

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Visual Aids**

**Unit 12,**

**Bible Truth 1**

## About the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids

### How Are They Used?



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

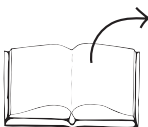
### What Do They Include?



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

- 1. Key Concept Visual Aids**-- colorful signs of the Big Question and Answer, the Bible Truth, the Bible verse, and the Listening Assignments to use with the 3 lessons for each Bible Truth.
- 2. The Story Scenes.** Notice that each scene is numbered and that there is a brief summary of the story that corresponds to the picture. You can actually just tell the story in a simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.
- 3. Directions** for making the Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder and the **back/front images** to paste in place when making it. (Larger back/front images are found online with the curriculum.)
- 4. Directions** for how to make a homemade flannelgraph storyboard and sturdy Story Scene pictures are found in the back of this book.

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



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

### Store It!



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

### Replacement Story Scene Pictures



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

### Other Options



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

**Unit 12: God's People Live for Him**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." --Ephesians 5:1-2

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus...By Asking God for His Help**

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!

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:16**

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

**Learn a Little:** "Let us approach so that we may find help in our time of need."

**Meaning**

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.

**Bible Truth 1 ACTS 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.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Hardest Thing**

*Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21*

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**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

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Big Q & A 12 Song

Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live?

Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984

Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: Let Us Then Approach Hebrews 4:16, NIV 1984

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us, O God Our Savior Psalm 79:9, NIV 1984*

*Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: We Who Reflect the Lord's Glory 2 Corinthians 3:18, NIV 1984*

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

**The Case of the Day of Hardest Thing***Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21***Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

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

During your presentation:

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

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

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

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

I need to find out:

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

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Hebrews 4:16**

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

I need to find out:

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?**

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

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

Our six clues were: a dress, an angel, the cross, Jesus, an enemy, and a spider.

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

I need to figure out:

1. **Which four belong in the story and which two don't?**
2. **What did Jesus ask God to do for him? How did God answer His prayer?**

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

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

*Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.**Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*

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

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

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**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?**

*Who do you think 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.**

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**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!**

**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.**

**And that's why, Jesus knew He needed help —God, His Father's help— to do all He was about to do.**

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**Jesus walked with His disciples down the streets of Jerusalem, out through the city wall, and up the hill to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus knew He needed help from His Father, and it was there that He was going to ask for it. Do you know how?**

*What do you think Jesus did?*

**Jesus would pray! "Sit here, while I go over there and pray," He told His disciples.**

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**Taking Peter, James, and John with Him, Jesus walked further into the dark garden. 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.**

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**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.**

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**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!**

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

**“Peter, wake up! Couldn’t you watch with Me this one hour?” Jesus exclaimed. “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 do these things,”** 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.

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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?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, He could; and, yes, He WOULD!** God answered Jesus’ prayer. An angel came to strengthen Jesus.

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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.

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**Strengthened and comforted, Jesus went back to His friends two more times. Were they praying? Were they asking God for His help?**

*What do you think?*

**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.

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**Just then, there came a whole crowd of enemies carrying lanterns, fiery torches, and sharp swords. And who was leading them?**

*Can you guess who?*

**Why Judas Iscariot, Jesus’ other disciple, that’s who! He had been paid by Jesus’ enemies to take them to Jesus to arrest Him.**

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**The time had come for Jesus to suffer and die. What would He do? Run away and hide?**

*What do you think He will do?*

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

**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.**

**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.**

**"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.**

**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!**

**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?**

*What do you think they did?*

**It was just as Jesus warned. His disciples 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.**

**After that, everything happened as Jesus knew it would. The crowd took Jesus away. They said mean things to Him and they hurt Him. They nailed Him to the cross; and there, Jesus suffered and died for the sins of God's people.**

**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!**

**And how do we know Jesus paid for all those sins when He suffered and died on the cross? Because of what Jesus did on the third day. Do you know what He did?**

*Can you tell me?*

**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.**

**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?**

*What do you think? Could God really forgive these men for leaving Jesus' all alone like this?*

**Yes, He could; and yes, He WOULD! Jesus paid for ALL their sins when He died on the cross.**



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

**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.**

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**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?**

*What do you think?*

**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. 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.**

**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.**

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**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 would want to run away because their enemies wanted to hurt them. But now, they knew what to do. They prayed to God and asked for His help! And did He give it to them?**

*What do you think?*

**Yes, He did! Those first believers had learned their lesson to ask God for His help!**

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**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.**

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

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

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

**1. Who 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 Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Hebrews 4:16:**

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our 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, He did! God helped Him do it all... 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.

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

Our six clues were: a dress, an angel, the cross, Jesus, an enemy, and a spider.

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

The angel, the cross, Jesus and the enemy.

**2. What did Jesus ask God to do for him? How did God answer His prayer?** Jesus asked God, His Father, to help Him carry out the plan to save God's people. God, His Father, answered Him with a "yes"! He helped Him bear the pain of the cross. He helped Him do everything that was needed to save God's people.

**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.

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****How Should God's People Live?****They Should Live Like Jesus...****By Asking God for His Help!**

How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus... by asking God for His help! God's people ask God for His help, knowing that He will help them. After all, He has already helped them in the biggest way: by sending Jesus to save them! Even while they still were choosing to disobey Him, God chose to help them by sending Jesus to save them. How much more, now that they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior, will God help them to live for Him! God delights to help you and me, too. If we turn away from disobeying Him and trust Jesus as our Savior, He will gladly save us! And as His people, He will gladly keep helping us to live for Him!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

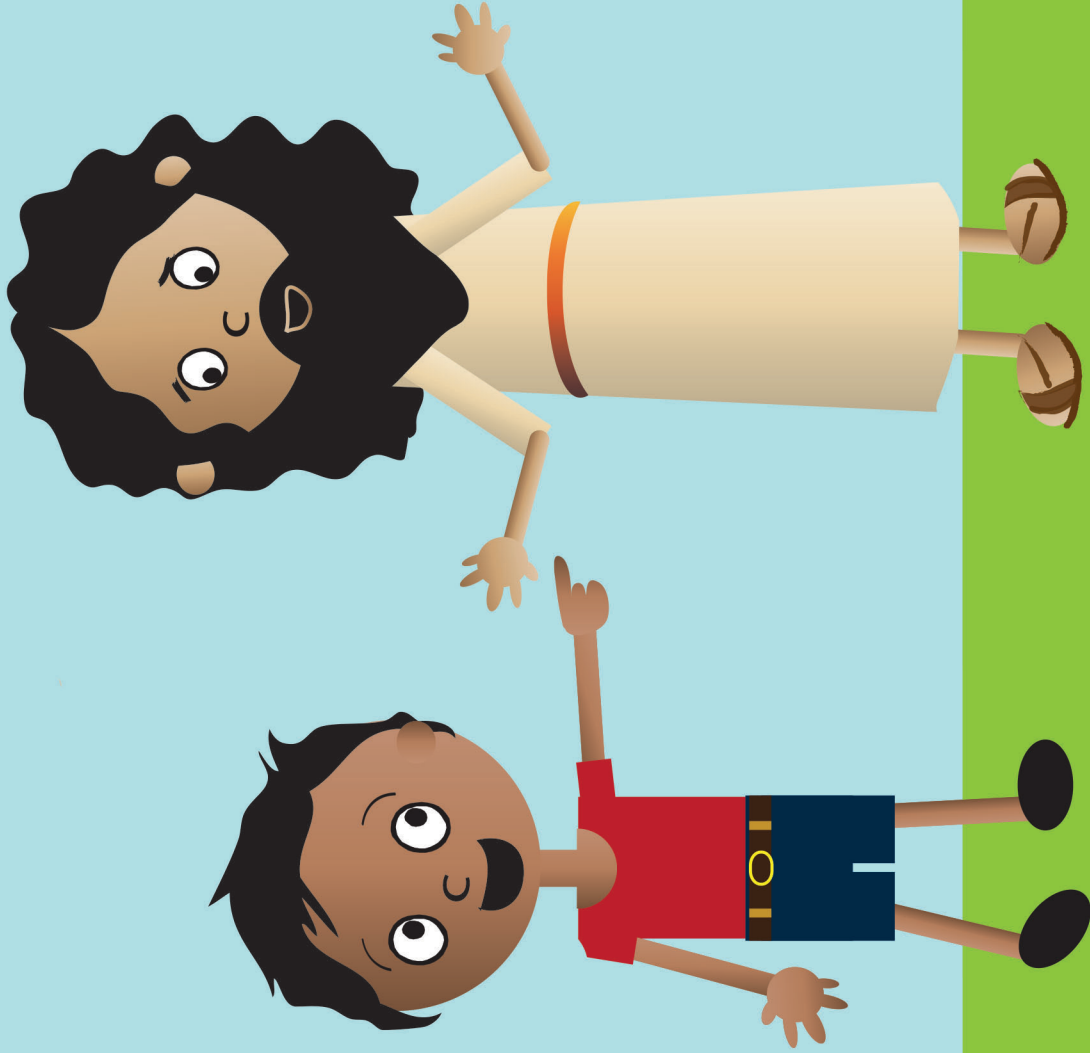
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- T** Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.
- S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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



# 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 NIV Songs 12, track 12*

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

How should God's people live each day?

They should live like Jesus!

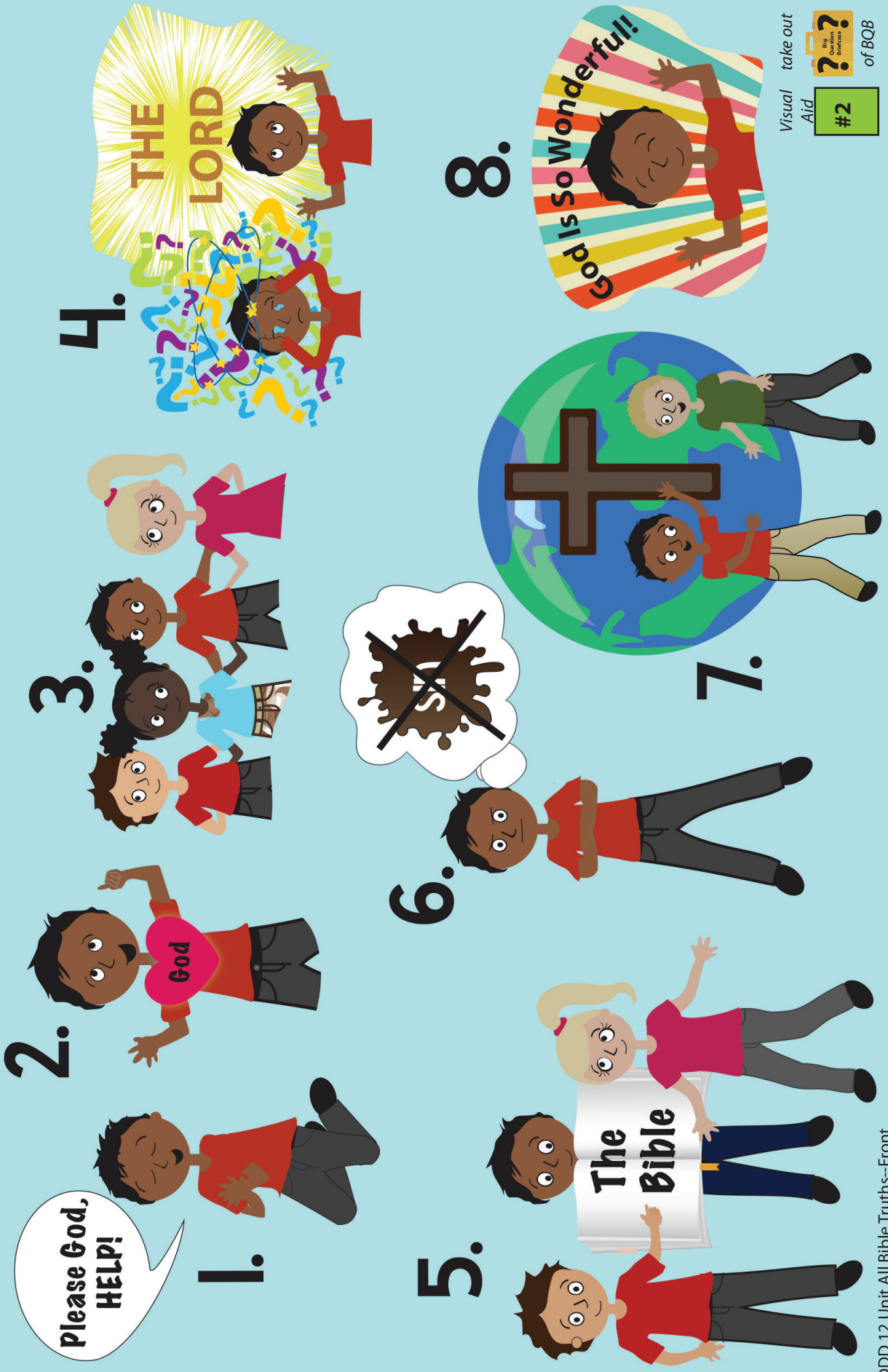
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How should God's people live each day?

They should live like Jesus!

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



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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.*



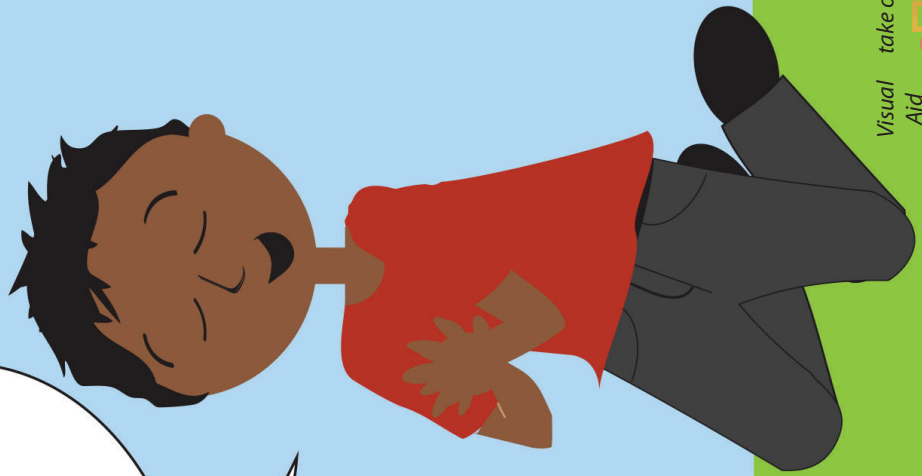
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I?

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."

Please God,  
HELP!



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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Big Questions  
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**Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us  
in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16**

## 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 approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

### **Learn a Little:**

"Let us approach so that we may find help in our 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 Jesus 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 God wants them to do. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will help them. He will always help them! We can be 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!"

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

## Let Us Then Approach:

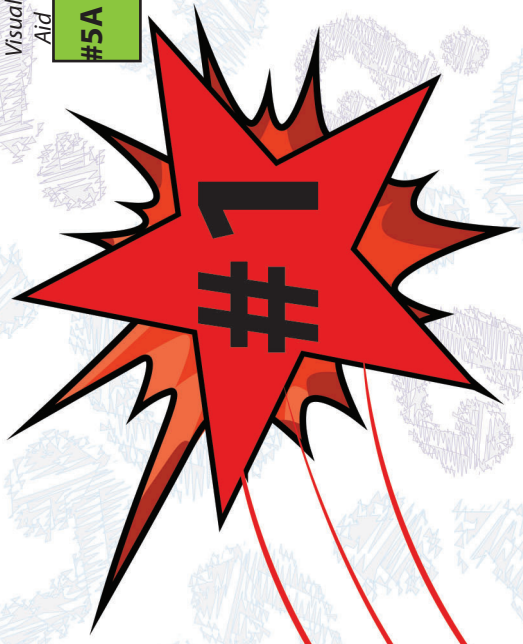
### **Hebrews 4:16**

*DDD NIV Songs 12, track 17*

Then us then approach,  
Approach the throne of grace,  
With confidence, with confidence,  
So we may receive mercy and find grace,  
To help us in our time of need.  
Then us then approach,  
Then us then approach,  
Then us then approach,  
The throne of grace,  
Hebrews Chapter 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?"

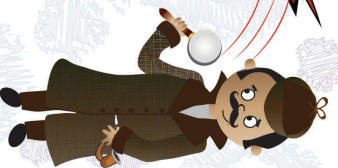
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

"The Case of the Hardest Thing."

I need to find out:

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

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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

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

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

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

Answers:

**1. Who 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.

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Hardest Thing."

Our Bible verse is Hebrews 4:16, ESV

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

I need to find out:

1. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do?

Who did Jesus cry out to for help?

AND

2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?

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

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

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

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

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

Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is Hebrews 4:16**

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our 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, He did! God helped Him do it all... 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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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Day of Hardest Thing."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a dress, an angel, the cross, Jesus, an enemy, and a spider.

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

I need to know:

1. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
2. What did Jesus ask God to do for him? How did God answer His prayer?

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

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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

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

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

Answers:

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

The angel, the cross, Jesus and the enemy belong. The dress and the spider do not.

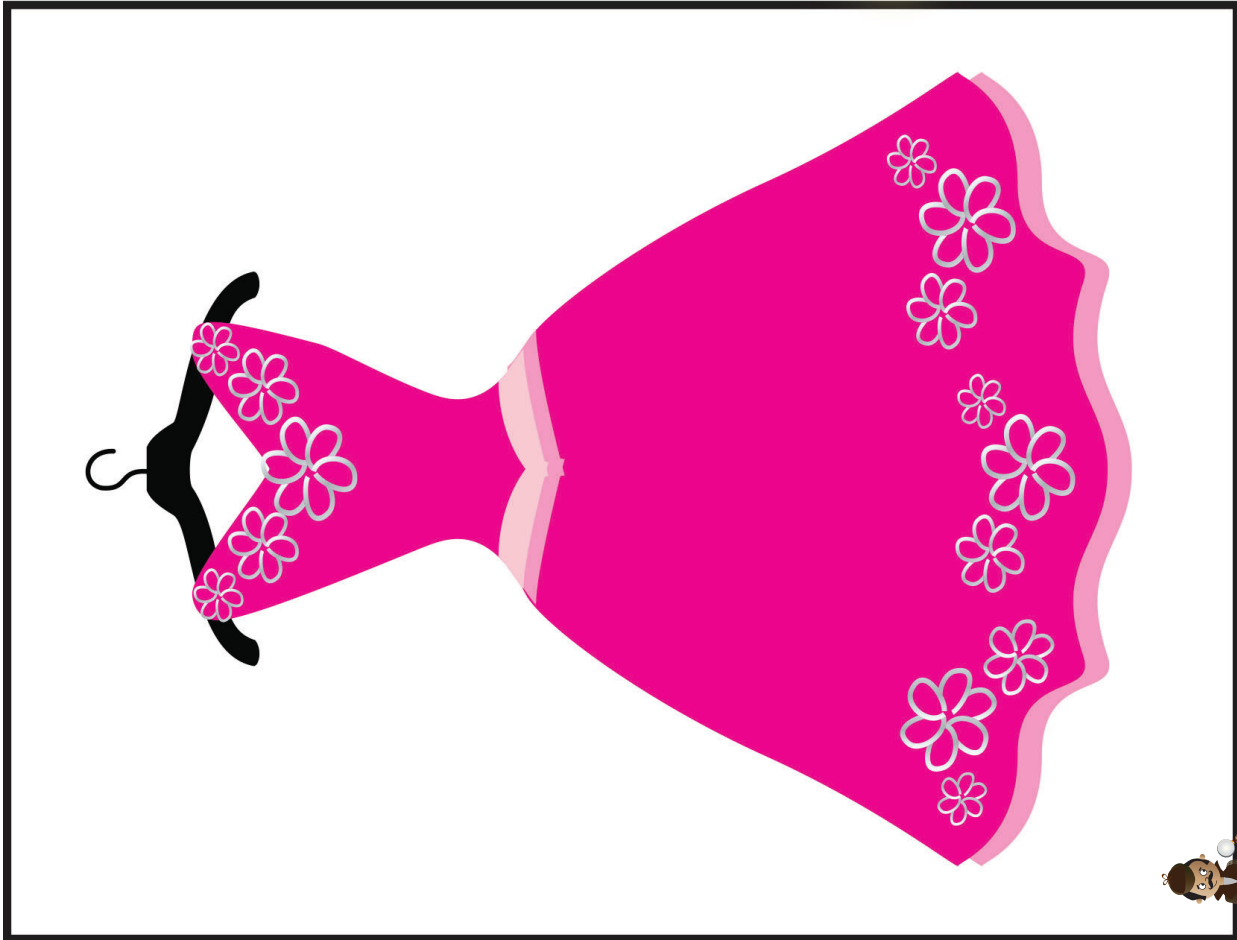
**2. What did Jesus ask God to do for him? How did God answer His prayer?** Jesus asked God, His Father, to help Him carry out the plan to save God's people. God, His Father, answered Him with a "yes"! He helped Him bear the pain of the cross. He helped Him do everything that was needed to save God's people.

**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.



An Angel



A Dress

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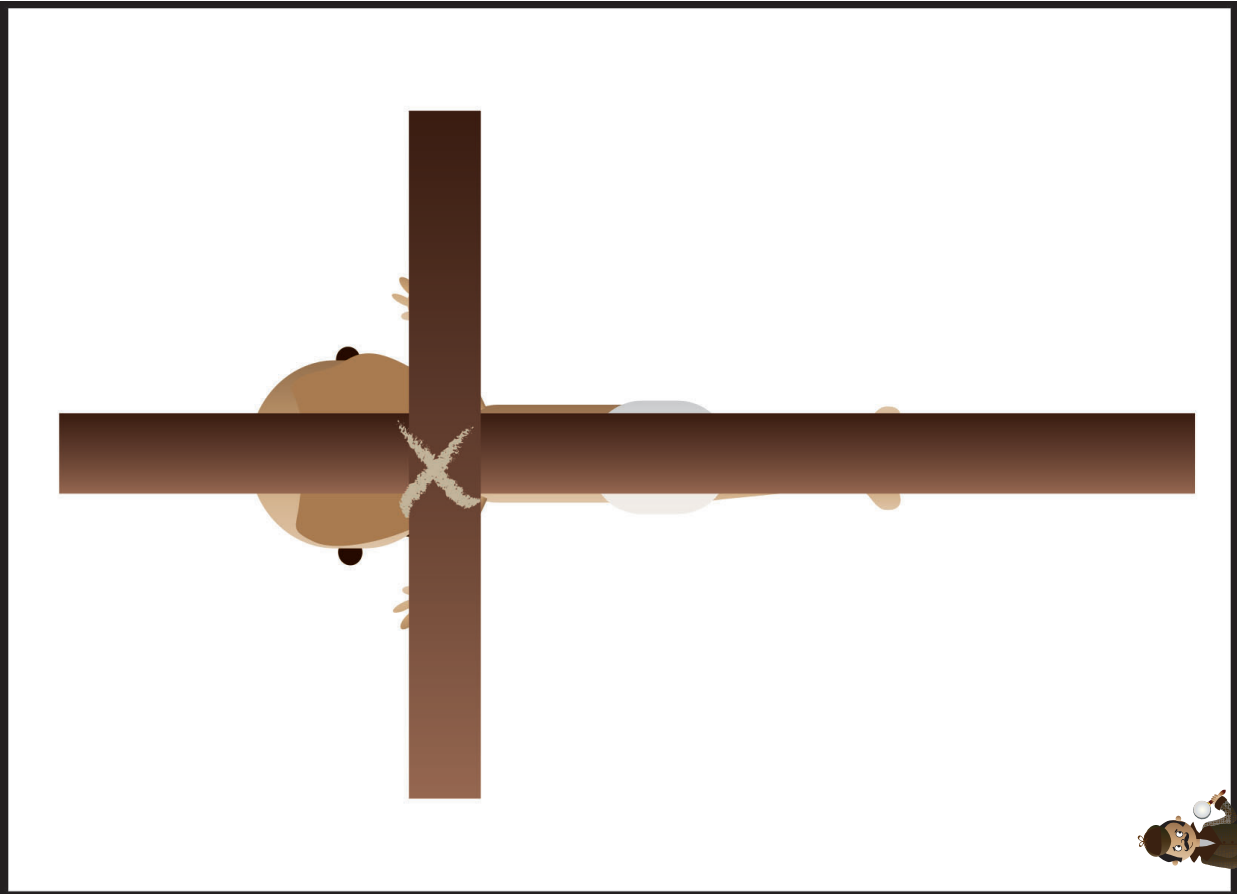
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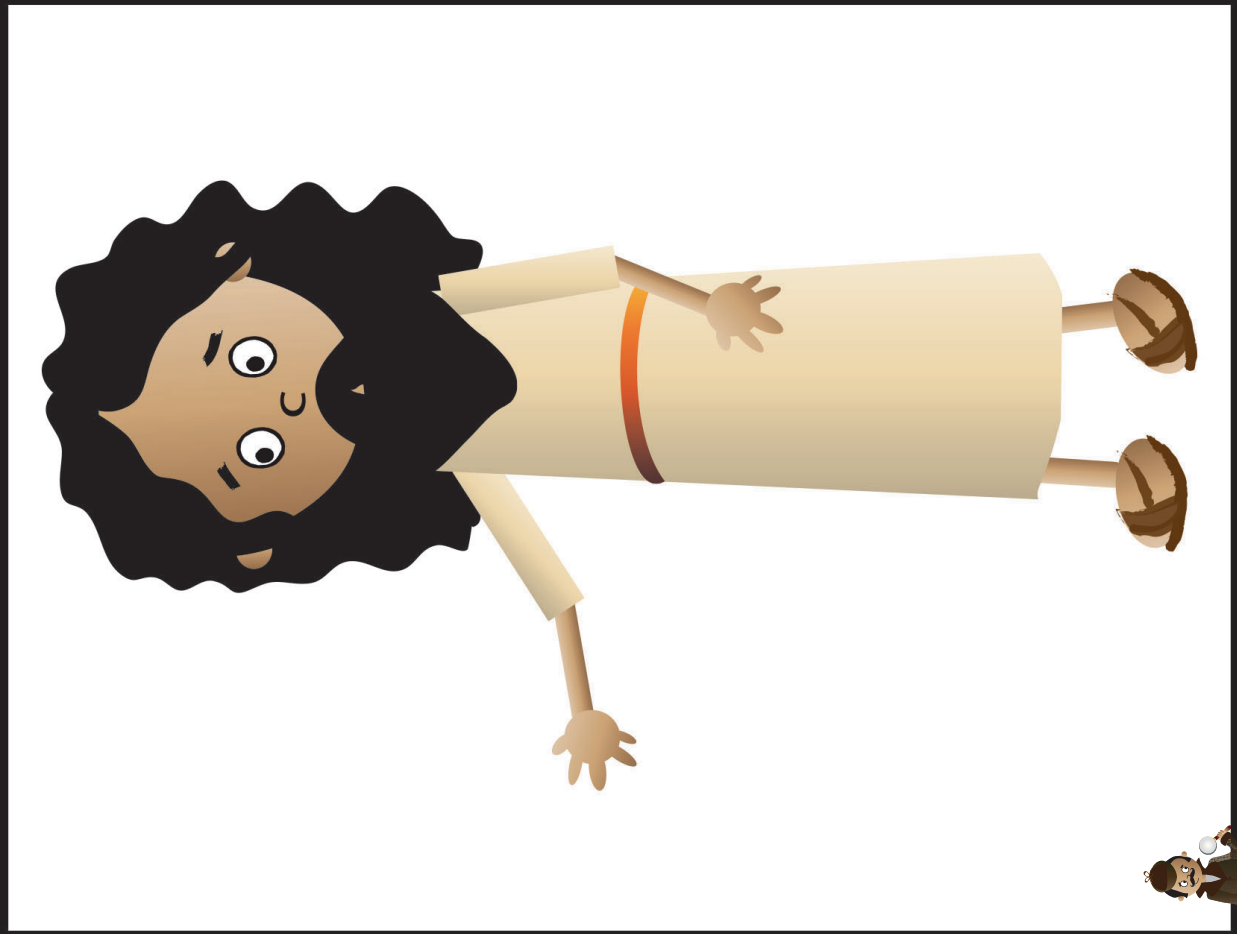
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A Cross



Jesus

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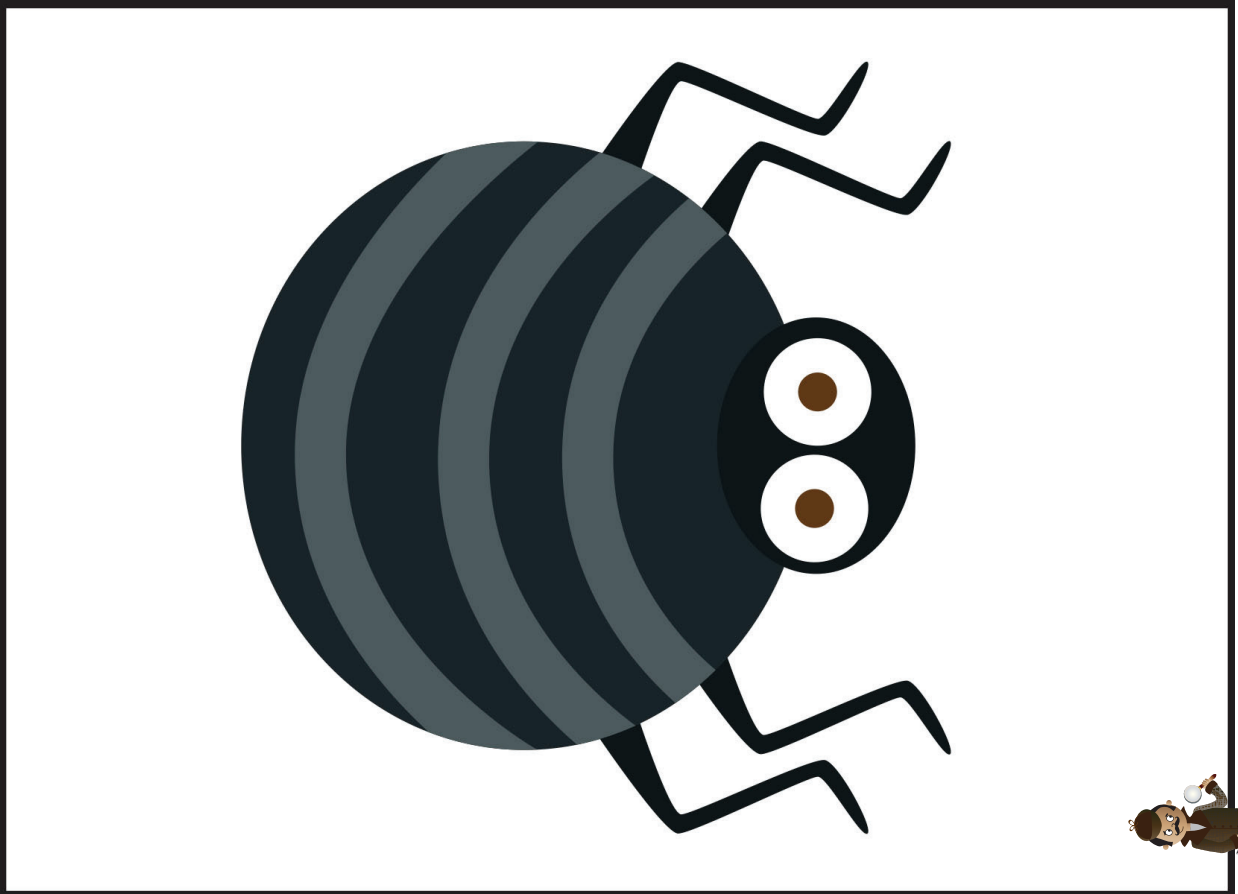
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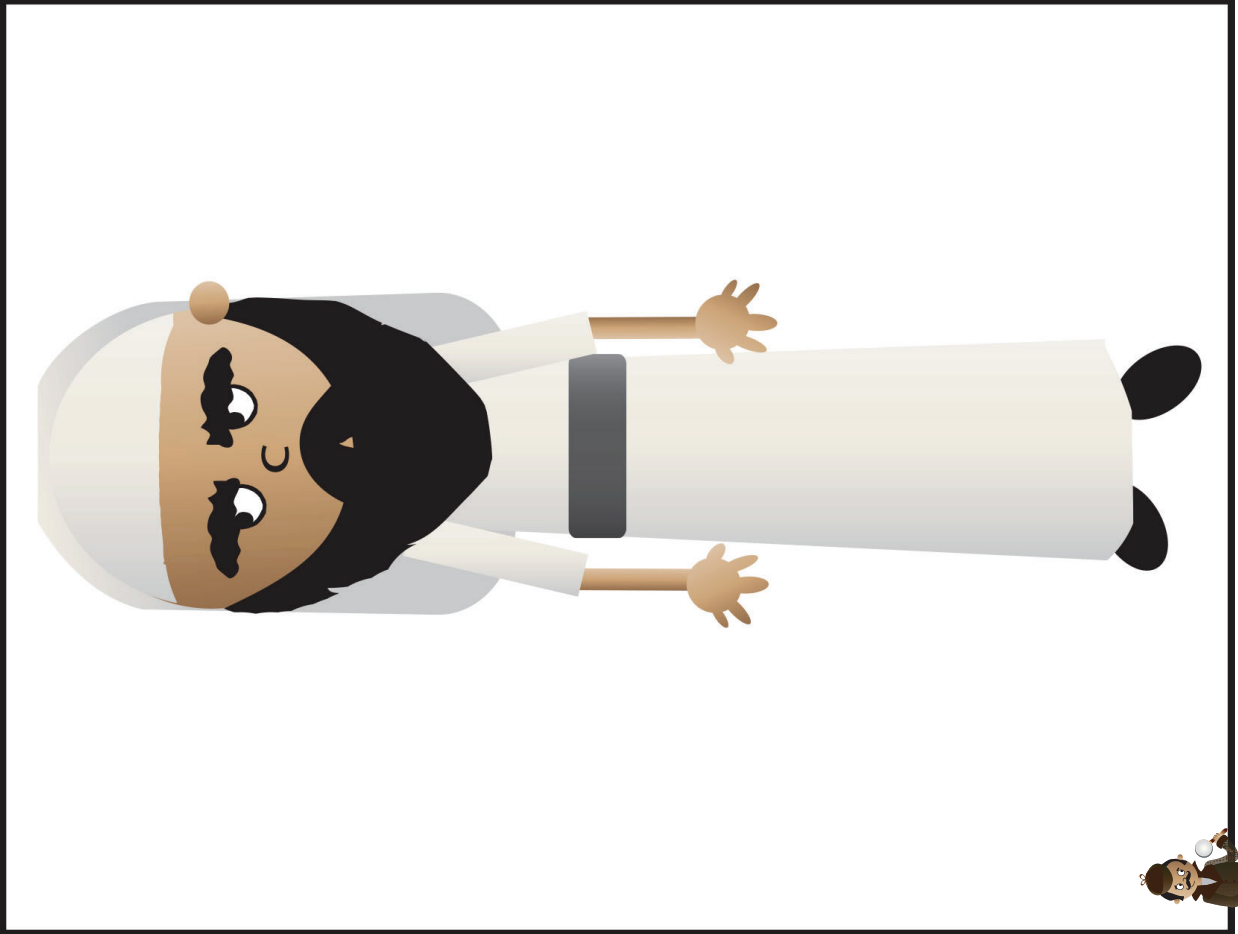
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A Spider



An Enemy

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