


DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

**Curriculum Resources
for Unit 6, Bible Truth 2:**

A decorative flourish consisting of a horizontal line with a central loop and two teardrop-shaped ends pointing outwards.

**How Did Bad Things Come
to God's Good World?**

Bad Things Came through Sin...

When Sin Spread to the Whole World!

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

Review



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan.** Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the storyboard pictures. (If **you have not previously laminated the story pictures, do that now.**) Or, rehearse it from the Simple Story Scenes, if you are using those.

Let There Be Music



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

Put the Props in Place



1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.
2. Get out your storyboard. If using Simple Story Scenes, put these in your Bible Folder. Or, if using the individual storyboard figures, put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder.
3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

Set Out Free Play Activities



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

Prepare Any Activities



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

Let Them Take It with Them



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

Unit 6: God, the Just and Merciful

UNIT OVERVIEW

When God created the world in the beginning, He created all things good; but, now there are many bad and sad things in God's good world. All these bad things came through sin when people disobeyed God. How good it is that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! He can forgive our sins and make us God's people!

In this unit we will learn two truths about how sin came into God's good world, and how just and merciful God has been to sinners.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Romans 5:12

"Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

ANSWER: Bad Things Came through Sin

OPTIONAL Big Question 6 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 6 Material)

Story: The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day *Genesis 3-4*

Bible Verse: Romans 5:12

BIBLE TRUTH 1: When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Very Sad Day *Genesis 3*

Bible Verse: Genesis 2-3

➔ BIBLE TRUTH 2: When Sin Spread to the Whole World (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop *Genesis 4,6-9*

Bible Verse: Psalm 14:2-3

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 6 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list. the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

UNIT 6: GOD, THE JUST AND MERCIFUL

- 12 Big Q & A 6 Song
- 13 Big Question 6 Song: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?
- 14 Big Question 6 Bible Verse Song: Sin Came into the World Romans 5:12 ESV
- 15 *Extra Big Question 6 Bible Verse Song: Sin Came into the World Romans 5:12 ESV (other version)*
- 16 Big Question 6 Hymn: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus, v.1
- 17 Big Question 6 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

Bad Things Came Through Sin...

Bible Truth 1: When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God

- 18 Bible Verse Song: You Must Not Eat, Eat, Eat Genesis 2, 3 NIV 1984
- 19 *Extra Bible Verse Song: For the Wages of Sin Is Death Romans 6:23, ESV*

Bible Truth 2: When Sin Spread to the Whole World

- 20 Bible Verse: The LORD Looks Down Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB
- 21 *Extra Bible Verse Song: All We Like Sheep Isaiah 53:6, ESV*
- 22 *Extra Bible Verse Song: For If by the Trespass Romans 5:17, NIV 1984*

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Big Question 6, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts**P.1****Unit 6: God, the Just and Merciful**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?
Bad Things Came through Sin!

Unit Bible Verse: "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, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Concept: Bad Things Came through Sin... When Sin Spread to the Whole World!

Everything God created was hurt by Adam and Eve's sin. The plants did not grow such good fruit. The animals had sicknesses. Adam and Eve's sin hurt all their children, too. They were born disobeyers with sinful hearts. They deserved God's punishment for their sins, just like their parents. They would suffer sicknesses and one day they would all die. What sadness Adam and Eve passed down to their children through their sin!

Guess who else are children from Adam and Eve's family? We are! That's why we get sick and one day will die. That's why we have sinful hearts that disobey God. And that's why we deserve for Him to punish our sins, too.

But God is so kind and merciful to us! He sent Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God promises to forgive their sins and put His Holy Spirit in their hearts, so they can once more have closeness with God again, right here on earth.

That is good news, but the best is yet to come! Bible tells us that everything God had made looks forward to the day when Jesus will come back and get rid of sin and death forever. God's people look forward to that day most of all. That's when they will live face to face with God, enjoying all the wonderful, special closeness with God that people can have...and it will never, ever end.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 14:2-3

The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one.

Learn a Little: "All have turned away...There is no one who does good, not even one."

Meaning

The LORD is everywhere, all the time. He sees all people and knows what they are like, inside and out. And what does He see? It is very sad! God sees that not even one person seeks after Him. No one does good. Why? Because we are all children of Adam and Eve. We are born with sinful hearts that choose to disobey God. Thank God for sending Jesus! Thank God that He promises to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He can save us, too. Ask Him to help you!

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for being holy and just. You hate sin. You are fair in Your punishments for our sins against You and Your good laws.
- C** God, we know that every one of us have sinful hearts. We are no different from those people who sinned against You, long ago. We have all chosen to disobey You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us when we should only get punishment for disobeying You. Thank You that You promise to forgive all who turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Help us to tell others the good news of Jesus that they might be saved, too. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop *Genesis 4,6-9*

Big Question 6, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts**p.2****Songs Used in Bible Truth 2**

Big Question 6 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Sin Came into the World Romans 5:12 ESV

Extra Big Question 6 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Sin Came into the World Romans 5:12 ESV

Big Question 6 Hymn: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus, v.1

Big Question 6 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Looks Down Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB

Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: All We Like Sheep Isaiah 53:6, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: For If by the Trespass Romans 5:17, NIV 1984

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Lesson Plan: Big Question 6, Bible Truth 2

use with all THREE lessons

p.1**1. GETTING STARTED**

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Intake Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children as they join the class:	
Free Play Time <i>suggestions in Appendix D</i>	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.	
OR Sing-along Music Time <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i> <i>listen to or download songs for free at https://praisefactory.org/Deep Down Detectives Music page</i>	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 6: Big Q & A 6 Song <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 12</i> Big Question 6 Song <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 13</i> Big Question 6 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Sin Came into the World Romans 5:12 ESV <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 14</i> <i>Extra Big Question 6 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:</i> <i>Sin Came into the World Romans 5:12 ESV</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 15</i> Big Question 6 Hymn: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus, v.1 <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 16</i> Big Question 6 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 17</i> Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Looks Down Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 20</i> <i>Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song:</i> <i>All We Like Sheep Isaiah 53:6, ESV</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 21</i> <i>Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song:</i> <i>For If by the Trespass Romans 5:17, NIV 1984</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 22</i>	
	<i>Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appendix B.</i>	
OR Bible Verse Memory Game <i>instructions found in Appendix B</i>	Lesson 1 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up Lesson 2 Game: Bean Bag Catch Lesson 3 Game: Animal Cube <i>These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities.</i>	
2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)		
Gathering the Children <i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i>	Sing verse 1 of <i>The Classroom Song</i> to gather the children for Circle Time. The Classroom Song, verse 1 <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 1</i> Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather here with me!	
Welcome to Deep Down Detectives	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joined us! Detectives are people who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."	

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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<p>Deep Down Detectives Theme Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."</p> <p>★ Deep Down Detectives Theme Song DDD ESV Songs 6, track 5</p> <p>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!</p>
<p>Classroom Rules Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."</p> <p>Classroom Rules Song DDD ESV Songs 6, track 6</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Opening Prayer Time</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."</p> <p>Let's Pray DDD ESV Songs 6, track 7</p> <p>1-2-3! Fold your hands, Bow your head, Close your eyes. Let's pray! (repeat)</p> <p>"Let's pray:"</p> <p>★ Opening Prayer</p> <p>Dear Lord, We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You! Please help us keep the classroom rules. Please help us to love You and learn about You today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>

Lesson Plan: Big Question 6, Bible Truth 2 use with all THREE lessons**p.3****2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued**

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Reveal the Big Question**Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase***lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A*

"Detectives INVESTIGATE things. That means they ask questions and look for answers. Deep Down Detectives investigate big questions about God. The Big Question we are investigating today is right inside our Big Question Box/Briefcase.

The Big Question Box Song*DDD ESV Songs 6, track 8*

We've got a big box,
All closed up and locked,
Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case,
There's no time to waste,
Come on, kids, let's open it up!

The Big Question under Investigation*VISUAL AID**of BQB**Big Question & Answer Sign, front side***found in the DDD Unit 6 Visual Aids, ESV Book*

Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:



The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 6:

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

and the Answer is:

Bad Things Came through Sin!**Big Question Meaning**

When God created the world in the beginning, He created all things good; but, now there are many bad and sad things in God's good world. All these bad things came through sin when people disobeyed God. How good it is that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! He can forgive our sins and make us God's people!

Big Question Songs

Let's sing our Big Question Song:

Big Q & A 6 Song*lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A***Big Q & A 6 Song***DDD ESV Songs 6, track 12**(adapted version of "Frere Jacques")*

How did bad things,
How did bad things,
Come to God's good world?
Come to God's good world?
Bad things came through sin,
Bad things came through sin,
That's how bad things came,
That's how bad things came.

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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**Learning about
the Big Question
(use one or both)***Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:***"How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World? Bad Things Came through Sin!"***Say: "Hmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."**Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.***Big Question
Action Rhyme****Big Question 6 Action Rhyme****(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**

Bad things are very sad,
 They make us cry,
 They make us mad!
 Where do bad things come from?
 Bad things come from sin!

Make a sad face
Rub fists near eyes, like crying
Make a mad face

Sin is saying "no" to God.
 When we should always say "yes."
 We're ALL sinners, so,
 Let's say sorry to God,
 And ask for His forgiveness:
 "Sorry, God! Please forgive us!"

Shake head "no"
Nod head "yes"

Make prayer hands

**Big Question
(Action Rhyme)
Song**

*lyrics and sheet music,
 Appendix A*

Big Question 6 Action Rhyme/ Song

DDD ESV Songs 6, track 13

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)**Refrain:**

Bad things, bad things,
 How did bad things come to God's good world?
 Bad things, bad things,
 Bad things came through sin.

Verse 1

Sin is saying "no" to God,
 When we should say, "Yes,"
 Satan said "no" to God,
 And so began the me-ee-me-ee-ess. *Refrain*

Shake head "no"
Nod head "yes"

Verse 2

Adam and Eve said "no" to God,
 And so sin came to men,
 It spread to all of God's good world,
 And down to their children-ee-en-ee-en. *Refrain*

*Shake head "no" and point up to God***Verse 3**

We all deserve God's punishment,
 Death is the wages of sin,
 But there's eternal life through Jesus Christ,
 For all who believe in Him-ee-im-ee-im. *Refrain*

Make sad face

Make cross with your index fingers

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Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out

AID

#2

of BQB

VISUAL AID

All the Bible Truths Sign

★ "Bad things Came through Sin" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **TWO** Bible truths about how sin came into the world and what happened when it did.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our two Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." *Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the two truths they will be learning.*

After everyone has had a good look, say..

Bible Truth Clue

VISUAL take out

AID

#3

of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign,

front side

VISUAL AID

"Ok, we've learned one truth about how sin came into the world. It was: "Bad Things Came through Sin... When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God." (point to pictures as you identify the Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure the truth we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

Bad Things Came through Sin...

When Sin Spread to the Whole ???? !"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What's another word for "Earth"? It rhymes with "curled."

Can you guess? It's "World."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

★ **"How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?**

Bad Things Came through Sin...

When Sin Spread to the Whole WORLD!

And here is what this Bible Truth means: *(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)*

Bible Truth Meaning

★ Everything God created was hurt by Adam and Eve's sin. The plants did not grow such good fruit. The animals had sicknesses. Adam and Eve's sin hurt all their children, too. They were born disobeyers with sinful hearts. They deserved God's punishment for their sins, just like their parents. They would suffer sicknesses and one day they would all die. What sadness Adam and Eve passed down to their children through their sin!

Guess who else are children from Adam and Eve's family? We are! That's why we get sick and one day will die. That's why we have sinful hearts that disobey God. And that's why we deserve for Him to punish our sins, too.

But God is so kind and merciful to us! He sent Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God promises to forgive their sins and put His Holy Spirit in their hearts, so they can once more have closeness with God again, right here on earth.

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Learning the Bible Verse**The Bible Chant Song**lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A

"And how do I know this is true? God tells me so in His special book, the Bible."

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

The Bible Chant Song

DDD ESV Songs 6, track 9

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!

Bible VerseDDD 6.2 Bible Verse-front
side (in the DDD Bible folder)VISUAL
AID Place
verse in take outDDD Bible
Folder

of BQB

*found in the DDD Unit 6
Visual Aids, ESV Book

"Who would like to get our Bible folder out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Psalm 14:2-3 tells us:

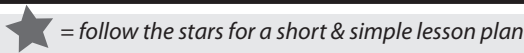
Psalm 14:2-3

The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one.

Learn a Little: "All have turned away...There is no one who does good, not even one."**Bible Verse Meaning****What does that mean?**

The LORD is everywhere, all the time. He sees all people and knows what they are like, inside and out. And what does He see? It is very sad! God sees that not even one person seeks after Him. No one does good. Why? Because we are all children of Adam and Eve. We are born with sinful hearts that choose to disobey God. Thank God for sending Jesus! Thank God that He promises to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He can save us, too. Ask Him to help you!

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



Bible Verse
Song

lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

All We Like Sheep
Isaiah 53:6, ESV
DDD ESV Songs 6,
track 21

For If by the Trespass
Romans 5:17, NIV 1984
DDD ESV Songs 6,
track 22

We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!

The LORD Looks Down: Psalm 14:2-3

DDD ESV Songs 6, track 20

The LORD looks down from heaven,
On the human race
To see if there is one who is wise,
One who seeks God.

But all have turned away;
All alike have become corrupt.
There is no one who does good,
No, not even one.
Psalm Fourteen, two and three.

Lesson Plan: Big Question 6, Bible Truth 2

use with all THREE lessons

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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Getting into the Case	<p>"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"</p>
Listening Assignments <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>Place in</i>  <i>of BQB</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>take out</i>  <i>of BQB</i> </div> </div>	<p>NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.</p> <p>"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today.</p> <p><i>Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:</i></p>
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">#5</div> <p>DDD Unit 6 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><u>Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:</u></p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where did the sadness come from? 2. Who did it spread to? Who would come to stop it one day?
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">#6</div> <p>DDD Unit 6 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><u>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</u></p> <p>Our Bible Verse is Psalm 14:2-3:</p> <p>"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."</p> <p>I need to find out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did the LORD see in the hearts of people? 2. What did they deserve? How did He show His mercy to them?
<p>VISUAL AID</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">#7A,B,C</div> <p><i>*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures*</i></p> <p>DDD Unit 6 Visual Aids, ESV</p>	<p><u>Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:</u></p> <p>I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. They are: a kangaroo; wood; a submarine; black, sticky tar; a surfboard; and, the wind. <i>Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.</i></p> <p>I need to figure out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which four belong in our story? 2. Who thanked the LORD for rescuing him and his family?
<p>Tell the Bible Story</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>Place story & pics in</i>  <i>of BQB</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>take out</i>  <i>of BQB</i> </div> </div> <p>DDD Unit 6 Visual Aids, ESV</p> <p>Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book</p>	<p>★ Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."</p> <p>★ Bible Story: The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop</p> <p><i>Psalm 14:2-3</i></p> <p><i>Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer.</i></p> <p><i>*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*</i></p>

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<p>Story Response Song(s)</p> <p>Hymn</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).</i></p> <p>Nothing But the Blood <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 16</i></p> <p>Verse 1</p> <p>What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p> <p>Tie-in: "Children, we all disobey God and deserve His punishment, just like Adam and Eve did. But God sent Jesus to die on the cross to save everyone who says sorry to God and trusts Jesus as their Savior. Only Jesus' blood could take God's punishment for our sins. Thank God for sending Jesus!"</p>
<p>Praise Song</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 17</i></p> <p>Refrain:</p> <p>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.</p> <p>With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness, With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Tie-in: "Children, we all disobey God and deserve His punishment. But God sent Jesus to forgive us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. How merciful God has been to us! He is better to us than we deserve! That's what mercy is. Let's sing of God's mercies to us in sending Jesus to save us!"</p>

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities *(choose from among these activities)*

<p>Transition to Activities</p>	<p> Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."</p> <p><i>Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.</i></p>
<p>Classroom Song, verse 2</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 2 <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 2</i></p> <p>We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God, And now it's time to play.</p> <p><i>Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.</i></p>


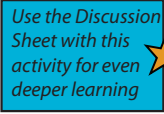

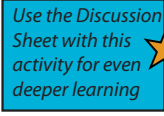

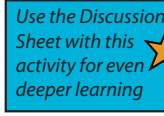


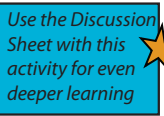

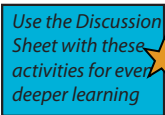

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3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)

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Response Activities	Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. 
Bible Verse Memory Game <i>game directions, Appendix B</i>	<p>Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here instead (or as a repeat).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 1 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up Lesson 2 Game: Bean Bag Catch Lesson 3 Game: Animal Cube <div>   </div> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
Music, Movement & Memory Activity <i>game directions, Appendix B</i>	<p>A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Jingle Bell Hands Lesson 2 Activity: Big Voice, Little Voice Lesson 3 Activity: Sing, Dance and Fall Down <div>   </div> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
Bible Story Review Game <i>game directions, Appendix B</i>	<p>A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 1 Game: Can You Remember? Lesson 2 Game: Clothespin Line Up and Drop Lesson 3 Game: Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt <div>   </div> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets <i>in Appendix C</i> 	<p>A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with their children.</p> <p>NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer <div>   </div> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
Extra Crafts: Big Question Craft <i>in Appendix C</i> Bible Verse Craft <i>in Appendix C</i> Bible Story Puzzle <i>in Appendix C</i>	<p>These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets:</p> <p>The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time.</p> <p>The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning.</p> <p>The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.</p> <div>   </div> <p>Discussion Questions</p>
Free Play Activities <i>ideas in Appendix D</i>	<p>Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.</p>

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<p>Transition to Closing Circle</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 3</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.</i></p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 3 <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 3</i></p> <p>It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.</p>
<p>Closing Circle Time</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 4</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>When children are settled in the circle, say:</i></p> <p>"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"</p> <p>Classroom Song, verse 4 <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 4</i></p> <p>So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?</p>
<p>Big News to Tell</p> <p>Big Question 6</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p>#1</p> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 6 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p> <p>Big Question 6, Bible Truth 2</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p>#3</p>	<p>"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!</p> <p>First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?" <i>Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.</i></p> <p>Say the answer with me: "Bad Things Came through Sin!"</p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, tracks 12,13</i></p> <p>And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? <i>Point to the picture.</i></p> <p>Bad Things Came through Sin... When Sin Spread to the Whole World!"</p> <p>"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!</p>
<p>Big Question 6 Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse</p> <p><i>VISUAL AID</i></p> <p>#4</p> <p><i>*found in the DDD Unit 6 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p>We learned: Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB:</p> <p>"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."</p> <p>Learn a Little: "All have turned away...There is no one who does good, not even one."</p> <p>The LORD is everywhere, all the time. He sees all people and knows what they are like, inside and out. And what does He see? It is very sad! God sees that not even one person seeks after Him. No one does good. Why? Because we are all children of Adam and Eve. We are born with sinful hearts that choose to disobey God. Thank God for sending Jesus! Thank God that He promises to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He can save us, too. Ask Him to help you!</p> <p><i>(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)</i> <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, track 20</i></p>

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<p>Closing ACTS Prayer Time</p> <p>ACTS Prayer Chant</p> <p><i>lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A</i></p>	<p><i>Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.</i></p> <p><i>And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!</i></p> <p>ACTS Prayer Chant Song <i>DDD ESV Songs 6, tracks 10,11</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.</p>
<p>Closing ACTS Prayer</p>	<p>"Let's pray!"</p> <p><i>Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.</i></p> <p>A We praise You, God, for being holy and just. You hate sin. You are fair in Your punishments for our sins against You and Your good laws.</p> <p>C God, we know that every one of us have sinful hearts. We are no different from those people who sinned against You, long ago. We have all chosen to disobey You. We need a Savior!</p> <p>T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us, when we should only get punishment for disobeying You. Thank You for promising to forgive all who turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.</p> <p>S God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Help us to tell others the good news of Jesus that they might be saved, too.</p> <p>In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
5. TAKING IT HOME <i>(Take Home Sheet)</i>	
<p>Clean up and Dismissal ★</p>	<p>"Now it's time to work together and clean up."</p> <p><i>Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.</i></p>
<p>Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets ★</p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p><i>Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.</i></p> <p><i>(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)</i></p>
<p>Bible Story to Take-Home</p> <p><i>in Appendix C</i></p>	<p>You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.</p>

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The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop*Genesis 4,6-9*

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Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

1. **Where did the sadness come from?**
2. **Who did it spread to? Who would come to stop it one day?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Psalm 14:2-3:**

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."

I need to find out:

1. **What did the LORD see in the hearts of people?**
2. **What did they deserve? How did He show His mercy to them?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a kangaroo; wood; a submarine; black, sticky tar; a surfboard; and, the wind.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

1. **Which four belong in our story?**
2. **Who thanked the LORD for rescuing him and his family?**

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop*Genesis 4,6-9**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, it was a very, very sad day for the whole world. EVERYTHING that God created was hurt by their sin, in some way.

Animals that used to live happily together, now fought each other. Plants that used to grow delicious fruit, now were spoiled with sickness and weeds. But worst of all, was what happened to people. They no longer had the wonderful, special closeness with God they had before. They didn't always live happily together anymore. They became greedy and selfish. They didn't love others the way God made them to. And now, their bodies grew old, got sick, and died.

It would have been bad enough if Adam and Eve's sin had only hurt themselves and the world they lived in. But their sin didn't stop there. When sin came into the world, it would hurt everything for the rest of time. Now, ALL the animals, ALL the plants, and ALL the people who would ever live in God's good world, would know the badness and brokenness of sin. (Even you and me, and our world!) The whole world, for ALL of time, would never be like it was in the beginning, when God made it so perfectly good.

Not only did sin stay in the world, but it spread and grew worse with time. There was more and more badness, and sadness, and brokenness, especially in people. And after a while, the whole world was filled with people disobeying God and hurting each other. It was terrible!

There was SOMEONE who knew how terribly sin had hurt the world, more than anyone else. Can you guess who?

Can you guess?

It was the LORD. God could see how sin hurt every part of His good world, inside and out. And what saddened Him the most, was what He could see deep inside each person's heart.

There used to be beautiful love for God and people in their hearts. Now, that was broken. Now, there was sin and sadness in their hearts, instead.

The LORD is holy. He is purely good and oh, so great. He loves good and hates sin. He hurt to see all the terrible things that had happened to the beautiful world He had made.

God was so merciful and patient with people, giving them time to turn back to Him. Years and years, He waited, as sin grew and grew in His good world. But at last, it was time: God would judge the whole world. He would send a flood to do away with all who refused to turn away from disobeying Him. And with them, would go all the animals, birds, and creeping things on earth. Was this the end? Would there never be people or creatures to live in God's world again?

What do you think?

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God would have been fair to do that. All people had chosen to disobey God. All had sinful hearts and lives. It is right for God to punish sin. He would not be good, if He did not hate it.

But God isn't ONLY fair and good. He is oh, so MERCIFUL, too. Mercy is a part of love. It is treating someone better than they deserve. That is exactly how God chose to treat sinful people. And He even had woven this mercy into His good plans, BEFORE He created the world. Amazing!

Yes! God's good plan for His creation would go on as He planned. He would be just, but merciful, too. He would save some of all the creatures. He would save one man and his family, too. This was the only man who turned away from his sin and turned to God to love Him and obey Him. Who was this man?

Do you know his name?

That one man was a man named Noah.

God told Noah His plan: "I am sending a flood to wipe out everything that lives on earth, because of how sinful everyone has become. But you and your family, I will save. I will also save some of every kind of creature, too," God promised him. "After the flood, I will give the earth a new beginning for these creatures and your family. You and your sons need to build a huge, wooden boat, "an ark," to fit everyone. Fill it with food for everyone to eat. Then, I will send the flood," God told Noah.

A huge flood? A big boat? Thousands of creatures to feed and care for? Could it really be? Who could IMAGINE such a thing! Who could BUILD such a thing! It would have been tempting to laugh and go on with life. It didn't look like rain. The sun came up in the morning and the moon and stars at night. A flood? Really? What would Noah do? Would he believe God and obey Him?

What do you think Noah did?

Noah would take God at His word! He lived by faith. Noah loved God and believed Him. He didn't have to be able to understand God's plans for them to be true. It was enough that GOD understood. God would help Noah do everything that needed to be done. Yes, Noah believed God and he would obey. Yes, he would build the huge boat. God was pleased with Noah's faith and accepted him.

Off to the forests, went Noah and his sons to get wood. Chop, chop, chop. Crash! So many trees were needed! Then, hammer, hammer, hammer, they worked, and worked, and worked until the whole boat was built. It was gigantic! Last of all, they mixed up big pots of black, sticky pitch. They slathered the hot goo all over the sides of the boat. This would keep the ark free of leaks.

People were curious about the big boat Noah was building. Noah warned them about the flood God was sending. "Stop disobeying God and living your own, sinful way! Turn back to God and His good ways! His punishment will soon come upon those who do not," Noah told them.

It took long time to build that big boat. Noah kept warning people to turn to God as he worked on it. God was giving these people more time to turn to Him. But did they?

What do you think?

In all that time, no one ever turned to God. No, not even one! How very sad!

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At last, the boat was finished. Noah and his family loaded it with lots of supplies. There was food for them and for all the animals coming.

And come, those animals did! From the woods, and from the deserts. From the mountains, and the valleys. Out of their dens and nests, the animals came. A mother and father animal of every kind. And even more than two of some animals. The LORD, in His wonderful, mysterious way, had these special creatures leave their homes and travel to the boat. They all settled in the boat.

Then, last of all, Noah and his family went in the boat, too. When everyone was safe inside, the LORD, Himself, shut them in. Dark storm clouds gathered overhead, then the rain came pouring down.

Everything happened just as the LORD said it would. It rained for forty days and nights without stopping. And as it rained, the water rose higher and higher over the land. The birds, and land creatures, and all the people outside the ark were all swept away; but, inside, all were safe.

Then one day, the rain stopped. Noah and his family looked outside at the world, amazed. They had never seen anything like it! There were no trees, no animals, no people, no mountains, or land to be seen. Everywhere they looked there was only water. They were so thankful to be in the boat. They were so thankful that God had saved them!

God sent a big wind that swept down over the water to dry it up. "Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!" went the wind, day and night. Slowly but surely, the wind dried up the flood waters.

At last, Noah and his family could see land sticking out of the water like little bumps. More and more water dried up and went away, uncovering the hills and valleys. At last, it was time to get off the boat.

God said to Noah, "Take your family and all the animals off the boat. It's time to begin life again on the earth. Have families and fill the earth, just like Adam and Eve, and the animals did, long ago."

Noah and his family obeyed God. How wonderful it was to get off that boat and stand on dry ground again!

What would they do first? Run around and stretch their legs? Start building a new home? Go find some fresh food? Simply sit down and enjoy the sunshine and the freedom of the open air? There were so many things they wanted to do! But Noah didn't do any of those things just yet. He knew there was something else he needed to do first. Can you guess what it was?

Can you guess?

The first thing Noah did was to give a worship gift of thanks to God. Oh, how much he and his family had to thank Him for! God had saved their lives and given them a new start!

God made a promise to Noah and his family that day: "Never again will I destroy the whole earth with a giant flood. I'm putting a rainbow up in the sky as a reminder to you and all people of My promise."

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Then, Noah and his family began the work God gave them. They had families and began to fill the earth again. Surely, this time everything would be right! Surely this time, people would obey God as they should. Right?

What do you think?

WRONG! You see, though Noah was a good man who loved God, he and his family still had that same, terrible sin in their hearts, just like everyone else. It wouldn't be long before the world once more would become filled with people who would choose to disobey God and not turn from their sinfulness.

But, there wouldn't JUST be people who disobeyed God in the world. There would also be people, like Noah, who would fight against the sin in their hearts and put their trust in God. God would help them to turn away from sin and live for Him. God would help them to keep on trusting in the promised Savior to come. These were God's people, and He would save them.

And at just the right time, that Savior did come. It was Jesus, God's Son. He lived a perfect life. He never sinned. Then, He offered up that perfect life to God, as He suffered and died on the cross. He gave His life to pay for the sins of God's people. He made the way to bring us back to God. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

What an amazing plan! What amazing love! That God, in His mercy, would take the punishment for sin upon Himself to save all His people, from the beginning of time to the very end of time! Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people, too.

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

1. Where did the sadness come from? It came from sin that came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

2. Who did it spread to? Who would come to stop it one day? It spread to all people—all of Adam and Eve's children. God would send the Savior, Jesus, to stop it one day.

For You and Me:

We are all Adam and Eve's children, and that means that their sin has spread all the way down to us...and all the way into our hearts. We need a Savior, just like they did. Jesus can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:
Our Bible Verse is Psalm 14:2-3:

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."

1. What did the LORD see in the hearts of people?

He saw that they were all sinners who had chosen to disobey Him.

2. What did they deserve? How did the LORD show His mercy to them? They all deserved His punishment. They all deserved to be separated from Him forever. God showed them mercy by warning them through Noah to turn away from disobeying Him. And in Noah's case, God forgave him and saved him when he turned away from his sins and trusted in the LORD.

For You and Me:

We are all Adam and Eve's children, and that means that their sin has spread all the way down to us...and all the way into our hearts. We need a Savior, just like they did. God has warned us of the punishment we deserve for our sins. But He also offers us to save us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a kangaroo; wood; a submarine; black, sticky tar; a surfboard; and, the wind.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The kangaroo, wood, black, stick tar and the wind all belong.

2. Who praised the LORD for taking care of him, everywhere he went? Noah did.

For You and Me:

We have so much to thank the LORD for, too. He offers to save us from so much more than a flood. He offers to save us from the punishment we rightly deserve for disobeying Him. Yes, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins. He will make us His dearly-loved people. We will get to have closeness with Him in our hearts now, through His Holy Spirit. And one day when we die, we will get to go to live with Him forever. That will be best of all!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?****Bad Things Came Through Sin...****When Sin Spread to the Whole World!**

Adam and Eve's sin spread to the whole world. None of us love God or each other as He tells us to. None of us deserve anything but God's punishment for our sins. God was kind to send Noah to warn about His coming punishment and to save Noah and his family. Noah was right to trust in God and to tell others to turn from their sins and trust in God, also.

Noah looked forward in faith to the Savior God promised to send --Jesus! Jesus lived a perfect life and took the punishment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven and become God's people. Ask God to help you become one of His people, too. He loves to do this!

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for being holy and just. You hate sin. You are fair in Your punishments for our sins against You and Your good laws.
- C** God, we know that every one of us have sinful hearts. We are no different from those people who sinned against You, long ago. We have all chosen to disobey You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us, when we should only get punishment for disobeying You. Thank You for promising to forgive all who turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Help us to tell others the good news of Jesus that they might be saved, too. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all
response activities
for deeper learning**P.1***Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games*

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

BIG QUESTION	How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World? Bad Things Came through Sin!
Meaning	When God created the world in the beginning, He created all things good; but, now there are many bad and sad things in God's good world. All these bad things came through sin when people disobeyed God. How good it is that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! He can forgive our sins and make us God's people!
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the world like when God created it? <i>All things were created good.</i> 2. Did God's good world stay all good? <i>No. Now there are many bad and sad things in it, as well as good things.</i> 3. How did those bad things first come into God's good world? <i>They came through sin.</i> 4. Who disobeyed God? <i>People did.</i> 5. Who did God send to rescue us from our sins? <i>Jesus.</i> 6. What can Jesus do? <i>He can forgive us our sins and make us God's people.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH	Bad Things Came through Sin... When Sin Spread to the Whole World!
Meaning	Everything God created was hurt by Adam and Eve's sin. The plants did not grow such good fruit. The animals had sicknesses. Adam and Eve's sin hurt all their children, too. They were born disobeyers with sinful hearts. They deserved God's punishment for their sins, just like their parents. They would suffer sicknesses and one day they would all die. What sadness Adam and Eve passed down to their children through their sin! Guess who else are children from Adam and Eve's family? We are! That's why we get sick and one day will die. That's why we have sinful hearts that disobey God. And that's why we deserve for Him to punish our sins, too. But God is so kind and merciful to us! He sent Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God promises to forgive their sins and put His Holy Spirit in their hearts, so they can once more have closeness with God again, right here on earth. That is good news, but the best is yet to come! Bible tells us that everything God had made looks forward to the day when Jesus will come back and get rid of sin and death forever. God's people look forward to that day most of all. That's when they will live face to face with God, enjoying all the wonderful, special closeness with God that people can have...and it will never, ever end.
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was hurt by Adam and Eve's sin? <i>Everything God created.</i> 2. What did the ground stop growing? <i>Good fruit.</i> 3. What happened to the creatures? <i>They had sicknesses.</i> 4. What were Adam and Eve's children born with? <i>Sinful hearts, just like their parents.</i> 5. What bad things did Adam and Eve's children do? <i>They disobeyed God. They hurt and killed each other.</i> 6. Are we children of Adam and Eve? <i>Yes.</i> 7. Do we have sinful hearts, too? <i>Yes, we do.</i> 8. Who deserves God's punishment for their sins? <i>We all do.</i> 9. Who did God send to save us from our sins? <i>Jesus.</i> 10. What does God want us to do to be saved? <i>Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i> 11. What does all creation look forward to? <i>The day when sin will be gone forever and God's people will all live with Him, face to face, perfectly happy forever.</i>

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P.2*Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games*

THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! How did bad things come to God's good world? Bad things came through sin...when sin spread to the whole world. Yes, it is so. There is no way around the awful truth: we all have disobeyed God and we all deserve God's punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment, just as we deserved. But God is so rich in mercy, that even back in the very beginning, He promised to send a Savior to save us from their sins. And so He did! At just the right time, God sent His Son, Jesus to suffer and die on the cross and take the punishment for the sin of all turn away from their sins and trust in Him as our Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He really had beat sin and death for all who trust in Him. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy wonderful, special closeness with God as His special people, now and forever. That can be you and me, too! Ask God to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us do this!</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one." --Psalm 14: 2-3, HCSB
Meaning	Learn a Little: "All have turned away...There is no one who does good, not even one."
Discussion Questions	The LORD is everywhere, all the time. He sees all people and knows what they are like, inside and out. And what does He see? It is very sad! God sees that not even one person seeks after Him. No one does good. Why? Because we are all children of Adam and Eve. We are born with sinful hearts that choose to disobey God. Thank God for sending Jesus! Thank God that He promises to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He can save us, too. Ask Him to help you!
<i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does the LORD see when He looks down into all of our hearts? <i>That we are all sinners. All of us have turned away from Him and His good ways.</i> 2. Is there anyone who does good, like God made us in the beginning? <i>No, no one.</i> 3. Why are we all sinners? <i>Because we are all sons and daughters of Adam and Eve. We all have sinful hearts, just like theirs.</i> 4. What has God done to save sinful people? <i>He sent Jesus to be our Savior.</i> 5. How can we become God's people? <i>We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop
Discussion Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were just the first animals, plants and people hurt by Adam and Eve's sin? <i>No. All the ones that came later were to.</i> 2. What were Adam and Eve's children like? Did they love God? Did they love each other? <i>No, they did not. They disobeyed God and they hurt each other.</i> 3. Did people get better or did they get worse and worse? <i>They got worse and worse.</i> 4. What did God decide to send to get rid of all the bad people? <i>A flood of water.</i> 5. Who did God save from the flood? Why? <i>Noah, his family, and at least 2 of every creature. Because He is kind and faithful. He didn't give up on His good plan for the world. He still would send Jesus to save people.</i> 6. What did Noah tell the people to do as he worked on his big boat? <i>He told them to say sorry to God for their sins.</i> 7. Did anyone turn away from their sins when they listened to Noah's warnings? <i>No. Not even one.</i> 8. What did Noah do after the big flood was over? <i>He made a worship gift of thanks to God.</i> 9. Did people stop being bad after the flood? <i>No. Everyone still had sinful hearts. They still sinned.</i> 10. Who did God send to save sinful people who trust in Him? <i>Jesus.</i> 11. How can we be saved from our sins? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
<i>choose a few</i>	