

# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #3, Bible Truth 1:  
The Case of the God Who Was Different**



"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! 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 **new** Big Question for us. It says, 'What Is the Gospel?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."





**"Deep Down Detectives! This is your first of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my badge. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!"**





DEEP  
DOWN  
DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...

GOD MADE US AND WE SHOULD ???? HIM.

PSALM  
100:2,3

Hint: Doing what someone tells  
us to do. It rhymes with "today."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Made Us and We Should ???? Him. Psalm 100:2,3." Hint: Doing what someone tells us to do. It rhymes with today."

**Psalm 100:2,3**

**“Serve the  
LORD with  
gladness!**

**It is he who  
made us.”**



Make a Joyful Noise  
Psalm 100:2,3

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 100:2,3, and read: “Serve the LORD with gladness! It is he who made us.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about the gospel?" he asked. "We think so! God made us and we are supposed to serve and obey Him. He's our king."



Big Q & A 3  
Simple  
Song



Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?  
A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...  
GOD MADE US AND WE SHOULD OBEY HIM.

PSALM  
100:2,3

"Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? And the answer is: It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Made Us and We Should OBEY Him!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 3  
Tell Me More  
Song



“God is our Creator. He made everything in heaven and earth. He made it perfectly. It was good and without sin. It was just exactly as He planned. God isn’t just the Creator of everything. He is also the King over everything. God is the King everyone should obey. God gives us good laws to live by. And, He gives us consequences if we disobey Him. We should worship, love, and obey God, our good Creator and King.”





Bible Chant  
Song

# ***"The Case of the God Who Was Different"***

Acts 17:16-33



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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 God Who Was Different.' Listen for what made the LORD so different from the fake gods of Athens."**

# The Case of the God Who Was Different Acts 17:16-33

more depth  
for  
older kids



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the God who was different?
2. What made Him so different?

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 100:3, ESV

"Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us."

1. Who urged the people to worship the LORD and serve Him as their king?
2. Who did worship the LORD? Who did not?

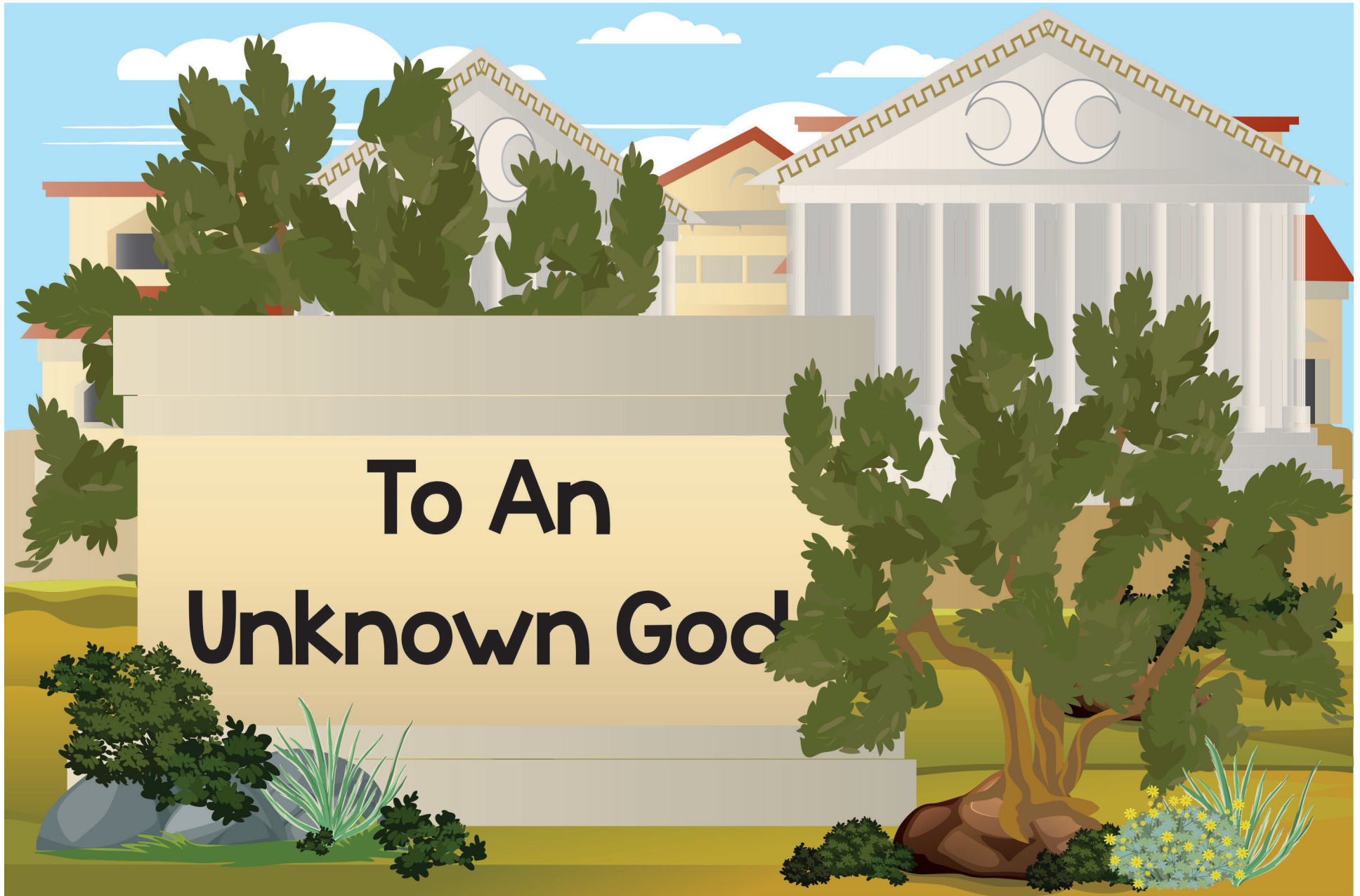
(more listening and discussion  
questions are included in the  
curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

## Something to Grow Into





I. Gods! Gods! Gods! Athens was a city full of HUNDREDS of fake gods! The people of Athens took good care of their gods. They built them beautiful temples. They laid rich worship gifts at their stony feet. They celebrated them with big, worship parties.



2. They even laid a stone to honor an Unknown God. The people of Athens didn't want to leave out any god.



3. Yes, the people of Athens worshipped hundreds of fake gods, but the only God they **SHOULD** have been worshipping was that "Unknown God." He was the **REAL**, the one, **TRUE** God --the **LORD**! And Paul was coming to tell them about Him, that they might be saved.



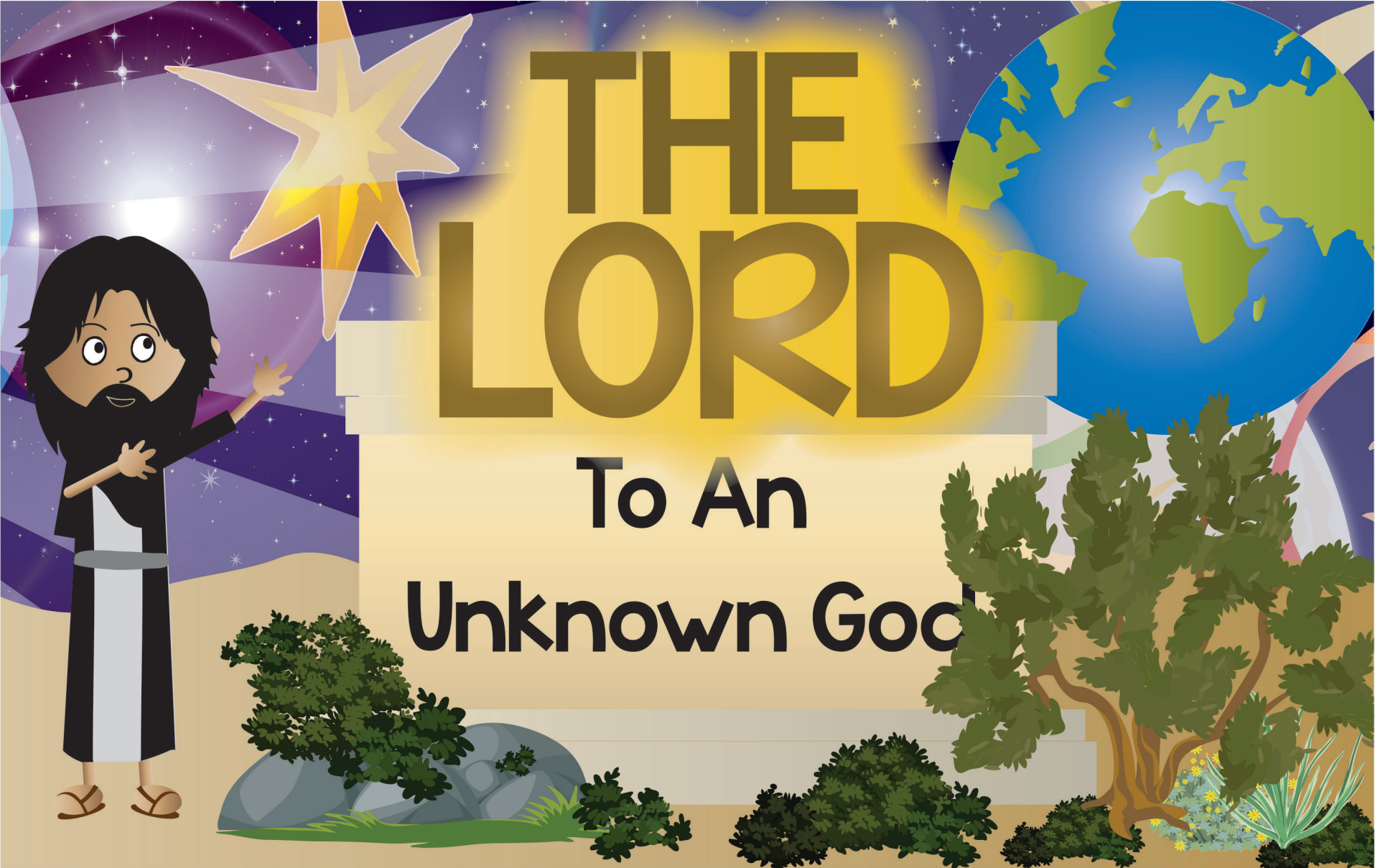


4. Paul was shocked at all the fake gods in Athens! He began sharing the good news with everyone who would listen. "Let me tell you about the LORD! Let me tell you about Jesus, His Son, sent to save you! Worship Him, not these fake gods!" Paul urged them all.



5. Word about Paul and his strange, new teaching soon spread to the city leaders. They found Paul and said, "Come up to our important meeting place on Mars Hill and tell us about this new God. We want to hear about Him, ourselves."





# THE LORD

## To An Unknown God

6. Up on Mars Hill, Paul spoke to the crowd: "People of Athens, you are worshipping fake gods! Let me tell you about the LORD, the one, true God--the one you call 'the Unknown God.' He's the living God who made everything in heaven and earth. Worship Him!" Paul told them.





7. "The LORD is our King, but we have all disobeyed Him. We deserve His punishment," Paul said. "But He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for the sins of all who trust in Him. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He beat sin and death for God's people," Paul told them.



8. "So, turn away from your fake gods. Turn to LORD. Trust in His Son, Jesus, and be saved! You can be God's people, too," Paul urged them. The people of Athens had never heard of a God like this! A God who came to die for sinners, then rose from the dead! Incredible!





9. "Your God sounds silly!" many said. But God's Holy Spirit was at work in others, like Dionysius and Damaris. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. How happy Paul was! These new believers could keep on telling the people of Athens about Jesus.



# **“The Case of the God Who Was Different”**

Q: “What made the LORD so different from the fake gods of Athens?”

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kids

# THE LORD



**IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...**

**God Made Us and We Should Obey Him!**

**A: “The LORD is the one, true God, our Creator and King. The Athens gods were just fake gods.”**

# The Case of the God Who Was Different Acts 17:16-33

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the God who was different?  
The LORD was the god who was so different.

2. What made Him so different?  
He was the one, true, living God. He was no fake god, like those the people of Athens worshipped.

For You and Me:  
The people of Athens worshipped many gods, but only the LORD was the one, true God who created them and they should obey. Paul told the people of Athens how they could know the LORD as their God, by turning away from worshipping their fake gods and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.

# SOLVED

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 100:3, ESV

"Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us."

1. Who urged the people to worship the LORD and serve Him as their king?

Paul did.

2. Who did worship the LORD? Who did not?

Dionysius and Damaris and a few others worshipped the LORD. The rest laughed and kept worshipping their fake gods.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Athens, we have so much to worship the LORD for being and doing. He is the one, true God! He has made us and wants us to know Him and love Him. He has offered us to be saved from our sins through Jesus, just like the people of Athens heard.

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## Something to Grow Into



What Is the Gospel?

It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...

God made us and we should obey Him!



God made all people—including you and me! And He made us to know Him, love Him, and obey Him. He's our good King. But like the people of Athens, we have all disobeyed God. We want to live life our own way, not His. We all deserve His punishment. How sad!

But God is so merciful that He sent a Savior—His Son, Jesus! Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Jesus offered up His perfect life to God to completely pay for the sins of God's people, then He rose from the dead in victory on the third day.

We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

How good is God  
to us!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into





“The LORD is the one, true God who created us. Let’s pray to Him now.”

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You made us and all things.  
You are the one, true God.

Thank You for being our good King who gives us  
good laws to obey and is so merciful to us.

Work in our hearts. Help us to love and obey You.  
Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in  
Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



# Something to Grow Into

## A Prayer

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**A** God, we praise You for being the good Creator and King of the world.

**C** We confess that many times we rebel against You and Your good ways. We choose to live life our own way. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You for being our good Creator and King. Thank You for making everything in the world for Your good purposes. Thank You for being so merciful to us! Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.

**S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from rebelling against You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to joyfully obey You, our good and great King.

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!)



"Deep Down Detectives, 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!"

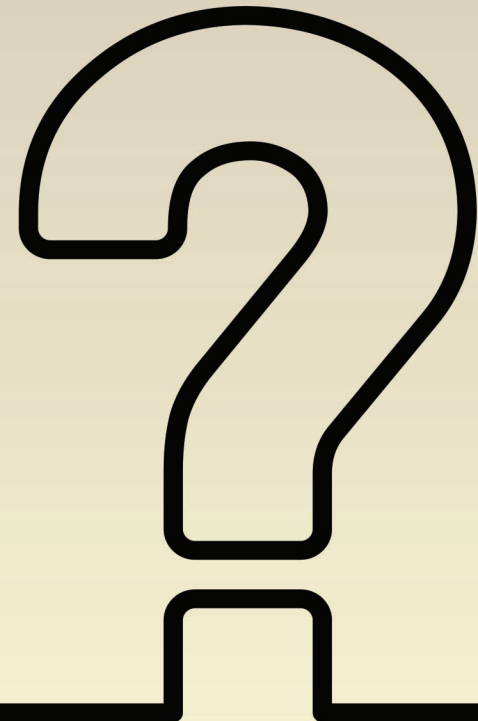


# Big Q & A #3

## Simple Song



What's the gospel?  
What's the gospel?  
Can you tell me what it is?  
It's salvation through faith in Jesus,  
That's what the gospel is. (repeat)



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

## Big Question 3 Tell Me More Song

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.



## 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:

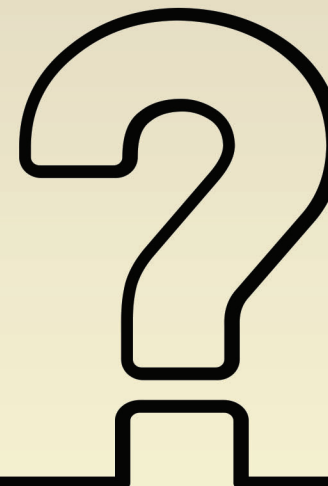
Jesus died on the cross,

Then on the 3rd day...

He rose from the dead.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



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

Big Question #3, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song:

Make a Joyful Noise: Psalm 100:1-6

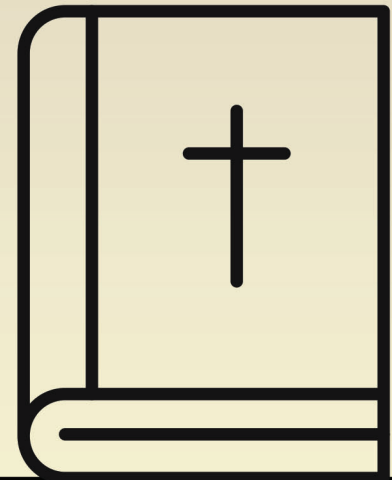


Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise,  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise,  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his. Refrain

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O, Enter His gates, His gates with thanksgiving,  
And his courts with praise! Refrain

Psalm One-hundred, one through six.



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



## Big Question #3 Hymn

### And Can It Be, Refrain

#### 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 #3 Praise Song

### I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, v.1

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderfully good news of the gospel!"

### Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,  
diggin' deep in God's Word,  
For truths about God and His  
plans for this world,  
We're seeking to love Him, with  
all of our heart,  
We're Deep Down Detectives!  
Come on! Let's start!



### 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!



### Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,  
Raise your hand,  
if you have something to say,  
Don't touch your friend,  
sitting beside you,  
Obey your teachers,  
Be kind as you play.  
These are our classroom rules,  
These are our classroom rules,  
They help us worship God  
and love one another,  
These are our classroom rules.



### 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,  
Shhh, Let's begin.

