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Simple Story Scenes
Unit 12,
Bible Truth 8

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.

Big Question 12, Bible Truth 8 Overview: Key Concepts

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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 8 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus...By Making Much of God!

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Yes! Like Jesus, God's people want to delight in God most of all. They want their lips to be full of praise for Him, and their lives to be pleasing to Him. They want to tell others how good and loving and powerful God is.

And they don't want others just to HEAR how amazing God is. They want others to BE His people, too, so they can KNOW God and DELIGHT in how amazing He is, themselves. They want the whole world to delight in God, because God is the most wonderful person we can ever know. And, because it pleases God when we make much of Him, the one, true God.

The big, Bible word for making much of God is "glorify." Jesus glorified God with His whole life—in everything He thought, and said, and did. God's people ask God to help them glorify Him, too. We can glorify God, too, when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior, and live our lives for Him. This is how we become God's people. Let's make much of God!

Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse: Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV 1984

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me."

Learn a Little: "Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name!"

Meaning

God's people delight in God's glory. He has been so good to them! He has given His Son to save them from their sins. He has provided for their needs with what He knows is best for them. He has filled them with His Holy Spirit, and they have fellowship with Him in their heart. They have never lacked any good thing and they never will their whole life. They want to praise the LORD all the time. They want others to join them in magnifying His name (praising Him) and in knowing Him, themselves. To be one of God's people is the best blessing anyone can ever have.

Bible Truth 8 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You. You are perfect, good, loving, and wise. You deserve all our praise.
- **C** God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or others, instead of You. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is Savior. He deserves for us to make much of 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 make much of You. Help us to delight in You and how wonderful You are.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 8 Story

The Case of the Boastful Man Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians

Songs Used in Bible Truth 8

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

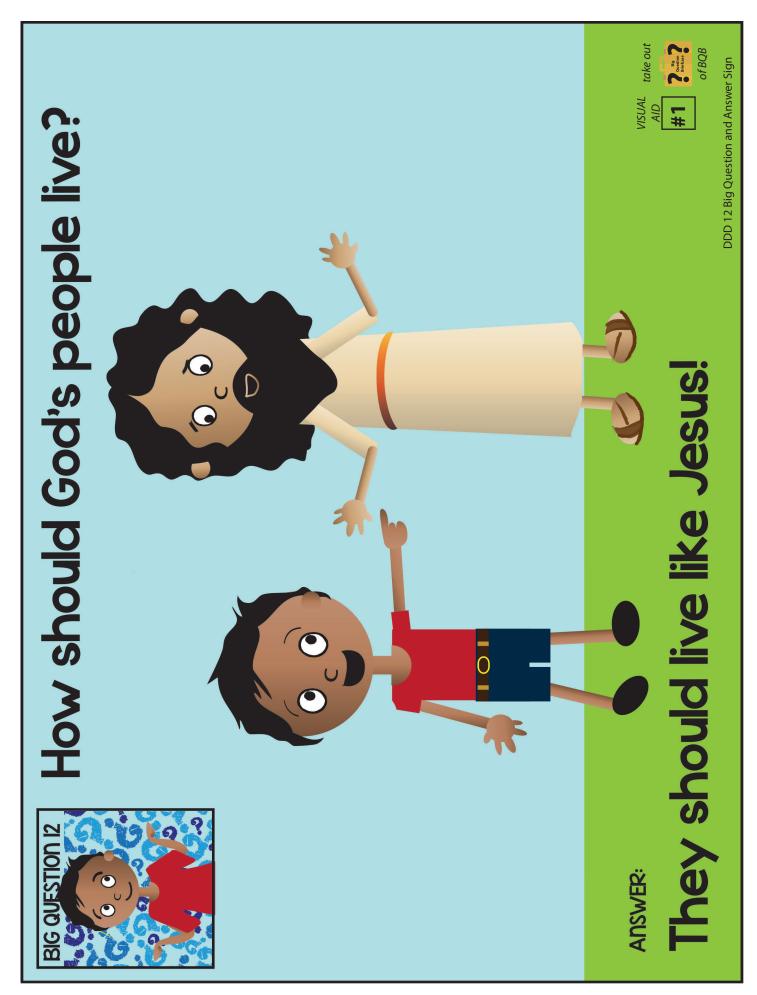
Extra Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Let Everyone Who Names the Name 2 Timothy 2:19,22, ESV

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

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

Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song: Shout with Joy to God Psalm 66:1-3,5,9,16, ESV Extra Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song: As Each Has Received a Gift 1 Peter 4:10-11, ESV Extra Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song: Gift, Gift, Gift 1 Peter 4:10-11, ESV Extra Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song: I Will Bless the Lord at All Times Psalm 34:1,3,8,10, ESV

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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:"

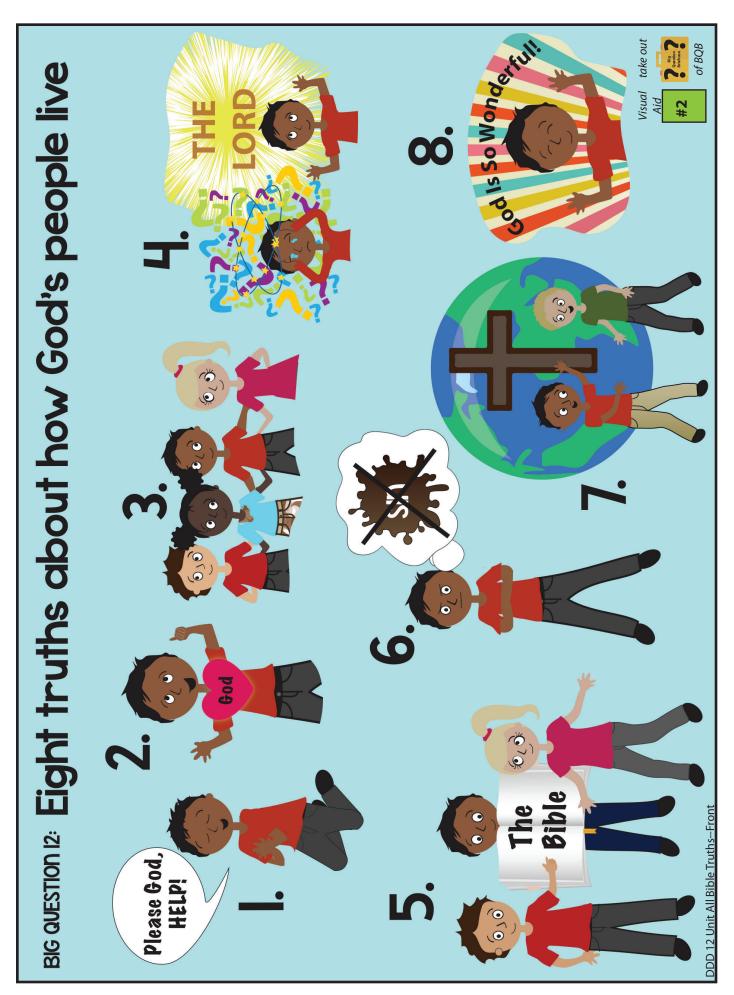
Big Q & A I2 Song

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

How should God's people live each day?

They should live like Jesus!

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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, we've learned seven 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," "By Saying "No" to Disobeying God," and "By Telling the Good News of Jesus." (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.



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 Making Much of ????!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "Who made all things and is the great, good King who rules over it all? His name starts with a "G" and it rhymes with "odd."

Can you guess? It's "GOD."

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 Making Much of GOD!"

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

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The big, Bible word for making much of God is "glorify." Jesus glorified God with His whole life—in everything He thought, and said, and did. God's people ask God to help them glorify Him, too. We can glorify God, too, when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior, and live our lives for



Let me tell you what he has done for me." -- Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV 1984

Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse

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

Psalm 66:1-3,5,16 tells us

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Learn a Little:

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name!"

What does that mean?

God's people delight in God's glory. He has been so good to them! He has given His Son to save them from their sins. He has provided for their needs with what He knows is best for them. He has filled them with His Holy Spirit and they have fellowship with Him in their heart. They have never lacked any good thing and they never will their whole life. They want to praise the LORD all the time. They want others to join them in magnifying His name (praising Him) and in knowing Him, themselves. To be one of God's people is the best blessing anyone can ever have!

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

Shout with Joy to God Psalm 66:1-3,5,9,16

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 43

Shout! Shout! Shout with joy!
Shout with joy to God all the earth!
Sing! Sing! Sing the glory!
Sing the glory of His name!
Say! Say! Say to God!
Say! Say! Some, "How awesome are your deeds."
Come, Come, Come and see,
Come and see what God has done!
Let me tell you what He has done for me!
Psalm Sixty-six,
one through three, five, nine, 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 Boastful Man" Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1 I. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast about?

2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead?





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I. Who changed from being a man who boasted about himself to a man who boasted about God?

2. What awesome deed of God did he especially love to boast about?

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

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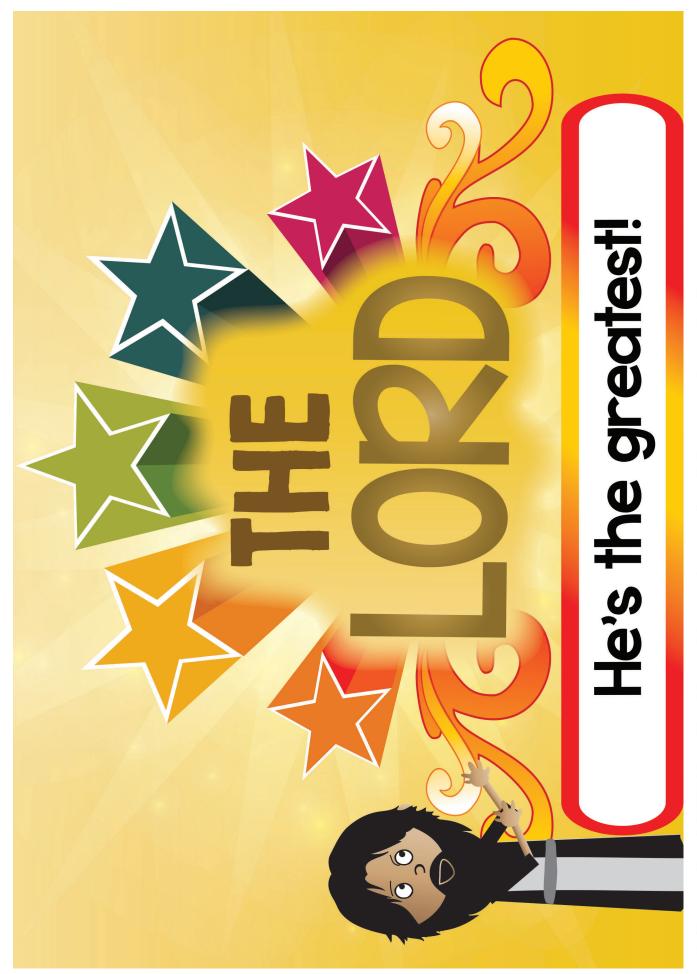
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good boaster. Can you guess who Paul learned to boast in? right person. Paul started out as a bad boaster, but he became a ourselves. But some boasting is good when we boast about the Many times, boasting is bad, especially when we boast about



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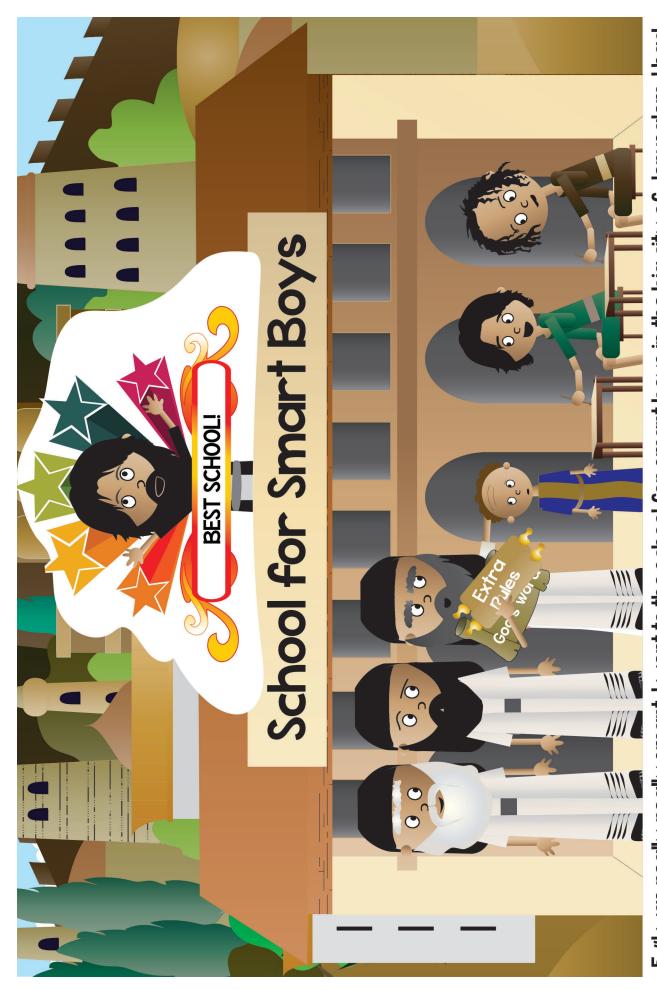
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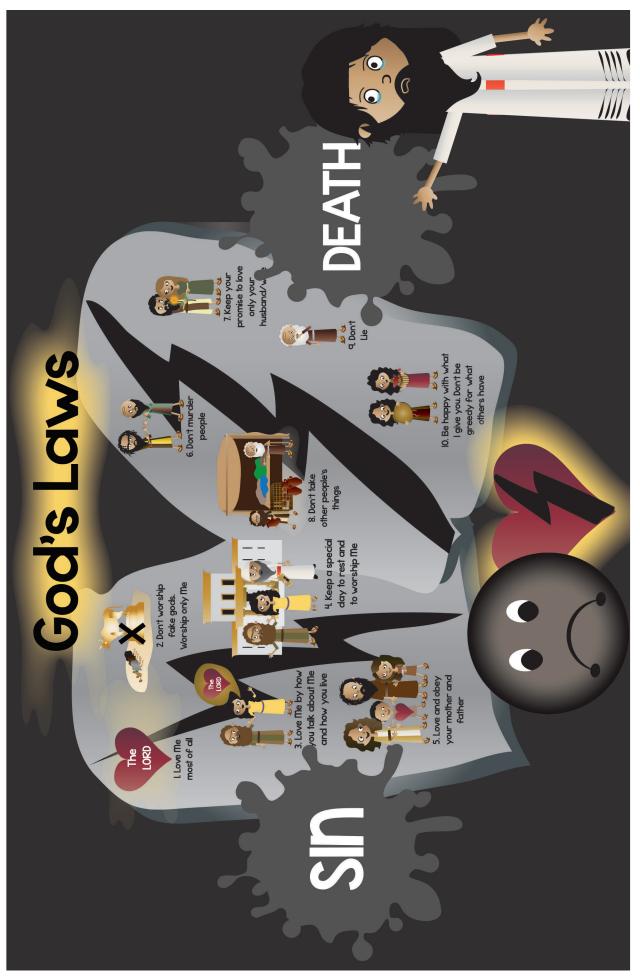
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8. "I did some terrible things. I hated Jesus and told everyone that He was a fake Savior. I hunted down His followers. I had them hurt pleased God. But I was wrong. So terribly wrong!" Paul exclaimed. and put in jail. I was even happy if they died! I thought these things

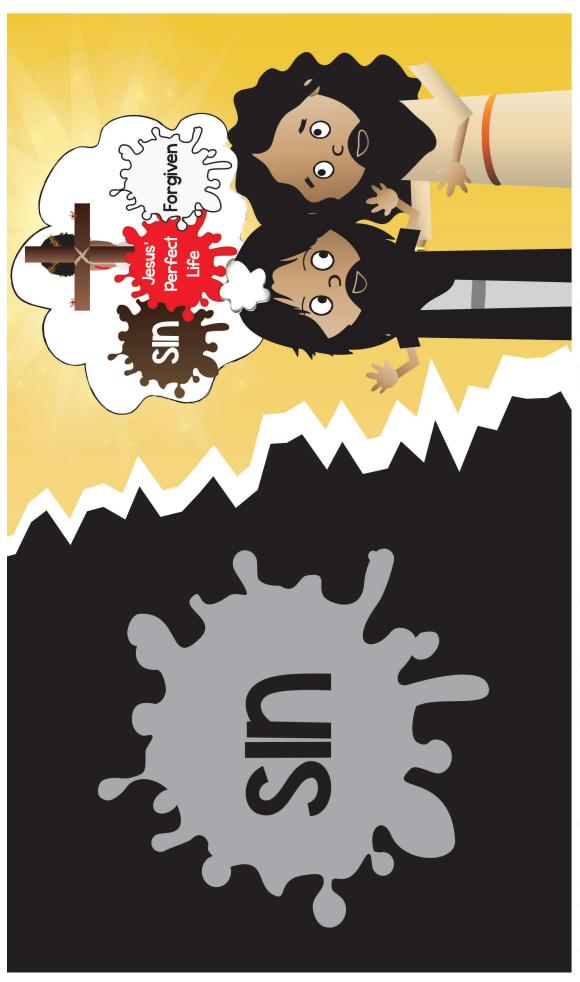
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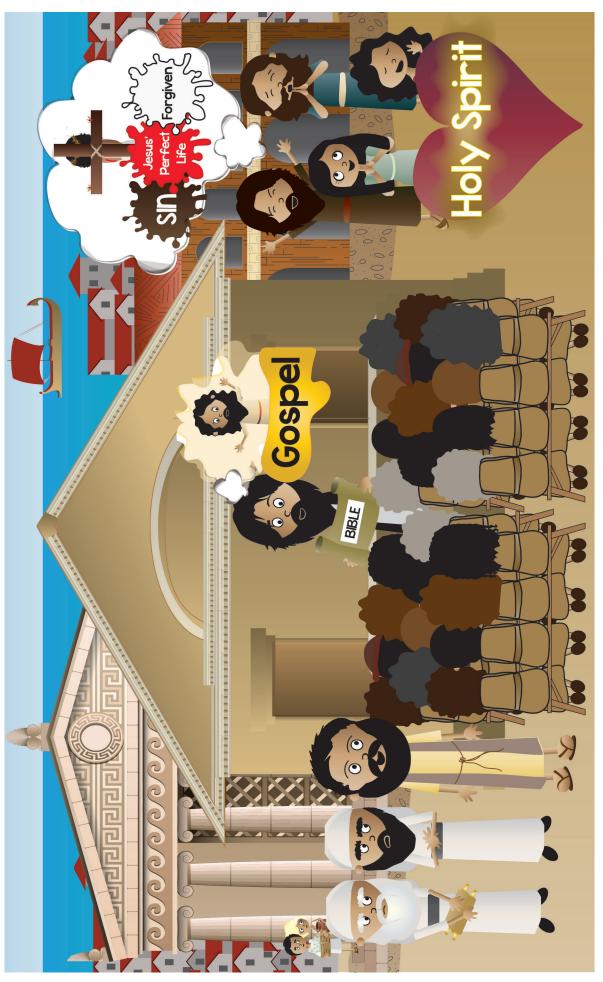
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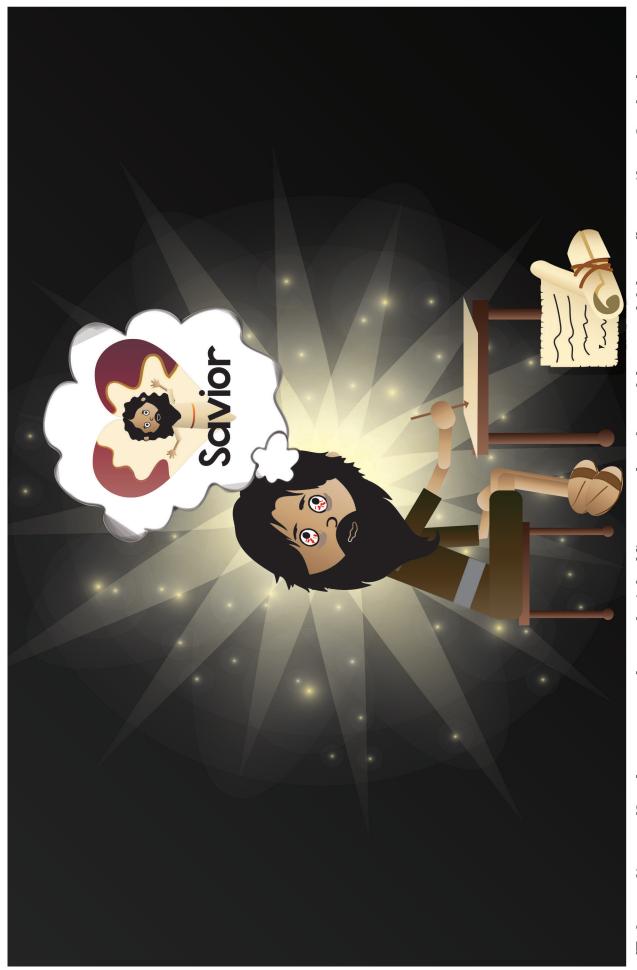
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Detective Dan's Assignment #I Listening



Detective Dan's

Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV

Assignment #2

Listening

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me." I. Who changed from being a man who boasted about himself to a man who boasted about God?

2. What awesome deed of God did he especially love to boast about? For forgiving his sins through Jesus.

What about you and me?

God gives the whole earth reason to shout for joy. He gives the whole earth reason to glory in his name. Everywhere are God's awesome deeds in the earth. More than anyone else, God's people love to make much of God and all of the good things He has done. After all, He has saved from their sins and made them His dearly-loved people forever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then like the rest of God's people, we will have so very much to boast in God about!

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changed his boast to God and how He had forgiven his sins He changed his boast when God showed him that he was a sinner who didn't deserve to be one of God's people. He 2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead? through Jesus.

He wants us to praise Him for being our God and for being so good to us. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Jesus. We need Him to do that most of all! That's why Paul made much of God. And, that's what God wants us to do, too. He wants gifts; and, He is the only one who can forgive our sins through wants us to boast only in Him. He is the giver of all those good to boast about the good things we can do. But like Paul, God made us able to do many good things. Sometimes, we might want God has been kind to give each of us many good gifts. He has



A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!) God, we praise You. You are perfectly good, loving, and wise. You deserve T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is C God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to make much of You. Help us to delight in You Savior. He deserves for us to make much of Him. A Prayer others, instead. We need a Savior! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. and how wonderful You are. all our praise.