

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 14

Simple Story Scenes, ESV

**The God Who Delights
in Our Prayers**



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Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

There are five companion resources for each of the sixteen units of Deep Down Detectives. Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Deep Down Detectives resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

Make sure to check out the “Bits and Pieces” section of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum online. It has all of the resources separated out making it easy for you simply to pick, choose and print out whatever you want.

Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, easy-to-use, colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene is printed on the bottom of each scene.

Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource includes only 2-page overview for Bible Truth, the story scenes, and take home sheets. This is a great, basic resource for use at home and in many classroom teaching situations.

Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

Deep Down Detectives Large Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards 36" x 48" in size.

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

Unit 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

UNIT OVERVIEW

Prayer is talking and listening to God. It's how God's people enjoy more of the special closeness they have with Him. It is a little bit like the forever happiness they will have with God when they live with Him in heaven.

God's people pray to God every night and day...and many times in between. There is so much to talk to Him about and God always wants to listen!

God's people tell God how wonderful He is. They say sorry for how they have disobeyed Him. They thank Him for all He's done for them and others. They ask Him to do great things. God's people want to stay close to God because He is the most wonderful person anyone can ever know.

In this unit we will learn four truths about prayer.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Philippians 4:5,6, ESV

"The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: How Does God Want Us to Pray?

ANSWER: Every Night and Day...

OPTIONAL Big Question 14 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 14 Material)

Story: The Case of the Man Not Stopped by Big Teeth *Daniel 6*

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:5,6, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 1: He Wants Us to Praise Him (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Middle of the Mess

2 Chronicles 19-20

Bible Verse: Psalm 40:16, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 2: He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Slow Sorry

2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21

Bible Verse: Psalm 32:5, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 3: He Wants Us to Thank Him (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You *Jonah*

Bible Verse: Psalm 107: 8, NIV 1984

BIBLE TRUTH 4: He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Daring Pray-ers *Acts 3-4*

Bible Verse: Psalm 17:6, ESV

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum. You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

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

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

UNIT 14: THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS

- 12 Big Q & A 14 Song
- 13 Big Question 14 Song: How Does God Want Us to Pray?
- 14 Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: Don't Be Anxious Philippians 4:5-6, ESV
- 15 *Extra Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: The Lord Is at Hand Philippians 4:5-6, ESV*
- 16 *Extra Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: At Hand Philippians 4:5-6, ESV*
- 17 *Extra Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: When You Pray Say Father Luke 11:2-4, ESV*
- 18 Big Question 14 Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus v.1
- 19 Big Question 14 Praise Song: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day...

Bible Truth 1: He Wants Us to Praise Him

- 20 Bible Verse: May All Who Seek You Rejoice Psalm 40:16, ESV
- 21 *Extra Bible Verse: Make a Joyful Noise Psalm 100:1-6 ESV*
- 22 *Extra Bible Verse: Noise, Noise, Noise Psalm 100:1-4. ESV (other version)*
- 23 *Extra Bible Verse: Proclaim the Name Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV*
- 24 *Extra Bible Verse: I Will Proclaim Deuteronomy 32:4 HCSB*

Bible Truth 2: He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins

- 25 Bible Verse: I Acknowledged My Sin Psalm 32:5, ESV
- 26 *Extra Bible Verse: Help Us, O God of Our Salvation Psalm 79:9, ESV*

Bible Truth 3: He Wants Us to Thank Him

- 27 Bible Verse: Give Thanks Psalm 107:8, NIV 1984
- 28 *Extra Bible Verse: Give Thanks to the LORD Psalm 105:1,2, ESV*
- 29 *Extra Bible Verse: Bless the LORD, O My Soul Psalm 103:1-5, ESV*

Bible Truth 4: He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things

- 30 Bible Verse: I Call On You, O God Psalm 17:6, ESV
- 31 *Extra Bible Verse: Give Ear to My Words, O LORD Psalm 5:1-3, ESV*
- 32 *Extra Bible Verse: I Will Do Whatever You Ask in My Name John 14:13, ESV*
- 33 *Extra Bible Verse: Incline Your Ear Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV*
- 34 *Extra Bible Verse: Though the Earth Give Way Psalm 46:1,2, ESV*
- 35 *Extra Bible Verse: Take Up the Whole Armor Ephesians 6:13,16-18, ESV*
- 36 *Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11-12, ESV*

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Unit 14,

Bible Truth 1

Story Scene Pictures

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 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day!!

Unit Bible Verse: "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." -- Philippians 4:5,6, ESV

Bible Truth 1 Concept: He Wants Us to Praise Him

Prayer is talking to God and listening to Him. Prayer is a little taste of the forever happiness God's people will have with Him in heaven.

God's people praise God when they pray. They think about what God is like and they tell Him how wonderful He is. God's people praise Him for being their Maker. They praise Him for being all-powerful and all-loving. They praise Him for knowing everything and using all their sadnesses for good. They praise Him for being holy. Most of all, they praise Him for being their Savior. In heaven, God's people will praise God forever and ever. They will never run out of ways to praise Him.

We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God wants us to praise Him, too!

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Psalm 40:16, ESV

"May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

Learn a Little: "Rejoice and be glad, say, "Great is the LORD!"

Meaning

God's people love to think about God and praise His name! He is the one, true God. He is so great, and He has been so very good to them! He has saved them from their sins through Jesus!

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God. You are the great, one, true God, yet You invite us to talk to You. How amazing!
- C** God, You alone are God, and how very good You are! Yet, we so often do not praise You as You deserve. We forget who You are and what You have done. Too often, we think more about ourselves than You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for always deserving our praise! You never change! You treat us so much better than we could ever deserve! You are so patient with us! You give us so many reasons to praise You every day.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to praise You throughout the day. Fill our hearts with love for You. Help us live our lives for You so that others can see how good You are and will want to praise You, too. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story

The Case of the Middle of the Mess
2 Chronicles 19-20

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 14 Song

Big Question 14 Song: How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: Don't Be Anxious Philippians 4:5-6, ESV

Extra Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: The Lord Is at Hand Philippians 4:5-6, ESV

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Big Question 14 Praise Song: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Noise, Noise, Noise Psalm 100:1-4. ESV

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"The Case of the Middle of the Mess" 2 Chronicles 19-20 1-2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was stuck in the middle between strong enemies? What (trouble) mess were they in?
2. Who got them out of the mess and how did He do it?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 40:16, ESV

"May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

1. Who praised the LORD for being so great?
2. What did He do that was so great?

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

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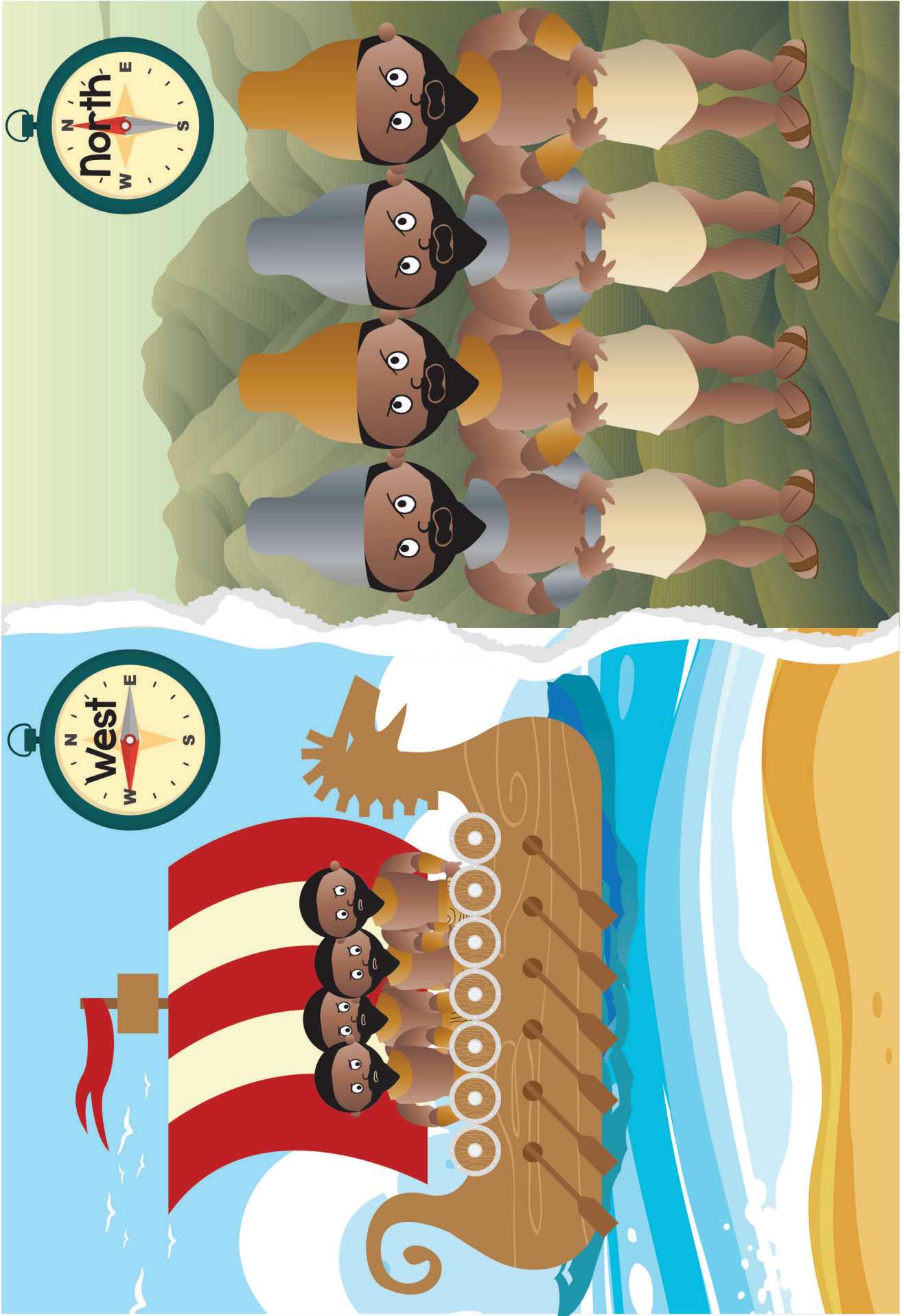
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2. King Jehoshaphat may have had a funny-sounding name, but let me tell you, he had to face some very scary things that were not funny at all! You see, Jehoshaphat was king in the little land of Israel which was surrounded by lots of powerful enemies!



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6. Did King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel want their enemies to have their land? No, they certainly did not, and for some very good reasons.

THIS was the special land that the LORD had given the people of Israel to live in. THIS was the place where the Temple was --the LORD's special worship place. There was no other place in the whole world like Israel. THIS was the place where people could come praise the LORD, learn His Word, and live happily by His good laws.



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7. If these enemies came in and took the land, everything would change.

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8. King Jehoshaphat knew this. He loved the LORD very much. He wanted the land of Israel to stay a place where people worshiped the LORD, learned the Bible, and happily obeyed His laws.

So you can see, it would be a very, very, VERY bad thing for these enemies to come and take the land of Israel. And, you can see why King Jehoshaphat, the king with the very funny-sounding name, had to face something that was not funny at all.



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9. One day, King Jehoshaphat received some awful news.

“King Jehoshaphat! King Jehoshaphat! The three, powerful enemies in the east mountains have all joined together!” they exclaimed. “They are planning to attack us and take our land!” they told him.

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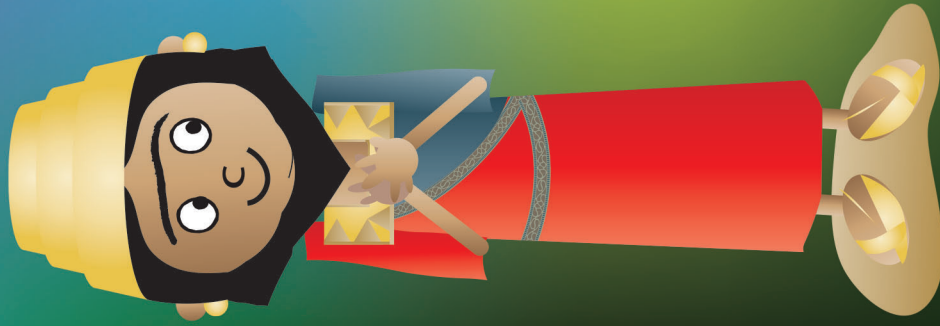
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II. But, even though he was afraid, and even though he knew that he and the people of Israel weren't strong enough to fight off all these big enemies, King Jehoshaphat DID know who WAS strong enough.

Do you know who? I bet you can guess. It was the LORD! HE was strong enough to fight off even the strongest enemies!



THE LORD

II. But, even though he was afraid, and even though he knew that he and the people of Israel weren't strong enough to fight off all these big enemies, King Jehoshaphat DID know who WAS strong enough. Do you know who? I bet you can guess. It was the LORD! HE was strong enough to fight off even the strongest enemies!

12. So, King Jehoshaphat gathered all the people together in Jerusalem at the Temple, the LORD's special worship place. And there, he led them in praising the LORD: "LORD, You are God in heaven. You rule over everyone, even all of our enemies. You are so powerful that no one can beat You!" he exclaimed.



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13. Then King Jehoshaphat prayed: "LORD, You gave us this land, and now our enemies want to take it away. We can't beat them. They are too powerful for us. We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on You. Please help us!" he pleaded.

Would the LORD hear their prayers? Would He help them?



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14. Yes, indeed! The LORD heard their prayers and answered them through Jahaziel, a teacher of God's Word.

"Listen, King Jehoshaphat and people of Israel! The LORD says to you: "Don't be afraid or worried about all these enemies. The battle is Mine, not yours. I will fight it for you. Go out and face your enemies tomorrow. Have faith in Me and watch Me save you," the LORD promised.



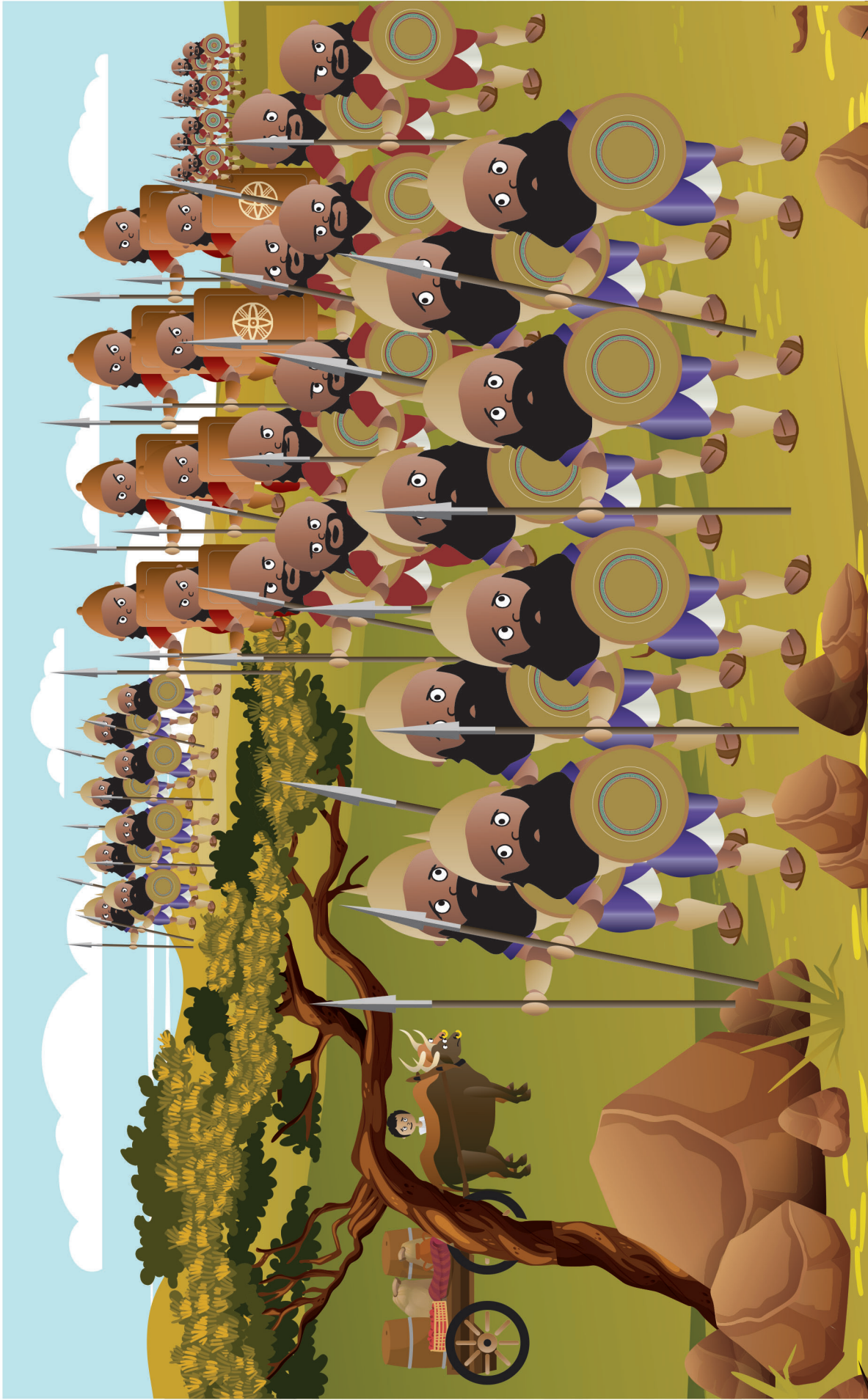
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**15. How happy were King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel!
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16. The people of Israel went out early the next morning to face their enemies. Oh, what a lot of enemies there were! All were fierce and all were ready to fight. And they had come with all of their packed things. They were sure they would beat the soldiers of Israel and make Israel their new home that very day!



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17. But King Jehoshaphat and the people stood firm.

“Believe in the LORD,” King Jehoshaphat told the people. “Teachers of God’s Word, walk in front of our soldiers. Sing and praise the LORD,” he ordered.

Everyone did what the king told them to do. The teachers stepped out first; then, the soldiers came and stood behind them. They faced the enemy armies, and the teachers began to praise the LORD. “Give thanks to the LORD for He is faithful. His love never stops,” they sang.



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18. And as they sang, the LORD kept His promise. He caused the enemies to turn on each other and fight until they were all gone. The LORD had fought the battle and WON!

Then, how King Jehoshaphat and the people rejoiced! How they praised the LORD! Their enemies were gone! Their land was safe! They didn't have to be afraid anymore! And best of all, Israel would still be the place where people could praise the LORD, learn His Word, and live happily by His good laws.



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19. Once more King Jehoshaphat, the people, and the teachers of God's Word gathered together to praise the LORD. With harps, trumpets, and lyres they went back to the Temple and sang their joyful praises to the LORD. He was the great, one true God. He had rescued them from their strong enemies!

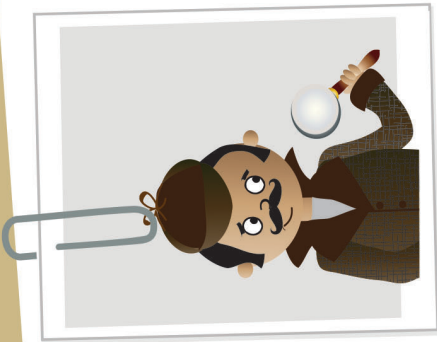


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DDD 14.1 Simple Story Scenes

"The Case of the Middle of the Mess" 2 Chronicles 19-20 1-2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was stuck in the middle between strong enemies? What (trouble) mess were they in?
King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel. Their strong enemies were planning to take their land and live in it, themselves.
2. Who got them out of the mess and how did He do it?
The LORD got them out of the mess. He fought for them. He got rid of their enemies and rescued them.

For You and Me:
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 40:16, ESV

"May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the LORD!'"

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King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel.
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The Gospel



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DDD 14.1 Simple Story Scenes

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How amazing!

C God, You alone are God, and how very good You are! Yet, we so often do
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done. Too often, we think more about ourselves than You. We need a
Savior.

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with us. You give us so many reasons to praise You every day.

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good You are and will want to praise You, too.

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DDD 14.1 Simple Story Scenes

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



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Meaning

This verse has two, big Bible words in it: "sin" and "iniquity." Both words mean the same thing: disobeying God. When we disobey God, we deserve His punishment. This is why we like to cover up the bad things we do. We don't want anyone to know about them, and we don't want to be punished for them. But our Bible verse tells us that God's people confess their sins to God, instead of covering them up. And what does God do then? He forgives them! God can forgive our sins, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. That's how we become God's people and that's how we live as God's people. That's very good news!

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Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the Slow Sorry *2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21*

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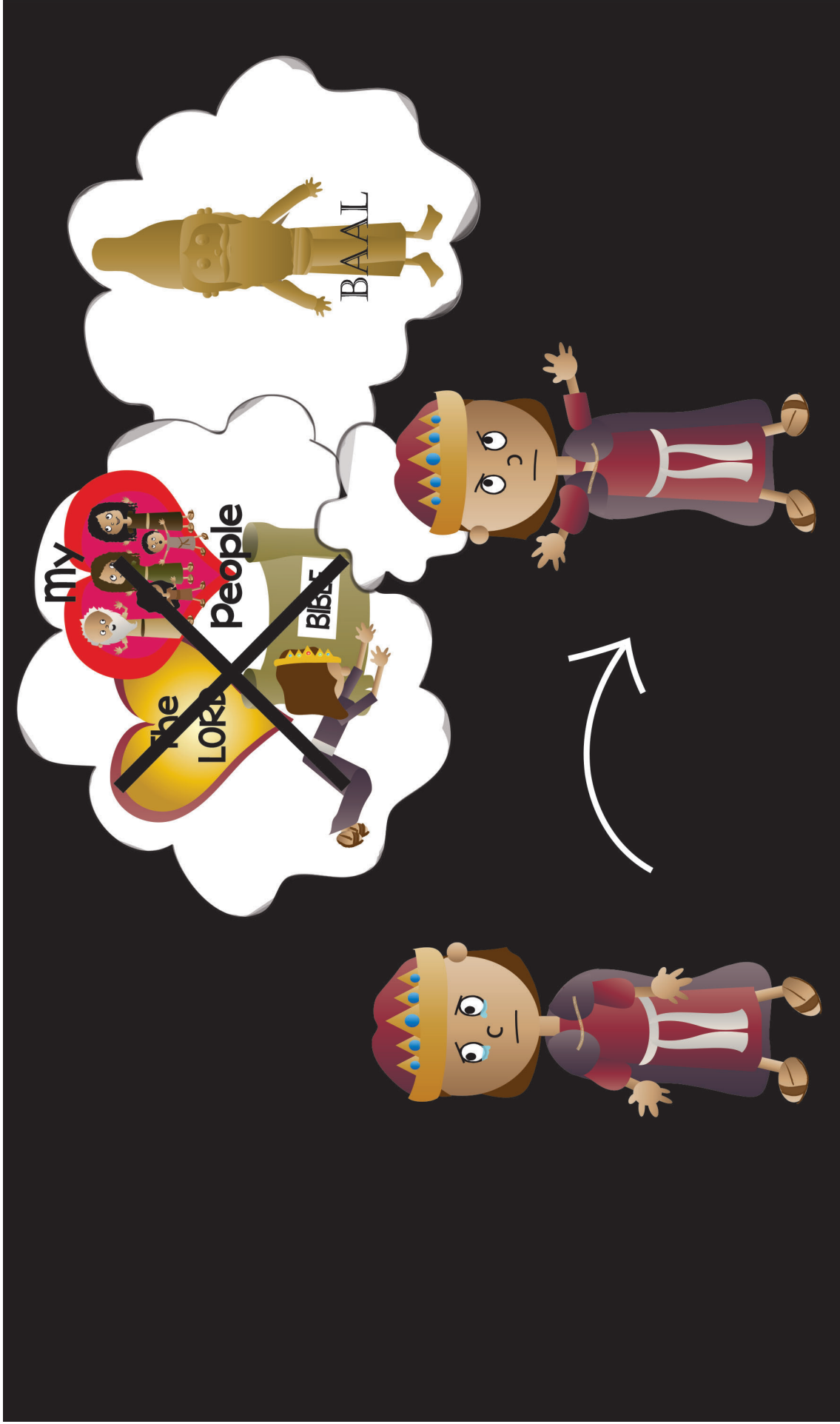
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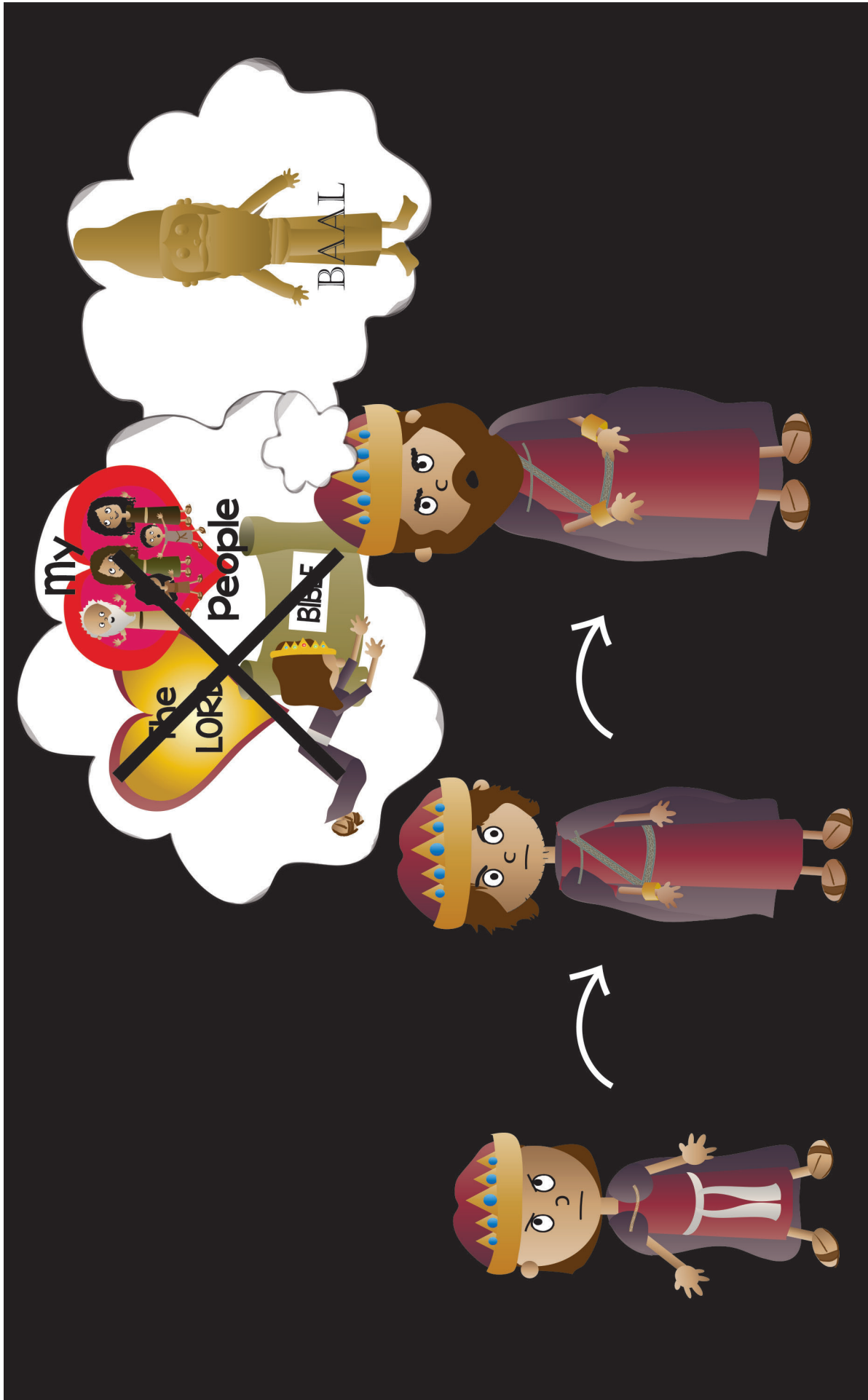


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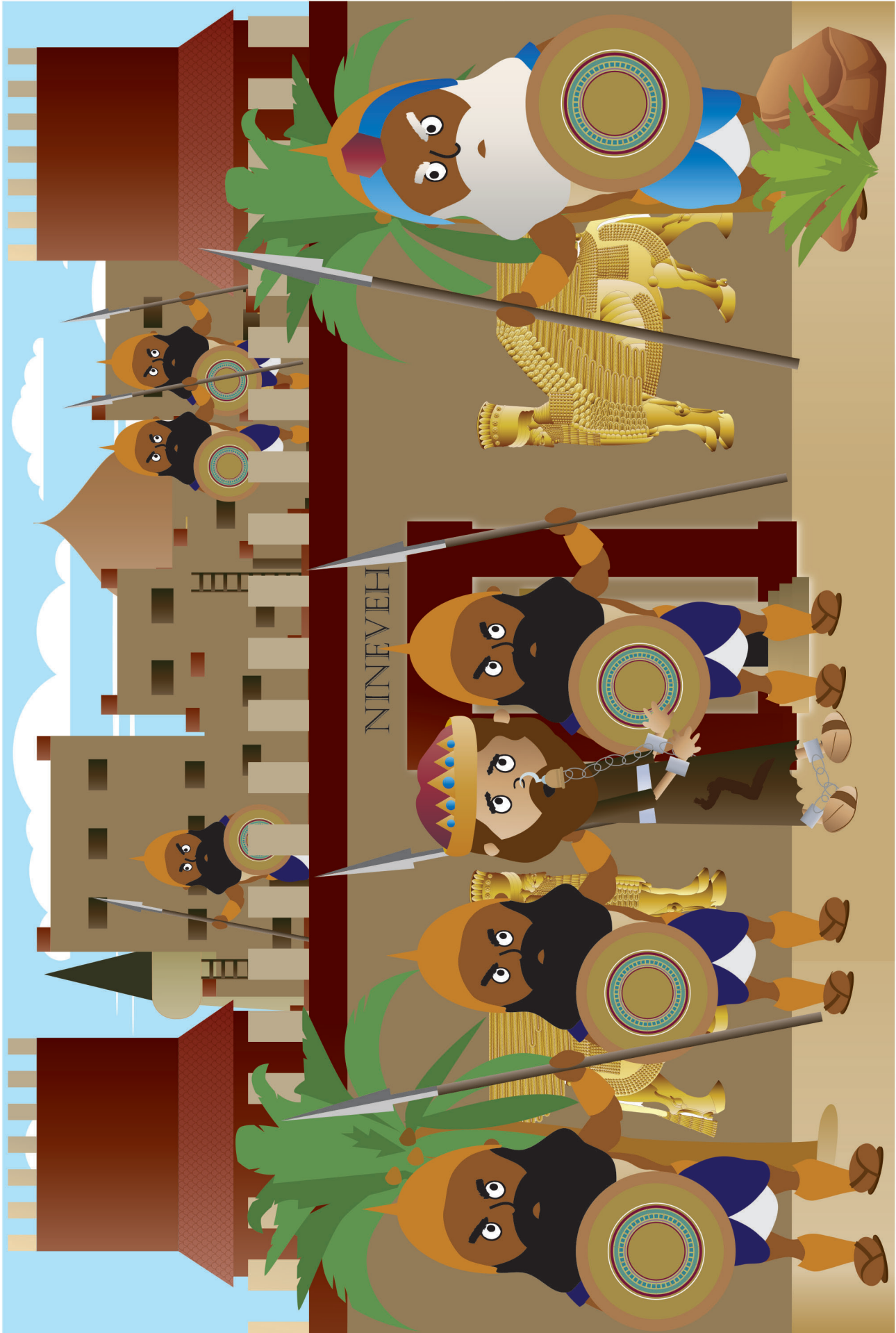
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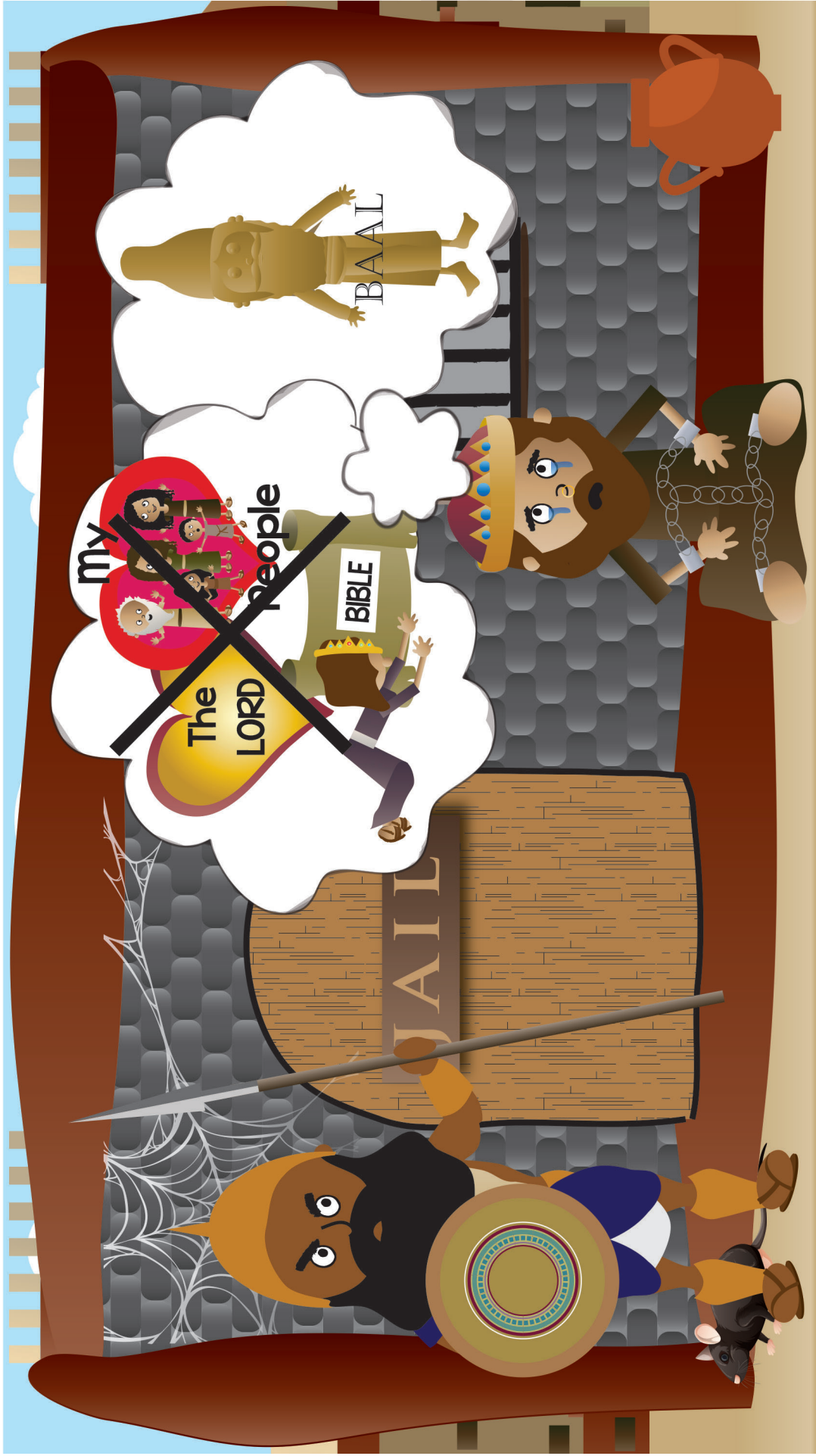


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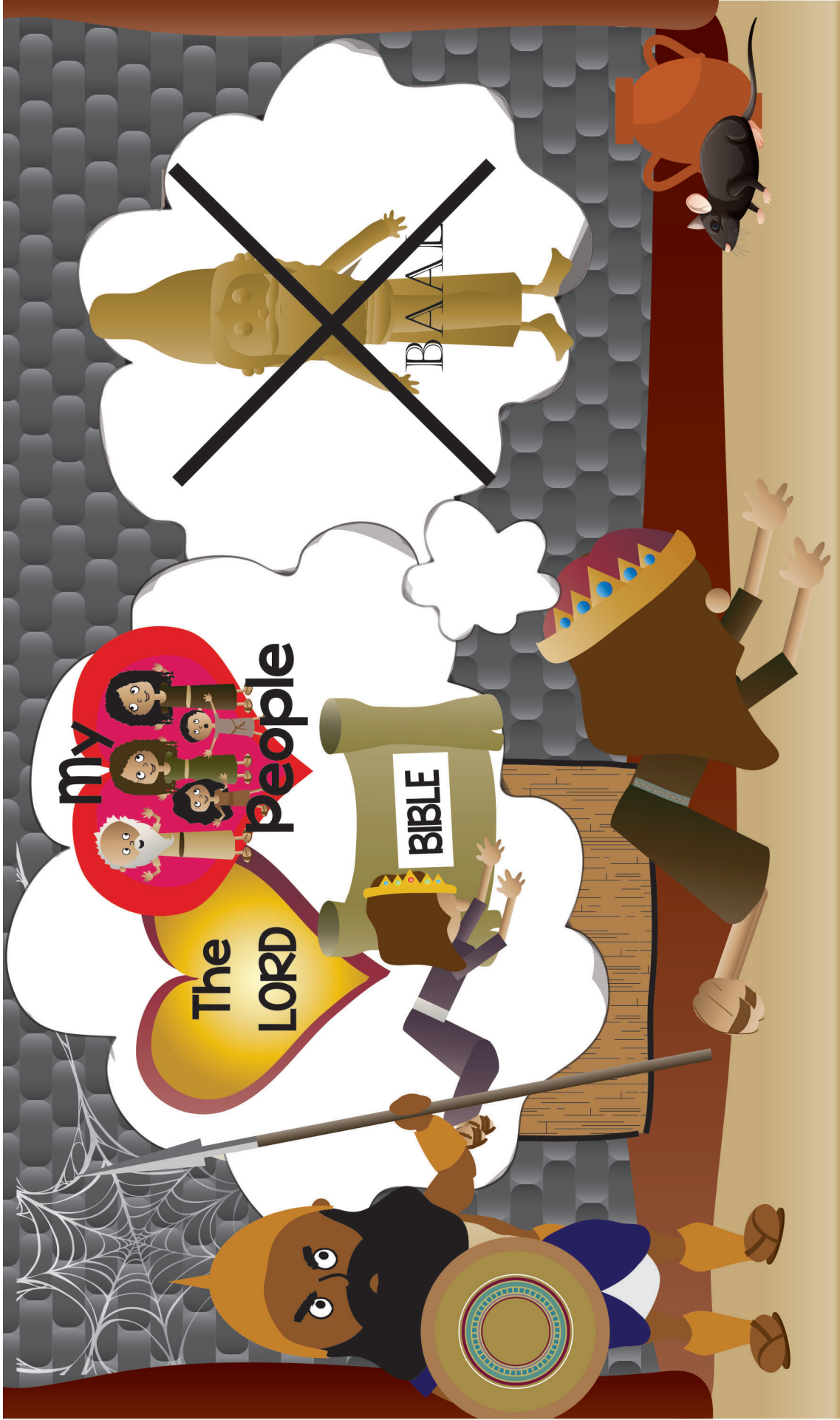
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Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Psalm 107:8, NIV 1984

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Learn a Little: "Give thanks to the LORD."

Meaning

God's people have so much to thank Him for! Every day they see His unfailing love in His good gifts to them. Every day they thank Him for wonderful deeds for His people. And what is the one they thank Him for most of all? That He sent His Son Jesus to die to save them! What a lot God's people have to thank Him for!

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

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“The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You” The Book of Jonah



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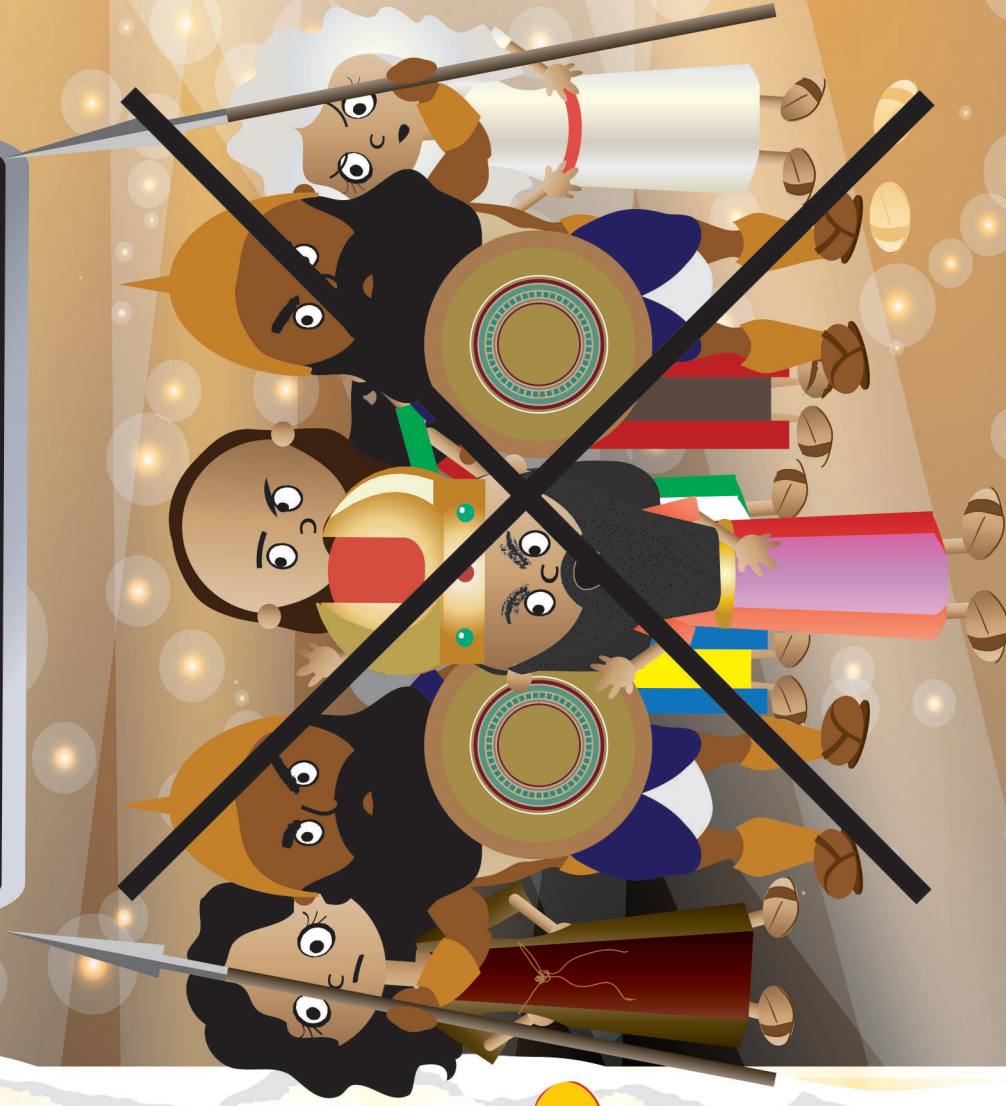
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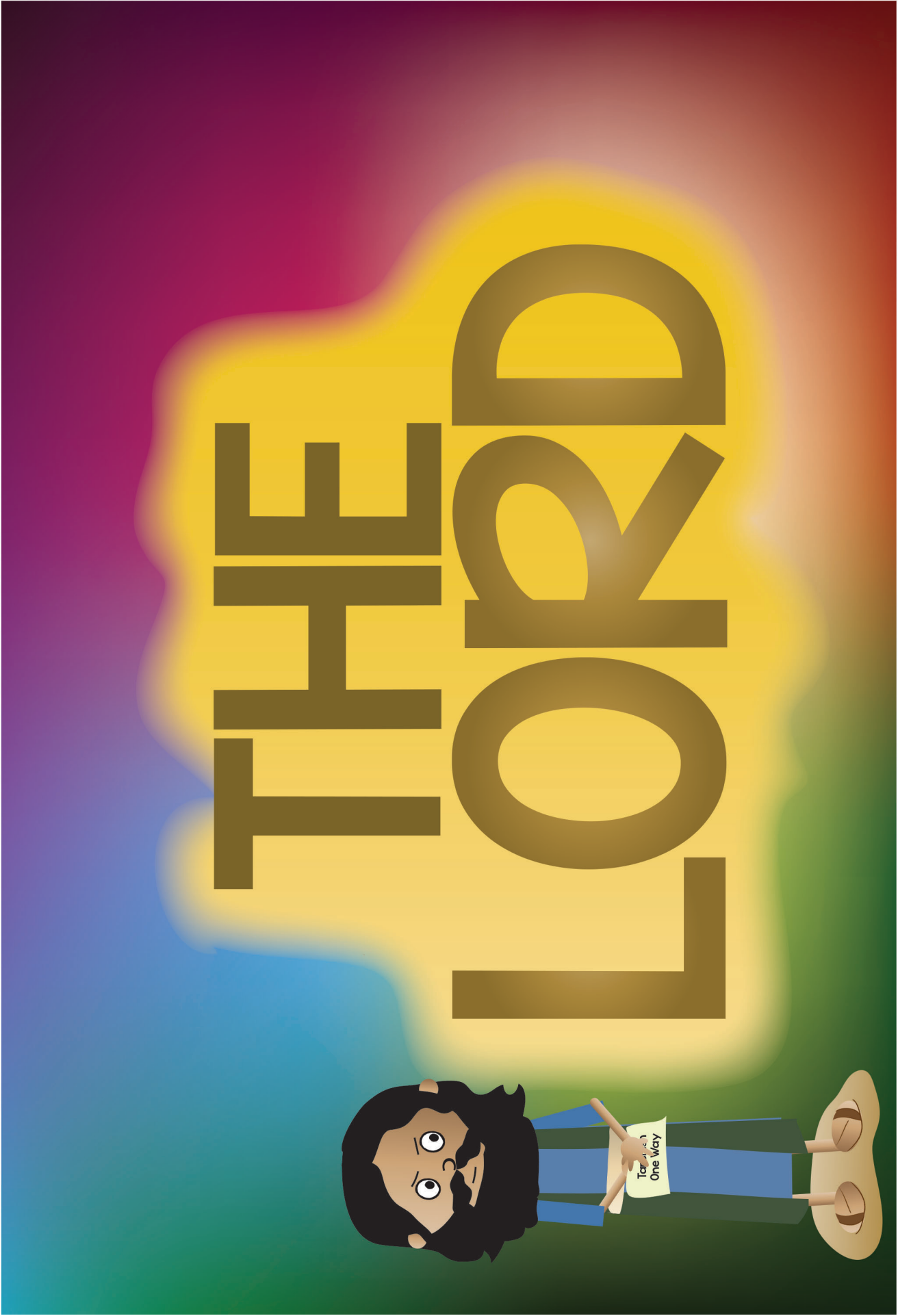
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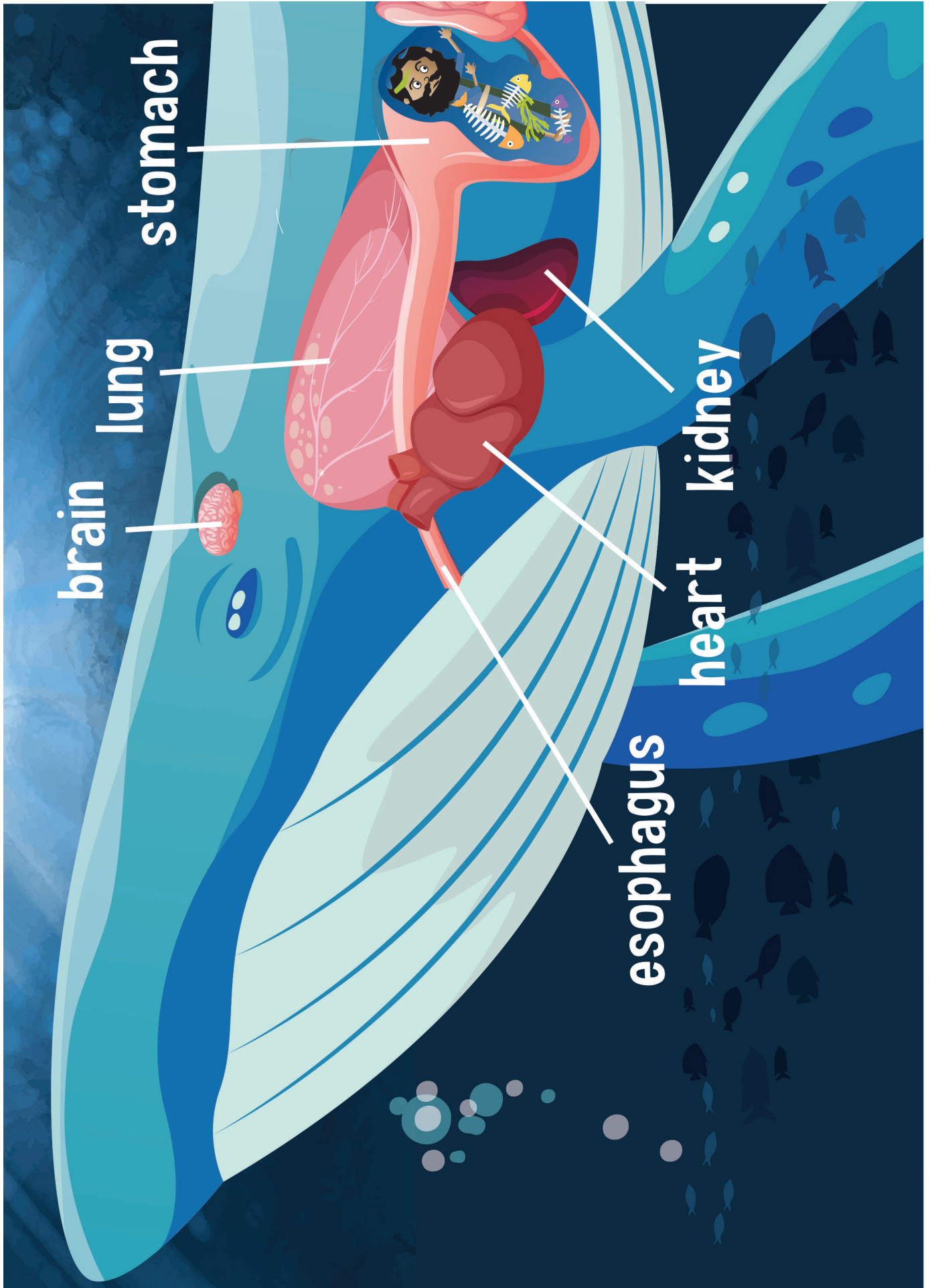
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He thought about how he had deserved God's punishment, but how God had sent the big fish to rescue him. The LORD was giving Jonah a chance to turn away from his sins and obey Him, and Jonah took it. How merciful the LORD had been to him! How grateful Jonah was!



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25. The people obeyed. Everyone put on the scratchy sackcloth, the clothes of sadness. They even put it on their animals. For forty, long days, they prayed and prayed. “LORD, have mercy, LORD, have mercy,” they pleaded.

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14.3 Simple Story Scenes

“The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You” The Book of Jonah

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who got wet in the wild storm? Why did he get so wet? Jonah did. He was thrown into the sea when he admitted that his sin against the LORD was the reason for the storm.
2. What did he thank God for doing? For not letting him drown in the sea, but rescuing him with the big fish. God was merciful to Jonah.

For You and Me:
We may never get thrown into a stormy sea or need God to rescue us by being swallowed by a huge fish. But, there is still something we need God to rescue us from. Something BIGGER than the stormy sea. We need Him to rescue us from the punishment we deserve from Him for our sins! God provides us that rescue through Jesus when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And if we do, we will have far more than Jonah did to thank God for!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 107:8, NIV

“Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.”

1. Who had something wonderful to thank God for? What was it? Jonah. For rescuing him from dying in the sea.
2. How did the LORD show His unfailing love to him? He rescued Jonah and gave him another chance to obey Him.

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How Does God Want Us to Pray?
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The Gospel



There are many things that God's people thank God for. They know He is the One who gives them everything good that they enjoy.

But most of all, God's people love to thank God for saving them from their sins and making them His people. How amazing it is that God would send His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take God's punishment for their sins. And, that on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for them. They thank God for His work in their hearts.

He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, and will keep helping them their whole lives.

We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Ask Him to help you.

He loves to
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14.3 Simple Story Scenes

A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being so good to us. You fill our lives with so many good gifts! You make the way for us to be Your people.

C God, so often we forget just how good You have been to us. We forget that the good gifts we enjoy each day come from You. We forget how amazing it is that You would save us and make us Your people through Jesus. How ungrateful we are! Oh, how we need a Savior!

T Thank You for continuing to be so good to us, even when we forget to be grateful to You. Thank You for all of Your good gifts that we enjoy each day. Thank You, especially, for sending Jesus to be our Savior, so we can become Your people.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see more of Your good gifts and thank You for them.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



14.3 Simple Story Scenes

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Unit 14,

Bible Truth 4

Story Scene Pictures

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 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day!!

Unit Bible Verse: "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." -- Philippians 4:5,6, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Concept: He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things

One part of praying is a big word called "supplication." Supplication sounds like "supply" and that's what it means: asking God to supply us with something we need. God's people ask God to supply them with many things. They know that there is so much they cannot do or supply for themselves. They need God to give them these things.

They ask God to help them honor Him in how they live. They want Him to help them obey His laws so that when other people see how they live, they will praise God. They want Him to help them tell others about the wonderful things He has done. God's people also ask Him to take care of their needs and worries. Every day there are many things they need. Sometimes they are worried or scared about things. They tell God about them all. They know He delights to take care of His people.

They also ask God to help other people. They pray for God's people that He would help them. They pray for God to save people who don't trust in Jesus as their Savior. God's people pray for everyone, even people who are mean to them. God's people ask God to do many great things. They know that He is a very great God. Nothing is too hard for Him to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is the first, most wonderful thing we can ask God to do for us!

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Psalm 17:6, ESV

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."

Learn a Little: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God."

Meaning

God's people love to talk to God. They talk to Him every day. They know He is the great King over everything and everyone. He is the one, true God. He loves them and is mighty to help them. They know He will always hear their prayers and help them. How amazing that such a great God would care for people like you and me so much! He loves to hear our prayers and answer them in the way and in the timing, He knows is best. And what is the best, first prayer we can ask God to answer? To help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people! Ask Him to help you.

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for being so great and so able to help us. You are the God who listens and answers prayer!
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- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to keep talking to You throughout our day. Do great things in our lives. Help us to live for You. Do great things in this world. Help us all to trust in You as our Savior. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 4 Story

The Case of the Daring Pray-ers Acts 3-4

Songs Used in Bible Truth 4

Big Q & A 14 Song

Big Question 14 Song: How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: Don't Be Anxious Philippians 4:5-6, ESV

Extra Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: The Lord Is at Hand Philippians 4:5-6, ESV

Extra Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: At Hand Philippians 4:5-6, ESV

Extra Big Question 14 Bible Verse Song: When You Pray Say Father Luke 11:2-4, ESV

Big Question 14 Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus v.1

Big Question 14 Praise Song: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: I Call On You, O God Psalm 17:6, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: Give Ear to My Words, O LORD Psalm 5:1-3, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Do Whatever You Ask in My Name John 14:13, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: Incline Your Ear Psalm 86:1,15,16, ESV

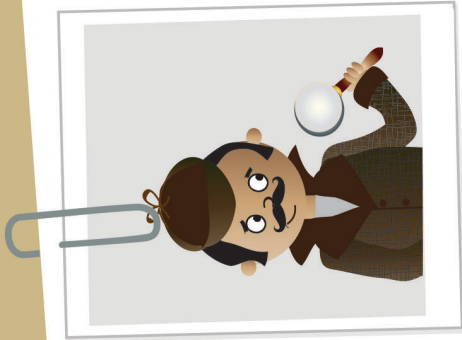
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Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: For I Know the Plans Jeremiah 29:11-12, ESV

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

“The Case of the Daring Pray-ers” Acts 3-4



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened when Peter prayed for the lame man?
2. What happened when the believers asked God to make them bold?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 17:6, ESV

“I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.”

1. Who called on God to make them bold?
2. How did God answer their prayers?

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

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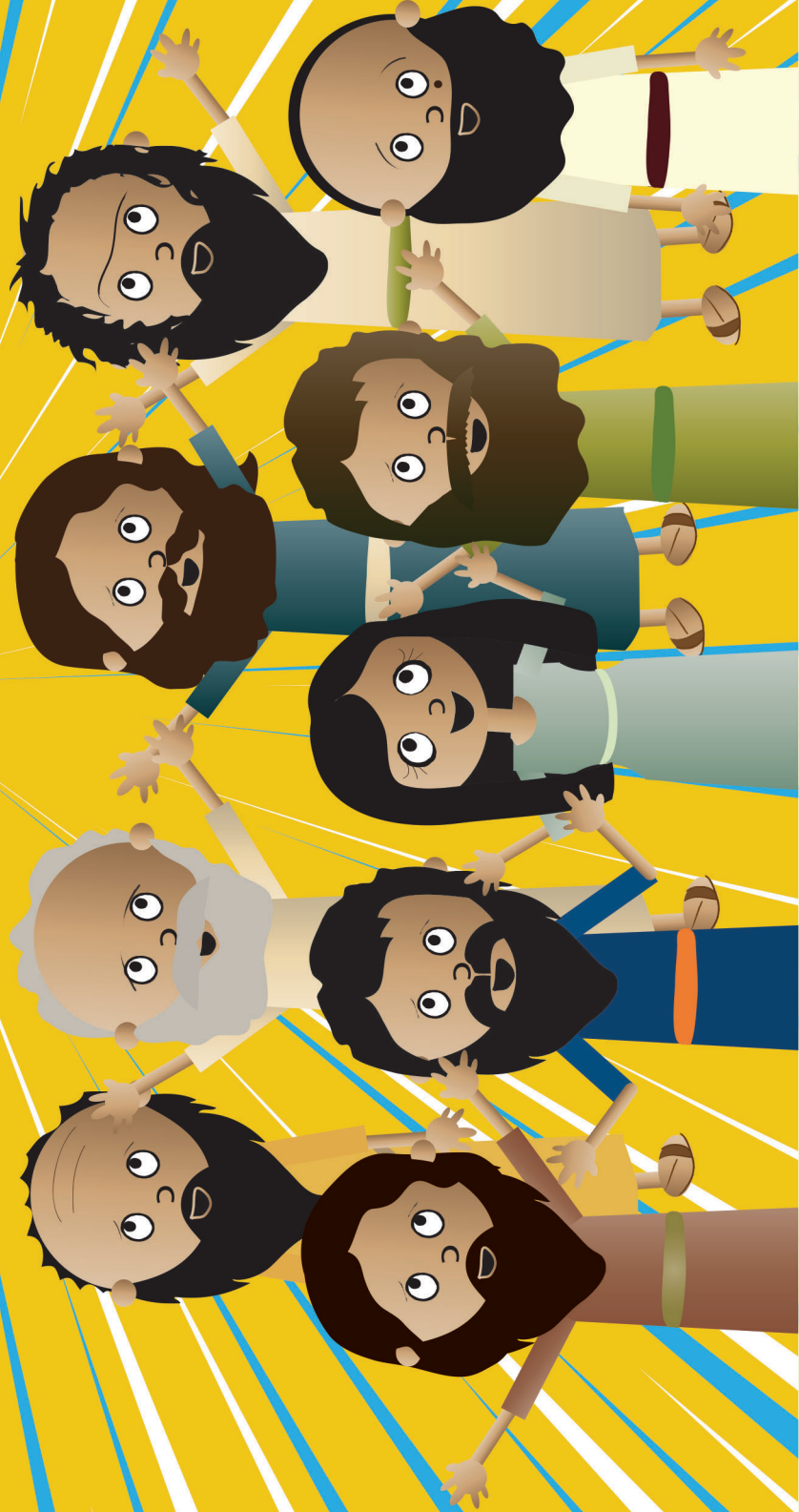
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7. But even before Peter and John entered the Temple to pray, God was already answering their prayers. At the Temple gate, there was a man begging for money.

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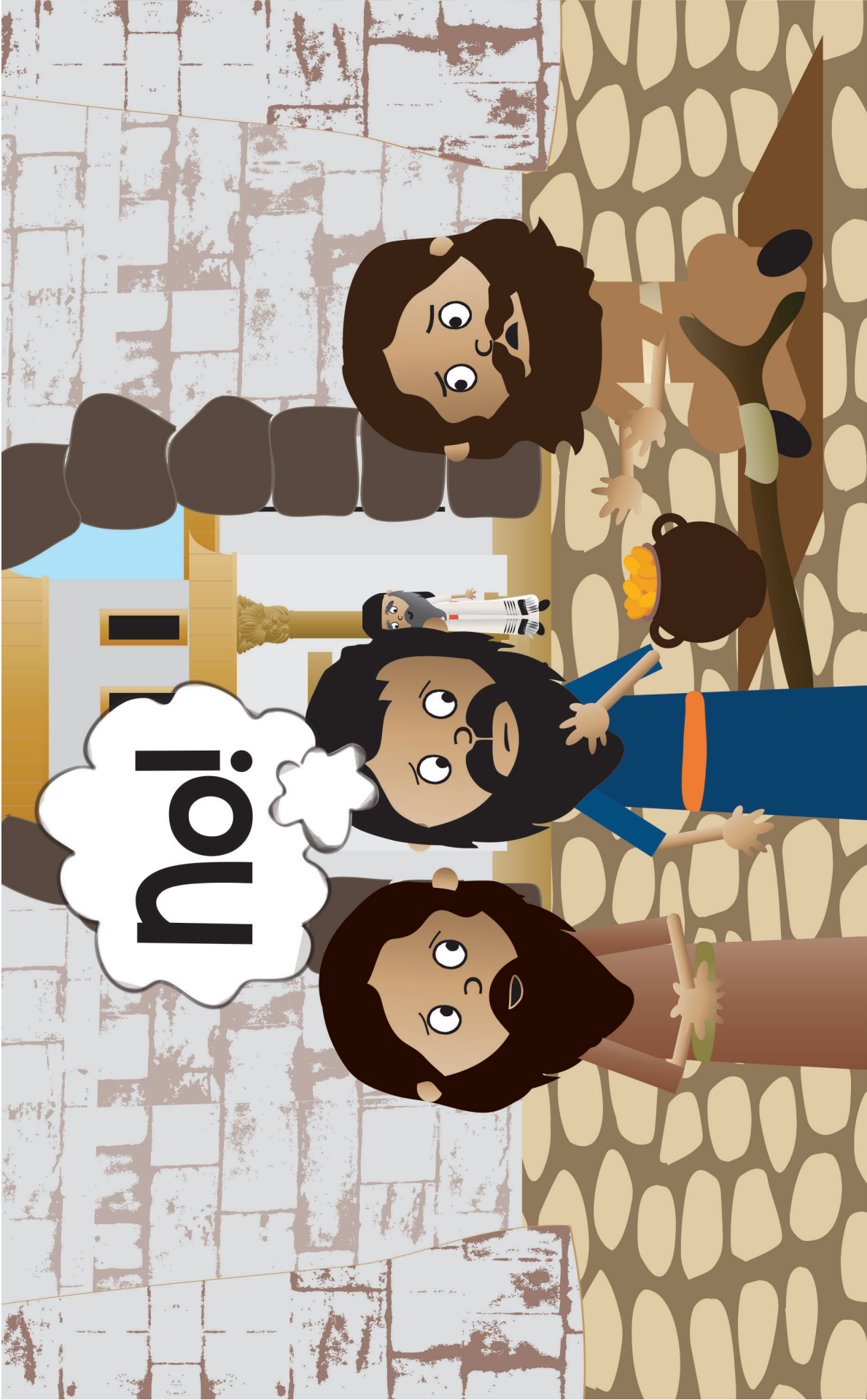
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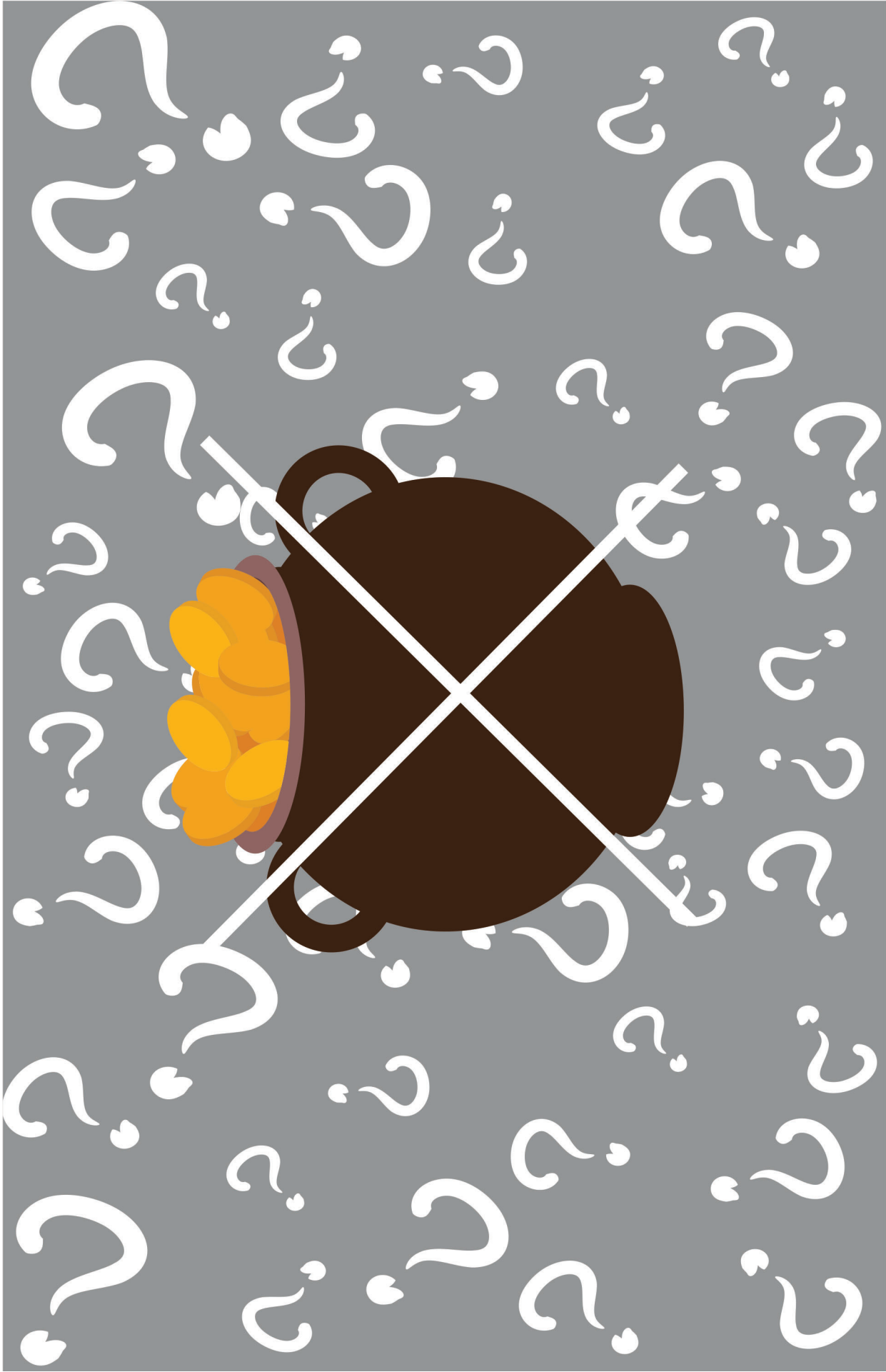
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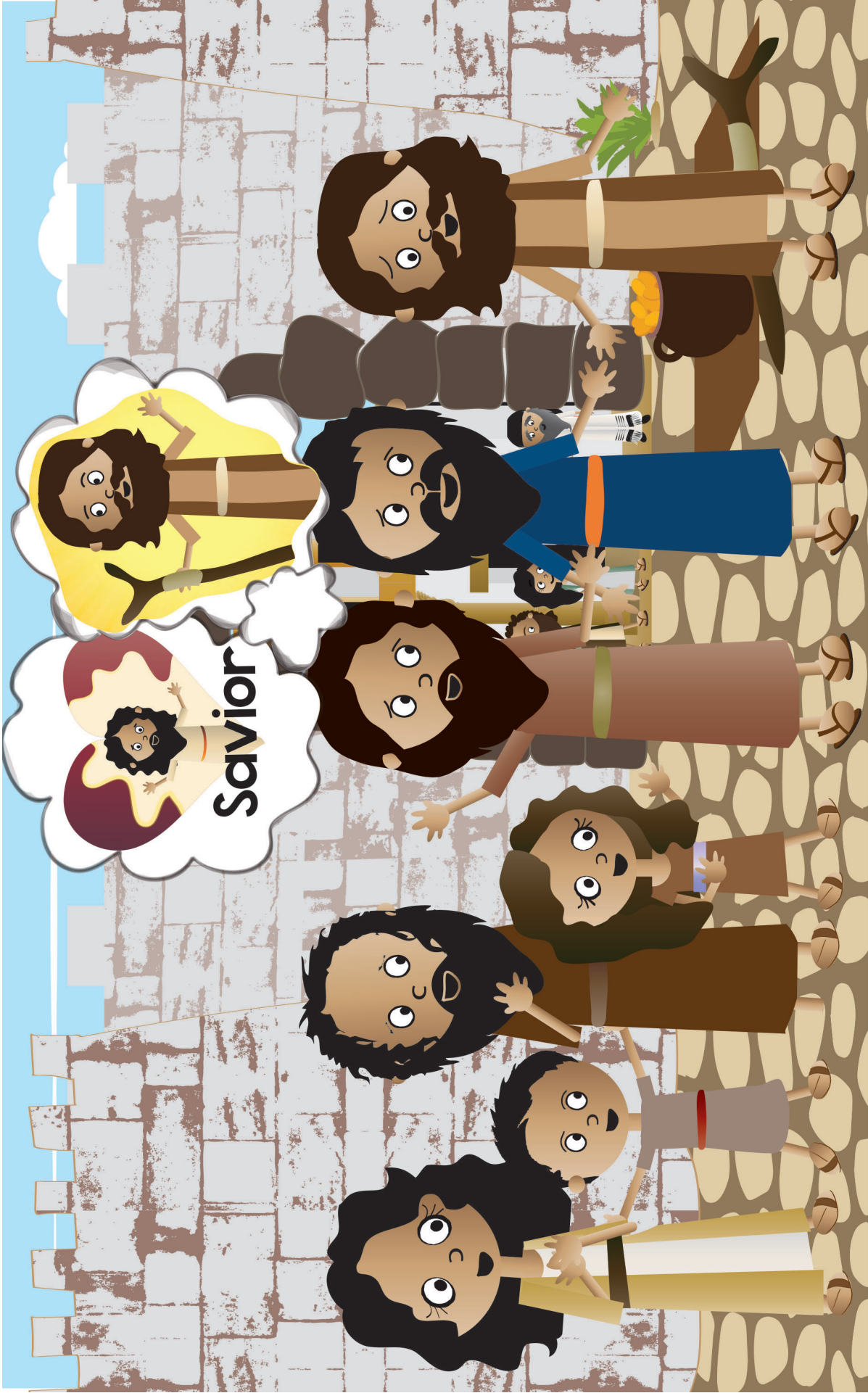
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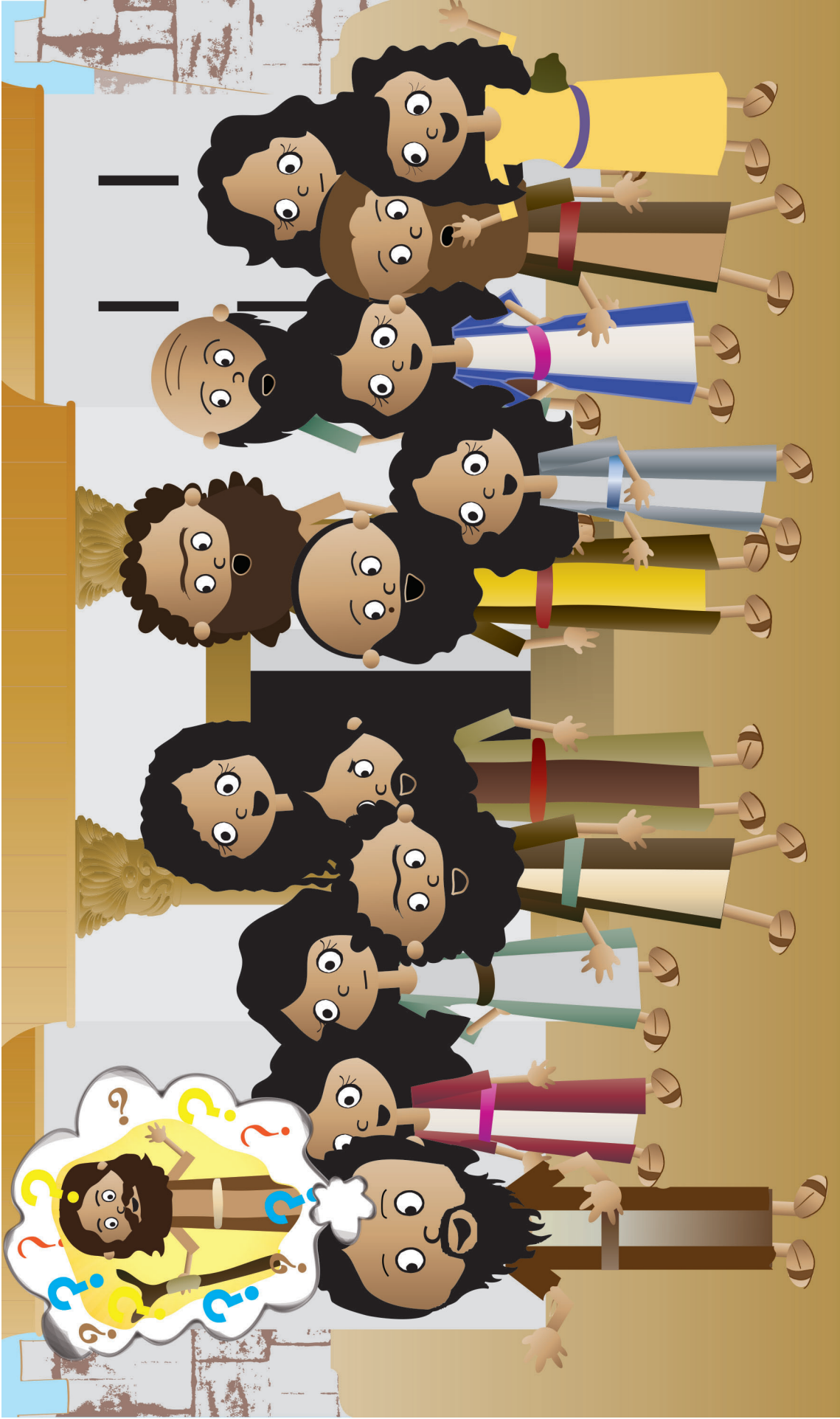


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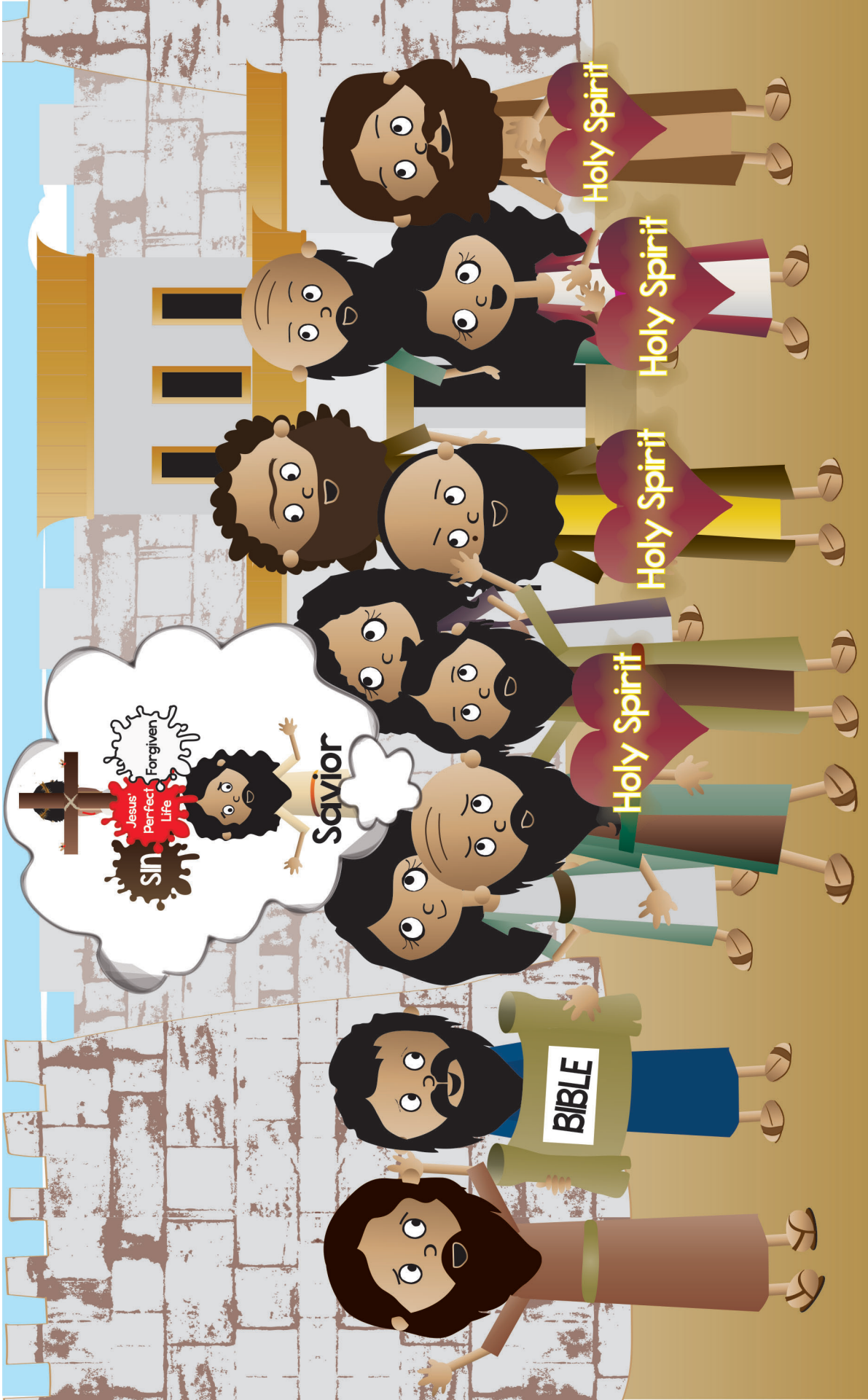


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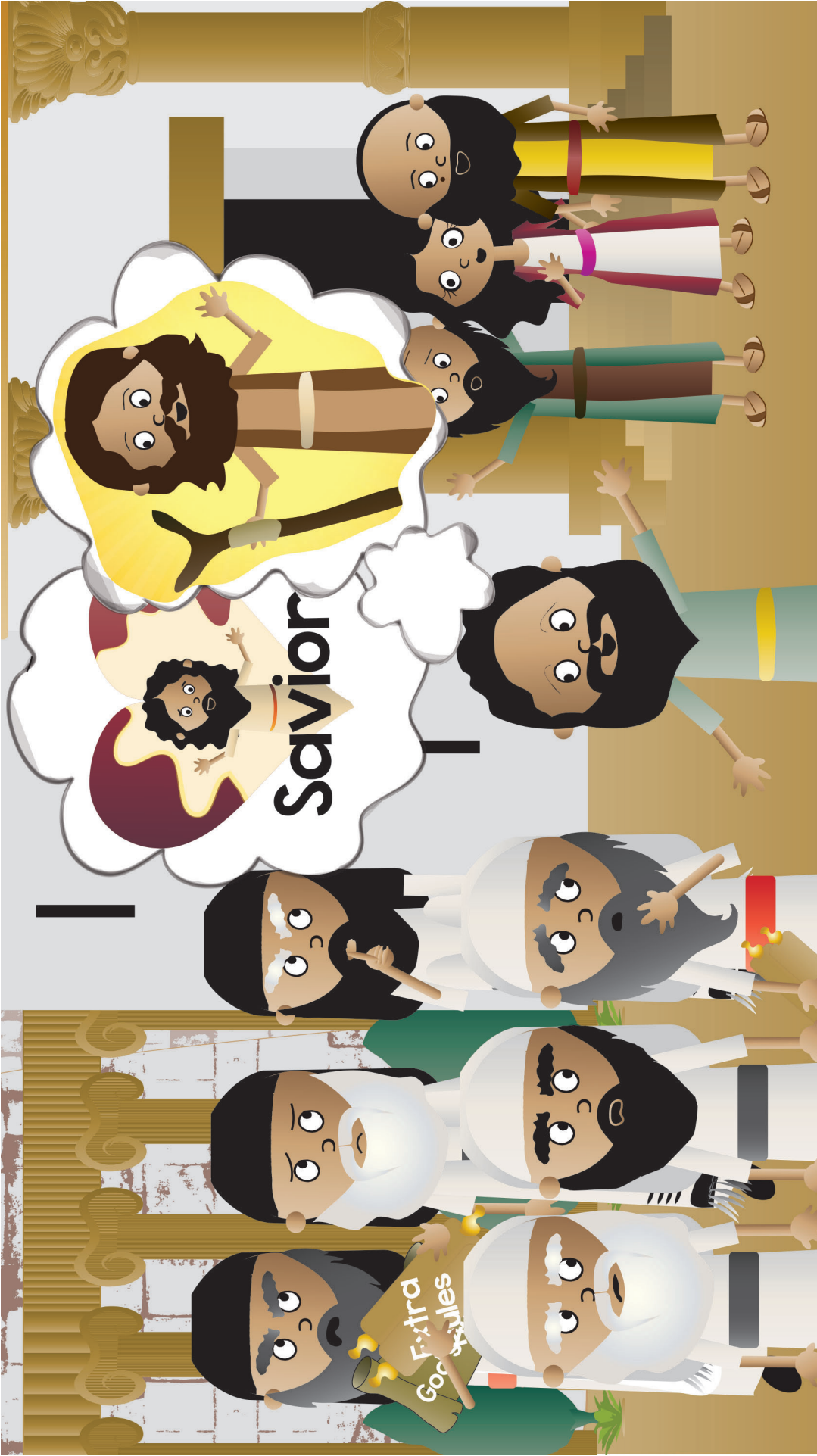
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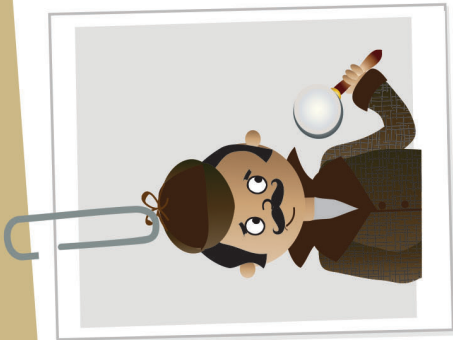


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DDD 14.4 Simple Story Scenes

“The Case of the Daring Pray-ers” Acts 3-4

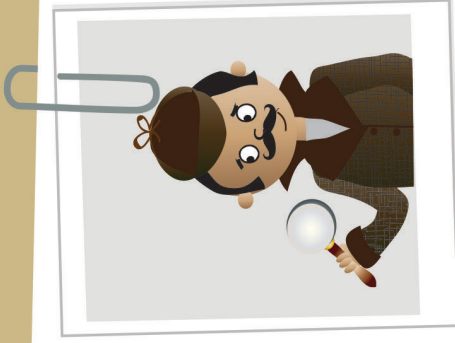
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened when Peter prayed for the lame man?
God healed him so he could walk!
2. What happened when the believers asked God to make them bold?
God worked in their hearts and made them bold to keep on telling about Jesus.

For You and Me:
God loves for His people to ask Him to help them. They need His help to live for Him. God wants them to depend upon Him. This shows them how much He loves them and what a great God He is. God wants us to pray and ask Him for help, too. He wants us to ask him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And He wants us to ask Him to help us live for Him all the days of our lives.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 17:6, ESV

“I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.”

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God's people, gathered together.
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How Does God Want Us to Pray?
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The Gospel



God's people ask God to do many things. They know that He can do great things, since He's already done the greatest thing of all: save them from their sins.

You see, all people have chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for their sins. But God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, and He offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death! God's people know if Jesus could do this for them, there is nothing He cannot do for their good and to show how great God is. They ask Him to do more great things in them and in the world.

God can do great things in us, too. If we ask Him, He can work in our hearts and make us His people. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!



DDD 14.4 Simple Story Scenes

A Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for being so great and so able to help us. You are the God who listens and answers prayer!
- C** God, we know You answer prayers and can help us, but many times we don't even remember to ask for Your help. We forget You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, that nothing is too hard for You! Thank You that You are always near and always hear our prayers. Thank You that You have given us what we need most of all: Jesus, to save us from our sins.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to keep talking to You throughout our day. Do great things in our lives. Help us to live for You. Do great things in this world. Help us all to trust in You as our Savior. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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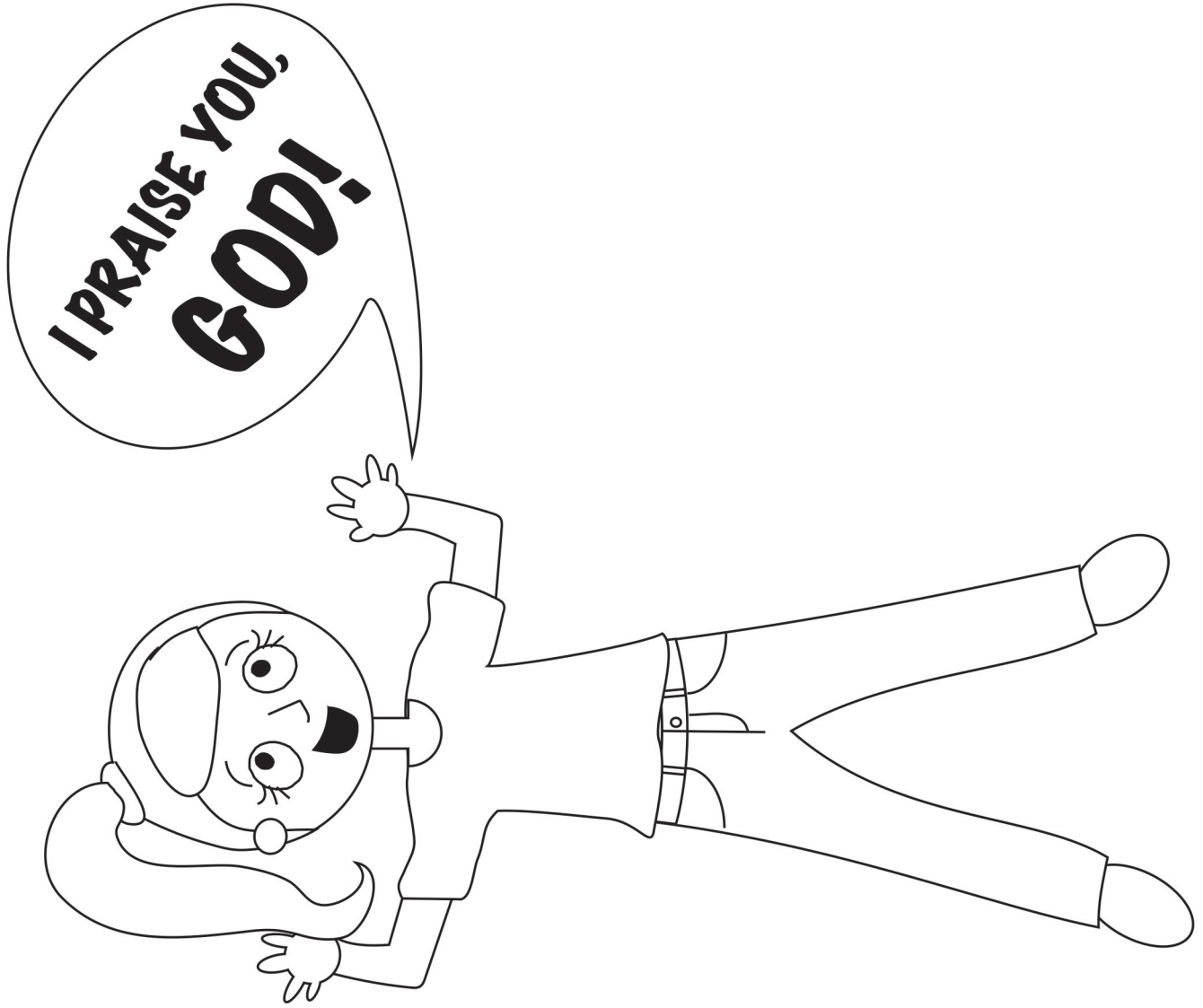
Take-Home Sheets

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!
How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...

He Wants Us to

Him

HINT: This word means telling
someone how wonderful they are.
This word starts with the
letter "P" and it rhymes with "raise."



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



Big Question 14: How Does God Want Us to Pray?

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Bible Truth 1 Meaning

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Some Questions for You

1. What is the big word for telling God how wonderful He is? *Adoration or praise.*
2. What are some things that God's people praise God for being? *Their Maker; all-powerful; all loving; holy; knowing everything; etc.*
3. What is the biggest thing they praise God for being? *Their Savior!*
4. Will God's people run out of things to praise God for in heaven? *No, never!*
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Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 14 Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 12* (adapted version of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm")

How does God want us to pray? Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
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Big Question 14 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 13*

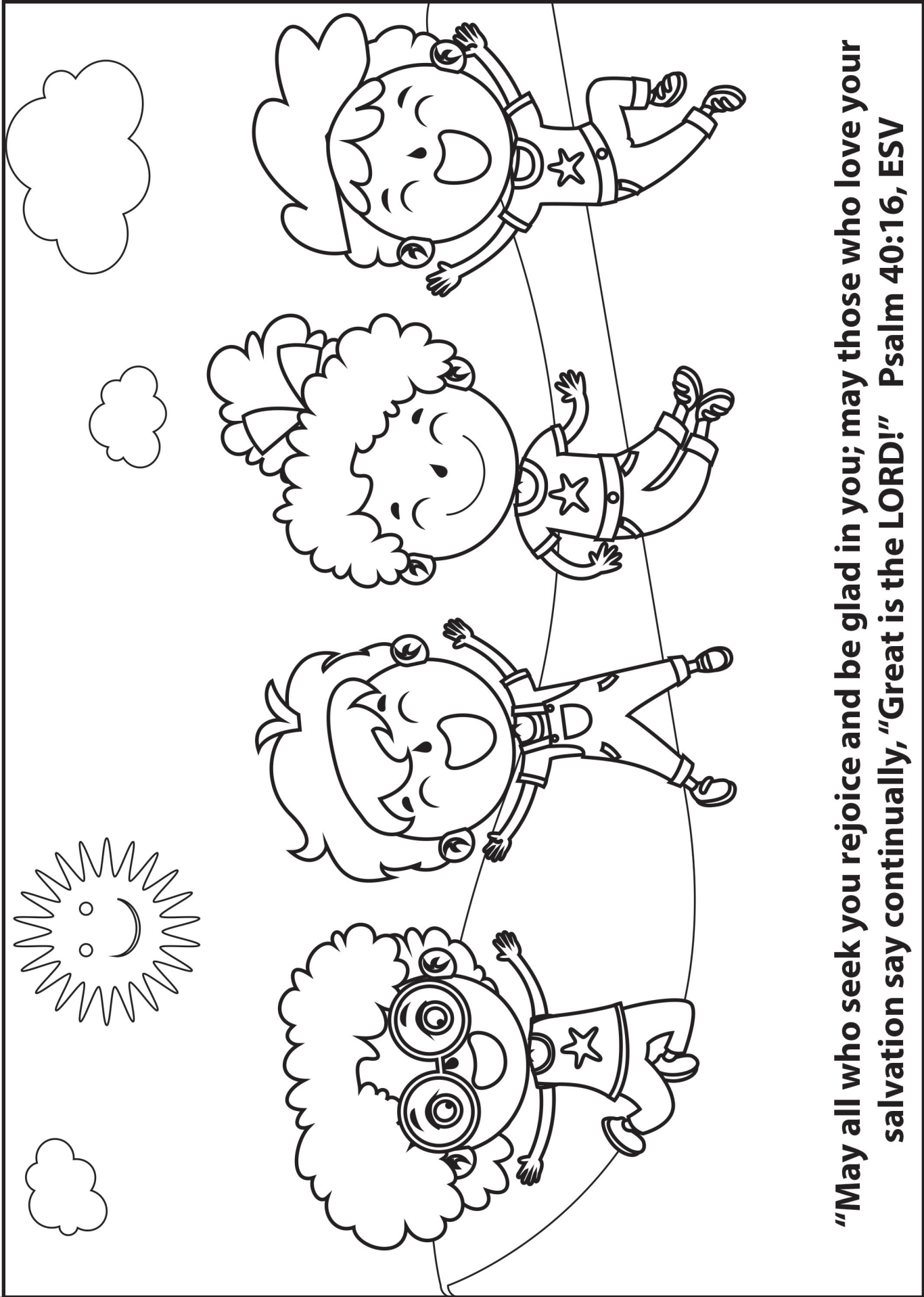
How does God want us to pray? **Verse 1:**
Every night and day the ACTS way! A, A, A, stands for Adoration,
How does God want us to pray? We praise You, God of all creation,
Every night and day the ACTS way! C, C, C, stands for Confession,
The ACTS way, what's it all about? We're sorry, God,
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out! To You our sins confessin',
Refrain

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A-C-T-S, say it with a shout, ACTS!
I could tell you more,
But I'd rather act it out.

Verse 2:
T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God,
For the good things You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.



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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



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Learn a Little: "Rejoice and be glad, say, "Great is the LORD!"

Meaning

God's people love to think about God and praise His name! He is the one, true God. He is so great, and He has been so very good to them! He has saved them from their sins through Jesus!

Some Questions for You

1. Who do God's people rejoice in? Who makes them so glad? *The LORD.*
2. What do God's people especially praise Him for doing through Jesus? *For saving them.*
3. How often do God's people like to praise Him? *All the time---continually!*
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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

May All Who Seek You Rejoice : Psalm 40:7 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 20*

Refrain:

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you,
May those who love your salvation say
May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you,
May those who love your salvation say:
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Verse 1

He drew me out from the pit of destruction,
Out of the miry bog,
And set my feet upon a rock,
Making my steps secure. *Refrain*

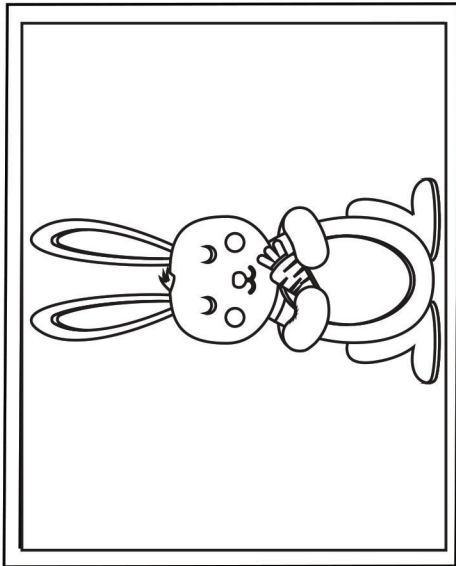
Verse 2

He put a new song in my mouth,
A song of praise to our God,
Many will see, see and fear,
And put their trust in the LORD. *Refrain*

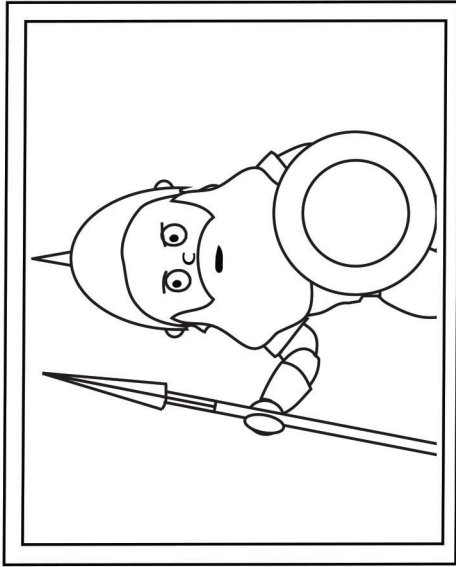
Psalm Forty, verse two, three and sixteen

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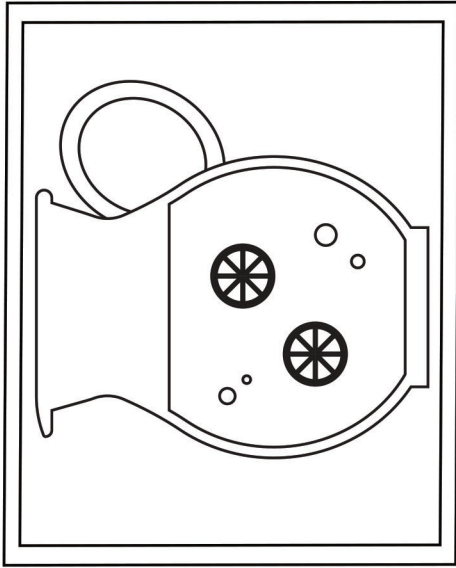
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



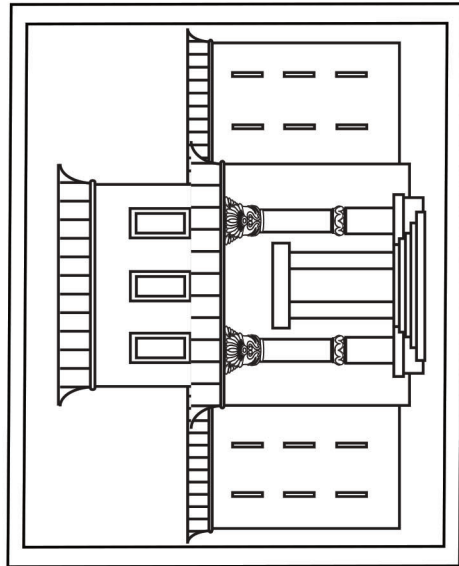
A Rabbit



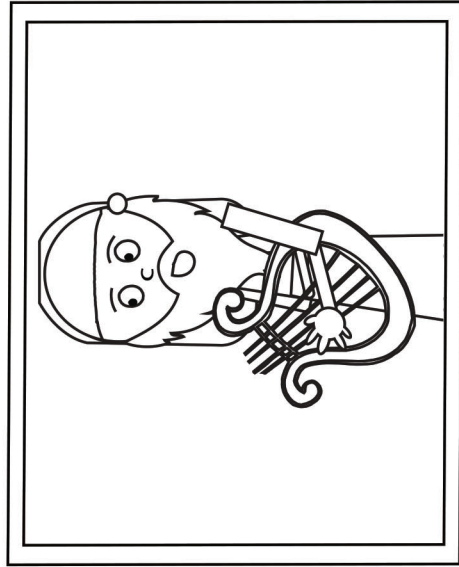
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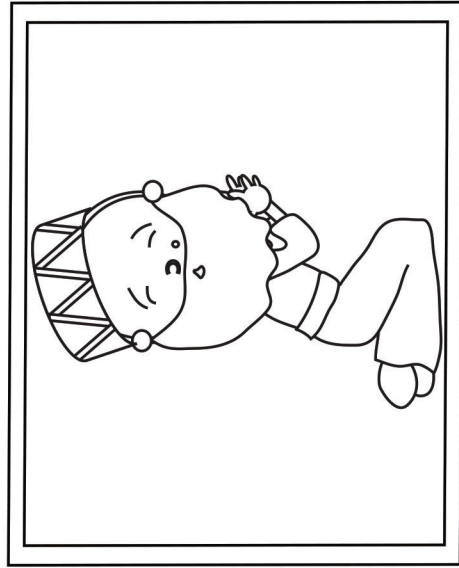
A Pitcher



The Temple



A Song of Praise



A Praying King

Answer: The enemy, Temple, song of praise and the praying king belong. The rabbit and the pitcher do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



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Some Questions for You

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3. What did King Jehoshaphat do when he heard about all the enemies who were about to attack? *He gathered together the people to pray to the LORD. and ask for His help.*
4. What did the LORD tell King Jehoshaphat and the people to do? *Not to worry. He would fight the battle for them. They were to go out and praise the LORD.*
5. What happened when King Jehoshaphat and the people did this? *The LORD confused the enemies so that they turned on each other and died.*
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- T** Thank You, God, for always deserving our praise! You never change! You treat us so much better than we could ever deserve! You are so patient with us! You give us so many reasons to praise You every day.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to praise You throughout the day. Fill our hearts with love for You. Help us live our lives for You so that others can see how good You are and will want to praise You, too. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 14 Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 14, track 18

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Words: Joseph Scriven Music: Charles C. Converse

Big Question 14 Praise Song: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 14, track 19

Verse 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

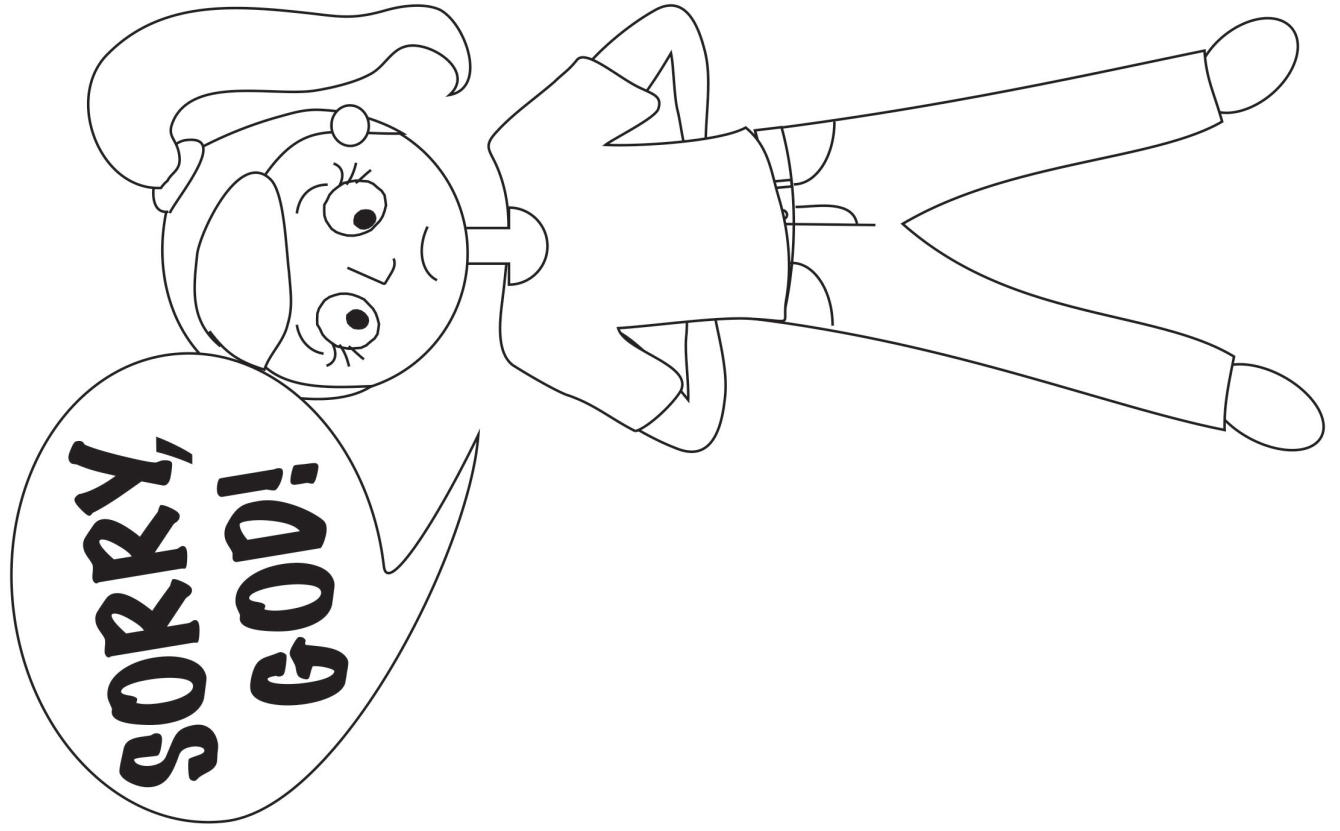
Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:
How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...

He Wants Us to Confess

**Our -----
to Him!**

**HINT: What's the Bible word for
disobeying God and His good laws?
This word starts with the letter
"S" and rhymes with "wins."**



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



Big Question 14 : How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Answer: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

Prayer is talking to God and listening to Him. Prayer is a little taste of the forever happiness God's people will have with Him in heaven. God's people confess their sins to God when they pray. Confessing our sins means telling God we have disobeyed Him and His good laws and asking for His forgiveness. God wants His people to tell Him how they've disobeyed Him in their hearts --like when they stay mad at someone who has hurt them and won't forgive them. He wants them to tell Him how they've disobeyed Him with their words --like when they lie to someone. He wants us to tell Him how they've disobeyed Him in what they've done --when they hurt someone or disobey their parents. God wants His people to tell Him about all of these ways they have disobeyed Him and ask for His forgiveness. And, He wants them to ask Him to help them to turn away from doing these things and live for Him instead. God loves to forgive and help His people. Why does God forgive the sins of His people? Because of Jesus! When Jesus died on the cross, He took upon Himself all of the punishment that God's people deserved for their sins. He paid for their sins, so they wouldn't have to. He is their Savior! God wants us to confess our sins to Him, too! Anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior has God's promise that He will forgive their sins --every single one of them. This is how we become God's people and live as God's people. Isn't that good news!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity...and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." --Psalm 32:5, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. What is the big word for telling God our sins and saying sorry? *Confession.*
2. What kinds of things might we confess about what we say? *Saying mean things to others or lying.*
3. What kinds of things might we confess about what we do? *Hurting someone or taking something that doesn't belong to us.*
4. What kinds of things might we confess about what we think? *Staying mad at someone when we should forgive them. Not trusting in God to take care of us.*
5. Why can God forgive His people for disobeying Him? *Because Jesus took the punishment they deserved from God when He died on the cross for them.*
6. How many of God's people's sins did Jesus pay for on the cross? *All of them!*
7. How can we become God's people? *By confessing our sins to God, turning away from them, and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being perfectly holy. You are good and great. You hate sin!
- C** God, we know that You and Your laws are good, yet we have all chosen to rebel against You. We have chosen not to love You as You deserve. We have chosen to break Your good laws. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for offering forgiveness for our sins through Jesus when we trust in Him as our Savior. Thank You for providing a way for us to be Your people.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Show us how we rebel against You and Your good laws. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to live for You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 14 Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 12* (adapted version of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm")

How does God want us to pray? Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night and day! Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
How does God want us to pray? Ev'ry night and day!
Ev'ry night and day! How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!

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Big Question 14 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 13*

How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
The ACTS way, what's it all about?
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out!

Verse 1:

A, A, A, stands for Adoration,
We praise You, God of all creation,
C, C, C, stands for Confession,
We're sorry, God,
To You our sins confessin',
Refrain

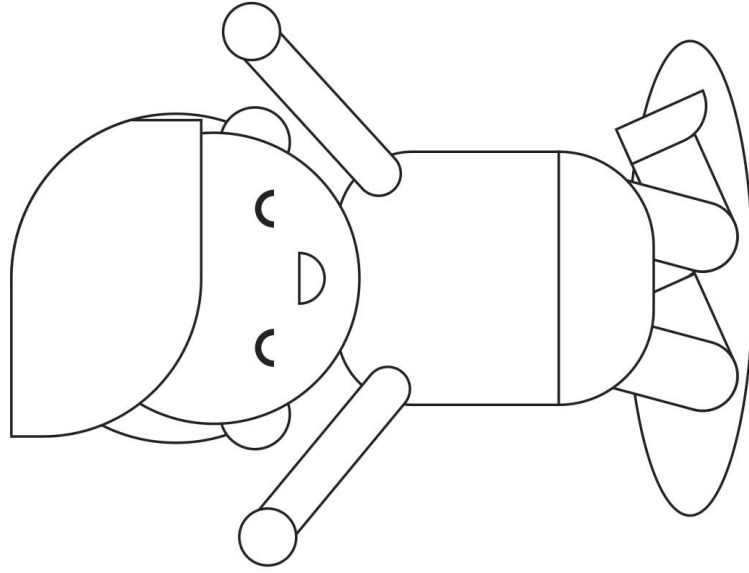
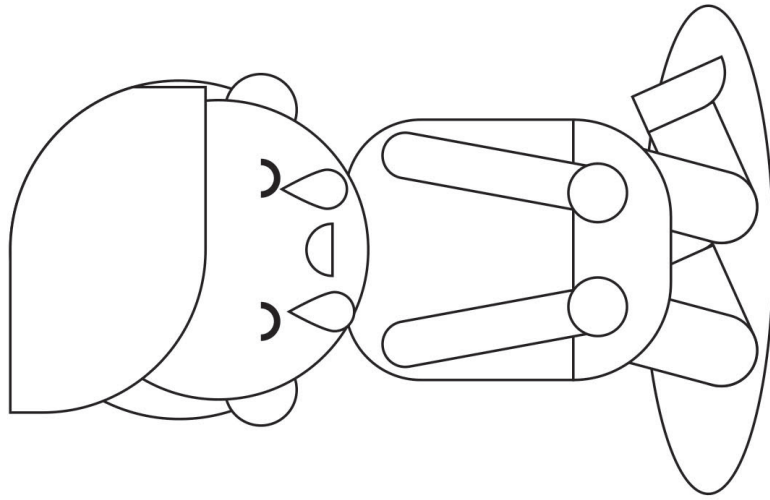
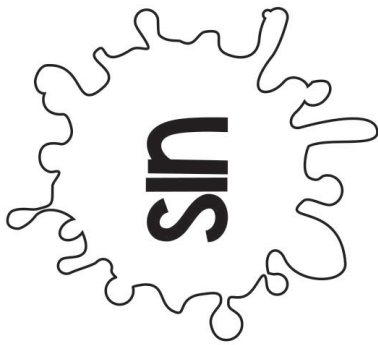
Verse 2:

T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God,
For the good things You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout, ACTS!
I could tell you more,

Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.



**"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity...
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:5, ESV**

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



Big Question 14 : How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Answer: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity...and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." –Psalm 32:5, ESV

Learn a Little: "I acknowledged my sin to you....and you forgave my sin."

Meaning:

This verse has two, big Bible words in it: "sin" and "iniquity." Both words mean the same thing: disobeying God. When we disobey God, we deserve His punishment. This is why we like to cover up the bad things we do. We don't want anyone to know about them, and we don't want to be punished for them. But our Bible verse tells us that God's people confess their sins to God, instead of covering them up. And what does God do then? He forgives them! God can forgive our sins, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. That's how we become God's people and that's how we live as God's people. That's very good news!

Some Questions for You

1. "Acknowledge" is a big word that means saying that something is true. What do we need to acknowledge to God? That we are sinners.
2. What does God want us NOT to cover up? Our iniquities, our sins. That is, the ways that we have disobeyed Him.
3. What do we deserve from God for our sins? His punishment.
4. What does God promise to do when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior, and ask for His forgiveness? He promises to forgive our sins.

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being perfectly holy. You are good and great. You hate sin!
- C** God, we know that You and Your laws are good, yet we have all chosen to rebel against You. We have chosen not to love You as You deserve. We have chosen to break Your good laws. We need a Savior!
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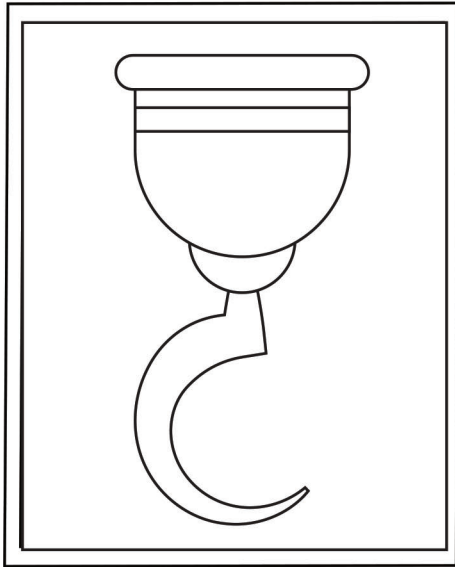
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Acknowledged My Sin: Psalm 32:51 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 25*

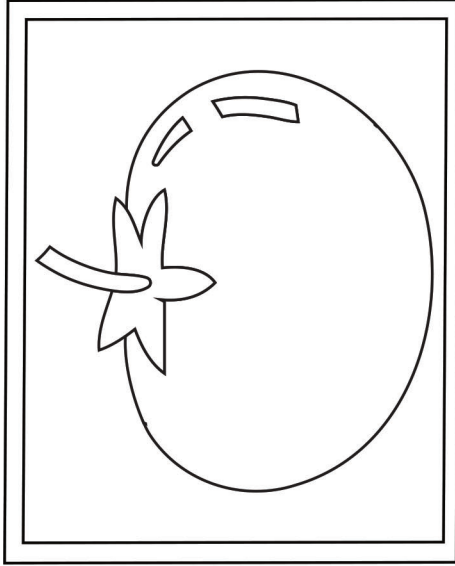
I acknowledged my sin to you,
And did not cover up my iniquity,
And you forgave, and you forgave,
Yes, you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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Psalm Thirty-two, verse five.

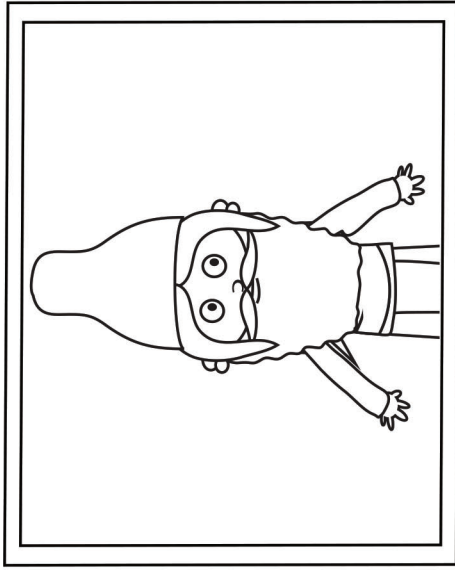
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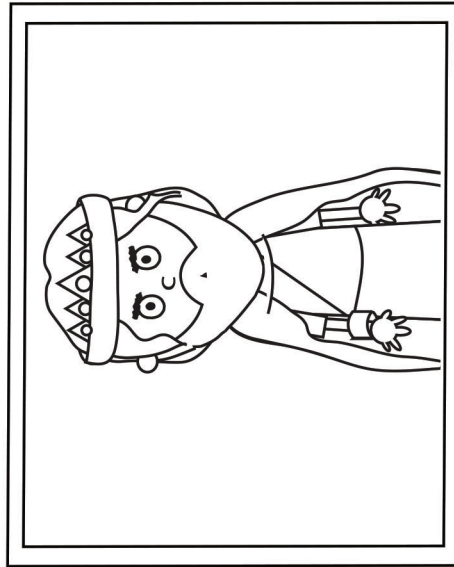
A Hook



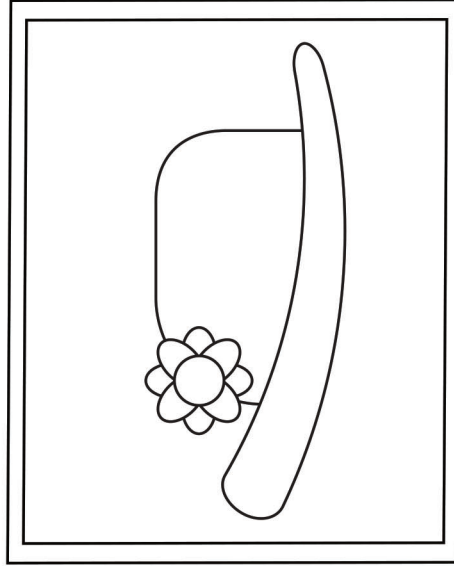
A Tomato



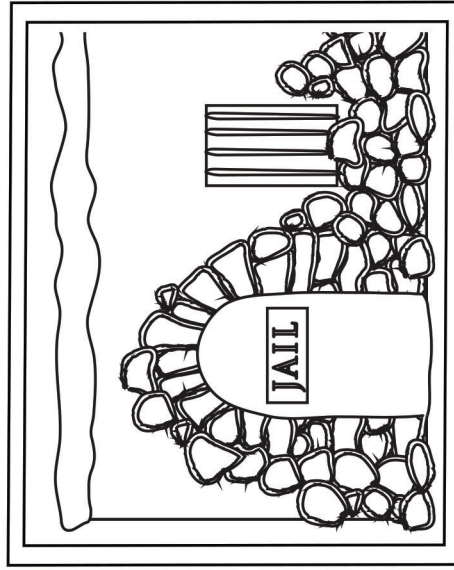
A Fake God



A Bad King



A Hat



A Jail

Answer: The hook, fake god, bad king and jail belong. The tomato and the hat do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



Big Question 14 : How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Answer: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

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Some Questions for You

1. What did Manasseh grow up doing that was good? *He grew up worshiping the LORD and learning the Bible.*
2. What bad things did Manasseh do when he became king? *He stopped worshiping the LORD and learning the Bible. He put away all the beautiful things used to worship the LORD in the Temple and put up fake gods there instead. He led the people in worshiping fake gods and offering worship gifts to them.*
3. Why did the LORD punish Manasseh and the people? *Because they would not turn away from disobeying Him after He warned them many times.*
4. How did the LORD punish Manasseh? *Their enemies, the Assyrians, captured Jerusalem and took him to prison back in their own country.*
5. Did Manasseh deserve for the LORD to forgive him? *No, he did not.*
6. What did Manasseh do when he was in prison? *He confessed his sins to the LORD and asked for His help and forgiveness.*
7. Did the LORD forgive Manasseh? *Yes, He did! And, He had him released and sent back home.*
8. How did Manasseh show that he truly had turned away from disobeying God? *He got rid of all the fake gods and put back all the beautiful things in the Temple. He led the people in worshiping the LORD.*
9. What can we do, if we want God to forgive our sins? *We can confess them to Him, asking Him to forgive us and to help us to turn away from disobeying Him. We can ask Jesus to be our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

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What a privilege to carry,
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Have we trials and temptations?
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Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart...

Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart...

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:

How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...

He Wants US to

Him!

HINT: This is what you say to
someone when they do something
nice for you. This word starts
with the letter "p" and it rhymes
with "plank."



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



Big Question 14 : How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Answer: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Thank Him!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

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How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men." –Psalm 107:8, NIV 1984

Some Questions for You

1. What kinds of things do God's people thank God for? *For keeping the world going; for providing them with things they need and things to enjoy; for answering their prayers.*
2. What's the biggest thing God's people thank God for? *For sending Jesus to be their Savior.*
3. Will God's people run out of things to thank God for in heaven? *No! They will never run out!*
4. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being so good to us. You fill our lives with so many good gifts! You make the way for us to be Your people.
- C** God, so often we forget just how good You have been to us. We forget that the good gifts we enjoy each day come from You. We forget how amazing it is that You would save us and make us Your people through Jesus. How ungrateful we are! Oh, how we need a Savior!
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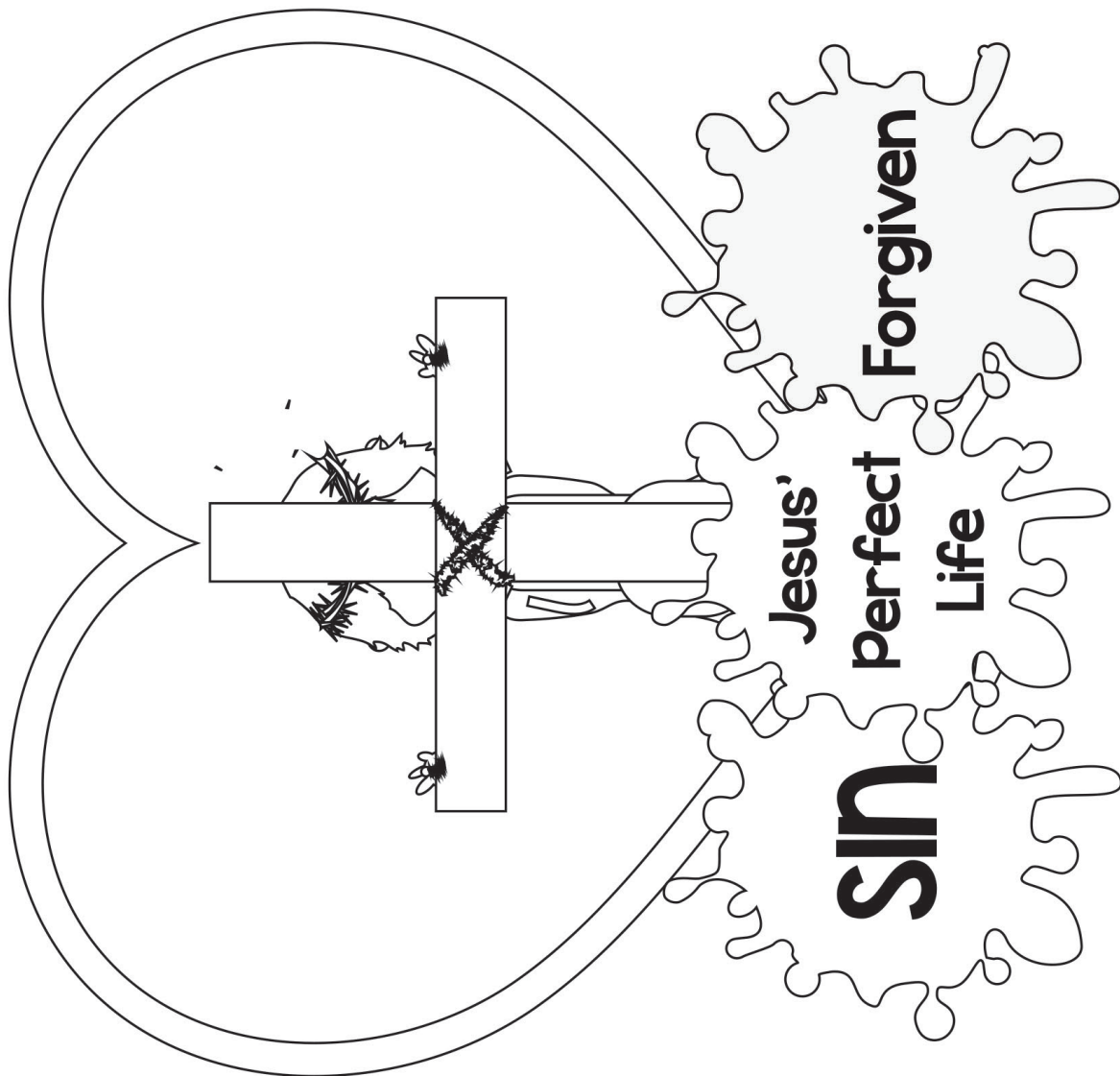
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We're sorry, God,
To You our sins confessin'
Refrain

Verse 2:
T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God,
For the good things You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.

Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout, ACTS!
I could tell you more,
But I'd rather act it out.



“Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.”
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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



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How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men." –Psalm 107:8, NIV 1984

Learn a Little: "Give thanks to the LORD."

Meaning

God's people have so much to thank the LORD for! What wondrous works He has done for them! He sent Jesus to be their Savior and forgive all their sins. He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them love Him and live for Him! And one day, they will all go to live with Him forever.

Some Questions for You

1. What is the LORD's love like for His people? *It is unfailing.*
2. What does unfailing mean? *It means that nothing will ever stop it.*
3. What do God's people want to say to the LORD for His unfailing love? *They want to thank Him.*
4. What else do God's people thank God for? *His wonderful deeds, the wonderful things He has done for them.*
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6. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

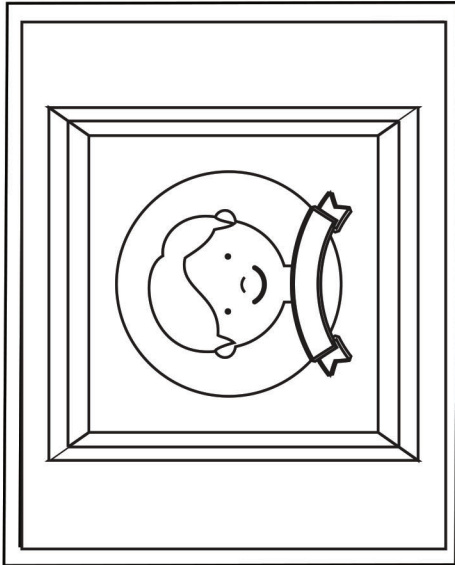
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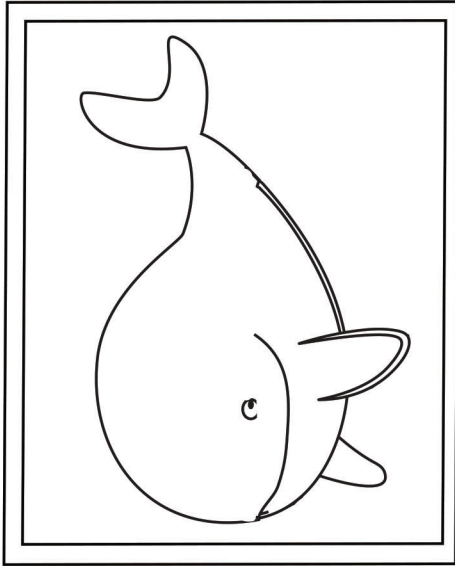
Give Thanks: Psalm 107:8 *from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 27*

Give thanks, give thanks,
Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love,
Give thanks, give thanks,
Give thanks to the LORD for His marvelous deeds
For men.
Psalm One-o-seven, eight,
Give thanks!

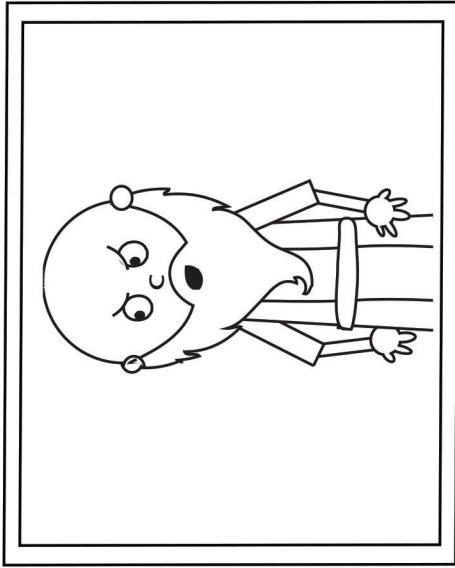
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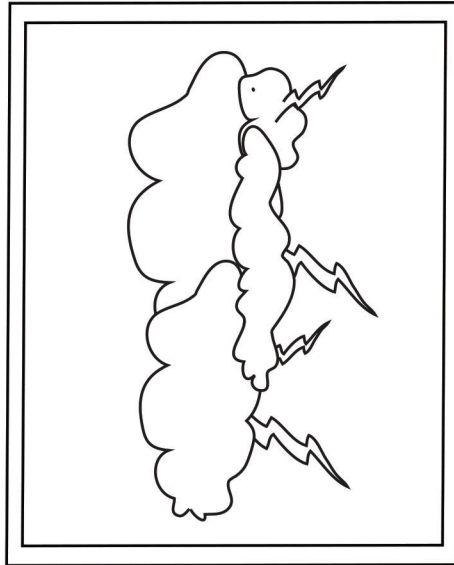
A Picture



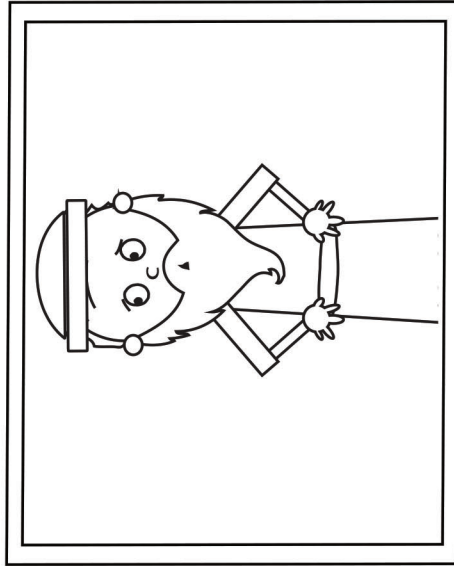
A Big Fish



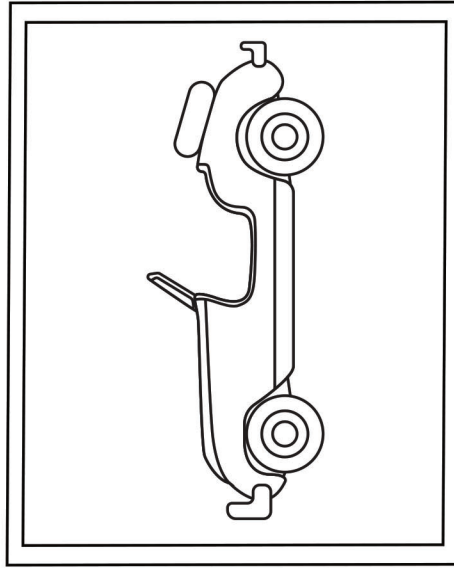
A Bad Guy from Nineveh



A Big Storm



A Sailor



A Car

Answer: The big fish, bad guy from Nineveh, big storm and sailor belong. The picture and the car do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3



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Some Questions for You

1. What did Jonah not want to do? *To tell the people of Nineveh about God's coming punishment. He didn't want them to have a chance to ask God to spare them.*
2. Why did Jonah hate the people of Nineveh? *They were the mean enemies of the people of Israel. They had done terrible things to them. Jonah wanted God to punish them.*
3. What did Jonah do instead of obeying God? *He went the opposite way. He went out to sea and was sailing as far away as he could get from Nineveh.*
4. Why did the big storm come up at sea? *Because Jonah was disobeying God and God would use the storm to help Jonah turn away from disobeying Him.*
5. What should have happened to Jonah when he was thrown overboard? *He should have drowned in the sea.*
6. What did God send to rescue Jonah? *A big fish to swallow him.*
7. What did Jonah thank the LORD for? *For rescuing him, when he deserved God's punishment.*
8. Who else did the LORD want to rescue, when they deserved His punishment? *The people of Nineveh.*
9. What happened when Jonah went to Nineveh? *The people of Nineveh turned away from disobeying God. The LORD did not send the punishment He warned them about.*
10. Who deserves God's punishment today for disobeying God? Who has God sent to rescue them? *We all deserve God's punishment for disobeying Him. God sent Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will forgive them and make them His dearly loved people who will know Him and love Him forever.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being so good to us. You fill our lives with so many good gifts! You make the way for us to be Your people.
- C** God, so often we forget just how good You have been to us. We forget that the good gifts we enjoy each day come from You. We forget how amazing it is that You would save us and make us Your people through Jesus. How ungrateful we are! Oh, how we need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for continuing to be so good to us, even when we forget to be grateful to You. Thank You for all of Your good gifts that we enjoy each day. Thank You, especially, for sending Jesus to be our Savior, so we can become Your people. God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see more of Your good gifts and thank You for them. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 14 Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 18*

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Words: Joseph Scriven Music: Charles C. Converse

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Big Question 14 Praise Song: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 19*

Verse 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart...

Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart...

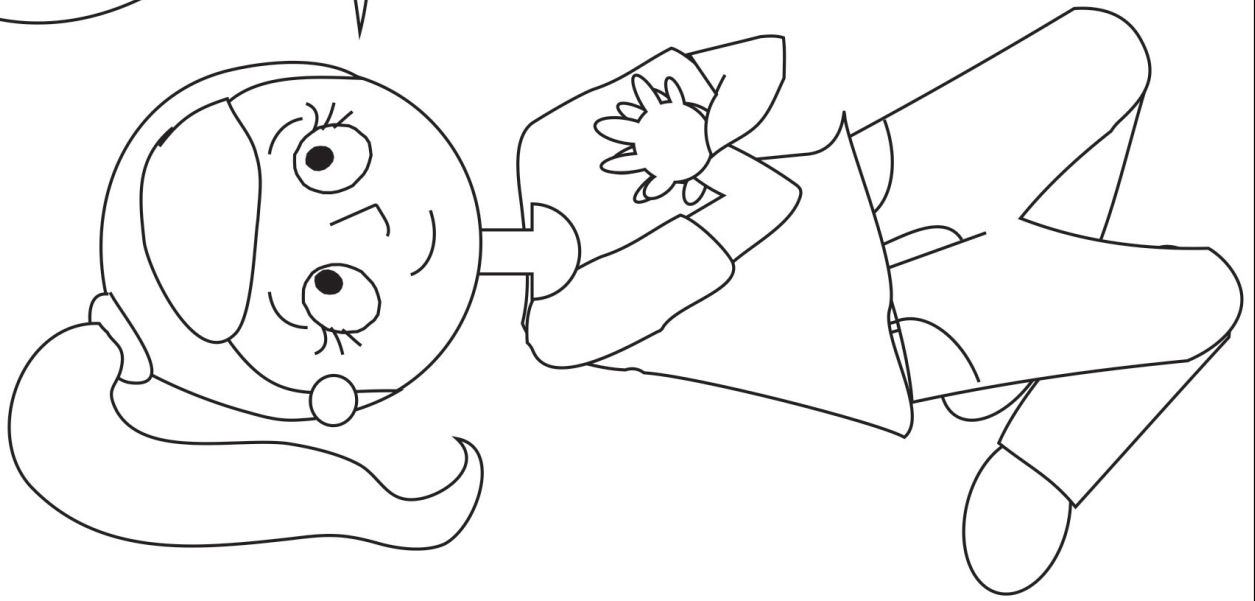
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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4:
How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...

**He Wants Us to -----
Him to Do Great Things!**

**HINT: What do we do when
we need someone to help us?
This word starts with the letter "A"
and it rhymes with "mask."**



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1



Big Question 14 : How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Answer: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things!

Bible Truth 4 Meaning

One part of praying is a big word called "supplication." Supplication sounds like "supply" and that's what it means: asking God to supply us with something we need. God's people ask God to supply them with many things. They know that there is so much they cannot do or supply for themselves. They need God to give them these things. They ask God to help them honor Him in how they live. They want Him to help them obey His laws so that when other people see how they live, they will praise God. They want Him to help them tell others about the wonderful things He has done. God's people also ask Him to take care of their needs and worries. Every day there are many things they need. Sometimes they are worried or scared about things. They tell God about them all. They know He delights to take care of His people. They also ask God to help other people. They pray for God's people that He would help them. They pray for God to save people who don't trust in Jesus as their Savior., yet. They want to pray for everyone-- even people who are mean to them! God's people ask God to do many great things. That's because they know that He is a very great God. Nothing is too hard for Him to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is the first, most wonderful thing we can ask God to do for us!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words." --Psalm 17:6, ESV

Some Questions for You

1. What is the big word for asking God to do something? *Supplication.*
2. What kinds of things do God's people ask God to do? *Help them live to honor Him in how they live; help them obey His laws; help Him tell others about Him; Ask for things they need; Ask Him to take care of their needs and worries.*
3. Who do God's people pray for besides themselves? *Everyone!*
4. Why do God's people know that can ask great things of God? *Because God is a very great God. Nothing is too hard for Him to do.*
5. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being so great and so able to help us. You are the God who listens and answers prayer!
- C** God, we know You answer prayers and can help us, but many times we don't even remember to ask for Your help. We forget You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, that nothing is too hard for You! Thank You that You are always near and always hear our prayers. Thank You that You have given us what we need most of all: Jesus, to save us from our sins.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to keep talking to You throughout our day. Do great things in our lives. Help us to live for You. Do great things in this world. Help us all to trust in You as our Savior In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 14 Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 12* (adapted version of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm")

How does God want us to pray?	Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night and day!	Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
How does God want us to pray?	Ev'ry night and day!
Ev'ry night and day!	How does God want us to pray?
	Ev'ry night and day!

Big Question 14 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 13*

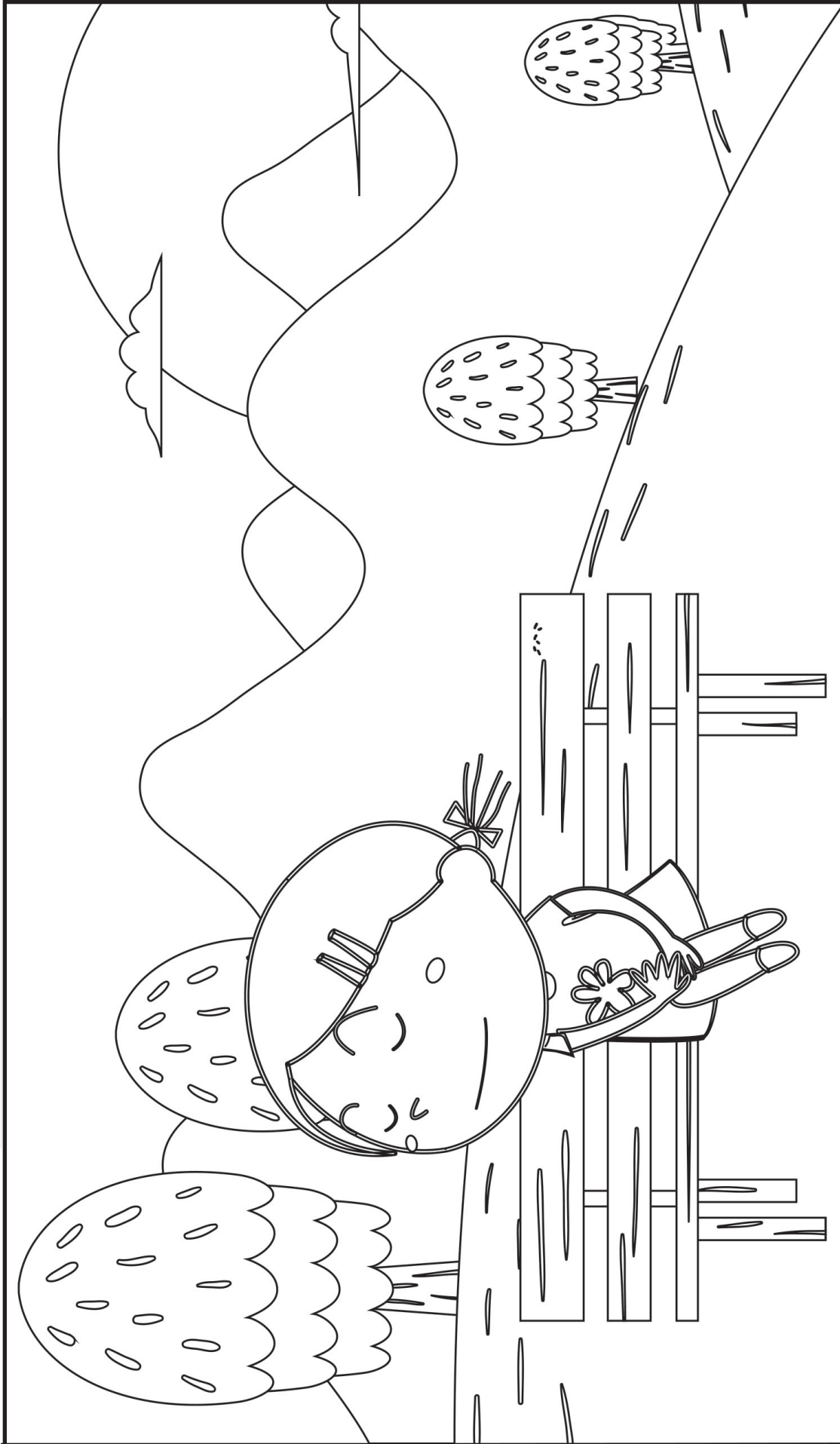
How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
The ACTS way, what's it all about?
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out!

Verse 1:
A, A, A, stands for Adoration,
We praise You, God of all creation,
C, C, C, stands for Confession,
We're sorry, God,
To You our sins confessin',
Refrain

Verse 2:
T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God,
For the good things You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.
Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.

Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout, ACTS!
I could tell you more,
But I'd rather act it out.



"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words." Psalm 17:6, ESV

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2



Big Question 14 : How Does God Want Us to Pray?

Answer: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things!

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"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words." --Psalm 17:6, ESV

Learn a Little: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God."

Meaning

God's people love to talk to God. They talk to Him every day. They know He is the great King over everything and everyone. He is the one, true God. He loves them and is mighty to help them. They know He will always hear their prayers and help them. How amazing that such a great God would care for people like you and me so much! He loves to hear our prayers and answer them in the way and in the timing, He knows is best. And what is the best, first prayer we can ask God to answer? To help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people! Ask Him to help you.

Some Questions for You

1. Who do God's people call upon (pray to) when they are in need? They call on God.
2. How often do God's people ask God for help? Every day! They always need His help.
3. How does God treat His people? He loves them and is mighty to help them.
4. What do they know God will do when they pray to Him? He will answer them.
5. How does God answer His people's prayers? He answers them in just the right way, at just the right time. God always knows what is best and does what is best for them!
6. What is the best, first prayer we can ask God to answer? We can ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Call on You, O God: Psalm 17:6 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 14, track 30*

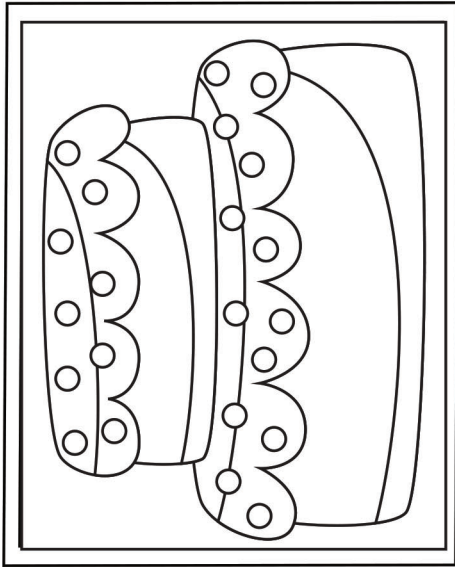
I call on You, upon You, O God,
For You will answer me, answer me,
Incline Your ear to me, O God.
Hear my, hear my words.

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Psalm Seventeen, six.

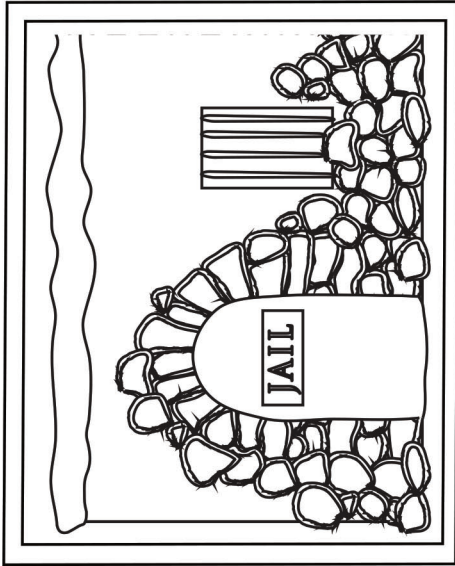
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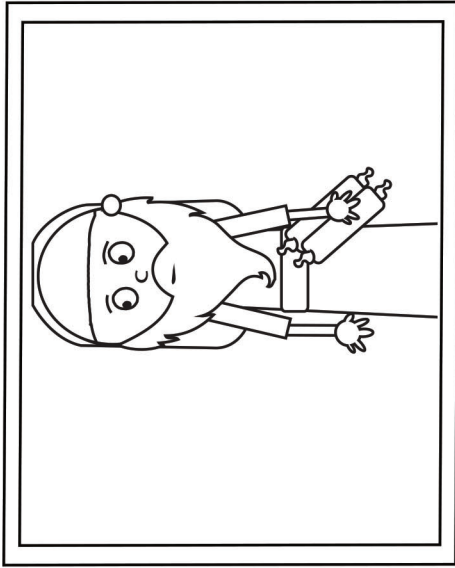
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



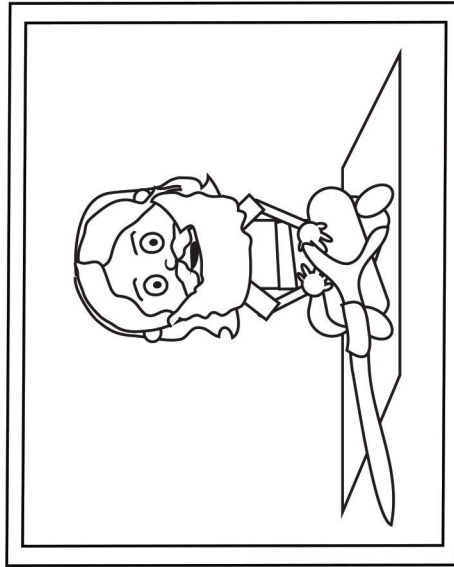
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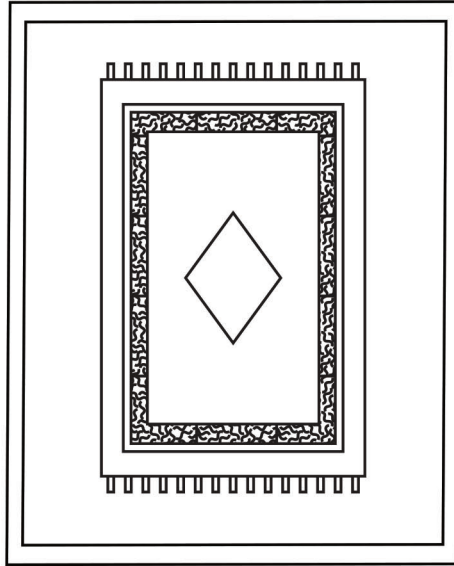
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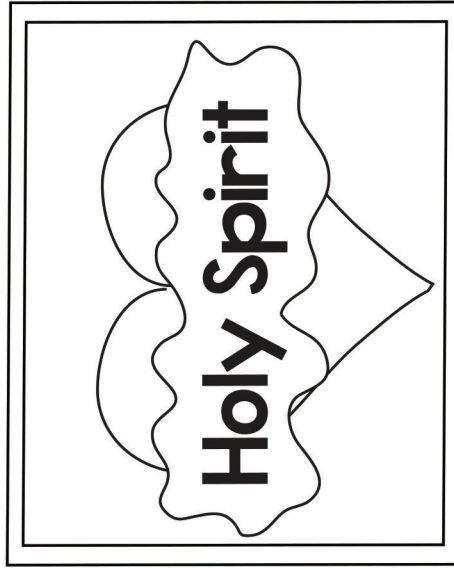
A Leader



A Lame Man



A Rug



The Holy Spirit in a Heart

Answer: The jail, leader, lame man, and Holy Spirit in a heart belong. The cake and the rug do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 14, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3



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Some Questions for You

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2. What kinds of things did they ask God to do? *To love each other; to not be scared of their enemies when they shared about Jesus; and, to help many people believe in Jesus as their Savior.*
3. What did Peter and John give the lame beggar man who sat near the Temple gates? *They asked God to heal his legs by God’s great power, and God did.*
4. What did Peter and John tell the people who saw the lame man healed? *That it was because of Jesus that this man was healed. They told them to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
5. What did the important teachers think when they saw all of this? *They were upset. They wanted to stop Peter and John.*
6. What did the important teachers do to Peter and John? *They arrested them and they told them to stop telling people about Jesus. But Peter and John refused!*
7. What did the believers in Jesus do when they gathered together with Peter and John? *They prayed that God would do more great things through them. They prayed that He would make them brave to keep on telling others about Jesus. God answered their prayers!*
8. What is the message that Peter, John, and the other believers asked God to help them boldly tell? *The gospel! The good news that God forgives the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is the good news God wants us to receive, too! Ask Him to help you!*

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Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart...

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual