

BIG QUESTION 12



How should God's people live?



ANSWER:

They should live like Jesus!

VISUAL
AID
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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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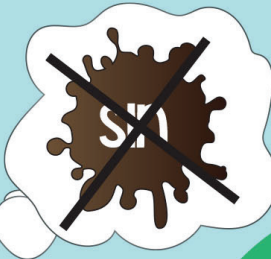
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This Unit's Bible Truths

"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.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 8?

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

By Making Much of ????!

HINT: 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."

ANSWER:

By Making Much of GOD!

God Is So Wonderful!



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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 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:)

There are many things we delight in. Birthdays and Christmas. Learning to ride a bike or how to read. Even beautiful things, like the soft, fluffy snow and colorful rainbows. God’s people delight in these things, too. But do you know what (or really WHO) God’s people delight in most of all? It’s the same person Jesus delighted in most of all... God!

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



Visual Aid
#4

Place verse in
DDD Bible

take out
Big Question Briefcase
of BQB

**“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.” -- 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:

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!"

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 to God, "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

1. 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?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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

“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.”

1. 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)



I. Paul was a man who was always boasting. What is boasting? It's telling how great someone is to others. Now, some people boast in themselves, and some people boast in others. Many times, boasting is bad, especially when we boast about ourselves. But some boasting is good when we boast about the right person. Paul started out as a bad boaster, but he became a good boaster. Can you guess who Paul learned to boast in?



2. It was the LORD! Yes, Paul loved to make much of the one, true God!



3. “Some might think I have a lot to boast about in MYSELF,” Paul told people. “I certainly used to think I did,” he admitted. “After all, I was born in an important city as a Roman. I enjoyed lots of nice things and was treated as someone special. That sounds like a lot to boast about, doesn’t it?” Paul explained.

God's Laws



BEST FAMILY!



4. "My parents were good Jews. I grew up learning God's Word and obeying it. That sounds like a lot to boast about, too, doesn't it?" Paul told people.



5. "I was really, really smart. I went to the school for smart boys in the big city of Jerusalem. I had great teachers like Gamaliel to teach me. That sounds like something else I could boast about," Paul said.

Good, Good, Good

Proud, Proud, Proud



6. "I stayed in school a long time. I was one of the best students. I became a Pharisee. I became very good at knowing God's laws and keeping all of the teachers' extra, little rules. I was better than others at keeping them. I thought I pleased God by being a good law-keeper," Paul told them. "Oh, I thought I had so much to boast in!" he exclaimed.

God's Laws

SIN

DEATH

The LORD

1. Love Me most of all

2. Don't worship fake gods. Worship only Me

3. Love Me by how you talk about Me and how you live

4. Keep a special day to rest and to worship Me

5. Love and obey your mother and father

6. Don't murder people

7. Keep your promise to love only your husband/wife

8. Don't take other people's things

9. Don't Lie

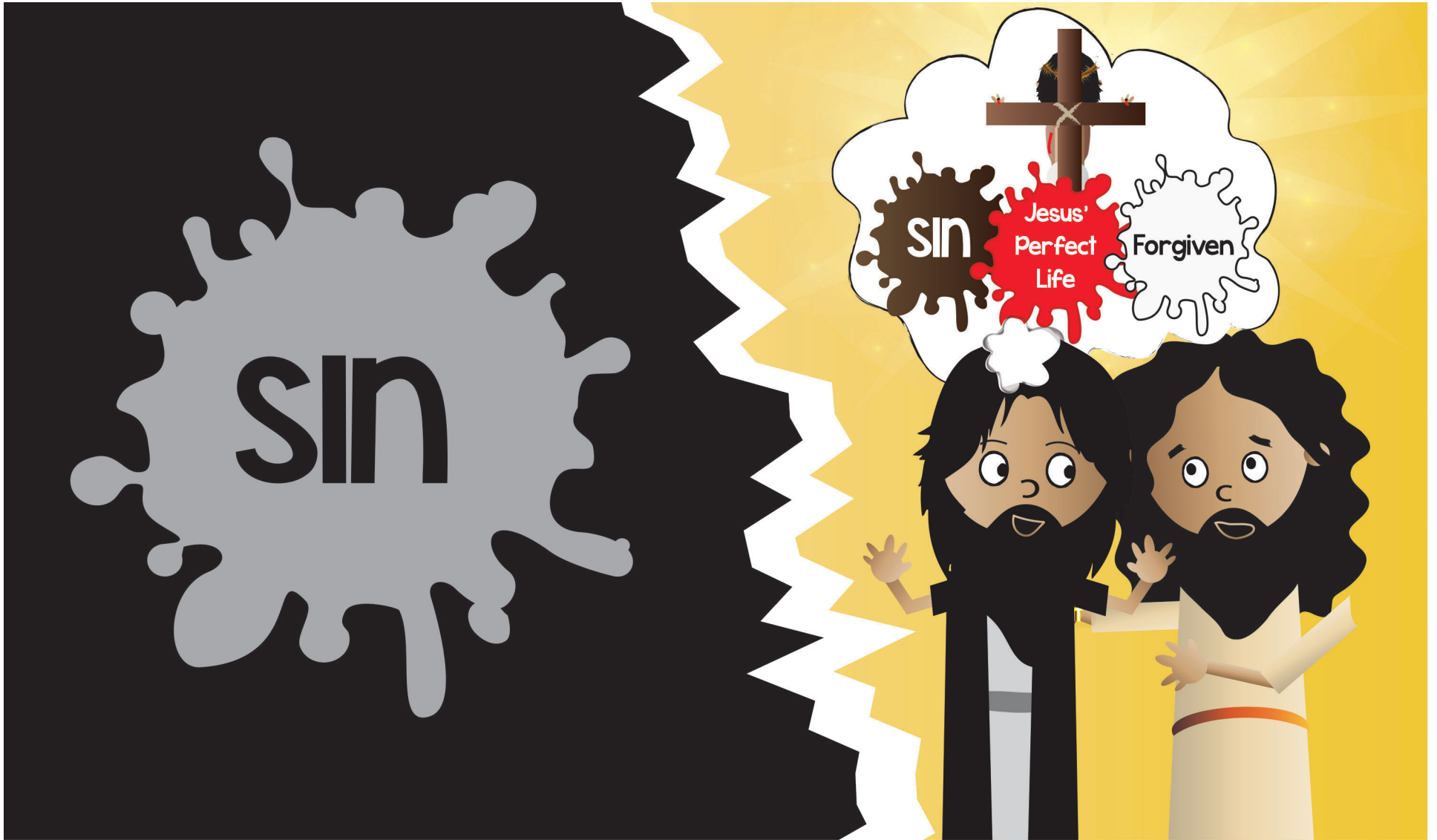
10. Be happy with what I give you. Don't be greedy for what others have



7. "But I was wrong," Paul sadly said. "I had nothing to boast about. I was just like everyone else. My heart was full of sin. I was a lawbreaker, not a law-keeper. I could never really please God by obeying laws and rules," Paul confessed.



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 and put in jail. I was even happy if they died! I thought these things pleased God. But I was wrong. So terribly wrong!" Paul exclaimed. "No, I had nothing to boast about at all. I deserved God's punishment for my sins. I could never please Him on my own," Paul admitted.



9. "But do you know what? God saved me from my sins, and He made me one of His people!" Paul said. "Yes, God saved me through His Son, Jesus! He forgave me—yes, even me, the worst of sinners! What a wonderful Savior He is!" Paul said. "And that's why I love to boast about God. That's why I want to do anything for Him. I want to make much of God because of what He's done for sinners like me!"



10. So, for the rest of his life, in everything he did, and everything he said, to EVERYONE he met, Paul boasted about the LORD. There was never a time when Paul could not think of a way to make much of God!



II. Sometimes, Paul traveled to big cities and talked to smart people who thought believing in Jesus was silly. Paul boasted in God to them: “You may think believing in Jesus is silly, but God’s silliness is smarter than all your smartness! Jesus really IS God’s Son! Turn away from your sins. Trust in Him as your Savior and be saved!” he urged them.



12. WHO was Paul making much of when he talked to these smart people? He was making much of the LORD! He loved to tell everyone how great is the one, true God!



13. Sometimes, Paul talked to people who hurt him and threw him in jail when he told them about Jesus. But Paul boasted in God to them: "I don't like to be hurt or be put in jail, but Jesus suffered far more than this for me. He suffered and died for my sins on the cross. He can forgive your sins, too, if you turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as your Savior," Paul told them. "I am happy to suffer for Him who suffered so much for me, especially if it helps you to believe in Him, too!" he said.



14. Paul was making most of WHO when he thought about his suffering? He was making much of the LORD! He loved to tell everyone how great is the one, true God!



15. Sometimes, Paul preached to God's people who gathered at a worship house to hear God's Word. Paul read the Bible to them and showed them all God's promises about Jesus. "How great God is! He planned all along to send Jesus to save His people. God put it here in the Bible for us to read and to help us believe," Paul told them.



16. WHO was Paul making much of when he preached God's Word? He was making much of the LORD! He loved to tell everyone how great is the one, true God!



17. Sometimes, Paul was weak and sick. His eyes hurt and he could hardly write. "God always makes me strong to do whatever He wants me to do. When I am weak, He can show everyone how strong He is!" Paul boasted.



18. WHO was Paul making much of when he talked about his weakness? He was making much of the LORD! He loved to tell everyone how great is the one, true God!



19. Paul faced death many times. Once, at the teeth of wild animals; and another time, out on a sinking boat on stormy seas. Paul boasted in God then, too. "God can even rescue me from the teeth of wild animals. He can even save me out in the stormy seas. There is nothing He can't do," Paul said. And sure enough, God DID save him!



20. WHO was Paul making much of, even in these very scary times? He was making much of the LORD! He loved to tell everyone how great is the one, true God!



21. "And when I DO die," Paul told people, "God will take me to live with Him forever in heaven. Through Jesus, God has already beat sin and death for me! Going to live with Him will be best of all!" Paul exclaimed.



22. WHO was Paul making much of, even when he talked about dying? He was making much of God! Yes, no matter what Paul went through, no matter who he talked to, Paul boasted in the LORD. He loved to make much of Him!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast about?
Paul. He boasted in himself and all the good things he did.
2. Why did he change his boast? Who did he boast in, instead?
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 changed his boast to God and how He had forgiven his sins through Jesus.

For You and Me:

God has been kind to give each of us many good gifts. He has made us able to do many good things. Sometimes, we might want to boast about the good things we can do. But like Paul, God wants us to boast only in Him. He is the giver of all those good gifts; and, He is the only one who can forgive our sins through 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 us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. 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 prayer!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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

"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."

1. Who changed from being a man who boasted about himself to a man who boasted about God?
Paul did.
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!

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...
By Making Much of God!

The Gospel



God's people make much of God because of all He's done for them. He's treated them so much better than they could ever deserve.

God's people, like all people, had chosen to disobey God. They deserved His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as He died on the cross as the full payment for their sins. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had 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. They can know God in their hearts. And one day, they will go to live with God forever.

This is how we can become God's people, too. And if we do, we will want to make a big deal about God's wonderful love for us!

Ask Him to help
you!



A Prayer



A God, we praise You. You are perfectly 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. We need a Savior!



T 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.

