

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 5 Visual Aids, NIV**

**with**

**Simple Story Scenes**

**God, the Good Creator**



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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.

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- 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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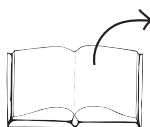
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### Replacement Story Scene Pictures



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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**Visual Aids**

**Unit 5,**

**Bible Truth 1**

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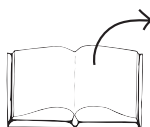
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**Unit 5: God, the Good Creator**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good!

**Unit Bible Verse:** “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:1,31

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: God Made All Things Good.. God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth**

God made everything in the beginning. He made the angels in heaven. He made the stars and moon we see at night, and the sun we see during the day. He made rivers, and mountains, and valleys. He made all the fish, the birds, the plants, the bugs, and the animals. He even made people. How did God make everything? He made it by His powerful word. He spoke, and everything was created. And it was all good—very good. There was no sin in any of it. It was all made just exactly right for God’s good plans.

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Isaiah 44:24**

“I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself.”

**Learn a Little:** “I am the LORD, who has made all things.”

**Meaning**

Who made everything? The LORD did! And who helped Him? No one! He alone made the heavens and everything in them. He alone made the earth and everything in it. Isn’t God amazing!

**Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Good Maker of all things in the beginning.
- C** God, You made people good in the beginning, but we have all chosen to disobey You. We do not take care of the good things You made for us to enjoy. We do not love others as You want us to. We do not love You as we should. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, and people. Thank You for what they show us about You. Thank You for making people able to know You and able to see how great You are when we look at all You have made.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see how wonderful You are when we look at all that You have made. Help us to take good care of the world You’ve given us. Most of all, help us to know You and live for You, as You created us to.  
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Big Nothing**

*Genesis 1*

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**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

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Big Q & A 5 Song

Big Question 5 Song: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Big Question 5 Bible Verse Song: God Saw All He Had Made Genesis 1:31, NIV 1984

Big Question 5 Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful, vs.1,2

Big Question 5 Praise Song: Days of Creation

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: I Am the LORD Isaiah 44:24, NIV 1984

Extra Bible Verse: You Alone Are the LORD Nehemiah 9:6, NIV 1984

Extra Bible Verse: Praise the LORD, from the Earth Psalm 148:7-12, NIV 1984

Extra Bible Verse: The Plans of the LORD Psalm 33:11, NIV 1984

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

**The Case of the Big Nothing***Genesis 1*

of BQB

**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 Big Nothing. 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. What started out as a big nothing?**
- 2. Who changed the big nothing into something? What did He change it into?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 44:24**

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

I need to find out:

- 1. What did the LORD start with when He made the heavens and the earth?**
- 2. What did the LORD use to stretch out the heavens and spread out the earth?**

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

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

Our six clues were: a computer, a bird; a fish; a mountain; a construction worker; and, a lion.

*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 did the LORD give a special spirit so they could know Him and praise Him?**

**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 Big Nothing** *Genesis 1*

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

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**Look around you. Look out the window. What do you see? Trees? Flowers? Birds? Squirrels? Dogs? The sun? The sky? People?**

*What do you see?*

**This story is about how all these things came to be.**

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**Now, close your eyes. Shut them tight. What do you see? Nothing? Our story starts out in a time when there was not even the darkness you see when you shut your eyes. It was back when everything was a BIG NOTHING! That's right! Nothing at all! Nothing, that is, except God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God has always lived. He had no beginning and He will have no end! How amazing He is!**

**I don't know about you, but I don't LIKE nothing. I love all of the beautiful and enjoyable creatures and things I see around me in this world.**

*What do you like in the world around us?*

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**Now, I can't imagine being very happy living in a world of BIG NOTHING. I can only imagine being lonely!**

**But God wasn't lonely at all, when our world was just a BIG NOTHING. He was happy.**

**And God wasn't just a LITTLE happy, He was COMPLETELY happy. Yes, He was as happy as He could be back then, before everything was made.**

*Can you guess why?*

**It is because God is always perfectly happy just in Himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. After all, there is no one more wonderful to know and love than God. All the creatures and things we love and enjoy in this world are just little reflections of how wonderful He is. God didn't need all those little reflections to make Him happy. He already had Himself! And that was best of all! Perfect Wonderfulness!**

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**But even though God wasn't lonely and didn't need anyone or anything else to be happy, He CHOSE to make something...actually A LOT of somethings. He chose to make our whole world. He did it, just because He wanted to. He did it, because He had a great plan for it—a plan to display His beautiful goodness and share it with a very special kind of creature who could know and enjoy Him.**

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**But how DID God make everything? Well, if you or I make something new, we have to start with some sort of STUFF: clay, or paper, or cardboard, or sticks, or something.**

*What do you think God started with?*

**But not God. He didn't need any stuff to make this world. God started with a BIG NOTHING... and Himself. He would create everything by His own powerful word. He simply said what He wanted to be and it was made. Just as simple as that.**

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

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**God started His great work with the earth. At first, it didn't have any shape yet and it was empty and watery and oh, so dark. God's Spirit hovered over the waters. God was ready to bring shape and life to everything.**

**"Come, light!" God said, and a beautiful light began to shine. He separated it from darkness and gave a name to each. The light was called Day. The darkness was called Night. That was what God did on the first day He made things.**

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**On the second day, God separated the watery stuff so that there was open air around the earth. He called the watery stuff up above, "sky". The rest of the waters stayed down on the earth. That was what God did on the second day He made things.**

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**On the third day, God said, "Waters on the earth, gather together! Dry land, appear!" So, the waves of the water bunched together and soon land could be seen. Mountains and flatlands. Hills and valley. God named the dry land "Earth," and the waters He called, "Seas." God looked at the wild, splashing waves. He looked at the rich, dark ground, and it was good. There was no sin in it. It was just the way He wanted it to be for His great plan.**

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**Now God began to fill all the spaces He had made. "Trees and plants, sprout up on the earth!" And as soon as He said it, up popped grass and leafy plants all over the earth-- all over the mountains; and the hills and valleys; and the flatlands. And oh, what wonderful trees with such yummy fruit! God looked at the beautiful green world and it was good. There was no sin in it. It was just the way He wanted it to be for His great plan.**

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**On the fourth day, God said, "Lights, fill the sky!"**

*What are the lights God made for the sky?*

**God made soft lights for thenight: the stars and the moon. A big, blazing light for the day: the sun. "Give light to the earth, day and night. Make hot summer, crisp fall, cold winter and warm spring, year after year," the LORD commanded them. And so they did. That was what God did on the fourth day He made things.**

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**On the fifth day, God made creatures to live in the beautiful sky and in the wavy waters. "Fish and sea creatures, fill up the waters!" God said. "Wriggle and splash! Have families and make lots more fish! Birds, fill up the skies! Flap around and soar! Have families and make lots more birds!" He commanded. And so, they did.**

**Brightly colored fish, mighty sharks, and whales, twisty-turny dolphins swam about in the seas. Eagles glided on the wind, parrots squawked from the trees, and hummingbirds buzzed busily around all the flowers. That was what God did on the fifth day He made things.**

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**On the sixth day, God filled the earth with land animals.**

*What are some of the land animals God made?*

**"Come, cows and horses, goats and sheep! All you farm animals! Come, bears and lions and elephants! All you wild animals! Come, ladybugs and lizards! All you little creatures that creep along the ground! All of you: have families and fill up the earth!" God said. And so, all those creatures came to be, by God's command.**

**God looked at the beautiful, busy world of creatures He had made. There was no sin in it. It was just the way He wanted it to be for His great plan.**

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

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**God had only one more creature left to make. It was that one, very special kind of creature that He planned to share Himself with.**

*Can you guess which creature God had not yet created?*

**It was people! People were to be the best creature of all, for He planned to give them a special gift no other creature would have.**

**"Let's make people in our own image. They will have a spirit --a special heart-- to know and love Me and each other," God said.**

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**So, God made man and woman with a special heart inside. And He gave them names.**

*Do you know what the names of the first man and woman were?*

**God called them "Adam and Eve." He put them in Eden, the garden home He made for them. "Eat the good fruit from the trees. Have a family, and fill the earth!" He told them. "I'm putting you in charge over everything I've made on earth. Explore it all and make it your home.**

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**Adam and Eve were happy to obey. What a beautiful world God had given them! How wonderful it was to live in it! How fun it would be to explore it and make it their very own home! There was so much to do. So much to enjoy. And most enjoyable of all, was knowing and loving God.**

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**At the end of the sixth day, God was done creating everything He had planned to create. He looked at it all and was very pleased. It was all good. It was all VERY GOOD. There was no sin in it. It was just right. It was perfect for His good plans. And then, God rested from His work.**

**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. What started out as a big nothing?** The world we live in.

**2. Who changed the big nothing into something? What did He change it into?** God did. He created it with His powerful word.

**For You and Me:**

Isn't it amazing to think that God created the whole world with just His word! How very powerful He must be! But God didn't just use His great power to create the world. He even uses His great power to do great things inside of us. When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God not only forgives us our sins, but He makes us His people. He changes our hearts so that they can know and love Him. He helps us to live His good ways. Ask Him to help you. He delights to do this!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**  
**Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 44:24:**

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

**1. What did the LORD start with when He made the heavens and the earth?** Nothing.

**2. What did the LORD use to stretch out the heavens and spread out the earth?** His powerful word. He spoke and it came to be!

**For You and Me:**

God created the heavens and the earth to be a wonderful display of His goodness. He created people with a special heart to know and love Him, and to see and enjoy His goodness as they lived in His creation. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

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

Our six clues were: a computer, a bird; a fish; a mountain; a construction worker; and, a lion.

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

The bird, fish, mountain and lion belong.

**2. Who did the LORD give a special spirit so they could know Him and praise Him? People.****For You and Me:**

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**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Can You Tell Me What God Made?****God Made All Things Good...****God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth!**

How wonderful life would have been, if people had kept on loving God as He created them to! How wonderful life would have been, if nothing bad had ever come into God's good world!

But bad things DID come into God's good world. People have not kept on loving or obeying God, have they? Why, even you and me, we disobey God. We do bad things. And now, we all deserve God's punishment. This is such sad news!

But there's good news, too! God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross, taking all the punishment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them. Now, God will forgive all who turn away their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. That's how we become God's people.

If we do, what a wonderful beginning that will be! We will get to know God in our hearts, now. And one day, we will get to live with Him in heaven forever.

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being our Good Creator. You made people, in the beginning.
- C** God, You made people to know and love You with the spirit You gave them. But we all have disobeyed You. We have all chosen to not love You. We have lost the gift of knowing You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, and people. Thank You most of all, for making us in Your image so we can know You and see how wonderful You are in everything we see around us.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Help us to know You and love You with the spirit You put inside us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we might live for You and enjoy You forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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



# Can you tell me what God made?



VISUAL  
AID

take out

#1

Big  
Question  
Sign

of BQB

## ANSWER: God made all things good!

# 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 5:

**Can You Tell Me What God Made?**  
and the Answer is:  
**God Made All Things Good!**

## Meaning:

Did you ever wonder where everything in this world came from? All of the plants, animals and insects...the fish and birds...the sun, moon, stars and planets...the tall mountains and the beautiful oceans...the people here around us and the angels up in heaven? Did they just get here on their own? No, they did not! God made them. And when God made them, He made them good—perfect and without sin. He made them just right for His good plan for the world.

What was God's good plan for the world? He planned for everything He made to show us what He's like so we could know delight in how wonderful He is.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

## Big Q & A 5 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 5, track 12  
(adapted version of "London Bridge Is Falling Down")*

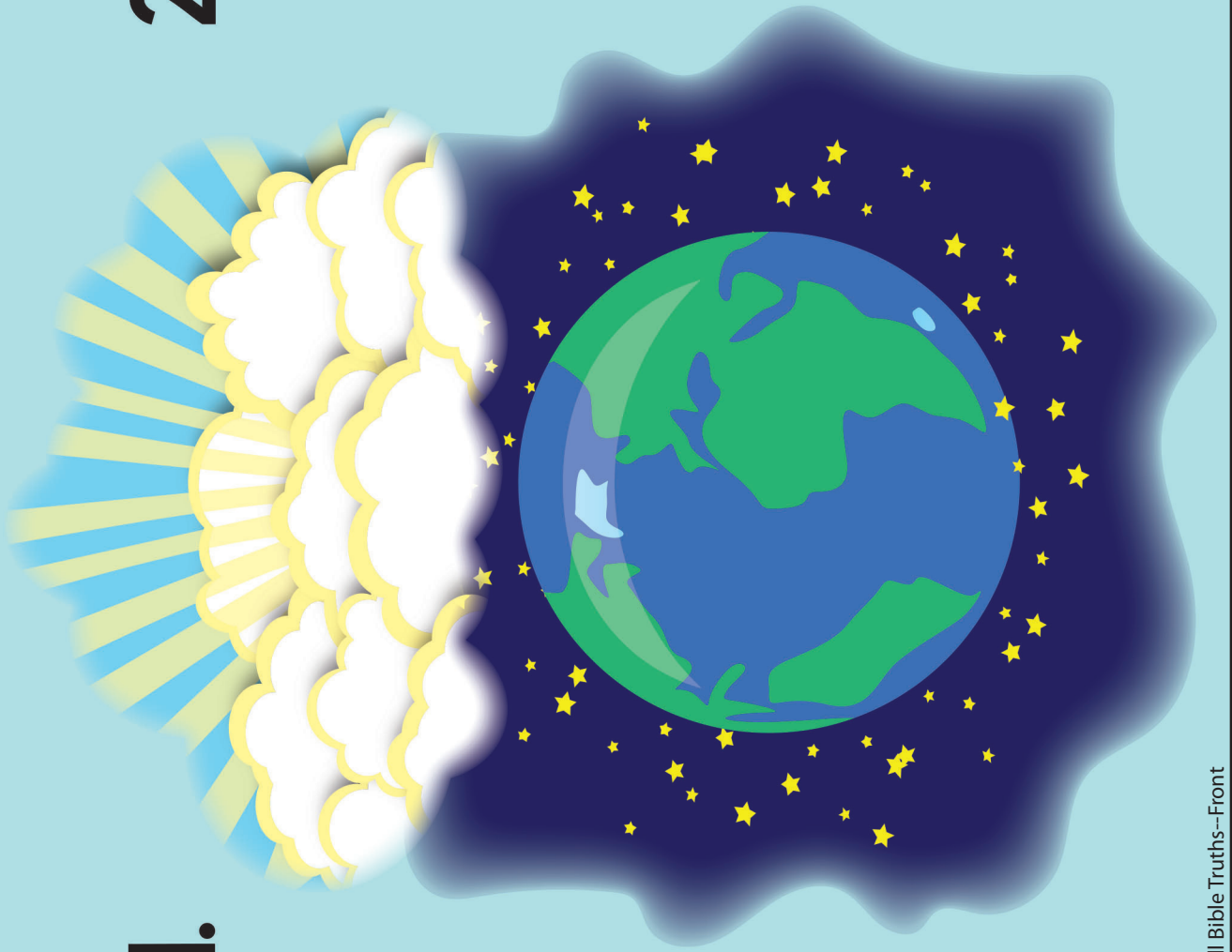
Can you tell me what God made?  
What God made, what God made?  
Can you tell me what God made?  
God made all things good!

# BIG QUESTION 5: Two truths about what the LORD made

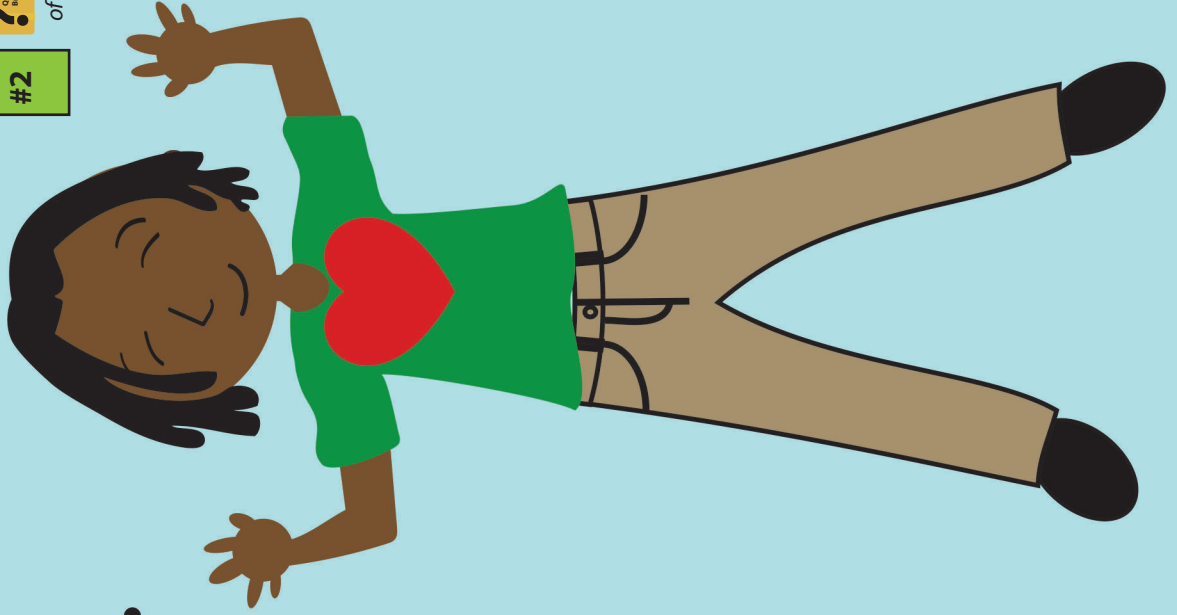
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## **This Unit's Bible Truths**

"God made all things good" 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 TWO Bible truths that all tell us more about the good things that God made.

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

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

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these two 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!?

Can You Tell Me What  
God Made?

God Made All Things  
Good...

He made everything  
good in  
heaven and ???!

HINT: "What is the name of the  
world we live in?  
It starts with an "e" and  
it rhymes with "birth."

ANSWER:

**He made everything good in heaven and EARTH!**



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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 You Tell Me What God Made?  
God Made All Things Good!  
He Made Everything in Heaven and ????"**

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What is the name of the world we live in? It starts with an "e" and it rhymes with "birth."

Can you guess? It's "earth."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**"Can You Tell Me What God Made?  
God Made All Things Good!  
He Made Everything in Heaven and Earth!"**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God made everything in the beginning. He made the angels in heaven. He made the stars and moon we see at night, and the sun we see during the day. He made rivers, and mountains, and valleys. He made all the fish, the birds, the plants, the bugs, and the animals. He even made people. How did God make everything? He made it by His powerful word. He spoke, and everything was created. And it was all good—very good. There was no sin in any of it. It was all made just exactly right for God's good plans.

**"I am the LORD, who has made all things,**



**who spread out the earth by myself." Isaiah 44:24**

# Bible Truth | Bible Verse

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

Isaiah 44:24 tells us:

## **Isaiah 44:24**

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

**Learn a Little:** "I am the LORD, who has made all things."

## **What does that mean?**

Who made everything? The LORD did! And who helped Him? No one! He alone made the heavens and everything in them. He alone made the earth and everything in it. Isn't God amazing!

"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?"

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

## **I Am the LORD:**

## **Isaiah 44:24**

*DDD NIV Songs 5, track17*

I am the LORD,  
Who has made all things,  
Who alone stretched out the heavens.  
I am the LORD,  
Who has made all things,  
Who spread out the earth by myself.  
I am the LORD, (I am the LORD!)  
I am the LORD, (I am the LORD!)  
Isaiah Forty-four, twenty-four.

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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 Big Nothing."

I need to find out:

1. What started out as a big nothing?

AND

2. Who changed the big nothing into something? What did He change it into?

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/using Simple Story Scenes as you tell it.*

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

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

Answers:

**1. What started out as a big nothing?** The world we live in.

**2. Who changed the big nothing into something? What did He change it into?** God did. He created it with His powerful word.

**For You and Me:**

Isn't it amazing to think that God created the whole world with just His word! How very powerful He must be! But God didn't just use His great power to create the world. He even uses His great power to do great things inside of us. When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God not only forgives us our sins, but He makes us His people. He changes our hearts so that they can know and love Him. He helps us to live His good ways. Ask Him to help you. He delights to do this!

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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 Big Nothing."

Our Bible verse is Isaiah 44:24

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

I need to find out:

1. What did the LORD start with when He made the heavens and the earth?

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2. What did the LORD use to stretch out the heavens and spread out the earth?

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Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 44:24**

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

1. **What did the LORD start with when He made the heavens and the earth?** Nothing.

2. **What did the LORD use to stretch out the heavens and spread out the earth?** His powerful word. He spoke and it came to be!

**For You and Me:**

God created the heavens and the earth to be a wonderful display of His goodness. He created people with a special heart to know and love Him, and to see and enjoy His goodness as they lived in His creation. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

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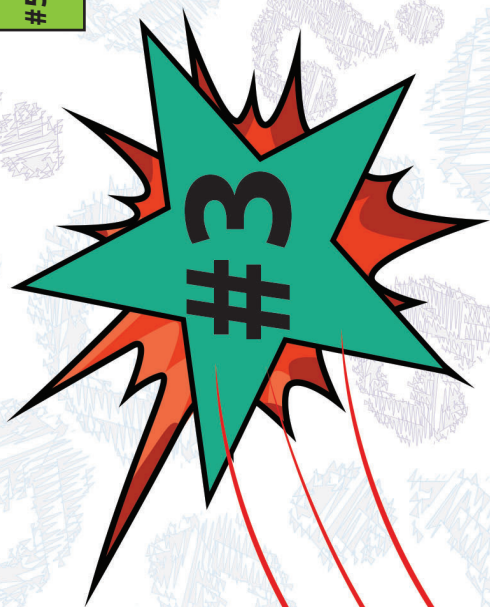


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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

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Hi, Deep Down Detectives!  
I'm still working on the case called:  
"The Case of the Big Nothing."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.  
They are: a computer, a bird; a fish; a mountain; a  
construction worker; and, a lion.

*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 did the **LORD** give a special spirit so they could know Him and praise Him?

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Answers:

1. Which **four** pictures belong in the story and which **two** do not?

The bird, fish, mountain and lion belong. The computer and the construction worker do not.

2. Who did the **LORD** give a special spirit so they could know Him and praise Him? People.

**For You and Me:**

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## A Computer



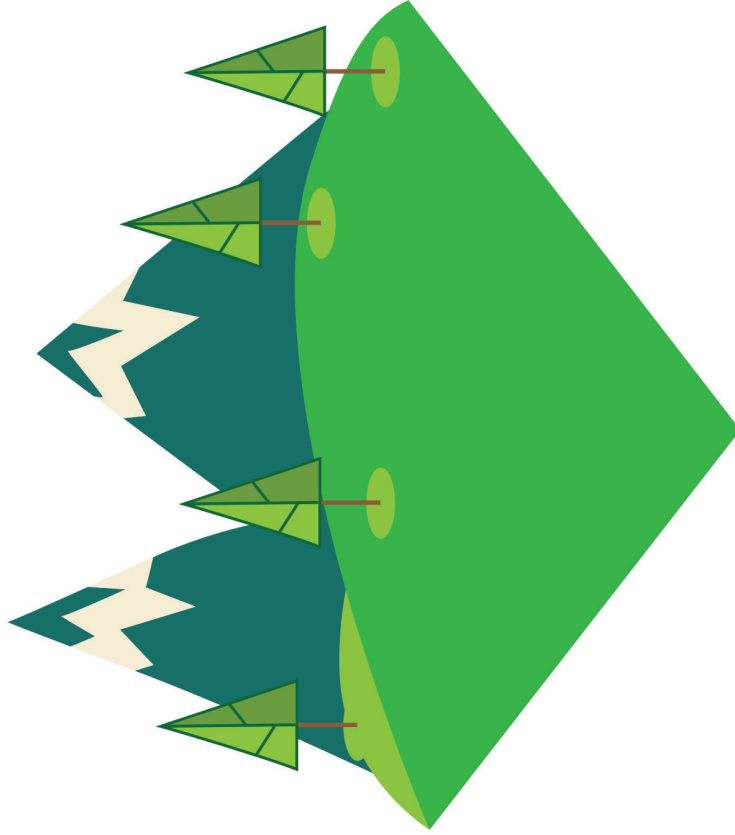


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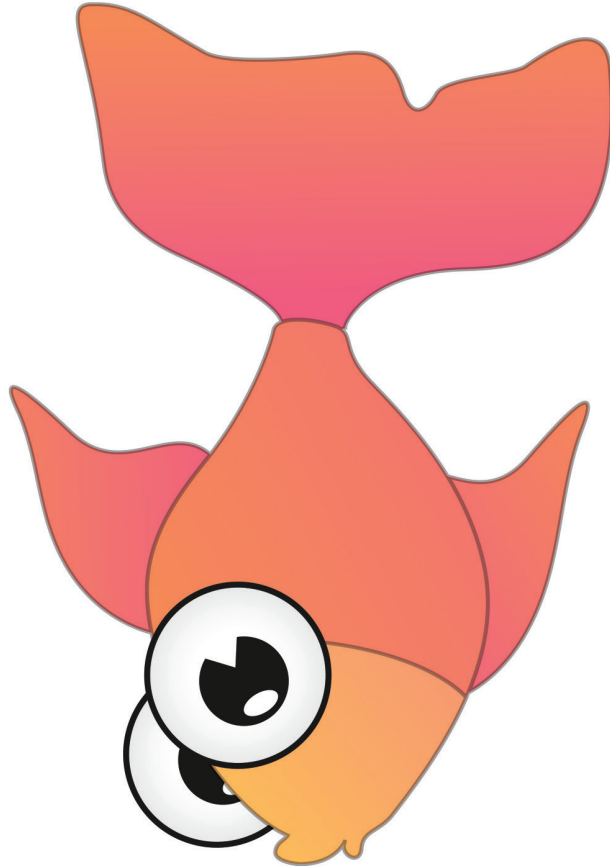


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## A Mountain



## A Fish



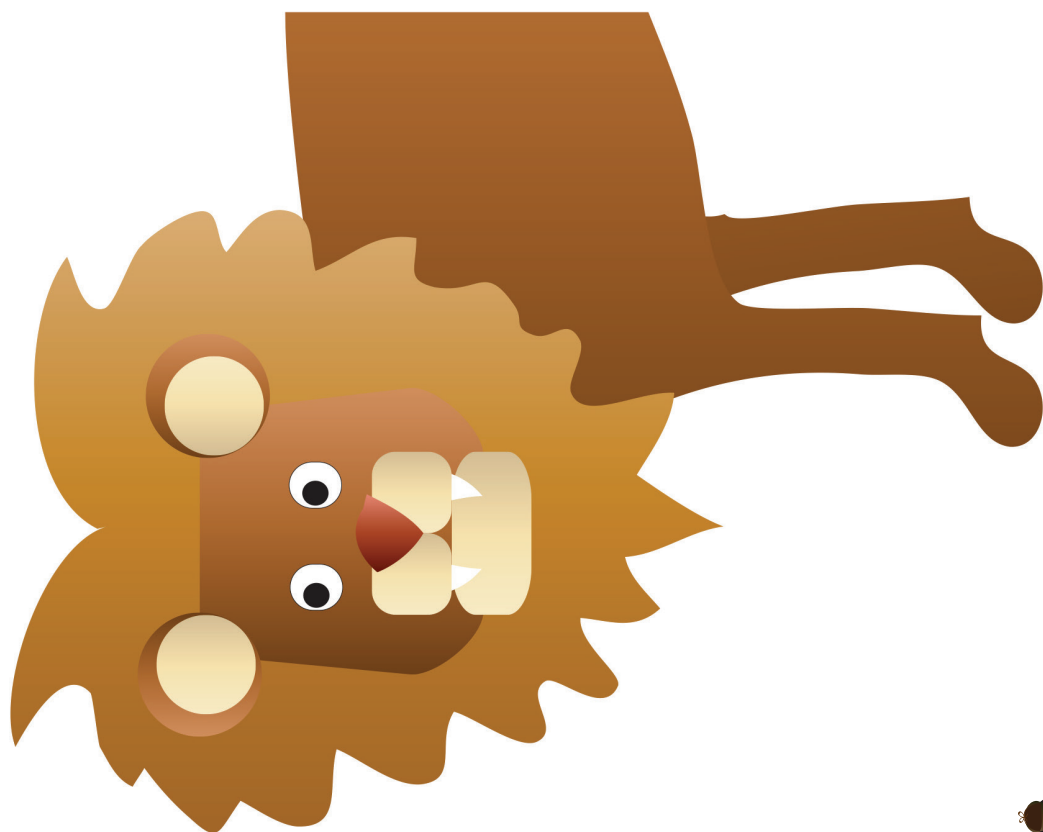


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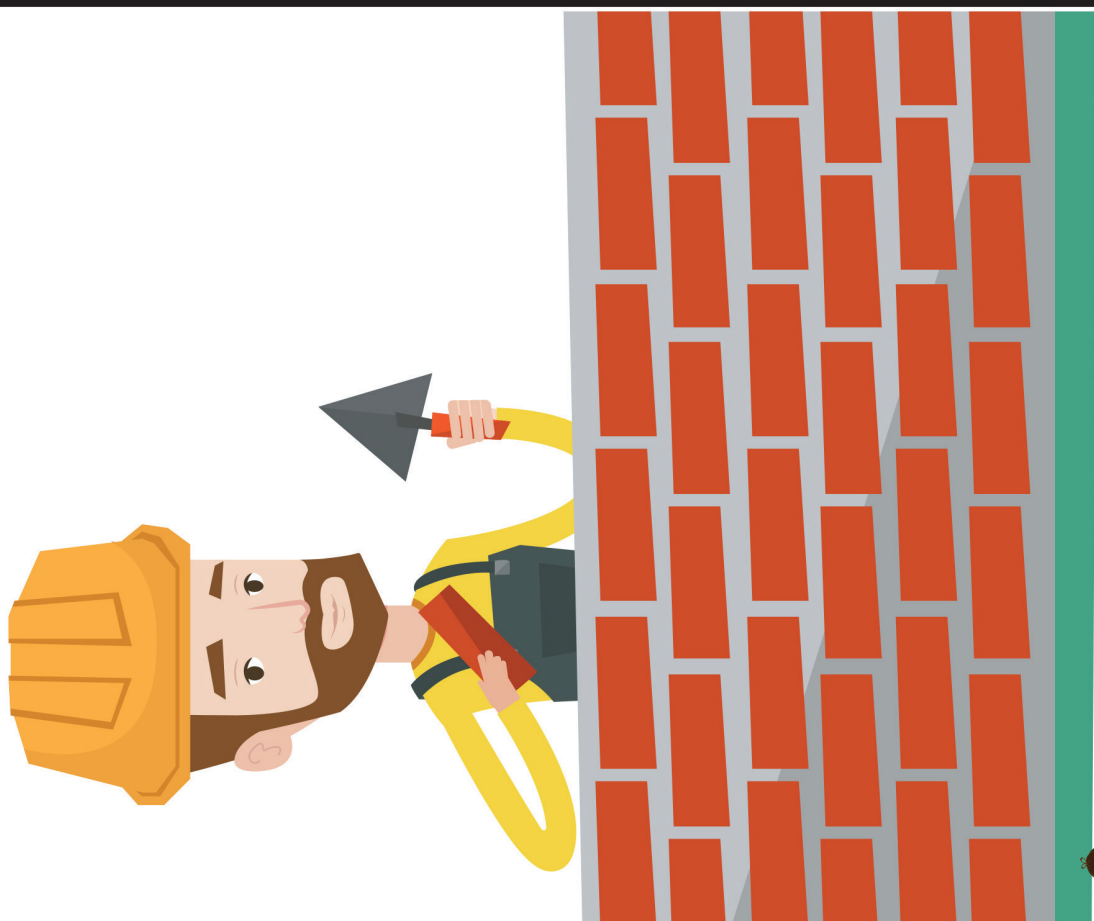


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A Lion



A Construction Worker



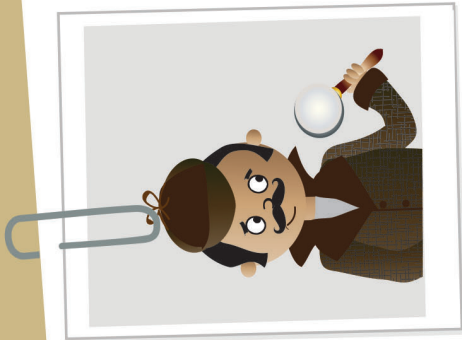


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## "The Case of the Big Nothing" Genesis I



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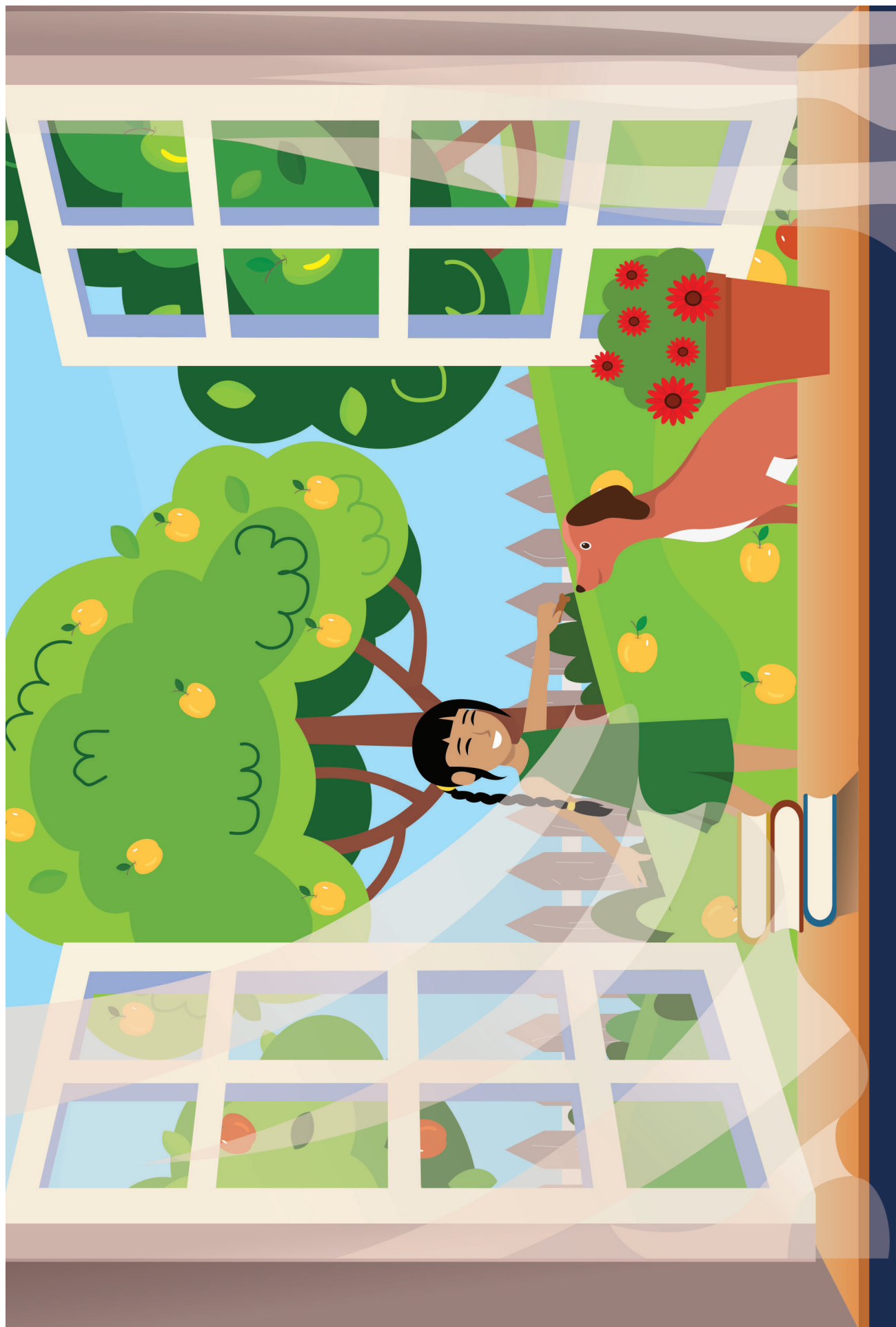
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1. What did the LORD start with when He made the heavens and the earth?
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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

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**And God wasn't just a LITTLE happy, He was COMPLETELY happy. Yes, He was as happy as He could be back then, before everything in this world was made.**



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**After all, there is no one more wonderful to know and love than God. All the creatures and things we love and enjoy in this world are just little reflections of how wonderful He is. God didn't need any of those little reflections to be happy. He already had Himself!**

**And that was best of all! It was Perfect Wonderfulness!**



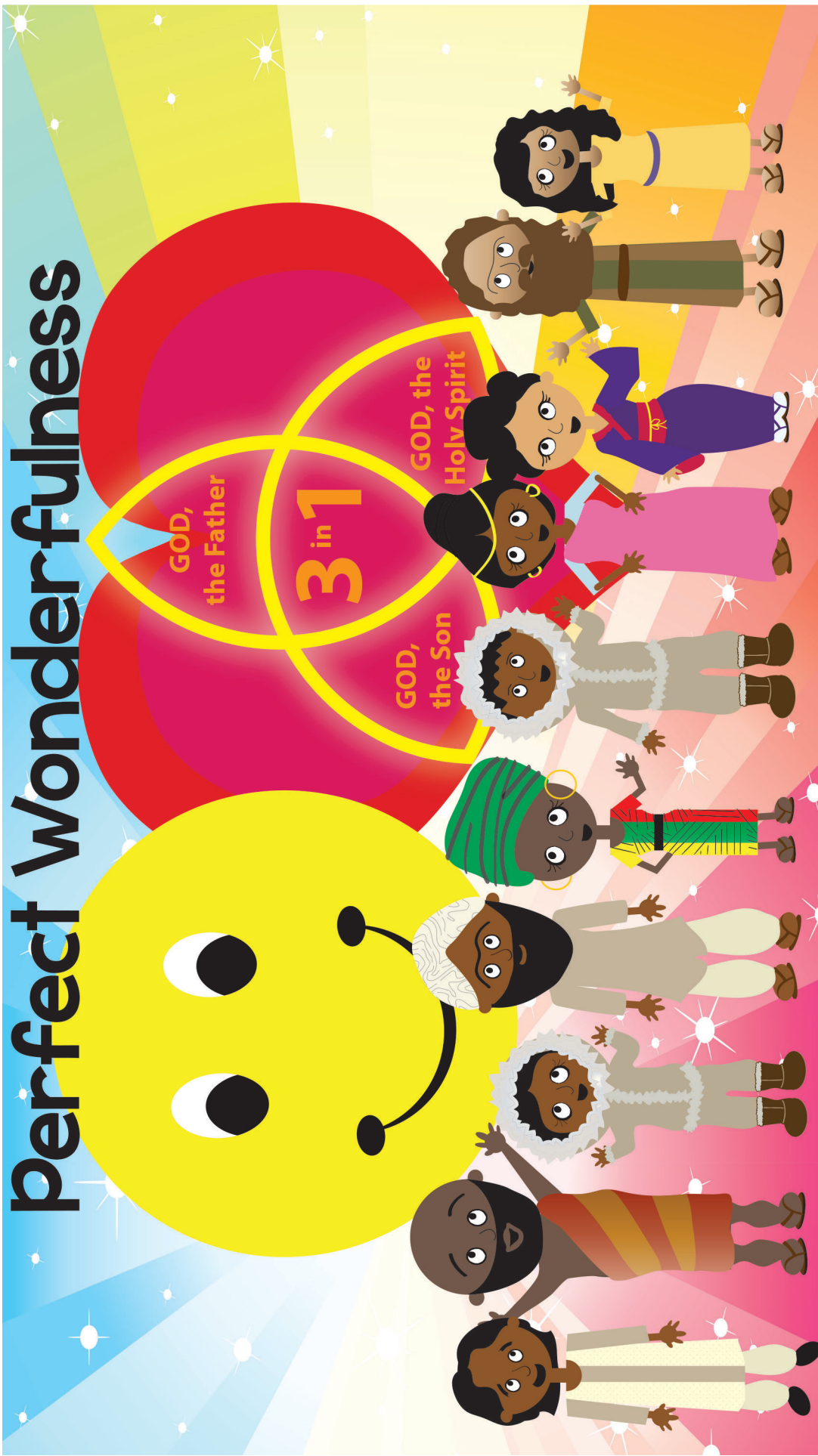
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**6. But even though the LORD wasn't lonely and didn't need anyone or anything else to be happy, He CHOSE to make something. Actually, A LOT of somethings. He chose to make our whole world.**

**He did it, just because He wanted to. He did it, because He had a great plan for it. A plan to display His beautiful goodness in millions of different ways. And, He would share this amazing display with one, very special kind of creature: people! Best of all, He planned for these people to know and enjoy Him, in all His Perfect Wonderfulness.**

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**7. Now, if you or I make something new, we have to begin with some sort of STUFF: clay, or paper, or cardboard, or sticks, or something. But not the LORD. He didn't need any stuff to make this world.**

**He started just with a BIG NOTHING.. and Himself. He would create everything by His own, powerful word. Yep. He simply said what He wanted to be, and it was made. Just right. And just as simple as that.**



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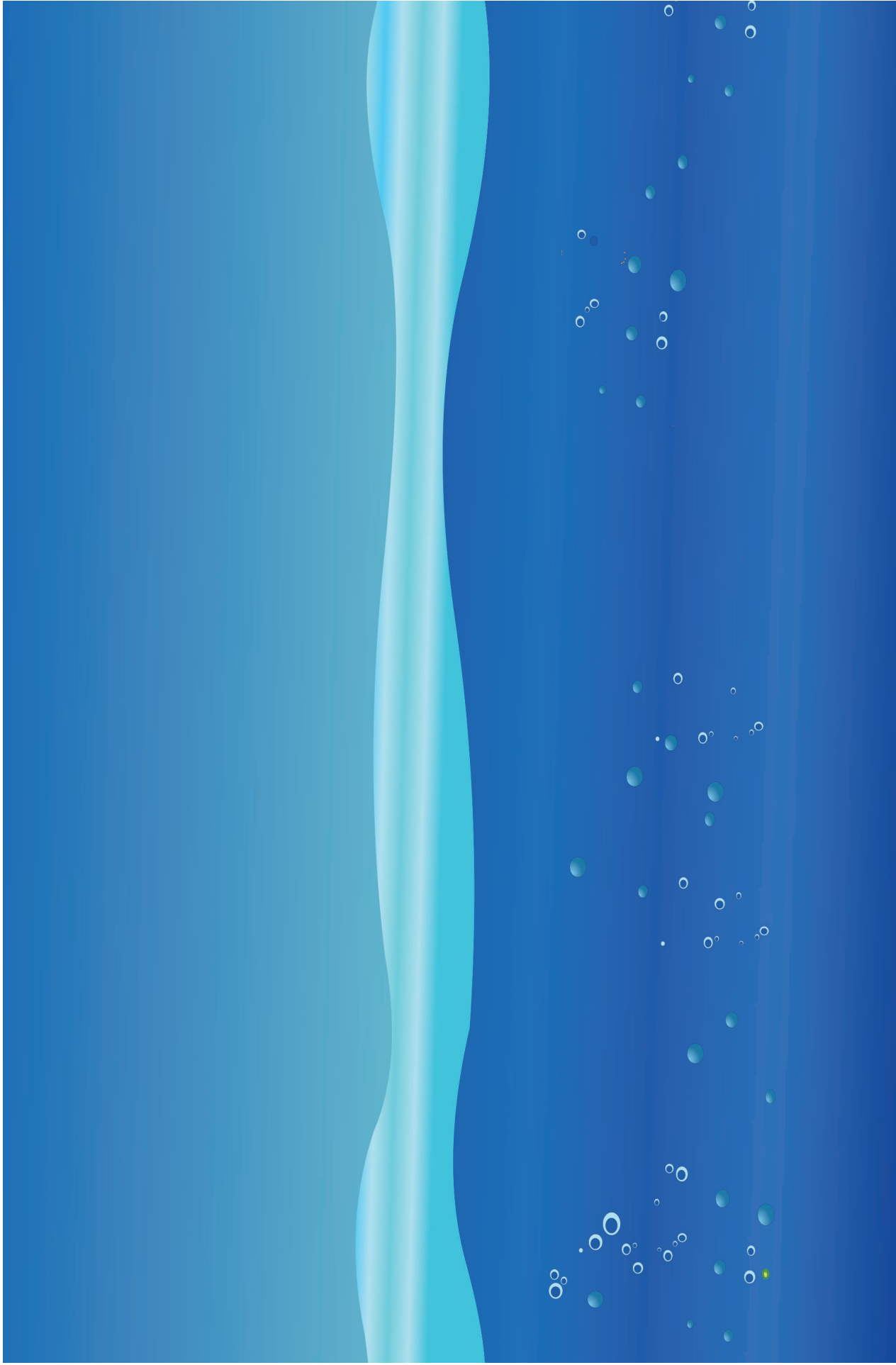
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**q. On the second day, the LORD separated the watery stuff into two parts. He called the watery stuff up above the earth, “Sky” (this is where rain and clouds would come from). The rest of the waters stayed down on the earth.**

**That was what God did on the second day He made things.**

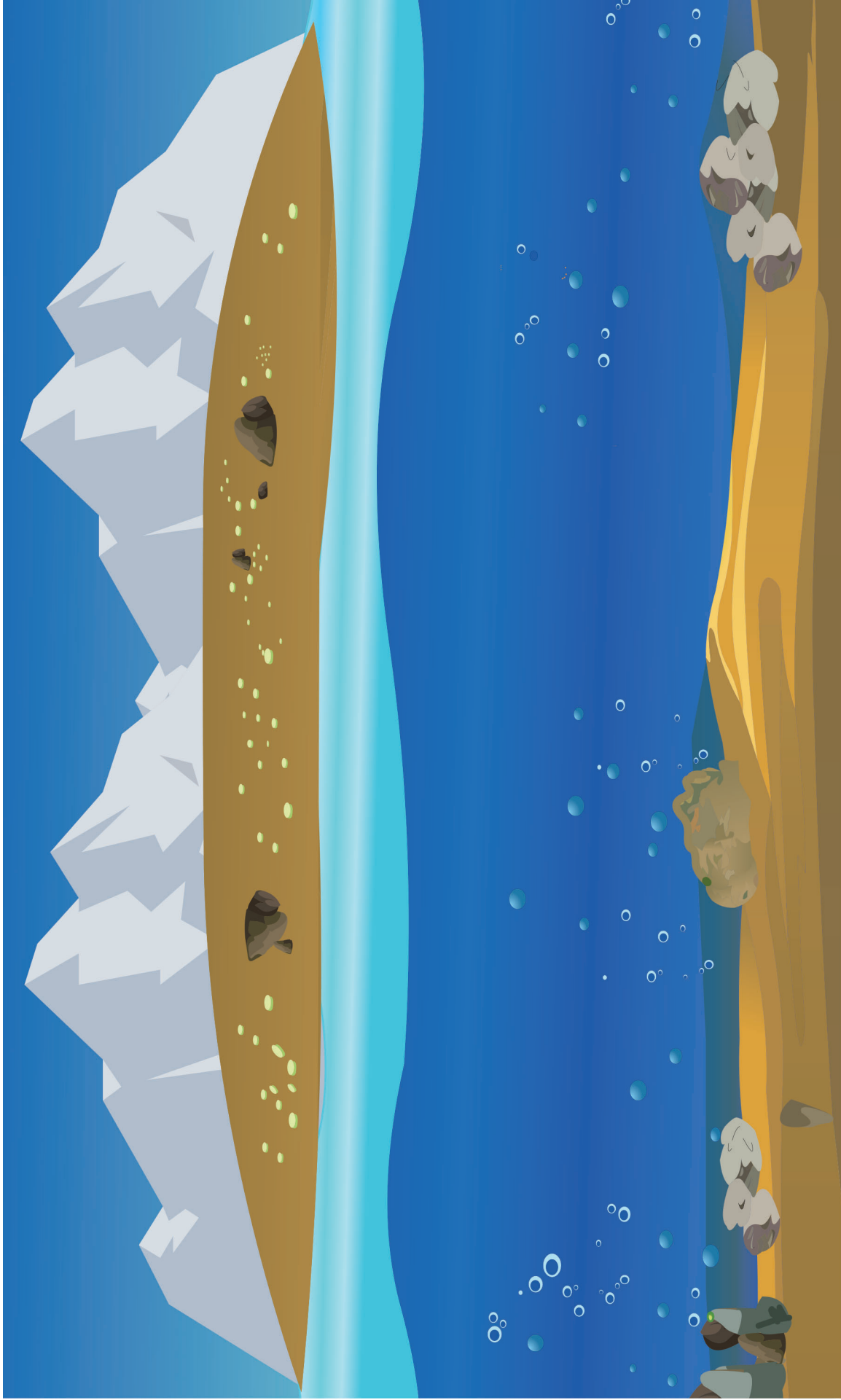


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**10. On the third day, the LORD said, “Waters on the earth, gather together! Dry land, appear!”**

**So, the waves of the water bunched together, and soon land could be seen. Mountains and flatlands. Hills and valley. God named the dry land “Earth,” and the waters He called, “Seas.” God looked at the wild, splashing waves.**

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**II. Now, the LORD began to fill all the spaces He had made.**

**“Trees and plants, sprout up on the earth!” And as soon as He said it, up popped grass and leafy plants all over the earth --all over the mountains, and the hills, and valleys, and the flatlands. And oh, what wonderful trees with such yummy fruit!**

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**12. On the fourth day, the LORD said, “Lights, fill the sky!”**

**He made soft lights for the night: the stars and the moon. He made a big, blazing light for the day: the sun. “Give light to the earth, day and night. Make hot summer, crisp fall, cold winter, and warm spring, year after year,” the LORD commanded them.**

**And so, they did. That was what God did on the fourth day He made things.**



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**13. On the fifth day, the LORD made creatures to live in the sky and seas.**

**“Fish and sea creatures, fill up the waters!” He said. “Wriggle and splash! Have families, and make lots more fish! Birds, fill up the skies! Flap around and soar! Have families, and make lots more birds!” He commanded.**

**And so, they did. Brightly colored fish, mighty sharks, huge whales, and twisty-turny dolphins swam in the seas. Eagles glided on the wind, parrots squawked from the trees, and hummingbirds buzzed busily around all the flowers. That was what God did on the fifth day He made things.**



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**14. On the sixth day, the LORD filled the earth with land animals.**

**“Come, cows and horses, goats and sheep! All you farm animals! Come, bears, and lions, and elephants! All you wild animals! Come, ladybugs and lizards! All you little creatures that creep along the ground! All of you: Have families and fill up the earth!” God said.**

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**16. This special gift was a spirit --a special heart-- to know and love God and each other.**

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**17. The LORD put Adam and Eve in Eden, the garden home He made for them.**

**“Eat the good fruit from the trees. Have a family, and fill the earth!”  
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**18. Adam and Eve were happy to obey the LORD. What a beautiful world He had given them. How wonderful it was to live in it. How fun it would be to explore it and to make it their very own home.**

**There was so much to do. So much to enjoy. And most enjoyable of all, was knowing and loving God! It was all Perfect Wonderfulness.**

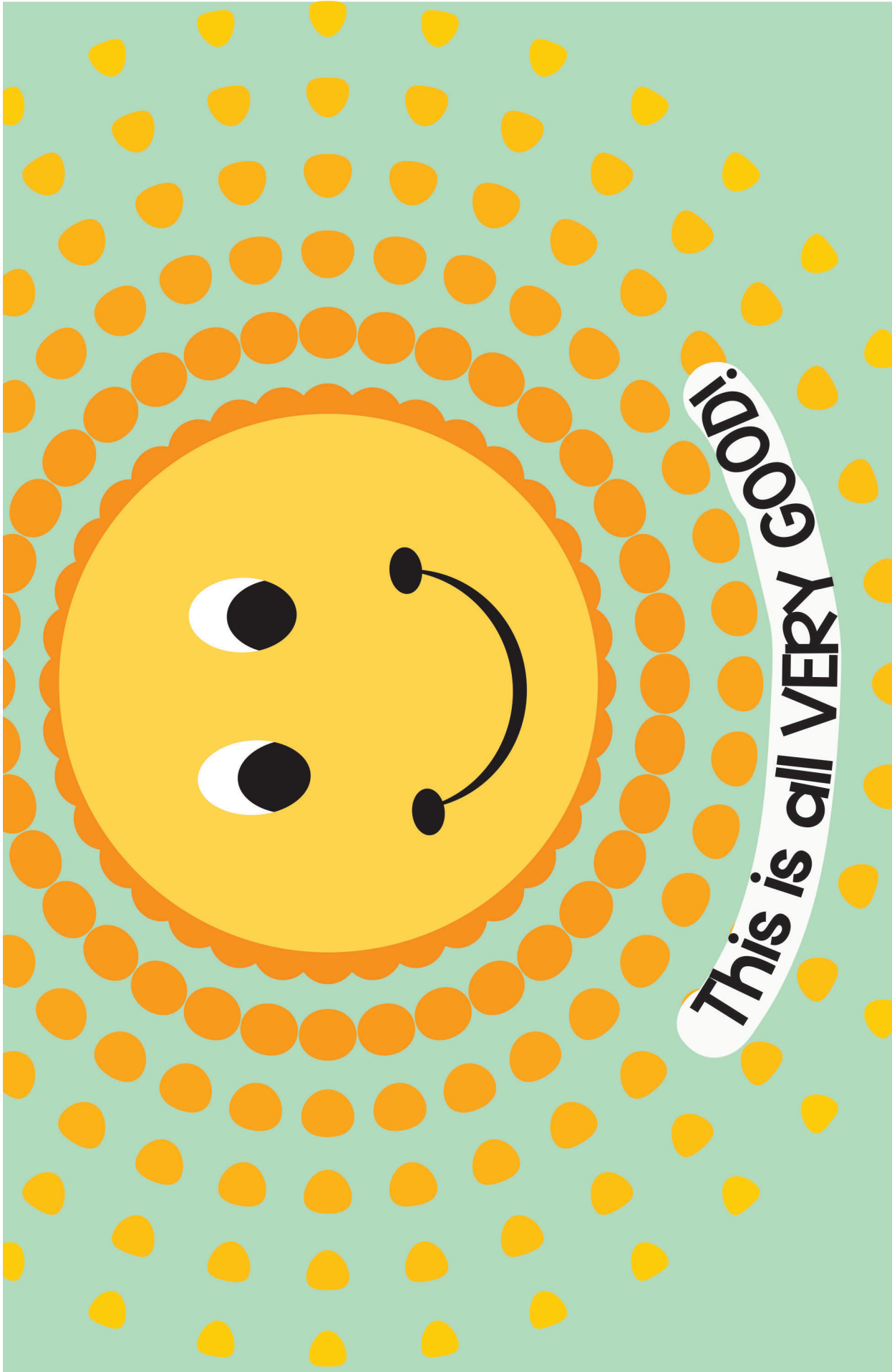


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**19. At the end of the sixth day, the LORD was done creating everything He had planned.**

**He looked at it all and He was very pleased. It was all good. It was all VERY GOOD. There was no sin in it. It was just right. It was perfect for His good plans.**

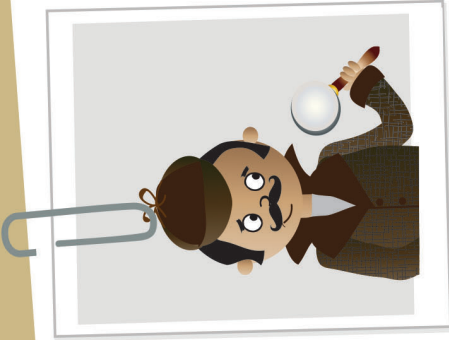
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## DDD 5.1 Simple Story Scenes

# "The Case of the Big Nothing" Genesis I



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2. Who changed the big nothing into something? What did He change it into?

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 44:24, NIV

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

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2. What did the LORD use to stretch out the heavens and spread out the earth? His powerful word. He spoke and it came to be!

For You and Me:

God created the heavens and the earth to be a wonderful display of His goodness. He created people with a special heart to know and love Him, and to see and enjoy His goodness, as they lived in His creation. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you! He loves to do this!

## DDD 5.1 Simple Story Scenes

Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good...  
God made everything good in heaven and earth!

# The Gospel



How wonderful life would have been, if people had kept on loving God as He created them to! How wonderful life would have been, if nothing bad had ever come into God's good world!

But bad things DID come into God's good world. People have not kept on loving or obeying God, have they? Why, even you and me, we disobey God. We do bad things. And now, we all deserve God's punishment. This is such sad news.

But there's good news, too. God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross, taking all the punishment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them. Now, God will forgive all who turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. That's how we can become God's people.

If we do, what a wonderful beginning that will be! We will get to know God in our hearts, now. And one day, we will get to live with Him in heaven forever.



## DDD 5.1 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being the Good Maker of all things in the beginning.

C God, You made people good in the beginning, but we have all chosen to disobey You. We do not take care of the good things You made for us to enjoy. We do not love others as You want us to. We do not love You as we should. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, and people. Thank You most of all, for making us in Your image, so we can know You and see how wonderful You are in everything we see around us.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see how wonderful You are when we look at all that You have made. Help us to take good care of the world You've given us. Most of all, help us to know You and live for You, as You created us to.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## DDD 5.1 Simple Story Scenes

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Visual Aids**

**Unit 5,**

**Bible Truth 2**

## 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.

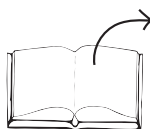
### What Do They Include?



**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 5: God, the Good Creator**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good!

**Unit Bible Verse:** “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:1,31

**Bible Truth 2 Concept: God Made All Things Good... God Made People in a Special Way**

When God made people, He made them good, just like everything else that He made. But God made them good in a special way—in a way that was DIFFERENT from everything else He created. God gave people a living spirit, a bit like His.

It is with this special spirit that all people—even you and I—can enjoy God in a way no other creature can. With our spirit we can look at what God made and see how wonderful He is. With our spirit we can know and love God, and go on knowing and loving Him forever and ever, because this spirit will never die. Everyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior, gets to have special closeness with God in their spirit right now. And one day, they will go to live with Him, loving and knowing Him forever. What an amazing gift God gave us when He made us with a spirit!

**Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Genesis 1:26,27**

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image’... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

**Learn a Little:** God created man in his own image... male and female he created them.”

**Meaning**

Man, male and female: those are all words for men and women, boys and girls. The Bible tells us that God made people in the beginning. He made them in His image. That means that they reflect Him in a very special way. Of all the earthly creatures, they alone were created with a spirit, like God’s Spirit, that can know and love God. God created people to be able to see God’s glory in everything He made. And, He created them to care for the world He created as caretakers under Him.

**Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being our Good Creator. You made people, in the beginning.
- C** God, You made people to know and love You with the spirit You gave them. But we all have disobeyed You. We have all chosen to not love You. We have lost the gift of knowing You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, and people. Thank You most of all, for making us in Your image so we can know You and see how wonderful You are in everything we see around us.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Help us to know You and love You with the spirit You put inside us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we might live for You and enjoy You forever. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 2 Story**

**The Case of the Clay Creation** *Genesis 1,2*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

Big Q & A 5 Song

Big Question 5 Song: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Big Question 5 Bible Verse Song: God Saw All He Had Made Genesis 1:31, NIV 1984

Big Question 5 Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful, vs.1,2

Big Question 5 Praise Song: Days of Creation

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Then God Said Genesis 1:26,27, NIV 1984

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

**The Case of the Clay Creation***Nothing Genesis 1,2***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 Clay Creation. 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 made out of clay?**
- 2. How did he come to life?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Genesis 1:26,27**

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image.'... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

I need to know:

- 1. How did God make man (people) in His own image?**
- 2. How did God make people in a way that was different from all the other earthly creatures?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a bunny; a horse; a doctor; a rib; a special heart; and, a magic hat.

*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 did God create with a special ability to praise Him, know Him and love Him?**

**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 Clay Creation** *Genesis 1,2*

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

**What a lot happened in the first, six days of the world!**

**God made the heavens and the earth. He made light and darkness, sun, moon and stars. He made the seas filled with fish, the skies filled with soaring birds, and the land filled with every plant and animal you can think of. What a very busy place earth had become!**

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**But someone was missing. Someone very special. Someone who was at the very center of all God's plan for the world. Do you know who it was?**

*Can you tell me?*

**Why, it was people, of course!**

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**God's plan for the beautiful world He made would never be complete without people. THEY were whom He planned it for, that they might know and enjoy it, and Him, the God who made it all!**

**So, God made people. He took some of the clay dirt from the ground and He formed it into a man. Adam! Then, God breathed into Adam's nose the breath of life, and the man became alive.**

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**Now, God made cats, and dogs, and kangaroos, and all the other animals, living creatures with bodies. He made all the birds, fish, and creepy-crawly creatures living creatures with bodies, too. That's why they could meow, and woof, and leap, and fly, and swim, and wriggle, right?**

**God made Adam a living creature in this way, too. He gave Adam a body that could jump, and run, and dance, and do so many other wonderful things.**

**But, God put something INSIDE Adam's body that made him alive in another, very special way. Alive in a way unlike any other creature. Alive in a way that made people (and only people) a bit like God, Himself.**

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*Do you know what the something special God would put inside of people?*

**God made Adam with a living spirit: a special heart that could know and love God, and know and love other people. A special heart that could SEE the greatness and goodness of God in everything God had made. Can you guess how long this special spirit would live?**

*Can you guess?*

**Forever and ever! Yes, that's right! This spirit would never die, no matter what! This spirit God gave people was very special, indeed. It's how God made people in His image. God is spirit, and He gave people a spirit, too. This is what makes us a one-of-a-kind picture of God. And, it's why we can know and love God in a way no other creature on earth can.**

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

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So, when God made Adam, Adam opened his eyes, and he saw the beautiful things God had made, and he was **AMAZED!**

He was amazed at all the furry animals, the chirping birds, the buzzing insects, and the flopping fish. Amazed at the lovely, green trees with delicious fruit, and the wonderful smell of the colorful flowers. Amazed at the warm sun that shone brightly at day; and, the soft light of the moon and twinkling stars at night. What beautiful things God had made! And most amazing of all, was knowing God inside his special heart. Adam talked with God. He loved God and obeyed Him. And Adam was so very, very happy.

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Adam was happy, but something wasn't quite right. He was all alone. He wanted another creature to live with him. So, God brought all the creatures to Adam to name them and let him see if one of these creatures was what he wanted. Animals like lions, dogs, monkeys, lizards, horses, and cats; bears, chickens, kangaroos, ladybugs, and many more, were paraded in front of him. They all came to Adam, and he named them all.

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But one after one, Adam looked at them and shook his head. None of them was right to be a special someone for him. Did God forget something? Had He made a mistake?

*What do you think?*

No, God didn't make a mistake. He didn't forget anything. God knew Adam would long for someone else. God had even made Adam this way. God knew just exactly whom Adam needed, and He was about to give him that special creature.

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God took Adam and put him into a very deep sleep. And while Adam was sleeping, God took a rib from Adam's side and formed it into a woman--Eve. God gave her the same, special heart that He had given Adam.

When Adam woke up, there the woman stood in front of him. Adam was so pleased! Here was just the right helper and friend for him! She was like him, yet different, too. They could love each other and love God together. They could talk together and share all the wonderful things God had created.

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God gave the happy man and woman jobs made just for them: "Have a family and fill the earth with people," God commanded. "Take care of all the creatures. Rule over all the earth. Explore it and make it all into your home."

"Obey Me and love Me," God told them. "If you do, you will always have wonderful, special closeness together, with Me and with each other, and you shall live happy in this beautiful place forever," He told them.

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How wonderful that first day together must have been for Adam and his wife, Eve! They could enjoy everything together: God's creation around them; the love they had for each other; and best of all, that wonderful, special closeness with God, deep in their hearts.

**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 made out of clay?** Man was.

**2. How did he come to life?** God breathed breath into him. God also gave him a living spirit that would never die.

**For You and Me:**

People are God's most special creation. God created us with a spirit, so we can know Him, love Him, and enjoy Him. And, so we see and enjoy His goodness, as we enjoy and explore all of His creations. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Genesis 1:26,27**

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image'... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

I need to know:

**1. How did God make man (people) in His own image?** He gave them a living spirit to know and love Him and each other. He made them able to see His goodness and beauty in all of His creations.

**2. How did God make people in a way that was different from all the other earthly creatures?**

None of the other creatures could know and love Him the same way because they did not have this special spirit.

**For You and Me:**

People are God's most special creation. God created them to know Him and love Him and enjoy Him. He created them with a special heart to know and love Him, and to see and enjoy His goodness as they lived in His creation. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the

world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God 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 bunny; a horse; a doctor; a rib; a special heart; and, a magic hat.

*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 bunny, the fish, the rib, and the special heart belong.

**2. Who did God create with a special ability to praise Him, know Him and love Him?** People.

**For You and Me:**

People are God's most special creation. God created us with a spirit, so we can know Him, love Him, and enjoy Him. And, so we see and enjoy His goodness, as we enjoy and explore all of His creations. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God 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 God Made?****God Made All Things Good..****God Made People in a Special Way!**

God made everything just right in the beginning. God gave people a heart to know and love Him and see how wonderful He is as they looked at all He made. How very, very sad it is that people chose to turn away from God and disobey Him and His good ways! When they did, their hearts changed. They did not love or know God in the same, wonderful way anymore. They deserved God's punishment for their sins. But God's plans were not broken, even by our sin!

Even from before the beginning, even when there was only a BIG NOTHING, God knew what would happen and He planned to save sinful people! And so, He did. At just the right time, God sent Jesus, His very own, dear Son, to suffer and die on the cross, taking their punishment for sins. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had beaten sin and death. Now, all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, will be forgiven their sins. God will give them new hearts to know and love Him. And one day, when they die, they will get to live with Him. And that new place where they will live with Him will be even more wonderful than the beautiful heaven and earth God made in the beginning! We can live there with God, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being our Good Creator. You made people, in the beginning.
- C** God, You made people to know and love You with the spirit You gave them. But we all have disobeyed You. We have all chosen to not love You. We have lost the gift of knowing You. We need a Savior!
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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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



# Can you tell me what God made?



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# #1

## Big Question Briefcase

of BQB

**ANSWER:** God made all things good!

## DDD 5 Big Question and Answer Sign

# The Big Question

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

The Big Question we are investigating today is  
Big Question Number 5:

**Can You Tell Me What God Made?**  
and the Answer is:  
**God Made All Things Good!**

## Meaning:

Did you ever wonder where everything in this world came from? All of the plants, animals and insects...the fish and birds...the sun, moon, stars and planets...the tall mountains and the beautiful oceans...the people here around us and the angels up in heaven? Did they just get here on their own? No, they did not! God made them. And when God made them, He made them good—perfect and without sin. He made them just right for His good plan for the world.

What was God's good plan for the world? He planned for everything He made to show us what He's like so we could know delight in how wonderful He is.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

## Big Q & A 5 Song

*DDD NIV Songs 5, track 12  
(adapted version of "London Bridge Is Falling Down")*

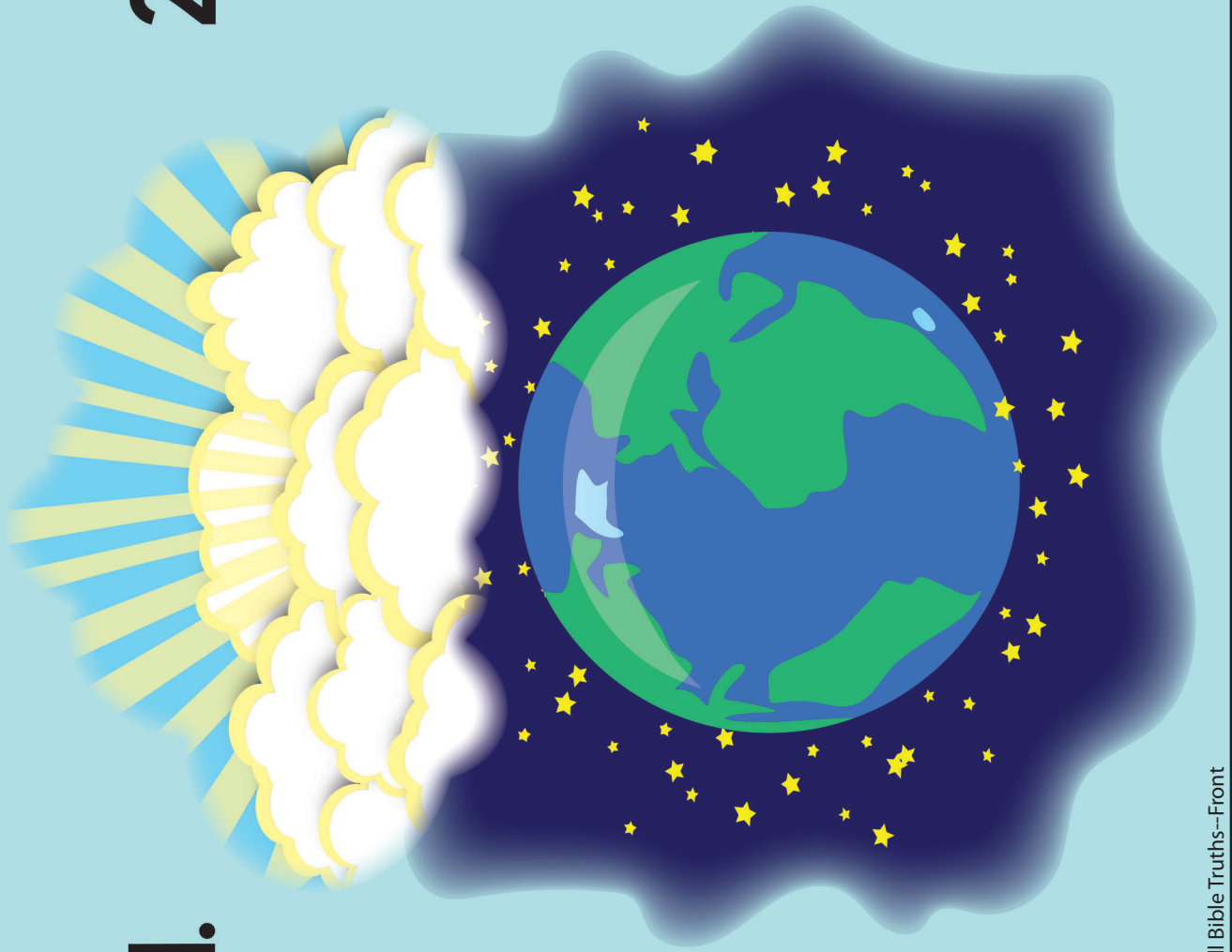
Can you tell me what God made?  
What God made, what God made?  
Can you tell me what God made?  
God made all things good!

# BIG QUESTION 5: Two truths about what the LORD made

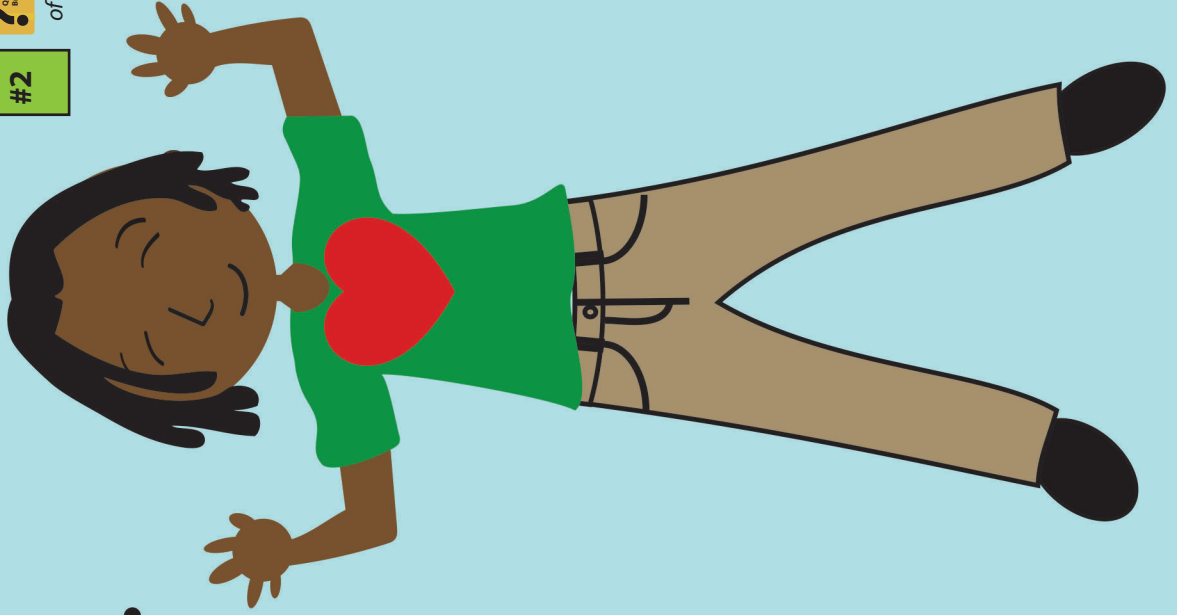
Visual Aid #2

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Big Questions  
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## This Unit's Bible Truths

"God made all things good" 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 TWO Bible truths that all tell us more about the good things that God made.

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

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

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

"Ok, we've learned one truth about the LORD. It's this one: "He Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth" (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 four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

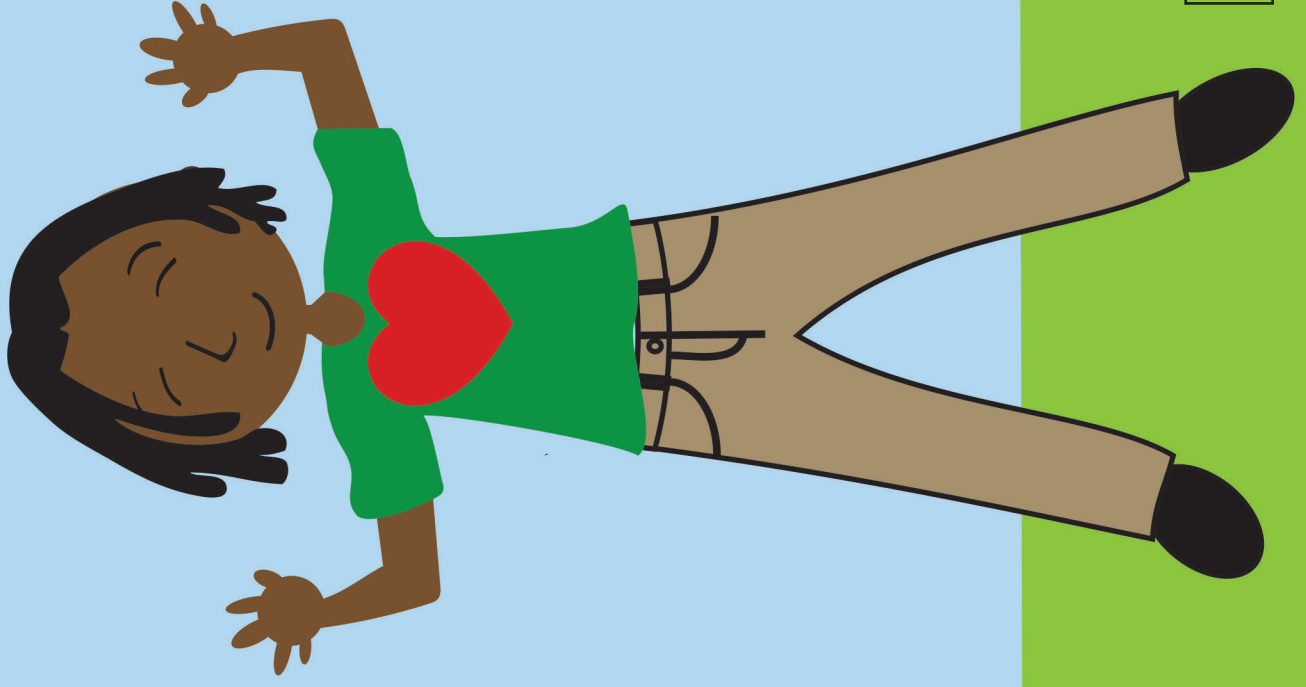
*Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.*

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2?

Can You Tell Me What  
God Made?  
God Made All Things  
Good...

He made ???  
in a special way!

HINT: "What are we called?  
It starts with an "p"  
and it rhymes with "steeple."



ANSWER:  
**He made PEOPLE in a special way!**

# 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 You Tell Me What God Made?  
God Made All Things Good!  
He Made ??? in a Special Way!"**

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What are we called? It starts with an "p" and it rhymes with "steeple."

Can you guess? It's "People."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**"Can You Tell Me What God Made?  
God Made All Things Good!  
He Made PEOPLE in a Special Way!"**

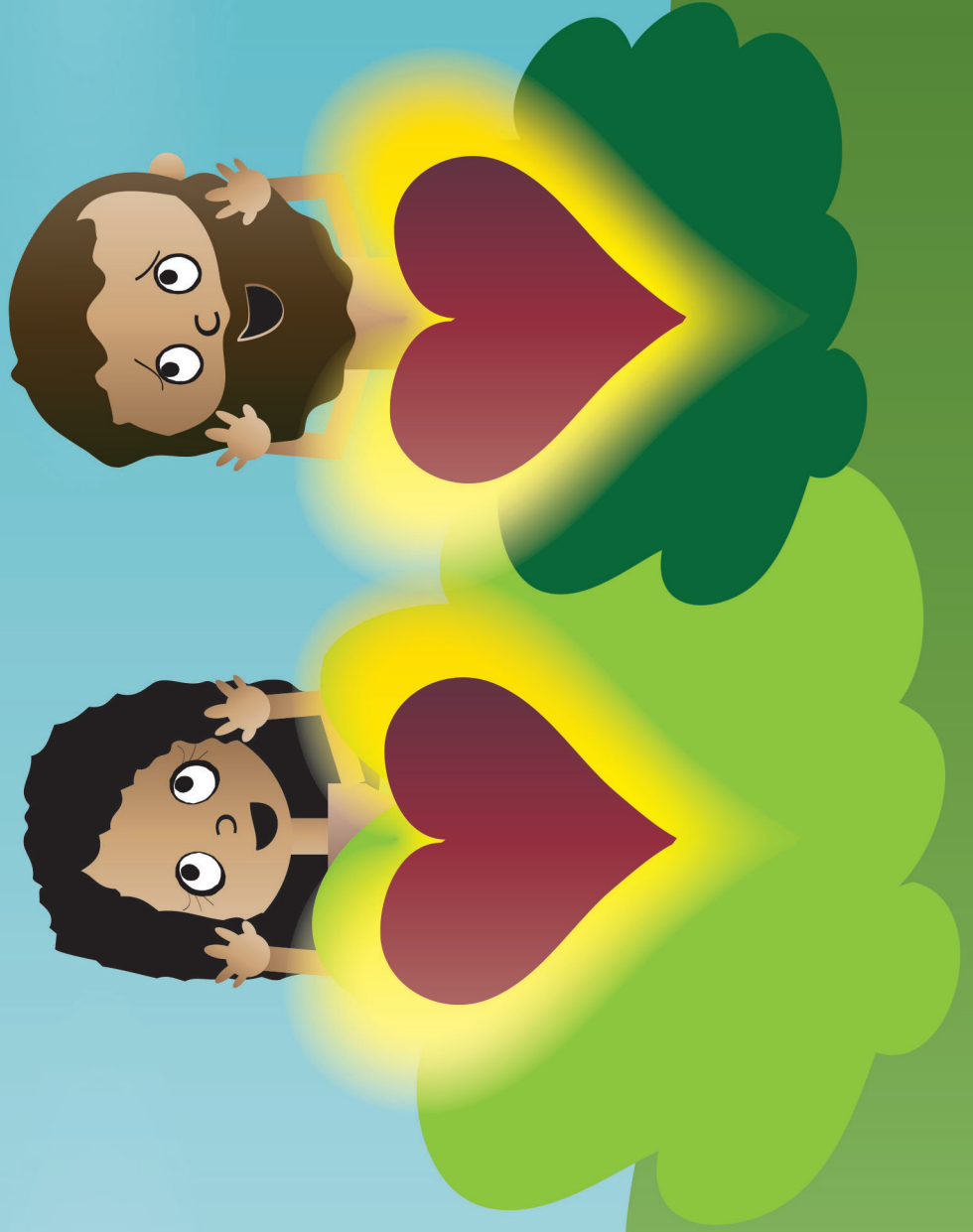
And here is what this Bible Truth means:  
*(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)*

When God made people, He made them good, just like everything else that He made. But God made them good in a special way—in a way that was DIFFERENT from everything else He created. God gave people a living spirit, a bit like His.

It is with this special spirit that all people—even you and I—can enjoy God in a way no other creature can. With our spirit we can look at what God made and see how wonderful He is. With our spirit we can know and love God, and go on knowing and loving Him forever and ever, because this spirit will never die. Everyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior, gets to have special closeness with God in their spirit right now. And one day, they will go to live with Him, loving and knowing Him forever. What an amazing gift God gave us when He made us with a spirit!

**“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image.’...**

**So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:26,27**



## Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

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

Genesis 1:26,27, tells us:

### **Genesis 1:26,27**

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image...' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

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

Man, male and female: those are all words for men and women, boys and girls. The Bible tells us that God made people in the beginning. He made them in His image. That means that they reflect Him in a very special way. Of all the earthly creatures, they alone were created with a spirit, like God's Spirit, that can know and love God. God created people to be able to see God's glory in everything He made. And, He created them to care for the world He created as caretakers under Him.

"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?"

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

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## **Then God Said:**

### **Genesis 1:26,27**

*DDD NV Songs 5, track 21*

Then God said, "Let us make man,  
Let us make man in our own image."  
Then God said, "Let us make man,  
Let us make man in our own image."  
Male and female, He created them,  
Male and female, He created them.

Then God said, "Let us make man,  
Let us make man in our own image."  
Then God said, "Let us make man,  
Let us make man in our own image."

"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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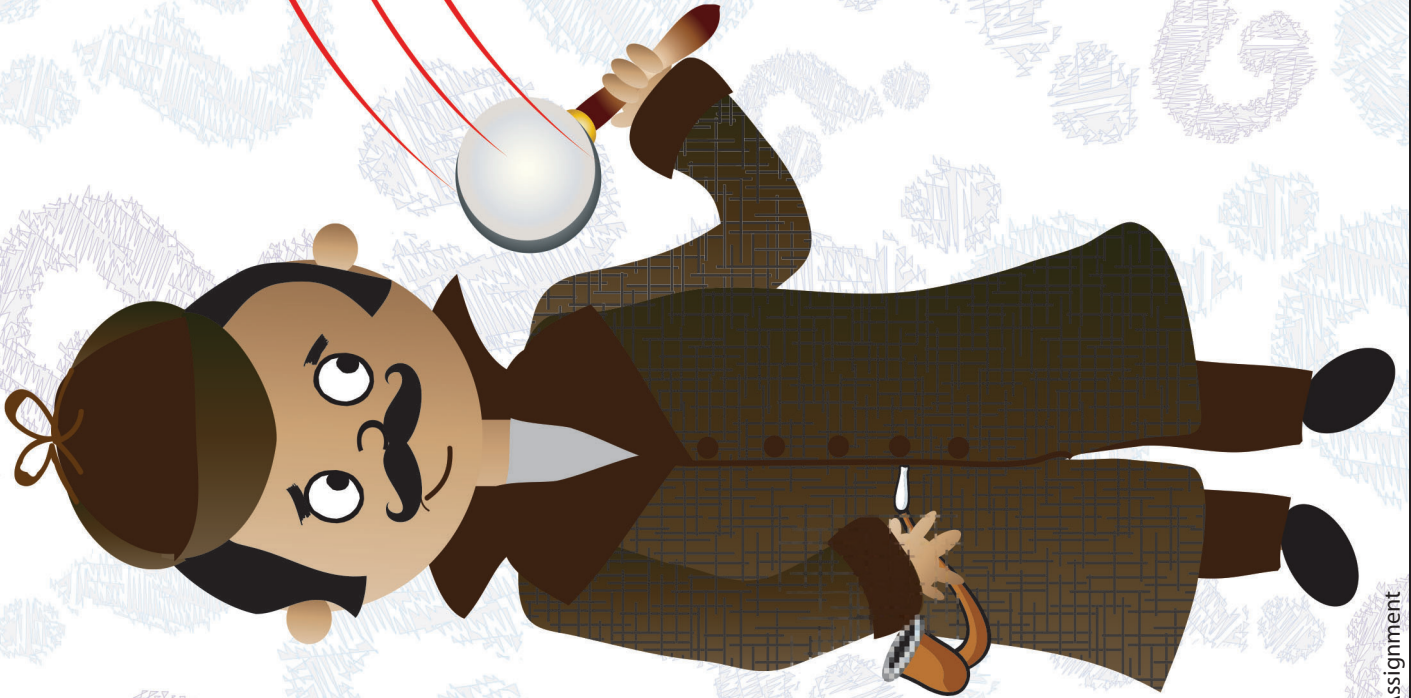


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Visual Aid



# 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 Clay Creation."

I need to find out:

1. Who was made out of clay?

AND

2. How did he come to life?

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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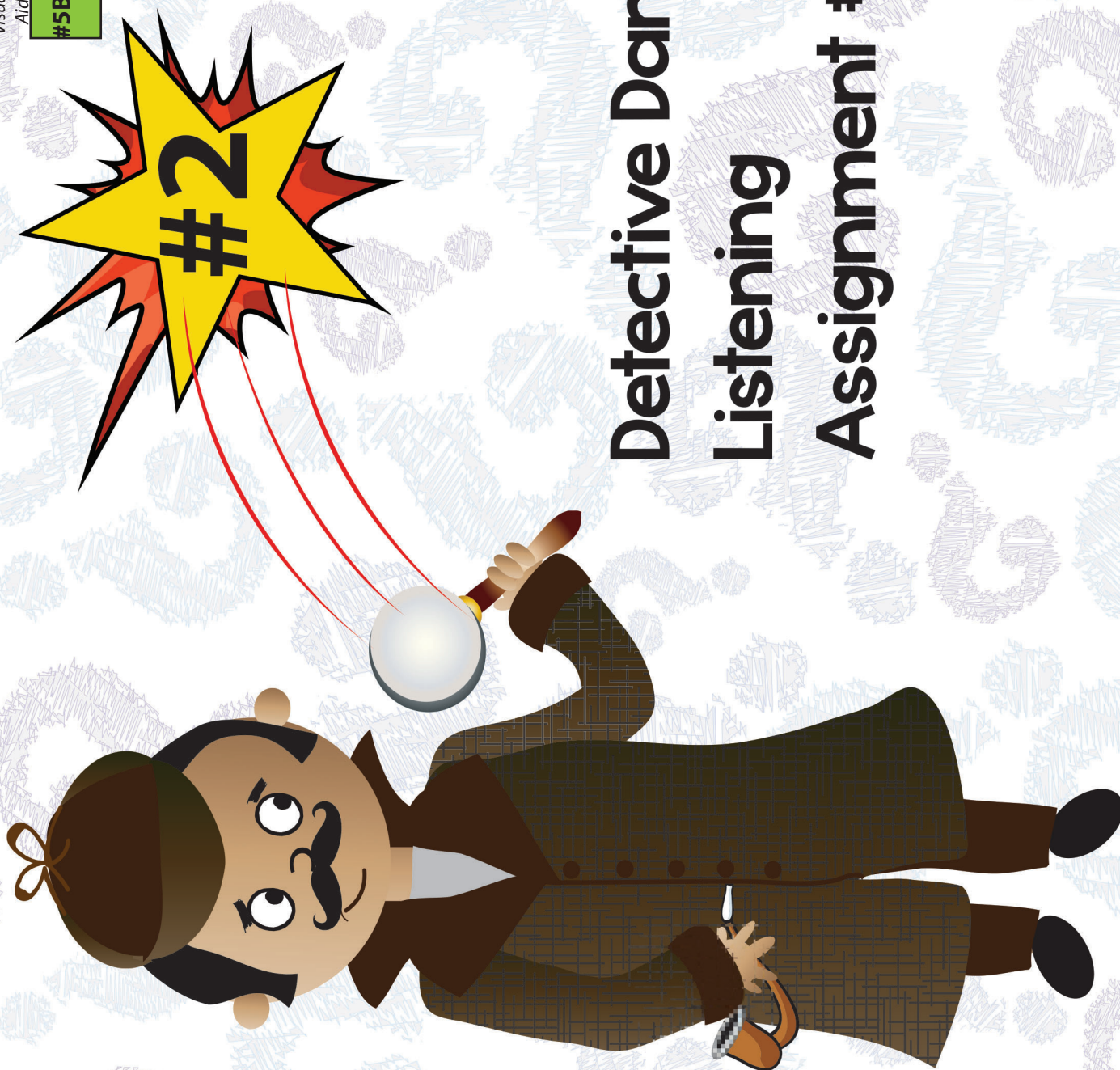
Answers:

**1. Who was made out of clay?** Man was.

**2. How did he come to life?** God breathed breath into him. God also gave him a living spirit that would never die.

**For You and Me:**

People are God's most special creation. God created us with a spirit, so we can know Him, love Him, and enjoy Him. And, so we see and enjoy His goodness, as we enjoy and explore all of His creations. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.



# 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 Clay Creation."

Our Bible verse is Genesis 1:26,27:

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image.'... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

I need to find out:

1. How did God make man (people) in His own image?

AND

2. How did God make people in a way that was different from all the other earthly creatures?

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

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Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is: Genesis 1:26,27**

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image.'... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

**1. How did God make man (people) in His own image?** He gave them a living spirit to know and love Him and each other. He made them able to see His goodness and beauty in all of His creations.

**2. How did God make people in a way that was different from all the other earthly creatures?** None of the other creatures could know and love Him the same way because they did not have this special spirit.

**For You and Me:**

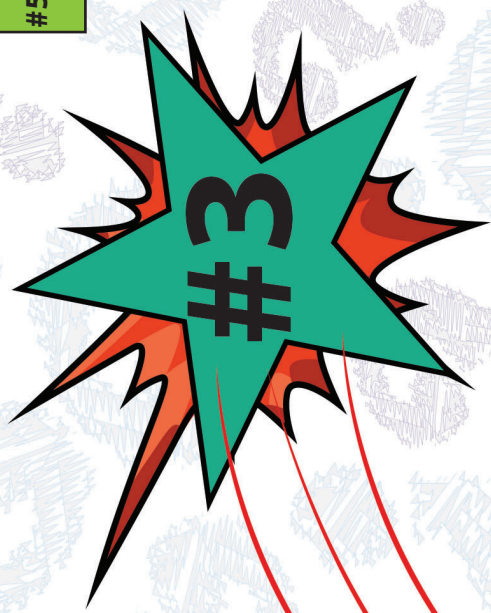
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



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

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.  
They are: a bunny; a horse; a doctor; a rib: a special heart; and, a magic hat.

*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 did God create with a special ability to praise Him, know Him and love Him?

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 the story and which two don't? The bunny, the fish, the rib, and the special heart belong. The doctor and the magic hat do not.
2. Who did God create with a special ability to praise Him, know Him and love Him? People.

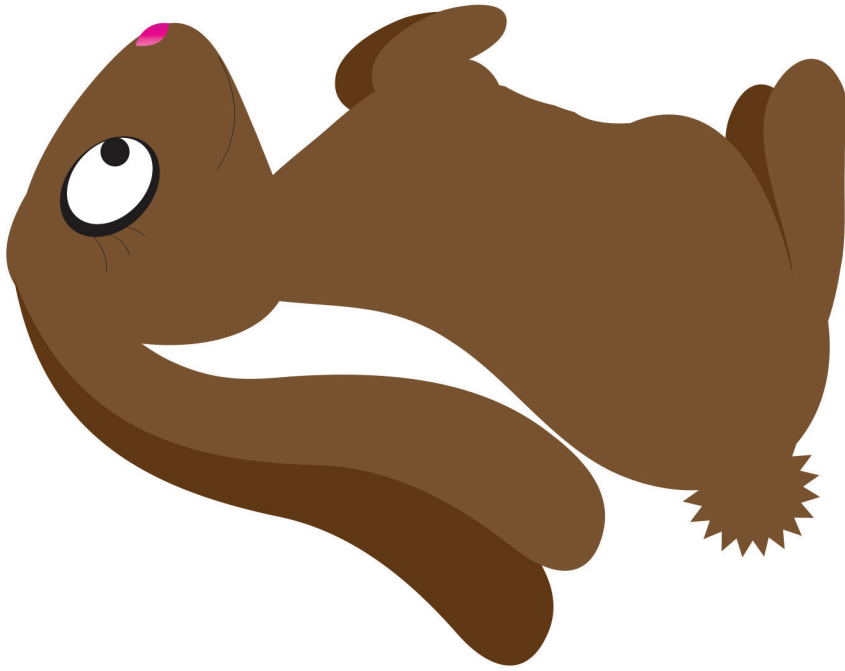
**For You and Me:**

The people of Israel turned away from worshipping Baal and returned to praise the Lord after they saw Him sent fire down from heaven. He was the one, true God. There was no other god they should ever worship besides Him! There is no god we should worship other than the Lord, too. We can start to worship Him by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer these prayers!

A Horse



A Bunny



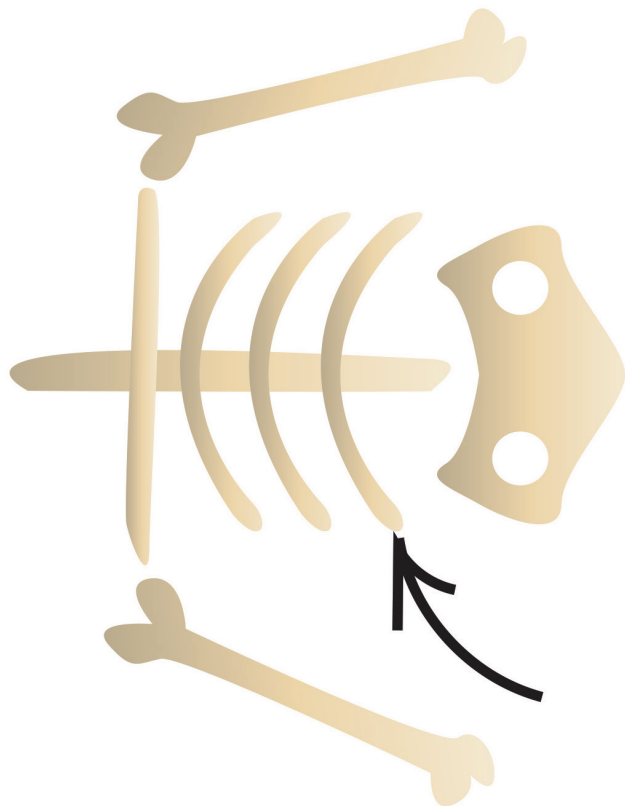


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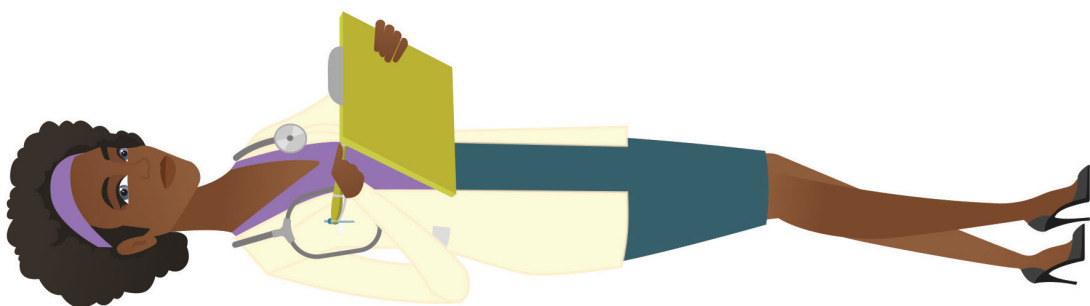


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A Rib



A Doctor



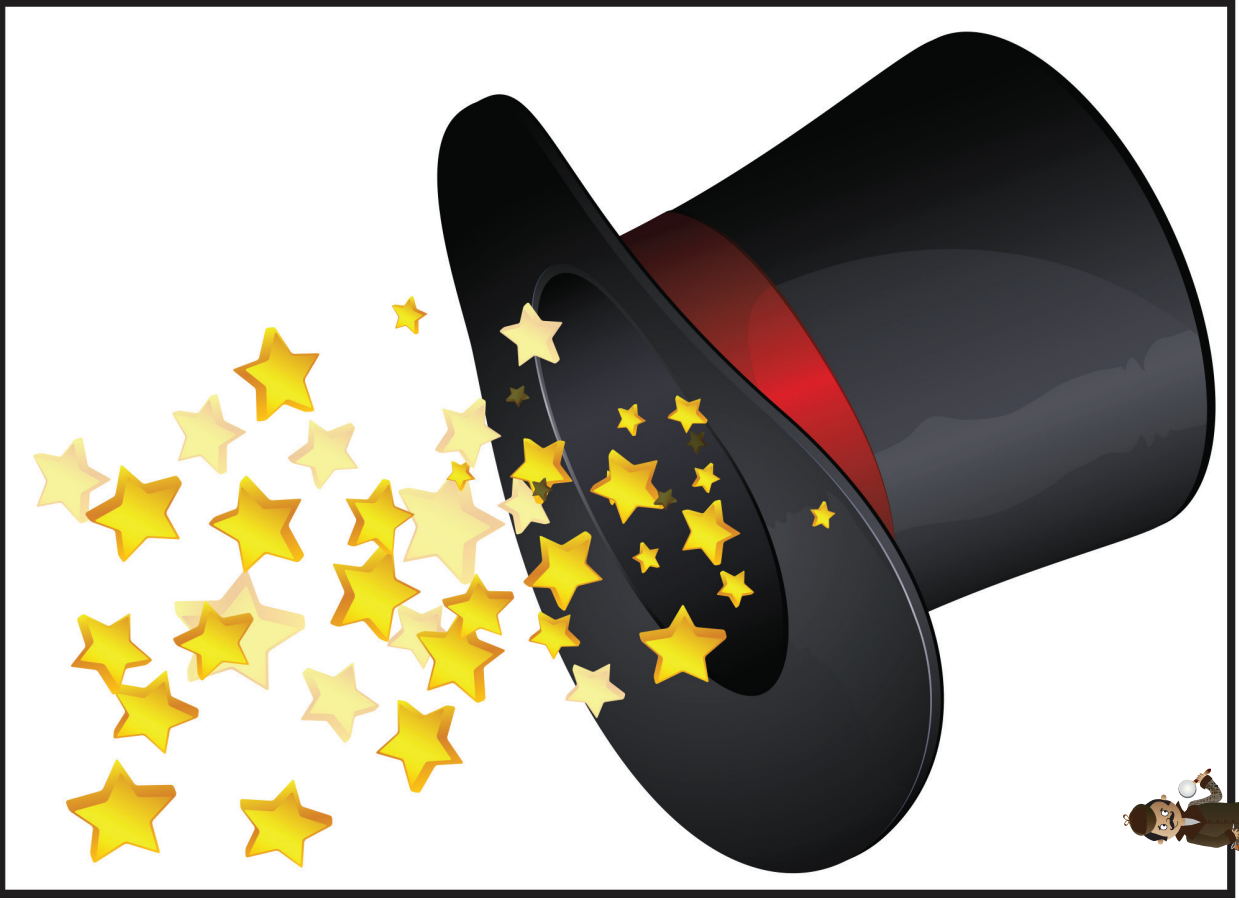


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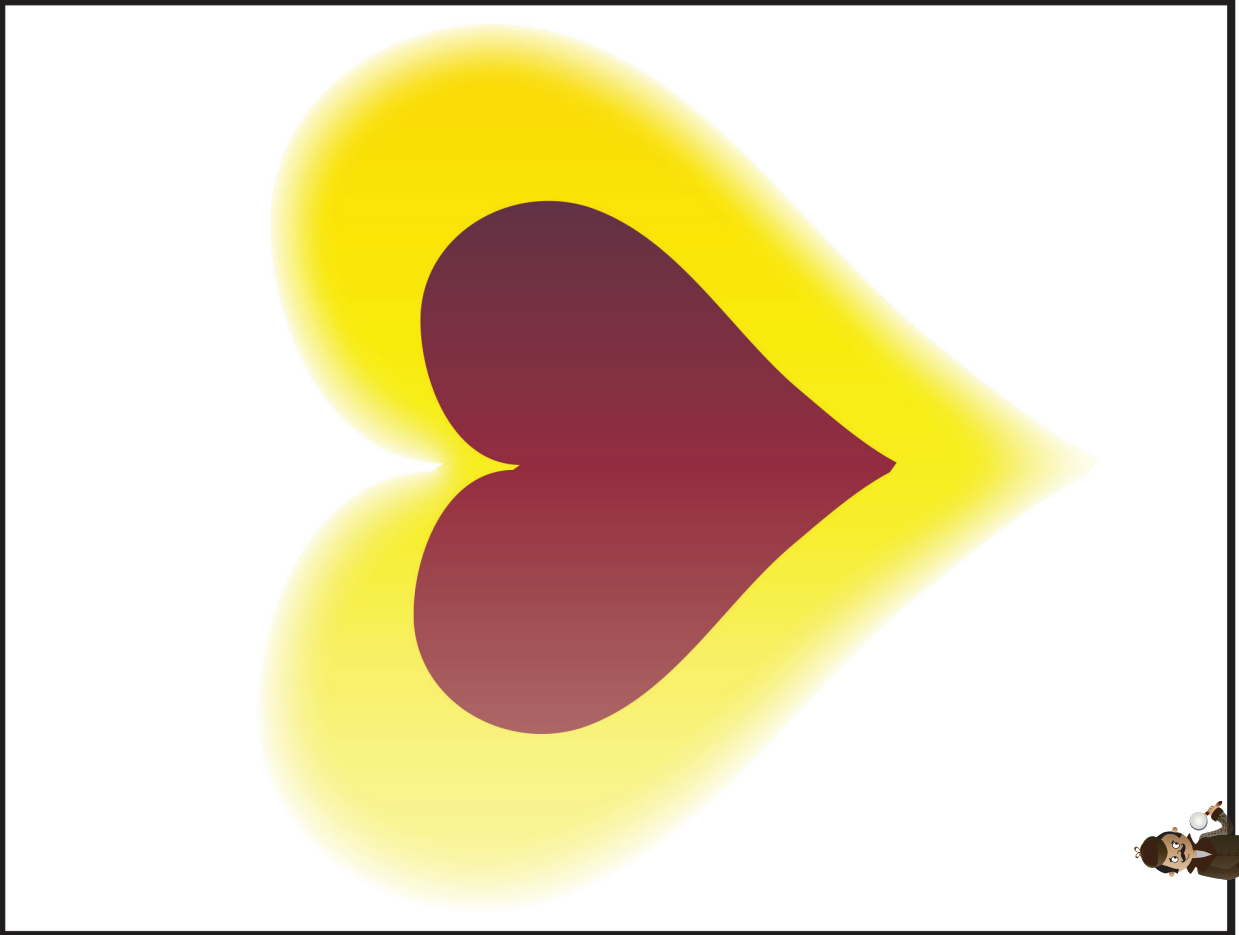


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## A Magic Hat



## A Special Heart



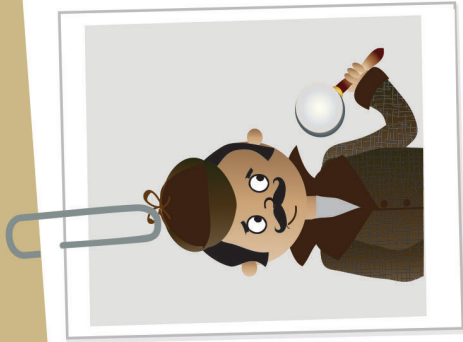


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## **“The Case of the Clay Creation”    Genesis 1,2**



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

1. Who was made out of clay?
2. How did he come to life?



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

#### **Genesis 1:26,27, NIV:**

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image.’ ... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

**1. How did God make man (people) in His own image?**

**2. How did God make people in a way that was different from all the other earthly creatures?**

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

**I. What a lot happened in the first, six days of the world! God made the heavens and the earth.**

**He made light and darkness, sun, moon, and stars. He made the seas filled with fish, the skies filled with soaring birds, and the land filled with every animal you can think of.**

**What a very busy place earth had become!**



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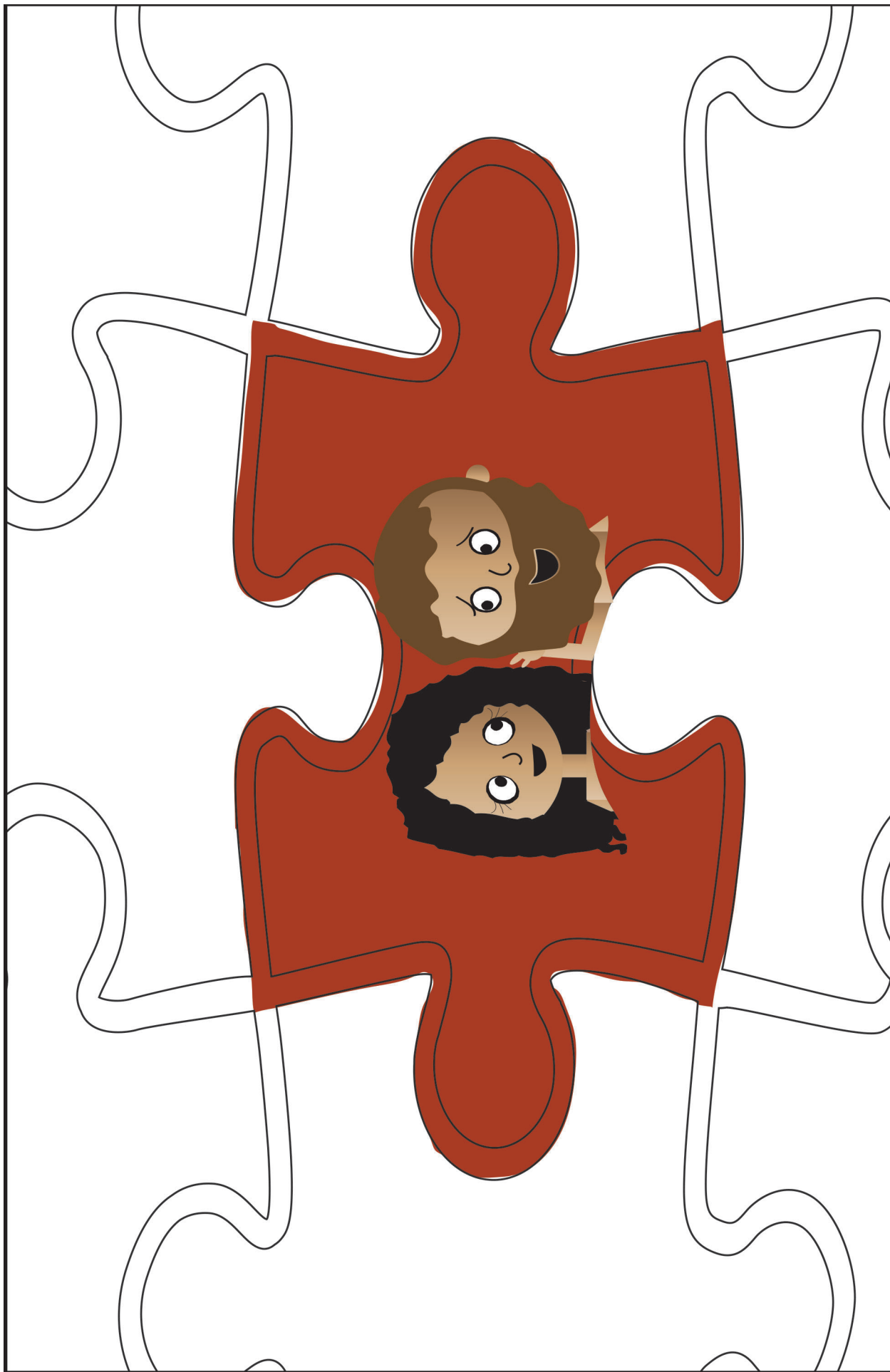
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**5. Now, God made cats, and dogs, and kangaroos, and all the other animals, living creatures with bodies. He made all the birds, fish, and creepy-crawly bugs, living creatures with bodies, too. That's how they could meow and woof, leap and fly, swim and crawl, right?**

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**God made Adam with a living spirit: a special heart that could know and love God, and know and love other people. And with this heart, Adam could SEE the greatness and goodness of God in everything God had made.**

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# FOREVER

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**8. So, when God made Adam, Adam opened his eyes and he saw the beautiful things God had made, and he was AMAZED! Amazed at all the furry animals, the chirping birds, the buzzing insects, and the flopping fish. Amazed at the lovely, green trees with delicious fruit, and the wonderful smell of the colorful flowers. Amazed at the warm sun that shone brightly at day; and, the soft light of the moon and twinkling stars at night.**

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**10. But one after one, Adam looked at them and shook his head. None of them was right to be a special someone for him.**

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# GOD



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## DDD 5.2 Simple Story Scenes

# "The Case of the Clay Creation" Genesis 1,2

## SOLVED



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## DDD 5.2 Simple Story Scenes

Can You Tell Me What God Made?  
God Made All Things Good..  
God made people in a special way!

# The Gospel

God made people with a spirit so they could know and love Him, and could see how wonderful He is, as they look at all He has made. But how sad it is, that we all have chosen to turn away from God, disobeying Him and His good ways! This is how we lost our special friendship with God. Now, we all deserve God's punishment for our sins.

But God's plans were not broken, even by our sin! Even from before the beginning, God planned to save His sinful people. He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for their sins with His perfect life, as He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. God gives them new hearts to know and love Him. They are His people. And one day, they will go to live with Him in a place even more wonderful than the beautiful heaven and earth God made in the beginning. We can be God's people, too. Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!



## DDD 5.2 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being our Good Creator. You made people, in the beginning.

C God, You made people to know and love You with the spirit You gave them. But we all have disobeyed You. We have all chosen to not know You or love You. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, people, and everything else. Thank You most of all, for making us in Your image, so we can know You and see how wonderful You are in everything You have made.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Help us to know You and love You with the spirit You put inside us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we might live for You and enjoy You forever.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## DDD 5.2 Simple Story Scenes

# 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**

While you may decide to use sticky tac and stick your storyboard pictures to a white board, it is very easy to make a flannelgraph board. The advantage to the flannelgraph board is that the pictures stick very easily and there is no messing with the sticky-tac.

### **Supplies**

Large Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a 36" x 48" foamboard or corkboard (We actually use a far bigger canvas and attach it to the wall) A science project board with the two sides that fold out makes a good 36" x 48" board.

OR, Small Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a 24" x 36" (to 36" x 48)" board

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 Storyboard Pictures or Story Scenes**

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

Whether you purchase the Deep Down Detectives storyboard 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. **See note below for other simpler options for using these pictures.**

### **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

Sturdy Sheet Protectors, preferably the "Secure Top" kind, like offered by Avery

Flannelgraph pictures for the Bible stories found at [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org) with each unit's resources.

### **Directions**

1. Purchase from Amazon or download and print out the storyboard figures.

2. Cut out flannelgraph figures.

3. Laminate the figures.

**Special tip:** When laminating the big background pictures that are two (and sometimes even three or four) pieces put together, leave a small gap between the two pieces before laminating together. This small space acts like a hinge and allows you to fold up pictures without hurting them into a manilla envelope that fits 8.5" x 11" sheets of paper along with all of the smaller, regular-sized storyboard pictures.

4. If using a flannelgraph board: Stick a piece of sticky backed velcro (ROUGH SIDE) onto the back of each figure. If using sticky tack and whiteboard: simply stick a small amount of sticky tack on the back of a picture when using it. Remove and store sticky tack in airtight container.

**Note:** Instead of using all of the pictures as separate flannelgraph pieces, you can choose to use only a few (helpful to have 10 for the story review game); you can clump them onto posterboard and make them into picture scenes; or, you can simply use the Storyboard Picture Guide as a single picture. At [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org), go to DDD Bits and Pieces for a 22" x 28" poster size jpg of this picture guide if you want to create a large version.

## 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

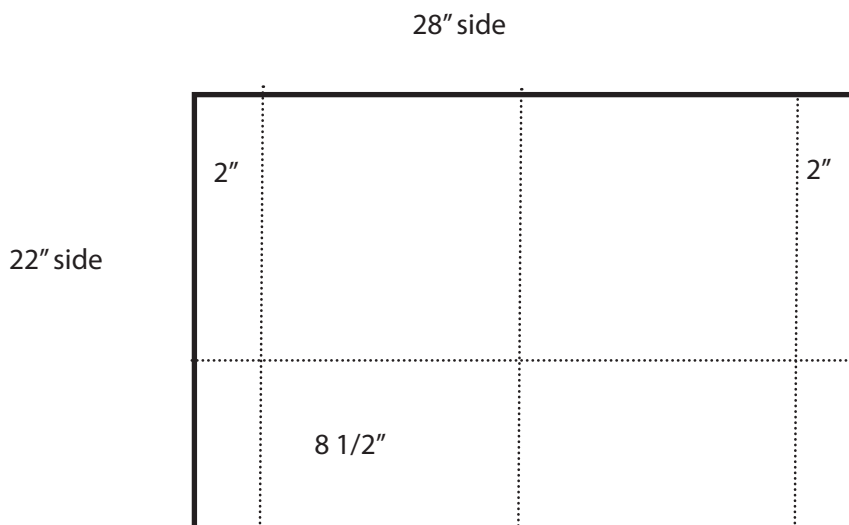
Stapler and staples or packing tape

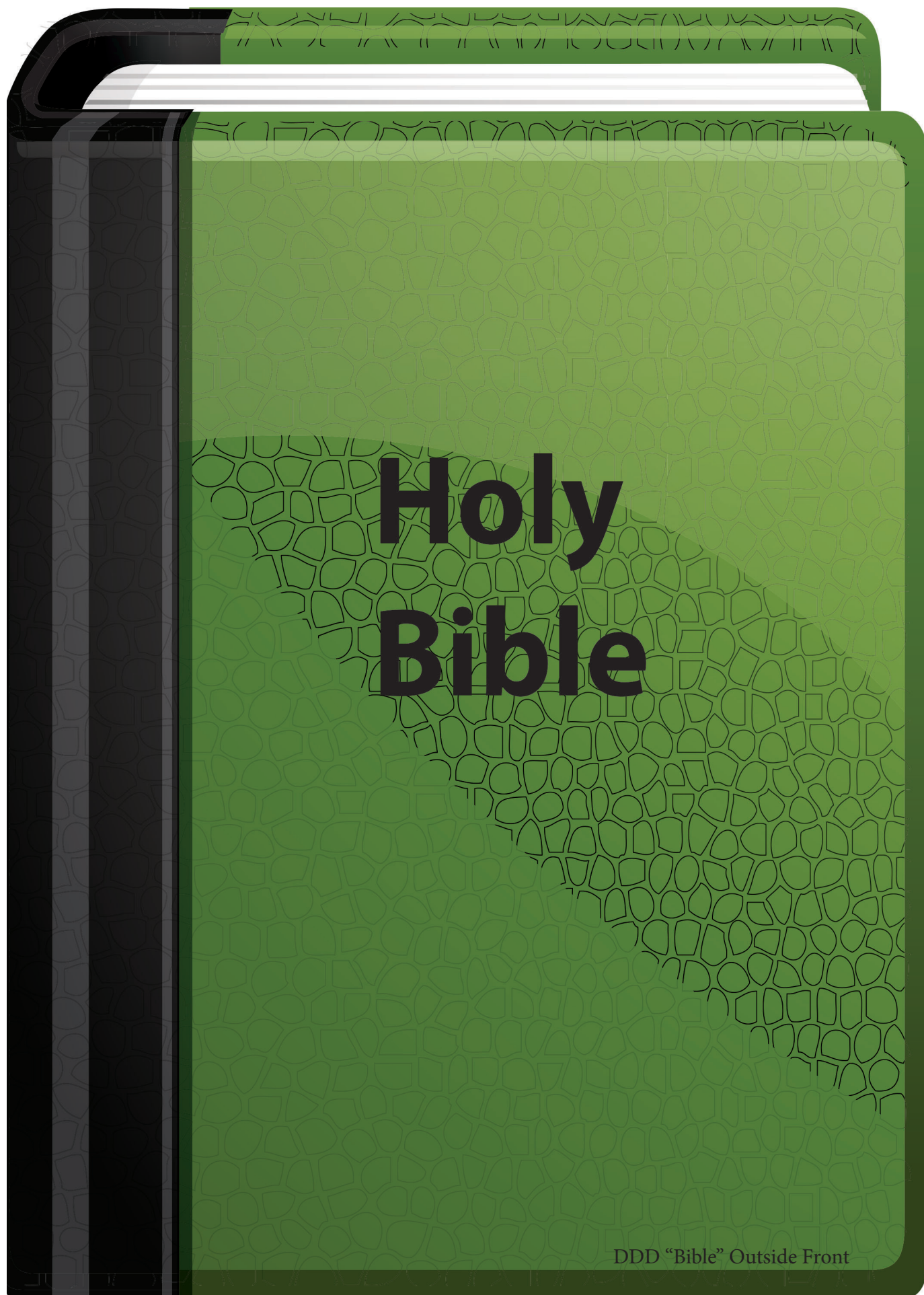
The Bible Cover pictures (see online with resources for this unit or from the back of each Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book.)

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.





DDD "Bible" Outside Front



