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DIGGIN' DEEP
DOWN IN THE TRUTHS
OF GOD'S WORD

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The Psalm Behind the Name

Psalm 100

(v.1) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

(v.2) Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing! (v.3) Know that the Lord, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

(v.4) Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

(v.5) For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

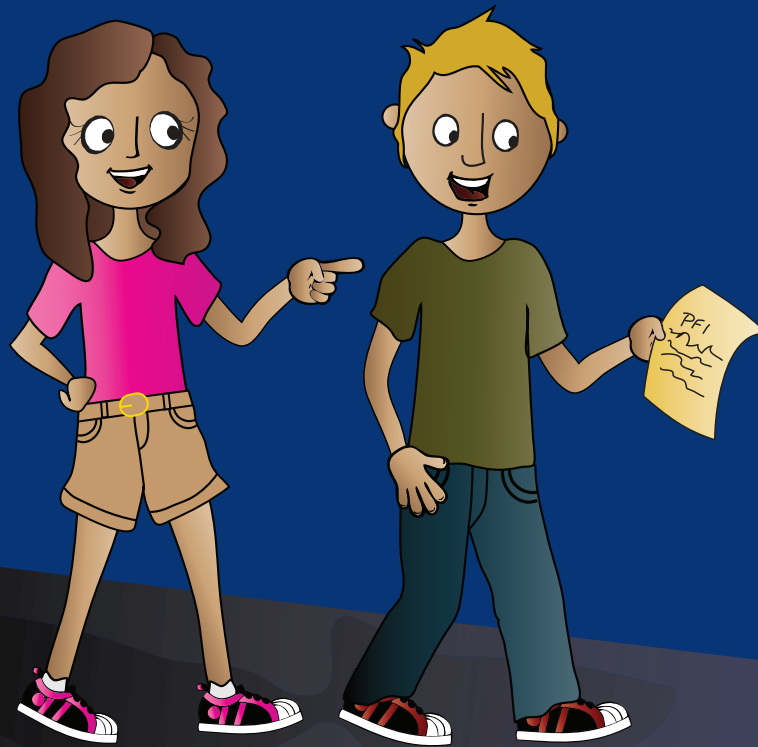
and His faithfulness to all generations.

May this album help you to be manufacturers of noisy joy unto the Lord (v.1). To sing (v.2), to know (v.3), and to worship Him with thanksgiving and praise (v.4), that the witness of His great faithfulness might continue through all generations (v.5).

The Lord is amazing! He's not like anyone else!

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December 18, 2013



to the kids of CHBC
for twenty years of their noisy joy in my life

Praise Factory Investigators
diggin' deep down in the truths of *God's Word*

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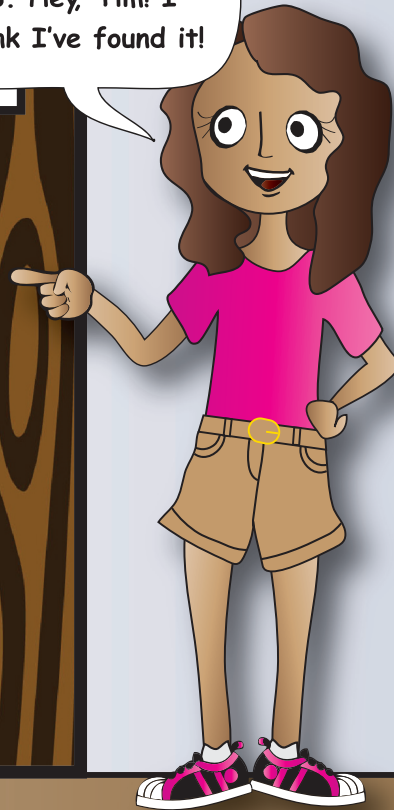
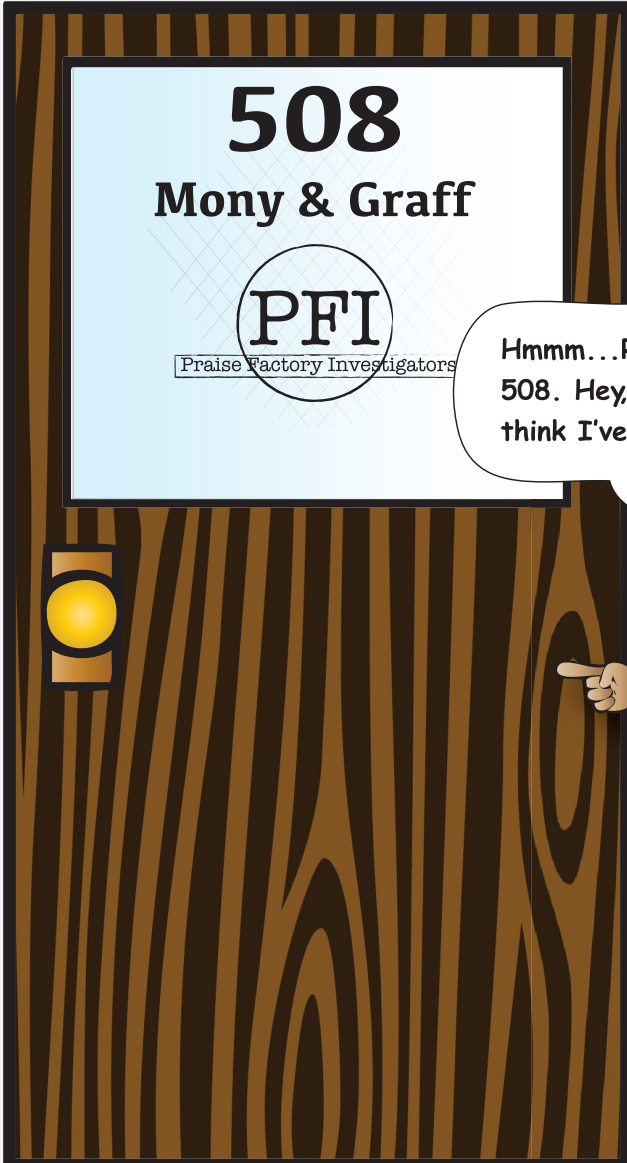
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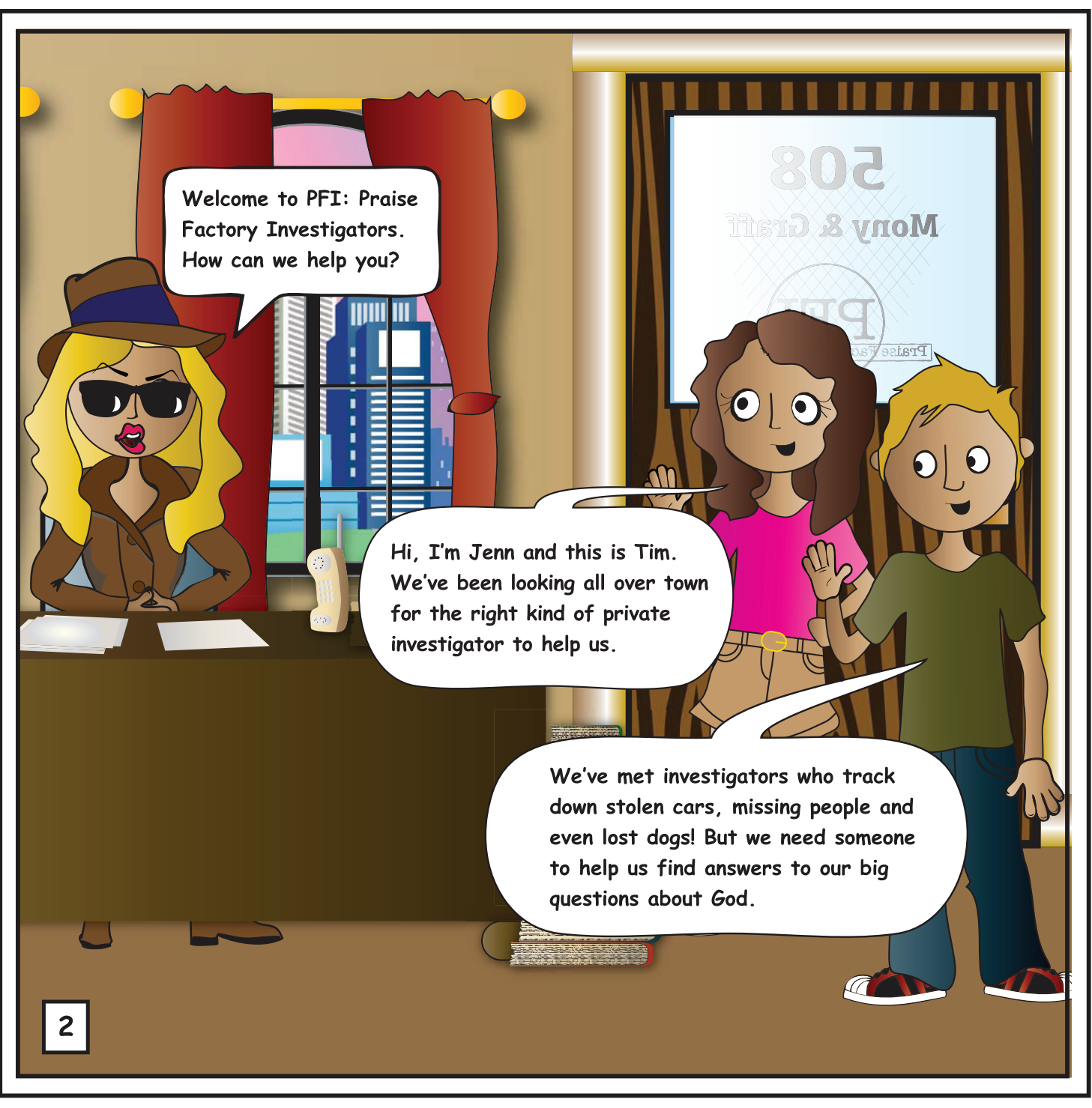
PFI

Praise Factory Investigators

Hmmm...Room
508. Hey, Tim! I
think I've found it!

Yep, Jenn. You're right!
Mony & Graff.
Praise Factory Investigators!
This is it. Let's go in.






Welcome to PFI: Praise
Factory Investigators.
How can we help you?


Hi, I'm Jenn and this is Tim.
We've been looking all over town
for the right kind of private
investigator to help us.

We've met investigators who track
down stolen cars, missing people and
even lost dogs! But we need someone
to help us find answers to our big
questions about God.



Well, you've come to the right place!
Kids from around the world send us
their big questions about God and we
answer them.


Long ago Jesus gave us a promise: "Ask,
and it will be given to you; seek, and you
will find (Matthew 7:7)." And that's what
Praise Factory Investigators is all about.
ASKING God to teach us more about
Himself. And **SEEKING** to know Him, love
Him, and live for Him with our whole lives!



Kids, I'm Inspector Paul E. Graff.
I dig deep down for answers in the
truths of God's Word, the Bible.

And I'm Tess T. Mony.
I sing about the truths
Inspector Graff finds.

Together, we're PFI: Praise Factory Investigators!

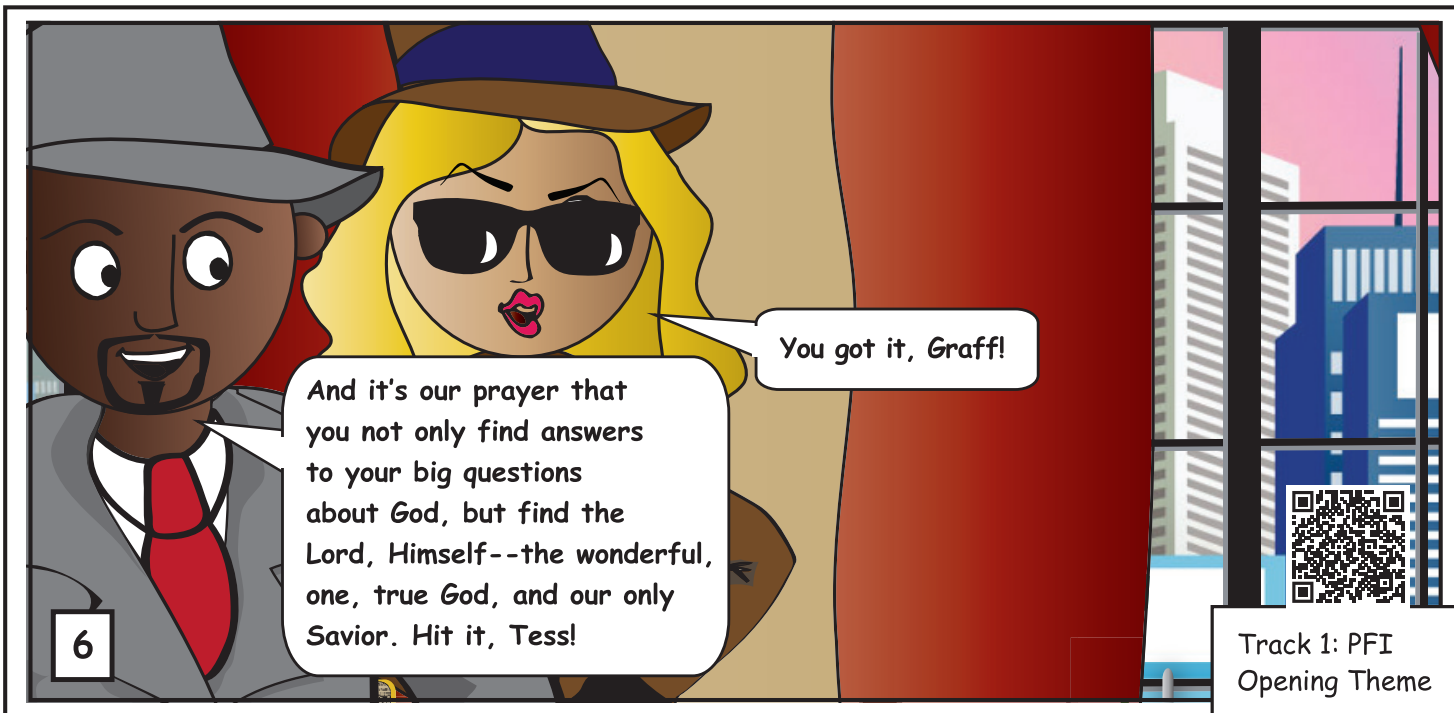


Tess! We've already received sixteen emails from kids with big questions about God!

Looks like we have our work cut out for us today, Graff!

Tim and Jenn, why don't you stick around and help us? We'll try to find answers to your big questions about God at the same time!

Could we??? That would be great!



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Track 1: PFI
Opening Theme

Refrain:

We're PFI, Praise Factory Investigators,
Diggin' deep down for truths
in God's Word,
That's PFI,
Praise Factory Investigators,
Diggin' deep down for truths
in God's Word.



We're looking for answers
to very big questions,
Big questions 'bout God,
If you're looking for answers
to very big questions 'bout God,
Come along, Join....
(Refrain)



Deep down, diggin' down,
Let's go diggin' down,
Deep down, diggin' down,
'Til answers to all our big
questions we've found. Join...
(Refrain)



SURE!

OK, Tim and Jenn,
let's get started!
Read that first email!



Jenn at PFI headquarters receives an message from Alina in Romania...

From: alina@gardengirl.com
Re: How Can I Know What God Is Like?

Dear PFI,
I believe in God, but I don't know much about Him. How can I know what God is like?

The Lord created everything--the mountains, the wind, and even us. He's the one who declares to us what His thoughts are. That means He shows us what He's like!

God shows us what He's like through the special heart He gave us to know and love Him. (It's also called a spirit and it never dies. Wow!)

God also shows us what He's like as we look at everything in this huge, wonderful universe He's made.

The Bible, God's perfect Word, tells us a lot more about God. It's full of His mighty deeds and His amazing promises to His people.

But most of all, God shows us what He's like as we learn about His Son, Jesus, and come to know Him in our heart, ourselves.

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Alo, Alina! That's a great question. We can't figure out what God is like on our own, but we don't have to! God, Himself, shows us what He's like. He's our Maker. He wants us to know what He's like, so we can enjoy Him and praise Him!

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"For behold, He who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is

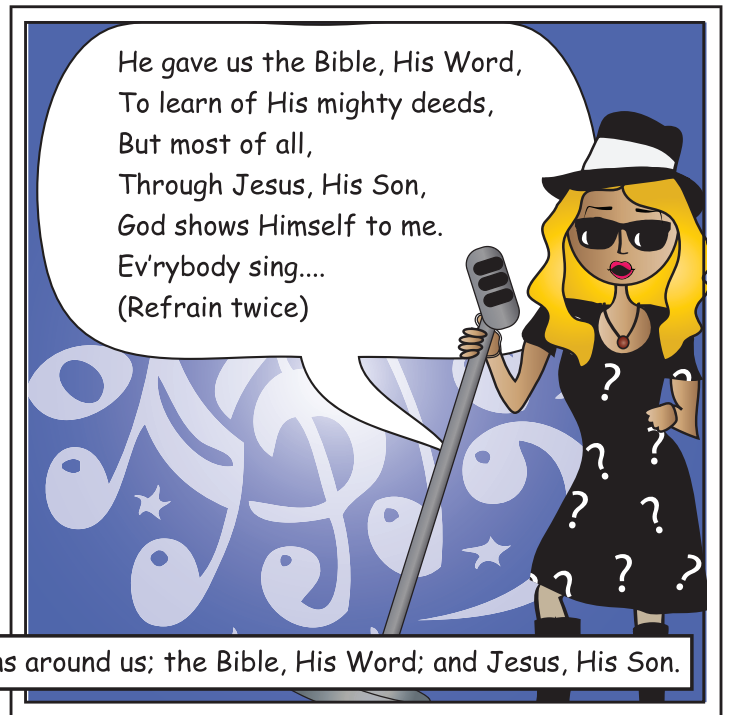
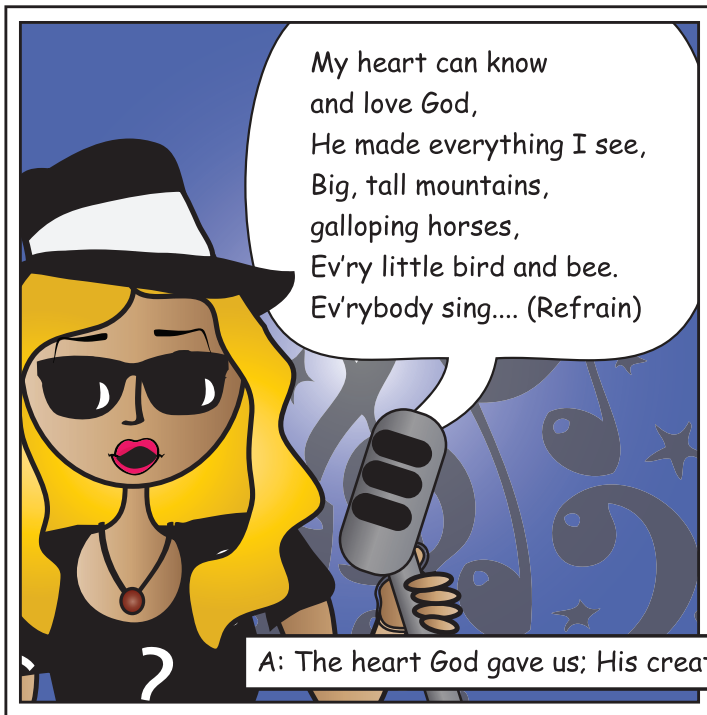
His thought... the Lord, the God of hosts, is His name."

Amos 4:13



Hey, kids! Listen to Tess and find out how God shows us what He's like. Can you name 4 ways?

Track 2: Big Question 1:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?



Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from William in England...

From: willnuk@poohktee.com
Re: What's So Special about the Bible?

Dear PFI,
According to my calculations, there are 129,864,880 books in the world. Why do you make such a big deal about the Bible? What's so special about it?

The Bible is amazing! It was written down long ago by godly people as God spoke to them. God's Holy Spirit perfectly inspired the words they wrote down. He guided these people as they wrote and He shaped their words to be His perfect words, too.

That's why no matter how many years go by, the Bible always proves true--every plan, every promise! Bible teachers use the word "inerrant" to sum this up. It means God's Word was written down just right, without any errors!

The Bible is perfect for another reason, too. It always does everything God wants it to do. It teaches us everything we need to know about God and how to live for Him. The Holy Spirit uses it to work powerfully in our hearts, giving us faith in Jesus and changing us in wonderful ways.

Everything else in the world may come and go, but God's Word, the Bible, will last forever, fulfilling all of God's good plans.

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Wow, William! That's a lot of books! But none of those millions of other books is like the Bible. It alone is God's perfect Word.

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"This God--
His way is
perfect; the
word of the
Lord proves
true."

Psalms 18:30



Tess is gonna tell us more about the Bible. Kids, listen for who helped godly people write down God's Word perfectly.

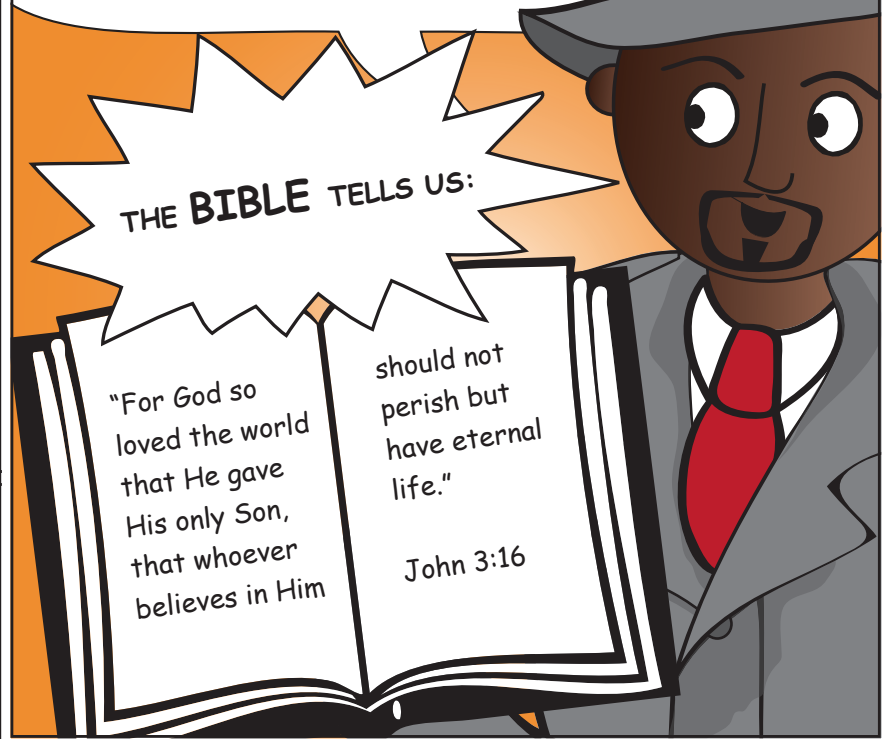
Track 3: Big Question 2:
What's So Special About the Bible?



Jenn at PFI headquarters receives a message from Mandolyn in Virginia...



Hey, Mandolyn! Gospel means "good news." Christians use it to talk about the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.



We're all sinners who've rebelled against God and His good ways. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. That's the very bad news!

But the very good news is the gospel. God loved us and sent His only Son to save us!

Yes, Jesus came to earth as a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who's ever done that!) He offered it up to God as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He died on the cross.

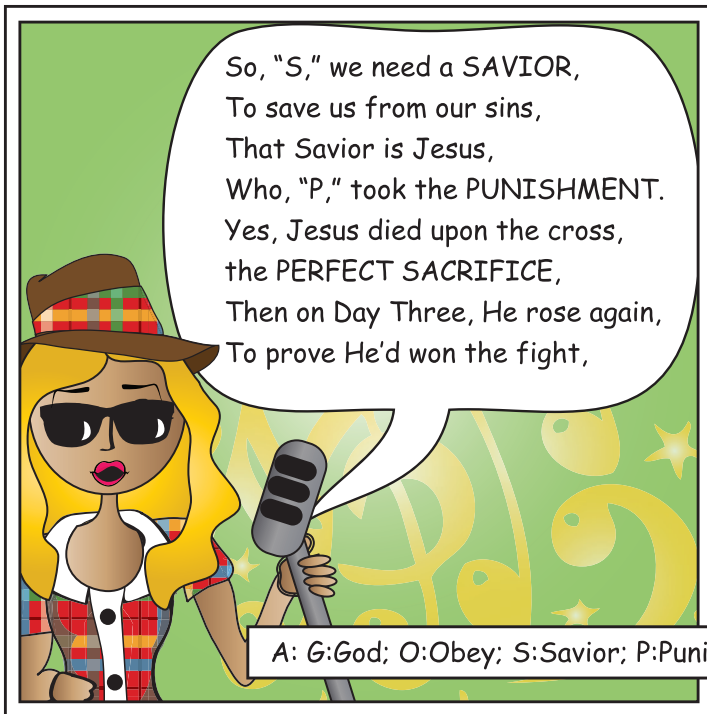
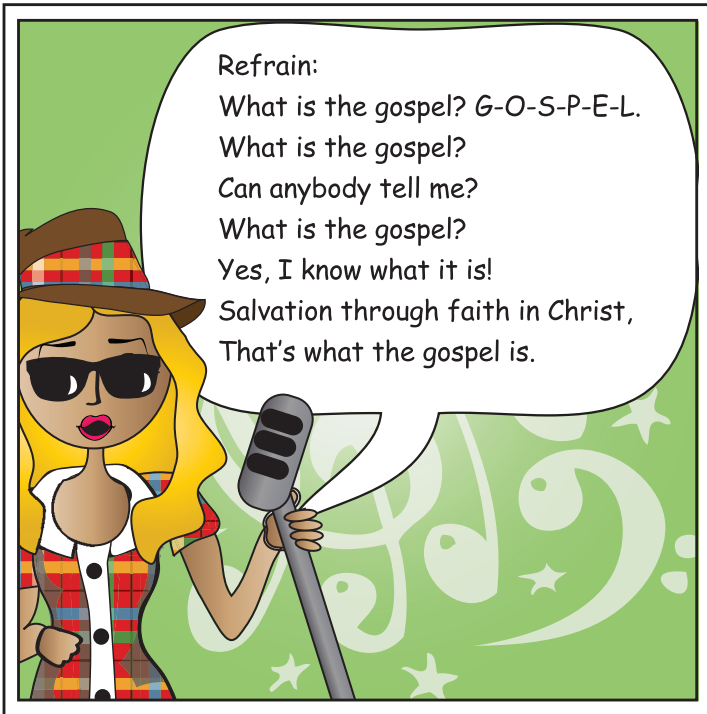
Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people so they wouldn't have to!

Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will not perish. Instead of eternal punishment, they'll receive eternal life from God! What good news the gospel is!



Come on, Tess! Spell out the gospel for us! Kids, see if you can hear what each letter stands for.

Track 4: Big Question 3:
What Is the Gospel?



A: G:God; O:Obey; S:Savior; P:Punishment, Perfect Sacrifice; E:Everyone; EL:Eternal Life

Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from Aditya in Indonesia...

From: aditya@indi.com
Re: Can Anybody Tell Me What the Lord Is Like?

Dear PFI,
In my country, most people worship Allah, not the Lord. Can anybody tell me what the Lord is like?

The Lord made us with a special heart (spirit) to worship Him alone. But we're all sinners, who often choose to worship something other than Him. Sometimes it's other gods we worship. Sometimes, other things. Too many times, it's people... even ourselves!

We'll always be worshippers, but we'll never be truly satisfied until we worship only the Lord. He's the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise.

The Bible is filled with the great things the Lord has done. Sending Jesus to save God's people from their sins is the greatest of them all!

One day, all people will worship the Lord as the one, true God. They'll praise Him for who He is and all the wondrous things He's done.

Holo, Aditya! Thanks for your question. I'm so glad you want to know more about the Lord. He's certainly not like anyone else, not even Allah!

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

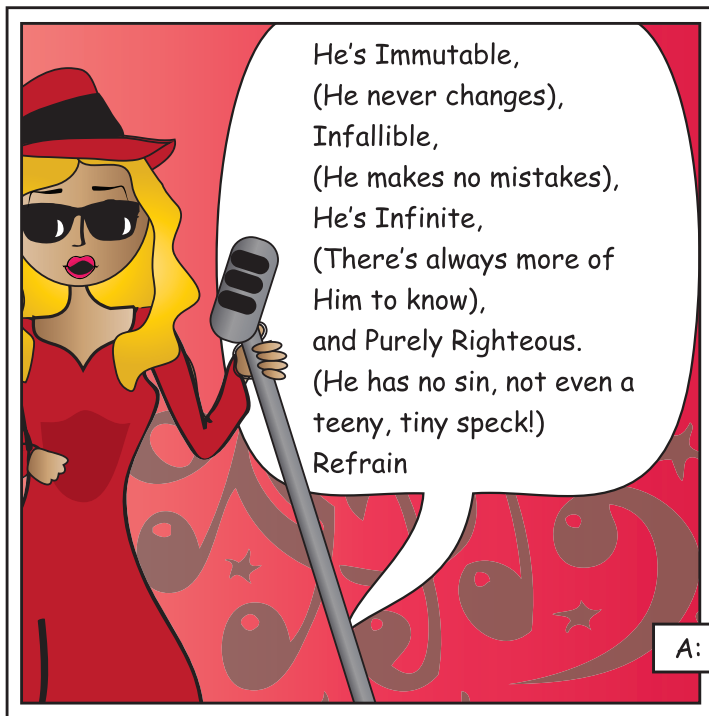
"There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship

before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."
Psalm 86:8-10



Tess, tell us what the Lord is like! Kids, can you name the 4 big words about the Lord that start with an "O"?

Track 5: Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the Lord Is Like?



A: Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnibenevolent, Omnipotent

Track 6: Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

So you say that the Lord is not like anyone else,
That He's in a category all by Himself,
Well that's cool, y'all, 'cuz I agree,
Come, praise the Lord with me!



Refrain:

So come, little children,
Gonna say my ABC's of God.
Yes, come draw near, little children,
Gonna say 'em for all to hear. (repeat)

The Lord is ABLE, He is BLESSED;
Full of COMPASSION, He's COMPLETE DELIGHTFULNESS;
He sits ENTHRONED above the cherubim;
There is no one, I mean no one who's EXALTED like Him!
The Lord is FORGIVING, full of GLORY He shines;
He is His people's HELPER, INTERCEDES all the time;
But He is also our JUDGE, and our KING supreme;
He is the LORD, the LIVING ONE; robed in MAJESTY, yea.

So we've just described some of who the Lord is,
Using words from A to M,
And it's clear: there is no one like Him!
Now let's go from N to Z.
Come, praise the Lord with me! (Refrain)



The Lord NEEDS NOTHING, NOT even sleep;
He's the ONE, true God and PROVIDER of true PEACE;
He QUIETS His people with His love;
He REDEEMED them from hell by the power of His blood-Jesus;
The Lord is SOVEREIGN, He is TRUTHFUL and UPRIGHT,
Over death He's VICTORIOUS and He's WONDERF'LY WISE;
He's our eXCELLENT God, His real name is YAHWEH,
He is full of ZEAL, and His good plans win always!

Now I've said my ABC's,
Come and praise the Lord with me!
Now I've said my ABC's,
Won't you come and praise the Lord with me,
Come on! (Refrain)

Now we know our ABC's,
And you'll have to agree,
He's not like anyone else,
He's in a category all by Himself,
He's in a category all by Himself.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,
H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,
Q,R,S,
T,U,V,W,X,Y and Zzz.



Jenn at PFI headquarters receives a message from Lydia in Guatemala...

From: lydia@liamlilipad.com
Re: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Dear PFI,
This world is filled with too many amazing things to get here on its own! God must have made it! Am I right? Can you tell me what God made?

In the beginning, there was only God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. No one and nothing else! God was completely satisfied in Himself, but He chose to make the whole universe. He created it all through Jesus, and for His own glory.

What did God use to make the world? Absolutely nothing, but His powerful word! He just spoke and it came to be. And it was all very good. It was without sin and ready for all of God's good plans.

From plants to planets; from mountains to mammals, God created everything in this world. But of all the earthly creatures, only in us humans did God put a spirit so we could know and love Him. Come on! Let's use it to praise Him right now!

Tess, tell us more about what God made! Kids, who were all things made through? Why did God create everything?

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Track 7: Big Question 5:
Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Hola, Lydia! How right you are! In the beginning, God created everything. And when He did, He created all things good.

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...
And God saw everything

that He had made, and behold, it was very good."

Genesis 1:1,31

Can you tell me what God made?
Can you tell me what God made?
Can you tell me what God made?
God made all things good.

Refrain:

God made all things good,
God made all things good,
(through Jesus/for His glory)
God made all things good,
God made all things good.





Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from Deepak in India...

From: dee@nyztmnonurth.com
Re: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

Dear PFI,
I know the world was good when God created it, but there are so many bad things in it now. How did bad things come to God's good world?

Namasté, Deepak! Sadly, you are right! There are many terrible things in God's good world now. All these bad things came through sin.

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin,

and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

Romans 5:12

Sin is rebelling against God. Long ago, an angel named Satan rebelled against God. Then he tempted Adam and Eve (the first people) to rebel, too. With their sin came the terrible things that we hate so much --sickness, sadness, selfishness; cruelty, pain, and death.

Sin came into the world when Adam and Eve rebelled against God, but it didn't stop there. It spread to all of God's good world and down to us. Now we're ALL born sinners who choose to disobey God. And we ALL deserve His just punishment: death and separation from Him forever. How terrible!

But God always knew this; and in His mercy, He planned to save sinners. He sent His perfect Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for the sins of all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Through Jesus, God brings hope to even the worst of sinners!

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Over to you, Tess!
Tell us more! Kids, what are the wages of sin? Who can save us from them?

Track 8: Big Question 6: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?



A: Death is the wages of sin. Jesus can save us from them!

Jenn at PFI headquarters receives a message from Jo in Australia...

From: jo@comeback.com
Re: What Are God's Laws Like?

Dear PFI,
I hear grownups talk about the good and bad laws our country's leaders make. God's the ruler over everything. Are His laws good and bad, too? What are God's laws like?

God is our Creator and He's perfect. He always knows what's best and does what's best. God's laws reflect His righteousness: His perfect love, goodness, and fairness.

We should all obey God's laws. They are always the best way to live. They help us know how to love God and others. God's laws are worth more than all the gold in the world! God blesses those who live His way.

God's laws are wonderful, but none of us obey them as we should. Yet even here, God uses His laws to bless us! They show us that we need a Savior if we want to be God's people. Jesus is that Savior--the only person who ever kept God's laws perfectly!

God promises to forgive all who trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will send His Holy Spirit to live inside them and help them live out His laws. God helps us do what we could never do on our own!

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G'day, Jo! Great question! The laws our leaders make are sometimes good and sometimes bad, but God's laws are always good. Matter a fact...they're perfect!

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are

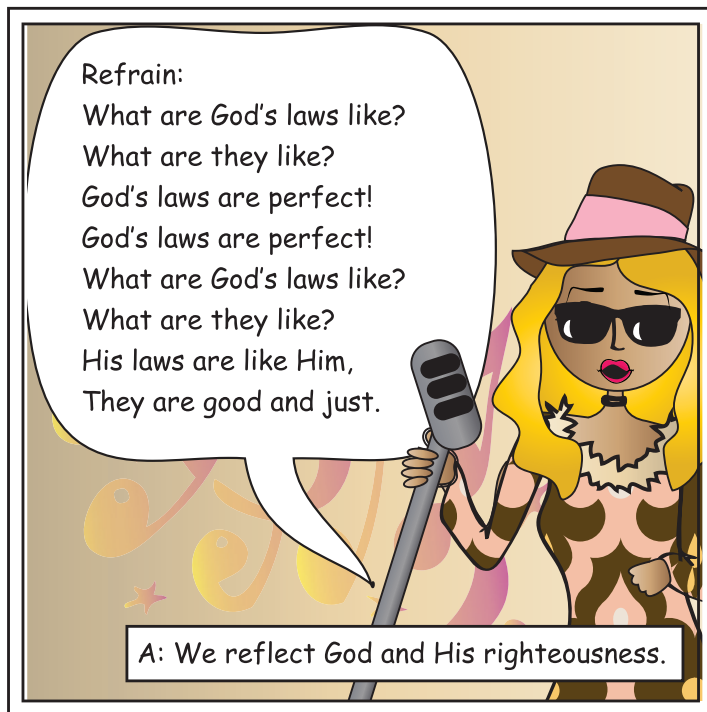
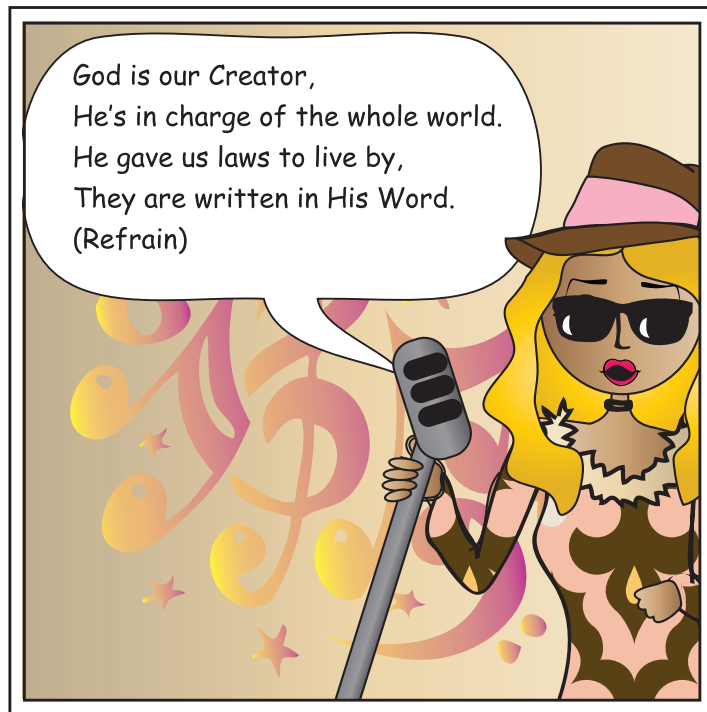
they than gold, even much fine gold...in keeping them there is great reward."

Psalms 19:7,9,10,11



What can you tell us about God's laws, Tess? Kids, who and what do we reflect when we keep God's laws?

Track 9: Big Question 7:
What Are God's Laws Like?



Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from Getu in Ethiopia...

From: getu@bluprntzkid.com
Re: What Is God's Love for His People Like?

Dear PFI,
I read in the Bible that God has a special love for His people. Who are God's people and what is His love for them like?

God's love for His people is steadfast. It goes on and on without changing.

God knew and loved His people before the world began. He planned for them to be from every people on earth. He would be known and praised everywhere!

God also knew His people would rebel against Him and deserve death--His just, eternal punishment for sin. But in His love, He planned to save them through His Son, Jesus. He would work in their hearts and change them with His Holy Spirit. They would grow to be more and more like Jesus.

Best of all, God planned to bring His people home to live with Him forever. Not a one of them would be lost!

God's love for His people began before He made the world; and, it will never end! It's truly more than they could ever deserve!

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Selam, Getu! The answer to your question may surprise you. God is perfectly good and loving, so you might think His people would be just like Him...but they're not! God's people are all sinners who've rebelled against Him. His love for them is more than they could ever deserve!

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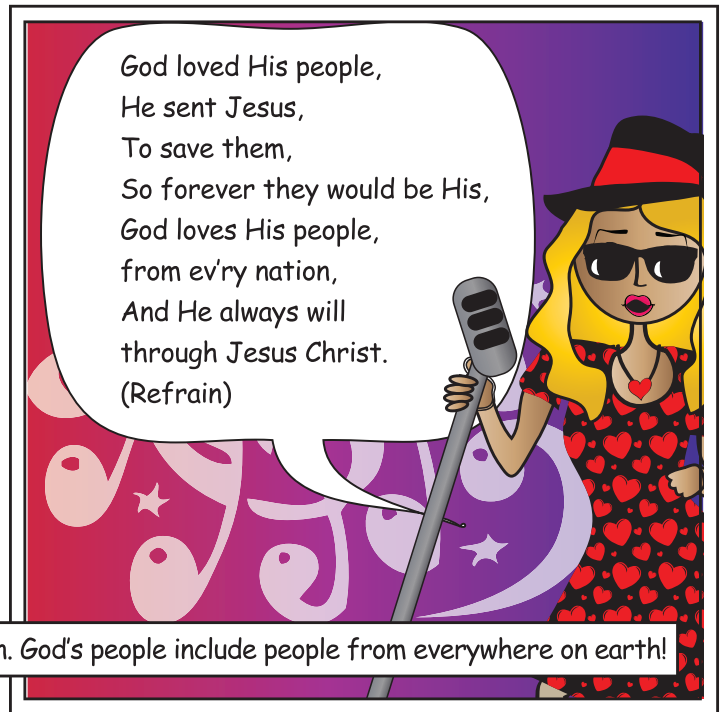
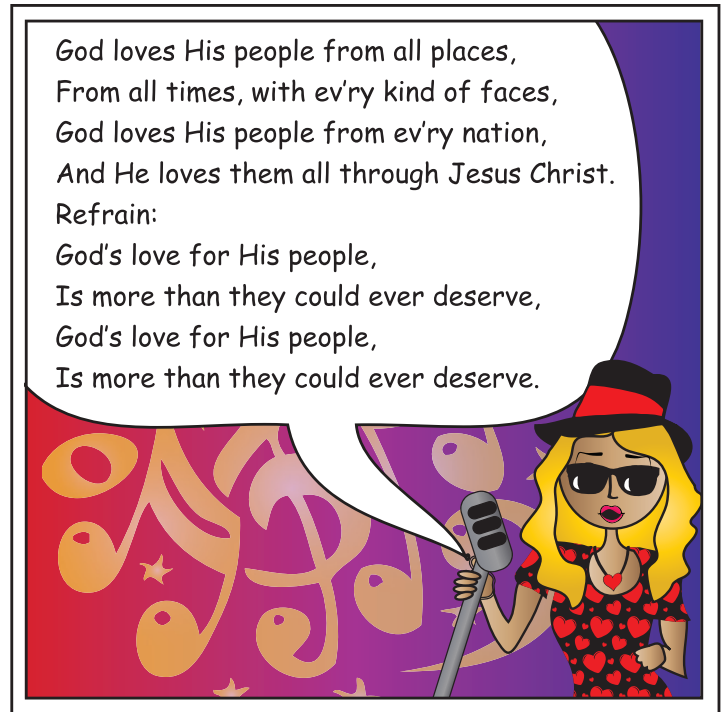
"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"

1 Chronicles
16:34



Tess, tell us more about God's special love for His people! Kids, listen for where God's people come from.

Track 10: Big Question 8: What Is God's Love for His People Like?



A: All places, every nation. God's people include people from everywhere on earth!

Jenn at PFI headquarters receives a message from Wei-Ting in China...

From: weiting@brfightr.com
Re: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Dear PFI,
Lots of people celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Why? What did Jesus come to do?

Jesus is the Christ: the special, Chosen One sent from God to save God's people.

Jesus was the holy Son of God, yet He chose to leave His home in heaven and come to earth as a man. How amazing! Jesus was both fully God and fully human!

Jesus lived the perfectly righteous life that pleases God. He never, ever sinned! Then on the cross, He offered up His life to God, His Father. It was the full payment for the sins of God's people --all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.

Yes, Jesus suffered and died for unrighteous sinners so they could become God's holy people. Then, on the third day, He rose from the dead and went to reign in heaven.

Jesus had really done it! He had made the way for us to come to God.

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Ni hao, Wei-Ting! The angel who spoke to Joseph in the Christmas story tells us what Jesus came to do. He said Jesus would save God's people from their sins--He had come to bring us to God! How did Jesus do this?

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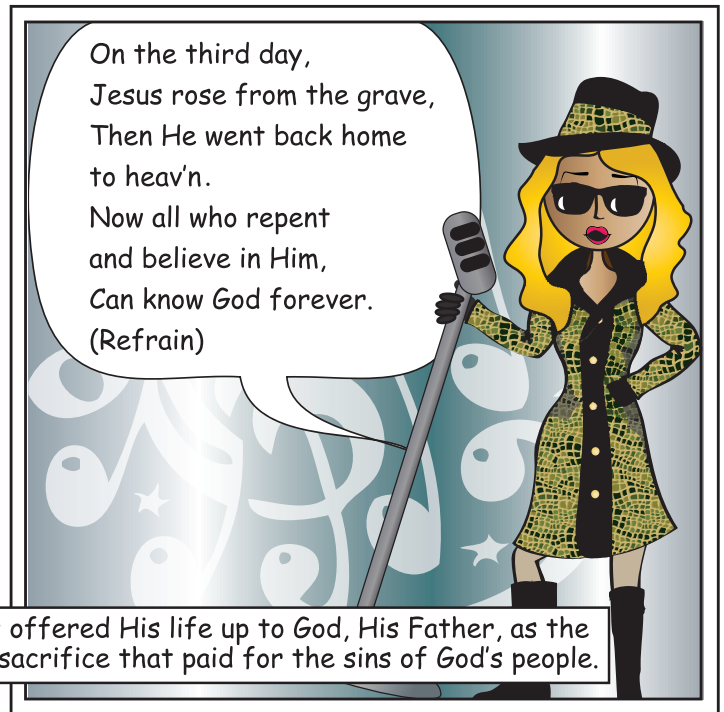
"For Christ... suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."

1 Peter 3:18



Tess, tell us more!
Kids, what did Jesus do on the cross for God's people?

Track 11: Big Question 9:
What Did Jesus Come to Do?



A: Jesus offered His life up to God, His Father, as the perfect sacrifice that paid for the sins of God's people.

Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from Angelo in Italy...

From: angelo@miabella.com
Re: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Dear PFI,
I heard some Christians talking about the Holy Spirit living inside of them. That sounds creepy! Who is the Holy Spirit? What does He do in God's people?

Ciao, Angelo! The Bible tells us that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: three Persons, but just one God. God, the Holy Spirit, carries out God's plans--especially His plans to work inside His people and change their hearts.

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a

heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."
Ezekiel 36:26-27

We're each born with a hard, stone-like heart that stubbornly wants to please ourselves instead of God. We need a new heart, alive with love for God. Only God can give us this new heart, by His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to begin to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

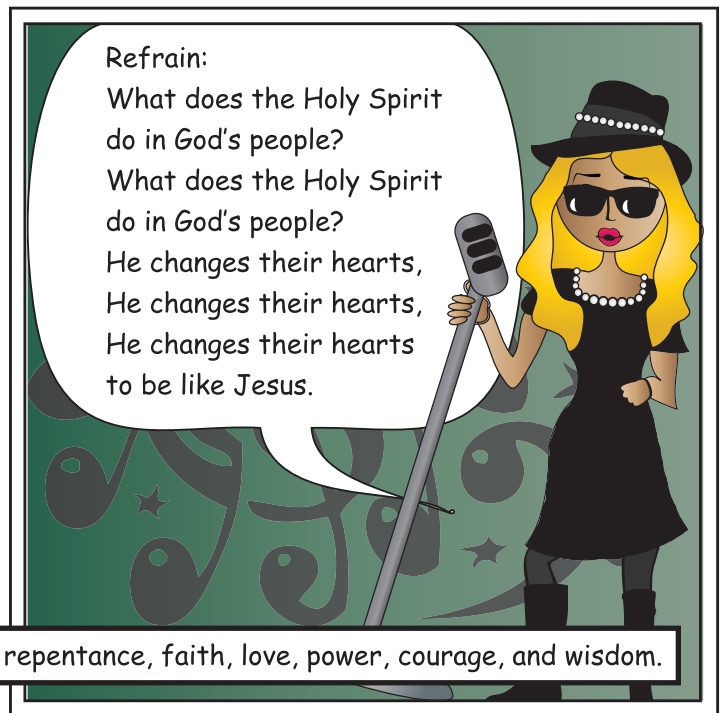
But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them know God and obey His laws. He helps them love God and others like Jesus did. He gives them comfort, wisdom and courage. And that's not creepy at all! That's wonderful!

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Hey, kids! Let's listen to Tess and find out 7 things the Holy Spirit does in the hearts of God's people.

Track 12: Big Question 10: What Does The Holy Spirit Do in God's People?



A: He gives life, repentance, faith, love, power, courage, and wisdom.

Jenn at PFI headquarters receives a message from Vini in Brazil...

From: vini@rioredeemer.com
Re: How Can We Be Saved?

Dear PFI,
I want to become one of God's people, but I keep breaking God's laws. Is there any hope for me? How can I be saved?

Wages are the pay you get when you work at a job. When we sin, we are working against God and His good ways. Death is the payment we deserve for our sins.

Death isn't just about our bodies dying. It's also about us being punished for our sins and separated from God forever. There's nothing worse than that!

But there's hope! God sent His Son, Jesus, to save sinners. Jesus lived the perfect life that pleases God. Then on the cross, He offered it up to God as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of God's people.

What amazing love! Jesus took God's punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him! Then He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He'd really done it!

Forgiveness of sins! Eternal life! Salvation! These are the free gifts that God offers you and me!

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Ola, Vini! It's not just you who breaks God's laws. We all do, because we're all sinners. No matter how hard we try, we can never please God or earn eternal life on our own. We'd have to live God's way perfectly to do that! That's why we need a Savior to save us from our sins, if we are to become God's people.

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in

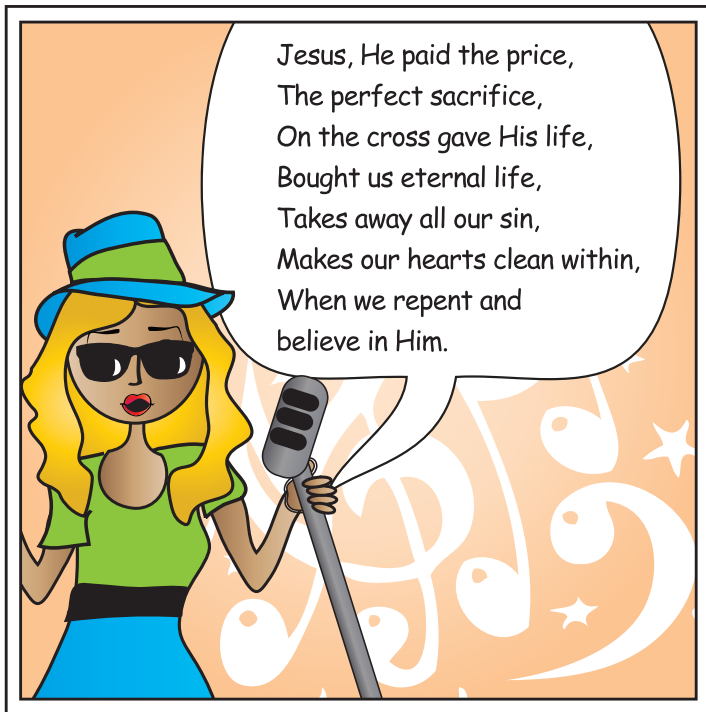
Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23



Over to you, Tess!
Kids, what must we do if we are to become God's people?

Track 13: Big Question 11:
How Can We Be Saved?



Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from Anand in Fiji...

From: anand@seabreeze.com
Re: How Should God's People Live?

Dear PFI,
I know God forgives our sins when we trust in Jesus as our Savior, but does He care how we live? How should God's people live?

When you imitate someone, you try to act like them. God's people honor God by imitating His good ways. There's no one better for us to imitate than Jesus, God's Son. His perfect life shows us how God wants us to live.

Jesus knew God's Word and obeyed it. In everything He did, Jesus loved God most of all, and He loved all people, too. Jesus especially showed His love by offering up His life to God as the perfect sacrifice that paid for God's people's sins.

If we want to be God's people, we will try to walk in love like Jesus did. We will learn God's Word and obey it. In everything we do, we'll try to love God most of all, and love all people, too.

Only in heaven will God's people love perfectly like Jesus; but, God's Holy Spirit lives and works inside of them here, each day, helping them love God and others more.

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Bula, Anand. Good question! Some people think being a Christian is only about asking Jesus to save them. They think it doesn't matter how they live, but they're wrong! True Christians want to honor God with their whole lives. They want to live like Jesus.

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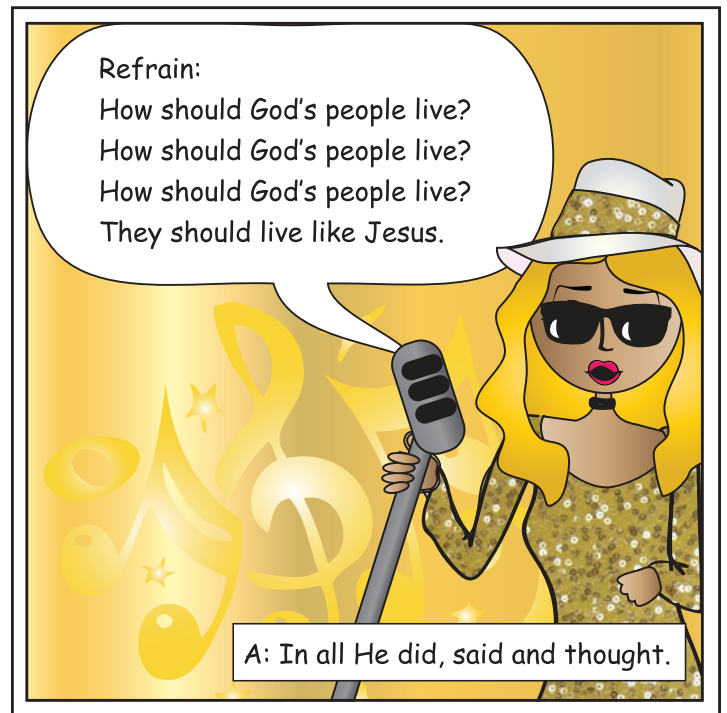
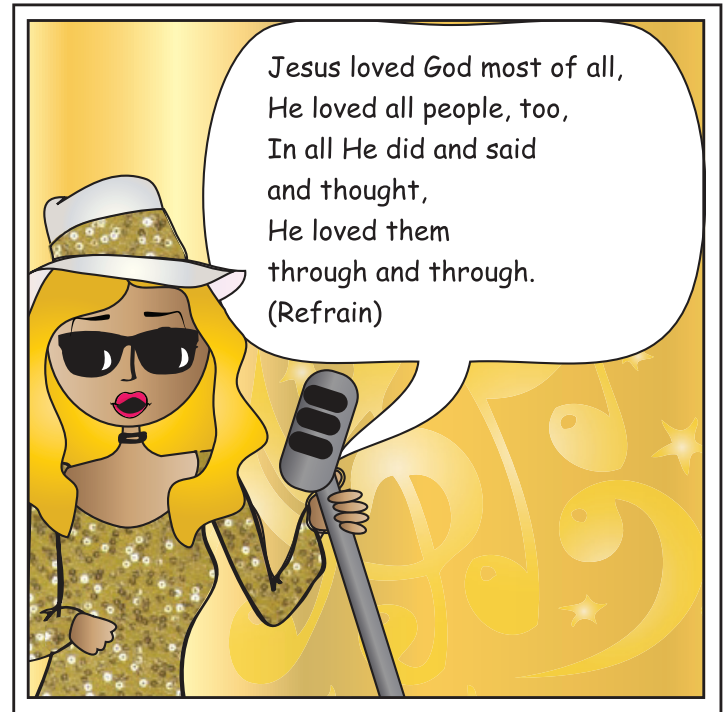
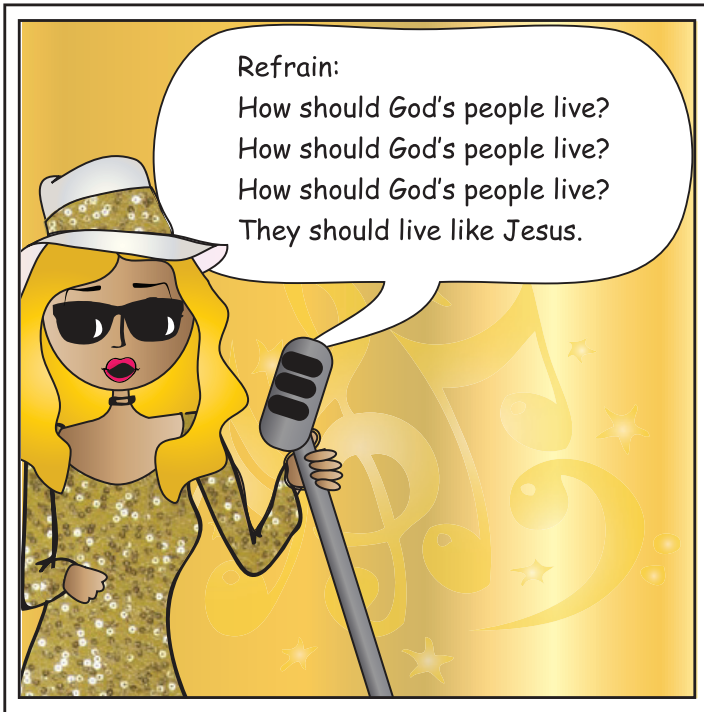
"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us

and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."
Ephesians 5:1-2

Tess, tell us how God's people should live! Kids, what 3 ways did Jesus show His love for God and for people?

Track 14: Big Question 12:
How Should God's People Live?





Jenn at PFI headquarters receives a message from Faris in Palestine...

From: faris@docderm.com
Re: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Dear PFI,
Sometimes God allows really hard things to happen to His people, but they keep on believing in Him. How do they do this? Why do God's people keep believing in Him?

Salam, Faris! You're right. There are such bad and sad things in this world! God's people, like everyone else, will suffer many of these. But while others may turn away from God as they suffer, God's people don't. God gives them His sustaining grace--strength to keep on believing in Him, trusting in His perfect plan, and living for Him, no matter what.

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"Cast your burdens on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never

permit the righteous to be moved."

Psalm 55:22

The sad and bad things of this world are burdens. They're hard things we have to live with. Sometimes they make us feel like giving up, even giving up on God!

But God tells His people to cast their burdens on Him--to give them over to Him to take care of. They can trust Him to sustain them. He will always give them what they need to make it through every hard time...and even do it with joy!

God promises to never let His people be moved from their faith in Him. They are His dear children. He adopted them and made them righteous (pleasing and acceptable to Him). How? Through Jesus, who died on the cross for their sins.

Nothing will stop God from making sure that His people persevere. They will keep on believing in Him to the very end!

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Come on, Tess! Tell us more! Kids, what are 2 things God's people do that God uses to sustain them?

Track 15: Big Question 13: 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 trusting in Him.
To keep on living for Him
to the very end.
(Refrain)



Refrain:
That's why *God's* people say...
I'm gonna keep on believing in God,
I'm gonna keep on living for Him.
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in God,
And it's all thanks to Him,
Thanks to Him!

A: Read God's Word and pray.

Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from Helga in Iceland...

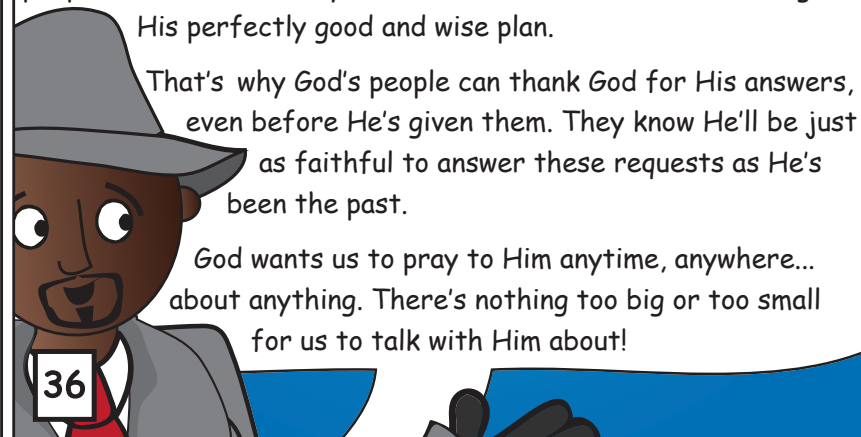


Hallo, Helga. God loves to hear our prayers, especially when we pray with a humble heart that wants to know and honor Him! God loves for us to adore Him, to confess our sins to Him, to thank Him, and to ask Him to help us. God never gets tired of hearing our prayers! He wants us to pray to Him every night and day...and anytime in between!



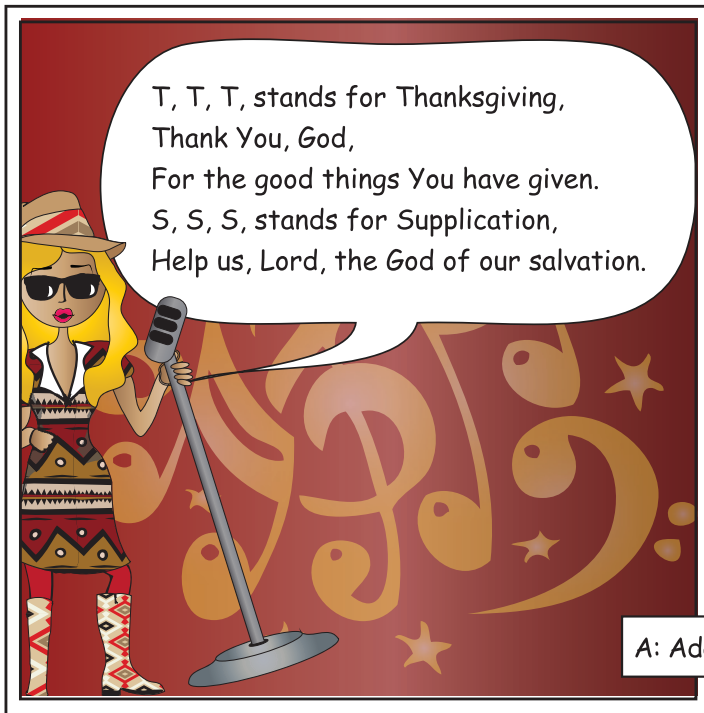
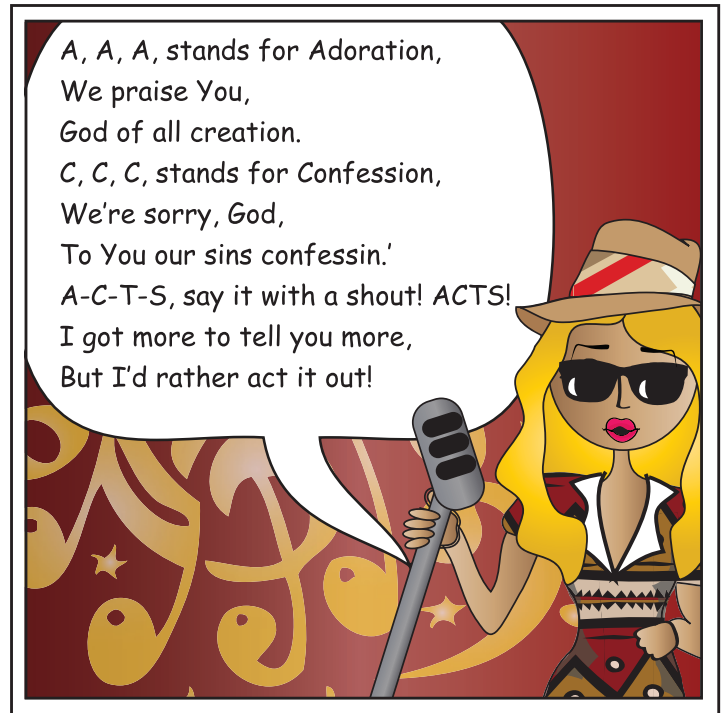
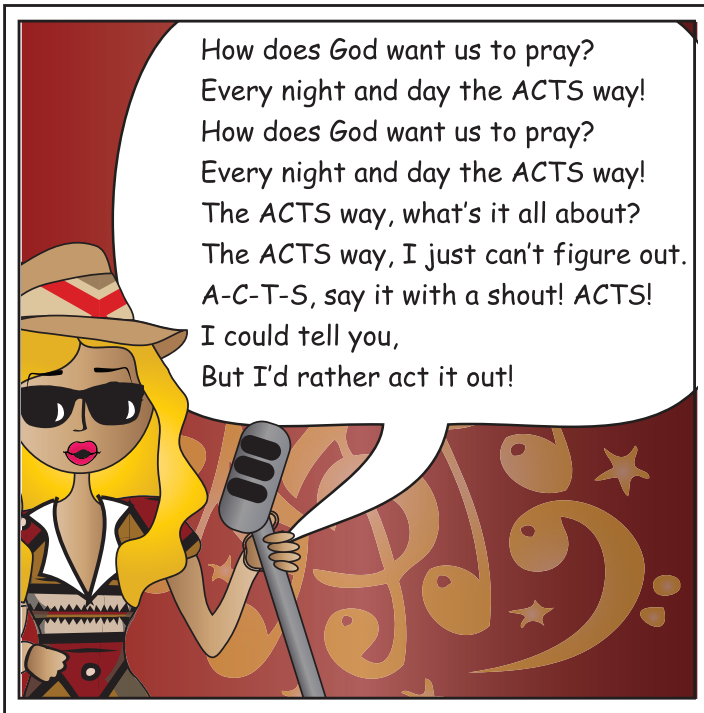
We can always pray to God. He's always at hand. That's why God's people know they don't need to be anxious about anything. God is right nearby. He hears their prayers and promises to answer them.

Sometimes God answers with a "yes;" and sometimes, with a "no." Other times, it's a "not yet." But no matter what His answer, God's people know He will always do what's best for them, according to His perfectly good and wise plan.



Tess is gonna tell us 4 ways God loves for us to pray--ACTS! Kids what does A-C-T-S stand for?

Track 16: Big Question 14:
How Does God Want Us to Pray?



A: Adoration C: Confession T: Thanksgiving S: Supplication

Jenn at PFI headquarters receives a message from Mark in DC...

From: mark@rickysibbes.com
Re: Why Do God's People Go to Church?

Dear PFI,
On Sundays, I see Christians going to church. What do they do there? Why do God's people go to church?

Hi, Mark! God's people don't just GO to church. They ARE the church! "Church" is the Bible word for God's people gathering together to worship God and love one another. Usually they gather together on Sundays. That's the day Jesus rose from the dead, showing that He'd defeated sin and death. God's people love to celebrate this!

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together..."

but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews
10:24,25

Every week, Christians gather together in local churches all over the world. They worship God as they listen to preaching from the Bible. They praise Him as they remember what Jesus did on the cross. They share this good news with others.

They love one another, too. They pray and care for each other's needs. They urge each other to love more deeply and serve God more completely.

God's people look forward to the great Day when Jesus will come back. On that day, the whole church--all of God's people--will at last praise God together before His throne.

Some people think Christians don't need to go to church, but the Bible disagrees. It says that God's people shouldn't neglect to meet together. They need each other's help to live for God. And, it's when they gather together to worship God and love one another, that they best glorify God and show others what He's like.

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Kids, listen to Tess. See if you can learn what God's people call each other. What do you think that means?

Track 17: Big Question 15:
Why Do God's People Go to Church?



A: God's people call each other sisters and brothers because God has adopted them into His family.

Tim at PFI headquarters receives a message from Deniz in Turkey...

From: deniz@pry4cnasia.com
Re: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?

Dear PFI,
A friend told me that Jesus is in heaven, but one day He will come back to earth. Is this true? What will happen when Jesus comes back?

Merhaba, Deniz. Your friend is right! Jesus is coming back one day. And what a day it will be! This old world and its ways will come to an end. God will make everything new!

THE BIBLE TELLS US:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the

former things have passed away. And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'"

Revelation 21:1,4-5

When Jesus comes back, this world will pass away. What a very sad day that will be for all who held onto their life of sin and never turned to Jesus to save them! God will give them the just punishment their sins deserve--death! They will be separated from God forever.

But for all who did turn away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior, it will be the happiest of days! God will give them special, new bodies that will never die. He'll make a new, perfect world for them to live in, face to face with Him forever. Sin and death will be gone forever!

When will Jesus come back? Only God knows, but He's told us to be ready! Come, Lord Jesus, come! Bring this best of days!

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Tess, tell us more!
Kids, name 3 things God will defeat when Jesus comes back.

Track 18: Big Question 16: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?

What will happen when Jesus comes back?
God will make everything new.

Refrain:

He'll make ev'rything new,
When He bursts through the blue.

No more sin, sickness, dying,
Only life, pure and good.

That's what will happen,
When Jesus comes back!

Oh, Lord, come quickly,
Lord Jesus, come back!



What will happen when Jesus comes back?
All God's enemies will get the sack!

Sin, sickness, death will all be defeated,
On the throne forever, Jesus be seated.

(Refrain)



What will happen
when Jesus comes back?
This heav'n and earth will end,
That's a fact!
God will destroy it,
A perfect, new one make.
The home of God
With His people always.



Refrain:

He'll make ev'rything new,
When He bursts through the blue.

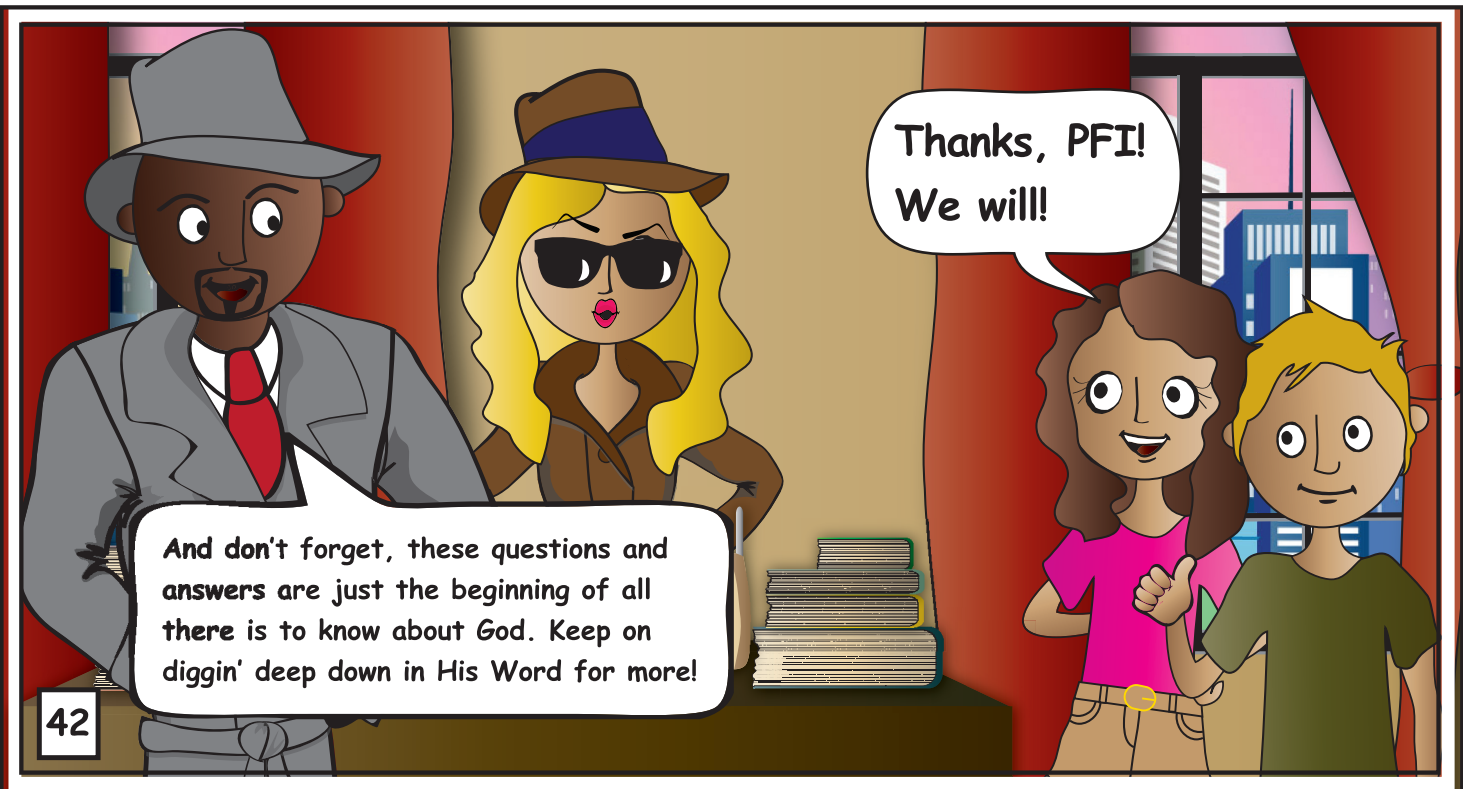
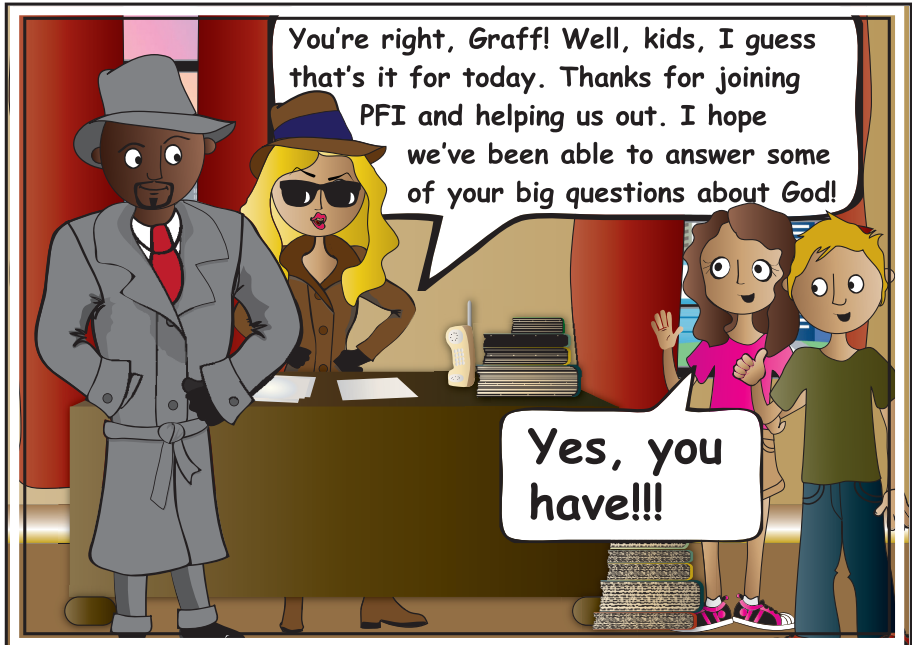
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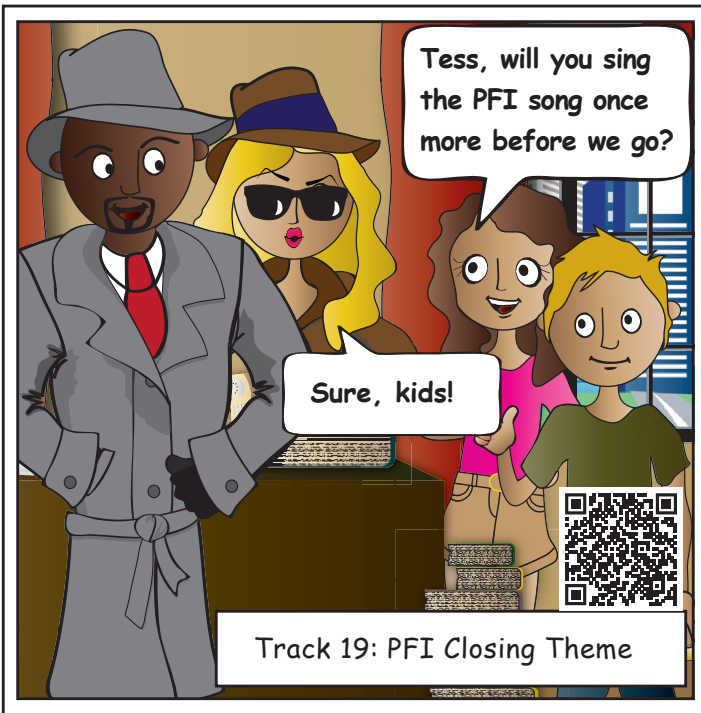
That's what will happen,
When Jesus comes back!

Oh, Lord, come quickly,
Lord Jesus, come back!



A: Sin, sickness, death will all be defeated.





PFI MOTTO:

Never stop diggin',
Diggin' deep down,
In God and His Word,
Real treasure is found.

More precious than all the world's finest riches,
More delightful than all of your wildest wishes,
Is knowing God and living for Him,
His joy and peace, His forgiveness of sin.

So seek Him and find Him,
And you will receive,
Eternal life is His promised gift,
To all who repent and believe.

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Inspector Graff's Rap Vocals: Julian White

Back-up vocals (and whistles): Lena Seikaly

Instrumentals:

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Vince Evans: Organ, Fender Rhodes, Piano, Keyboard

Ira Gitlin: Mandolin, Banjo, Acoustic and Electric Guitar

Jeff Gruber: Flute, Harmonica, Acoustic, Electric and Slide Guitar,

Tambourine, and other keyboard instrumental effects

Jon Jensen: Trombone

Seth Kibel: Clarinet

Mark Prince: Drums

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