The star went before the Magi, all the way to Bethlehem. It shone down upon a little house.

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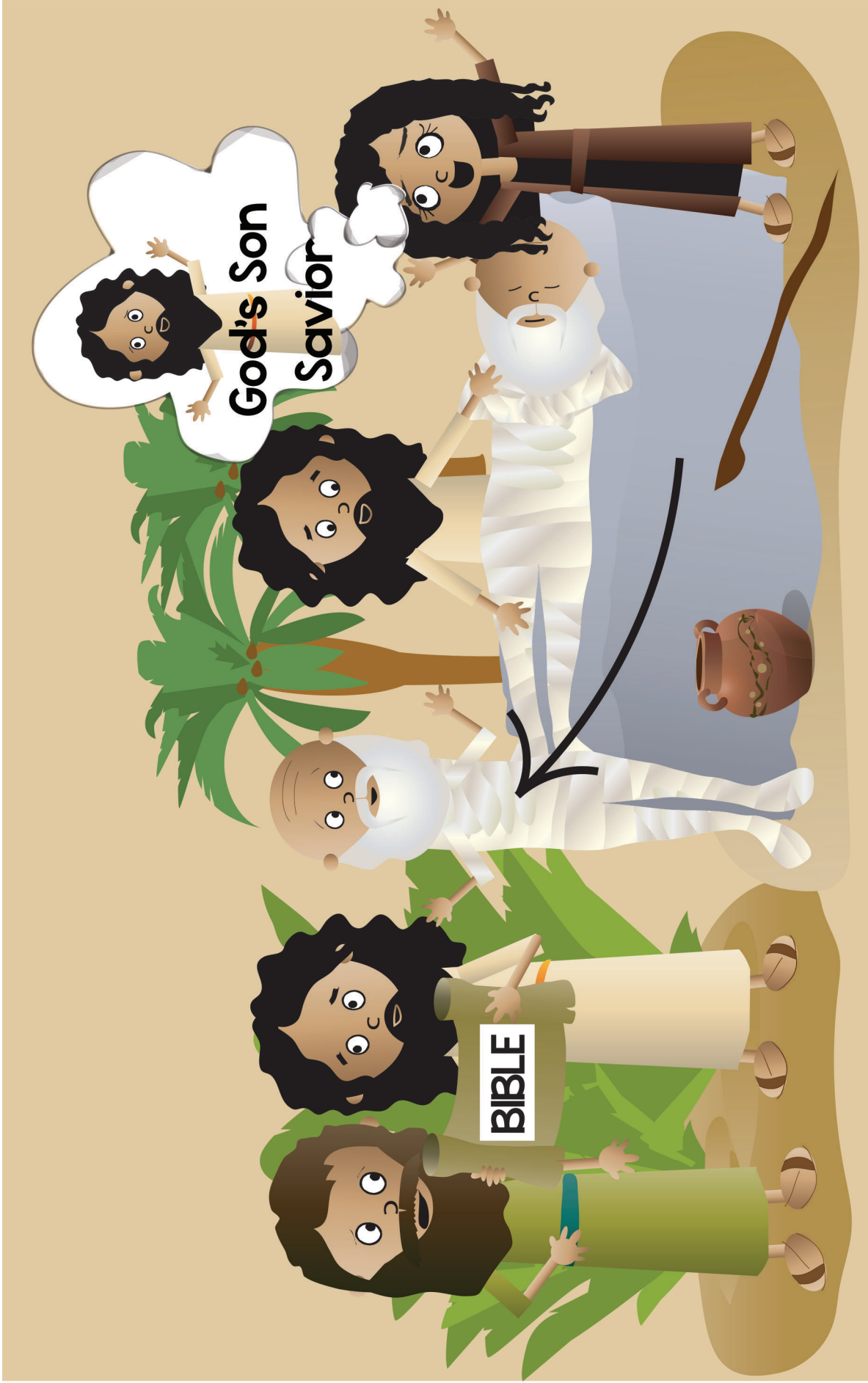
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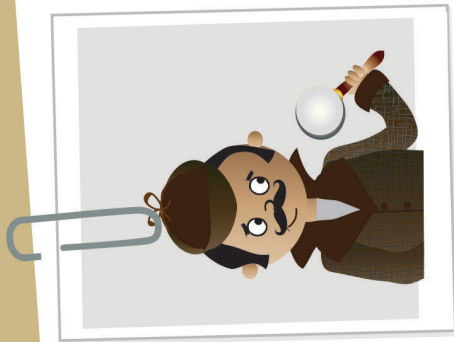


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The Case of the New King Matthew 2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the new king and who was looking for him? Jesus was the new king. The Magi (and King Herod) were looking for him.

2. How did they find him? The Bible, God's Word, told them where He would be born.

For You and Me:
The Magi found God's Word to be true. It told them of God's plans to send a Savior; and, it told them where He would be found. But the most wonderful of all God's plans, written down in the Bible, was what God had planned for the Savior to do. This Savior -- Jesus -- would choose to suffer and die on the cross to save all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. That's a plan that God wants you and me to be a part of, too. Ask Him to help you become one of God's people. He loves to answer this prayer!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 46:9, II, NIV

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

1. Where did God plan for the new king to be born? Bethlehem.

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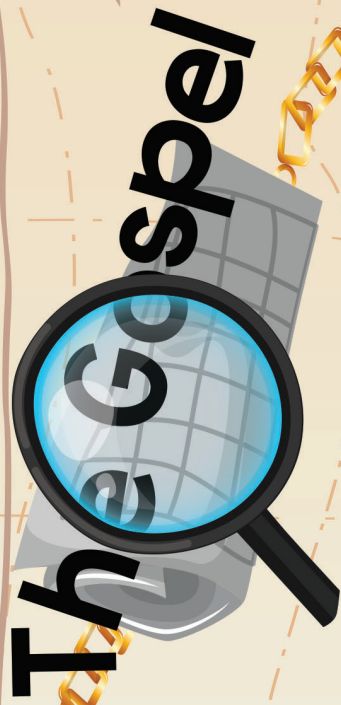
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God's wonderful plan can be for us, too. How? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...
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The Gospel



How good it is that God's plans always come true! How good it is that no one can stop them! God promised us in His Word, the Bible, that He would send a Savior-King to save sinners and He did! Jesus is that Savior-King!

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DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 2,

Bible Truth 3

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.

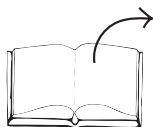
2. The Story Scenes Placement Page--where to place the pictures on your storyboard.

3. The Story Scenes, themselves. Notice that each scene is numbered and that there is a brief summary of the story that corresponds to the picture. You can actually just tell the story in a simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.

5. 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.)

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 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

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Bible Truth 3 Concept: God Uses His Word, the Bible, to Save His People

We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans to save sinful people like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are very, very good things for us to learn from the Bible.

But the Bible does more than just help us LEARN about God and His plans. God has made it powerful to DO wonderful things inside of us. God uses His Word to save us from our sins and make us His people. God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts, as we think about His Word. The Holy Spirit helps us to want us to turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He helps us put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to work through His Word and save people. He can work through His Word and save us, too. Ask Him!

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:23

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

Learn a Little: "You have been born again... through the word of God."

Meaning

When we become one of God's people, God calls that being born AGAIN. No, our mothers don't give birth to us again. No, we don't become little babies like we were. But, it IS a new beginning of life. Only this time, it is life with God.

How do we have this new beginning of life with God? God's Holy Spirit works in our hearts, as we think about God's Word. He helps us want to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We tell God about our sins and He forgives them all. He gives us a new heart that knows Him and loves Him and wants to live for Him.

This new life with God makes us a new person on the inside, in our heart. That's why God says we are born again when we become His people. And the amazing thing about this new life with God is that it never ends. We will NEVER perish! When we die, we will go to live with God forever! God loves to help us have this new life. Ask Him to help you!

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

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Bible Truth 3 Story**The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed**

Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25

Songs Used in Bible Truth 3

Big Q & A 2 Song

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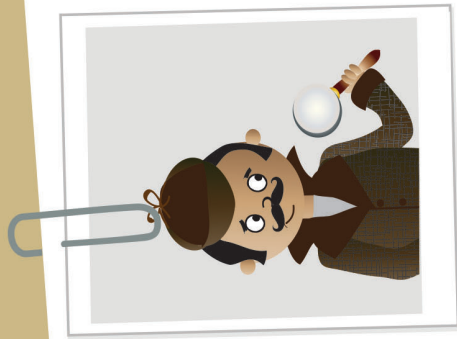
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who were the fishermen?
2. What happened to them as they heard God's Word?
Who did they follow?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Peter 1:23, NIV

"You have been born again... through the word of God."

When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, this is called being born again. That's because this is how God gives us a new life as one of His people. God uses His Word, the Bible to do this wonderful thing inside our hearts.

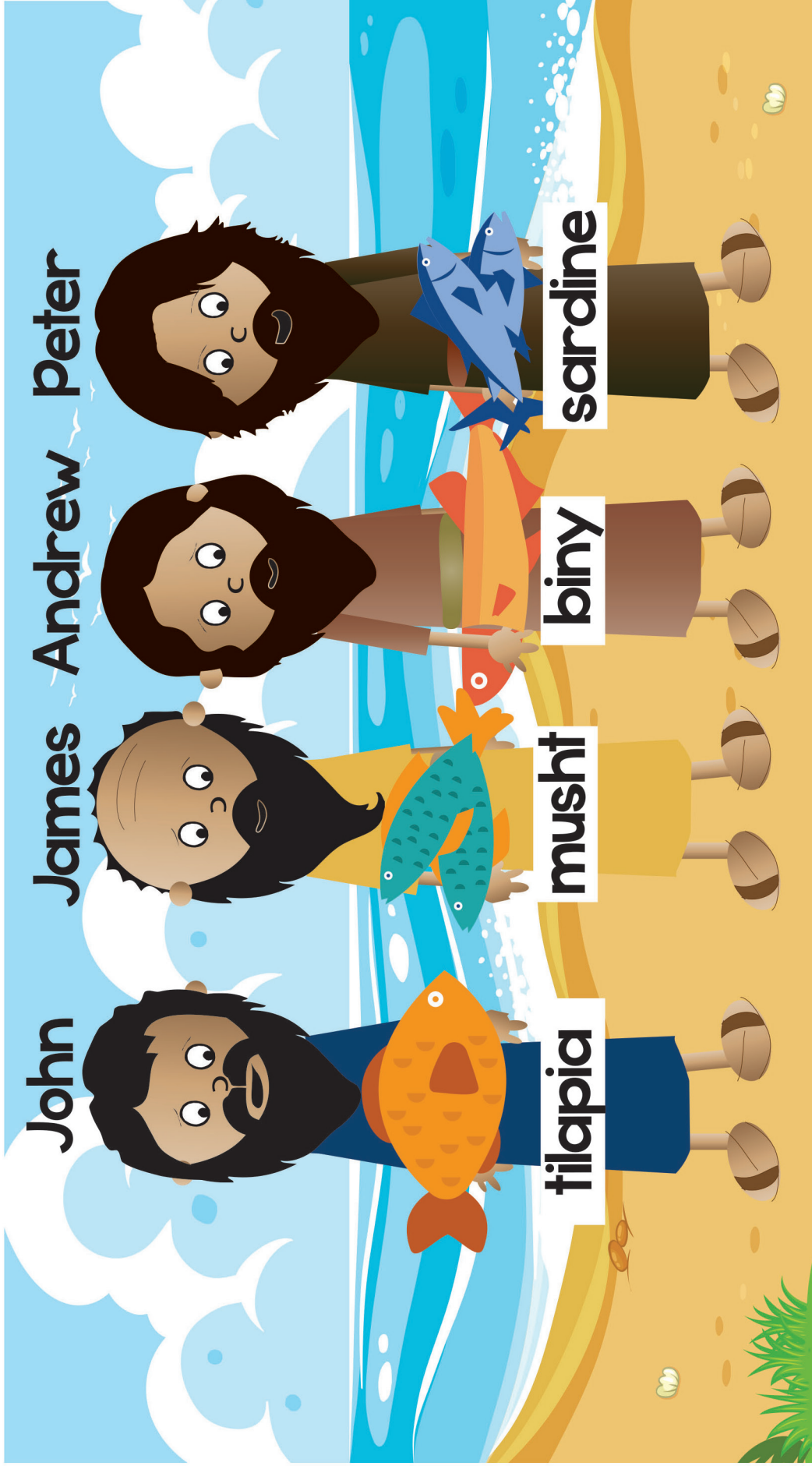
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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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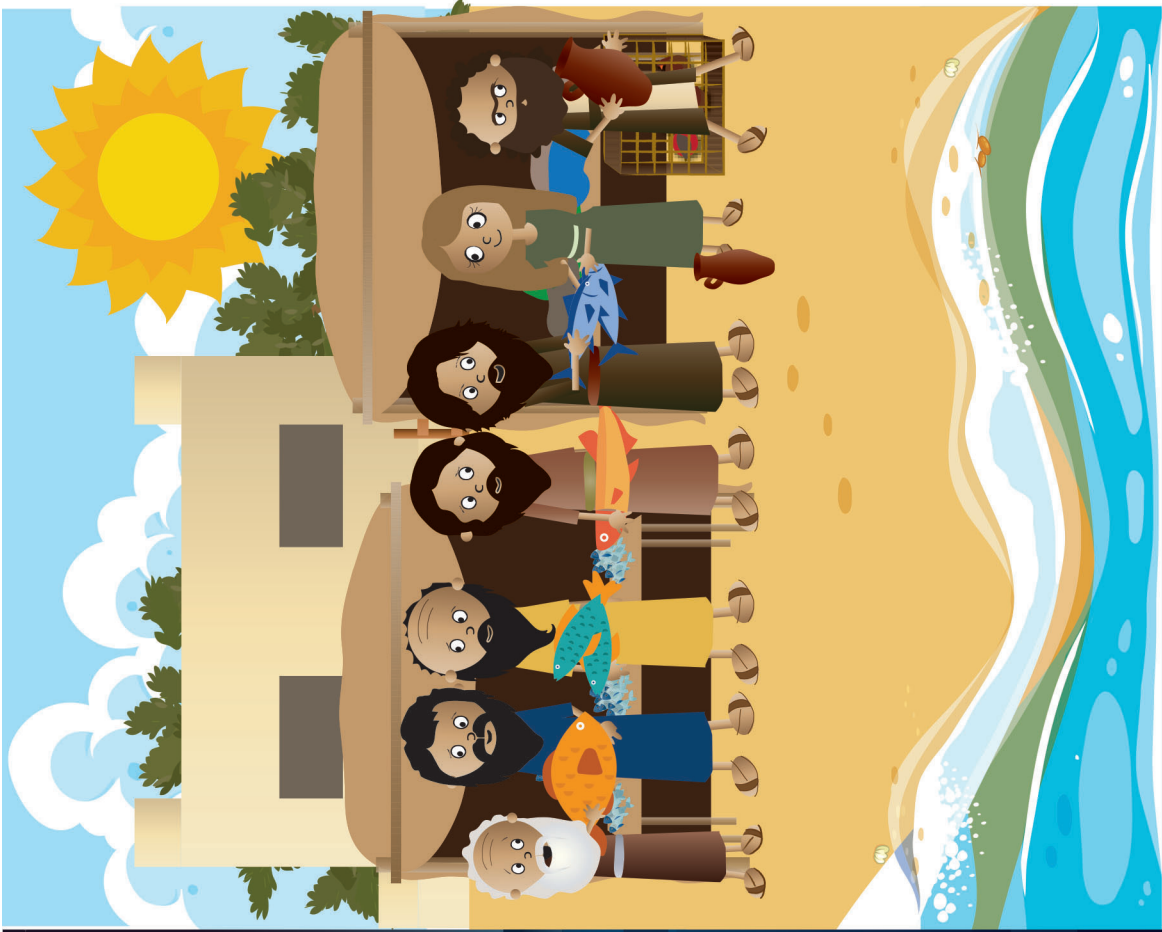
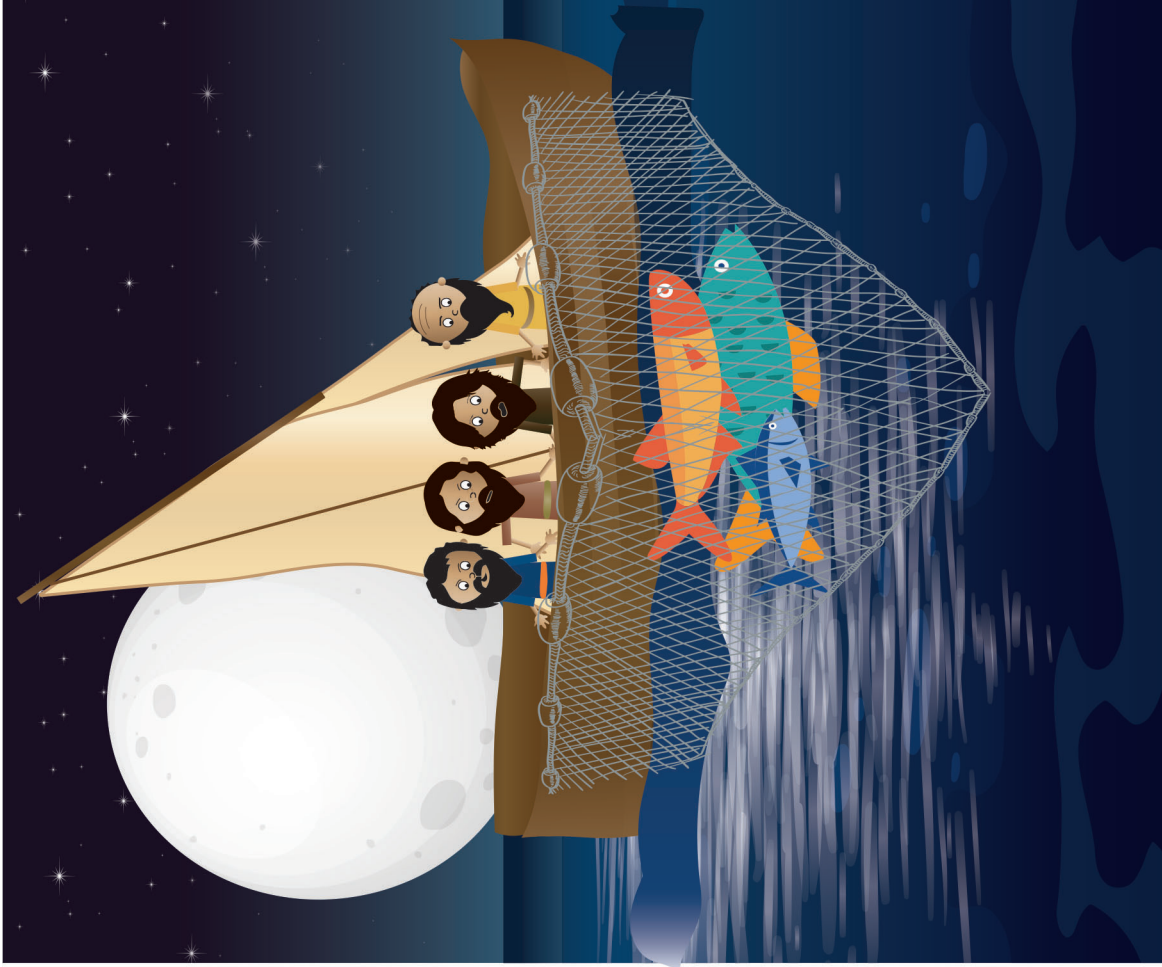
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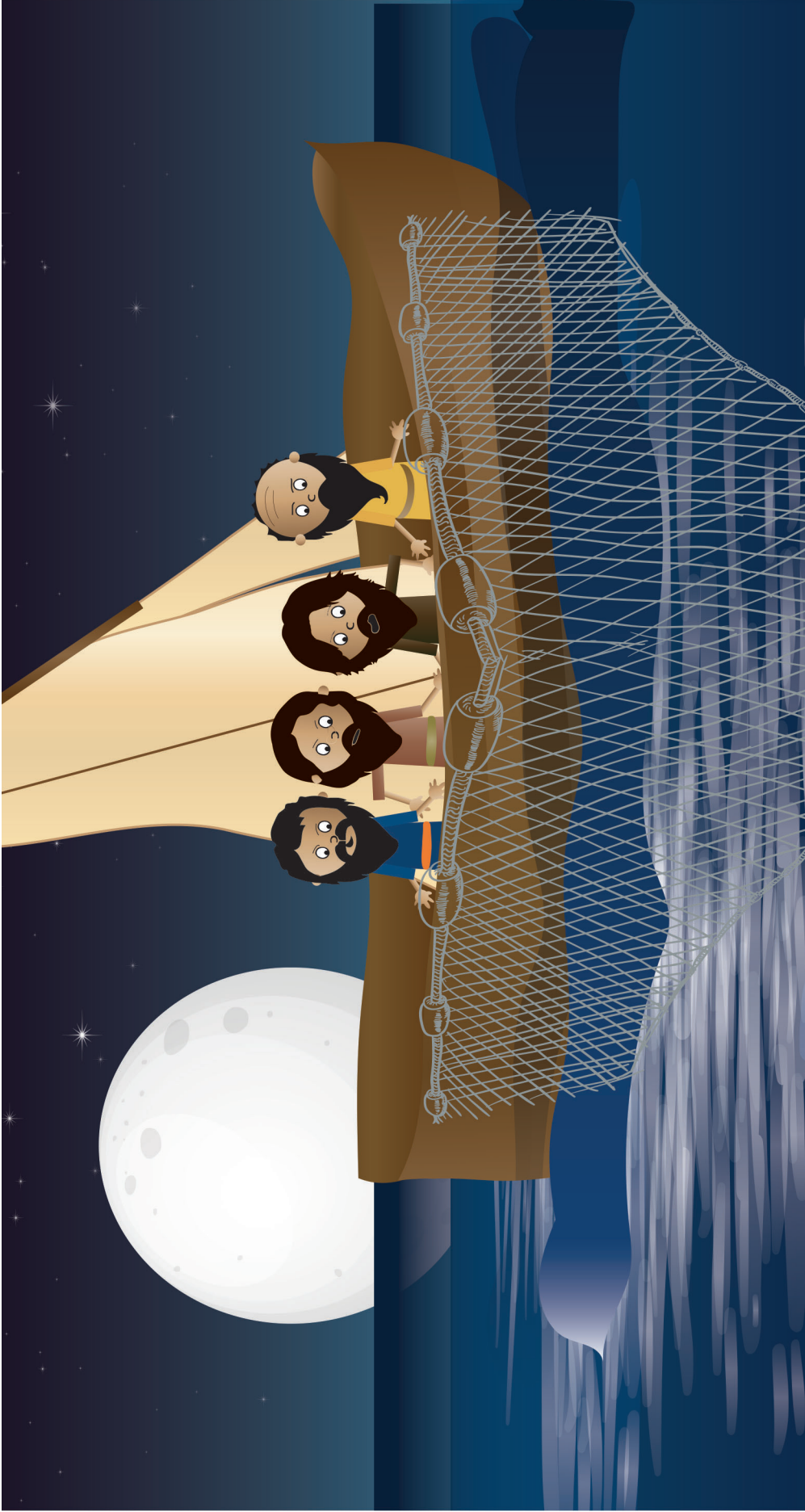


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Jesus borrowed Peter's boat and pushed it out to shore. Then, He began teaching from God's Word. As Peter, Andrew, James, and John cleaned their nets, they listened to Jesus.

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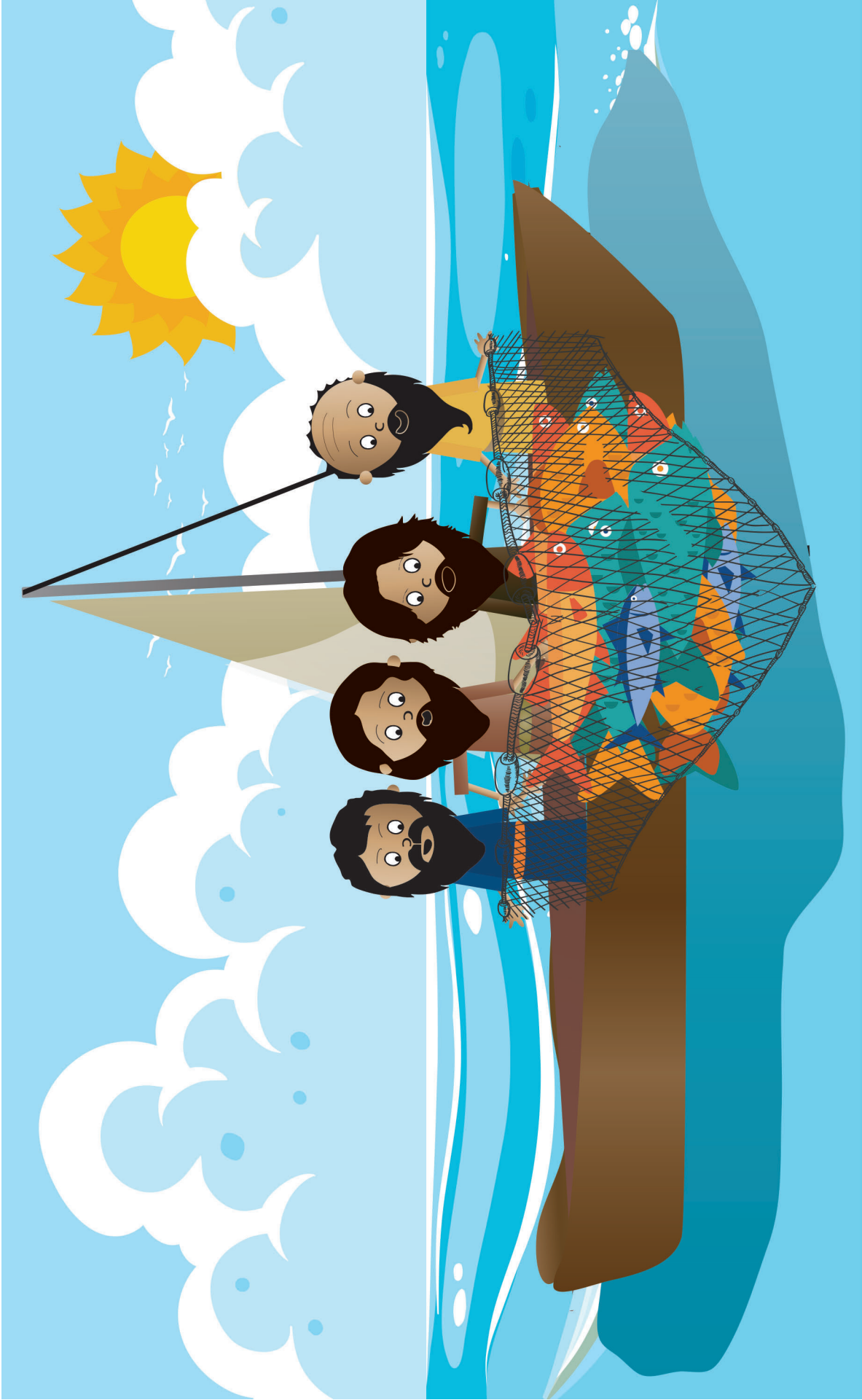


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He had grumbled and doubted Jesus. He fell down on his knees before Jesus, and said, "Go away from me. I'm a sinful man." ("What would someone like Jesus want with me," Peter thought.)

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And now, YOU can read the words Fisherman Peter and John wrote down in YOUR Bible! They are written down in the books we call the Gospel of John and First and Second Peter.

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The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...
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The Gospel



God loves to use His Word to save people. He can use it to save us and make us His people. Take time to listen to God's Word. You can even listen to the stories of Jesus that God used Fisherman John and Fisherman Peter to write down.

Read about how Jesus offered up His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Read about that amazing third day, when Jesus rose up from the dead in victory, beating sin and death for God's people!

Because of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven and we can become God's people! Ask God to help you to turn away from your sins (repent) and trust in Jesus as your Savior.
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DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 2,

Bible Truth 4

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.

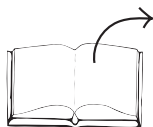
What Do They Include?



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 Placement Page**--where to place the pictures on your storyboard.
 - 3. The Story Scenes, themselves.** Notice that each scene is numbered and that there is a brief summary of the story that corresponds to the picture. You can actually just tell the story in a simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.
 - 5. 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.)
- 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 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

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

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

Bible Truth 4 Concept: God Uses It to Change His People

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But the Bible does more than just help us to learn things. It is God's Word and He makes it POWERFUL to do things inside of us. It is powerful to SAVE us (as we learned before); but also, to CHANGE us in wonderful way, once we become His people.

God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts, as we think about His Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit can help us understand God's Word, so that we can know how God wants us to live. He can use God's Word to show us ways we are disobeying God, and He can help us turn away from them. He can help us remember God's words of comfort and forgiveness when we are sad. He can help us live and love the way God tells us to in the Bible.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Psalm 119:97-98

"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me."

Learn a Little: "Your commands make me wiser."

Meaning

God has put so many wonderful things in His Word, the Bible. He's put songs of worship in it. He's given us stories of the mighty things He's done for His people. He tells us about how Jesus came to save us from our sins. He's filled it with His good plans and His promises.

God has also written His laws and commands in the Bible. ("Laws" and "commands" are big words that mean "rules.") God's laws tell us how God wants us to live.

When we read God's laws in the Bible, the Holy Spirit can use them to change us and make us wise to live God's good way. They can help us to do the right thing, even when we have enemies around us who want us to do the wrong thing. God's laws are always the best way to live. No wonder God's people love to meditate on them! They want to live to please God. God's laws can help them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

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Bible Truth 4 Story

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Songs Used in Bible Truth 4

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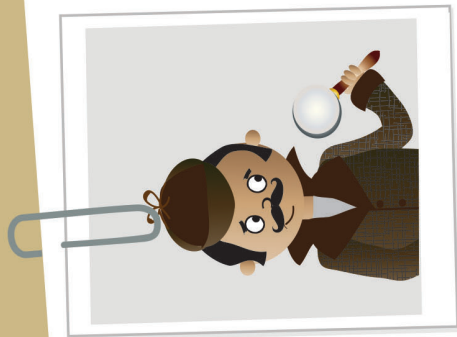
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The Case of the Marvelous Mess Acts 19; Ephesians



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 119:97-98, NIV

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

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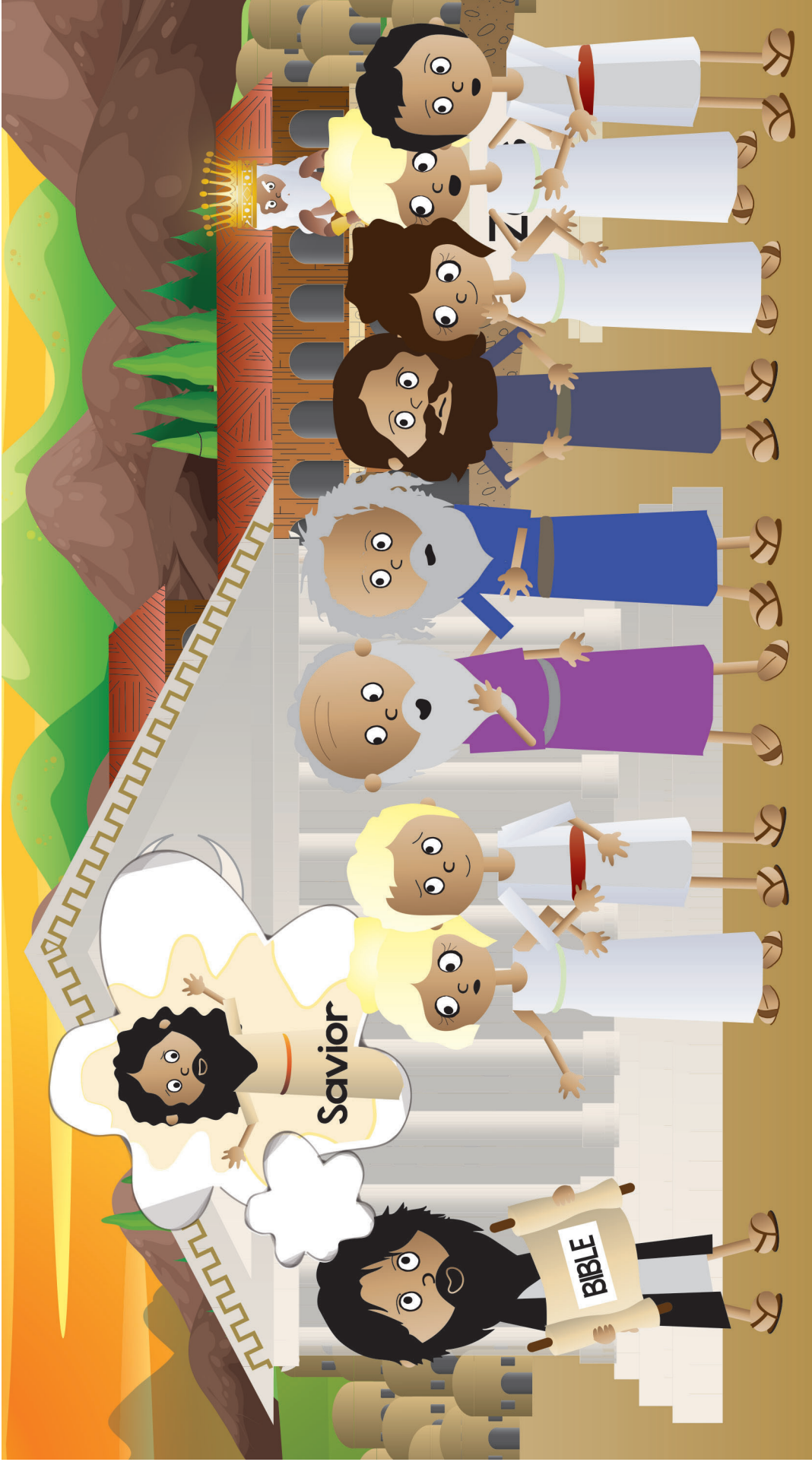


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"This Jesus is not like our fake gods. He is alive! He is powerful to save us from our sins!" they exclaimed. "Let's turn away from these fake gods and trust in Jesus as our Savior!"

Paul was so excited at how God was using His Word and His power to save many people in Ephesus!

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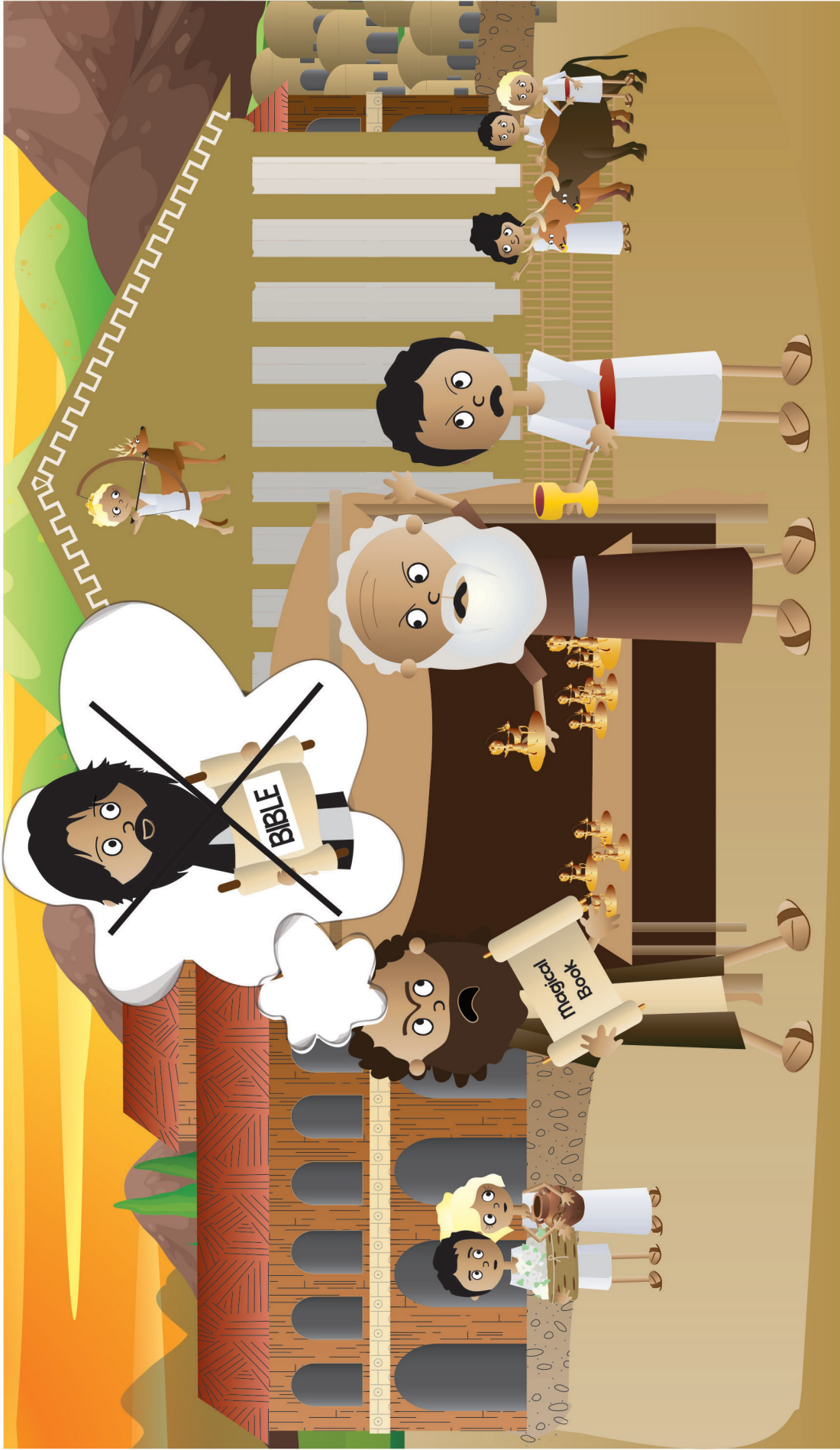
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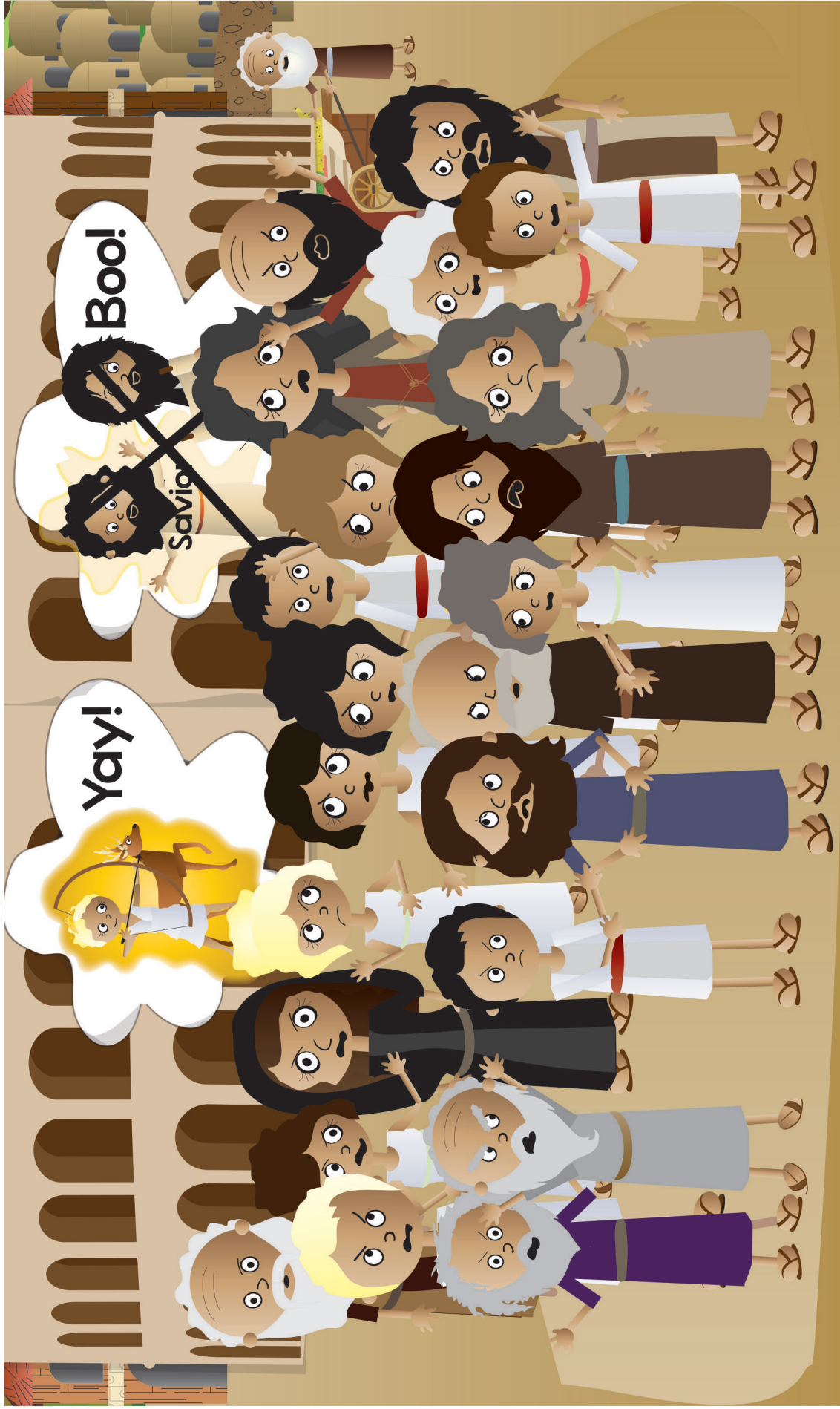


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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What caused the mess in Ephesus? Paul preaching God's Word, and God's Word changing people made the mess.
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- For You and Me:**
God can use His Word to do marvelous things inside of us, too. He can use it to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can use it to change us and help us to love Him and others more and more. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer!



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Psalms 119:97-98, NIV

"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me."

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God's laws are so good. They teach us how God wants us to live. God can use them to help us to live for Him. God wants us to meditate (think about) His laws, too. His Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and help us to live by them. He promises to help all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

DDD 2.4

What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...
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The Gospel



Paul preached God's Word to the people of Ephesus. God worked in the hearts of many as they listened. Paul told them how Jesus, God's Son, came to live a perfect life, then offered it up on the cross as the perfect payment for sins. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beat sin and death for God's people.

Paul told the people of Ephesus that they could be God's people, too, if they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

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A Prayer

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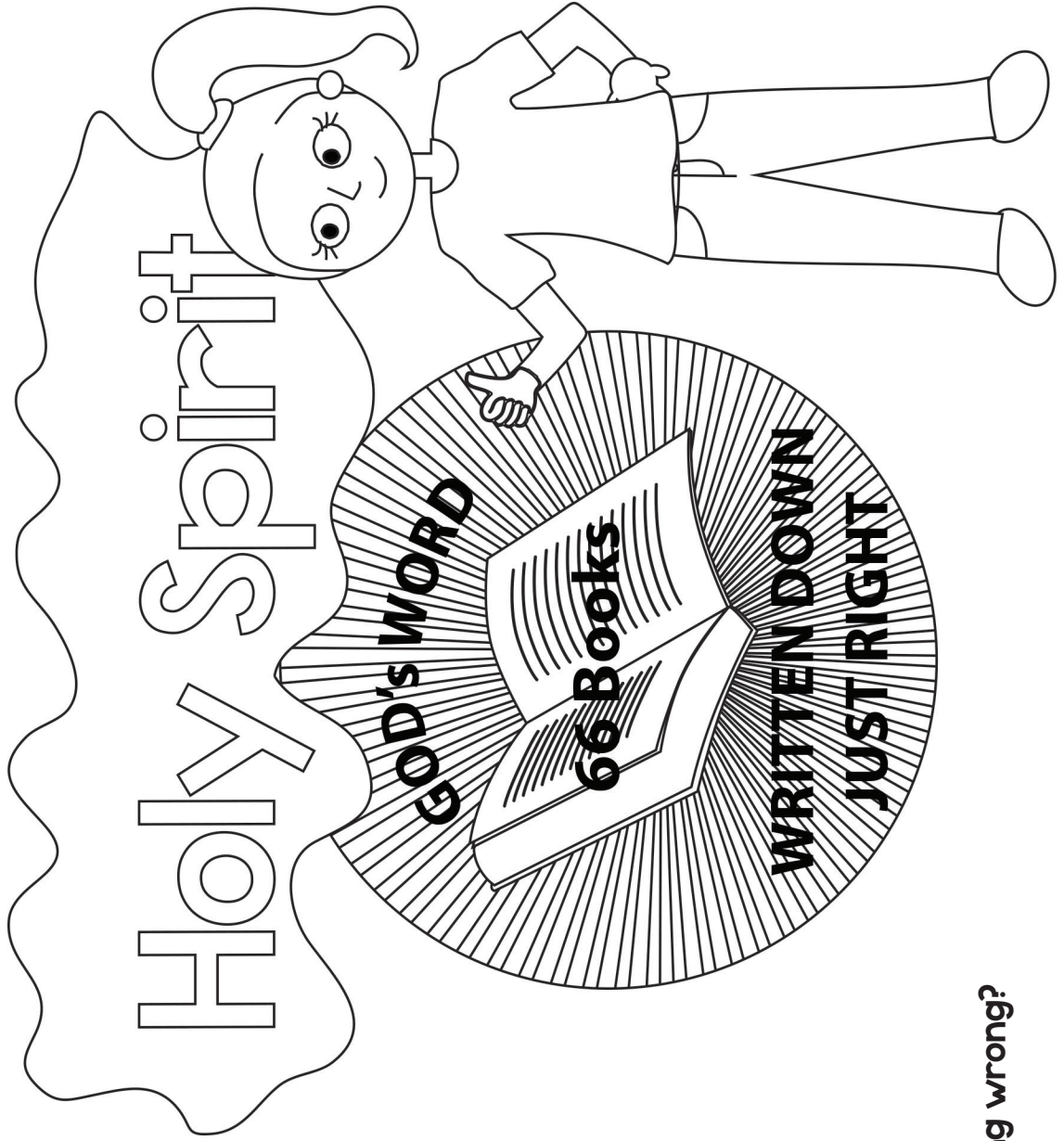
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DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Take-Home Sheets

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!:
What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...



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

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." --- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Some Questions for You

1. How many books are in the Bible? *Sixty-six, all put together in one, big book.*
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Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 12*

(sung to the tune of "Three, Blind Mice")

What's so special about the Bible?

It alone is God's Word!

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It's always true, It can make you wise,

It can work pow'rf'ly in your life.

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Big Question 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 13*

Refrain: What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word,

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Verse 1:

God's Word was written down perfectly, By godly men long ago,

The Holy Spirit worked through them,

Inspiring every word they wrote. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God's Word is powerful and living, It changes us, deep inside,

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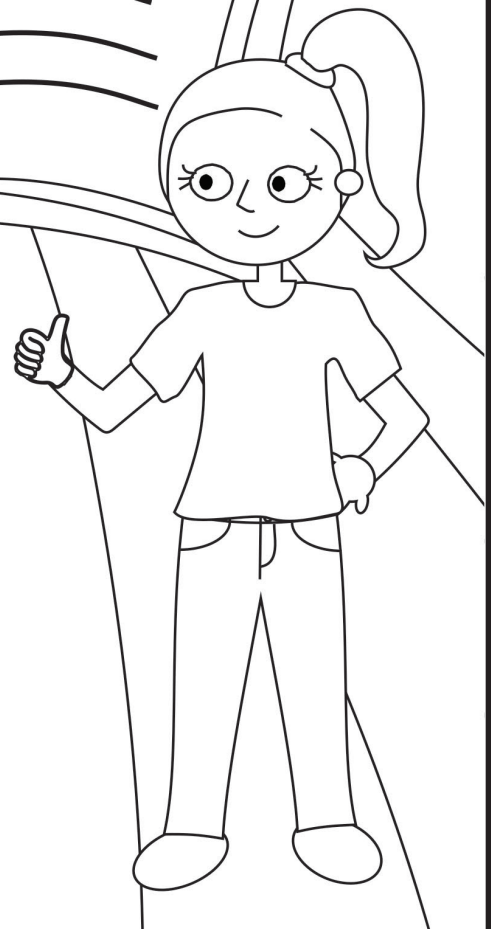
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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 2, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



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

Meaning

Scripture is another word for the Bible. What does it mean for the Bible to be God-breathed? It does NOT mean that God really breathed air out onto the pages of the Bible. It means that God's Holy Spirit was there, working inside of each person as they wrote it to down. He made sure that it was written exactly as He wanted it to be. Every single bit of the Bible is useful to anyone who wants to be a man (or woman/boy or girl) of God. God can use it to teach us about Himself and how He wants us to live. God can use it to change us and help us be who He wants us to be. Ask God to use His Word in your life. He loves to answer this prayer!

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4. How much of the Bible is useful to us? *All of it! Every single word!*
5. Who does the Bible help us know? *God.*
6. The Bible help us know how to live for whom? *It tells us how we can live for God.*

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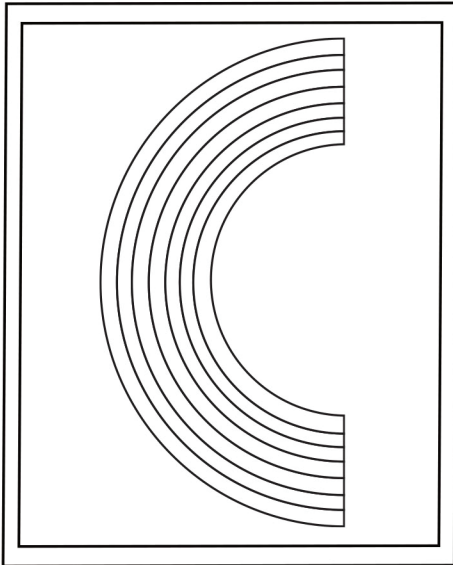
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

All Scripture Is God-breathed *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 17*

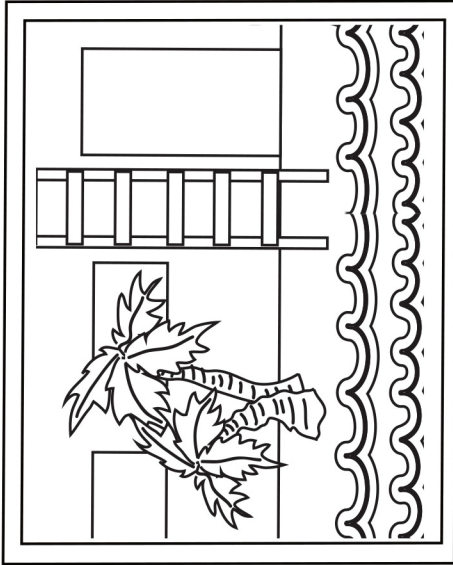
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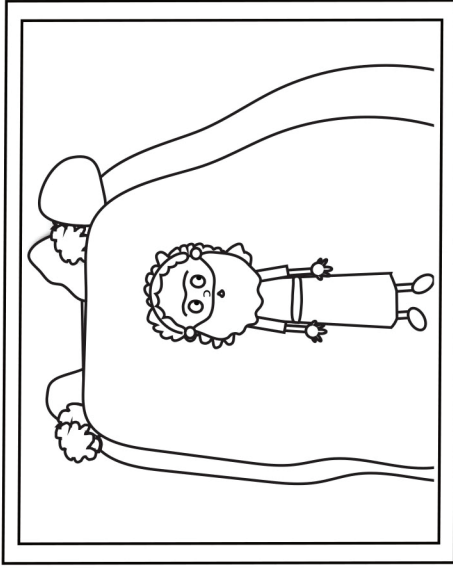
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



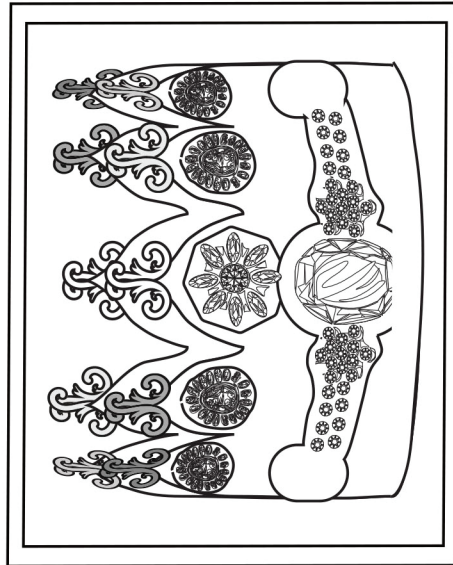
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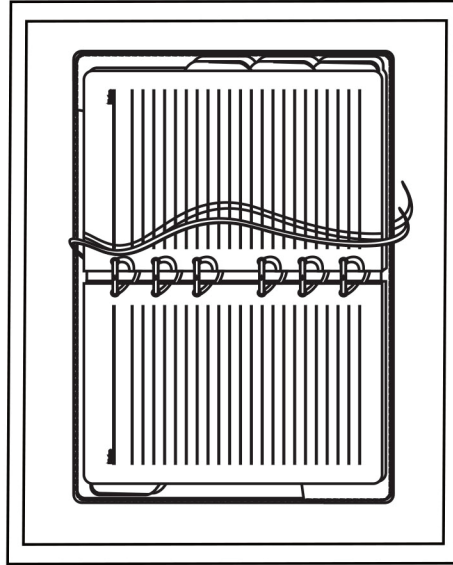
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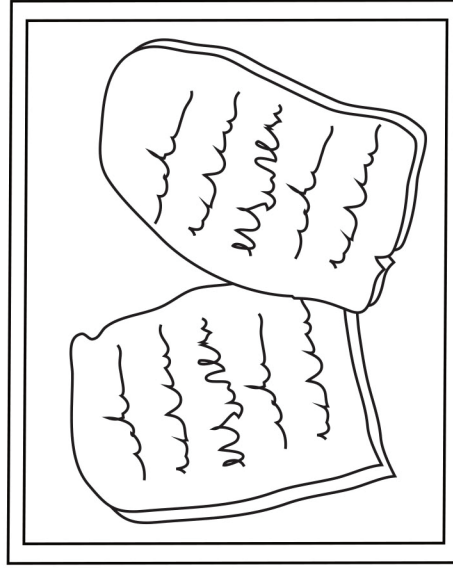
A Man in a Pit



A Crown



A Notebook



2 Pieces of Stone

Answer: The island, the man in a pit, a crown and the 2 pieces of stone belong in the story.

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



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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a rainbow, an island, a man in a pit, a crown, a notebook, and two pieces of stone.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The island, the man in a pit, the crown, and the pieces of stone.

2. Which one did God Himself write on? Who did He use to write down the rest of His words for us?

The two pieces of stone. He used people, helped by His Holy Spirit.

3. What is the best news of all that God used people to write down in His Word, the Bible? *The good news that Jesus came to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*

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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1 from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 15*

Verse 1

How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

Words: William Gardiner Music: Constance Dever

Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 16*

Verse 1

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
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If you read it ev'ry day,
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**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:
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It tells us about God and His _____!

HINT: "All the things God will do, but hasn't done yet. It starts with a "p" and it rhymes with the word "man"?"

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...it tells us about God and His plans!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

Do you know what a plan is? It's thinking about WHAT you want to do before you do it. We make plans most every day. Sometimes our plans work out. Sometimes they don't. That's because our plans are only hopes and guesses. God makes plans, too, but His plans are different. They always happen. They always work out just like He wants them to. They are all good and perfect, just like He is. Some of God's plans are secrets, but some He has shared with us. Can you guess where they are written down? In the Bible! There in His Word, we can read of wonderful God's plan to love and save people through His Son, Jesus. He would make them His special people. Every day of their lives He planned out to be for their good and His glory—to show how good and great He is. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever, just as He planned. God shares His wonderful plans with us because He wants us to turn to Him and be His special people, too.

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

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please...What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do." --- Isaiah 46:9-11

Some Questions for You

1. What is a plan? *It's thinking about what you want to do before you do it.*
2. Do our plans always happen? *No.*
3. Do God's plans always happen? *Yes!*
4. Where has God written down His plans for us to know? *In His Word, the Bible.*
5. Who did God plan to save through Jesus? *All who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior*

Let's Pray!

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

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 12*

(sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

What's so special about the Bible?
It alone is God's Word!
It alone is God's Word!
It's always true, It can make you wise,
It can work pow'r'ly in your life.
It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word!

Big Question 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 13*

Refrain:

What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word,
What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word.
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

Verse 1:

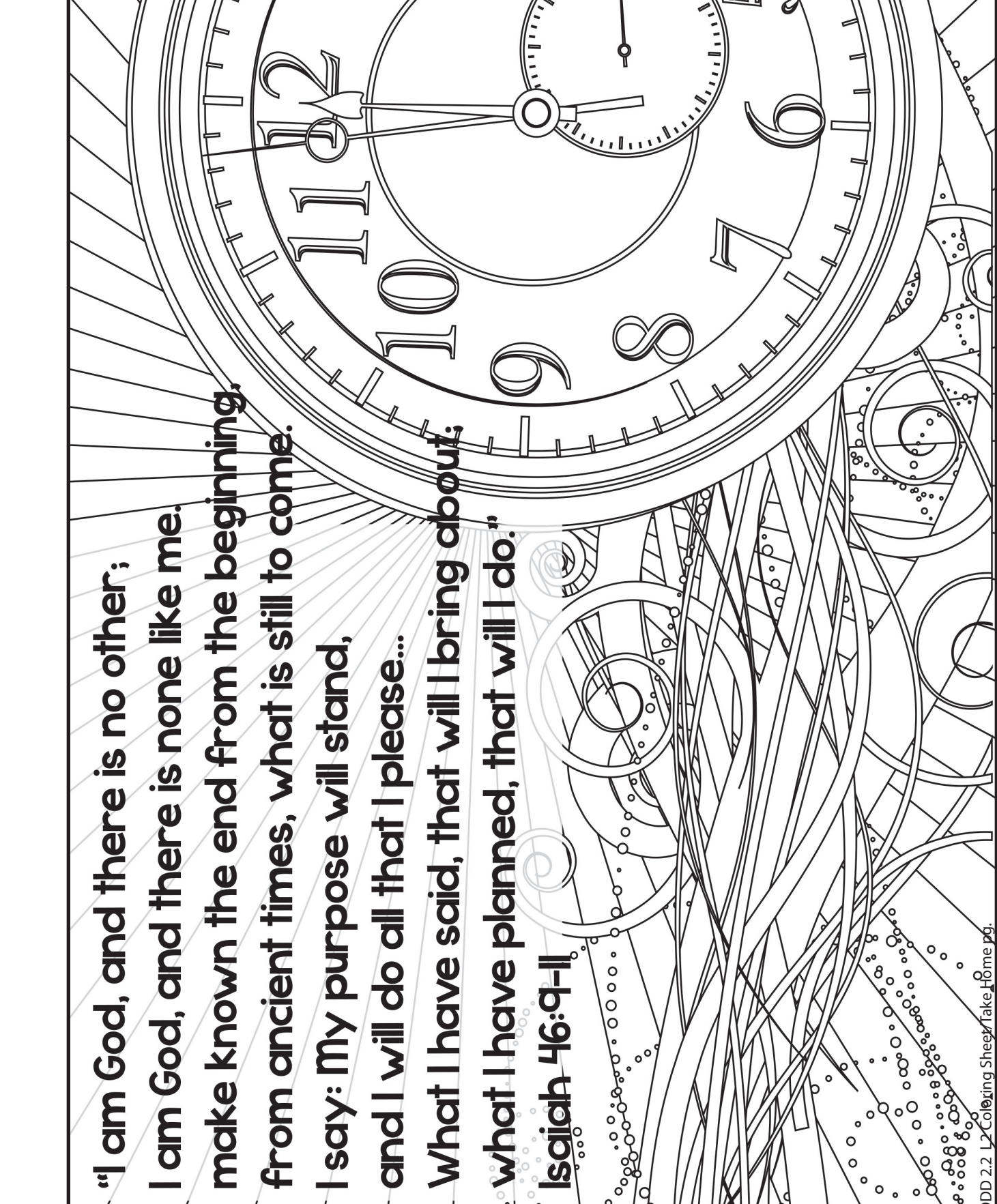
God's Word was written down perfectly, By godly men long ago,
The Holy Spirit worked through them,
Inspiring every word they wrote. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God's Word is powerful and living, It changes us, deep inside,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

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

Isaiah 46:9-11

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...it tells us about God and His plans!

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

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please...What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do." --- Isaiah 46:9-11

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

Meaning:

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

Where has God written down many of His plans? In the same book where He has written down the other words He has spoken: in the Bible! It alone is God's Word. God helped godly people write it down just right. We can trust its every word!

Some Questions for You

1. Who is God? What is His name? *The LORD.*
2. How many other gods are there besides the LORD? *There are no other gods!*
3. What happens when God plans something? *It always happens.*
4. When does God know how everything will turn out? *He knew it from long ago. He even knows it before the world began!*
5. Where has God written down His plans for us to read about? *In the Bible.*
6. Who did God have write down His plans? *Godly people--people who know and love Him.*
7. Can we trust the Bible? *Yes, we can! Every single word.*
8. Why can we trust the Bible? *Because God made sure it was written down just right.*

Let's Pray!

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

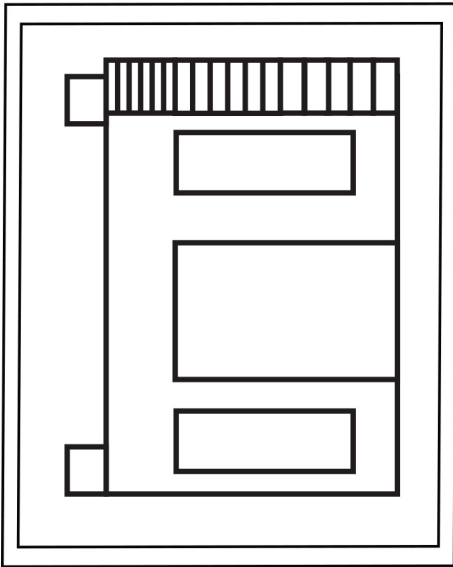
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Am God and There Is No Other: Isaiah 46:9,11 from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 18*

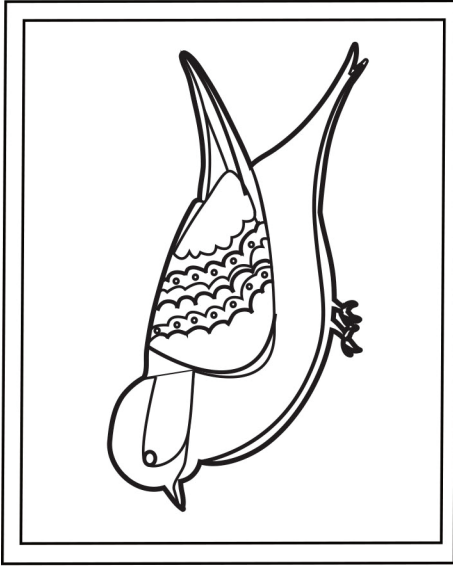
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no other;
I make known the end, from the beginning,
From ancient times, what is still to come.
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no other;
What I have said, that will I bring about,
What I have planned, that will I do,
Isaiah Forty-six, nine and eleven.

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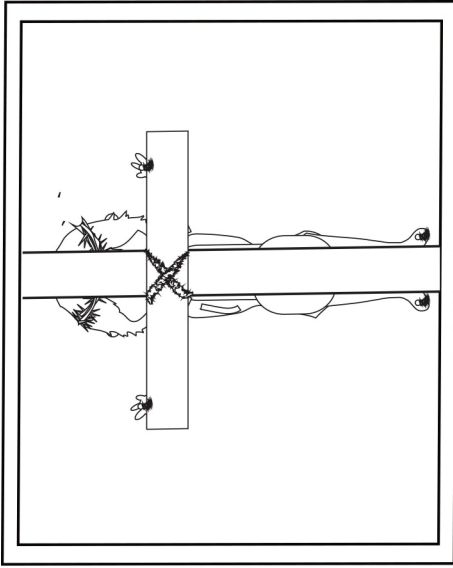
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



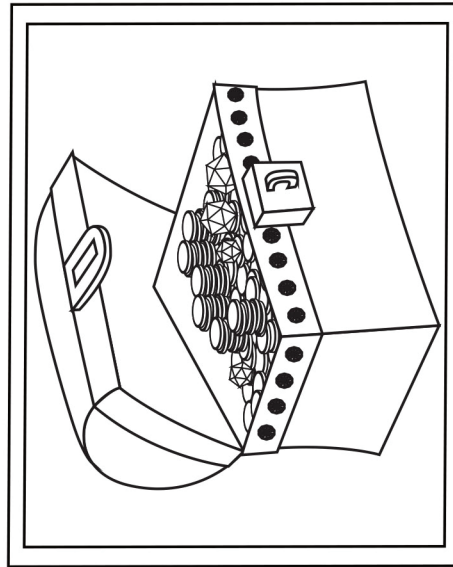
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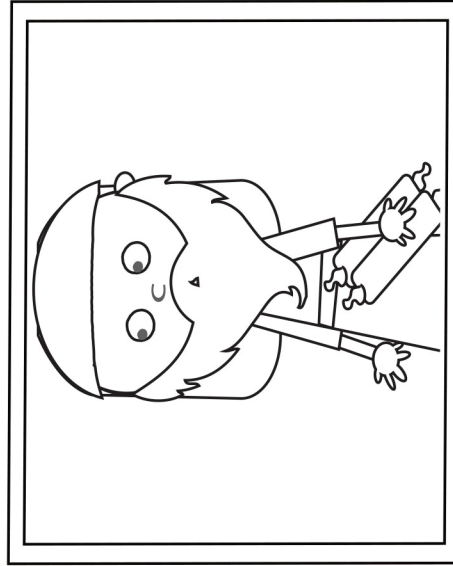
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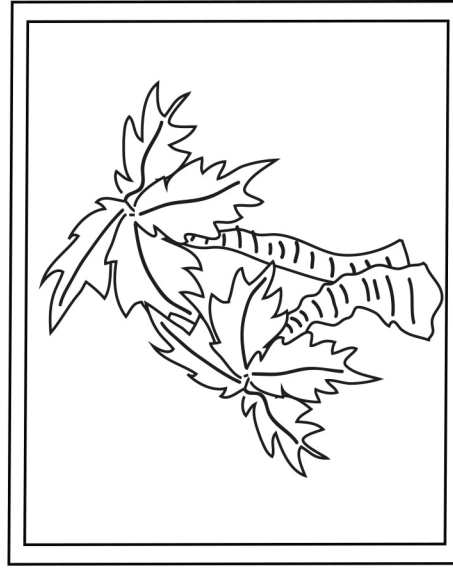
A Cross



Gold



A Teacher



A Palm Tree

Answer: The little house, cross, gold and teacher are in the story.

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...it tells us about God and His plans!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

Do you know what a plan is? It's thinking about WHAT you want to do before you do it. We make plans most every day. Sometimes our plans work out. Sometimes they don't. That's because our plans are only hopes and guesses. God makes plans, too, but His plans are different. They always happen. They always work out just like He wants them to. They are all good and perfect, just like He is. Some of God's plans are secrets, but some He has shared with us. Can you guess where they are written down? In the Bible! There in His Word, we can read of wonderful God's plan to love and save people through His Son, Jesus. He would make them His special people. Every day of their lives He planned out to be for their good and His glory—to show how good and great He is. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever, just as He planned. God shares His wonderful plans with us because He wants us to turn to Him and be His special people, too.

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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a little house; a bird; a cross; gold; a teacher; and a palm tree.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The little house, the cross, the gold and the teacher belong in the story.

2. Who worshipped the new king?

The Magi worshipped Jesus, the new king.

3. What did Jesus grow up to do that gives us even more reason to worship Him than the Magi? *Jesus grew up to tell us about God and to give up His life as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. He was the Savior-King God promised to send.*

4. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He delights to help us do this! Ask Him!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God for being so good and perfect. We praise You for making good and perfect plans.
- C** God, You've told us that Your plans are good and perfect, but sometimes we don't trust You. Please forgive us.
- T** Thank You for sharing some of Your good and perfect plans with us. Thank You for making sure that all Your plans happen. Thank You for planning to save people through Jesus.
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1 from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 15*

Verse 1

How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

Words: William Gardiner Music: Constance Dever

Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 16*

Verse 1

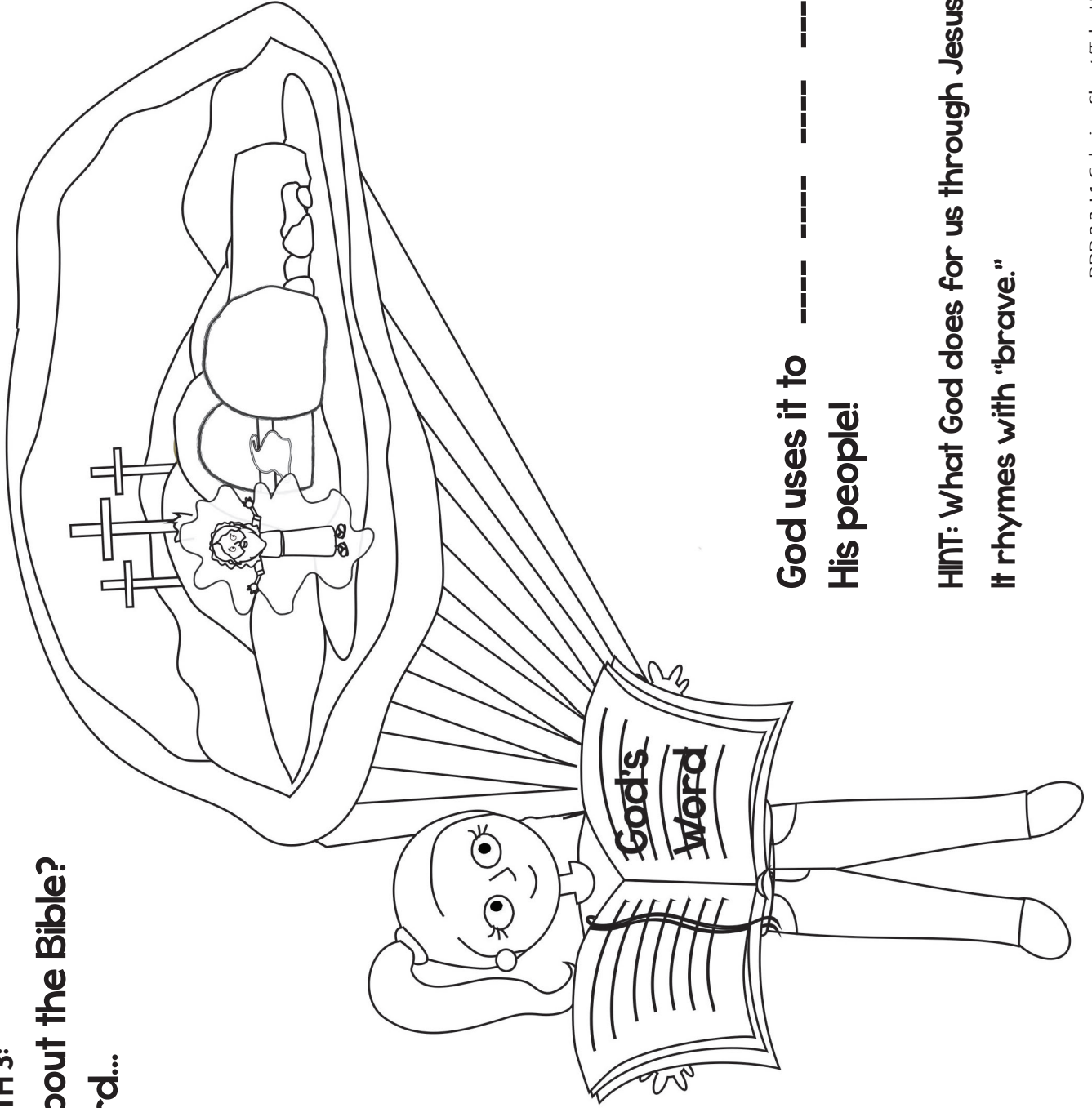
The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:
What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...



**God uses it to -----
His people!**

**HINT: What God does for us through Jesus.
It rhymes with "brave."**

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His people!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans to save sinful people like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are very, very good things for us to learn from the Bible.

But the Bible does more than just help us LEARN about God and His plans. God has made it powerful to DO wonderful things inside of us. God uses His Word to save us from our sins and make us His people. God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts, as we think about His Word. The Holy Spirit helps us to want us to turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He helps us put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to work through His Word and save people. He can work through His Word and save us, too. Ask Him!

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

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."
--- 1 Peter 1:23

Some Questions for You

1. How can books help us know things? *We read them and learn from them.*
2. What does the Bible help us know? *About God, His good plans and the great things He's done. About us, how He wants us to live and how we can become His people.*
3. What is the Bible powerful to do? *To save us and make us His people.*
4. How does God use the Bible to save us? *God's Holy Spirit can work inside our hearts as we hear God's Word. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.
- C** God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.
- T** Thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for what You tell us about You and about ourselves in it. Thank You for how You use it to save people like us from our sins so we can be Your people.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts as we listen to Your Word, the Bible! Use it to help us turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 12*

(sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

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Big Question 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 13*

Refrain:

What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word,
What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word.
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

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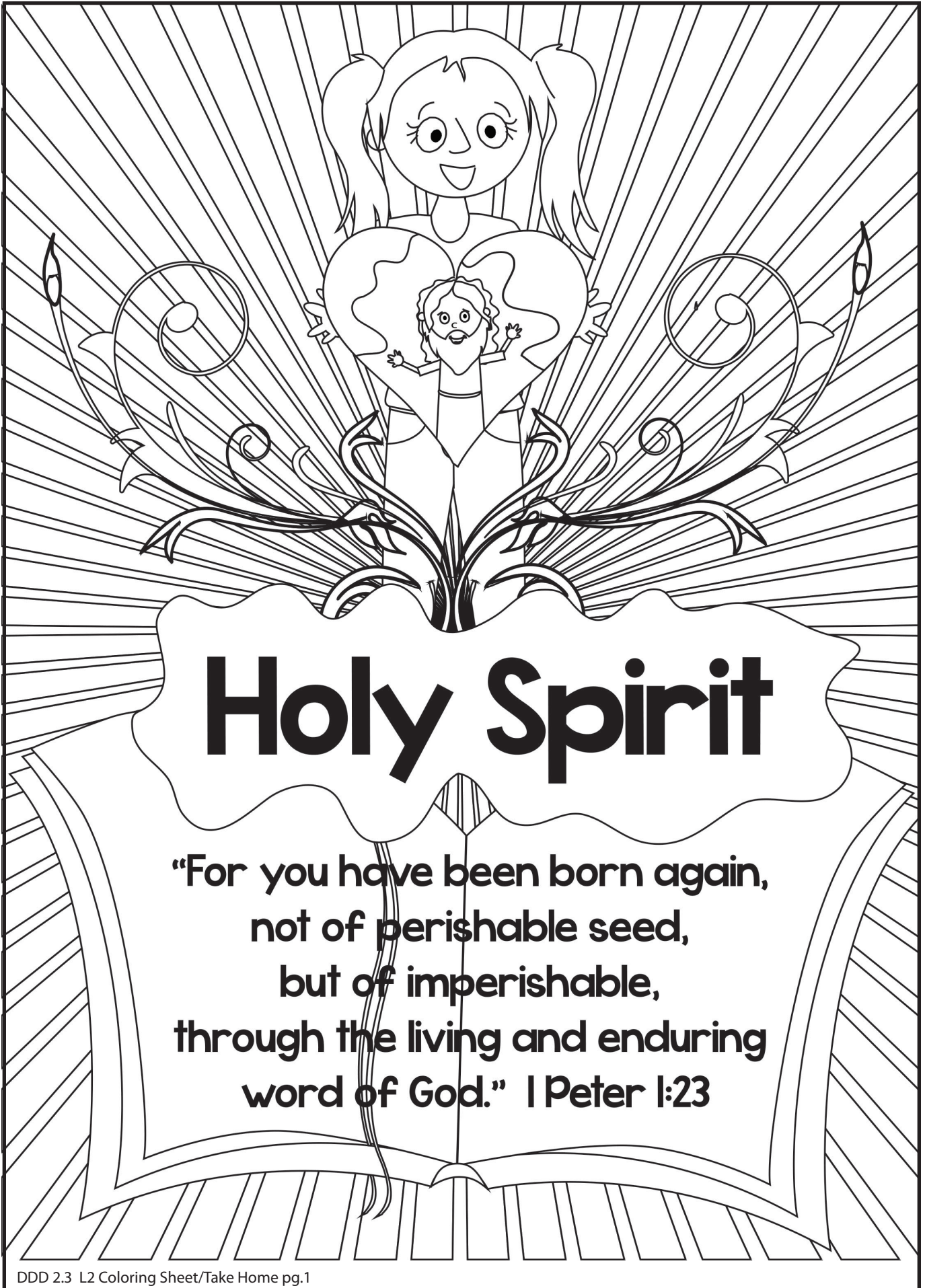
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Holy Spirit

**“For you have been born again,
not of perishable seed,
but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring
word of God.” 1 Peter 1:23**

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His people!

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

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."
--- 1 Peter 1:23

Learn a Little: "You have been born again... through the word of God."

Meaning

When we become one of God's people, God calls that being born AGAIN. No, our mothers don't give birth to us again. No, we don't become little babies like we were. But, it IS a new beginning of life. Only this time, it is life with God.

How do we have this new beginning of life with God? God's Holy Spirit works in our hearts, as we think about God's Word. He helps us want to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We tell God about our sins and He forgives them all. He gives us a new heart that knows Him and loves Him and wants to live for Him.

This new life with God makes us a new person on the inside, in our heart. That's why God says we are born again when we become His people. And the amazing thing about this new life with God is that it never ends. We will NEVER perish! When we die, we will go to live with God forever! God loves to help us have this new life. Ask Him to help you!

Some Questions for You

1. Perish means to live for awhile, then die. Who do you know that perishes? *All of us.*
2. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we start a new life with God. What is the Bible name for beginning this new life... born ___? *Again.*
3. Born again means starting a new life with who? *With God, as one of His special people.*
4. Whose words does God use to work in our hearts and put our trust in Jesus? *His words.*
5. Where are God's words written down just right? *The Bible.*
6. Something that perishes lives for awhile, then dies. Whose word never perishes? Whose word goes on and on being true and working in the hearts of people? *God's Word, the Bible.*
7. What does God offer us, instead of perishing? *He offers us new life with Him, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.
- C** God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.
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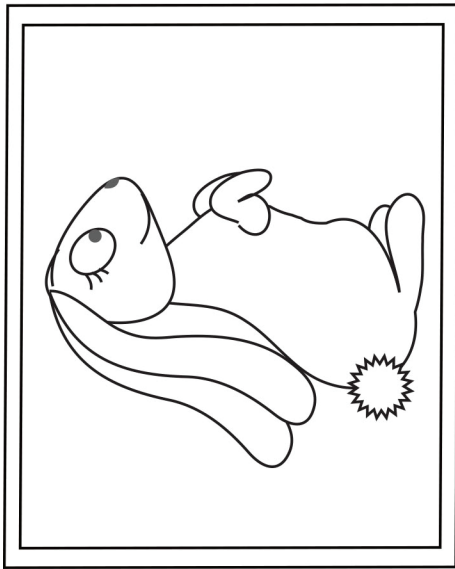
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

For You Have Been Born Again: 1 Peter 1:23 *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 20*

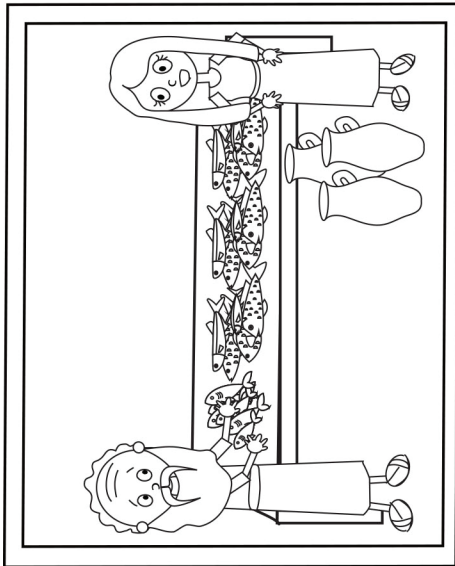
For you have been born again, not of perishable seed,
But through the living and enduring word of God.
For you have been born again, not of perishable seed,
But through the living and enduring word of God.
First Peter One, verse twenty-three.

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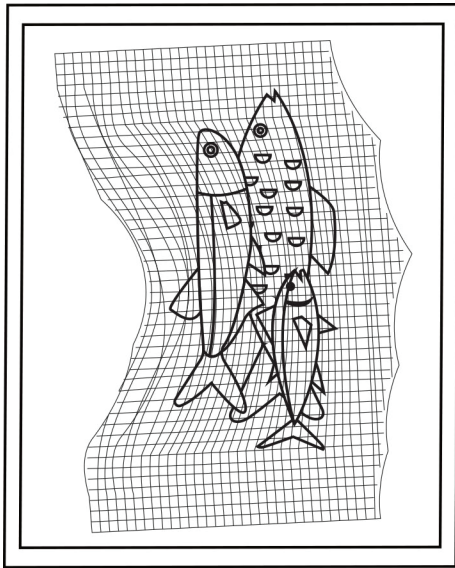
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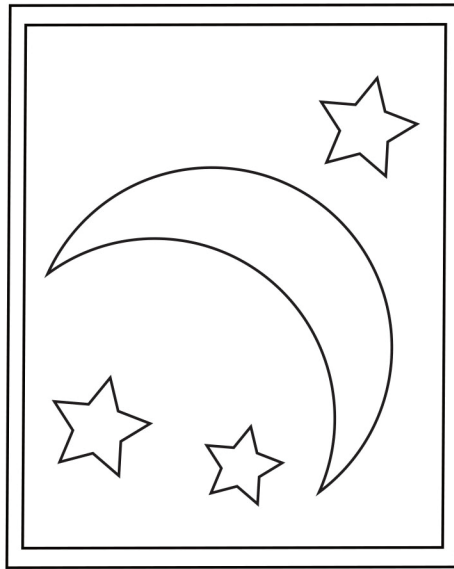
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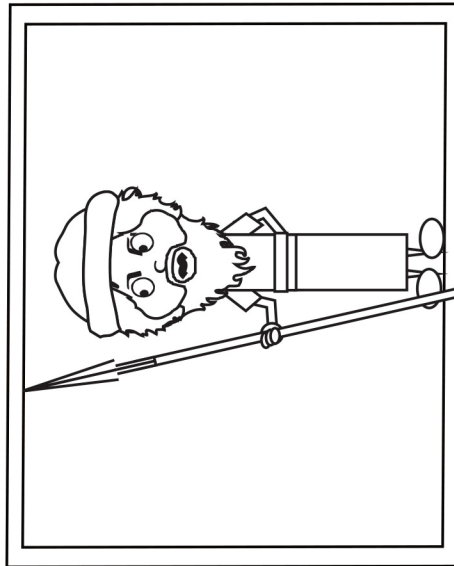
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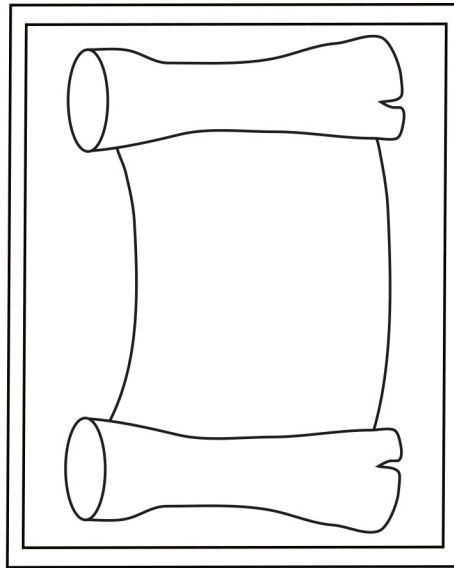
A Net Full of Fish



The Moon



A Bad Guy



A Book

Answer: The market; net full of fish; moon; and book were in the story. The rabbit and bad guy do not.

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His people!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans to save sinful people like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are very, very good things for us to learn from the Bible.

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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a rabbit; a market; a net full of fish; the moon; a bad guy; and, a book.

1. Which four belong in the story? *The market; the net full of fish; the moon and the book were in our story.*
2. Who confessed to Jesus that he was a sinful man? What did Jesus do? *Peter confessed that he was a sinful man. Jesus would be Peter's Savior. He asked Peter (and the other fishermen) to come follow Him as His disciples.*
3. Why did the fishermen leave fishing behind? *Jesus asked them to come follow Him as His disciples. He would use them to tell others how they could be saved.*
4. How did Jesus' disciples tell others the good news of salvation after He rose from the dead and went back up to heaven? *They traveled all over, preaching God's Word and telling people how they could be saved. AND, the Holy Spirit helped some of them (Peter and John) write down just right what Jesus said and did so others might believe and be saved, too.*
5. What can God use what Peter and John wrote down to do inside of us? *He can use what they wrote down to work in our hearts and help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.
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To guide our souls to heaven.

Words: William Gardiner Music: Constance Dever

Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 16*

Verse 1

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!

Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.

Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

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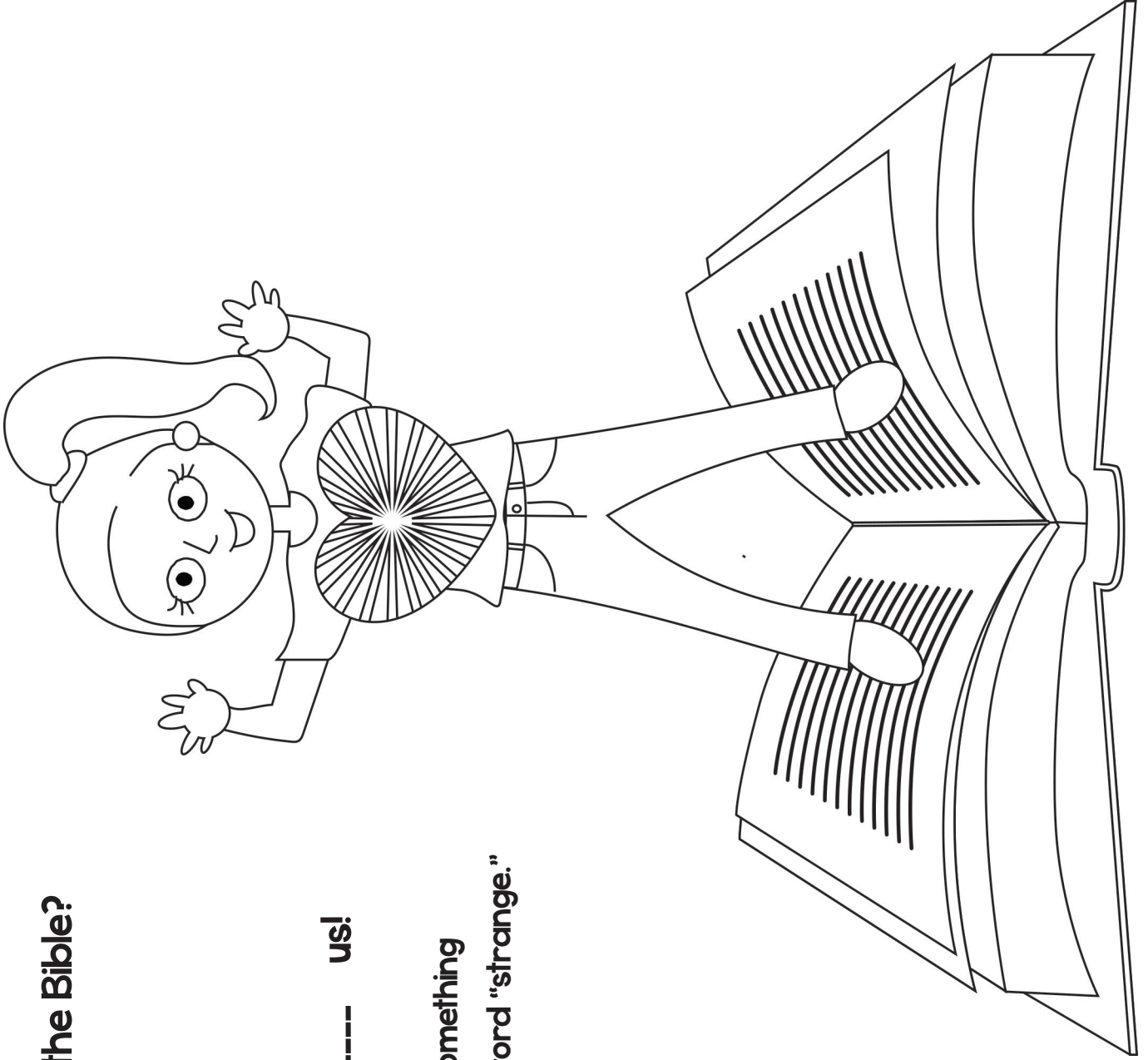
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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4:
What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...

God uses it to

----- us!

**What is the word for making something
different? It rhymes with the word "strange."**



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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to change His people!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans for sinful people, like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are all very good things us to learn.

But the Bible does more than just help us to learn things. It is God's Word and He makes it POWERFUL to do things inside of us. It is powerful to SAVE us (as we learned before); but also, to CHANGE us in wonderful way, once we become His people.

God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts, as we think about His Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit can help us understand God's Word, so that we can know how God wants us to live. He can use God's Word to show us ways we are disobeying God, and He can help us turn away from them. He can help us remember God's words of comfort and forgiveness when we are sad. He can help us live and love the way God tells us to in the Bible.

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

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Some Questions for You

1. What does the Bible tell us about? *About God and His good plan to save people like you and me through Jesus.*
2. What else does God use His Word, the Bible, to do? *To keep on changing us, even after He has saved us from our sins.*
3. How does God change us by His Word, the Bible? *He sends His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts as we learn God's Word. He helps us change.*
4. What is the best first step we can take, if we want God to change us by His Word? *We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise you, God, for giving us Your powerful Word. You are able to change us.
- C** God, we know that we disobey You and should change, but sometimes we don't want to. Please forgive us.
- T** Thank You for all the ways You can change us through Your Word. Thank You that You can help us to love You and live for You.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts as we hear Your Word! Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Change us, so that we love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 12*

(sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

What's so special about the Bible?
It alone is God's Word!
It alone is God's Word!
It's always true, It can make you wise,
It can work pow'r'ly in your life.
It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word!

Big Question 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 13*

Refrain:

What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word,
What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word.
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

Verse 1:

God's Word was written down perfectly, By godly men long ago,
The Holy Spirit worked through them,
Inspiring every word they wrote. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God's Word is powerful and living, It changes us, deep inside,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

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**“Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.
Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 2, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to change His people!

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Learn a Little: "Your commands make me wiser."

Meaning

God has put so many wonderful things in His Word, the Bible. He's put songs of worship in it. He's given us stories of the mighty things He's done for His people. He tells us about how Jesus came to save us from our sins. He's filled it with His good plans and His promises. God has also written His laws and commandments in the Bible. ("Laws" and "commandments" are big words that mean "rules.") God's laws tell us how God wants us to live.

When we read God's laws in the Bible, the Holy Spirit can use them to change us and make us wise to live God's good way. They can help us to do the right thing, even when we have enemies around us who want us to do the wrong thing. God's laws are always the best way to live. No wonder God's people love to meditate on them! They want to live to please God. God's laws can help them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Some Questions for You

1. Where did God write down His laws? *In the Bible, His Word.*
2. What do God's laws tell us? *How God wants us to live.*
3. When is it good to live by God's laws? *Always. They are always the best way to live.*
4. Meditate is a big word that means thinking about something over and over. What do God's people love to meditate on? *God's laws and all the rest of God's Word, the Bible.*
5. When do God's people meditate (think about) God's Word? *All through the day.*
6. Why do you think God's people think about God's Word so much? *Because they want to live the way God wants them to live. And, because God helps change them as they think about it. God's Word is powerful to change them!*
7. Why do you think God's people love God's law? *Because they want to live for God and God's law tells them how.*
8. Why are God's people happy that God's law makes them wiser than their enemies? *Because God's Word can help them do what is good and pleases God, even when others are against them. They need God to help them and He does...through His Word!*
9. When we meditate on God's laws, we see that we do not keep them as we should. We cannot please on our own, we need a Savior to forgive our sins and save us. Who is that Savior? What must we do to be saved? *Jesus is the Savior. We must turn away from our sins (turn away from living just as we please and live for God instead) and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

O, How I Love Your Law : Psalm 119: 97-98 *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 21*

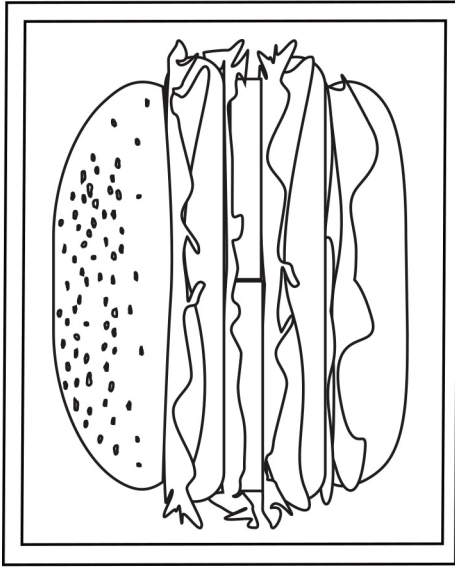
Oh, oh, oh, oh,
Oh, how I love your law!
I, I, meditate on it all day long,
Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
For they are ever with me,
For they are ever with me.
Psalm One-nineteen, ninety-seven and eight.

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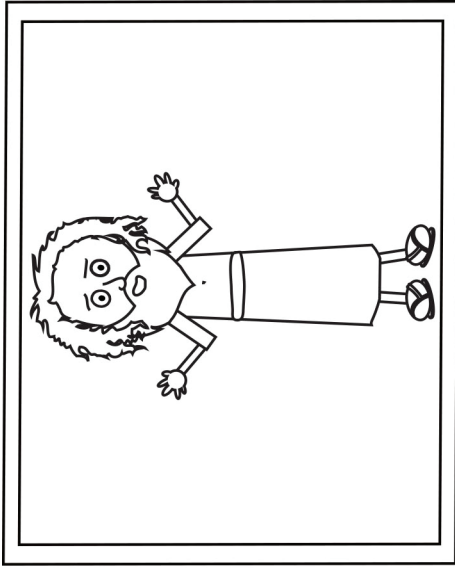
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



A Fake God



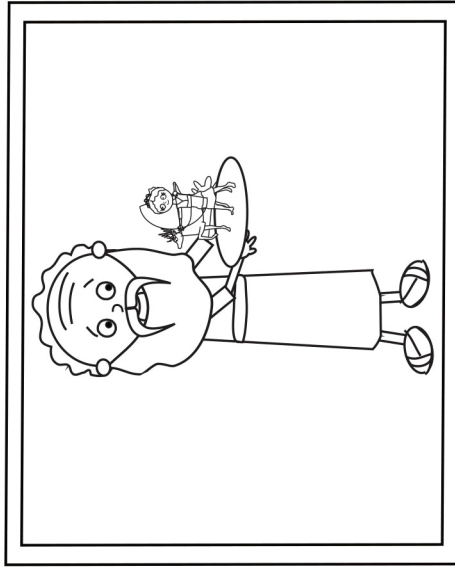
A Sandwich



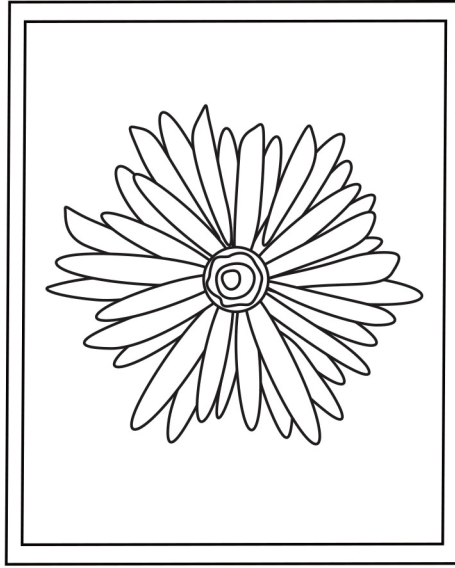
A City Leader



A Fire



A Shopkeeper



A Flower

Answer: The fake god; city leader; fire; and shop keeper were in the story. The sandwich and flower do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 2, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3

Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to change His people!!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans for sinful people, like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are all very good things us to learn. But the Bible does more than just help us to learn things. It is God's Word and He makes it POWERFUL to do things inside of us. It is powerful to SAVE us (as we learned before); but also, to CHANGE us in wonderful way, once we become His people. God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts, as we think about His Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit can help us understand God's Word, so that we can know how God wants us to live. He can use God's Word to show us ways we are disobeying God, and He can help us turn away from them. He can help us remember God's words of comfort and forgiveness when we are sad. He can help us live and love the way God tells us to in the Bible.

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Some Questions for You

Our six case clues are: a fake god; a sandwich; city leader; a fire; a shopkeeper; and, a flower.

1. Which four belong in our story? *The fake god; city leader; fire; and shopkeeper.*

2. What did God use His Word to do inside the people of Ephesus? *He used it to save them and to change them.*

What made the shopkeepers so angry? *So many people had become believers in Jesus and had stopped buying their statues and stuff for worship parties.*

3. What did the shopkeepers do when they got really angry? *They got together a huge crowd of people who cheered for Artemis and wanted to get rid of Paul. They made Paul leave town.*

4. What did God's Word keep on doing in Ephesus, even after Paul had left? *Kept working inside of people, helping them trust in Jesus as their Savior; and, changing them, more and more.*

5. What can God use His Word to do inside of us? *He can use His Word to save us and to change us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1 *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 15*

Verse 1

How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

Words: William Gardiner Music: Constance Dever

Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible *from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 16*

Verse 1

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

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Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!