

BIG QUESTION 12



How should God's people live?



ANSWER:

They should live like Jesus!

VISUAL
AID
#1
take out
Big
Question
Briefcase
of BQB

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!
How should God's people live each day?
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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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8.



Visual Aid #2 take out of BQB

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, we've learned five truths about how to live for God. They are: "By Asking God for His Help," "By Loving God Most of All," "By Loving Other People As God Has Loved Them," "By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants," and "By Learning God's Word and Obeying It" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

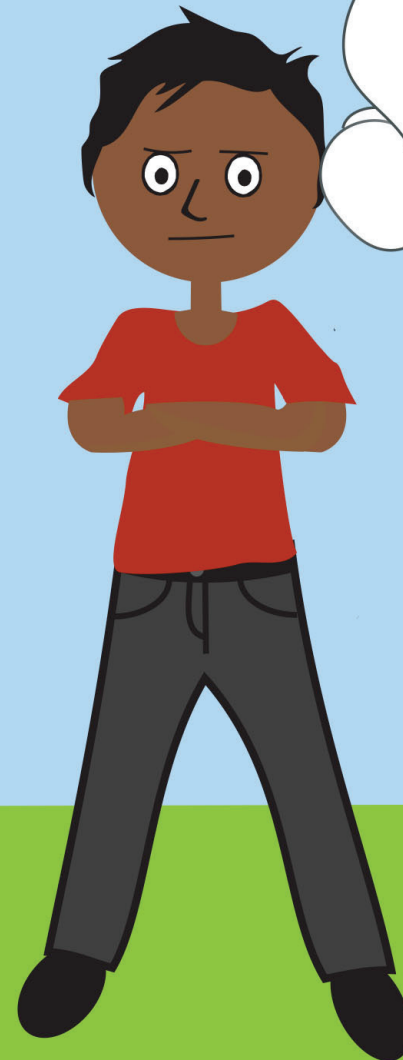
Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 6?

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

By Saying "????"
to Disobeying God!

HINT: What is the opposite
of "yes"? It starts with an "n"
and it rhymes with "go."



ANSWER:
By Saying "no"
to Disobeying God!



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 Saying “????” to Disobeying God!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What is the opposite of “yes”? It starts with an “N” and it rhymes with “go.”

Can you guess? It’s “NO.”

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 Saying “NO” to Disobeying God!”**

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

Jesus is the perfect Son of God, but when He lived on earth, He was tempted to disobey God just as we are. Sometimes, God’s plan for Jesus was very hard. Jesus was tempted to disobey God, His Father, and do something easier. God’s enemy, Satan, knew just what kinds of things to tempt Jesus with. Oh, how he wanted Jesus to disobey God! He did NOT want Jesus to be our Savior!

But no matter what the temptation was, Jesus always said “no” to it. He prayed to God, His Father, to help Him. He remembered God’s Word and it made Him strong to always say “no” to disobeying God. He never, ever disobeyed God, so He could be our perfect Savior.

God’s people are often tempted to disobey God, too. They want to love God. They want to obey Him. They have the Holy Spirit living in their hearts, helping them; but (unlike Jesus), sin is very strong in their hearts, too.

God wants His people to do what Jesus did when they are tempted. He wants them to pray to Him and ask for His help. He wants them to remember His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit living in their hearts can help them say “no” to sin. And when they do give in to temptation, His Holy Spirit can comfort them with God’s forgiveness.

When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God promises to help us say “no” to disobeying God, too. And, He promises to forgive our sins, even when we do disobey Him. Thank You, God!

Visual Aid #4
Place verse in DDD Bible
take out the Question Mark of BQB



“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” -- I Corinthians 10:13, ESV

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse

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

1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us:

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"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

Learn a Little:

"God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability."

What does that mean?

God's people will face temptations to sin every day. Their temptations are common to man--that is, they will be tempted to sin against God, just like everyone else. But, God's people can be encouraged that God is always there to help them say "no." He promises that He will never let them be tempted more than they can bear. With any temptation they face, He promises to be with them. He promises to provide a way of escape, so they can endure the temptation without sinning. But even though God promises to always provide a way out of temptation, God's people still many times give in to temptation. They do not wait for God's way out. They choose to disobey Him. But even when they do, they turn to Him and ask His forgiveness. And thanks to their Savior, Jesus, God always does forgive them. How good, merciful and powerful is the Lord! We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

No Temptation: 1 Corinthians 10:13

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 38

No temptation has overtaken you,
That is not,
Common to man,
God is faithful,
He will not let you be,
Tempted beyond,
Your ability,
But with the temptation
He will also provide,
The way of escape,
So that you might be able to endure it.
First Corinthians Chapter Ten,
verse thirteen.

"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 Escape that Waited" | Samuel 17:19,23-24,27,31; 2 Samuel 5-6



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who needed to escape? Who did he need to escape from and why?
2. How could he have escaped? Why did he wait?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 10:13, ESV

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

1. Who was tempted to disobey God? How?
2. How did God help him and provide him a way out?

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



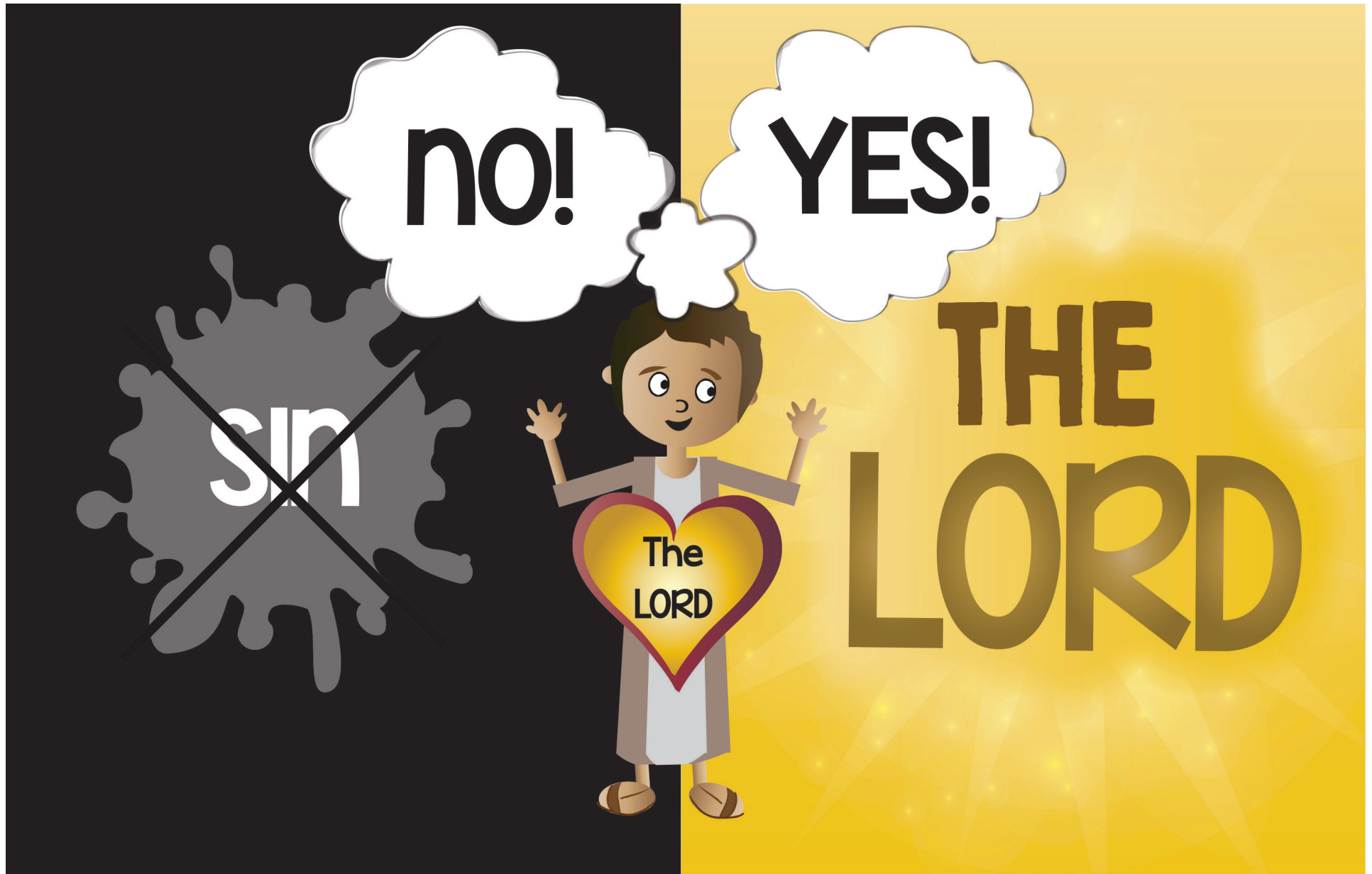
1. David was quite a man! He was a good shepherd who protected his sheep.



2. He was a brave fighter who fought off enemies, whether they were great giants like Goliath, or even whole armies.



3. He sang and played the harp, making up beautiful songs for God.



4. But most of all, David was a man after God's own heart. What does it mean to be a man after God's own heart? Well, it means that David loved God and wanted to obey Him, even when it was very tempting to disobey Him.



5. David's people, the people of Israel, loved David! They were proud of how he protected his sheep from fierce, wild animals, like lions and bears. They praised David for being such a brave fighter who fought off their powerful enemies. They loved David's songs and sang them to God. They were glad that David was a man after God's own heart: a man who loved God and wanted to obey Him, even when it was very tempting to disobey Him. They could see that God was pleased with David, too. God helped David in many special ways.



6. Yes, it seemed that **EVERYONE** in Israel loved David. But that was not quite true. There was one man among the people of Israel who certainly did **NOT** love David. Who was this man? It was none other than Saul, the king of Israel!



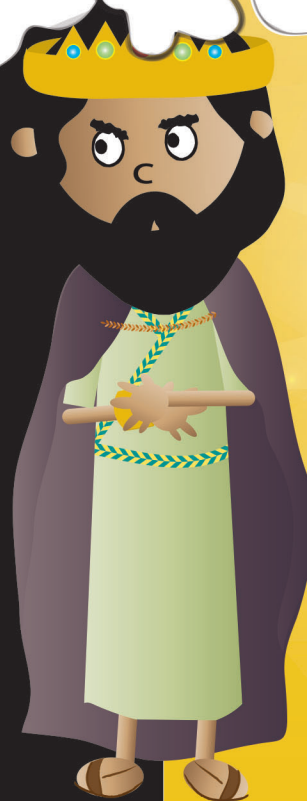
7. Yes, King Saul disliked David because he was jealous of him. (Jealous means wishing you had what someone else has.) Saul's jealousy of David grew bigger and bigger until it turned into anger and hate. David seemed to have everything that HE used to have, and Saul hated that. Before David came, who did the people praise? They had praised HIM, King Saul! They praised HIM for being a brave fighter and for being Israel's first king. They praised HIM as the man God helped in special ways. And, oh, how King Saul loved the people's praise!

YES!

no!

sin

~~**THE
LORD**~~



8. But now, all that had changed. When Saul had been tempted to disobey God, he didn't say "no." He said "yes"! Saul chose to sin against God and His good ways over and over. God warned Saul many times to turn away from disobeying Him. But what do you think Saul did? Saul kept on disobeying God. How sad!



9. So, at last, after disobeying God over and over and over, the prophet Samuel came to Saul with some very sad news. "The LORD says, 'Because you have chosen to keep on disobeying Me, I'm going to make David and his sons the kings over Israel, instead of your family. No longer will you receive the special help I give My kings. Those days are gone for you,'" Samuel told Saul.



10. This made King Saul even MORE jealous! Now, he hated David even more. Saul would NOT let David be king. He would get rid of David! He would make sure HIS family, not David's, would be the kings over Israel! King Saul decided to kill David. He threw a long spear at him. Oh, no! Did Saul hit David? No, he did not! God protected David and he got away!



II. Next, King Saul sent men to get rid of David as he slept. Oh, no! Did the men get David? No, they did not! God protected David. David's wife, Michal, helped David escape.



12. Now David knew he was not safe anywhere near King Saul. There was only one thing he could do. He must run far, far away. So, away from the king's palace, away from the cities, and out into the dry, desert-y wilderness, David ran. He ran away to where no one lived. Surely, King Saul would give up and leave David alone out there. But King Saul did NOT! He was determined to get rid of David! So, King Saul and his soldiers went out into that dry, desert-y wilderness hunting for David. Nothing would stop King Saul from getting rid of David!



13. What a hard life David lived! Every day, Saul and his soldiers were after him. He was always on the run. "Run, David, run! Hide, David, hide!" Where would David make his home? Where would he sleep? David had no home. He slept on the ground, or sometimes in a cave. David couldn't rest anywhere for long. Saul and his soldiers were never far behind. David had to keep moving and stay alert! And where in that big, dry, desert-y wilderness could David find food and water? It wasn't easy. Sometimes, there were only hoppy bugs like locusts to eat! Wriggle, wriggle! Crunch, crunch! Ugh!



14. God had once called David a man after His own heart, a man who loved God and wanted to obey Him. But NOW what David was thinking inside his heart, with King Saul after him, day after day after day? Did he STILL love God and want to obey Him? David knew that the LORD didn't want him to hate Saul or hurt him. But, oh, it must have been very tempting to want to both hate and hurt Saul after all he had done.



15. And what would happen if David DID get a chance to kill Saul? Would he keep saying “no” to disobeying God, or would he kill Saul and be rid of him, once and for all? David was soon to find out. One night, David and his soldier friend, Abishai, found the place where King Saul and his soldiers were sleeping. They tip-toed around all the sleeping soldiers until they came to King Saul, himself.



16. Right next to King Saul's head were a water jar and a big spear. Tempting thoughts came into David's heart. He could use the water jar to hit Saul on the head and hurt him. He could use the spear and even kill Saul. What would David do now? How mean Saul had been to him! How tired David was of running away from Saul! This would be an easy way for David to finally get rid of Saul. Abishai agreed with those tempting thoughts. "Let's get rid of King Saul," Abishai urged David. David picked up the water jar and the spear. What would he do with them next?



17. The LORD helped David NOT give into the temptation to disobey Him and hurt Saul.



18. With jar and spear in hand, David led Abishai away from the camp. When they were a safe distance away from the Saul and his soldiers, David woke them up with a shout. "King Saul, here are your water jar and your spear. I could have killed you with them, but I didn't," David yelled. "Send a man here to me and I will give them back to you. But please, stop trying to kill me. I've done nothing to you," David pleaded.



19. At last, that perfect timing did come. Saul died, and David's days of running were over. NOW, what was David thinking in his heart? Would he celebrate that Saul was dead? It would be tempting to be happy about that. But David said "no" to that temptation, too. David was sad for Saul. He even taught the people a special song to honor him at his funeral.



20. And not long after Saul died, the people of Israel made David their king. Everyone celebrated with fig cakes and roast meat. They sang songs of praise to the LORD and set up His special meeting place in Jerusalem near David's palace. And who led the people in praising the LORD that day? Why, it was King David, himself! He wanted all the people to be people after God's own heart: people who loved God and wanted to obey Him, even when it was very hard.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who needed to escape? Who did he need to escape from and why? David needed to escape from King Saul. Saul was jealous and wanted to kill David.
2. How could he have escaped? Why did he wait? David could have killed Saul, but he knew that was wrong. He chose to wait for the LORD to rescue him, in His perfect timing.

For You and Me:

David waited a long time for God to provide his escape from King Saul. How hard it must have been to wait! God helped David wait. He helped him say 'no' to the temptation to get rid of King Saul his own way. And how God blessed David when he waited for His perfect timing! Maybe we will never have someone chasing us and trying to kill us, like David did. Maybe we will never be tempted to kill anybody, like he was. But we have plenty of other temptations that come our way. Every day brings its own set of temptations to disobey God and His good ways. God helped David and He can help us. He can help us turn away and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And, He can help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and to keep on living His good way, instead of giving in to sin.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 10:13, ESV

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1. Who was tempted to disobey God? How? David was. He was tempted to get rid of King Saul his own way.
2. How did God help him and provide him a way out? God helped him say 'no' to temptation. He helped David wait and trust. And in His perfect timing, God, Himself, provided the way out from King Saul.

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By Saying "No" to Disobeying God!

The Gospel



God is the good Creator and King over everything. He gave us His good laws to live by. God has never given us any reason to doubt His goodness, but sadly, we have all given into the temptation to do things our own way. We have chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. And now, we all deserve His punishment.

But God is so merciful! He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them.


Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!




A Prayer




A God, we praise You for Jesus, Your Perfect Son, who never, ever disobeyed You, no matter how tempting it was.



C God, please forgive us for not saying “no” to disobeying You. Many times, when we are tempted, we choose to forget Your good ways and go ahead and do what we want to do. We need a Savior!



T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people when they are tempted to do wrong. You promise to always provide them with a way out of sin. Thank You, that we can become Your people through Jesus, too, and You will help us.



S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say “no” to disobeying You when we are tempted. Help us to choose to live for You, instead, like Jesus did.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

