



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #7, Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Do's and Don'ts**



"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. It says, 'What Are God's Laws Like?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



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Q: WHAT ARE GOD'S LAWS LIKE?
A: GOD'S LAWS ARE PERFECT...

THEY TELL US HOW TO ???? GOD AND OTHERS.

MATT.
22:37,39,
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Hint: How God wants us live for
Him and others. It starts with "L"
and rhymes with "dove."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to ???? God And Others." Matthew 22:37,39, 40. Hint: How God wants us live for Him and others. It starts with "L" and rhymes with "dove."

**Matthew
22:37,39,40**

**Love the Lord
your God...
Love your
neighbor.**

**On these
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depend all
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Prophets.”**



Love the Lord
Matthew 22:37-40

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Matthew 22:37,39,40, and read: “Love the Lord your God... Love your neighbor... On these two... depend all the Law and Prophets.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the third way God's Laws Are Perfect?" he asked. "We think so! 'Law and Prophets' means the whole Bible. Loving God and others is the heart of all God calls us to do. Obeying God's laws show us what love looks like.



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THEY TELL US HOW TO LOVE GOD AND OTHERS.

"Our Big Question is: What Are God's Laws Like? And the answer is: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Obeying God's laws isn't just the right way to live. It's the happiest way to live. God gave us His laws so we can know how to love Him and others. When we obey His laws, we are living out that love. We can't love God's way on our own. But God can help us obey His laws and live in love when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, God will give us a new heart filled with His Holy Spirit, and He will help us live in love the way God wants us to.



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Do’s and Don’ts”

Matthew 5,6,22



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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 Do’s and Don’ts.’ Listen for who Jesus said we love, when we obey God’s laws from our hearts.

"The Case of the Do's and Don'ts" Matthew 5,6,22

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who made up extra, little rules of do's and don'ts?
2. What did Jesus think of those extra do's and don'ts?
What did Jesus say God's real laws help people to do?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Matthew 22:37,39, ESV

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to obey?
2. Who is the only person to obey God's laws perfectly?
How did He share His perfect life with us?

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

Something to Grow Into

God's Laws



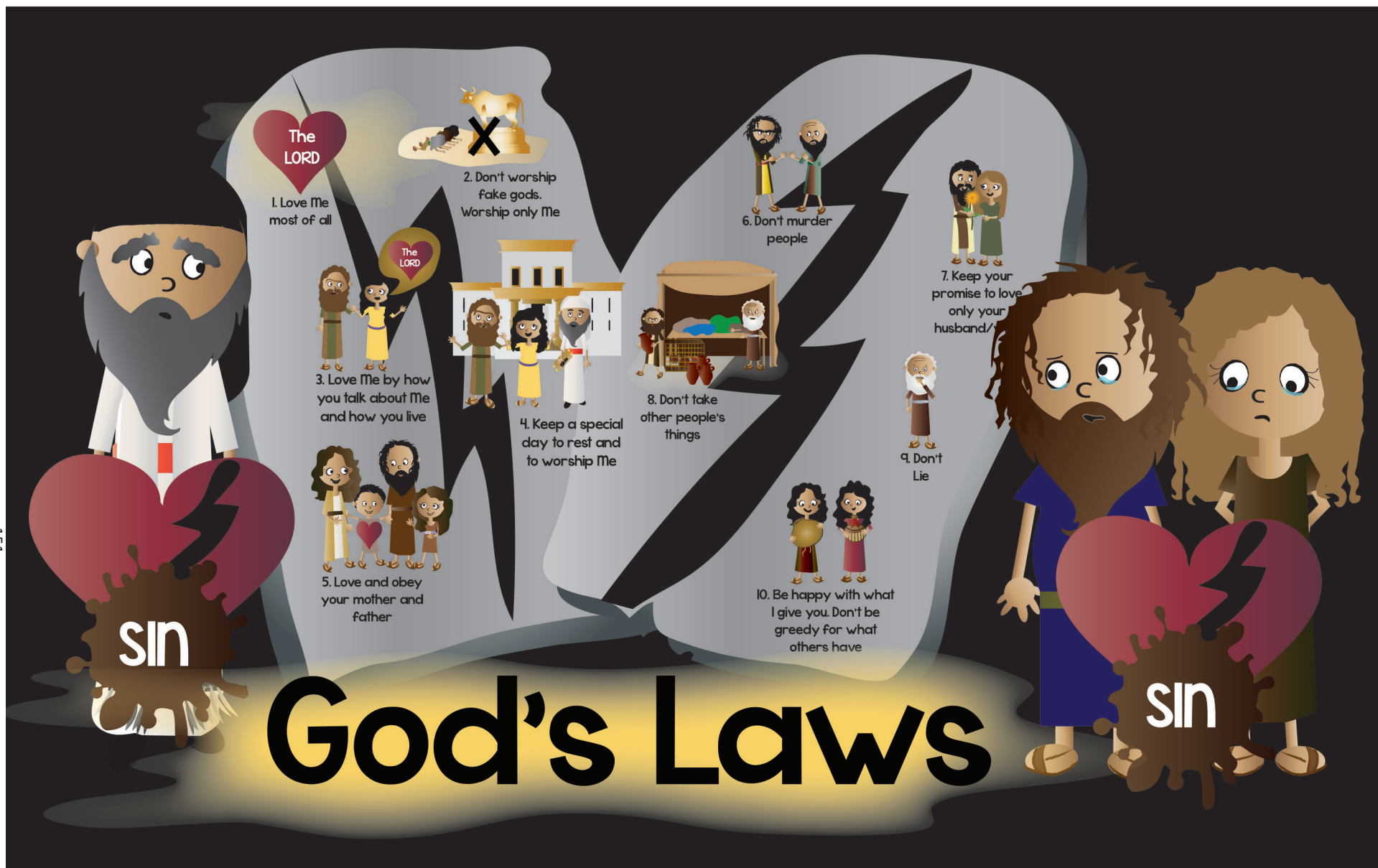
Extra Rules



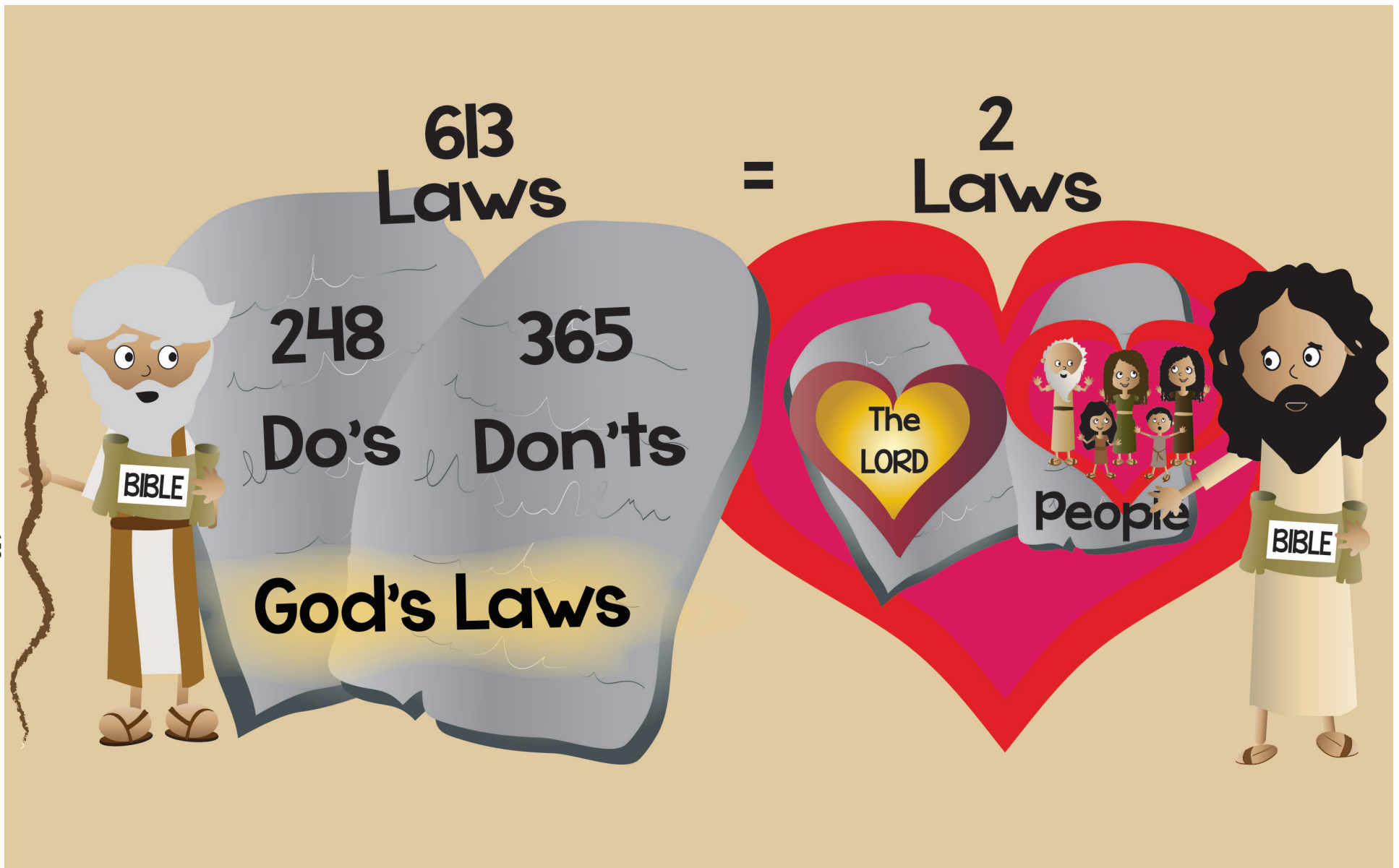
I. "Do this! Don't do that!" The teachers of God's law gave the people so many rules. Besides the Ten Commandments, they counted 613 Do's and Don't's in God's Word to obey. Then, they added even more extra rules that weren't in the Bible at all. No one could keep them all!



2. Then, Jesus came. “Will JESUS obey all those Do’s and Don’ts laws and the Pharisees’ extra rules? Will He tell US to obey them?” the people wondered. One day, on a mountain high above the Sea of Galilee, Jesus answered their questions.



3. "Some people LOOK like they obey God's laws, but in their hearts, they are angry, jealous or hateful," Jesus said. "What goes on inside your heart breaks God's laws, too," Jesus explained. "God knows the sin hiding there. Truly obeying God's laws comes from the heart, with love."



4. As Jesus later said: "Love the LORD with all your heart, mind, and strength. Love others --even your enemies-- as much as you love yourself. Treat them as you want them to treat you. If you love like this, you will be obeying all of God's laws. This is what God's laws are all about."



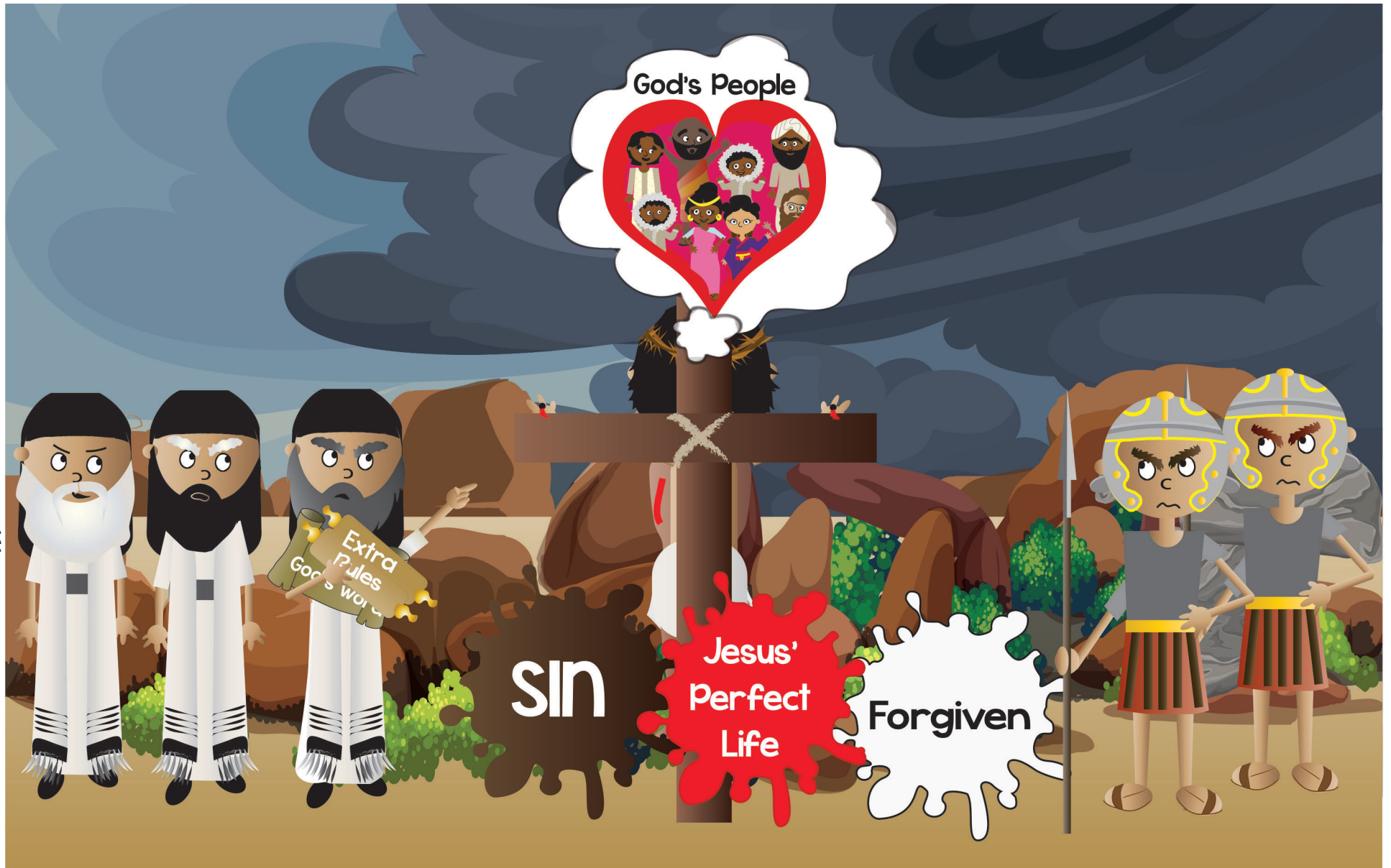
5. What did the people think as they climbed down the mountain that day? Jesus had given them less rules to follow, but they were much harder to obey. Could they ever love God and others with sinful hearts like theirs?



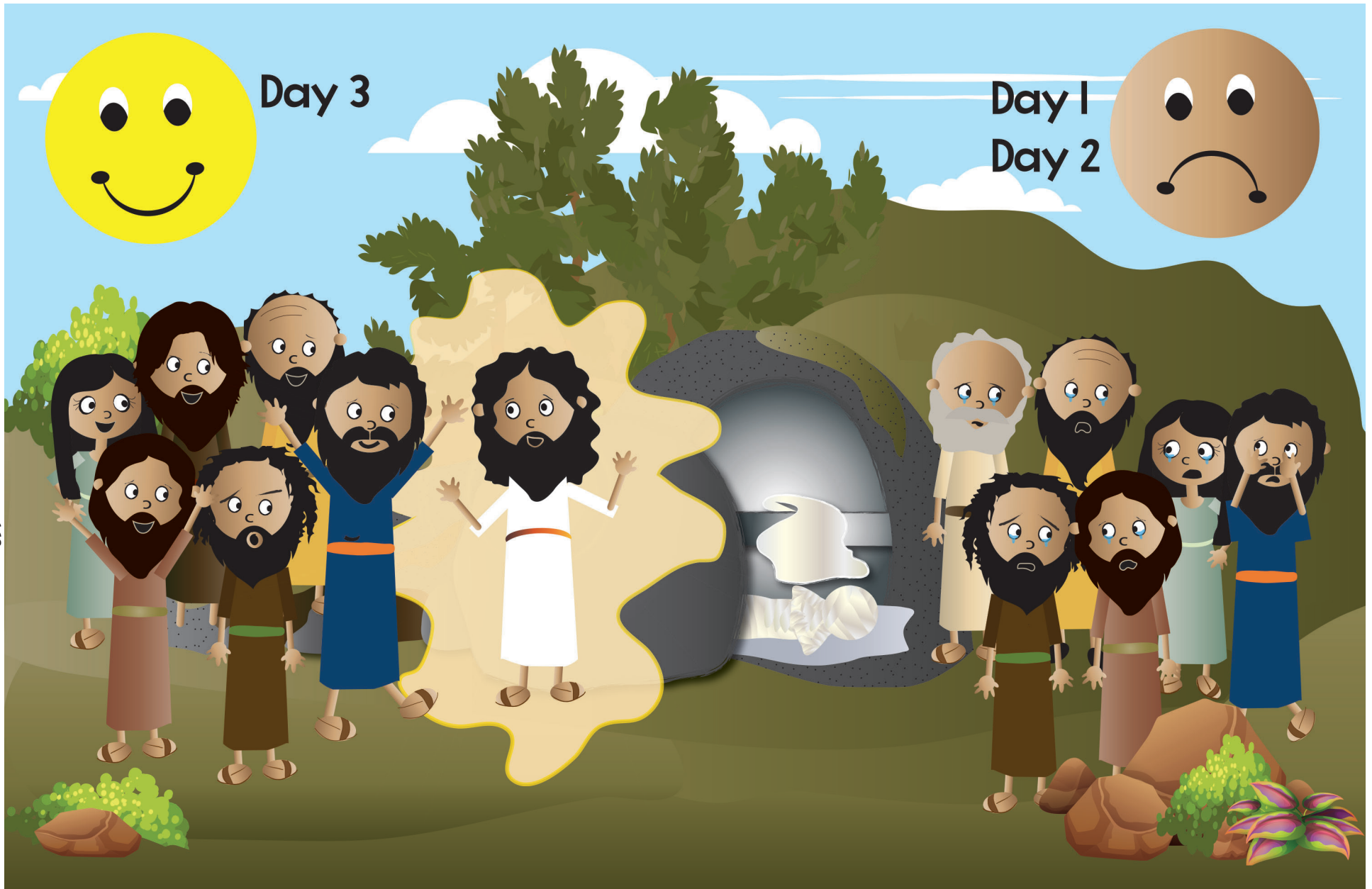
6. No, they could not, (and neither can we). But praise God for sending Jesus! He came to fulfill God's Laws. Jesus **COULD** love this way. And as the Savior, He **WOULD** forgive God's people's sins and help them love this way, too!



7. You see, Jesus didn't just come to TELL people how to live out God's laws. But, to DO it, HIMSELF. Yes, Jesus lived out God's laws perfectly by loving God and others as we all should. He is the perfect Son of God who never disobeyed God, no matter how hard it was.



8. The teachers of God's law hated what Jesus taught. "Let's get rid of Him," they decided, and put Jesus on a cross to die. But what good Jesus did on that cross! He gave His perfect life as the full payment for God's people's sins. Now, they COULD please God. Not with their lives, but with His.



9. Jesus died and was buried that sad day, but did He stay there? No, He did not! On Day Three, He rose from the dead. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people.



10. After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers. "I'm going to heaven, but I will send the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts," Jesus told them. "He'll give you love for God and others. He'll help you your whole life until you come home to live with Me," Jesus promised.



II. As He promised, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. Together, they praised God. Jesus had lived a perfect life of love and given it on the cross to save them. Now, He had sent the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and help them live out God's laws by loving God and others.



12. But the best is yet to come for God's people. One day, they'll live with God in heaven, and their lives will be free from sin forever. Always loving and obeying God. Always loving one another. We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

“The Case of the Do’s and Don’ts”

Q: Who did Jesus say we love, when we obey God’s laws from our hearts?

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Laws



God’s Laws Are Perfect...

They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

A: We love God and others the way God wants us to.”

"The Case of the Do's and Don'ts" Matthew 5,6,22

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who made up extra, little rules of do's and don'ts?
The Pharisees.

2. What did Jesus think of those extra do's and don'ts?
What did Jesus say God's real laws help people to do?
Jesus knew those do's and don'ts weren't what pleased
God. Jesus said God's real laws help people love God
most of all and love others.

For You and Me:

None of us can ever obey God's laws well enough to
please God or to truly love others as God wants us to.
Only keeping God's laws perfectly can do that, and we
are all lawbreakers! Our only hope is to turn away from
our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He is the only
way we can please God. God can work in our hearts and
help us to better love others as He wants us to. Ask Him to
help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Matthew 22:37,39, ESV

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind...
Love your neighbor as yourself."

1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to obey?
God's laws.

2. Who is the only person to obey God's laws perfectly?
How did He share His perfect life with us?
Jesus. He gave it up on the cross as the full payment for
the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the
cross.

For You and Me

How amazing that Jesus obeyed God's laws perfectly! It's
even more amazing that He offers to share His perfect life
with us, that we might be saved! This is His promise to all
who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their
Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this
prayer!

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Something to Grow Into

What Are God's Laws Like?

God's Laws Are Perfect...

They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

The Gospel



God's laws tell us how to love God and others, but we are all lawbreakers. We do not love as we should. God would be fair to give us the punishment we deserve for breaking His laws, but He is so rich in mercy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus obeyed God's laws, and loved God and others perfectly.

On the cross, Jesus suffered and died, giving His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, beating sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior can be God's people. They will know God in their hearts, now. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever.

We can be God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Gospel Songs

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"The LORD gave us His laws to live by. Let's ask Him to help us now.
Let's pray."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You give us Your good laws to live by. They show us how to love You and others.

We know Your good laws, but we disobey them. Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need.

Work in our hearts. Help us to obey Your good laws. 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 We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws. They tell us how to love You and love others.

C God, many times we do not obey Your good laws. Many times, we do not love You or others as Your laws tell us to. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws that show us how to love You and others. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. He helps us to obey Your good and loving laws.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts and help us to love You and others as You want us to.

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!)



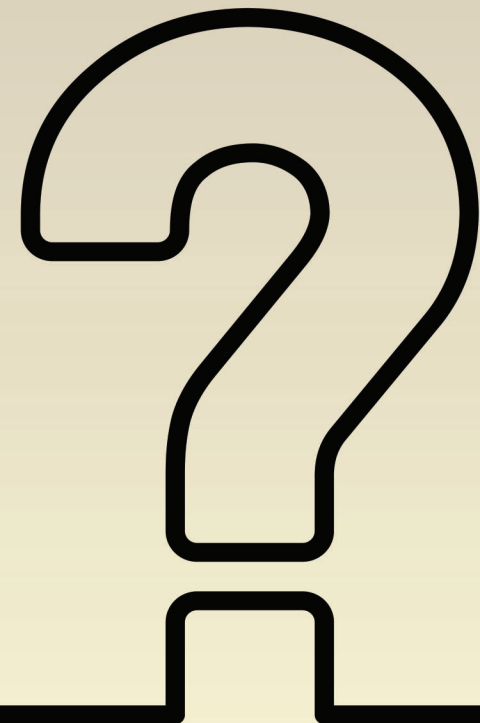
“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #7

Simple Song



What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
God's laws are perfect!



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

Big Question #7 Tell Me More Song

What Are God's Laws Like?



Refrain

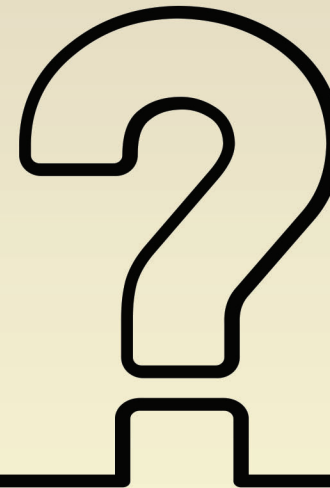
What are God's laws like?
What are they like?
God's laws are perfect!
God's laws are perfect!
What are God's laws like?
What are they like?
God's laws are like Him,
They are good and just.

Verse 2

God's laws are the best way,
For us all to live,
God calls us to obey them,
To reflect His righteousness. Refrain

Verse 1

God is our creator,
He's in charge of the whole world.
He gave us laws to live by,
They are written in His Word. Refrain



Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #7, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

Love the LORD, Matthew 22:37-40

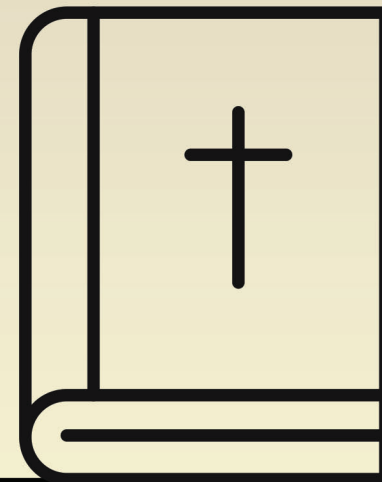


Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
Love the Lord your God with all your soul,
Love the Lord your God with all your mind,
This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it...

Love your neighbor as yourself,
Love your neighbor as yourself,
Love your neighbor as yourself,
On these two commandments depend,
All the Law and Prophets.

Matthew Twenty-two, thirty-seven through forty.



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

Big Question #7 Hymn

Holy Bible, Book Divine

Verse 1

Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine,
You're the only Book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine.

Verse 2

Mine, to learn God's holy ways,
How He'd have us live each day;
Mine, to learn of Jesus Christ,
Who died to give eternal life.



Big Question 7 Praise Song

The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Verse 1

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible.

Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible.

"Let's praise the Lord for giving us His perfect laws in the Bible!"

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.

