

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 9

Simple Story Scenes, ESV



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Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

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

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

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

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

Unit 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

UNIT OVERVIEW

In the beginning, God created the world perfectly. What a wonderful, special closeness people enjoyed with Him! Yes, it was "Perfect Wonderfulness" knowing God and living in His world. It could have stayed that way forever, but it did not. All of this perfection was broken when people disobeyed God. The big Bible word for disobeying God is "sin." When we look around us, we can see the sadness that sin brought into God's good world. So much in this world is not perfect or wonderful anymore! We've lost the special closeness with God, too. Yes, when sin came into the world, it spoiled so many things.

But would all this sin and sadness last forever? People certainly deserved it to. After all, they had turned away from God. Now people deserved His punishment, not His love. But God treats us so much better than we deserve! From the beginning, He had an amazing plan to bring sinful people like us back to Himself. How? He promised to send a Savior. That Savior was Jesus, God's own Son. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He gave it up as the full payment for sins as He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really done it! He had beaten sin and death for God's people! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will get to know God in our hearts; and one day, we will get to go live with God and enjoy all of His Perfect Wonderfulness forever!

In this unit, we will learn six truths about Jesus, our Savior.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

"Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

ANSWER: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

OPTIONAL Big Question 9 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 9 Material)

Story: The Case of the Son Who Came Down *The Gospels*

Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:18

BIBLE TRUTH 1: He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind *Luke 1-2; John 1,6*

Bible Verse: John 6:38

BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Never, Ever Disobeyed God (3 Lessons Available)

The Case of the Man Who Never Said "No" *The Gospels; Hebrews 4*

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15

BIBLE TRUTH 3: He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Eyewitness *Luke 4:31ff; 5; 9:28-36; 11:23-24; John 2; 6:16-21; 11*

Bible Verse: John 6:68-69

BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Died on the Cross for the Sins of God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Great Price *Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19*

Bible Verse: Hosea 13:14

BIBLE TRUTH 5: He Rose from the Dead (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Unexpected Ending *Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 24; John 20-21*

Bible Verse: Luke 24:5-6

BIBLE TRUTH 6: He Went Up to Rule in Heaven (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Fluffy Farewell *Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 23-24; John 19-20; Acts 1*

Bible Verse: Philippians 2:9-11

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9 Track Numbers

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

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title 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 9: JESUS, IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US

- 12 Big Q & A 9 Song
- 13 Big Question 9 Song: What Did Jesus Come to Do?
- 14 Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: Christ Once Suffered for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV (full version)
- 15 Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: Christ Once Suffered for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV (short version)
- 16 *Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Suffered Once for Sin 1 Peter 3:18, ESV (other version)*
- 17 *Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16, ESV*
- 18 Big Question 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1
- 19 Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...

Bible Truth 1: He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us

- 20 Bible Verse: Down, Down, Down John 6:38, ESV
- 21 *Extra Bible Verse: The Word Became Flesh John 1:14 NIV 1984*
- 22 *Extra Bible Verse: Your Attitude Should Be Philippians 2:5-8, NIV 1984*

Bible Truth 2: He Never, Ever Disobeyed God

- 23 Bible Verse: Jesus Has Been Tempted Hebrews 4:15, ESV
- 24 *Extra Bible Verse: We Have a Great High Priest: Hebrews 4:14-15, NIV 1984*

Bible Truth 3: He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things

- 25 Bible Verse: Jesus Went Proclaimin' Matthew 4:23, ESV
- 26 *Extra Bible Verse: Lord, to Whom Shall We Go? John 6:68-69, ESV*
- 27 *Extra Bible Verse: Who Is This? Luke 8:25, NIV 1984*
- 28 *Extra Bible Verse: Jesus Said to Them: Matthew 16:15-16, ESV*

Bible Truth 4: He Died on the Cross for His People's Sins

- 29 Bible Verse: I Will Ransom Them Hosea 13:14, HCSB
- 30 *Extra Bible Verse: Blessed Are Those Romans 4:7-8, ESV*

Bible Truth 5: He Rose from the Dead

- 31 Bible Verse: Why Do You Seek? Luke 24:5-6, ESV
- 32 *Extra Bible Verse: I Am the Living One Revelation 1:17-18, ESV*
- 33 *Extra Bible Verse: He Is the Head of the Body Colossians 1:18, ESV*

Bible Truth 6: He Went Up to Rule in Heaven

- 34 Bible Verse: Gone into Heaven 1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV
- 35 *Extra Bible Verse: Jesus Christ Has Gone into Heaven 1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV (other version)*
- 36 *Extra Bible Verse Therefore God Exalted Him Philippians 2:9-11, NIV 1984*

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Simple Story Scenes

Unit 9,

Bible Truth 1

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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

Give the Case Assignment

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

Show & Tell the Story

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

Solve the Case

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

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

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

Review Time

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

Looking for more?

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

Unit 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

Unit Bible Verse: "Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Bible Truth 1 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us

Jesus is God's Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels.

But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn't anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven.

So, why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus' perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted to fulfill His Father's amazing plan. So, Jesus came. He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God's love for His people. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: John 6:38, ESV

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

Learn a Little: "I have come from heaven... to do the will of him who sent me."

Meaning

Jesus left His wonderful home in heaven to live on earth. Why? To carry out God's amazing plan. What was that plan? To save His sinful people from their sins so they could know Him and enjoy Him forever! What an amazing plan! What a wonderful God! Let's praise Him right now!

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** Jesus, we praise You for choosing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. We could never be God's people on our own. Only You could bring us to God.
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story

The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind

Luke 1-2; John 1,6

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 9 Song

Big Question 9 Song: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: Christ Once Suffered for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For Christ Suffered Once for Sin

Extra Big Question 9 Bible Verse Song: For God So Loved the World John 3:16, ESV

Big Question 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

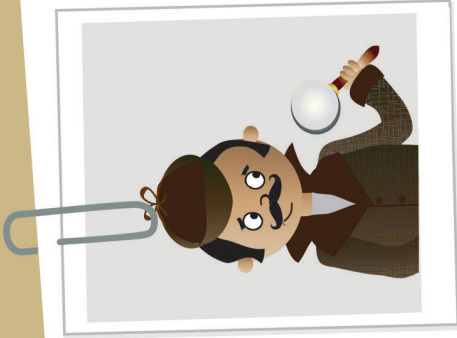
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"The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind" Luke 1-2; John 1,6



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the lover? Whom did He love?
2. What did He leave behind, and why?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 6:38, ESV

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do?
2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it?

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

I. On one, special night, baby Jesus was born to Mary.

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And what had God's Son come to do? The angel told the shepherds on the night Jesus was born. Do you know what he said? "A Savior has been born to you; the Messiah, the Lord," the angel said. This was God's Son, the Messiah, come to save God's people!



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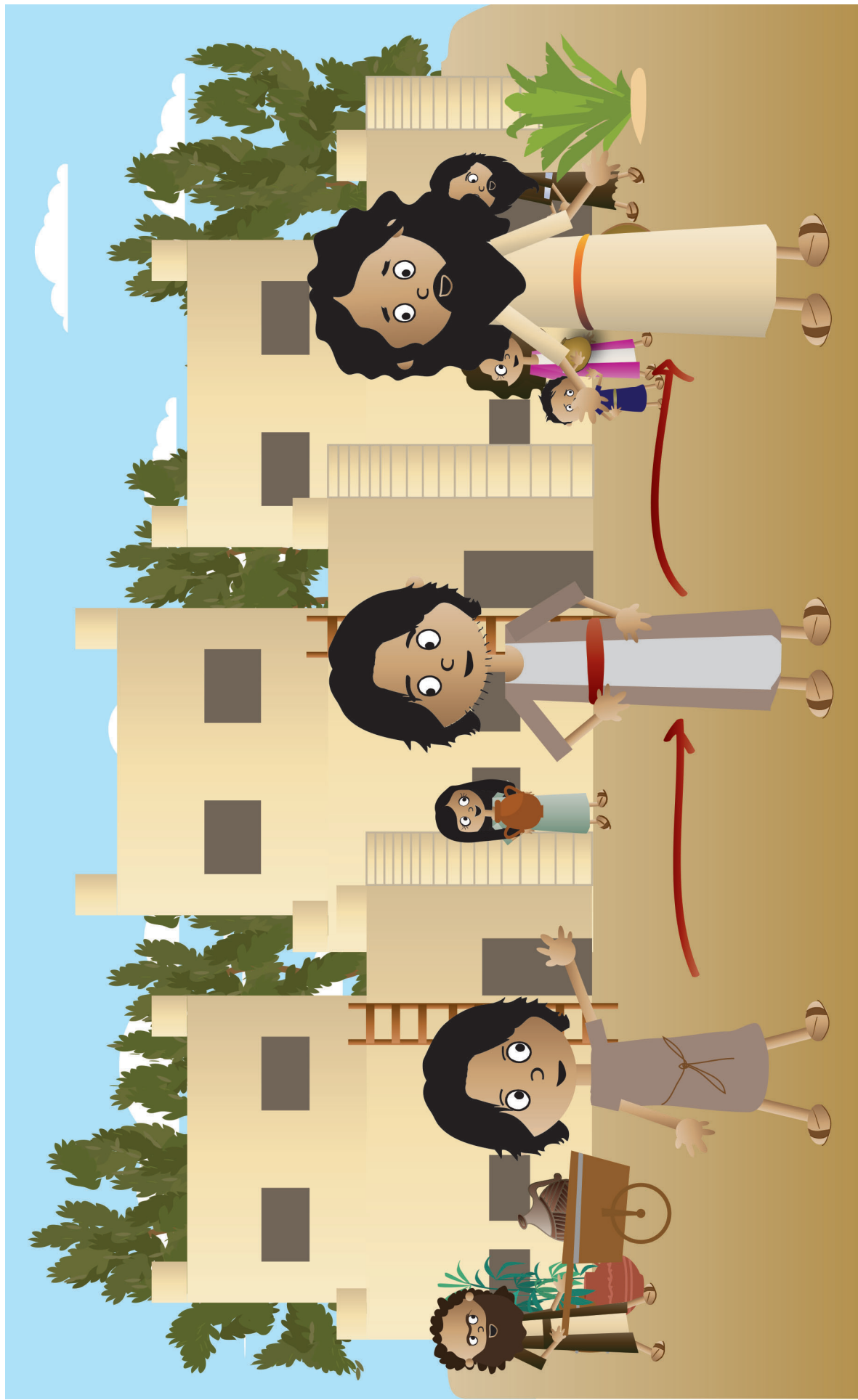
Can you remember what that plan was? It was to save people from their sins, so they could be God's dearly-loved people and enjoy Him forever. Yes, it was for love of God, His Father, and for love of us, that Jesus left His home in heaven to come to earth and be born a baby.



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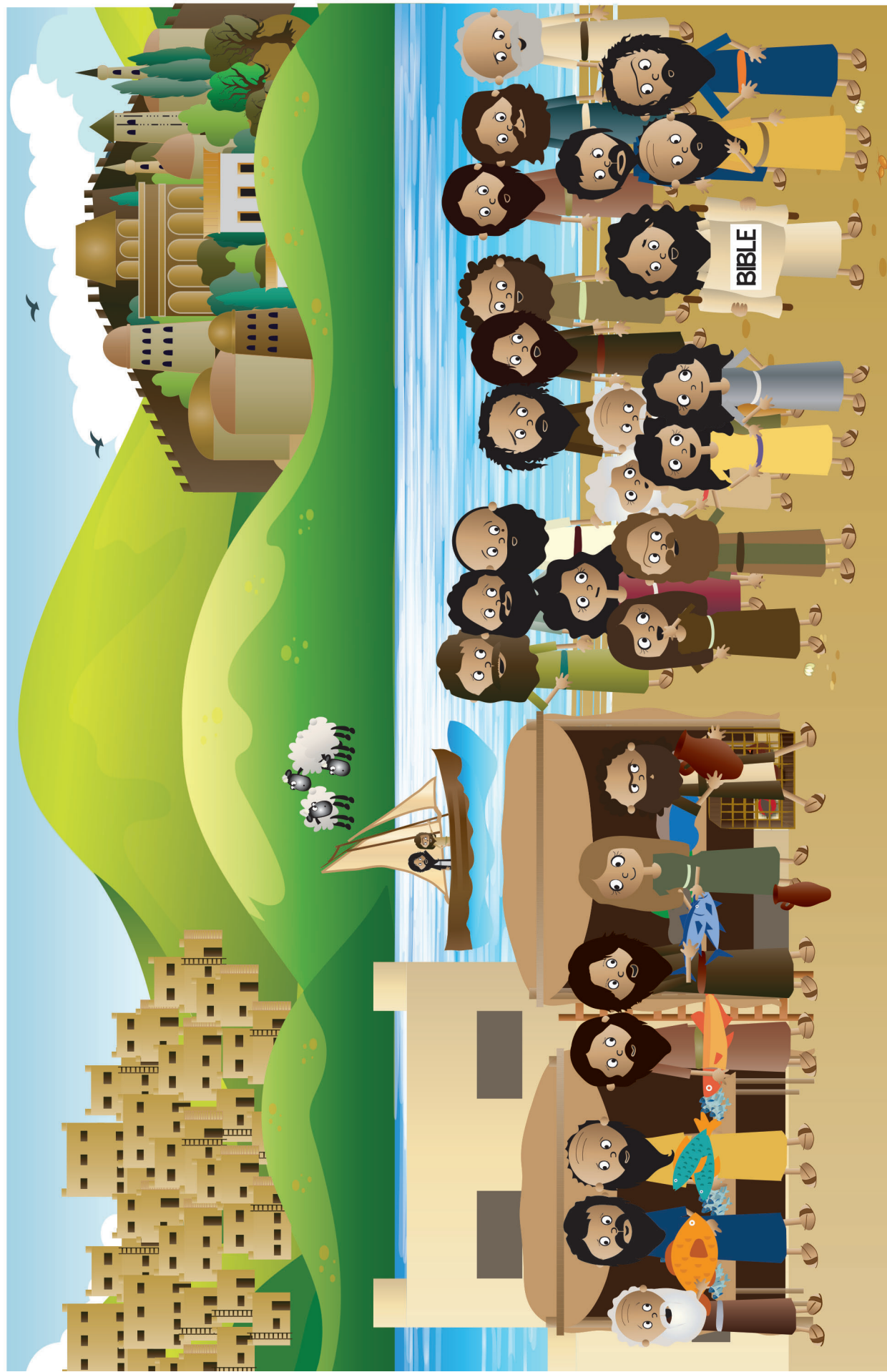
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7. And everywhere Jesus went, He TAUGHT the people about God and TOLD them why God had sent Him. He SHOWED them by God's amazing power that He was God's Son, sent to save them.

As Jesus spoke about God, people wanted to hear more that He had to say. And, as Jesus did amazing things by God's power, people wanted to see Him do even more. No one had ever heard someone teach about God as Jesus did, or seen someone do the things He did by God's power.



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II. Jesus took the fish and bread, gave thanks to God, His Father, and gave it to the crowds to eat.

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13. “Just think: if Jesus is our king, he could use his amazing powers to give us everything we want. It could be like the days of Moses when God gave our people manna--the yummy food, straight from heaven,” they thought.

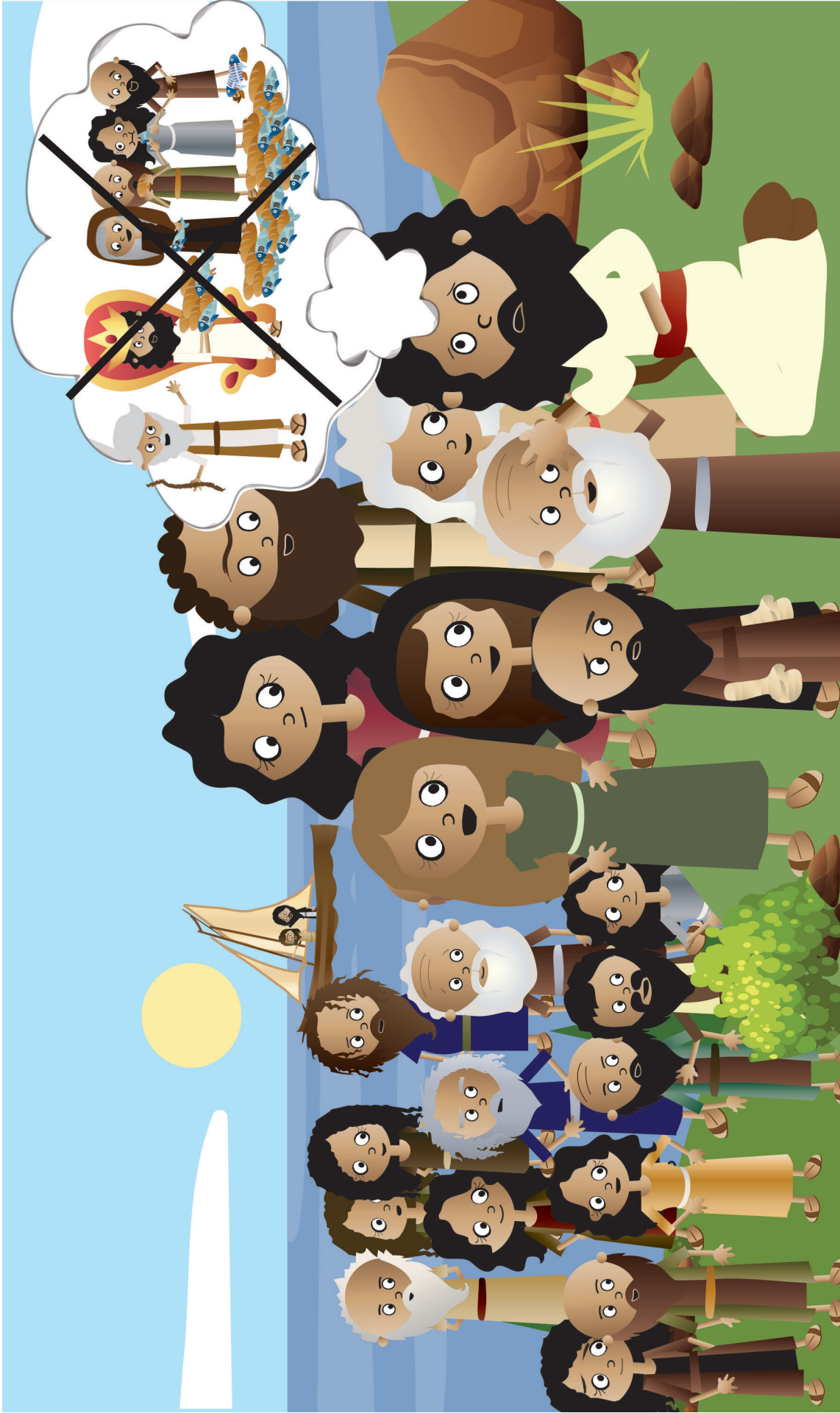
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14. But Jesus knew just what those people were thinking. They had it all wrong! Yes, He WAS the special leader God had promised to send. And yes, He was a king --their king. But He wasn't the kind of king they thought He was.

Jesus hadn't come just to fill their bellies with good food from heaven or to give them other good things they wanted right then. He had come to do God's will and give them something they needed much more. Do you remember what Jesus came to do?



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15. Jesus had come to save them from sin and death, so they could be God's dearly-loved people forever.

Now, the people might LIKE their bellies filled with bread. They might LIKE to get whatever good things they wanted. But what they really NEEDED was what Jesus had come to do: to save them from their sins.

So, Jesus refused to do things the way these people wanted Him to. He would do things God's way. He would be their Savior!



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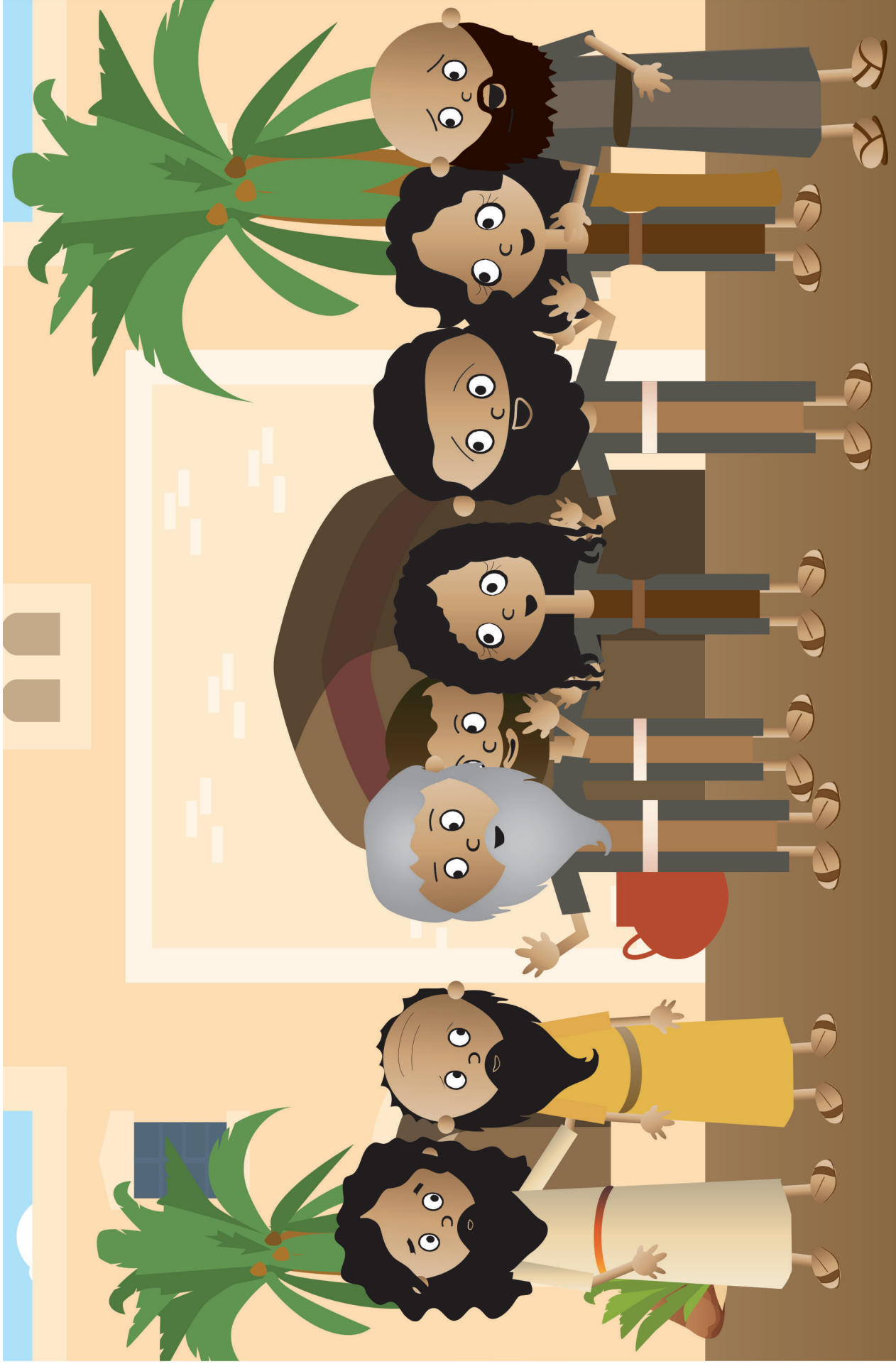
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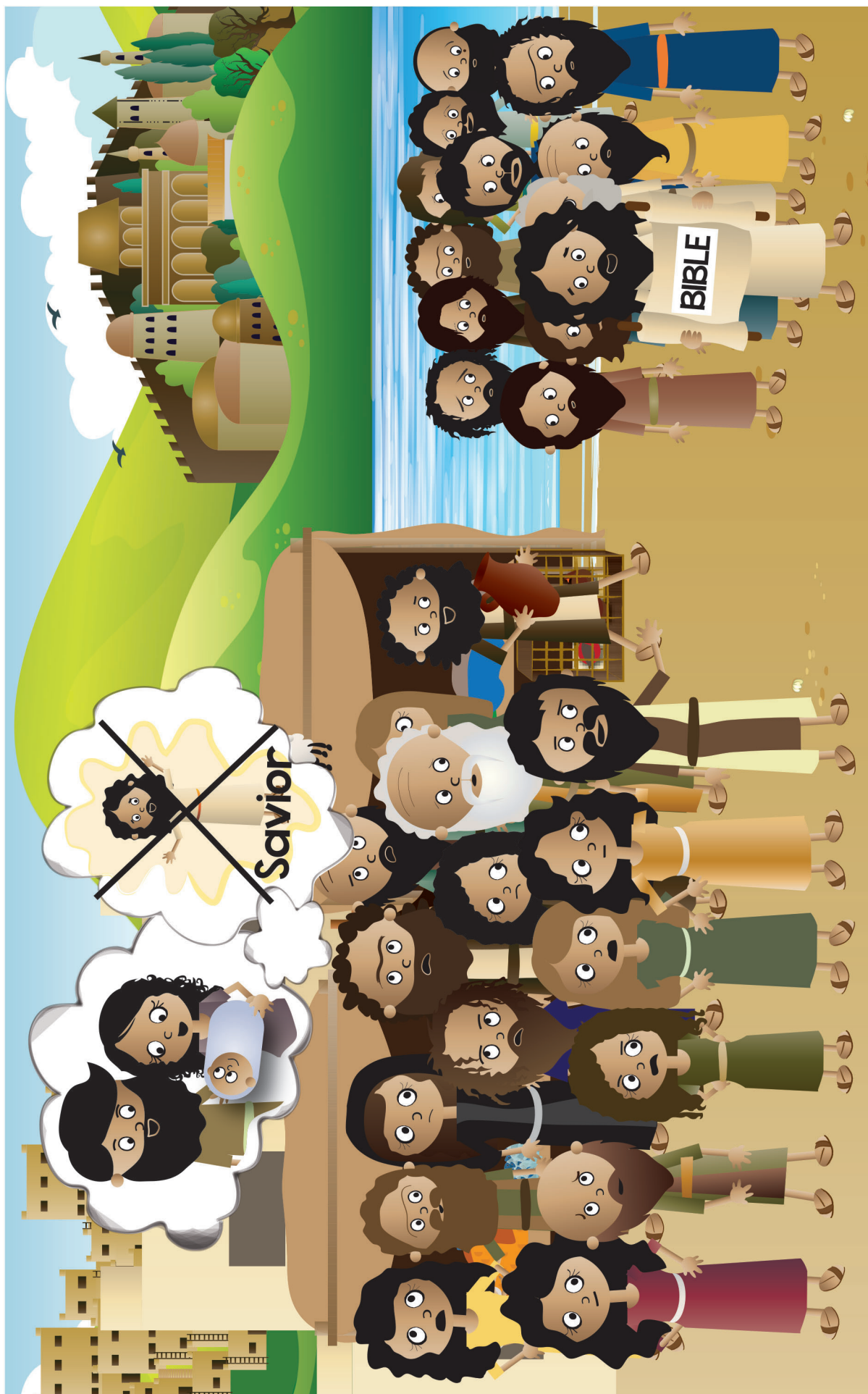
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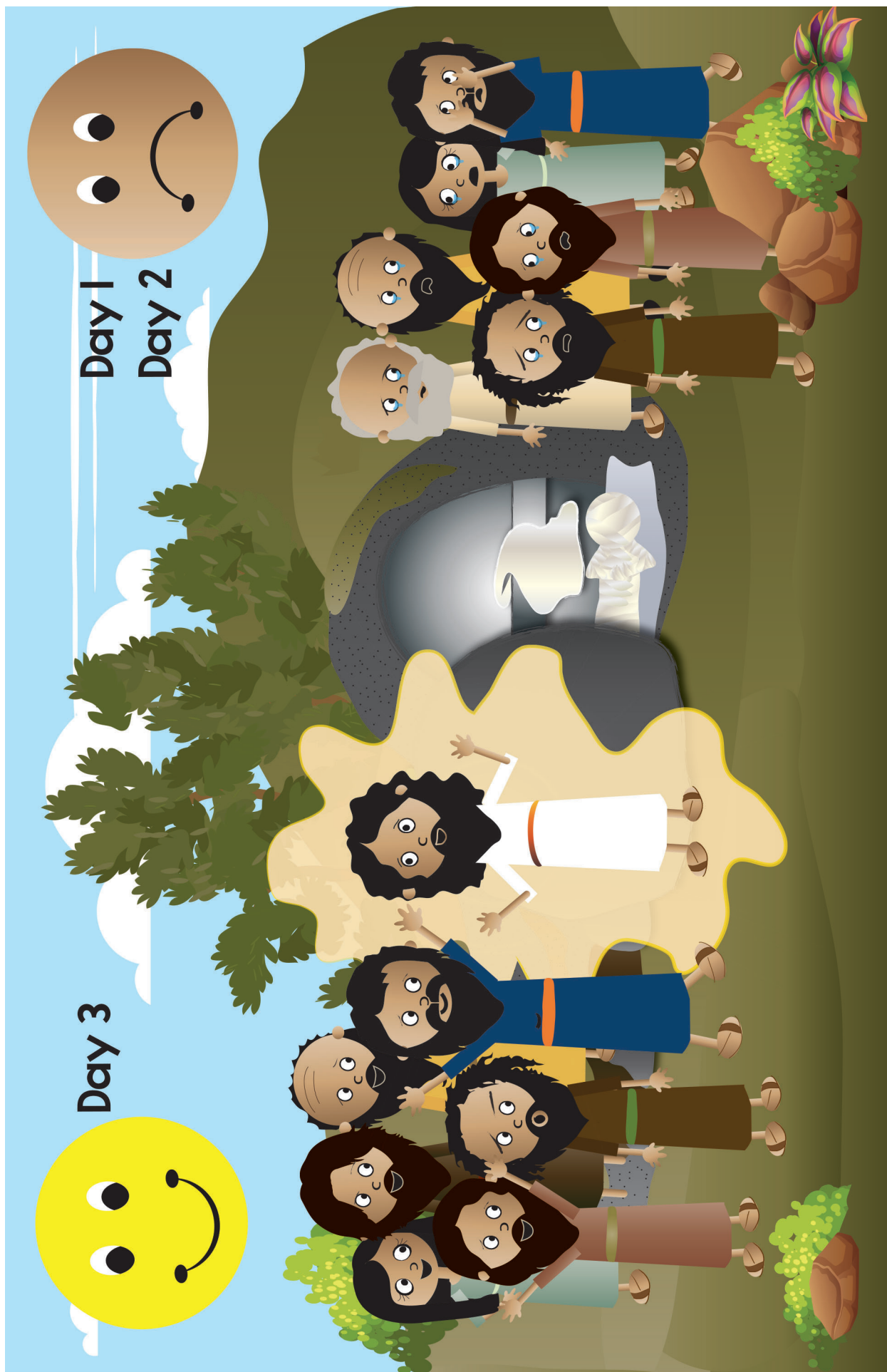
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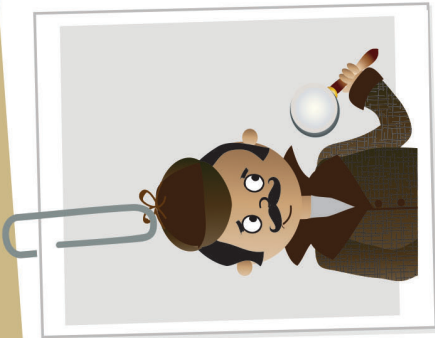
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DDD 9.1 Simple Story Scenes

"The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind" Luke 1-2; John 1,6



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the lover? Whom did He love?
Jesus was the lover. He loved God and He loved sinners, like you and me.

2. What did He leave behind, and why?
Jesus left behind the Perfect Wonderfulness of life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, in heaven. He left it behind, so He could be our Savior.

For You and Me:
Jesus didn't just come to earth to save people who lived long ago. Jesus came to save people from every time and place. He even came to save us! How can we be saved? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 6:38, ESV

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

1. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come down from heaven to do?
God's plan.

2. What was the plan, and did Jesus do it?
God's plan was for Jesus to be our Savior. Yes, He did!

For You and Me:

How amazing that Jesus would choose to leave His home in heaven to come to be our Savior! How amazing that He would suffer and die on the cross in the place of God's sinful people! But that's exactly what He did. And He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He had really done it! We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

DDD 9.1 Simple Story Scenes

What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...

He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

The Gospel

How great is God's love for His sinful people! He sent Jesus, His own Son, to live a perfect life and offer it as the full payment for their sins. He suffered the punishment they deserved as He suffered and died on the cross.

It sounds too good to be true, but it IS true! How do we know? Because on the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. He had come down from heaven to do God's will, and He had done it!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven their sins. They get to be God's dearly-loved people forever. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask God to help you.

He loves to do this!



DDD 9.1 Simple Story Scenes

A Prayer

A Jesus, we praise You for choosing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.

C Jesus, we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment. We could never be God's people on our own. Only You could bring us to God.

T Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.

S Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



DDD 9.1 Simple Story Scenes

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 9,

Bible Truth 2

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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

Give the Case Assignment

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

Show & Tell the Story

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

Solve the Case

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

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

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

Review Time

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

Looking for more?

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

Unit 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

Unit Bible Verse: “Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Never, Ever Disobeyed God

Jesus never, ever sinned. He always obeyed God, His Father. But even though Jesus always never disobeyed God, there were many times when He was tempted to. The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way just like us; but unlike us, Jesus never gave in and sinned. In everything He thought and said and did, Jesus always kept on obeying God. And He did this His whole life! Wow! Jesus was absolutely perfect!

Perhaps Jesus’ greatest temptation came the night before He died on the cross. Jesus knew that it would hurt so badly to suffer for the sins of God’s people. But Jesus loved God, His Father, and us so much! He would NOT turn away from His Father’s good plan. He would suffer and die in the place of God’s people so they could be forgiven.

And it is so very good for us that Jesus did not sin and that He did choose to die for us. Only if He lived a perfect life could He give it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God’s people. He was the only hope for our sins to be forgiven by God. He was the only way we could become God’s people. You can be one of God’s people, too, if you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Learn a Little: “[Jesus] has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.”

Meaning

Do you know what tempted means? It means thinking about doing something that God says is wrong. Our Bible verse tells us Jesus was tempted in every way, just like we are! But what made Jesus different? He always said “no” to tempting things. He never disobeyed God! Jesus was perfect. He was without sin!

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for always saying ‘no’ to sin. You are the perfect One who never, ever sinned!
- C** Jesus, You never disobeyed God, Your Father, but we are not like You. We have all chosen to disobey God and His good ways. Oh, how we need You to be our Savior!
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In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the Man Who Never Said “No” *The Gospels; Hebrews 4*

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 9 Song

Big Question 9 Song: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

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Big Question 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1

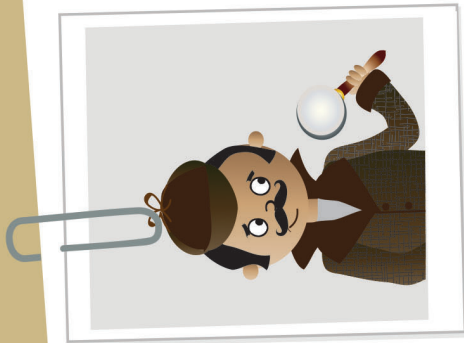
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Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Jesus Has Been Tempted Hebrews 4:15, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: We Have a Great High Priest: Hebrews 4:14-15, NIV 1984

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"The Case of the Man Who Never Said 'No'" The Gospels; Hebrews



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Man? To whom did He never say "no"?
2. Why was it so important that He never said "no"?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 4:15, ESV

"Jesus has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin."

1. Who was tempted in every way as we are but never sinned?
2. What could He do for us because He never sinned?

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

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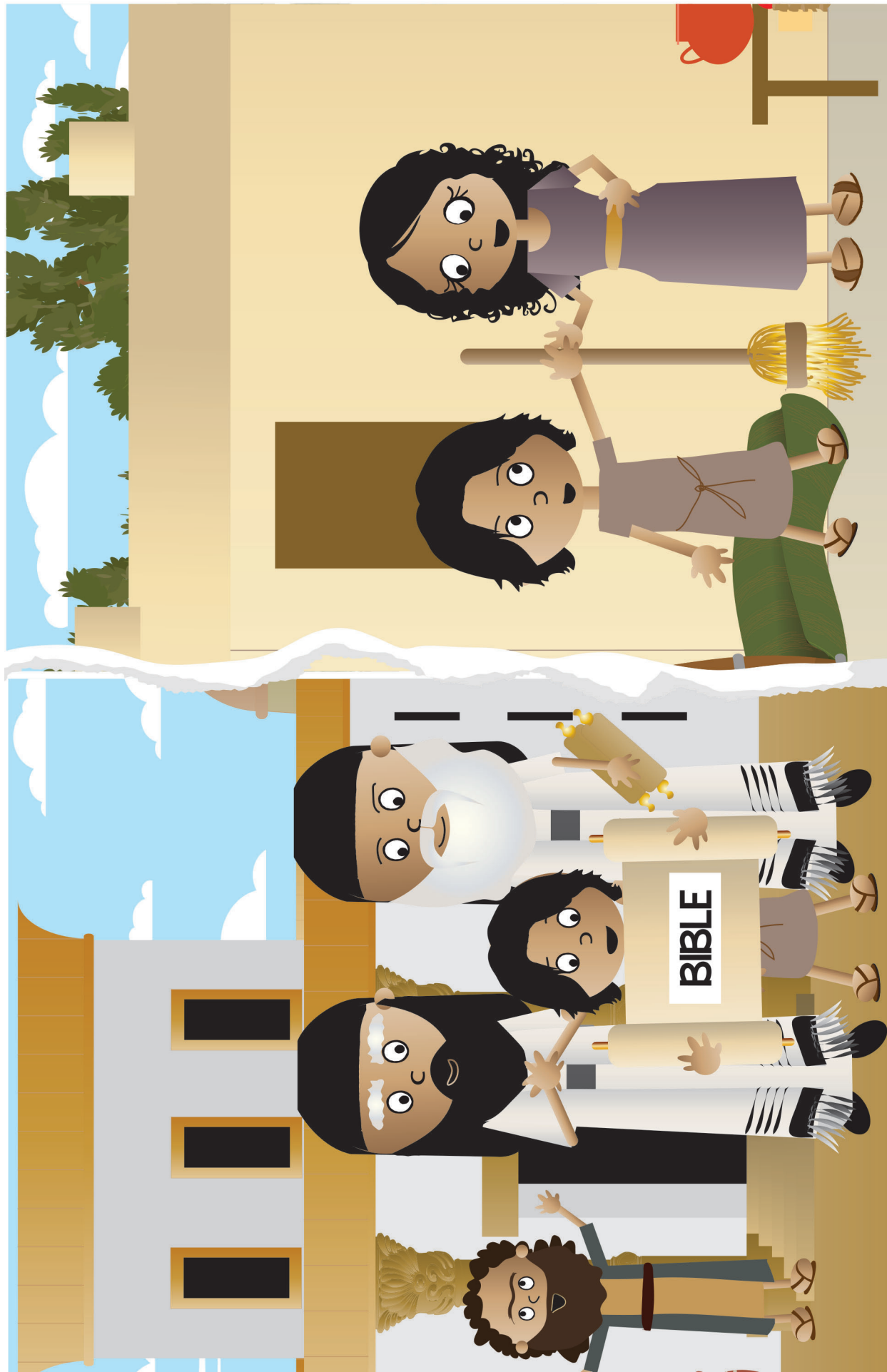
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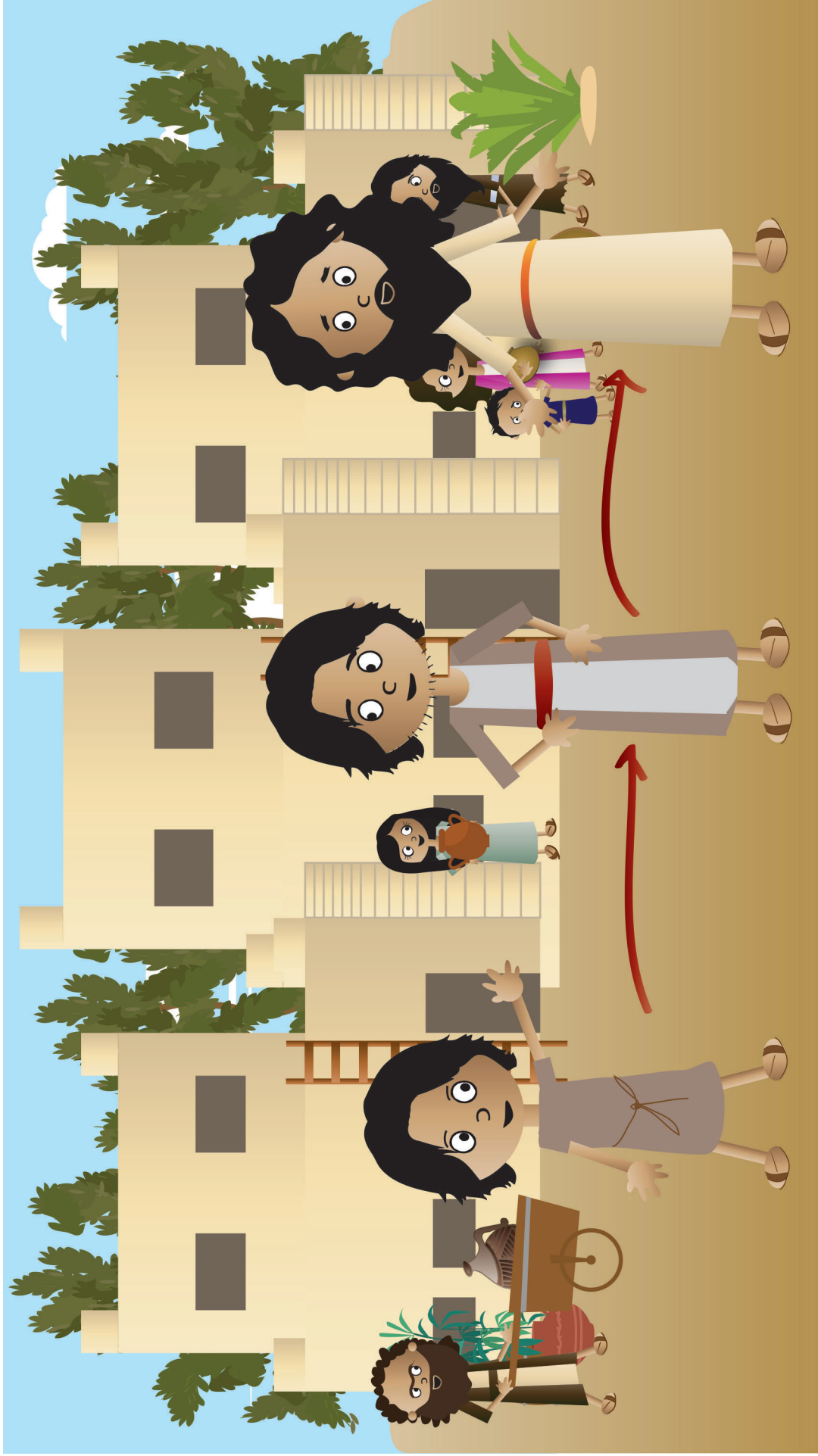
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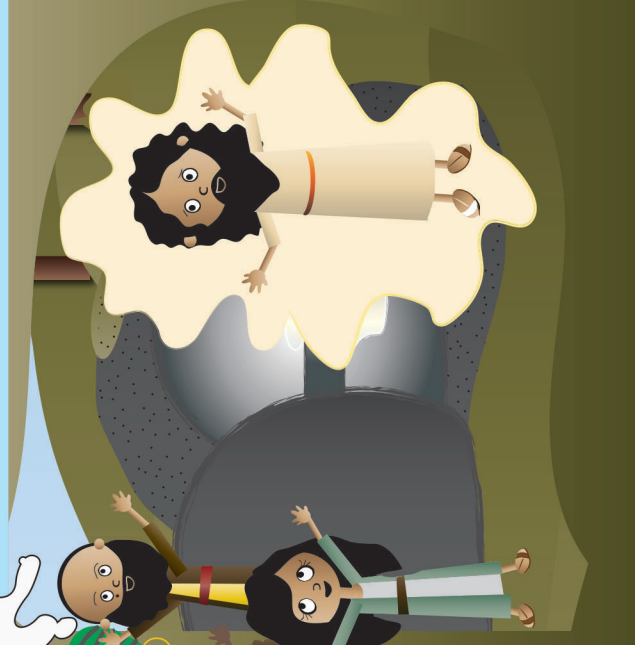
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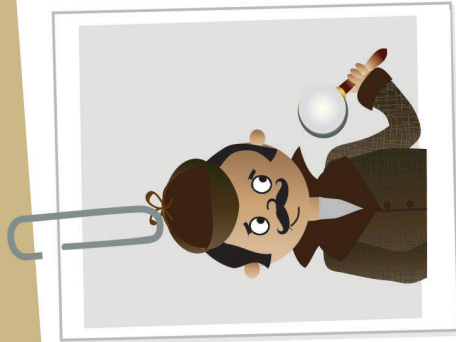
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DDD 9.2 Simple Story Scenes

"The Case of the Man Who Never Said 'No'" The Gospels; Hebrews 4



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Man? To whom did He never say "no"? Jesus was the man. He never said "no" to God, His Father. Jesus always obeyed Him and His good laws.

2. Why was it so important that He never said "no"? Only by perfectly obeying God and His good laws could Jesus be the perfect Savior needed to save God's people from their sins.

For You and Me:

Just like those people who lived in Jesus' day, we need a Savior to save us from our sins. Jesus came to be that Savior. He will be our Savior, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to do this!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 4:15, ESV

"Jesus has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin."

1. Who was tempted in every way as we are but never sinned? Jesus.

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What Did Jesus Come to Do?
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The Gospel

Unlike Jesus, we all have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. That's why we all deserve His punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to punish us all. But He is so full of love and mercy that He chose to save His people, a huge crowd too big to count, from every people on earth!

God sent Jesus, His own Son, to live a perfect life and offer it as the full payment for their sins. Jesus took the punishment they deserved as He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior get to be God's dearly-loved people forever. This is how we can become God's people, too.

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DDD 9.2 Simple Story Scenes

A Prayer

A Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for always saying 'no' to sin. You are the perfect One who never, ever sinned!

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DDD 9.2 Simple Story Scenes

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



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Unit 9,

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Solve the Case

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

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

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

Review Time

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 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

Unit Bible Verse: “Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things!

Before Jesus died on the cross, He taught about God for three years. Jesus taught from the Bible. He told the people what God is like. He taught them that He was God’s Son who had come to save them from their sins. He taught them how they could become God’s people and how God’s people should live.

The people who listened to Jesus teach were amazed. They had never heard someone tell them so much about God. Jesus talked as if He knew God, and, of course, He did. Jesus wasn’t just a man like them, He was the Son of God, Himself.

Jesus didn’t just teach about God. He also did many amazing things by God’s power—miracles! Things so amazing that only God could do. He fed thousands of people with just a little bit of food. He stilled the wind and waves of a raging storm with just His word. He healed sick people and even brought dead people to life by God’s power.

And what did God use Jesus’ teaching and these miracles to do? To show the people that Jesus really was His Son, the Messiah, the Savior, who had come to save them. And that’s exactly what many people did! They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus, as God’s Son, their Savior.

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Matthew 4:23, ESV

“[Jesus] went... teaching...and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.”

Learn a Little: “Jesus went teaching and healing among the people.”

Meaning

Jesus taught the people the good news of the kingdom of God. Do you know what that is? That anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven and saved. They will get to love God and enjoy Him forever! And Jesus healed all sorts of sicknesses. Not the way doctors do, with medicines! No, Jesus is God. He could tell sickness to leave and it would. Just like that! Many people watched what Jesus said and did, and they believed in Him. That’s the best news of all!

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Bible Truth 3 Story

The Case of the Eyewitness *Luke 4:31ff; 5; 9:28-36; 11:23-24; John 2; 6:16-21; 11*

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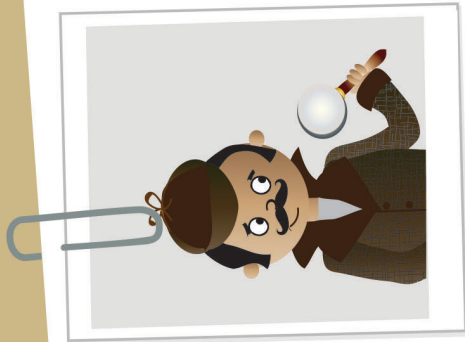
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Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse: Who Is This? Luke 8:25, NIV 1984

Extra Bible Verse: Jesus Said to Them: Matthew 16:15-16, ESV

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Matthew 4:23, ESV

"Jesus went... preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."

1. What did people think as they listened to Jesus teach?
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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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5. And, they gave the people lots of extra, little DO's and DON'Ts rules that they thought would help everyone obey God's laws better.

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And even though NONE of these little rules were in the Bible, those teachers were SURE that obeying them was the way to please God. But, oh, how all those extra, little rules weighed down on the people!



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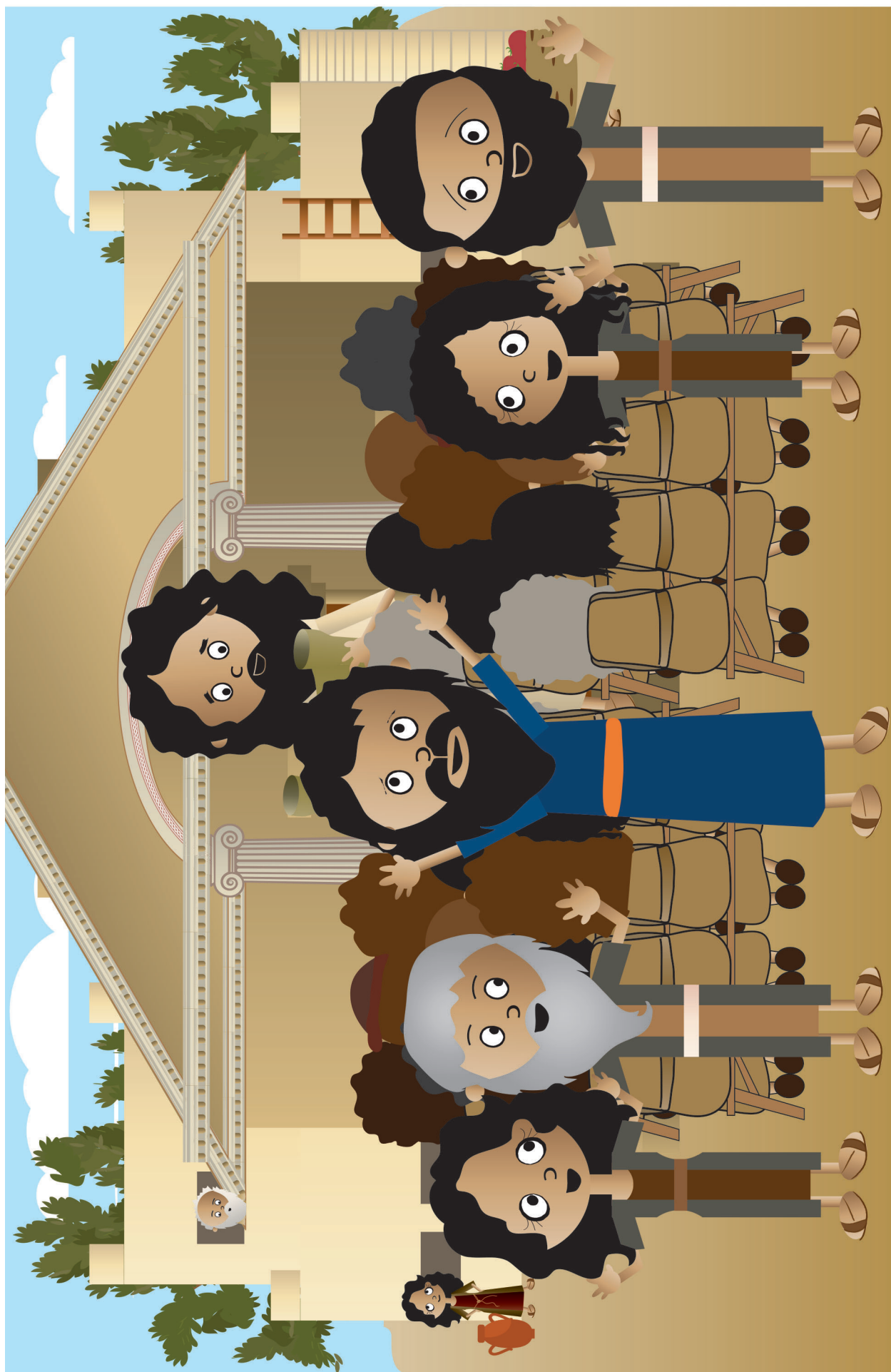
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"Go away! Leave this man alone!" Jesus ordered. Instantly, the man was freed. He became happy and calm.

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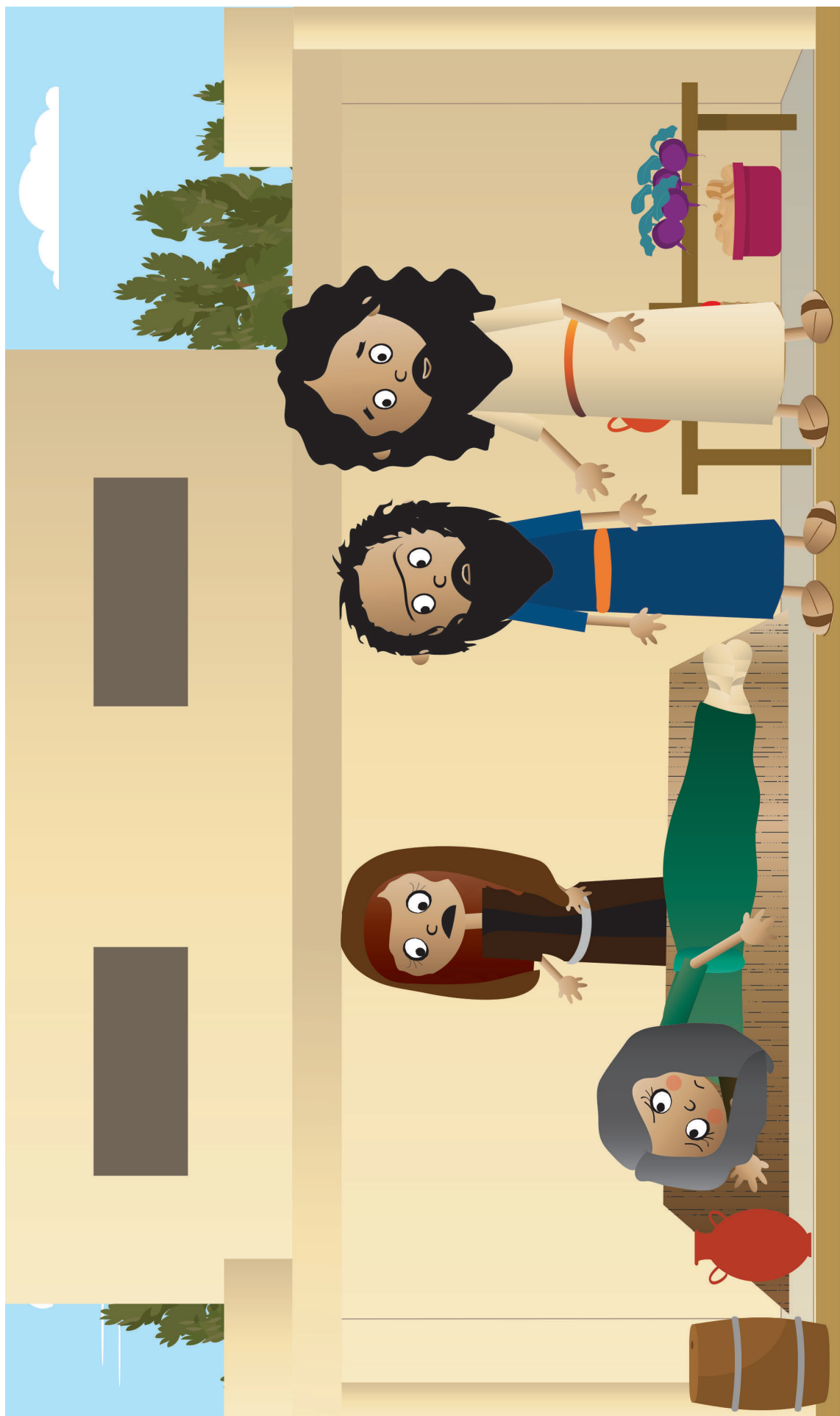


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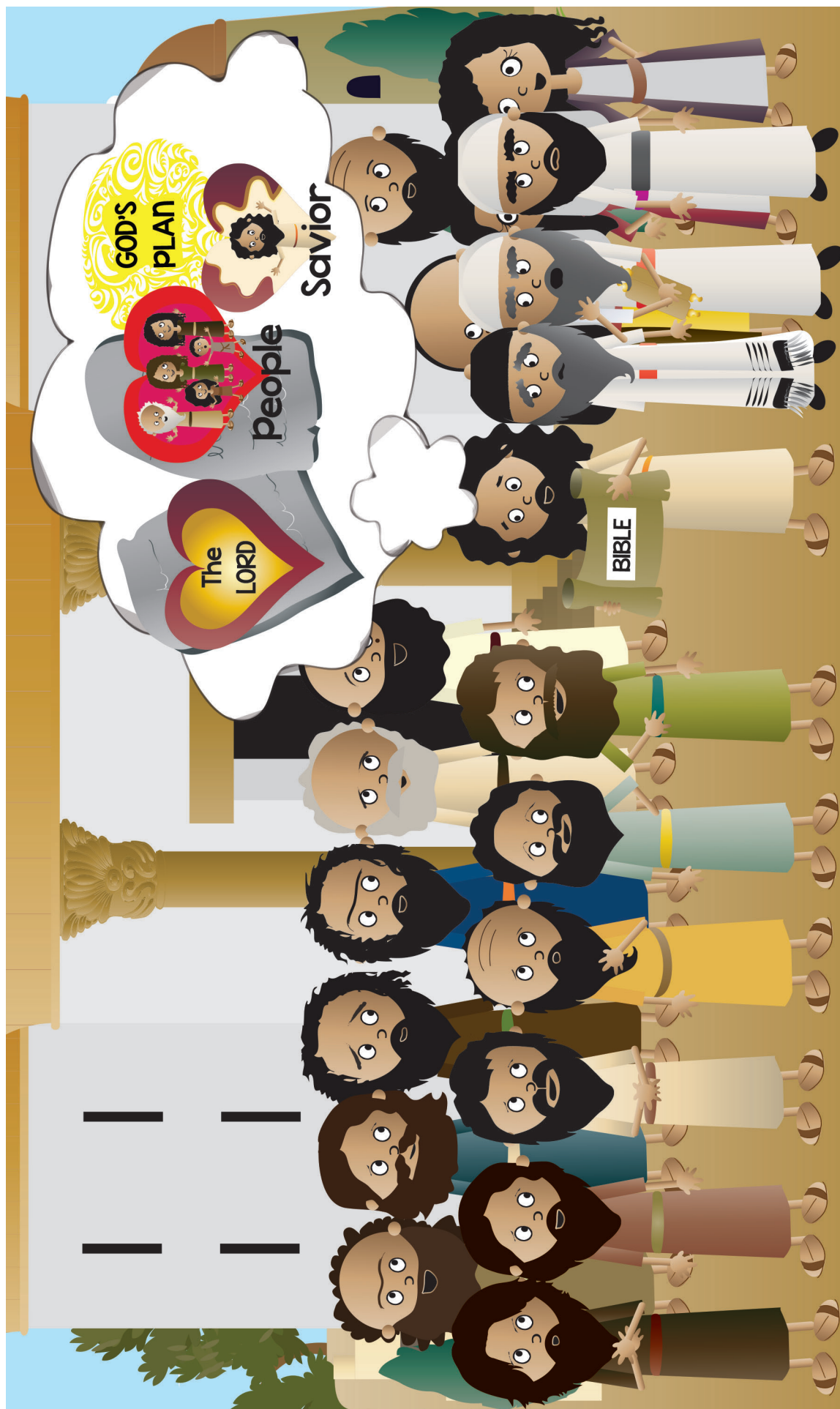


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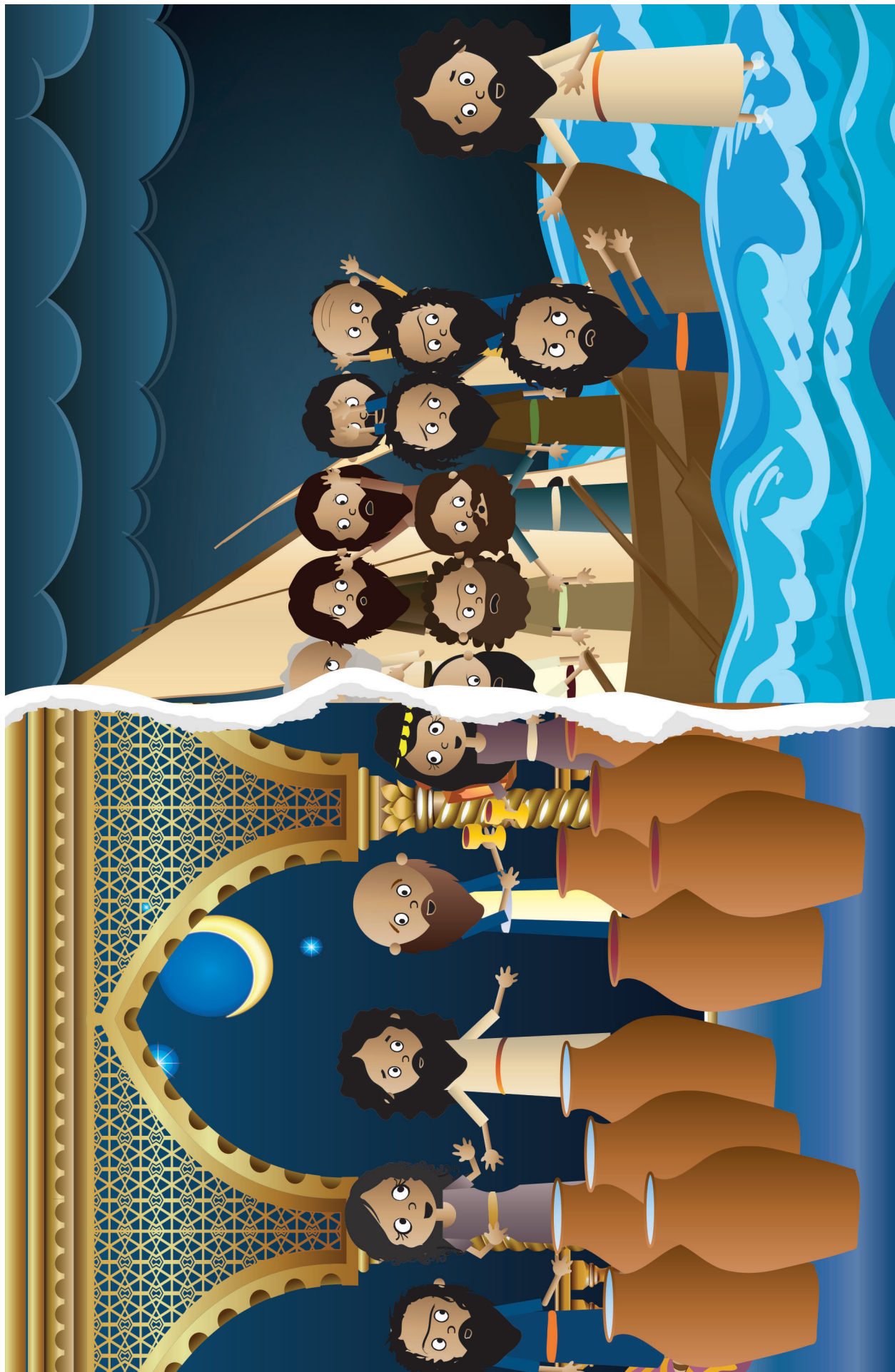


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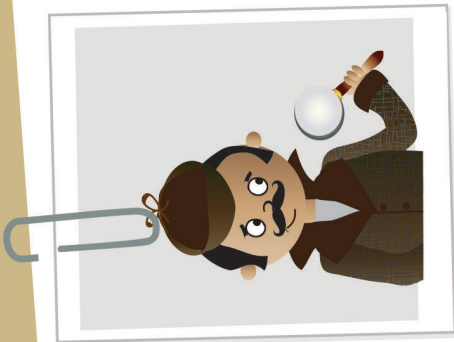


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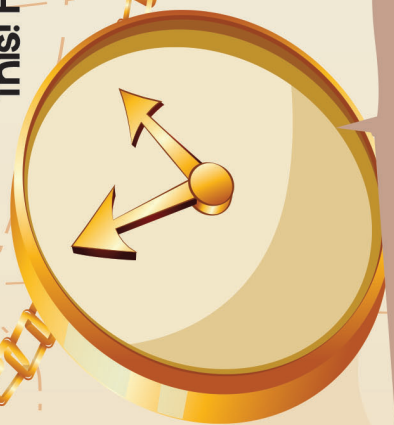
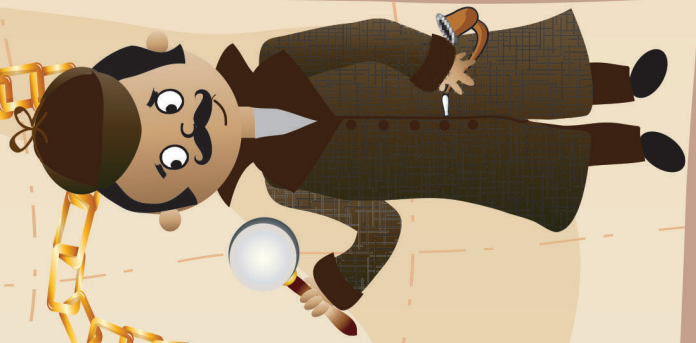
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Unit 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

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Unit Bible Verse: “Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Died on the Cross for the Sins of God’s People!

Sadly, we are all sinners who disobey God. We all deserve God’s punishment for our sins. But Jesus never, ever sinned. He never deserved any punishment from God. Yet Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross. He didn’t suffer and die because He deserved to. He suffered and died in the place of God’s people so they wouldn’t have to. Yes, He offered up His perfect life as the full payment for their sins.

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Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Hosea 13:14, HCSB

“I will ransom them from the power of Sheol. I will redeem them from death.”

Learn a Little: “I will redeem them from death.”

Meaning

Ransom! Redeem! What do those big words mean? To pay the price to rescue someone and make them your very own. What did God ransom His people from? The power of the grave and death (“Sheol” is another Bible word for the grave and death.)

Yes, indeed! When Jesus suffered and died on the cross, He paid for all of the sins of God’s people, so they could be forgiven! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, we can be God’s people, too. All of our sins will be forgiven through Him, so we can know God now and get to live with Him forever!

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

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Bible Truth 4 Story**The Case of the Great Price**

Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19

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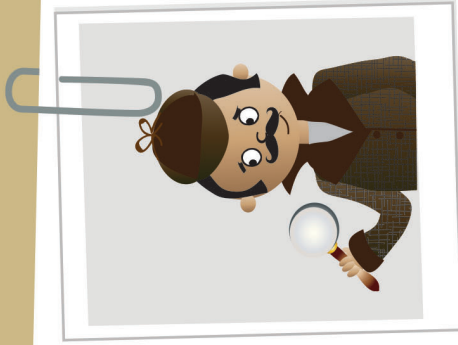
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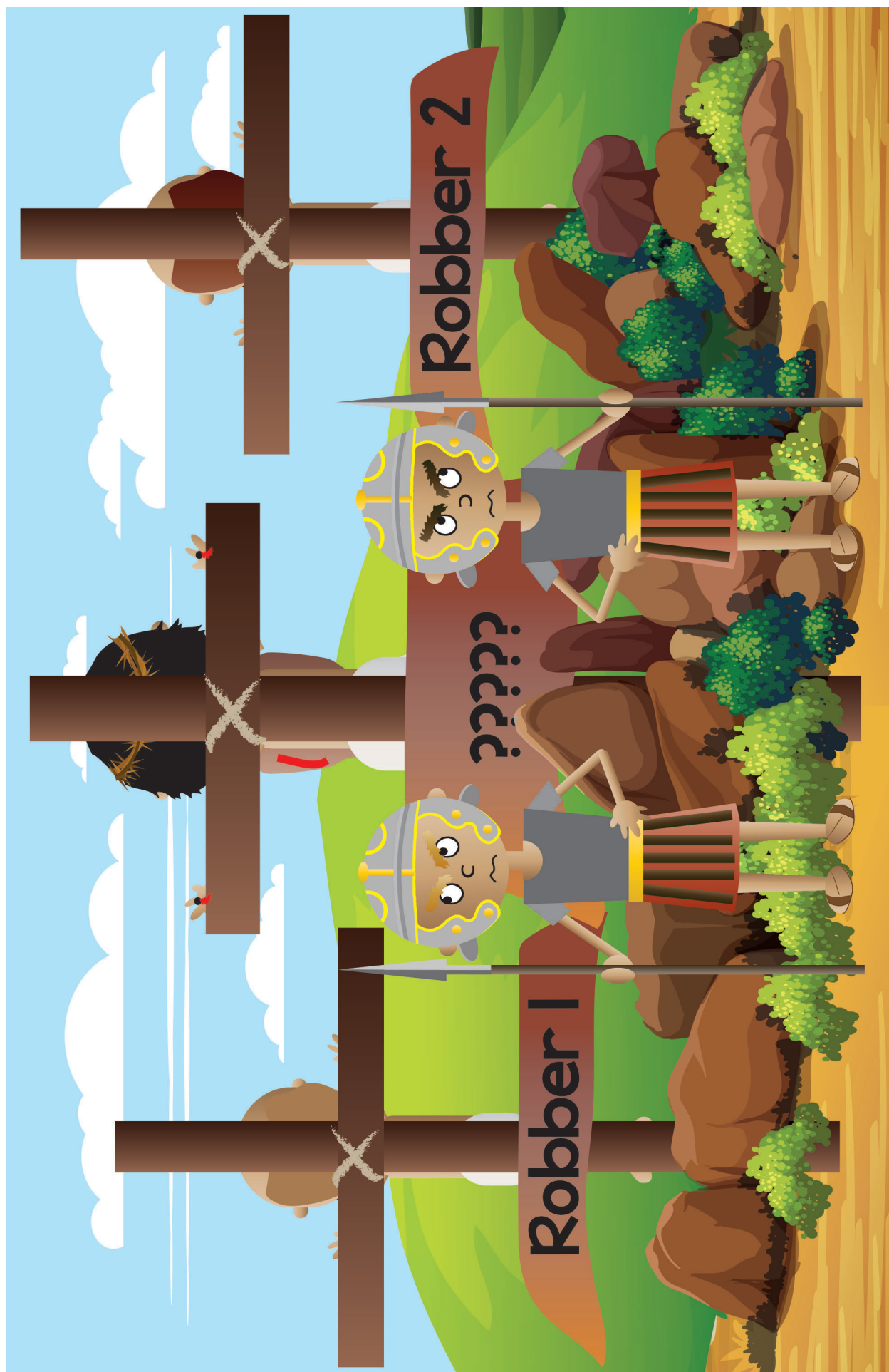
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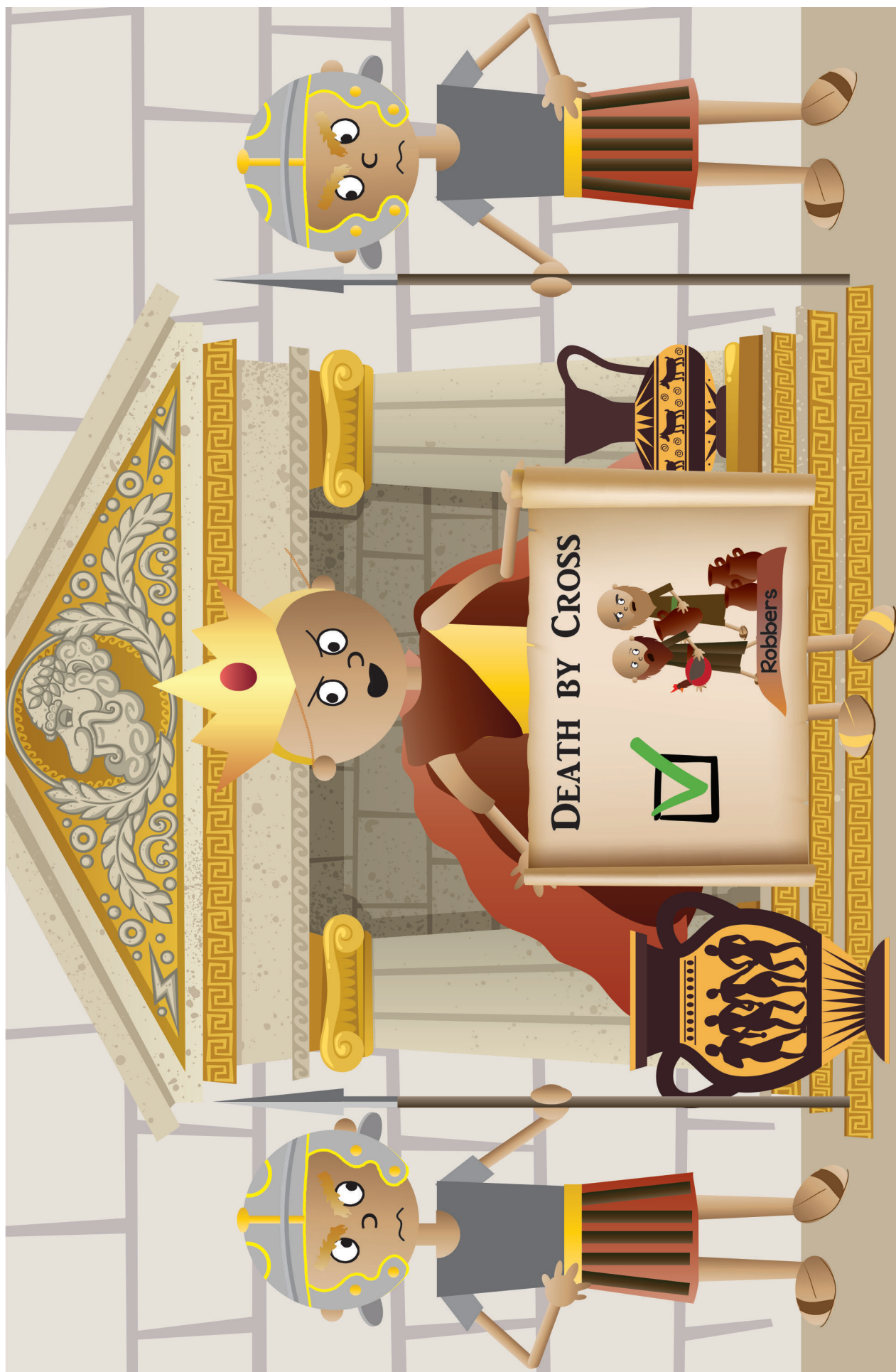
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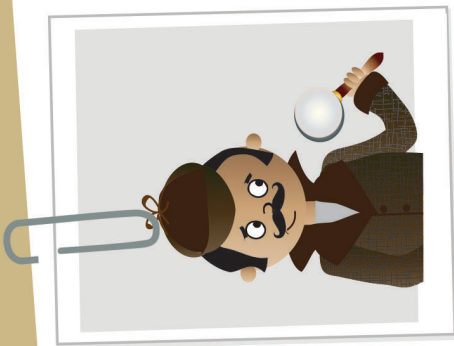


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Unit 9,

Bible Truth 5

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Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Luke 24:5-6, ESV

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

Learn a Little: “He is not here; [He] has risen!”

Meaning

The Bible tells us that on the third day after Jesus died, some women who loved Jesus went to the cave-grave where He was buried to take care of His dead body. But angels came and told them the good news: “Jesus is alive! He has risen from the dead!” Jesus was not in that cave at all! He was alive forevermore!

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Bible Truth 5 Story

The Case of the Unexpected Ending *Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 24; John 20-21*

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"The Case of the Unexpected Ending"

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2. What was unexpected about His death?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Luke 24:5-6, ESV

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Oh, what a terrible price Jesus paid for the sins of God’s people, as He hung on the cross! None of us could pay for our sins even if we suffered a lifetime for them.

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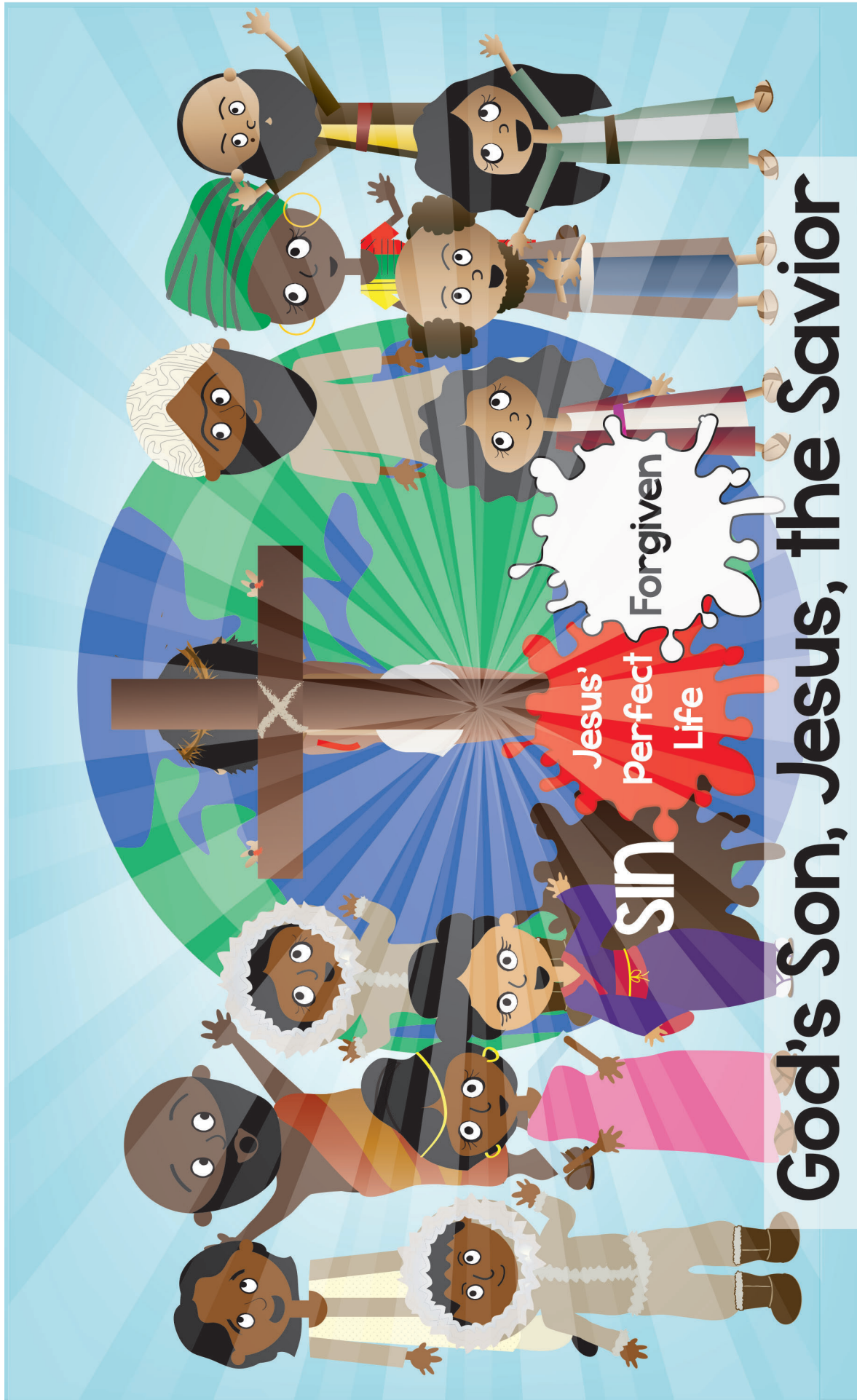


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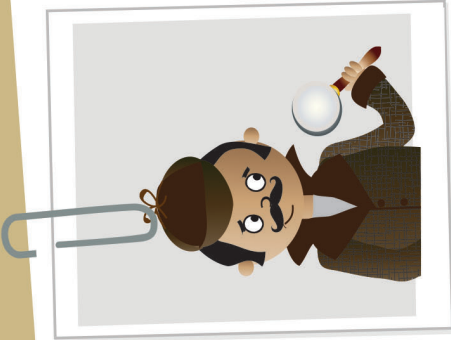
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DDD 9.5 Simple Story Scenes

"The Case of the Unexpected Ending"

Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 24; John 20-21

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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He suffered and died on a cross.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Luke 24:5-6, ESV

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

1. Who was looking for a dead man? What did they find instead?

Some women who were Jesus' friends went to the cave-grave to tend to His dead body. They didn't find His body. Instead, they found an angel and an empty cave-grave.

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What Did Jesus Come to Do?
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The Gospel

What a wonderful day it was when Jesus rose from the dead! That was proof that Jesus had really paid for the sins of God's people. You see, we have all chosen to disobey God and His good ways. We all deserve His punishment for our sins, and our sins are more than we can ever pay for, ourselves.

God would have been perfectly fair to give all of us His punishment for sins. But, He is so full of mercy and love that He chose to save His people through Jesus. On the cross, Jesus died, taking the punishment for their sins in their place. But Jesus didn't stay dead! On Day Three, God raised Him up to live forever. Jesus had done it! He had saved God's people.

We can be God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

He loves to help us do this. Ask Him to help you.



DDD 9.5 Simple Story Scenes

A Prayer

A Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for being powerful enough to beat sin and death.

C Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!

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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 9,

Bible Truth 6

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

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

Give the Case Assignment

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

Show & Tell the Story

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

Solve the Case

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

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

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

Review Time

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

Looking for more?

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

Unit 9: Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

Unit Bible Verse: “Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18, ESV

Bible Truth 6 Concept: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Went Up to Rule in Heaven!

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers many times. He showed them from the Bible why He had to suffer and die on the cross. He showed them how He had completed all of God’s plans to save God’s people. Jesus also told them God’s plans for them. They were to go to into the whole world, urging everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God would use them to save His people from every part of the world.

After Jesus finished teaching His followers all these things, He went home to heaven. At last, once more, Jesus shone with the bright shininess of God’s glorious goodness. At last, once more, He delighted in all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God—that closest, most wonderful love that He had fully enjoyed with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, before He had gone to earth to be our Savior.

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Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:21-22

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Learn a Little: “Jesus Christ ... has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God.”

Meaning

The Bible tells us that after Jesus rose from the dead, He taught His disciples many things from the Bible. But at last, when Jesus finished teaching them, He went up to heaven and began His rule as king, just as God promised He would in the Bible.

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Bible Truth 6 Story

The Case of the Fluffy Farewell *Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 23-24; John 19-20; Acts 1*

Songs Used in Bible Truth 6

Big Q & A 9 Song

Big Question 9 Song: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

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Big Question 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory, v.1

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: Gone into Heaven 1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV

Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse: Jesus Christ Has Gone into Heaven 1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 6 Extra Bible Verse Therefore God Exalted Him Philippians 2:9-11, NIV 1984

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"The Case of the Fluffy Farewell"

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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(more listening and discussion
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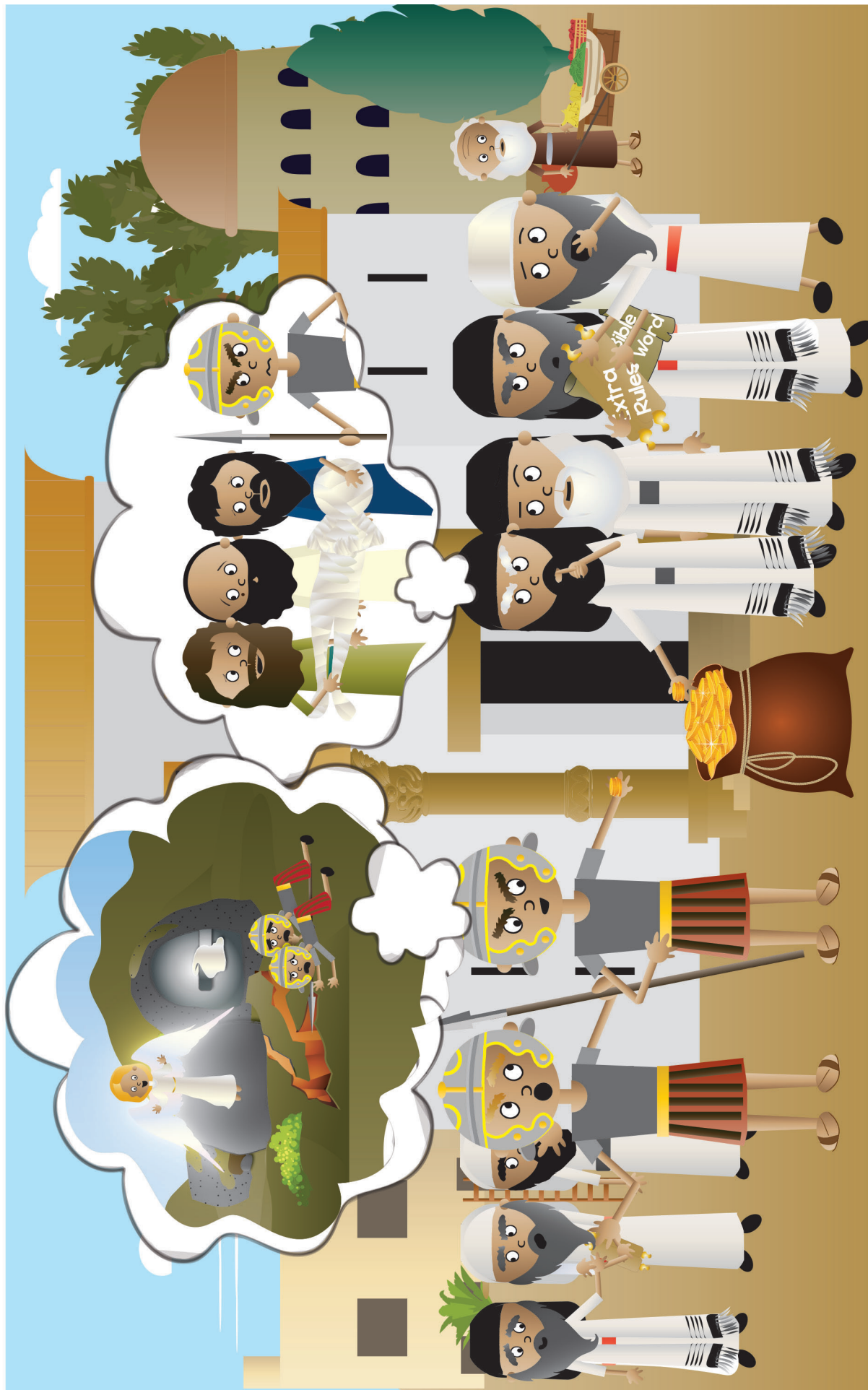
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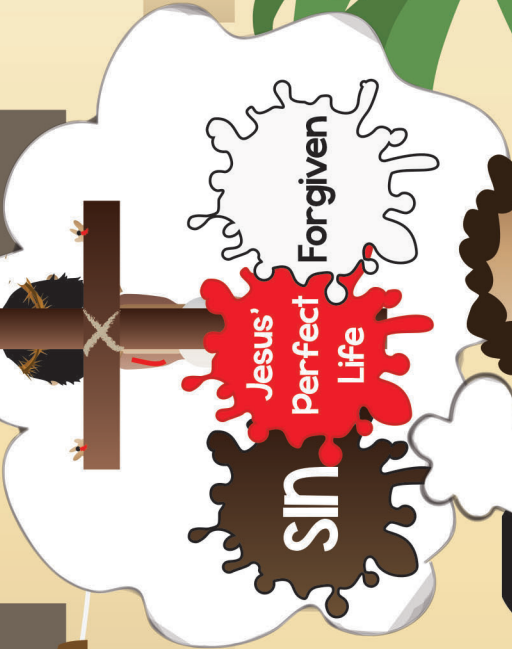
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He is still in heaven, ruling as the great King of Kings over everything in heaven and earth. He is praying and caring for God's people. He is working out all of God's great plans for this world, until the day when He will come back through the clouds and down to earth again.



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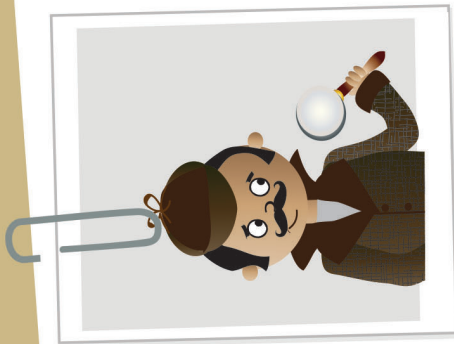


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DDD 9.6 Simple Story Scenes

"The Case of the Fluffy Farewell"

Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 23-24; John 19-20; Acts 1



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who said goodbye to Jesus' disciples after teaching them for forty days?
Jesus did.

2. Where did He go when He said goodbye? What was fluffy about His farewell (goodbye)? Jesus went up to heaven to rule. He rose up through the fluffy clouds in the sky on His way to heaven.

For You and Me:

Jesus went up to heaven and is there now, ruling over all things. He is still caring for God's people and bringing about God's plans for this world. One day, God's plans will be finished, and Jesus will come back. He will bring an end to sin and death and this world forever. He will make a wonderful new world for God's people to live in with Him forever. That will be the best of all! We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV

"Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him."

1. How did Jesus go up to heaven to rule?
He rose up through the clouds in the sky.

2. What does He rule over from heaven? When will He come back?
Jesus rules over all things. He will come back at the end of time when God's plans for this world are finished.

For You and Me:

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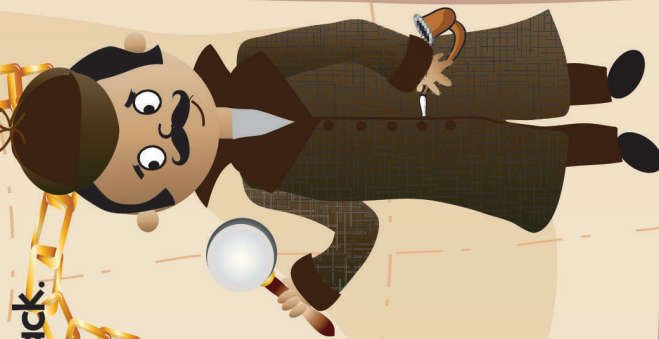
What Did Jesus Come to Do?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...
He Went Up to Rule in Heaven!

The Gospel

Jesus left His home in heaven to be the Savior we needed. You see, we all are sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. We deserve His punishment for our sins, a punishment too great for us to pay, ourselves.

So, Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He offered it up to God as full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them. Then, He went back home to heaven, and there, He rules over all things. One day, He will come back.

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



DDD 9.6 Simple Story Scenes

A Prayer

A Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. You died and rose again. You went up to heaven. We praise You for being our great King of Kings who rules over everything.

C Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!

T Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross and for rising from the dead in victory! Thank You for ruling over all things from heaven. Thank You for the promise that You will come back one day and bring an end to sin and death forever. You will be the great King over God's new heaven and earth. He will create for His people to live in with Him.

S Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. We want to become God's people. Jesus, come back soon! We long for the day when You will bring sin and death to an end forever. Help us to be ready for that day!

In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.



DDD 9.6 Simple Story Scenes

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



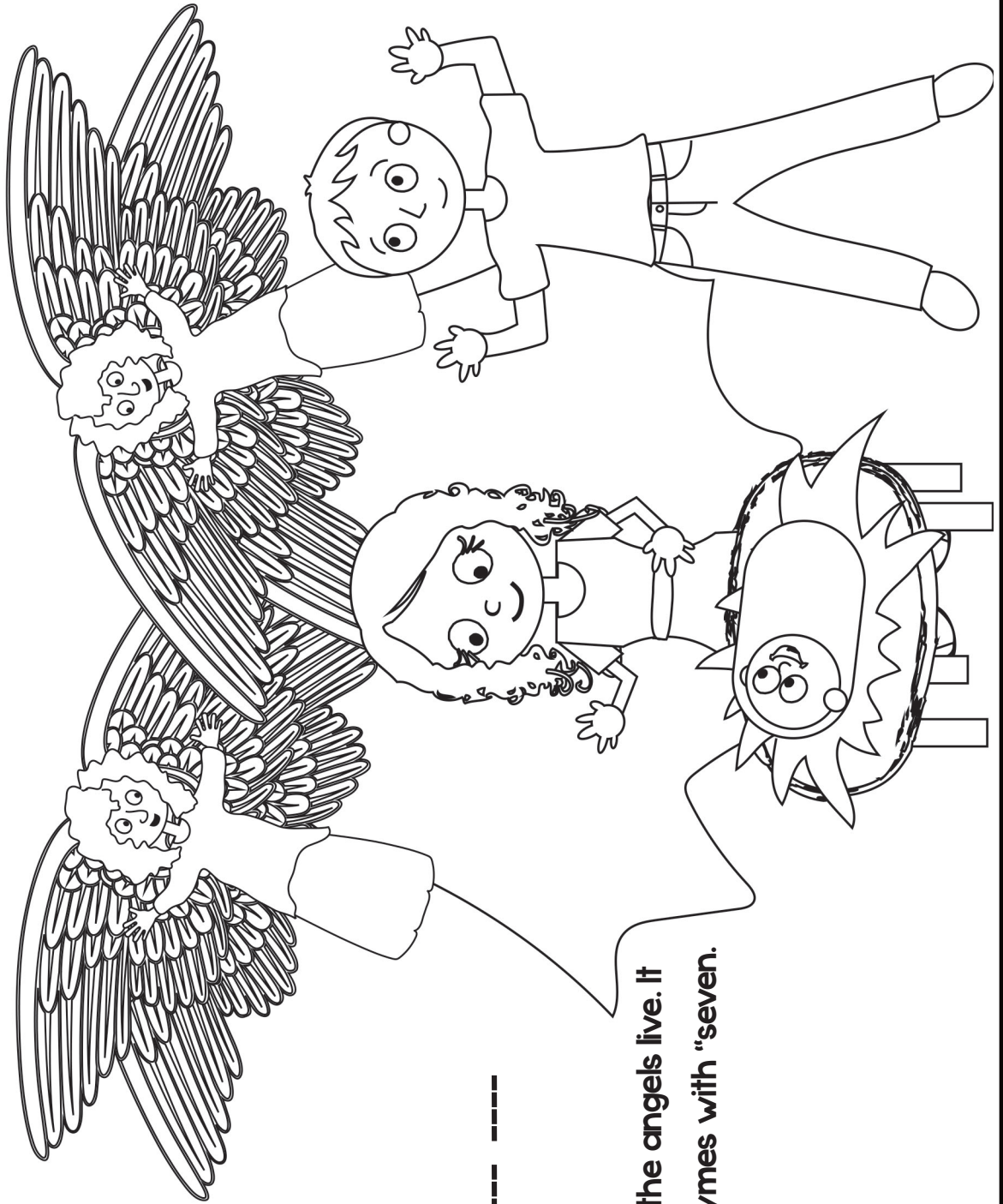
Take-Home Sheets

**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I:
What Did Jesus Come to Do?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...**

He Left His Home in

**-----
to Save Us!**

**HINT: Jesus' home is where the angels live. It
starts with an "h" and it rhymes with "seven."**



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

Jesus is God's Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels. But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn't anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven. So, why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus' perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted to fulfill His Father's amazing plan. So, Jesus came. He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God's love for His people. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.

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

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." --- John 6:38, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Who is God's Son? *Jesus.*
2. Where has Jesus always lived? *In heaven.*
3. What did Jesus enjoy in heaven before He came to earth? *The bright shininess of God's glorious goodness; the riches of heaven; and the wonderful closeness with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.*
4. Where did Jesus leave heaven to go? *To earth to be born as a baby.*
5. What was Jesus like when He came to earth? *Still completely God, but now completely a man, too.*
6. Why would Jesus leave behind the wonderfulness of heaven to come to earth? *Because only by dying on the cross could God's people be saved. God loved His people so much that He would do that for them!*
7. Who did Jesus delight to obey when He came to earth? *God, His Father.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for choosing to leave the Perfect Wonderfulness of heaven to be our Savior. You came to bring us to God.
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Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 9 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 12 (sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

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Big Question 9 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 13

Refrain

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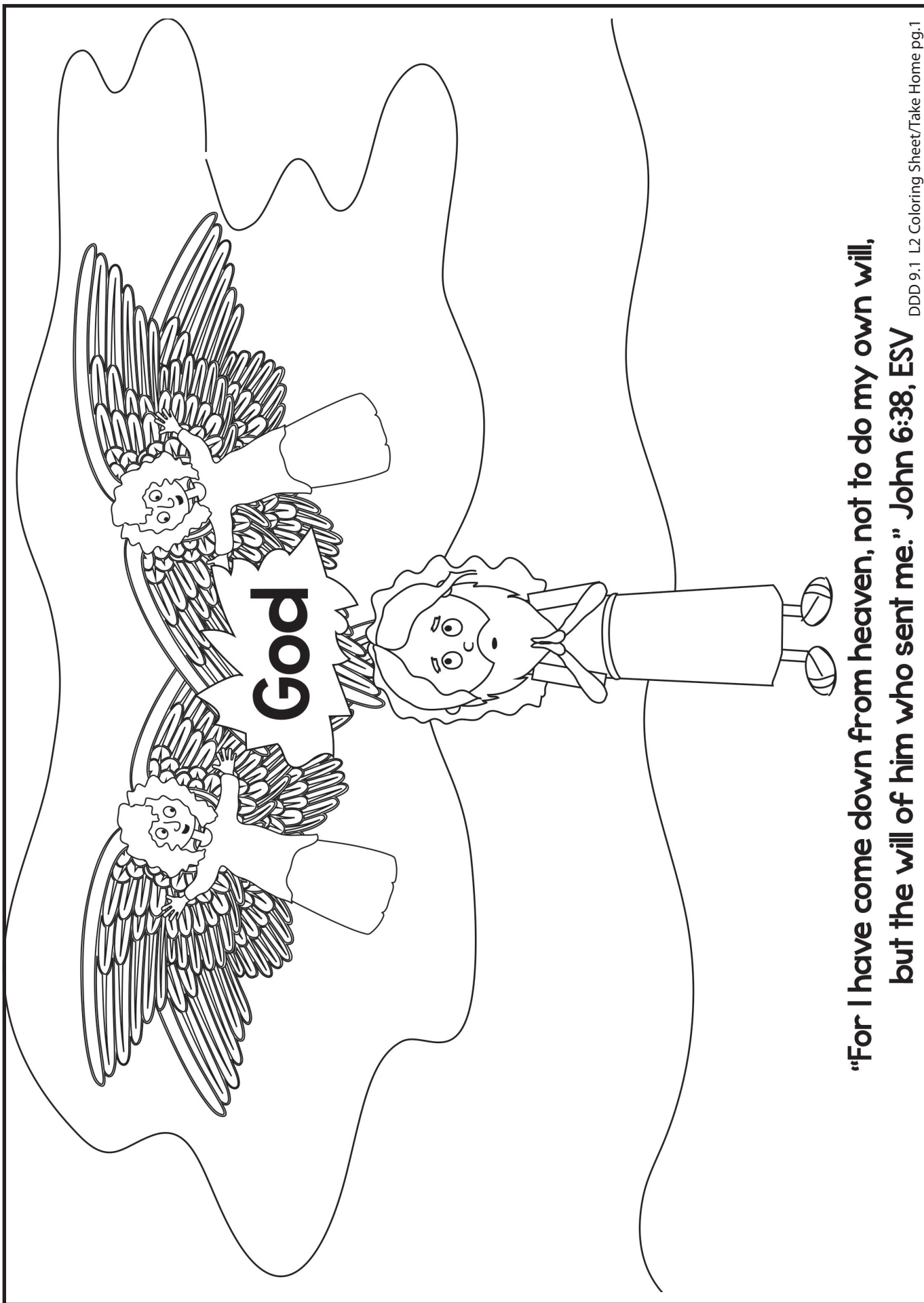
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Would things always
stay this way? *Refrain*

Verse 2

At just the right time,
God sent His Son
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He offered His life, the perfect sacrifice,
Gave them fellowship
with God again. *Refrain*

Verse 3

On the third day,
Jesus rose from the grave,
Then He went back home to heav'n.
Now all who repent
and believe in Him,
Can know God forever. *Refrain*



**“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will,
but the will of him who sent me.” John 6:38, ESV**

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

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

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." --- John 6:38, ESV

Learn a Little: "I have come from heaven... to do the will of him who sent me."

Meaning

Jesus left His wonderful home in heaven to live on earth. Why? To carry out God's amazing plan. What was that plan? To save His sinful people from their sins so they could know Him and enjoy Him forever! What an amazing plan! What a wonderful God! Let's praise Him right now!

Some Questions for You

1. Who came down from heaven? *Jesus did.*
2. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come to do? *God's will (plan).*
3. Who did Jesus choose to always obey? *Not His own will, but God, His Father's will. He would obey Him no matter how hard it was.*
4. What did God send Jesus to do? *To save God's people from their sins.*
5. How did Jesus fulfill God's plans? *Jesus lived a perfect life and He offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them!*
6. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

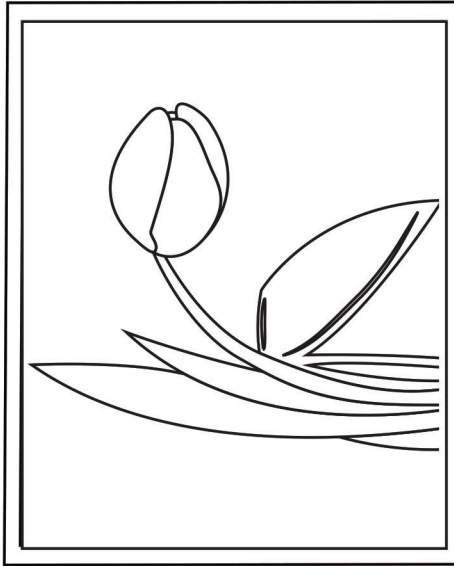
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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

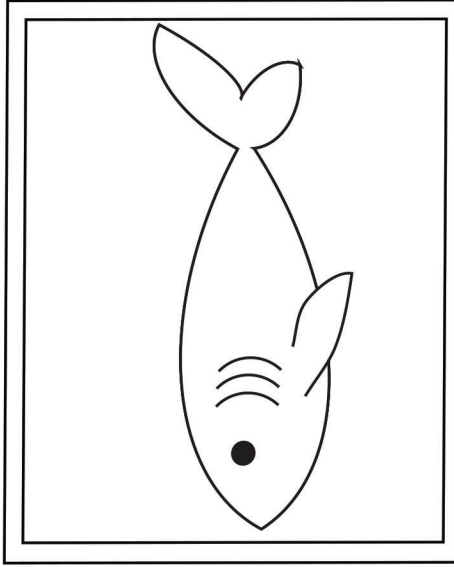
Down, Down, Down: John 6:38 from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 9, track 20

Down, down, down,
I have come down,
Down, down, down,
I have come down.
I've come down from heaven,
Not to do my own will,
But the will of him,
Of him, who sent me. (Repeat)
John Six, thirty-eight.

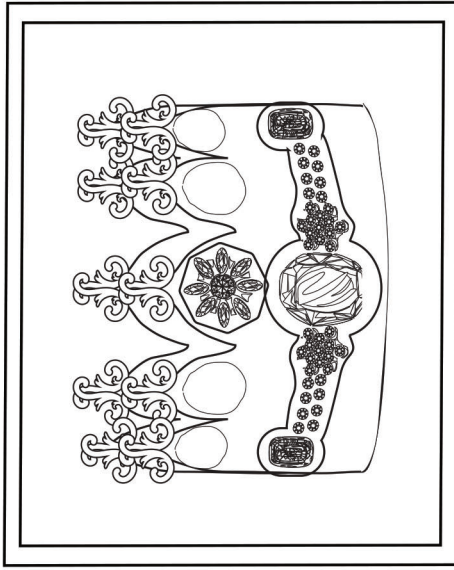
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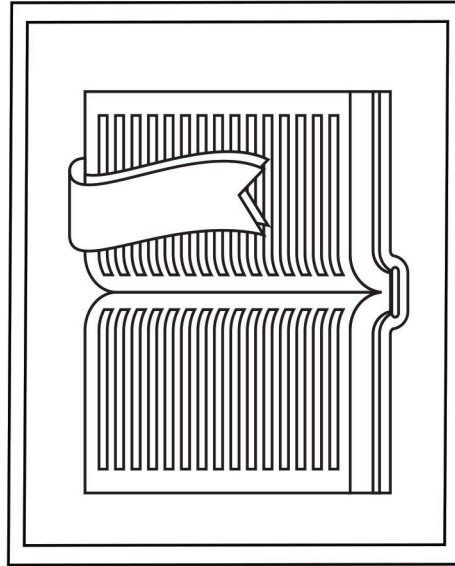
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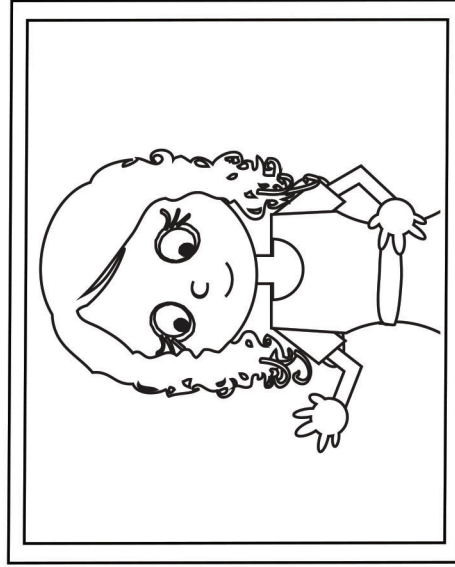
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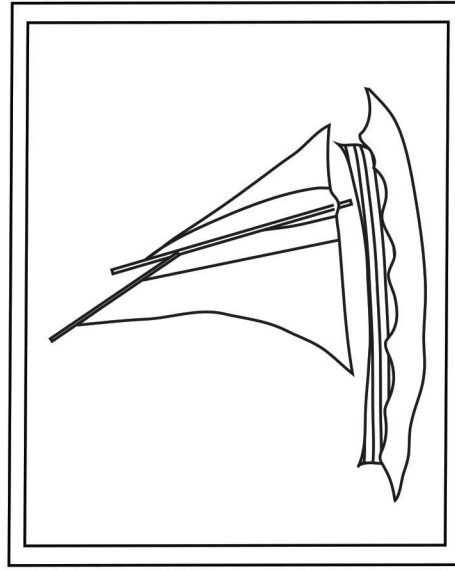
A Crown


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A Book


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A Woman Named Mary


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A Sailboat

Answer: The fish, the crown, Mary, and the sailboat belong. The tulip and the book do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

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

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Some Questions for You

1. Who was Jesus' mother and father? *Mary and God.*
2. Did Jesus start being alive when He was born? *No! Jesus had always been alive in heaven, with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit.*
3. Why did Jesus leave heaven and come to earth? *To save God's people from their sins.*
4. What did Jesus do when He grew up? *He began to teach people about God and do amazing things.*
5. What did Jesus do for a hungry crowd of people far from home? *By God's great power, He fed the whole crowd with just two fish and five, little loaves of bread.*
6. What did the people want Jesus to do for them when Jesus fed them in this amazing way? *They wanted Him to be their king who would use God's power to give them more of the good things they wanted.*
7. Why didn't Jesus want to be this kind of king for the people? *Because those good things would not last. He wanted to save them from their sins and give them life forever with God. This was the best, good thing of all.*
8. Why did so many people decide to not believe in Jesus? *Because He wouldn't give them the good things they wanted (but He knew weren't what they really needed.)*
9. Why did Jesus' disciples stay with Him? *Because they knew that Jesus was God's Son, sent to save God's people. There was no one else like Him.*
10. How did Jesus complete God's plan to save us? *He lived a perfect life and He offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them!*

Let's Pray!

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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 18

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

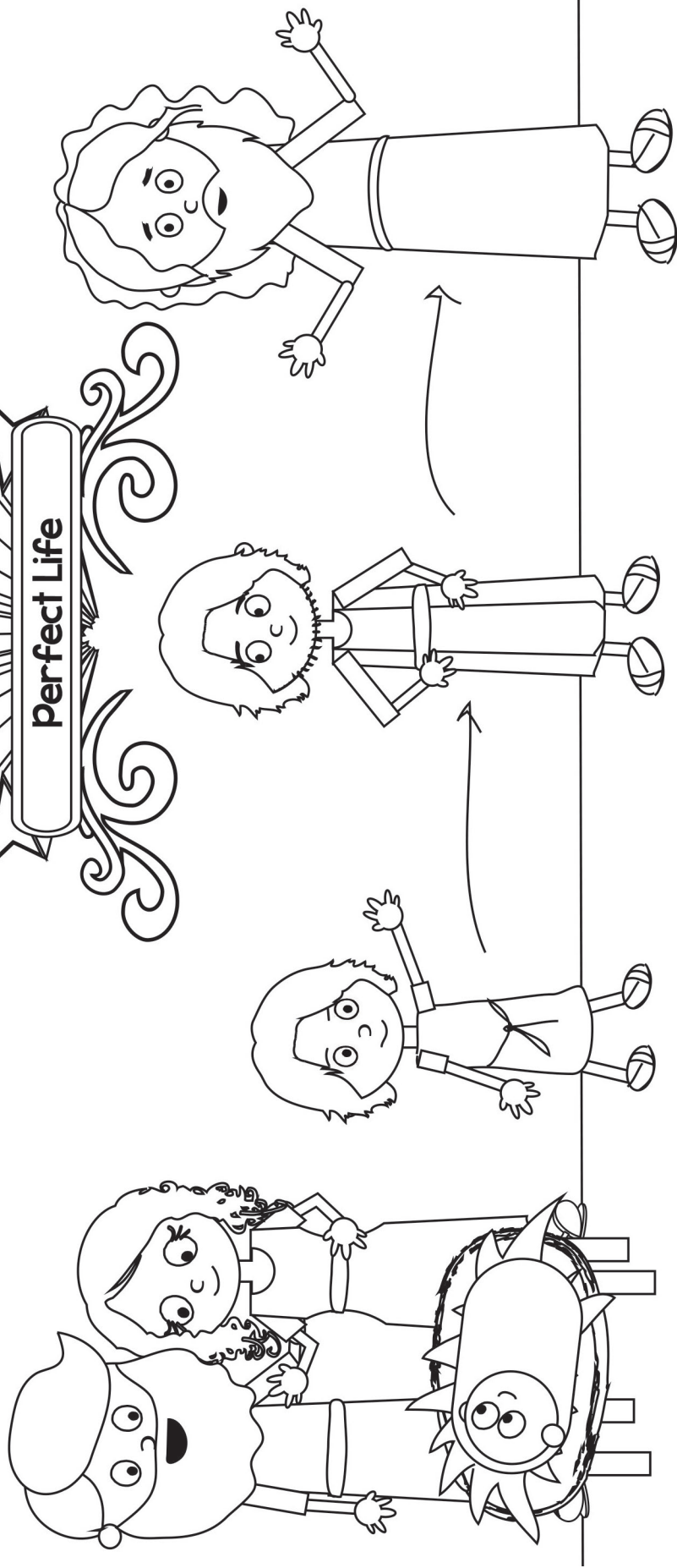
from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 19

Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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DDD BQ 9 BT 1 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:
What Did Jesus Come to Do?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...



He Never, Ever ----- God!

HINT: What's the opposite of "obey"?

DDD 9.2 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Never, Ever Disobeyed God!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

Jesus never, ever sinned. He always obeyed God, His Father. But even though Jesus always never disobeyed God, there were many times when He was tempted to. The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way just like us; but unlike us, Jesus never gave in and sinned. In everything He thought and said and did, Jesus always kept on obeying God. And He did this His whole life! Wow! Jesus was absolutely perfect! Perhaps Jesus' greatest temptation came the night before He died on the cross. Jesus knew that it would hurt so badly to suffer for the sins of God's people. But Jesus loved God, His Father, and us so much! He would NOT turn away from His Father's good plan. He would suffer and die in the place of God's people so they could be forgiven. And it is so very good for us that Jesus did not sin and that He did choose to die for us. Only if He lived a perfect life could He give it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He was the only hope for our sins to be forgiven by God. He was the only way we could become God's people. You can be one of God's people, too, if you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.

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

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." --- Hebrews 4:15, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Who never, ever sinned? *Jesus.*
2. Who did Jesus always obey? *His Father, God.*
3. Was Jesus ever tempted to sin? *Yes, many times.*
4. When was it very, very hard for Jesus to obey God? *When He had to suffer and die on the cross.*
5. *Why did Jesus chose to obey God and suffer and die on the cross? Because He loved God's people so much that He wanted to save them; and, because He loved God His Father so much and wanted to obey Him.*
6. Why was it so good that Jesus never, ever sinned? *Because only if Jesus always obeyed God could He be good enough to pay for His people's sins.*
7. What do we need to do to become one of God's people? *Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for always saying 'no' to sin. You are the perfect One who never, ever sinned!
- C** Jesus, You never disobeyed God, Your Father, but we are not like You. We have all chosen to disobey God and His good ways. Oh, how we need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for living a perfect life. Thank You for offering it up as the full payment for the sins of all who turn from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Jesus, help us each to turn away from our sins and trust in You as our very own Savior. Help us to say 'no' to disobeying God. Help us to love You and live for You more and more. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

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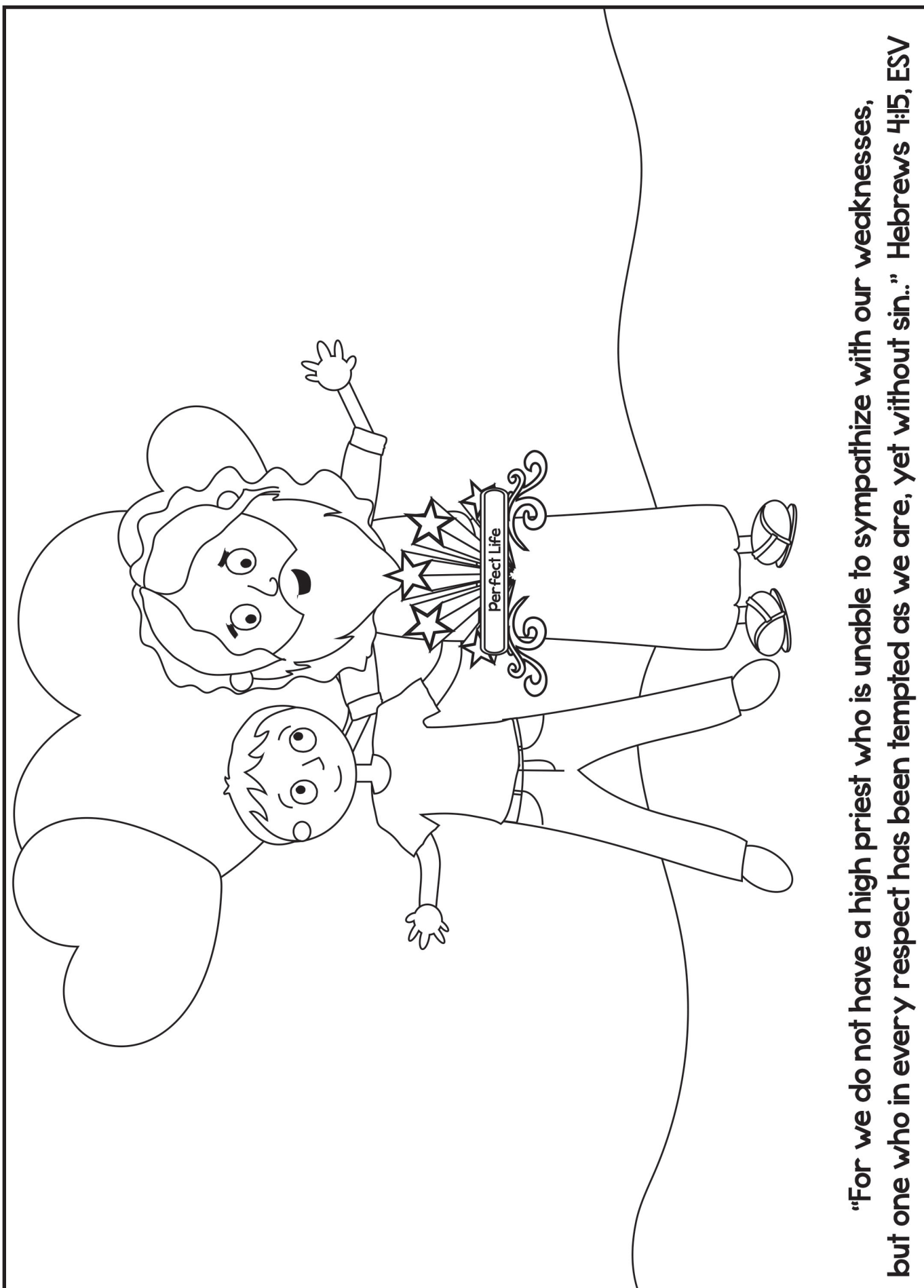
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DDD BQ9 BT2 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.." Hebrews 4:15, ESV

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2

Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Never, Ever Disobeyed God!



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

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Learn a Little: "[Jesus] has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

Meaning:

Do you know what tempted means? It means thinking about doing something that God says is wrong. Our Bible verse tells us Jesus was tempted in every way, just like we are! But what made Jesus different? He always said "no" to tempting things. He never disobeyed God! Jesus was perfect. He was without sin! The Bible calls Jesus our great, high priest because He is the one who brought His own life as the perfect payment for our sins. He made the way for us to become God's people. I'm so glad Jesus never disobeyed God! That was the only way He could be our Savior!

Some Questions for You

1. What does it mean to be tempted? *To think about doing something that God says is wrong.*
2. Who was tempted in every way we were, but who did not ever sin? *Jesus.*
3. Who is our great high priest-- the one who goes before God to make the way for us to be saved? *Jesus.*
4. What great and wondrous work can God do in us? *He can help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can make us His people!*

Let's Pray!

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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Jesus Has Been Tempted: Hebrews 4:15

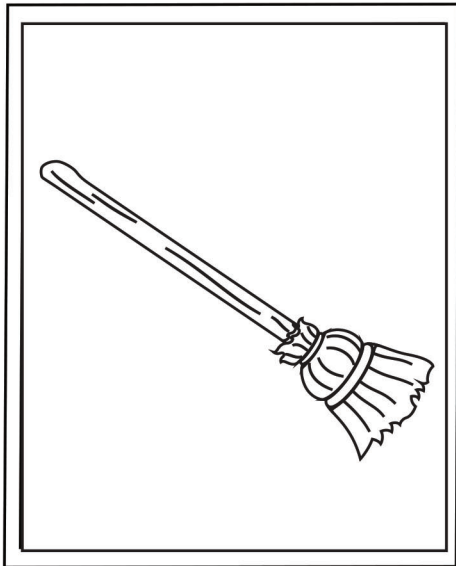
from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 23

Jesus has been tempted in every respect,
Jesus has been tempted in every respect,
As we are, as we are,
Yet Jesus was without sin.
Hebrews Chapter Four, fifteen.

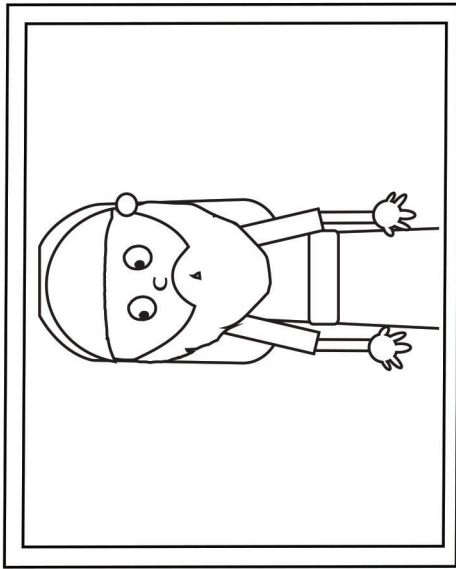
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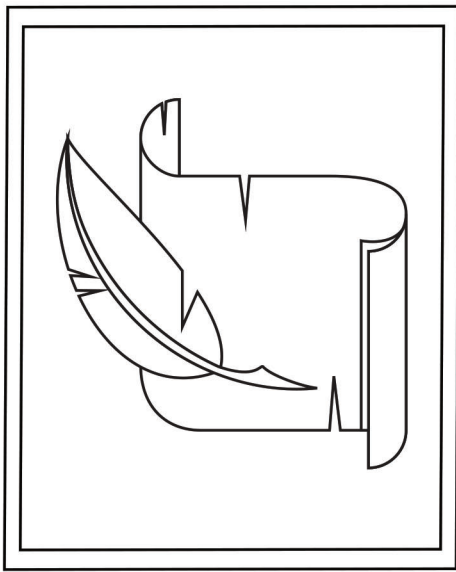
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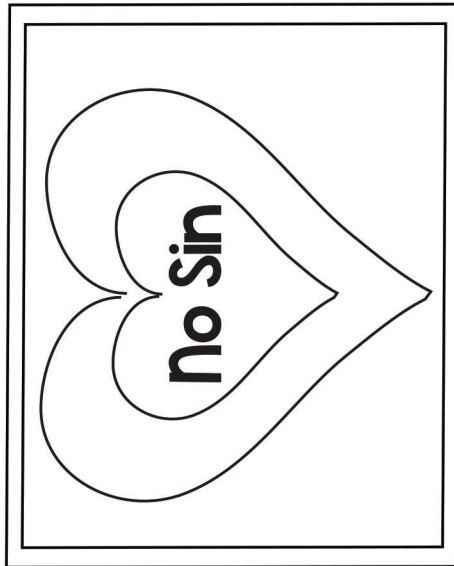
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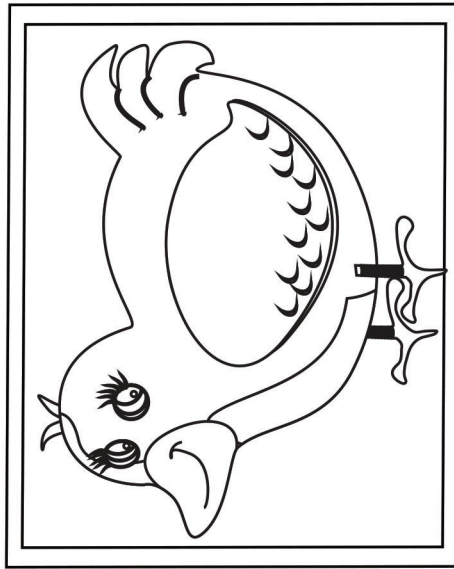
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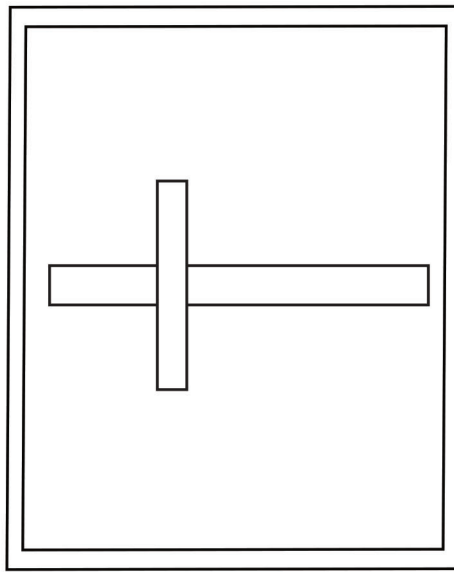
A Letter


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No Sin in the Heart


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A Duck


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Cross

Answers: a broom; an enemy; a letter; a heart without sin; a duck; and a cross.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Never, Ever Disobeyed God!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

Jesus never, ever sinned. He always obeyed God, His Father. But even though Jesus always never disobeyed God, there were many times when He was tempted to. The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way just like us; but unlike us, Jesus never gave in and sinned. In everything He thought and said and did, Jesus always kept on obeying God. And He did this His whole life! Wow! Jesus was absolutely perfect! Perhaps Jesus' greatest temptation came the night before He died on the cross. Jesus knew that it would hurt so badly to suffer for the sins of God's people. But Jesus loved God, His Father, and us so much! He would NOT turn away from His Father's good plan. He would suffer and die in the place of God's people so they could be forgiven. And it is so very good for us that Jesus did not sin and that He did choose to die for us. Only if He lived a perfect life could He give it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He was the only hope for our sins to be forgiven by God. He was the only way we could become God's people. You can be one of God's people, too, if you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.

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

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." --- Hebrews 4:15, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Every baby is special, but what made Jesus so special that even the angels in heaven sang when he was born? *Jesus was God's Son, sent to save God's people from their sins.*
2. What very hard thing would Jesus have to do to save God's people? *He would have to never, ever disobey God.*
3. What kinds of things would Jesus have had to do as a little boy to never, ever disobey God? *Love God most of all. Love others as the Bible tells us to. Always honor and obey your parents. Always forgive others. Always be kind, etc.*
4. What kinds of things did Jesus do as a grown man to never, ever disobey God? *Always forgave people who treated Him meanly. He kept on loving people and being kind to them (instead of grumpy) when He was very tired. He even had to say no to Satan who offered Jesus all the best things in the world, if He would worship him instead of God.*
5. How do we know that Jesus never, ever disobeyed God? *Because God accepted His life as good enough to pay for the sins of God's people. He raised Jesus' to life on the third day. God would not have done that if Jesus had disobeyed Him even once.*
6. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for always saying 'no' to sin. You are the perfect One who never, ever sinned!
- C** Jesus, You never disobeyed God, Your Father, but we are not like You. We have all chosen to disobey God and His good ways. Oh, how we need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for living a perfect life. Thank You for offering it up as the full payment for the sins of all who turn from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Jesus, help us each to turn away from our sins and trust in You as our very own Savior. Help us to say 'no' to disobeying God. Help us to love You and live for You more and more. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 18

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

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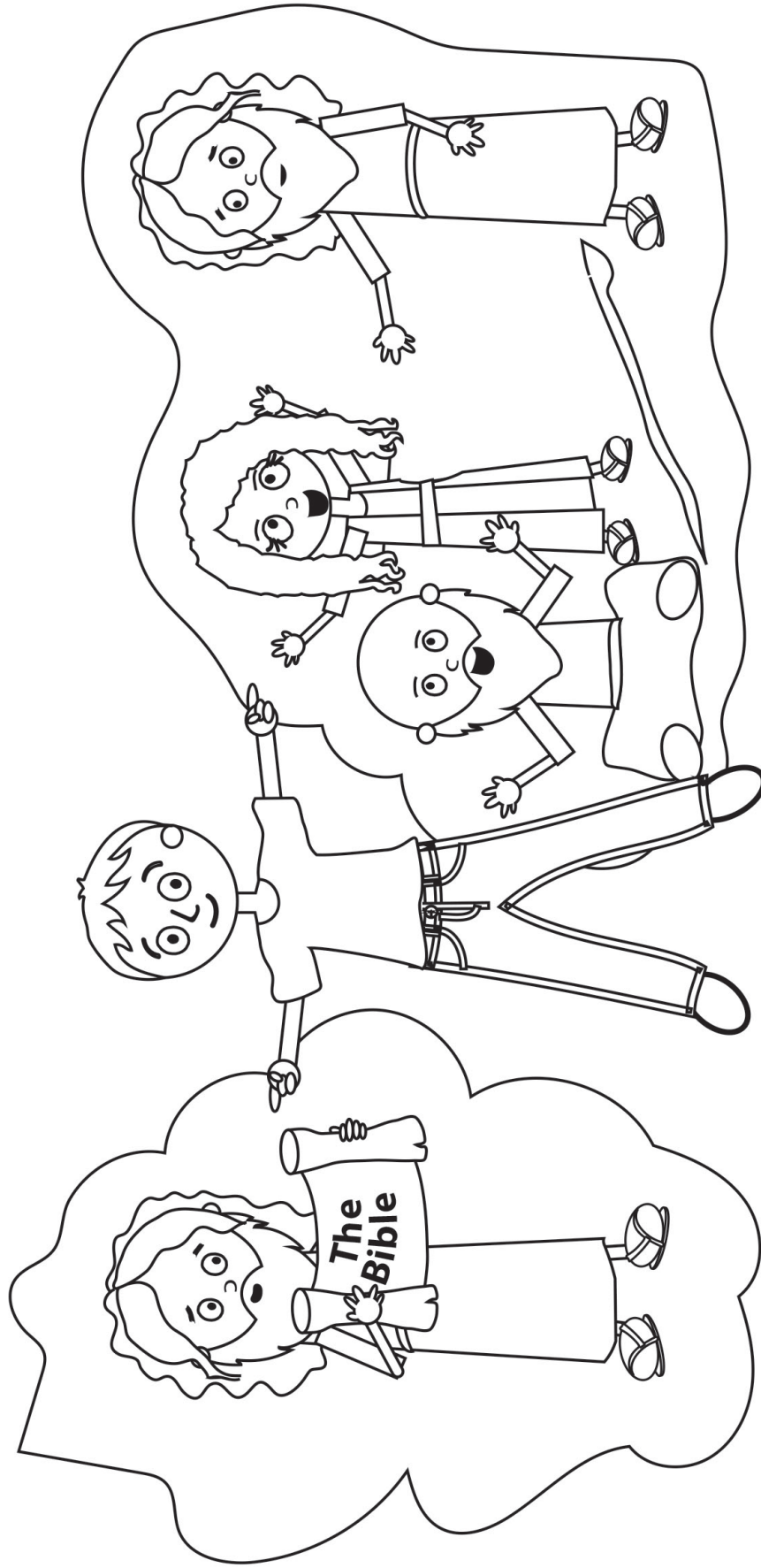
Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 19

Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
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Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:
 Can Anybody Tell Me
 What the LORD Is Like?
 Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...



He Taught about ----- and Did Amazing Things!

HINT: "Who is the only One we should worship? His name starts with a "G" and it rhymes with "odd."

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



Big Question 9 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

Before Jesus died on the cross, He taught about God for three years. Jesus taught from the Bible. He told the people what God is like. He taught them that He was God's Son who had come to save them from their sins. He taught them how they could become God's people and how God's people should live. The people who listened to Jesus teach were amazed. They had never heard someone tell them so much about God. Jesus talked as if He knew God, and, of course, He did. Jesus wasn't just a man like them, He was the Son of God, Himself. Jesus didn't just teach about God. He also did many amazing things by God's power—miracles! Things so amazing that only God could do. He fed thousands of people with just a little bit of food. He stilled the wind and waves of a raging storm with just His word. He healed sick people and even brought dead people to life by God's power. And what did God use Jesus' teaching and these miracles to do? To show the people that Jesus really was His Son, the Messiah, the Savior, who had come to save them. And that's exactly what many people did! They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus, as God's Son, their Savior.

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

"[Jesus] went... teaching...and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." --Matthew 4:23, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus teach people when He grew up? *What God is like and how to obey Him. What He (Jesus) came to do and how we can become God's people.*
2. Who did Jesus tell people He was? *God's Son, come to save them from their sins.*
3. Had people ever heard anyone talk about God the way Jesus did? *No.*
4. Why did Jesus talk about God in such a special way? *Because Jesus is God.*
5. What kinds of amazing things did Jesus do? *He healed sick people with just His word; feed lots of people with a little bit of food; calmed a big storm with His word; brought dead people back to life.*
6. What is a miracle? *Things only God can do.*
7. Why did Jesus do miracles? *To help people believe that He was God's Son sent to save them.*
8. Did people believe in Jesus? *Yes, many of them did.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for all the wonderful things You taught us about God and all the amazing things You did, by God's great power. No one is like You!
- C** Jesus, when we read in the Bible what You taught, we see that we are all sinners who have disobeyed God. Oh, how we need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for showing us what God is like in all that You taught and all the amazing things You did. Thank You for dying on the cross to save all who trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You more and live for You more, as we read in the Bible what You taught and all the amazing things You did. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 9 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 12 (sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

What did Jesus come to do?
What did Jesus come to do?
Jesus came to bring us to God.
That's what Jesus came to do!

Big Question 9 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 13

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Perfect fellowship with God.
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Would things always
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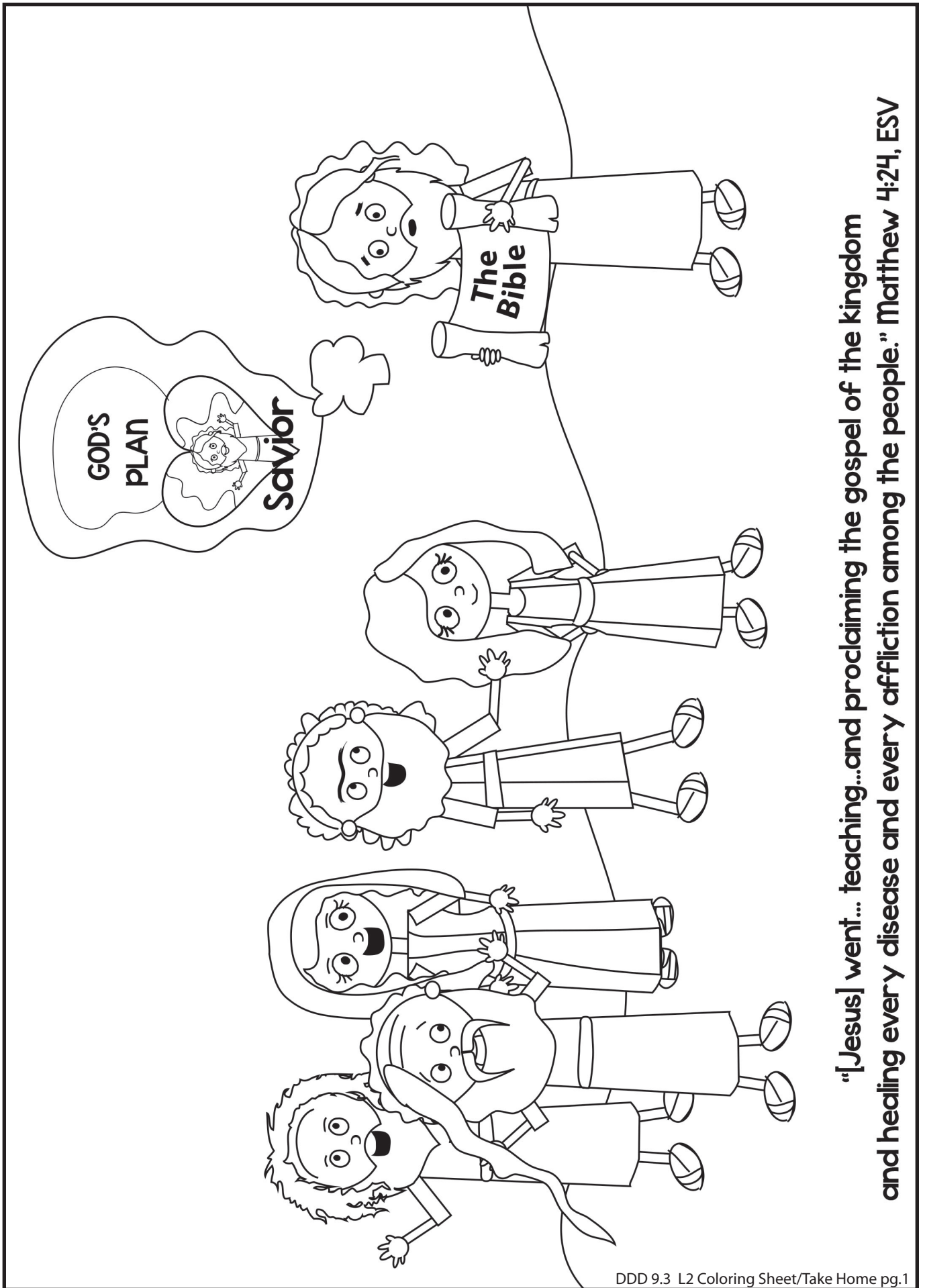
Verse 2

At just the right time,
God sent His Son
to pay for His people's sins,
He offered His life, the perfect sacrifice,
Gave them fellowship
with God again. *Refrain*

Verse 3

On the third day,
Jesus rose from the grave,
Then He went back home to heav'n.
Now all who repent
and believe in Him,
Can know God forever. *Refrain*

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"[Jesus] went... teaching...and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." Matthew 4:24, ESV

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



Big Question 9 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things!

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

"[Jesus] went... teaching...and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." --Matthew 4:23, ESV

Learn a Little: "Jesus went teaching and healing among the people."

Meaning

Jesus taught the people the good news of the kingdom of God. Do you know what that is? That anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven and saved. They will get to love God and enjoy Him forever! And Jesus healed all sorts of sicknesses. Not the way doctors do, with medicines! No, Jesus is God. He could tell sickness to leave and it would. Just like that! Many people watched what Jesus said and did, and they believed in Him. That's the best news of all!

Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus do? *He taught people about God and He did amazing things.*
2. What is the gospel that Jesus taught? *That we can become God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior.*
3. What kinds of diseases did Jesus heal? *Every kind.*
4. Did Jesus use medicine to heal people? *No, He didn't He healed them by God's power alone.*
5. What did Jesus want people to do as they listened to Him teach and watched Him do amazing things? *He wanted them to put their faith in Him as their Savior that they might be saved.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for all the wonderful things You taught us about God and all the amazing things You did, by God's great power. No one is like You!
- C** Jesus, when we read in the Bible what You taught, we see that we are all sinners who have disobeyed God. Oh, how we need You to be our Savior!
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- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You more and live for You more, as we read in the Bible what You taught and all the amazing things You did. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Jesus Went Proclaimin' Matthew 4:23 _from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9 , track 25

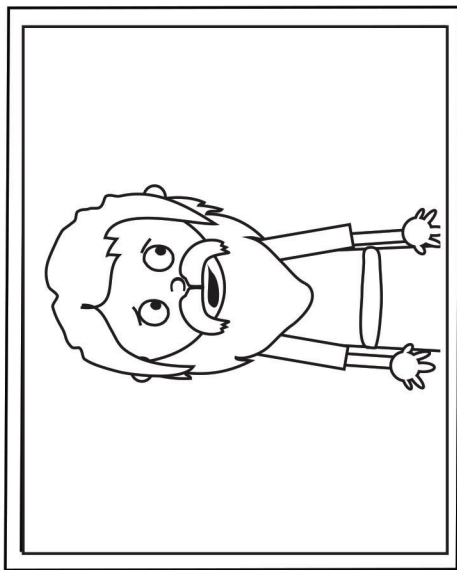
Jesus went proclaimin' the gospel of the kingdom,
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Among the people.

And what else did Jesus do?

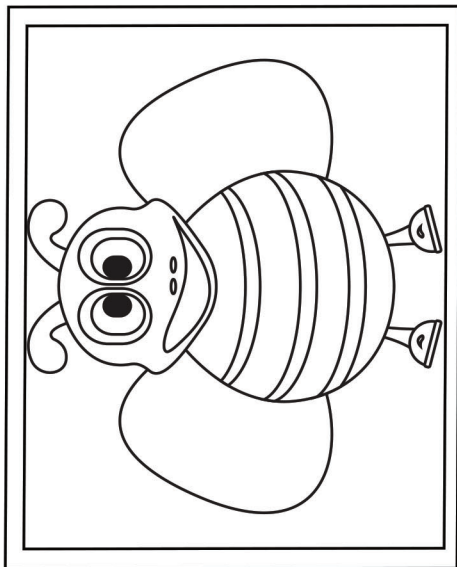
Jesus went a-healin' every disease and every affliction,
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Matthew Four, twenty-three.

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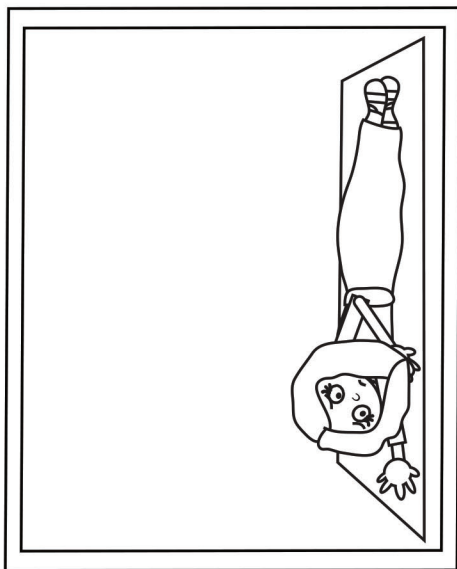
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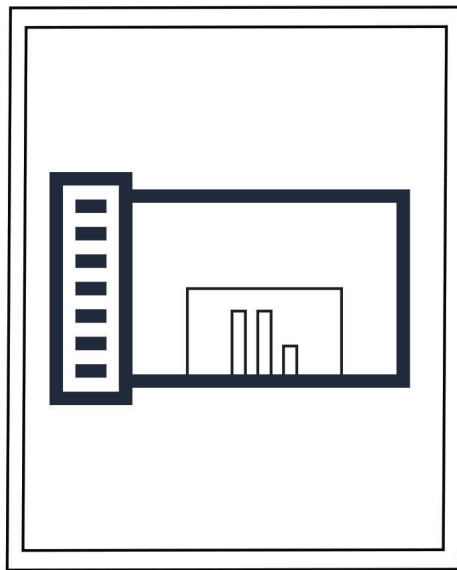
A Man Named Peter


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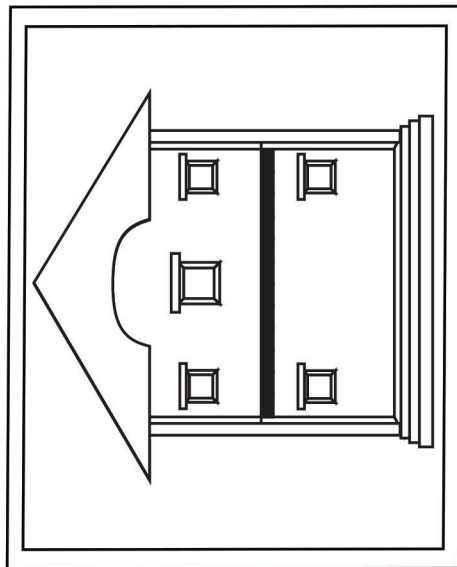
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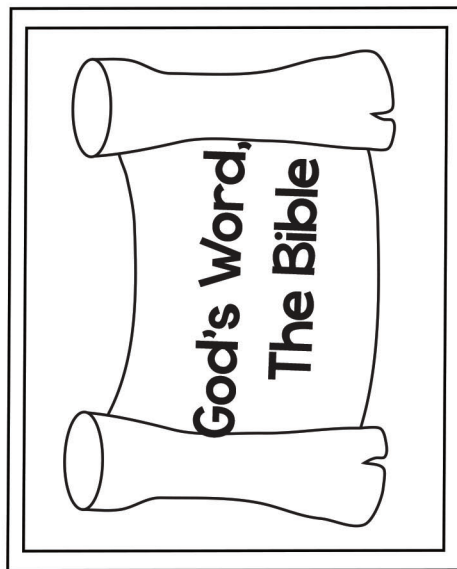
A Sick Woman


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Medicine


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A Worship Place


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God's Word, the Bible

Answer: Peter, the sick woman, the worship place and the Bible belong. The bumblebee and the medicine do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3



Big Question 9 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

Before Jesus died on the cross, He taught about God for three years. Jesus taught from the Bible. He told the people what God is like. He taught them that He was God's Son who had come to save them from their sins. He taught them how they could become God's people and how God's people should live. The people who listened to Jesus teach were amazed. They had never heard someone tell them so much about God. Jesus talked as if He knew God, and, of course, He did. Jesus wasn't just a man like them, He was the Son of God, Himself. Jesus didn't just teach about God. He also did many amazing things by God's power—miracles! Things so amazing that only God could do. He fed thousands of people with just a little bit of food. He stilled the wind and waves of a raging storm with just His word. He healed sick people and even brought dead people to life by God's power. And what did God use Jesus' teaching and these miracles to do? To show the people that Jesus really was His Son, the Messiah, the Savior, who had come to save them. And that's exactly what many people did! They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus, as God's Son, their Savior.

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

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Some Questions for You

1. Who was the eyewitness in our story who heard Jesus teach and saw Him do so many amazing things? *Peter.*
2. What kinds of things did Jesus do that everyone was talking about? *He talked about God and did amazing things like no other teacher had ever done before.*
3. What did Jesus do in the synagogue (worship place)? *He talked about God in a powerful way. Then, He healed a man with a terrible problem that no one had ever healed before.*
4. What did Jesus do at Peter's house? *He healed Peter's mother, then healed many other people, all through the night.*
5. What were some other things that Peter saw Jesus do? *Turn water into wine; walk on water; shine with God's beautiful, bright glory; raise a man dead three days back to life; rise from the dead, Himself.*
6. What was the most amazing thing of all that Peter saw Jesus do? *Suffer and die on the cross for the sins of God's people; then on the third day, rise up from the dead to live forevermore.*
7. What did God do in Peter's heart as he listened to Jesus talk about God and do amazing things? *He gave Peter faith to believe that Jesus really was God's Son, sent to save God's people.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for all the wonderful things You taught us about God and all the amazing things You did, by God's great power. No one is like You!
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory

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So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

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Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

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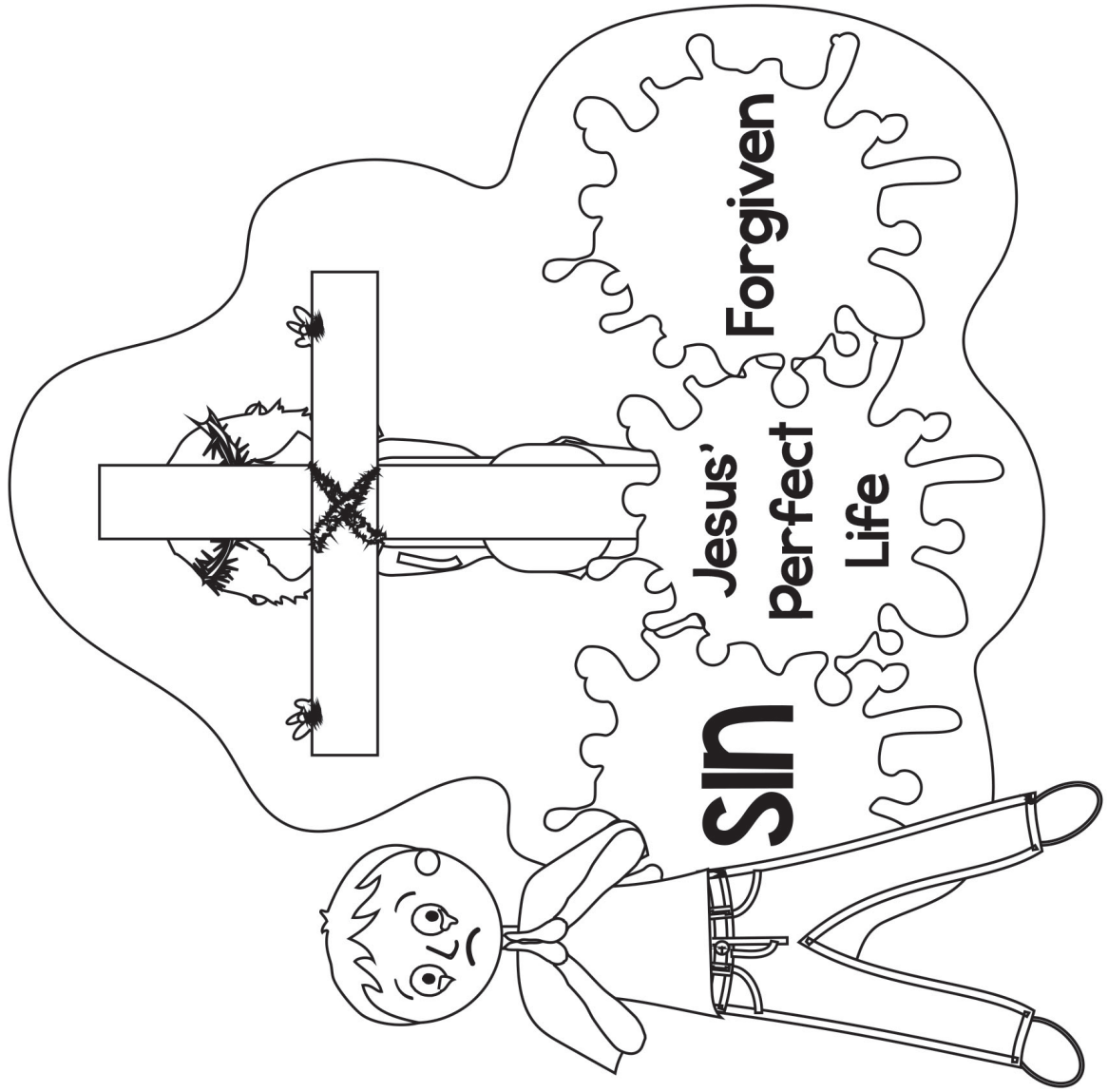
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4:
What Did Jesus Come to Do?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...

He Died on the Cross for the

_____ of
God's People!

HINT: What is the Bible word for
the bad things we do that break
God's good laws? It starts with
an "s" and it rhymes with "hens."



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1



Big Question 9 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Died on the Cross for the Sins of God's People!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

Sadly, we are all sinners who disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins. But Jesus never, ever sinned. He never deserved any punishment from God. Yet Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross. He didn't suffer and die because He deserved to. He suffered and died in the place of God's people so they wouldn't have to. Yes, He offered up His perfect life as the full payment for their sins.

Jesus suffered so much on the cross! His body hurt so badly as He hung there by the nails. But Jesus' spirit inside Him hurt even more, as He took the punishment for our sins and was separated from God, His Father. But when at last Jesus finished suffering on the cross, He had paid for all of the sins of God's people.

Jesus died and was buried in a cave-grave that day, but He didn't stay there! On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave to live forevermore. He had really done it! He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now they could have special closeness with God in their hearts. Now they would be His dearly loved people forever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins. He will give us special closeness in our hearts with Him now. And one day, we can go to live with God forever.

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

"I will ransom them from the power of Sheol. I will redeem them from death." --- Hosea 13:14, HCSB

Some Questions for You

1. Who are sinners? *All people.*
2. What do all sinners deserve? *God's punishment for their sins.*
3. Did Jesus sin? *No, He did not.*
4. Whose punishment for sins did Jesus take on the cross? *God's people's.*
5. Why did Jesus take God's people's punishment for sins on the cross? *So they wouldn't have to.*
6. What hurt when Jesus died on the cross? *Jesus' body and Jesus' spirit.*
7. How much of God's people's punishment did Jesus take when He suffered and died on the cross? *All of it!*
8. What kind of closeness with God did Jesus win for God's people? *A special closeness that lasts forever and ever.*
9. Can we become God's people? How? *Yes! By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for being willing to suffer and die on the cross for the sins of God's people.
- C** Jesus, how we need You to be our Savior! We are all sinners who disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for suffering and dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior. Thank You for taking all of God's punishment, so we might be forgiven. Thank You that no one is too sinful for You to save. You are a big enough Savior for any of us.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You more and more. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

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What did Jesus come to do?
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Verse 1

In the beginning, people enjoyed
Perfect fellowship with God.
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Verse 2

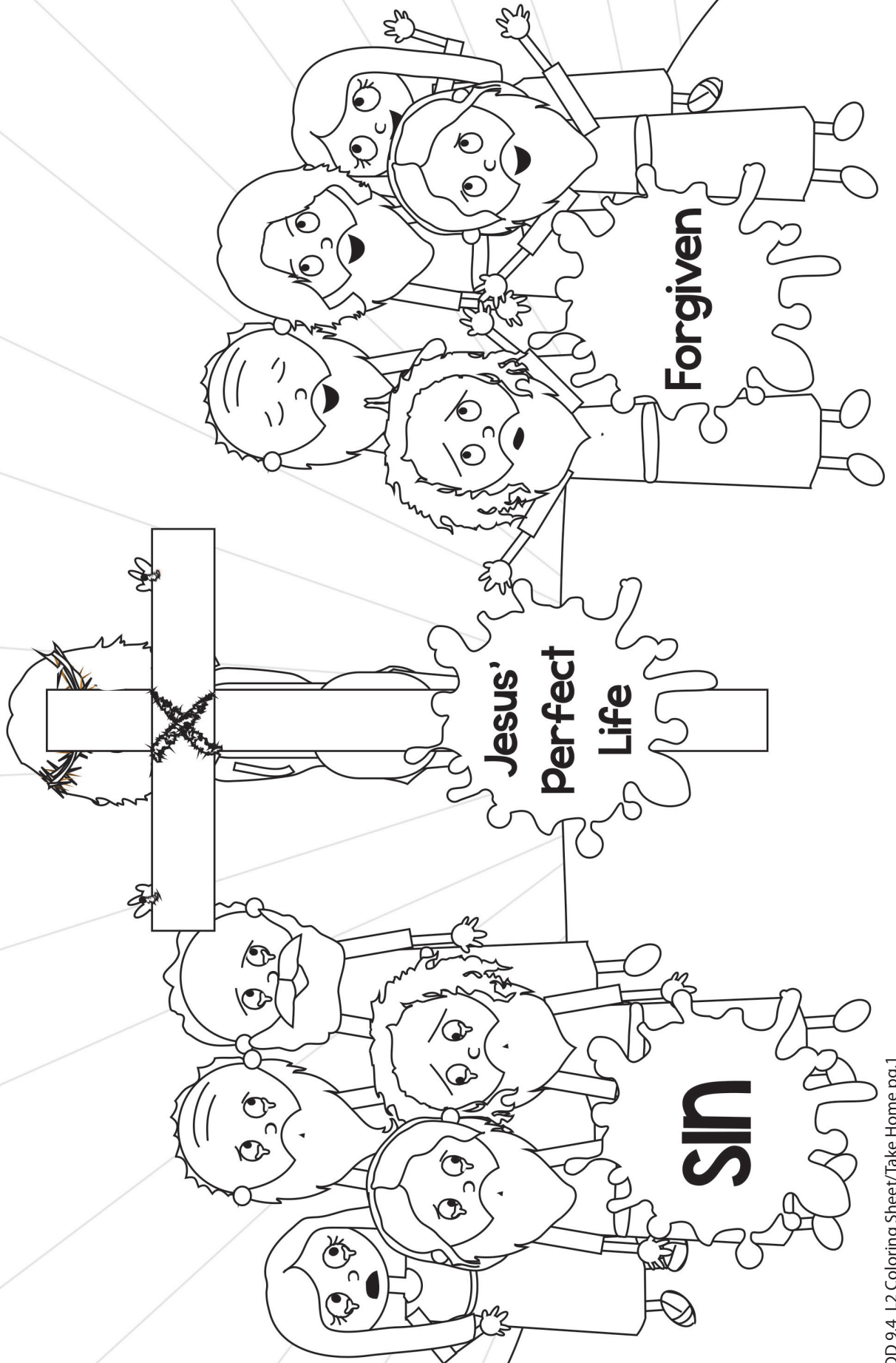
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**"I will ransom them from the power of Sheol.
I will redeem them from death." Hosea 13:14, ESV**



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2



Big Question 9 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Died on the Cross for the Sins of God's People!

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

"I will ransom them from the power of Sheol. I will redeem them from death." --- Hosea 13:14, HCSB

Learn a Little: "I will redeem them from death."

Meaning

Ransom! Redeem! What do those big words mean? To pay the price to rescue someone and make them your very own. What did God ransom His people from? The power of the grave and death ("Sheol" is another Bible word for the grave and death.)

Yes, indeed! When Jesus suffered and died on the cross, He paid for all of the sins of God's people so they could be forgiven! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, we can be God's people, too. All of our sins will be forgiven through Him, so we can know God now and get to live with Him forever!

Some Questions for You

1. What does it mean to ransom or redeem someone? *To pay the price needed to rescue someone and make them your very own.*
2. Who did God ransom? *His people.*
3. From what did God ransom His people from? *From the punishment they deserved for their sins. From death!*
4. What do God's people get to enjoy because God ransomed them? *They get to be His dearly loved people forever! They get to know Him in their hearts now; and one day, they will go to live with Him forever.*
5. How did Jesus ransom God's people? *He suffered and died in their place on the cross.*
6. How can we become one of God's people? *We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for being willing to suffer and die on the cross for the sins of God's people.
- C** Jesus, how we need You to be our Savior! We are all sinners who disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment. Please forgive us!
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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Will Ransom Them: Hosea 13:14, from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 29

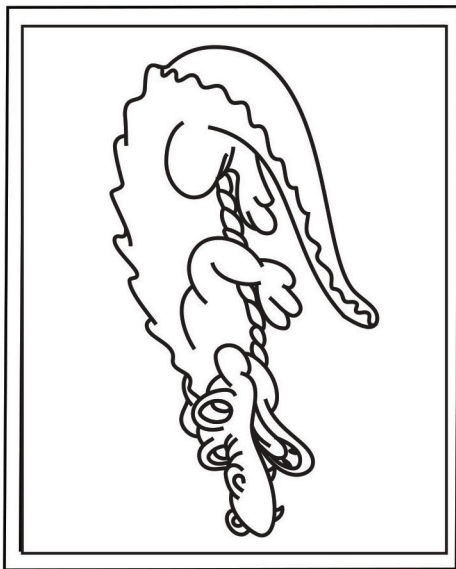
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I will redeem them from death.

Death, where are your barbs?
Where, Sheol, is your sting?
Death, where are your barbs?
Where, Sheol, is your sting?

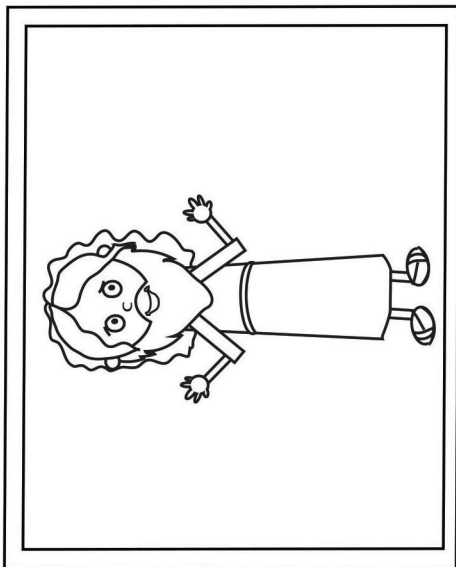
I will ransom them from the power of Sheol,
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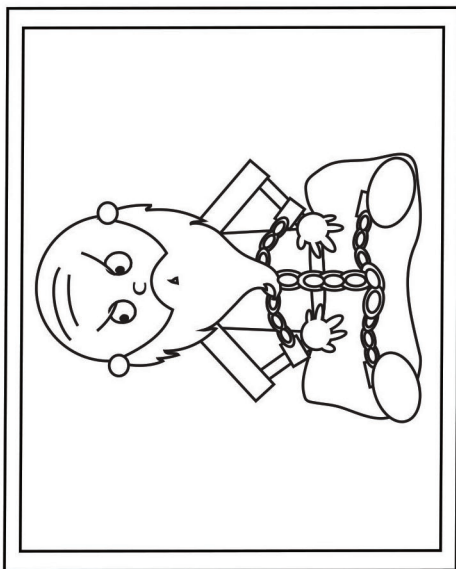
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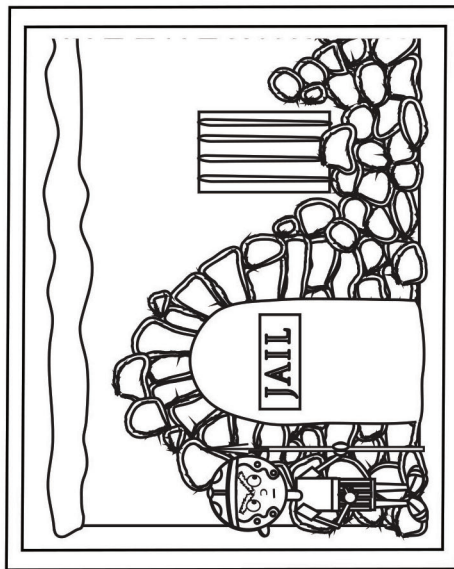
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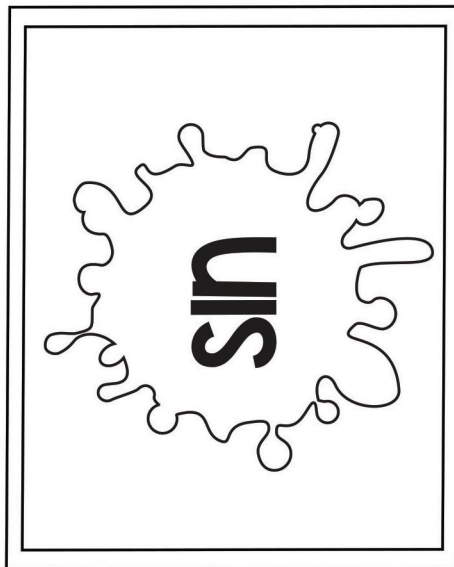
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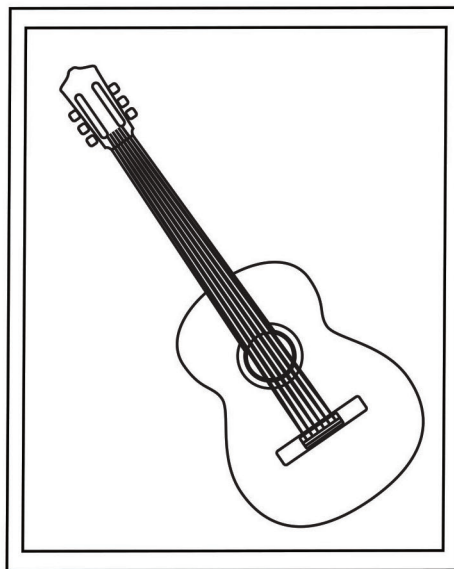
A Robber


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A Jail


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Sin


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A Guitar

Answer: Jesus, the robber, the jail and sin belong. The alligator and the guitar do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3



Big Question 9 : How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Died on the Cross for the Sins of God's People!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

Sadly, we are all sinners who disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins. But Jesus never, ever sinned. He never deserved any punishment from God. Yet Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross. He didn't suffer and die because He deserved to. He suffered and died in the place of God's people so they wouldn't have to. Yes, He offered up His perfect life as the full payment for their sins. Jesus suffered so much on the cross! His body hurt so badly as He hung there by the nails. But Jesus' spirit inside Him hurt even more, as He took the punishment for our sins and was separated from God, His Father. But when at last Jesus finished suffering on the cross, He had paid for all of the sins of God's people. Jesus died and was buried in a cave-grave that day, but He didn't stay there! On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave to live forevermore. He had really done it! He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now they could have special closeness with God in their hearts. Now they would be His dearly loved people forever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins. He will give us special closeness in our hearts with Him now. And one day, we can go to live with God forever.

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

"I will ransom them from the power of Sheol. I will redeem them from death." --- Hosea 13:14, HCSB

Some Questions for You

1. What kind of people did the king punish on crosses? *Bad men who did really bad things, such as robbers, murderers and men who tried to get rid of the king.*
2. What bad thing had Jesus done that he would be punished with death on a cross? *Nothing.*
3. Whose bad things did Jesus choose to die on the cross for? *The sins of God's people.*
4. What did Jesus' enemies think Jesus should do to prove He was God's Son, the Savior of God's people? *Come down from the cross.*
5. Why did Jesus not come down from the cross? *Because only by suffering and dying on the cross could He save God's people from their sins.*
6. What did Jesus' enemies and even His friends think was finished when Jesus said, "It is finished" when He died on the cross? *They thought Jesus' life seemed finished. That Jesus was gone for good --never to live again.*
7. What was really finished when Jesus died on the cross? *Not Jesus' life, but the punishment God's people deserved for their sins.*
8. What did Jesus do that proved that He had beaten sin and death for God's people? *God raised Him from the dead on the third day.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for being willing to suffer and die on the cross for the sins of God's people.
- C** Jesus, how we need You to be our Savior! We are all sinners who disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment. Please forgive us!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for suffering and dying on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior. Thank You for taking all of God's punishment, so we might be forgiven. Thank You that no one is too sinful for You to save. You are a big enough Savior for any of us.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You more and more. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 18

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

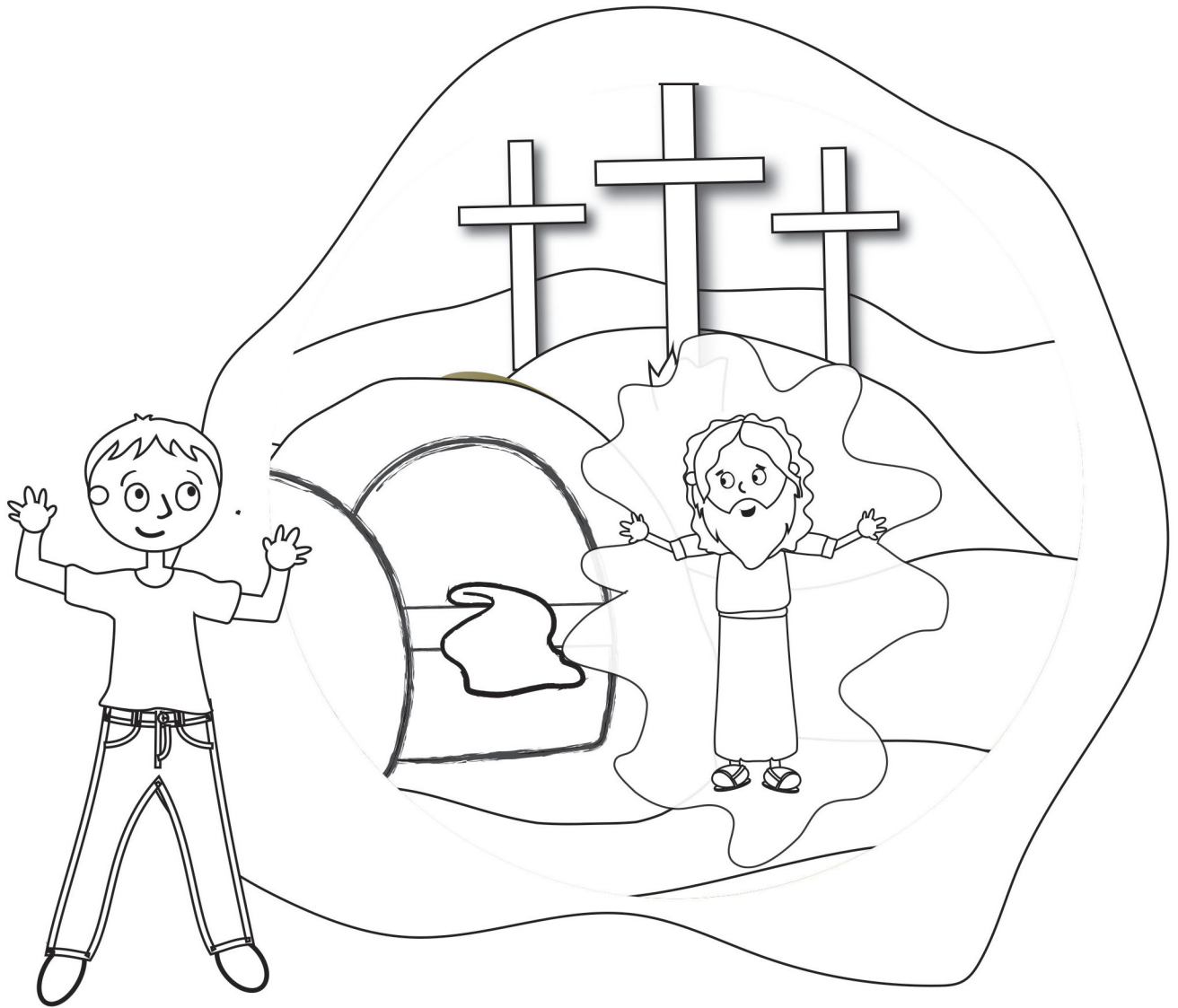
from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 19

Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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DDD BQ 9 BT4 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2

CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 5:
What Did Jesus Come to Do?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...



He Rose from the ____ ____ ____ ____ !

**HINT: What is the opposite of being alive? It starts with a "d"
and it rhymes with "red."**

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 1



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Rose from the Dead!

Bible Truth 5 Meaning

Jesus suffered on a cross for the sins of God's people. He took the punishment for sins that they deserved so that they might become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus died that day. His friends buried His body in a cave-grave. But death could not keep Jesus dead! On the third day, God raised up Jesus' body from the grave. Yes, Jesus was alive, never to die again! He had beaten sin and death. He had made the way for us to come to God.

Now God's people could have special closeness with God in their hearts. And when they died, they would go to live with God. And at the end of time, God would raise their bodies from their graves—just like He raised Jesus' body. New and perfect bodies, ready to live with Him in a beautiful, new heaven and earth forever.

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

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."--- Luke 24:5-6, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Was Jesus a sinner? *No.*
2. Did Jesus ever disobey God? *No.*
3. Whose punishment for sins did Jesus take on the cross? *That of God's people.*
4. What did Jesus' friends do with Jesus' body when He died? *Buried it in a cave grave.*
5. Did Jesus stay dead? *No, He did not.*
6. Why didn't Jesus stay dead? *He beat death on the cross, so God raised up His body. He was alive forever and ever.*
7. Who did Jesus beat death for? *All of God's people.*
8. How can we be God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*
9. What will God's people enjoy? *Special closeness with God in their hearts now. Then when they die, their spirits will go to live with God forever. And on the last day when Jesus comes back, God will raise their bodies from their graves and make them brand-new and perfect, ready to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for being powerful enough to beat sin and death!
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who trust in You as their Savior. Thank You for rising from the dead in victory! You show us that You really have beaten sin and death for all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You more and more. Jesus, come back soon! We long for the day when You will bring sin and death to an end forever. Help us to be ready for that day! In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 9 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 12 (sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

What did Jesus come to do?
What did Jesus come to do?
Jesus came to bring us to God.
That's what Jesus came to do!

Big Question 9 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 13

Refrain

What did Jesus come to do?
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What did Jesus come to do?
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Verse 1

In the beginning, people enjoyed
Perfect fellowship with God.
But they disobeyed,
their fellowship lost.
Would things always
stay this way? *Refrain*

Verse 2

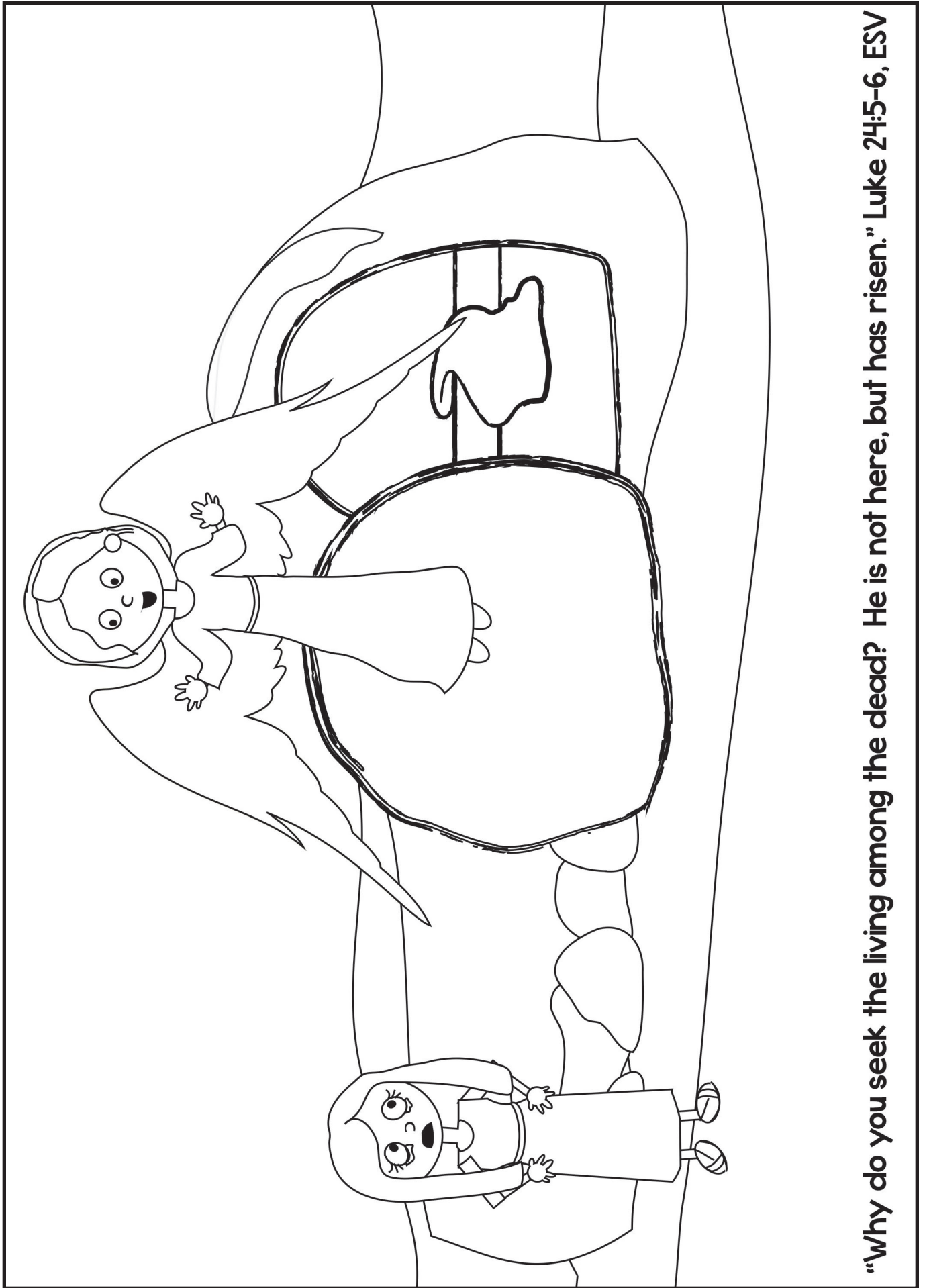
At just the right time,
God sent His Son
to pay for His people's sins,
He offered His life, the perfect sacrifice,
Gave them fellowship
with God again. *Refrain*

Verse 3

On the third day,
Jesus rose from the grave,
Then He went back home to heav'n.
Now all who repent
and believe in Him,
Can know God forever. *Refrain*

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DDD BQ 9 BT 5 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5-6, ESV

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 2



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Rose from the Dead!

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

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."--- Luke 24:5-6, ESV

Learn a Little: "He is not here; [He] has risen!"

Meaning

The Bible tells us that on the third day after Jesus died, some women who loved Jesus went to the cave-grave where He was buried to take care of His dead body. But angels came and told them the good news: "Jesus is alive! He has risen from the dead!" Jesus was not in that cave at all! He was alive forevermore!

Some Questions for You

1. Who was looking for a dead person? *Some women who were Jesus' friends/disciples.*
2. Who was the dead person they were looking for? *Jesus.*
3. What had happened to Jesus? *He had risen from the dead.*
4. What did Jesus show He had beaten when He rose from the dead? *Sin and death for God's people.*
5. How long would Jesus be alive this time? *Forever!*
6. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

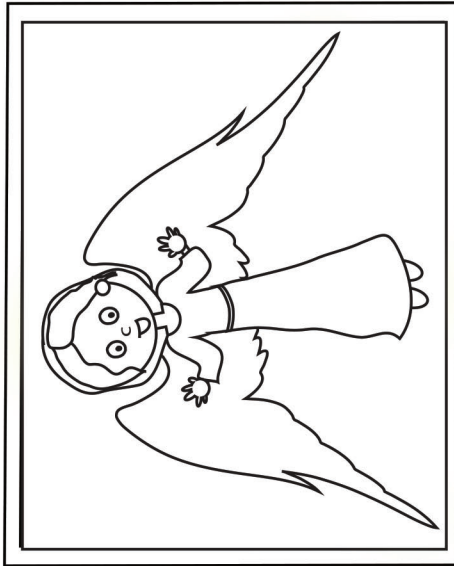
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- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who trust in You as their Savior. Thank You for rising from the dead in victory! You show us that You really have beaten sin and death for all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You more and more. Jesus, come back soon! We long for the day when You will bring sin and death to an end forever. Help us to be ready for that day! In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

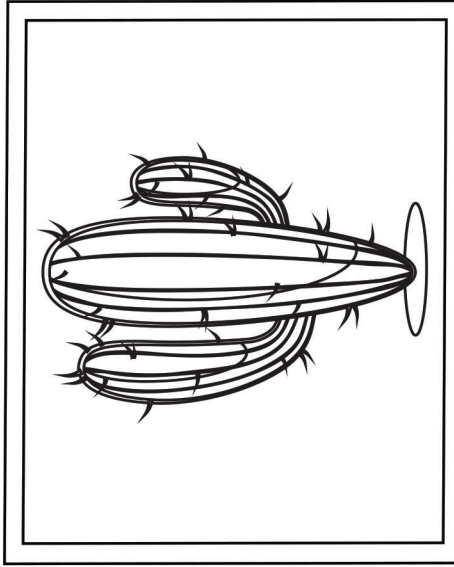
Why Do You Seek?: Luke 24:5-6 *from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 31*

Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He's not here, but has risen.
Jesus has risen.
Why do you seek the living among the dead?
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Luke Twenty-four, five and six.

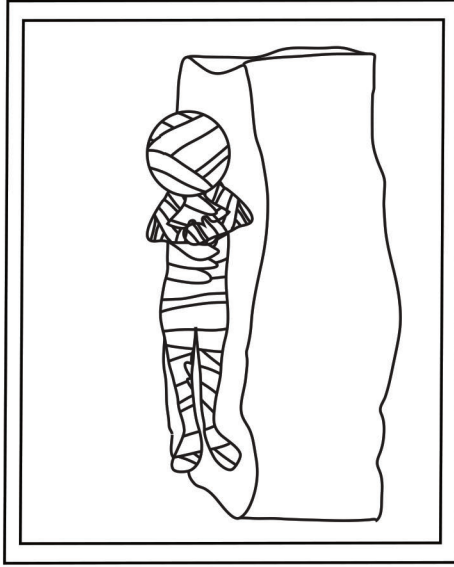
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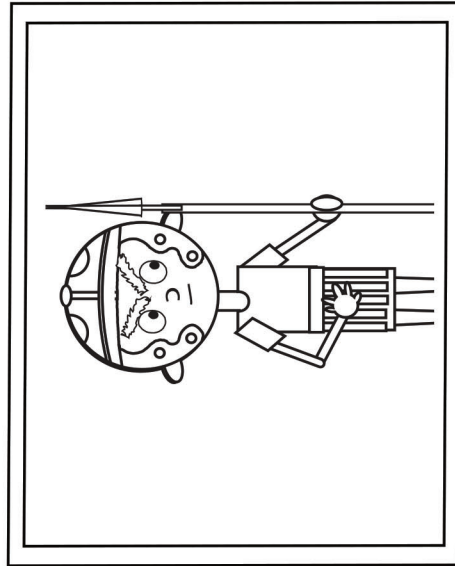
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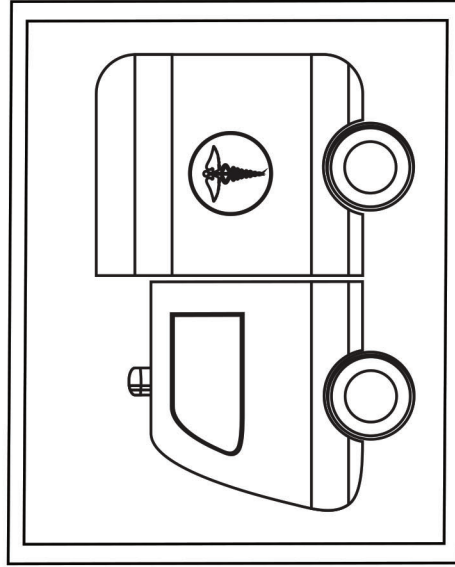
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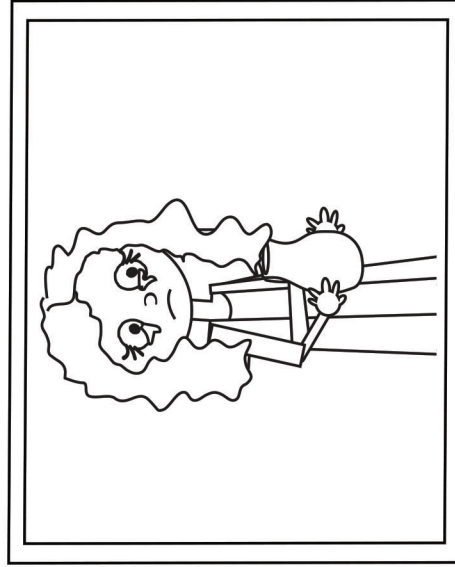
A Dead Body


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A Soldier


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An Ambulance


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A Weeping Woman

Answer: The angel, the dead body, the soldier, and the weeping woman belong. The cactus and the ambulance do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 3



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Rose from the Dead!

Bible Truth 5 Meaning

Jesus suffered on a cross for the sins of God's people. He took the punishment for sins that they deserved so that they might become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus died that day. His friends buried His body in a cave-grave. But death could not keep Jesus dead! On the third day, God raised up Jesus' body from the grave. Yes, Jesus was alive, never to die again! He had beaten sin and death. He had made the way for us to come to God.

Now God's people could have special closeness with God in their hearts. And when they died, they would go to live with God. And at the end of time, God would raise their bodies from their graves—just like He raised Jesus' body. New and perfect bodies, ready to live with Him in a beautiful, new heaven and earth forever.

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

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."--- Luke 24:5-6, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Who knew that Jesus was dead? *Everyone did. Jesus' enemies and friends both saw Him suffer and die on the cross.*
2. What did they do with Jesus' body after He died? *They wrapped it in linen and put it in a grave cave.*
3. What did they do to make sure that Jesus' body stayed in the grave cave? *They rolled a big stone across the hole and had soldiers stand watch and guard.*
4. What happened to Jesus on third day, that wonderful Sunday? *God raised Jesus from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! He gave Him a new life resurrection body, especially made for heaven. Jesus got up from the grave cave and left!*
5. What scared the soldiers on that wonderful Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead? *The big earthquake and the angel who came down from heaven and rolled the stone away.*
6. Who did Jesus talk to on that wonderful Sunday? *Many of His close friends.*
7. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. We praise You for being powerful enough to beat sin and death!
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who trust in You as their Savior. Thank You for rising from the dead in victory! You show us that You really have beaten sin and death for all who turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 18

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

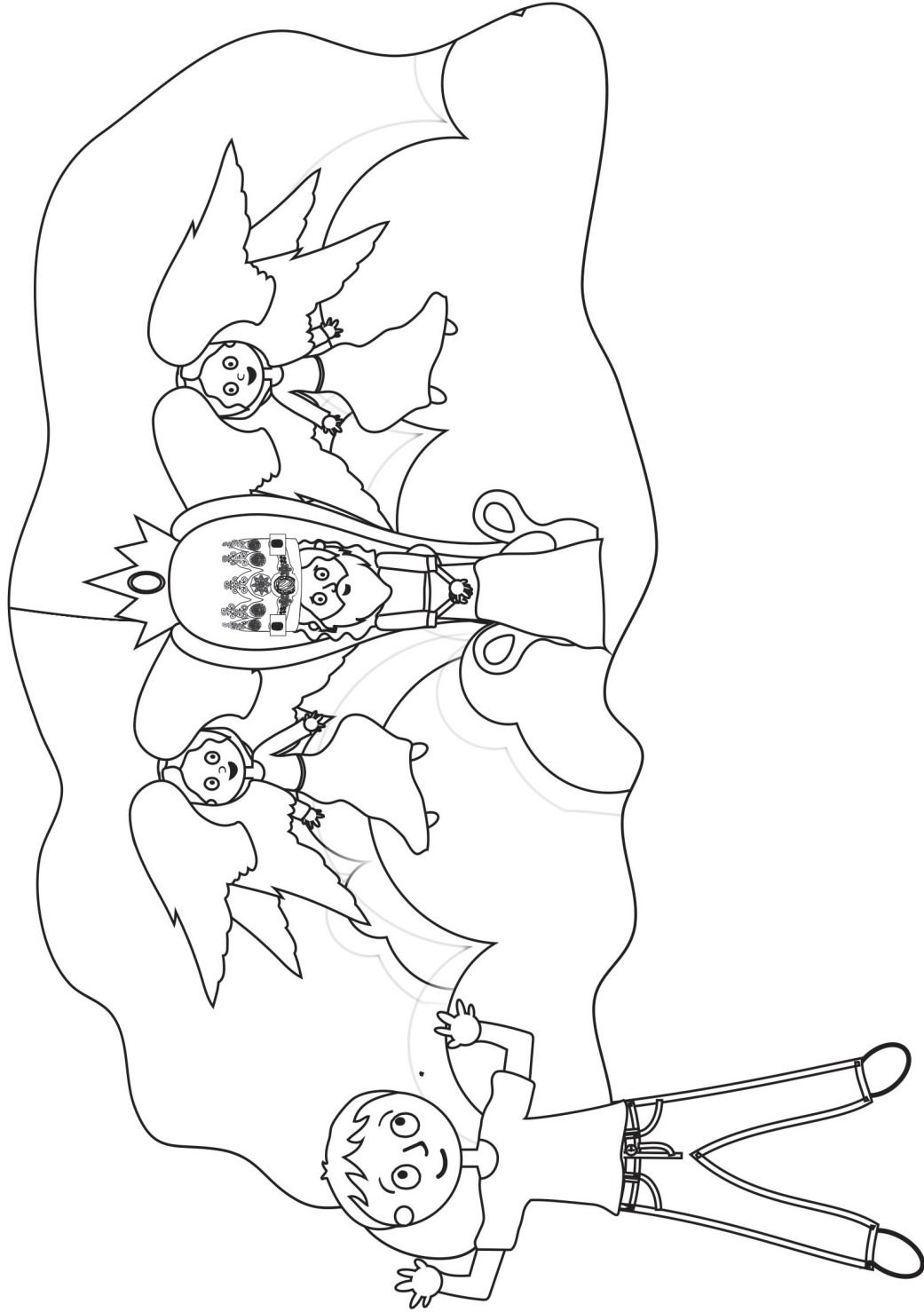
from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 19

Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 6:

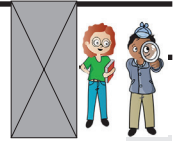
What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...



He Went Up to ----- in Heaven!

HINT: What is another word for being in charge? It starts with an "r" and it rhymes with "jewel"?

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 1



Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Hes Not Like Anyone Else... He Went Up to Rule in Heaven!

Bible Truth 6 Meaning

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers many times. He showed them from the Bible why He had to suffer and die on the cross. He showed them how He had completed all of God's plans to save God's people. Jesus also told them God's plans for them. They were to go to into the whole world, urging everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God would use them to save His people from every part of the world. After Jesus finished teaching His followers all these things, He went home to heaven. At last, once more, Jesus shone with the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. At last, once more, He delighted in all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God—that closest, most wonderful love that He had fully enjoyed with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, before He had gone to earth to be our Savior. Jesus' work on earth was done, but not His work in heaven. Jesus now reigns as king over the whole universe --the King of kings and Lord of lords. He prays and cares for God's people as God's plan for them keeps being worked out here on earth. Jesus is there ruling and caring for God's people even now! And one day, He will come back to earth. He will put an end to sin and death forever. And in the new heaven and earth God will make, He will live face-to-face with God's people forever. That will be best of all! We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him." --- 1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. Who did Jesus appear to, after He rose from the dead? *Lots of His followers (disciples) many times.*
2. What did Jesus tell His disciples? *Why He had to suffer and die on the cross; how the Bible shows God's plan for Him to take the punishment for the sins of God's people on the cross; and, to go into all the world and tell others how they can become God's people.*
3. Where did Jesus go home to? *To heaven.*
4. What did Jesus enjoy when He went home to heaven? *The closest, most wonderful love together with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. The bright, shininess of God's glory. The riches of heaven. The praise of the angels for saving God's people.*
5. What does Jesus do in heaven now? *He rules over the whole universe as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He prays and cares for His people as God's plan for them keeps being worked out here on earth.*
6. What will Jesus do when God's plans are all finished? *He will come back to earth to put an end to sin and death. He will rule and live in God's new heaven and earth with God's people, forever happy.*
8. How can we receive God's forgiveness for our sins? *We need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to forgive our sins and make us His people when we do.*

Let's Pray

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. You died and rose again. You went up to heaven. We praise You for being our great King of Kings who rules over everything.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross and for rising from the dead in victory! Thank You for ruling over all things from heaven. Thank You for the promise that You will come back one day and bring an end to sin and death forever.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. We want to become God's people. Jesus, come back soon! We long for the day when You will bring sin and death to an end forever, and will rule as the great forever king over God's kingdom. Help us to be ready for that day! In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 9 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 12 (sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

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Jesus came to bring us to God.
That's what Jesus came to do!

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Big Question 9 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 13

Refrain

What did Jesus come to do?
Jesus came to bring us to God.
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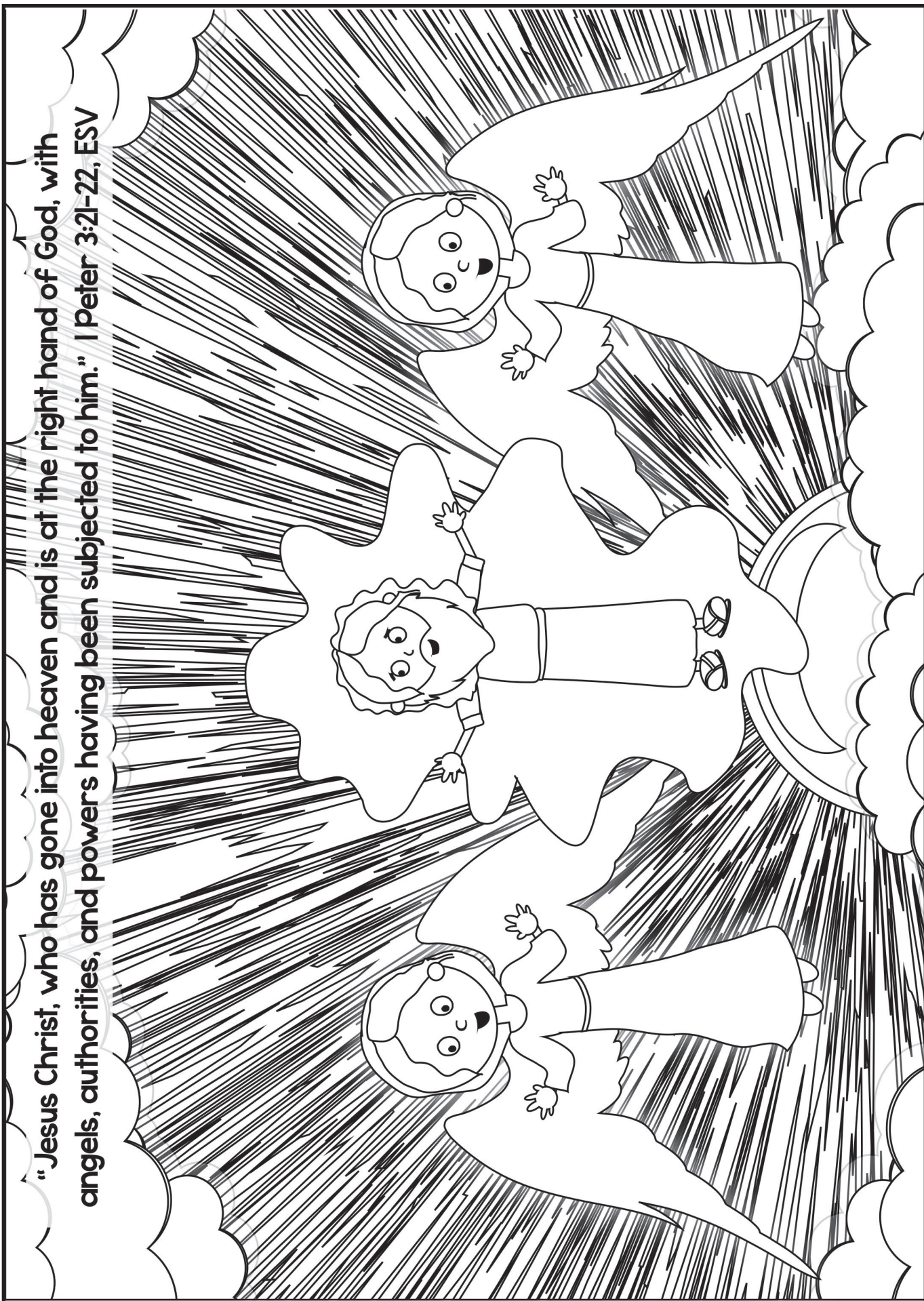
Verse 2

At just the right time,
God sent His Son
to pay for His people's sins,
He offered His life, the perfect sacrifice,
Gave them fellowship
with God again. *Refrain*

Verse 3

On the third day,
Jesus rose from the grave,
Then He went back home to heav'n.
Now all who repent
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Can know God forever. *Refrain*

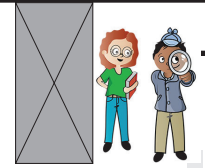
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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 2

Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Hes Not Like Anyone Else... He Went Up to Rule in Heaven!



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

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Learn a Little: "Jesus Christ ... has gone into heaven... and is at the right hand of God."

Meaning:

The Bible tells us that after Jesus rose from the dead, He taught His disciples many things from the Bible. But at last, when Jesus finished teaching them, He went up to heaven and began His rule as king, just as God promised He would in the Bible.

That's what being at the right hand of God means. That's a Bible way of saying that Jesus is ruling as the promised, great King who would beat sin and death and save God's people--all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. (That can even be you and me!).

And that what Jesus is still doing even now. He is ruling over everything—not just all people, but all of the angels and other heavenly powers. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Some Questions for You

1. Did Jesus stay dead in His cave-grave? *No, He did not. He rose from the dead.*
2. Who did Jesus talk with after He rose from the dead? *His disciples.*
3. Where did Jesus go after He finished teaching His disciples? *He went up to heaven.*
4. What is Jesus doing in heaven now? *He is ruling over everything.*
5. Who even rules over the angels and other heavenly powers? *Jesus does.*

Let's Pray!

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. You died and rose again. You went up to heaven. We praise You for being our great King of Kings who rules over everything.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!
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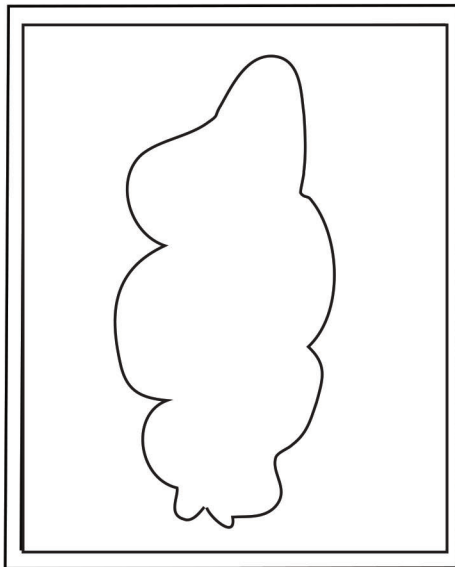
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Gone into Heaven: 1 Peter 3:21-22 from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 9, track 34

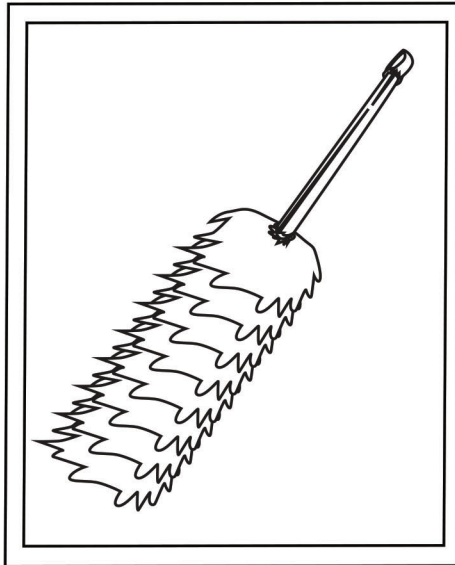
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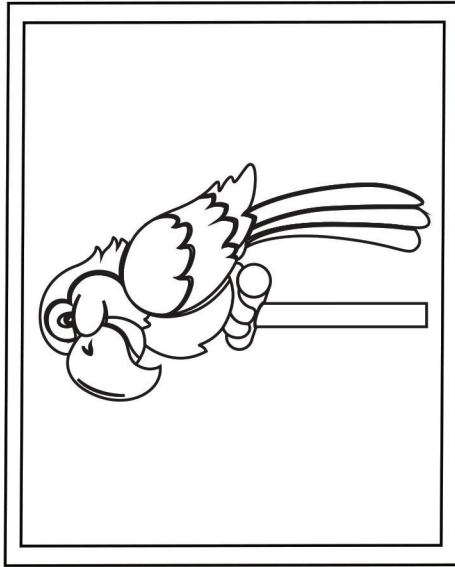
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.


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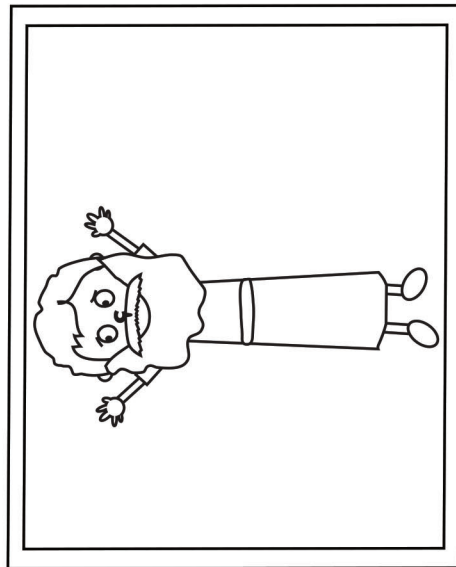
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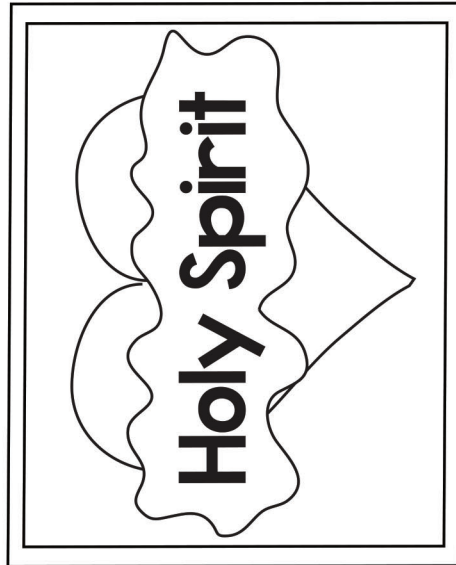
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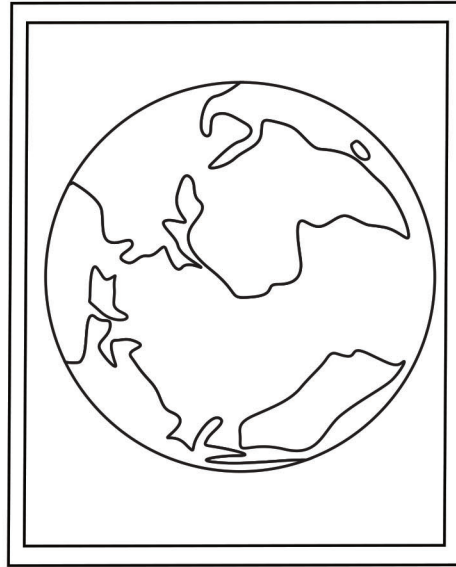
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A Disciple


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The Holy Spirit in a Heart


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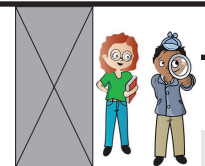
The World

Answer: The cloud, the disciple, the Holy Spirit in a heart; and the world belong. The feather duster and the parrot do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 9, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 3

Big Question 9: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Answer: Hes Not Like Anyone Else... He Went Up to Rule in Heaven!



Bible Truth 6 Meaning

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers many times. He showed them from the Bible why He had to suffer and die on the cross. He showed them how He had completed all of God's plans to save God's people. Jesus also told them God's plans for them. They were to go to into the whole world, urging everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God would use them to save His people from every part of the world. After Jesus finished teaching His followers all these things, He went home to heaven. At last, once more, Jesus shone with the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. At last, once more, He delighted in all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God—that closest, most wonderful love that He had fully enjoyed with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, before He had gone to earth to be our Savior. Jesus' work on earth was done, but not His work in heaven. Jesus now reigns as king over the whole universe --the King of kings and Lord of lords. He prays and cares for God's people as God's plan for them keeps being worked out here on earth. Jesus is there ruling and caring for God's people even now! And one day, He will come back to earth. He will put an end to sin and death forever. And in the new heaven and earth God will make, He will live face-to-face with God's people forever. That will be best of all! We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him." --- 1 Peter 3:21-22 , ESV

Some Questions for You

1. What was the exciting news that everyone was talking about in Jerusalem? *That Jesus had rose from the dead.*
2. Who did Jesus appear to after He rose from the dead? *His friends... one time even 500 of them at once!*
3. What did Jesus do with His friends after He rose from the dead? *He ate and drank with them. He showed them everything the Bible had to say about Him. He taught them more of God's plans for the world.*
4. Where did Jesus tell His friends He was going? *Back home to heaven to be with God His Father and the Holy Spirit. And, to be the great King of Kings and rule over everything.*
5. Who did Jesus promise to send His friends? *The Holy Spirit, to teach them more about God, to comfort them in their hearts and to give them power to do everything God wanted them to do.*
6. What did Jesus want His friends to do? *Tell the whole world how they could be saved by turning away from disobeying God and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.*
7. How did Jesus go to heaven? *He rose up in the sky.*
8. How will Jesus come back one day? *He will come back in the same way He left.*
9. What is Jesus doing in heaven even now? *He is ruling as the great King of Kings, praying and caring for God's people. And, bringing about all of God's good plans for this world.*

Let's Pray

- A** Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God. You died and rose again. You went up to heaven. We praise You for being our great King of Kings who rules over everything.
- C** Jesus, we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment. We need to turn to You for forgiveness. We need You to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross and for rising from the dead in victory! Thank You for ruling over all things from heaven. Thank You for the promise that You will come back one day and bring an end to sin and death forever.
- S** Jesus, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins. Help us to trust in You as our Savior. We want to become God's people. Jesus, come back soon! We long for the day when You will bring sin and death to an end forever, and will rule as the great forever king over God's kingdom. Help us to be ready for that day! In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 9 Hymn: To God Be the Glory

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 18

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Big Question 9 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 9, track 19

Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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