

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #8

The Case of the Eager Enemy's End



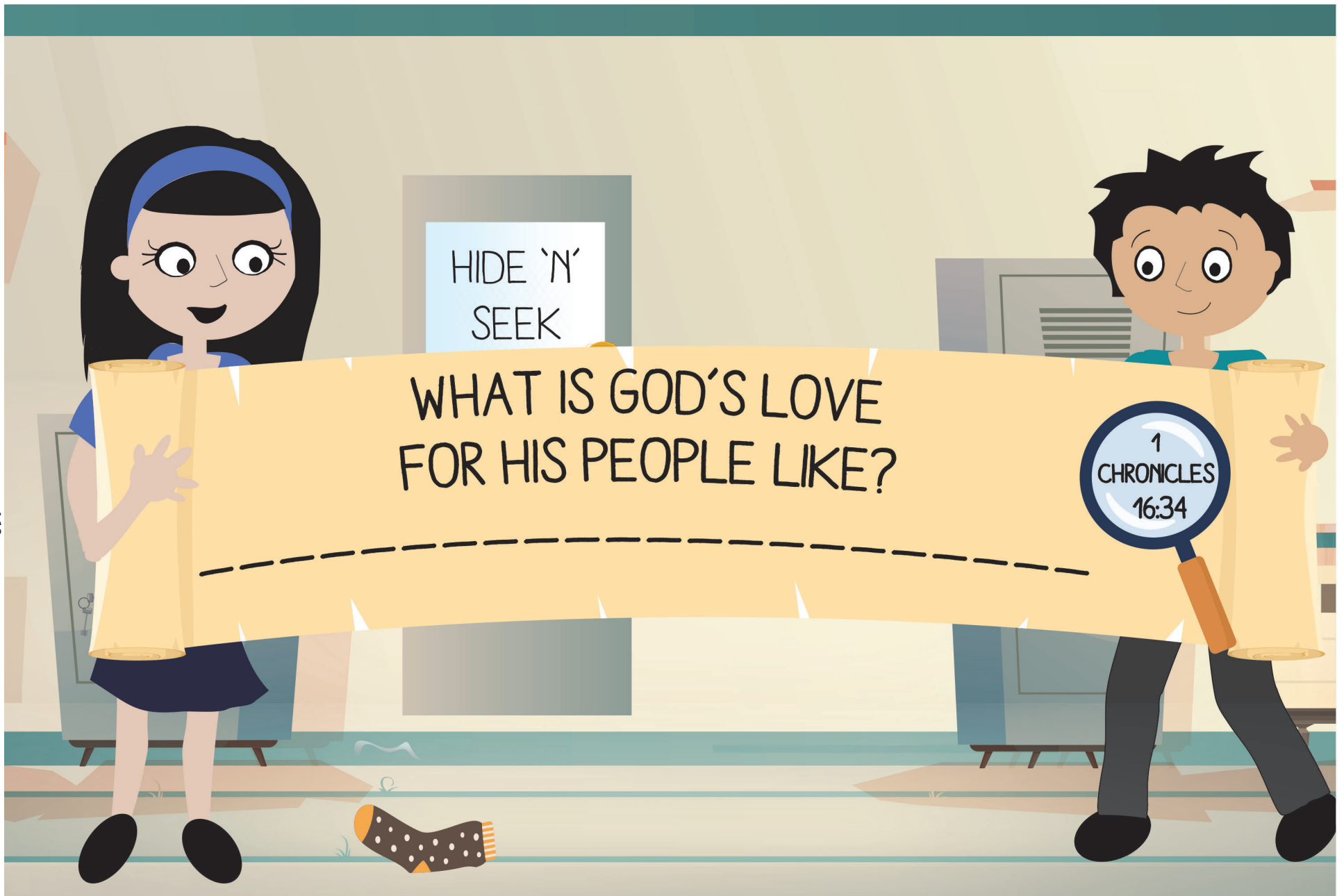
Hi! Welcome to Hide 'n' Seek Kids! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!



“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 inside one of my socks. 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 sock, and read: "What Is God's Love for His People Like? | Chronicles 16:34."

**1 Chronicles
16:34**

**“Oh give
thanks to
the LORD,**

**for he is
good; for his
steadfast
love endures
forever!”**



Oh, Give Thanks
1 Chronicles 16:34

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to 1 Chronicles 16:34, and read: “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Do you have the answer to my Big Question?" he asked. "We think so! God's people don't always love God as they should, but thanks to Jesus, God's love for His people never ends."



Big Q & A 8
Nursery
Song



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"Our Big Question is: What Is God's Love for His People Like? And the answer is: It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



“God’s love for His people is so big that He sent Jesus to pay for their sins on the cross. That was the only way they could become His people. There’s nothing better than being one of God’s people! God promises to love and care for them always. They have special closeness with Him in their hearts now; and when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.”



Bible Chant
Song

The Case of the Eager Enemy's End

Acts 7-9



"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 Eager Enemy's End.' See if you can figure out who the enemy was, and what God did for him through Jesus."

The Case of the Eager Enemy's End Acts 7-9

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Eager Enemy and what was he eager to do?
2. What happened to the Eager Enemy that changed what he wanted to do?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Chronicles 16:34, ESV

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

1. How did the LORD love and change the Eager Enemy?
2. Why was it so amazing that the LORD would love him?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Saul didn't think Jesus was God's Son, the Savior. Saul worked hard to stop the Christians from telling others about Jesus.



2. "Shhh! Be quiet!" Saul ordered the Christians in Jerusalem. "Jesus isn't God's Son, the Savior!" he told them. "I will hurt you and put you in jail if you say He is." And that's just what Saul did.



3. "Send me to Damascus," he asked the leaders at the Temple. "I want to get rid of the Christians there, too." The leaders agreed. Saul and the soldiers set off for Damascus.



4. Suddenly, a bright light from heaven shone down on Saul. "I am Jesus, God's Son, the Savior! Stop hurting Me and God's people!" Jesus told him. Uh oh!



5. Saul deserved God's punishment, but Jesus loved Saul more than Saul could ever deserve! The Holy Spirit helped Saul turn away from hating and to trust in Jesus as his Savior. God gave Saul a new name to go with his new life --Paul.



6. Then Paul told everyone: "Jesus IS God's Son! Trust in Him!" The Holy Spirit helped many believe Jesus as Paul spoke. This was God's wonderful plan. It was all more than Paul could ever deserve!

“The Case of the Eager Enemy’s End”

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kids



Forgiveness and Faith
through Jesus!

GOD’S LOVE IS MORE THAN HIS PEOPLE
COULD EVER DESERVE!

“What did God give Saul instead of the punishment he deserved?”

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Eager Enemy and what was he eager to do?
Saul was the eager enemy of the Christians--the people who believed in Jesus.

2. What happened to the Eager Enemy that changed what he wanted to do?
Jesus appeared to Saul. Now Saul knew that Jesus was no fake. He was God's Son. The Holy Spirit worked in Saul's heart. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. Then Saul became an eager FRIEND, instead of an eager enemy of Jesus and His followers.

For You and Me:
God is amazing! That He would love and forgive even His biggest enemies, even people like Saul! God loved Saul and saved him through Jesus. God can change us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us do this!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Chronicles 16:34, ESV

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

1. How did the LORD love and change the Eager Enemy?

The LORD could have punished Saul for hating Him and being so mean to the Christians. Instead, He showed Saul that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior. God's Holy Spirit worked in Saul's heart and helped him trust in Jesus as his Savior.

2. Why was it so amazing that the LORD would love him?

Saul deserved God's punishment for how he had hated Jesus and God's people. But instead of punishment, God loved Saul and forgave his sins through Jesus.

For You and Me:

There is no one so bad that God cannot forgive or change them. God can even work in the hearts of people who do not love Him at all. He can work in our hearts, too. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Something to Grow Into

Our Bible Truth is:
What Is God's Love for His People Like?
It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

The Gospel



How great is God's love, that He would love and forgive someone like Saul!
Someone who had disobeyed Him and done such bad things!

We aren't that different from Saul. There is sin in our hearts, too. We choose to do things our own way. We do bad things and even have hateful thoughts. We need God to work in our hearts that we might know Him and live for Him.

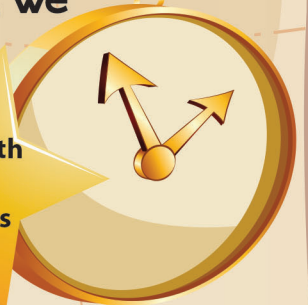
How great is God's love, that He offers to help us, love us, and forgive us, too!
Yes, God offers to make us dearly loved His people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, who died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose up from the dead in victory on the third day.

And what a wonderful beginning that will be, if we do! God will make us new, just like He did Saul. We will get to know God in our hearts now. And then one day, we will go to live happily with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.



Gospel Songs

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Something to Grow Into

“God’s love is more than we could ever deserve. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are so loving!

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.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise you, God. How great is Your love! It's more than we could ever deserve.

C God, You have given us Your good laws and we have broken them. We have chosen to do things our own way, not Your good way. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. We need the Savior You sent us! We need Jesus to save us!

T Thank You for loving sinful people like us. You chose to send Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to become Your dearly loved people. Thank You for offering Your love to each of us. A love that will never end.

S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Make us Your dearly loved people.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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

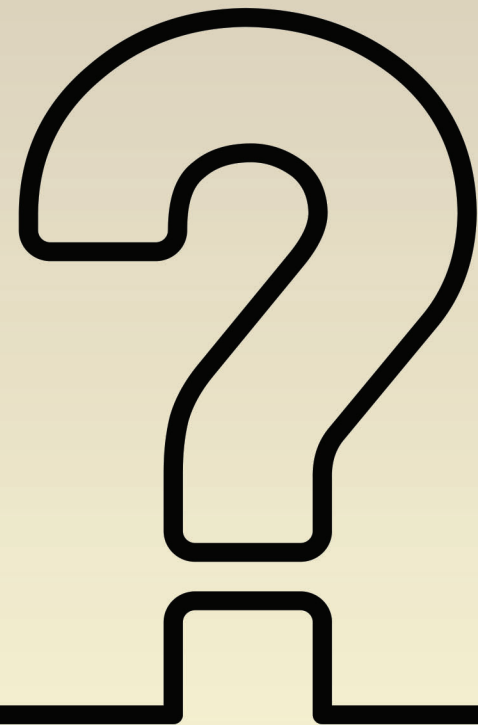


"Hide 'n' Seek Kids, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Question #8
Nursery Rhyme Song



What is God's love for His people like?
More than they could ever deserve!
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What is God's love for His people like?
More than they could ever deserve!



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

Big Question #8 Full Concept Song
What Is God's Love for His People Like?

What is God's love for His people like?
What is God's love for His people like?
What is God's love for His people like?
It's more than they could ever deserve.

Verse 1

God loves His people from all places,
from all times, with ev'ry kind of faces.
God loves His people from ev'ry nation,
And He loves them all through Jesus Christ.

Refrain

God's love for His people
Is more than they could ever deserve.
God's love for His people
Is more than they could ever deserve.

Verse 2

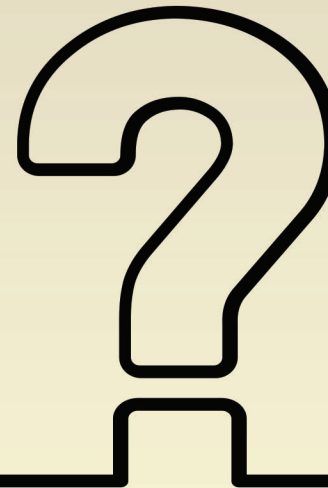
God loved His people before the beginning,
Even before they were repenting and believing,
God loved His people from ev'ry nation,
And He loved them all through Jesus Christ.

Refrain

Verse 3

God loved His people, He sent Jesus,
To save them, so forever they would be His,
God loves His people from ev'ry nation,
And He always will through Jesus Christ.

Refrain



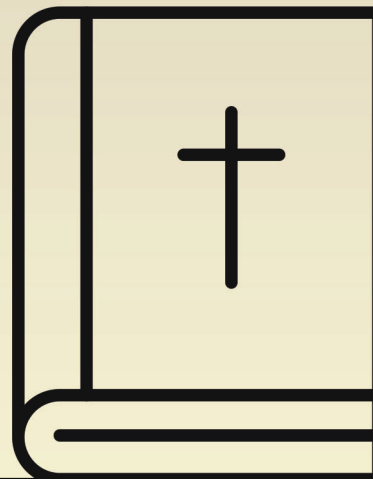
Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #8 Bible Verse Song:

O, Give Thanks: I Chronicles 16:34

O give thanks to the LORD, O give thanks,
O give thanks to the LORD, O give thanks,
For He is good,
And His steadfast love endures forever.
(repeat)

Forever and ever and ever and ever,
Forever and ever and ever and ever.
First Chronicles Chapter Sixteen,
verse thirty-four.



"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

Big Question #8 Hymn
And Can It Be, Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Big Question 8 Praise Song
God Is So Good

God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
He's so good (powerful, holy) to me.

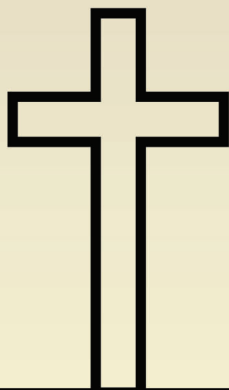


“Let’s praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!”

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,

