Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Deliver to: The Deep Down Detectives

Big Question #8, Bible Truth 4 The Case of the One Who Would Not Stop

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



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 Will Never <u>????</u> Loving His People. Hosea 2:19." Hint: The opposite of "go." It starts with the letter "S" and rhymes with "hop."

Hosea 2:19 "I will betroth you to me

forever... in steadfast love."



l Will Betroth You to Me Hosea 2:19

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Hosea 2:19, and read: "I will betroth you to me forever... in steadfast love."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this last truth about God's love?" he asked. "We think so! Betrothed means making a special promise to love someone always. God promises to always love His people, every day of their lives and forevermore.



"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 Will Never <u>STOP</u> Loving His People" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Our love for others changes, but God's love for His people never changes. God loved His people before they loved Him or even knew Him. He paid for their sins through Jesus' perfect life, when Jesus died on the cross. God makes them His adopted children. Nothing will ever stop God from loving His people. They are bound in love to Him forever through Jesus. We can become one of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



"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 One Who Would Not Stop.' Listen for who never stopped loving David."

"The Case of the One Who Would Not Stop" | & 2 Samuel, Psalms 16, 23



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I

I. Who was the One who would not stop loving David? 2. Why was it surprising that He would not stop loving him?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hosea 2:19, ESV

"I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy."

I. Who did the LORD love with this kind of unstoppable love in our story?

2. How did the LORD show His love and compassion to this person?

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

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Something to Grow Into



I. David was a man who loved God. From young boy to grown man, God helped David trust in Him and live for Him his whole life. God blessed David with many good things. He even made David king over Israel. How God blessed the people of Israel through David!



2. David wrote songs to praise the LORD for all His blessings. David shared his songs with the people of Israel. Sometimes thousands of people sang them together as they worshipped the LORD. Many of David's songs are written down in the Bible. They're called the Psalms.



3. But David didn't only know happy times of blessings. He also suffered some very sad things. David had many enemies, including King Saul. Saul was jealous of David. Saul and his soldiers chased David for years, trying to kill him, though David never did anything wrong to him.



4. And don't think David never did anything bad. He did. He was a sinner just like us. David even had Uriah, one of his bravest soldiers, killed so he could take Uriah's wife to be his own! Oh, what a terrible thing David did!



5. David praised the LORD when he enjoyed God's blessings, but what happened when David went through those sad and bad times? How would David keep loving and praising the LORD in the sad times? And could the LORD keep loving David when he sinned?



6. There was only one way: God's never-ending love. God loved David better than he deserved. He comforted David when he was sad. He helped David turn back to Him when he sinned.



7. So, when David hid from King Saul and his soldiers, the LORD was with him, helping him. David praised the LORD for His faithful love, singing: "I love you, O LORD. You are my strength. You will deliver me and save me from my enemies. I praise You!" (Psalm 18:1-3)



8. And even when David killed Uriah and took his wife, the LORD loved David by sending the prophet Nathan to him. Nathan helped David see his sin and ask for God's forgiveness.



9. Then, David sang: "Have mercy on me, 0 God, according to your steadfast love, take away my sins... Deliver me, my God, my Savior, and I will sing aloud of your perfect goodness. I will praise you!" (Psalm 51:1-2,14)



10. Every day of David's life --in the good times, and even in the sad and bad times-- David praised the LORD for His great love for him. It was a love that never stopped. It was always more than he could ever deserve.



II. But most of all, David looked forward to the day when God's greatest promise to him and all of God's people would come true: the day when God will bring His people home to live with Him forever. Then, at last, they will enjoy God's love for them in the closest, most wonderful way.



12. That's why David sang: "Surely the LORD will show me goodness and mercy all the days of my life, and I will go to live with Him forever." (Psalm 23:6) We can become God's people and enjoy His amazing, unending love, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



A: "The LORD never stopped loving David."

"The Case of the One Who Would Not Stop" | & 2 Samuel, Psalms 16, 23

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I

I. Who was the One who would not stop loving David? The LORD.

2. Why was it surprising that He would not stop loving

Because David did some very bad things that broke him? God's law.

Like David, we, too, are sinners. We do not deserve God's love. We deserve His punishment. How sad! But the great news is that God offers to forgive our sins and make us His people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Like David, we can know God and His great love forever!

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Hosea 2:19, ESV

"I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy."

I. Who did the LORD love with this kind of unstoppable love in our story? David.

2. How did the LORD show His love and compassion to this person?

He helped David do the good things that David did. He helped David see that he was a sinner and turn away from his sins when he did bad things. He took care of David through all the sad times, too. He never stopped loving David throughout his whole life.

For You and Me

David knew the LORD's unstoppable love and so can we! How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's dearly-loved people forever!

Something to Grow Into

What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's More than They Could Ever Deserve... God Will Never Stop Loving His People!

Why does God never stop loving His people, even though they are all sinners who have rebelled against Him? It is because of Jesus!

God sent His Son, Jesus, to live the perfect life that we should have lived, but never do. On the cross, Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, so they could be forgiven and could know God as their Heavenly Father. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them. And that's why God's love for His people will go on forever. Jesus paid it all!

> We can become God's people, forever loved by Him, too! How? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

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Something to Grow Into

Gospel Songs

"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 will never stop loving Your people.

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.



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Something to Grow Into A Prayer

- A We praise you, God, for being so full of love for Your people. You love them with a love that will never end.
- C God, You offer us a love that will never end, but many times, we choose to not love You. We choose to live life our own way, even if it means breaking Your good laws. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You that all who put their trust in You can rest in Your love forever.
- 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 to know Your love. Make us Your people who enjoy Your love forever.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)

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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 I

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 4 Bible Verse Song: I Will Betroth You to Me: Hosea 2:19

I will betroth you to me forever, I will betroth you to me forever, In righteousness and justice, In love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me forever, I will betroth you to me forever, Hosea Two, nineteen.





"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

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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.



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.



