

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #8, Bible Truth 1:
The Case of the Costly Children**



"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a **new** Big Question for us. It says, 'What Is God's Love for His People Like?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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

Big Q & A 8
Simple
Song



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Q: WHAT IS GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE LIKE?
A: IT'S MORE THAN THEY COULD EVER DESERVE...
GOD GAVE HIS SON, ????, TO SAVE THEM.

1 JOHN
4:10



Hint: The name of God's Son.
It starts with the letter "J."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's More Than They Could Ever Deserve... God Gave His Son, ????, To Save Them. 1 John 4:10" Hint: The name of God's Son. It starts with the letter "J."

1 John 4:10

**“God loved
us and
sent his
Son**

**to be the
propitiation
for our
sins.”**



This Is Love
1 John 4:10

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to 1 John 4:10, and read: “God loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about God's love?" he asked. "We think so! Propitiation is a payment to make things right between sinners and God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to give His perfect life to pay for God's people's sins and save them."

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"Our Big Question is: What Is God's Love for His People Like? And the answer is: It's More Than They Could Ever Deserve... God Gave His Son, JESUS, To Save Them!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



We have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God chose to love His people better than they deserved. Though their hearts were empty of love for Him, He sent Jesus to save them. Jesus lived a perfect life and gave it as the full payment for their sins when He died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead. Jesus beat sin and death for God's people. We can be God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Costly Children”

Exodus 24, Jeremiah 25, Isaiah 9,42,43,49, Ezekiel 37, Daniel 9, Zechariah 8-14



“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 Costly Children.’ Listen for what payment Jesus made to save God’s people so they could be God’s adopted children forever.”

"The Case of the Costly Children" Exodus 24, Jeremiah 25, Isaiah 9,42,43,49, Ezekiel 37, Daniel 9, Zechariah 8-14

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Whom did God adopt as His dearly-loved children?
2. What made adopting them so costly to God?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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I John 4:10, ESV

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

1. Whom did God love before they loved Him?
2. Whose sins were forgiven by Jesus' sacrifice?

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

Something to Grow Into

THE LORD

Covenant Big Promise

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People



I. At Mt. Sinai, the LORD spoke to the people of Israel. "I want to be your God and you to be My people," He told them. "Let's make big "Do or Die" promises to each other: promises sealed in blood and must be kept ---a covenant. I promise to take care of you. You promise to keep My laws."



2. "Yes! We want to make these promises with You," the people said. They gave big worship gifts to the LORD. Then, Moses read the LORD's laws and promises. He sprinkled the people with blood from the gifts, then the people promised: "We will keep the covenant... we will do or die."

THE LORD



3. The LORD kept His covenant with the people --every one of His big, "Do or Die" promises. But sadly, the people of Israel had sinful hearts, just like we do. They broke all of their covenant promises to the LORD. What would happen? The people did not "Do." Would they have to "Die"?



4. The people no longer deserved to be God's people, but the LORD was patient. He sent Jeremiah to urge them to turn back and worship Him. But the people didn't listen, so the LORD sent His punishments. Their land was destroyed, and they were carried off to work for their enemies.



5. How sad were the people of Israel in this faraway land! They knew they deserved the LORD's punishments for breaking their "Do or Die" promises to Him. Now, they wanted to turn back and worship Him. But had the LORD stopped loving His people? Was it too late?



6. No, it wasn't! The LORD sent Daniel, Ezekiel, and Zechariah to encourage them: "I have punished you so you would turn back to Me. On just the right day, your punishment will be over. I'll free you from your enemies. You will go home and make a new start," the LORD promised.

God's Son, Jesus, the Savior



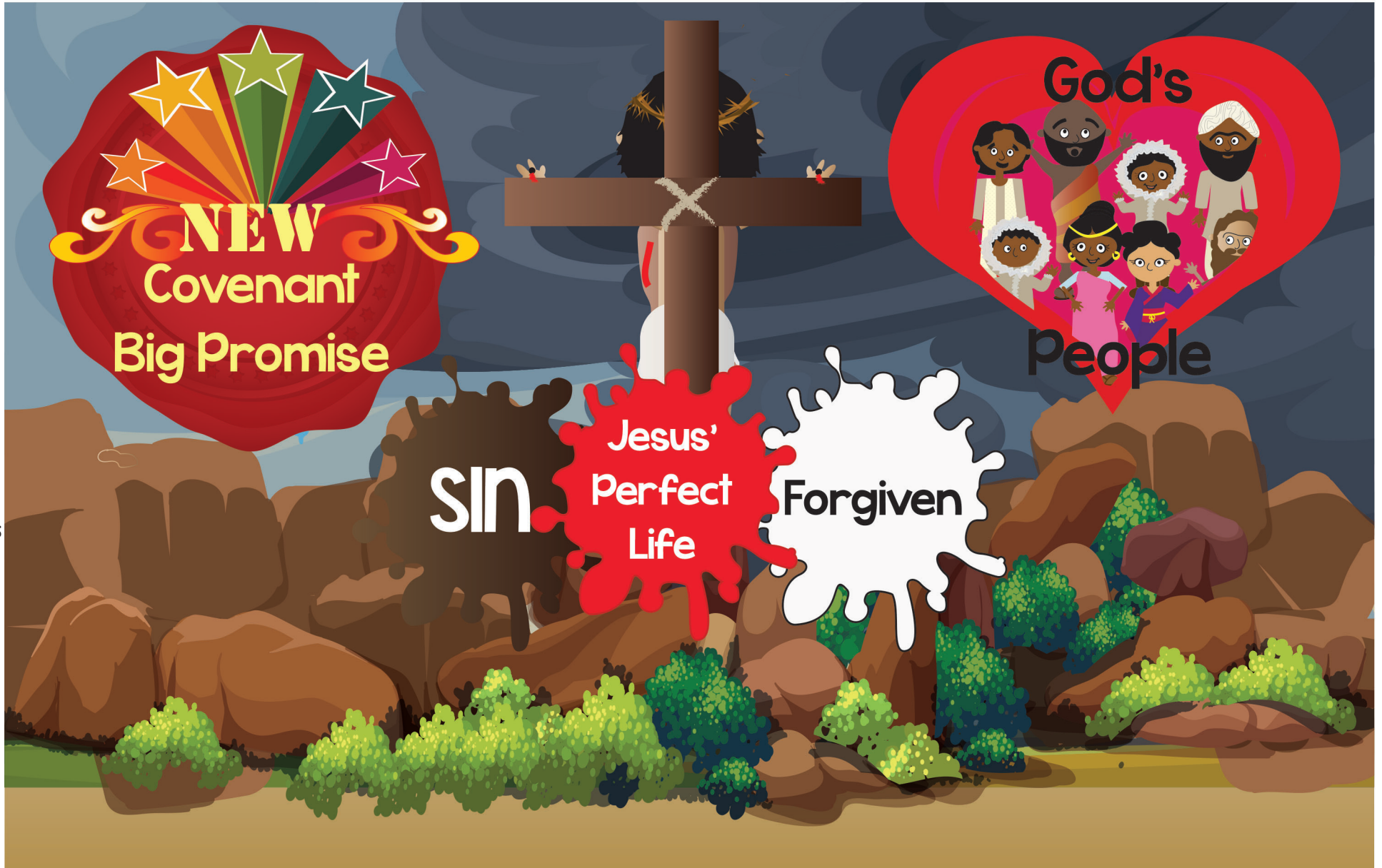
7. "But I have even better plans for you," the LORD told them. "I'm sending you a Messiah, a Savior," He promised. "He will take the punishment My people deserve for disobeying Me. His blood will take away their sins and make a new "Do or Die" covenant, so they can always be My people."



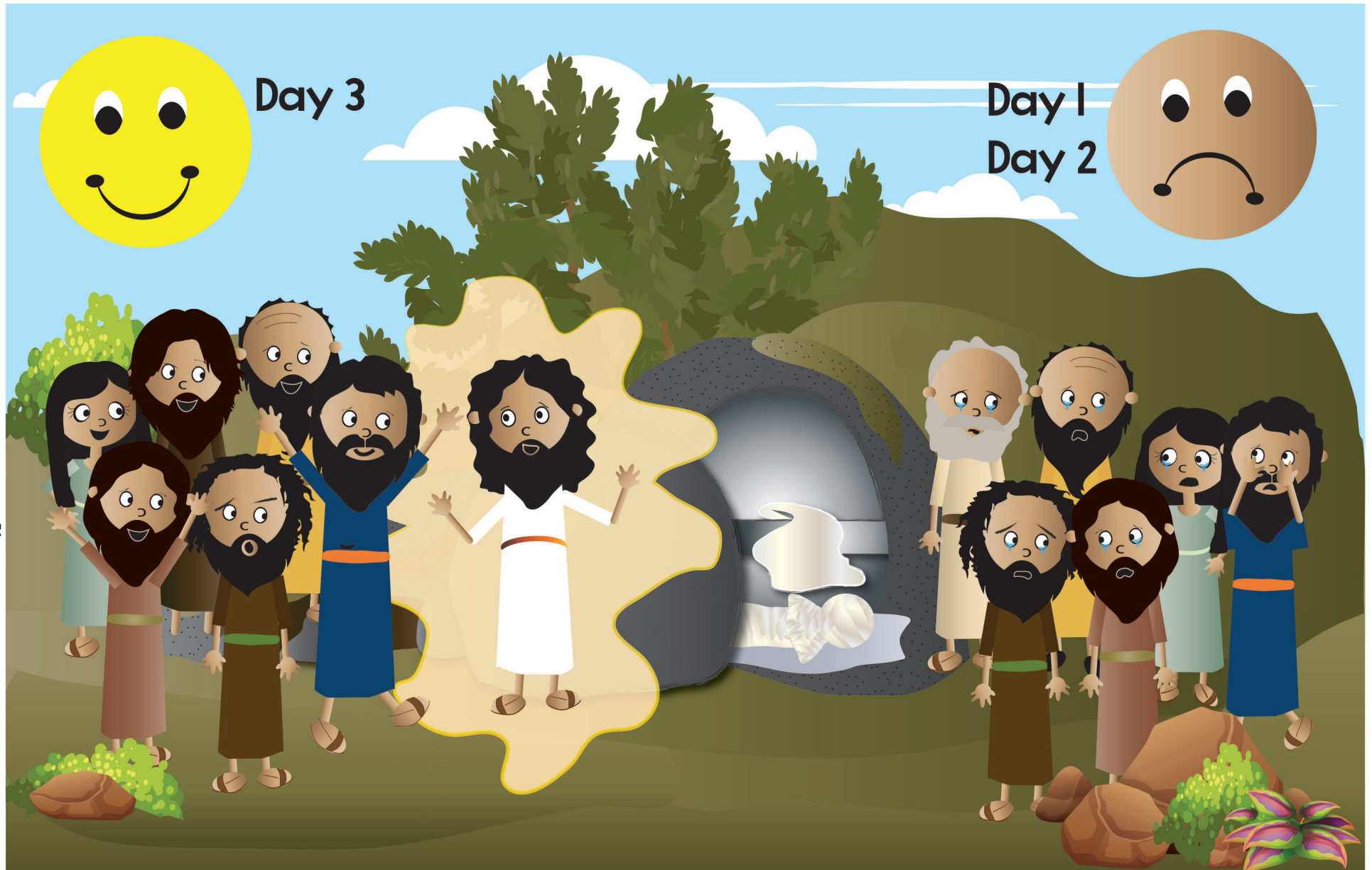
8. "I'll give My people new hearts filled with My Holy Spirit. He'll help them love Me and obey Me, until the day they come live with Me in heaven," the LORD promised. "This covenant will last FOREVER." The people of Israel were so happy! They looked forward to what the LORD would do.



9. The people waited, and at last, the day came when they were freed. They went back to their land to build homes and a new place to worship the LORD. Then, they waited and waited for the day when the Savior would come. And, at last, He came. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.



10. Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it as full payment for God's people's sins. Jesus' blood sealed God's new covenant with His people. This covenant could NEVER be broken because Jesus was making it with His perfect life. Oh, what a wonderful, costly gift Jesus gave!



II. Jesus died on the cross that day, but on Day Three, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. And with His victory, God gave His people a new name: His adopted children. Jesus' life paid the costly price for them to be in God's heavenly family forever.



12. God's love for His people is amazing! Though they don't love or obey Him as they should, God sent Jesus to save them. They can know God in their hearts now; and one day, go live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

"The Case of the Costly Children"

Q: "What payment did Jesus make to save God's people so they could be God's adopted children forever?"

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kids



A: "Jesus died on the cross, giving His perfect life as the full payment for God's people's sins."

"The Case of the Costly Children" Exodus 24, Jeremiah 25, Isaiah 9,42,43,49, Ezekiel 37, Daniel 9, Zechariah 8-14

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Whom did God adopt as His dearly-loved children?
All who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. His promises began with the people of Israel, but have spread out to include people from the whole world.

2. What made adopting them so costly to God?
God adopted them by paying for their sins, Himself, when Jesus suffered and died on the cross.

For You and Me:

We, too, can become God's dearly-loved, adopted children when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 John 4:10, ESV

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

1. Whom did God love before they loved Him?

God loved all His people before they loved Him--the people of Israel, and all others who would turn to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2. Whose sins were forgiven by Jesus' sacrifice?

All of God's people--all who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:

We, too, are sinners who have broken God's laws. We, too, deserve His punishment for our sins. But the good news is that we, too, can be forgiven our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

Something to Grow Into

What Is God's Love for His People Like?
It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...
God Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them!

The Gospel

The Bible, tells us that we have all chosen to turn away from God and disobey Him. That's why we all deserve His punishment for our sins. How sad!

But God is so rich in mercy. He sent His Son, Jesus, save His people, even though they did not love or obey Him. Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He always loved God and loved people. Then, He offered up His life to God as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory.

Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people!

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

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



“God’s love is more than we could ever deserve. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are so loving!

God, we disobey You and deserve Your punishment, yet You offer us Your love through Jesus. Thank You!

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise you, God, for being so full of love for Your people. You were filled with love for them before they loved You or knew You!

C God, we should be filled with love for You and Your good ways, but so many times we are not. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for loving the world so much that You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for loving sinners, even before they loved You. Thank You for making the way for them to be saved through Jesus.

S God, work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Give us new hearts full of love for You. Help us to become Your people.

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!)



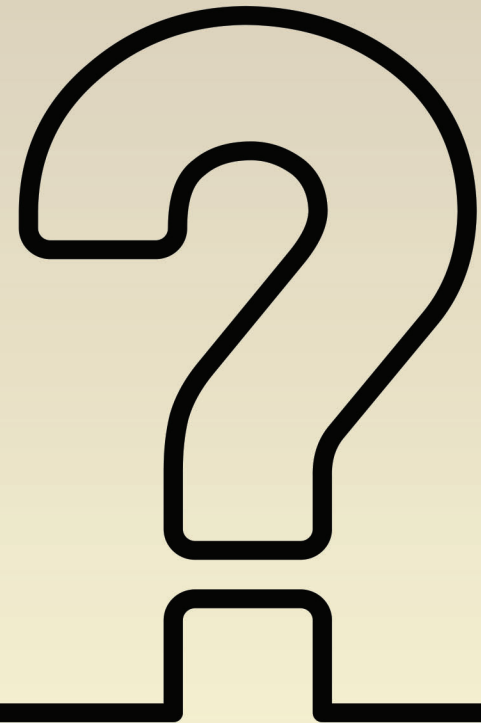
"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #8

Simple Song



What is God's love for His people like?
More than they could ever deserve!
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What is God's love for His people like?
More than they could ever deserve!



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

Big Question #8 Tell Me More Song What Is God's Love for His People Like?

What is God's love for His people like?
What is God's love for His people like?
What is God's love for His people like?
It's more than they could ever deserve.

Verse 1

God loves His people from all places,
from all times, with ev'ry kind of faces.
God loves His people from ev'ry nation,
And He loves them all through Jesus Christ.

Refrain

God's love for His people
Is more than they could ever deserve.
God's love for His people
Is more than they could ever deserve.

Verse 2

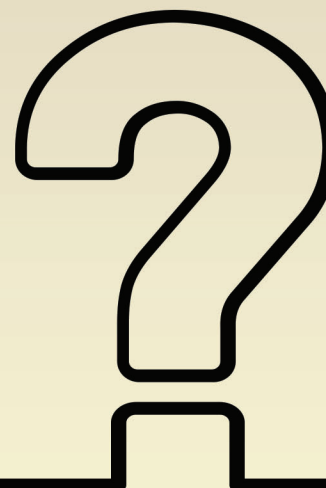
God loved His people before the beginning,
Even before they were repenting and believing,
God loved His people from ev'ry nation,
And He loved them all through Jesus Christ.

Refrain

Verse 3

God loved His people, He sent Jesus,
To save them, so forever they would be His,
God loves His people from ev'ry nation,
And He always will through Jesus Christ.

Refrain



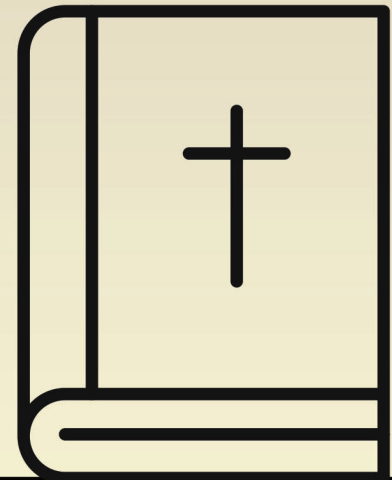
Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #8, Bible Truth | Bible Verse Song:

This Is Love: | John 4:10



This is love,
Not that we loved God,
But that He, that he loved us,
He sent his Son,
And He sent His Son,
The propitiation for our sins.
He sent his Son,
And He sent His Son,
The propitiation for our sins.
First John Four, ten.



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

Big Question #8 Hymn And Can It Be, 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 8 Praise Song God Is So Good

God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
God is so good (powerful, holy),
He's so good (powerful, holy)
to me.

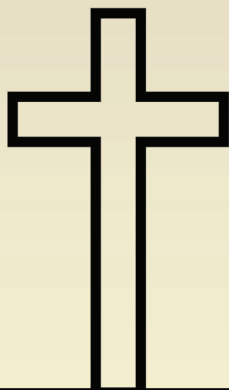


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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!



The Gospel Song (Full)

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.

"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus."

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.

