

# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Deliver to:  
The Hide 'n'  
Seek Kids**

**Big Question #13**

**The Case of the Big Trouble**



**“Hi! Welcome to Hide ‘n’ Seek Kids! We’re so glad you’ve joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God’s Word, the Bible. Come on. Let’s go!”**

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KIDS



Big Question  
Box Song



“Wow, look at this! It’s Detective Dan’s briefcase with a secret message inside for the Hide ‘n’ Seek Kids. Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what’s inside.”



**“Hide ‘n’ Seek Kids! I’ve got a Big Question about God for you. It’s hidden in my notepad. Read it and see if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Your Friend, Detective Dan!”**



The Hide 'n' Seek Kids pulled the message out of the notebook, and read: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? Psalm 55:22."

**Psalm 55:22**

**“Cast your  
burden on  
the LORD, and  
he will sustain  
you;**

**he will never  
permit the  
righteous to be  
moved.”**



Cast Your Burden  
on the Lord  
Psalm 55:22

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 55:22, and read: “Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Do you have the answer to my Big Question?" he asked. "We think so! God promises to sustain His people. He will give them everything they need to keep on believing and obeying Him."



WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE  
KEEP BELIEVING IN HIM?  
IT'S GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE!

PSALM  
55:22

“Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? And the answer is: It's God's Sustaining Grace!” “Great job, kids! You did it!”





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“God helps His people keep on believing in Him and living for Him their whole lives, even in the hardest, saddest times. That is, God to help God's people keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him, and He loves for them to ask for His help. God will never fail them. He will always give them His sustaining grace! He will help you like this, too, if you trust in Jesus as your Savior and live for Him.”



Bible Chant  
Song

# The Case of the Big Trouble

Acts 17; 1 & 2 Thessalonians



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“Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan, we want to dig deeper into God’s Word.”

“Sure, kids! I know just the story. It’s called ‘The Case of the Big Trouble.’ Listen for who God helped to keep on believing in Him and living for Him through some very big trouble.”

# "The Case of the Big Trouble" Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who asked God to help the believers in Thessalonica?
2. How did God answer his prayers?

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

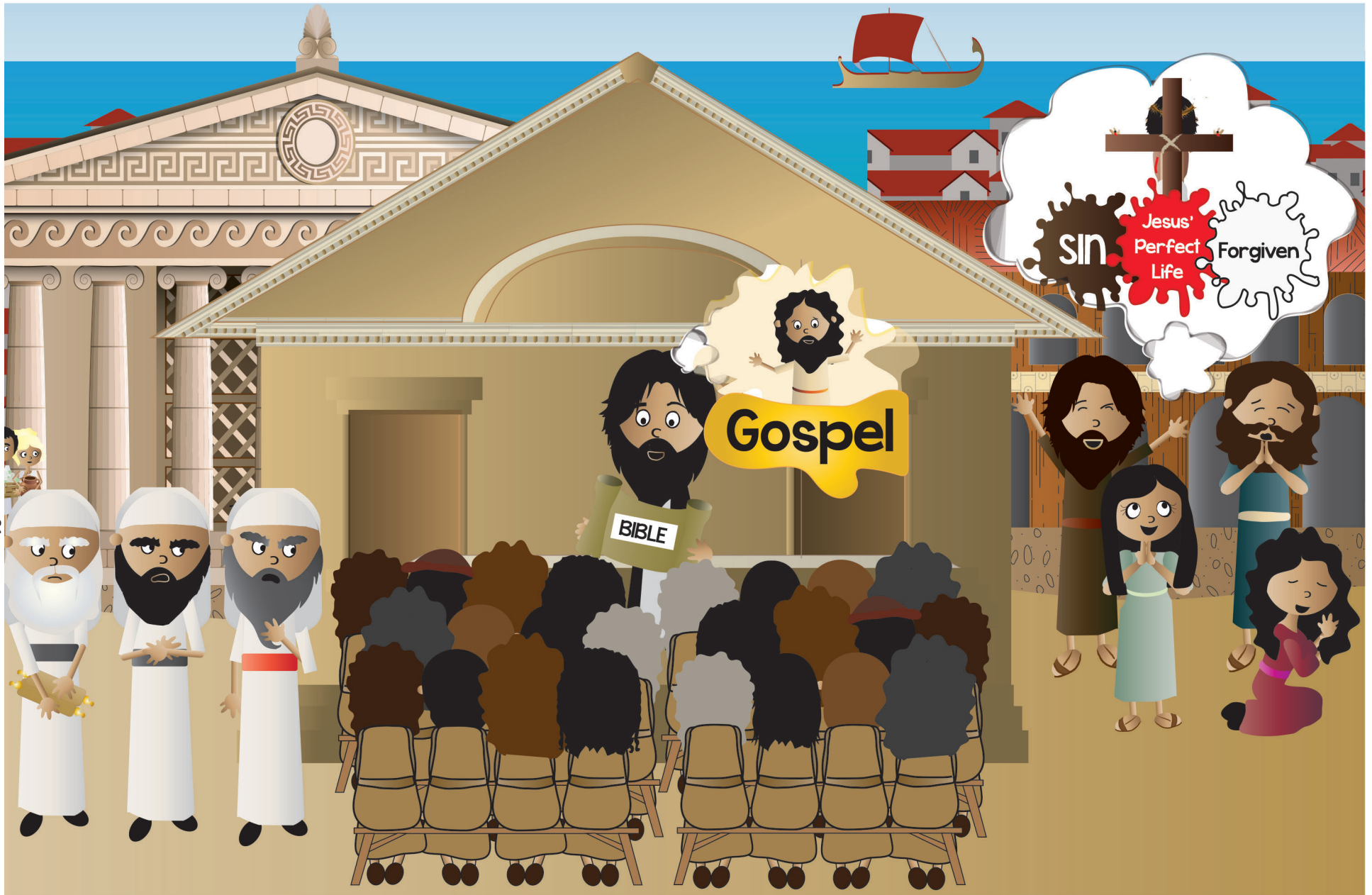
Psalm 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you."

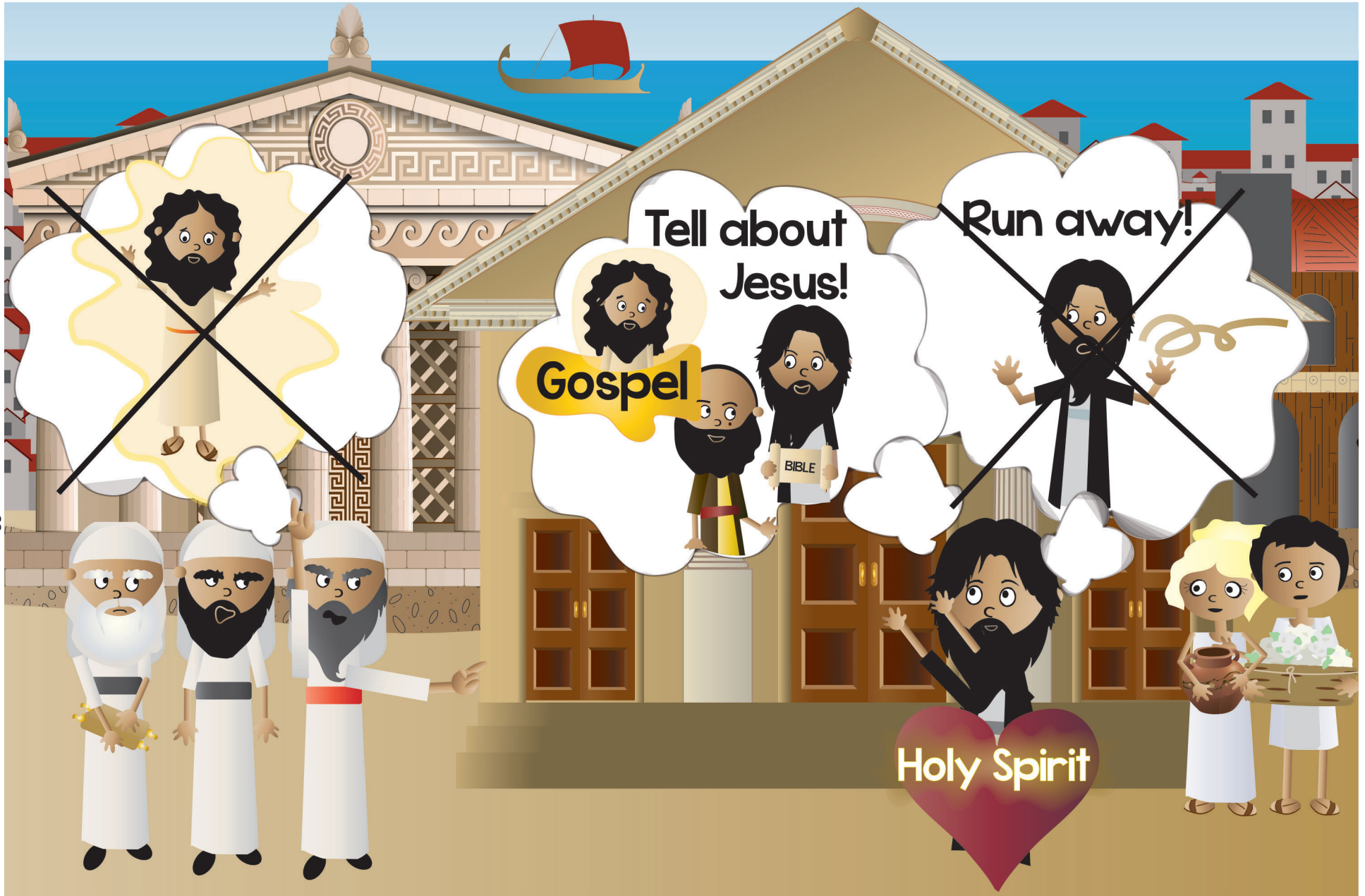
1. Who cast their burden (cares) on the LORD?
2. How did the LORD sustain them through their troubles?

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

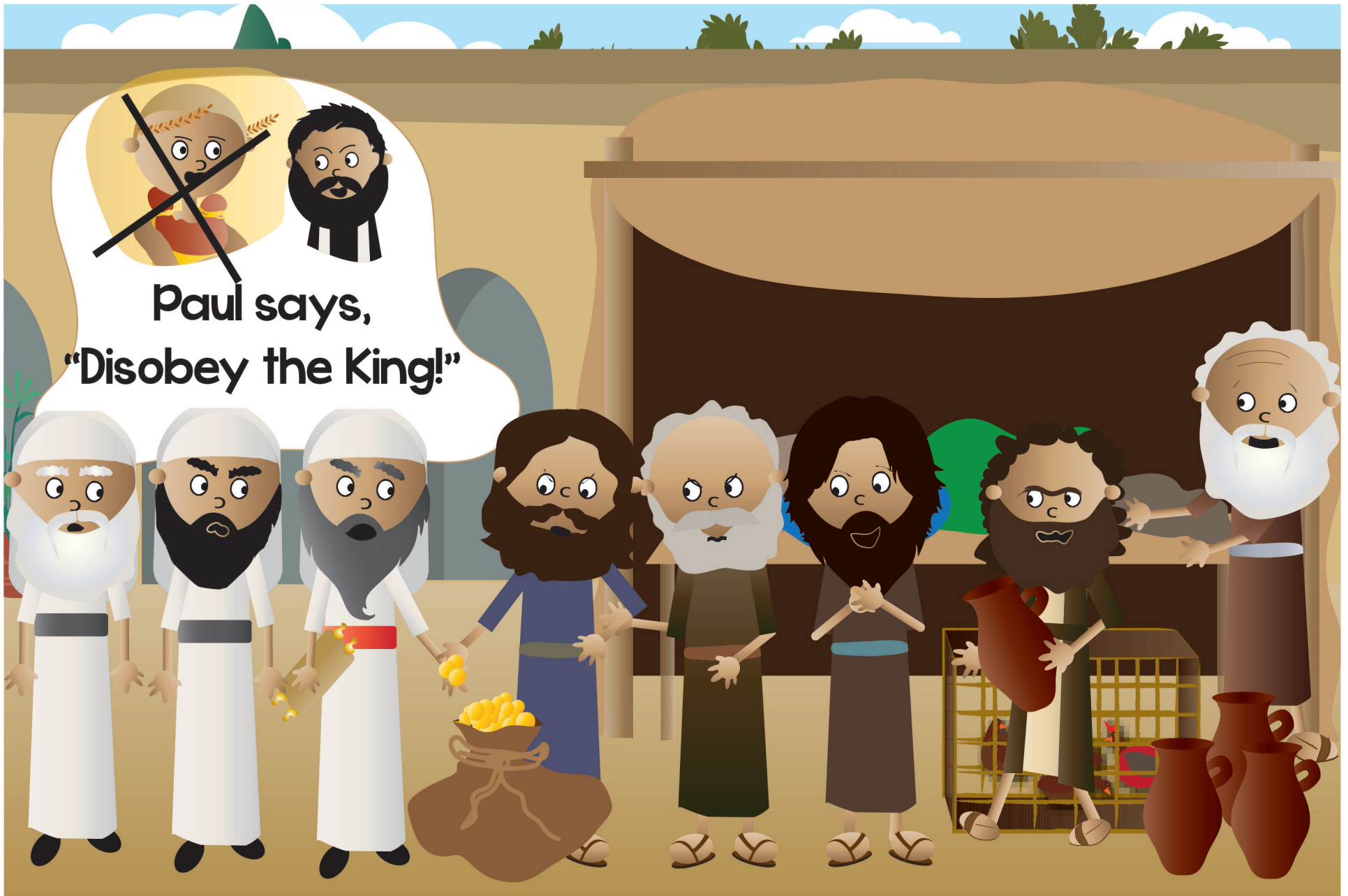
Something to Grow Into



I. There was big trouble in Thessalonica for followers of Jesus. The trouble began when Paul went there to share the good news of Jesus, and many trusted in Him as their Savior.



2. This made some people very angry. "Stop telling about Jesus. or you're going to be in big trouble!" they warned. This was scary, but the Holy Spirit helped Paul to keep telling about Jesus..



3. Paul's enemies didn't like this! They paid some bad men to lie about Paul. "Get people angry at Paul. Get them to shout: 'Get rid of Paul! He says we should disobey the king,'" they told bad men.



4. The bad men's lies worked. Soon, the whole city was angry. "Find Paul and get rid of him!" the crowd shouted. Oh, what big trouble those enemies had stirred up for Paul in Thessalonica!



5. "Bang, bang, bang," the crowd beat on Jason's door. "Give us Paul! He needs to be punished," they demanded. But Paul and his friends, Timothy and Silas, weren't there.

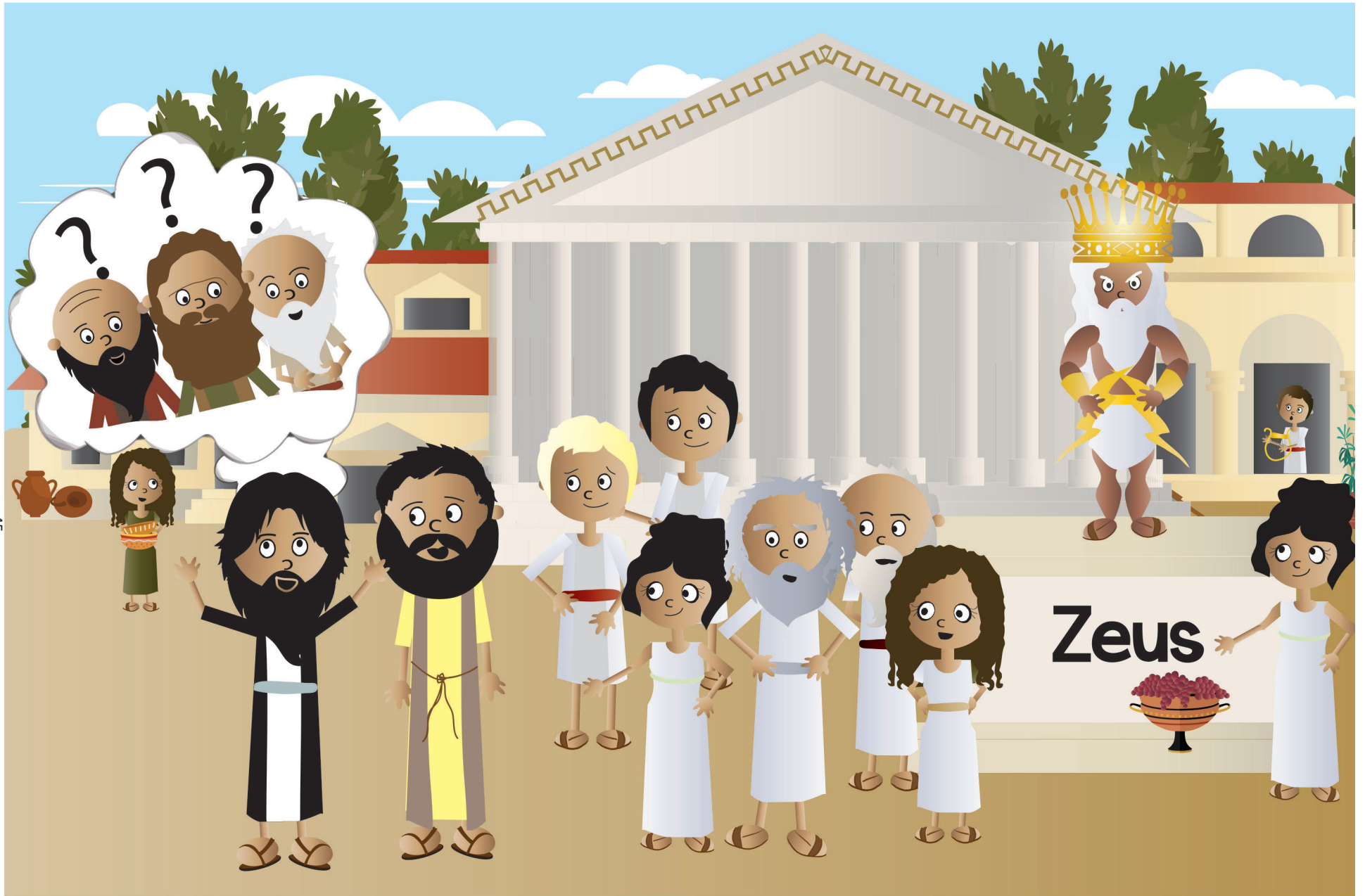




6. Jason was a new believer and Paul's friend. The angry crowd took him instead. The city leaders made Jason and the others pay lots of money. What a lot of trouble they had that day!



7. That night, the believers told Paul, "Go to tell more people about Jesus. We will keep on sharing the good news of Jesus here. God will help us." So, Paul, Silas, and Timothy said goodbye and left.



8. They left Thessalonica, but Paul kept thinking about the new believers who lived there. “Would you go back to Thessalonica and check up on Jason and the others?” Paul asked Timothy.



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9. Timothy went back, and what did he find? Enemies were still causing trouble for the believers, but God was helping them, by His Holy Spirit and His Word. Praise God for His sustaining grace!

# “The Case of the Big Trouble”

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Holy Spirit

Paul



Holy Spirit

The Believers  
in Thessalonika



GOD'S PEOPLE KEEP BELIEVING  
BY GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE!



THE  
BIBLE

“Who did God sustain through lots of big trouble?”

# "The Case of the Big Trouble" Acts 17, 1 & 2 Thessalonians

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who asked God to help the believers in Thessalonica?  
Paul.

2. How did God answer his prayers?  
God helped the believers keep on believing in Him and living for Him, even though they had enemies who gave them such terrible trouble.

For You and Me:  
Whatever troubles we face, we know that God can help us to keep on believing in Him and living for Him, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 55:22, ESV

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you."

Casting your burdens on the LORD means asking Him to take care of you and help you to keep on living for Him, even when it is very hard.

1. Who cast their cares on the LORD?

Paul and the new believers in Thessalonica.

2. How did the LORD sustain them through their troubles?

The LORD helped them to keep on believing in Him and to keep on living for Him through all their troubles.

For You and Me:

God's people know they never have to go through their troubles on their own. God is always there to help them. It's His promise.

We can become God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, this promise from God will be a promise He makes to us, too. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

## Something to Grow Into

**Our Bible Truth is:  
Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!**

# The Gospel

Why would Paul go through so much trouble to tell the people of Thessalonica the good news of Jesus? Because this was the only way for them to be saved from their sins and become God's people.

Here's the good news Paul told them: All of us were created to love God and others, but none of us do. We all have sinful hearts and choose to live our own way, instead of God's good way. And for this, we deserve God's punishment.

Yet God is so merciful that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross, as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus died and was buried, but on the third day, He rose up from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. This proved it!

We can become God's people if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We will get to know God in our hearts now. And one day, we will get to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



Gospel Songs

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**Something to Grow Into**

“God will always help His people keep believing in Him and keep living for Him. Let’s pray to Him now.”

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are always helping Your people!

God, we disobey You and deserve Your punishment, yet You offer us Your love through Jesus. Thank You!

Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to keep believing in and living for You.



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ACTS Prayer Song



## Something to Grow Into

# A Prayer

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**A** We praise you, God. You for being the One who sustains Your people through every day of their lives, and all the way home to live with You forever.



**C** God, You promise to sustain all who trust in You, but too many times we complain and whine when we have to go through something hard. We don't trust You to take care of us. Please forgive us!



**T** Thank You for promising to always take care of Your people. Thank You that they never have to worry. You love them so much.



**S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us become Your people. Give us everything we need to live for You and to love You and others, every day of our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

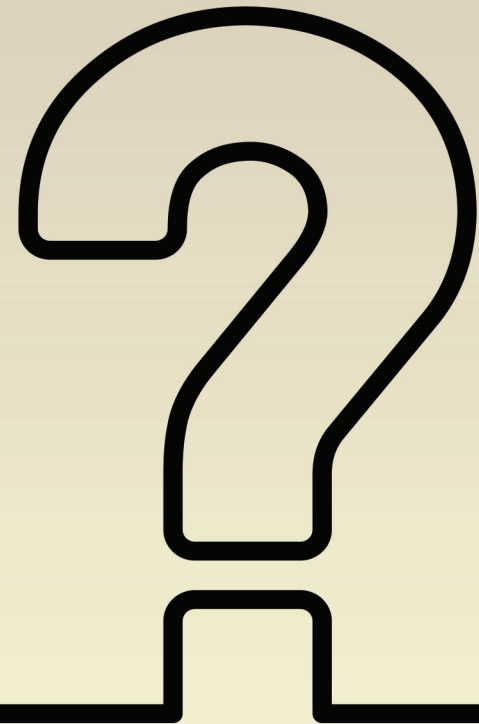




**"Hide 'n' Seek Kids, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"**

**Big Question #13**  
**Nursery Rhyme Song**

**Why do God's people keep  
believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep  
living for Him?  
Because God sustains them,  
yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep  
believing in God.**



**Kids! Let's sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught us today.**

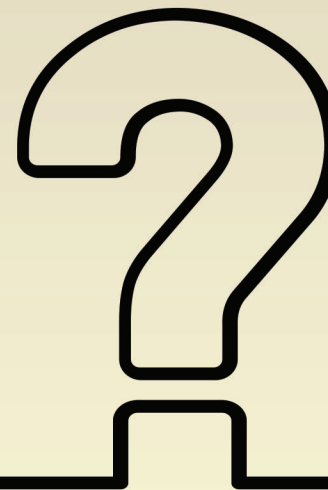
**Big Question #13 Full Concept Song**  
**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**

Why do God's people keep  
believing in Him?  
What keeps them going?  
Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for  
their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace,

**Refrain**

That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them  
as they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith to keep on  
trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him to the very end.  
Refrain



Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #13 Bible Verse Song:

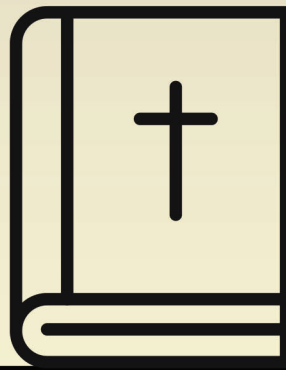
Cast Your Burden on the Lord: Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He will sustain you.  
He will never permit the righteous  
to be moved.

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He will sustain you.  
He will never permit the righteous  
to be moved.

He'll never permit, He'll never permit,  
He will never permit the righteous  
to be moved,  
He'll never permit, He'll never permit,  
He will never permit  
the righteous to be moved.

Psalm Fifty-five, twenty-two.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

## Big Question #13 Hymn

### Jesus Paid It All

#### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say, "  
Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

## Big Question #13 Praise Song

### I Will Sing of the Mercies

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
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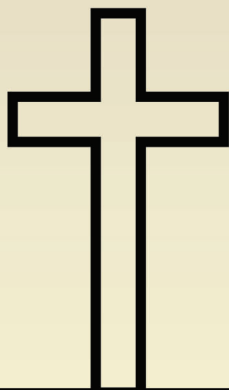


**"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"**

## The Gospel Song (Short)

We've all disobeyed God's good ways,  
But God sent His Son to save,  
All who turn back to Him, and pray:  
"Jesus, be my Savior,  
Take all my sins away."

This is the gospel,  
This is God's good news:  
Jesus died on the cross,  
Then on the 3rd day...  
He rose from the dead.  
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.  
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



## The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L?  
What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me?  
What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is!  
Salvation through faith in Christ,  
That's what the gospel is.

"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,  
"O", we should obey Him,  
but instead we're disobeyers,  
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,  
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.  
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,  
Then on Day Three, He rose again  
To prove He'd won the fight,  
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,  
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.

"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus.

### Hide 'n' Seek Kids Theme Song

Come along, we're gonna Hide 'n' seek!  
Hide God's Word in our heart  
and Him, we'll seek,  
God loves to show us  
the truths of His Word,  
That we might know Him  
and live out what we've learned.



### Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,  
Let's get out the Bible.  
Let's hear what God has to say.  
The Bible, the Bible,  
God's given us the Bible.  
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



### The Gathering Song

Let's gather together to worship God,  
Let's gather together to worship God,  
Come gather here with me.



### Let's Pray Song

1,2,3, Bow your head,  
Close your eyes,  
Fold your hands,  
Let's pray.



### Criss Cross Applesauce Song

Criss cross applesauce,  
Sit down please.  
Hands in your lap,  
Shh, look at me.



### ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!  
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.  
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,  
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)  
That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,  
Bow head, Close your eyes,

