

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 11**

**Simple Story Scenes, NIV**

**The God Who Saves**



Curriculum for preschool and elementary age children,  
training tools, music and other resources  
are available for download or to order at:  
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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](http://praisefactory.org), or for purchase as hard copies through [amazon.com](http://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](http://www.praisefactory.org).

## About the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids

### How Are They Used?



The Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book is a companion resource to be used alongside the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book for each unit. These colorful pictures are used in presenting the key concepts; telling the Bible stories; and, in playing the Bible Story Review games.

### What Do They Include?



**There are four, different resources included in this book:**

**1. Key Concept Visual Aids**-- colorful signs of the Big Question and Answer, the Bible Truth, the Bible verse, and the Listening Assignments to use with the 3 lessons for each Bible Truth.

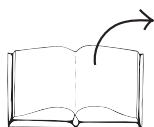
**2. The Story Scenes.** Notice that each scene is numbered and that there is a brief summary of the story that corresponds to the picture. You can actually just tell the story in a simple way by using only the text at the bottom of each Story Scene.

**3. Take-Home Sheets for each Bible Truth.**

**4. Directions** for making the Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder and the **back/front images** to paste in place when making it. (Larger back/front images are found online with the curriculum.)

**Directions** for how to make a homemade flannelgraph storyboard and sturdy Story Scene pictures are found in the back of this book.

### Ready, Set, Rip It Out!



This book is meant to be ripped up and made into your visual aids. The key concept signs can be cut out and laminated or slipped into sheet protectors. The Story Scenes can be put in sheet protectors or laminated, too.

### Store It!



Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum that can be used over and over. Store your visual aids and storyboard pictures after using them and they will serve you for many years. We store ours in manilla envelopes and then put them (along with all the rest of the curriculum) in magazine files, labelled by Bible Truth. If you have multiple classes using the curriculum, store each set of resources in separate manilla envelopes. This will make prep much simpler, second time around.

### Replacement Story Scene Pictures



You can always purchase this book again or simply go online and print out any scenes that go missing.

### Other Options

You can also choose to tell the story in a more traditional flannelgraph way by using your own flannelgraph figures or by purchasing/free downloading the Storyboard Pictures (large and small format size available). This is more complex and requires more preparation, but some love it. And, it does allow for kids to interact more by helping to place pictures up on the board as you tell the story.



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## Unit 11: The God Who Saves

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### UNIT OVERVIEW

We all have disobeyed God. We have all lost the wonderful special closeness with God that He meant for us to have with Him. No matter how hard we try, we can't ever be good enough to win back special closeness with God. No, we can't save ourselves, but God can. That's why He sent Jesus: to save us as a free gift from Him. Anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior, will receive His forgiveness. They will become His people, who know Him in their hearts by His Holy Spirit. And one day, God will take them to live with Him forever. This is the free gift God offers to you and me. God is so kind to us!

In this unit we will learn three truths about this wonderful, free gift God offers us.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: How Can We Be Saved?

**ANSWER:** It Is God's Free Gift!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 11 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 11 Material)

Story: The Case of the Most Important Question *Acts 16*

Bible Verse: Romans 6:23

#### BIBLE TRUTH 1: When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Changed Climber *Luke 19:1-9*

Bible Verse: 1 John 1:8-9

#### BIBLE TRUTH 2: When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man *Acts 8-9*

Bible Verse: Romans 10:9-10

#### BIBLE TRUTH 3: When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday *John 3*

Bible Verse: Titus 3:5-7

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## Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11 Track Numbers

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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)

#### 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.

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

### UNIT 11: THE GOD WHO SAVES

- 12 Big Q & A 11 Song
- 13 Big Question 11 Song: How Can I Be Saved?
- 14 Big Question 11 Bible Verse Song: The Gift of God Is Eternal Life Romans 6:23, NIV 1984
- 15 Big Question 11 Hymn: Grace Greater than All Our Sin, refrain
- 16 Big Question 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

#### How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift...

#### Bible Truth 1: When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them

- 17 Bible Verse: If We Claim 1 John 1:8-9, NIV 1984

#### Bible Truth 2: When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior

- 18 Bible Verse: If You Confess with Your Mouth Romans 10:9-10, NIV 1984
- 19 Extra Bible Verse: In My Father's House John 14:2-6, NIV 1984

#### Bible Truth 3: When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts

- 20 Bible Verse: He Saved Us Titus 3:5-7, NIV 1984
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, NIV 1984

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 11,  
Bible Truth 1  
Simple Story Scenes**

## 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](http://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 11: The God Who Saves**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
--- Romans 6:23

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: It's God's Free Gift... When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them!**

We are all sinners who disobey God. We hear God's laws from the Bible and we know that we have broken them. We hear how we are supposed to love God and His good ways, and we know that we do not. We hear about God's punishment for sin, and we know that we deserve it.

But God is so merciful! He has provided a way to save us from His punishment. How? God wants us to tell (confess) our sins to Him and ask for His forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of God's people. And, God wants us to turn away from a life of disobeying Him and ask Him to help us to live for Him instead (that's what it means to repent of our sins.)

If we do these things, God promises to forgive our sins and make us His very own people. We will get to know Him in our hearts by His Holy Spirit now. And one day, when we die, we will go to live perfectly happily with Him forever.

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: 1 John 1:8-9**

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**Learn a Little:** "If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins."

**Meaning**

This verse reminds us that we are all sinners. We deceive ourselves if we think we are not. But, the good news is, that if we admit we are sinners and confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and save us through Jesus.

**Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful and just, and able to forgive our sins.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God, for being willing to forgive all our sins, when we confess them, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Show us our sins and our need for Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and whom You will love forever.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 1 Story****The Case of the Changed Climber**

*Luke 19:1-9*

**Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 11 Song

Big Question 11 Song: How Can We Be Saved?

Big Question 11 Bible Verse Song: The Gift of God Is Eternal Life   Romans 6:23

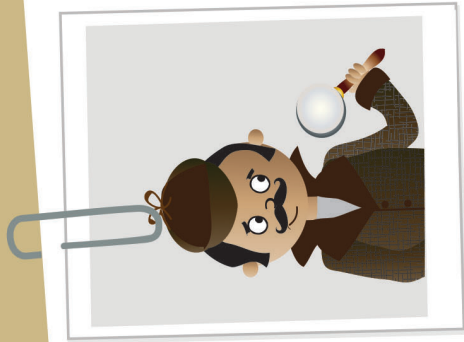
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## "The Case of the Changed Climber" Luke 19:1-9



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the climber and why did he climb?
2. How did he change?



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

#### 1 John 1:8-9, NIV

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1. Who wanted to confess his sins and be forgiven by God?
2. Who didn't think he should be forgiven?  
Who did think he should be forgiven?

(more listening and discussion  
questions are included in the  
curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

**I. Zacchaeus was a rich, rich, rich man! He could have lots of fine clothes. He could have a big, big house. He could eat all the yummiest foods. He could buy all the nice things he liked. Yes. Zacchaeus could have almost anything he wanted because he was so rich.**



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**2. But even though Zacchaeus could have almost ANYTHING he wanted, and almost ANYTHING money could buy, there was something that Zacchaeus did NOT have. It was something money could NOT buy. Zacchaeus wanted God to forgive his sins.**



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**3. Now, we know that no one deserves God's forgiveness of their sins. We have all disobeyed God. We all deserve His punishment. But to many, Zacchaeus ESPECIALLY didn't deserve to have his sins forgiven.**

**You see, Zacchaeus had chosen to work for Caesar, the big king in Rome. Caesar's soldiers had taken over Israel, the country where Zacchaeus and the other people lived. And one of the big things Caesar wanted from the people in Israel was MONEY. TAX MONEY.**



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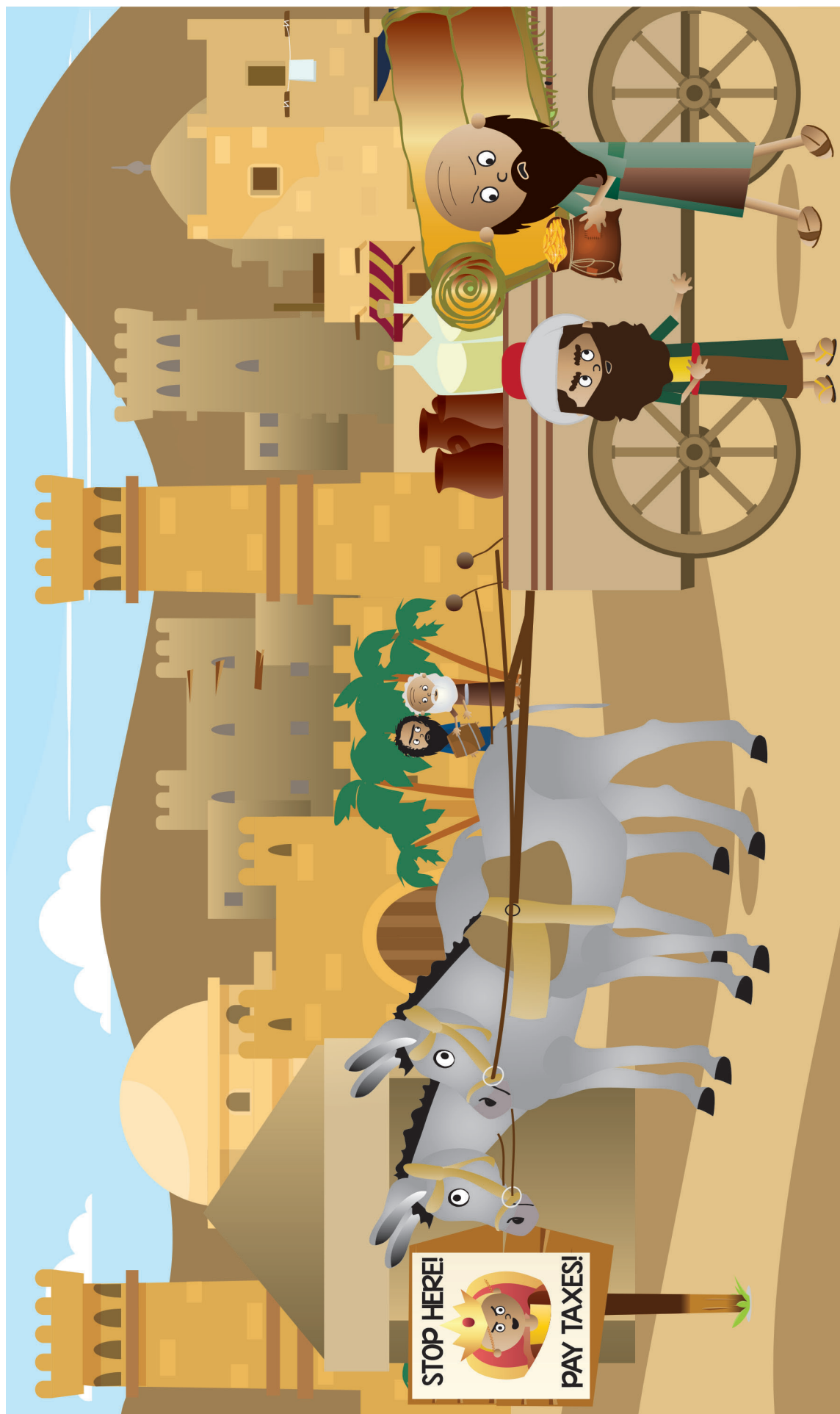
**4. The people of Israel hated to give the Roman king tax money, and most of them refused to help him collect it. But not Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus loved money and when the king offered to give him lots of money to collect taxes, Zacchaeus agreed.**

**“Zacchaeus, collect my tax money, and any extra you get, you can keep for yourself,” the big, Roman king promised.**



**5. So, that's what Zacchaeus did! He became the head tax collector in the important city of Jericho.**

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**So, pay they did, the amount Caesar wanted for his taxes, and a lot more that Zacchaeus and his men kept for themselves. Zacchaeus didn't mind if the people were scared. He didn't mind if he took too much money or made their lives sad. He didn't care what happened to anyone else. He only wanted more money for himself.**



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**8. So, that's how Zacchaeus got to be so rich, rich, rich. And that's why people of Jericho and many others, thought Zacchaeus ESPECIALLY didn't deserve God's forgiveness.**

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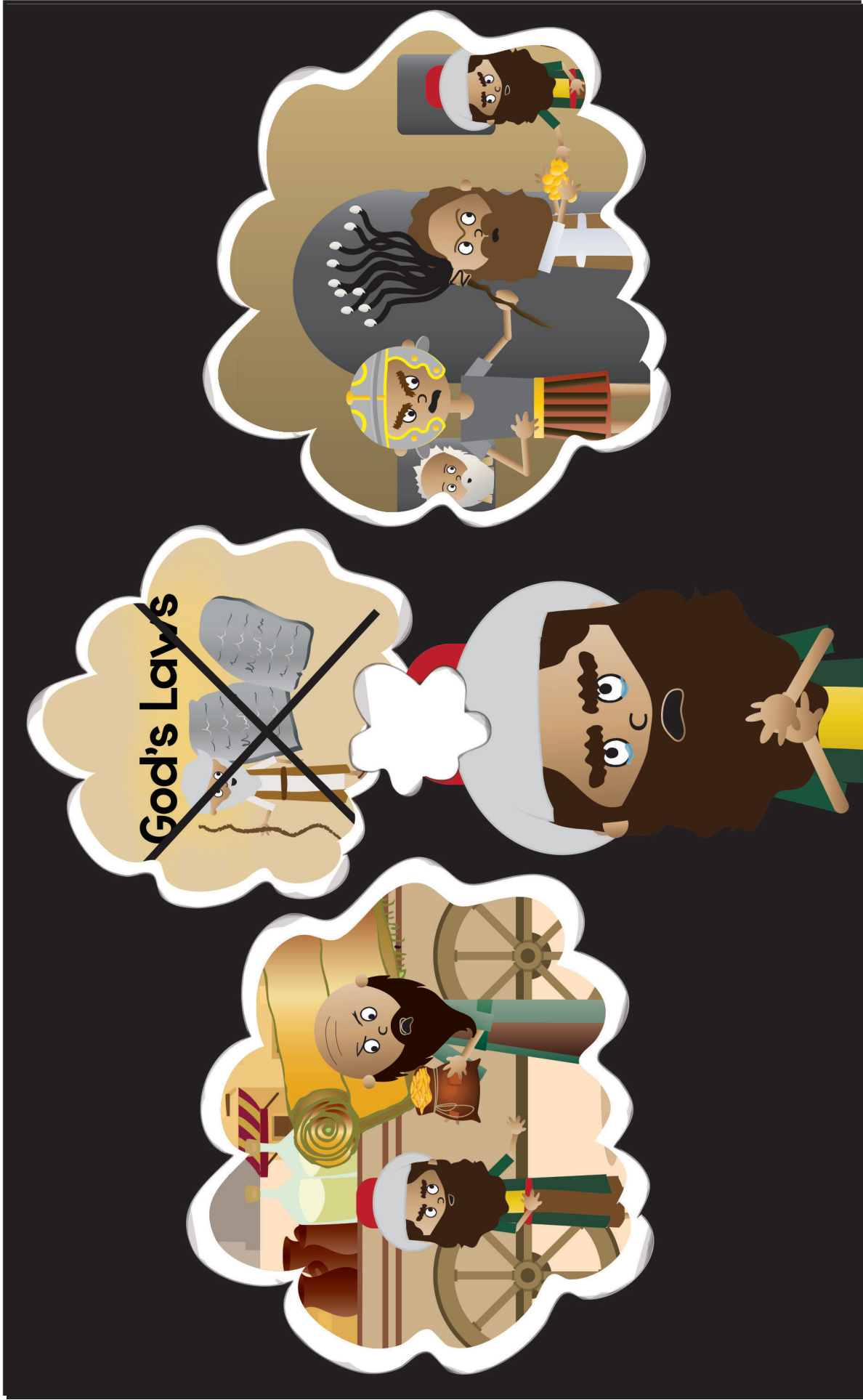
**q. You might think all that money made Zacchaeus happy, and perhaps it did for a while. You see, fine clothes, a big house, yummy food, and nice things are wonderful. But, in the end, none of them are enough.**

**Why? Because God made us to know, love, and obey Him. He, alone, can make us truly happy. And that's why deep down in his heart, Zacchaeus was very UN-happy, even with all that money and those nice things. They would never be enough to satisfy him.**



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**10. What was worse, Zacchaeus knew God's laws, and he knew that he had broken them. He had done many terrible things to the people in his town and the people who passed along the road. He had hurt those people and now they hated him. Zacchaeus knew that he had chosen to turn away from God and His good ways. He had rebelled against God and deserved His punishment.**



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**13. Jesus and a crowd of people were passing through Jericho on the way to the big city of Jerusalem. “Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!” the exciting news spread throughout the town.**

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**14. Zacchaeus tried to join the crowd to see Jesus, too, but no one would make room for him.**

**Zacchaeus stood behind the crowd and tried to look over their heads, but he was such a short, little man that he couldn't see anything. Oh, if someone would just let him through to the front so he could see Jesus, too! But why would people help HIM after all the terrible things he had done?**

**"I must see Jesus! I must see Jesus!" Zacchaeus thought. He would not give up. Up! Why that was it. Zacchaeus had an idea.**



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**15. Zacchaeus would climb up a tree, then he could see Jesus without anyone getting in his way.**

**So, that's just what Zacchaeus did! He ran down the road, beyond the crowd, and climbed up a big, sycamore tree. Zacchaeus sat on his tree branch and watched as Jesus and the crowd with him came closer and closer and closer.**

**What would happen? Would Jesus see Zacchaeus?**



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**16. It would have been so easy for Jesus to miss the short, little man hiding up among the leaves. But Jesus did NOT miss Zacchaeus. Jesus was LOOKING for him.**

**Jesus knew all the terrible things Zacchaeus had done. He knew the sin in Zacchaeus' heart that made him so unhappy and separated him from God. And Jesus knew that He could bring Zacchaeus the forgiveness from God he longed for.**



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**17. So, instead of passing by Zacchaeus, Jesus led the crowd of people right up to that tree and stopped. He looked up through the leaves and straight at Zacchaeus.**

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## "The Case of the Changed Climber" Luke 19:1-9

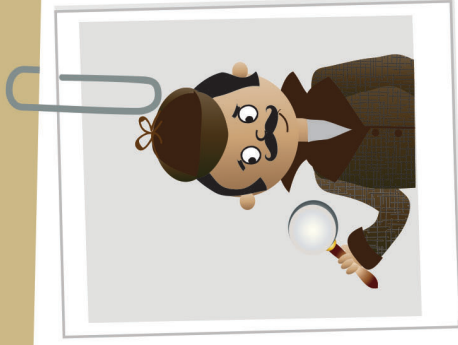


### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the climber and why did he climb?  
Zacchaeus was the climber. He climbed up a tree, so he could see Jesus.

2. How did he change?  
Zacchaeus turned away from his sins. He stopped being a mean, greedy cheat. He put his trust in Jesus as his Savior and God forgave his sins and made him one of His people.

What about You and Me?  
Like Zacchaeus, we All have disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. How sad! But like Zacchaeus, we, too, can confess our sins to God and turn away from them. We can trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God will forgive our sins and make us one of His people, just like He did for Zacchaeus.



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 John 1:8-9, NIV

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1. Who wanted to confess his sins and be forgiven by God? Zacchaeus did.

2. Who didn't think he should be forgiven? Who did think he should be forgiven?

The people in Zacchaeus' town of Jericho didn't think Zacchaeus should be forgiven by God. He was too bad of a man. But Jesus welcomed Zacchaeus to be forgiven by God.

What about you and me?

No one is too bad to be forgiven their sins by God. All who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven their sins and saved! God can do this for you and me, too. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer.

### DDD 11.1 Simple Story Scenes

How Can We Be Saved?

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# The Gospel

We all have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment, not His love. And there's nothing we can do on our own to earn God's love.

But God is so merciful! He made the way for us to be saved from our sins and become His people, as His free gift. How? Through Jesus, His Son. Jesus lived a perfect life; then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, we can receive God's free gift of salvation when we tell God our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

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### DDD 11.1 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being faithful and just, and able to forgive our sins.

C God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!

T Thank You, God, for being willing to forgive all our sins, when we confess them, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Show us our sins and our need for Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and whom You will love forever.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



### DDD 11.1 Simple Story Scenes

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 11,  
Bible Truth 2  
Simple Story Scenes**

## 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](http://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 11: The God Who Saves**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
--- Romans 6:23

**Bible Truth 2 Concept: It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior!**

God created us to love and obey Him, but we have all chosen to disobey Him. That's why we all deserve His punishment, instead of His friendship. Our sins separate us from Him. God would be fair to punish us for our sins, but He has chosen to be so kind to us. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His people through Jesus, His Son.

Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. He never, ever disobeyed God. Then on the cross, Jesus chose to offer up His perfect life as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of God's people. He took the punishment for sins they deserved to save them from their sins.

Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave, but He didn't stay there. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He rose from the dead in victory, never to die again! Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. They are God's people who know Him in their hearts by His Holy Spirit. And when they die, they will go to live perfectly happy with Him forever. This wonderful, free gift can be ours, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Isn't that wonderful news!

**Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Romans 10:9-10**

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

**Learn a Little:** "If you confess 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**Meaning**

To believe something in your heart is to think that something is true. To confess something is to tell others what you think is true. Christians are those who believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. They believe that He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that He had beaten sin and death for them. They love telling this good news to others that they might believe and be saved, too. We must believe in our own hearts that He is our Savior and be willing to confess to others that He is our Lord, if we are to be saved, too!

**Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

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**Bible Truth 2 Story****The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man** Acts 8-9**Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

Big Q &amp; A 11 Song

Big Question 11 Song: How Can We Be Saved?

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Big Question 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name  
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*Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: In My Father's House John 14:2-6*

## "The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man" Acts 8-9



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he so mad about?
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#### Romans 10:9-10, NIV

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified."

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(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

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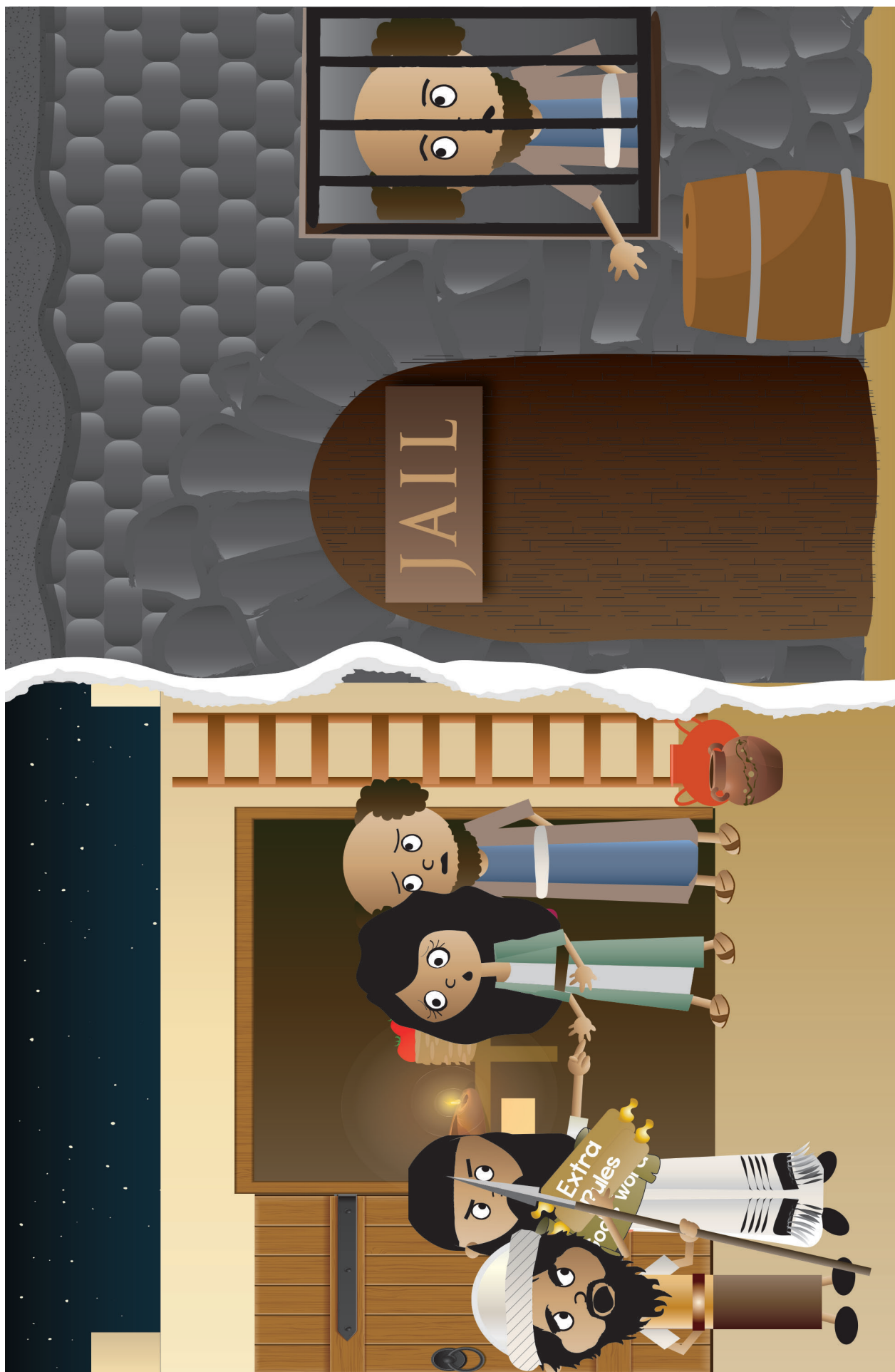
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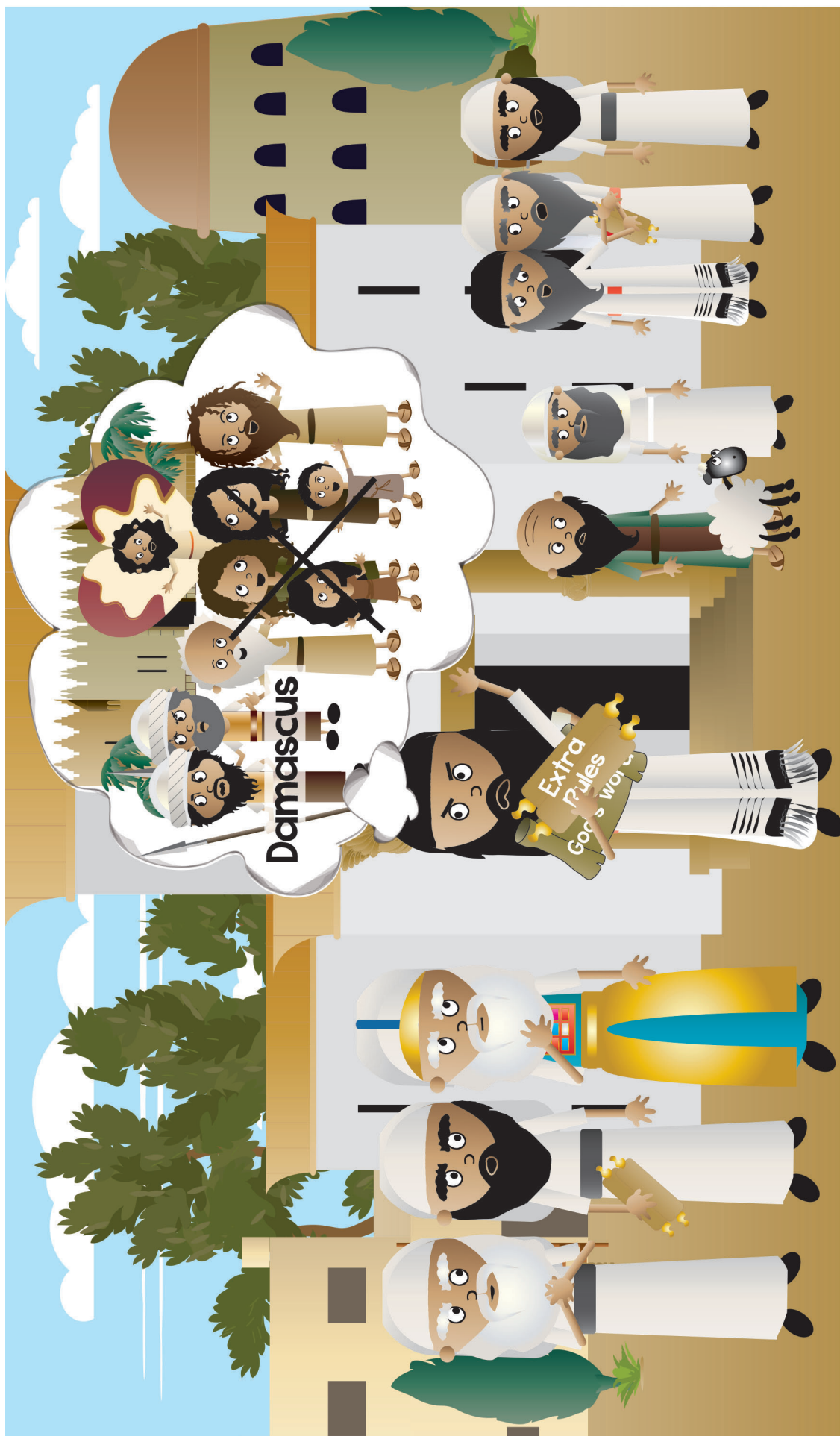
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**20. Saul was so happy. God had saved him from his sins through Jesus. He had made Saul one of His people. Saul was a new man!**

**He got up and was baptized, as Jesus commanded. Saul was beginning a new life of living for God, with Jesus as his Savior. Then, Saul went out and did something else. Something he never, ever dreamed he would do. Can you guess what he did?**



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**21. Saul went out to tell the good news of Jesus to the people of Damascus.**

**“Jesus is God’s Son. He died on the cross to pay for the sins of God’s people,” Saul told them. “On the third day, He rose from the dead. He beat sin and death for God’s people!” he exclaimed. “Turn away from disobeying God! Trust in Jesus as your Savior. God will forgive your sins and save you. You can be one of God’s people!”**



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**And as Saul preached about Jesus, the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.**

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### DDD 11.2 Simple Story Scenes

## "The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man" Acts 8-9



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he so mad about?  
Saul. He was mad that Jesus' followers were telling people to trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change when it happened?  
Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He started telling everyone the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:  
God turned Saul from a man who hated Jesus and wanted to hurt God's people, to someone who loved Jesus and served Him his whole life. God can work powerfully in our lives, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 10:9-10, NIV

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified."

1. Who told people to stop saying Jesus is the Savior?  
Saul did.

2. Why did he change his mind?

Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:

How amazing it is that God could change someone like Saul from a man who hated Jesus to a man who loved Him and trusted in Him as his Savior. God can change us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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How Can We Be Saved?  
It Is God's Free Gift...

When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior!

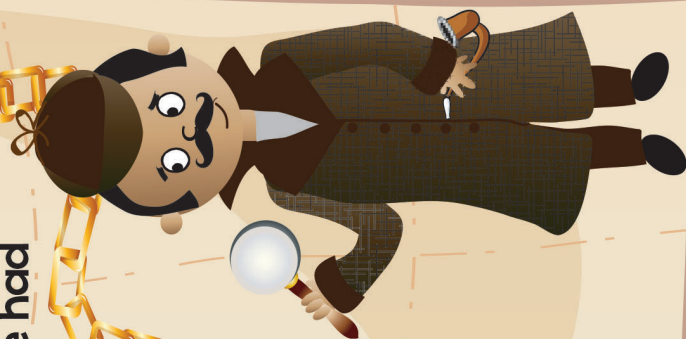
# The Gospel

We all have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment, not His love. And there's nothing we can do on our own to earn God's love.

But God is so merciful! He made the way for us to be saved from our sins and become His people, as His free gift. How? Through Jesus, His Son. Jesus lived a perfect life; then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, we can receive God's free gift of salvation when we tell God our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!



### DDD 11.2 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being good and just. We honor You as the One we should all obey.

C God, we confess that we are all sinners who have disobeyed You. We know that we can never deserve to be Your people by good things we do. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the Savior we need. Thank You that He made the way for us to become Your people with His perfect life given as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior that we might become Your people. Help us to know and love You. Help us to live for You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



### DDD 11.2 Simple Story Scenes

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**



**Unit 11,  
Bible Truth 3  
Simple Story Scenes**

## 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](http://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 11: The God Who Saves**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
--- Romans 6:23

**Bible Truth 3 Concept: It Is God's Free Gift... When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts!**

All of us are sinners. We would rather do things our own way rather than obey God. We have hearts that are dead and empty of love for Him and His good ways. We would never choose to love God on our own.

But guess what God does for His people? He treats them so much better than they deserve! He sends His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. When they hear God's Word, He helps them know they are sinners. He helps them want to stop disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He makes their hearts alive to God. Now, they know God and want to obey and love Him.

We can be God's people, too! We can ask God to send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. He can help us to ask God to forgive our sins, trust Jesus as our Savior, and live for Him. Then we can know God in our hearts, now; and when we die, we will go to live perfectly happily with Him forever.

**Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Titus 3:5**

"... He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

**Learn a Little:** "He saved us through the Holy Spirit."

**Meaning**

We can never please God with our own, good works. Only through Jesus' perfect life offered up in the place of sinners can we be saved. And what a salvation it is! God, Himself, sends His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of His people. He gives them the gift of faith. He helps them turn away from their sins. He makes them clean of their sins and all new on the inside. This is how we, too, can become God's people--His heirs; that is, His children who will receive eternal life and live with Him forever.

**Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Changer of the hearts of sinful people, like us.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners. We have hard hearts that are slow to believe, love, and obey You. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of people like us, so we can know You, love You, and live for You. You give us what we need but could never get on our own.
- S** God, send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Give us faith as we hear Your Word, the Bible. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us new creations! Give us the new birth! We want to know You and live for You! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Truth 3 Story**

**The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday**

*John 3*

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**Songs Used in Bible Truth 3**

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Big Q & A 11 Song

Big Question 11 Song: How Can We Be Saved?

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Big Question 11 Hymn: Grace Greater than All Our Sin, refrain

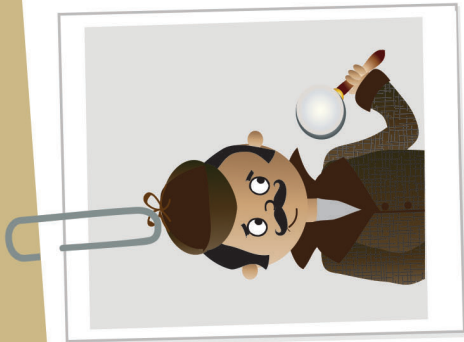
Big Question 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

Bible Verse: He Saved Us Titus 3:5-7, NIV 1984

*Extra Bible Verse: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, NIV 1984*

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

## "The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday" John 3



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promise to all who trust in him as their Savior?

2. To whom did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did he find so surprising about it?



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Titus 3:5, NIV

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people?

2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

**I. To the country, to the cities, went Jesus and His disciples. And everywhere they went, people came. Jesus taught them about God and did amazing things by God's power.**



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## **2. What kind of country people came to Jesus?**

**Well, there were plain, country people like shepherds, fishermen, and farmers. And there were important country people, like the teachers of God's Word and government workers. Poor people, rich people. Good people, bad people. Sick people, healthy people. Fathers, mothers, and children.**

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**3. And amazed they certainly were, by what they heard and saw.**

**“This Jesus is not like any other teacher. What amazing things He says about God. What amazing things He does. He even heals sick people with just His words. Let’s hear more. Let’s see more,” they exclaimed.**

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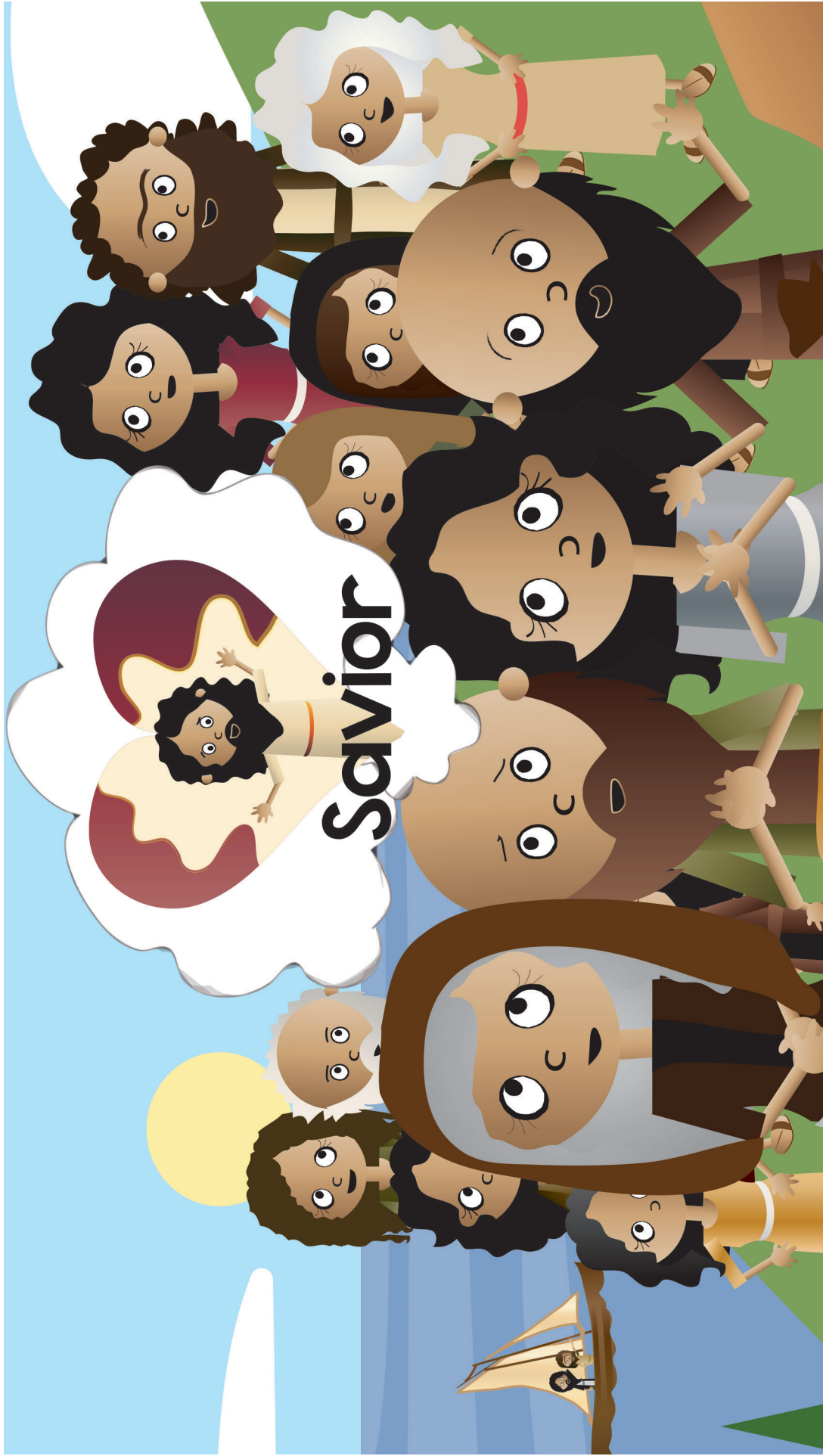


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**4. But you know, Jesus wasn't the only one doing amazing things by God's great power. God, the Holy Spirit, was doing some amazing things, too.**

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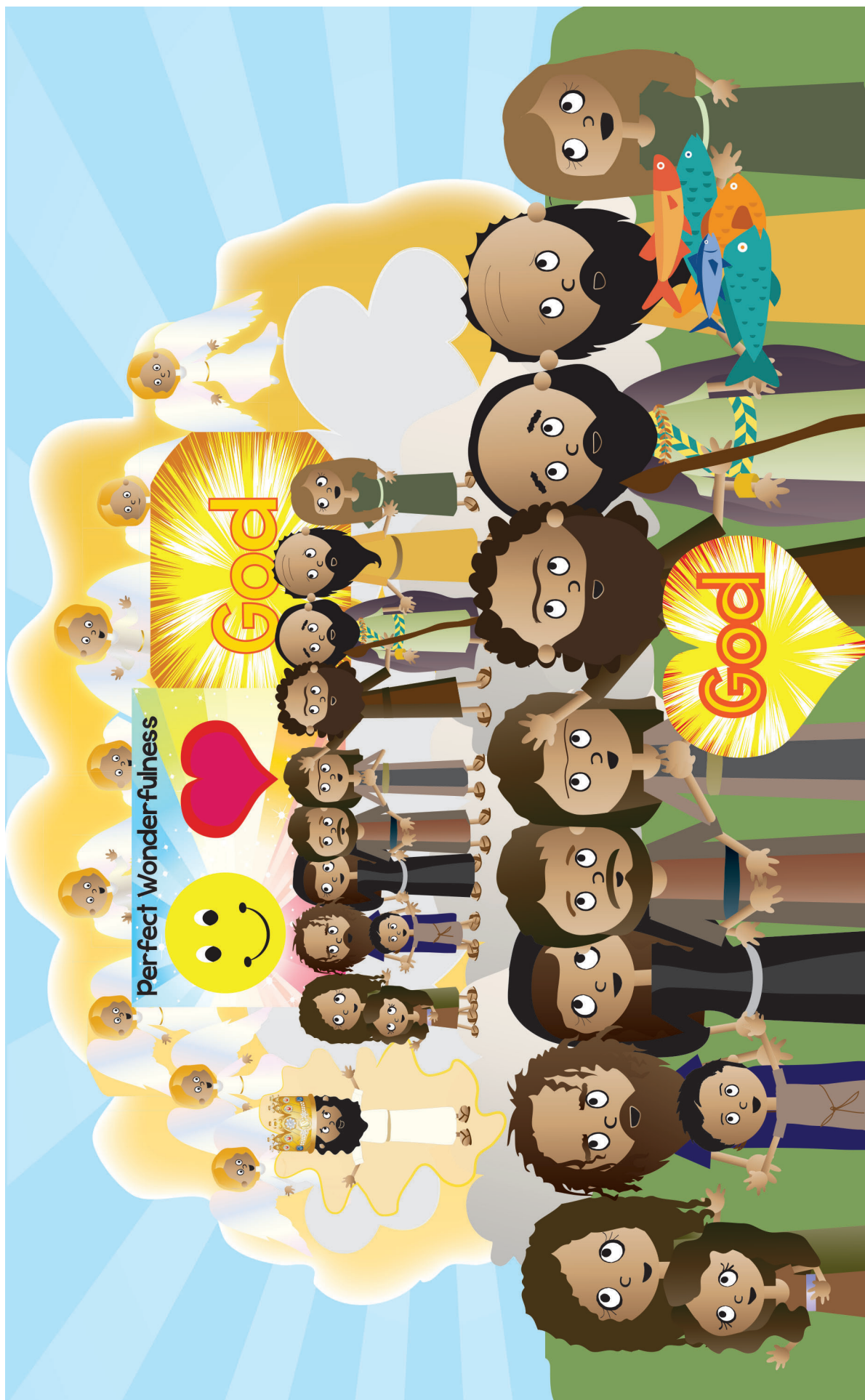
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**6. But God didn't just care about country people. He cared about city people, too.**

**So, Jesus and His disciples left the country and went to the great city of Jerusalem. And what did Jesus do when He went there? He taught them about God and did amazing things by God's great power, just like He had in the country.**



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## **7. All sorts of city people came to Jesus.**

**Plain, city people, like the people who sold things in the markets, came. Important city people, like the Pharisees (the teachers of God's Word) and government workers, came, too. Poor people, rich people. Good people, bad people. Sick people, healthy people. Fathers, mothers, and children.**

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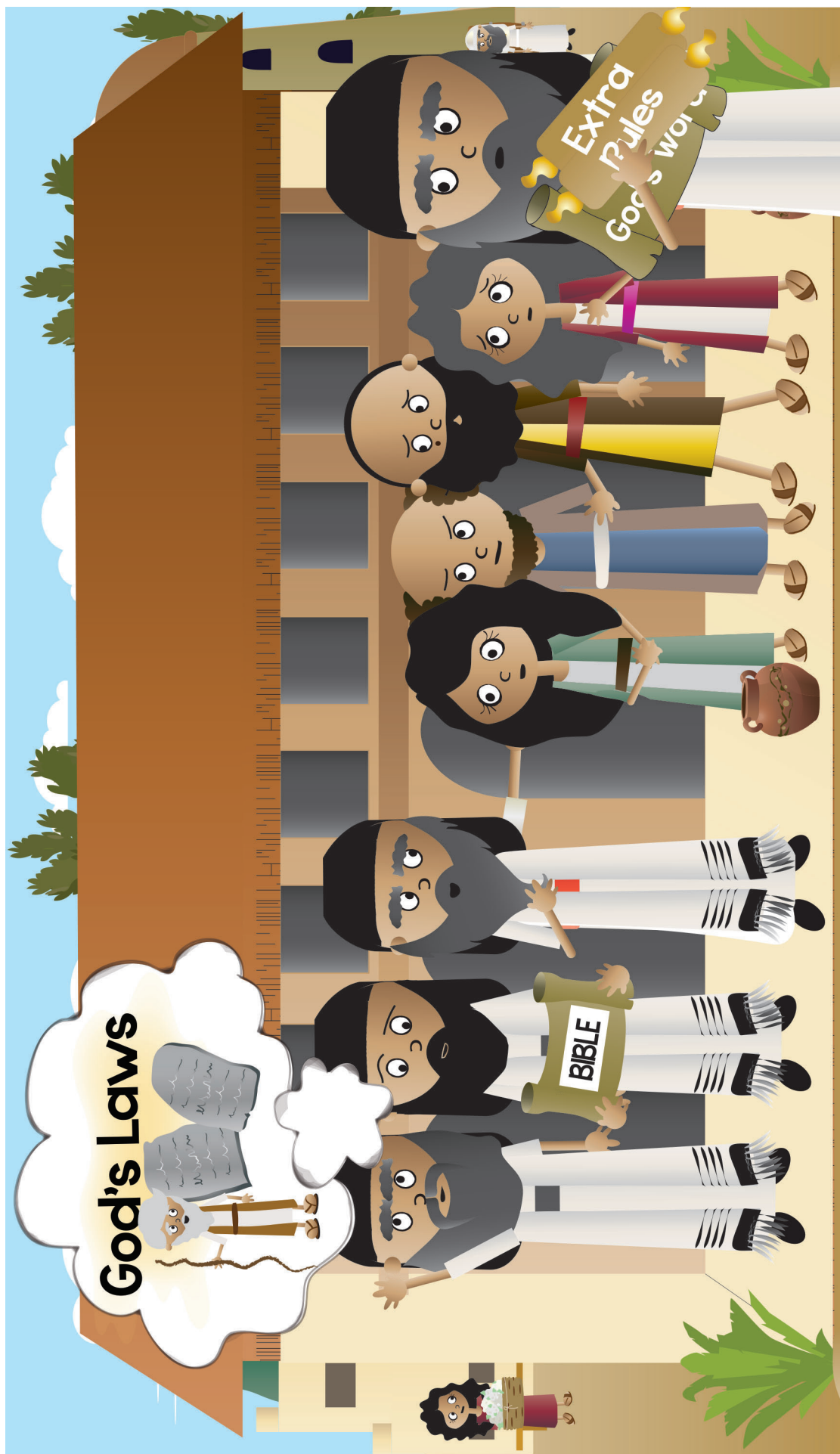
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**12. But when Jesus came to Jerusalem, Nicodemus just shut his mouth and listened and watched. He could see that Jesus was a teacher unlike any other, a teacher especially sent by God.**

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**14. What was going on? What was changing these people? Nicodemus wanted to know. He decided he would go to find Jesus and talk to Him, all by himself.**

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**Nicodemus listened to Jesus’ words. This time, he wasn’t just amazed. He was confused! “Born again? How can this be, Jesus? I’m a full-grown man. Do I have to be born like a baby from a mother again? I don’t understand,” Nicodemus told Jesus.**



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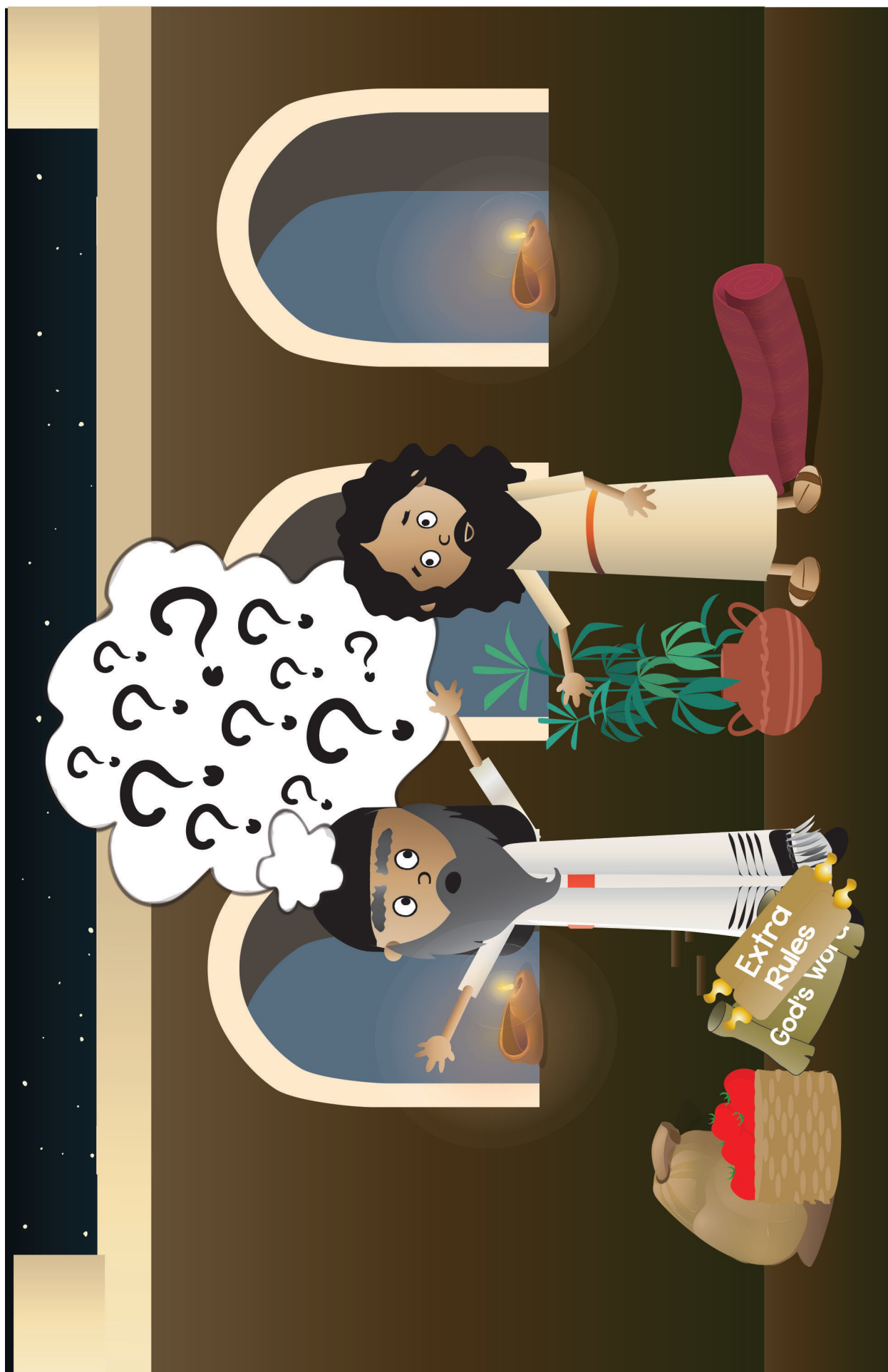
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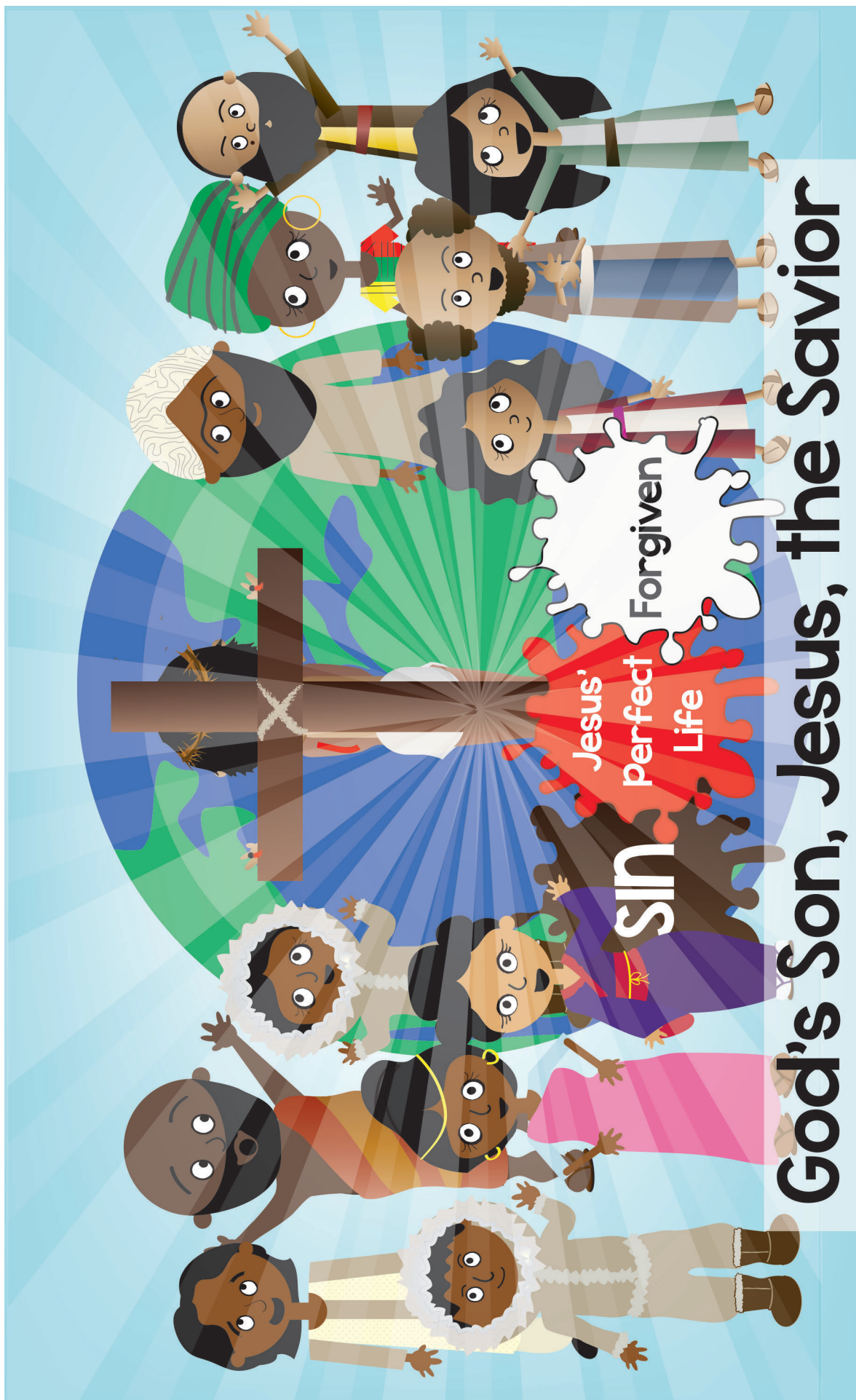
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**20. Nicodemus had much to think about that night as he went home.**

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**21. Did the Holy Spirit work in Nicodemus' heart as he thought about these things? It seems that He did.**

**Who was it who helped take down Jesus' body from the cross when He died for the sins of God's people? It was Nicodemus! And who was it who took Jesus' body and buried it in a tomb? It was Nicodemus!**

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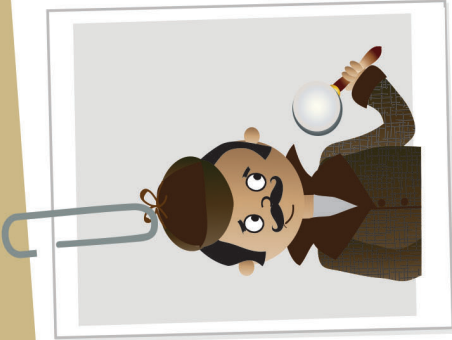
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### DDD 11.3 Simple Story Scenes

## "The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday" John 3



### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promise to all who trust in him as their Savior? To be a changed person, forgiven of their sins, and one of God's people forever.
2. To whom did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did he find so surprising about it? To Nicodemus. He didn't understand that the Holy Spirit is the One who works inside us and changes our hearts. He is the One who helps us repent and believe, so we can become God's people.

**For You and Me:**  
That special, second birthday wasn't just for important people like Nicodemus. It's for anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and help you. He loves to answer these prayers!

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Titus 3:5, NIV

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people?  
To be made a new person inside their heart. God forgives their sins and helps them trust in Jesus as their Savior.
2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday?  
The Holy Spirit.

**For You and Me:**  
That special, second birthday that God gave to His people long ago is something He still gives to people today. How? When they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and work in your heart and help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

### DDD 11.3 Simple Story Scenes

How Can We Be Saved?  
It Is God's Free Gift...

When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts!

# The Gospel

We all have chosen to disobey God. Our hearts are dead and empty of love for Him and His good ways. We would never choose to love God on our own.

We deserve God's punishment, but God has sent us a Savior-- His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us. God loves to answer this prayer!



### DDD 11.3 Simple Story Scenes

# A Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Changer of the hearts of sinful people, like us.

C God, we confess that we are all sinners. We have hard hearts that are slow to believe, love, and obey You. We need Jesus to save us!

T Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of people like us, so we can know You, love You, and live for You. You give us what we need but could never get on our own.

S God, send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Give us faith as we hear Your Word, the Bible. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us new creations! Give us the new birth! We want to know You and live for You!

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



### DDD 11.3 Simple Story Scenes

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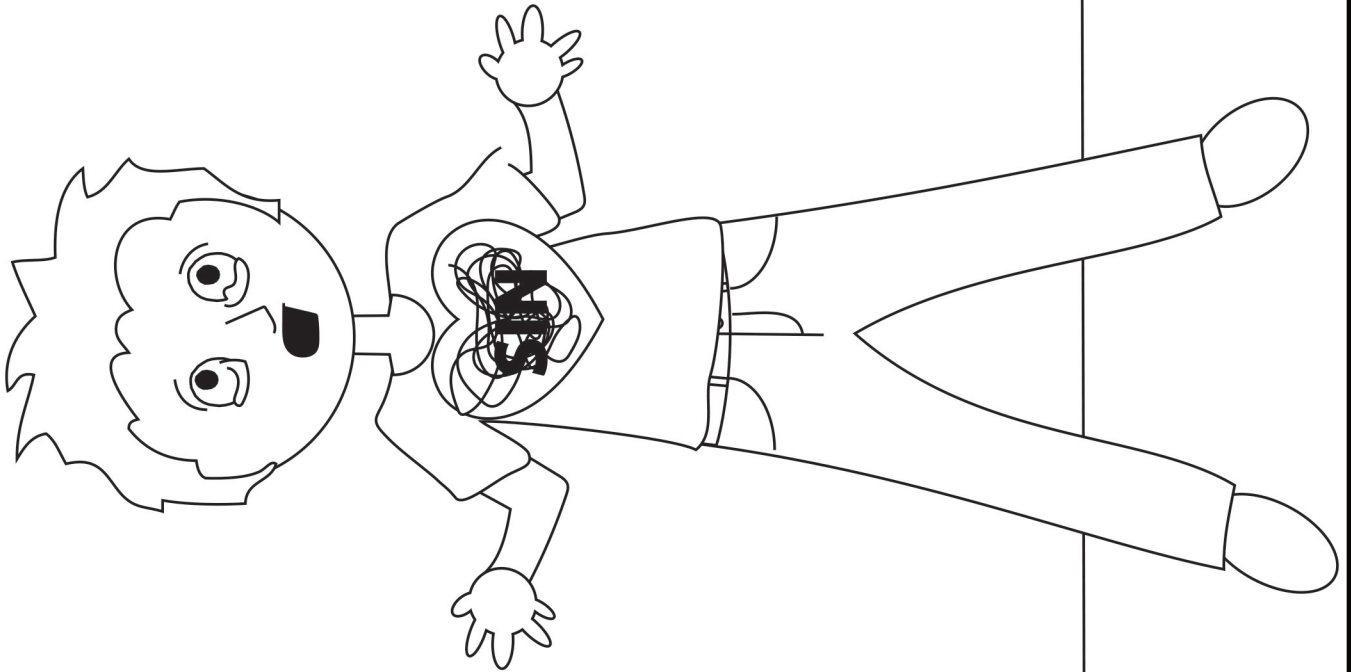


**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!:**  
**How Can We Be Saved?**  
**It Is God's Free Gift...**

**When We Tell God Our**

**----- and Turn Away from Them!**

**HINT: What is the Bible word for disobeying God**  
**and His good laws? It starts with an "s"**  
**and it rhymes with "ends."**



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



## Big Question 11: How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift... When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them!

### Bible Truth 1 Meaning

We are all sinners who disobey God. We hear God's laws from the Bible, and we know that we have broken them. We hear how we are supposed to love God and His good ways, and we know that we do not. We hear about God's punishment for sin, and we know that we deserve it. But God is so merciful! He has provided a way to save us from His punishment. How? God wants us to tell (confess) our sins to Him and ask for His forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of God's people. And, God wants us to turn away from a life of disobeying Him and ask Him to help us to live for Him instead (that's what it means to repent of our sins.) If we do these things, God promises to forgive our sins and make us His very own people. We will get to know Him in our hearts by His Holy Spirit now. And one day, when we die, we will go to live perfectly happily with Him forever.

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

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." --1 John 1:8-9

### Some Questions for You

1. Who are sinners? *We all are.*
2. When we hear God's big rules, His laws, what do we know? *That we have broken them.*
3. When we hear we are supposed to love God and His good ways, what do we know? *That we do not love Him or His good ways as we should.*
4. When we hear about God's punishment for sin what do we know? *That we deserve it.*
5. Does God want us to have His punishment for sin? *No, He does not. He wants to save us.*
6. How can we be saved? *By telling Him our sins, turning away from wanting to disobey Him; and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*
7. What does God promise to do when we trust Jesus as our Savior? *Forgive our sins, make us His very own people, and give us special closeness with Him now and forever.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful and just, and able to forgive our sins.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God, for being willing to forgive all our sins, when we confess them, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Show us our sins and our need for Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and whom You will love forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

#### Big Q & A 11 Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 12

(adapted version of "Here We Go Looby Loo")

How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It is God's free gift!

#### Big Question 11 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 13

##### Refrain:

How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It's God's free gift.  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It's God's free gift through Christ.

##### Verse 1

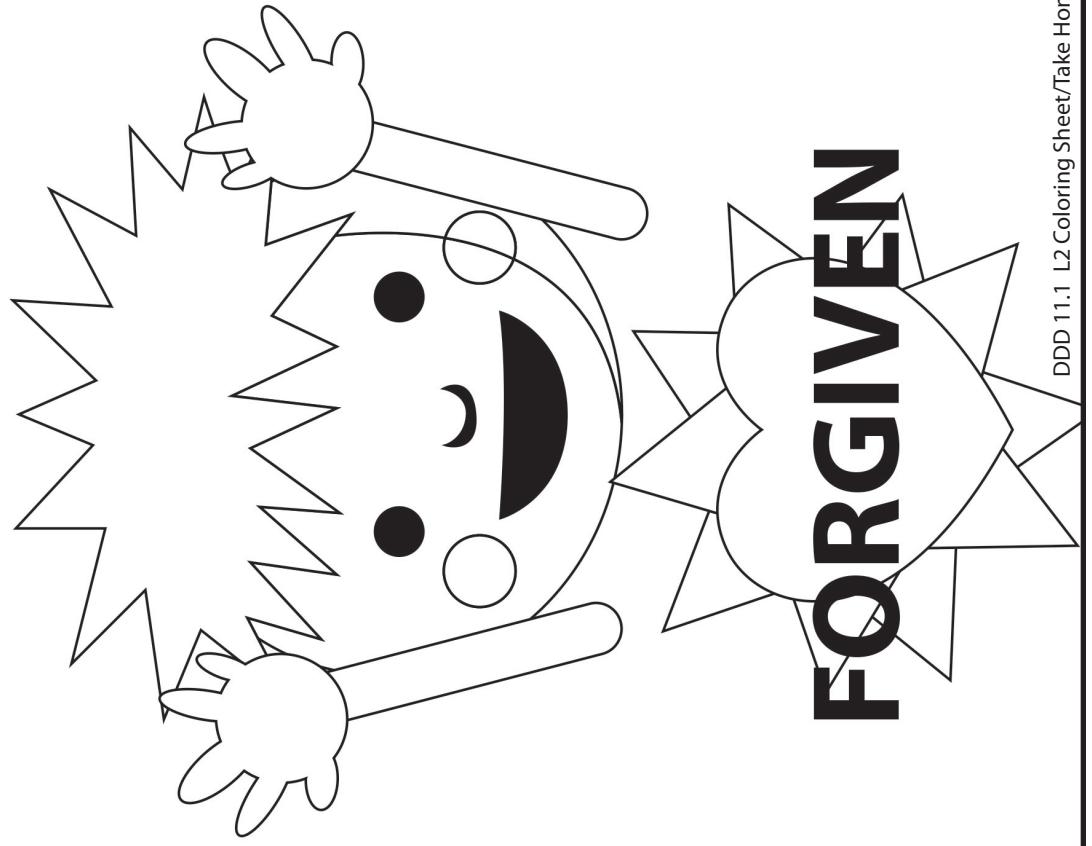
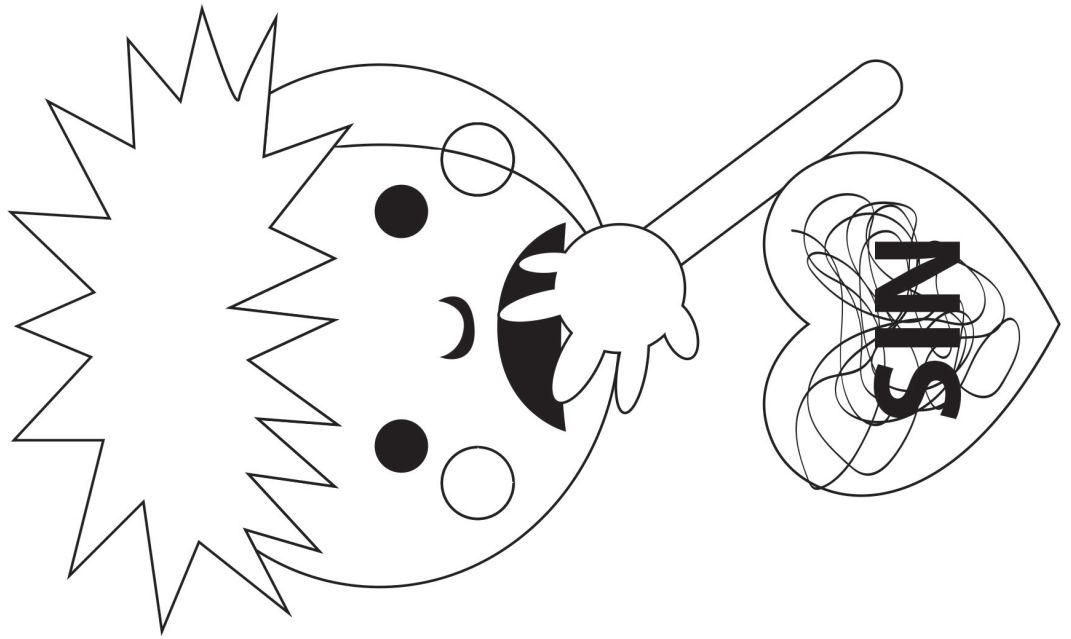
I disobey God, I need a Savior,  
You disobey God, You need a Savior,  
We all disobey God, We need a Savior.  
To save us from our sins. *Refrain*

##### Verse 2

Jesus, He paid the price, the perfect sacrifice,  
On the cross, gave His life,  
Bought us eternal life,  
Takes away all our sin,  
Makes our hearts clean within,  
When we repent and believe in Him. *Refrain*

**"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." -- 1 John 1:8-9**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** God's Laws Are Perfect... When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them!

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

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." --1 John 1:8-9

**Learn a Little:** "If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins."

### Meaning

This verse reminds us that we are all sinners. We deceive ourselves if we think we are not. But, the good news is, that if we admit we are sinners and confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and save us through Jesus.

### Some Questions for You

1. If we say we are without sin, who do we deceive (who are we fooling)? *Ourselves.*
2. Who is faithful to forgive our sins, if we confess them to Him? *God is.*
3. What does God purify us from when we confess our sins to Him? *All unrighteousness. That means He treats us as if we have never disobeyed Him.*
4. What do we need to do for God to forgive our sins? *We need to confess our sins to God, telling Him that we know that we have disobeyed Him and deserve His punishment. We need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God promises to forgive the sins of all who do!*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful and just, and able to forgive our sins.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God, for being willing to forgive all our sins, when we confess them, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Show us our sins and our need for Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and whom You will love forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

#### If We Claim We Have No Sin 1 John 1:8-9

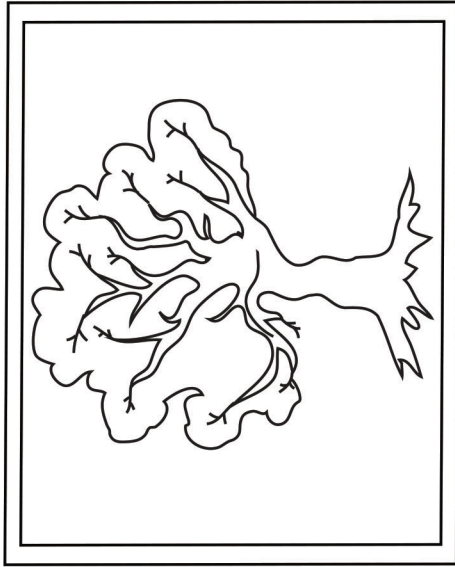
from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, tracks 17

If we claim to be without sin,  
If we claim to be without sin,  
If we claim to be without sin,  
We deceive ourselves,  
And the truth is not in us.

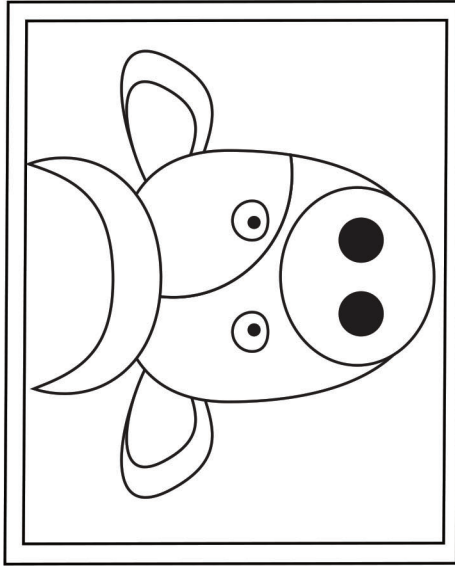
But...If we confess our sins...  
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
Faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
Faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
And to cleanse us from,  
All unrighteousness.

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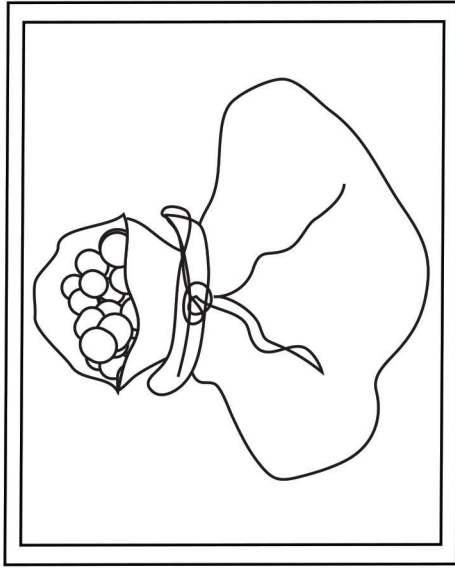
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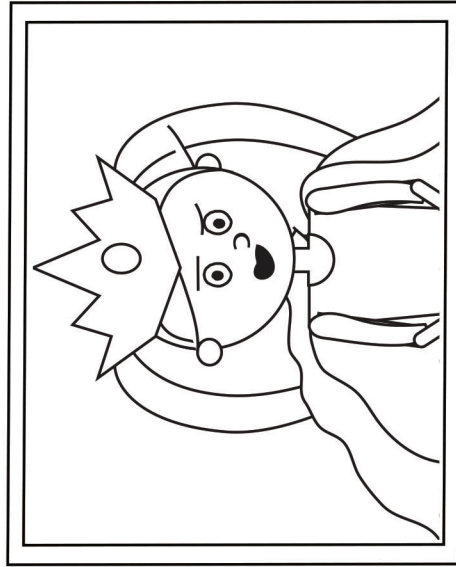
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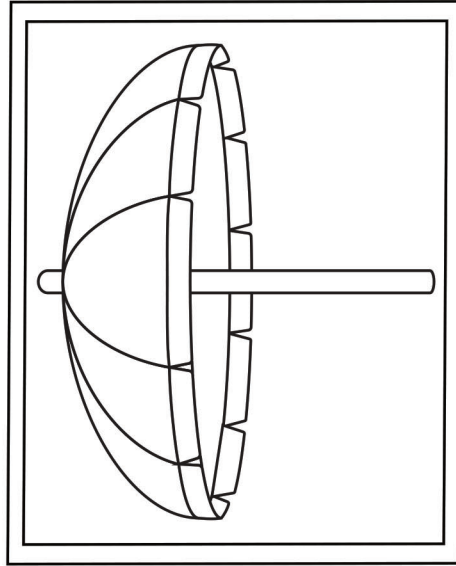
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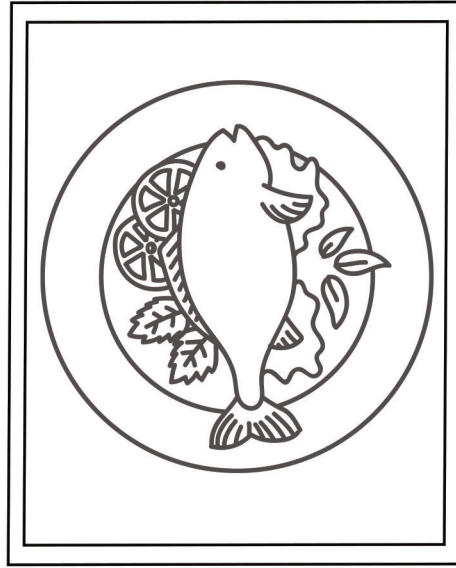
A Bag of Money


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A King


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An Umbrella


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Yummy Food

Answer: The tree, the bag of money, the king and the yummy food belong. The cow and the umbrella do not.

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



## Big Question 11: How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift... When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them!

### Bible Truth 1 Meaning

We are all sinners who disobey God. We hear God's laws from the Bible, and we know that we have broken them. We hear how we are supposed to love God and His good ways, and we know that we do not. We hear about God's punishment for sin, and we know that we deserve it. But God is so merciful! He has provided a way to save us from His punishment. How? God wants us to tell (confess) our sins to Him and ask for His forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of God's people. And, God wants us to turn away from a life of disobeying Him and ask Him to help us to live for Him instead (that's what it means to repent of our sins.) If we do these things, God promises to forgive our sins and make us His very own people. We will get to know Him in our hearts by His Holy Spirit now. And one day, when we die, we will go to live perfectly happily with Him forever.

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

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." --1 John 1:8-9

### Some Questions for You

1. What did Zacchaeus have? *Just about everything that money could buy.*
2. What did Zacchaeus want that money couldn't buy? *He wanted God's forgiveness.*
3. What kinds of bad things did Zacchaeus do to get all his money? *Good food, a nice house, beautiful clothes, and just about whatever else he wanted.*
4. What special place was Zacchaeus not allowed to go to because of the bad things he did? *The place to worship God.*
5. Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree? *He was too short to see Jesus and no one would make a place for him along the road.*
6. What did Jesus tell Zacchaeus to do? *To come down from the tree and take Him to his house to be his guest.*
7. What did Jesus offer Zacchaeus? *Forgiveness from his sins.*
8. What did Zacchaeus do that showed that he really had turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior? *He promised to pay back all the people whose money he had wrongly taken.*
9. Who worked in Zacchaeus' heart so that he would be changed? *The Holy Spirit.*
10. How can we have God's forgiveness for our sins? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being faithful and just, and able to forgive our sins.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God, for being willing to forgive all our sins, when we confess them, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Show us our sins and our need for Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and whom You will love forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Question 11 Hymn: Grace that Is Greater than All Our Sin from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 15

##### Verse 1

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

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#### Big Question 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 16

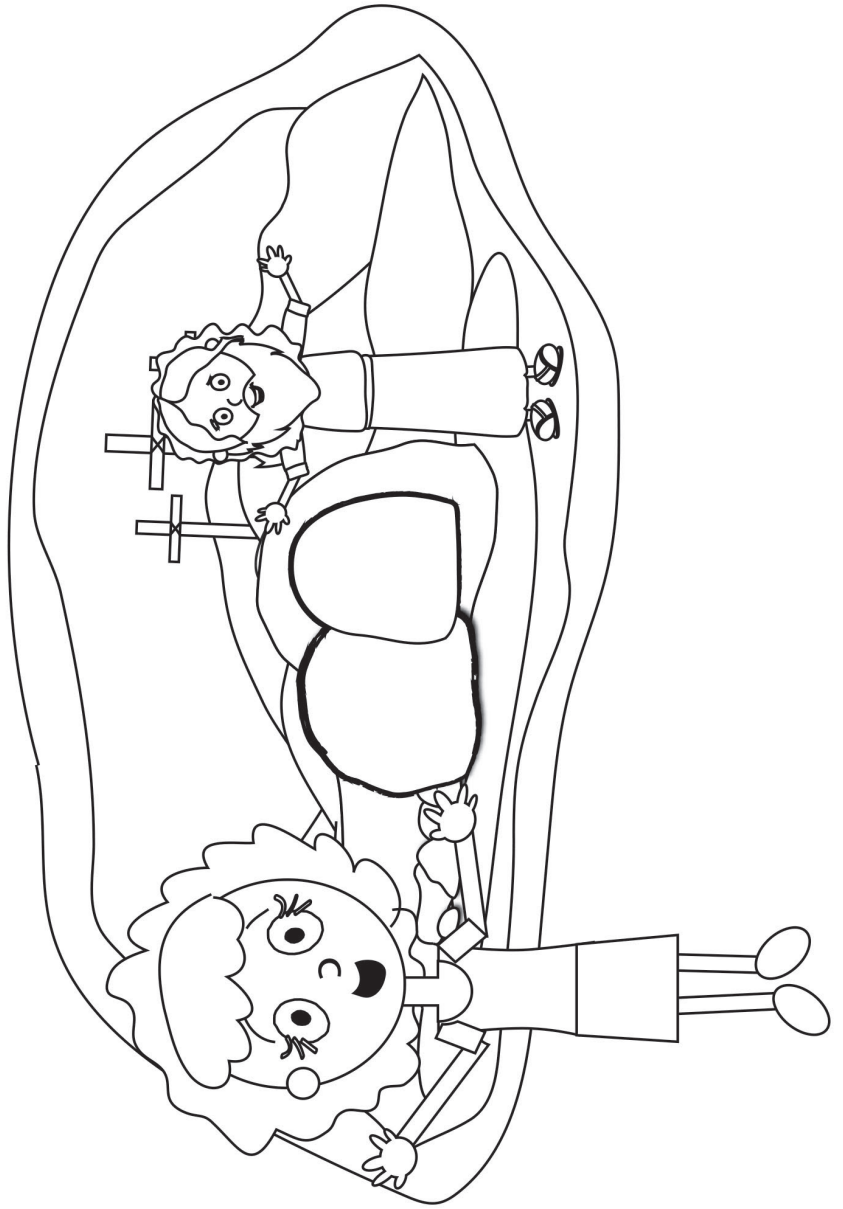
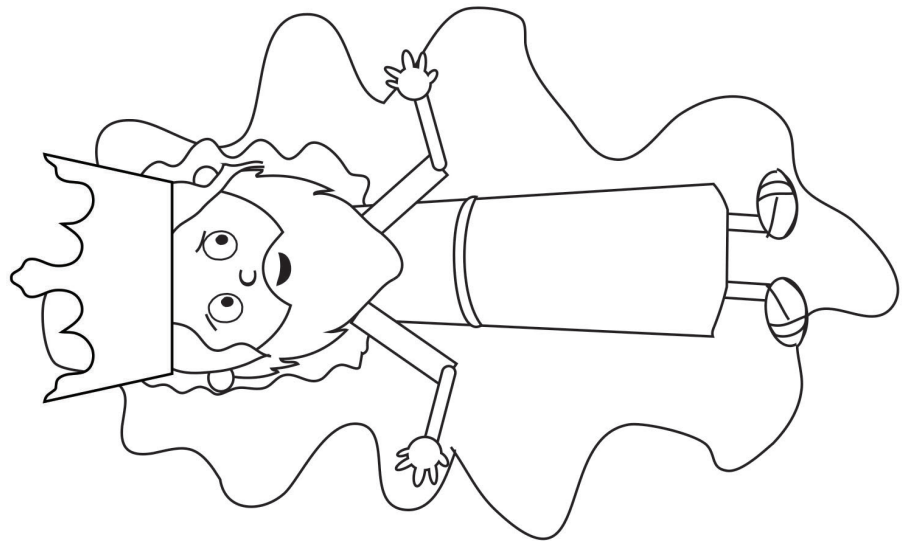
All praise to Him who reigns above  
In majesty supreme.  
Who gave His Son for man to die,  
That He might man redeem!

Blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.**

**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,  
and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”**

**--Romans 10:9-10**



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



## Big Question 11: How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior!

### Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God created us to love and obey Him, but we have all chosen to disobey Him. That's why we all deserve His punishment, instead of His friendship. Our sins separate us from Him. God would be fair to punish us for our sins, but He has chosen to be so kind to us. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His people through Jesus, His Son. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. He never, ever disobeyed God. Then on the cross, Jesus chose to offer up His perfect life as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of God's people. He took the punishment for sins they deserved to save them from their sins. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave, but He didn't stay there. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He rose from the dead in victory, never to die again! Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. They are God's people who know Him in their hearts by His Holy Spirit. And when they die, they will go to live perfectly happy with Him forever. This wonderful, free gift can be ours, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Isn't that wonderful news!

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

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."  
--Romans 10: 9-10

### Some Questions for You

1. God created us to do what? *To love and obey Him perfectly.*
2. Do we love and obey God perfectly? *No, we do not. We have all chosen to disobey Him.*
3. Do we deserve special closeness with God? *No.*
4. What do we deserve from God? *His punishment for our sins.*
5. What does God give His people that is better than they deserve? *He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins so that they could be saved.*
6. How can we become God's people and receive the free gift of salvation? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to answer this prayer!*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being good and just. We honor You as the One we should all obey.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who have disobeyed You. We know that we can never deserve to be Your people by good things we do. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the Savior we need. Thank You that He made the way for us to become Your people with His perfect life given as the full payment for the sins of God's people.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know and love You. Help us to live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 11 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 12*  
(adapted version of "Here We Go Looby Loo")

How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It is God's free gift!

### Big Question 11 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 13*

#### Refrain:

How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It's God's free gift.  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It's God's free gift through Christ.

#### Verse 1

I disobey God, I need a Savior,  
You disobey God, You need a Savior,  
We all disobey God, We need a Savior.  
To save us from our sins. *Refrain*

#### Verse 2

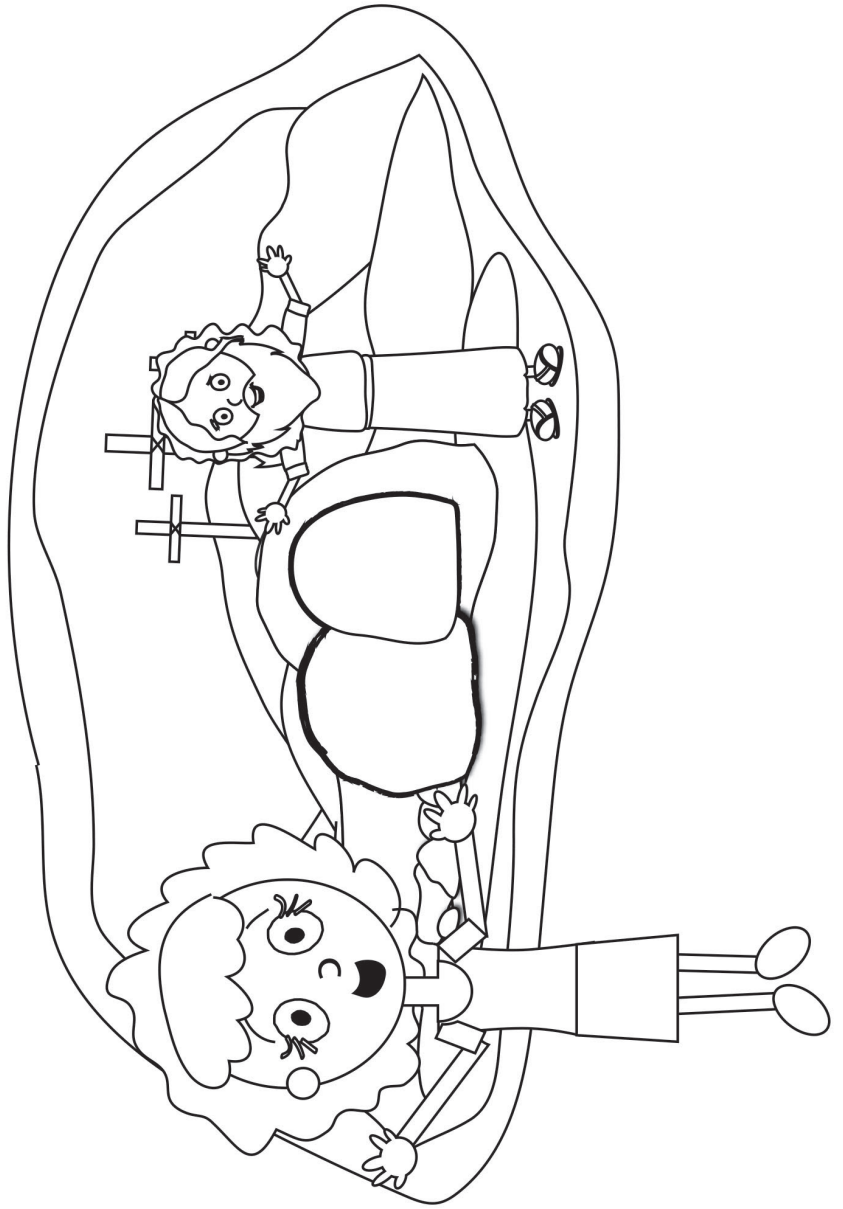
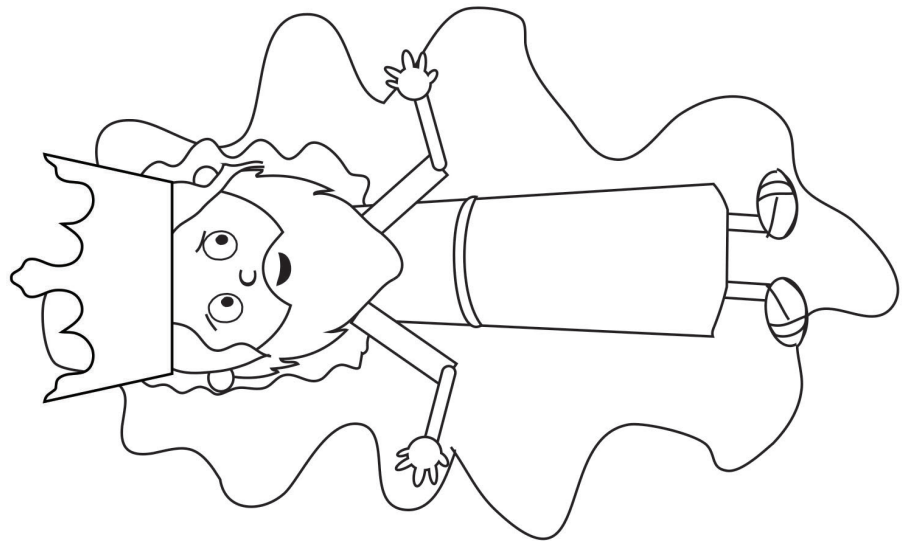
Jesus, He paid the price, the perfect sacrifice,  
On the cross, gave His life,  
Bought us eternal life,  
Takes away all our sin,  
Makes our hearts clean within,  
When we repent and believe in Him. *Refrain*

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**“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.**

**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,  
and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”**

**--Romans 10:9-10**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2

**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior!



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

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."  
--Romans 10: 9-10

**Learn a Little:** "If you confess 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**Meaning:**

To believe something in your heart is to think that something is true. To confess something is to tell others what you think is true. Christians are those who believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. They believe that He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that He had beaten sin and death for them. They love telling this good news to others that they might believe and be saved, too. We must believe in our own hearts that He is our Savior and be willing to confess to others that He is our Lord, if we are to be saved, too!

**Some Questions for You**

1. What does it mean to believe something in your heart? *To think that it is true.*
2. What does it mean to confess something? *To tell others what you think is true.*
3. Who do Christians believe in their heart is Lord? What does that mean? *They believe Jesus is Lord. They believe He is the Son of God who we should all obey.*
4. What amazing thing do they believe Jesus did? *He died on the cross for the sins of God's people and on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He beat sin and death for God's people!*
5. How can Jesus become our Savior? *When we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.*

**Let's Pray!**

- A** God, we praise You for being good and just. We honor You as the One we should all obey.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who have disobeyed You. We know that we can never deserve to be Your people by good things we do. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the Savior we need. Thank You that He made the way for us to become Your people with His perfect life given as the full payment for the sins of God's people.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know and love You. Help us to live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!**

**If You Confess with Your Mouth: Romans 1:9-10**

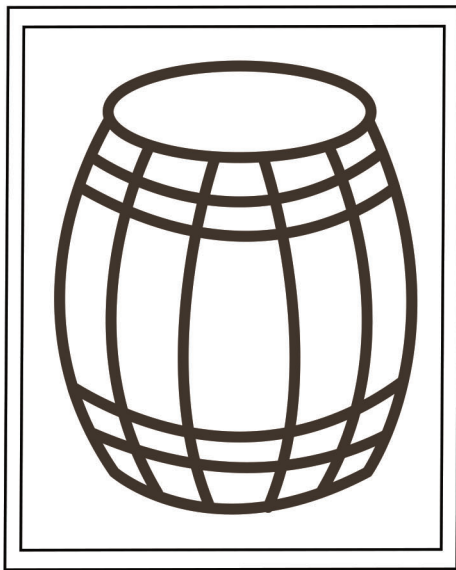
*from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 18*

If you confess, with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"  
And believe in your heart,  
That God raised Him from the dead,  
You will be saved, you will be saved.  
For it is with your heart,  
That you believe and are justified.

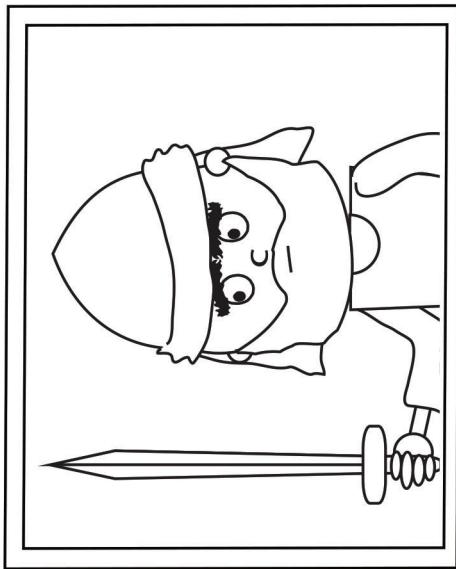
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And believe in your heart,  
That God raised Him from the dead,  
You will be saved, you will be saved.  
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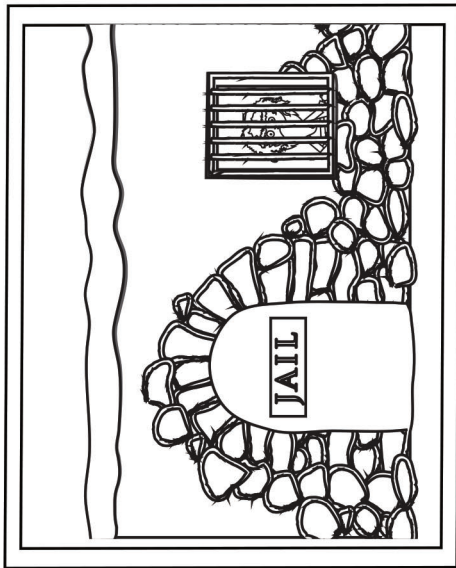
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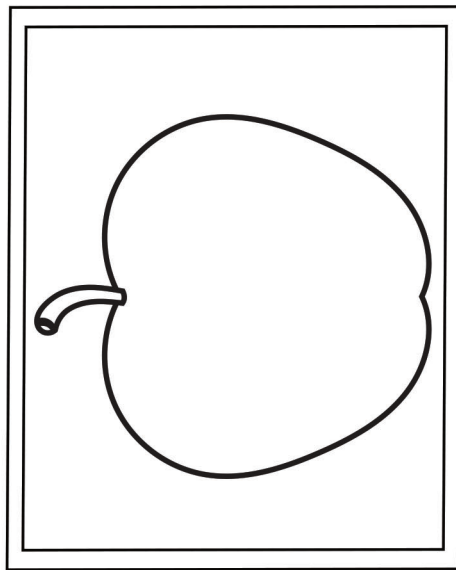
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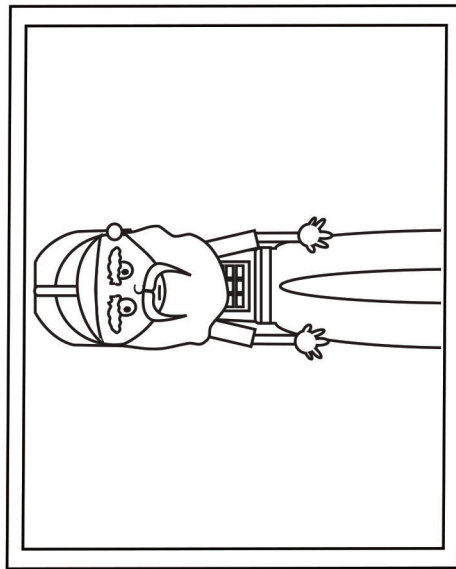
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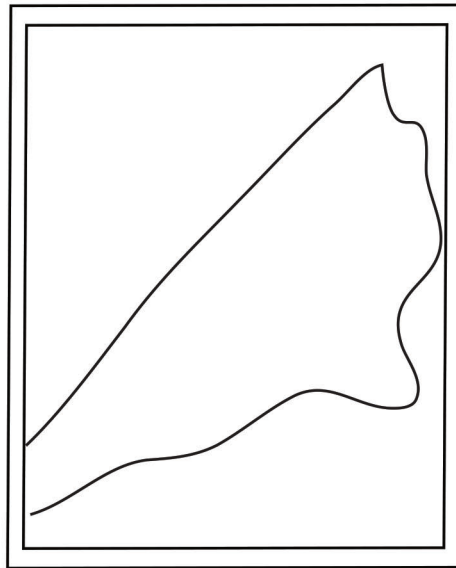
A Jail


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An Apple


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A High Priest


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A Bright Light

Answer: The soldier, the jail, the high priest and the bright light belong. The barrel and the apple do not.

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



## Big Question 11: How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior!

### Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God created us to love and obey Him, but we have all chosen to disobey Him. That's why we all deserve His punishment, instead of His friendship. Our sins separate us from Him. God would be fair to punish us for our sins, but He has chosen to be so kind to us. He offers to forgive our sins and make us His people through Jesus, His Son. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. He never, ever disobeyed God. Then on the cross, Jesus chose to offer up His perfect life as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of God's people. He took the punishment for sins they deserved to save them from their sins. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave, but He didn't stay there. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He rose from the dead in victory, never to die again! Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. They are God's people who know Him in their hearts by His Holy Spirit. And when they die, they will go to live perfectly happy with Him forever. This wonderful, free gift can be ours, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Isn't that wonderful news!

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

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."  
--Romans 10: 9-10

### Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus' followers do that made Saul so mad? *They told everyone that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to save God's people. They told everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
2. What did Saul tell Jesus' followers to do? *To stop telling people about Jesus.*
3. Why didn't Jesus' followers stop telling others about Jesus? *Because they wanted others to be forgiven their sins and know God.*
4. What did Saul do to Jesus' followers? *He found them, hurt them and had them put in jail.*
5. Why did Jesus' followers move to other cities? *So that Saul couldn't hurt them and so they could tell more people about Jesus.*
6. What happened to Saul when he went to Damascus to get rid of Jesus' followers who had moved there? *Jesus appeared to him on the road. He became blind and was taken to Damascus. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.*
7. What did Saul start doing after he became a follower of Jesus? *He went and told everyone the good news of Jesus, too.*
8. How can we be saved from our sins, like Saul was? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being good and just. We honor You as the One we should all obey.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who have disobeyed You. We know that we can never deserve to be Your people by good things we do. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the Savior we need. Thank You that He made the way for us to become Your people with His perfect life given as the full payment for the sins of God's people.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know and love You. Help us to live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

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### Verse 1

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Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
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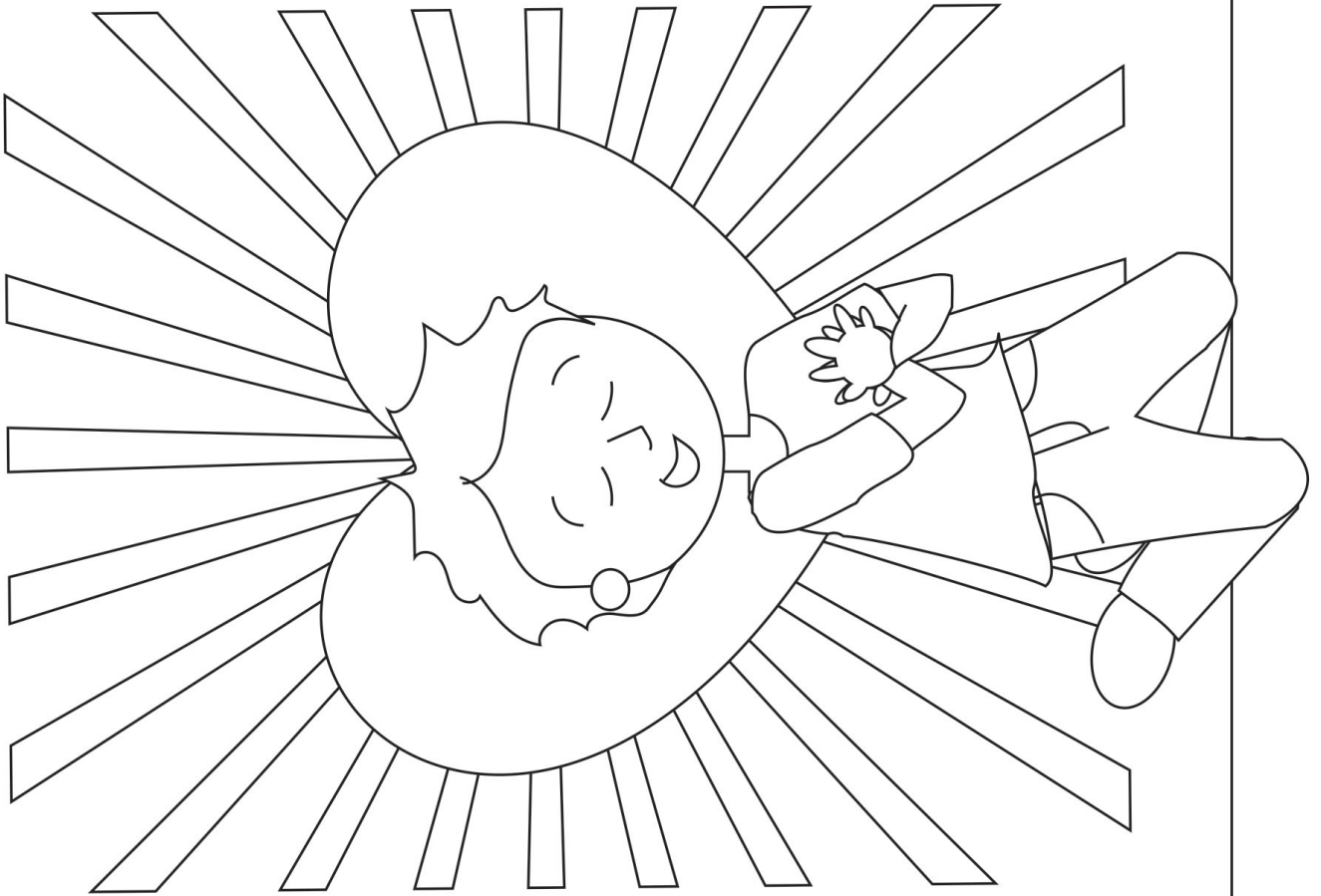
All praise to Him who reigns above	Blessed be the name,
In majesty supreme.	Blessed be the name,
Who gave His Son for man to die,	Blessed be the name of the Lord;
That He might man redeem!	Blessed be the name,
	Blessed be the name,
	Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:**  
**How Can We Be Saved?**  
**It Is God's Free Gift...**

**When the Holy Spirit Works in Our**

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**HINT:** What did God put deep inside of us  
 so we can know and love Him?  
 It starts with an "h" and it rhymes with "starts."



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift... When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts!

## Bible Truth 3 Meaning

All of us are sinners. We would rather do things our own way rather than obey God. We have hearts that are dead and empty of love for Him and His good ways. We would never choose to love God on our own. But guess what God does for His people? He treats them so much better than they deserve! He sends His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. When they hear God's Word, He helps them know they are sinners. He helps them want to stop disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He makes their hearts alive to God. Now, they know God and want to obey and love Him. We can be God's people, too! We can ask God to send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. He can help us to ask God to forgive our sins, trust Jesus as our Savior, and live for Him. Then we can know God in our hearts, now; and when we die, we will go to live perfectly happily with Him forever.

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

"... He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." --Titus 3:5-7

## Some Questions for You

1. Who are sinners? *All of us.*
2. Would we rather do things our way or God's way? *Our way!*
3. What are sinners' hearts empty of? *Love for God and His good ways.*
4. Do sinners choose God on their own? *No, they don't.*
5. Who does God send to work in hearts of His people? *The Holy Spirit.*
6. What does the Holy Spirit do in the hearts of God's people? *Helps them to know they are sinners; helps them want to stop disobeying God; helps them trust Jesus as their Savior.*
7. What book does God use? *His Word, the Bible.*
8. Can we ask the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts? *Yes, we can. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

## Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Changer of the hearts of sinful people, like us.
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## Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 11 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 12*  
(adapted version of "Here We Go Looby Loo")

How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It is God's free gift!

## Big Question 11 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 13*

### Refrain:

How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It's God's free gift.  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
How can we be saved?  
It's God's free gift through Christ.

### Verse 1

I disobey God, I need a Savior,  
You disobey God, You need a Savior,  
We all disobey God, We need a Savior.  
To save us from our sins. *Refrain*

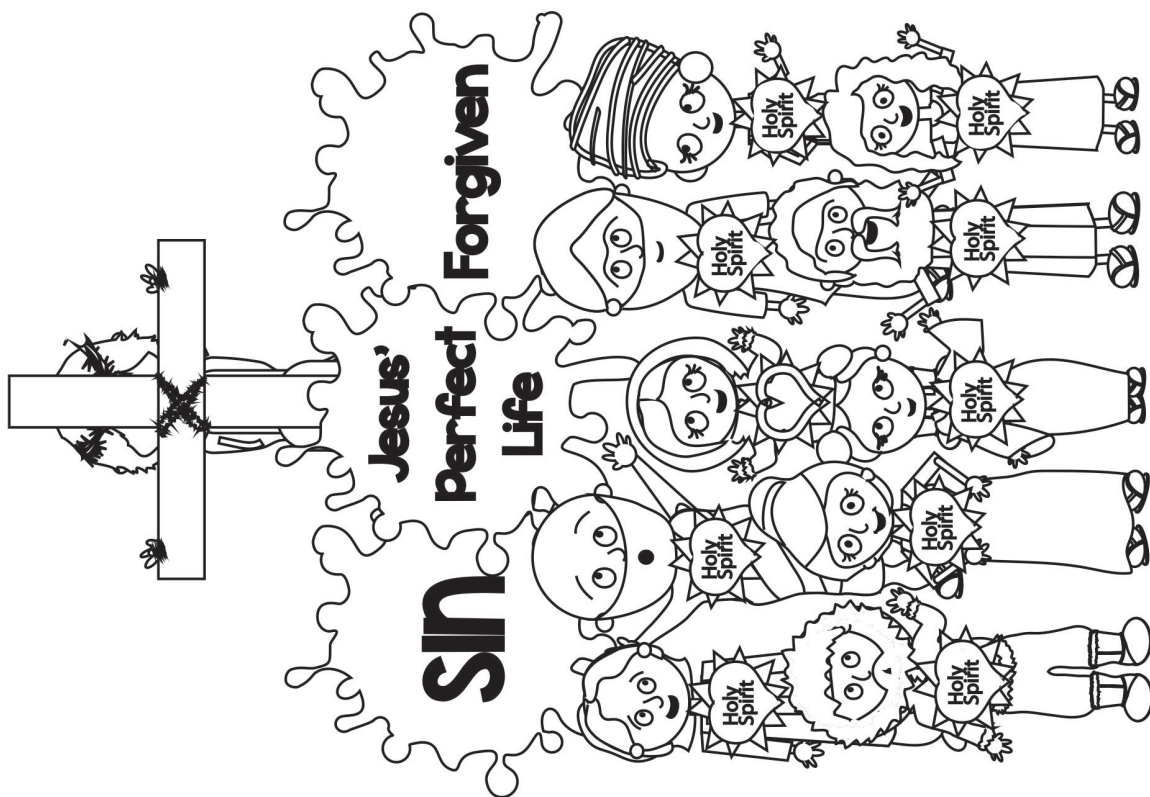
### Verse 2

Jesus, He paid the price, the perfect sacrifice,  
On the cross, gave His life,  
Bought us eternal life,  
Takes away all our sin,  
Makes our hearts clean within,  
When we repent and believe in Him. *Refrain*

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**“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done,  
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## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



**Big Question 11:** How Can We Be Saved?

**Answer:** It Is God's Free Gift... When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts!

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

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**Learn a Little:** "He saved us through the Holy Spirit."

### Meaning

We can never please God with our own, good works. Only through Jesus' perfect life offered up in the place of sinners can we be saved. And what a salvation it is! God, Himself, sends His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of His people. He gives them the gift of faith. He helps them turn away from their sins. He makes them clean of their sins and all new on the inside. This is how we, too, can become God's people--His heirs; that is, His children who will receive eternal life and live with Him forever.

### Some Questions for You

1. Can we ever please God with our own, good works? *No.*
2. Whose perfect life can pay for our sins and save us? *Jesus'!*
3. Who does God send to work in our hearts? *The Holy Spirit.*
4. What does the Holy Spirit do inside of the hearts of people? *He helps them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He makes their hearts clean, as if they had never sinned. He lives inside of them and makes them God's people forever.*
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### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

**He Saved Us: Titus 3:5-7** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 20*

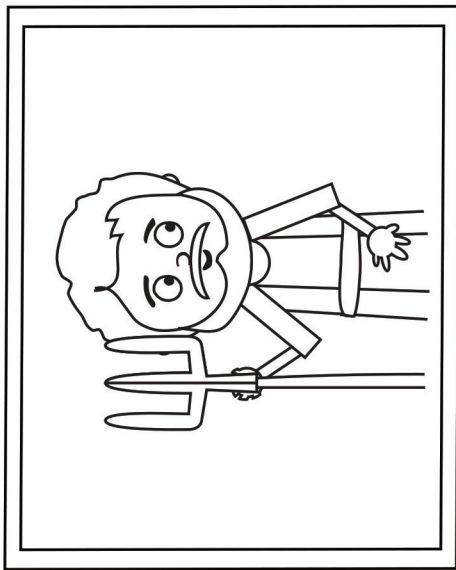
He saved us, he saved us,  
Through the washing of re-birth  
And renewal by the Spirit.  
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Through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit whom he poured out,  
On us generously,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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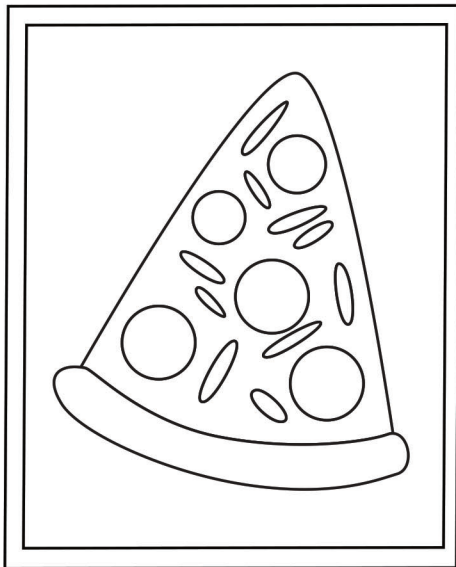
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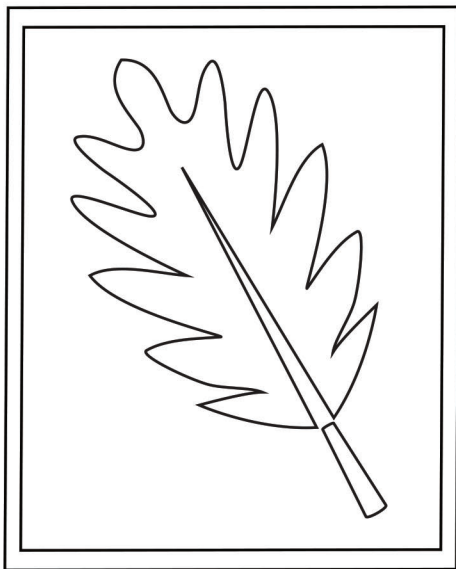
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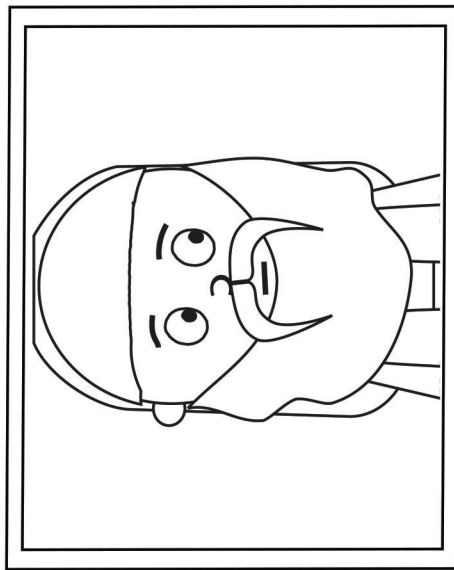
**A Farmer**


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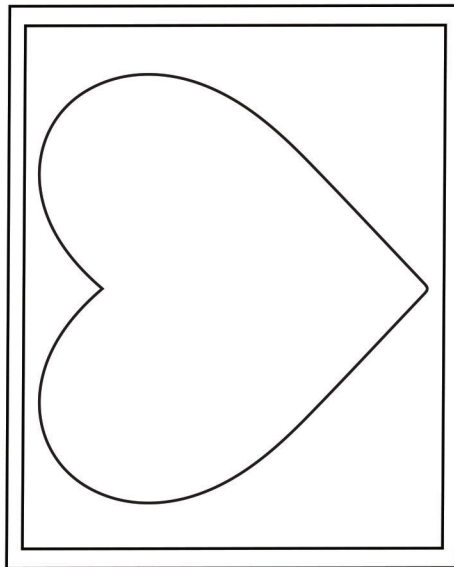
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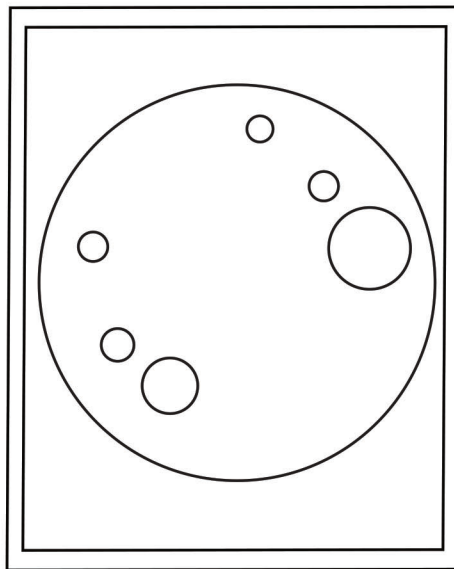
**A Leaf**


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**An Important Man**


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**A Heart**


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**The Moon**

Answer: The farmer, important city person, a heart, and the moon belong. The pizza and the leaf do not.

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1. What were the country people and the city people think about Jesus? *They were amazed at the things He told them about God and the great things He did by God's power.*
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3. What was the Holy Spirit doing in people's hearts? *He was giving them faith to believe in Jesus and to want to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
4. Who was Nicodemus? *He was an important teacher of God's Word who lived in the big city of Jerusalem.*
5. What was something new that Jesus taught Nicodemus? *That no one can do enough good things to please God. We are all sinners. We all need God's Holy Spirit to come into our hearts and clean them of sin and give us faith to believe in Jesus.*
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