

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 4 Visual Aids, NIV**

**with**

**Simple Story Scenes**

**The God Like None Other**

**Volume 2: Bible Truths 5-8**



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## Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

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### **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**

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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.

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### How Are They Used?



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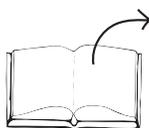
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### Store It!



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### 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.

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**Unit 4,  
Bible Truth 5  
Visual Aids  
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Story Scene Pictures**

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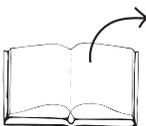
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**Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "O LORD... there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below." 1 Kings 8:23

**Bible Truth 5 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!**

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad.

God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

**Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20**

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

**Learn a Little:** "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever."

**Meaning**

God is the good king and creator of us all. God's people love to praise Him and tell Him how great He is. These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

**Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 5 Story**

**The Case of the Missing Donkeys** *1 Samuel 9*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 5**

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

*Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God*

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: There Is No God Like You 1 Kings 8:23, NIV 1984

*Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984*

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: Praise Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, NIV 1984

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

**The Case of the Missing Donkeys**

1 Samuel 9



**Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

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

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

**I need to find out:**

1. Who lost their donkeys?
2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?

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

**Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20:**

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

**I need to find out:**

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?
2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town?

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

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

**They are: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food.**

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

**I need to figure out:**

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything?

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Missing Donkeys** *1 Samuel 9*

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

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**Kish had a big problem. Some of his animals were missing. Animals that were worth a lot! It wasn't his chickens. It wasn't his sheep or goats. It was another kind of animal--the kind that he used to pull his wagon and ride on, like we would use a truck or car. Can you guess what kind of animals were missing?**

*Can you guess?*

**It was his donkeys! Kish looked everywhere for them. He looked all over his farm....but no donkeys. He looked in the stable... but no donkeys. He looked in the fields...no donkeys. He looked faraway to the hills... but still no donkeys!**

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**Kish's donkeys were lost, there was no doubt about that. And Kish just had to find them! So Kish made a plan. He would send his son, Saul to go look for them.**

**"Saul, take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys," Kish told Saul.**

**Saul obeyed and soon he and the servant were on their way in search of the lost donkeys. Where could they be?**

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**For three, long days Saul and the servant walked and looked. They climbed up hills and searched there... but there were no donkeys. They walked down into valleys of green grass and searched there...but there were no donkeys. They looked by sparkling streams of cool water, too--all the kinds of places donkeys like to go. But still there were no donkeys!**

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**Where WERE those donkeys? Kish didn't know. Saul and the servant didn't know. Did anyone know? Yes, someone did know.**

*Who DID know? Can you guess?*

**That someone was the LORD. He is the God who knows everything there is to know. And He knew exactly where those donkeys had gone off to.**

**And not only did the LORD know exactly where the donkeys were, He even planned something very good to happen to Saul as he looked for them. The LORD had planned to use this little journey looking for donkeys to put Saul in just the right place, with just the right person to make Saul the first king of Israel. And the LORD was going to do all of this without Saul knowing even one little bit of His good, big plan!**

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**Saul didn't know about God's plans, but a man named Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet--a special messenger for the LORD. The LORD had told Samuel about Saul and His plans to make him king.**

**"Samuel, tomorrow the man I've chosen to be king over Israel is coming to your town. He will lead the people in fighting off their enemies, the Philistines. I want you to pour the special anointing oil on his head and make him king over Israel," the LORD told him.**

**This was big news! The LORD had chosen a man to lead the people against their enemies. And, this man was coming to Samuel's town to be anointed king...the very next day! Samuel decided to have a worship feast when Saul came to town. Up in the hills, they would offer worship gifts to the LORD, and would honor Saul with a fine dinner. There was so much to do in so little time! There were guests to invite. There were worship gifts to buy. There was the table to set for the feast, and all of the good food to prepare.**

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

**There was so much to do in so little time! There were guests to invite. There were worship gifts to buy. There was the table to be set for the feast, and good food to prepare and cook.**

**By the end of the day, everything was ready. The worship gifts were offered and the guests gathered in the dining hall up at the worship place. Everyone was ready to eat the delicious food. It looked like it was time for the feast to begin, but it couldn't. Something--really, someONE was missing.**

*Can you guess who?*

**It was Saul. the special guest, himself! After all, no one had told HIM about the worship feast. No one had told HIM he was going to be anointed king of Israel! He was just out looking for lost donkeys. The whole thing seemed rather silly to think that Saul would show up at the party that night, don't you think?**

**I guess it WOULD be silly, but for one thing: this was the LORD's plan and He is the God who knows everything there is to know. If He said that Saul would be there, then Saul would be there. Samuel was sure of that!**

**Samuel left the guests and went back down to the town and who should be looking for him at the city gates, but Saul and his servant! "This is the man I told you about," the LORD told Samuel. "The man I've chosen to be king."**

**Saul went up to Samuel and said, "My servant says you are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father's donkeys are?"**

**"Don't worry about your father's donkeys," Samuel told Saul. "They've been found. They are back at home. Come up here with me to the worship feast. Sit here at the most important place. Eat the best food. We've been waiting for you to come," Samuel said.**

**Saul didn't understand why Samuel and the people were waiting for him, but he didn't complain. He went with Saul up to the worship place and took the place of honor next to Samuel. He enjoyed the good food and the worship feast. And what a feast it was! Why, Samuel had even saved the very best piece of meat for HIM! Yum!**

**After dinner, Samuel took Saul and his servant to his house for the night. He made them a bed on the roof, and there they slept out under the stars.**

**At sunrise, Samuel woke Saul and his servant. "Get up so I may send you on your way," Samuel told them. Samuel walked with them out of town. "Send your servant on ahead, Saul. I have something important from God to tell you alone," Samuel said. Saul and his servant obeyed.**

**When the servant had passed ahead of them, Samuel took out his jar of special oil and poured it on Saul's head. He kissed Saul, then said, "I have poured this oil on your head as a sign that you are to be king of Israel. The LORD has chosen you of all men. You will rule over them and you will rescue them from the enemies who live in the lands around them. In a few days, we will tell all the people. But for now keep this a secret."**

**What a lot Saul had to think about as he went home with his servant! The LORD had planned to use those lost donkeys to make him king over Israel! And, the LORD had told Samuel what he would do and where he would go, even before he did it!**

**How could the LORD do this? Because He is the God who knows everything there is to know! He is like no one else. How amazing is the LORD!**

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

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

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

- 1. Who lost their donkeys?** Kish did.
- 2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?** His plan to make Saul king over the people.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans.

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

**Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20:**

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

- 1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?** Saul.
- 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town?** Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And so he did!

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

Our six clues were: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food.

- 1. Which four belong in our story?** The jar of oil, the man named Kish, the crown and the good food .
- 2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything?** Samuel and Saul did.

**For You and Me:**

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when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out. How much more than us He knows! How wise He is!

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

**Our Bible Truth is:**

**Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!**

Sometimes it is scary to know that God knows everything about us. We can hide some of the bad things we think or say or do from others, but we can't hide anything from God. We know that He hates sin and He will punish sin. We know that we all choose to do things our own way, not God's good way.

Isn't God so kind to us, though? He knows every bad thing about us, yet He promises to forgive every single one of them, when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, He will not ONLY forgive our sins, but He will give us a new heart to know and love Him. We will get to have special closeness in our hearts with Him for the rest of our lives. Then, one day when we die, we will go to live with Him and enjoy Him forever-- as happy as anyone can ever be! How amazing is the LORD! How good and loving He is to us! There is no one like Him! *Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

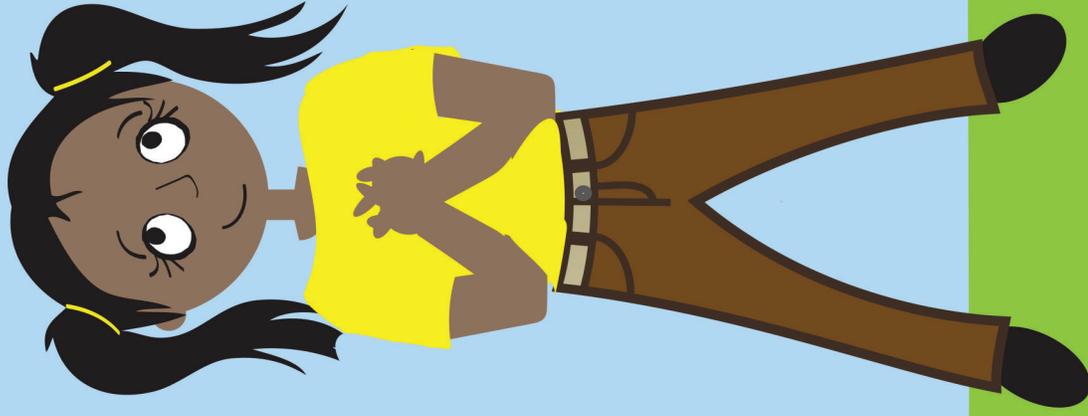
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- S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

BIG QUESTION 4



Can Anybody Tell me what the LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

VISUAL  
AID

#1

take out



of BQB

## The Big Question

*Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:*

The Big Question we are investigating today is

Big Question Number 4:

**Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

and the Answer is:

**He's Not Like Anyone Else!**

### **Meaning:**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

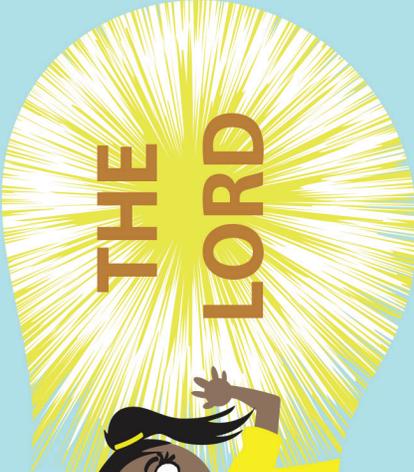
## Big Q & A 4 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 4, track 12*

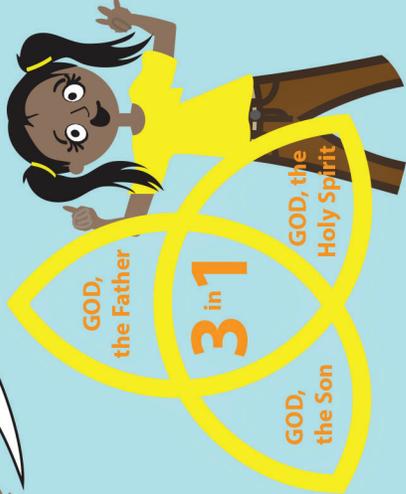
*(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")*

Can anybody tell me,  
Tell me, tell me,  
Can anybody tell me,  
What the LORD is like?  
He's not like anyone else,  
Anyone else, anyone else,  
He's not like anyone else,  
That's what the LORD is like.

# BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

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1. **THE LORD**
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2. Only the LORD is God!
- 

3. GOD, the Father  
3 in 1  
GOD, the Son  
GOD, the Holy Spirit
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4.
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5.
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6.
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7.
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8.

Visual Aid #2 of BQB

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

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about what God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

*Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.*

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

"Ok, we've learned four truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but Just One God," and, "He Is Everywhere, All the Time" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

*Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.*

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 5?

Can Anybody Tell Me What

the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like

Anyone Else...

He Knows ???

There Is to Know!

HINT: "It's the opposite  
of nothing. It starts with  
the letter "E."

ANSWER:

He Knows **EVERYTHING**

There Is to Know!



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# Revealing the Bible Truth

## We Are Learning

*Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:*

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!  
He Knows ???? There Is to Know!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “It’s a word that means the opposite of “nothing.” It starts with the letter “E.”

Can you guess? It’s “Everything.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

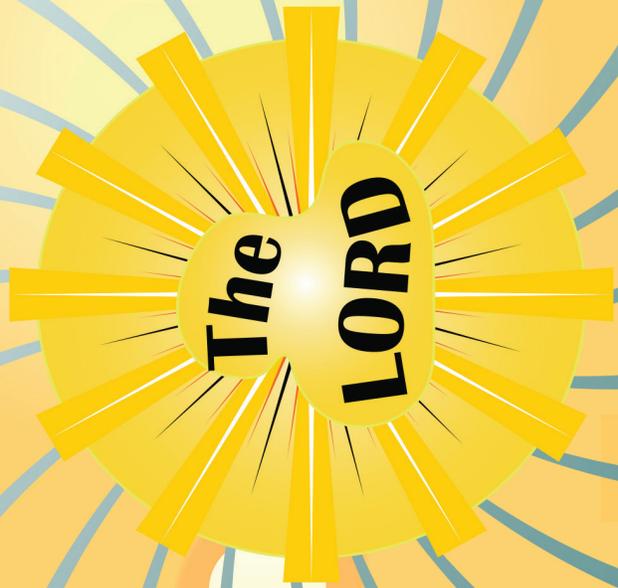
**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!  
He Knows EVERYTHING There Is to Know!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad. God even knows every one of our sins. He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

**“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.”  
Daniel 2:20-22**



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## Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse

*Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:*

Daniel 2:20 tells us:

### **Daniel 2:20:**

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

**Learn a Little:** "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever."

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

These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

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## Praise Be to the Name of God:

### **Daniel 2:20-22**

*DDD NIV Songs 4, track 24*

Praise be to the name of God  
forever and ever,  
Wisdom and power are His forever and ever.  
He gives wisdom to the wise,  
and knowledge to the discerning.  
He reveals deep and hidden things;  
He knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with Him.  
Praise be to the name of God  
forever and ever,  
Wisdom and power are His forever and ever.  
Daniel Chapter Two,  
verses twenty through twenty-two.

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

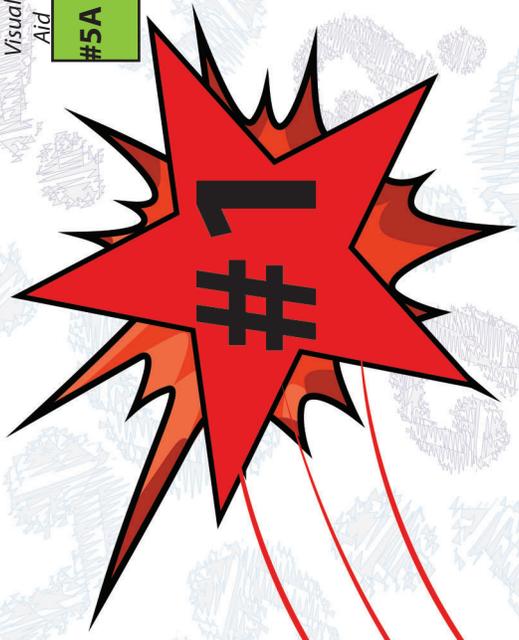
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

"The Case of the Lost Donkeys."

I need to find out:

1. Who lost their donkeys?

AND

2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.*

*At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

\*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.\*

Answers:

1. **Who lost their donkeys?** Kish did.

2. **What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?** His plan to make Saul king over the people.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans.

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Lost Donkeys."

Our Bible verse is Daniel 2:20

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

I need to find out:

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?

AND

2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town?

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

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

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

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Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20**

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

**1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for? Saul.**

**2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town?** Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And so he did!

**For You and Me:**

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out.

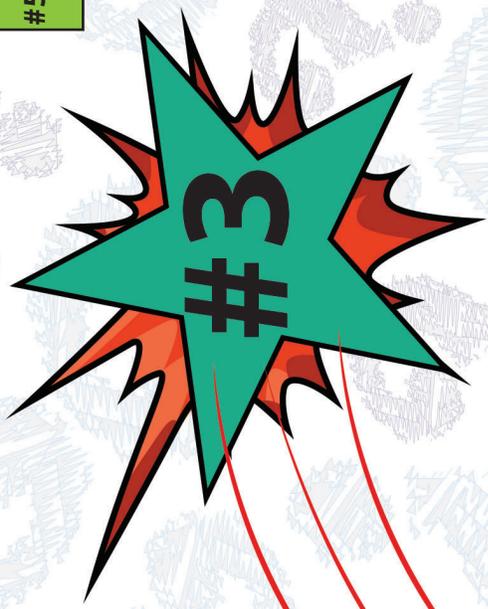
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!  
I'm still working on the case called:  
"The Case of the Lost Donkeys."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.  
They are: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food.

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

I need to know:

1. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything?

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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

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

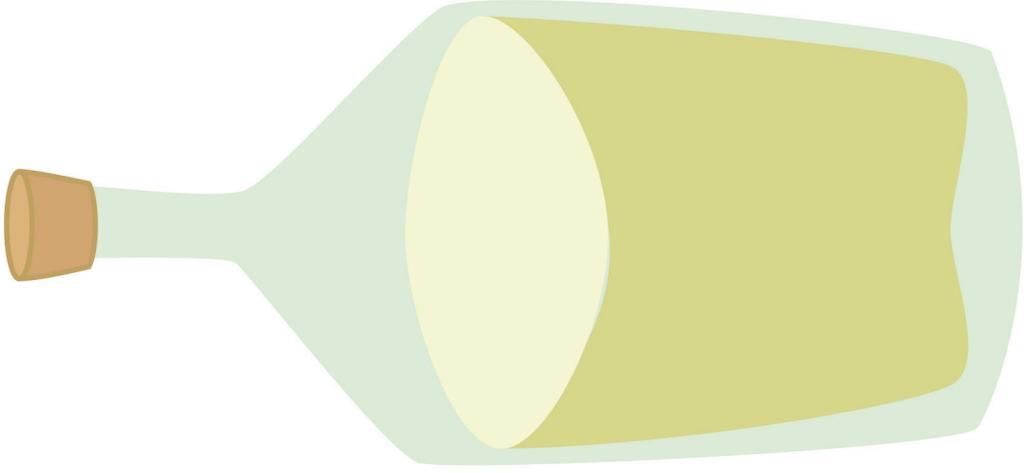
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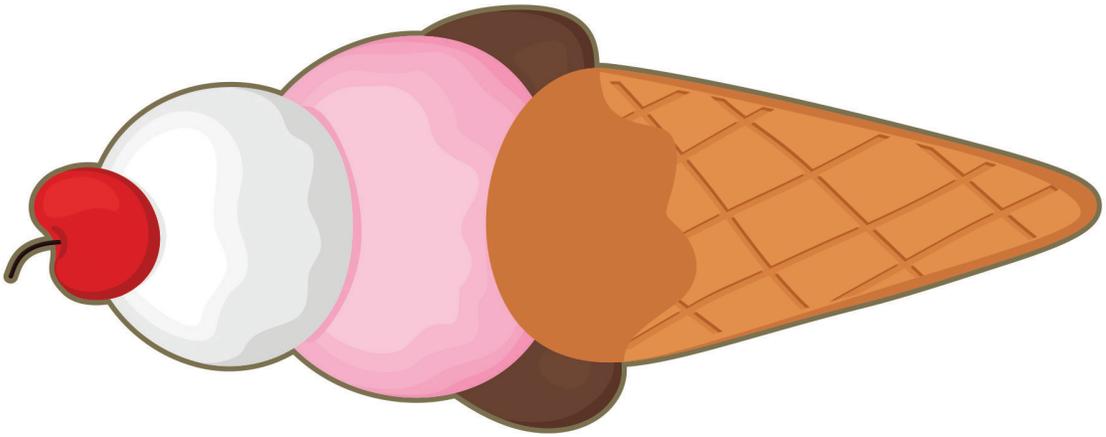
1. **Which four pictures belong in the story and which two do not?**  
The jar of oil, the man named Kish, the crown and the good food belong in the story. The ice cream cone and the piano do not.
2. **Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything?**  
Samuel and Saul did.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out. How much more than us He knows! How wise He is!



A Jar of Oil



An Ice Cream Cone



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A Piano



A Man Named Kish



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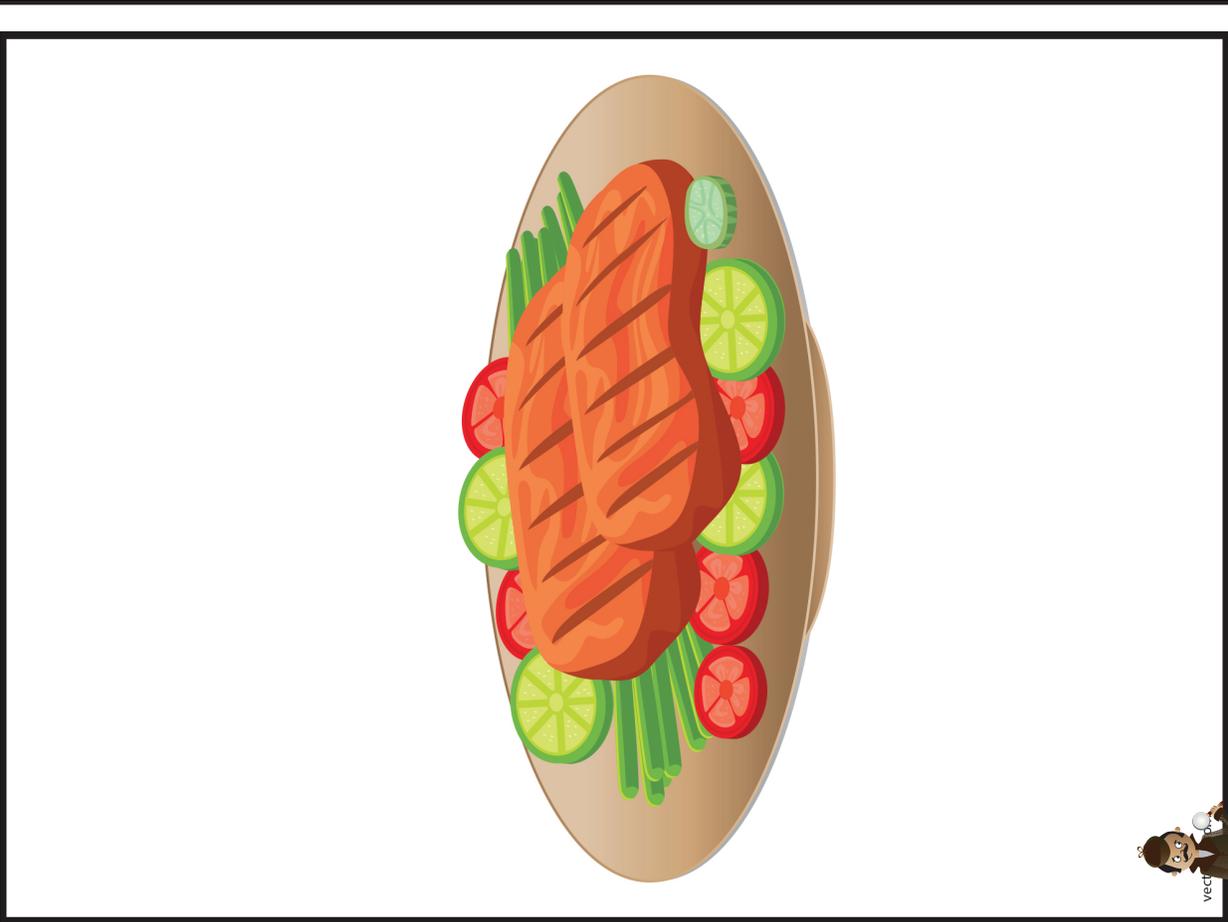
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DDD 4.5 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 3 for kids



Good Food



A Crown



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# The Case of the Lost Donkeys | Samuel 9

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. Who lost their donkeys?
2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



### Daniel 2:20, NIV

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare the for?
2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

**I. Kish had a problem. Some of his animals were missing... animals that were worth a lot!**

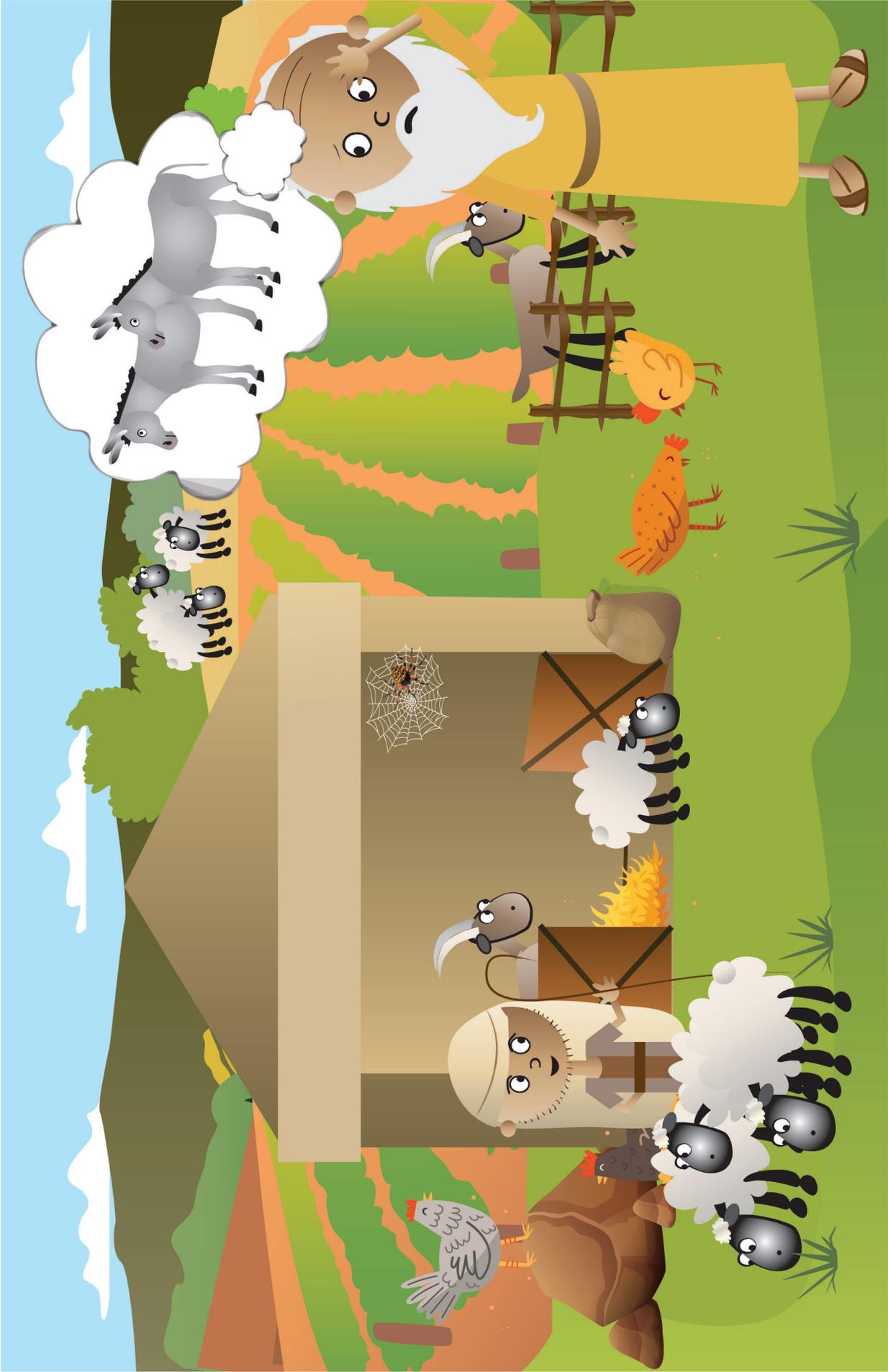
**It wasn't his chickens. It wasn't his sheep or goats. It was another kind of animal--the kind that he used to pull his wagon and ride on, like we would use a truck or car. Can you guess what kind of animals were missing?**



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**2. Kish was missing his donkeys! He looked everywhere for them.**

**He looked all over his farm, but no donkeys. He looked in the stable, but no donkeys. He looked in the fields, no donkeys there either. He looked faraway to the hills, but still no donkeys!**



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**3. Kish's donkeys were lost, there was no doubt about that now. He just had to find them! So, Kish made a plan. He would send his son, Saul, and a servant to look for them.**

**“Saul, take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys,” Kish told Saul.**

**Saul obeyed and soon he and the servant were on their way in search of the lost donkeys. Where could they be?**



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**4. For three, long days, Saul and the servant walked and looked.**

**They climbed up hills and searched there, but no donkeys. They walked down into valleys of green grass and searched there, but no donkeys. They looked by sparkling streams of cool water, too. These were the places donkeys liked to go. But still, there were no donkeys!**

**Where WERE those donkeys? Kish didn't know. Saul and the servant didn't know. Did anyone know?**



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**5. Yes, someone DID know-- the LORD! He is the God who knows everything there is to know. He knew exactly where those donkeys had gone off to. And not only did the LORD know exactly where the donkeys were, He even planned for something very good to happen to Saul as he looked for them.**

**The LORD had planned to use this little journey looking for donkeys to put Saul in just the right place, with just the right person, to make Saul the first king of Israel. And the LORD was going to do all of this without Saul knowing even one, little bit of His good, big plan!**



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**6. Saul didn't know about God's plans yet, but a man named Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet--one of the LORD's special messengers. The LORD had told Samuel about Saul and His plans to make him king.**

**"Samuel, tomorrow the man I've chosen to be king over Israel is coming to Zuph. He will lead the people in fighting off their enemies, the Philistines. I want you to pour the special anointing oil on his head and make him king over Israel," the LORD told him.**



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**7. This was big news! The LORD had chosen a man to lead the people against their enemies. And, this man was coming to Zuph to be anointed king, the very next day!**

**A worship feast to the LORD was planned. Samuel and Saul would be there for it. Up in the hills, they would offer worship gifts to the LORD, and would honor Saul with a fine dinner. There was so much to do in so little time! There were guests to invite. There were worship gifts to buy. There was the table to set for the feast, and all of the good food to prepare.**



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**8. At last, everything was ready. The worship gifts were offered, and the guests gathered in the dining hall up at the worship place. The delicious food was set out on plates.**

**It looked like it was time for the feast to begin, but it couldn't. Something --really, someONE-- was missing. It was Saul, the special guest, himself! After all, no one had told HIM about the worship feast. No one had told HIM he was going to be anointed king of Israel. He was just out looking for lost donkeys.**



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**q. It seemed silly to think that Saul would show up at the worship feast that night, don't you think? I**

**guess it WOULD be silly, except that this was the LORD's plan, and He is the God who knows everything there is to know. If HE said that Saul would be there, then Saul would be there. Samuel was sure of that.**

**And sure enough, just as Samuel was on his way up to join the guests at the feast, who should be looking for him at the city gates? You guessed it! Saul and his servant!**

**"This is the man I told you about," the LORD told Samuel. "The man I've chosen to be king."**



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**10. Saul went up to Samuel and said, “My servant says you are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father’s donkeys are?”**

**“Don’t worry about your father’s donkeys,” Samuel told Saul.**

**“They’ve been found. They are back at home. Go with me to the worship feast up in the hills. Sit at the most important place. Eat the best food. I’ve been waiting for you to come,” Samuel said.**



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"Don't worry about your father's donkeys," Samuel told Saul. "They've been found. They are back at home. Go with me to the worship feast up in the hills. Sit at the most important place. Eat the best food. I've been waiting for you to come," Samuel said.

**II. Saul didn't understand why Samuel had been waiting for him, but he didn't complain. He went with Saul up to the worship place and took the place of honor next to Samuel. He enjoyed the good food and the worship feast. And what a feast it was! Why, Samuel had even saved the very best piece of meat for HIM! Yum!**



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**12. After dinner, Samuel took Saul and his servant to his house for the night. He made them a bed on the roof, and there, they slept out under the stars.**



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**13. At sunrise, Samuel woke Saul and his servant. “Get up, so I may send you on your way,” Samuel told them.**

**Samuel walked with them out of town. “Send your servant on ahead, Saul. I have something important from God to tell you alone,” Samuel said. Saul and his servant obeyed.**



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**14. When the servant had passed ahead of them, Samuel took out his jar of anointing oil and poured it on Saul's head. He kissed Saul, then said, "I have poured this oil on your head as a sign that you are to be king of Israel. The LORD has chosen you of all men. You will rule over them and you will rescue them from the enemies who live in the lands around them. In a few days, we will tell all the people. But for now, keep this a secret."**



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**15. What a lot Saul had to think about as he went home with his servant! The LORD had planned to use those lost donkeys to make him king over Israel! And, the LORD had told Samuel what he would do and where he would go, even before he did it!**

**How could the LORD do this? Because He is the God who knows everything there is to know! He is like no one else. How amazing is the LORD!**



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## SOLVED



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Daniel 2:20, NIV

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?  
Saul.
2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to his town? Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And so, he did!

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Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like Anyone Else...  
He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

# The Gospel



Sometimes it is scary that God knows everything about us. We can hide some of the bad things we think or say or do from others, but we can't hide anything from God. We know that He hates sin and He will punish sin. We know that we all deserve His punishment because we have all chosen to sin.

But God is so kind to us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it as full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus died on the cross, then He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them.

We can be God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this! Ask Him to help you!



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# A Prayer

**A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!

**C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.

**S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You more every day. Help us to be happy with Your plans, since You know everything and always do what's best.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 4,  
Bible Truth 6  
Visual Aids  
and  
Story Scene Pictures**

## 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.

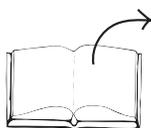
### What Do They Include?



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

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



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

### Store It!



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

### Replacement Story Scene Pictures



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

### Other Options



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

**Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "O LORD... there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below." 1 Kings 8:23

**Bible Truth 6 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!**

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us?

Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

**Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3**

"I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted...Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings; And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty."

**Learn a Little:** "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty."

**Meaning**

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

**Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You are perfectly good and oh so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.
- C** LORD, we are not holy like You are. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and be with You, the good and great, one, true God.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 6 Story**

**The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8**

*Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 6**

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

*Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God*

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: There Is No God Like You 1 Kings 8:23, NIV 1984

*Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984*

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song: I Saw the Lord Isaiah 6:1-3, NIV 1984

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

**The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So**

*Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8*



**Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

**“Our story is called: The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So. Here is your listening assignment.”** Read from Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

**Detective Dan’s Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

**I need to know:**

1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?
2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?

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

We learned: **Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 6:1-3:**

“I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted...Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings; And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty.”

I need to know:

1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?
2. Could anyone go to meet with the LORD? Why or why not?

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

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God’s big rules, an altar, and a camel.

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

I need to know:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don’t?
2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their sins, once and for all?

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

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**The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So** *Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8*

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Long ago, the people of Israel were in big trouble. The king of Egypt had made them his slaves. He hurt them and made them work very, very hard for him, doing whatever he wanted them to do.

But the LORD their God saw what the king was doing and He stopped him. Do you know what the LORD did to stop the king?

*Can you remember what He did?*

The LORD sent stinging gnats and biting flies. He sent bouncy frogs and ouchy, itchy boils... and all sorts of other sad things to trouble the king of Egypt and his people until at last they had had enough. "Go away! Go worship your God," the king said at last.

"Yay, praise the LORD! He's saved us! We're free!" the people shouted. They were so happy!

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Tromp, tromp, tromp, Moses led the people of Israel across the dry, deserty wilderness to a special mountain called Sinai. There, the LORD told them His wonderful plans.

"I am the LORD. I am a holy God. I am good and powerful. I hate sin and I punish it. I have rescued you from the king of Egypt, with my great power," the LORD told them. "I am choosing YOU to be My special people. And through YOU, I'm going to bless everyone else on earth."

"I am giving you good rules so you can know how I want you to live. If you keep them, I will bless you. The world will look at you and how you live, and they will understand what I am like--good and powerful... HOLY!" the LORD said to them.

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"I want you to build Me a worship house, too," the LORD told them. "I want to be near you and have special fellowship with you. But you can't build it any way you please. You have to build it just so—EXACTLY as I tell you to.

A worship house just so....EXACTLY as He told them to make it. That sounds very picky, don't you think so? But the LORD wasn't just being picky. He was LOVING His people. If everything wasn't just so, then there would be BIG trouble. And the LORD told them why. It was something about the way He was.

*Can you guess? What about the LORD meant that worship house had to be made exactly right?*

"I am holy, but you are not," the LORD told the people. "I hate sin. I punish sin, but I don't want to punish you. I want to LOVE you and be close to you. Only if you make this worship place just right can we have fellowship together," the LORD told them through Moses.

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"I'm putting Bezalel and Oholiab in charge of building it. I will help them build it just right. They will build it with gifts from the people," the LORD told them.

Everyone was happy to obey. The people brought their gifts of silver, gold and bronze, fine fabric and beautiful jewels, and everything else that was needed. Piles and piles of them. Then Bezalel and Oholiab set to work, always following the LORD's "just so" instructions.

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

**“Build it like a big tent so it can move place to place with you. You are a traveling people. I want to travel with you,”** the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab built a big tent just like He said.

**“Outside of the tent, put a big, bronze altar to burn worship gifts on. The people will bring their worship gifts here to offer up to Me,”** the LORD told them. **“Put a big, bronze container filled with water outside the tent, too. This basin will only be used for washing and getting ready for going inside the worship tent,”** the LORD instructed. So Bezalel and Oholiab built a bronze altar for the worship gifts and a bronze basin with water for washing.

**“Make two rooms inside the tent, one big one and one small one. In the big one, put a big, golden lamp lit with twelve, bright, shining flames. Put a big, golden table with twelve, little loaves of bread. Put a golden container filled with wonderful-smelling incense. This big room is called the Holy Place,”** the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the big room and the little room in the tent. They made the lampstand, the table, and the container filled with incense, just as the LORD told them to.

**“Not just anyone can go into the Holy Place. Only men called priests can go in there...and ONLY if they keep My special rules for them,”** the LORD warned. **“The priests must keep my good rules. They must wash with water from the basin and dress in special clothes of pure white. Each day they will come into the tent to offer the people’s worship gifts and pray for them. I will have fellowship with the people, but only through the priests. It has to be this way because I am holy and you are sinners.”** the LORD said. So Bezalel and Oholiab made the pure, white clothes for the priests.

**“The big room of the tent is special, but it is not as special as the little room of the tent. The little room is called the Holy of Holies because it is the holiest place of all. It is the place where I will be with you in a special way,”** the LORD explained.

**“Make a golden box with beautiful angels on it. Put the big rules I gave you inside of it. This box is called the Ark of the Covenant. Put the Ark in the small room. “Make a big curtain using white, red, blue and purple yarn. Weave angels into it. Hang up the curtain between the big room and the little room, so the little room is shut off from the big room,”** the LORD told them. So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the curtain and hung it in place.

**“Not even the priests can go in the little room whenever they want,”** the LORD said. **“It is too holy even for them. Only the leader of the priests (the high priest) can go into the small room; and only on only one, special day every year, wearing very special clothes. On that one day, he will bring a special worship gift and sprinkle it on the golden box. That gift will keep the golden box holy so I can be near you in the small room for another year,”** the LORD told them. **“Make the high priest’s special clothes.”** So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the high priest’s special clothes.

**“Make sure you do all these things so I can live with you in this special way and so you can be My people,”** the LORD urged them. **“I am the holy God, but you are sinners. This is the way I’ve made for you to have fellowship with Me.”**

The LORD helped Bezalel and Oholiab make everything just so until the worship house tent was all ready. Now it was time to USE the worship house!

The priests washed themselves and put on their pure, white clothes. They put in place all of the beautiful things that the LORD helped Bezalel and Oholiab make: the golden box; the golden candlestick, the incense stand and table with the twelve loaves of bread, and the special curtain between the two rooms. The candles were lit, and the incense began to send out its wonderful smell. And outside, on the altar, the priests placed the first worship gifts to the LORD.

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

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**What would happen next? Had they really done everything just as the LORD said? Would He come down to the tent to have fellowship with them in a special way?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, He would!**

**The LORD sent fire down to accept the worship gifts on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted aloud and fell down and worshipped. Then the LORD had a special cloud cover the outside of the tent and filled up the inside with His beautiful, sparkly bright glory. What a wonderful day this was! The LORD's special presence had come to be with them!**

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**From that day, the priests went into the Holy Place each day and served the LORD as He told them to. And once a year, the high priest would take the special worship gift into the Holy of Holies, so the LORD could be there with His people another year.**

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**The Worship Tent was replaced with a Worship House--the Temple--but still nothing changed in how the LORD met with His people. Until at last, there came a very special day when EVERYTHING changed! The curtain between the big and small room was torn in two by God, Himself, because it wasn't needed anymore.**

**What happened? Did the LORD stop being holy? No, He did not. Did the people stop being sinners? No, sadly, they did not.**

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**But something DID change that day. Jesus did something that satisfied the punishment God's people deserved for their sins. Something that made them look as perfectly good and holy before God, as Jesus, Himself. Wow!**

*Do you know what He did?*

**Jesus suffered and died on the cross. He took all of the punishment for the sins of God's people and gave them His perfect record before God. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the grave in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. There was no need for a curtain anymore, or for the priests with their white clothes. There was no need for more worship gifts for our sin anymore. Jesus had made the way. He was the final payment for sins. And now the LORD could be with His people in a far better, much nearer place than a worship tent. Do you know where that nearer place was?**

*Can you guess?*

**It was right in their hearts. Yes, His Holy Spirit would now come and live right there inside of them. Amazing!**

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**And it was through Jesus that the LORD kept His promise to the people of Israel to bless us all. The LORD wasn't just forgiving THEIR sins through Jesus. He was offering to forgive our sins, if we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.**

**And if we do, His Holy Spirit will come and live inside our hearts, giving us close fellowship with God...no special tent or clothes or priest needed, thanks to Jesus!**

**And that will be just the beginning. Better yet will be when God's people die. They get to live with the LORD in heaven—the special place where God can be known and enjoyed in all His glory. And they will live there with Him, perfectly happy forever. Life with a holy God --so good and so great-- is Perfect Wonderfulness! Ask God to help you become one of His people! He loves to answer this prayer!**

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

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

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

I need to know:

**1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?** It was made for the LORD and He told them how to make it.

**2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?** It had to be made just right because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 6:1-3:**

"I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted... Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings; And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty."

I need to know:

**1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?** In the special worship tent.

**2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not?** No, only the priests could come into the tent, and only if they followed all of the LORD's rules. This was because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. Only by keeping the LORD's rules could they come near to Him.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship house so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. *They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God's big rules, an altar, and a camel.*

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

I need to know:

**1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?** The cross, the Ark, God's big rules, and the altar belong. The wagon and the camel do not.

**2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their sins, once and for all?** All of the people of Israel needed to confess their sins to the LORD. He sent Jesus to be the final payment for the sins of all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By confessing our sins to God, by turning away from them, and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:**

**Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

**He's Not Like Anyone Else...**

**He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!**

What a lot the people of Israel had to remember to do to keep fellowship with the LORD! How wonderful was the day when Jesus gave up His life as the perfect and final payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross! On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death. Now all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be saved. God forgives their sins and makes them His people. They can have the fellowship of God's Holy Spirit right in their hearts! And one day, they will go to live with God forever. Jesus can be your Savior, too. Through Him, you can have this special closeness with God, too. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to answer these prayers!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You are perfectly good and oh so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.
- C** LORD, we are not holy like You are. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and be with You, the good and great, one, true God.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live.

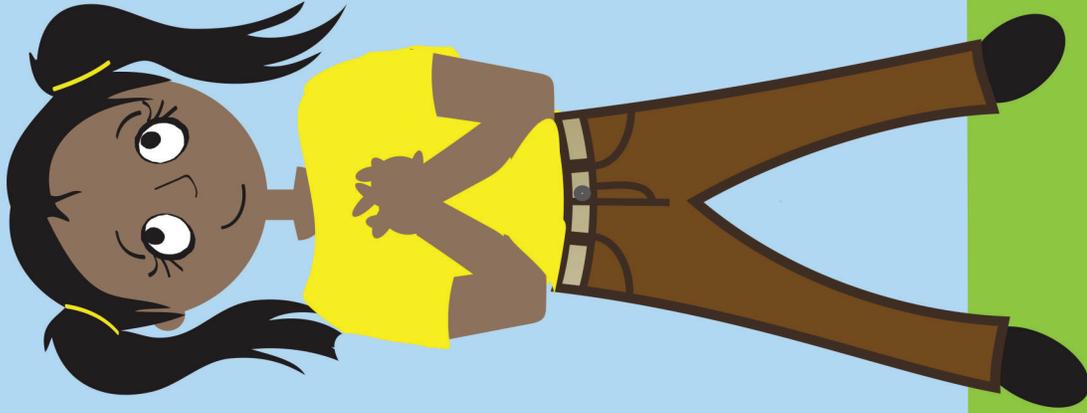
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

BIG QUESTION 4



Can Anybody Tell me what the LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

VISUAL  
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## The Big Question

*Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:*

The Big Question we are investigating today is

Big Question Number 4:

**Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

and the Answer is:

**He's Not Like Anyone Else!**

### **Meaning:**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

## Big Q & A 4 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 4, track 12*

*(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")*

Can anybody tell me,

Tell me, tell me,

Can anybody tell me,

What the LORD is like?

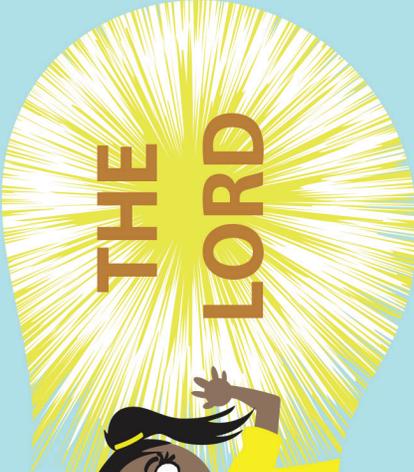
He's not like anyone else,

Anyone else, anyone else,

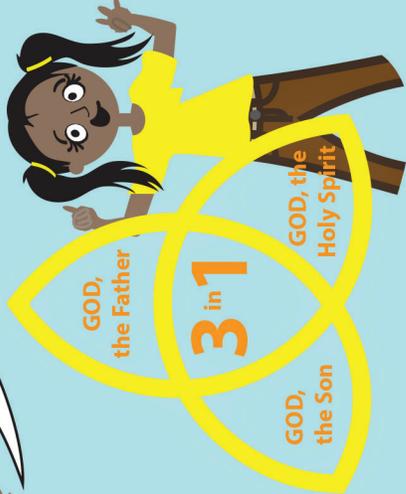
He's not like anyone else,

That's what the LORD is like.

# BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

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1. **THE LORD**
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2. Only the LORD is God!
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3. GOD, the Father  
3 in 1  
GOD, the Son  
GOD, the Holy Spirit
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7.
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8.

Visual Aid #2 of BQB

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

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about what God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

*Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.*

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

"Ok, we've learned five truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but Just One God," "He Is Everywhere, All the Time," and "He Knows Everything There Is to Know" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

*Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.*

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 6?

Can Anybody Tell Me What  
the LORD Is Like?

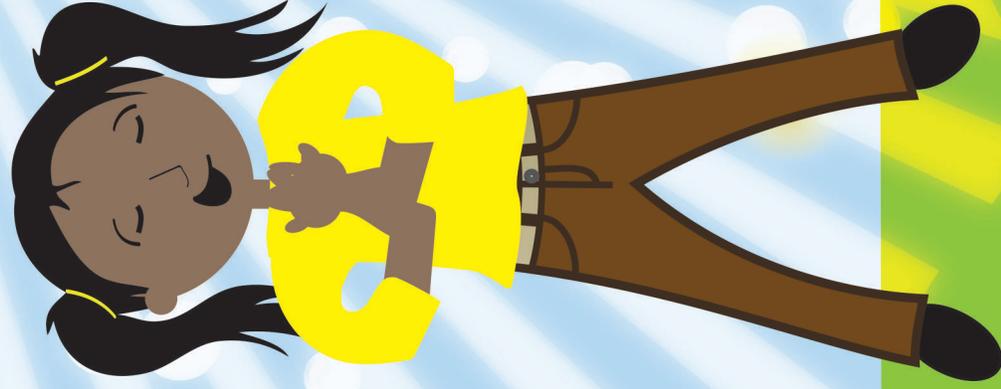
He's Not Like  
Anyone Else...

He Is Perfectly Holy,  
Purely ???!

HINT: "It's a word that  
means the opposite  
of bad. It rhymes  
with "hood."

ANSWER:  
He Is Perfectly Holy,  
Purely GOOD!

DDD 4.6 Bible Truth 6--Front



Visual  
Aid

take out



#3

of BQB

# Revealing the Bible Truth

## We Are Learning

*Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:*

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

**He’s Not Like Anyone Else!**

**He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely ????!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “It’s a word that means the opposite of bad? It rhymes with “hood.”

Can you guess? It’s “good.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

**He’s Not Like Anyone Else!**

**He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely GOOD!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:  
*(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)*

What do you think of when you hear the word, “holy?” Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? “Holy” may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it.

God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It’s good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us?

Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That’s why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God’s punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God’s people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

Place  
verse in



DDD  
Bible

Aid  
#4

*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD!*



"I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted...

Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings;

And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty." Isaiah 6:1-3

DDD 4.6 Bible Verse Picture--front

## Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse

*Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:*

Isaiah 6:1-3 tells us:

### **Isaiah 6:1-3:**

"I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted...Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings; And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;"

**Learn a Little:** "Whatever the LORD pleases, he does."

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

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

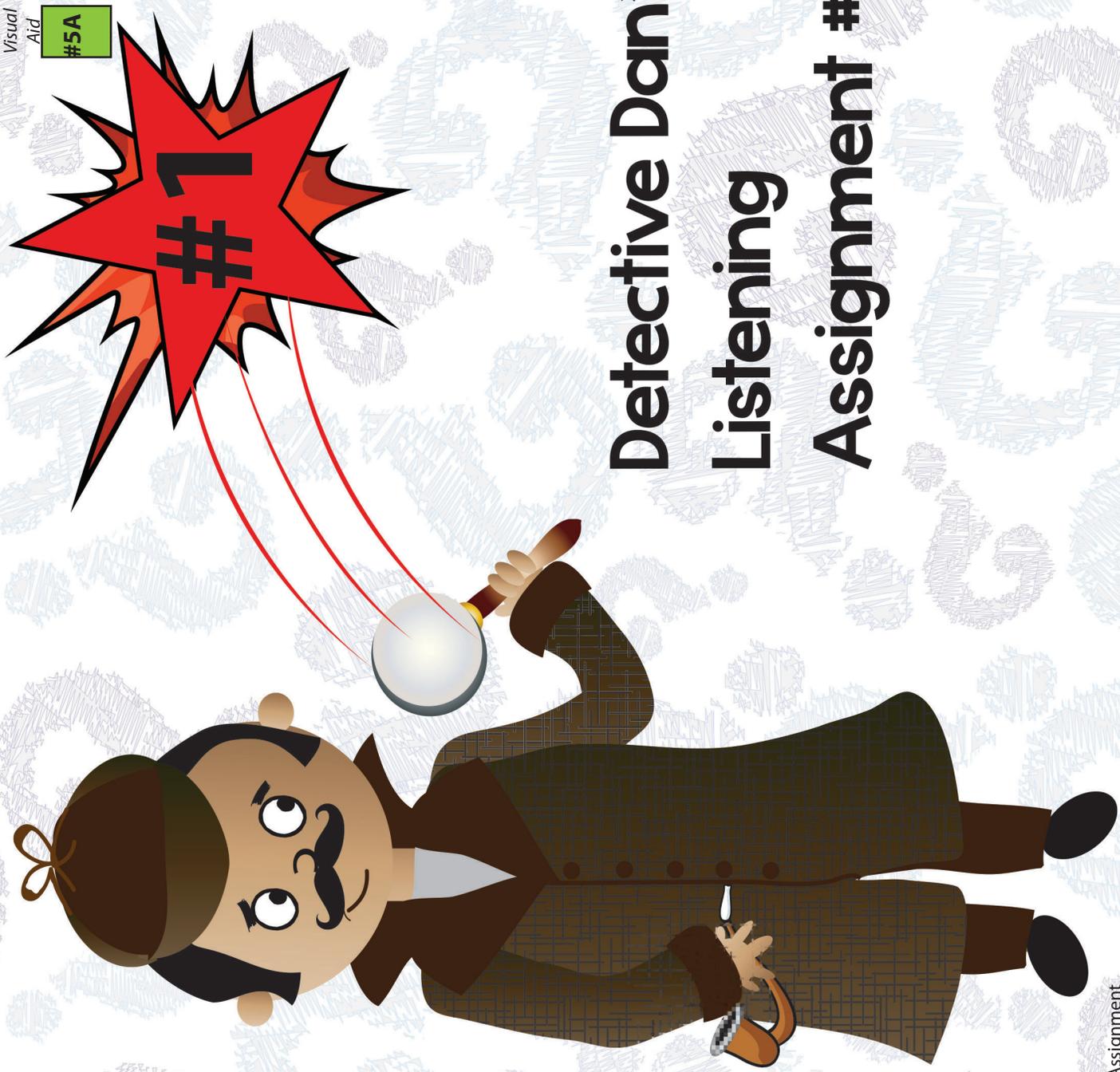
## I Saw the LORD:

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Each with six wings,  
They were calling to one another,  
"Holy is the LORD,  
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD.  
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."  
Isaiah Six, one through three.

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



# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

“The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So.”

I need to find out:

1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?\*

AND

2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?\*

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.*

*At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

\*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.\*

Answers:

**1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?** It was made for the LORD and He told them how to make it.

**2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?** It had to be made just right because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

# Detective Dan's

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Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So."

Our Bible verse is Isaiah 6:1-3:

"I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted... Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings; And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty."

I need to find out:

1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people? AND
2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not?

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1. **Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?** In the special worship tent.
2. **Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not?** No, only the priests could come into the tent, and only if they followed all of the LORD's rules. This was because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. Only by keeping the LORD's rules could they come near to Him.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship house so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins, too. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

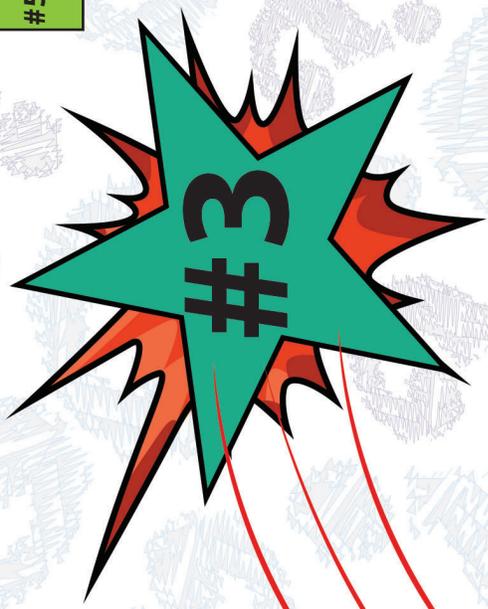
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: A wagon, a cross, the Ark of the Covenant, God's big rules, an altar, and a camel.

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

**I need to know:**

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who needed to confess their sins to the LORD? What did He do to take away their sins, once and for all?

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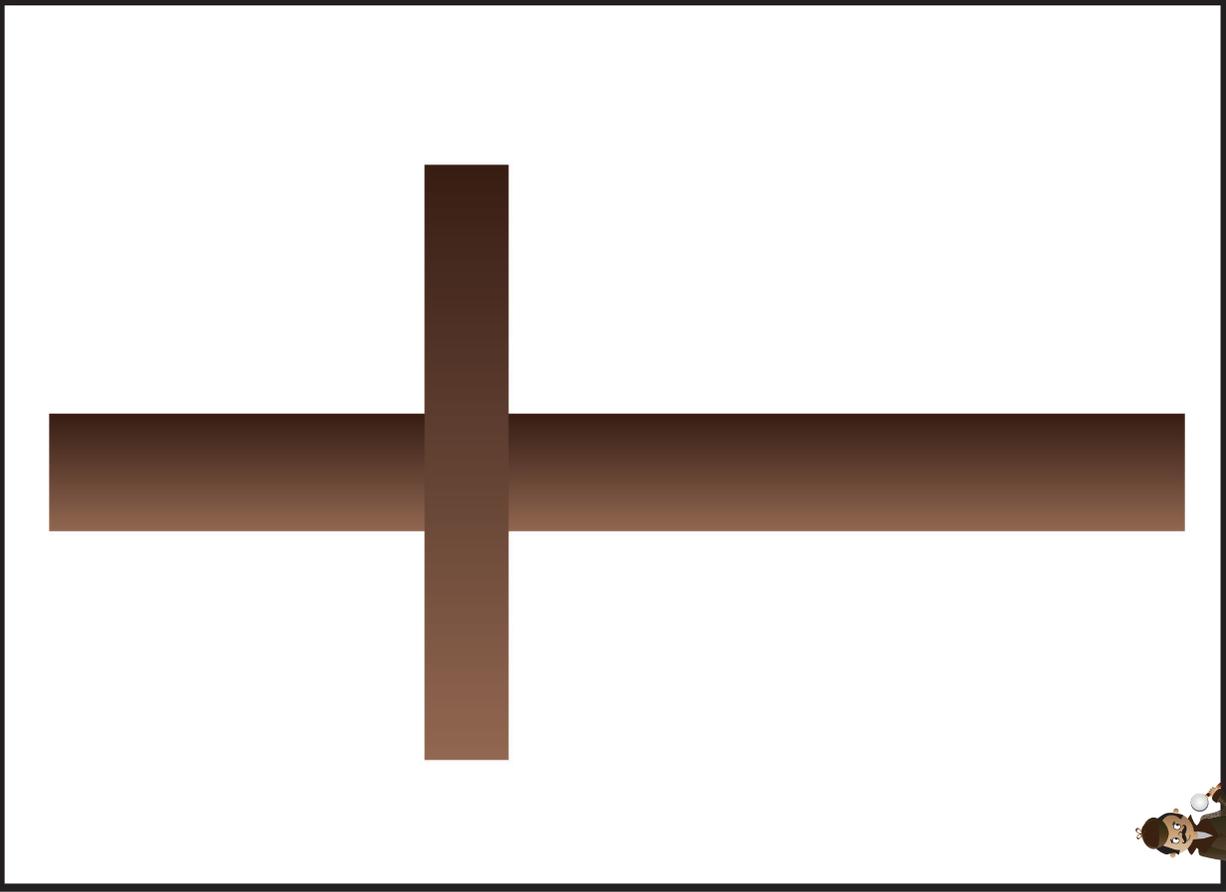
Answers:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?  
The cross, the golden box, God's big rules, and the altar belong. The wagon and the camel do not.
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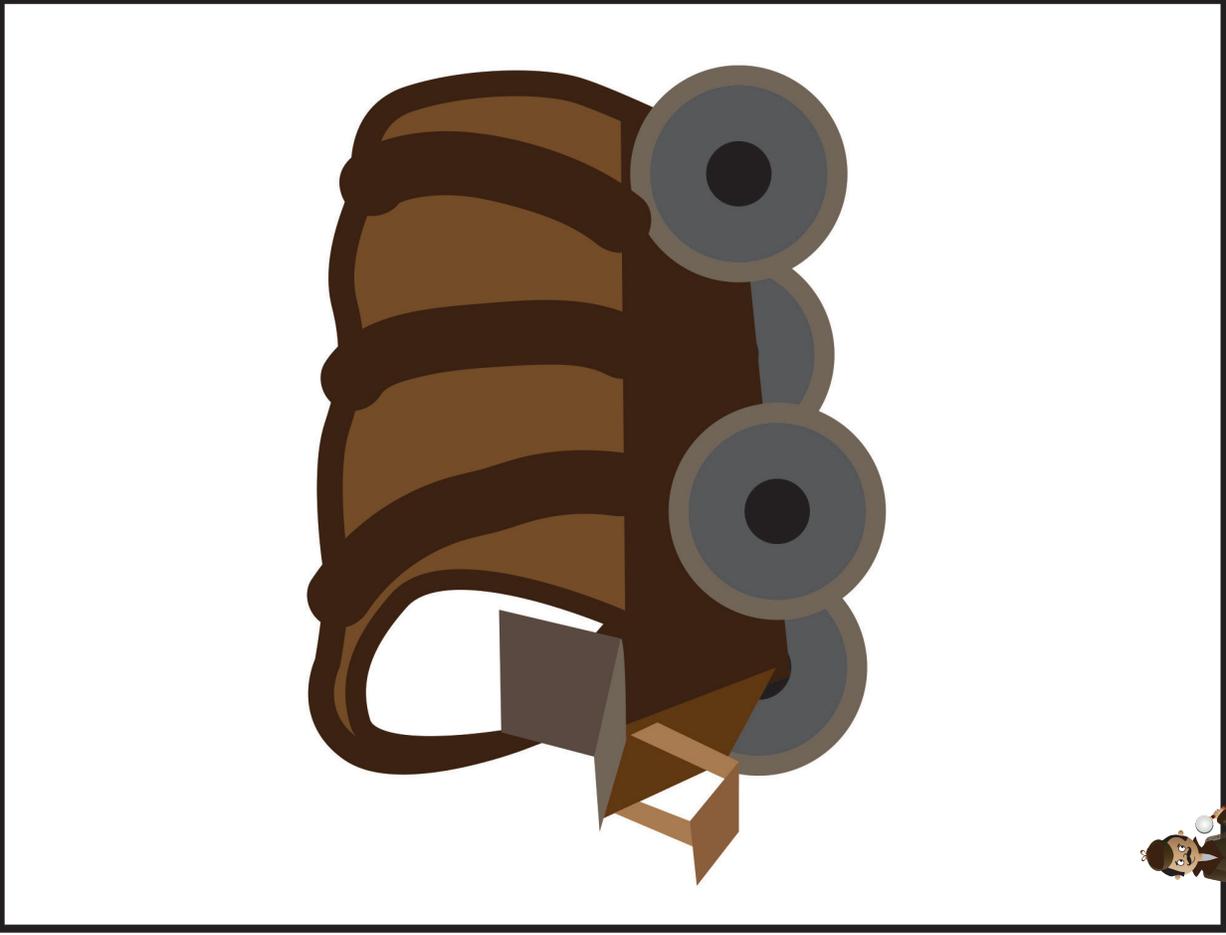
All of the people of Israel needed to confess their sins to the LORD. He sent Jesus to be the final payment for the sins of all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.

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A Cross



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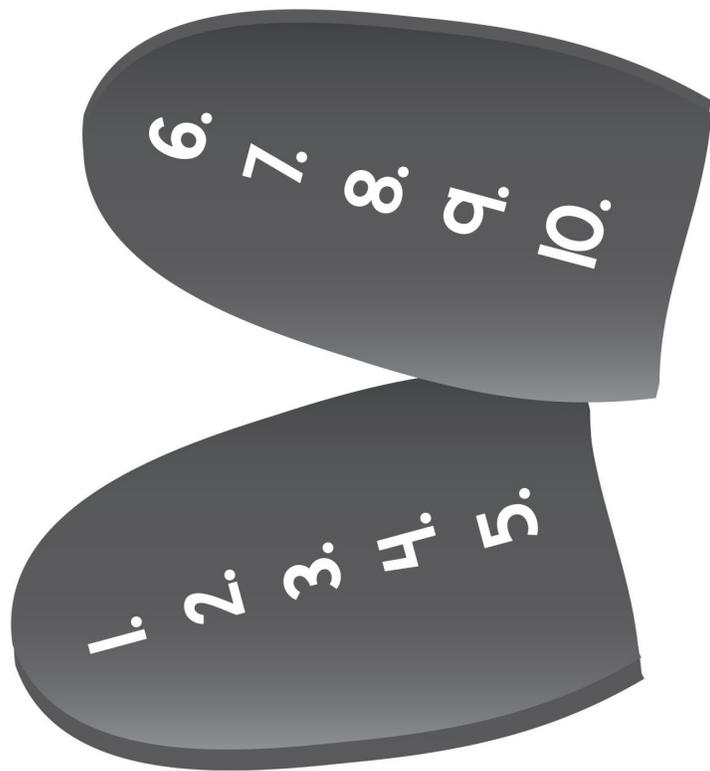
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# God's Big Rules



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# The Ark of the Covenant

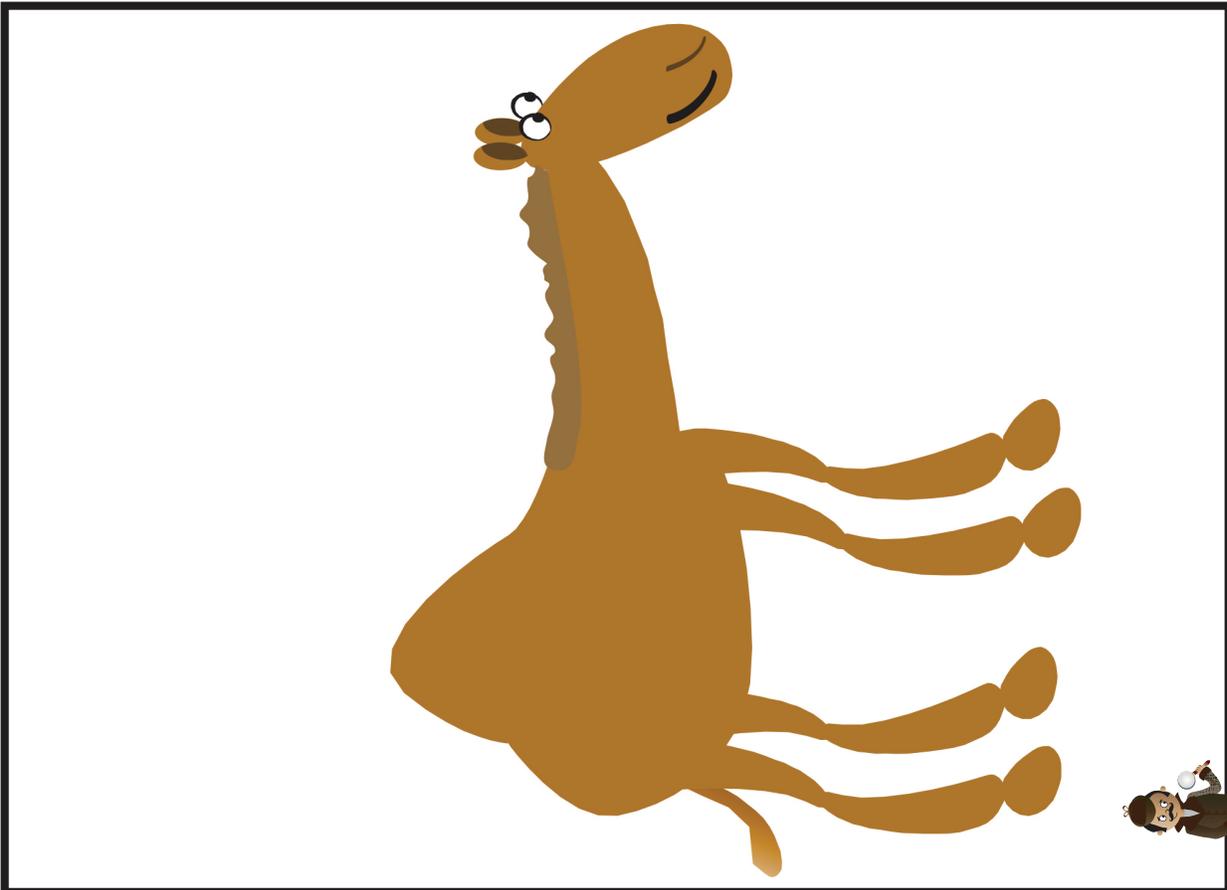




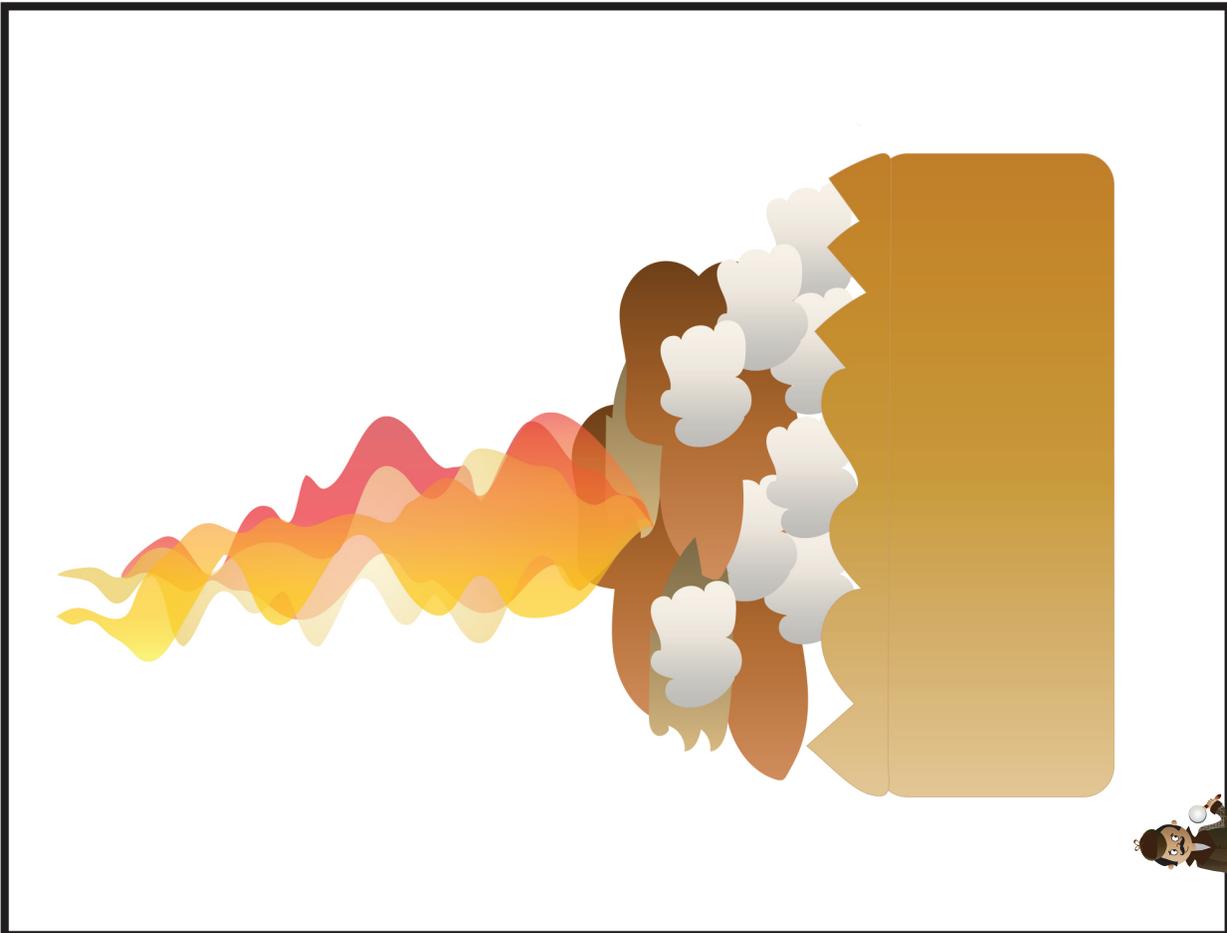
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A Camel



An Altar

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# The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

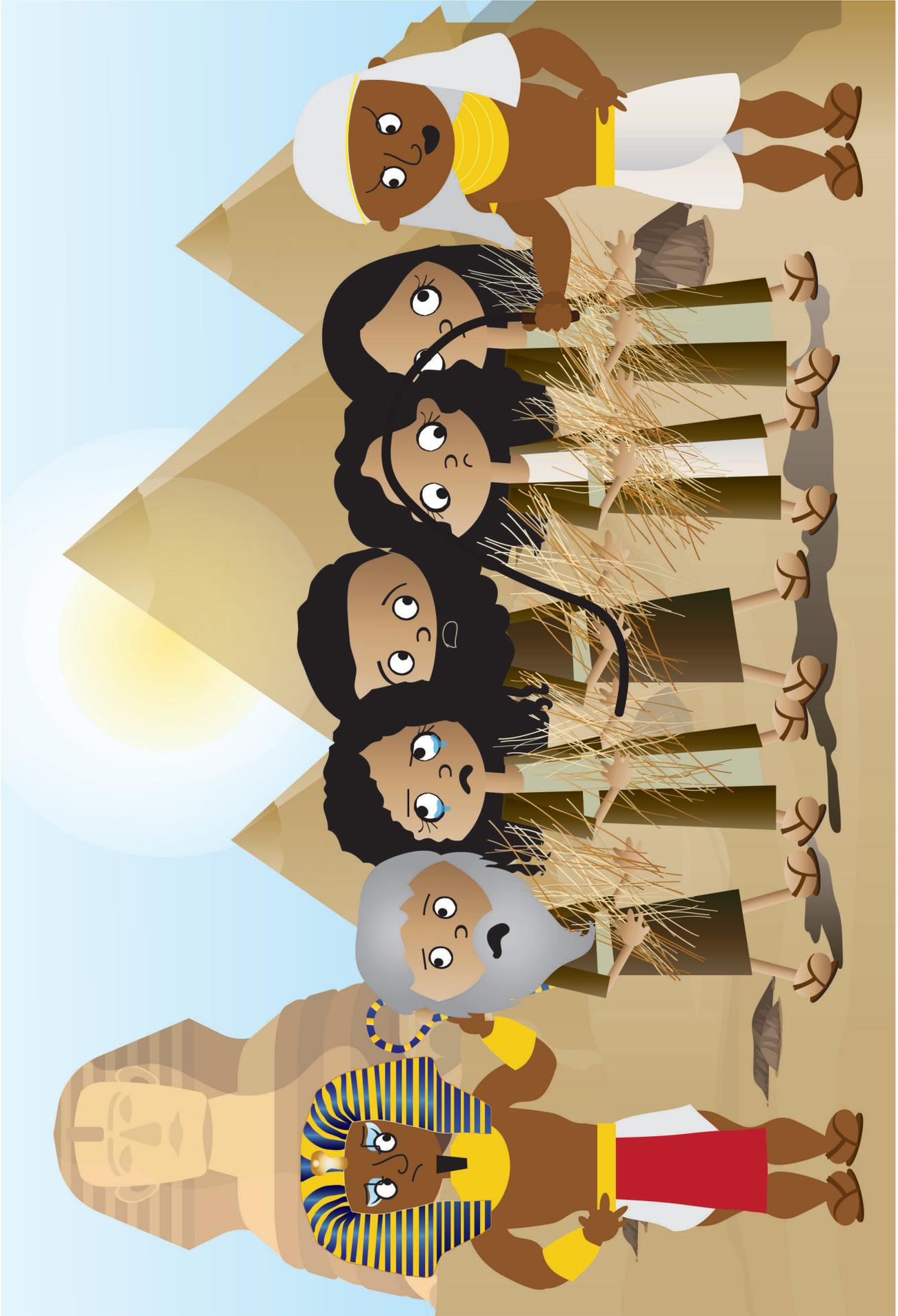
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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

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**8. “I will help you build the worship place just right. I’m putting Bezalel and Oholiab in charge. I’ve given them the skills to build it. They will build it with gifts from the people,” the LORD said.**

**The people were happy to give. They piled up their gifts of silver, gold, bronze, fine fabric, beautiful jewels, and much more. They gave so much that they had to be told to stop giving! Then, Bezalel and Oholiab set to work, always following the LORD’s “just so” instructions.**



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**9. “The worship place will be a big tent, so it can move with you. You are a traveling people. I want to travel with you,” the LORD told Bezalel and Oholiab.**

**So, they built a big tent, just like He said.**



**10. “Outside of the tent, put a big, bronze altar to burn worship gifts on. The people will offer up their worship gifts to Me on it,” the LORD told them. “Put a big, bronze container filled with water outside the tent, too. This basin will only be used for the priests to wash and get ready for going inside the worship tent,” the LORD instructed.**

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**11. “Make two rooms inside the worship tent: one big one and one small one. For the big one, make a big, golden lampstand to be lit with twelve, bright, shining flames. Make a big, golden table where the priests will set out twelve, little loaves of bread each day. Make a golden container to be filled with wonderful-smelling incense for this room, too. This big room is called The Holy Place,” the LORD told them.**

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**12. “Not just anyone can go into the Holy Place. Only men called priests can go in there, and ONLY if they do exactly as I tell them,” the LORD warned.**

**“The priests must keep My good laws. They must wash with water from the basin and dress in special clothes of pure white. Each day, they will come into the tent to offer the people’s worship gifts and to pray for them.**

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**13. “The big room of the worship tent is special, but the little room is even more special. It will be called The Holy of Holies. It is the holiest place of all. It is the place where I will be with you in a special way,” the LORD explained through Moses.**

**“Make a golden box with beautiful angels on it. This box is called the Ark of the Covenant. The Ten, Big Rules I gave you will go inside the Ark, and the Ark will go in the small room.”**

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**14. “Make a big curtain using white, red, blue, and purple yarn,” the LORD told them. “Weave angels into it. Hang the curtain between the big room and the little room, so the little room is shut off from the big room,” the LORD said.**

**So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the curtain and hung it in place.**



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**15. “Not even the priests can go in the little room whenever they want,” the LORD warned. “It is too holy even for them. Only the leader of the priests (the high priest) can go into the small room, and he can go in only on one, special day a year, and only wearing very special clothes.**

**On that one day, he will bring a special worship gift and sprinkle it on the Ark. That gift will keep the Ark holy, so I can be near you in the small room for another year,” the LORD told them. “Make the high priest’s special clothes.”**

**So, Bezalel and Oholiab made the high priest’s special clothes.**

# Once a year



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**16. “Make sure you do all these things, so I can live with you in this special way, and so you can be My people,” the LORD urged them. “I am the holy God, but you are sinners. This is the way I’ve made for you to have fellowship with Me,” the LORD said.**

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**17. The priests got ready. They washed themselves and put on their pure, white clothes. They put all of the beautiful things that Bezalel and Oholiab made inside the tent: the Ark, the candlestick, the incense stand, the table with the twelve loaves of bread, and the special curtain between the two rooms.**

**The candles were lit and the incense began to send up its wonderful smell. Outside the tent, the priests placed the first worship gifts to the LORD on the altar.**



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**18. What would happen next? Had they really done everything, just as the LORD told them to? Would He come down to the tent to have fellowship with them in a special way?**

**Yes, He would! The LORD sent fire down to accept the worship gifts on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted aloud, fell down, and worshipped the LORD.**

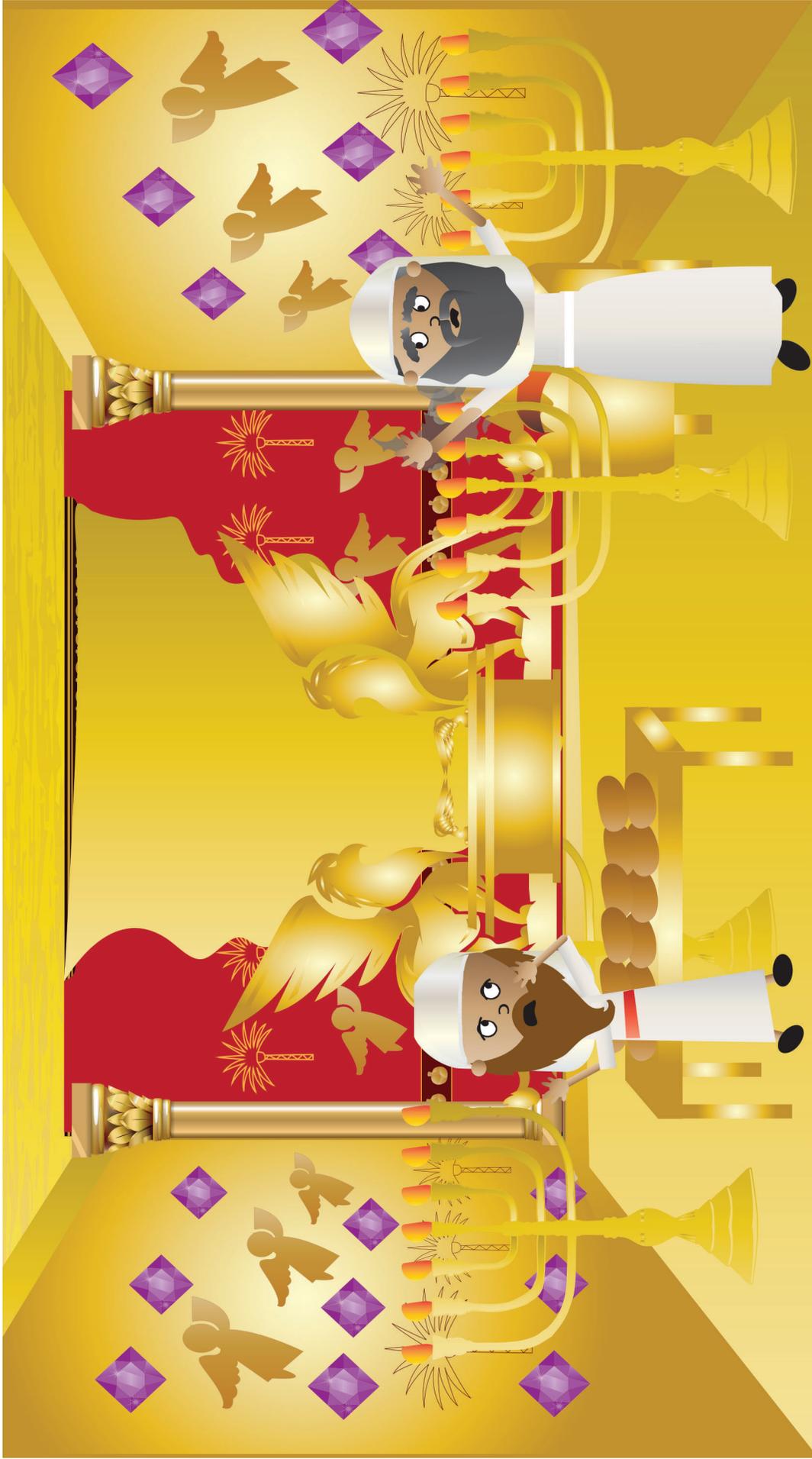
**Then, the LORD sent down a special cloud that covered the outside of the tent and filled up the inside with His beautiful, sparkly bright glory. What a wonderful day this was! The LORD's presence had come to be with His people!**



**19. From that day, the priests knew they needed to go into the Holy Place and serve the LORD, as He told them to. And once a year, the high priest needed to take the special worship gift into the Holy of Holies, so the LORD could be there with His people another year.**

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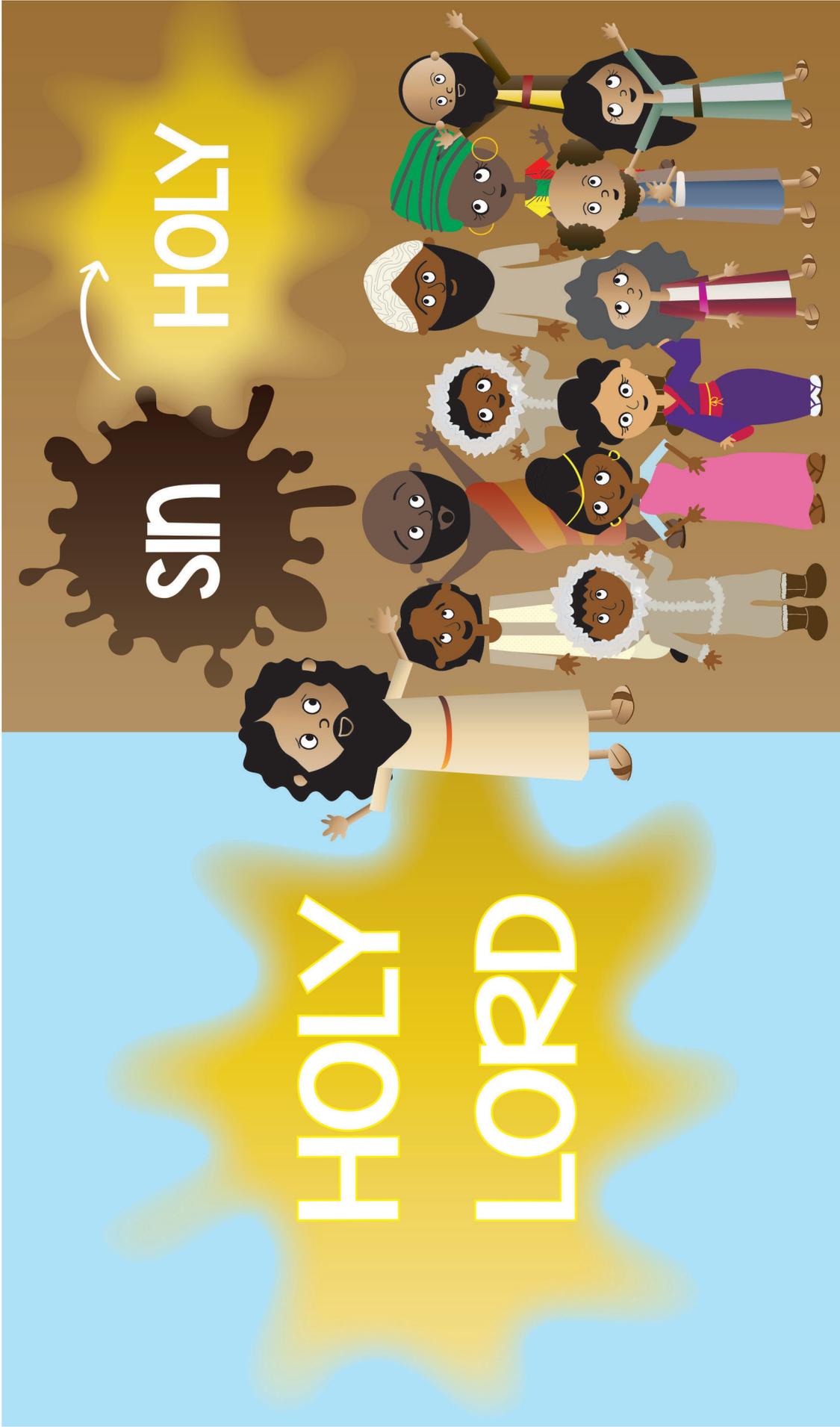
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**20. Why wasn't the curtain needed anymore? What happened? Did the LORD stop being holy?**

**No, He did not. Did the people stop being sinners? No, sadly they did not.**

**But something DID change that day. Jesus did something that satisfied the punishment God's people deserved for their sins. Something that made them look as perfectly good and holy before God, as Jesus, Himself.**

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**Then, on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. There was no need for a curtain anymore, or for the priests with their white, clothes. There was no need for more worship gifts for the sins of God's, either. Jesus' life was the final payment for their sins.**



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**22. Jesus had made the way for the LORD to be with His people in a far better, far closer place to them than the worship tent or the Temple.**

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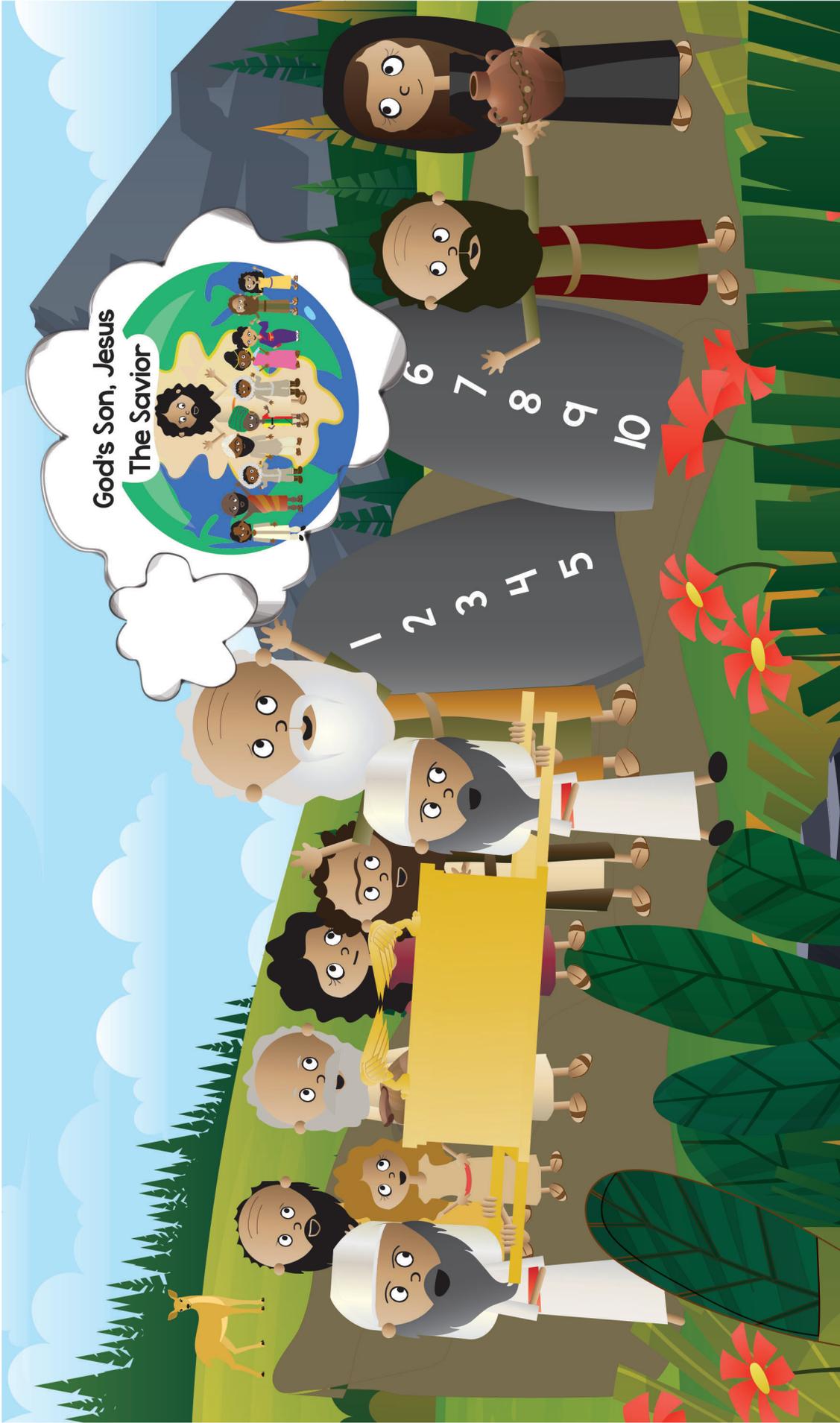
# HOLY LORD



22. Jesus had made the way for the LORD to be with His people in a far better, far closer place to them than the worship tent or the Temple. Do you know where that closer place is? It is right in their hearts. Yes, God's Holy Spirit could now come and live right inside of them. Amazing!

**23. And it was through Jesus that the LORD kept His promise to the people of Israel to bless us all.**

**The LORD wasn't just forgiving THEIR sins through Jesus. He made the way to forgive OUR sins, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God's Holy Spirit will come and live inside our hearts, too. We can have close fellowship with God, no special tent or clothes or priest needed, all thanks to Jesus!**



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# The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8

# SOLVED



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it? It was made for the LORD to be near His people. The LORD told them how to make it.
2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said? It had to be made just right because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. This was the only way He could dwell among them.

**For You and Me:**  
The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 6:1-3, NIV

"I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted... Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings; And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;"

1. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people? In the special worship tent.
2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not? No, only the priests could come into the tent, and only if they followed all of the LORD's rules. This was because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. Only by keeping all of the LORD's rules could they come near to Him.

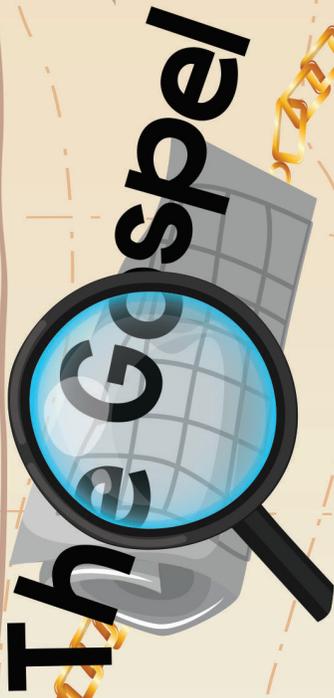
**For You and Me:**

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship place, so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like Anyone Else...  
He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

# The Gospel



The people of Israel had to do so much to keep fellowship with the LORD! That's because they were sinners who chose to rebel against God. We, too, are sinners.

We need God to make a way for us to have fellowship with Him. God did this, not through priests and rules. Not through a worship tent, either, but through Jesus, His Son.

Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up to God as full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them.

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

to help you become  
one of His  
people!



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# A Prayer

**A** We praise You, LORD. There is no God like you. You are perfectly good and oh, so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.

**C** LORD, we are not holy like You. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We are sinners. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him to make the way for us to know You and to be with You, the good and great, one, true God.

**S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live and to love Your good way, so that we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Simple Story Scenes DDD 4.6

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 4,**

**Bible Truth 7**

**Story Scene Pictures**

## 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.

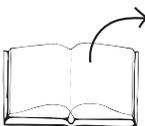
### What Do They Include?



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

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



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

### Store It!



Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum that can be used over and over. Store your visual aids and storyboard pictures after using them and they will serve you for many years. We store ours in manila 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 manila 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 4: The God Like None Other**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "O LORD... there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below." 1 Kings 8:23

**Bible Truth 7 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!**

The LORD is all-powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop the LORD from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop the LORD from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is.

**Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6**

"I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."

**Learn a Little:** "The LORD does whatever pleases Him."

**Meaning**

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

**Bible Truth 7 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want to do.
- C** God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T** LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!
- S** Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 7 Story**

**The Case of the Man with the Big Name** *2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 7**

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

*Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God*

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: There Is No God Like You 1 Kings 8:23, NIV 1984

*Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984*

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song: I Know that the LORD Is Great Psalm 135:5-6, NIV 1984

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

**The Case of the Man with the Big Name**

*2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32*



**Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

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

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

**I need to know:**

1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do?
2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?

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

**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6:**

"I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."

**I need to know:**

1. Who did not believe the LORD was great?
2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him?

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

I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story.

They are: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold.

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

**I need to know:**

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them?

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Man with the Big Name** *2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32*

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

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**Long ago, there was a king with a very big name. His name was Sennacherib. He lived in a beautiful palace in a city called Nineveh.**

*Can you say that name? Let's try: "Sennacherib."*

**Now not only did this king have a very big name; but he also had a very big army with thousands and thousands of brave, fighting men.**

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**And what did King Sennacherib do with his big army of brave fighting men? Well, he did just what you think he would do. He sent his soldiers to fight the soldiers of other kings in other lands. And most every time his soldiers fought, they won. Oh, how very powerful were King Sennacherib and his soldiers!**

**Now, the king didn't send his soldiers to fight for fun. He sent them to fight to TAKE. And take, they did! They took the other kings' lands and the other kings' stuff. They even took the other kings' people! If King Sennacherib wanted something, he got it: lands, riches, and people. But no matter how much Sennacherib took, he was never satisfied. He always wanted to take more. Really, he wanted to take EVERYTHING and be MOST POWERFUL. He wanted to be king over everyone, in every land.**

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**One day, King Sennacherib sent his army to the land of Judah--the land the LORD had given to His people. Sennacherib's army swooped down across the countryside and gobbled up little cities along the way. Sennacherib was happy to have these little cities, but his eyes were on one, biggest, best and most beautiful city in Judah. Do you have any idea what that city is called?**

*Can you tell me it's name?*

**It was the city of Jerusalem. Sennacherib wanted to own Jerusalem's lovely Temple with its beautiful golden things. He wanted all the riches of the people and their king, King Hezekiah, too.**

**So march, march, march went Sennacherib's soldiers towards Jerusalem. Soon they would shake its thick walls and break its big, city gates. And if this city was like the others they had attacked, the people would soon surrender and Jerusalem would belong to Sennacherib.**

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**Up in his palace, news of Sennacherib's soldiers reached Hezekiah, king of Judah. Hezekiah was a good king. He loved the LORD and obeyed his laws. He helped the people love and obey the LORD, too. Hezekiah believed the LORD was the one, true God. He knew the LORD was powerful. He had read the amazing stories of how the LORD rescued His people in Egypt.**

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**But when Hezekiah heard about those thousands and thousands of soldiers coming to shake the walls of Jerusalem and break its big, city gates, he panicked. He had no army big enough to fight off all those soldiers, and he couldn't imagine how the LORD could rescue Jerusalem from this powerful enemy.**

**And, because Hezekiah knew that HE didn't have what he needed to fight the enemy....and he couldn't imagine how the LORD could, he stopped trusting the LORD as he should have. He decided to take matters into his own hands: he would make a deal with King Sennacherib.**

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

**So Hezekiah sent a message to King Sennacherib saying: "I'll pay you as much money as you want if you will send your soldiers away and leave us alone."**

**King Sennacherib loved money, so he sent a message back to King Hezekiah with his deal. "Pay me eleven tons of gold and one ton of silver, then I will leave you alone," Sennacherib promised.**

**King Hezekiah was horrified! Eleven tons of gold! One ton of silver! Why that would be wagons and wagons and wagons of gold and silver! Why, that would be all the gold and silver in Jerusalem! They would even have to strip the gold off of the Temple to have enough! Should Hezekiah give King Sennacherib all their riches? Should he take the gold off of the Temple to pay off this wicked king? Was that really the only way to get rid of this powerful enemy? Hezekiah thought it was. So he gathered all the silver and gold he had, then he stripped it off the Temple and sent it away to King Sennacherib. Would that be enough to make him happy?**

*What do you think?*

**No, it was not! King Sennacherib wanted more than money. He wanted King Hezekiah's lands and King Hezekiah's people, too. So, march, march, march, went King Sennacherib's soldiers again, through the hills of Judah, and right up to the very walls of Jerusalem, itself.**

**The leader of the army shouted mean words at Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah, King Hezekiah's helpers: "Give this message to your king," he ordered them. "Tell him: 'If you think you can beat King Sennacherib's army you are wrong. If you think the LORD your God can take care of you, you are wrong. No other king's army could beat us. No other god took care of the other peoples when we attacked them. You will be no different. We have come to destroy your land and take over everything,'" the army leader boasted.**

**King Hezekiah was very upset when his helpers brought him this message. He knew he didn't have enough soldiers to fight this strong enemy. He knew they could shake Jerusalem's strong walls and break their city gates. But this time, he put his trust in the only one who had been powerful enough to rescue them in the past. The one who was even more powerful than Sennacherib.**

*Who did King Hezekiah decide to trust in?*

**This time, Hezekiah trusted in the LORD! He and his special helpers put on special clothes for times of sadness. Hezekiah went to the Temple to pray to the LORD and he sent Eliakim, Shebna and Joah to ask the prophet Isaiah, the LORD's special messenger, for help. "This is a terrible day! This is terrible news!" was Hezekiah's message to Isaiah. "But let's pray to the LORD. Perhaps He will help us."**

**The LORD did indeed hear their prayer. He sent Isaiah with a message for King Hezekiah: "The LORD says: 'Do not be afraid of what King Sennacherib or his men say to you. I will take care of him and his army,'" Isaiah told Hezekiah.**

**But back outside of Jerusalem, King Sennacherib's army leader kept shouting out more mean words: "Don't trust in the LORD your God. He can't help you!"**

**This time King Hezekiah didn't listen. He just went and prayed more to the LORD: "O LORD, You rule over every king on earth. You are stronger than King Sennacherib. You can do anything you want to do. Please, LORD, rescue us. Show King Sennacherib and his soldiers that You alone are the true God. Show them that You are more powerful than they are."**

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**Once more, Isaiah brought God's answer: "Don't worry. I've heard your prayer. I will take care of Jerusalem and Judah. King Sennacherib's soldiers won't come into this city. They won't even shoot an arrow at it or attack it. I will get rid of them without you doing any fighting at all. I will turn them back on My own."**

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**And so that night, many of King Sennacherib's soldiers were struck down dead. And in the morning, the rest of Sennacherib's soldiers went home, never to return again.**

**Inside the city, King Hezekiah and all the people praised the LORD. He had done just what He said He would do. He had beaten the huge, mighty army of King Sennacherib all by Himself so that everyone would know that He is the one true God. He is all powerful. He can do anything He wants to do.**

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

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

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

**1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do?** Sennacherib. He thought he could defeat any people, any army, any god, with his great army.

**2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?**

The LORD did. Sennacherib was no match for Him! Not in the least!

**For You and Me:**

There will never be any enemy who is more powerful than the LORD. The LORD and His good plans will always win. He will always do what is best for His people, and will always show that He is the one, true God. And who knows this most of all? God's people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6**

"I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."

**I need to find out:**

**1. Who did not believe the LORD was great?** King Sennacherib and his army leaders.

**2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him?** The LORD defeated King Sennacherib's army without King Hezekiah or any of the people of Jerusalem having to fight at all.

**For You and Me:**

Isn't it amazing to think that the LORD is always great enough to do whatever pleases Him. And, what pleases Him is to love sinners like you and me, and to show the world how great and good He is! And who knows this most of all? God's people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

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

Our six clues were: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold.

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

The man named Hezekiah, the soldier, the wall and the gold belong. The donut and the tree do not.

**2. Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them?** King Hezekiah cried out to the LORD to do great things and He did them! He saved them from Sennacherib's great army.

**For You and Me:**

Perhaps there will not be a great army trying to beat down our door and defeat us, but there are plenty of difficulties we face that are too big for us to handle on our own. But when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can know that the LORD will always be with us. He will use His great power to take care of us and make sure that everything we go through is always for our good as well as His glory (to show others how great and good He is). How wonderful it is to know that nothing can ever stop the LORD from doing good for His people! How wonderful it is to be one of those people! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:**

**Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

**He's Not Like Anyone Else...**

**He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!**

Our story today was about how the LORD was even mightier than great King Sennacherib and his big army. The LORD showed everyone that He was much more powerful than even this mighty king and his mighty army. Why? Because the LORD can do anything He wants to do. He is all powerful. But the LORD has done something that took a lot more power than it took to beat Sennacherib and his army. He has even beaten sin and death for us through Jesus. Yes, Jesus, God's Son came to live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of all who put their trust in Him. He rose from the dead on the third day showing He had really beaten sin and death for them! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior can know God's forgiveness and become His people. They will get to know Him in their hearts now, and one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. God can help you put your trust in Jesus. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

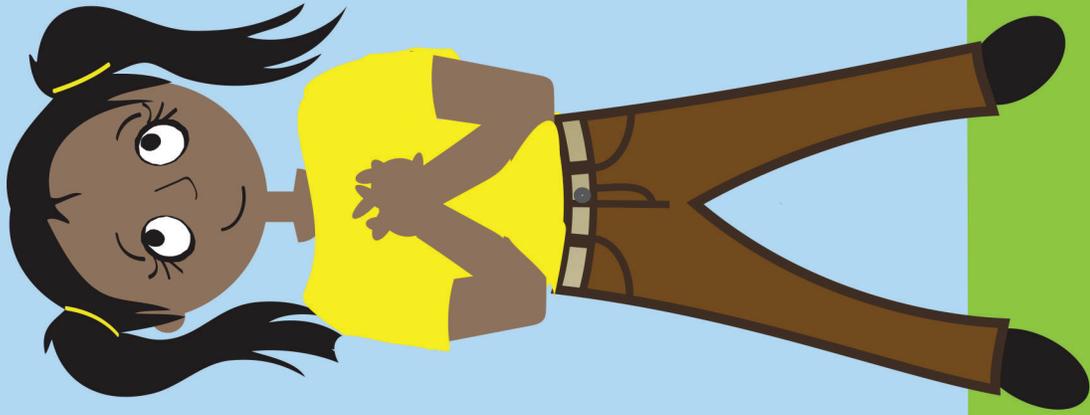
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- S** Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

BIG QUESTION 4



Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

VISUAL  
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of BQB

## The Big Question

*Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:*

The Big Question we are investigating today is

Big Question Number 4:

**Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

and the Answer is:

**He's Not Like Anyone Else!**

### **Meaning:**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

## Big Q & A 4 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 4, track 12*

*(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")*

Can anybody tell me,

Tell me, tell me,

Can anybody tell me,

What the LORD is like?

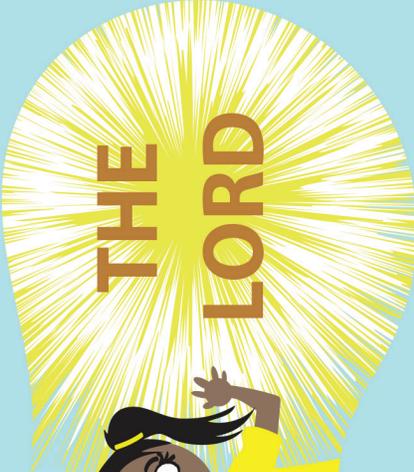
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Anyone else, anyone else,

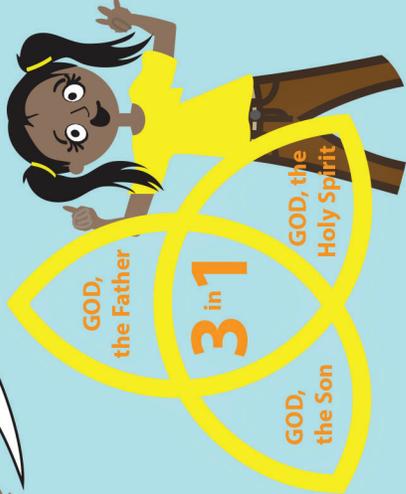
He's not like anyone else,

That's what the LORD is like.

# BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

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1. **THE LORD**
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2. Only the LORD is God!
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3. GOD, the Father  
3 in 1  
GOD, the Son  
GOD, the Holy Spirit
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Visual Aid #2 of BQB

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

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

*Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.*

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

"Ok, we've learned six truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but Just One God," "He Is Everywhere, All the Time," "He Knows Everything There Is to Know," and, "He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

*Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.*

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 7?

Can Anybody Tell Me  
What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like  
Anyone Else...

He Can Do ????  
He Wants to Do!

HINT: "What can you do if  
you are all-powerful?  
That's what God can do.  
It rhymes with "twenty rings."

ANSWER:  
He Can Do **ANYTHING**  
He Wants to Do!

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# Revealing the Bible Truth

## We Are Learning

*Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:*

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!  
He Can Do ??? He Wants to Do!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What can you do if you are all-powerful? That’s what God can do. It rhymes with “twenty rings.”

Can you guess? It’s “anything.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

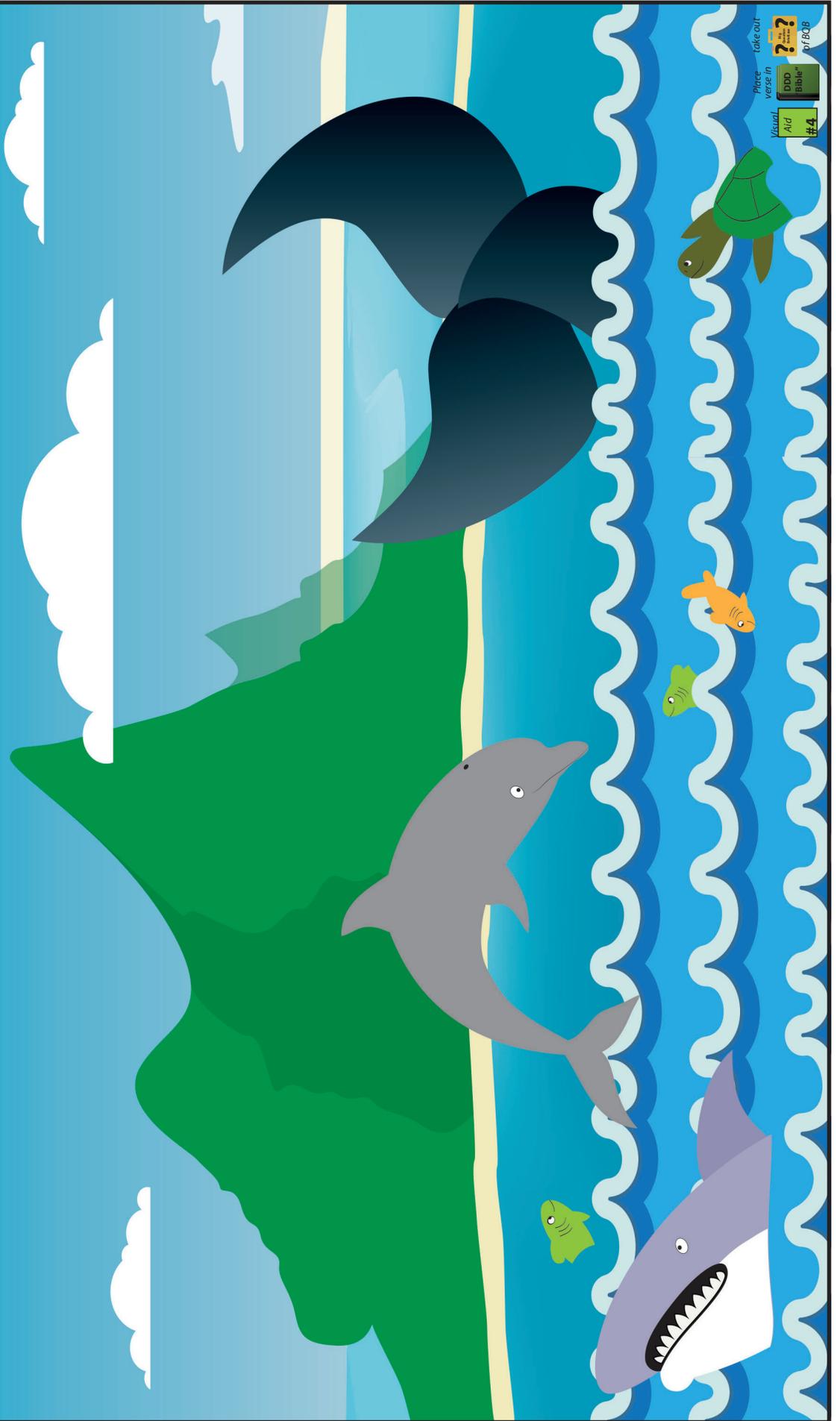
**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!  
He Can Do ANYTHING He Wants to Do!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

The LORD is all-powerful. He is in control of everything. And, He has nothing but perfectly wise plans for this world. Because He is all powerful, we know that His perfectly wise plans will always happen. No one can stop the LORD from doing the good things for His people. Nothing can stop the LORD from doing the wonderful things that show everyone how great He is.

**“I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.  
The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and  
on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.” Psalm 135:5-6**



## Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse

*Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:*

Psalm 135:5-6 tells us:

### **Psalm 135:5-6:**

"I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."

**Learn a Little:** The LORD does whatever pleases Him."

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

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all-powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all-powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

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"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

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**I Know that  
the LORD Is Great:**

**Psalm 135:5,6**

*DDD NIV Songs 4, track 26*

I know that the LORD is great,  
That our Lord is greater than all gods.  
The LORD does whatever pleases him.  
In the heavens and on the earth,  
In the seas and all their depths,  
In the heavens and on the earth,  
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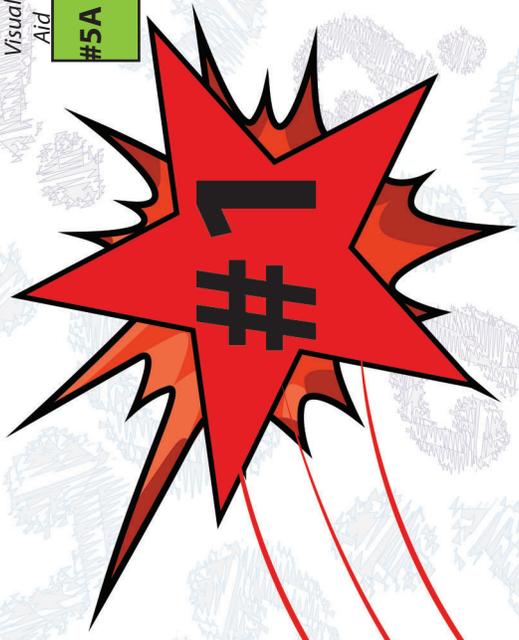
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

# Detective Dan's

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Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

“The Case of the Man with the Big Name.”

I need to find out:

1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do?
- AND
2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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

*Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.*

*At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.*

\*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.\*

Answers:

**1. Who was the man with the big name?** What did he think he could do? Sennacherib. He thought he could defeat any people, any army, any god, with his great army.

**2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?** The LORD did. Sennacherib was no match for Him! Not in the least!

**For You and Me**

There will never be any enemy who is more powerful than the LORD. The LORD and His good plans will always win. He will always do what is best for His people, and will always show that He is the one, true God. And who knows this most of all? God's people—all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Man with the Big Name."

Our Bible Verse is Psalm 135:5-6:

I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."

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1. Who did not believe the LORD was great?

AND

2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him?

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Thanks for your help!

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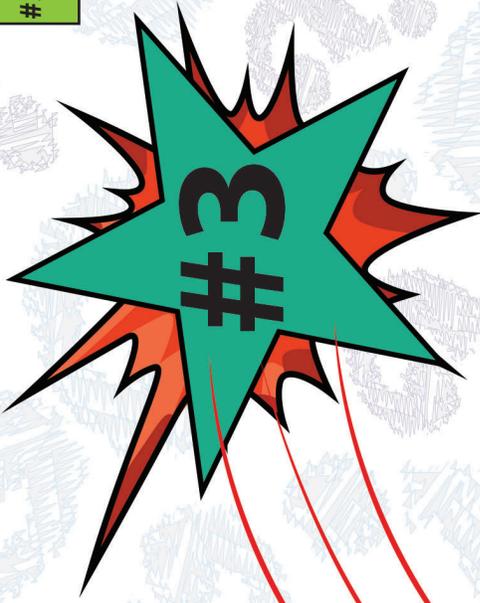
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Man with the Big Name."

I found **SIX** clues, but **TWO** of them are **NOT** in the story.

**They are: a man named Hezekiah, a donut, a soldier, a tree, a wall, and gold.**

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

I need to know:

1. Which **FOUR** pictures belong in the story and which **TWO** do **NOT**?
2. Who cried out to the **LORD** to do great things to save them?

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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Answers:

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

The man named Hezekiah, the soldier, the wall and the gold belong. The donut and the tree do not.

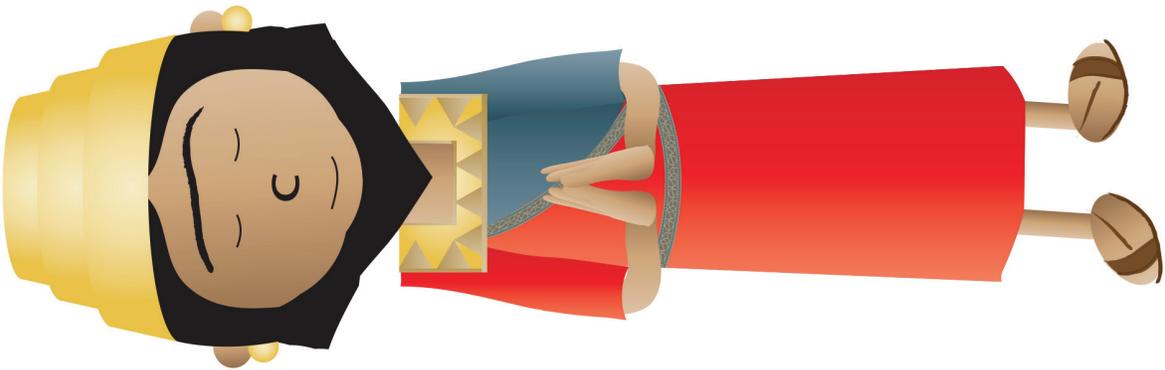
**2. Who cried out to the LORD to do great things to save them?** King Hezekiah cried out to the LORD to do great things and He did them! He saved them from Sennacherib's great army.

**For You and Me:**

Perhaps there will not be a great army trying to beat down our door and defeat us, but there are plenty of difficulties we face that are too big for us to handle on our own. But when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can know that the LORD will always be with us. He will use His great power to take care of us and make sure that everything we go through is always for our good as well as His glory (to show others how great and good He is). How wonderful it is to know that nothing can ever stop the LORD from doing good for His people! How wonderful it is to be one of those people! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



A Donut



A Man Named Hezekiah

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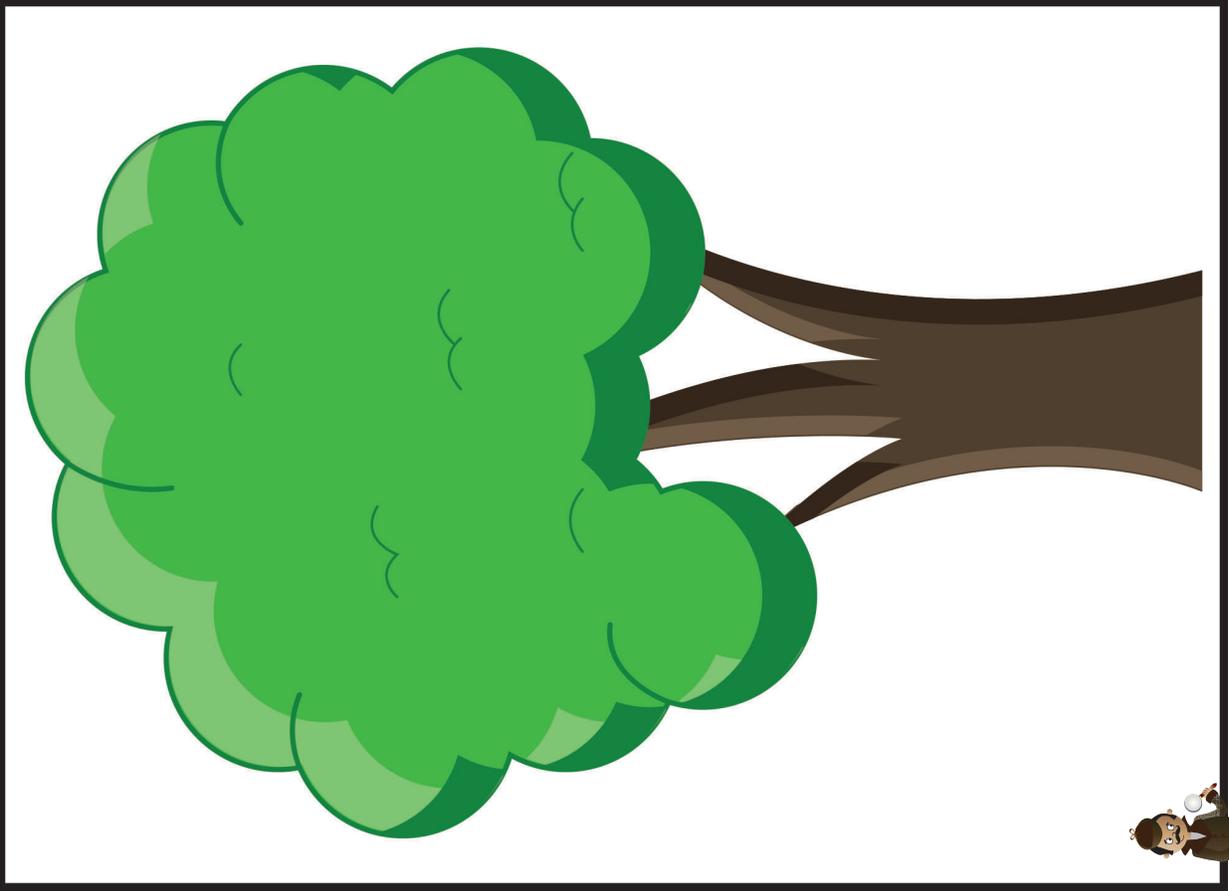
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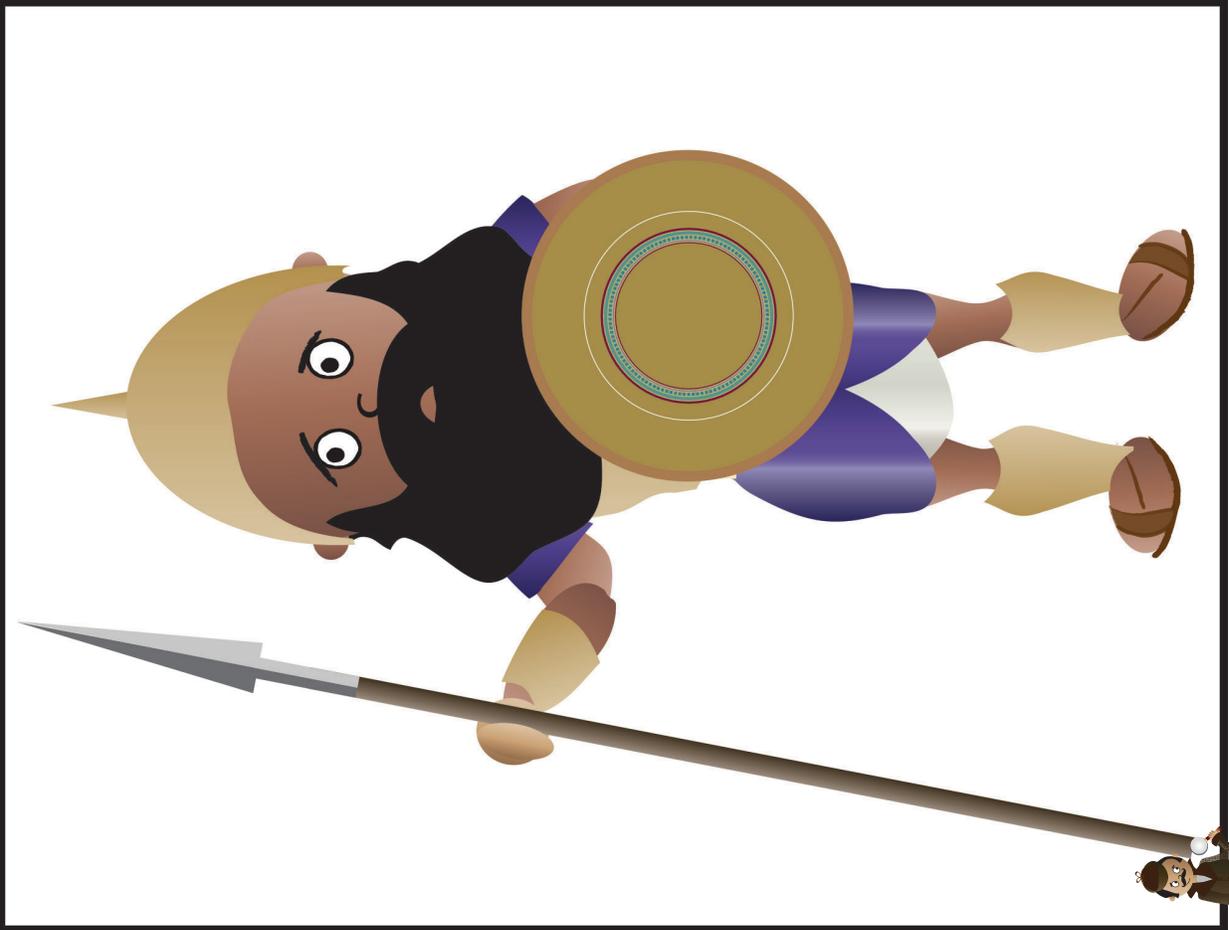
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A Tree



A Soldier



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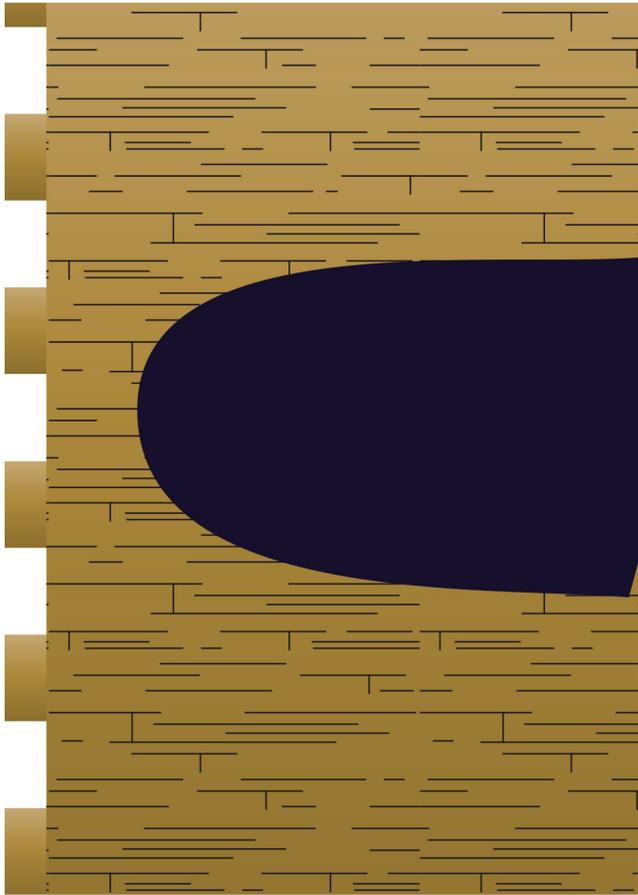
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# Gold



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# A Wall



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# The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think he could do?
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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

### Psalms 135:5-6, NIV

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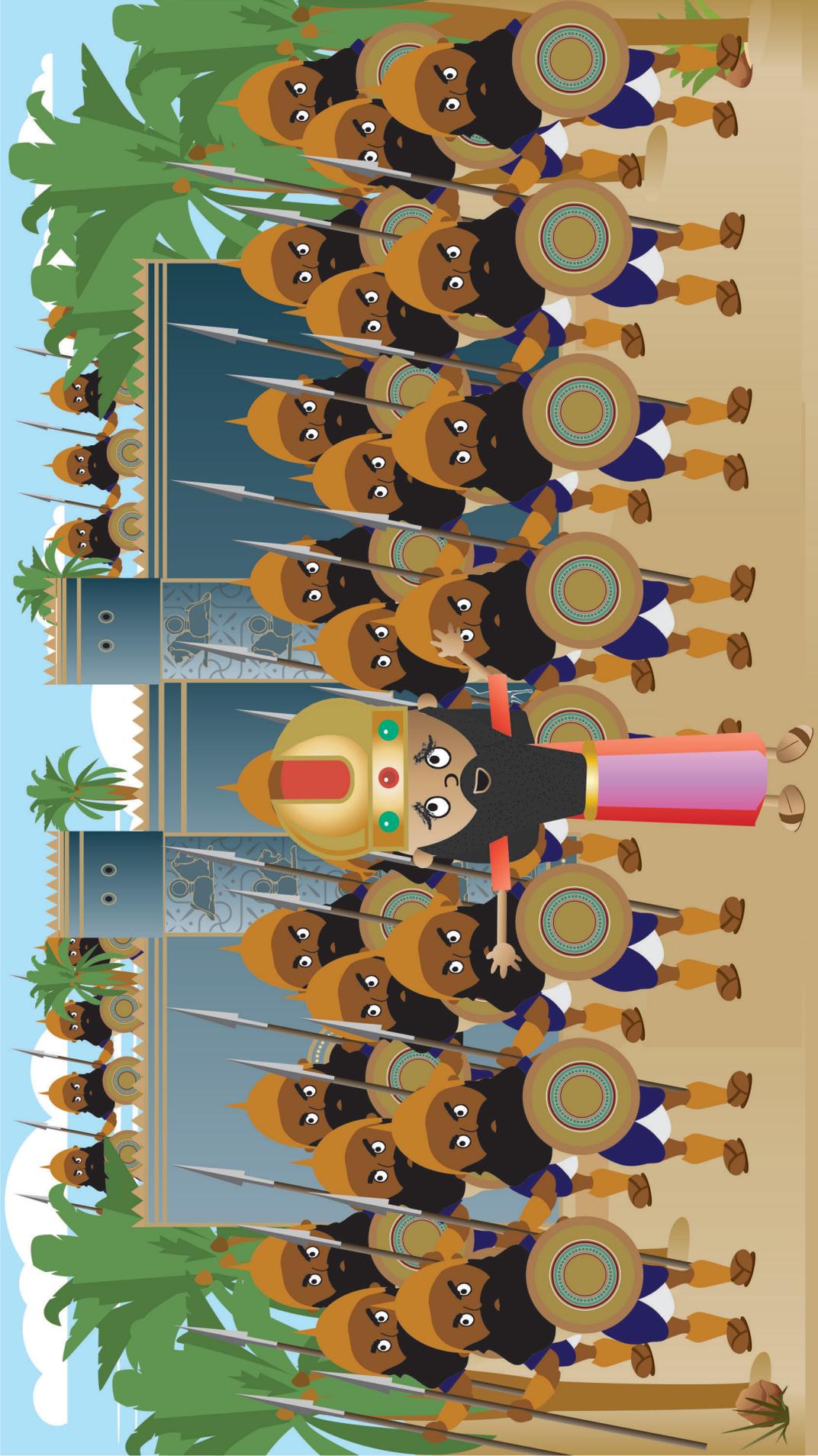
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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

**I. Long ago, there was a king with a very big name. His name was Sennacherib. He lived in a beautiful palace in the city of Nineveh.**

**Not only did this king have a very big name, but he also had a very big army, with thousands and thousands of brave, fighting men. And what did King Sennacherib do with his big army of brave, fighting men? He sent them to fight the soldiers of other kings, in other lands. And most every time his soldiers fought, they won.**

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**2. Now, the king didn't send his soldiers to fight for the FUN of it. He sent them to TAKE. And take, they did! They took the other kings' lands and the other kings' stuff. They even took the other kings' people! If King Sennacherib wanted something, he got it: lands, riches, and people.**

**But no matter how much Sennacherib took, he was never satisfied. He always wanted to take more. Really, he wanted to take EVERYTHING and be MOST POWERFUL. He wanted to be king over everyone, in every land.**



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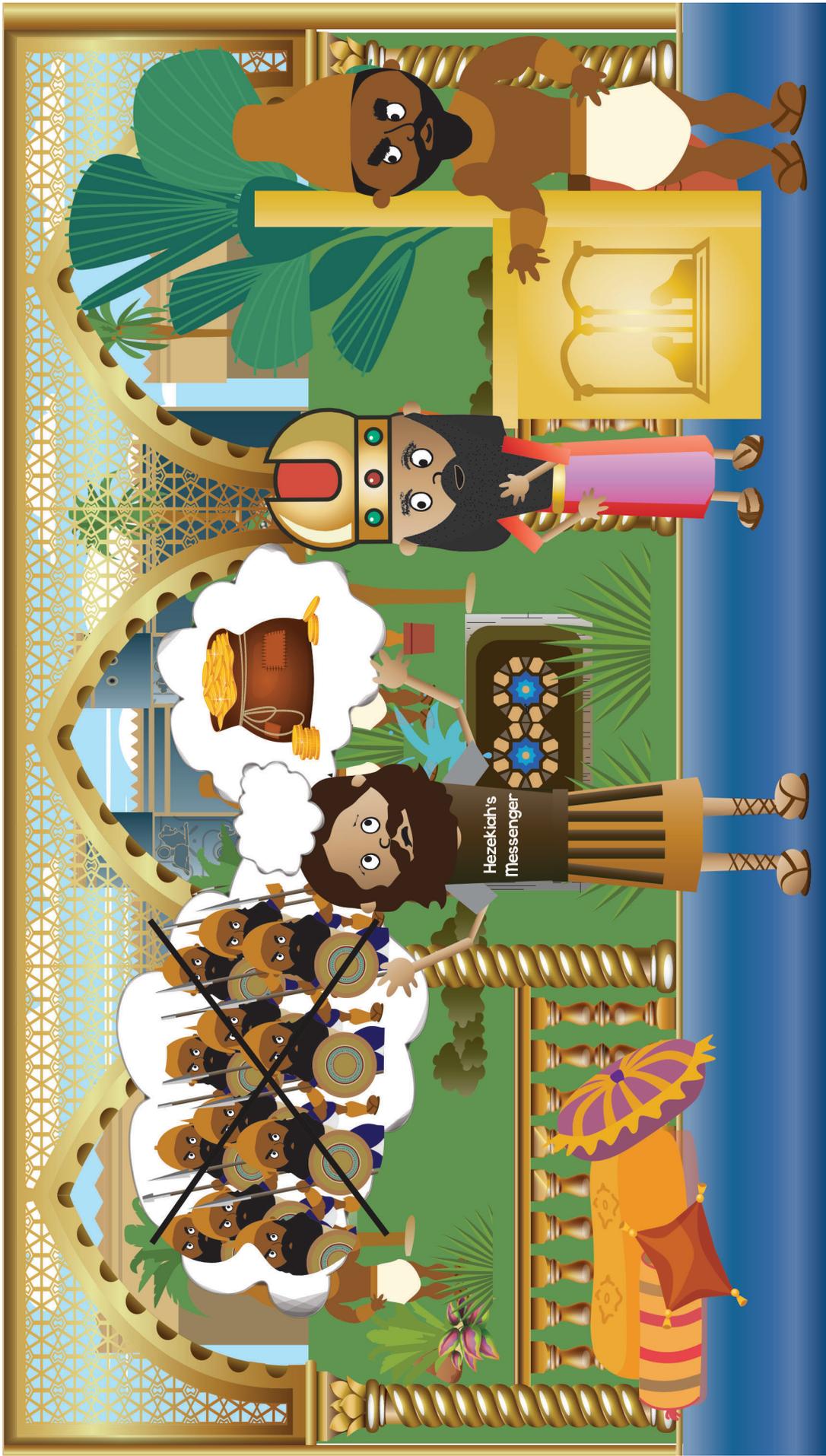
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**King Hezekiah was horrified! Eleven tons of gold! One ton of silver! Why, that would be wagons and wagons and wagons of gold and silver! Why, that would be all the gold and silver in Jerusalem! They would even have to strip the gold off of the Temple to come up with enough!**



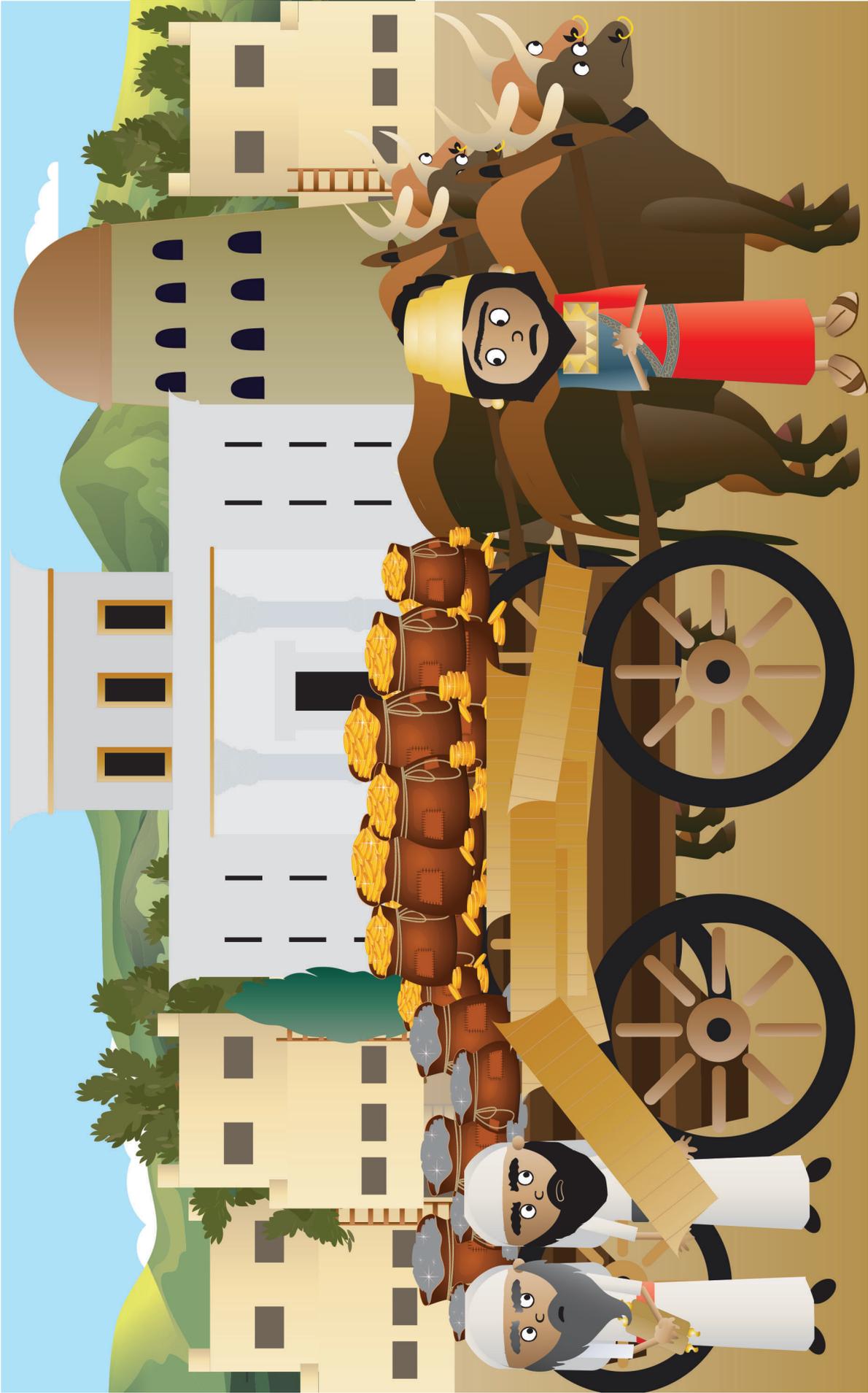
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**8. Should Hezekiah give King Sennacherib all their riches? Should he take the gold off of the Temple to pay off this wicked king? Was that REALLY the only way to get rid of this powerful enemy?**

**Hezekiah thought it was. So, he gathered all the silver and gold he had, then he stripped gold off the Temple, and sent it all away to King Sennacherib.**

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**9. No, it was not! King Sennacherib wanted more than money. He wanted King Hezekiah's lands and King Hezekiah's people, too.**

**So, march, march, march, went King Sennacherib's soldiers again. They marched through the hills of Judah, and right up to the very walls of Jerusalem, itself.**



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**10. The leader of the army shouted mean words at Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah, King Hezekiah's helpers: "Give this message to your king," he ordered them.**

**"Tell him: 'If you think you can beat King Sennacherib's armies, you are wrong. If you think the LORD your God can take care of you, you are wrong. No other king's army could beat us. No other god took care of their people when we attacked them. You and your God will be no different. We have come to destroy your land and take everything,' the army leader boasted.**



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**II. King Hezekiah was very upset when he heard this. He knew he STILL didn't have enough soldiers to fight this strong enemy. He knew Sennacherib's army could easily shake Jerusalem's strong walls and break down their city gates.**

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**12. Hezekiah and his helpers put on special clothes for times of sadness (sackcloth). Hezekiah went to the Temple to pray to the LORD.**

**He sent Eliakim, Shebna and Joad to ask the prophet Isaiah, the LORD's messenger, for help. "This is a terrible day! This is terrible news!" was Hezekiah's message to Isaiah. "But let's pray to the LORD. Perhaps He will help us," Hezekiah hoped.**

**The LORD did indeed hear their prayers. "The LORD says: 'Do not be afraid of what King Sennacherib or his men say to you. I will take care of him and his army,'" Isaiah told Hezekiah.**



**13. But back outside of Jerusalem, King Sennacherib's army leader kept shouting out more mean words: "Don't trust in the LORD, your God. He can't help you!"**

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 135:5-6 NIV

"I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."

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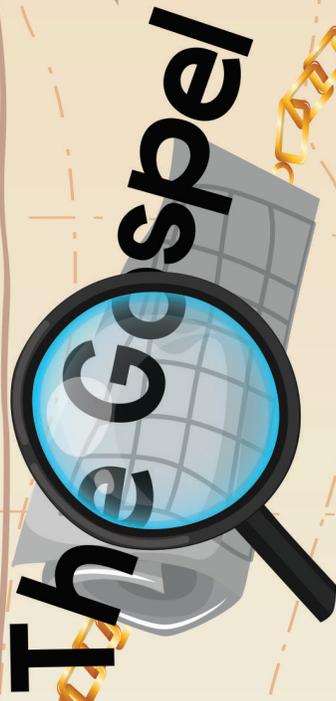
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Can You Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like Anyone Else...  
He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do!

# The Gospel



Did you know that the LORD has beaten something stronger than even Sennacherib's army? He has even beaten sin and death for God's people, through Jesus!

Yes, Jesus, God's Son, came and lived a perfect life. Then He offered up His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for them!

Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, can know God's forgiveness and become God's people. They will get to know Him in their hearts now, and one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. Ask God to help you

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# A Prayer

**A** We praise You, LORD. There is no god like you. You can do anything You want.

**C** God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

**T** LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help, and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus!

**S** Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 4,  
Bible Truth 8  
Visual Aids  
and  
Story Scene Pictures**

## 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.

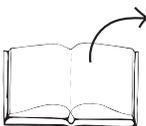
### What Do They Include?



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

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



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

### Store It!



Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum that can be used over and over. Store your visual aids and storyboard pictures after using them and they will serve you for many years. We store ours in manila 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 manila 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 4: The God Like None Other**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "O LORD... there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below." 1 Kings 8:23

**Bible Truth 8 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through!**

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

**Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse: Psalm 145:13,18-19**

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."

**Learn a Little:** "The LORD is faithful to all his promises."

**Meaning**

God's people are the people who fear Him. That is, those who know He is God and desire to love and obey Him with their whole lives. They know He promises to fulfill their desires with good things, that He hears their cries and will always save them. This is because they know that the LORD is always, completely faithful to all His promises.

**Bible Truth 8 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T** Thank you for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who are unfaithful to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- S** Help us to tell others about You, so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 8 Story**

**The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food** *Exodus 16*

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**Songs Used in Bible Truth 8**

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Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

*Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God*

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: There Is No God Like You 1 Kings 8:23, NIV 1984

*Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984*

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song: Faithful, He Is Faithful Psalm 145:13,18,19, NIV 1984

*Extra Bible Verse Song: I Will Proclaim Deuteronomy 32:4, NIV 1984*

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

**The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food**

*Exodus 16*



**Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

**"Our story is called: The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food. Here is your listening assignment."** Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

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

I need to find out:

- 1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?**
- 2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it?**

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

**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 145:13, 17-18:**

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."

I need to find out:

- 1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them?**
- 2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?**

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

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

They are: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.

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

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?**
- 2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?**

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

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

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

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

**The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food** *Exodus 16*

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

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**Rocks and weeds. Weeds and rocks. That's all that the people of Israel could see around them. No water. No food. They were out in the dry, deserty wilderness.**

**They USED to live in Egypt. The king had forced them to work very, very hard for him. He had been very mean to them. He didn't care if they were hurt. He just wanted them to work and work and work.**

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**But the LORD cared. He sent a man to rescue them and take them away from Egypt and that mean king. Do you know what the man's name was?**

*Do you know?*

**It was Moses! Yes, the LORD would use Moses and his brother, Aaron, to show His mighty power to the king and all his people. He would use him to free them from all that hard work, and take them to a wonderful homeland.**

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**At first the king refused to let Moses take the people of Israel away. But as the LORD used His mighty power to send sad thing after sad thing upon the king and his people, the king finally said yes.**

**The people gathered up their things and Moses led them out of Egypt and into the wilderness. They were off to the wonderful homeland the LORD promised them! Yay!**

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**How happy the people were as they left Egypt! They had so much to thank the LORD for!**

*Can you think of what they could thank the LORD for doing for them?*

**No longer did they have to work for that mean king! No longer did they have to live as his slaves. The LORD was caring for them and He would lead them home.**

**They shouted their thanksgiving to the LORD: "O LORD, there is no God like You! You fight for your people! You rescue them! You beat the king and lead us away! Your love never fails!"**

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**How happy the people of Israel were that all their troubles were over. But were their troubles really over? Yes, they were far away from that mean king... but now they were in the wilderness, surrounded by all these rocks and weeds! Where would they get food?**

**Now the people weren't so happy anymore. Now they were... well, how would YOU feel if you were out in the hot, dry wilderness with no food in sight?**

*How would you feel?*

**The people were scared and upset...VERY UPSET! They didn't know what to do and they forgot about the ONE who was with them and COULD take care of them, even out in that wilderness--the LORD!**

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

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**They forgot how good the LORD had been to them already. They forgot that the LORD always keeps His promises. And, they forgot how mighty the LORD is. He could always take care of their needs!**

**And because they forgot, they began to grumble to Moses and his brother, Aaron. "It would have been better for the LORD to let us die working for the mean king in Egypt! At least in Egypt we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread!! Now we're going to die out here in this wilderness surrounded by nothing but these rocks and weeds!" they exclaimed.**

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**Were they right? Had the LORD brought them out into the wilderness to die?**

*What do you think?*

**Of course, not! The LORD had brought them out there in that dry wilderness to grow their trust in Him. He had brought them out there to show how great He was. He had brought them out there to lead them home.**

**The LORD is always faithful to His people, through and through. They could trust Him to take care of them. He wouldn't let them die! He knew exactly what they needed, and He would give it to them.**

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**The LORD told Moses: "Gather the people together and tell them that I am about to rain bread from heaven...enough to feed EVERYONE! Tell the people to go out every day and gather what they need for the day. On the day before Sabbath worship day, have them gather extra bread. Then they can rest and worship Me on the worship day, instead of gathering food," the LORD said.**

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**So, Moses got all the people together, and told them: "The LORD has heard you grumble to us about food. He wants you to know that you're really grumbling against Him. You are acting like He isn't faithful to you. Now He's going to show you yet again how faithful He is. He's going to give you meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. He freed you from Egypt, and He will keep on taking care of you," Moses told them.**

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**But weren't there just weeds and rocks around? How could the LORD provide meat and bread for all those thousands and thousands of people with hungry, grumbling tummies for even just one meal, let alone every morning and every night over and over and over again?! How would He do it?**

**Soon the people saw. That evening the air was suddenly filled with a loud, flapping noise. What could it be?**

*What do you think made that noise?*

**The people looked up and saw the sky filled with more quail birds than you could count! Thousands and thousands of them!**

**That great flock of birds landed all over the camp until it was covered in them. Here was the meat the LORD promised to give them!**

**The people gladly took the birds and roasted them. How they enjoyed that tasty meat that night! The LORD had been faithful to His promises that evening. Everyone went to bed with a full belly that night!**

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

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**The morning brought an even bigger surprise! The people came out of their tents to find thin little flakes of something all over the ground. "What is it?" everyone wondered. No one had ever seen anything like it.**

**"This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat," Moses told them. "Gather up as much as you need for your families today. God will give you more tomorrow."**

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**What funny-looking bread! But when they tasted it, it tasted so good! It was sweet like honey. The people called it "What is it?" – or manna, as they say in their language. They gathered it up and cooked with it. Yum, yum, yummy! Bread from heaven!**

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**Day after day, the people of Israel traveled for forty, long years. Every day, they walked through the rocks and weeds of the wilderness until, at last, they made it to the beautiful homeland the LORD had promised them. And was there ever a day when HE let them go hungry, those whole, forty years?**

*What do you think?*

**No, there was not! The LORD, Himself, fed them with manna from heaven, every single day. How good the LORD was to the His people! He was always faithful, through and through... and He still is, even today!**

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

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

**Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:****1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?**

The people of Israel needed bread in the wilderness. It was so hard to get because the wilderness was dry and there were only weeds and rocks! No food!

**2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it?** The LORD never forgot to give them bread. He gave them "manna"--special bread from heaven that they collected from the ground every morning.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. The LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Psalm 145:13, 18-19:**

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."

**1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them?** Food out in the wilderness.

**2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?**

He rescued them from Egypt and working for the mean king. He provided food for them in the wilderness every day until they reached the homeland He promised to give them.

**For You and Me:**

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. Then one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

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

Our six clues were: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.

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

The rock, the weed, Moses and the manna.

**2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?**

The people of Israel.

**For You and Me:**

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. Then one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?****He's Not Like Anyone Else...****He Is Always Faithful, through and through!**

The LORD showed Himself faithful to the people of Israel when they were hungry out in the wilderness. He promised to take care of them and He did!

The LORD was so faithful to the people of Israel, but do you know what the greatest way He has been faithful not just to them, but to all of us?

He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins! You see, we all have disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people!

God gives them a brand new heart to know and love God. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with God and enjoy Him, as happy as anyone can ever be, forever! Jesus can be our Savior, too. Ask Him! He loves to help us! How faithful the LORD is to us!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

**A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!

**C** God, You are always faithful, but we are not. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

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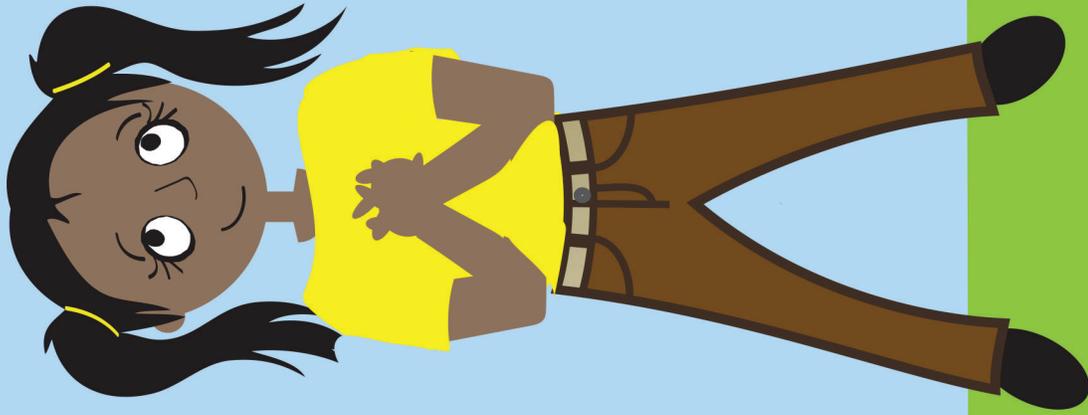
Help us to tell others about You, so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to depend on You. Help us to say no to disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

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

BIG QUESTION 4



Can Anybody Tell Me What the  
LORD Is Like?



ANSWER:

He's Not Like Anyone Else!

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of BQB

## The Big Question

*Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:*

The Big Question we are investigating today is

Big Question Number 4:

**Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?**

and the Answer is:

**He's Not Like Anyone Else!**

### **Meaning:**

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

## Big Q & A 4 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 4, track 12*

*(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")*

Can anybody tell me,

Tell me, tell me,

Can anybody tell me,

What the LORD is like?

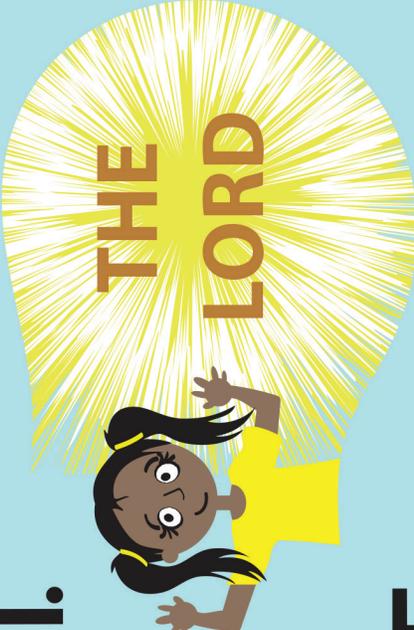
He's not like anyone else,

Anyone else, anyone else,

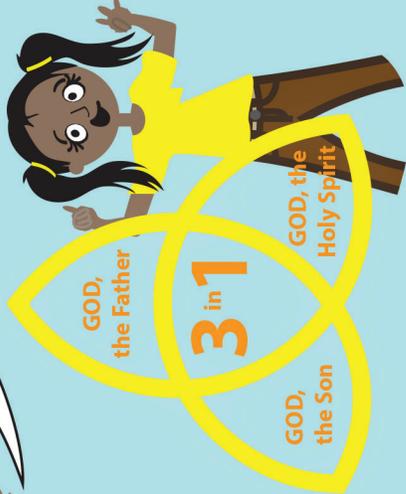
He's not like anyone else,

That's what the LORD is like.

# BIG QUESTION 4: Eight truths about the LORD

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1. **THE LORD**
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2. Only the LORD is God!
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3. GOD, the Father  
GOD, the Son  
3 in 1  
GOD, the Holy Spirit
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Visual Aid #2 of BQB

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

"He's not like anyone else" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about what the God is like.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our eight Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

*Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the eight truths they will be learning.*

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

"Ok, we've learned seven truths about what the LORD is like. They are: "He is a Glorious Spirit," "He Is the One, True God," "He Is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three Persons, but Just One God," "He Is Everywhere, All the Time," "He Knows Everything There Is to Know," "He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good," and "He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

*Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.*

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 8?

**Can Anybody Tell Me  
What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like  
Anyone Else...**

**He Is Always ???  
through and through!**

**HINT:** "This word means someone who does what they promise they will do? It rhymes with "bathe pool." (That's a silly rhyme, isn't it?)

**ANSWER:  
He Is Always Faithful, through and through!**

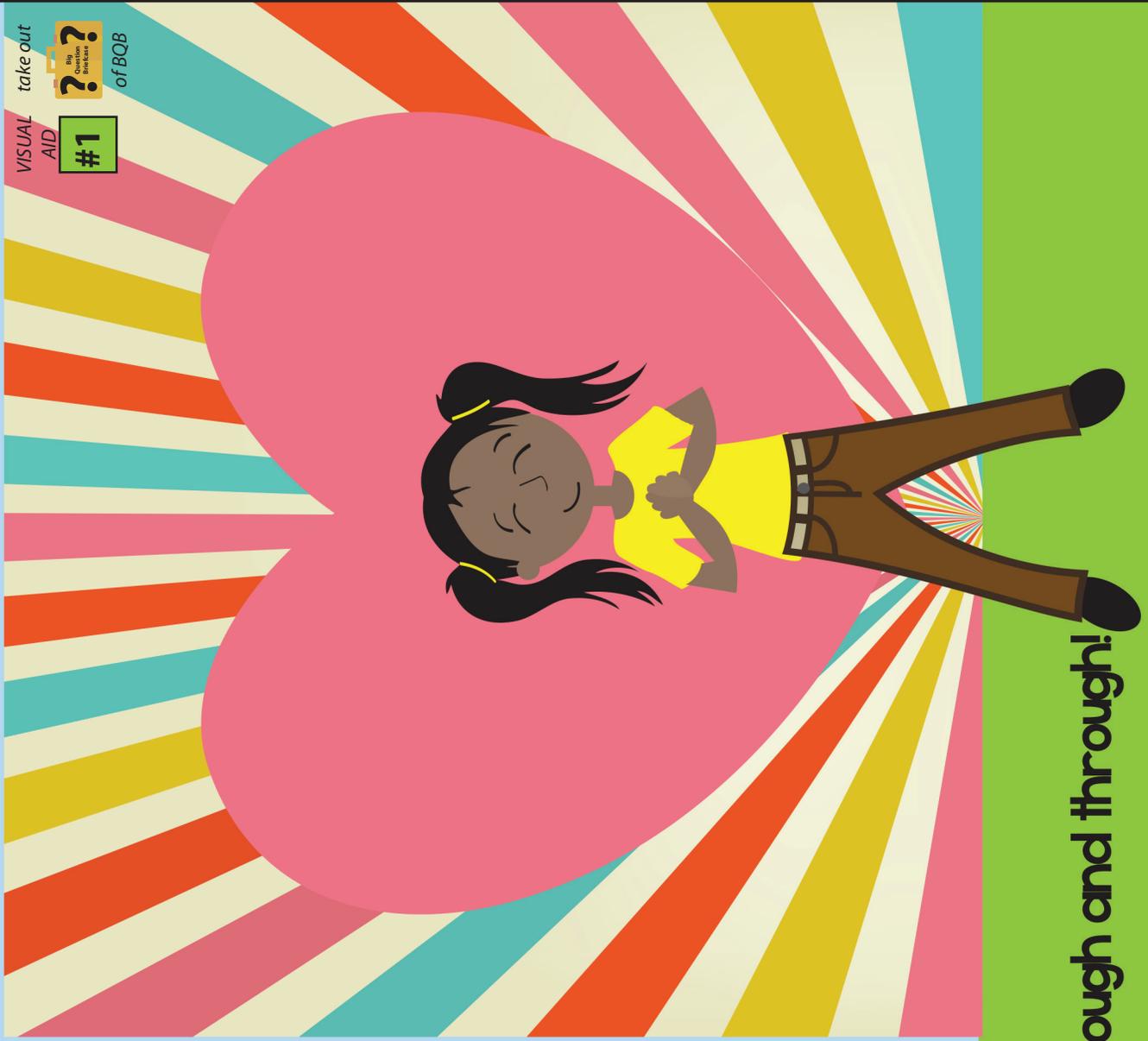
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# Revealing the Bible Truth

## We Are Learning

*Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:*

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!  
He Is Always ????, Through and Through!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “This word means someone who does what they promise they will do? It rhymes with “bathe pool.” (That’s a silly rhyme, isn’t it?)

Can you guess? It’s “faithful!”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He’s Not Like Anyone Else!  
He Is Always FAITHFUL, Through and Through!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. There are many times when we are scared or worried about things, but we know that God is faithful. We can trust Him and His good plans completely—no matter what! God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. They learn these promises to help them remember how God will be faithful to them. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they turn away from sinning and trust in Jesus to save them. God is faithful. If we ask Him for forgiveness, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, we know that He will forgive us, too.

**“The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.**

**The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.”**

**--Psalm 145:13,18-19**



Visual  
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Place  
verse in



of BQB

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## Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse

*Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:*

Psalm 145:13, 18-19 tells us:

### **Psalm 145:13, 18-19**

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."

**Learn a Little:** "The LORD is faithful to all his promises."

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

God's people are the people who fear Him. That is, those who know He is God and desire to love and obey Him with their whole lives. They know He promises to fulfill their desires with good things, that He hears their cries and will always save them. This is because they know that the LORD is always, completely faithful to all His promises.

*"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"*

## Faithful, He Is Faithful

### **Psalm 145:13, 18, 19**

*DDD NV Songs 4, track 27*

Faithful! He is faithful!

The LORD is faithful to all His promises.

Loving! He is loving!

The LORD is loving toward all He has made.

The LORD is near to all,

To all who call on Him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him,  
He hears their cries and saves them.

Faithful! He is faithful!

The LORD is faithful to all His promises.

Loving! He is loving!

The LORD is loving toward all He has made.

Psalm One-forty-five, verses thirteen,  
eighteen, and nineteen.

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

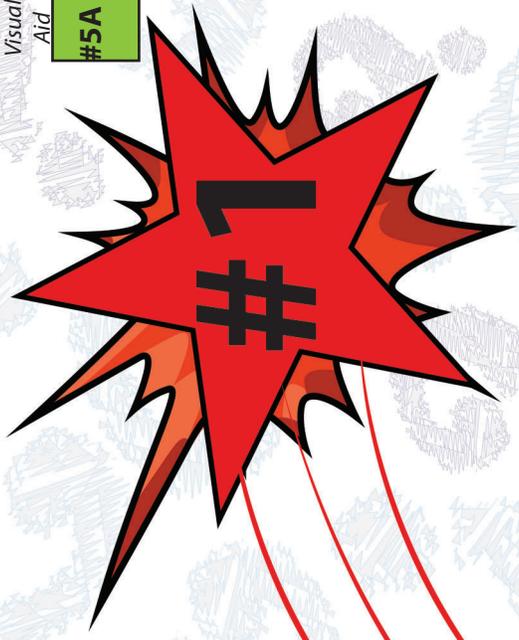
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Visual Aid



# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!  
I'm working on a brand-new case called:  
"The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food."

I need to find out:

1. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?  
AND
2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it?

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

Thanks!  
Detective Dan

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Answers:

1. **Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?**  
The people of Israel needed bread in the wilderness. It was so hard to get because the wilderness was dry and there were only weeds and rocks! No food!
2. **Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it?**  
The LORD never forgot to give them bread. He gave them "manna"--special bread from heaven that they collected from the ground every morning.

**For You and Me:**

The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. The LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people!

God gives them a brand new heart to know and love God. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with God and enjoy Him, as happy as anyone can ever be, forever! Jesus can be our Savior, too. Ask Him! He loves to help us! How faithful the LORD is to us!

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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## Listening Assignment #2



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"The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food."

Our Bible Verse is Psalm 145:13, 18-19:

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."--

I need to find out:

1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them?

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1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them? Food out in the wilderness.

2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel?

He rescued them from Egypt and working for the mean king. He provided food for them in the wilderness every day until they reached the homeland He promised to give them.

**For You and Me:**

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. Then one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

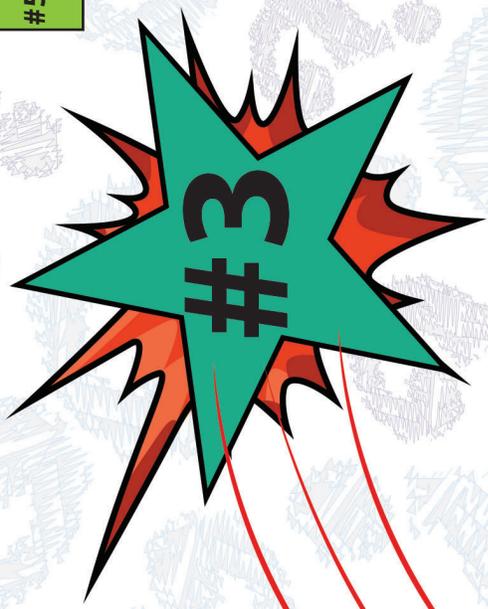
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

“The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food.”

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.

They are: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.

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

I need to know:

1. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?

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Thanks!

Detective Dan

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Answers:

**Our six clues were: a pie, a rock, a hippo, a weed, a man named Moses, and manna.**

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

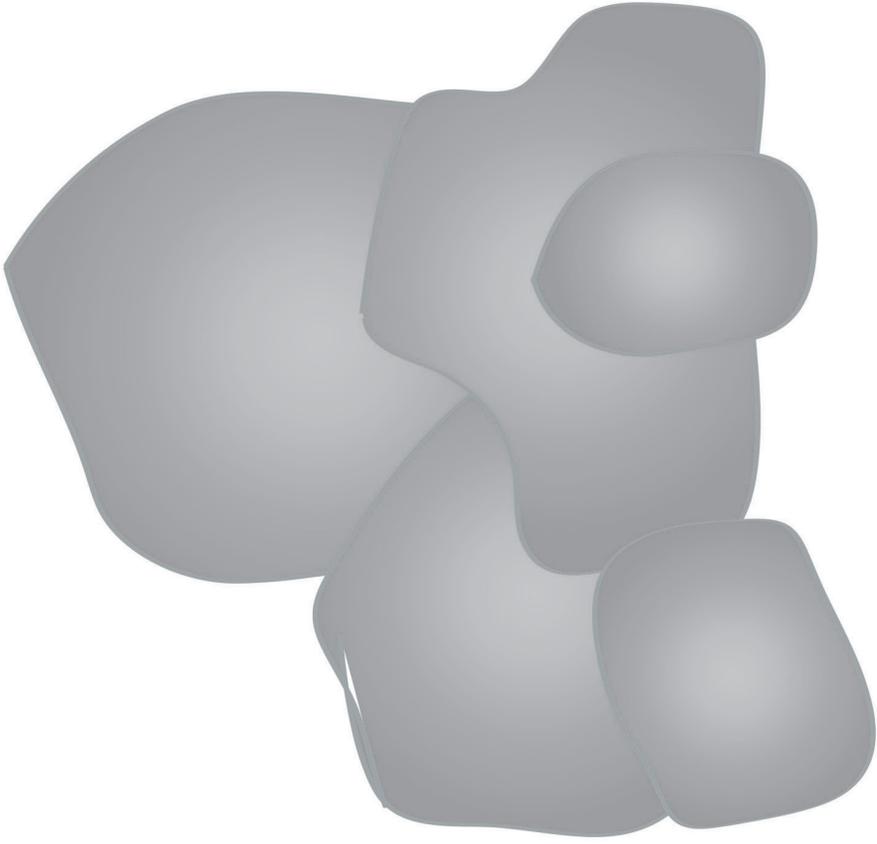
The rock, the weed, Moses and manna belong in the story.

**2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing them from the mean king of Egypt?** The people of Israel.

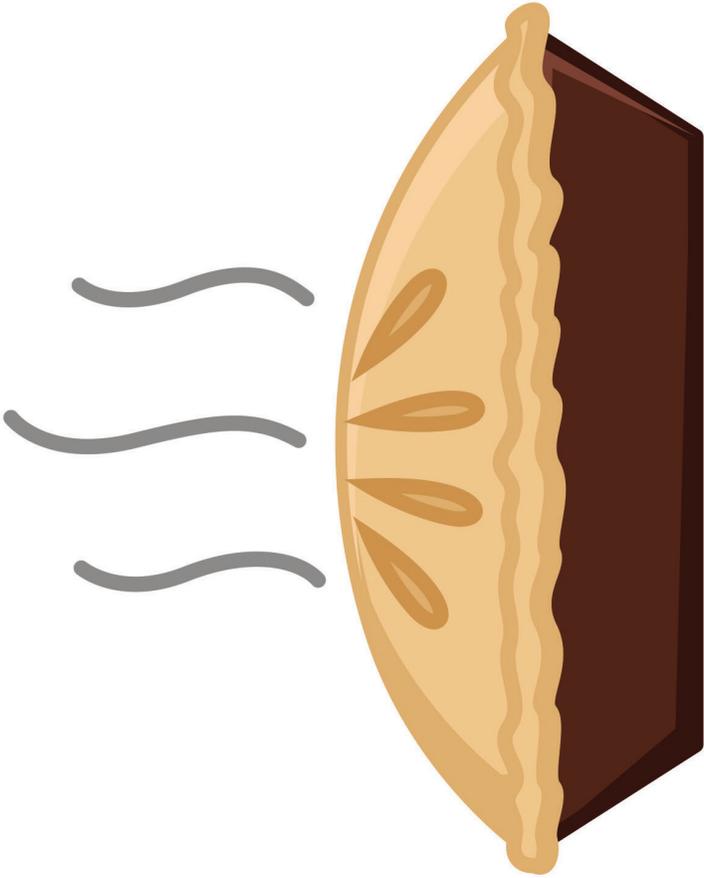
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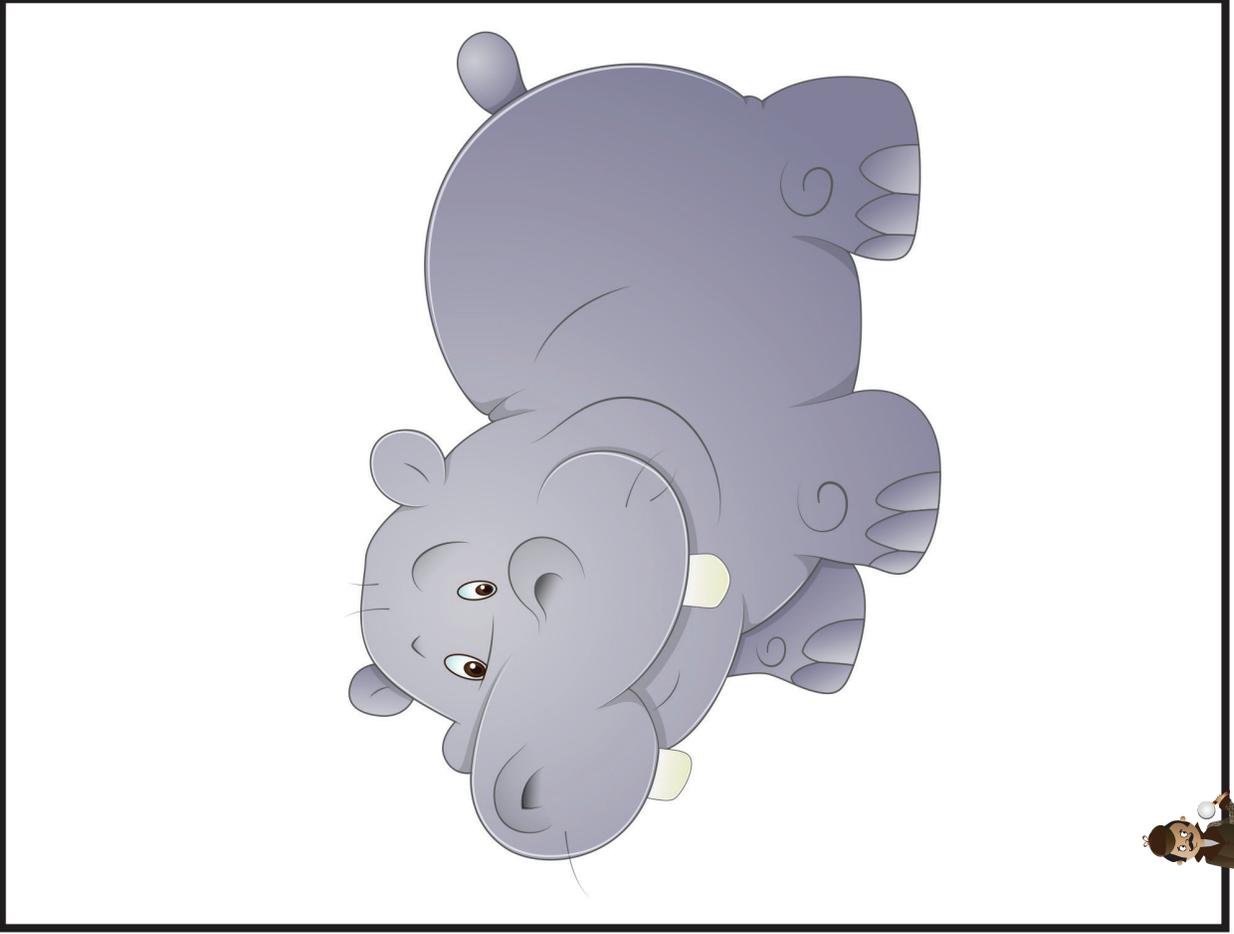
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**A Weed**



**A Hippo**

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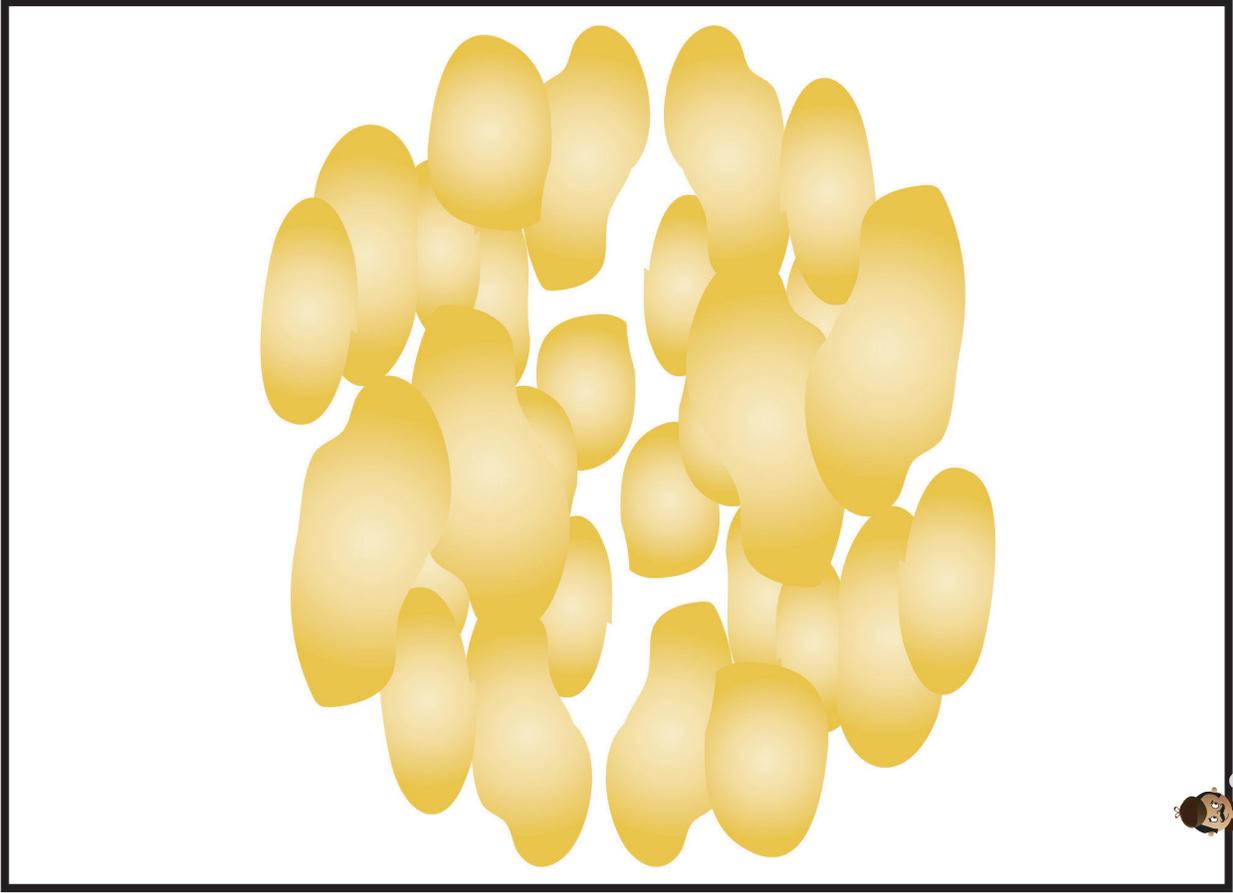
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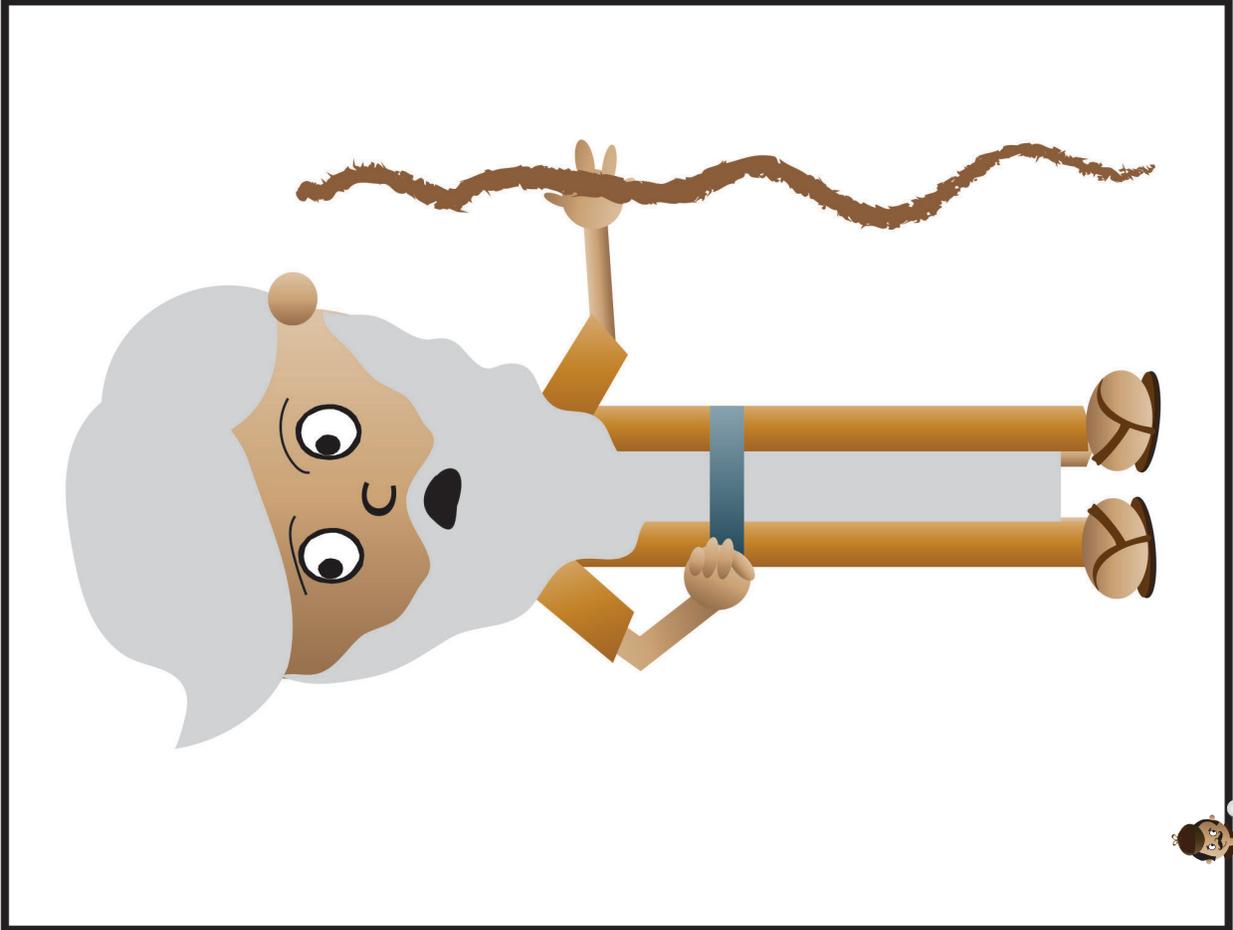
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A Man Named Moses

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# The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

### Psalms 145:13, NIV

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made."

1. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them?
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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

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**4. At first, the king refused. “Who is the LORD that I should obey Him!”  
he said to Moses. “I won’t free the people!”**

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**5. Then, at last, the king let them go. The people packed up their things. Moses led them out of Egypt and into the wilderness. They were off to the wonderful homeland the LORD promised them.**

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**7. But were their troubles really over? Yes, they were far away from that mean king of Egypt. That was good. But now, they were in the wilderness, surrounded by all these rocks and weeds! Where would they get food?**

**Now, the people weren't so happy anymore. Now they were... well, how would YOU feel if you were out in the hot, dry wilderness, with no food in sight?**

**The people were scared and upset, VERY UPSET! They didn't know what to do, and they forgot about the ONE who was with them and COULD take care of them, even out in that wilderness: the LORD!**



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**8. They forgot how good the LORD had been to them already. They forgot that the LORD always keeps His promises. They forgot how mighty the LORD is. He could always take care of their needs!**

**And because they forgot, they began to grumble to Moses and his brother, Aaron: “It would have been better for the LORD to let us die, working for the mean king in Egypt! At least in Egypt we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread! Now we’re going to die out here in this wilderness, surrounded by nothing but these rocks and weeds!” they exclaimed.**



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**q. Were they right? Had the LORD brought them out into the wilderness to die?**

**Of course, no! The LORD loved His people. He had brought them out there in that dry, desert-y wilderness to grow their trust in Him. He had brought them there to show them how great He was. And, He had brought them out there to lead them home to the beautiful Promised Land.**

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**10. The LORD told Moses: “Gather the people together. Tell them I am about to rain bread from heaven, enough to feed EVERYONE! Tell the people to go out every day and gather what they need for the day.**

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**II. So, Moses called the people together, and told them: “The LORD has heard you grumble to us about food. He wants you to know that you’re really grumbling against Him. You’re acting like He isn’t faithful to you.”**

**“He’s going to show you just how faithful He is, yet again. He’s going to give you meat to eat at night, and bread to eat in the morning. The LORD freed you from Egypt. You can trust that He will keep on taking care of you out here in the wilderness,” Moses told them.**



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**12. But wait! Weren't there only weeds and rocks all around out in that wilderness? How could the LORD provide meat and bread for thousands of people with hungry, grumbling tummies for one meal, let alone every morning and night, over and over again? How would the LORD do it?**

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**14. The morning brought an even bigger surprise. The people came out of their tents to find thin, little flakes of something, all over the ground. “What is it?” everyone wondered. No one had ever seen anything like it.**

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**15. What funny-looking bread! But when they tasted it, it was so good! It was sweet like honey. The people called it “What is it?” - or manna, as they say in their language. They gathered it up and cooked with it. Yum, yum, yummy! Bread from heaven!**



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**And was there ever even a day when the LORD let His people go hungry?**

**No, there was not! The LORD, Himself, fed them with manna from heaven, every single day until they made it safely home. How good the LORD was to His people! He was always faithful, through and through... and He still is, even today!**



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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like Anyone Else...  
He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through!

# The Gospel



The LORD showed Himself faithful to the people of Israel when they were hungry, out in the wilderness. He promised to take care of them, and He did!

But the greatest way the LORD has been faithful is not just to them, but to us all. You see, we have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it up as the full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose up from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly-loved people forever! He can be your Savior, too!

Ask Him! He loves to help us. How

faithful the LORD is to  
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# A Prayer

**A** We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!

**C** God, You are always faithful, but we are often unfaithful. We break our promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

**T** God, thank You for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being so faithful to people like us who can be so unfaithful. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.

**S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You. Help us to tell others about You, so they can know how great and awesome You are.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



**Other Visual Aids**

## Big Question Box/Briefcase

### What You Want

The Big Question Briefcase is a briefcase or other container with these characteristics:

- Ideally, this should be around 17" x 12", but needs to be at least big enough to fit a 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper inside it.
- Have various pockets to put these sheets in
- Is attractive or curious looking to preschoolers
- Not necessary, but extremely fun, if it has a combination lock

### Finding a Briefcase:

You can certainly buy one new, but you always may find a used one at a thrift shop. Or, someone may have one they want to donate. We use one that stores valuables in it and is the 17" x 12" size. Very durable and has the lock feature that the kids love.

You also can move away from the briefcase idea and use a little trunk or other box for your substitute briefcase. Just change the name to the Big Question Box, if you use a box instead. A boot box or the cardboard box that 10 reams of copy paper comes in is a great size, if you are using a box.

If you use a box, but want a lock-like feature, that's easy to do. Simply cut "straps" out of felt or vinyl and glue in place to the top and bottom sides of the box on one side, with the top strap overlapping the bottom straps. Add velcro to the top and bottom pieces so that they meet and fasten. Make back "hinges" for the box with the felt/vinyl straps, too. Or, you can simply add a belt around the box that has to be unfastened before the box can be opened.

Here are some suggestions for decorating a box or even the outside of your briefcase to make it appealing.

### Supplies

Your box/briefcase  
Plain white contact paper or white cardstock  
Colorful wrapping paper  
Glitter glue  
Markers  
Sequins, fake jewels, buttons, rick rack, etc.  
Other decorating supplies  
Stickers  
Glue  
Clear packing tape

### Directions

1. If you are using a box that has wording on it, you will first need to make plain surfaces for decorating and a hinge for the lid. Stick the white contact paper or white cardstock to each side of the box. On the other hand, you can also use colorful wrapping paper. Then, make a lid by sticking the clear packing tape along one long side of the box, attaching the lid to the box.

2. Use the craft decorating supplies to decorate the box. If desired, you can put a big question mark on top of the box, but remember that you are working with two and three year olds: the question mark symbol is not very meaningful to them yet.

## **Making a Flannelgraph Storyboard**

**for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games**

Use this board to place your story scenes as you tell it.

### **Supplies**

AT LEAST a 24" x 36" foam board, cardboard, or even an old whiteboard

Large piece of neutral-colored felt to cover your board with extra to overlap over to the back, if desired.

Glue gun and glue sticks

### **Directions**

1. Center felt on front side of board. Turn over. Secure in place with glue.

## **Making Durable Story Scene Pictures**

**for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games**

Whether you purchase the Deep Down Detectives Story Scene pictures from Amazon or print them off the website (included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book), you will want to find some way to make them more durable. They are used not only as a part of telling the story, but are integral in the story review games. Here's how we make ours durable enough to be used over and over again.

### **Supplies**

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book (purchased or downloaded)

White cardstock or printer paper (if downloading pictures)

Sticky-back velcro, circles or cut pieces; or sticky tac putty

Laminator or Self-laminating sheets or Sturdy Sheet Protectors, preferably the "Secure Top" kind, like offered by Avery

### **Directions**

1. Purchase from Amazon or download and print out the Story Scenes.

2. Carefully remove pages from book (if purchased a hard copy).

3. Laminate the figures.

4. If using a flannelgraph board: Stick a few pieces of sticky backed velcro (ROUGH SIDE) onto the back of each Story Scene.

If using sticky tack and whiteboard: simply stick a small amount of sticky tack on the back of each Story Scene in a few places when using it. Remove and store sticky tack in airtight container.

## The Deep Down Detectives “Bible” Folder

This is a homemade folder that looks (kinda) like the cover of a Bible. You will use this to put the Bible verse, the Bible Story and storyboard pictures to help make the point that the truths you are teaching them come from the Bible.

### Supplies

1 piece of 22" x 28" posterboard (white is fine. Green or brown is nice)

Glue

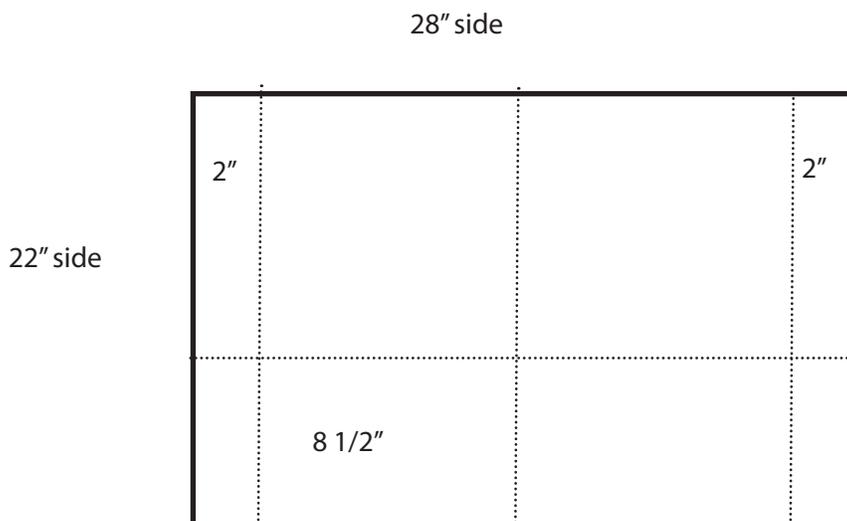
Stapler and staples or packing tape

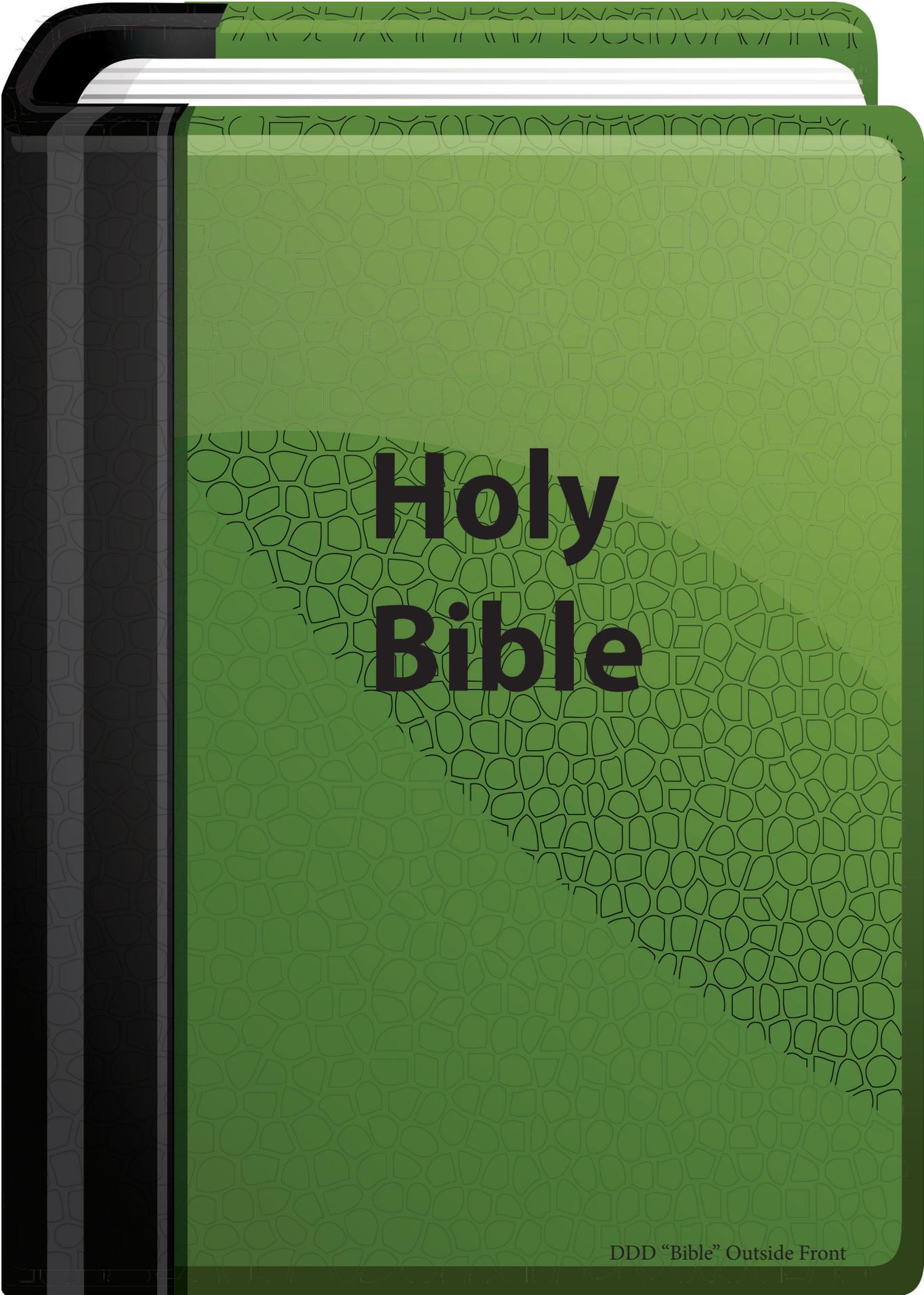
The Bible Cover pictures (see online with resources for this unit or from the back of each Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book.)

NOTE: The Bible Cover pictures included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books cannot be created larger than 8.5" x 11". That means that they will be under-sized for a Bible Folder of the dimensions you are making. However, you can go online to the Deep Down Detectives curriculum and there is a pdf of a bigger version of these covers that will actually fit the size of this Deep Down Detectives “Bible” Folder.

### Directions

1. Lay out poster board with long side along the bottom.
2. Fold in 2" on each side.
3. Take packing tape and tape the folded in 2" flaps to the main section of the posterboard, all the way down.
3. Fold up 8 1/2" on the bottom of the poster board.
4. Use packing tape to tape this flap in place, all the way down.
5. Take scissors and snip through the tape where the flap is attached to the folder. This will give you a bit more room in the folder.
6. Fold the poster board in the middle to make the center fold.
7. Cut out the Bible Cover Pictures. If possible, laminate these. They will last longer.
- 8.. Glue the two cover pieces to the outside of the folder.

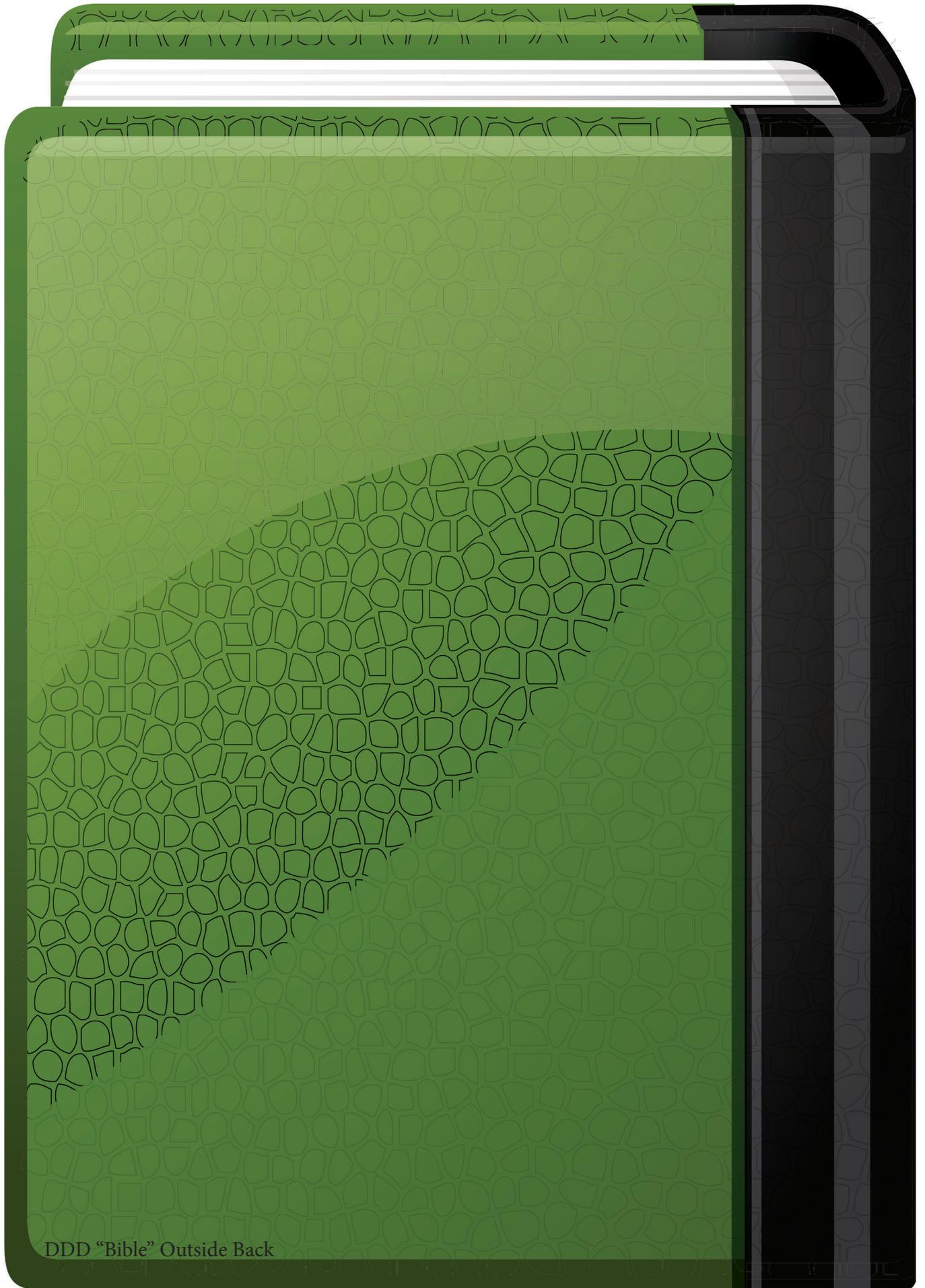


The image shows the front cover of a Bible. The cover is a vibrant green color with a subtle, repeating pattern of irregular, rounded shapes that resemble a stone or mosaic texture. The text "Holy Bible" is printed in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, centered on the cover. The spine of the Bible is visible on the left side, showing a dark grey or black material with a similar textured pattern. The top edge of the Bible is slightly rounded, and the pages are visible at the top, appearing as a stack of white lines.

# Holy Bible

DDD "Bible" Outside Front





DDD "Bible" Outside Back

