# **Detective Dan's Big Question Box**

Interactive Stories from the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum



4 Bible Truths from Big Question 2: What's So Special about the Bible? by Constance Dever



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# **Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources**

There are five companion resources for each of the sixteen units of Deep Down Detectives. Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Deep Down Detectives resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

Make sure to check out the "Bits and Pieces" section of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum online. It has all of the resources separated out making it easy for you simply to pick, choose and print out whatever you want.

#### Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

#### Deep Down DetectivesVisual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, easy-to-use, colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene in printed on the bottom of each scene.

#### Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource includes only 2-page overview for Bible Truth, the story scenes, and take home sheets. This is a great, basic resource for use at home and in many classroom teaching situations.

# Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

# Deep Down Detectives Large Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards 36" x 48" in size.

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# **Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum**

Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

# **About Detective Dan's Big Question Box**

Detective Dan's Big Question Box introduces children to the key concepts of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids and the Deep Down Detective curriculums in more of an interactive storybook format. It was created to be used with very little prep and is especially good for your youngest kids with the least attention span, and, for teaching situations where there is no time to prepare or your teachers have very little experience teaching. It is similar to Simple Story Scenes, but the concepts have been simplified and the stories shortened. Also, the music is woven into the format, instead of having to access it separately.

#### **Format Overview**

Every Detective Dan story follows the same, three-part format.

#### Part 1: The Kids and Detective Dan's Big Question

The kids receive a Big Question to solve from Detective Dan. They look in their Bibles and find the answer. They ask Detective Dan to tell them a Bible story related to what they are learning. (The QR codes to some of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids songs are also included on these pages, if you want to use them here.)

#### Part 2: The Bible Story

This is a shorter version (often much, much shorter) of the stories found in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. suitable for your youngest children. (Note: story texts in Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes resource is the same as the currciulum story text, if you want the full version.) There are listening questions that give the children something to listen for as they hear the story. (Note: there are two options of these questions: one for younger kids and one for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. After the story, the questions are answered, then there is a choice of two closing prayers: one for younger kids and another for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. There is also an optional gospel page that ties the gospel directly into the Bible truth/story, best for older kids. You can alternatively use the gospel songs to incorporate the gospel into every session via Wiggle and Worsip Time music instead of this gospel text page. This is usually better for younger kids' attention spans.)

#### Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

The session ends with Wiggle and Worship Time, in which the kids sing songs related to what they are learning. (The Big Question and Answer song, the Bible verse song, and other songs.) QR codes allow teachers to directly access the songs with a smart device. Or, you can always download the songs onto a device in advance.

#### Why I Created This New Version

Post-Covid, our volunteer numbers of experienced teachers are still low. We needed a new version of the curriculum, so that even these very inexperienced teachers could easily teach the kids. Detective Dan fits this bill.

#### How We Use This Detective Dan's at CHBC

Currently, we are using all three parts, plus the briefcase and props, with our 4 and 5 year olds. But, we are only using Parts 2 and 3 with our three year olds; and only Part 3 with our two year olds. This has each group of kids learning what seems best suited for their age in our large, classroom settings. We don't use any of the questions/ prayers for older kids, just the more simpler ones for younger kids.

#### **Available Formats**

#### **Print Version**

You can also choose to download or to purchase from Amazon, the regular, 8.5" x 11" size of Detective Dan. This will work just fine for smaller teaching situations.

#### **Screen Version**

You can also download Detective Dan and show on a screen. This is a very inexpensive way to make a large version of the curriculum with the printing expense. And, without having to decide where to store curriculum when not in use.

#### **Need More?**

Add in any of the games, coloring sheets, and other elements of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum, as found on the praisefactory.org website. Deep Down Detectives Bits and Pieces section is best for this.

# **Using Detective Dan's Big Question Box**

#### **Prepare Your Materials**

#### 1. Choose a Big Question "Case" story to teach the kids.

#### 2. Choose how you want to present the curriculum.

Print out/purchase from Amazon hard copies. Or, if displaying the curriculum on a screen, download the materials to a computer (or teach directly from the Praise Factory website --- Bits and Pieces section.) Connect your computer to the screen.

#### 3. Choose which parts you want to use with your kids.

See previous page for a description of each part and what might be most suitable for your kids. Here's what we do:

2's Introduce the Big Question, then use Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

**3's:** Part 2: Introduce the Big Question and Answer, then use the Bible Story and Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

**4's and older:** Parts 1,2,3 as written, and we incorporate the props and briefcase, as mentioned below in #5 optional props.

#### OTHER, OPTIONAL PREPARATIONS

#### 4. Prep for the music.

If using the music, you will need to connect to the internet or download the songs. You will likely want to get a portable bluetooth speaker to connect to your device to better amplify the songs. This is especially important if you are teaching a larger classroom of kids.

#### 5. Prep the optional props.

You can simply read the story from the pages, without any additional props. However, we find our kids (older 3's, 4's, 5's and up) LOVE to be part of the story by use of a "real" briefcase and "real" props, mirroring those used the the stories. We purchase a child's size briefcase, then, cut out and laminate the detective props, found in the back of this book. Put the Big Questions inside the corresponding props. The kids will get to pick out the prop and pull out the Big Question during that part of the story.

#### 6. Other resources we find useful.

A bell: We find a bell is a helpful way to call the kids gather for Blble Time. Egg shakers: kids to enjoy shaking as they sing the songs during Wiggle and Worship Time.

#### Get Ready to Teach

#### 1. Choose which "Case" you are teaching.

**2. If using the music, connect your device to the internet.** If amplifying the music through a speaker, connect your phone to the speaker via bluetooth or cord.

#### 3. Put your resources in place.

- Story
- Bell
- Mp3 player and speaker
- Big Question Box
- Music Shakers

4. Pray.

#### **Calling the Kids to Bible Time**

1. Ring the bell.

2. Play the Gathering Song.

3. Ask kids to "park their toys" and join you in the Bible Time area.

- 4. Use the Criss-Cross Applesauce song to help kids to sit down and settle.
- 5. Pray the Opening Prayer.
- 6. Use the curriculum, whichever parts you are using with your kids. (See above)

# **Optional Briefcase and Props**

Kids, ages 4 and up, love being a part of the story with the use of an actual briefcase and props. Here's how to make these props. Each pair of props form the front and back of a finished prop. There are 16 props, one for each Big Question. The Big Question is slipped inside the opening in each prop.

### Assembling the Optional Props for the Big Question Briefcase

# 1. Go to praisefactory.org and download the Prop Pictures and Big Questions file from the Deep Down Detectives Bits and Pieces section on praisefactory.org.

This file will be located next to the Detective Dan Big Question Box files for each Bible Truth.

# 2. Pair Up.

Some are already attached and you cut them out as one and fold. Others, are two pieces that you will put together.

### 3. Cut out each pair of props.

Fold or piece back to back with picture sides outward.

4. Laminate each pair together, leaving one edge of the assembled piece unlaminated, forming a pouch opening.

Do this by placing that edge along the side of the laminating sheet so that it doesn't seal when it goes through the laminator. You can also create the pouch opening by simply snipping one area of lamination. You can also enlarge your pouch opening this way, if you accidentally formed too small of an opening.

### 5. Cut out the Big Questions and laminate them.

# 6. Fold and place each Big Question in the props as follows:

- Big Question 1 Clue Jar
- Big Question 2 Magnifying Glass
- Big Question 3 Shoe
- Big Question 4 Sunglasses
- Big Question 5 Invisible Ink Jar
- Big Question 6 Bow Tie
- Big Question 7 Badge
- Big Question 8 Sock
- Big Question 9 Camera
- Big Question 10 Detective Hat
- Big Question 11 Flashlight
- Big Question 12 Watch
- Big Question 13 Notepad
- Big Question 14 ID Card
- Big Question 15 Walkie-Talkie
- Big Question 16 Wallet

**7. Tip:** We used a sharple to write the number on the prop, too, so we didn't have to remember which Big Question goes into each prop, if one fell out.

# 8. Purchase a kids' briefcase and put your props in it. You are ready to go!

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e	3. Settle with Criss Cross	Sing "Criss Cross Applecate Sond"	to help kids settle.		Criss Cross Applesauce (tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Litlle Star) Criss cross applesauce, Sit down, please, Hands in your lap. Shhh Look at me.
Transition to Bible Time	2. Park and Come 3	"It's Bible Time, kids. 3" Dark vour tovs and			
F	. Ring and Sing	Ring Bell Sing "The Gathering Song"	)	The Gathering Song	"Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God. Come gather here with me."



Let's Pray Song 1,2,3 Close your eyes, Bow your head, Fold your hands,

Song

Let's pray!

**Opening Prayer** 

Lord, Work in our hearts. Help us to listen and learn about You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



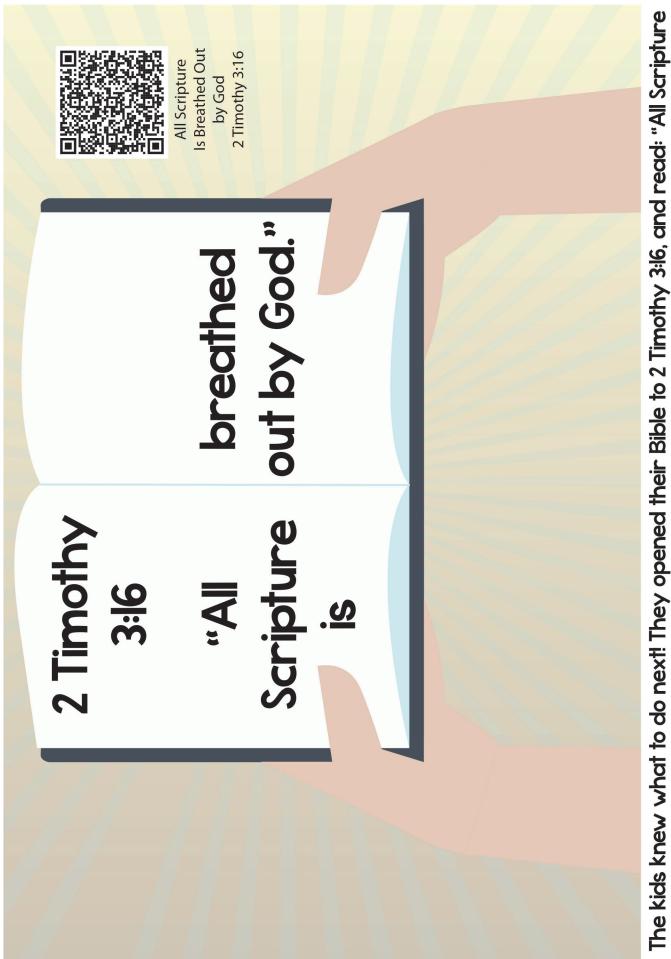






my watch. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!"

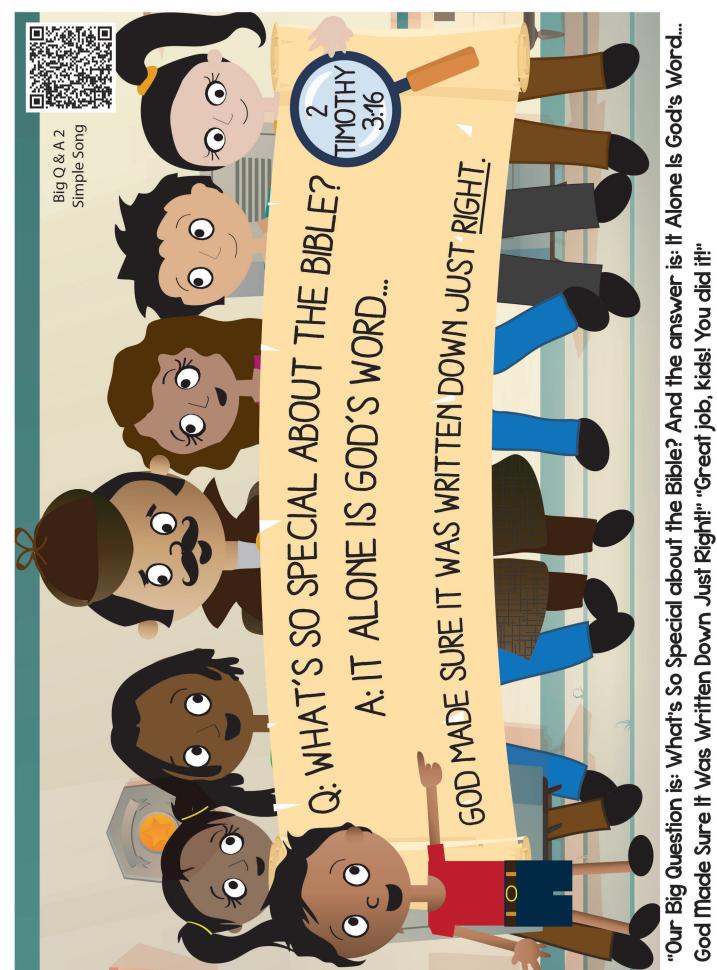




is breathed out by God."



is so special?" he asked. "We think so! 'Scripture' is another word for the Bible. 'God-breathed' Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the first way God's Word, the Bible, means God's Holy Spirit helped people write down the Bible just right. It alone is God's Word!"





many years, wrote down these books. Some wrote down songs to God. Others wrote down <u>His</u> <u> The Bible looks like one, big book; but, really it's sixty-six books, all put together. Many people, over</u> laws. Some wrote down God's promises and warnings. Others wrote down stories of the great things that God has done for His people; and, how He sent Jesus to save them. God's Holy Spirit worked in every one as they wrote to make sure their words would also be His perfect Word.

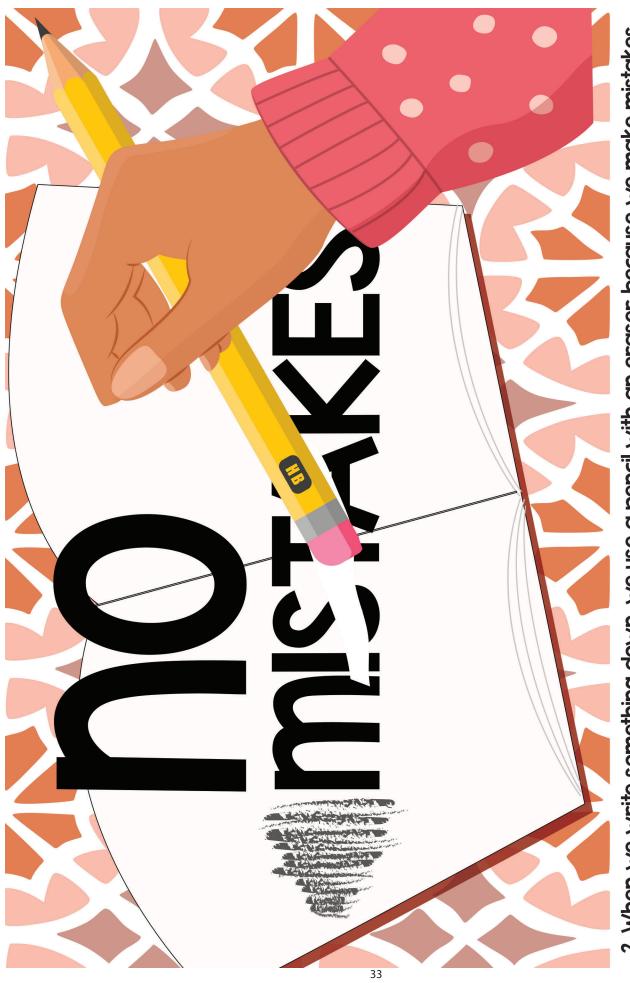


"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Words that Were Always Right.' Listen "Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word." for Who helped make sure God's Word was written down just right."

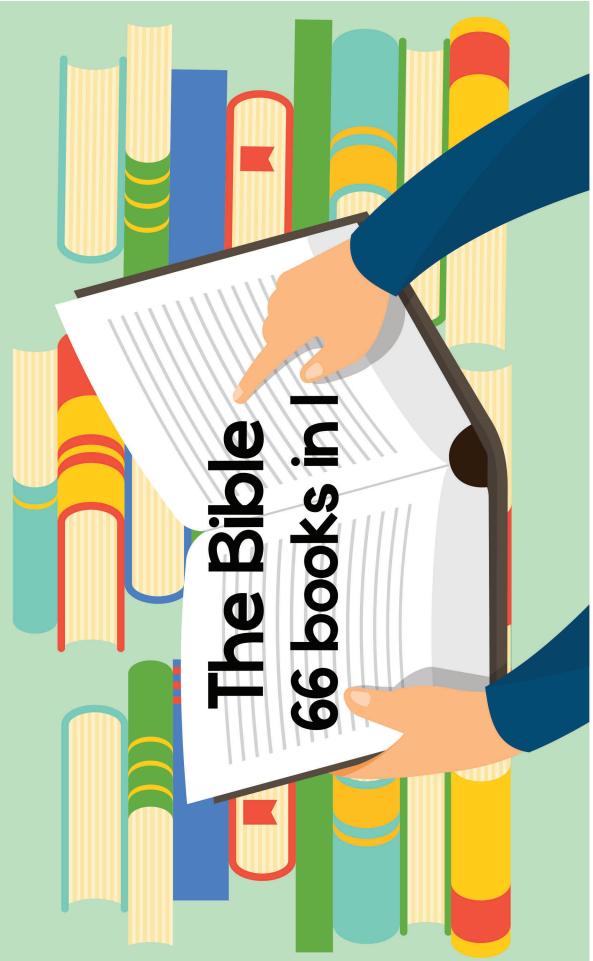
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The Case of the Words that Were A	more depth for	older kids Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l	I. Whose words were always right? 2. What's the name of the big book where these words were written down?		Something to Grow Into



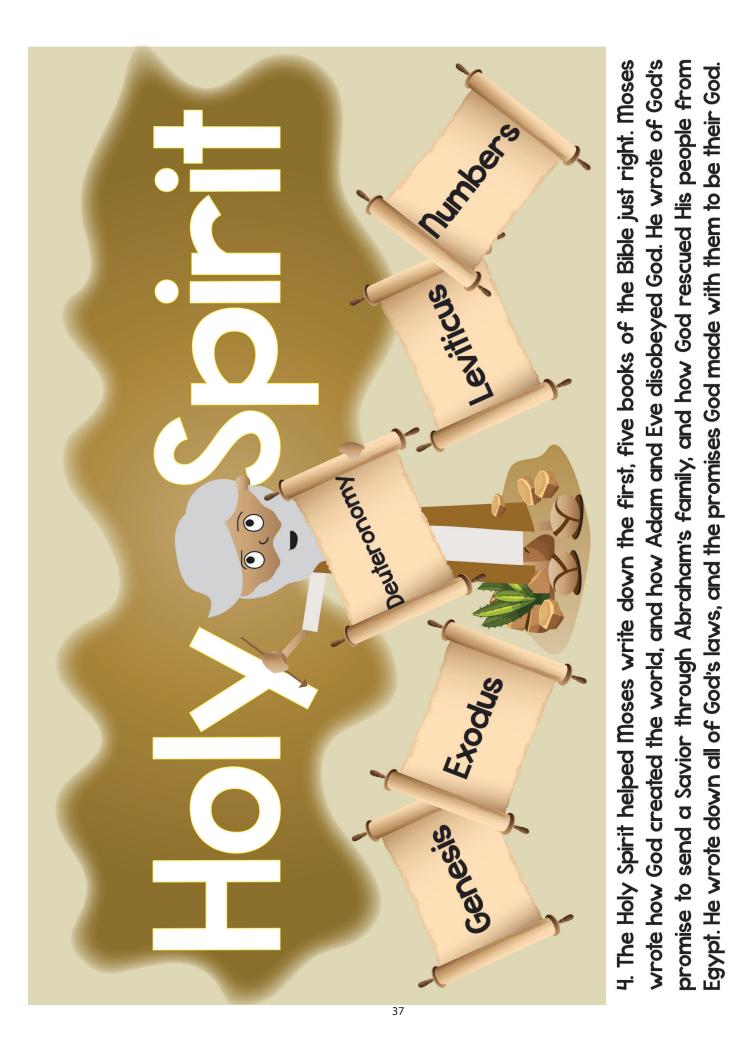
l. High up on a smoky, fiery mountaintop, the LORD wrote His Ten, Big Laws into two big pieces of stone. Isn't that amazing!



But not the LORD. He NEVER, makes mistakes. His Word is just as perfect as He is! He makes sure it 2. When we write something down, we use a pencil with an eraser because we make mistakes. is written down just right.



3. God wrote down His Big, Ten Laws, Himself, but He would use people to write down all the rest the Bible. There would be sixty-six books in all. His Holy Spirit would work in these people as they wrote, making sure everything was just right.

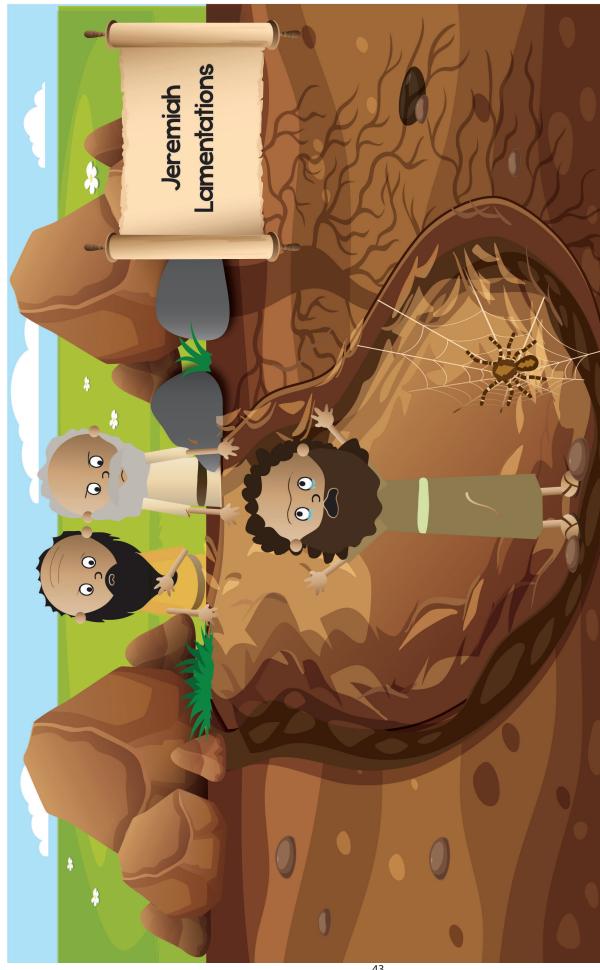




5. God used many other people to write down His Word. David sang songs to God everywhere he went. God's Holy Spirit helped David as he sang the songs and as he wrote them down. We can read his songs in the book of Psalms.



Holy Spirit helped him write down God's wise ways for us to live by. We can read these in 6. God made David's son, Solomon, a very wise king. He lived in a rich, beautiful palace. God's Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes.



7. Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, dark, muddy pit by people who had stopped obeying God. The Holy Spirit helped Jeremiah write down God's warnings to these people to turn back to Him. We can read what he wrote in Jeremiah and Lamentations.



8. The people kept disobeying, so God allowed enemies to destroy their city and take them away. The people were sad and sorry. God sent Ezekiel to comfort them with promises. God would bring them home. He would send a special king to save them and change their hearts. (Jesus!) The Holy Spirit helped Ezekiel write this down in the book of Ezekiel.



people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He beat death for all who put their trust in Him.

Now, the Holy Spirit would help God's people tell this good news and write it down just right.



10. Dr. Luke heard the good news of Jesus and believed. The Holy Spirit helped Dr. Luke write down the amazing things Jesus did and taught. He also wrote down what Jesus' followers (the Church) did, after Jesus went to heaven. These are the Bible books, Luke and Acts.



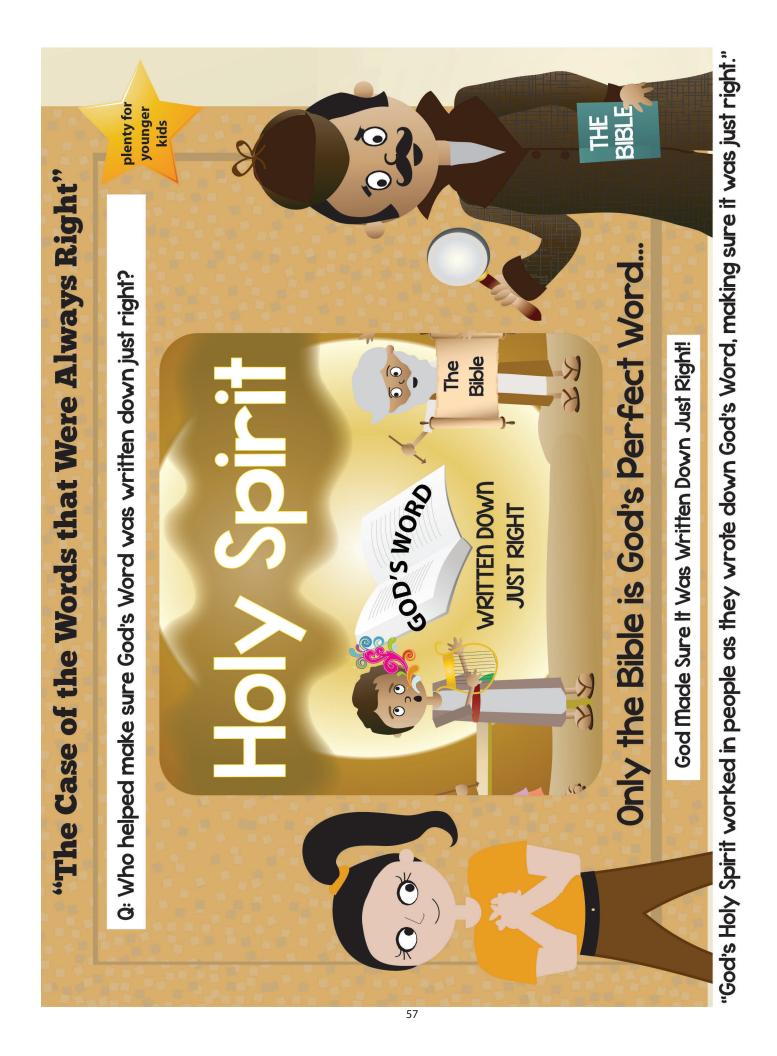
ll. Paul hated Jesus and hurt God's people. But God changed Paul's heart, and he believed in Jesus, too. Then, people hurt PAUL for sharing about Jesus. From jail, the Holy Spirit helped Paul write words of encouragement to believers. He wrote down over TEN books of the Bible!



The Holy Spirit helped him write to God's people. He encouraged them that Jesus would come 12. Enemies sent John to an island to stop him from telling others about Jesus. But John didn't stop! back and end sin and death forever. We can read this in 1,2,3 John and Revelation.



them write it down just right. All 66 books! And that's what so special about the Bible. It alone is 13. God used these people and others to write down His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit helped God's perfect Word--written down just right.



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For You and Me: How good of God to give us His word right: We can learn about Him, His g right: We can learn about tim, His g that's just what God wants us to do! that's just what God wants us to do!	For You and Me: How good of God to give us His words, written down just right! We can learn about Him, His good plans, and how right! We can learn about Him, we good them in the Bible. And He wants us to live, when we read them in the Bible. And that's just what God wants us to do!	helped people write them down just right. 2. What kinds of things did God have people write down to help us live for Him? His good rules, words of wisdom, songs to praise Him with, stories about how God always helps His people, and, the good news of salvation through Jesus.
		For You and Me: We can trust that the Bible really is God's Word. He made sure it was written down just right. God gave it to us, so that we can know more about Him and how He wants us to live. Through it, He gives us everything we need to know. His

## Holy Spirit can help us understand it and obey it. Something to Grow Into

What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word... God made sure it was written down just right! The Bible tells us so many good and important things. But the very best thing the Bible tells us, is how we can be saved from our sins.

perfect life. Then, He offered it up to God as full payment for the sins of God's people, as He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose up punishment for our sins, God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us. Jesus lived a The Bible tells us that, even though we are sinners who deserve God's from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

from disobeying God (repent) and trust in Jesus as our Savior We can become God's people, too, when we turn away Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer

this prayer!

more depth for older kids

Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

"The LORD gave us His Word, the Bible, so we can know Him and love Him. Let's ask Him to help us now. Let's pray."

### A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You want us to know You.

Thank You for giving us Your perfect Word, so we can know You.

Word and know You. Help us to turn away from Work in our hearts. Help us to understand Your our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

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#### Something to Grow Into A Prayer

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- A We praise you, God, for giving us Your Word, the Bible. We praise You for how Your Holy Spirit worked inside so many people, helping them to write it down just right.
- C God, You have given us Your Word, but often we don't want to listen to it or obey it. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for making sure Your Word was written down just right. Thank You that we can trust it to be true. And thank You for giving it to us, so we can better know You and how You want us to live.

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S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to understand Your Word and want to obey it. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

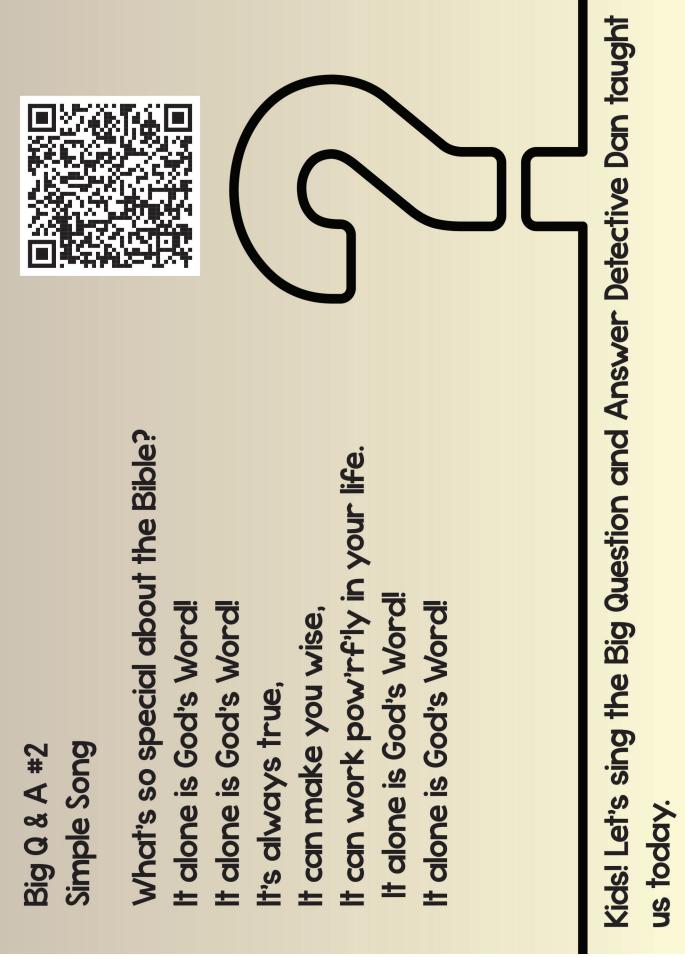
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

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 Question #2 Tell Me More Song

Refrain

What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word, W hat's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word. There are milions and milions of books in the world, But only the Bible is God's perfect Word, There are milions and milions of books in the world,

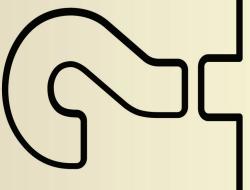
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word.

Verse I:

God's Word was written down perfectly, By godly men long ago, The Holy Spirit worked through them, Inspiring every word they wrote. Refrain

Verse 2: God's Word is powerful and living, It changes us, deep inside, The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. Refrain



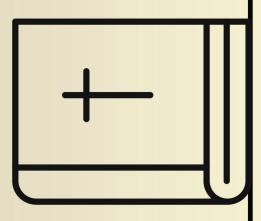


Here's a song that let's us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #2, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song: All Scripture Is Breathed Out by God 2 Timonthy 3:16,17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable, All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable, For teaching, reproof, correction, For training in righteousness, So that the man of God may be complete, Equipped for every good work. All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable, All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable, Second Timothy Three, sixteen and seventeen.





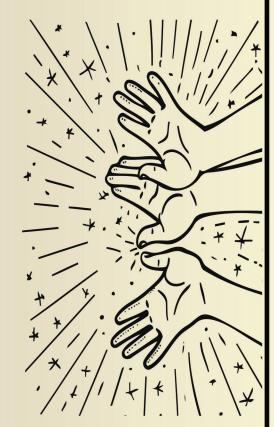
"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

Big Question #2 Hymn How Precious Is the Word Divine, v.I

Verse |

How precious is the book divine, By inspiration given; Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine, To guide our souls to heaven.





Big Question #2 Praise Song The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Verse |

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 His wonderful Word, the Bible!

	The Gospel Song (Short)	The Gospel Song (Full)
	We've all disobeyed God's good ways, But God sent His Son to save, All who turn back to Him, and pray:	Refrain: What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L? What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me?
	"Jesus, be my Savior, Take all my sins away."	What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is! Salvation through faith in Christ,
	This is the gospel, This is God's good news:	That's what the gospel is. "G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
68	Jesus died on the cross, Then on the 3rd day	"0", we should obey Him, but instead we're disobeyers, So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
	He rose from the geag. Ask Him to be your Savior, too. Ask Him to be your Savior, too!	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 Jesus.	"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus.

Bible Chant Song The Bible, the Bible, Let's get out the Bible. Let's bear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible, The Bible, the Bible. It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!	ACTS Prayer Song A doration: God, we praise You! C, Confession: Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus, T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat) S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat) Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat) Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat) Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)
Deep Down Detectives Theme Song   We're Deep Down Detectives, Me're Deep Down Detectives,   Ve're Deep Down Cod's Word, Erenths about God and His   For truths about God and His Me're Peep Down Cod and His   Plans for this world, Me're Seeking to love Him, with   We're Deep Down Detectives! Me're Seeking to love Him, with   We're Deep Down Detectives! Me're Start!	Classroom Rules Song Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand, if you have something to say, Don't houch your friend, if you have something to say. Don't houch your friend, Don't houch your f

#### Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 2, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Words that Were Always Right Exodus 24; Deuteronomy 5, 31; 2 Timothy 3:16

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

1. High up on a smoky, fiery mountaintop, the LORD wrote down His Ten, Big Laws into two big pieces of stone. Isn't that amazing!

2. When we write something down, we use a pencil with an eraser because we make mistakes. But not the LORD. He NEVER, makes mistakes. His Word is just as perfect as He is! He makes sure it is written down just right.

3. God wrote down His Big, Ten Laws, Himself, but He would use people to write down all the rest of the Bible. There would be sixty-six books in all. His Holy Spirit would work in these people as they wrote, making sure everything was just right.

4. The Holy Spirit helped Moses write down the first, five books of the Bible just right. Moses wrote how God created the world, and how Adam and Eve disobeyed God. He wrote of God's promise to send a Savior through Abraham's family, and how God rescued His people from Egypt. He wrote down all of God's laws, and the promises God made with them to be their God.

5. God used many other people to write down His Word. David sang songs to God everywhere he went. God's Holy Spirit helped David as he sang the songs and as he wrote them down. We can read his songs in the book of Psalms.

6. God made David's son, Solomon, a very wise king. He lived in a rich, beautiful palace. God's Holy Spirit helped him write down God's wise ways for us to live by. We can read these in Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes.

7. Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, dark, muddy pit by people who had stopped obeying God. The Holy Spirit helped Jeremiah write down God's warnings to these people to turn back to Him. We can read what he wrote in Jeremiah and Lamentations.

8. The people kept disobeying, so God allowed enemies to destroy their city and take them away. The people were sad and sorry. God sent Ezekiel to comfort them with promises. God would bring them home. He would send a special king to save them and change their hearts. (Jesus!) The Holy Spirit helped Ezekiel write this down in the book of Ezekiel.

9. The LORD did bring His people home, and He did send His Son, Jesus, to be the promised Savior-King. Jesus lived a perfect life, then gave it up on the cross to pay for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He beat death for all who put their trust in Him. Now, the Holy Spirit would help God's people tell this good news and write it down just right.

10. Dr. Luke heard the good news of Jesus and believed. The Holy Spirit helped Dr. Luke write down the amazing things Jesus did and taught. He also wrote down what Jesus' followers (the Church) did, after Jesus went to heaven. These are the Bible books, Luke and Acts.

11. Paul hated Jesus and hurt God's people. But God changed Paul's heart, and he believed in Jesus, too. Then, people hurt PAUL for sharing about Jesus! From jail, the Holy Spirit helped Paul write words of encouragement to believers. He wrote down over TEN books of the Bible!

12. Enemies sent John to an island to stop him from telling others about Jesus. But John didn't stop! The Holy Spirit helped him write to God's people. He encouraged them that Jesus would come back and end sin and death forever. We can read this in 1,2,3 John and Revelation.

13. God used these people and others to write down His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit helped them write it down just right. All 66 books! And that's what so special about the Bible. It alone is God's perfect Word—-written down just right.



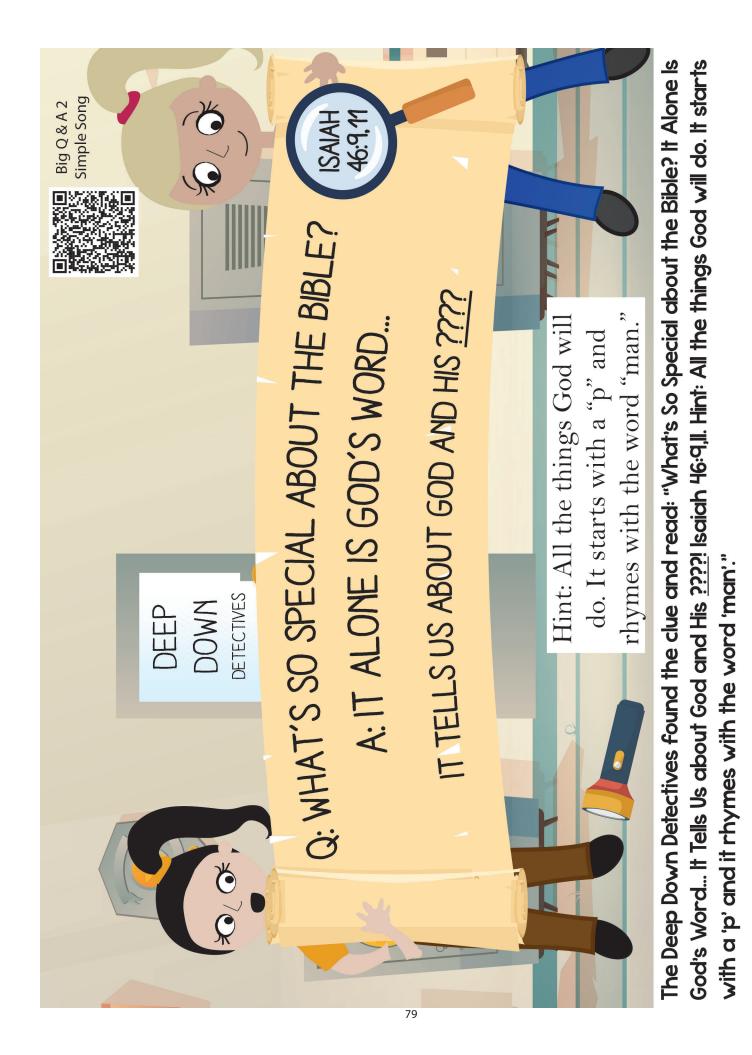


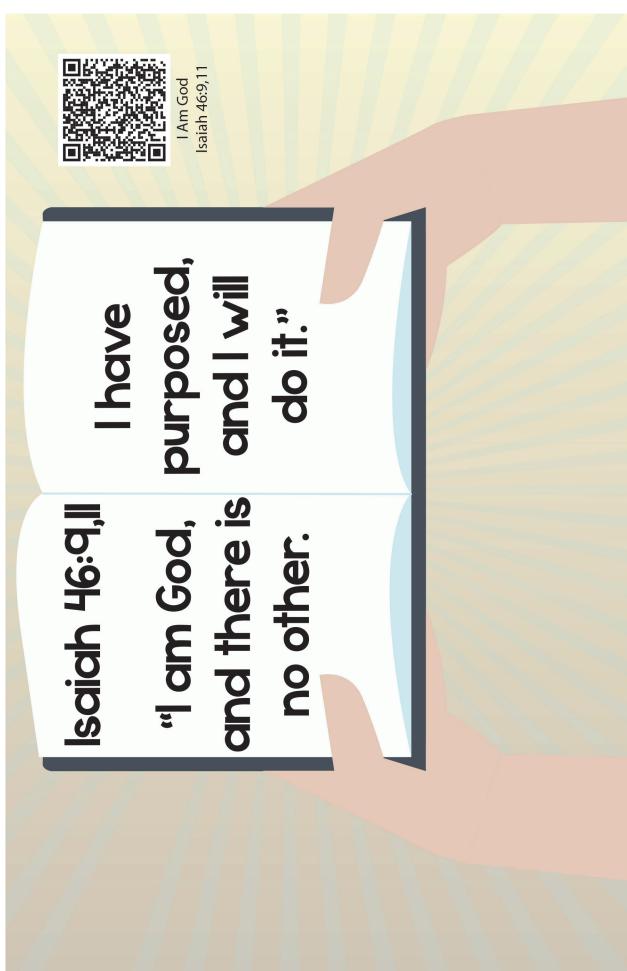


So Special about the Bible?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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

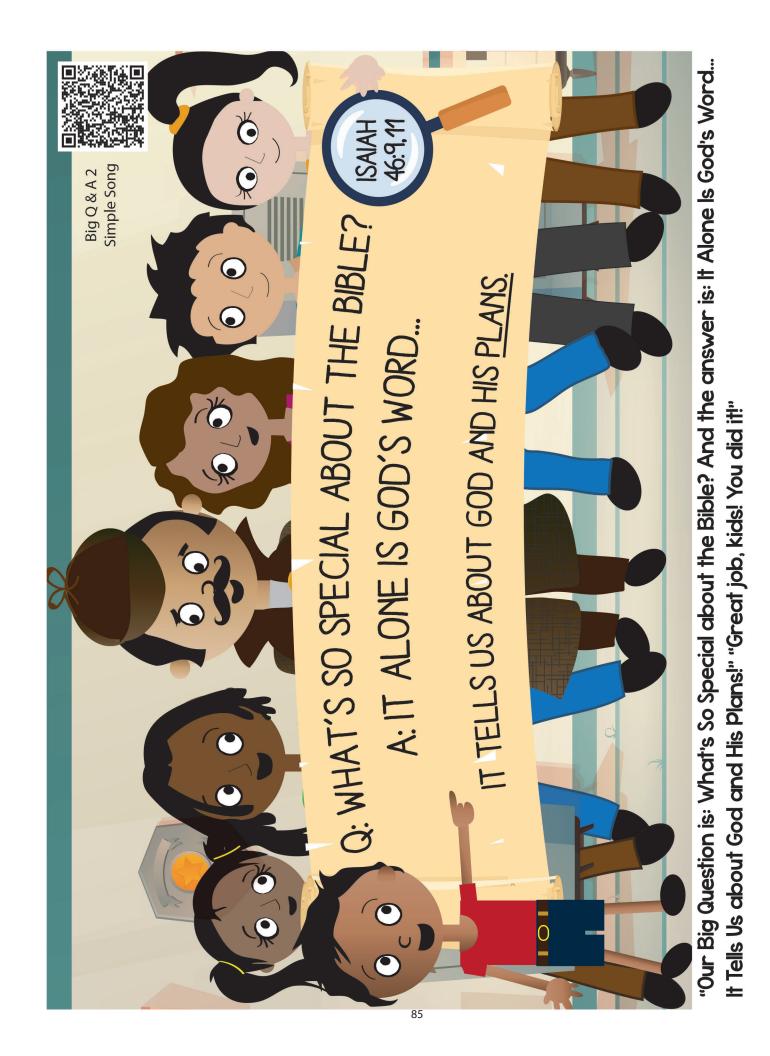


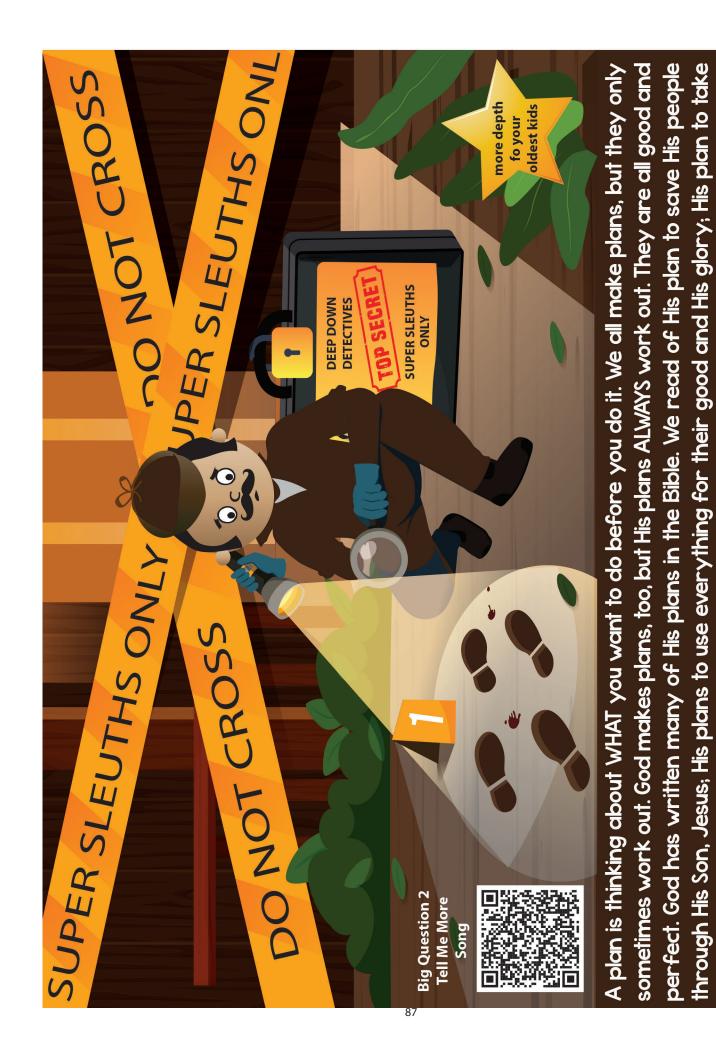


The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Isaiah 46:9,11, and read: "1 am God, and there is no other... I have purposed, and I will do it."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the second way God's Word, the Bible, is so special?" he asked. "We think so! The LORD is the one, true God. Everything He planned to happen, will happen. He has written many of his plans in the Bible, so we can know them."





them to live with Him Forever. God shares His plans with us, so we might be His special people, too.



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the New King.' Listen for who the new king would be, and what book told where he would be born."





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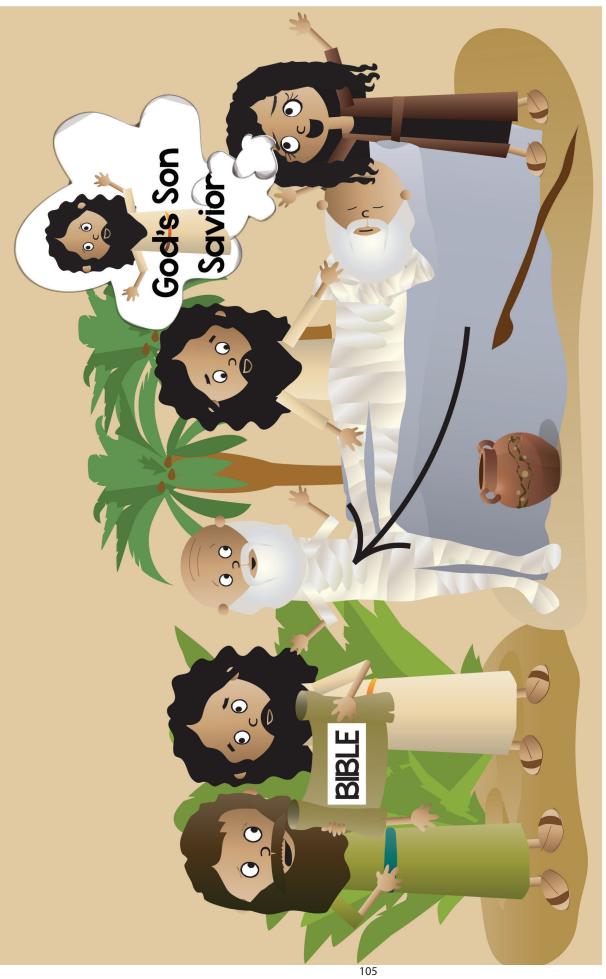
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### lor for older kids

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l I. Who was the new king and who was looking for him? Jesus was the new king. The Magi (and King Herod) were looking for him. 2. How did they find him? The Bible, God's Word, told them where He would be born. For You and Me: The Magi found God's Word to be true. It told them of God's plans to send a Savior; and, it told them where He would plans to send a Savior; and, it told them where He would be found. But the most wonderful of all God's plans, written down in the Bible, was what God had planned for written down in the Bible, was what God had planned for written down in the Bible, was what God had planned for suffer and die on the cross to save all who turn from their suffer and die on the cross to save all who turn from their wants you and me to be a part of, too. Ask Him to help you wants you and me to be a part of, too. Ask Him to help you wants you and me to be a part of, too. Ask Him to help you

prayer!

Something to Grow Into

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



"| am God, and there is no other.. | have purposed, and | will do it."

saiah 46:9, II, ESV

I. Where did God plan for the new king to be born? Bethlehem. 2. What did God plan for the new king to do? He planned for the new king to save God's people from their sins.

For You and Me:

From before the beginning of time, God planned to send Jesus to save His people from their sins. Nothing would ever get in the way of that plan! God's wonderful plan can be for us, too. How? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word... It tells us about God and His plans!

Gospel Songs

How good it is that God's plans always come true! How good it is that no one can stop them! God promised us in His Word, the Bible, that He would send a Savior-King to save sinners and He did! Jesus is that Savior-King!

people, when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose up from from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! Jesus offered up His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's

become God's people! Ask God to help you to turn away from your sins (repent) and trust in Jesus as your Savior. Because of Jesus, we can have our sins forgiven and He loves to answer this prayer!

more depth for older kids

Something to Grow Into

"The LORD always wins. His good plans always come true. We can always trust Him. Let's pray."

### A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You always win. Your make sure Your good plans always come true. Thank You for sharing Your good plans with us in Your Word, the Bible.

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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

plenty for younger kids

more depth for

older kids

## Something to Grow Into

## A Prayer

- A We praise you, God for being so good and perfect. We praise You for making good and perfect plans.
- C God, You've told us that Your plans are good and perfect, but sometimes we don't trust You. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!
- Thank You for sharing some of Your good and perfect plans with us. Thank You for making sure that all Your plans happen. Thank You for planning to save people through Jesus.
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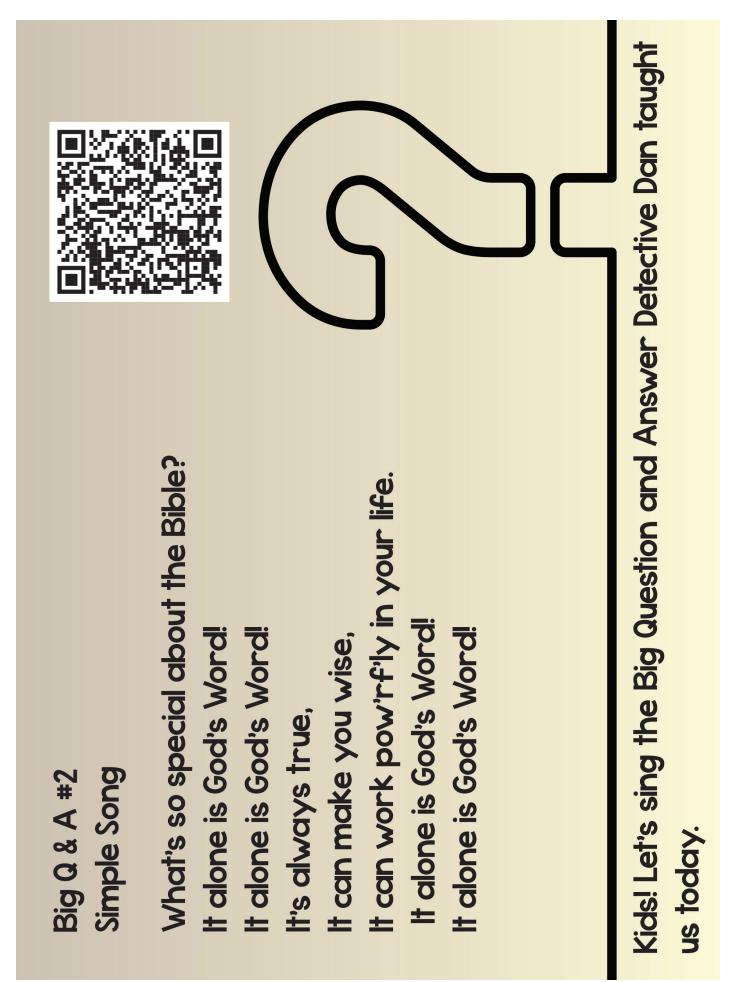
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ACTS Prayer Song



"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 Question #2 Tell Me More Song

Refrain

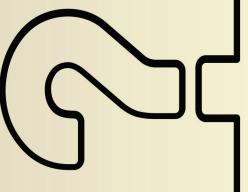
kerrain What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word, W hat's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word. There are millions and millions of books in the world, But only the Bible is God's perfect Word, There are millions and millions of books in the world,

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Verse I: God's Word was written down perfectly, By godly men long ago, The Holy Spirit worked through them, Inspiring every word they wrote. Refrain

Verse 2: God's Word is powerful and living, It changes us, deep inside, The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. Refrain

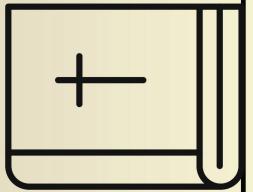




Here's a song that let's us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #2, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: I Am God: Isaiah 46:9,II

l am God, and there is no other; l am God, and there's none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, From ancient times, things not yet done. l am God, and there is no other; l am God, and there's none like me, l have spoken, and l will bring it to pass, l have purposed, and l will do it. lsaidh Forty-six, nine and eleven.



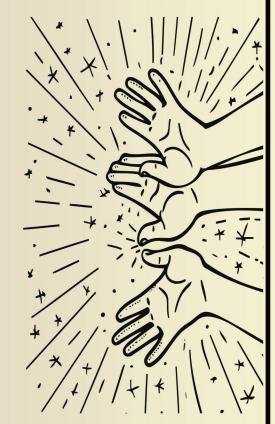
"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

Big Question #2 Hymn How Precious Is the Word Divine, v.l

Verse |

How precious is the book divine, By inspiration given; Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine, To guide our souls to heaven.





Big Question #2 Praise Song The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Verse |

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 His wonderful Word, the Bible!

	The Gospel Song (Short)	The Gospel Song (Full)
120	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, "Jesus, be my Savior, "Jesus, be my Savior, "Jesus, be my Savior, "Jesus dal my sins away." This is God's good news: Jesus died on the cross, Then on the 3rd day Her nose from the dead. Ask Him to be your Savior, tool Ask Him to be your Savior, tool	Refrain: What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L? What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L? What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me? What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me? What is the gospel? Ves, 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. O", we should obey Him. Dut 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 Jesus.	"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus.

Bible Chant Song The Bible, the Bible, Let's get out the Bible. Let's get out the Bible. Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible. The Bible, the Bible. It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!	ACTS Prayer Song A doration: God, we praise You! C, Confession: Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus, C, Confession: Help us to live like Him. (repeat) S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)
Deep Down Detectives Theme Song   We're Deep Down Detectives, Image: Song   We're Deep Down Detectives, Image: Song   Giggin' deep in God's Word, Image: Song   For truths about God and His Image: Song   Plans for this world, Image: Song   We're seeking to love Him, with Image: Song   In of our heart, Image: Song   We're Deep Down Detectives! Image: Song   Come on! Let's start! Image: Song	Classroom Rules Song Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand, if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend, if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend, Don't touch your f

### Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 2, Bible Truth 2 The Case of the New King Matthew 2

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2. King Herod heard about the Magi and he was worried. "What if this baby is the Christ, the great King God promised to send? HE would be king instead of me. I must find him and get rid of him!"

3. Herod called in the Bible teachers, and demanded, "Where is the Christ, God's great Savior-King, supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem," they replied. "That's what God promised in His Word many years ago," the teachers told Herod.

4. Herod called for the Magi, and said, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the young child. When you find him, come back and report to me. I want to go worship him, too," he lied. Herod didn't plan to worship the baby king at all. He planned to get rid of him!

5. The Magi obeyed Herod. The star went before the Magi and led them to a little house in Bethlehem. The door opened, and who did they see?

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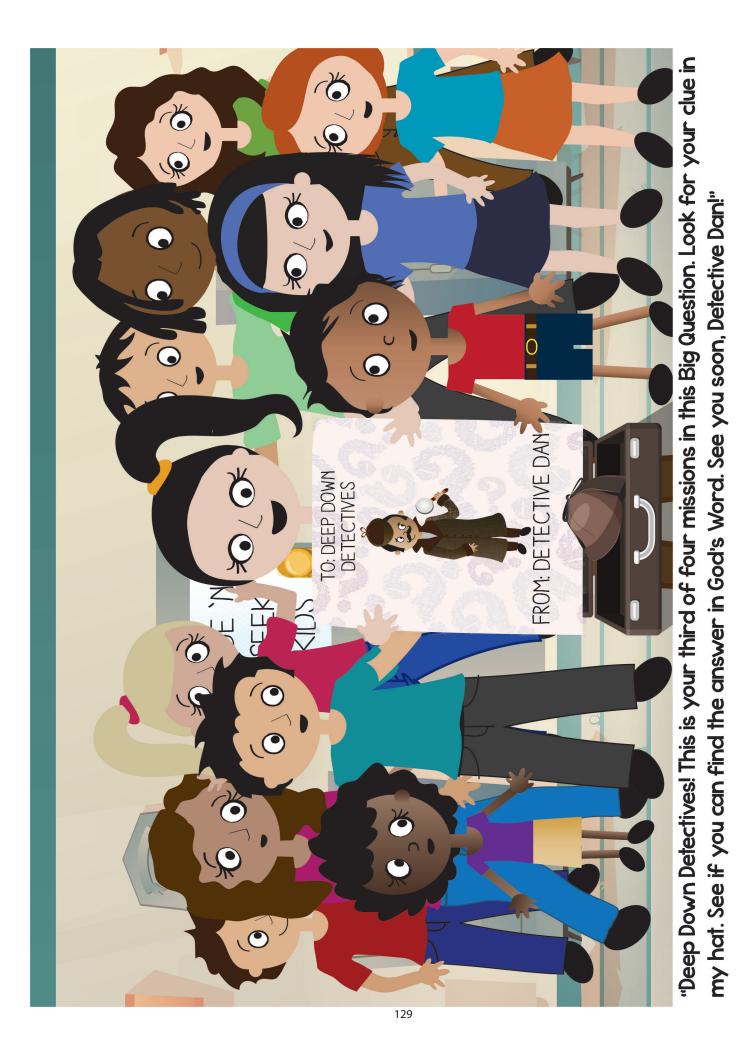
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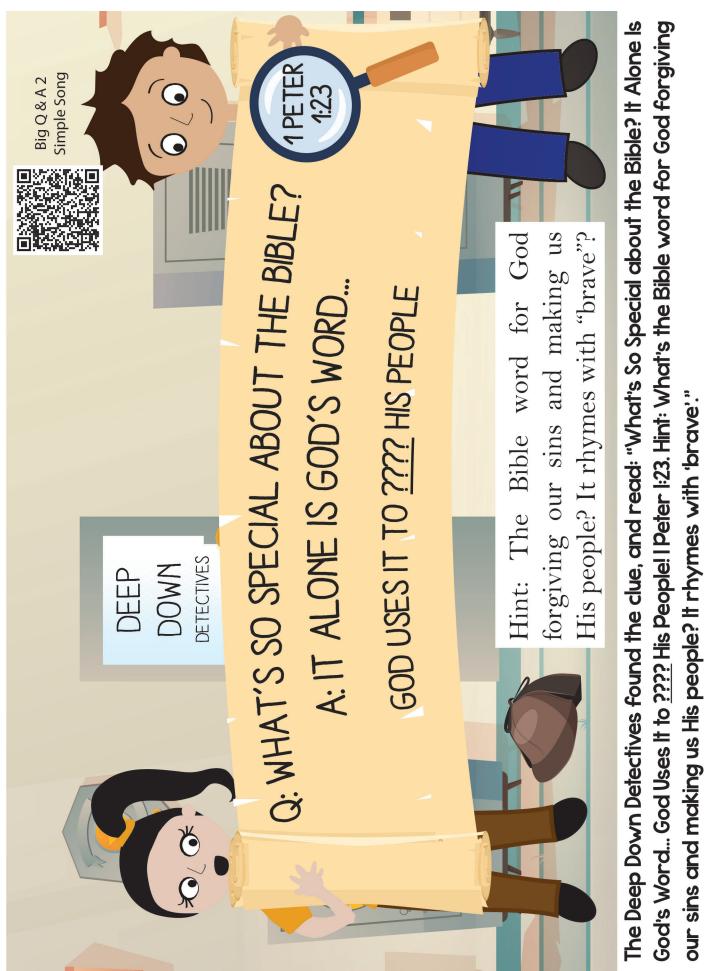


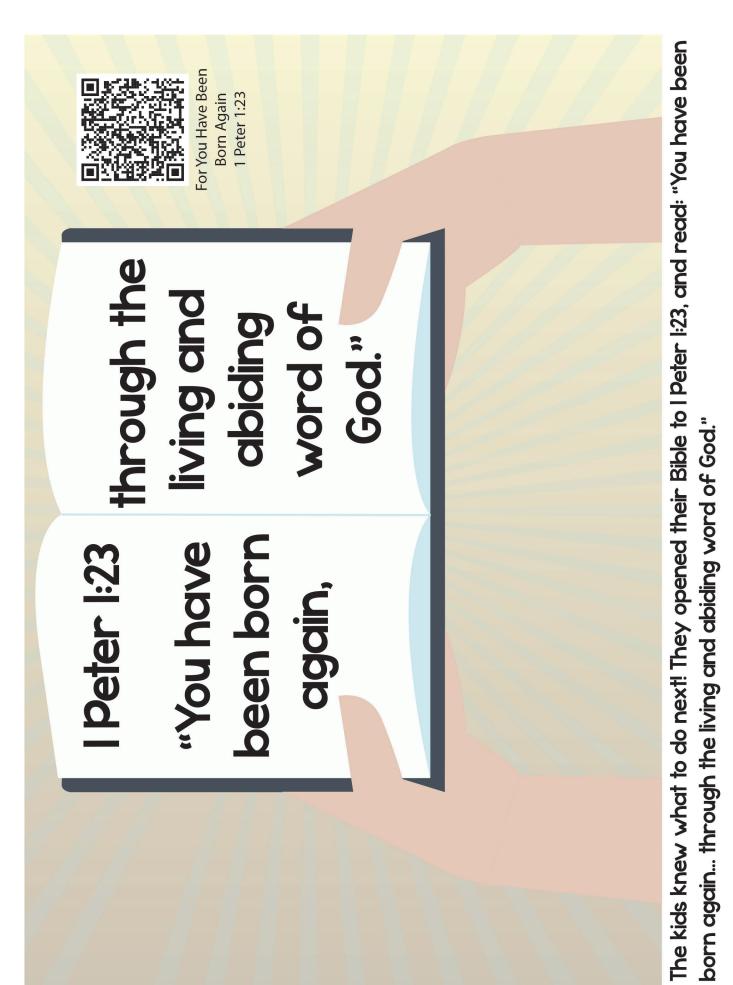


"Hi Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



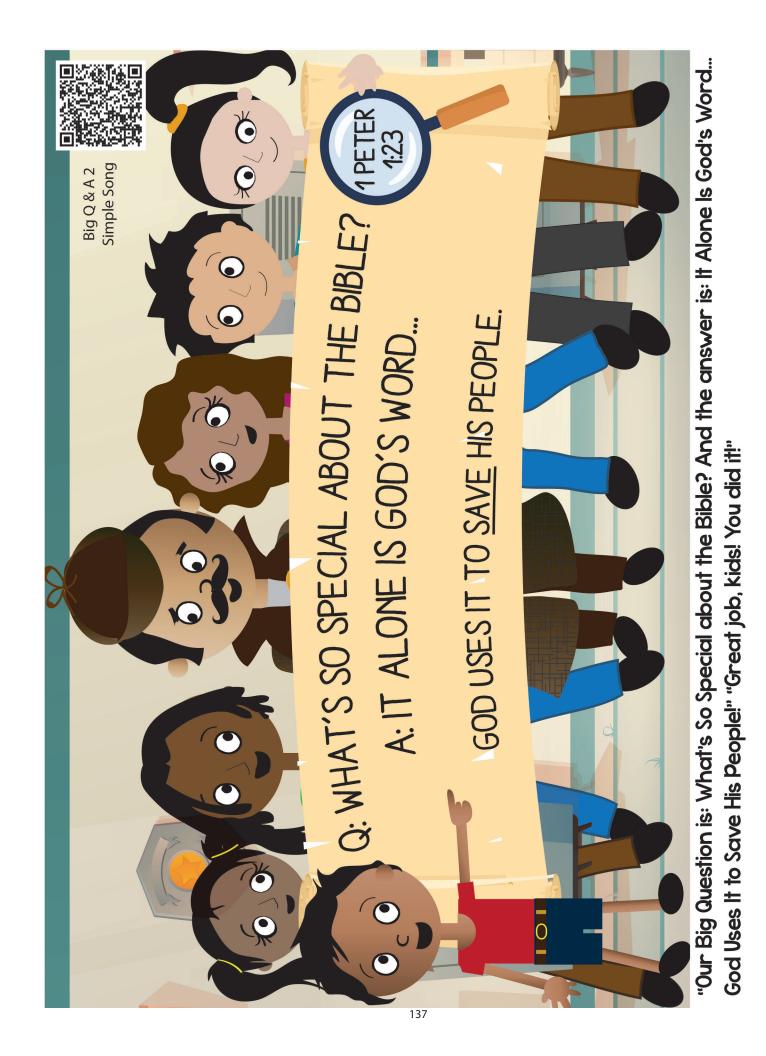








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We read the Bible to learn about God and His plans. But God has also made His Word powerful to D0 wonderful things inside of us. The Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and change us as we <u>Jesus as our Savior. God loves to work through His Word and save people. He can work through</u> <u>hear God's Word. He helps us turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He helps us put our trust in</u> <u>His Word and save us, too. Ask Him to help you!</u>



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed.' Listen for who God's Word worked inside of and helped become followers of Jesus." The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed matthew 4:18-22, 27-28, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11, John 20:30-31, 21:24-25



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. Who were the fishermen?

2. What happened to them as they heard God's Word? Who did they follow?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



"You have been born again... through the word of God."

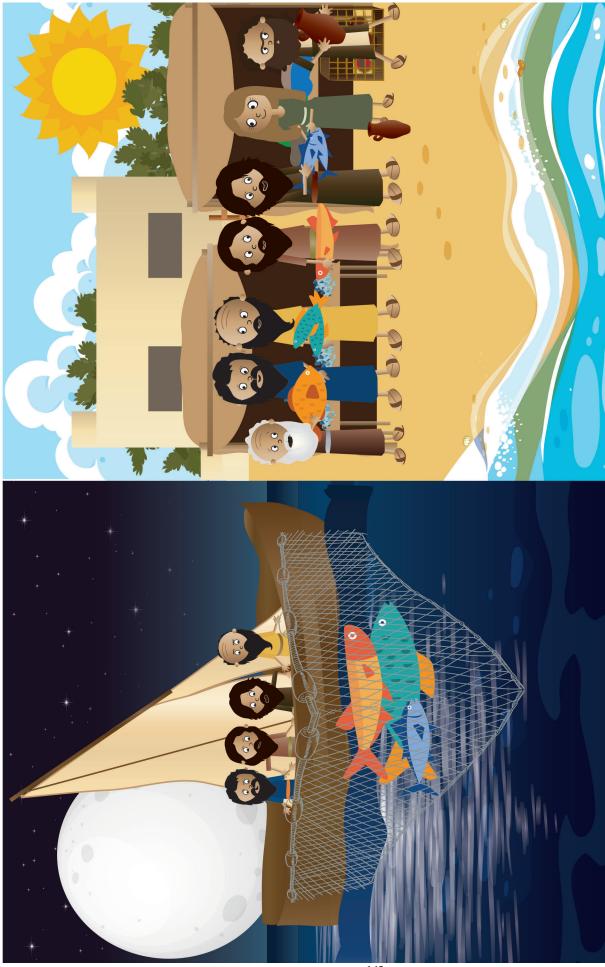
I Peter I:23, ESV

When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, this is called being born again. That's because this is how God gives us a new life as one of His people. God uses His Word, the Bible to do this wonderful thing inside our hearts. I. What happened as the fishermen listened to Jesus teach from God's Word, the Bible?

2. What did God's Holy Spirit help some of the fishermen write down? Which of the fishermen wrote down the words to our Bible verse? (more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

# Something to Grow Into







2. But one night, the nets went out empty and came BACK empty... every single time! Sad Peter, Andrew, James, and John rowed their empty boat back to shore. No fish meant no money. They would just clean their nets and go to bed. Ugh! This was the worst night ever!



3. But then, someone came who would turned that worst NGHT ever into the best DAY ever for those men. It was Jesus! He led a crowd of people near to where Peter, Andrew, James, and John worked. Jesus had come to teach God's Word, and He wanted these fishermen to hear.



4. As Jesus taught, God's Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of Peter, Andrew, James, and John. This was just as Jesus had planned. These men would become His disciples. He would teach them God's Word and prepare them to tell the whole world the good news of salvation.



5. When Jesus finished teaching, He said, "Get into your boat and row out onto the lake. Throw out your nets again." This was silly. Everyone knew fish only come out at night. But Peter grumpily obeyed, "We caught nothing all night, but because you say so, we will go back out."



6. It was a good thing those fishermen DID obey Jesus, as they soon found out! They threw out the nets, then pulled them back so full of fish that they couldn't lift them into the boat!



God could do. "Leave your fishing nets and come follow Me," Jesus told them. "I'm making you fishers of men. You will bring God's Word to people, so they can learn about Me, the Savior, and 7. Once more, the Holy Spirit worked in those fishermen's hearts. Jesus had done something only be saved from their sins."



8. And that's what Peter, Andrew, James, and John did for three years. They listened to Jesus preach God's Word. They watched Him do many amazing things by God's power. Yes, Jesus WAS the Messiah, the Special One sent by God.



9. But what Jesus did at the end of those three years, was most amazing thing of all. Jesus choose to suffer and die on the cross. He gave up His life to pay for the sins of God's people. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were sad and confused. Was the Messiah supposed to die?



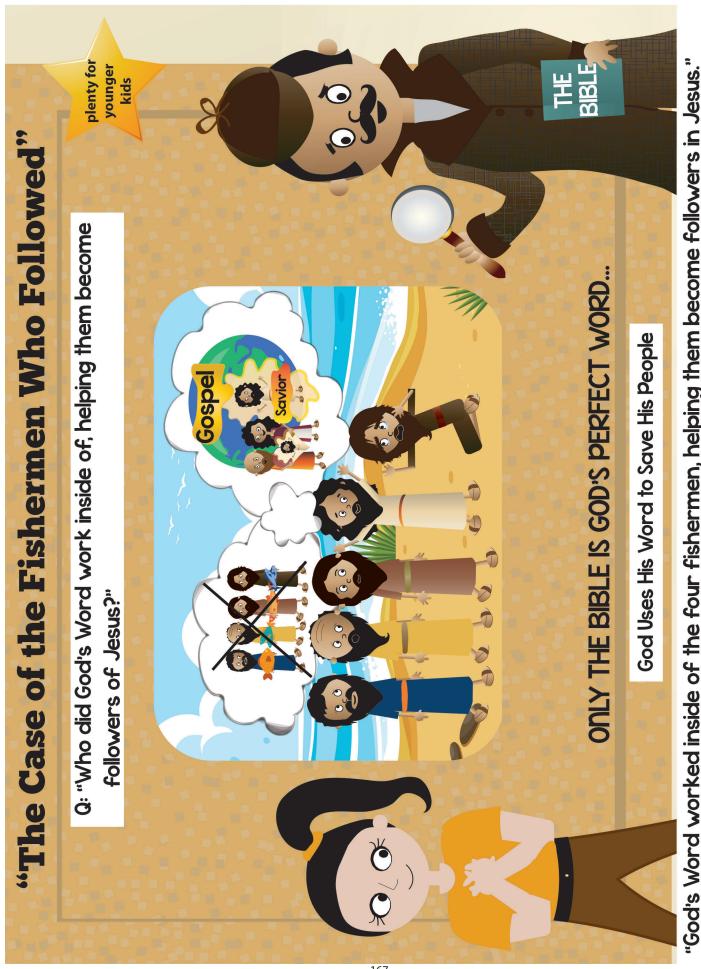
10. Jesus was buried in a cave-grave that day, but He didn't stay there. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory! How happy Peter, Andrew, James, John, and the others were! Yes! Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior! He had beaten sin and death for God's people!



work to do: "Go into the whole world and teach everyone about Me!" The disciples were happy to ll. For forty, wonderful days, Jesus taught His disciples from God's Word. Then, He gave them obey. They watched many people trust in Jesus as their Savior.



12. God used these men not only preach His Word, but also to write it down. It was Fisherman Peter who wrote the words to our Bible verse. God has used the words they wrote down to help many people believe in Jesus and be saved. He can even use them to save you. Ask Him!



"God's Word worked inside of the four fishermen, helping them become followers in Jesus."

The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed Matthew 448-22, 27-28, Mark 146-20, Luke 54-11, John 20:30-31, 21:24-25



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l l. Who were the fishermen? Peter, Andrew, James, and

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> more depth for older kids

**Gospel Songs** 

Something to Grow Into

"God gives us His Word that we might be saved. Let's pray to God now."

#### A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You give us the good news that we can be saved from our sins! Thank You for sending Jesus that we can become your people.

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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



plenty for younger kids

CTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

#### A Prayer

more depth

older kids

A We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.

- C God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.
- T Thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for what You tell us about You and about ourselves in it. Thank You for how You use it to save people like us from our sins, so we can be Your people.
- S Work deep inside our hearts as we listen to Your Word, the Bible! Use it to help us turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You.
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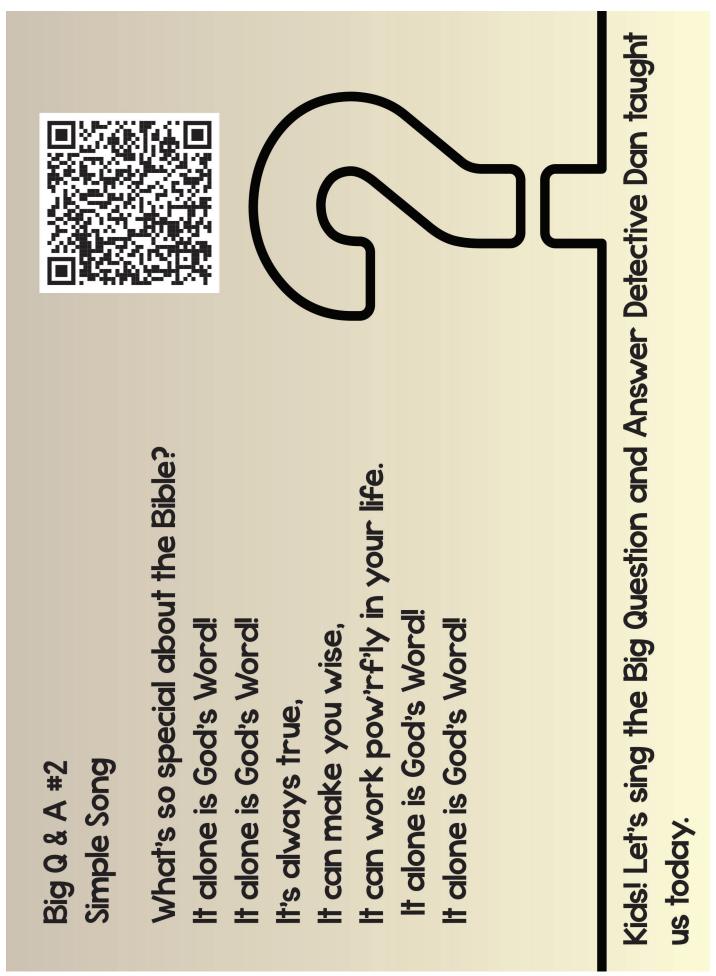
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# Big Question #2 Tell Me More Song

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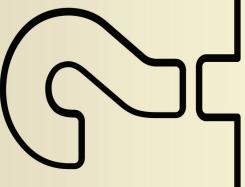
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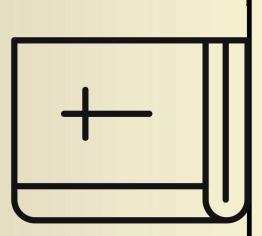


Here's a song that let's us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

But only the Bible is God's perfect Word.

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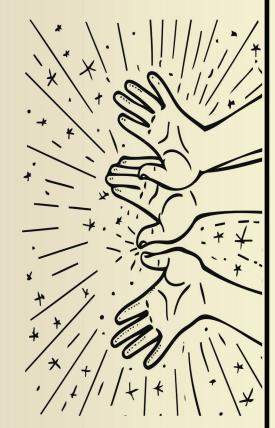
"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

Big Question #2 Hymn How Precious Is the Word Divine, v.I

Verse I

How precious is the book divine, By inspiration given; Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine, To guide our souls to heaven.





Big Question #2 Praise Song The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Verse |

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.



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#### Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 2, Bible Truth 3

**The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed** Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31;21:24-25

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

1. Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen. Most every night, they went fishing on the Sea of Galilee. "Whoosh," they threw out their nets, then, "grrrrrunt," they pulled them in filled with fish. Catch fish at night. Sell fish by day. That's what fishermen did.

2. But one night, the nets went out empty and came BACK empty... every single time! Sad Peter, Andrew, James, and John rowed their empty boat back to shore. No fish meant no money. They would just clean their nets and go to bed. Ugh! This was the worst night ever!

3. But then, someone came who turned that worst NIGHT ever into the best DAY ever for those men. It was Jesus! He led a crowd of people near to where Peter, Andrew, James, and John worked. Jesus had come to teach God's Word, and He wanted these fishermen to hear.

4. As Jesus taught, God's Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of Peter, Andrew, James, and John. This was just as Jesus had planned. These men would become His disciples. He would teach them God's Word and prepare them to tell the whole world the good news of salvation.

5. When Jesus finished teaching, He said, "Get into your boat and row out onto the lake. Throw out your nets again." This was silly. Everyone knew fish only come out at night. But Peter grumpily obeyed, "We caught nothing all night, but because you say so, we will go back out."

6. It was a good thing those fishermen DID obey Jesus, as they soon found out! They threw out the nets, then pulled them back so full of fish that they couldn't lift them into the boat.

7. Once more, the Holy Spirit worked in those fishermen's hearts. Jesus had done something only God could do. "Leave your fishing nets and come follow Me," Jesus told them. "I'm making you fishers of men. You will bring God's Word to people, so they can learn about Me, the Savior, and be saved from their sins."

8. And that's what Peter, Andrew, James, and John did for three years. They listened to Jesus preach God's Word. They watched Him do many amazing things by God's power. Yes, Jesus WAS the Messiah, the Special One sent by God.

9. But what Jesus did at the end of those three years, was most amazing thing of all. Jesus choose to suffer and die on the cross. He gave up His life to pay for the sins of God's people. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were sad and confused. Was the Messiah supposed to die?

10. Jesus was buried in a cave-grave that day, but He didn't stay there. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory! How happy Peter, Andrew, James, John, and the others were! Yes! Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior! He had beaten sin and death for God's people!

11. For forty, wonderful days, Jesus taught His disciples from God's Word. Then, He gave them work to do: "Go into the whole world and teach everyone about Me!" The disciples were happy to obey. They watched many people trust in Jesus as their Savior.

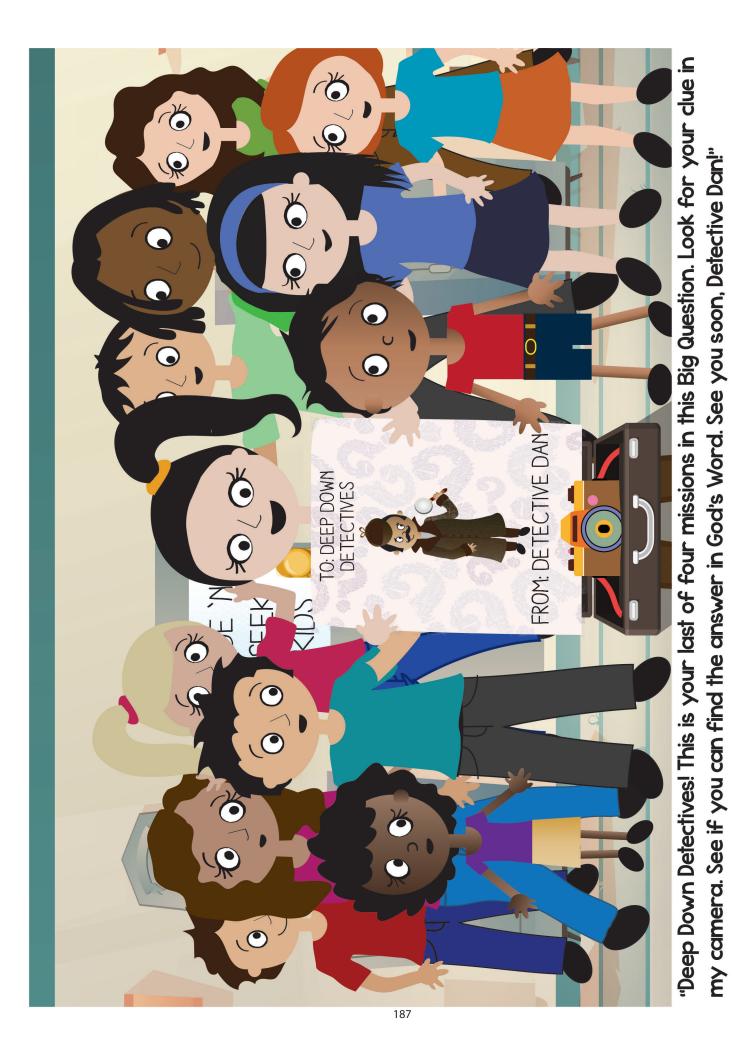
12. God used these men not only preach His Word, but also to write it down. It was Fisherman Peter who wrote the words to our Bible verse. God has used the words they wrote down to help many people believe in Jesus and be saved. He can even use them to save you. Ask Him!



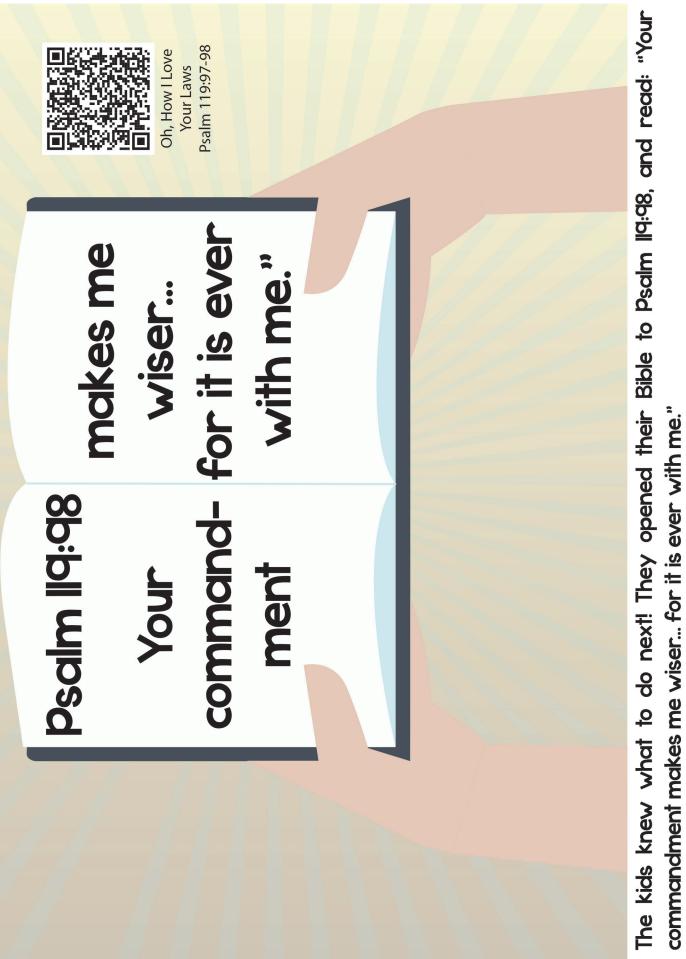


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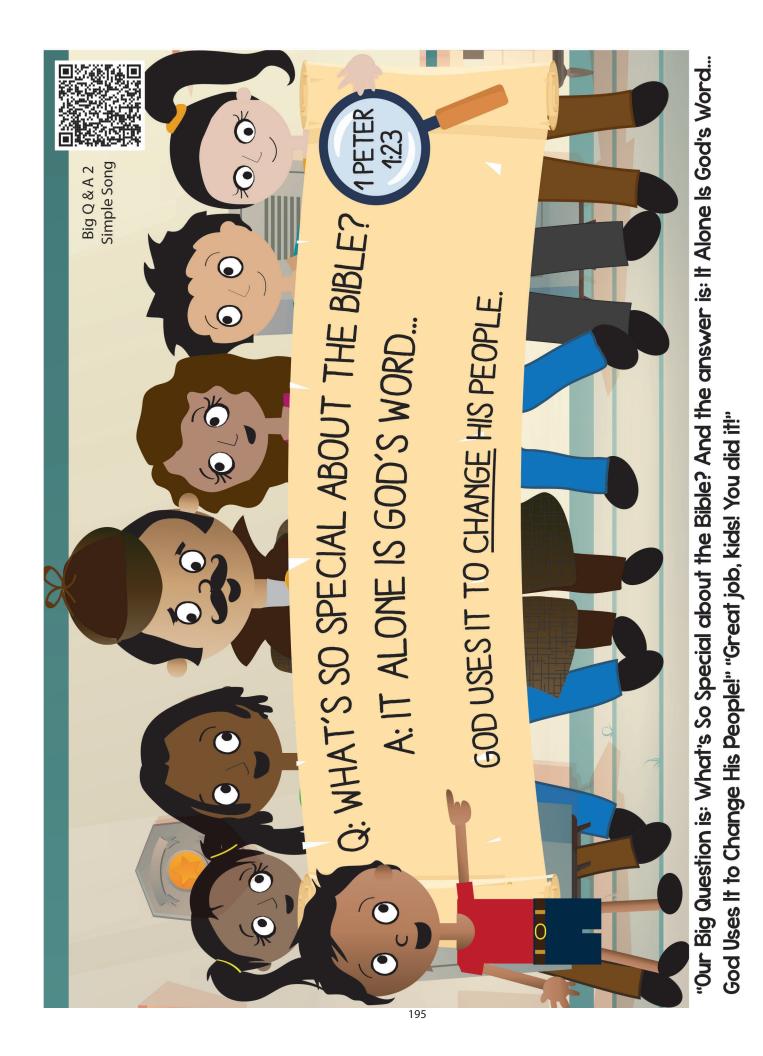








Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the fourth way God's Word, the Bible, is so special?" he asked. "We think so! When we read God's laws in the Bible, the Holy Spirit can use them to change us and make us wise to live God's good way."





<u>help us understand God's Word, so that we can know how God wants us to live. He can use God's</u> <u>God's Word can work powerfully inside of us. God can use it to save us and make us God's people.</u> <u>And then, He can use it to keep on changing us, once we become His people. The Holy Spirit can</u> Word to show us ways we are disobeying God, and help us turn away from them. He can comfort us when we are sad. He can help us live and love the way God wants us to.



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Marvelous Mess.' Listen for how God's Word messed up the bad things going on in Ephesus and brought good to so many."





Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

l. What caused the mess in Ephesus?

2. What made it so marvelous?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Psalm IIq:q7-q8, ESV

"Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me." I. Who learned to love God's laws and wanted to live by them?

What did they stop doing because they loved God's laws and wanted to live by them? (more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

## Something to Grow Into



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# The Case of the Marvelous Mess Acts 19, Ephesians



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l I. What caused the mess in Ephesus? Paul preaching God's Word, and God's Word changing people made the mess. 2. What made it so marvelous? It was marvelous (good) because many people in Ephesus turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their

Savior.

For You and Me: God can use His Word to do marvelous things inside of us, too. He can use it to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can use it to change us and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can use it to change us and help us to love Him and others more and more. Ask Him! He help us to love Him and others more and more. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



"Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me."

Psalm IIq:q7-q8, ESV

I. Who learned to love God's laws and wanted to live by them? Many people in Ephesus who listened to Paul preach God's Word. 2. What did they stop doing because they loved God's laws and wanted to live by them? They set their magical books on fire and they stopped buying statues and going to the big worship parties for Artemis and the other fake gods.

#### For You and Me:

God's laws are so good. They teach us how God wants us to live. God can use them to help us to live for Him. God wants us to meditate (think about) His laws, too. His Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and help us to live by them. He promises to help all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word... God uses it to change His people! Paul preached God's Word to the people of Ephesus. God worked in the hearts of many the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beat sin as they listened. Paul told them how Jesus, God's Son, came to live a perfect life, then offered it up on the cross as the perfect payment for sins. On and death for God's people.

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

"The LORD uses His Word to do great things in His people. Let's ask Him to work in us. Let's pray."

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are so powerful!

Thank You for giving us Your Word that can work so powerful in us. Work in our hearts and change them. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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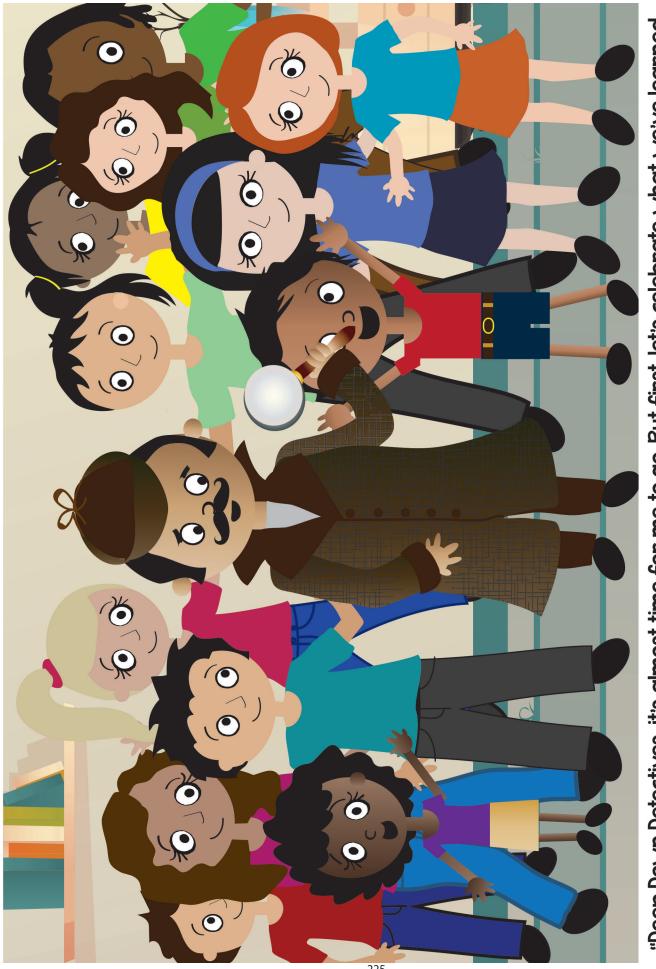
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**CTS Prayer Song** 



"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!"

Kids! Let's sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught What's so special about the Bible? It can work pow'rf'ly in your life. It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word! It can make you wise, It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word! It's always true, Simple Song Big Q & A #2 us today.

## Big Question #2 Tell Me More Song

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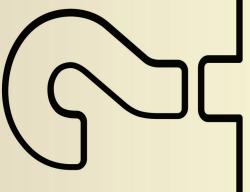
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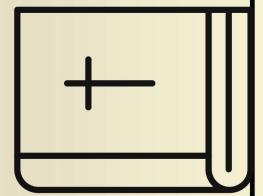


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