
Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 3, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish *Genesis, The Gospels*

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

1. In the beginning, God created everything. Best of all, were the people God made. God gave them a spirit so they could know and love Him. Life with God was Perfect Wonderfulness. They had everything they needed; and most of all, they knew and enjoyed God completely.
2. But Satan, God's enemy, came. He tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God.
3. Life in God's perfect world was broken. Now, there would be sin, sadness, sickness, and death. And the sin in their hearts separated them from God.
4. God is GOOD and HOLY. He hates sin. He punished Adam and Eve for disobeying Him. But God is full of love and mercy. He promised to send a Savior to crush the enemy. Yes, Jesus, God's Son, would pay for their sins and win back God's people to be His forever.
5. God's plan to send the Savior began to unfold. God told Abraham that the Savior who would be born into his family one day. Abraham's family grew into a big nation. He gave them His good laws to live by and a beautiful land to live in.
6. Life was good when they obeyed God, but life was bad when they turned to worship fake gods. God punished them for their sins but helped them turn back to Him and promised to still send the Savior.
7. At last, the Savior, Jesus, came. He taught about God and did many amazing things. He lived a perfect life—the life that Adam and Eve and all of us were supposed to live, but never did.
8. Jesus did this so He could pay for the sins of God's people. He died on the cross, giving His life as the perfect sacrifice for their sins. He was their substitute, their payment. Amazing!
9. Jesus was buried that day, but on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. The way back to Perfect Wonderfulness with God was made!
10. Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can become God's people. They can know God in their hearts now. And one day, they will go to enjoy Perfect Wonderfulness with God forever. All this can be ours, because Jesus, the Savior, came. Thank You, Jesus!