

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #3, Bible Truth 4:
The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete**



"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 case for us. His Big Question is 'What Is the Gospel?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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

Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song



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Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

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

GOD SAVES ALL WHO ???? OF THEIR SINS AND
TRUST IN JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR.

MARK
1:15



Hint: The Bible word for turning
away from disobeying God.
It rhymes with 'cement.'

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Saves All Who ???? of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus as Their Savior! Mark 1:15."
Hint: "The Bible word for turning away from disobeying God. It rhymes with 'cement.'"

Mark 1:15

**“Repent
and
believe**

**in the
gospel.”**



The Time
Is Fulfilled
Mark 1:15

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Mark 1:15 and read: “Repent and believe in the gospel.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fourth truth about the gospel?" he asked. "We think so! 'Repent' means turning away from disobeying God and living your life for Him. When we repent and believe in Jesus, God will save us and make us His people."

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"Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? The answer is: It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... He Saves All Who **REPENT** of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus as Their Savior." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"Who can receive God's gift of forgiveness through Jesus? All who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Trusting in Jesus as your Savior means to depend on Jesus' perfect life given on the cross to pay for your sins to make you right with God. Repenting means to stop living a life full of disobeying God and to start living to please Him, instead. God can help us repent and believe. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!"



"The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete"

Titus



"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 Changes in Cruddy Crete.' Listen for what happened in the people of Crete when Paul told them the good news of Jesus."

The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete Titus

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was Crete and what was so cruddy about it?
2. Who changed in Crete? How did they change?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Mark 1:15, ESV

"Repent and believe in the gospel."

1. Who went to Crete to tell the people to repent and believe?
2. What was the gospel that he wanted them to repent and believe in?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. This story takes place on the island of Crete. Do you know what an island is? It's a little piece of land stuck out in the middle of a big piece of water, such as a sea or an ocean.

Liars Cheaters Lazy Over-eaters



2. Crete was very famous for something: its BAD, island people doing lots of bad things. There were liars and cheaters and lazy over-eaters, just to name a few. And that's why, most people thought of Crete as "Cruddy Crete." (Cruddy is a word that means something is no good.)

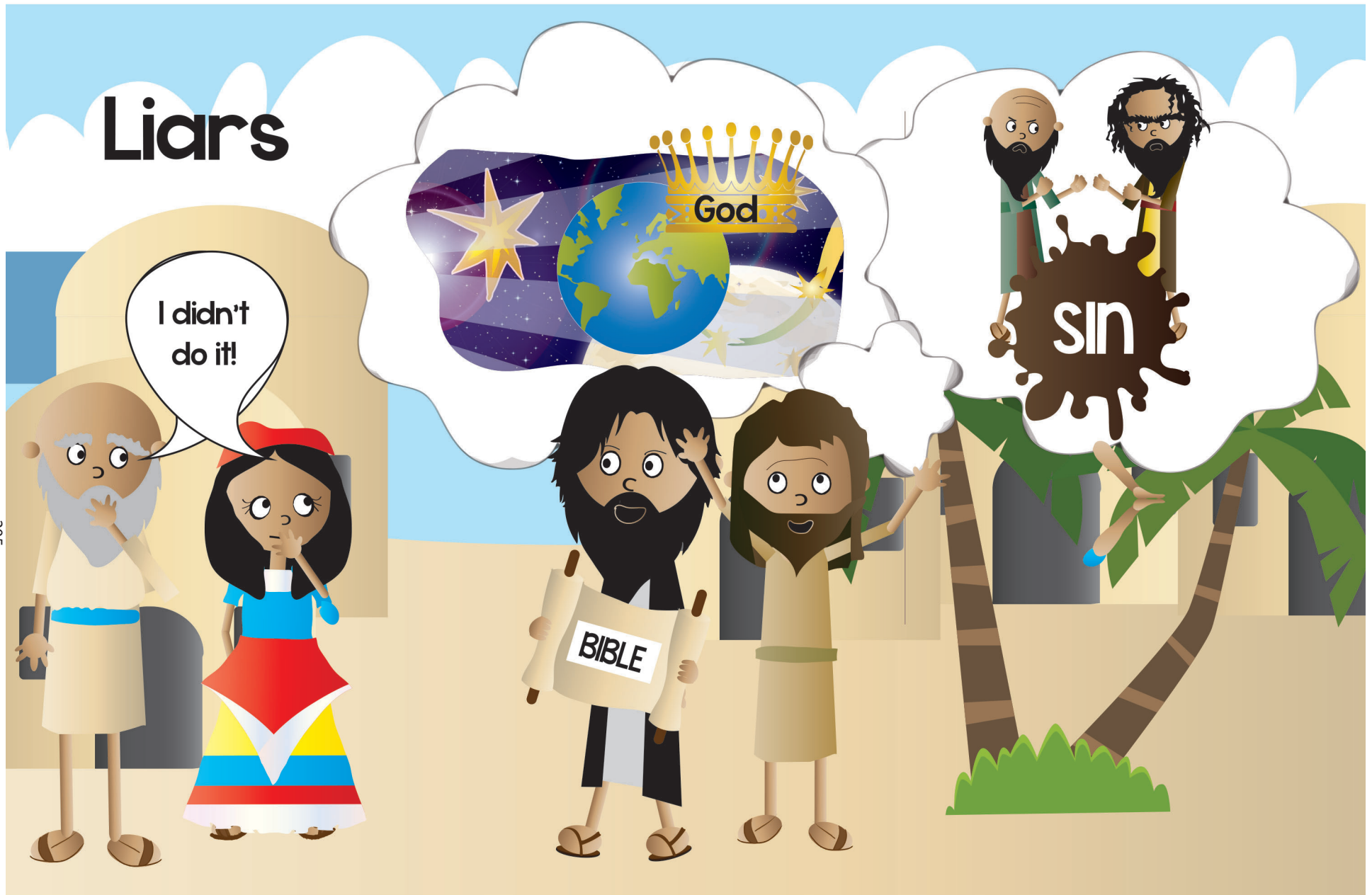


3. Most people didn't want to go to Crete, but Paul and Titus did. They wanted to share the good news about Jesus. He could even save these bad people from their sins.



4. So, Paul and Titus sailed over the sea to share the good news of Jesus with the bad people on Cruddy Crete.

Liars



5. This is what they shared: "God is the good King and Creator of the world. He made us and gave us His good laws to live by. But we have chosen to disobey Him and deserve His punishment!"

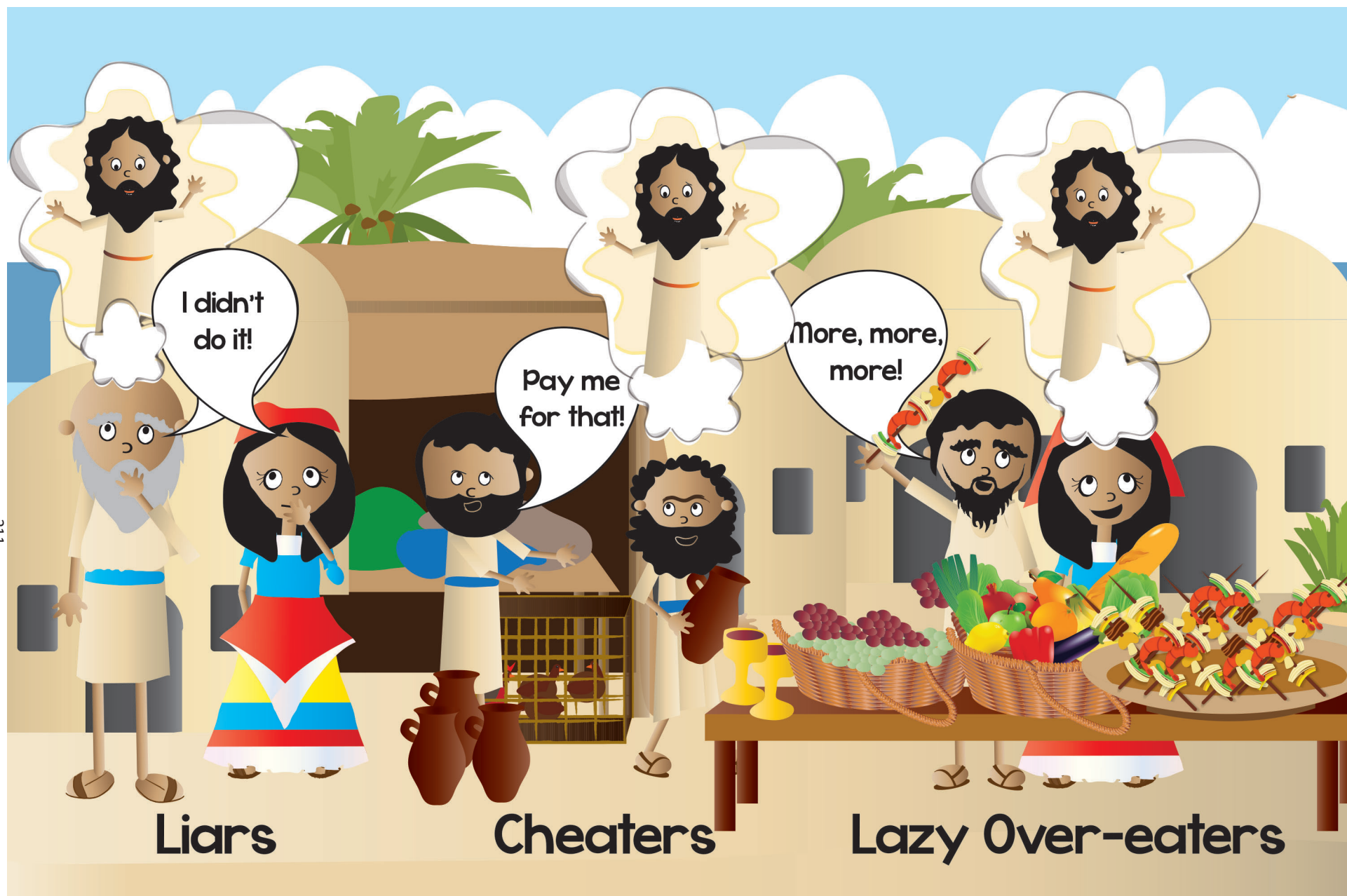
Cheaters



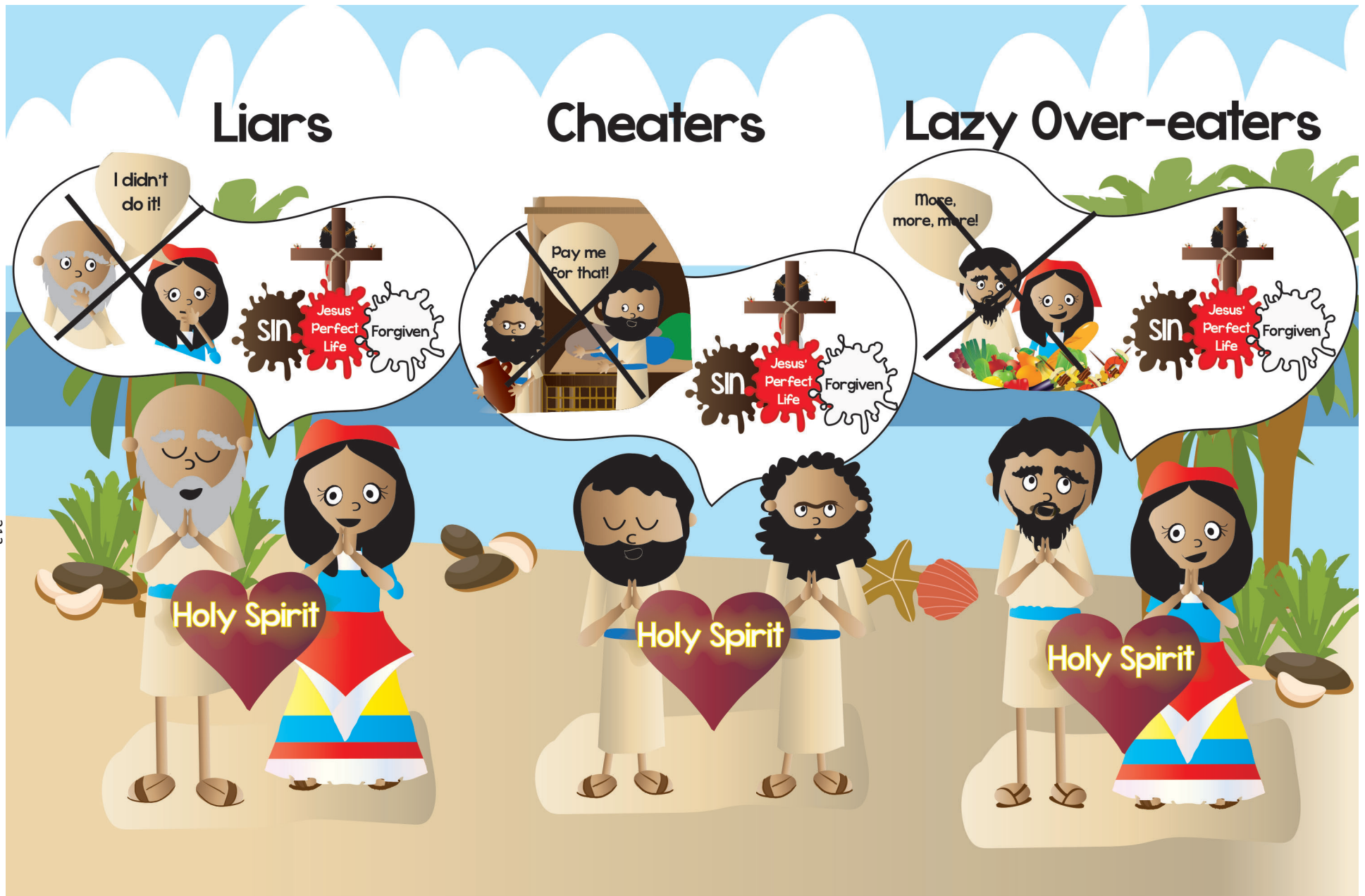
6. "But God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross He suffered and died to pay for the sins of God's people," Paul told them. "On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people."



7. "Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be saved! They become God's special people. Come, repent! Believe in Jesus! Be saved!" Paul told the people of Crete.



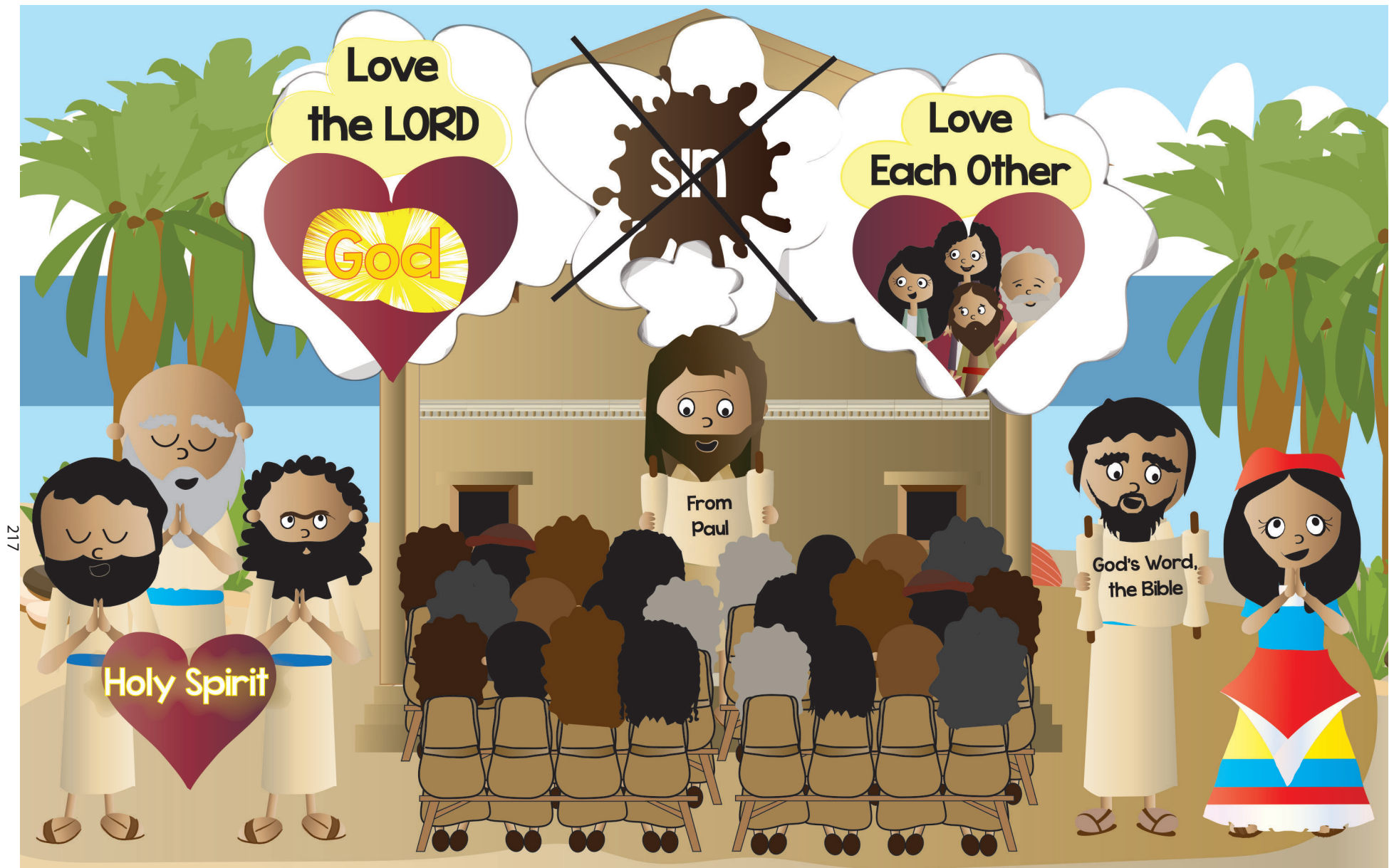
8. God worked in the hearts of many as they listened to Paul preach. They could see they were sinners who needed a Savior. They wanted God's forgiveness through Jesus. They BELIEVED!



9. But would they REPENT? Would they turn from their WAY of life and choose to live for God, instead? Yes! God's Holy Spirit helped the believers do that, too. How happy Paul and Titus were!



10. Paul left Crete, but Titus stayed as their pastor. Titus loved them, prayed for them, and taught them the Bible, but it was hard for these new believers to keep on loving God and living for Him. They thought about going back to their bad, old ways.



II. Paul heard about their struggles and wrote them a letter: "Keep repenting and believing! Love God and one another. Hold onto God's Word, the Bible. God will help you keep on believing in and living for Him. Signed, Paul."



12. God is always faithful to His people. He helps them repent, believe, and live for Him their whole lives. He would help these believers, too.

“The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete”

Q: “What happened in the people of Crete when Paul told them the good news of Jesus?”

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kids



THE GOSPEL IS SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS!

God Saves All Who Repent of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus As Their Savior!



A: “The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many. They turned away from their sins, believed in Jesus, and were saved.”

The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete Titus

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was Crete and what was so cruddy about it? Crete was an island. It was filled with people who rebelled against God and His good ways. They are what made the island so cruddy.

2. Who changed in Crete? How did they change? Many people changed in Crete when they heard the good news of Jesus. God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:

Maybe we don't live in Cruddy Crete, but we need Jesus to be our Savior, just as much as they did. God can help us repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, just like He helped them! Ask Him to help you!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Mark 1:15, ESV

"Repent and believe in the gospel."

1. Who went to Crete to tell the people to repent and believe? Paul with his young friend, Titus.

2. What was the gospel that he wanted them to repent and believe in?

The good news that we can be forgiven our sins and become God's people through Jesus. Paul wanted the people of Crete to repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He wanted them to become God's people, too.

For You and Me:

The gospel Paul shared with the people of Crete is for us, too. God offers to forgive our sins and make us His people when repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

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Something to Grow Into

What Is the Gospel?

It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...

God saves all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior!

The Gospel



Like the people in Cruddy Crete, we have all chosen to disobey God and live our own way. Like them, we deserve God's punishment for rebelling against Him.

What good news is it to hear that God sent Jesus to be our Savior, too. Jesus died on the cross as the perfect payment for sins. On the third day, He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

How can we become God's people? How can Jesus be our Savior? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. God delighted to help many people in Crete do this. He can help you, too. Ask Him!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



**“The LORD can help us turn away from our sins and live for Him.
Let’s ask Him now. Let’s pray.”**

A Prayer

**We praise You, LORD. You are so good. Obeying
You is the best way for us to live.**

**Many times, we disobey You. Thank You for
sending Jesus to be the Savior we need.**

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being so full of love and mercy! You call us to repent and believe in Jesus that we might be saved.

C We confess that we often disobey You and Your good ways. We choose to live life our own way, not Yours. We need a Savior!

T Thank God for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to joyfully obey You. You know what is best for us and what brings You glory.

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!)



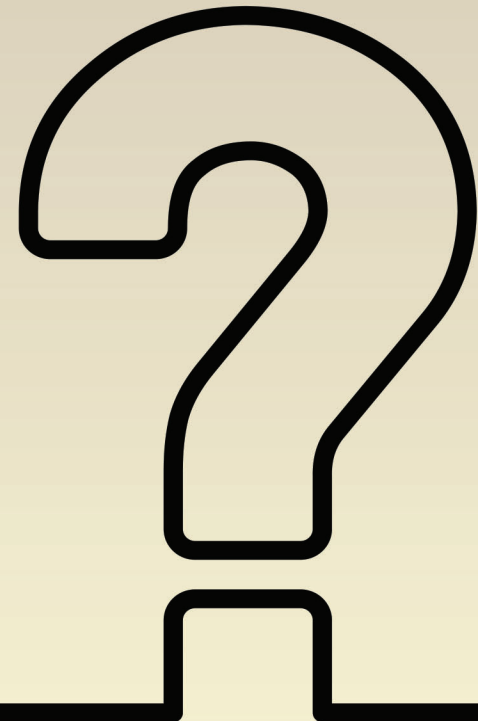
"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

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:

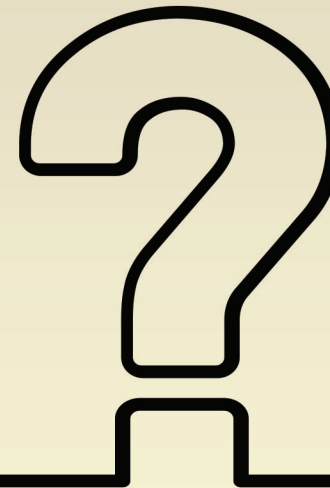
Jesus died on the cross,

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.

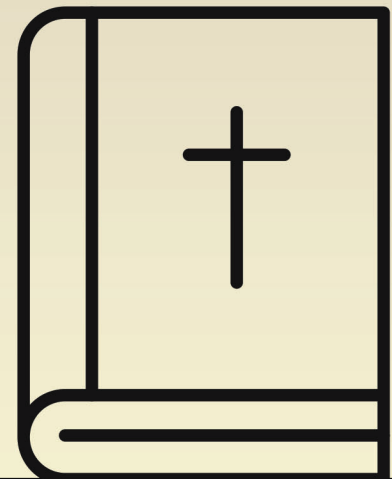
Big Question #3, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

Mark 1:15: The Time Is Fulfilled



The time is fulfilled,
The time is fulfilled,
And the kingdom of God is at hand.
The time is fulfilled,
The time is fulfilled,
And the kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe,
Repent and believe in the gospel,
Repent and believe,
Repent and believe in the gospel,
Repent and believe. (repeat)
Mark Chapter One, verse fifteen.



"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.

