

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Visual Aids**

**Unit 15,**

**Bible Truth 2**

## 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.

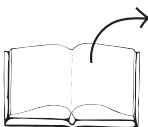
### What Do They Include?



**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, themselves.** 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 15: God's People Gather Together**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Go to Church?

To Worship God and Love One Another!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together." Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV

**Bible Truth 2 Concept: To Worship God and Love One Another... By Learning from God's Word, the Bible**

God's people gather together to learn from the Bible. There is no other book like it. It alone is God's Word. It is the best place to find out about God and how to obey Him. But that's not all! The Bible is not just words that God's people listen to and learn from. God's Word is powerful! The Holy Spirit works inside of people as they hear God's Word. He uses it to help them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is how we become God's people. (The big, Bible word for this is "conversion.") And, He uses it to help us to know God better, to give us hope, and to obey Him. This is how we live as God's people. (The big, Bible word for this is "discipleship.")

Sometimes God's people learn from the Bible in little groups. (You are probably learning about the Bible in one of these right now!) But the most important way God's people learn from God's Word is when they all gather together as a congregation and listen to a godly man preach from the Bible. The Bible calls these men, pastors (or elders). God has called them to preach God's Word and to lead God's people in living for Him. What a great gift they are to God's people!

The pastor stands in front of the congregation (God's people gathered together). He reads to them from the Bible and explains what it means. He helps them understand how to live it out. (The big, Bible word for this is "expositional preaching.") The Holy Spirit helps the pastor and the congregation as they study God's Word together.

It is very important for God's people to hear the Bible when they gather together. God uses it to work powerfully in their lives. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can use His Word to work powerfully in our lives, too.

**Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:13, ESV**

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

**Learn a Little:** "Devote yourself to the reading of Scripture."

**Meaning**

God's people gather together to worship God and love one another. And what book tells them how to do this best of all? God's Word, the Bible! The Bible helps God's people know how God wants them to live; and, it is powerful to help them live that way. No wonderful God's people devote themselves to the Bible. They want their leaders to read it to them and to teach them what it means when they gather together. It alone is God's Word! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can use His Word to work powerfully in our lives, too.

**Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for saving Your people, the Church. We praise You for giving us the Bible and godly leaders to teach it to us.
- C** God, sometimes we don't want to learn from the Bible. Sometimes, we don't want to listen to the pastors preach from Your Word. There are other things we would rather do. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for not leaving us on our own, but giving us Your Word, the Bible, to learn from and to live by. Thank You for all the people in church who help us understand Your Word and live it out. Thank You for our pastors and teachers.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word and learn it. Help us live it out. Help our pastors and teachers to teach us well about You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 2 Story****The Case of the Faithful Leader**

*Acts 16:1; 1 & 2 Timothy*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

Big Q & A 15 Song

Big Question 15 Song: Why Do God's People Go to Church?

Big Question 15 Bible Verse Song: Stir Up Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV

Big Question 15 Hymn: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship, v.1

Big Question 15 Praise Song: Praise the Lord Together

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Devote Yourself 1 Timothy 4:13, ESV

*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: An Overseer Must Be Titus 1:6-9, ESV*

*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: Open My Eyes Psalm 119:18,72-73, ESV*

*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: I Have Stored Up Your Word Psalm 119:11,15-16, ESV*

*Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: If Anyone Loves Me John 14:23, ESV*

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

**The Case of the Faithful Leader***Acts 16:1; 1 & 2 Timothy***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 figures/Story Scenes, 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 Story 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 Faithful Leader. 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 know:

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2. What did Paul tell him to be faithful to do for those believers?

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**Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a cake, Paul, a car, a letter, a coat, and God's Word.

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

I need to know:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who did Paul thank God for? What did Paul asked God to help this person do?

**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 Faithful Leader** *Acts 16:1; 1 & 2 Timothy*

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

**Paul was an old man who was about to die. His enemies had put him in jail for telling people about Jesus, and now they planned to kill him. Paul sat in his cold cell making the best of the little time he had left. Even in jail, Paul found ways to love God and His people.**

*Can you think of what he could do?*

**Paul prayed. He shared the good news of Jesus with the soldiers who guarded him and with many others. And, he wrote letters to the little churches of believers in many places.**

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**Paul's life in jail was very different from what it used to be. Paul had been a missionary. He travelled to many faraway places, preaching the good news of Jesus to all who would listen. Many people turned away from disobeying God and trusted in Jesus as their Savior when they heard Paul preach. Soon, there were little churches of these new Christians all over. They gathered together each week to worship God and love one another.**

**Godly leaders were chosen to take care of the members of each little church gathering. Some of these leaders were called "deacons." They were used by God to serve their little church in a special way. They spent their time caring for the needs of others in the church. Men like Stephen made sure everyone had enough to eat. Women like Phoebe spent her life serving the believers, too.**

**Other godly leaders were men called "pastors" or "elders. These men were used by God to serve their little church by teaching God's Word and leading everyone in loving God and living for Him. Sometimes, these pastors brought words of comfort to those who were discouraged. Sometimes, they warned those forgetting to live for God and urged them to turn away from their sins. They prayed for God to help them all. And, they preached God's Word when the Christians in each little church gathered together.**

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**A young man named Timothy would become one of these godly pastors.**

**Paul met Timothy on one of his traveling trips and asked him to be his helper. Mile after mile, Timothy walked with Paul. Up mountains and down valleys. Over land and over sea. Through every kind of weather. To every kind of people.**

**There were happy, friendly people who wanted to hear about Jesus, and welcomed them. And, there were angry, fierce people who hated Paul, and wanted to make him stop telling about Jesus. They hurt Paul, and sent him to live in cold, prison cells. Timothy stayed by Paul through it all.**

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**But most of all, it was the love in Timothy's heart that made him such a good helper for Paul. Timothy had a heart devoted to God and His good plans. Timothy loved God's Word and knew it well. He loved God, and Paul, and God's people so much, that he put them first, instead of himself! So, you can see why Paul loved Timothy so much, and why Timothy was such a good helper for Paul. After a while, Paul treated Timothy not just as a helper, or even a very good friend, but like Timothy was his very own son.**

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

**Yes, Timothy was a big help to Paul, but did you know that Paul was a big help to Timothy, too? As Timothy travelled with Paul, he was listening and learning. He listened to Paul preach from God's Word and share the good news of Jesus. He saw many people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.**

**Timothy listened to Paul teach these new believers how to live as Jesus' disciples. Paul taught them how to love God and live for Him their whole lives. Timothy listened to Paul use God's Word to comfort sad people and to warn others who had stopped living for God. Timothy watched Paul pray for the little churches to stay faithful and grow.**

**And as Timothy listened and watched, God was preparing him for His plans for him. Can you guess what God planned for Timothy to be?**

*Can you guess?*

**A pastor, himself!**

**One day, Paul and Timothy came to city of Ephesus. They had come to check up on the little church of believers there. Uh oh, Paul could see there was a problem! This little church of believers needed a good pastor. Who could help them? Who knew God's Word well enough to help them grow to worship God and love one another the way God wanted them to? None of the new believers in the little Ephesus church could do this yet.**

**Perhaps there was no one in the little church who could be their pastor, but there WAS someone with Paul who could stay and lead them. Can you guess who?**

*Can you guess?*

**It was Timothy!**

**"Timothy, would you stay and care for this little church of believers?" Paul asked Timothy. "You are young, but I know that God will help you do a good job preaching the Bible and leading them," he said. Timothy agreed to stay. He would miss Paul, but he was happy to help. The little church in Ephesus was happy, too. Now, they had a godly pastor who could help them love God and live for Him. Paul was so glad that he could leave the little church in Ephesus under Timothy's care.**

**But now, so many years had passed since Paul left Timothy in Ephesus. What a lot of journeys Paul had taken since then. What a lot of people got to hear the good news of Jesus and trusted in Him as their Savior! Little churches of new believers gathered every Sunday, where there used to be none. God had filled Paul's years with good things.**

**But, oh, what troubles had come to Paul along with those blessings! Preaching the good news of Jesus was no easy thing. It was why Paul was in jail in Rome, alone, shivering in the cold, and soon to die.**

**Paul longed to see that dearest, closest friend of his. What was his name?**

*Can you tell me?*

**Timothy! Paul missed his dear Timothy so very much! Paul wanted him to come and care for him. Paul wanted him to bring him his heavy cloak to keep him warm, and his books and papers, so he could study.**

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

**Paul wondered if he would get to see Timothy again before he died. He hoped he would. But Ephesus was so far away from Rome! And there were no telephones or even postmen back then. How could Paul tell Timothy he needed him? What could Paul do?**

*Can you think of what Paul could do?*

**Paul could write to Timothy and find someone to take it to him. And even if Timothy could not get to Rome before he died, at least Paul could give him one last message. And so, that's what he did.**

**Before long, a messenger was on his way to Ephesus with Paul's letter. Walk, walk, walk, he went. At last, after many days, he handed the letter to Timothy to read. Timothy was so happy to hear from Paul. How he missed Paul and loved him! Here was news, at last!**

**Timothy eagerly opened the letter and read.**

**"Timothy, my dear son," Paul started. "I thank God every time I think of you. I long with tears to see you. Do your best to come to me soon."**

**"Here are some important things I want you to remember that will help you lead the little church in Ephesus," Paul wrote. "You were my helper for many years. You watched me preach about Jesus from the Bible. You watched people try to get me to stop talking about Jesus by hurting me," Paul wrote. "You saw how God gave me strength to keep on preaching, and loving, and caring for all the Christians in the little churches we went to. Don't forget what you saw me do! Do these same things for the people in your little church."**

**"Keep on learning God's Word! Keep on preaching God's Word!" Paul told Timothy. "Sometimes this will be really hard. Sometimes people won't want to hear what the Bible says. But keep on teaching it to them, no matter what!" Paul urged Timothy. "Only the Bible is God's Word. It makes God's people ready for everything God wants them to do."**

**"Don't forget these things, and please, come see me soon --before winter comes. Paul."**

**Did Timothy ever make it to see Paul before he died? We don't know. But we DO know that Timothy did what Paul wanted him to do most of all: be a good pastor for the little church in Ephesus and teach them God's Word.**



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

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I need to know:

**1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?** Paul, the letter, the coat and God's Word belong. The cake and the car do not.

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**For You and Me:**

Paul thanked God for giving him Timothy. Timothy had been such a good helper to him; and, Timothy now was a faithful leader to the believers in Ephesus, who Paul cared about so much. We, too, should thank God for the faithful leaders he gives us. They help us know God's Word and know how to live it out. We can ask God to help those leaders teach us well. And, we can ask God to work in our hearts as we listen to the leaders at our church teach from God's Word. We can ask God to use these leaders and His Word to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's how we can become God's people, too.

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Why Do God's People Go to Church?****To Worship God and Love One Another...****By Learning from God's Word, the Bible!**

Why do God's people go to church? To worship God and love one another... by learning from God's Word, the Bible! God's people love the Bible. Each time they gather together, they want to learn more from it. The Bible is how they learned they were sinners who deserved God's punishment for disobeying Him, and of God's rich mercy in sending Jesus to be our Savior. It tells how Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. And, how He rose from the dead on the third day, beating sin and death for them. The Bible tells us how we can become God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. And, how we can know and love God better, and live for Him. Ask God to use the Bible to teach you and help you do these things, too. He loves to answer this prayer!

*Close in prayer.*

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



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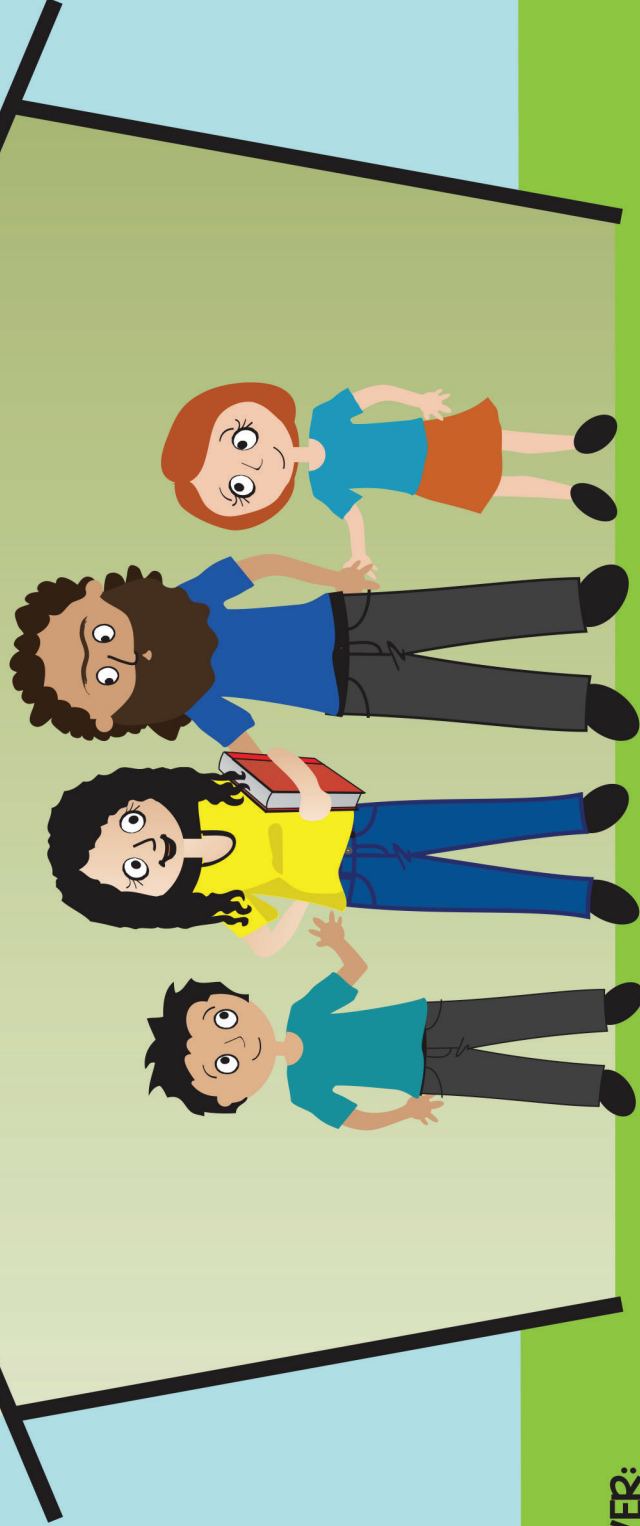
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ANSWER:

# To worship God and love one another!

## 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 15:

**Why Do God's People Go to Church?**

and the Answer is:

**To Worship God and Love One Another!**

### **Meaning:**

A church is God's people gathering together. Some churches meet in special buildings. Some churches meet in homes. Some meet outside. No matter where they meet, when God's people gather together, they are a church. When God's people gather together as a church, they worship God. They worship Him for being the one, true God who is not like anyone else. They worship Him for saving them through Jesus. They sing songs and pray to God. They listen to the Bible and learn how to obey it. God's people also gather together to love one another. They talk with each other, and take care of each other, and pray for each other. The Bible tells us that God's people are to meet together often. It tells us that when they gather together, Jesus will be there with them in a special way. We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will gather together with God's people to worship God and love one another, too!

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

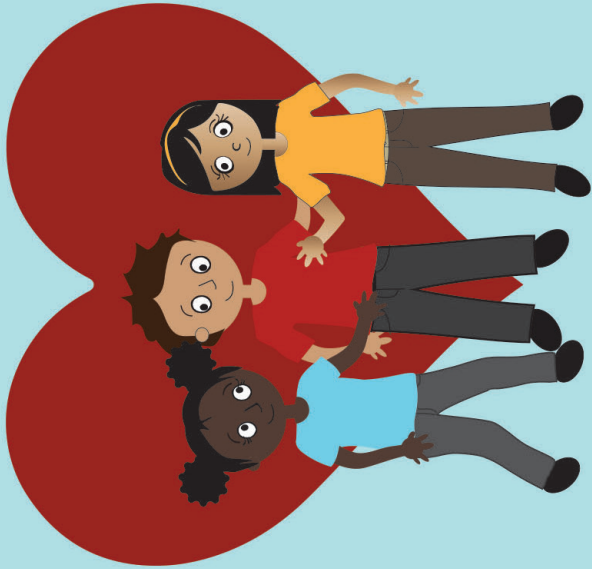
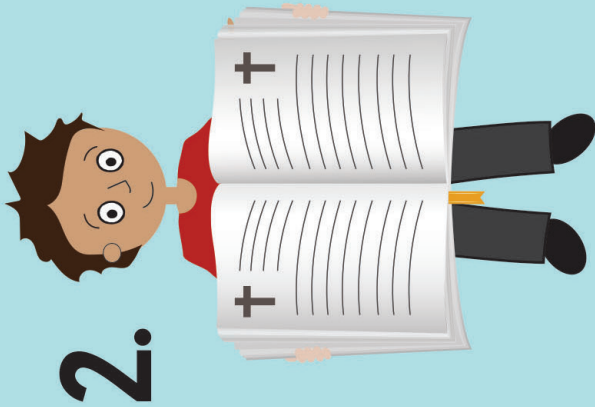
## Big Q & A 15 Song

*DDD ESV Songs 15, track 12*

*(adapted version of "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")*

Why do God's people go to church?  
Go to church? Go to church?  
Why do God's people go to church?  
To worship God and to  
love one another!

# BIG QUESTION 15: Six truths about why God's people go to church



## **This Unit's Bible Truths**

"To Worship God and Love One Another" 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 SIX Bible truths that all tell us more about why God's people go to church.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our six 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 six truths they will be learning.*

*After everyone has had a good look, say...*

"Ok, we've learned one truth about what Jesus. It's this one:

"By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death" (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 six truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

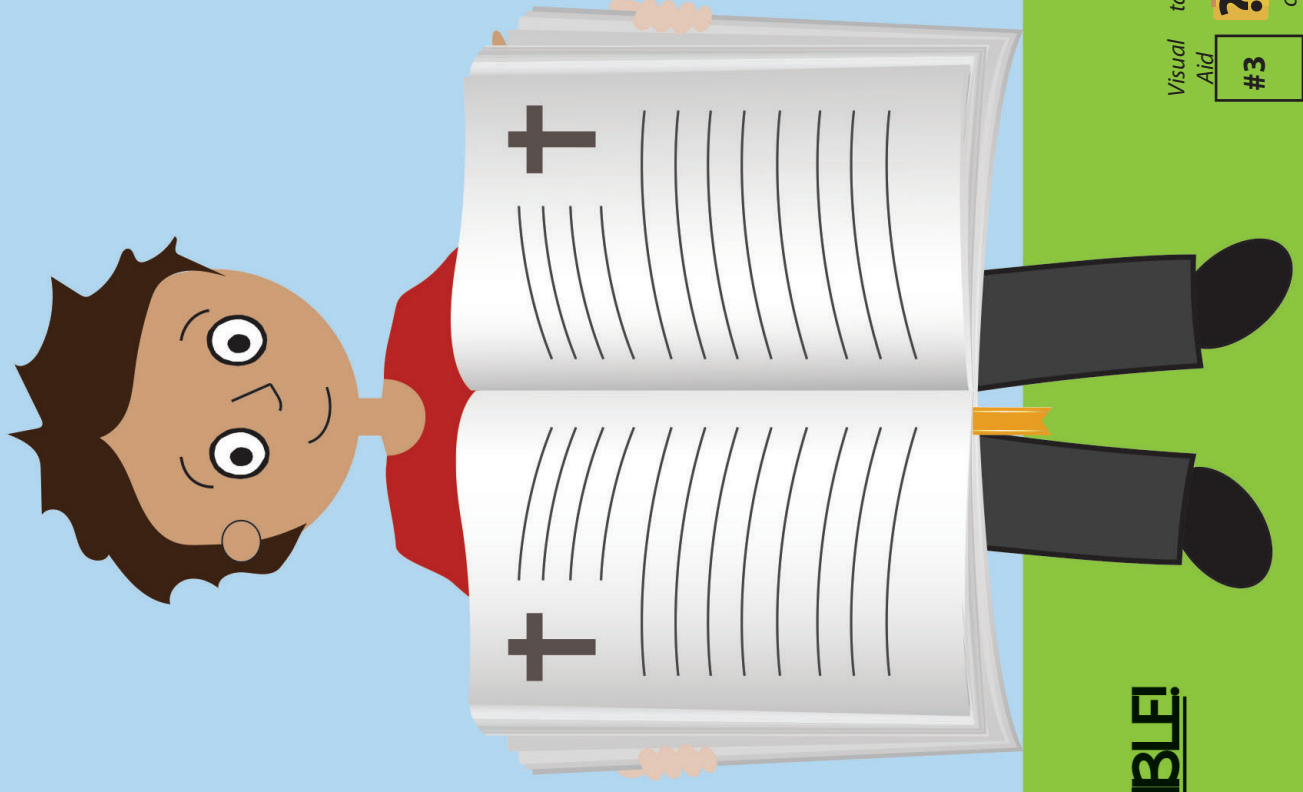
*Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see.*

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:

**Why Do God's People  
Go to Church?  
To Worship God and  
Love One Another...**

**By Learning from God's  
Word, the ????!**

**HINT: What is the name of  
God's Word? It starts with a  
"B" and it rhymes with "tribal."**



**ANSWER:  
By Learning from God's Word, the BIBLE!**

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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:*

**“Why Do God’s People Go to Church?  
To Worship God and Love One Another!  
By Learning from God’s Word, the ????!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What is the name of God’s Word? It starts with a “B” and it rhymes with “tribal.”

Can you guess? It’s “Bible”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:  
*(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)*

**“Why Do God’s People Go to Church?  
To Worship God and Love One Another!  
By Learning from God’s Word, the BIBLE!”**

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

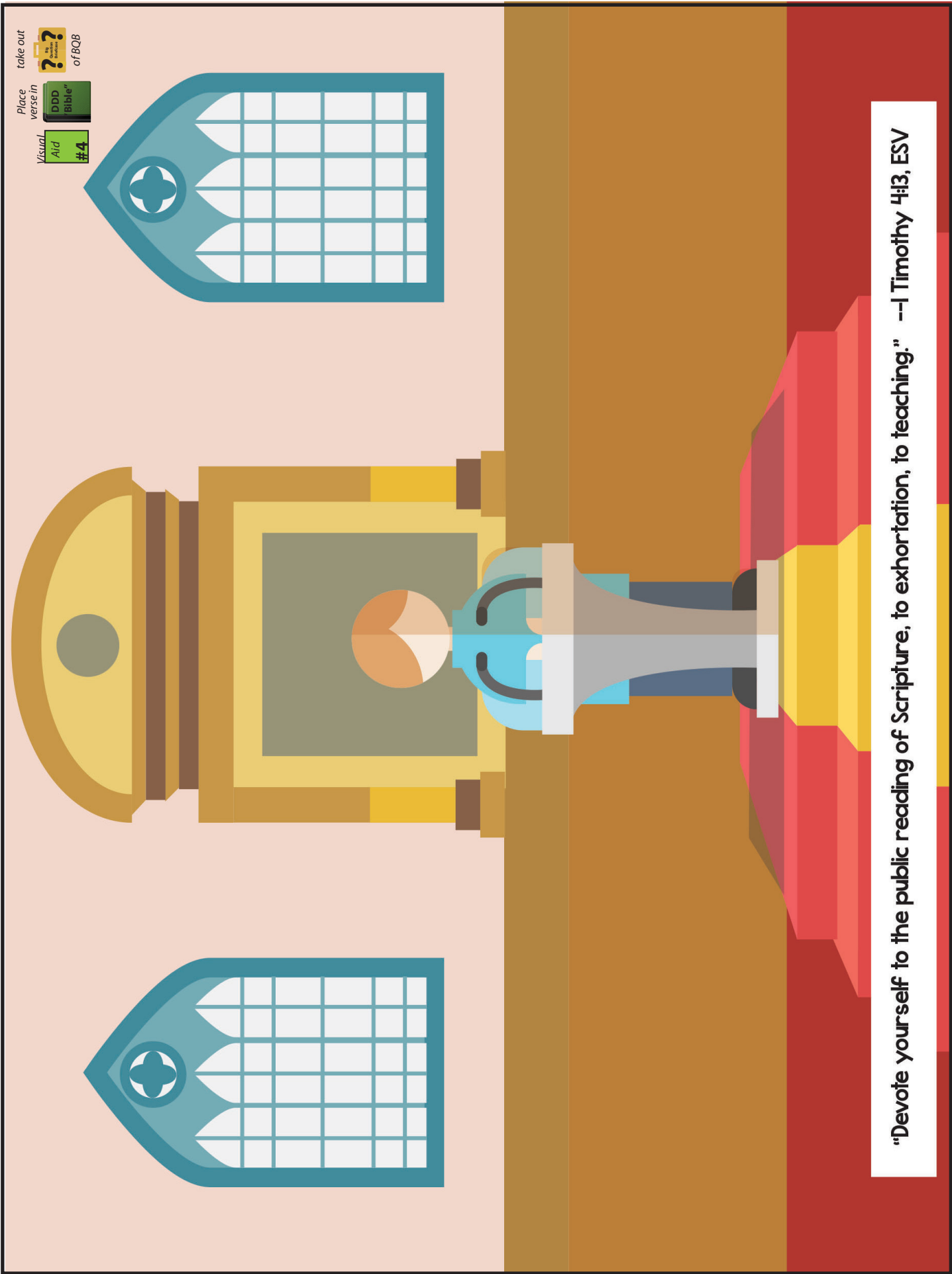
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Visual Aid #4  
Place verse in DDD Bible  
take out ? of BQB

**“Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.” --1 Timothy 4:13, ESV**

## Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

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

1 Timothy 4:13 tells us:

### **1 Timothy 4:13**

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

**Learn a Little:** "Devote yourself to the reading of Scripture."

### **What does that mean?**

God's people gather together to worship God and love one another. And what book tells them how to do this best of all? God's Word, the Bible! The Bible helps God's people know how God wants them to live; and, it is powerful to help them live that way. No wonderful God's people devote themselves to the Bible. They want their leaders to read it to them and to teach them what it means when they gather together. It alone is God's Word! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can use His Word to work powerfully in our lives, too.

"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!"

## **Devote Yourself:**

### **1 Timothy 4:13, ESV**

*DDD ESV Songs 15, track 27*

Devote yourself, devote yourself,  
Devote yourself, devote yourself,  
Devote yourself, devote yourself,  
Devote yourself, devote yourself.

To the public reading of Scripture,  
Exhortation, and teaching,  
To the public reading of Scripture,  
Exhortation, and teaching.

Devote yourself, devote yourself,  
Devote yourself, devote yourself,  
Devote yourself, devote yourself,  
Devote yourself, devote yourself.  
First Timothy Four, 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?"

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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

# Detective Dan's

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Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

"The Case of the Faithful Leader."

I need to find out:

**1. Who was the pastor chosen to care for the believers in Ephesus?**

**AND**

**2. What did Paul tell him to be faithful to do for those believers?**

**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 was the pastor chosen to care for the believers in Ephesus?** Timothy.

**2. What did Paul tell him to be faithful to do for those believers?** Paul told Timothy to be faithful to preach God's Word to them and help them keep on loving God and living for Him.

**For You and Me:**

Paul encouraged Timothy to be faithful to teach God's Word to the believers who gathered together as a little church in Ephesus. By being faithful like this, God could use Timothy powerfully. Timothy could help the believers know how to keep on loving God and living for Him. When we go to church and listen to faithful teachers tell us about God's Word, God can use it to help us to love Him and live for Him, too. And the very first thing that every faithful teacher hopes and prays that you will do when you hear God's Word is to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. This is how we become God's people. It is the best, first step in loving God and living for Him.

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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 Faithful Leader."

Our Bible verse is 1 Timothy 4:13, ESV

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

I need to find out:

1. Whom did Paul write to when he was in prison and about to die?

AND

2. What did Paul tell this person to be faithful to do for the believers in Ephesus?

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: 1 Timothy 4:13, ESV**

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

**1. Whom did Paul write to when he was in prison and about to die?**  
Timothy.

**2. What did Paul tell this person to be faithful to do for the believers in Ephesus?** Paul told Timothy to be faithful to preach God's Word to them and help them keep on loving God and living for Him.

**For You and Me:**

Paul encouraged Timothy to be faithful to teach God's Word to the believers who gathered together as a little church in Ephesus. By being faithful like this, God could use Timothy powerfully. Timothy could help the believers know how to keep on loving God and living for Him. When we go to church and listen to faithful teachers tell us about God's Word, God can use it to help us to love Him and live for Him, too. And the very first thing that every faithful teacher hopes and prays that you will do when you hear God's Word is to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. This is how we become God's people. It is the best, first step in loving God and living for Him.

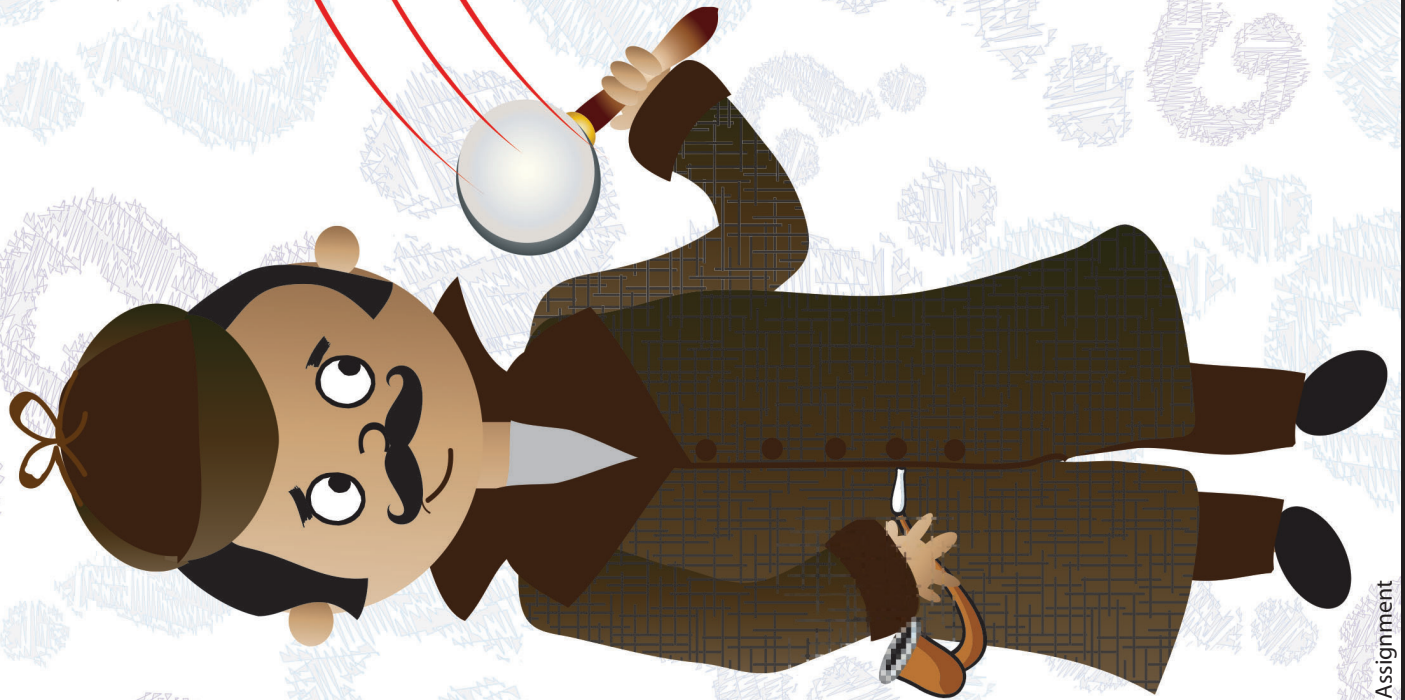
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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

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Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Faithful Leader."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.

They are: a cake, Paul, a car, a letter, a coat, and God's Word.

*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 belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who did Paul thank God for? What did Paul asked God to help this person do?

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 belong in the story and which two don't?  
Paul, the letter, the coat and God's Word belong. The cake and the car do not.
2. Who did Paul thank God for? What did Paul asked God to help this person do?  
Paul thanked God for Timothy. To keep being a good pastor to the people in Ephesus, but also to come and comfort him before he died.

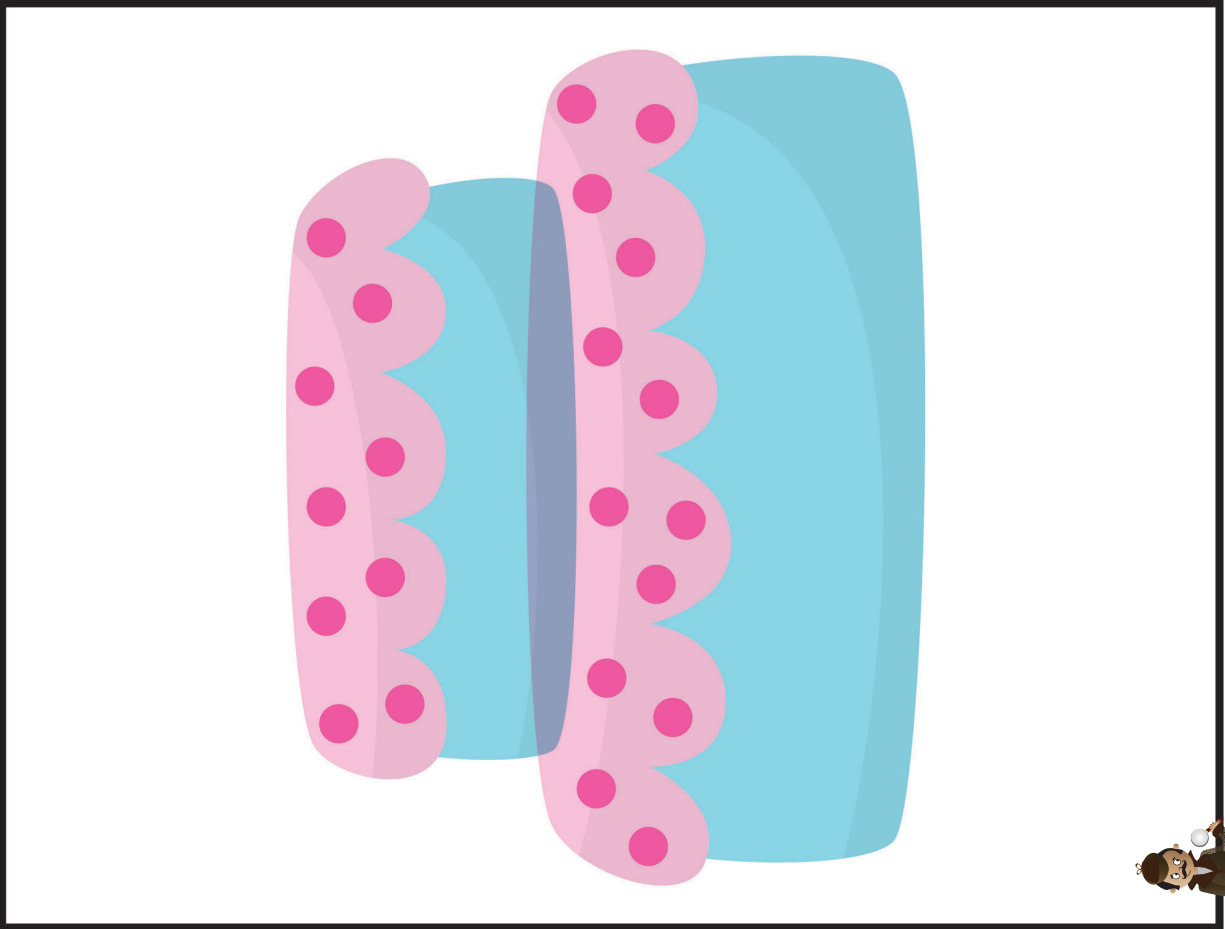
**For You and Me:**

Paul thanked God for giving him Timothy. Timothy had been such a good helper to him; and, Timothy now was a faithful leader to the believers in Ephesus, who Paul cared about so much. We, too, should thank God for the faithful leaders he gives us. They help us know God's Word and know how to live it out. We can ask God to help those leaders teach us well. And, we can ask God to work in our hearts as we listen to the leaders at our church teach from God's Word. We can ask God to use these leaders and His Word to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's how we can become God's people, too.





Paul



A Cake

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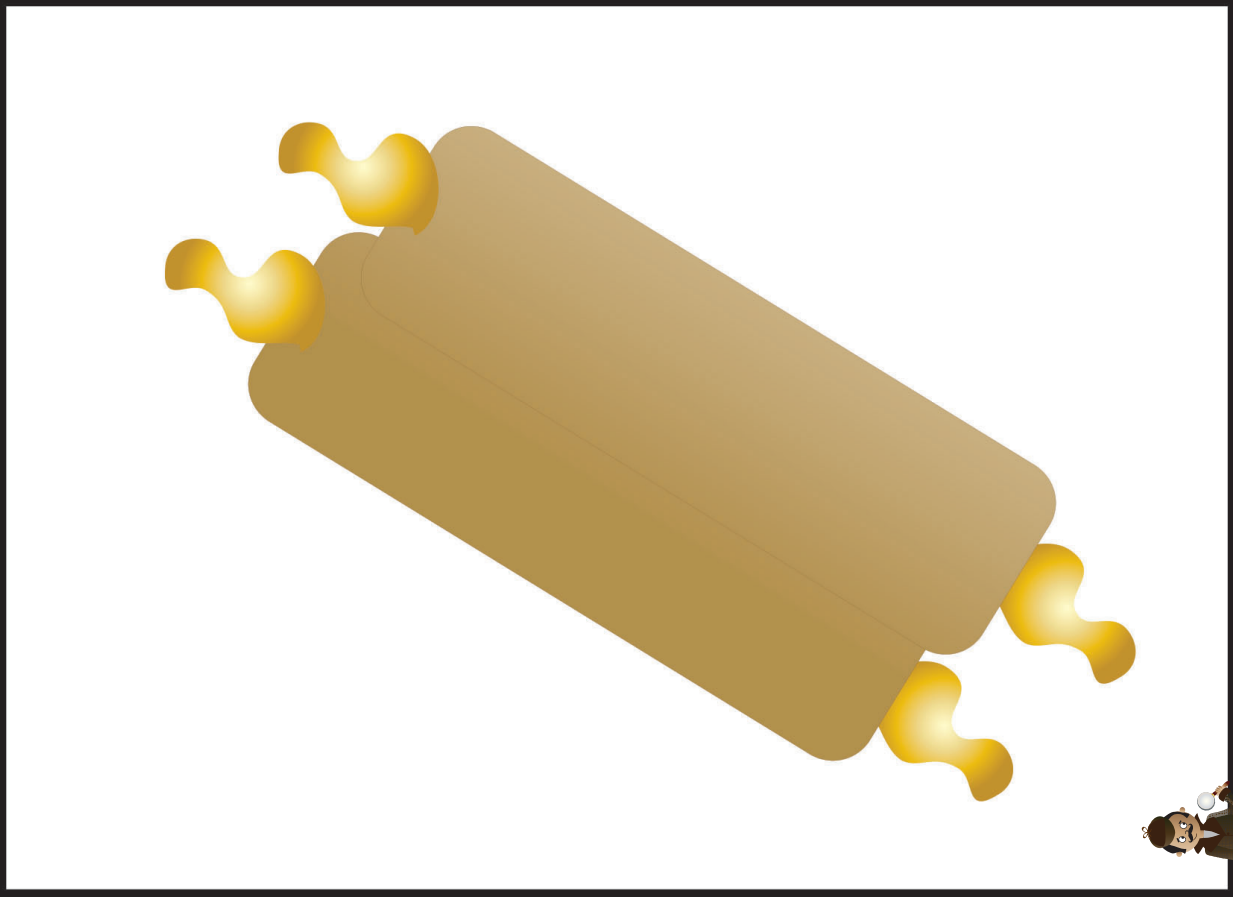
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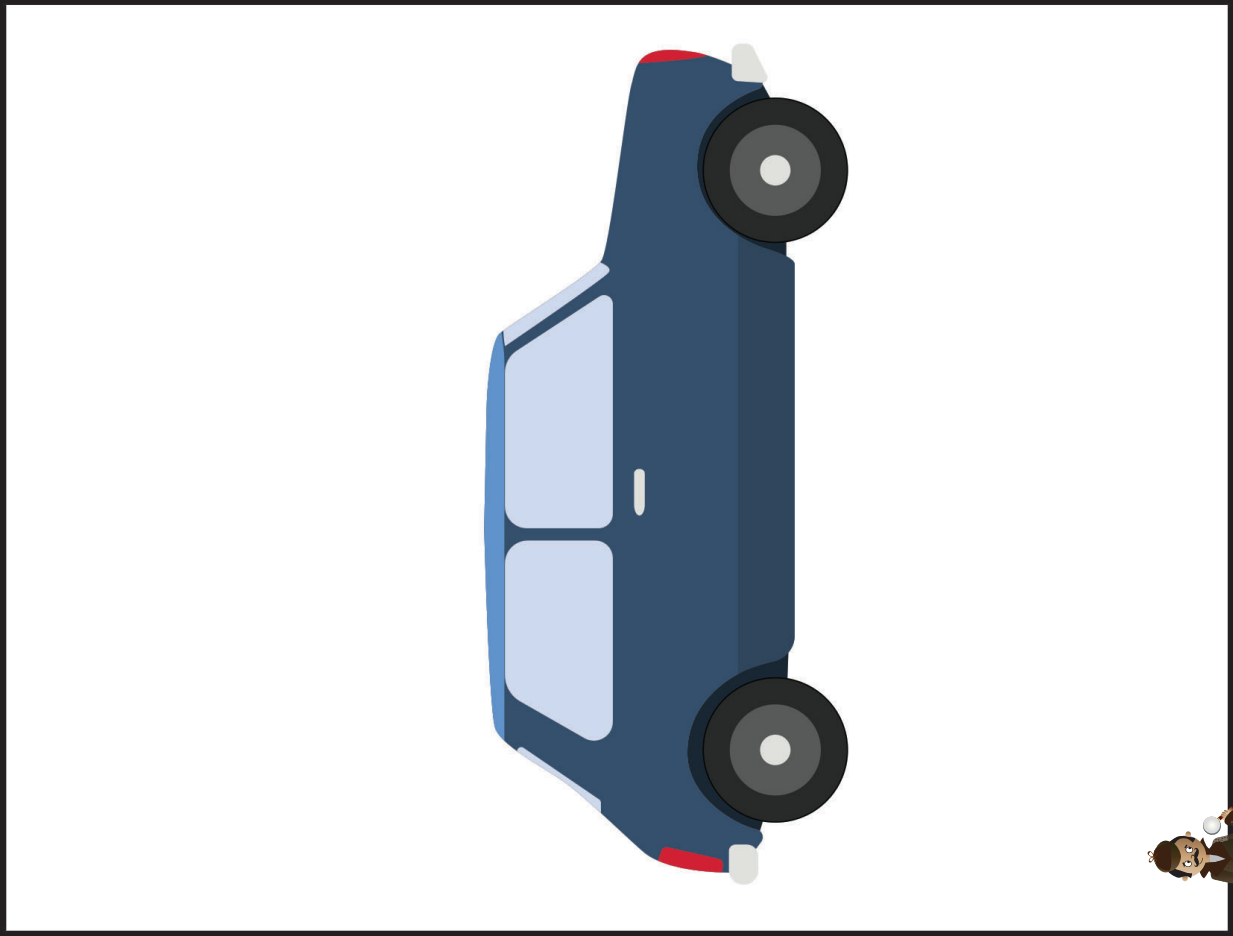
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A Letter



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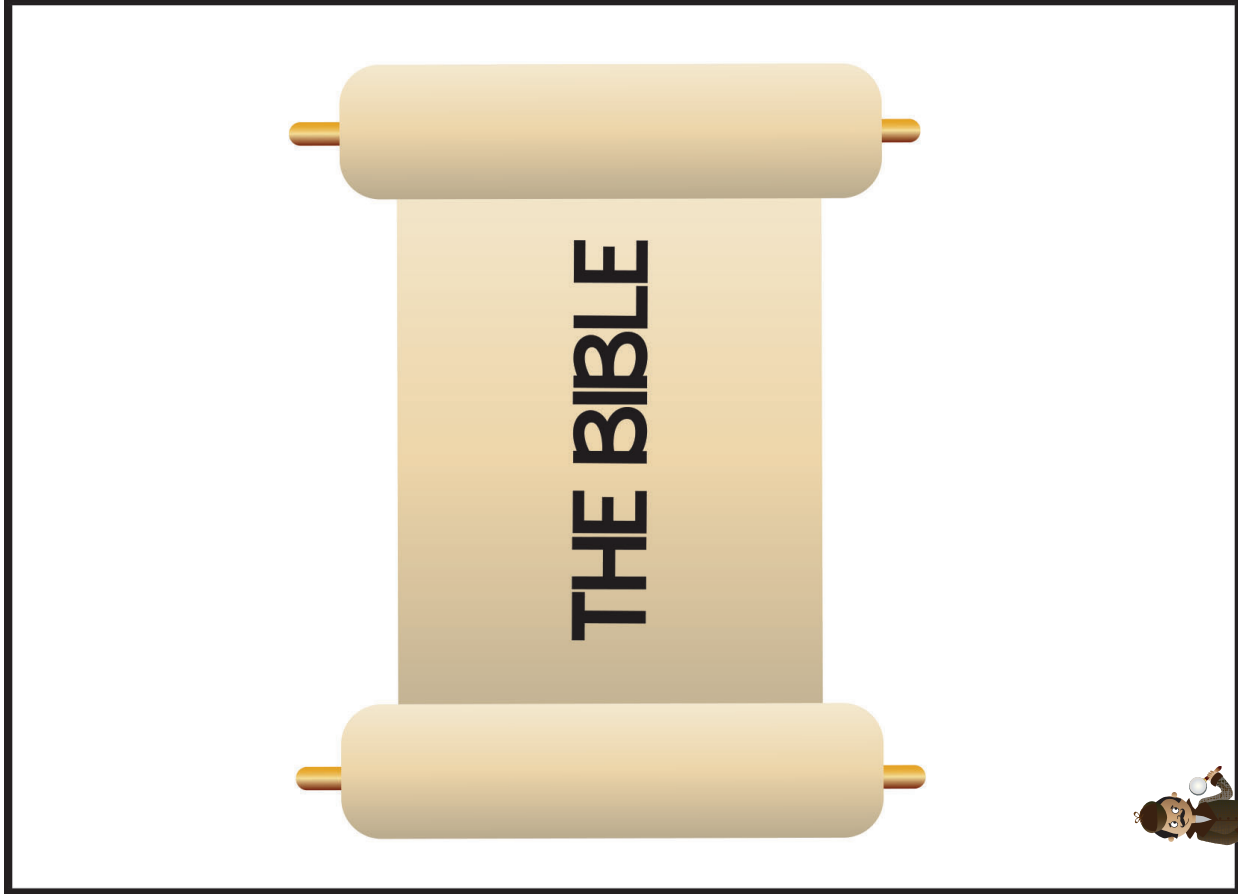
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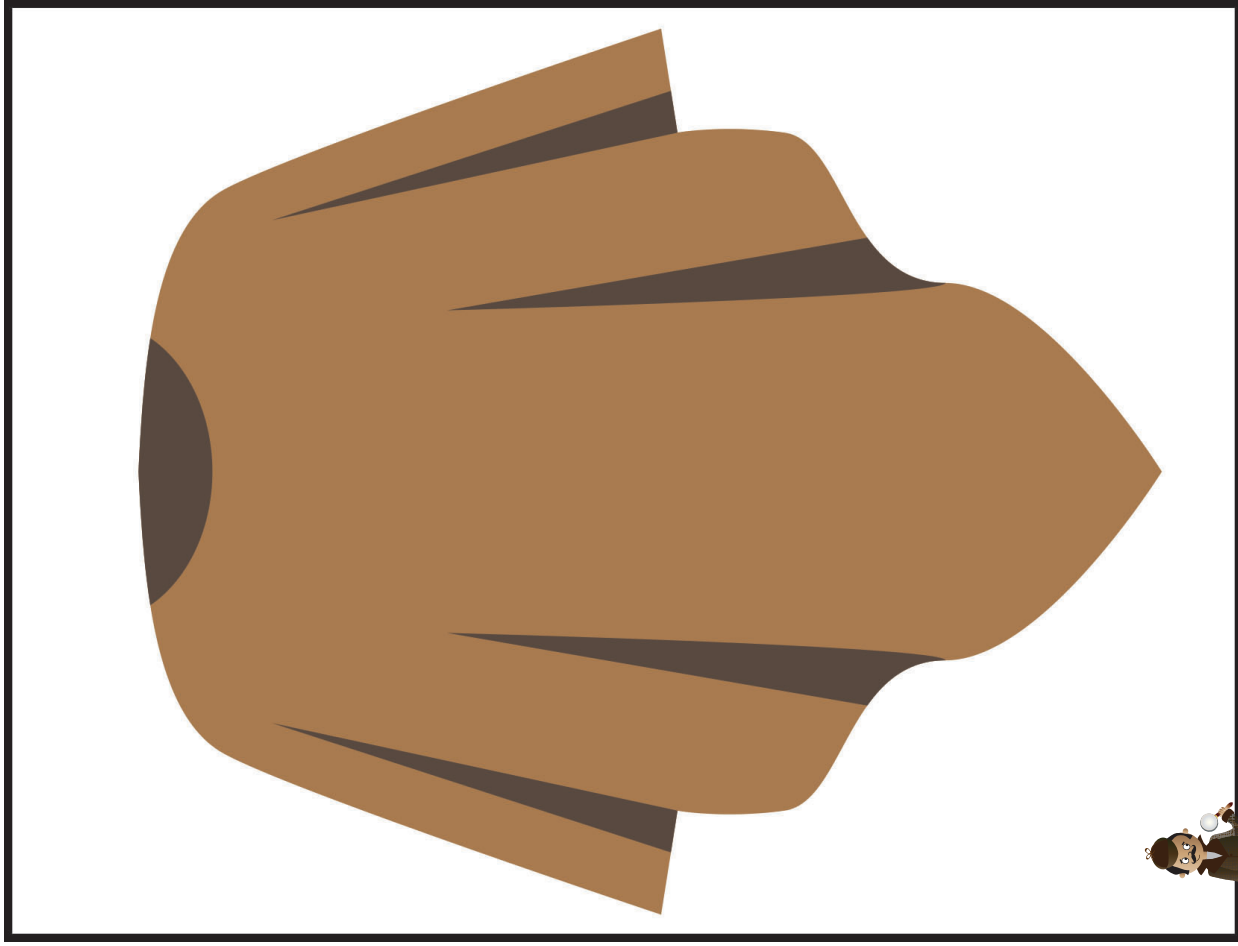
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God's Word



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