

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 12,

Bible Truth 7

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 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, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." --Ephesians 5:1-2, ESV

Bible Truth 7 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus...By Telling the Good News of Jesus!

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He told His disciples to go tell the good news of salvation to the whole world. Jesus wanted people everywhere know how they could become God's people. He wanted them to know that they could know God in their hearts, now. And after they died, they could go and live with God forever. These wonderful gifts would be theirs when they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. What good news this was!

Jesus' disciples obeyed Him. They traveled farther and farther away from their homes, sharing the good news of Jesus to all who would listen. Many people rejoiced in this good news. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. God's people were growing in number!

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How do God's people carry out this big, wonderful job? With the help of God's Holy Spirit! God promises that His Holy Spirit will be at work inside His people. He will help them know what to say and give them the courage to say it. Best of all, God promises to send His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who listen, helping them trust in Jesus and be saved. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse: Romans 10:13-15, ESV

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Learn a Little: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Meaning

These verses remind us that God sends His people to tell others the good news of salvation through Jesus. They must go, if others are to hear and believe. That is how God has planned to save sinners. What a privilege this is to go and tell others! That is what makes their feet beautiful. Not that they have pretty feet (or cute toes), but that by using their feet to go tell others about Jesus, those others can know God and be saved from their sins.

Bible Truth 7 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are!
- C** God, please forgive us for not telling others about You as You want us to. Forgive us for being scared that others might not want to hear about Jesus or make fun of us. Forgive for not trusting You to be at work as we share the good news about salvation through Him. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for offering to make us Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the wonderful, good news of salvation through Him.
- S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others how they can receive the free gift of salvation through Him, too. Work inside others as they hear about Jesus and help them believe in Him, too. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 7 Story

The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet Acts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 7

Big Q & A 12 Song

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

Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Walk in Love Ephesians 5:1-2, ESV

Extra Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Let Everyone Who Names the Name 2 Timothy 2:19,22, ESV

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

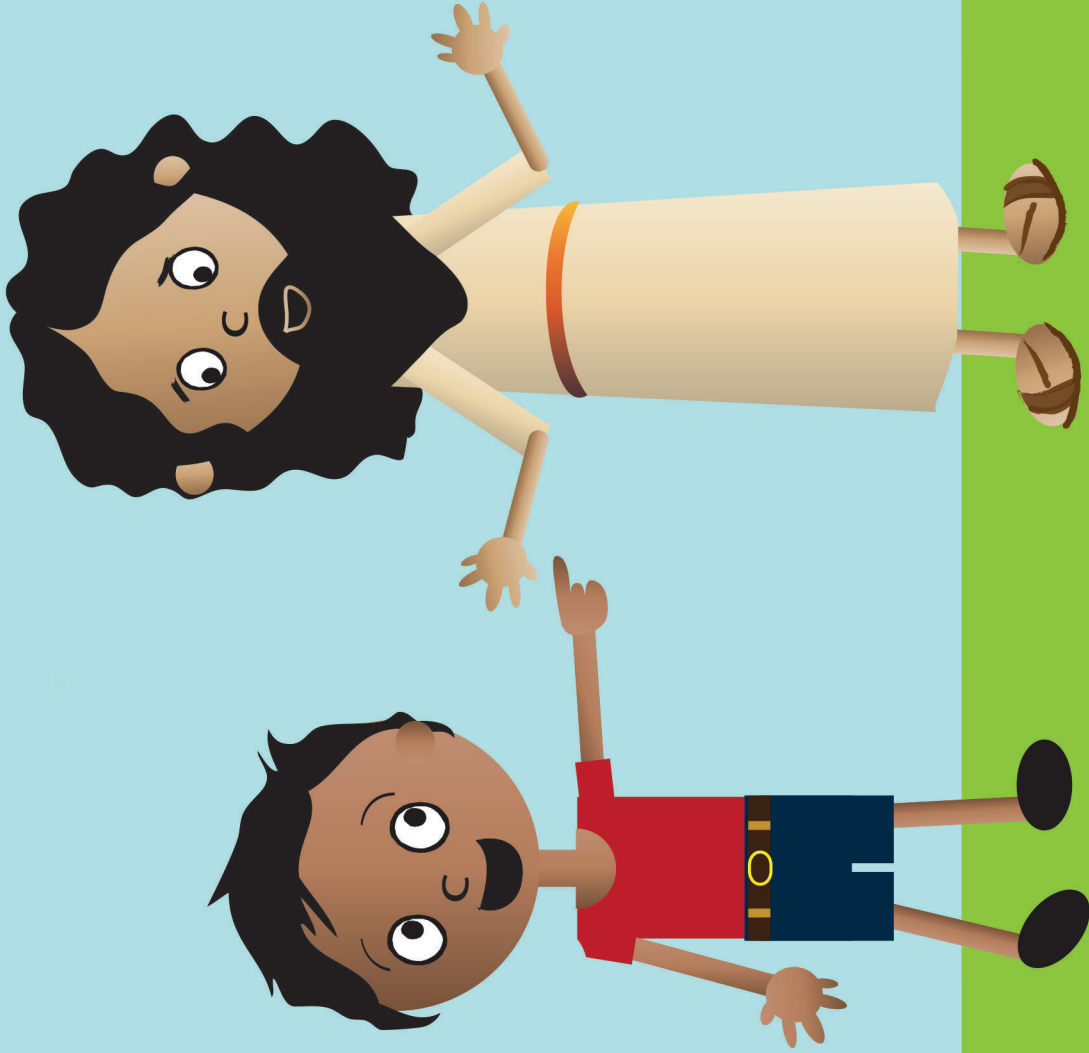
Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song: How Beautiful Romans 10:13-15, ESV

Extra Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song: Be My Witnesses Acts 1:8, ESV

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

How should God's people live?



ANSWER:

They should live like Jesus!

VISUAL
AID

#1



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?

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

1. A boy kneeling in prayer with a speech bubble saying "Please God, HELP!".

2. A boy holding a pink heart with the word "God" written on it.

3. A group of four children holding hands in a circle.

4. A boy and a girl celebrating with confetti and streamers. A large sunburst behind them contains the words "THE LORD".

5. A boy and a girl holding a large sign that says "The Bible".

6. A boy with a thought bubble containing a crossed-out mess of brown paint.

7. A boy and a girl standing on a globe with a large wooden cross in the center.

8. A boy holding a colorful striped banner that says "God is So Wonderful!".

Visual take out
Aid #2
The Question Briefcase
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 six 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," "By Learning God's Word and Obeying It," and, "By Saying "No" to Disobeying God." (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 7?

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

By Telling the
Good News of ????!

HINT: What is the name of God's Son,
sent to save us? It starts with a "J"
and it rhymes with "breezes."

ANSWER:
By Telling the Good News
of JESUS!

DDD 12.7 Bible Truth

Visual take out

Aid #3



of BQB



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 Telling the Good News of ?????!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What is the name of God’s Son, sent to save us? It starts with a “J” and it rhymes with “breezes.”

Can you guess? It’s “JESUS.”

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?
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And here is what this Bible Truth means:

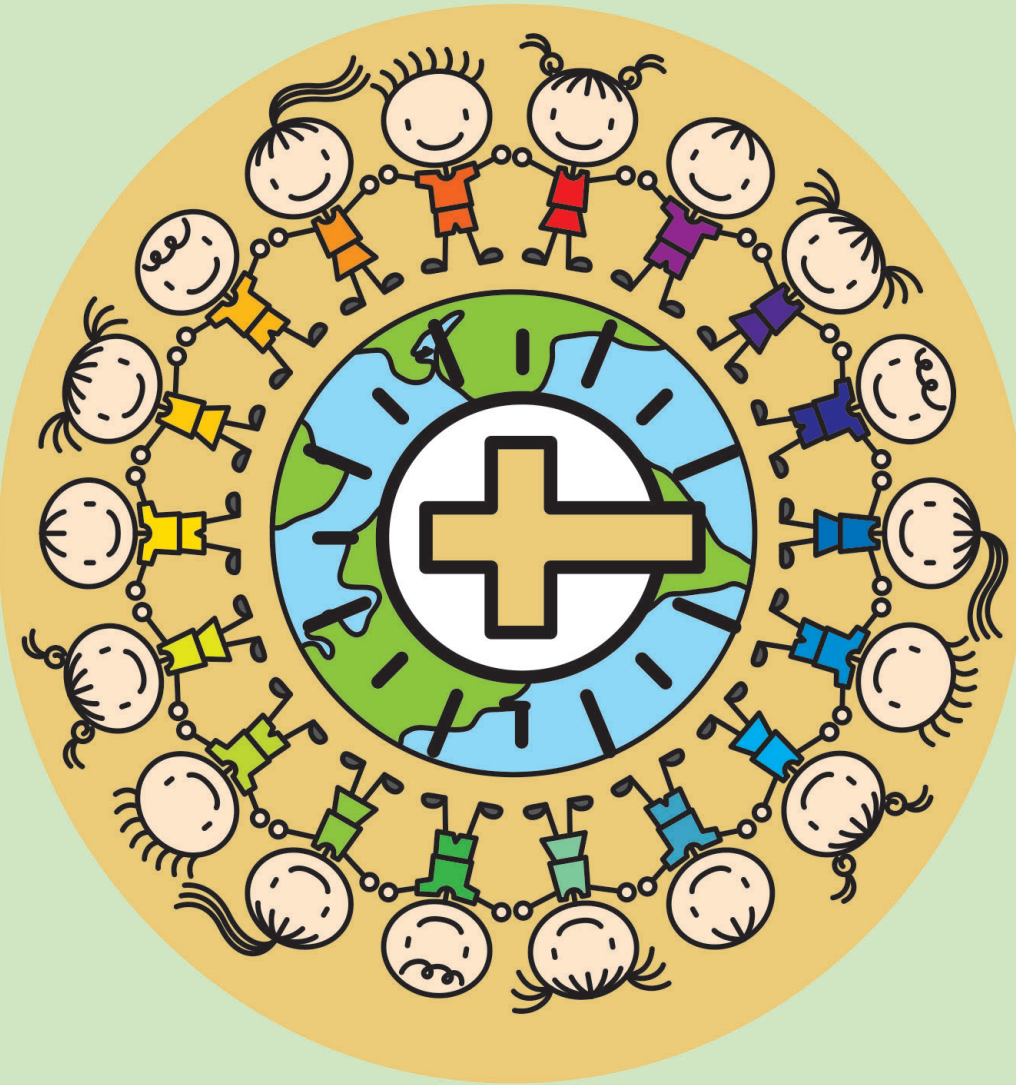
(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

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Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse

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

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How Beautiful:

Romans 10:13-15

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 41

Refrain

How beautiful! How beautiful!

How beautiful are the feet.

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Are the feet of those who preach the good news.

Ev'ryone who calls on the name of the Lord,

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Yes, but I have some questions....

How then will they call on Him they've not believed in?

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Well, it all goes back to those feet! Refrain

Romans Ten, thirteen through fifteen.

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“The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet” Acts



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who had beautiful, busy feet?
2. What made the feet beautiful? What were they busy doing?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

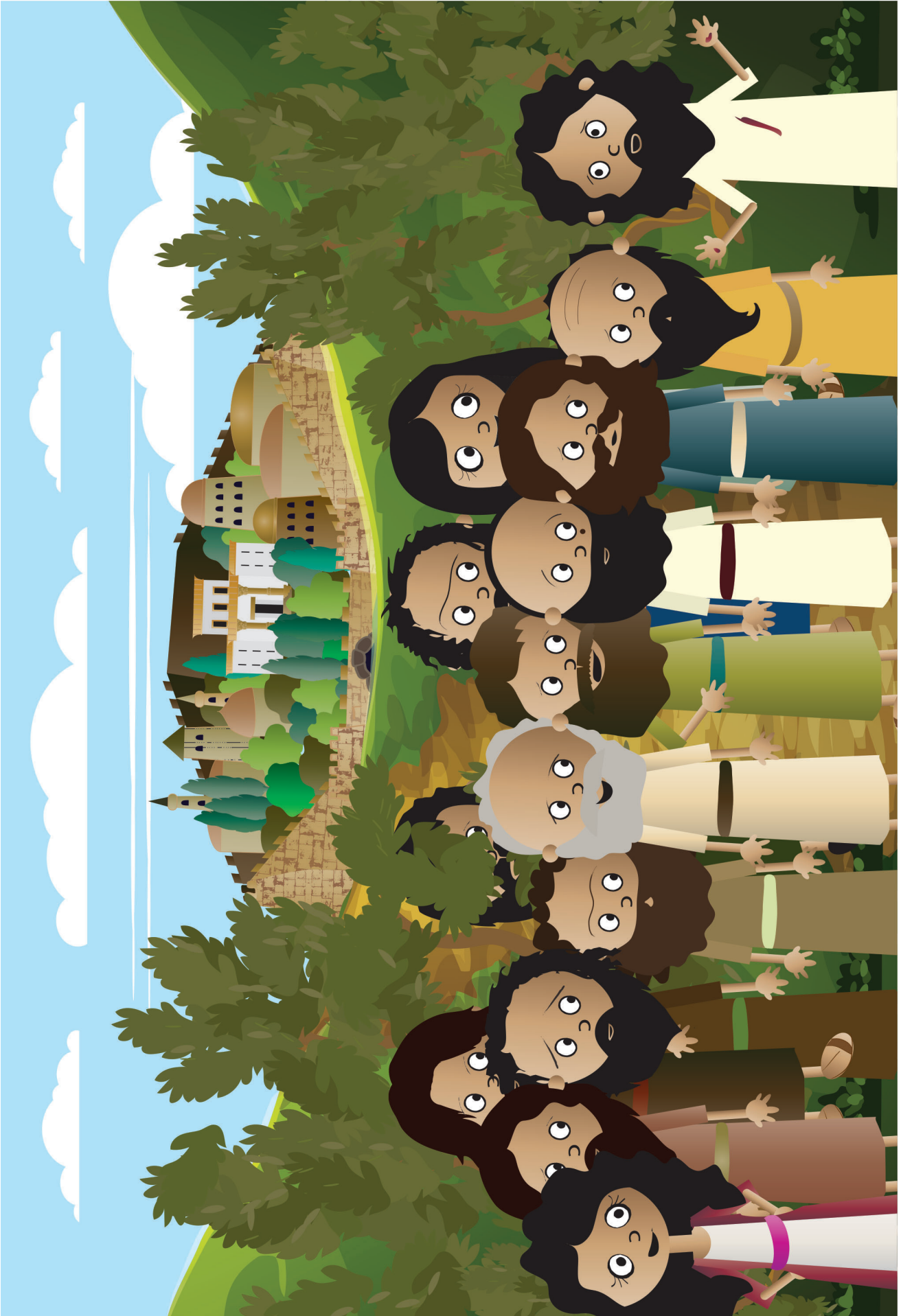
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“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ... As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

1. What message about Jesus did Jesus' followers tell everyone?
2. Why were their feet so busy traveling to faraway places to tell everyone this message?

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

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4. “Go through all of Judea, this land you live in. Tell everyone the good news. But don’t stop there! Go to Samaria, to your enemies who live in the land next to you. Tell them the good news.”

“But don’t stop there, either!” Jesus said, “Keep on going and telling, to the very ends of the earth. Every people, in every part of the world, need to hear this wonderful, good news of salvation through faith in Me!”



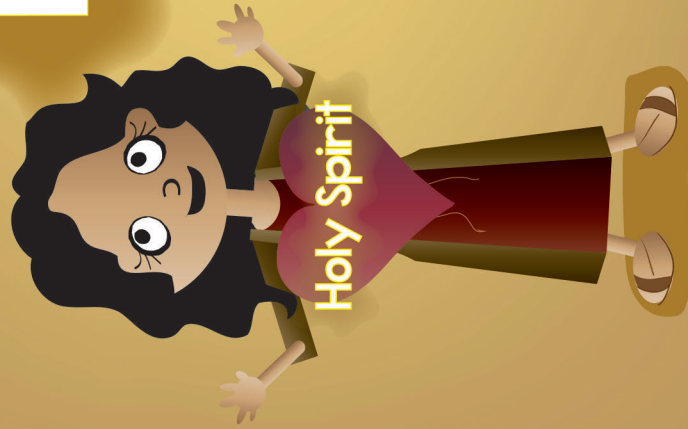
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Well... no, they couldn't. Not on their own. But yes, they could, because God was going to give them a powerful Helper.

"I will ask the Father and He will send the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts," Jesus told them. "He will give you the wisdom and power you need to tell the whole world," Jesus told them. "And, when this wonderful, good news of salvation has reached all peoples, in all places, I will come back," Jesus promised.

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6. When Jesus finished saying all these things, He went up through the clouds to heaven. The disciples were sad for Jesus to leave them, but they were happy about His promises.

How exciting! The Holy Spirit would live inside their hearts! They would get to tell everyone the good news about Jesus. And one day, when their job was finished, Jesus would come back! Yes, this was all very, very exciting!



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7. But what should they do first? Where should they go?

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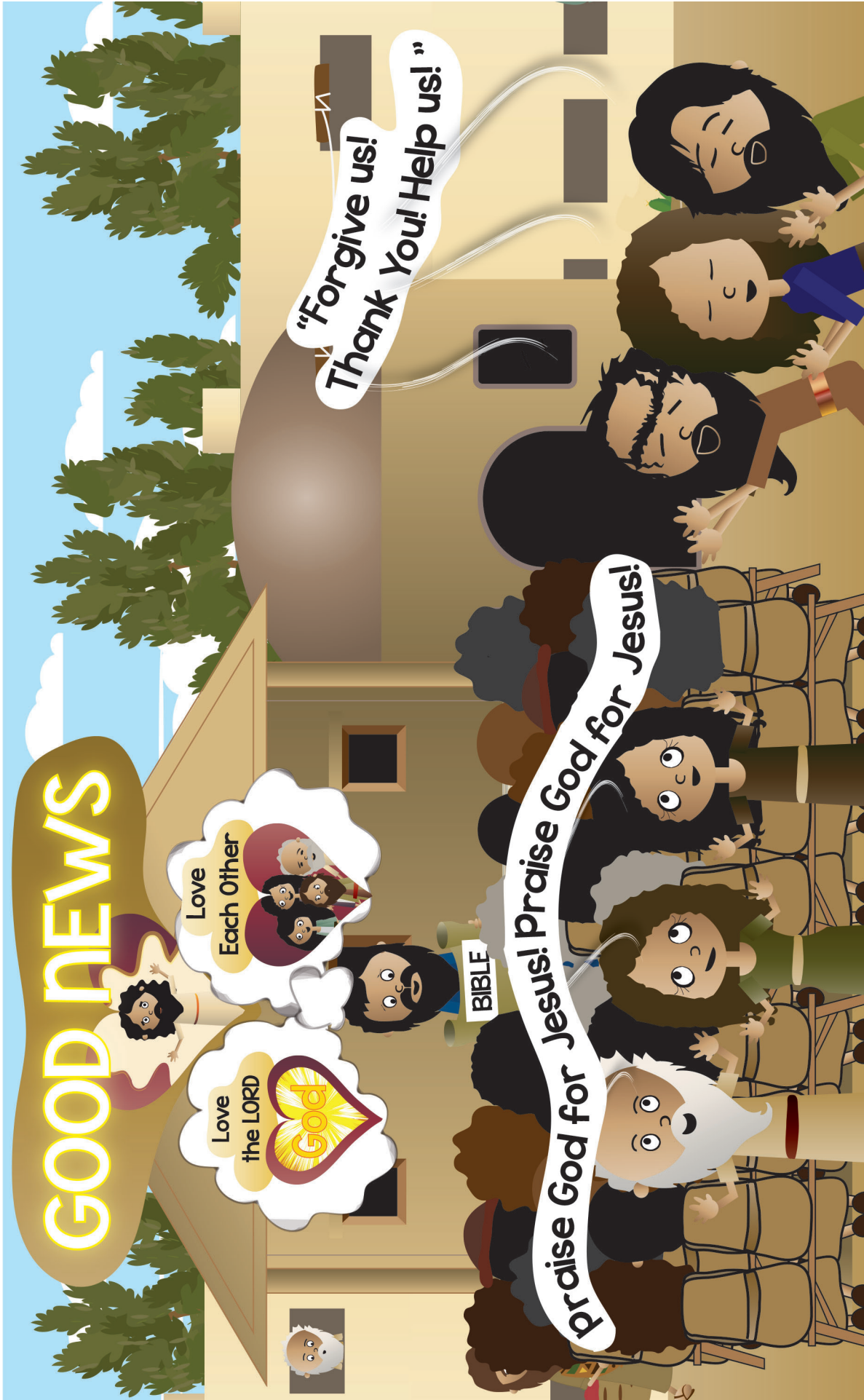


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11. “Be My witnesses! Tell the whole world about Me!” Jesus had told them. Now, it was time to do it!

Some stayed in Jerusalem. They kept on telling others the good news of Jesus there.

But many others left Jerusalem. Jesus had told them to go to the whole world, so that’s what they did. Some went to the little towns of their homeland, Judea.

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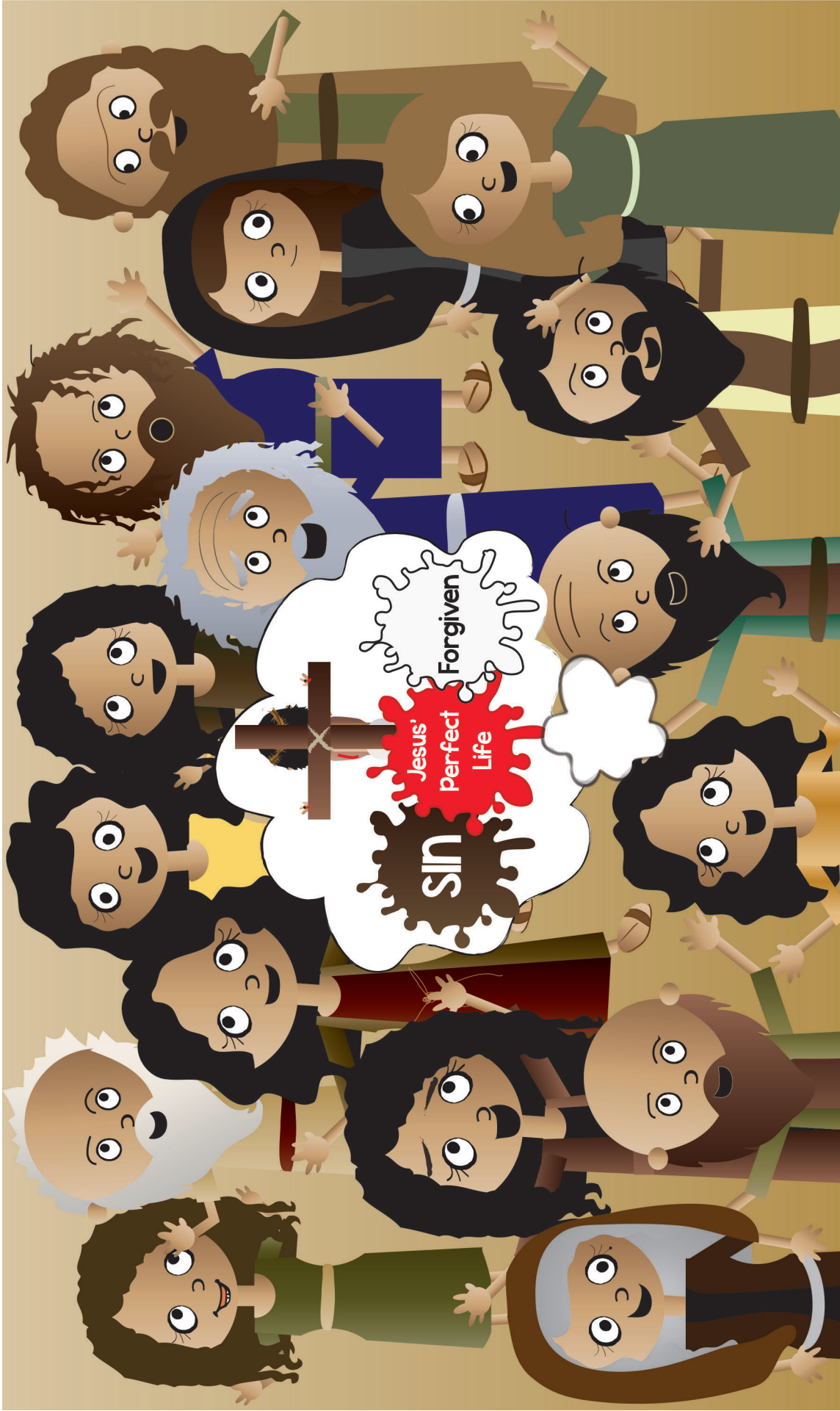


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Many of these enemies heard and believed! They weren't enemies, anymore! Now, they were God's people, brothers and sisters through Jesus!

15. Others, like Paul and Barnabas, went even farther away.

They sailed on ships over the wavy seas to islands. They walked miles and miles to other faraway places. Over tall mountains, down deep valleys, along the seashore, they travelled. Wherever people were, they went.

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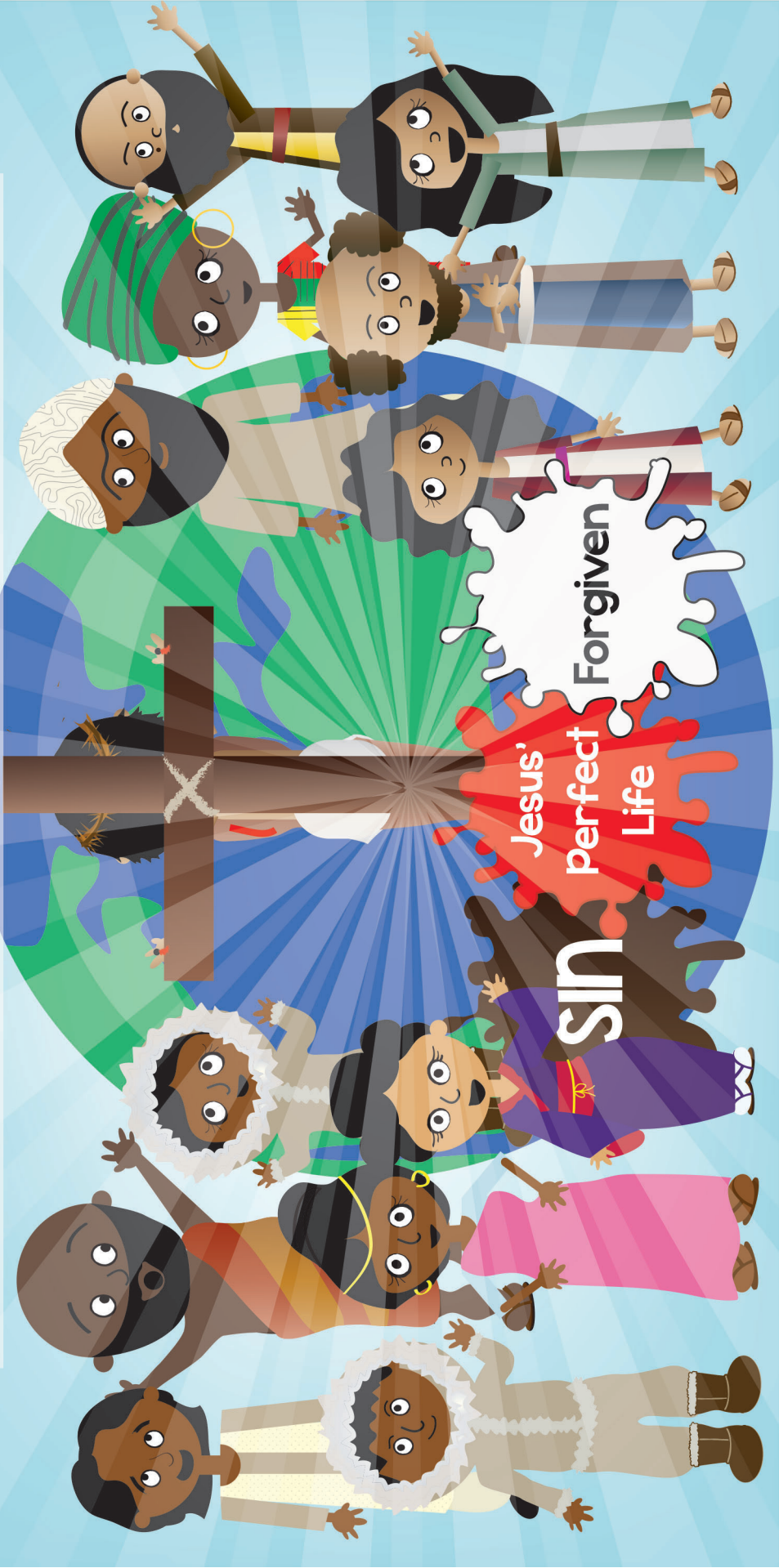


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People who live near them need to hear. People who live far away from them need to hear. And everyone who lives in between needs to hear, too! They ALL need to hear the wonderful, good news of Jesus, that they might turn away from disobeying God, trust Jesus as their Savior, and be saved!



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19. And who will help God's people finish this big job?

The same person who helped those believers, long ago. God's Holy Spirit, that's who! He is living in their hearts, helping God's people do the job Jesus gave them.

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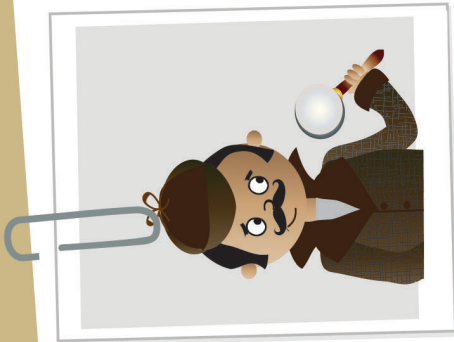


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“The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet” Acts

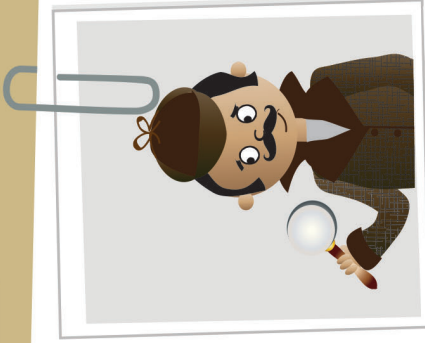
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who had beautiful, busy feet?
God's people.
2. What made the feet beautiful? What were they busy doing?
They were using their feet to travel to faraway places to tell others about Jesus. People turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. They became God's people, too. They were so grateful that someone would walk so far just so they could hear about Jesus. That's why they called the feet of these messengers beautiful!

For You and Me:
Jesus' first followers were busy going into the world, telling everyone about Jesus. They wanted everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. They wanted them all to be God's people forever. Jesus still sends out His followers so that many more people might trust in Him as their Savior. Why, your teachers, even today, are telling you this good news, so that YOU might turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. They want you to be God's people too. I guess that means they have beautiful feet!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 10:13,15, ESV

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ... As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

1. What message about Jesus did Jesus' followers tell everyone?
That they could become God's people when they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.
2. Why were their feet so busy traveling to faraway places to tell everyone this message?
Only by going to these faraway places would the people who lived there hear about Jesus, turn away from their sins, and be saved. This was the only way they could get to become God's people.

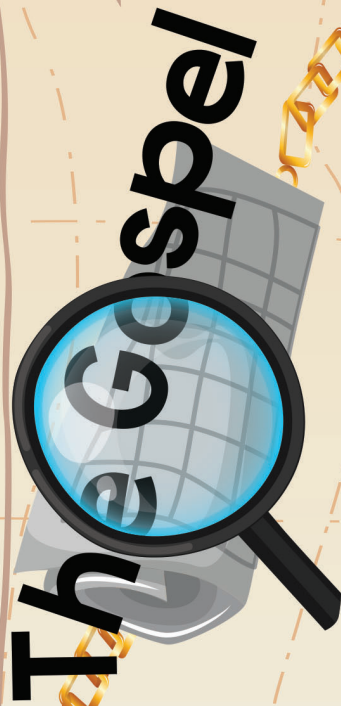
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How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...
By Telling the Good News of Jesus!

The Gospel



God is the good Creator and King over everything. He gave us His good laws to live by. Yet, we have all chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. And now, we all deserve His punishment. This bad news is why it's so important to tell the good news of Jesus to the whole world!

You see, God chose to send His Son, Jesus, to be the 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!



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A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are!

C God, please forgive us for not telling others about You as You want us to. Forgive us for being scared that others might not want to hear about Jesus or make fun of us. Forgive for not trusting You to be at work as we share the good news about salvation through Him. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for offering to make us Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the wonderful, good news of salvation through Him.

S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others how they can receive the free gift of salvation through Him, too. Work inside others as they hear about Jesus and help them believe in Him, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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