

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #8, Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good**



"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 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 third of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my magnifying glass. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!"



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Q: WHAT IS GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE LIKE?
A: IT'S MORE THAN THEY COULD EVER DESERVE...
GOD USES THEIR ???? FOR GOOD.

ROMANS
8:28

Hint: The opposite of "happiness."
It starts with an "S" and
rhymes with "gladnesses."

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 Uses Their ???? for Good. Romans 8:28." Hint: The opposite of "happiness." It starts with an "S" and rhymes with "gladnesses."

**Romans
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And We Know
Romans 8:28,29

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Romans 8:28, and read: “For those who love God, all things work together for good.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about God's love?" he asked. "We think so! God's people are the ones who love God. God promises His people that He will use everything in their lives, even the sad things, for their good and His glory."

Big Q & A 8
Simple
Song



Q: WHAT IS GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE LIKE?
A: IT'S MORE THAN THEY COULD EVER DESERVE...
GOD USES THEIR SADNESSES FOR GOOD.

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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 Uses Their SADNESSES For Good!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



We all get sad or scared. Sometimes bad things happen to us or people we love. When bad things happen to God's people, they keep trusting in God. They know He loves them and is in control. They know He promises to use every trouble for their good and to show how great He is. They even trust Him with sadnesses they don't understand. He's that good and loves them that much! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good"

John 8-10



"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 Sad Thing that Did Good.' Listen for the sad thing God used for good."

"The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good" John 8-10

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was the sad thing the parents found out about their baby?
2. What good did Jesus use this sad thing to do?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Romans 8:28, ESV

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose."

1. What did many people say about the baby's blind eyes?
2. What good purpose did God have for the baby's blind eyes?

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

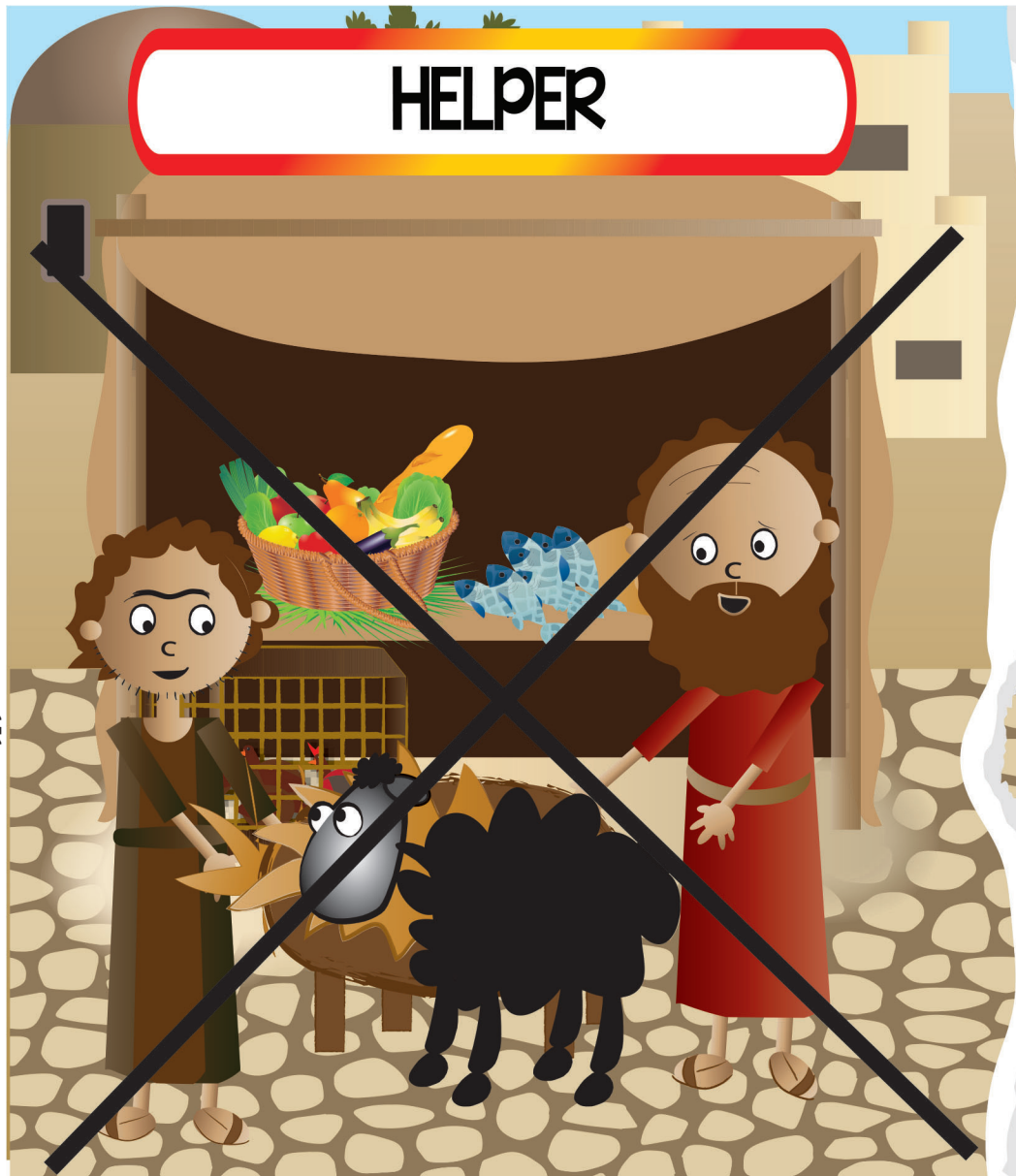
Something to Grow Into



1. Jerusalem was the biggest and best city in Israel. Inside its walls were houses where people lived, and fountains, where they got water and washed. There was a marketplace to buy the things. But most importantly, there was the Temple, where people went to worship the LORD.



2. Not far from the Temple lived a man and his wife. How happy this man and his wife were! They just had a baby boy. "Praise God for this boy! We will love and care for him. He will grow up strong and work with his father, as sons always do," they thought.



3. But soon, their happiness changed to sadness. Their boy had been born blind! He would never see anything or be able to help his family. He would be a beggar, asking people for money, his whole life. Yes, this boy's blindness was very sad, indeed.



4. But it was the terrible things the teachers of God's law said that made the man and his wife saddest of all. "This baby -- or his mother or father-- must have done something very bad," they said. "That's why this baby was born blind." Was this true? (No, it was NOT, as we'll soon see.)



5. The years went by. The baby grew up to be a man. He couldn't help with his father's work, so he begged. Every day, he sat near the Temple with his cup, asking for money from people going to worship at the Temple. What a sad life! Could any good ever come out of all this sadness?



6. Yes, it could! One Sabbath day, everything changed. God had planned to use this blind man's sadness for good. And THIS was the day when the blind man and many others would see God's plans unfold. God would use Jesus, who was nearby in the Temple, to do this.



7. Jesus was teaching. "I am God's Son. Whoever believes in Me will live forever with God," He said. "You're wrong," the teachers of God's law replied. "Anyone who says they're God's Son must die." They threw stones at Jesus, but He and His disciples escaped, coming right near the blind man.



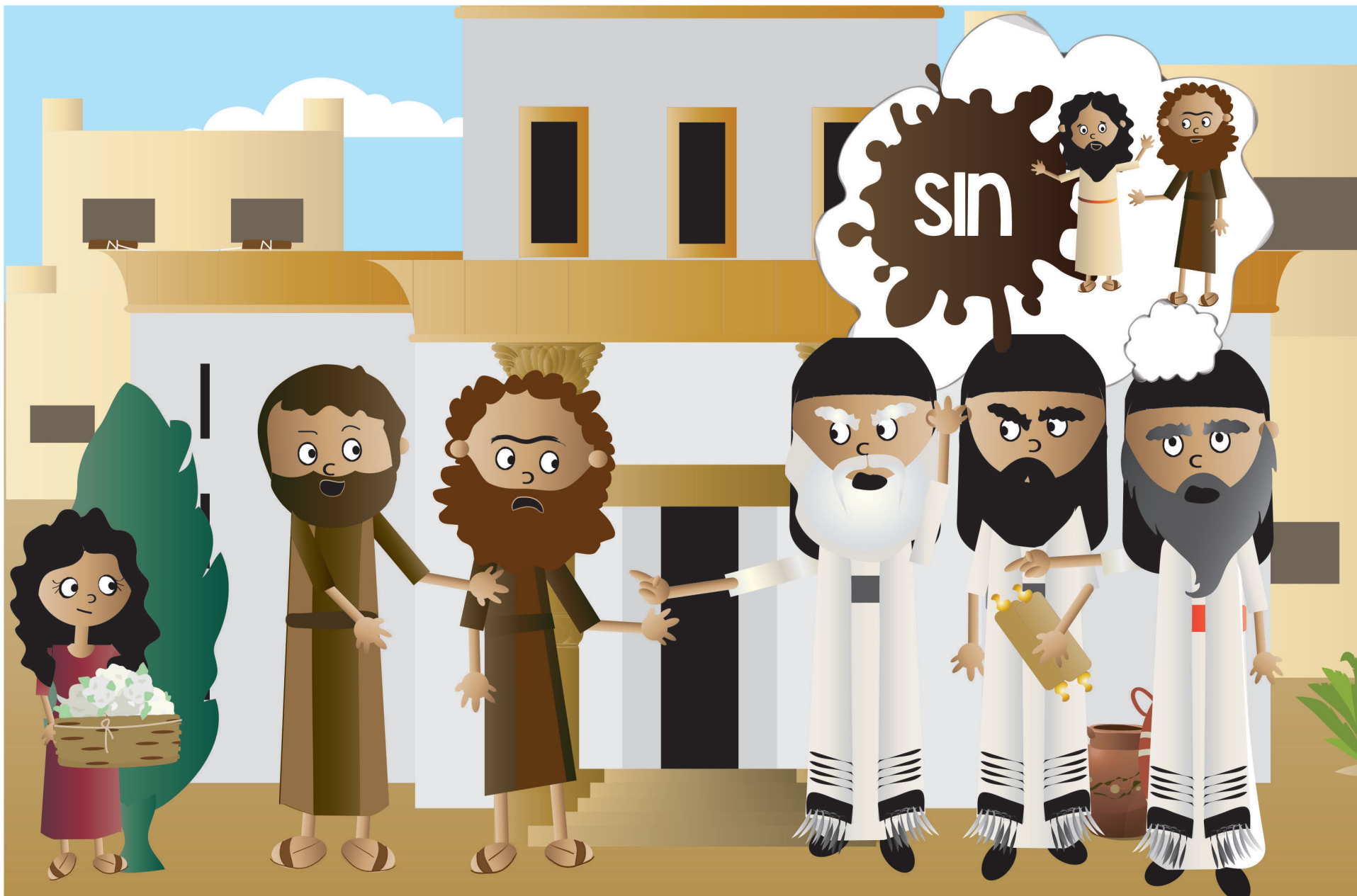
8. Jesus' friends looked at the blind man, and asked Jesus: "Who did the bad thing that made his eyes blind?" "You have it wrong!" Jesus told them. "God planned this man's sadness for good. Many will see God's power and believe that I am God's Son through him," Jesus said.



9. Then, Jesus mixed His spit with some dirt and put it on the blind man's eyes. "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam," Jesus told him. The man obeyed. At the pool, he washed off the mud, and what do you think happened? The blind man could see! Jesus had healed him! The man went home rejoicing.



10. The exciting news quickly spread through Jerusalem. "Is this REALLY the blind man? No one has ever healed a man born blind. Who is Jesus that He can heal like this? God must be working powerfully through Him," many thought. But what would the teachers of God's law think?



II. The teachers of God's laws still refused to believe in Jesus. They could see the amazing thing Jesus had done, but still said, "Jesus is a bad man! He is not God's Son." Oh, how very sad!



12. But the blind man fell down and worshipped Jesus. "Lord, I believe," he said. God had truly used this man's sadnesses for the good. Not only had God healed his eyes, but He gave him and others faith to trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can even use this man's story to help YOU trust in Jesus!

“The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good”

Q: “What sad thing did God use for good?”

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younger
kids



**GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE IS MORE
THAN THEY COULD EVER DESERVE...**

God Uses Their Sadnesses for Good

A: “God used the man's blindness to help him and others trust in Jesus as their Savior.”

"The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good" John 8-10

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was the sad thing the parents found out about their baby?
He was blind.
2. What good did Jesus use this sad thing to do?
Jesus used it to display God's great power and to help many people trust in Him as God's Son, the Savior, including the blind man, himself.

For You and Me:
Isn't it wonderful to know that God uses all of His people's sadnesses for good? God still uses His people's sadnesses for good, even today. And we can know that He will use all of our sadnesses for the good, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. It is His promise to all who do.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 8:28, ESV

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose."

1. What did many people say about the baby's blind eyes?
Many people thought God was punishing the baby or his parents for something bad they had done.
2. What good purpose did God have for the baby's blind eyes?
To show God's great power and to help many people trust in Jesus as God's Son, the Savior, including the blind man, himself.

For You and Me:
God always planned to use that baby's blindness for good. He wasn't punishing the baby or his parents! Isn't it wonderful to know that God uses all of His people's sadnesses for good! God still uses His people's sadnesses for good, even today. And we can know that He will use all of our sadnesses for the good, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. It is His promise to all who do.

Something to Grow Into

What Is God's Love for His People Like?
It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...
God Uses Their Sadnesses for Good!

The Gospel

No one likes sadnesses, but we all have them. How wonderful is God's promise to use every single sadness of His people for their good and to show how great He is!

God's people's greatest sadness is that they (like all people) are sinners who have chosen to disobey God. But do you know that God has turned that greatest sadness into the greatest good? You see, God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment for their sins. On the third day, He rose from the dead, proving He had done it! They are forgiven. They have become His dearly-loved people! And they will get to praise God forever for how much He has loved them through Jesus.

We, too, can know God's forgiveness and become His people, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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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! You use all Your people's sadnesses for good.

Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need. Through Him, we can become Your people.

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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, for being so good and so powerful! You even use all of Your people's sadnesses for their good. You show how good and great You are!

C God, You promise to use all things for the good in the lives of Your people, but many times we don't trust that You will. We act like Your plans aren't good or that You aren't really in control. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

T Thank You for Your amazing promises to work good even in all of our sadnesses, when we trust in You as our Savior. Thank You that You can work good things in even the biggest sadnesses and the scariest things that happen to us. Thank You for the good You will do that we do not yet see.

S God, work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and trust You. Do many good things even through our sadnesses-- good things that show others how good and great You are.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song





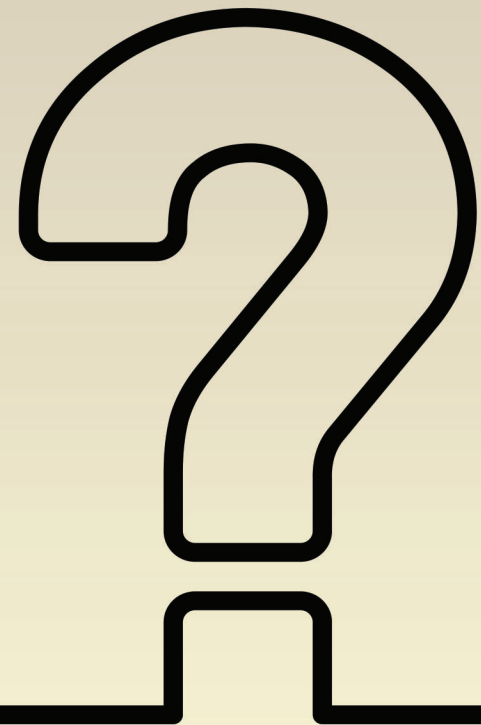
"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #8

Simple Song



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

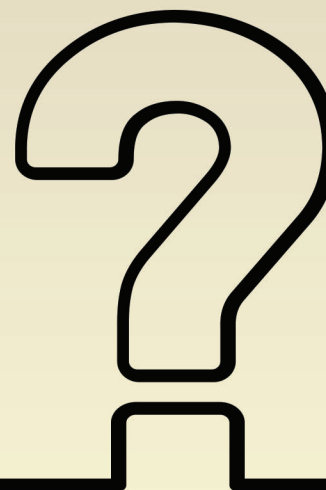
God loved His people before the beginning,
Even before they were repenting and believing,
God loved His people from ev'ry nation,
And He loved them all through Jesus Christ.

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 3 Bible Verse Song:

And We Know: Romans 8:28,29

And we know that for those who love God
All things work together for good,
And we know that for those who love God
All things work together for good,
For those who are called, according to his purpose,
For those who are called, according to his purpose,

Refrain:

All things work together for good,
All things work together for good,
All things, all things, all things,
work together for good.



For those he foreknew, he also predestined,
For those he foreknew, he also predestined,
To be conformed to the image of his Son,
That he might be the firstborn among many.
To be conformed to the image of his Son,
That he might be the firstborn among many.

Refrain

Romans Eight, twenty-eight and nine.

Big Question #8, Bible Truth 3
Bible Verse Song:

All Things: Romans 8:28,29



All things, we know that all things,
All things work together for the good,
For those who love God,
Those who are called,
Called according to his purpose.

But why? What was God doing for
His people?

For those whom he foreknew,
He also predestined, predestined,
To be conformed, to be conformed,
Conformed to the image of his Son,
But why? What was God doing for Jesus?
That he, that he might be,
The firstborn among many brothers.
Of many brothers, that He might be,
The firstborn of many brothers.
Romans Eight, twenty-eight and nine.

"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.

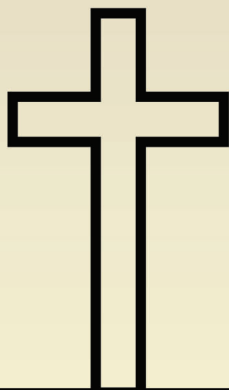


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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!



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.



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!



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.

