

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

**Interactive Stories from
the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum**



**4 Bible Truths from Big Question 3:
What Is the Gospel?
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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 Detectives Visual 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 is 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 curriculum 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 Worship 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 in 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 Bible 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 un laminated, 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 sharpie 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.

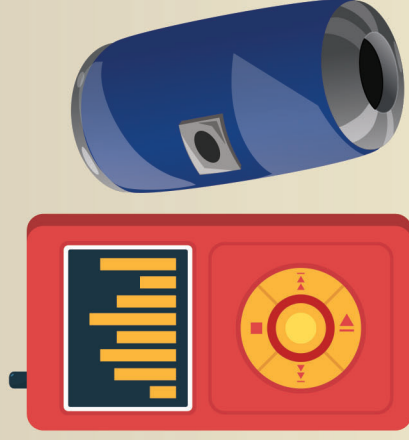
8. Purchase a kids' briefcase and put your props in it. You are ready to go!

Get Ready to Teach

1. Look on the title page for which Big Question you're teaching.



2. Power up the mp3 player & speaker. Open the playlist for your Big Question.



3. Put your resources in place:

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



4. Pray!



Transition to Bible Time

1. 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."



2. Park and Come

"It's Bible Time, kids.

Park your toys, and
join me on the mat."



3. Settle with Criss Cross

Sing "Criss Cross
Applesauce Song"
to help kids settle.



Criss Cross Applesauce

(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Criss cross applesauce,
Sit down, please,
Hands in your lap.
Shhh... Look at me.





Let's Pray
Song

Let's Pray Song

1,2,3

Close your eyes,
Bow your head,
Fold your hands,
Let's pray!

Opening Prayer

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



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #3, Bible Truth 1:
The Case of the God Who Was Different**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



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



“Wow, look at this! It’s Detective Dan’s briefcase with a **new** Big Question for us. It says, ‘What Is the Gospel?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what’s inside.”



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



Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song

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DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...

GOD MADE US AND WE SHOULD ??? HIM.

PSALM
100:2,3

Hint: Doing what someone tells
us to do. It rhymes with "today."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Made Us and We Should ??? Him. Psalm 100:2,3." Hint: Doing what someone tells us to do. It rhymes with today."

Psalm 100:2,3

**“Serve the
LORD with
gladness!
It is he who
made us.”**



Make a Joyful Noise
Psalm 100:2,3

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 100:2,3, and read: “Serve the LORD with gladness! It is he who made us.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about the gospel?" he asked. "We think so! God made us and we are supposed to serve and obey Him. He's our king."



Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song



"Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? And the answer is: It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Made Us and We Should OBEY Him!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 3
Tell Me More
Song



"God is our Creator. He made everything in heaven and earth. He made it perfectly. It was good and without sin. It was just exactly as He planned. God isn't just the Creator of everything. He is also the King over everything. God is the King everyone should obey. God gives us good laws to live by. And, He gives us consequences if we disobey Him. We should worship, love, and obey God, our good Creator and King."



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the God Who Was Different”

Acts 17:16-33



“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 God Who Was Different.’ Listen for what made the LORD so different from the fake gods of Athens.”

The Case of the God Who Was Different Acts 17:16-33

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the God who was different?
2. What made Him so different?

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for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 100:3, ESV

"Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us."

1. Who urged the people to worship the LORD and serve Him as their king?
2. Who did worship the LORD? Who did not?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Gods! Gods! Gods! Athens was a city full of HUNDREDS of fake gods! The people of Athens took good care of their gods. They built them beautiful temples. They laid rich worship gifts at their stony feet. They celebrated them with big, worship parties.



2. They even laid a stone to honor an Unknown God. The people of Athens didn't want to leave out any god.



3. Yes, the people of Athens worshipped hundreds of fake gods, but the only God they SHOULD have been worshipping was that “Unknown God.” He was the REAL, the one, TRUE God --the LORD! And Paul was coming to tell them about Him, that they might be saved.



4. Paul was shocked at all the fake gods in Athens! He began sharing the good news with everyone who would listen. "Let me tell you about the LORD! Let me tell you about Jesus, His Son, sent to save you! Worship Him, not these fake gods!" Paul urged them all.



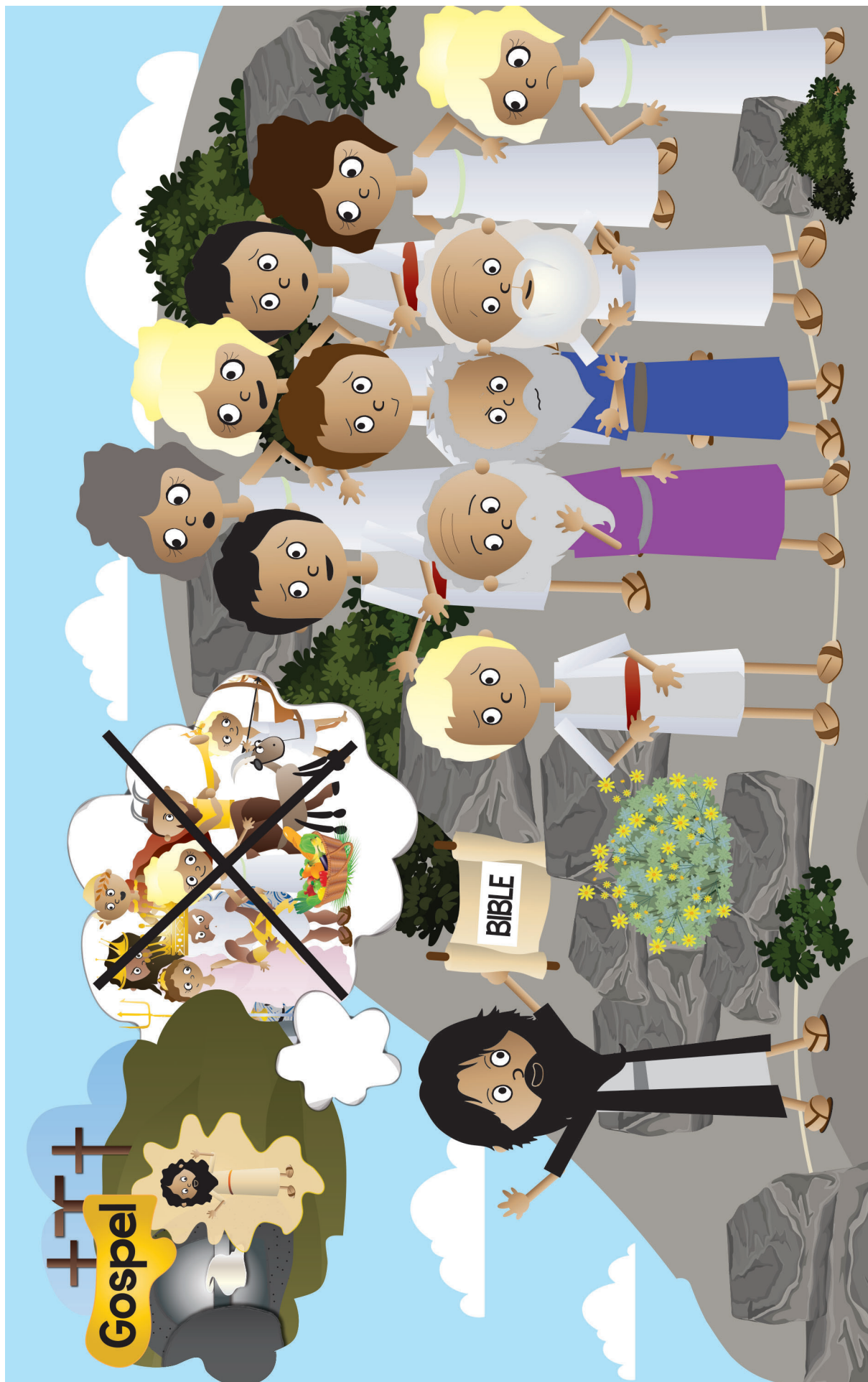
5. Word about Paul and his strange, new teaching soon spread to the city leaders. They found Paul and said, "Come up to our important meeting place on Mars Hill and tell us about this new God. We want to hear about Him, ourselves."



6. Up on Mars Hill, Paul spoke to the crowd: "People of Athens, you are worshipping fake gods! Let me tell you about the LORD, the one, true God--the one you call 'the Unknown God.' He's the living God who made everything in heaven and earth. Worship Him!" Paul told them.



7. "The LORD is our King, but we have all disobeyed Him. We deserve His punishment," Paul said. "But He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for the sins of all who trust in Him. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He beat sin and death for God's people," Paul told them.



8. "So, turn away from your fake gods. Turn to LORD. Trust in His Son, Jesus, and be saved! You can be God's people, too." Paul urged them. The people of Athens had never heard of a God like this! A God who came to die for sinners, then rose from the dead! Incredible!



q. "Your God sounds silly!" many said. But God's Holy Spirit was at work in others, like Dionysius and Damaris. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. How happy Paul was! These new believers could keep on telling the people of Athens about Jesus.

“The Case of the God Who Was Different”

Q: “What made the LORD so different from the fake gods of Athens?”

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younger
kids



IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...

God Made Us and We Should Obey Him!

A: “The LORD is the one, true God, our Creator and King. The Athens gods were just fake gods.”

The Case of the God Who Was Different Acts 17:16-33

more depth
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older kids

SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. Who was the God who was different?
The LORD was the god who was so different.

2. What made Him so different?
He was the one, true, living God. He was no fake god, like those the people of Athens worshipped.

For You and Me:
The people of Athens worshipped many gods, but only the LORD was the one, true God who created them and they should obey. Paul told the people of Athens how they could know the LORD as their God, by turning away from worshipping their fake gods and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 100:3, ESV

"Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us."

1. Who urged the people to worship the LORD and serve Him as their king?
Paul did.

2. Who did worship the LORD? Who did not?
Dionysius and Damaris and a few others worshipped the LORD. The rest laughed and kept worshipping their fake gods.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Athens, we have so much to worship the LORD for being and doing. He is the one, true God! He has made us and wants us to know Him and love Him. He has offered us to be saved from our sins through Jesus, just like the people of Athens heard.

Something to Grow Into

What Is the Gospel?

It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...
God made us and we should obey Him!

The Gospel

God made all people--including you and me! And He made us to know Him, love Him, and obey Him. He's our good King. But like the people of Athens, we have all disobeyed God. We want to live life our own way, not His. We all deserve His punishment. How sad!

But God is so merciful that He sent a Savior--His Son, Jesus! Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Jesus offered up His perfect life to God to completely pay for the sins of God's people, then He rose from the dead in victory on the third day.

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

How good is God to us!



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

"The LORD is the one, true God who created us. Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

**We praise You, LORD. You made us and all things.
You are the one, true God.**

**Thank You for being our good King who gives us
good laws to obey and is so merciful to us.**

**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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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth
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older kids

A God, we praise You for being the good Creator and King of the world.

C We confess that many times we rebel against You and Your good ways.
We choose to live life our own way. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for being our good Creator and King. Thank You for making everything in the world for Your good purposes. Thank You for being so merciful to us! Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from rebelling against You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to joyfully obey You, our good and great King.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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



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

Big Q & A #3

Simple Song



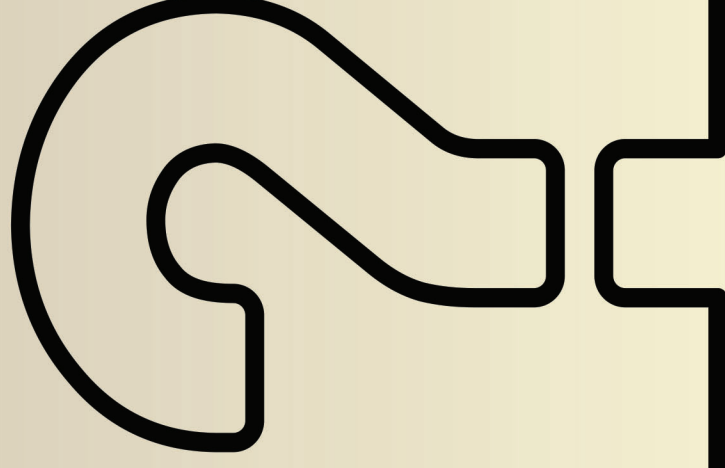
What's the gospel?

What's the gospel?

Can you tell me what it is?

It's salvation through faith in Jesus,

That's what the gospel is. (repeat)



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

Big Question 3 Tell Me More Song

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.



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:

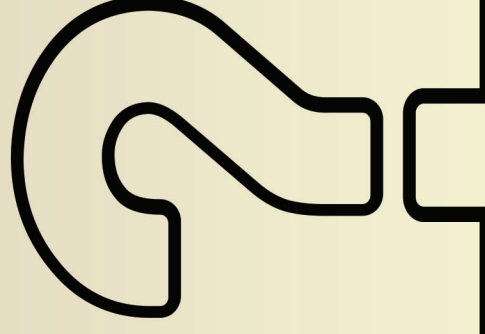
Jesus died on the cross,

Then on the 3rd day...

He rose from the dead.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

**Big Question #3, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song:
Make a Joyful Noise: Psalm 100:1-6**

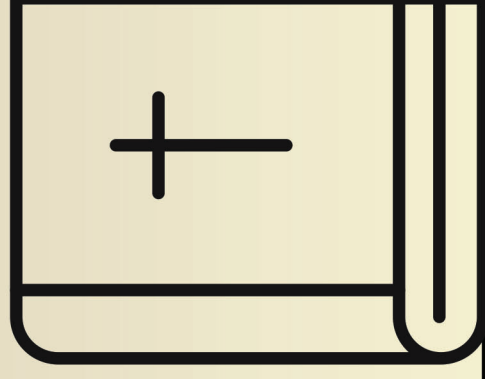


**Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise,
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise,
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

**Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his. Refrain**

**We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O, Enter His gates, His gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise! Refrain**

Psalm One-hundred, one through six.



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

Big Question #3 Hymn

And Can It Be, Refrain

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 #3 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, v.I

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderfully good news of the gospel!"

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,
diggin' deep in God's Word,
For truths about God and His
plans for this world,
We're seeking to love Him, with
all of our heart,
We're Deep Down Detectives!
Come on! Let's start!



Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,
Let's get out the Bible.
Let's hear what God has to say.
The Bible, the Bible,
God's given us the Bible.
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,
Raise your hand,
if you have something to say,
Don't touch your friend,
sitting beside you,
Obey your teachers,
Be kind as you play.
These are our classroom rules,
These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God
and love one another,
These are our classroom rules.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,
Bow head, Close your eyes,
Shhh, Let's begin.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 3, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the God Who Was Different *Acts 17:16-33*

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

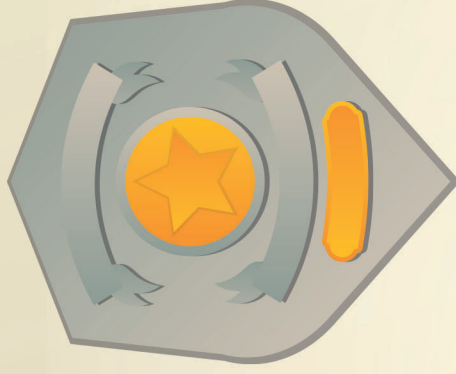
1. Gods! Gods! Gods! Athens was a city full of HUNDREDS of fake gods! The people of Athens took good care of their gods. They built them beautiful temples. They laid rich worship gifts at their stony feet. They celebrated them with big, worship parties.
2. They even laid a stone to honor an Unknown God. The people of Athens didn't want to leave out any god.
3. Yes, the people of Athens worshipped hundreds of "gods", but the only God they SHOULD have been worshipping was that "Unknown God." He was the REAL, the one, TRUE God --the LORD! And Paul was coming to tell them about Him, that they might be saved.
4. Paul was shocked at all the fake gods in Athens! He began sharing the good news with everyone who would listen. "Let me tell you about the LORD! Let me tell you about Jesus, His Son, sent to save you! Worship Him, not these fake gods!" Paul urged them all.
5. Word about Paul and his strange, new teaching soon spread to the city leaders. They found Paul and said, "Come up to our important meeting place on Mars Hill and tell us about this new God. We want to hear about Him, ourselves."
6. Up on Mars Hill, Paul spoke to the crowd: "People of Athens, you are worshipping fake gods! Let me tell you about the LORD, the one, true God--the one you call 'the Unknown God.' He's the living God who made everything in heaven and earth. Worship Him!" Paul told them.
7. "The LORD is our King, but we have all disobeyed Him. We deserve His punishment," Paul said. "But He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for the sins of all who trust in Him. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He beat sin and death for God's people," Paul told them.
8. "So, turn away from your fake gods. Turn to LORD. Trust in His Son, Jesus, and be saved! You can be God's people, too," Paul urged them. The people of Athens had never heard of a God like this! A God who came to die for sinners, then rose from the dead! Incredible!
9. "Your God sounds silly!" many said. But God's Holy Spirit was at work in others, like Dionysius and Damaris. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. How happy Paul was! These new believers could keep on telling the people of Athens about Jesus.

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #3, Bible Truth 2:
The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



3.2 DDBQB 1.13 Simple Prayer



"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. His Big Question is 'What is the Gospel?' 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 bowtie. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!"



Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song

DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...
WE HAVE ALL DISOBEYED GOD AND DESERVE HIS ???.



Hint: What we deserve when we
do something wrong on purpose.
A sad word that starts with "P".

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His ???." Ecclesiastes 7:20." Hint: "What we deserve when we do something wrong on purpose. A sad word that starts with 'p'."

Ecclesiastes

7:20

**“There is not
a righteous**

man

**on earth
who does
good and
never sins.”**



There Is Not a
Righteous Man
Ecclesiastes 7:20

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Ecclesiastes 7:20, and read: “There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about the gospel?" he asked. "We think so! 'Righteous' is a Bible word for someone who pleases God by only doing good. Our verse tells us that we all disobey God, and that means we all deserve His punishment."

Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song



“Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? And the answer is: It’s Salvation through Faith in Jesus... We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His PUNISHMENT.” “Great job, kids! You did it!”



Big Question 3
Tell Me More
Song



We have all chosen to disobey God, our good Creator. This is called 'sin'. God is good. He hates sin, and will punish it. God's punishment for sin is living apart from Him and everything good forever. But God is so merciful. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and give it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Then, He rose from the dead in victory. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

“The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters”

Romans



Bible Chant
Song



“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 Squabbling Brothers and Sisters.’ Listen for what Paul told the believers in Rome to help them stop fighting with one another.”

The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters Romans

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older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

To squabble means to argue about something.

1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling?
2. What were they squabbling about?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ecclesiastes 7:20, ESV

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins."

1. What two kinds of families did the believers in Rome come from?
2. What did they need to remember that would help them stop squabbling with each other?

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questions are included in the
curriculum at praisefactory.org)

Something to Grow Into



I. Squibble, squabble, squibble squabble. The believers in the big city of Rome were fighting with each other. They were all part of God's family. And they should have been loving each other like sisters and brothers; but, they weren't! They were fighting with each other, instead.



2. They weren't fighting each other with fists, like you might be thinking. This was a fight with words. They were fighting over families --whether you came from a family of Jews or a family of Gentiles. Jew and Gentile. Have you ever heard of those Bible family names? Let's find out what they are.

THE LORD

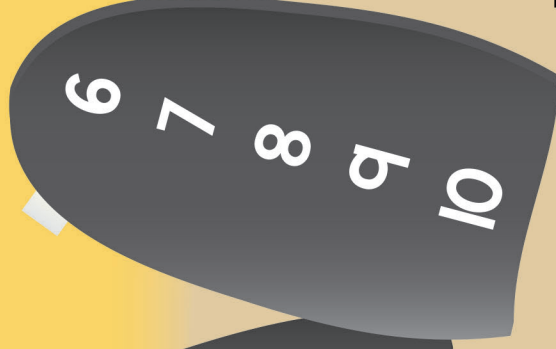
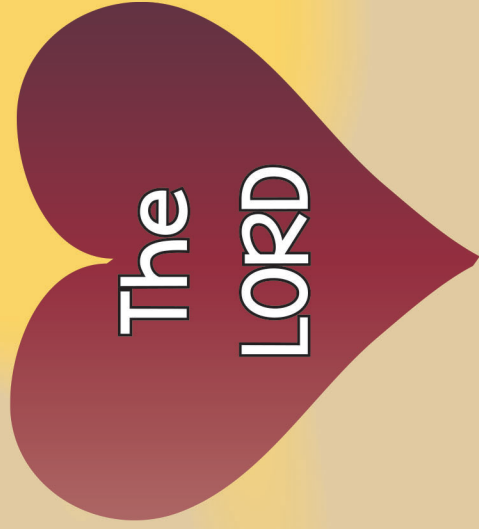


Jews



3. Some of the believers grew up as Jews. They came from families who worshipped the LORD. They grew up learning the Bible and trying to obey its laws... ALL of them... and there were A LOT! (Laws is another word for rules.)

10 Big, Love Laws



(The 10 Commandments)

4. There were the Ten, Big Laws God gave them, the 10 Commandments. They were the LOVE laws. These laws told how to love God and love one another. That was the FIRST kind of laws that God gave the Jews to obey, and these are the way God wants us all to live.

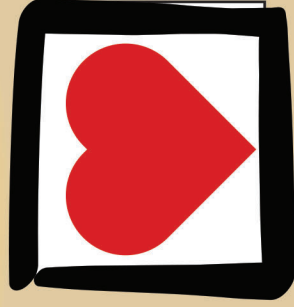
Live Together Laws



5. But the Jews had more laws. These laws were the LIVE TOGETHER laws. These told the Jews how to live their everyday lives--what clothes they should wear; what food they should eat; and, other things like that. And some of these were just extra rules, not even in the Bible.

Live Together Laws

Jewish
Christians



Gentile
Christians



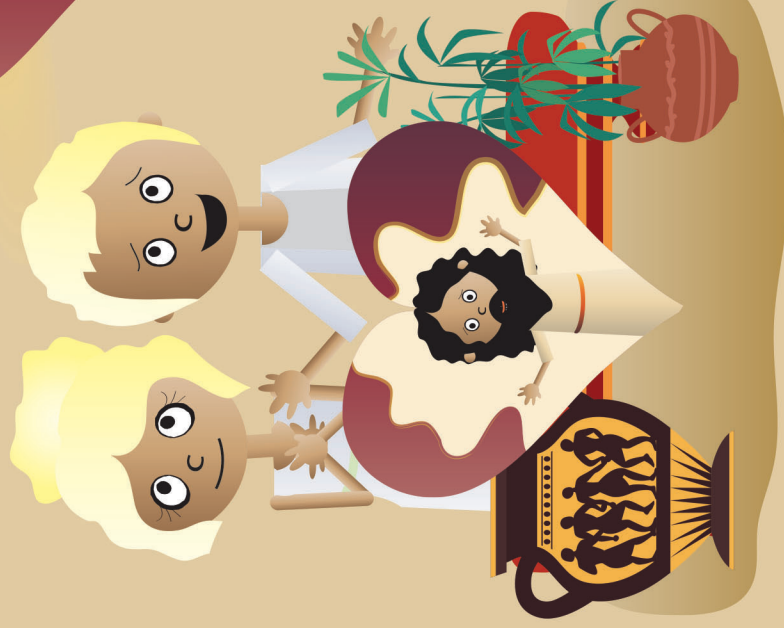
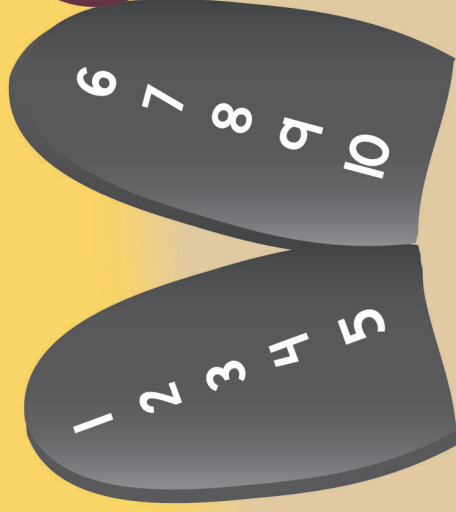
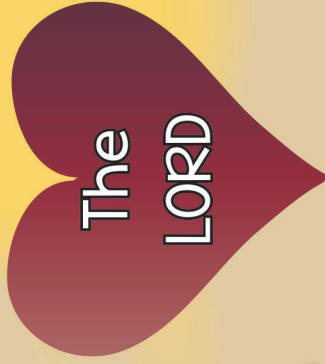
6. After the Jews believed in Jesus as their Savior, they knew they should live by the LOVE laws, but they also thought even Christians should keep all those other laws, too. And that's where all the squibbling and squabbling came in with that other kind of family—the Gentiles.



7. You see, the other believers grew up Gentiles, from families who worshipped fake gods.

10 Big, Love Laws

Gentile
Christians



8. They DIDN'T grow up with the Jews' laws. But when they became Christians, they knew they should obey God's LOVE Laws—all people should live by them.

Live Together Laws

Gentile
Christians



q. But they refused to keep the Jews' LIVE TOGETHER laws. They were Christians, not Jews!

Jews Are Best

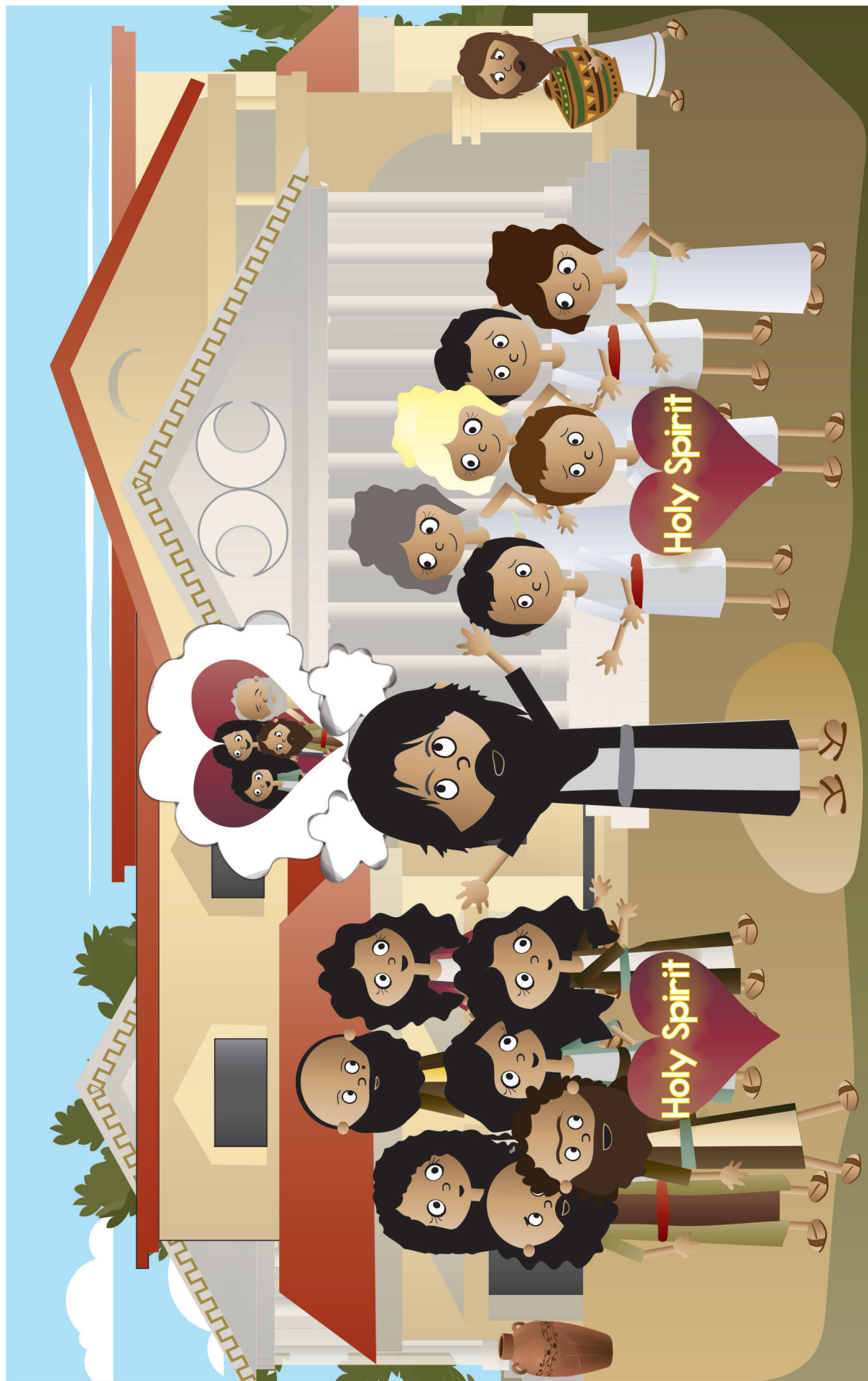
Gentiles Are Best



10. "We're right. You're wrong. Live our way. We're better than you. No, you aren't," the Gentile and Jew believers fought back and forth.



II. Faraway in Corinth, Paul heard about their squabbles and wrote them a letter, “Dear believers in Rome, no one’s better. You ALL have sinned against God and deserve His punishment. Only through faith in Jesus are you saved,” he reminded them.



12. "You are ALL part of God's family. The Holy Spirit lives in ALL of you. Stop your squabble-squabbling! Love each other like sisters and brothers should. Loving each other fulfills God's law. He gives us everything we need to do this through Jesus, our Savior," signed Paul.



13. Phoebe took Paul's letter to the believers in Rome. What happened when the believers read Paul's letter? The Bible doesn't tell us. I hope it helped them remember that they ALL needed Jesus to be their Savior! And, to love God and love one another through Him.

“The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters”

Q: “What did Paul tell the believers in Rome to help them to stop fighting with each other?”

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IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...

We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His Punishment!

A: “They all deserve God’s punishment. Only through Jesus has God saved any of them.”

The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters Romans

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

To squabble means to argue about something.

1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling?
The believers in Rome.
2. What were they squabbling about?
They were squabbling about who was best--the Jews or the Gentiles. And, if all believers should keep the Live Together laws of the Jews.

For You and Me:
Just like the believers in Rome, we need to remember that it is only through God's free gift of forgiveness through Jesus that anyone can become one of God's people. This can be His gift to us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ecclesiastes 7:20, ESV

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins."

1. What two kinds of families did the believers in Rome come from? From Jew and Gentile families.
2. What did they need to remember that would help them stop squabbling with each other?
That none of them had been righteous. None of them had pleased God by their own, good works. They were saved only through the Savior, Jesus. That's what mattered. Not the Live-Together Laws.

For You and Me:
None of us can ever be good enough to please God. None of us would ever be able to know God or be His people on our own. But the good news is that Jesus did live a perfect life. He offered up His righteous to pay for the sins of God's people, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

Something to Grow Into

What Is the Gospel?

It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ... we have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment!

The Gospel

Did you know that Paul's letter to those believers in Rome became part of God's Word, the Bible? Many people have read his letter to those people in Rome and learned from it. Why, even you are learning from it today!

One of the most important things we can learn from Paul's letter is that we are lawbreakers who have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment.

But God is so merciful that He sent a Savior --His Son, Jesus! Jesus suffered and died on the cross, offering up His perfect life to God as full payment for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead in victory on the third day.

We all need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God will forgive us and make us His people forever!



Gospel Songs



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Something to Grow Into

“We all disobey God, too, but He can forgive our sins and save us. Let’s ask Him now. Let’s pray.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. We disobey You, but You offer to forgive us!

Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need.

Work in our hearts. 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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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the good God who hates sin.

C We confess that we have all rebelled against You and Your good ways. We have all chosen to live life our own way instead. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for not just being good, but for being merciful, too. Thank You for taking the punishment that sinful people like us deserve on Yourself that we might be saved. Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from living against You and Your good ways. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and know You. Help us to obey Your good laws.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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



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

Big Q & A #3 Simple Song



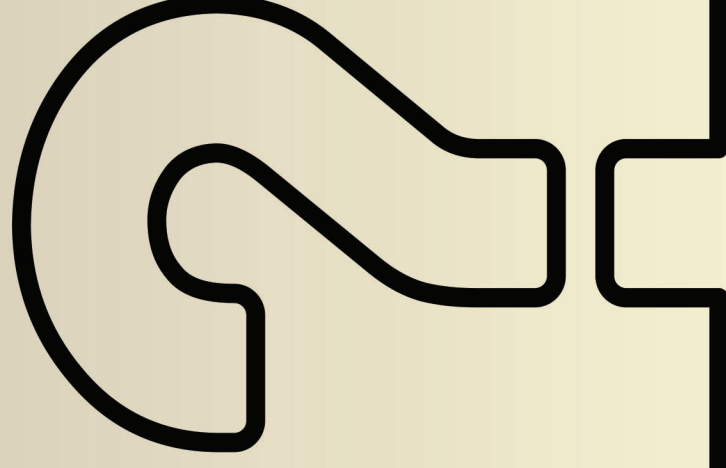
What's the gospel?

What's the gospel?

Can you tell me what it is?

It's salvation through faith in Jesus,

That's what the gospel is. (repeat)



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

Big Question 3 Tell Me More Song

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.



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:

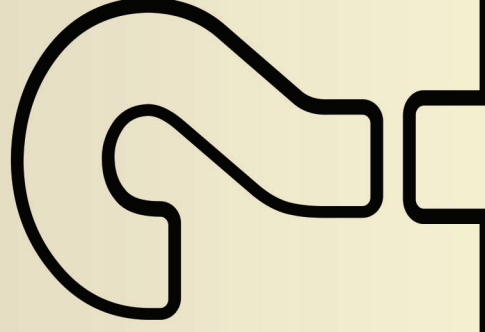
Jesus died on the cross,

Then on the 3rd day...

He rose from the dead.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #3, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

There Is Not a Righteous Man: Ecclesiastes 7:20,29

There is not a righteous man on earth,

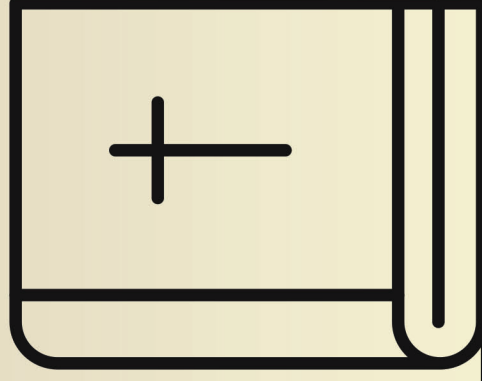
Who does good and never sins.

See, this alone I found, that God made man upright,

But they have sought,

Sought out many schemes.

Ecclesiastes Seven: twenty and twenty-nine.



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

Big Question #3 Hymn

And Can It Be, Refrain

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 #3 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, v.I

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderfully good news of the gospel!"

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,
diggin' deep in God's Word,
For truths about God and His
plans for this world,
We're seeking to love Him, with
all of our heart,
We're Deep Down Detectives!
Come on! Let's start!



Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,
Let's get out the Bible.
Let's hear what God has to say.
The Bible, the Bible,
God's given us the Bible.
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,
Raise your hand,
if you have something to say,
Don't touch your friend,
sitting beside you,
Obey your teachers,
Be kind as you play.
These are our classroom rules,
These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God
and love one another,
These are our classroom rules.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,
Bow head, Close your eyes,
Shhh, Let's begin.



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

The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters *Romans*

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

1. Squibble, squabble, squibble squabble. The believers in the big city of Rome were fighting with each other. They were all part of God's family. And they should have been loving each other like sisters and brothers; but, they weren't! They were fighting with each other, instead.
2. They weren't fighting each other with fists, like you might be thinking. This was a fight with words. They were fighting over families – whether you came from a family of Jews or a family of Gentiles. Jew and Gentile. Have you ever heard of those Bible family names? Let's find out what they are.
3. Some of the believers grew up as Jews. They came from families who worshipped the LORD. They grew up learning the Bible and trying to obey its laws... ALL of them... and there were A LOT! (Laws is another word for rules.)
4. There were the Ten, Big Laws God gave them, the 10 Commandments. They were the LOVE laws. These laws told how to love God and love one another. That was the FIRST kind of laws that God gave the Jews to obey, and these are the way God wants us all to live.
5. But the Jews had more laws. These laws were the LIVE TOGETHER laws. These told the Jews how to live their everyday lives--what clothes they should wear; what food they should eat; and, other things like that. And some of these were just extra rules, not even in the Bible.
6. After the Jews believed in Jesus as their Savior, they knew they should live by the LOVE laws, but they also thought even Christians should keep all those other laws, too. And that's where all the squibbling and squabbling came in with that other kind of family—the Gentiles.
7. You see, the other believers grew up Gentiles, from families who worshipped fake gods.
8. They DIDN'T grow up with the Jews' laws. But when they became Christians, they knew they should obey God's LOVE Laws—all people should live by them.
9. But they refused to keep the Jews' LIVE TOGETHER laws. They were Christians, not Jews!
10. "We're right. You're wrong. Live our way. We're better than you. No, you aren't," the Gentile and Jew believers fought back and forth.
11. Faraway in Corinth, Paul heard about their squabbles and wrote them a letter, "Dear believers in Rome, no one's better. You ALL have sinned against God and deserve His punishment. Only through faith in Jesus are you saved," he reminded them.
12. "You are ALL part of God's family. The Holy Spirit lives in ALL of you. Stop your squibble- squabbling! Love each other like sisters and brothers should. Loving each other fulfills God's law. He gives us everything we need to do this through Jesus, our Savior," signed Paul.
13. Phoebe took Paul's letter to the believers in Rome. What happened when the believers read Paul's letter? The Bible doesn't tell us. I hope it helped them remember that they ALL needed Jesus to be their Savior! And, to love God and love one another through Him.

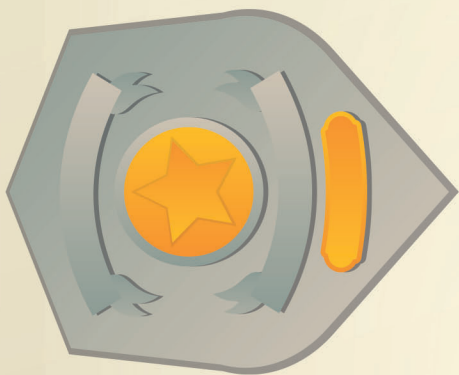
Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #3, Bible Truth 3:

The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



"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!"



Big Question
Box Song

“Wow, look at this! It’s Detective Dan’s briefcase with a new case for us. His Big Question is ‘What is the Gospel?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what clue he gives us.”



“Deep Down Detectives! This is your third of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my invisible ink bottle. See if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!”



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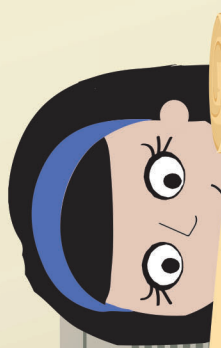
Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...

GOD SENT ??? TO PAY FOR THE SINS OF GOD'S PEOPLE!



Hint: "What's the name
of God's Son?"



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God sent ??? to pay for the sins of God's people! Isaiah 53:5." Hint: "What's the name of God's Son?"

Isaiah 53:5

**“The
punishment
that**

**brought us
peace was
upon him.”**



He Was Pierced
Isaiah 53:5,6

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Isaiah 53:5, and read: “The punishment that brought us peace was upon him.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this truth about the Gospel?" he asked. "We think so. Jesus took the punishment for God's people's sin when He died on the cross, so they could have peace with God and be God's forever."



Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song



“Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? And the answer is: It’s Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Sent JESUS to pay for the Sins of God’s People!” “Great job, kids! You did it!”



Big Question 3
Tell Me More
Song



We've all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment. The punishment for sin is death--being separated from God and all His goodness forever. But God is full of love and mercy. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, then offer it up on the cross as full payment for God's people's sins. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death! Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish”

Genesis, The Gospels



“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 Savior, from Start to Finish.’ Listen for who was the Savior, and what He had to do to be the Savior.”

The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish Genesis, The Gospels

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Savior?

2. When did the promise of a Savior start? When did it finish?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 53:5, ESV

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him."

Transgressions and iniquities are other words for sin.

1. Whose transgressions and iniquities deserved God's punishment in our story?
2. Who came to take God's punishment for them?

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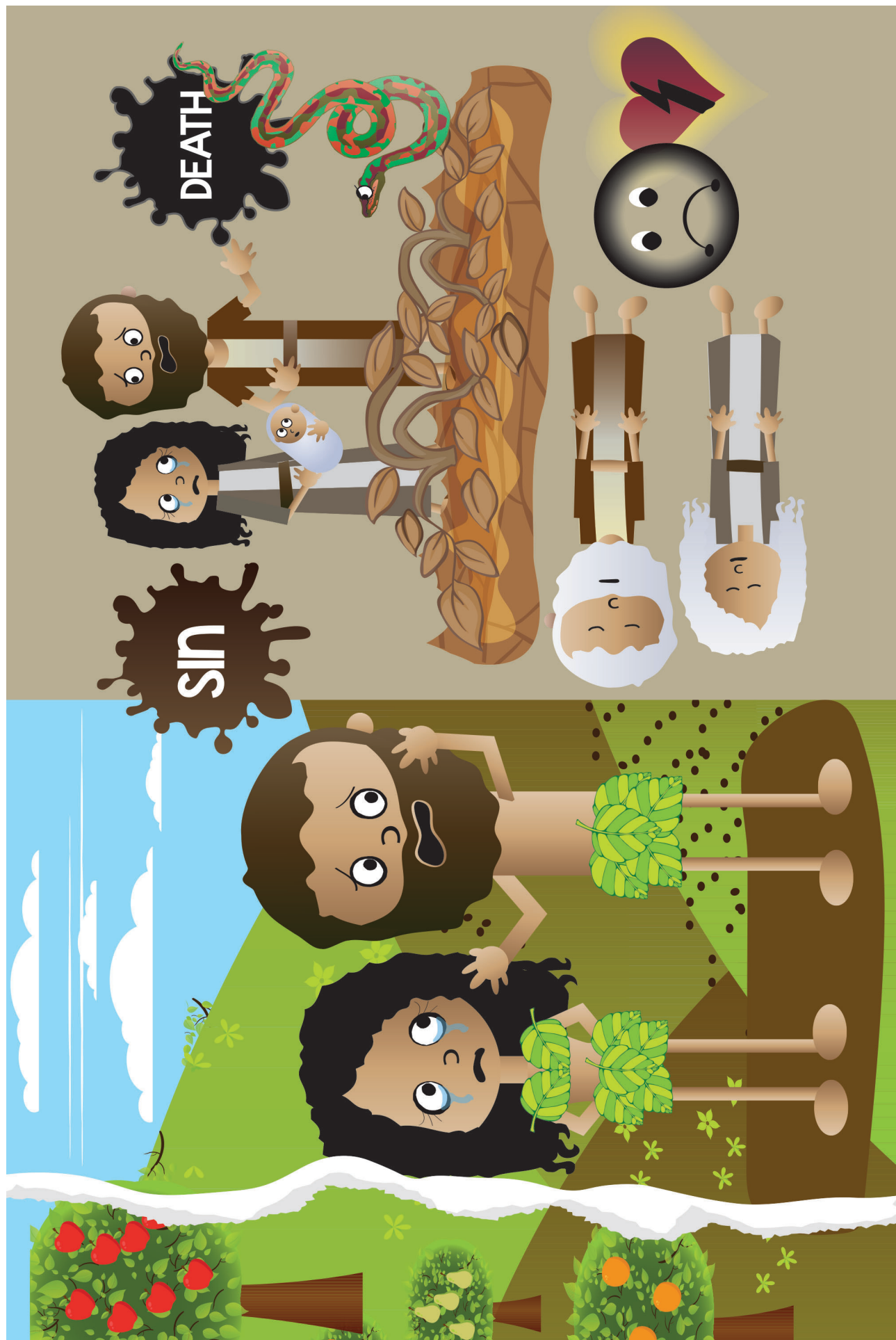
Something to Grow Into



1. In the beginning, God created everything. Best of all, were the people God made. God gave them a spirit so they could know and love Him. Life with God was Perfect Wonderfulness. They had everything they needed; and most of all, they knew and enjoyed God completely.



2. But Satan, God's enemy, came. He tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God.



3. Life in God's perfect world was broken. Now, there would be sin, sadness, sickness, and death. And the sin in their hearts separated them from God.



4. God is GOOD and HOLY. He hates sin. He punished Adam and Eve for disobeying Him. But God is full of love and mercy. He promised to send a Savior to crush the enemy. Yes, Jesus, God's Son, would pay for their sins and win back God's people to be His forever.



5. God's plan to send the Savior began to unfold. God told Abraham that the Savior who would be born into his family one day. Abraham's family grew into a big nation. He gave them His good laws to live by and a beautiful land to live in.



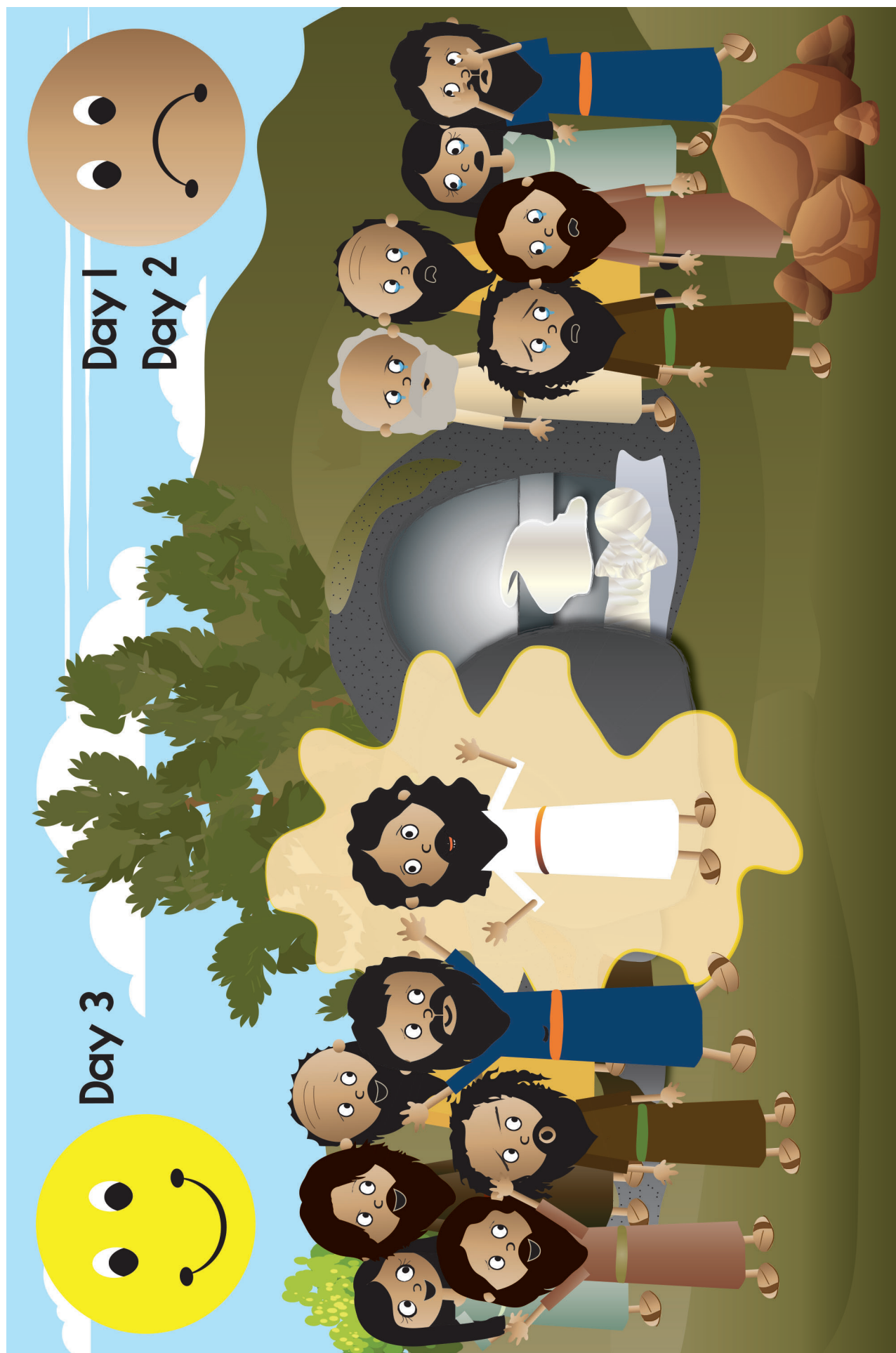
6. Life was good when they obeyed God, but life was bad when they turned to worship fake gods. God punished them for their sins, but helped them turn back to Him and promised to still send the Savior.



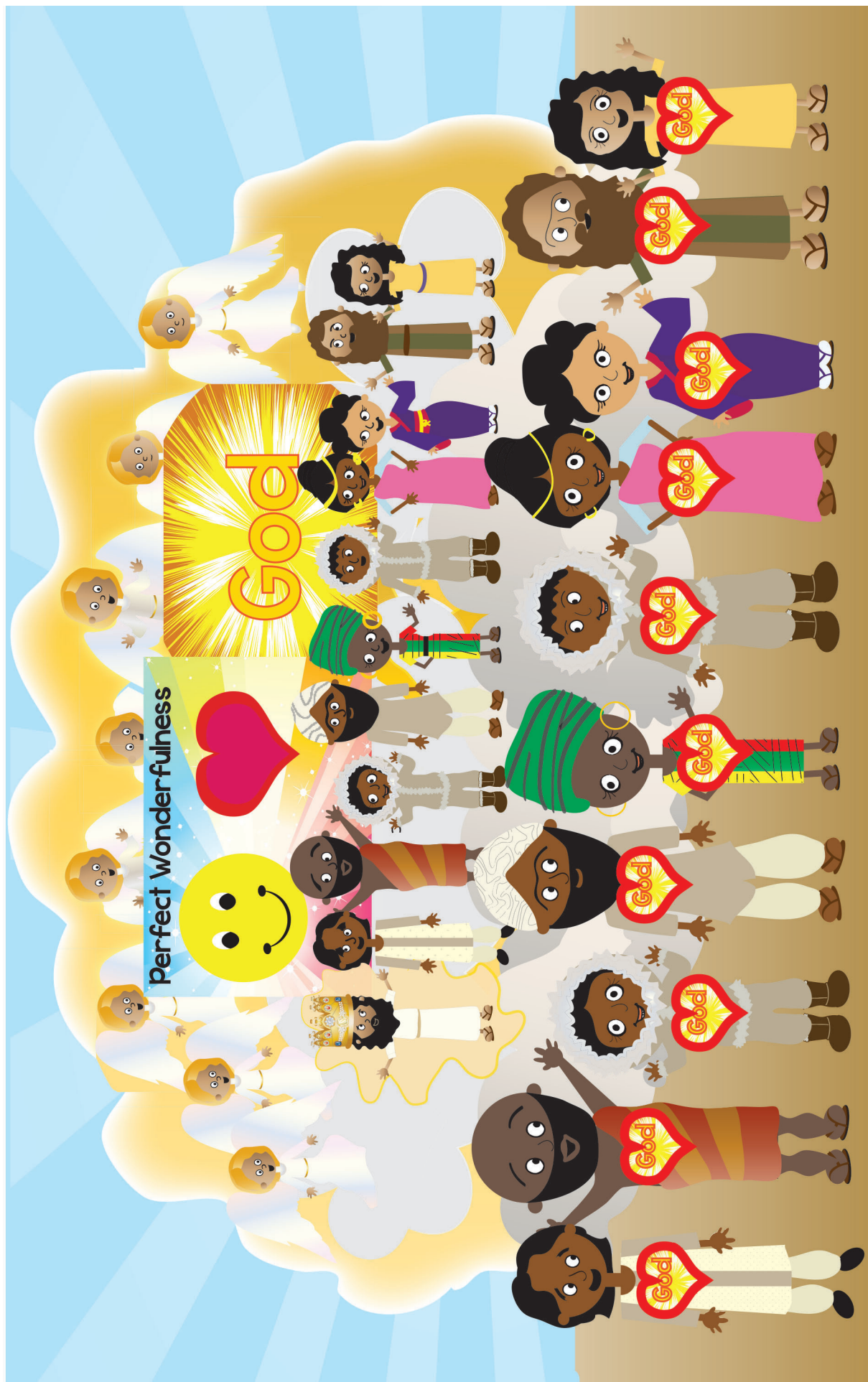
7. At last, the Savior, Jesus, came. He taught about God and did many amazing things. He lived a perfect life-- the life that Adam and Eve and all of us were supposed to live, but never did.



8. Jesus did this so He could pay for the sins of God's people. He died on the cross, giving His life as the perfect sacrifice for their sins. He was their substitute, their payment. Amazing!



q. Jesus was buried that day, but on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. The way back to Perfect Wonderfulness with God was made!



10. Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can become God's people. They can know God in their hearts now. And one day, they will go to enjoy Perfect Wonderfulness with God forever. All this can be ours, because Jesus, the Savior, came. Thank You, Jesus!

“The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish”

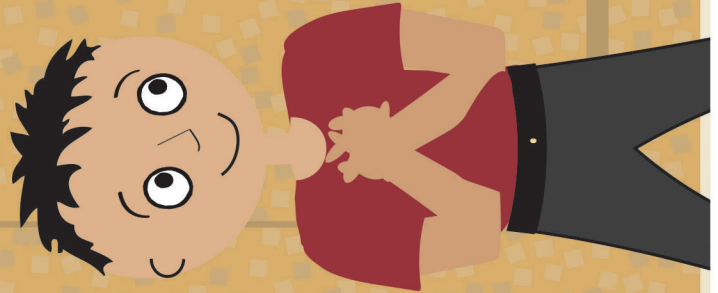
Q: “Who was the Savior, and what He had to do to be the Savior?”

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THE GOSPEL IS SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS!

God Sent Jesus to Pay for the Sins of God's People!



A: “Jesus was the Savior who died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God’s people!”

The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish Genesis, The Gospels

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Savior?
God's Son, Jesus.

2. When did the promise of a Savior start? When did it finish?
It started back in the beginning when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. It finished when Jesus died on the cross for the sins of God's people and rose from the dead in victory.

For You and Me:
The promise of the Savior wasn't just for Adam and Eve or all those people who lived long ago. It is for us, too. It is for all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to give us special closeness with God. He came so we could know the perfect wonderfulness of life with God. Thank You, Jesus!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 53:5, ESV

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him."

Transgressions and iniquities are other words for sin.

1. Whose transgressions and iniquities deserved God's punishment in our story?
All people.

2. Who came to take God's punishment for them?
Jesus, God's Son.

For You and Me:

The promise of the Savior wasn't just for Adam and Eve or all those people who lived long ago. It is for us, too. It is for all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to give us special closeness with God. He came so we could know the perfect wonderfulness of life with God. He did this by paying for our sins, Himself! Thank You, Jesus!

Something to Grow Into

What Is the Gospel?

It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...

God sent Jesus to pay for the sins of God's people!

The Gospel

How merciful is God! How great is His love for sinners, like you and me! Though we have all chosen to disobey Him, He always planned to provide us with a Savior!

That Savior would be Jesus, God's own, dear Son! Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross and give up His perfect life as the full payment for sin that we needed. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory! He had beaten sin and death for God's people completely!

How can Jesus be our Savior? How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

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Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“The gospel is God’s good news to us! 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.

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the good Creator and King of the world.

C God, we confess rebelling against You and Your good ways. Too many times we choose to live life our own way instead of Yours. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for being our good Creator and King. Thank You for making everything in the world for Your good purposes. Thank You for being so merciful to us! Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Him as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to obey Your good ways and bring You glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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



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

Big Question #3

Simple Song



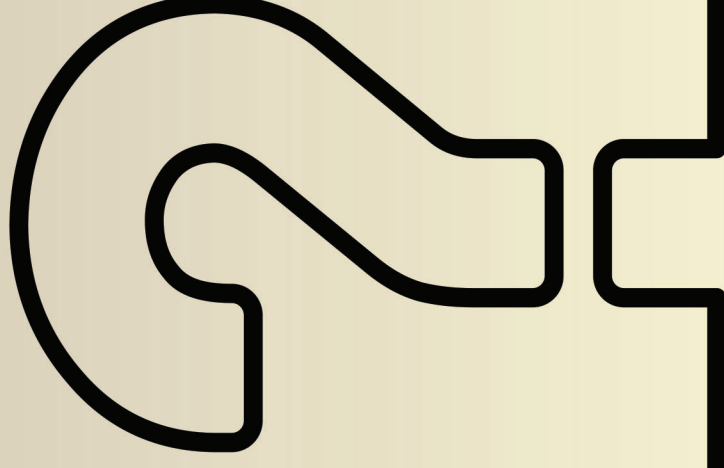
What's the gospel?

What's the gospel?

Can you tell me what it is?

It's salvation through faith in Jesus,

That's what the gospel is. (repeat)



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

Big Question #3 Tell Me More Song

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.



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:

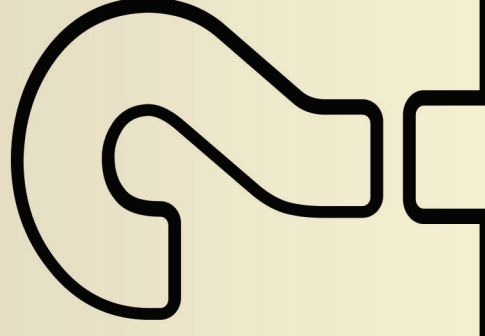
Jesus died on the cross,

Then on the 3rd day...

He rose from the dead.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

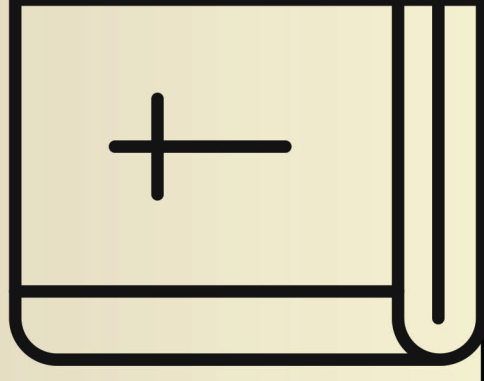
Big Question #3, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: He Was Pierced, Isaiah 53:5



He was pierced, He was pierced,
He was pierced because of our transgressions,
He was crushed, He was crushed,
He was crushed because of our iniquities.

Punishment for our peace was on Him, on Him,
and by His wounds, we are healed, we are healed.

He was pierced, He was pierced,
He was pierced because of our transgressions,
He was crushed, He was crushed,
He was crushed because of our iniquities.
Isaiah Fifty-three, verse five.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #3 Hymn

And Can It Be, Refrain

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 #3 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, v.I

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderfully good news of the gospel!"

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,
diggin' deep in God's Word,
For truths about God and His
plans for this world,
We're seeking to love Him, with
all of our heart,
We're Deep Down Detectives!
Come on! Let's start!



Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,
Let's get out the Bible.
Let's hear what God has to say.
The Bible, the Bible,
God's given us the Bible.
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,
Raise your hand,
if you have something to say,
Don't touch your friend,
sitting beside you,
Obey your teachers,
Be kind as you play.
These are our classroom rules,
These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God
and love one another,
These are our classroom rules.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,
Bow head, Close your eyes,
Shhh, Let's begin.



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

The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish *Genesis, The Gospels*

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

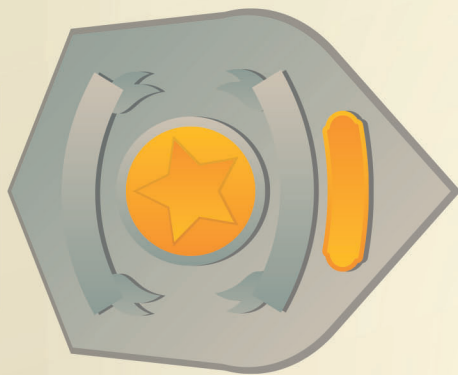
1. In the beginning, God created everything. Best of all, were the people God made. God gave them a spirit so they could know and love Him. Life with God was Perfect Wonderfulness. They had everything they needed; and most of all, they knew and enjoyed God completely.
2. But Satan, God's enemy, came. He tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God.
3. Life in God's perfect world was broken. Now, there would be sin, sadness, sickness, and death. And the sin in their hearts separated them from God.
4. God is GOOD and HOLY. He hates sin. He punished Adam and Eve for disobeying Him. But God is full of love and mercy. He promised to send a Savior to crush the enemy. Yes, Jesus, God's Son, would pay for their sins and win back God's people to be His forever.
5. God's plan to send the Savior began to unfold. God told Abraham that the Savior who would be born into his family one day. Abraham's family grew into a big nation. He gave them His good laws to live by and a beautiful land to live in.
6. Life was good when they obeyed God, but life was bad when they turned to worship fake gods. God punished them for their sins but helped them turn back to Him and promised to still send the Savior.
7. At last, the Savior, Jesus, came. He taught about God and did many amazing things. He lived a perfect life—the life that Adam and Eve and all of us were supposed to live, but never did.
8. Jesus did this so He could pay for the sins of God's people. He died on the cross, giving His life as the perfect sacrifice for their sins. He was their substitute, their payment. Amazing!
9. Jesus was buried that day, but on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. The way back to Perfect Wonderfulness with God was made!
10. Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can become God's people. They can know God in their hearts now. And one day, they will go to enjoy Perfect Wonderfulness with God forever. All this can be ours, because Jesus, the Savior, came. Thank You, Jesus!

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #3, Bible Truth 4:
The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



"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. His Big Question is ‘What is the Gospel?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what clue he gives us.”



“Deep Down Detectives! This is your last of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my clue jar. See if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!”



Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song

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Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...
GOD SAVES ALL WHO ??? OF THEIR SINS AND
TRUST IN JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR.



Hint: The Bible word for turning
away from disobeying God.
It rhymes with 'cement.'

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Saves All Who ??? of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus as Their Savior! Mark 1:15."
Hint: "The Bible word for turning away from disobeying God. It rhymes with 'cement.'"

Mark 1:5

**“Repent
and
believe
in the
gospel.”**



The Time
Is Fulfilled
Mark 1:15

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Mark 1:5 and read: “Repent and believe in the gospel.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fourth truth about the gospel?" he asked. "We think so! 'Repent' means turning away from disobeying God and living your life for Him. When we repent and believe in Jesus, God will save us and make us His people."



Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song



“Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? The answer is: It’s Salvation through Faith in Jesus... He Saves All who **REPENT** of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus as Their Savior.” “Great job, kids! You did it!”



Big Question 3
Tell Me More
Song



“Who can receive God’s gift of forgiveness through Jesus? All who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Trusting in Jesus as your Savior means to depend on Jesus’ perfect life given on the cross to pay for your sins to make you right with God. Repenting means to stop living a life full of disobeying God and to start living to please Him, instead. God can help us repent and believe. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!”



“The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete”

Titus



“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 Changes in Cruddy Crete.’ Listen for what happened in the people of Crete when Paul told them the good news of Jesus.”

The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete Titus

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was Crete and what was so cruddy about it?
2. Who changed in Crete? How did they change?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Mark 1:15, ESV

"Repent and believe in the gospel."

1. Who went to Crete to tell the people to repent and believe?
2. What was the gospel that he wanted them to repent and believe in?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. This story takes place on the island of Crete. Do you know what an island is? It's a little piece of land stuck out in the middle of a big piece of water, such as a sea or an ocean.

Liars Cheaters Lazy Over-eaters



2. Crete was very famous for something: its BAD, island people doing lots of bad things. There were liars and cheaters and lazy over-eaters, just to name a few. And that's why, most people thought of Crete as "Cruddy Crete." (Cruddy is a word that means something is no good.)

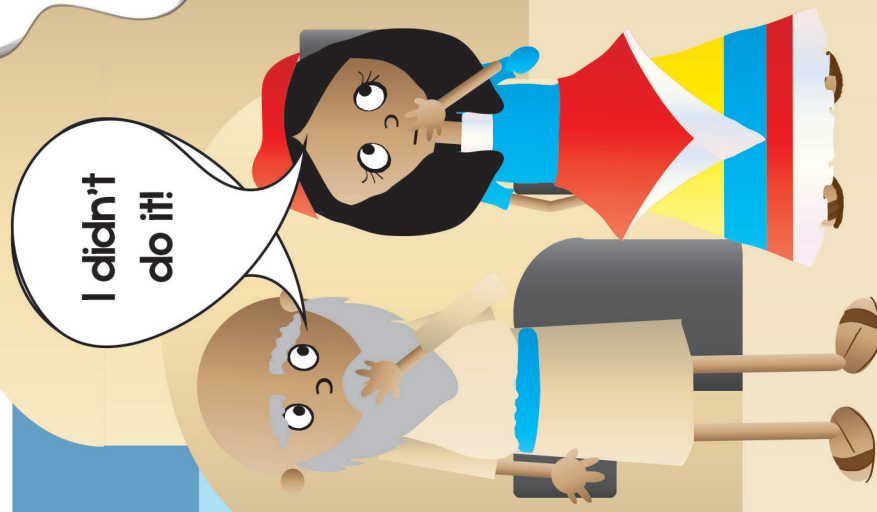


3. Most people didn't want to go to Crete, but Paul and Titus did. They wanted to share the good news about Jesus. He could even save these bad people from their sins.



4. So, Paul and Titus sailed over the sea to share the good news of Jesus with the bad people on Cruddy Crete.

Liar's



5. This is what they shared: "God is the good King and Creator of the world. He made us and gave us His good laws to live by. But we have chosen to disobey Him and deserve His punishment!"

Cheaters



6. "But God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross He suffered and died to pay for the sins of God's people," Paul told them. "On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people."

Lazy Over-eaters



7. "Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be saved! They become God's special people. Come, repent! Believe in Jesus! Be saved!" Paul told the people of Crete.

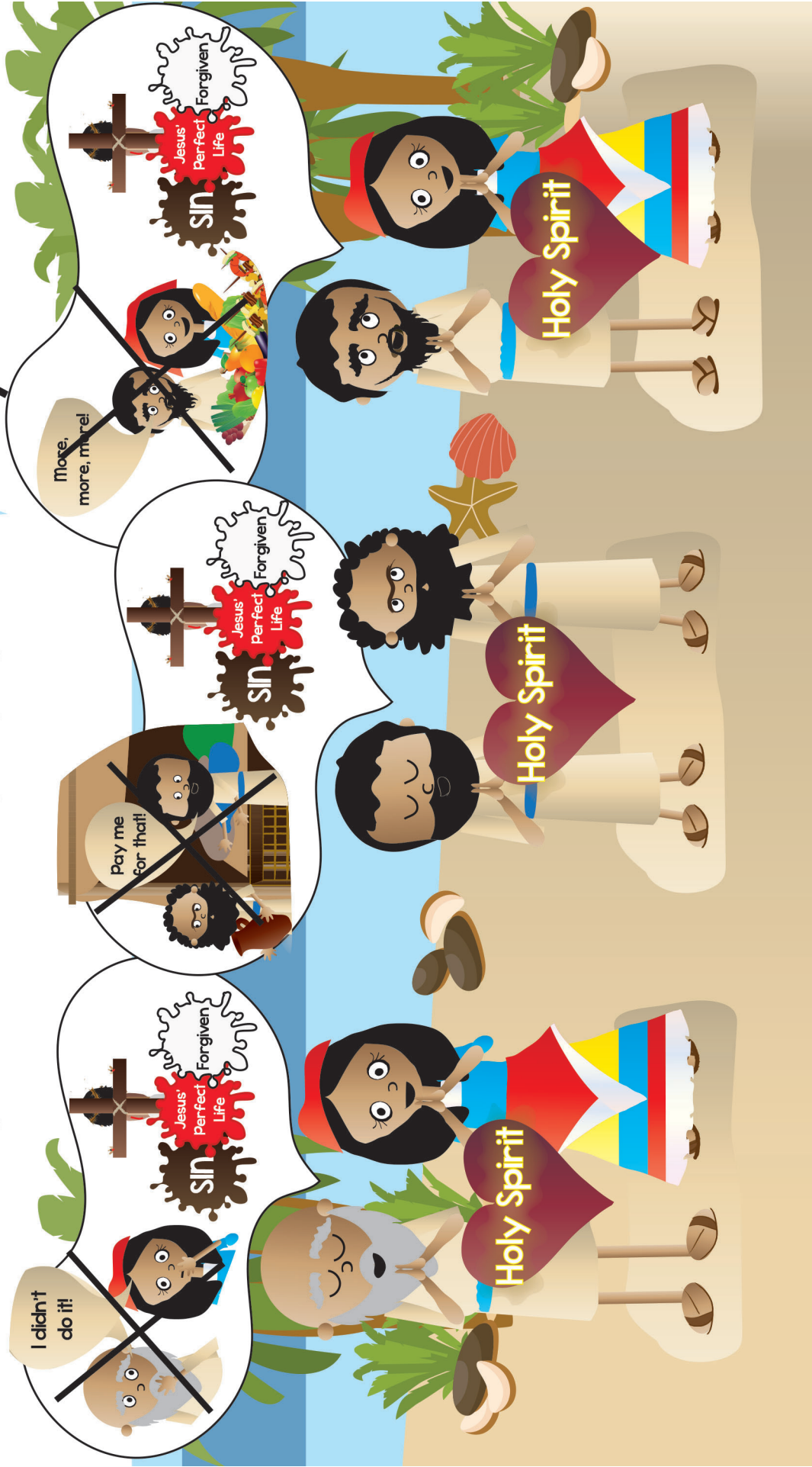


8. God worked in the hearts of many as they listened to Paul preach. They could see they were sinners who needed a Savior. They wanted God's forgiveness through Jesus. They BELIEVED!

Liars

Cheaters

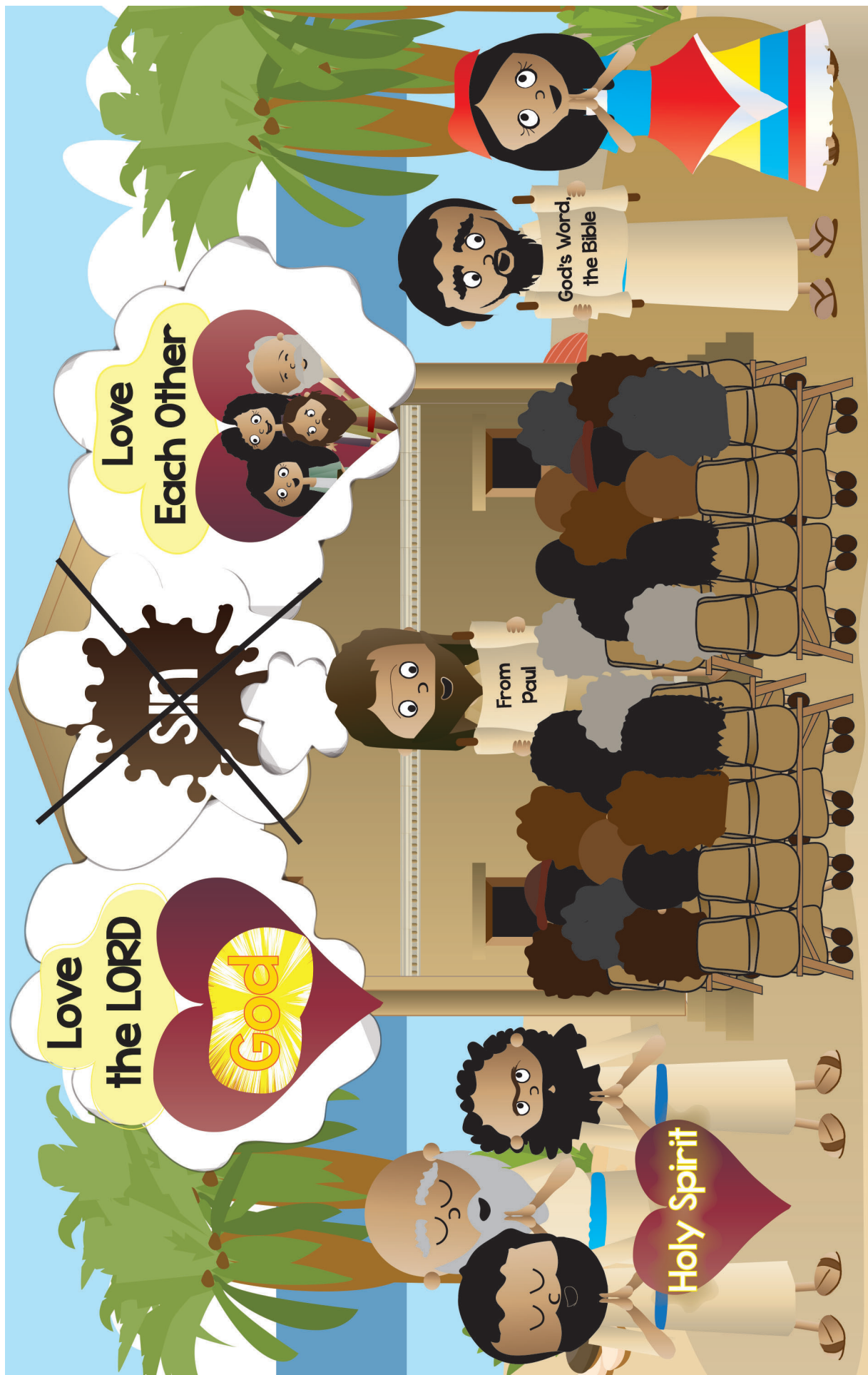
Lazy Over-eaters



q. But would they REPENT? Would they turn from their WAY of life and choose to live for God, instead? Yes! God's Holy Spirit helped the believers do that, too. How happy Paul and Titus were!



10. Paul left Crete, but Titus stayed as their pastor. Titus loved them, prayed for them, and taught them the Bible, but it was hard for these new believers to keep on loving God and living for Him. They thought about going back to their bad, old ways.



II. Paul heard about their struggles and wrote them a letter: “Keep repenting and believing! Love God and one another. Hold onto God’s Word, the Bible. God will help you keep on believing in and living for Him. Signed, Paul.”

God Is Faithful to Help His people

CRUDDY
CRETE

BIBLE

12. God is always faithful to His people. He helps them repent, believe, and live for Him their whole lives. He would help these believers, too.

“The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete”

Q: “What happened in the people of Crete when Paul told them the good news of Jesus?”

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THE GOSPEL IS SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS!

God Saves All Who Repent of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus As Their Savior!

A: “The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many. They turned away from their sins, believed in Jesus, and were saved.”

The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete Titus

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. What was Crete and what was so cruddy about it? Crete was an island. It was filled with people who rebelled against God and His good ways. They are what made the island so cruddy.

2. Who changed in Crete? How did they change? Many people changed in Crete when they heard the good news of Jesus. God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:
Maybe we don't live in Cruddy Crete, but we need Jesus to be our Savior, just as much as they did. God can help us repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, just like He helped them! Ask Him to help you!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Mark 1:5, ESV

"Repent and believe in the gospel."

1. Who went to Crete to tell the people to repent and believe? Paul with his young friend, Titus.

2. What was the gospel that he wanted them to repent and believe in?

The good news that we can be forgiven our sins and become God's people through Jesus. Paul wanted the people of Crete to repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He wanted them to become God's people, too.

For You and Me:

The gospel Paul shared with the people of Crete is for us, too. God offers to forgive our sins and make us His people when repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

Something to Grow Into

What Is the Gospel?

**It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...
God saves all who repent of their sins and trust in
Jesus as their Savior!**

The Gospel

Like the people in Cruddy Crete, we have all chosen to disobey God and live our own way. Like them, we deserve God's punishment for rebelling against Him.

What good news is it to hear that God sent Jesus to be our Savior, too. Jesus died on the cross as the perfect payment for sins. On the third day, He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

How can we become God's people? How can Jesus be our Savior? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. God delighted to help many people in Crete do this. He can help you, too. Ask Him!



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

**“The LORD can help us turn away from our sins and live for Him.
Let’s ask Him now. Let’s pray.”**

A Prayer

**We praise You, LORD. You are so good. Obeying
You is the best way for us to live.**

**Many times, we disobey You. Thank You for
sending Jesus to be the Savior we need.**

**Work in our hearts. 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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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being so full of love and mercy! You call us to repent and believe in Jesus that we might be saved.

C We confess that we often disobey You and Your good ways. We choose to live life our own way, not Yours. We need a Savior!

T Thank God for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to joyfully obey You. You know what is best for us and what brings You glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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



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Big Q & A #3 Simple Song



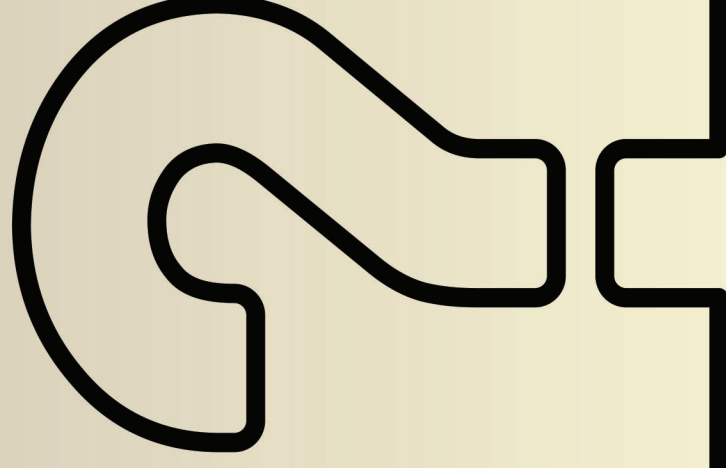
What's the gospel?

What's the gospel?

Can you tell me what it is?

It's salvation through faith in Jesus,

That's what the gospel is. (repeat)



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

Big Question 3 Tell Me More Song

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.

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So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,

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Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,

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And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,

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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:

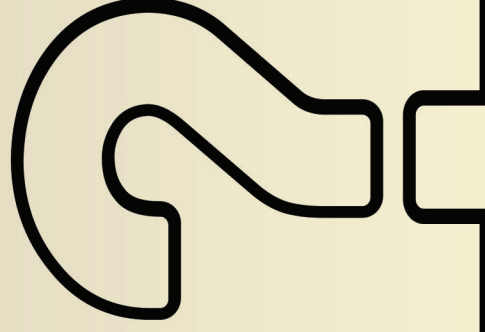
Jesus died on the cross,

Then on the 3rd day...

He rose from the dead.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #3, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

Mark 1:15: The Time Is Fulfilled

The time is fulfilled,

The time is fulfilled,

And the kingdom of God is at hand.

The time is fulfilled,

The time is fulfilled,

And the kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe,

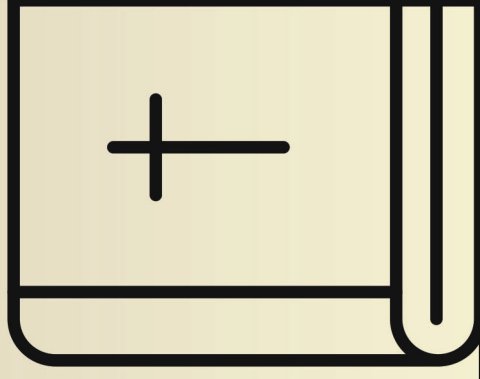
Repent and believe in the gospel,

Repent and believe,

Repent and believe in the gospel,

Repent and believe. (repeat)

Mark Chapter One, verse fifteen.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #3 Hymn

And Can It Be, Refrain

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 #3 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, v.I

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderfully good news of the gospel!"

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,
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God's given us the Bible.
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Don't touch your friend,
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Obey your teachers,
Be kind as you play.
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These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God
and love one another,
These are our classroom rules.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,
Bow head, Close your eyes,
Shhh, Let's begin.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 3, Bible Truth 4

The Case of the Changes in Cruddy Crete Titus

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

1. This story takes place on the island of Crete. Do you know what an island is? It's a little piece of land stuck out in the middle of a big piece of water, such as a sea or an ocean.
2. Crete was very famous for something: its BAD, island people doing lots of bad things. There were liars and cheaters and lazy over-eaters, just to name a few. And that's why, most people thought of Crete as "Cruddy Crete." (Cruddy is a word that means something is no good.)
3. Most people didn't want to go to Crete, but Paul and Titus did. They wanted to share the good news about Jesus. He could even save these bad people from their sins.
4. So, Paul and Titus sailed over the sea to share the good news of Jesus with the bad people on Cruddy Crete.
5. This is what they shared: "God is the good King and Creator of the world. He made us and gave us His good laws to live by. But we have chosen to disobey Him and deserve His punishment!"
6. "But God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross He suffered and died to pay for the sins of God's people," Paul told them. "On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people."
7. "Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be saved! They become God's special people. Come, repent! Believe in Jesus! Be saved!" Paul told the people of Crete.
8. God worked in the hearts of many as they listened to Paul preach. They could see they were sinners who needed a Savior. They wanted God's forgiveness through Jesus. They BELIEVED!
9. But would they REPENT? Would they turn from their WAY of life and choose to live for God, instead? Yes! God's Holy Spirit helped the believers do that, too. How happy Paul and Titus were!
10. Paul left Crete, but Titus stayed as their pastor. Titus loved them, prayed for them, and taught them the Bible, but it was hard for these new believers to keep on loving God and living for Him. They thought about going back to their bad, old ways.
11. Paul heard about their struggles and wrote them a letter: "Keep repenting and believing! Love God and one another. Hold onto God's Word, the Bible. God will help you keep on believing in and living for Him. Signed, Paul."
12. God is always faithful to His people. He helps them repent, believe, and live for Him their whole lives. He would help these believers, too.

