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### 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 avaiable). 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.

### **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 DetectivesVisual 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 in 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 12: God's People Live for Him

### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

We become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God forgives our sins, and we begin a whole new way of life. God's people no longer live life just to please themselves. They want to honor God with their whole lives, like Jesus did. They seek to love God most of all and love all people, too.

In this unit we will learn eight ways that God's people live for Him.

### UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 5:1-2

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."

### BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: How Should God's People Live?

**ANSWER:** They Should Live Like Jesus!

- OPTIONAL Big Question 12 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 12 Material) Story: The Case of the Runaway Who Came Back Philemon Bible Verse: Ephesians 5:1-2
- **BIBLE TRUTH 1: By Asking God for His Help** (3 Lessons Available) Story: The Case of the Hardest Thing Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21

Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:16

### BIBLE TRUTH 2: By Loving God Most of All (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Man Who Left His Money *Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5* Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

### BIBLE TRUTH 3: By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them

(3 Lessons Available) Story: The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving Acts 6-7 Luke 3:15-18, 21-23; John 1:19-34 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

### BIBLE TRUTH 4: By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire Daniel 1-3 Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

### BIBLE TRUTH 5: By Learning God's Word and Obeying It (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Lost Treasure 2 Kings 22; 23:1-20; 24; 2 Chronicles 34:8-33 Bible Verse: Psalm 119:11,15-16

BIBLE TRUTH 6: By Saying "No" to Disobeying God (3 Lessons Available) Story: The Case of the Escape that Waited 1 Samuel 17:19,23-24,27,31; 2 Samuel 5-6 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

### **BIBLE TRUTH 7: By Telling the Good News of Jesus** (3 Lessons Available) Story: The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet *Acts* Bible Verse: Romans 10:13-15

BIBLE TRUTH 8: By Making Much of God (3 Lessons Available) Story: The Case of the Boastful Man Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians Bible Verse: Psalm 66:1-3,5,16

## **Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12 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 easyreference 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)

#### UNIT 12: GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE FOR HIM

- 12 Big Q & A 12 Song
- 13 Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live Each Day?
- 14 Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984
- 15 Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1
- 16 Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

#### Bible Truth 1: By Asking God for His Help

- 17 Bible Verse: Let Us Then Approach Hebrews 4:16, NIV 1984
- 18 Bible Verse: Help Us, O God Our Savior Psalm 79:9, NIV 1984
- 19 Extra Bible Verse: We Who Reflect the Lord's Glory 2 Corinthians 3:18, NIV 1984

#### Bible Truth 2: By Loving Him Most of All

- 20 Bible Verse: Hear, O Hear Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV 1984
- 21 Extra Bible Verse: Your Love Is Better than Life Psalm 63:3-4, NIV 1984

#### Bible Truth 3: By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them

22 Bible Verse: Love Is Patient 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NIV1984

#### Bible Truth 4: By Trusting God and Being Happy With What He Wants

- 23 Bible Verse: Trust in the LORD Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV 1984
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: May the God of Hope Romans 15:13, NIV 1984
- 25 Extra Bible Verse: Let the Morning Bring Me Psalm 143:5,8, NIV 1984
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: For a Little While 1 Peter 1:6-7, NIV 1984
- 27 Extra Bible Verse: Who Shall Separate Us? Romans 8:31,32,35,38-39, NIV 1984
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: Many Live as Enemies Philippians 3:18,19,20, NIV 1984
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: You Were Publicly Exposed Hebrews 10:32-36, NIV 1984

#### Bible Truth 5: By Learning God's Word and Obeying It

- 30 Bible Verse: I Have Hidden Your Word Psalm 119:11,15-16, NIV 1984
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: Jesus Replied John 14:23-24, NIV 1984
- 32 Extra Bible Verse: For We Are God's Workmanship Ephesians 2:10; 6:7-8, NIV 1984

### Bible Truth 6: By Saying "No" to Disobeying God

33 Bible Verse: No Temptation Has Seized You 1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV 1984

### Bible Truth 7: By Telling the Good News of Jesus

34 Bible Verse: How Beautiful Romans 10:13-15, NIV 1984

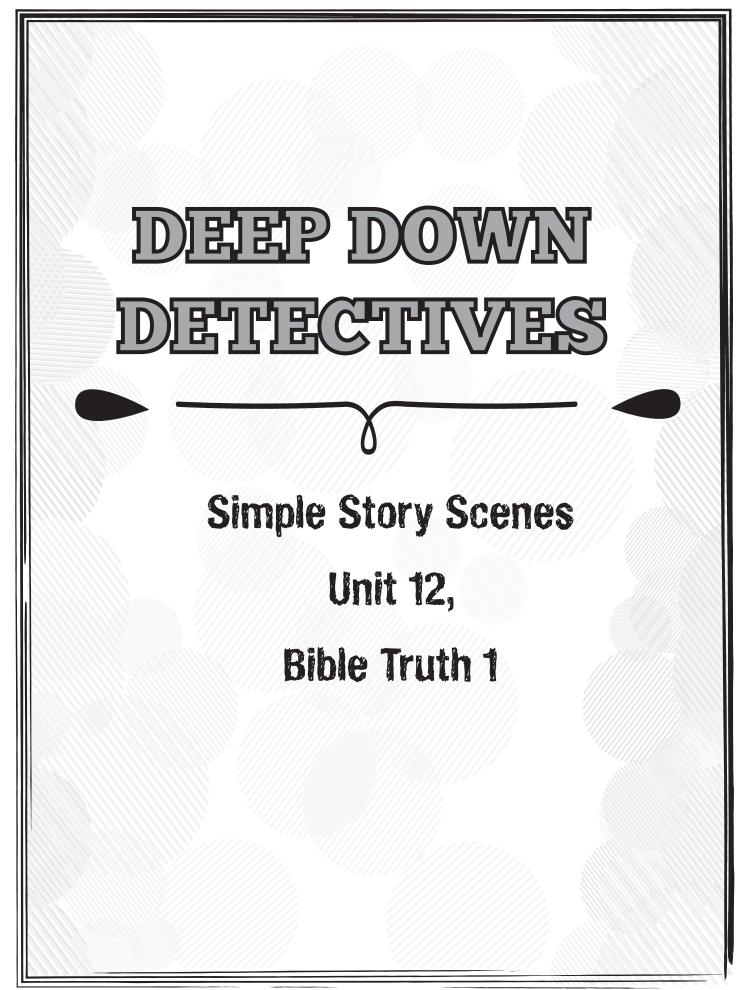
#### Bible Truth 8: By Making Much of God

- 35 Bible Verse: Shout with Joy to God Psalm 66:1-3,5,9,16, NIV 1984
- 36 Extra Bible Verse: Each of Us Should Use 1 Peter 4:10-11, NIV 1984

#### 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



# Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the <b>P</b>	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	
Inne	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.

### Big Question 12, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

### Unit 12: God's People Live for Him

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." -- Ephesians 5:1-2

### Bible Truth 1 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus...By Asking God for His Help

When Jesus lived on earth, He asked God, His Father, for help to do everything He wanted Him to do. God wants His people to ask Him to help them, too.

The Bible is filled with God's promises to help His people. God's people can pray these promises for themselves. They can pray them for others, too. One of God's best promises is to send the Holy Spirit to keep working in His people's hearts. The Holy Spirit helps them to know what God wants them to do. He makes them strong and brave to do it. God is faithful. He will always help His people to live like Jesus, every single day.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

### Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:16

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Learn a Little: "Let us approach so that we may find help in our time of need."

### Meaning

Jesus reigns in heaven as the High King over all creation. How He loves God's people! He listens to their prayers and even prays for them, Himself! He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and to do all He wants them to do.

God's people know they can always pray and ask God to help them. They know His answer is always "yes" when they ask Him to help them. He will give them the strength they need to do all He wants them to do. That's why they go boldly and confidently to God with their prayers. He will help them. He will always help them! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### **Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- **A** God, we praise You for giving us Jesus, so we can know how You want us to live.
- **C** God, we need Your help to live for You, but many times we don't ask for it. We love to do things by ourselves, in our own way. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Bible Truth 1 Story**

**The Case of the Hardest Thing** *Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21* 

### Big Question 12, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

### Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 12 Song Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live? Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984 Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1 Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: Let Us Then ApproachHebrews 4:16, NIV 1984Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Help Us, O God Our SaviorPsalm 79:9, NIV 1984Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: We Who Reflect the Lord's Glory 2 Corinthians 3:18, NIV 1984

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. Who did the hardest thing? What was it?

2. Who helped Him do it?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Hebrews 4:16, NIV

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." I. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do? Who did Jesus cry out to for help?

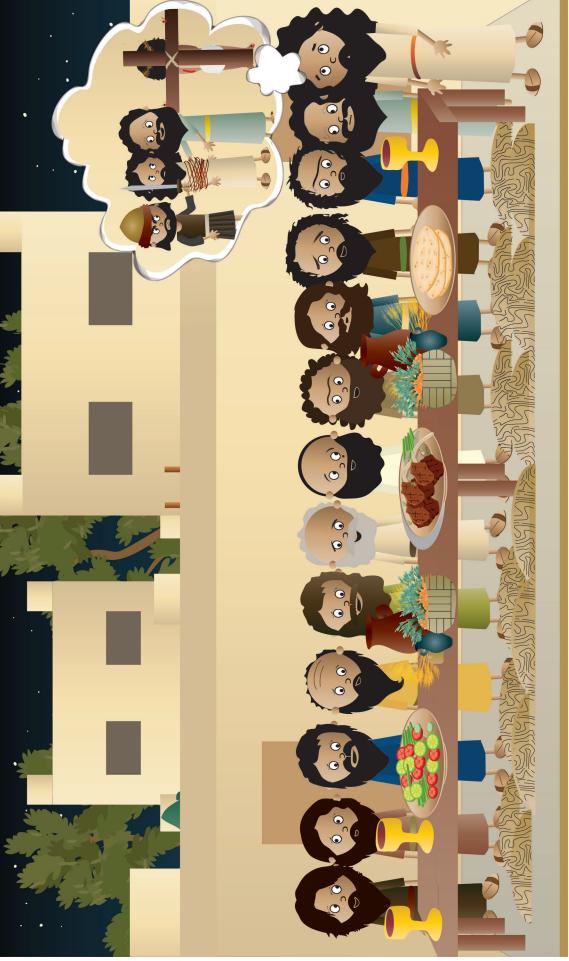
2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?

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

It was late at night and Jesus knew He needed help.

help Him. Do you know who it was? It was God, His Father. And not just help from anyone. No! There was only ONE who could

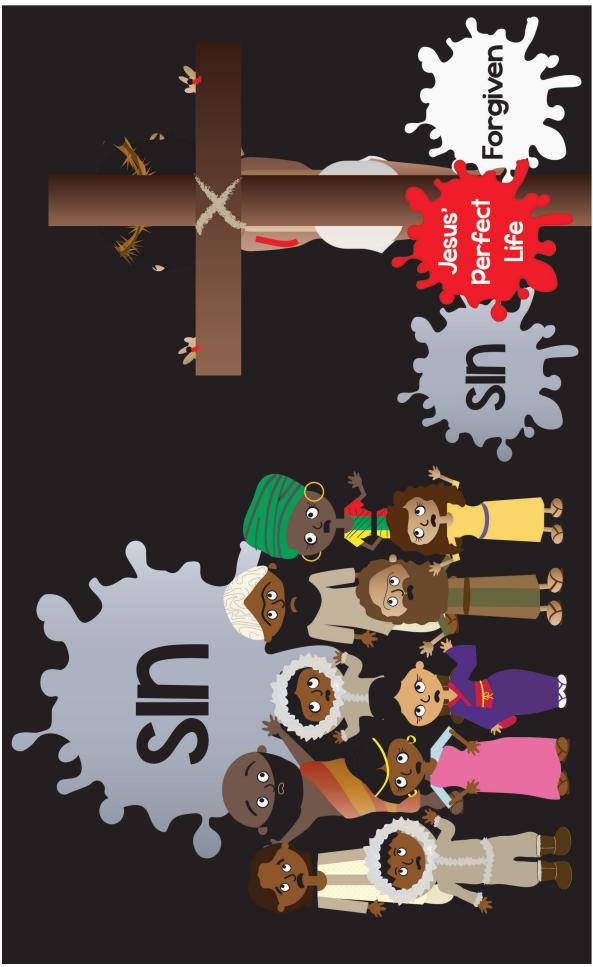
to a cross to die. They would say mean things to Him. And then, they would nail Him would bring enemies to arrest Him. These enemies would hurt Jesus. Very soon, Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples and closest friends,



I. It was late at night and Jesus knew He needed help. And not just help from anyone. No! There was only ONE who could help Him. Do you know who it was? It was God, His Father. Very soon, Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples and closest friends, would bring enemies to arrest Him. These enemies would hurt Jesus. They would say mean things to Him. And then, they would nail Him to a cross to die.

painful thing ANYONE has ever done. do something as He died on the cross that would make it the most 2. Dying on a cross was a very painful way to die. But Jesus would

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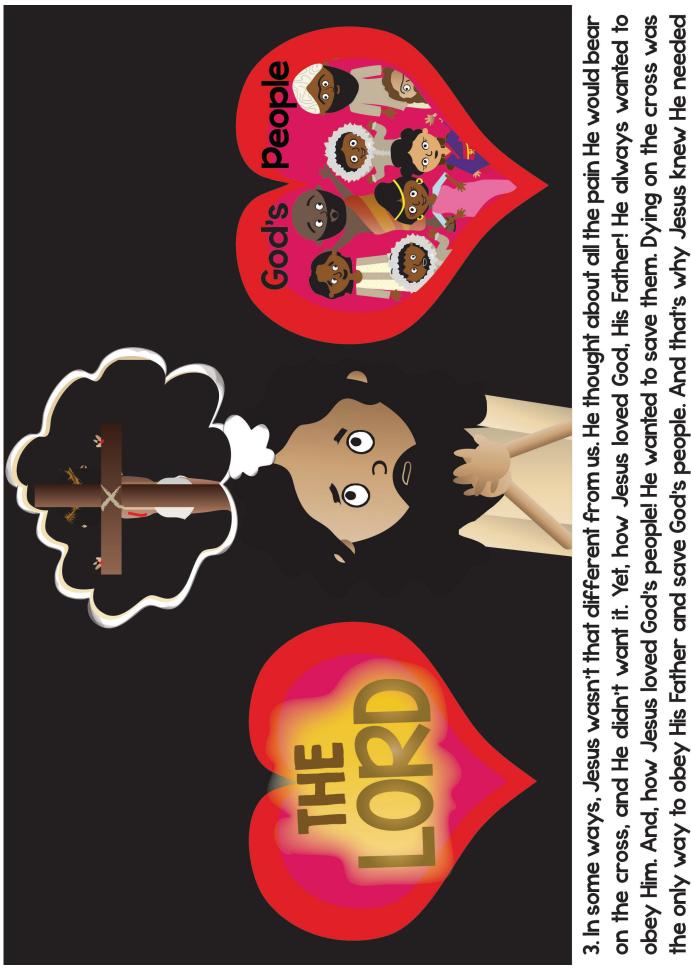


2. Dying on a cross was a very painful way to die. But Jesus would do something as He died on the cross that would make it the most painful thing ANYONE has ever done. Jesus would take all the punishment God's people deserved from God for their sins. He would pay for their sins, so they wouldn't have to. Oh, how, very, very, VERY terrible all that punishment would be!

about all the pain He would bear on the cross, and He didn't want it. In some ways, Jesus wasn't that different from us. He thought

Dying on the cross was the only way to obey His Father and save Him. And, how Jesus loved God's people! He wanted to save them. God's people. Yet, how Jesus loved God, His Father! He always wanted to obey

to do this very hardest thing. And that's why Jesus knew He needed help -God, His Father's help-



help -God, His Father's help- to do this very hardest thing.

help He needed. of Gethsemane. It was here that Jesus would ask His Father for the of Jerusalem, out through the city wall, and up the hill to the Garden 4. So, late that night, Jesus walked with His disciples down the streets

into the dark garden. Then, taking Peter, James, and John with Him, Jesus walked further "Sit here, while I go over there and pray," Jesus told His disciples.



the city wall, and up the hill to the Garden of Gethsemane. It was here that Jesus would ask His 4. So, late that night, Jesus walked with His disciples down the streets of Jerusalem, out through Father for the help He needed. "Sit here, while I go over there and pray," Jesus told His disciples. Then, taking Peter, James, and John with Him, Jesus walked further into the dark garden.

"Stay here with Me and keep watch," He asked them. My heart is so great that it's almost killing me!" Jesus told His friends. As Jesus walked, He became very sad and upset. "The sadness in

to hurt so much! But most of all, I want Your will, not Mine, Father," like this," Jesus pleaded. "This is going to be so hard! This is going "My Father, if it's possible, take this away so I don't have to suffer Going a little farther, Jesus fell face down on the ground and prayed. Jesus exclaimed.



5. As Jesus walked, He became very sad and upset. "The sadness in My heart is so great that it's almost killing me!" Jesus told His Friends. "Stay here with Me and keep watch," He asked them. Going a little farther, Jesus fell face down on the ground and prayed. "My Father, if it's possible, take this away so I don't have to suffer like this," Jesus pleaded. "This is going to be so hard! This is going to hurt so much! But most of all, I want Your will, not Mine, Father," Jesus exclaimed.

He was NOT happy with what He found them doing. 6. After praying, Jesus went to check up on Peter, James, and John.

been face down on the ground doing something else. Can you guess what it was? They were sound asleep! While HE had been face down on the ground, praying, THEY had



to stay faithful to Me. You WANT to do God's will, but you are very 7. "Watch and pray that you might say 'no' to temptation. You WANT weak. You will need God's help to live it out," Jesus warned them.

leave Jesus. But God could give them the strength they needed if enemies came for Jesus, they would be tempted to be afraid and to do God's will. His disciples would need God's help, too. When the they would ask. Jesus knew that He wasn't the only one who would need God's help

would need God's help, too. When the enemies came for Jesus, they would be tempted to be to do God's will, but you are very weak. You will need God's help to live it out," Jesus warned them. Jesus knew that He wasn't the only one who would need God's help to do God's will. His disciples 7. "Watch and pray that you might say 'no' to temptation. You WANT to stay faithful to Me. You WANT afraid and leave Jesus. But God could give them the strength they needed if they would ask.



it. I want to obey You and do Your will more than anything else," on the cross is the only way to save Your people, then I want to do 8. Jesus went and prayed again. "My Father, if suffering and dying Jesus exclaimed.

EVER have to do. to do to save God's people! It was the hardest thing anyone would What a prayer! What a very, very hard thing Jesus would have

came to strengthen Jesus. answer this prayer? Yes, He could; and, yes, He would! An angel COULD God, His Father, answer this prayer? WOULD God, His Father,

An angel came to strengthen Jesus.

else," Jesus exclaimed. What a prayer! What a very, very hard thing Jesus would have to do to to save Your people, then I want to do it. I want to obey You and do Your will more than anything save God's people! It was the hardest thing anyone would EVER have to do. COULD God, His Father, answer this prayer? WOULD God, His Father, answer this prayer? Yes, He could; and, yes, He would! 8. Jesus went and prayed again. "My Father, if suffering and dying on the cross is the only way



Jesus was strengthened in His heart, too.

joy He would have! On Day Three, He would rise from the dead in Spirit, like He had before He came to earth. the fullest, closest fellowship with God, the Father, and God, the Holy victory over sin and death. Then, He would return home to heaven. Yes, He would have to suffer and die for God's people. But, then, what There, He would once more enjoy the Perfect Wonderfulness of

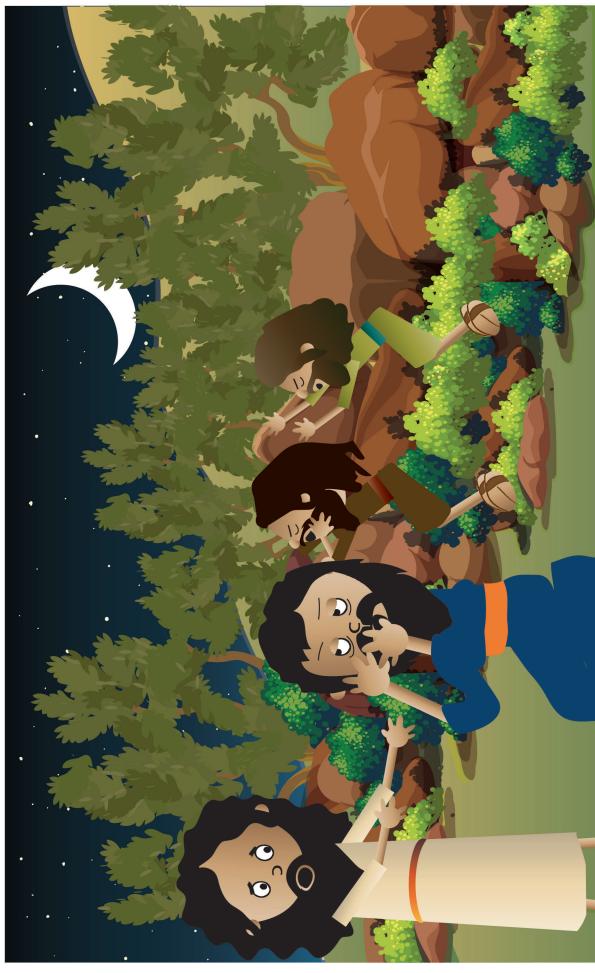
God's people would be forgiven for all time. never suffer again! And, how wonderful to know that the sins of His Father. How great would be the praise for God! How good to Jesus would be the great King who always loved and obeyed God,



Wonderfulness of the fullest, closest fellowship with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, like But, then, what joy He would have! On Day Three, He would rise from the dead in victory over sin He had before He came to earth. Jesus would be the great King who always loved and obeyed God, His Father. How great would be the praise for God! How good to never suffer again! And, 9. Jesus was strengthened in His heart, too. Yes, He would have to suffer and die for God's people. and death. Then, He would return home to heaven. There, He would once more enjoy the Perfect how wonderful to know that the sins of God's people would be forgiven for all time.

just how much they were about to need God's help! 10. Strengthened and comforted, Jesus went back to His friends two No! Each time, He found them sleeping. Oh, if only they understood more times. Were they praying? Were they asking God for His help?

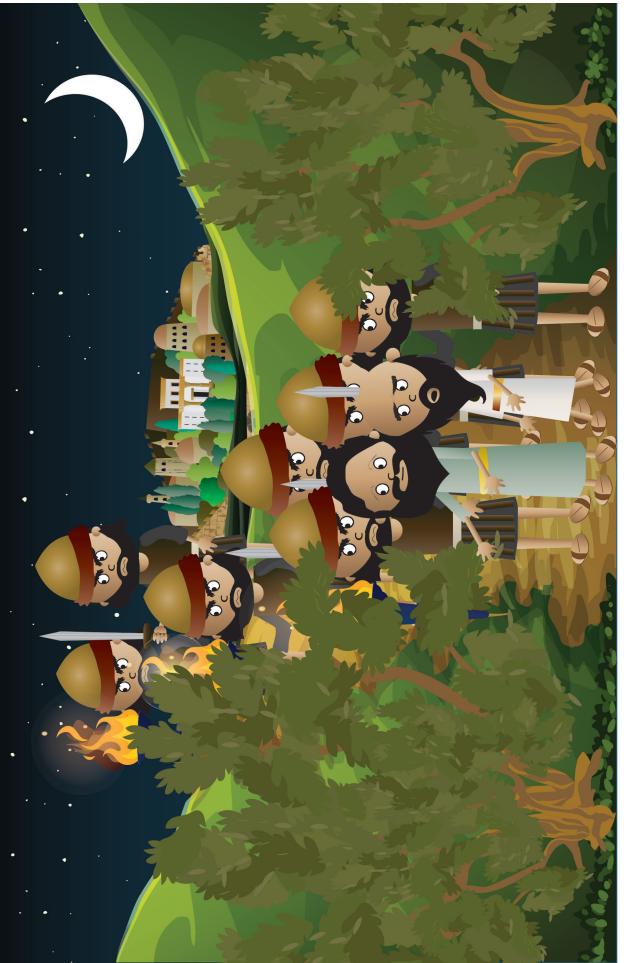
"Are you still sleeping? But look, the time has come. Get up! Here come My enemies," Jesus told them.



they understood just how much they were about to need God's help! "Are you still sleeping? But praying? Were they asking God for His help? No! Each time, He found them sleeping. Oh, if only 10. Strengthened and comforted, Jesus went back to His friends two more times. Were they look, the time has come. Get up! Here come My enemies," Jesus told them.

fiery torches, and sharp swords. II. Just then, there came a whole crowd of enemies carrying lanterns,

And who was leading them? Why, Judas Iscariot, Jesus' other disciple, Jesus to arrest Him. that's who! He had been paid by Jesus' enemies to take them to



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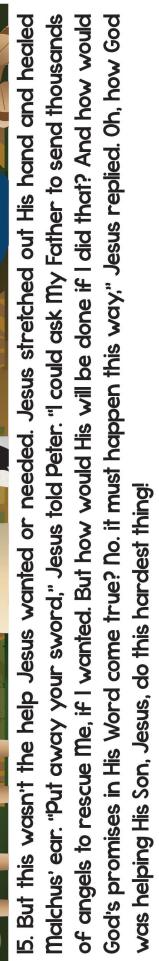
crowd. He took his sword and cut off Malchus' ear --one of the men in the IH. "Oh, no you don't!" thought Peter. He would fight off Jesus' enemies.



15. But this wasn't the help Jesus wanted or needed.

come true? No. it must happen this way," Jesus replied. will be done if I did that? And how would God's promises in His Word your sword," Jesus told Peter. "I could ask My Father to send thousands of angels to rescue Me, if I wanted. But how would His Jesus stretched out His hand and healed Malchus' ear. "Put away

Oh, how God was helping His Son, Jesus, do this hardest thing!



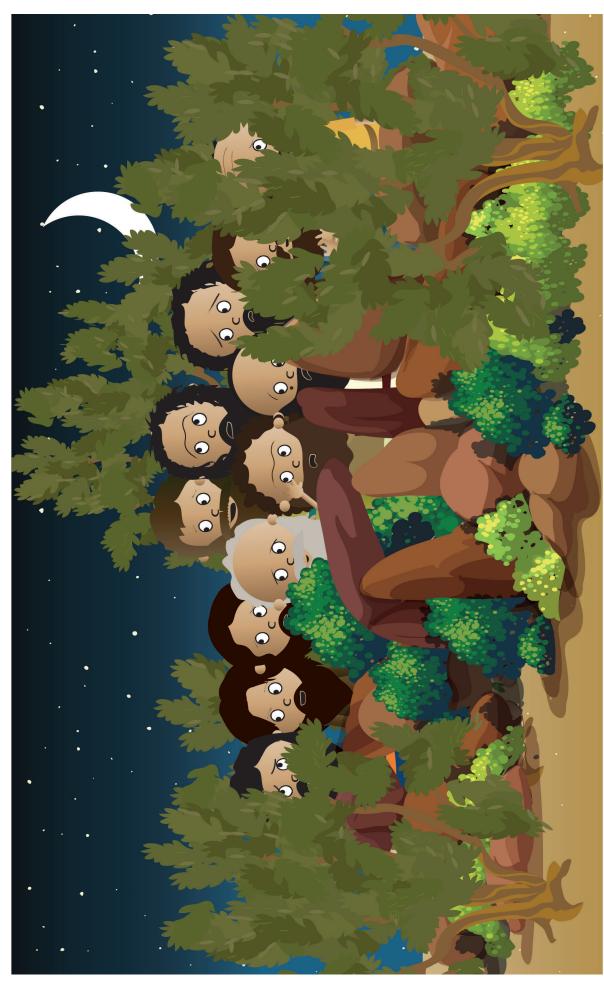


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17. After that, everything happened as Jesus knew it would. The crowd took Jesus away. They said mean things to Him and hurt Him. Then, they nailed Him to the cross.

do the hardest thing! Father, gave it to Him. He helped Jesus take all the punishment for did it anyway! He had asked God, His Father, for help; and God, His Oh, how terrible it was to suffer and die for God's people, but Jesus the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to. He helped Jesus



God's people, so they wouldn't have to. He helped Jesus do the hardest thing!

suffered and died on the cross? Because of what happened next. 18. And how do we know Jesus paid for all those sins when He

and enjoying Him forever. were all forgiven. They would get to live with God, knowing, loving, On Day Three, Jesus rose up from the grave to live forevermore! Jesus had really beaten sin and death for God's people. Their sins



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they ran away and left Jesus? 19. But what about Jesus' disciples? What happened to them after

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I9. But what about Jesus' disciples? What happened to them after they ran away and left Jesus? Would God forgive them now? COULD God forgive them now?

20. Yes, He could, and yes, He WOULD! Jesus paid for ALL their sins when He died on the cross.

prayed for them and all of God's people. And, though the disciples hadn't asked God for help, the night Jesus was arrested, Jesus had prayed for them. That night, Jesus had

Savior. for one another so the world might know He really is God's Son, the plans. He had asked Him to help them to grow in love for God and Jesus had asked His Father to protect them from Satan and his evil



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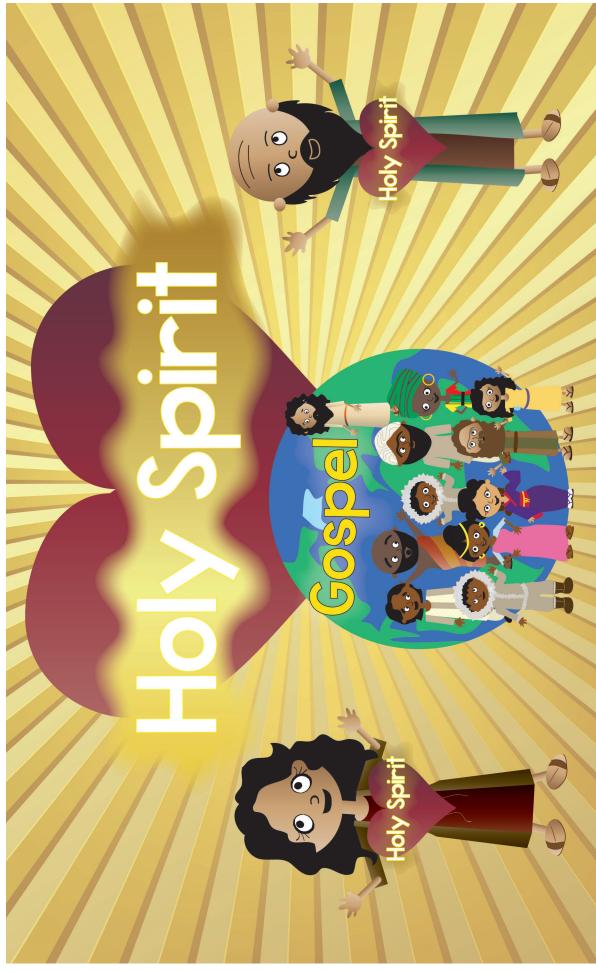
23. At the end of those 40 days, Jesus went to heaven. He was home, before the beginning of time. always known with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, from once more, at last, enjoying all the Perfect Wonderfulness He had



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His people. 24. Jesus had left earth for His home in heaven, but He never forgot

Him, and tell the world the good news of Jesus their whole lives. good plans. He asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts, and so He did. He would help them love God, live for Jesus is always praying for them, helping them fulfill all of God's

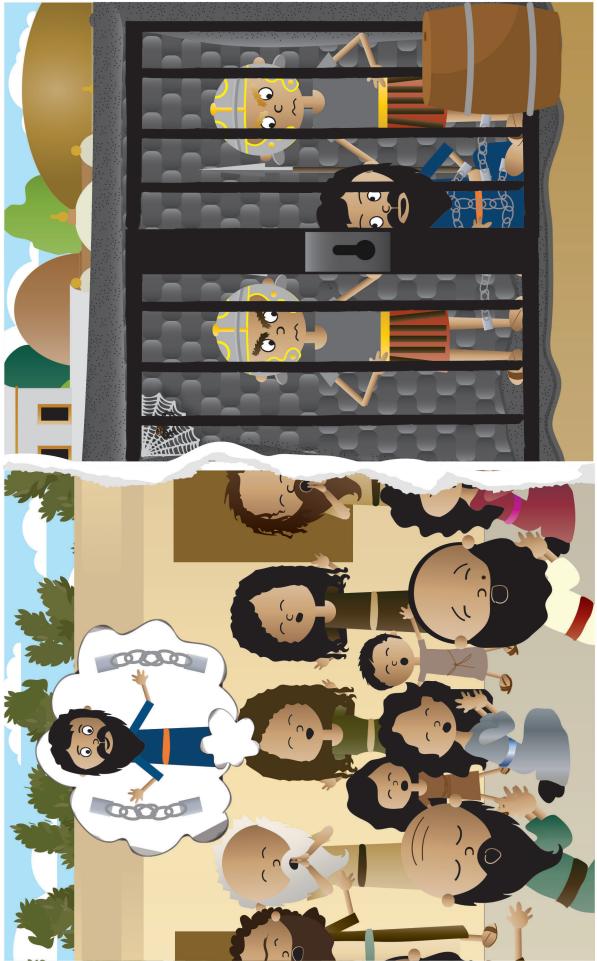


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25. And, oh, how those first believers had learned their lesson to ask God for His help!

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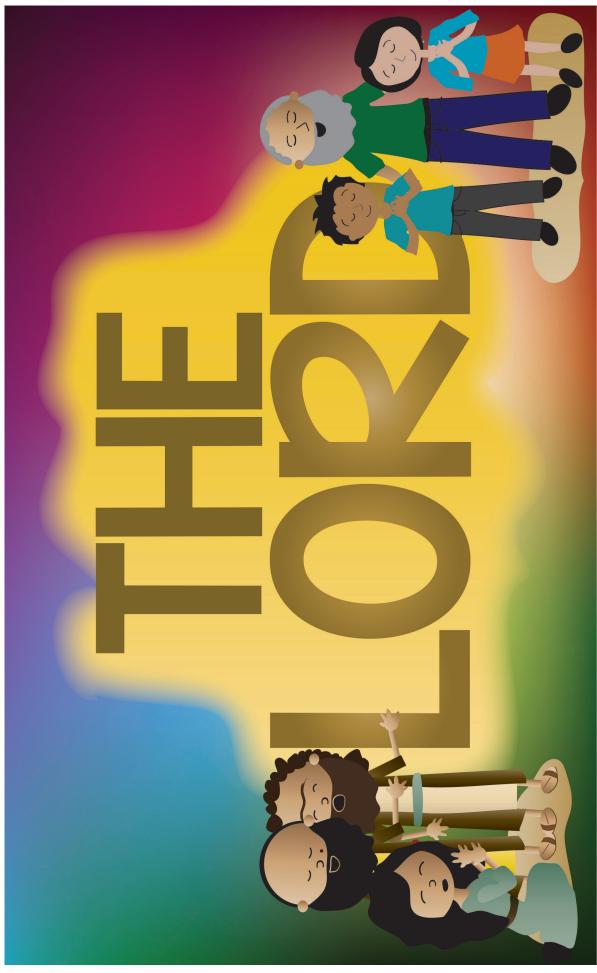
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## "The Case of the Hardest Thing" matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l I. Who did the hardest thing? What was it? Jesus did. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He suffered and died for them. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory.

2. Who helped Him do it? God, His Father, helped Jesus do it. For You and Me: Did you know that God calls all His people to do hard things they can never do on their own? And who will help them they can never do on their own? And who will help them do these hard things? The very same One who helped Jesus --God! God will always help His people do whatever Jesus --God! God will always help His people do whatever Jesus --God! God will always help to be to when the calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when He calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when the calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when the calls the to do. We can know God will help us to do whatsavior. If we do, we can know God will help us to do whatever He calls us to do, too.

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16, NIV

l. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do? Who did Jesus cry out to for help?

To live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. To suffer and die for them. He asked God, His Father, to help Him do it all.

2. Did Jesus get the help He needed? Yes, God helped Him do it perfectly!

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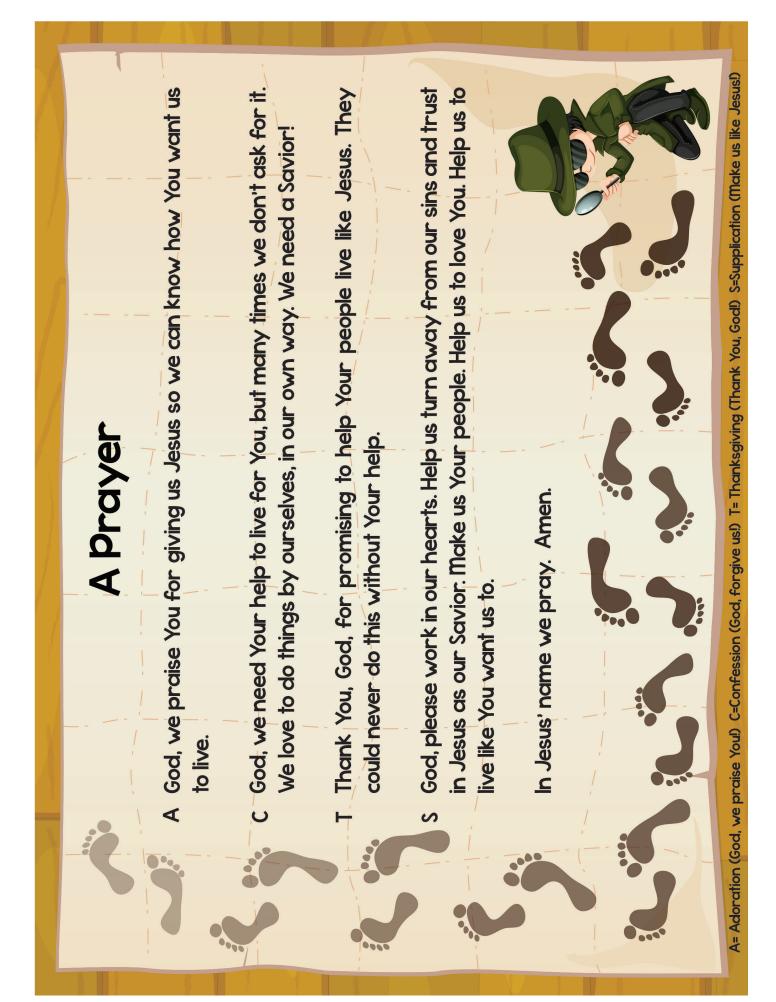
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How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Asking God for His Help! We need God's help if we are to be His people and live for Him. Why? Because we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve His punishment, and only with His help can we ever be forgiven and become His people. But God, in His mercy, sent that help: His Son, Jesus! Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it up to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them! They are forgiven!

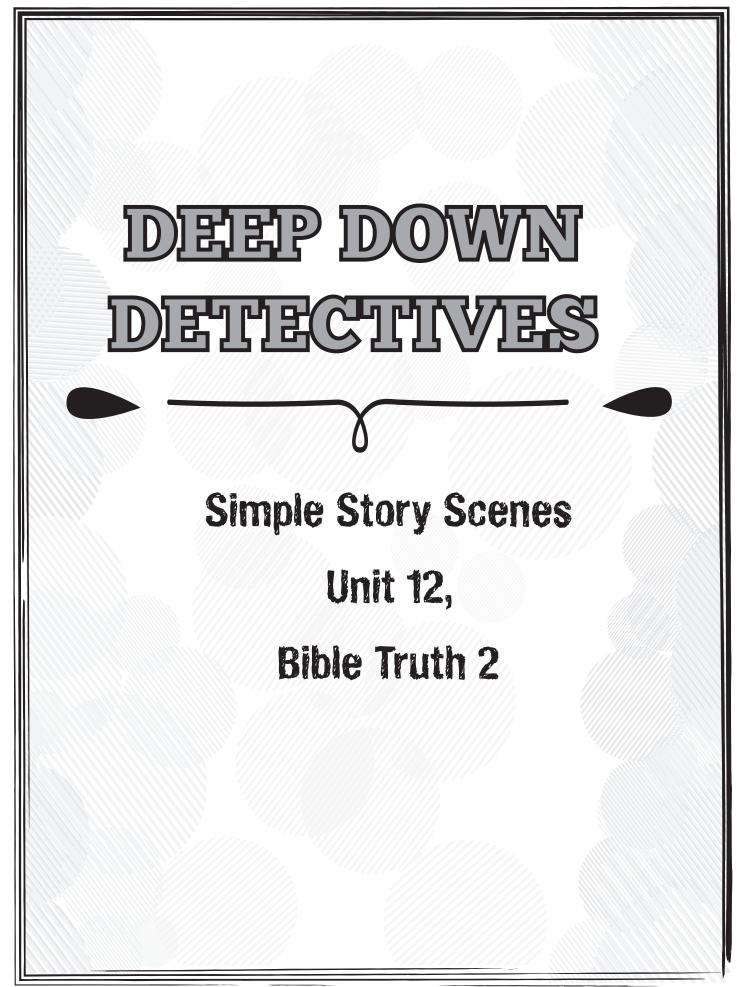
Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now. He will help them with everything He wants them to do. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. This will Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their be best of all. God can help you become one of His

people. Ask Him! He loves to do this!

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### 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	
Inne	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.

### Big Question 12, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

### Unit 12: God's People Live for Him

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." -- Ephesians 5:1-2

### Bible Truth 2 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving God Most of All!

Jesus loved God most of all. Jesus' love was more than a nice feeling inside His heart. Jesus lived out His love for God. He lived it out by loving God with the thoughts in His mind. He lived out His love with every word He spoke. He lived it out by always obeying God's laws in all that He did.

God wants His people to love Him like Jesus did, too. He wants them to love Him more than anyone or anything else. He wants them to love Him in their thoughts and their words. He wants them to love Him by obeying His good laws in all that they do, too.

God's people know that they can never love God perfectly like Jesus did. They are sinners. He is the perfect Son of God. But, they know that God promises to help them love Him most of all, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us love Him most of all, too.

### Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your streng

Learn a Little: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."

### Meaning

These verses tell us that the LORD is one--He's the one, true God. Moses first spoke these words to the people of Israel, but they are true for us all. God wants everyone to love Him most of all. He wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. That's every bit of us! The best, first step to loving God most of all is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

### Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for giving us Jesus so we can know how we should love You.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving You most of all. Too often we choose to love other people, things, and even ourselves, more than we love You. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for promising to help us live like Jesus. You can help us to love You the way You want us to.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You and live like You want us to live. Help us to love You most of all.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Bible Truth 2 Story

**The Case of the Man Who Left His Money** Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5

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### Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 12 Song Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live? Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984 Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1 Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Hear, O Hear Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: Your Love Is Better than Life Psalm 63:3-4, NIV 1984

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

# "The Case of the Man Who Left His Money" Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l l. Who was the man who left his money? Why did he leave it behind?

2. Who did he decide to love even more than his money?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV

"Hear, O Israe!: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." I. Who loved money and the nice things in this world more than God?

Why did he leave his money and nice things behind? Who did he find was even better to love? (more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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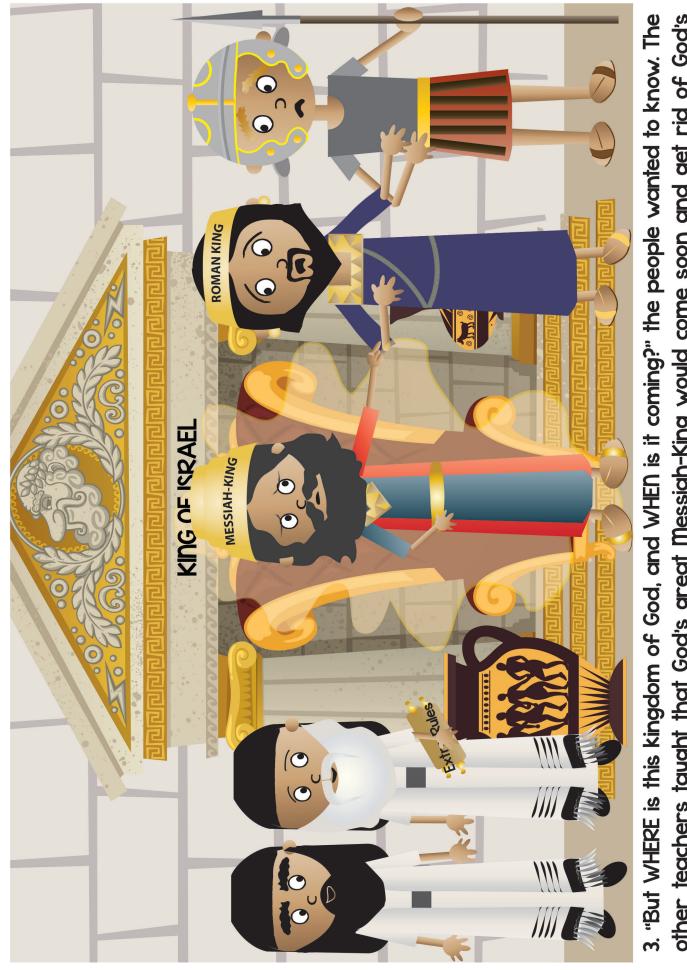
people. It's loving God most of all and living for Him," Jesus taught 2. "The kingdom of God is so wonderful. It's worth giving up the people. everything to be a part of it. It's knowing and enjoying God as His



knowing and enjoying God as His people. It's loving God most of all and living for Him," Jesus 2. "The kingdom of God is so wonderful. It's worth giving up everything to be a part of it. It's taught the people.

3. "But WHERE is this kingdom of God, and WHEN is it coming?" the people wanted to know.

of Israel. Now, they wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. come soon and get rid of God's enemies. He would rule in the land The other teachers taught that God's great Messiah-King would



4. Jesus amazed the people with His different teaching.

die. Him always. It's where God's people go to live with God when they with God. It's a place where everyone loves God most and lives for Jesus taught them that the kingdom of God is ALREADY in HEAVEN



And, the Kingdom of God is COMING to EARTH, Jesus promised.

One day, He, God's great Messiah-king, will come back to end sin earth God promised to make. and death. He will be king forever over God's people in the new



new earth God promised to make.

in your HEART-TODAY! Repent! Turn away from your sins. Believe! 6. But most amazing of all, Jesus told them, "God's kingdom can be news I've come to tell you! Come! The kingdom of God is NEAR! It's Trust in Me as your Savior," He said. "This is the gospel, the good NOW!" Jesus exclaimed.

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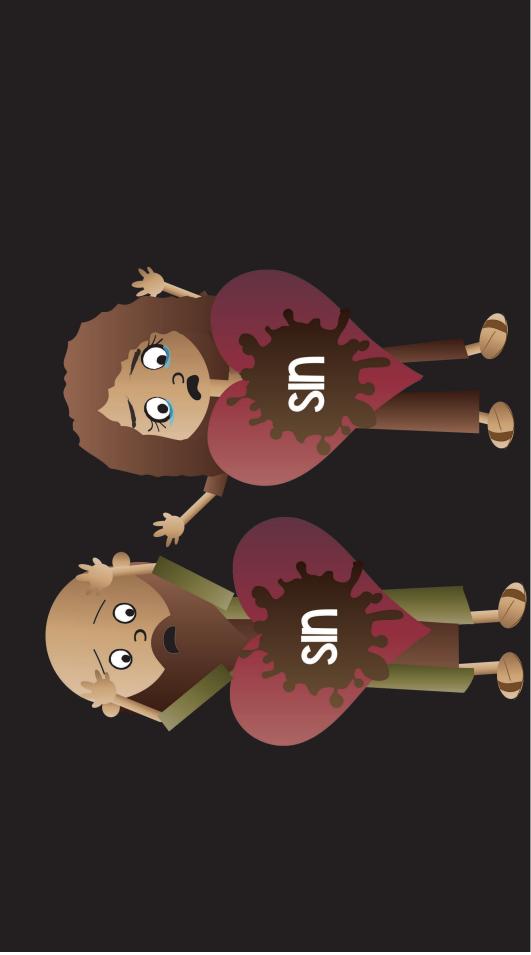
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good way. There are so many things that we must STOP loving and STOP doing if we are to love God most of all. That can be so very, more than God. We choose other WAYS to LIVE instead of God's very hard! Why? Because our hearts are sinful. We find other THINGS to LOVE

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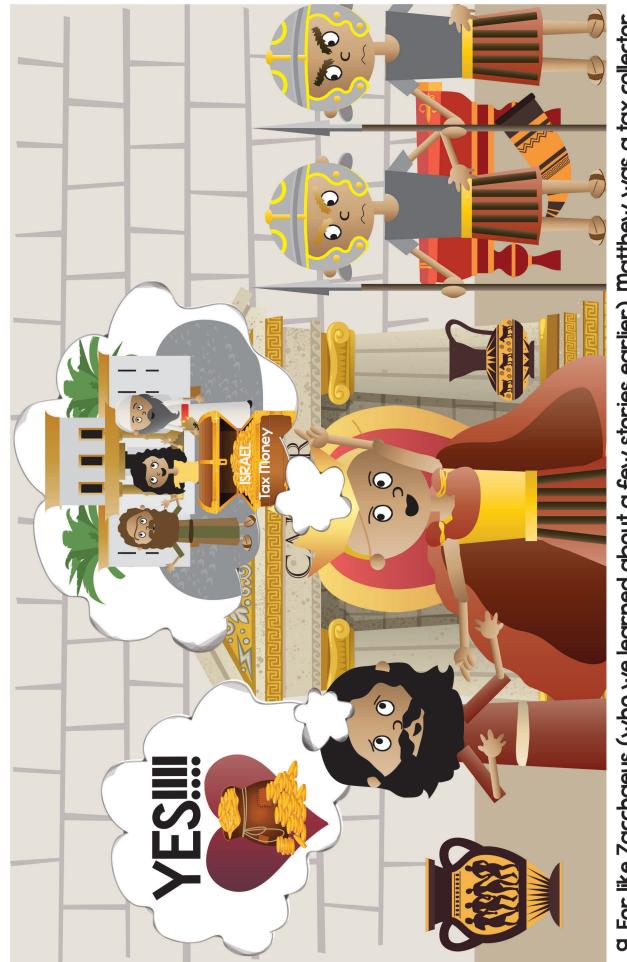
of all. He loved money and the nice things he could buy, instead. 8. A man named Matthew knew this. Matthew did NOT love God most

good laws to get more money and more nice things for himself. had chosen to do the very opposite: He had chosen to break God's laws, he had chosen NOT to obey them. Matter of fact, Matthew And, while Matthew had grown up learning about God and His good



big, Roman king who had taken over the land of Israel. And like 9. For like Zacchaeus (who we learned about a few stories earlier), Zacchaeus, Matthew was a tax collector who gathered money for Caesar, the

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10. Day after day, Matthew sat in his tax house on the road near the Sea of Galilee and the town of Capernaum.

how much to pay. The more stuff, the more taxes they owed. down with things to sell. He looked over their loads and told them "Stop! Pay your taxes," Matthew would say to the people loaded

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plus a lot more for himself. ' Capernaum, too. He did whatever it took to get enough for Caesar, II. Matthew squeezed lots of tax money from the people of

They wouldn't even let him in the worship place to worship God. The people hated Matthew. They wanted nothing to do with him.

Perhaps Matthew had a big house, lots of nice things, and loads of money, but he had lost many friends. He had broken his friendship with them by the mean, greedy things he had done.



town. Can you guess who? 12. But Matthew's bad life had broken his friendship with SOMEONE ELSE, too. Someone far more important than the people in Matthew's

It was God! Matthew had chosen to love money and nice things most repent of all. He had chosen to break God's good laws, and he refused to

it could come. Matthew certainly would not be a part of it. be right with God again. Wherever God's kingdom was. Whenever very sinful was his heart! Surely, there was no hope for him to ever Oh, how very broken was Matthew's friendship with God! Oh, how



12. But Matthew's bad life had broken his friendship with SOMEONE ELSE, too. Someone far more important than the people in Matthew's town. Can you guess who? It was God! Matthew had chosen to love money and nice things most of all. He had chosen to break God's good laws, and sinful was his heart! Surely, there was no hope for him to ever be right with God again. Wherever he refused to repent. Oh, how very broken was Matthew's friendship with God! Oh, how very God's kingdom was. Whenever it could come. Matthew certainly would not be a part of it.

## Jesus! 13. But there WAS hope for Matthew, and that hope came through



13. But there WAS hope for Matthew, and that hope came through Jesus!

14. Jesus came to Matthew's town and began to teach.

"The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Jesus told Matthew and many others.



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### 16. Yes, He could!

with Me and learns from Me each day." Come be one of my disciples, one of my close friends who lives to Matthew at his tax house, and said to him, "Matthew, follow Me! Jesus knew what was happening inside Matthew's heart. He went

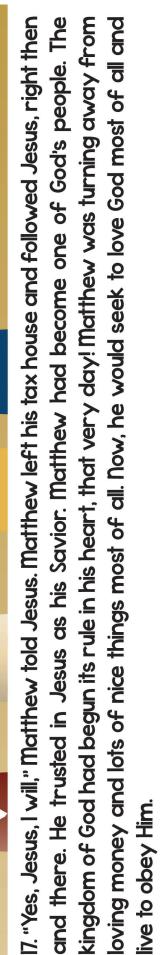


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17. "Yes, Jesus, I will," Matthew told Jesus.

of God's people. there. He trusted in Jesus as his Savior. Matthew had become one Matthew left his tax house and followed Jesus, right then and

live to obey Him. things most of all. Now, he would seek to love God most of all and Matthew was turning away from loving money and lots of nice The kingdom of God had begun its rule in his heart, that very day!





18. What happened to Matthew after that? Did he ever go back to loving money most of all?

sought to love God most of all. No, he did NOT! For the rest of his life, Matthew followed Jesus and



books in the Bible? It's called the Gospel of Matthew. 19. And did you know that Matthew even wrote down one of the

is a Bible word that means "good news." And that's exactly what Matthew to follow Jesus and live God's way, it was always good. Matthew's story was. For though it wasn't always easy for What a perfect name for Matthew's story about Jesus! "Gospel"

God really was no one more wonderful to know, love, and obey than Jesus said that being one of God's people in God's kingdom was worth giving up everything. Matthew knew this was right. There

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DDD 12.2 Simple Story Scenes

# "The Case of the Man Who Left His Money" Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5



## SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l I. Who was the man who left his money? Why did he

leave it behind? Matthew did. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart as he listened to Jesus teach. He helped Matthew turn away from his old life of loving money and nice things, and from his old live for Him, instead.

2. Who did he decide to love even more than his money?

God!

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



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LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

I. Who loved money and the nice things in this world more than God? Matthew did.

2. Why did he leave his money and nice things behind? Who did he find was even better to love? The Holy Spirit worked in his heart as he listened to Jesus teach. He helped Matthew turn away from his old life of loving money and nice things, and love God and live for Him, instead.

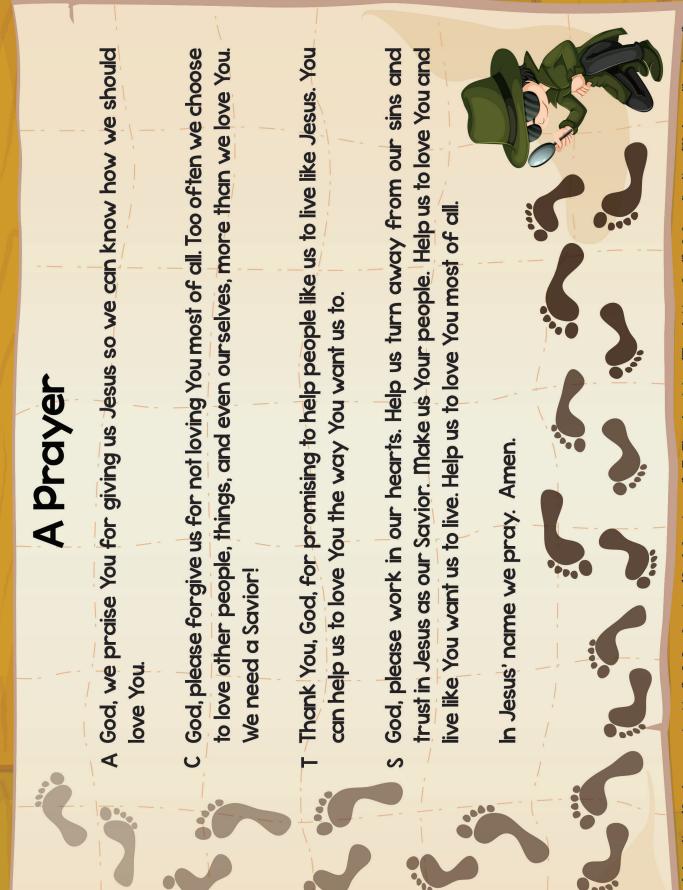
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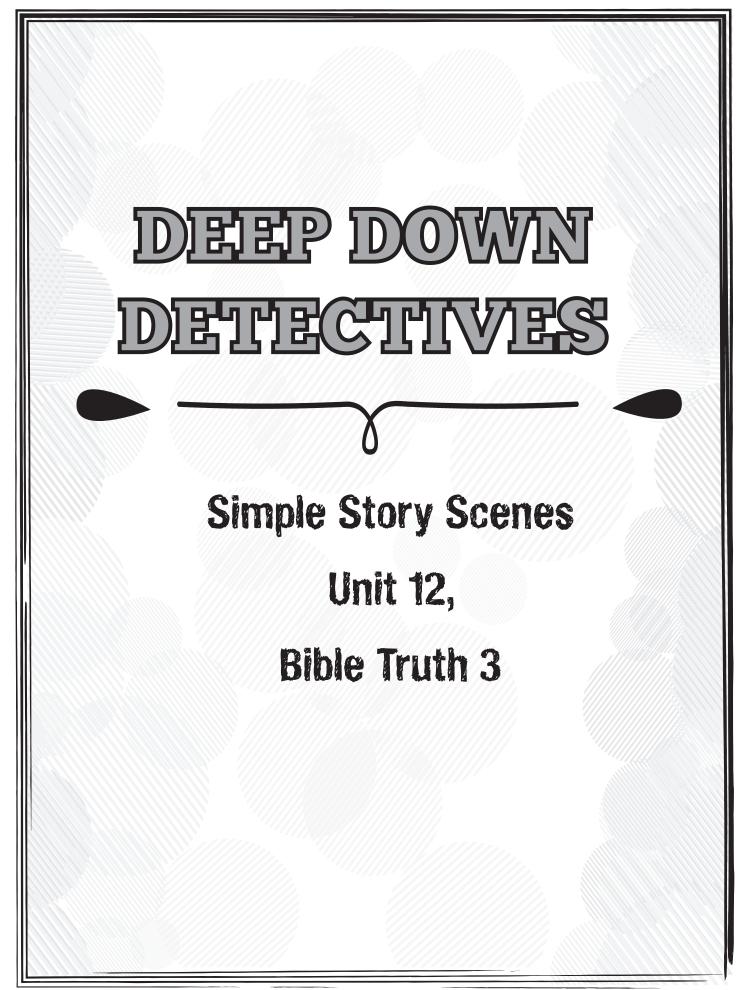
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### Bible Truth 3 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them

Jesus always loved people with God's love. He loved them in everything He said and did. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they were so mean to Him.

Most of all, Jesus loved people by being our Savior. On the cross, Jesus took God's punishment for the sins of God's people --all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could know God in their hearts, now. And, so they could go live with God forever when they die. There is no one who has ever loved us more than Jesus!

Jesus wants God's people to love other people with God's love, too. He wants them to love others in everything they say and do. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God's people, too. He even wants them to love their enemies and do them good.

God's people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.

### Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not selfseeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Learn a Little: "Love is patient, love is kind."

### **Meaning:**

These verses tell us how God wants His people to love others. This is how He has treated them through Jesus. He wants them to be like Him and love others this way, too. God's Holy Spirit helps His people love in these ways. He helps them love even when it is very hard. God's Holy Spirit can help us love this way, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

### Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.
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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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**The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving** *Acts 6-7* 

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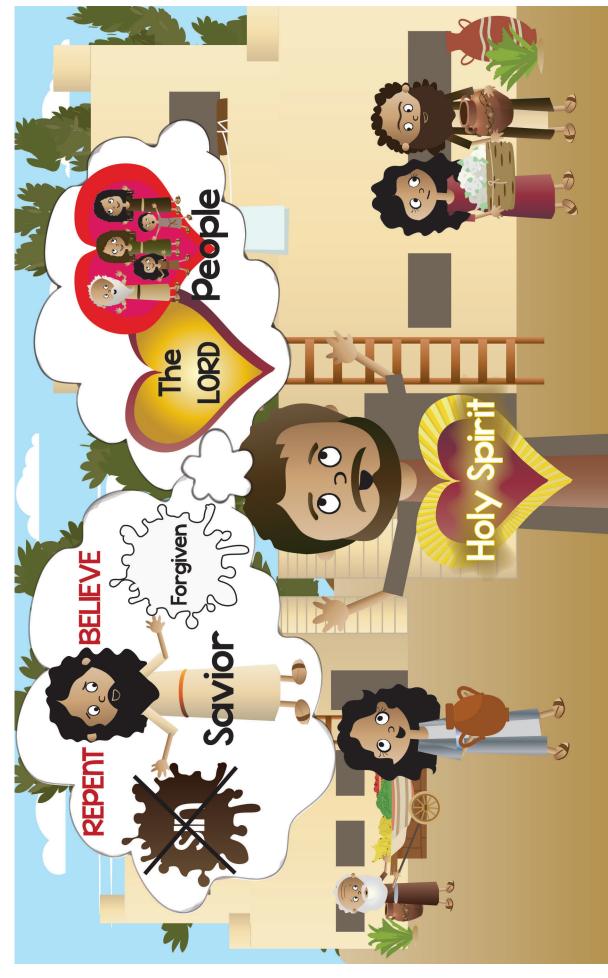
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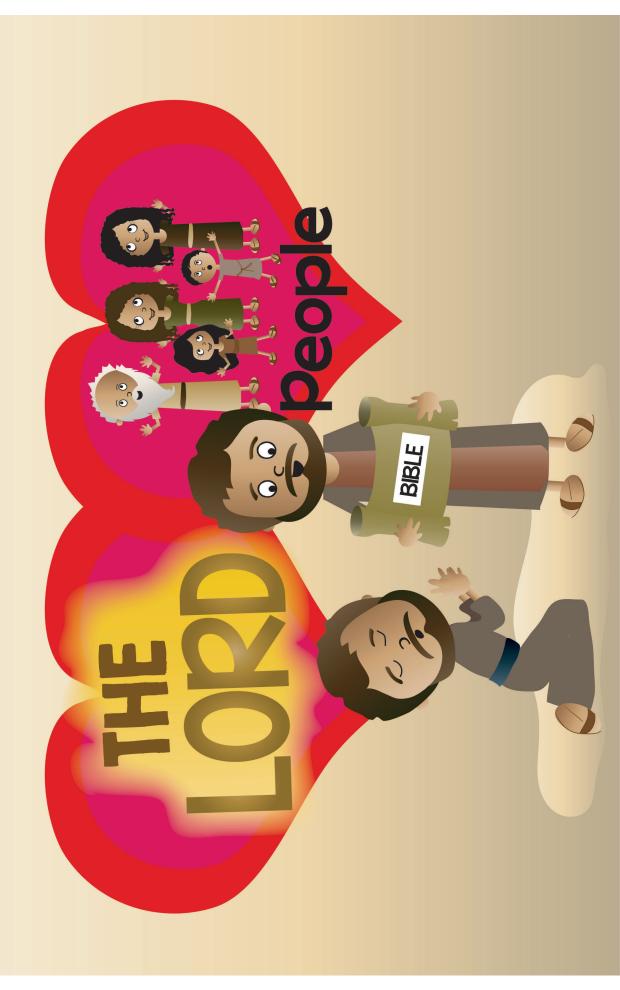
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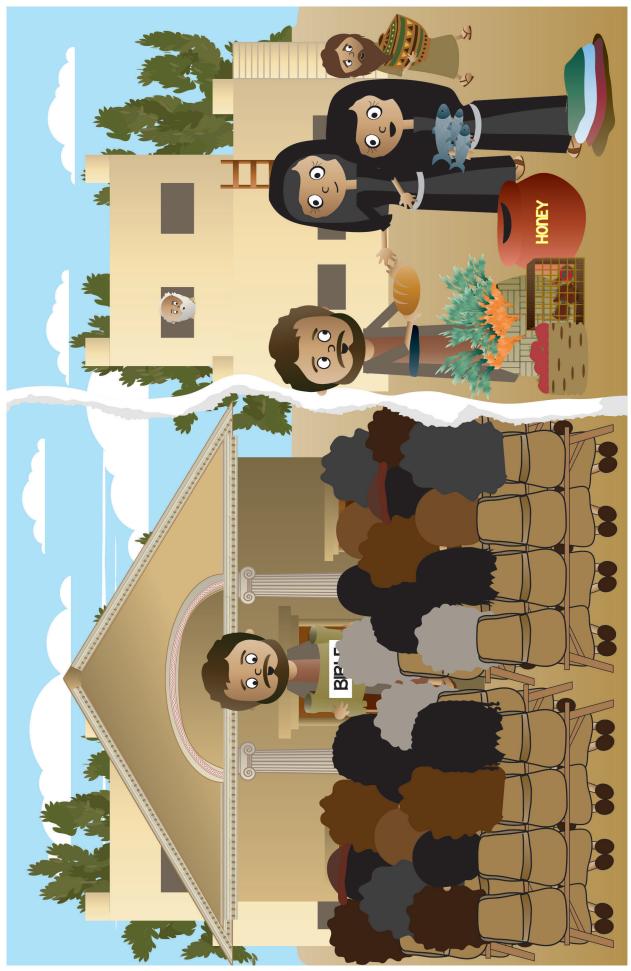
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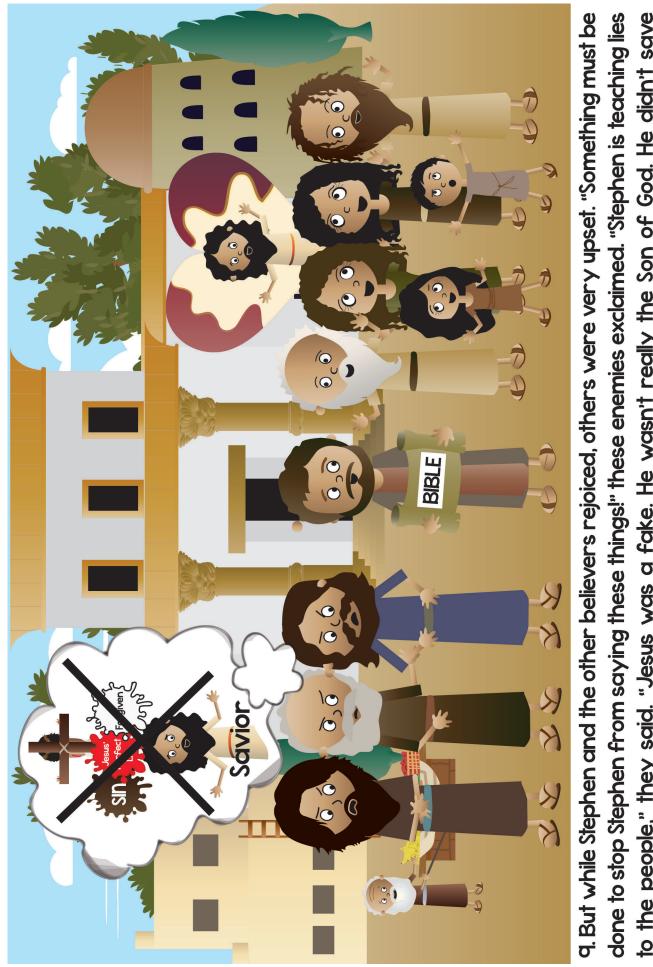
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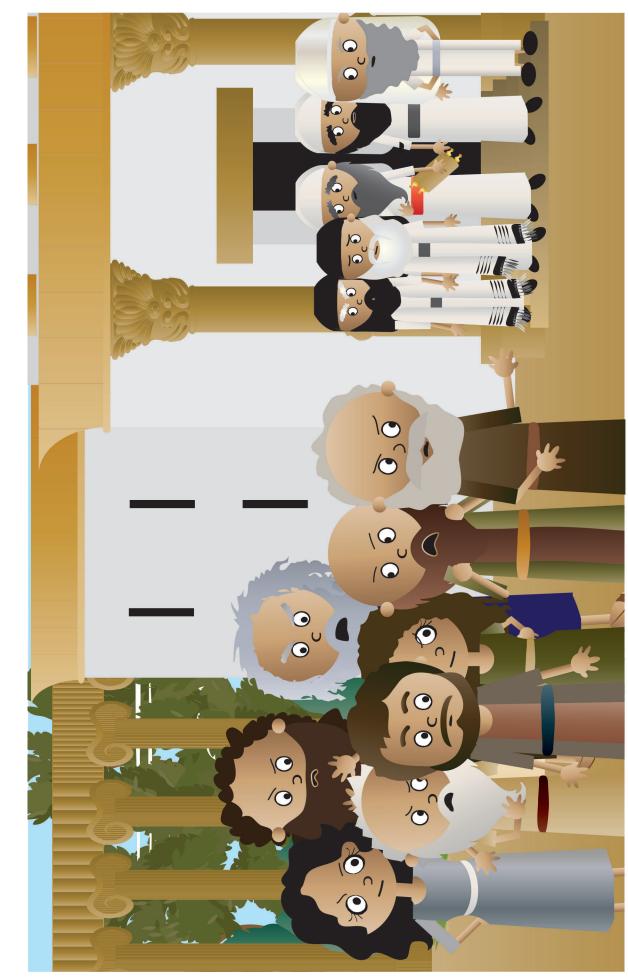
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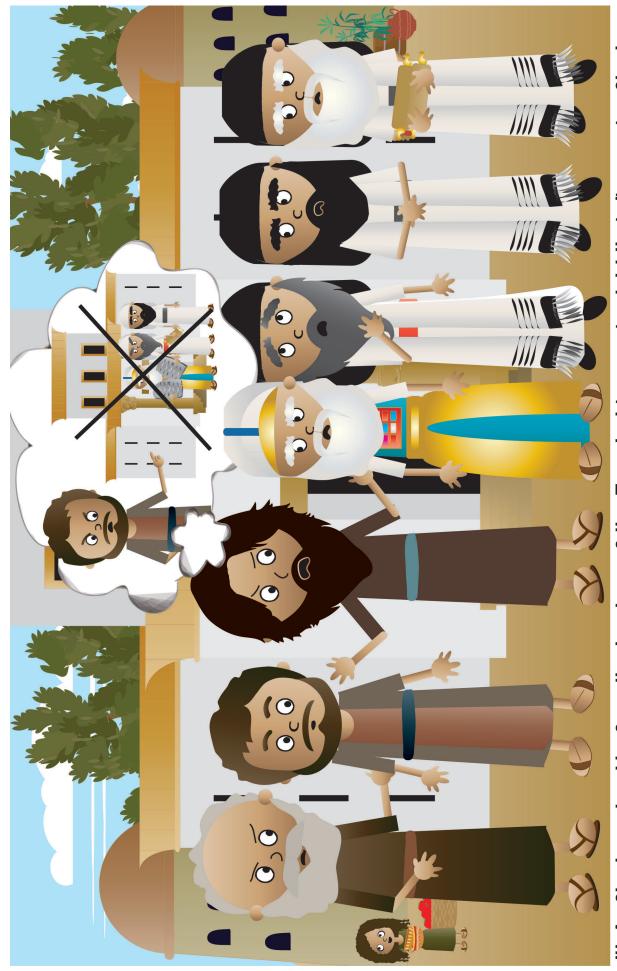


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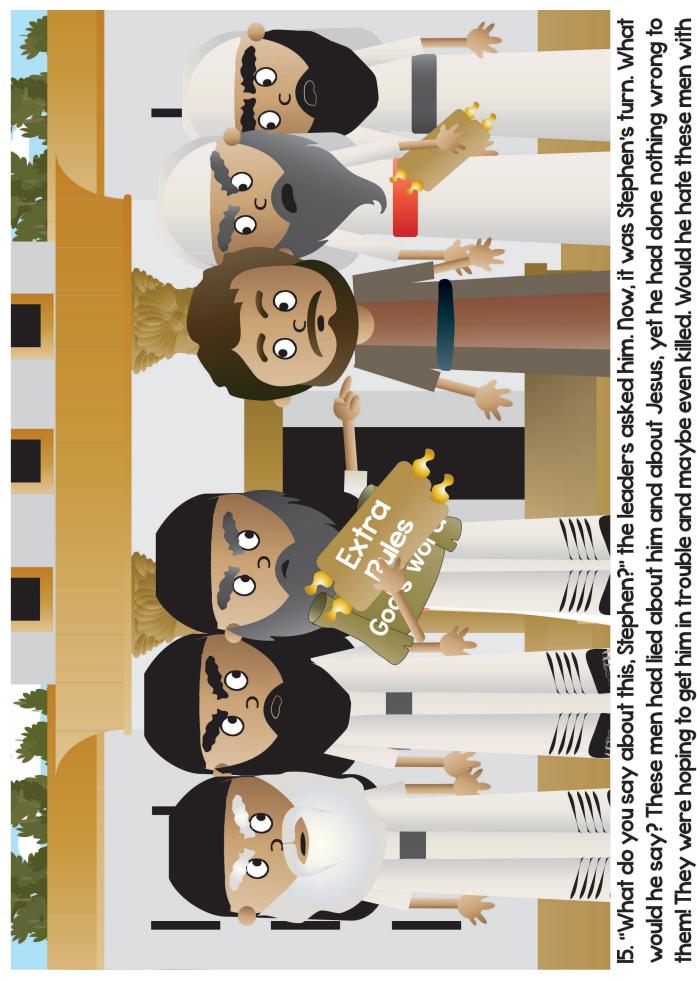


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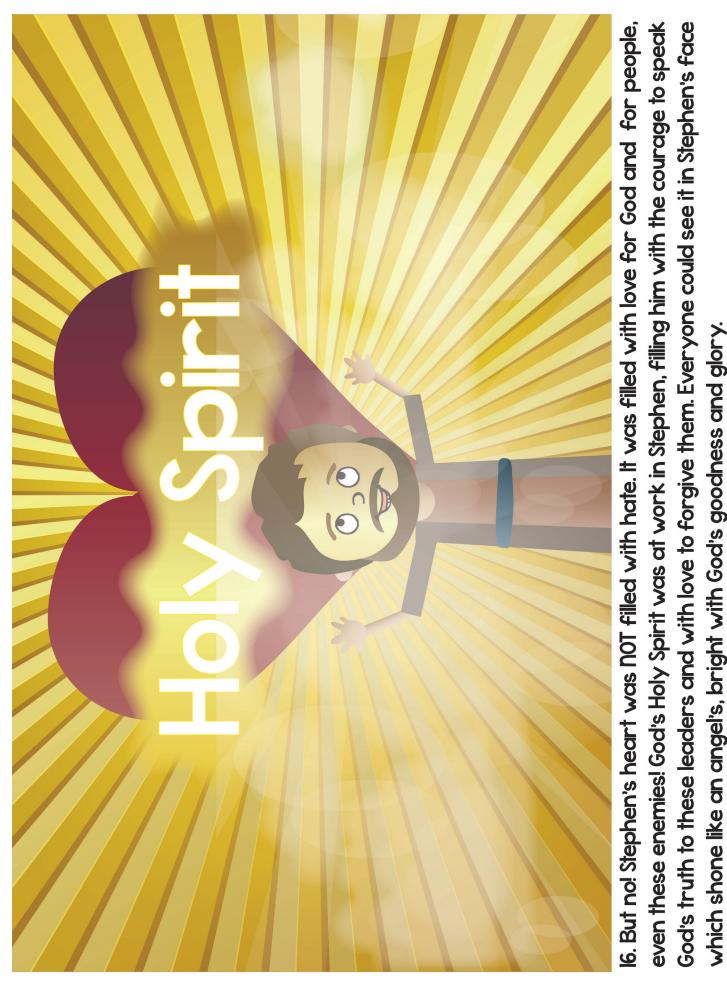
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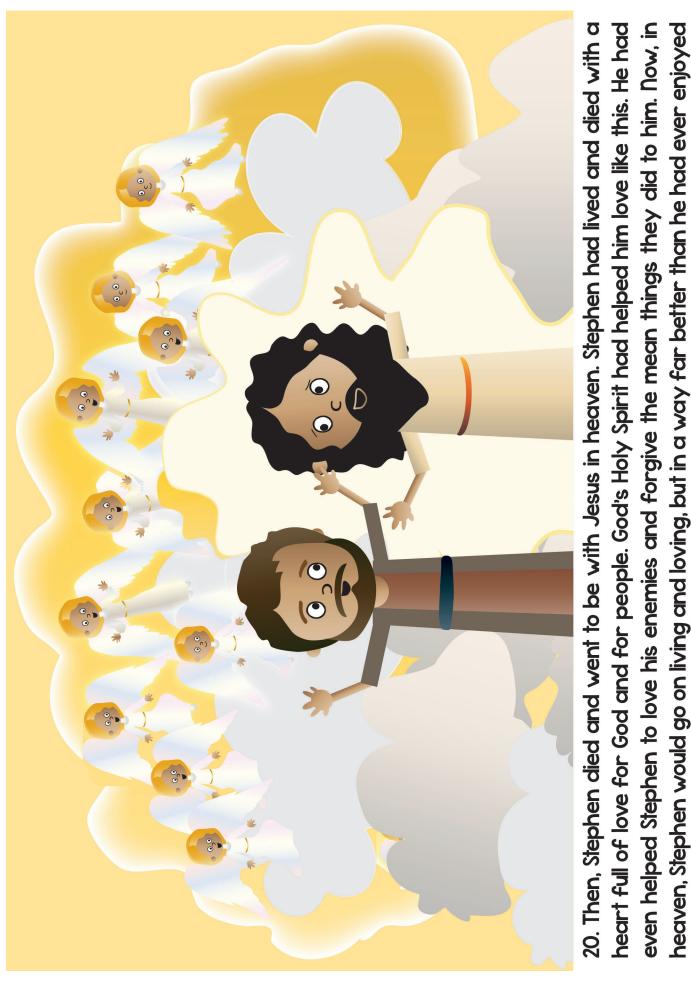
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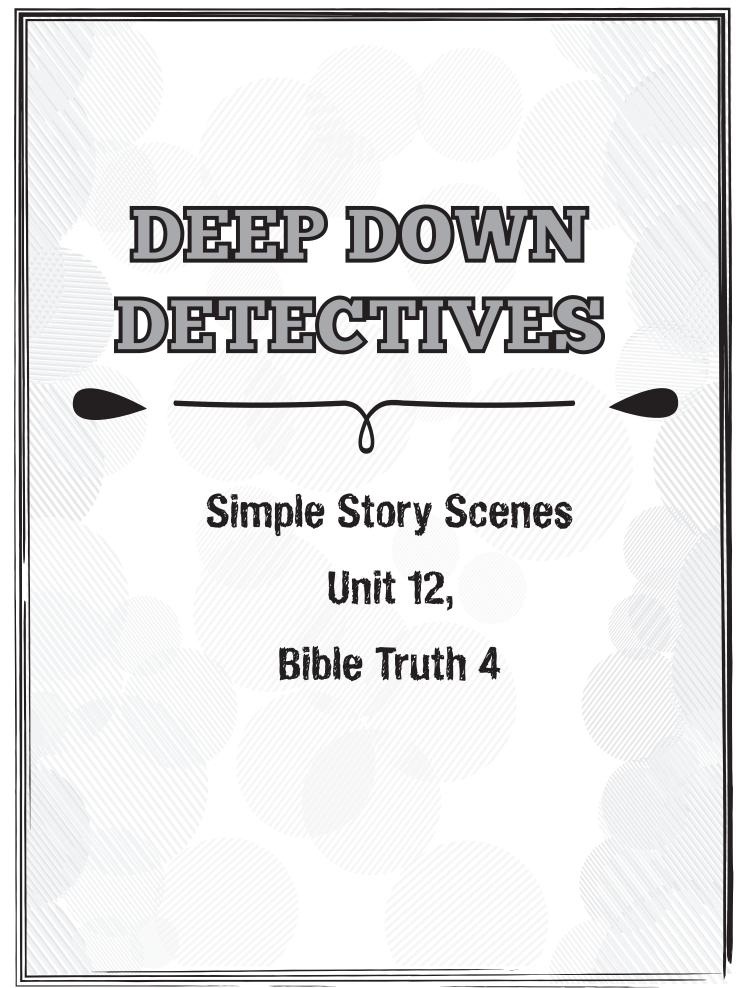
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### Bible Truth 4 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants!

Jesus trusted God, His Father, completely. He knew that what His Father wanted Him to do was always best. He knew His Father would always give Him strength to do whatever He wanted Him to do. Sometimes His Father's plans were very hard, but Jesus knew that His plans were still always best.

God wants His people to trust Him like Jesus did. God promises to always take care of them. He promises that even all the sad or bad things they go through, He will use to do good things. He promises to always give them the Holy Spirit to give them strength to do what He wants them to do.

Sometimes it is very hard for God's people to keep trusting God and His plans. Sometimes they want to grumble or be mad at God because of what happens to them. But God wants them to keep on trusting Him, even in those very hard times. He wants them to be happy and keep on believing that He is doing what is best for them. He wants them to keep trusting that He will show Himself to be the good and great God He is. For indeed, God IS so very good and great; and, what He has planned is always best!

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

### Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Learn a Little: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart."

### Meaning

These verses remind us that we can always trust the LORD and His good plans, even when we don't understand what He is doing. He wants us not to depend on ourselves or what we see, but on Him, His Word and His good plans. And when we do, we can know that He will show us what He wants us to do, every day of our lives.

### **Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer**

- **A** God, we praise You for always being good and deserving of our trust. Thank You that You are always good and wise and perfect in everything You do and plan.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not trusting You when things happen that we don't like or don't understand. Many times, we choose to stop trusting You or doubting that You know what is best. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for always doing what is best. Thank You that we can always trust You and be happy with what You allow in our lives. Even if we don't understand, we know You do.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You. Help us to trust You with everything in our lives. Help us to be happy with what You choose, even when it is hard and even when we don't understand. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Big Question 12, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts**

### **Bible Truth 4 Story**

**The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire** Daniel 1-3

### **Songs Used in Bible Truth 4**

Big Q & A 12 Song Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live? Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984 Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1 Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: Trust in the LORD Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: May the God of Hope Romans 15:13, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse Song: Let the Morning Bring Me Psalm 143:5,8, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: For a Little While 1 Peter 1:6-7, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: Who Shall Separate Us? Romans 8:31,32,35,38-39, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: Many Live as Enemies Philippians 3:18,19,20, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: You Were Publicly Exposed Hebrews 10:32-36, NIV 1984

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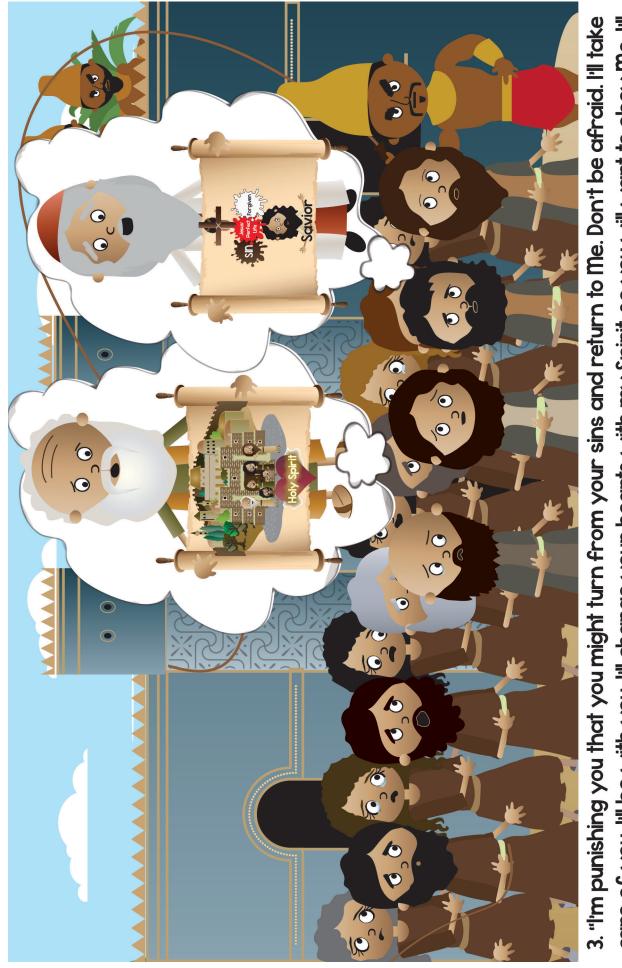
the LORD told them. enemies attack you and take you away to work for them in Babylon," urged you to change, but you still disobey Me. Now, I will let your fake gods. I've been patient for a long time. I've warned you and "You people of Judah have kept on disobeying Me and worshipping



2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were sad to leave their home and work for their enemies; "You people of Judah have kept on disobeying Me and worshipping fake gods. I've been patient for a long time. I've warned you and urged you to change, but you still disobey Me. Now, I will let but, they remembered the LORD's messages through His prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. your enemies attack you and take you away to work for them in Babylon," the LORD told them.

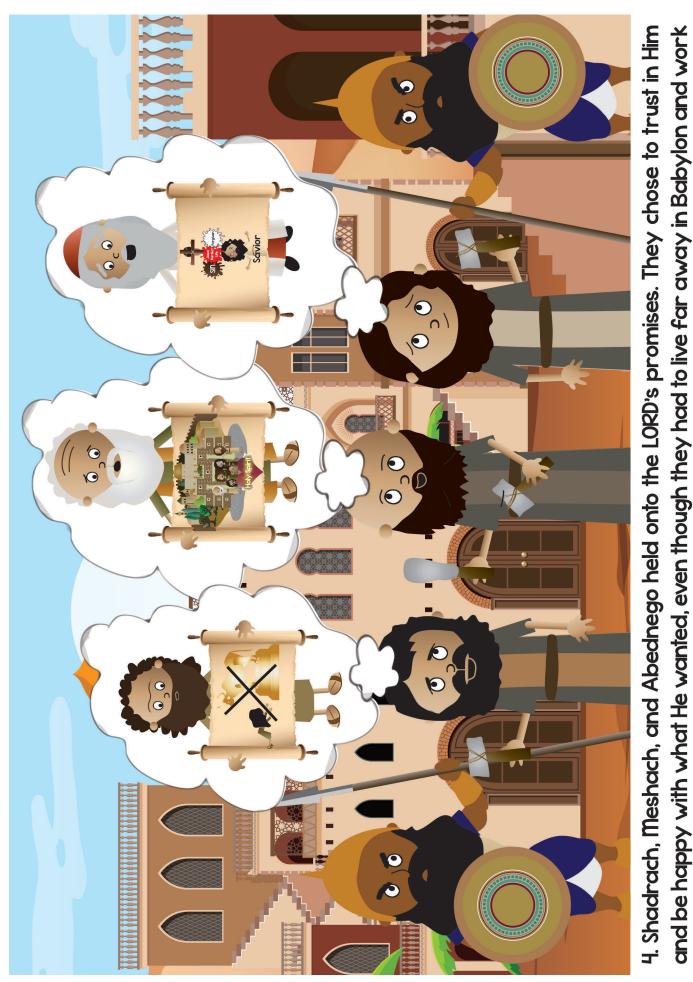
back home to Judah," He comforted them. your hearts with my Spirit, so you will want to obey Me. I'll bring you "I'm punishing you that you might turn from your sins and return to Me. Don't be afraid. I'll take care of you. I'll be with you. I'll change

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4. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego held onto the LORD's promises. though they had to live far away in Babylon and work for their enemies. They chose to trust in Him and be happy with what He wanted, even



for their enemies.

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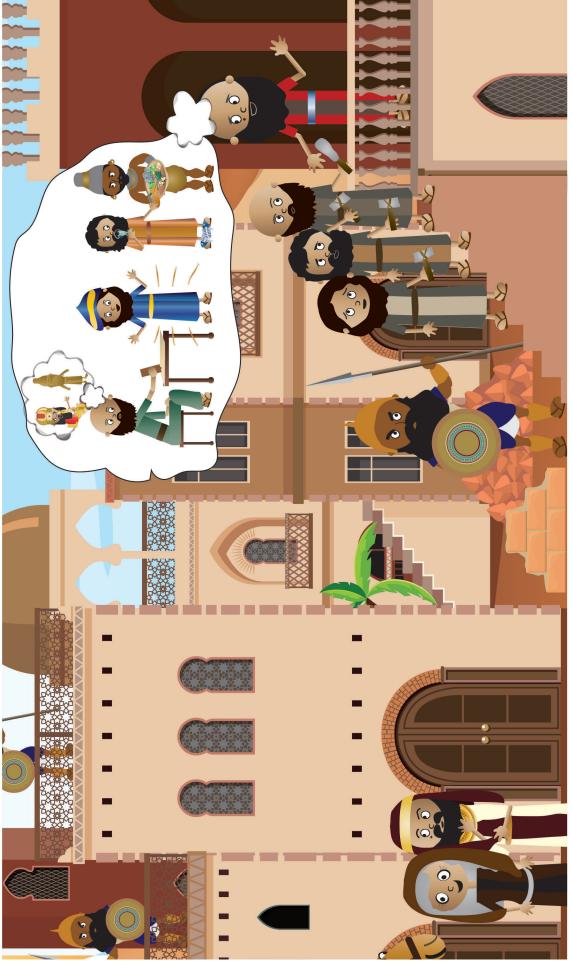
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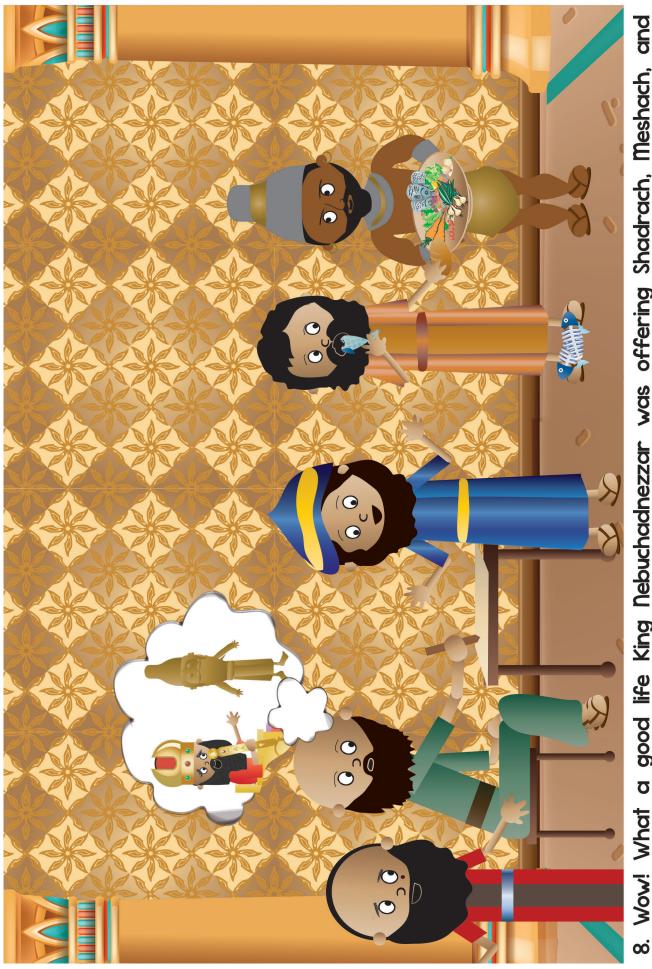
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Nebuchadnezzar wants for his new helpers," Ashpenaz told them. "You are to go to the King's 7. He picked Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! "Come with me. You're the kind of men King helper school. You'll eat the best food and wear the finest robes and hats," Ashpenaz told them. "You'll learn about mighty King Nebuchadnezzar and the great gods of Babylon. Then, you'll work in the king's beautiful palace and help him make good decisions," Ashpenaz explained.



of the mighty king, himself! robes and hats to wear, and the honor of working in the rich palace Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! The best food to eat, the finest 8. Wow! What a good life King Nebuchadnezzar was offering

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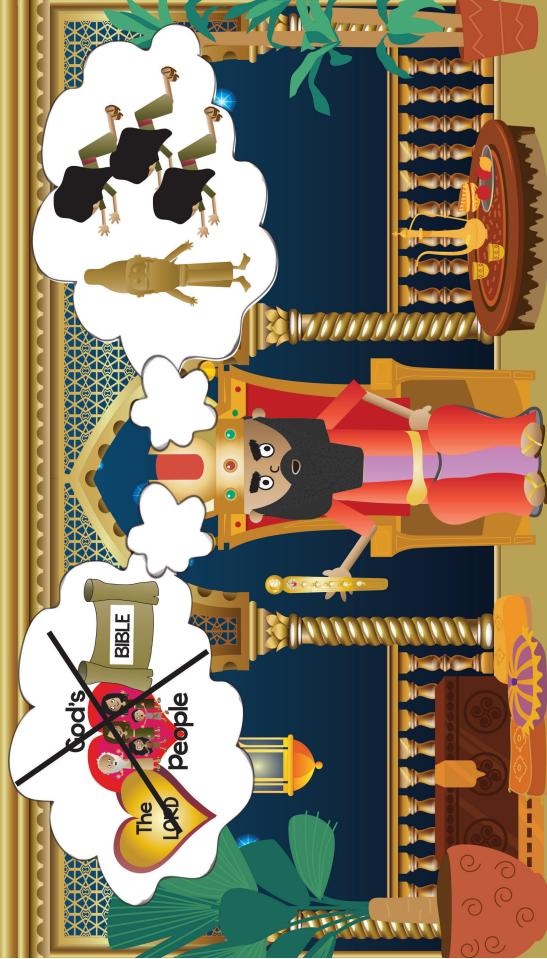


Abednego! The best food to eat, the finest robes and hats to wear, and the honor of working in 8. Wow! What a good life King Nebuchadnezzar was offering Shadrach, Meshach, and the rich palace of the mighty king, himself! What could be better than this?

God's Word. nice things so they would forget their home, the LORD, and the Bible, 9. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew the truth. King Nebuchadnezzar was being tricky! He was giving them all these

gods? They were soon to find out. instead! And what would happen to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego if they didn't honor King Nebuchadnezzar and his fake Nebuchadnezzar wanted them to honor him and his fake gods





10. King Nebuchadnezzar was very proud of himself.

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13. Then, King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to all the people:

my gods," he said. "But if anyone refuses to worship, I'll have him thrown straight into a hot, fiery furnace," the king warned. worship the golden statue. This shows you honor me and serve When the musicians play their music, you are to fall down and

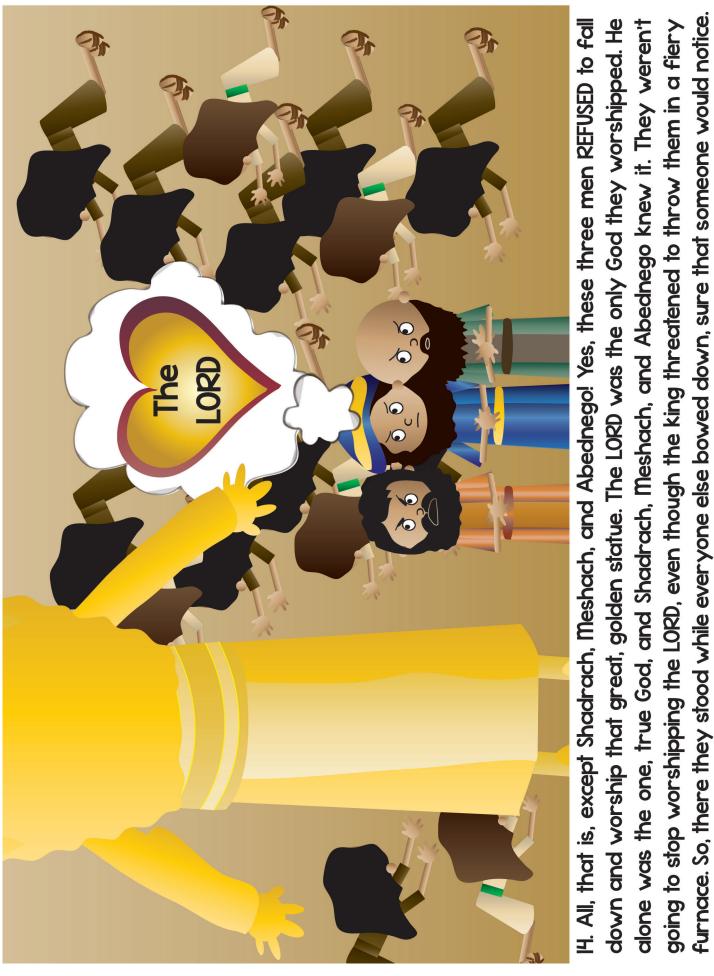
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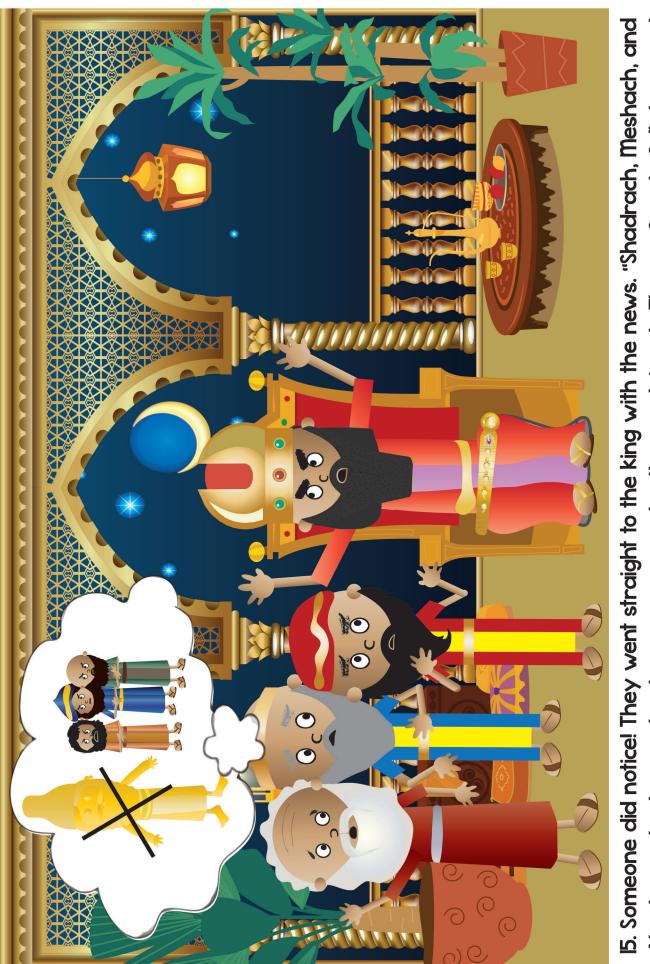
king threatened to throw them in a fiery furnace. it. They weren't going to stop worshipping the LORD, even though the golden statue. The LORD was the only God they worshipped. He alone was the one, true God, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew Yes, these three men REFUSED to fall down and worship that great,

someone would notice. So, there they stood while everyone else bowed down, sure that



15. Someone did notice! They went straight to the king with the news.

great, golden statue," they told the king. gods," they exclaimed. "They refuse to fall down and worship your "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego don't care about you or your



Nebuchadnezzar was furious! He ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be brought before him.

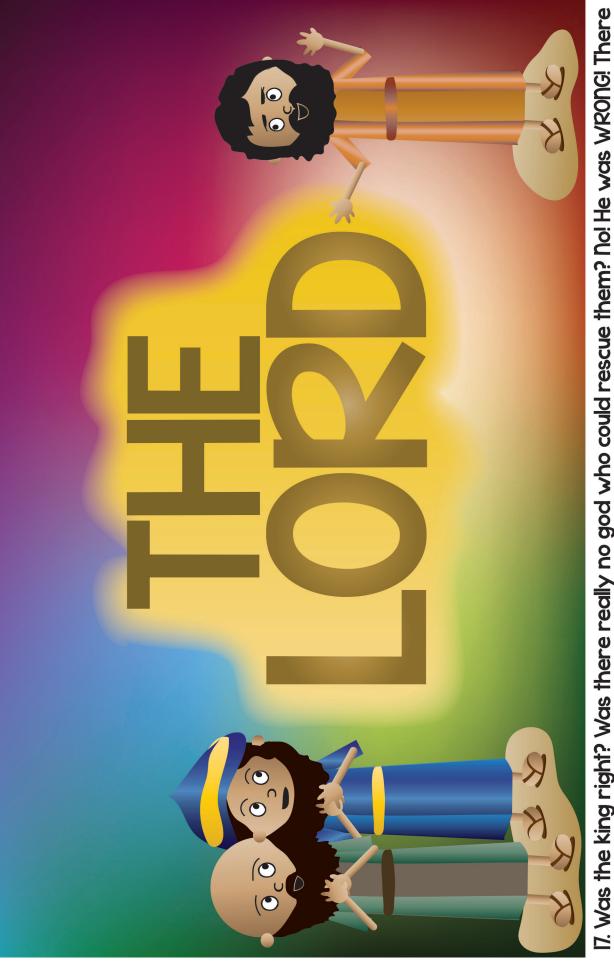
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17. Was the king right? Was there really no god who could rescue them?

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20. This should have been the end of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but it wasn't.

around in the furnace and the flames didn't burn them up. King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the fiery furnace and was amazed. There were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walking

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strangest of all, was the shining, heavenly person with them, protecting them from the fire with 20. This should have been the end of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but it wasn't. King Meshach, and Abednego walking around in the furnace and the flames didn't burn them up. And Nebuchadnezzar looked into the fiery furnace and was amazed. There were Shadrach, God's great power. (Some people think it was an angel, but others think it was Jesus.)



of the fire," the king ordered the men. Shadrach, Meshach, and 21. King Nebuchadnezzar could hardly believe his eyes! "Come out Abednego obeyed.

smoke on their clothes! Amazing! stood before the king, without a burn on their skin or the smell of They walked through the flames and out of that hot furnace. They



men. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego obeyed. They walked through the flames and out of that hot furnace. They stood before the king, without a burn on their skin or the smell of smoke 21. King Nebuchadnezzar could hardly believe his eyes! "Come out of the fire," the king ordered the



just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had said! in that fiery, hot furnace. It was because the LORD their God really Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not killed or even hurt 22. King Nebuchadnezzar knew there was only one reason why WAS the great, one, true God! He was to be trusted and worshipped



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Him," the king declared. "What a great God He is!" And King **Nebuchadnezzar** was right! the LORD, their God, deserves all peoples in my kingdom to honor "These men deserve to be great leaders in my kingdom; and

than worship my great, golden statue. He sent His angel to rescue them. These men deserve to be great leaders in my kingdom; and the LORD, their God, deserves all peoples in my kingdom to 23. No longer did the king want anyone to bow down before his great, golden statue. It was great. It was golden. But it was NOT God. So, King Nebuchadnezzar sent out a new announcement through the land, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They trusted in Him rather honor Him," the king declared. "What a great God He is!" And King Nebuchadnezzar was right!



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## "The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire" Daniel I-3



Assignment #I Detective Dan's Listening

I. Who did the king order to be thrown into the fire? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

To NOT bow down to the golden statue, but to keep believing and 2. What did God give them faith to do? trusting in Him with their whole lives.

sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior, and to help you trust Him with every right, even if we don't understand them. And, He promises to always help His people keep trusting in Him, no matter what. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our very hard. The LORD is always good, and His plans are always trust Him and be happy with what He wants, even when it is Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the LORD wants us to day of your life! He loves to answer these prayers!

### **Detective Dan's**

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Assignment #2 Listening



Proverbs 3:5- 6, NIV

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

l. Who had to trust in the LORD in ways far bigger than they could He helped them to NOT bow down to the golden statue, but to keep on believing and trusting in Him with their whole lives. He protected 2. How did the LORD show His faithfulness to them? understand? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. them from dying in the fiery furnace, too.

For You and Me:

The LORD can always be trusted. He is always up to good. His plans are always perfect. And because He is so much bigger and greater than us, there will be many times when we don't understand the good things He's up to. That's why God's people are told not to lean on their own understanding, but to keep trusting in the LORD. The LORD knows they can't do this on their own. They need His help. And need to keep trusting in Him and be happy with what He wants. We He is happy to give it! He will always give His people everything they can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us trust Him and be happy with what He wants for our lives, too. DDD 12.4 Simple Story Scenes

By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants! How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus...

God is always good and we can always trust Him and His plans. But sadly, we all have chosen to doubt God and His good plans. We have all chosen to do things our own way. And for this, we all deserve God's punishment.

perfect life. Then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin But God is so merciful! He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a and death for them.

Mow, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to

answer this

prayer!

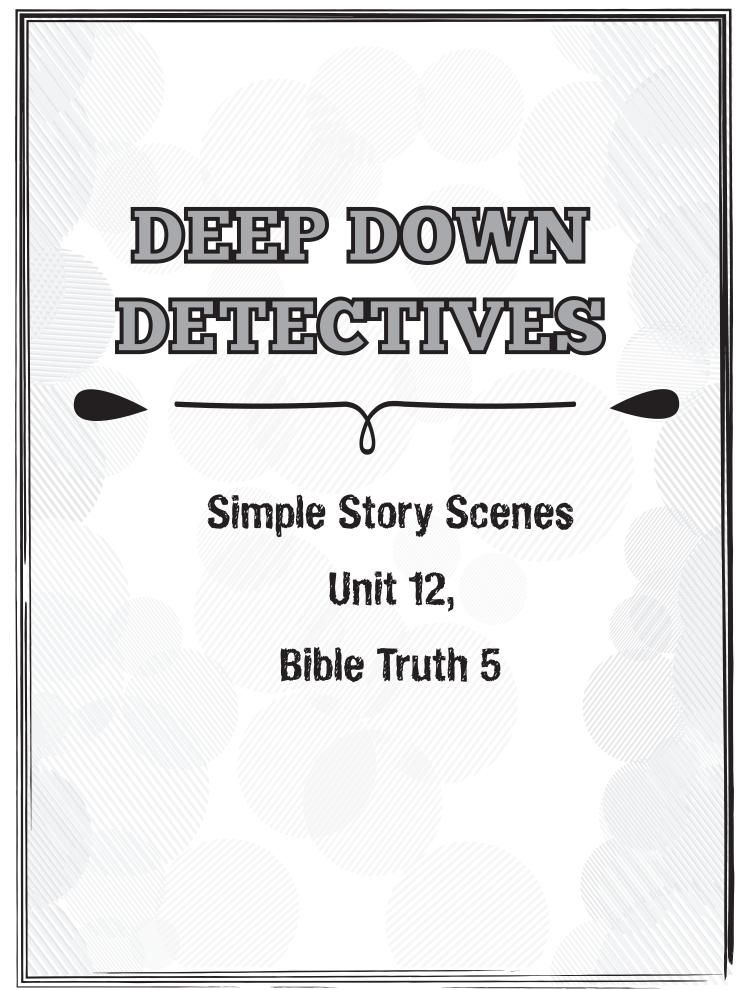
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- A God, we praise You for always being good and deserving of our trust. You are always wise and perfect in everything You do and plan.
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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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### Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

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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.	

### **Big Question 12, Bible Truth 5 Overview: Key Concepts**

### Unit 12: God's People Live for Him

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." -- Ephesians 5:1-2

### Bible Truth 5 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Learning God's Word and Obeying It!

Jesus knew God's Word and obeyed it His whole life. There was nothing about God's Word that Jesus did not know or obey. It was very important that Jesus knew God's Word so well and that He always obeyed it. This was the only way He could be the perfect Savior who could pay for the sins of God's people.

God's Word helped Jesus know how He should live. It gave Him strength to fight temptation and to keep on obeying God, His Father, no matter what. And, when life was hard or sad, it comforted Him with God's good plans and promises.

God's people need to know God's Word well, too. It tells them about God and His good plans. It tells them how He wants them to live. It gives them strength to fight temptation and keep on obeying God, no matter what. And, when life was hard or sad, it comforts them with God's good plans and promises.

How do God's people learn God's Word? By reading it, memorizing it, singing it, and by others teaching it to them. God promises that His Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of His people as they hear His Word. He will help them understand it and obey it. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He will help us to know and obey His Word, too.

### Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Psalm 119:11,15,16

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

Learn a Little: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

### Meaning

God's people delight in God's Word, the Bible. It is full of God's precepts and decrees (His good laws). It tells of His ways (what God is like). They meditate on God's Word (think about what it means); and, even hide it in their hearts (memorize it) so that they might not sin against God. They know that God's Word is not just true. It is also powerful to change them to be more like Jesus. They don't want to neglect it, because they want to know God and please Him more than anything else in life. God can help us delight in His Word, too.

### **Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer**

A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible. Through it, we see how amazing You are.

- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving Your Word as we should. Too many times we choose to not read Your Word but do other things instead. Too many times, even when we do read Your Word, we forget it and do not obey it. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for telling us so much about Yourself and Your great plans through the Bible. Thank You for telling us about Jesus and how we can be saved when we read it. Thank You for showing us how to live and promising to help us through Your powerful Word.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word, the Bible. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us understand it and obey it. Help us to live like You want us to live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Big Question 12, Bible Truth 5 Overview: Key Concepts

### **Bible Truth 5 Story**

The Case of the Lost Treasure 2 Kings 22; 23:1-20; 24; 2 Chronicles 34:8-33

### Songs Used in Bible Truth 5

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# "The Case of the Lost Treasure" 2 Kings 22; 23:1-20; 24; 2 Chronicles 34:8-33



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. What was the treasure? And why was it hidden?

2. Who found it and what did they do with it?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Psalm IIq:II,15,16, NIV

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees, I will not neglect your word." I. Who was supposed to hide God's Word in their hearts by writing down their very own copy of it? Why?

What happened when they did this? What happened when they didn't do this?

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

Egypt, then up to great Mt. Sinai to meet with the LORD. him to lead the people of Israel. Moses led them out of slavery in l. Moses was a very old man. For many years, the LORD had used



Moses led them out of slavery in Egypt, then up to great Mt. Sinai to meet with the LORD.

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2. There, they made big, covenant promises. The LORD promised to promised to always be His people, who would love Him and keep always be their God, who would care for them. And the people His good laws.



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3. For forty, long years, Moses led the people through the dry, promised to give them as their home. the Promised Land. It was time to enter the good land the LORD waiting for: the day when Moses brought them to the edge of desert-y wilderness. Finally, came the wonderful day they were



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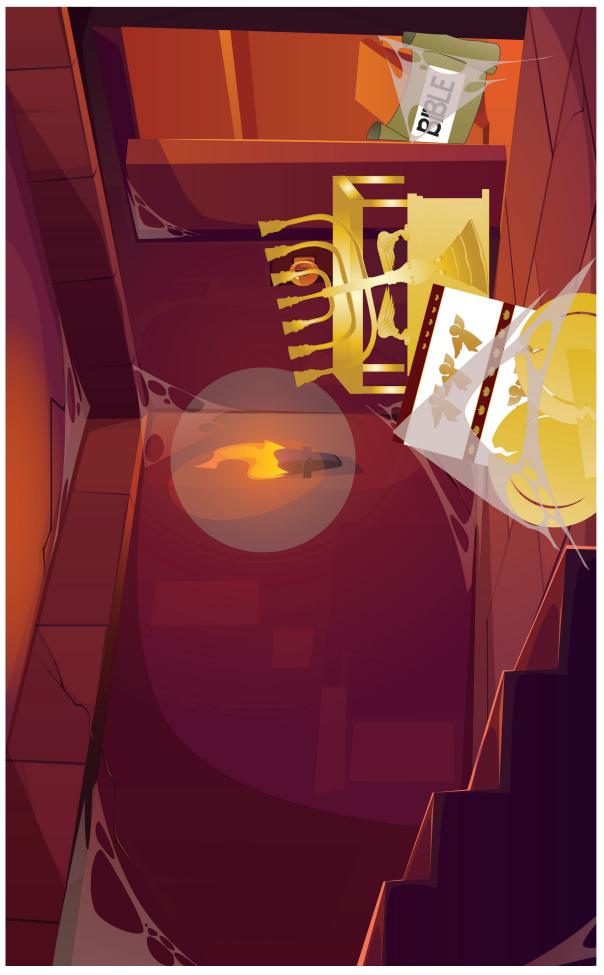
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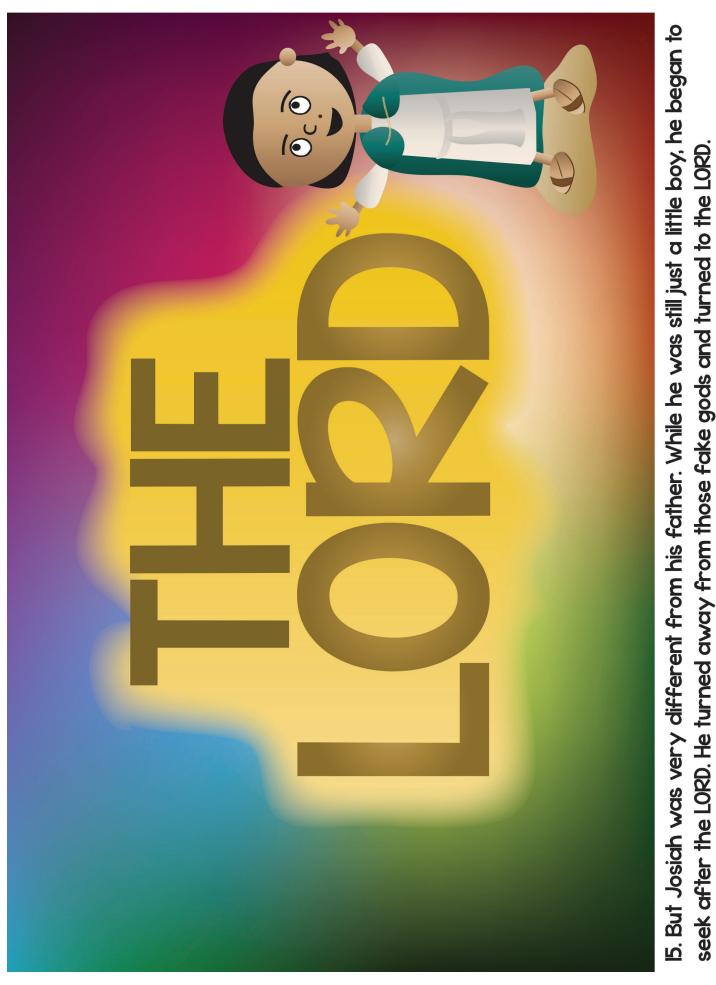
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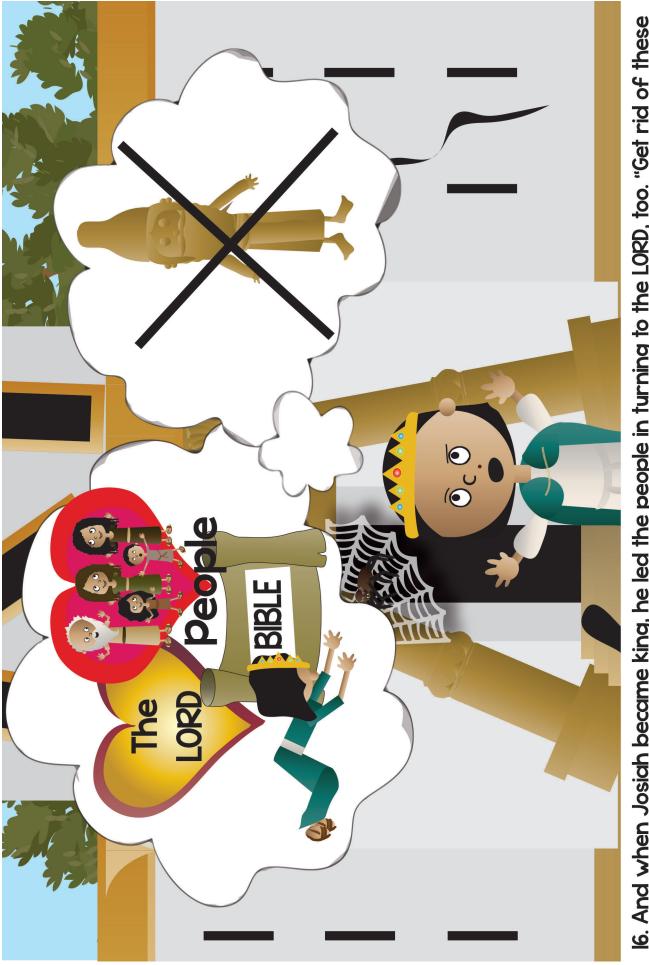
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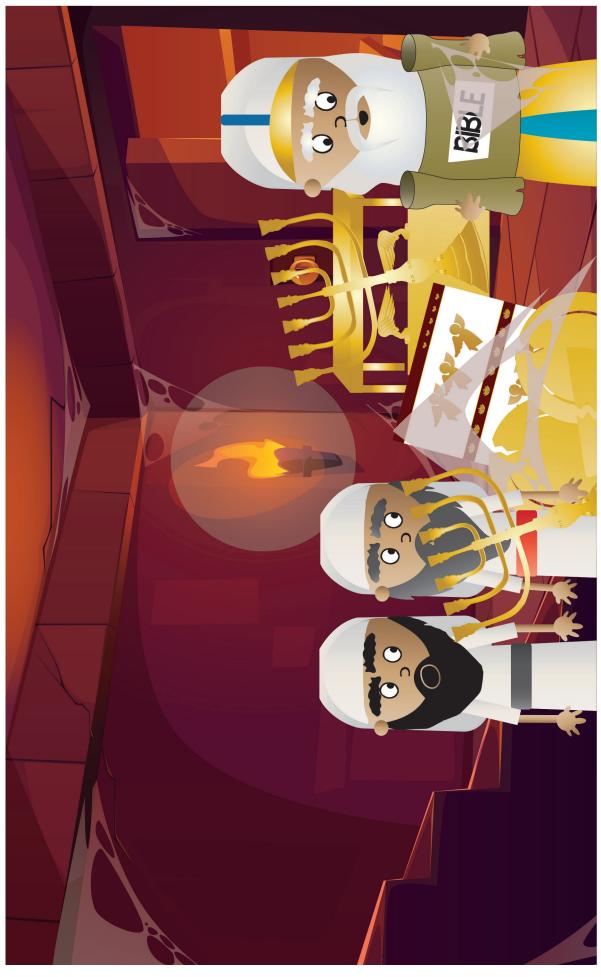
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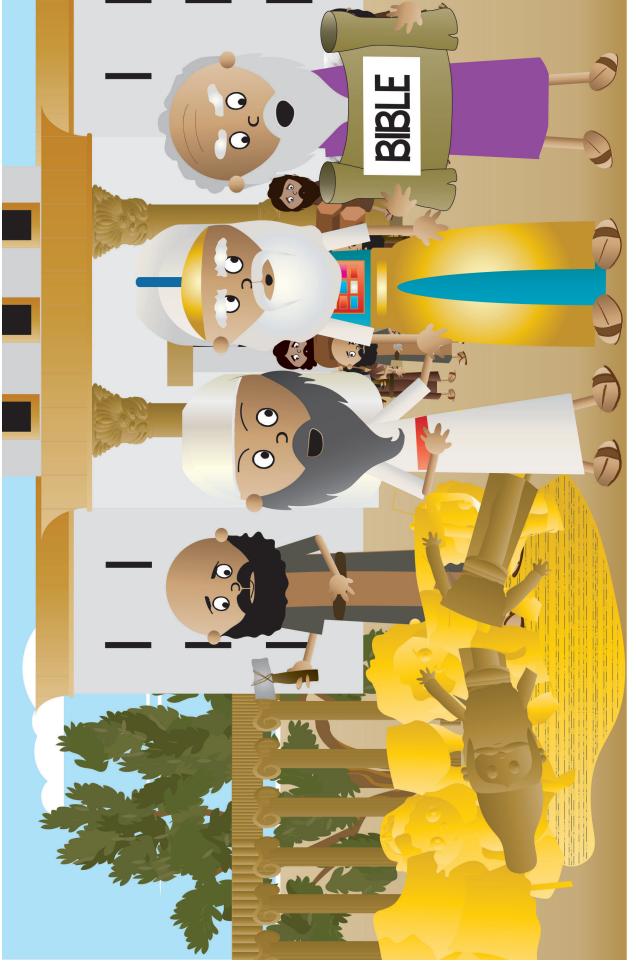
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## "The Case of the Lost Treasure" 2 Kings 22; 23:1-20; 24; 2 Chronicles 34:8-33



## SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l I. What was the treasure? And why was it hidden? It was a book: the Bible, God's Word. It was hidden because King Amon and the people didn't care about it. They put it in a room and forgot about it until it was lost.

2. Who found it and what did they do with it? King Josiah's workers found it. They gave it to the king to read. He asked God for forgiveness and helped the people obey it again. For You and Me: God's Word is filled with good things for God's people, who lived long ago. But it is filled with good things for us, who lived long ago. But it is filled with good things for us too. God's Word can teach us. From it, we can learn about too. God's Word can teach us. From it, we can learn about too. God's Word can teach us. From it, we can learn about too. God's Word can teach us. From it, we can learn about too. God's Word can teach us. From it, we can learn about two god and how He wants us to live. He can use it to help us food and how He wants us to live. He can use it to help us turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as to bless us every day of our lives.

## Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #2



Psalm ||9:||,15,16, NIV

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees, I will not neglect your word."

I. Who was supposed to hide God's Word in their hearts by writing down their very own copy of it? Why? The kings so they would know God's Word and lead the people in

loving and obeying God.

 What happened when they did this? What happened when they didn't? God helped them to love Him. He helped them obey it. He blessed the people. But, when they didn't, they turned away from loving God and obeying His Word. The people suffered.

## For You and Me:

God didn't just want people long ago to know His Word and obey it from their hearts. He wants us to, also. God loves to work in our hearts as we learn His Word. He loves to use it to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to use it to help us know Him and to live for Him. Ask Him to use His Word to work in your heart! He loves to answer this prayer. DDD 12.5 Simple Story Scenes

How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Learning God's Word and Obeying It! There is so much to love about the Bible, God's Word! Through it, we can learn the truth about God and about ourselves. We learn that we have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment.

Savior we need. It tells us that Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it up to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really But God's Word also tells us about God's mercy in sending Jesus, His Son, to be the beaten sin and death for them!

Best of all, the Bible tells us that now, whoever turns away from their Their sins are forgiven. They get to know God in their hearts, now. sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can become God's people. And one day, they will go live with Him Forever.

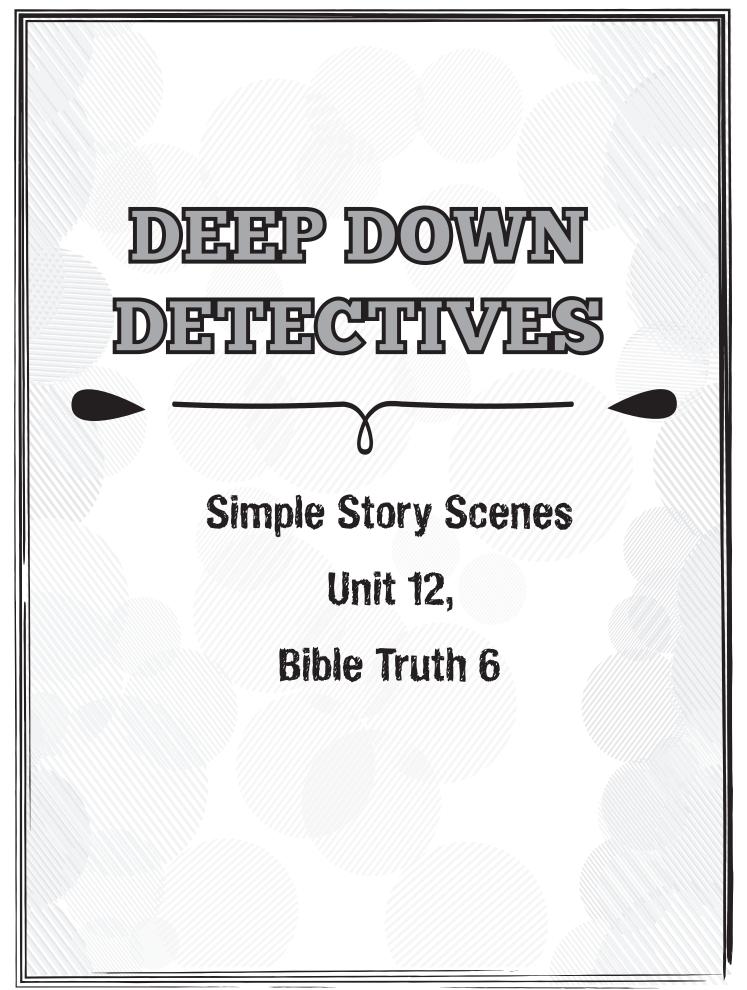
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# A Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible. Through it, we can see how amazing You are!
- C God, please forgive us for not loving Your Word as we should. Too many times times, even when we do read Your Word, we forget it and do not obey it. We we choose to not read Your Word but do other things instead. Too many need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for telling us so much about Yourself and Your great plans through the Bible. Thank You for telling us about Jesus and how we can be saved. Thank You for showing us how to live and promising to help us through Your powerful Word.
- S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word, the Bible. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us understand it and obey it. Help us to live like You want us to live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, Forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)

DDD 12.5 Simple Story Scenes



# Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

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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.

# Big Question 12, Bible Truth 6 Overview: Key Concepts

### Unit 12: God's People Live for Him

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." -- Ephesians 5:1-2

### Bible Truth 6 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Saying "No" to Disobeying God!

Jesus is the perfect Son of God, but when He lived on earth, He was tempted to disobey God just as we are. Sometimes, God's plan for Jesus was very hard. Jesus was tempted disobey God, His Father, and do something easier. God's enemy, Satan, knew just what kinds of things to tempt Jesus with. Oh, how he wanted Jesus to disobey God! He did NOT want Jesus to be our Savior!

But no matter what the temptation was, Jesus always said "no" to it. He prayed to God, His Father, to help Him. He remembered God's Word and it made Him strong to always say "no" to disobeying God. He never, ever disobeyed God, so He could be our perfect Savior.

God's people are often tempted to disobey God, too. They want to love God. They want to obey Him. They have the Holy Spirit living in their hearts, helping them; but (unlike Jesus), sin is very strong in their hearts, too.

God wants His people to do what Jesus did when they are tempted. He wants them to pray to Him and ask for His help. He wants them to remember His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit living in their hearts can help them say "no" to sin. And when they do give in to temptation, His Holy Spirit can comfort them with God's forgiveness.

When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God promises to help us say "no" to disobeying God, too. And, He promises to forgive our sins, even when we do disobey Him. Thank You, God!

### Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it."

Learn a Little: "God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear."

### Meaning

God's people will be tempted to sin every day of their lives. Their temptations are common to man--that is, they will be tempted to sin against God, just like everyone else. But God's people can be encouraged that God is always there to help them say "no." He promises that He will never let them be tempted more than they can bear. With any temptation they face, He promises to provide a way of escape, so they can endure the temptation without sinning. How good, merciful, and powerful is the Lord! We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us say "no" to temptation, too.

### **Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer**

- A God, we praise You for Jesus, Your Perfet Son, who never, ever disobeyed You, no matter how tempting it was.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not saying "no" to disobeying You. Many times, when we are tempted, we choose to forget Your good ways and go ahead and do what we want to do. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people when they are tempted to do wrong. You promise to always provide them with a way out of sin. Thank You, that we can become Your people through Jesus, too, and You will help us.
- S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say "no" to disobeying You when we are tempted. Help us to choose to live for You, instead, like Jesus did. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Big Question 12, Bible Truth 6 Overview: Key Concepts

### **Bible Truth 6 Story**

### The Case of the Escape that Waited

1 Samuel 17:19,23-24,27,31; 2 Samuel 5-6

### Songs Used in Bible Truth 6

Big Q & A 12 Song
Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live?
Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984
Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1
Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song: No Temptation Has Seized You 1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV 1984

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





Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l I. Who needed to escape? Who did he need to escape from and why?

2. How could he have escaped? Why did he wait?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



I Corinthians IO:I3, NIV "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it."

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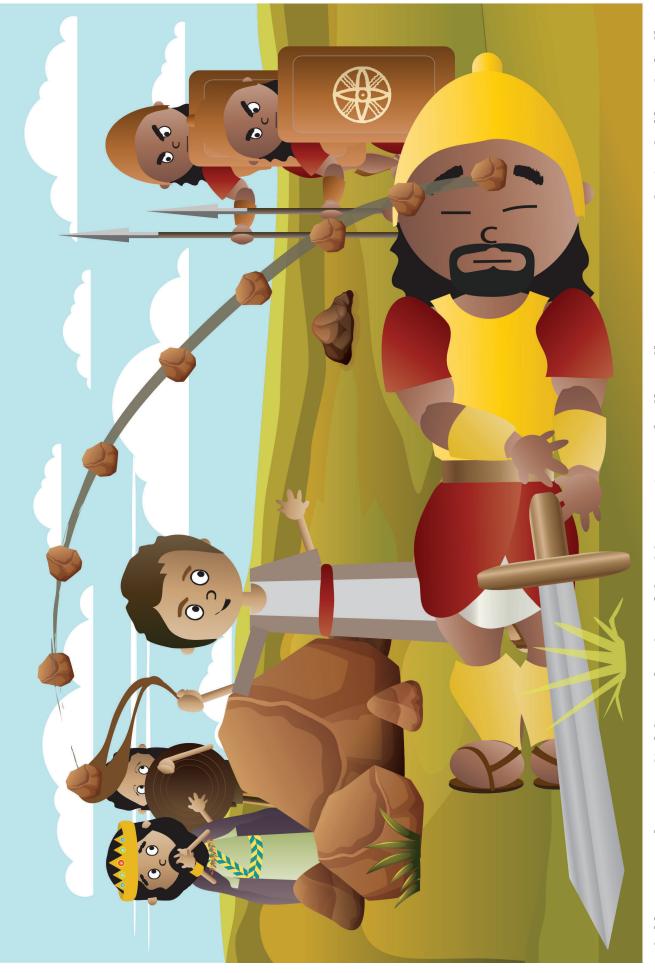
2. How did God help him and provide him a way out?

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

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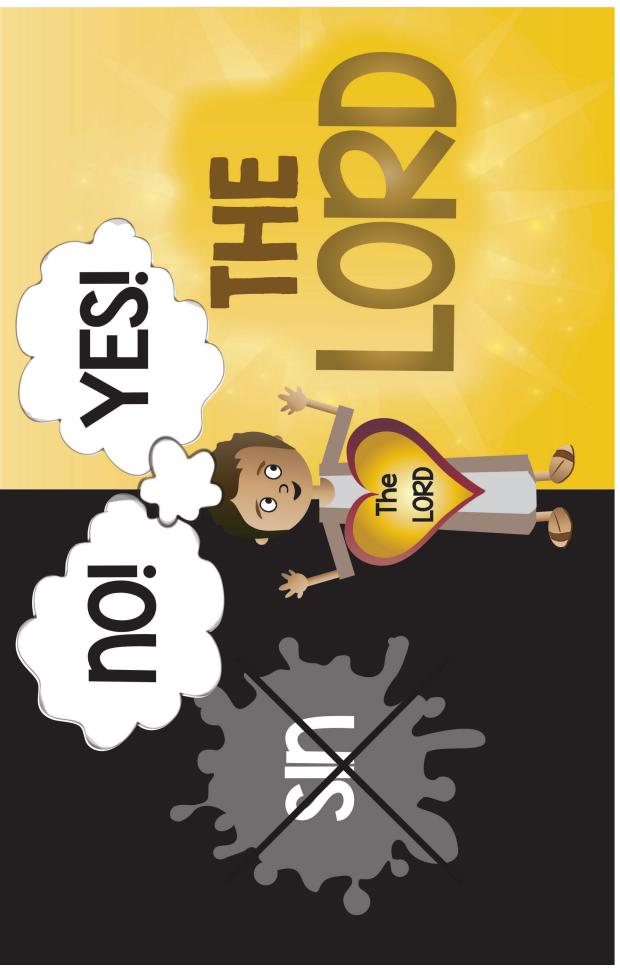
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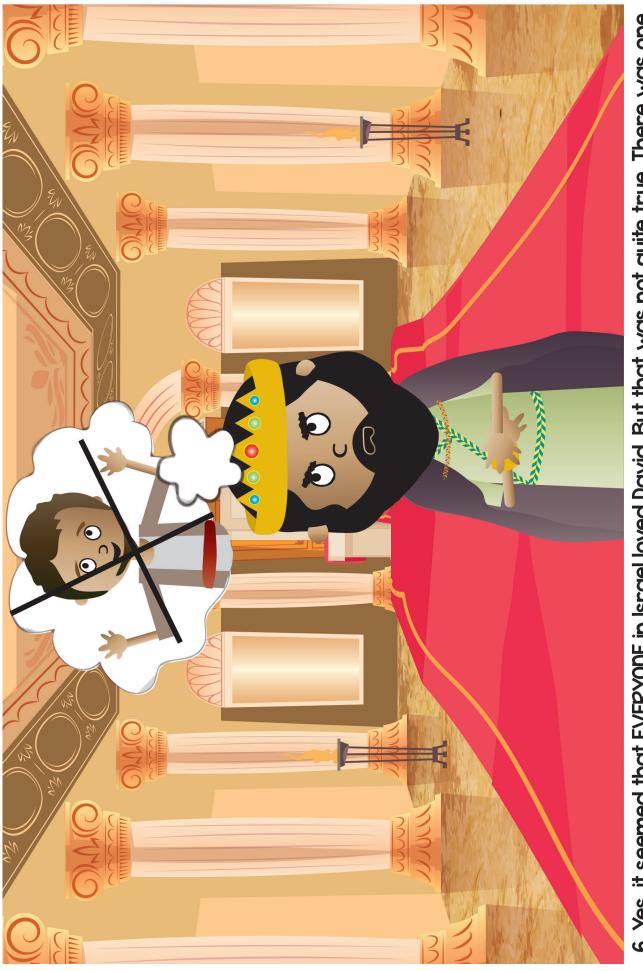
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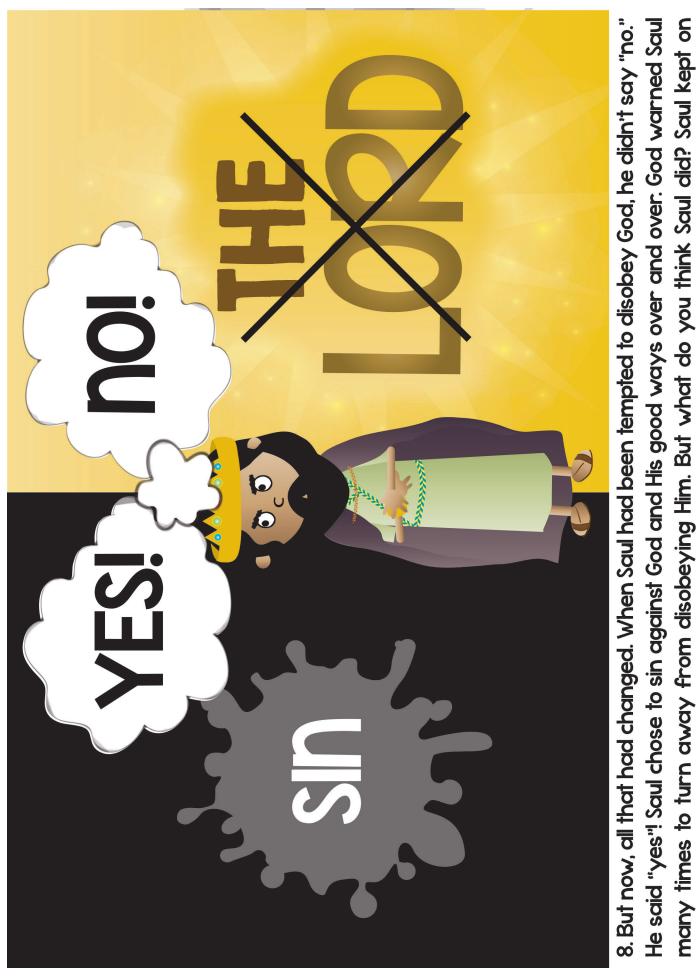
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8. But now, all that had changed. When Saul had been tempted to against God and His good ways over and over. disobey God, he didn't say "no." He said "yes"! Saul chose to sin

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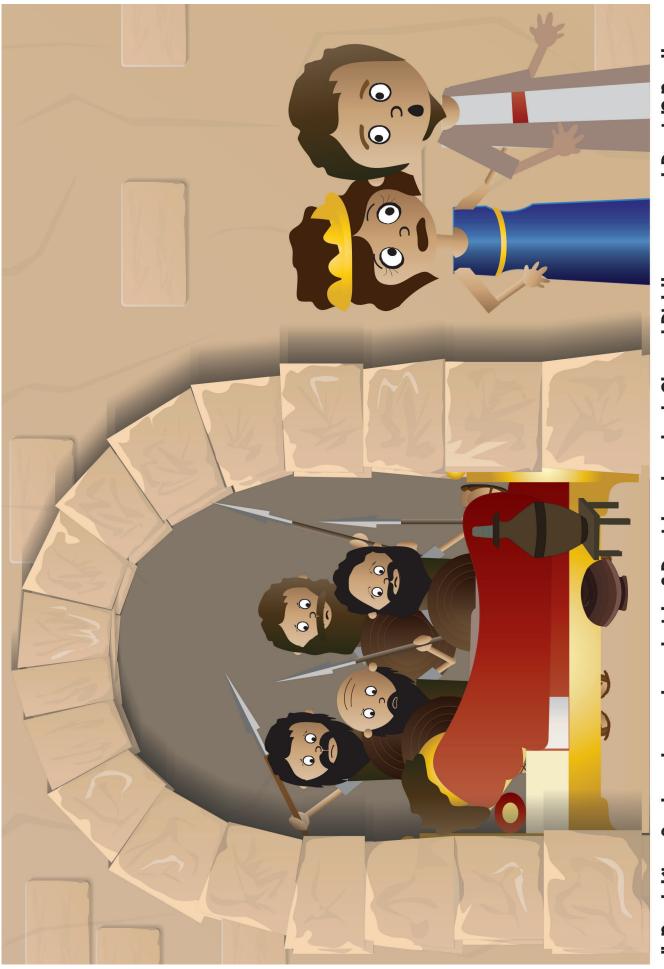
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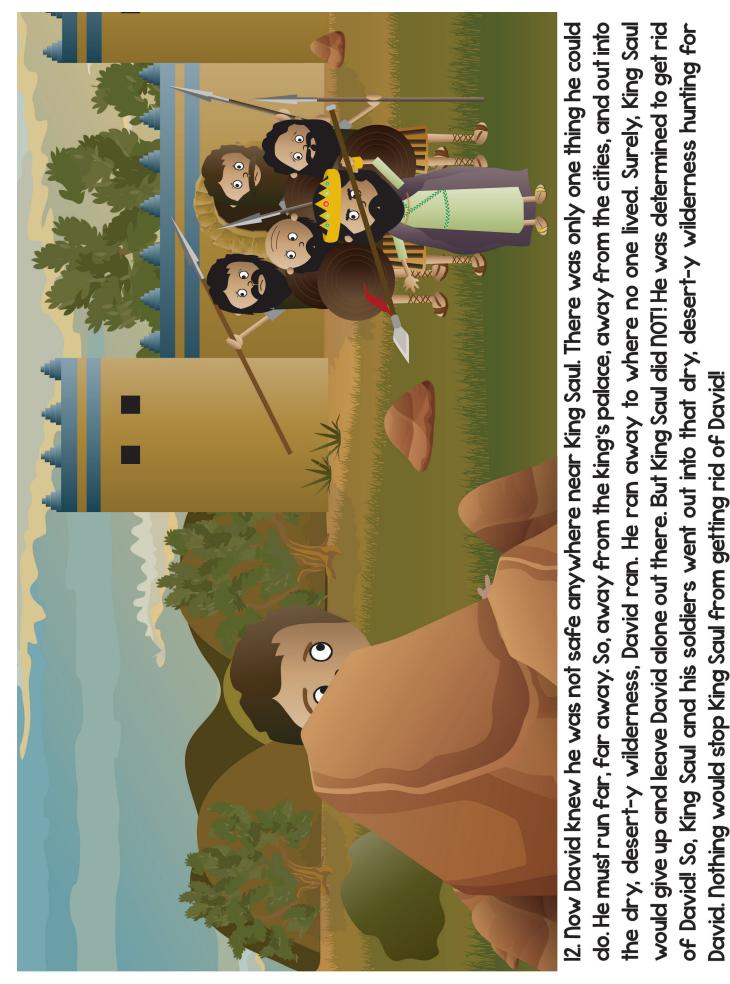


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So, away from the king's palace, away from the cities, and out into there. one lived. Surely, King Saul would give up and leave David alone out the dry, desert-y wilderness, David ran. He ran away to where no

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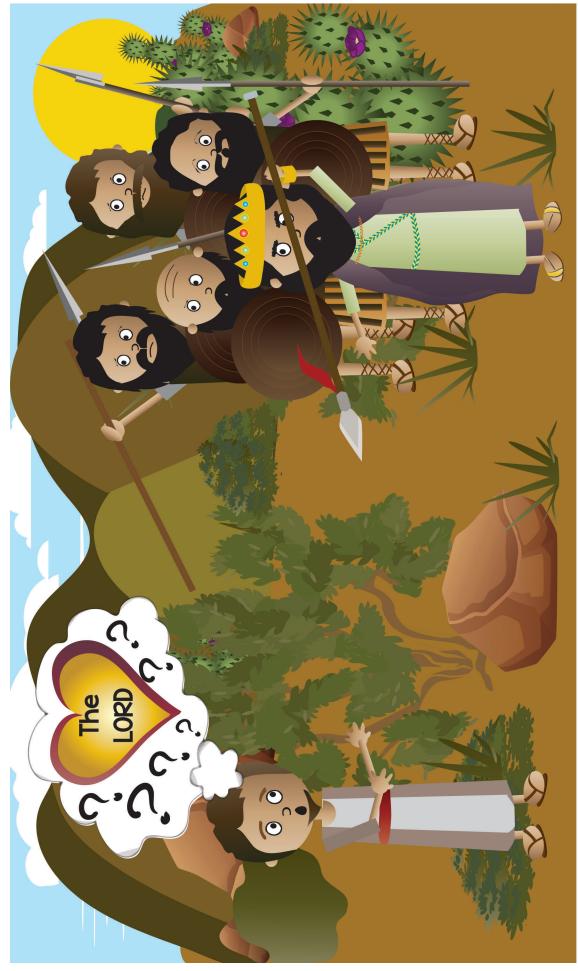
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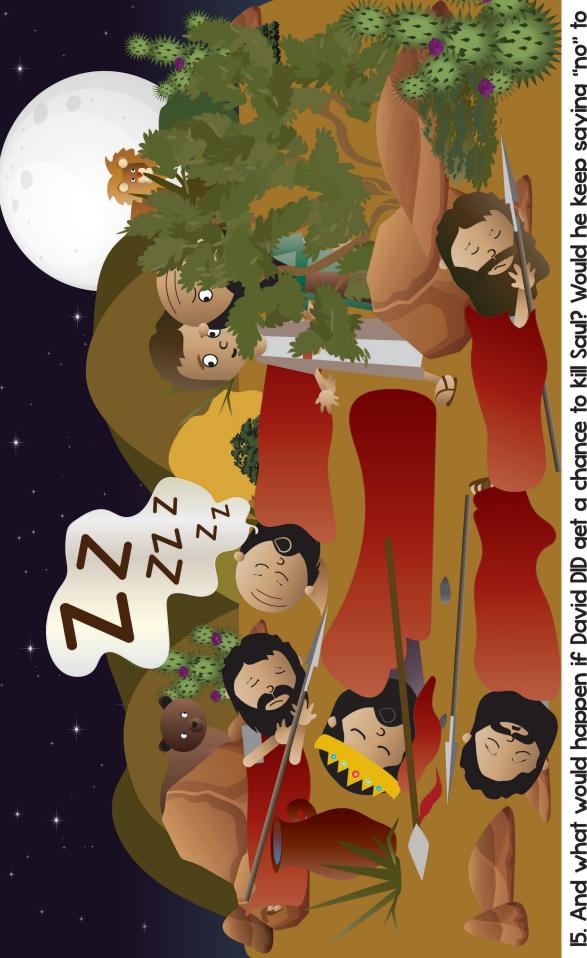


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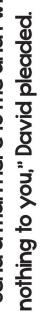


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19. At last, that perfect timing did come. Saul died, and David's days happy about that. of running were over. NOW, what was David thinking in his heart? Would he celebrate that Saul was dead? It would be tempting to be

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even when it was very hard. God's own heart: people who loved God and wanted to obey Him, King David, himself! He wanted all the people to be people after And who led the people in praising the LORD that day? Why, it was



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# "The Case of the Escape that Waited" | Samuel 17:19,23-24,27,31; 2 Samuel 5-6



# SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l I. Who needed to escape? Who did he need to escape from and why? David needed to escape from King Saul. Saul was jealous and wanted to kill David.

2. How could he have escaped? Why did he wait? David could be have that was wrong. He chose to wait have killed Saul, but he knew that was wrong. He chose to wait for the LORD to rescue him, in His perfect timing.

For You and Me: David waited a long time for God to provide his escape from King Saul. How hard it must have been to wait! God helped David King Saul. How hard it must have been to wait! God helped David wait. He helped him say 'no' to the temptation to get rid of King wait. Be helped him say 'no' to the temptation to get rid of King wait is perfect timing! Maybe we will never have someone for His perfect timing! Maybe we will never have someone for His perfect timing! Maybe we will never have plenty and trying to kill us. Jike David did. Maybe we will chasing us and trying to kill us. Jike bavid did. Maybe we will never be tempted to kill anybody, Jike he was. But we have plenty of other temptations that come our way. Every day brings its never be tempted to kill anybody, Jike he was. But we have plenty helped David and He can help us. He can help us turn away and helped David and He can help us. He can help us turn away and helped David and He can help us. He can help us turn away and helped David and He can help us. This is how we become God's people. Trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And, He can help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and And, He can help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and how help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and and, he can help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and how help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and how help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and how help us how we become God's people.

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Corinthians 10:13, NIV

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it."

l. Who was tempted to disobey God? How? David was. He was tempted to get rid of King Saul his own way.

2. How did God help him and provide him a way out? God helped him say 'no' to temptation. He helped David wait and trust. And in His perfect timing, God, Himself, provided the way out from King Saul.

## For You and Me:

David waited a long time for God to provide his escape from King Saul. How hard it must have been to wait! God helped David wait. He helped him say 'no' to the temptation to get rid of King Saul his own way. And how God blessed David when he waited for His perfect timing! Maybe we will never have someone chasing us and trying to kill us, like David did. Maybe we will never be tempted to kill anybody, like he was. But we have plenty of other temptations that come our way. Every day brings its own set of temptations to disobey God and His good ways. God helped David and He can help us. He can help us turn away and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And, He can help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and to keep on living His good way, instead of giving in to sin. DDD 12.6 Simple Story Scenes

How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Saying "No" to Disobeying God! God is the good Creator and King over everything. He gave us His good laws to live by. God has never given us any reason to doubt His goodness, but sadly, we have disobey Him and His good ways. And now, we all deserve His punishment. all given into the temptation to do things our own way. We have chosen to

But God is so merciful! He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to

answer this prayer!

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# A Prayer

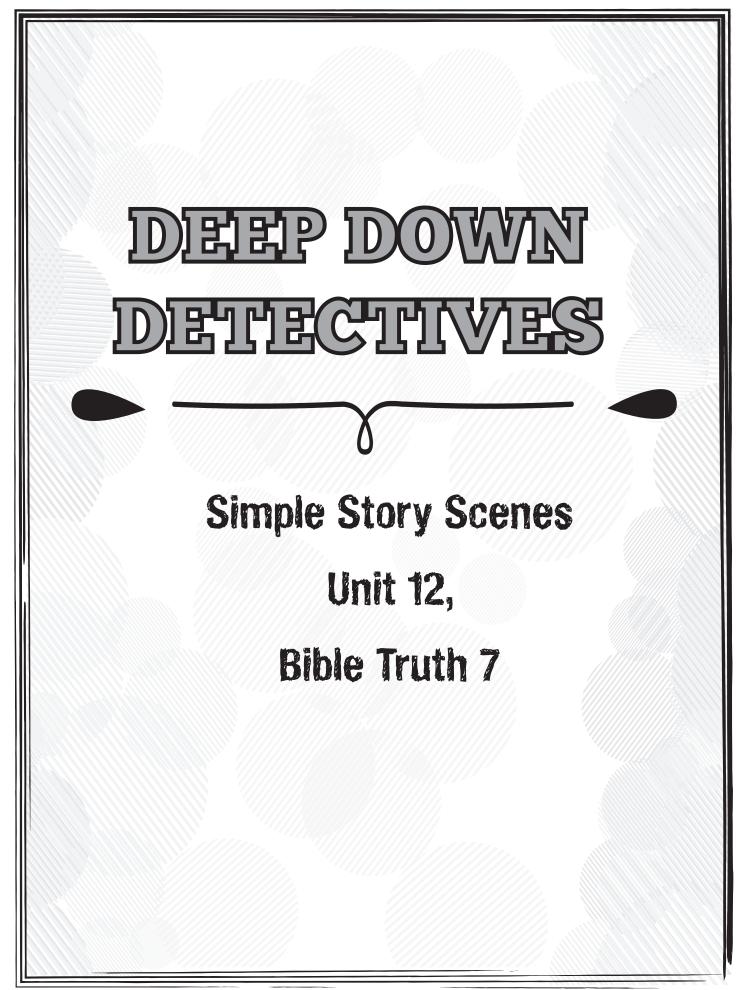
- A God, we praise You for Jesus, Your Perfect Son, who never, ever disobeyed You, no matter how tempting it was.
- C God, please forgive us for not saying "no" to disobeying You. Many times, when we are tempted, we choose to forget Your good ways and go ahead and do what we want to do. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people when they are tempted to do wrong. You promise to always provide them with a way out of sin. Thank You, that we can become Your people through Jesus, too, and You will help us. S

God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say "no" to disobeying You when we are tempted. Help us to choose to live for You, instead, like Jesus did.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, Forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)

DDD 12.6 Simple Story Scenes



## Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

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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.

## Big Question 12, Bible Truth 7 Overview: Key Concepts

## Unit 12: God's People Live for Him

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." -- Ephesians 5:1-2

## Bible Truth 7 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus...By Telling the Good News of Jesus!

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He told His disciples to go tell the good news of salvation to the whole world. Jesus wanted people everywhere know how they could become God's people. He wanted them to know that they could know God in their hearts, now. And after they died, they could go and live with God forever. These wonderful gifts would be theirs when they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. What good news this was!

Jesus' disciples obeyed Him. They traveled farther and farther away from their homes, sharing the good news of Jesus to all who would listen. Many people rejoiced in this good news. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. God's people were growing in number!

Even today, God still wants His people to keep on sharing this good news to all who will listen. He wants them to share this good news with people who live next door, and with people who live in faraway places. God wants His people to keep on telling about Jesus until the whole world has heard the good news.

How do God's people carry out this big, wonderful job? With the help of God's Holy Spirit! God promises that His Holy Spirit will be at work inside His people. He will help them know what to say and give them the courage to say it. Best of all, God promises to send His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who listen, helping them trust in Jesus and be saved. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

## Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse: Romans 10:13-15

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Learn a Little: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

## Meaning

These verses remind us that God sends His people to tell others the good news of salvation through Jesus. They must go, if others are to hear and believe. That is how God has planned to save sinners. What a privilege this is to go and tell others! That is what makes their feet beautiful. Not that they have pretty feet (or cute toes), but that by using their feet to go tell others about Jesus, those others can know God and be saved from their sins.

## **Bible Truth 7 ACTS Prayer**

- A God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are!
- **C** God, please forgive us for not telling others about You as You want us to. Forgive us for being scared that others might not want to hear about Jesus or make fun of us. Forgive for not trusting You to be at work as we share the good news about salvation through Him. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for offering to make us Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the wonderful, good news of salvation through Him.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others how they can receive the free gift of salvation through Him, too. Work inside others as they hear about Jesus and help them believe in Him, too. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Big Question 12, Bible Truth 7 Overview: Key Concepts

## **Bible Truth 7 Story**

## The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet Acts

## Songs Used in Bible Truth 7

Big Q & A 12 Song

Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live?

Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984

Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song: How Beautiful Romans 10:13-15, NIV 1984

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. Who had beautiful, busy feet?

2. What made the feet beautiful? What were they busy doing?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

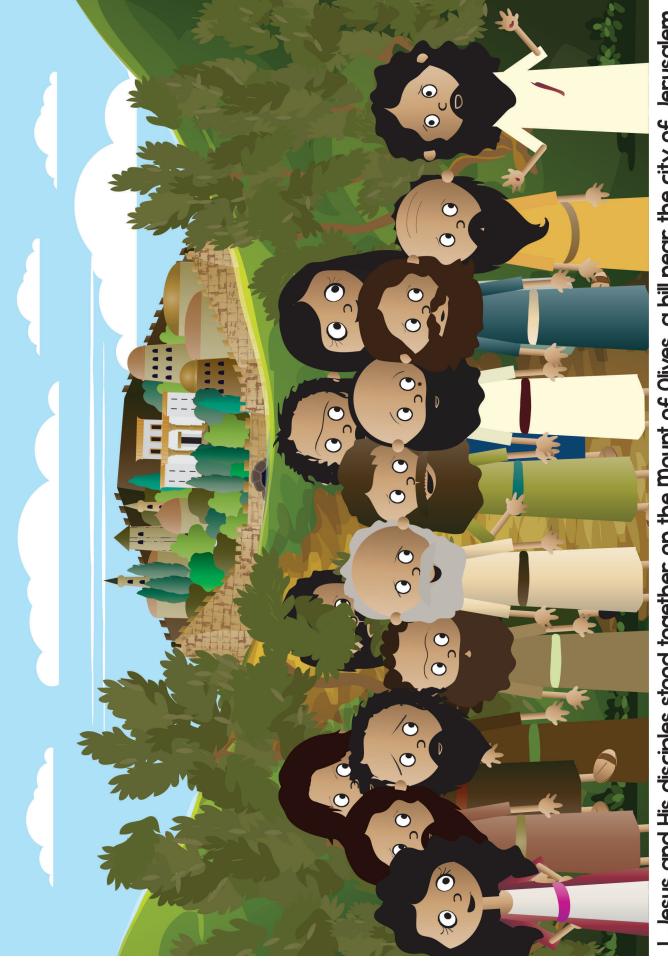


# Romans 10:13,15, NIV

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ... As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" I. What message about Jesus did Jesus' followers tell everyone?

Why were their feet so busy traveling to faraway places to tell everyone this message? (more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

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2. Jesus had died on the cross and was buried in a grave. Then, on Day Three, He rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples.

again! For the next forty days, Jesus taught them about God's good plans from the Bible. How wonderful it had been to have Jesus with them



3. But now, those days were over. It was time for Jesus to go to heaven and rule.

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good news. But don't stop there! Go to Samaria, to your enemies who live in the land next to you. Tell them the good news." 4. "Go through all of Judea, this land you live in. Tell everyone the

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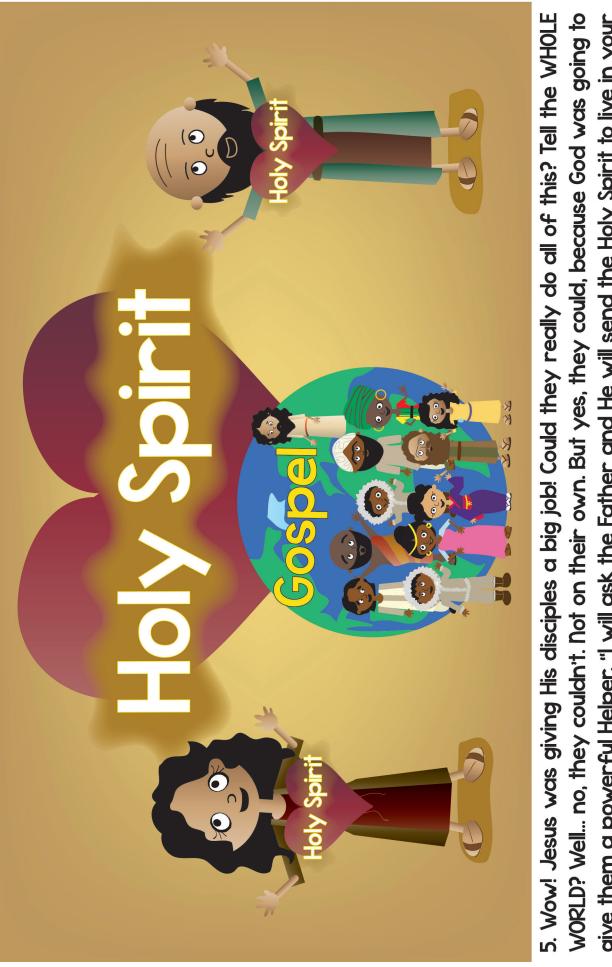


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5. Wow! Jesus was giving His disciples a big job! Could they really do all of this? Tell the WHOLE WORLD?

God was going to give them a powerful Helper. Well... no, they couldn't. Not on their own. But yes, they could, because

"I will ask the Father and He will send the Holy Spirit to live in your places, I will come back," Jesus promised. wonderful, good news of salvation has reached all peoples, in all you need to tell the whole world," Jesus told them. "And, when this hearts," Jesus told them. "HE will give you the wisdom and power



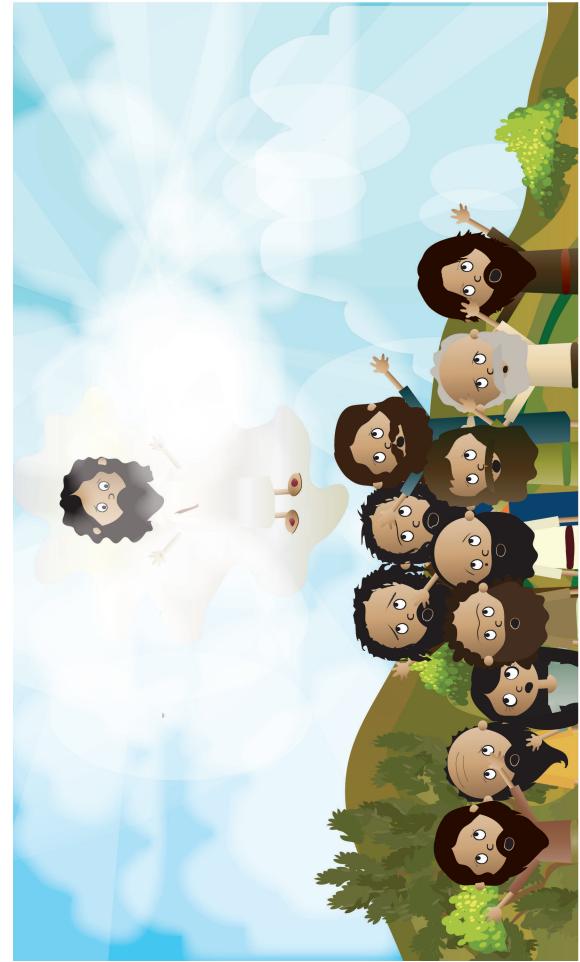
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them, just as Jesus promised. "Start in Jerusalem. Wait there for the gift of the Holy Spirit there!" They waited and prayed until God's Holy Spirit came to live inside Jesus told them; so, that's just where they went and what they did!



7. But what should they do first? Where should they go? "Start in Jerusalem. Wait there for the gift of the Holy Spirit there!" Jesus told them; so, that's just where they went and what they did! They waited and prayed until God's Holy Spirit came to live inside them, just as Jesus promised.

8. The disciples burst out into the streets of Jerusalem, and helped by the Holy Spirit, they spread the good news of Jesus:

they promised. And when you die, you can live with Him and enjoy Him forever," you, His people. You can know and love God in your hearts, right now. they told all who would listen. "God will forgive your sins and make "Turn away from disobeying God! Trust in Jesus as your Savior!"

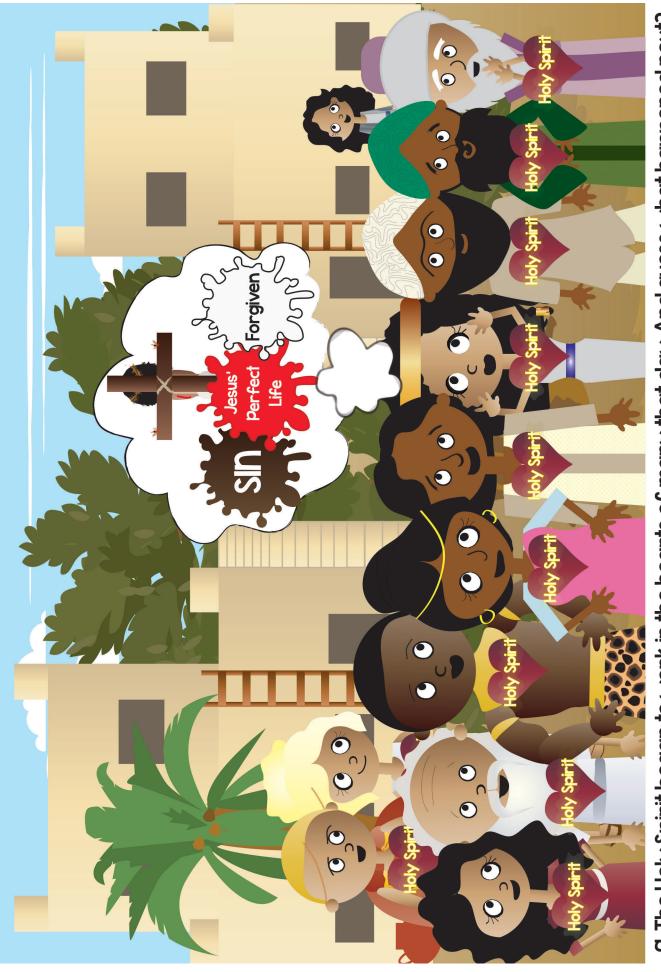
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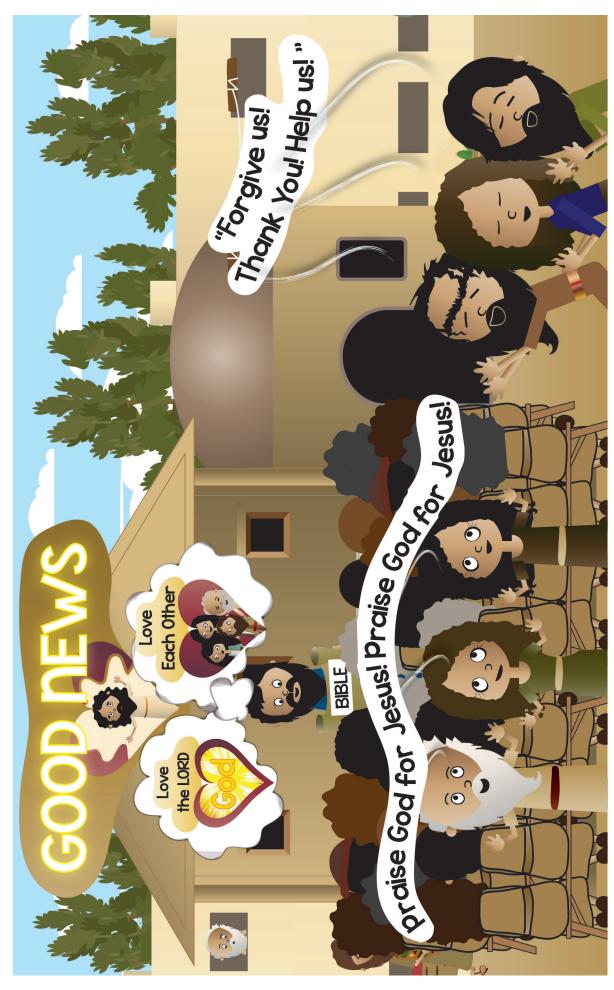


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II. "Be My witnesses! Tell the whole world about Me!" Jesus had told them. Now, it was time to do it!

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But many others left Jerusalem. Jesus had told them to go to the of their homeland, Judea. whole world, so that's what they did. Some went to the little towns

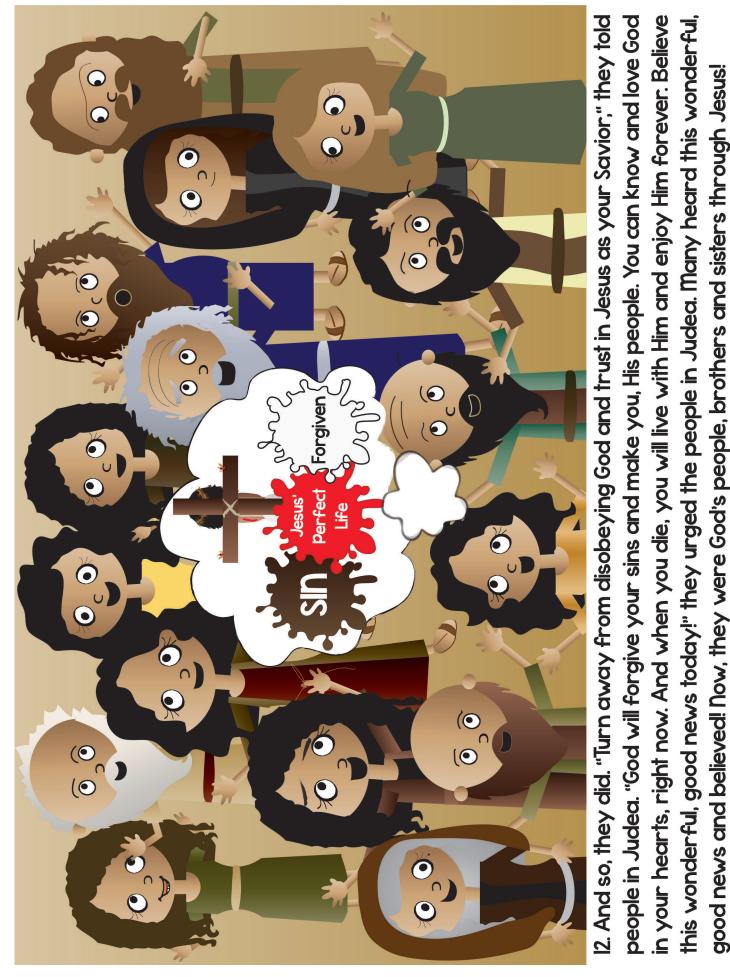
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18. God's people, living today, that's who! Jesus wants His disciples their Savior. to keep on telling everyone, all over this world, how He can become

as their Savior, and be saved! to hear, too! They ALL need to hear the wonderful, good news of from them need to hear. And everyone who lives in between needs People who live near them need to hear. People who live far away Jesus, that they might turn away from disobeying God, trust Jesus



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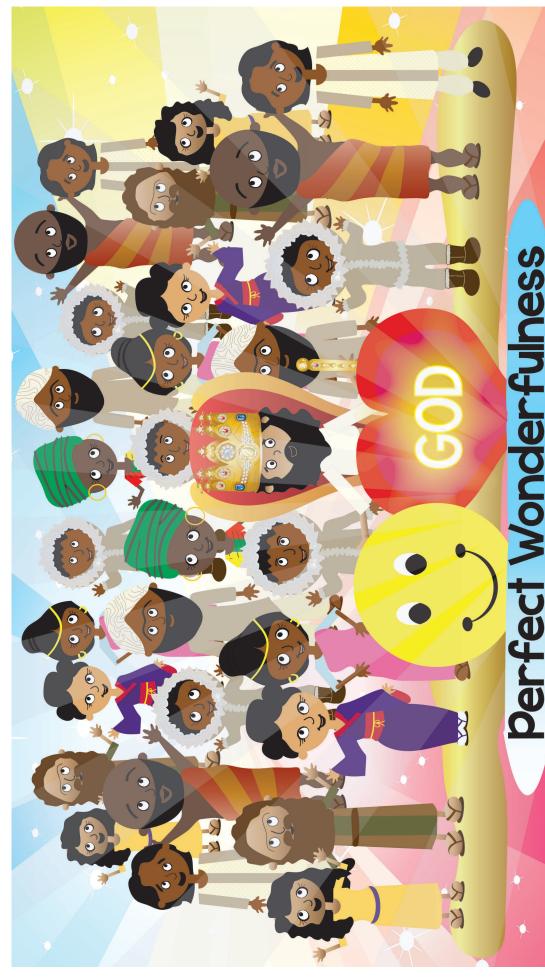
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## "The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet " Acts



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. Who had beautiful, busy feet? God's people.

2. What made the feet beautiful? What were they busy doing? They were using their feet to travel to faraway places to tell others about Jesus. People turned away from their sins and others about Jesus. People turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. They became God's people, too. They were so grateful that someone would walk so far just so they could hear about Jesus. That's why they called the feet of these messengers beautiful! For You and Me: Jesus' first followers were busy going into the world, telling deveryone about Jesus. They wanted everyone to turn away everyone about Jesus. They wanted everyone to they wanted from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. They wanted followers so that many more people might trust in Him as their followers so that many more people might trust in Him as their followers so that many more people might trust in Him as their followers so that many more people might trust in the savior. Why, your teachers, even today, are telling you this good Jesus as your Savior. They want you to be God's people too. I guess that means they have beautiful feet!

## Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #2



Romans 10:13, 15, NIV "Evervone who calls on the name

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."... As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

l. What message about Jesus did Jesus' followers tell everyone? That they could become God's people when they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Why were their feet so busy traveling to faraway places to tell everyone this message?

Only by going to these faraway places would the people who lived there hear about Jesus, turn away from their sins, and be saved. This was the only way they could get to become God's people.

## For You and Me:

Jesus' first followers were busy going into the world, telling everyone about Jesus. They wanted everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. They wanted them to be God's people forever. Jesus still sends out his followers today. He still wants people to trust in Him as their Savior. Why, your teachers, even today, are telling you this good news so that YOU might turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. They want you to be God's people to guess that means they have beautiful feet, too! DDD 12.7 Simple Story Scenes

How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Telling the Good News of Jesus! God is the good Creator and King over everything. He gave us His good laws to live by. deserve His punishment. This bad news is why it's so important to tell the Yet, we have all chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. And now, we all good news of Jesus to the whole world!

life. Then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's You see, God chose to send His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior. Jesus lived a perfect people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to

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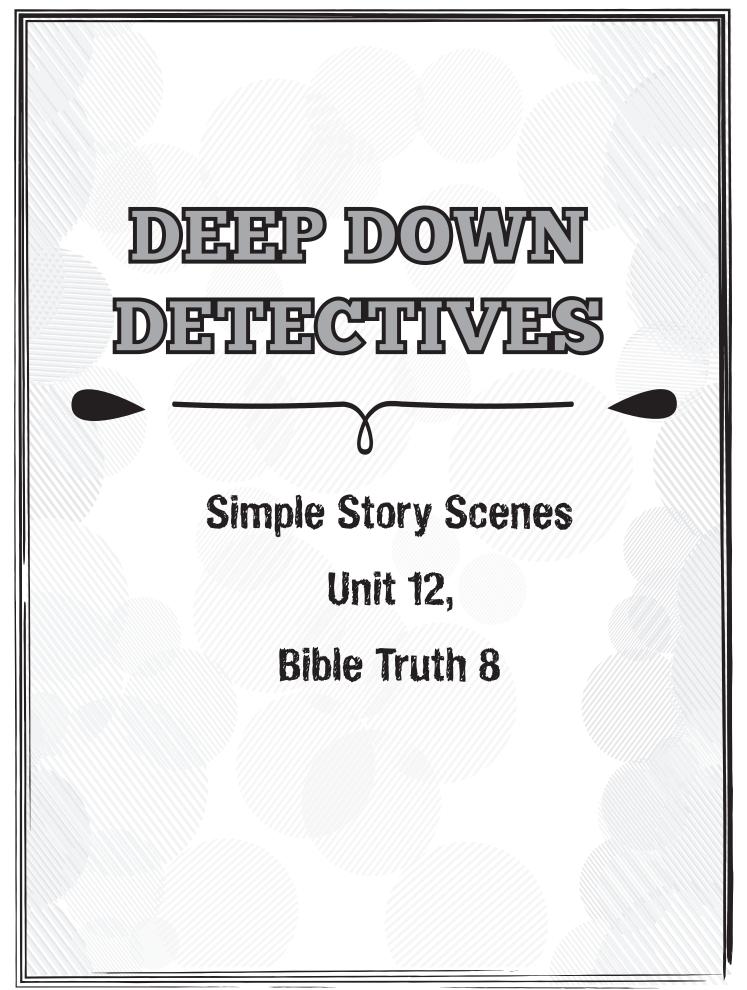
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## A Prayer

- sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are! A God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for
- C God, please forgive us for not telling others about You as You want us to. or make fun of us. Forgive for not trusting You to be at work as we share Forgive us for being scared that others might not want to hear about Jesus the good news about salvation through Him. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for offering to make us Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the wonderful, good news of salvation through Him.
- S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others how they can receive the free gift of salvation through Him, too. Work inside others as they hear about Jesus and help them believe in Him, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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# Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

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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.

## **Big Question 12, Bible Truth 8 Overview: Key Concepts**

#### Unit 12: God's People Live for Him

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." -- Ephesians 5:1-2

#### Bible Truth 8 Concept: They Should Live Like Jesus...By Making Much of God!

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

Yes! Like Jesus, God's people want to delight in God most of all. They want their lips to be full of praise for Him, and their lives to be pleasing to Him. They want to tell others how good and loving and powerful God is.

And they don't want others just to HEAR how amazing God is. They want others to BE His people, too, so they can KNOW God and DELIGHT in how amazing He is, themselves. They want the whole world to delight in God, because God is the most wonderful person we can ever know. And, because it pleases God when we make much of Him, the one, true God.

The big, Bible word for making much of God is "glorify." Jesus glorified God with His whole life—in everything He thought, and said, and did. God's people ask God to help them glorify Him, too. We can glorify God, too, when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior, and live our lives for Him. This is how we become God's people. Let's make much of God!

#### Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse: Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV 1984

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me."

Learn a Little: "Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name!"

#### Meaning

God's people delight in God's glory. He has been so good to them! He has given His Son to save them from their sins. He has provided for their needs with what He knows is best for them. He has filled them with His Holy Spirit, and they have fellowship with Him in their heart. They have never lacked any good thing and they never will their whole life. They want to praise the LORD all the time. They want others to join them in magnifying His name (praising Him) and in knowing Him, themselves. To be one of God's people is the best blessing anyone can ever have.

#### **Bible Truth 8 ACTS Prayer**

- **A** God, we praise You. You are perfect, good, loving, and wise. You deserve all our praise.
- **C** God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or others, instead of You. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is Savior. He deserves for us to make much of Him.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to make much of You. Help us to delight in You and how wonderful You are.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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#### **Bible Truth 8 Story**

**The Case of the Boastful Man** Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians

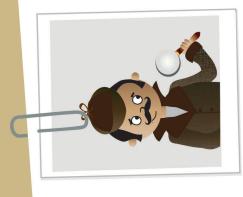
#### **Songs Used in Bible Truth 8**

Big Q & A 12 Song Big Question 12 Song: How Should God's People Live? Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song: Live a Life of Love Ephesians 5:2, NIV 1984 Big Question 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1 Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song: Shout with Joy to God Psalm 66:1-3,5,9,16, NIV 1984 Bible Truth 8 Extra Bible Verse: Each of Us Should Use 1 Peter 4:10-11, NIV 1984

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

"The Case of the Boastful Man" Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l l. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast about?

2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



**Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV** "Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me." I. Who changed from being a man who boasted about himself to a man who boasted about God?

What awesome deed of God did he especially love to boast about? (more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

Paul was a man who was always boasting.

some people boast in themselves, and some people boast in others. What is boasting? It's telling how great someone is to others. Now,

good boaster. Can you guess who Paul learned to boast in? right person. Paul started out as a bad boaster, but he became a ourselves. But some boasting is good when we boast about the Many times, boasting is bad, especially when we boast about



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



said.

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

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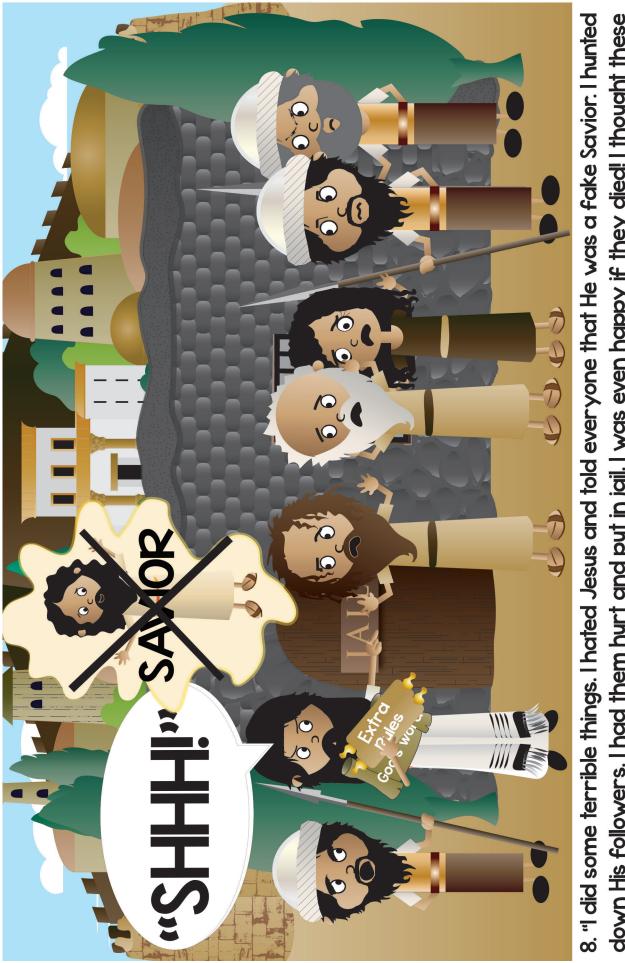
obeying laws and rules," Paul confessed. lawbreaker, not a law-keeper. I could never really please God by 7. "But I was wrong," Paul sadly said. "I had nothing to boast about. I was just like everyone else. My heart was full of sin. I was a



My heart was full of sin. I was a lawbreaker, not a law-keeper. I could never really please God by obeying laws and rules," Paul confessed.

8. "I did some terrible things. I hated Jesus and told everyone that He was a fake Savior. I hunted down His followers. I had them hurt pleased God. But I was wrong. So terribly wrong!" Paul exclaimed. and put in jail. I was even happy if they died! I thought these things

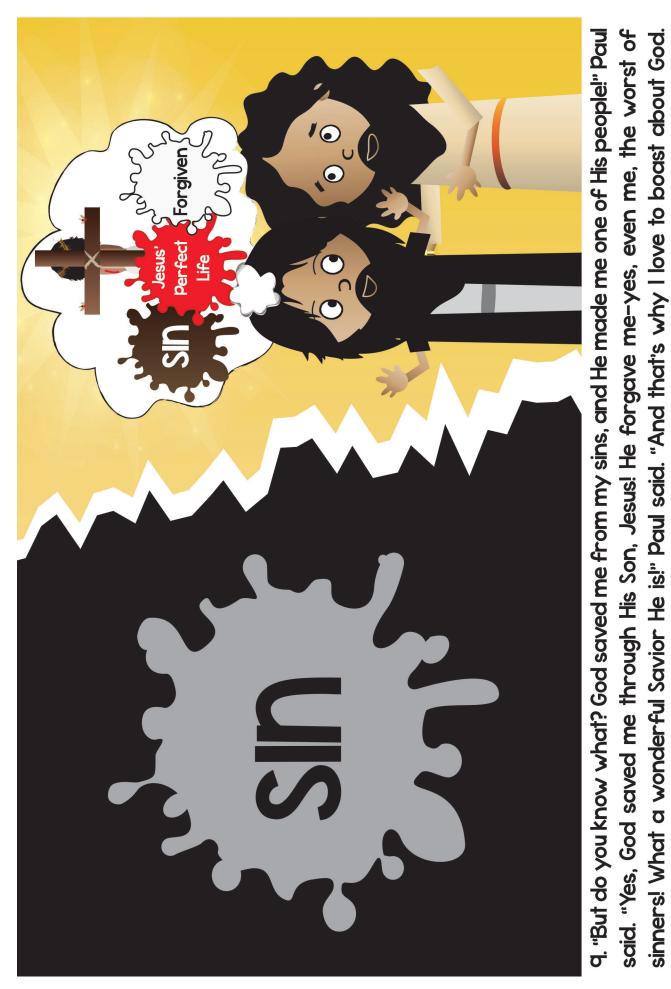
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made me one of His people!" Paul said. 9. "But do you know what? God saved me from my sins, and He

He's done for sinners like me!" do anything for Him. I want to make much of God because of what said. "And that's why I love to boast about God. That's why I want to even me, the worst of sinners! What a wonderful Savior He is!" Paul "Yes, God saved me through His Son, Jesus! He forgave me-yes,



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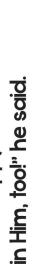
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jail, but Jesus suffered far more than this for me. He suffered and for me, especially if it helps you to believe in Him, too!" he said. Paul told them. "I am happy to suffer for Him who suffered so much turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus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



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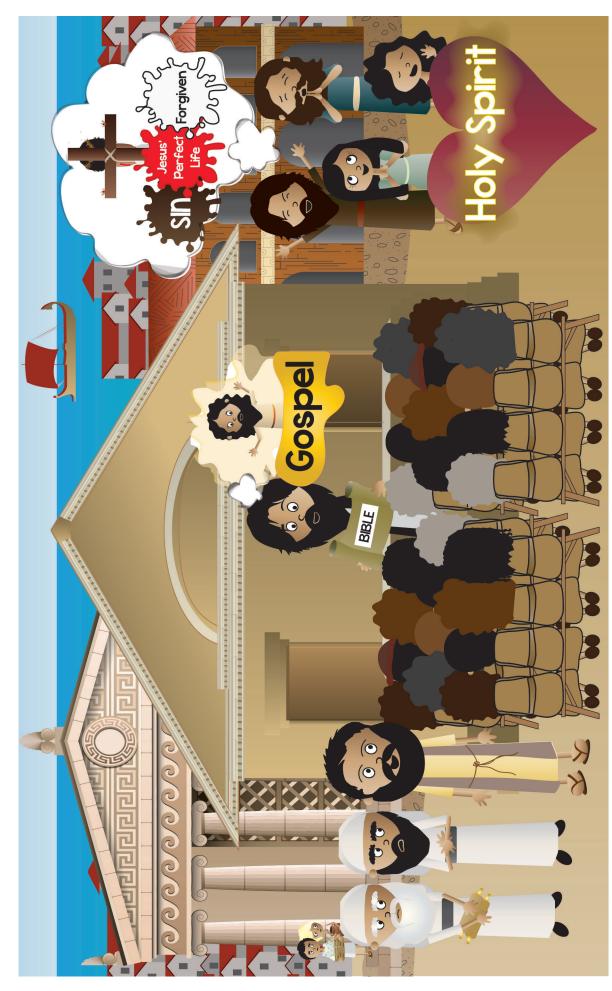
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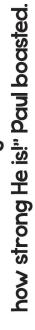


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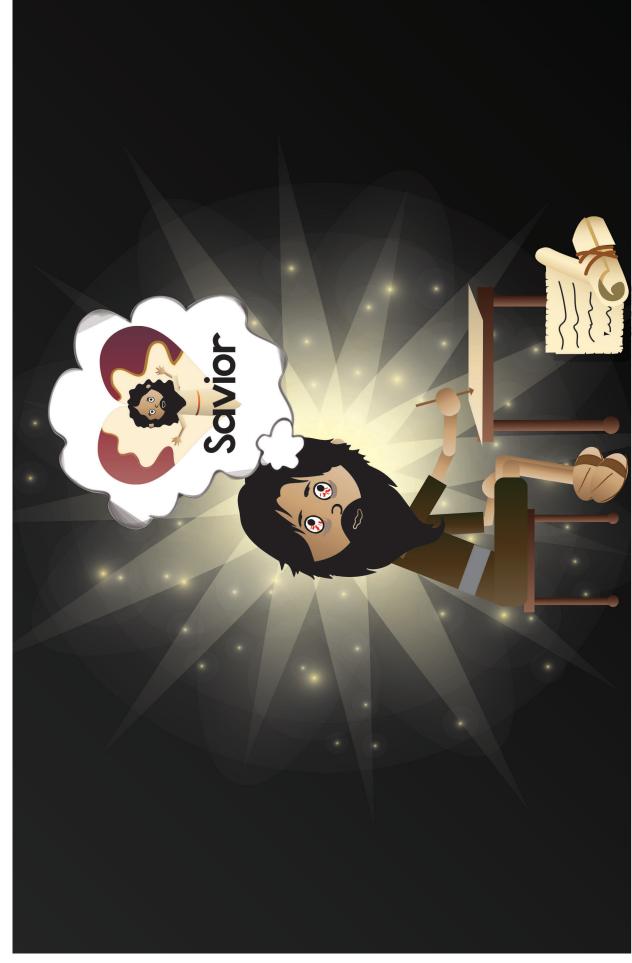
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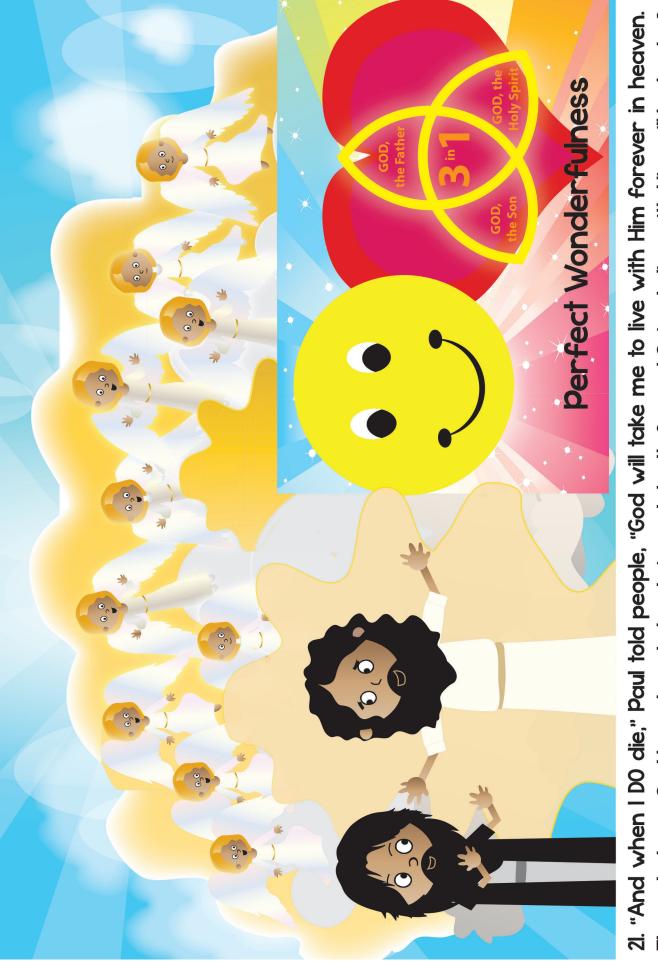


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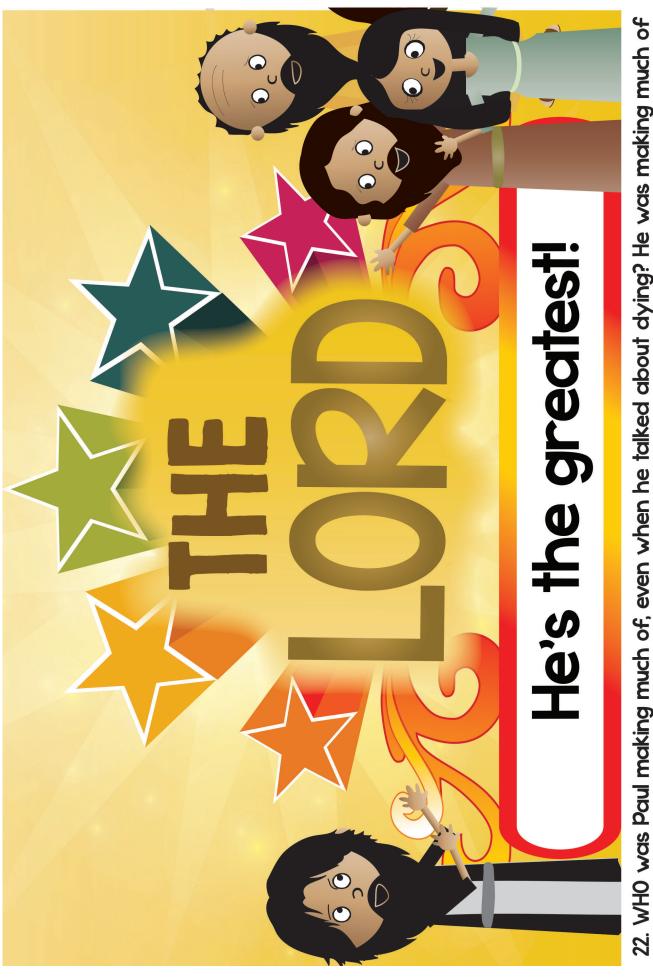


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Detective Dan's Assignment #I Listening



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sinner who didn't deserve to be one of God's people. He changed his boast to God and how He had forgiven his sins He changed his boast when God showed him that he was a 2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead? through Jesus.

He wants us to praise Him for being our God and for being so good to us. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. much of God. And, that's what God wants us to do, too. He wants Jesus. We need Him to do that most of all! That's why paul made gifts; and, He is the only one who can forgive our sins through wants us to boast only in Him. He is the giver of all those good to boast about the good things we can do. But like paul, God made us able to do many good things. Sometimes, we might want God has been kind to give each of us many good gifts. He has prayer!

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**Detective Dan's** Assignment #2 Listening



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

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me."

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

2. What awesome deed of God did he especially love to boast about? For forgiving his sins through Jesus.

## What about you and me?

God gives the whole earth reason to shout for joy. He gives the whole earth reason to glory in his name. Everywhere are God's awesome deeds in the earth. More than anyone else, God's people love to make much of God and all of the good things He has done. After all, He has saved from their sins and made them His dearly-loved people forever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then like the rest of God's people, we will have so very much to boast in God about! 12.8 Simple Story Scenes

How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Making Much of God! God's people make much of God because of all He's done for them. He's treated them so much better than they could ever deserve.

up as He died on the cross as the full payment for their sins. On the third day, Jesu His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it God's people, like all people, had chosen to disobey God. They deserved rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them.

their Savior can be God's people. They can know God in their This is how we can become God's people, too. And if we do, we hearts. And one day, they will go to live with God forever. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as will want to make a big deal about God's

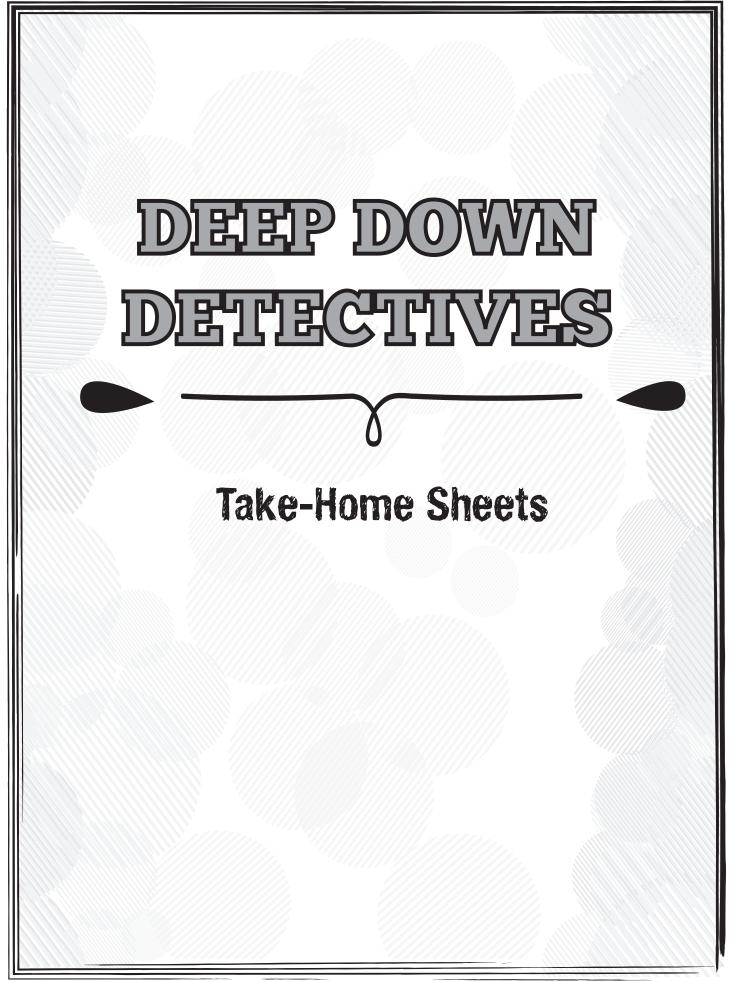
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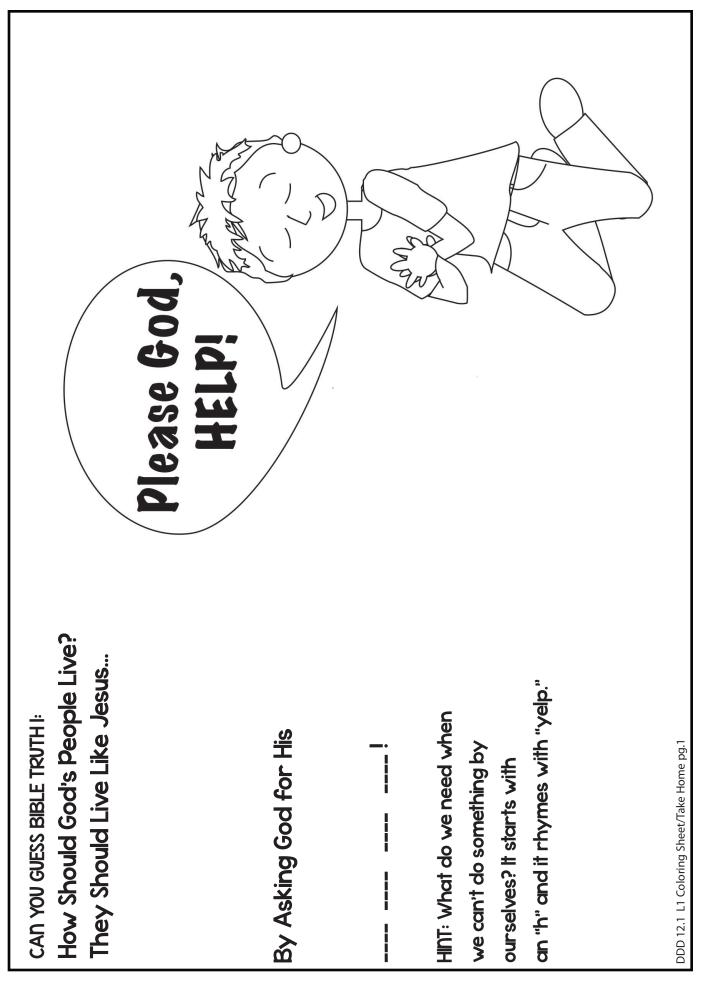


- God, we praise You. You are perfectly good, loving, and wise. You deserve all our praise. ∢
- C God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or others, instead. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is Savior. He deserves for us to make much of Him.
- S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to make much of You. Help us to delight in You and how wonderful You are.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

12.8 Simple Story Scenes





### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1

Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Asking God for His Help!



When Jesus lived on earth, He asked God, His Father, for help to do everything He wanted Him to do. God wants His people to ask Him to help them, too. The Bible is filled with God's promises to help His people. God's people can pray these promises for themselves. They can pray them for others, too. One of God's best promises is to send the Holy Spirit to keep working in His people's hearts. The Holy Spirit helps them to know what God wants them to do. He makes them strong and brave to do it. God is faithful. He will always help His people to live like Jesus, every single day. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." -- Hebrews 4:16

### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who did Jesus ask for help when He lived on earth? God, His Father.
- 2. What kinds of things did Jesus ask His Father's help in? Everything He wanted Him to do.
- 3. Who should God's people ask to help them? God.
- 4. The Bible is filled with promises of what? God's promise to help them.
- 5. Who can God's people pray these promises for? Themselves and others.
- 6. Who can God's people ask for God to send to help them? The Holy Spirit.

7. What does the Holy Spirit do? He helps God's people know what God wants them to do. He makes them strong and brave to do it.

8. How can we become God's people? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for giving us Jesus, so we can know how You want us to live.
- **C** God, we need Your help to live for You, but many times we don't ask for it. We love to do things by ourselves, in our own way. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

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

(sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

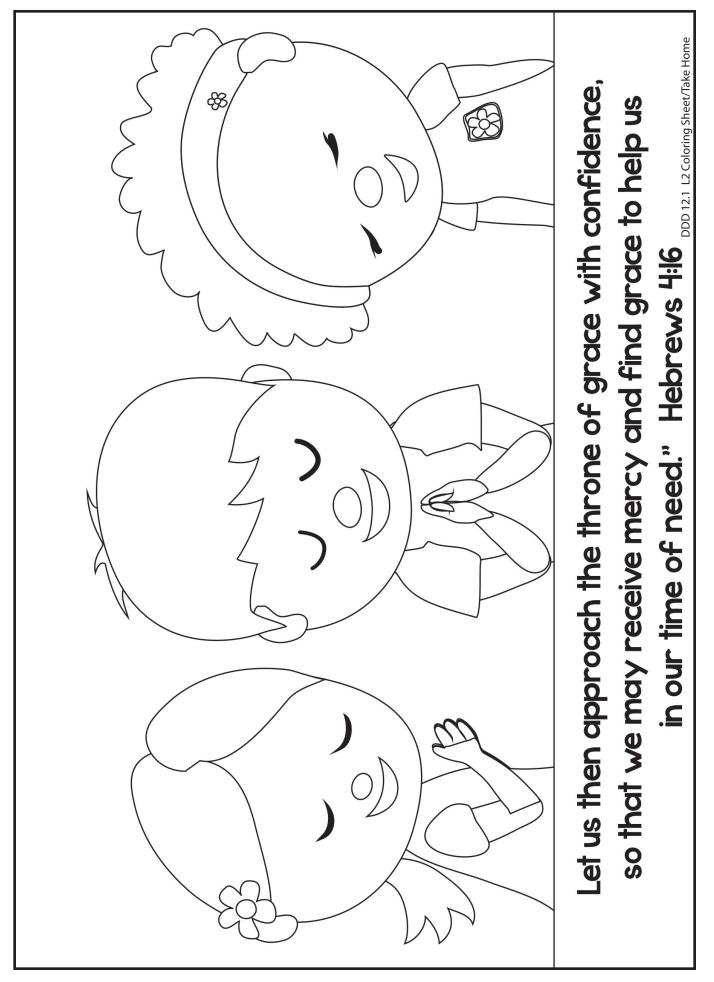
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### Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

<i>Refrain:</i> How should God's people live? How should God's people live? How should God's people live? They should live like Jesus!	Point up to God in heaven	<b>Verse 2</b> God's people should love God most of all, They should love others, too, And God the Holy Spirit,	Point up to God in heaven Point out to others
<b>Verse 1</b> Jesus loved God most of all,	Touch heart, then point	Will help them in all they do. <i>Refrain</i>	Touch heart
He loved all people, too, In all that He did	up to God in heaven		
and said and thought, He loved them thru and thru. <i>Refrain</i>	Point out to others Touch heart		

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### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2

**Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Asking God for His Help!



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

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." -- Hebrews 4:16

Learn a Little: "Let us approach so that we may find help in our time of need."

### Meaning

Jesus reigns in heaven as the High King over all creation. How He loves God's people! He listens to their prayers and even prays for them, Himself! He promises to give them everything they need to live for God and to do all He wants them to do.

God's people know they can always pray and ask God to help them. They know His answer is always "yes" when they ask Him to help them. He will give them the strength they need to do all He wants them to do. That's why they go boldly and confidently to God with their prayers. He will help them. He will always help them! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Some Questions for You

- 1. Who reigns in heaven as the High King over all creation? Jesus does.
- 2. What does Jesus promise to do for God's people, even as He is in heaven reigning? To give them everything they need to live for God. To pray for them.
- 3. Who do God's people know they can always pray to and ask for help? Jesus!
- 4. What do God's people know Jesus will always give them the strength to do? To keep on living for God.
- 5. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

### Let's Pray!

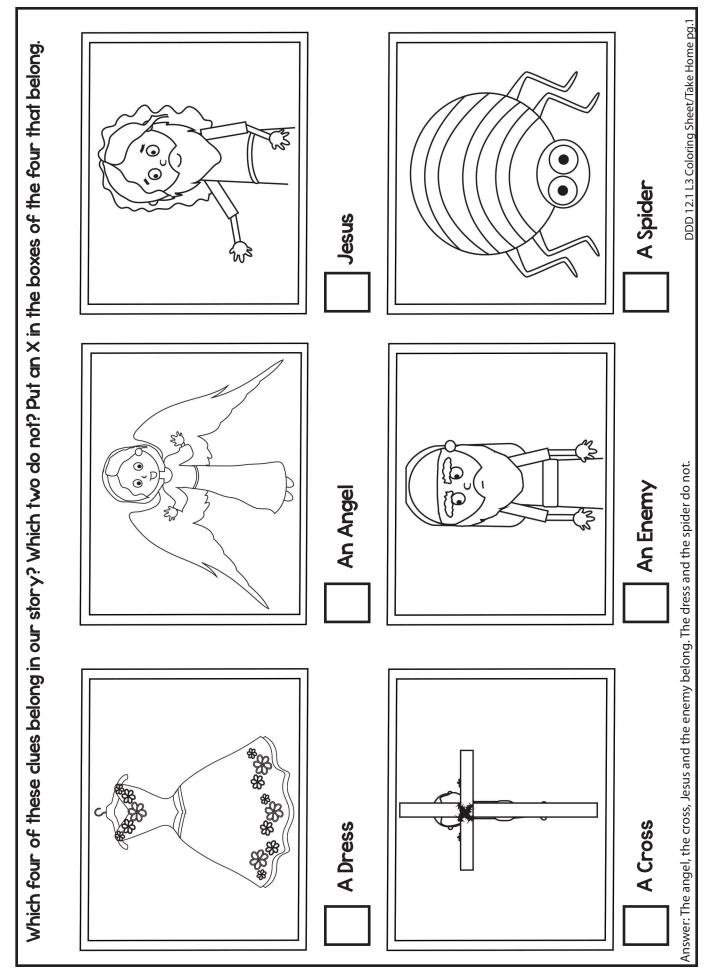
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- **C** God, we need Your help to live for You, but many times we don't ask for it. We love to do things by ourselves, in our own way. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

### Let Us Then Approach: Hebrews 4:16 from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 17

Then us then approach, Approach the throne of grace, With confidence, with confidence, So we may receive mercy and find grace, To help us in our time of need. Then us then approach, Then us then approach, Then us then approach, The throne of grace, Hebrews Chapter Four, sixteen.

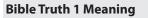
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### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3

### **Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Asking God for His Help!





When Jesus lived on earth, He asked God, His Father, for help to do everything He wanted Him to do. God wants His people to ask Him to help them, too. The Bible is filled with God's promises to help His people. God's people can pray these promises for themselves. They can pray them for others, too. One of God's best promises is to send the Holy Spirit to keep working in His people's hearts. The Holy Spirit helps them to know what God wants them to do. He makes them strong and brave to do it. God is faithful. He will always help His people to live like Jesus, every single day. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." -- Hebrews 4:16

### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. What did Jesus ask God His Father to help Him to do? To suffer and die on the cross.
- 2. Who else did Jesus tell to ask God for help? His followers, God's people.
- 3. Did His followers ask for help? No, they slept!

4. How do we know that God answered Jesus' prayers? Because Jesus did not run away but let Himself be arrested and suffer and die on the cross.

5. How do we know that Jesus paid for all the sins of God's people? Because God raised Him from the dead on Day Three.

6. What did Jesus' followers learn to do? To ask God for help with everything they went through.

7. What can we ask God to help us to do? To turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. To help us to know and love Him more and more. This is how we become God's people.

### Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for giving us Jesus, so we can know how You want us to live.
- **C** God, we need Your help to live for You, but many times we don't ask for it. We love to do things by ourselves, in our own way. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Praise God Right Now!

### Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15

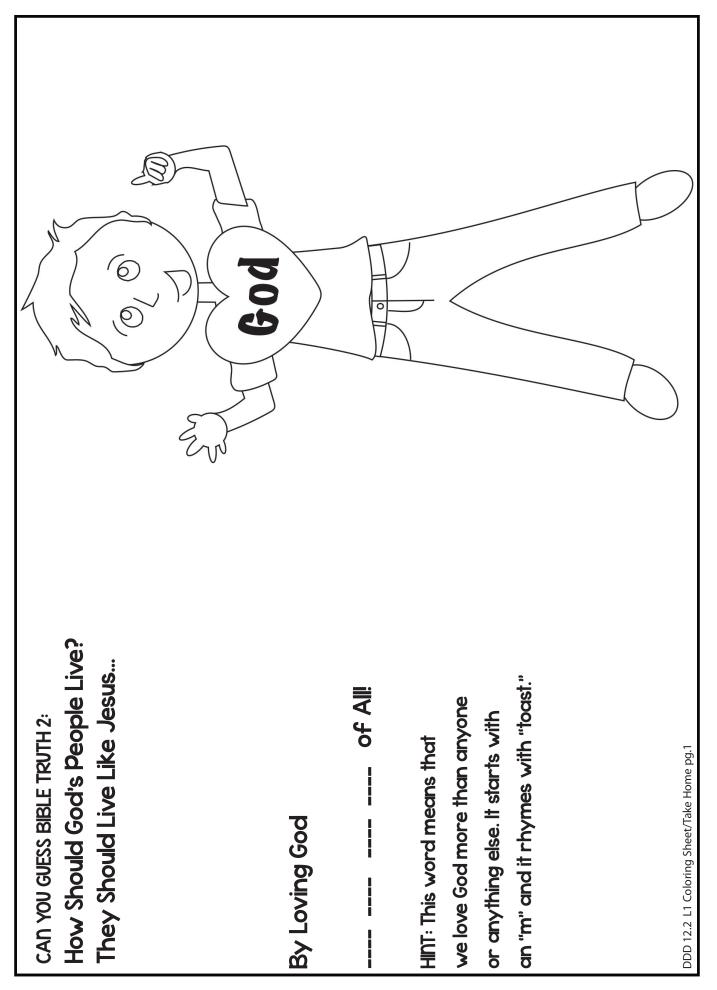
Verse 1	Refrain
When we walk with the Lord,	Trust and obey,
In the light of His Word,	For there's no other way,
What a glory He sheds on our way!	To be happy in Jesus,
While we do His good will;	But to trust and obey.
He abides with us still,	
And with all who will trust and obey.	

Words: John H. Sammis Music: Daniel B. Towner

### Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

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### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1

### **Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving God Most of All!



### **Bible Truth 2 Meaning**

Jesus loved God most of all. Jesus' love was more than a nice feeling inside His heart. Jesus lived out His love for God. He lived it out by loving God with the thoughts in His mind. He lived out His love with every word He spoke. He lived it out by always obeying God's laws in all that He did. God wants His people to love Him like Jesus did, too. He wants them to love Him more than anyone or anything else. He wants them to love Him in their thoughts and their words. He wants them to love Him by obeying His good laws in all that they do, too. God's people know that they can never love God perfectly like Jesus did. They are sinners. He is the perfect Son of God. But, they know that God promises to help them love Him most of all, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us love Him most of all, too.

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

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."-- Deuteronomy 6:4-5

### **Some Questions for You**

1. Who did Jesus love with all His heart? God.

- 2. Who did Jesus love more than God? No one!
- 3. How did Jesus show His love for God? He felt it in His heart; He obeyed God's laws; He pleased God with everything He did, thought and said.
- 4. Who will help God's people love Him like Jesus does? God will.
- 5. How does God want His people to love Him? To love Him most of all and to obey Him.
- 6. Who does God promise to send to help God's people to love God? The Holy Spirit, to work in their hearts.
- 7. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

### Let's Pray!

- **A** God, we praise You for giving us Jesus, so we can know how we should love You.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving You most of all. Too often we choose to love other people, things, and even ourselves, more than we love You. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help us live like Jesus. You can help us to love You the way You want us to.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You and live like You want us to live. Help us to love You most of all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

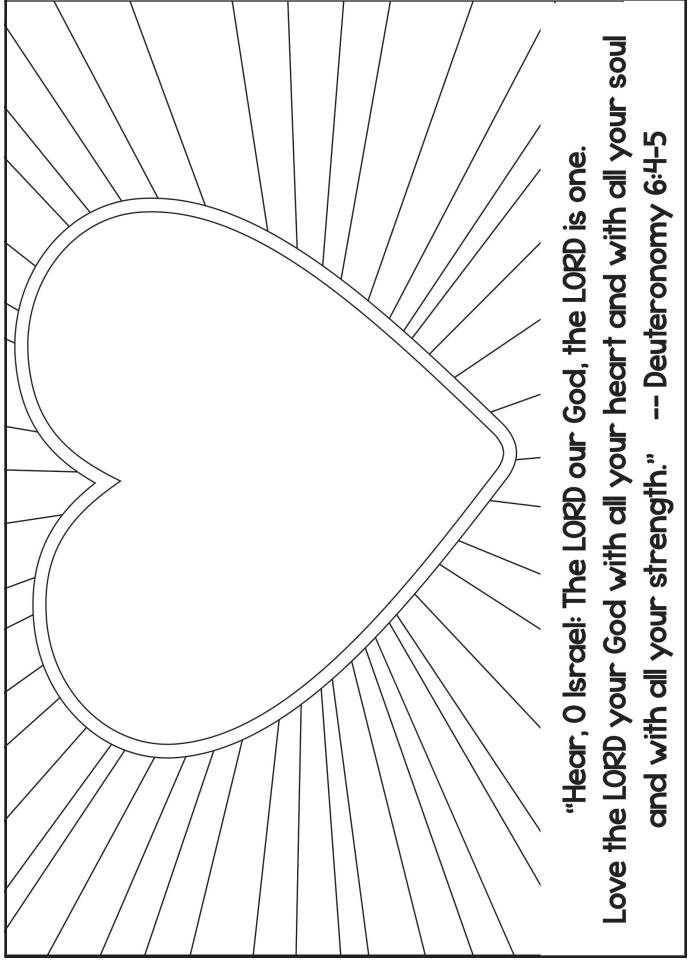
**Big Q & A 12 Song** from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star") How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus! How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

### Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

Refrain:			
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How should God's people live?	Point up to God in	most of all,	heaven
They should live like Jesus!	heaven	They should love others, too,	Point out to others
<b>Verse 1</b> Jesus loved God most of all, He loved all people, too,	Touch heart, then point up to God in heaven	And God the Holy Spirit, Will help them in all they do. <i>Refrain</i>	Touch heart
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### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2

**Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live? **Answer:** They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving God Most of All!



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

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."-- Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Learn a Little: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."

### Meaning

These verses tell us that the LORD is one--He's the one, true God. Moses first spoke these words to the people of Israel, but they are true for us all. God wants everyone to love Him most of all. He wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. That's every bit of us! The best, first step to loving God most of all is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

### **Some Questions for You**

1. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.

2. How does the LORD want us to love Him? With all of our heart, soul, and strength. All of ourselves!

3. What is the best first step we can take in loving the LORD like this? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. His Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and help us do this. And He can help us love the LORD more and more! Ask Him to help you!

### Let's Pray!

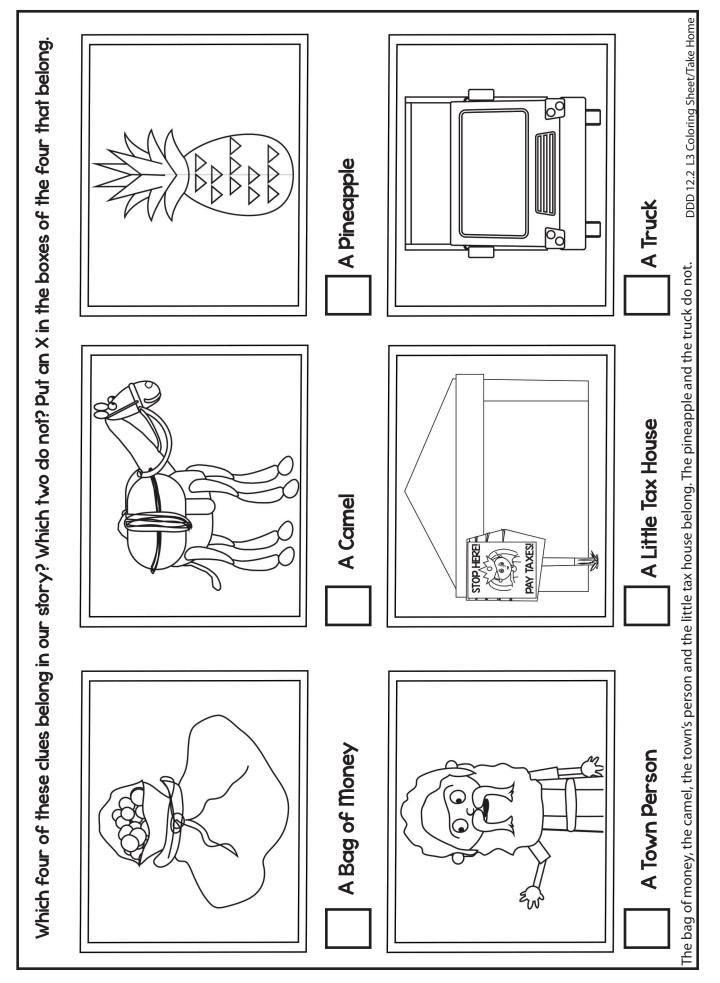
- **A** God, we praise You for giving us Jesus, so we can know how we should love You.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving You most of all. Too often we choose to love other people, things, and even ourselves, more than we love You. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help us live like Jesus. You can help us to love You the way You want us to.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You and live like You want us to live. Help us to love You most of all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Hear, O Hear: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 20

Hear, O hear, O Israel, Hear, O hear, O Israel, The LORD your God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD our God with all your heart, Love the LORD our God with all your soul, Love the LORD our God with all your strength. Deuteronomy Six, verses four through five.

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### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3

### Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving God Most of All!

### Bible Truth 2 Meaning



Jesus loved God most of all. Jesus' love was more than a nice feeling inside His heart. Jesus lived out His love for God. He lived it out by loving God with the thoughts in His mind. He lived out His love with every word He spoke. He lived it out by always obeying God's laws in all that He did. God wants His people to love Him like Jesus did, too. He wants them to love Him more than anyone or anything else. He wants them to love Him in their thoughts and their words. He wants them to love Him by obeying His good laws in all that they do, too. God's people know that they can never love God perfectly like Jesus did. They are sinners. He is the perfect Son of God. But, they know that God promises to help them love Him most of all, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us love Him most of all, too.

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

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."-- Deuteronomy 6:4-5

### Some Questions for You

1. What is the kingdom of God? It is where God is obeyed and loved.

2. Where is the kingdom of God? It is in heaven, where God is perfectly obeyed and loved now. It will be on earth, when Jesus comes back and puts an end to sin and death forever. And, it is in the hearts of God's people right now, as they turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

- 3. Did Matthew grow up knowing about God and His Word? Yes, he did.
- 4. Did Matthew love God and obey His Word when he grew up? No, he did not.
- 5. What did Matthew do that was so bad? He did bad things to other people in order to get more money for himself.
- 6. What did Matthew love most of all? He loved money and nice things.
- 7. What did Matthew love most of all after he became a follower of Jesus? He loved God most of all.

8. What made the change in Matthew? The Holy Spirit worked inside his heart when he heard Jesus telling about God. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as His Savior. God forgave him and cleaned his heart of his old sins.

9. How can we become people who love God most of all? We can ask God to work in our hearts. We can ask Him to help us to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

### Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for giving us Jesus, so we can know how we should love You.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving You most of all. Too often we choose to love other people, things, and even ourselves, more than we love You. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help us live like Jesus. You can help us to love You the way You want us to.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You and live like You want us to live. Help us to love You most of all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

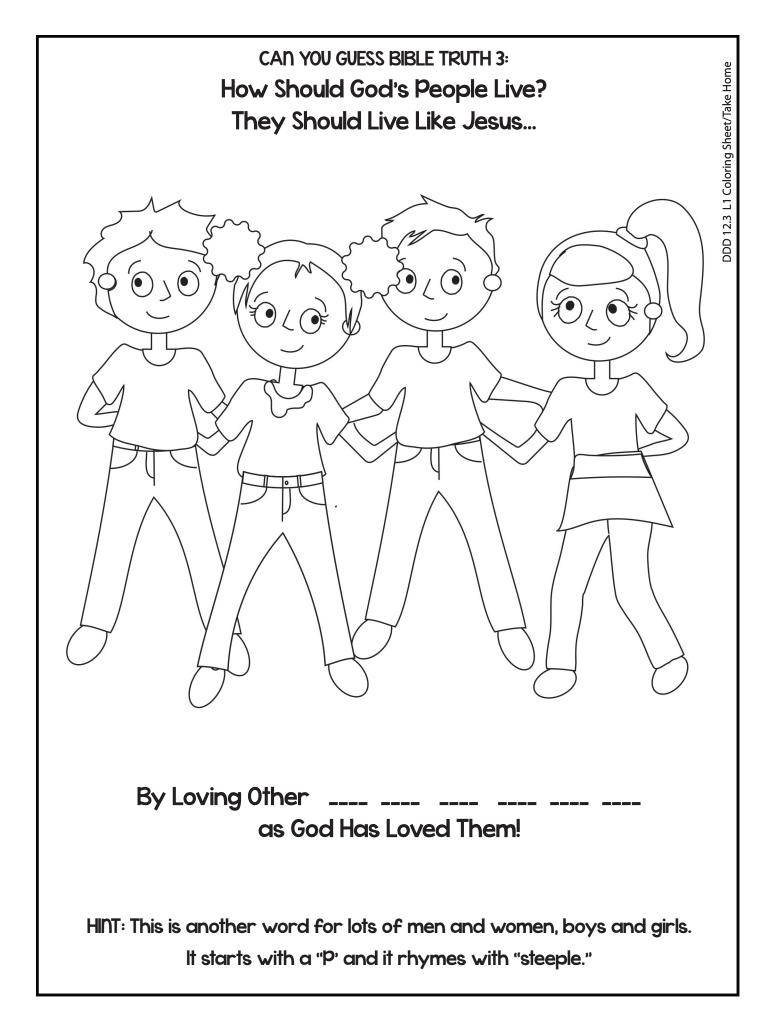
### Let's Praise God Right Now!

### Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15

Verse 1 When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will; He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

**Refrain** Trust and obey, For there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey. **Big Question 12 Praise Song:** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.



### Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1

**Big Question 12 :** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

### **Bible Truth 3 Meaning**

Jesus always loved people with God's love. He loved them in everything He said and did. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they were so mean to Him. Most of all, Jesus loved people by being our Savior. On the cross, Jesus took God's punishment for the sins of God's people --all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could know God in their hearts, now. And, so they could go live with God forever when they die. There is no one who has ever loved us more than Jesus! Jesus wants God's people to love other people with God's love, too. He wants them to love others in everything they say and do. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God's people, too. He even wants them to love their enemies and do them good. God's people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.

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

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." -- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

### Some Questions for You

- 1. How did Jesus love others? With God's love, in everything He said and did.
- 2. How did Jesus treat His enemies? He loved them and did good to them, even when they hurt Him.

3. How did Jesus love His people, most of all? By dying for them on the cross, taking the punishment they deserved from God for their sins.

- 4. How does God want His people to love others? Like Jesus did.
- 5. How should God's people treat their enemies? Love them and do them good.
- 6. How should God's people treat people? Love them in everything they say and do.
- 7. Who will work in God's people's hearts to help them love others? The Holy Spirit.
- 8. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

### Let's Pray!

God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.

- A God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others.C We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy **T** Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to love You and others as Jesus did. Help us to even love our enemies. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

He loved them thru and thru. Refrain

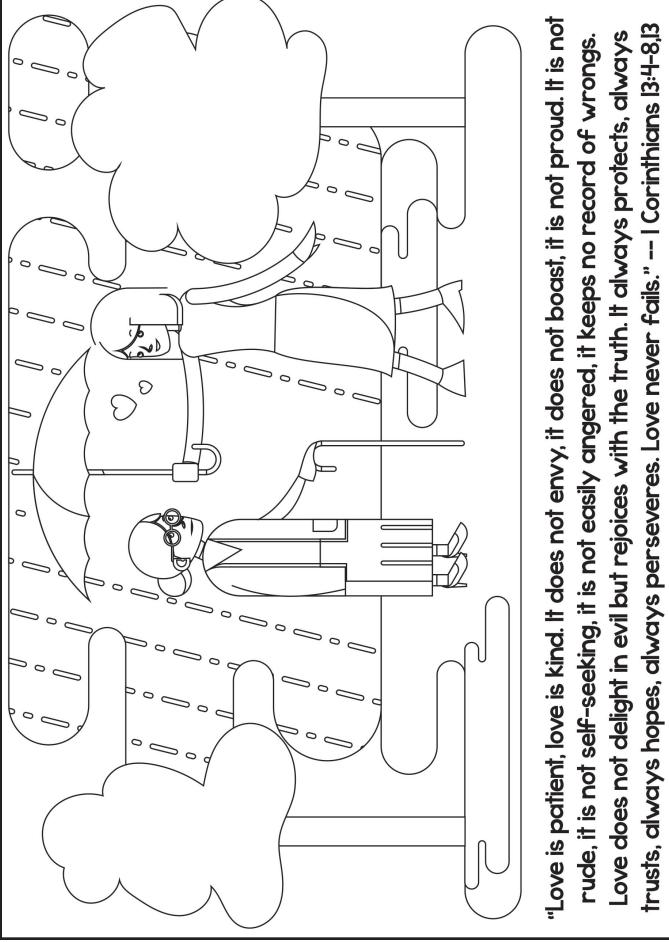
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(sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star") How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus! How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

**Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song** from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

How should God's people live? How should God's people live? How should God's people live? They should live like Jesus!	Point up to God in heaven	<b>Verse 2</b> God's people should love God most of all, They should love others, too, And God the Holy Spirit,	Point up to God in heaven Point out to others
<b>Verse 1</b> Jesus loved God most of all, He loved all people, too,	Touch heart, then point up to God in heaven	Will help them in all they do. <i>Refrain</i>	Touch heart
In all that He did and said and thought,	Point out to others Touch heart	Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 12 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org.	

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2



Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

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

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." --1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Learn a Little: "Love is patient, love is kind."

## Meaning

These verses tell us how God wants His people to love others. This is how He has treated them through Jesus. He wants them to be like Him and love others this way, too. God's Holy Spirit helps His people love in these ways. He helps them love even when it is very hard. God's Holy Spirit can help us love this way, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

## **Some Questions for You**

- 1. How does God want His people to treat others? He wants them to love others.
- 2. Who shows us how God wants us to love others? Jesus does.
- 3. What are some ways we can love others, as God wants us to? We can be patient and kind. We can not insist on our own way.
- 4. Does love ever end? *No, it does not!*
- 5. Who helps God's people love others? God's Holy Spirit, living inside of them.

6. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God's Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us to love others like Jesus did. Ask Him to help you! God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.

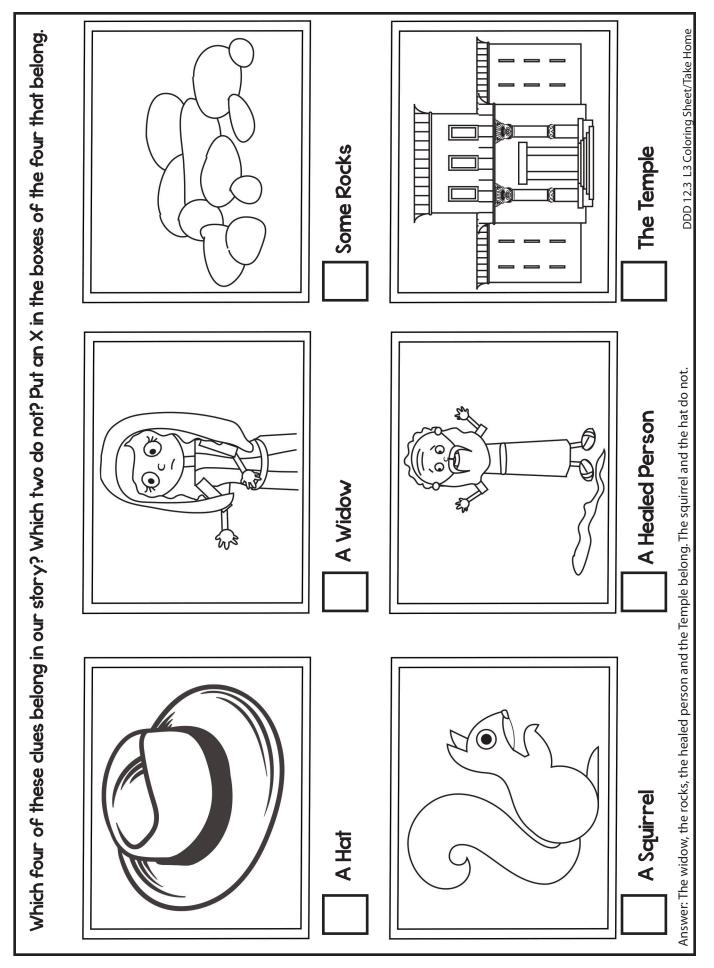
## Let's Pray!

- **A** God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.
- S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to love You and others as Jesus did. Help us to even love our enemies. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Love Is Patient from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 22

Love is patient, love is kind, Love doesn't envy, It does not boast, Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. Love keeps no record of wrongs, It is not easily angered, It always protects, it always trusts and hopes, It always perseveres. Love never fails, love never fails, love never fails, love never fails! First Corinthians Thirteen, four through eight.



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3

## **Big Question 12 :** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

## **Bible Truth 3 Meaning**

Jesus always loved people with God's love. He loved them in everything He said and did. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they were so mean to Him. Most of all, Jesus loved people by being our Savior. On the cross, Jesus took God's punishment for the sins of God's people --all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could know God in their hearts, now. And, so they could go live with God forever when they die. There is no one who has ever loved us more than Jesus! Jesus wants God's people to love other people with God's love, too. He wants them to love others in everything they say and do. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God's people, too. He even wants them to love their enemies and do them good. God's people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.

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

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." --1 Corinthians 13:4-8

## Some Questions for You

1. What kind of man was Stephen? He was a man who loved God and loved others. He tried to live out this love in everything he did. He learned God's Word, he prayed to God, he spoke to others about God and he cared for others' needs.

2. What happened when Stephen told others the good news of Jesus? Many people were healed of sicknesses, by God's great power. Many people believed in Jesus and trusted Him as their Savior.

3. Who was not happy about all these people believing in Jesus? Stephen's enemies.

4. What did Stephen's enemies do to get him in trouble? They told lies about him that would make other people really mad.

5. What did Stephen do when his enemies said lots of lies about him? He kept on loving them.

6. What did Stephen do when his enemies were throwing stones at him to kill him? *He kept on loving them. He even asked God to forgive them.* 

7. How can God help us love others like this? By His Holy Spirit working in our hearts. When we turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. He can help us to love others, like Stephen and Jesus did.

## Let's Pray!

A God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.

- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to love You and others as Jesus did. Help us to even love our enemies. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Praise God Right Now!

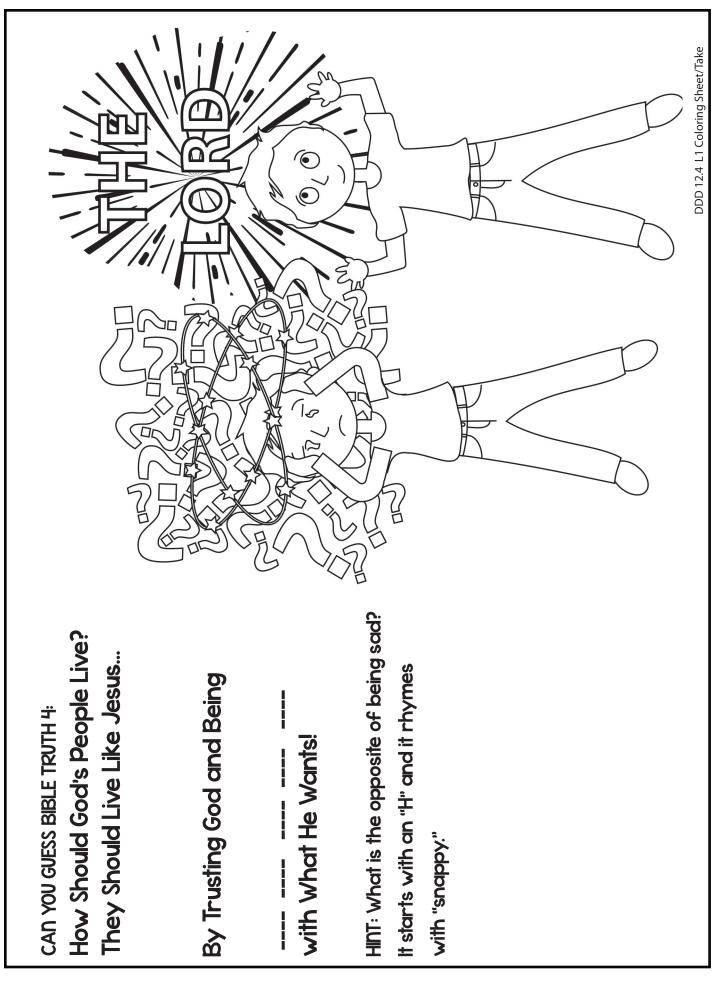
## Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15

Verse 1 When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will; He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

**Refrain** Trust and obey, For there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey. **Big Question 12 Praise Song:** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1

**Big Question 12 :** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants!



### **Bible Truth 4 Meaning**

Jesus trusted God, His Father, completely. He knew that what His Father wanted Him to do was always best. He knew His Father would always give Him strength to do whatever He wanted Him to do. Sometimes His Father's plans were very hard, but Jesus knew that His plans were still always best. God wants His people to trust Him like Jesus did. God promises to always take care of them. He promises that even all the sad or bad things they go through, He will use to do good things. He promises to always give them the Holy Spirit to give them strength to do what He wants them to do. Sometimes it is very hard for God's people to keep trusting God and His plans. Sometimes they want to grumble or be mad at God because of what happens to them. But God wants them to keep on trusting Him, even in those very hard times. He wants them to be happy and keep on believing that He is doing what is best for them. He wants them to keep trusting that He will show Himself to be the good and great God He is. For indeed, God IS so very good and great; and, what He has planned is always best! We can become God's people who trust God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." -- Proverbs 3:5-6

### Some Questions for You

- 1. Who did Jesus trust completely? God, His Father.
- 2. What did Jesus think about what God, His Father, wanted Him to do? That it was always best.
- 3. Who did Jesus know would give Him strength to do whatever God wanted Him to do? God, His Father.
- 4. Who should trust God like Jesus did? God's people.
- 5. Who does God always promise to take care of? *His people*.
- 6. What does God promise to do with all the sad and bad things His people go through? To use them to do good things.
- 7. Who does God promise to give to His people to help them? The Holy Spirit.

8. How does God want His people to act about what happens to them? He wants them not to grumble or get mad, but keep trusting Him and be happy that what He plans is best.

9. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting Jesus as our Savior.

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for always being good and deserving of our trust. Thank You that You are always good and wise and perfect in everything You do and plan.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not trusting You when things happen that we don't like or don't understand. Many times, we choose to stop trusting You or doubting that You know what is best. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for always doing what is best. Thank You that we can always trust You and be happy with what You allow in our lives. Even if we don't understand, we know You do.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You. Help us to trust You with everything in our lives. Help us to be happy with what You choose, even when it is hard and even when we don't understand. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

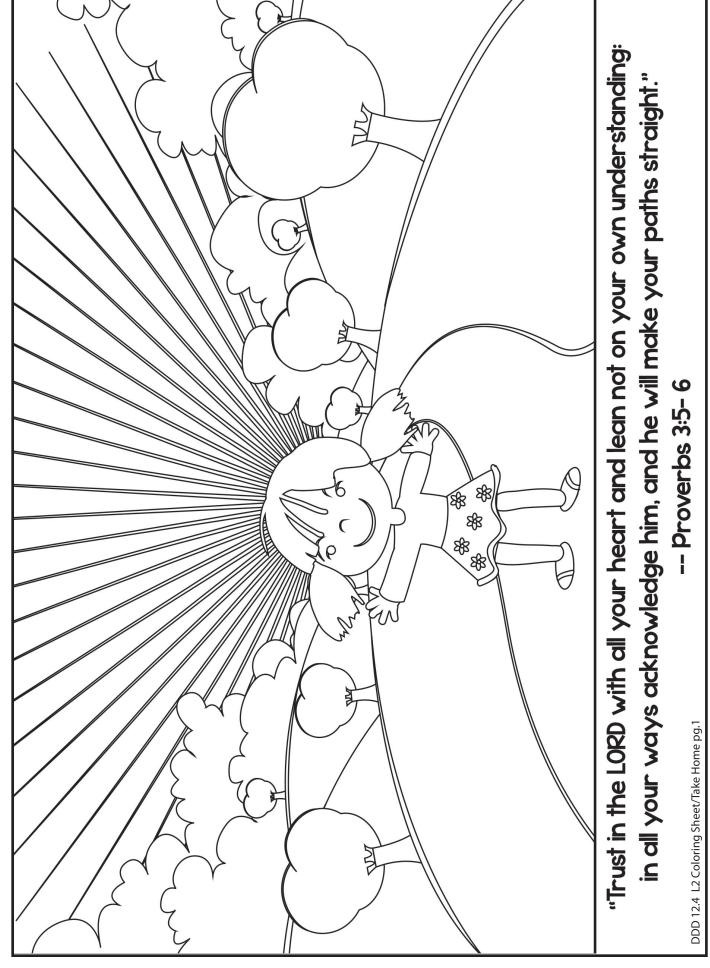
#### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 12 Song** from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 12 (sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star") How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus! How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

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In all that He did and said and thought, He loved them thru and thru. <i>Refrain</i>	Point out to others Touch heart	Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 12 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org.	

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2

**Big Question 12 :** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants!



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

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." -- Proverbs 3:5-6

Learn a Little: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart."

### Meaning

These verses remind us that we can always trust the LORD and His good plans, even when we don't understand what He is doing. He wants us not to depend on ourselves or what we see, but on Him, His Word and His good plans. And when we do, we can know that He will show us what He wants us to do, every day of our lives.

### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who can we always trust? The LORD.
- 2. Does God still have good plans, even when we don't understand them? Yes, He does!
- 3. What book tells us of God's good plans and promises? The Bible.

4. When we trust in the LORD with our lives, what can we know He will show us each day? What He wants us to do. How He wants us to live.

5. What is the best, first step we should take if we want to trust in the LORD? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

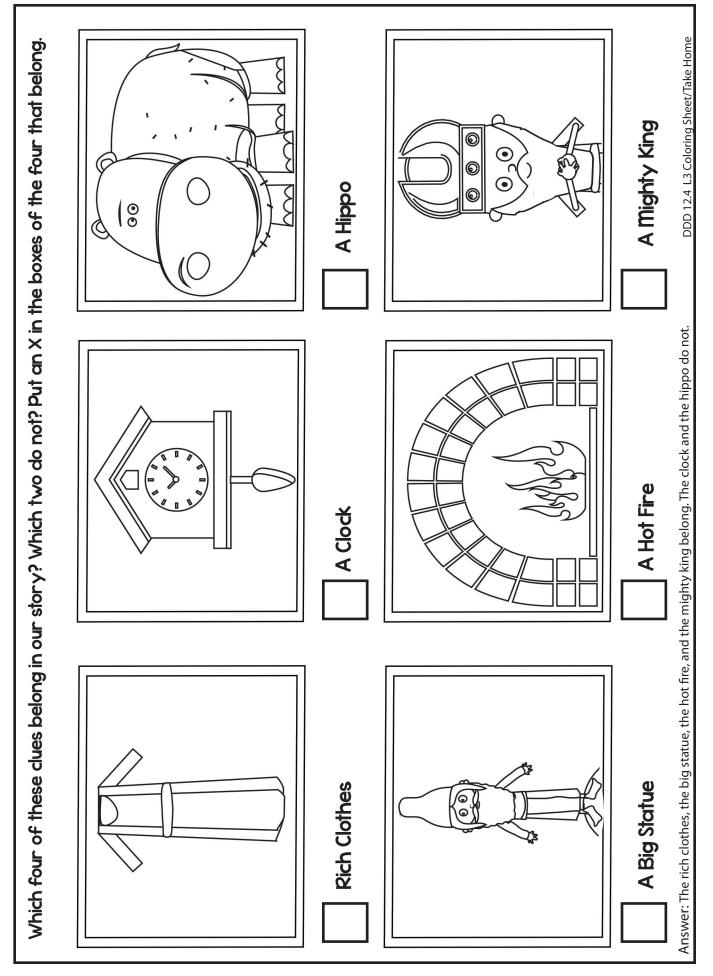
### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- **C** God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- T Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **S** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Trust in the LORD, from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 23

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, Trust in the LORD with all your heart, Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Proverbs Three, verses five and six.



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3

**Big Question 12 :** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants!



## **Bible Truth 4 Meaning**

Jesus trusted God, His Father, completely. He knew that what His Father wanted Him to do was always best. He knew His Father would always give Him strength to do whatever He wanted Him to do. Sometimes His Father's plans were very hard, but Jesus knew that His plans were still always best. God wants His people to trust Him like Jesus did. God promises to always take care of them. He promises that even all the sad or bad things they go through, He will use to do good things. He promises to always give them the Holy Spirit to give them strength to do what He wants them to do. Sometimes it is very hard for God's people to keep trusting God and His plans. Sometimes they want to grumble or be mad at God because of what happens to them. But God wants them to keep on trusting Him, even in those very hard times. He wants them to be happy and keep on believing that He is doing what is best for them. He wants them to keep trusting that He will show Himself to be the good and great God He is. For indeed, God IS so very good and great; and, what He has planned is always best! We can become God's people who trust God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." -- Proverbs 3:5- 6

### Some Questions for You

1. What was the name of the mighty king of Babylon? *King Nebuchadnezzar*.

2. Why were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego marching to King Nebuchadnezzar's home? They had been captured and were being made to work for their enemies in their home city.

3. What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego remember that helped them trust God as their enemies took them away? *They remembered God's promises*.

4. Why did King N. want to make Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego his helpers and give them lots of nice things? So they would forget the LORD and their own land.

5. What did King N want everyone to bow down to? A great, golden idol.

6. What happened to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when they didn't bow down? They were taken to the king and given another chance to worship the idol, but they would not do it.

7. Why did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego keep on trusting in the LORD and were willing to be thrown into the fiery furnace? They knew the LORD was the one, true God. They know He could save them, if it was His good and perfect will.

8. What happened to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when they were thrown into the fire? *They were not burned up, but protected by God. They were joined by an angel (maybe Jesus).* 

9. What did King N. say when he saw that the LORD had protected Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? *He proclaimed the LORD to be the Most High God and should be honored by all peoples.* 

10. What is the best first step God wants us to take in learning to trust Him, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

### Let's Pray!

- A We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no god like you. You are everywhere, all the time. You see everything there is to see. You are always with us.
- **C** God, You are always with us. Nothing is hidden from You. We know You see us disobey You every single time. We need a Savior! Please forgive us through Jesus!
- Thank You, God, for always being with us wherever we are. Thank You that even when we feel very alone, You are there. We can always turn to You and ask You for help.
- **s** Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live to please You as You watch us. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

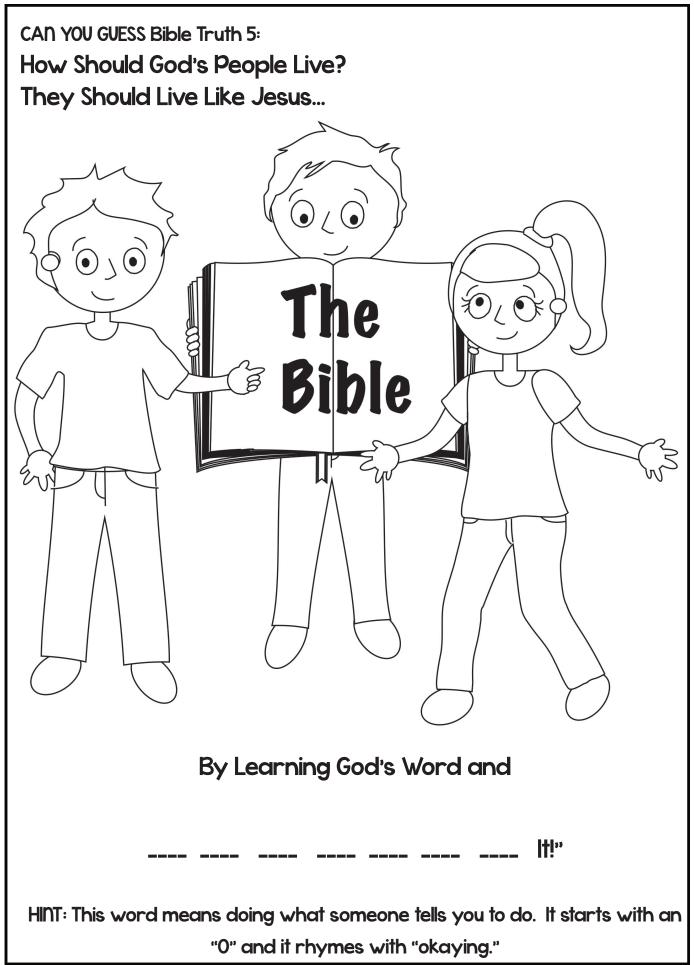
## Let's Praise God Right Now!

## Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15

	Verse 1	Refrain
	When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will; He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.	Trust and obey, For there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.
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**Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 1

**Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Learning God's Word and Obeying It!



#### **Bible Truth 5 Meaning**

Jesus knew God's Word and obeyed it His whole life. There was nothing about God's Word that Jesus did not know or obey. It was very important that Jesus knew God's Word so well and that He always obeyed it. This was the only way He could be the perfect Savior who could pay for the sins of God's people. God's Word helped Jesus know how He should live. It gave Him strength to fight temptation and to keep on obeying God, His Father, no matter what. And, when life was hard or sad, it comforted Him with God's good plans and promises. God's people need to know God's Word well, too. It tells them about God and His good plans. It tells them how He wants them to live. It gives them strength to fight temptation and keep on obeying God, no matter what. And, when life was hard or sad, it comforts them with God's good plans and promises. How do God's people learn God's Word? By reading it, memorizing it, singing it, and by others teaching it to them. God promises that His Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of His people as they hear His Word. He will help them understand it and obey it. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He will help us to know and obey His Word, too.

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

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word." -- Psalm 119:11,15,16

## **Some Questions for You**

1. Who knew God's Word very, very well, even when just a boy? Jesus.

- 2. How important was it that Jesus knew God's Word? Very important!
- 3. How well did Jesus need to obey God's Word to be our Savior? Perfectly!
- 4. What helped Jesus fight temptation and comfort Him in hard and sad times? God's Word.

5. How does God's Word help God's people? Tells them how to live lives that please God; Helps them to fight off temptation to disobey God. It comforts them in hard and sad times.

6. Who will work in God's people's heart as they listen to God's Word? The Holy Spirit. He will help them to know God and live for Him, as they learn God's Word.

7. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. The Holy Spirit will come to live inside us and help us to know God and live for Him, as we learn God's Word.

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible. Through it, we see how amazing You are.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving Your Word as we should. Too many times we choose to not read Your Word but do other things instead. Too many times, even when we do read Your Word, we forget it and do not obey it. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for telling us so much about Yourself and Your great plans through the Bible. Thank You for telling us about Jesus and how we can be saved when we read it. Thank You for showing us how to live and promising to help us through Your powerful Word.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word, the Bible. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us understand it and obey it. Help us to live like You want us to live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

**Big Q & A 12 Song** from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 12 (sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star") How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus! How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

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Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

Refrain: How should God's people live? How should God's people live? How should God's people live? They should live like Jesus!

Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all, He loved all people, too, In all that He did and said and thought, He loved them thru and thru. *Refrain*  Point up to God in heaven

Touch heart, then point up to God in heaven

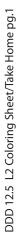
Point out to others Touch heart

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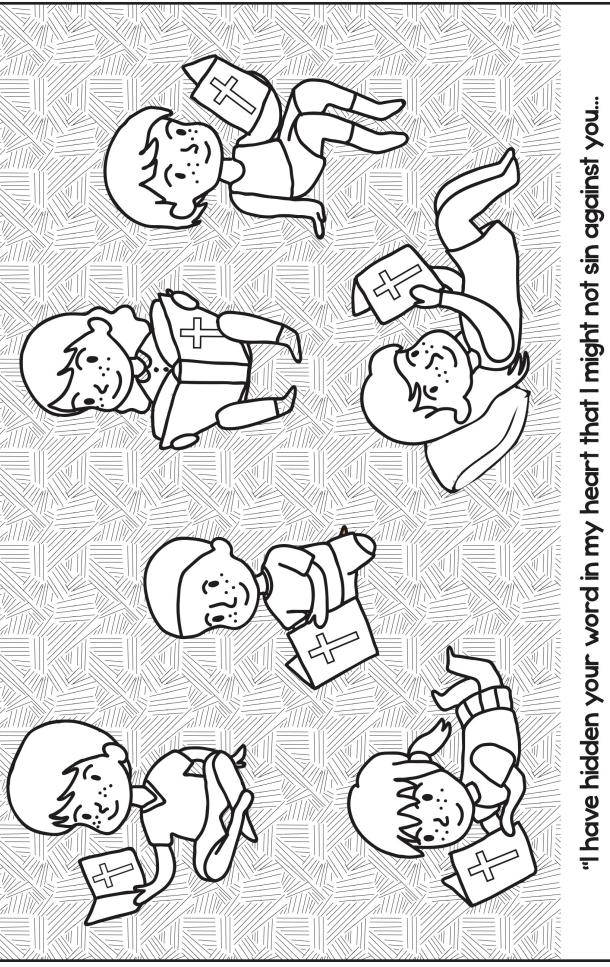
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Point up to God in heaven Point out to others

Touch heart



l meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... | will not neglect your word." -- Psalm ||9:||,15,16



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 2

Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Learning God's Word and Obeying It!



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

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word." -- Psalm 119:11,15,16

Learn a Little: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

### Meaning

God's people delight in God's Word, the Bible. It is full of God's precepts and decrees (His good laws). It tells of His ways (what God is like). They meditate on God's Word (think about what it means); and, even hide it in their hearts (memorize it) so that they might not sin against God. They know that God's Word is not just true. It is also powerful to change them to be more like Jesus. They don't want to neglect it, because they want to know God and please Him more than anything else in life. God can help us delight in His Word, too.

### **Some Questions for You**

1. Who delights in God's Word and wants to learn it? God's people do.

2. What does it mean to hide God's Word in our hearts? It means to memorize it so that we know it without someone having to read it or tell it to us.

3. Why do God's people want to meditate (think about) God's Word? So they can understand it and obey it.

4. What is God's Word powerful to do? To change us.

5. Why do God's people want to never neglect (stop reading and learning) God's Word? Because they want to know God and please Him more than anything else.

6. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

7. Who promises to help us understand God's Word? God does. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible. Through it, we see how amazing You are.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving Your Word as we should. Too many times we choose to not read Your Word but do other things instead. Too many times, even when we do read Your Word, we forget it and do not obey it. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for telling us so much about Yourself and Your great plans through the Bible. Thank You for telling us about Jesus and how we can be saved when we read it. Thank You for showing us how to live and promising to help us through Your powerful Word.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word, the Bible. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us understand it and obey it. Help us to live like You want us to live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

## I Have Hidden Your Word: Psalm 119:11,15-16 from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 30

I have hidden your word in my heart, That I might not sin against you, I have hidden your word in my heart, That I might not sin against you.

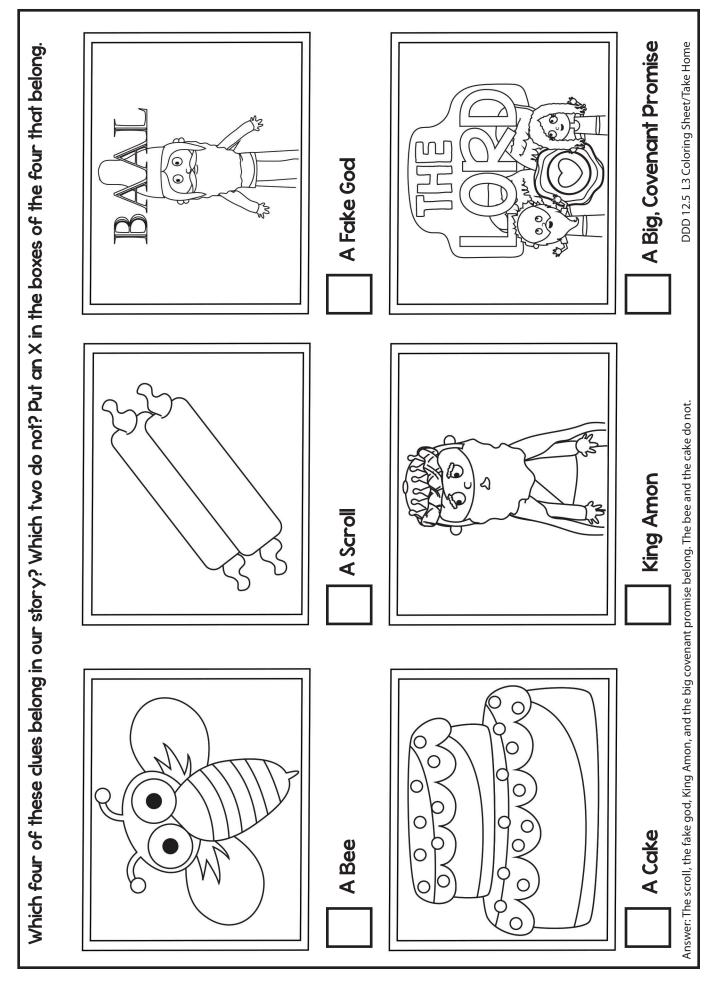
I meditate on your precepts, And consider your ways. I delight in your decrees, I will not neglect your word,

I have hidden your word in my heart, That I might not sin against you, I have hidden your word in my heart, That I might not sin against you.

Psalm One-nineteen, eleven through sixteen.

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 3

## **Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Learning God's Word and Obeying It!



## **Bible Truth 5 Meaning**

Jesus knew God's Word and obeyed it His whole life. There was nothing about God's Word that Jesus did not know or obey. It was very important that Jesus knew God's Word so well and that He always obeyed it. This was the only way He could be the perfect Savior who could pay for the sins of God's people. God's Word helped Jesus know how He should live. It gave Him strength to fight temptation and to keep on obeying God, His Father, no matter what. And, when life was hard or sad, it comforted Him with God's good plans and promises. God's people need to know God's Word well, too. It tells them about God and His good plans. It tells them how He wants them to live. It gives them strength to fight temptation and keep on obeying God, no matter what. And, when life was hard or sad, it comforts them with God's good plans and promises. How do God's people learn God's Word? By reading it, memorizing it, singing it, and by others teaching it to them. God promises that His Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of His people as they hear His Word. He will help them understand it and obey it. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He will help us to know and obey His Word, too.

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

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word." -- Psalm 119:11,15,16

## Some Questions for You

1. What did Moses tell the people of Israel to do? To learn God's laws and obey them. To have their kings write them down and know them, too.

2. What would happen if the people of Israel did these things? God would help them to obey them and love God. Their kings would be good kings. God would protect them from their enemies.

3. Did the people of Israel do the things Moses told them to do? Sometimes yes, but many times no.

4. Did the kings do what Moses told them to do? Mostly no.

5. What kind of bad things did the kings do? They worshipped fake gods instead of the LORD. They even lost God's Word, the Bible.

6. What was Josiah like? He was a good king. He wanted to love and obey the LORD. He helped the people turn back and worship Him, too.

7. What did Josiah do when the Bible was found? He listened to it read. Then, he cried out to God to forgive them for not obeying it. He gathered the people together to hear it. They all promised to obey God's Word, too.

8. How can we be like Josiah, wanting to love God and obey His Word? We can ask God to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to work in our hearts by His Holy Spirit, helping us to love God and obey His Word.

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible. Through it, we see how amazing You are.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not loving Your Word as we should. Too many times we choose to not read Your Word but do other things instead. Too many times, even when we do read Your Word, we forget it and do not obey it. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for telling us so much about Yourself and Your great plans through the Bible. Thank You for telling us about Jesus and how we can be saved when we read it. Thank You for showing us how to live and promising to help us through Your powerful Word.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word, the Bible. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us understand it and obey it. Help us to live like You want us to live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Praise God Right Now!

## Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

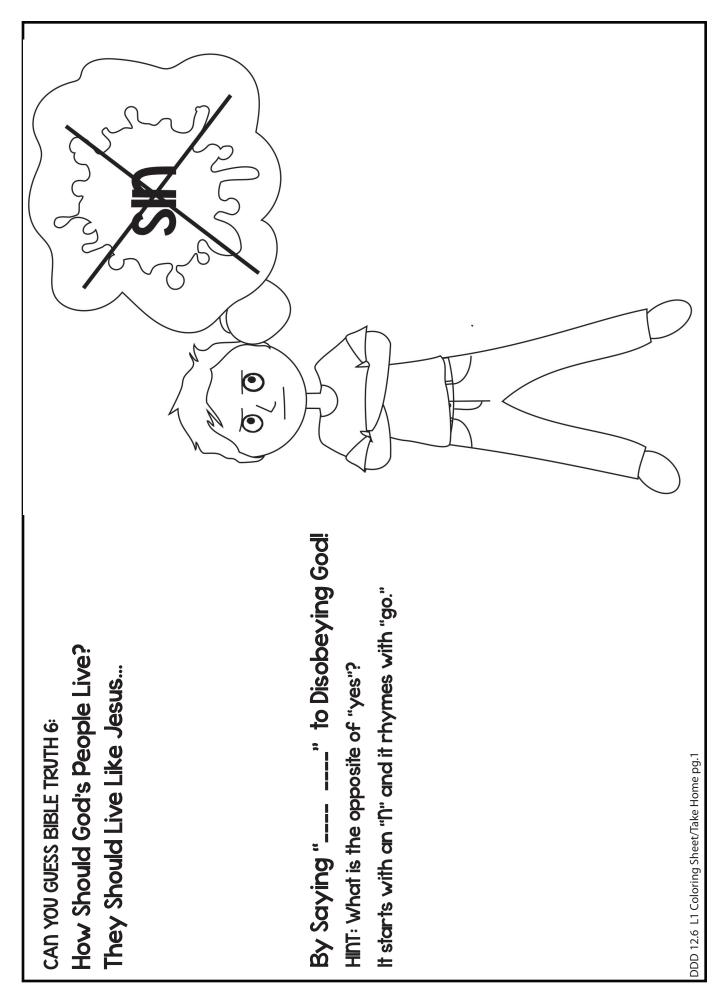
from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15Verse 1RefrainWhen we walk with the Lord,Trust anIn the light of His Word,For therWhat a glory He sheds on our way!To be haWhile we do His good will;But to trHe abides with us still,And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, For there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

## Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 1

Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Saying "No" to Disobeying God!



## **Bible Truth 6 Meaning**

Jesus is the perfect Son of God, but when He lived on earth, He was tempted to disobey God just as we are. Sometimes, God's plan for Jesus was very hard. Jesus was tempted disobey God, His Father, and do something easier. God's enemy, Satan, knew just what kinds of things to tempt Jesus with. Oh, how he wanted Jesus to disobey God! He did NOT want Jesus to be our Savior! But no matter what the temptation was, Jesus always said "no" to it. He prayed to God, His Father, to help Him. He remembered God's Word and it made Him strong to always say "no" to disobey God. He never, ever disobeyed God, so He could be our perfect Savior. God's people are often tempted to disobey God, too. They want to love God. They want to obey Him. They have the Holy Spirit living in their hearts, helping them; but (unlike Jesus), sin is very strong in their hearts, too. God wants His people to do what Jesus did when they are tempted. He wants them to pray to Him and ask for His help. He wants them to remember His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit living in their hearts can help them say "no" to sin. And when they do give in to temptation, His Holy Spirit can comfort them with God's forgiveness. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God promises to help us say "no" to disobeying God, too. And, He promises to forgive our sins, even when we do disobey Him. Thank You, God!

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

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it." -- 1 Corinthians 10:13

### **Some Questions for You**

- 1. Who is tempted to disobey God? Everyone... even all of God's people.
- 2. Who wants to love and obey God? God's people.
- 3. Who has the Holy Spirit living in their heart? God's people.
- 4. Is it hard for God's people to say no to disobeying God? Yes, it is.
- 5. Was it hard for Jesus to say no to disobeying God? Yes, it was.
- 6. Who helped Jesus when He was tempted to disobey God? God, His Father, and God's Word, the Bible.
- 7. Who can help God's people when they are tempted to disobey God? God and His Word, the Bible.
- 8. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for Jesus, Your Perfet Son, who never, ever disobeyed You, no matter how tempting it was.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not saying "no" to disobeying You. Many times, when we are tempted, we choose to forget Your good ways and go ahead and do what we want to do. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people when they are tempted to do wrong. You promise to always provide them with a way out of sin. Thank You, that we can become Your people through Jesus, too, and You will help us.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say "no" to disobeying You when we are tempted. Help us to choose to live for You, instead, like Jesus did. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

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

(sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus! How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

#### Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

## Refrain:

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How should God's people live?		
How should God's people live?		
How should God's people live?		
They should live like Jesus!		

## Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all, He loved all people, too, In all that He did and said and thought, He loved them thru and thru. *Refrain* DDD 12.6 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.2 Point up to God in heaven

Touch heart, then point up to God in heaven

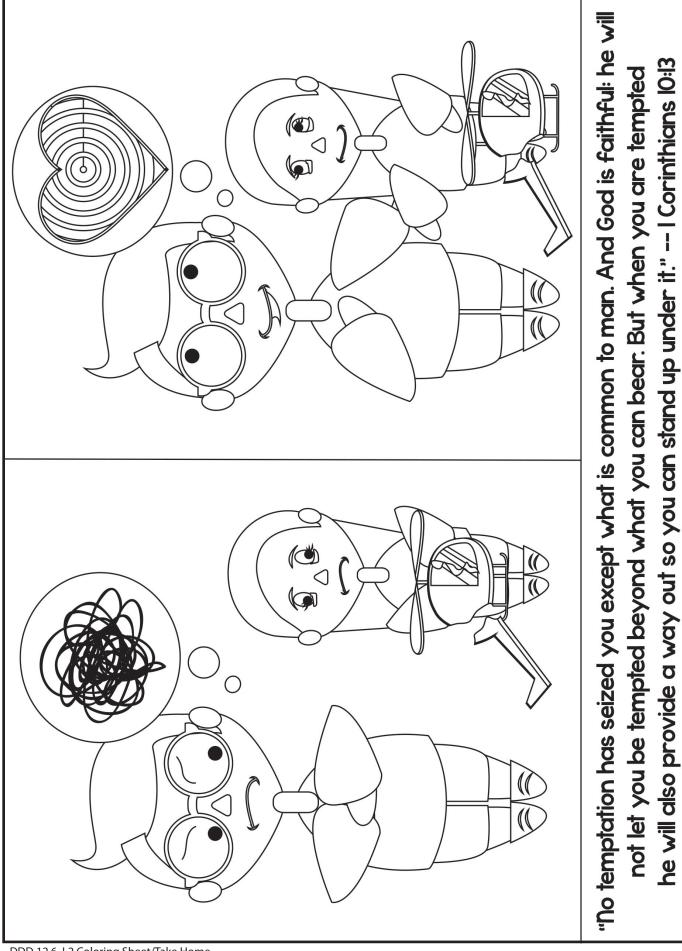
Point out to others Touch heart

## Verse 2

God's people should love God most of all, They should love others, too, And God the Holy Spirit, Will help them in all they do. *Refrain* 

Point up to God in heaven Point out to others

Touch heart



DDD 12.6 L2 Coloring Sheet/Take Home

# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 2

## **Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Saying "No" to Disobeying God!



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

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it." --1 Corinthians 10:13

Learn a Little: "God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear."

## Meaning:

God's people will be tempted to sin every day of their lives. Their temptations are common to man--that is, they will be tempted to sin against God, just like everyone else. But God's people can be encouraged that God is always there to help them say "no." He promises that He will never let them be tempted more than they can bear. With any temptation they face, He promises to provide a way of escape, so they can endure the temptation without sinning. How good, merciful, and powerful is the Lord! We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us say "no" to temptation, too.

## Some Questions for You

1. What is a temptation? Wanting to do something that you know you shouldn't do.

- 2. Who is tempted to sin (disobey God) every day? *We all are, even God's people!*
- 3. Who promises to help God's people not give in to temptation? God does!

4. What does God promise to give God's people to help them? *He promises to never give them more than they can bear. And, He promises to give them a way out, so they can say 'no' to the temptation.* 

5. Do God's people always wait for God's way out? No, sadly, they choose to give into temptation anyway.

6. What do God's people do when they do give into temptation? Turn away from their sins and ask for God's forgiveness.

7. How can we be forgiven our sins and become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

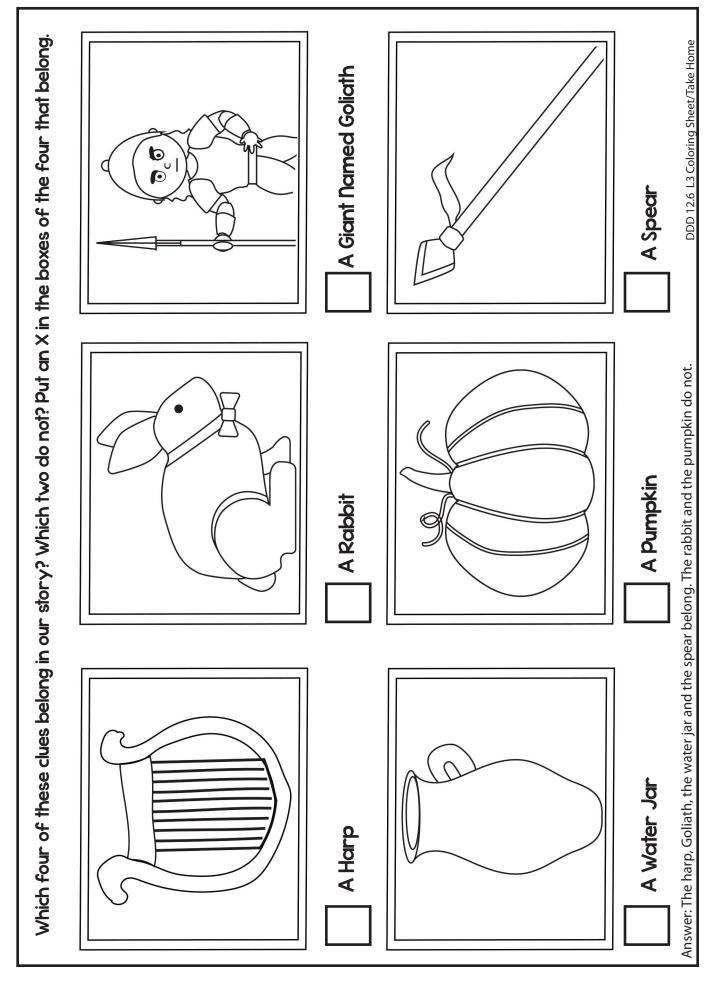
## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for Jesus, Your Perfet Son, who never, ever disobeyed You, no matter how tempting it was.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not saying "no" to disobeying You. Many times, when we are tempted, we choose to forget Your good ways and go ahead and do what we want to do. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people when they are tempted to do wrong. You promise to always provide them with a way out of sin. Thank You, that we can become Your people through Jesus, too, and You will help us.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say "no" to disobeying You when we are tempted. Help us to choose to live for You, instead, like Jesus did. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

## No Temptation Has Seized You: 1 Corinthians 10:13 from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 33

No temptation has seized you Except what is common to man. And God is faithful, He will not let you be tempted Beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted He'll also provide, Also provide a way out. Yes, when you are tempted he'll also provide, A way out so you can stand up under it. (repeat) First Corinthians Chapter Ten, verse thirteen.



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 6, Lesson 3

## **Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Saying "No" to Disobeying God!



## Bible Truth 6 Meaning

Jesus is the perfect Son of God, but when He lived on earth, He was tempted to disobey God just as we are. Sometimes, God's plan for Jesus was very hard. Jesus was tempted disobey God, His Father, and do something easier. God's enemy, Satan, knew just what kinds of things to tempt Jesus with. Oh, how he wanted Jesus to disobey God! He did NOT want Jesus to be our Savior! But no matter what the temptation was, Jesus always said "no" to it. He prayed to God, His Father, to help Him. He remembered God's Word and it made Him strong to always say "no" to disobeying God. He never, ever disobeyed God, so He could be our perfect Savior. God's people are often tempted to disobey God, too. They want to love God. They want to obey Him. They have the Holy Spirit living in their hearts, helping them; but (unlike Jesus), sin is very strong in their hearts, too. God wants His people to do what Jesus did when they are tempted. He wants them to pray to Him and ask for His help. He wants them to remember His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit living in their hearts can help them say "no" to sin. And when they do give in to temptation, His Holy Spirit can comfort them with God's forgiveness. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God promises to help us say "no" to disobeying God, too. And, He promises to forgive our sins, even when we do disobey Him. Thank You, God!

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

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it." --1 Corinthians 10:13

## **Some Questions for You**

1. What kinds of great things did David do? David was a good shepherd; he was a brave fighter; he sang and played the harp, making up songs to God; he loved God and wanted to obey Him, even when it was very, very hard.

- 2. What did the people think of David? They loved him.
- 3. Who did not love David? Why? King Saul did not love David. He was jealous of him.
- 4. What did King Saul try to do to David? He tried to kill him lots of times.
- 5. Did God want David to get rid of Saul by killing him? No, He did not. He wanted David to trust in Him and His plans.

6. What did David do when he was tempted to kill King Saul? He said no to the temptation. Instead of killing him with a spear, he went away. He woke up Saul and told him that he could have killed him, but did not. He asked Saul to stop trying to kill him. 7. Can God help us say "no" to disobeying Him? Yes, He can. He loves to help us! We can pray to Him, asking Him to help us. We can ask Him to send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to turn from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to give us strength to say "no" when we are tempted to say "yes" to disobeying Him and His good laws. And we can ask for His forgiveness when we do give in to temptation.

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for Jesus, Your Perfet Son, who never, ever disobeyed You, no matter how tempting it was.
- **C** God, please forgive us for not saying "no" to disobeying You. Many times, when we are tempted, we choose to forget Your good ways and go ahead and do what we want to do. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people when they are tempted to do wrong. You promise to always provide them with a way out of sin. Thank You, that we can become Your people through Jesus, too, and You will help us.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say "no" to disobeying You when we are tempted. Help us to choose to live for You, instead, like Jesus did. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Praise God Right Now!

## Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15

Verse 1

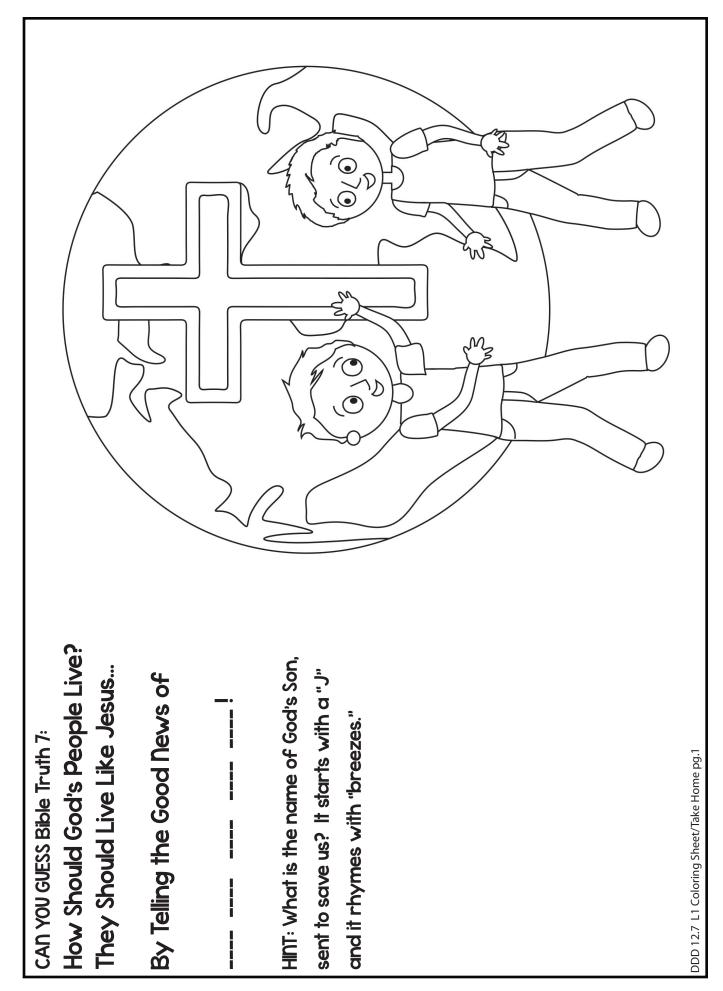
When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will; He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

**Refrain** Trust and obey, For there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey. Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

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# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 7, Lesson 1

**Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Telling the Good News of Jesus!



### **Bible Truth 7 Meaning**

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He told His disciples to go tell the good news of salvation to the whole world. Jesus wanted people everywhere know how they could become God's people. He wanted them to know that they could know God in their hearts, now. And after they died, they could go and live with God forever. These wonderful gifts would be theirs when they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. What good news this was! Jesus' disciples obeyed Him. They traveled farther and farther away from their homes, sharing the good news of Jesus to all who would listen. Many people rejoiced in this good news. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. God's people were growing in number! Even today, God still wants His people to keep on sharing this good news to all who will listen. He wants them to share this good news with people who live next door, and with people who live in faraway places. God wants His people to keep on telling about Jesus until the whole world has heard the good news. How do God's people carry out this big, wonderful job? With the help of God's Holy Spirit! God promises that His Holy Spirit will be at work inside His people. He will help them know what to say and give them the courage to say it. Best of all, God promises to send His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who listen, helping them trust in Jesus and be saved. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" -- Romans 10:13-15

## **Some Questions for You**

1. What did Jesus tell others as He traveled around? *How they could become God's people by trusting in Him as their Savior.* 2. What did Jesus tell His special followers to do, after He rose from the dead? *To go to every part of the world to tell others about Him.* 

3. What does Jesus want people everywhere to be? God's people.

- 4. What do people need to know, if they are to become God's people? The good news of Jesus.
- 5. Has everyone in all places heard about Jesus? No.
- 6. What should God's people still do, even today? Keep telling others the good news of Jesus.
- 7. Who will help God's people tell others about Jesus? The Holy Spirit.

8. How can we become God's people? By believing the good news! By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior!

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are!
- **c** God, please forgive us for not telling others about You as You want us to. Forgive us for being scared that others might not want to hear about Jesus or make fun of us. Forgive for not trusting You to be at work as we share the good news about salvation through Him. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for offering to make us Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the wonderful, good news of salvation through Him.

God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others how they can receive the free gift of salvation through Him, too. Work inside others as they hear about Jesus and help them believe in Him, too. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

Big Q & A 12 Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 12 (sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

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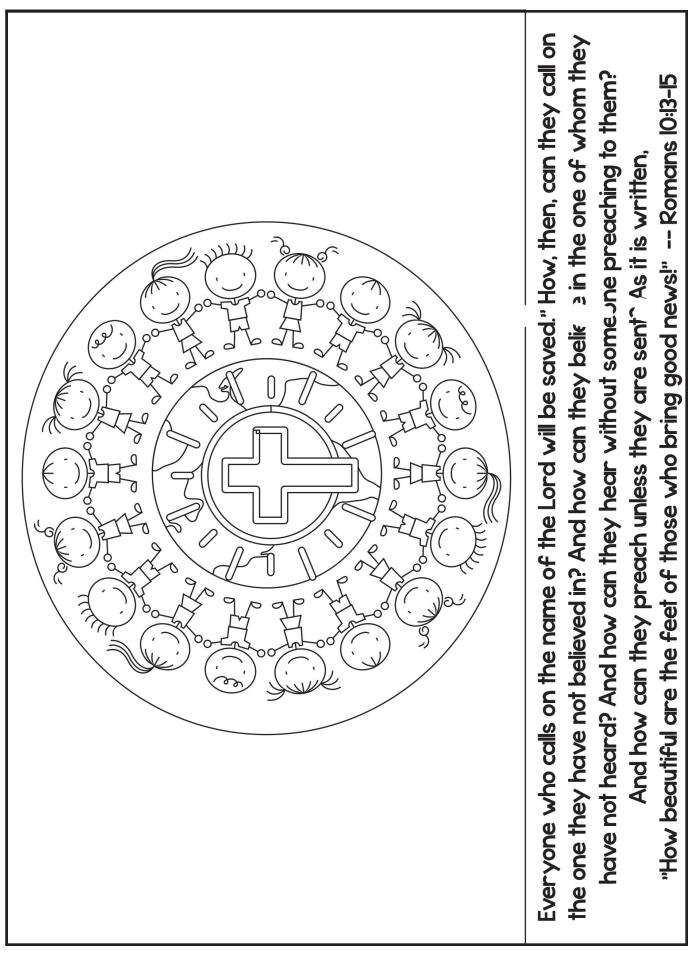
Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

Refrain:
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Verse 1 Jesus loved God most of all, He loved all people, too, In all that He did and said and thought, He loved them thru and thru. *Refrain* 

#### Verse 2

God's people should love God most of all, They should love others, too, And God the Holy Spirit, Will help them in all they do. *Refrain* 



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 7, Lesson 2

**Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Telling the Good News of Jesus!



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

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" -- Romans 10:13-15

Learn a Little: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

## Meaning

These verses remind us that God sends His people to tell others the good news of salvation through Jesus. They must go, if others are to hear and believe. That is how God has planned to save sinners. What a privilege this is to go and tell others! That is what makes their feet beautiful. Not that they have pretty feet (or cute toes), but that by using their feet to go tell others about Jesus, those others can know God and be saved from their sins.

## Some Questions for You

1. What does it mean to "call on the name of the Lord?" It means to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.

- 2. Who does God send to tell people the good news of Jesus, so they can be saved? God sends His people to tell them.
- 3. What is preaching? Reading God's Word and explaining it to others.

4. Why does the Bible call the feet of God's people beautiful when they go and tell others the good news of Jesus? Not because their toes are very pretty, but because people are so happy to hear the good news of Jesus and become God's people.
5. How can Jesus be our Savior? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God loves to help us do this! Ask Him!

## Let's Pray!

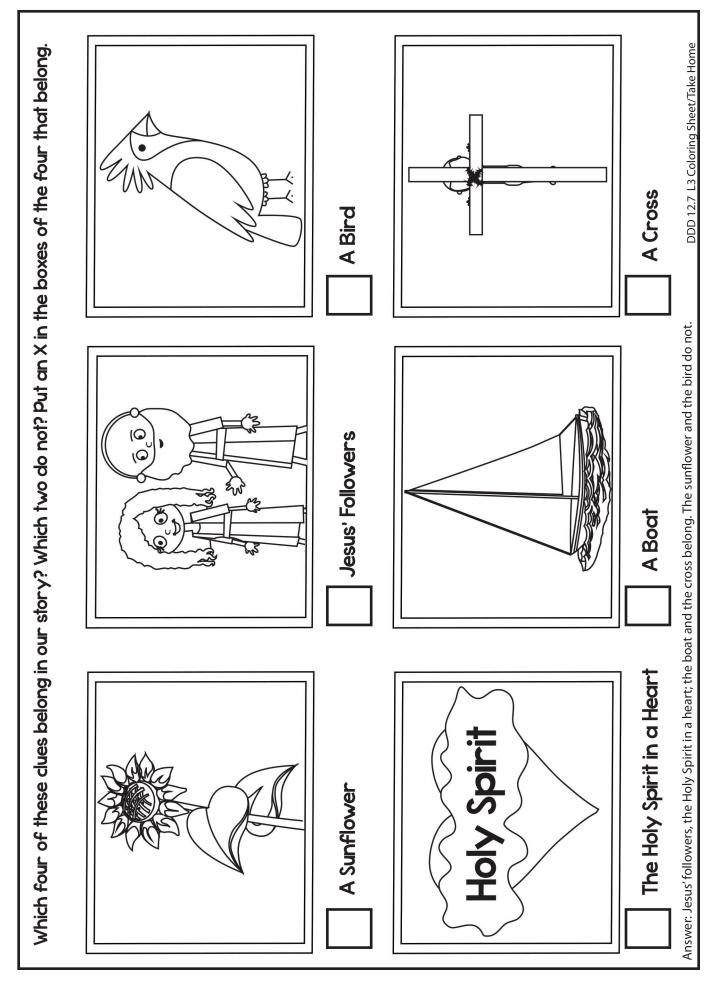
- A God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are!
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## Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

**How Beautiful: Romans 10:13-15** from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 34 How beautiful! How beautiful! How beautiful are the feet, How beautiful! How beautiful! Are the feet that bring good news.

Ev'ryone who calls on the name of the Lord, Will be saved. How then can they call on the one they've not believed in? And how can they believe in the one they have not heard? How can they hear without someone preaching? How can they preach unless they are sent? *Refrain* 

Romans Ten, thirteen through fifteen.



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 7, Lesson 3

**Big Question 12:** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Telling the Good News of Jesus!



## **Bible Truth 7 Meaning**

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## **Some Questions for You**

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do, before He went up to heaven? He told them to be His witnesses to the whole world.

2. What was the message that Jesus' disciples told people? Jesus is God's Son, sent to save us. He died on the cross for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead, showing He beat sin and death. He calls us to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Him as our Savior. When we do, we become God's dearly loved people who will love Him and know Him forever and ever.

3. Where did Jesus' disciples go to tell this message? They went to the people in their city and they went to people in other places, even other places that were very far away.

4. What do God's people today still need to do? They need to keep on telling others about Jesus. There are still so many who need to hear.

5. How can we become God's people? By turning away from disobeying God and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

## Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are!
- **C** God, please forgive us for not telling others about You as You want us to. Forgive us for being scared that others might not want to hear about Jesus or make fun of us. Forgive for not trusting You to be at work as we share the good news about salvation through Him. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for offering to make us Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the wonderful, good news of salvation through Him.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others how they can receive the free gift of salvation through Him, too. Work inside others as they hear about Jesus and help them believe in Him, too. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Let's Praise God Right Now!

## Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

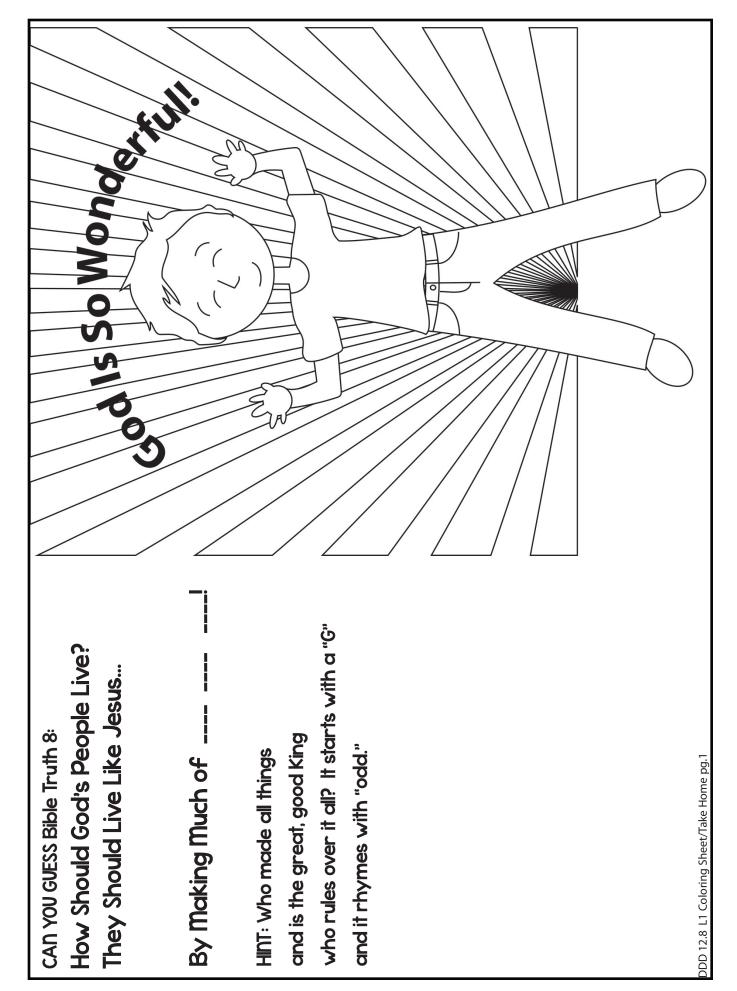
from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15 Verse 1

## When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will; He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

**Refrain** Trust and obey, For there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey. Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 12 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

**Big Question 12 Praise Song:** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

Words: John H. Sammis Music: Daniel B. Towner



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 8, Lesson 1

Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Making Much of God!



### Bible Truth 8 Meaning

There are many things we delight in. Birthdays and Christmas. Learning to ride a bike or how to read. Even beautiful things, like the soft, fluffy snow and colorful rainbows. God's people delight in these things, too. But do you know what (or really WHO) God's people delight in most of all? It's the same person Jesus delighted in most of all... God! Yes! Like Jesus, God's people want to delight in God most of all. They want their lips to be full of praise for Him, and their lives to be pleasing to Him. They want to tell others how good and loving and powerful God is. And they don't want others just to HEAR how amazing God is. They want others to BE His people, too, so they can KNOW God and DELIGHT in how amazing He is, themselves. They want the whole world to delight in God, because God is the most wonderful person we can ever know. And, because it pleases God when we make much of Him, the one, true God. The big, Bible word for making much of God is "glorify." Jesus glorified God with His whole life—in everything He thought, and said, and did. God's people ask God to help them glorify Him, too. We can glorify God, too, when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior, and live our lives for Him. This is how we become God's people. Let's make much of God!

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

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me." -- Psalm 66:1-3,5,16

### **Some Questions for You**

1. What are some thing we like to make a big deal about? Birthdays, Christmas; learning to read or ride a bike; beautiful things, like snow and rainbows.

2. Who do God's people like to make the biggest deal about? God.

- 3. What do God's people want others to know about God? How good and loving and powerful He is.
- 4. What do God's people want others to know about Jesus? His wonderful gift of salvation through Him.
- 5. What do God's people want everything in their lives to show? How amazing God is, because He is most wonderful of all!
- 6. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

#### Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You. You are perfect, good, loving, and wise. You deserve all our praise.
- **C** God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or others, instead of You. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is Savior. He deserves for us to make much of Him.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to make much of You. Help us to delight in You and how wonderful You are.

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

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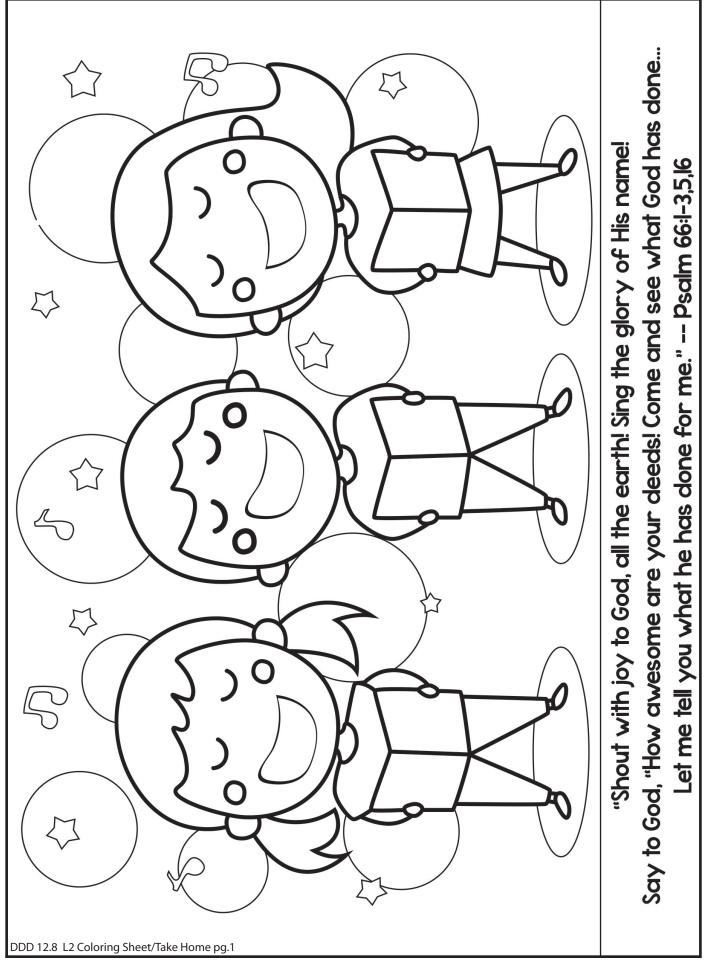
Big Q & A 12 Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus! How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

Big Question 12 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 13

<i>Refrain:</i> How should God's people live? How should God's people live? How should God's people live? They should live like Jesus!	Point up to God in heaven	<b>Verse 2</b> God's people should love God most of all, They should love others, too, And God the Holy Spirit,	Point up to God in heaven Point out to others
Verse 1		Will help them in all they do.	Touch heart
Jesus loved God most of all, He loved all people, too, In all that He did	Touch heart, then point up to God in heaven	Refrain	
and said and thought, He loved them thru and thru. <i>Refrain</i>	Point out to others Touch heart		



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 8, Lesson 2

Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Making Much of God!



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

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me." -- Psalm 66:1-3,5,16

Learn a Little: "Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name!"

## Meaning

God's people delight in God's glory. He has been so good to them! He has given His Son to save them from their sins. He has provided for their needs with what He knows is best for them. He has filled them with His Holy Spirit and they have fellowship with Him in their heart. They have never lacked any good thing and they never will their whole life. They want to praise the LORD all the time. They want others to join them in magnifying His name (praising Him) and in knowing Him, themselves. To be one of God's people is the best blessing anyone can ever have!

## Some Questions for You

- 1. What is glory? Glory is making much of God. It is telling how great He is.
- 2. Whose glory do God's people delight in? In God's glory.

3. Why do God's people delight in His glory? Because even though they have all disobeyed Him and deserve His punishment, He has chosen to make them His dearly-loved people. He saved them through Jesus.

4. What other good things has the LORD done for His people? He has given them His promise to always take care of them. They will never lack any good thing their whole lives. He will always give them what is best for them.

5. How can we become God's people? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

## Let's Pray!

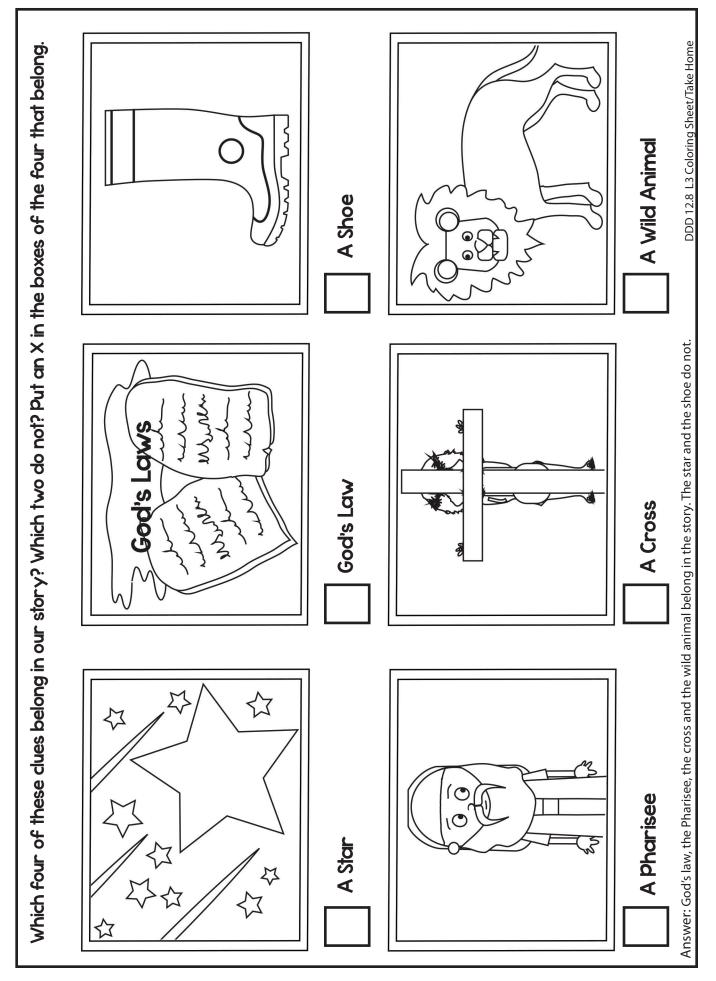
- A God, we praise You. You are perfect, good, loving, and wise. You deserve all our praise.
- **C** God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or others, instead of You. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is Savior. He deserves for us to make much of Him.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to make much of You. Help us to delight in You and how wonderful You are.

## Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

## Shout with Joy to God: Psalm 66:1-3,5,9,16

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 35

Shout! Shout! Shout with joy! Shout with joy to God all the earth! Sing! Sing! Sing the glory! Sing the glory of His name! Say! Say! Say to God! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds." Come, Come, Come and see, Come and see what God has done! Let me tell you what He has done for me! Psalm Sixty-six, one through three, five, nine, sixteen.



# Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 12, Bible Truth 8, Lesson 3

**Big Question 12 :** How Should God's People Live?

Answer: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Making Much of God!



### **Bible Truth 8 Meaning**

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### **Some Questions for You**

1. Who did Paul love to boast about? God.

2. What kinds of things could Paul have boasted about himself? He grew up as a Jew, learning God's Word and obeying it. He was a Roman, so he was treated as special in his country. He was very smart and went to a very good school for very smart boys. He was better than most people at keeping all of the little rules his teachers thought God's people should keep.

3. Why didn't Paul think he should boast in these good things about himself? Because he knew that he was a sinner who deserved God's punishment, just like everyone else. But he thought of himself as worse than most people, because he had hurt and even tried to kill many of Jesus' disciples.

4. What did Paul boast about when he went through hard things? How great God was and how able God was to help him do whatever God wanted him to do.

5. Why is God the one we should boast in, instead of any good things about ourselves? Because God is the one, true God. He is the one who even gave us all the good things we can do. He is the only one who can save sinners through Jesus. We should all make much of Him for all He is and has done for us!

## Let's Pray!

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- **C** God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or others, instead of You. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is Savior. He deserves for us to make much of Him.
- **S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to make much of You. Help us to delight in You and how wonderful You are.

#### Let's Praise God Right Now!

## Big Q & A 12 Hymn: Trust and Obey, v.1

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 15

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Big Question 12 Praise Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 12, track 16 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.