
Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 9, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Eyewitness *Luke 4:31ff; 5; 9:28-36; 11:23-24; John 2; 6:16-21;11*

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

1. It was the Sabbath, the worship day. Peter joined the other worshippers at the synagogue in Capernaum. They watched as Jesus, the new teacher, took out a scroll of God's Word, and read from it. They were all eager to hear what He would say.
2. No one was disappointed. Jesus preached God's Word powerfully. He made God's truth clear. He was not like any of the other teachers. Peter and the others were amazed at what they heard and excited for what Jesus would teach them next.
3. Suddenly, a man stood up and started shouting at Jesus. God's great enemy, Satan, was trying to use this man to stop Jesus from teaching. "Leave this man alone!" Jesus ordered, and just like that, the man was freed from the enemy. Peter was amazed at Jesus' power!
4. After the worship service, Jesus went home with Peter. Peter's mother-in-law was in bed with a bad fever. "Leave this woman," Jesus said to the fever, and just like that, she was healed. She got up and helped serve lunch. Once more, Peter was amazed at Jesus' power.
5. That evening, crowds of people came to Peter's house for Jesus to heal them. Peter watched Jesus place His hands on them, one by one. With God's great power, Jesus healed them all. Wow!
6. That Sabbath was just the beginning. Peter became one of Jesus' disciples and one of His closest friends. He followed Jesus everywhere He went. Peter wanted to hear Jesus teach more about God, and see Him do more amazing things, by God's great power.
7. And so Peter did. He watched Jesus turn plain water into rich wine at a wedding. He watched Jesus walk on top of the wavy waters of the Sea of Galilee, one night. Jesus even invited Peter to walk on the water with Him!
8. High up on a mountain, Peter saw Jesus shine with God's beautiful, bright glory. Later, Peter saw Jesus raise Lazarus back to life, after he had been dead for FOUR DAYS!
9. But most amazing of all, Peter saw Jesus die on the cross for the sins of God's people, then rise from the dead on Day Three. Jesus had really beaten sin and death for God's people.
10. As Peter heard Jesus' powerful teaching and watched Him do amazing things, God gave Peter faith to believe. Yes! Jesus WAS God's Son, the Savior come down from heaven to save them from their sins! Peter turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.
11. Peter spent the rest of his life telling others the good news of Jesus. He praised God as many people heard and trusted in Jesus as their Savior, too.
12. But the best was yet to come for Peter, when he died and went to heaven. Now, Peter would live face-to-face with Jesus, once more. But this time, it would last forever.