

BIG QUESTION 12



How should God's people live?



ANSWER:

They should live like Jesus!

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The Big Question

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

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 12:

How Should God's People Live?
and the Answer is:
They Should Live Like Jesus!

Meaning:

We become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God forgives our sins and we begin a whole new way of life. God's people no longer live life just to please themselves. They want to honor God with their whole lives, like Jesus did. They seek to love God most of all and love all people, too.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 12 Song

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 12

(adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

How should God's people live each day?
They should live like Jesus!
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How should God's people live each day?
They should live like Jesus!

BIG QUESTION 12: Eight truths about how God's people live

Please God,
HELP!

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This Unit's Bible Truths

"They Should Live Like Jesus" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about how God wants His people to live.

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

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

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

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

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I?

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...

By Asking God for His ????!

HINT: What do we need
when we can't do something
by ourselves? It starts with
an "h" and it rhymes with "yelp."



ANSWER:

By Asking God for His HELP!

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Revealing the Bible Truth We Are Learning

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

**“How Should God’s People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus!
By Asking God for His ???? !”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What do we need when we can’t do something by ourselves? It starts with an “h” and it rhymes with “yelp.”

Can you guess? It’s “HELP.”

So, the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

**“How Should God’s People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus!
By Asking God for His HELP!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

When Jesus lived on earth, He asked God, His Father, for help to do everything He wanted Him to do. God wants His people to ask Him to help them, too.

The Bible is filled with God’s promises to help His people. God’s people can pray these promises for themselves. They can pray them for others, too. One of God’s best promises is to send the Holy Spirit to keep working in His people’s hearts. The Holy Spirit helps them to know what God wants them to do. He makes them strong and brave to do it. God is faithful. He will always help His people to live like Jesus, every single day.

We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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**“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”**

Hebrews 4:16, ESV

Bible Truth | Bible Verse

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

Hebrews 4:16 tells us:

Hebrews 4:16:

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Learn a Little:

"Let us draw near to find help in time of need."

What does that mean?

Jesus reigns in heaven as the High King over all creation. How He loves God's people! He listens to their prayers and even prays for them, Himself! He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and to do all He wants them to do.

God's people know they can always pray and ask God to help them. They know His answer is always "yes" when they ask Him to help them. He will give them the strength they need to do all He wants them to do. That's why they go boldly and confidently to God with their prayers. He will help them. He will always help them! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

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

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Let Us with Confidence:

Hebrews 4:16

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 18

Let us then with confidence draw near,
With confidence
draw near the throne of grace,
So that we may receive mercy
and find grace,
In our time of need,
Hebrews Four, sixteen.

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

"The Case of the Hardest Thing" Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the hardest thing? What was it?
2. Who helped Him do it?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

1. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do? Who did Jesus cry out to for help?
2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?

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



1. It was late at night and Jesus knew He needed help. And not just help from anyone. No! There was only ONE who could help Him. Do you know who it was? It was God, His Father. Very soon, Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples and closest friends, would bring enemies to arrest Him. These enemies would hurt Jesus. They would say mean things to Him. And then, they would nail Him to a cross to die.



2. Dying on a cross was a very painful way to die. But Jesus would do something as He died on the cross that would make it the most painful thing ANYONE has ever done. Jesus would take all the punishment God's people deserved from God for their sins. He would pay for their sins, so they wouldn't have to. Oh, how, very, very, VERY terrible all that punishment would be!



3. In some ways, Jesus wasn't that different from us. He thought about all the pain He would bear on the cross, and He didn't want it. Yet, how Jesus loved God, His Father! He always wanted to obey Him. And, how Jesus loved God's people! He wanted to save them. Dying on the cross was the only way to obey His Father and save God's people. And that's why Jesus knew He needed help –God, His Father's help– to do this very hardest thing.



4. So, late that night, Jesus walked with His disciples down the streets of Jerusalem, out through the city wall, and up the hill to the Garden of Gethsemane. It was here that Jesus would ask His Father for the help He needed. "Sit here, while I go over there and pray," Jesus told His disciples. Then, taking Peter, James, and John with Him, Jesus walked further into the dark garden.



5. As Jesus walked, He became very sad and upset. "The sadness in My heart is so great that it's almost killing me!" Jesus told His friends. "Stay here with Me and keep watch," He asked them. Going a little farther, Jesus fell face down on the ground and prayed. "My Father, if it's possible, take this away so I don't have to suffer like this," Jesus pleaded. "This is going to be so hard! This is going to hurt so much! But most of all, I want Your will, not Mine, Father," Jesus exclaimed.



6. After praying, Jesus went to check up on Peter, James, and John. He was NOT happy with what He found them doing. While HE had been face down on the ground, praying, THEY had been face down on the ground doing something else. Can you guess what it was? They were sound asleep!



7. "Watch and pray that you might say 'no' to temptation. You WANT to stay faithful to Me. You WANT to do God's will, but you are very weak. You will need God's help to live it out," Jesus warned them. Jesus knew that He wasn't the only one who would need God's help to do God's will. His disciples would need God's help, too. When the enemies came for Jesus, they would be tempted to be afraid and leave Jesus. But God could give them the strength they needed if they would ask.



8. Jesus went and prayed again. "My Father, if suffering and dying on the cross is the only way to save Your people, then I want to do it. I want to obey You and do Your will more than anything else," Jesus exclaimed. What a prayer! What a very, very hard thing Jesus would have to do to save God's people! It was the hardest thing anyone would EVER have to do. COULD God, His Father, answer this prayer? WOULD God, His Father, answer this prayer? Yes, He could; and, yes, He would! An angel came to strengthen Jesus.



9. Jesus was strengthened in His heart, too. Yes, He would have to suffer and die for God's people. But, then, what joy He would have! On Day Three, He would rise from the dead in victory over sin and death. Then, He would return home to heaven. There, He would once more enjoy the Perfect Wonderfulness of the fullest, closest fellowship with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, like He had before He came to earth. Jesus would be the great King who always loved and obeyed God, His Father. How great would be the praise for God! How good to never suffer again! And, how wonderful to know that the sins of God's people would be forgiven for all time.



10. Strengthened and comforted, Jesus went back to His friends two more times. Were they praying? Were they asking God for His help? No! Each time, He found them sleeping. Oh, if only they understood just how much they were about to need God's help! "Are you still sleeping? But look, the time has come. Get up! Here come My enemies," Jesus told them.



II. Just then, there came a whole crowd of enemies carrying lanterns, fiery torches, and sharp swords. And who was leading them? Why, Judas Iscariot, Jesus' other disciple, that's who! He had been paid by Jesus' enemies to take them to Jesus to arrest Him.



12. The time had come for Jesus to suffer and die. What would He do? Run away and hide? No, He would not. Jesus was ready. He had asked His Father for help; and, His Father had answered Him. He gave Jesus the strength to keep on doing His will. Jesus would face His enemies and fulfill God's plan.



13. In the darkness, it was hard to tell which man was Jesus. But Judas led Jesus' enemies right to Him. "Hello, Teacher," Judas said, kissing Jesus on the cheek. "Friend, do what you came to do," Jesus replied. Then, the men came up and grabbed Jesus.



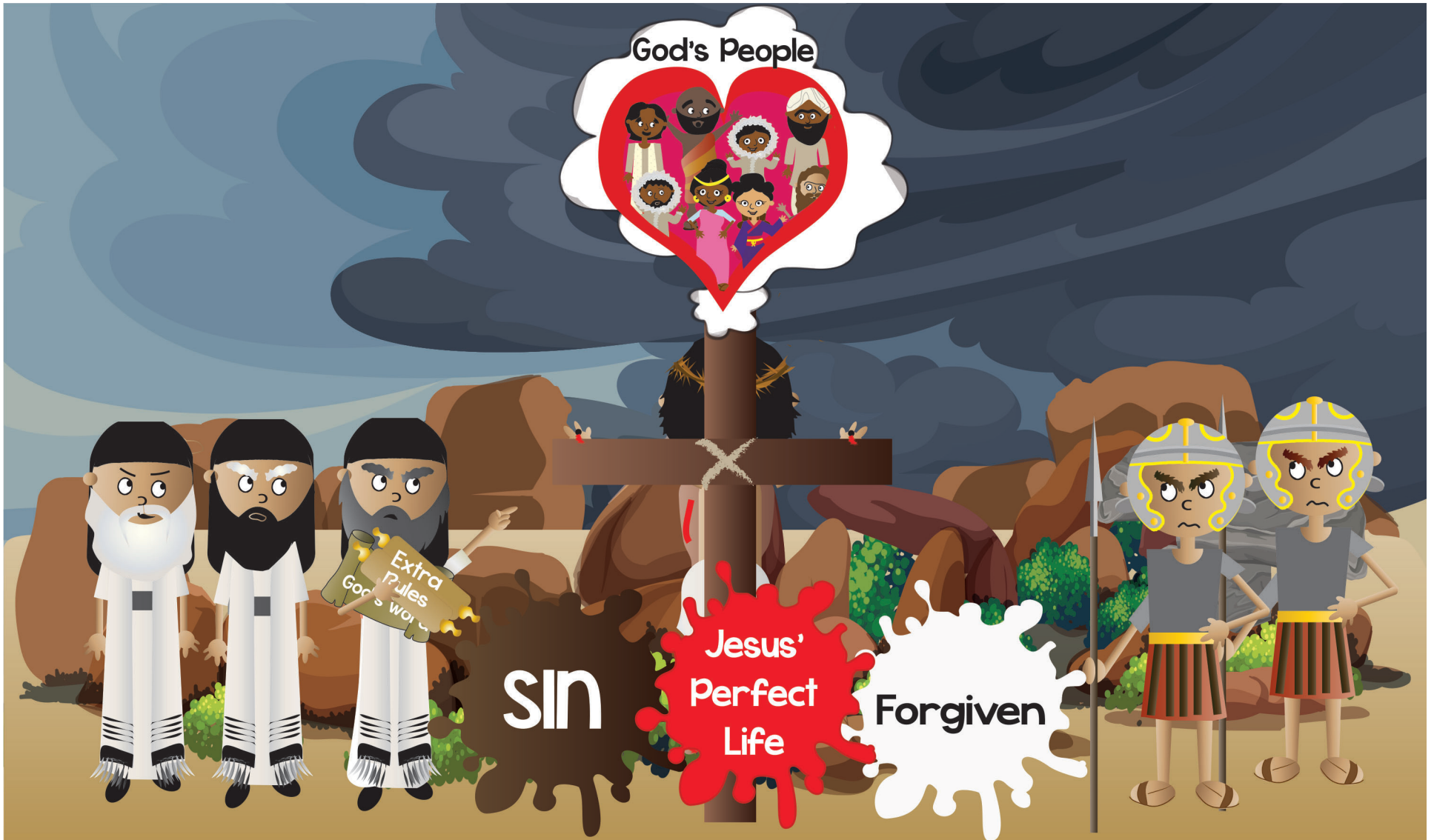
14. "Oh, no you don't!" thought Peter. He would fight off Jesus' enemies. He took his sword and cut off Malchus' ear --one of the men in the crowd.



15. But this wasn't the help Jesus wanted or needed. Jesus stretched out His hand and healed Malchus' ear. "Put away your sword," Jesus told Peter. "I could ask My Father to send thousands of angels to rescue Me, if I wanted. But how would His will be done if I did that? And how would God's promises in His Word come true? No. it must happen this way," Jesus replied. Oh, how God was helping His Son, Jesus, do this hardest thing!



16. But what about Jesus' disciples? What did they do? They had slept, instead of asking God for help. Did they stand with Jesus or run away? It was just as Jesus warned. They didn't have the strength to stay faithful. They gave in to their fears. They ran for their lives, leaving Jesus alone with His enemies.



17. After that, everything happened as Jesus knew it would. The crowd took Jesus away. They said mean things to Him and hurt Him. Then, they nailed Him to the cross. Oh, how terrible it was to suffer and die for God's people, but Jesus did it anyway! He had asked God, His Father, for help; and God, His Father, gave it to Him. He helped Jesus take all the punishment for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to. He helped Jesus do the hardest thing!



18. And how do we know Jesus paid for all those sins when He suffered and died on the cross? Because of what happened next. On Day Three, Jesus rose up from the grave to live forevermore! Jesus had really beaten sin and death for God's people. Their sins were all forgiven. They would get to live with God, knowing, loving, and enjoying Him forever.



19. But what about Jesus' disciples? What happened to them after they ran away and left Jesus? Would God forgive them now? COULD God forgive them now?



20. Yes, He could, and yes, He **WOULD**! Jesus paid for **ALL** their sins when He died on the cross. And, though the disciples hadn't asked God for help, the night Jesus was arrested, Jesus had prayed for them. That night, Jesus had prayed for them and all of God's people. Jesus had asked His Father to protect them from Satan and his evil plans. He had asked Him to help them to grow in love for God and for one another so the world might know He really is God's Son, the Savior.



21. Wow! What big prayers Jesus prayed for His disciples and all of God's people that night! Would God answer them? COULD God answer them? Yes, He could; and, yes, He WOULD! Jesus appeared to His disciples on that third day after He died on the cross. "I'm alive and I've beaten sin and death for you and all of God's people!" He told them.



22. Over the next 40 days, Jesus taught His disciples from the Bible. He told them about God's great plan to use them to tell the whole world the gospel--the good news of salvation. And, He promised them God's great gift, the Holy Spirit, who would come live inside them and help them.



23. At the end of those 40 days, Jesus went to heaven. He was home, once more, at last, enjoying all the Perfect Wonderfulness He had always known with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, from before the beginning of time.

Holy Spirit



24. Jesus had left earth for His home in heaven, but He never forgot His people. Jesus is always praying for them, helping them fulfill all of God's good plans. He asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts, and so He did. He would help them love God, live for Him, and tell the world the good news of Jesus their whole lives.



25. And, oh, how those first believers had learned their lesson to ask God for His help! There were many more times when they were tempted to not be faithful to Jesus. And many more times when they wanted to run away from enemies. But now, they knew what to do. They prayed to God and asked for His help. And did He give it to them? Yes, He did!



26. And that's why God **STILL** wants His people to ask Him for help to live for Him. He knows that His people today need just as much help as they did long ago. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us live for Him, too! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the hardest thing? What was it?
Jesus did. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He suffered and died for them. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory.

2. Who helped Him do it?
God, His Father, helped Jesus do it.

For You and Me:

Did you know that God calls all His people to do hard things they can never do on their own? And who will help them do these hard things? The very same One who helped Jesus --God! God will always help His people do whatever He calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we can know God will help us to do whatever He calls us to do, too.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

1. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do? Who did Jesus cry out to for help?

To live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. To suffer and die for them. He asked God, His Father, to help Him do it all.

2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?

Yes, God helped Him do it perfectly!

For You and Me:

Did you know that God calls all His people to do hard things they can never do on their own? And who will help them do these hard things? The very same One who helped Jesus --God! God will always help His people do whatever He calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we can know God will help us to do whatever He calls us to do, too.

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The Gospel




We need God's help if we are to be His people and live for Him. Why? Because we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve His punishment, and only with His help can we ever be forgiven and become His people.

But God, in His mercy, sent that help: His Son, Jesus! Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it up to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them! They are forgiven!


Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now. He will help them with everything He wants them to do. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. This will be best of all. God can help you become one of His people. Ask Him! He loves to do this!




A Prayer




A God, we praise You for giving us Jesus so we can know how You want us to live.



C God, we need Your help to live for You, but many times we don't ask for it. We love to do things by ourselves, in our own way. We need a Savior!



T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.



S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

