

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 7**

**Simple Story Scenes, ESV**



Curriculum for preschool and elementary age children,  
training tools, music and other resources  
are available for download or to order at:  
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## Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

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

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

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

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: [www.praisefactory.org](http://www.praisefactory.org).

## About the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids

### How Are They Used?



The Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book is a companion resource to be used alongside the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book for each unit. These colorful pictures are used in presenting the key concepts; telling the Bible stories; and, in playing the Bible Story Review games.

### What Do They Include?



**There are four different resources included in this book:**

**1. Key Concept Visual Aids**-- colorful signs of the Big Question and Answer, the Bible Truth, the Bible verse, and the Listening Assignments to use with the 3 lessons for each Bible Truth.

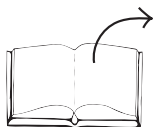
**2. The Story Scenes Placement Page**--where to place the pictures on your storyboard.

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

**5. Directions** for making the Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder and the **back/front images** to paste in place when making it. (Larger back/front images are found online with the curriculum.)

**Directions** for how to make a homemade flannelgraph storyboard and sturdy Story Scene pictures are found in the back of this book.

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



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

### Store It!



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

### Replacement Story Scene Pictures



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

### Other Options

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



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## Unit 7: The Law-Giving God

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### UNIT OVERVIEW

A law is a big rule made by someone in charge. God is our Maker. He is in charge of everyone in the whole world. He has given us His laws to live by.

God is good and loving, wise and fair. He is perfect! God's laws are just like Him. They are good and loving, wise and fair, too. They are perfect!

God's laws show us the very best way to live. They show us how to love God and love others. They are exactly what we need.

In this unit we will learn three truths about the laws God has given us.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 19:7, ESV

"The law of the LORD is perfect."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Are God's Laws Like?

**ANSWER:** God's Laws Are Perfect!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 7 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 7 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Voice

Bible Verse: Exodus 19-20, 24

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Big Ten *Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21*

Bible Verse: Exodus 16,19,20

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Rotten Innards *Luke 18:9-14*

Bible Verse: Luke 18:9-14

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: They Tell Us How to Love God and Others (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Do's and Don'ts *Matthew 5,6,22*

Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37-40



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## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7 Track Numbers

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

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

### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

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

#### Why the Extra Songs?

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

### UNIT 7: THE LAW-GIVING GOD

- 12 Big Q & A 7 Song
- 13 Big Question 7 Song: What Are God's Laws Like?
- 14 Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV
- 15 *Extra Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Is Perfect Psalm 19:7, ESV (full version)*
- 16 *Extra Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV (short version)*
- 17 Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine
- 18 Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

#### What Are God's Laws Like?

##### God's Laws Are Perfect...

#### Bible Truth 1: They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word

- 19 Bible Verse: Hear, O Israel Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21 , ESV (full version)
- 20 Bible Verse: Hear, O Israel Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21 , ESV (short version)

#### Bible Truth 2: They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us

- 21 Bible Verse: By Works of the Law Romans 3:20-23, HCSB
- 22 *Extra Bible Verse: Now We Know Romans 3:19-24, ESV*
- 23 *Extra Bible Verse: For Christ Suffered Once for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV*
- 24 *Extra Bible Verse: The Lord Looks Down Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB*
- 25 *Extra Bible Verse: All We Like Sheep Isaiah 53:6, ESV*
- 26 *Extra Bible Verse: Seek the Lord Isaiah 55:6-7, ESV*

#### Bible Truth 3: They Tell Us How to Love God and Others

- 27 Bible Verse: Love the Lord Matthew 22:37-40, ESV

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**Simple Story Scenes**

**Unit 7,**

**Bible Truth 1**

## Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

### Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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

### Give the Case Assignment

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

### Show & Tell the Story

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

### Solve the Case

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

### Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

### Close in ACTS Prayer

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

### Review Time

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

### Looking for more?

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

**Unit 7: The Law-Giving God**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "The law of the LORD is perfect." Psalm 19:7

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word!**

A law is big rule that we are supposed to obey. God told His laws to godly people long ago. These people wrote them down in the Bible, God's Word, so everyone can know them. God's Holy Spirit helped them write them down just right.

God's laws are the most important laws of all. They are rules that God wants everyone to keep. That's why God's people take time to learn God's laws and ask Him to help them obey them. They love God and want to please Him. They want to show the world what God is like by living the way He wants us to live.

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21**

"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them... You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them... You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain... Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. And you shall not commit adultery. And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness... And you shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's."

**Learn a Little:** "Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

**Meaning**

Long ago, the LORD gave the 10 Commandments and many other good laws to the people of Israel. The Israelites promised to keep them. He would be their God; they would be His people. He would bless them and take care of them. These verses are the Ten Commandments (laws) that God gave them. But even though God gave these laws to the people of Israel that day, they are laws for all of us to keep. They tell us how God wants us all to live.

**Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
- C** God, we confess that we break Your good laws. Sometimes, we do not obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. You made us to be law keepers, but we are all lawbreakers. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for giving us Your good laws, so we know how to love and obey You. Thank You for making sure they were written down just right in Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for sending Jesus to keep Your laws perfectly and make the way for people like us to be forgiven.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them. Help us to love You by living for You and keeping Your good laws.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Big Ten**

*Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 7 Song

Big Question 7 Song: What Are God's Laws Like?

Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV

*Extra Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Is Perfect Psalm 19:7, ESV (full version)*

Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine

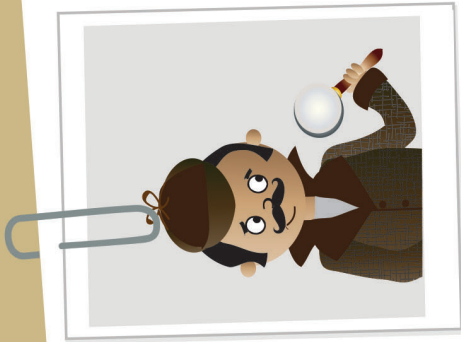
Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: Hear, O Israel Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21 , ESV

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# “The Case of the Big Ten” Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What were the “Big Ten”? What made them so big?
2. To whom did God give the “Big Ten” to obey?



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

### Deuteronomy 5:1, ESV

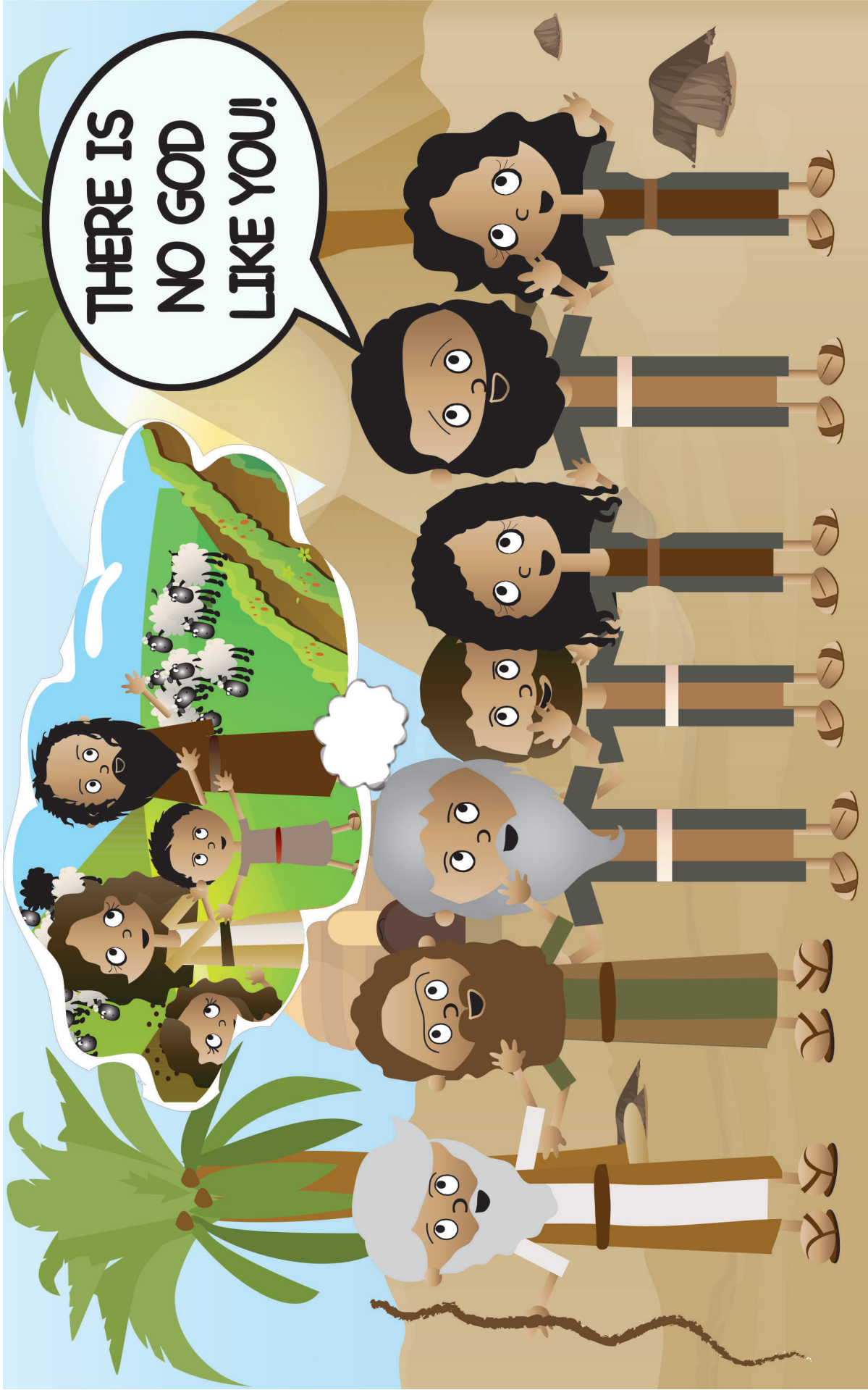
“Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them.”

1. How did God tell the people of Israel these Ten, Big Rules?
2. Why did the people need to know these rules?

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

**I. “praise the LORD! He is the great, one, true God,” the Israelites shouted. They had so much to celebrate! God had freed us from their enemies, the Egyptians. He was taking them to a new home, a very special place called the Promised Land. Moses would lead them there.**

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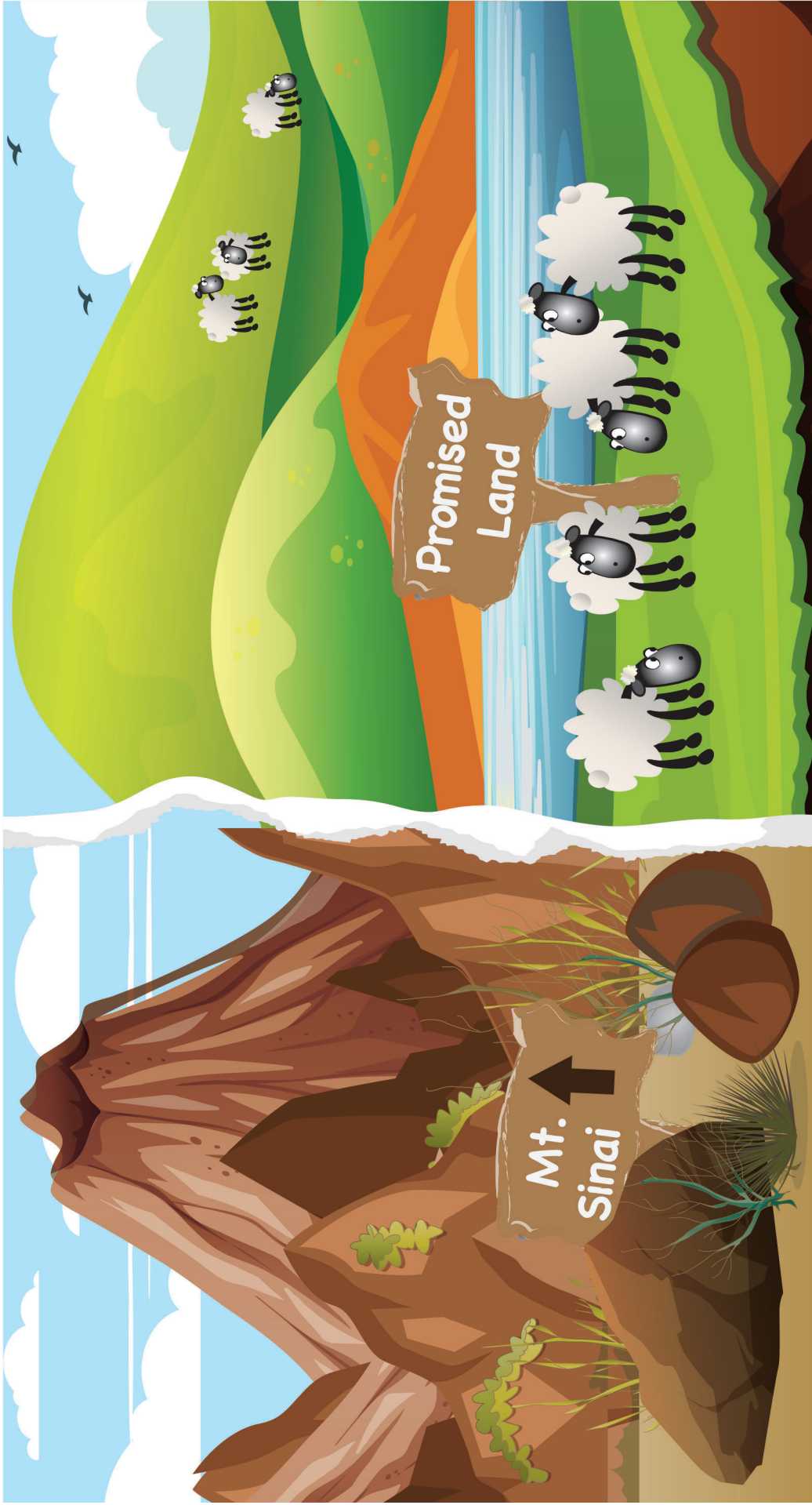
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**The LORD would promise to always take care of them and give them everything they needed. The people would promise to love and obey Him. This is how they would become God's people.**

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**This is what He said to them: "I am the LORD your God who rescued you from your enemies, the Egyptians. I want to make special promises to you. I will love you and take care of you. You will be My people. But you must make special promises to Me, too. You must keep My laws, if you are to be My people." Here are My Ten Commandments:"**



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**1. Love Me most of all.**



**3. Love Me by how you talk  
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**2. Don't worship fake gods.  
Worship only Me.**



**4. Keep a special day to  
rest and to worship Me.**



**II. “Honor your father and mother. Listen to them and obey them. Don’t murder anyone. Don’t treat someone else’s husband or wife as if they are yours. Don’t steal and don’t lie. Don’t covet. Don’t keep longing after something someone else has that you want. Be happy with what I give you.”**



**5. Love and obey your mother and father.**



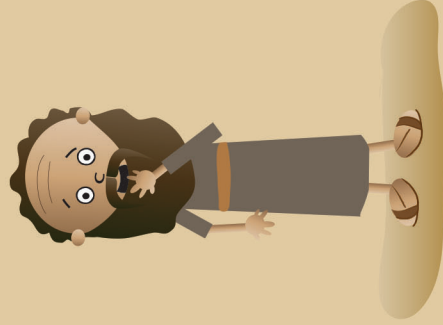
**6. Don't murder people.**



**7. Keep your promise to love only your husband/wife.**



**8. Don't take other people's things.**



**9. Don't lie.**



**10. Don't be greedy for what others have.**

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**14. Away went Moses. The people watched as again he climbed up Mt. Sinai and disappeared in the thick, dark cloud to meet with the LORD.**

**Up on the mountain, the LORD, Himself, wrote His 10 Big, Laws into pieces of stone and gave them to Moses. Then, the LORD told Moses many other laws to teach the people, so they could know how to love Him and love each other.**

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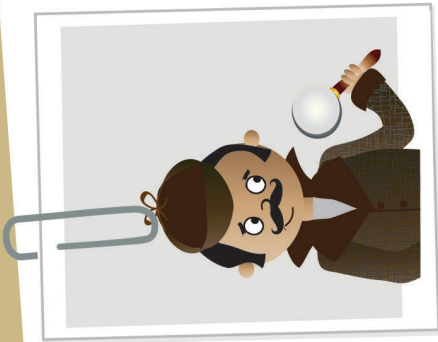


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## DDD 7.1 Simple Story Scenes



# "The Case of the Big Ten" Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What were the "Big Ten"? What made them so big? The "Big Ten" were the Ten Commandments that the LORD gave the people of Israel at Mt. Sinai that day. We call them BIG because they are so important. They are the laws behind all of the other laws the LORD would give. They tell us how to love the LORD and love each other.
  2. To whom did God give the "Big Ten" to obey? The LORD first gave them to the people of Israel, but they are laws for all of us to obey.
- For You and Me:**  
The LORD wants all of us to obey His good laws. They are for us all to live by. But sadly, we all break them. That's why God sent Jesus to save us. He, alone, kept God's laws perfectly. Jesus gave His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He delights to do this!



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Deuteronomy 5:1, ESV

"Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

1. How did God tell the people of Israel these Ten, Big Rules? He met with them at Mt. Sinai. He spoke to them, Himself, out of a dark, thick cloud from the mountain. He, Himself, wrote them down on stone tablets for them to have.
  2. Why did the people need to know these rules? They needed to know them, so they could obey them. This was part of making special promises with God to become His people.
- For You and Me:**  
All of us need to know God's Ten Commandments. God wants us to keep them if we are to be His people. But the sad truth is that none of us can ever keep God's laws as He wants us to. That's why we need a Savior if we are to be God's people. That Savior is Jesus. Jesus, God's Son, lived a perfect life. He always kept all of God's laws. Jesus gave His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He delights to do this!



## DDD 7.1 Simple Story Scenes

What Are God's Laws Like?  
God's Laws Are Perfect...

they are written in the Bible, God's Word!

God gave us His laws, so we could know how to live lives that please Him. We can read them in the Bible. But even though we know God's laws, we all disobey them. That's why we all deserve God's punishment for our sins. How sad!

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

# The Gospel



## DDD 7.1 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

**A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.

**C** God, we confess that we break Your good laws. Sometimes, we do not obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. You made us to be law keepers, but we are all lawbreakers. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You for giving us Your good laws, so we know how to love and obey You. Thank You for making sure they were written down just right in Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for sending Jesus to keep Your laws perfectly and make the way for people like us to be forgiven.

**S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them. Help us to love You by living for You and keeping Your good laws.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## DDD 7.1 Simple Story Scenes



# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Simple Story Scenes**

**Unit 7,**

**Bible Truth 2**

## Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

### Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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

### Give the Case Assignment

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

### Show & Tell the Story

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

### Solve the Case

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

### Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

### Close in ACTS Prayer

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

### Review Time

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

### Looking for more?

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

**Unit 7: The Law-Giving God**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "The law of the LORD is perfect." Psalm 19:7

**Bible Truth 2 Concept: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us!**

God made us and He is in charge of us. He expects us to obey His laws all the time. But sadly, we do not. We all are sinners with sinful, selfish hearts. We disobey God's laws. We deserve His punishment for our sins. How we have rebelled against Him and His good ways!

But God is so kind and merciful! He wants to treat us better than we deserve. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who trust in Him as their Savior. God forgives their sins and gives them special closeness with Him in their hearts. And when they die, they will go to live with Him forever in a perfect world where there will never again be any sin. Yes! They will never again sin against Him or break His good laws. They will always love Him and others as He wants them to. How wonderful that will be! Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Romans 3:20,21,22,23, HCSB**

For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law...But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Learn a Little:** "Apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe."

**Meaning**

"Righteous" is a big word that means that you are right with God. The only way we can be right with God ON OUR OWN is by obeying God's laws perfectly. But, uh oh! This Bible verse tells us that we are all sinners who break God's laws. That means we can't EVER be right with God by obeying God's laws.

But God has made a way for us to be right with Him—through His Son, Jesus. Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He kept all of God's good laws perfectly. He was righteous! And this Bible verse tells us that for all who trust in Jesus as their Savior, Jesus takes away their sins and gives His righteousness to them. That means God treats them as if they had never broken God's laws or sinned—just like Jesus! Wow! Isn't that amazing! Isn't Jesus a wonderful Savior! He can be our wonderful Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

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**Bible Truth 2 Story**

**The Case of the Rotten Innards** Luke 18:9-14

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

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Big Q & A 7 Song

Big Question 7 Song: What Are God's Laws Like?

Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV

*Extra Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Is Perfect Psalm 19:7, ESV*

Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine

Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: By Works of the Law Romans 3:20-23, HCSB

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*Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Suffered Once for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV*

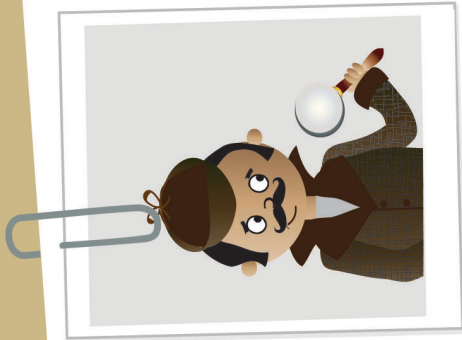
*Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: The Lord Looks Down Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB*

*Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: All We Like Sheep Isaiah 53:6, ESV*

*Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Seek the Lord Isaiah 55:6-7, ESV*

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# “The Case of the Rotten Innards” Luke 18:9-14



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

“Innards” is a funny word that means a person's insides. And in this case, it means a person's heart, meant to love and obey God.

1. Who had a rotten heart and knew it? Who had a rotten heart and DIDN'T know it?
2. What did Jesus want them all to do?



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

### Romans 3:20-22, HCSB

“For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law... But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe.”

1. Who thought they were justified (good) in God's sight? Why weren't they?
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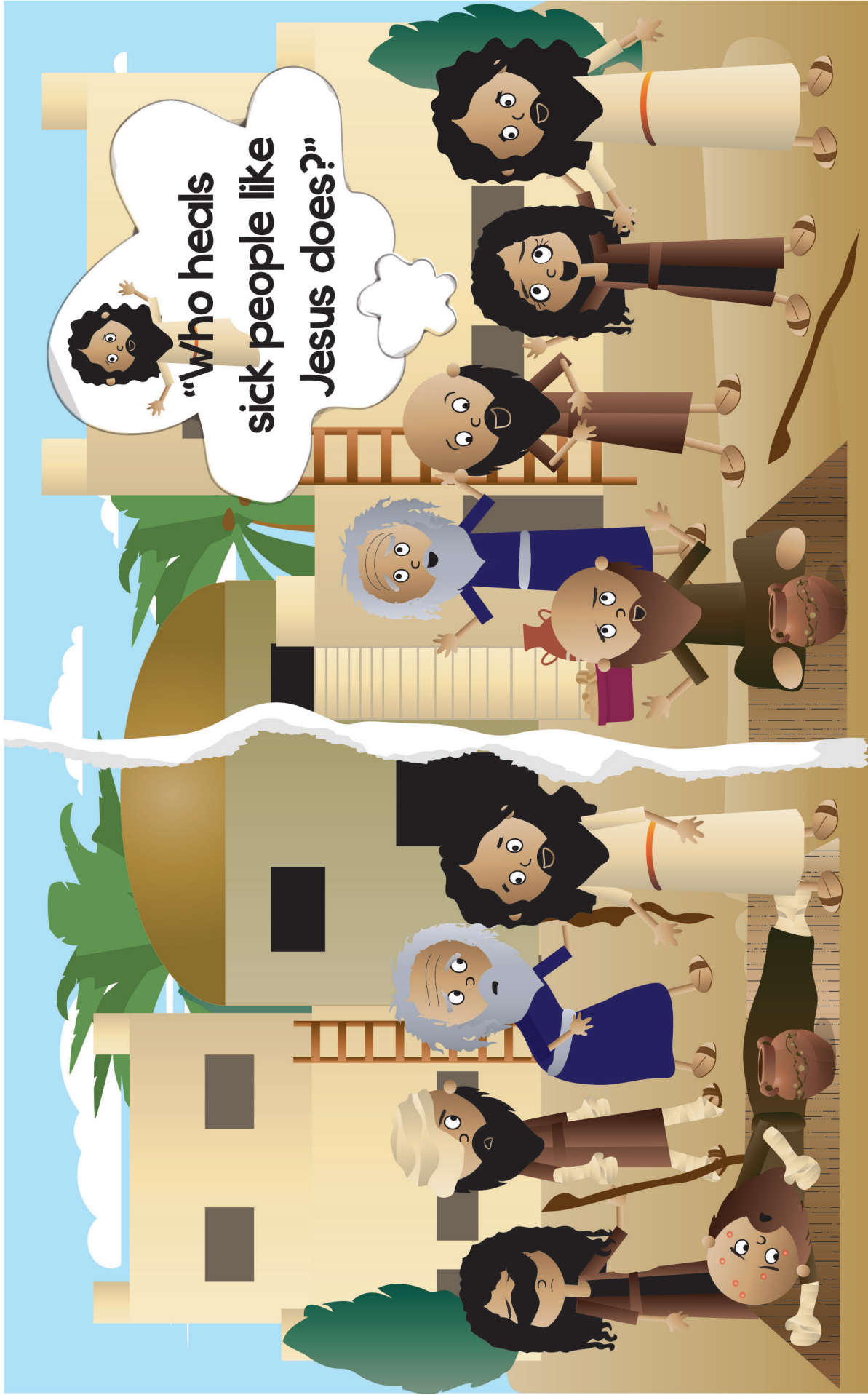
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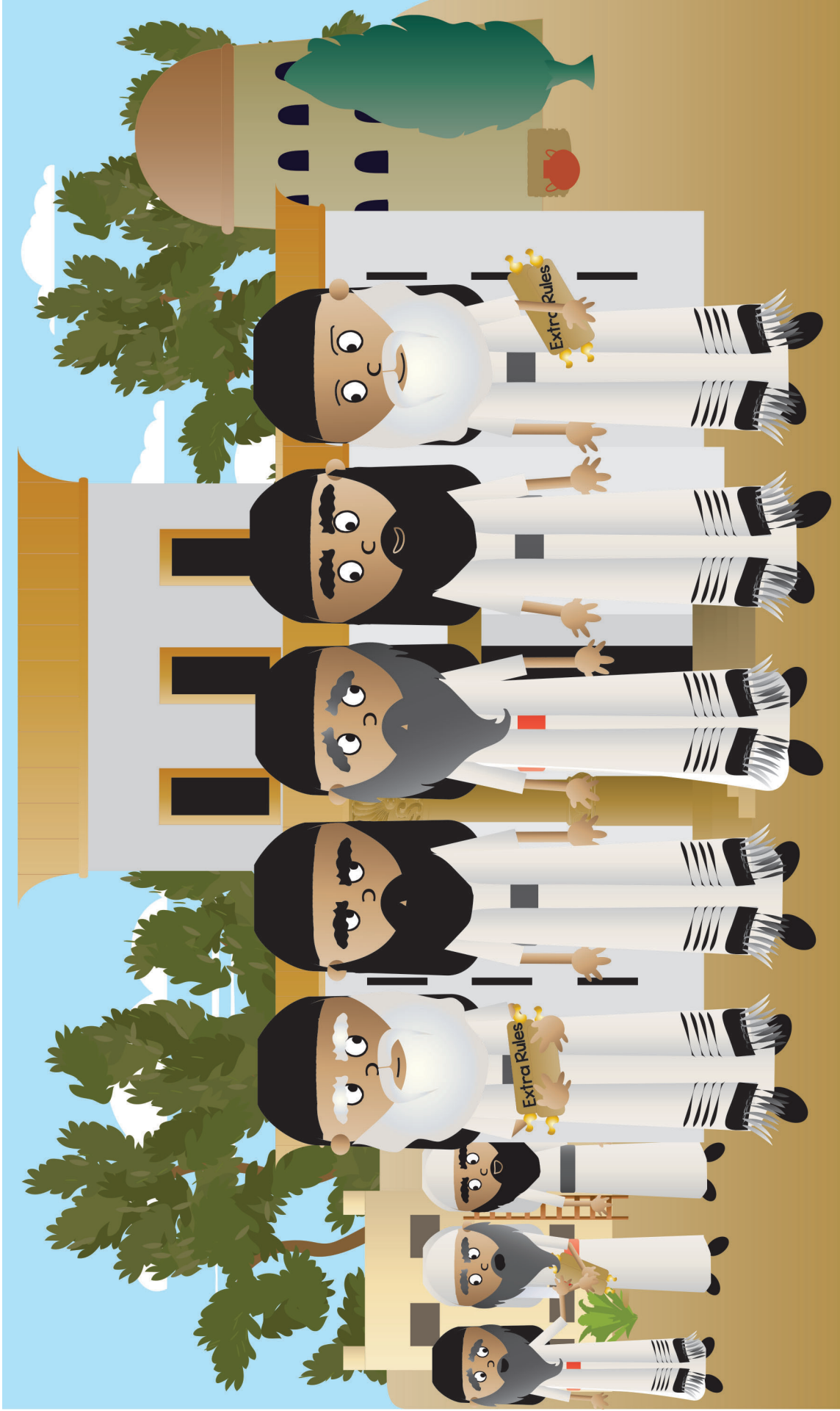
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Perfect?

The LORD

1. Love Me most of all

2. Don't worship fake gods. Worship only Me

3. Love Me by how you talk about Me and how you live

4. Keep a special day to rest and to worship Me

5. Love and obey your mother and father

6. Don't murder people

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# God's Laws

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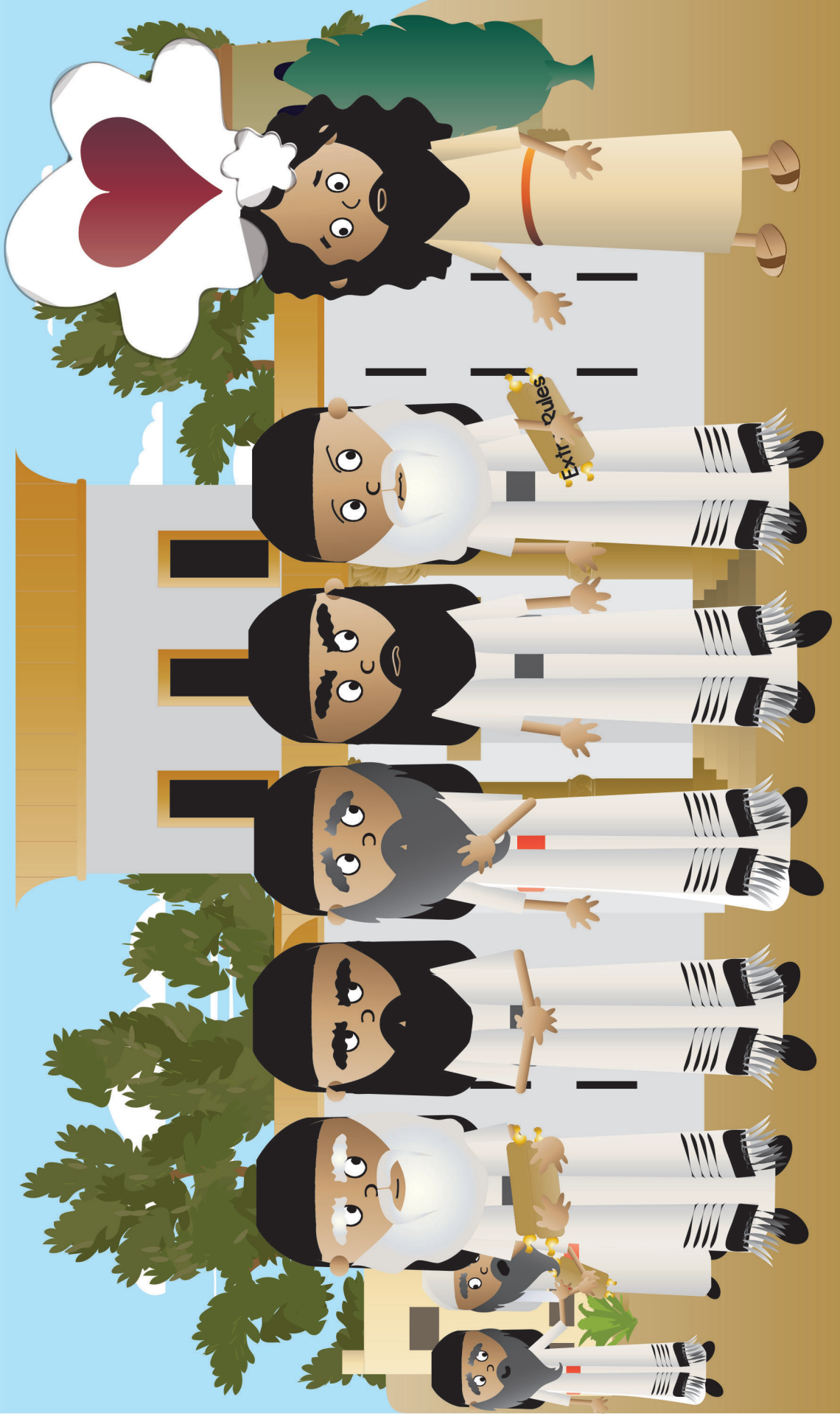




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**14. But these poor, proud Pharisees would just not see this. They were SURE that they were already good enough to please God, and they were SURE that all those other people who came to Jesus were not.**

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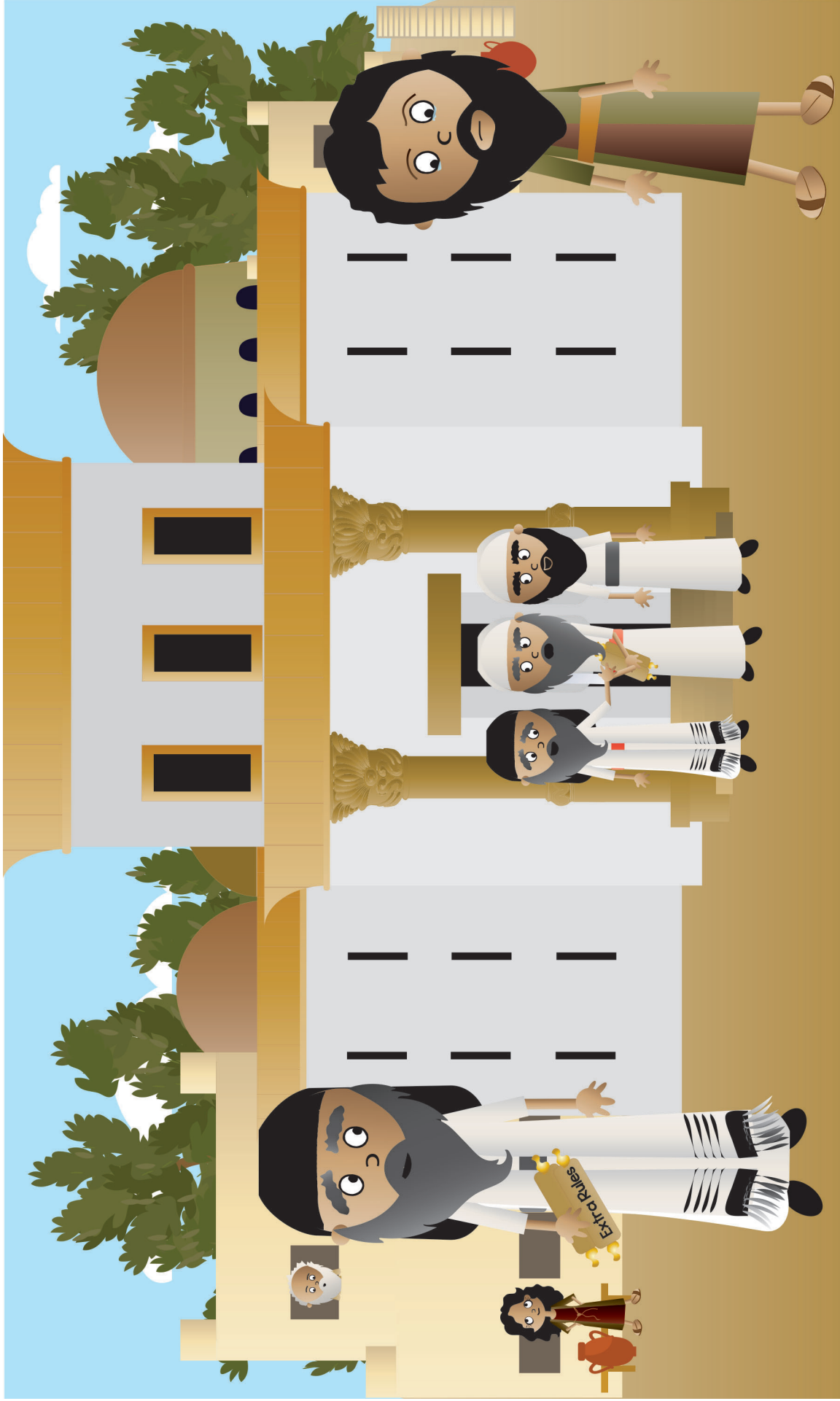


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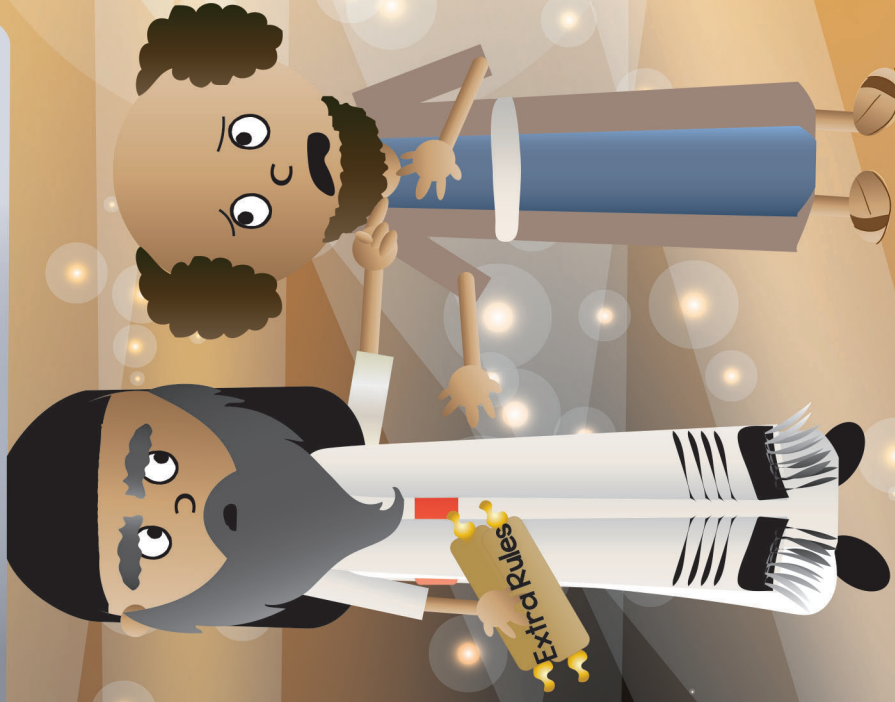


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**18. Then, Jesus went on with his story. He told about the other man.**

**“The tax collector came to the Temple knowing he was a bad, bad, bad man. He knew he had “rotten innards” --a sinful heart. He knew the sin in his heart showed in how he lived. He had chosen to disobey God’s good laws. He had chosen to become rich by taking too much money from people.”**





**19. “And when this tax collector prayed to God, it wasn’t boldly and proudly like the Pharisee.**

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## DDD 7.2 Simple Story Scenes

# “The Case of the Rotten Innards” Luke 18:9-14

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

“Innards” is a funny word that means a person's insides. And in this case, it means a person's heart, meant to love and obey God.

1. Who had a rotten heart and knew it? Who had a rotten heart and DIDN'T know it? Many of the people who came to see Jesus knew they had disobeyed God's laws and were sinners. They knew they needed God's forgiveness. The Pharisees were also sinners with “rotten hearts,” but they didn't know it. They thought they pleased God with all the laws they kept and all the good things they thought they did.

2. What did Jesus want them all to do? Jesus wanted everyone to turn away from their sins, ask God for forgiveness, and trust in Him as their Savior.

**For You and Me:**  
Just like everyone in Jesus' day, we, too, have sinful “rotten” hearts. We all break God's laws, and we need His forgiveness. We can have His forgiveness when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 3:20-22, HCSB

“For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law...But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe.”

1. Who thought they were justified (good) in God's sight? Why weren't they? The Pharisees thought they were justified in God's sight because they obeyed God's laws and the extra rules. They weren't justified because no one (except Jesus) obeys God's laws perfectly ---and that's the only way to be justified by obeying God's law.

2. What did Jesus want these people to do? He wanted them to understand that they were sinners who needed to turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He wanted them to trust in Him as their Savior, so they might be saved from their sins.

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Just like the Pharisees, we also cannot be justified (made right with God) by doing good things and trying to obey God's laws. We will never obey them perfectly. We all break God's laws and we need His forgiveness. We can have His forgiveness when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

## DDD 7.2 Simple Story Scenes



What Are God's Laws Like?  
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# The Gospel



God's laws are perfect. They show us how God requires us to live. But the sad truth is, we all break God's good laws. That's why we all deserve His punishment, and that's why we all need God to save us! Only He can make it possible for us to become His people. And that's exactly what He did through Jesus, His Son.

Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He kept every, single one of God's laws! Then, He offered up His perfect life to God as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people!

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## DDD 7.2 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

**A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.

**C** God, instead of obeying Your good laws, we have all chosen to break them. Sometimes, we don't obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. We do not always love you most of all. These are only some of the ways we break Your good laws. Oh, how we need a Savior!

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**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, love You, and live for You. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## DDD 7.2 Simple Story Scenes

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Simple Story Scenes**

**Unit 7,**

**Bible Truth 3**

## Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

### Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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

### Give the Case Assignment

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

### Show & Tell the Story

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

### Solve the Case

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

### Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

### Close in ACTS Prayer

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

### Review Time

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

### Looking for more?

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



**Unit 7: God, the Just and Merciful**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "The law of the LORD is perfect." Psalm 19:7

**Bible Truth 3 Concept: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!**

The LORD is the one, true God. He deserves our love. He made us to love Him more than anything else. Loving God is the most delightful thing we can do. God gave us His laws so we can know how to love Him. When we obey His laws, we are living out our love for Him.

God made us not just to love Him, but also to love each other. He gave His laws so we can know how to love each other. He tells us to treat others in the same loving way we want others to treat us. When we obey God's laws, we are living out God's love for others. And, we are showing them a little bit of what God is like, that they might seek to know and love Him, too.

Obeying God's laws is not just the right way to live. It is also the happiest way to live with God and with other people. God can help us obey His laws and live in love when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He gives us a new heart filled with His Holy Spirit and helps us to live in love as He wants us to.

**Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37-40, ESV**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**Learn a Little:** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

**Meaning**

God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us in these verses that the purpose behind all of God's laws is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.

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**Bible Truth 3 Story****The Case of the Do's and Don'ts**

*Matthew 5,6,22*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 3**

Big Q & A 7 Song

Big Question 7 Song: What Are God's Laws Like?

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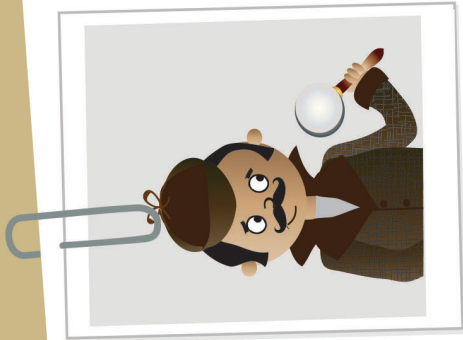
Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine

Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: Love the Lord Matthew 22:37-40, ESV

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

# “The Case of the Do’s and Don’ts” Matthew 5,6,22



## Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #1

1. Who made up extra, little rules of do’s and don’ts?
2. What did Jesus think of those extra do’s and don’ts?  
What did Jesus say God’s real laws help people to do?



## Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #2

### Matthew 22:37,39, ESV

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself.”

1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to obey?
2. Who is the only person to obey God’s laws perfectly?  
How did He share His perfect life with us?

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

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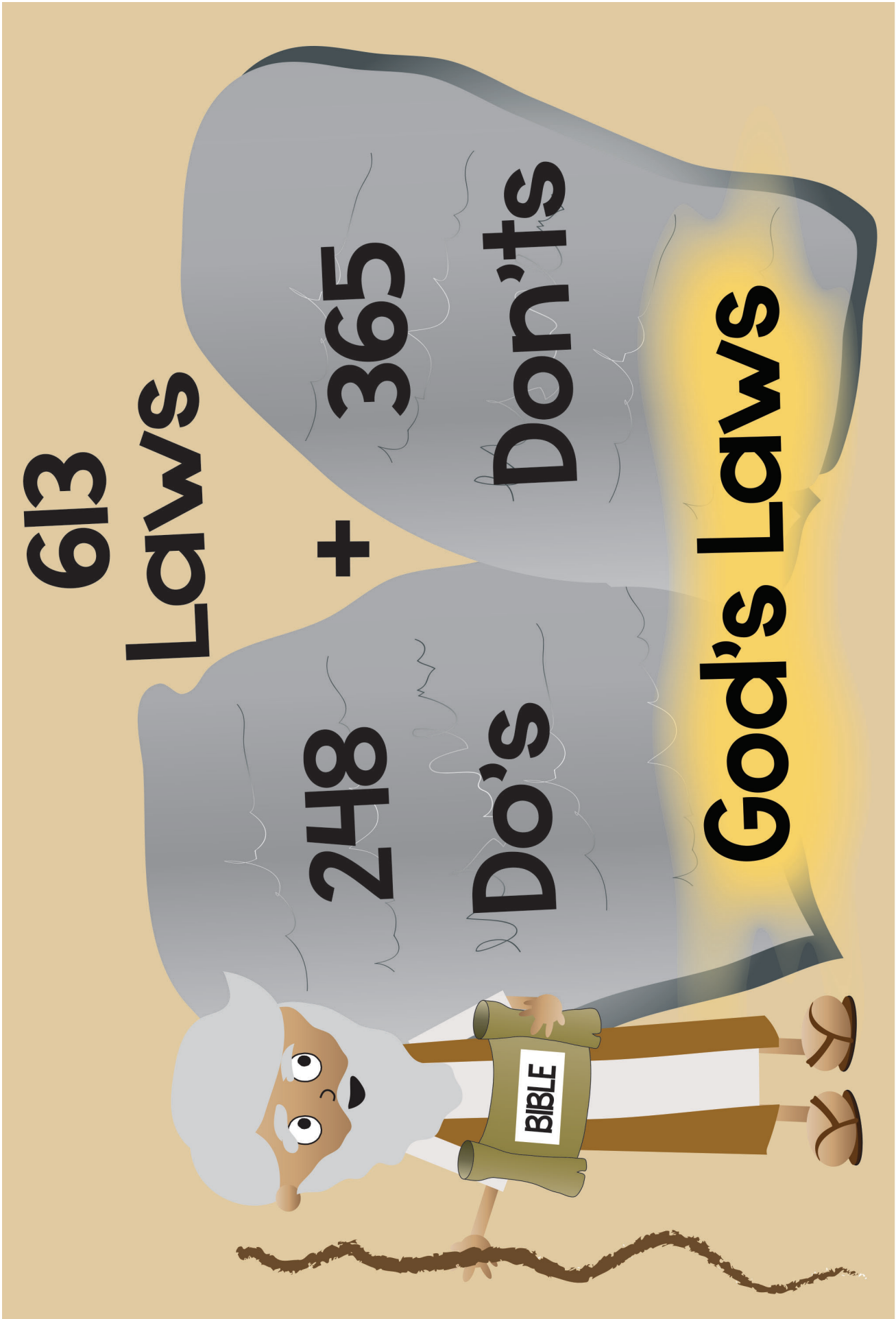
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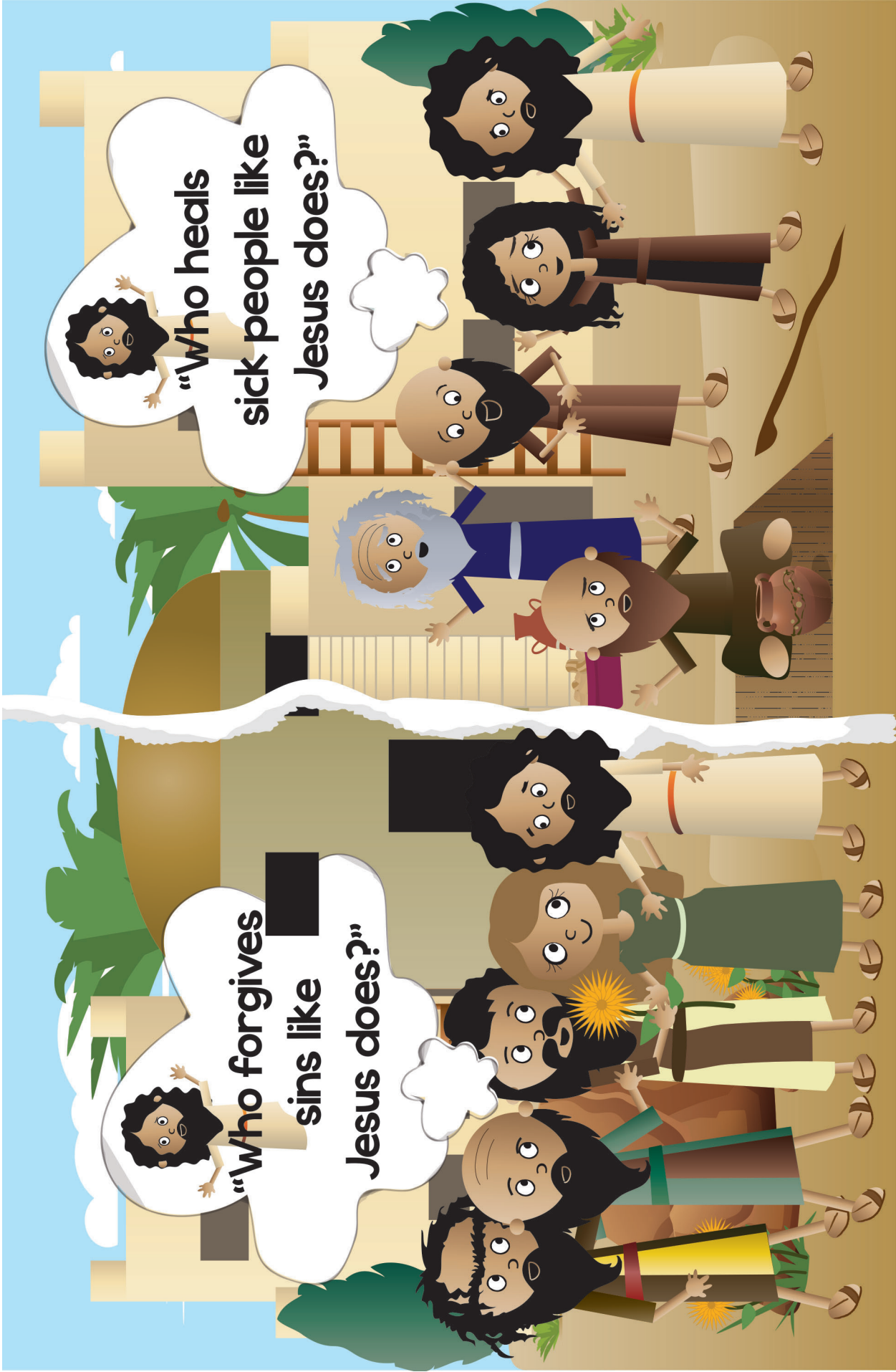
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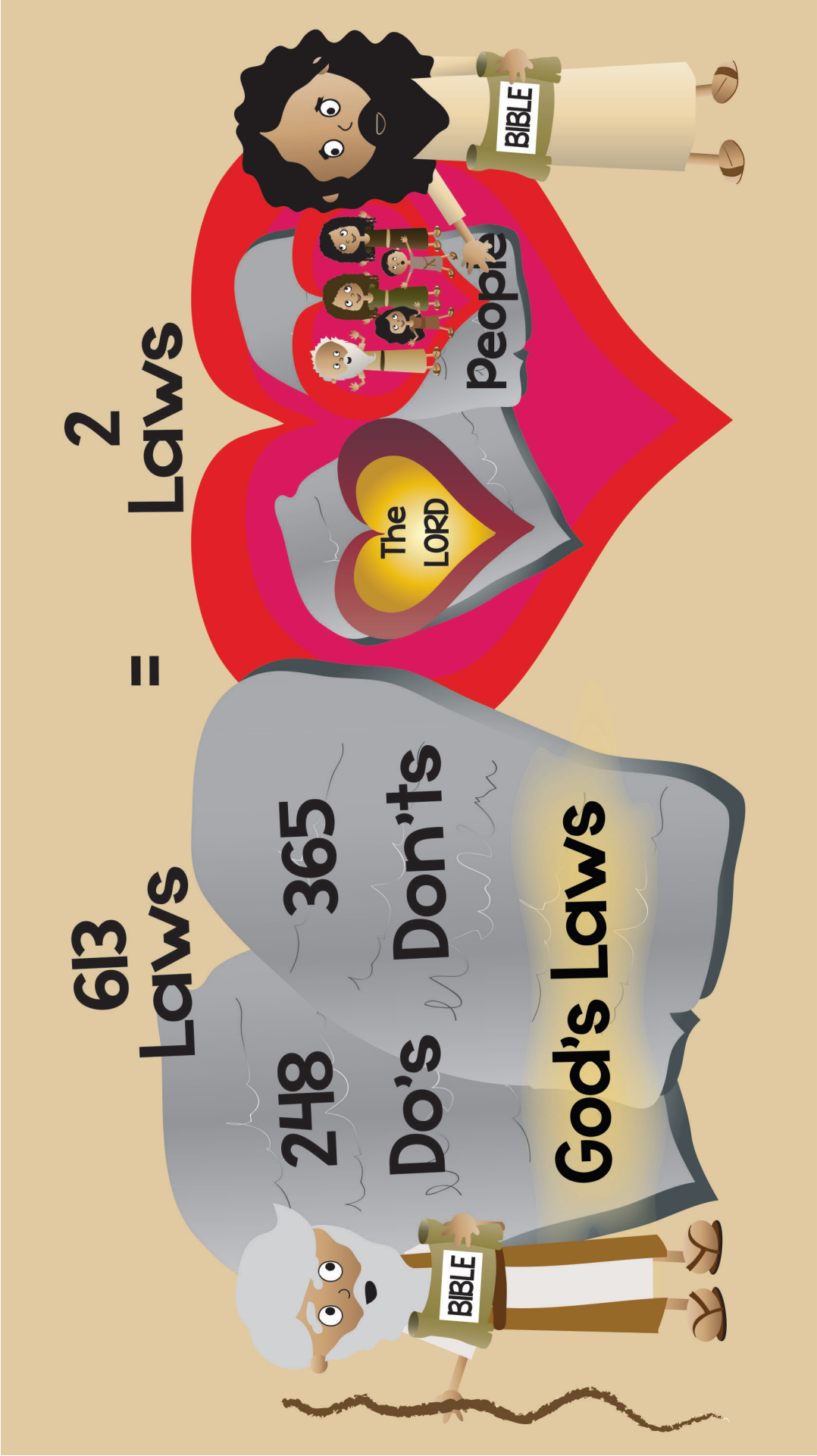
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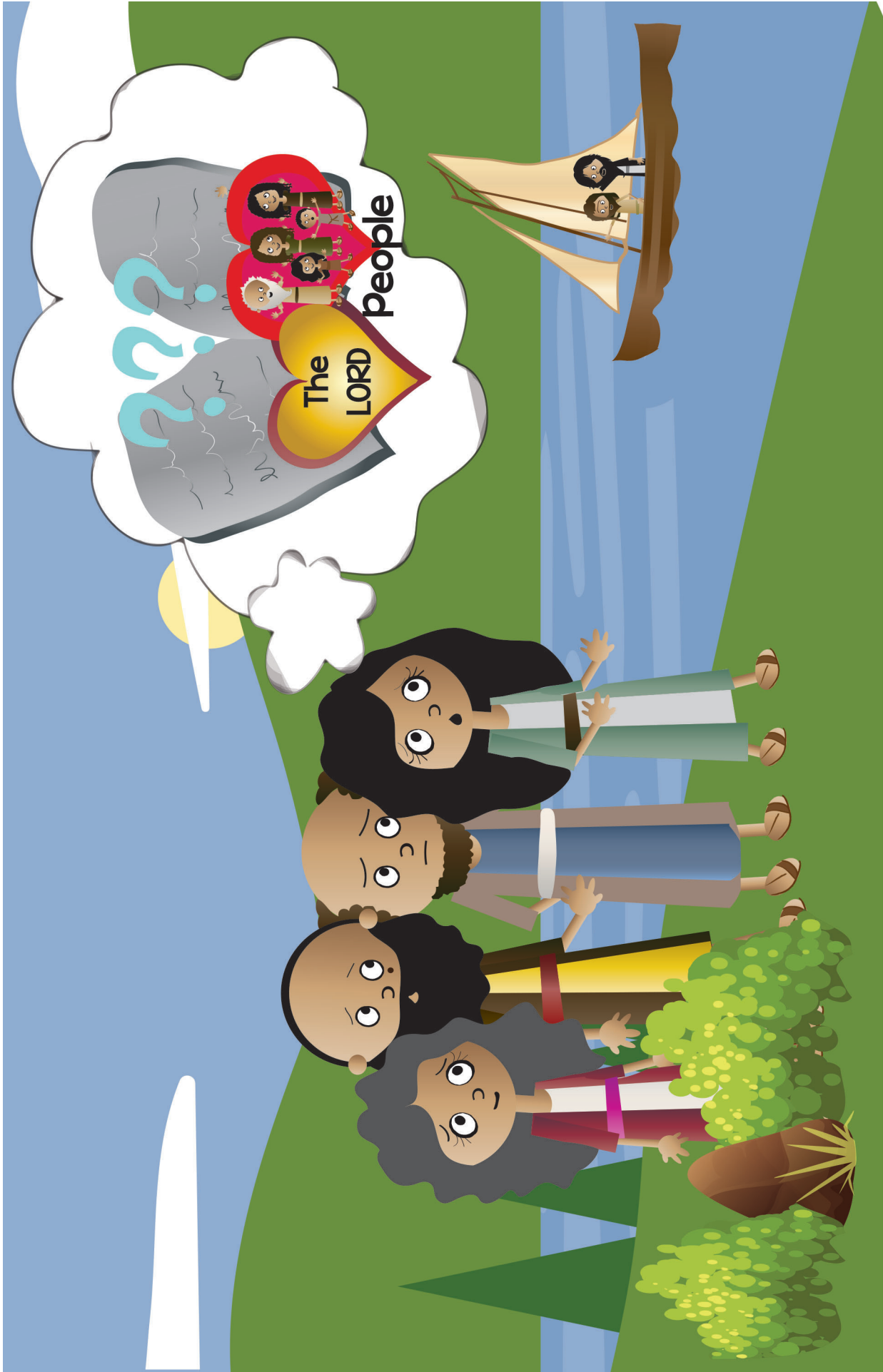


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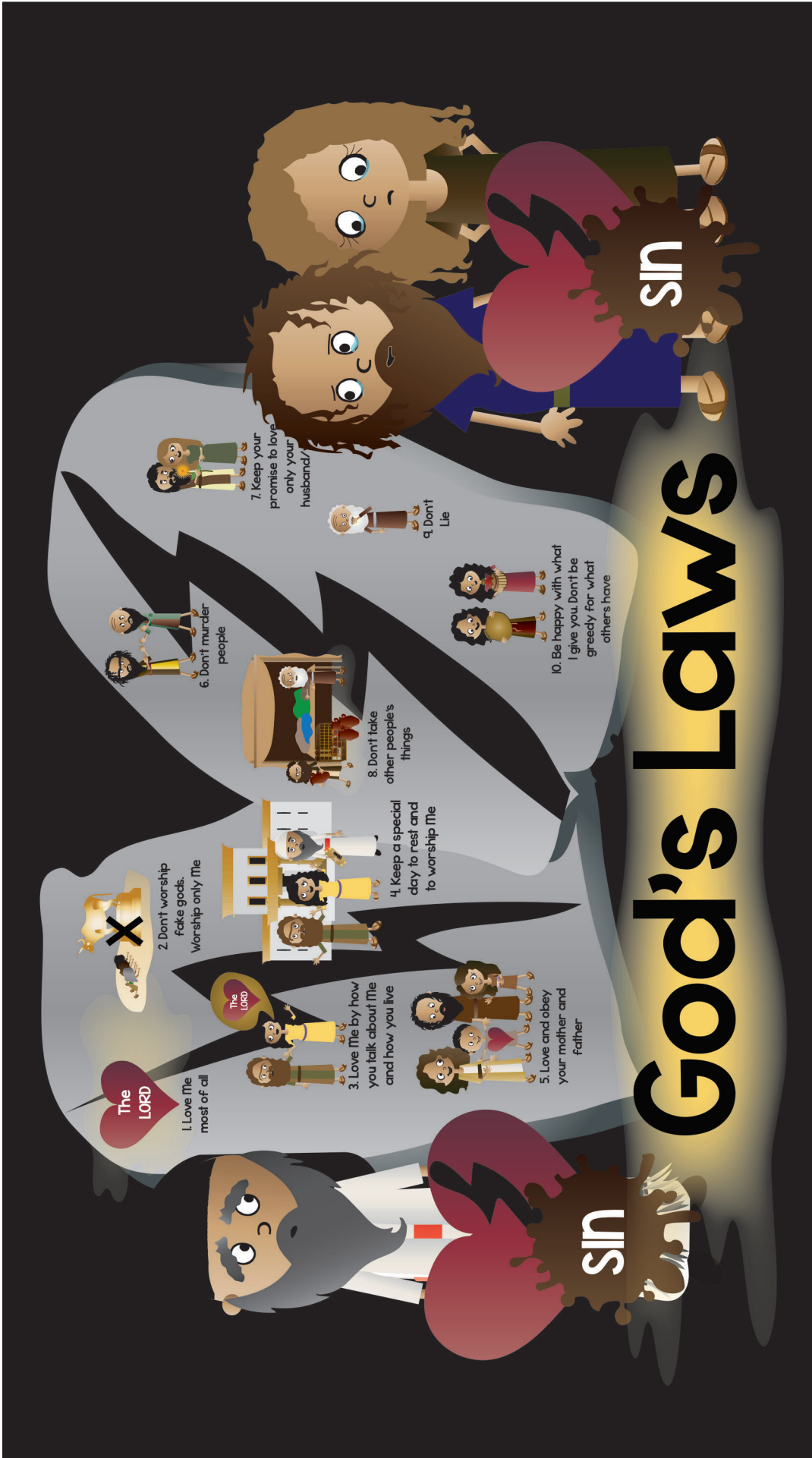




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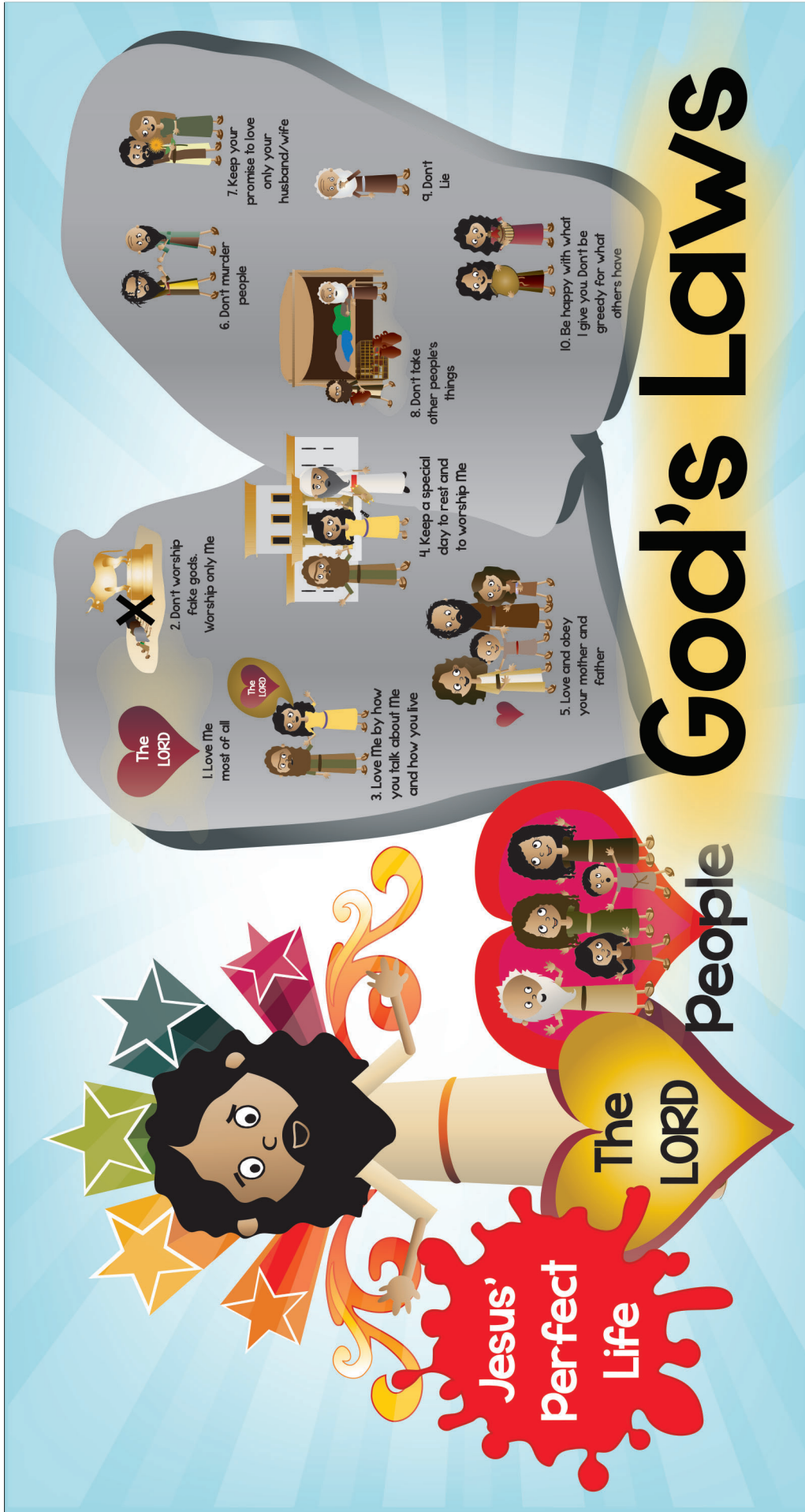
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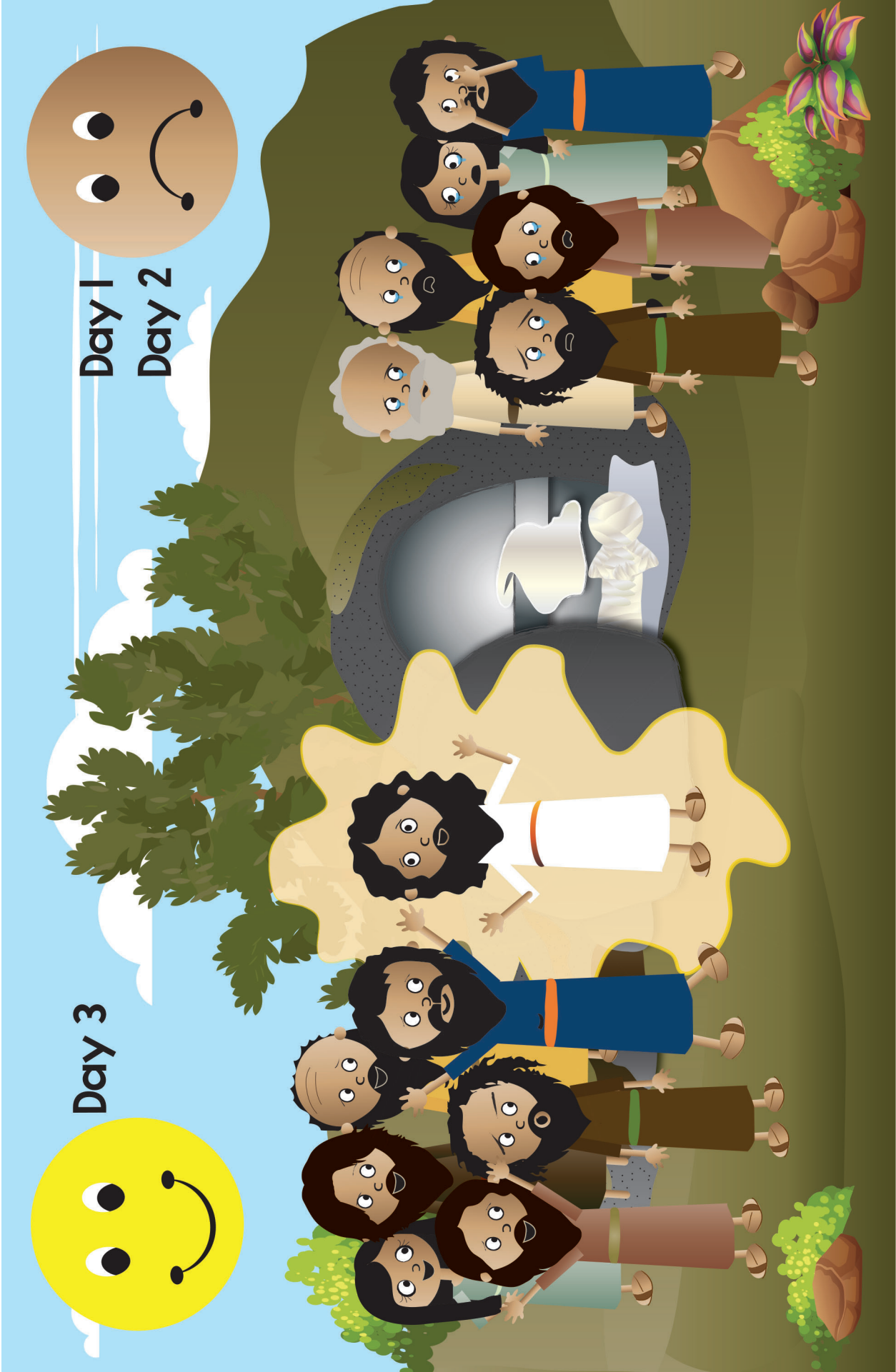
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**22. And, how God's people looked forward to the day when they will go to live with God forever! Then, God will make all things new, even their hearts. Then, they will love God and each other perfectly.**

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### DDD 7.3 Simple Story Scenes

# “The Case of the Do’s and Don’ts” Matthew 5,6,22

# SOLVED



## Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #1

1. Who made up extra, little rules of do’s and don’ts? The pharisees.
2. What did Jesus think of those extra do’s and don’ts? What did Jesus say God’s real laws help people to do? Jesus knew those do’s and don’ts weren’t what pleased God. Jesus said God’s real laws help people love God most of all and love others.

**For You and Me:**  
None of us can ever obey God’s laws well enough to please God or to truly love others as God wants us to. Only keeping God’s laws perfectly can do that, and we are all lawbreakers! Our only hope is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He is the only way we can please God. God can work in our hearts and help us to better love others as He wants us to. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



## Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #2

Matthew 22:37,39, ESV

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself.”

1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to obey? God’s laws.
2. Who is the only person to obey God’s laws perfectly? How did He share His perfect life with us? Jesus. He gave it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God’s people when He suffered and died on the cross.

**For You and Me**

How amazing that Jesus obeyed God’s laws perfectly! It’s even more amazing that He offers to share His perfect life with us, that we might be saved! This is His promise to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

### DDD 7.3 Simple Story Scenes



What Are God's Laws Like?  
God's Laws Are Perfect...

They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

# The Gospel



God's laws tell us how to love God and others, but we are all lawbreakers. We do not love as we should. God would be fair to give us the punishment we deserve for breaking His laws, but He is so rich in mercy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus obeyed God's laws, and loved God and others perfectly.

On the cross, Jesus suffered and died, giving His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, beating sin and death for them.

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

We can be God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



### DDD 7.3 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws. They tell us how to love You and love others.

C God, many times we do not obey Your good laws. Many times, we do not love You or others as Your laws tell us to. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws that show us how to love You and others. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. He helps us to obey Your good and loving laws.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts and help us to love You and others as You want us to.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



### DDD 7.3 Simple Story Scenes



# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

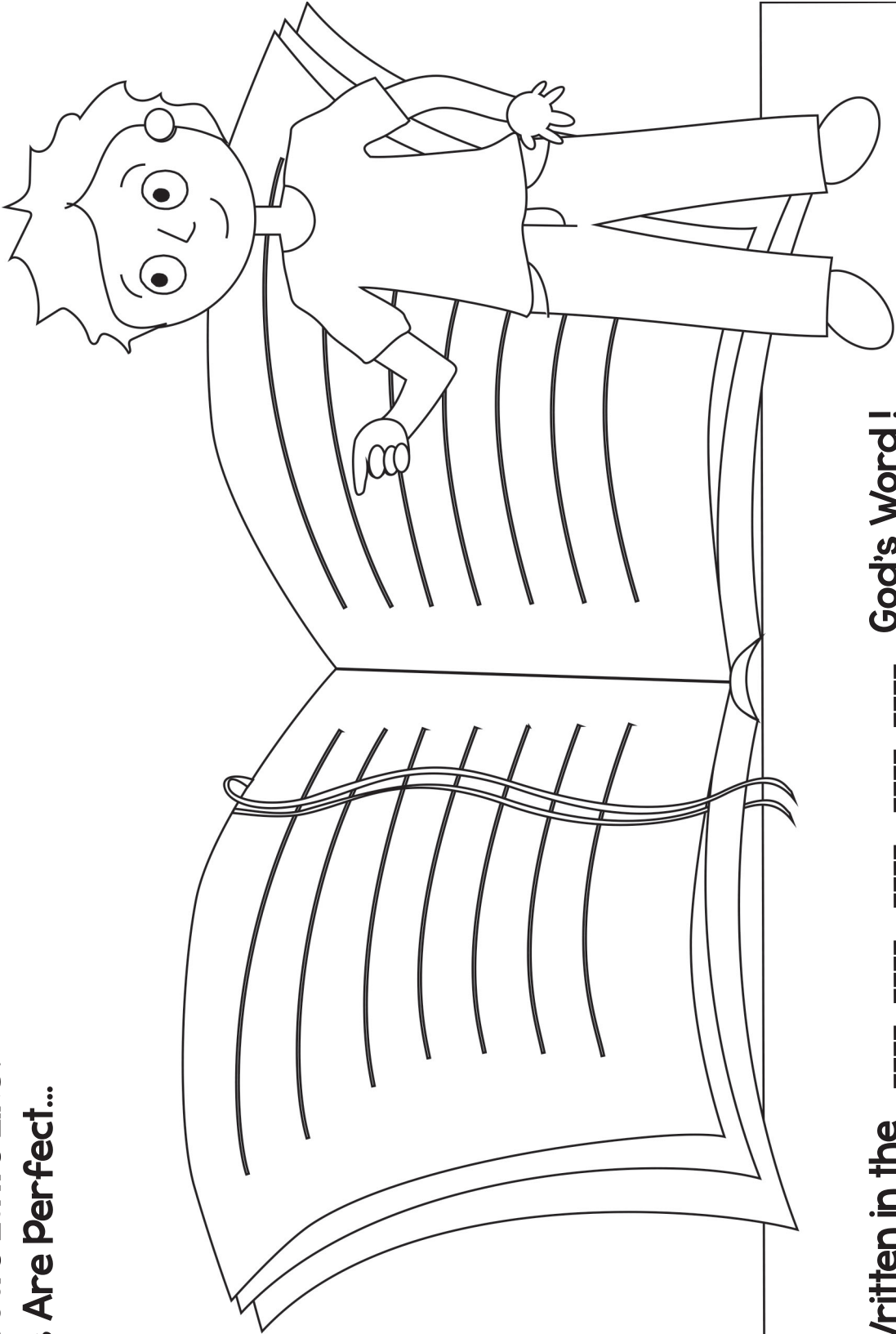


**Take-Home Sheets**





**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!**  
**What Are God's Laws Like?**  
**God's Laws Are Perfect...**



**They Are Written in the ----- God's Word!**

**HINT: "What is the name of God's Word? It starts with an "B."**

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



## Big Question 7: What Are God's Laws Like?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word!

## Bible Truth 1 Meaning

A law is big rule that we are supposed to obey. God told His laws to godly people long ago. These people wrote them down in the Bible, God's Word, so everyone can know them. God's Holy Spirit helped them write them down just right. God's laws are the most important laws of all. They are rules that God wants everyone to keep. That's why God's people take time to learn God's laws and ask Him to help them obey them. They love God and want to please Him. They want to show the world what God is like by living the way He wants us to live.

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

"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them... You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them... You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain... Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. And you shall not commit adultery. And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness... And you shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's."

--- Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21, ESV

## Some Questions for You

1. What is a law? *A big rule that we are supposed to obey.*
2. What are the most important laws of all? *God's laws.*
3. Who is supposed to obey God's laws? *Everyone.*
4. What kind of people did God tell His laws to write down? *Godly people --people who loved and obeyed Him.*
5. Did the godly people write down God's laws the way He wanted them to? *Yes, they wrote them down exactly right!*
6. Who helped the godly people write God's laws down just right? *The Holy Spirit, working in their heart.*
7. What do God's people take time to learn? *Why? God's laws, because they want to love God and please Him in how they live.*
8. What do God's people want to show the world by living by God's rules? *They want to show the world what God is like.*
9. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this! He loves to help us!*

## Let's Pray!

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## Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 7 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 12*  
(adapted version of "The Farmer in the Dell")

What are God's laws like?  
What are God's laws like?  
What are God's laws like?  
God's laws are perfect!

**Big Question 7 Action Rhyme Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 13*

### Refrain:

What are God's laws like?  
What are they like?  
God's laws are perfect!  
God's laws are perfect!  
What are God's laws like?  
What are they like?  
God's laws are like Him,  
They are good and just.

### Verse 1

God is our Creator,  
He's in charge of the whole world.  
He gave us laws to live by,  
They are written in His Word.  
*Refrain*

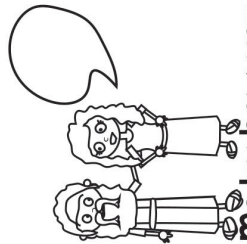
### Verse 2

God's laws are the best way,  
For us all to live,  
God calls us to obey them,  
To reflect His righteousness. *Refrain*

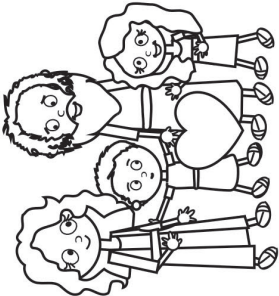
# I AM LORD

The LORD

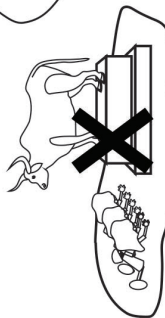
1. Love Me most of all



3. Love Me by how you talk about Me and how you live



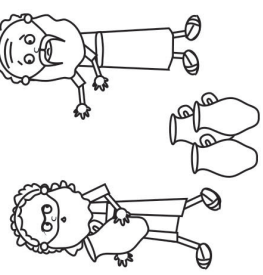
5. Love and obey your mother and father



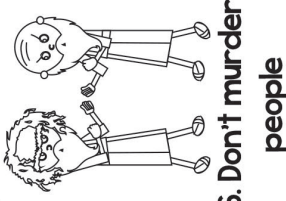
2. Don't worship fake gods. Worship only Me



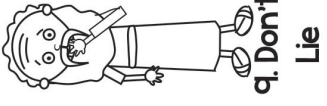
4. Keep a special day to rest and to worship Me



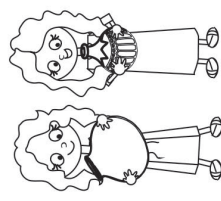
8. Don't take other people's things



6. Don't murder people



7. Keep your promise to love only your husband/wife



10. Be happy with what I give you. Don't be greedy for what others have

"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them... You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them... You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain... Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. And you shall not commit adultery. And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness... And you shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's."

-- Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21 ESV

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



**Big Question 7:** What Are God's Laws Like?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word!

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

"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them... You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them... You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain... Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. And you shall not commit adultery. And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness... And you shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's."

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**Learn a Little:** "Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

**Meaning**

Long ago, the LORD gave the 10 Commandments and many other good laws to the people of Israel. The Israelites promised to keep them. He would be their God; they would be His people. He would bless them and take care of them. These verses are the Ten Commandments (laws) that God gave them. But even though God gave these laws to the people of Israel that day, they are laws for all of us to keep. They tell us how God wants us all to live

**Some Questions for You**

1. What is the name of the ten, big rules the LORD gave to the people of Israel? *The 10 Commandments.*
2. Can you name any of the 10 Commandments? *(name them)*
3. Who does God want to keep these laws? *Everyone.*
4. How can we know how the LORD wants us to live? *His 10 Commandments tell us.*
5. Has anyone ever kept all of God's laws? *No one, except Jesus.*
6. Who can help us keep God's good rules? *The Holy Spirit can, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

**Let's Pray!**

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**Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!**

**Hear, O Israel: Deuteronomy 5:1,6-21**

*from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, tracks 19, 20*

**Refrain:**

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and rules I speak,  
Learn them and be careful to do them,  
Be careful to do them.

**Verse 1**

You shall have no gods before Me,  
You shall not make a carved image,  
You shall not bow down or serve them.  
You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain,  
Observe the Sabbath day,  
Honor your father and mother. *Refrain*

**Verse 2**

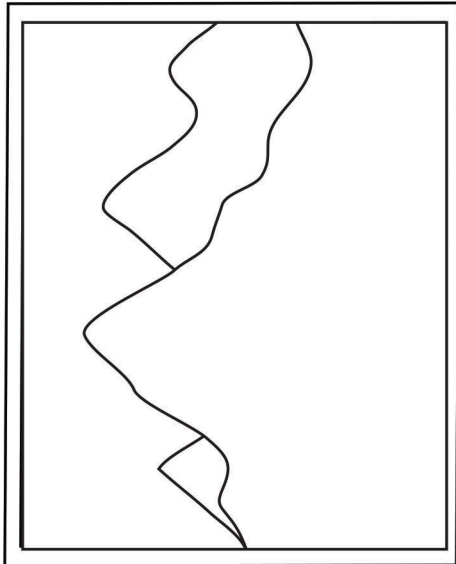
You shall not murder,  
You shall not commit adult'ry,  
You shall not steal,  
You shall not bear false witness  
Against your neighbor,  
You shall not covet anything. *Refrain*  
Deuteronomy Five, verses one, six through twenty-one.

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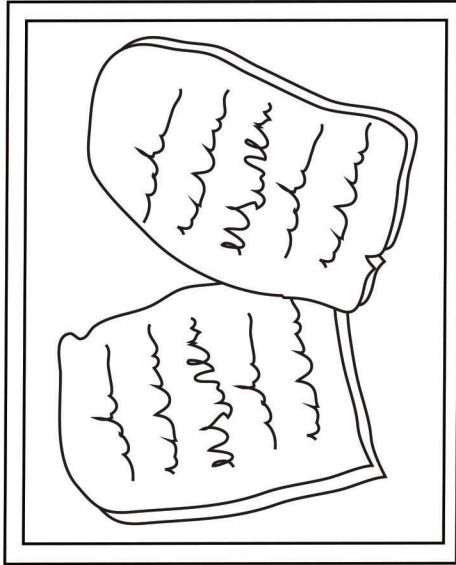
Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 7 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org)



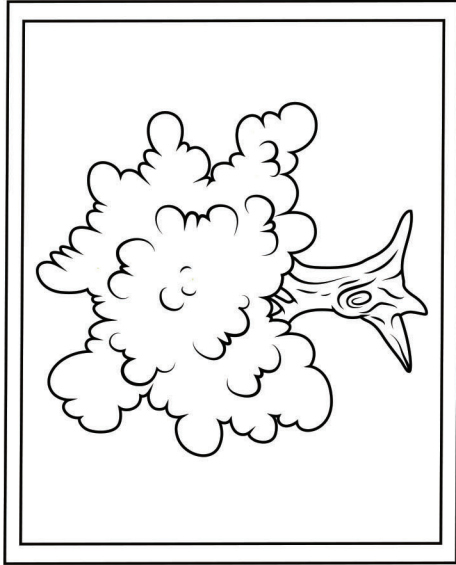
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



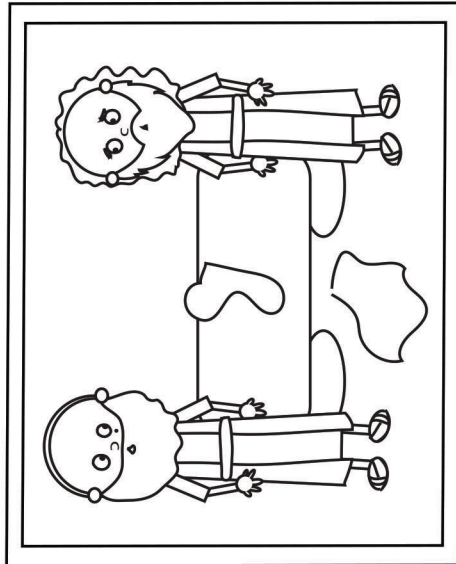
A Mountain Called Sinai



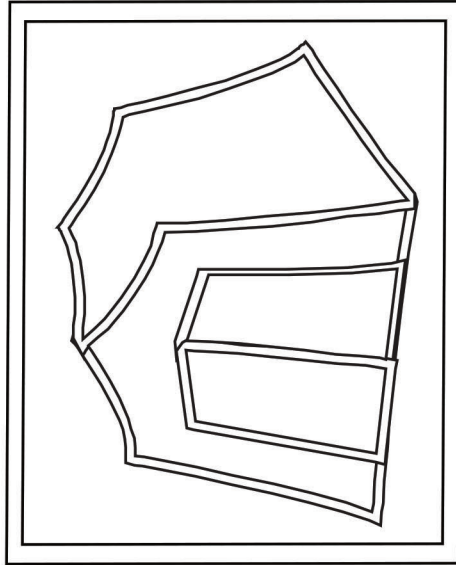
Laws Written on Stone



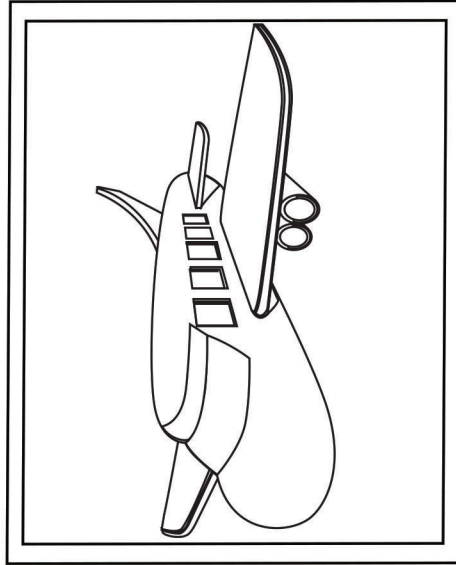
A Tree



Clean Clothes



A Tent



An Airplane

Answer: The mountain, the laws, the clean clothes and the tent belong. The airplane and the tree do not.

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



**Big Question 7:** What Are God's Laws Like?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word!

## Bible Truth 1 Meaning

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## Some Questions for You

1. In what book can we read God's laws? *The Bible.*
2. How did the LORD tell the people to get ready to meet with Him? What were they supposed to do to the mountain? *Set a fence around it so no animal or person would go on it when the LORD came down to meet them. Wash themselves and their clothes. Prepare their hearts.*
3. What did the people see and hear when the LORD came down the mountain? *They heard a loud trumpet and thunder. They saw lots of smoke, fire and lightning.*
4. What did the LORD tell the people when He spoke to them? *He told them His 10 Big Rules.*
5. Who do God's rules teach us to love? *God and each other.*
6. Why did the people not want the LORD to speak to them? *They were scared.*
7. Who did the people send to hear all of the LORD's laws and write them down? *Moses.*
8. Who should obey the laws of God? *Everyone --even you and me!*
9. Who can help us keep God's good rules? *The Holy Spirit can, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

## Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
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## Let's Praise God Right Now!

**Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 17*

### Verse 1

Holy Bible, book divine,  
Precious treasure, you are mine,  
You're the only Book divine,  
Precious treasure, you are mine.

### Verse 2

Mine, to learn God's holy ways,  
How He'd have us live each day;  
Mine, to learn of Jesus Christ,  
Who died to give eternal life.

Words: John Burton, Sr., Constance Dever Music: Constance Dever

**Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 18*

### Verse 1

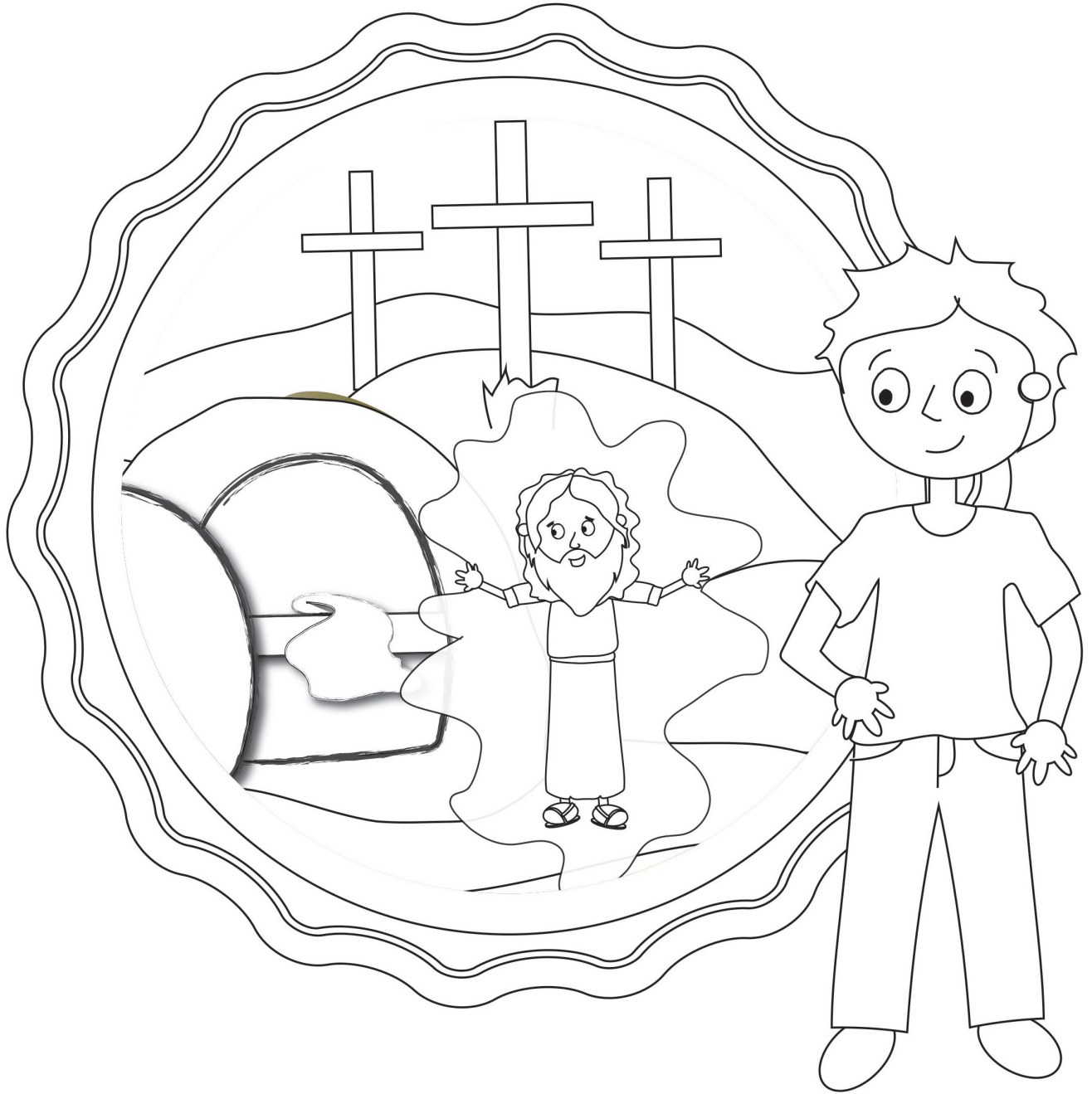
The best book to read is the Bible,  
The best book to read is the Bible,  
It alone is God's true Word,  
With the best news ever heard!  
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible.

### Verse 2

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

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**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:**  
**What Are God's Laws Like?**  
**God's Laws Are Perfect...**



**They Show Us that We Need God to \_\_\_\_\_ Us!**

**HINT: "What did Jesus do for God's people when He died on the cross?"**

**It starts with an "s" and it rhymes with "brave."**

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



**Big Question 7:** What Are God's Laws Like?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us!

## Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God made us and He is in charge of us. He expects us to obey His laws all the time. But sadly, we do not. We all are sinners with sinful, selfish hearts. We disobey God's laws. We deserve His punishment for our sins. How we have rebelled against Him and His good ways! But God is so kind and merciful! He treats us better than we deserve. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who trust in Him as their Savior. God forgives their sins and gives them special closeness with Him in their hearts. And when they die, they will go to live with Him forever in a perfect world where there will never again be any sin. Yes! They will never again sin against Him or break His good laws. They will always love Him and others as He wants them to. How wonderful that will be! Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

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

"For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law...But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."--Romans 3:20,21,22,23 HCSB

## Some Questions for You

1. Who made us and is in charge of us? *God.*
2. When does God expect us to obey His laws? *All the time!*
3. We don't obey God's laws all the time. Why not? *Because we are sinners with sinful, selfish hearts.*
4. What do we all deserve for disobeying God's laws? *His punishment.*
5. Who did God send to save us from our sins? *God sent Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment that we deserve from God for our sins.*
6. What must we do for God to forgive us and save us? *Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's dearly-loved people.*
7. What does God give us to enjoy when we become His people? *Special closeness with Him now; and when they die, perfectly wonderful life with Him forever!*

## Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
- C** God, instead of obeying Your good laws, we have all chosen to break them. Sometimes, we don't obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. We do not always love you most of all. These are only some of the ways we break Your good laws. Oh, how we need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws, so we know how to love and obey You. And thank You for sending Jesus to perfectly live out Your laws and to give His life as the perfect payment for the sins of Your people. Thank You that He can be our Savior when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him.
- 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. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 7 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 12*

(adapted version of "The Farmer in the Dell")

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What are God's laws like?  
What are God's laws like?  
God's laws are perfect!

**Big Question 7 Action Rhyme Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 13*

### Refrain:

What are God's laws like?  
What are they like?  
God's laws are perfect!  
God's laws are perfect!  
What are God's laws like?  
What are they like?  
God's laws are like Him,  
They are good and just.

### Verse 1

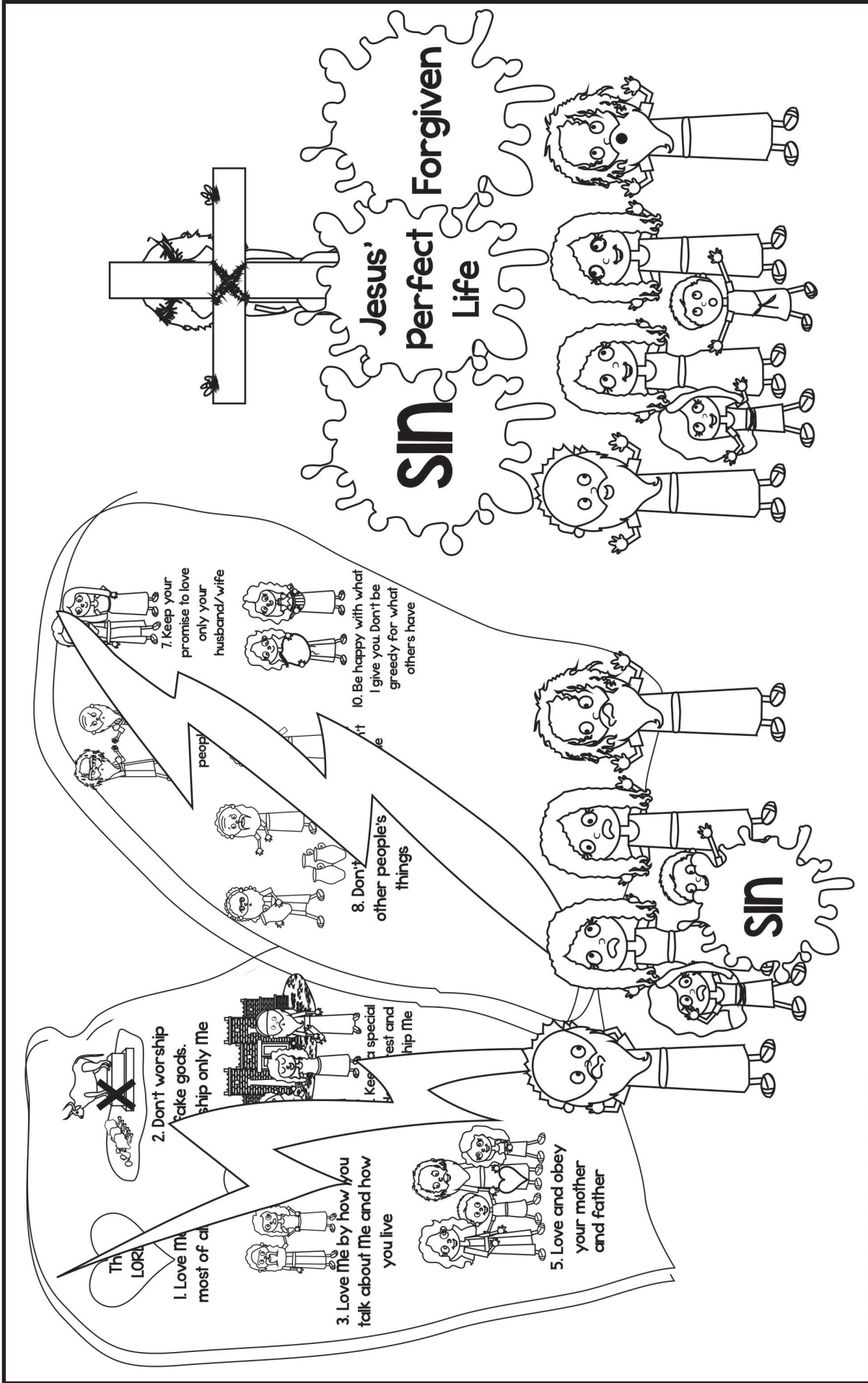
God is our Creator,  
He's in charge of the whole world.  
He gave us laws to live by,  
They are written in His Word.  
*Refrain*

### Verse 2

God's laws are the best way,  
For us all to live,  
God calls us to obey them,  
To reflect His righteousness. *Refrain*

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“For no one will be justified in [God’s] sight by the works of the law...But now, apart from the law, God’s righteousness has been revealed...God’s righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” --Romans 3:20-23. HCSB



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



**Big Question 7:** What Are God's Laws Like?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us!

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

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**Learn a Little:** "Apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe."

**Meaning:**

"Righteous" is a big word that means that you are right with God. The only way we can be right with God ON OUR OWN is by obeying God's laws perfectly. But, uh oh! This Bible verse tells us that we are all sinners who break God's laws. That means we can't EVER be right with God by obeying God's laws.

But God has made a way for us to be right with Him—through His Son, Jesus. Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He kept all of God's good laws perfectly. He was righteous! And this Bible verse tells us that for all who trust in Jesus as their Savior, Jesus takes away their sins and gives His righteousness to them. That means God treats them as if they had never broken God's laws or sinned-- just like Jesus! Wow! Isn't that amazing! Isn't Jesus a wonderful Savior! He can be our wonderful Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

**Some Questions for You**

1. What does righteous mean? *God thinks everything you do is just right, as God's laws tell us to.*
2. Do any of us keep God's laws perfectly? *Are any of us righteous on our own? None of us keep God's laws perfectly. None of us are righteous by our own works (by how we obey God's laws).*
3. How did Jesus live when He came to earth? *He always kept God's laws. He was truly righteous.*
4. What did Jesus choose to give to all who trust in Him as His Savior? *His own, perfect righteous.*
5. How can Jesus become our Savior? *When we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.*
6. Who does God see as righteous because of Jesus? *All of God's people--all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.*

**Let's Pray!**

- A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
- C** God, instead of obeying Your good laws, we have all chosen to break them. Sometimes, we don't obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. We do not always love you most of all. These are only some of the ways we break Your good laws. Oh, how we need a Savior!
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- 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. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them.  
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**Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!**

**Apart from the Law: Romans 3:20-23**

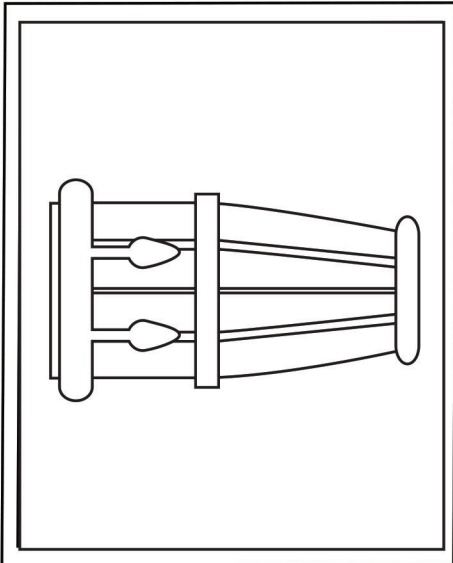
*from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 21*

By works of the law,	<i>But listen to what God has done:</i>
By works of the law,	Apart from the law,
No one will be justified,	Apart from the law,
By works of the law. <i>Why?</i>	Now God's righteousness has been revealed,
For all have sinned,	Apart from the law. <i>How?</i>
Fall short of the glory of God. <i>Oh, no!</i>	Through faith in Jesus Christ,
	To all who believe. <i>Thank you, God!</i>
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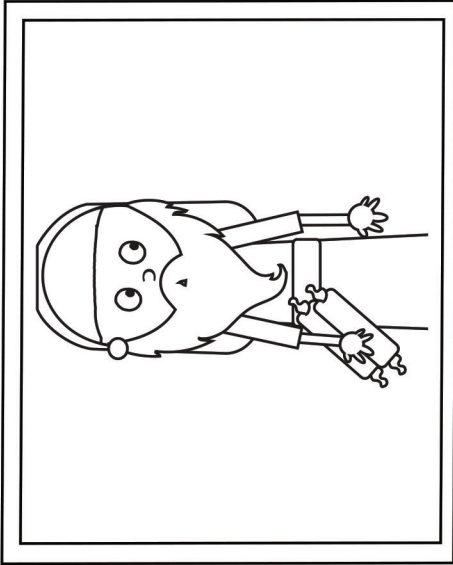
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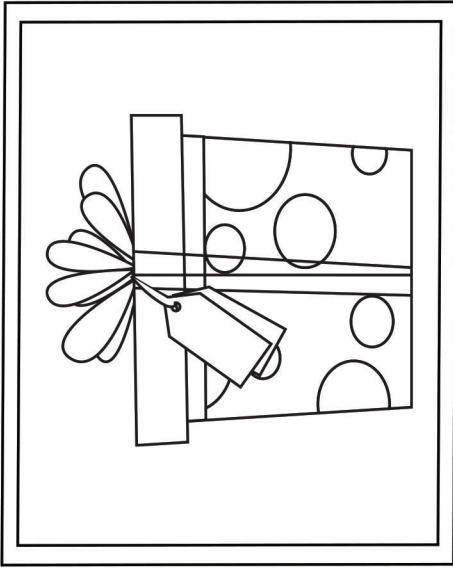
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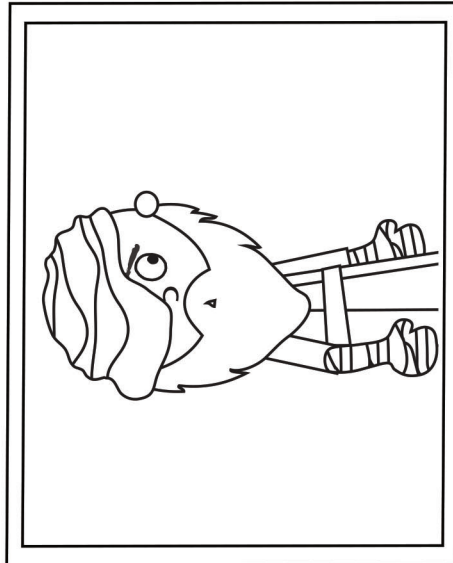
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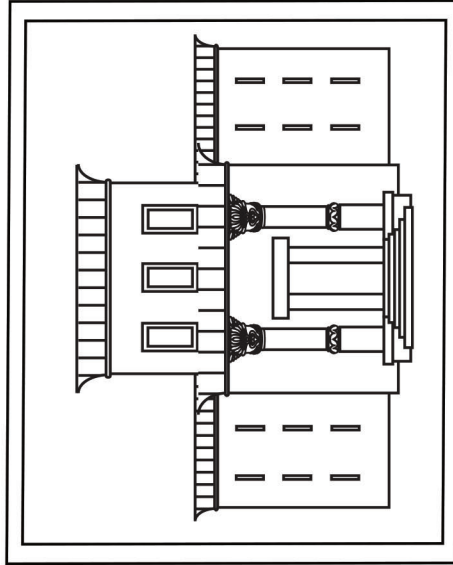
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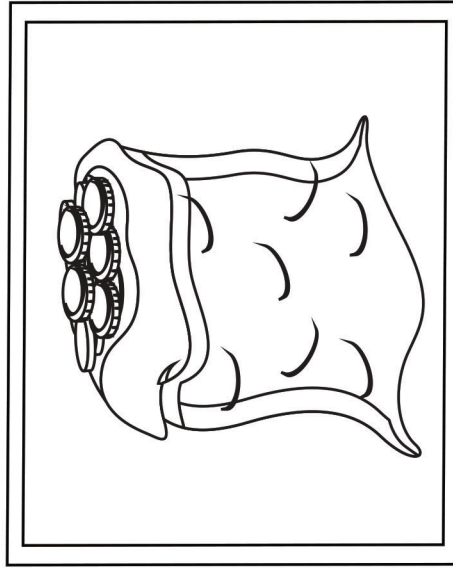
A Golden Box



A Sick Man



The Temple



A Bag of Money

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



**Big Question 7:** What Are God's Laws Like?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us!

## Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God made us and He is in charge of us. He expects us to obey His laws all the time. But sadly, we do not. We all are sinners with sinful, selfish hearts. We disobey God's laws. We deserve His punishment for our sins. How we have rebelled against Him and His good ways! But God is so kind and merciful! He treats us better than we deserve. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who trust in Him as their Savior. God forgives their sins and gives them special closeness with Him in their hearts. And when they die, they will go to live with Him forever in a perfect world where there will never again be any sin. Yes! They will never again sin against Him or break His good laws. They will always love Him and others as He wants them to. How wonderful that will be! Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

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

"For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law...But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."--Romans 3:20,21,22,23 HCSB

## Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus teach the Pharisees who tried so hard to be good? Did they need God to save them? *Yes, they did! We all need God to save us, no matter how hard we try to be good.*
2. Where did all the extra rules of the Pharisees come from? From God in the Bible? *No, they did not! They were made up by other teachers. They were lots of extra rules that God didn't tell His people to obey.*
3. Why weren't the Pharisees eager to hear about Jesus like the other people? *They thought they were so good that they didn't need to be saved. They didn't like that Jesus did tell people to keep all those extra rules.*
4. Did the Pharisee or the tax collector go home with everything right with God? *The tax collector did, even though he had done many bad, bad things. The Pharisee did not.*
5. Why did God forgive the tax collector? *Because he humbly asked God to forgive him.*
6. Why did the Pharisee go home with things not right between him and God? *Because he was proud. He didn't tell God that he had disobeyed Him. He didn't ask God to forgive him. He thought he was too good to need God's forgiveness.*
7. How does God want us to be like the tax collector? *By humbly telling God about the bad things we've done and ask His forgiveness through Jesus.*

## Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
- C** God, instead of obeying Your good laws, we have all chosen to break them. Sometimes, we don't obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. We do not always love you most of all. These are only some of the ways we break Your good laws. Oh, how we need a Savior!
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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Praise God Right Now!

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## Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 17

### Verse 1

Holy Bible, book divine,  
Precious treasure, you are mine,  
You're the only Book divine,  
Precious treasure, you are mine.

### Verse 2

Mine, to learn God's holy ways,  
How He'd have us live each day;  
Mine, to learn of Jesus Christ,  
Who died to give eternal life.

## Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 18

### Verse 1

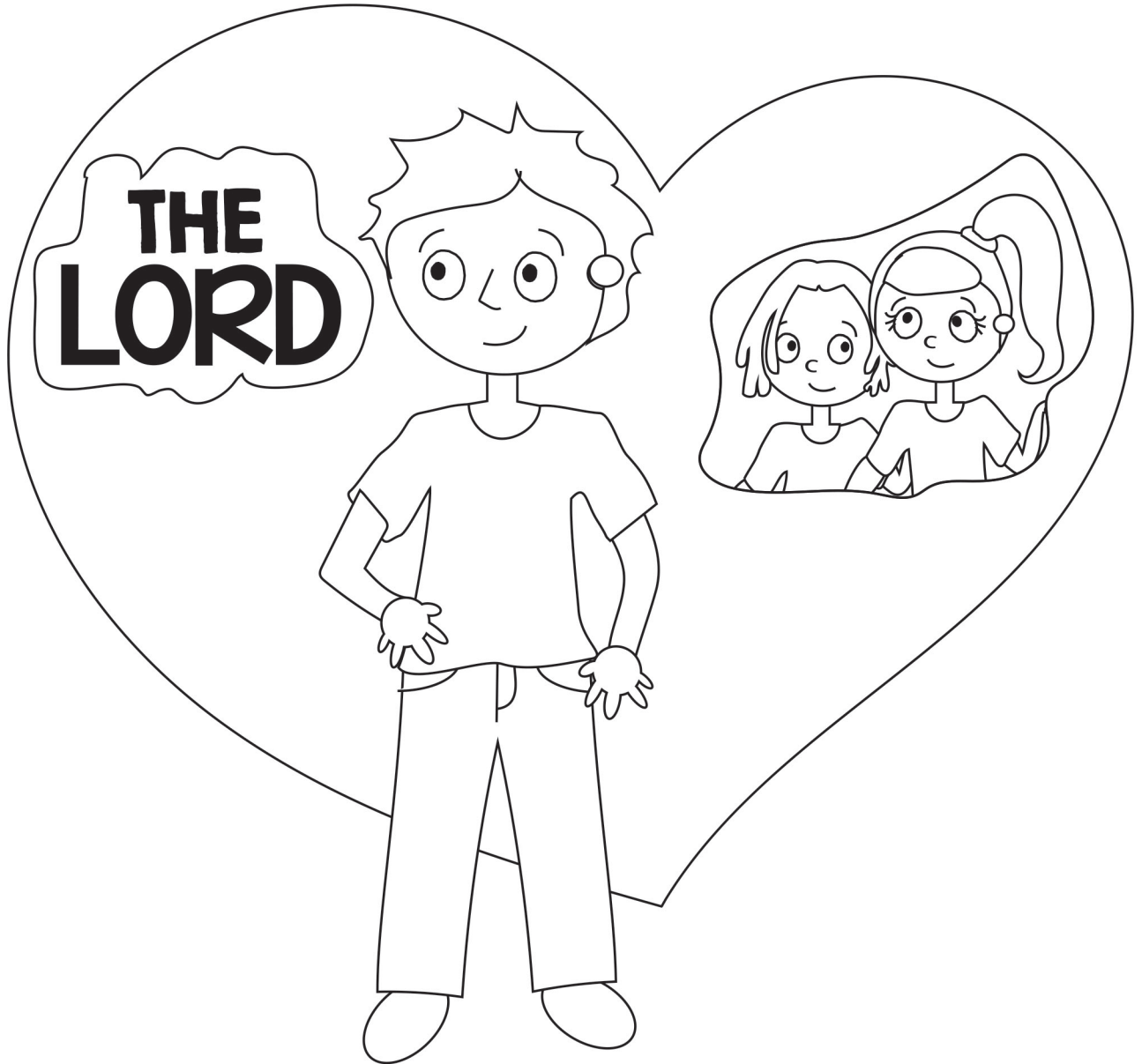
The best book to read is the Bible,  
The best book to read is the Bible,  
It alone is God's true Word,  
With the best news ever heard!  
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible.

### Verse 2

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

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**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:  
What Are God's Laws Like?  
God's Laws Are Perfect...**



**They tell us how to ----- God and others!**

**HINT: How does God want us to want towards Himself and others?  
It starts with an "L" and it rhymes with "dove."**

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



**Big Question 7:** What Are God's Laws Like?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

## Bible Truth 3 Meaning

The LORD is the one, true God. He deserves our love. He made us to love Him more than anything else. Loving God is the most delightful thing we can do. God gave us His laws so we can know how to love Him. When we obey His laws, we are living out our love for Him. God made us not just to love Him, but also to love each other. He gave His laws so we can know how to love each other. He tells us to treat others in the same loving way we want others to treat us. When we obey God's laws, we are living out God's love for others. And, we are showing them a little bit of what God is like, that they might seek to know and love Him, too. Obeying God's laws is not just the right way to live. It is also the happiest way to live with God and with other people. God can help us obey His laws and live in love when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He gives us a new heart filled with His Holy Spirit and helps us to live in love as He wants us to.

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

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."—Matthew 22:37-40, ESV

## Some Questions for You

1. Who is the only true God? *The LORD.*
2. Who did the LORD make us to love more than anything or anyone else? *Himself!*
3. What is the most delightful thing we can do? *Love God.*
4. Who does God's laws show us how to love? *How to love Him and how to love others.*
5. How should we treat others? *In the same loving way we want others to treat us.*
6. What is the right way to live? *Obeying God's laws as He tells us to.*
7. What is the happiest way to live with God and other people? *Obeying God's laws.*
8. Who can help us to love God and others? *God can. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to love Him and others as He wants us to.*

## Let's Pray!

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## Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 7 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 12*  
(adapted version of "The Farmer in the Dell")

What are God's laws like?  
What are God's laws like?  
What are God's laws like?  
God's laws are perfect!

**Big Question 7 Action Rhyme Song** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 13*

### Refrain:

What are God's laws like?  
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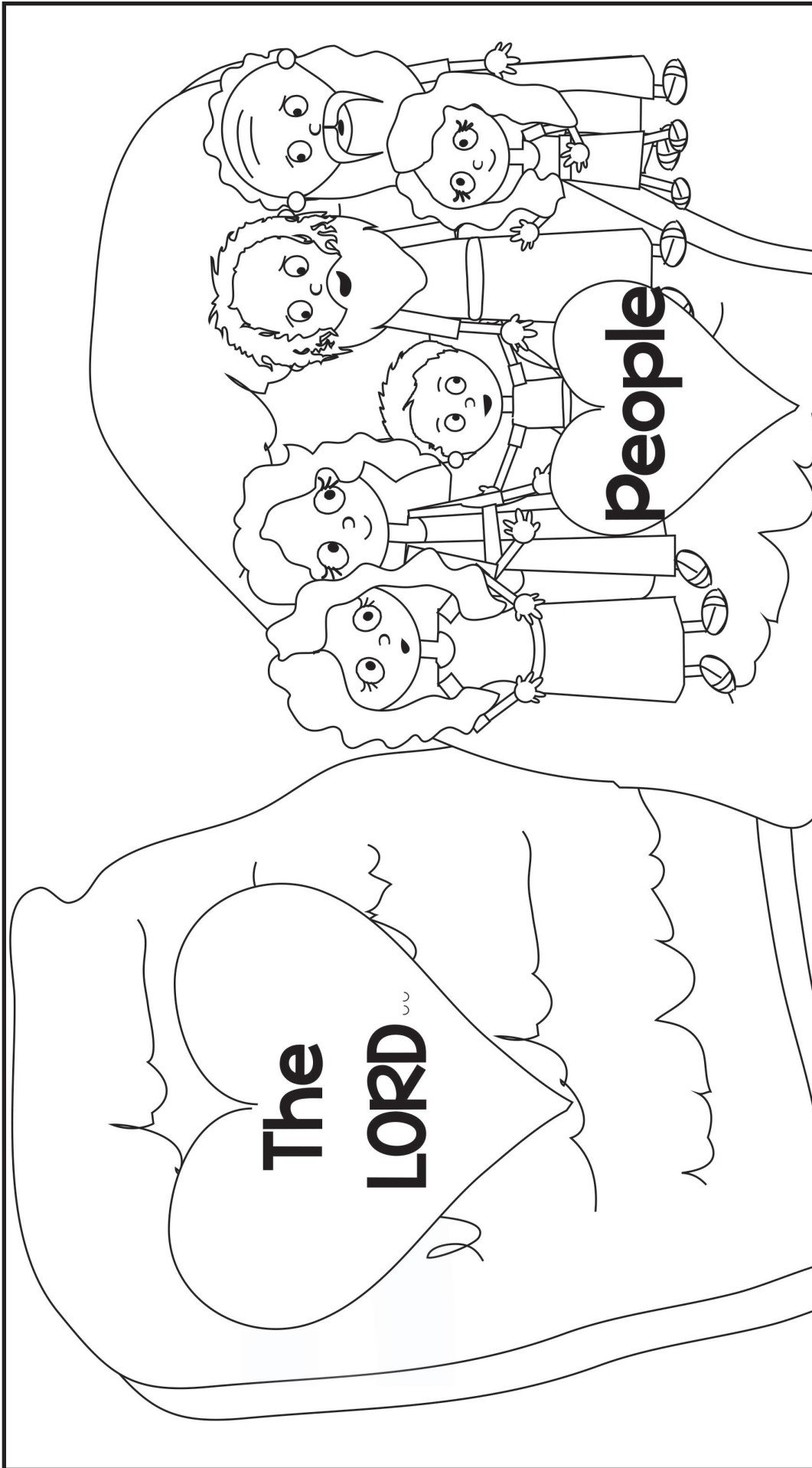
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**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

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## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



**Big Question 7:** What Are God's Laws Like?

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

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**Learn a Little:** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

### Meaning

God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us in these verses that the purpose behind all of God's laws is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.

### Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus say was the first and greatest law? *To love God most of all.*
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### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

**Love the Lord: Matthew 22:37-40** from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7, track 27*

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul,  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind,  
This is the first and greatest commandment.

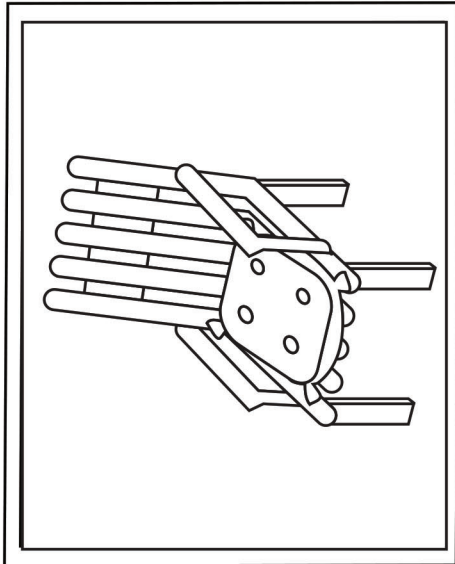
*And the second is like it...*

Love your neighbor as yourself,  
Love your neighbor as yourself,  
Love your neighbor as yourself,  
On these two commandments depend,  
All the Law and Prophets.  
Matthew Twenty-two, thirty-seven through forty.

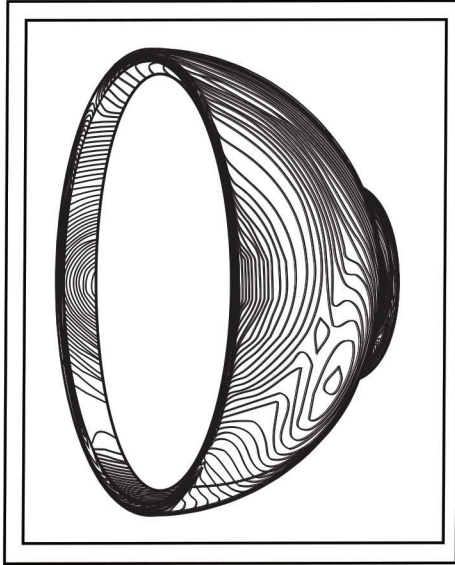
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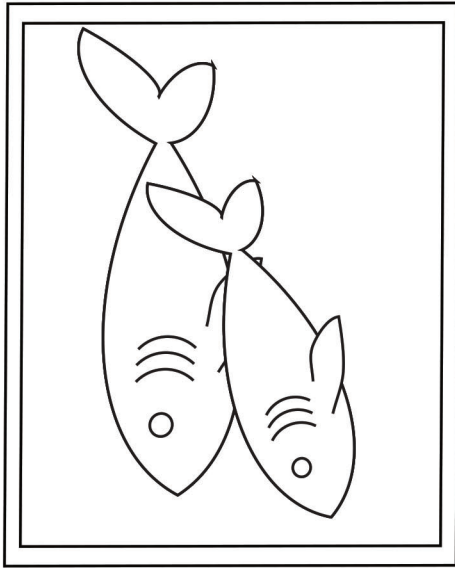
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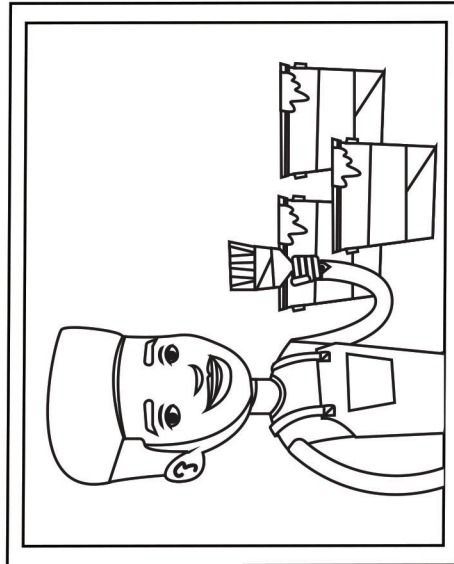
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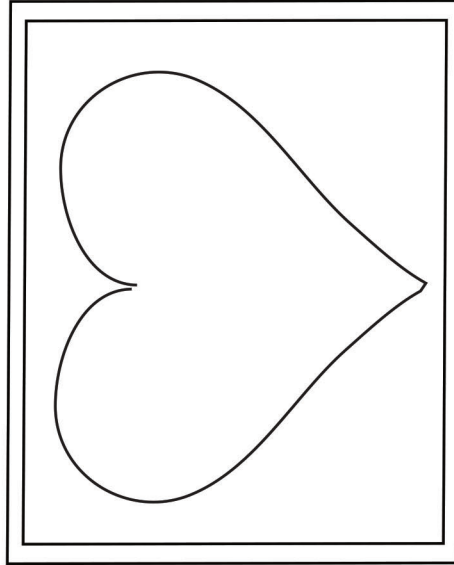
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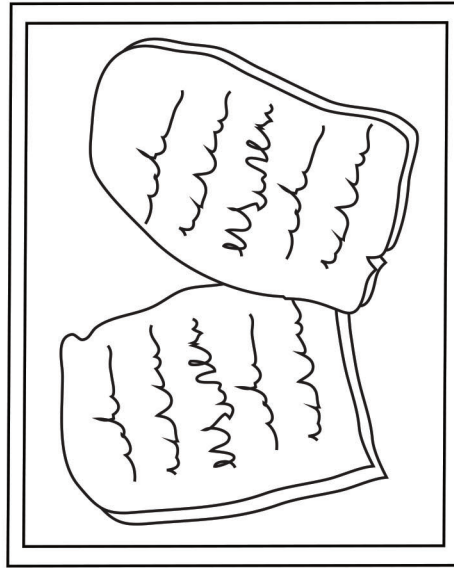
Two Fish



A Dead Person



A Heart



God's Ten, Big Laws

Answer: The cup, the fish, the heart and God's Ten, Big Laws. The painter and the pillow do not.

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 7, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3



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## Some Questions for You

1. What is the name of the Ten, Big Laws that God gave to show us how to love God and others? *The Ten Commandments.*
2. Did the teachers in Jesus' day tell people to keep just the 10 Commandments and other laws that God gave them in His Word, the Bible? *No. They told people to keep a lot of other rules, too.*
3. Did Jesus tell people to keep all those extra rules the other teachers gave to the people? *No, He did not. He taught them that those extra rules were not God's laws at all.*
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How He'd have us live each day;  
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Who died to give eternal life.

Words: John Burton, Sr., Constance Dever Music: Constance Dever

**Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible** from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 7, track 18

### Verse 1

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

### Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,  
The best book to read is the Bible,  
If you read it ev'ry day,  
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