

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 16:

What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? and the Answer is: God Will Make Everything New!

Meaning:

Jesus is coming back one day. What a day it will be! This old world and its ways will come to an end. God will destroy it and sin and death with it. He will create a new, perfect world for His people to live in with Him forever.

It will be a beautiful, happy place where there will never be anything sad or bad in it...ever! God's people will live there with Jesus as their king. Here on earth, they know God in their hearts; but there, they will see Him face-to-face. Think of your favorite thing to do. Life with Jesus will be better than this. Think of your favorite place to be. Life with Jesus in the new world will be better than that! Think of your favorite person to be with. Living with Jesus will be far better than that! There will never be anything better than living with God like this!

What a wonderful day that will be for God's people! What a wonderful day that will be for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

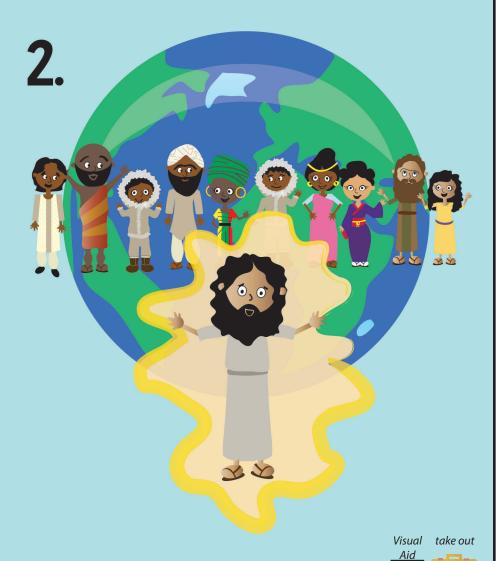
Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A I6 Song

DDD NIV Songs 16, track 12 (adapted version of "The Bear Went Over the Mountain)

What will happen when Jesus comes back? What will happen when Jesus comes back? What will happen when Jesus comes back? God will make everything new.

God will make everything new, God will make everything new.



DDD 16 Unit All Bible Truths--Front

This Unit's Bible Truths

"God Will Make Everything New" 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 TWO Bible truths that all tell us more about the good things that God made.

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

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, we've learned one truth about Jesus coming back. It's this one: "Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly" (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 four 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 2:

What Will Happen
When Jesus Comes Back?
God Will Make
Everything New...

God's People Will ????? Happily with God Forever!

HINT: Where someone makes their home? It starts with an "I" and it rhymes with "give."



ANSWER:

God's People Will LIVE Happily with God Forever!

DDD 16.2 Bible Truth

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:

"What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?
God Will Make Everything New!
God's People Will ???? Happily with God Forever!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "Where someone makes their home? It starts with an "I" and it rhymes with "give."

Can you guess? It's "give."

So, the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New! God's People Will <u>LIVE</u> Happily with God Forever!" And here is what this Bible Truth means: (read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

Have you ever been to a wedding? If you have, perhaps you've watched how happy the bride (woman) and groom (man) are to get married. They love each other so much and love being together. They are so happy on their wedding day! It's the day they begin to live the rest of their lives together.

The Bible says that Jesus is like a groom waiting for the day of His wedding. Not because He's going to get married to a woman, but because He is waiting to be joined forever with God's people, whom He loves so much. They are like a bride to Him.

At the end of world, it will be like a wedding day for Jesus and God's people. That will be the day when, at last, Jesus and God's people start living together in the new heaven and earth, He's creating for them. There will be a great celebration called the Wedding Feast of the Lamb ("the Lamb" is a nickname for Jesus that reminds God's people that He died to save them). What a lot there will be to celebrate! Jesus will rule as king forever. All of God's people will love Him and obey Him all the time. There will never be any sadness or hurting or dying anymore. Best of all, God's people will be completely filled up with knowing and enjoying God and each other in a way that can only be described as Perfect Wonderfulness. And it will be like this forever and ever and ever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

DDD 16, Bible Truth 2--Back



"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready."

Revelation 19:6-7

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:

Revelation 19:6-7 tells us:

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"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready."

Learn a Little: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."

What does that mean?

This song is full of Bible words! "Hallelujah" is a Bible word that means "Praise the Lord." That's exactly what God's people will be doing when Jesus comes back to take them home to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever!

"The Lamb" is a nickname for Jesus, who died on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus has given God's people the nickname of "His Bride." They are His special people who He loves so much and will be joined to them forever. How happy they will live together, forever and ever. They will rejoice with a big celebration! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Hallelujah: Revelation 19:6-7

DDD NIV Songs 16, track 21

Then God said, "Let us make man, Let us make man in our own image." Then God said, "Let us make man, Let us make man in our own image." Male and female, He created them, Male and female, He created them.

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"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 Promise Keeper" Isaiah 1,2,6,24,25,49,52-53,60,65,66; Daniel 3; Revelation 21



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

I. What promises were the people of Israel waiting to come true?

2. Who has come and will come again, so that all these promises come true?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Revelation 19:6-7, NIV

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."

I. Who were the people of Israel looking forward to coming and being their Forever King?

2. What was the name of that king? What will it be like when He comes back?

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



I. "Promises, promises! When will the LORD ever give us what He promised?" the people of Israel wanted to know. Long ago, the LORD promised Abraham that a son from his family, the people of Israel, would bless all peoples in the world. But where was this special blessing? He STILL had not come!



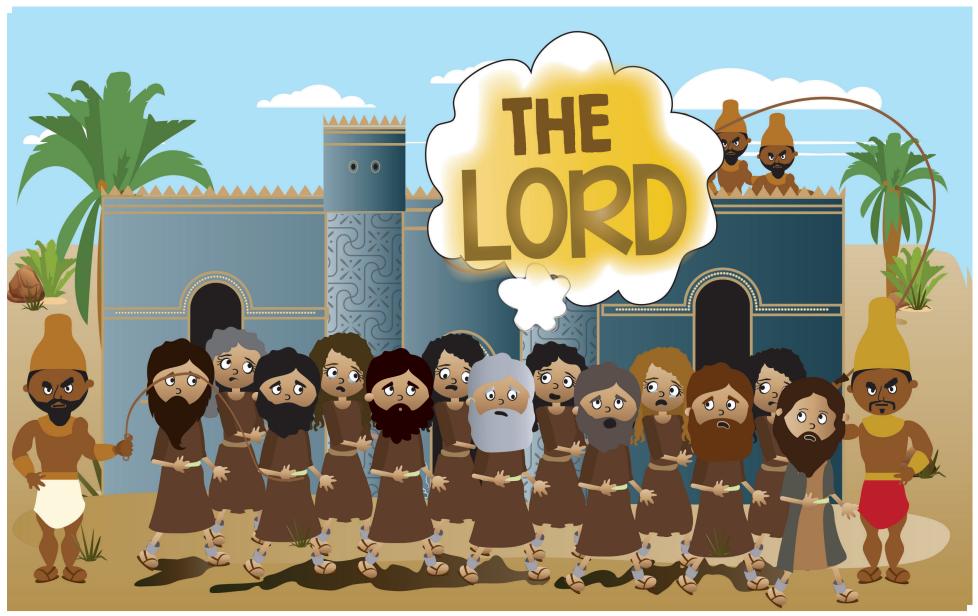
2. Promises, promises! The LORD promised this son would also come from King David's family. He would be the Forever King and would rule over God's people for all eternity. How happy would life be with Him in charge!



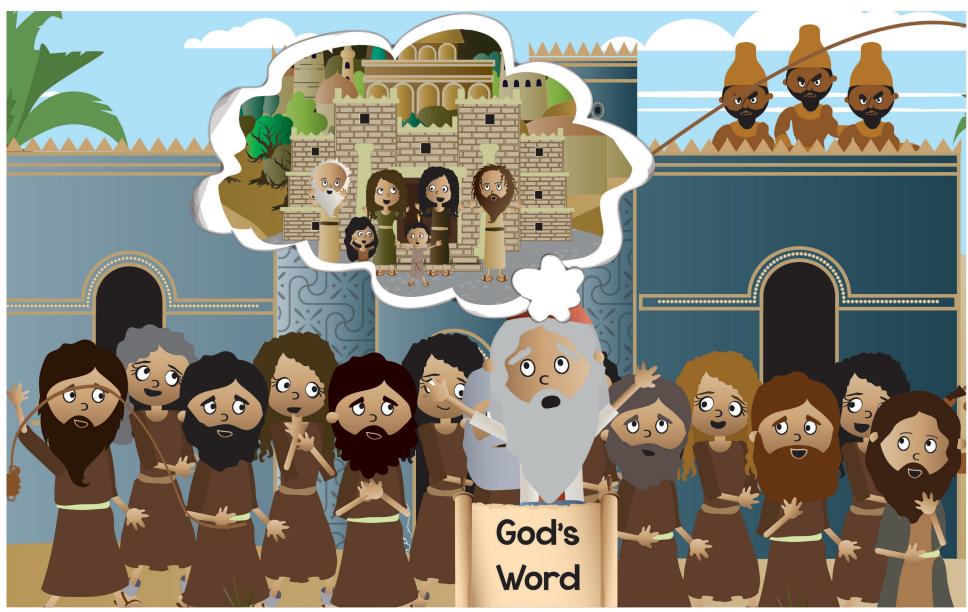
3. No wonder the people longed for this special Son to come. Their lives were so unhappy, and it was their own fault. Instead of keeping God's good laws, they had chosen to break them, again and again. Instead of worshiping the LORD, they had chosen to worship fake gods, again and again. And, instead of learning God's Word, they had chosen to forget it, again and again. So, instead of pouring out His blessings upon them, the LORD had to discipline them, again and again.



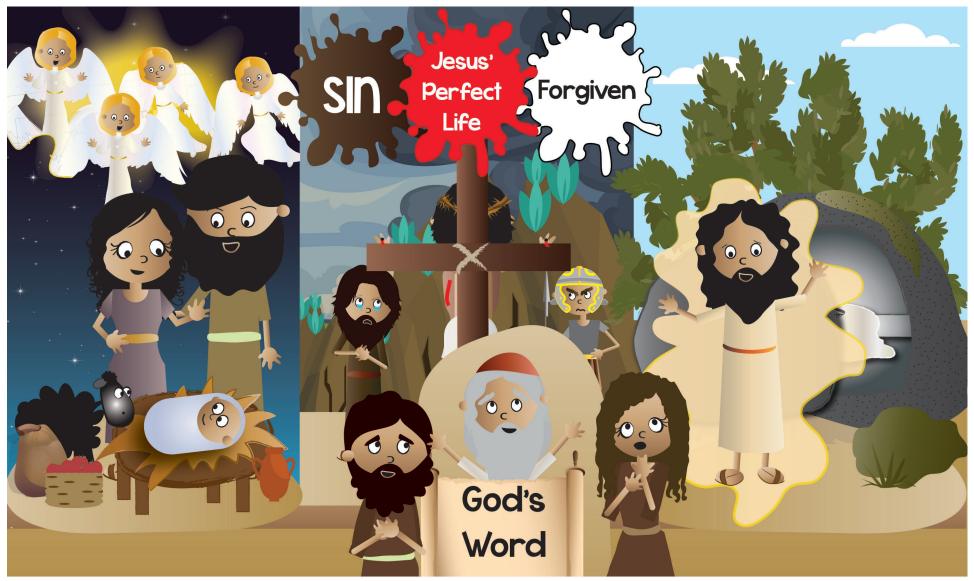
4. "March, march, march!" came the mighty soldiers of Babylon into Judah and Jerusalem. "Crash, smash, burn!" down went their houses, and even the Temple, the LORD's beautiful worship place. Then, "Tromp, tromp, tromp," off went the people of Israel to Babylon, where they had to work hard for their enemies.



5. How sad the people of Israel were in the faraway land of their enemies! But they knew this was the LORD's punishment, and they knew they deserved it. Now, they were so very, very sorry. They wanted to turn back to the LORD, but was it too late? Were God's promises to them really gone?



6. The LORD gave them His answer through His prophets, Isaiah and Daniel. It was good news. "Though your sins are so many, I, Myself, will provide the way for you to be forgiven," the LORD told the people. "I have not forgotten My promises. I will keep them all. I won't punish you forever. When seventy years have passed, I will bring you back home," He promised them.



7. That was great news, but the LORD had more, even BETTER news for them: "A son of Abraham will STILL come and bless all the peoples of the world. This son of David will STILL come and rule as the Forever King," the LORD promised. "But He won't be just a son of Abraham and a son of David," the LORD said. "He will be MY Son, the Son of God. He will die for the sins of all My people. Then, He will rise from the dead, in victory over sin and death," the LORD comforted them.



8. "Then, at the end of time, My Son will return to earth," the LORD promised. "He will judge all people fairly. Those who have NOT turned to the LORD will be separated from God forever. The time to receive God's forgiveness will be passed for them. It will be a very, very sad day for those people."



9. "But how wonderful it will be for God's people, all who turned away from their sins and trusted in Him as their Savior. I will create a new heaven and earth for them to live in with Me. It will be a wonderful, new world of perfect happiness," the LORD said through His prophets.



10. "NEVER will there be sadness or death. NEVER will anyone disobey Me anymore. They will delight to worship Me," the LORD told the people of Israel. "And the Forever King, will rule on and on, and God's people will live in the bright light of His glory forever," the LORD promised the people.



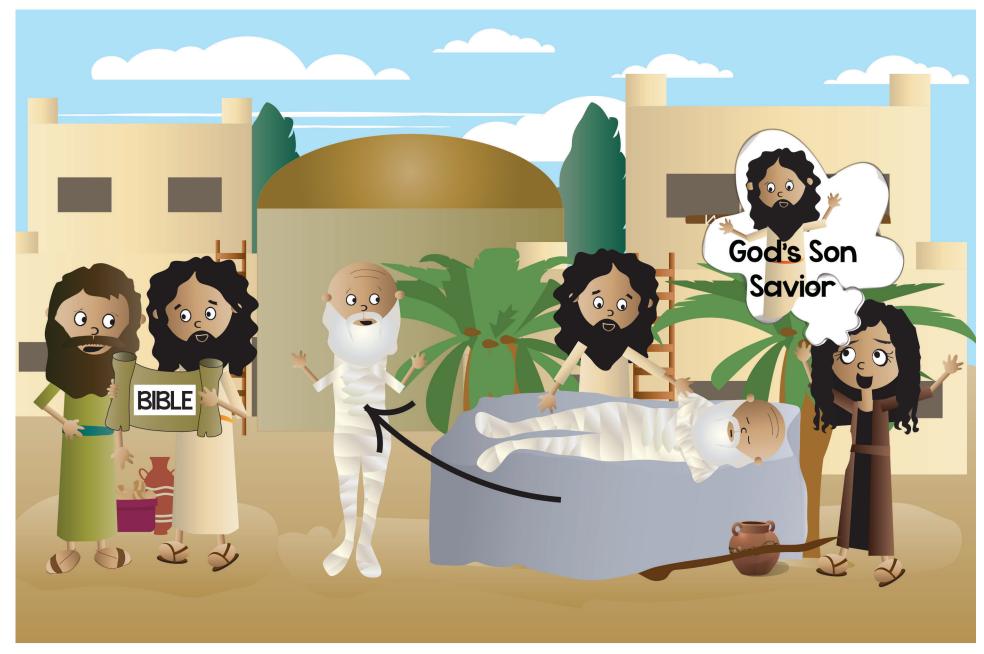
II. Oh, what wonderful promises these were for those people of Israel, far away in the land of their enemies! How good the LORD is to His people! His love is more than they could ever deserve. God WOULD forgive and save all who turned back to Him in faith and repentance.



12. Promises, promises. Did God keep His promises to the people of Israel? Yes, He did! At just the right time, the LORD rescued them from their enemies and led them back home to Jerusalem. There was so much to do, but oh, how good it was to be home!



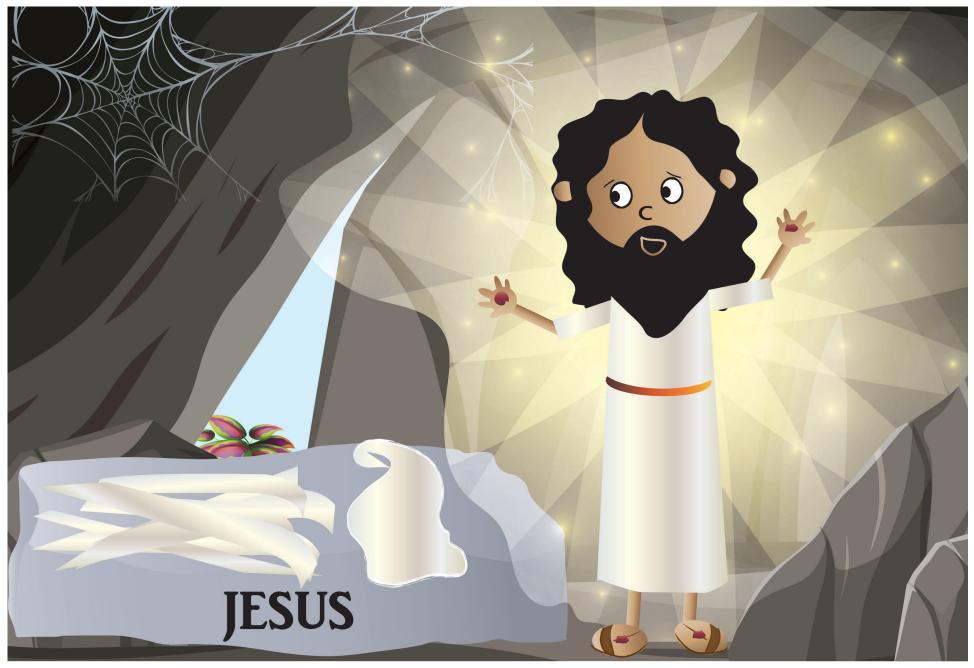
13. And, at just the right time, God sent the special Son-Abraham's son, David's son, GOD'S SON! He came to bless all the peoples of the world, and to save God's people from their sins. He was born in Bethlehem one night, and angels sang and rejoiced at His birth. Do you know His name? I bet you do! It's Jesus!



I4. That little baby, Jesus, grew up to be a man, a perfect man -- the ONLY person who never, ever disobeyed God. He taught about God and He did amazing things.



15. He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people and was buried in a cave-grave.



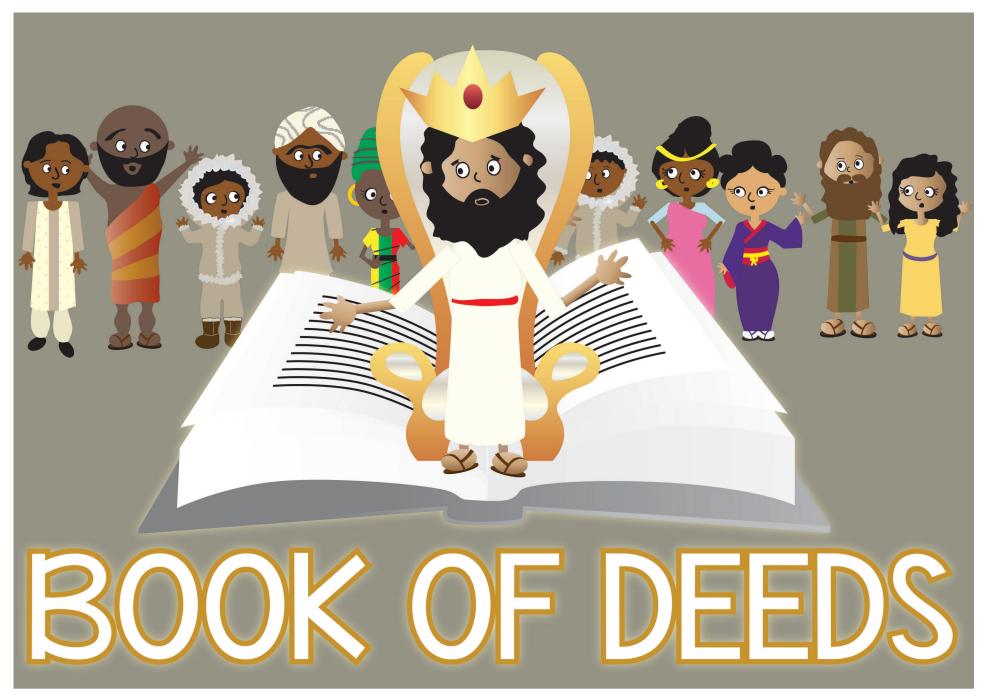
16. But on Day Three, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people!



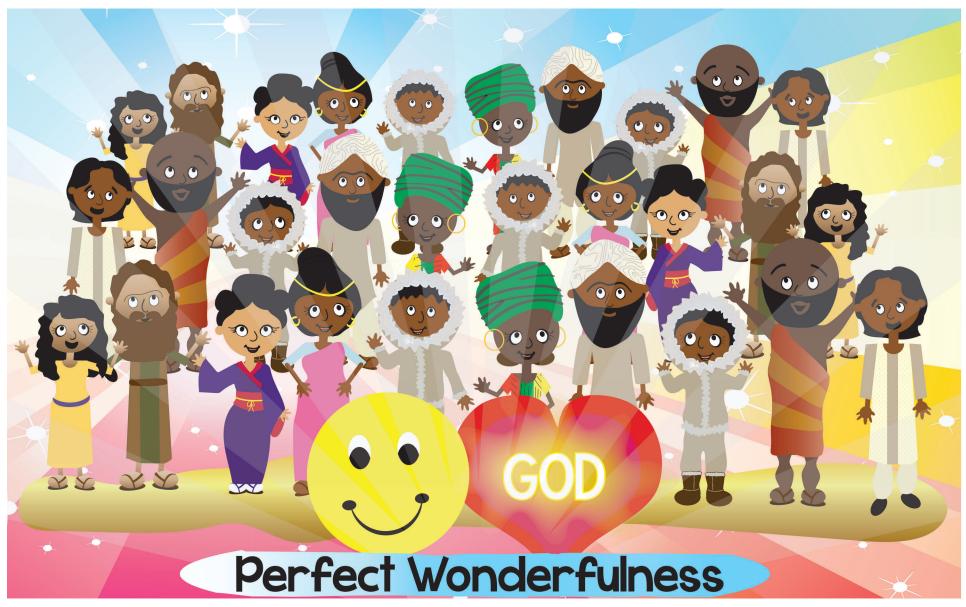
17. For forty days, Jesus spent time with His disciples, teaching them many things. Then, up to heaven, Jesus went, and He is there now, ruling as the Forever King.



18. Promises, promises. One day, God will keep the last of His promises. On that wonderful day, Jesus will come back to this world again. Everyone will see Him as He comes through the clouds.



19. Jesus will judge all people fairly, and then, this old, broken world will be destroyed.



20. God will create a new, perfect world in its place. And in this wonderful, new home, God's people will live with God forever. At last, they will get to know and enjoy Him fully. At last, they will get to know and enjoy each other fully, too. Sickness, sadness, sin, and death will be gone forever. It will be Perfect Wonderfulness that will never end. Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

I. What promises were the people of Israel waiting to

God's promise to send a Son who would bless all nations come true? and who would be the Forever King.

2. Who has come and will come again, so that all these promises come true? Jesus!

Like the people of Israel, we have all chosen to disobey God we all deserve His punishment. But through Jesus, God offers forgiveness for our sins. And the same promises that the people of Israel were waiting to come true will be promises that we're waiting to come true, too. What a wonderful day it will be when Jesus comes back to reign as the great, Forever King! God's people live with Him forever. It can be a happy day for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Revelation 19:6-7. NIV

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I. Who were the people of Israel looking forward to coming and being their Forever King?

A special son God would send.

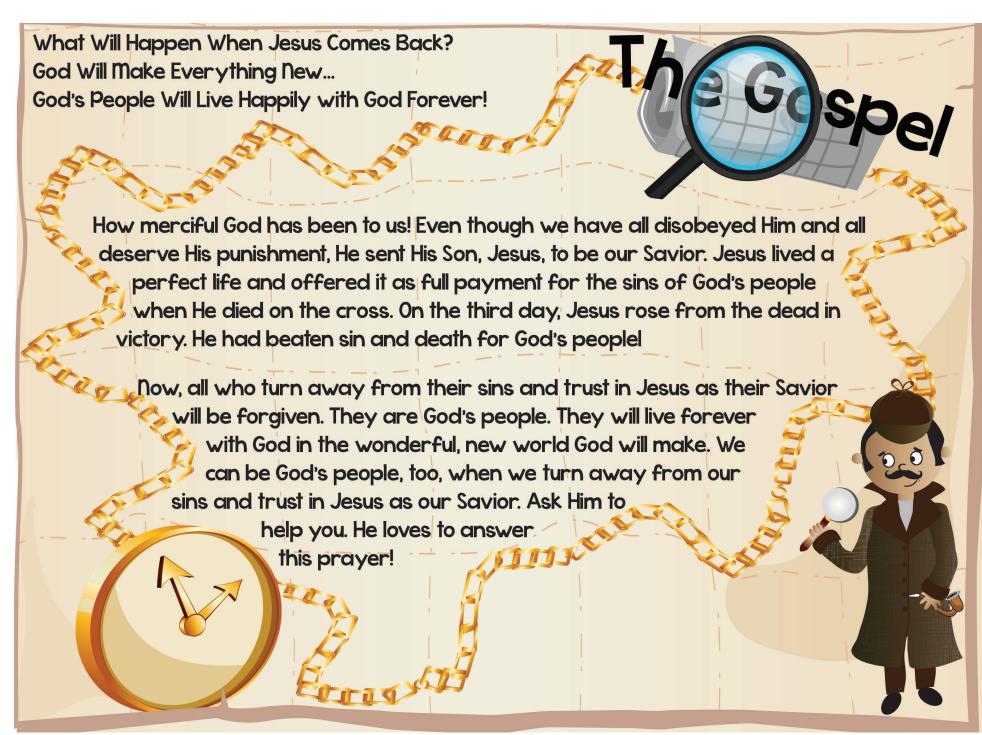
2. What was the name of that king? What will it be like when He comes back?

Jesus is the name of that Forever King. He will do away with sin and death. He will create a new heaven and earth to replace this broken one. Jesus will live together with God's people forever. How happy they will be!

For You and Me:

The day Jesus comes back will be a great day of celebration for God's people. They look forward to living with Him forever. They look forward to sin and death been gone forever. We can become God's people, too. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be able to look forward to celebrating on that day and living with Jesus forever, too.





A Prayer

- A We praise You, Jesus! You are the great King who now rules over everything in heaven and will return one day. You will do away with sin, sadness, and death. You will be the great King over the new heaven and earth forever.
- C Jesus, we know that we disobey You and God's good laws. We can never be good enough on our own to deserve to live with You when You return. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, Jesus, that we can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Thank You for promising to get rid of sin, sadness, and death when You come back again. Thank You that You will create a perfect, new world for God's people to enjoy with You forever.
- S Work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You today. Help us to look forward to the day when You come back and make all things new. Come back soon. Jesus!

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.